Exoplanet Search Challenge

DeepLearn2024 Hackathon

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- Planets form in protoplanetary disks
- Identifying planets in disks informs planet formation theory
- New observatories gather data of unprecedented quality
- Machine learning can help find planets in observations
- Task: classify disks as planet(s) vs. no planets using synthetic observations



Machine Learning and Protoplanetary Disks



Train with synthetic observations of protoplanetary disks



Generated using hydrodynamics simulations



Terry et al. (2022, 2023) trained models that identified a planet in the disk HD 142666

Data

- 1250 µm synthetic observations
- .fits files
- Same simulations as Terry et al. (2022)
- Simulations have between 0
 - 4 planets



Task

Use synthetic observations to classify disks as having at least one planets vs. no planets

861 training simulations

Withheld 114 test simulations

5 ALMA observations

Metrics

- AUC on 20% of provided training data
 5 points
- AUC on withheld test set
 - 10 points
- Accuracy with ALMA observations
 - 5 points

Deliverables

- Jupyter Notebook on Google Colab
- PDF of same
- Trained model in easily accessible format (e.g., .pyt, etc.)
- Notebook should be able to run with minimal modification