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# Reconstructing Particle Tracks in One Go with a Recursive Graph Attention Network

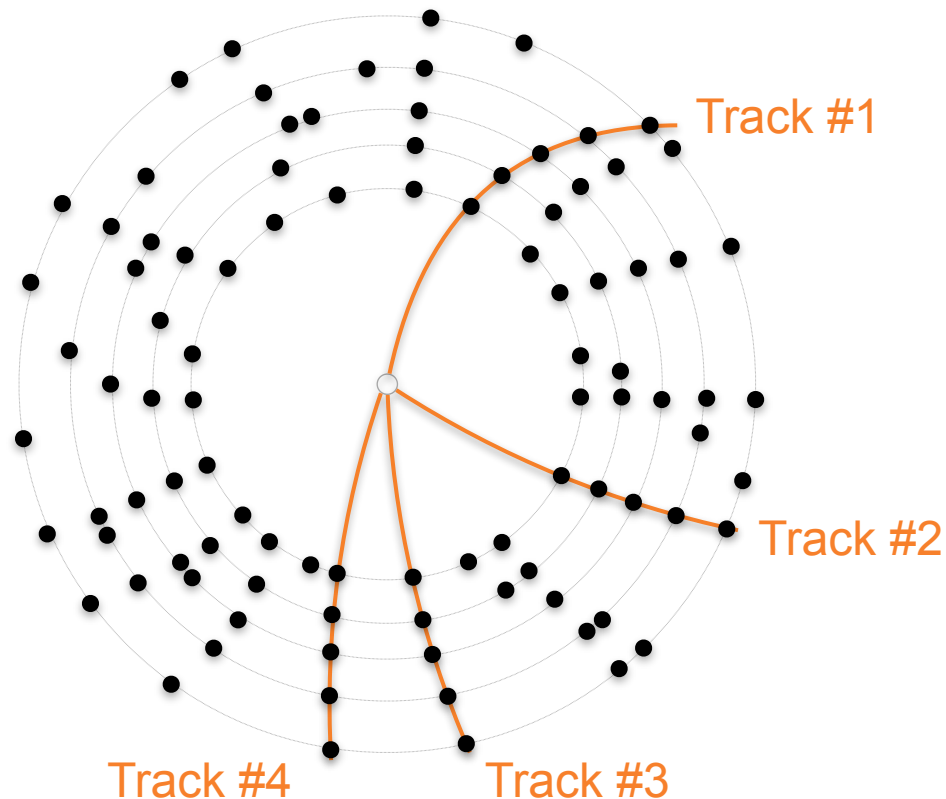
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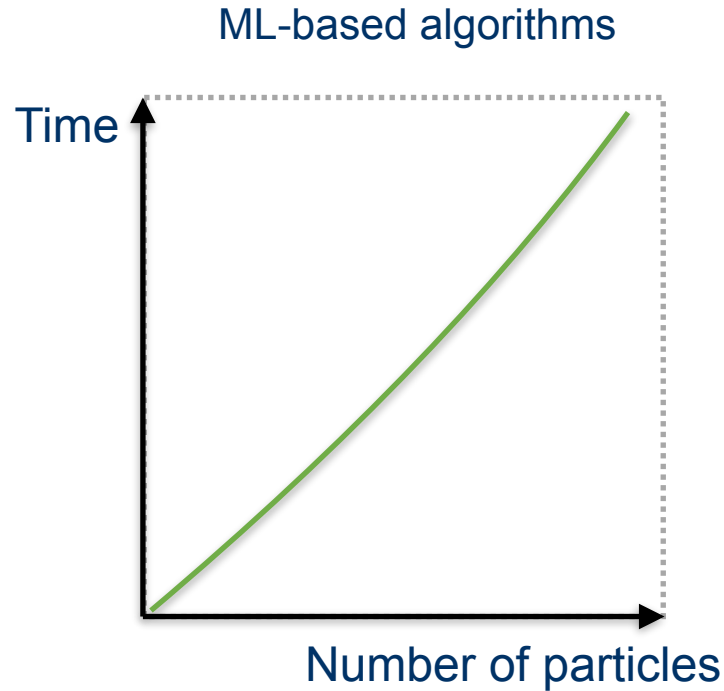
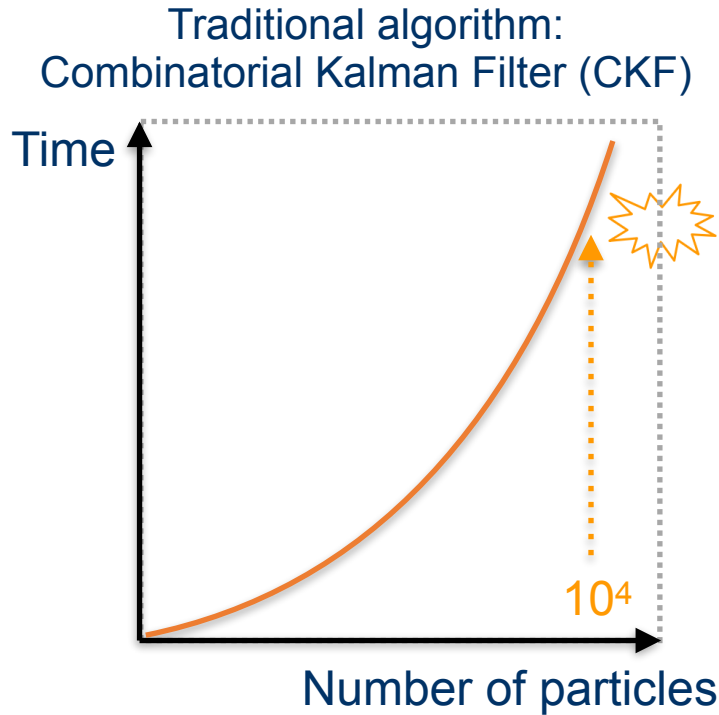
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# Track reconstruction is a challenge task



$\sim O(10^4)$  particles per collision event  
at HL-LHC  
 $\rightarrow \sim O(10^5)$  hits in ATLAS ITK

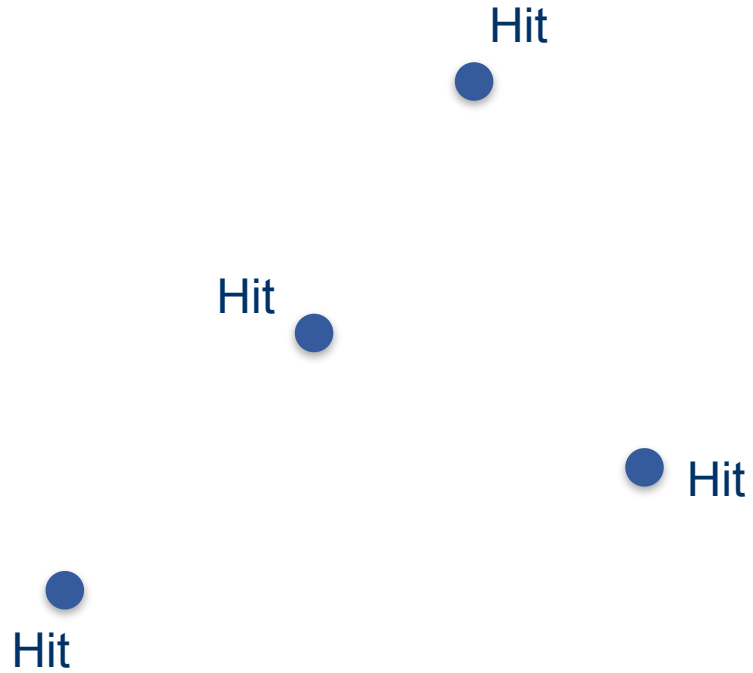
# A more efficient tracking algorithm is needed



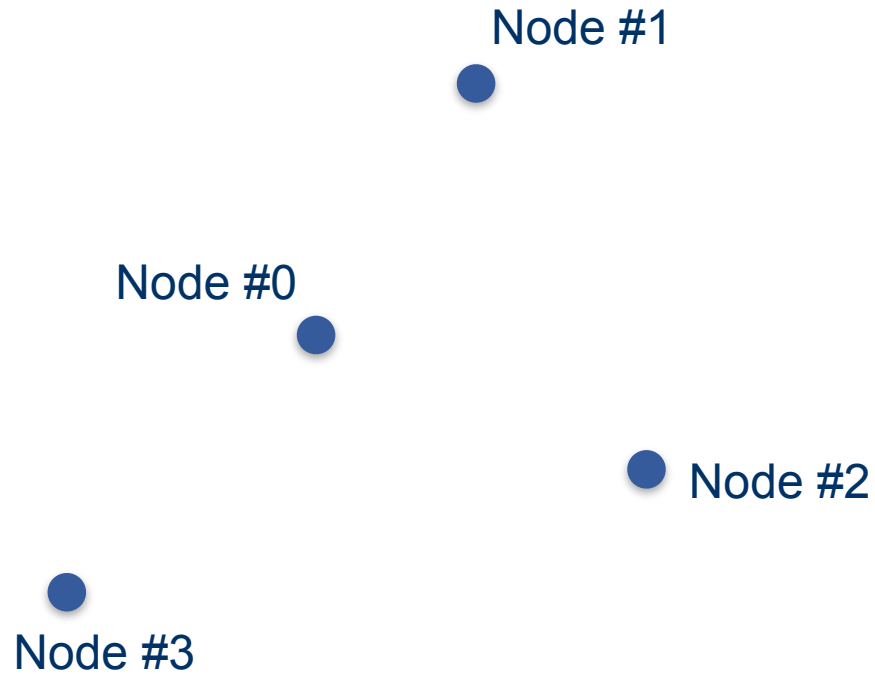
Using *graph techniques* for tracking is a natural choice



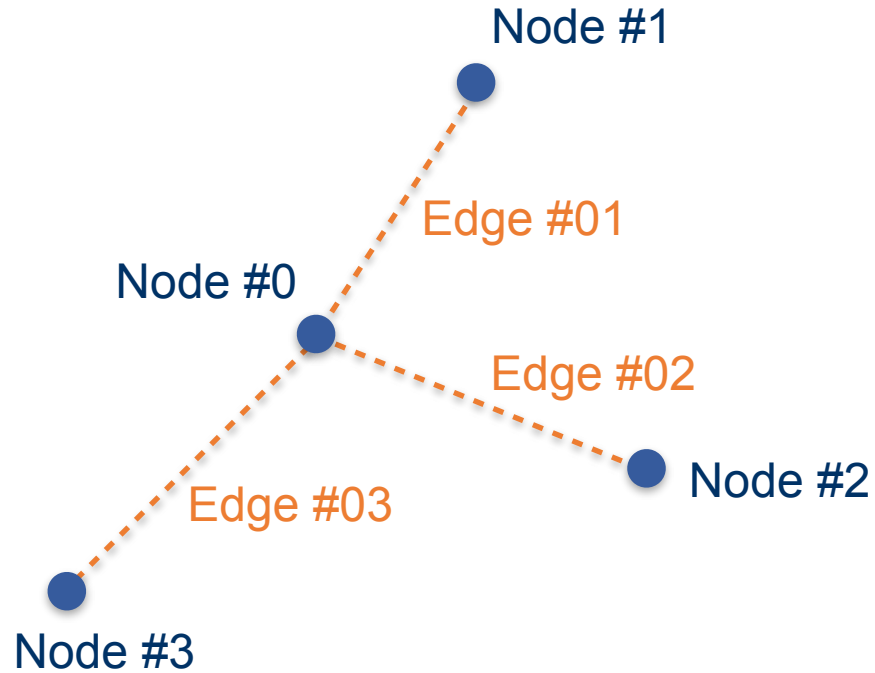
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# Hits as nodes

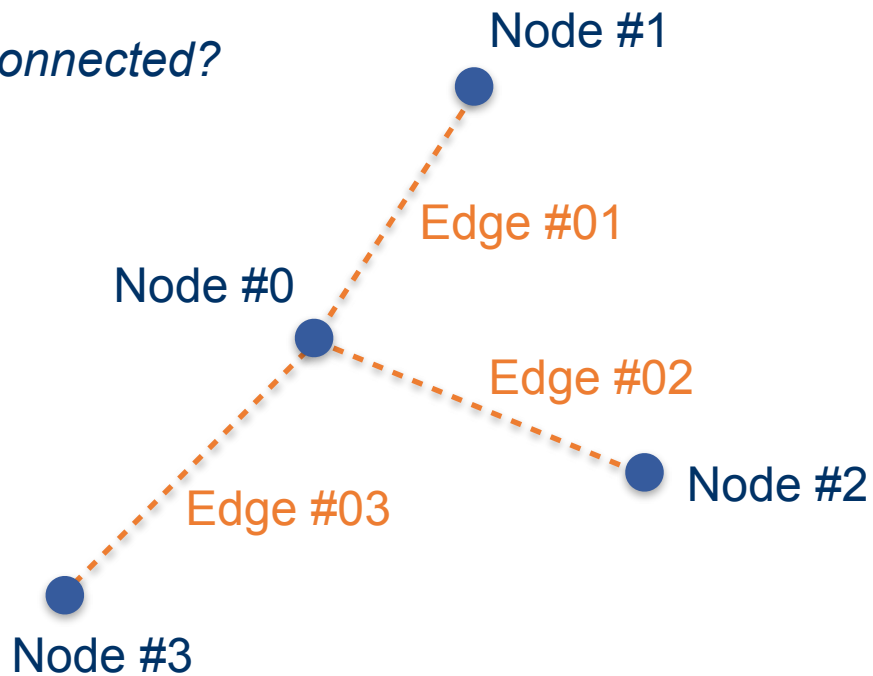


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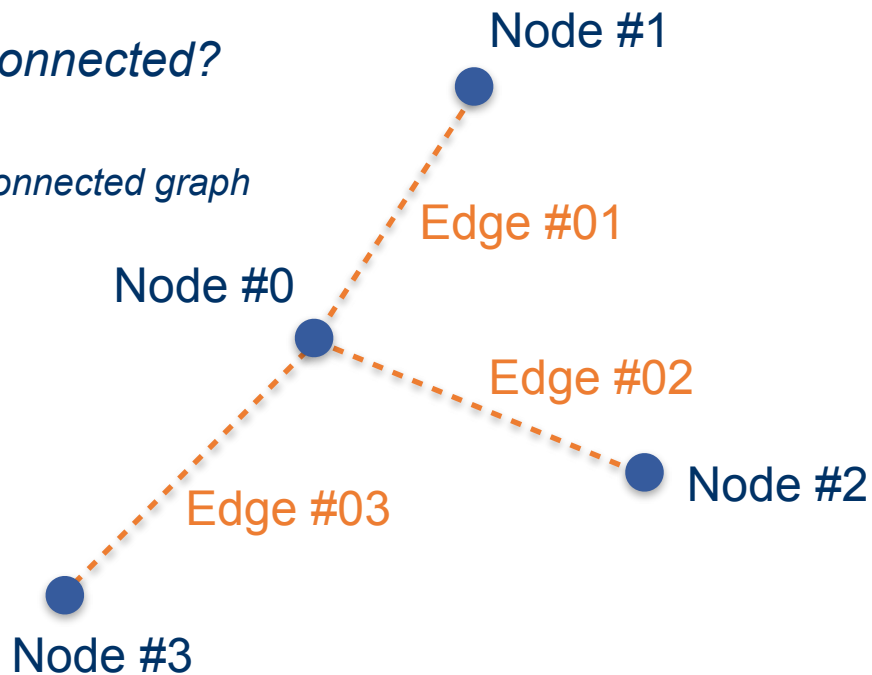


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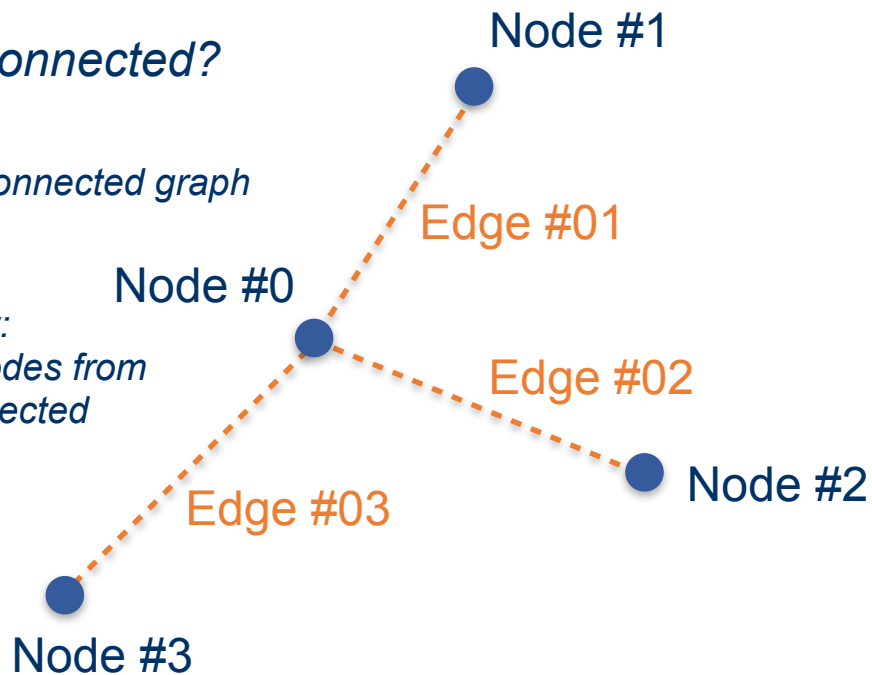
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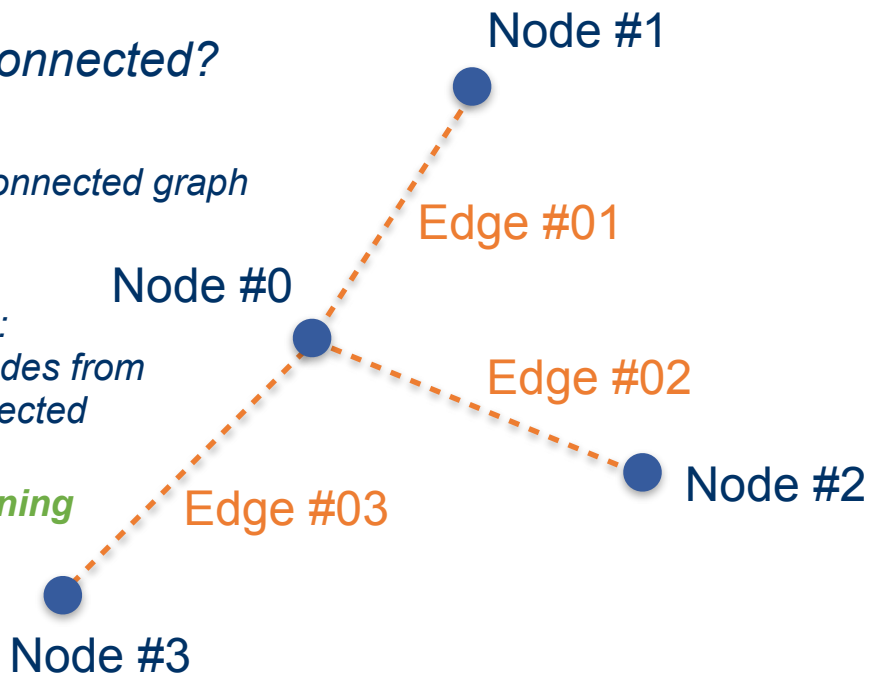
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Graph built with **metric learning** or **module map**

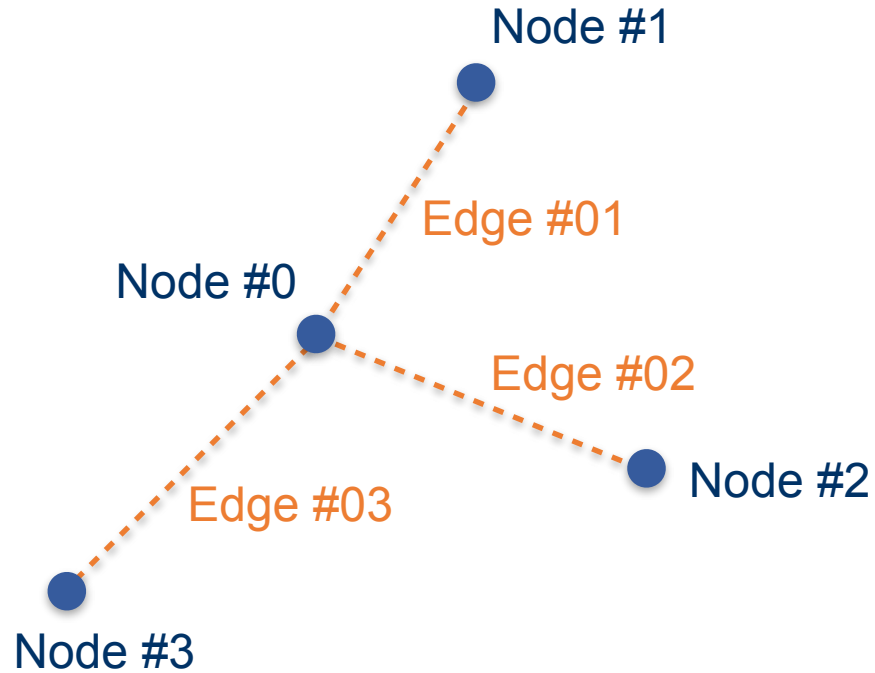


*Metric learning by ExaTrkX:*  
[arXiv: 2103.06995](https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.06995)

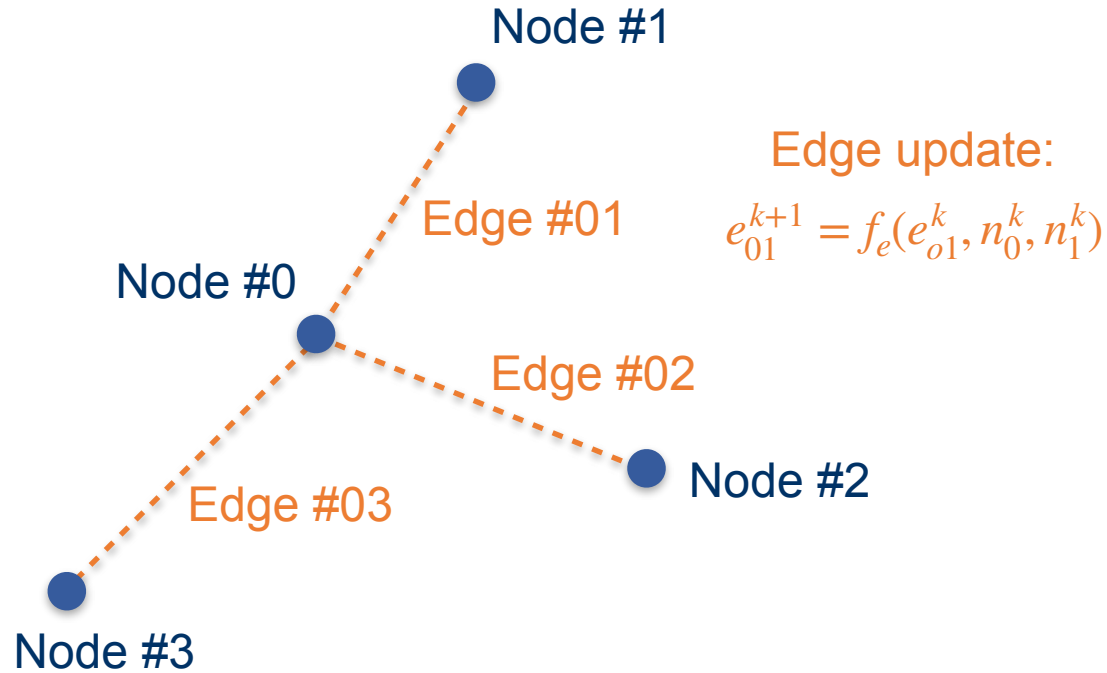
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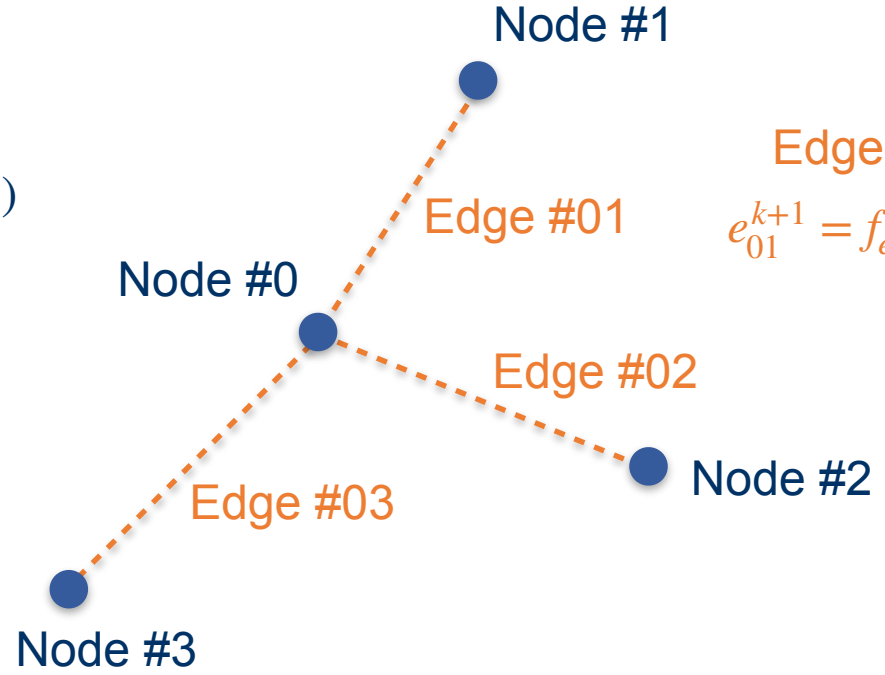
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$$n_0^{k+1} = f_n(n_0^k, \text{agg}(e_{0j}^k))$$

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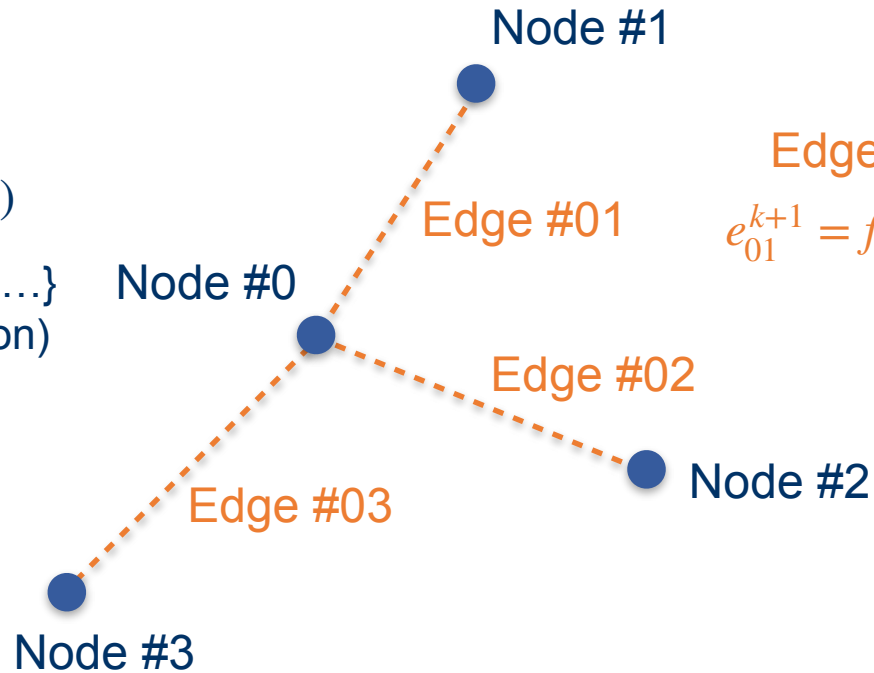
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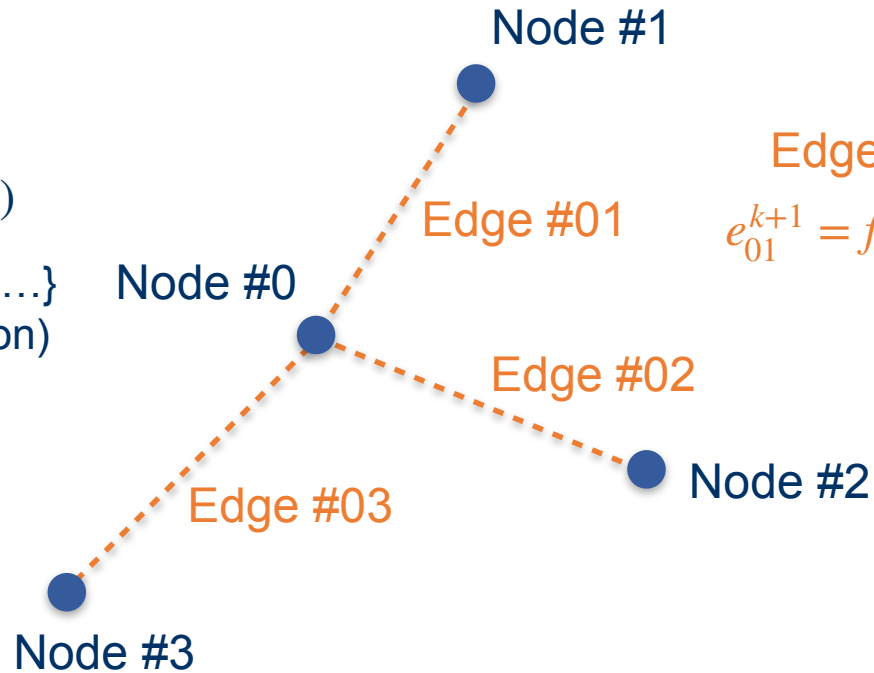
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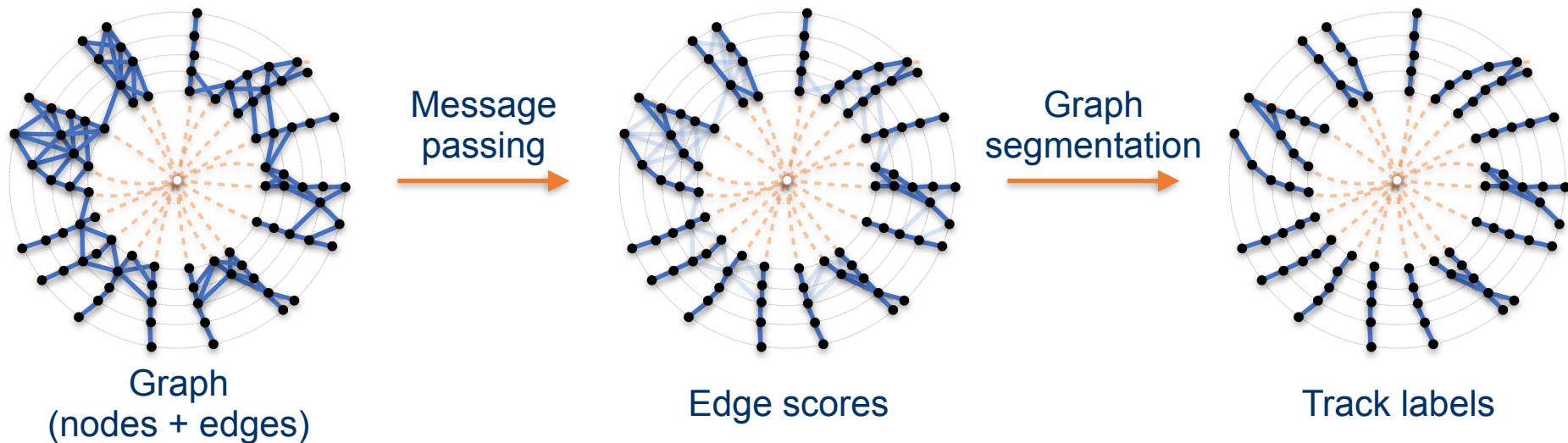
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*Able to learn key node / edge features from environment*



# Track reconstruction as edge classification

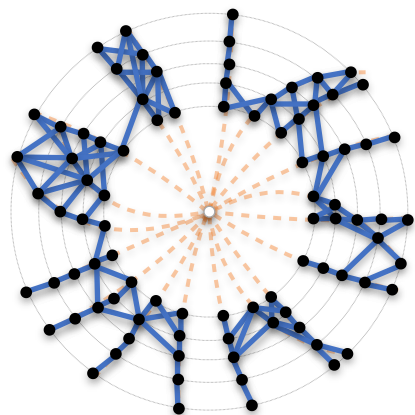


Example: ATLAS GNN4ITK pipeline ([ATL-SOFT-PROC-2023-047](#))  
See Daniel's [talk](#) Tomorrow on latest GNN4ITK results



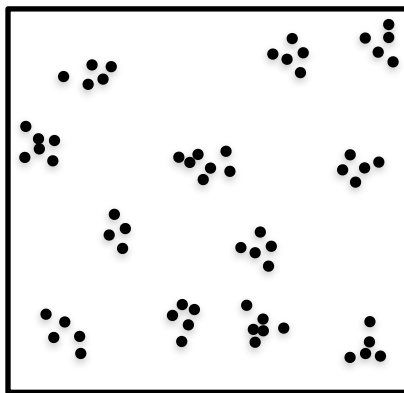


# Track reconstruction as object condensation



Graph  
(nodes + edges)

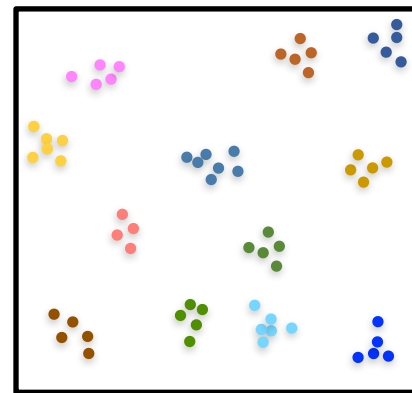
Message  
passing  
→



Node embedding

Clustering  
→

E.g. k-mean, DBSCAN,  
HDBSCAN...



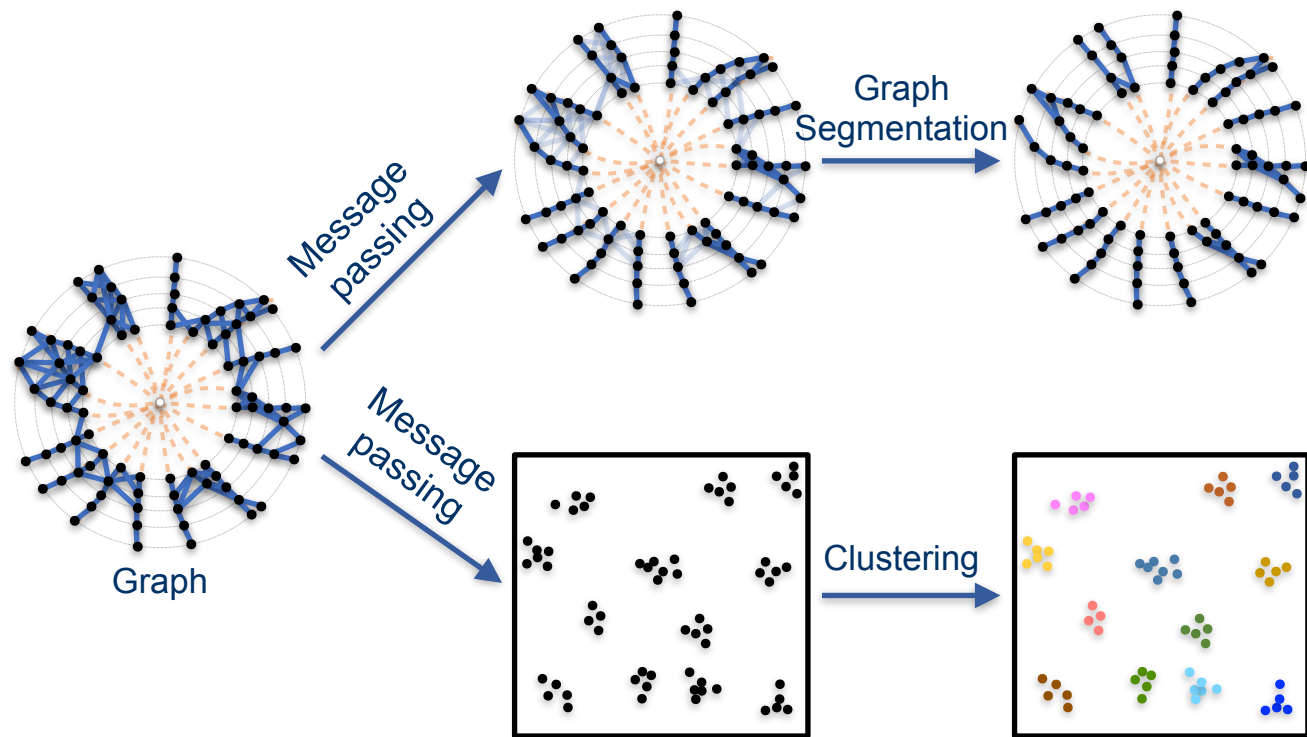
Track labels

Examples: K. Lieret et. al. ([arXiv:2312.03823](https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.03823)), D. Murnane ([influencer](#))

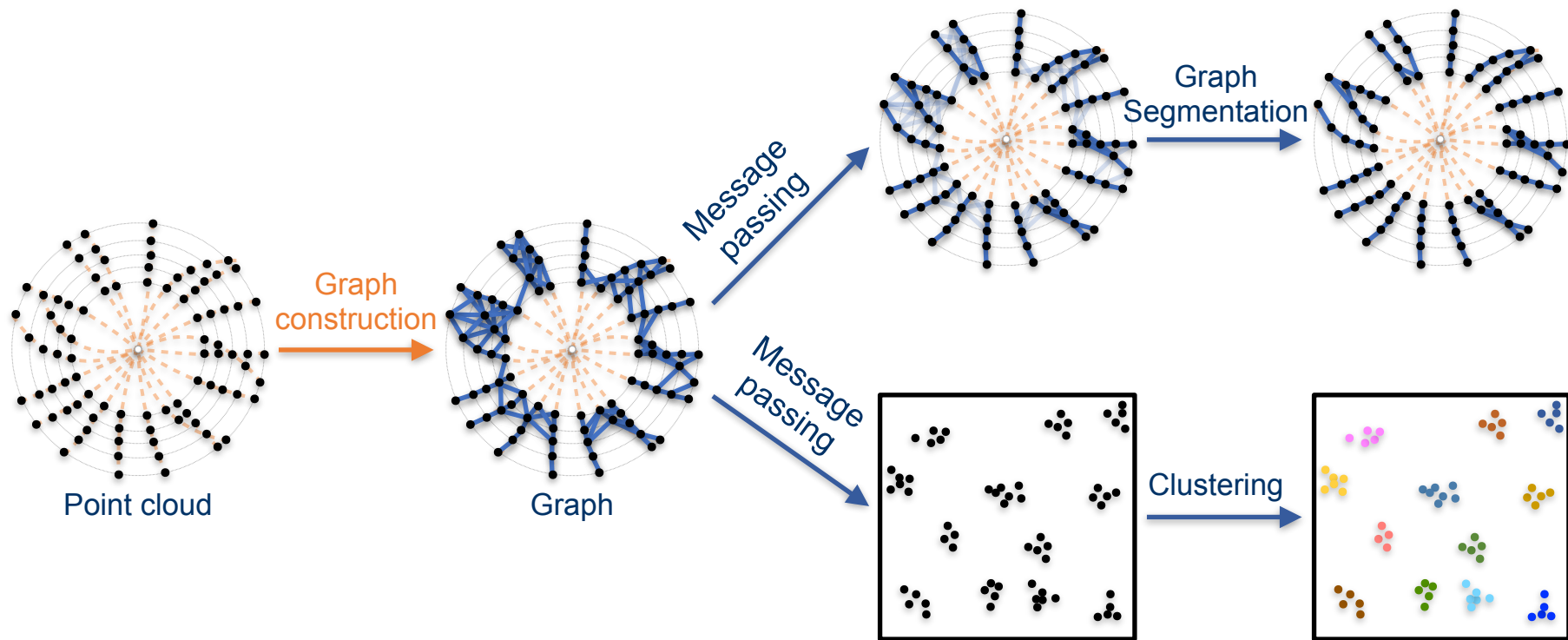
See Kilian's earlier [talk](#)



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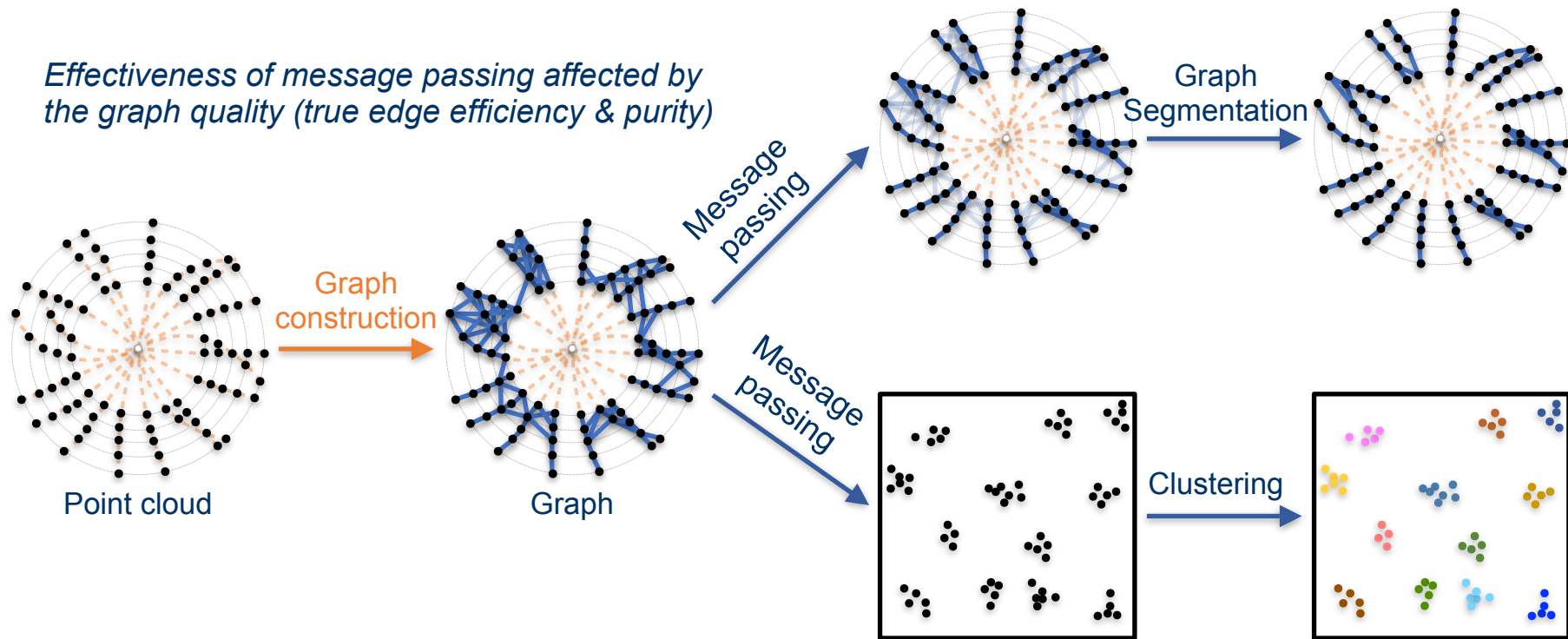


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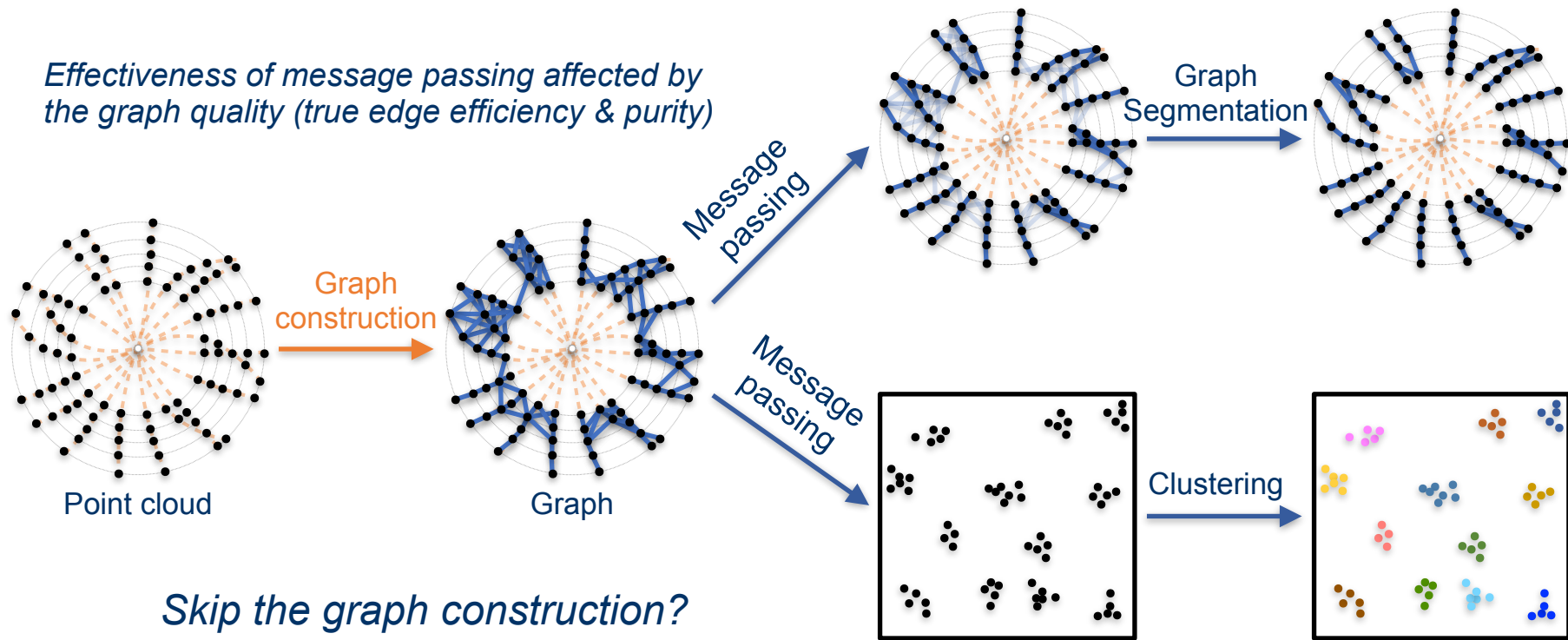


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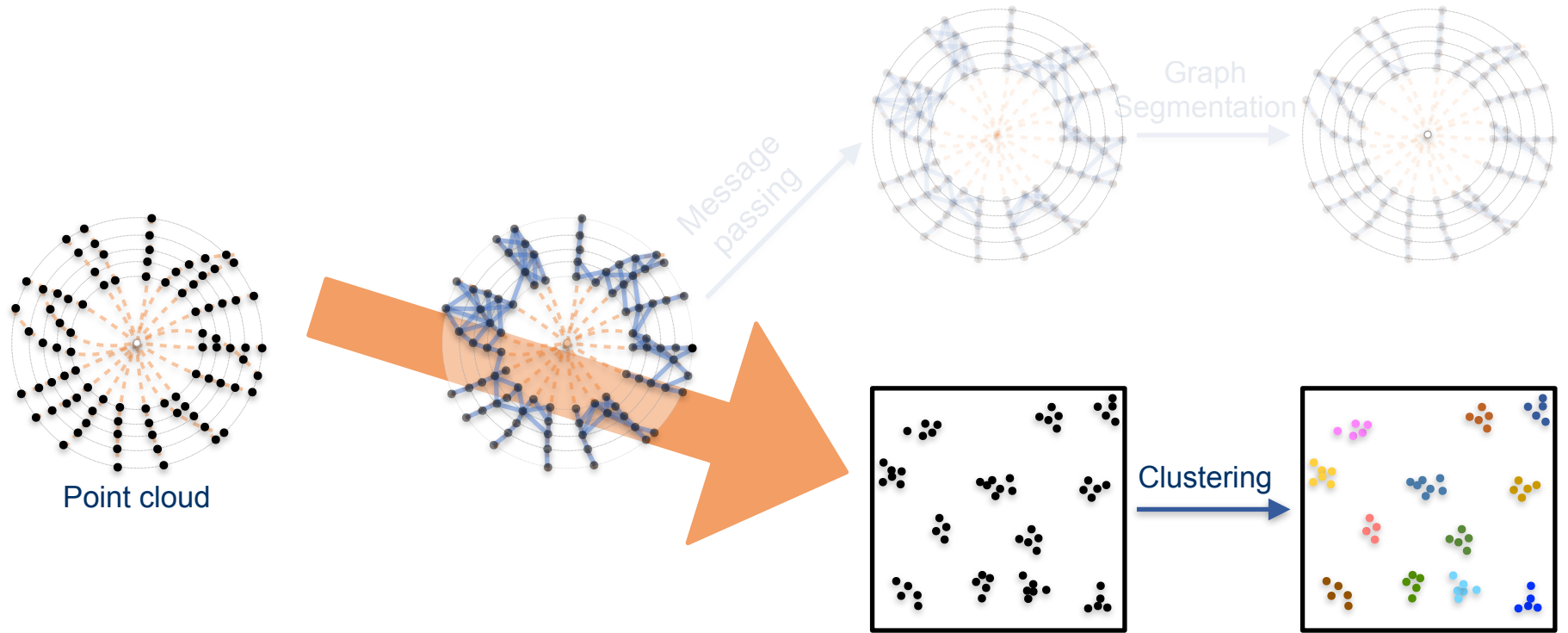
*Effectiveness of message passing affected by the graph quality (true edge efficiency & purity)*



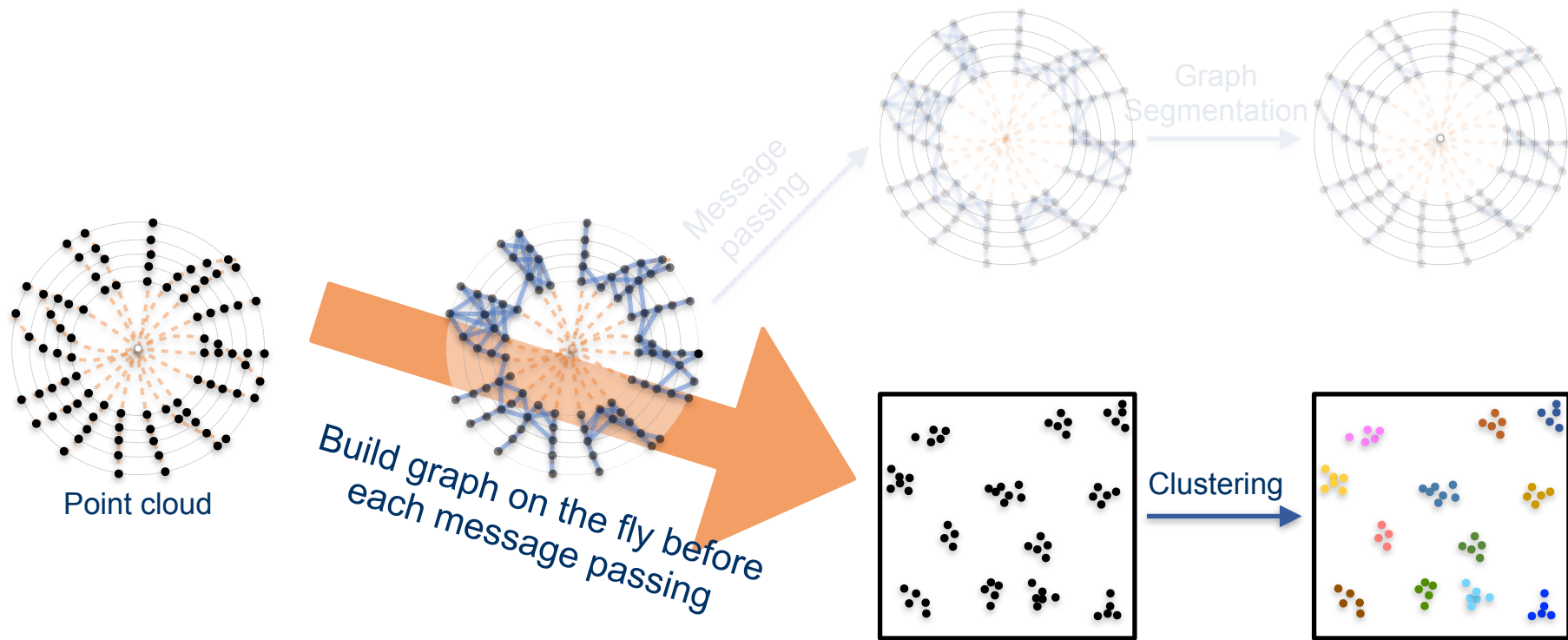
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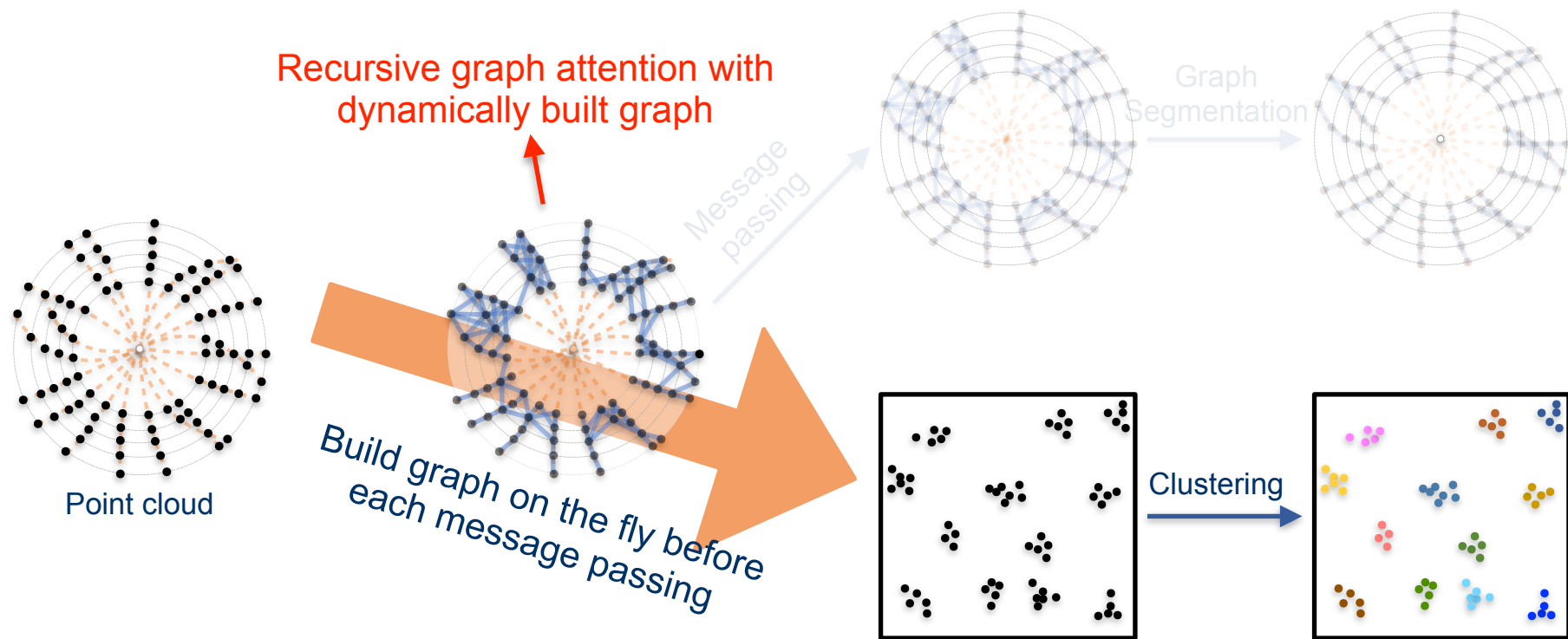
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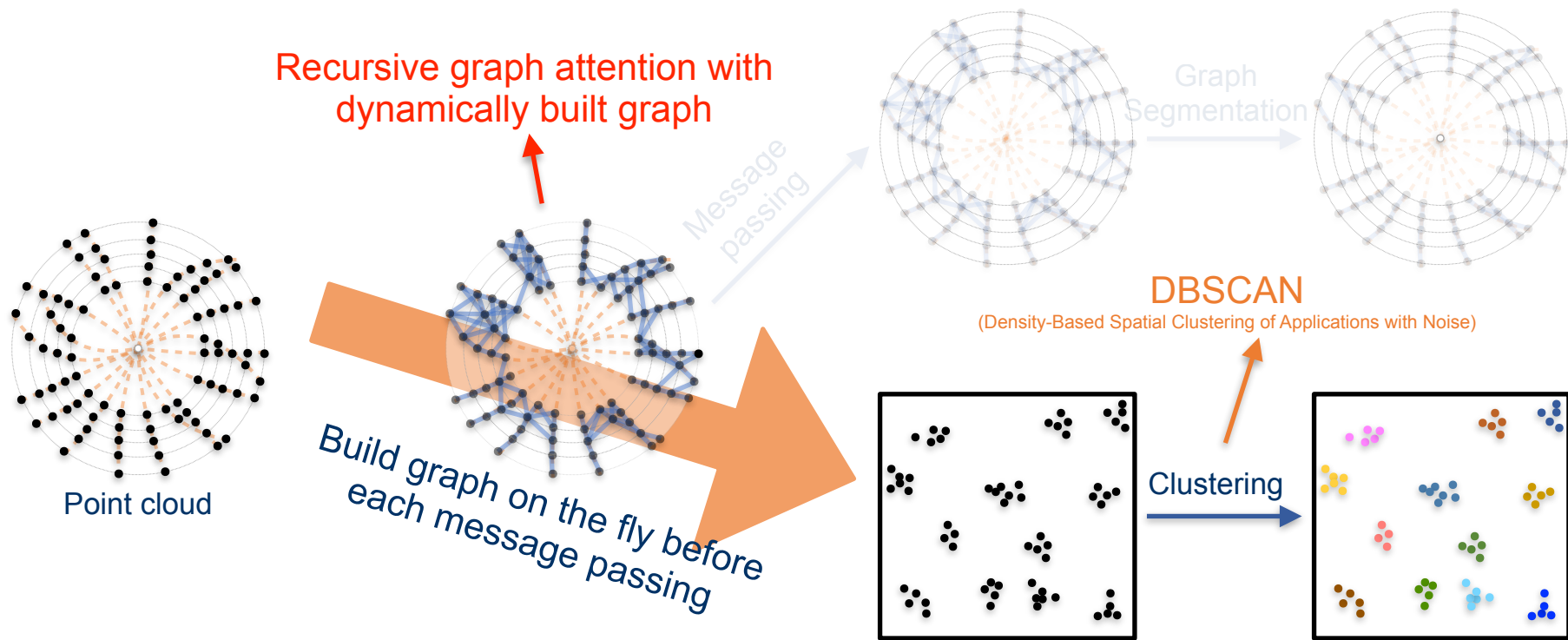


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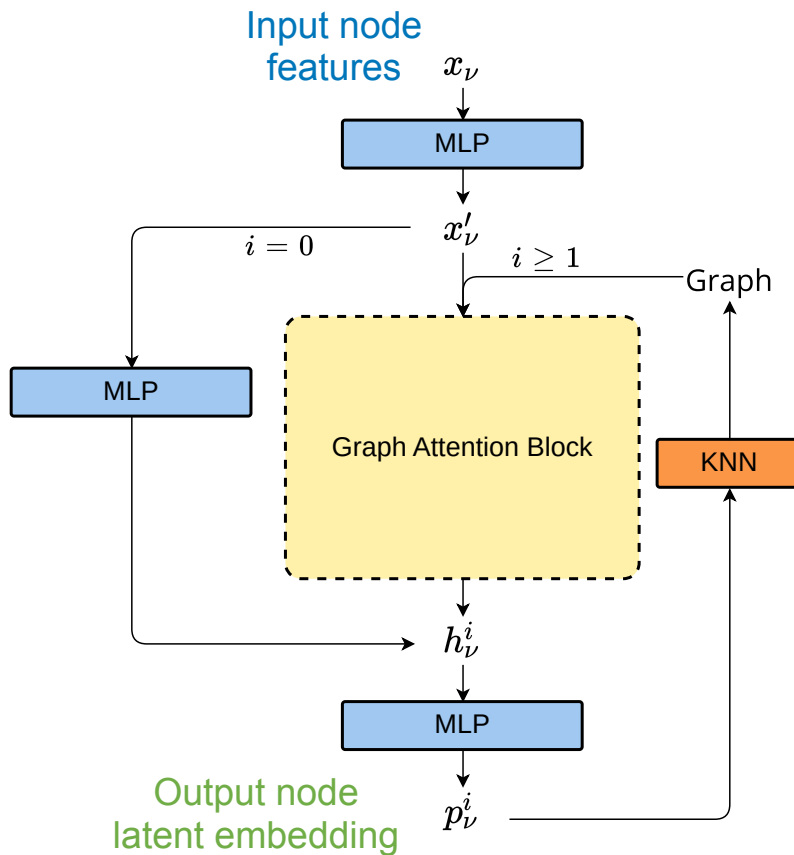




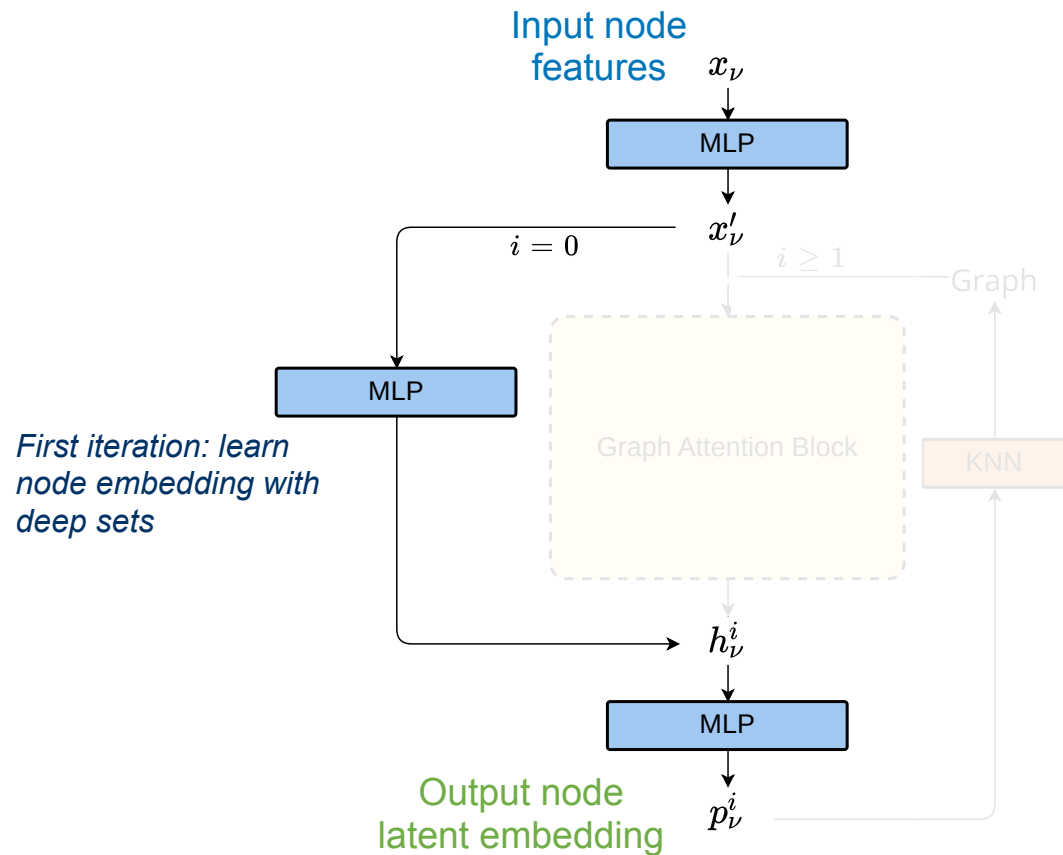
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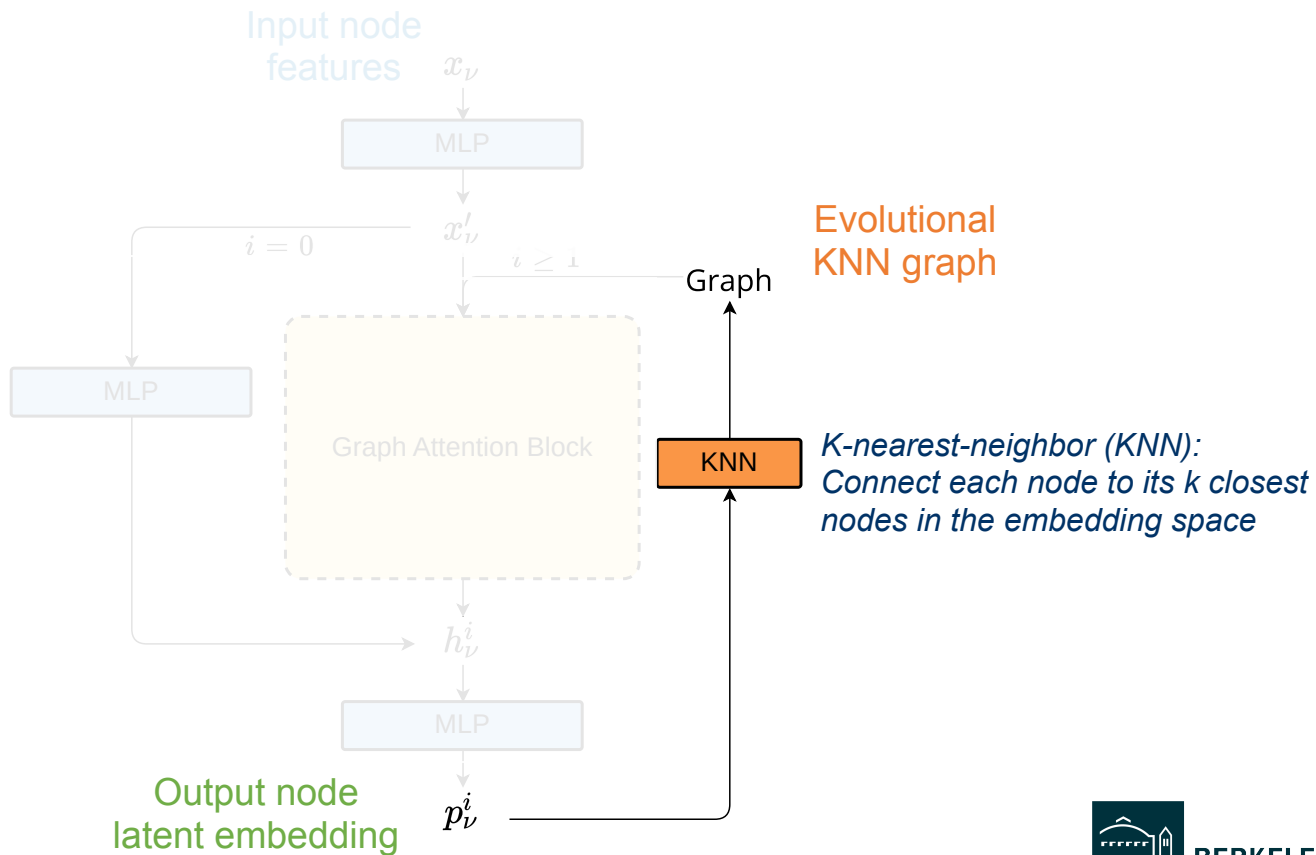
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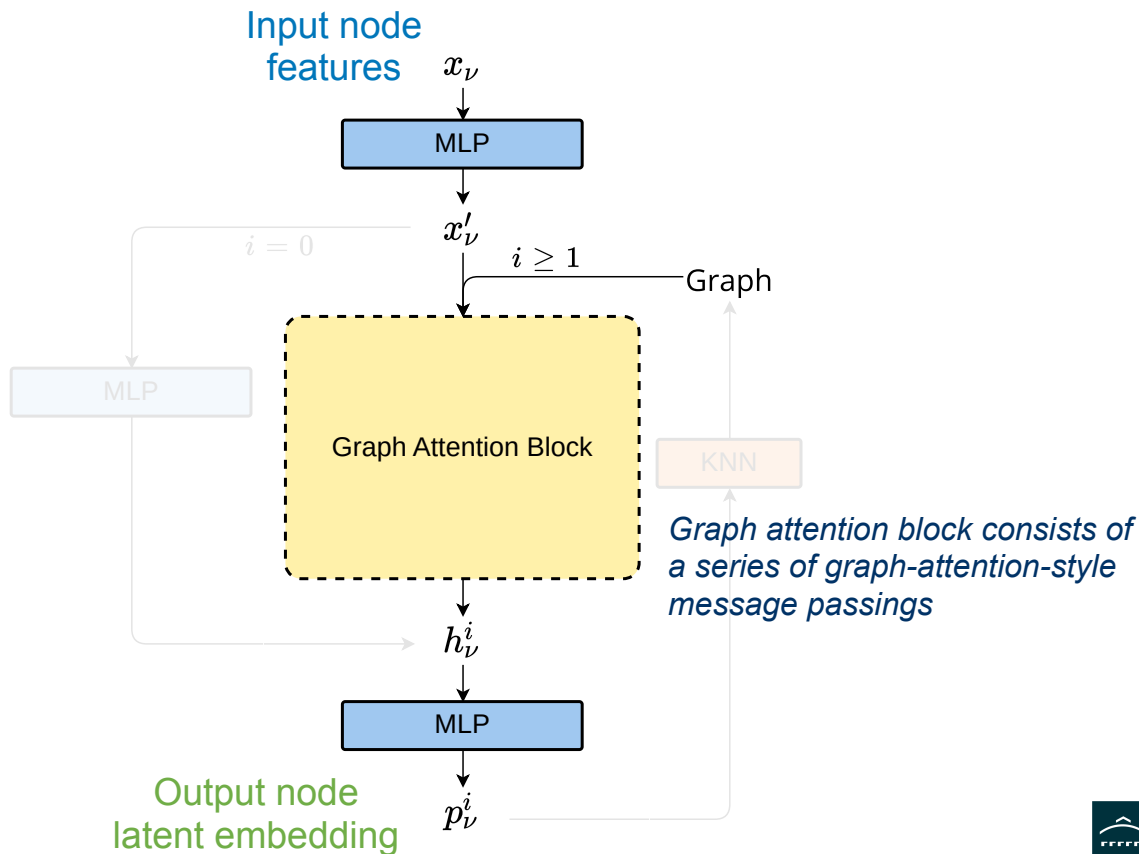
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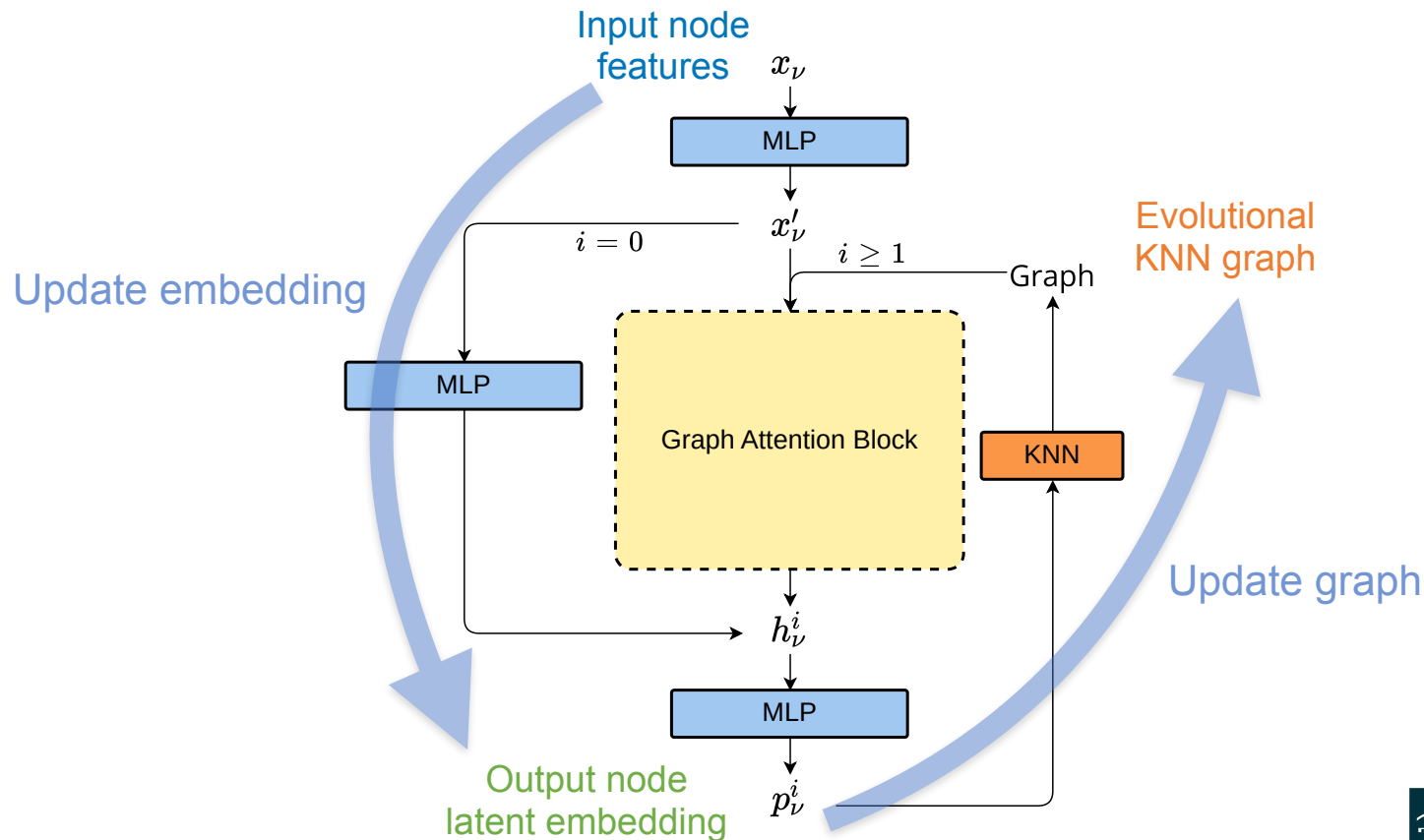
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# Training loss function

for each pair of nodes (edge):

$$L = y d^2 + (1 - y) \max^2(0, m - d)$$

Attractive loss for positive pair  $y = 1$   
(hits come from the same particle)

Repulsive loss for negative pair  $y = 0$   
(hits come from different particles)

$d$  = Euclidean distance between two hits

$$L_{\text{tot}} = \sum_{e_{\text{signal}}} L(e_{\text{signal}}) + \sum_{e_{\text{random}}} L(e_{\text{random}}) + \sum_{e_{\text{KNN}}} L(e_{\text{KNN}})$$

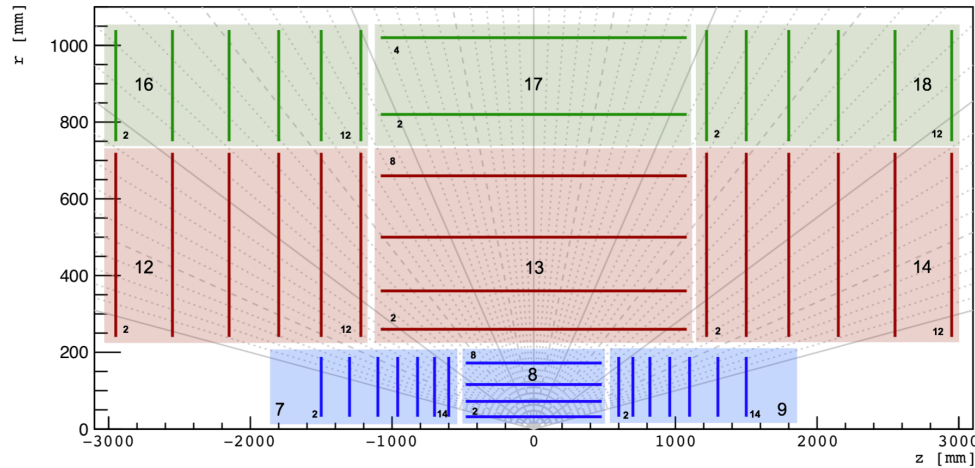
Signal edges (hits  
from same particles)

Random edges  
(randomly select 2 hits)

KNN edges for “hard  
negative mining”



# Test case with TrackML dataset



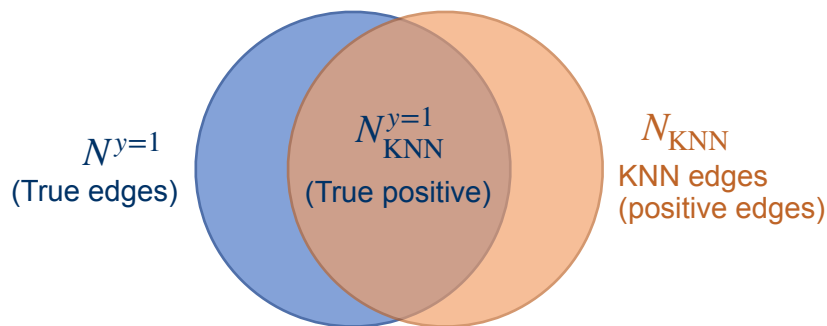
- Formulated in the [Kaggle TrackML challenge](#) (HL-LHC like detector)
- Each event  $\sim O(10^4)$  particles;  $\sim O(10^5)$  hits
- For proof of concept, apply a cut on  $p_T = 1$  GeV for all particles
  - $\rightarrow \sim O(10^4)$  hits





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Performance evaluated on *KNN graphs* to decouple effect from clustering



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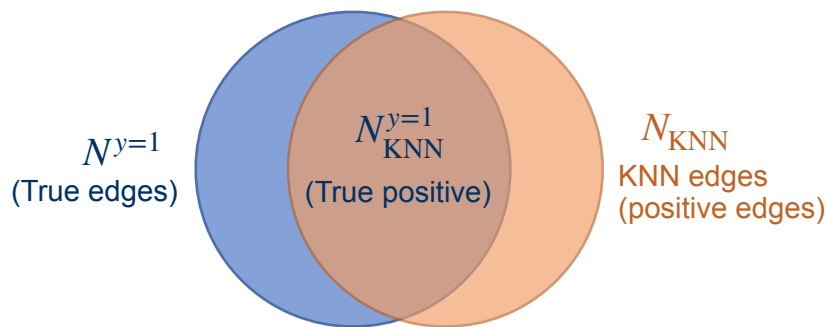
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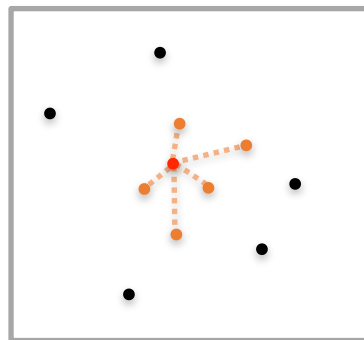


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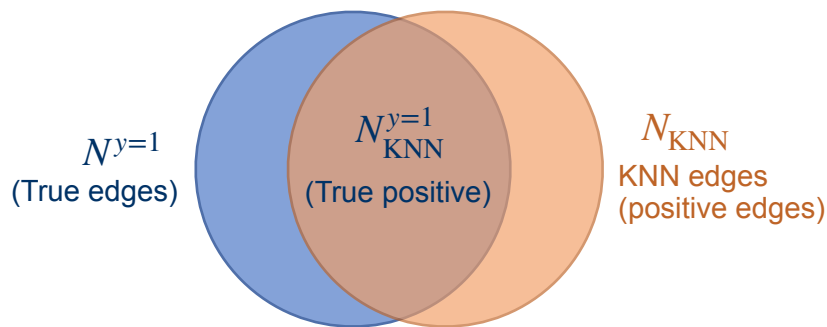
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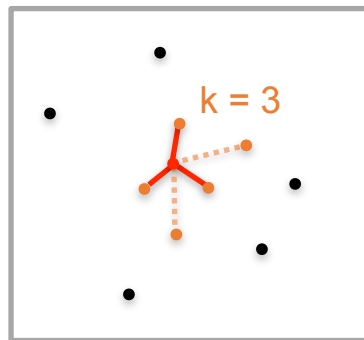


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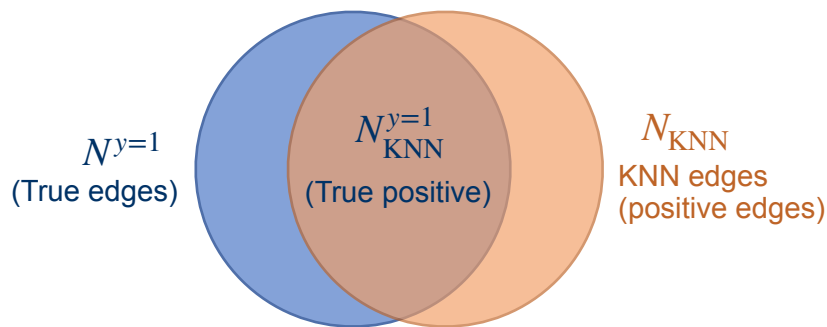
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$\text{Eff} = 3/5 = 0.6$   
 $\text{Pur} = 3/3 = 1.0$



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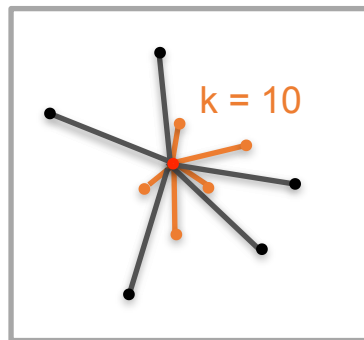


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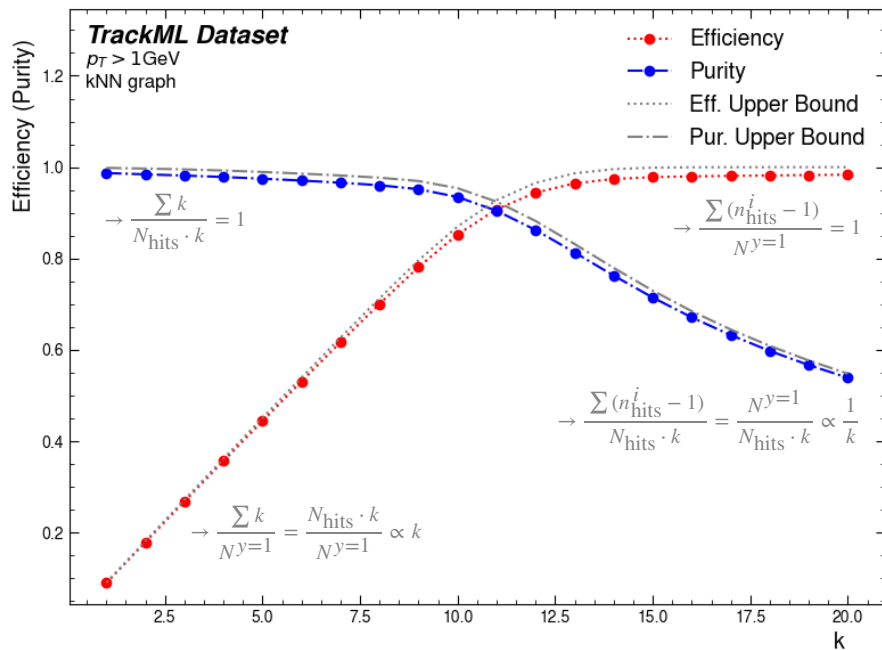
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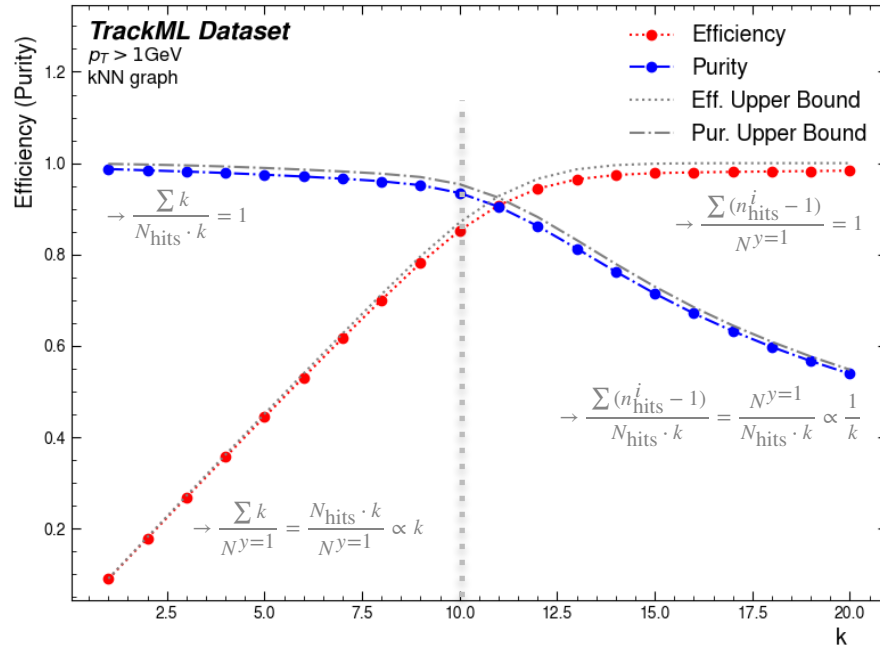
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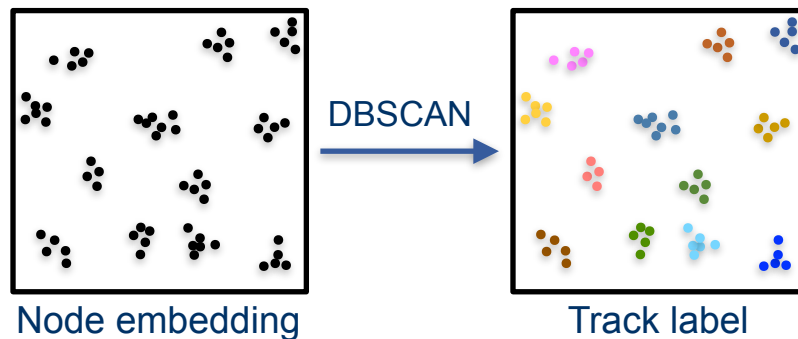
At k=10:

Eff = 85% (upper bound = 87%)

Pur = 93% (upper bound = 95%)



# DBSCAN and track performance



A matched track = (>50% hits in this track candidate come from same particle)

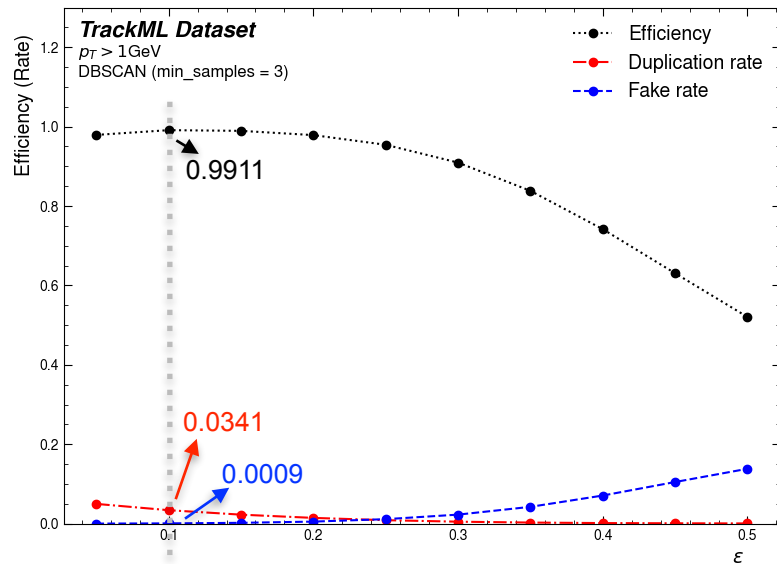
$$\text{Eff}_{\text{track}} = \frac{N_{\text{particles}}^{\text{reco}}}{N_{\text{particles}}}$$

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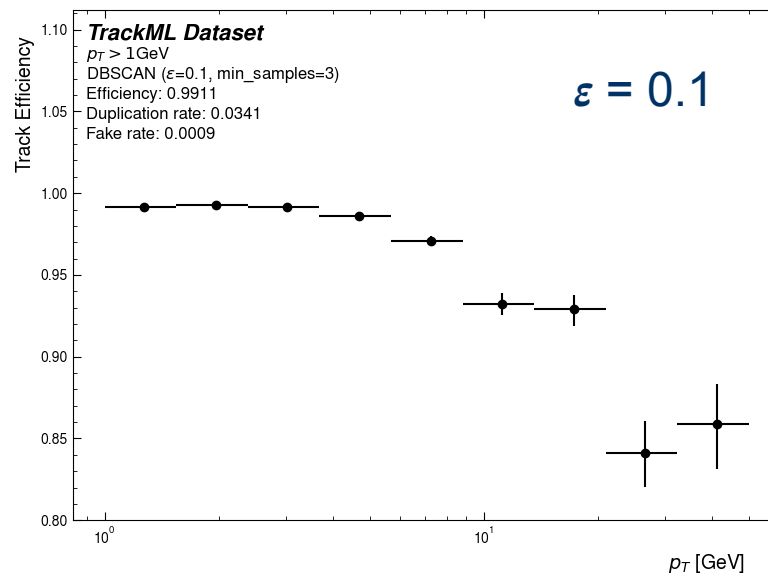
$$r_{\text{duplicate}} = \frac{N_{\text{tracks}}^{\text{matched}} - N_{\text{particles}}^{\text{reco}}}{N_{\text{particles}}^{\text{reco}}}$$

# DBSCAN track performance

## Track performance vs $\epsilon$ (DBSCAN)

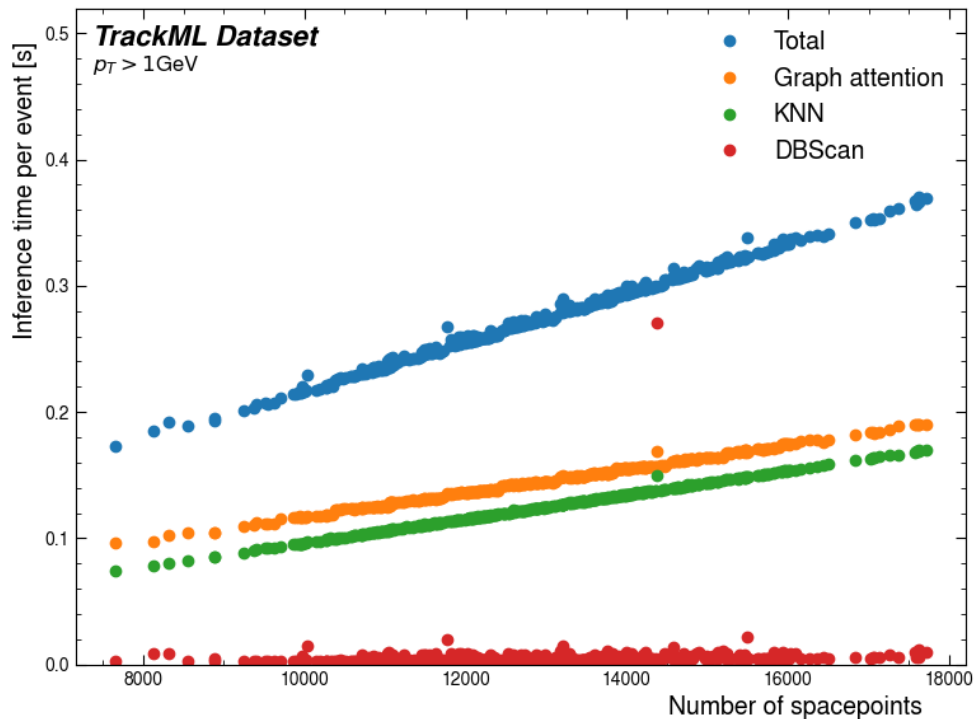


## Track efficiency vs $p_T$





# Computing performance

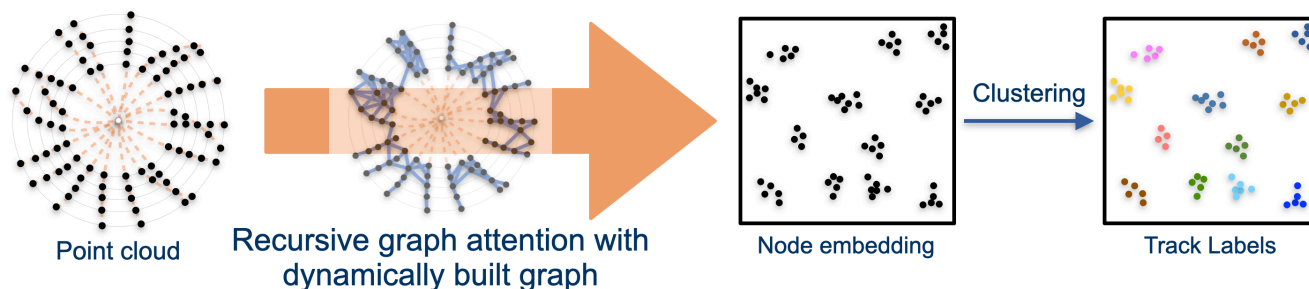


Computational cost mainly coming from graph attention and KNN



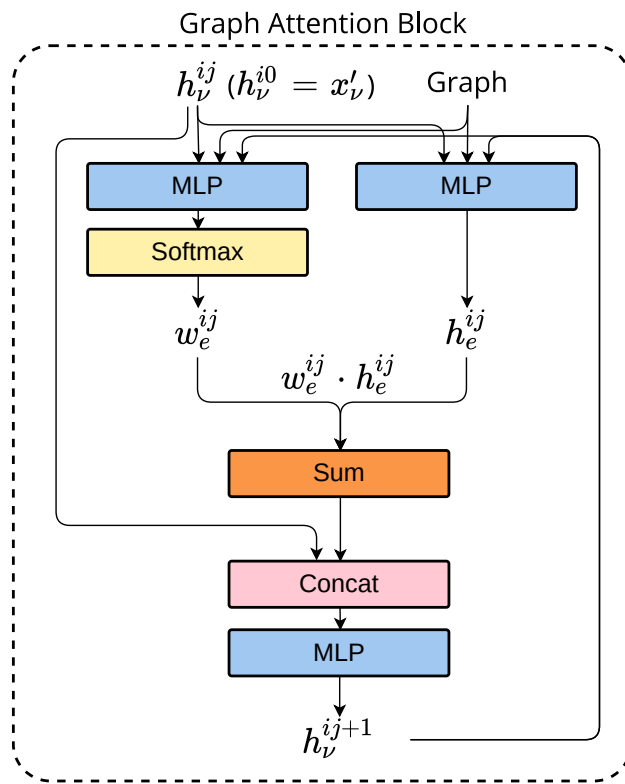
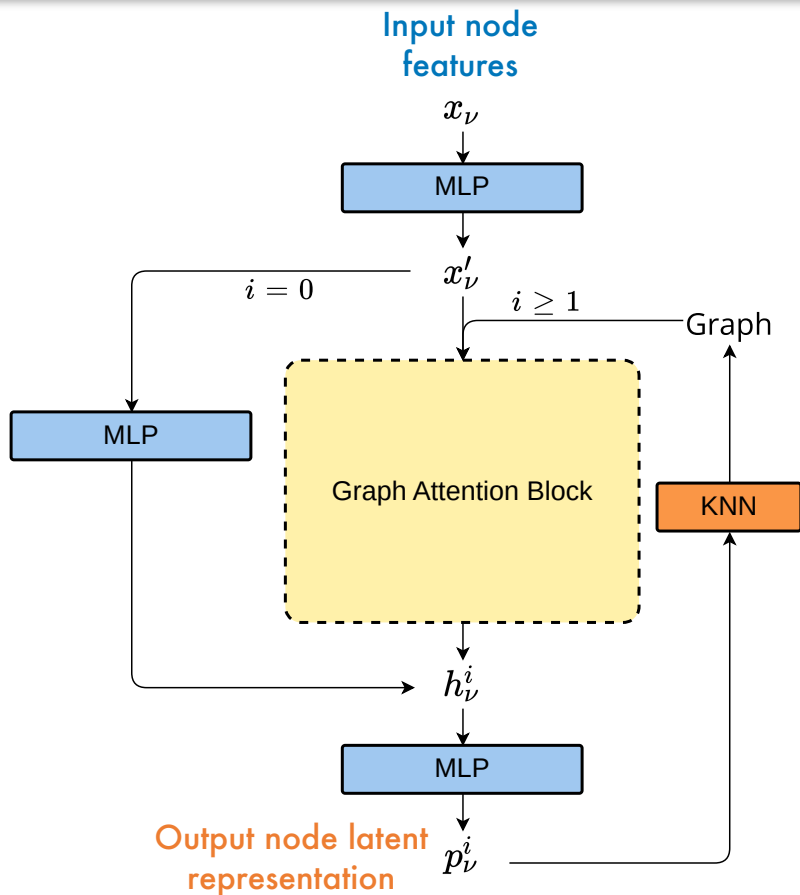
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- Propose a one-shot object-condensation tracking algorithm with recursive graph attention
  - Does not require graph construction as the first step (take point cloud as input for message passing)
  - Achieve excellent track performance in the TrackML test case
- Future work aims to improve computational cost: main contribution from KNN and graph attention

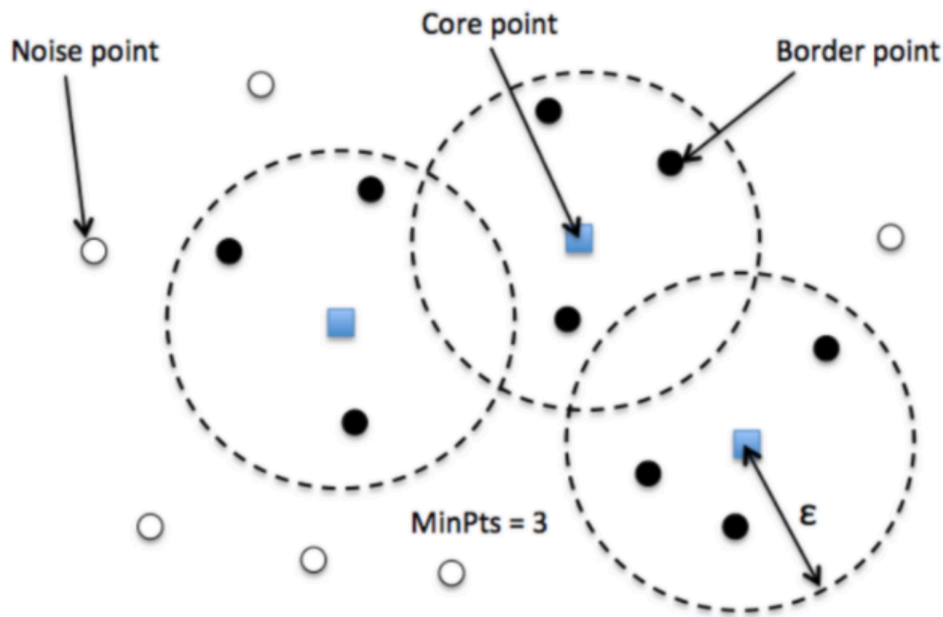


# Backups

# Recursive Graph Attention Network



# Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise



Idea: a cluster in data space is a contiguous region of high point density, separated from other such clusters by contiguous regions of low point density

# Edge-wise Performance in KNN Graphs (vs $p_T$ )

