

Machine

Learning

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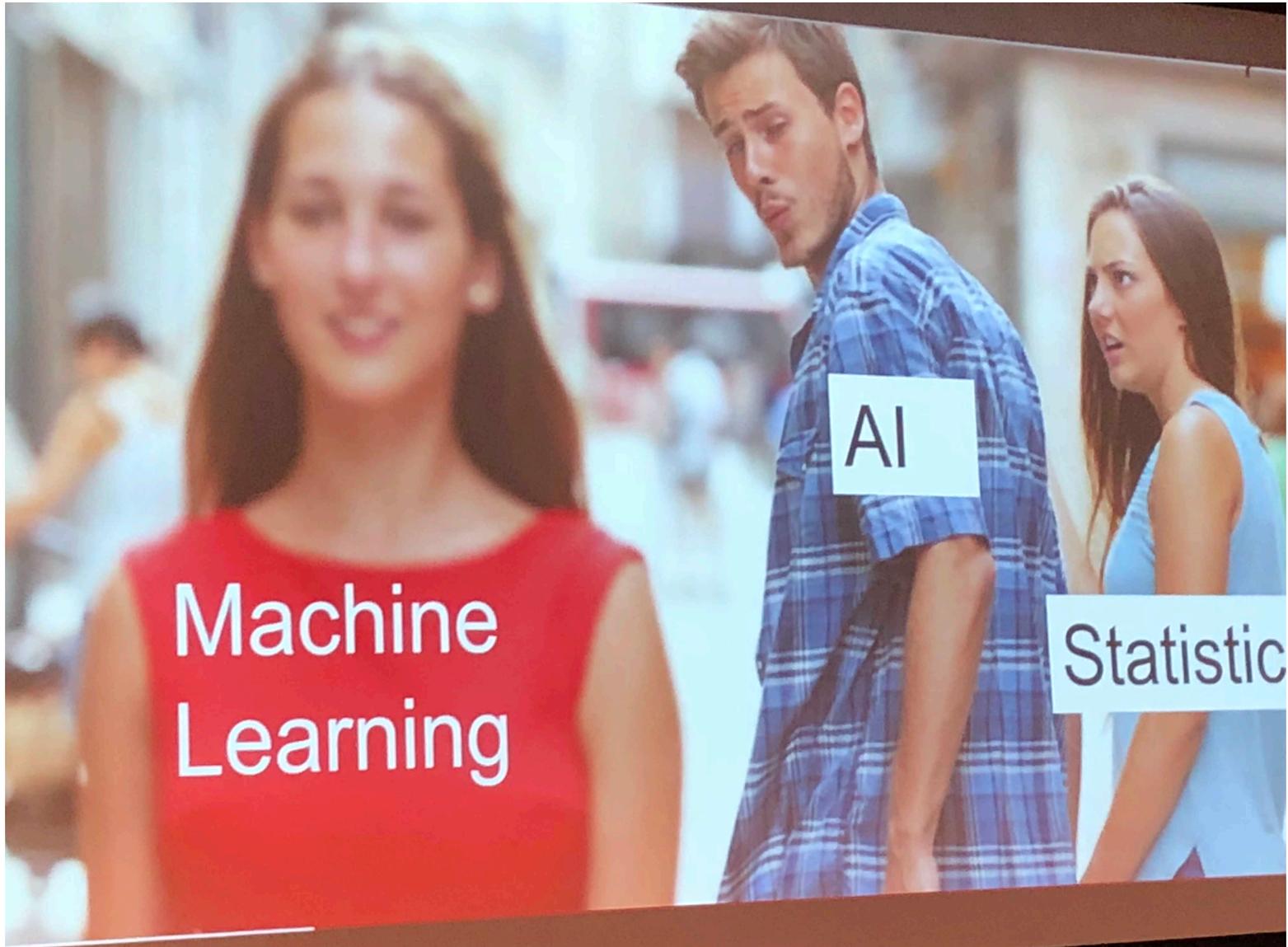
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Today's Outline

- **What is Machine Learning**
- **in Theory**
- **in Practice**

Machine Learning Basics



Machine Learning

What is Machine Learning?

- Study of algorithms that improve their performance **P** for a given task **T** with more experience **E**

Sample tasks: identifying faces, Higgs bosons

In Computer Science

Already the preferred approach to:

- Speech recognition, natural language processing
- Computer vision, Robot control
- Medical outcomes analysis



Growing fast

- Improved algorithms
- Increased data capture
- Software too complex to write by hand

Machine Learning

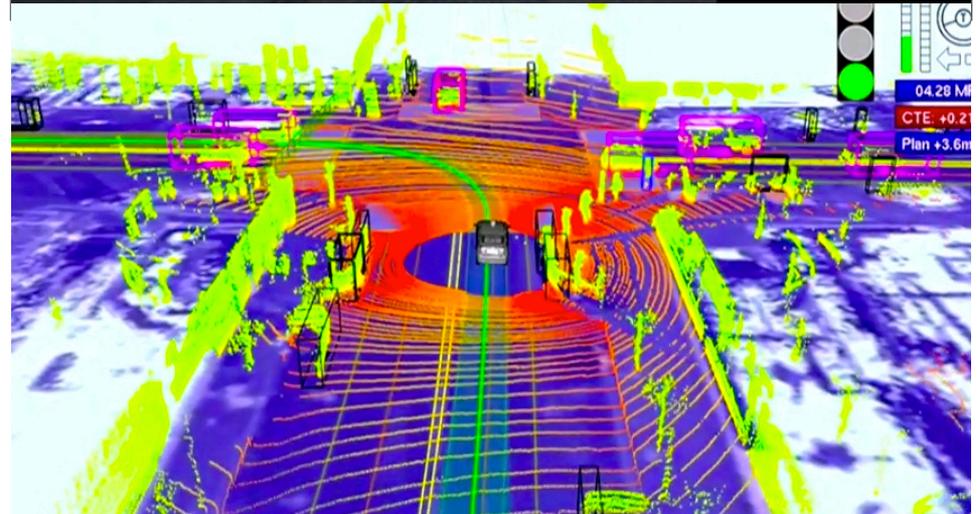
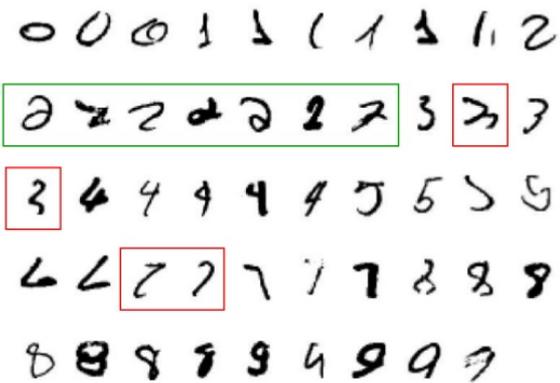
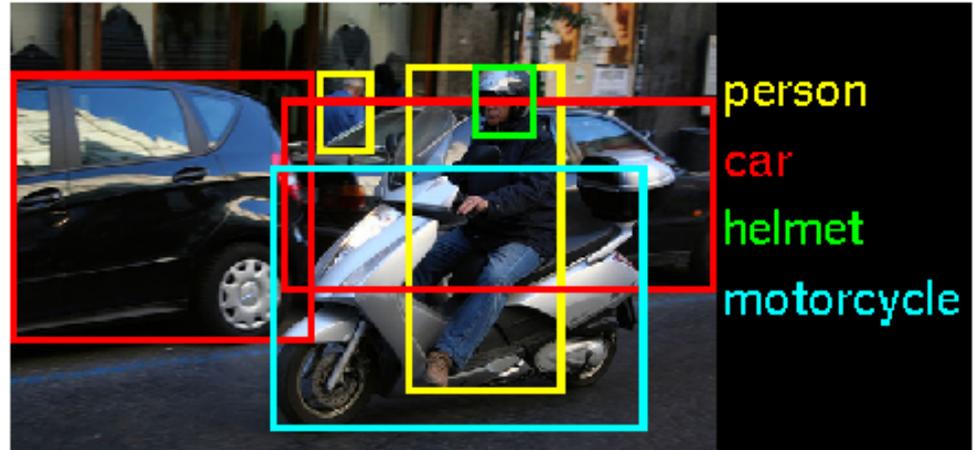
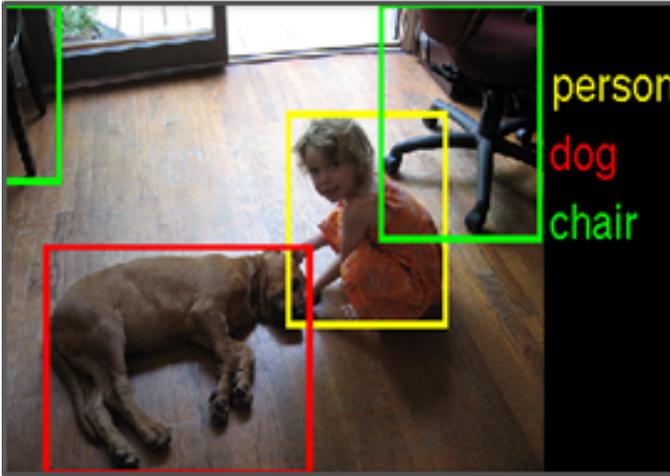
General Approach:

Given **training** data $T_D = \{y, \mathbf{x}\} = (y, \mathbf{x})_1 \dots (y, \mathbf{x})_N$,

function space $\{f\}$ and a
constraint on these functions

Teach a machine to learn the **mapping** $y = f(\mathbf{x})$

Examples



Machine Learning

Choose

Function space $F = \{f(x, \mathbf{w})\}$

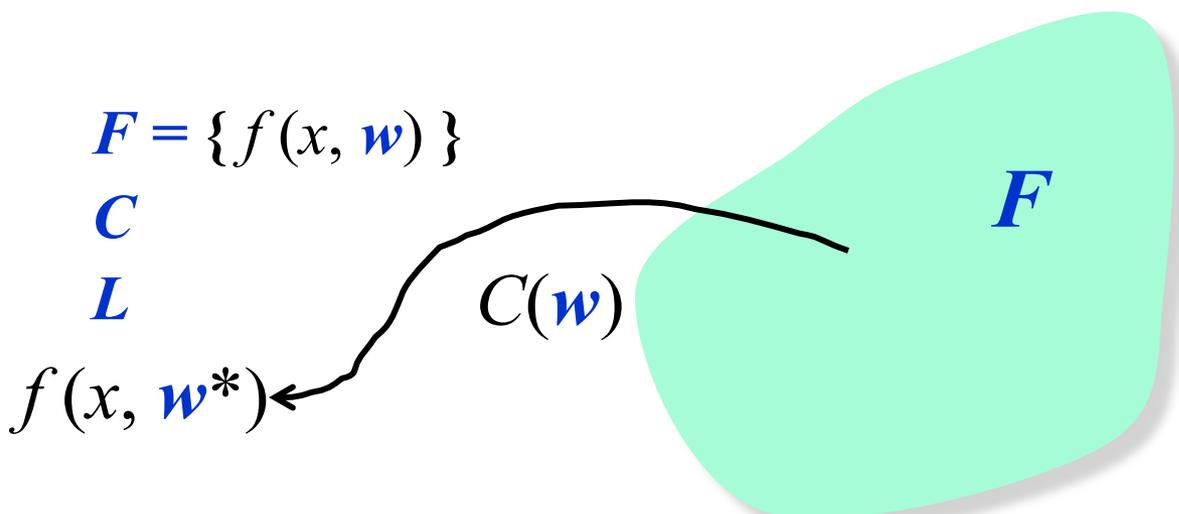
Constraint C

Loss function* L

$f(x, \mathbf{w}^*)$

$C(\mathbf{w})$

F



Method

Find $f(x)$ by minimizing the empirical risk $R(\mathbf{w})$

$$R[f_{\mathbf{w}}] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L(y_i, f(x_i, \mathbf{w})) \quad \text{subject to the constraint } C(\mathbf{w})$$

*The loss function measures the cost of choosing badly

Machine Learning

Many methods (e.g., neural networks, boosted decision trees, rule-based systems, random forests,...) use the **quadratic loss**

$$L(y, f(x, \mathbf{w})) = [y - f(x, \mathbf{w})]^2$$

and choose $f(x, \mathbf{w}^*)$ by minimizing the **constrained** mean square empirical risk

$$R[f_{\mathbf{w}}] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - f(x_i, \mathbf{w})]^2 + C(\mathbf{w})$$

History

1950s: First methods invented

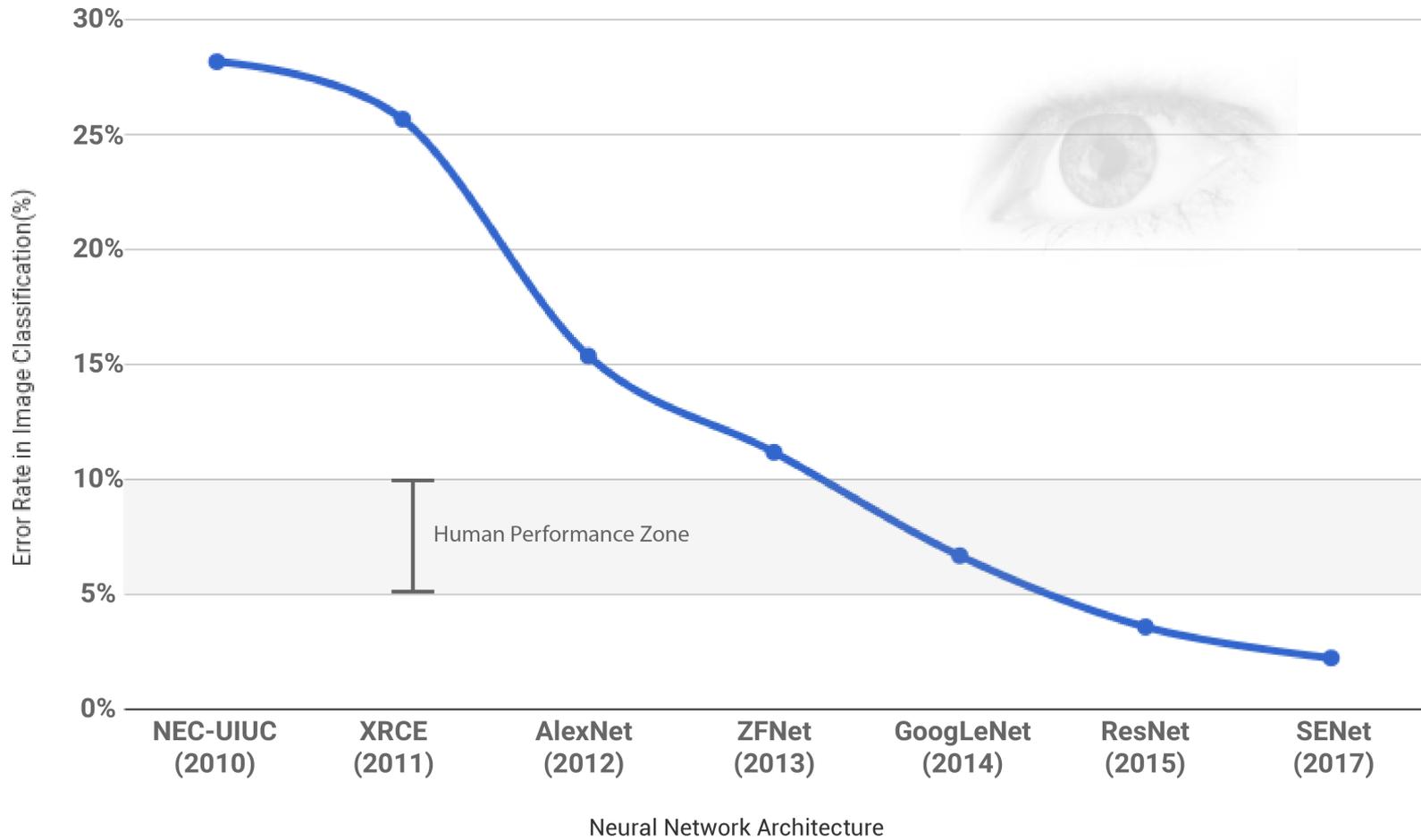
1960-80s: Focus on knowledge

1990s: Computing power, new learning methods, data-centrism

2000-10s: Wider use research and industry

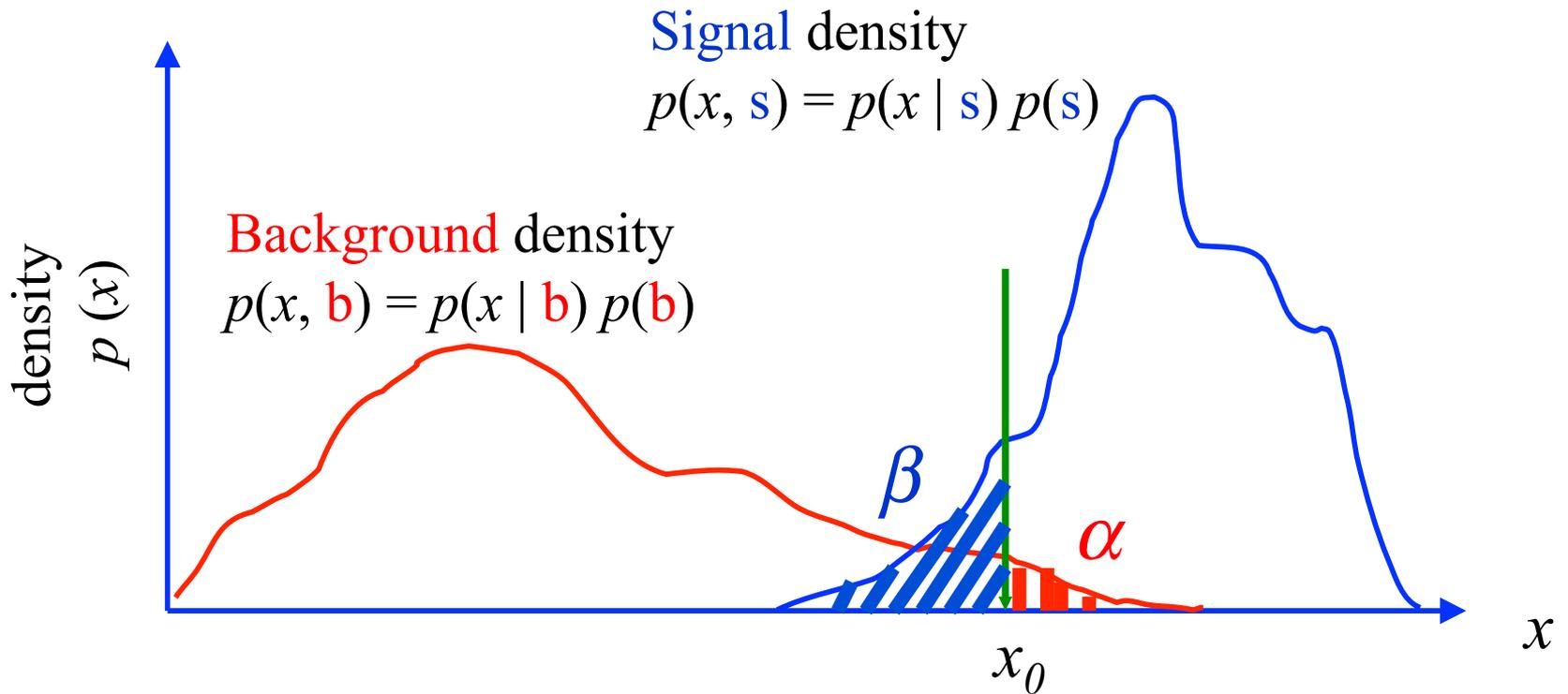
2010s: Learning improvement, dedicated hardware, deep learning

Diving Deeper



Classification Theory

Classification Theory



Optimality criterion: minimize the error rate, $\alpha + \beta$

Classification Theory

The total loss L arising from classification errors is given by

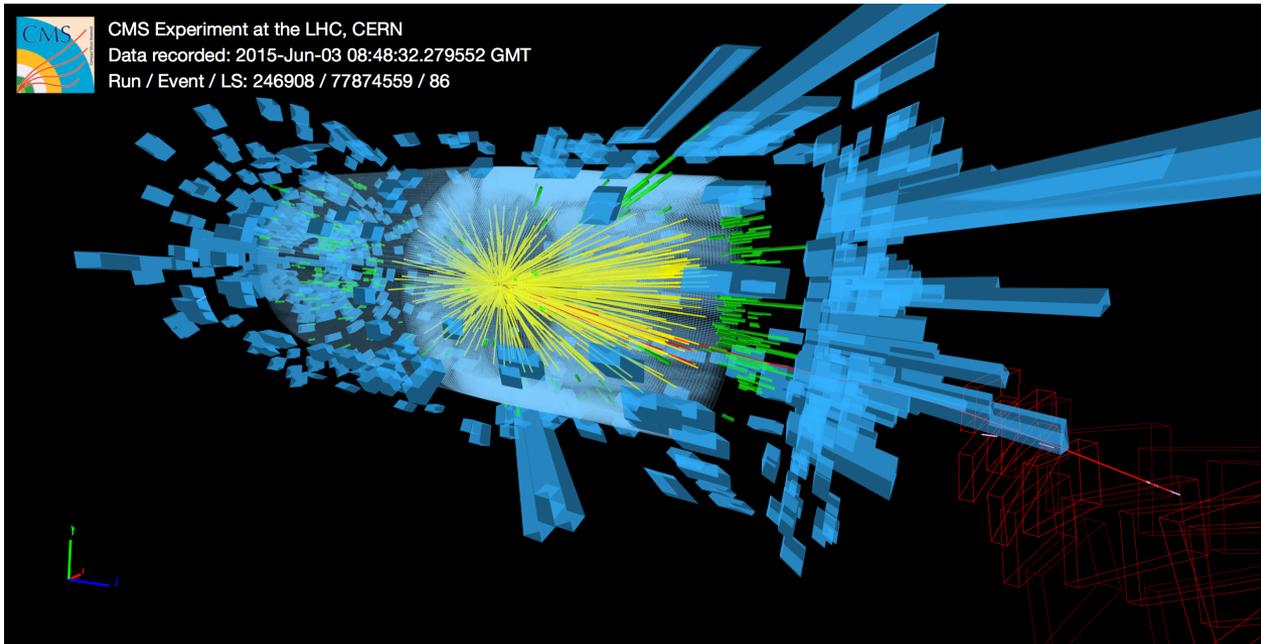
$$L = L_b \int H(f) p(x, b) dx \quad \text{Cost of background misclassification}$$
$$+ L_s \int [1 - H(f)] p(x, s) dx \quad \text{Cost of signal misclassification}$$

where $f(x) = 0$ defines a **decision boundary**
such that $f(x) > 0$ defines the **acceptance region**

$H(f)$ is the Heaviside step function:

$$H(f) = 1 \text{ if } f > 0, 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

Classification in Practice



In Particle Physics

Higgs Boson Discovery

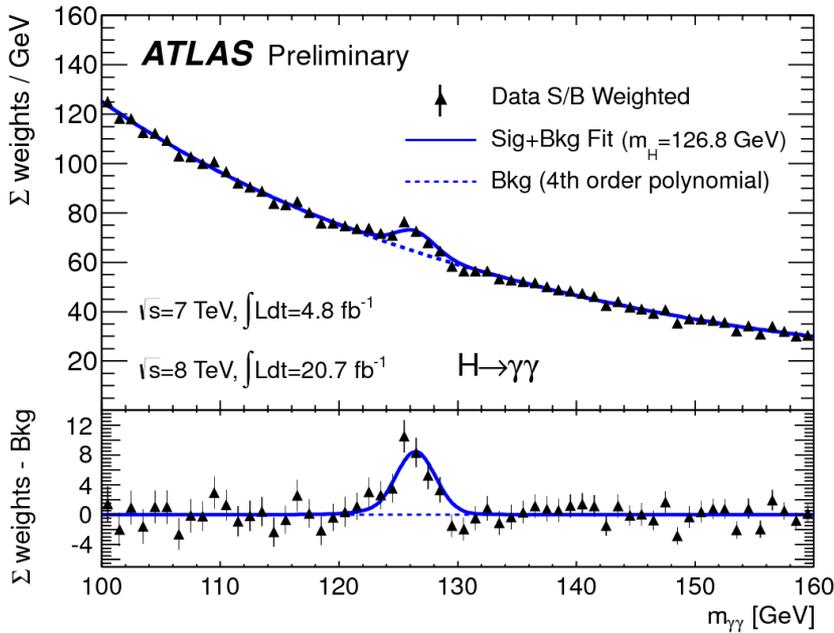


- Not-yet-excluded region: ~ 133 $\gamma\gamma$ GeV
- The five decay modes discussed today have comparable sensitivities for exclusion.
- Most analyses used in this combination have been re-optimized. In order to avoid the possibility of an unintended bias, all selection criteria in the analyses of the 2011 and 2012 data were fixed before looking at the result in the signal region.

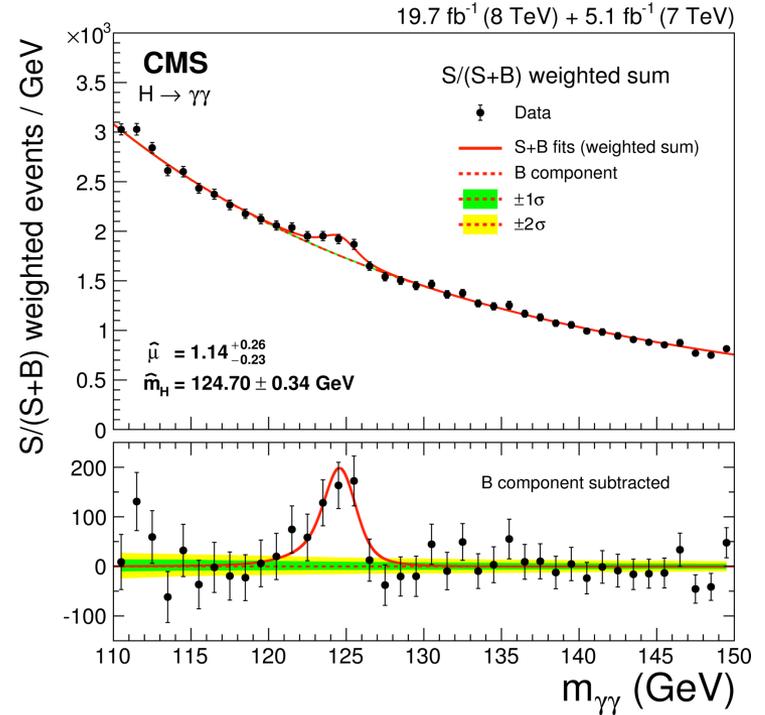
July 4, 2012



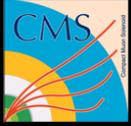
Higgs to di-photons



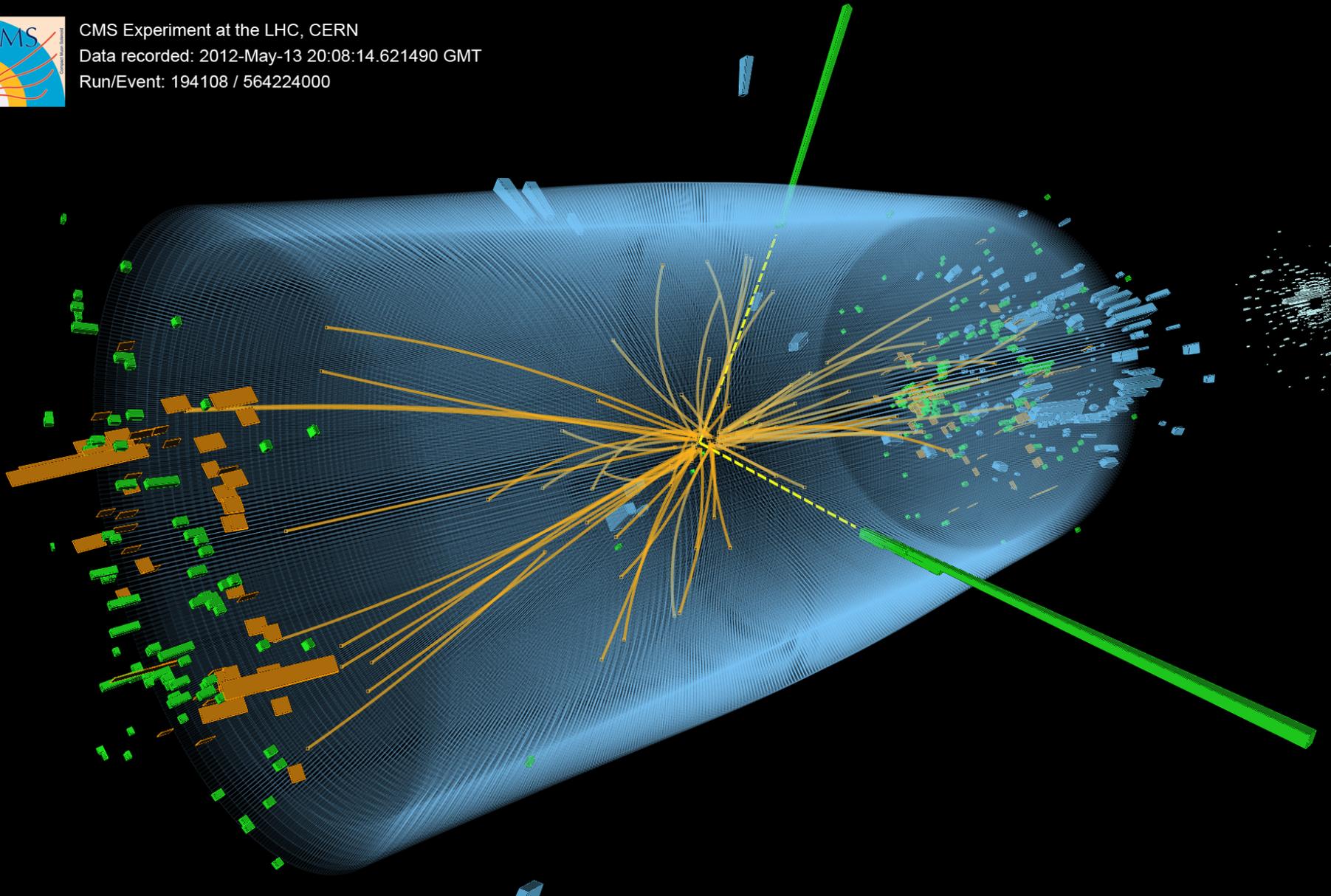
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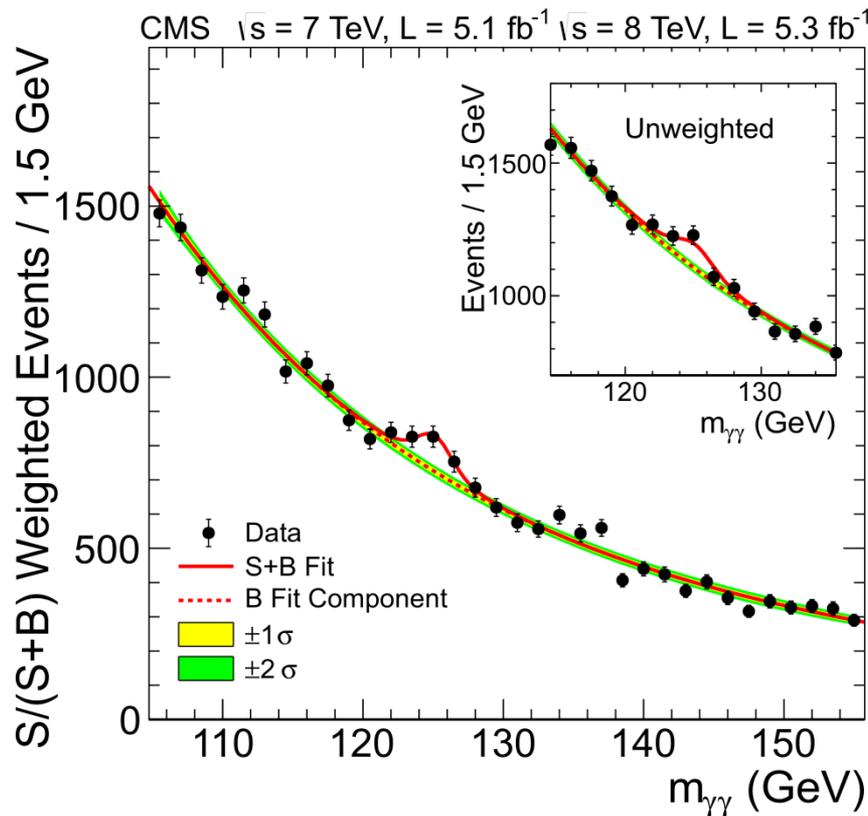
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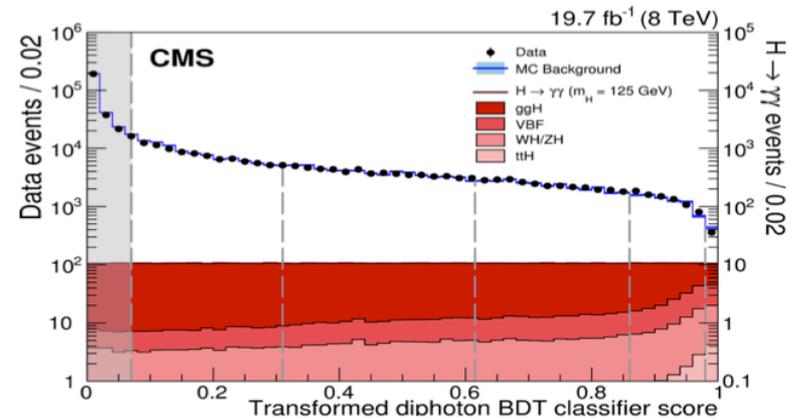
CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN
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in Higgs Discovery



- Identification of particles
- Identification of interactions
- Energy regression
- Event selection



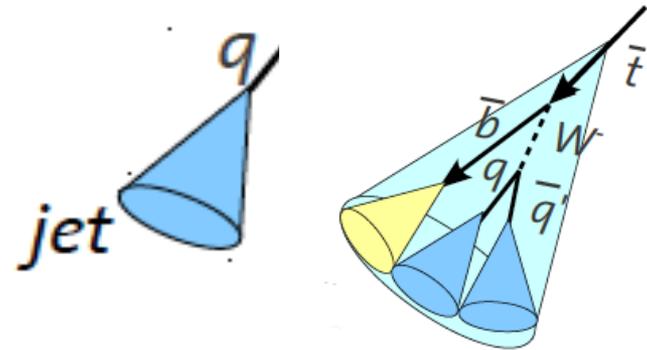
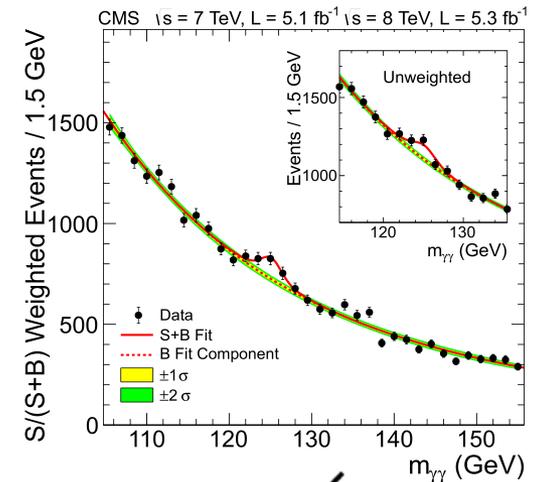
Improvement in analysis from all four areas

ML in HEP Today

Machine learning already at forefront of what we do:

- Physics object **identification**
- Event type **classification**
- Object properties **regression**

Expanding quickly



CONSTRUCTING CLASSIFIERS

Classification

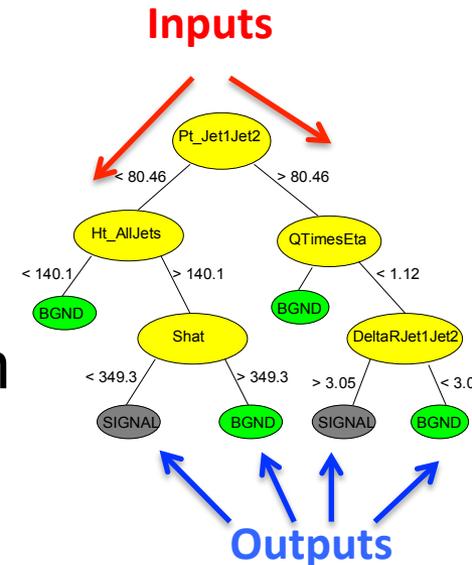
Distinguish $f(x)$, $g(x)$ using Training set of observations

{**inputs** , **outputs**}

Pass observations to a learning algorithm
neural network, decision tree

that produces **outputs** in response to **inputs**

Use another set of observations to evaluate



Learning Types

Supervised Learning

Labeled examples with known classes

Examples: cats/dogs

Unsupervised Learning

Un-labeled data

Examples: clustering, anomaly detection

Classification

Primary Goal:

Achieve **lowest probability** of error
on unseen cases $\{<x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}>\}$

Approach:

Inductively **learn** from labeled examples
where classes are known

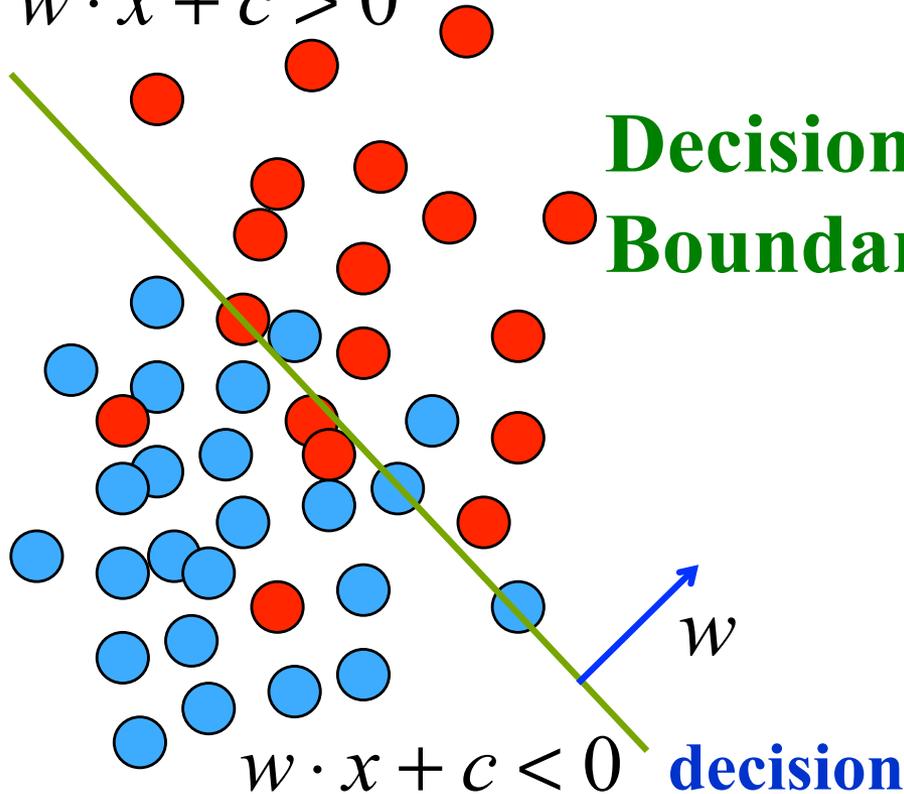
ML Algorithms

- **Fisher, Quadratic**
- **Naïve Bayes (Likelihood)**
- **Kernel Density Estimation**
- **Random Grid Search**
- **Rule ensembles**
- **Boosted decision trees**
- **Random forests**
- **Support vector machines**
- **Genetic algorithms**
- **Deep learning neural networks**

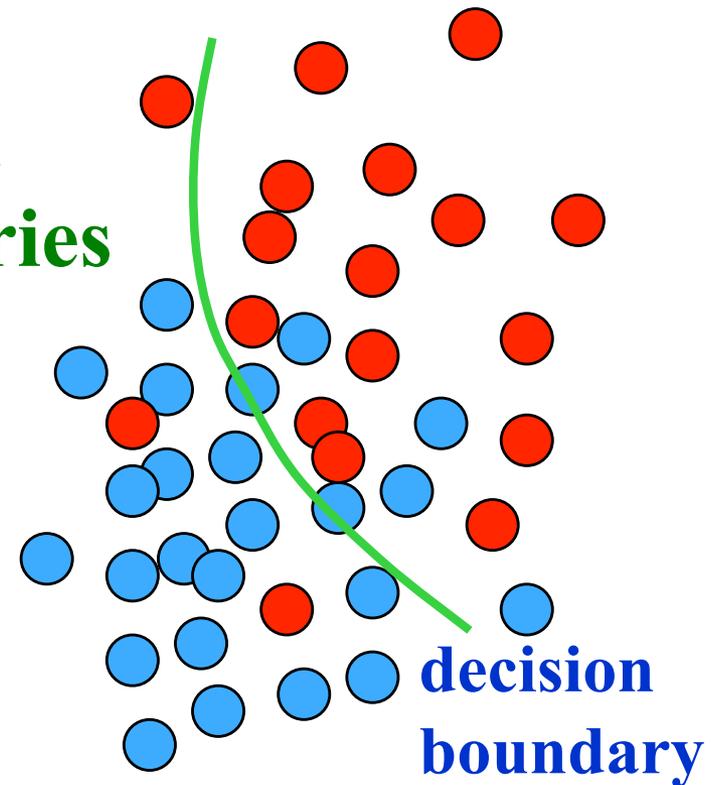
Linear and Quadratic

Linear (Fisher)

$$w \cdot x + c > 0$$



Quadratic



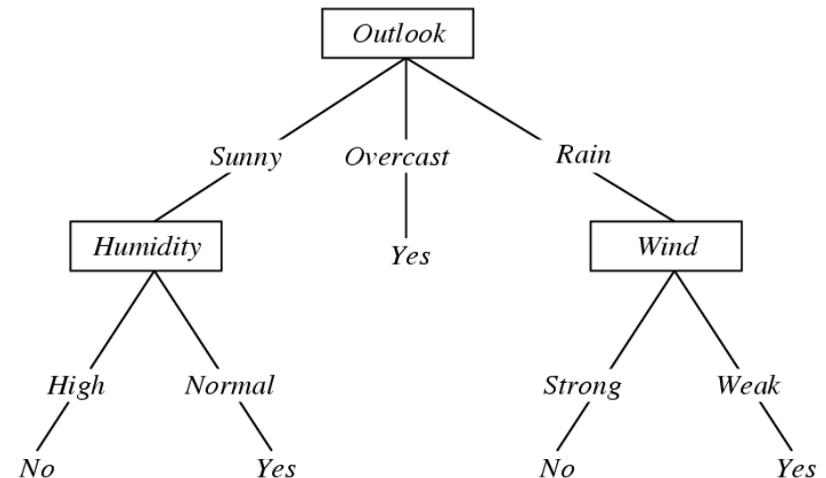


Binary Decision Trees



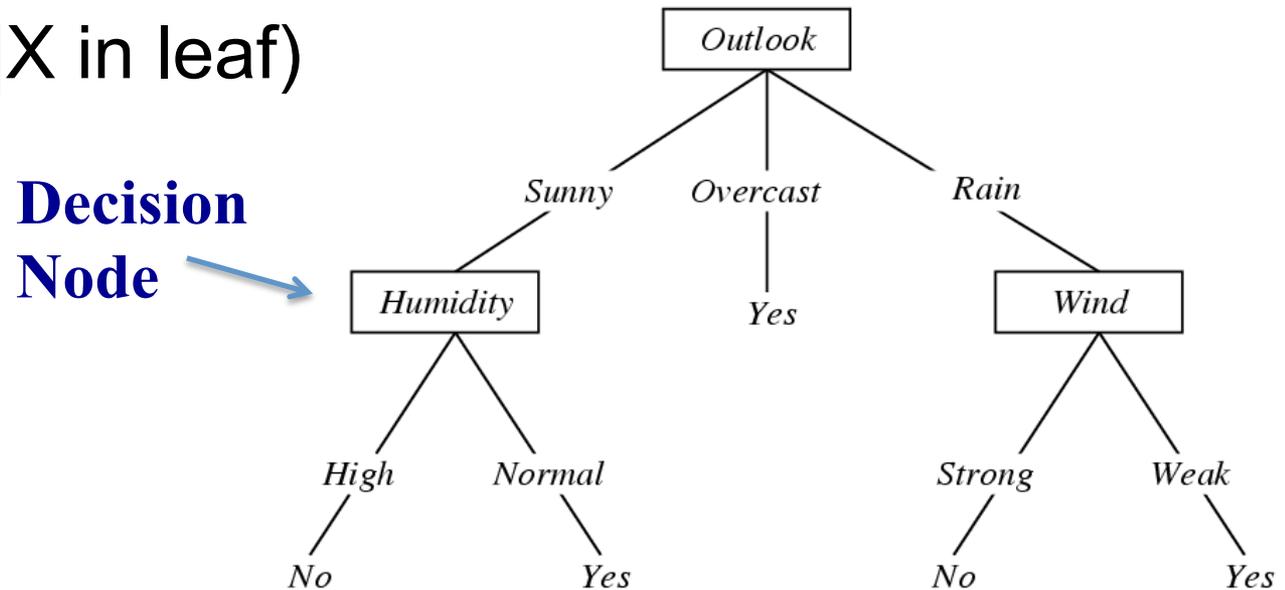
Decision Trees

- **Decision trees** are recursively constructed **multidimensional histograms**
 - Each leaf associated to the value (**class**) of $f(x)$ to be approximated
 - Golf-Playing Tree: $f(\text{outlook}, \text{humidity}, \text{wind}, \text{temperature})$



Decision Trees

- Each **internal** node: test one attribute X_i
- Each **branch**: selects one value for X_i
- Each **leaf** node: predict Y
 - Or $P(Y|X \text{ in leaf})$



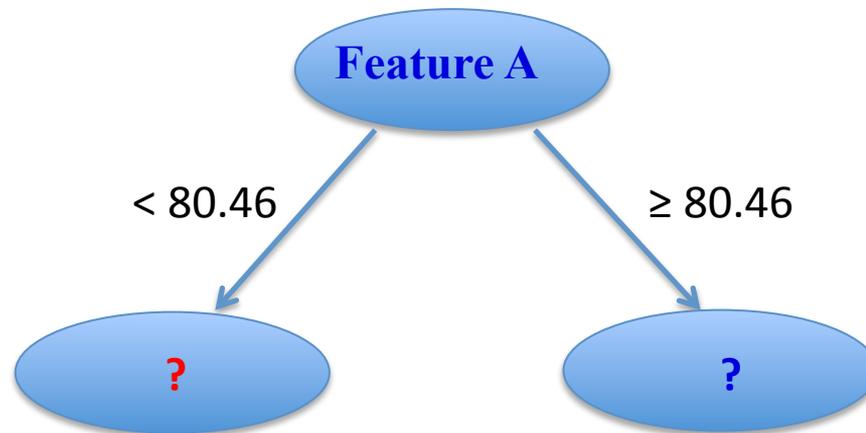
Decision Tree Learning

- Set of possible instances: X
 - **instance** is a feature vector
 - e.g. \langle Humidity = High, Wind = weak, Outlook = rain, Temp = hot \rangle
- Unknown target function $f: X \rightarrow Y$
 - Y is discrete valued (class)

Decision Trees

Building a tree:

- Scan along each variable and propose a **DECISION**
 - A cut on value that maximizes class separation (binary branching)

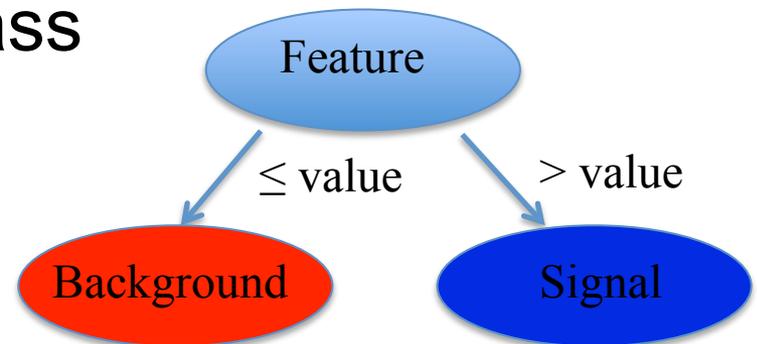


Decision Trees

Choose **split** that leads to greatest separation among **classes**

- Based on the information gained
 - Build regions of increasing purity
 - Stop when no improvement from branching
 - Reach terminal node (leaf) and assign purity-based class

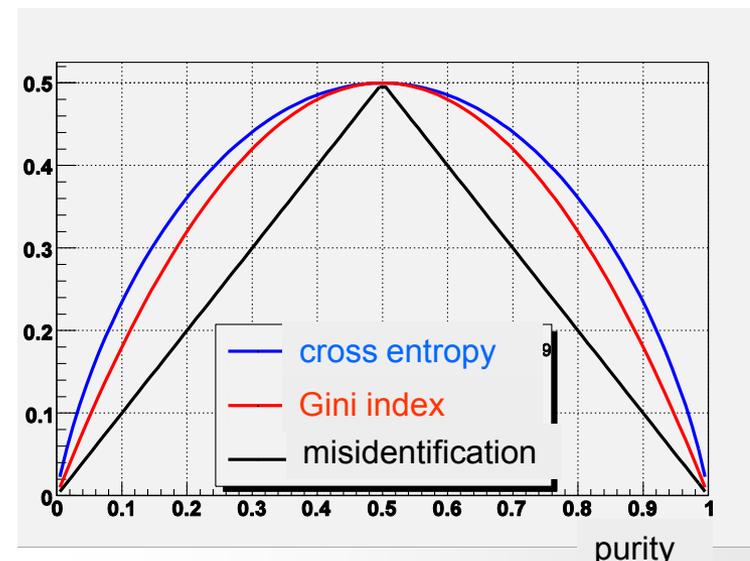
$$\frac{N_{signal}}{N_{signal} + N_{background}}$$



Separation Gain

Popular Separation Gain Measures

- **Cross-Entropy**
 $-p \ln p + (1-p) \ln(1-p)$
- **Gini Index**
 $p(1-p)$



Want to **lower** entropy from split

Pruning

Decision trees can become large and complex and risk **over-fitting** the data

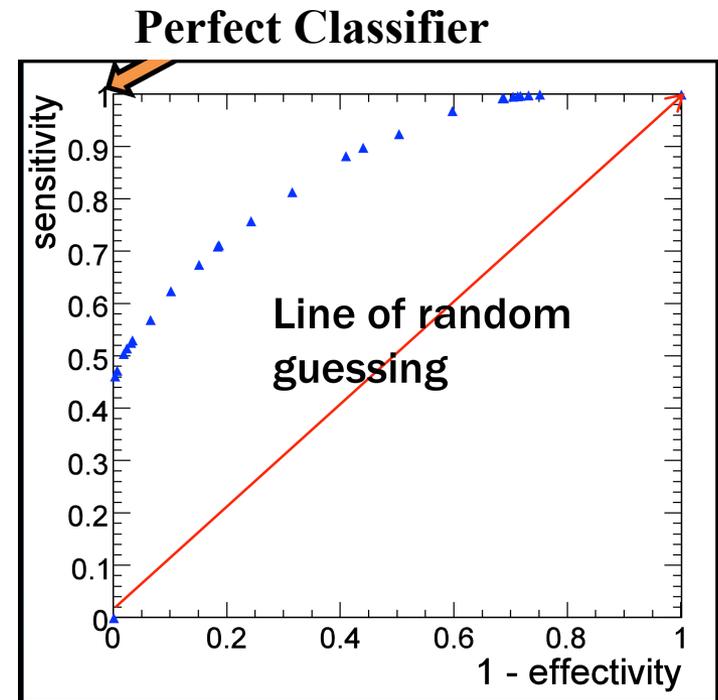
- **Pruning:** remove parts of tree that are less powerful or noisy
 - start from the leaves and work back up
 - pruned trees **smaller** in size, easier to interpret

Classifier Performance

Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC)

Commonly used metric

Shows the **relationship** between correctly classified positive cases (sensitivity) and incorrectly classified negative cases (1-effectivity)



Summary

- **Machine learning focuses on algorithms capable of learning**
 - Basic methods: linear, quadratic
 - Tree-based methods:
 - Decision Trees, Rules
 - Ensembles:
 - Boosted Decision Trees, Random Forests
 - Next lecture: Deep learning algorithms