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Weakly Supervised Anomaly Detection for Resonance Searches

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Why Anomaly Detection?

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Model Specific Search

Model Agnostic Search

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Weakly Supervised Anomaly Detection

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Classification Problem





- Goal: To achieve a better signal to background ratio
- An optimal classifier is given by the likelihood ratio

$$R_{\rm optimal}(x) = \frac{p_S(x)}{p_B(x)},$$
 (1)

where p_S and p_B are the signal and background densities, respectively.

- → Can be approximated with a supervised classifier
- → Problem: Labels are not available on experimental data



Weakly Supervised Classification





"Classification without labels: Learning from mixed samples in high energy physics" [1708.02949], E. Metodiev, B. Nachman, J. Thaler

- Any monotonic function of a classifier has the same decision boundaries
- Two mixed datasets with signal fractions f_i

$$p_i(x) = f_i p_S(x) + (1 - f_i) p_B(x)$$
 (2)

Classifier gives likelihood ratio

$$R_{\text{mixed}} = \frac{f_1 R_{\text{optimal}}(x) + (1 - f_1)}{f_2 R_{\text{optimal}}(x) + (1 - f_2)}.$$
 (3)

- → Monotonically increasing function of $R_{\text{optimal}}(x)$ as long as $f_1 > f_2$
- → Weakly supervised classifier/ CWoLA









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How to use Weakly Supervised Anomaly Detection

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LHC Olympics R&D dataset



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- QCD dijet background
- Signal



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Subjettiness



"Identifying Boosted Objects with N-subjettiness" [1011.2268], J. Thaler, K. Van Tilburg "Maximizing Boosted Top Identification by Minimizing N-subjettiness" [1108.2701], J. Thaler, K. Van Tilburg

Cluster jets into N subjets to obtain

$$\tau_N^\beta = \frac{1}{d_0} \sum_i p_{T,i} \, \min_J (\Delta R_{Ji})^\beta \,, \tag{4}$$

- \rightarrow where J runs over all N subjet candidates,
- → $\Delta R_{Ji} = \sqrt{(\Delta y_{Ji})^2 + (\Delta \phi_{Ji})^2}$ is an angular distance measure, and → $d_0 = \sum_i p_{T,i} R_0^\beta$ a normalization factor.







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CWOLA Hunting



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- General assumption: Bump hunt, i.e. signal is localized in m
 - → $p_B(x|m \in SB) = p_{\text{data}}(x|m \in SB)$

 CWOLA Hunting-specific assumption: Distribution of the background in x is independent of m

- → $p_B(x \in SB) = p_B(x \in SR)$
- → $p_B(x|m) = p_B(x)$

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CATHODE





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CATHODE-specific assumption: Distribution of the background in x is smooth in m

- → Train a conditional density estimator on the SB to learn p_B(x|m)
- → Interpolate into the SR to sample there

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Performance Comparison



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Extracting the significance









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How model agnostic are we?

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Uninformative features





A look at the ML community



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"Why do tree-based models still outperform deep learning on tabular data?" [2207.08815], L. Grinsztaj, E. Ollayon, G. Varoquaux



- Important criteria for their datasets:
 - 1. Tabular data
 - 2. Small- to medium-sized datasets

Decision Trees vs. Neural Networks









 $x_{1,i} = f(W_{ij} x_{0,j} + b_j)$

Decision Trees







- Start with one input node
- Choose split resulting in best separation of classes
- Iterate until stop condition is met

Boosted Decision Trees





AdaBoost:

Train subsequent trees on misclassified events

Gradient Boosting:

Train subsequent trees to learn residuals of previous ensemble state

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$$y_{\text{pred}} = T_1(x) + \sum_{i=2}^N \alpha^{i-1} w_i(x),$$

with learning rate α and leaf scores $w_i(x).$





- Rotationally invariant in input features
- Very good at feature engineering



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Physics-motivated feature sets



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Name	# features	Features
Baseline	4	All informative
Extended 1	10	Some uninformative
Extended 2	12	All slightly informative
Extended 3	56	All slightly informative

Results for different feature sets



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Different signal model









Results for 3-pronged signal





Results for 3-pronged signal









Low level features

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Background: Top Tagging



"The Machine Learning Landscape of Top Taggers" [1902.09914], G. Kasieczka, T. Plehn, et. al. "Feature Selection with Distance Correlation" [2212.00046], R. Das, G. Kasieczka, D. Shih



Graph Neural Networks



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Edge

- Permutation invariant representation of the data
- Can encode physical symmetries directly into the architecture

Node

GNNs for weak supervision





"Identifying Anomalous Events Using Low-Level LHC Data", Master Thesis by Joep Geuskens



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"Identifying Anomalous Events Using Low-Level LHC Data", Master Thesis by Joep Geuskens "Full Phase Space Resonant Anomaly Detection" [2310.06897], E. Buhmann et. al.




Features for anomaly detection

- High level features can provide good performance with current state of the art technology
- Low level features are the more future-oriented approach but in the present still more difficult to achieve

Strategies for improving physics ML applications

- Incorporating physics knowledge in algorithms and feature selection
- Considering the state of the art in Machine Learning research

Weakly Supervised Analysis Chain



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1902.02634, 2005.02983, EXO-022-026, upcoming work



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Backup Slides

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ML setup

- NN: Ensemble of N independently trained fully connected NNs
- BDT: Ensemble of N independently trained Histogrammed Gradient Boosted Decision Trees







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Ensembling



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Results for different feature sets



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"Tree-Based Algorithms for Weakly Supervised Anomaly Detection" [2309.13111], T. Finke, MH et. al.



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