



# GNN-based pipeline for track finding in the Velo at LHCb

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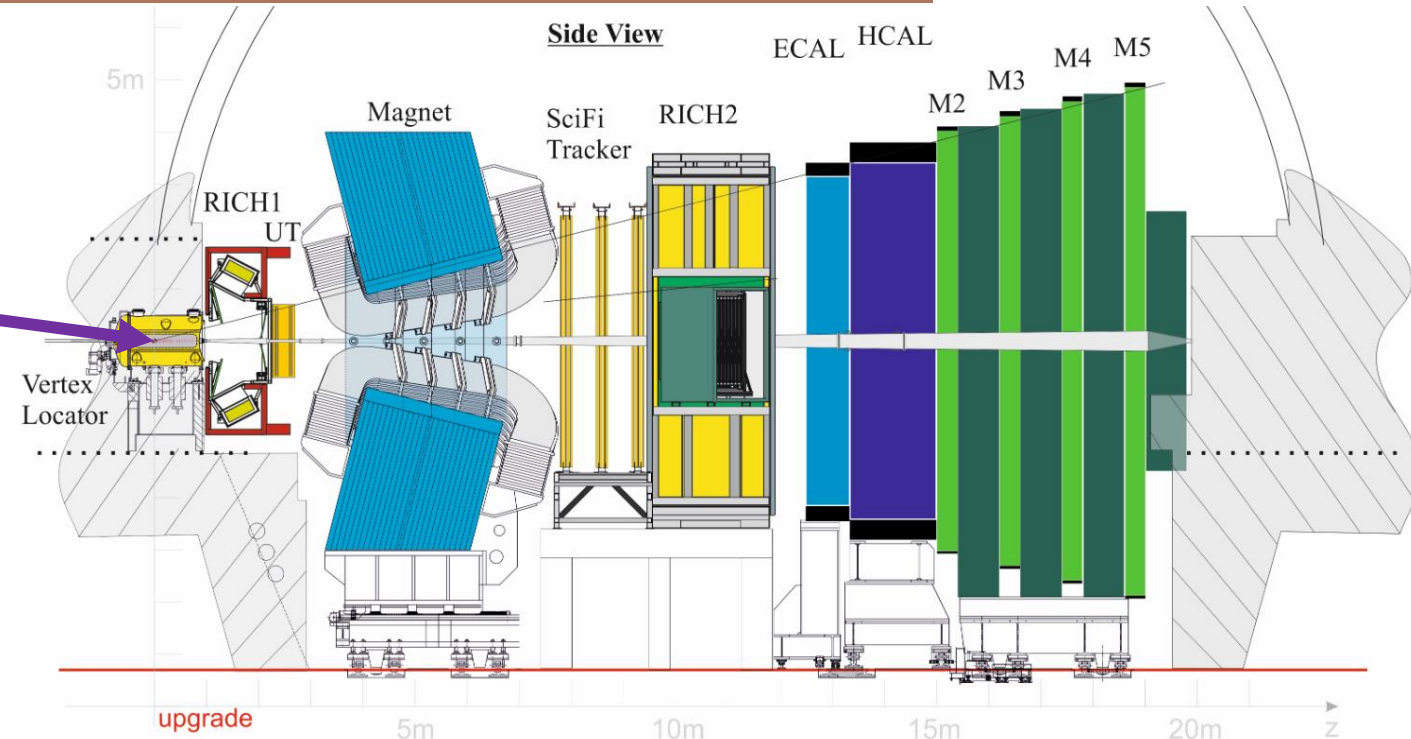
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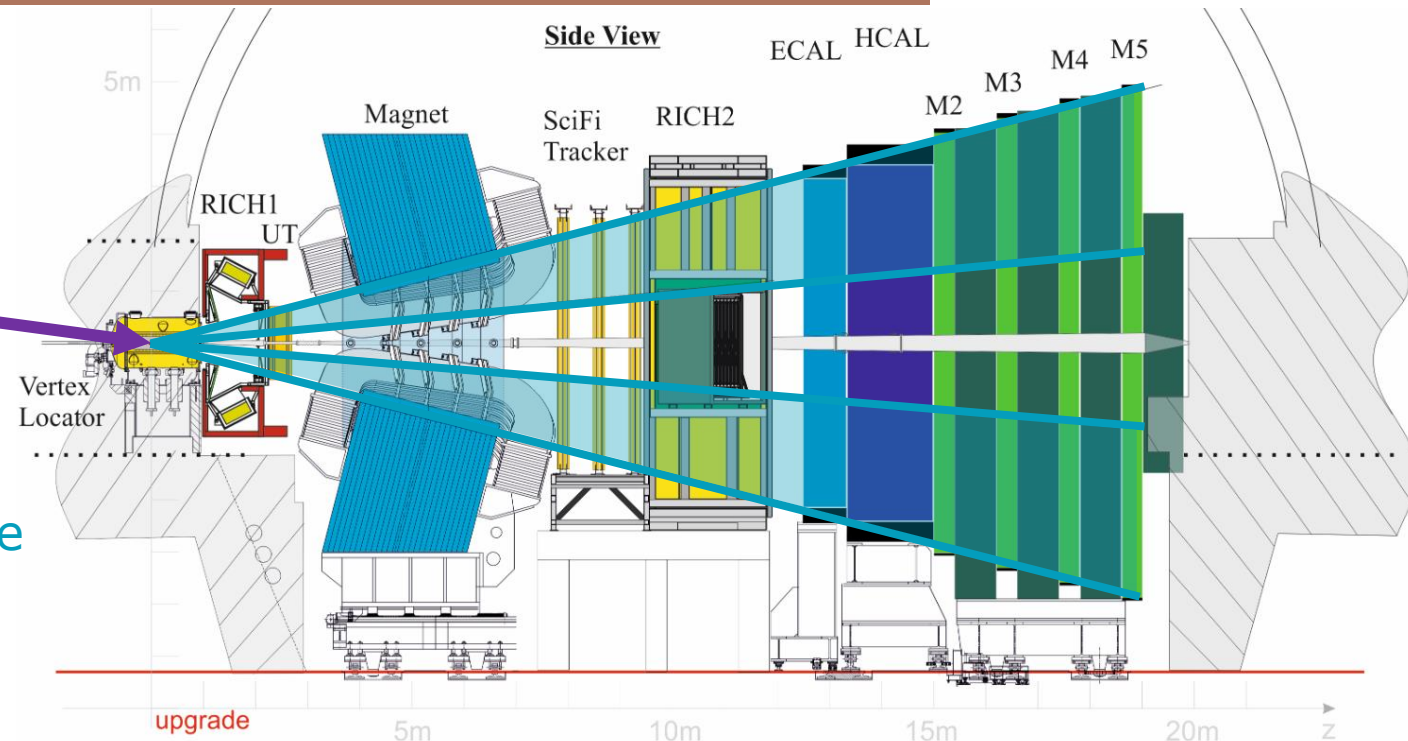
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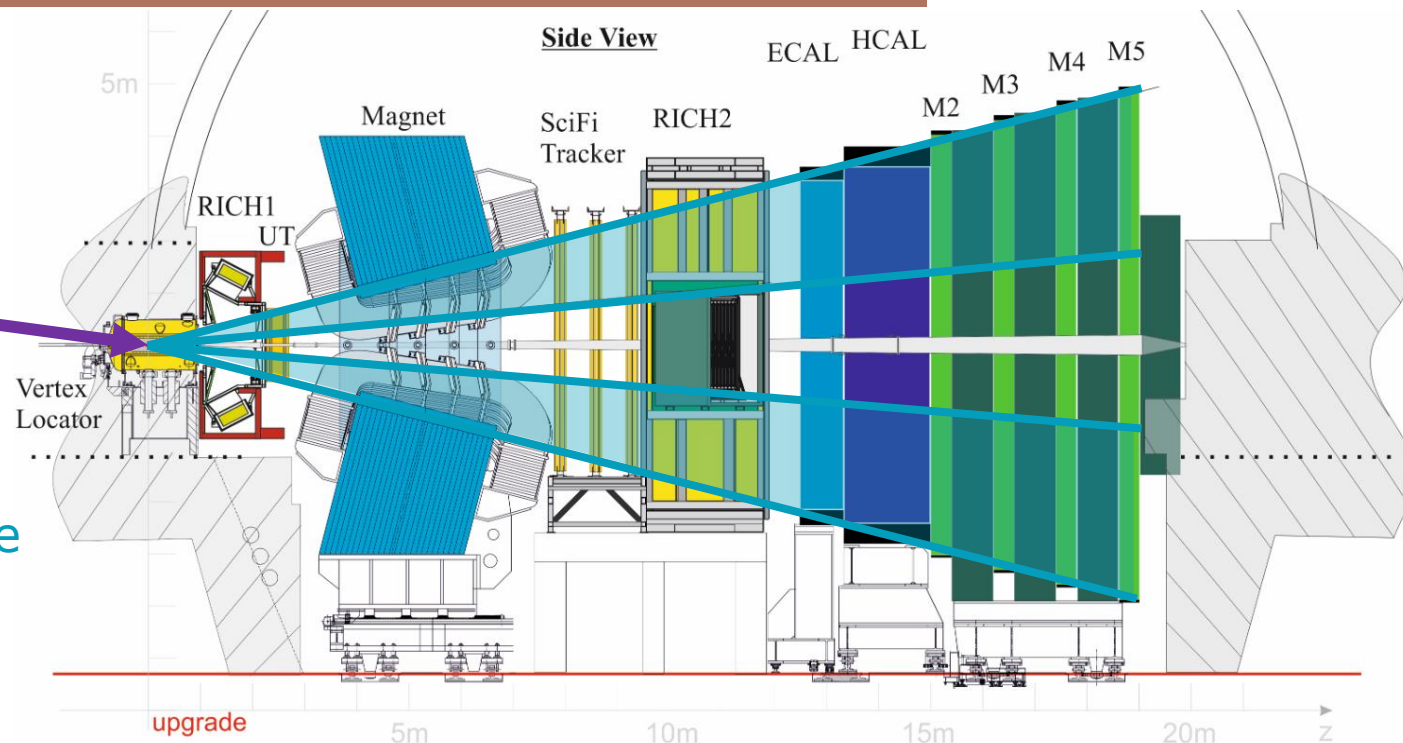
**Allen (High-Level Trigger 1)**  
fully GPU-based online partial reconstruction and selection

70-200 GB/s

Storage buffer

**High-Level Trigger 2**  
CPU-based full reconstruction and selection

10 GB/s



[J. Phys.: Conf. Ser., vol. 878, p. 012012, 2017](#)

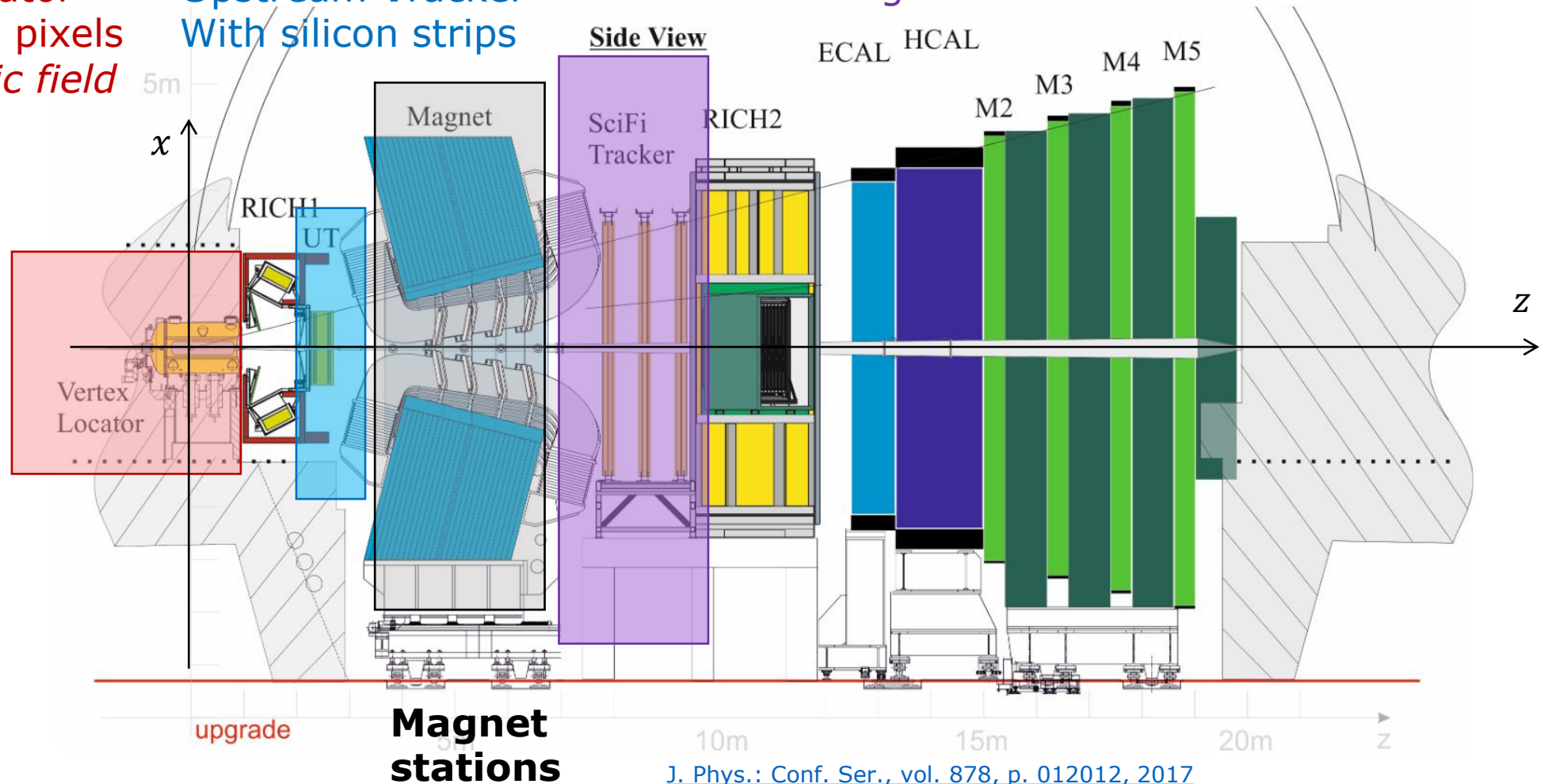
*Better trigger efficiency than previous L0 FPGA-based trigger*

## 3 Tracking detectors

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**V**ertex **L**ocator  
With silicon pixels  
*No magnetic field*

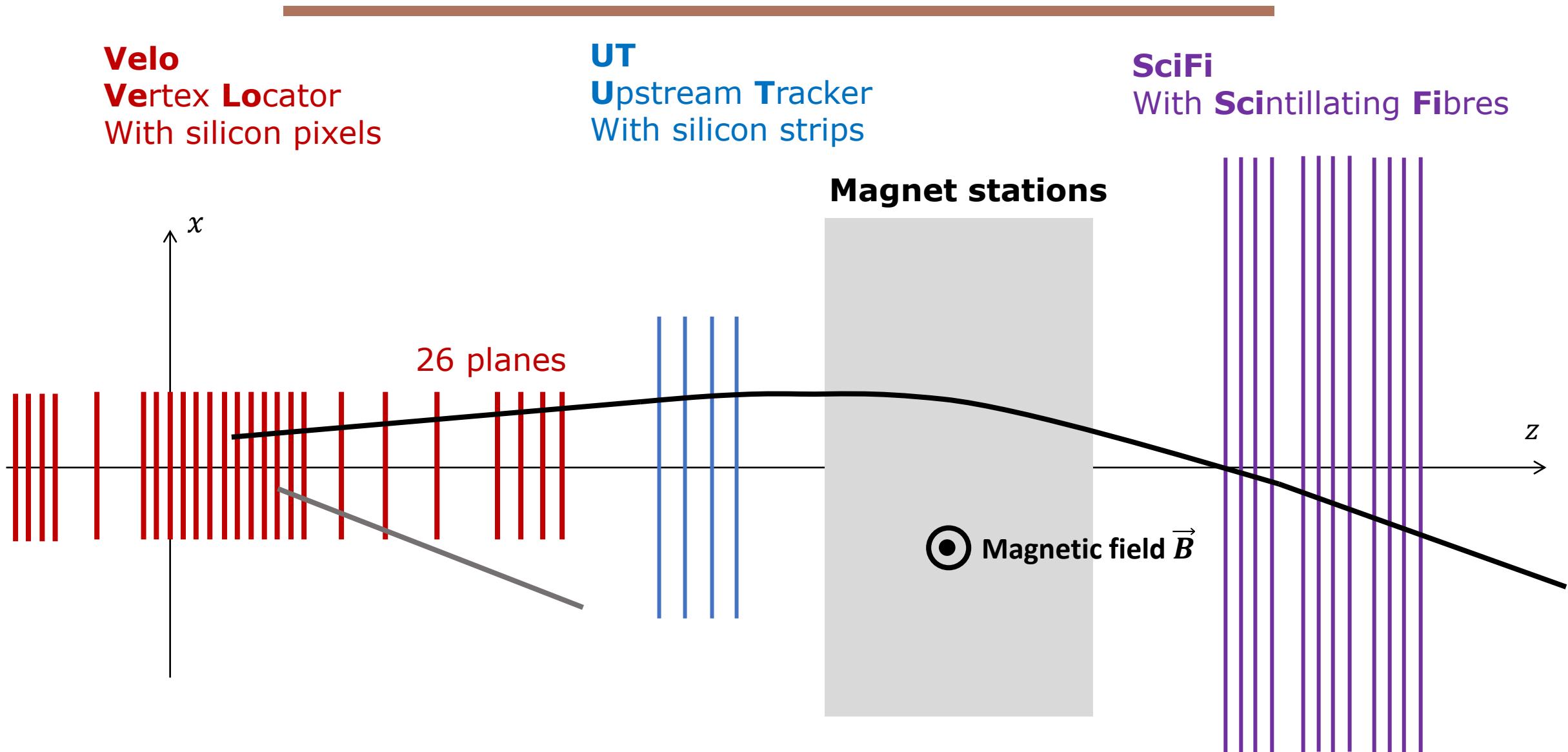
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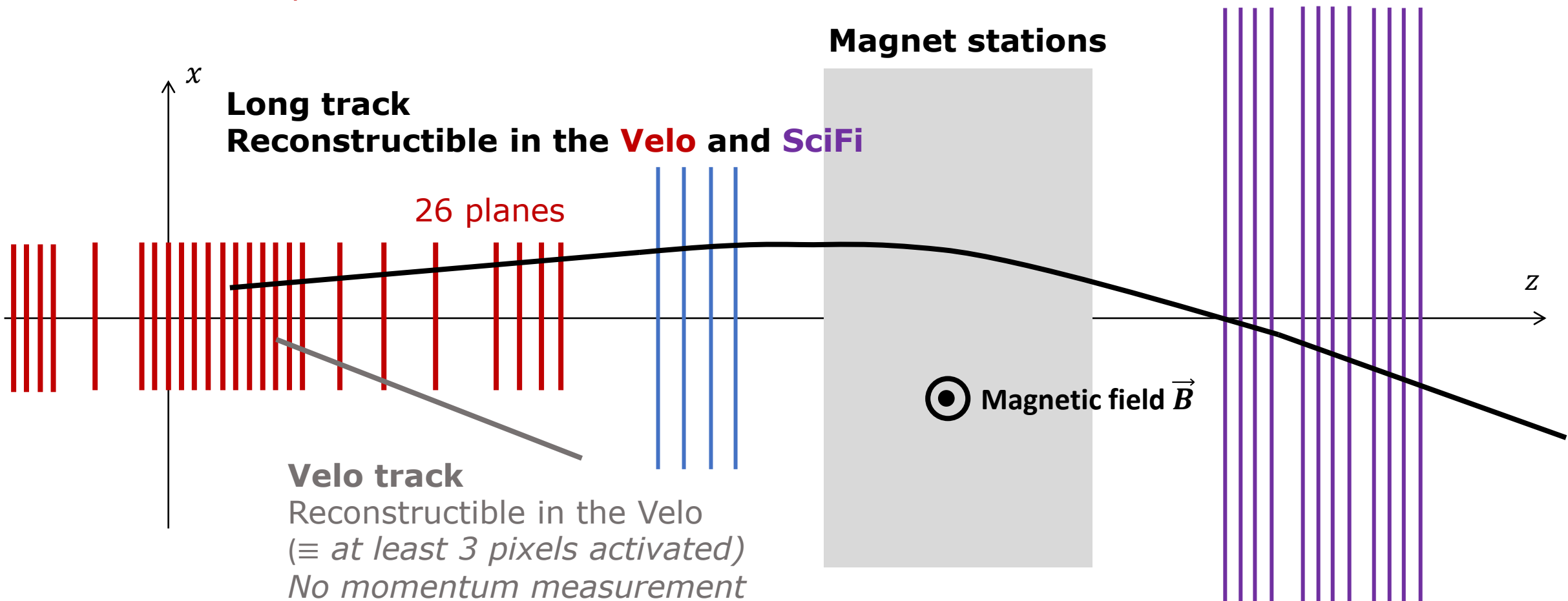


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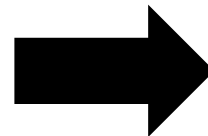
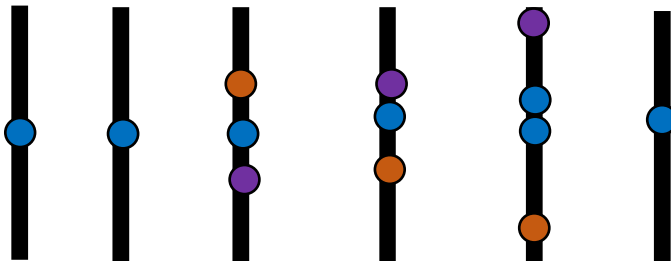
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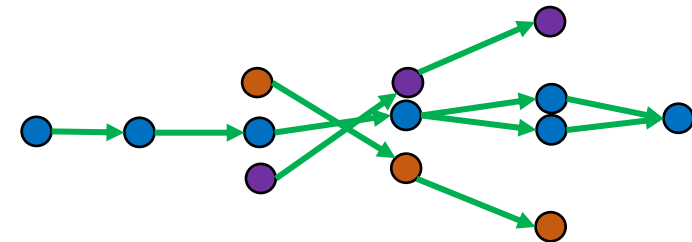
## Motivations

Graph Neural Network (GNN)-based track-finding pipeline based on the work of **Exa.Trkx** ([Eur. Phys. J. C \*\*81\*\*, 876 \(2021\)](#))

- Demonstrated **near-linear inference time** w.r.t. # hits
  - *Conventional* algorithms are **worse-than-quadratic**
  - In future LHCb upgrades: increase in **instantaneous luminosity** and **detector granularity** → need for **even more high-throughput** track-finding algorithms
- **High-parallelisation** potential → compatible with current **GPU-based Allen** trigger
- Conventional algorithms implemented in Allen ⇒ allow **like-for-like comparison** between GNN-based algorithms and conventional algorithms (**on the very same device!**)
- Representation of tracks with a graph quite *natural*



Pure graph representation

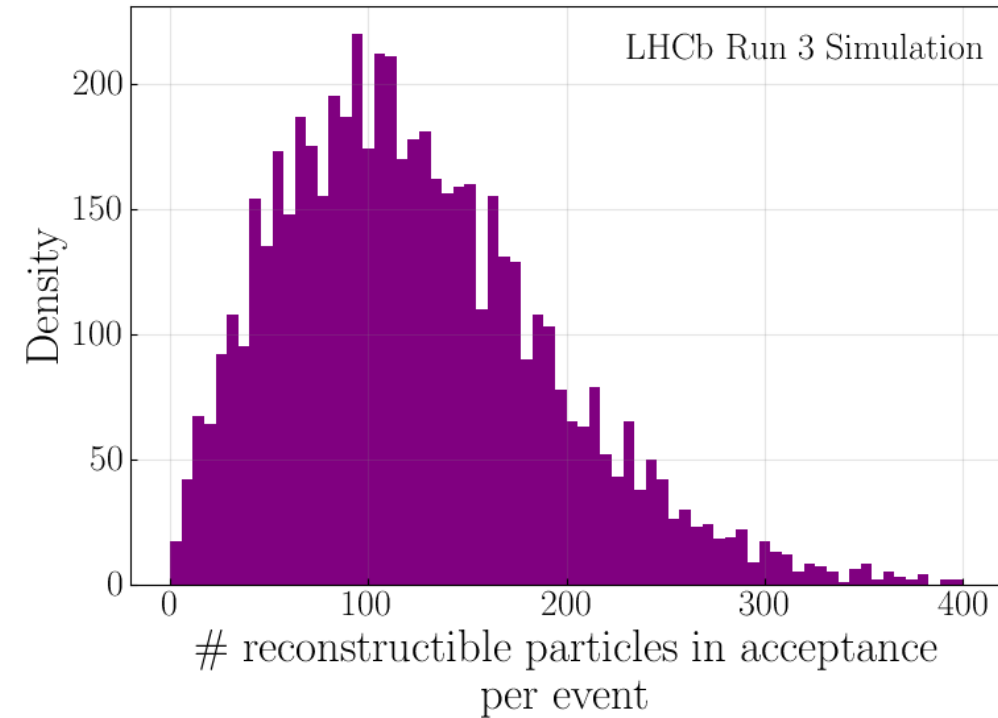




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## In the Velo

- Around  $\sim$  **2200 hits / event**
- Around **150 particles to reconstruct / event**



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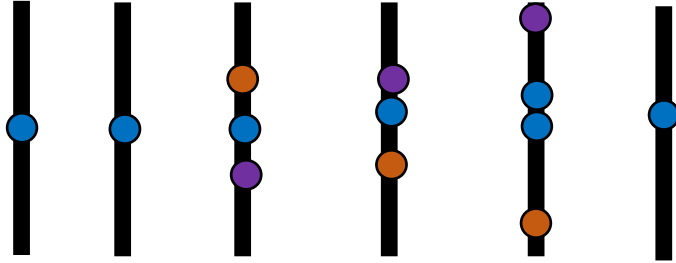
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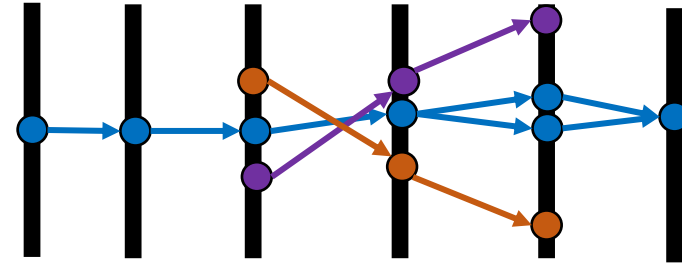
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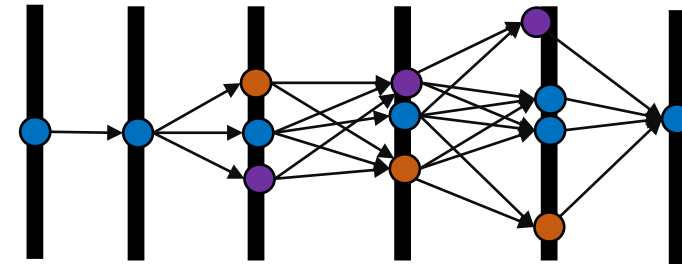


Output: Velo tracks

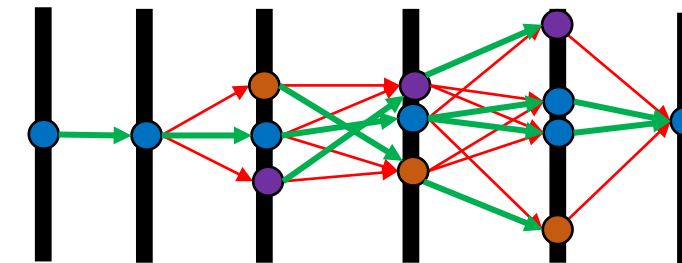


Strategy

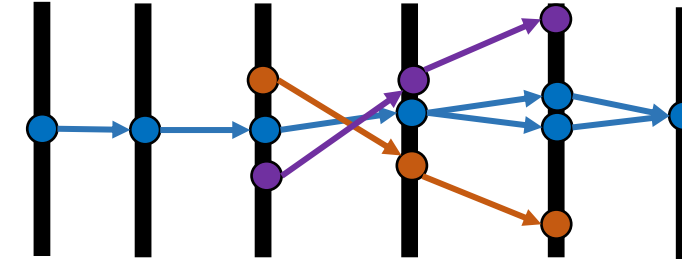
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Embedding Network  
+ Nearest-Neighbour Network



2 Classify the edges as  
genuine or fake  
Graph Neural Network



3 Keep only the genuine edges  
Identify connected hits as  
tracks  
Weakly connected component algorithm



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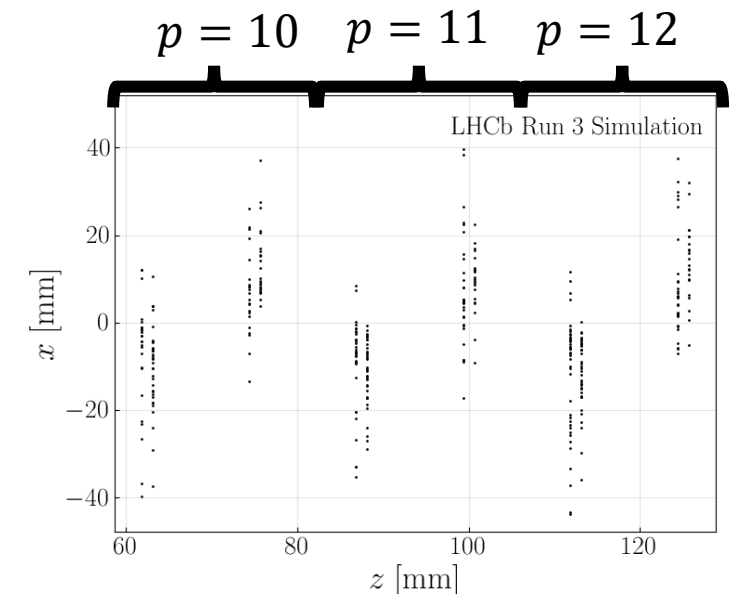
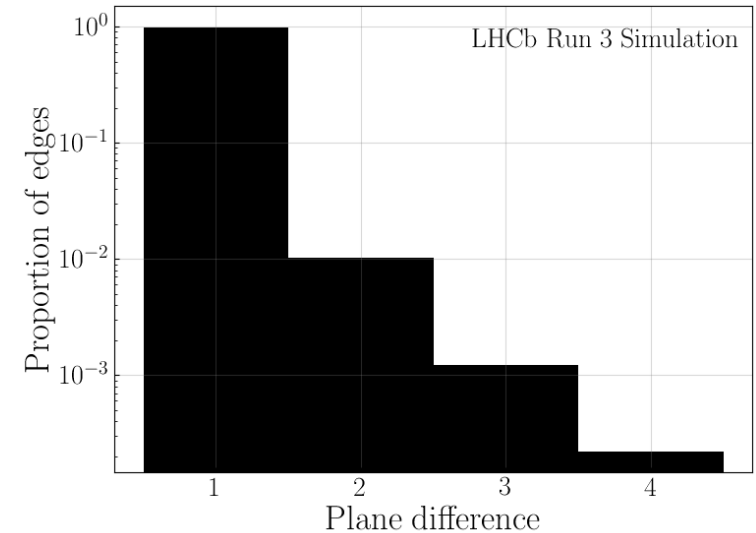
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- **Edges**
  - 99% of **genuine edges** are 1-plane apart, 1% are 2-plane apart  
⇒ **allow for only 1 skipped plane** (~1%)
  - Only build **edges from left to right**
- *For every hit in plane  $p$ , how to connect it to hits belonging to the next 2 planes  $p + 1$  and  $p + 2$ ?*



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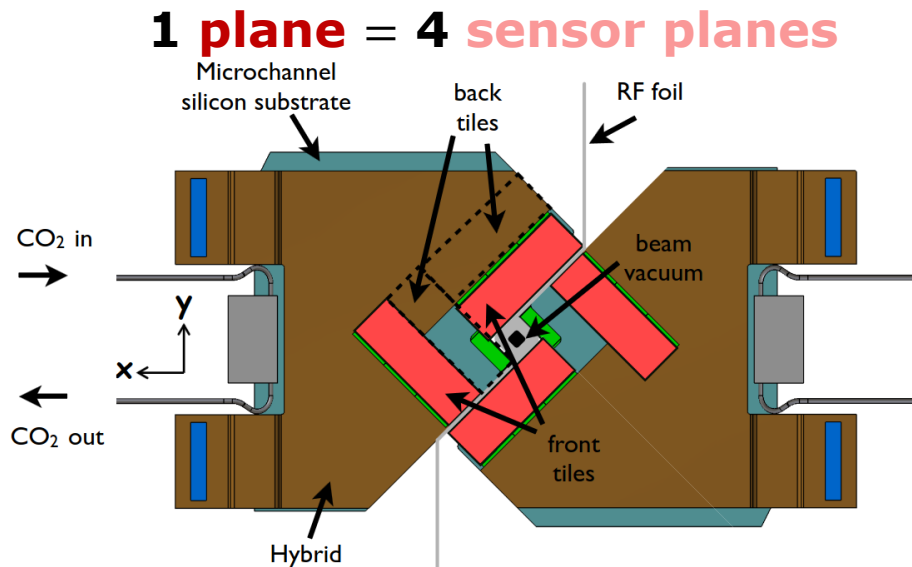
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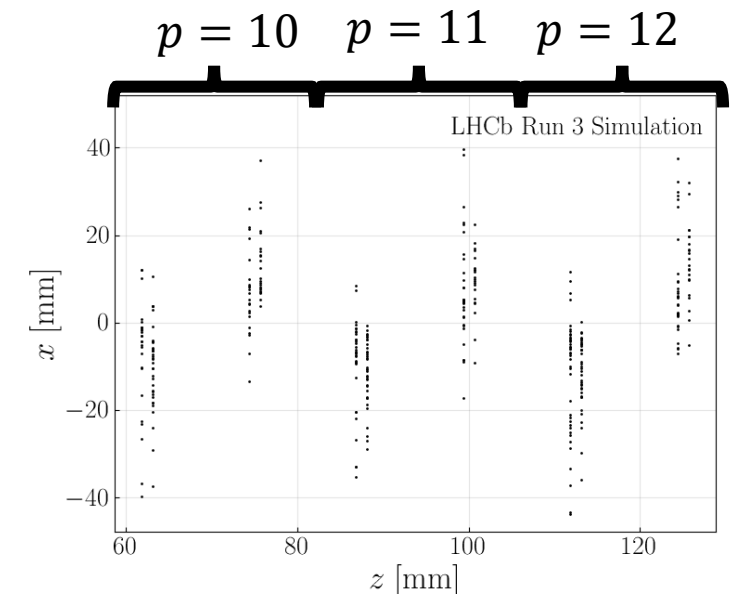
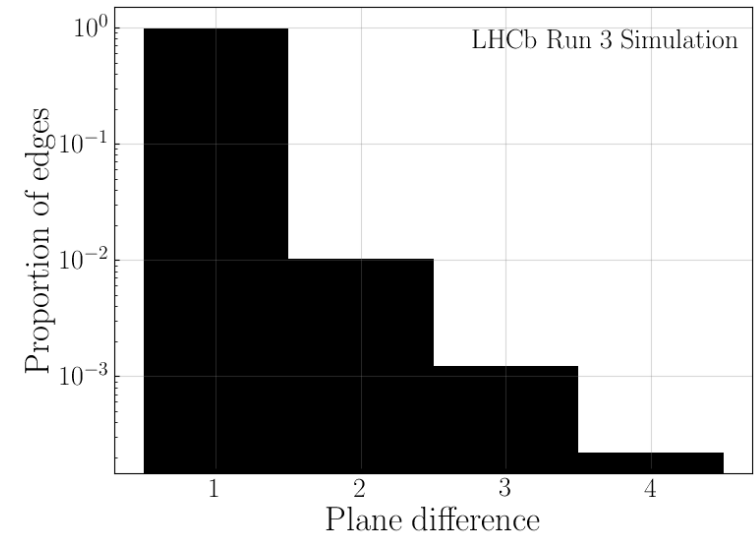
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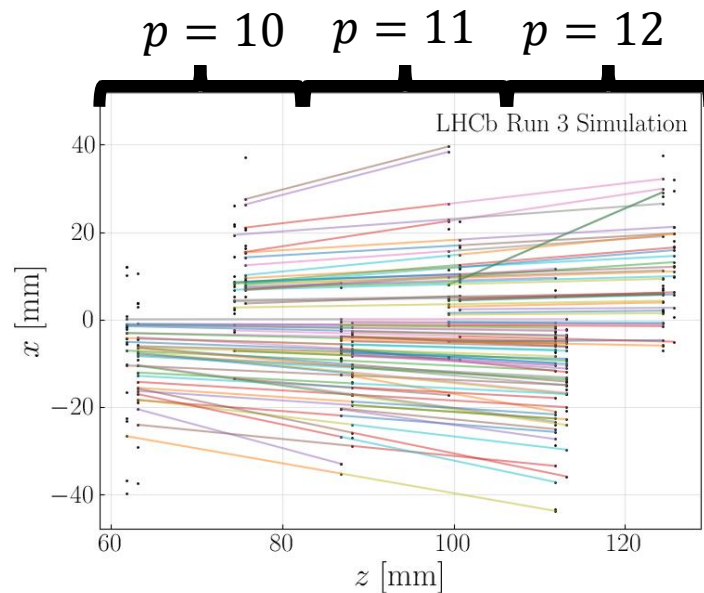
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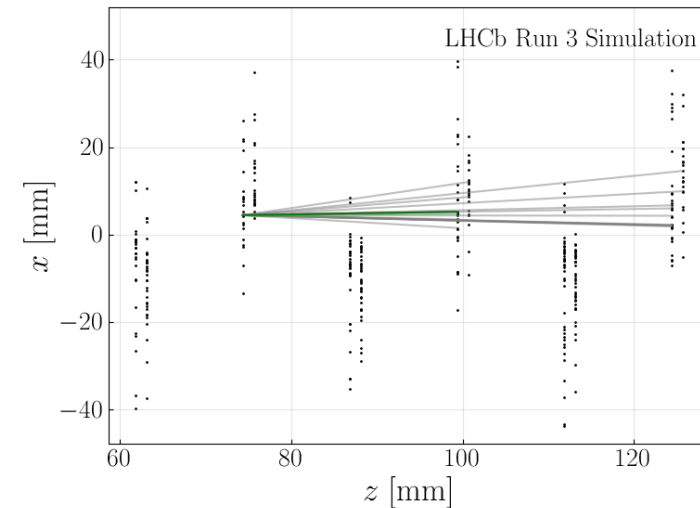
## Edges are not random

- Forward
- Away from  $z$ -axis  $\leftrightarrow$  more tilted

$\Rightarrow$  this features could be learnt by a Neural Network



True edges



Example of edges drawn in the rough graph

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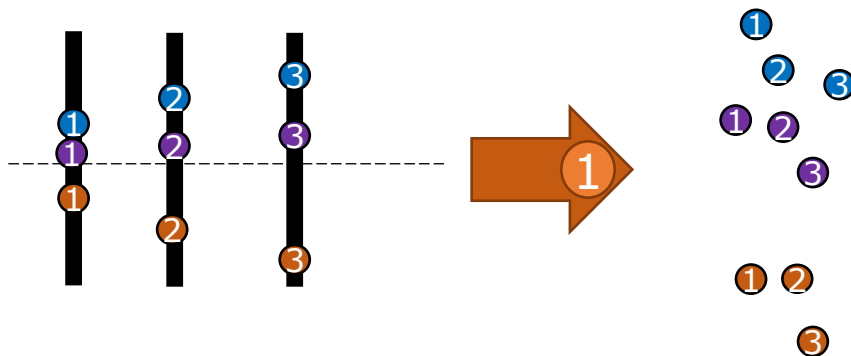
Parallelise over hits

Cylindrical coordinates

 $(r, \phi, z, \text{plane})$ **Dense Neural Network  
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35K parameters** $\vec{e} = (e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4)$ 

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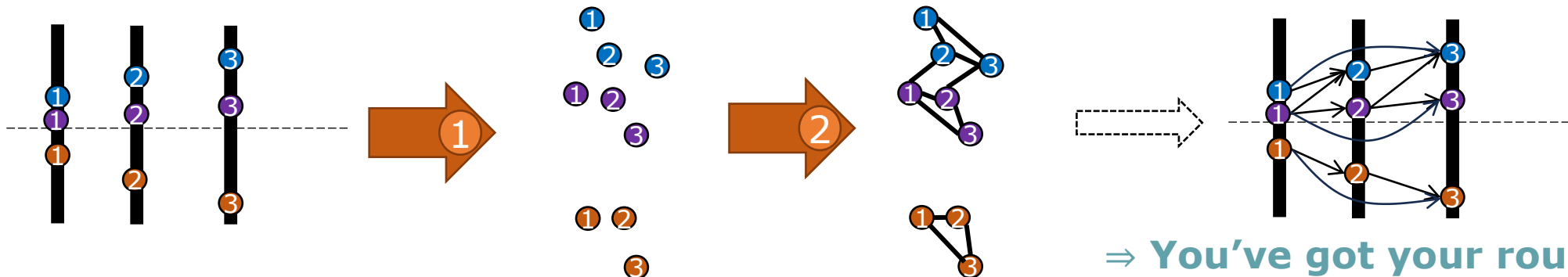
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## 2 Loop over plane $p \in \{0, \dots, 24\}$

Parallelise over hits

- Apply  $k_{\max}$ -Nearest Neighbour ( $k$ NN) algorithm between plane  $p$  and planes  $\{p + 1, p + 2\} \Rightarrow k_{\max}$  edges / hit
- Discard edges for which  $d^2 > d_{\max}^2$  ← Parameters to optimise



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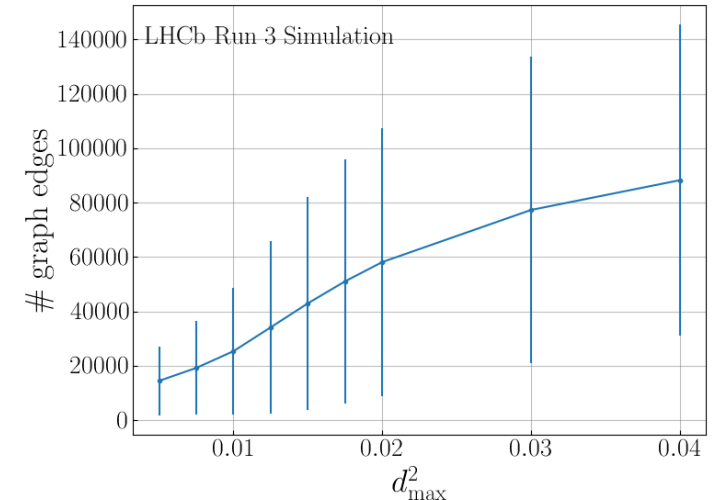
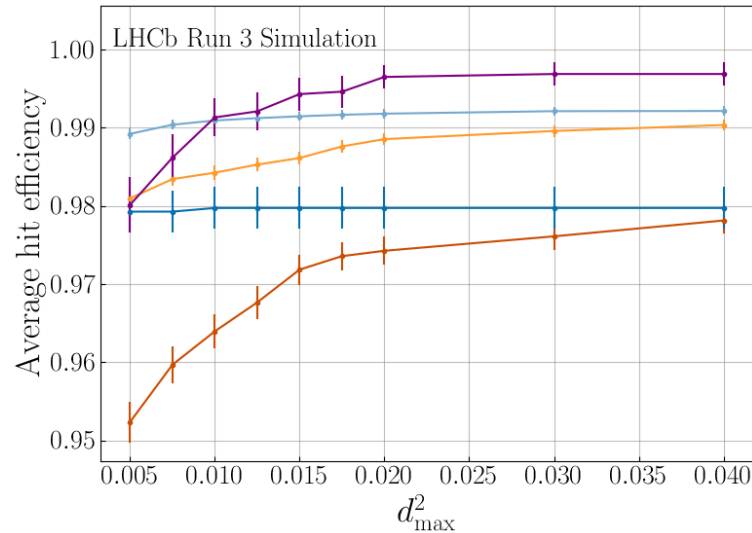
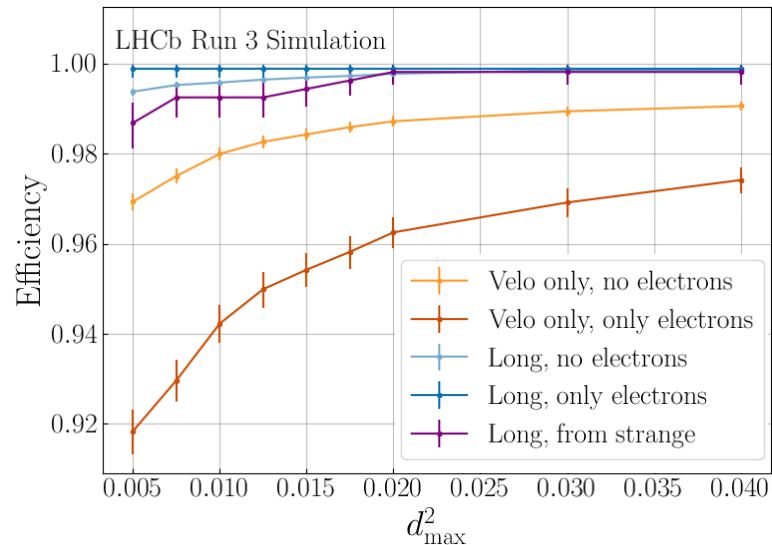
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- To choose maximal squared distance  $d_{\max}^2$ , for various values for  $d_{\max}^2$ :
  1. Build the rough graph using  $d_{\max}^2$
  2. **Remove all fake edges** in the rough graph and build the tracks from this purified graph
  3. Compute track-finding performance  $\Rightarrow$  correspond to the **best performance given  $d_{\max}^2$**

**Performance if all the fake edges are discarded ( $\equiv$  best performance)**



$\Rightarrow$  We will try  $d_{\max}^2 = 0.010$  and  $d_{\max}^2 = 0.020$

(evaluated on 200 events)

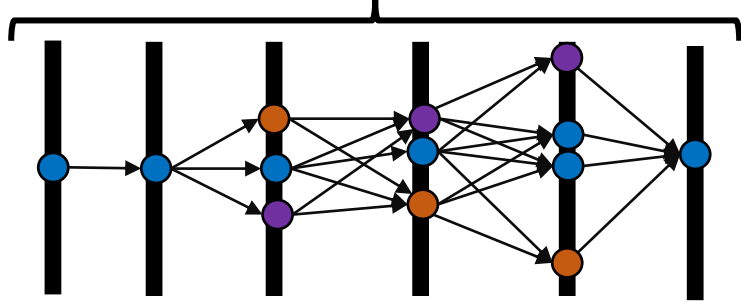
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Output of Embedding + kNN



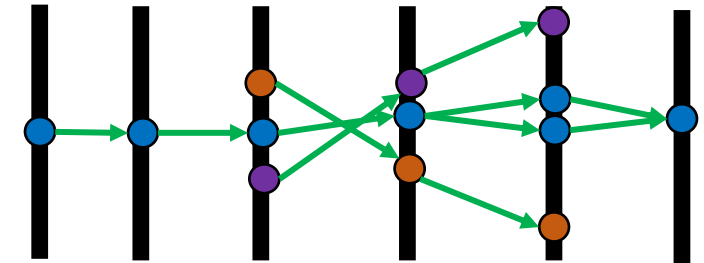
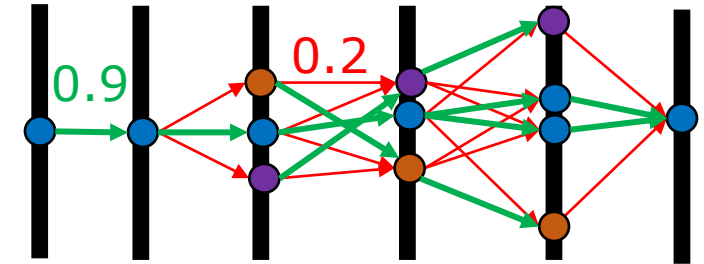
GNN edge classifier

$\Rightarrow$  score  $s \in [0, 1]$  for every edge



Edge score cut

$s > s_{\text{edge,min}}$



**Change:** Incoming and outgoing neighbours are aggregated separately, which increased overall GNN performance

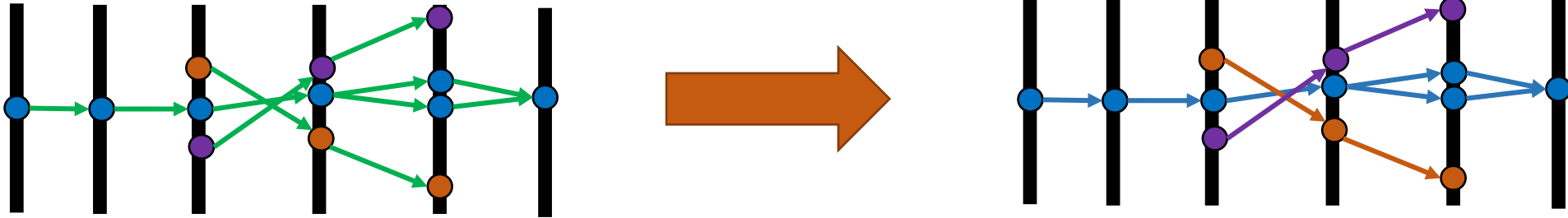


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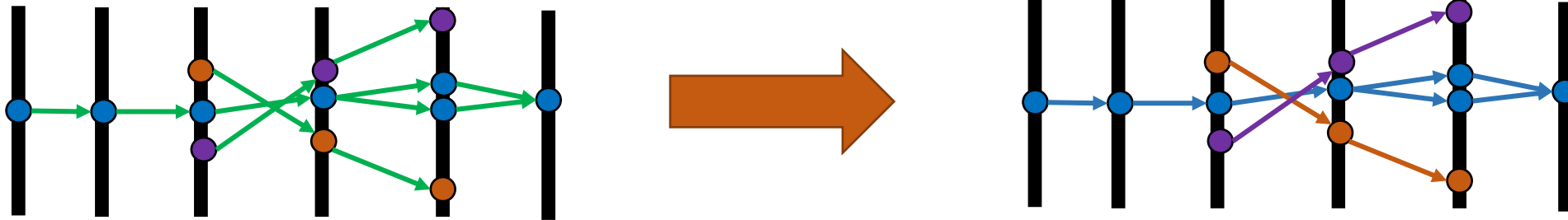
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But if you do this... **track efficiency on long electrons is terrible!**

Metric	Allen	etx4velo
Efficiency	98.17%	46.23%
Clone rate	3.07%	0.47%
Hit efficiency	95.35%	98.89%
Hit purity	99.67%	93.89%



*(evaluated on 1000 events)*

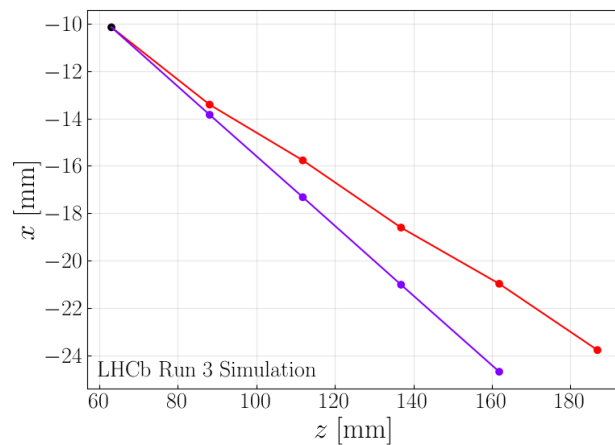
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## The Case of Electrons

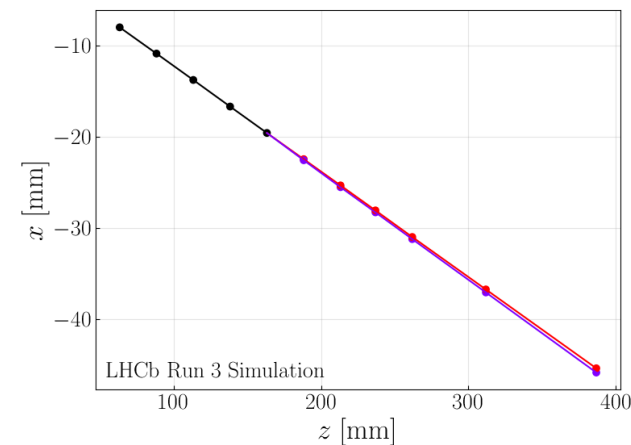
### Observations

- $\sim 55\%$  electrons share hits with another electron
- The 2 electrons share  $\geq 1$  hit(s) before splitting up

**Example 1:** share the first hit only



**Example 2:** share several hits before splitting up

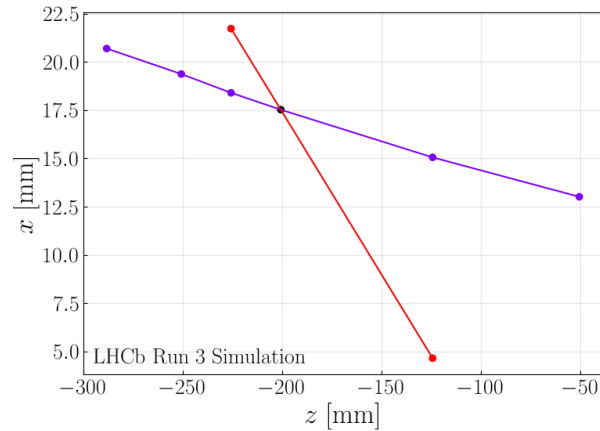


⇒ the **connected component algorithm** consider the **2** electron tracks as a **single** track

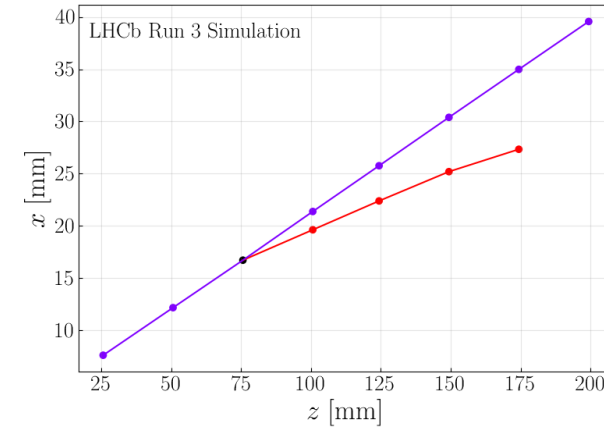
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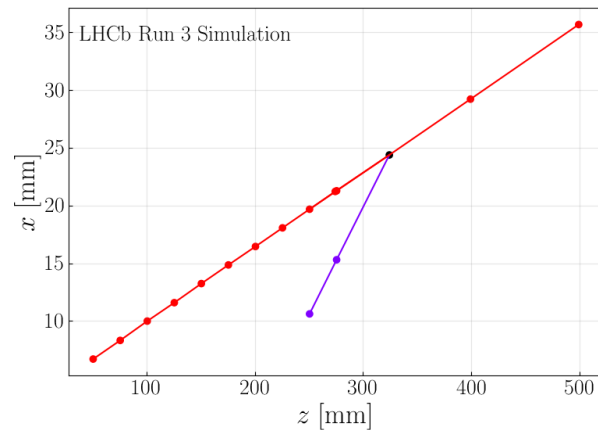
- **Tracks crossing** ( $> 524$  in 1000 events)



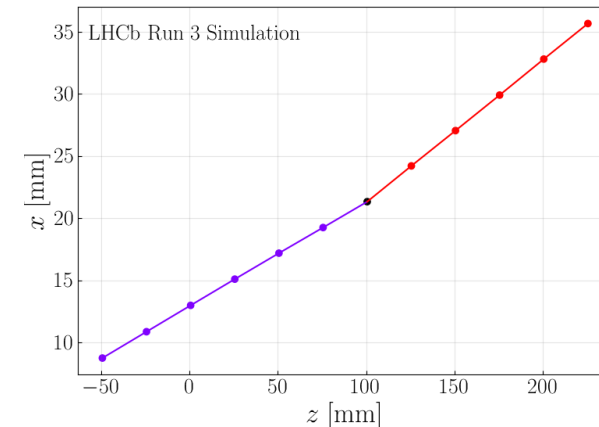
- **Track starts on a shared hit**



- **Track ends on a shared hit**

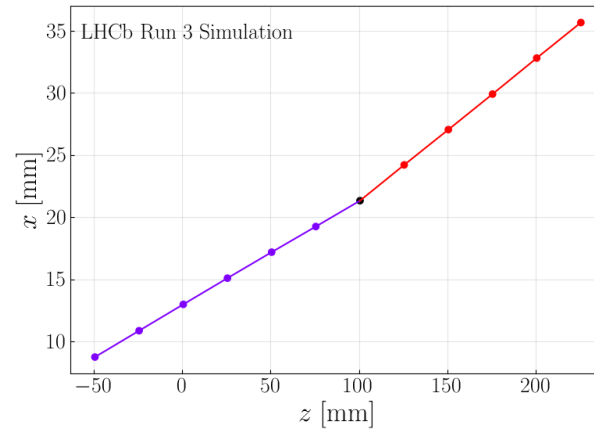
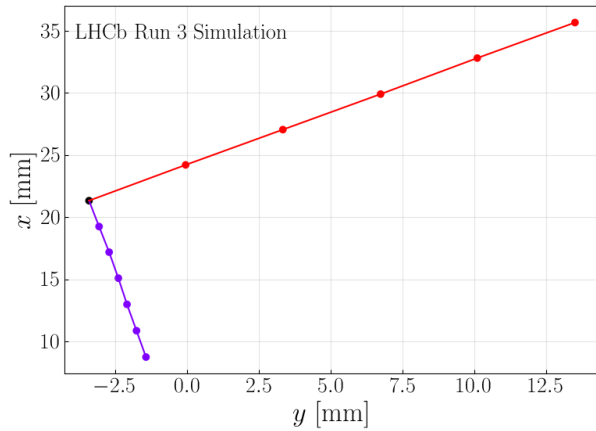


- **The last hit of a track is the first hit of another track** ( $> 141$  in 1000 events)



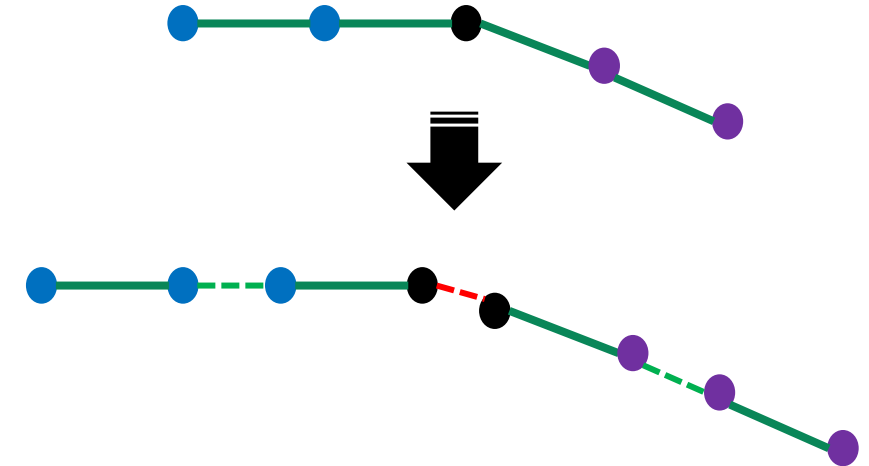
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## Edge-Edge Connections



In this case, one cannot even guess that there are *possibly 2 tracks!*

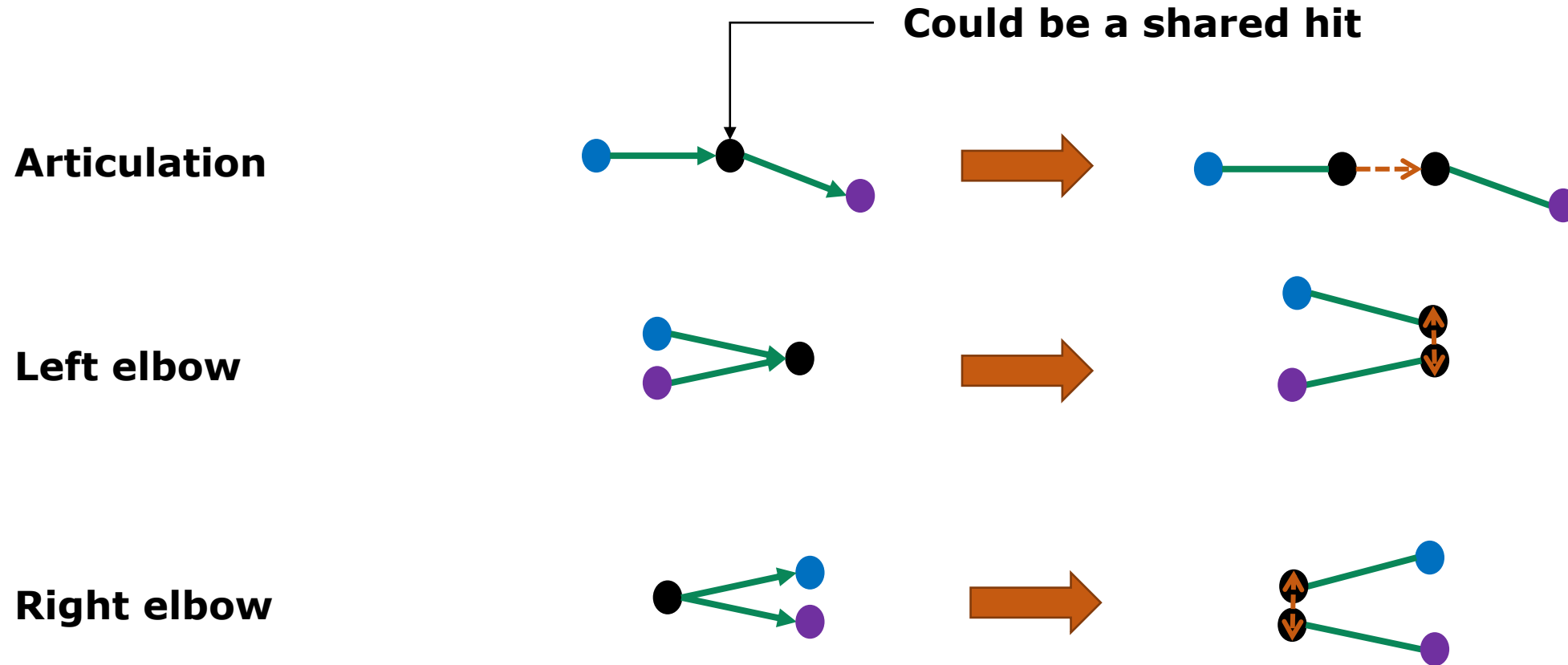
Hit-hit connection is not enough  
 $\Rightarrow$  need **edge-edge connections**



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## Edge-Edge Connections

3 kind of **edge-edge connections** (or *triplets*) are possible

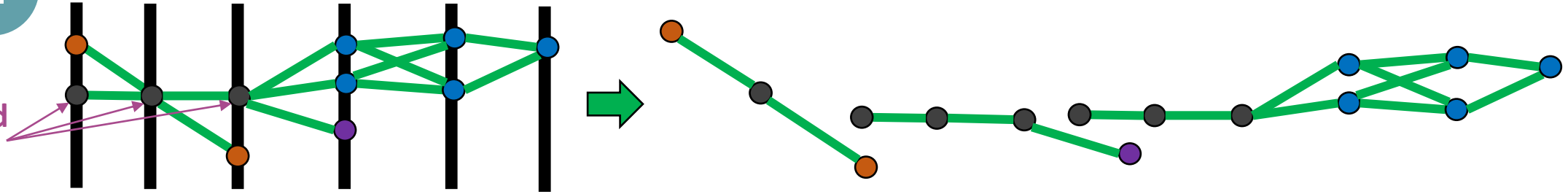




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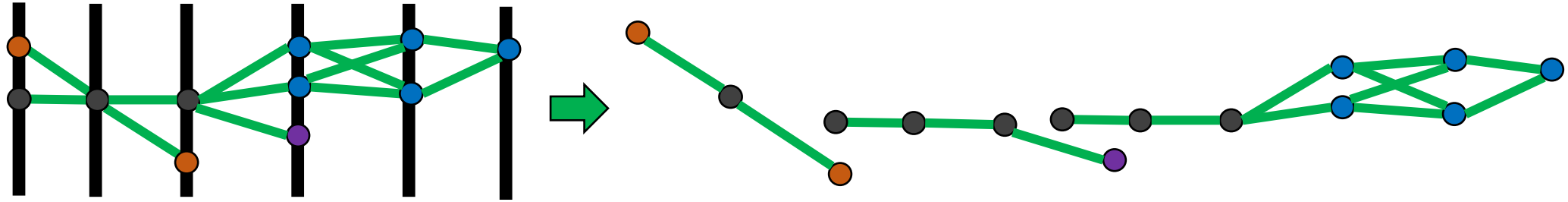
Goal

Shared hits



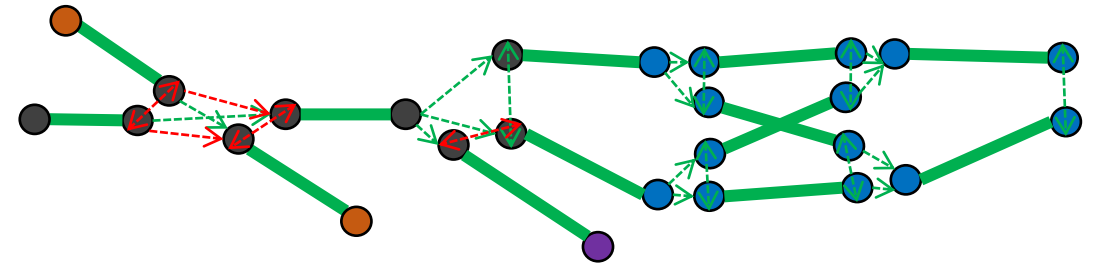
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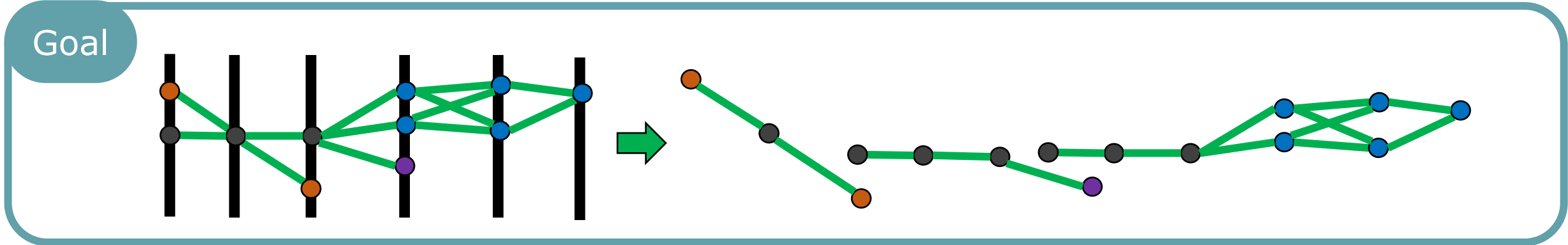


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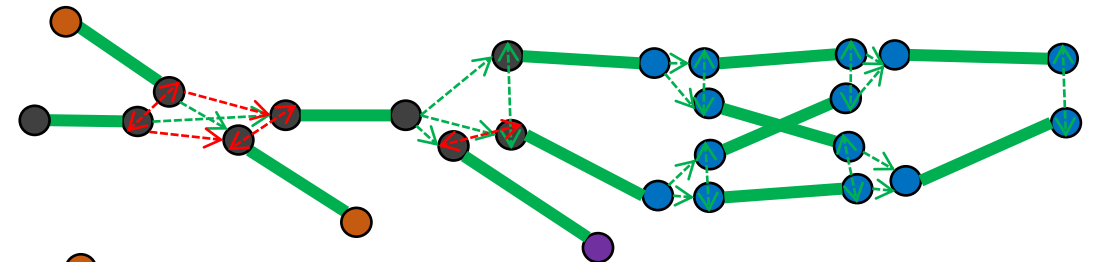


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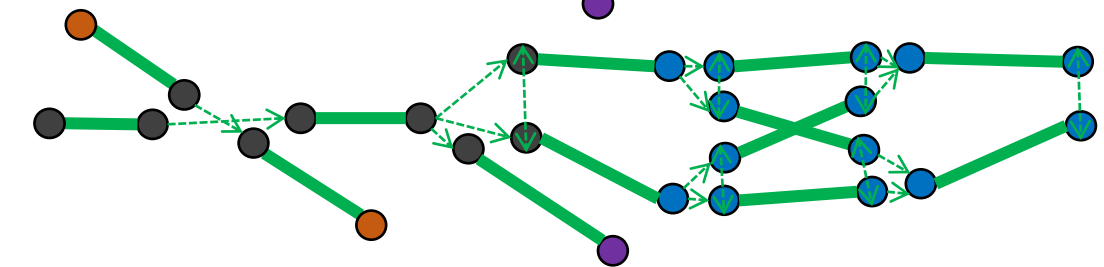


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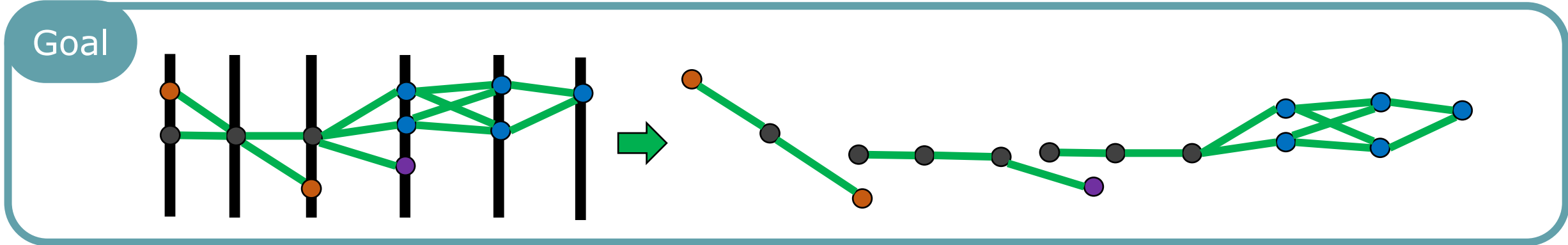
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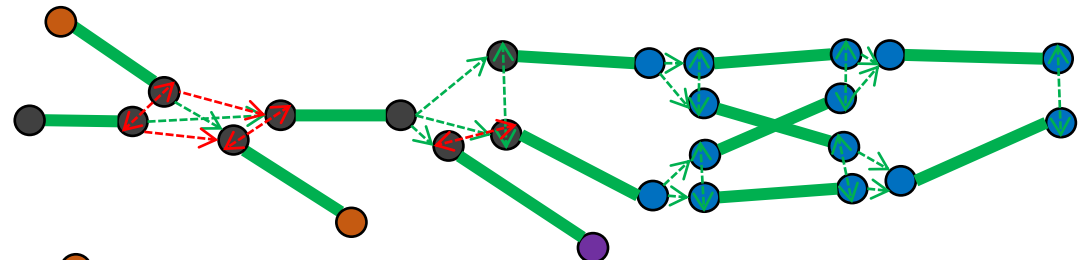


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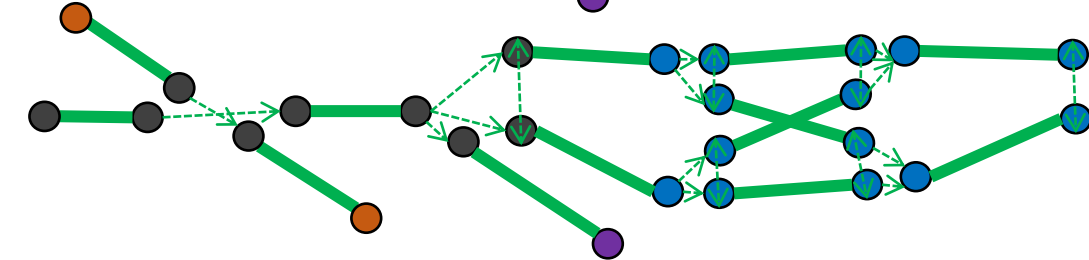


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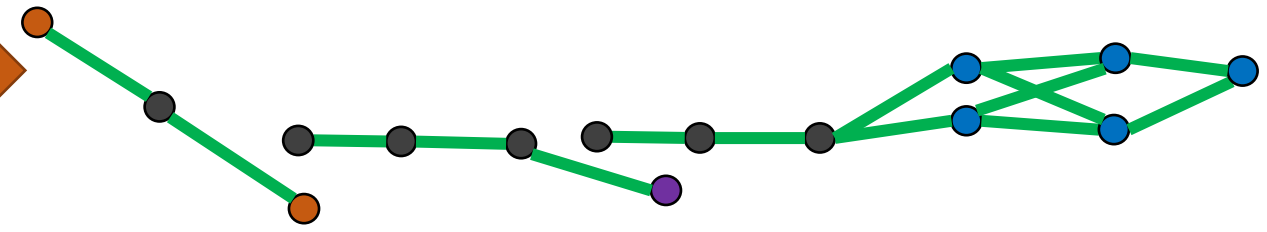
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3 Algorithm to build tracks from triplets



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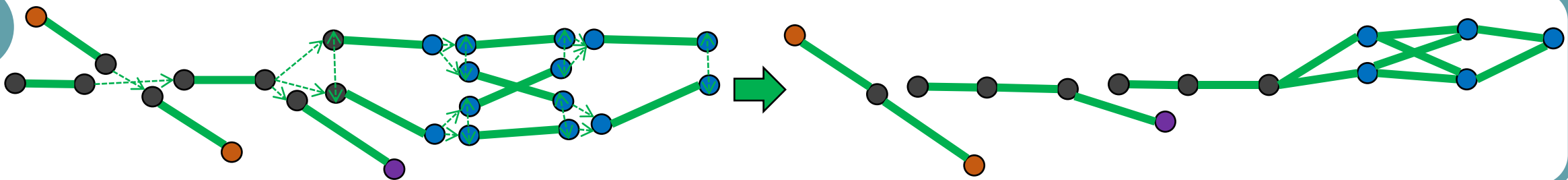
**Don't repeat the overall GNN inference:** start from the previous GNN

- Compute **triplet score** from **node and edge encodings of the GNN**
- **Train GNN with overall loss**  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{edges}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{triplets}}$

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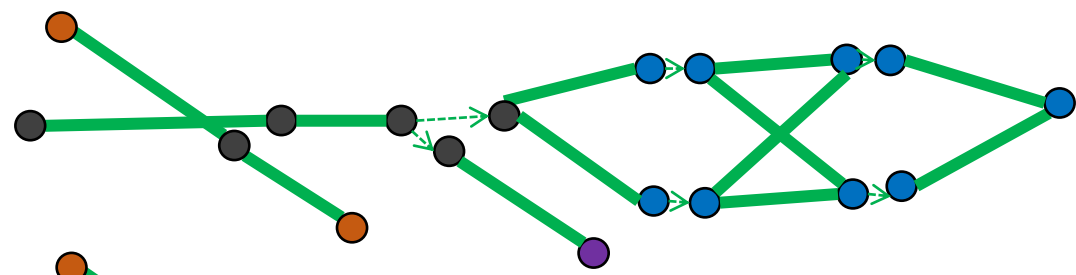
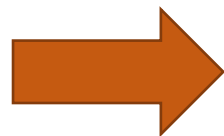


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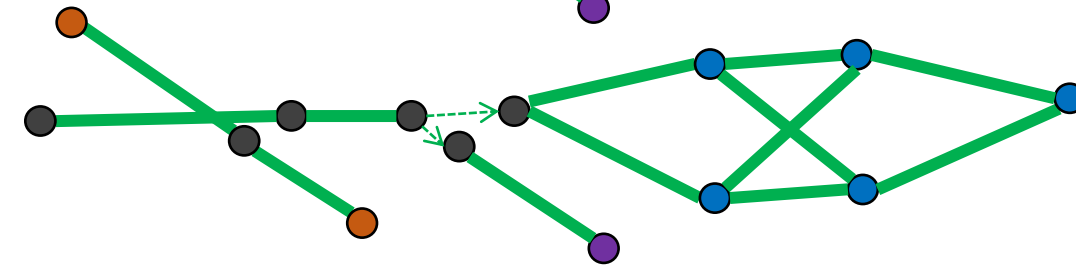
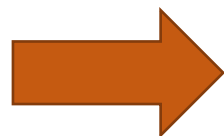
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**Connect left and right elbows** and remove duplicate edge-edge connections



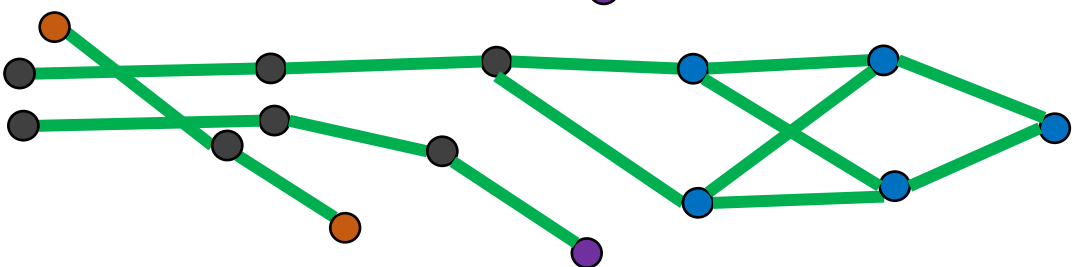
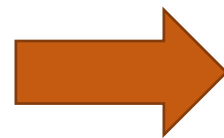
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**Apply connected components,** excluding splitting edge-edge connections



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**Each remaining link** correspond to a **new track**



# 3. Track-Finding Performance

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*Before building the tracks from the graph of triplets...*

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# 3. Track-Finding Performance

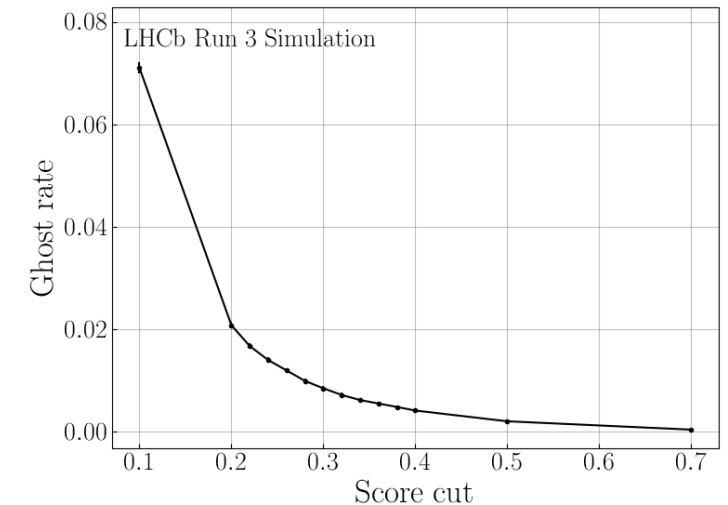
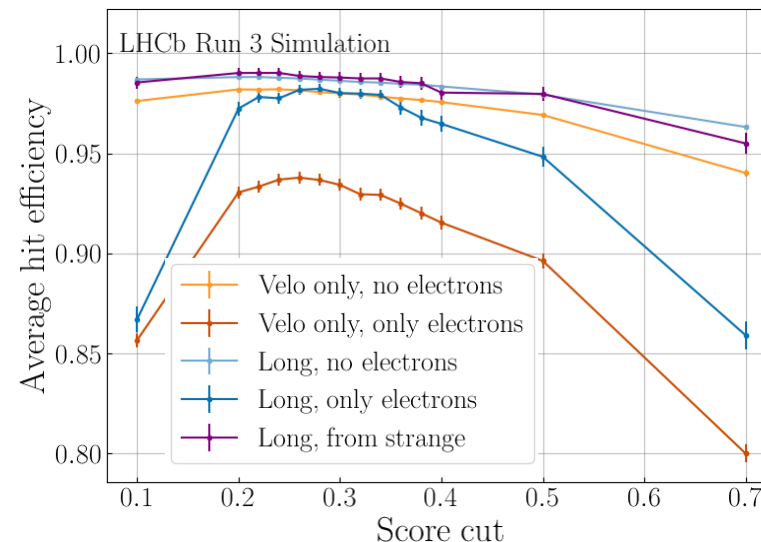
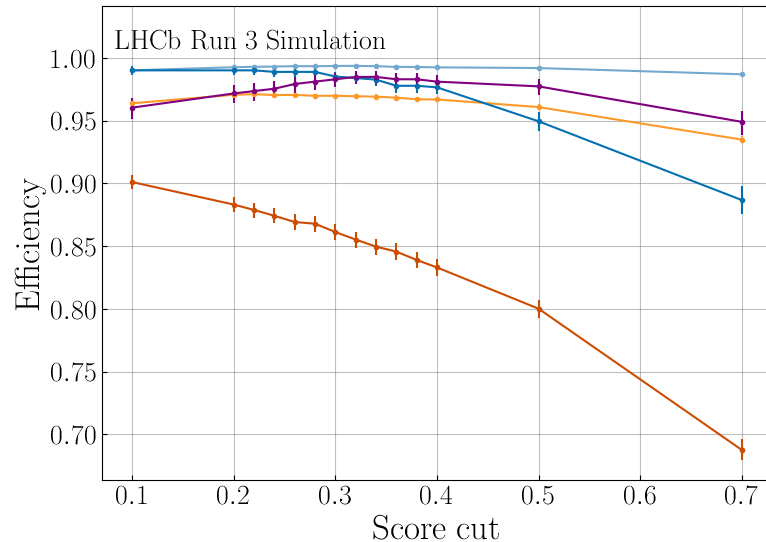


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- Choose  $S_{edge,min} = 0.4$  to optimise performance (could be increased to optimise throughput)
- Choose  $S_{triplet,min}$  by evaluating track-finding performance as a function of  $S_{triplet,min}$ 
  - High efficiency
  - Ghost rate < 1%

## Performance as a function of the triplet score cut $S_{triplet,min}$

(evaluated on 200 events)



⇒ choose  $S_{triplet,min} = 0.32$

# 3. Track-Finding Performance

- Evaluation with 5,000 events
- **Track matched to a particle** if at least 70% of its hits belong to this particle

**Long categories**

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	Clone rate
	Hit efficiency
	Hit Purity
<b>Long electrons</b> ✓ In acceptance ✓ Reconstructible in the velo ✓ Reconstructible in the SciFi ✓ Electron	Efficiency
	Clone rate
	Hit efficiency
	Hit purity
<b>Long, from strange</b> ✓ In acceptance ✓ Reconstructible in the velo ✓ Decays from a strange <i>Good proxy for displaced tracks</i>	Efficiency
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	Hit purity
X	Ghost rate

# 3. Track-Finding Performance

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<b>Long, no electrons</b> ✓ In acceptance ✓ Reconstructible in the velo ✓ Reconstructible in the SciFi ✓ Not an electron	Efficiency	99.26%
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	Hit efficiency	96.46%
	Hit Purity	99.78%
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	Clone rate	4,25%
	Hit efficiency	95.24%
	Hit purity	97.11%
<b>Long, from strange</b> ✓ In acceptance ✓ Reconstructible in the velo ✓ Decays from a strange <i>Good proxy for displaced tracks</i>	Efficiency	97.69%
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# 3. Track-Finding Performance

Triplet > 0.32  
 Etx4velo  
 $d_{\max}^2 = 0.010$

Category	Metric	Allen	
<b>Long, no electrons</b> ✓ In acceptance ✓ Reconstructible in the velo ✓ Reconstructible in the SciFi ✓ Not an electron	Efficiency	99.26%	99.28%
	Clone rate	2.54%	0.96%
	Hit efficiency	96.46%	98.73%
	Hit Purity	99.78%	99.94%
<b>Long electrons</b> ✓ In acceptance ✓ Reconstructible in the velo ✓ Reconstructible in the SciFi ✓ Electron	Efficiency	97.11%	98.80%
	Clone rate	4,25%	7.42%
	Hit efficiency	95.24%	96.54%
	Hit purity	97.11%	98.46%
<b>Long, from strange</b> ✓ In acceptance ✓ Reconstructible in the velo ✓ Decays from a strange <i>Good proxy for displaced tracks</i>	Efficiency	97.69%	97.50%
	Clone rate	2.50%	0.92%
	Hit efficiency	97.69%	98.22%
	Hit purity	99.34%	99.68%
X	Ghost rate	2.18%	0.76%

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# 3. Track-Finding Performance

Category	Metric	Allen	$s_{\text{triplet}} > 0.32$	$s_{\text{triplet}} > 0.36$
			Etx4velo $d_{\text{max}}^2 = 0.010$	Etx4velo $d_{\text{max}}^2 = 0.020$
<b>Long, no electrons</b> ✓ In acceptance ✓ Reconstructible in the velo ✓ Reconstructible in the SciFi ✓ Not an electron	Efficiency	99.26%	99.28%	99.51%
	Clone rate	2.54%	0.96%	0.89%
	Hit efficiency	96.46%	98.73%	98.90%
	Hit Purity	99.78%	99.94%	99.94%
<b>Long electrons</b> ✓ In acceptance ✓ Reconstructible in the velo ✓ Reconstructible in the SciFi ✓ Electron	Efficiency	97.11%	98.80%	99.22%
	Clone rate	4,25%	7.42%	7.31%
	Hit efficiency	95.24%	96.54%	96.79%
	Hit purity	97.11%	98.46%	98.46%
<b>Long, from strange</b> ✓ In acceptance ✓ Reconstructible in the velo ✓ Decays from a strange <i>Good proxy for displaced tracks</i>	Efficiency	97.69%	97.50%	98.06%
	Clone rate	2.50%	0.92%	0.81%
	Hit efficiency	97.69%	98.22%	98.77%
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X	Ghost rate	2.18%	0.76%	0.81%

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- 2 different GNN trainings for  $d_{\text{max}}^2 = 0.010$  and  $d_{\text{max}}^2 = 0.020$

**Long categories**



# 3. Track-Finding Performance

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<b>Velo-only, no electrons</b> ✓ In acceptance ✓ Reconstructible in the velo ✓ Not reconstructible in the SciFi ✓ Not an electron	Efficiency	96.84%	97.03%	97.86%
	Clone rate	3.84%	1.08%	1.02%
	Hit efficiency	93.89%	97.93%	98.32%
	Hit Purity	99.50%	99.84%	99.82%
<b>Velo-only electrons</b> ✓ In acceptance ✓ Reconstructible in the velo ✓ Not reconstructible in the SciFi ✓ Electron	Efficiency	67.81%	85.10%	86.69%
	Clone rate	10.27%	5.02%	4.97%
	Hit efficiency	79.21%	93.33%	93.88%
	Hit purity	97.35%	99.07%	98.99%
<b>Velo-only, from strange</b> ✓ In acceptance ✓ Not reconstructible in the velo ✓ Decays from a strange <i>Good proxy for displaced tracks</i>	Efficiency	93.53%	93.07%	96.05%
	Clone rate	5.60%	1.97%	1.77%
	Hit efficiency	90.05%	93.92%	96.05%
	Hit purity	99.36%	99.67%	99.64%

**Velo-only categories**



## Track-Finding Physics Performance of GNN-based pipeline

- **Comparable or superior performance** to Allen's velo track-finding algorithm
- **Excellent electron reconstruction**
- **Low ghost rate**

## Ongoing Work

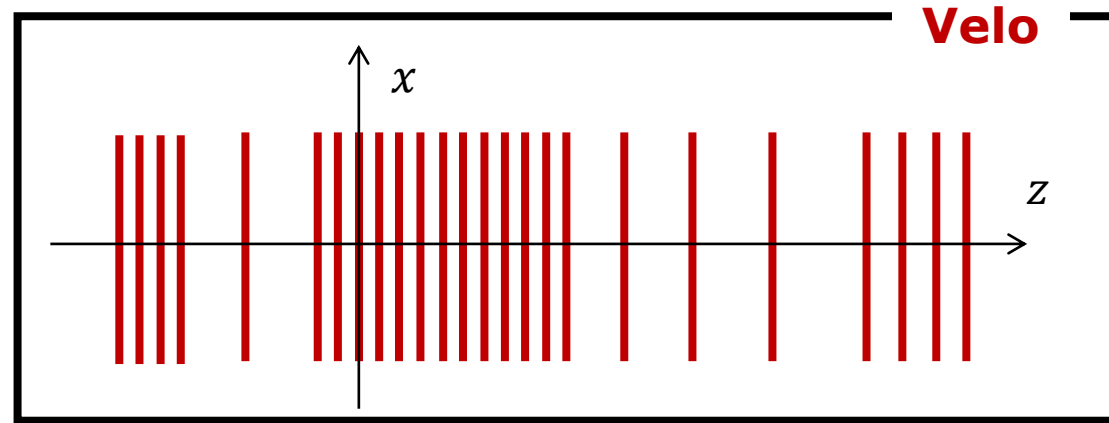
- Implementation in Allen to
  - properly **optimise the throughput** of the GNN-based pipeline
  - **Compare the optimal throughput to conventional algorithm**
- Extension to other LHCb tracking detectors, starting from the SciFi

Thank You For Your Attention!

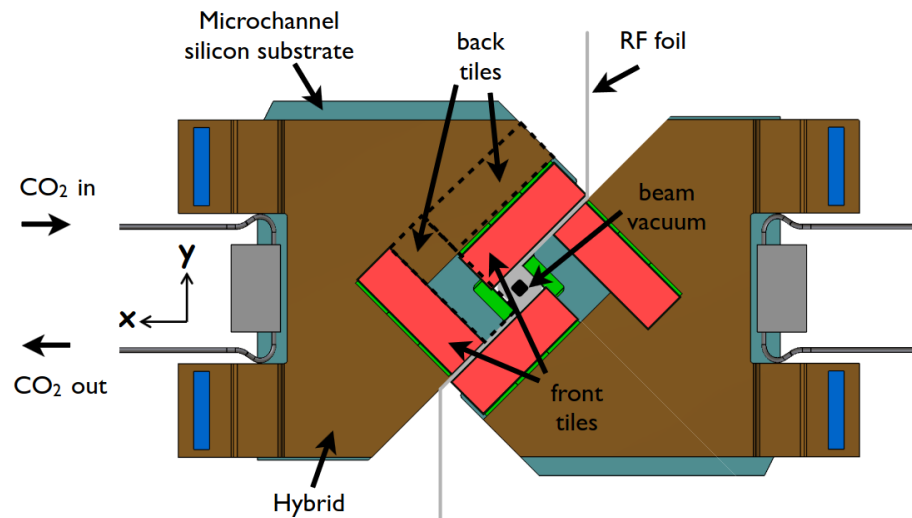


# Backup Slides

# Velo geometry

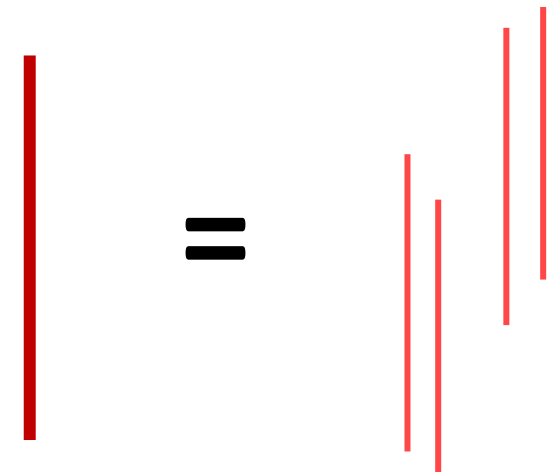


**1 plane = 4 sensor planes**



**1 plane**

**4 sensor planes**



[P. C. Tsopelas, 'A Silicon Pixel Detector for LHCb', PhD Thesis, Vrije U., Amsterdam, 2016.](#)

# 1. Graph Neural Network Track Finding

Use **700,000 events** for training, with the following selection

- **Particles** are **straight enough**
- **Particles** leave  $\geq 3$  **hits** in the Velo
- **Event** has  $\geq 500$  genuine hits

# 1. GNN-based Track Finding Approach

Graph Building

GNN: filter edges

Build tracks from graph

Training  
step

- 1 Embed all the hits using the network  $(r, \phi, z, \text{plane}) \rightarrow$  **DNN**  $\rightarrow \vec{e} = (e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4)$
- 2 For a random given set of hits, build a **dataset of genuine edges and fake edges**. Compute the distances between their hits in the embedding space:

$$\{d_{\text{genuine},i}^2, \forall i\} \text{ and } \{d_{\text{fake},j}^2, \forall j\}$$

- 3 Minimise hinge loss  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{total}} = 3 \mathcal{L}_{\text{genuine}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{fake}}$  where

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{genuine}} = \frac{1}{n_{\text{genuine}}} \sum_i d_{\text{genuine},i}^2$$

Minimise  $d_{\text{genuine},i}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{fake}} = \frac{1}{n_{\text{fake}}} \sum_j \max(0.01 - d_{\text{fake},j}^2, 0)$$

Maximise  $d_{\text{fake},j}$

Training  
dataset

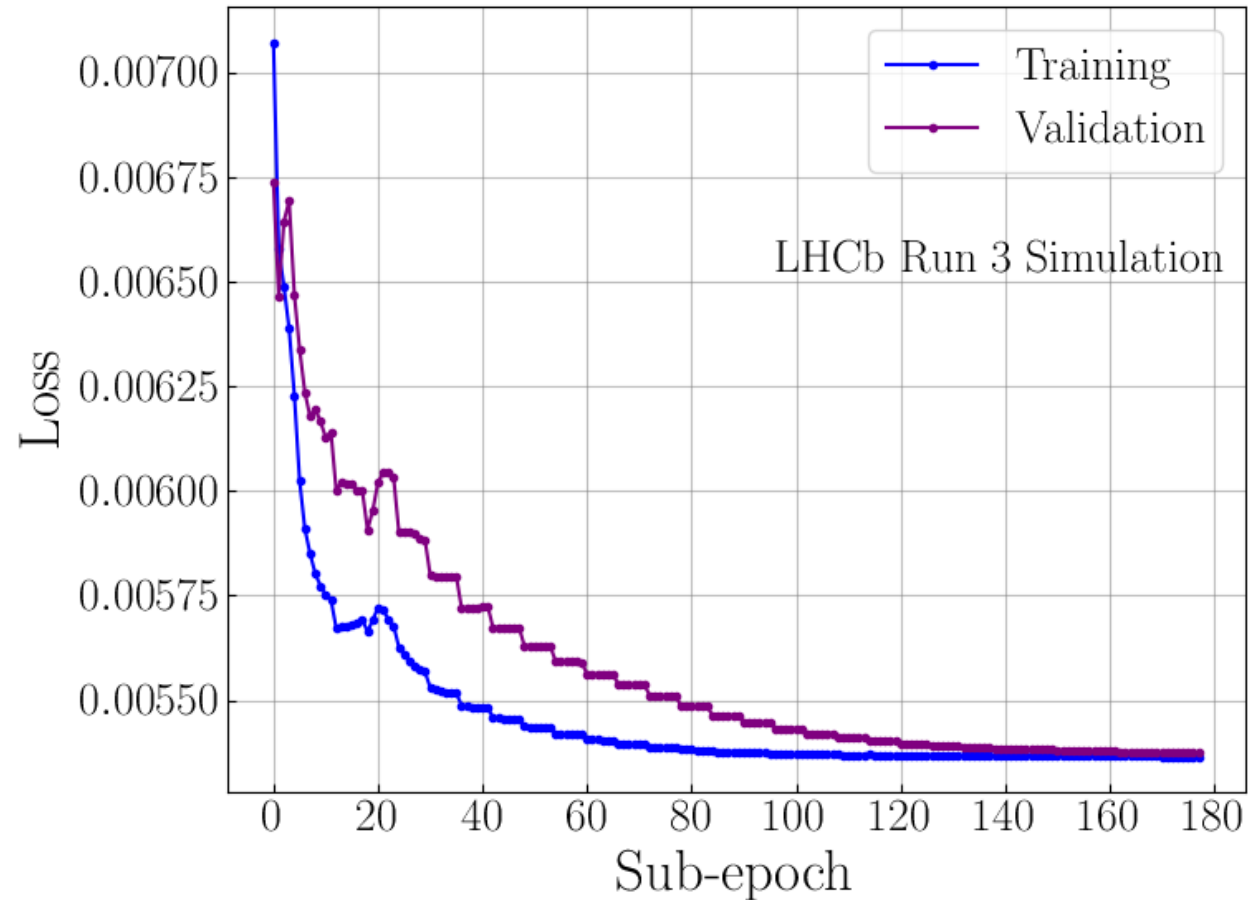
- **Hard Negative Mining:** edges built by a kNN ( $\rightarrow$  "hard" negatives)
- **True** edges
- **Random** edges

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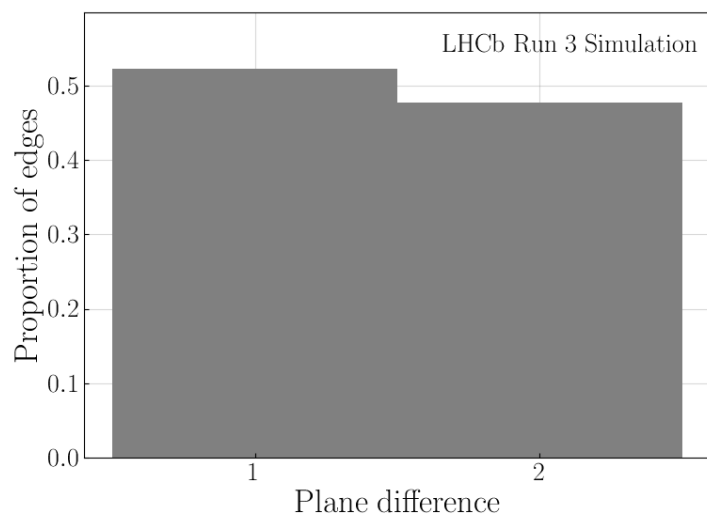
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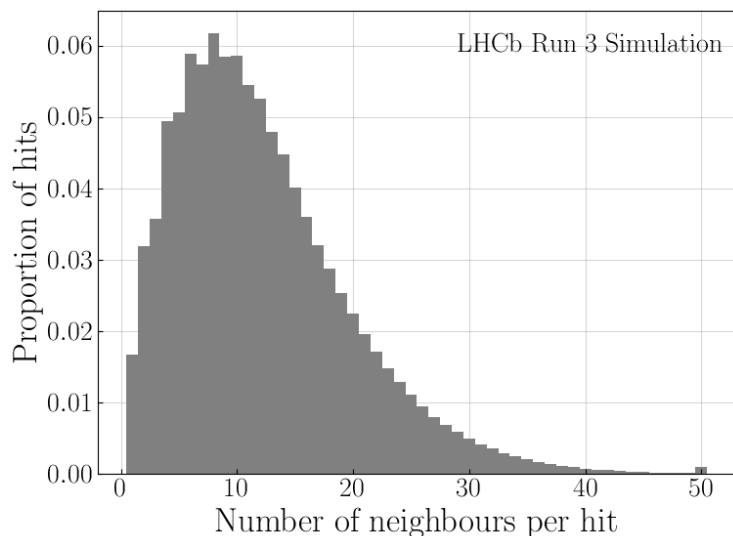
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Rough graph with  $k_{\max} = 50$  and  $d_{\max}^2 = 0.010$



Even though **1% of genuine edges are 2-plane apart**, the rough graph needs to contain **almost 50% of such edges**



⇒  $k_{\max}$  **could probably be reduced** to increase throughput

# 1. Graph Neural Network Track Finding

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**Encode every hit and edge**  
in a high-dimensional space

$\vec{r} = (r, \phi, z) \rightarrow$  **Node Encoder**  $\rightarrow \vec{n} \in \mathbb{R}^{256}$

$(r_{in}, \phi_{in}, z_{in}, r_{out}, \phi_{out}, z_{out}) \rightarrow$  **Edge Encoder**  $\rightarrow \vec{e} \in \mathbb{R}^{256}$

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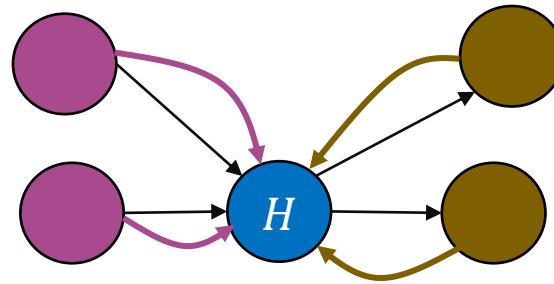
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**Message passing:** repeat 6 times

hyperparameter

a

Build "message" by aggregating neighbour hit encodings



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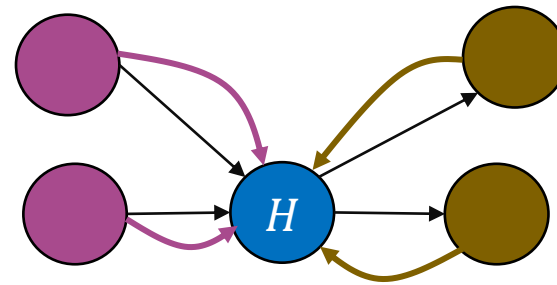
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$$[\vec{n}, \text{message}] \longrightarrow$$

Node Network

$$\oplus \longrightarrow \vec{n}_{updated}$$

$$[\vec{e}, \vec{n}_{updated}^{in}, \vec{n}_{updated}^{out}] \longrightarrow$$

Edge Network

$$\oplus \longrightarrow \vec{e}_{updated}$$

3

**Compute edge scores**

$$[\vec{n}_{in}, \vec{n}_{out}, \vec{e}] \longrightarrow$$

Edge Classifier

Edge score  $s \in [0, 1]$

Trained with a [sigmoid focal loss](#)

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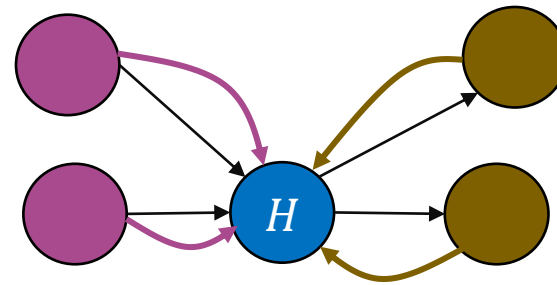
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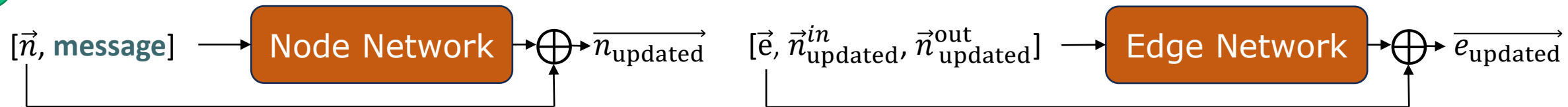
Change w.r.t. Exa.Trkx

Incoming and outgoing neighbours are aggregated separately

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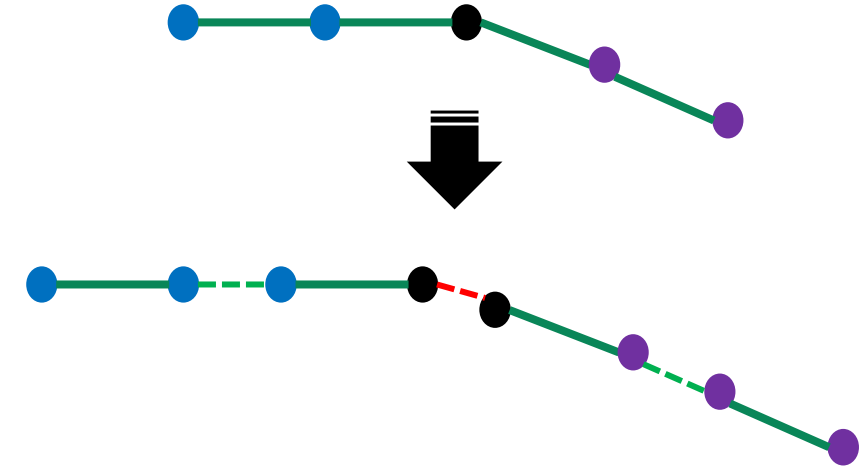
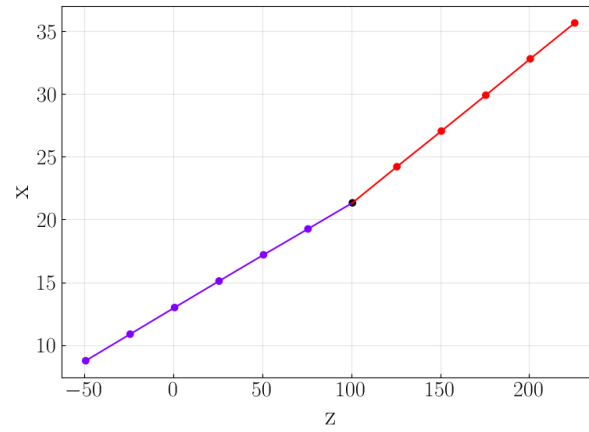
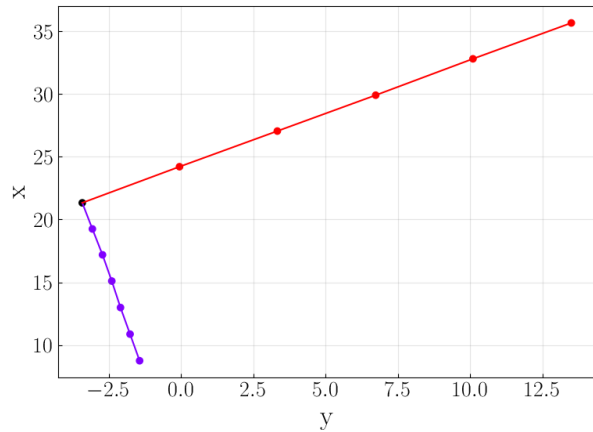
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$[\vec{n}_{in}, \vec{n}_{out}, \vec{e}] \rightarrow$  **Edge Classifier**  $\rightarrow$  Edge score  $s \in [0, 1]$

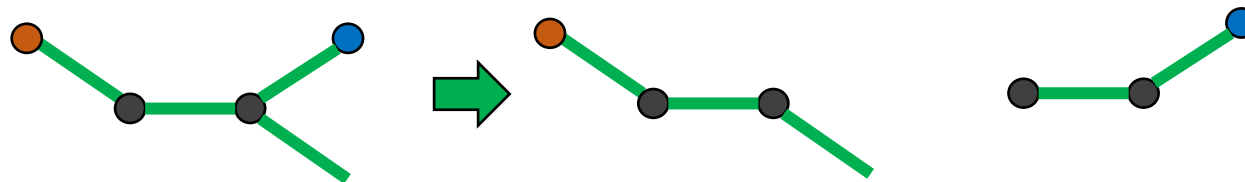
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## 2. Issue of Shared Hits



Hit-hit connection is not enough  
 ⇒ need **edge-edge connections**

- Solve the ambiguity of shared hits under the following hypothesis:  
 “All hits that precede a splitting point can be attributed to all the newly identified tracks”
- ⇒ Assume that this does not happen



## 2. Issue of Shared Hits



Don't repeat the 6-step message passing: **start from the previous GNN**

### 3 Compute edge scores

$[\vec{n}_{\text{in}}, \vec{n}_{\text{out}}, \vec{e}] \rightarrow$  Edge Classifier  $\rightarrow$  Edge score  $s_{\text{edge}} \in [0, 1]$

4 Filter out the **fake** edges by requiring  $s_{\text{edge}} > s_{\text{edge},\min}$  to reduce # edge-edge connections

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6 **Directly compute triplet scores from the edge and node encodings of the triplet**

$[\vec{n}_{shared}, \vec{n}_{first}, \vec{n}_{last}, \vec{e}_{in}, \vec{e}_{out}] \rightarrow$  Triplet Classifier  $\rightarrow$  Triplet score  $s_{triplet} \in [0, 1]$

Filter out the **fake triplets** by requiring  $s_{triplet} > s_{triplet,min}$

GNN trained with the overall loss

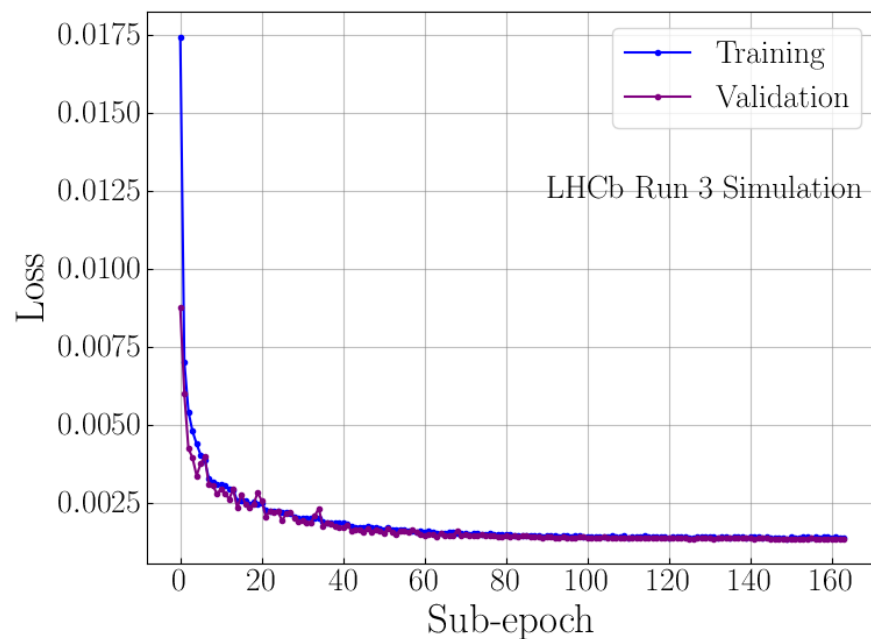
$$\mathcal{L}_{tot} = \mathcal{L}_{edge} + \mathcal{L}_{triplet}$$

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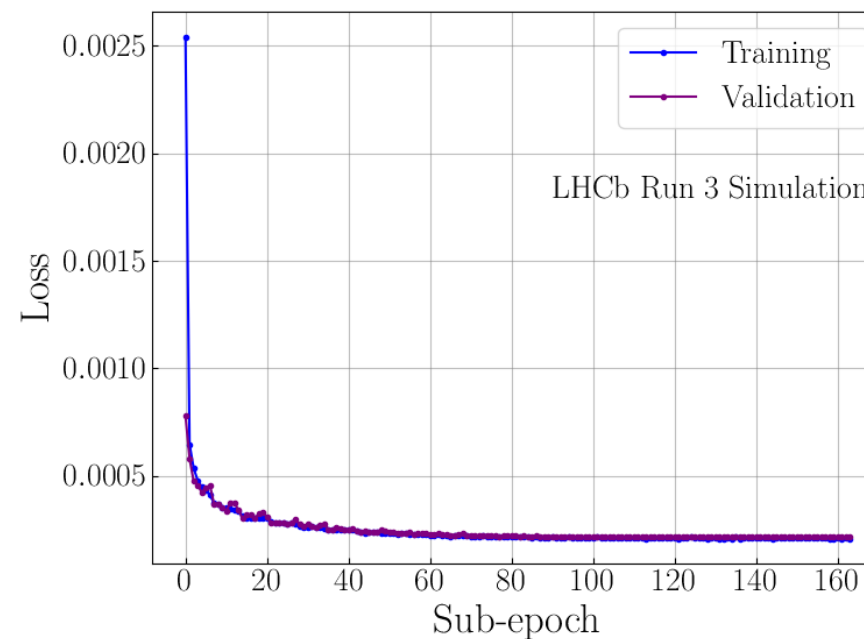


Overall GNN loss = GNN loss on edges + GNN loss on triplets

### GNN loss on edges



### GNN loss on triplets

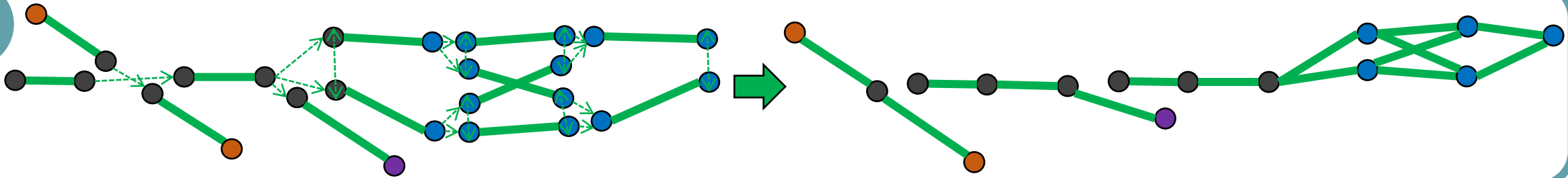


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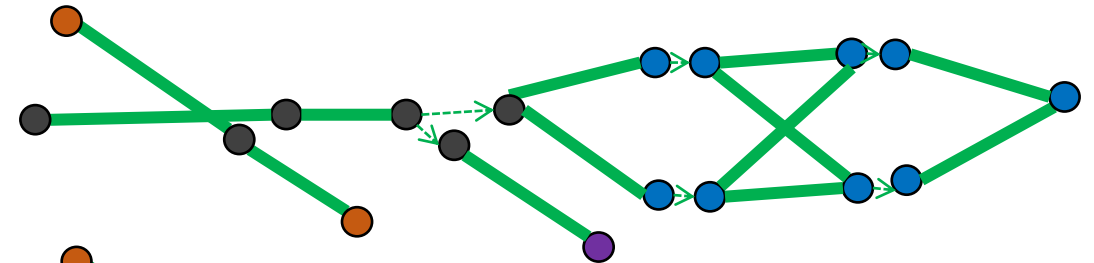
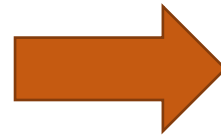


Goal



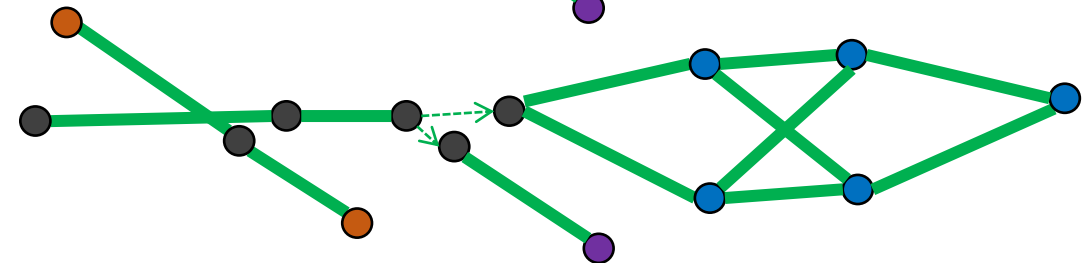
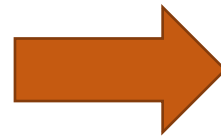
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**Connect left and right elbows**  
and remove duplicate edge-edge  
connections



2

**Apply connected components,**  
excluding splitting edge-edge  
connections



**New Hypothesis:** a track may split into  
2 tracks **only one time**  
→ Allow to keep *locality*

**Matching candidate**  
(**track**, **particle**) couple  
for which **70% of the hits of track belong to the particle**

Quality of overall  
track-finding

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{\# \text{ matched particles}}{\# \text{ particles}}$$

Proportion of *matched particles*

$$\text{Clone rate} = \frac{\# \text{ candidates} - \# \text{ matched particles}}{\# \text{ candidates}} = \frac{\# \text{ clones}}{\# \text{ candidates}}$$

Proportion of *redundant candidates*

$$\text{Ghost rate} = \frac{\# \text{ unmatched tracks}}{\# \text{ tracks}}$$

Proportion of *unmatched tracks*

Quality of  
individual tracks

$$\text{Hit Efficiency} = \left\langle \frac{\# \text{ matched hits on track}}{\# \text{ hits on particle}} \right\rangle_{\text{candidates}}$$

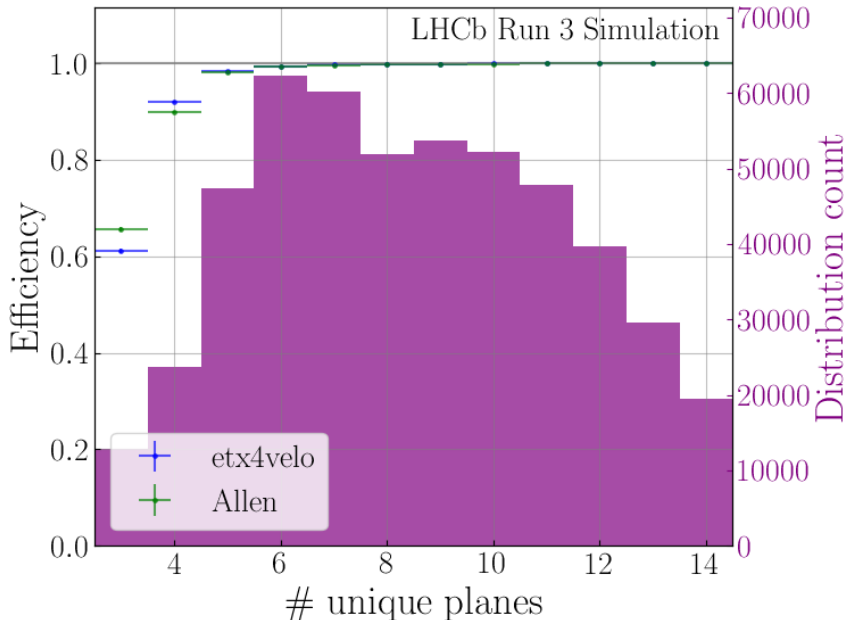
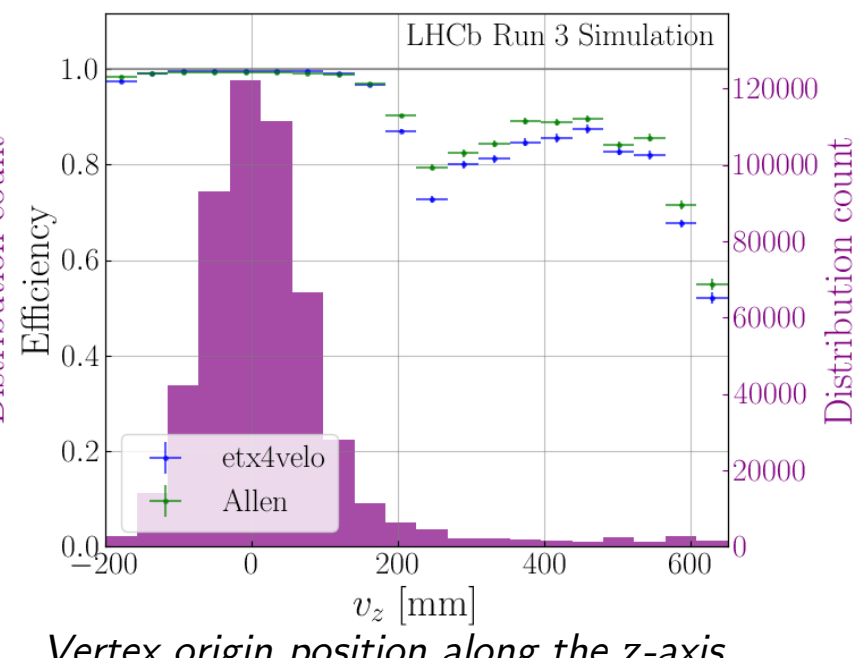
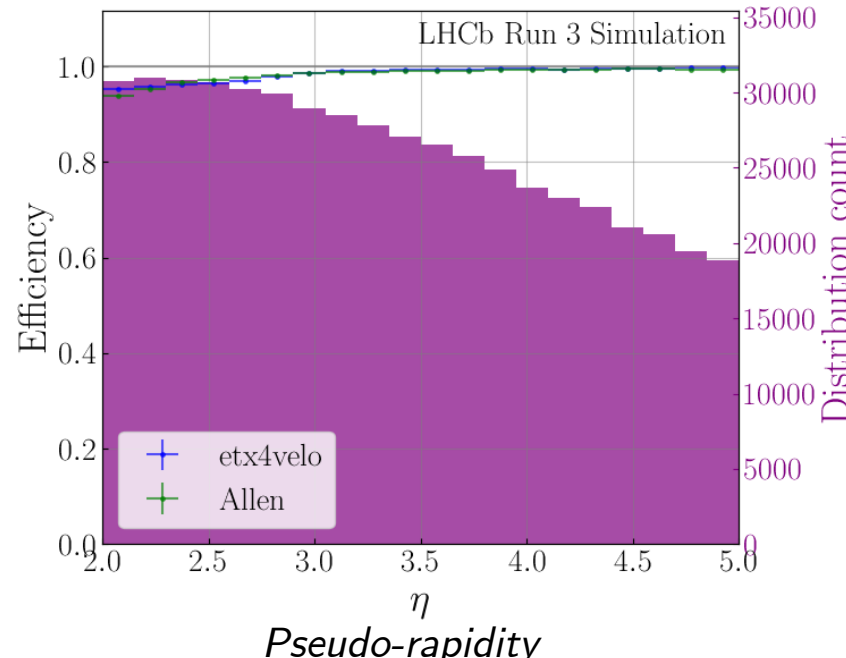
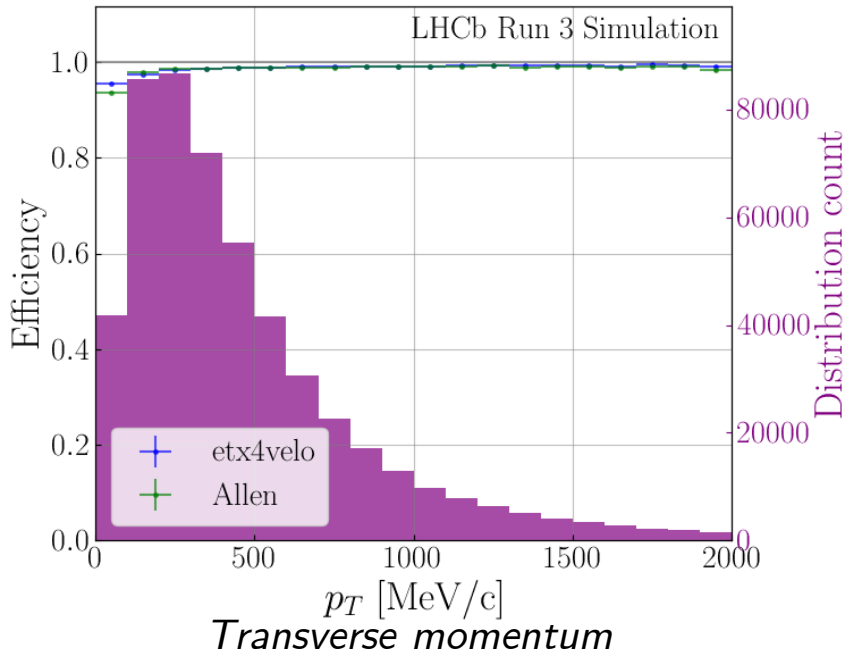
Average proportion of *matched hits on particle*

$$\text{Hit Purity} = \left\langle \frac{\# \text{ matched hits on track}}{\# \text{ hits on track}} \right\rangle_{\text{candidates}}$$

Average proportion of *matched hits on track*



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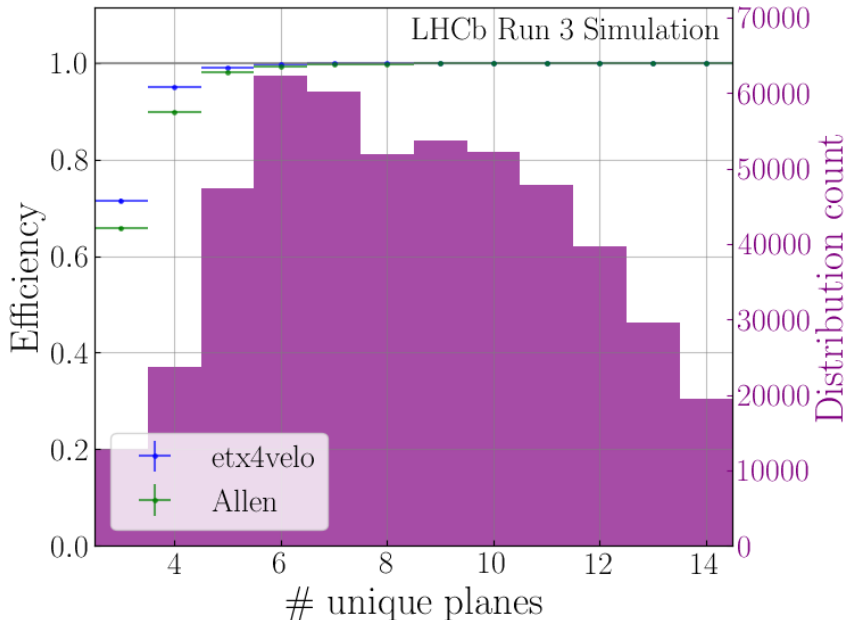
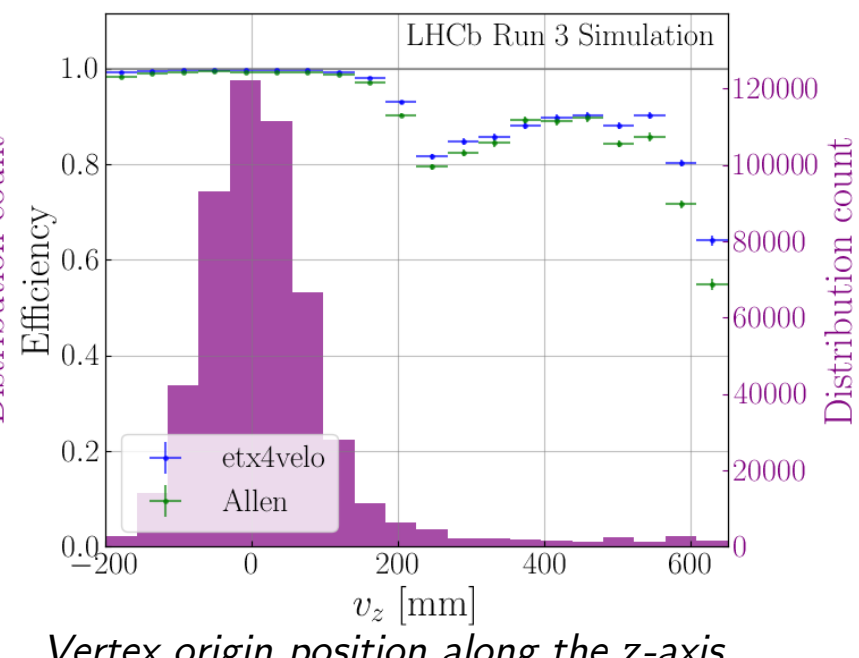
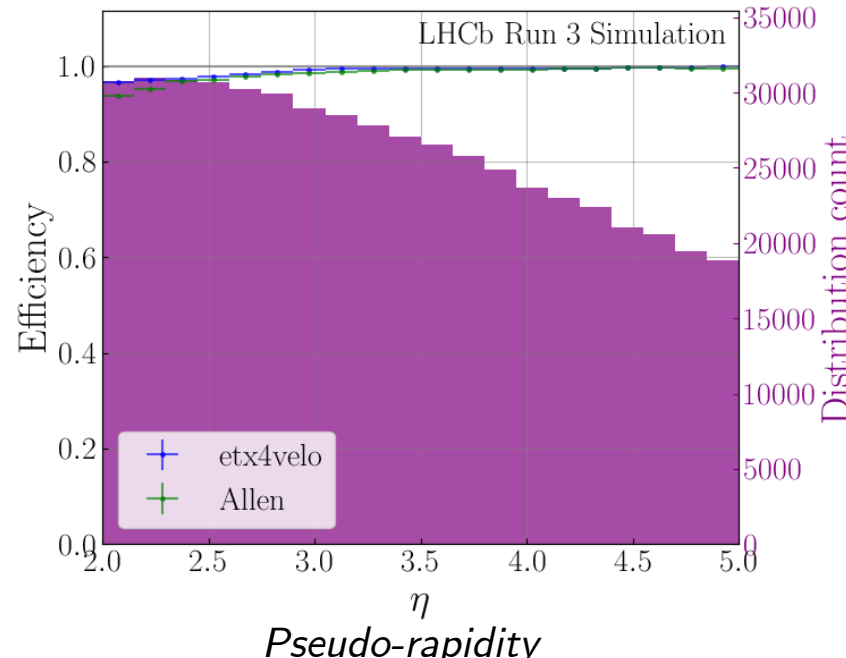
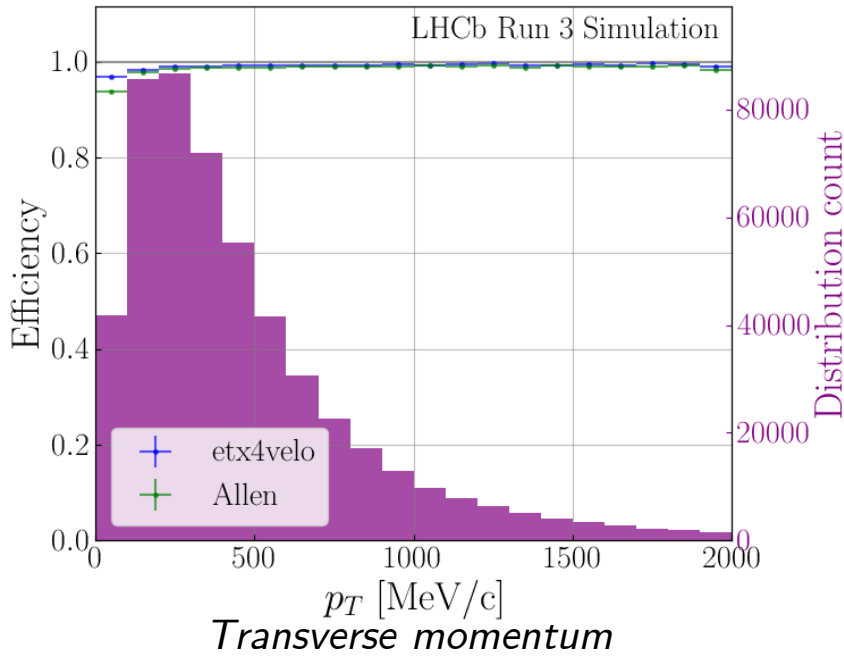


**Velo,  
no electrons**

$d_{\max}^2 = 0.010$

- Lower efficiency at
- Larger  $v_z$
  - Smaller # unique planes

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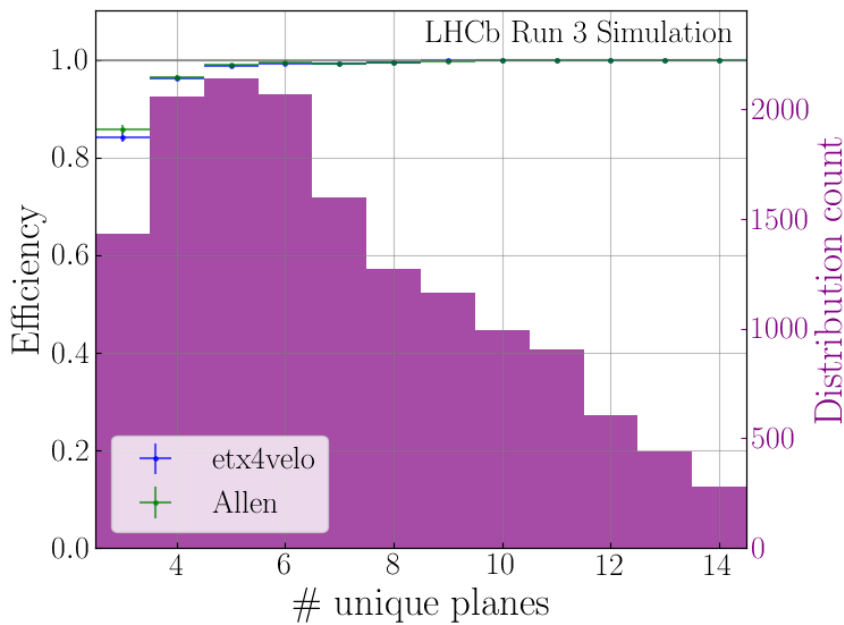
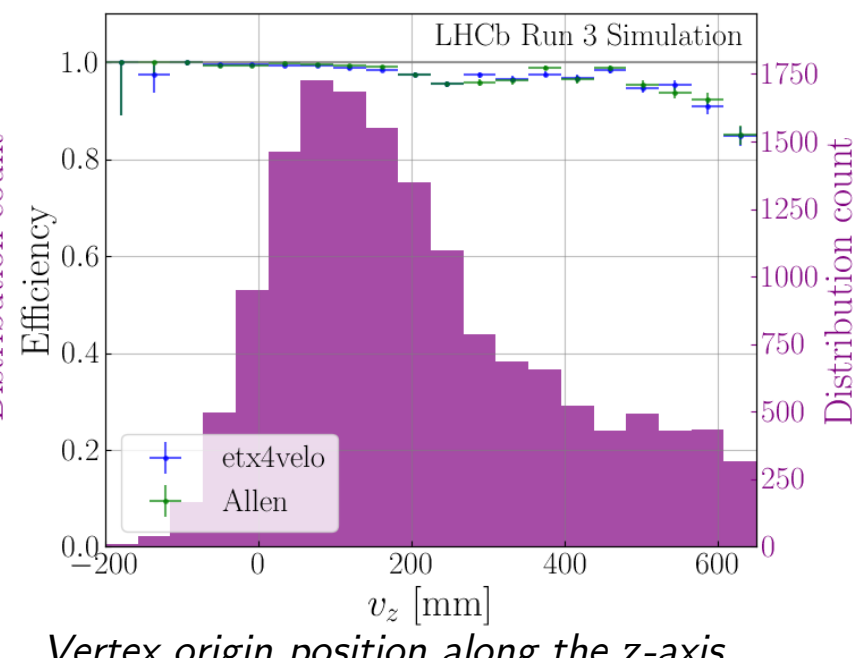
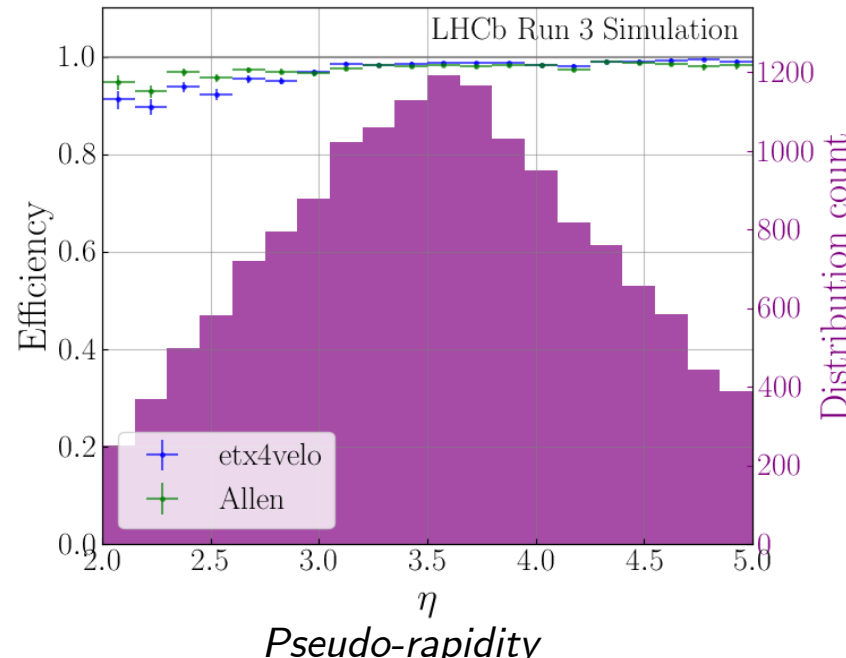
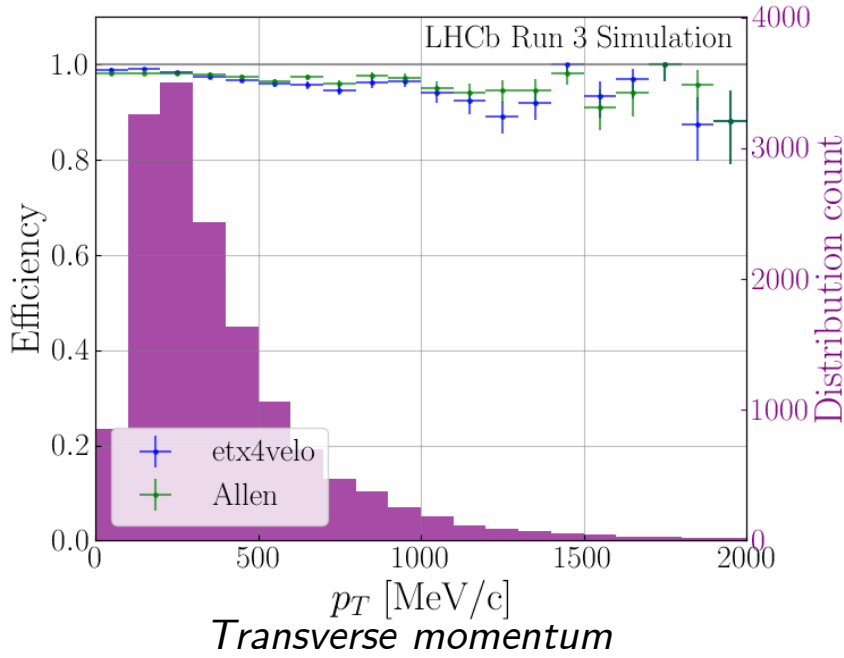


**Velo,  
no electrons**

$d_{\max}^2 = 0.020$

Better efficiencies everywhere

# 3. Track-Finding Performance



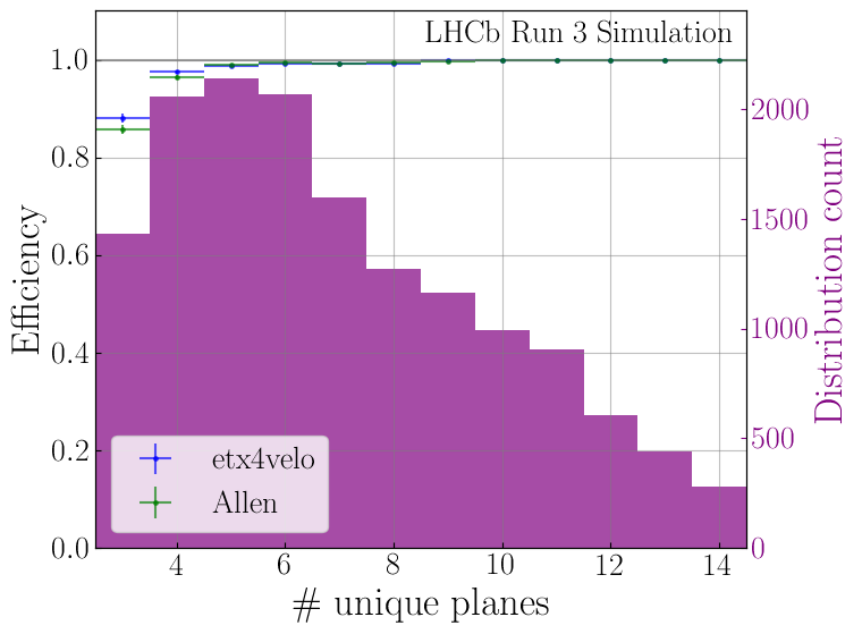
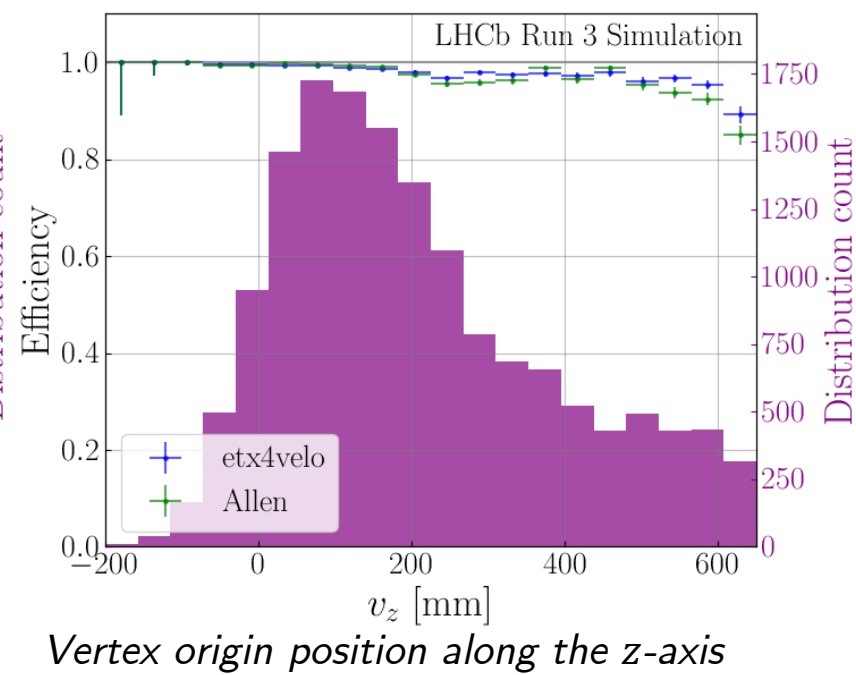
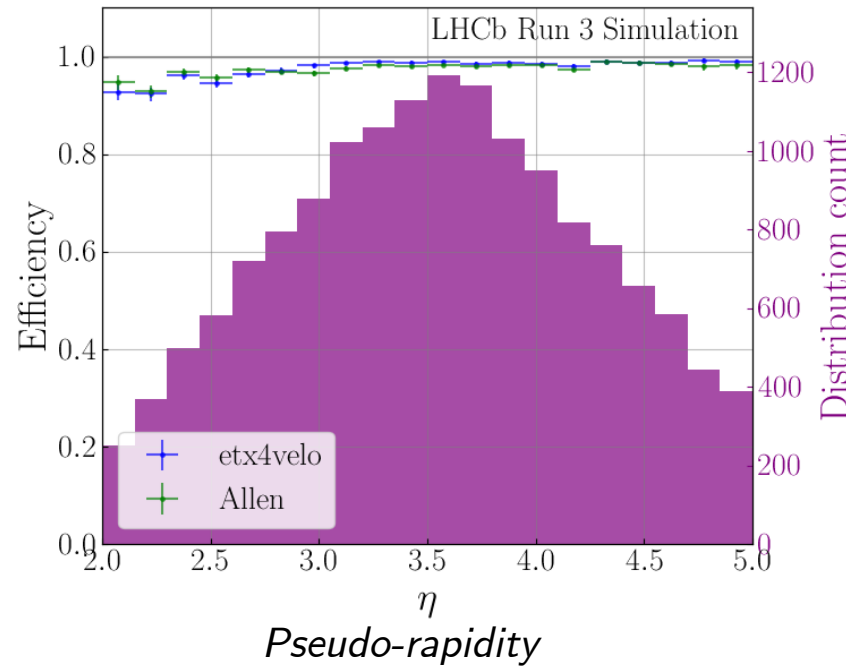
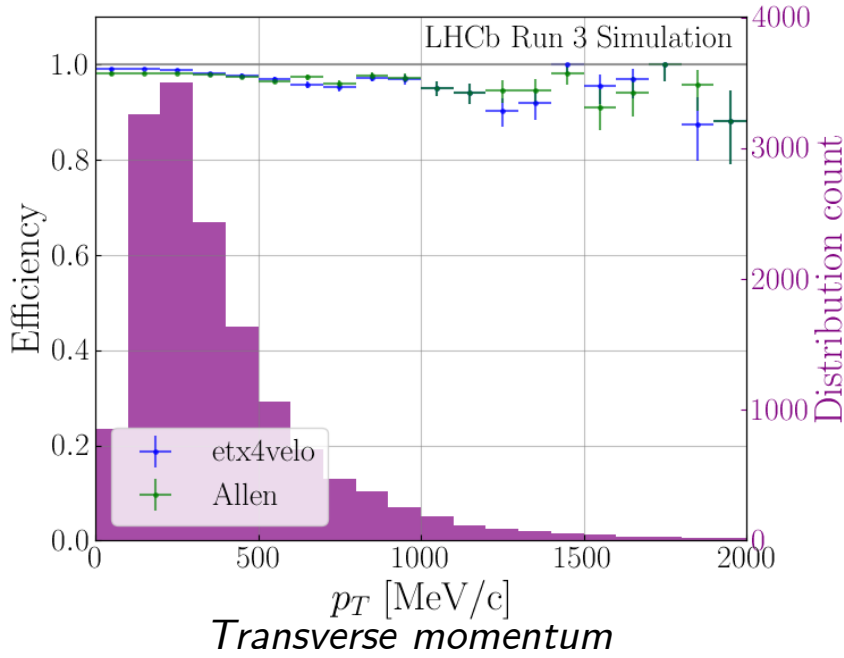
**Long,  
from strange**

$$d_{\max}^2 = 0.010$$

Lower efficiency at

- smaller  $\eta$
- Smaller # unique planes

# 3. Track-Finding Performance



**Long,  
from strange**

$$d_{\max}^2 = 0.020$$

Better efficiencies everywhere