

Domain Adaptation

The problem

Neural networks require data to train on. But what if such data is unavailable?

Need to use simulations, similar data, and **rely on generalization**.

Very common problem:

- Physics: MC simulations of detectors response, space telescopes images
- Medicine: measurements by different instruments
- Object recognition: photos taken by different cameras

Solution: Domain adaptation

Identify and learn domain-invariant features



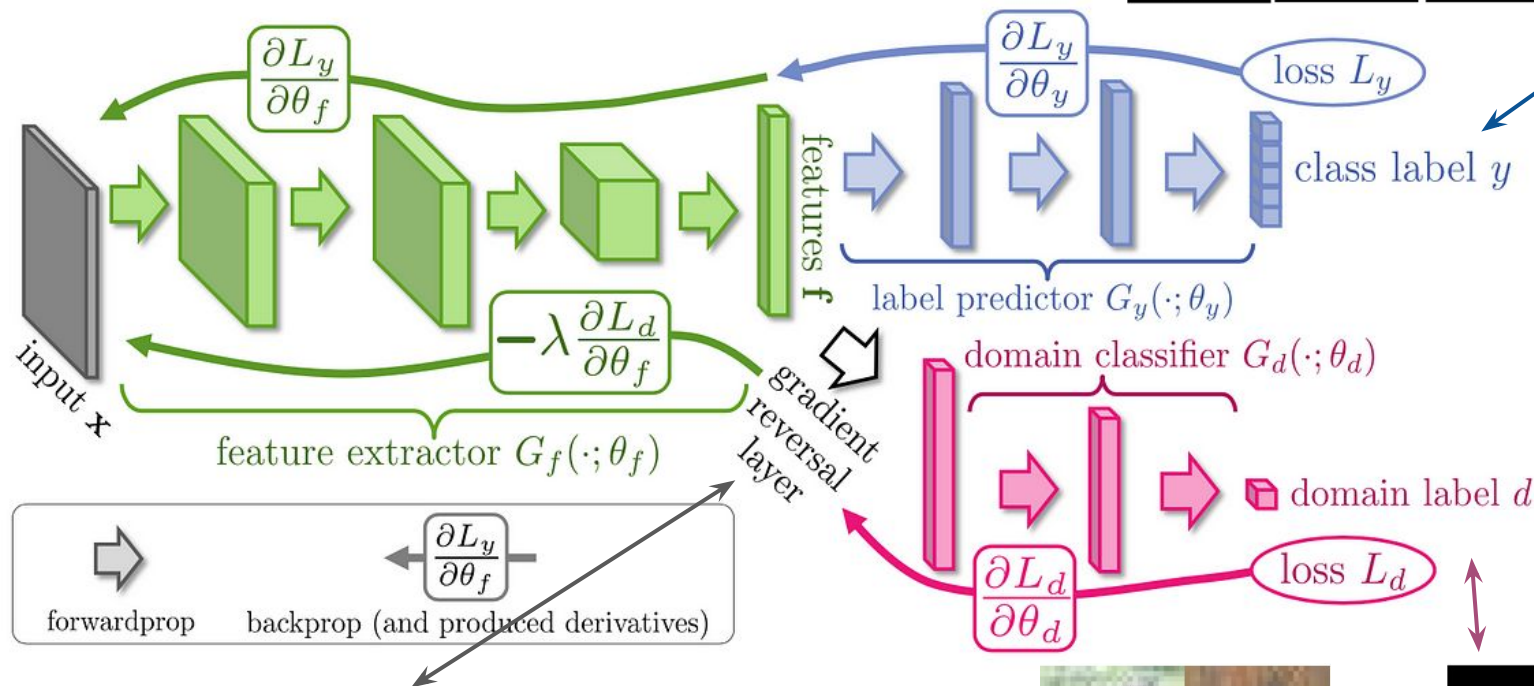
Available data for
training
(source domain)



Data of interest
(target domain)

Domain adaptation technique

Train to recognize digits



Exclude domain-specific features



vs



Widely used

- Physics:
 - CMS@LHC (2405.13778)
 - Cherenkov Telescope Array Large-Sized Telescope (2308.12732)
 - Photometric Classification of Supernovae (1810.06441)
 - Strong Gravitational Lens Analysis (2410.16347)
- Reduces systematic error due to MC-data mismatch
- Enforces common representation space

NNs are bad at extrapolating

We want to fit the function:

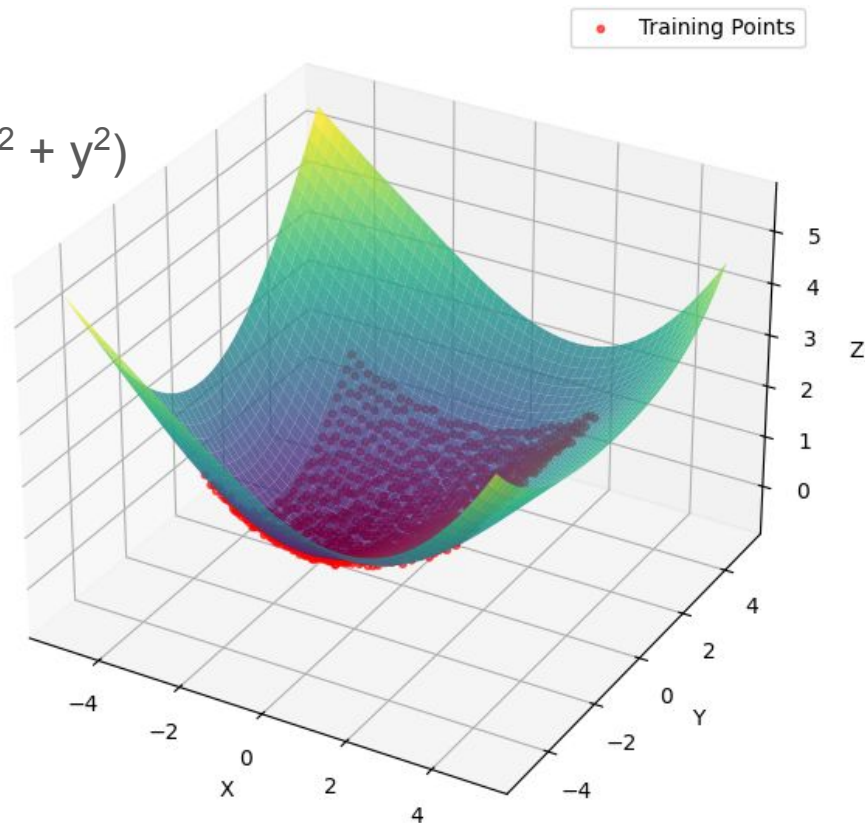
$$f(x,y) = \sin(0.5 * x) * \cos(0.5 * y) + 0.1 * (x^2 + y^2)$$

with MLP: 4 hidden layers,

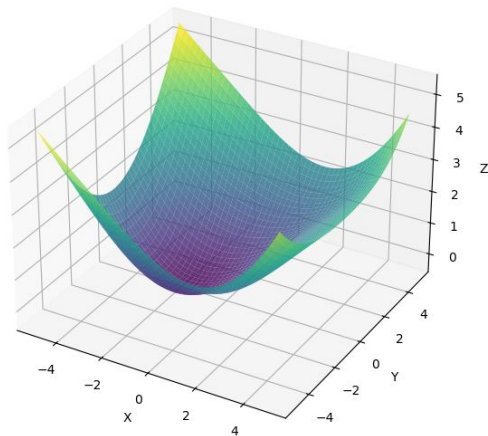
128 neurons per layer.

Training data region: $x,y \in [-3, 3]$

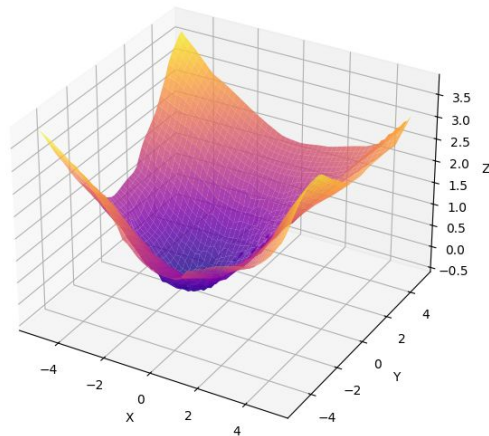
Test data region: x,y out of $[-3, 3]$



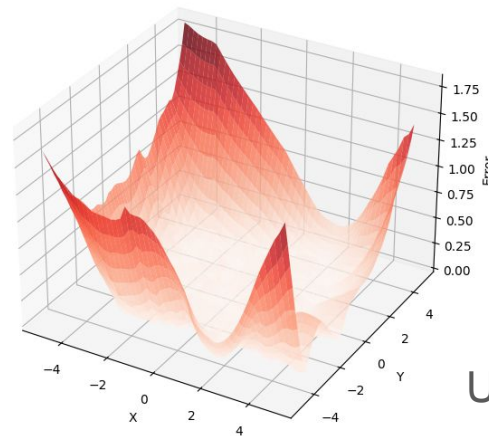
True Function
(Full Range)



Neural Network Predictions
(Full Range)

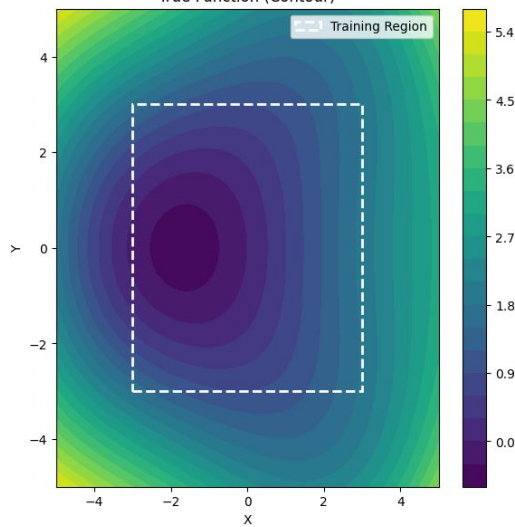


Absolute Error Surface
(Red = Higher Error)

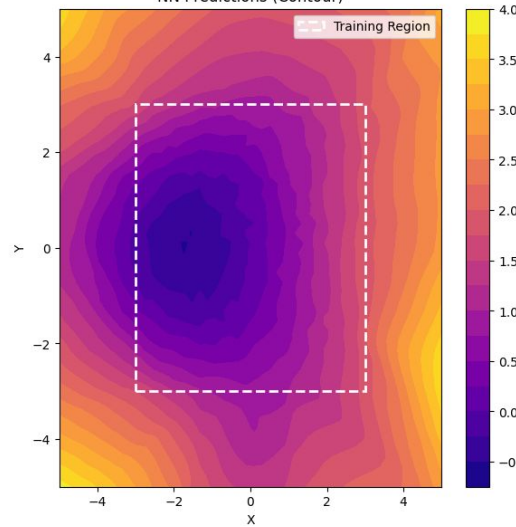


Unreliable
area

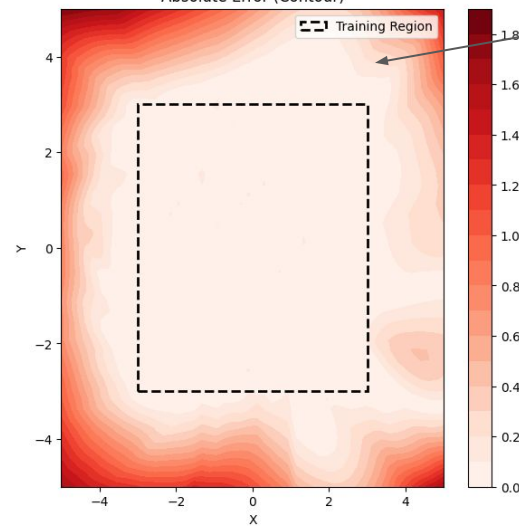
True Function (Contour)

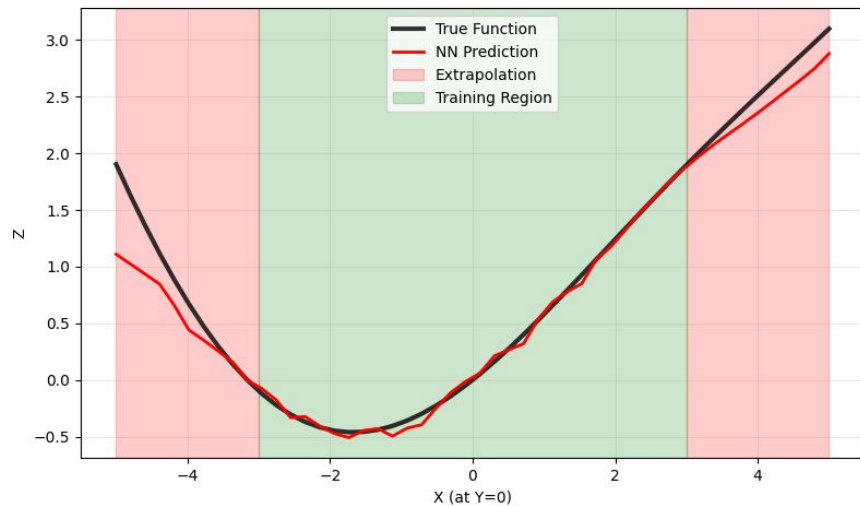
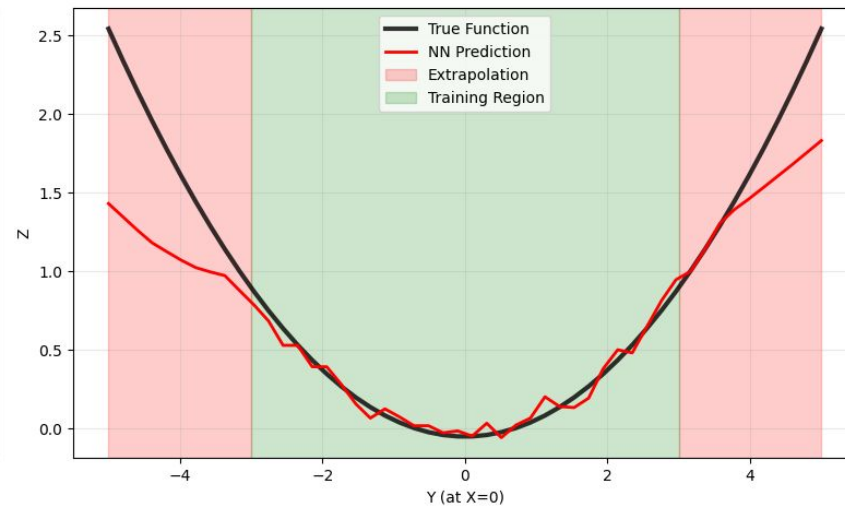
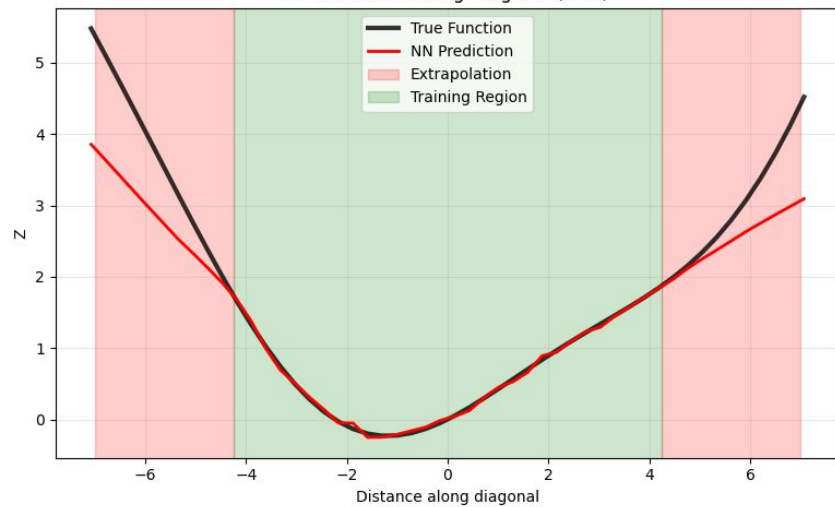


NN Predictions (Contour)

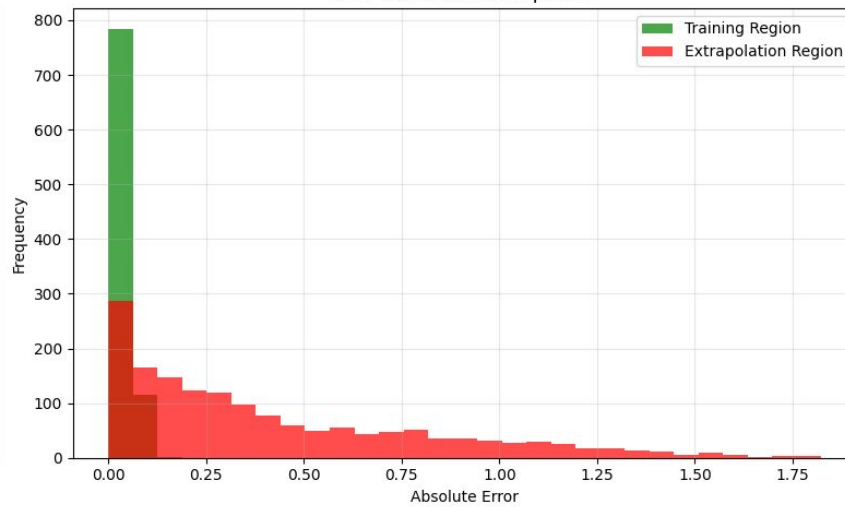


Absolute Error (Contour)

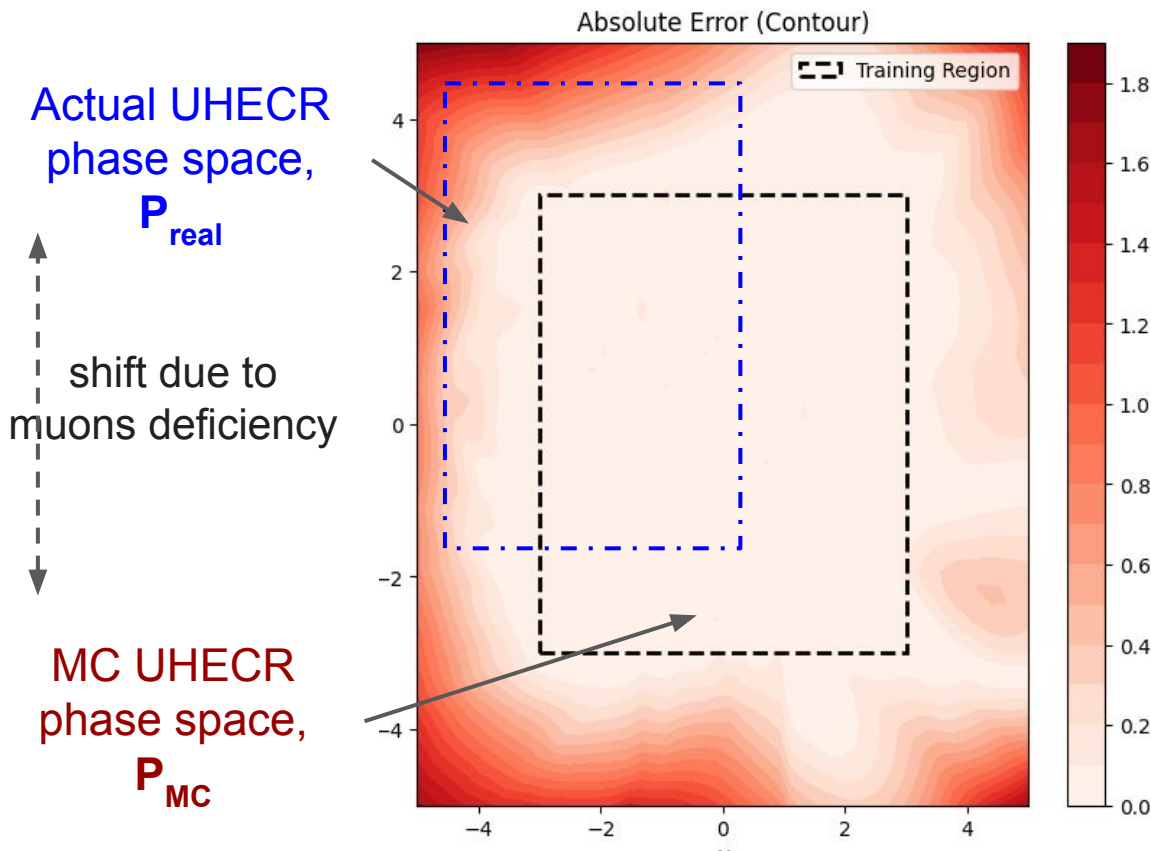


Cross-section at $Y = 0$ Cross-section at $X = 0$ Cross-section along Diagonal ($X=Y$)

Error Distribution Comparison



Connection to cross-calibration



$$\text{NN: } f: P_{\text{MC}} \rightarrow E_{\text{expected}}$$

Calibration (bias correction):

$$g(f): P_{\text{real}} \rightarrow E_{\text{expected}}$$

But:

$\Delta f(P_{\text{real}})$ is highly nonlinear,
hence calibration must be
nonlinear as well

Domain adaptation:

$P_{\text{real}}(z) = P_{\text{MC}}(z)$,
hence calibration might be
simple (linear)