

Undergraduate Colloquium in Mathematics

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Using Neural Networks to See Proton-Proton Collisions

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Abstract: In this talk, I will be discussing neural networks, and how they can be applied to research areas. Research facilities such as CERN generate data on a scale that is impossible for humans to accurately analyze. Through the use of machine learning algorithms and neural networks, there is more hope in successfully finding the “interesting” collisions by training these algorithms to recognize these events. We will explore the fundamental aspects of neural networks, some of the challenges one faces in the successful implementation of a network, and the application of a neural network to research at CERN. We will focus on how networks can be used to see what is happening during a proton proton collision, and classify the types of particles produced during a collision.