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Interpretability in Semi-Supervised Classifier Tests for Model-Independent Searches of New Physics

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Many model-independent search methods can be understood as performing a high-dimensional two-sample test. The test is typically performed by training a neural network over the high-dimensional feature space. If the test indicates a significant deviation from the background, it would be desirable to be able to characterize the "signal" the network may have found. In this talk, I will describe our work on interpreting semi-supervised classifier tests using active subspaces to understand the properties of the detected signal. Additionally, I will show how to extract the signal strength parameter from the trained classifier.

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