# **Di-Higgs searches with Machine Learning**

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## Introduction

- Goal
  - → explore the potential of advanced machine learning methods to project the expected discovery significance of non-resonant di-Higgs production in HL-LHC using the upgraded CMS
     \_\_\_\_\_\_ detector
- Task
  - → classify events into " $\mu \tau_h b b/e \tau_h b b/\tau \overline{\tau} b \overline{b}$  decay of di-Higgs" versus "background", optimising the approximate median significance (AMS)
- Data
  - → samples produced via Monte Carlo generator of di-Higgs and several background channels ( $t \bar{t}$  inclusive, SM Higgs, DY to di-Lepton, di-Boson WW and ZZ, W+jets, vector boson VH, single top)



- The data previously described was fed to deep neural networks (DNN) in order to build a classifier
- Several recent methods in DNN were applied to evaluate their efficiency
- The study was first performed for the Higgs ML challenge  $\rightarrow$  simulated LHC collision data with features characterising events detected by ATLAS of Higgs  $\tau \bar{\tau}$  decay
- Used not only as a benchmark of the performance of each model and its optimisations but also to get us familiarised with DNN concepts

- Basic classifier:
  - $\rightarrow\,$  Deep Neural Network with 3 hidden layers, each with 100 neurons
  - $\rightarrow~$  Output layer of a single neuron
  - $\rightarrow\,$  Ensemble of 10 networks is trained on 50% of the data, using cross-validation, for 65 epochs
    - Models pre-trained without sample weights
    - Models weighted according to loss on validation data
  - $\rightarrow\,$  Remaining data is used to test the classifier and optimise the threshold

## **Feature selection**

- Train only on the low-level final-state features plus multiplicity features
  - $\rightarrow\,$  give the best performance, since the high-level features can be implicitly computed by the network
  - $\rightarrow\,$  final set of 52 selected features
    - *p<sub>x</sub>*, *p<sub>y</sub>*, *p<sub>z</sub>*, |*p*|, mass, energy and transverse mass of the hadronic tau *τ<sub>h</sub>*, the muon and di-Higgs: 21 features;
    - *p<sub>x</sub>*, *p<sub>y</sub>*, *p<sub>z</sub>*, |*p*|, mass and energy of both b-jets, *h<sub>b b̄</sub>* and *h<sub>τ τ̄</sub>*: 24 features;
    - $p_x$ ,  $p_y$ , |p| of missing transverse momentum: 3 features.
    - s<sub>T</sub> the scalar sum of p
      <sup>miss</sup>, muon p<sub>T</sub> and the transverse energy of both b-jets and the τ<sub>h</sub>: 1 feature;
    - total number of jets, number of b-jets and number of tau-jets: 3 features.

#### **Feature selection**



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**Figure 2:**  $s_T$  ( $\mu \tau_h b b$  channel)

# **Evaluation**

- Performance was evaluated using the AMS (approximate median significance):
  - $\rightarrow$  approximation of the significance, more accurate than  $signal/\sqrt{background}$
  - $\rightarrow\,$  background uncertainty accounts for the statistical uncertainty and assumes a 10 % systematic uncertainty on normalisation
    - cut is required to accept at least 10 background events in order to ensure correct statistical uncertainties
- Final result uses binned prediction in Higgs Combine, not only to calculate significance but also limits.

- Three different activation functions tested:
  - $\rightarrow$  ReLU [1]
  - $\rightarrow$  SELU [2]
  - $\rightarrow$  Swish-1 [4]
- Learning rate finder
- Learning Rate schedules: Cyclical LR and Cosine Annealing for decaying LR
- Data Augmentation ( $\phi$  and/or axis symmetry)

# Learning Rate Finder

- Choosing the right learning rate improves training time and convergence:
  - A tiny learning rate leads to underfitting: the model cannot adequately capture the underlying structure of the data
  - A high learning rate leads to overfitting: the model corresponds too closely to the training data, and may therefore fail for additional data

- To find the optimal value, the model is trained while the learning rate is increased from a small value.
- The loss calculated on the validation data is evaluated.
- According to Smith (2015) [5], the optimal learning rate is the highest at which the loss is still decreasing.

# Learning Rate Finder



**Figure 3:** Loss on validation data in function of the learning rate for SELU, using Cross Validation on 10 folds

## Learning Rate Finder - results

- +  $1\times 10^{-3}$  chosen as the optimum learning rate
- Three different activation functions were tested:

	ReLU	SELU	Swish-1
AMS	0.9018	1.8417	0.9974
Threshold	0.9906	0.9988	0.9943

**Table 1:** AMS and cut using each activation function in an ensemble of 10 classifiers and setting the learning rate to the optimum value found.

- SELU performed clearly better
- It was the activation function used when performing the following tests

# Learning Rate Scheduling

- It's common to adjust the learning rate during training, decreasing it once the validation loss becomes flat
- Recent papers (Smith 2015) [5] suggest:
   → cycling between low and high bounds using triangular function
- Loshchilov & Hutter (2016) [3] take this further and introduce the cosine annealing

## Learning Rate Scheduling

• In cosine annealing schedule the learning rate decays as a cosine function, restarting once it reaches zero.



Figure 4: Cosine Annealing schedule with multiplicity 2 and  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  learning rate

- A multiplicity factor of 2 and an initial learning rate of  $1\times 10^{-3}$  were used

	Const. Learning Rate	Cosine Annealing
AMS	1.8417	2.6681
Threshold	0.9988	0.9991

 Table 2: AMS and cut using a constant learning rate and a cosine annealing schedule in an ensemble of 10 classifiers.

# **Data Augmentation**

• By performing rotations of the events over an angle  $\phi$  and axis symmetries, "new" data can be created, without changing the underlying class

	with Data Aug.	without Data Aug.
AMS	2.7147	2.6681
Threshold	0.9992	0.9991

**Table 3:** AMS and cut with and without a data augmentationroutine.

### **Final Classifier Predictions**



Figure 5: Class predictions

- DNN proved to be a good method to distinguish signal and background in the context of this problem
- New techniques were implemented successfully:
  - $\rightarrow~$  Learning rate finder
  - $\rightarrow~$  Cosine annealing schedule
  - ightarrow Data Augmentation
- We were able to predict the expected discovery significance of non-resonant di-Higgs production in HL-LHC using the CMS detector with its proposed upgrades
- We are preparing an analysis note describing our methods and results, to be ultimately included in the Yellow Report

# **Backup Slides**

# **Event selection**

## **Channels and selection**

- Three channels:  $\mu \tau_h b b$ ,  $e \tau_h b b$ , and  $\tau \overline{\tau} b \overline{b}$
- $\mu \tau_h b b (e \tau_h b b)$  requires:
  - Exactly: 1 primary muon (electron), 0 veto muons, and 0 veto electrons
  - At least 1 hadronic tau of opposite charge to primary lepton (highest p<sub>T</sub> tau chosen in case of multiple)
  - At least 2 *b*-jets (select pair with invariant mass closest to 125 GeV)
- $\tau \, \overline{\tau} \, b \, \overline{b}$  requires:
  - Exactly: 0 veto muons and 0 veto electrons
  - At least 2 hadronic taus of opposite charge (highest p<sub>T</sub> taus chosen in case of multiple)
  - At least 2 *b*-jets (select pair with invariant mass closest to 125 GeV)

# **Object definitions**

Lepton	Min. $p_T$ [GeV]	Max. $ \eta $	Max. iso [GeV]
Primary $\mu$	23	2.1	0.15
Primary <i>e</i>	27	2.1	0.1
Veto $e/\mu$	10	2.4	0.3
Hadronic tau	Min. $p_T$ [GeV]	Max. $ \eta $	
$\ell   au_h  b  b$	20	2.3	
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- Jets (b and  $\tau$ ) are taken from the JetsPUPPI collections
- *b* jets are defined using the medium working point with the mid timing detector and required to meet:  $p_T > 30$  GeV and  $|\eta| < 2.4$
- Missing p<sub>T</sub>, muons, and electrons are taken from the PuppiMissingET, MuonLoose, and Electron collections, respectively, i.e. the CHS versions are not used

- *t ī*
- Single Top
- Di-boson ZZ
- Drell-Yan to di-Lepton
- ttH

$$R = 2 * (((s+b) * \log((s+b) * (b+\sigma)/(b^{2} + (s+b) * \sigma))) - (b^{2}/\sigma * \log(1 + (\sigma * s/(b * (b+\sigma)))))) (1) AMS = \sqrt{R}$$
(2)

- *s* and *b*: unnormalized true positive and false positive rates, respectively
- $\sigma$ : product of background uncertainty and false positive rate

#### **Feature importance**

h bb mass	6 6	.1786	212980747223	
t 1 mT	0.1469000	63753	12806	
t 1 mass	6	0.1020	3024595975876	
h tt mass	5 <b>(</b>	0.0791	6492968797684	
h tt pT	6	0.0665	8982336521149	
t 0 pT	0.0640179	84271	0495	
diH mT2	0	0.0637	3308822512627	
t 0 mass	6	0.0382	9675018787384	
diH mass	6	0.0345	8205610513687	
h bb pT	6	0.0274	3470259010792	
nJets	0.0240073	357656	95572	
t 0 mT	0.0197216	643254	16088	
diH_pT	0.0188632	273970	782756	
mPT pT	0.0180049	04687	404632	
sT	0.0128600	03858	804703	
b 0 pT	0.0125742	289739	131928	
dShapeP	6	0.0122	89392948150634	
b 1 mass	6	0.0120	03678735345602	
nTauJets	6	0.0102	88166627287865	
nBJets	0.0094310	23709	475994	
b 0 mass	6	0.0054	306150414049625	
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t 1 pT	0.0045726	54701	769352	
maxJetPT	0	0.0042	869404423981905	
hT	0.0031436	674554	3032885	
maxJetEta	a 6	0.0028	5836907569319	
minJetEta	a 6	0.0025	71428520604968	
t 0 eta	0	0.0017	155119450762868	
b 0 eta	6	0.0017	146944534033536	
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**Figure 6:**  $\mu \tau_h b b$  channel

### Features - $s_T$ ii



**Figure 7:**  $e \tau_h b b$  channel

### **Features** - $s_T$ iii



Figure 8:  $\tau \, \overline{\tau} \, b \, \overline{b}$  channel

## Features - $p_T$ of $\mu$ , e, $\tau$ i



**Figure 9:**  $\mu \tau_h b b$  channel

## Features - $p_T$ of $\mu$ , e, $\tau$ ii



**Figure 10:**  $e \tau_h b b$  channel

## Features - $p_T$ of $\mu$ , e, $\tau$ iii



Figure 11:  $\tau \, \overline{\tau} \, b \, \overline{b}$  channel

## Features - $h_{\tau \, \overline{\tau}}$ mass i



**Figure 12:**  $\mu \tau_h b b$  channel

### Features - $h_{\tau \, \bar{\tau}}$ mass ii



**Figure 13:**  $e \tau_h b b$  channel

### Features - $h_{\tau \, \overline{\tau}}$ mass iii



Figure 14:  $\tau \, \overline{\tau} \, b \, \overline{b}$  channel

## Features - $h_{\tau \, \bar{\tau}}$ mass (linear) i



**Figure 15:**  $\mu \tau_h b b$  channel

### Features - $h_{\tau \, \bar{\tau}}$ mass (linear) ii



**Figure 16:**  $e \tau_h b b$  channel

## Features - $h_{\tau \, \bar{\tau}}$ mass (linear) iii



Figure 17:  $\tau \, \overline{\tau} \, b \, \overline{b}$  channel

## Features - $h_{b\,\overline{b}}$ mass i



**Figure 18:**  $\mu \tau_h b b$  channel

## Features - $h_{b\bar{b}}$ mass ii



**Figure 19:**  $e \tau_h b b$  channel

## Features - $h_{b\,\overline{b}}$ mass iii



Figure 20:  $\tau \, \overline{\tau} \, b \, \overline{b}$  channel

## Features - $h_{b\,\overline{b}}$ mass (linear) i



Figure 21:  $\mu \tau_h b b$  channel

## Features - $h_{b\bar{b}}$ mass (linear) ii



**Figure 22:**  $e \tau_h b b$  channel

## Features - $h_{b\bar{b}}$ mass (linear) iii



Figure 23:  $\tau \, \overline{\tau} \, b \, \overline{b}$  channel

## Final Classifier Predictions (linear)



Figure 24: Class predictions

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