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TrackHHL: A Quantum Computing Algorithm for Track Reconstruction at the LHCb Experiment

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Outlook

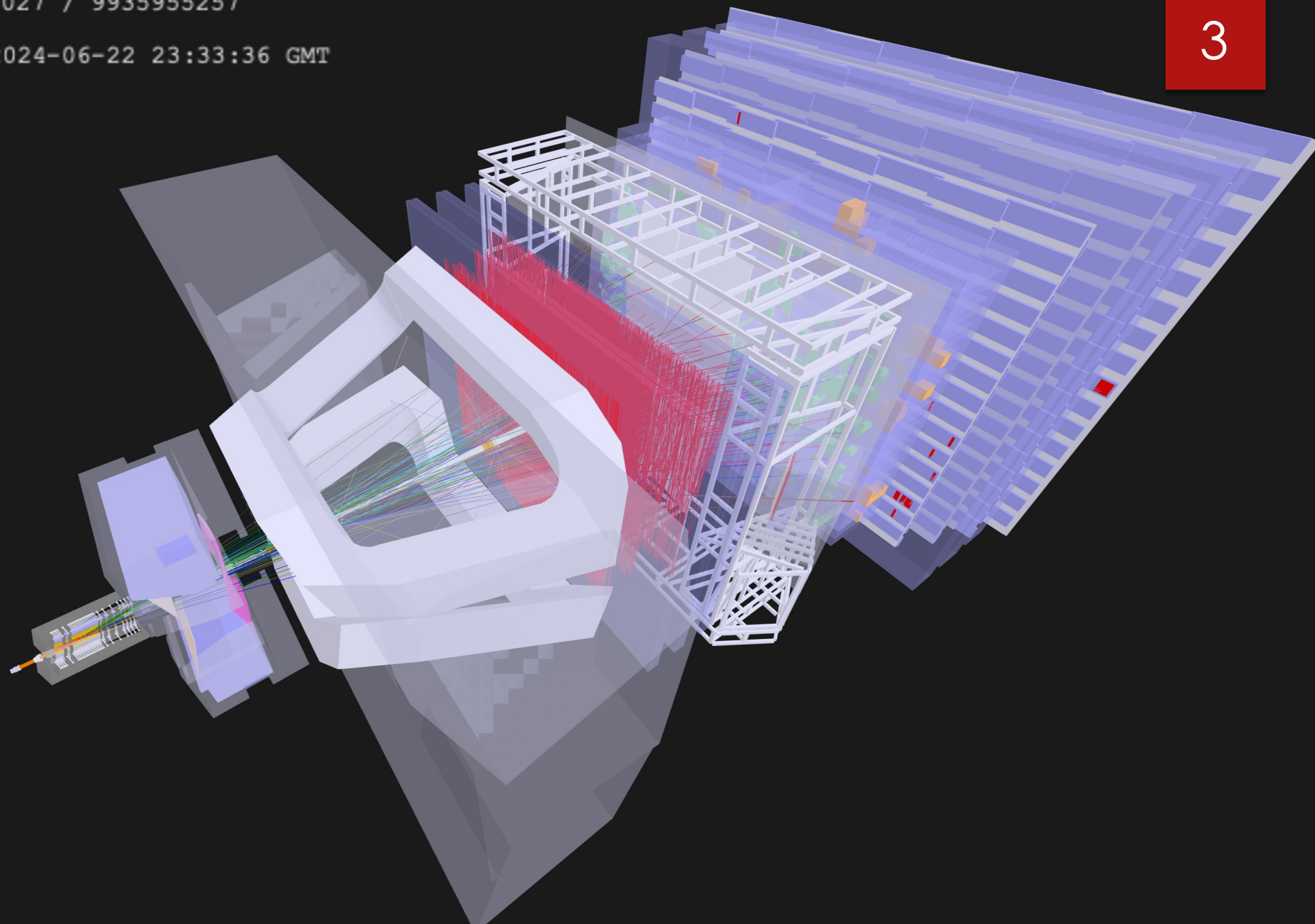
- Presentation of a classical tracking algorithm compatible with Quantum computing, benchmarked on simulated LHCb data.
- Introduction of a modified version of HHL that restricts Quantum Phase estimation to 1-Bit.
- Preliminary Results on Primary Vertex reconstruction postprocessing the output of our quantum algorithm.

LHCb Experiment at CERN

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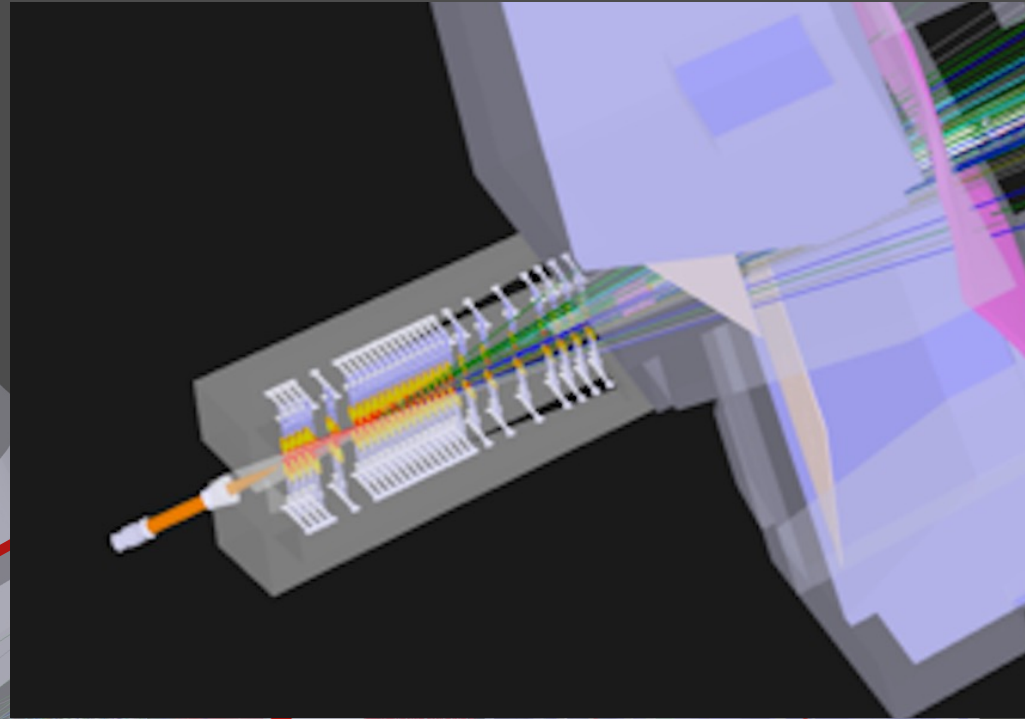
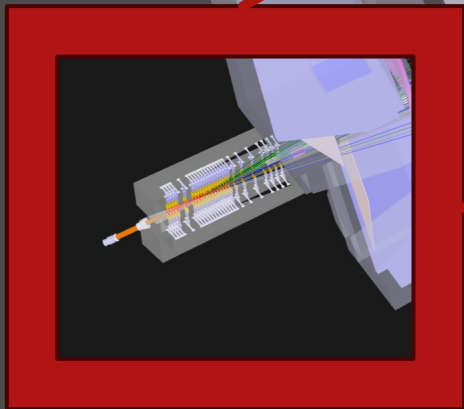


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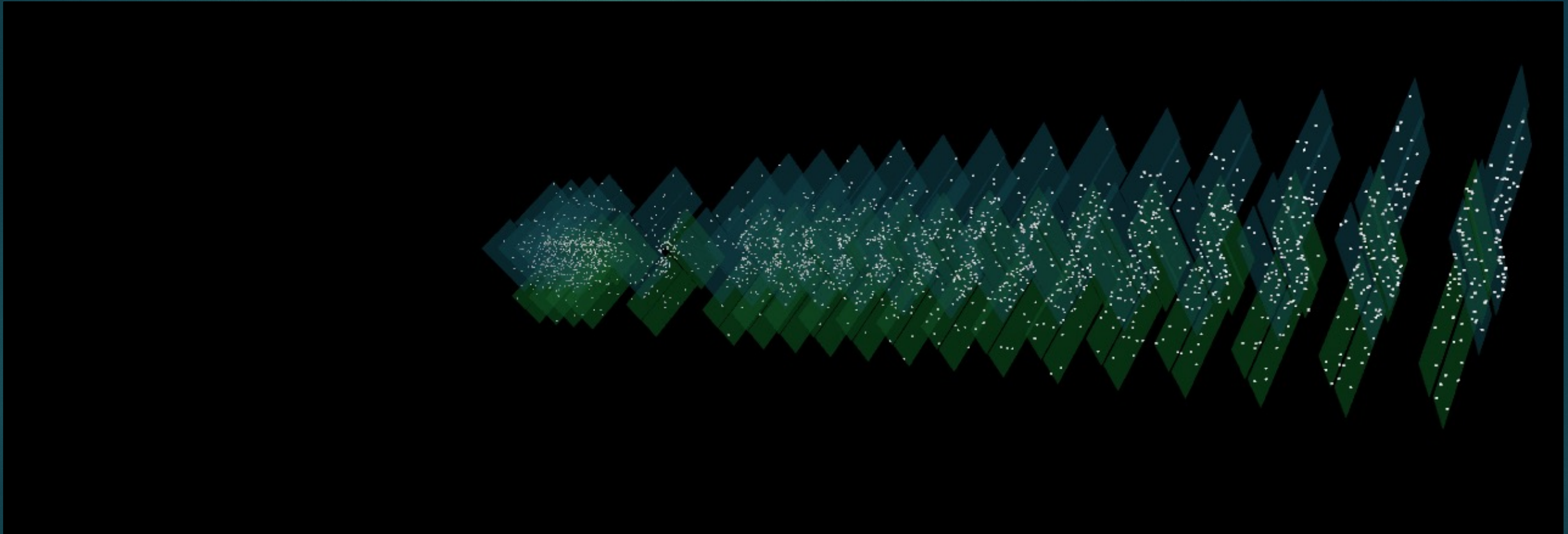
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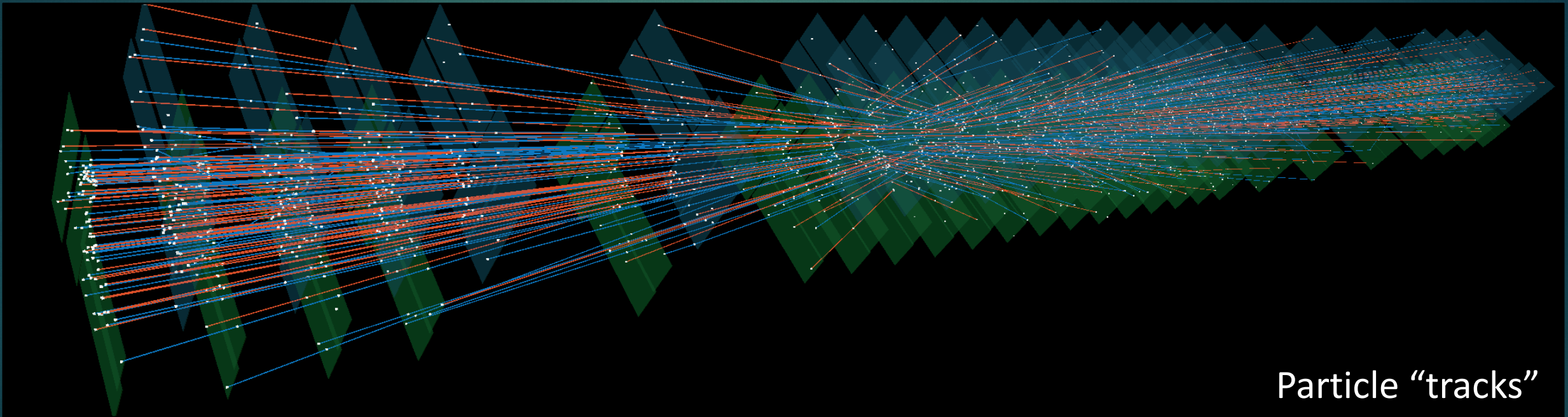
Hits in the VELO

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Creator: Davide Nicotra

Tracks in the VELO



Particle “tracks”

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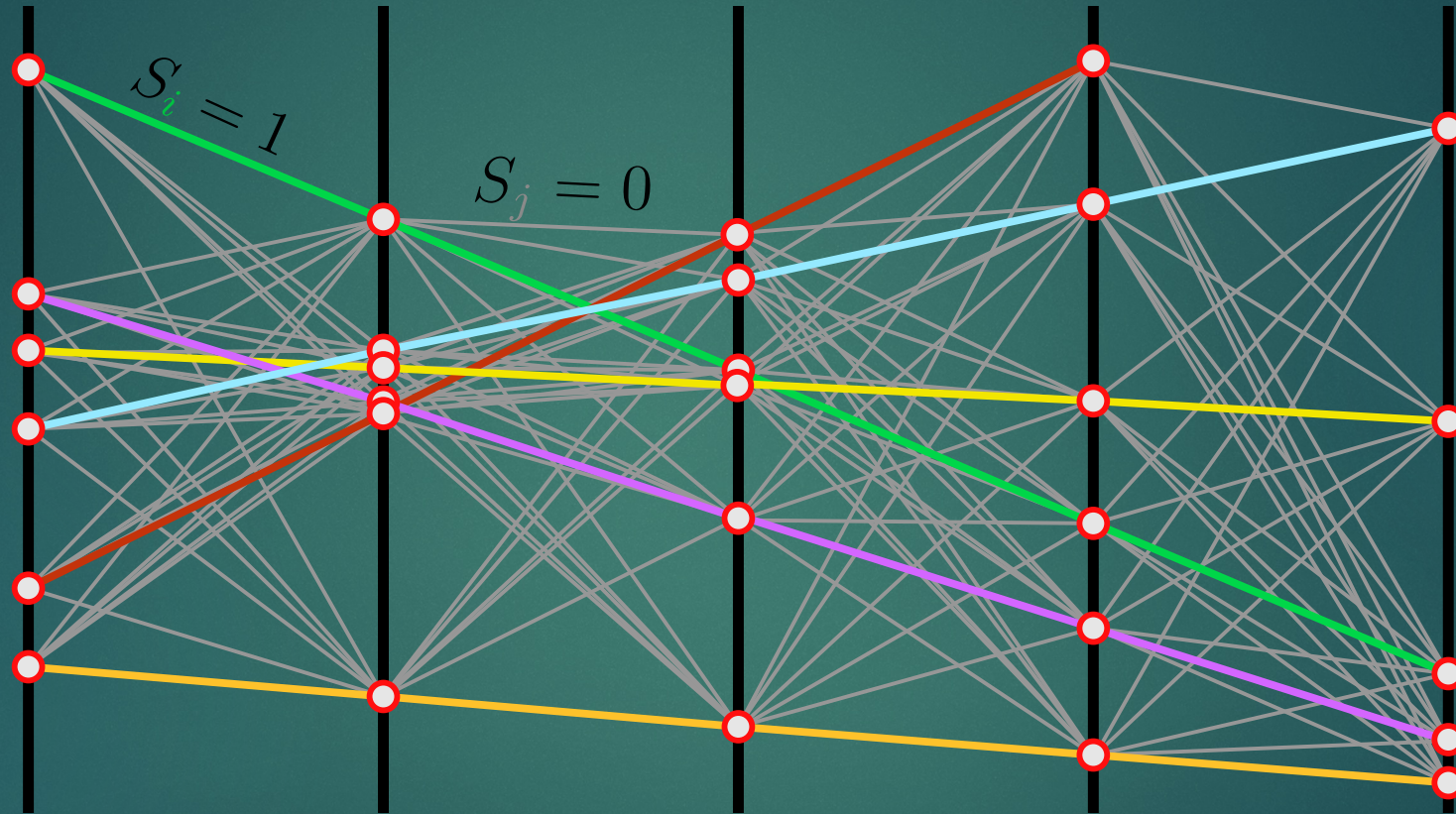


New Quantum Computing algorithm for Track Reconstruction

Translation For Quantum Advantage

[arXiv:2308.00619] [JINST]

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Segment $[S_{ab}]$: combination of hit a and hit b
→ in consecutive layers - for now

Translation For Quantum Advantage

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$$\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{S}) = -\frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{abc} f(\theta_{abc}, \varepsilon) S_{ab} S_{bc} + \gamma \sum_{ab} S_{ab}^2 + \delta \sum_{ab} (1 - 2S_{ab})^2 \right]$$

(a) (b) (c)

$$f(\theta_{abc}, \varepsilon) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \cos \theta_{abc} \geq 1 - \varepsilon \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- **(a) Angular term:** assigns values for straight doublets
- **(b) Regularization term:** makes the spectrum of A positive
- **(c) Gap term:** ensures gap in the solution spectrum

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Relaxation of binary S values allows

$$\nabla_S H = 0$$

$$-AS + b = 0$$


$$AS = b$$


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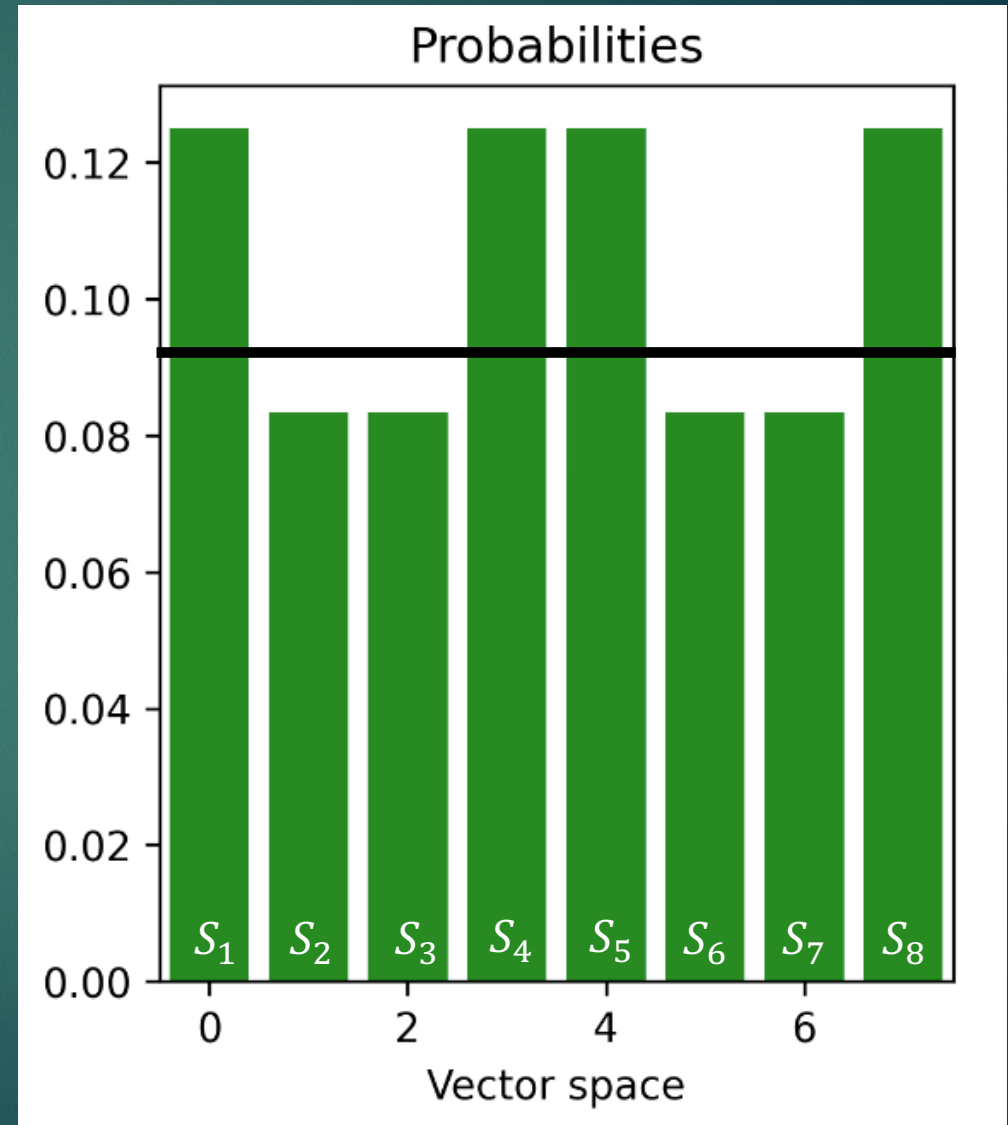
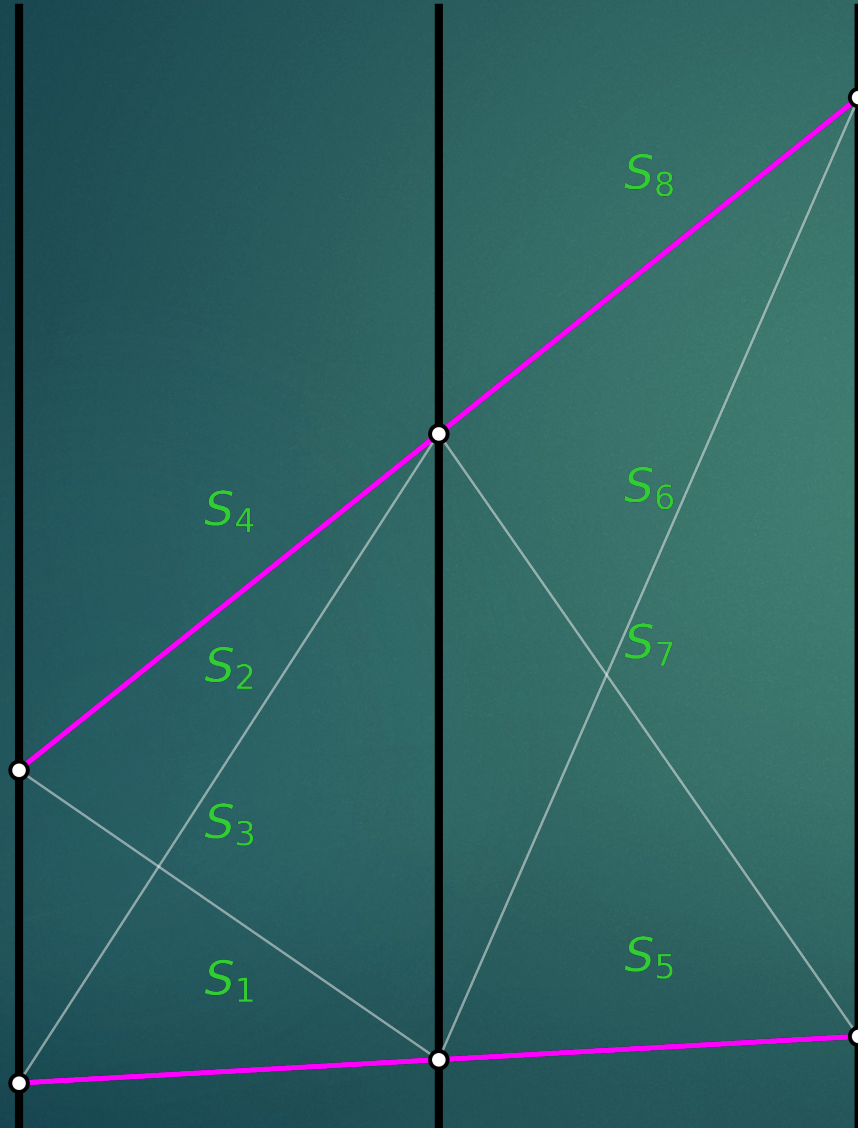
$AS = b$

$A =$ 

$b =$ 

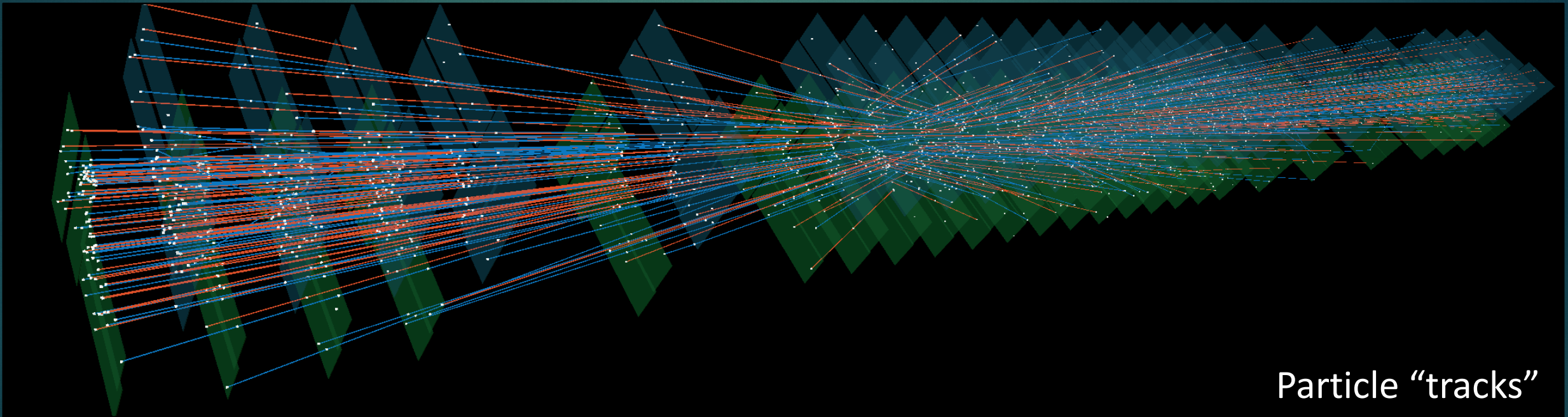
Most Trivial Tracking Scenario

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Solving it Classically

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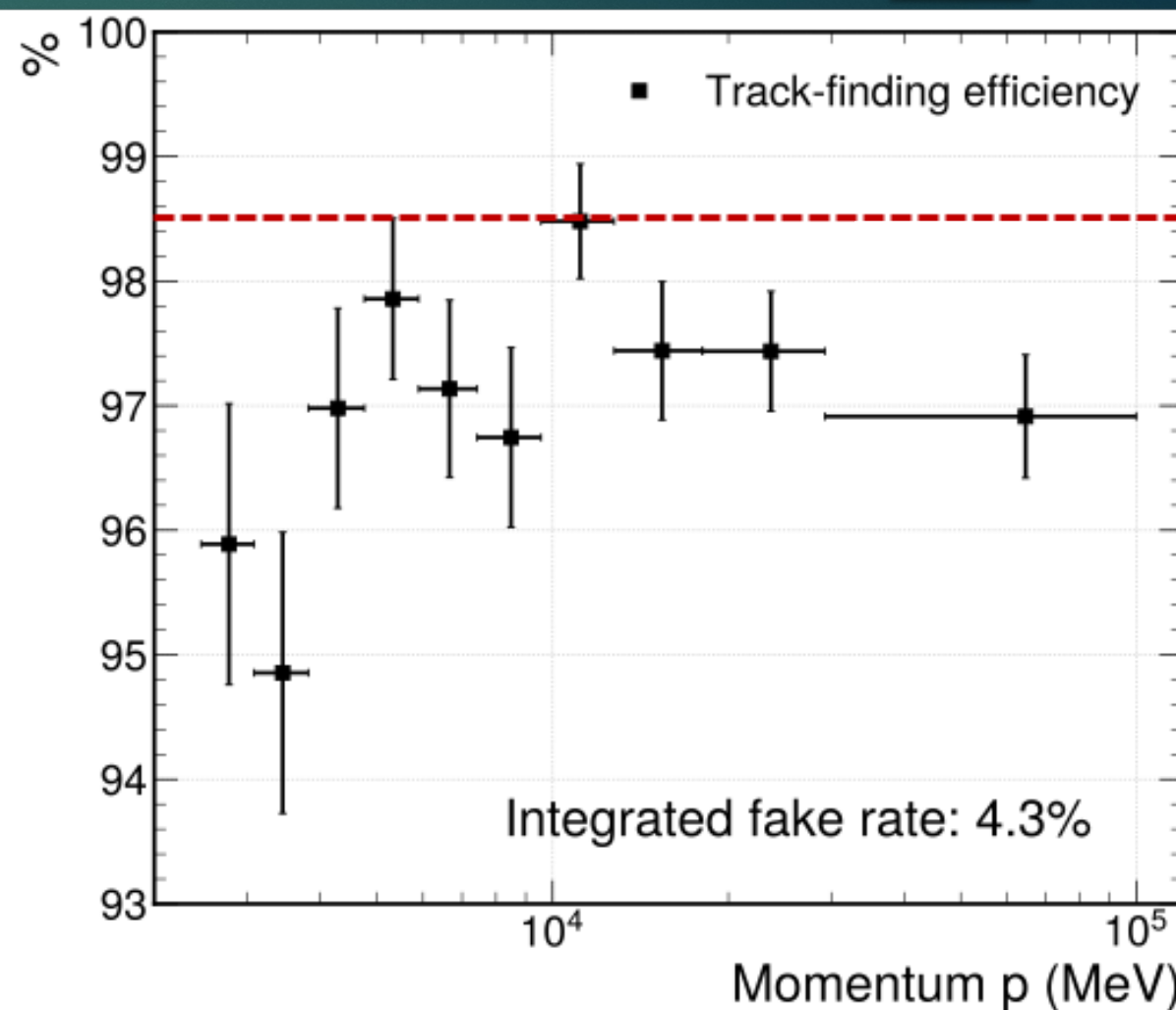
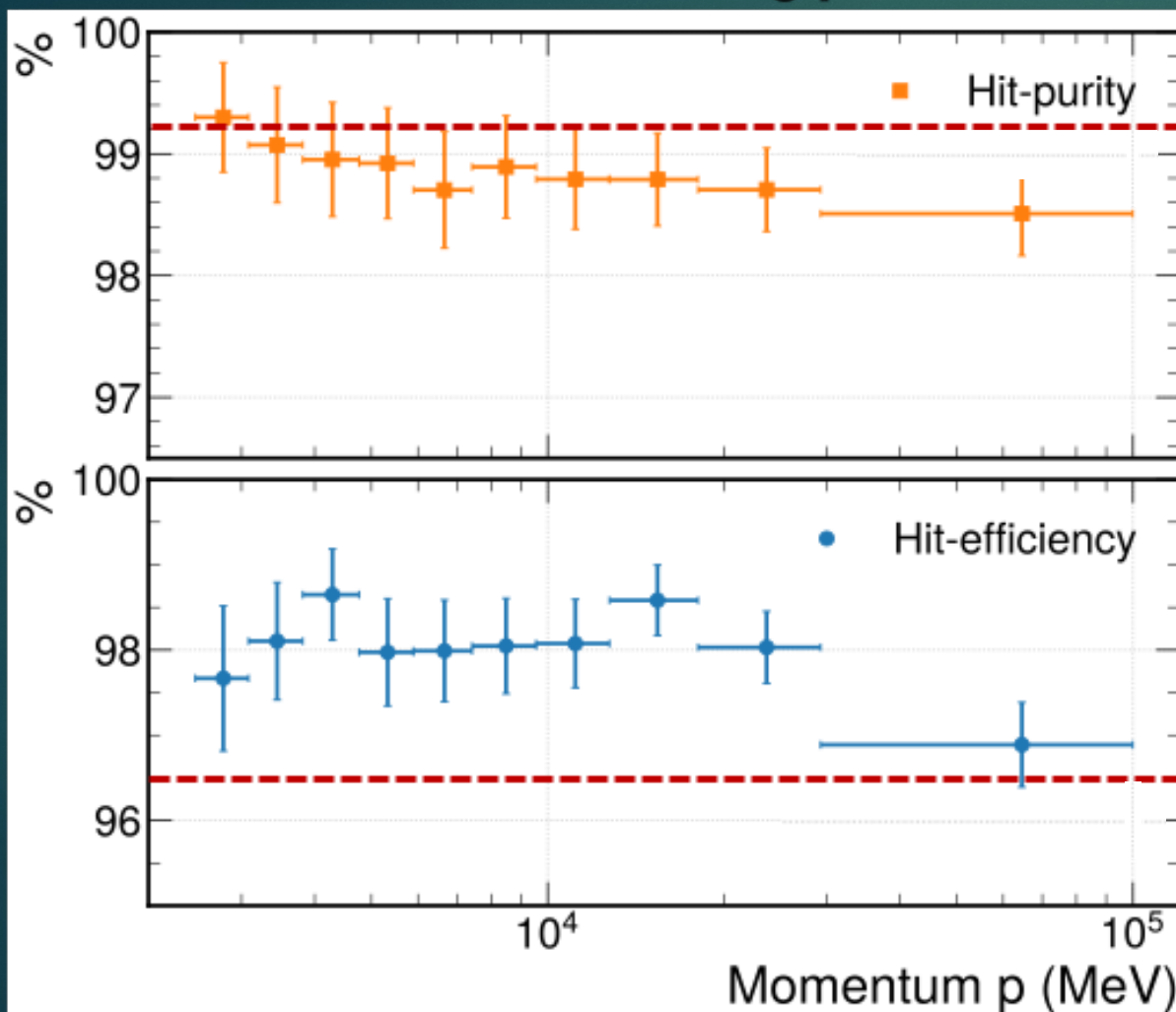
Particle “tracks”

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Tracking performance on LHCb simulated events



Benchmarked on a Classical Equivalent of the Quantum algorithm [arXiv:2308.00619], [JINST]

HHL (Harrow–Hassidim–Lloyd) algorithm

$$AS = b$$

Classical Complexity: $\mathcal{O}(n^2)^*$

HHL Complexity: $\mathcal{O}(k^2 \log n)$




- $n = \text{input matrix size}$
- $k = \text{condition number}$

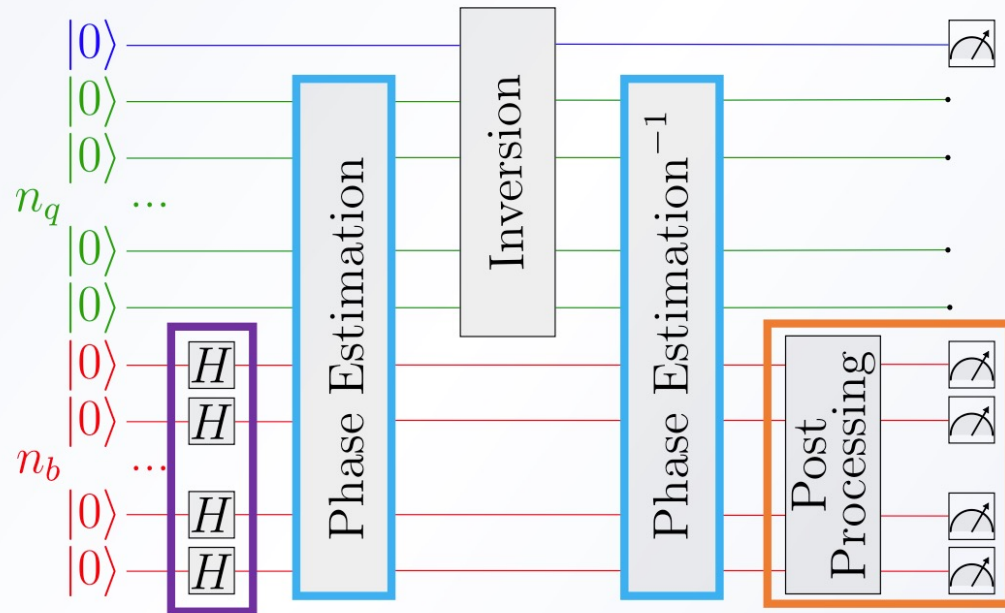
System size scales with:

- $n = p^2 \times \text{Average Hits Per Track}$
- $p = \text{particles in detector}$

n	Qubits	Depth	2-qubit gates
8	8	12 071	5 538
12	10	185 817	93 213
18	12	1 665 771	834 417
27	12	1 714 534	840 780
32	12	901 255	442 694
48	14	14 197 046	7 110 044
50	14	14 515 229	7 107 317

HHL requirements

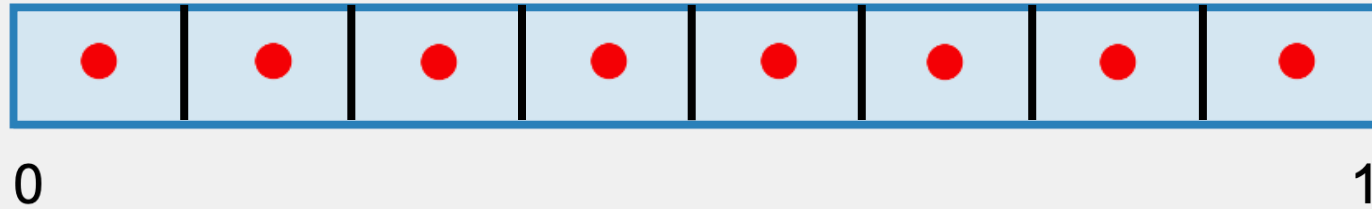
- 1. State Preparation** $U(\mathbf{b})|0\rangle$ 
 constant input vector
- 2. Phase Estimation** e^{iAt} 
 extremely sparse matrix
- 3. Read-Out** $\langle S|M|S\rangle$ 
 track parameters
 collision vertices



Challenges with HHL

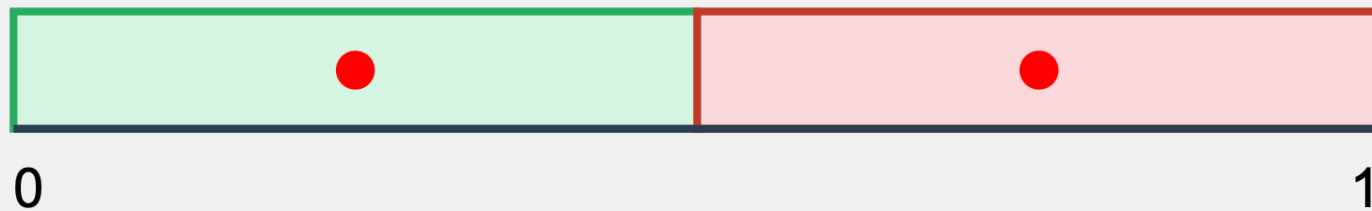
1-Bit Phase Estimation

3-Bit Phase Estimation



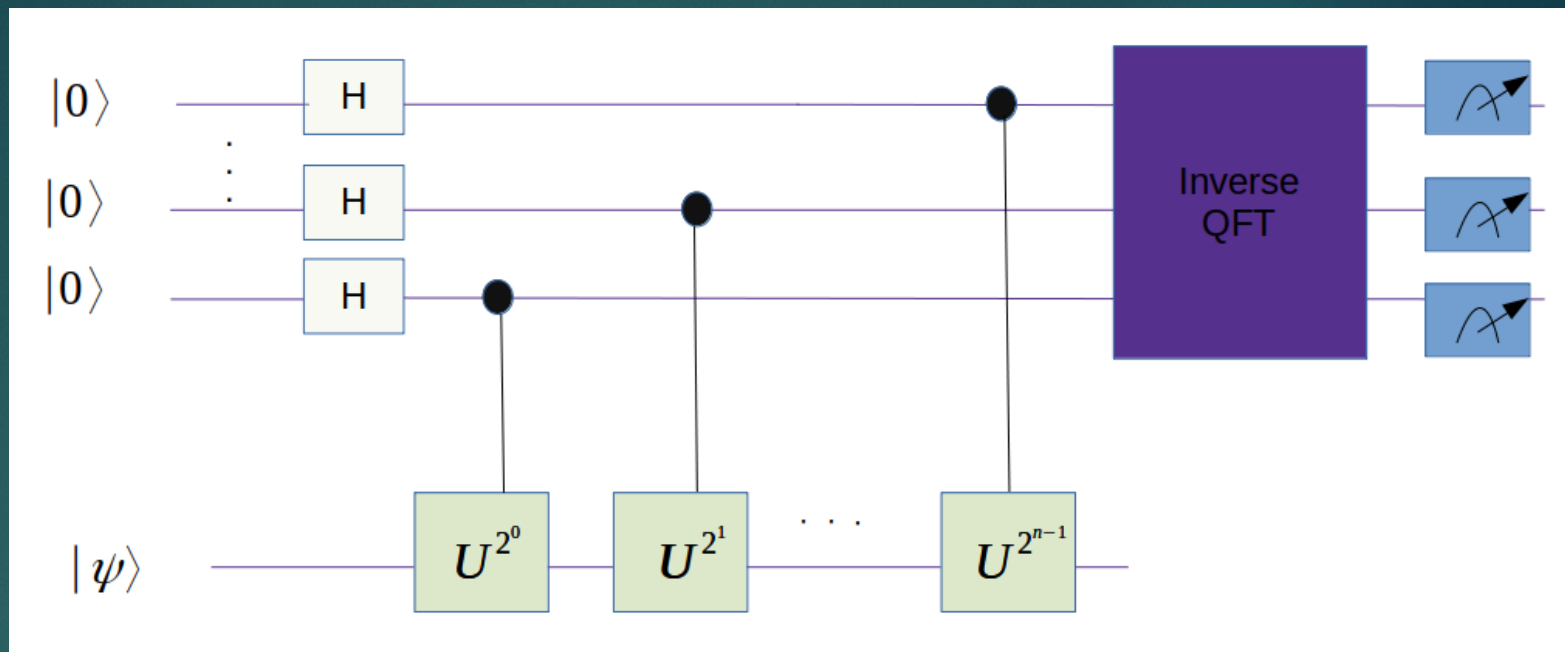
8 possible phase discretization

1-Bit Phase Estimation

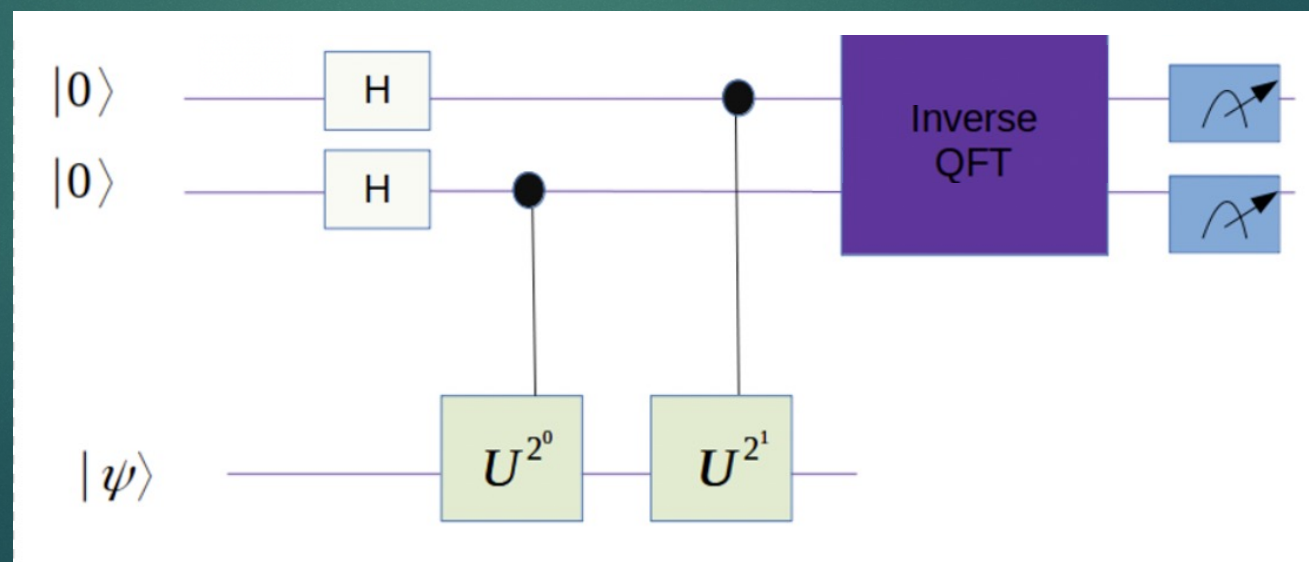


Binary phase discretization

N-Bit QPE



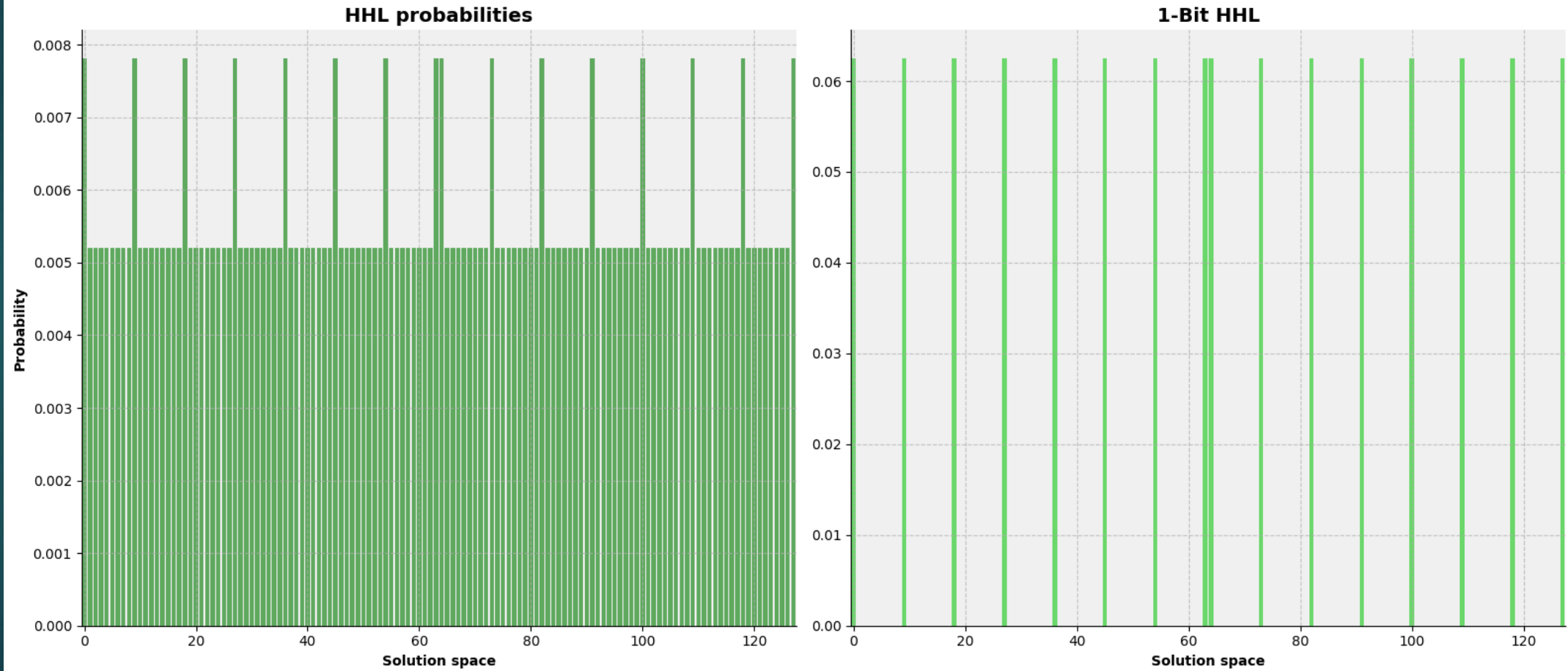
1-Bit QPE



Trying to solve our Phase Estimation Problem

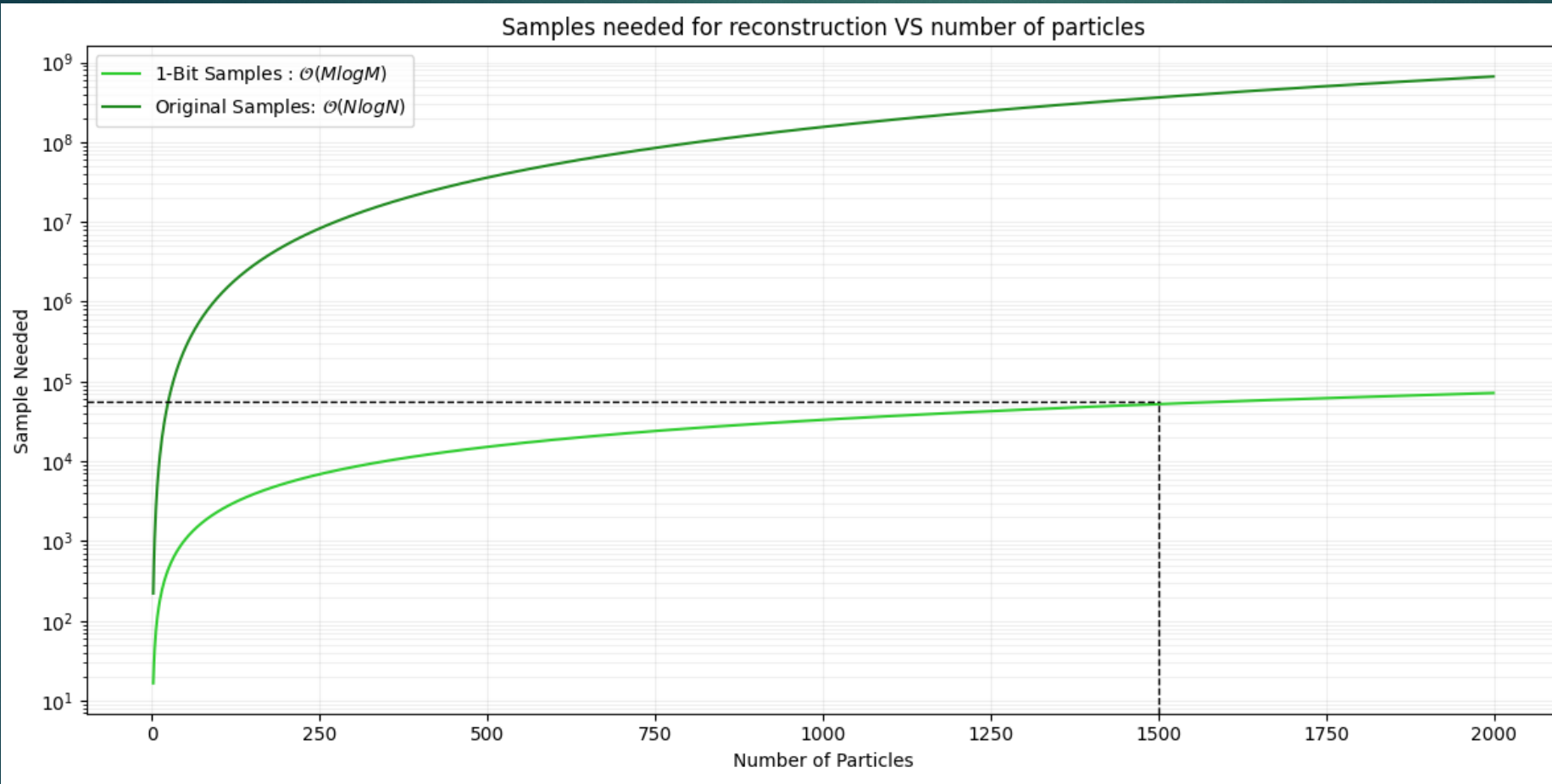


Comparing Probability Distributions



Output Problem

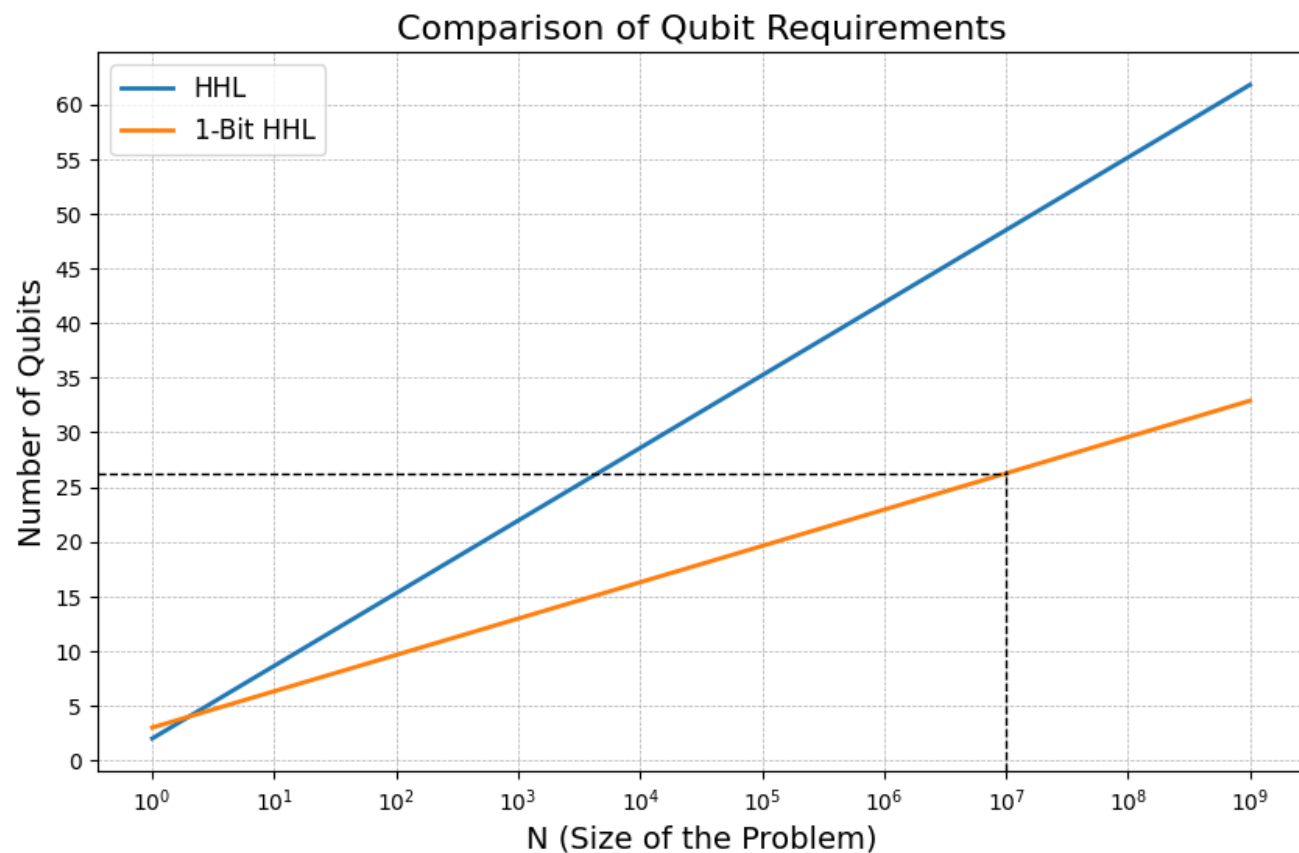
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- Event with 1500 particles needs $10^{4.8}$ samples for 1-Bit
- Event with 1500 particles needs $10^{8.6}$ samples for HHL

- $M = p \times \text{Average Hits Per Track}$
- $N = p^2 \times \text{Average Hits Per Track}$

Qubit Reduction



- $2 \log_2 N + 2$ qubits for HHL
- $\log_2 N + 3$ qubits for 1-Bit HHL

n	10 ¹	10 ²	10 ³	10 ⁴	10 ⁵	10 ⁶	10 ⁷	10 ⁸	10 ⁹
Particles	1	5	15	50	158	500	1581	5000	15811

*5 Hits Per Track Assumption

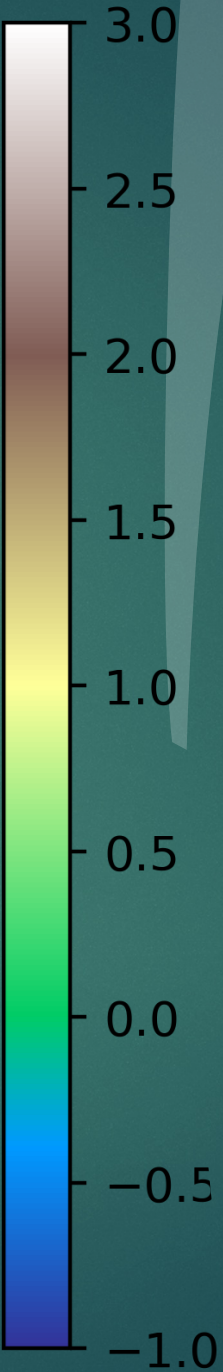
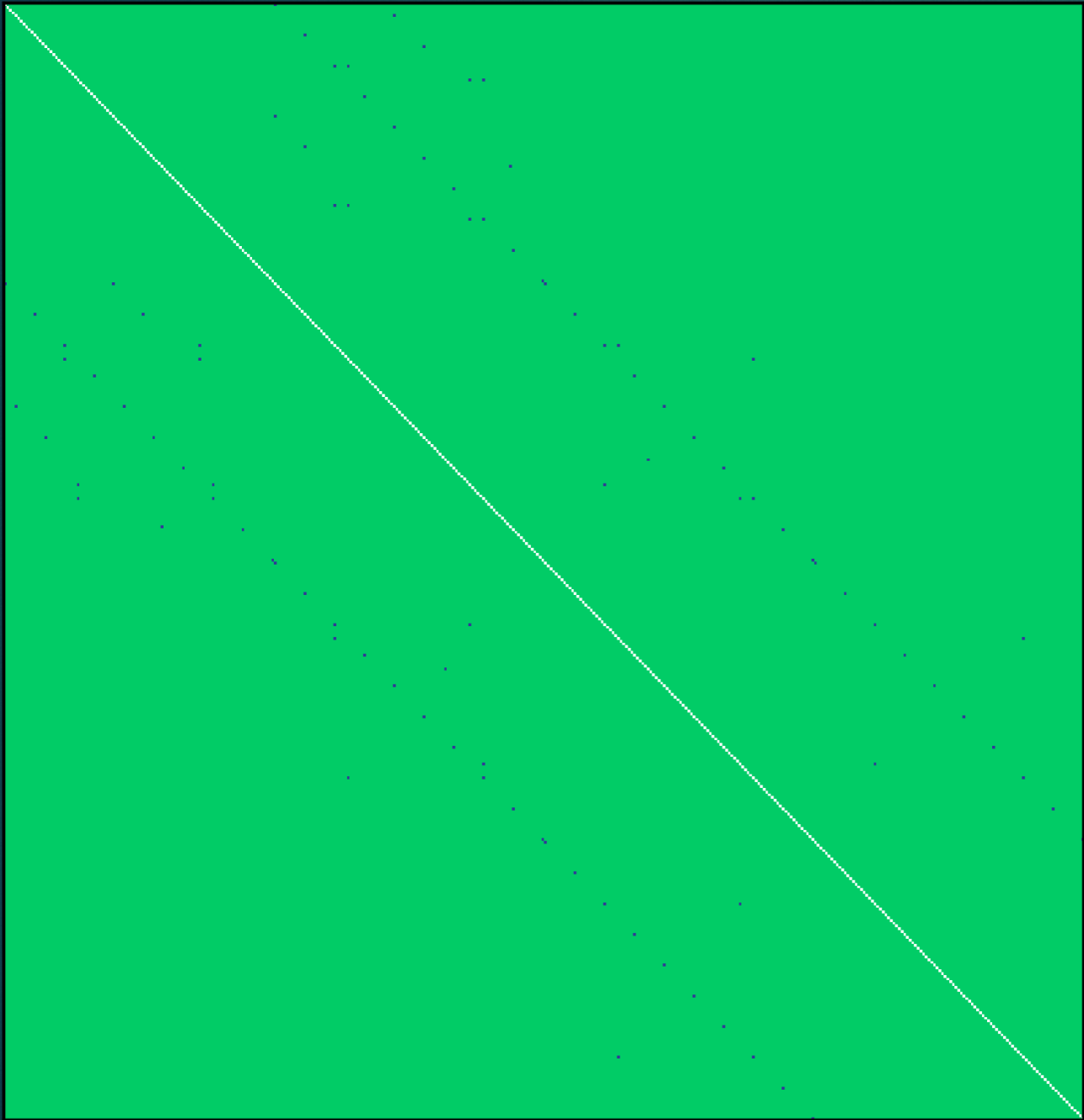
Solving our Phase Estimation Problem

1-Bit Phase Estimation

n	Qubits	Qubits*	Depth	Depth*	2-qubit gates	2-qubit gates*
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Achieved through circuit optimization and 1-bit phase estimation

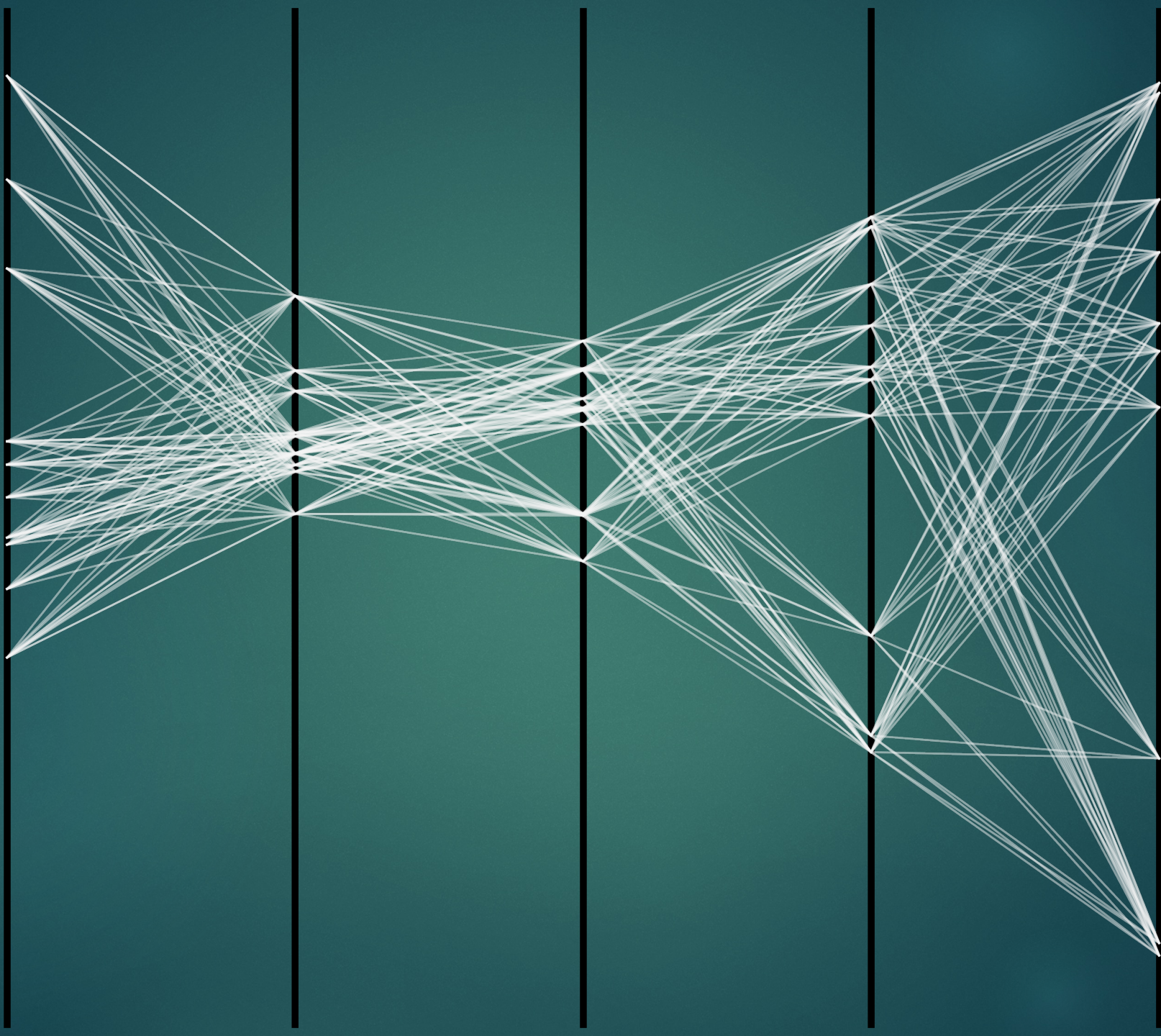
* Represents the 1-Bit Phase estimation results

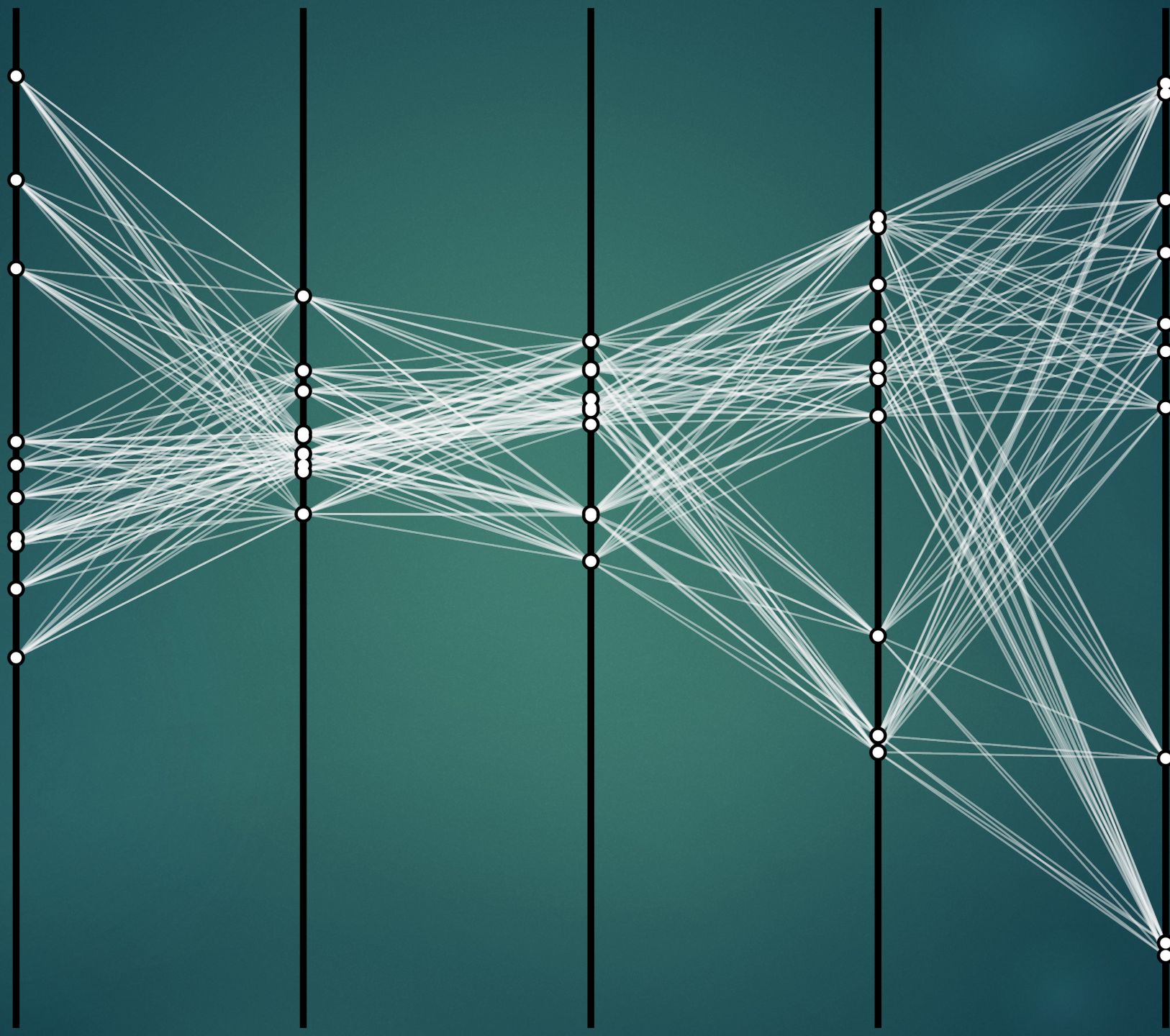


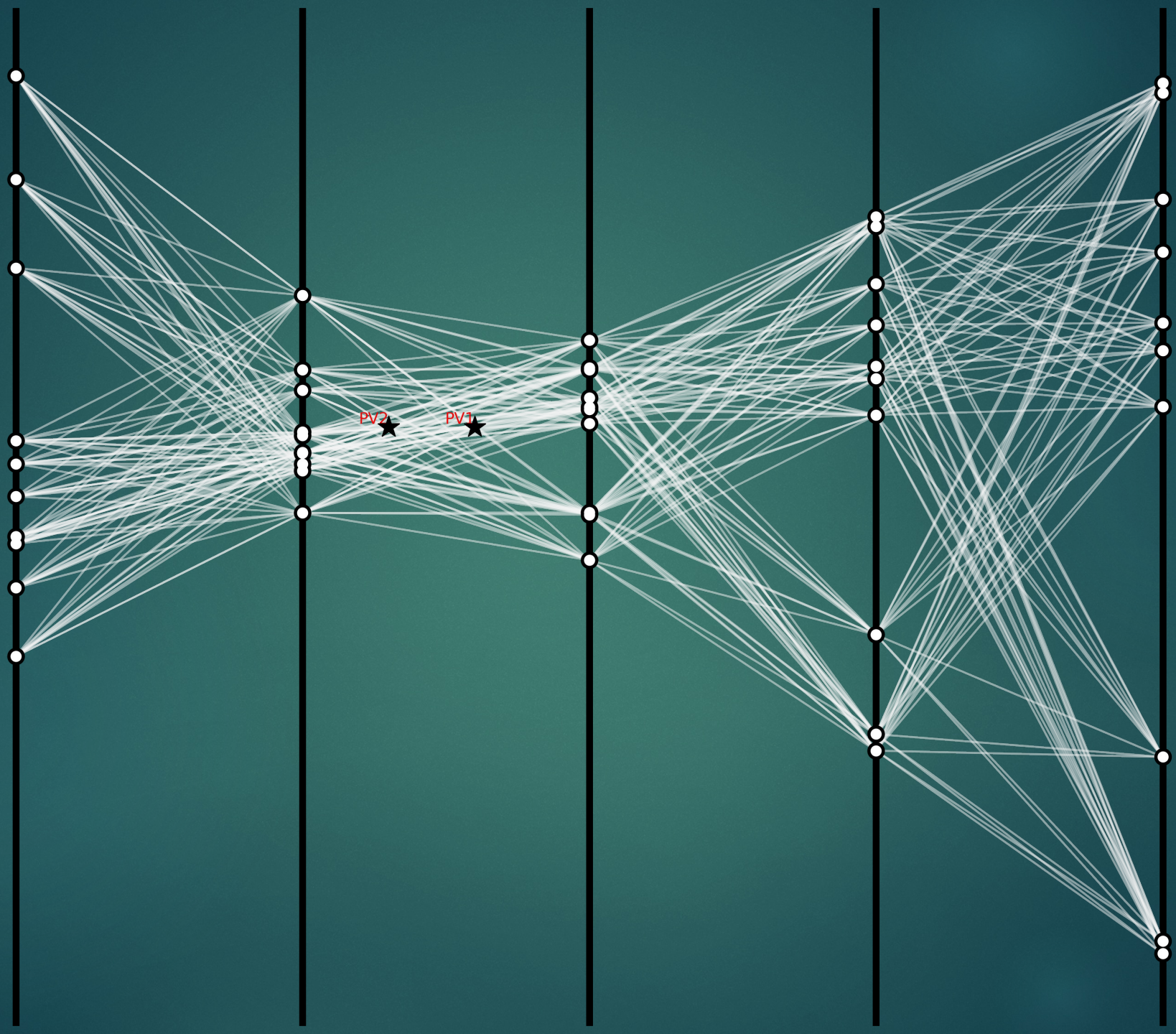
Largest Simulated Event Matrix

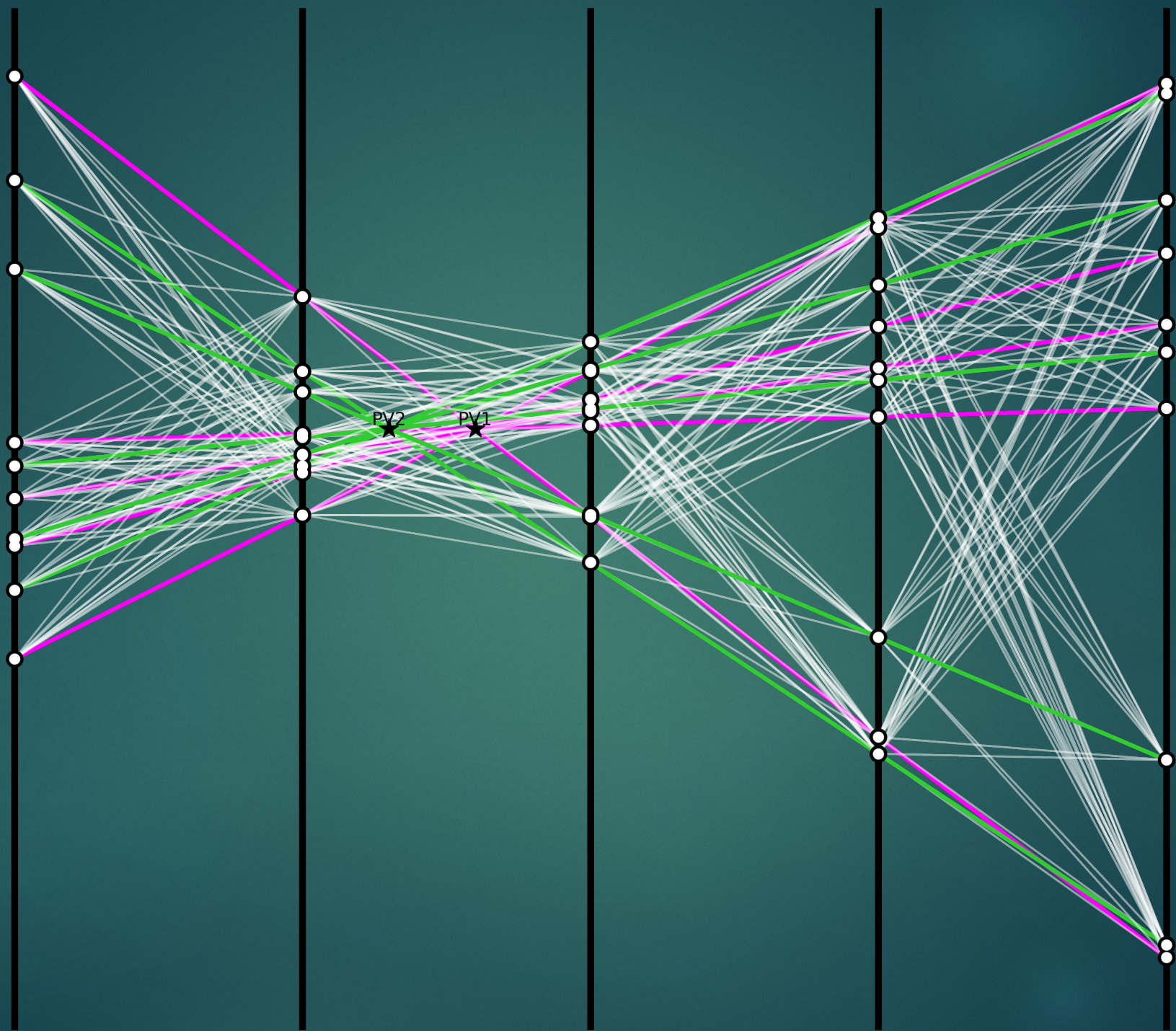


Largest Simulated Event







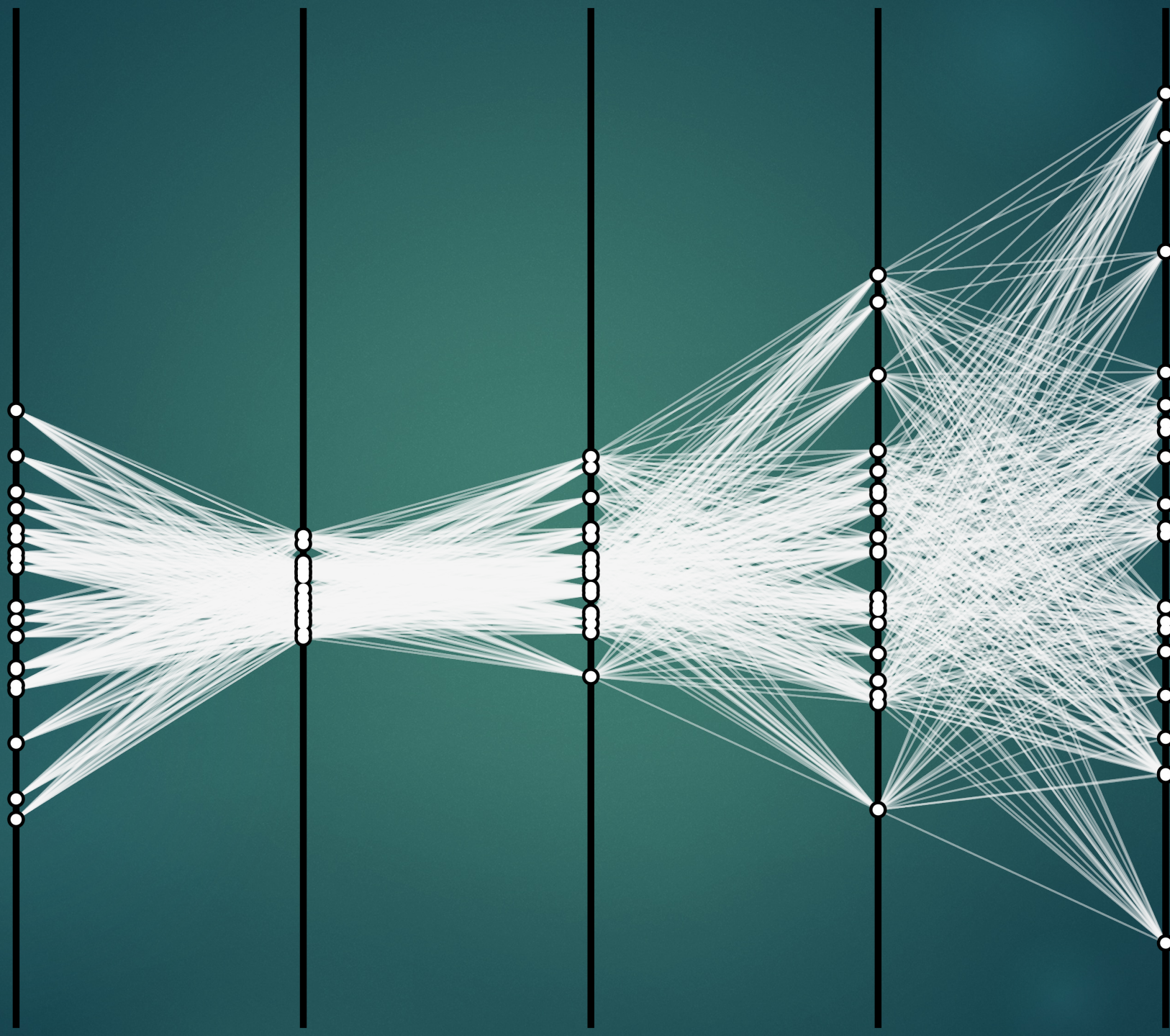


Benefits of 1-Bit HHL

- ▶ Upto a $\times 10,000$ reduction in circuit depth
- ▶ Pre-processing inside quantum circuit, logarithmic reduction in samples needed for reconstruction
- ▶ Reduction in qubits needed (where N is matrix dimension):
 - ▶ $2 \log_2 N + 2$ qubits originally
 - ▶ $\log_2 N + 3$ qubits for 1-Bit HHL



Further Solving our Read-Out Problem

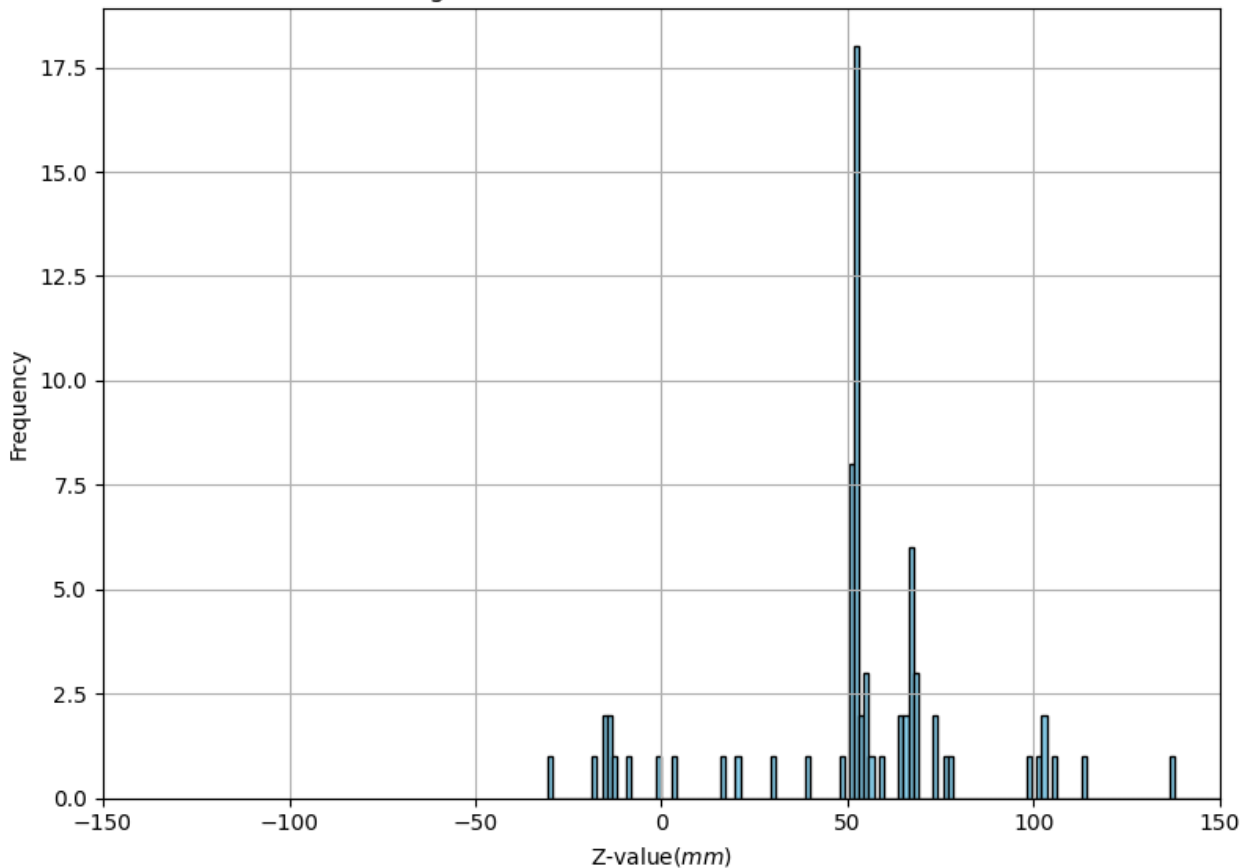


Solving the Readout Problem:

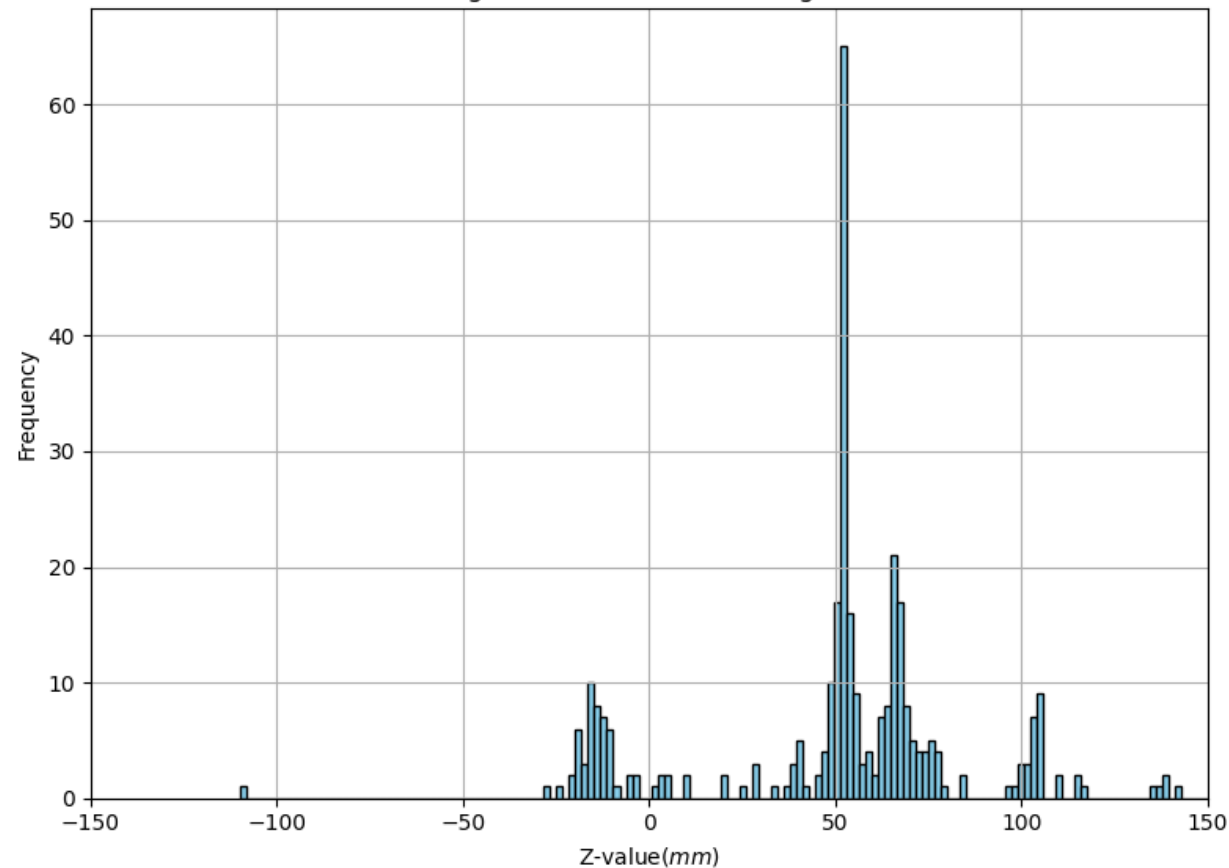
Reconstruct the Primary Vertices and re-find all tracks

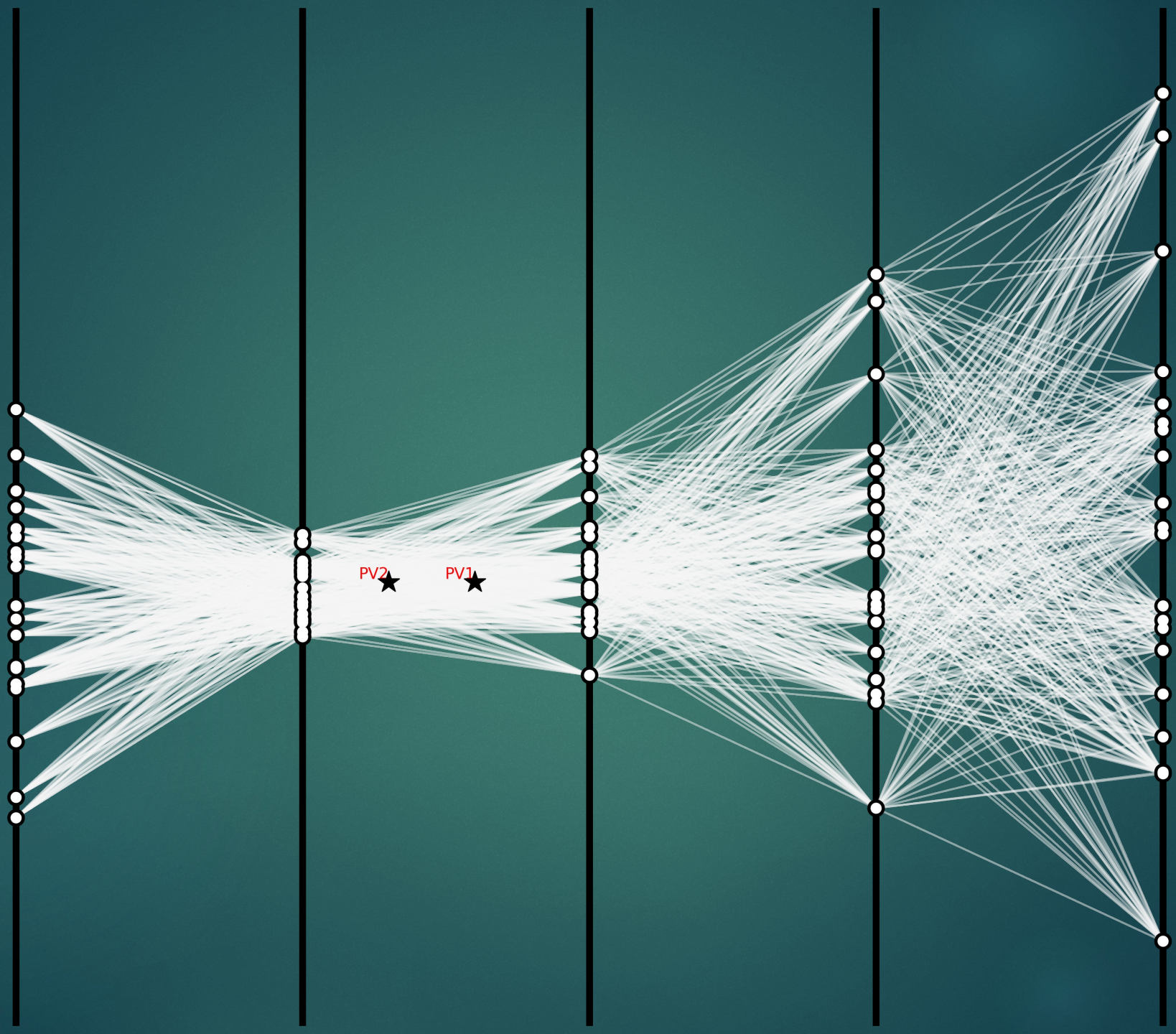
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Histogram of Z-values from Monte-Carlo Truth



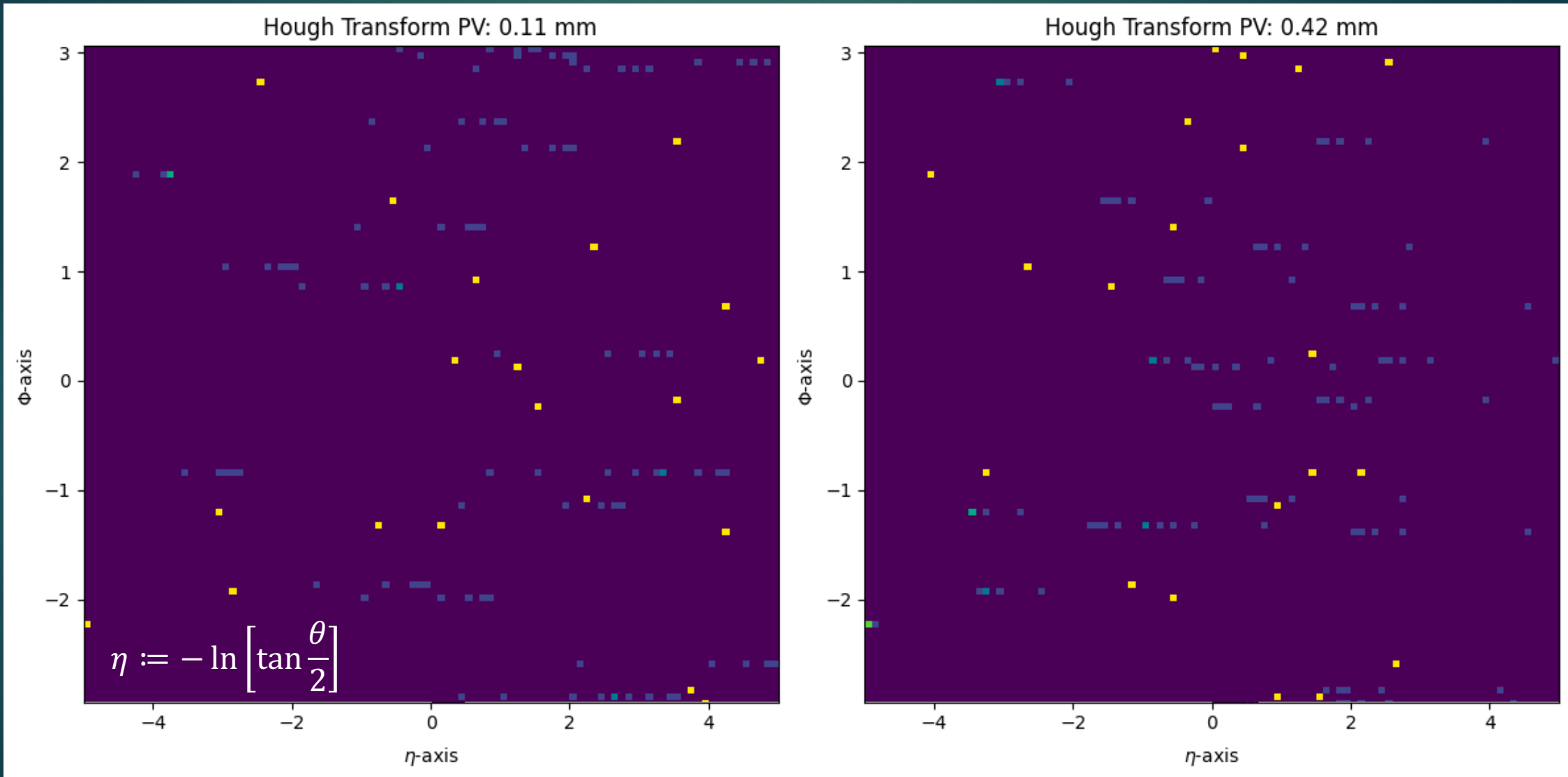
Histogram of Z-values from Segments





The Hough Transform

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Conclusions

- Matrix inversion track solvers have a good performance classically, HHL quantum version also shows good results
- Benchmarking the Primary Vertex finding on data with PV information
- Adopting 1-bit phase estimation HHL significantly improves feasibility in qubits, circuit depth and read-out

Future Work

- Take advantage of sparsity structures
- Encoding geometry information into the Hamiltonian
- Upgrading to new versions of Qiskit

