

# Particle Tracking with Deep Neural Networks at PANDA

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# Outline

- Conventional tracking approach
- Motivation for new methods
- Intro to Machine Learning
- Data Preprocessing
- Model Deployment
- Further Investigation
- Next Steps

# Track Reconstruction

Common approach in High Energy Physics:

- **Track finding**

- Input: Particle Hits
- Algorithm: e.g. SttCellTrackFinder, Hough Transform etc.
- Output: Track Candidates

- **Track fitting**

- Input: Track Candidates
- Algorithm: e.g. Riemann Fit, Helix Fit etc.
- Output: Track Kinematics

# Track Reconstruction

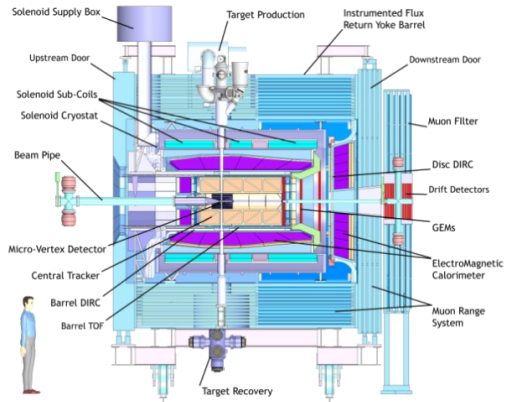
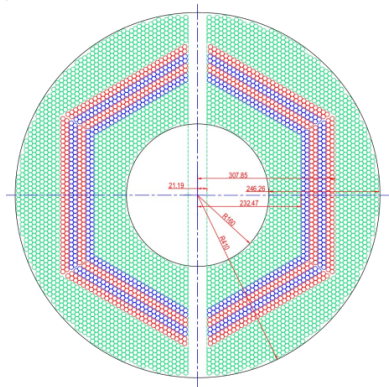
Conventional tracking methods suffer **one/more** of the following issues.

- Rely on linear dynamic models
- Are serial in nature
- Scale badly with track multiplicity
- Consume huge computing resources

An alternate approach is using Machine Learning (ML) methods.

- Track finding (pattern recognition)
- Track fitting (kinematics)

# PANDA Experiment



# Machine Learning

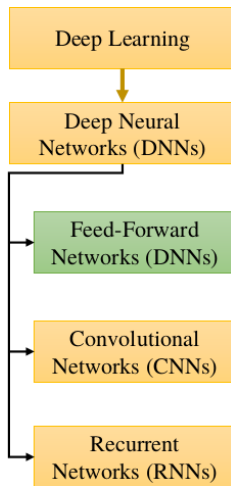
It is the ability of machines to learn complex representations of data through learning. Learning approaches are;

- **Supervised Learning**
  - Regression, Classification, **Patteren Recognition**
- Unsupervised Learning
  - Clustering, Density Measurements
- Reinforcement Learning
  - Robotics etc

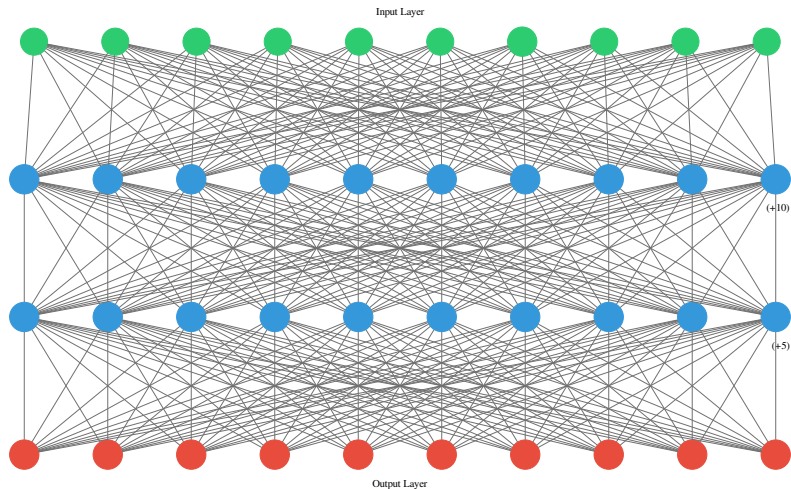
# Deep Learning

Deep learning approach is to introduce multiple hidden layers in an existing model. Common network topologies are

- Feed-forward Neural Networks (DNNs)
- Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs or ConvNets)
- Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) and LSTM



# Feed-forward Topology





# Forward Propagation

Mathematics for Neural Nets:

$$z^{[l](i)} = W^{[l]} x^{(i)} + b^{[l]}$$

$$a^{[l](i)} = g^{[l]}(z^{[l](i)})$$

$$\hat{y}^{(i)} = a^{[L](i)}$$

$$l = 1, 2, \dots, L$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

$l$ :  $l^{th}$  layer

$i$ :  $i^{th}$  training example

$x$ : input vector

$b$ : bias vector

$W$ : weight matrix

$g$ : activation function

$\hat{y}$ : estimate of final layer

Cost Function (J):

$$J(\hat{y}, y) = -1/m \sum_i^m [\hat{y}^{(i)} \log(y^{(i)}) + (1 - \hat{y}^{(i)}) \log(1 - y^{(i)})]$$

# Back Propagation

After each **epoch** ( $\equiv$  1 execution cycle), error is back propagated using method of **gradient descent**. First,

$$dW^{[l]} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial W^{[l]}}$$
$$db^{[l]} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial b^{[l]}}$$

Second, update parameters with learning rate ' $\alpha$ ':

$$W^{[l]} := W^{[l]} - \alpha dW^{[l]}$$
$$b^{[l]} := b^{[l]} - \alpha db^{[l]}$$

# Prediction

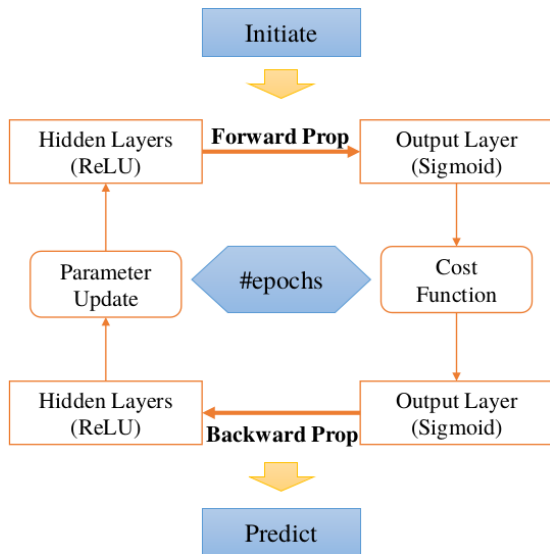
Whole execution of a Neural Network is reduced to minimization of **Cost Function (J)**.

$$J(\hat{y}, y) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{given} \quad \alpha, W, b$$

After all epochs, our model is ready to predict using a threshold ( $\tau$ ).

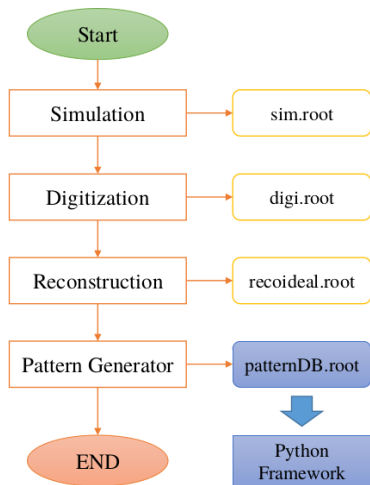
$$y_{prediction}^{(i)} = \begin{cases} 1, & \hat{y}^{(i)} > \tau \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Flow Diagram



# Data Generation

- Data is generated using PandaROOT
- $p\bar{p} \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda} \rightarrow \bar{p}\pi^+ + p\pi^-$  channel with  $P_{beam} = 7.0$  GeV
- $nEvent = 10,000$  using "PndEvtGenDirect" generator
- Reconstruction is done using the "idealtracker"
- Output patterns (fired tubes) are then generated for **proton** tracks.



# Pattern Generator

- A pattern generator class developed in Uppsala.
- Currently, available in PandaROOT.
- This class is used to extract tube ids associated with a proton track.
- Finally, we should have Input/Output patterns (list of fired tubes)

# Data Import

- Numpy Arrays for Vectorization
- Numpy Arrays are a requirement for Keras (TensorFlow) framework too.
- Data is imported into Python using [uproot](#) (minimalist ROOT I/O) from Scikit-HEP.
- [uproot](#) give access to ".root" data as Numpy Arrays.



# Input/Output Patterns

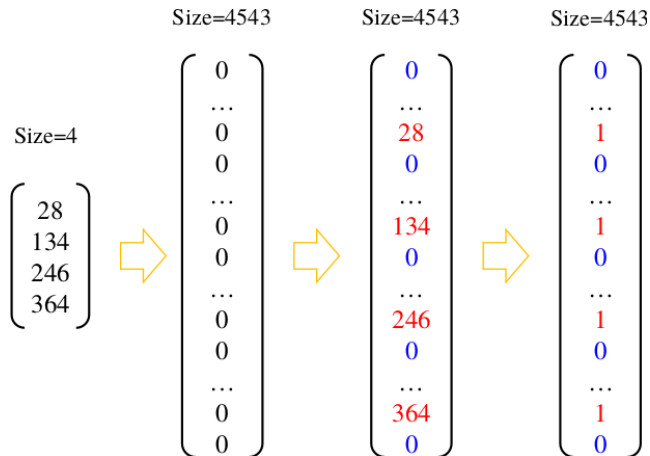
Imported data as pandas DataFrame (**STTHitArray isn't available yet**):

sr	Input (X)	Output (y)			
	patterns	patterns	$p_x$	$p_y$	$p_z$
1	[STTHitArray]	[ 31 101 104 ... 4493]	0.09237	0.10075	0.07186
2	[STTHitArray]	[ 19 22 102 ... 3648]	-0.0895	0.00896	0.02246
3	[STTHitArray]	[ 80 188 302 ... 4173]	0.23895	0.05811	0.32304
...	...	...	...	...	...

Our output patterns have different sizes (i.e. # of fired tubes), not suitable for ANNs. Need patterns of fixed size ( $\sim 4543$ ).



# Resizing Output Patterns



## Train/Test Datasets

After resizing, we have input and output patterns with same fixed size.

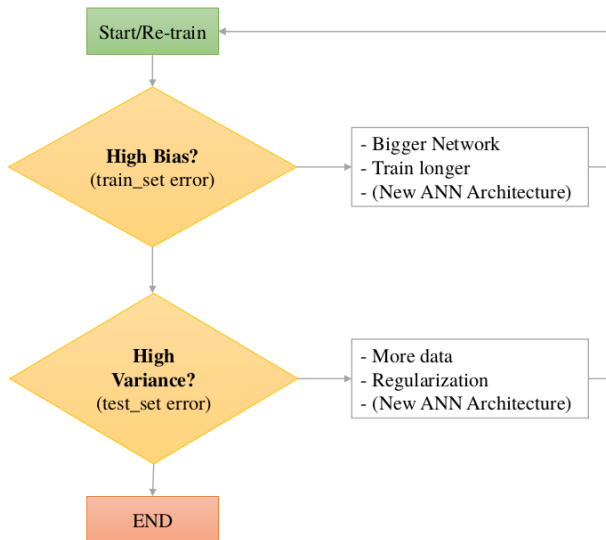
As a final step data is divided into `train_set` (80%) and `test_set` (20%) using the **Scikit-learn** package for machine learning.

As `STTHitArray` isn't available in Python, so input patterns are replaced with output patterns for a self test.

# Model Deployment

```
1 #!/usr/bin/env python3
2 def init_dff():
3     model=Sequential()
4     model.add(Dense(units=5000, activation='relu', kernel_initializer='glorot_uniform',
5         input_dim=ip_dim))
6     model.add(Dense(units=5000, activation='relu', kernel_initializer='glorot_uniform'))
7     model.add(Dense(units=5200, activation='relu', kernel_initializer='glorot_uniform'))
8     model.add(Dense(units=4000, activation='relu', kernel_initializer='glorot_uniform'))
9     model.add(Dense(units=ip_dim, activation='sigmoid'))
10    return model
11
12 model=init_dff()
13 model.compile(loss='binary_crossentropy', optimizer='adam', metrics=['accuracy'])
14
15 # Execute:
16 history = model.fit(X_train, y_train, batch_size=128, epochs=1000, verbose=1,
17     validation_data=(X_test, y_test))
18
19 # Predict:
20 y_pred = model.predict(X_test, verbose=1, batch_size=128)
```

# Characterizing ANNs



# Final Remarks

- Data Generation, Data Import and Data Preprocessing.
- A DNN is programmed in Keras (TensorFlow) and executed.
- Self-test shows code is "bug-free" and can be reused.
- Python and PandaROOT are bridged together using [uproot](#).

## Next Steps

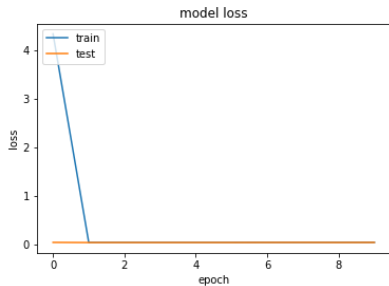
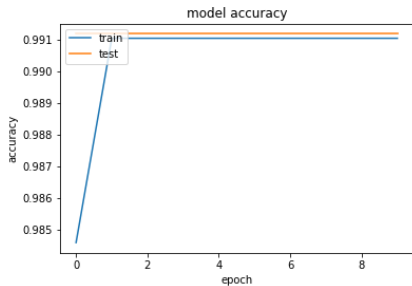
- Proper formulation of physics problem is needed (e.g. inclusion of Momentum Regression, PID etc).
- Complete run when **STTHitArray** is available
- Hyperparameter Tuning

# Questions?

# Backup Slides



# Initial Run (Not Accurate)



## Xavier Initialization

Weights and biases are initialized using samples from a truncated normal distribution centered on  $\mu = 0$  with standard deviation:

$$\sigma = \frac{2}{n[l] + n[l+1]}$$

Where,  $n$  denotes the number of nodes in a layer  $l$ . Here,  $n[l]$  and  $n[l+1]$  are the dimensions of weight matrix ( $W$ ) for layers  $l, l + 1$ .

$$W \in \mathbb{R}^{n[l+1] \times n[l]}$$

# Optimization

We used **Mini-batch** Gradient Decent (GD) in *Keras/TensorFlow* (also Batch & Stochastic GD). In addition, GD is optimized using **Adam** optimizer to escape saddle points where GD fails due zero gradient. Apart from Adam, we can also use

- Momentum
- RMSprop
- AdaGrad
- AMSGrad etc.

# Under/Over fitting

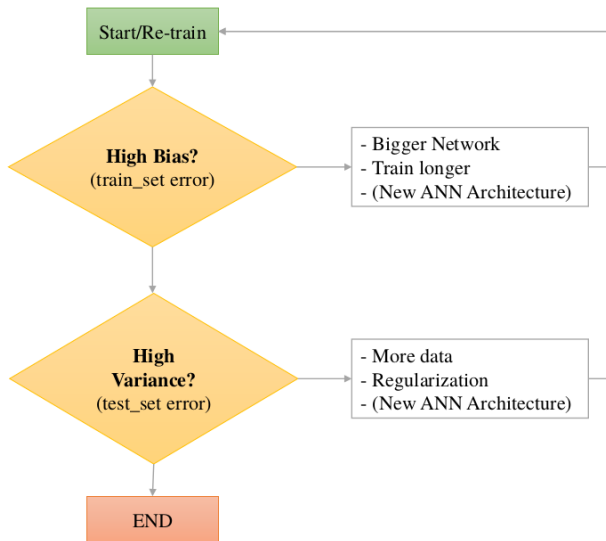
Errors in train/test datasets, it can tell whether our model is under/over (high bias/high variance) fitting our data.

- High Bias  $\rightarrow$  under-fitting
- High Variance  $\rightarrow$  over-fitting

How to get a Neural Network Model which is "just" right for our problem?

- Ans: Tune the Network.

# Recipe for Investigation



# Improving Neural Networks

Normalization:

- Input Data

Hyperparameters:

- $W, b, \alpha, \lambda$  etc.
- nodes & layers

Regularization:

- *L1 or L2*

- Dropout

Optimization:

- Adam

# Regularization

In case our model overfits data (i.e. high variance), we can fix this by introducing a regularization term (known as L2) in our cost function to minimize this effect.

$$J(\hat{y}, y) = 1/m \sum_{i=1}^m L(\hat{y}^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) + \frac{\lambda}{2m} \sum_{l=1}^L \|W^{[l]}\|_F^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2m} b^2$$

Where,  $\lambda$  is the regularization parameter, index  $F$  denotes *Frobenius* norm. Other regularization method such as  $L1$  and Dropout (turning off certain nodes, reducing the model dimensions) also exists.

# Programming Frameworks

## C++ Environment:

- Standard C++/ROOT
- TMVA (Toolkit for Multivariate Analysis)
- etc.



## Python Environment:

- Python 3.0
- Numpy for Vectorization
- TensorFlow/scikit-learn
- etc.





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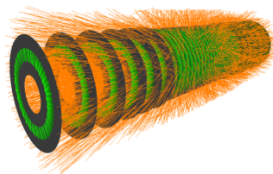
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