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Outline

- A history of vertex fitting algorithms in ATLAS
- Implicit differentiation and NDIVE: a differentiable vertex fitting algorithm
- Application of NDIVE in a flavour-tagging network
- Future work

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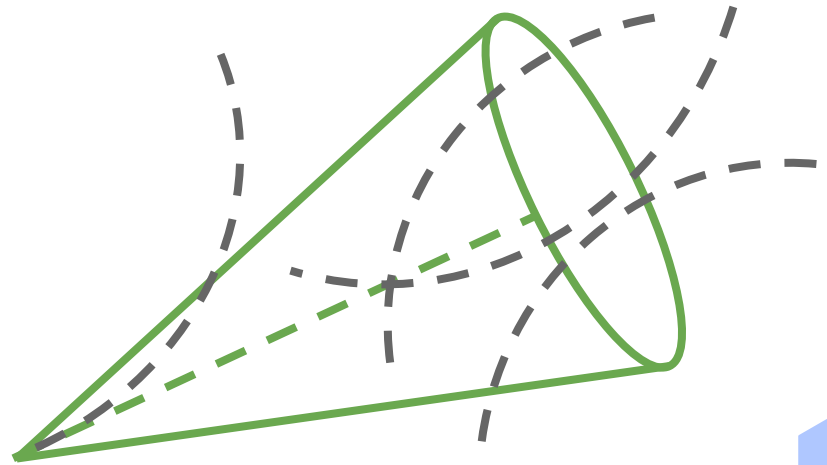
We propose a differentiable vertex fitting algorithm that can be used for secondary vertex fitting, and that can be seamlessly integrated into neural networks for jet flavour tagging. Vertex fitting is formulated as an optimization problem where gradients of the optimized solution vertex are defined through implicit differentiation and can be passed to upstream or downstream neural network components for network training. More broadly, this is an application of differentiable programming to integrate physics knowledge into neural network models in high energy physics. We demonstrate how differentiable secondary vertex fitting can be integrated into larger transformer-based models for flavour tagging and improve heavy flavour jet classification.

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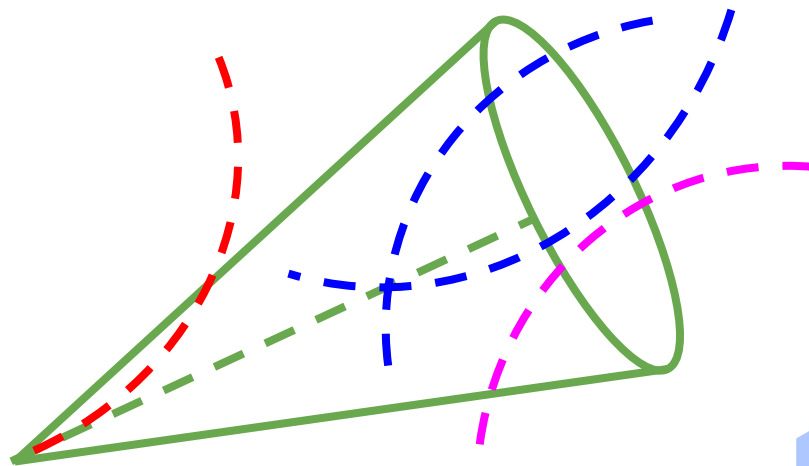
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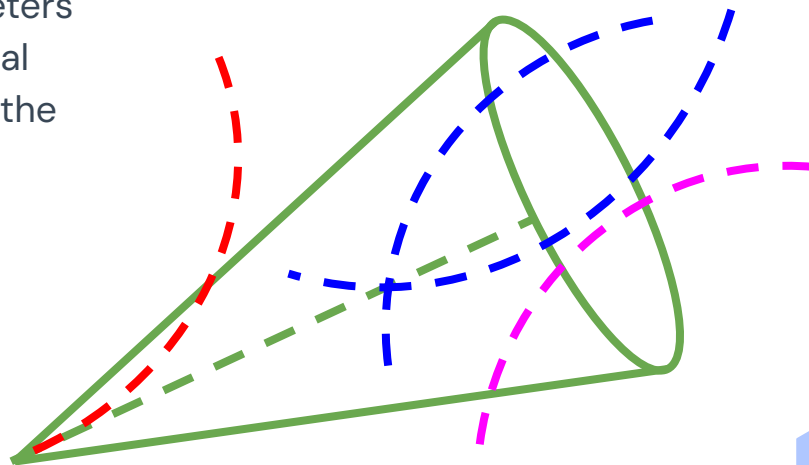
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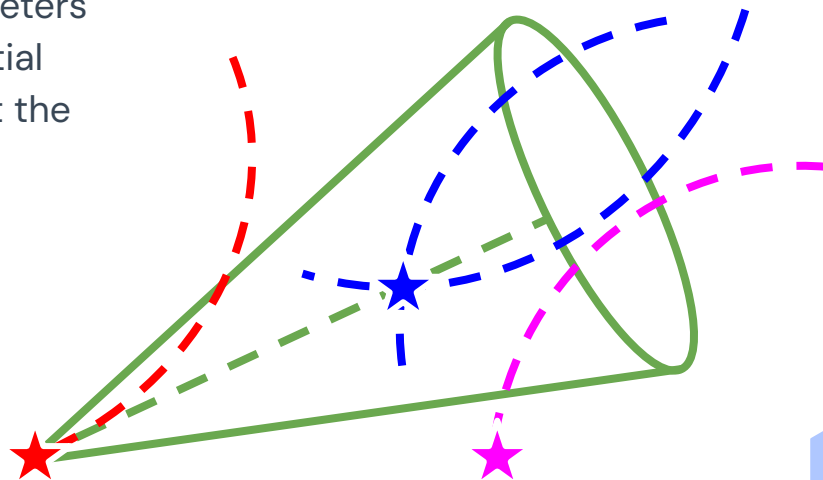
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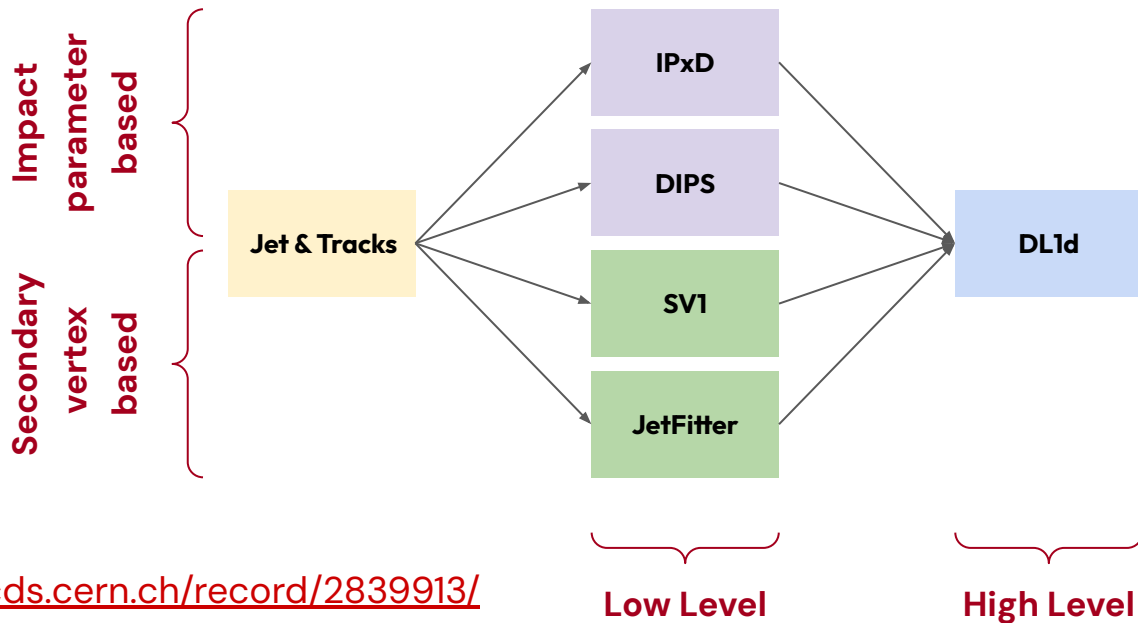
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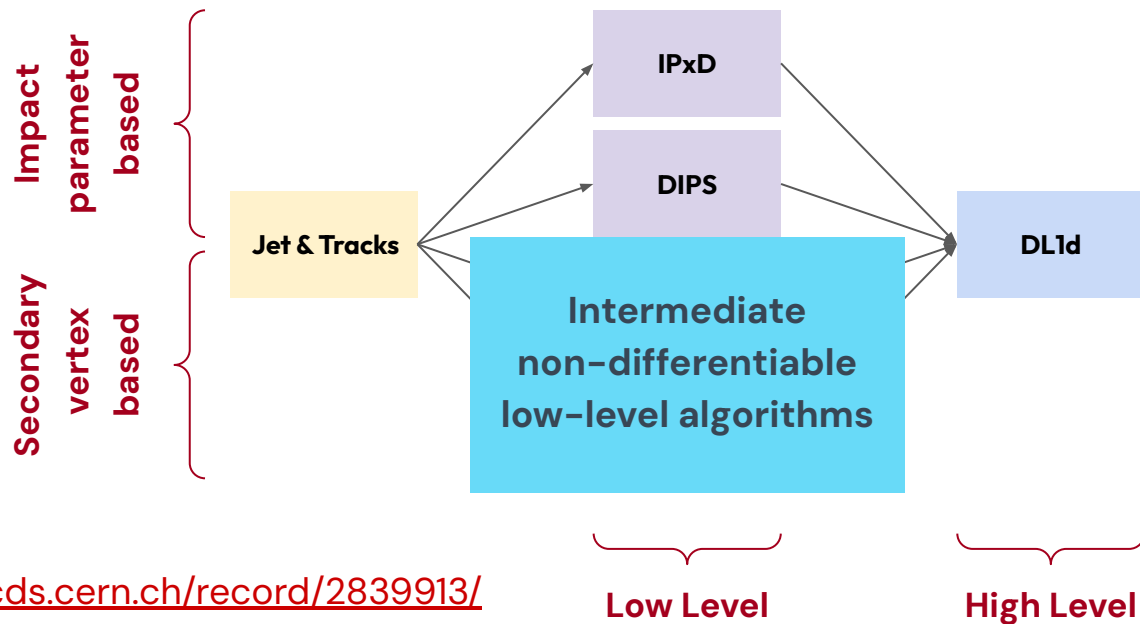
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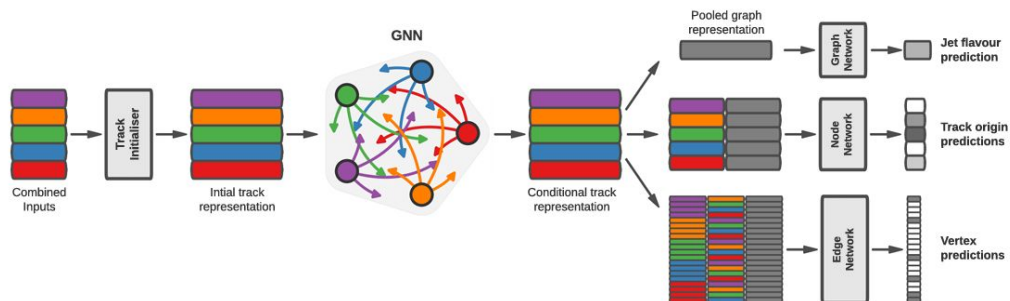
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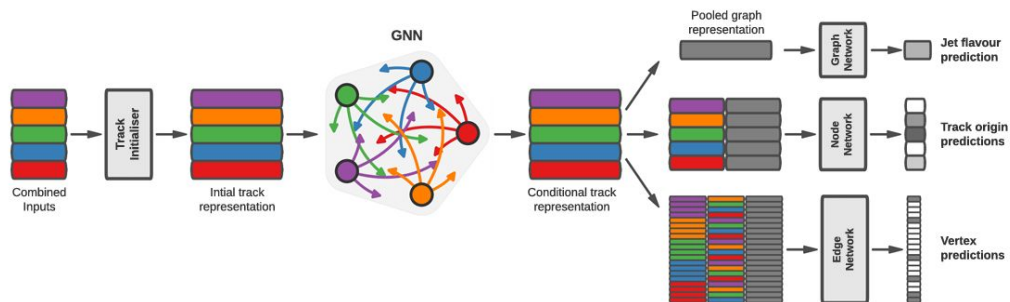


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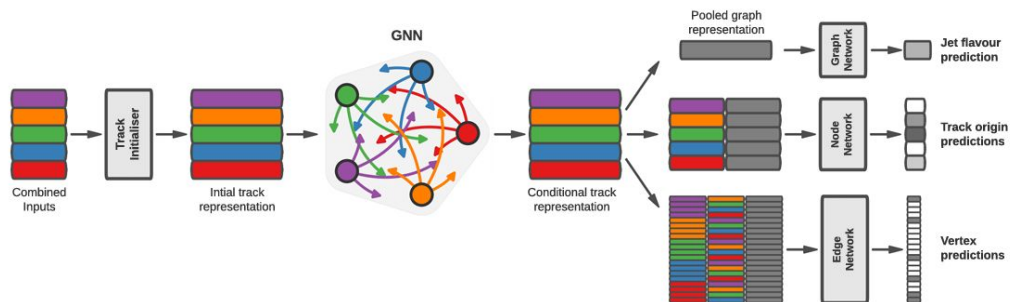


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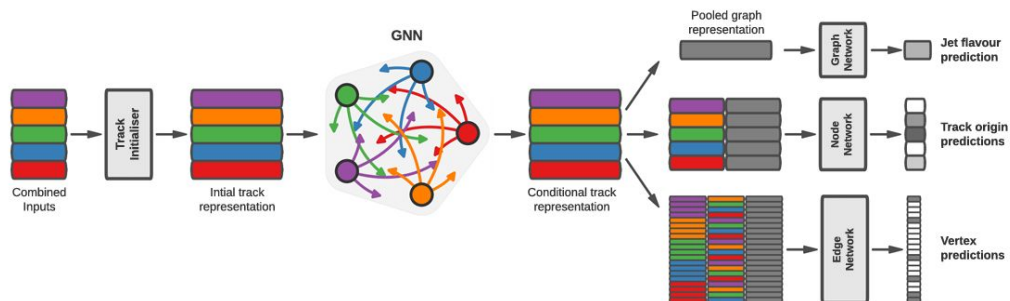


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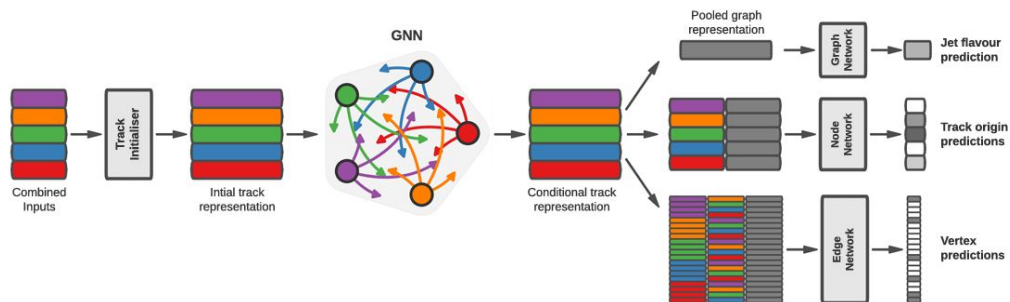


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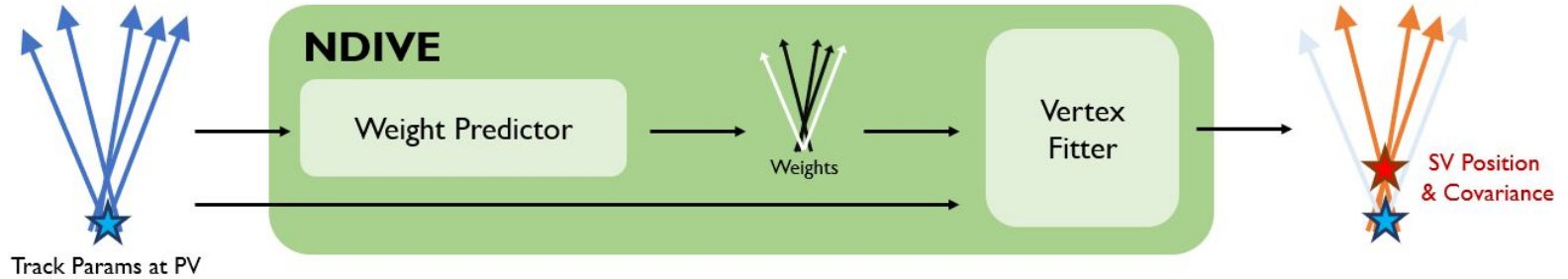
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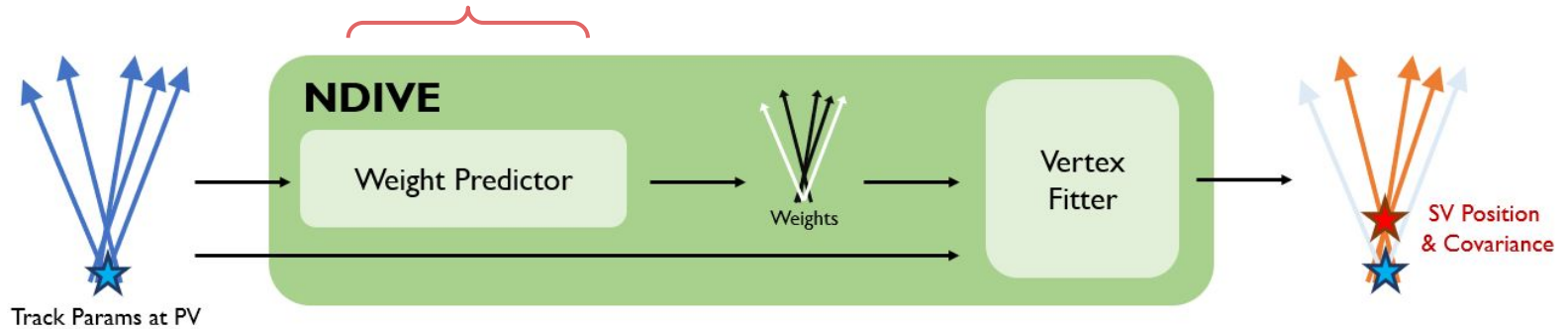


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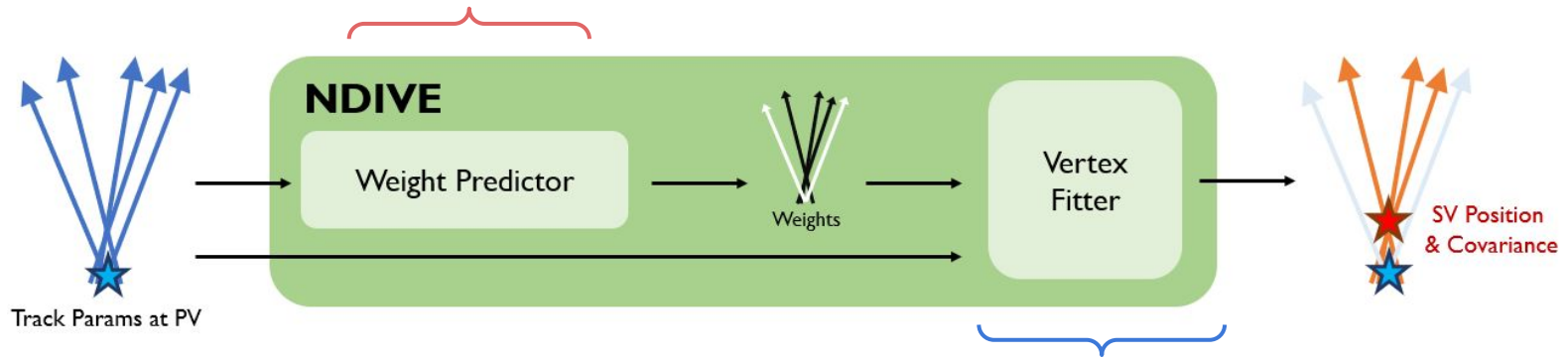


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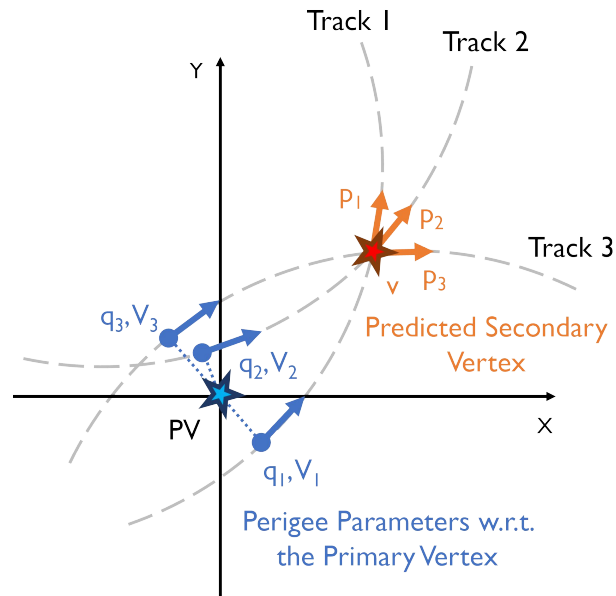


Vertex fitting algorithm w/ tracks and weights as inputs and no trainable parameters

Inclusive vertex fit formulation

- We perform an inclusive vertex fit with per-track weights, closely following [Billoir's](#) algorithm
- The values to be optimized are the vertex position \mathbf{v} and track momentum at the vertex $\{\mathbf{p}_i\}$: $\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{v}, \{\mathbf{p}_i\})$
- The input data are the measured track parameters $\mathbf{q}_i = (d_o, z_o, \phi, \theta, \varrho)$ and their covariance matrix \mathbf{V}_i (perigee representation)
- Additionally, a set of per-track weights \mathbf{w}_i which determines how much each track contributes to the vertex fit

d_o : signed transverse impact parameter
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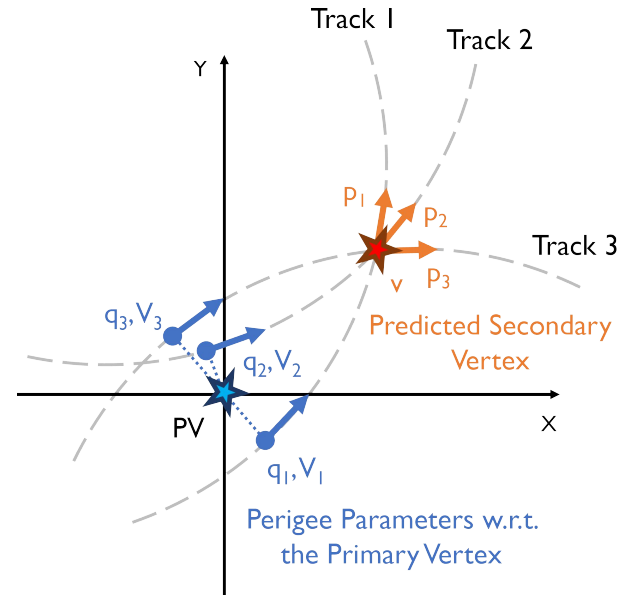


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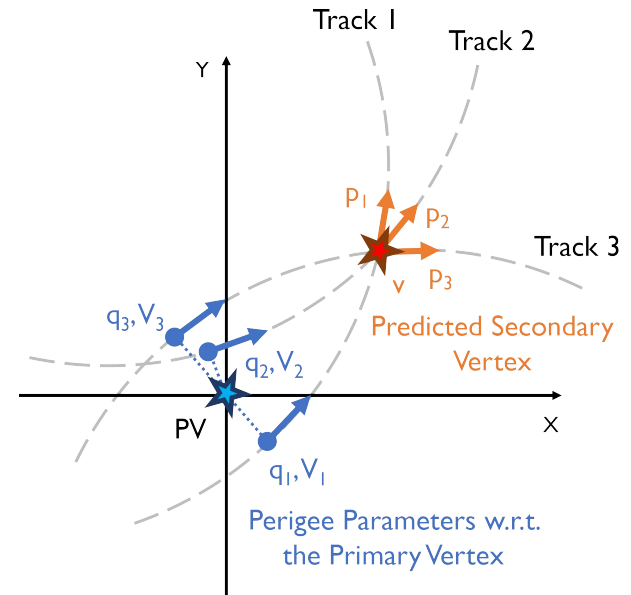


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We need the derivatives of the fitted vertex \mathbf{v} wrt the weights w_i to train downstream or upstream neural networks

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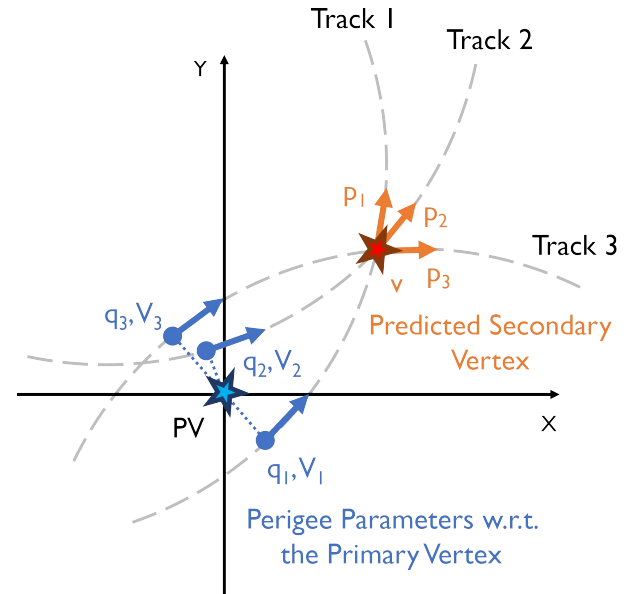
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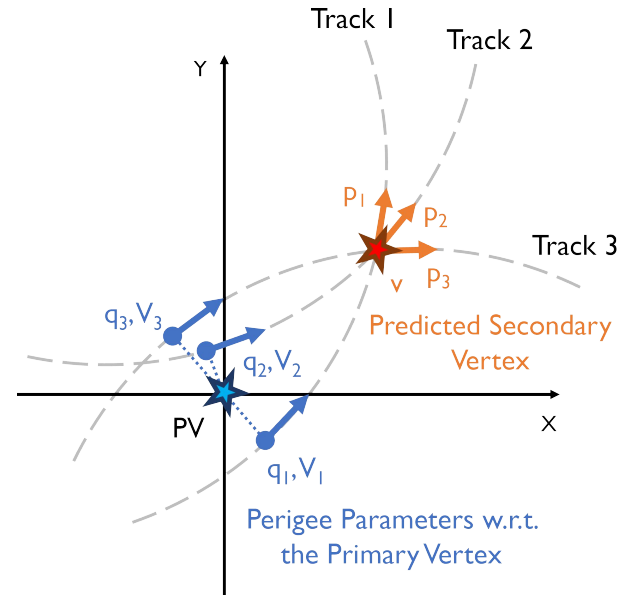
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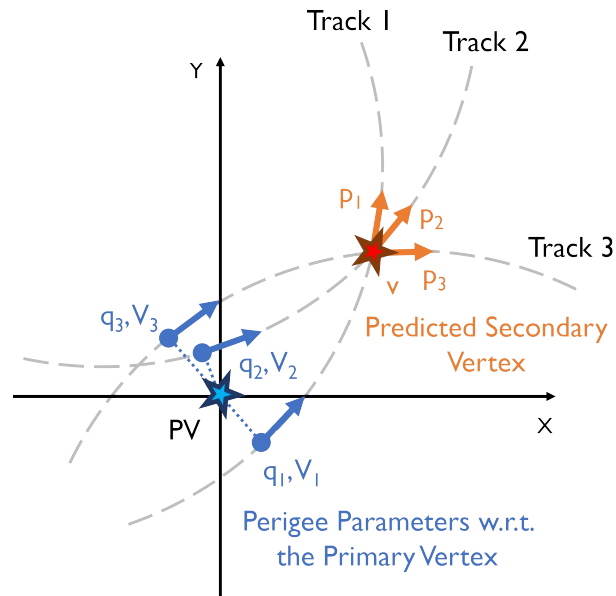
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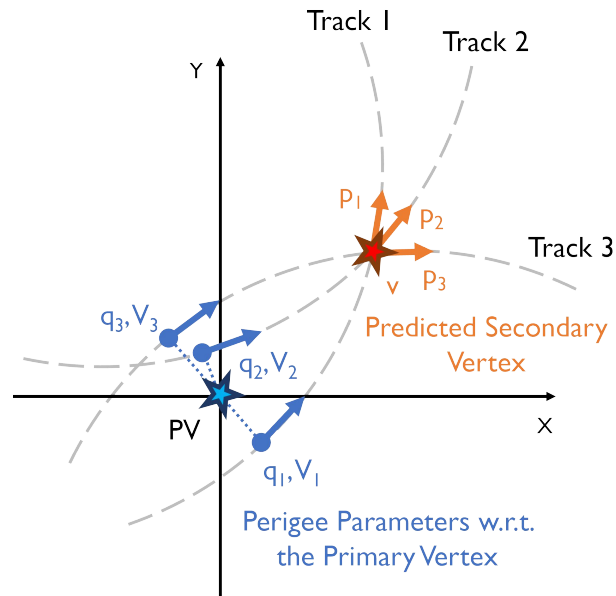
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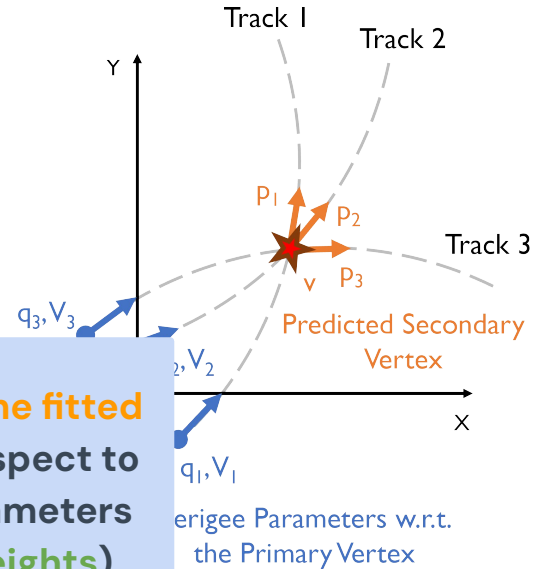
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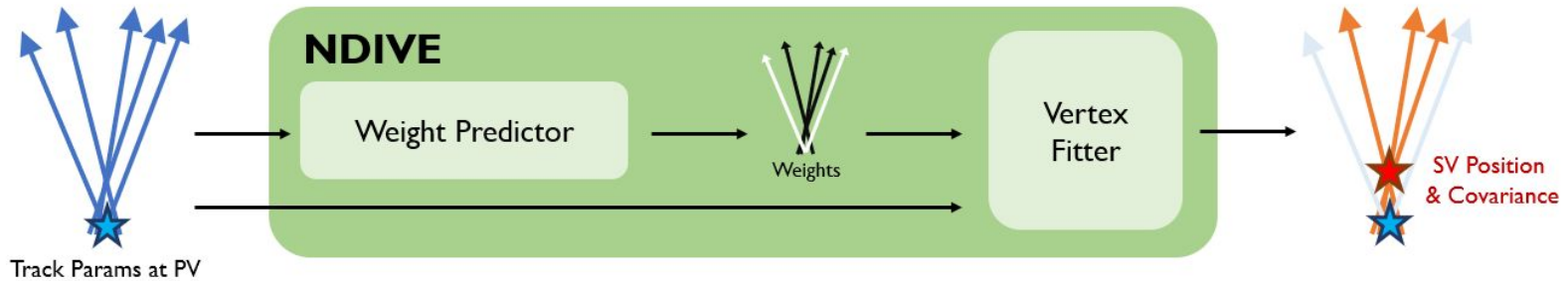
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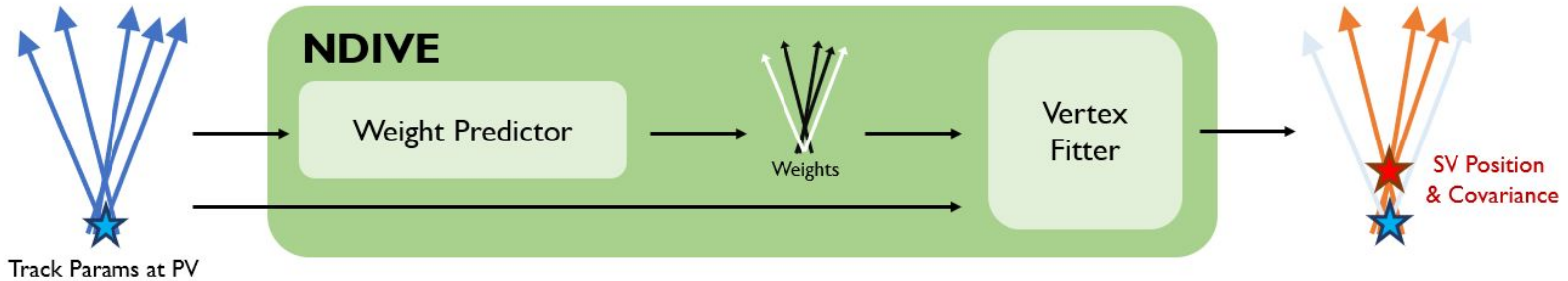
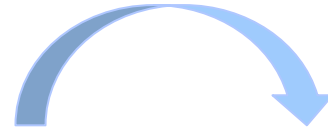


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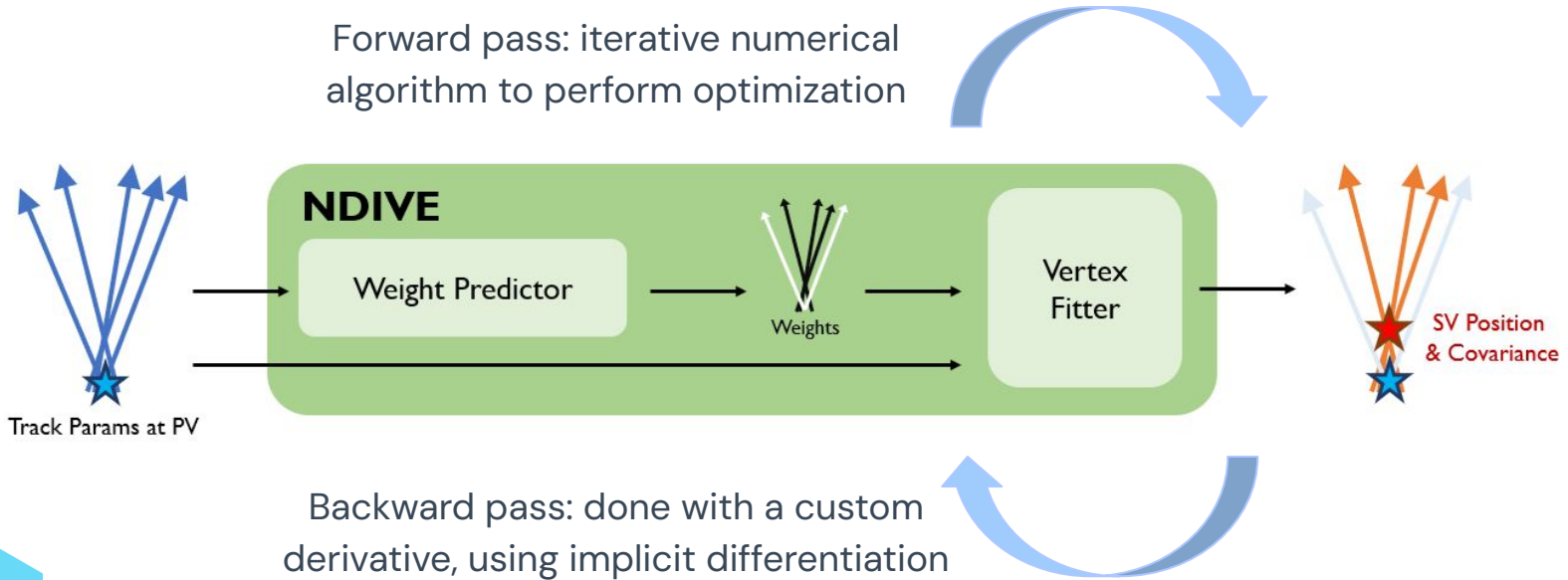


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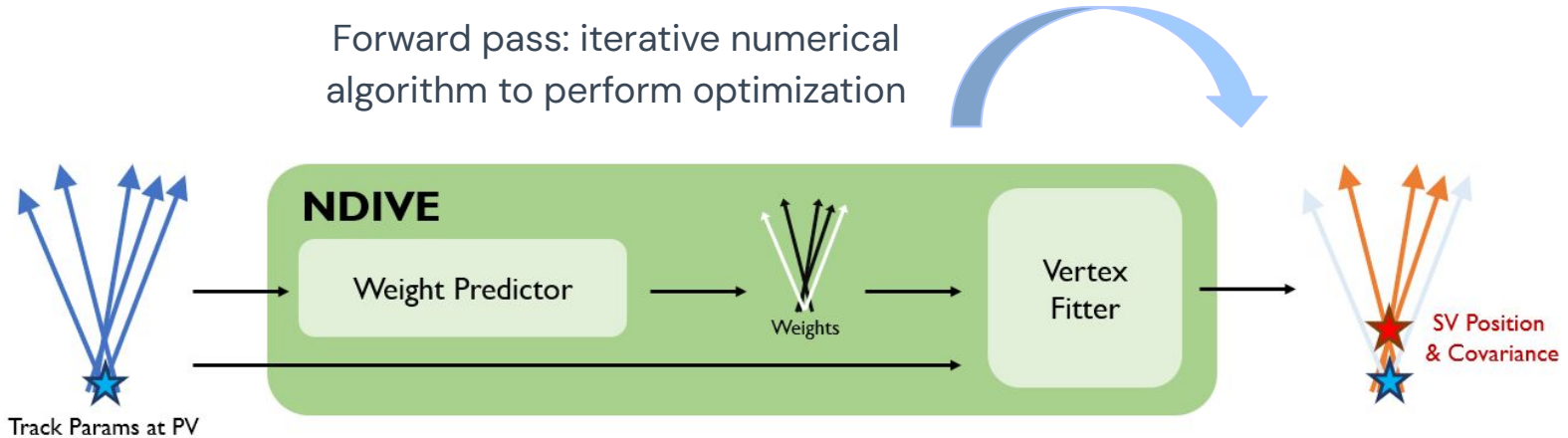
Forward pass: iterative numerical algorithm to perform optimization



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Backward pass: done with a custom derivative, using implicit differentiation

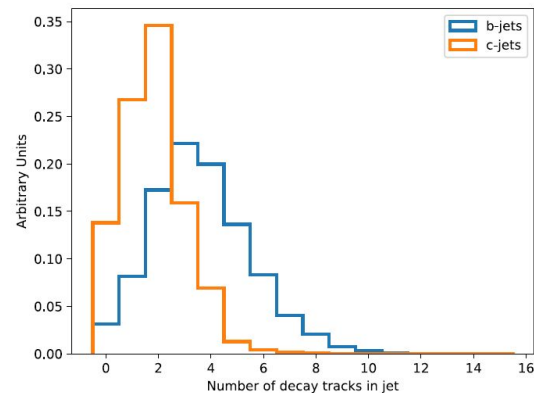
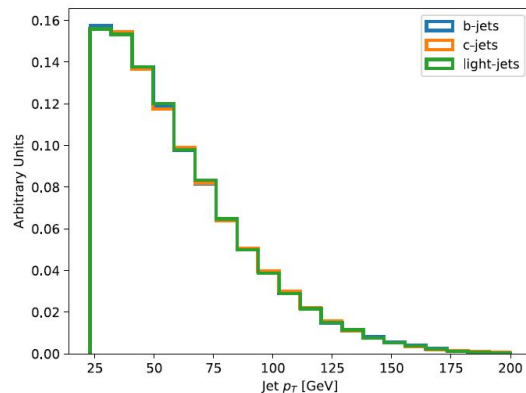
Our differentiable vertex fitting layer is now ready to be inserted into any neural network! (i.e. integrating domain knowledge)

Samples & Input Variables

- Top pair production from proton-proton collisions simulated at $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV
- Generated with Pythia8 with ATLAS detector parameterization in Delphes
- 500k training jets, 180k validation, 180k testing

Training features:

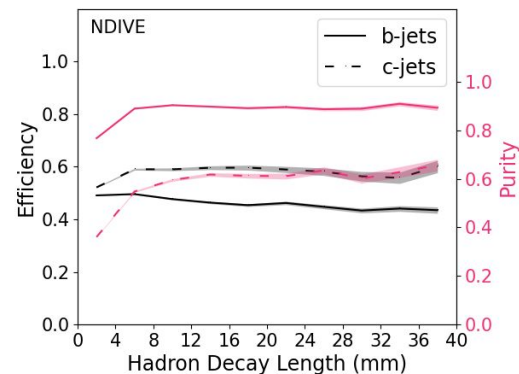
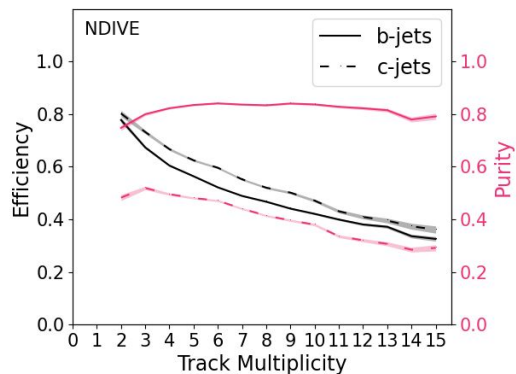
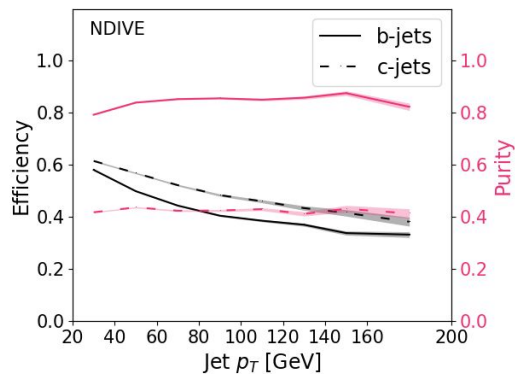
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- $\Delta R(\text{track, jet})$



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Track selection performance

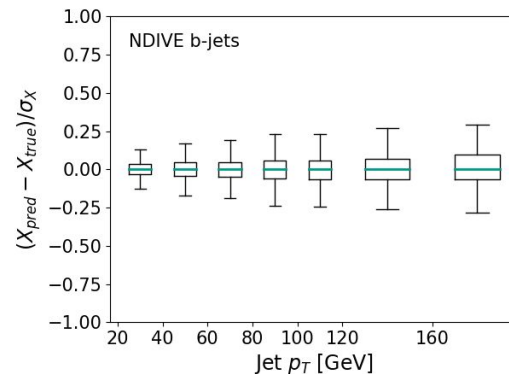
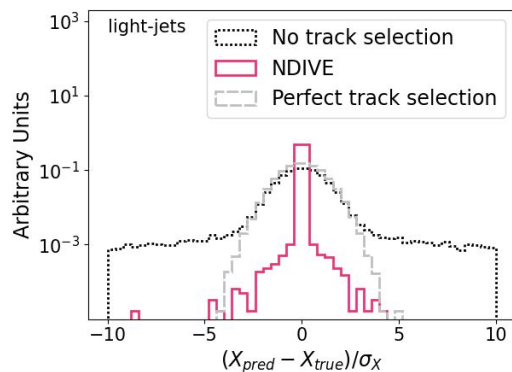
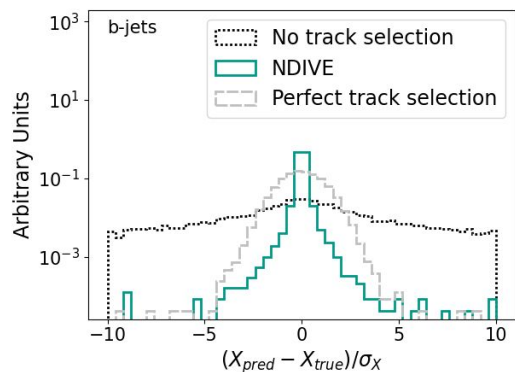
- Efficiency: number of decay tracks selected* over all decay tracks
- Purity: number of decay tracks selected* over all selected tracks



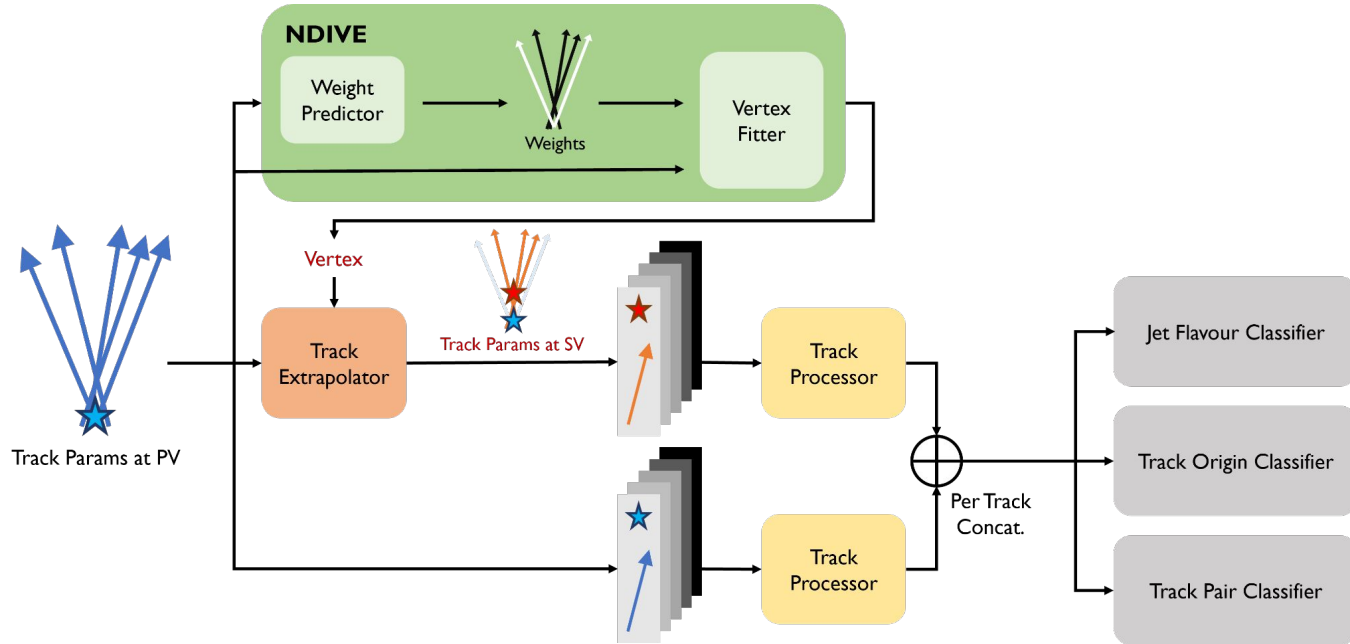
* "selected tracks" => per-track weights normalized by maximum weight in each jet and required to be above > 0.5

Vertex reconstruction performance

- “Perfect track selection” => weights set to 0 or 1 based on true origin of track
- “No track selection” => all tracks in the jet are used in the fit with weight 1



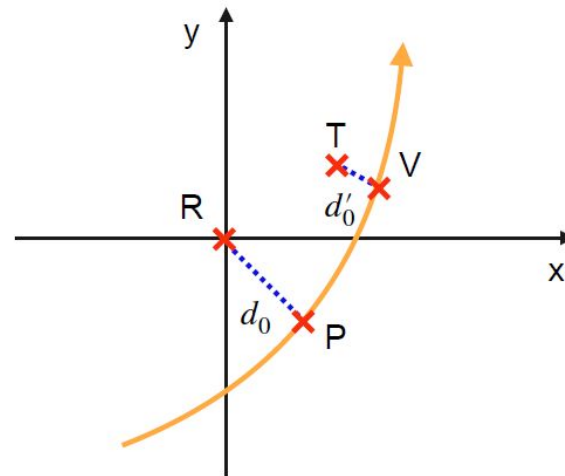
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Track Extrapolator

- Measured track parameters are typically expressed at a given point along the trajectory wrt a reference point (commonly, the primary vertex)
- Track Extrapolator module incorporates knowledge of expected track geometry to extrapolate each track to the point of closest approach to the vertex predicted by NDIVE, enabling us to construct an alternative representation of the tracks
- Implemented with JAX's autodiff

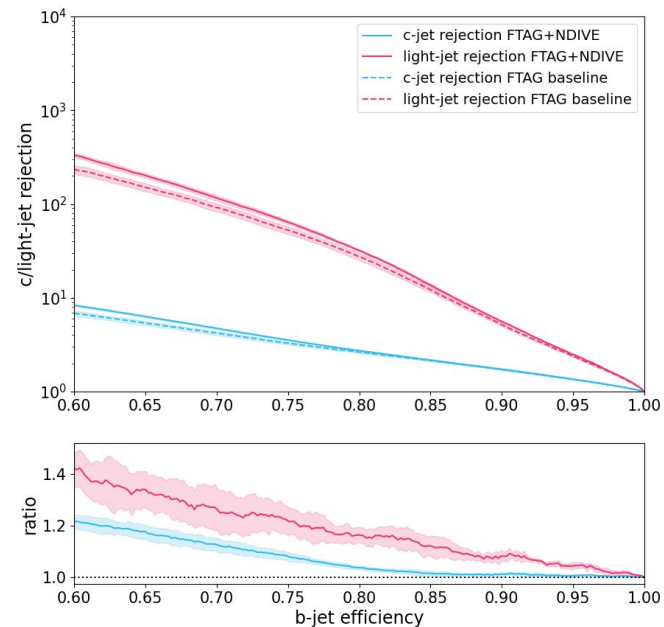
$$\begin{aligned}x_V &= x_P + d_0 \cos\left(\phi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \rho \left[\cos\left(\phi_V + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\phi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right] \\y_V &= y_P + d_0 \sin\left(\phi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \rho \left[\sin\left(\phi_V + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) - \sin\left(\phi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right] \\z_V &= z_P + z_0 - \frac{\rho}{\tan(\theta)} [\phi_V - \phi]\end{aligned}$$



ROC curves

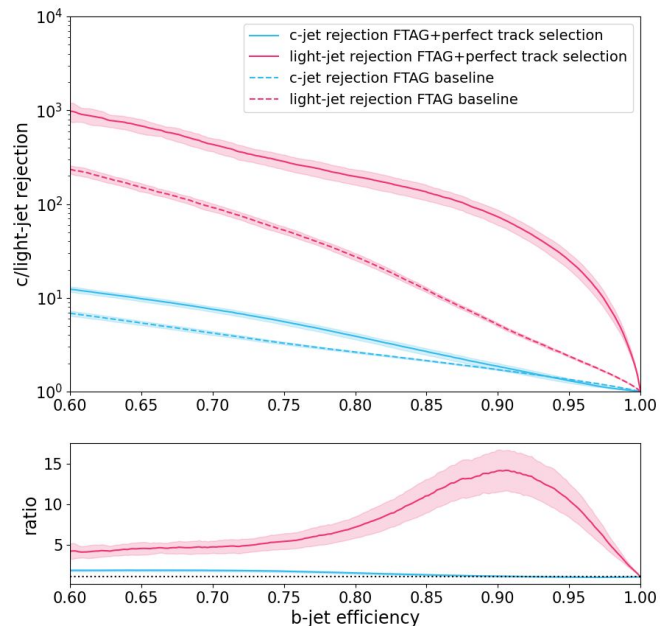
$$D_b = \log \frac{p_b}{(1 - f_c)p_l + f_c p_c}$$

$$f_c = 0.05$$



Future Work

- We don't claim that this is the best way to integrate differentiable vertex fitting into flavour tagging
- These developments are generic, applicable to other vertex fitting algorithms and other schemes for integrating the vertex information into neural network architecture
- To illustrate possible improvements, we show the potential for huge gains given an ideal scenario with perfect track selection



Conclusion

- **We introduce NDIVE, the first differentiable vertex fitting algorithm**
- **We formulate vertex fitting as an optimization problem**
 - We define gradients of the optimized vertex through implicit differentiation
 - Can be passed to upstream or downstream networks for training
- **This is an application of differential programming for integrating physics knowledge into neural networks**
 - NDIVE can be integrated into end-to-end b-tagging algorithms, explicitly reintroducing vertex reconstruction geometry
 - Part of the larger effort to apply differentiable programming in HEP



Backup

Billoir algorithm for inclusive vertex fitting

- Track parameters defined as nonlinear function of the vertex position and momentum vectors of the tracks at that position: $\mathbf{q}_i = \mathbf{h}_i(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{p}_i)$

- First-order Taylor expansion of \mathbf{h}_i expanded at an estimate of the vertex position and track momenta: $\mathbf{A}_i = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_i}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \right|_{\mathbf{e}_0}$
 $\mathbf{q}_i \approx \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{B}_i \mathbf{p}_i + \mathbf{c}_i$

- Iterate fit until convergence, expanding the functions \mathbf{h}_i around the new expansion point each time: $\mathbf{B}_i = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_i}{\partial \mathbf{p}_i} \right|_{\mathbf{e}_0}$

$$\hat{\mathbf{v}} = \mathbf{C} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{A}_i^T \mathbf{G}_i (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{B}_i \mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{B}_i^T \mathbf{G}_i) (\mathbf{q}_i - \mathbf{c}_i)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{p}}_i = \mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{B}_i^T \mathbf{G}_i (\mathbf{q}_i - \mathbf{c}_i - \mathbf{A}_i \hat{\mathbf{v}}), \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

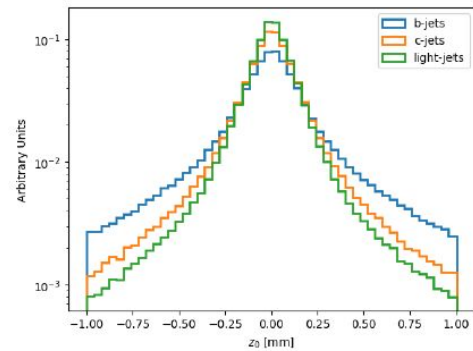
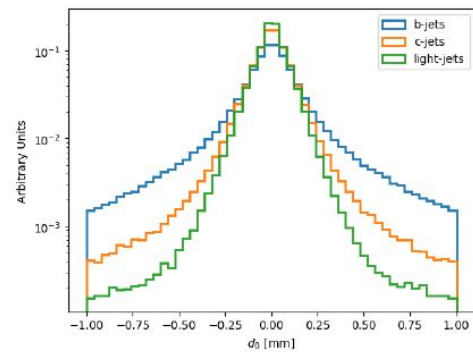
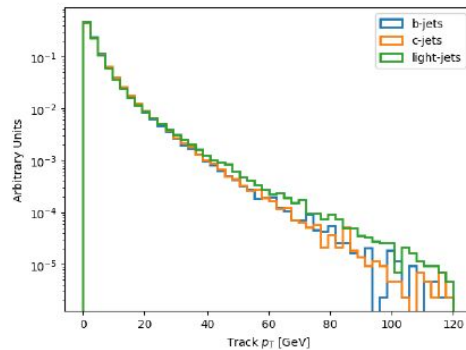
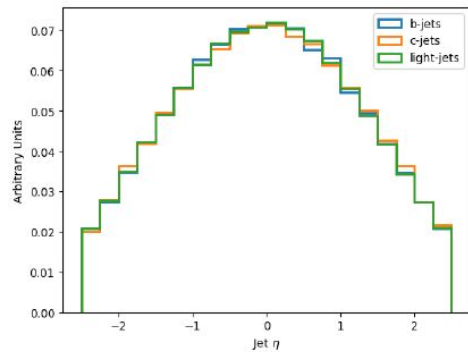
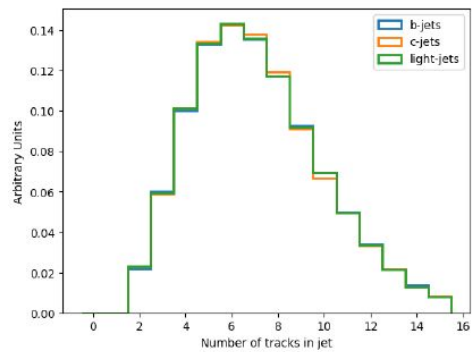
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{G}_i &= \mathbf{V}_i^{-1} \\ \mathbf{D}_i &= \mathbf{A}_i^T \mathbf{G}_i \mathbf{B}_i \\ \mathbf{D}_0 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{A}_i^T \mathbf{G}_i \mathbf{A}_i \\ \mathbf{W}_i^{-1} &= \mathbf{B}_i^T \mathbf{G}_i \mathbf{B}_i \end{aligned}$$

- Afterwards we rewrote the track parameters $\hat{\mathbf{q}}_i = \mathbf{h}_i(\hat{\mathbf{v}}, \hat{\mathbf{p}}_i)$.
- The χ^2 statistic of the fit is then:

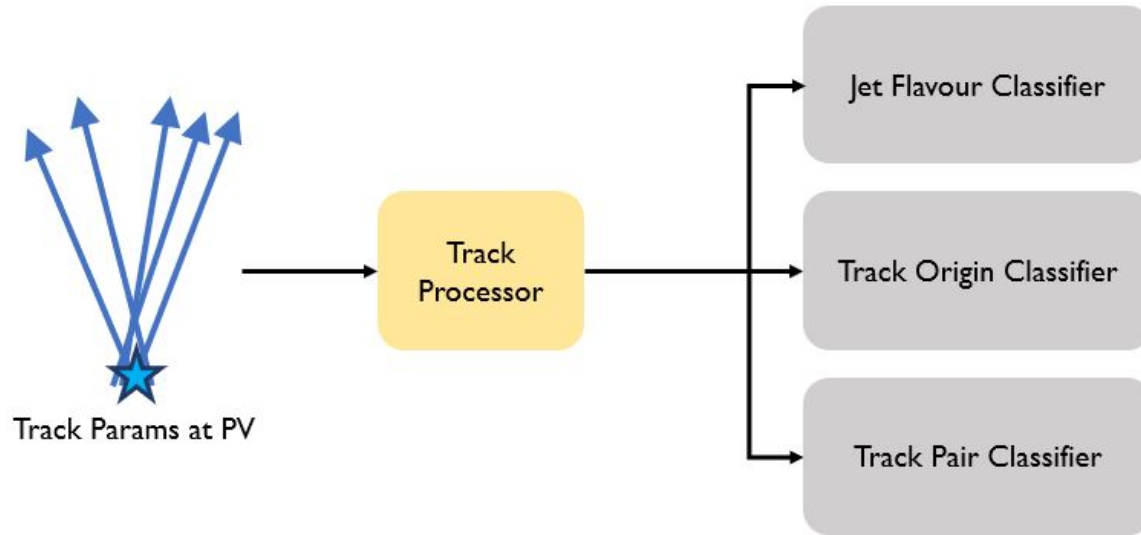
$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{q}_i - \hat{\mathbf{q}}_i)^T \mathbf{G}_i (\mathbf{q}_i - \hat{\mathbf{q}}_i)$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \left(\mathbf{D}_0 - \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{D}_i \mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{D}_i^T \right)^{-1}$$

Dataset



FTAG baseline



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