



Machine

Learning

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Lecture

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Announcements

- **Outline and Demo due Thursday**
- **XC due next Tue, Apr 22**

Group Presentations

15 minutes total (12 minutes talk + 3 min Q/A)

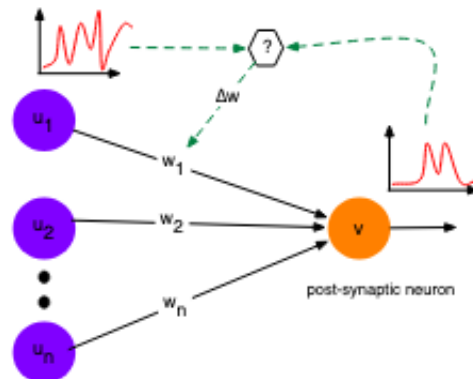
Scoring Rubric:

- Introduce the topic (10 pts)
 - What is the question you are trying to answer
 - Why is it important
 - Previous approaches/Why ML would help
- Machine Learning (10 pts)
 - Which technique and why
 - Model, training, hyperparameters
 - Results and conclusions
- Overall Impression (5pts) + Time Management (5pts)

Last Time: Energy Models

Key idea: minimize **energy** instead of **error**

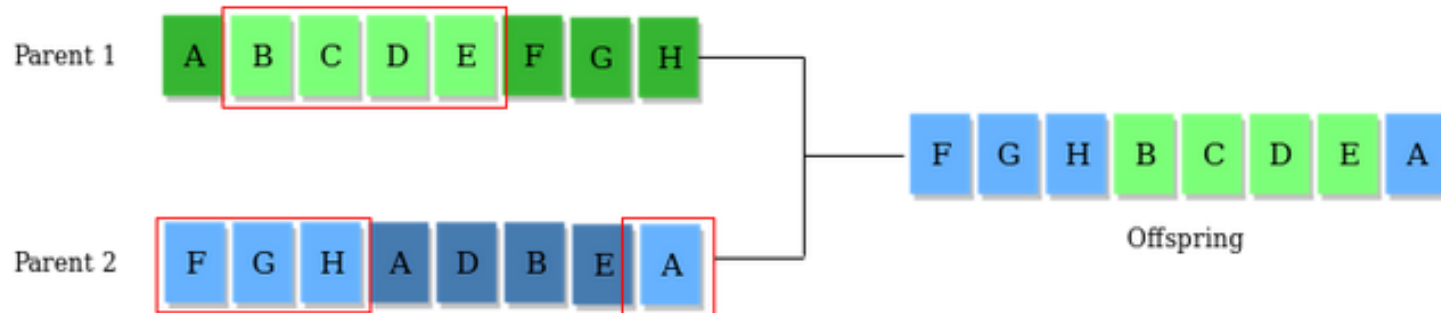
- Compute **energy gradients**
- Learning = adjust **weights** to reduce energy
- “**Energy**” can take many forms
 - One common idea - learning is **Hebbian**
 - **Hebb Rule**: “Fire together, wire together”



Genetic Algorithms

Central idea:

- Adaptation, J.H. Holland, 1975
- Inspired by evolutionary biology concepts:

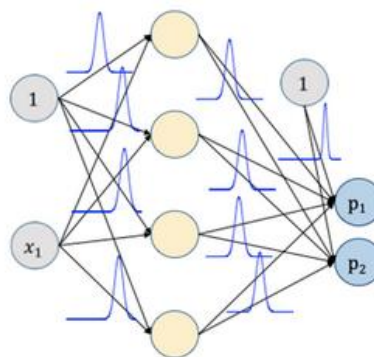
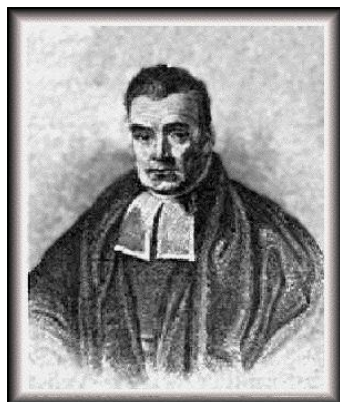


Genetic Algorithms

Begin with a large population of random solutions

- Evaluate each one
- **Fitness** function (some form of S/\sqrt{B})
- Keep the **best subset**
 - Use it to build new solutions
 - Allow **mutation, cross-over**
 - Optimize over number of epochs/cycles

Bayesian Neural Networks



Bayesian Neural Networks

- Stochastic neural network with Bayesian inference
 - **Introduce stochasticity** into the network
 - Stochastic activations or weights
 - i.e. probability distributions (prior distribution over possible model parametrization)
- Trained as an **ensemble**
 - Aggregate the predictions
 - Natural uncertainty estimate

Bayesian Neural Networks

Given: $p(\mathbf{w} \mid T) = p(T \mid \mathbf{w}) p(\mathbf{w}) / p(T)$
over the parameter space of the functions

$$n(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = 1 / [1 + \exp(-f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}))]$$

can estimate $p(s \mid \mathbf{x})$ as follows

$$p(s \mid \mathbf{x}) \sim n(\mathbf{x}) = \int n(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) p(\mathbf{w} \mid T) d\mathbf{w}$$

- $n(\mathbf{x})$ is called a **Bayesian Neural Network** (BNN)

Bayesian Neural Networks

Computing Bayesian posterior is usually intractable

Approximate instead:

- with **Laplace Method**
 - low accuracy
- with **Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)**
 - long convergence
- with **variational approach**
 - approximates the exact posterior

Bayesian Neural Networks

MCMC approach: typically generate sample

- **N** points $\{\mathbf{w}\}$ from $p(\mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{T})$ using a Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) technique
- average over the last **M** points

$$n(\mathbf{x}) = \int n(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) p(\mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{T}) d\mathbf{w}$$

$$\sim \sum n(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}_i) / \mathbf{M}$$

Bayesian Neural Networks

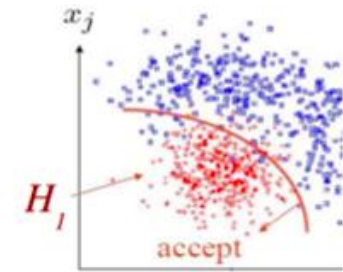
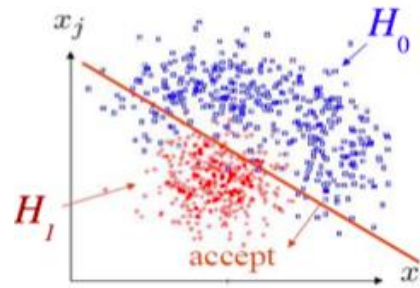
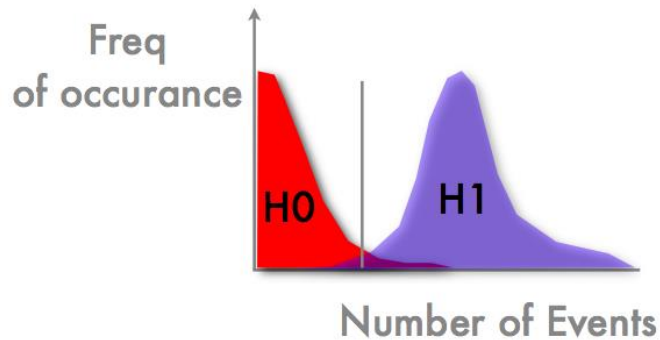
Variational method:

- **Scales** better
- Not exact
 - instead of sampling from exact posterior = **parametrized** by **variational distribution**
- Learn and perform **inference** s.t. the variational distribution is as close as possible to the posterior
 - Use K-L divergence and SGD
- Efficient way to approximate **Bayesian inference**



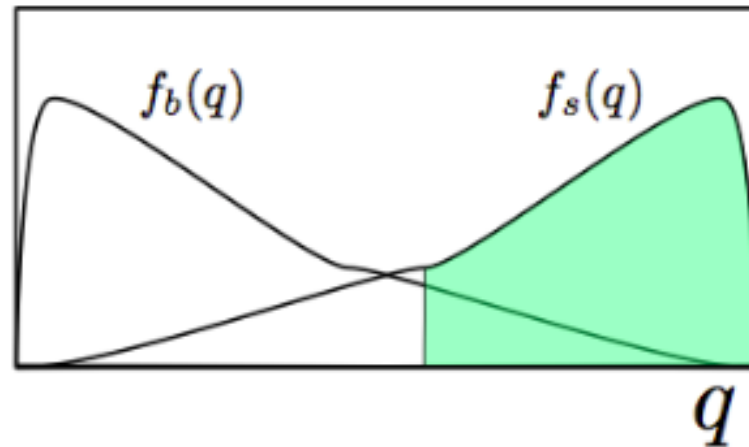
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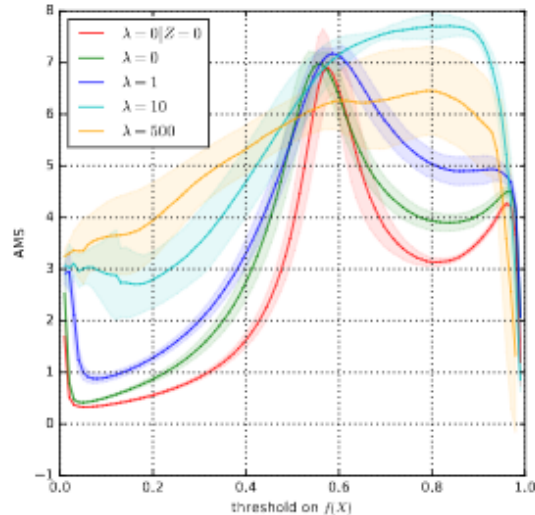


A threshold makes sense.

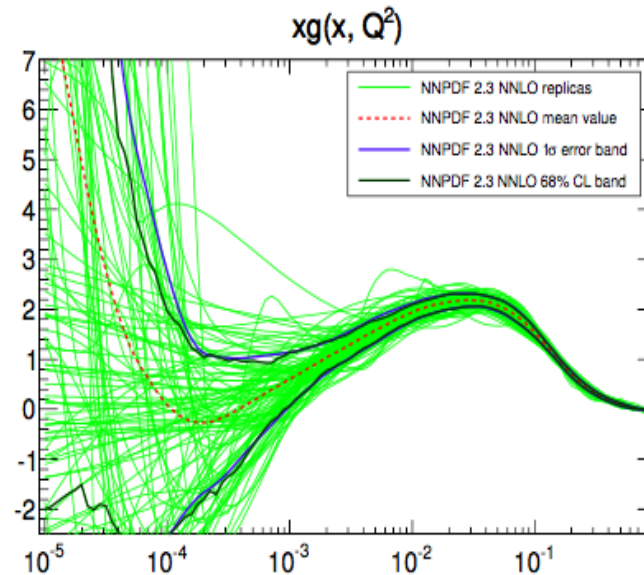
- **Impact on decision making**



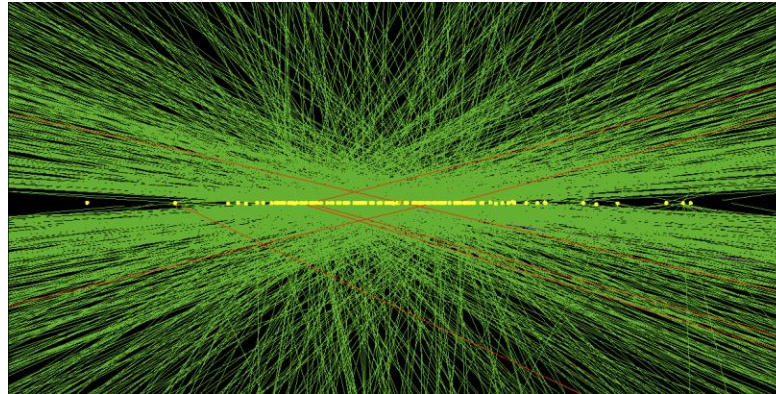
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Uncertainties matter



Bayesian connection: Deep neural networks with drop-out approximate variational inference of Bayesian NNs: *Gal and Ghahramani, 2016*

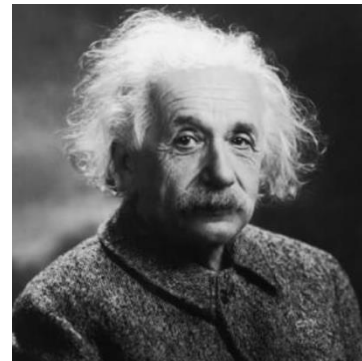


Physics of Deep Learning

Covariance in Physics

“The general laws of nature are to be expressed by equations which hold good for all systems of coordinates, that is, are **covariant** with respect to any substitutions whatever (generally covariant)”

A. Einstein, 1916



Symmetries

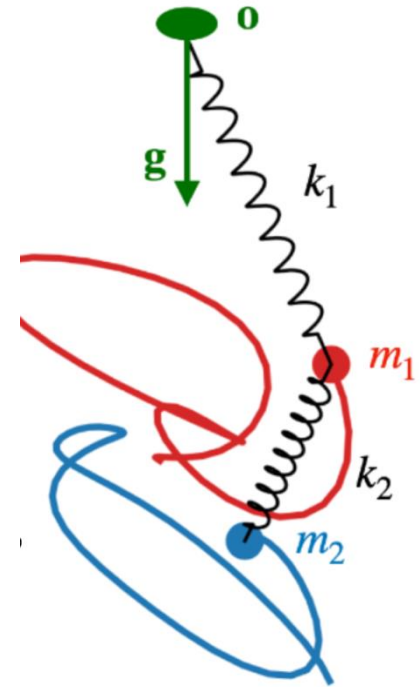
- **Conservation laws/principles:**
 - **Mass, Energy**
- **Symmetries:**
 - **Rotation, Translation, Time, Reflection, Boost (relativity)**
 - **Many laws are equivariant to these symmetries**
- **Can think of this as prior knowledge**

Covariance in Deep Learning

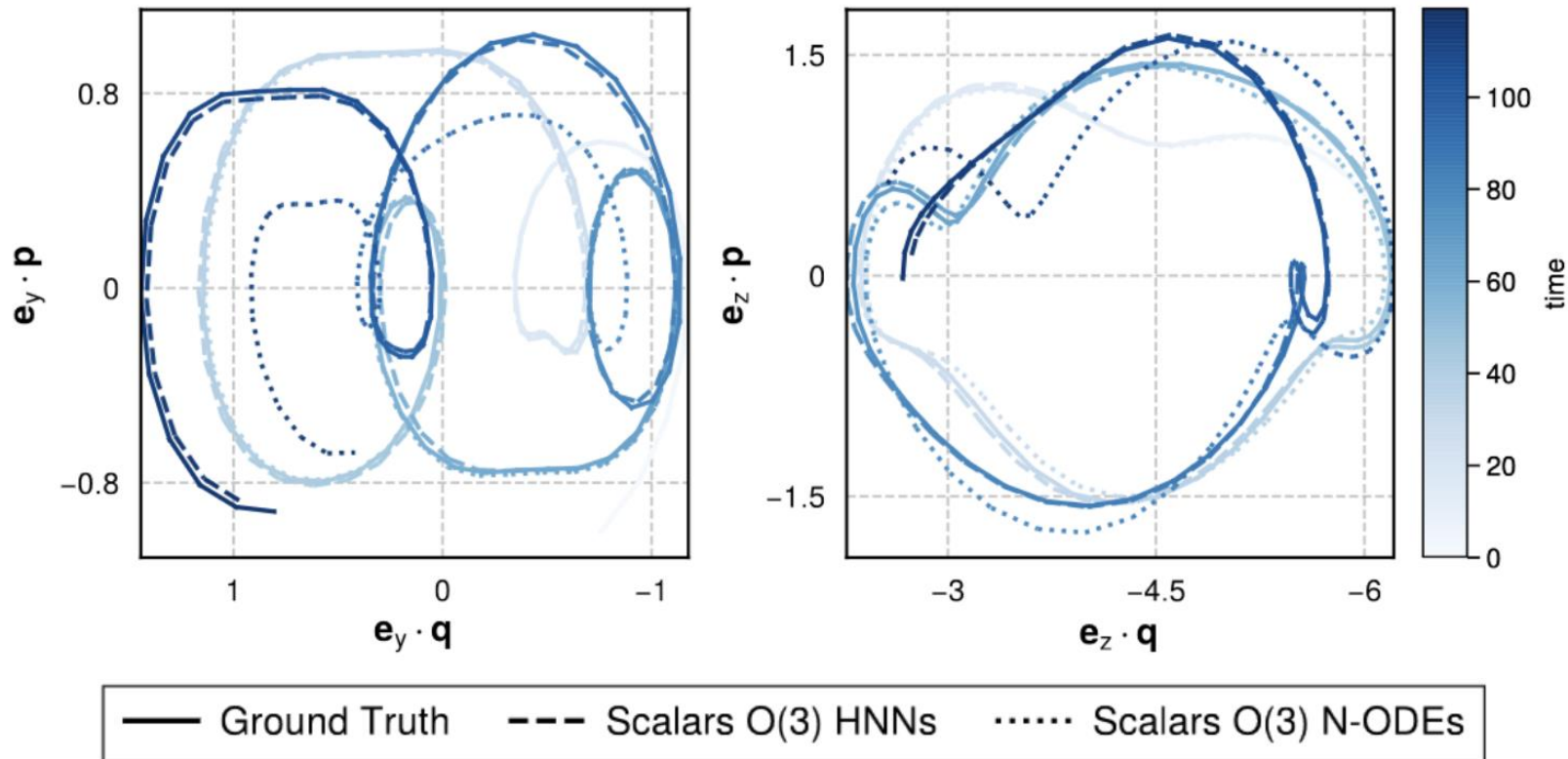
- Apply concept of covariance - gauge invariance to design networks obeying certain **symmetries**
 - “Invariant scalars” 2110.03761
- Equivariant CNN with known symmetry
 - Weiler and Cesa arXiv:1902.04615
 - Normal CNNs only have translational equivariance
 - Eg. can be any isometries of $E(2)$: translations, rotations, reflections

Invariant Scalars

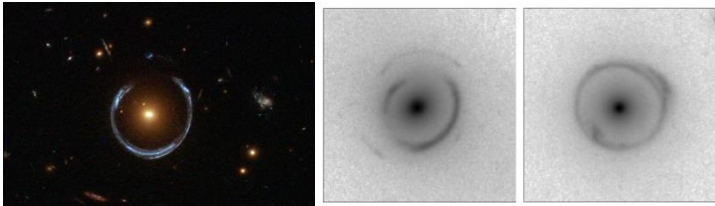
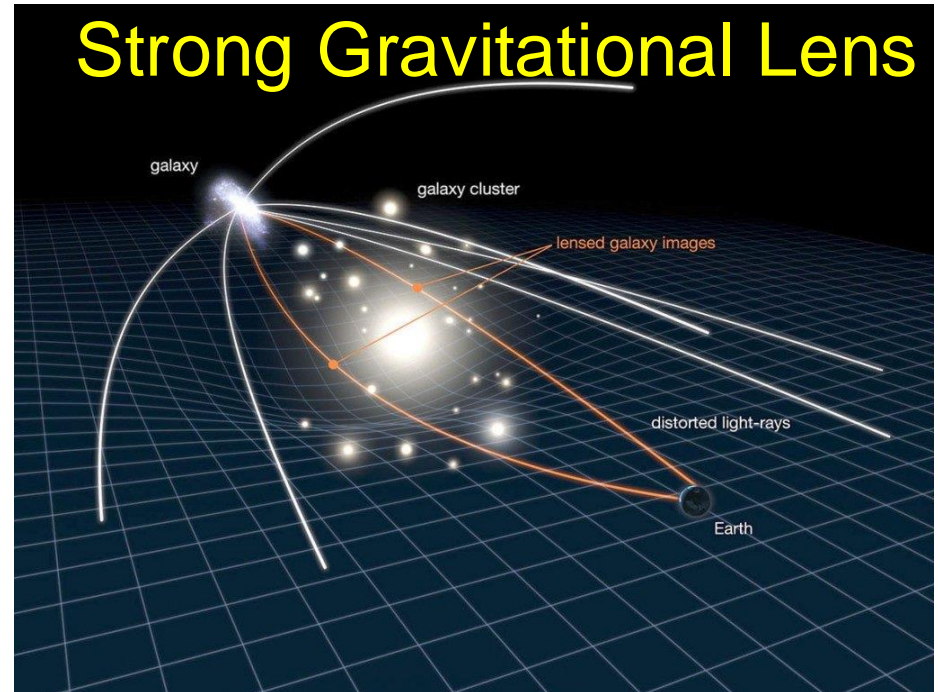
- Construct products of vectors for inputs (rotation/translation invariant)
 - Incorporate fundamental symmetry
- Learn the dynamical system with neural networks
 - Double pendulum example
 - Yao et al. Arxiv: 2110.03761



Invariant Scalars



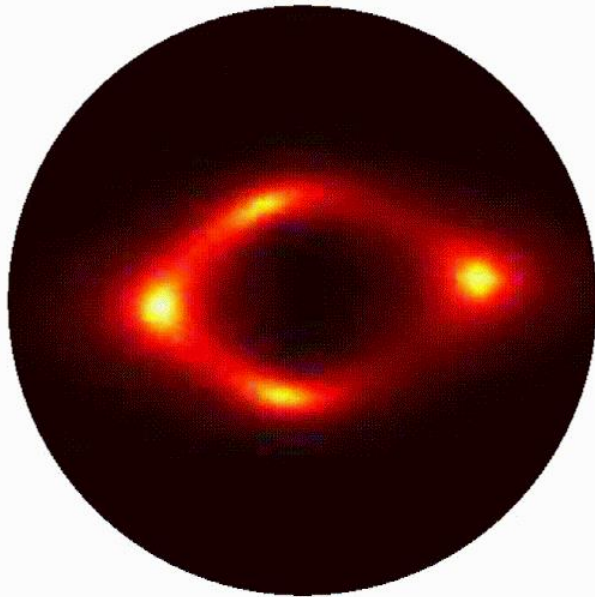
Dark Matter and Deep Learning



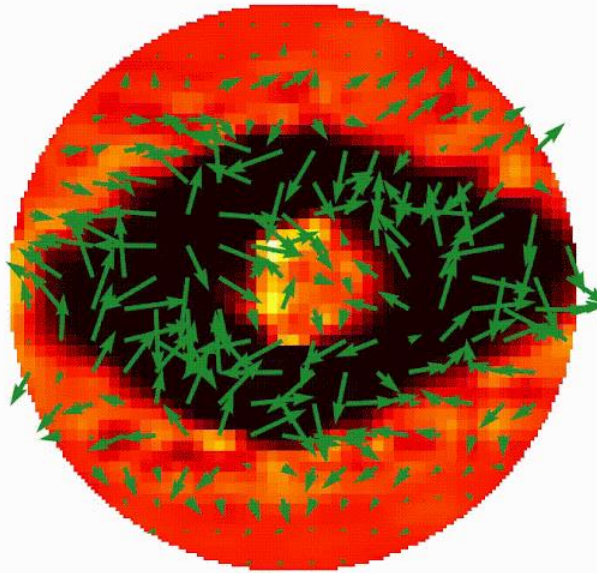
Can be used to infer dark matter physics
LSST/others will find $\sim 10^4$ lenses

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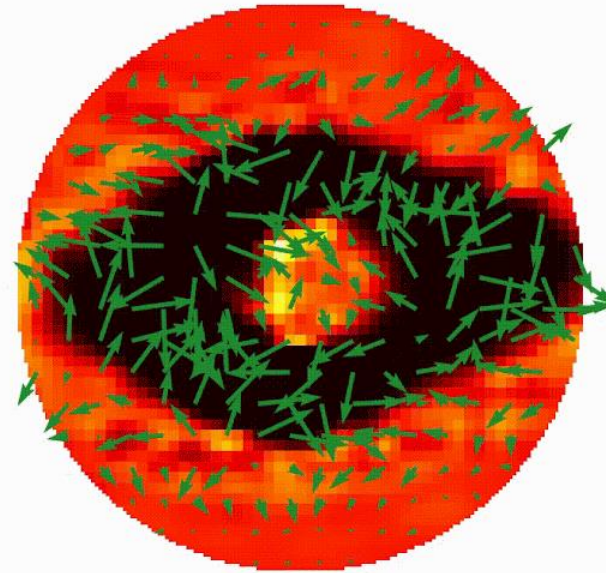
input



feature fields



stabilized view

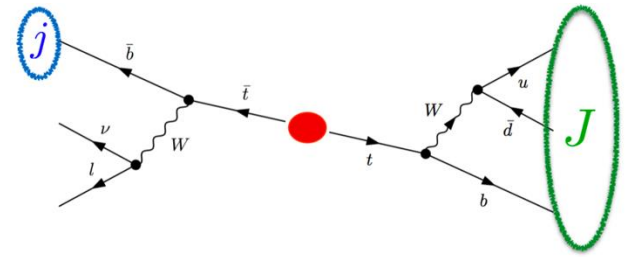


ResNet-18	ENN
0.963	0.991

Inductive Bias

- We can also embed certain symmetries directly into the network architecture
 - By directly introducing constraints into the construction of a network layer (e.g invariance to a given symmetry)
 - typically achieved with special layers
 - Mattheakis et al. arXiv:1904.08991

LoLa



1. CoLa* - learns the jet clustering history

$$k_{\mu,i} \xrightarrow{\text{CoLa}} \tilde{k}_{\mu,j} = k_{\mu,i} C_{ij}$$

- Test on-shell conditions

$$\tilde{k}_{\mu,1}^2 = (k_{\mu,1} + k_{\mu,2} + k_{\mu,3})^2 = m_t^2$$

$$\tilde{k}_{\mu,2}^2 = (k_{\mu,1} + k_{\mu,2})^2 = m_W^2.$$

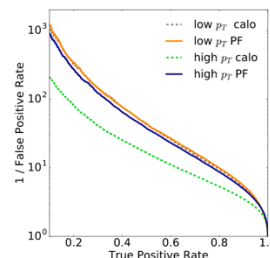
$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & C_{1,N+2} & \cdots & C_{1,M} \\ 0 & 1 & & \vdots & C_{2,N+2} & \cdots & C_{2,M} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & C_{N,N+2} & \cdots & C_{N,M} \end{pmatrix}$$

2. LoLa** - learns the kinematics

$$\tilde{k}_j \xrightarrow{\text{LoLa}} \hat{k}_j = \begin{pmatrix} m^2(\tilde{k}_j) \\ p_T(\tilde{k}_j) \\ w_{jm}^{(E)} E(\tilde{k}_m) \\ w_{jm}^{(d)} d_{jm}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

transform 4-vectors into: invariant mass, pT,
energy and Minkowski distance
effectively a rotation in observable space

arXiv:1707.08966



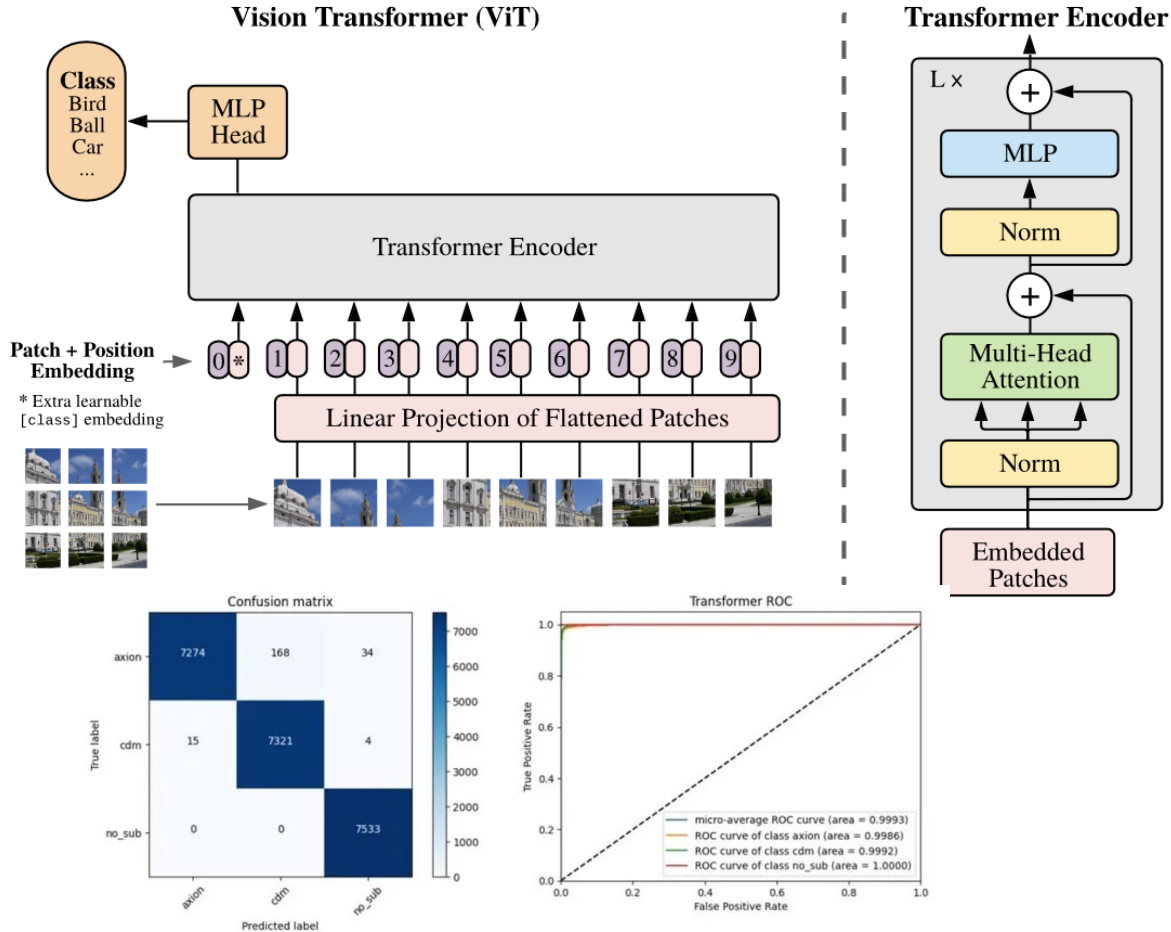
* *CoLa = Combination Layer*

** *LoLa = Lorentz Layer*

More examples

- **Lagrangian Deep Learning**
 - Dai and Sejlak arXiv:2010.02926
 - Specialized layers that follow a Lagrangian Formulation to encapsulate the symmetry
- **Learning bias with Loss Functions**
 - Constrain the neural network
- **Physics-informed learning**
 - Example: Encode Navier-Stokes into the network (Raissi et al. Science 2020)
 - Karniadakis et al. Nature Reviews (2021)

Vision Transformer

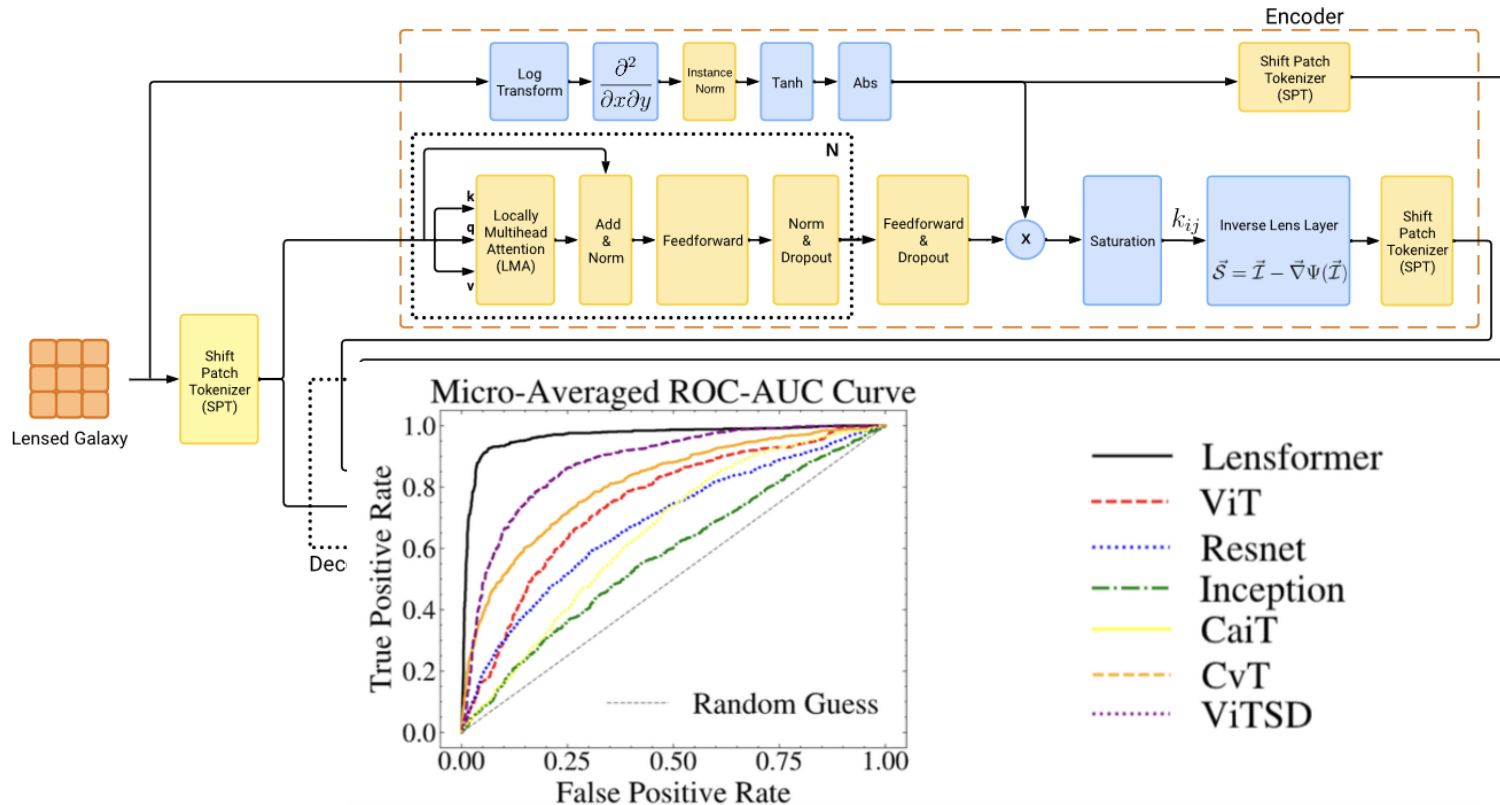


Physics Informed AI

- Incorporate *Physics* into the *Machine Learning* model directly
- Example: *LensFormer*
 - physics-informed transformer for strong gravitational lensing
 - Incorporates the lens equation into the model

Veloso et al. (2023)

LensFormer



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