

# Using Graph Neural Networks, for Cosmic-Ray Composition Analysis at IceCube Observatory



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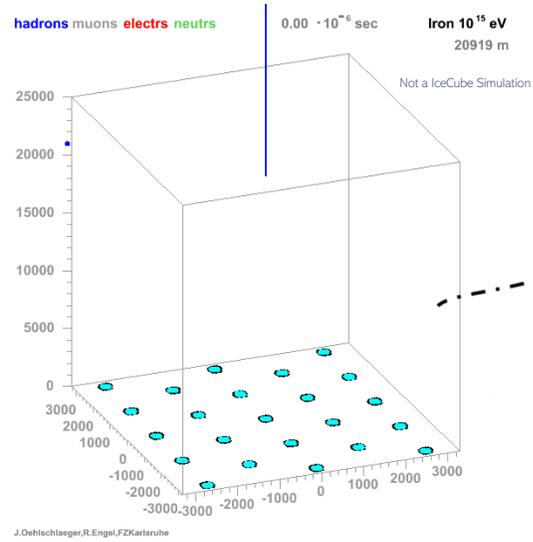




# Talk Outline

- Introduction
  - CRays at IceCube
  - Previous Composition Analysis at IceCube
- New Composition Parameters
  - Muon-Spread Dependent Parameters
  - Muon Number Dependent Parameter
  - Muon Energy-Deposit Dependent Parameters
- Graph Neural Networks
  - Message Passing in GNNs
  - Improving Previous Architecture

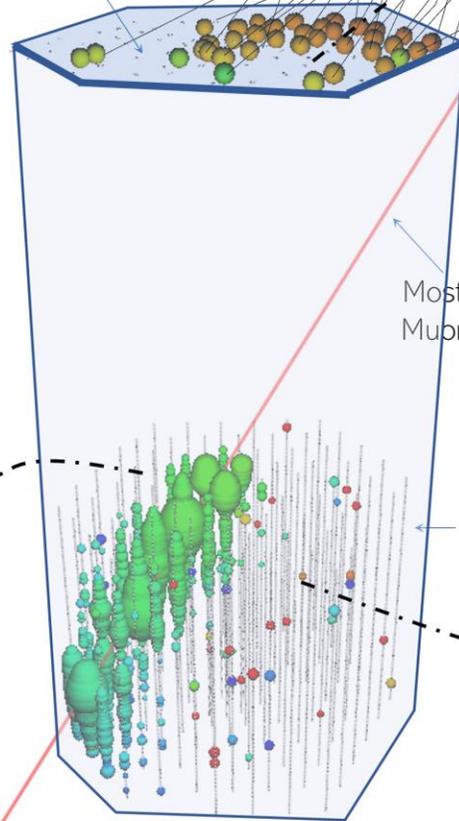
# CR Analysis @ IceCube



Air Shower

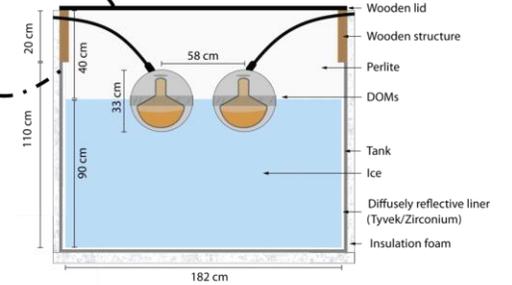


IceTop Array



Mostly Muons

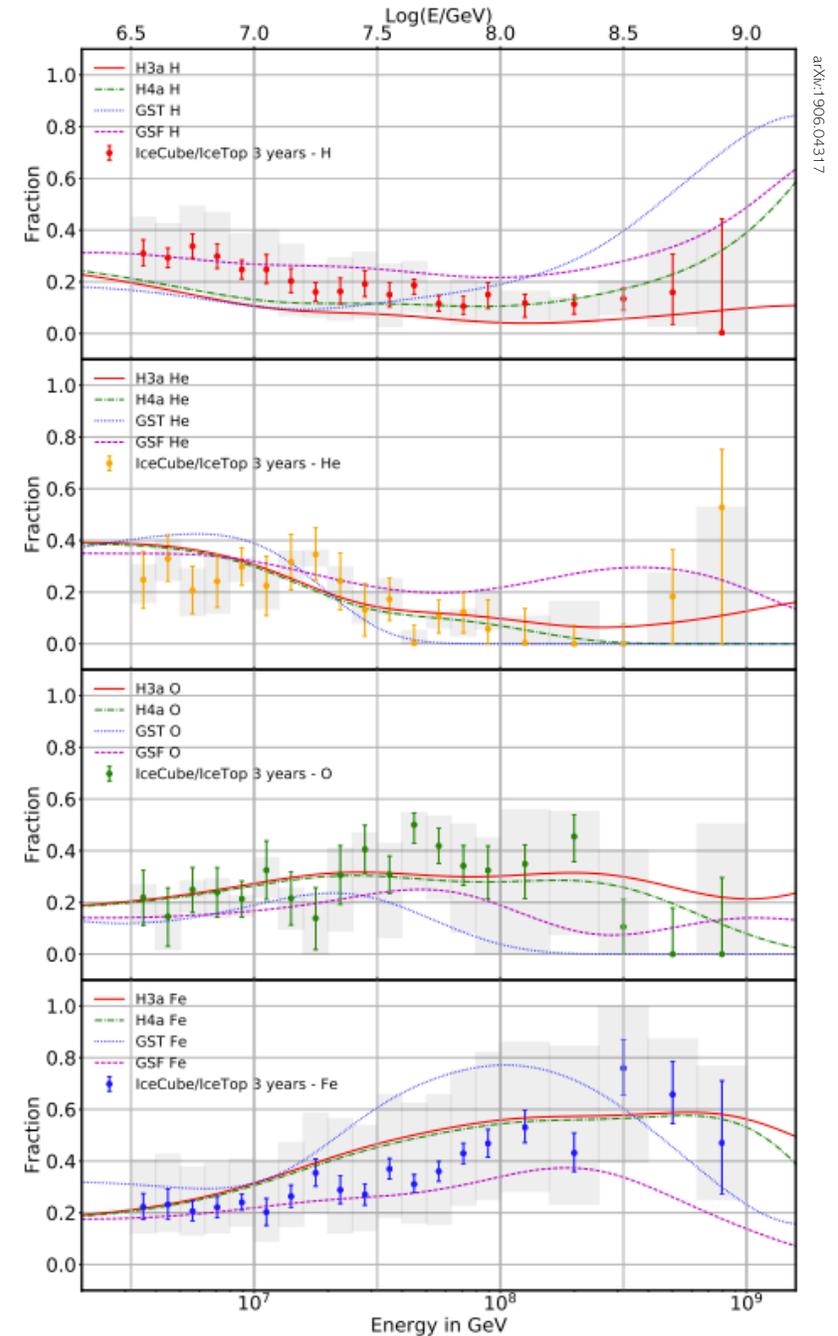
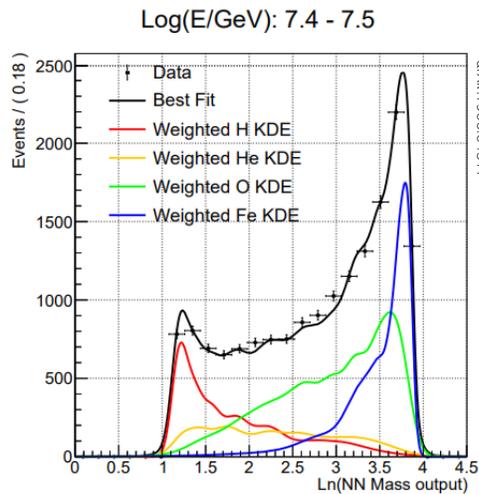
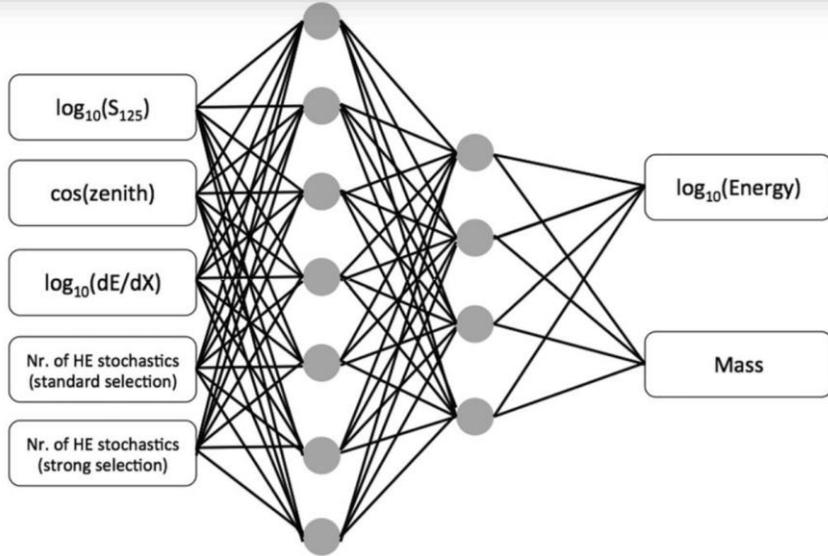
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# Previous Work

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





## Scope for Improvement

- Focus only on per-event based composition analysis
- Invent newer composition-sensitive parameters
  - Focus on in-ice deposit (primarily muon-deposit)
- Use and Improve SOTA Deep Learning Methods for composition-analysis
  - Use full in-ice footprint for composition analysis

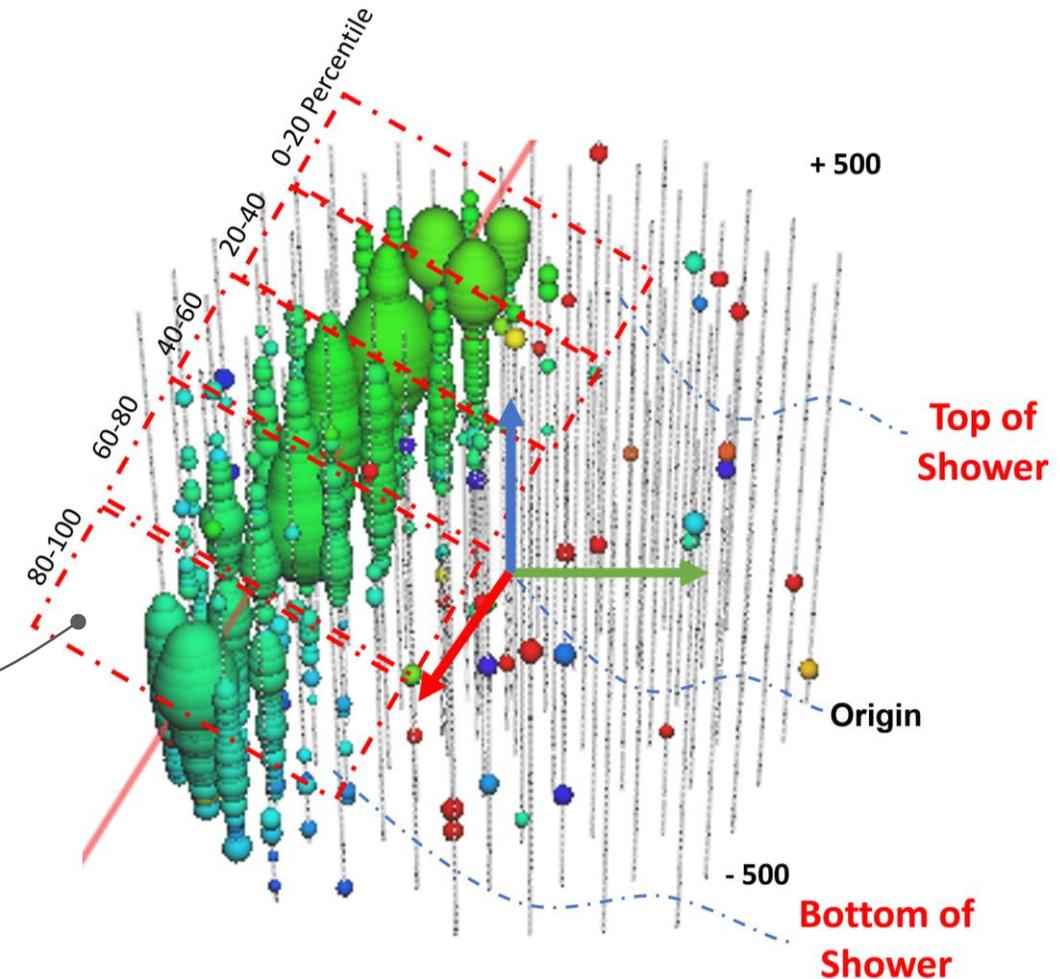
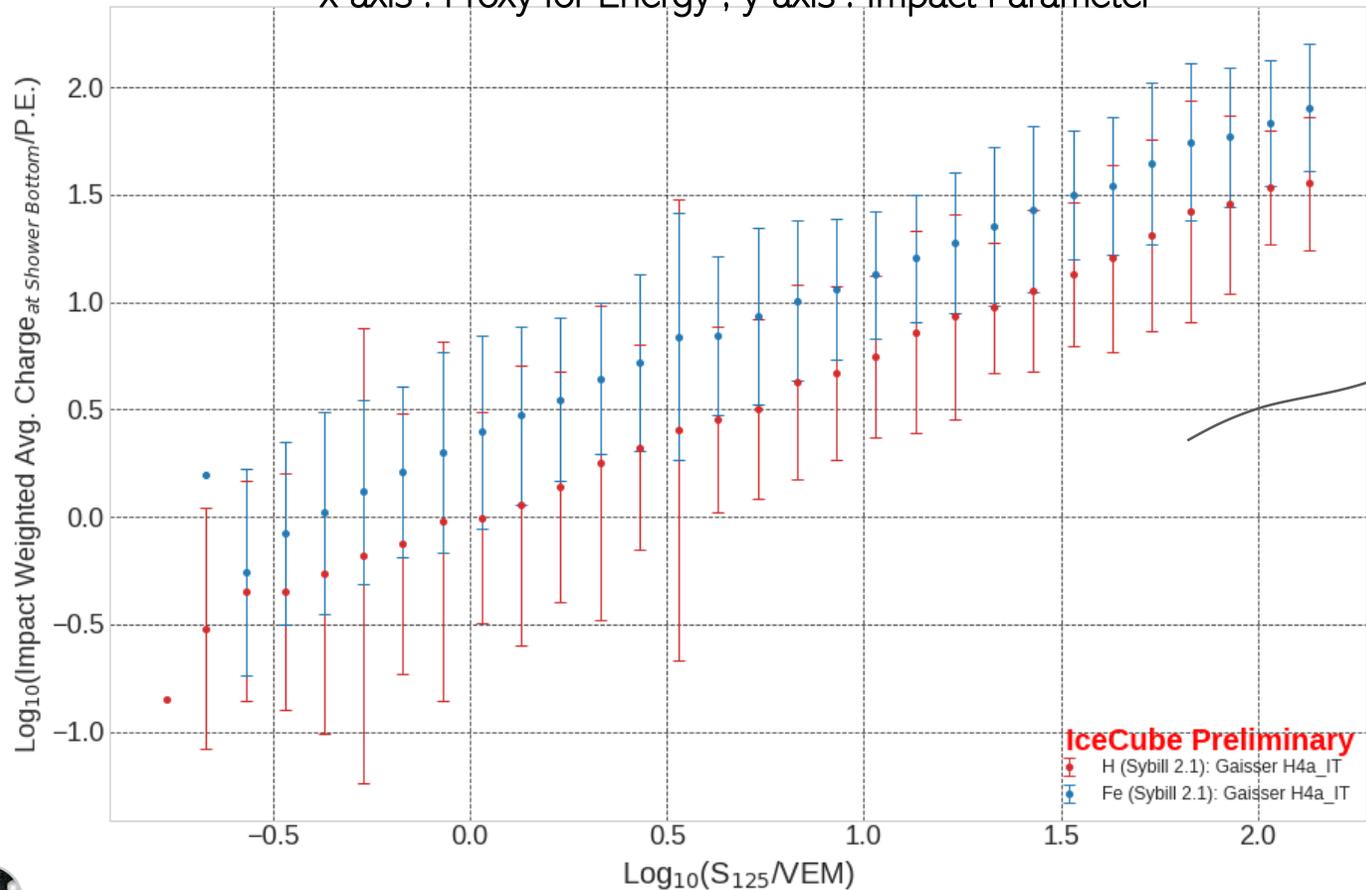


# New Composition Parameters

Impact Weighted Charge = 
$$\frac{\sum_i Charge_i * r_i}{\sum r_i}$$

- Help understand shower attenuation in-ice and a dynamic parameter
- Possibly help in understanding photon propagation in-ice
  - Ongoing work
- Good Separation Between Primaries

x-axis : Proxy for Energy ; y-axis : Impact Parameter

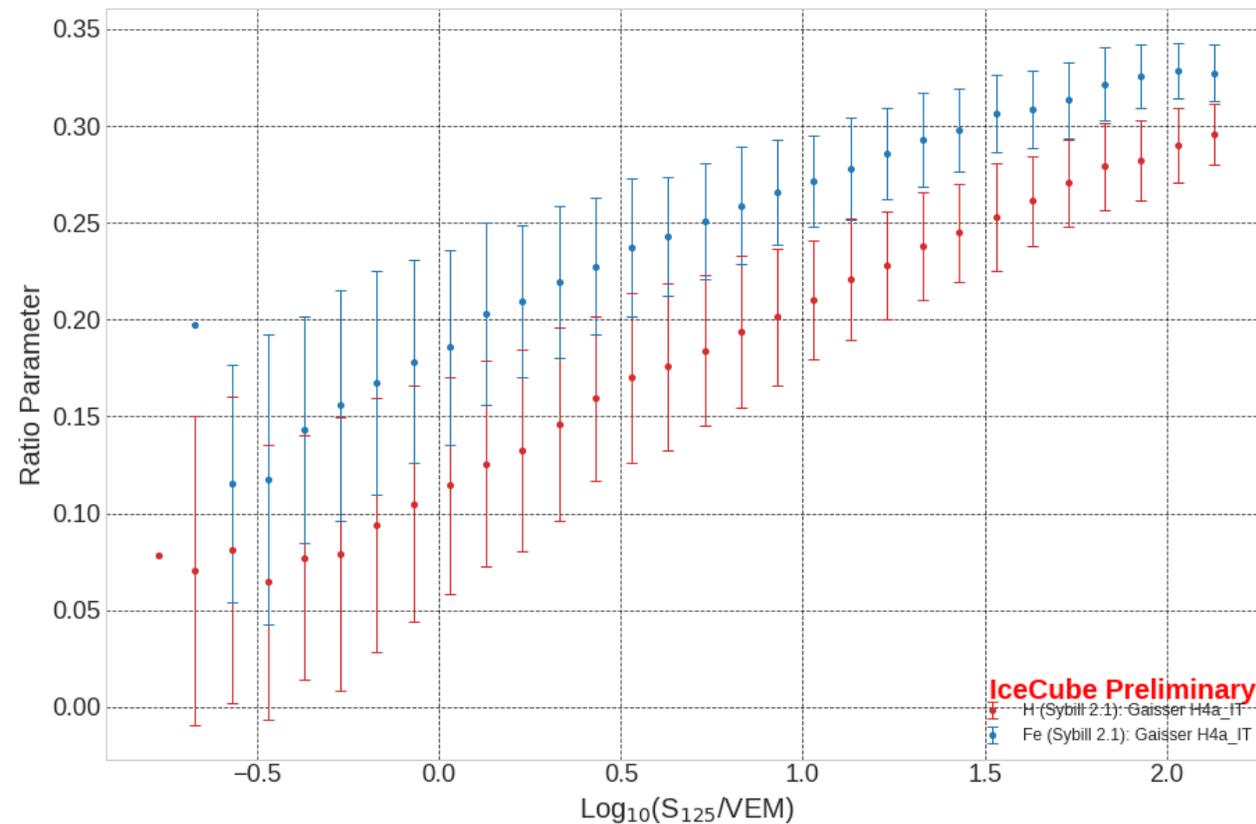


# New Composition Parameters

Muons are the most promising candidates for cosmic-ray composition analysis

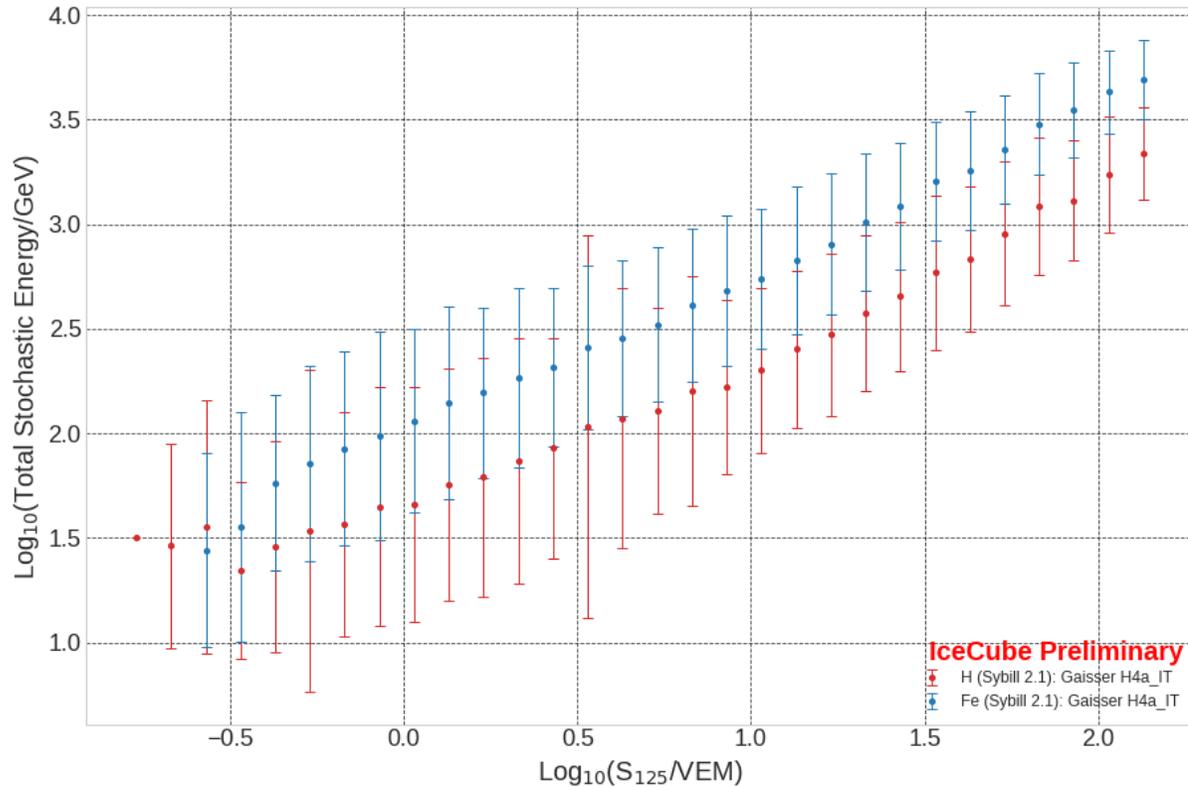
## Ratio-Parameter

- Uses IceTop and In-Ice info.
- Proxy for muon-to-electron number ratio
  - Motivated by work of KASCADE-Grande ([arXiv:1306.6283](https://arxiv.org/abs/1306.6283))



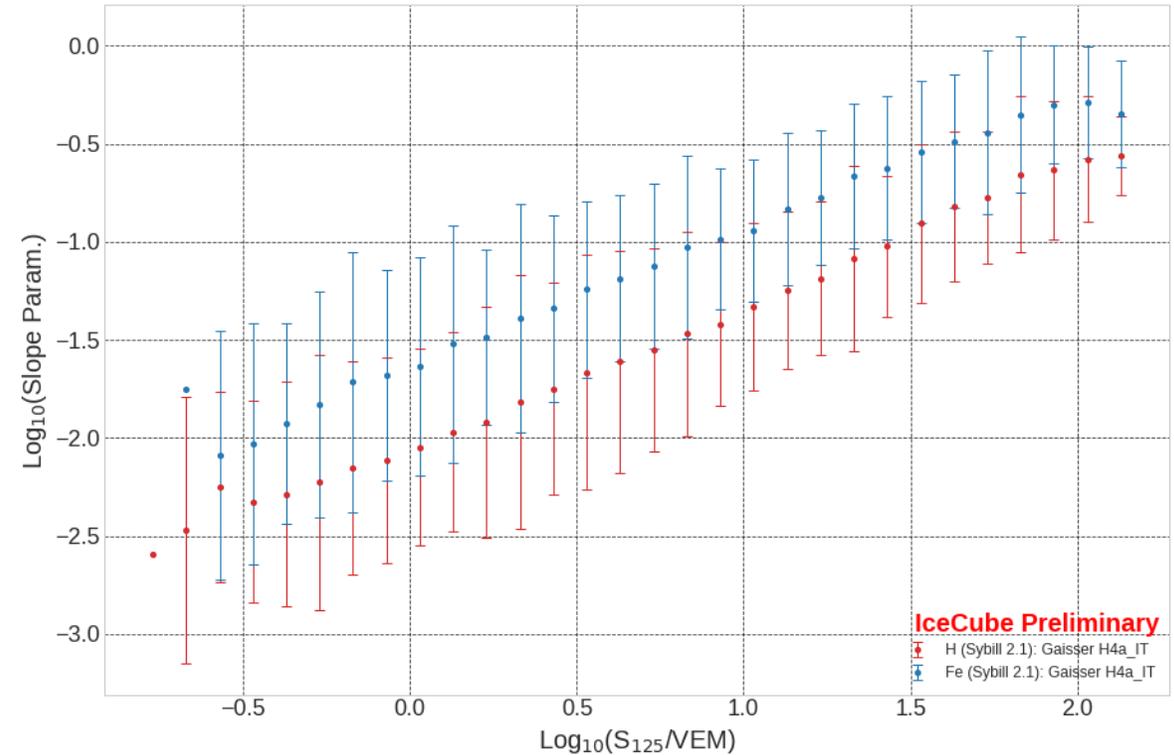
# Total Stochastic Energy

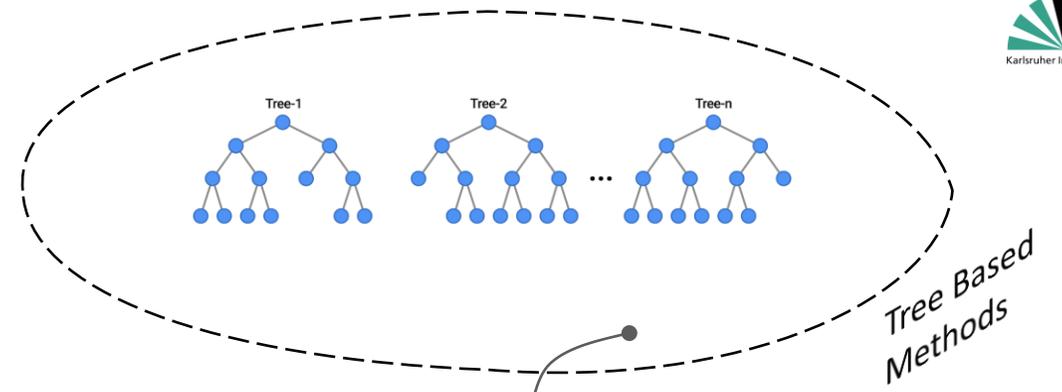
- Uses In-Ice info.
- Captures local stochastic-deposits in-ice, primarily by muons.
- Good separation between primaries



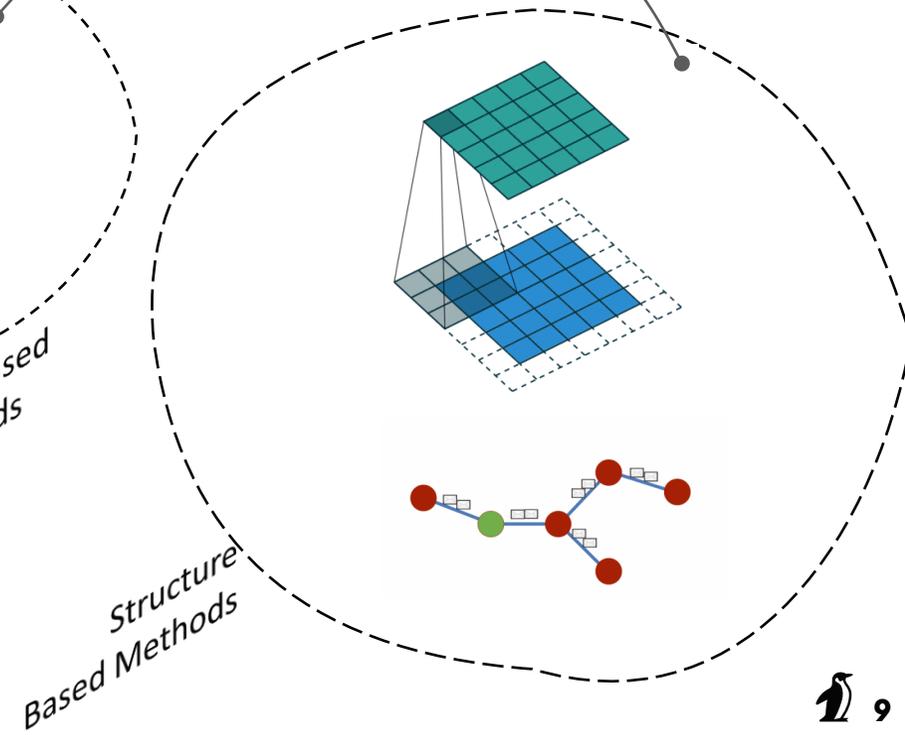
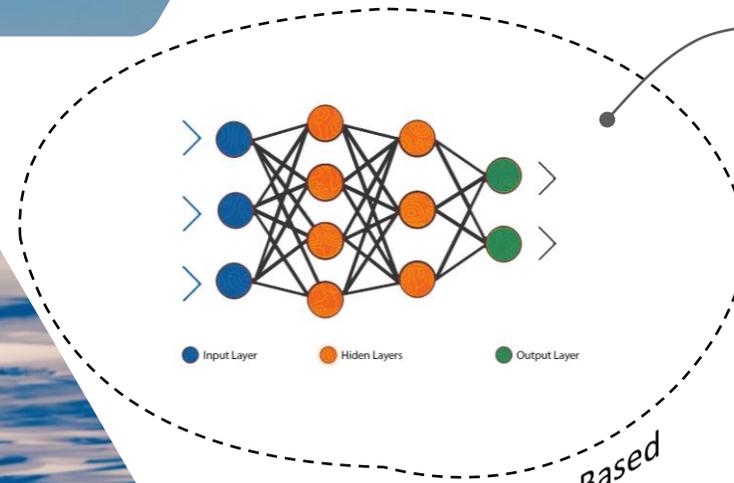
# Slope-Parameter

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





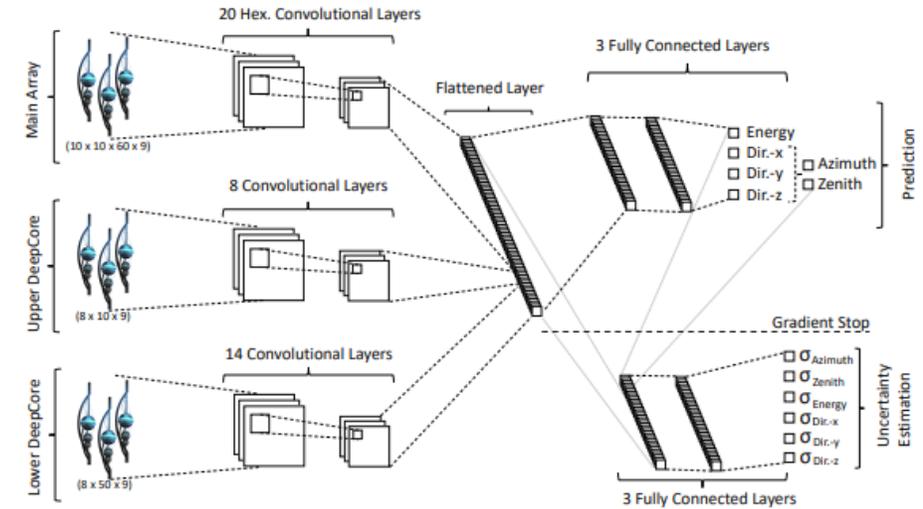
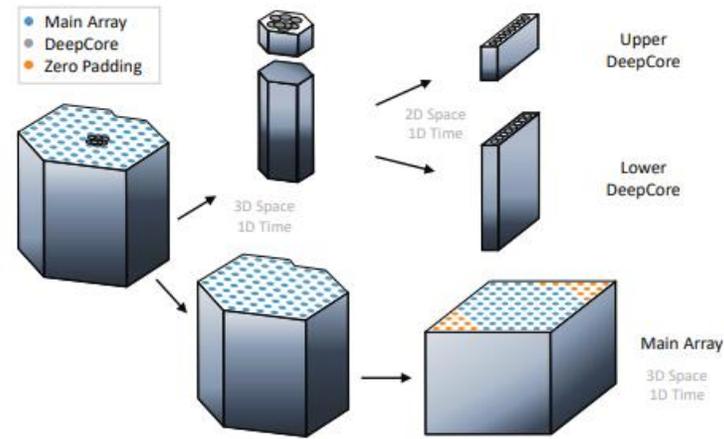
# Improving ML Method



# Using In-Ice Signal Footprint

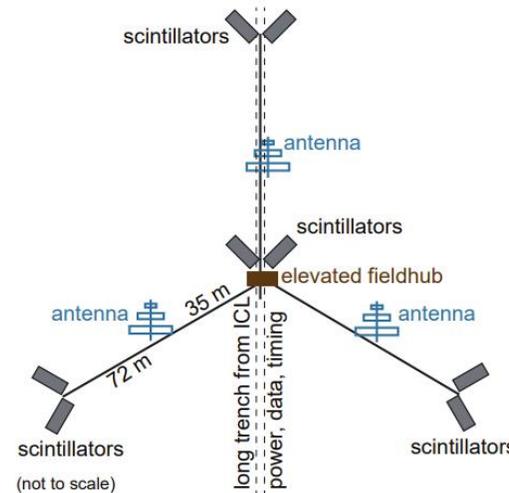
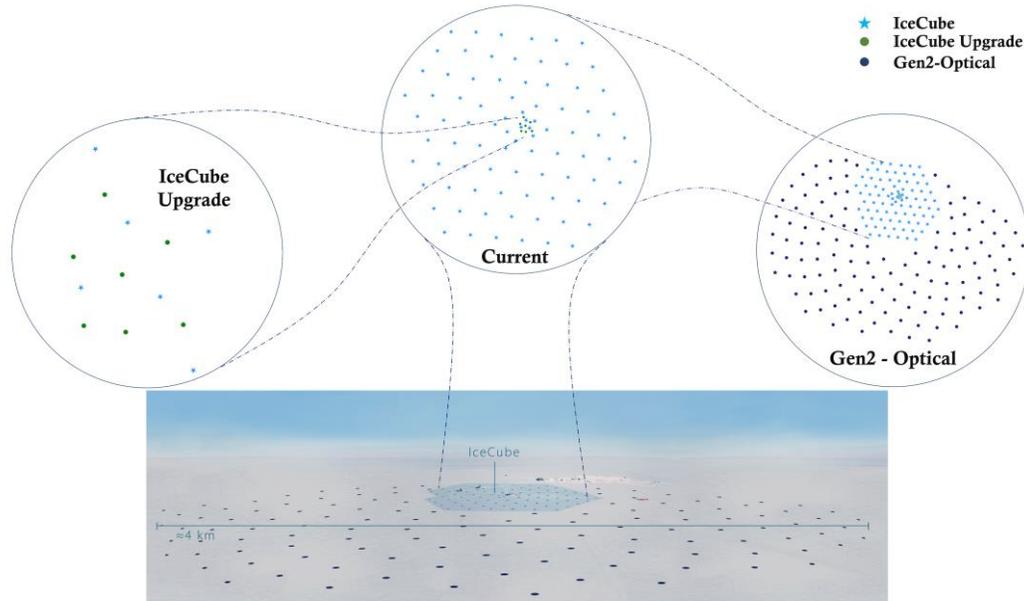
## Current Implementation at IceCube

Credits: M. Huennefeld ([arXiv:2101.11589](https://arxiv.org/abs/2101.11589))



## Moving Away from CNNs

Credits: IceCube-Gen2 ([arXiv:2008.04323](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.04323))



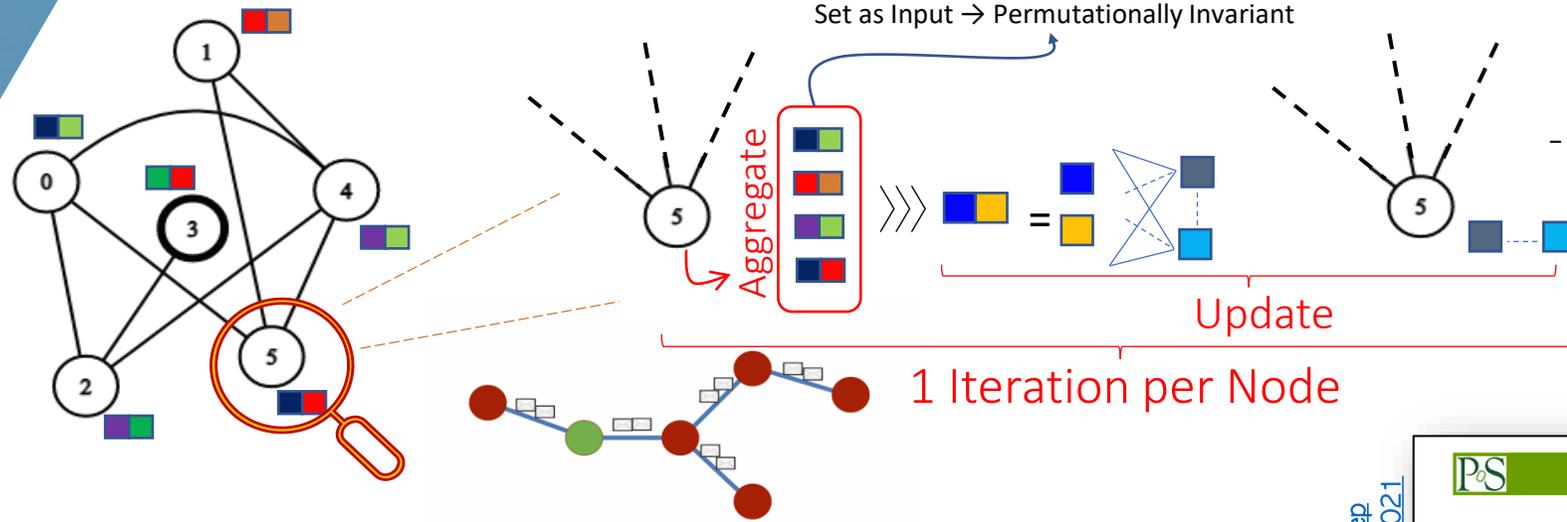
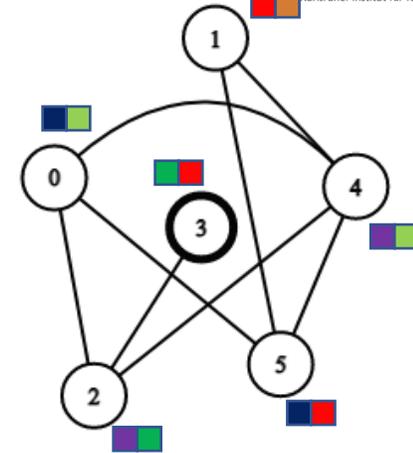
# Learning on Graphs

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

$$G = (V, E)$$

- Neighborhood and Connectivity & permutational invariance of Node Labelling

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



- Other Attributes
- Node Features
- Edge Features

## Other Material

- [paraskoundal.com/dlcp21](http://paraskoundal.com/dlcp21)
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5th International Workshop on Deep Learning in Computational Physics, 2021

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**Graph Neural Networks and Application for Cosmic-Ray Analysis**

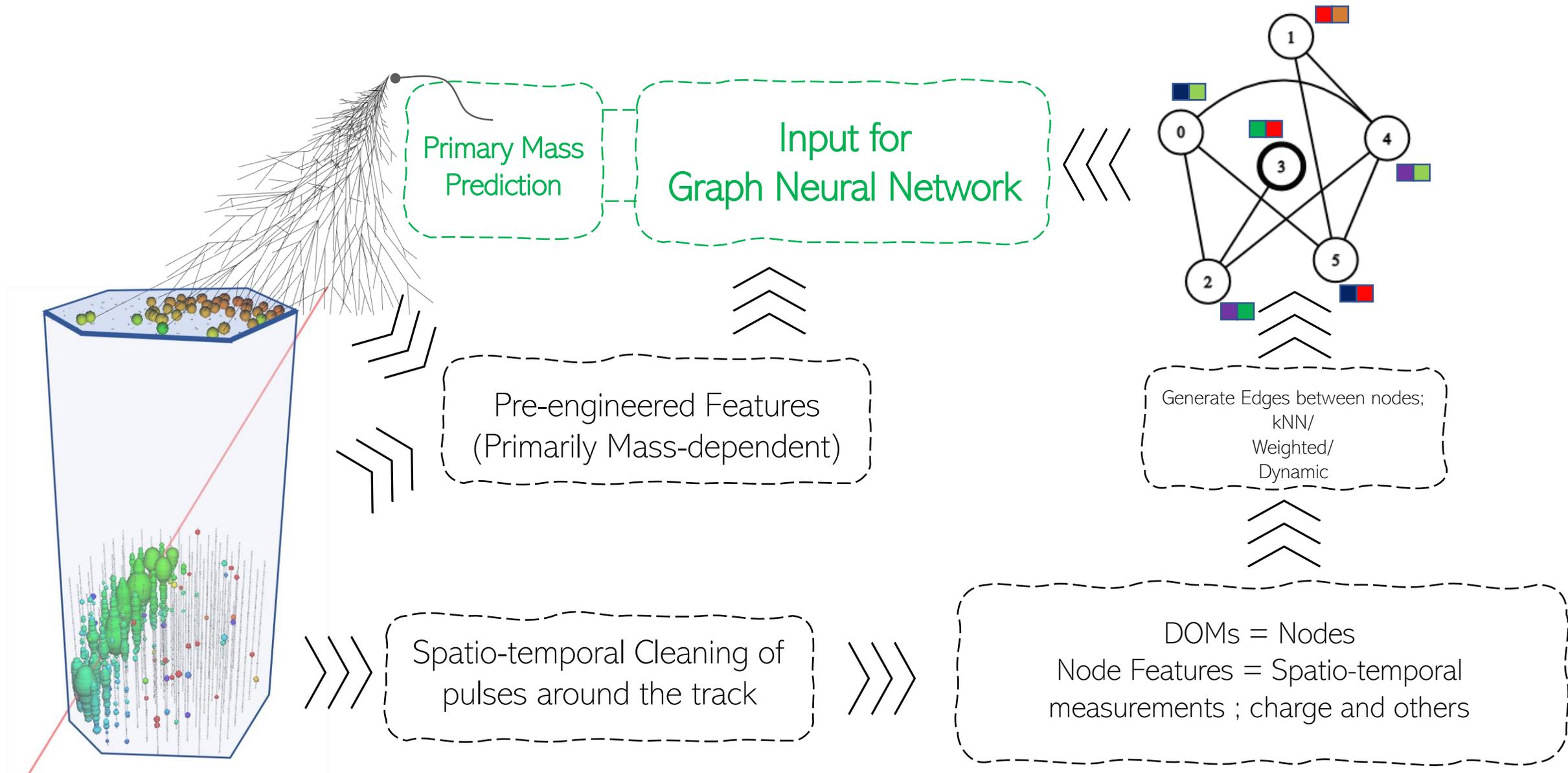
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Deep Learning has emerged as one of the most promising areas of computational research for pattern learning, inference drawing, and decision-making, with wide-ranging applications across various scientific disciplines. This has also made it possible for faster and more precise analysis in astroparticle physics, enabling new insights from massive volumes of input data. Graph Neural Networks have materialized as a salient implementation method among the numerous deep-learning architectures over the last few years because of the unique ability to represent complex input data from a wide range of problems in its most natural form. Described using nodes and edges, graphs allow us to efficiently represent relational data and learn hidden representations of input data to obtain better model accuracy. At IceCube Neutrino Observatory, a complex multi-component detector, traditional likelihood-based analysis on a per-event basis, to reconstruct cosmic-ray air shower parameters is time-consuming and computationally costly. Using advanced and flexible models based on Graph Neural Networks naturally emerges as a possible solution, reducing the time and computing cost for performing such analysis while boosting sensitivity. This paper will outline Graph Neural Networks and discuss a possible application of using such methods at the IceCube Neutrino Observatory.



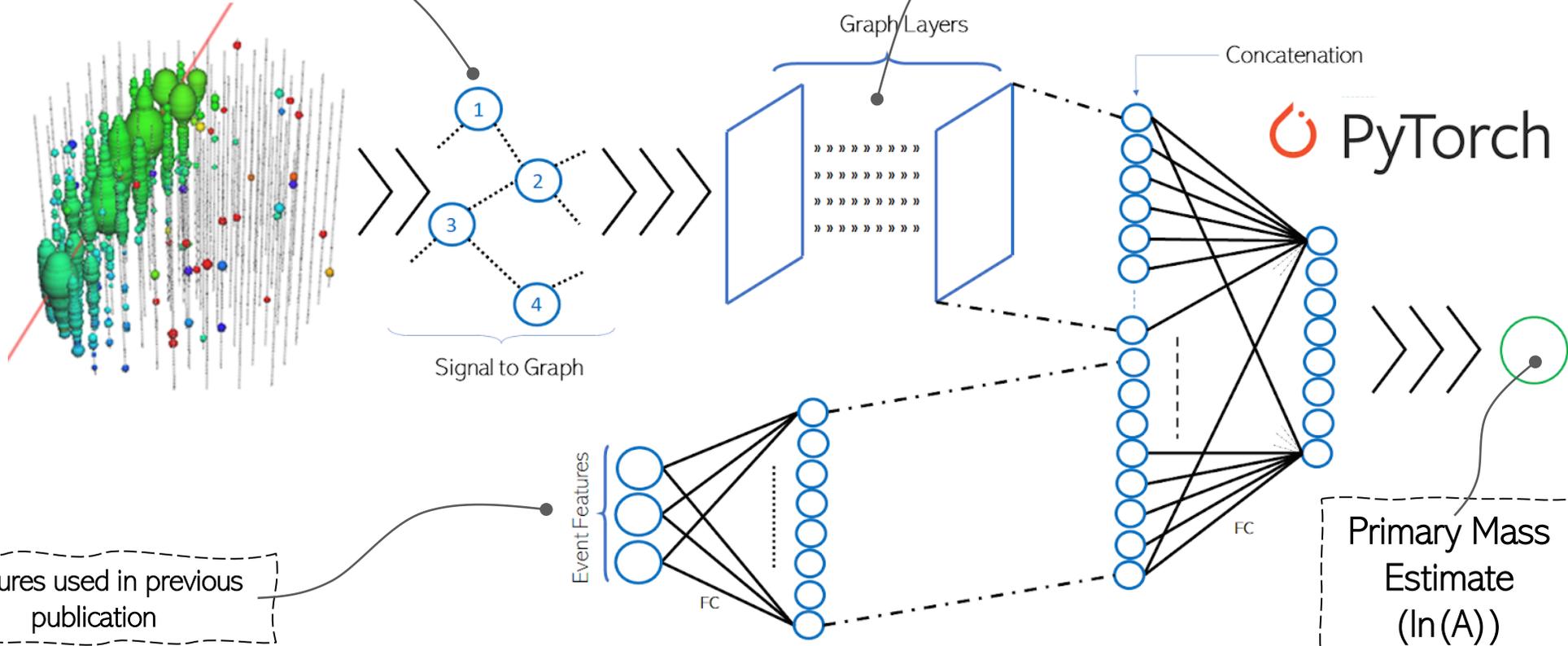
# Previous Results @ ICRC, 2021

**Nodes** = Spatio-temporal and Charge Features

**Edges** = Each node connected to each other, weighted by Gaussian-kernel with learnable width

**Simple Graph Aggregation:**  
Weighted Mean of neighbors

- Ignored True-Composition Spectrum:
  - Simulations follow approximately  $E^{-1}$  power law. However, real spectrum decays much faster. Moreover, we already have some prior knowledge about variation of composition with energy.
  - Equal number of elements were taken (for work in next slides too) - Focus is to improve per-event based composition estimate.



Features used in previous publication

Primary Mass Estimate  
 $\ln(A)$



# Previous Results @ ICRC, 2021



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 ONLINE ICRC 2021  
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## Study of Mass Composition of Cosmic Rays with IceTop and IceCube

### The IceCube Collaboration

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The IceCube Neutrino Observatory is a multi-component detector at the South Pole which detects high-energy particles emerging from astrophysical events. These particles provide us with insights into the fundamental properties and behaviour of their sources. Besides its principal usage and merits in neutrino astronomy, using IceCube in conjunction with its surface array, IceTop, also makes it a unique three-dimensional cosmic-ray detector. This distinctive feature helps facilitate detailed cosmic-ray analysis in the transition region from galactic to extragalactic sources. We will present the progress made on multiple fronts to establish a framework for mass-estimation of primary cosmic rays. The first technique relies on a likelihood-based analysis of the surface signal distribution and improves upon the standard reconstruction technique. The second uses advanced methods in graph neural networks to use the full in-ice shower footprint, in addition to global shower-footprint features from IceTop. A comparison between the two methods for composition analysis as well as a possible extension of the analysis techniques for sub-PeV cosmic-ray air-showers will also be discussed.

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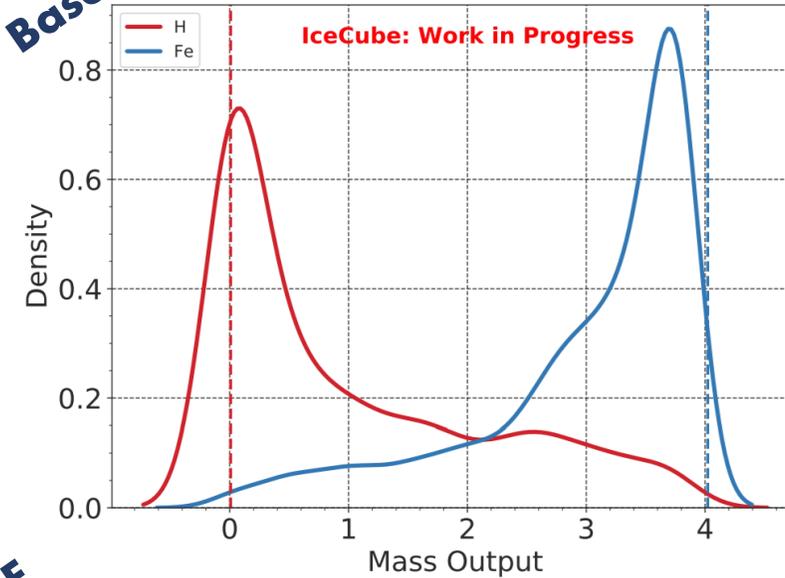
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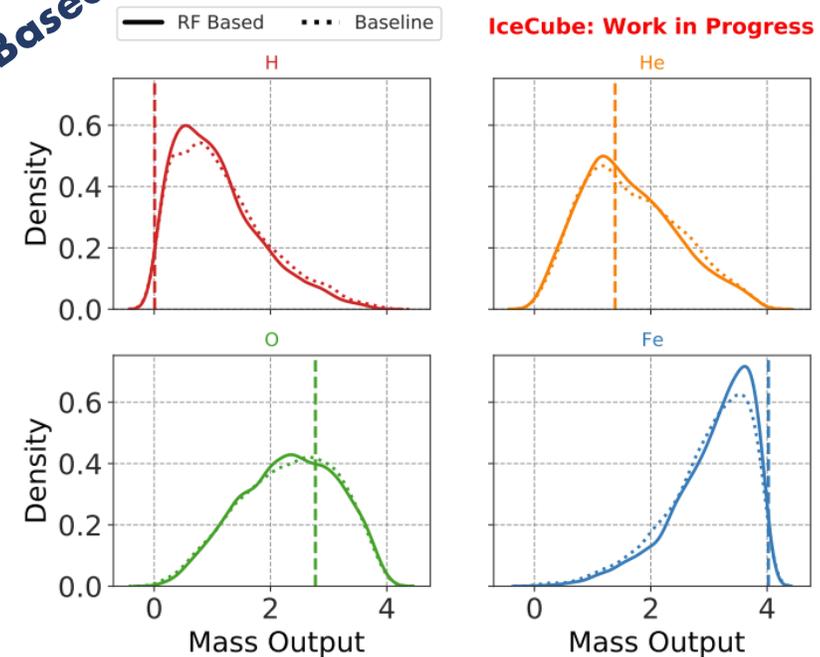
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GNN  
Based



RF  
Based





# Issues Resolved with Previous Work

- **Minor Issues Resolved**
  - Adding More Mass-Dependent Features
  - Correcting Feature normalizations
- **Inherently introduced simplification for training – Using PyTorch**
  - Batch Size (subset of training data) = 1 graph
    - For Better Generalization: BS (not too big , not too small)
- **Graph architecture was over-simplified**
  - Number of nodes were made equal
    - **Now:** Flexibility of choice.
  - Message aggregate and update in graph was over-simplistic → Generalized to implement any architecture
    - **Now:** k-nn connection (can choose between based on feature-vector or spatial coordinates)
  - For global-aggregation: Flattened-mean was used
    - **Now:** Implement any SOTA global-aggregation

## Major Update

- Global Features also included in graph message-passing framework
  - Global attributes are same features shared over all nodes
- **Small Dataset**
  - CR-MC Simulations are limited.
    - Simulations are costly.
  - **Working Solution for increasing dataset size:** Randomly drop (.1% % & .2% ) in-ice DOMs to increase data 5-fold
    - **Speculation** - Our in-ice track and energy reconstructions are resilient to these changes : Will be tested in future
    - **Food for Thought** – Change introducing hadronic-interaction model dependence.



# Major Update

Date of Publication: 18 June 2021

## Hierarchical Multi-View Graph Pooling with Structure Learning

Zhen Zhang, Jiajun Bu\*, Member, IEEE, Martin Ester, Senior Member, IEEE, Jianfeng Zhang, Zhao Li\*, Chengwei Yao, Huifen Dai, Zhi Yu, Can Wang, Member, IEEE

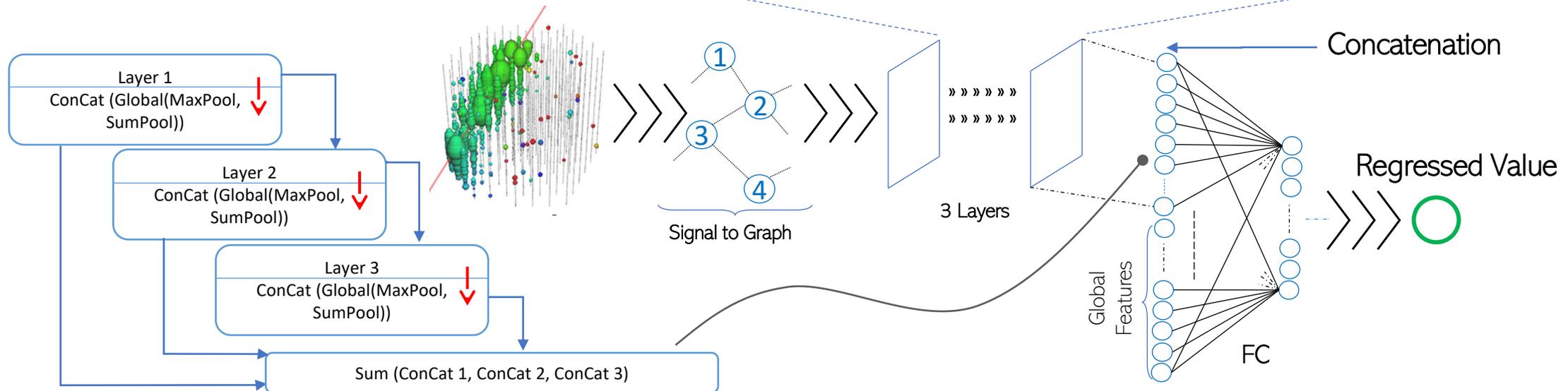
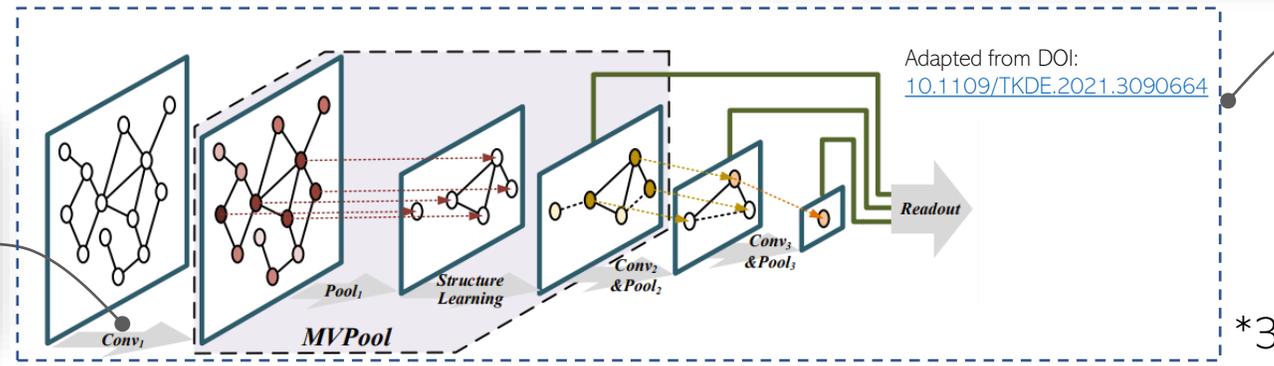
- New Graph Message-Passing framework
  - Adapted from the work **“Hierarchical Multi-View Graph Pooling with Structure Learning”**
    - Improvement in Graph pooling (or downsampling) to learn hierarchical representations
    - Attention mechanism utilized to generate robust node ranks.
    - Preserve the underlying graph topological information, using a structure learning mechanism.

Date of Publication: 22 Feb 2017

### SEMI-SUPERVISED CLASSIFICATION WITH GRAPH CONVOLUTIONAL NETWORKS

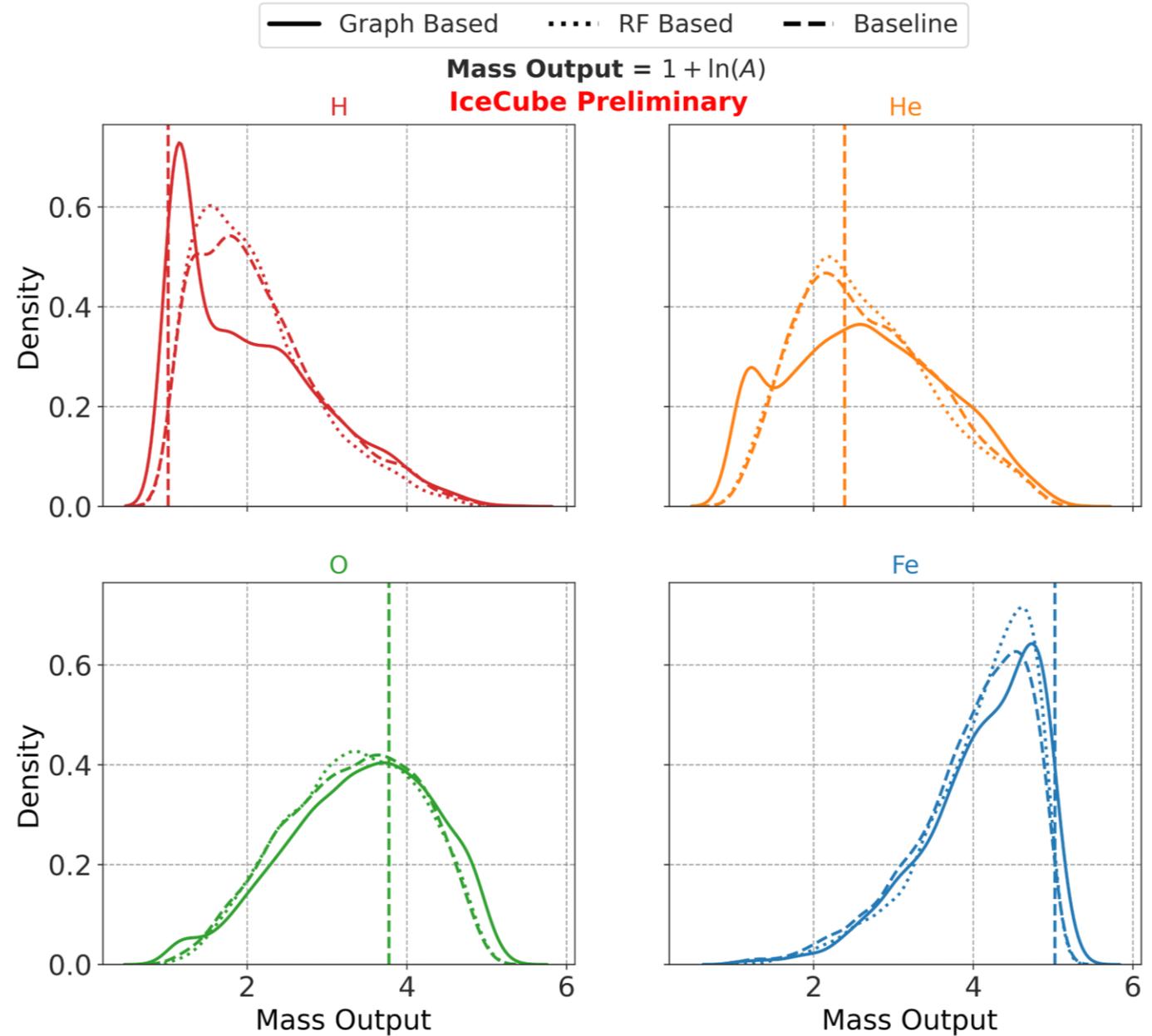
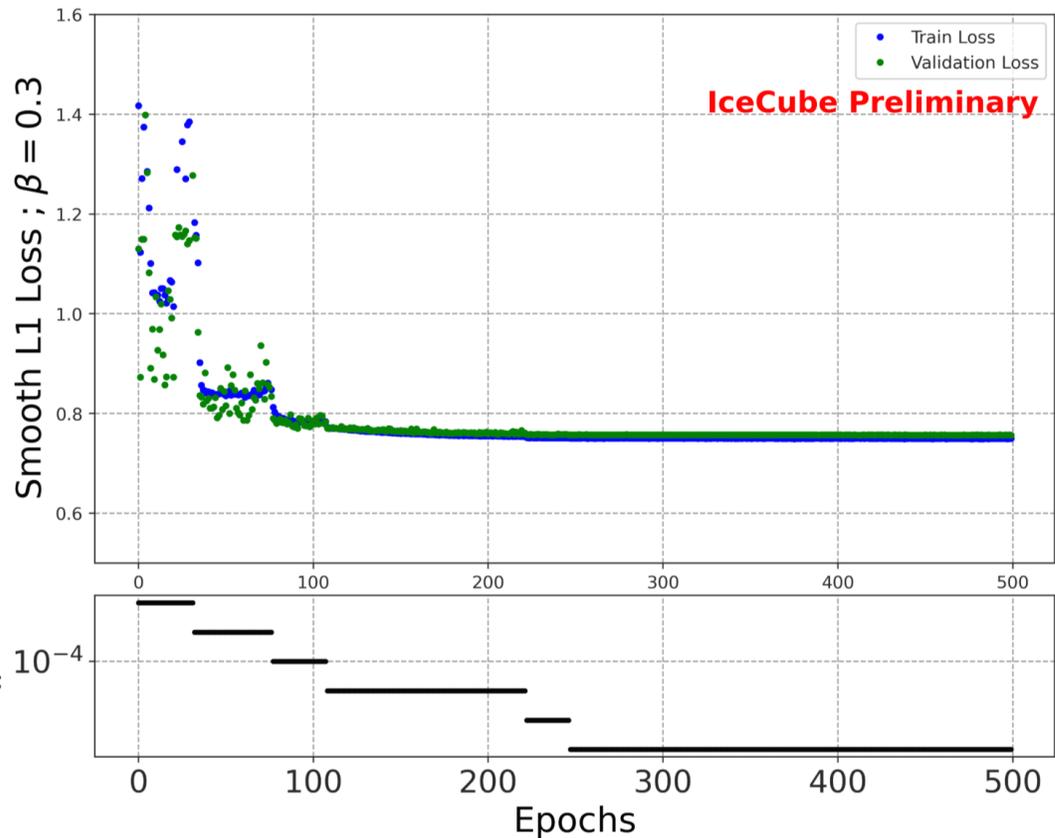
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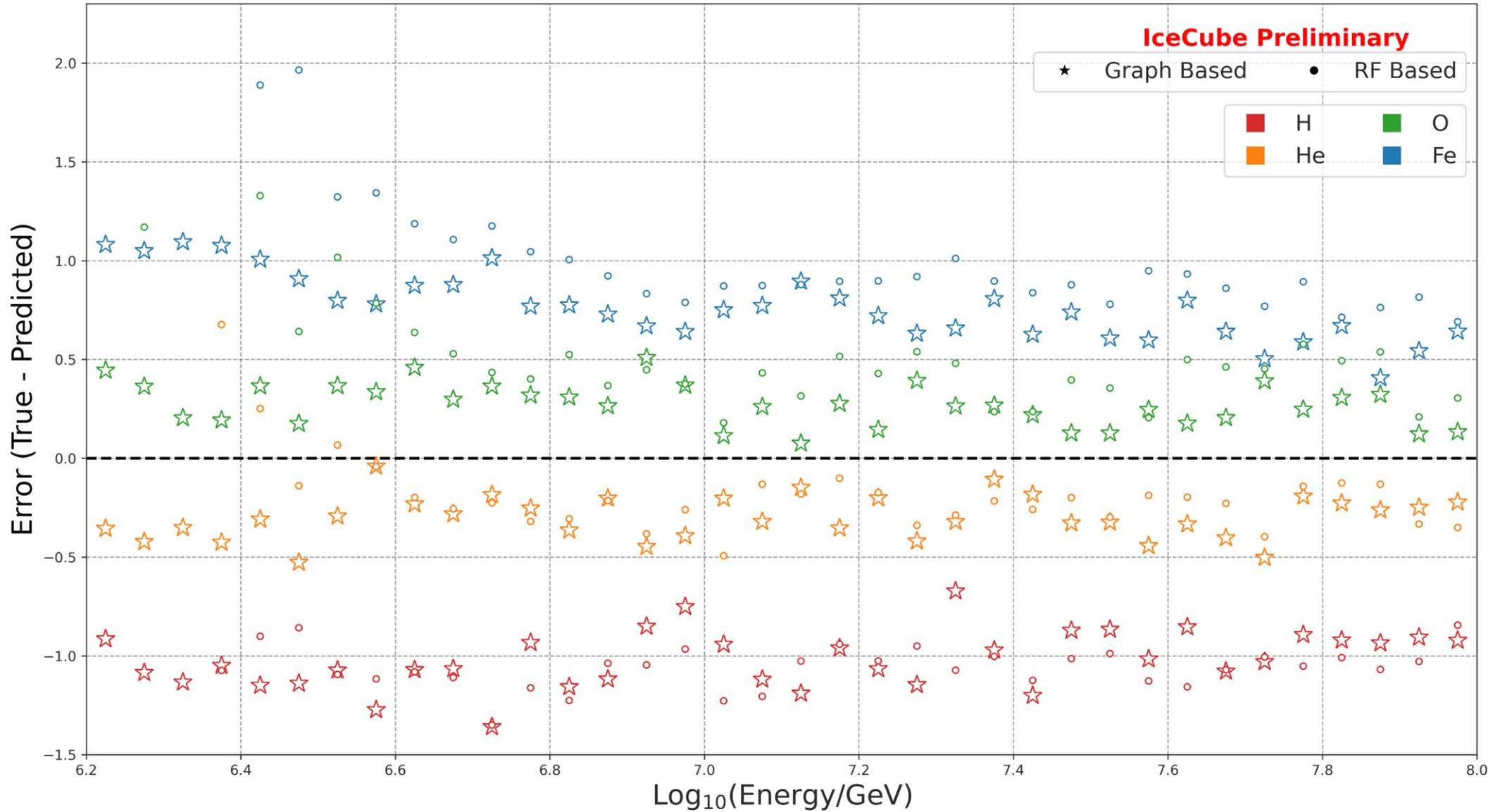


# Results

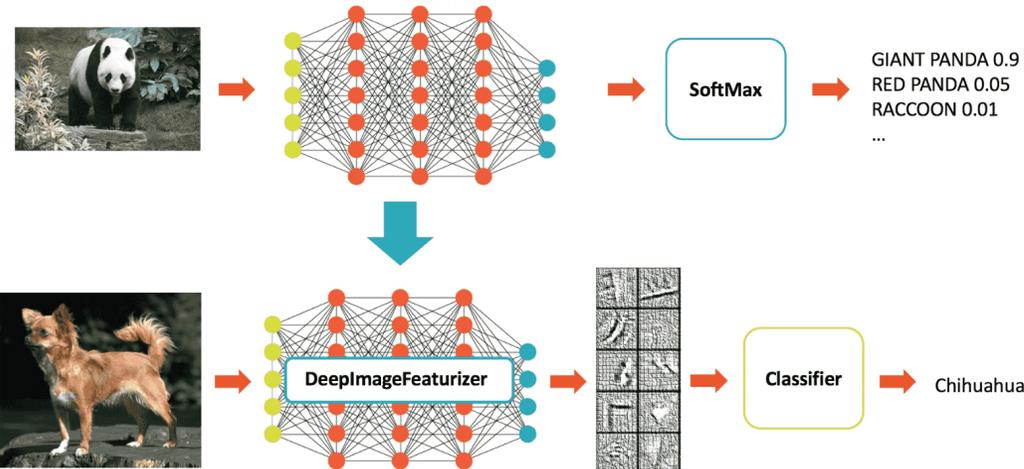
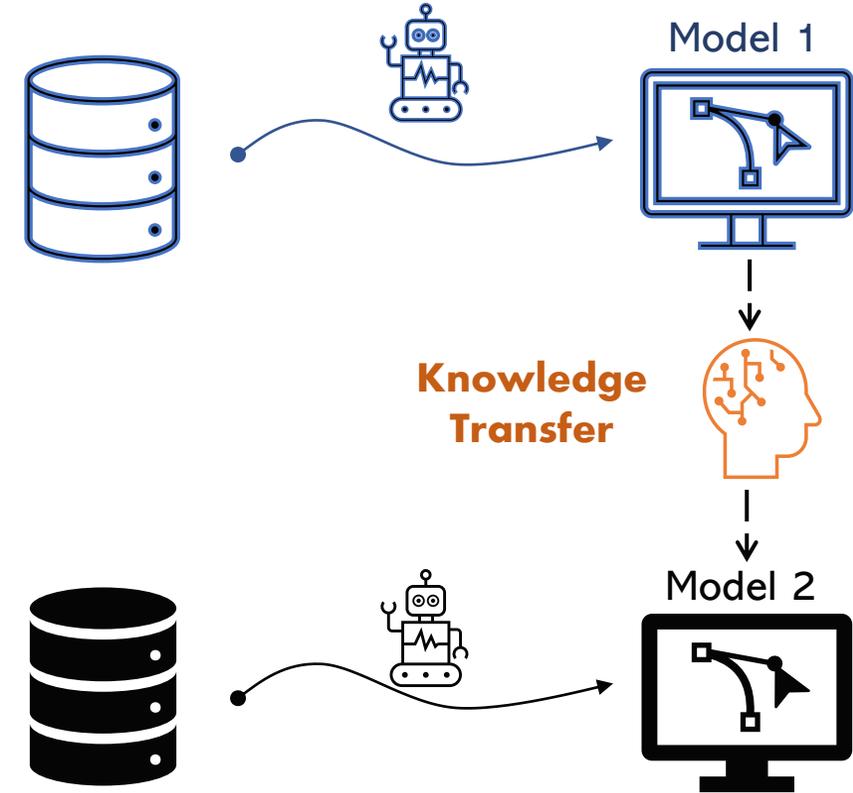
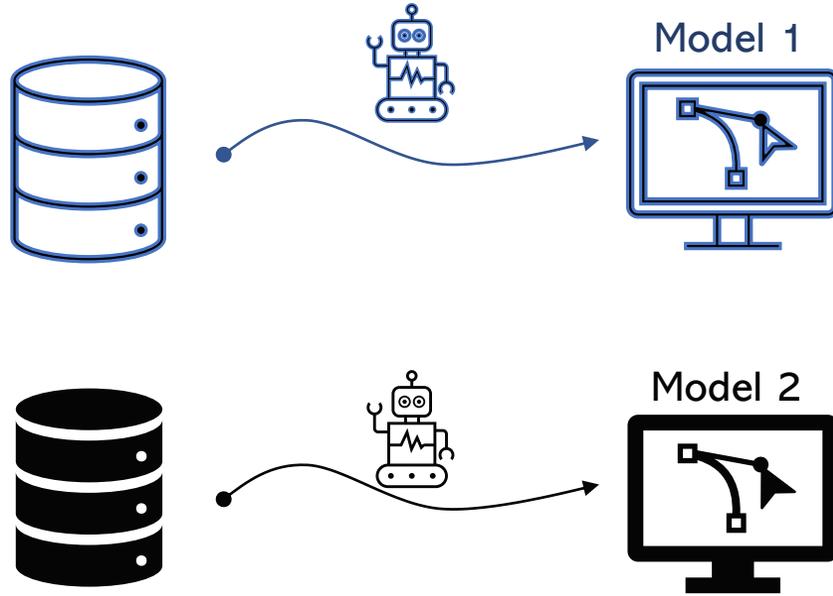
- Target Variable:  $1 + \ln(A)$
- Major Improvements for all Primary Types
  - Maximum at True value
  - Shift towards lighter elements for H and He
  - Shift towards heavier for O and Fe
- Loss:
  - Adaptive Learning rate
  - Very Gradual decrease in error
  - No-overfitting most of the times



# Prediction Error : Binned over Energy

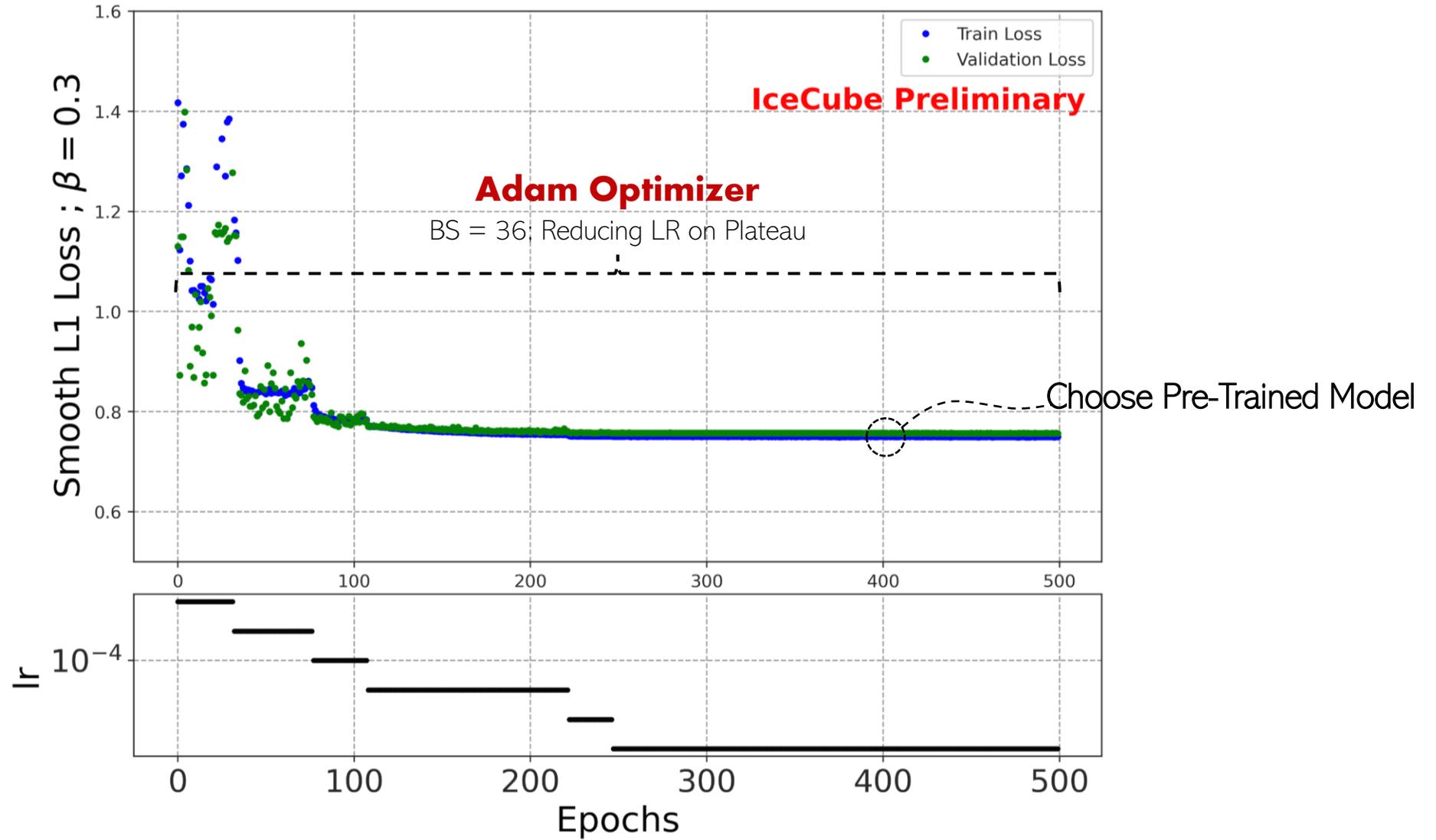


### Traditional Machine Learning



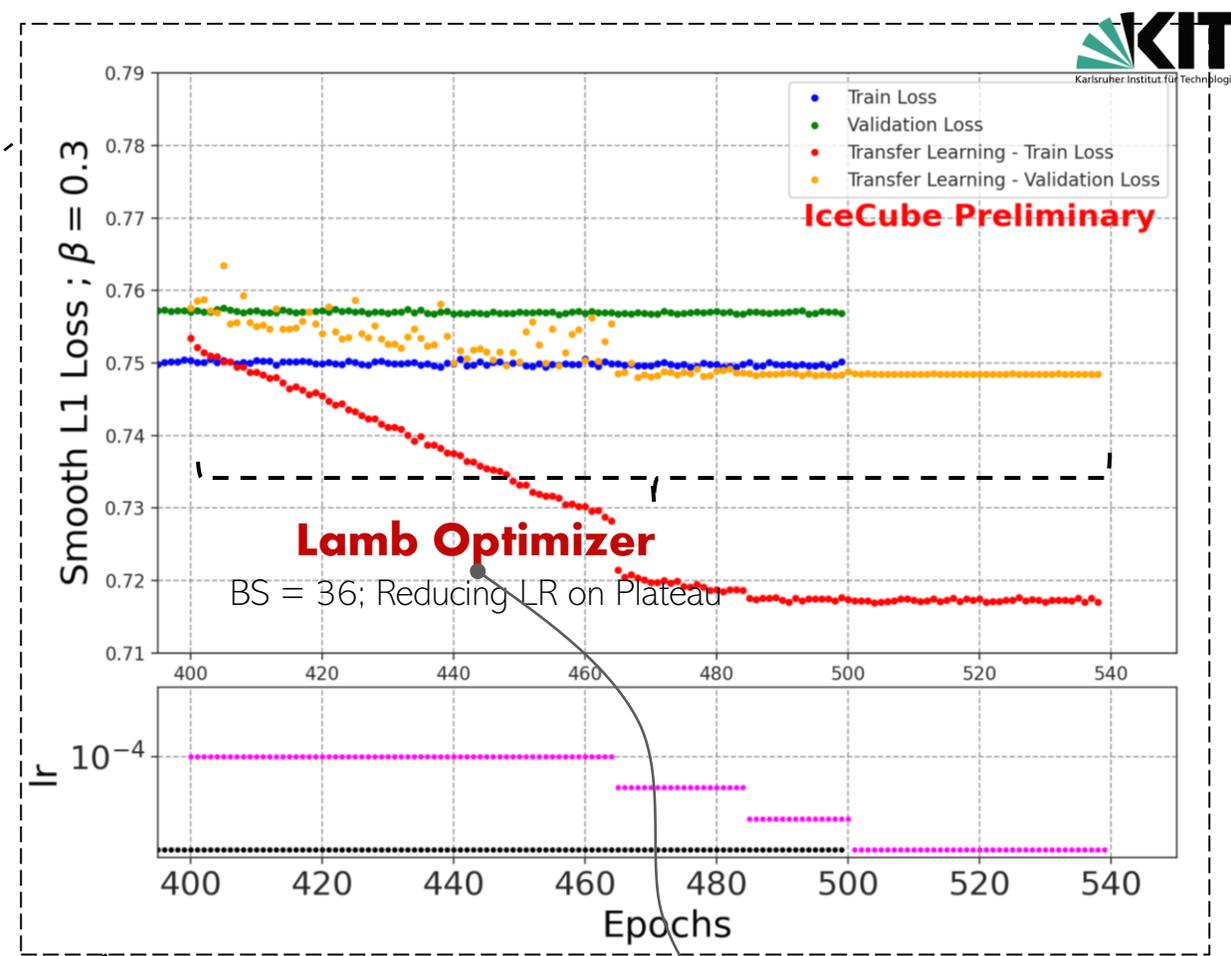
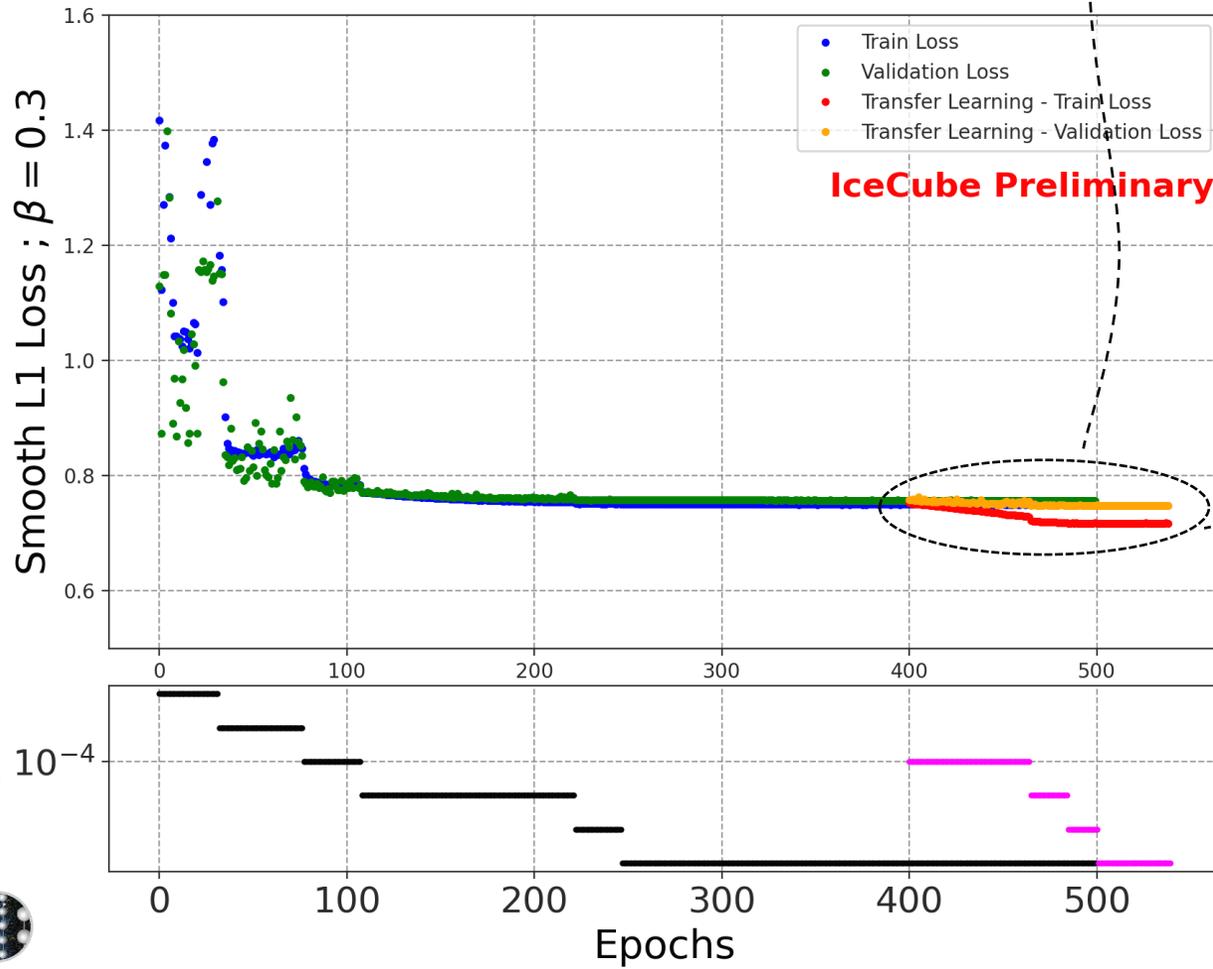
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# Transfer Learning @ IceCube



# Transfer Learning @ IceCube

- The validation loss of the finetuned transferred-learned model is already lower than the training loss of the previous model. Hopefully, improvement if future.
- Caution: Do, I see signs of overfitting



Date of Publication: 3 Jan 2020

## LARGE BATCH OPTIMIZATION FOR DEEP LEARNING: TRAINING BERT IN 76 MINUTES

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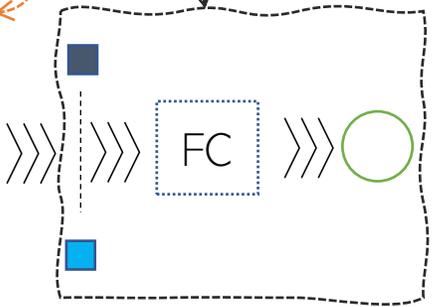
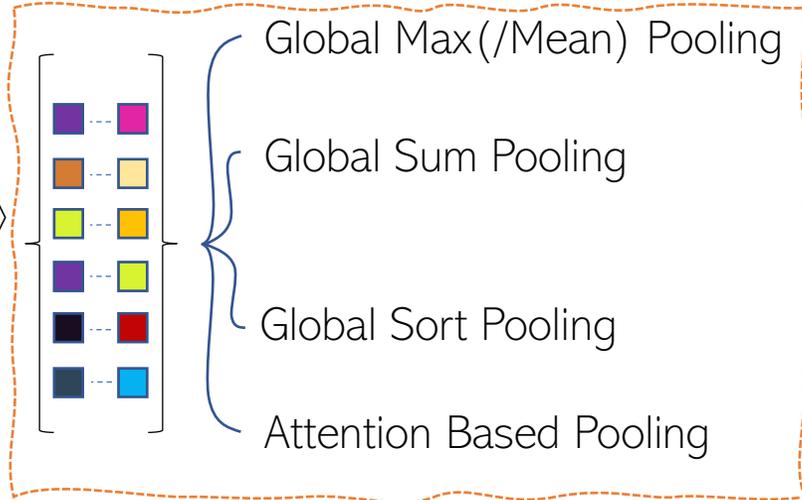
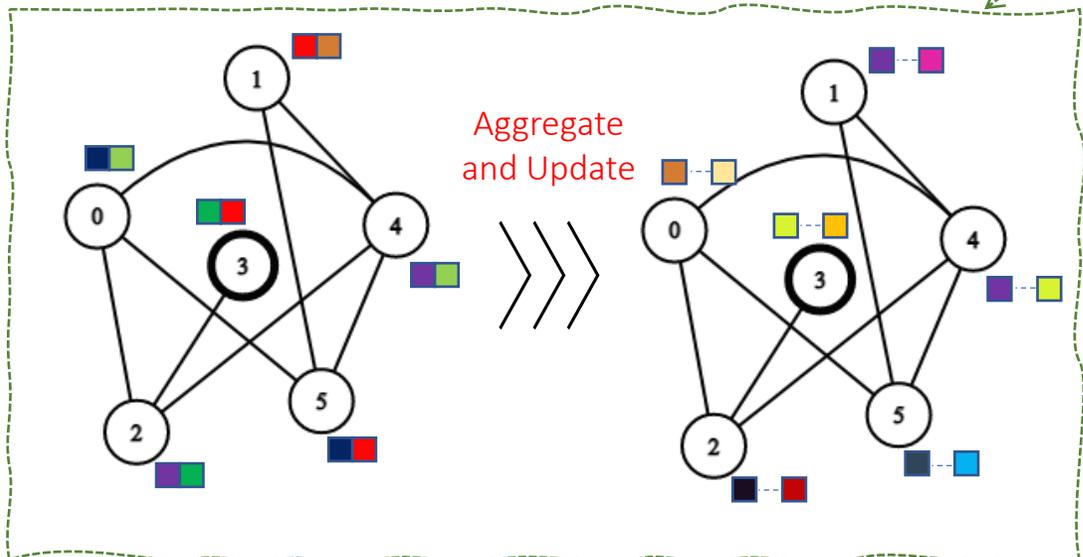
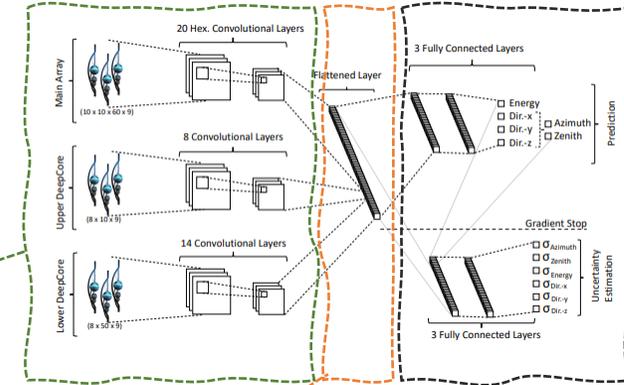
Yang You was a student researcher at Google Brain. This project was done when he was at Google Brain.

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# Graph Level Prediction

GNNs adapt the learning structure of MLPs as well as CNNs. The aggregate and update step of GNNs is similar to convolution layers of CNN. To make a graph-level prediction, we need to find a permutation-invariant graph-level aggregation method.



## Issues & Status of Current GNNs

- **Oversmoothing:** CNNs excel by their ability to use deeper architectures to improve accuracy. However, GNNs face with loss(or accuracy) saturation once the number of layers increase.
- Currently, the number of standard-datasets and correspondingly methods are limited in GNN.
- In most of the standard datasets, node number variation is small (not true for this analysis).

- To capture structural info, for smooth-graphs with big node number variation, clearly global max/mean pooling will not be very useful. Same for sort-pooling.
- Sum-pooling is size-dependent. However, not well suited for inverse problems.
- Attention Based Methods: Newer methods. Not very much explored.

- The input-from GNN message-passing can't be huge: Curse of dimensionality.





## Conclusion and Outlook

- New cosmic-ray composition analysis seem promising.
- Overall Improvement in Cosmic-Ray Composition using Graph Neural Network
  - Improvement over full-energy range
- Future: PointNet++, Removing learning from graphs ([arXiv:1905.04579](https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.04579))