

# Low-Energy Neutrino Reconstructions using Recurrent Neural Networks

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# Neutrinos 101

# History of the Neutrino

- Expected  $p_1 \rightarrow p_2 + p_3 \rightarrow$  discrete energy spectrum
- A fourth particle was postulated by Pauli: a *neutron*\*, the "neutral one"
- *Neutrino* discovered in 1956, Nobel Prize in 1995

\* What we today know as the neutron was discovered in 1932

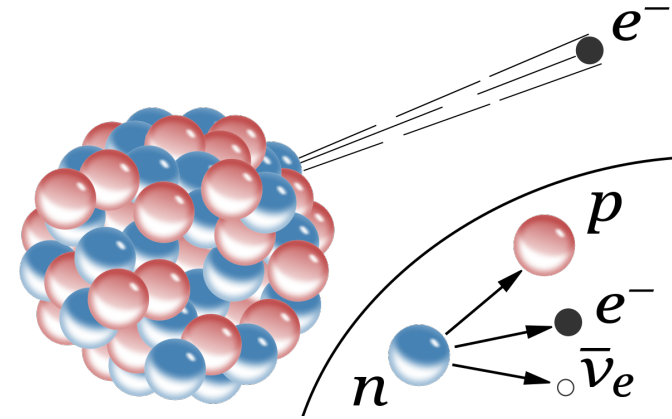


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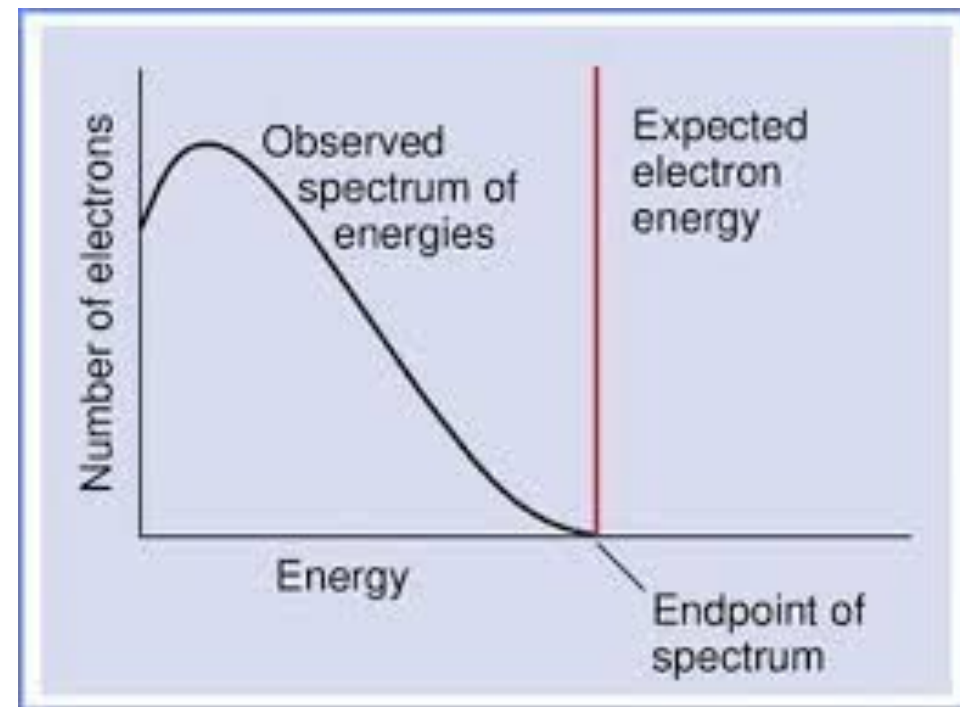


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# The Standard Model

... But what about

- Matter-antimatter asymmetry?
- Dark matter?

Maybe neutrinos play an important role!

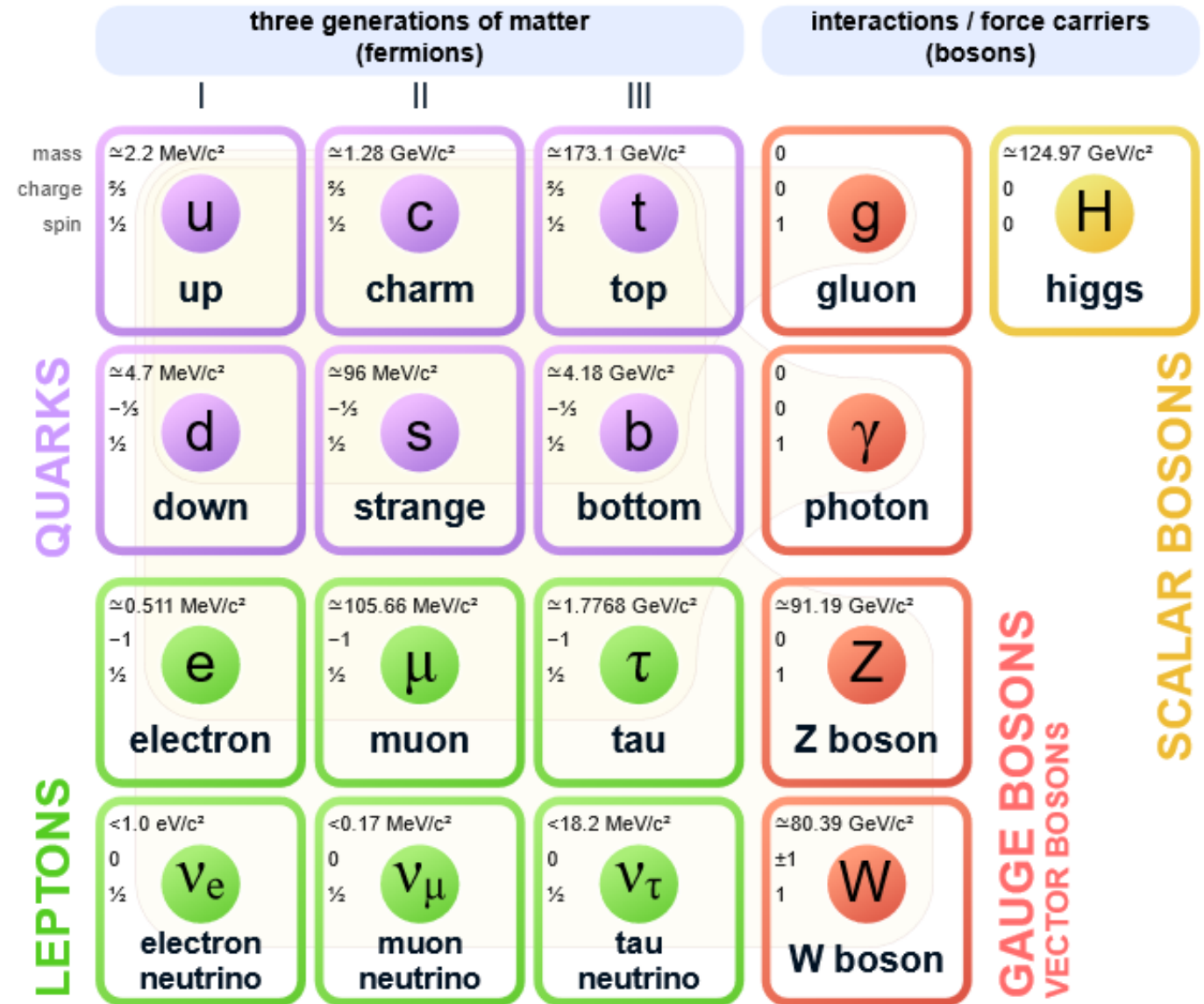


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# Neutrino Oscillations

- Interest began in the 1950s:  
The Solar Neutrino Problem.
- Solution: Weak eigenstates are related to mass eigenstates by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



Nobel Laureate Raymond Davis in the Homestake Mine  
Picture from <https://www.bnl.gov/bnlweb/raydavis/pictures.htm>

# Neutrino Oscillations

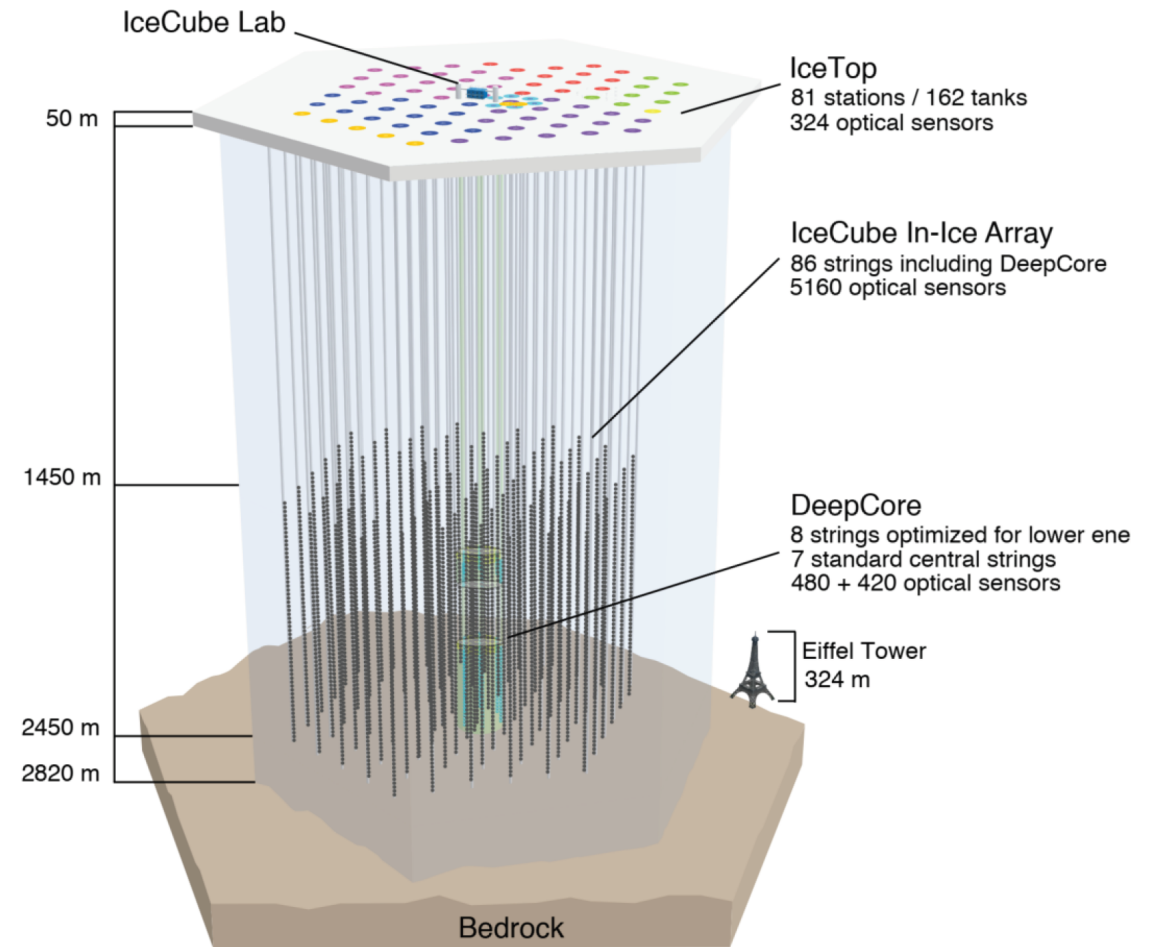
$$\Delta m_{ij}^2 = m_i^2 - m_j^2$$

- .. A bunch of algebra later:

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 2 \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \operatorname{Re} \left( U_{\alpha i} U_{\beta i}^* U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\beta j} \right) \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2 L}{4E} \right) \\ + \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \operatorname{Im} \left( U_{\alpha i} U_{\beta i}^* U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\beta j} \right) \sin \left( \frac{\Delta m_{ji}^2 L}{2E} \right)$$

- The *combined* neutrino flux from the sun checks out!

# The IceCube Neutrino Observatory





# Method of Detection

- Detect the *Cerenkov radiation* of decay products emitted at an angle

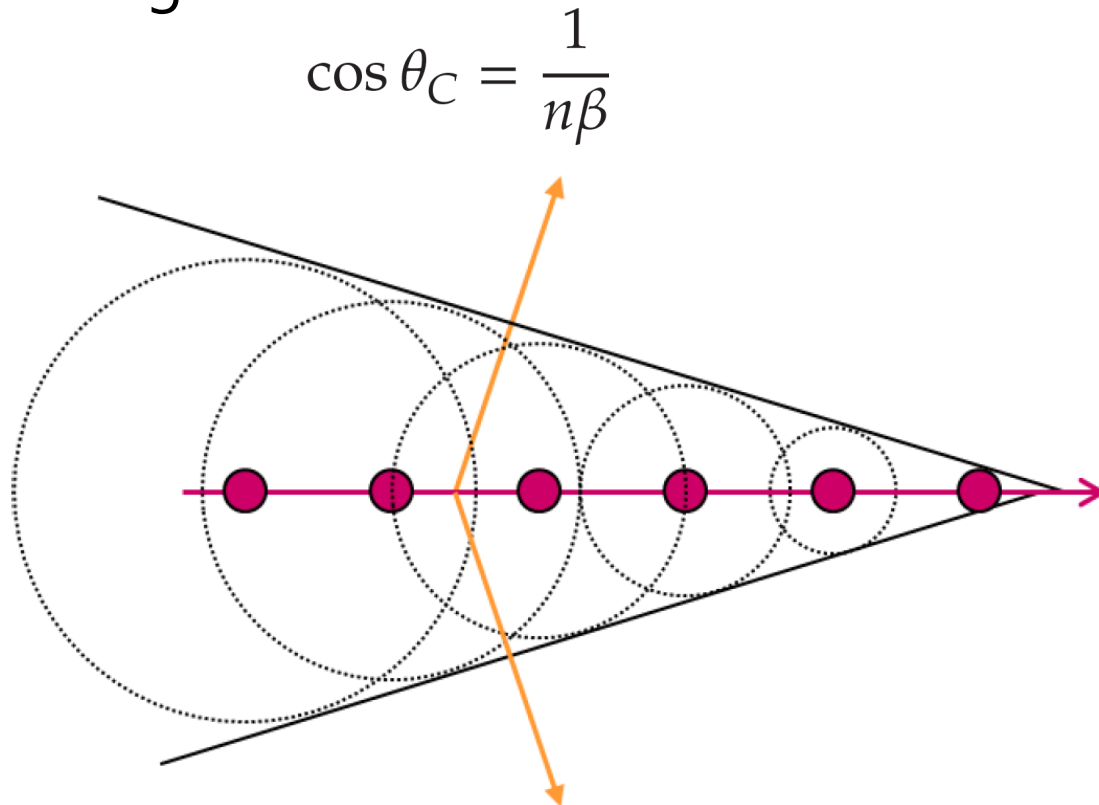


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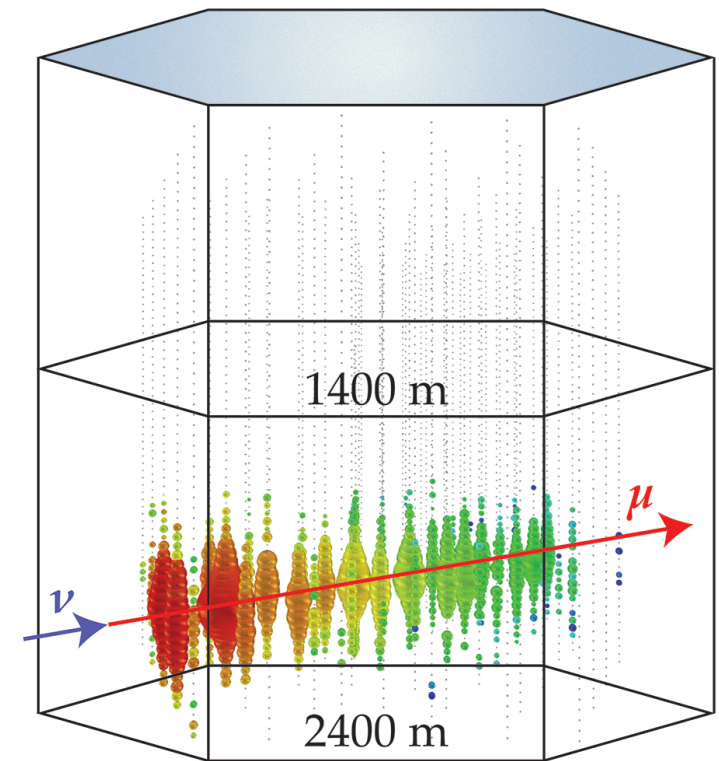


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# Atmospheric Neutrinos

- Generation in atmosphere  
→ travel through Earth → Detection

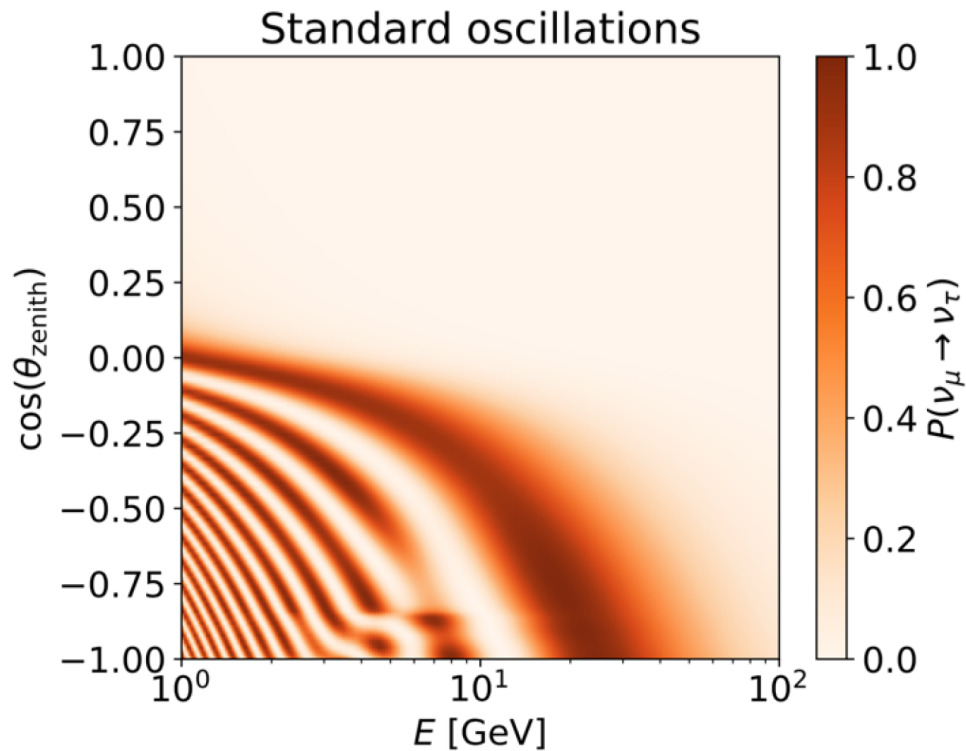


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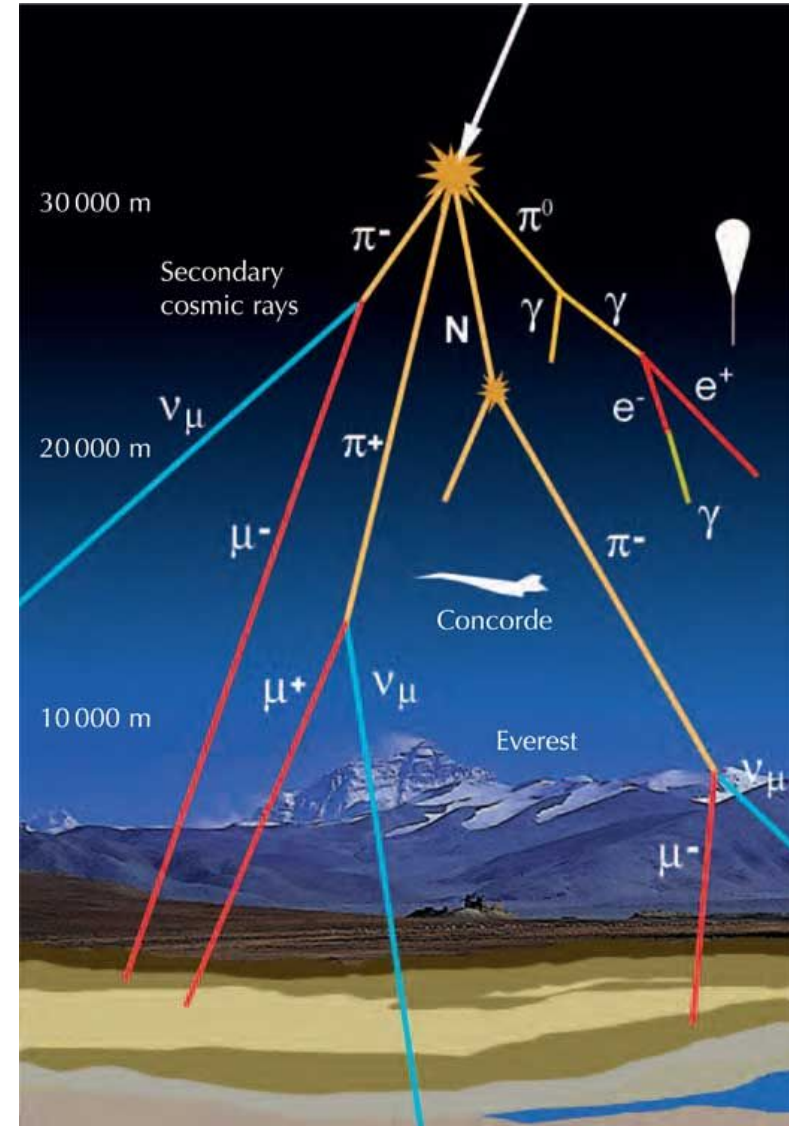
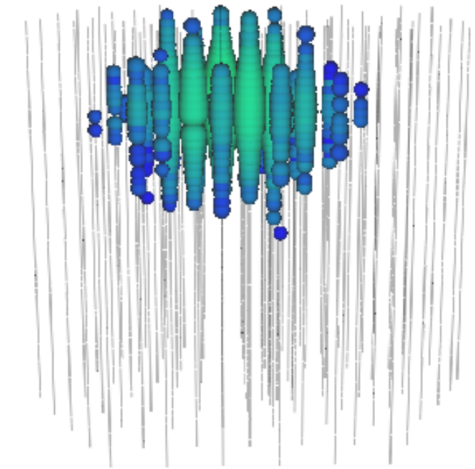
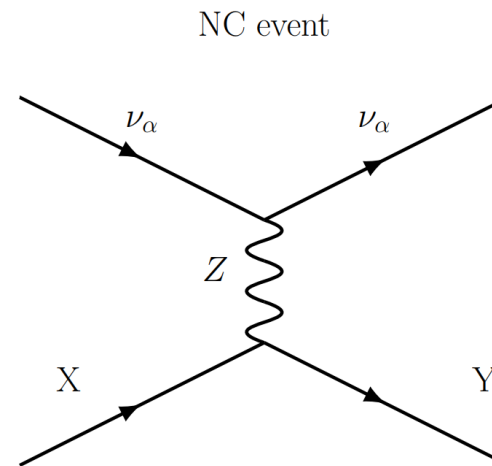
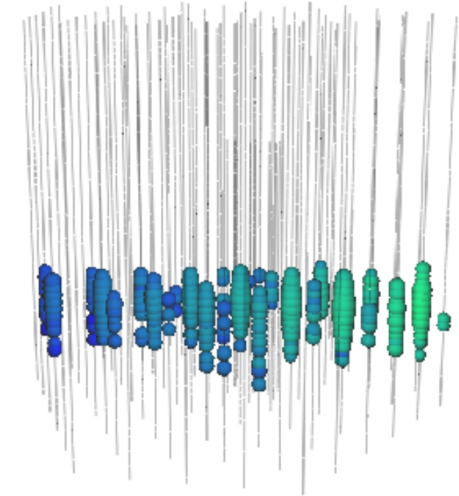
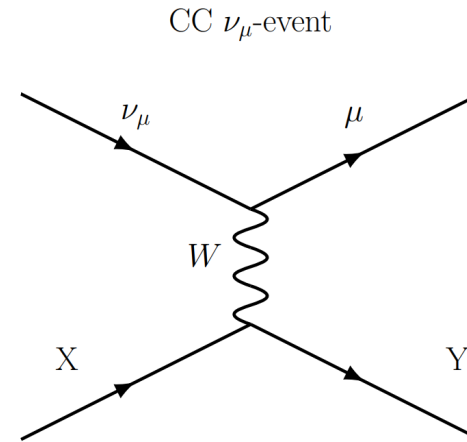


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# Event signatures

- 2 different signatures at low energy: *Tracks* (above) and *cascades* (below).



Figures "Origin of IceCube's Astrophysical Neutrinos: Autocorrelation, Multi-Point-Source and Time-Structured Searches"

# In reality...

- 30 GeV Tau- (a), muon- (b) and electron neutrino (c) events

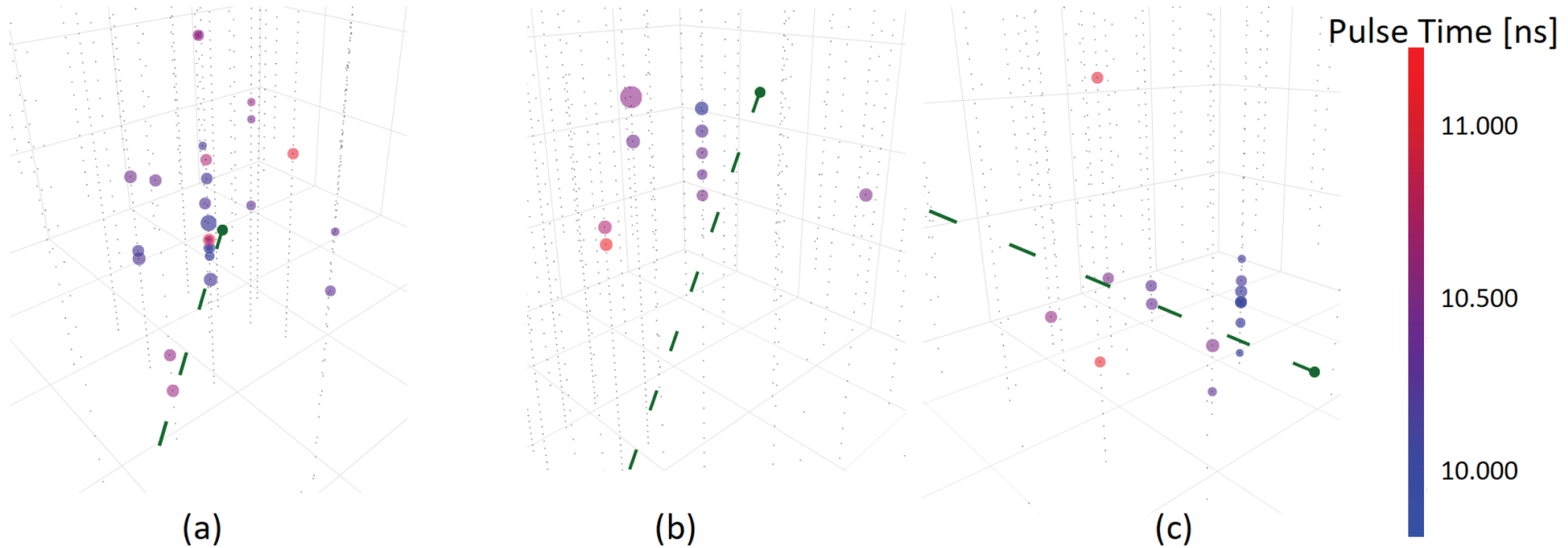


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# Neutrino Reconstruction

# The Retro Reconstruction Algorithm

- Current and best low-energy reconstructor
- Table-based maximum likelihood estimator
- Disadvantages
  - Storing tables requires ~1 TB memory
  - A single reconstruction can take minutes

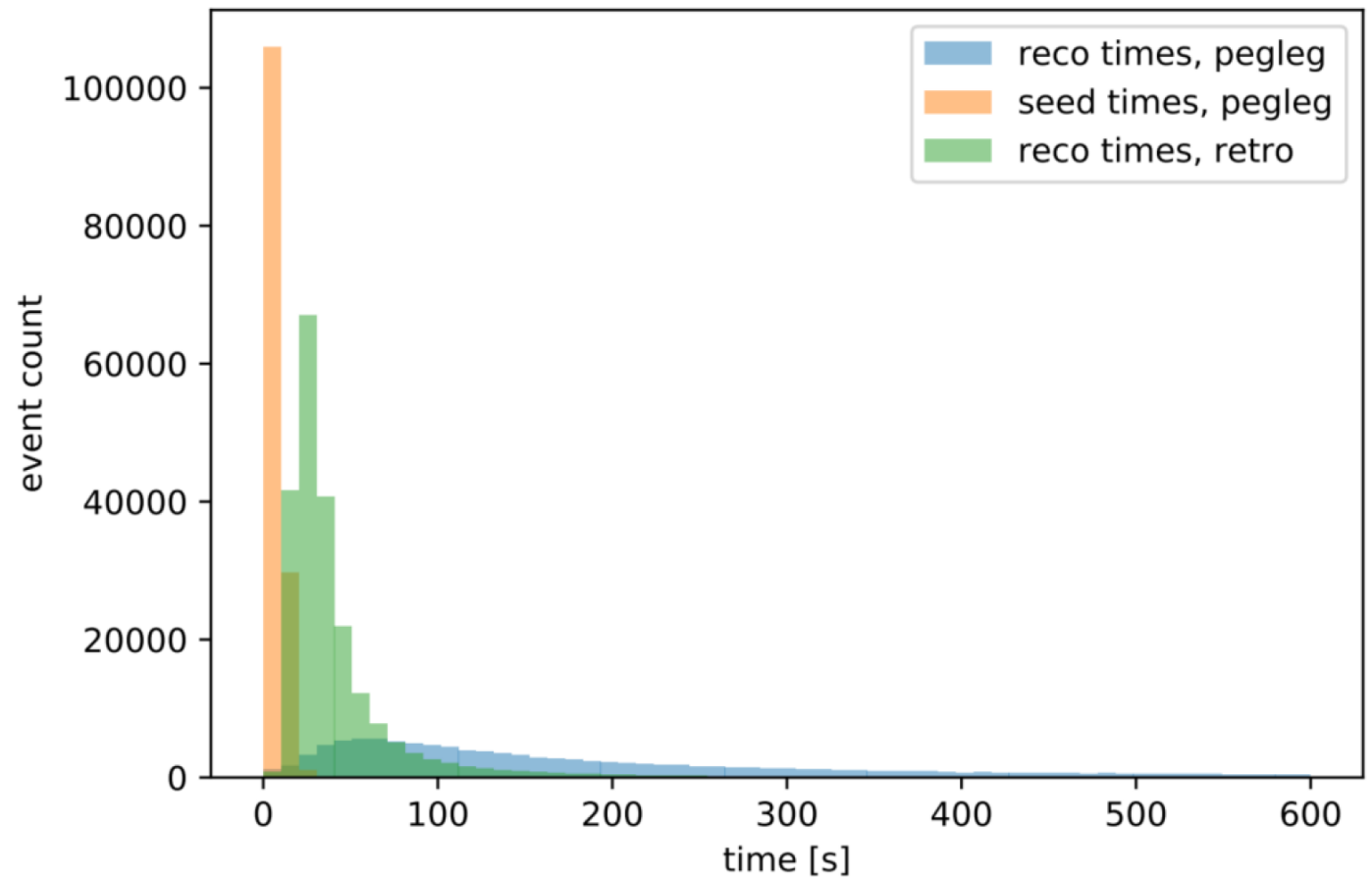


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# Machine Learning – Overview

Given **labelled** events  $\{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_N, y_N)\}$   
**train** a model to minimize the  
empirical **loss**

$$\hat{L}(h) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N l(h(x_i), y_i)$$

i.e. find

$$h^* = \arg \min_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \hat{L}(h)$$

capable of reconstructing **unseen**  
events



Image from <https://xkcd.com/1838/>

# Machine Learning – Overview

- **Labelled Events:** From simulation
- **Training:** Using Stochastic Gradient Descent

$$w_{t+1} = w_t - \eta \nabla_w \hat{L}(w_t), \eta > 0$$

- **Loss:** Our measure of what is good

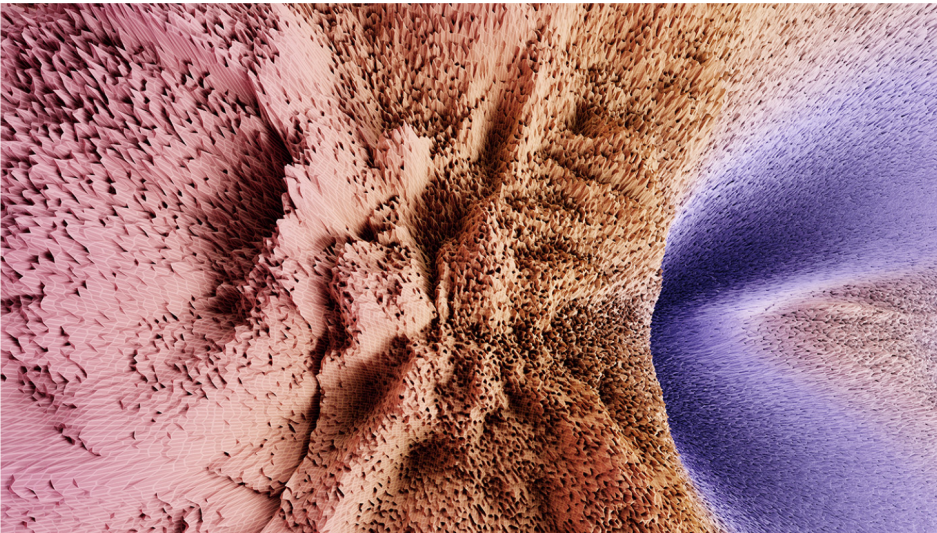
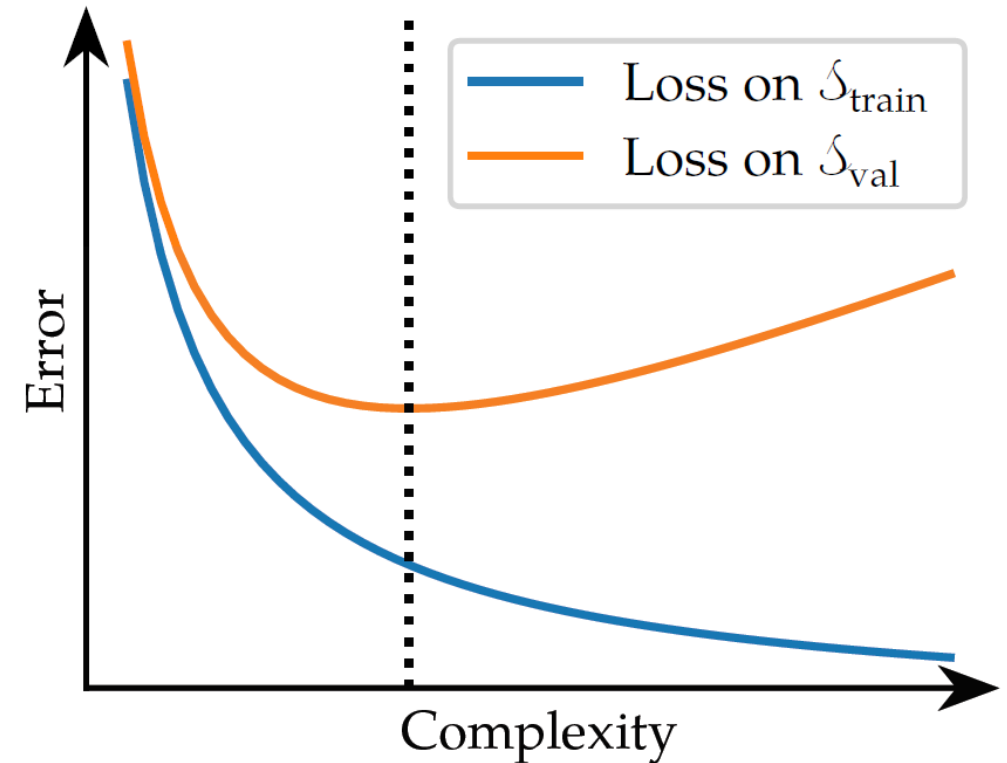


Image from <https://losslandscape.com/>



# Setup

- Feed a Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) time-ordered DOM sequence.

DOM\_x: The x-coordinate of the DOM.

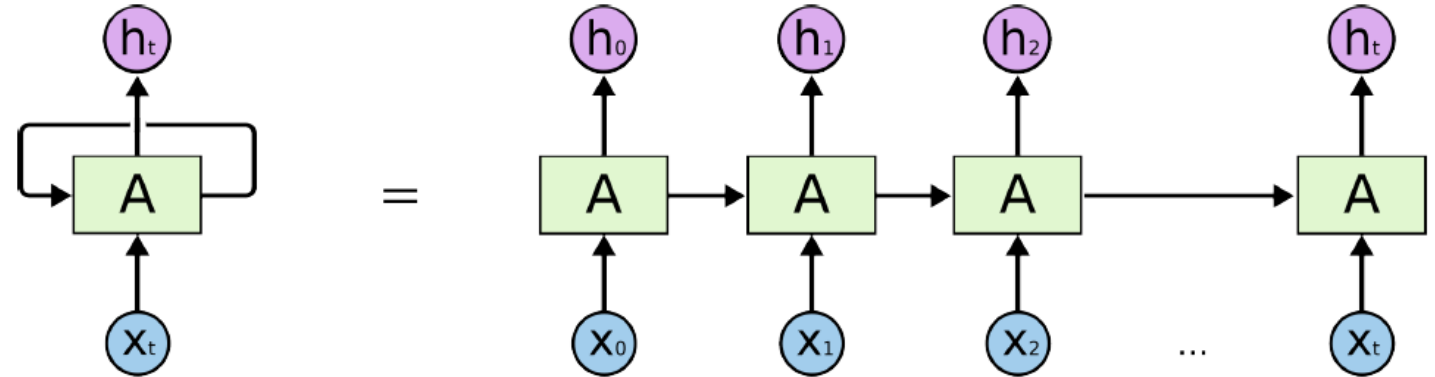
DOM\_y: The y-coordinate of the DOM.

DOM\_z: The z-coordinate of the DOM.

DOM\_q: The charge extracted from the raw waveform.

DOM\_t: The time (in ns) w.r.t. the trigger time at which the pulse was detected.

DOM\_ATWD: A Boolean. 1 if a ATWD-digitizer recorded the waveform or 0 if a fADC-digitizer recorded the waveform.

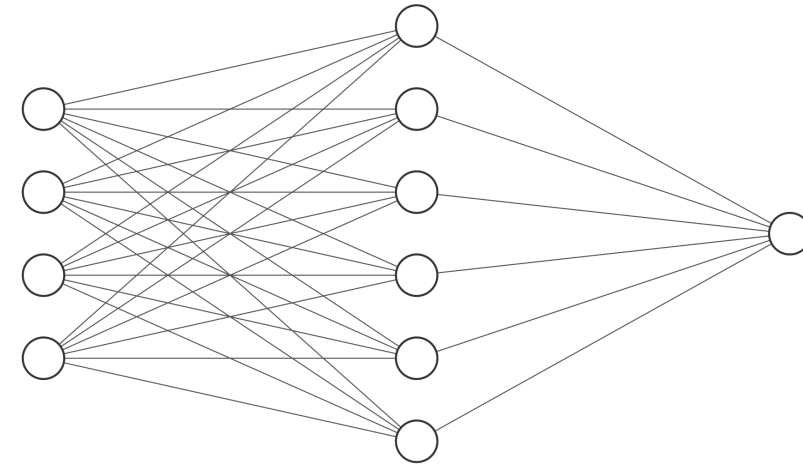


Figures <https://colah.github.io/posts/2015-08-Understanding-LSTMs/>

# Recurrent Neural Networks

For each neuron

- Input feature vectors  $x_i$  and  $h_{i-1}$
- Apply nonlinear function
- Output  $h_i$



Input Layer  $\in \mathbb{R}^4$

Hidden Layer  $\in \mathbb{R}^6$

Output Layer  $\in \mathbb{R}^1$

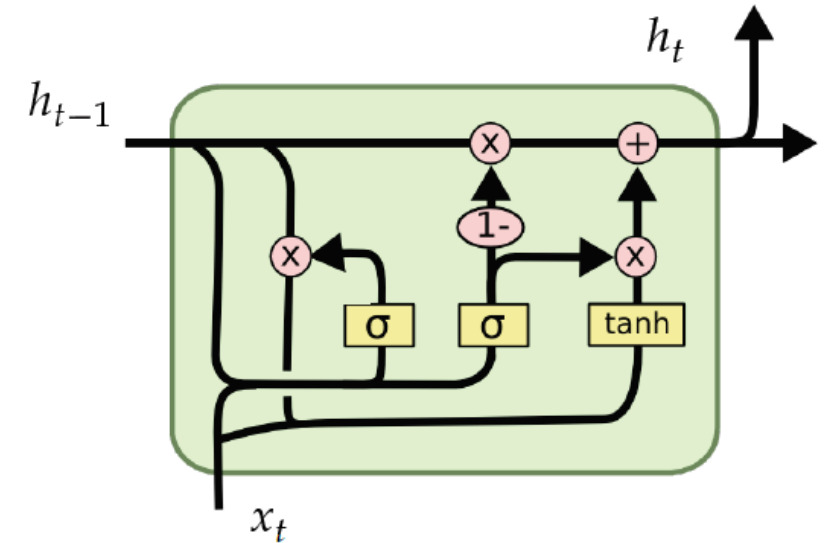
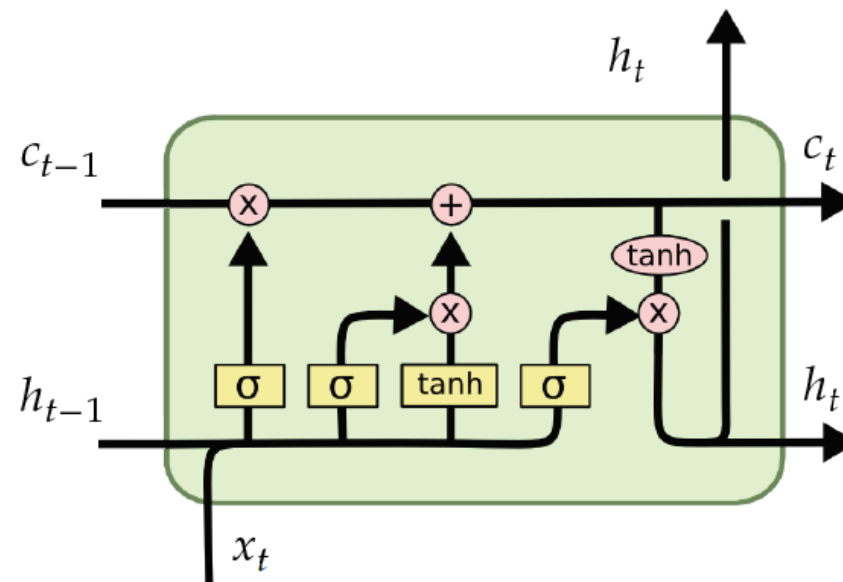
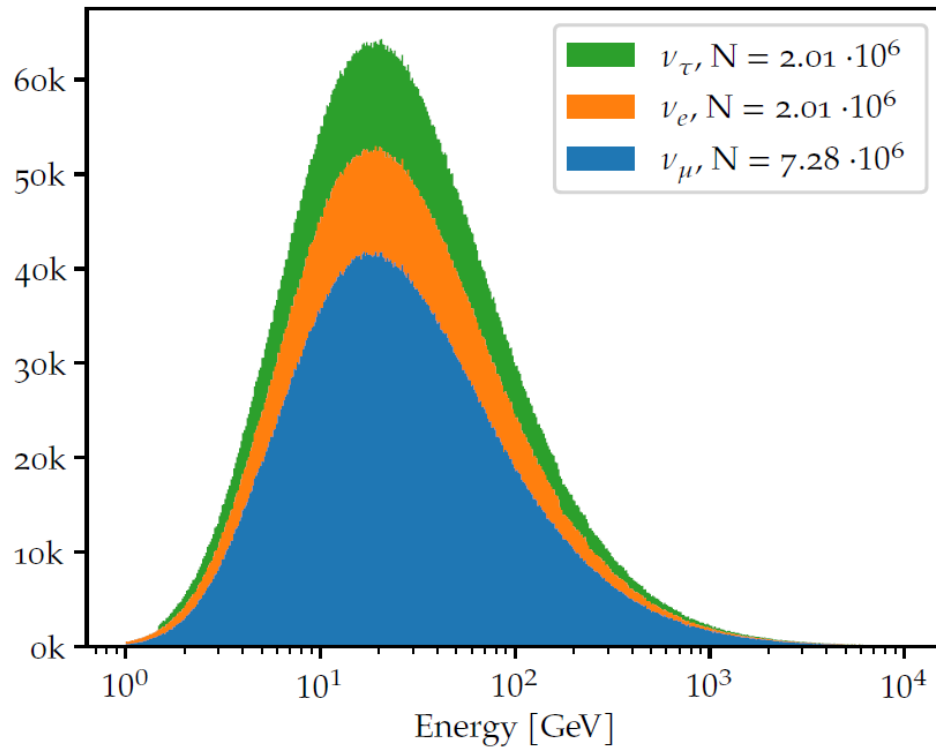


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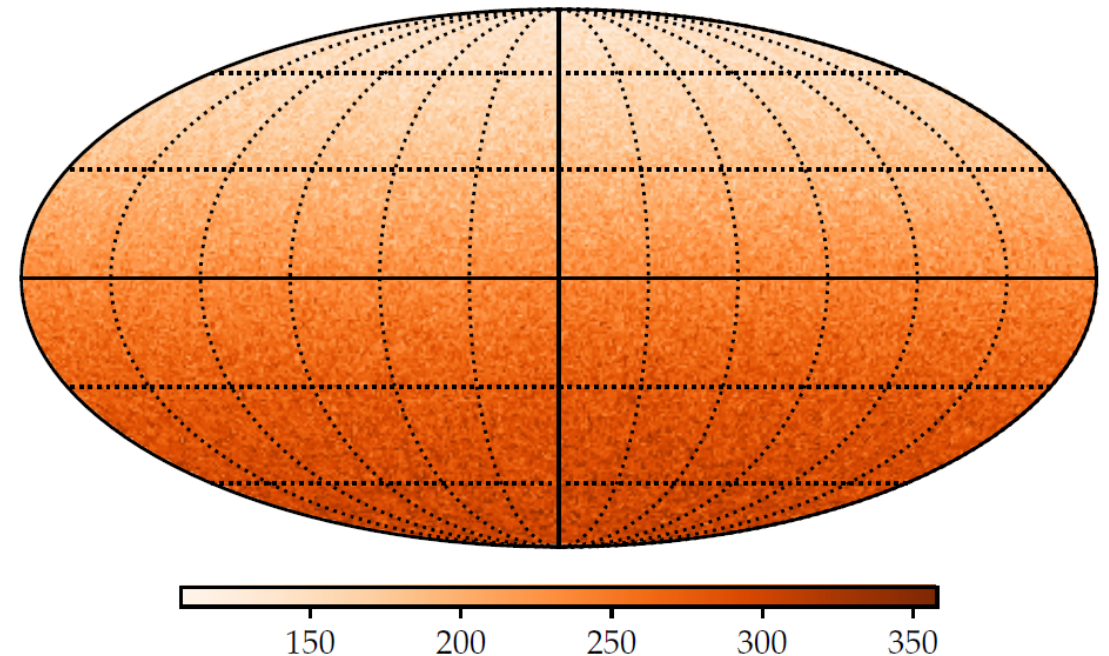
# Data

	All Data			After selection		
	Train	Val.	Test	Train	Val.	Test
$\nu_e$	1.61 M	0.20 M	0.20 M	1.59 M	0.19 M	0.19 M
$\nu_\mu$	5.82 M	0.73 M	0.73 M	5.75 M	0.72 M	0.72 M
$\nu_\tau$	1.61 M	0.20 M	0.20 M	1.59 M	0.19 M	0.19 M

OscNext Lvl5



OscNext Lvl5



# Targets

## Regression

- Neutrino energy
- $x$ -,  $y$ -,  $z$ - and  $t$ -components of interaction vertex
- $x$ -,  $y$ - and  $z$ -components of direction unit vector

## Classification

- Type

## Corresponding losses

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{L} = & \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \text{logcosh} \left( \log \left( \frac{E_{\text{reco}}}{E_{\text{true}}} \right)_i \right) \\ & + \text{logcosh}(|\mathbf{r}_{\text{reco}} - \mathbf{r}_{\text{true}}|_i) \\ & + \text{logcosh}(|\mathbf{p}_{\text{reco}} - \mathbf{p}_{\text{true}}|_i) \\ & + \text{logcosh}(t_{\text{reco}} - t_{\text{true}})_i\end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{L} = -\mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{true}}}[\log(p_{\text{predicted}})]$$



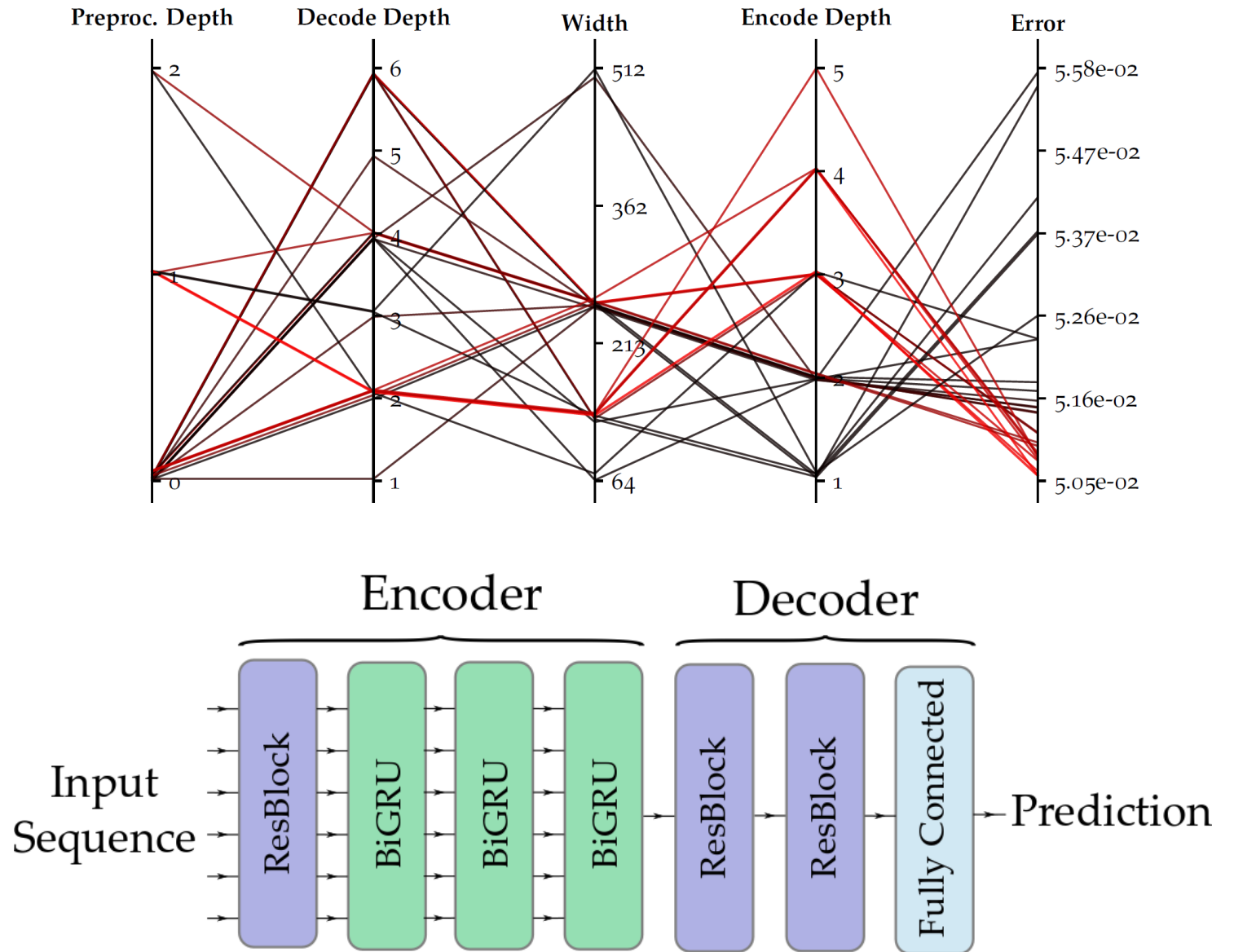
# Best Architecture

Preprocessing layer

→ Sequence to sequence

→ Many-to-one

→ Decoding layers



# Reconstruction Performance

# Classification Performance – Track vs Cascade

Performance captured by the Area Under the Curve (AUC) of the Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC)

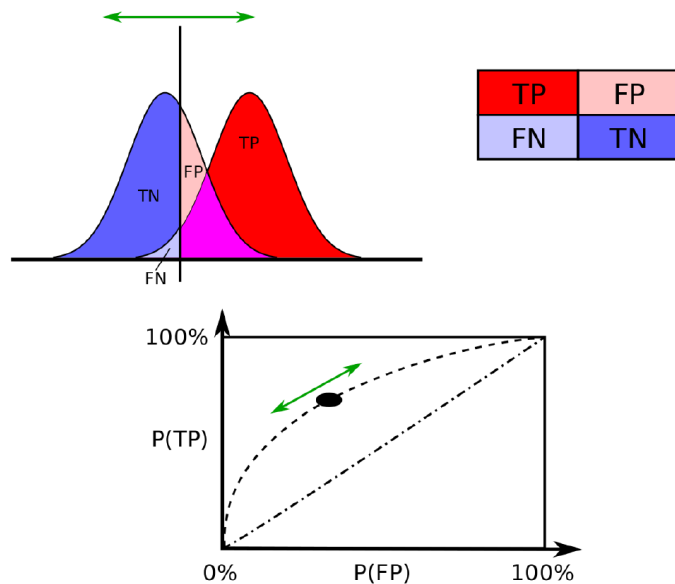
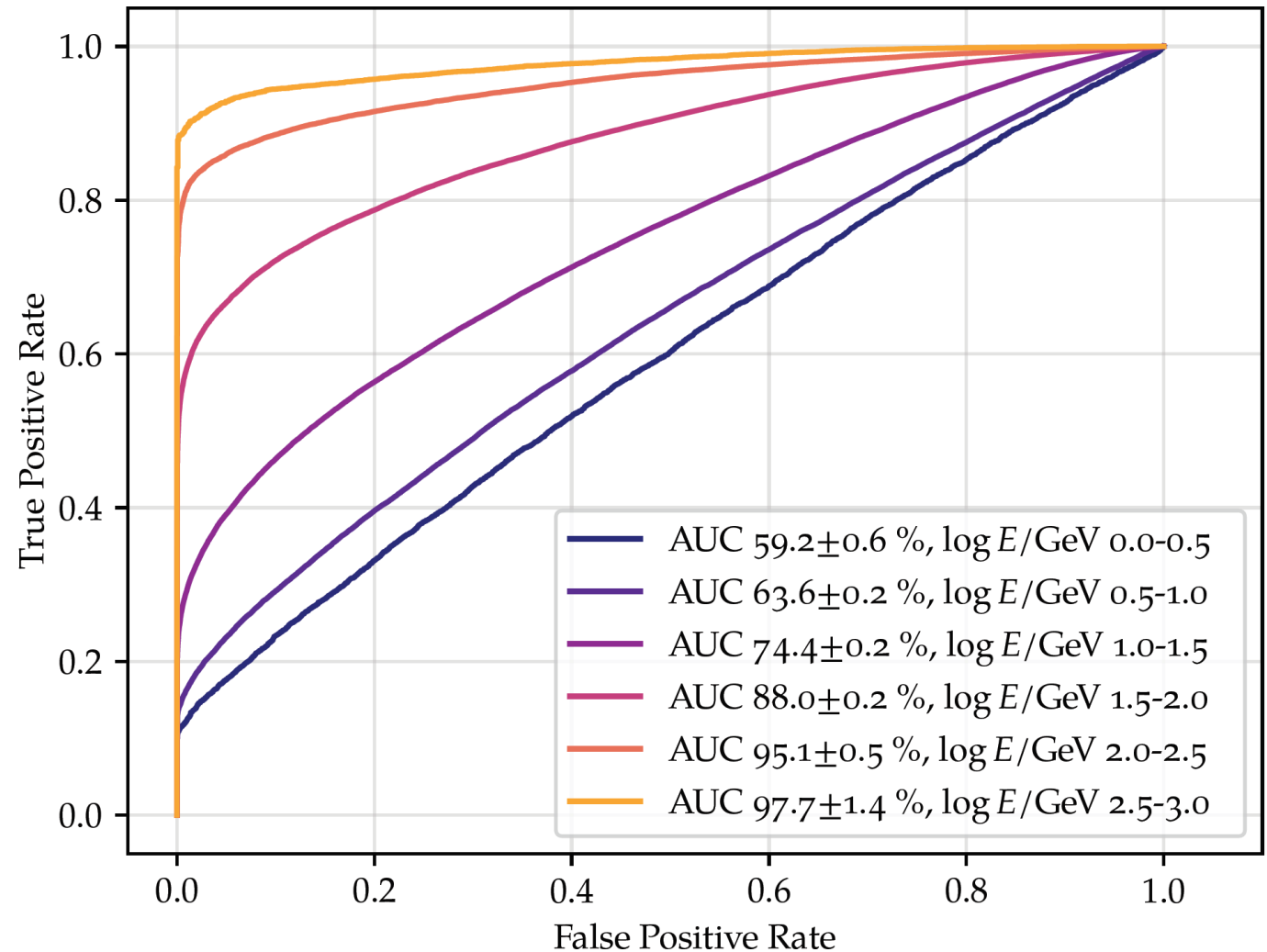
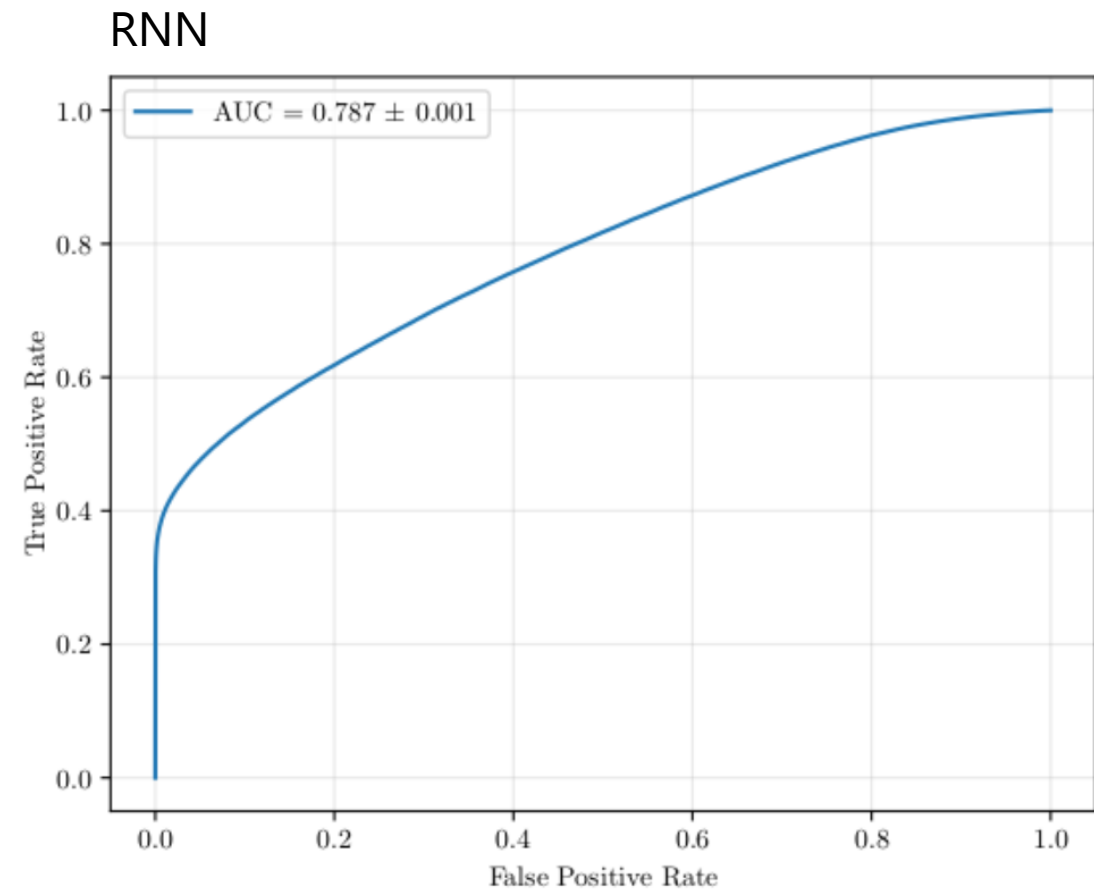
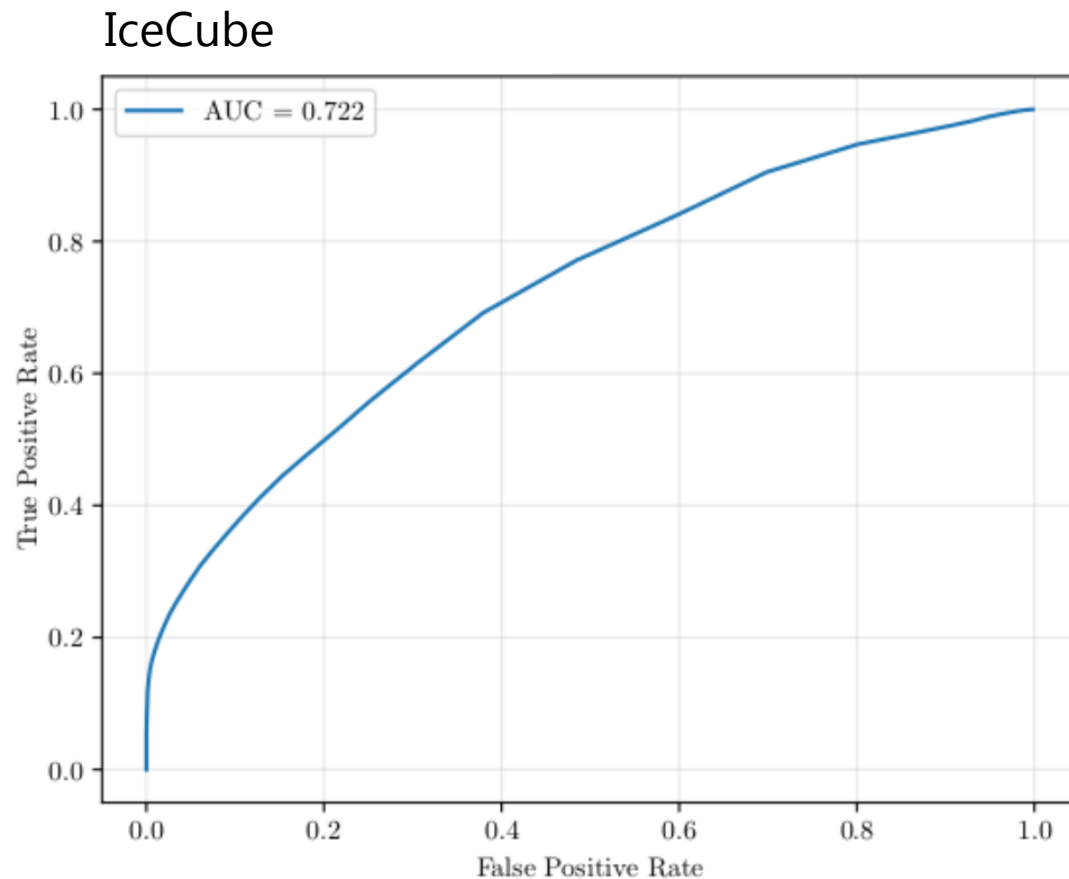


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# Classification Performance – Track vs Cascade

WARNING: IceCube performance “by eye” and potentially Different datasets



# Regression Performance

Performance: Width of the binned error distributions

$$W(e) = \frac{IQR(e)}{1.349}$$

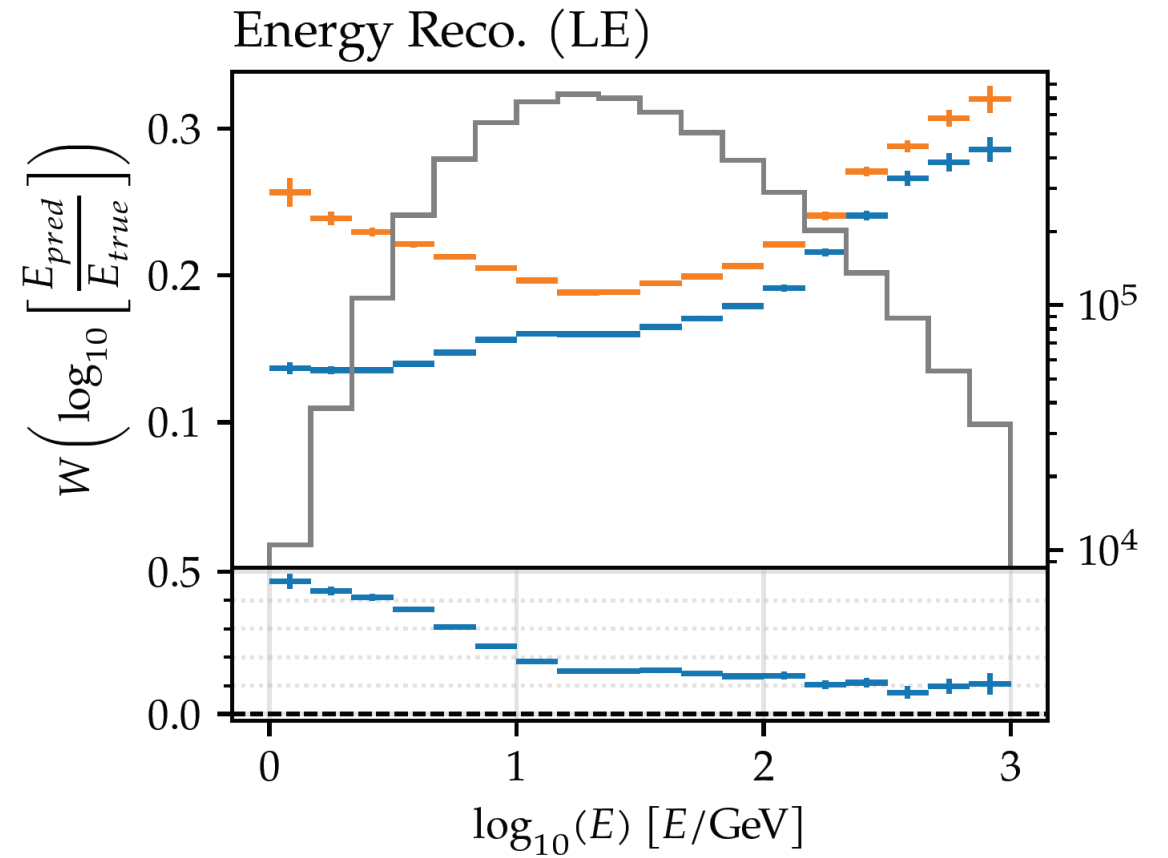
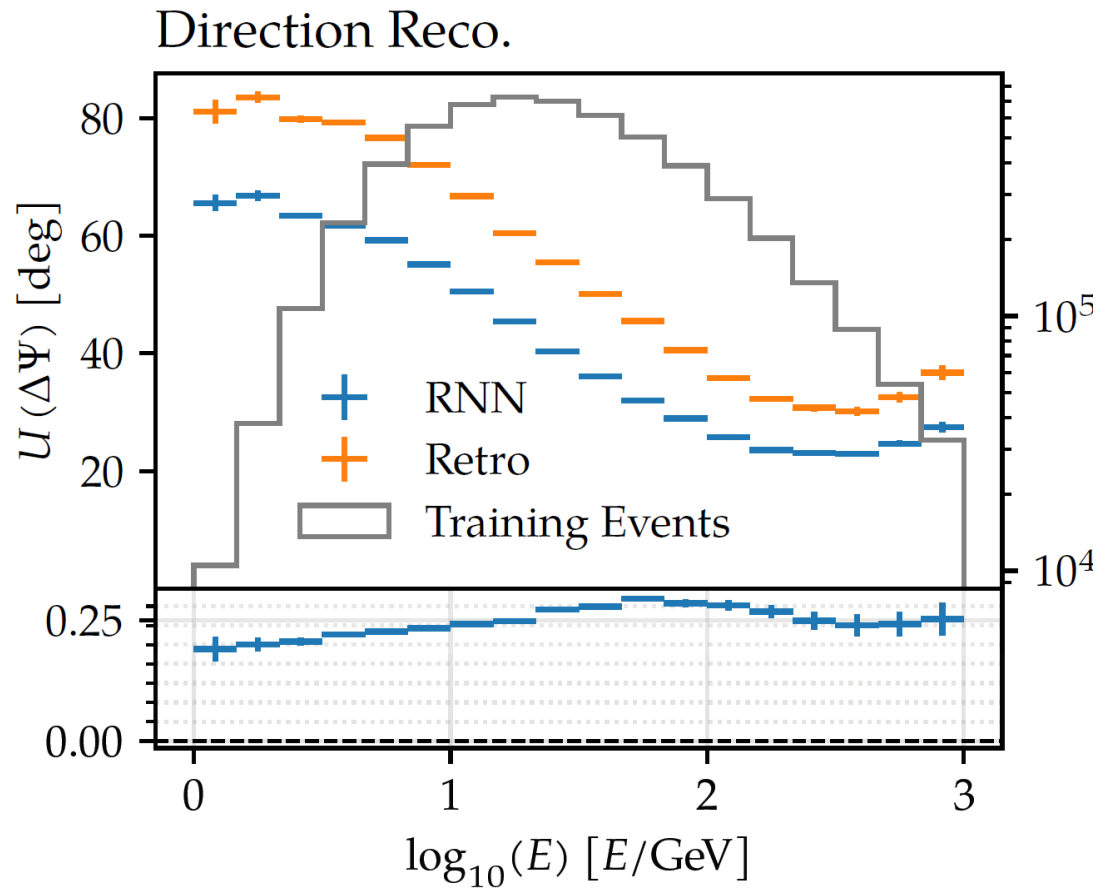
for unbounded error distributions

... And 68<sup>th</sup> percentile of the binned error distributions

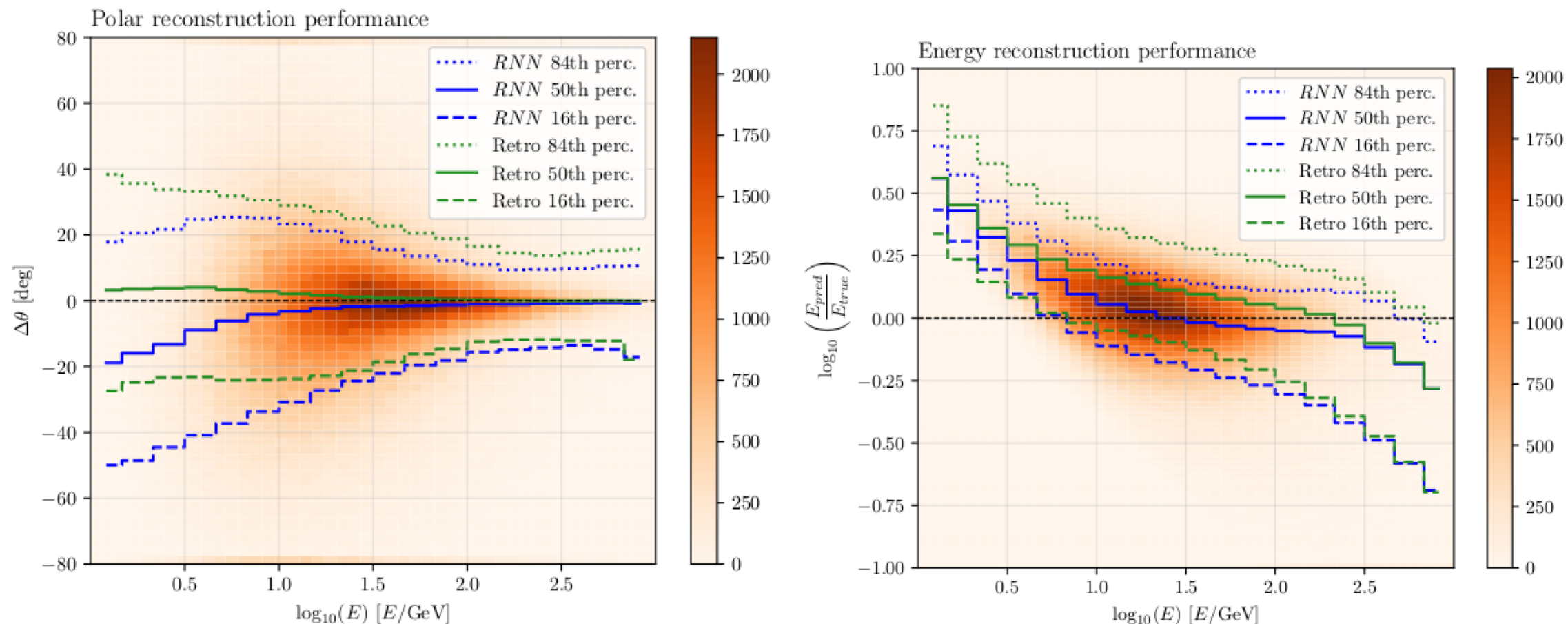
$$U(e) = e_{0.68}$$

For bounded error distributions

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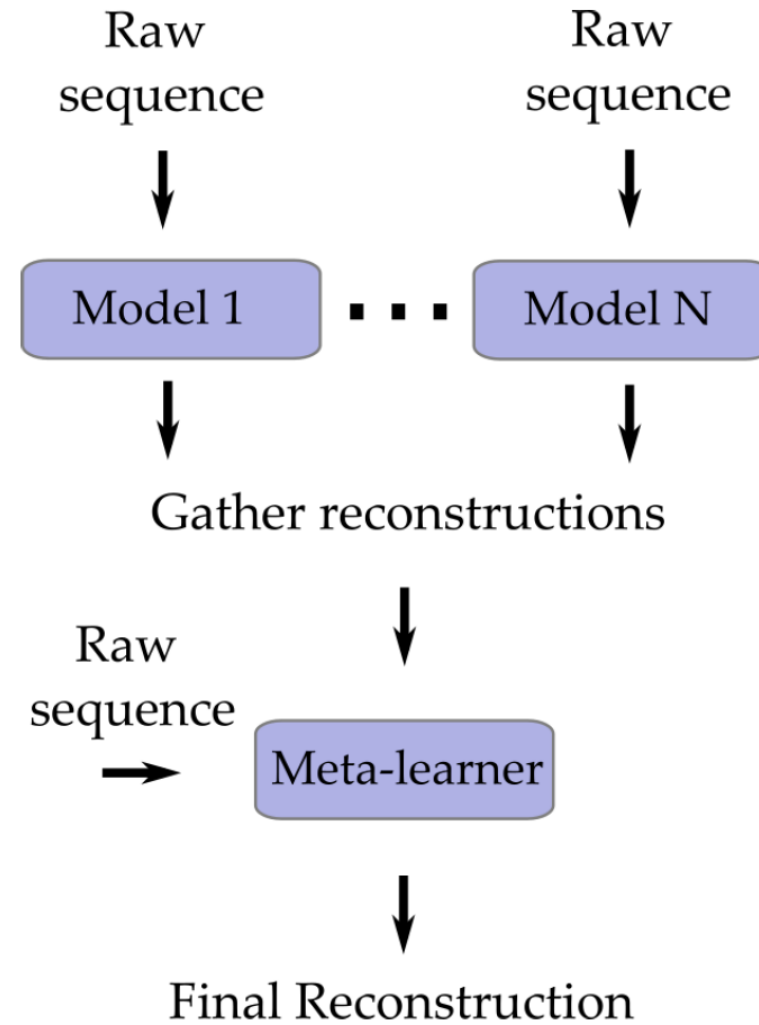
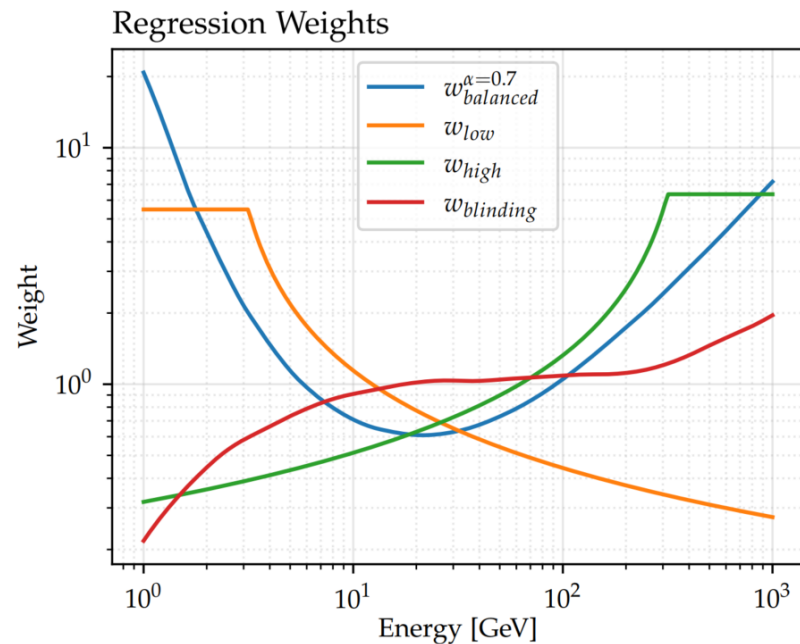


# Muon Neutrino Reconstruction



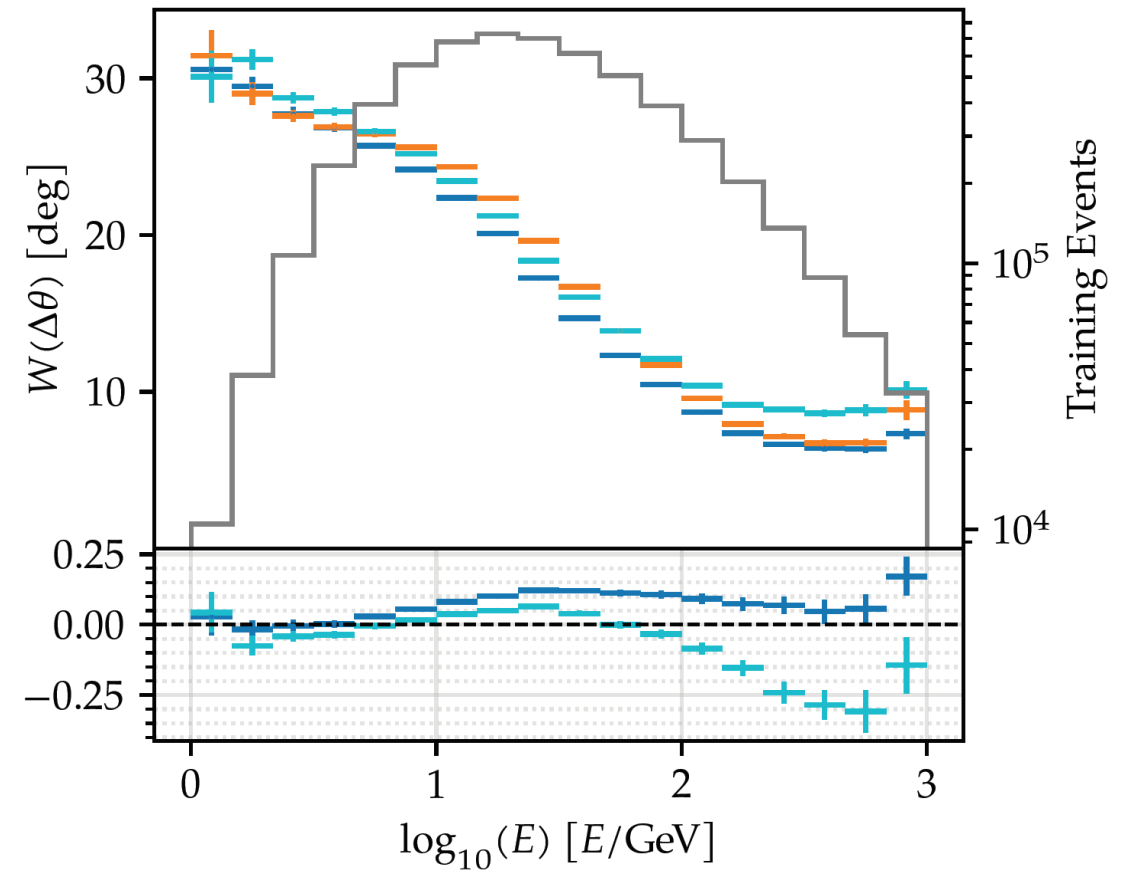
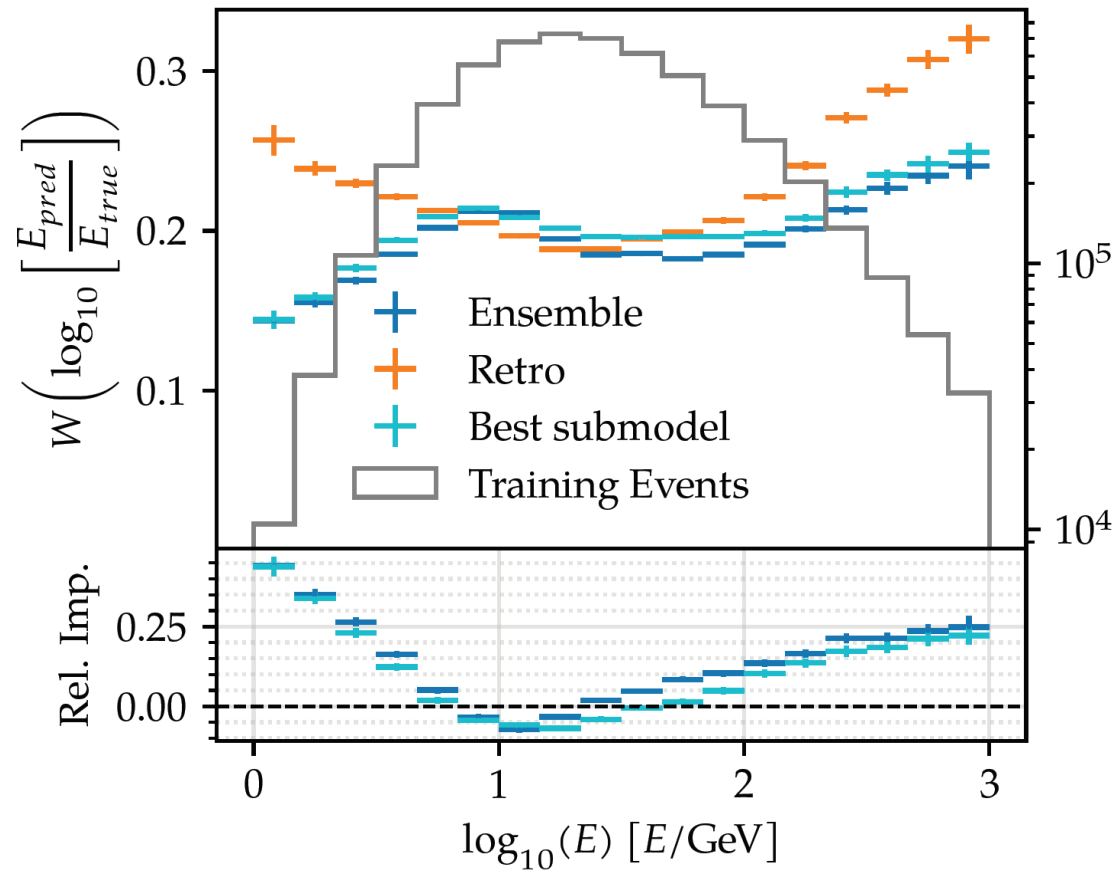
# Ensemble Model

- Combine outputs of several models
- Control performance with weights



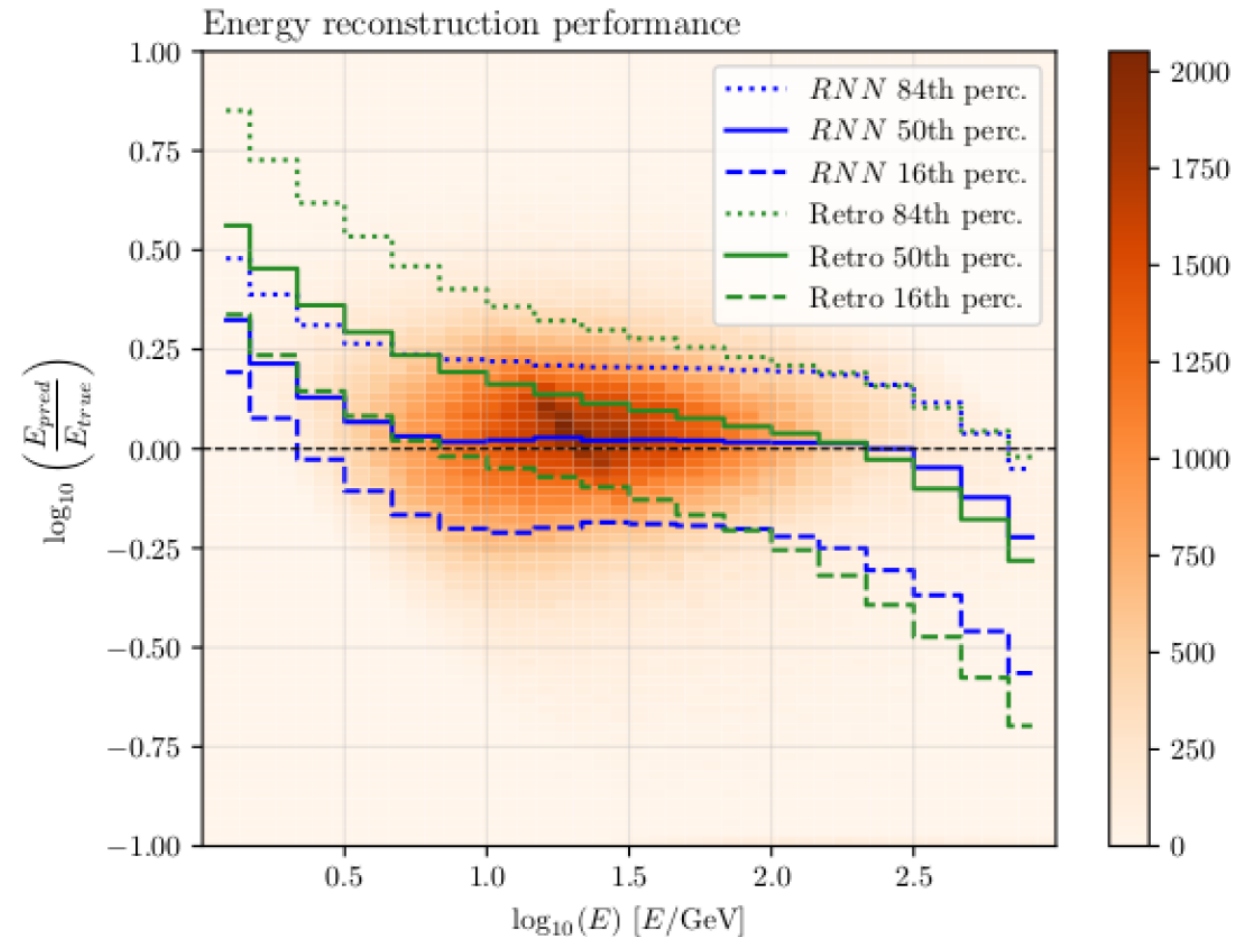


# Ensemble Model – 8 submodels



# Ensemble Model – bias (almost) gone

- Bias removed for energy reconstruction through reweighting
- Requires more data to remove bias in direction reconstruction
- Inference speed: 5000 Reconstructions per second



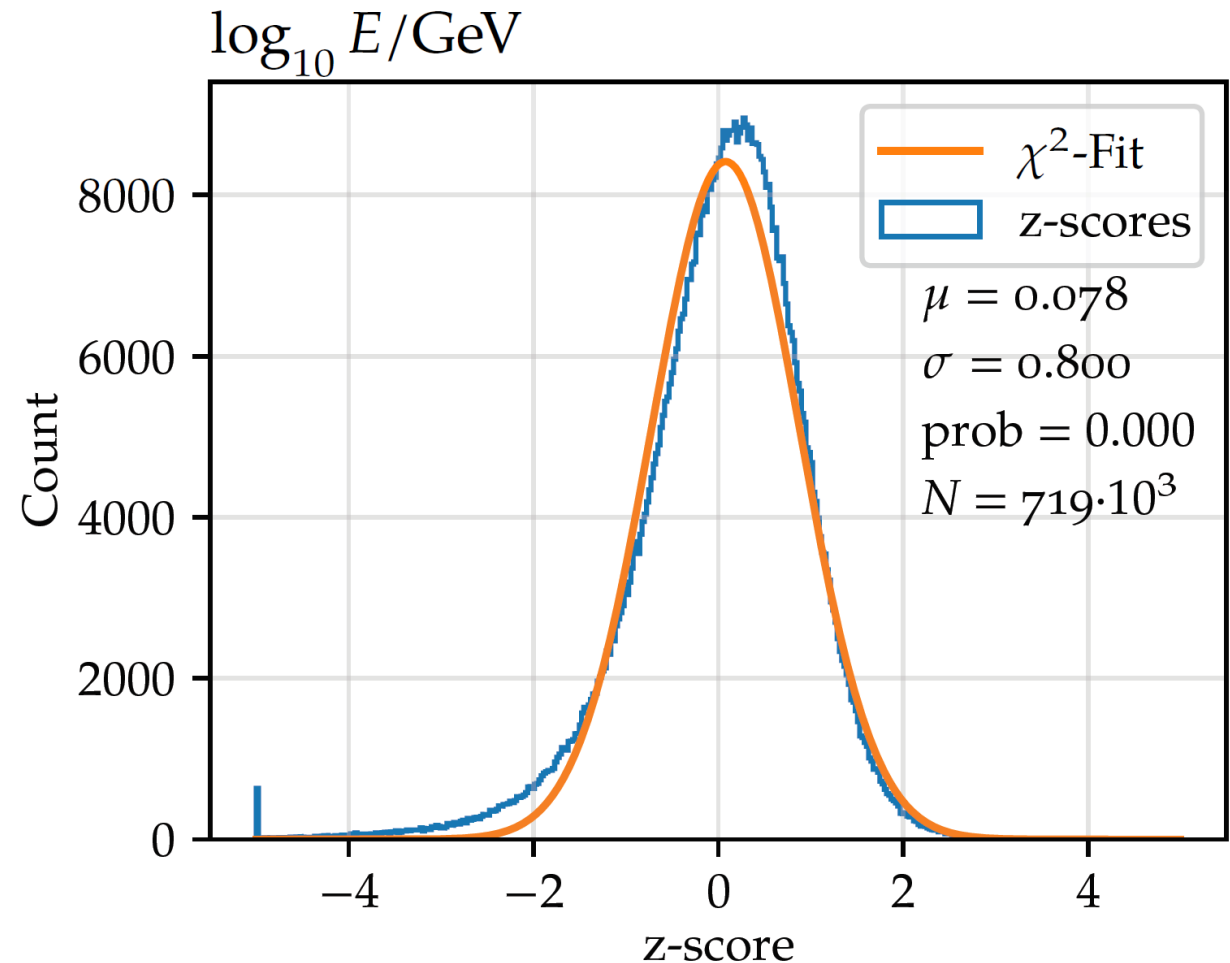
# Ensemble Model – Error Estimates

- Train meta-learner with Gaussian LLH-loss

$$l(x, \mu, \sigma^2) = \log \sigma + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2$$

- z-score unit Gauss expected, where

$$z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$



# Outlook

- Inference speed: 5000 Reconstructions per second
- More data = better performance!
- Train noise + BG rejector

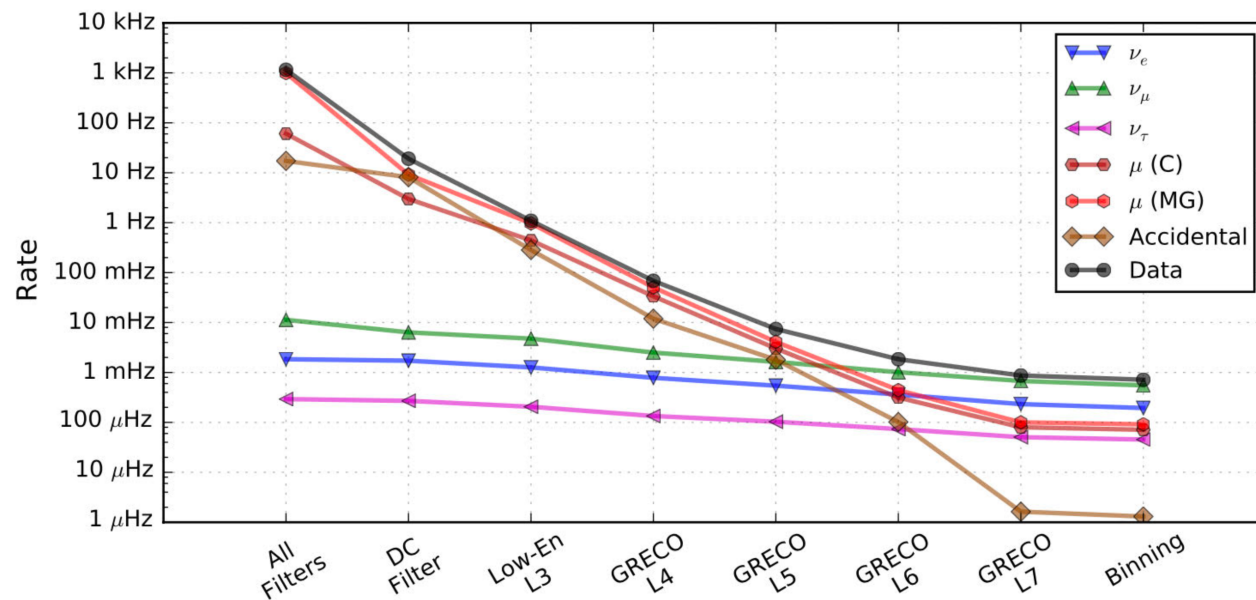
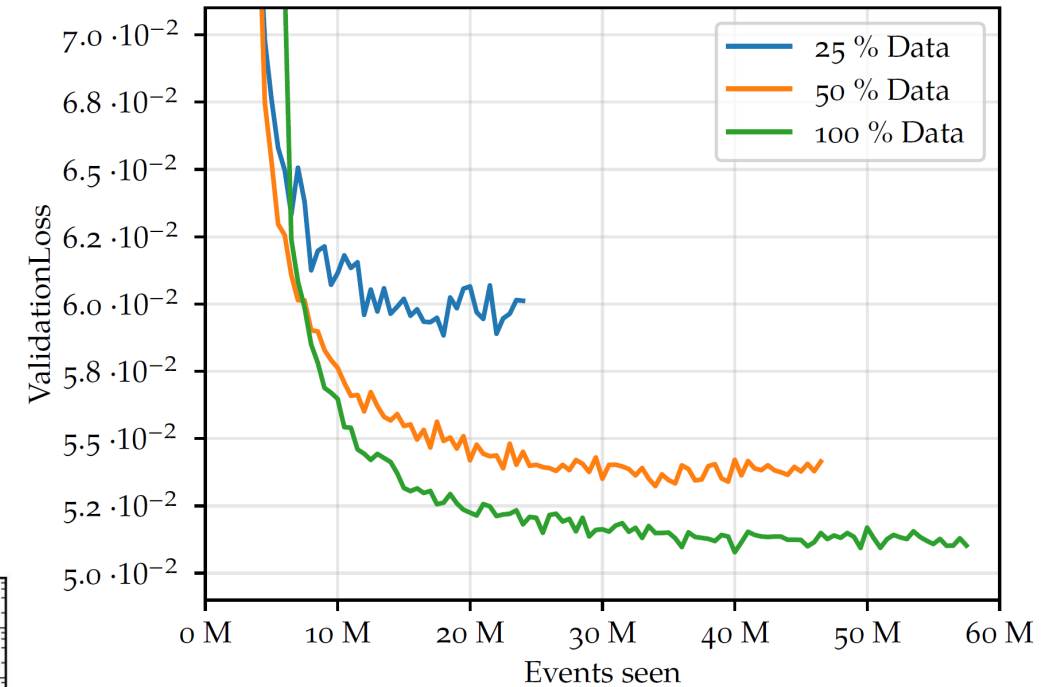


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# Thanks for listening!

# GRU Update rules

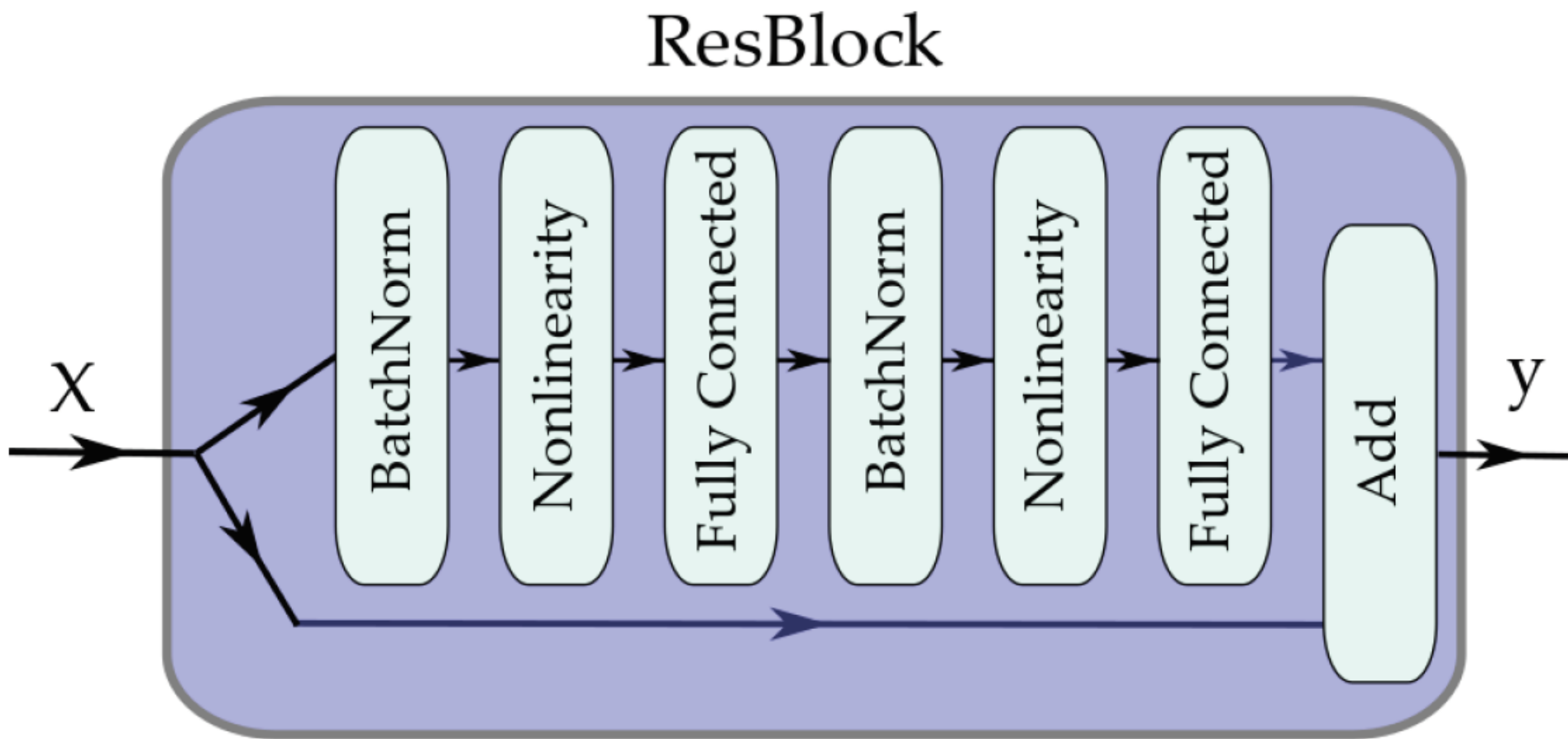
$$r_t = \sigma(W_{rx}x_t + b_{rx} + W_{rh}h_{t-1} + b_{rh}),$$

$$z_t = \sigma(W_{zx}x_t + b_{zx} + W_{zh}h_{t-1} + b_{zh}),$$

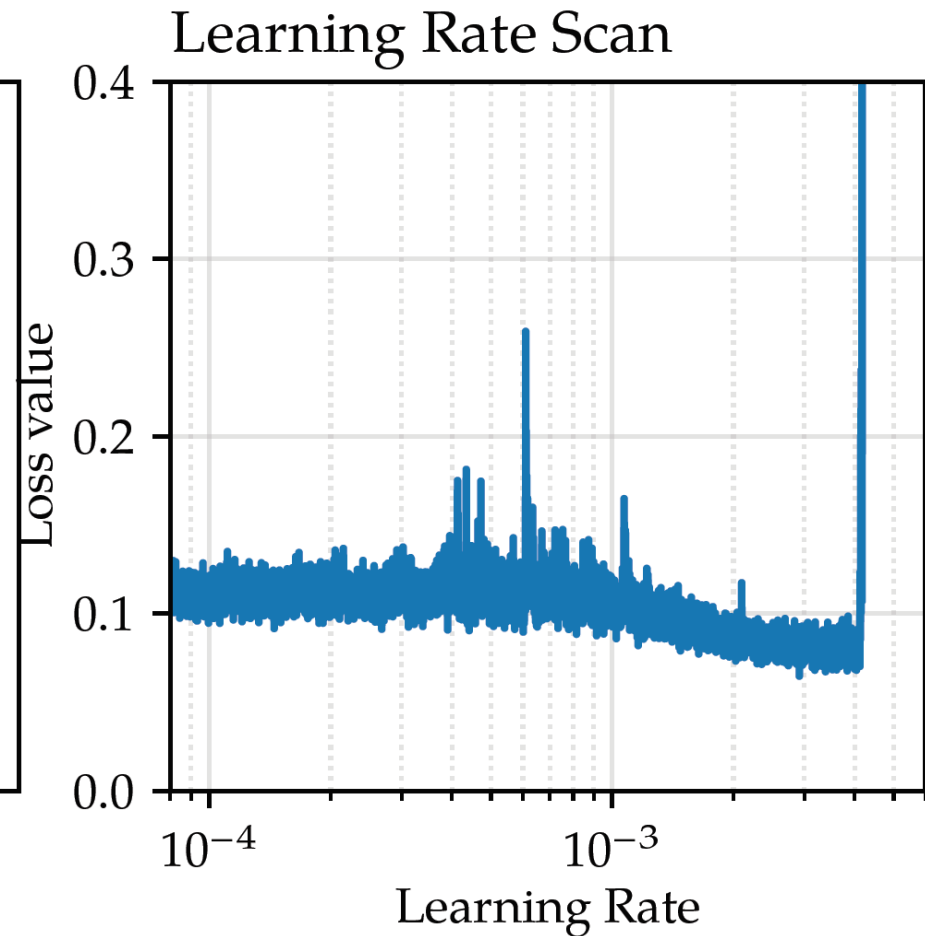
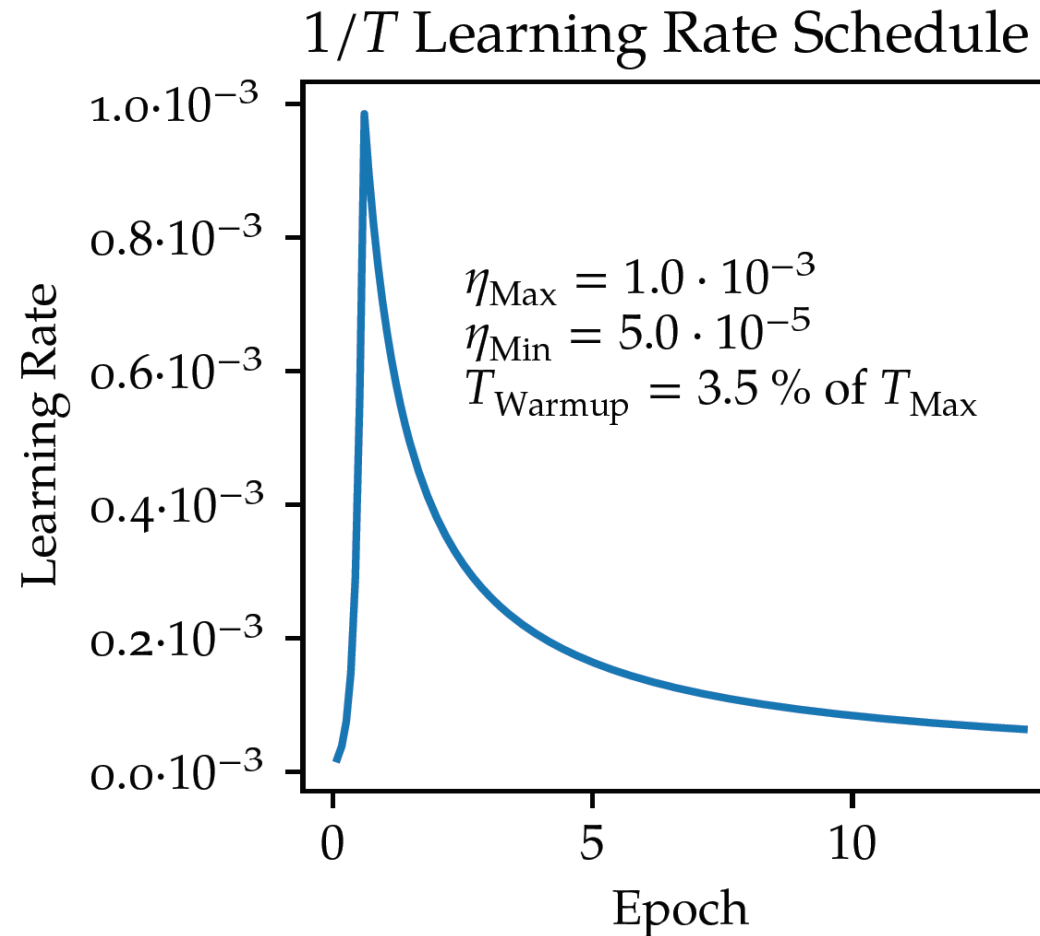
$$n_t = \tanh(W_{nx}x_t + b_{nx} + r_t * (W_{nh}h_{t-1} + b_{gh})),$$

$$h_t = (1 - z_t) * n_t + z_t * h_{t-1},$$

# ResBlock



# Learning Rate Schedule



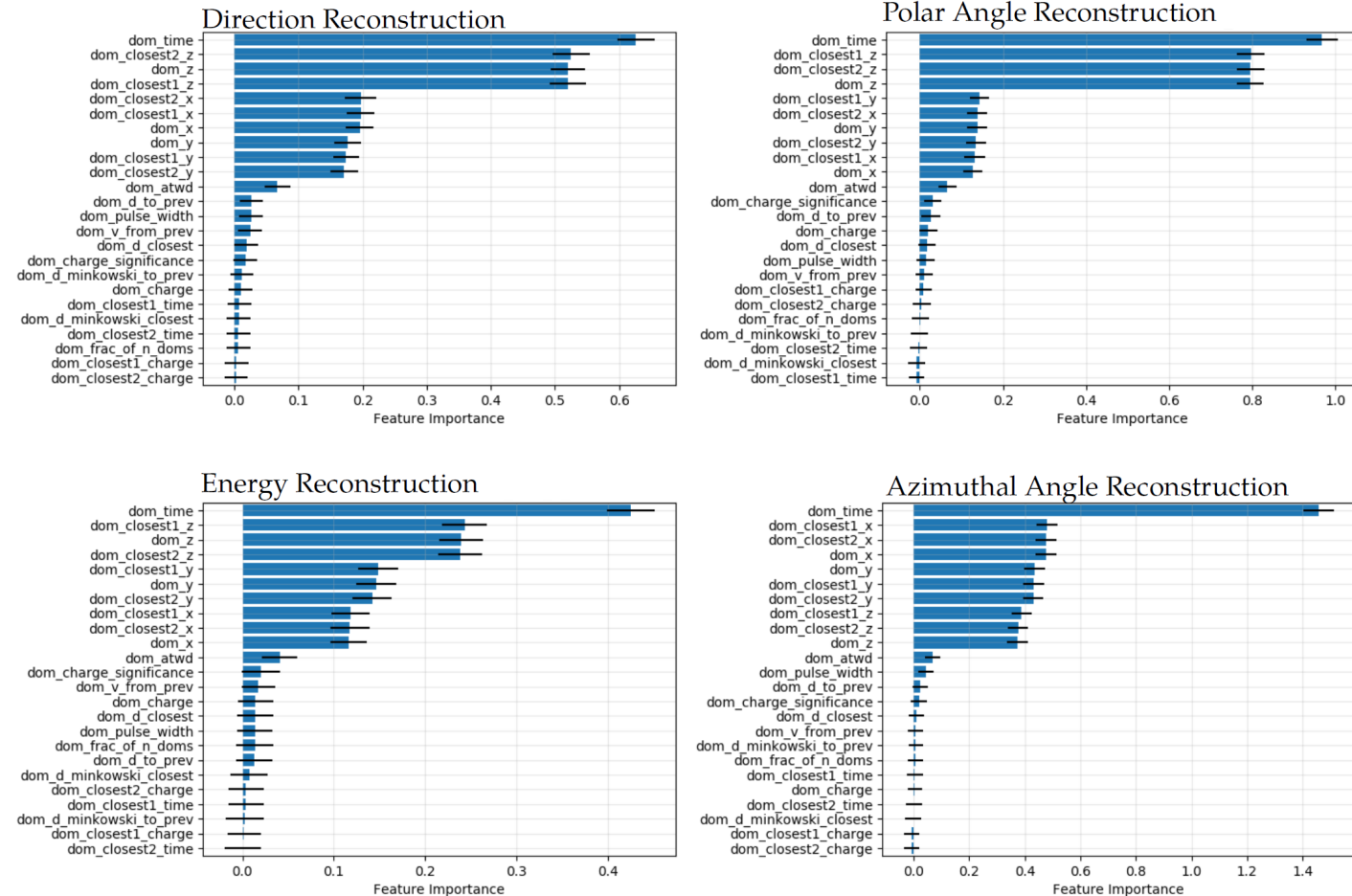


# Hyperparameter Searchspace

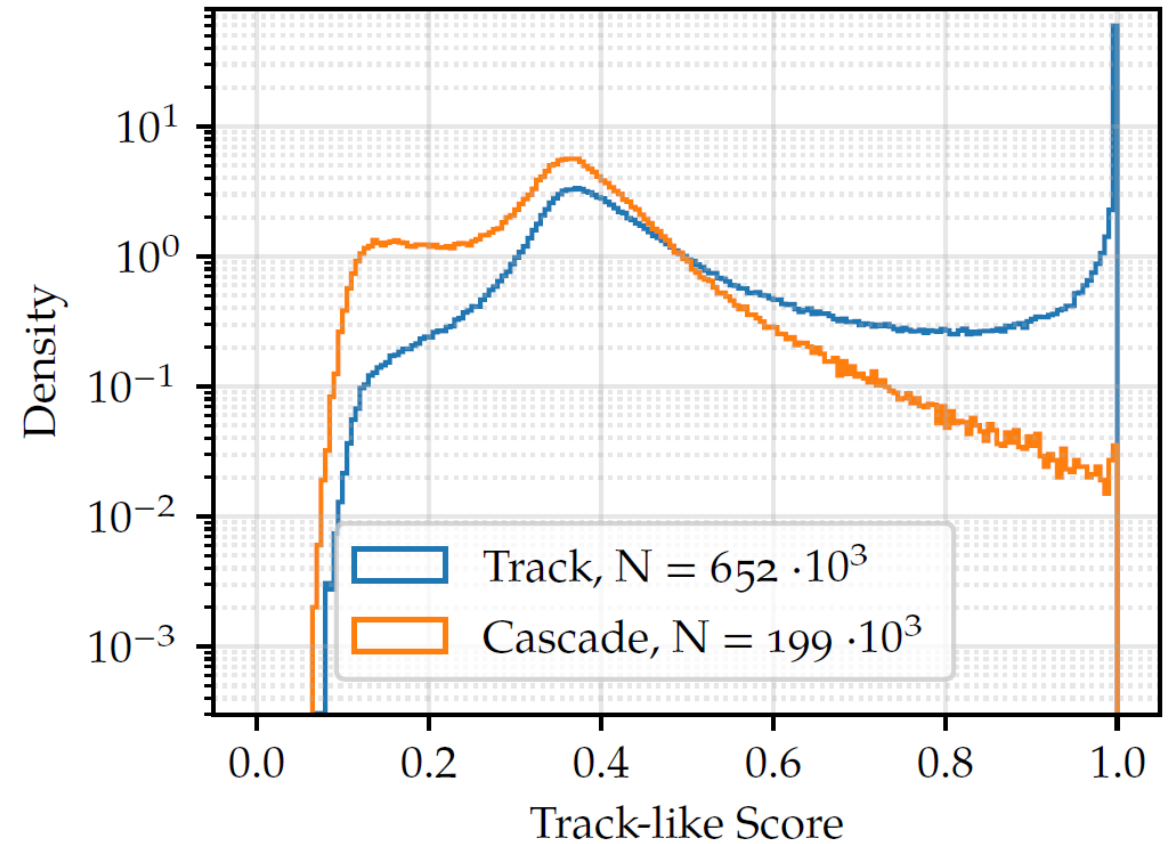
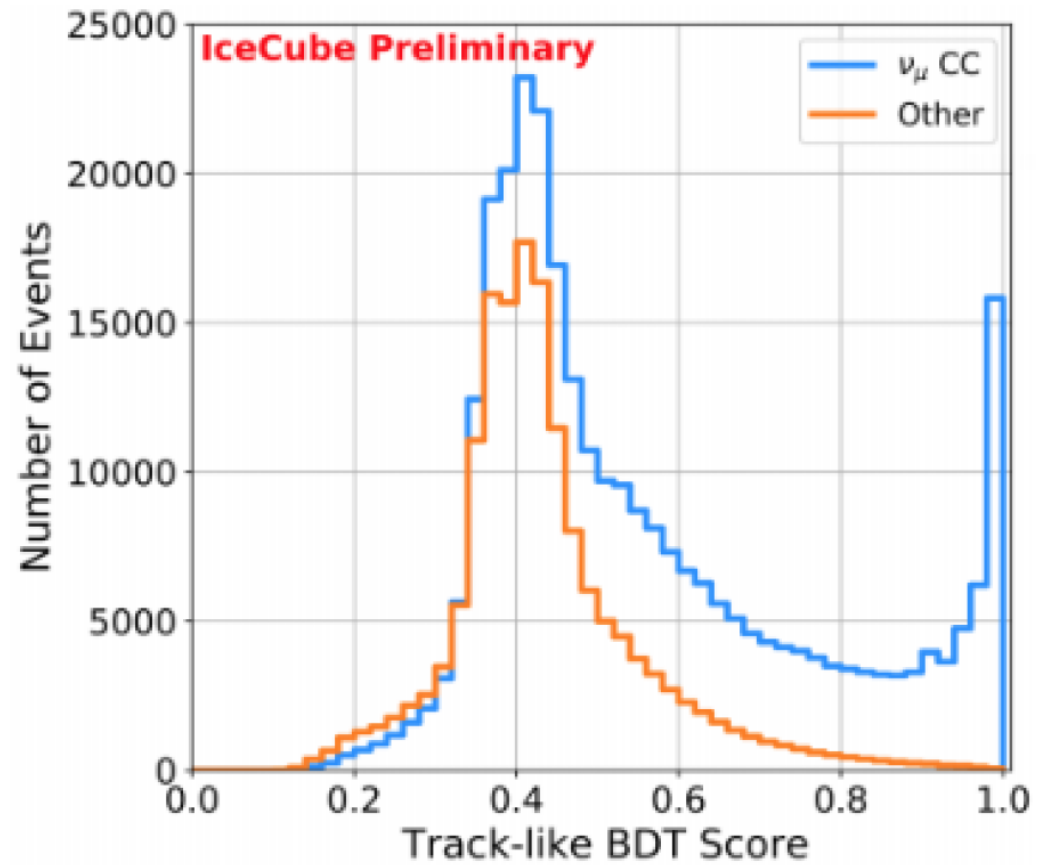
Hyperparameter	Searchspace
Batchsize	32, 64, 128, 256, 512
Optimizer	SGD, Adam, NAG
LR schedule	Inverse decay w. warmup
Layer Widths	64, 128, 256, 512, 1028
Decoding ResBlocks	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Encoding Att. Blocks	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Encoding RNN layers	0, 1, 2, 3, 4
Encoding RNN type	Vanilla, GRU, LSTM, BiGRU, BiLSTM
Nonlinearity	LeakyReLU, Mish
Encoding norm.	None, LayerNorm
Decoding norm.	None, BatchNorm
Regularization	None, Dropout( $p \in [30\%, 50\%, 80\%]$ )
Regression loss	L1, L2, logcosh
Classification loss	CrossEntropy
Many-to-One	MaxPool, AvePool, KeepLast
Weight init.	Kaiming

Table 4: Summary of the hyperparameter searchspace. The regression loss functions are not complete; regression-specific alterations are introduced later.

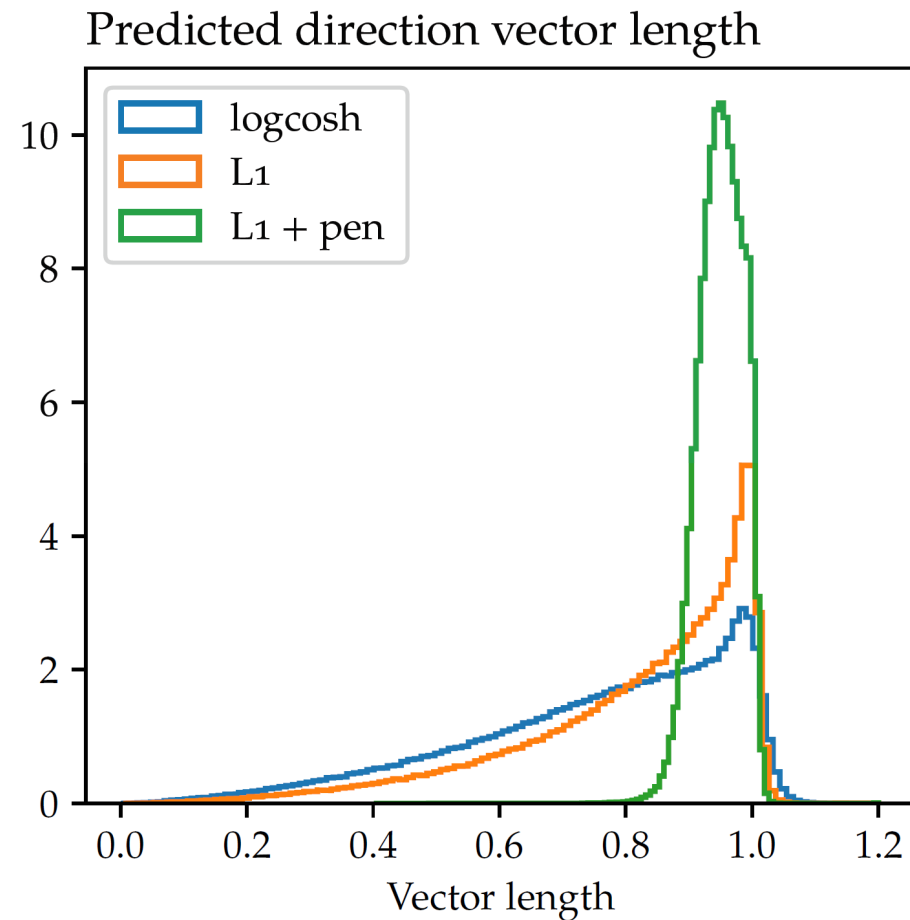
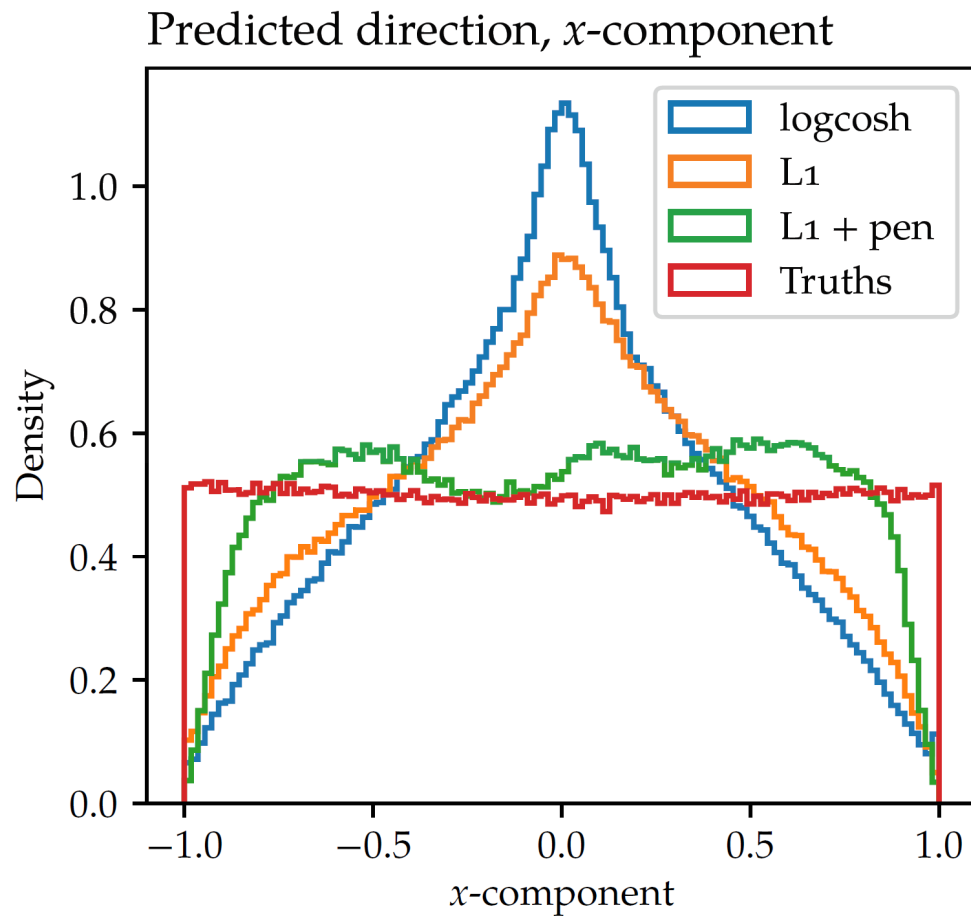
# Permutation Feature Importance



# Classification - comparison



# Direction unit vector distributions



# Logarithmic vs Relative error

