
Deep Learning Application in the Visible Decay Search for Dark Photons with DarkSHINE Experiment



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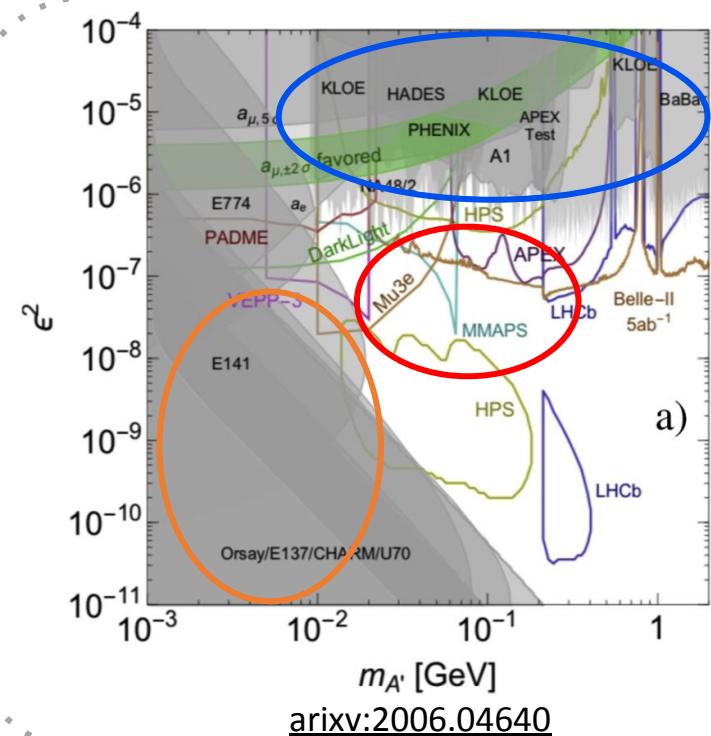
- **Introduction**
- **Traditional Tracking**
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- **Performance & Impact**
- **Summary & Outlook**

Dark Photon Search

- Light dark matter search: dark photon

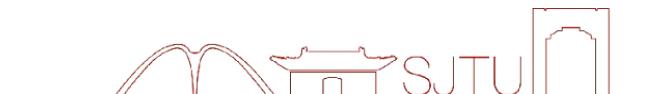
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \frac{1}{2 \cos \theta_W} \frac{\epsilon}{F^{Y,\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu}} + \frac{1}{4} F'^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu} + m_{A'}^2 A'^2$$

According to the decay channel of dark photon, we have invisible and visible decay.

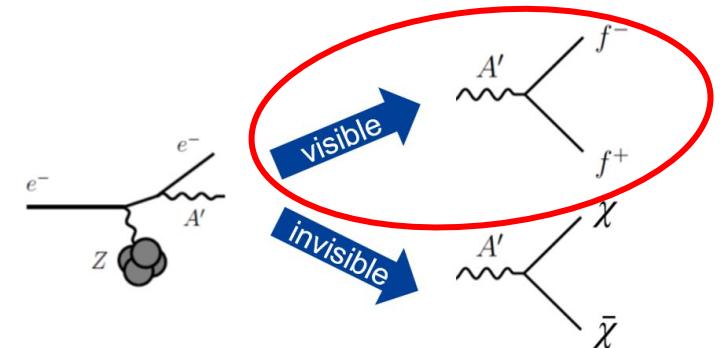


Two model parameters:

- Coupling constant ϵ
- Dark photon mass $m_{A'}$



We will focus on **visible decay**



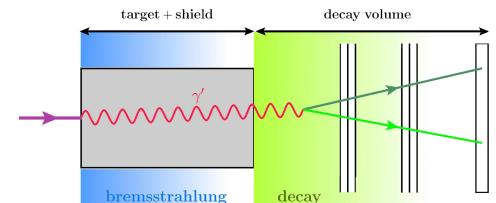
Bump hunting : High production rate

Challenging region :

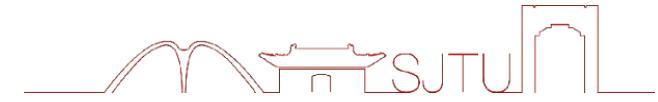
- Signal rate too low for bump hunting
- Lifetime too short for beam-dump experiment

-> **Displaced vertex reconstruction needed!**

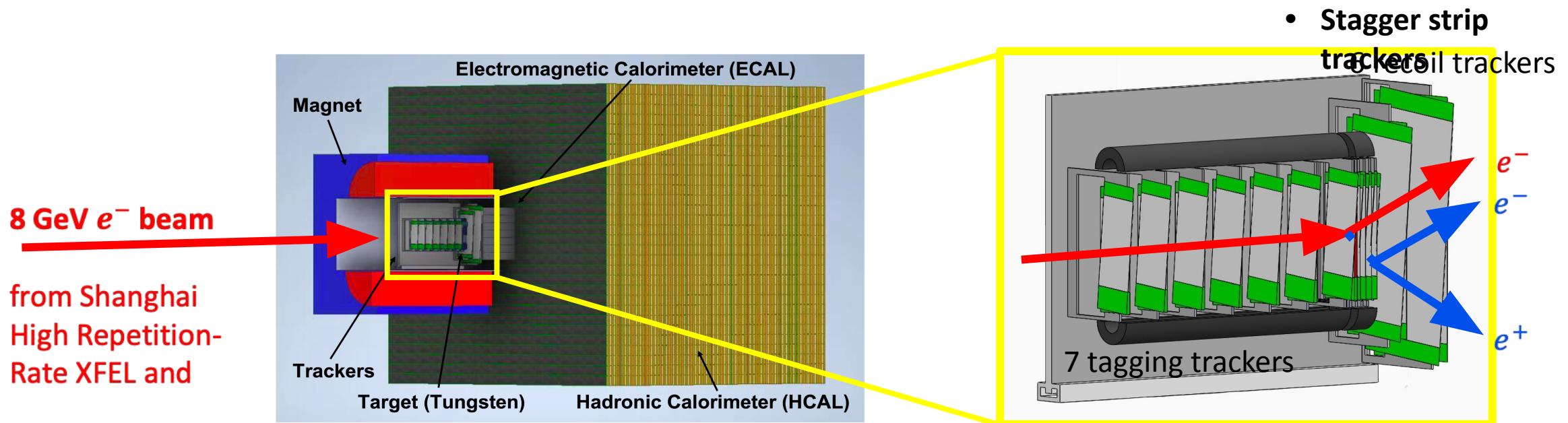
Beam-dump experiment : Long decay length



DarkSHINE Experiment

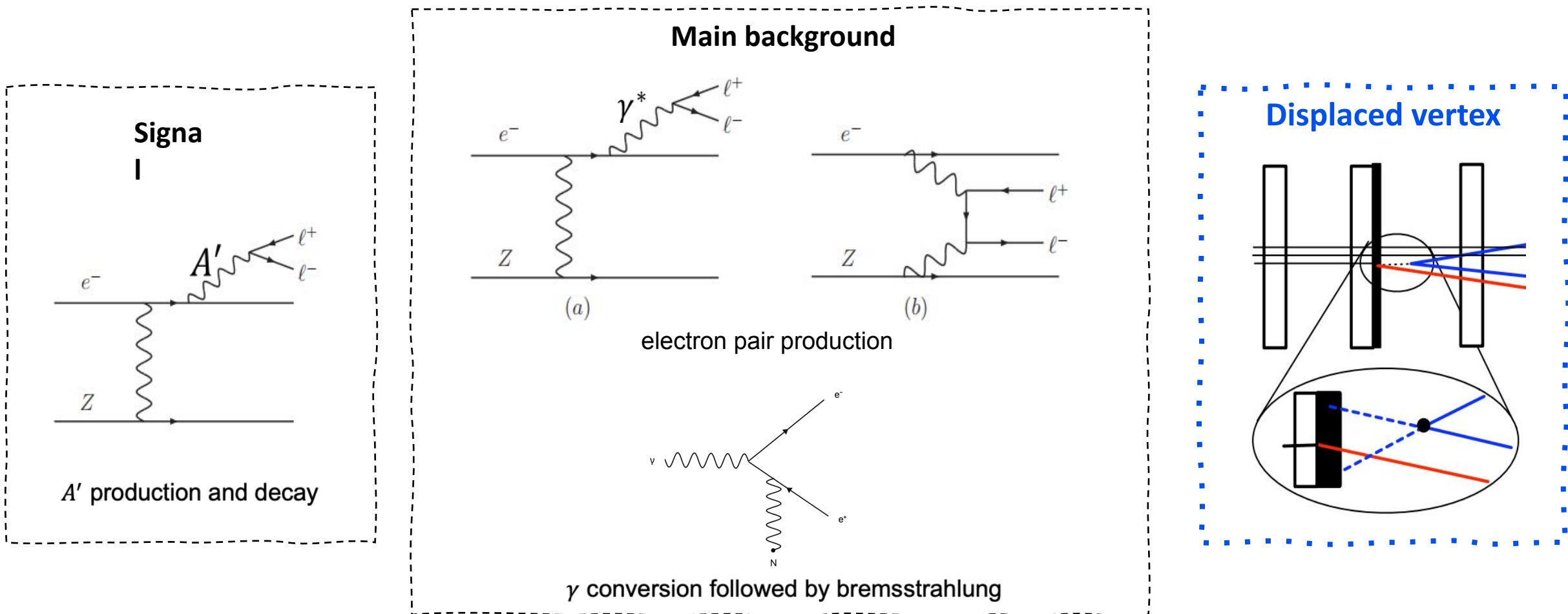
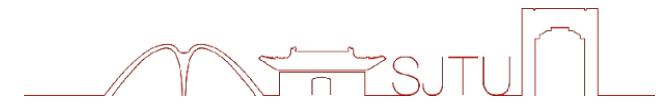


- DarkSHINE is a proposed **fixed-target** experiment that utilizing **electron beam from SHINE** aimed at searching the light dark matter.
- The DarkSHINE detector system is consisted of **tagging tracker**, **recoil tracker**, **ECAL** and **HCAL**.



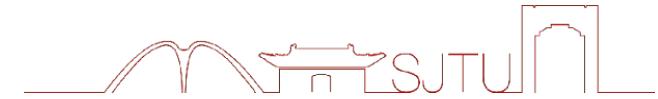
Tracker parameter	Strip width	Sensor thickness
	30 μm	150 μm

Signal and Background

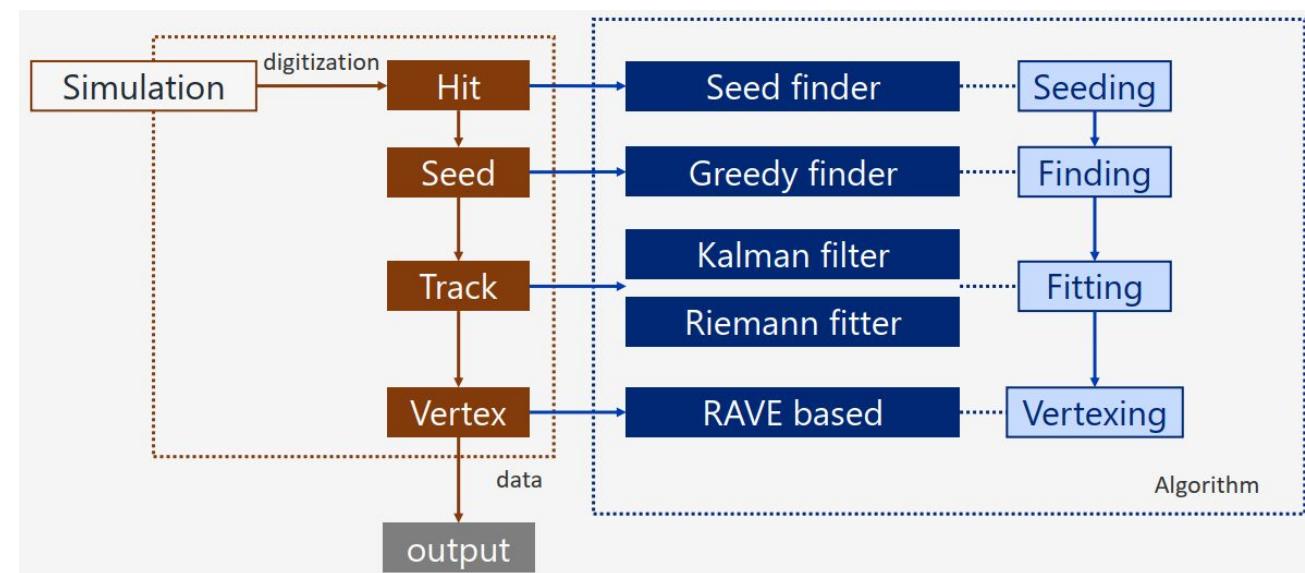
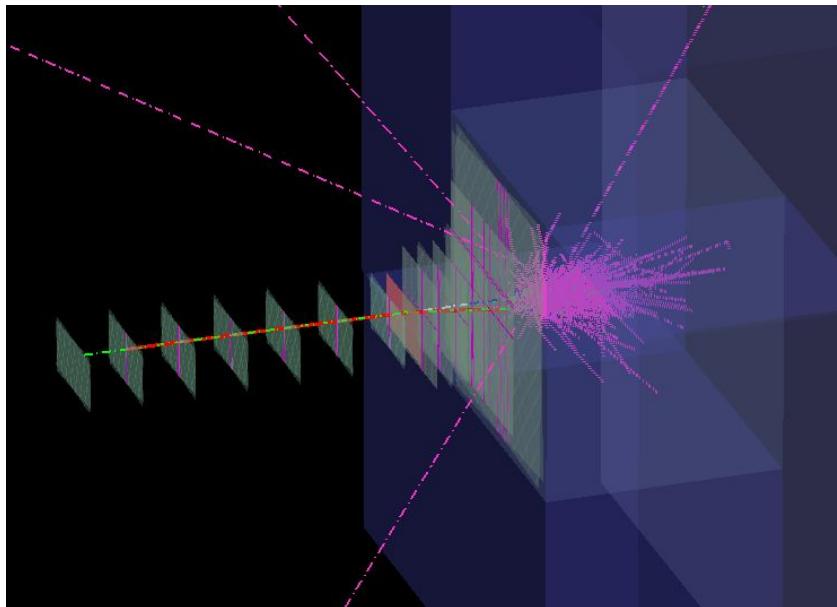


- To differentiate signal from background, the key is to **reconstruct the displaced vertex through tracking and vertexing**.

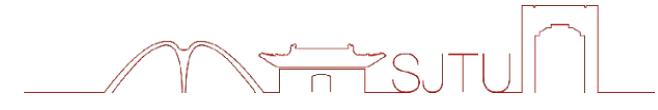
Simulation and Reconstruction



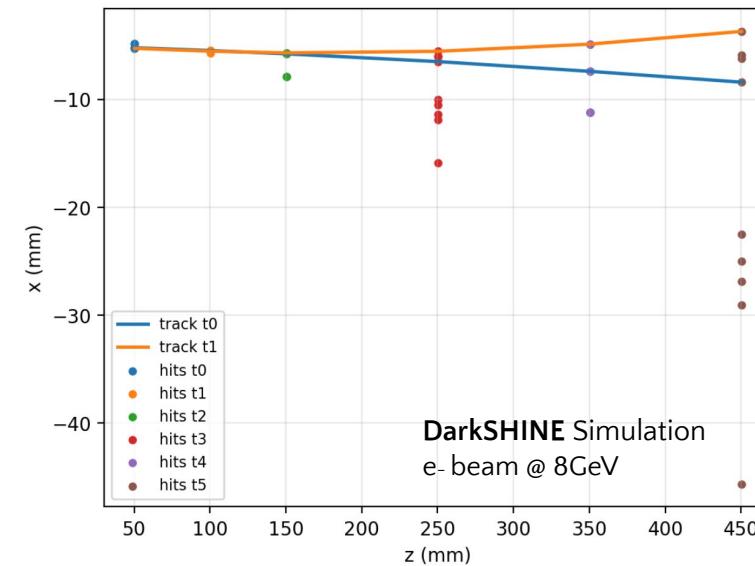
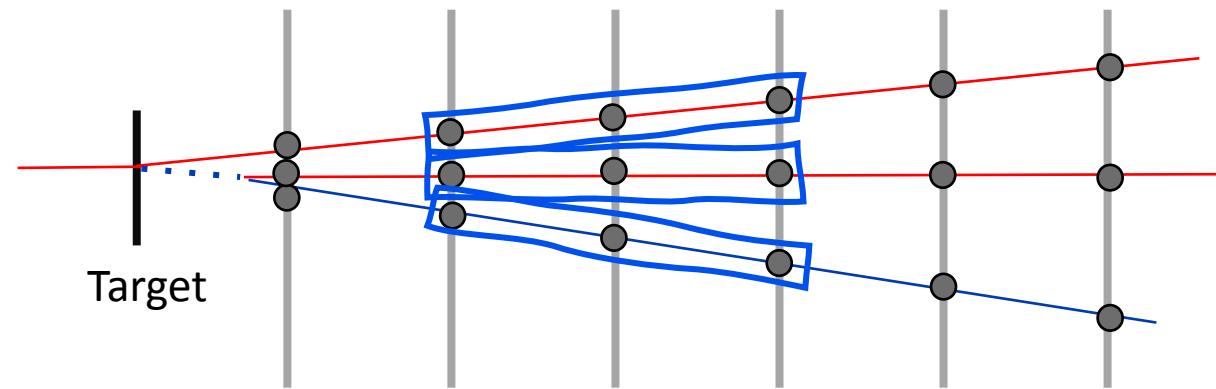
- We use **Geant4-based** simulation to study the signal and background processes. **CalcHEP** generator is used for signal production.
- We apply **full chain reconstruction** from hits to tracks and to vertexes. We adopt Kalman Filter algorithm for both tracking (**GenFit**) and vertexing (**Rave**).



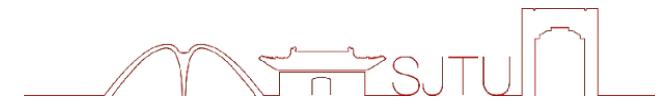
Challenge in Track Finding



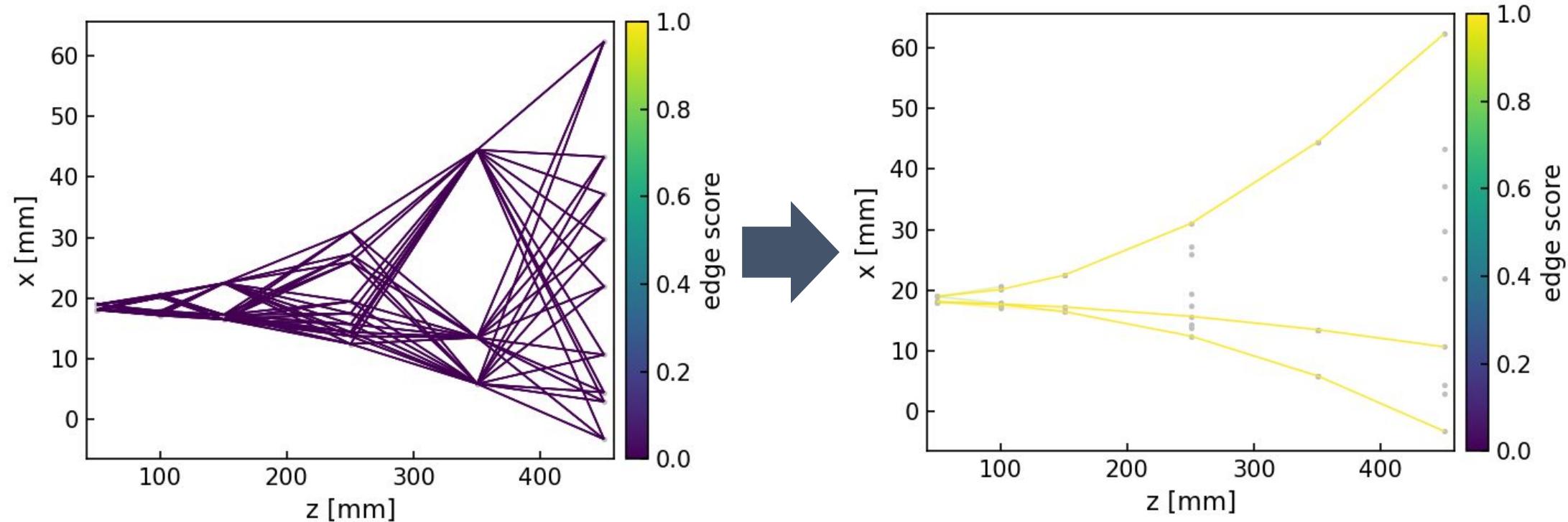
- Track finding
 - Greedy algorithm + helix fit.
 - Start from seed layers and extend to other layers.
 - Good tracking efficiency for single-track
 - 97% in tag-track case
 - 60% in 3-track case
- Challenge in Track Finding
 - Low momentum tracks suffer from multiple scattering effect, hard to find.
 - In fixed-target experiment, most tracks are highly forward with small separate angles. It is easy to misassign hits.



GNN Track Finding: Strategy

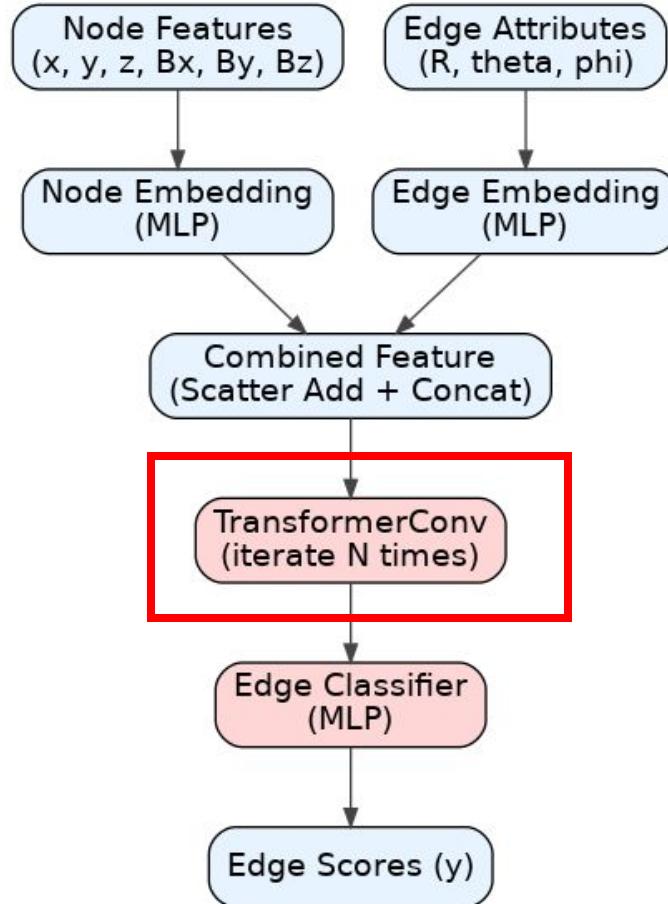


- Build a graph that connects every hits in the adjacent tracker layers, predict the score for every edges.
- After the prediction of edge scores, use the clustering algorithm to form hits to tracks.

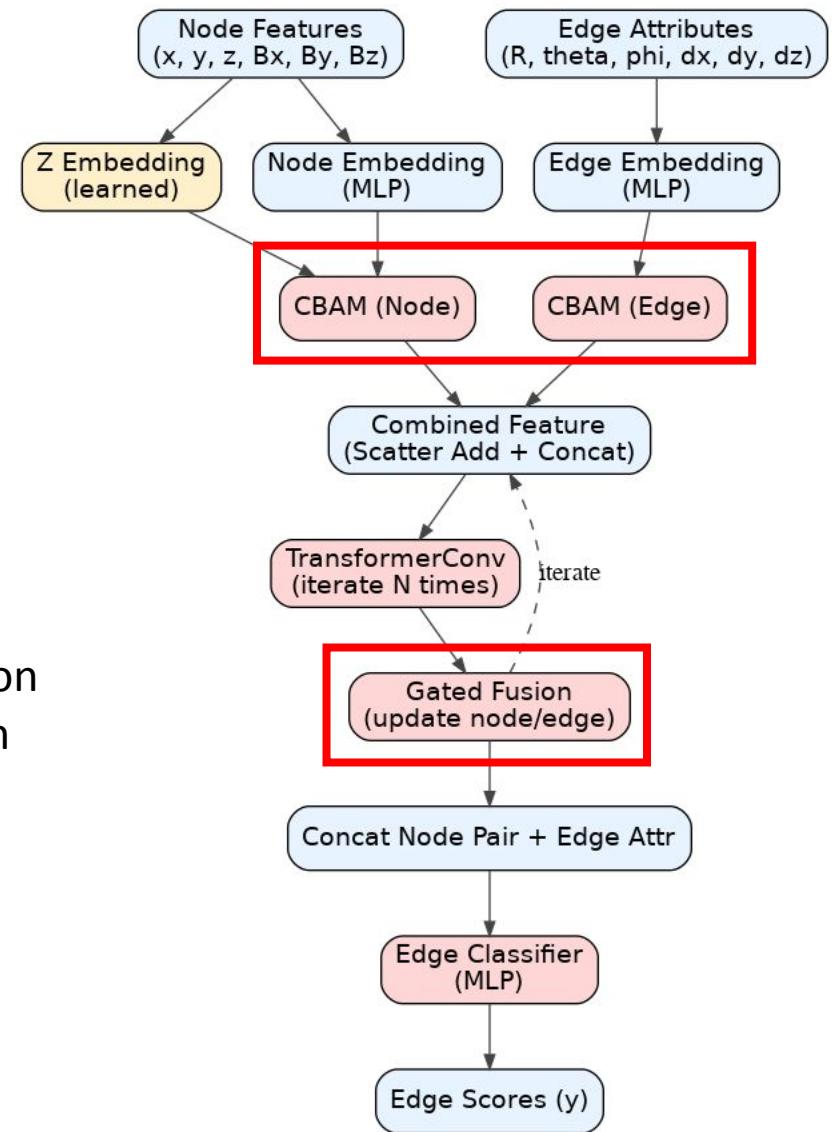


GNN Tracking: Build the Network

LinkNet



- Convolutional Block Attention Module
 - Channel dimension
 - Spatial dimension
- Gated Fusion



Dataset

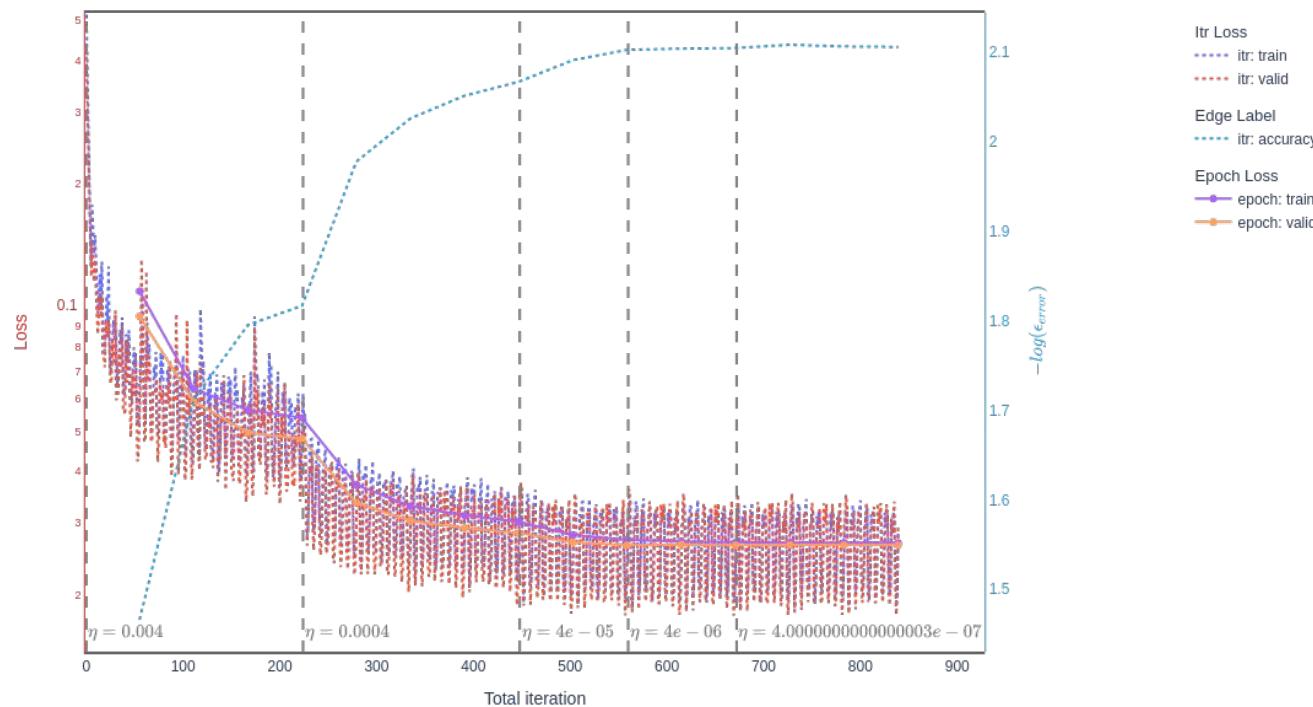
- gamma conversion, e pair production, signal with masses (20, 50, 100, 200, 500 MeV, $\epsilon = 10^{-4}$). Each process 10^5 events.
- train: validation: test = 3: 1: 1

Loss function

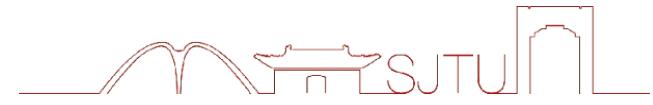
- Binary cross-entropy with logit
- $L = \sum_i[-\hat{y}_i \log(\sigma(y_i)) - (1 - \hat{y}_i) \log(1 - \sigma(y_i))]$

Optimization

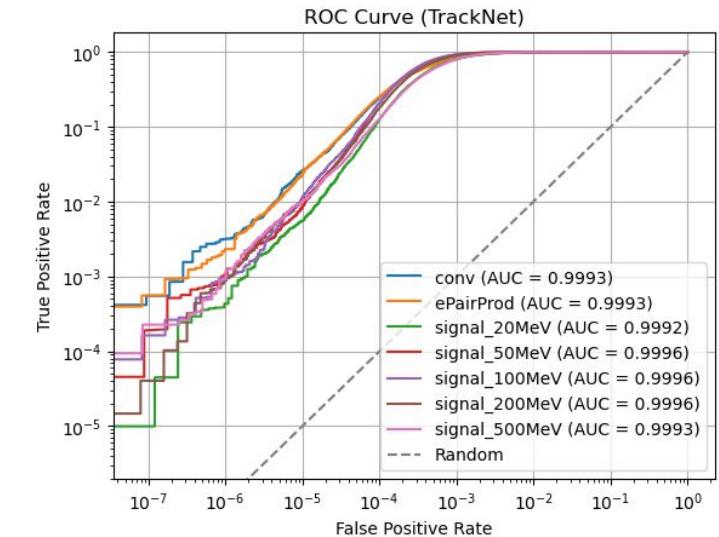
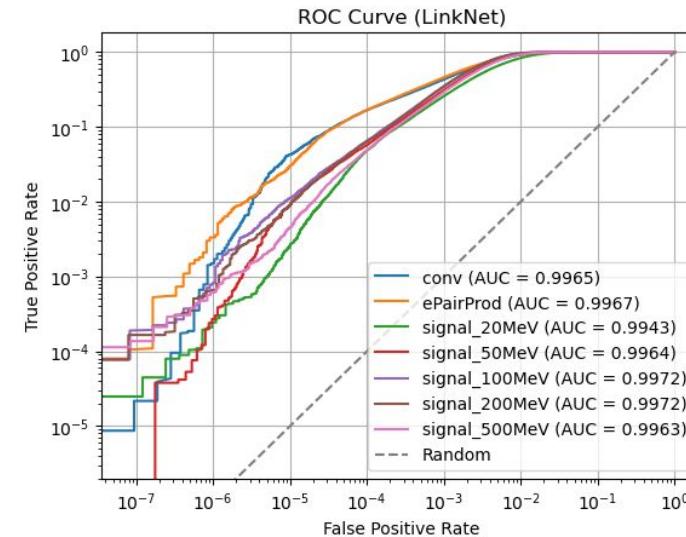
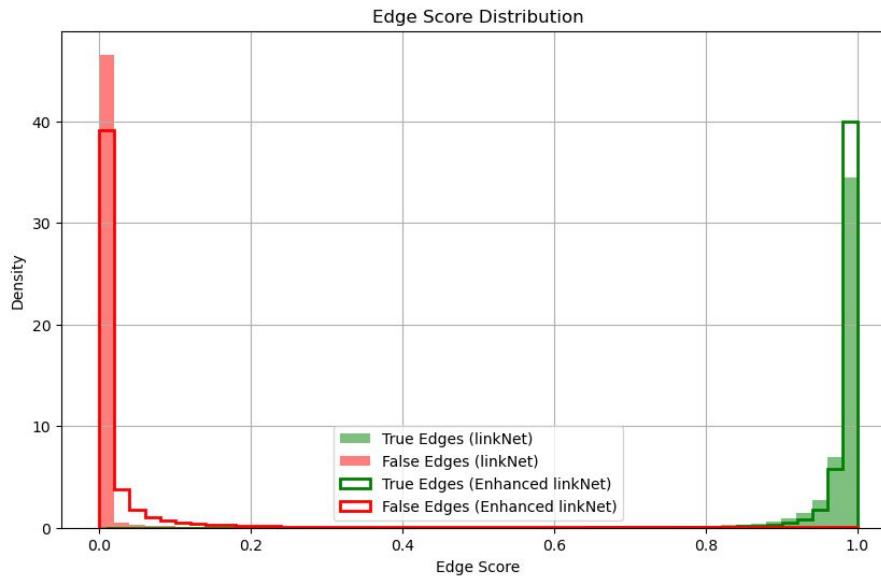
- Adam algorithm



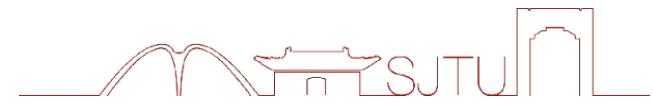
GNN Tracking: Result



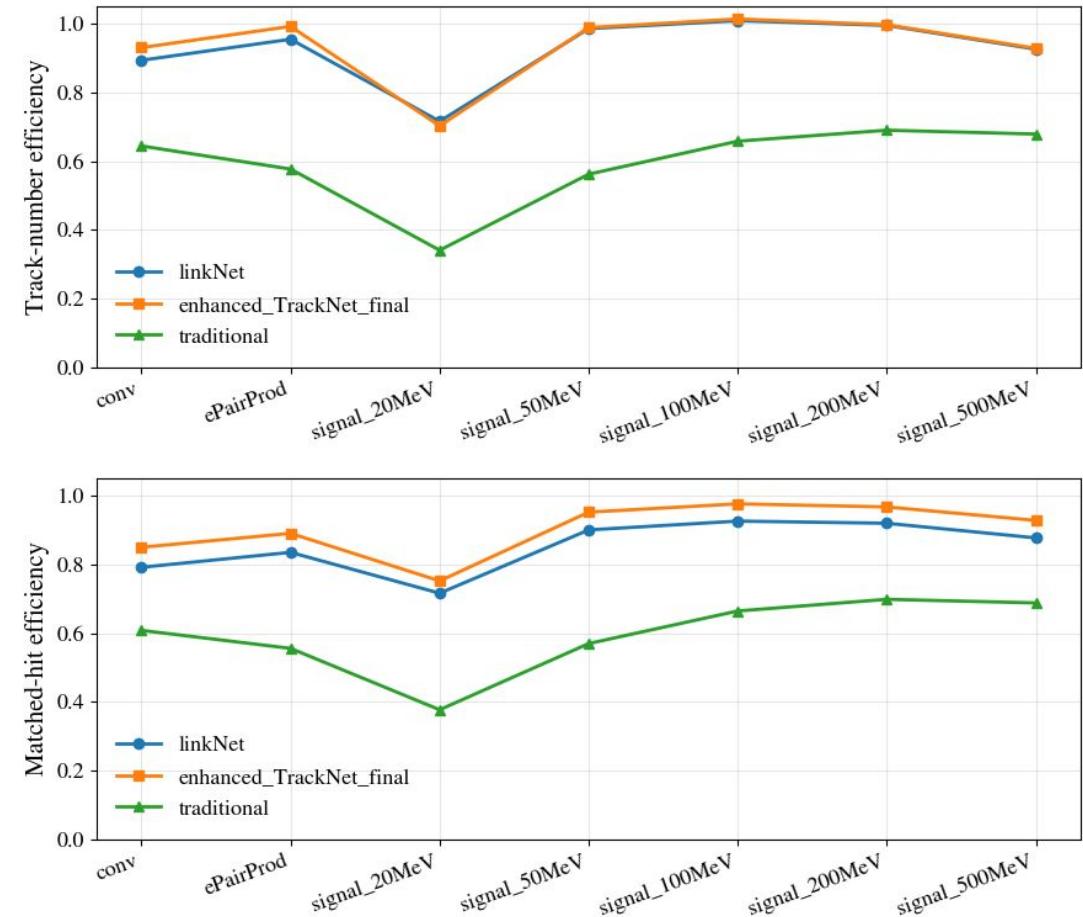
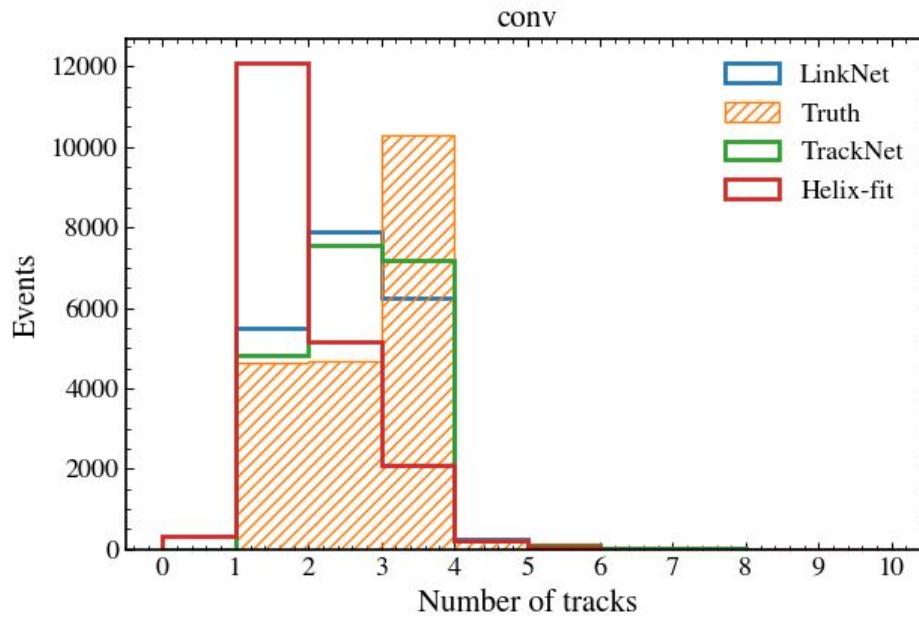
- As a classification task, the scores for true and false edges are well separated.
- According to the ROC curve, TrackNet yields better classification performance with AUC larger than 99.9%.



GNN Tracking: Result



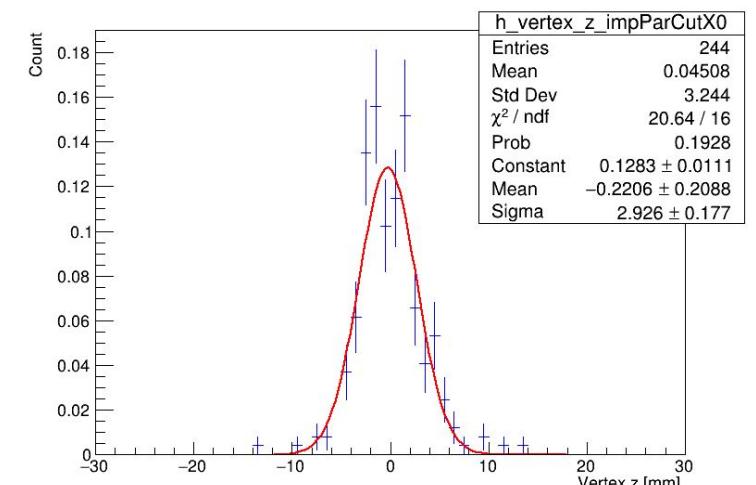
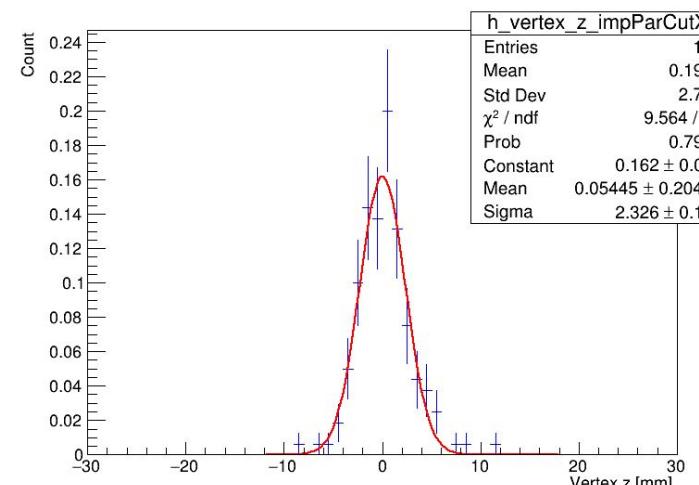
- The output of GNN is the score of each edge. After cut on the score, we use the Dijkstra global search algorithm to select the tracks with highest score.



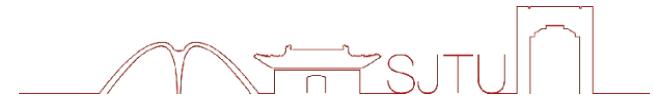
- The reconstructed track is further used for vertex reconstruction.
- The vertexing algorithm is minimal chi-square + Kalman filter. Additional cuts are applied to optimize the vertex resolution.



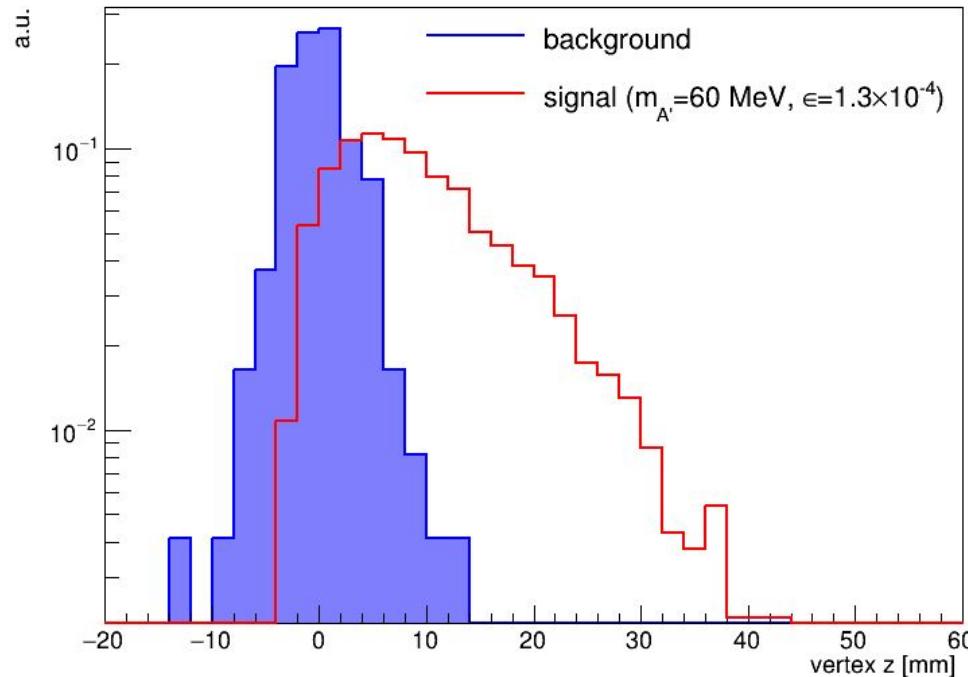
Cut summary	
Kinematics cut	Track $p > 0.5$ GeV
	Invariant mass > 20 MeV
Reconstruction track cut	Shared hit num = 0
	Impact parameter cut
Vertex parameter cut	Recon vertex num ≥ 1
	Vertex dispersion < 0.4 mm
	Vertex theta > 0.012 rad
	Vertex projection – IP distance < 0.3 mm



Vertexing for Visible Decay Search



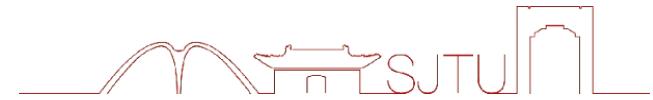
- We rely on the reconstructed vertex position to search for visible decay signal.
- Due to the statistics limit, we assume the ideal Gaussian shape of vertex z distribution after the vertex quality cuts, so that we can define a region with no background.



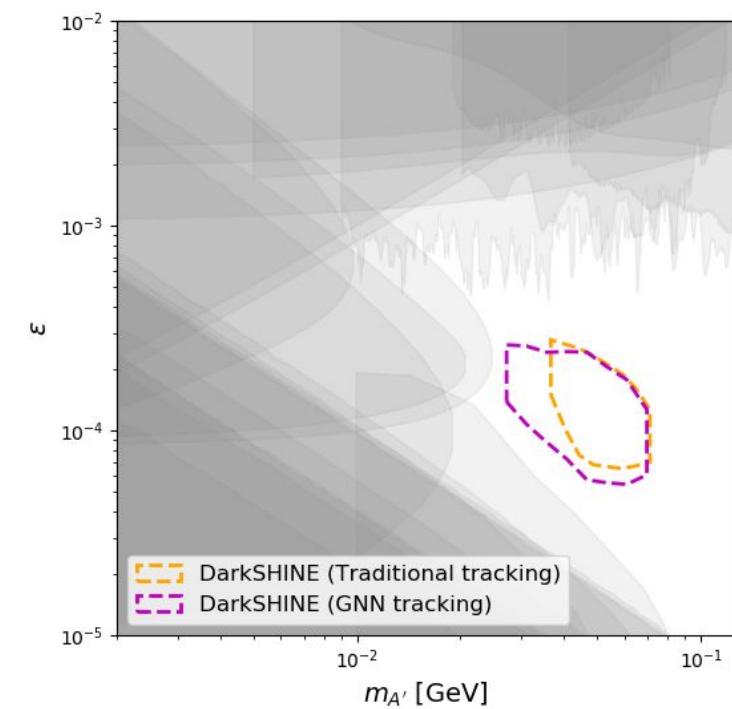
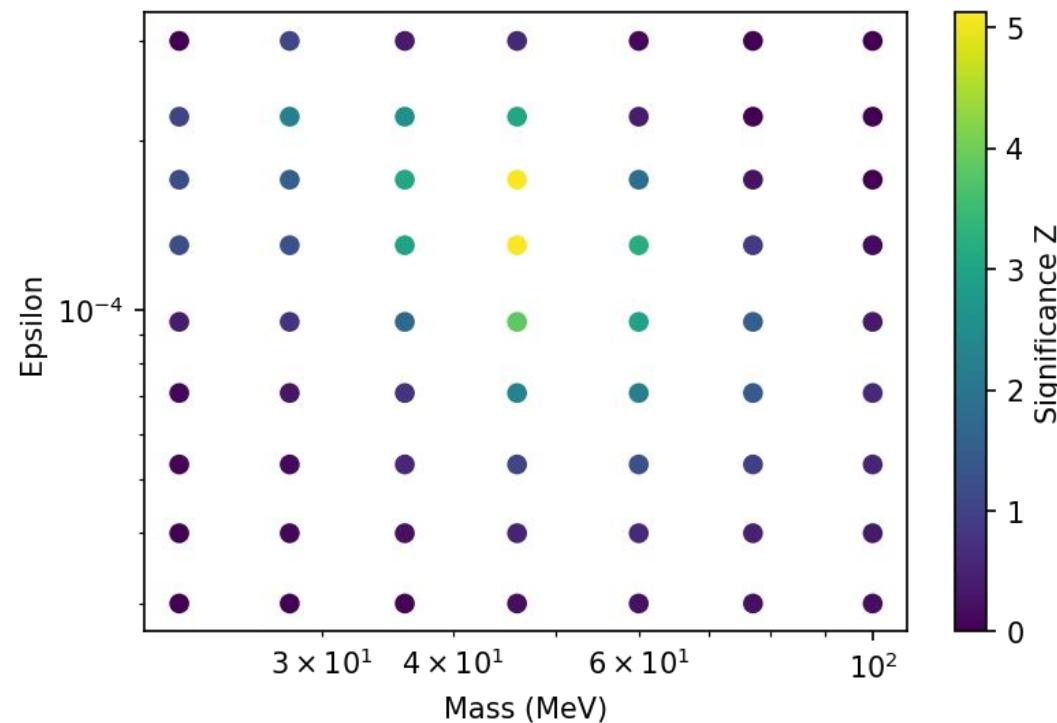
EOT: 3E14

Event type	eBrem + conv	ePairProd
Event num	7.5E12	4.3E11
Event num (after cut)	2.2E10	1.2E9
0.1 background range	> 6.4 sigma (19mm, 50mm)	

Exclusion Limit



- After the definition of signal region for displaced vertex, we can calculate the signal yield, efficiency and significance for each parameter space point.
- Thanks to around 2 times improvement on the signal efficiency, the result with GNN tracking can cover more parameter space with small $m_{A'}$.



- **Summary**

- We introduce a **GNN-based track finding pipeline** (LinkNet / TrackNet with CBAM and Gated Fusion) for the DarkSHINE experiment.
- The network achieves **excellent edge classification performance** with AUC larger than 99.9%.
- After vertexing and physics cuts, the improved tracking yields **about a factor of two gain in signal efficiency**.
- This directly enhances the **sensitivity to visible dark photon decays**, especially in the low-mass region.

- **Outlook**

- Incorporate **more realistic detector effects** (noise, inefficiency, misalignment) into training.
- Explore **end-to-end learning** from hits to vertices and joint optimization of tracking and vertexing.



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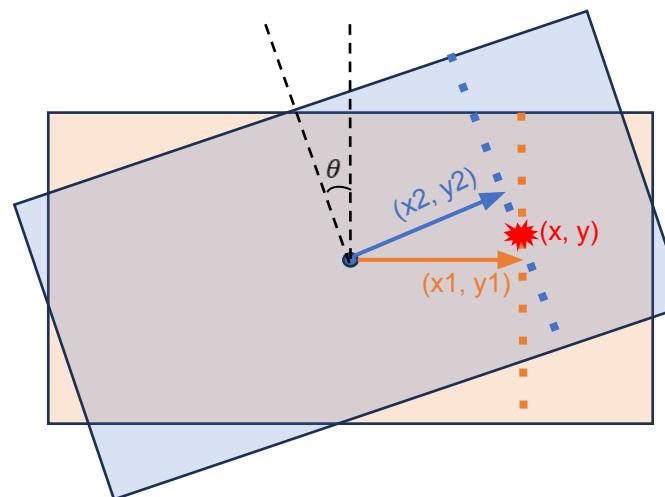
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Strip clustering



- Cluster strip hits on single layer.
- Use mean shift clustering, based on the weighted distance (energy deposition of hits) to the center of cluster.



Merge u, v layer

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \cos \theta_1 - y_1 \sin \theta_1 \\ x_2 \cos \theta_2 - y_2 \sin \theta_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_1 & -\sin \theta_1 \\ \cos \theta_2 & -\sin \theta_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & \sigma_{xy} \\ \sigma_{xy} & \sigma_y^2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_u^2 & \sigma_{uv} \\ \sigma_{uv} & \sigma_v^2 \end{pmatrix} (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T$$

- Use transformation of coordinates, can handle any cases.
- With error propagation.