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Identifying Disruption Precursors by Anomaly Detection on Bolometer Tomography

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Introduction

- JET baseline scenario¹
 - plasma current \uparrow input power \uparrow disruptivity \uparrow
 - impurity accumulation, core radiation, radiative collapse^{2,3}
 - bolometer tomography⁴



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Motivation

- Identify disruption precursors
 - some unusual behaviours can be observed directly in the bolometer signals
 - focus on 2D plasma profile, characterize anomalies in terms of shape and location of radiation blobs



Approach



- Identify disruption precursors
 - assume non-disruptive pulses contain normal behaviour, train model to reproduce this behaviour
 - apply on disruptive pulses to detect unusual behaviour, potential anomalies before disruption
 - higher reconstruction error than the normal behaviour the model was trained on
 - · large number of profiles that need to be computed from bolometer data



Approach

- Two components
 - a fast tomographic method
 - to generate radiation profiles from bolometer data (e.g. neural net, or even simpler)
 - an anomaly detector
 - to point out unusual profiles (e.g. variational autoencoder)



Tomographic reconstruction model

- Neural network¹ or simpler model
 - simpler model can be incorporated as pre-trained layer in anomaly detector
 - mean absolute error ~0.010 MW/m³ for neural net, ~0.015 for simple model
 - trained on ~10k selected reconstructions; can be trained on single GPU







Anomaly detection model

- Variational autoencoder
 - prior distribution is typically standard multivariate normal with $\mu = 0$ and $\Sigma = I$
 - loss function = mean absolute error + Kullback–Leibler divergence
 - trained on ~1.4 million profiles from ~250 non-disruptive baseline pulses; requires multiple GPUs



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Conclusion

- Multiple physics phenomena at play in baseline pulses
 - e.g. 92213: core radiation build-up + instabilities driven by MARFEs¹
 - e.g. 96486: core radiation + core dynamics + MARFEs + divertor event
 - other anomalies related to outboard radiation, UFOs², sawteeth³, etc.
- Different time frames of disruption precursors
 - core radiation appears long before disruption, relevant for disruption avoidance
 - MARFE-like behaviour appears much closer to disruption, disruption mitigation only
 - other markers such as ELMs⁴, UFOs, divertor events are signalled by the anomaly score
- Possible criticisms and future work
 - nothing new in here, everything was already in the data
 - extend to other pulses beyond baseline, e.g. hybrid scenario
 - idea of applying to every pulse hits upon computational limits

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