Deep Learning at the LHC: from Data to Analysis





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LHC: Collider physics

- Proton-Proton collision: produces new particles
- Most decay before reaching the detectors
- Need complex reconstruction algorithms to reconstruct the original particles



• LHC:

- pp collision $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV
- Collision every 25 ns (40 MHz)
- Multiple Petabytes of data per experiment per year
- This presentation mostly focuses on ATLAS and CMS

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Object reconstruction @ the LHC

• Typical detector:

- Tracker: charged particle trajectories
- Calorimeter (em & had): Energy of the particles (jets)
- Muons spectrometer:
 Detect the muons (cross the entire detector)





Pileup:

- ➡ Many interactions per crossing (~50 now; 200 in the future)
- Complex algorithm needed for reconstruction
- High CPU cost

Why use deep learning ?

Tremendous amount of data at the LHC:

- Huge amount of computing power needed to reconstruct the data
- Even more needed to simulate events for analysis





Impact on the analysis (Higgs boson) at the LHC:

- Usually ~ 10 variables BDT (ML)
- Equivalent to collecting ~50% more data (~ +0.5 billion CHF per year)
- Maximise our use of the LHC

Particles Trajectory reconstruction

Charged particle tracking

- Connect together hits coming from the same particles
- Extremely high combinatorics
- Tracking involves complex algorithms:
 Kalman Filtering





- Intensive in computing resources (dominate the reconstruction)
- Try to maintain good performances in future high combinatorics conditions
- Can Deep learning help us achieve our goals?

Sparse data : Graph Neural Network

- HEP Data
 Too sparse for image processing techniques
- Easy to represent as graphs
 Graph Neural Network
- Graph:
 - Nodes v_i
 - Connected via Edges e_k
 - With global variables *u*
- Propagate information through the graph with a NN







GNN Tracking : GNN4ITk

- Applied to charged particles tracking with the future ATLAS tracker (ITk)
- Treat all hits as nodes
- Try to classify the edges
 good edges = track path
- Competitive physics results
- Complexe graph construction step





Particles Identification

Jet tagging

- Jets:
 - Collimated spray of particles
 - Originate from a single **quark** or **gluon**
 - Reconstructed via Calorimeter+Tracker
- Identifying if a jet comes from a b quark, c quark, light quark, or a gluon is extremely important for various analysis





Transformers

- Used in most large language models (LLM), i.e., chatGPT
- Great success: Used for many different applications: classification, regression, data generation
- Attention mechanisms: Learn the correlations that exist between the different inputs



Output

Flavour tagging with transformers

- Applied transformer-based technique to jet flavour reconstruction
- Tested in the CMS experiment better than previous DL approaches
- Inputs:
 - Information on the particles in the jets (up to 100)
 - « Interactions »: variable related to 2 particles
- Learn the correlation between all the particles to extract the flavour information





Events/Detectors Simulations

Event Simulation



Simulators:

- Combine a precise simulation of the physics process with a proper accounting for the particle-matter interaction (Geant4)
- Result in extremely realistic detector signatures
- With available ground truth
- Standard in the HEP community since the seventies
- The basis for most physics analysis
- Requires a large amount of person-power
- Biggest CPU resources consumer for most LHC experiments
- Can we still use them in the future?



Generative Adversarial Network

- Generative model: Create an object (picture) from random noise
- Uses two networks:
 - A Generator: Create data from noise
 - A **Discriminator**: Try to separate the generated data from the training data
- Unsupervised learning, where the Generator tries to trick the discriminator



Calorimeter Simulation : GAN



- Tries to simulate jet energy deposition in a Calorimeter (ATLAS)
- Good agreement with G4 shower
- Generate realistic showers 100x faster
- Hard to train, other approaches being studied:
 - Variational auto-encoder
 - Diffusion Model



Deep generative models for fast shower simulation in ATLAS

Data Analysis

Simulation based inference



- « Historical »HEP analysis: binned histogram on a particles-level variable used to compute a likelihood ratio between two hypothesis
- When looking at more complex processes
 a single variable is not enough
- We would like to test multiple hypotheses



- SBI: use an NN binary classifier to estimate directly the likelihood ratio
- Can operate in high-dimension variable space
- Unbinned (can be applied event by event)

Constraining Effective Field Theories with Machine Learning

Simulation based inference

- Allows us to extract directly the likelihood ratio
- Large number of networks trained to account for NN uncertainty
- Analysis soon to be published demonstrating those methods



- Machine Learning is becoming a major tool for LHC experiments
- Long history of ML use: early adopters of the BDT techniques
- Used everywhere from Reconstruction to Simulation and Analysis
- Future developments are planned using the latest network architectures

