Classifying Charged Particles from High Energy Collisions at the Large Hadron Collider

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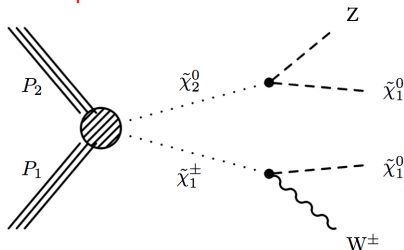May 11, 2020

Introduction

Overall project goal:

Classify particles better to assist with search for particle darkmatter

Specific focus:

- Discrminate low momentum true muons($\mu^{\pm}$) from particles imitating muons in reconstruction

Motivation

KU CMS analysis in progress – searching for particle dark matter via compressed SUSY models

- Protons P_1, P_2 collide producing SUSY $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}, \tilde{\chi}_2$
- SUSY $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}, \tilde{\chi}_2$ decays to D.M. $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ and known particles $W^{\pm}, Z$
- $W^{\pm}, Z$ immediately decay into charged particles($\mu^{\pm}$) that we see in the detector

A compressed scenario implies $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}, \tilde{\chi}_2$ and $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ are very close in rest mass

With compression the decay products of $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}, \tilde{\chi}_2$ are soft (low momentum), including ending charged particles

The current CMS detector is less optimized for correctly identifying soft $\mu^{\pm}$

If we can optimize soft charged particle classification, we have a better chance of discovering compressed $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}, \tilde{\chi}_2$, and $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$

Anatomy of an Event

The "physics workflow"

- An event consists of colliding protons which produces particles showering outward(transverse)

- We measure the energy and momentum of all the visible particles in the event

- There are 100s of charged particles per event

- Reconstruct intermediate or invisible particles through momentum and energy conservation
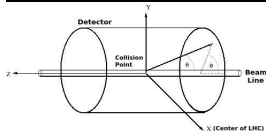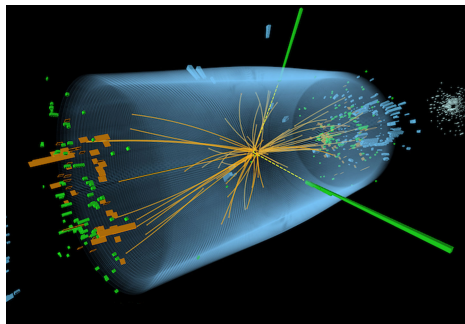
Charged Particle Reconstruction

Key:
- Muon
- Electron
- Charged Hadron (e.g. Pion)
- Neutral Hadron (e.g. Neutron)
- Photon

Charged particles bend in Mag. field and create "tracks"

Tracks are connecting the dots: "hits" that are fit with a curve

Main particle of interest is the Muon($\mu^{\pm}$)
– at high energies μ is easily correctly identified
– low energies leaves room for ambiguity

Sometimes other particles can be reconstructed incorrectly as a muon
– Common fakes: Pion($\pi^{\pm}$), Electron($e^{\pm}$), Kaon($K^{\pm}$), Proton(p), or non physical junk particles
– created from punch through
– junk particles are a result of hit combinatorics
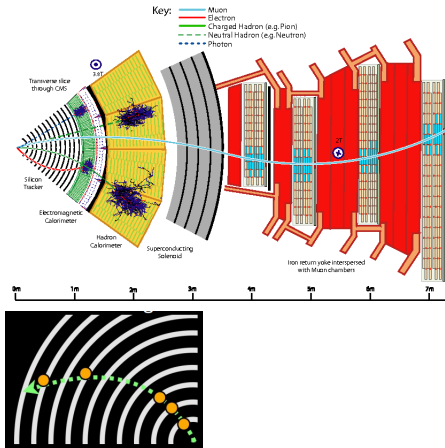
ML Model Introduction

- Deep Neural Network
- Use fully simulated processes to get collections of reconstructed muons
- Reconstructed muons contains both true(Gen.) muons and fakes.
  - This generator information will be our truth, or label, for the network
  - Some particles cant be matched because they are junk – this is unmatched label
- Utilize two types of classification
  1. ID true muons against everything else [Unmatched,π,K,p] – binary classification
  2. ID every particle simultaneously – 5 classes logistic
- Network inputs are measured quantities and track quality metrics

Data Preparation & Network Input

Data Preparation

- Taking data from ROOT trees and converted it to pandas DataFrames
- Evenly sampled among classes from different MC generated processes
  - Each process produces kinematically different muons with different origins
- One-hot encoded the classes for categorical output
- Normalized data

Network Inputs

- Minimal model: variables that can ID a good muon (cut-based benchmark)
- Complex model: energy, position, track information (MVA benchmark)
- Custom: combination of the two
- Evaluate performance with accuracy and loss values and efficiency, purity, and ROC plots

Network Architecture & Training Stats

Architecture

- 4 hidden layers
- 128 neurons/layer
- ReLU activation
- Softmax activation on last layer
- Adam optimizer
- Categorical cross entropy loss

Training

- 35/65 test/training split
- 10/90 validation/training split
- 100 epochs
- 256 batch size

Results: Binary Classifier

Network statistics

Training
- Accuracy: 0.9593
- Loss: 0.1060

Validation
- Accuracy: 0.9299
- Loss: 0.2374

Test
- Accuracy: 0.9244
- Loss: 0.2728

Muon Classification

- Efficiency: 95.274%
  - Purity: 91.540%

Efficiency $= \frac{TP}{TP+FN}$

Purity $= \frac{TP}{TP+FP}$

Results: Binary Classifier

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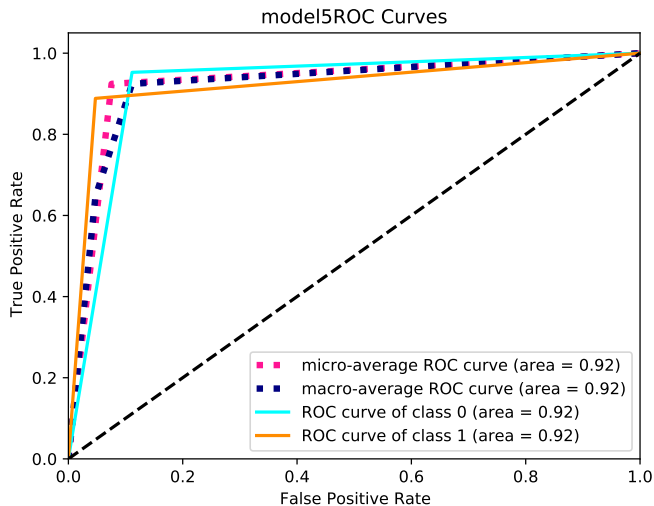
Results: Multiclass Classifier

Network statistics

Training
- Accuracy: 0.6854
- Loss: 0.7739

Validation
- Accuracy: 0.5323
- Loss: 1.2388

Test
- Accuracy: 0.5330
- Loss: 1.2864

Results: Multiclass Classifier

Muon Classification
- Efficiency: 84.032%
- Purity: 87.322%

Pion Classification
- Efficiency: 17.401%
- Purity: 41.398%

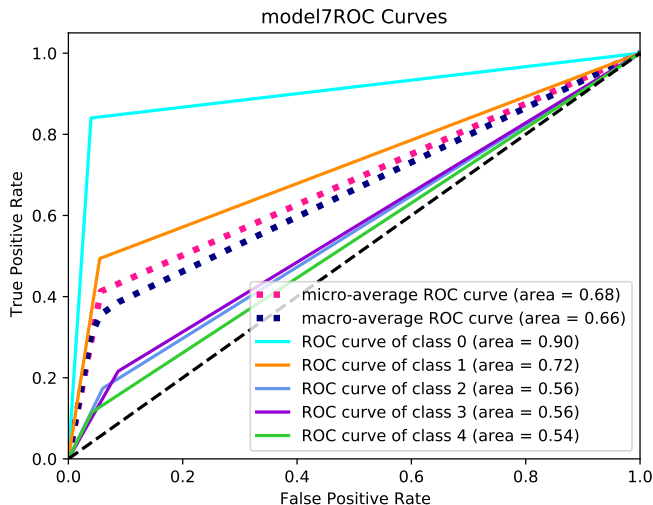Kaon Classification
- Efficiency: 21.601%
- Purity: 33.932%

Proton Classification
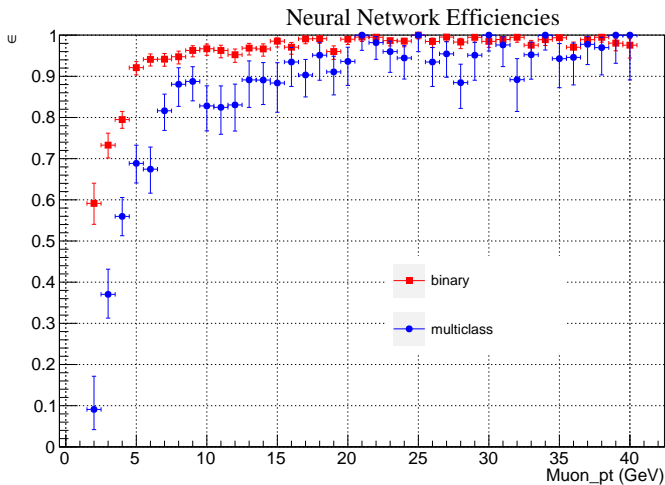- Efficiency: 11.496%
- Purity: 4.088%

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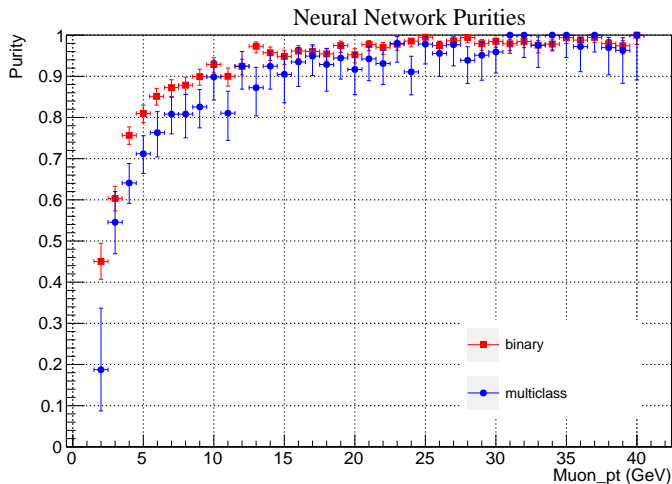
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model7ROC Curves

Results: Efficiencies

$\epsilon = \#$ true muons that pass ID$/\#$ true muons

Results: Purities

Neural Network Purities

Purity = # true muons that pass ID/ #reconstructed muons
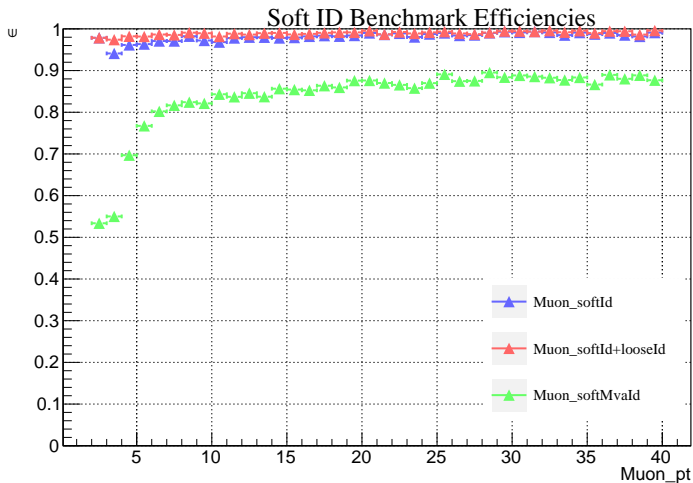
Benchmark Model

Current techniques to identify low momentum muons are a cut-based ID and a multi-variate analysis (MVA) that uses a gradient boosted regression forest

- Cut-based ID - uses cuts on a few key variables
- MVA - more complex, uses energy and track information
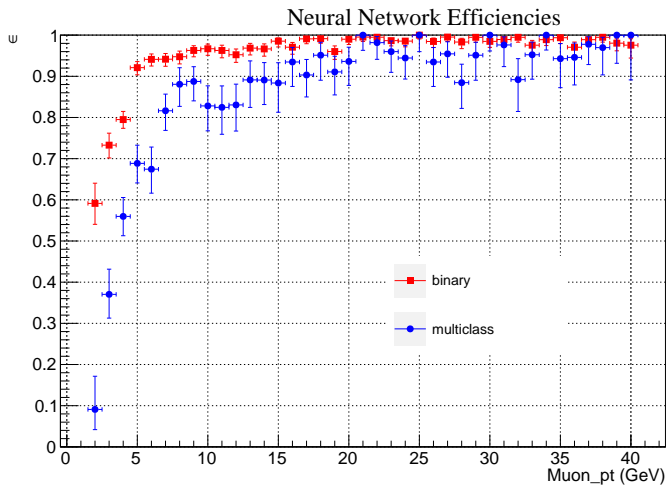
Evaluation Statistics

- Efficiency $\epsilon = \#$ true muons that pass ID/$\#$ true muons
- Purity $= \#$ true muons that pass ID/ $\#$reconstructed muons

$\epsilon = \#$ true muons that pass ID/$\#$ true muons

Neural Network Efficiencies

$\epsilon = \#$ true muons that pass ID/# true muons

Benchmark Model: Purity

Soft ID Benchmark Purities
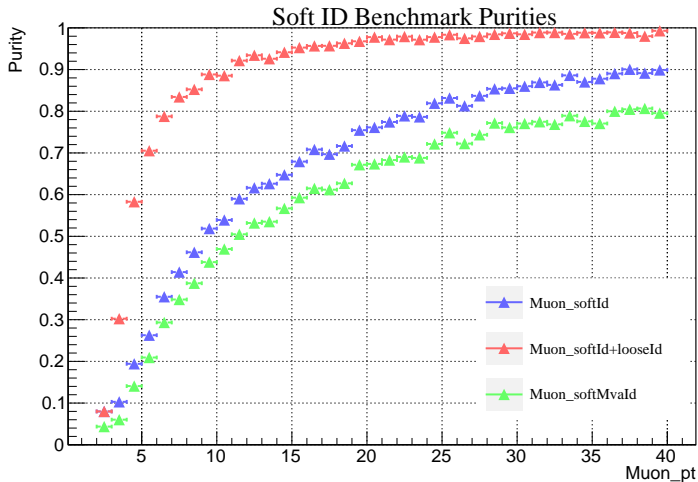
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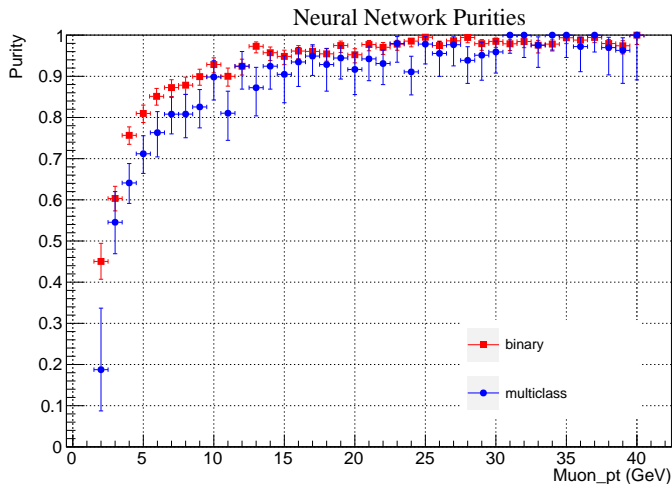
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Summary

Goal: correctly classify low momentum muons from proton-proton collisions at the LHC with a neural network

Results

- binary classifier more successful at classifying electrons than multiclass output
    - higher efficiency and purity
- both models competitive with current classification techniques in efficiency
- both models have similar or higher purity than current classification techniques

Future work: integrate classifier into searches for Supersymmetry to find Dark Matter candidates
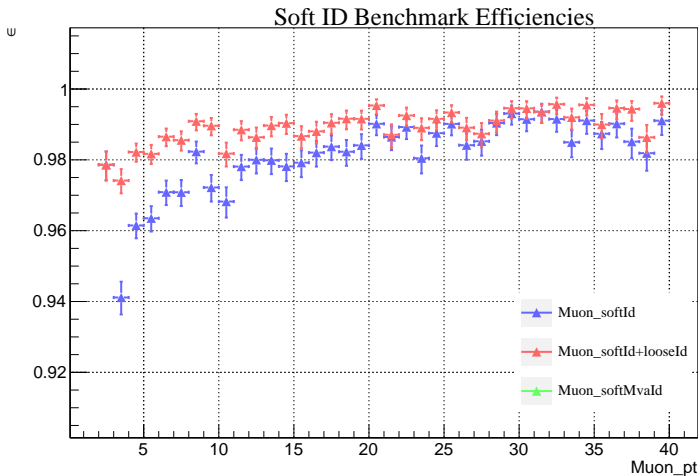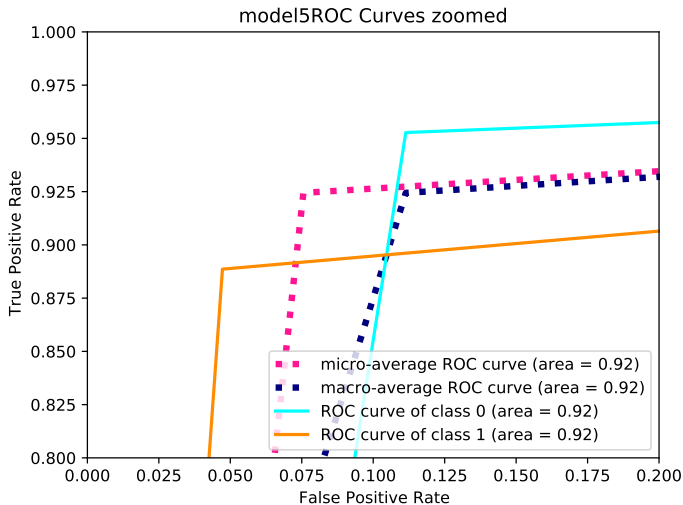
Project Repository: `https://github.com/Jphsx/KUSoftMVA`

Thank You!

Questions?

Backup

Benchmark Model Performances

Soft ID Benchmark Efficiencies

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model5ROC Curves zoomed

Results: Multiclass Classifier

model7ROC Curves zoomed

Legend:
- micro-average ROC curve (area = 0.68)
- macro-average ROC curve (area = 0.66)
- ROC curve of class 0 (area = 0.90)
- ROC curve of class 1 (area = 0.72)
- ROC curve of class 2 (area = 0.56)
- ROC curve of class 3 (area = 0.56)
- ROC curve of class 4 (area = 0.54)