



# ML-enabled End-to-End Tracking Reconstruction and Trigger Detection

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# About Sunrise Technology Inc.



- Founded in 2017
- Located in an incubator at Stony Brook University, Long Island, NY
- Team: three full-time employees, a part-time consulting scientist, and several graduate interns.
- Developing advanced AI/machine learning technology for autonomous systems, such as scientific experiments decision-making engines and education platforms.
- Projects
  - 1) ML-based slow orbit feedback control, deployed at BNL NSLS-II in July 2023
  - 2) Autonomous driving education toolkit
  - 3) Collaborated with CFN at BNL to use machine learning method for x-ray scattering image classification
  - 4) Particle Collision Triggering



# SBIR Phase II Objectives



- SBIR Phase II award
  - Title “High Performance FPGA-based Embedded System for Decision Making in Scientific Environments”
  - Co-funded by NP and ASCR
  - End Year 3
- Ultimate Goal
  - Design real-time AI-enabled DAQ trigger algorithms applied to the very high-rate data streams from detectors.
  - Play a central role in sPhenix and future EIC detectors running under trigger systems and in-situ streaming analysis for event selections.
- Phase II Technical Objectives
  - Designing Graph Neural Networks for High-Speed Physics Event Triggers.
  - Collaborate with sPhenix team to integrate the algorithms to sPhenix experiment and reaches the target of 15Khz data acquisition rate.
- Phase II Commercialization Objective
  - Manufacture smart embedded system to facilitate real-time data collection for experiment and facility control

# Team on this project



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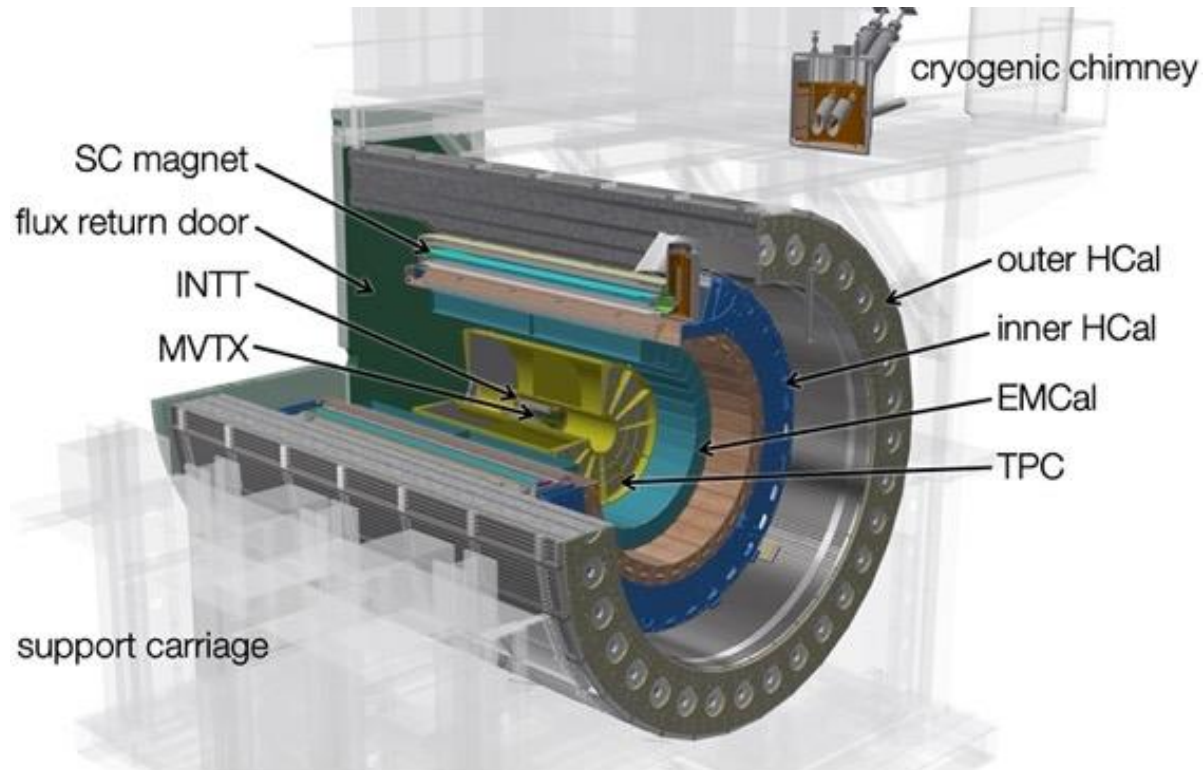
# Motivation

- The readout challenge
  - Raw data Speed and Volume  $\gg$  Hardware bandwidth/Storage Capacity
    - Only a small fraction of data will be recorded to tape
- Trigger events are very rare,  $\sim 0.1\%$  probability at RHIC
  - RHIC collision rate is several MHz, sPHENIX readout 15 kHz
  - Without an effective trigger algorithm, experiments must use random event taking.
  - With the same level of recall, AI-based trigger will significantly improve the detector efficiency.
- Integrate the AI-based trigger system into the sPHENIX experiment for p+p run in 2024
- Potential future deployment on Electron-Ion Collider (EIC)

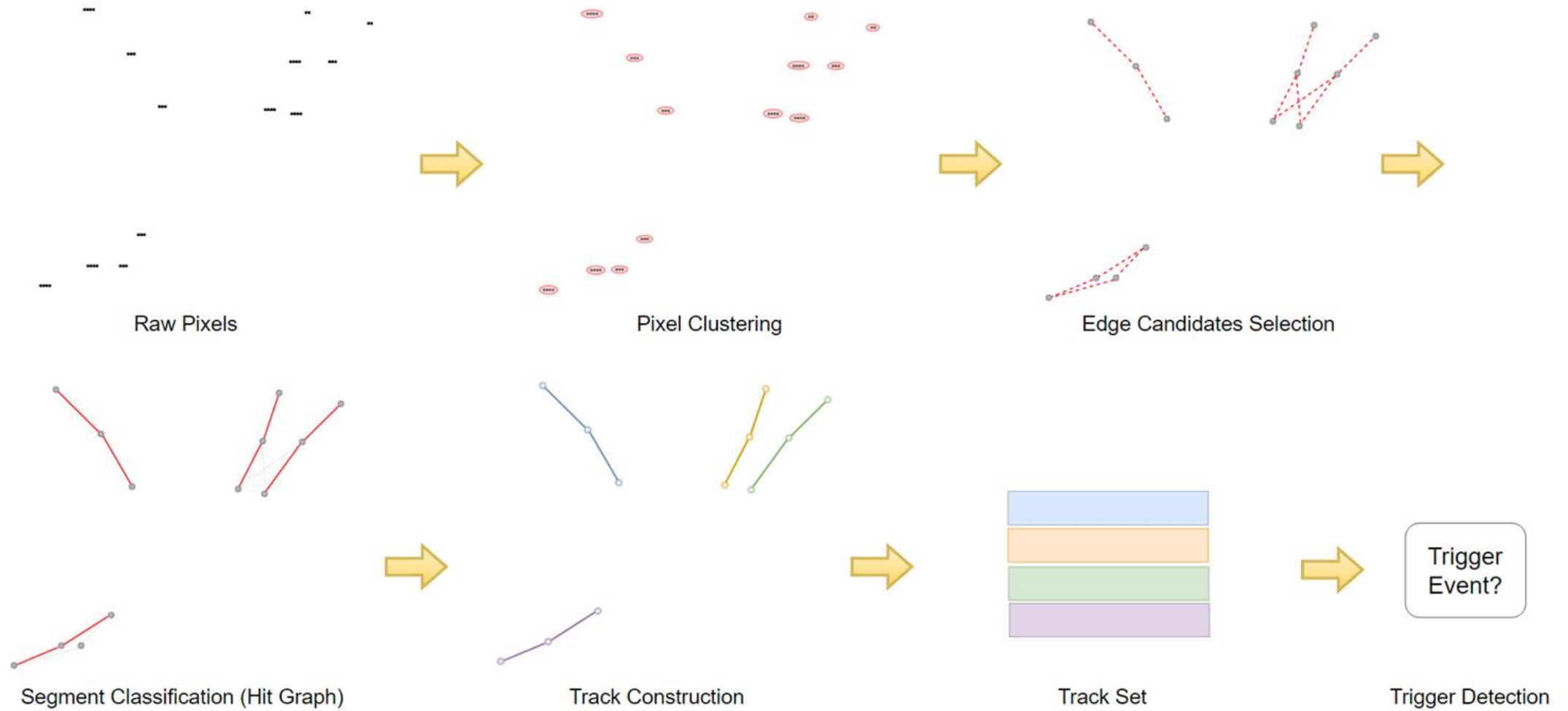
# sPHENIX experiment

## sPHENIX experiment under construction at RHIC:

- Running period 2023-2025
- ~4m long, ~3m high, 1000 tons
- 15kHz trigger rate
- 3 MVTX layers and 2 INTT layers - detectors capable of streamed readout



# ML Solution Overview

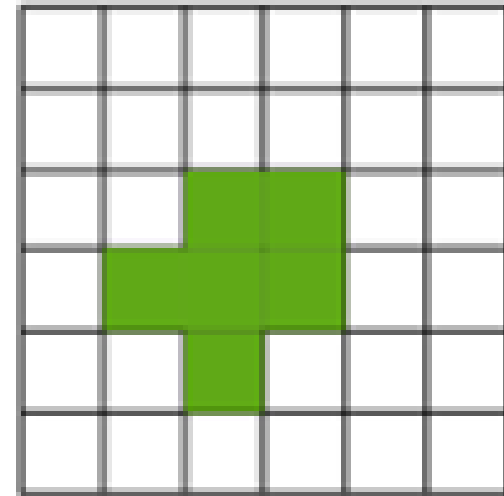


**Pixels  $\mapsto$  Hits**



# From Pixels to Hits - Clustering

- Clustering is done by solving a spanning forest problem
- There is an edge between pixels that are adjacent to each other
- Mean of all pixels in a cluster is taken as the hit location
- Most time-consuming portion, we are developing a sparse CNN to perform faster clustering

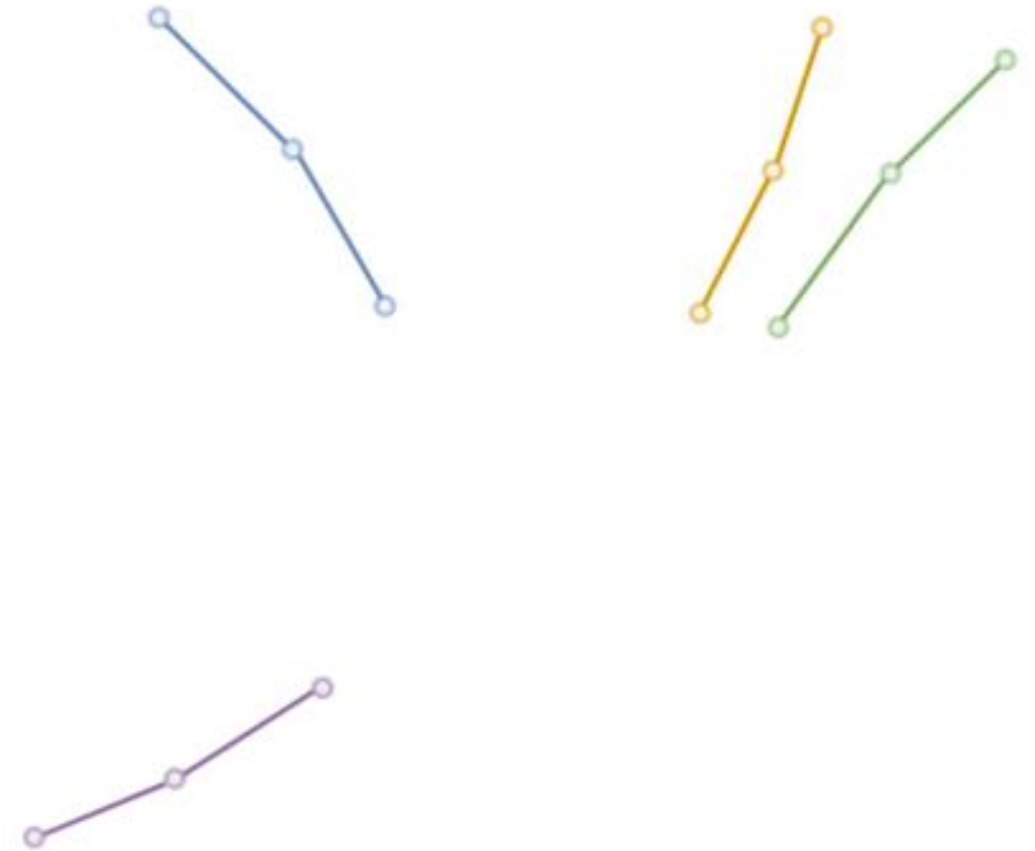


**Pixels on Detector**

**Hits ⇔ Tracks**

# From Hits to Tracks

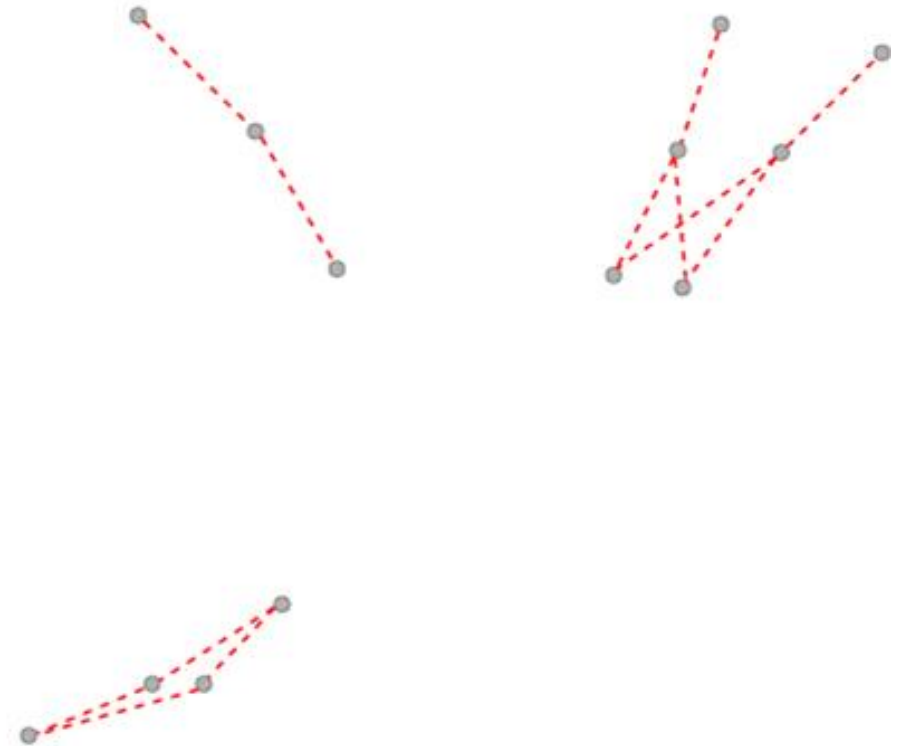
- Once we have hits, we want to group hits that came from the same particle into a track
- This will be solved by treating the problem as an edge classification problem
- Out of the  $N^2$  possible edges between the hits, we want to know the true edges.



Track Construction

# Edge Candidate Selection

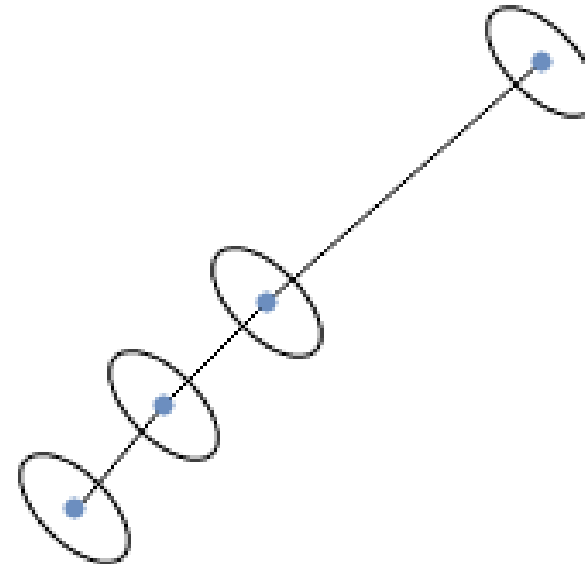
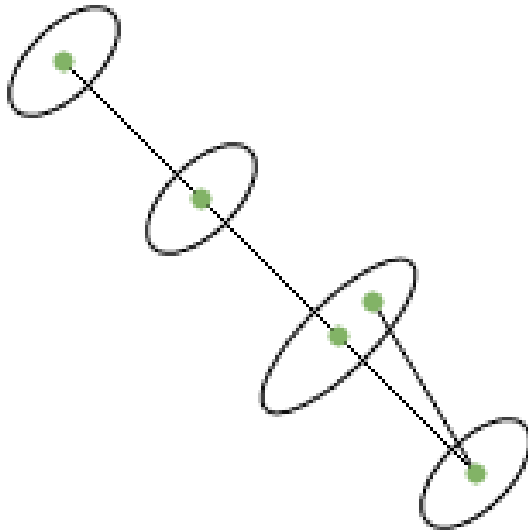
- Not all of the  $N^2$  possible edges are plausible - we can eliminate a lot of edges from the get-go
- We can use some basic geometric constraints on the cylindrical coordinates of the hits
  - $|\Delta\phi/\Delta r| \leq \text{PHI\_SLOPE\_MAX}$
  - $|z_0| \leq \text{Z\_ORIGIN\_MAX}$
  - $z_0 = z_1 - r \cdot (\Delta z/\Delta r)$
- The geometric constraints determine much of the latency and will play a vital role in further reducing the FPGA latency.



Edge Candidates Selection

# Track Construction

- Once edge classification is performed, a track is constructed by finding the connected components



# Track Construction Performance

	2022	2023
Accuracy	<b>96.30%</b>	92.07%
<b>Precision</b>	84.55%	<b>92.54%</b>
<b>Recall</b>	83.25%	<b>97.97%</b>
<b>F1</b>	83.89%	<b>95.18%</b>
<b>Latency</b>	<b>17.92<math>\mu</math>s</b>	<b>3.1725<math>\mu</math>s</b>

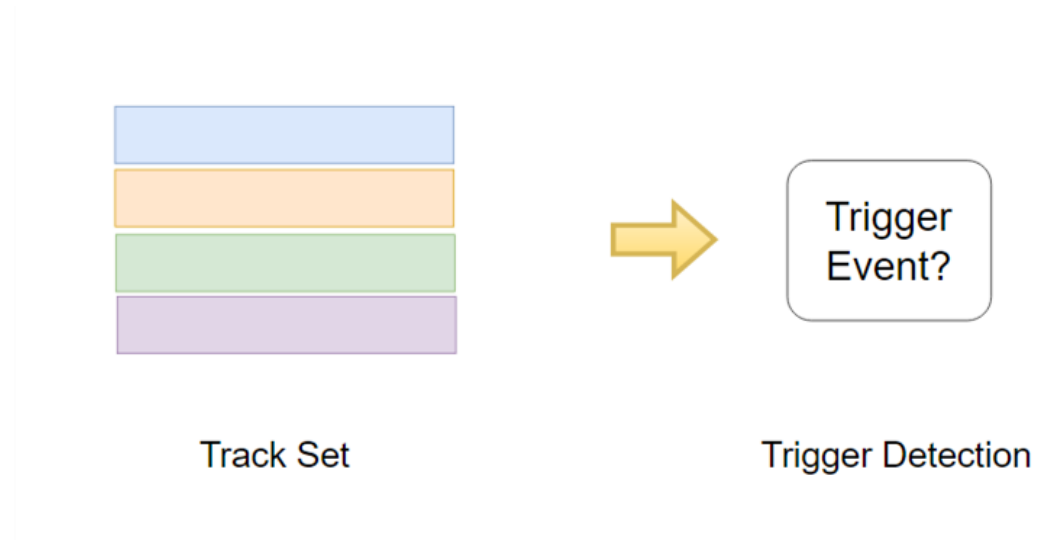
**Software of Year 3 is much more hardware aware than that of Year 2!**

- 1 iteration on hits generation instead of 4 iterations
- Hidden layer of MLP is reduced from 1024 to 8
- Much more constraints on geometry to select edge candidate

**Tracks  $\mapsto$  Trigger Label**

# From Tracks to Trigger

- After creating the tracks, we have a set of tracks
- We want to know whether the event that created these tracks was a trigger event
- A *trigger event* is an event in which we had a  $D_0 \mapsto (\pi^+, K^-)$  or  $D_0 \mapsto (\pi^-, K^+)$  decay





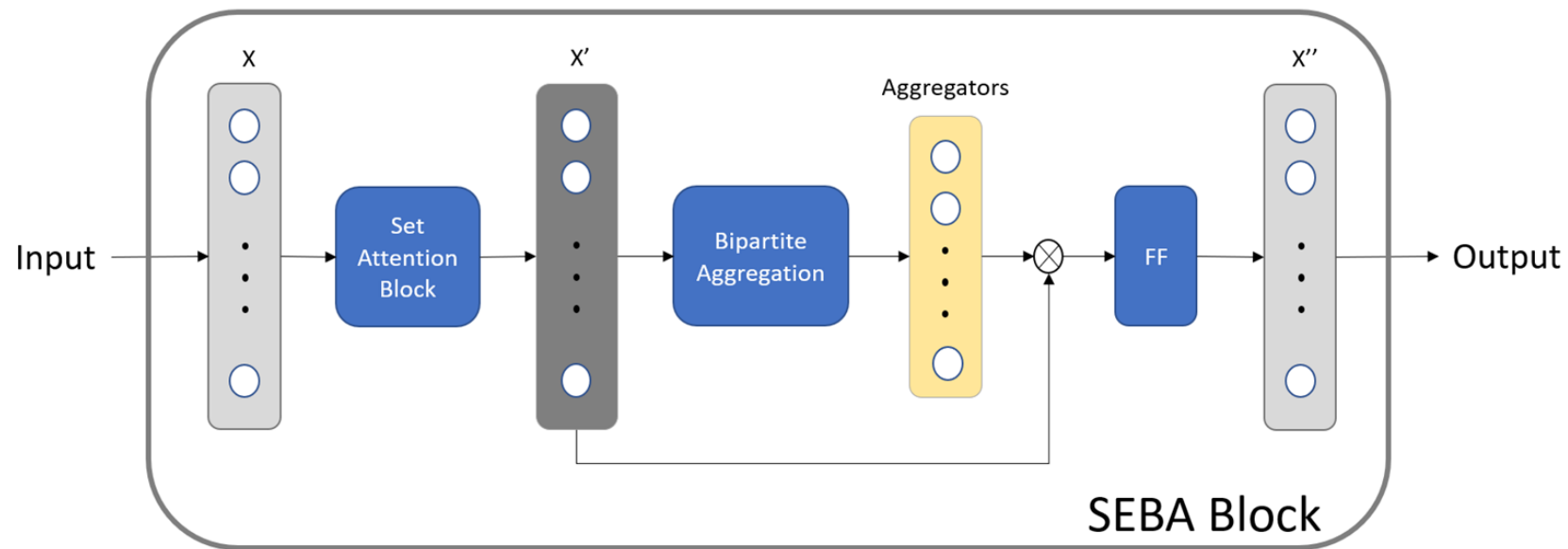
# What needs to be modeled?

- $D_0 \mapsto (\pi^+, K^-)$  or  $D_0 \mapsto (\pi^-, K^+)$
- Considering the problem from a high level perspective, we need to consider:
  - Track-to-track Interactions: Do these pair of tracks form a  $(\pi^+, K^-)$  or  $(\pi^-, K^+)$  pair?
  - Track-to-global Interactions: Where is the origin of this track?
  - Global-to-Track Interactions: Incorporate information about the origin of this track into the track embeddings

# Architecture

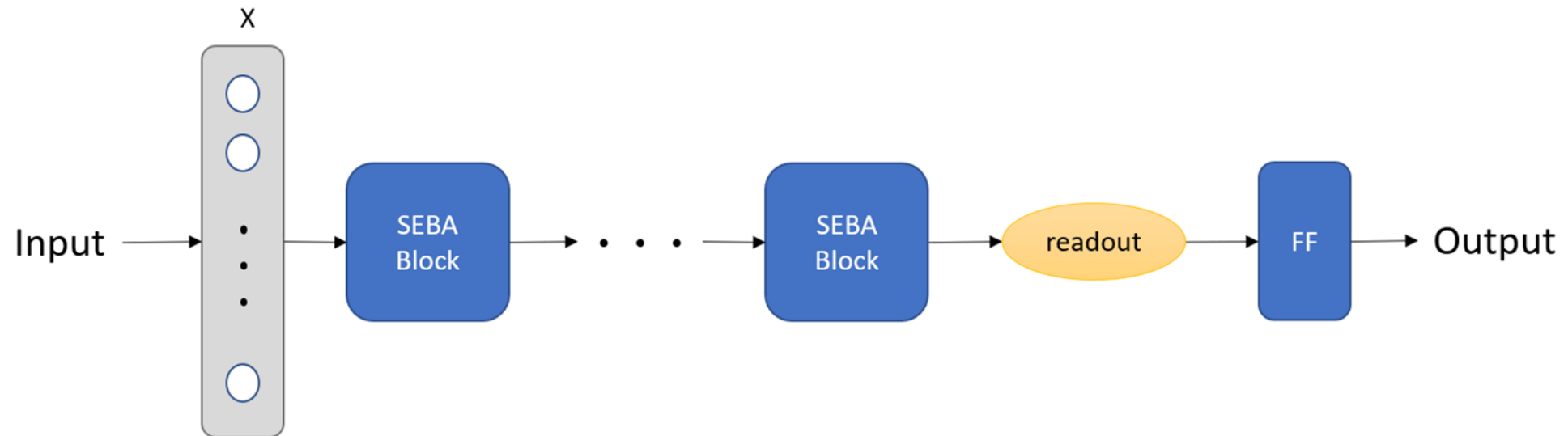
- Previous considerations motivate the following block.
  - Set Encoder: Track-to-Track interactions
  - Bipartite Aggregation: Track-to-Global and Global-to-Track interactions

SEBA (Set Encoder with Bipartite Graph Affinity)



# Architecture

- Stack multiple SEBA Blocks
- Use Bipartite Aggregation with single aggregator to generate event embedding
- MLP on event embedding to predict Trigger Event



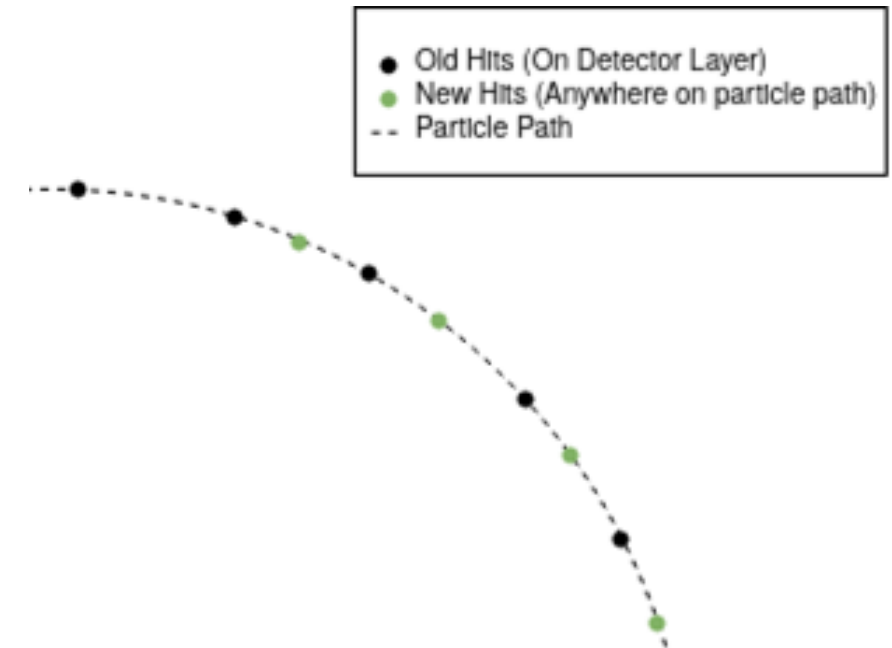
# Physics Knowledge Added

- Track given to trigger classifier has the following features:
  - (x, y, z) location of hit on each layer
  - Length segment between each layer
  - Angle formed by segments
  - Estimated radius of circle fit to hits
  - Estimated center of circle fit to hits
  - Estimated transverse momentum of track
- **Estimated radius and center** provided ~10% increase in accuracy

# Multi-Task Learning to Improve model performance

- Several modifications to standard training process in order to improve the performance and robustness of our trigger algorithm
  - Data augmentation: We perturb hits off the detector layers while keeping it on the particle path
  - Track embeddings used predict whether two tracks come from the same parent

$$\mathcal{L} = L_{CE}(\text{trigger}_{\text{pred}}, \text{trigger}_{\text{true}}) + L_{CE}(A_{\text{pred}}, A_{\text{true}})$$



# Trigger Prediction Performance

Data	Year	Metric	Result
<b>Predicted Tracks</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Accuracy</b>	<b>85.6%</b>
<b>GT Tracks</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Accuracy</b>	<b>90.22%</b>
GT Tracks	2023	Precision	86.35%
GT Tracks	2023	Recall	95.41%
<b>Predicted Tracks</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Accuracy</b>	<b>84.01%</b>
<b>GT Tracks</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Accuracy</b>	<b>87.5%</b>

# Conclusion, Accomplishments and Milestone

- ML models have shown steady increases in performance on the triggering problem
- Incorporating physics knowledge has contributed to large performance improvement in trigger prediction
- Challenges remain in adapting the ML algorithm to the real-world latency and data availability constraints

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# Future Work

- Modifying algorithms to deal with pile-up
- Work on simplifying algorithms and reducing data quantity to meet latency challenges
  - Initial study of latency-accuracy tradeoff showed we could reduce edge quantity (critical for FPGA implementation) at the tracking stage by 60% with minimal loss in final trigger accuracy
- Ensure trigger algorithm works in explainable and robust way
  - Initial study has shown model prefers to drop non-trigger tracks without affecting event label and prefers to perturb hits as to not affect the track radius

	$d\phi_{max}$	$dz_{max}$	accuracy	Maximum Edge Candidates
<b>0</b>	0.025005	102.000000	0.885895	1030.0
<b>1</b>	0.014881	16.000000	0.885360	548.0
<b>2</b>	0.011599	155.000000	0.884555	638.0
<b>3</b>	0.026555	113.000000	0.884320	1077.0
<b>4</b>	0.024582	178.000000	0.883860	1022.0
<b>5</b>	0.010320	48.000000	0.882630	556.0
<b>6</b>	0.012193	14.220353	0.881850	463.0
<b>7</b>	0.030000	200.000000	NaN	1171.0

**Test model with real sPhenix experimental data!!!  
(end of 2023 expected)**

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