Pion reconstruction in the ATLAS detector using Graph Neural Networks

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ATLAS Detector Geometry







Dataset and ML Problem

- Dataset:
 - Simulated single pion showers (π^0 and π^+)
 - Topo-clusters: 3D objects representing local particle showers

Neutral pions

 Previous approach: image representation of each layer of calorimeter



Charged pions

Difference



• ML Problems:

- Pion classification: π^0 or π^+
- Energy regression: pion energy

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Results: Image-based approach

- Image-based methods outperform the baseline classification and energy calibration methods.
- Drawbacks: Sparse images of varying dimensions, restricted η range ($|\eta| < 0.7$) due to changes in detector geometry.



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Graph Neural Network Approach

- Representing topo-clusters as graphs is more suited to handle its non-uniform 3D structure compared to a series of calorimeter images
- More flexibility to include different calorimeter layer geometries/granularities
- Improved ability to perform cluster classification and energy calibration out to forward regions



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Topo-Cluster Graph Representation

- Nodes: Cells from the topo-cluster with features such as
 - cell energy
 - sampling layer
 - cell location (η , ϕ)
 - cell size
- Edges: One-hot encoded vector defining geographical connections between nodes
- Global Node: total cluster energy



GNN Model



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GNN Results: Classification





GNN Results: Regression

Significant improvement in the cluster energy response using the GNN model compared to EM and LCW scales



Response Medians

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Inter-Quantile Range (IQR)



- Addition of tracks to graph-based representations of topo-clusters as additional inputs
- Use trained GNN models for inference within the ATHENA framework
 - involves conversion to ONNX model
 - successfully implemented this previously with the image-based models



