Hit-reco: ProtoDUNE denoising with DL models

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DUNE - Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment DUNE (from 2026) → Neutrino oscillations



protoDUNE (from 2017) \longrightarrow Test and validate technologies





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LArTPC - Liquid Argon Time Projecting Chamber

- Big box filled with liquid Ar
- Electronics shapes electron induced current
- Plot Raw Digits as images (ADC counts on Time vs Wire)



Goals of the study



Replace protoDUNE reconstruction with deep learning

- Hit-reco : region of interest (ROI) selection and denoising (DN) of raw data
- Assess capabilities of Graph Neural Networks

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Raw Digits - an example

- Collection Plane view: 480 wire channels
- Detector outputs digitized form of the current: ADC counts
- ▶ Time window: 6000 detector timeticks $@2 \text{ MHz} \rightarrow 3 \text{ ms}$

2D view

1D view



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Dataset

- 10 simulated beam spill events with duntepc v08_24_00
- Model inputs are collection plane 2D views: arrays (960 × 6000)
- Current version focuses on collection plane only
- Planes are cropped in (32 × 32) images to fit memory
- Train set size 24k crops



Proposed Model

Graph Convolutional Neural Network layer

- \checkmark Non local graph
- ✓ KNN graph
- ✓ Long distance correlations
- $\checkmark k = 8$
 - ! Complexity $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$



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(feature space) Hece Non-local graph

Reference: arXiv:1907.08448

 ✓ Convolutional filter

✓ Short distance correlations

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Model Overview - ROI

Region of interest finding (ROI)

Train a classifier:

 $\begin{array}{rrrr} 1 & \longrightarrow & \text{pixel w charge} \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{pixel w/o charge} \end{array}$



What is signal?

Above Electronic Noise Charge at protoDUNE-SP: $\sim 3.5 ADC$ in collection plane [Reference, slide 18]



Technical features:

- Inputs are crops (32 × 32)
- \$\mathcal{O}(10^5)\$ trainable
 parameters
- Binary Cross Entropy loss function
- Adam Optimizer

Model Overview - DN

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Benchmark - ROI

Benchmark ROI model against traditional hit finding method

Larsoft product: recob::Hit

- 2D deconvolution
- Finds ROIs

Total pixels in test set: O(34M)Balancing hits/non-hits: 1.9% Figures of merit: • sensitivity: $\frac{TP}{TP+FN}$ • false positive rate: $\frac{FP}{TN+FP}$

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Benchmark - ROI

Scores histogram

The more separated the curve, the better

Receiving Operating Characteristic curve

Area under curve parameter



Tails are around three orders of magnitude lower than peaks. AUC parameter is really close to unity.

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Results - ROI

Overall good agreement

NNs vs DUNE baseline tool:

- higher sensitivity
 - ! higher FPR

Some tweak needed to clean around tracks



Benchmark - DN

Benchmark DN model against traditional denoising method

Larsoft product: recob:::Wire

- Takes ROI regions (deconvolution)
- Fits peaks with Gaussians



Results - DN

Deconvolution preserves areas, not amplitudes !

- Integrate ADC values over time
- Adjust the normalization
- Compute
 E[|Target Output|]

CNN slightly better GCNN on integrated ADC





Actually over the waveforms amplitudes (2D plane view): GCNN performs better on pSNR

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Summary

- Denoising and region of interest selection models for protoDUNE simulation events
- Benchmark CNN and Graph Networks against DUNE Baseline algorithms
- NNs succeded in outperforming traditional tools

Future work:

- Enlarge training and test datasets
- Use latest simulation software (dunetpc) version
- Hyperparameter tuning to improve performances

Thanks!

Backup - Training Strategy

- 1. Train ROI for 100 epochs
- 2. Save best weights configuration
- 3. Load weights in ROI block for DN
- 4. Train DN for 50 epochs
- 5. Save best weights configuration

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Backup - Label Cut Impact

- Cut on the labels has an impact on ROI performaces
- Sensitivity increases with the threshold
- Higher cut values mean only big peaks





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Backup - Label Cut Impact, Mismatched Points

Increasing t values:

- FNs lower
- FPs increase
- ✓ FP clusters around tracks
 - ! How to make tracks sharper?



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Backup - Filter out bad baseline denoised channels

- ✓ NNs good profiling
 - ! Baseline may fail (zero integrated ADC)
- Good ratios overall





- Remove channels with no integrated charge from baseline
- Algorithms show comparable results
 - ! Baseline has large uncertainty