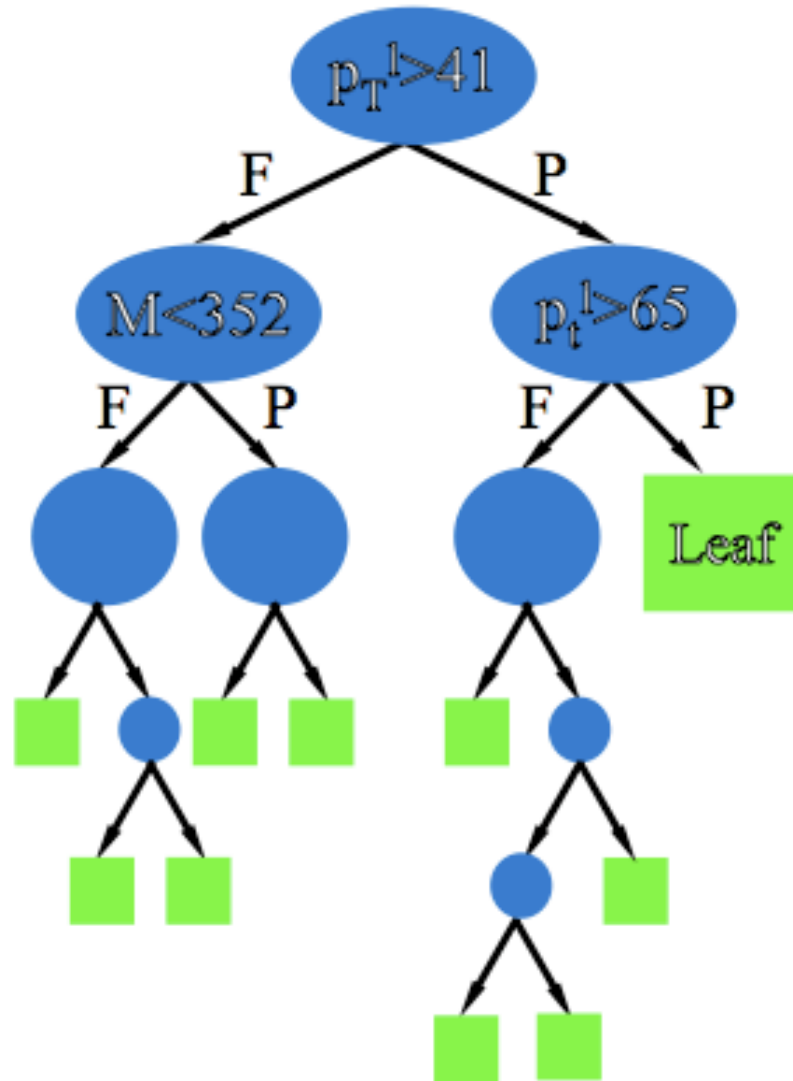




Advanced Analysis Methods

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Trees and leaves



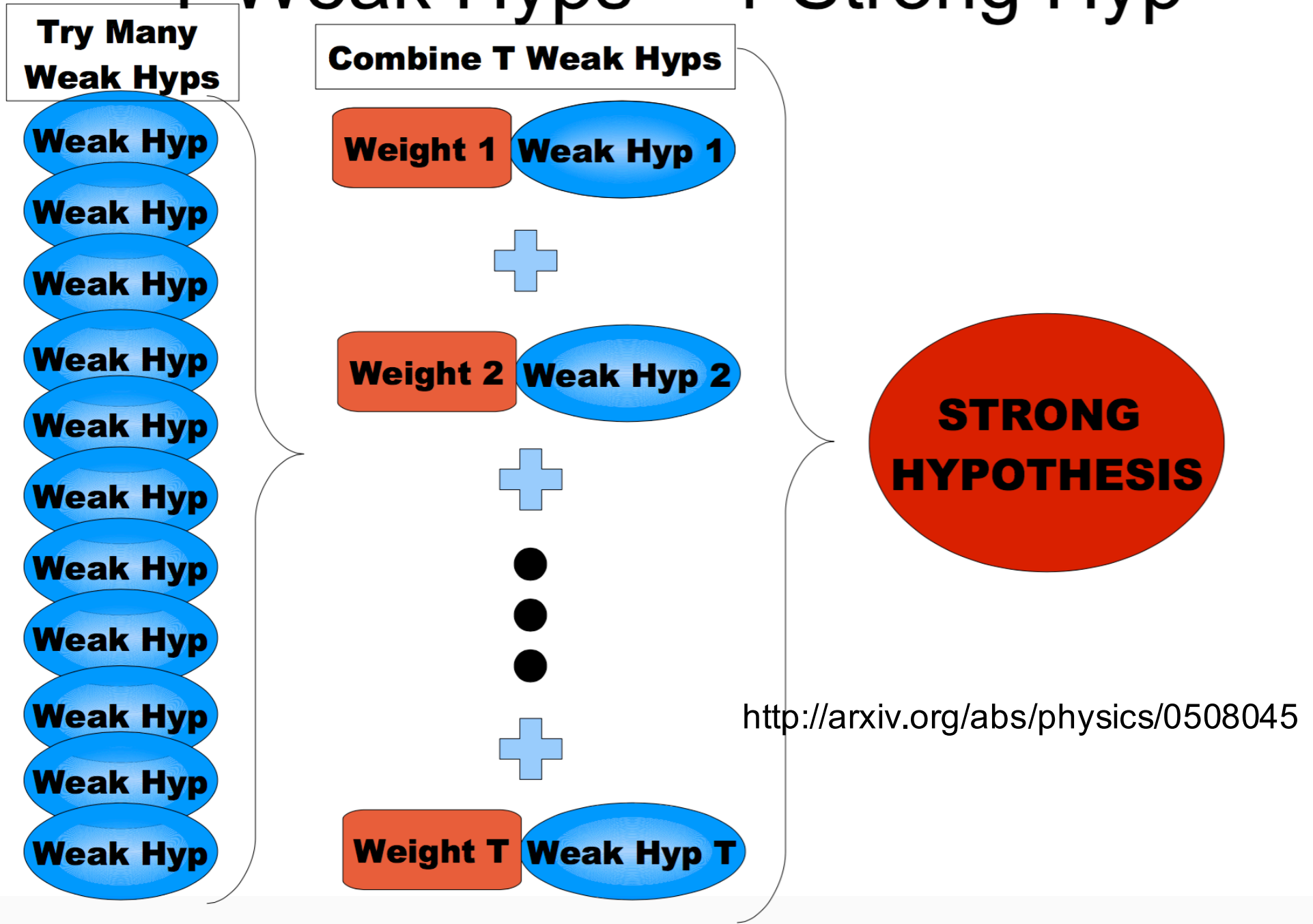
- Create a tree of cuts
- Divide sample into “pass” and “fail” sets
- Each node  corresponds to a cut (branch)
- A leaf  corresponds to an end-point
- For each leaf, calculate purity (from MC):
$$\text{purity} = N_S / (N_S + N_B)$$

Repeat recursively on each node

Stop (terminate at leaf) when improvement stops or when too few events left

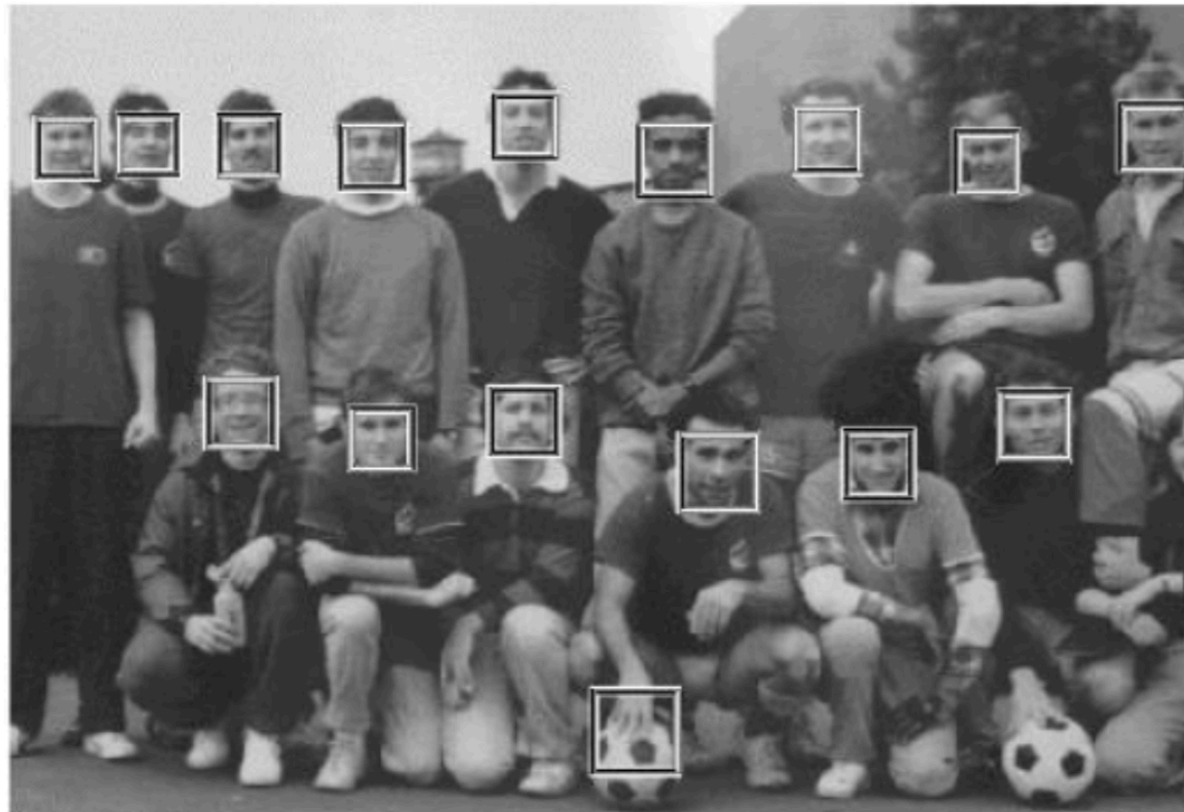
Boosting

T Weak Hyps = 1 Strong Hyp



Example: Face Detection

- We are given a dataset of images
- We need to determine if there are faces in the images

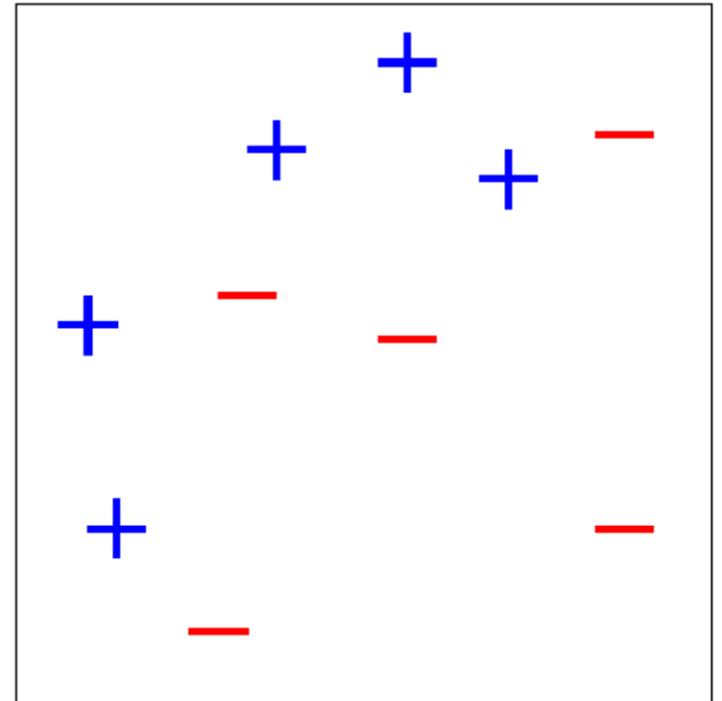


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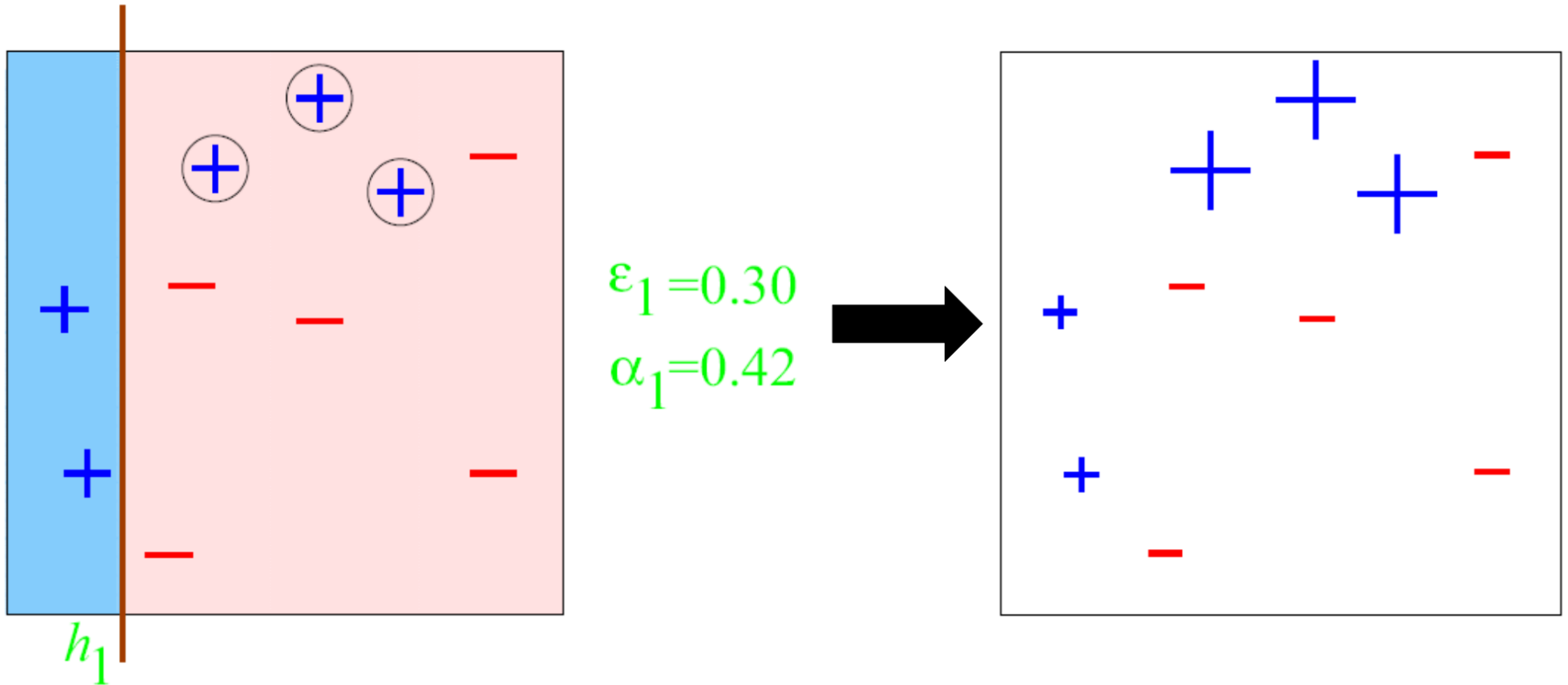
- Go through each possible rectangle
- Some weak hypotheses might be:
 - Is there a round object in the rectangle?
 - Does the rectangle have darker spots where the eyes should be?
 - Etc.
- Classifier = $2.1 * (\text{Is Round}) + 1.2 * (\text{Has Eyes})$

Boosting: Toy Example

- Positive examples
- Negative examples
- 2-Dimensional plane
- Weak hyps: linear separators
- 3 iterations

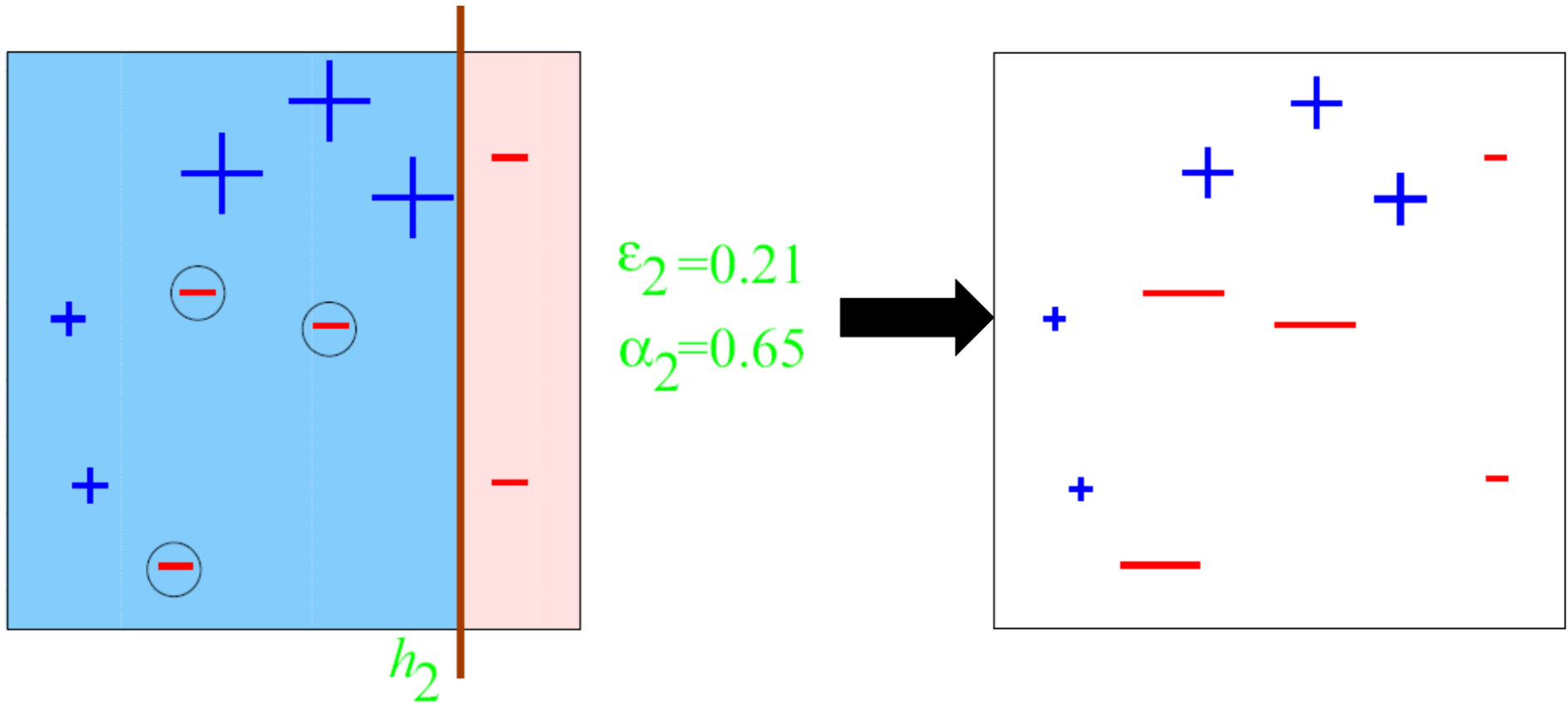


Toy Example: Iteration 1



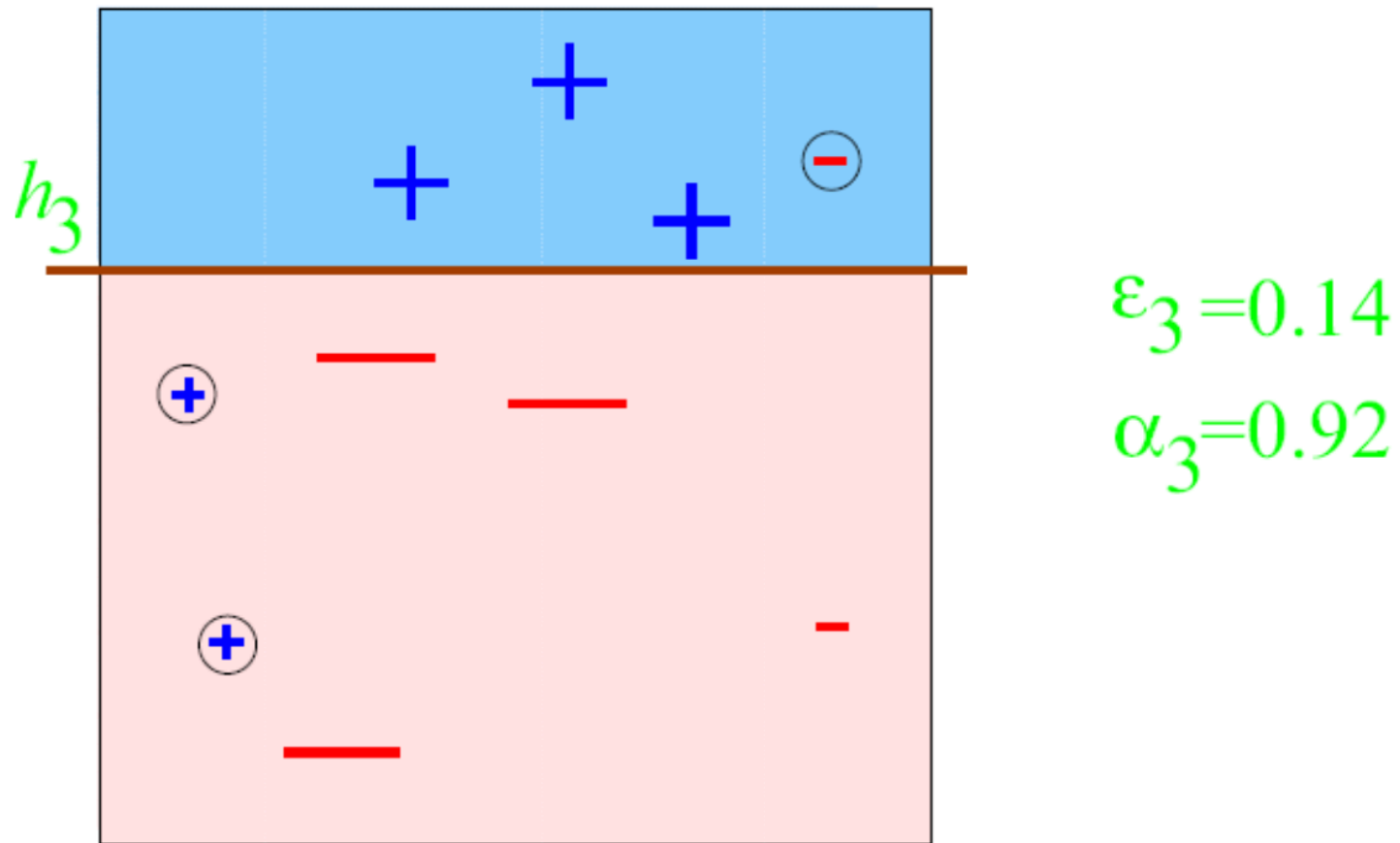
Misclassified examples are circled, given more weight

Toy Example: Iteration 2

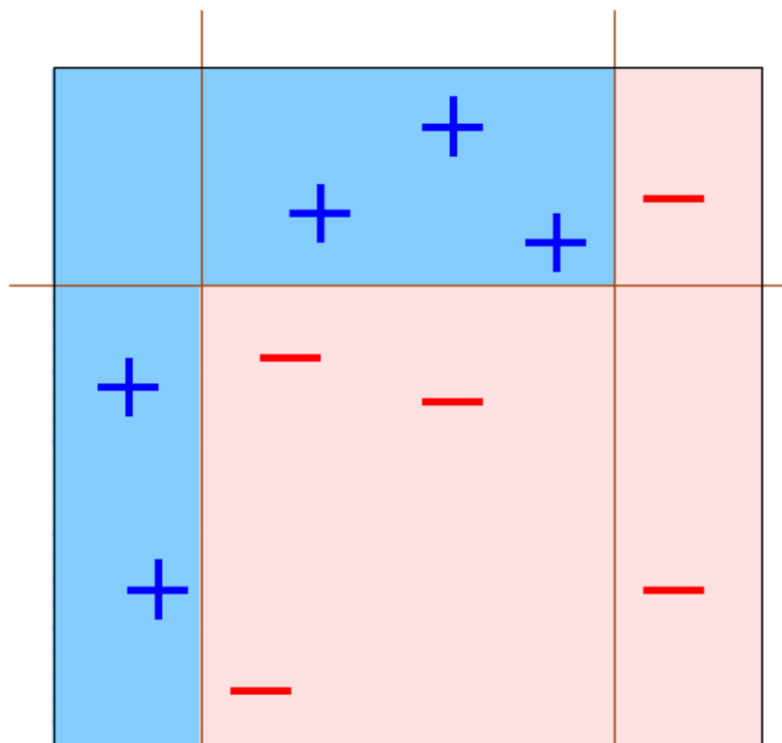
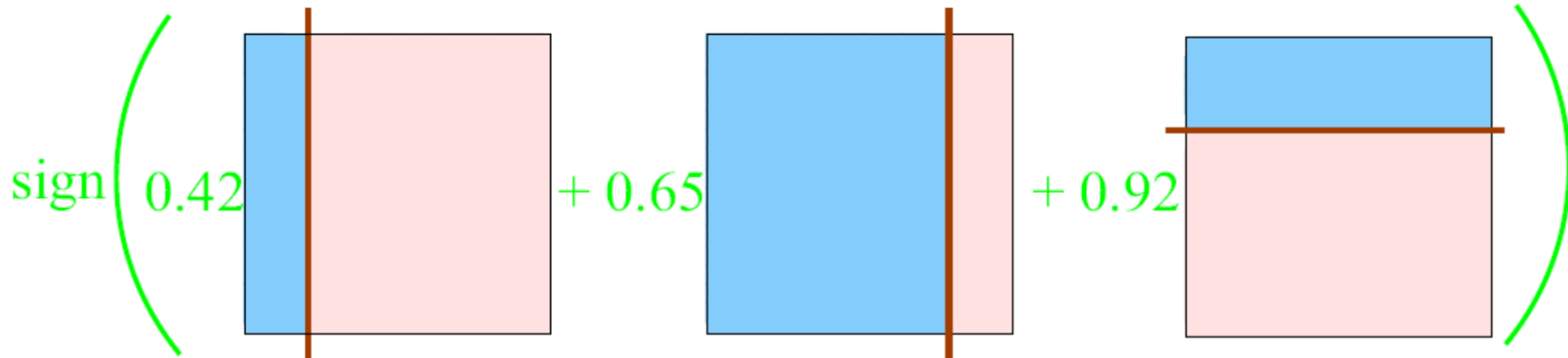


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Toy Example: Iteration 3



Finished boosting

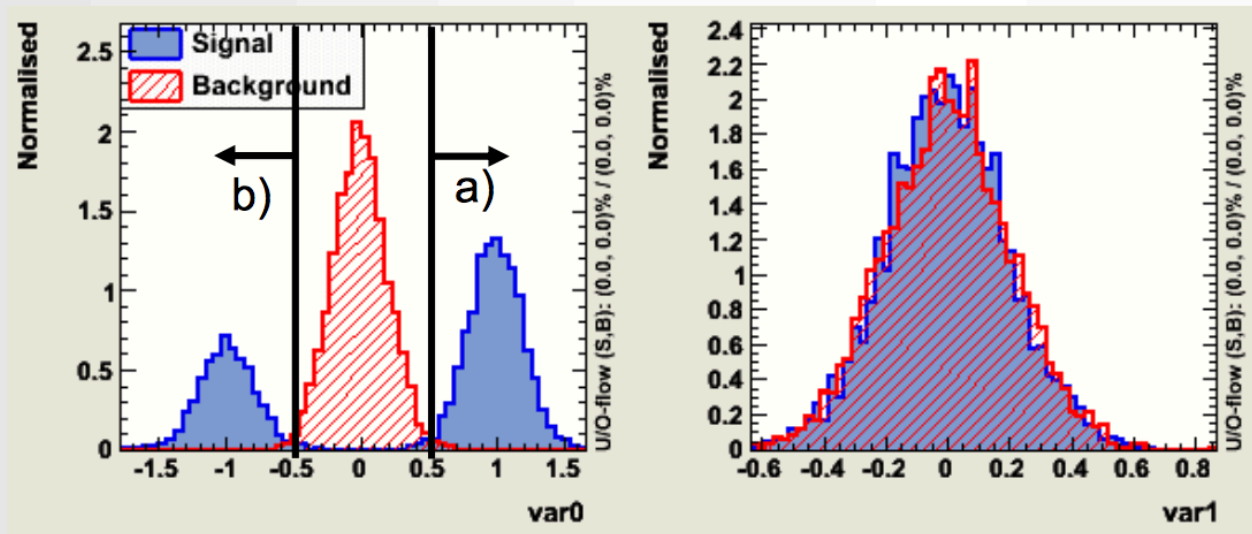
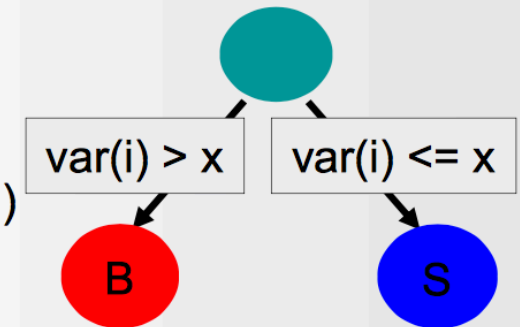


Taken from Freund 1996

AdaBoost: A simple demonstration

The example: (somewhat artificial...but nice for demonstration) :

- Data file with three “bumps”
- Weak classifier (i.e. one single simple “cut” ↔ decision tree stumps)



Two reasonable cuts: a) $\text{Var0} > 0.5 \rightarrow \epsilon_{\text{signal}}=66\% \epsilon_{\text{bkg}} \approx 0\%$ misclassified events in total 16.5%
 or
 b) $\text{Var0} < -0.5 \rightarrow \epsilon_{\text{signal}}=33\% \epsilon_{\text{bkg}} \approx 0\%$ misclassified events in total 33%

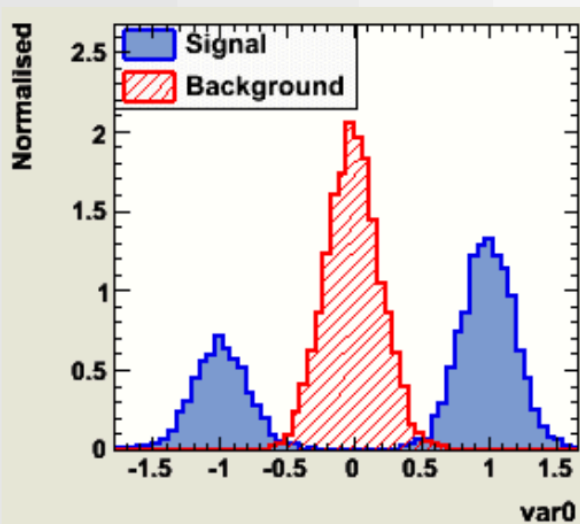
the training of a single decision tree stump will find “cut a)”

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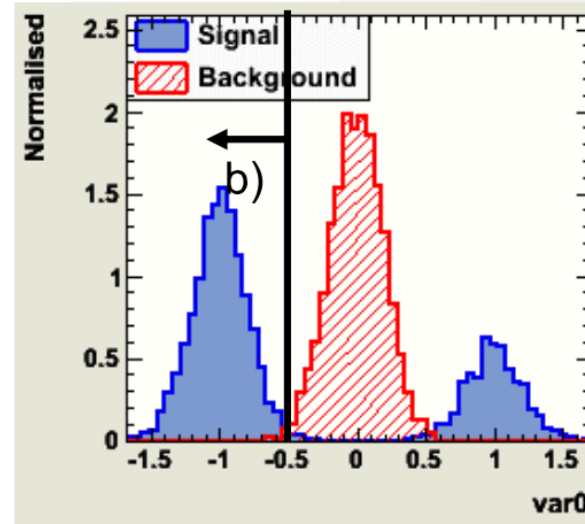
The first “tree”, choosing cut a) will give an error fraction: $\text{err} = 0.165$

before building the next “tree”: weight wrong classified training events by $(1-\text{err})/\text{err} \approx 5$

the next “tree” sees essentially the following data sample:



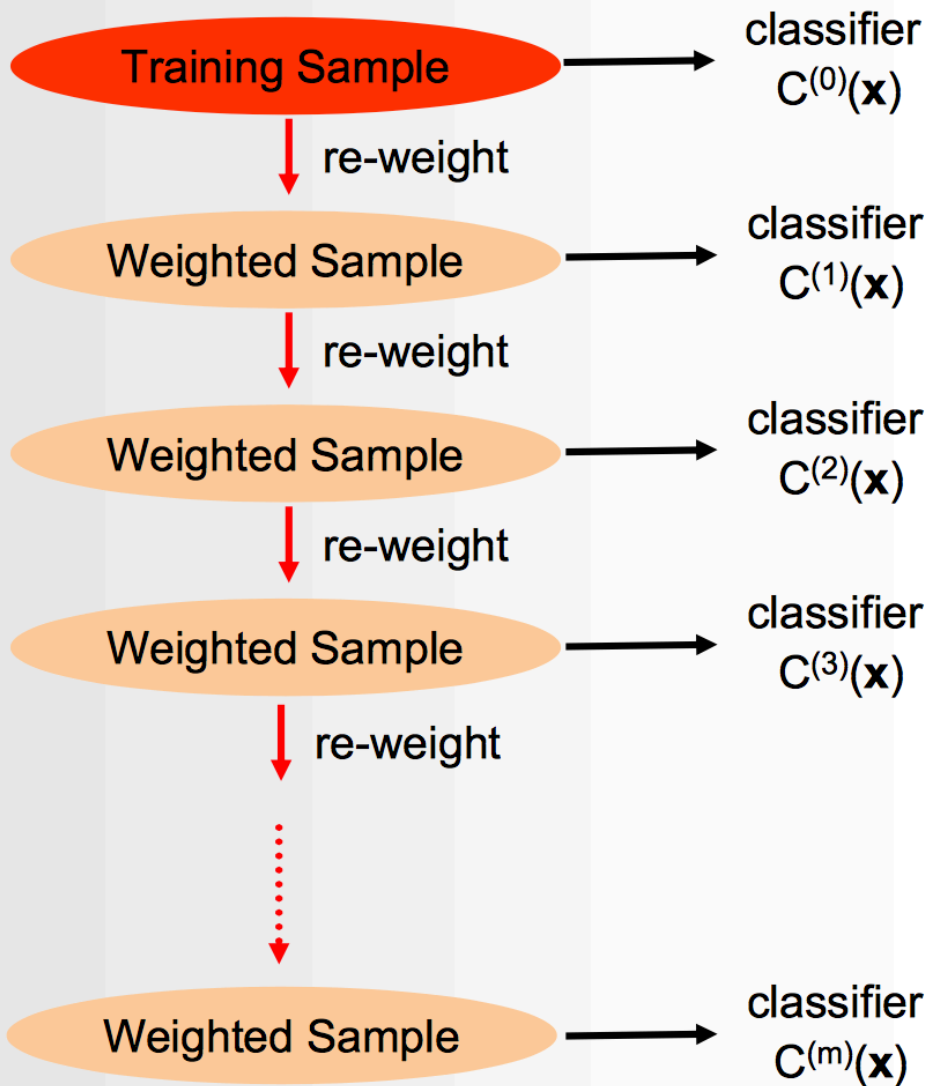
re-weight



.. and hence will
chose: “cut b)”:
 $\text{Var0} < -0.5$

The combined classifier: Tree1 + Tree2
the (weighted) average of the response to
a test event from both trees is able to
separate signal from background as
good as one would expect from the most
powerful classifier

Adaptive Boosting (AdaBoost)



- AdaBoost re-weights events misclassified by previous classifier by:

$$\frac{1 - f_{\text{err}}}{f_{\text{err}}} \text{ with :}$$

$$f_{\text{err}} = \frac{\text{misclassified events}}{\text{all events}}$$

- AdaBoost weights the classifiers also using the error rate of the individual classifier according to:

$$y(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_i^{N_{\text{Classifier}}} \log \left(\frac{1 - f_{\text{err}}^{(i)}}{f_{\text{err}}^{(i)}} \right) C^{(i)}(\mathbf{x})$$