

Machine Learning for Applied Nuclear Physics

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BERKELEY LAB About myself

- Scientific Engineering Associate
 - Applied Nuclear Physics Program
 - Nuclear Physics Division
 - Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Born and raised in Switzerland near Basel
- PostDoc in Radiation detectors for Nuclear Structure Physics at LBNL
- PhD in Particle Physics
 - Radiation detectors for neutrinoless double beta decay experiments
- Bachelors/Masters in Physics/Physical Engineering
 - Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland
- Work focus: Machine Learning as a tool to enhance and inform radiation detection in urban environments
 - Mostly Nonproliferation, National, and Homeland Security
 - Some basic science



- Introduction
- Machine Learning for detection and identification of radioactive material
- Semantic segmentation to support radiation detection
- Object detection and radiation attribution
- Machine Learning for beam line operation and optimization





FUN FACT: SPINTHARISCOPES HAVE THE HIGHEST RATIO OF "THAT CAN'T POSSIBLY BE SAFE AND LEGAL" TO ACTUAL SAFETY AND LEGALITY OF ANY KNOWN TOY.

Introduction

to radiation detection in urban environments

BERKELEY LAB Radiological source searches in urban environments





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Apha	Beta-minus	Beta-plus	gamma	neutron
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- And a detector: For example scintillator (NaI,CZT) or semiconductors (HPGe)



BERKELEY LAB Lots of different detection system!



BERKELEY LAB Source localization

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- Moving systems encounter different offsets and orientations to the source over time.
- This enables to formulate a linear system of equations and solve for the unknown source location and strength.
 - For Poisson data: Maximum Likelihood Estimation Maximization
 - Iterative update rule that converges towards a solution
- Requirements: Exact detector trajectory must be measured



BERKELEY LAB Contextual sensors

Leverage contextual sensors such as lidars, cameras, etc.



K. Vetter, et. al., Advances in Nuclear Radiation Sensing: Enabling 3-D Gamma-Ray Vision. Sensors 2019, 19, 2541. https://doi.org/10.3390/s19112541

BERKELEY LAB Localization and mapping

- Simultaneous Localization and Mapping (SLAM) using Google Cartographer <u>https://github.com/googlecartographer/cartographer</u>
 - Minimize cost function between current LiDAR data and the reconstructed map from previous data
 - Rotation frequency of LiDAR 10Hz
- Requires LiDAR sensor and a
 Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU)
- Freebie: A map of the scene that can be leveraged to simplify the localization problem



BERKELEY LAB Nuclear Scene Data Fusion (SDF)

- Integrate auxiliary contextual sensors and onboard computer with radiation detection/imaging systems
- Perform SLAM in real-time (~10 Hz) to map the 3D scene and track the system pose as it moves freely through the environment
- Scene data fused with radiation data
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 - Coordinate transforms
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Part 1

Machine Learning for detection and identification of radioactive material

BERKELEY LAB Biggest challenge: variable backgrounds



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- Terrestrial Trace, variable levels in building materials
 - ⁴⁰K, Uranium-series, Thorium-series
- Airborne Modulated by weather and rain
 - ²²²Rn and progeny (mostly from washdown during rain events)
- Cosmogenic Modulated by space weather and buildings
 - Neutrons, Muons
- Artificial Variable with human factors
 - Industrial, medical



BERKELEY LAB Signals in radiation detectors

- ¹³⁷Cs Nuisance or threat
 - Characteristic emissions
 - Gamma-ray scattering in shielding
 - Propagation through air
 - Energy deposition in a detector
 - Detector resolution





BERKELEY LAB Signals in radiation detectors

- Also backgrounds undergo scattering in air and broadening of the resolution
- Scattering + diverse origin of backgrounds leads to a complex spectrum shape
- We are looking for a small signal at low energy...



BERKELEY LAB What do algorithmic approaches look like?



This is far from exhaustive

BERKELEY LAB The Urban Radiological Search Competition

- Competitors are provided with
 - A training set of list mode data for ~10k runs, each run lasting 1-3 minutes.
 - A test set of ~16k runs: 43% public, 57% private.
 - Energy spectra for each source type.
- For each run in the test set, competitors must
 - **Detect** whether there is an anomalous source.
 - Identify the type of source.
 - Locate when the detector is closest to it.
- Two Competitions
 - .gov National Laboratories
 - TopCoder Open to the public with cash prizes
- Leaderboard scoring
 - Pre-specified scalar that combines all desired aspects of solution
- Data handling:
 - Training data: Input + answer provided
 - Public test data: Competitors receive feedback during competition
 - Private test data: Used to determine final standings





BERKELEY LAB Data Generation

- Realistic background variations in K, Th, U
 - Developed a large 3D modular Monte Carlo model loosely based on Gay St., Knoxville, TN
 - 8 instances by arranging seven interchangeable blocks
 - Each block + material combo, was simulated independently so that material activates could be modified block by block
- Simulation of sources and backgrounds
 - Calculated background and source detector response functions for a 2"x4"x16" Nal(TI) detector moving through one of four lanes of traffic (1 to 13.4 mph)
 - ORNL Monaco/MAVRIC Monte Carlo
 - 6 different sources at 15 locations with different offsets.
- Full knowledge of data set. No unknowns in the data.



- 2. WGPu: Weapons grade plutonium
- 3. ¹³¹I: lodine, a medical isotope
- 4. ⁶⁰Co: Cobalt, an industrial isotope
- 5. ^{99m}Tc: Technetium, a medical isotope
- 6. A combination of HEU and ^{99m}Tc

Example Street and Source





BERKELEY LAB Anomaly Identification with NMF (winner .gov)

• Factorize data X into weights A and components V



- Dimensionality reduction (ala PCA)
 - Non-negative
 - Components are additive
 - Components are not orthogonal
 - Number of components identified at outset
 - Consistent with Poisson statistics
- Lee and Seung, "Learning the parts of objects by non-negative matrix factorization," Nature, 401: 788–791 (1999)

BERKELEY LAB Anomaly Identification with NMF (winner .gov)

Physics informed methodology

- Learned templates from data
- Experimented with multi-base templates to model shielding and scatter
- Empirical thresholding
- Limitations
 - Single integration time
 - Time independent implementation

- LBNL contribution to competition
- 1st place in the National Laboratory competition
- 13th place in the TopCoder competition
 - Outperformed by algorithms that included temporal information





BERKELEY LAB Anomaly detection with NNs (winner topcoder)

- Multi-point lead
- Binned energy approach, at different time scales
- Ensemble of neural networks

- Cross validation to avoid overfitting
- Augmented learning (add noise)
- Data driven training (no use of source templates)



BERKELEY LAB Anomaly detection with NNs (winner topcoder)

- Multiple time scales, passed through identical neural network
- Combine results with a Softmax
- Threshold to decide if source is present (source id + time) or not



BERKELEY LAB Anomaly detection with NNs (winner topcoder)

- Combine many identical networks (N experts are better than 1)
- Ensembling reduces variance without cost to bias
- Price: Increased computation / code complexity



BERKELEY LAB Conclusion and outlook

- Physics, instrumentation, and human considerations combine to make radiological search a challenging task
- Advanced algorithms have shown
 promise for improving sensitivity
 - Better performance with the same hardware
 - Same performance with cheaper hardware
 - Enable new concepts (networks, data fusion)
- Algorithm design must consider
 - Perform analysis in real time
 - Produce instantaneous results
 - Allow to be configured with meaningful quantities such as false positive rate
- Introspection and interpretable of NNs

Follow up project

- Goal: Build a community standard benchmark dataset for radiological search and use it to evaluate fieldable machine learning algorithms against literature benchmarks
 - More diversity (rural area, bridges over rivers, tunnels, etc)
 - More realistic (include environmental effects such as rain, etc.)
 - More sources
 - Different detector types
- Better understanding of algorithm and enable fieldability of algorithms
 - Develop an open source package: https://gitlab.com/lbl-anp/radai/radai

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 - Christine Anderson-Cook, Kary Myers
- ORNL:
 - Andrew Nicholson, Douglas Peplow, James Ghawley, Dan Archer
- Support:
 - NA-22 Data Science Radiation Detection Data Competition
 - NA-22 Near-field -- PANDA

Sources:

- <u>https://gitlab.com/lbl-anp/radai/radai</u>
- Technical report: <u>https://doi.org/10.2172/1778748</u>
- Data generation: <u>https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-020-006</u> <u>72-2</u>





TO OFFLOAD WORK ONTO RANDOM STRANGERS.

Part 2

Semantic segmentation to support radiation detection

BERKELEY LAB Model naturally occurring materials in urban scenes

- Model radioactive background with contextual sensor data
 - Focus on a simple urban mock facility with known radioisotope composition
 - Build a three dimensional model of the surrounding that includes the most crucial features
 - Include energy-dependence though modeling radioisotope spectrum, providing access to activities
 - MLEM to attribute radiological measurements to surroundings





Linear system:

$$\lambda = Rf$$

Maximum Likelihood Maximization Estimation for solving system

BERKELEY LAB Model naturally occurring materials in urban scenes

- Inversion problem
 - Predict radiation and it's transport by classifying visible surfaces as seen from the detector system
 - Build a system of linear equations (system response) to solve for the unknown gamma-ray flux from various surfaces
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 - 3D description of the facility (distance and material class)
 - Effective area (detector efficiency and geometry) and description of gamma-ray transport in air
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Building a 3D description of the facility BERKELEY LAB





DeepLabv3+ with Transfer Learning



Segmentation and classification of images

- Used Google's Deep Labelling for Semantic Image Segmentation (DeepLabv3+) model on pre-trained Cityscapes1 dataset
- Applied transfer learning by retraining last, fully-connected neural layer with 45 hand-labeled images to be closer to ground truth labels:
 - Asphalt
- Forest
 - Building red
 - Building brown
 - Building white
 - Building roof
- Grass - Gravel
- Sky
- Vehicle
- Concrete

Cityscapes dataset available at: https://www.cityscapes-dataset.com L.Chen, et. al., Encoder-Decoder with Atrous Separable Convolution for Semantic Image Segmentation, ECCV, 2018, https://github.com/tensorflow/models/tree/master/research/deeplab

BERKELEY LAB Building a 3D description of the facility



- Projecting labeled images back to point cloud and pick the label that is observed most often at each point.
- Convert labeled point cloud into a triangular mesh (based on ball pivoting algorithm with smart normal orientation algorithm)
- Simplify mesh to reduce number of vertices by a factor of ~10
- Remaining holes are patched using nearest neighbor interpolation and extending to a flat horizon

S. Katz, A.Tal, and R. Basri, Direct visibility of point sets, ACM Trans, Graph. 26, 3, Article 24, 2007 Q. Zhou, J. Park, V. Koltun, Open3D: A Modern Library for 3D Data Processing, arXiv:1801.09847, 2018, <u>http://www.open3d.org</u>

BERKELEY LAB Building a 3D description of the facility





- The distance and material class of all the surfaces in the field of view of each detector can be calculated at every time step
- Visualization of panoramic view of mesh from detector array center
- Alpha channel is distance between 0 (transparent) and 80 meter (white)

BERKELEY LAB Results of background modeling



M. W. Swinney, et al., A methodology for determining the concentration of naturally occurring radioactive materials in an urban environment. Nuclear Technology, 203(3):325-335, 2018.
A. L. Mitchell, et al., Skyshine contribution to gamma ray background between 0 and 4 MeV. Technical report, Pacific Northwest National Lab. (PNNL), August 2009.
G. A. Sandness, et al., Accurate modeling of the terrestrial gamma-ray background for homeland security applications, 2009 IEEE Nuclear Science Symposium Conference Record (NSS/MIC), Orlando, FL, USA (IEEE, Piscataway, NJ, 2009), pp. 126–133.

BERKELEY LAB Results of background modeling

- Our model describes the observed background fluctuations well
- Features seen in the exposure to distinct classes coincides with features seen in the background
- Searches for radioactive sources outside of regulatory control can benefit from background modeling and prediction based on contextual sensor data





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- Ross Meyer
- Chun Ho Chow
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BERKELEY LAB Semi-automated Scene Generation for Diagnostics

- Scene capture and digitization for Nuclear Emergency Response missions
- Object of interest found, next step is answering "What is it?" and "What to do about it?"
 - γ and neutron detectors/imagers/ multiplicity counters & X-ray / API active interrogation systems deployed
- Scene digitization
 - Automatically provides record of what/where/when
 - Can automatically produce geometry portion of Monte Carlo input files
 - Helps with ensuring events (and exercises) are documented



BERKELEY LAB Semi-automated Scene Generation for Diagnostics

- Semantic segmentation of colorized point cloud
 - SparseConvNet trained on ScanNet
 - <u>http://www.scan-net.org/ScanNet/</u>
 - <u>https://github.com/facebookresearch/</u>
 <u>SparseConvNet</u>
- Semantic segmentation of images and projection to point cloud
 - DeepLab3+ trained on ADE20k
 - <u>https://groups.csail.mit.edu/vision/</u> <u>datasets/ADE20K/</u>
 - <u>https://github.com/tensorflow/models/</u>
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Part 3

Object detection and radiation attribution

BERKELEY LAB Object detection, tracking and attribution



Detection and Tracking Pipeline:

- 1. Perform object detection on images or LiDAR with Convolutional Neural Networks
- 2. Match detections to those from earlier data through predictions from a Kalman Filter.
- 3. Search for tracks that describes radiation data best (Attribution)

Improved situational awareness and anomaly detection performance

M. R. Marshall et al., "3-D Object Tracking in Panoramic Video and LiDAR for Radiological Source–Object Attribution and Improved Source Detection," doi: 10.1109/TNS.2020.3047646.



Data

Alarm

BERKELEY LAB Object detection



• ~10 scans / second



YOLOv4-tiny example at Richmond Field station



PointPillars example at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory



BERKELEY LAB Object tracking

Simple Online and Realtime Tracking (SORT)

- Based on bounding boxes in image coordinates
- Kalman filter used to predict the next likely location of a given bounding box
- Intersection over Union comparison
 Area of Overlap

Area of Union

Additional conversion to 3D required

A. Bewley, et. al, "Simple online and realtime tracking," doi: 10.1109/ICIP.2016.7533003.

Extensions

- 3D position (x, y, z) in Kalman Filter used
- Works with LiDAR
- Multivariate Normal: 3x3 matrix used to encoding x, y and z uncertainties and orientation
- Hellinger distance as matching criteria



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FastMOT

- Omni-scale network (OSNet) feature vectors CNN for object re-identification
- Optical flow for tracking between detections (allows for slower more performant object detection network)
- Limited to images



Y. Yang, "FastMOT: High-Performance Multiple Object Tracking Based on Deep SORT and KLT", doi:10.5281/zenodo.4294717 Kaiyang Zhou, et. al, "Omni-Scale Feature Learning for Person Re-Identification", arXiv:1905.00953

BERKELEY LAB Attribution

• Model the expected number of observed gamma rays for each trajectory (r):

$$c_i(E) = \frac{\epsilon(\hat{\Omega}, E)\alpha e^{-\mu(E)\mathbf{r}_i}}{4\pi \,\mathbf{r}_i^2} \cdot \Delta t_i + b$$

- α and *b* are fit parameters that are optimized with respect to radiation data
- Calculate Poisson log-likelihood and p-value of observing data given the optimal model
- Use s-value (*-log₂[p-value]*) as exclusion metric



S. Greenland, "Valid *P*-Values Behave Exactly as They Should: Some Misleading Criticisms of *P*-Values and Their Resolution With *S*-Values", doi:10.1080/00031305.2018.1529625

BERKELEY LAB Experimental data

- Measurements performed with static contextual sensor system (Professor)
- Both LiDAR and video detection, tracking and attribution in real time (not simultaneously)
- Robotic operating system (https://www.ros.org) for real-time





BERKELEY LAB Experimental results



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M. R. Marshall et al, "Mobile Object Tracking in Panoramic Video and LiDAR for Radiological Source-Object Attribution and Improved Source Detection", submitted to TNS.

BERKELEY LAB Container counting

- Count nuclear storage containers
 - System with LiDAR and Realsense camera
 - Object detection in images: https://github.com/Megvii-BaseD etection/YOLOX





BERKELEY LAB Combine SLAM result and object detection results





BERKELEY LAB Filter detections





-**Filter detections** BERKELEY LAB

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x (m)







- Clustering with DBSCAN based on the Bhattacharyya distance (metric including uncertainties)
 - <u>https://scikit-learn.org/stabl</u>
 <u>e/modules/clustering.html</u>
 - <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wik</u>
 <u>i/Bhattacharyya_distance</u>
- Good performance for clustering
- A bunch of false positives
- Possible improvements:
 - Use actual shape of containers during clustering
 - Tracking based approach



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- <u>http://charm.stanford.edu</u>





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Part 4

ML for beam line operation and optimization

BERKELEY LAB Machine learning for accelerator and detector control

- Study machine learning as a tool for controlling and optimizing accelerator and detector systems at LBNL
 - Gamma-ray tracking array (GRETA)
 - Venus ion source
- Both systems will be crucial for FRIB a new nuclear physics accelerator facility build at Michigan State University





BERKELEY LAB Integrating the Subsystems of GRETA



BERKELEY LAB Machine learning for GRETA

- 120 crystals with each 40 preamplifier signals
- Converted to energy, x, y, z and t for each detected gamma-ray
- Operational controls
 - Cooling systems (30 modules require liquid nitrogen controls and monitoring)
 - High voltage (120 crystals)
 - Filter parameters
 - Auxiliary devices
- Large amount of data (to much for a operator to handle)
 - Anomaly detection
 - Operational optimization (energy resolution, spatial resolution)



BERKELEY LAB Venus ion source

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- Plasma, contained by magnetic field created by a sextupole and 3 superconducting solenoids.
- Radio-frequency heating with two waveguides
 - Isotope injection through back (oven, gas valves) 4K Crvocoolers. Tc Leads Superconducting LN Reservoir Coil Structure He Reservoi Solenoid Lens Injection Tank. Extraction Tank 18GHz and 28GHz Waveguides, with 2000 degC High Temp. Oven Movable Extraction System Plasma 5 Beam Direction Turbo Pump Cryostat Turbo Pump Iron Yoke Support Struts



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Analyzing

dipole



- Automated tuning
 - Main parameters controlling beam current: 3 magnet currents
 - Beam requires about 5 min at each configuration to stabilize \rightarrow Total tuning requires infrequent input from operator but will take hours to complete.
 - Idea: Use bayesian optimization to find configuration with best beam properties (for now current on the faraday cup)
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 - Gaussian Process regressor for parameter space modeling





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Thanks

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Detector response (Effective Area)

- Effective area A, is product of efficiency and geometric area
- Simulated using a simple model of RadMAP in all 4π
- Folded with estimated detector energy resolution





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- Down scattering in air has been simulated with a tool developed by Mark S. Bandstra named *Ersatz* (not yet published)
 - A square box with equal sides was used as a simulation volume
 - Gamma-rays were emitted isotropically from a point-like mono-energetic source
 - The sensitive (detection) area covered 1/9th of the surface opposing the source

Complexity reduction with NORM modeling

Main sources of NORM:

- Terrestrial (KUT)
 - о **К-40**,
 - U-238 series,
 - Th-232 series
- Airborne
 - Radon
 - skyshine
- Cosmic
 - Continuum
 - 511 keV from positrons

- K, U and T from simulation, leaving 3 free parameters for each label
- Modeling airborne and cosmic is hard, energy dependence was not enforced (~120 free parameters)
- About 155 free parameters in total, a factor of 10 improvement from an unconstrained fit





BERKELEY LAB 2D image to 3D representation

- Object's standoff required in attribution analysis (dominated by $1/r^2$)
- 3D position from LiDAR from object detection
- Not directly accessible in images based object detection
- Current method: Compare average size of object (persons height, car dimensions) with bounding box size and use camera intrinsics
 - https://docs.opencv.org/master/d9/d0c/group_calib3d.html



- Possible improvements: Neural network for depth extraction, ground plane estimation, etc.
 - https://filippoaleotti.github.io/demo_live/





BERKELEY LAB Model introspection



BERKELEY LAB NMF as a physical model

- Airborne data is subject to large background fluctuations from Aerial Measurement System (AMS) at Lake Mohave, NV
- Aerial survey flying repeatedly over a land/water interface.



M.S. Bandstra, T.H.Y. Joshi, K.J. Bilton, A. Zoglauer, and B.J. Quiter, "Modeling Aerial Gamma-Ray Backgrounds using Non-negative Matrix Factorization," IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci., 67 (5), 2020.

BERKELEY LAB Overview over submissions (Top Coder)

- Top 7 participants used a
 - Spectra rather than list mode
- Minimal emphasis on threshold setting
 - No mention of Receiver Operator Cost (ROC), False Alarm Rate (FAR), or False Positive Rate (FPR)
- 7 of 10 used neural networks (NN)
 - None in top 3 of .gov used NNs
- Each neural network approach:
 - was an ensemble (multiple nets)
 - contained at least one convolutional layer
- Most competitors used python
 - 2 Java (random forests)
 - 1 R (likelihood testing)

- Each top approach:
 - used some cross validation to avoid overfitting
 - added statistical noise to input before training
 - used labeled training data instead of source templates (data driven training)
 - calculated the closest approach time with a metric weighted average across temporally smoothed energy bins
- The first-place approach:
 - held a multi-point lead over competitors
 - used appropriate statistics during training
 - simultaneously analyzed all data from each run
 - made comments on augmentations for real-time operation

BERKELEY LAB Model introspection

The first layer (1D conv) learns some spectral features



BERKELEY LAB Computer vision challenge





Video and LiDAR both produce a rich representation of the nearby scene

- a. Finding specific objects in these data
- b. Tracking these objects as a function of time through the scene
- c. Use these data to improve anomaly detection performance
- Hardware limitation on the edge (NVIDIA Jetson NX)



Leaderboard scoring: pre-specified scalar that combines all desired aspects of solution

Courtesy of Christine Anderson-Cook

BERKELEY LAB 3D Radiation Mapping Applications



BERKELEY LAB What about Machine Learning?

- Most systems have also cameras installed.
- Images provide more context and allow for semantic segmentation
- Combined with the point cloud these information can be used to build a simplified model of the detectors surrounding
 - Better understand/estimate backgrounds
 - Build more accurate simulations to for example support diagnostic of emergency response operations (investigation of possible nuclear threats)

BERKELEY LAB Radkit (internal software suite)

- Collection of python libraries to process contextual and radiation data products
- Integrate with the Robotic Operating System for real time operation



BERKELEY LAB Summary of the top 5 competitors

User	Input Data Preprocessing	ML Approach	Cross Validation
pfr	 Fixed number of time bins (40, 80, 160) Increasing size energy bins 	 Ensemble of 1D CNN's at 3 time scales Thresholded output 	 10 splits repeated 3 times Driving direction reversed Binomial downsampling
p_kuzmin	 1 second bins 50 keV bins Listmode statistical features 	 3 1D CNN or MLP ensembles for determining det, ID and time LGBM classifiers 	• 5 splits
gardn999	Square root energy binsListmode statistical features	One random forest classifier per source	8 splits
rayvanve	 Multiple energy bin structures Multiple constant time bin widths 2D gaussian smoothing 	 2D CNN over sliding time window Heuristic distance between spectral shape & source terms Random forest classifiers 	 Feature ranking and selection for RF's
cyril.v	 Constant 0.5 s time bins Log(E) bin widths 	 1D CNN's passed into LSTM 3 models for det/ID, coarse time and fine time 	Driving direction reversed

BERKELEY LAB Keys to competition success

Robust training

- Input preparation (increasing energy bin widths, multiple time scales)
- Data augmentation (add noise, leverage symmetry)
- Cross-validation (split up data)
- Appropriate labeling (binary vs continuous)
- ML classification methods
 - Neural networks
 - Decision trees
- Power in numbers
 - N experts are better than 1
 - Ensembling reduces variance without cost to bias
 - What is the price?
 - Computation
 - complex/poorly documented code submissions



- Real-time
 - Reduce or remove ensembles
 - How deep is deep enough?
- Rolling analysis
 - "entire drive-by" based analyses deliver answers too late
 - Reshape networks to run on smaller blocks of waterfall data
 - Alarm time becomes implicit
- False positive rate
 - Need to be low and adjustable
 - Threshold perturbation rather than re-training
- Many more sources
 - Re-think network designs for generalization
 - Handling unknown source classes

Follow up project

- Goal: Build a community standard benchmark dataset for radiological search and use it to evaluate fieldable machine learning algorithms against literature benchmarks
 - More diversity (rural area, bridges over rivers, tunnels, etc)
 - More realistic (include environmental effects such as rain, etc.)
 - More sources
 - Different detector types
- Better understanding of algorithm and enable fieldability of algorithms
 - Develop an open source package: https://gitlab.com/lbl-anp/radai/radai