# Tau Identification & Classification with GNN — How to Improve

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# τ-Leptons and The Motivations for $\tau_{had}$ ID and Decay Mode Classification

- ID important for several areas of research, such as:
  - $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$  production [2]
  - Di-Higgs searches with  $b\overline{b}\tau^+\tau^-$





#### $au_{ m had}$ Decay Cones:

- Highly collimated narrow cone
- Small cross-section

• Goal is to obtain greater background rejection and signal efficiency for ID and Decay Mode Classification

Low multiplicity



#### **Dijet Production & Cone**

- Main background source of fake  $\tau_{had}$  are jets from QCD
- Shower shape can mimic/drown-out the shower shape of  $\pi$ 's from  $au_{had}$
- Fragment into multiple hadrons (high multiplicity)
- High production crosssection for dijets
- Wider cone area



[1] Joern Mahlstedt and the ATLAS collaboration 2014 J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 513 012021, DOI 10.1088/1742-6596/513/1/012021

### Current Workflow used by ATLAS [3] & Input Variables Used



\* Object refers to a candidate for either a  $\tau_{\rm had}$  Track,  $\pi^0$ , photon shot or conversion track

## Unified Approach: Graph Neural Network (GNN)

(With Dr. Joe Carmignani, University of Liverpool)



Objects are represented as nodes: **Red** for TauTracks (Layer 0) **Blue** for NeutralPFOs (Layer 1) **Green** for ShotPFOs (Layer 2) **Cyan** for ConvTracks (Layer 3) **Magenta** for TauClusters (Layer 4)

- Reduced GNN performed slightly better than RNN
- Increasing number of different types of objects increases performance in misidentified  $\tau_{had}$  rejection
- Reduced GNN data shows lower  $p_{T}$  rejection across the entire  $p_{T}$  distribution

#### Next Steps

- 1. Use edge attributes
- 2. Training for 1-prong data
- 3. Expand to include classifications for decay mode classes
- 4. Additional preprocessing on the data
- 5. Additional checks on size of graphs for impact on training

## Thank You for Listening