

Cosmic-Ray Composition Analysis @ IceCube Observatory



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Previous Work

Cosmic ray spectrum and composition from PeV to EeV using 3 years of data from IceTop and IceCube

M. G. Aartsen *et al.* (IceCube Collaboration) Phys. Rev. D **100**, 082002 – Published 23 October 2019



Ln(NN Mass output)





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Enhancing CR Analysis: The Science Case









Astro2020 Science White Paper : Frank G. Schröder et al.



The Physics Frontier

Air-Shower





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Muons as Probes









1. Dependence – First Interaction



Fe Bundles » Larger muon multiplicity » Creates wider muon bundles, (Because lower energy muons have larger transversal momenta and are situated further from the shower axis).



Impact Weighted Charge







Simulations **S** Data





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2. <u>Dependence – Particle Number</u>

Motivation



Figure 1: Two-dimensional distribution of the shower sizes (total number of charged particles and of muons) measured with KASCADE-Grande and used for this analysis. Diverse quality cuts are applied. Furthermore, only events with zenith angles $\theta \le 18^{\circ}$ and with shower sizes for which the experiment is fully efficient (above $\log_{10}(N_{ch}^{rec}) \approx 6.0$ and $\log_{10}(N_{\mu}^{rec}) \approx 5.0$) are considered. In addition, a roughly estimated energy scale is indicated. Since KASCADE-Grande measures the shower sizes at atmospheric depths beyond the shower maximum, electron-rich showers are initiated preferentially by light primaries, and electron-poor showers by heavy ones, respectively (this is indicated in the figure, too).



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Ratio-Parameter



- Uses IceTop and In-Ice info.

- Proxy for muon-to-electron number ratio Motivated by work of KASCADE-Grande (arXiv:1306.6283)

Composition-Sensitivity

Data vs Simulations







Total Stochastic Energy

- Uses In-Ice info.
- Captures local stochastic-deposits in-ice, primarily by muons.
- Good separation between primaries

Slope-Parameter

- Uses In-Ice info.
- Captures the rate of in-ice charge deposit.
- Good separation between primaries





The ML Frontier

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 $\lambda_{\rm b}\phi$

8686 68

88.6638

10.6924



Using In-Ice Signal Footprint



Credits: M. Huennefeld (arXiv:2101.11589)



Learning on Graphs

Defined by set of nodes (V) and set of edges (E) between the nodes

Neighborhood and Connectivity & permutational invariance of Node Labelling _

Undirected : Facebook Friends ... ; Directed : Citation Graph ... ; Bidirectional : Twitter Follows



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GNNs at IceCube (for CR Analysis)







Architecture Details





Results

- Target Variable: $1 + \ln(A)$
- Major Improvements for all Primary Types
 - Maximum at True value _
 - Shift towards lighter elements for H and He _
 - Shift towards heavier for O and Fe _
- Loss:

1.6

0.3

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Smooth L1 Loss

0.6

n

Adaptive Learning rate _

100

100

200

200

Epochs

300

300

400

400

500

- Very Gradual decrease in error _
- No-overfitting most of the times _



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Divide and Tackle







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Gamma-Hadron Separation



IceCube-Gen2 Anisotropy Studies







- □ New composition-sensitive parameters
- □ Preliminary indication of lighter-composition at knee
- □ Promising results for composition analysis
- □ Heavy-involvement of KIT in detector R&D for hybrid surface array



