



# Gradient Boosted Decision Tree for Particle Identification at MPD

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# Particle Identification at MPD experiment

MPD particle identification (PID) is based on **Time-Projection Chamber** (TPC) and **Time-of-Flight** (TOF).

A TPC can identify charged particles by measuring their specific ionization **energy losses** (dE/dx);



A TOF measures the particle flight **time** over a given **distance** along the track trajectory;



Knowing the particle **momentum** (from TPC) one obtains the **mass squared** and thus identity of the particle.

### Baseline PID at MPD - N-sigma



in Bi+Bi collisions at 9.2 GeV

## Gradient Boosting

**Gradient boosting** is a machine learning technique which combines weak learners into a single strong learner in an iterative fashion



#### Gradient Boosted Decision Tree

**Gradient Boosted Decision Tree** (GBDT) uses decision trees as weak learner. They can be considered as automated multilevel **cut-based** analysis



# XGBoost vs LightGBM vs CatBoost vs SketchBoost





Asymmetric Tree (XGB, LGBM) Symmetric Tree (CatBoost, SketchBoost)



Level-wise Tree Growth (XGB) Leaf-wise Tree Growth (LGBM)



### **Datasets**

Subsamples of the two MPD Monte-Carlo productions have been used (Request 25 & Request 29)



**track selection criteria**: (p < 100) & (|m<sup>2</sup>| < 100) & (nHits > 15) & (|eta|<1.5) & (dca < 5) & (|Vz| < 100)

# Data description



# Experiment design



All classifiers have been trained using the Nvidia Tesla V100-SXM2 NVLink 32GB HBM2 within the ecosystem for tasks of machine learning, deep learning, and data analysis at **HybriLIT** platform

# Two stages of the experiments

Some parameters for the tuning and model evaluation stages



Results for hyperparameter tuning (after **30 iterations** of the TPE algorithm for each GBDT)



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# Comparative analysis of the algorithms. Efficiency





# Comparative analysis of the algorithms. Inference time



**GPU**: Nvidia Tesla V100-SXM2 NVLink 32GB HBM2

**CPU**: Intel Xeon Gold 6148 CPU @ 2.40 GHz 20 Cores / 40 Threads

# XGBoost Model Interpretation. Feature Importance

**Importance type** can be defined as the total gain across all splits the feature is used in



This approach are sensitive when input variables are correlated, and may lead for instance to unreliability in the importance ranking

[prod05] Total feature importance across all models

# Model Interpretation. Shapley Additive exPlanations

**SHAP** is a game theoretic approach to explain the output of any ML model

$$
\phi_i = \sum_{S \subseteq F \setminus \{i\}} \frac{|S|!(|F|-|S|-1)!}{|F|!} \left[ f_{S \cup \{i\}}(x_{S \cup \{i\}}) - f_S(x_S) \right]. \qquad \text{SHAF}
$$

**|F|** is the size of the full coalition. **S** represents any subset of the coalition that doesn't include player **i**. The bit at the end is just "how much bigger is the payoff when we add player **i** to this particular subset **S**"



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### Misclassification. Confusion Matrices





#### **Median** mass squared:

 $median(m_{\pi}^2) = 0.0178 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$  $median(m_K^2) = 0.2362 \ GeV^2/c^4$  $median(m_p^2) = 0.8664 \quad GeV^2/c^4$ 

Model output

k-

 $\pi^-$ 

Pions are located in the vicinity of  $m^2 = 0.01$ Gev<sup>2</sup>/ $c^4$ , kaons are closed to **0.2** Gev<sup>2</sup>/ $c^4$ .

Whereas  $m^2$ =0.88 GeV<sup>2</sup>/c<sup>4</sup> is typical for protons.









### Misclassification. Confusion Matrices





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 $\pi^+$  errors when 2.0 GeV/c < p < 2.8 GeV/c



# Global PID and Class imbalance



 $0.5$ 

 $1.0$ 

1.5

p, GeV/c

 $2.0$ 

 $0.0$ 

- The statistic is changing with a growing momentum
- It was being taken into account by the model
- Making the move from Global PID to Local

 $2.5$ 

# XGBoost. Local models

#### The comparison of Local approach with Global models



- What are more effective way to split momentum?
- Are the additional computational costs justified?

 $E = 0.9952$ 

# Comparison with N-sigma



Efficiency ratio of XGBoost and n-sigma method

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# Backup

# Tabular Data: Deep Learning vs Gradient Boosting

#### **Unstructured data**





#### **Structured data**





*https://sebastianraschka.com/blog/2022/deep-learning-for-tabular-data.html* 31

# Classification of Charged Particles

In Machine Learning terms PID can be considered as **classification** task (**Supervised** learning).

Let

- **X** is the input space (particle characteristics such as:  $dE/dx$ ,  $m^2$ ,  $β$ ,  $q$ , etc)
- **Y**  is the output space (particle species such as: π, k, p, etc)

**Unknown** mapping exists

 $m: X \rightarrow Y$ .

for values which known only on objects from the finite training set

 $X^n = (x_1, y_1), ..., (x_n, y_n),$ 

Goal is to find an algorithm **a** that classifies an arbitrary new object **x** ∈ **X**

**a : X → Y**.

### Formulas

$$
m^{2} = \frac{p^{2}}{c^{2}} \left[ \frac{t^{2}c^{2}}{L^{2}} - 1 \right] \quad \beta = \frac{L}{ct}
$$

$$
-\left(\frac{dT}{dx}\right)=\frac{4\pi n_e z^2 e^4}{m_e v^2}\left[\ln\frac{2m_e v^2}{I}-\ln(1-\beta^2)-\beta^2-\delta-U\right]\!,
$$

# Data description





# Hyperparameters tuning

Tree-structured Parzen Estimator (TPE) was used to find the optimal hyperparameters;

TPE is a form of Bayesian Optimization.



# Oversampling and undersampling



# Class imbalance. Undersampling

- 1. Particles and corresponding antiparticles are combined to increase the number of examples in the minority class
- 2. Undersampling: randomly delete examples in the majority class (protons and kaons)



#### Sample weights

The idea is to weigh the cost function computed for different tracks differently based on whether they belong to the **majority** or the **minority** classes

$$
L = \frac{-\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i (c_i \log(p_i) + (1 - c_i) \log(1 - p_i))}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i}
$$

$$
w_i^{(j)} = \begin{cases} \frac{M^{(j)}}{N_{\pi}} \text{if } i \in \mathbf{\pi} \\ \frac{M^{(j)}}{N_k} \text{if } i \in \mathbf{K} \\ \frac{M^{(j)}}{N_p} \text{if } i \in \mathbf{p} \end{cases} \quad M^{(j)} = \max_{s} (N_s^{(j)})
$$

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