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A Practical Tutorial for Using TMVA in Hall D



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Goal: Use ROOTs TMVA to train a Boosted Decision Tree (BDT) to do a basic binary classification (in our case e^{-}/π^{-} separation)

Prerequisites

- Access to the ifarm
- a speedy way to display graphics made by ROOT, preferably a VDI connection using VMWare, or to rsync the output ROOT files locally



Overview of Procedure for a TMVA analysis

- Produce ROOT trees for your reaction of interest using the reaction filter plugin (in our case, $\gamma p \to e^+ e^-(p)$)
- Use a DSelector to produce a flat ROOT tree containing the same information + branches to contain the model inference
- Load the ROOT trees into TMVAClassification.C and train the model
- Classify real data with TMVAClassificationApplication.C and add the inference as a branch to your ROOT tree
- Analyze the flat ROOT tree with the inferences added in a TSelector or MakeClass.C plugin (or interactively!)



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Copy the Files to a Directory You Own

cp /work/halld/home/acschick/Alworkshop2025_TMVA/*.*.

ifarm2402.jlab.org> ls -1d \$PWD/*.*
/work/halld/home/acschick/AIworkshop2025_TMVA/DSelector_2eMissingProton.C
/work/halld/home/acschick/AIworkshop2025_TMVA/DSelector_2eMissingProton.h
/work/halld/home/acschick/AIworkshop2025_TMVA/TMVAClassificationApplicationMINUS.C
/work/halld/home/acschick/AIworkshop2025_TMVA/TMVAClassificationMINUS.C
ifarm2402.jlab.org>

- TMVAClassification.C \rightarrow Training of your models
- TMVAClassificationApplication \rightarrow Inference on your data
- DSelector → Produce flat trees to classify or be used in training (done for you)



TMVAClassification.C

1. Select which models to train

Use["HMatrix"]	= 0;
//	at Analyzaia
// FUNCTION DISCRIMINA	nt Analysis
Use["FDA_SA"]	= 0; // minimisation of dset-defined function dsing denetics Argorithm $= 0;$
Use["FDA_MC"]	= 0;
Use["FDA MT"]	= 0;
Use["FDA_GAMT"]	= 0;
Use["FDA_MCMT"]	= 0;
// Neural Networks (al	l are feed-forward Multilayer Perceptrons)
Use["MLP"]	= 1; // Recommended ANN
	= 0; // Recommended ANN with PECS training method and houseign regulator
	- 0, // Recommended ANN with Dros training method and bayesian regulator
Use["TM]pANN"]	= 0; // ROOT'S OWD ANN
Use["DNN"]	= 0; // Deep Neural Network
Use["DNN_GPU"]	= 0; // CUDA-accelerated DNN training.
Use["DNN_CPU"]	= 0; // Multi-core accelerated DNN.
// Support Vector Mach	ine
Usel"SVM"J	= 0;
// // Boosted Decision Tr	005
Use["BDT"]	= 1: // uses Adaptive Boost
Use["BDTG"]	= 0; // uses Gradient Boost
Use["BDTB"]	= 0; // uses Bagging
Use["BDTD"]	= 0; // decorrelation + Adaptive Boost
Use["BDTF"]	= 0; // allow usage of fisher discriminant for node splitting
// Friedman's RuleFit	method, ie, an optimised series of cuts ("rules")
USe["RuleFit"]	= 0;
<pre>std::cout << std::endl</pre>	;
<pre>std::cout << "==> Star</pre>	t TMVAClassification" << std::endl:

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TMVAClassification.C

1. Select which models to train

2. Specify your signal and background (the two classes for classification) ROOT files.

Open them, and then get the ROOT trees.

```
// Read training and test data
// (it is also possible to use ASCII format as input -> see TMVA Users Guide)
TString fname = "/work/halld/home/acschick/AIworkshop2025 TMVA/trainingSamples/Flat eeRBHG train RADON Anaprop corAVGALL.root";
TString background fname = "/work/halld/home/acschick/AIworkshop2025 TMVA/trainingSamples/Flat rho0p 2018-01 BASE TrMCSIZE.root";
//this is just a fall back thing.
//if (gSystem->AccessPathName( fname )) // file does not exist in local directory
     gSystem->Exec("curl -O http://root.cern.ch/files/tmva_class_example.root");
TFile *input = TFile::Open( fname );
TFile *backgroundInput = TFile::Open( background fname );
std::cout << "--- TMVAClassification</pre>
                                            : Using input file: " << input->GetName() << std::endl;
// Register the training and test trees
TTree *background = (TTree*)backgroundInput->Get("FLAT pip TMVA");
TTree *signalTree = (TTree*)input->Get("Flat2018_MC_Electrons"); <
                                                                      Whatever the names of your trees are in your signal
                                                                      and background files
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TMVAClassification.C

- 1. Select which models to train
- 2. Specify your signal and background (the two classes for classification) ROOT files.
 - Open them, and then get the ROOT trees.
- 3. Specify your training features and "spectator" variables.

AddVariable for features used in training

AddSpectator for any variables you need to do your physics analysis after model inference, but don't need in your model.

// Define the input variables that shall be used for the MVA training // note that you may also use variable expressions, such as: "3*var1/var2*abs(var3)" // [all types of expressions that can also be parsed by TTree::Draw("expression")]
<pre>dataloader->AddVariable("EoverP_minus", "Electron FCAL Energy/KinFit momentum magnitude", 'F') dataloader->AddVariable("FCAL_DOCA_em", "Electron FCAL DOCA", 'F'); dataloader->AddVariable("FCAL_E9E25_em", "Electron E9/E25 shower ratio" , 'F');</pre>
<pre>// You can add so-called "Spectator variables", which are not used in the MVA training, // but will appear in the final "TestTree" produced by TMVA. This TestTree will contain the // input variables, the response values of all trained MVAs, and the spectator variables</pre>
//dataloader->AddSpectator("spec1 := var1*2", "Spectator 1", "units", 'F'); //dataloader->AddSpectator("spec2 := var1*3", "Spectator 2", "units", 'F');
<pre>dataloader->AddSpectator("RFTime_kin", "RFTime_kin"); dataloader->AddSpectator("RFTime_meas", "RFTime_meas"); dataloader->AddSpectator("BeamX4_kin_T", "BeamX4_kin_T"); dataloader->AddSpectator("BeamX4_kin_Z", "BeamX4_kin_Z"); dataloader->AddSpectator("BeamX4_kin_Z", "BeamX4_kin_Z"); dataloader->AddSpectator("BeamX4_meas_T", "BeamX4_meas_T"); dataloader->AddSpectator("BeamX4_meas_T", "BeamX4_meas_T"); dataloader->AddSpectator("BeamX4_meas_Z", "BeamX4_meas_T"); dataloader->AddSpectator("BeamX4_meas_Z", "BeamX4_meas_Z"); dataloader->AddSpectator("BeamX4_meas_Z", "BeamX4_meas_Z"); dataloader->AddSpectator("BeamA4_meas_Z", "BeamA4_meas_Z"); dataloader->AddSpectator("BeamA4_kin_E", "BeamP4_kin_E"); dataloader->AddSpectator("BeamP4_kin_Z", "BeamP4_kin_Z"); dataloader->AddSpectator("BeamP4_kin_Z", "BeamP4_kin_Z"); dataloader->AddSpectator("BeamP4_kin_Z", "BeamP4_kin_Z"); dataloader->AddSpectator("BeamP4_meas_E", "BeamP4_meas_E"); dataloader->AddSpectator("BeamP4_meas_Z", "BeamP4_meas_Z"); dataloader->AddSpectator("BeamP4_meas_Z", "BeamP4_meas_Z"); dataloader->AddSpectator("BeamP4_meas_Z", "BeamP4_meas_Z"); dataloader->AddSpectator("BeamP4_meas_Z", "BeamP4_meas_Z"); dataloader->AddSpectator("TargetCenter_Z", "TargetCenter_Z"); dataloader->AddSpectator("TargetCenter_Z", "TargetCenter_Z"); dataloader->AddSpectator("TargetCenter_Z", "TargetCenter_Z"); dataloader->AddSpectator("TargetCenter_Z", "TargetCenter_Z"); dataloader->AddSpectator("TargetCenter_Z", "TargetCenter_Z"); dataloader->AddSpectator("TargetCenter_Z", "TargetCenter_Z"); dataloader->AddSpectator("TargetCenter_Z", "TargetCenter_Z"); dataloader->AddSpectator("TargetCenter_Z", "TargetCenter_Y"); dataloader->AddSpectator("TargetCenter_Y", "TargetCenter_Y"); dataloader->AddSpectator("ToF_dEdx_ep"); dataloader->AddSpectator("FOC_dEdx_ep", "FOC_dEdx_ep"); dataloader->AddSpectator("FOC_dEdx_ep", "FOC_dEdx_ep");</pre>





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What are Spectator Variables?

- The ROOT tree that used in training must have all the same branches as the data ROOT tree you will classify
- The **spectator variables** are every variable you need to perform your analysis after any cuts you apply based on the model inference.
- Simple approach: write all the original branches in the ROOT tree produced by the reaction filter plugin into your flat ROOT tree





Making Flat ROOT Trees with the DSelector

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//USERS: SET OUTPUT FILE NAME //can be overriden by user in PROOF dOutputFileName = "Hist_2018-01_0pol.root"; //"" for none dOutputTreeFileName = "";//"ee_MVA_7-20-2020_ComboTrees.root"; //"" for none dFlatTreeFileName = "Flat_2018-01_0pol.root"; //output flat tree (one combo per tree entry), "" for none dFlatTreeName = "Flat2018_0pol_Electrons"; //if blank, default name will be chosen dFlatTreeInterface->Create_Branch_Fundamental<Float_t>("BeamP4_meas_Z"); dFlatTreeInterface->Create_Branch_Fundamental<Float_t>("TargetCenter_Z"); dFlatTreeInterface->Create_Branch_Fundamental<Float_t>("TargetCenter_X"); dFlatTreeInterface->Create_Branch_Fundamental<Float_t>("TargetCenter_Y"); dFlatTreeInterface->Create Branch Fundamental<Float t>("kinfit chisg"); dFlatTreeInterface->Create_Branch_Fundamental<Float_t>("FCAL_Energy_ep"); dFlatTreeInterface->Create Branch Fundamental<Float t>("TOF dEdx ep"); dFlatTreeInterface->Create Branch Fundamental<Float t>("FDC dEdx ep"); dFlatTreeInterface->Create_Branch_Fundamental<Float_t>("ep_p_kin_E"); dFlatTreeInterface->Create_Branch_Fundamental<Float_t>("ep_p_kin_X"); dFlatTreeInterface->Create_Branch_Fundamental<Float_t>("ep_p_kin_Y"); dFlatTreeInterface->Create_Branch_Fundamental<Float_t>("ep_p_kin_Z"); dFlatTreeInterface->Create_Branch_Fundamental<Float_t>("ep_p_meas_E"); dFlatTreeInterface->Create_Branch_Fundamental<Float t>("ep p meas X"); dFlatTreeInterface->Create Branch Fundamental<Float t>("ep p meas Y"); dFlatTreeInterface->Create Branch Fundamental<Float t>("ep p meas Z");

dFlatTreeInterface->Create_Branch_Fundamental<Float_t>("FCAL_Energy_em"); dFlatTreeInterface->Create_Branch_Fundamental<Float_t>("TOF_dEdx_em"); dFlatTreeInterface->Create_Branch_Fundamental<Float_t>("FDC_dEdx_em");

TMVA doesn't know how to handle the "combo" structure of the original ROOT file The data type of the data must be floats.

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Customizing Your Models

select which events are used in training and in validation randomly

Specify number of events to use in training

dataloader->PrepareTrainingAndTestTree(mycut,

"nTrain_Signal=20000:nTrain_Background=20000:SplitMode=Random:NormMode=NumEvents:!V");

use all remaining events are validation

Specify model architecture

// TMVA ANN: MLP (recommended ANN) -- all ANNs in TMVA are Multilayer Perceptrons

if (Use["MLP"])

factory->BookMethod(dataloader, TMVA::Types::kMLP, "MLP", "H:!V:NeuronType=tanh:VarTransform=N:NCycles=600:HiddenLayers=N+5:TestRate=5:!UseRegulator");

if (Use["BDT"]) // Adaptive Boost

factory->BookMethod(dataloader, TMVA::Types::kBDT, "BDT", !H:!V:NTrees=850:MinNodeSize=2.5%:MaxDepth=3:BoostType=AdaBoost:AdaBoostBeta=0.5:UseBaggedBoost:BaggedSampleFraction=0.5:SeparationType=G'. Index:nCuts=20");

if (Upo["PDTP"]) // Poggin

Train your model by running your TMVAClassification.C macro

ifarm2402.jlab.org> root -l TMVAClassificationMINUS.C





Text output from training will rank usefulness of training variables, and rank models by their performance

Factory	: Training finished
MLP	: Ranking input variables (method specific) : Ranking result (top variable is best ranked)
	:
BDT	: : Ranking result (top variable is best ranked) :
	: Rank : Variable : Variable Importance ·
	: 1 : FCAL_E9E25_em : 3.506e-01 : 2 : EoverP_minus : 3.286e-01 : 3 : FCAL_DOCA_em : 3.208e-01
	Evaluation results ranked by best signal efficiency and purity (area)
:	DataSet MVA Name: Method: ROC-integ datasetMINUS BDT : 0.997 datasetMINUS MLP : 0.994

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After training completes, a GUI will appear allowing you to explore the results from training and validation. Almost all the plots here are interesting, but it's worth pointing out specifically: Classifier Output Distributions, Classifier Cut Efficiencies, ROC curve

TMVA Plotting Macros for Classification Ð Terminal Q ≣ - × (1a) Input variables (training sample) (1b) Input variables 'Deco'-transformed (training sample) (1c) Input variables 'PCA'-transformed (training sample) : Evaluation results ranked by best signal efficiency and purity (area) (1d) Input variables 'Gauss_Deco'-transformed (training sample) (2a) Input variable correlations (scatter profiles) : DataSet MVA (2b) Input variable correlations 'Deco'-transformed (scatter profiles) Method: : Name: ROC-integ : 0.997 : datasetMINUS BDT (2c) Input variable correlations 'PCA'-transformed (scatter profiles) : datasetMINUS MLP : 0.994 (2d) Input variable correlations 'Gauss_Deco'-transformed (scatter profiles) (3) Input Variable Linear Correlation Coefficients (4a) Classifier Output Distributions (test sample) : Testing efficiency compared to training efficiency (overtraining check) (4b) Classifier Output Distributions (test and training samples superimposed) (4c) Classifier Probability Distributions (test sample) Signal efficiency: from test sample (from training sample) (4d) Classifier Rarity Distributions (test sample) : DataSet MVA (5a) Classifier Cut Efficiencies Method: @B=0.01 @B=0.10 @B=0.30 : Name: (5b) Classifier Background Rejection vs Signal Efficiency (ROC curve) (5b) Classifier 1/(Backgr. Efficiency) vs Signal Efficiency (ROC curve) 1.000 (1.000) 1.000 (1.000) : datasetMINUS BDT : 0.963 (0.964) (6) Parallel Coordinates (requires ROOT-version >= 5.17) MLP : 0.879 (0.855) 1.000(1.000): datasetMINUS 1.000 (1.000) (7) PDFs of Classifiers (requires "CreateMVAPdfs" option set) (8) Training History Dataset:datasetMINUS : Created tree 'TestTree' with 1096010 events (10a) Network Architecture (MLP) (10b) Network Convergence Test (MLP) Dataset:datasetMINUS : Created tree 'TrainTree' with 40000 events (11) Decision Trees (BDT) Factory : Thank you for using TMVA! (12) Decision Tree Control Plots (BDT) : For citation information, please visit: http://tmva.sf.net/citeTMVA.html (13) Plot Foams (PDEFoam) ==> Wrote root file: pim_flat_TMVA.root (14) General Boost Control Plots ==> TMVAClassification is done! -- Launch TMVA GUI to view input file: pim_flat_TMVA.root (15) Quit === Note: inactive buttons indicate classifiers that were not trained, === or functionalities that were not invoked during the training === (int) 0 root [1]

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You can reopen the training file and see all these plots with

TMVA::TMVAGui(outfileName);

You can also explore all the results from training with a TBrowser(), and customize your own histograms. Some of the default plots TMVA makes lack the ability to manipulate, e.g. the Y axis and hides important info.



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Set what inferences you will perform

<pre>// Linear Discriminant</pre>	Ana	alysis
Use["LD"]	= (; // Linear Discriminant identical to Fisher
Use["Fisher"]	= (ð;
Use["FisherG"]	= (ð;
Use["BoostedFisher"]	= (; // uses generalised MVA method boosting
Use["HMatrix"]	= (ð;
// Function Discrimina	nt a	analysis
Use["FDA_GA"]	= 6	0; // minimisation of user-defined function using Genetics Algorithm
Use["FDA_SA"]	= 6	0;
Use["FDA_MC"]	= 6	0;
Use["FDA_MT"]	= 6	ð;
Use["FDA_GAMT"]	= 6	ð;
Use["FDA_MCMT"]	= 6	ð;
//		
// Neural Networks (al	l aı	re feed-forward Multilayer Perceptrons)
Use["MLP"]	= 1	1; // Recommended ANN
Use["MLPBFGS"]	= 6	; // Recommended ANN with optional training method
Use["MLPBNN"]	= 6	; // Recommended ANN with BFGS training method and bayesian regulator
Use["CFM1pANN"]	= 6); // Depreciated ANN from ALEPH
Use["TMIPANN"]	= (0; // ROOT's own ANN
Usel "DNN" J	= (; // improved implementation of a NN
// Support Vector Mach:	ine	
Usel "SVM" J	= 6	ð;
//		
// BOOSTED DECISION IT	ees	1. // waaa Adaptiwa Decet
	= -	, // uses Audplive Boost
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List all your variables that you want in the output file for your analysis

Load in the variables that you will actually perform the inference with, and then the spectator variables

TMVA::Reader *reader = new TMVA::Reader("!Color:!Silent");



Point to the file containing signal and background you want to classify. The structure of this file must match exactly the structure of the files used in the training of the models

```
// PUT FILE YOU WANT TO CLASSIFY HERE
TString fname = "/volatile/halld/home/acschick/2018-01_Redo/DSelector/Flat_2018-01_Redo/0DEG/Flat_2018-01_Redo_042277.root";
if (!gSystem->AccessPathName( fname ))
  input = TFile::Open( fname ); // check if file in local directory exists
else
  input = TFile::Open( "http://root.cern.ch/files/tmva_class_example.root" ); // if not: download from ROOT server
if (!input) {
  std::cout << "ERROR: could not open data file" << std::endl;</pre>
   exit(1);
                                          : Using input file: " << input->GetName() << std::endl;
std::cout << "--- TMVAClassificationApp</pre>
// Event loop
// Prepare the event tree
// - Here the variable names have to corresponds to your tree
    but of course you can use different ones and copy the values inside the event loop
std::cout << "--- Select signal sample" << std::endl;</pre>
TTree* theTree = (TTree*)input->Get("Flat_2018_Redo");
// Create a file to write the ntuple in and the TTree
TFile *outTarget = new TFile("Fall2018_0Deg_PIM.root", "RECREATE");
TTree *outTree = new TTree("TMVAOutTreePIM", "TMVAOutTree");
                                                                 Define the output file = input file + model inferences
```





If you add more models, you have to add to this list.

// get the MLPBNN response and fill	the tree with	all of its attach	ed variables
MLP_response = reader->EvaluateMVA("MLP method");	
BDT_response = reader->EvaluateMVA("BDT method");	
outTree->Fill();			

Perform the application

ifarm2402.jlab.org> root -1 TMVAClassificationApplicationMINUS.C

You can then analyze the data by using MakeClass or MakeSelector on the ROOT tree that this macro outputs. I've included some basic slides on using MakeClass after this slide. Example Class: /work/halld/home/acschick/channels/epemmissprot/TMVA_RBHG/Temp_Class_2eTMVA.C can copy a lot of the code into your own class.

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MakeClass()

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- Need to write a program that loops over all events.
- Since this is such a common task, ROOT provides a utility to generate a skeleton class to loop over the entries of a tree.

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MyTree->MakeClass("NameOfClass");
```

root [1] .ls	
TFile**	lepton_v18.dat.root
TFile*	lepton_v18.dat.root
KEY: TTree	ntuple;1 lepton_v18.dat
root [2] ntuple-	->MakeClass("LeptonAnalyzer");
Info in <ttreep] root [3]</ttreep] 	layer::MakeClass>: Files: LeptonAnalyzer.h and LeptonAnalyzer.C generated from TTree: ntuple
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Two new files generated

- Exit ROOT and type ls into your terminal.
- There should be two new files:

The .h file automatically declares all your variables for you and the file it runs over.

The .C file contains your loop where actual analysis will occur

Let's open the .C file

define LeptonAnalyzer_cxx #include "LeptonAnalyzer.h" #include <TH2.h> #include <TStyle.h> #include <TCanvas.h> /oid LeptonAnalyzer::Loop() // Read and show values of entry 16 if (fChain == 0) return; Long64_t nentries = fChain->GetEntriesFast(); Long64_t nbytes = 0, nb = 0; for (Long64_t jentry=0; jentry<nentries;jentry++) {</pre> Long64_t ientry = LoadTree(jentry); if (ientry < 0) break; nb = fChain->GetEntry(jentry); nbytes += nb; -uu-:---F1 LeptonAnalyzer.C Top L1 (C++/l Abbrev)-



Analyze the Data

Because we are using flat trees, all combos in an event get turned into their own event. This means in your analysis you must either

- 1. set up your own uniqueness tracking in your macro
- 2. perform accidental subtraction on all histograms even if they don't directly involve the photon energy.

root -l .L MyClassName.C MyClassName l; l.Loop()

