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Scientific Rationale: AI for tracking in space experiments

A range of models inspired by computer vision applications were investigated, which operated on data from tracking detectors in a format resembling images [A deep learning method for the trajectory reconstruction of cosmic rays with the DAMPE mission, Andrii Tykhonov et al, Astroparticle Physics 146, April 2023, 102795].

Although these approaches demonstrated potential, image-based methods encountered difficulties in adapting to the scale of realistic data, primarily due to the high dimensionality and sparsity of the data.

Tracking data are naturally represented as graph by identifying hits as nodes and tracks segments as (in general) directed edges. This leads to the investigation of the geometric deep learning approach.

We implemented an algorithm which exploits the potentials of the Graph Neural Networks (GNN), a subset of GDL algorithm, for the task of track reconstruction in a model of space experiment.



Beam test set up at Cern T10

The set up has been simulated by using Geant4 toolkit. Zirettino has not been included for now. A beam of π - of 10 GeV with inclined tracks of 0.5 deg has been simulated. M0,M1,M2,M3 are fiber tracking layers.

M2 consists of WLS with a 3 mm thick LYSO crystal in between.

The simulation includes the LYSO crystal but considers the fiber as the scintillating ones.

Random noise hits have been added to simulate properly the experimental response of each tracking layer.









Technical Objectives, Methodologies and Solutions: Graph neural networks

A graph represents the relations (edges or links) between a collection of entities (nodes). Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) are a class of deep learning models that are designed to operate on graph-structured data. They have shown remarkable success in tasks such as node classification, link prediction, and graph classification. The key idea behind GNNs is to learn representations for nodes and edges in a graph by aggregating information from their local neighborhood.

A GNN consists of a number of layers, each of which updates the representation of each node based on its local neighborhood.

The representation of each node is typically a lowdimensional vector that encodes the node's properties and its relationships with other nodes.

The layers of a GNN are designed to capture increasingly complex features of the graph by aggregating information from the neighborhood of each node.

The key component of a GNN layer is the aggregation function, which takes as input the representations of a node's neighbors and produces a new representation for the node.









Accomplished Work, Results

Graphs are a natural way to represent tracks!

Geant4 simulations

We developed graph neural networks for node classification, by using

PyTorch geometric library.

Nodes are the hits inside the tracking detector and edges are the interlayer hit connection.



Clustering









Software development tools

- The software development has been accomplished by using an in-local JupyterHub with GPU. The GPU for the JupyterHub instance is a partitioned GPU created from a 40GB Nvidia A100. In details, from a single A100, 7 GPU were generated, each with 5 GB of dedicated memory. The computing power of each partitioned GPU is also 1/7 of an A100.
- Tests on the GPU utilization have been accomplished by using a in-local JupyterLab instance with 40GB Nvidia A100-GPU.
- Training of the GNNs has been accomplished by using a in-local GPUs cluster. The available GPUs are NVIDIA A100 40GB and NVIDIA V100 32GB



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The SageConv algorithm

The SageConv architecture is a variant of the GraphSAGE architecture.

It uses a more expressive convolutional operator, which allows it to capture more complex features.

The SageConv aggregation function takes into account the degrees of the nodes in the neighborhood.

SageConv uses the average of the representations of the neighbors, normalized by the degree of each neighbor, as the aggregate representation.

This allows it to capture more fine-grained information about the structure of the graph. It also uses skip connections to facilitate gradient flow during training. Specifically, the output of each layer is combined with the input representation of the node. The concatenated vector is then passed through a fully connected layer to produce the final output of the layer.

CV 5 fold	accuracy	recall	precision	 2,6 million event 500 epochs, Ir =0.0001, aggregation function=mean
train data	0.972±0.007	0.968 ± 0.009	0.9902 ± 0.0014	
validation data	0.972±0.007	0.968 ± 0.009	0.9862±0.0024	



Performances on test data accuracy 0.9665 recall 0.9631 precision 0.9873

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The SageConv algorithm: comparison with traditional pipeline

The traditional tracking pipeline minimizes the chi-square between the hits inside each events, then fit the track with a linear function. The AI pipeline performs the selection of good hits and fit the track with the same linear function.



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The SageConv algorithm: comparison with traditional pipeline

To evaluate the AI pipeline, we compare the differences between the monte carlo director cosines and the ones evaluated by applying the AI and traditional pipeline



To process 5000 tracks the analytical pipeline takes 9 min and 15 s, the AI pipeline takes 114 ms!









GAT algorithm

Graph Attention Networks (GATs) are a variant of Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) that leverage attention mechanisms for feature learning on graphs.

In standard GNNs, such as Graph Convolutional Networks (GCNs), the feature update of a node is typically the average of the features of its neighbors. This approach does not differentiate between the contributions of different neighbors.

GATs, on the other hand, assign an attention coefficient to each neighbor, indicating the importance of that neighbor's features for the feature update of the node. These coefficients are computed using a shared self-attention mechanism, which calculates an attention score for each pair of nodes. The scores are then normalized across each node's neighborhood using a SoftMax function.



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The GAT algorithm: comparison with traditional pipeline



The Gat performances are similar in terms of time consumption to the SageConv ones.

Anyway, for two events, it does not recognize good hits (false negatives).









GCN algorithm

The general idea of GCN is to apply convolution over a graph. Instead of having a 2-D array as input as in the classical CNN algorithm, GCN takes a graph as an input





Algorithm performances: 1500 epochs 2 million events Ir 5e-4 Accuracy: 0,8662 Recall: 0,8326 Precision: 0,9663









The GCN algorithm: comparison with traditional pipeline



The GCN performances are similar in terms of time consumption to the SageConv ones.

Anyway, for 11 events, it does not recognize good hits (false negatives).









Beam test data SageConv algorithm







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Track fit parameters distributions



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Cosine directors distributions



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Balanced and normalized

dataset



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What happen in a high noise environment?

SageConv algorithm:

- 4 million event,
- 550 epochs,
- Ir =0.0001,
- 7 GNN layer
- aggregation function=mean





Accuracy: 0,9761 Recall: 0,9649 Precision: 0,9851

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Event display



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The SageConv algorithm: comparison with traditional pipeline



To process 5000 tracks the analytical pipeline takes 102 min the AI pipeline takes 112 ms

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Timescale, Milestones and KPIs

Timescale	Milestones	KPI
May-September	Optimization of the GNN algorithms	Link github
September –December	Preliminary analysis and gnn development on more complex tracking data	Link github
January-?	Development of a preliminary unified AI architecture for tracker and calorimeter (see M.Bossa talk) in space experiment	Link github









Next Steps and Expected Results

The GNN shows promising performances on tracking purposes over the analytical/traditional approach. All the software development has been saved on https://github.com/federicacuna/TB_Sept_2023_ml, https://github.com/federicacuna/TE_Sept_2023_ml, https://github.com/federicacuna/TE_Sept_2023_ml, https://github.com/federicacuna/TE_Sept_2023_ml, https://github.com/federicacuna/TestBeam_T10_2023, https://g

There is room for improvement, by looking on more complex problem with more sophisticated tracker, where we can investigate more

elaborated GNN architecture like the interaction networks, which can reconstruct multiple tracks inside the tracker.

Next step:

- Optimization of the GNN algorithm
- Preliminary analysis and GNN development on more complex tracking data
- Development of a preliminary unified AI architecture for tracker and calorimeter (see M.Bossa talk) in space experiment

Thank you!













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