

GRAPH BASED PARTICLE TRACKING

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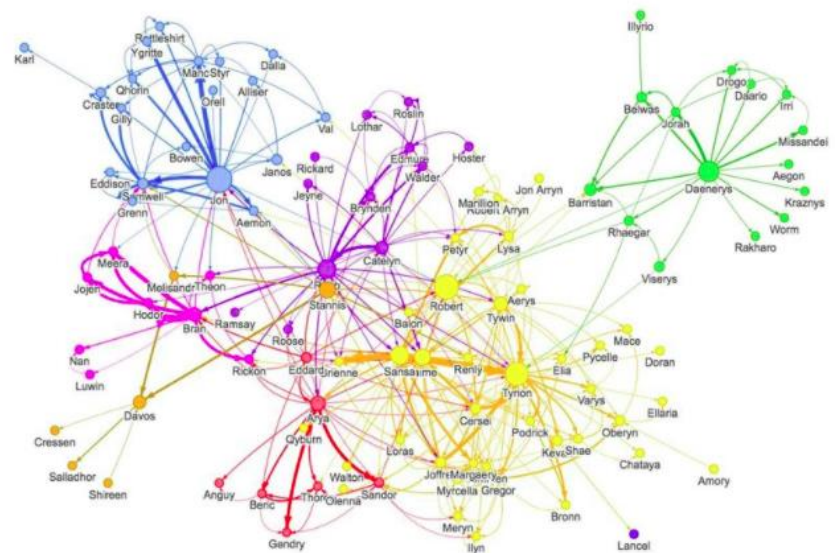
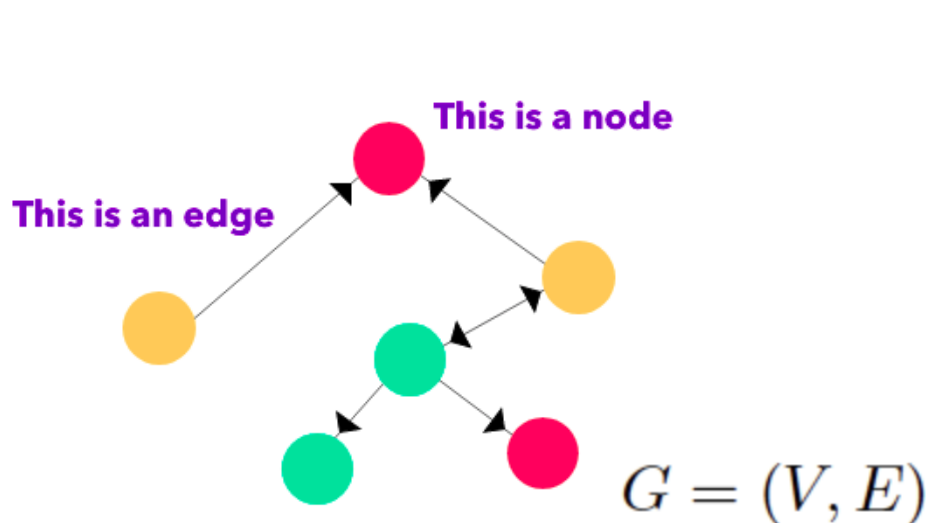
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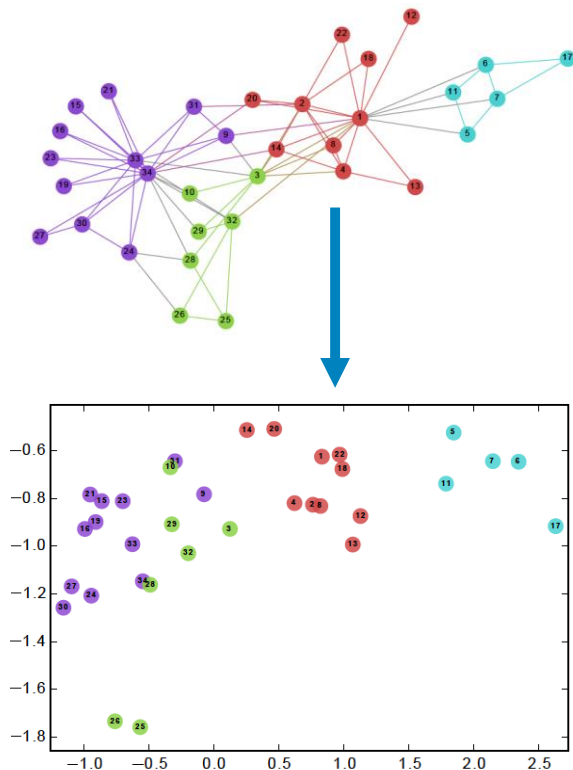
Graphs

- A graph is a mathematical structure composed of:
 - **Nodes**: vertices with associated information (spatial coordinates, features, etc)
 - **Edges**: connections between nodes
 - Can be directed or undirected
 - Can have associated information
- Graphs can represent many types of relational/geometric data
- Graphs can be multilevel (nodes are encoded graphs)



Graph Neural Networks

- GNNs learn a smart **embedding** of the graph structure
- Leverage geometric information by passing and aggregating **messages** from neighbors
- Practically, W_k and B_k are shallow neural networks



Initial “layer 0” embeddings are equal to node features

$$\mathbf{h}_v^0 = \mathbf{x}_v$$

previous layer embedding of v

$$\mathbf{h}_v^k = \sigma \left(\mathbf{W}_k \sum_{u \in N(v)} \frac{\mathbf{h}_u^{k-1}}{|N(v)|} + \mathbf{B}_k \mathbf{h}_v^{k-1} \right), \quad \forall k > 0$$

\mathbf{h}_v^k is the k th layer embedding of v

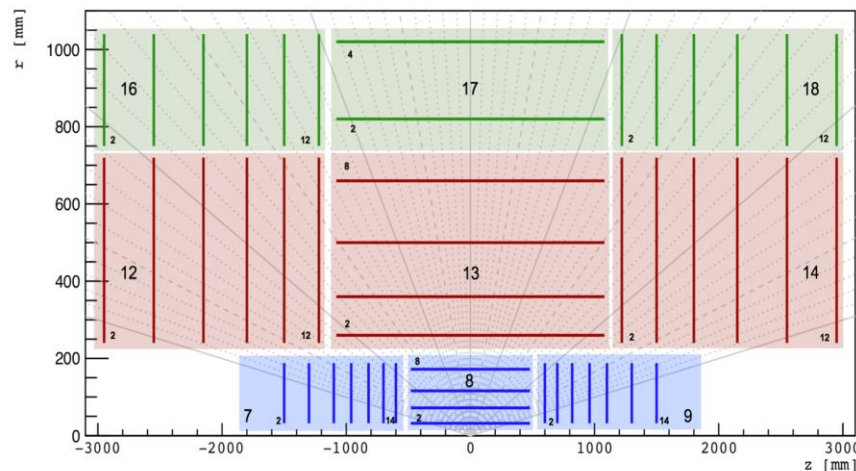
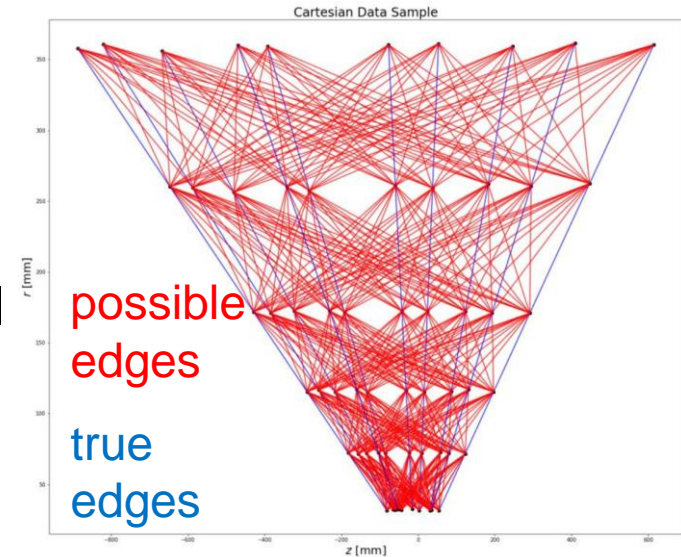
σ is non-linearity (e.g., ReLU or tanh)

average of neighbor's previous layer embeddings

GNNs for Tracking

Basic procedure

1. Form initial graph from spacepoints/hits (pre-processing)
2. Process with GNN to get probabilities of all edges
3. Apply post-processing algorithm to link edges together into tracks and get parameters



- Many places to improve/innovate
 - Graph construction, architectures, data augmentation...
- Most work shown here uses TrackML dataset
 - Open, experiment agnostic
 - 200 PU, silicon semiconductor detector

Graph Construction

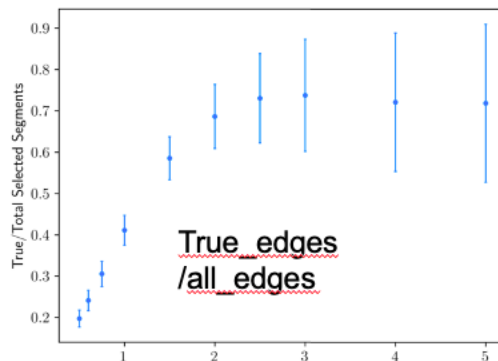
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- Edge efficiency: true edges/all edges
- Truth efficiency: true edges in graph/all possible true edges

'Current' Methods

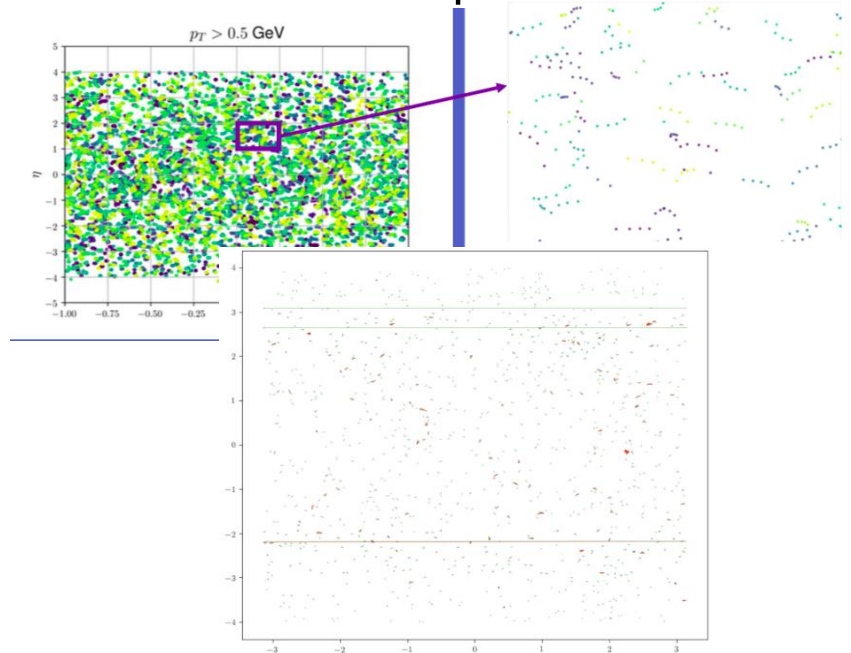
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- Layer pairs+: allow edges within a layer
- kNN: form edges between a hit and its k closest neighbors (can customize distance metric)

Graph Efficiency



Exploratory Methods

- Dynamic kNN
- Learned clustering
- DBScan in eta-phi space



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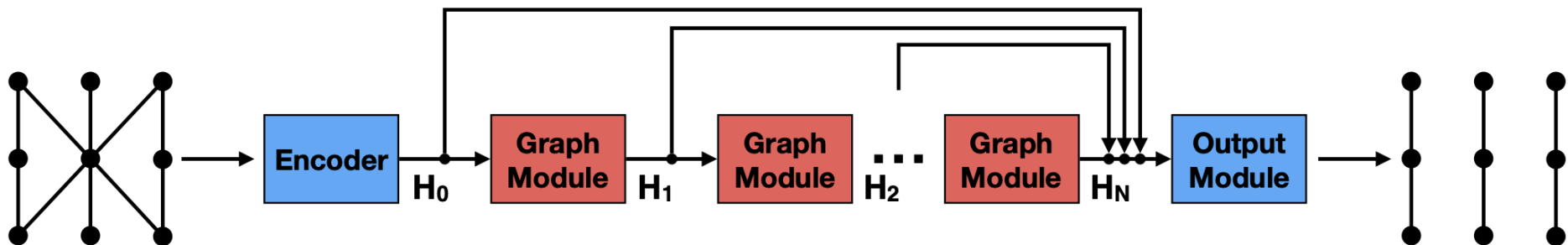
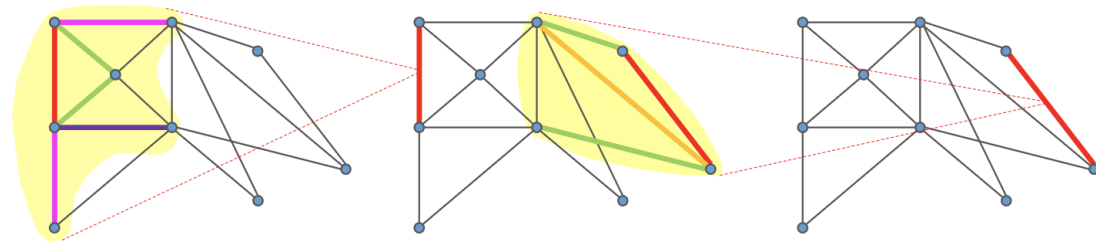
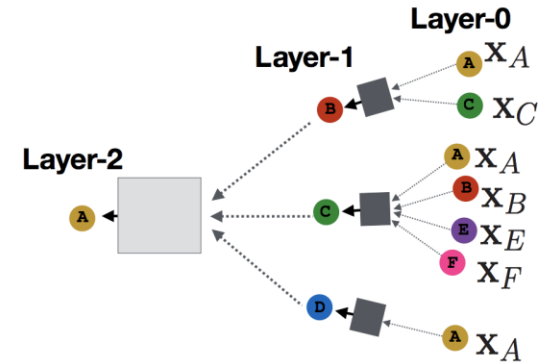
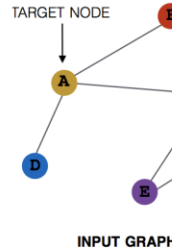
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	HEP.TrkX		HEP.TrkX+, DBSCAN		DBSCAN	
p_T^{\min} [GeV]	ϕ_{slope}	z_0 [m]	ϕ_{slope}	z_0 [m]	ϵ	MinPts
2	6×10^{-4}	0.1	6×10^{-4}	15	0.22	3
1.5	6×10^{-4}	0.1	6×10^{-4}	15	0.18	3
1	6×10^{-4}	0.1	6×10^{-4}	15	0.1	3
0.75	7.63×10^{-4}	0.1	7.63×10^{-4}	25	0.08	3
0.6	7.63×10^{-4}	0.1	7.63×10^{-4}	29.5	0.06	3
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Edge Classifiers

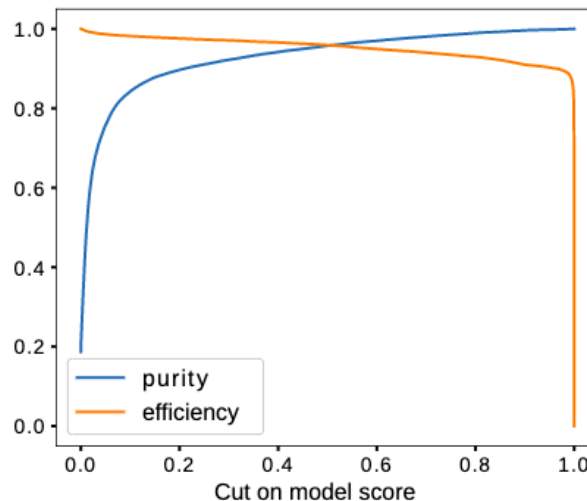
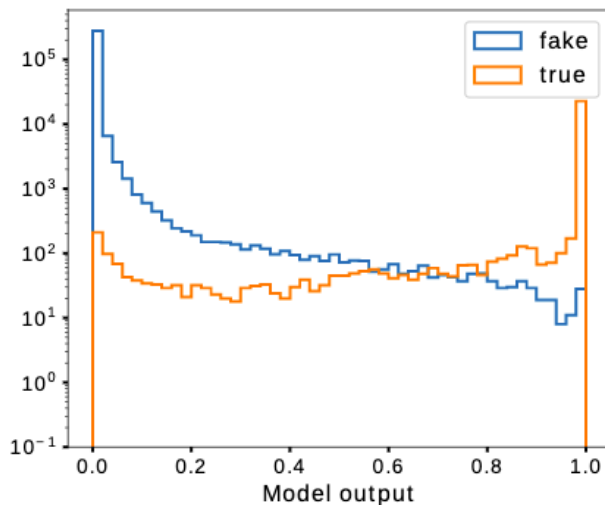
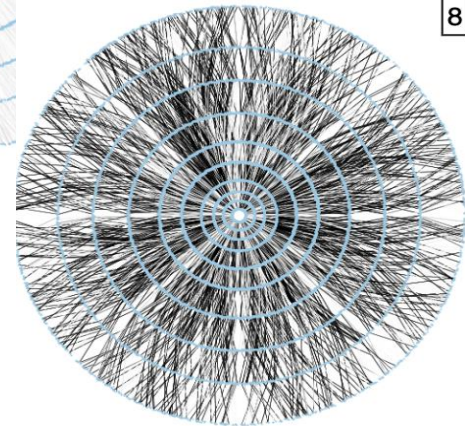
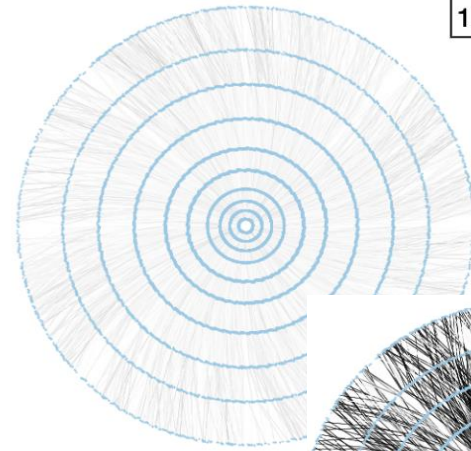
- Graph Modules are core component:
 - Run node and edge convolutions
 - Update features of both
 - Each message passing function is a FCN
- Graph modules are often recursively connected
 - Allows aggregation of progressively more distant information
 - Weights can be shared across modules



Proof of Principle

NeurIPS 2019 ExaTrkX architecture:

- Node and edge features embedded in latent space
- 8 graph modules with shared weights
- Initial embeddings concatenated at each module
- Each FCN has 128 hidden features and ReLU activation



Results:

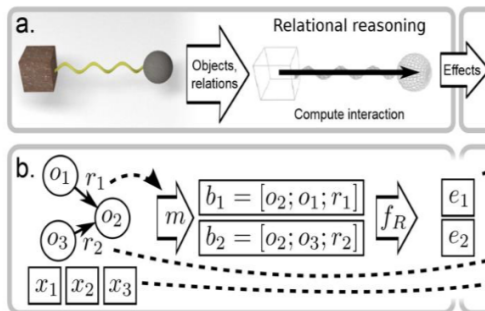
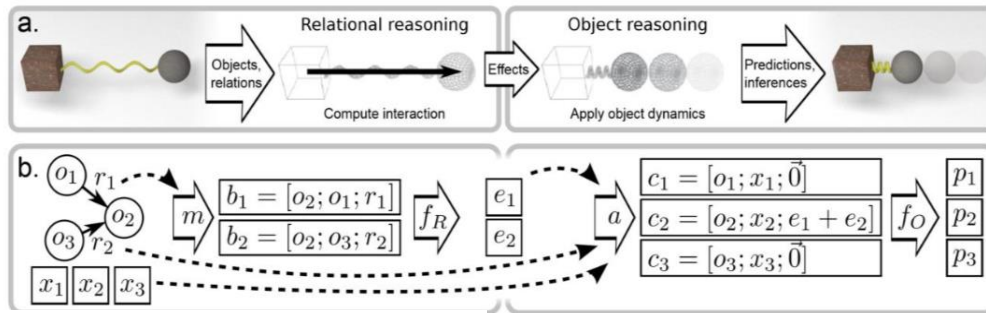
- 95.9% edge efficiency (*true edges/possible*)
- ~95% track finding accuracy (*all edges merged*)

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Interaction Networks

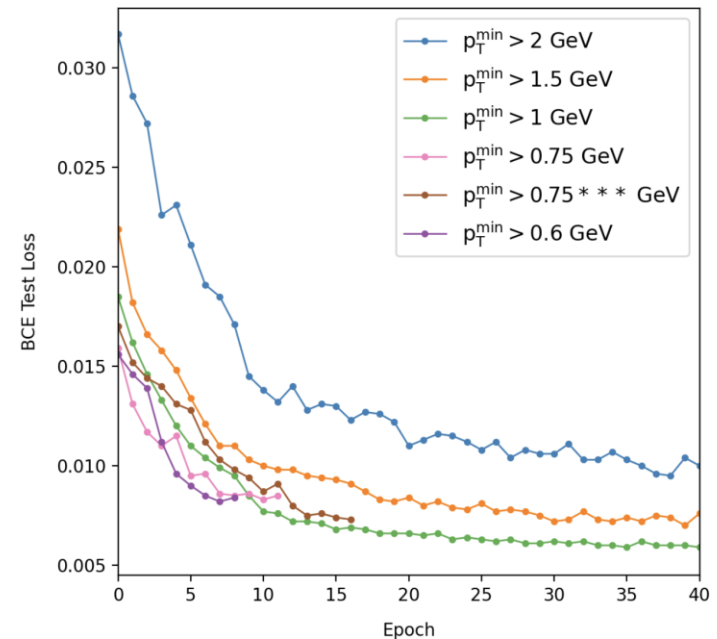
Applies relational and object models in stages to infer abstract interactions and object dynamics

- Relation and object models are FCNs
- Total of $\sim 10,000$ parameters (smaller than previous architecture)



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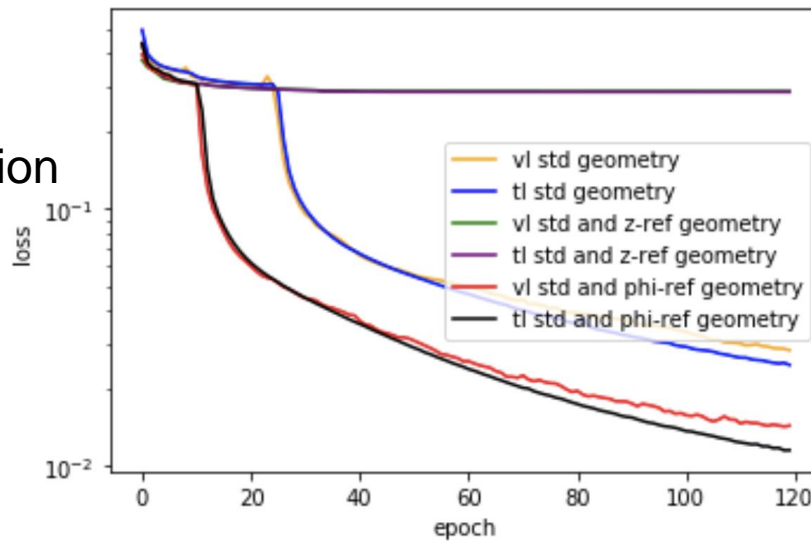
- 99.7% edge efficiency
- 85-94% tracking efficiency



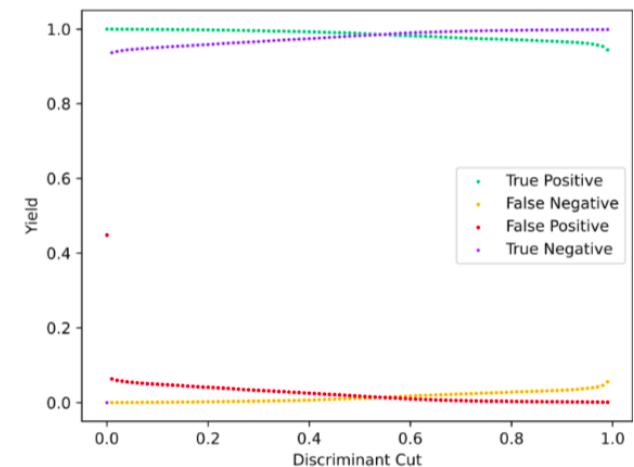
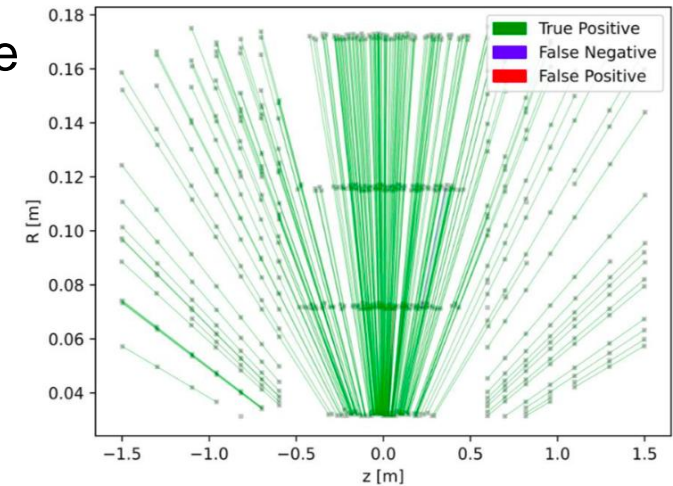
Data Augmentation

- Including endcaps:
 - Difficult in layer pairs construction due to edge ordering
 - Initial studies in pixel detector only, typically improve edge efficiency
- Dropping layers from graph construction
 - Reduce size of graph while maintaining track finding efficiency
- Applying z and phi reflections
 - Break symmetry of detector to possibly enhance learning

Data Augmentation with Edge Classifier

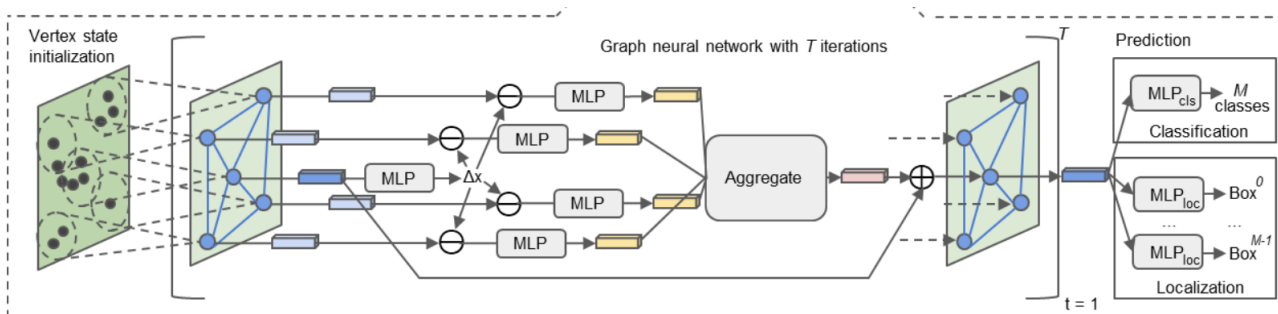


Pixel IN with Endcaps



Instance Segmentation GNNs

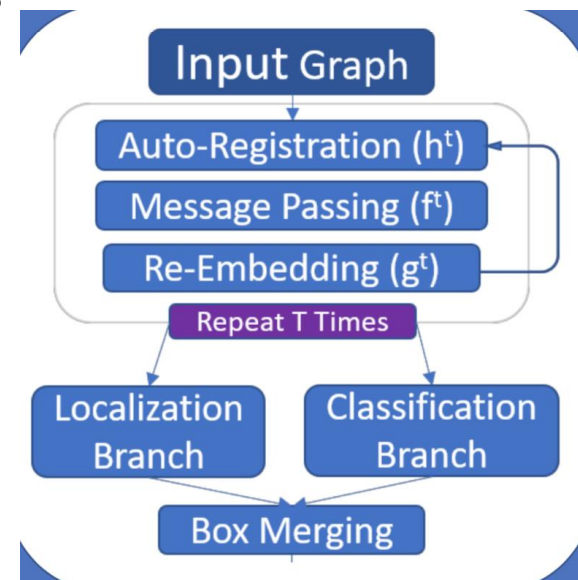
- Instance segmentation: computer vision task of identifying instances of an object in an image and forming pixel mask
- After message passing, node state vectors are used as input to three branches:
 - **Classification branch** identifies the node as signal or background
 - **Localization branch** predicts a bounding box for each node
 - Ellipses merged and scored to create track clusters
 - **Tracking branch** predicts track parameters



$$\Delta x_i^t = MLP_h^t(s_i^t)$$

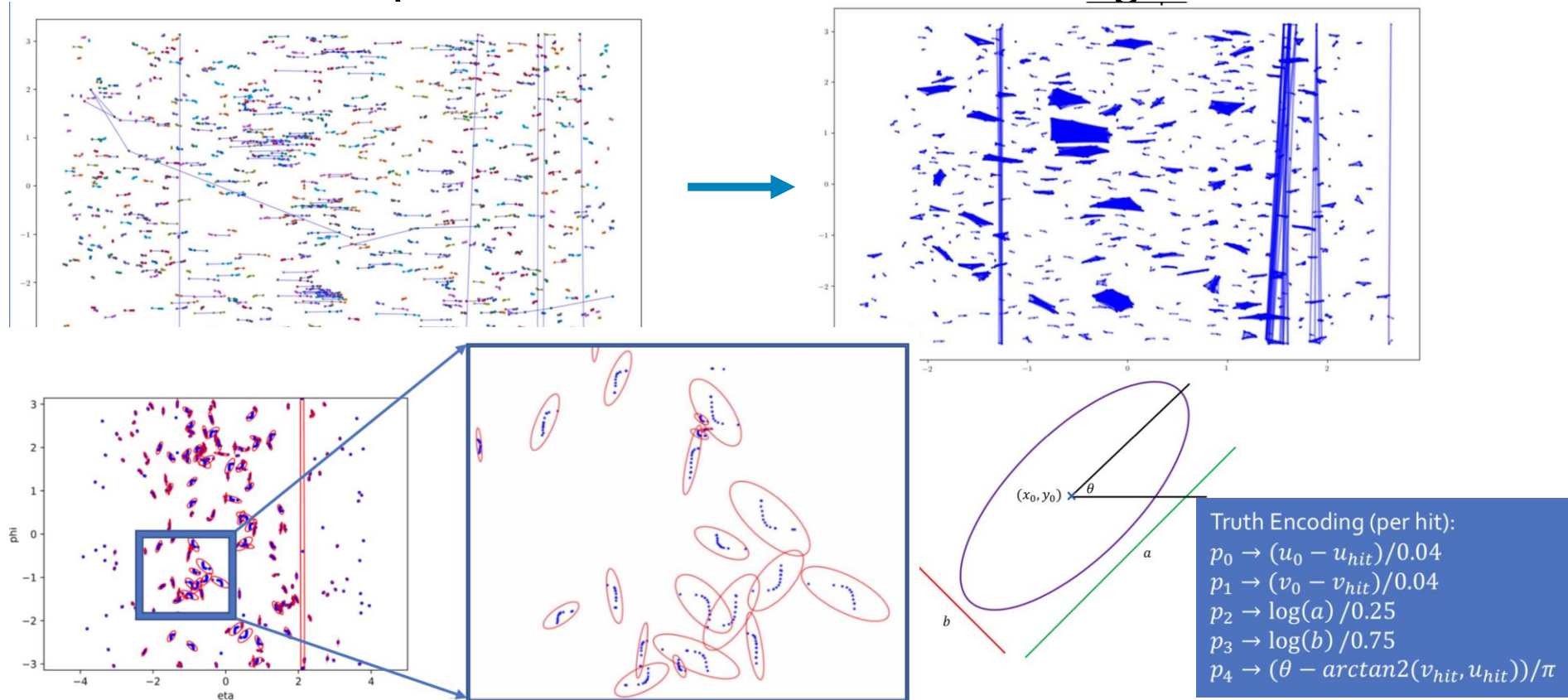
$$e_{ij}^t = MLP_f^t([x_j - x_i + \Delta x_i^t, s_j^t])$$

$$s_i^{t+1} = MLP_g^t(Max(\{e_{ij} \mid (i, j) \in E\})) + s_i^t$$



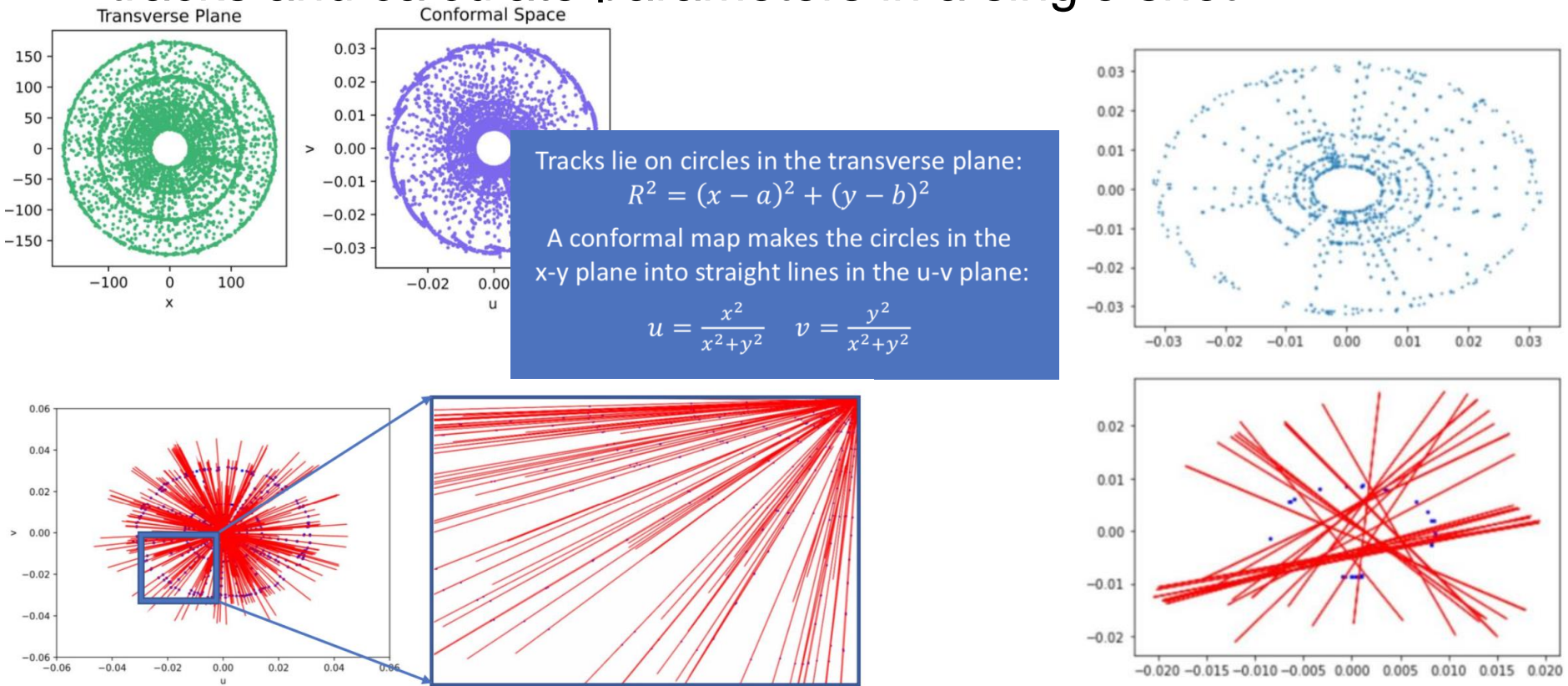
Elliptical Bounding Boxes

- Construct graphs using DBScan in eta-phi space
- Bounding ellipses parameterized with 5 degrees-of-freedom
- Encoded ellipses with each node for training



Conformal GNNs

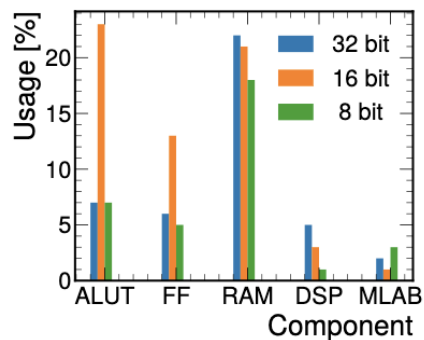
- Conformal transformation map tracks to straight lines
 - Can extract track parameters directly from linear fit
- Run instance segmentation GNN in conformal space to find tracks and calculate parameters in a single shot



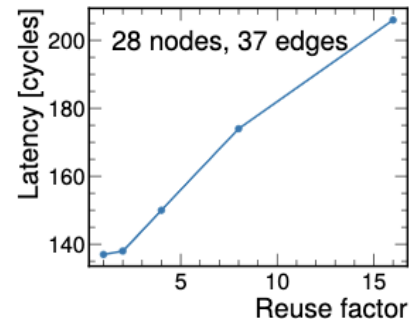
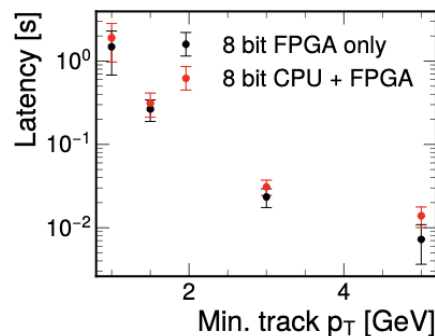
Accelerated GNN Tracking

Strong interest in accelerating these algorithms with FPGAs

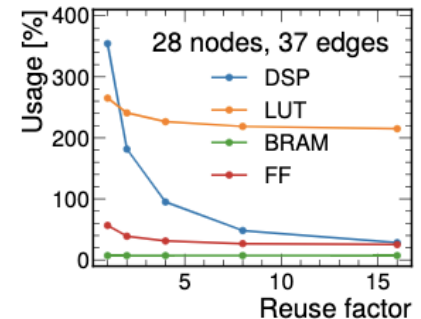
- [HLS4ML](#) implemented a 1 iteration version of IN for FPGA
- Princeton group optimizing OpenCL IN with FPGA as co-processor
 - Bottleneck in data transfer from CPU to FPGA
 - Opportunity for further acceleration in matrix multiplication kernels
 - Also exploring graph construction on FPGA



OpenCL



HLS4ML



On-going Tracking Studies

- Optimize parameters of existing graph construction algorithms and explore new ones
- Refine track formation algorithm for edge classification architectures
- Improve existing architectures
 - Include external effects in IN, optimize embedding...
- New ideas
 - Timing information, Hough transforms, graph kernels...
- Test performance in LHC experiment environments

Conclusions

- GNNs are a promising method for HL-LHC tracking
 - Geometric data representation with variable number of inputs
- A variety of architectures have been shown to work
 - Focus is now on refining and optimizing
 - Also exploring one-shot tracking architectures
- Graph construction (and embedding) is critical to performance
 - On-going optimization studies (submitted to vCHEP)
- Working towards accelerating graph algorithms for use at HL-LHC
 - Possibly at trigger level

Thank you!

Happy to answer any questions!

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