



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)



Level-wise Tree Growth (XGB)



Symmetric Tree (CatBoost, SketchBoost)



Leaf-wise Tree Growth (LGBM)



Datasets

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

	prod05	prod06	107
Event generator	UrQMD	PHQMD	
Transport	Geant 4	Geant 4	10 ⁵
Impact parameter ranges	0-16 fm (mb)	0-12 fm	train Dataset Dataset train train
Smear Vertex XY	0.1 cm	0.1 cm	10 ²
Smear Vertex Z	50 cm	50 cm	101
Colliding system	Bi+Bi	Bi+Bi	100
Energy	9.2 GeV	9.2 GeV	π^+ k^+ p $\pi^ k^ \overline{p}$ Particle species

track selection criteria: $(p < 100) \& (|m^2| < 100) \& (nHits > 15) \& (|eta|<1.5) \& (dca < 5) \& (|Vz| < 100)$

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

Stage	Learning Rate	Max Number of Iterations	Early Stopping
Tuning	0.05	5 000	200
Model Evaluation	0.015	20 000	500

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

Framework	Max. Depth	L2 leaf reg.	Min. data in leaf	Rows sampling rate
XGBoost	8	2.3	0.00234	0.942
LightGBM	12	0.1	4	0.981
CatBoost	8	3.0	5	0.99
SketchBoost	8	3.0	5	0.99

Iosipoi L., Vakhrushev A. SketchBoost: Fast Gradient Boosted Decision Tree for Multioutput Problems

Comparative analysis of the algorithms. Efficiency

	XGBoost	LightGBM	CatBoost	SketchBoost
Total Efficiency	0.99327	0.99235	0.99138	0.99239



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

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

|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**"



Misclassification. Confusion Matrices





Median mass squared:

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

Model output

• κ • π⁻

Pions are located in the vicinity of $m^2=0.01$ Gev²/c⁴, kaons are closed to **0.2** Gev²/c⁴.

Whereas $m^2=0.88$ GeV²/c⁴ is typical for protons.



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	р	charge	dedx	m2	nHits	eta	dca	Vx	Vy	Vz	phi	theta	gPt	beta
383509	1.51686	-1	1.23853	0.015994	32	-0.644238	0.088488	0.00004	-0.024725	41.5421	2.29702	2.1746	1.24865	0.9973
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Misclassification. Confusion Matrices





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 π^+ errors when 2.0 GeV/c < p < 2.8 GeV/c



Global PID and Class imbalance



- 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



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

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

	Fuselage length	Wingspan
Boeing 707	44,07	39,9
Cessna 172	8,28	11
B-2 Spirit	20,90	52,12



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

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, m², β , q, etc)
- **Y** is the output space (particle species such as: π , k, p, etc)

Unknown mapping exists

 $\mathbf{m}: \mathbf{X} \to \mathbf{Y},$

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 $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}$

a : $X \rightarrow Y$.

Formulas

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

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ight],$$

Data description

feature	values range
р	(0.1, 100)
q	{-1 , 1 }
dedx	(0, 72)
m2	(-100, 100)
nHits	[20, 53]
eta	[-1.3, 1.3]
dca	(0, 5)

feature	values range
Vx	(-0.106, 0.106)
Vy	(-0.103, 0.112)
Vz	(-50, 54.1)
phi	(-3.1415, 3.1415)
theta	(0.53, 2.61)
gPt	(0.106, 98)
beta	[0.012, 1.564]

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

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

Sample weights



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