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Tracking for the STAR Forward Upgrade JAMES BRANDENBURG,
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laboration is constructing a forward rapidity ($2.5 < \eta < 4$) upgrade that will include
charged particle tracking and electromagnetic/hadronic calorimetry. Charged par-
ticle tracking capabilities are achieved via a combination of silicon detectors and
small strip thin gap chamber detectors. Combining these detector types to achieve
tracking in the STAR forward region poses unique challenges since charged parti-
cles in the forward region traverse a non-uniform magnetic field. A novel tracking
framework has been developed to harness the full potential of the forward tracking
detectors. This tracking framework combines genetic algorithms for track seed find-
ing and iterative track fitting implemented with the GenFit2 tracking library. The
design and implementation of the tracking system will be discussed and performance
estimates from simulations will be presented.

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