

# Estimation of ML model uncertainty in particle physics event classifiers

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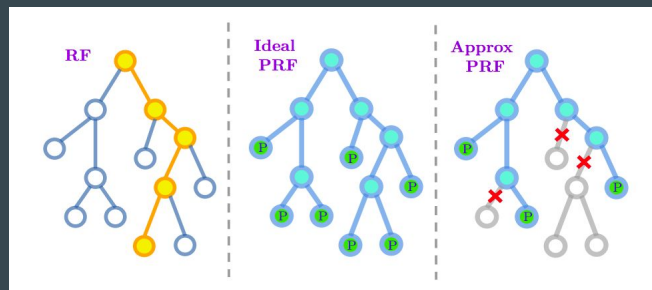
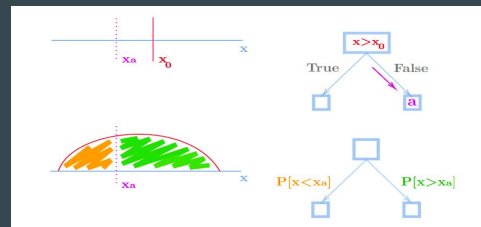
# Methods

## Bayesian approx.

$$\tilde{\mathbb{E}}[\mathbf{y}^*] := \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{f}^{\hat{\omega}_t}(\mathbf{x}^*) \xrightarrow{T \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_{q_{\theta^*}(\mathbf{y}^*|\mathbf{x}^*)}[\mathbf{y}^*]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\text{Var}}[\mathbf{y}^*] := & \tau^{-1} \mathbf{I} + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{f}^{\hat{\omega}_t}(\mathbf{x}^*)^T \mathbf{f}^{\hat{\omega}_t}(\mathbf{x}^*) - \\ & - \tilde{\mathbb{E}}[\mathbf{y}^*]^T \tilde{\mathbb{E}}[\mathbf{y}^*] \xrightarrow{T \rightarrow \infty} \text{Var}_{q_{\theta^*}(\mathbf{y}^*|\mathbf{x}^*)}[\mathbf{y}^*] \end{aligned}$$

## Probabilistic RF



## Local ensembles

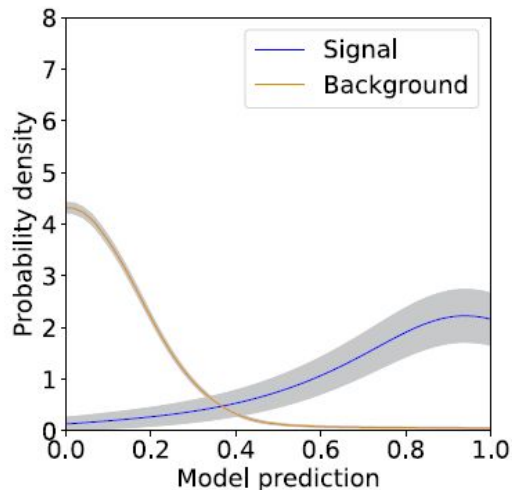
**Proposition 1.1** Let  $\Delta_{\theta}$  be the projection of a random perturbation with mean zero and covariance proportional to the identity  $\epsilon \cdot \mathbf{I}$  into the ensemble subspace spanned by  $\{\xi_{(j)} : j > m\}$ . Let  $P_{\Delta}$  be the linearized change in prediction induced by the perturbation

$$P_{\Delta}(x') := g_{\theta^*}(x')^{\top} \Delta_{\theta} \approx \hat{y}(x', \theta^* + \Delta_{\theta}) - \hat{y}(x', \theta^*)$$

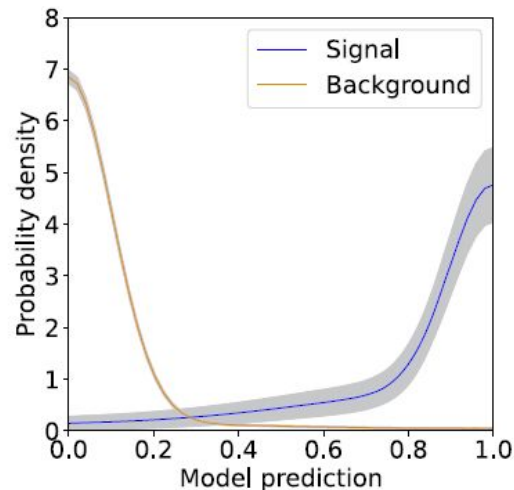
then  $\mathcal{E}_m(x') = \epsilon^{-1/2} \cdot SD(P_{\Delta}(x'))$ .

# Results

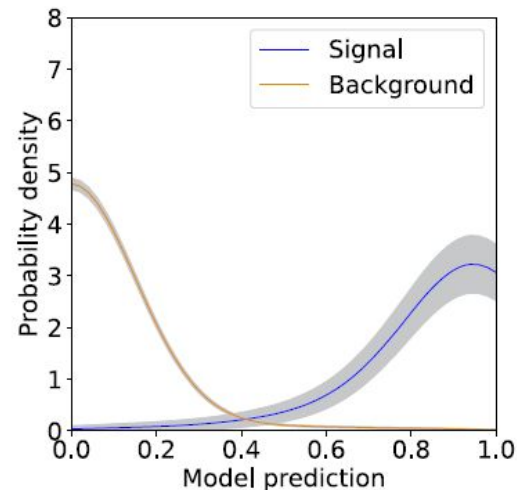
The probability density functions of the classification parameter for true signal and background events are shown.



(a) Local Ensembles



(b) Probabilistic Random Forest



(c) Bayesian approximation

# Results

Model	AUC
Probabilistic Random Forest	$0.969 \pm 0.005$
Local Ensembles	$0.951 \pm 0.006$
Bayesian Approximation	$0.990 \pm 0.001$

