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Deep Learning for Image Sequence Classification of Astronomical Events

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2013 HiTS dataset



To discriminate between real transients and bogus events with low FPR, FNR

Deep-HiTS Real/Bogus Classifier: Supervised Approach



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Detection Error Tradeoff (DET)



Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-score
Deep-Hits (DH)	$99.45 {\pm} 0.02$	99.37±0.04	99.55±0.06	$99.45 {\pm} 0.02$
Deep-Hits + ReLU	$99.47{\pm}0.02$	$99.44 {\pm} 0.04$	$99.52{\pm}0.06$	$99.47{\pm}0.02$
Cyclic Avg. Pool (CAP)	99.52±0.01	99.45±0.01	99.61±0.02	99.52±0.01
Cyclic Avg. Pool Ensemble (CAPE)	$99.53{\pm}0.01$	$99.45{\pm}0.02$	99.63±0.03	$99.53{\pm}0.01$

Deep Variational Embedding (VADE) Autoencoder: Unsupervised Approach



VADE Results on Real/Bogus



Fig. 6. Reconstruction obtained by sampling from the VADE centroids μ_c . The first and second rows correspond to clusters associated to the positive class (stellar transient) and the negative class (artifacts), respectively.

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Deep Learning for Image Sequence Classification of Astronomical Events

- We propose a sequential classifier based on a recurrent convolutional neural network (RCNN)
- It uses sequences of images as inputs
- This approach avoids the computation of light curves or difference images
- A basic assumption is that there is more information in the original images than in the light curves, e.g. spatial information.
- □ We use synthetic datasets to train the models, and real data from the HiTS survey to test them.
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Basic Idea



Synthetic Dataset

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- First we simulate light-curves based on physical and empirical models, and sample them using the observation times.
- Each point in a light curve is transformed to an image by taking into account:
 - Instrument specifications
 - Exposure times
 - Atmospheric conditions
- A given PSF (point spread function) is assumed, which is sampled from a collection of empirical PSFs.

Example of Image Simulation

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Synthetic Dataset (7 classes)

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Table 2 Class description, astronomical sources simulated in this work.

Astronomical Object	Generation model		
Supernovae	Simulations based on physical models of SNe II from (Moriya et al., 2017)		
	and SN Ia spectrophotometric templates from (Hsiao et al., 2007)		
RR Lyrae	483 light curve templates, sampling		
	a random phase and average magnitude (Sesar et al., 2010)		
Cepheids	600 real cepheids light curve Hartman et al. (2006) fitted		
	with a Gaussian process for interpolation (Rasmussen & Williams, 2005)		
Eclipsing Binaries	375 Eclipsing binaries templates from		
	$CatSim^1$, part of the LSST simulation tools		
Non-Variable objets	Constant brightness value		
	for each time of observation		
Galaxies	Exponential and De Vaucouleur's luminosity profile		
	using parameters from SDSS galaxy catalog (Blanton et al., 2017)		
Asteroids	Simulated as a bright source		
	in just a single time of observation		

Synthetic and Real Datasets

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- We simulated 686,000 objects for the training set, 85,750 for the validation set and 85,750 for the test set.
- In this work, the observing conditions were sampled from real observations from the 2015 HiTS survey.
- Five classes are available for real image sequences: supernovae (73), RR Lyrae (111), eclipsing binaries (76), non-variables (255) and asteroids (51).

Recurrent Convolutional Neural Network



- Convolutional layers are able to automatically learn the spatial correlation among pixels in the input images and extract high-level features.
- A LSTM recurrent layer is used to learn time dependencies among images at irregular times.









Model performance on synthetic data

RCNN model

FATS (58 features) + RF (Random Forests)



Our model uses sequences of images as inputs directly



Light curves in count units were extracted from the simulated images using optimal photometry.

Model evaluation on real data: average results



Conclusions

- The proposed RCNN model uses sequences of images. Scales well since it has a constant computational cost.
- Domain adaptation is an important area of research. Our model gets a very high performance on the real dataset after fine tuning. Just after presenting a few real samples.
- The proposed approach allows us to generate datasets to train and test our RCNN model for different astronomical surveys and telescopes.

Any Questions?



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