



# Search for exotic Higgs boson decays with CMS and fast machine learning solutions for the LHC

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# Short bio

I joined **CMS@CERN** in 2020 as a PhD candidate in the group of Sridhara Dasu at Wisconsin-Madison, with the following activities:

#### **Physics analysis**

• Run 2 search h(125)  $\rightarrow$  aa  $\rightarrow \tau \tau$  bb, and combination with  $\mu \mu$  bb [2402.13358]

#### **Machine learning**

- CICADA: Level-1 anomaly detection trigger for model-agnostic new physics searches [CMS-DP-2023-086]
- Symbolic regression for nanosecond inference on FPGAs [2305.04099] [2401.09949]

#### Other technical [calorimeter layer-1 trigger subsystem]

- Software for data quality monitoring
- On-call operations

#### **Collaboration services**

- L3 co-convener of SUS Monte-Carlo & Interpretation (09/23-)
- Contact person of HIG Monte-Carlo: subgroup contact (01/21-08/22) and overall contact (09/22-08/23)

#### Agenda

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III. Symbolic regression for hardware-efficient ML inference with nanosecond-latency

IV. A slide on the technical: calorimeter layer-1 trigger subsystem

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# Analysis

#### I. Search for exotic Higgs boson decays h(125) $\rightarrow$ aa $\rightarrow \tau \tau$ bb / $\mu \mu$ bb



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Search for exotic decays of the Higgs boson to a pair of pseudoscalars in the  $\mu\mu$ bb and  $\tau\tau$ bb final states

The CMS Collaboration\*

#### Abstract

A search for exotic decays of the Higgs boson (H) with a mass of 125 GeV to a pair of light pseudoscalars a<sub>1</sub> is performed in final states where one pseudoscalar decays to two b quarks and the other to a pair of muons or  $\tau$  leptons. A data sample of proton-proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 138 fb<sup>-1</sup> recorded with the CMS detector is analyzed. No statistically significant excess is observed over the standard model backgrounds. Upper limits are set at 95% confidence level (CL) on the Higgs boson branching fraction to  $\mu\mu$ bb and to  $\tau\tau$ bb, via a pair of  $a_1$ s. The limits depend on the pseudoscalar mass  $m_{a_1}$  and are observed to be in the range  $(0.17-3.3)\times10^{-4}$  and  $(1.7-7.7)\times10^{-2}$  in the  $\mu\mu$ b and  $\tau\tau$ b final states, respectively. In the framework of models with two Higgs doublets and a complex scalar singlet (2HDM+S), the results of the two final states are combined to determine model-independent upper limits on the branching fraction  $\mathcal{B}(H \to a_1 a_1 \to \ell \ell b b)$  at 95% CL, with  $\ell$  being a muon or a  $\tau$  lepton. For different types of 2HDM+S, upper bounds on the branching fraction  $\mathcal{B}(H \to a_1 a_1)$  are extracted from the combination of the two channels. In most of the Type II 2HDM+S parameter space,  $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow a_1 a_1)$ values above 0.23 are excluded at 95% CL for  $m_{a_1}$  values between 15 and 60 GeV.

- My contribution
  - Main analyzer of the  $\tau\tau$  bb channel
  - Combination with  $\mu\mu$ bb
- [arXiv:2402.13358], submitted to EPJC

#### Analysis. Where we stand now in the scalar sector?

- A SM-like Higgs boson h(125) discovered in 2012
- 10 years since then, collected data corresponding to 30x more Higgs production allowed more precise measurements of the particle
- Despite good compatibility with the SM prediction so far, there is still room for exotic Higgs decays to new particles beyond the SM
  CMS





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### Analysis. BSM extended scalar sector: 2HDM+S

2HDM+S: Two Higgs doublet ( $\Phi_1, \Phi_2$ ) model + a singlet S

- 7 physical states: (h, H, A,  $H^{\pm}$ ) + (s, a) •
- One of the scalars could be SM-like h = h(125)٠
- The pseudoscalar, a, could be light enough to allow  $h(125) \rightarrow aa \rightarrow SM$ ٠
- Not ruled out by all the LHC measurements published so far! Four coupling types of 2HDM+S can forbid tree-level flavor-changing-neutral-current ٠

	Туре-І	Type-II	Type-III	Type-IV
Charged lepton	$\Phi_1$	Φ2	$\Phi_2$	$\Phi_1$
Up-type quark	$\Phi_1$	$\Phi_1$	$\Phi_1$	$\Phi_1$
Down-type quark	$\Phi_1$	Φ2	$\Phi_1$	$\Phi_2$

#### Why exotic Higgs decays and 2HDM+S?

- $\blacktriangleright$  Tiny natural width of the SM Higgs boson  $\rightarrow$  small coupling to a light state can lead to sizeable signature
- Additional portal to the hidden sector
- Contains NMSSM as a particular case (type-II)
- Provides possible dark matter candidate

# **Analysis.** Analysis overview

h

 $\tau \gg \tau_e / \tau_\mu / \tau_h$ 

 $\tau \gg \tau_e / \tau_\mu / \tau_h?$ 

In 2HDM+S, the decay  $h(125) \rightarrow aa$  can be possible if  $m_a < m_h/2$ 

- Probe the final state with 2 b quarks and 2 tau leptons: large  $B(a \rightarrow ff)$ •
- Target 3  $\tau\tau$  final states:  $e\mu/e\tau_h/\mu\tau_h$



- 4 soft objects in the final state
- Difficult signature to trigger on •



muon pT threshold [GeV]

#### **Analysis.** Background estimation

- Top quark pair  $t\bar{t}$
- Simulation
- Drell-Yan Z  $\rightarrow \tau \tau$
- Embedding technique, select μμ events from data and replace with simulated τ leptons arXiv:1903.01216

#### • Jet $\rightarrow \tau_h$ fakes

- > Data-driven method, measure fake rate from  $Z(\mu\mu)$  + jets data events and apply to anti-isolated  $\tau_h$
- Other minor background (single top, diboson, W+jets,  $Z(ee/\mu\mu)$ +jets, SM Higgs)
- Simulation



#### **Analysis.** Event categorization using DNN

- Two basic categories based on number of b tagged jets (= 1 or > 1)
- Each category is further optimized by a neural network (NN) classifier trained to separate signal from background



#### **Analysis.** Input features to DNN



#### **Analysis.** DNN classifier performance





#### $\mu \tau_h$ final state

- Excellent separation power
- In addition to the "= 1 b-tag" and "> 1 b-tag" bins, further categorization is based on the classifier score
- Category thresholds on the score determined by a grid scan in the signal sensitivity
- Other final states in backup

# **Analysis.** Results



- 7 optimized  $m_{\tau\tau}$  distributions in the  $\mu\tau_h$  final state
  - "1 b-tag" category: 3 SR + 1 CR
  - "> 1 b-tag" category: 2 SR + 1 CR
- Data agreed with SM prediction across categories, no significant excess in data observed
- All other categories and final states in backup

#### **Analysis.** Exclusion limits

138 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)



95% CL upper limits ττbb final state Observed ٠ Median expected 95% expected 68% expected  $e\tau_h$ ٠ ٠ 60 25 45 50 55 30 35 40 m<sub>a</sub> (GeV) 138 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV) 95% CL upper limits ττbb final state Observed edian expected 95% expected 68% expected Combined 25 50 55 30 35 40 45

m<sub>a.</sub> (GeV)

- Data agreed with SM prediction, no significant excess observed
- Model-independent exclusion limits set at 95% CL on the signal strength  $B(h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow bb\tau\tau)$
- Sensitivity improved beyond the increased luminosity, compared to the 2016 results [arXiv:1805.10191]
  - Largely due to the ML-based optimization (~50% more sensitive than the cut-based)

#### Analysis. Combination of $\tau\tau$ bb and $\mu\mu$ bb



• Sensitivity is mainly driven by the  $\tau\tau$ bb channel

#### Analysis. Combination of $\tau\tau$ bb and $\mu\mu$ bb



Summary of 95% CL limits on  $B(h \rightarrow aa)$  in the 2HDM+S type-II

# Analysis. Takeaway

- More than 90% signal rejected already by the online triggers
- Many analyses are in a similar situation



Can the situation be improved at a lower level?

> Next: anomaly detection trigger at the Level-1 for model-agnostic new physics searches

# **Anomaly trigger**

- Search for exotic Higgs boson decays  $h(125) \rightarrow aa \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$  /  $bb\mu\mu$
- П. Anomaly detection trigger at the Level-1 for model-agnostic new physics searches
- CICADA Home Talks Team

nd-latency



Welcome to the world of CICADA - where curiosity meets collaboration, and the quest for knowledge knows no bounds. Try our models and demos!

Repository ☑ Contact Us Demo

Calorimeter Image Convolutional Anomaly Detection Algorithm

#### My contribution

- Main developer of the ML model: architecture design and model training
- Public DP note [CMS-DP-2023-086]
- Deployment expected in the CMS L1 trigger menu during Run 3 in the second half of 2024

# **Anomaly trigger.** Anomaly detection

Anomaly detection using unsupervised learning

- Learning
  - Does not require labeled data
  - Assumes majority of data are normal
  - Learns the normal behavior from the data
- Inference
  - Identifies deviations from the learned normal pattern as anomalies
- No model assumptions on the anomalies



### Anomaly trigger. In the context of LHC

Model-agnostic searches for most rare/new physics

at once!

- Normal events
  - Processes dominating the collisions
  - E.g. soft QCD
- Anomalous events
  - Processes with small xs or new physics
  - E.g. Higgs, SUSY, ...





# Anomaly trigger. Why at L1 trigger?



No BSM discovery at the LHC (yet!). Three possibilities:

- New physics not possible at the current LHC energy
- Not enough data collected
- Already hiding there, but we have been looking at the wrong places or using the wrong event selections

# Anomaly trigger. Why anomaly trigger?



ML-based anomaly detection triggers

- Minimize human bias, completely data-driven
- ML can unearth unknown and complex correlation
- New physics searches in a model-agnostic way

Sometimes we don't know exactly what we are searching for...



Model independence



Object-based triggers (e.g. single muon)

- ✓ Fairly model-independent
- Can trigger on a wide range of signals  $\int$
- Usually impose high threshold cuts in order to suppress rate, thus largely

rejecting soft signals





#### **Anomaly triggers**

- ✓ No model input needed
- ✓ Good rate control since high sensitivity



# Anomaly trigger. CMS efforts



#### CICADA [CMS-DP-2023-086]

- Inputs from calorimeters
- Low-level information
  - Calorimeter energy

deposits in trigger towers



#### AXOL1TL [CMS-DP-2023-079]

- Inputs from GT
- High-level information
  - pT/eta/phi of
    - jet/muon/EG/MET



I will talk about CICADA in the following slides (similar story from AXOL1TL)

# Anomaly trigger. CICADA

#### **Calorimeter Image Convolutional Anomaly Detection Algorithm**

- Image-like inputs from calorimeter energy deposits at trigger towers
- CNN autoencoders
- Model compression with knowledge distillation and quantization
- HLS conversion using hls4ml

- <u>CMS-DP-2023-086</u>
- https://cicada.web.cern.ch/





# Anomaly trigger. Model inputs



#### Inputs from CaloLayer-1

- ECAL+HCAL energy deposits in 18Phi x 14Eta = 252 trigger regions
- Low-level information, independent of jet reconstruction etc.



#### Autoencoder-based anomaly detection

- Input is 2D tensor from the calorimeter region energy
- Encoder and decoder are CNN
- Unsupervised learning
  - Train only on ZeroBias data to learn input reconstruction

# **Anomaly trigger.** Model output expectation



#### Single ZB data event

Expectation

- Good reconstruction on normal events (ZB used for training)
- Bad reconstruction on anything else (rare SM or BSM, never seen in training)

Goal

Construct metric like mean-squared error MSE(input, output) as anomaly score for triggering

# **Anomaly trigger.** Challenges from L1 constraints



Require algorithms to be ultra fast and lightweight but still physics sensitive

- Extremely low trigger latency < O(1)  $\mu$ s
- Limited computational resources from a single FPGA board
- Trigger region around background rate < O(10<sup>-4</sup>)

### Anomaly trigger. Model compression for L1 constraints



0.00

-1.0

-0.5

0.0

0.5

1.0

### Anomaly trigger. Model compression for L1 constraints

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
input (InputLayer)	[(None, 18, 14, 1)]	0
<pre>conv2d_1 (Conv2D)</pre>	(None, 18, 14, 20)	200
relu_1 (Activation)	(None, 18, 14, 20)	0
<pre>pool_1 (AveragePooling2D)</pre>	(None, 9, 7, 20)	0
conv2d_2 (Conv2D)	(None, 9, 7, 30)	5430
relu_2 (Activation)	(None, 9, 7, 30)	0
flatten (Flatten)	(None, 1890)	0
latent (Dense)	(None, 80)	151280
dense (Dense)	(None, 1890)	153090
reshape2 (Reshape)	(None, 9, 7, 30)	0
relu_3 (Activation)	(None, 9, 7, 30)	0
<pre>conv2d_3 (Conv2D)</pre>	(None, 9, 7, 30)	8130
relu_4 (Activation)	(None, 9, 7, 30)	0
upsampling (UpSampling2D)	(None, 18, 14, 30)	0
conv2d_4 (Conv2D)	(None, 18, 14, 20)	5420
relu_5 (Activation)	(None, 18, 14, 20)	0
output (Conv2D)	(None, 18, 14, 1)	181

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
In (InputLayer)	[(None, 252)]	0
reshape (Reshape)	(None, 18, 14, 1)	0
conv (QConv2D)	(None, 8, 6, 3)	27
relu1 (QActivation)	(None, 8, 6, 3)	0
flatten (Flatten)	(None, 144)	0
densel (QDense)	(None, 20)	2880
relu2 (QActivation)	(None, 20)	0
output (QDense)	(None, 1)	20
Total params: 2,927 Trainable params: 2,927 Non-trainable params: 0	Student	

- 300k parameters go down to 3k parameters, while preserving most of the performance
- Inference latency ~ 100 nanoseconds
- Computational resources fit to a single FPGA board by large margins

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#### **Anomaly trigger.** Anomaly score distributions



# **Anomaly trigger.** Compare with cut-based HT trigger



- CMS-DP-2023-086
- HT trigger vs. CICADA

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- **Region of interest** 
  - O(10<sup>-4</sup>) bkg rate, or
  - O(1) kHz trigger rate
#### **Anomaly trigger.** Some trigger objects (EGamma)

Pt

#### nObjects



- CICADA has preference for more EG objects ٠
  - 3 or more ٠

- Slight preference for higher Pt •
- Still sensitive to low Pt objects as well
- Jet and Tau in backup

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## Anomaly trigger. Takeaway

Deployment expected in the second half of 2024 during Run 3!

- A major bottleneck in the development was the tight resource constraints at L1
- Tricks of model compression used here may not work in every other case
- We need more modeling options for higher flexibility

Next: symbolic regression for hardware-efficient ML inference with nanosecond-latency

### Symbolic regression

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**Computer Science > Machine Learning** 

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#### Symbolic Regression on FPGAs for Fast Machine Learning Inference

Ho Fung Tsoi, Adrian Alan Pol, Vladimir Loncar, Ekaterina Govorkova, Miles Cranmer, Sridhara Dasu, Peter Elmer, Philip Harris, Isobel Ojalvo, Maurizio Pierini

SR on FPGAs with hls4ml [2305.04099]

 $\rightarrow$  5 nanoseconds latency on the LHC jet tagging!

#### **Computer Science > Machine Learning**

[Submitted on 18 Jan 2024]

#### SymbolNet: Neural Symbolic Regression with Adaptive Dynamic Pruning

Ho Fung Tsoi, Vladimir Loncar, Sridhara Dasu, Philip Harris

New architecture to scale SR to higher input dimensions [2401.09949]

 $\rightarrow$  SR on MNIST and SVHN

# **Symbolic regression.** Introduction

• A ML technique that seeks to discover analytic functions that approximate a dataset



	Traditional regression (linear, polynomial,)	Symbolic regression
Fit inputs	Pre-specified functional form required	Only primitive operators needed e.g. $+,\times,$ ^, sin, exp,
Functional form	Fixed throughout the fit	Dynamically evolving throughout the fit
Expressivity	Low due to only one functional form available	High due to vast equation search space

- Furthermore, symbolic models allow human-interpretability and compact representation of the data
  - Great potential for low latency ML!

#### **Symbolic regression.** How to do SR?

#### Two popular approaches

- Genetic programming (discrete nature)
  - Construct equation in a tree representation, then mutate and crossover substructures by mimicking biological evolution

#### Gradient method (continuous nature)

Construct neural network with custom math operators as activation, train in sparsity and then unroll to obtain closed-form equation





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#### Symbolic regression. Equation complexity as model size



- Counting the number of tree nodes (can be done using sympy preorder\_traversal)
- Assuming every math operation is equally weighted (naively)

# Symbolic regression. Adapting Symbolic models on FPGA



Math operations such as  $tan(\cdot)$  can be computationally expensive on an FPGA

- Approximation of math function with look-up table
  - Look-up table: use an array that maps input to output
  - Replace runtime computation by much simpler array indexing

An alternative approach for resource saving (latency-aware training) in backup

**Figure 1.** The sine (left) and tangent (right) functions evaluated with and without the use of LUTs, implemented in HLS with precision (12, 6), i.e. 12 bits variable with 6 integer bits. The LUT notation reads: [range start, range end; table size] for table definition. The lower panel shows the function deviation from the truth.

Xiv:2305.04099

#### Symbolic regression. Benchmark on LHC jet tagging



#### Symbolic regression. Symbolic jet taggers



- Use genetic programming-based library PySR to perform symbolic regression
- bse genetic programming-based library PySR to perform sym
  HLS converter developed for symbolic expressions in hls4ml

Single-math-class models {primitive math operations allowed in the fit}

- Polynomial  $\{+, -, \times\}$
- Trigonometric  $\{+, -, \times, \frac{\sin(\cdot)}{2}\}$ •
- **Exponential**  $\{+, -, \times, \text{Gauss}(\cdot) = \exp(-(\cdot)^2)\}$ ٠
- Logarithmic  $\{+, -, \times, \log(abs(\cdot))\}$ •

Model	Expression for the <i>t</i> tagger with $c_{\text{max}} = 40$	AUC	
Polynomial	$C_{1}^{\beta=2} + 0.09m_{\text{mMDT}}(2C_{1}^{\beta=1} + M_{2}^{\beta=2} - m_{\text{mMDT}} - \text{Multiplicity} - (1.82C_{1}^{\beta=1} - M_{2}^{\beta=2})(C_{1}^{\beta=2} - 0.49m_{\text{mMDT}}) - 3.22) - 0.53$	0.914	
Trigonometric	$\sin(0.06(\sum z \log z)M_2^{\beta=2} - 0.25C_1^{\beta=2}(-C_1^{\beta=1} + 2C_1^{\beta=2} - M_2^{\beta=2} + \text{Multiplicity} - 8.86) - m_{\text{mMDT}} + 0.06\text{Multiplicity} - 0.4)$	0.925	
Exponential	$0.23C_1^{\beta=1}(-m_{\text{mMDT}} + \text{Gauss}(0.63\text{Multiplicity}) + 1) - \text{Gauss}(C_1^{\beta=1}) + 0.45C_1^{\beta=2} - 0.23m_{\text{mMDT}}$	0.920	
	$+0.23$ Gauss $((4.24 - 1.19C_2^{\beta=1})(C_1^{\beta=2} - m_{mMDT})) + 0.15$		
Logarithmic	$C_1^{\beta=2} - 0.1 m_{\text{mMDT}}$ (Multiplicity × log(abs(Multiplicity)) + 2.2) - 0.02log(abs(Multiplicity))		
	$-0.1(C_1^{\beta=2}(C_1^{\beta=1} - 1.6M_2^{\beta=2} + m_{\text{mMDT}} + 1.28) - m_{\text{mMDT}} - 0.48)\log(\text{abs}(C_1^{\beta=2})) - 0.42$		

**Table 2.** Expressions generated by PySR for the t tagger in different models with  $c_{\text{max}} = 40$ . Operator complexity is set to 1 by default. Constants are rounded to two decimal places here.

# Symbolic regression. Compare SR with baseline NN



#### Symbolic taggers (analytic expressions)

Tagger	Expression for the trigonometric model with $c_{\text{max}} = 20$	AUC
g	$\sin(-2C_1^{\beta=1} + 0.31C_1^{\beta=2} + m_{\text{mMDT}} + \text{Multiplicity} - 0.09\text{Multiplicity}^2 - 0.79)$	0.897
<i>q</i>	$-0.33(\sin(m_{\text{mMDT}}) - 1.54)(\sin(-C_1^{\beta=1} + C_1^{\beta=2} + \text{Multiplicity}) - 0.81)\sin(m_{\text{mMDT}}) - 0.81$	0.853
t	$\sin(C_1^{\beta=1} + C_1^{\beta=2} - m_{\text{mMDT}} + 0.22(C_1^{\beta=2} - 0.29)(-C_1^{\beta=2} + C_2^{\beta=1} - \text{Multiplicity}) - 0.68)$	0.920
W	$-0.31$ (Multiplicity + (2.09 – Multiplicity)sin(8.02 $C_1^{\beta=2}$ + 0.98)) – 0.5	0.877
Ζ	$(\sin(4.84m_{\rm mMDT}) + 0.59)\sin(m_{\rm mMDT} + 1.14)\sin(C_1^{\beta=2} + 4.84m_{\rm mMDT}) - 0.94$	0.866

**Table 1.** Expressions generated by PySR for the trigonometric model with  $c_{max} = 20$ . Operator complexity is set to 1 by default. Constants are rounded to two decimal places for readability. Area under the receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve, or AUC, is reported.

**Evaluation metrics** 

- Physics performance (jet tagging accuracy)
- Inference latency and resource utilization on an FPGA (DSPs and LUTs)

#### **Symbolic regression.** Physics performance



- $c_{\max}$ : maximum equation complexity allowed in the fit
  - Very simple symbolic models are already competitive to large neural network with O(10^3) parameters

## Symbolic regression. Latency and resource utilization



- Several orders of magnitude reduction in DSPs/LUTs
- Several times faster inference speed

while physics performance is comparable

5 nanoseconds!

#### Symbolic regression. SR vs. traditional compression

TABLE IV Resource utilization and latency on an FPGA for quantized and pruned (QP) NNs and symbolic expressions learned by SymbolNet. The model size is quoted in terms of the number of neurons per hidden layer for DNN, and the number of filters for CNN, where, for example, (16)<sub>3</sub> means 16 filters with a kernel size of 3×3. The initiation interval (II) is quoted in clock cycles. The numbers in parentheses indicate the percentage of total available resource utilization. The relative accuracy and the ROC AUC are evaluated with respect to the same DNN/CNN implemented in floating point precision and without pruning. AUC ARE EVALUATED WITH RESPECT TO THE SAME DNN/CNN IMPLEMENTED IN FLOATING POINT PRECISION AND WITHOUT PRUNING.

LHC jet tagging (five classes)									
	Model size (input dim. $= 16$ )	Precision	BRAMs	DSPs	FFs	LUTs	II	Latency	Rel. acc.
QP DNN	[64, 32, 32, 5], <b>90% pruned</b>	$\langle 6, 0 \rangle$	4 (0.1%)	28 (0.4%)	2739 (0.1%)	7691 (0.7%)	1	55 ns	94.7%
SR	Mean complexity of the five expr. $=$ 18	(12, 8)	0 (0%)	3 (0%)	109 (0%)	177 (0%)	1	10 ns	93.3%
MNIST (ten classes)									
	Model size (input dim. $= 28 \times 28 \times 1$ )	Precision	BRAMs	DSPs	FFs	LUTs	II	Latency	Rel. acc.
QP CNN	[(16, 16, 24) <sub>3</sub> , 42, 64, 10], <b>92% pruned</b>	$\langle 6, 0 \rangle$	66 (1.5%)	216 (3.2%)	18379 (0.8%)	29417 (2.5%)	788	4.0 μs	86.8%
SR	Mean complexity of the ten expr. $= 133$	$\langle 18, 10 \rangle$	0 (0%)	160 (2.3%)	6424 (0.3%)	7592 (0.6%)	1	125 ns	85.3%
SVHN (binary "1" vs. "7")									
	Model size (input dim. = $32 \times 32 \times 3$ )	Precision	BRAMs	DSPs	FFs	LUTs	II	Latency	Rel. AUC
QP CNN	[(16, 16, 24) <sub>3</sub> , 42, 64, 1], <b>92% pruned</b>	$\langle 6, 0 \rangle$	62 (1.4%)	77 (1.1%)	16286 (0.7%)	27407 (2.3%)	1029	5.2 $\mu$ s	94.0%
SR	<b>Complexity</b> = <b>311</b>	$\langle 10, 4 \rangle$	0 (0%)	38 (0.6%)	1945 (0.1%)	3029 (0.3%)	1	195 ns	94.5%

- Compare symbolic models with traditional compression methods i.e. quantized and pruned NNs
- SR still uses much lower resources and runs much faster on FPGAs

## Symbolic regression. Takeaway

• SR can be a promising alternative to NN-based models for solving critical tasks in resource-constrained systems such as the LHC experiments

- Potential applications at the LHC
  - Standalone classifier for object identification etc.
  - Standalone regressor for particle energy reconstruction etc.
  - New model compression technique for overcoming the L1 constraints

# **Technical: CaloLayer-1**

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- The Calorimeter layer-1 trigger subsystem (CaloLayer-1) was developed and managed by the Wisconsin group
- My contribution
  - Developed and maintained the software for the Data Quality Monitoring (DQM)

#### **CaloLayer-1.** Data quality monitoring



• Commissioned the monitoring for the three projects shown here

# Summary and outlook

- No BSM physics discovered at the LHC (yet!)
- Seen improvements using ML over traditional methods in many areas
  - Analyses, reconstruction, low latency L1T,...
- Increasing needs of ML almost everywhere
- Postdoc outlook
  - Continue new physics searches
  - Novel ML methods for HEP applications
  - Low latency ML based online algorithms
  - Phase 2 upgrade



Thank you!

### Backup

#### **Backup - Analysis**

#### Analysis. CMS detector



#### **Analysis.** Particle-flow reconstruction



#### Analysis. The standard model of particle physics



## Analysis. Higgs mechanism



- The scalar sector of the SM is described by a scalar doublet called the Higgs field  $\phi$
- The Higgs potential takes the form  $V(\phi) = -\mu^2 \phi^2 + \lambda \phi^4$
- The Higgs field prefers a nonzero value at the vacuum state  $\langle \phi \rangle \neq 0$ 
  - W, Z bosons acquire mass from this spontaneous electroweak symmetry breaking
  - Fermions acquire mass via Yukawa coupling

#### **Analysis.** DNN classifier performance



 $\mathrm{e} au_h$  and  $\mathrm{e}\mu$  final states

- Excellent separation power
- In addition to the "= 1 b-tag" and "> 1 b-tag" bins, further categorization is based on the classifier score
- Category thresholds on the score determined by a grid scan in the signal sensitivity

 $\mu \tau_h$  "1 b-tag"  $m_{\tau \tau}$ 



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#### Backup – Anomaly trigger

#### Anomaly trigger. Model compression for L1 constraints



# Anomaly trigger. Some trigger objects (Jet)

#### nObjects



 CICADA's most consistent preference is for high jet multiplicity Pt



• Slight preference for higher Pt

• Still sensitive to low Pt objects as well

# Anomaly trigger. Some trigger objects (Tau)

#### nObjects



- If this looks a bit confusing, it's bad legend placement
- Nearly 97% of high score CICADA events have 12 trigger taus

#### Pt



- Similar to other objects, there are slight preferences for higher Pt
- Still sensitive to low Pt objects as well

#### **Anomaly trigger.** Signal shaping?




## **Anomaly trigger.** Stability as a trigger





- Flexible trigger: tunable threshold for rate control
- Stable in a run and across runs

## Anomaly trigger. CICADA public demo

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#### **Calo Deposits** 17,0,0,1,0,2,17,8,0,0,0,0,0,14 0,1,1,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,5,0,0,1 0,0,0,3,14,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1 1,2,1,0,8,3,1,0,2,0,0,0,1,0 0,0,0,0,7,2,0,11,0,0,0,0,1,1 0,0,0,0,0,0,13,1,0,0,0,1,0,0 0,0,0,2,17,0,0,4,0,1,0,1,0,0 0,0,0,1,0,2,0,1,0,2,2,1,0,2 1,0,21,0,65,1,4,0,3,0,0,1,1,1 0,0,36,0,0,3,0,9,0,22,0,2,0,0 14,1,0,2,1,0,0,0,10,0,1,1,8,0 0,0,0,0,0,10,2,0,0,1,0,0,4,2 0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,4,0 0,0,0,0,2,0,0,3,0,1,0,0,0,0 1,0,0,4,3,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,4 0,0,30,0,4,39,1,0,4,0,2,2,1,0 0,0,0,1,0,4,0,4,0,0,4,39,0,0 2,6,0,1,5,3,0,0,1,0,1,0,1,4 Generate random **Do CICADA** inference input

CICADA Anomaly Score for CICADA v1	
35.90625	
CICADA Anomaly Score for CICADA v2	
71.03125	

Calorimeter Input Saliency Map for CICADAv1







#### https://cicada.web.cern.ch/



## **Backup – Symbolic regression**

# Symbolic regression. Latency-aware training

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Latency = # of clock cycles (cc)

- An alternative resource-saving approach: latency-aware training
  - Define operator complexity by its # of cc required on FPGA, and incorporate this time cost into the model training
  - $\blacktriangleright$  E.g., tan(·) will be penalized more than sin(·)
  - Models are trained balancing between accuracy and latency

Operator	# of cc	
+	1	
—	1	
×	1	
$log(abs(\cdot))$	4	
sin(·)	8	
tan(·)	48	
cosh(·)	8	
$sinh(\cdot)$	9	
exp(·)	3	

Evaluated on a Xilinx VU9P FPGA

# Symbolic regression. Latency-aware training

Operator complexity	Expression for the <i>t</i> tagger with $c_{\text{max}} = 40$	AUC
All 1's (PySR default)	$0.11(C_1^{\beta=1} + C_1^{\beta=2} + \log(abs(C_1^{\beta=2}))) - 0.48m_{mMDT} - 0.05Multiplicity(Multiplicity + \log(abs(m_{mMDT}))))$	0.930
	$-\sin(-C_1^{\beta=2} + 0.14C_2^{\beta=1}m_{\text{mMDT}}) + 0.11\sinh(C_1^{\beta=1}) - 0.24$	
No. of clock cycles	$0.04((\sum z \log z) + C_1^{\beta=1} + C_2^{\beta=1} - m_{\text{mMDT}} - (\text{Multiplicity} - 0.2)(\text{Multiplicity} + \log(\text{abs}(C_1^{\beta=2}))))$	0.924
at (16, 6)	$-\sin(-C_1^{\beta=1} - C_1^{\beta=2} + 1.23m_{\text{mMDT}} + 0.58)$	
No. of clock cycles	$0.04 \text{Multiplicity}(C_1^{\beta=2}(C_1^{\beta=2} - m_{\text{mMDT}}) - \text{Multiplicity} - \log(\text{abs}(C_1^{\beta=2}((\sum z \log z) + 0.23))))$	0.926
at (18, 8)	$-\sin(-C_1^{\beta=1} - C_1^{\beta=2} + 1.19m_{\text{mMDT}} + 0.61)$	

**Table 3.** Expressions generated by PySR for the *t* tagger with  $c_{max} = 40$ , implemented with and without LAT. Constants are rounded to two decimal places for readability.



# Symbolic regression. A compact symbolic model for MNIST

TABLE II

An example of a compact symbolic model with a mean complexity of 90 and an overall accuracy of 80%, learned by SymbolNet in the MNIST dataset. Constants are rounded to 2 significant figures for the purpose of display.

Class	Expression (symbolic model classifying MNIST digits)	Complexity	AUC
0	$\begin{array}{c} 0.094\sin(0.41x_{374}-0.53x_{378}+0.66x_{484})+0.15(-0.3x_{184}-0.17x_{239}-0.12x_{269}-0.27x_{271}-0.14x_{318}+0.72x_{352}-0.6x_{358}-0.19x_{374}+0.55x_{377}-0.32x_{415}-0.23x_{456}-0.26x_{485}-0.4x_{510}-0.53x_{627}+0.25x_{637}-0.19x_{658}+0.55x_{711})(0.44x_{102}-0.29x_{156}-0.41x_{212}-0.29x_{271}-0.22x_{302}-0.11x_{371}-0.5x_{398}-0.41x_{428}-0.24x_{430}+0.84x_{433}+0.6x_{436}+0.11x_{462}+0.62x_{490}-0.45x_{509}-0.066x_{539}-0.4x_{541}-0.13x_{568}+0.22x_{580}-0.58x_{627}-0.25x_{658})\end{array}$	129	0.993
1	$ \begin{split} &\exp(-26.0(0.11x_{102}+0.056x_{158}+0.21x_{176}+0.08x_{178}+0.093x_{182}+0.93x_{205}+0.11x_{212}+0.15x_{235}+\\ &0.27x_{248}-0.033x_{267}+0.067x_{271}+0.24x_{302}-0.063x_{323}+0.095x_{327}-0.067x_{350}-0.12x_{378}+\\ &0.18x_{430}+x_{438}-0.067x_{462}-0.092x_{489}+0.18x_{510}-0.024x_{568}+0.12x_{580}+0.23x_{637}+0.24x_{711}+\\ &0.13x_{713}+0.24x_{715}+0.27x_{96}+0.28)^2 ) \end{split} $	91	0.995
2	$\begin{array}{l} 0.54\sin(0.59x_{124}+0.35x_{156}-0.39x_{318}-0.41x_{350}-0.46x_{371}-0.41x_{374}-0.6x_{415}+0.18x_{431}+\\ 0.14x_{465}+1.1x_{473}+0.7x_{509}+0.38x_{515}+0.88x_{528}+0.38x_{554}+0.77x_{611}+0.39x_{637}+0.1x_{99}-\\ 0.8)+0.53\end{array}$	58	0.966
3	$\begin{array}{l}-0.042x_{158}+0.062x_{178}-0.039x_{235}-0.12x_{291}-0.063x_{316}+0.045x_{318}+0.061x_{404}-0.066x_{458}+\\0.032x_{485}-0.1x_{487}-0.074x_{489}-0.12x_{490}+0.038x_{515}+0.036x_{517}-0.06x_{541}+0.36x_{563}-\\0.043x_{572}+0.048x_{611}+0.28\end{array}$	56	0.907
4	$\begin{array}{c} 0.76\exp(-4.7(0.47x_{124}+0.42x_{126}+0.49x_{128}+0.14x_{176}+0.28x_{182}+0.44x_{184}+0.17x_{212}+x_{239}+\\ 0.88x_{267}+0.81x_{322}+0.43x_{323}+0.33x_{350}+0.4x_{543}+0.3x_{554}+0.5x_{568}+0.35x_{623})^2)-0.082\times\\ (-0.2x_{124}-0.34x_{182}+0.39x_{429}-0.69x_{568}-0.66x_{713}+0.68)(1.4x_{102}+0.58x_{182}+0.75x_{208}+0.51x_{215}+0.29x_{235}+0.47x_{322}-0.53x_{323}-0.7x_{325}+0.23x_{355}+0.53x_{358}-1.4x_{374}-1.5x_{398}-0.63x_{431}-1.5x_{456}-0.68x_{462}-1.1x_{465}+0.48x_{541}+0.83x_{568}+4.9x_{66}+1.3x_{71}+1.3x_{713}+1.4x_{96})\end{array}$	141	0.980
5	$\begin{array}{c} \exp(-2.4(-0.15x_{124}+0.13x_{158}+0.59x_{190}+0.98x_{248}-0.13x_{267}-0.35x_{323}-0.68x_{325}-x_{327}-0.78x_{355}+0.17x_{404}-0.5x_{456}-0.19x_{490}-0.41x_{510}-0.6x_{515}+0.15x_{568}-0.63)^2)-0.012x_{128}-0.12x_{358}+0.03x_{371}+0.069x_{374}-0.031x_{436}-0.019x_{485}+0.042x_{580}+0.026x_{623}\end{array}$	79	0.928
6	$\begin{array}{l} 0.21x_{102}+0.3x_{103}+0.42x_{107}-0.054x_{215}-0.057x_{217}-0.093x_{269}-0.065x_{271}-0.068x_{302}-\\ 0.08x_{322}+0.068x_{358}+0.04x_{374}+0.12x_{414}+0.021x_{431}+0.069x_{485}-0.063x_{489}-0.078x_{510}+\\ 0.081x_{515}+0.047x_{543}-0.056x_{568}+0.065x_{572}-0.05x_{580}+0.35x_{64}+0.43x_{66}+0.22x_{68}+0.34x_{69}+\\ 0.29x_{71}+0.35x_{73}+0.56x_{78}+0.18x_{99}+0.1\end{array}$	89	0.975
7	$\frac{0.98 \exp(-3.1 (-x_{124} - 0.61 x_{126} - 0.81 x_{128} - 0.97 x_{156} - 0.24 x_{184} - 0.23 x_{350} + 0.073 x_{355} - 0.28 x_{376} - 0.13 x_{377} - 0.62 x_{378} - 0.72 x_{404} - 0.6 x_{415} - 0.62 x_{431} - 0.092 x_{433} - 0.43 x_{458} - 0.87 x_{485} - 0.94 x_{539} - 0.27 x_{541} - 0.84 x_{581} - 0.37 x_{623})^2)$	68	0.968
8	$-0.68\sin(0.16x_{156} - 0.35x_{176} + 0.43x_{302} + 0.19x_{318} + 0.23x_{327} + 0.41x_{376} - 0.2x_{414} - 0.4x_{428} + 0.46x_{433} - 0.33x_{467} + 0.27x_{487} + 0.3x_{515} - 0.34x_{528} + 0.25x_{541} + 0.58x_{658} + 0.43x_{689} + 1.1) + 0.64$	55	0.924
9	$\begin{array}{l} -0.051\sin(0.59x_{124}+0.35x_{156}-0.39x_{318}-0.41x_{350}-0.46x_{371}-0.41x_{374}-0.6x_{415}+0.18x_{431}+\\ 0.14x_{465}+1.1x_{473}+0.7x_{509}+0.38x_{515}+0.88x_{528}+0.38x_{554}+0.77x_{611}+0.39x_{637}+0.1x_{99}-0.8)-\\ 0.054x_{126}-0.066x_{158}-0.082x_{190}-0.11x_{205}+0.059x_{208}+0.016x_{215}-0.039x_{217}-0.0092x_{235}-\\ 0.11x_{248}-0.047x_{271}+0.093x_{316}-0.04x_{322}+0.069x_{327}+0.07x_{352}-0.059x_{414}+0.069x_{429}+\\ 0.038x_{431}+0.048x_{436}-0.057x_{467}-0.044x_{517}-0.067x_{541}+0.065x_{637}-0.06x_{658}+0.11x_{711}+\\ 0.1x_{713}+0.16x_{715}+0.029\end{array}$	136	0.926

Symbolic model can be ultra

compact in size while having

competitive performance

• Can visualize the entire model

in a single table, as compared

to black box NN with

thousands or more parameters