

# Ambiguity Resolution with Machine Learning and ACTS

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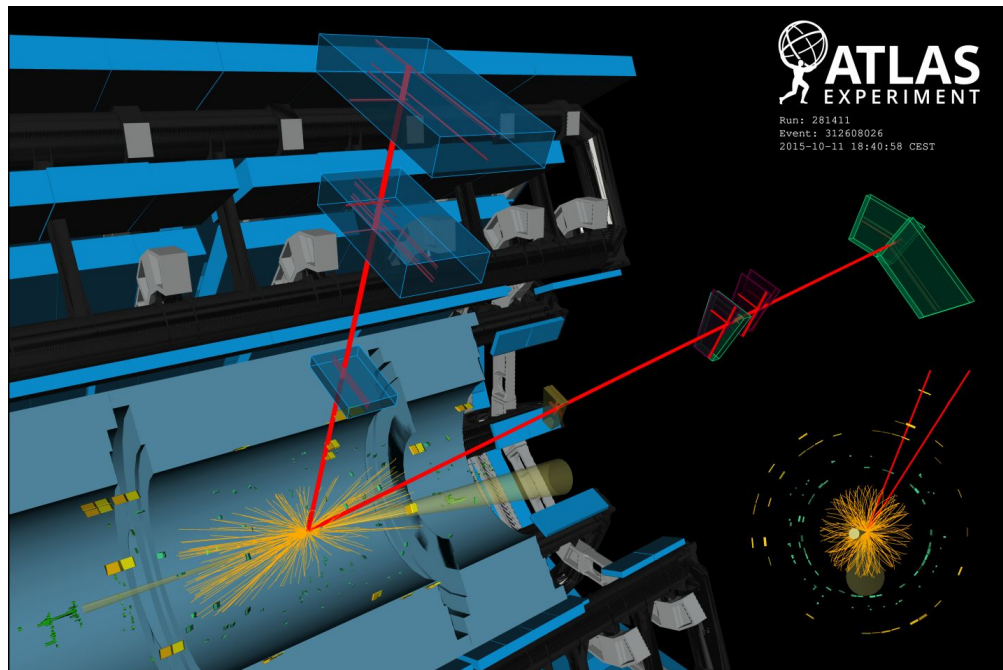


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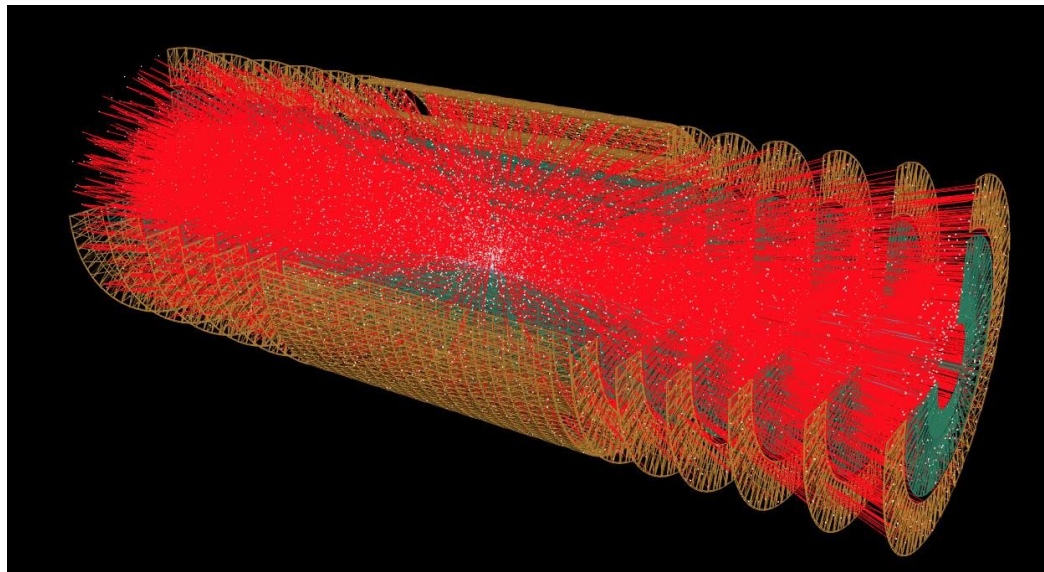
# Outline

- Introduction / motivation
- Training the neural network
  - Training set and features
  - Network architecture
  - Validating network learning
- Implementation in ACTS
  - `MLTrackClassifier` class
  - Various options
- Discussion / future directions



# Introduction

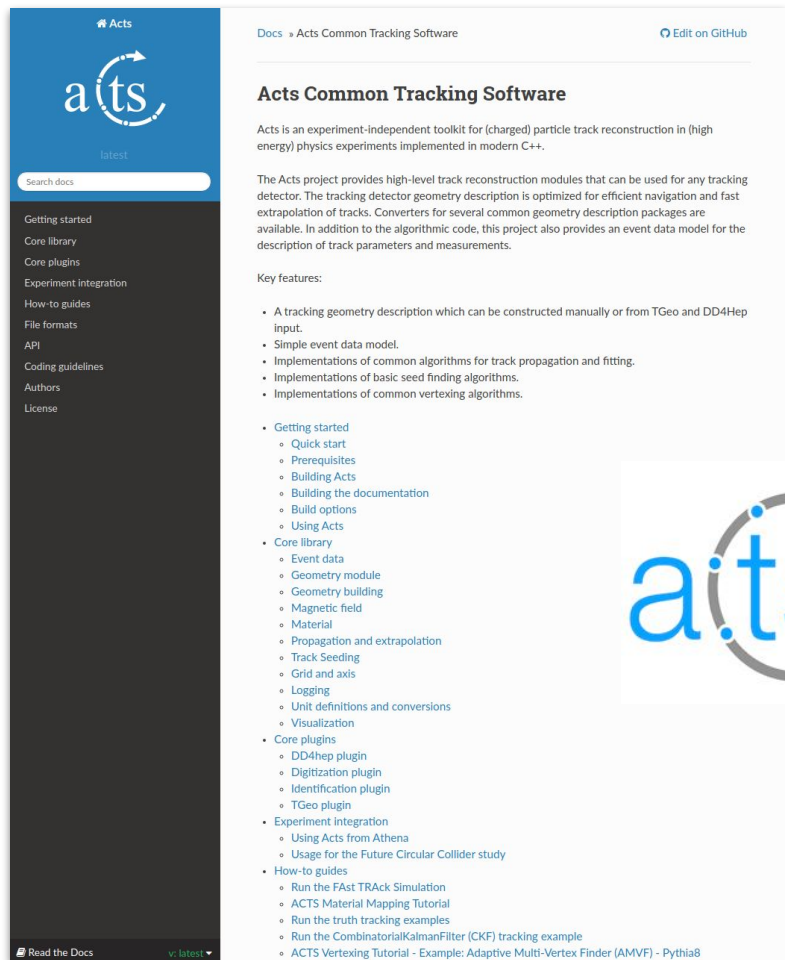
- LHC Run 1:  $\sim 280$  tracks/event
- HL-LHC expect to see  $\sim 10\text{k}$  tracks/event
- This will stress computational resources
- Need fast, accurate, and efficient track reconstruction algorithms



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# ACTS

- Acts Common Tracking Software / A Common Tracking Software
- Experiment-independent toolkit for track reconstruction (for future detectors)
- Open-source platform for implementing new tracking techniques and hardware architectures



Acts

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- Simple event data model.
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- Implementations of basic seed finding algorithms.
- Implementations of common vertexing algorithms.

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  - Material
  - Propagation and extrapolation
  - Track Seeding
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[Read the Docs](#) v: latest

<https://acts.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

# ACTS

- Modern C++ 17
- Efficient memory allocation & access
- Strict thread-safety
- Rigorous unit tests
- Highly configurable
- Well-documented



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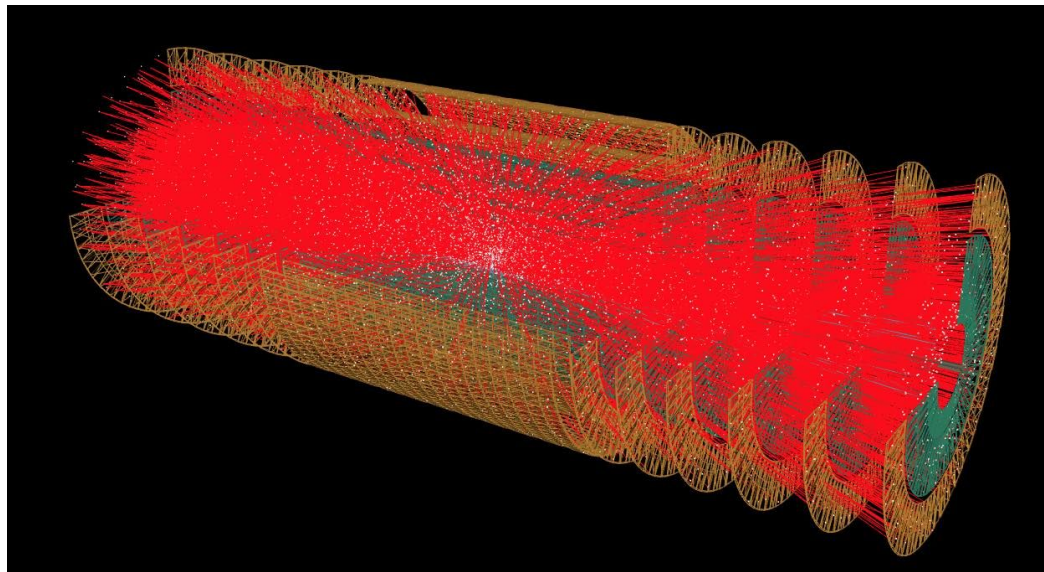
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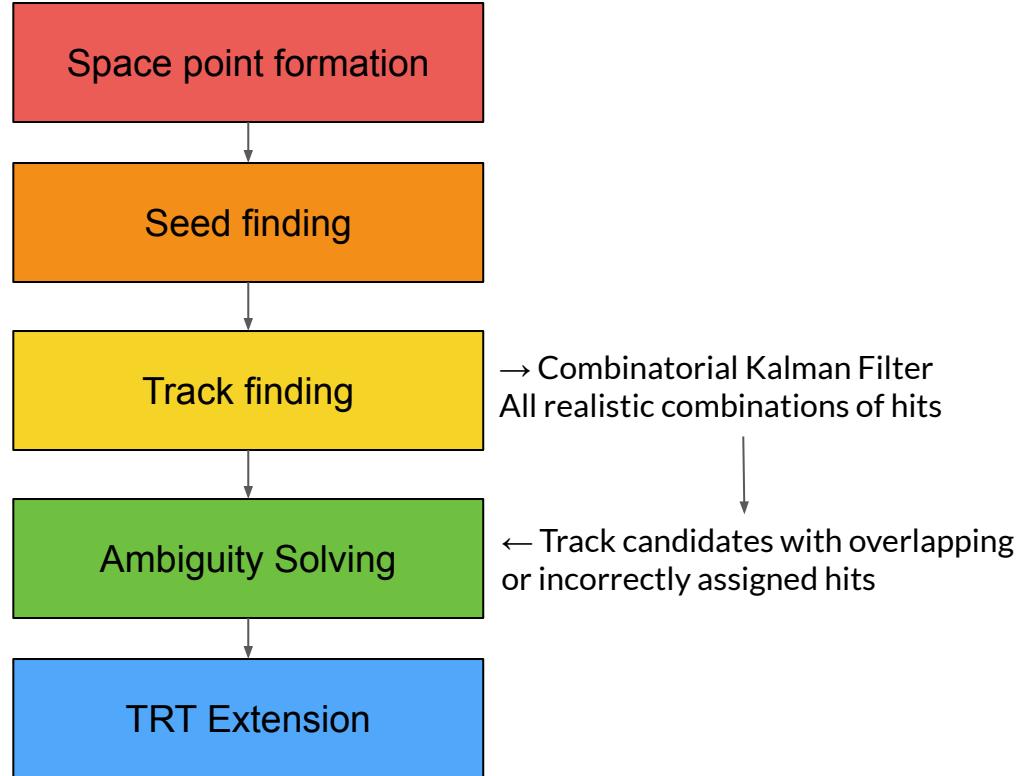
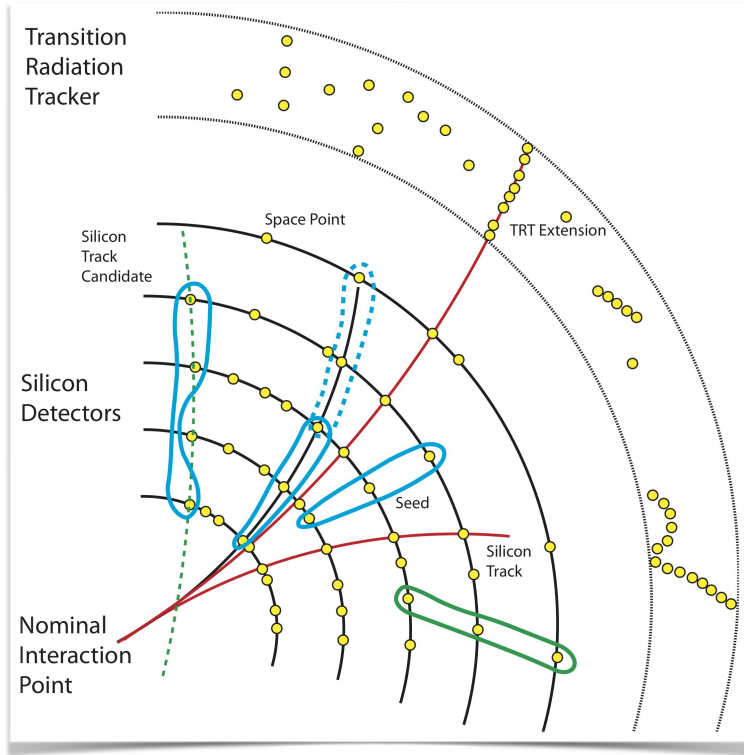
# Ambiguity resolution

- LHC Run 1:  $\sim 280$  tracks/event
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- Tracking performance is not 100%  $\rightarrow$  not all reconstructed tracks are real tracks
- Need to ambiguity resolve to distinguish “good” tracks from “duplicate” and “fake” tracks



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# Track reconstruction in ATLAS





# Motivation: Machine Learning

- For ATLAS, use simple scoring function based on track quality for ambiguity resolution
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5     m_cfg.truthMatchProbMin) {
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7         {nMajorityHits, fittedParameters});
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- A possibility for ambiguity resolution is to use ML (e.g. neural network) to predict whether a given reconstructed track is good/duplicate/fake based on certain track features
  - Caveat: track information currently available is rather simple



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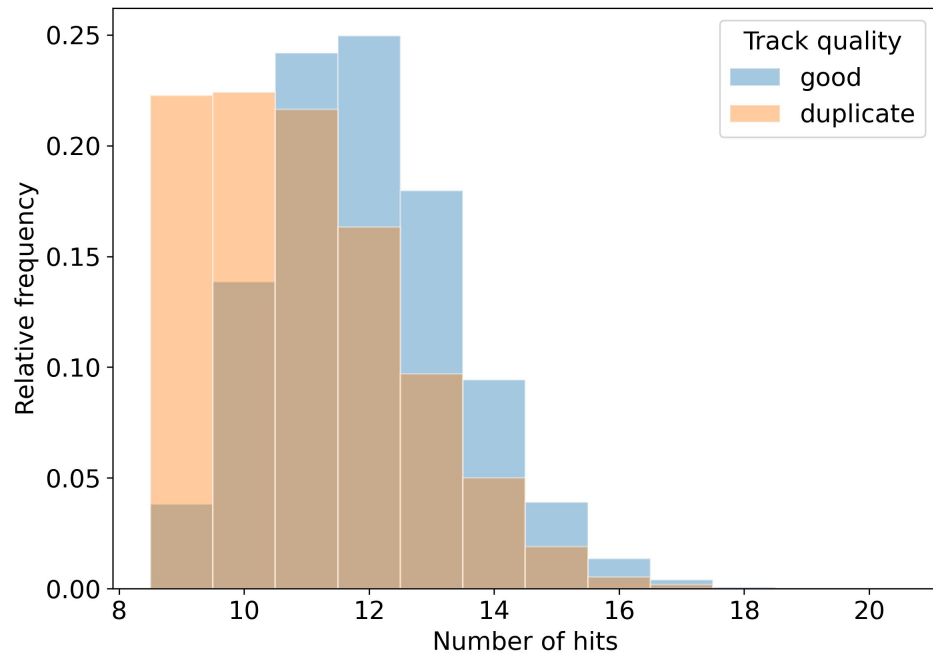
# Generating the training data set

- Use ACTS FASt TRAck Simulation (FATRAS) to generate simulated particles/hits
  - 50 ttbar events at  $\mu = 200$
  - TrackML detector
  - 2T constant magnetic field (along z)
- Use Combinatorial Kalman Filter track finding and fitting: ~115k reconstructed tracks
  - ~85.96% **good** (truth-match prob  $\geq 50\%$ )
  - ~14.04% **duplicate** (same majority truth particle as good track, but less majority particle hits)
  - <0.001% **fake** (truth-match prob < 50%)
  - binary classifier (good/duplicate)
- Readily available features used for training
  - Number of hits
  - Number of outliers
  - Number of holes (didn't end up using, more details in a bit)
  - $\chi^2/\text{dof}$
- With a more realistic detector description, can be extended to use additional information
  - e.g. ITk geometry was first integrated in ACTS just last week

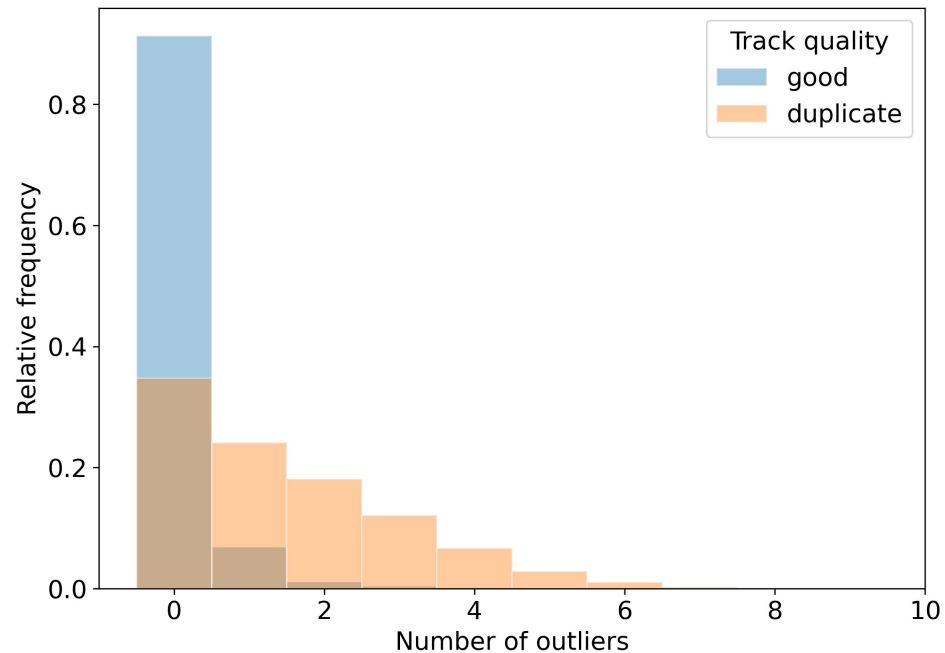
# Training features

Separation, but also overlap!

Hit distribution of track candidates



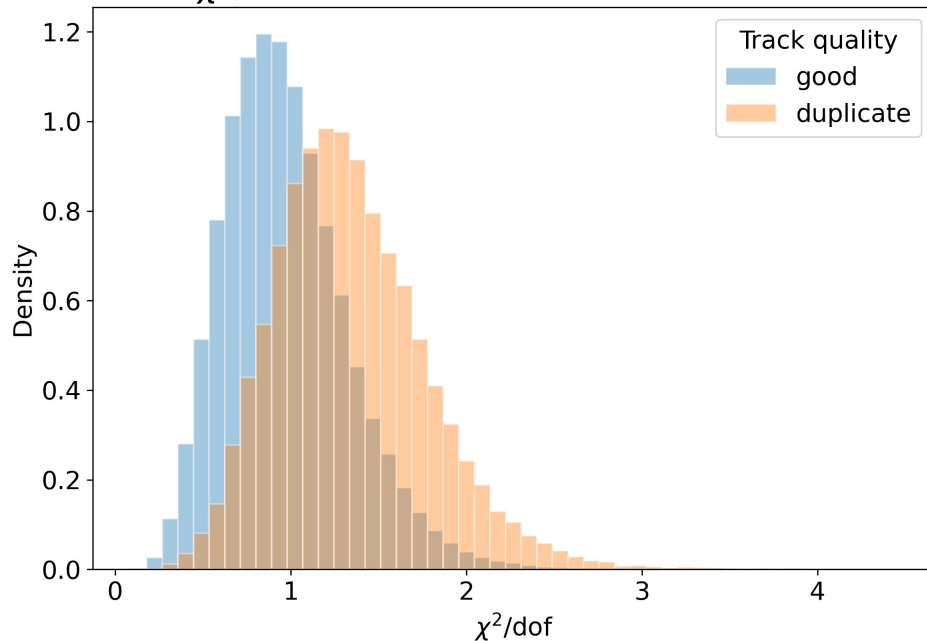
Outlier distribution of track candidates



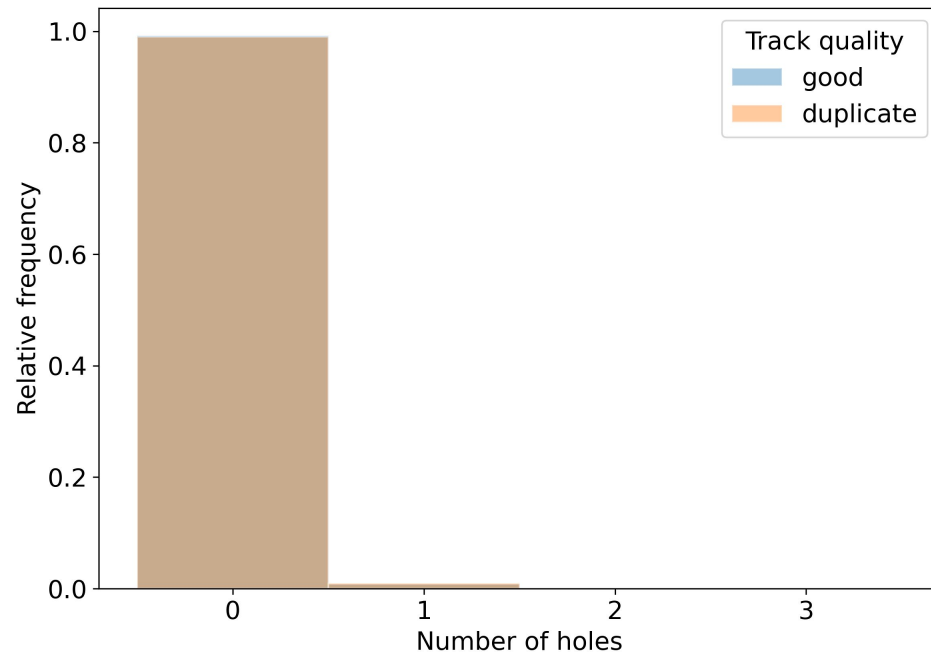
# Training features

No inefficiencies in the modules  $\rightarrow$  holes info not informative, don't use

$\chi^2/\text{dof}$  distribution of track candidates

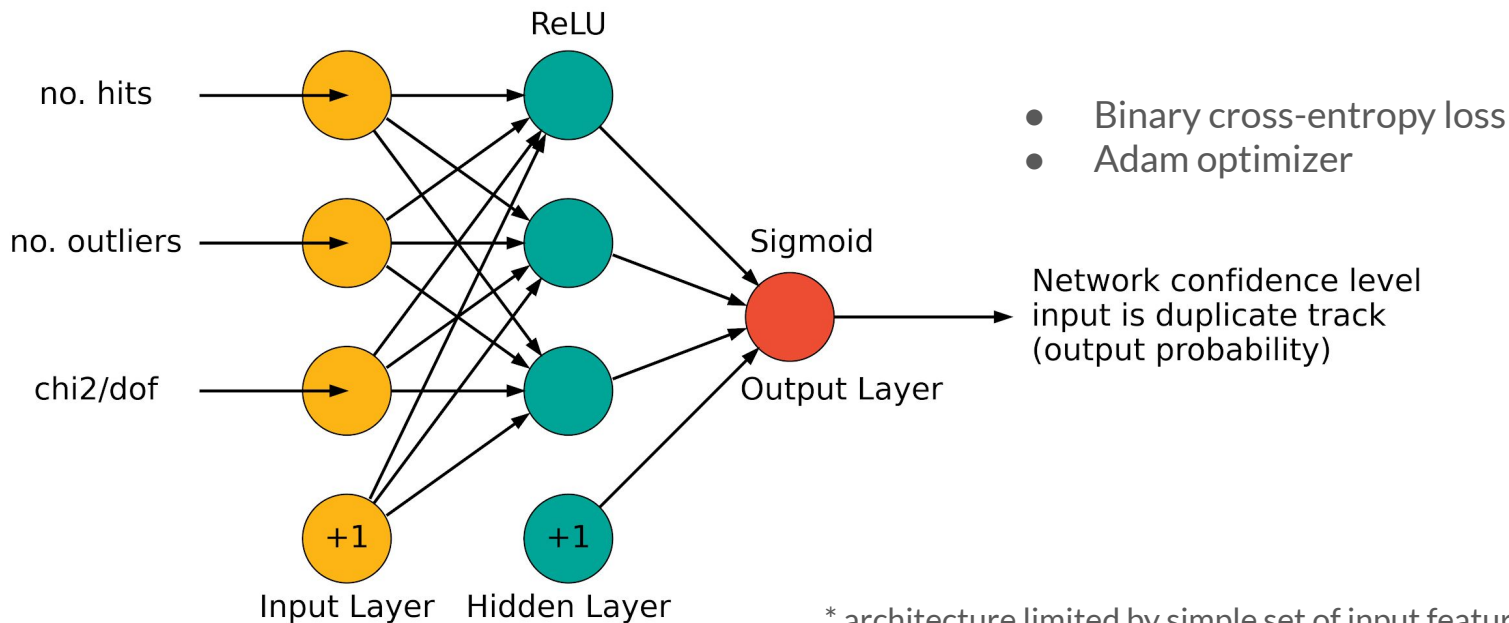


Hole distribution of track candidates



# Constructing the NN

TensorFlow → “Deep” Neural Network\*

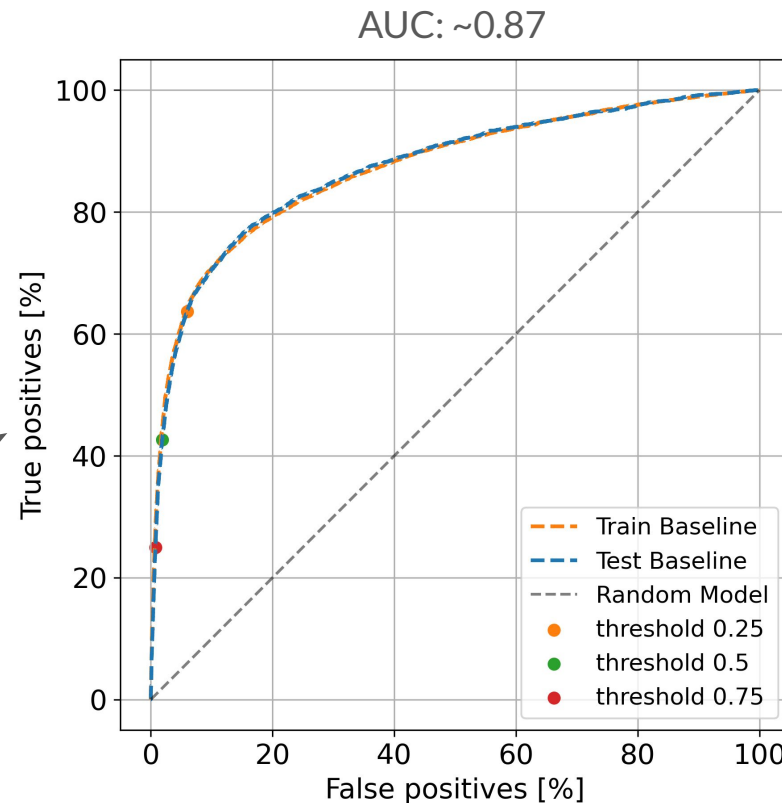


\* architecture limited by simple set of input features 13

# Training the NN

- 75 % train / 25% test split
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- Use trained model to make predictions
- Output probability > prediction threshold (=50%) → predicted duplicate track

Duplicate tracks predicted to be duplicate



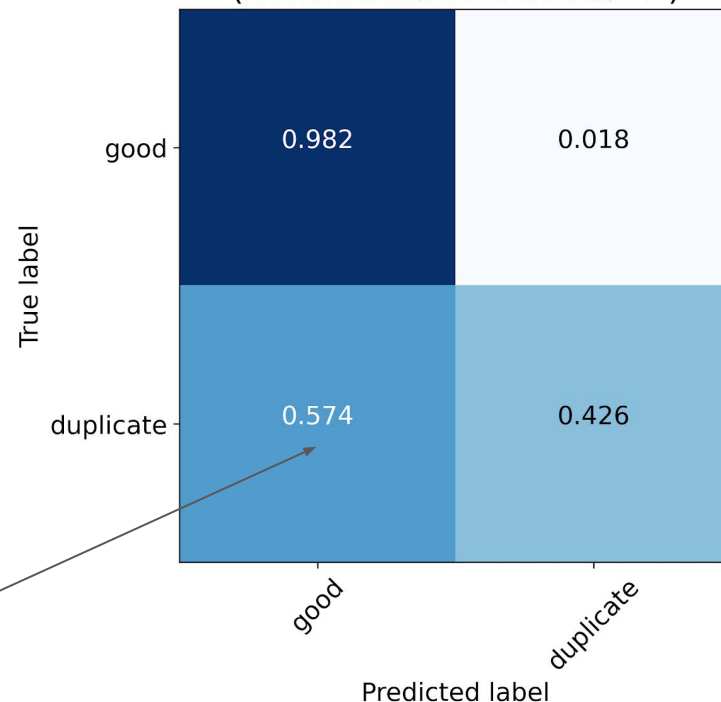
Good tracks predicted to be duplicate

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- NN is doing great on good tracks, not so great on duplicate tracks
  - Good enough considering limitations of simple input features

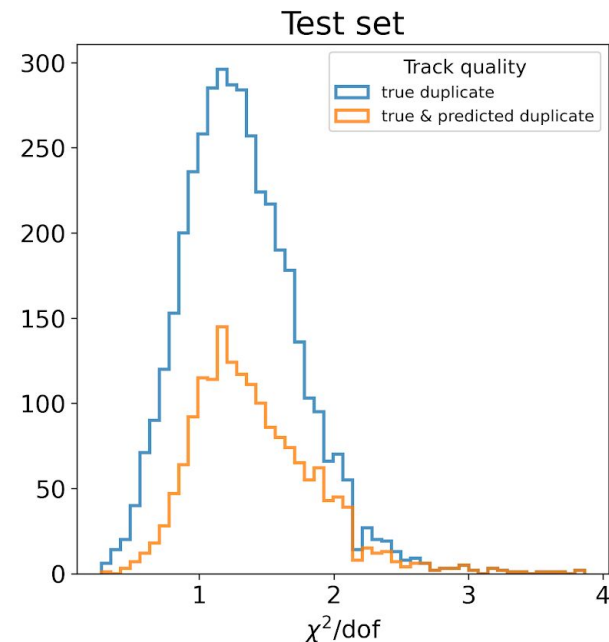
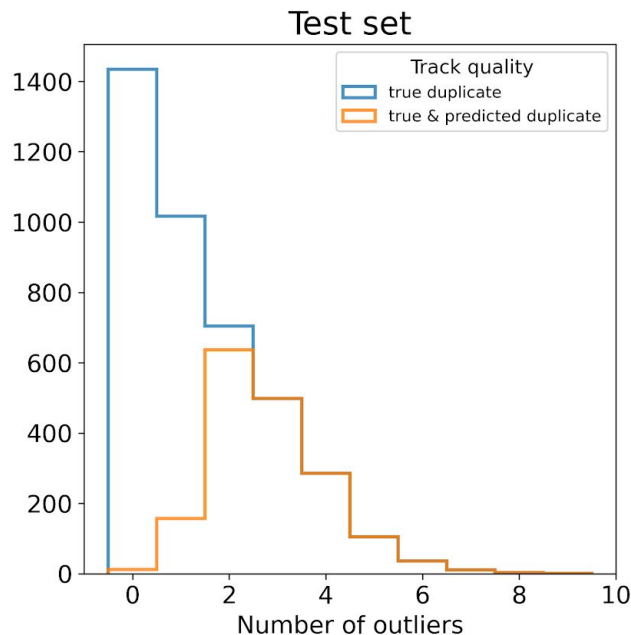
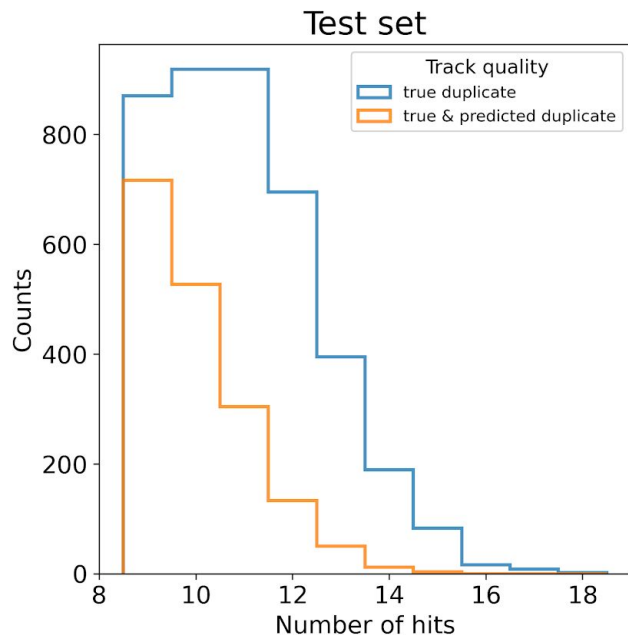
Need extra info such as e.g. shared hits to resolve the duplicates!

Confusion Matrix @ 0.50 - test set  
(normalized to true labels)





# Checking NN learning



- NN has learned that duplicate tracks have fewer hits, lots of outliers, and large  $\chi^2/\text{dof}$  (easy case)
- Need extra info to resolve the duplicates that “look” like good tracks!
- Currently working on track-by-track basis, but eventually would like to find an architecture that can consider multiple tracks at a time!

# Implementing neural network into ACTS

## MLTrackClassifier class (v1)

- `m_weightsPerLayer`
  - Vector that stores trained weights matrices for each layer
  - weights → dynamic-size `Eigen::Matrix`
- `predictTrackLabel` function
  - For each layer:
    - Take input
    - Add bias term
    - Apply the weights
    - Apply activation function
  - Predict `good` or `duplicate` based on decision threshold probability
- Can use for duplication rate plots

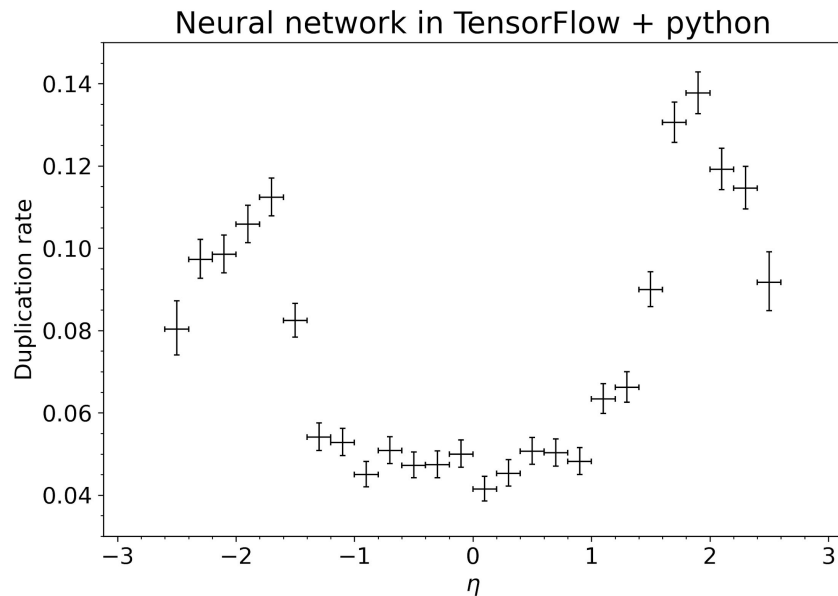
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2      const Acts::MultiTrajectory<SimSourceLink>& multiTraj,
3      const size_t& entryIndex, const double& decisionThreshProb) const {
4      // ...
5      // get the trajectory summary info
6      auto trajState =
7          Acts::MultiTrajectoryHelpers::trajectoryState(multiTraj, entryIndex);
8      // the vector of input features
9      Acts::ActsVectorXd inputFeatures(3);
10     inputFeatures[0] = trajState.nMeasurements;
11     inputFeatures[1] = trajState.nOutliers;
12     inputFeatures[2] = trajState.chi2Sum * 1.0 / trajState.NDF;
13     // linear algebra for layer 1 (hidden layer)
14     Acts::ActsVectorXd wInputLayer1 =
15         weightedInput(m_weightsPerLayer[0], inputFeatures);
16     Acts::ActsVectorXd outputLayer1 = reluActivation(wInputLayer1);
17     // linear algebra for layer 2 (output layer)
18     Acts::ActsVectorXd wInputLayer2 =
19         weightedInput(m_weightsPerLayer[1], outputLayer1);
20     Acts::ActsVectorXd outputLayer2 = sigmoidActivation(wInputLayer2);
21     // output layer prediction
22     if (outputLayer2[0] > decisionThreshProb) {
23         return TrackLabels::duplicate;
24     }
25     return TrackLabels::good;
26 }

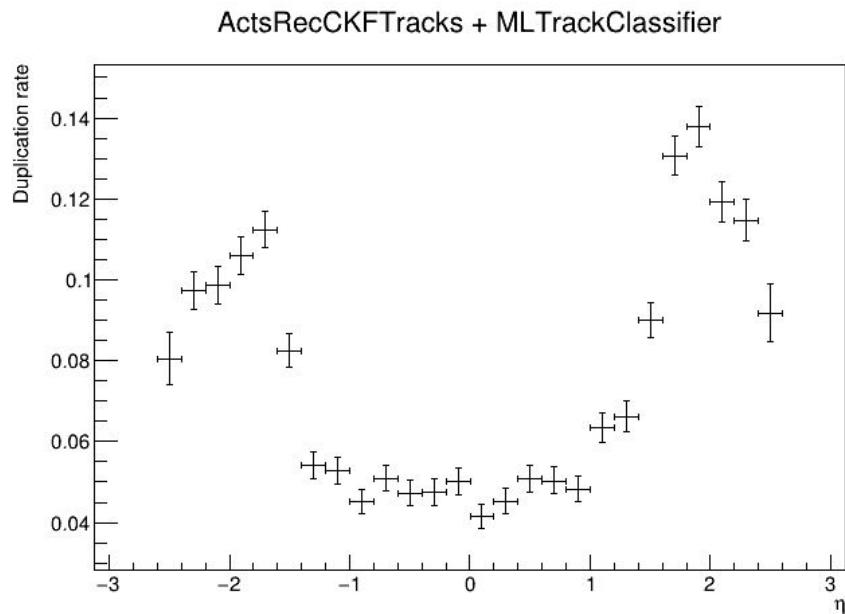
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# Validating implementation

Duplication rate vs eta using predictions of NN  
directly in TensorFlow



Duplication rate vs eta using predictions of  
**MLTrackClassifier** instance



# Thinking ahead

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  - One architecture for neural network
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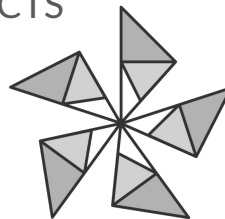
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- Open Neural Network Exchange (ONNX) format and runtime
  - This has already been integrated into Athena for more general ML tasks in ATLAS
  - Exploring implementation as plugin for ACTS



ONNX

<https://onnx.ai/index.html>



ONNX  
RUNTIME

<https://github.com/microsoft/onnxruntime>

# ONNX integration

- ONNX format
  - Open-source format for DNN/ML models
  - Supports many ML frameworks
    - Keras/TensorFlow
    - PyTorch
    - Scikit-learn
    - Matlab
    - LibSVM
    - MyCaffe
    - XGBoost
    - Etc.
  - Save model architecture, trained weights, compiler info
- ONNX runtime
  - Cross-platform inferencing accelerator (training feature in preview)
  - Has APIs for
    - Python
    - C#
    - C/C++
    - Java
    - Node.js
  - Abstracts away the complex linear algebra behind the ML model prediction function

# ONNX integration

MLTrackClassifier class (v2 - WIP)

- “Wrapper” around ONNX runtime
- `predictTrackLabel` function
  - Predict `good` or `duplicate` based on decision threshold probability
- NN prediction function
  - `Ort::Session`
    - Loads model
  - Inference in the usual way  
output = model.predict(input)

```

1  FW::MLTrackClassifier::TrackLabel FW::MLTrackClassifier::predictTrackLabel(
2      std::vector<float>& input_tensor_values,
3      const double& decisionThreshProb) const {
4      // run onnx inference
5      float outputProbability = runONNXInference(input_tensor_values);
6      if (outputProbability > decisionThreshProb) {
7          return TrackLabel::duplicate;
8      }
9      return TrackLabel::good;
10 }
11
12 // onnxruntime inference function
13 float FW::MLTrackClassifier::runONNXInference(
14     std::vector<float>& input_tensor_values) const {
15     // ...
16     // score model & input tensor, get output tensor
17     std::vector<Ort::Value> output_tensors = m_session->Run(
18         Ort::RunOptions{nullptr},
19         m_inputNodeNames.data(), &input_tensor, m_inputNodeNames.size(),
20         m_outputNodeNames.data(), m_outputNodeNames.size());
21
22     // get pointer to output tensor float values
23     float* floatarr = output_tensors.front().GetTensorMutableData<float>();
24     // binary decision classification, only need first value
25     return floatarr[0];
26 }
  
```

Stores representation of model



# Future work

- ONNX format+runtime provide a general ML inference framework that can be integrated within ACTS
- But we have future plans to:
  - Improve network performance on duplicate tracks
    - Class imbalance problem
    - Tweaking network architecture
    - Access to additional features such as shared hits information is needed
  - Train network on more realistic detector description (i.e. decent fraction of fake tracks)

**Thank you for your attention!**