





### **Towards Hybrid-grained Feature Interaction Selection for Deep Sparse Network**

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Winter



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Shanghai

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Basketball?

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Swimming?

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Ping Pong?

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Perhaps not much info



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Need a more fine-grained selection

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$$\mathbf{S}(x) = \mathbf{1}_{x>0}, \qquad \frac{dS}{dx} = 1$$

Sparsification-based Selection Alg.

## Result

Dataset		Criteo		Avazu		KDD12	
Category	Model	AUC	Logloss	AUC	Logloss	AUC	Logloss
Shallow	LR	0.7882	0.4609	0.7563	0.3928	0.7411	0.1637
	FM	0.8047	0.4464	0.7839	0.3783	0.7786	0.1566
DSNs	FNN	0.8101	0.4414	0.7891	0.3762	0.7947	0.1536
	DeepFM	0.8097	0.4418	0.7896	0.3757	<u>0.7969</u>	<u>0.1531</u>
	DCN	0.8096	0.4419	0.7887	0.3767	0.7955	0.1534
	IPNN	0.8103	0.4413	0.7896	0.3741	0.7945	0.1537
DSNs with FIS	AutoFIS	0.8089	0.4428	0.7903	0.3749	0.7959	0.1533
	PROFIT	<u>0.8112</u>	<u>0.4406</u>	<u>0.7906</u>	<u>0.3756</u>	0.7964	0.1533
	OptFeature	0.8116	0.4402	0.7925*	0.3741*	0.7982*	0.1529*

#### Table 1: Overall Performance Comparison

Here \* denotes statistically significant improvement (measured by a two-sided t-test with p-value < 0.05) over the best baseline. The best and second best performed results are marked in **bold** and <u>underline</u> format

On All datasets, OptFeature ranks the first On Avazu and KDD12, OptFeature achieve significant improvement

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OptFeature is both efficient and effective

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### **Limitations**:

- 1. Lack online evaluation
- 2. Feature Selection is excluded
- 3. Single metric-driven

## **Thanks for Listening!**

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