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Gradient Boosted Decision Tree for Particle Identification at BM@N

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Particle Identification at BM@N experiment

BM@N particle identification (PID) is based on two Time-of-Flight (TOF400 and TOF700) chambers

A ToF measures the particle flight **time** (t) over a given **distance** (L) along the track trajectory;





Knowing the particle flight time one obtains the relative velocity and thus identity of the particle.

Klempt W. Review of particle identification by time of flight techniques

Tabular Data: Deep Learning vs Gradient Boosting

Unstructured data





Structured data

	Fuselage length	Wingspan
Boeing 707	44,07	39,9
Cessna 172	8,28	11
B-2 Spirit	20,90	52,12



https://sebastianraschka.com/blog/2022/deep-learning-for-tabular-data.html

Gradient Boosting

Gradient boosting is a machine learning technique which combines weak learners into a single strong learner in an iterative fashion



Gradient Boosted Decision Tree

Gradient Boosted Decision Tree (GBDT) uses decision trees as weak learner. They can be considered as automated multilevel **cut-based** analysis



Dataset

Subsample of the Monte-Carlo production has been used

Event generator	DCM-SMM
Colliding system	Xe+Csl
Energy	3.9 A GeV



track selection criteria are default within BM@N reconstruction

Feature vectors by Beta

Number of tracks: around 5M

Number of tracks with at least one ToF: approx. **1.3M** (27%)



Preliminary results

$$E^{s} = \frac{N^{s}_{corr}}{N^{s}_{true}}$$





Class imbalance problem

Next we are going to investigate the class imbalance problem



Backup

Classification of Charged Particles

In Machine Learning terms PID can be considered as classification task (Supervised learning).

Let

- **X** is the input space (particle characteristics such as: dE/dx, m², β , q, etc)
- **Y** is the output space (particle species such as: π , k, p, etc)

Unknown mapping exists

 $\mathbf{m}: \mathbf{X} \to \mathbf{Y},$

for values which known only on objects from the finite training set

 $X^{n} = (x_{1}, y_{1}), ..., (x_{n}, y_{n}),$

Goal is to find an algorithm **a** that classifies an arbitrary new object $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}$

a : $X \rightarrow Y$.

Formulas

$$m^{2} = \frac{p^{2}}{c^{2}} \left[\frac{t^{2}c^{2}}{L^{2}} - 1 \right] \qquad \beta = \frac{L}{ct}$$

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Experiment design



All classifiers have been trained using the Nvidia Tesla V100-SXM2 NVLink 32GB HBM2 within the ecosystem for tasks of machine learning, deep learning, and data analysis at **HybriLIT** platform

XGBoost Model Interpretation. Feature Importance

Importance type can be defined as the total gain across all splits the feature is used in



This approach are sensitive when input variables are correlated, and may lead for instance to unreliability in the importance ranking

Hyperparameters tuning

Tree-structured Parzen Estimator (TPE) was used to find the optimal hyperparameters;

TPE is a form of Bayesian Optimization.

