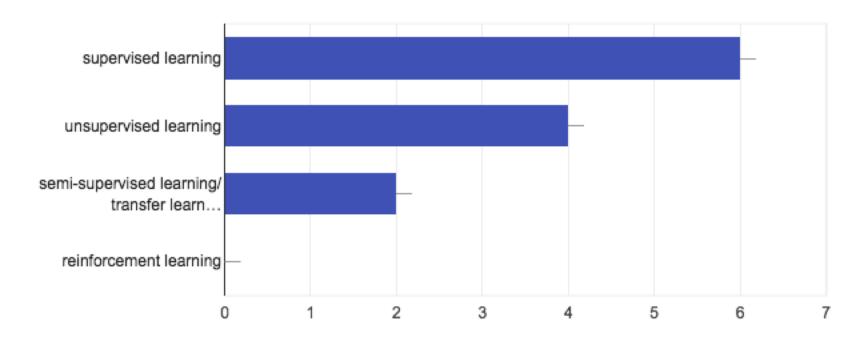
Machine Learning Survey

3rd OBELICS workshop Cambridge, October 2018

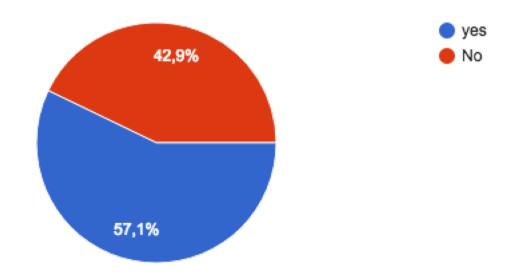
What experiment do you work on?

- SKA Design and Development
- LSST
- EST
- Virgo
- KM3NeT
- ATLAS
- CTA

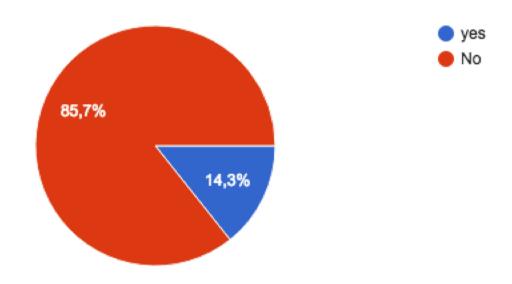
Do you use



Is machine learning used in production?



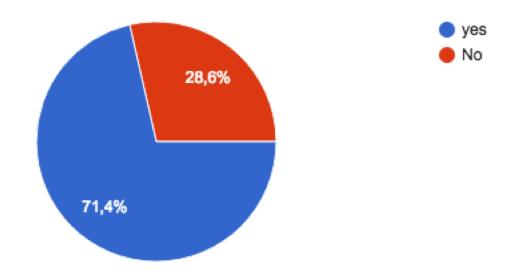
Is deep learning used in production?





Common data format ?

Did you need to adapt the data (e.g. resampling) and/or the machine learning techniques (e.g. convolution kernels) to use standard frameworks?



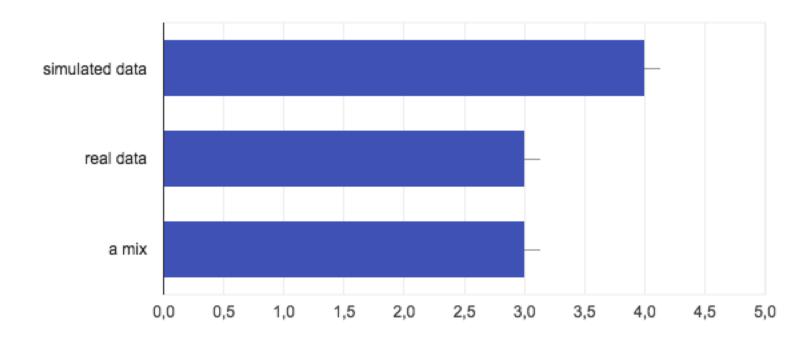
What data format do you work with?

- CSV, ARFF, PSRFITS, Filterbank, custom reduced data products, e.g. feature data only
- FITS files
- Images
- frame files, hdf5
- ROOT trees, numpy array
- ATLAS specific, based on ROOT. Often translated to more ML friendly formats like numpy arrays stored in HDF5 files

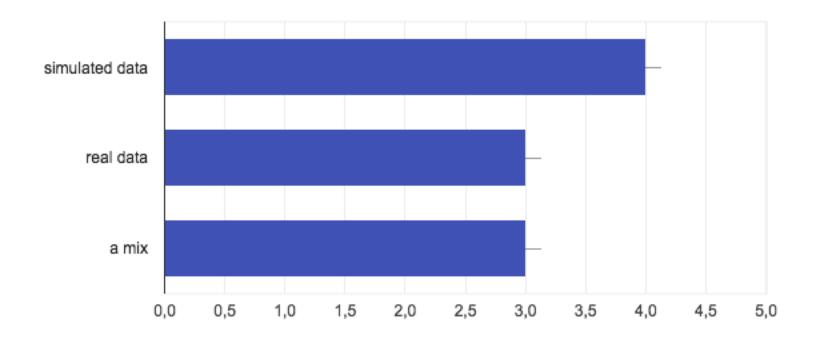
Accessing the data

- Data preparation/extraction takes a large part of the processing time
- Data Format
 - Common data format
 - Significant data sharing/format issues inside collaborations already
- Eliminate dependencies from the experimentrelated software.

Do you train on



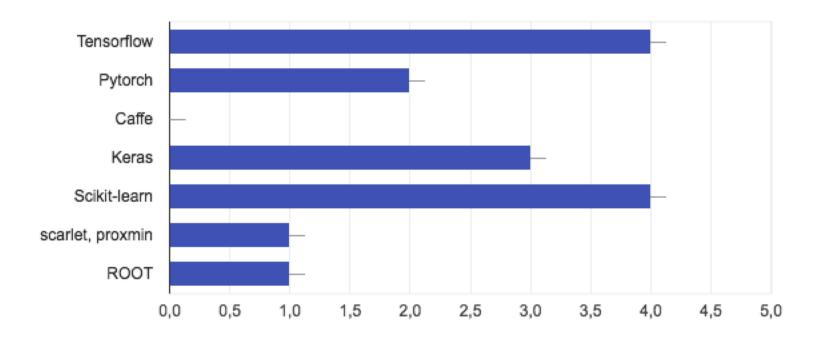
Do you infer on



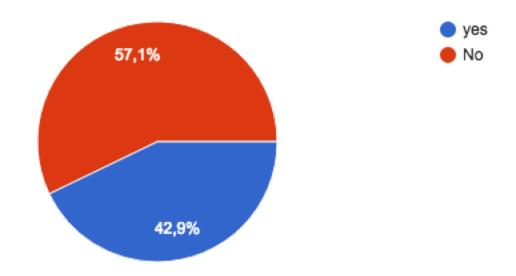
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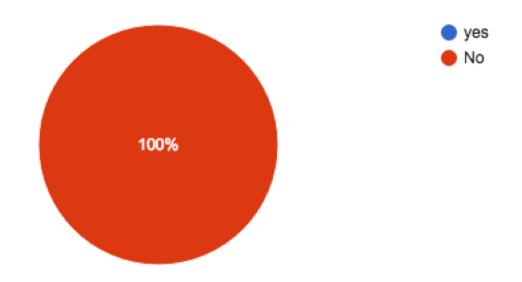
What framework/library do you use



Do you develop in a larger framework/pipeline?



Is the framework/library imposed by your collaboration?



How do you interface science tools with machine learning frameworks?

- Custom / hand-made code
- extract the information needed to process data with the ML frameworks (e.g. extract data from ROOT trees using root_numpy or pyroot), create numpy arrays and adapt the data format to the framework and to the type of model decided to use
- Python interfacing
- In production we use C++, and have to take trained models, save them, and re-build them in C++ with custom tools for production time inference



Machine learning is a lot about bookkeeping. How do you deal with this? How do you compare the different tests/experiments your run?

- Jupyter notebooks.
- QA plots and statistics
- I have still not found an easy solution
- Meticulous book keeping and saving different models with metadata to store this information
- Containerization is beginning to help, since we can save containers with different models
- In production, releases are stored in databases and are updated relatively rarely, so the information for a fixed production release is heavily documented

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- Pilot project ?
- Inputs for Rob Lyon:
 - Imbalanced classifiers
 - Develop best practices together (DevOps for ML?)