

Cool, but How?

A Two-Stage Training Strategy

- **Stage 1: Self-Supervised Pre-Training**
 - *Goal:* Force the model to learn a rich, physical representation of events.
 - *How:* A dual-objective Masked Autoencoder (MAE).
 - *Reconstruction Task:* Reconstruct masked (hidden) parts of the event.
 - *Contrastive Task:* Group hits that belong to the same voxel ID.
- **Stage 2: Supervised Fine-Tuning**
 - Goal: Adapt the "smart" pre-trained encoder to specific physics tasks.
 - How: Use the pre-trained weights as a starting point and fine-tune on the labeled dataset for classification and regression.

Fine Tuning

Stage 2

Input of the model:

- **The complete, unmasked event:** The model now sees all the voxel hits.
- **Features:** Voxel energy, 3D coordinates, and global event features

The Core Idea: Transfer Learning

- **Using the encoder weights from the previous model:** Hierarchical Transformer Encoder is **not** trained from scratch

