

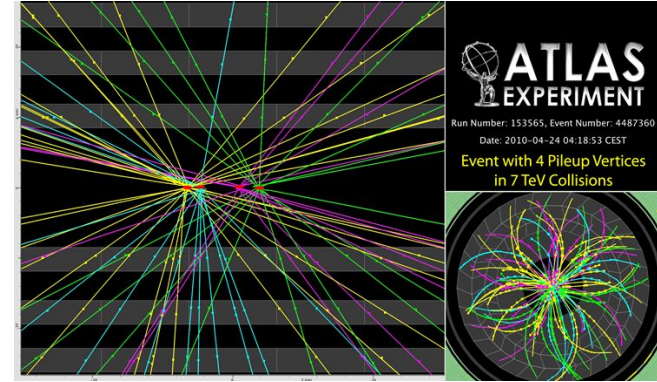
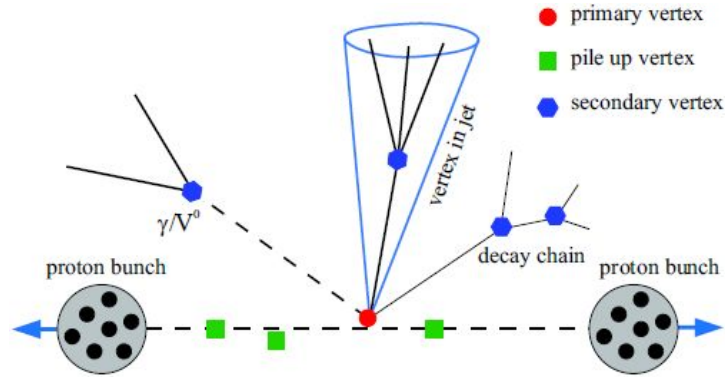
# Secondary Vertexing using HyperGraph

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# Recap: Primary vertexing vs. secondary vertexing

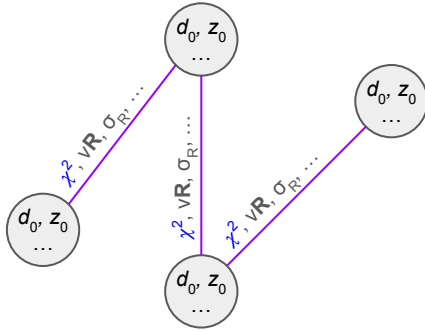


- For our purpose, we call both “**primary vertex**” and “**pileup vertex**” inclusively as the **primary vertices**.
- Each track in an event is associated to one of these **primary vertices**.
  - This includes tracks originating from the **secondary vertices**.

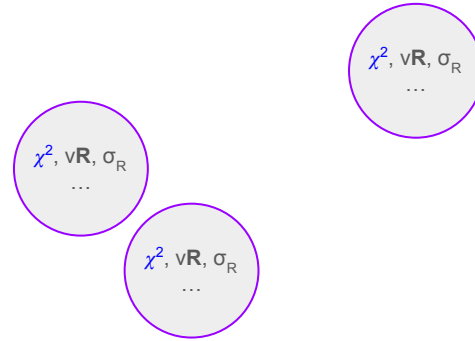
# Recap: Framing vertex finding as a clustering problem

- Most obvious approach: A vertex is a cluster of **tracks**.
  - Consider the tracks as nodes.
    - Track params are node features.
    - Different quantities from track-pair Billoir fit can be taken as edge features.
  - This is the chosen strategy for MaskFormer as well as the previous primary-vertexing work.
- New proposal: A vertex is a cluster of one or more **two-track vertices**.
  - Each track-pair satisfying **Billoir fit** is a node (in a Point Cloud).
    - Different quantities from track-pair Billoir fit are node features.
    - No edge feature. The Euclidean distance might be taken as one.
  - Immediately offers us a bounding box heuristic.
  - For two-track vertices, the performance is guaranteed to be at least as good as Billoir fit.
  - Trivial to implement using [sklearn.cluster.DBSCAN](#) to establish a baseline.
    - Useable with better clustering techniques (e.g. lifted multicut graph partitioning)

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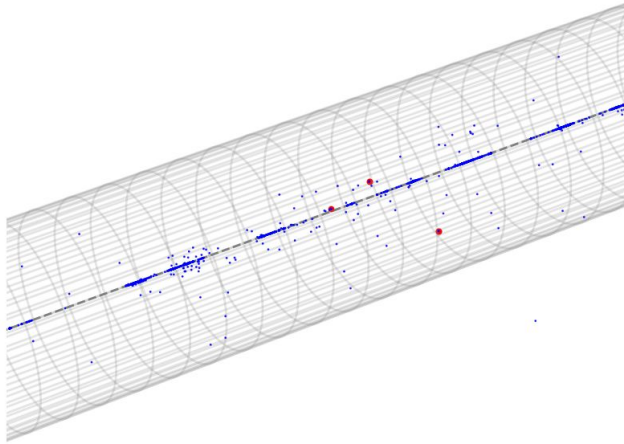


- Each track is a node.
- Each edge is a two-track vertex from Billoir fit.

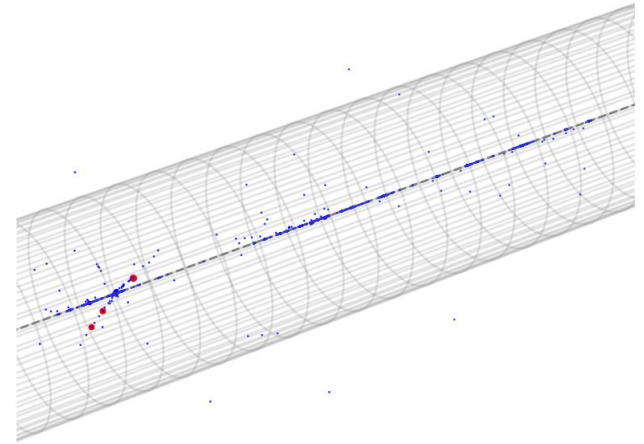


- Each node is a two-track vertex from Billoir fit.
- Point Cloud based on  $v\mathbf{R}$ .

## Recap: Visualizing vertices clusters in ODD



Event: 0



Event: 94

# From Point Cloud to HyperGraph

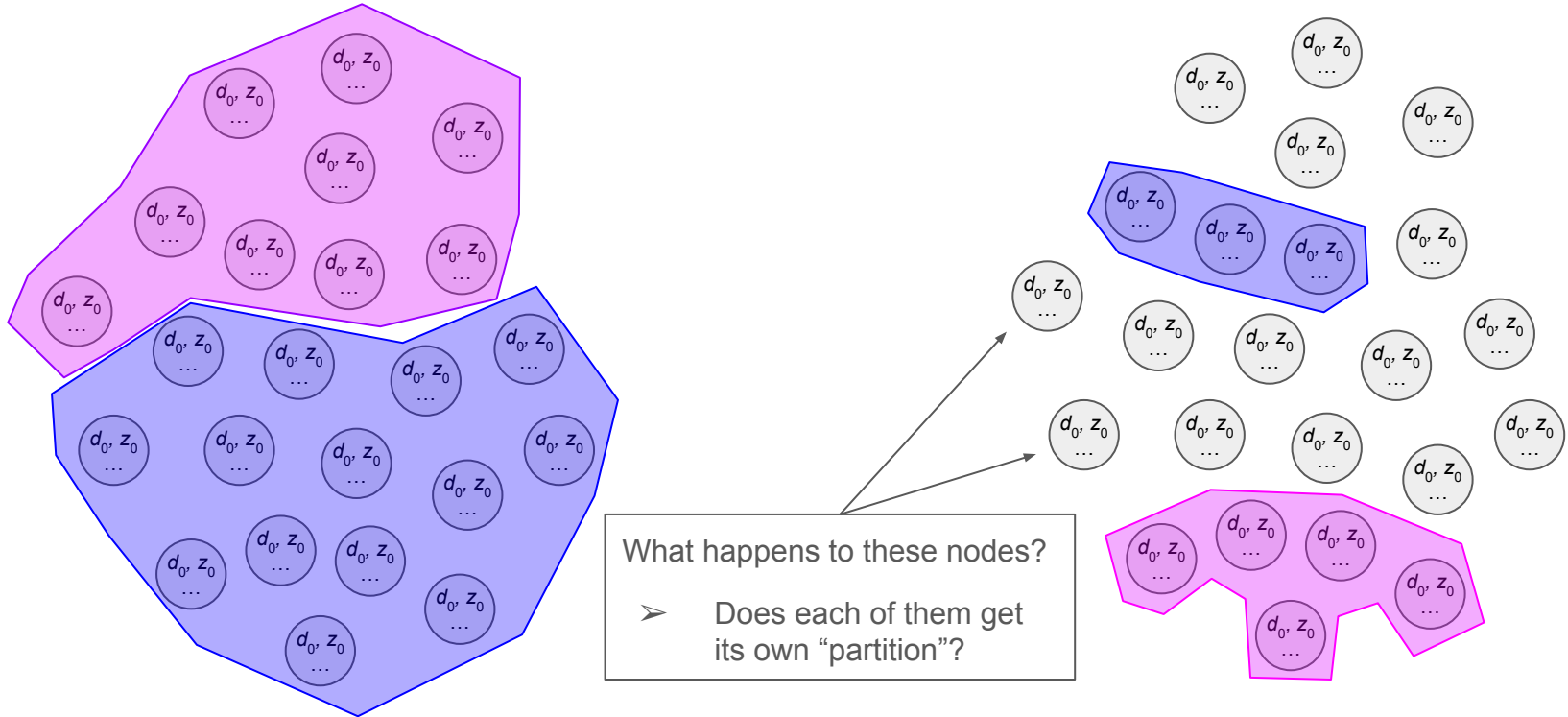
- Point Clouds (of two-track vertices) are nice for Physical intuition, providing a simple bounding-box heuristic enabling us to use any clustering method.
- But they have a significant caveat: Individual track features are lost!
  - No way to improve upon Billoir fit for estimating track-pair compatibility.
    - Theoretically one can append the features of the two tracks to the vertex-level features.
      - But this looks like more like a hack (might work nevertheless).
- Let's try to find some alternative way to represent the problem.

# From Graph (of tracks) to HyperGraph

- Secondary vertexing is *very different* from primary vertexing!

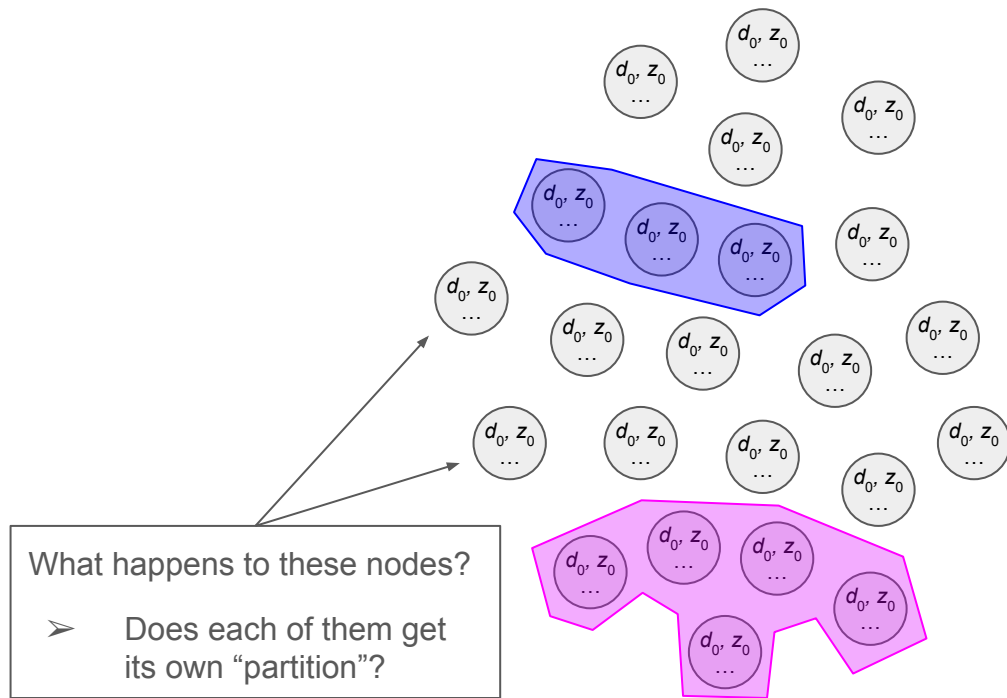
Primary Vertexing	Secondary Vertexing
Each track in an event belong to one of the PVs.	Most of the tracks in an event doesn't belong to any SV.
A given track always belongs to exactly one PV (after removing ambiguity).	Albeit rare, a given track can belong to multiple SVs.
Suitable to be framed as graph partitioning.	Need to think beyond graph partitioning.

# SV finding is not really a graph partitioning problem





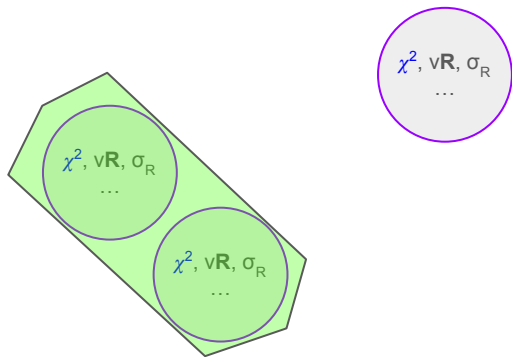
# From Graph (of tracks) to HyperGraph



This issue disappears as soon as we frame it as a **HyperEdge prediction** problem:

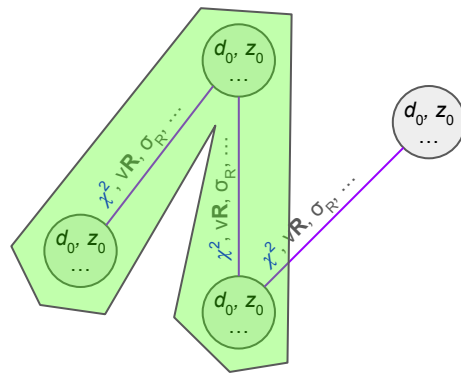
- A hyperedge can connect any number of nodes.
- A node can belong to multiple hyperedges.
- There can be isolated nodes.

# From Point Cloud to HyperGraph



Combine two nodes to form a “cluster”.

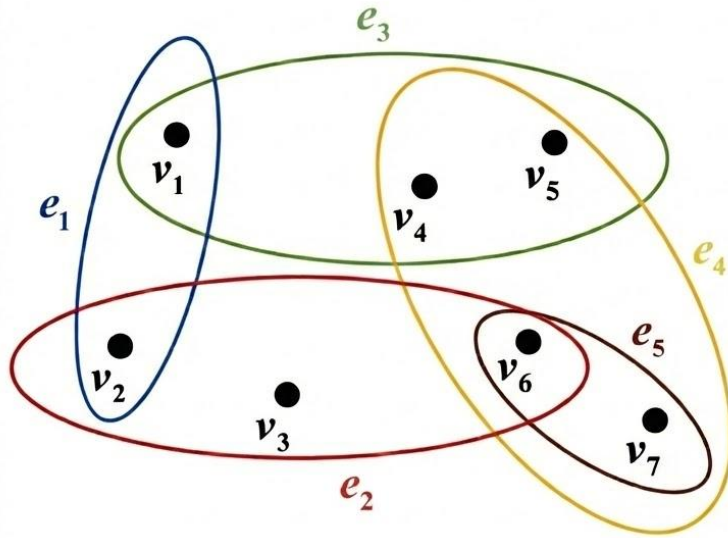
- Using some node feature(s), e.g.  $\nu\mathbf{R}$ .



Combine two edges to form a HyperEdge.

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# HyperGraph representation: Incidence matrix



	$e_1$	$e_2$	$e_3$	$e_5$
$v_1$	1	0	1	0
$v_2$	1	1	0	0
$v_3$	0	1	0	0
$v_4$	0	0	1	0
$v_5$	0	0	1	0
$v_6$	0	1	0	1
$v_7$	0	0	0	1

**H**

Incidence matrix

$$H_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } v_i \in e_j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

	$d_0$	$z_0$	$\theta$	$\phi$	$q/p$
$v_1$					
$v_2$					
$v_3$					
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$v_7$					

**X**

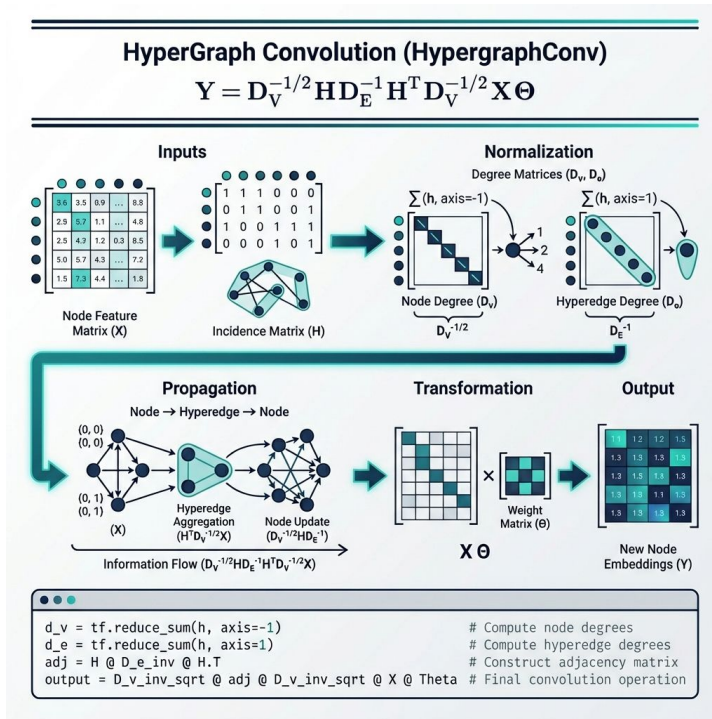
Features matrix

# Message passing on HyperGraph: generalization of GCN

$$\mathbf{X}^{(l+1)} = \sigma \left( \mathbf{D}_V^{-1/2} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{D}_E^{-1} \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{D}_V^{-1/2} \mathbf{X}^{(l)} \Theta \right)$$

Where:

- $\mathbf{X}^{(l)}$  is the input node features.
- $\mathbf{H}$  is the **Incidence Matrix** (defining the hypergraph structure).
- $\mathbf{D}_V$  and  $\mathbf{D}_E$  are degree matrices for vertices and hyperedges.
- $\mathbf{W}$  is the hyperedge weight matrix (assumed to be Identity  $\mathbf{I}$  in this specific code implementation).
- $\Theta$  is the learnable weight matrix (the filter).



# Message passing on HyperGraph: The “Clique Expansion”

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{D}_E^{-1}\mathbf{H}^T$$

Intuition:

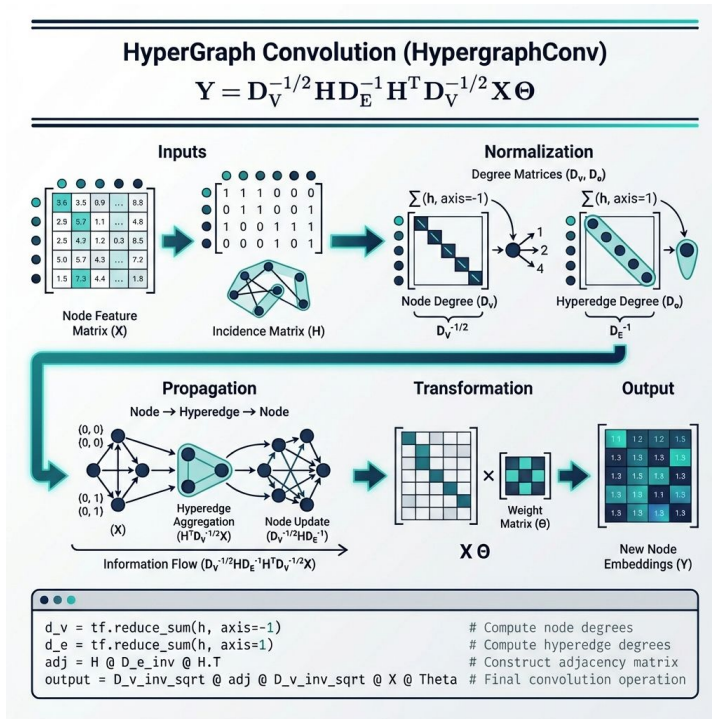
1.  $\mathbf{H}^T\mathbf{X}$ : Aggregates information from Nodes  $\rightarrow$  Hyperedges.
2.  $\mathbf{D}_E^{-1}$ : Normalizes this information by the size of the hyperedge (averaging).
3.  $\mathbf{H}(\dots)$ : Distributes information from Hyperedges  $\rightarrow$  Nodes.

This effectively converts the hypergraph into a weighted graph where two nodes are connected if they share a hyperedge, weighted by the size of that hyperedge.

Symmetric normalization:  $\hat{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{D}_V^{-1/2}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{D}_E^{-1}\mathbf{H}^T)\mathbf{D}_V^{-1/2}$

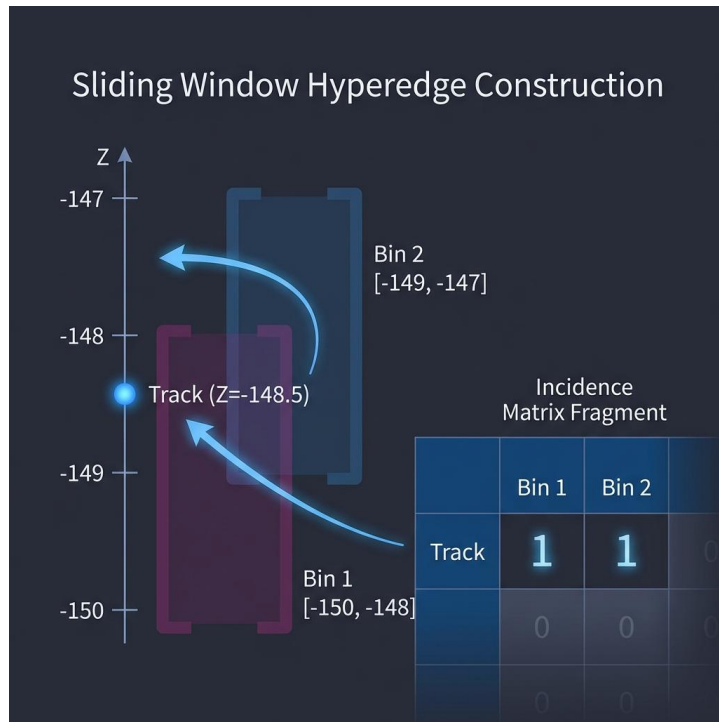
$$\mathbf{Y} = \hat{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{X}\Theta + \mathbf{b} \quad (\mathbf{X}\Theta \text{ can be replaced with a DNN})$$

$$\mathbf{X}' = \sigma(\mathbf{Y})$$



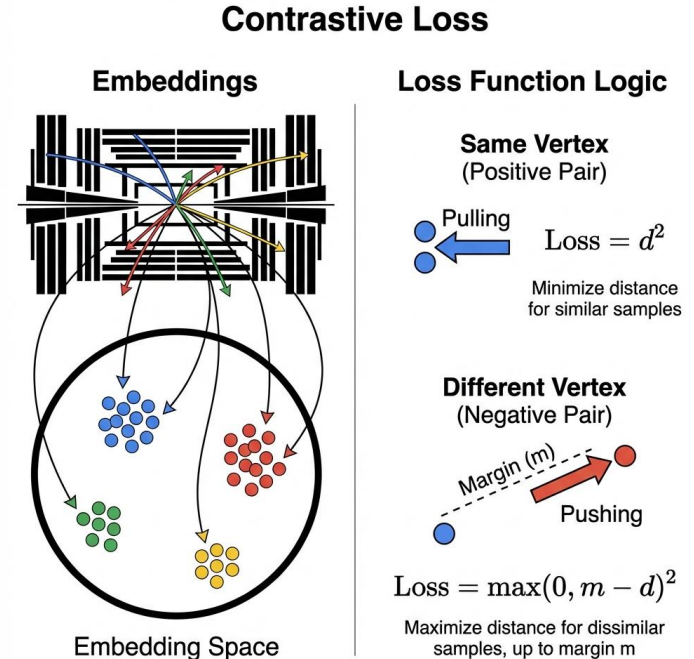
# The SV finding algorithm using HyperGraph convolution

- Start with a HyperGraph of tracks as nodes.
  - Initial incidence matrix is formed by  $z_0$  binning.
  - Message passing through the hyperedges:
    - Updates the node features.
    - Updates the incidence matrix.
- Final output: Two possibilities
  1. The model outputs the final incidence matrix.
    - Can be immediately used to get the SVs.
    - Constructing the loss function is a bit tricky.
  2. The model transforms the node features to an abstract vector space where clustering is possible.
    - “Construtive loss” can be used to train this.



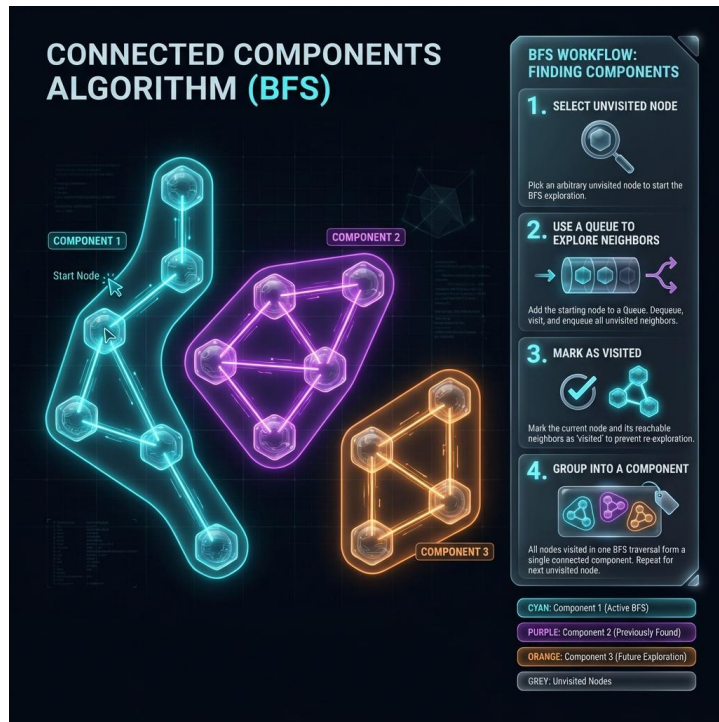
# Clustering tracks using “contrastive loss”

- The HyperGraph model transforms the node features into 16-dim vectors.
- The model learns a *transformation*, which:
  - Minimizes the (Euclidean) distance among the nodes (tracks) from the same cluster (vertex).
  - Maximizes the distance between two nodes from different clusters, upto a margin  $m$  (here,  $m=1.0$ ).
- Any standard clustering algorithm can be used to find the clusters.
  - A simple “connected components” algorithm, implemented as a BFS, has been used for this.



# Finding the clusters

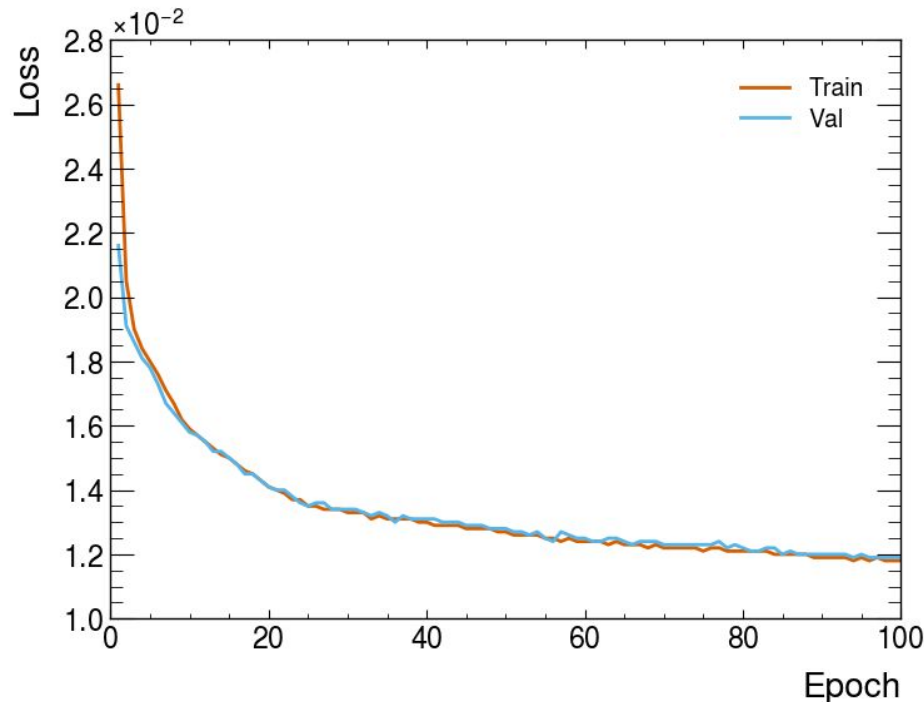
- The following simple steps has been used to find the clusters:
  1. The model outputs a 16-dim vector for each node.
  2. Calculate pairwise distances in that 16-dim space.
  3. Put a threshold (0.5, as  $m=1.0$ ) on those distances to calculate the (boolean) adjacency matrix.
  4. Apply the “connected components” algorithm.
- DBSCAN could also be used for this.
  - Although it would likely be an overkill.





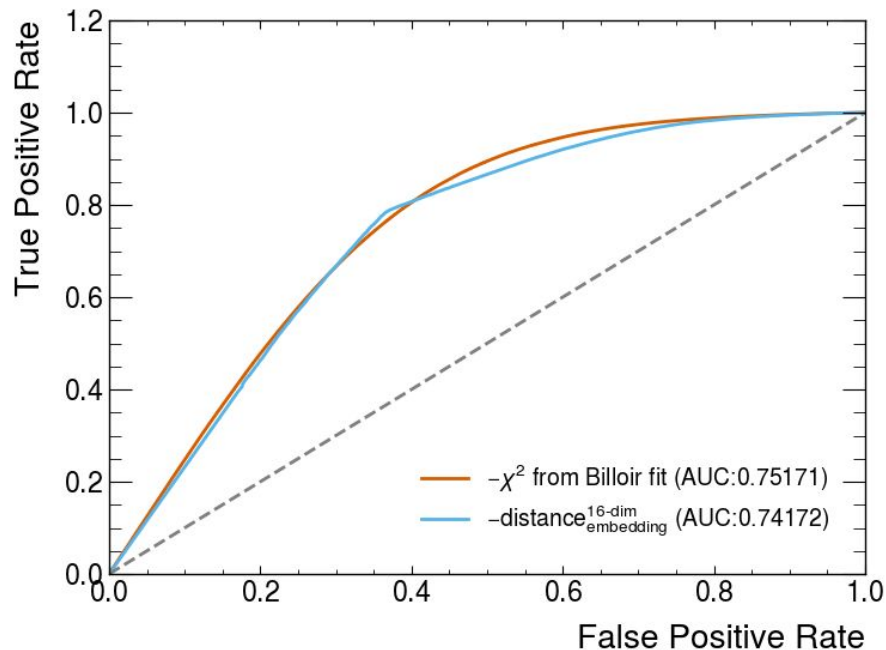
# Training setup

- Using a dataset of 6381 events.
  - Simulated ttbar events using Pythia8 and Geant4 (for ODD with ACTS).
  - 80:20 train/val split.
- Sequential model:
  - Layers:
    - HypergraphConv(64, "relu")
    - HypergraphConv(32, "relu")
    - Dense(16, activation=None)
  - Input padding:
    - MAX\_TRACKS = 1000
    - MAX\_VERTICES = 200



# Results

- For initial performance estimate:
  - The model is compared with Billoir fit for track-pair compatibility task.
    - A binary classification task.
  - Performance of this HyperGraph model is already similar to Billoir fit.
- Points to note:
  - The HyperGraph model doesn't use any information from Billoir fit.
  - Uses only 5 track features:  
 $d_0$ ,  $z_0$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$  and  $q/p$ .



# Next steps

- Replace the matrix multiplication between the feature matrix and the matrix of learnable parameters (i.e.  $\mathbf{x}\Theta$ ) with a small feed-forward network.
- Use attention mechanism (instead of convolution) for message passing.
- Modify the model architecture and loss function so that the model can directly output the final incidence matrix (i.e. hyperdegcs).
- Currently the model uses only 5 track features:
  - Investigate whether including more features improves performance.
  - Incorporate the quantities from Billoir fit as model input.

# Summary

- Secondary vertexing can be expressed as a HyperEdge prediction task.
  - Instead of graph partitioning, which is more suitable for primary vertexing.
- A preliminary convolution-based HyperGraph model is developed.
  - Doesn't use any information from Billoir fit.
  - Uses only 5 track features as input.
    - As comparison, Billoir fit additionally uses the (co)variances of the 5 track parameters.
  - Performance is already similar to Billoir fit for track-pair compatibility prediction.
  - Lots of room for improvement in the HyperGraph model (e.g. applying attention mechanism).
- Currently, the model maps the tracks to a 16-dim embedding space.
  - Using a contrastive loss, where the secondary vertices are found as clusters.
  - Can be modified to directly predict the vertices (hyperedges) as incidence matrix.