

Accelerating particle tracking for the HL-LHC

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Particle tracking at CMS

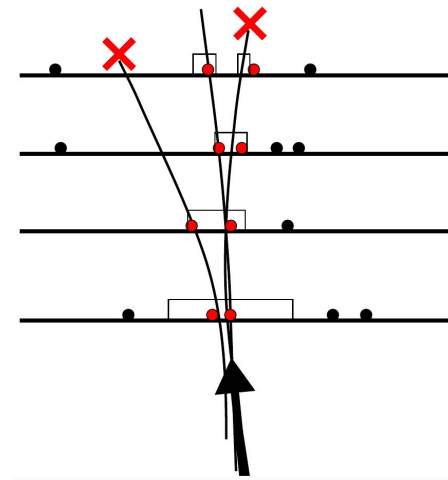
Particle tracking at CMS

Tracks are propagated one at a time

A Kalman filter is used to propagate and fit the tracks

When there are multiple compatible hits, multiple track candidates are made

Animation [here](#)

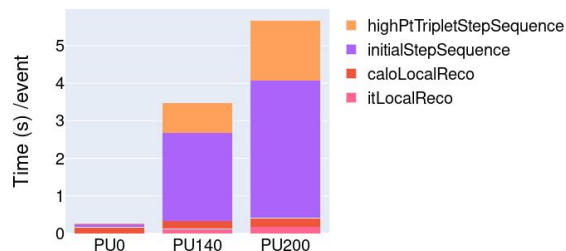


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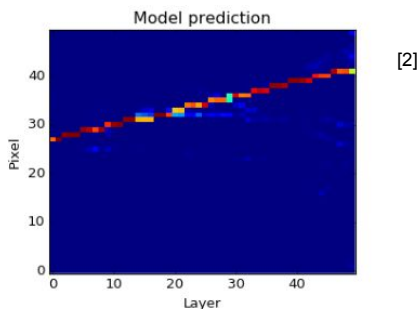
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```
1 while candidate pool is not empty do:
2   initialise empty temporary candidate pool;
3   for all candidates in candidate pool do:
4     find hits compatible with candidate;
5     for all compatible hits do:
6       update candidate state with hit;
7       if updated state is finished then:
8         add candidate to result tracks;
9       else:
10        add candidate to temporary candidate pool;
11    sort temporary candidate pool by quality;
12    discard all but best N candidates;
13    replace candidate pool with temporary candidate pool;
14 return result tracks;
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Particle tracking scales badly with pileup

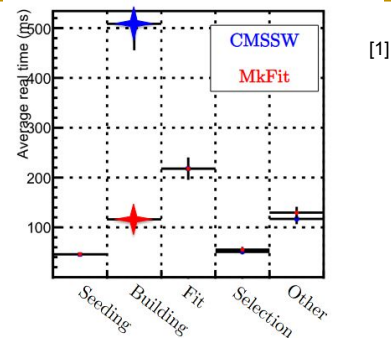


Machine learning is one potential solution



[2]

Accelerating the current algorithm might not be enough



[1]

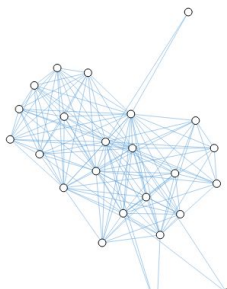
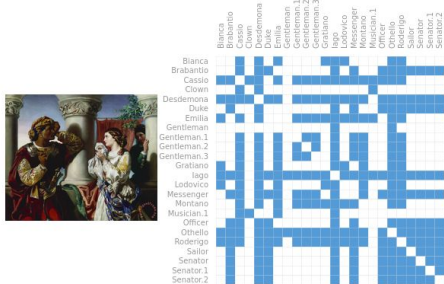
Graph neural nets is one of the most promising ML methods

“We believe the GNN approach to be our most promising deep learning solution for addressing the problems in tracking at the HL-LHC” [3]

GNN for particle tracking



Why do we want graphs - Graph structures



Graphs → are → all → around → us

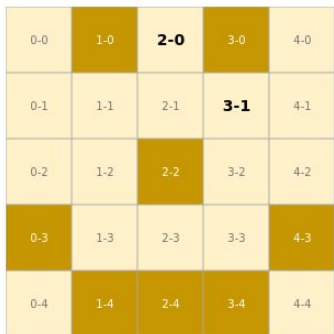
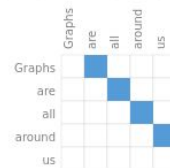
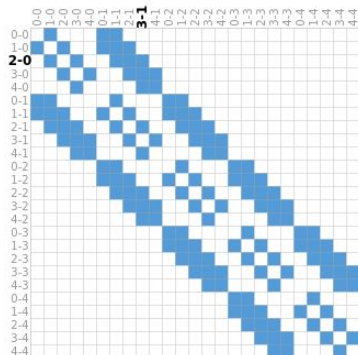
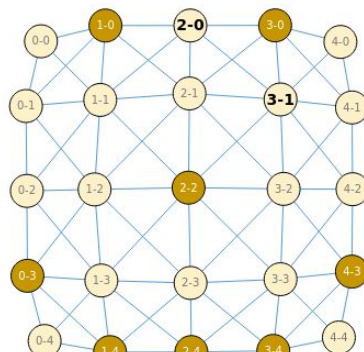


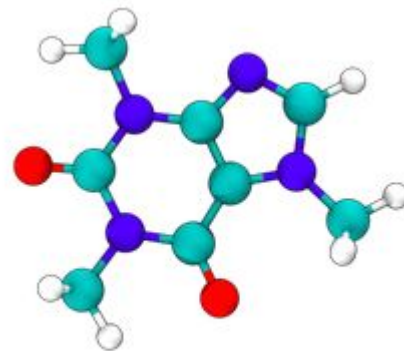
Image Pixels



Adjacency Matrix



Graph

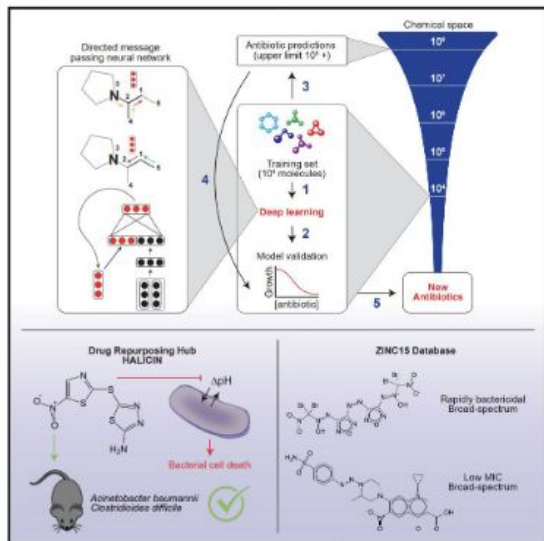


Why do we want graphs - Successful GNNs

Cell

A Deep Learning Approach to Antibiotic Discovery

Graphical Abstract



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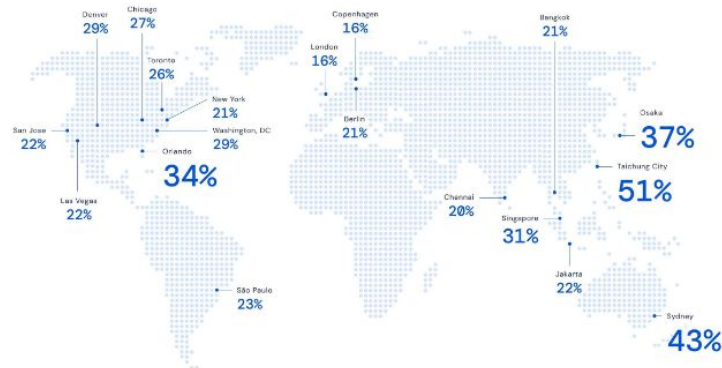
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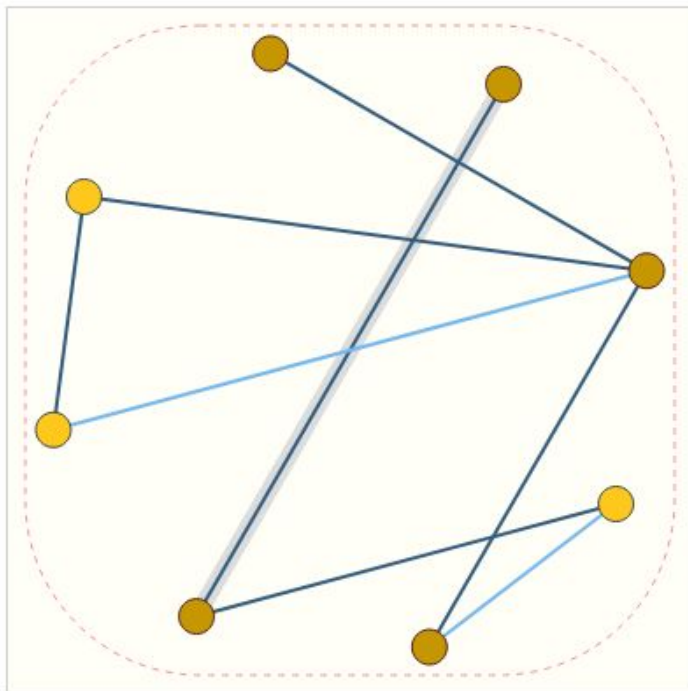
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In Brief

A trained deep neural network predicts antibiotic activity in molecules that are structurally different from known antibiotics, among which Halicin exhibits efficacy against broad-spectrum bacterial infections in mice.



How to describe a graph - Adjacency lists



Nodes

```
[ 0 , 1 , 1 , 0 , 0 , 1 , 1 , 1 ]
```

Edges

```
[ 2 , 1 , 1 , 1 , 1 , 2 , 1 , 1 ]
```

Adjacency List

```
[ [1, 0] , [2, 0] , [4, 3] , [6, 2] ,  
  [7, 1] , [7, 3] , [7, 4] , [7, 5] ]
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Global

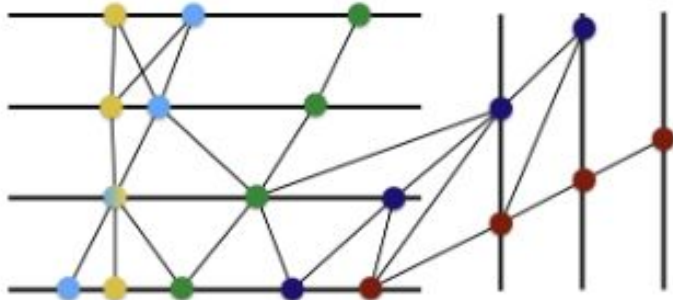
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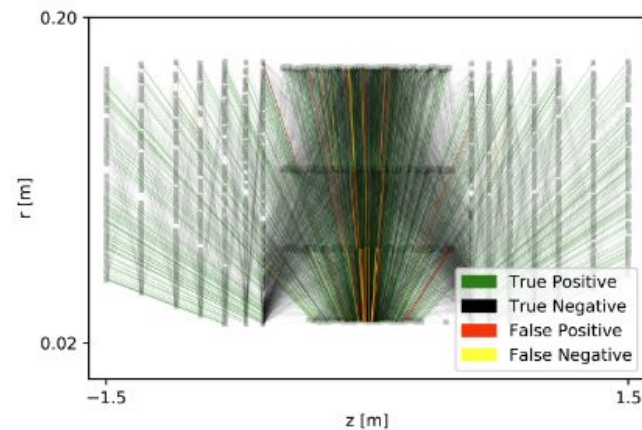
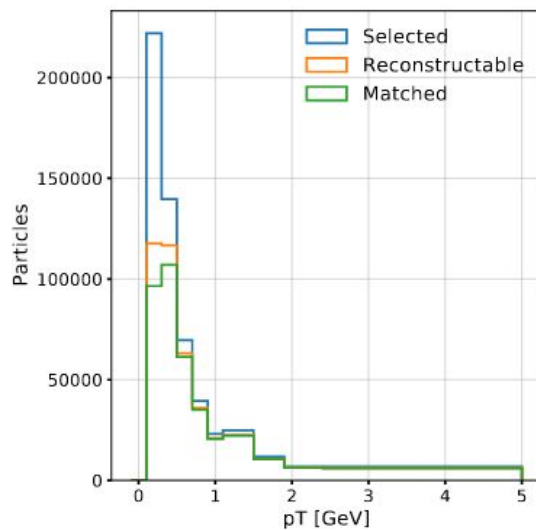
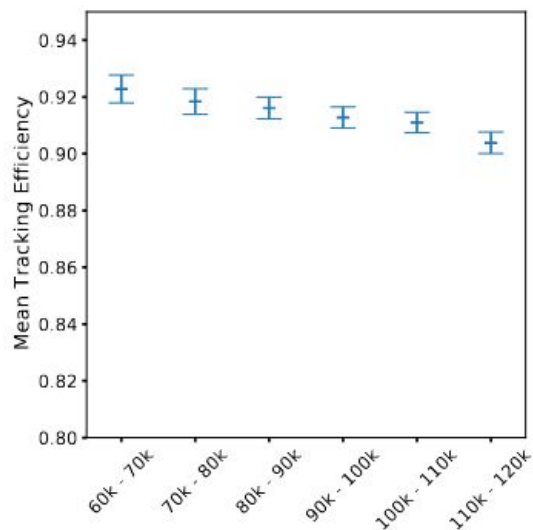
GNN for tracking



1. Create edges between all hits in adjacent layers (subject to physics constraints)
2. Train GNN to do binary classification on the edges - is it a real track or not

Results with TrackML data

Promising performance



Results with CMS MC data

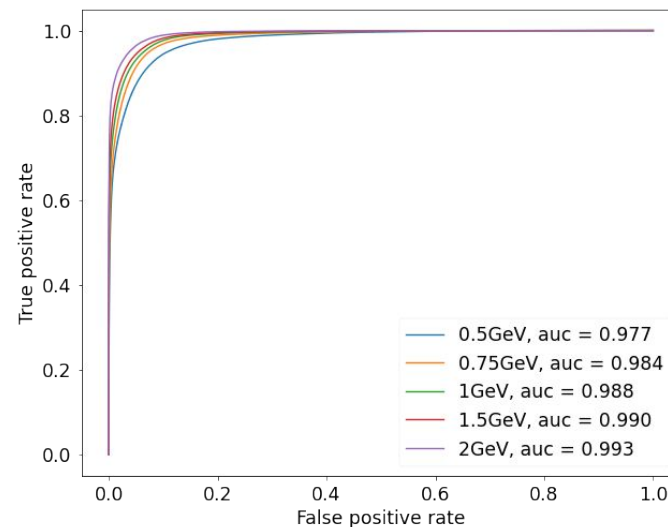
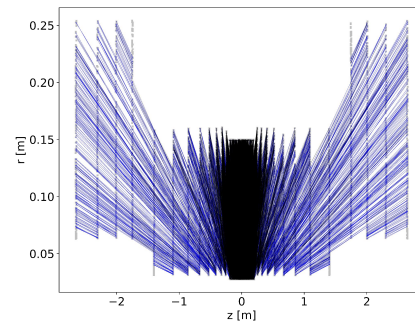
- CMSSW, 1000 ttbar events

- Good performance

- Graph building takes a long time

(GNN training < 15 minutes on GPU, graph building takes up to a few hours on CPU)

- Still many simplifications



Future work

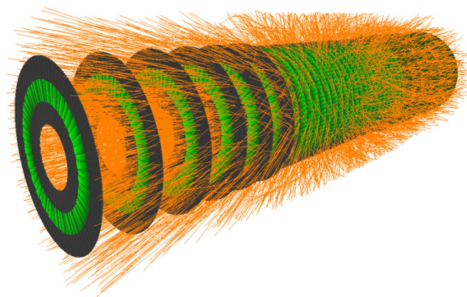
Extend the GNN

- Extend to outer detector
- Allow multiple hits per layer
- Allow missing hits

Create workflow in CMSSW

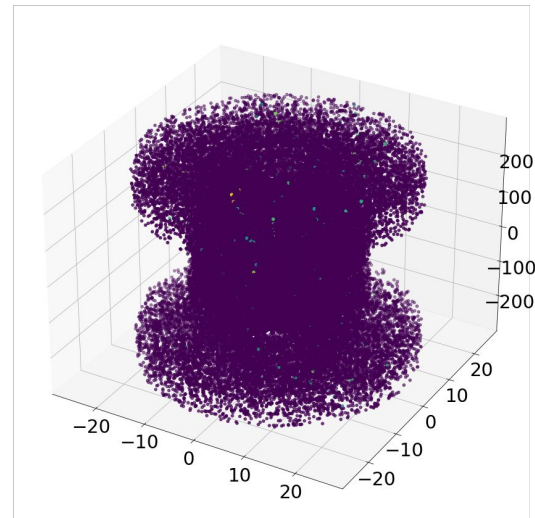
- Complete workflow created during hackathon
- [Upcoming talk about the hackathon](#)

Accelerate on FPGA



Summary

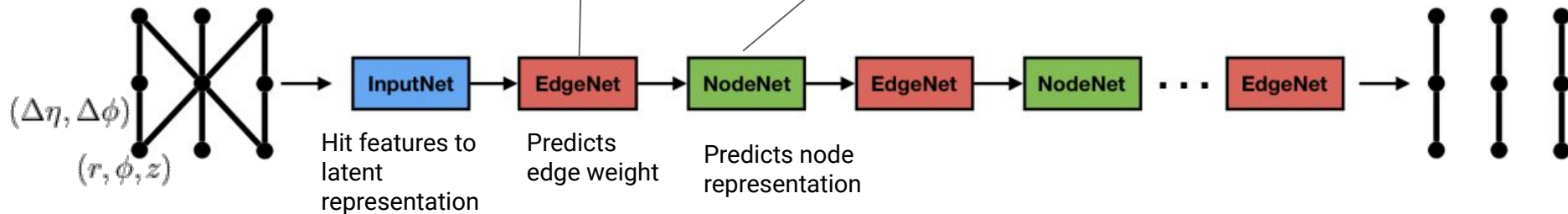
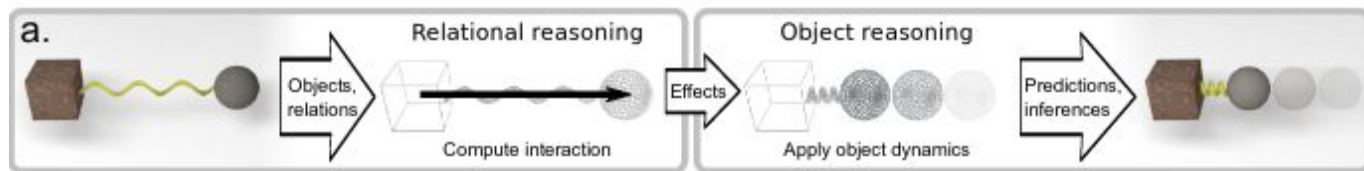
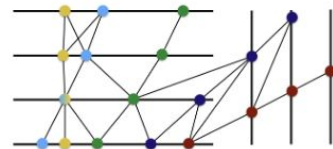
- GNN for particle tracking is showing promise
- Many simplifications need to be addressed
- Could be a candidate for FPGA acceleration





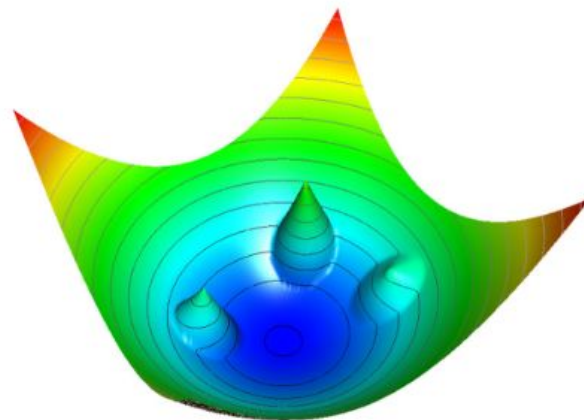
Backup

Interaction network



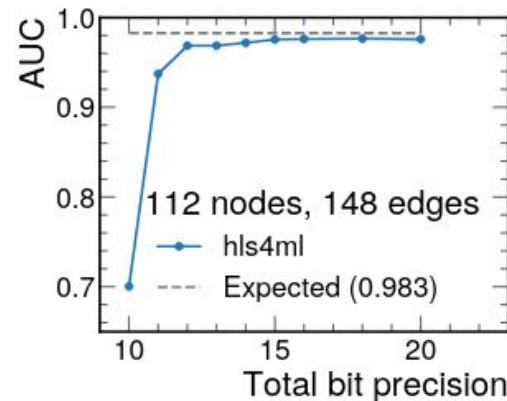
CMS GNN Hackathon

- Implementing graph building in CMSSW
- Interface with SONIC
- Track building and fitting
- Performance evaluation
- Object condensation

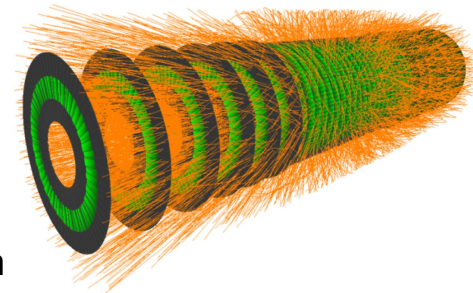


FPGA acceleration

- Already tried in [1]
- Main challenge is having small enough GNN while keeping high performance
- Graph building should also be implemented on FPGA



Limitations



Limitation

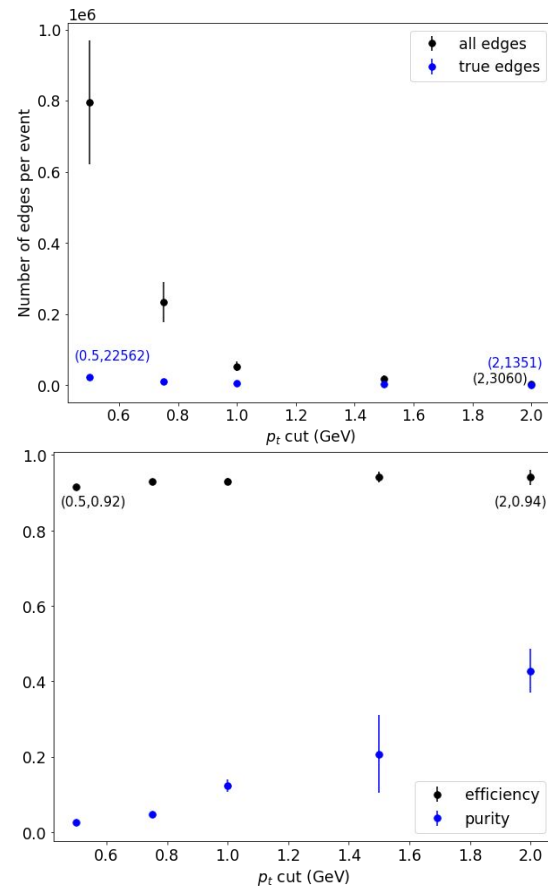
- Lower bound on momentum
- Only inner tracker
- One hit per layer per particle
- No missing hits

Potential solution

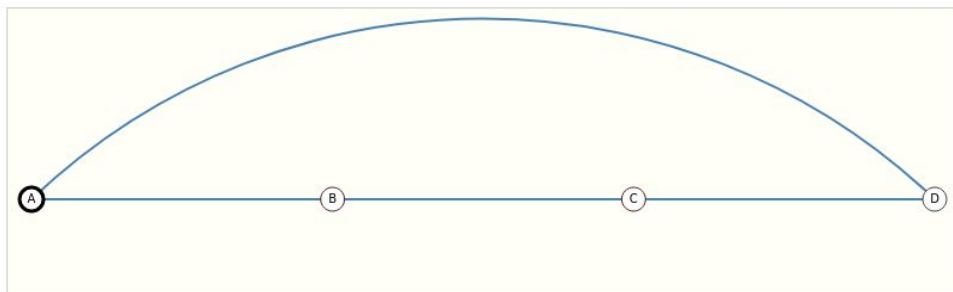
- Simplify NN architecture
- Reduce fake edges built by imposing better physics constraints
- Duplicate removal, allow shared hits, special treatment of low momentum particles
- Allow building segments between non-adjacent layers

Results with CMS MC data

- Potentially millions of edges
- Somewhat high efficiency, low purity



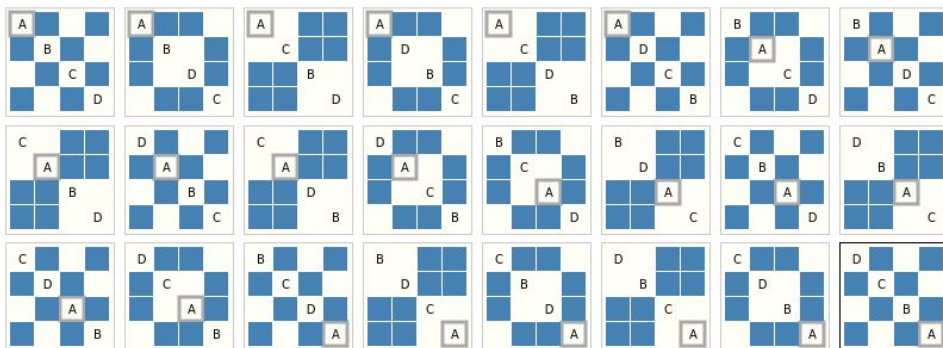
How to describe a graph - Adjacency matrices



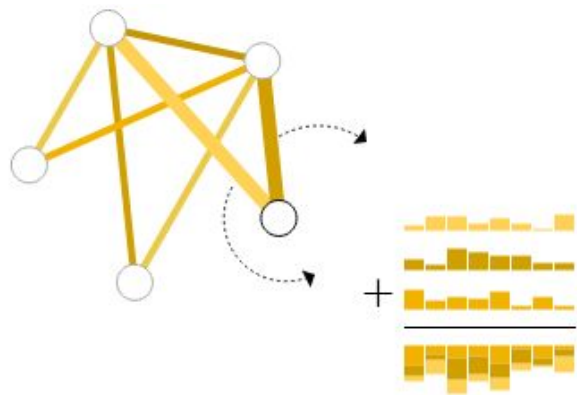
Not permutation invariant

Very sparse

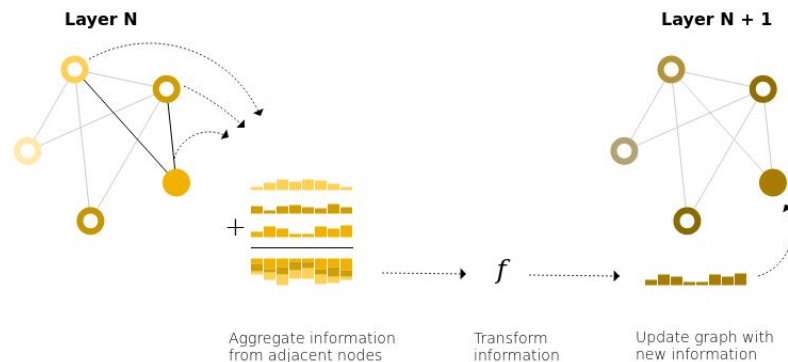
$$O(n^2_{nodes})$$



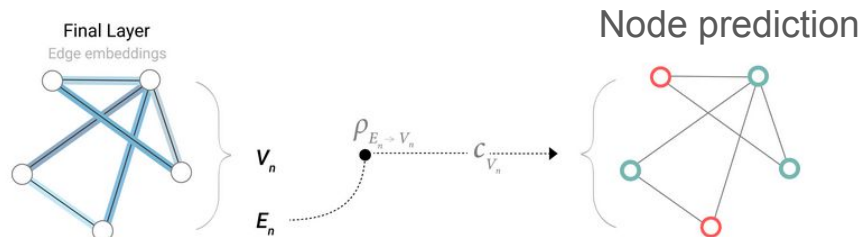
How to describe a graph - Permutation invariance and NNs



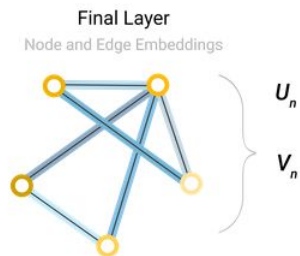
1. For each node in the graph, *gather* all the neighboring node embeddings (or messages)
2. Aggregate all messages via an aggregate function (like sum)
3. All pooled messages are passed through an *update function*, usually a learned neural network



What can we do with GNNs

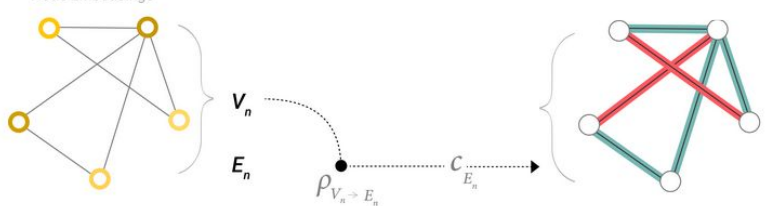


pooling function ρ
final classification $C = \text{[neural network icon]}, \dots$



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Final Layer
Node Embeddings



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GNN for HEP

Shlomi J., Battaglia P. and Vlimant J., 2020

[\[2\]](#)

Graph classification

Jet tagging

Event classification

Node classification / regression

Pileup mitigation

Calorimeter reconstruction

Particle flow reconstruction

Efficiency parameterization

Edge classification

Tracking

Secondary vertex reconstruction

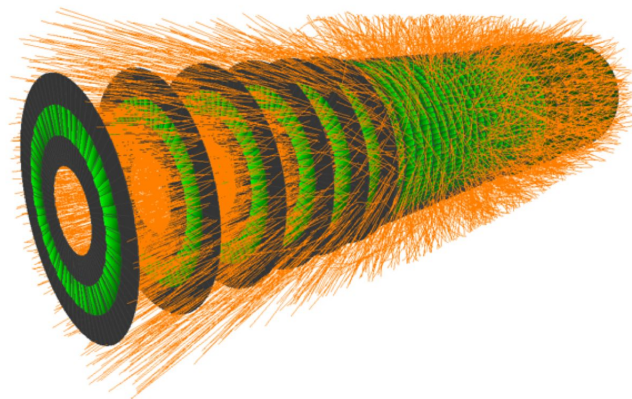
Previous ML tracking work

Exa.TrkX (earlier Hep.TrkX) have tried several ML approaches

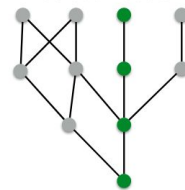
They believe GNN is the most promising approach

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Hit classification



Segment classification

