



Context Enriched Prong CNN performance studies in NOvA

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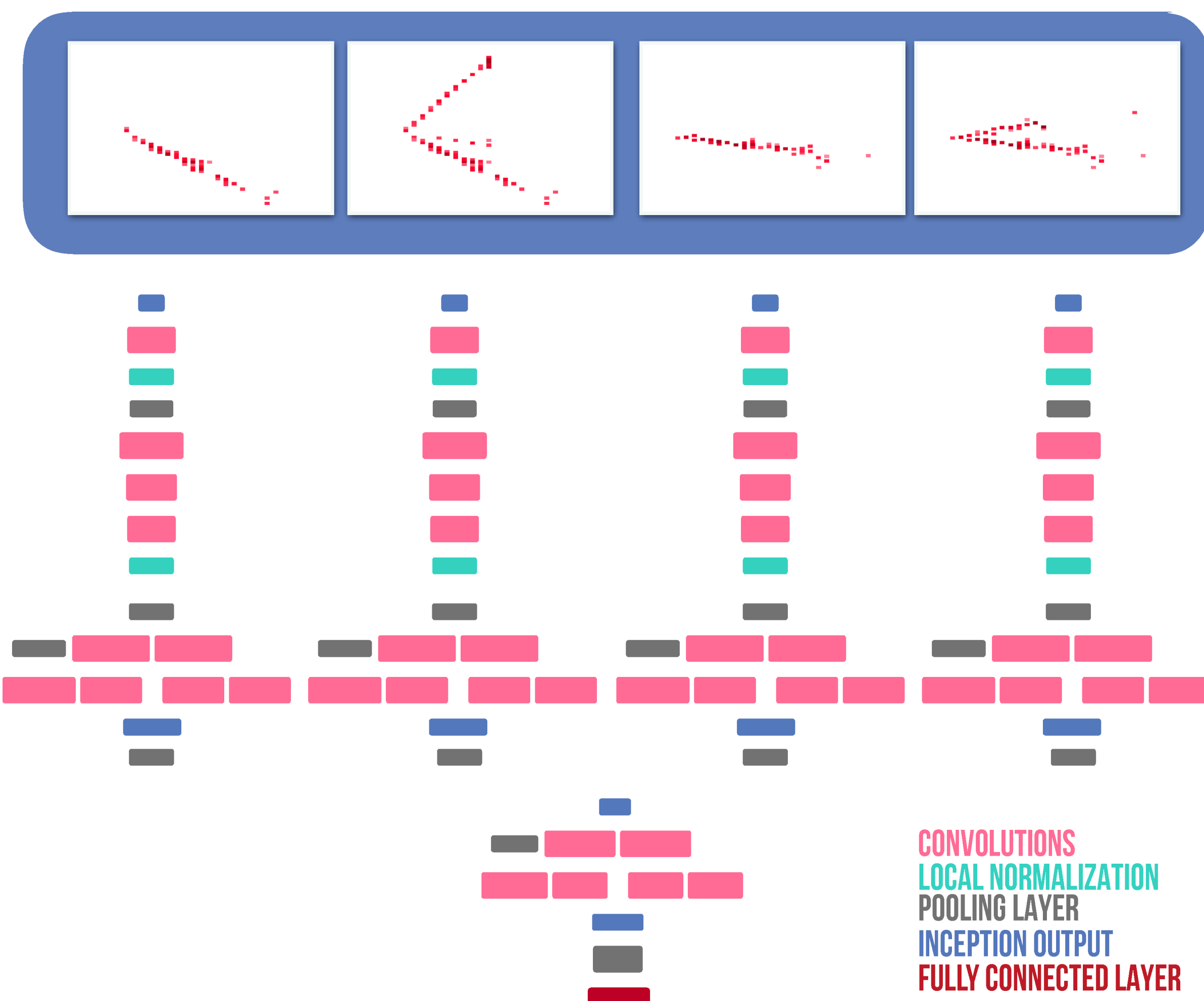


Introduction

- NOvA is a long baseline neutrino oscillation experiment with a near detector at 1 km and a far detector at 810 km.
- The oscillation measurements depend on neutrino flavour identification and neutrino energy measurement.
- NOvA uses Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) for event classification.

Prong CNN

- While NOvA uses Event CNN which can classify events, identification of final state particles of the event is needed to better our energy reconstruction and enable cross-section measurements of final states.
- Prong CNN goal is to identify all the final-state particles of a given neutrino event.
- Prong CNN uses a four-tower siamese-type architecture[1] for including context information i.e it takes both event (Context) views and prong (Independent) views.

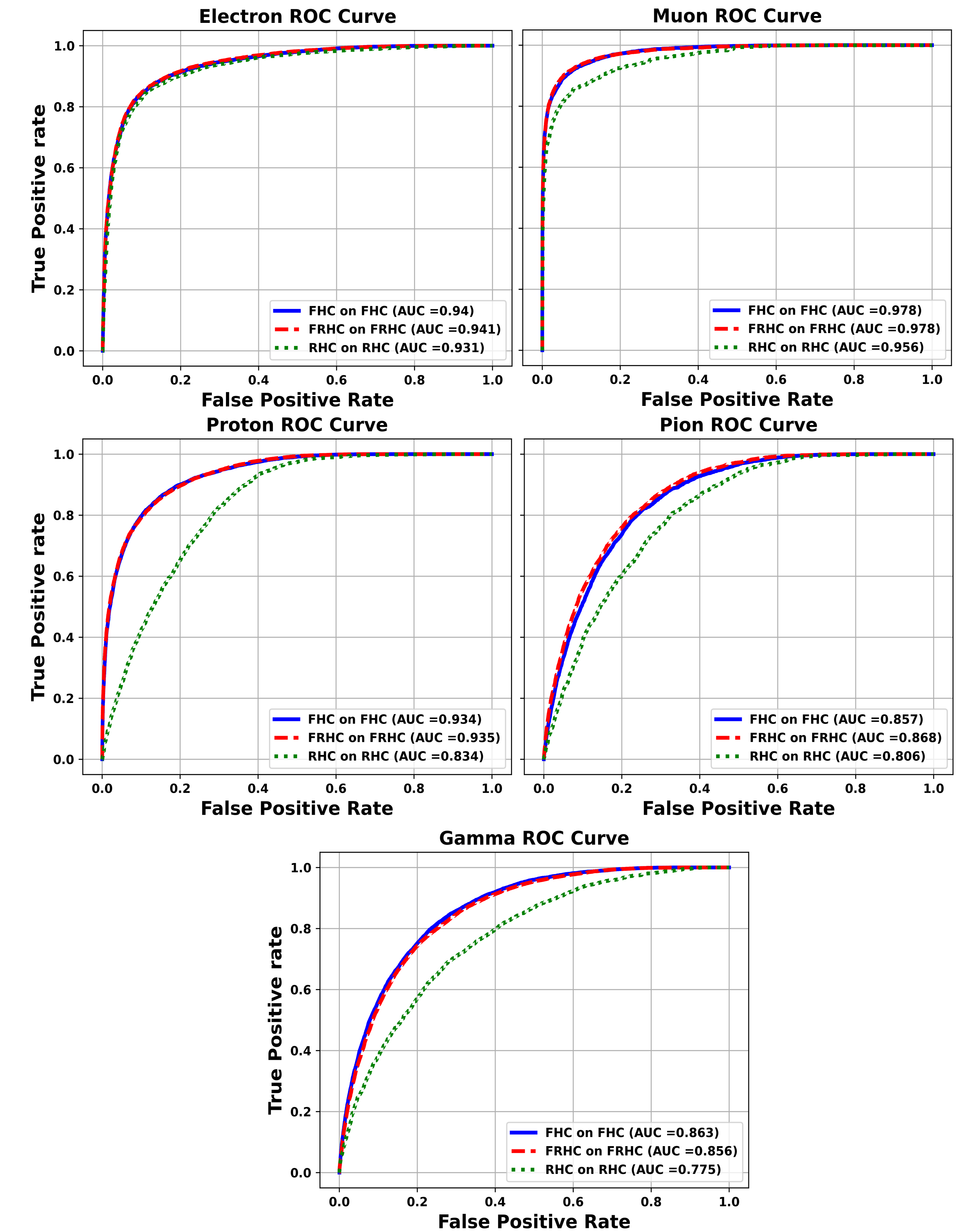
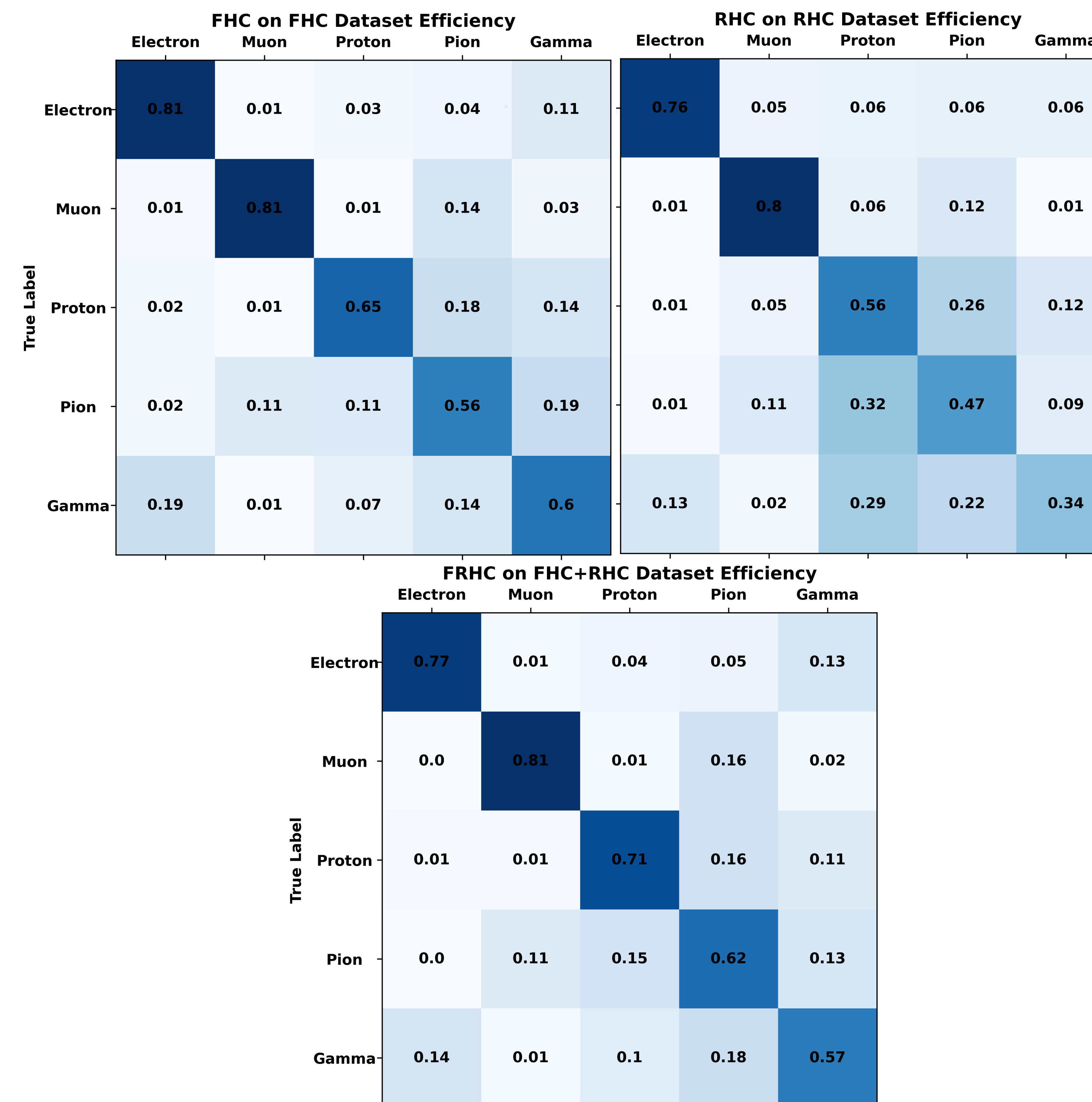


- The previous iteration of Prong CNN used by NOvA trained on neutrino (FHC) and anti-neutrino(RHC) dataset separately. In this work, the network is trained on a combined (FRHC) neutrino and anti-neutrino dataset and compared with the separately trained networks.
- Following selection cuts are used on the training sample:

Selection cuts	Description
Containment Cut	Selects the prong and the event contained within the detector boundaries
Cosmic Veto	Removes cosmic events
Purity Cut	Realistic looking cluster with prongs μ^\pm, γ : 50 %, e^- : 40 %, π^\pm, p^+ : 35 %
Prong length	Cut prongs with prong length more than 5 m

- The resulting dataset is then balanced to contain an approximately equal number of each type of particle.

Results



Conclusion and Future Work

- Preliminary training networks show that FRHC network is on par with RHC and FHC networks trained separately even though FRHC has double the dataset.
- **Future:** Will try to find if the network performance can be improved by tuning the network parameters.
- **Future:** Train with complete dataset and compare the three networks.
- **Future:** Check the effect of purity cuts on network performance.

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