

Gradient Tree Boosting for the Identification of Tau Neutrino Interactions

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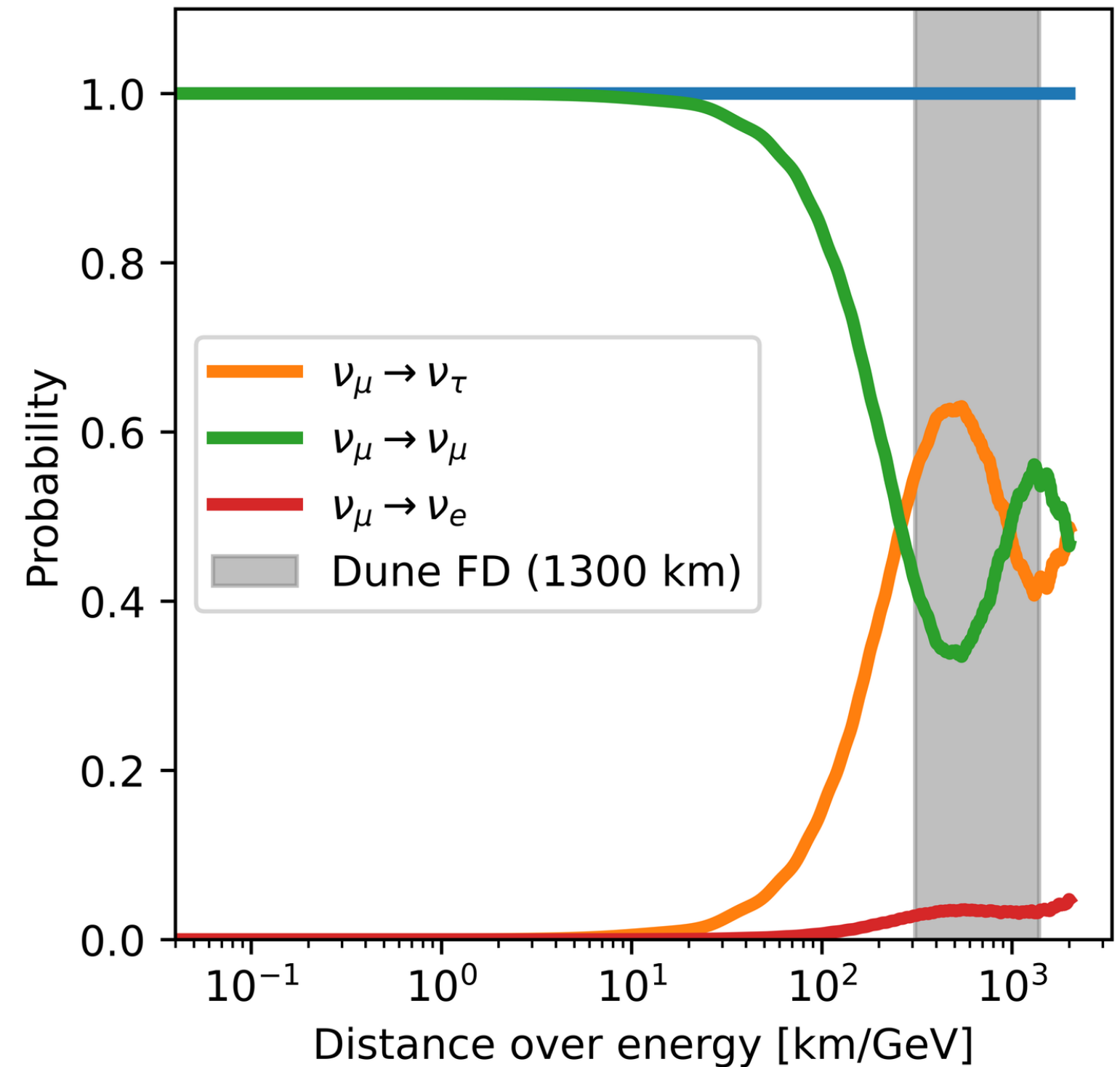
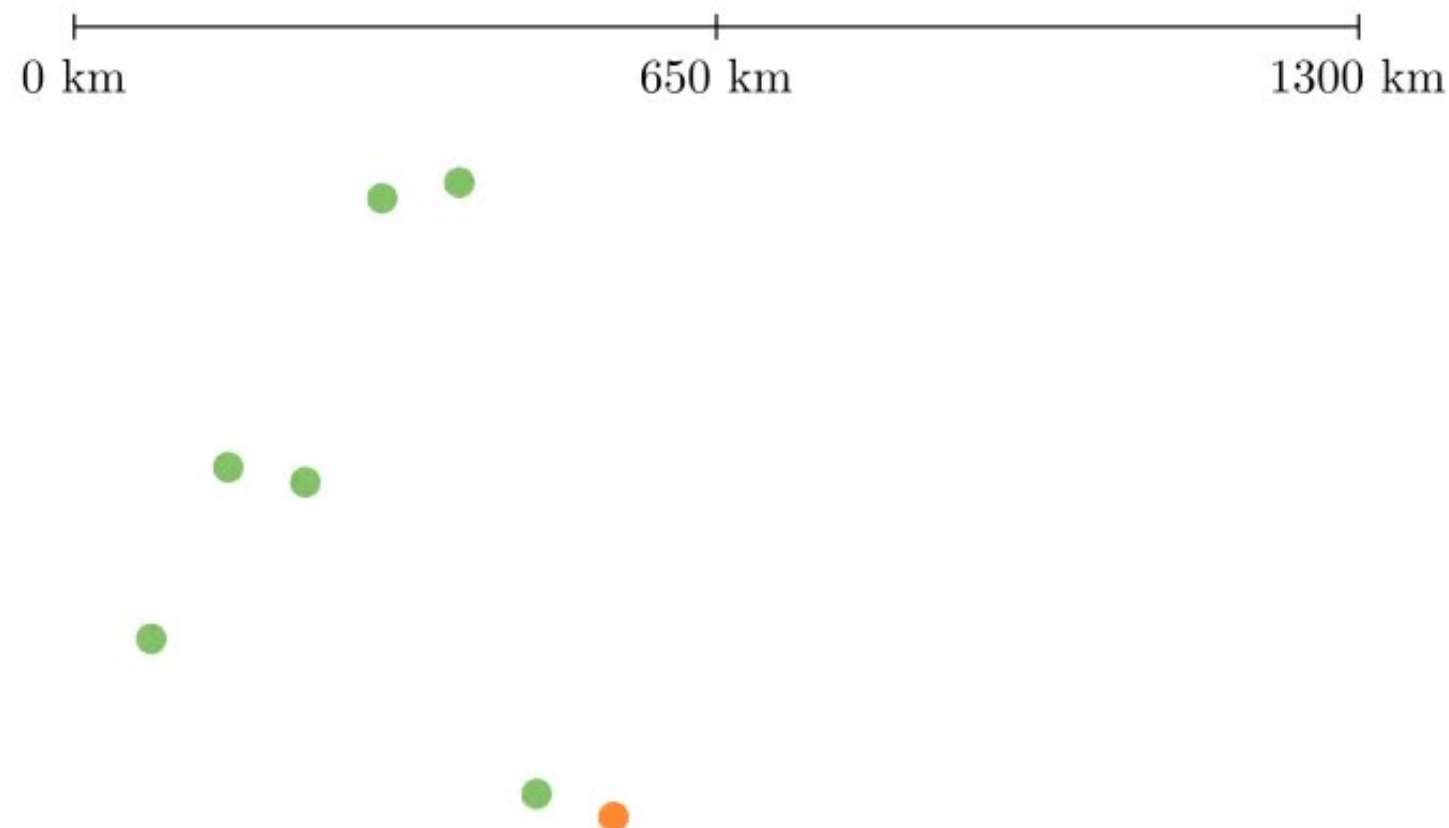
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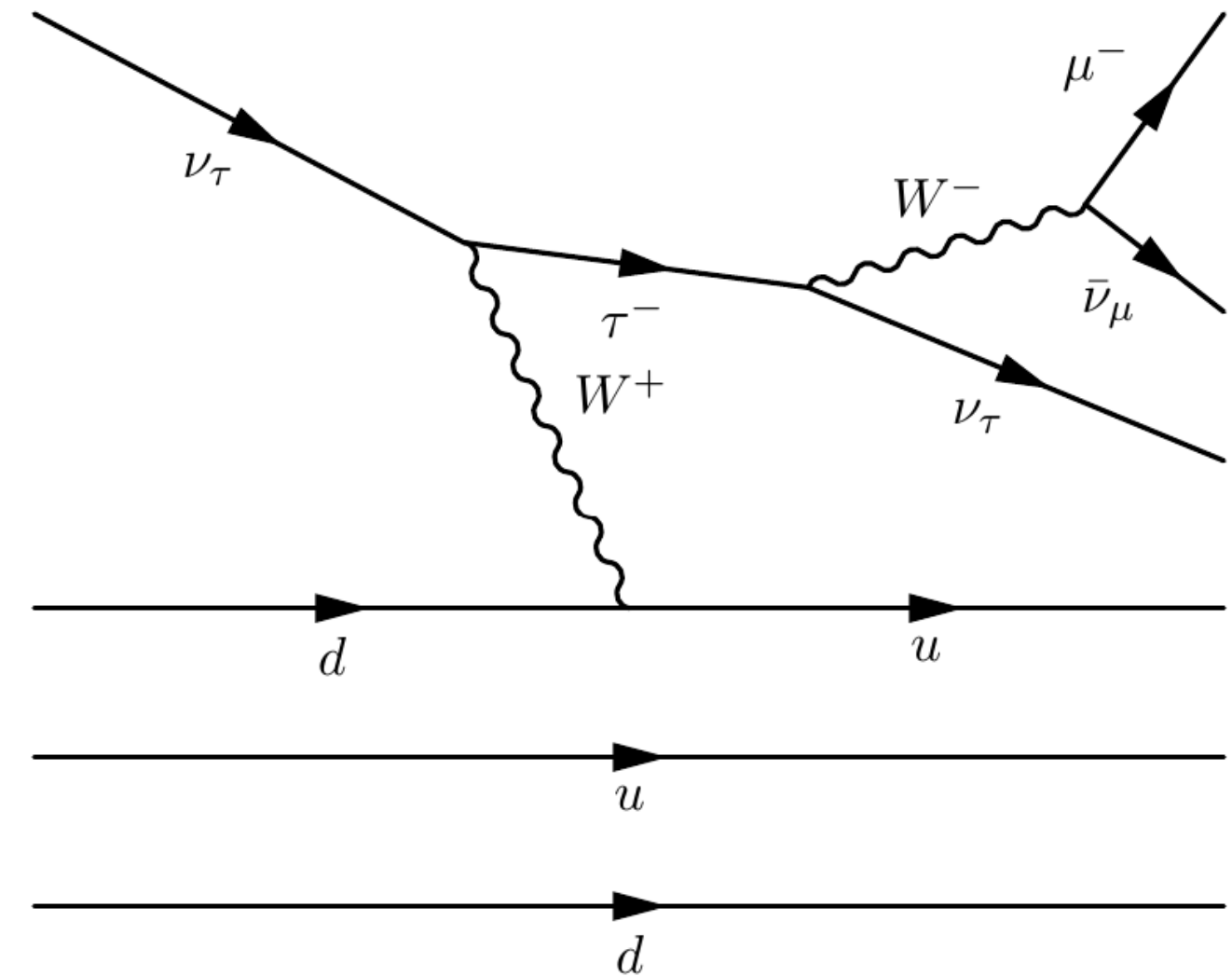
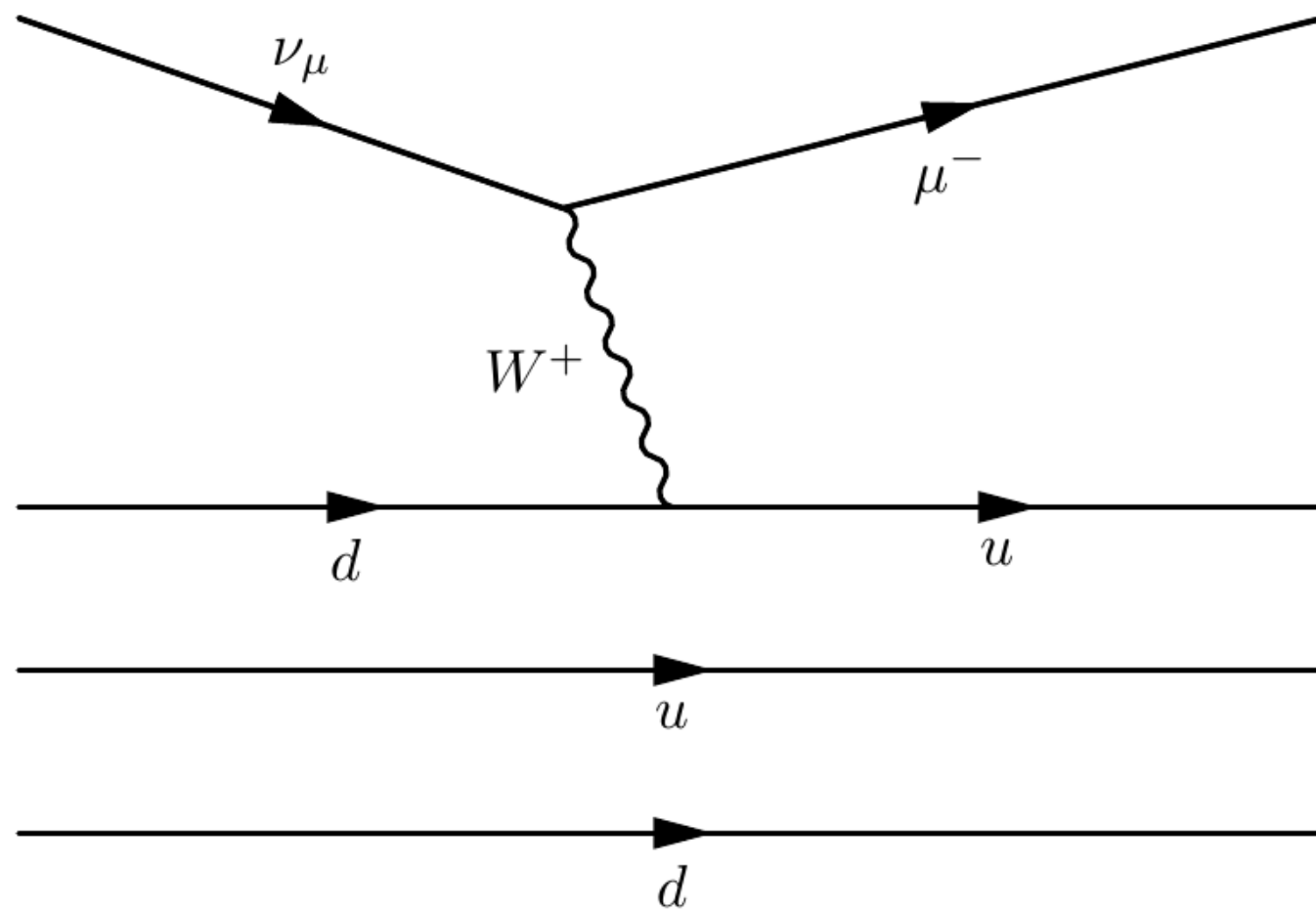
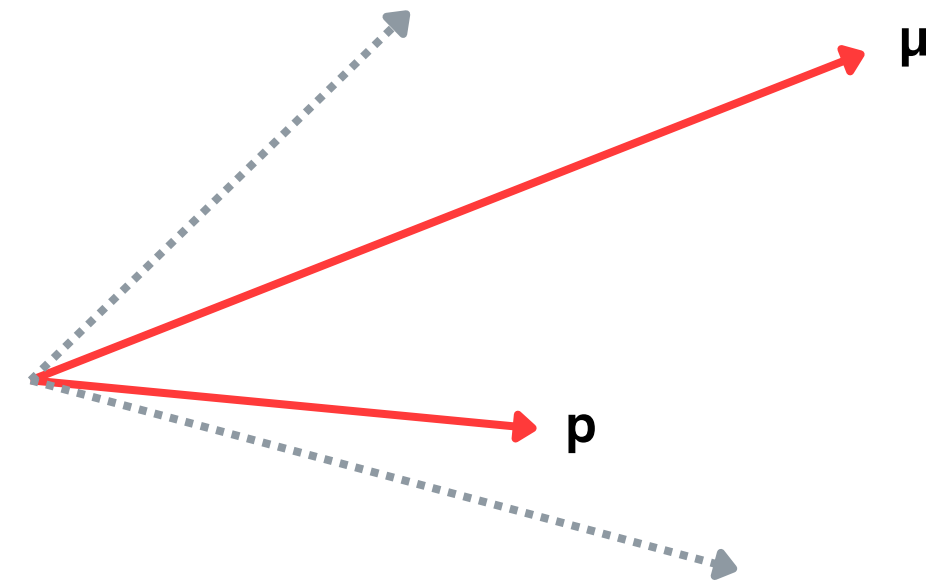
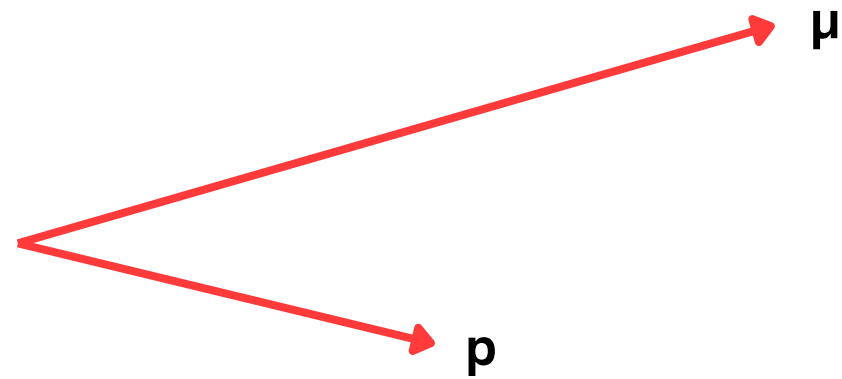
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Neutrino Oscillation

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4 \sum_{j>k} \Re(U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\beta j} U_{\alpha k} U_{\beta k}^*) \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta_{jk} m^2 L}{4E} \right) + 2 \sum_{j>k} \Im(U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\beta j} U_{\alpha k} U_{\beta k}^*) \sin \left(\frac{\Delta_{jk} m^2 L}{4E} \right)$$



Tau and Mu Neutrino Interaction



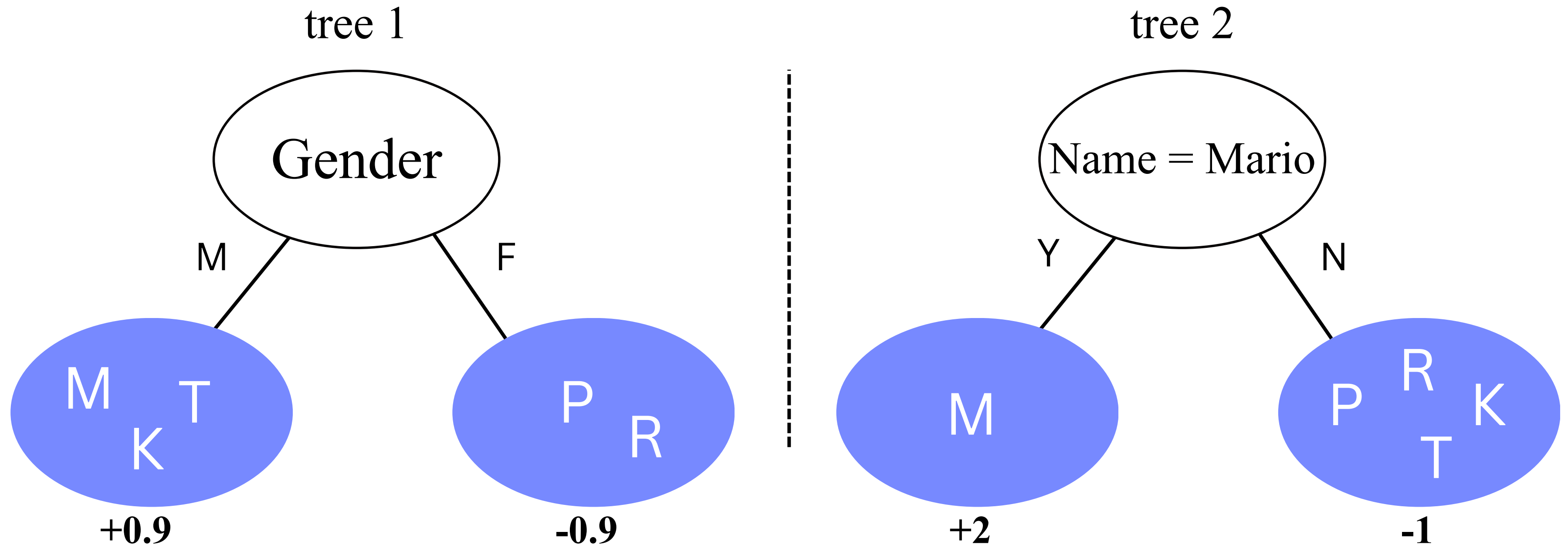
Gradient Tree Boosting Example

Some arbitrary tabular data

Name	Gender	Height	Glasses
Kush	M	180	Y
Paulina	F	183	Y
Rosa	F	190	N
Thomas	M	178	Y
Mario	M	179	N

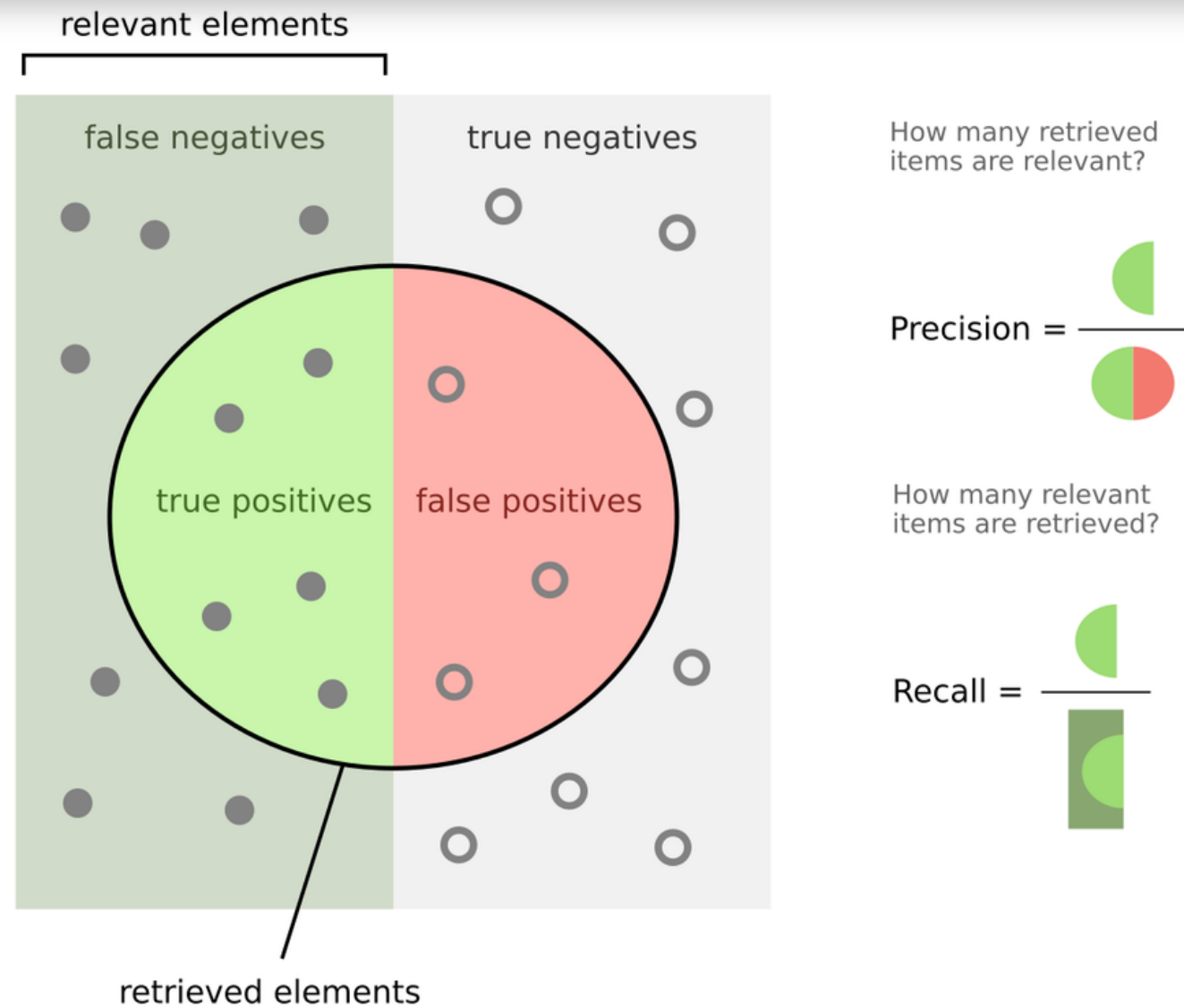
Gradient Tree Boosting Example

Who grabs a second sandwich during lunch?



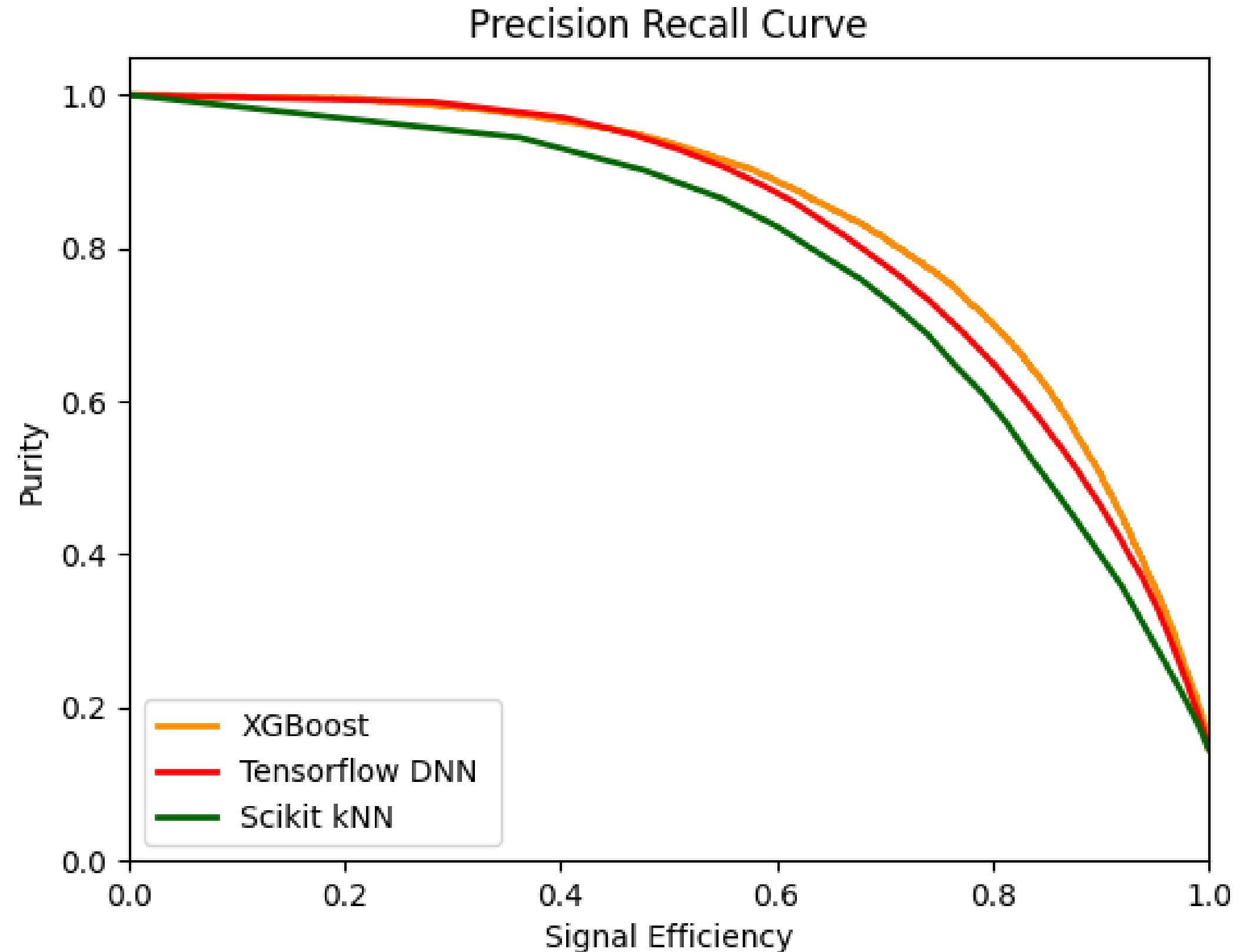
$$f(M) = +0.9 + 2 = 2.9$$

Performance on simulated neutrino data



Precision and recall visualization¹

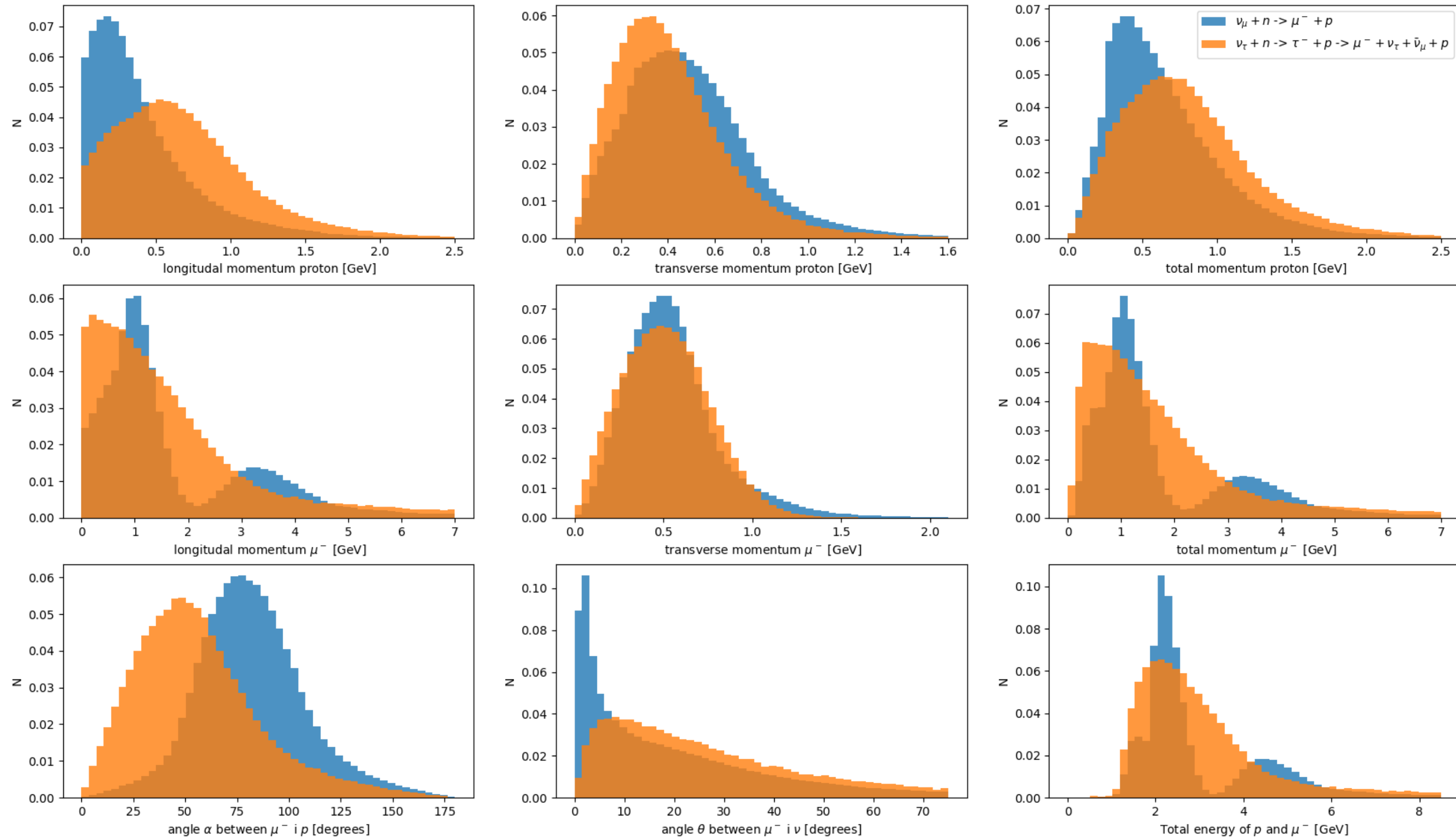
¹<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Precisionrecall.svg>



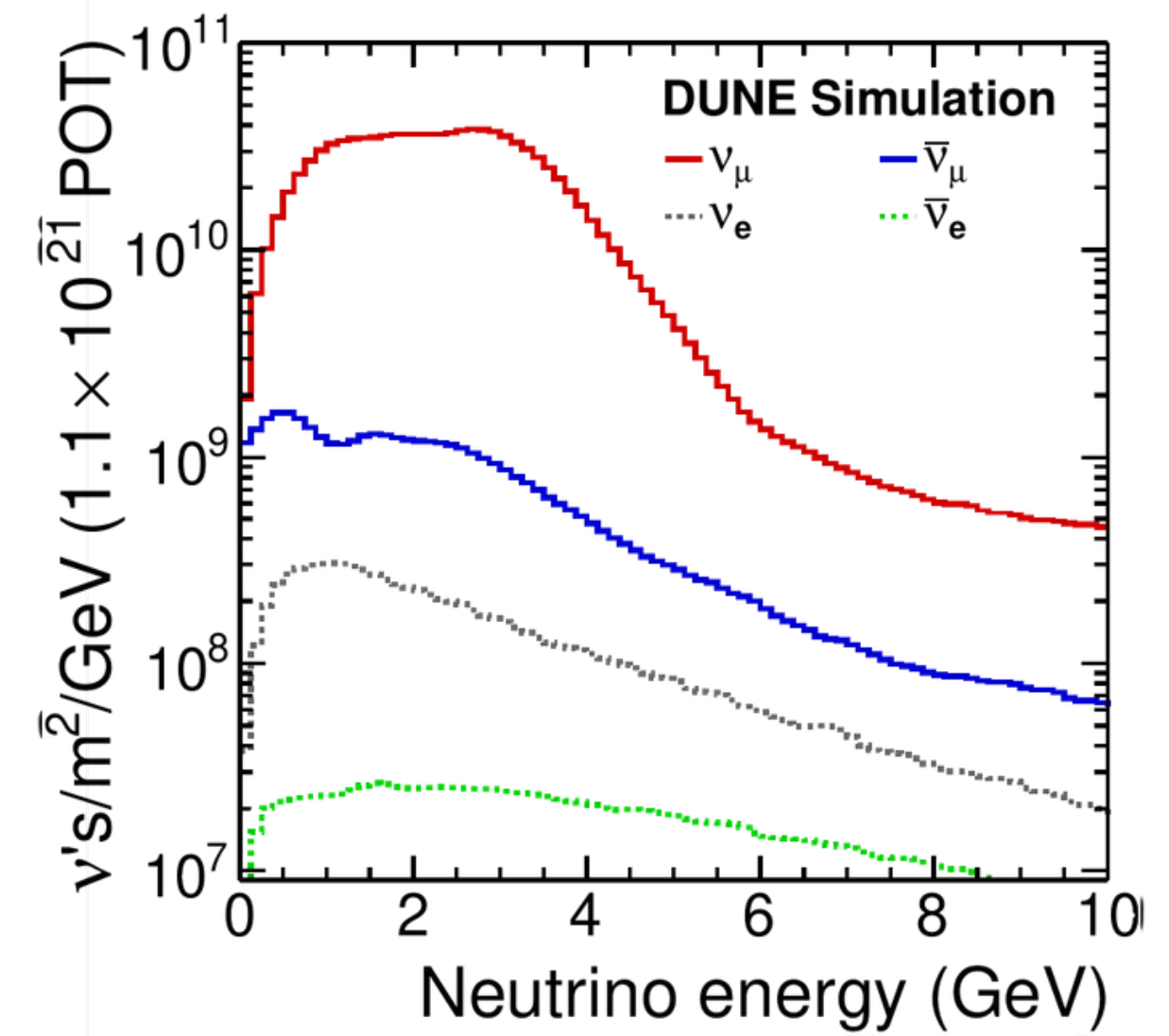
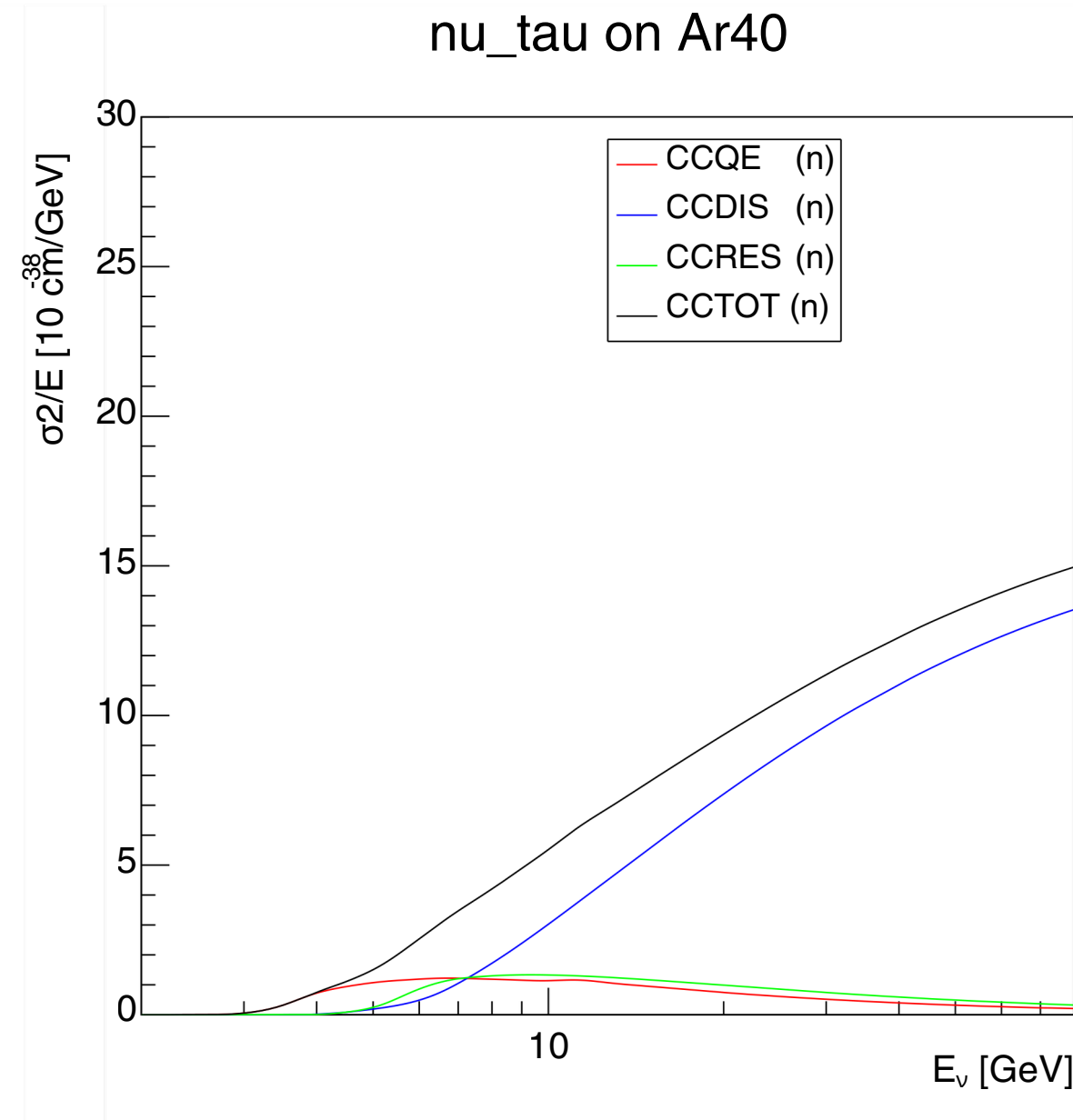
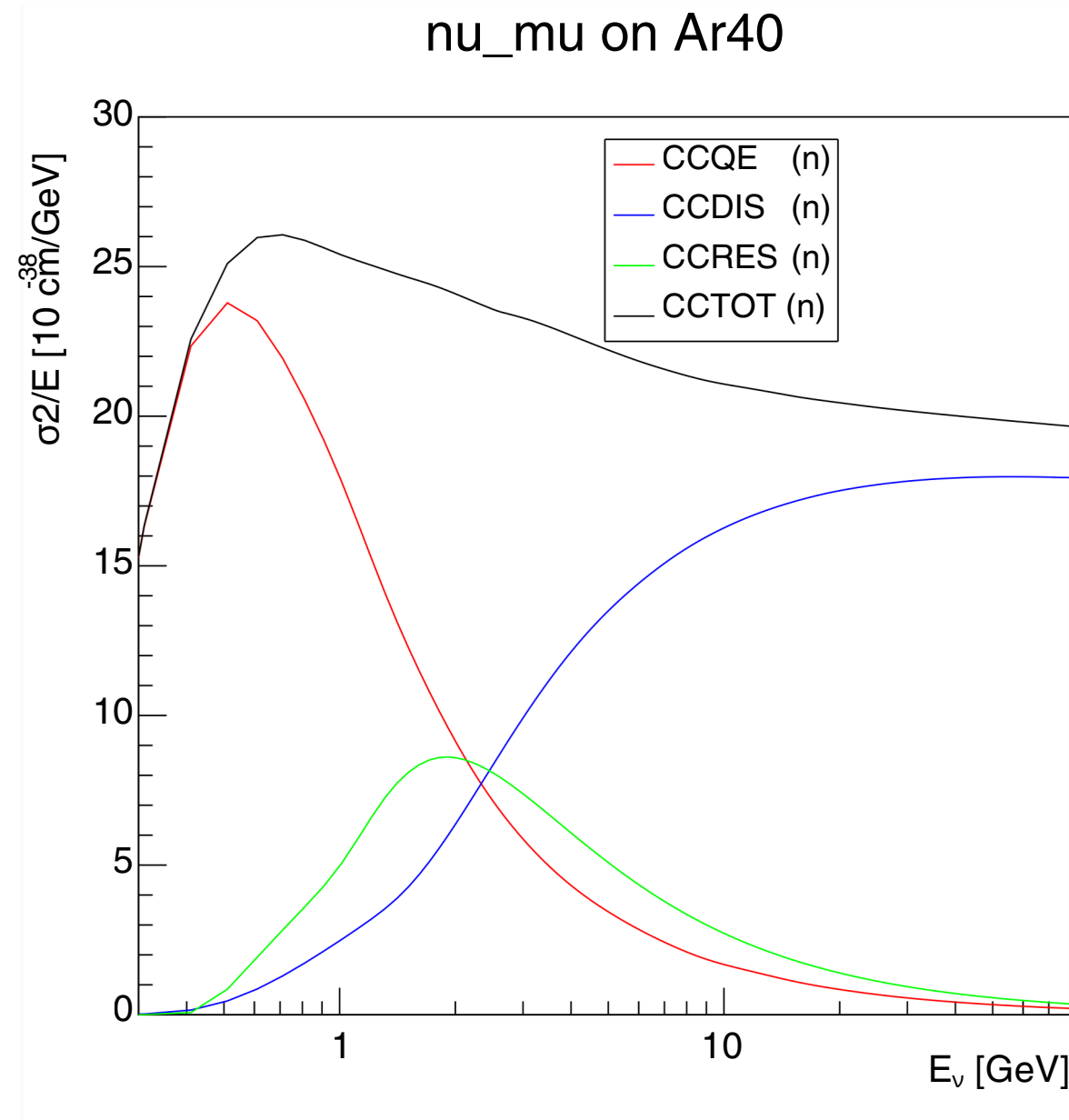
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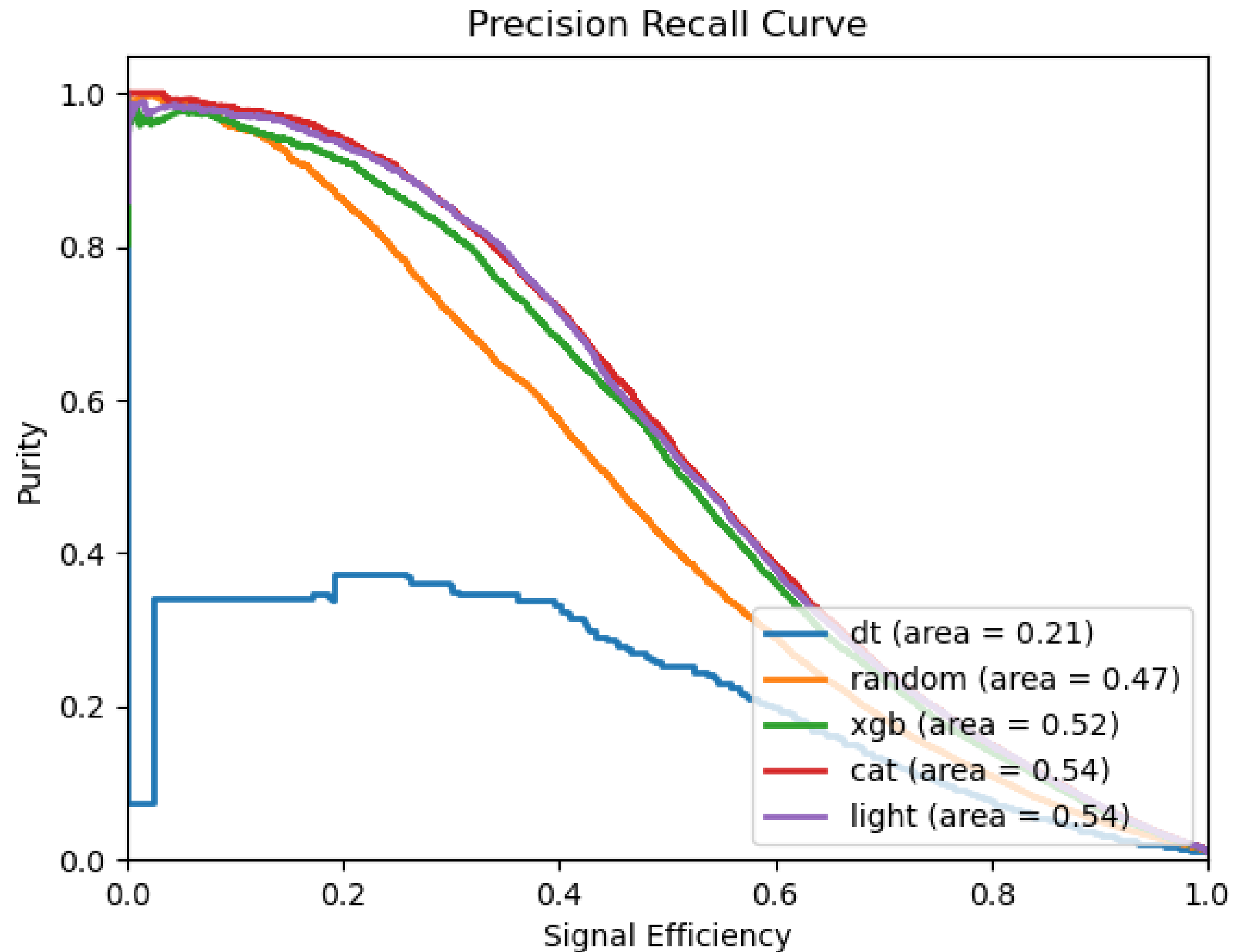
Feature distribution



Cross-sections and energy distribution



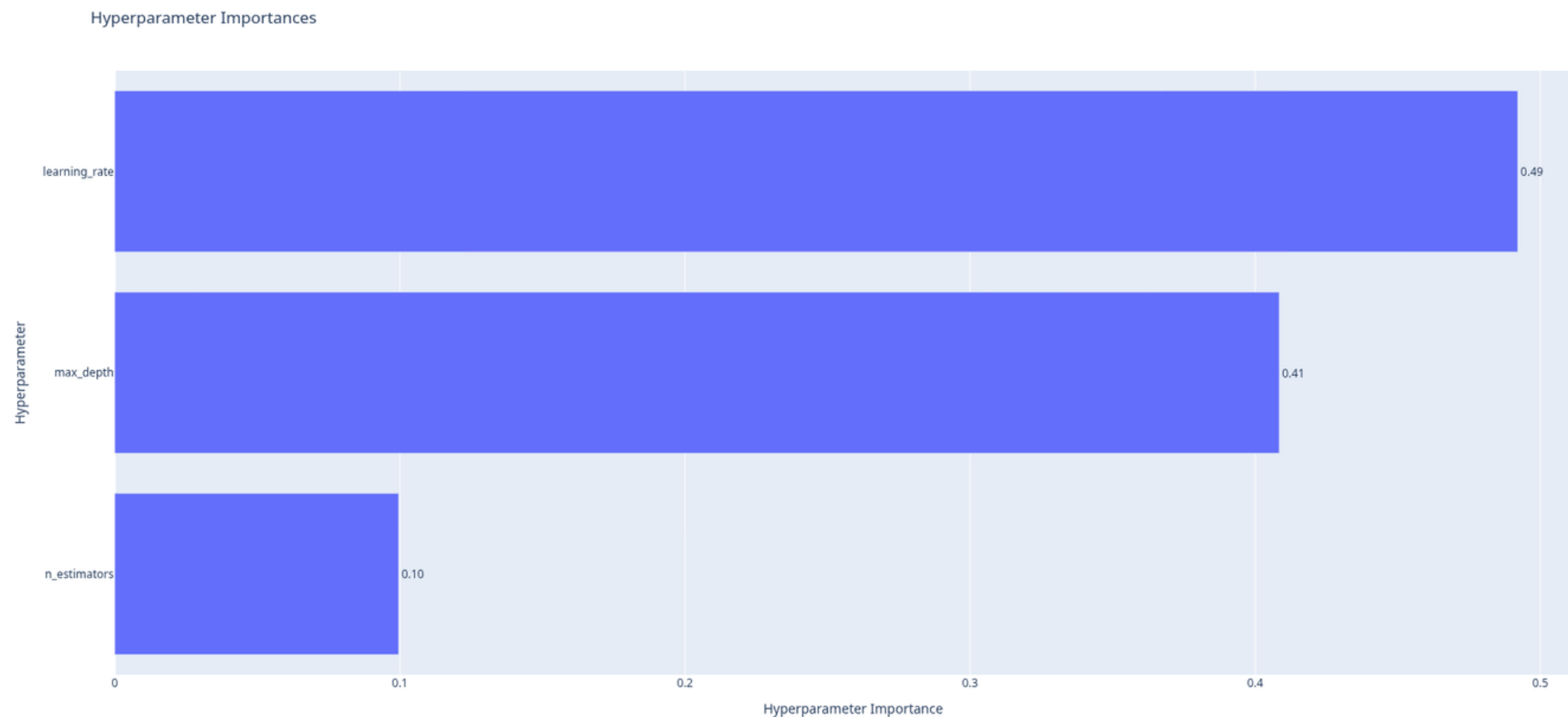
Comparison of GBTs



Gradient tree boosting hyperparameters

Gradient boosted trees have several adjustable parameters (hyperparameters):

- `n_estimators` - the maximum number of trees allowed in the model
- `max_depth` - the maximum depth of individual trees allowed (the deeper the tree, the tree becomes very complex and is prone to overfit on the training data)
- `learning_rate` - how much each individual tree influences the entire model. Usually less than 1 in order to suppress the influence of an individual tree to avoid overfitting



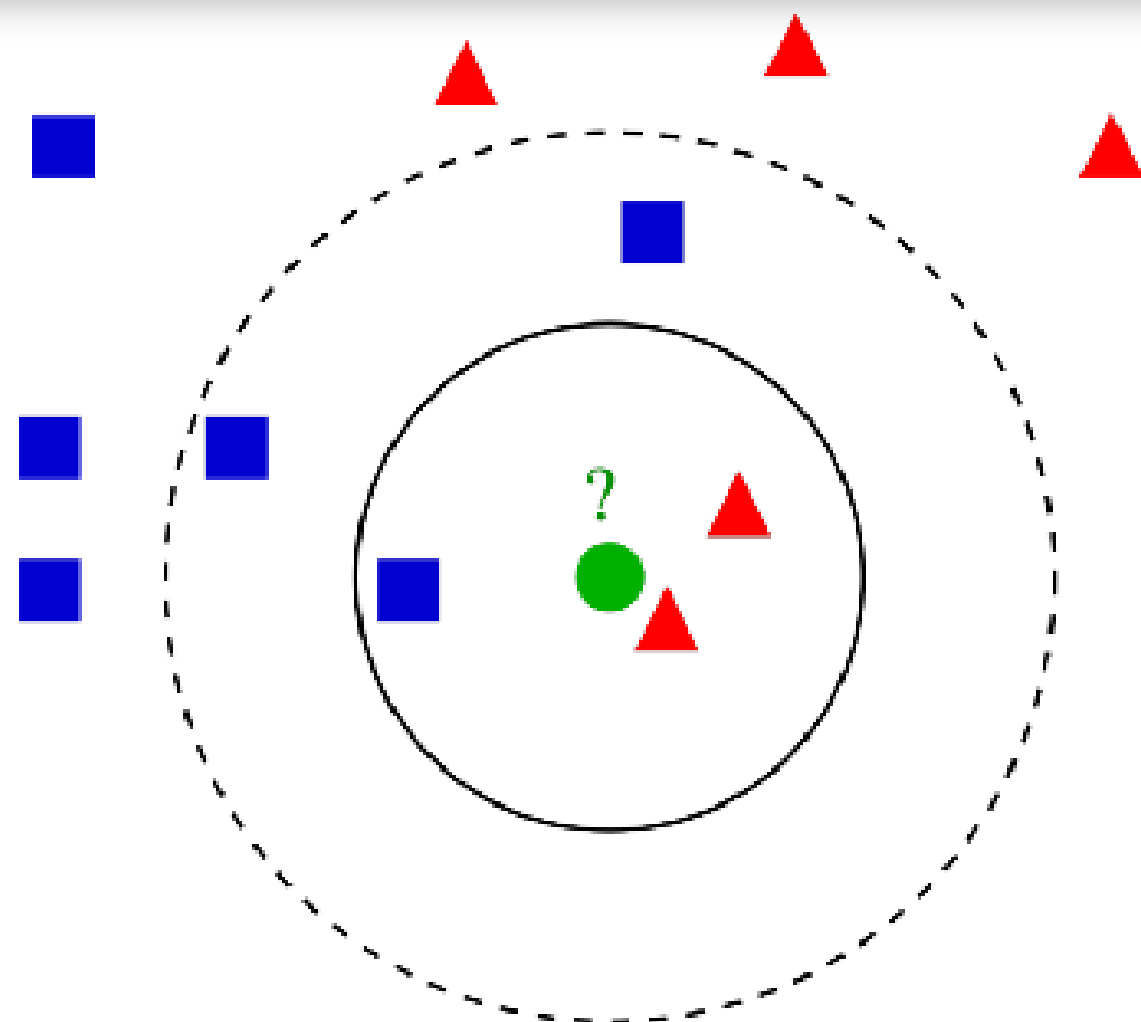
General Gradient Boosting Algorithm

ALGORITHM 1 (Gradient_Boost).

1. $F_0(\mathbf{x}) = \arg \min_{\rho} \sum_{i=1}^N L(y_i, \rho)$
2. For $m = 1$ to M do:
3. $\tilde{y}_i = -\left[\frac{\partial L(y_i, F(\mathbf{x}_i))}{\partial F(\mathbf{x}_i)}\right]_{F(\mathbf{x})=F_{m-1}(\mathbf{x})}, \quad i = 1, N$
4. $\mathbf{a}_m = \arg \min_{\mathbf{a}, \beta} \sum_{i=1}^N [\tilde{y}_i - \beta h(\mathbf{x}_i; \mathbf{a})]^2$
5. $\rho_m = \arg \min_{\rho} \sum_{i=1}^N L(y_i, F_{m-1}(\mathbf{x}_i) + \rho h(\mathbf{x}_i; \mathbf{a}_m))$
6. $F_m(\mathbf{x}) = F_{m-1}(\mathbf{x}) + \rho_m h(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{a}_m)$

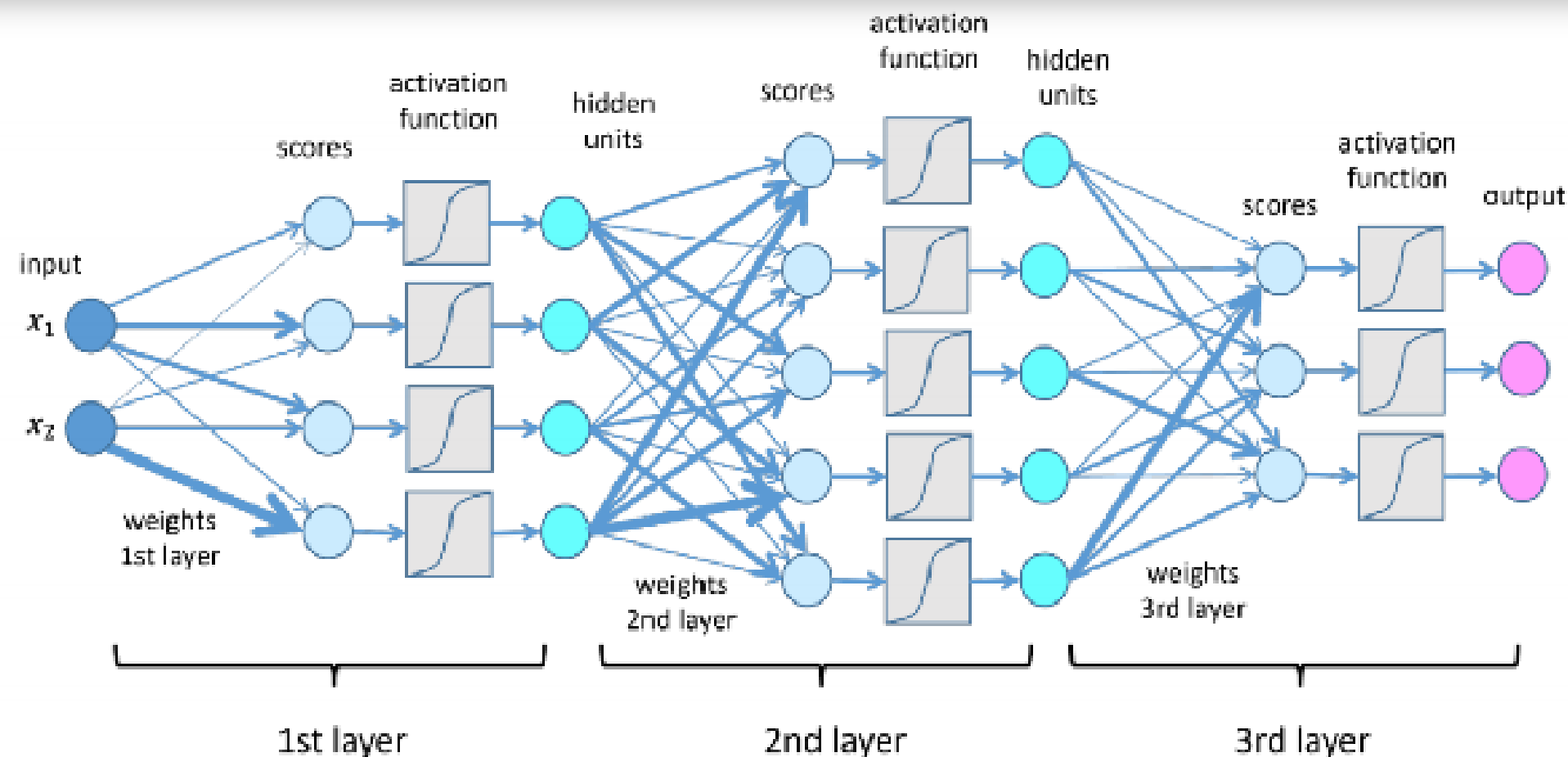
Greedy Function Approximation: A Gradient Boosting Machine, Jerome H. Friedman

kNN and DNN



Visualization of k Nearest Neighbor

method¹



Deep neural network visualization ²

¹<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:KnnClassification.svg>

²<https://lamarr-institute.org/blog/deep-neural-networks/>

Decay Branches of Tau Lepton

τ^- DECAY MODES	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)	Scale factor/ Confidence level	p (MeV/c)
Modes with one charged particle			
particle ⁻ ≥ 0 neutrals $\geq 0 K^0 \nu_\tau$ (“1-prong”)	(85.24 $\pm$ 0.06) %		–
particle ⁻ ≥ 0 neutrals $\geq 0 K_L^0 \nu_\tau$	(84.58 $\pm$ 0.06) %		–
$\mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau$	[g] (17.37 $\pm$ 0.04) %		885
$\mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau \gamma$	[e] (3.67 $\pm$ 0.08) $\times 10^{-3}$		885
$e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau$	[g] (17.85 $\pm$ 0.04) %		888
$e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau \gamma$	[e] (1.83 $\pm$ 0.05) %		888
$h^- \geq 0 K_L^0 \nu_\tau$	(12.03 $\pm$ 0.05) %		883
$h^- \nu_\tau$	(11.51 $\pm$ 0.05) %		883
$\pi^- \nu_\tau$	[g] (10.82 $\pm$ 0.05) %		883
$K^- \nu_\tau$	[g] (6.97 $\pm$ 0.10) $\times 10^{-3}$		820
$h^- \geq 1$ neutrals ν_τ	(37.00 $\pm$ 0.09) %		–
$h^- \geq 1 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)	(36.50 $\pm$ 0.09) %		–
$h^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	(25.93 $\pm$ 0.09) %		878
$\pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	[g] (25.49 $\pm$ 0.09) %		878
$\pi^- \pi^0$ non- $\rho(770) \nu_\tau$	(3.0 $\pm$ 3.2) $\times 10^{-3}$		878
$K^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	[g] (4.33 $\pm$ 0.15) $\times 10^{-3}$		814
$h^- \geq 2 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	(10.81 $\pm$ 0.09) %		–
$h^- 2 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	(9.48 $\pm$ 0.10) %		862
$h^- 2 \pi^0 \nu_\tau$ (ex. K^0)	(9.32 $\pm$ 0.10) %		862

https://pdg.lbl.gov/2026/tables/contents_tables.html

Derivation of Oscillation

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