

Classification and Denoising of Radio Signals using Machine Learning

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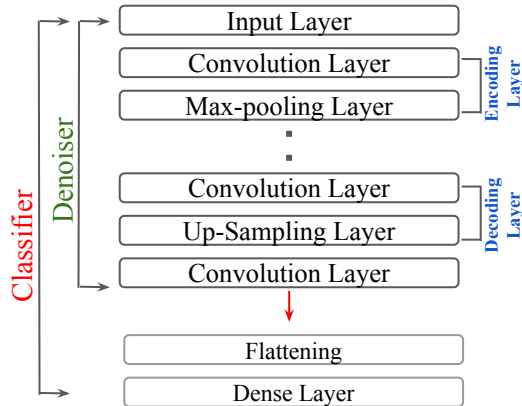
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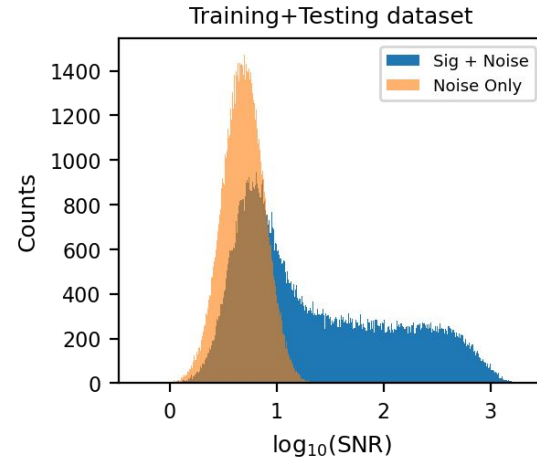
Introduction and Data Set

- **Radio detection of CR air-showers:**
 - Relatively new, Economical, Fully year duty cycle.
 - Has to deal with **Continuous, irreducible** background.
- **Convolutional Neural Networks** → to mitigate the effect of noise.
 - **Classifier** : Classify signal traces from noise-only traces.
 - **Denoiser** : Recover the underlying signals from noisy traces.



Model Architecture

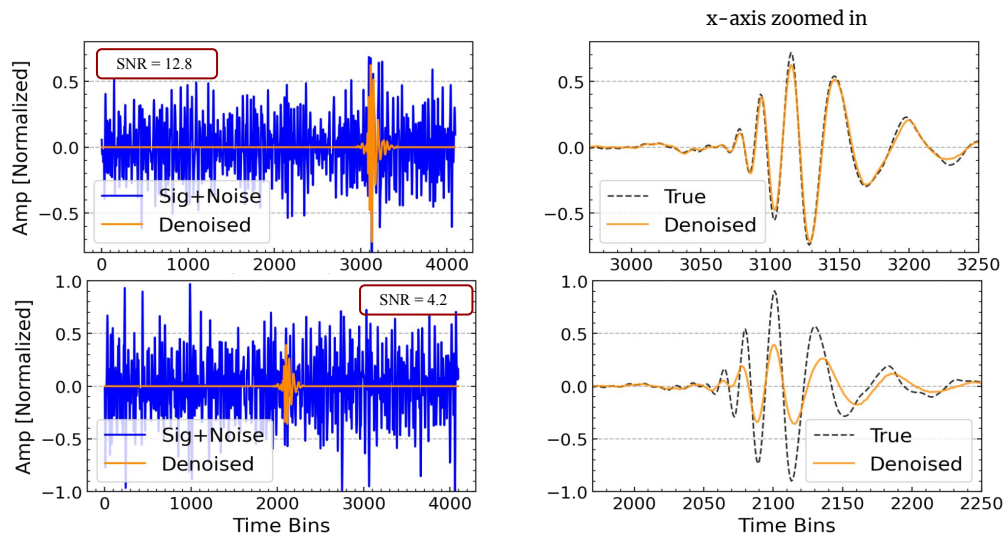
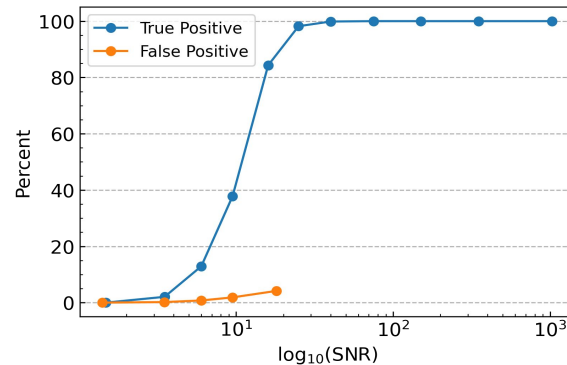
- **Dataset:**
 - CoREAS simulation → Radio Signals from air-showers.
 - Cane Model → Galactic, Extra-galactic + Thermal background
 - 103k Signal + 135k noise traces. Filtered band [50-350] MHz.
 - 80% for training, 20% for testing.
- To quantify the signals → $SNR = \left(\frac{\text{Signal}_{\text{Peak}}}{\text{Noise}_{\text{RMS}}} \right)^2$



SNR distribution of data set

Results of Classifier and Denoiser

- **Validation set:** 11k signal + 15K background traces.
- Last activation function: **Sigmoid** (output values $\rightarrow [0,1]$).
- For signal traces output value should be ≥ 0.6 .
- TP and FP rates (in percent), shown in the right plot.



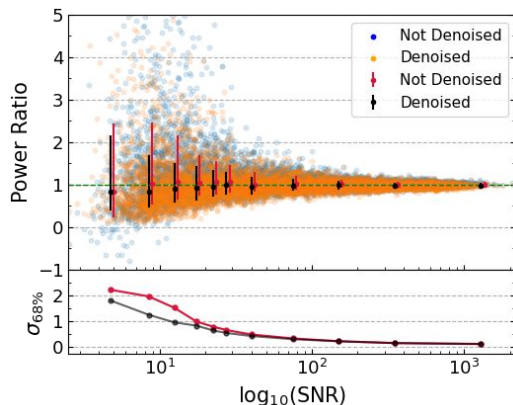
Examples of the output of Denoiser

- Classified Signal traces are passed to the **Denoiser** for cleaning.
- Two examples shown in bottom left.
- 1st row \rightarrow best case scenario.
- 2nd row \rightarrow worse case.

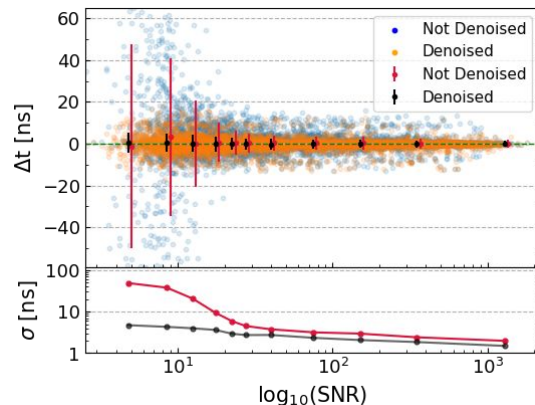
Accuracy Metrics

➤ **Left Plot** → Power Ratio = $\frac{[P_S - P_N]_{\text{Measured}}}{[P_S - P_N]_{\text{True}}}$.

P_S , P_N = power in the signal and noise window, respectively.



➤ **Right Plot** → $\Delta t = T_{\text{measured}} - T_{\text{true}}$.



Summary and Outlook:

- Using CNNs to classify and denoise the radio traces.
- For training, time series information is used. Plan to use freq domain info as well.
- These methods can also be used for real data.