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Adaptive Machine Learning on FPGAs: Bridging Simulated and Real-World Data in High-Energy Physics

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In the realm of high-energy physics, the advent of machine learning has revolutionized data analysis, especially in managing the vast volumes of data produced by particle detectors.

Facing the challenge of analyzing unlabelled, high-volume detector data, advanced machine learning solutions become indispensable.

Our research introduces a machine learning approach that effectively bridges the gap between simulated training data and real-world detector data.

Anchored in domain adaptation principles, our technique uniquely leverages both simulated data (with known signal/background distinctions) and real-world data, thereby enhancing model accuracy and applicability.

Central to our methodology is the use of a low-memory, high-performance stochastic binary neural network. This network is specifically designed for implementation on Field-Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs), which offers the dual advantages of high-speed data processing and adaptability, essential for real-time physics data analysis.

Our results not only demonstrate the theoretical robustness of our model but also its practical efficacy, highlighted by significant improvements in accuracy and throughput in a high-energy physics case study – Flavours of Physics: Finding $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$ [1].

The FPGA implementation underscores our model's potential in delivering real-time, efficient data processing solutions in physics research, paving the way for new advancements in the field.

[1] kaggle. Flavours of Physics: Finding $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$. <https://www.kaggle.com/c/flavours-of-physics/overview>

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