Unbinned MVA techniques for EFT analyses

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Motivations

Huge variety of possible measurements at the LHC (high PT probes, Higgs couplings and distributions, …)

Huge variety of putative New Physics effects in modelindependent (**EFT**) approach

Effective and **systematic** data analysis techniques needed to **maximize sensitivity**

Motivations

We can parametrize New Physics using the SMEFT Lagrangian

Predictions

$$
\sigma(\theta), \quad p(x|\theta) = \frac{1}{\sigma(\theta)} \frac{d\sigma(\theta)}{dx}
$$

Measurable observables

Simplified predictions

 $\sigma_i(\theta)$, $i = 1, \ldots N_{bins}$

Often loses information

Extracting the **full information** would require the likelihood p(x|θ) (as function of both x and θ)

How to access p(x|θ)?

Monte Carlo generators work in the "forward mode":

1) sample unobservable "partonic" variables z_{part} from a known p(z_{part} | θ)

2) Transforms z_{part} to x, event by event

Unknown distribution of observables x $p(x|\theta) \approx \int dz_{part} p(x|z_{part}) p(z_{part}|\theta)$

 z_{part} is normally very far from x (e.g. invisible particles, NLO effects...)

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x \neq z_{part}
$$

Even worse if we include showering, hadronization, detector…

p(x|θ) through Machine Learning

Brehmer & al. 1805.00013

Basic idea: approximate $p(x|\theta)$ with **Neural Networks**: $p(x|\theta) \leftrightarrow nn(x; w)$

The result will be **fully differential** on **all observables**, quick to evaluate and it can be obtained with a relatively small amount of Monte Carlo points.

No transfer functions modeling required.

Universal and systematically improvable

Simple Classifier

Consider **fixed** $\theta = \bar{\theta}$. We can learn $p(x|\bar{\theta})$ with respect to the SM ($\theta = 0$).

Training sample
$$
\mathcal{T} = \{(x_i \sim p(x|0), y_i = 0), (x_i \sim p(x|\bar{\theta}), y_i = 1)\}
$$

$$
\ell[nn(\cdot))] = \frac{1}{N_T} \sum (nn(x_i; w) - y_i)^2
$$
\nLoss function.

\nMinimize by training (wrt w)

\nAs a simple limit

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$$
\ell \to \int dx \left[p(x|0)(nn(x) - 0)^2 + p(x|\bar{\theta})(nn(x) - 1)^2 \right]
$$
\nUsing (wrt w)

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$$
\frac{\delta \ell}{\delta nn} = 0 \implies nn(x) = \frac{p(x|\bar{\theta})}{p(x|0) + p(x|\bar{\theta})} \implies \tau(x; \bar{\theta}) \equiv \frac{p(x|\bar{\theta})}{p(x|0)} = \frac{nn(x)}{1 - nn(x)}
$$

Reweighted data

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The Simple Classifier **loss** can be generalized as a **weighted sum**

$$
\ell[f(\cdot)] = \sum_{e \in S_0} w_e(\bar{c}) [f(x_e)]^2 + \sum_{e \in S_1} w_e(0) [f(x_e) - 1]^2
$$

Sum on different samples → Simple Classifier Sum on same sample → Reweighted Classifier

 $f(x) = 1/2 + \delta f(x)$ The reason why reweighting helps can be understood by writing

$$
\begin{array}{cccc}\n\text{No RW} & \longrightarrow & \ell[f(\cdot)] = \sum_{e \in S_0} w_e(\bar{c}) \delta f(x_e) - \sum_{e \in S_1} w_e(0) \delta f(x_e) + \sum_{e \in S_0} w_e(\bar{c}) \delta f(x_e)^2 + \sum_{e \in S_1} w_e(0) \delta f(x_e)^2 \\
\text{With RW} & \longrightarrow & \ell[f(\cdot)] = \sum_{e \in S} \left[w_e(\bar{c}) - w_e(0) \right] \delta f(x_e) + \sum_{e \in S} \left[w_e(\bar{c}) + w_e(0) \right] \delta f(x_e)^2\n\end{array}
$$

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True likelihood ratio

Parametrized classifier

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The **quadratic dependence** on the **Wilson Coefficients** can be learned in training by using a **parametrized** likelihood ratio

$$
\ell[\gamma(\cdot)] = \sum_{e \in S} \sum_{\bar{c} \in C} \left\{ w_e(\bar{c}) \left[f(\gamma(x_e); \bar{c}) \right]^2 + w_e(0) \left[f(\gamma(x_e); \bar{c}) - 1 \right]^2 \right\}
$$

Application: WZ production

Franceschini & al. 1708.07823 Panico & al. 1712.01310

$$
p p \to W^{\pm} Z \to (l^{\pm} \nu) (l^+ l^-)
$$

BSM contribution growing with collision energy from **two operators**

$$
\mathcal{O}_{\varphi q}^{(3)} = G_{\varphi q}^{(3)} \left(\overline{Q}_L \sigma^a \gamma^\mu Q_L \right) \left(i H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^a H \right)
$$

$$
\mathcal{O}_W=G_W\varepsilon_{abc}W_\mu^{a\,\nu}W_\nu^{b\,\rho}W_\rho^{c\,\mu}
$$

Six independent and discriminating variables: ŝ + 5 angles

Why measure the decay angles?

BSM and SM contribute to **different helicities** of W and Z

$$
SM \rightarrow 0/0, \pm 1/\mp 1
$$

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$$
\mathcal{O}_{\varphi q}^{(3)} \rightarrow 0/0
$$

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$$
\mathcal{O}_W \rightarrow \pm 1/\pm 1
$$

Integrating over the decay angles makes us **lose** this **discriminating information**. For **Ow** integrating kills **interference with the SM**

Toy case: implementation

To check performances, we implemented a simple Monte Carlo for this process for which we know the **true likelihood analytically**

The observables given to the networks are

$$
\log[s/\text{GeV}^2], \Theta, \theta_Z, \theta_W, \log[p_T/\text{GeV}], Q, \sin\varphi_Z, \sin\varphi_W, \cos\varphi_Z, \cos\varphi_W \}.
$$

Kinematics in the **physical space**

 \mathcal{F}

Variables after reconstructing the neutrino

Redundancy helps a little bit, sin and cos of angles are useful to impose periodicity exactly

Toy case: validation

We can check how well the network **reconstructs** the **linear** and **quadratic** terms of the differential cross-section

Toy case: validation

For a more quantitative check of performance, we use the **Neyman-Pearson p-value**

$$
t(\mathcal{D}; c) = -2\left(N(c) - N(0) + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{D}} \tau_c(\mathcal{D})\right)
$$

For the **true likelihood** this test gives the **best possible bound** (Neyman-Pearson lemma)

For the **network** this gives an objective **measure** of how well the **true likelihood is approximated**

Toy case: hyperparameters

initial configuration or training data

coefficients marginally relevant must be selected to avoid underfit or overfit

better

Toy case: results

Red: **optimal** exclusion bound **Blue**: **Neural Network** result

- 5 Neural Networks {10, 24, 24, 1}
- Sigmoid activations
- Adam optimizer
- 3 Million reweighted training points
- 1000 epochs/minute on a GPU
- \cdot ~ 200k total epochs

NLO case: implementation

For a more realistic example we studied the same process generated with **MadGraph at NLO QCD**, with reweighting on New Physics

In this case the network is trained on **13** features

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Comparing to Binned Analysis

ME = Toy Matrix Element; **QC** = Quadratic Classifier; **BA** = Binned Analysis

Profile Likelihood

A standard **profile likelihood test** can be used and is nearly optimal

Conclusions

Multivariate analysis can greatly **increase the sensitivity** on BSM parameters, especially when new physics enters in multiple observables with a complex interference pattern.

Machine learning methods can overcome these difficulties by **learning the fully differential distribution** accurately from a Monte Carlo sample. Making the approximation more reliable is just a matter of increasing the training sample size and network architecture.

Two strategies to improve the learning of Likelihood from simulations

- o Training on **reweighted samples** reduces number of training points needed and leads to a higher accuracy
- o **Linear** and **quadratic** EFT terms can be learned separately in order to fit the likelihood also as a function of the Wilson Coefficients

In progress: including PDF uncertainties, quantifying the impact of detector (Delphes) effects, …