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# 1. Introduction

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## 2. The detector

### 2.1 The CMS Experiment

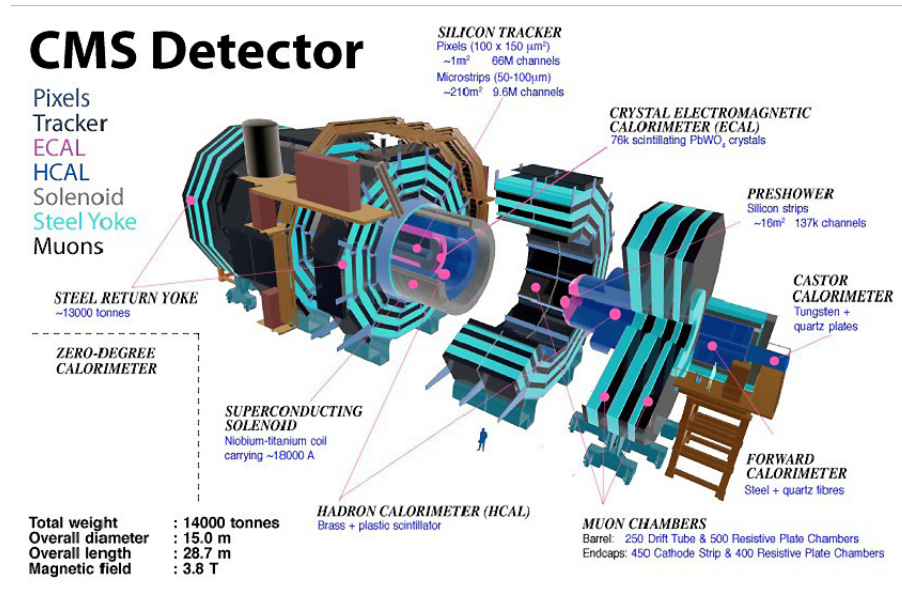
The large hadron collider (LHC) at Geneva, Switzerland, is build to accelerate protons to very high velocities. In two adjacent beamlines, proton bunches travel in opposite directions around the ring. Eventually, those bunches collide at four crossing points, which are surrounded by seven detectors. One of those detectors is the CMS experiment (see fig. 2.1). CMS stands for Compact Muon Solenoid, a general-purpose detector built in several layers. In the centre of the detector is the interaction point where the proton-proton collisions occur.

Around this interaction point the different kinds of detectors are build in layers around the beamline. Those track and identify the particles produced by the proton-proton collision. These layers consist of the tracker to identify the momentum of the particle and the electromagnetic followed by the hadronic calorimeter to measure the energy of various particles. The name giving solenoid magnet outside of the calorimeters produces a magnetic field of 3.8 T to curve the paths of the particles inside the tracker. To detect muons, which penetrate the iron of the calorimeters, muon chambers are installed outside of the CMS magnet. [4]

To give the angle of a particle relative to the beam axis, the pseudorapidity  $\eta \equiv -\ln \left[ \tan \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right]$  is used. Here  $\theta$  gives the angle between the particle impuls  $\vec{p}$  and the positive direction of the beam axis. Most of the time particles with a high pseudorapidity are not measured, as they escape the detector alongside the beam.

### 2.2 The CASTOR Calorimeter

The CASTOR calorimeter is part of the CMS detector. CASTOR stands for „Centauro And Strange Objects Research“. It is a very forward detector, covering the pseudorapidity range of  $-6.6 < \eta < -5.2$ . CASTOR is a electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeter which utilizes the Cherenkov effect to detect and classify particles. The calorimeter is divided into 16 sectors azimuthally and has 14 segments of reading units or modules along the longitudinal axis. The total number of channels is therefore 224. The first two modules of every tower are electromagnetic reading units (EM modules) with a thickness of 7 mm each, which combine to  $20.12 X_0$ . The remaining 12 modules form the hadronic calorimeter (HAD modules) with a thickness of 14 mm each, therefore with a length of  $9.504 \lambda_I$ . Its active material are quartz plates (2 mm thickness in the EM modules, 4 mm in the HAD modules) with tungsten absorbers inbetween (5 mm in EM, 10 mm in HAD



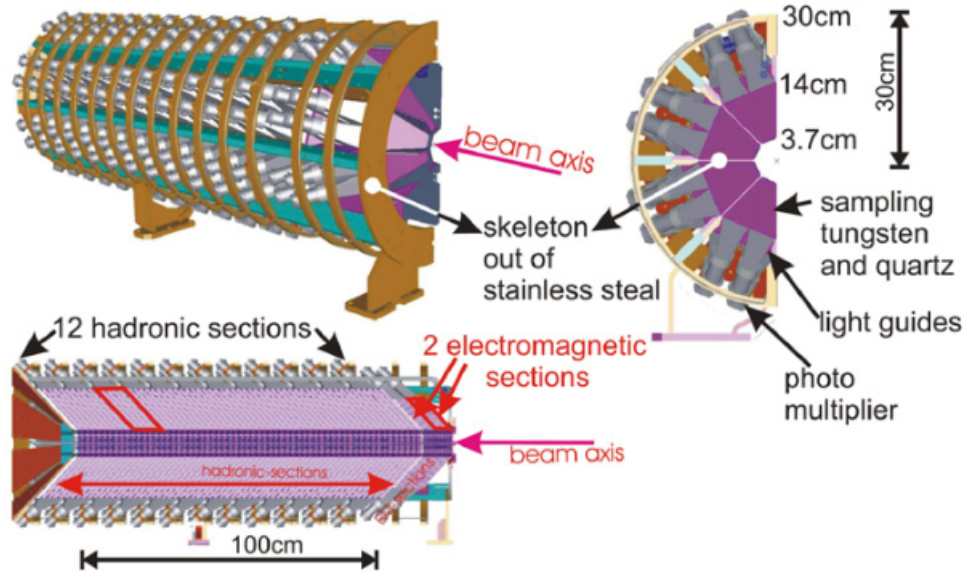
**Figure 2.1:** The CMS detector including its layers. The beam line is surrounded by the tracker and various calorimeters, as well as the superconducting solenoid and the muon chambers (source: [1]).

modules). The entire detector has a length of  $10.30 \lambda_I$ , an inner radius of 3.7 cm and an outer radius of 14 cm. Outside of that the readout and infrastructure components are located, restricted to an outer radius of 30 cm given by the radiation shielding of CMS. Since CASTOR is therefore between the beam line and the radiation shield, it had to be built to withstand high radiation levels as well as high magnetic fields from the CMS magnet. During high luminosity runs with p-p collisions CASTOR has to be removed from the beam line to avoid back scattering of particles into CMS. For runs with low luminosity or Pb-Pb collisions it has to be easily reinstalled. For this reason the detector can be split into two halves, each containing eight towers, to be removed from the beam line and then lifted up by a crane. [5]

If a particle produced by the initial collision at the interaction point reaches the calorimeter, it initiates a shower of secondary particles. These produce Cherenkov light, which can be detected by CASTOR. The quartz plates and tungsten absorbers have a  $45^\circ$  inclination in respect to the beam axis to maximize the production of Cherenkov light. The photons produced by the Cherenkov effect are then transmitted to photomultiplier tubes (PMTs) with the aid of aircore lightguides. The PMTs transform the light into an electric signal. Each PMT corresponds to one of the 224 modules. As the detector does not compensate the effect that electromagnetic particles produce more Cherenkov photons and therefore a higher energy response than hadronic particles, it is called a non-compensating calorimeter.

As the detector is positioned very near the interaction point and because of its geometry it is impossible to evaluate pileup events. For that reason and to reduce the amount of radiation CASTOR is only installed during runs with low luminosity, where the number of collision per bunch crossing is  $\approx 1$ .

CASTOR can provide information on a number of topics. One of these is the hypothesis of strangelets, a hypothetical particle consisting of up, down and strange quarks. Particles



**Figure 2.2:** The CASTOR calorimeter. It is built in two parts around the beam line, with eight towers respectively, each tower containing two electromagnetic and twelve hadronic reading units. The reading units have a  $45^\circ$  inclination respective to the beam axis to maximize light production (lower left). (source: [2]).

with a small number of strange quarks are unstable as the strange quark decays into the lighter quarks via the weak interaction. The „strange matter hypothesis“ states that particles with a higher number of strange quarks and roughly the same number of up and down quarks may be stable. As such particles have a very high mass, they could mostly be detected in the very forward region of the CMS detector. Thus, CASTOR may be able to observe such events.



## 3. Neural networks

Artificial neural networks were inspired by the working principle of the brain. The idea was to program networks which were able to learn how to perform certain tasks simply by getting examples. Neural networks generally don't have any task-specific rules implemented, they learn the important features by themselves.

The programming idea was to model the neurons in a biological brain. Such artificial neurons (also called connected units or nodes) are linked to each other and transmit signals. The neuron receives the signal and combines it with a certain weight and bias before sending it to the next connected unit. In some cases several input signals are merged with a certain function before reaching the neurons. The weight can be adjusted during the learning process to activate or deactivate certain parameters. It can also be combined with a threshold to only send a signal if the combined input is over a certain number.

Usually, nodes are combined into layers. The input has to go through several layers connected to each other in different ways, transforming the input with different functions. Different layers normally identify different features of the input to get the required information at the end.

Neural networks are mostly used for two different kinds of analysis. The first one is the prediction of a continuous variable, which is called a regression problem. The second, which is specified here, is the problem of identifying an input as part of a class, called a classification model. The goal of an artificial neural network for classification is specified most of the time. It ranges from image recognition to translating to game play and medical diagnosis.

### 3.1 Image recognition

Image recognition has always played a huge part in neural networks. Current state-of-the-art networks in image recognition have now reached human or even superhuman performance. Image recognition with neural networks is normally placed within the „deep learning“ category. Such architectures include successive layers with nonlinear processing units. Each layer is connected to its predecessor and uses the output of the latter as input. This enables the network to learn different features, higher layers then correspond to higher levels of abstraction.

For image recognition convolutional neural networks (CNNs) are the currently the best performing networks. The problem with conventional multilayer perceptrons are the

computing power needed. As they are fully connected, meaning that every node in one layer is connected to every node in the layer before and after, they scale very badly to higher resolution images. As the number of weights per node in the first hidden layer with an image of size  $a*b*c$  ( $a$  stands for the width,  $b$  for the height,  $c$  being the number of colors, 1 for black/white, 3 for RGB) is  $a*b*c$ , the number of weights drastically increase for higher resolution pictures. Fully connected layers also waste computing power, as pixels that lie close together should be more connected than pixels far apart to recognize certain features. During the propagation through the network spatially local input features should be highlighted in contrast to nonlocal connections.

Convolutional neural networks are dominated by three different features which make them ideal for image recognition. The first is the 3D volume of neurons, where they are classified in three dimensions, width, height and depth of colour. This ideally represents a picture. The second is the application of spatial locality. One neuron of a following layer is only connected to a small part of neurons in its predecessor. Therefore the network learns to recognize local patterns. With many such layers stacked the patterns learned get increasingly more global, the first one only recognizing lines, while the last one identifies complete features such as „cat“, „dog“ or „mouse“. At last a convolutional neural network takes translational invariance into account. To classify an image correctly, the position of the object in the image is not important. Therefore all neurons in one convolutional layer share the same weights and bias, that means, the same filter is applied while forwarding the signal. Thus one layer always recognizes the same feature, regardless of its position in the image.

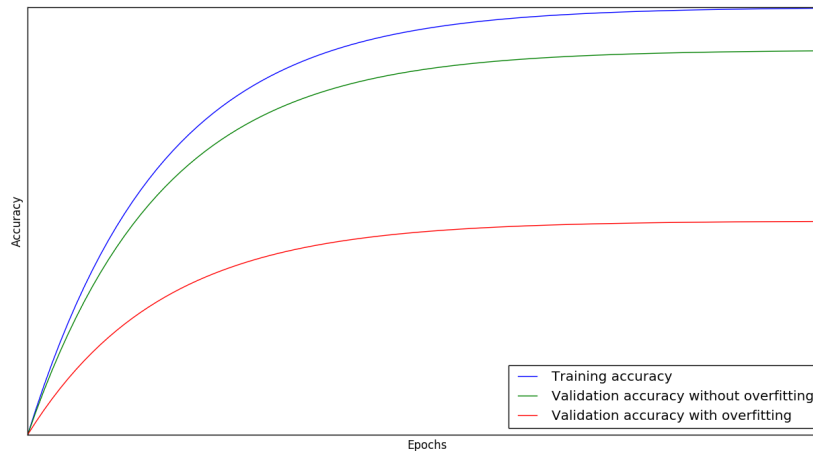
## 3.2 Convolutional neural networks

A convolutional neural network contains several convolutional layers. In a convolutional layer, a window of a certain width and height moves across the input space (as seen in fig. ). One neuron in the layer corresponds to only this part of the input image in width and height but gets the whole depth of the input volume. While the information is being forwarded to the neuron one filter is being used. The dot product between the entries of the filter and the input is computed and sent to the neuron. While the window is moving across the input picture, the same filter is used to compute the input for the corresponding neuron. Therefore filters are activated if they detect a certain feature at any position in the picture. The map of neurons for one filter is called the activation map. One convolutional layer uses many different filters which are stacked along the depth dimension and thus form the complete output volume of the layer.

The hyperparameters which have to be manually tuned are firstly the size of the convolutional window. If a size of one in width and height is chosen, the window only takes one pixel into account. A bigger size means more information is being observed. The bigger the window the less localized the features detected are. Normally a kernel field size is (2,2) or (3,3). At times it may be advantageous to choose a non-symmetrical kernel size.

The second hyperparameter is the depth of the output volume. The more filters are used the higher is the depth. Every filter corresponds to a different kind of feature, for example edges or localized color spaces. A higher number of filters is typically better but can also be a problem if overfitting occurs.





**Figure 3.1:** Training and validation accuracy. The validation accuracy follows the training accuracy well if there is little or no overfitting. In the case of strong overfitting the validation accuracy increases very little or even decreases during the training.

If the kernel size is chosen, the stride must be finetuned as well. If the stride is one, then the window only moves the filters one pixel in one direction. A high overlap of kernel windows occurs which also produces a large output volume. This can significantly increase the computing time. A normally chosen stride is 2, so the fields overlap less and the output volume is smaller.

When the size of the input volume is not a multiple of the kernel size window, then the output dimensions differ from those of the input. Most of the time it is helpful to pad the input volume with zeros at the edges to preserve the spatial size of the input while going through layers and to minimize edge effects.

### 3.3 Overfitting

Overfitting is a problem of deep-learning networks. By choosing layers with a high number of filters the number of free parameters is very high compared to the actual number of features learnable. Therefore a network is prone to overfit the training data, performing very well during the training but failing while validating on other data (fig. 3.1).

One method to address the problem of overfitting is max pooling. Max pooling also reduces the spatial size, thus limiting the amount of computational power needed. The general idea is that only the rough location in comparison to others of the feature detected is needed, so the input is downsampled with the help of a non-linear function. First a kernel size is chosen, usually two pixels to two pixels. The kernel window moves over the input without overlapping. In every region only the maximum of this region is chosen and forwarded to the next layer. The spatial size is thus reduced by 75 %, while the depth dimension stays the same. Other pooling methods are average pooling, where the average of every kernel is chosen, or L2-norm pooling. Nowadays max pooling is being used most of the time.

Another method to reduce overfitting is dropout. With dropout a node is dropped out of the network and later reintroduced with its original weight with a possibility  $p$ . This forces the network to learn more robust features to better generalize the data analysis. Dropout also cuts down on computational time.

### 3.4 Activation functions

Deep neural networks need two different kinds of activation functions. The first one is to propagate the signal through the network. After the product between the input signal and the weight of one neuron is computed, the outcome is put into the activation function. Only if a nonlinear activation function is used, non trivial problems can be solved with only few nodes. The activation function is applied after every layer, meaning that every output signal is put into relation with the help of the function. The current best working activation function is the ReLu function. ReLu stands for rectified linear unit. It is calculated by

$$f(x) = \max(0, x) \quad (3.1)$$

with  $x$  as the input signal. Negative signals are therefore always set to zero while propagating through the network. Earlier activation functions were for example the sigmoid function or the tangens hyperbolicus. Unlike the ReLu function, those functions saturate when dealing with very high input signals and therefore perform worse.

The second activation function is needed at the output layer, the last layer in the network. Most deep neural networks are multi-class networks. Multi-class means that the output is not simply signal or background but identifies the input as belonging to one class of several. That means that the output activation function calculates the probability of belonging in each class in correlation to every other probability. A usual activation function in this case is the softmax function. The softmax function calculates a  $n$ -dimensional vector of random real values to a  $n$ -dimensional vector, where every number lies between 0 and 1 and the sum of all entries is 1. It is calculated by

$$\sigma(\vec{z})_j = \frac{e^{z_j}}{\sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k}} \quad (3.2)$$

Every entry stands for the probability of the input belonging to the corresponding class. The softmax function cannot be applied if the network is not only multi-class, but also multi-label. The categories in a multi-label network are not mutually exclusive. One input can therefore be classified into several different categories, their probability to fit is not correlated to each other. In this case the beforementioned sigmoid activation function can be used. This function also squashes a vector of real numbers to a vector of real numbers between 0 and 1. Here the sum of all numbers does not have to be 1, but every entry is still the probability of belonging to this class. The function looks like

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \quad (3.3)$$

Choosing a class for the input signal is normally done by selecting those entries which have a number higher than 0.5, meaning a probability higher than 50% of belonging to that class.

### 3.5 Loss functions

Loss functions are a way to track the progress while training a neural network. A loss function assigns a real number to the difference between real and estimated class labels of the input, which should be minimized. During training the network changes the weights of the neurons according to the increase or decrease of the loss function. For a specific problem it is important to use a suitable loss function. For classification problems such as image recognition with more than two classes, either categorical or binary crossentropy can be used. In machine learning cross entropy is the same as logistic loss. It is calculated by

$$f(x) = y_{\text{true}} \cdot \ln(y_{\text{pred}}) + (1 - y_{\text{true}}) \cdot \ln(1 - y_{\text{pred}}) \quad (3.4)$$

where  $y_{\text{true}}$  is the true label vector of the input and  $y_{\text{pred}}$  the label vector of the prediction of the network.

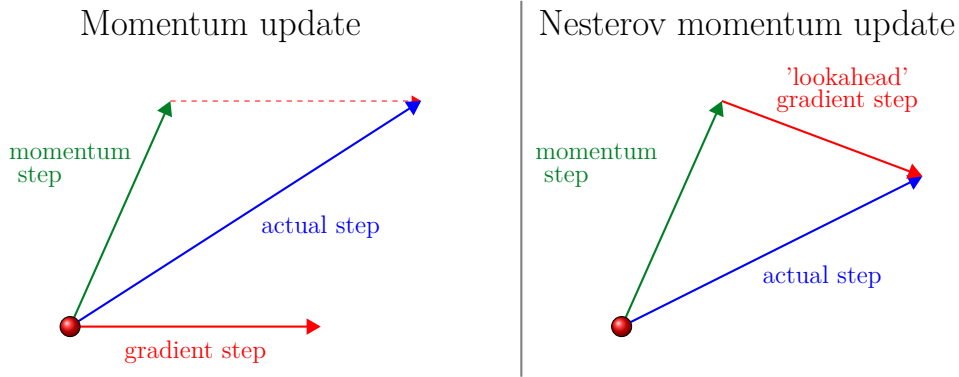
The difference between categorical and binary crossentropy is only the way in which it is applied. With categorical crossentropy, the whole vector is compared. If only one entry differs, it is considered falsely labeled. This is useful in multi-class problems, where the labels are mutually exclusive. With multi-label problems, binary crossentropy works better. Binary crossentropy compares every label separately, therefore not penalizing one incorrect label so much.

### 3.6 Optimization algorithms

To minimize the loss function the neural network has to update its weights and biases during training. This updating is done through an optimization algorithm. To find a minimum of the loss function it is possible to evaluate the gradient of the function. The updating of the network is then proportional to the negative of the gradient. This is an iterative algorithm which finds the steepest descent to a local minimum. The size of the steps taken in the direction of the descent is also called the learning rate. The learning rate is a hyperparameter which has to be optimized to get best training results.

To compute the gradient for the whole training data takes very long. To shorten the time and computing power needed stochastic gradient descent (SDG) is implemented. SDG uses only one stochastically chosen example to compute the gradient and update the parameters. This can of course result in very varying parameter updates. To prevent this the gradient is computed over a minibatch of examples. Current convolutional networks use multiples of two, from 32 to 256 examples in one minibatch. This works because the samples in the dataset are correlated. They all depict the same or similar things, so an update computed for one batch is a good approximation for the complete set. It also can be done much more often, therefore achieving faster convergence for the loss function.

Most optimization algorithms also use momentum. Momentum can be understood by making an analogy to classical physics. If a ball at the top of a hill rolls down, it gains velocity if the direction downhill always stays the same. The hill here represents our loss function. If the gradient of a step points in the same „direction“ as the step before, the „speed“ or step size increases. If the direction changes, the step size gets smaller. If a minimum is found and the imaginary ball oversteps it, the gradient points in the other direction and momentum decreases. The minimum can so be found iteratively.



**Figure 3.2:** Classical momentum compared to Nesterov momentum. The network anticipates its future position through momentum and calculates the gradient based on that. It ends up on a slightly different position, thus converging faster. [3]

To further prevent the network from overstepping the minimum which is still a possibility even with momentum, the Nesterov Accelerated Gradient can be implemented. Instead of evaluating the gradient, changing the loss function and then applying momentum, the network anticipates what is going to happen. At first the momentum is applied to the current position. This is an approximation of the future position of the function. At this position the gradient is computed. The network there „sees“ where it is going to end up in the next step and can therefore move in the right direction (see fig. 3.2). This minimizes the possibility of overstepping and decreases the convergence time. The strength of momentum is also a hyperparameter which needs to be tuned.

During the training it is helpful to decrease the learning rate over time. As the loss gets smaller, the gradient also decreases. Too high learning rates behave chaotically and cannot settle into the minimum of the loss function. To manually decrease the learning rate the common types of decay are step decay, which reduces the learning rate by a factor every few epochs, exponential decay or  $1/t$  decay, where  $t$  is the number of epochs.

Such decays act globally and are difficult to tune. Setting the decay rate too high means severely slowing down the network, setting it too low risks erratic jumps of the loss function. Several more complicated algorithms have been developed to be used for optimizing functions. One of the current best working algorithms is the Adam algorithm ([6]). Adam is derived from adaptive moment estimation. The learning rate is adjusted for each parameter separately and based on first and second moments of the gradient. It is bounded by a set step size and naturally annealed during the training. Adam performs well on sparse and noisy gradients and needs very little memory, as only first order gradients have to be calculated.

## 4. Data analysis

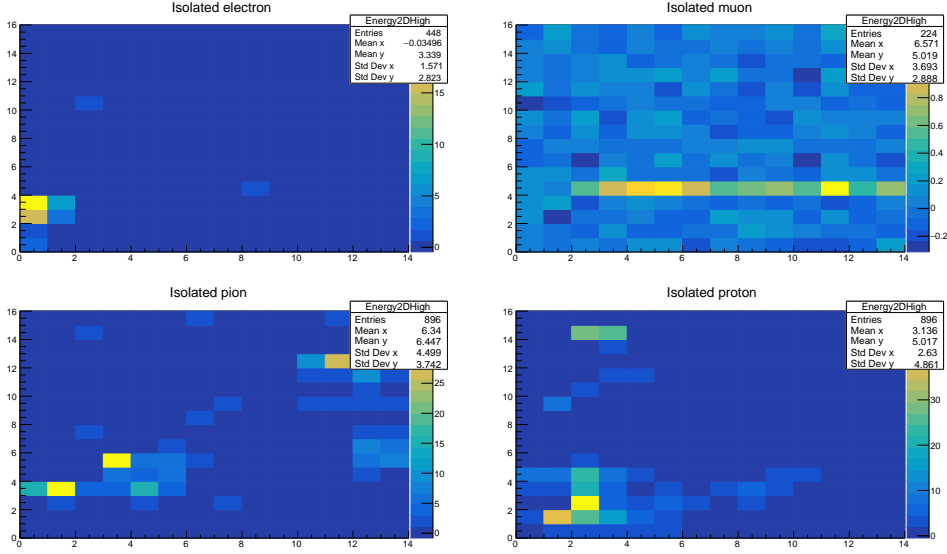
If the energy deposit of every section of every tower is shown in a 2D histogram, it can be treated a picture with 16x14 pixels. The information of how high the energy deposit was is transmitted through the intensity of the black colour filling. With a convolutional neural network it should be possible to learn the distinctive patterns of different kind of particles and therefore to classify events correctly.

### 4.1 Data

To train the network a sufficiently high amount of data is needed. For training and validation Monte Carlo events generated by the PYTHIA8 and the EPOS generator are used. To separate actual events from background noise the CaloTowers are used which combine information of the electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeter of CMS. Only events which trigger an energetic response higher than 5 GeV in the CaloTowers with a pseudorapidity range of  $3.1 < |\eta| < 5$  are used in the analysis. To simplify the work for the neural network, only events containing isolated particles are used for differentiation. Here an isolated particle is defined by a minimum distance of  $\Delta R = \sqrt{(\Delta\phi)^2 + (\Delta\eta)^2} = 0.8$  to the next particles generated by the same event. Therefore every generated event is checked for isolated particles travelling through CASTOR.

Within CASTOR different kinds of particles leave different kinds of tracks which can be used to identify the particles. In fig. 4.1 the different kinds of signals can be seen. Electromagnetic light particles, such as electrons, positrons and photons, have a very large cross section and interact with the electromagnetic part of the calorimeter. In the energy deposit histogram very high energies are measured within the first two sections while nearly no energy is deposited in the hadronic sections. When hadrons reach the calorimeter they interact and produce several lighter secondary particles which in turn interact again. The energy deposit is therefore distributed wider and reaches its peak within the hadronic sections of the calorimeter. Muons very sparsely interact with the material of the calorimeter and pass it nearly without losing energy. A muon track is normally contained within one tower but can be seen as a very small energy deposit in every section.

Every histogram containing the energy deposit has a corresponding label vector. This is a binary vector, where the first index corresponds to isolated electron, positron or photon, the second to isolated hadron and the third to background. Here background is everything besides an isolated electron/photon or hadron. Therefore the categories do not exclude each other, since it is possible that an isolated electron and an isolated hadron travel



**Figure 4.1:** Energy deposit of single particles travelling through CASTOR. An electron or photon (upper left) deposits its whole energy in the electromagnetic sections, while a muon travels with only a little energy loss through every section (upper right). The signals of pions and protons is spread wider and reaches into the hadronic sections of the calorimeter (lower left and right).

through CASTOR during the same event. In table 4.1 the particles and their frequency are listed. 500.000 Monte Carlo events were evaluated and only those particles with the beforementioned minimum distance were counted. For a neural network at least 1000 samples per class are needed to pick up the identifying features. As can be seen most particles are too few to be correctly identified, whereas the differentiation between electrons/photons (which produce nearly the same signal) and hadrons is possible. Even though muons have an especially distinctive signal, their number is too small to include them as a separate category.

As seen in fig. 4.1, the energy deposited in CASTOR by different particles varies much. In different events particles with very different energies are created. For example the kinetic energy of a proton can be between one and several thousand GeV. To learn that these very different signals are generated by the same particle would pose a challenge for the neural network. Every histogram is therefore normalized to 1.

## 4.2 Network design

The energy deposit histograms of CASTOR can be treated as pictures with 16 to 14 pixels and varying amounts of black colour. To design a neural network which can classify events into particle categories techniques in image recognition should be used. In normal classification problems convolutional layers with a small and quadratic kernel size are used. Here the information given by the underlying physics can be used to the advantage of the network.

As particles reach the calorimeter from the left, it is not useful to use small kernel sizes to cover the whole image. Small, light particles are normally contained in one tower

**Table 4.1:** Number of isolated particles travelling through CASTOR in 500.000 Monte Carlo generated events. If not specified otherwise, the numbers include the particle and the antiparticle. As can be seen, hadrons and electrons/photons dominate the spectrum.

Leptons/Bosons	Count	Hadrons	Count
Photon	170047	$\pi^+$	106904
Positron	243	$\pi^-$	103648
Elektron	250	$K^+/K^-$	27591
Muon	29	Proton	15782
$\nu_\mu$	27	Neutron	15232
$\nu_e$	11	$K_L^0$	13604
$\nu_\tau$	1	$\Lambda$	5308
		$\Sigma^+$	2016
		$\Sigma$	1993
		$\Sigma^-$	1993
		$K_s^0$	1323
		$\Xi^0$	511
		$\Xi^-$	471
		$\Omega^-$	16

or at most two. Therefore convolutional layers with kernel sizes of one or two towers, meaning one or two pixels in the height and 14 in the width, should be able to recognize the important features of the tracks. Several layers, each with kernel sizes with a width of 14 pixels but varying heights are concatenated in the beginning of the network. In the deeper layers of the network, smaller kernel sizes can be used, since the convolution shrinks the size of the signal travelling through the neurons.

### 4.3 Monitoring

For monitoring the progress of a neural network, the first important feature is the loss function. As the classification problem is a multi-label classification, the loss function used here is the binary crossentropy loss. Every epoch it is calculated for the training and for the validation data set. Both variables need to decrease during the training. To determine if the input is correctly put into the network the first step was to train without any dropout or pooling layers. The network should overfit on the training set if given enough time. In fig. the loss and the accuracy of the training while overfitting can be seen.

As standard networks normally deal with multi-class and not multi-label problems, it proved to be useful to additionally monitor variables commonly used in classification problems. Here recall and precision were implemented.

With recall, the false negatives are taken into account, while precision monitors the false positives. Recall is also called the sensitivity of a network and is calculated by

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{tp}{tp + fn} \quad . \quad (4.1)$$

Here  $tp$  stands for true positive,  $tn$  for false negative. The recall therefore is the fraction of true positive labels over all actually positive labels. In the case of all labels being correctly predicted, the recall is 1.

Precision is also referred to as the positive predictive value. It is the rate of all correctly classified positive labels over all positively predicted labels.

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{tp}{tp + fp} \quad (4.2)$$

The nomenclature is the same,  $tp$  for true positives and  $fp$  for false positives. When all labels are correctly predicted, the precision also equals 1.

The precision and the recall can be calculated separately for the different categories. It can be easily monitored if the networks has more problems recognizing one category over the others.

Another number which was monitored was the number of falsely labelled electrons. It was obvious after a few training sessions that the network had most problems classifying electrons. A counter of the falsely labelled electrons was therefore implemented in the callbacks. With  $y_{\text{true}}$  as the true labels and  $y_{\text{pred}}$  as the predicted labels, the counter worked as seen below.

$$\text{count} = (1 - y_{\text{true}}) \cdot y_{\text{pred}} - (1 - y_{\text{pred}}) \cdot y_{\text{true}} \quad (4.3)$$

It is the same as the crossentropy loss without the logarithm, but with two main differences. The first one is that here not the predicted probabilities are used as input put the absolute prediction. That means if  $y_{\text{pred}}$  is higher than 0.5 it is rounded to 1, lower than 0.5 means being rounded to 0. The second one is it being a difference rather than a sum. This way if the number is negative, the network has more false negatives than false positives, if it is positive, more false positives than negatives.

## 4.4 Evaluation

In the process of training it became apparent that no real physical features were being learned by the network. The training loss decreased but the validation loss more or less stayed the same over several hundred epochs (fig. ). As mentioned before, without regulations the network overfitted on the training data without problem. This lead to reevaluating the input data, as it seemed to be difficult for the network to generalize the underlying physical laws.

One problem was the definition of background events. Since at first only isolated particles were considered background events could also contain hadrons or electrons and photons, just not in the right distance to other particles travelling through CASTOR. The background category therefore contained input data which were not distinguishable from an photon or hadron event. To solve this problem, two different approaches were chosen. The first one was to completely ignore the background category and turn the classification into a binary problem, only distinguishing between electromagnetic particles, photons and electrons, and hadrons. The second was the redefinition of the background category, where only true background was used. True background meant, that no particle



with an energy higher than 5 GeV had travelled through CASTOR in the corresponding signal.

As precision and recall were implemented as callbacks, their value was returned after every epoch. In the first few training sessions the monitoring of these showed that while the mean loss decreased and the accuracy increased, the recall especially of electrons remained really low. To counteract this, the binary crossentropy loss was defined as a separate function. The crossentropy is the sum of two parts, one evaluating and penalizing the number of false positives, the other watching the number of false negatives. As recall, as seen in eq. 4.1, evaluates the false negatives, they were stronger penalized than the false positives.



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