Signal Denoising with CycleGAN

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Introduction

Noise reduction in detector signals can help:

- Improve measurements of pulse amplitudes \rightarrow better energy resolution
- Identify low-energy signal events that are masked by electronic noise
- Improve background rejection techniques that are based on signal characteristics

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Motivation on deep learning:

- Frequently used in noise removal in other fields
- Often outperforms traditional denoising methods, e.g. moving average, Savitzky-Golay filtering
- Effective at denoising 1-dimensional electronic signals from HPGe detector
 - Our previous work using a convolutional autoencoder: Anderson et. al. Eur. Phys. J. C 82, 1084 (2022)

Current work:

 Denoising using *unpaired* data -> a noisy sample pulse does not need a corresponding target clean pulse for training

Ultimate goal:

• Denoising without the need of simulation

GAN - Generative Adversarial Network



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$$\min_{G} \max_{D} V(D,G) = \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{x} \sim p_{\text{data}}(\boldsymbol{x})} [\log D(\boldsymbol{x})] + \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{z} \sim p_{\boldsymbol{z}}(\boldsymbol{z})} [\log(1 - D(G(\boldsymbol{z})))]$$

[arXiv:1406.2661]

- Learns transformations across domains using **unpaired** data
- A cycle consistency is enforced between the X and Y mappings







[arXiv:1703.10593]



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Complete cycle

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CycleGAN – Denoising Network Architecture



Data Preprocessing and Augmentation



- Training dataset: ~1.3 million pulse pairs (75k multi-site events)
- Testing dataset: ~ 215k pulse samples (12.5k multi-site events)

Preliminary Results – noise removal generator



- Mean squared error of $G_{noisy2clean}$, evaluated by denoising the artificial noisy test dataset, is on the order of 10^{-4}
- Mean squared error achieved in our previous work using an autoencoder is on the order of 10^{-5}

Preliminary Results – noise addition generator



Next Steps

- Stabilize and optimize the training of GAN and CycleGAN
 - Wasserstein loss function with a gradient penalty

- Denoising without the need of simulated pulses (i.e. no target label/ground truth)
 - CycleGAN
 - Trained using pairs of detector noise traces and real pulse signals
 - Learns the underlying true waveform and the additive electronic noise
 - DualGAN : arXiv:2007.01575