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# GNN Track Reconstruction of Non-helical BSM Signatures

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#### Quirk Introduction

Quirks are stable BSM particles that are charged under an unbroken non-Abelian gauge force which confines at low energies:

Used in models of dark matter, little Higgs scenarios, folded SUSY...

Quirks are characterized by a hidden QCD-like confinement scale  $\Lambda$  and mass  $m<sub>\Omega</sub>$ with:

 $\Lambda$  <<  $m<sub>Q</sub>$ 

- Once produced quirks are separated by a QCD-like color-string which keep the quirk pair neutral
- But as opposed to the SM, the small energy stored in the string is insufficient to produce a quirk pair and thus preventing hadronization

Quirks are subjected to a restoring force with the scale  $\Lambda^2$  and exhibit oscillations on the scale( $\gamma$  is the Lorentz boost of the quirk pair)

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d_{cm} \approx 2 \, \text{cm}(\gamma - 1) \left(\frac{m_Q}{100 \, \text{GeV}}\right) \left(\frac{\text{keV}}{\Lambda}\right)^2
$$



[0805.4642](https://arxiv.org/pdf/0805.4642.pdf)

#### What's the plan

- $\triangleright$  In ATLAS, searching for tracks among particles hits is a huge combinatorial problem, usually aided by making assumptions about particle trajectories.
- ➢ Those assumptions limit our ability to discover particles which violate those assumptions, such as the quirk which has the oscillations rather than standard helices. Writing a dedicated quirk tracker would require a complete rewrite.
- $\triangleright$  Use the more flexible ML-based tracking algorithm to learn maybe a good way to find quirks.

1. Does the GNN tracking work for non-helical tracks?

- 2. When it is trained on SM (i.e. mostly helical) tracks, can it work on non-helical?
- 3. When it is trained on non-helical, can it work on non-helical?

4. When we mix the SM and non-helical tracks and training on them, can the trained model work on search non-helical in the mixed dataset?

5. Will the reconstruction efficiency be different for quirks of different mass and scale?

#### Dataset

- $\triangleright$  Use MG5 generate samples through pp  $\rightarrow$   $Q\overline{Q}$  + j:
	- Quirk: Collect Quirk and through a simplistic model of the ATLAS detector which consists of 8 layers/25layers of trackers.
- $\triangleright$  For 8 layers, 500 GeV quirk pair with the string tension (Lambda) = 500 eV [1708.02243](https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.02243)
	- ➢ For 25 layers, we generate samples of simulated quirks in the mass range [100,5000] GeV and Lambda range[100, 5000] eV.
	- $\triangleright$  Background: Jet (~100 particles for one event)

#### $\triangleright$  The quirk track becomes more complex and crazy when mass/scale larger.



#### Quirk Dataset

The Lorentz factor  $\gamma$ , the transverse momentum  $P_T$  and opening angle  $\Delta \phi$  of the quirk pair for different samples.





To avoid the crazy tracks (Which in-out one layer repeatedly) We focus on one simple category of quirk tracks initially (This is the first study for "well-behaved" quirks), so we do the simple selection on Quirk dataset:

- $\triangleright$   $N_{hit}$  < 3\*  $N_{layer}$
- ➢ The eff of this "well-behaved" selection is 40%-90% for our dataset.

#### Pipeline



 $\triangleright$  Score each "neighbour" hit within embedding neighborhood against the "target" hit at center.

➢ Associate neighboring hits as close in N-dimensional distance.

# Training details – 8layers background training

- $\triangleright$  Training on the background dataset(SM tracks)
- $\triangleright$  8 layers, 500 GeV quirk pair with the string tension (Lambda) = 500 eV
- 1k events to train on.
- $\triangleright$  background inference: 97.9% reconstructed efficiency



➢ quirk inference (8layers, mass= 500GeV, Lambda = 500eV):

10.2% reconstructed efficiency





### Distribution of reconstructed quirks

The distribution of reconstructed quirks' information: (quirk inference)

- $\triangleright$  r,  $\phi$ ,  $z$ (cm) are truth information of hits. r is scaled to (0,1). The plots are shown in the [backup.](#page-23-0)
- $\triangleright$   $n_{reco}^{hits}$  is the number of reconstructed hits,  $n_{truth}^{hits}$  is the number of truth hits.



#### Reconstructed hits of quirk

With same event (use the reconstructed event information):

 $\triangleright$  Some hits<sub>reco</sub> are the part of truth quirk track.





➢ Only reconstruct simple and smooth track. (The particle 617 is failed to be reconstructed)





# Results: Quirk training, quirk inference

- $\triangleright$  8 layers, 500 GeV quirk pair with the string tension (Lambda) = 500 eV
- $\triangleright$  1k events to train on.

Well-behaved Quirk training, quirk inference: 91.5% reconstructed efficiency

The distribution of reconstructed quirks' information:

 $\triangleright$  r,  $\phi$ ,  $z$ (cm) are truth information of hits. r is scaled to (0,1). The plots are shown in the

[backup](#page-28-0).

A  $n_{reco}^{hits}$  is the number of reconstructed hits,  $n_{truth}^{hits}$  is the number of truth hits.





#### Reconstructed hits of quirk

#### All of well-behaved quirks are reconstructed well even though the dot plot looks chaos:



#### Reconstructed hits of quirk



# Results: All Quirk training, quirk inference

We training on all quirks without pre-selection, the performance has dropped significantly: 56.3% reconstructed efficiency

Also, When tracks become crazy with lots of hits and in-out layers, the reconstructed performance is bad: ➢ "Well-behaved" selection is useful.



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Efficiency versus  $P_T$ , quirk opening angle(center), and number of true hits(right) for well-behaved quirks or all quirks.



### Results: Mix training, mix inference

- ⚫ Considering the realistic applications of non-helical tracking will require identifying such tracks among many helical tracks from background processes. We mix the SM tracks and well-behaved track, then training on them.
- In this training, the quirk with positive labels as well as SM tracks with negative labels.

The 61.4% efficiency we get in the 8 layers, 500 GeV quirk pair with the 500eV string tension. To explore the dependence of the number of tracking layers, the study was repeated in the 25 layers setting, yielding an efficiency of 79% which is better than 8 layers.

The reconstructed performance in the 25 layers:



### More datasets, more results

How oscillation length(d) affect the reconstruction efficiency? A scan of quirk parameters  $(m_0, \lambda)$  is applied:

- $\triangleright$  The efficiency is smaller when oscillation length is smaller.
- ➢ More reconstruction performance are shown in [backup](#page-33-0).



Mass\_100\_Lambda\_500:



#### Mass\_100\_Lambda\_1000:



#### Mass\_100\_Lambda\_5000:





#### Some tests

#### $\triangleright$  Generalizability:

Mix samples with different  $(m<sub>0</sub>, \lambda)$ , then training on them and inference one interpolative point(the point which don't in the training mixed dataset, Mass\_100\_Lambda\_1000. We can get the 52.6% efficiency.

This result is worse than 79.7% which comes from training on Mass\_100\_Lambda\_1000, but still work.  $\overline{m_Q$  (GeV)  $\Lambda$ (eV) Efficiency

- $\triangleright$  SM tracks training, quirk inference:
- Only  $\lambda$ =100eV have a good performance due to the quirk track in 100eV is similar as the SM tracks.

In other point, the reconstructed efficiency is worse than training on the mixed dataset.







#### Conclusion

- $\triangleright$  We show that ML-based tracking can learn to reconstruct non-helical tracks with high efficiency when training on non-helical tracks and mixed tracks. That will allow for powerful new quirk searches and open the door to other weird-track searches
- ➢ Could use non-helical tracks as a tool to understand GNN reconstruction on helical tracks, or hard-toreconstruct SM particles
- $\triangleright$  Hope this tool could help us find the BSM particles with non-helical tracks.

# Backup

# Metric Learning: Background training, quirk inference

Use metric learning to reduce the dimension: Embedding the space points on to graphs.



### GNN: Background training, quirk inference

Train GNN to classify edges as either "true" (belonging to the same track) or "false" (not belonging to the same track)



# Performance – Tracking definitions

Physics cuts:  $\{|\eta| < 4\}$ 

Some selection for reconstructed particles: For bkg, we have 8 true hits for each particles, for quirk, we have  $\geq 8$  true hits.

- min\_reco\_length: 5 (Reconstructable)
- min\_truth\_length: 7
- Matching style: Two\_way



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- $\triangleright$  n\_reco\_hits is the number of reconstructed hits, n\_true\_hits is the number of truth hits.



### Distribution of reconstructed background

The distribution of reconstructed bkg(SM)s' information:

 $\triangleright$  The reconstructed information is similar as the truth information (n\_hits)



### Reconstructed hits of quirk

With same event (use the reconstructed event information):

- $\triangleright$  Some hits<sub>reco</sub> are the part of truth quirk track.
- ➢ Only reconstruct simple and smooth track.



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# <span id="page-28-0"></span>Results: Quirk training, quirk inference

#### Distribution of reconstructed quirks:









#### Reconstructed hits of quirk

#### All of well-behaved quirks are reconstructed well:



 $0.0$ 

 $0.0$ 

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Evaluate the model performance on one test data sample to see how the efficiency and purity change with the embedding radius.



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<span id="page-33-0"></span>Mass\_100\_Lambda\_100





Mass\_100\_Lambda\_500





Mass\_100\_Lambda\_1000











Mass\_100\_Lambda\_3000





Mass\_100\_Lambda\_4000





Mass\_100\_Lambda\_5000



 $0.6$ 



 $0.000$ 

Mass\_1000\_Lambda\_2000

Not completely overlapped, like m100, that is why we can still get a good eff.

Mass\_1000\_Lambda\_3000

 $-0.005$  $-0.010$  $-0.010$  $-0.015$  $-0.015$  $-0.02$  $-0.02$  $-0.025$  $-0.02$  $-0.030$  $-0.03$  $-0.035$  $-1.0$  $-0.6$   $-0.5$   $-0.4$   $-0.3$   $-0.2$   $-0.1$  $-0.8$  $-0.6$  $-0.4$  $-0.2$  $-0.9 -0.8$  $-0.7$ Hit X Hit X **Raw Trajectory Plot for Event 1642** Reconstruct Trajectory Plot for Event 1642  $-$  Particle 730.0  $\rightarrow$  Particle 730.0  $Partiche 7310$  $Partiche 731<sub>0</sub>$  $-0.1$  $-0.10$  $-0.15$  $-0.2$  $-0.20$  $-0.25$  $-0.3$  $-0.3$  $-0.4$ 

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 $\bullet$  Particle 1680.0

 $-$  Particle 1681.0

Reconstruct Trajectory Plot for Event 136

Raw Trajectory Plot for Event 1368

 $\leftarrow$  Particle 1680.0

 $0.2$ 

 $0.4$ 

 $Hit X$ 

 $0.6$ 

 $0.8$ 

Particle 1681.0



Raw Trajectory Plot for Event 1645

 $\bullet$  Particle 1032.0

 $P$  Particle 1033.0

 $0.2$ 

 $0.5$  $0.6$  $0.7$ 

 $\leftarrow$  Particle 1032.0

 $0.2$  $0.4$  $0.6$  $0.8$ 

Particle 1033.0

 $0.06$ 

 $0.05$ 

 $0.0$ 

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 $\sigma(\gamma)$  d [cm] Efficienc

 $m_Q$  (GeV)  $\Lambda$ (eV)

Mass\_1000\_Lambda\_4000



 $0.1$   $0.2$  $0.3$   $0.4$   $0.5$   $0.6$   $0.7$ 

Hit X

 $0.8$ 







Mass 500 Lambda 500



Mass\_500\_Lambda\_1000



Mass\_500\_Lambda\_2000





Mass 500 Lambda 3000





Mass\_500\_Lambda\_4000 More and more overlaped







