

# GPU-Accelerated Deep Neural Networks in TMVA

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## Aim

Provide an efficient and easy-to-use implementation of deep neural networks for the HEP community.

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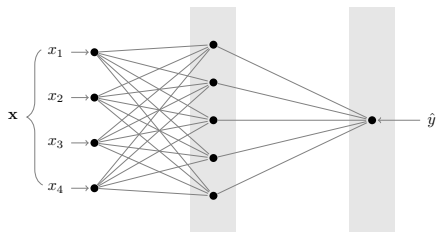
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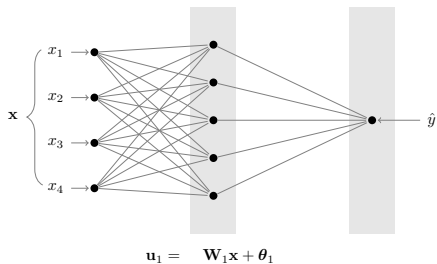
- Toolkit for Multivariate Data Analysis with ROOT
- Root-integrated machine learning (ML) environment providing a training and test framework for a large number of ML methods.



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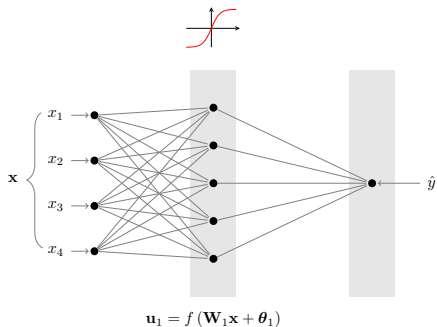


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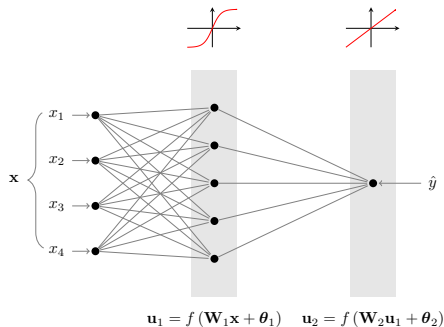




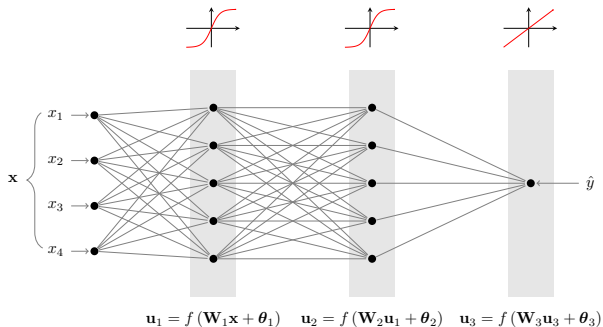
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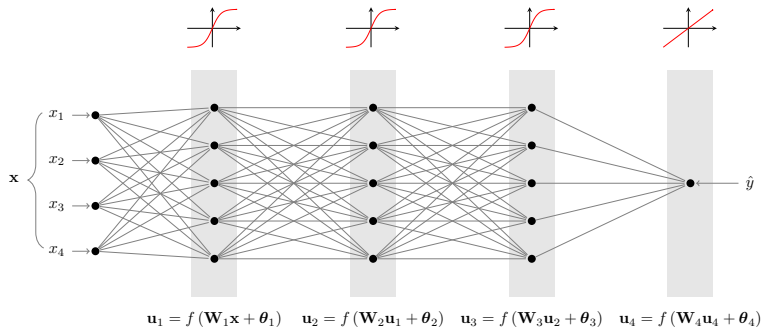
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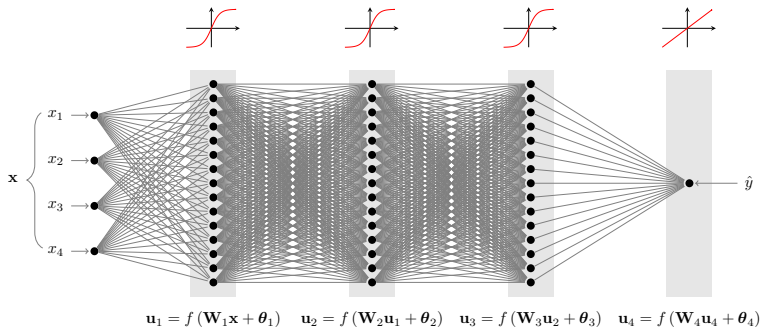
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- **Machine Learning:** Find parameters  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}, \hat{\theta}$  so that  $F(\mathbf{x}) = F(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{W}}, \hat{\theta})$  approximates either a target function  $G(\mathbf{x})$  (**Regression**) or a likelihood measure for a given class (**Classification**).

# Neural Network Training

- **Supervised learning:** The network is trained using a training set consisting of inputs  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbf{x}_0, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$  and outputs  $\mathcal{Y} = y_0, \dots, y_n$ .
- The **loss function** or **error function**  $J(y, \hat{y})$  quantifies the quality of a prediction  $\hat{y}$  with respect to the expected output  $y$ .
- Learning as a minimization problem:

$$\underset{\mathbf{w}, \theta}{\text{minimize}} J_{\mathcal{X}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} J(y, \hat{y}) \quad (2)$$



# Neural Network Training (Contd.)

- Use gradient-based minimization methods to minimize the error  $\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} J(y, \hat{y})$  over the training set:

$$\mathbf{W} \leftarrow \mathbf{W} - \alpha \frac{dJ_{\mathcal{X}}}{d\mathbf{W}} \quad (3)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta} - \alpha \frac{dJ_{\mathcal{X}}}{d\boldsymbol{\theta}} \quad (4)$$

- **Batch gradient descent:** Instead of the whole training set, compute the gradient only for a small subset of it.
- Crucial for scalable training on large data sets.

# Forward and Backward Propagation

**Forward Propagation:**

$$\mathbf{U}_n = f_n \left( \mathbf{U}_{n-1} \mathbf{W}_n + \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \right) \quad (5)$$

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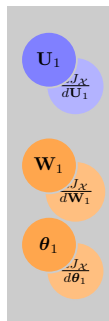
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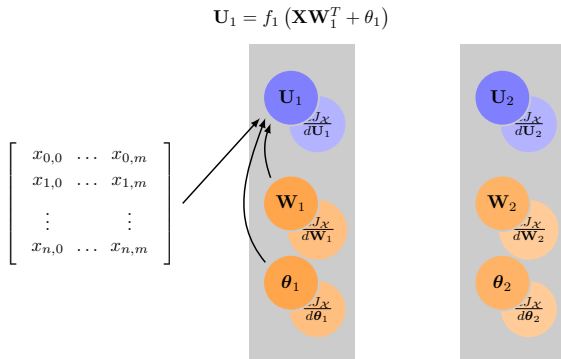
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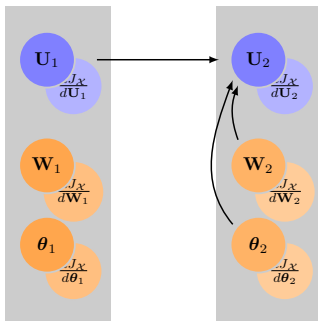
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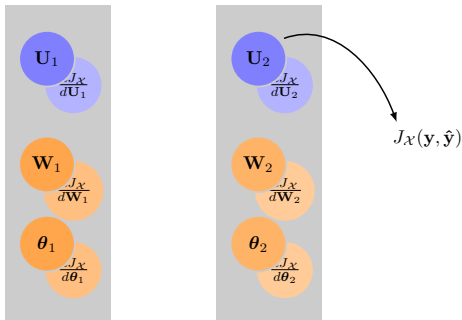
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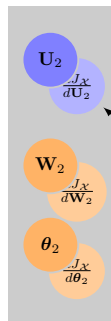
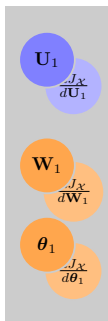
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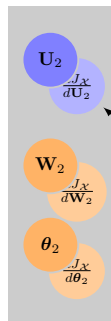
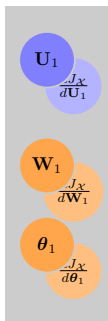


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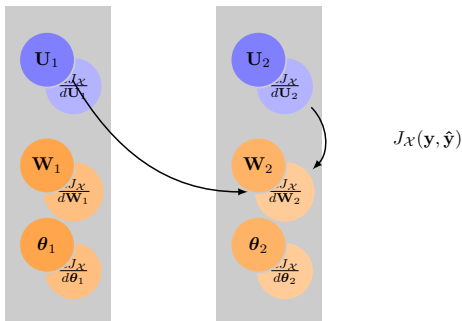
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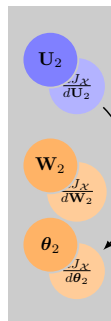
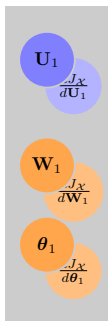


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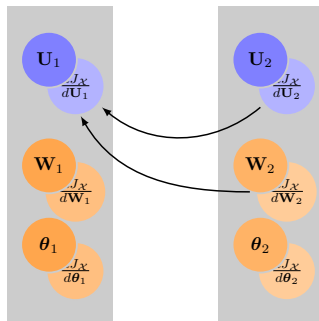
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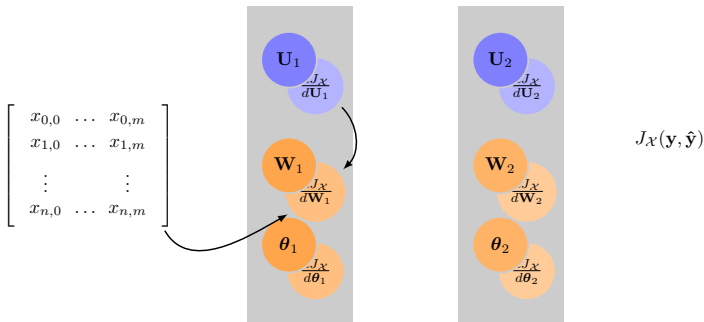


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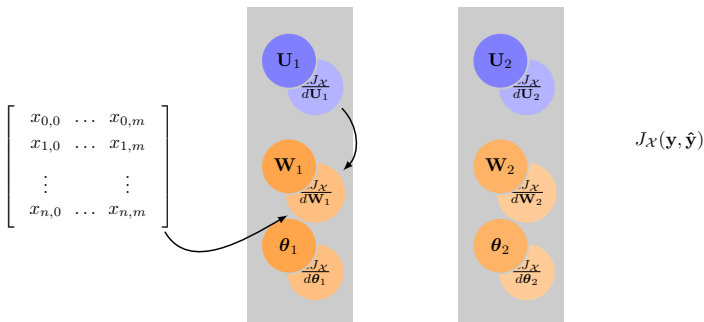
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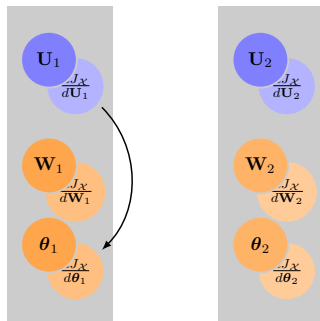


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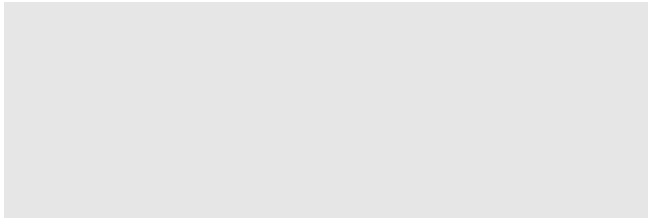
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- The backpropagation algorithm can be decomposed into primitive operations on matrices:
  - Matrix multiplication and addition
  - Application of activation functions
  - Computing of loss and regularization functionals
- General formulation of the backpropagation algorithm using those primitive matrix operations
- Optimized matrix operations provided by specialized low-level implementations

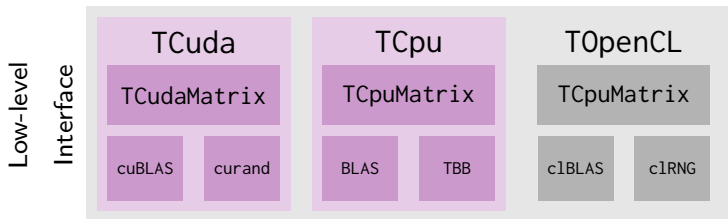


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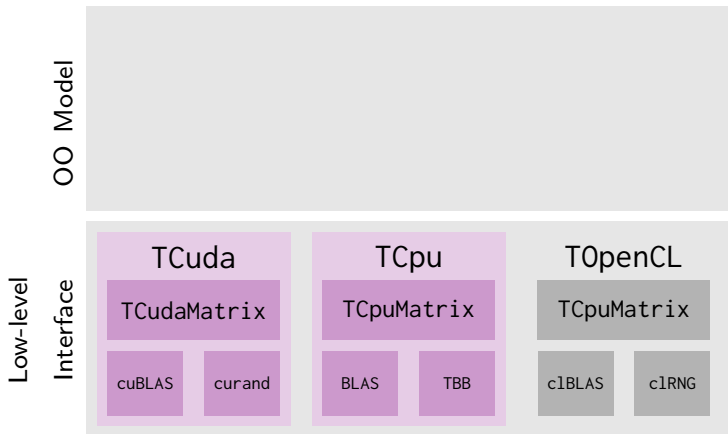
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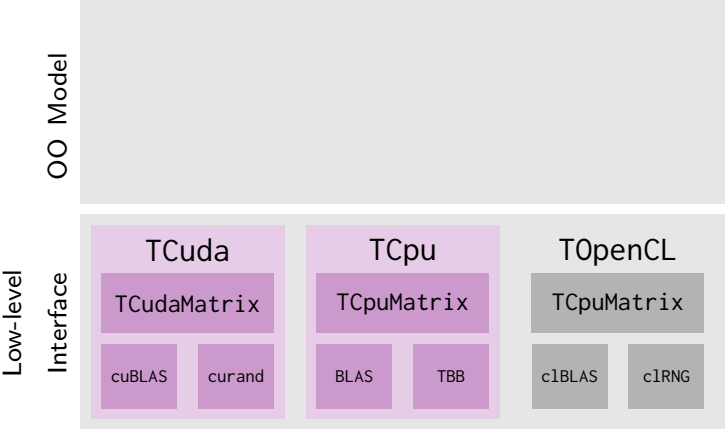
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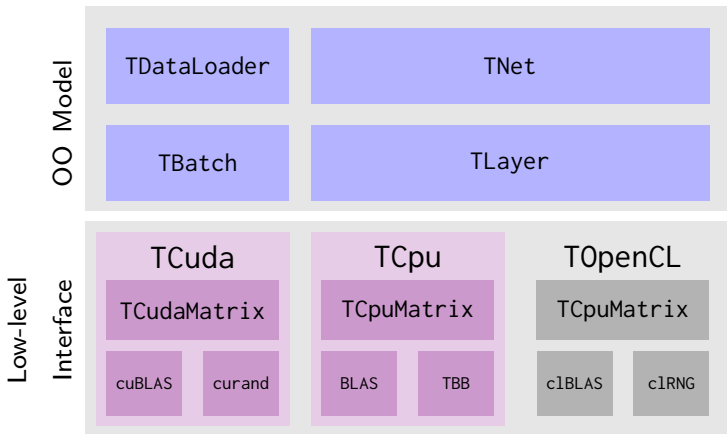
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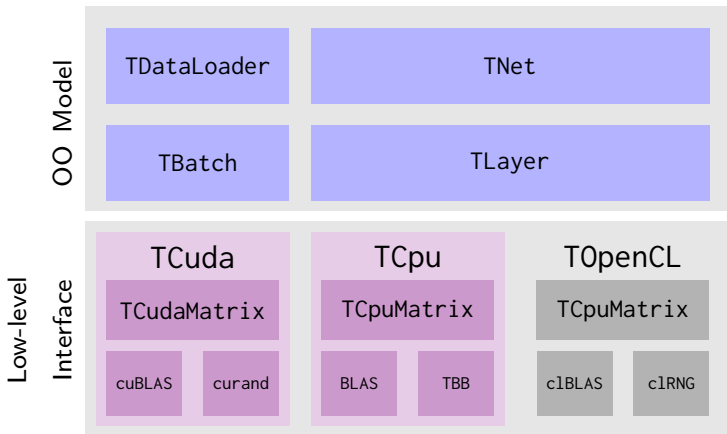
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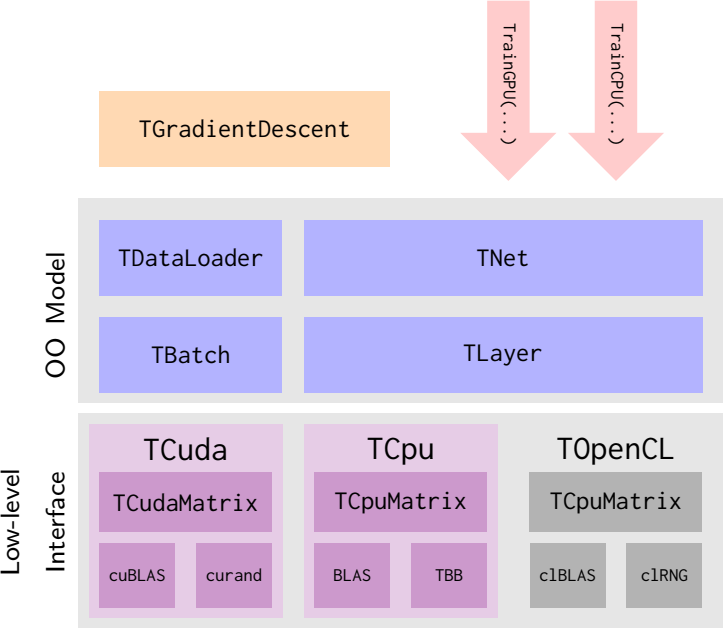
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## The Low-Level Interface:

- Implemented by architecture classes: TCuda, TCpu, TOpenCL
- Architecture classes provide **matrix** and **scalar** types as well as **host** and **device** buffer types

## The Object Oriented Model:

- Generic neural network implementation: Classes are templated by architecture class.
- The TNet class provides a general implementation of the backpropagation algorithm.
- The TDataLoader takes care of the streaming of data to the device.



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- cuBLAS and cuRAND freely available as part of the CUDA Toolkit

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## OpenCL Implementation:

- cBLAS: Part of the open-source clMath
- clRNG: Also part of the clMath libraries
- Encountered portability problems with the clRNG library.

# Verification and Testing

# Verification

- The code includes a reference low-level implementation based on Root's `TMatrix` class.
- Backpropagation algorithm verified using **numerical differentiation**.
- Generic unit test for all routines in the low-level interface based on the reference implementation.
- Training routines verified by learning full-rank linear mappings.

# Performance

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Consider a layer  $l$  with  $n_l$  neurons,  $n_{l-1}$  input neurons and a batch size of  $n_b$ .

## Forward Propagation:

- Multiplication of weight matrix  $\mathbf{W}_l$  with activation gradients:

$$n_l n_b (2n_{l-1} - 1) \text{ FLOP}$$

- Addition of bias terms  $\theta_l$ :

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- Application of activation function  $f_l$  and its derivatives:

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- Hadamard product:

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- Computation of previous layer activations:

$$n_{l-1} n_b (2n_l - 1) \text{ FLOP}$$

- Computation of weight and bias gradients:

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$$\sum_l 6n_l n_b n_{l-1} + 4n_l n_b - n_l(n_{l-1} + 1) - n_b n_{l-1}$$

- Terms involving  $n_l n_b n_{l-1}$  dominate complexity for the *hidden* layers.

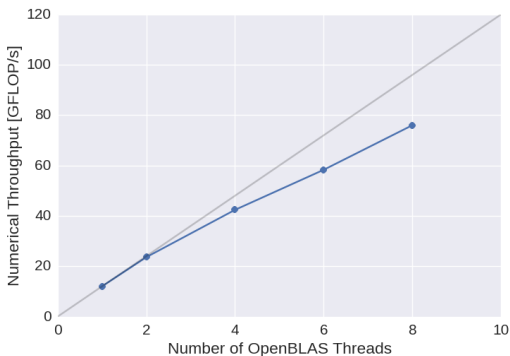
# Benchmarks

- Training Data:
  - Randomly generated data from a linear mapping  $\mathbb{R}^{20} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
  - $10^5$  input samples
- Network structure:
  - 5 hidden layers with 256 neurons
  - *tanh* activation functions
  - Squared error loss
- Computation of the numerical throughput based on the time elapsed for performing 10 training epochs.

# CPU Performance

**Implementation:** Multithreaded OpenBLAS and TBB

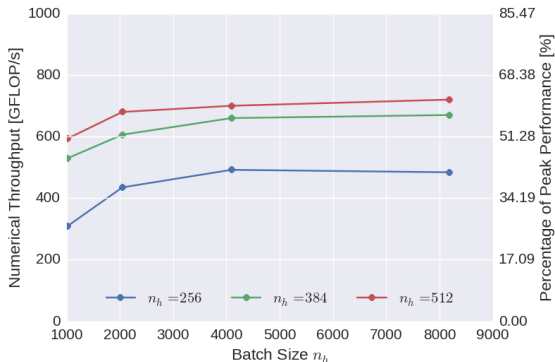
**Hardware:** Intel Xeon E5-2650,  $8 \times 4$  cores, 2 GHz, estimated peak performance per core: 16 GFLOP/s



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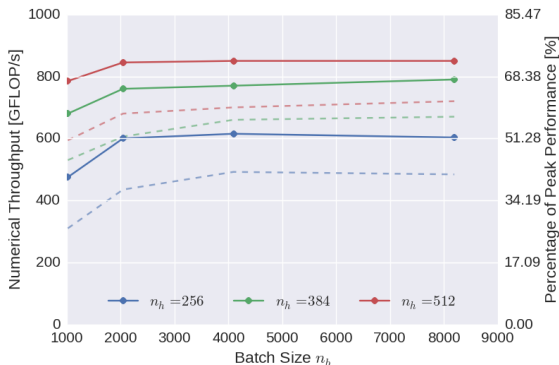
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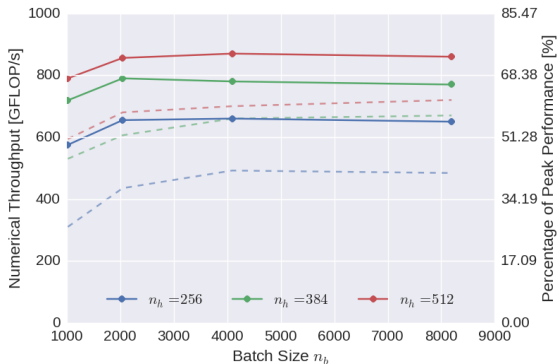
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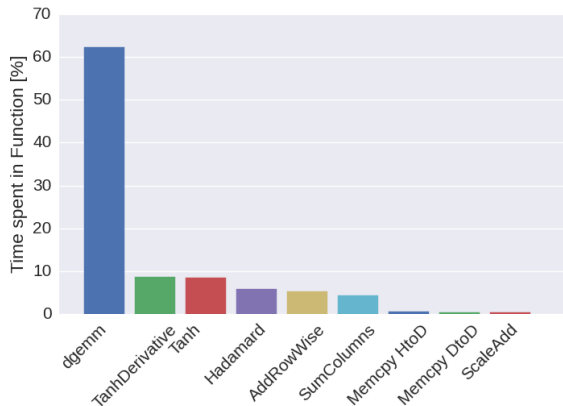
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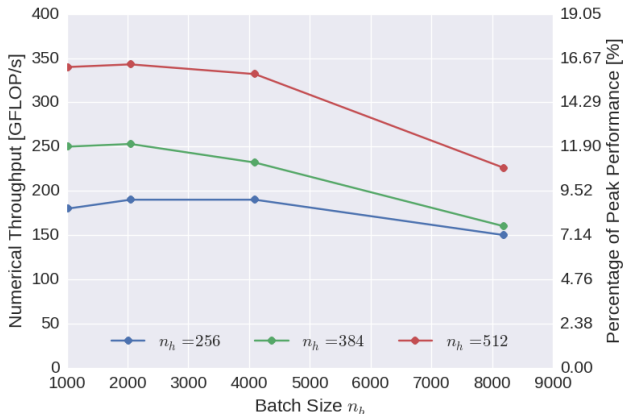




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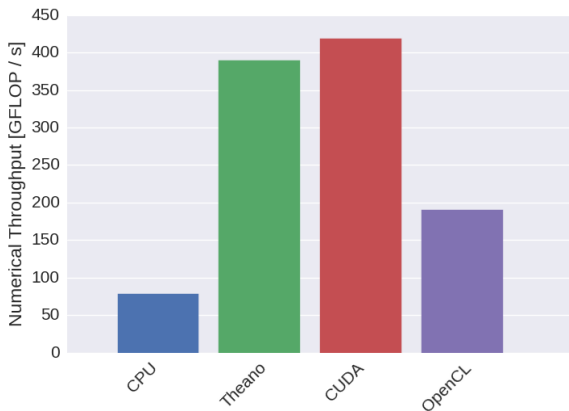
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# Application to the Higgs Dataset

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- **21 low-level features:** Momenta of one lepton and the four jets, jet b-tagging information, missing transverse momentum
- **7 high-level features:** Derived invariant masses of intermediate decay products
- Dataset consisting of 11 million simulated collision events

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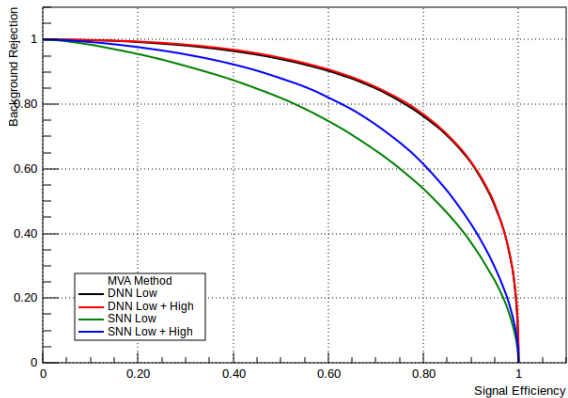
<sup>1</sup>See <http://arxiv.org/pdf/1402.4735v2.pdf>

# Shallow vs. Deep Networks

- **Shallow Network:** 1 hidden layer with 256 neurons and *tanh* activation function and cross entropy loss
- **Deep Network:** 5 hidden layers with 256 neurons and *tanh* activation function and cross entropy loss
- Both networks trained once using only low-level features and once using both high-level and low-level features.

# Shallow vs. Deep Networks

Background Rejection vs. Signal Efficiency



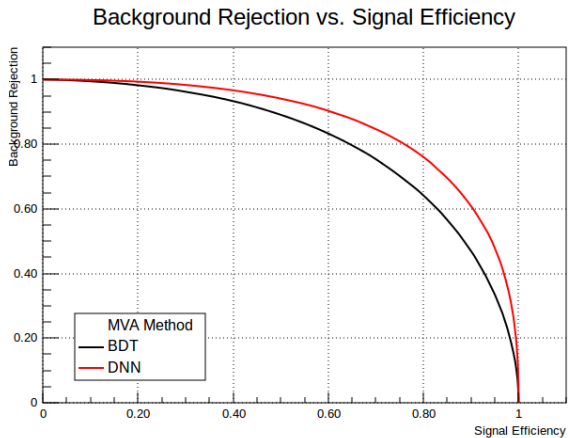
# Deep Networks vs. BDT

- **Deep Network:** 5 hidden layers with 256 neurons and *tanh* activation function and cross entropy loss
- **Boosted Decision Trees:** 1000 Trees, maximum depth 3
- Both classifiers trained on low- and high-level features

Method	Training Time [h]	Area under ROC Curve
BDT	4.78 h	0.806
DNN	1.46 h	0.876



# Deep Networks vs. BDT



# Summary and Future Outlook

# Results

- Testing and debugging of the prototype implementation of deep neural networks in TMVA.
- Production-ready implementation of parallel training of deep neural networks on CPUs and CUDA-capable GPUs.
- Reproduced Higgs benchmark results.

# Future Outlook

- **Near Future:**
  - Integration of the CPU and CUDA
  - Finish OpenCL implementation
- Analyze performance on different architectures
- Extend neural network functionality: batch normalization, activation functions, AdaGrad, ...

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