



Improving Two-Neutron Detection Efficiency on the NEBULA Detector using XGBoost Algorithm

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Background: multi-neutron detection is very important in nuclear physics

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- In the field of nuclear physics, **multi-neutron detection** plays a critical role in revealing specific nuclear properties around neutron drip line
 - > Neutron drip line: The boundary beyond which atomic nuclei are unbound
 - Invariant method: All decay products are required

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Multi-neutron decay: Many drip line nuclei or resonances have more than one decay neutron

Four-neutron resonance states ^[1]



First observation of ²⁸O^[2]



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CrossTalk events and XGBoost method



> Two-neutron Efficiency curve

• Within a smaller relative energy range, the detection efficiency for two-neutron is significantly improved.

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• This performance is very helpful for enhancing the detection of multi neutrons.





CrossTalk

Two-

neutron

Different numbers of features

- Using the same number of features as conventional methods, XGBoost methods do not have obvious advantages.
 After adding other features including relative energy.
- After adding other features including relative energy, XGBoost demonstrates its ability to classify in high-dimensional spaces..



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