

Towards common HEP experiment softwares

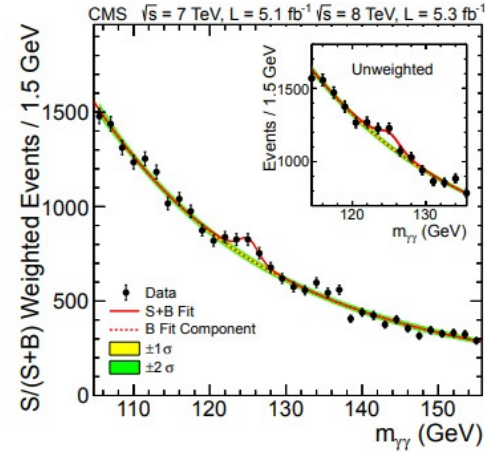
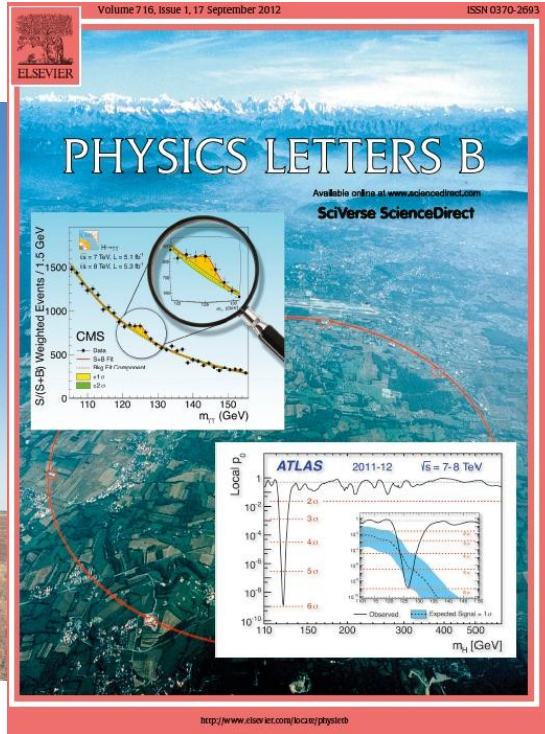
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What are HEP experiment softwares about?

A long long road to an exciting paper in particle physics

- O(10) years of efforts of hundreds to thousands of people



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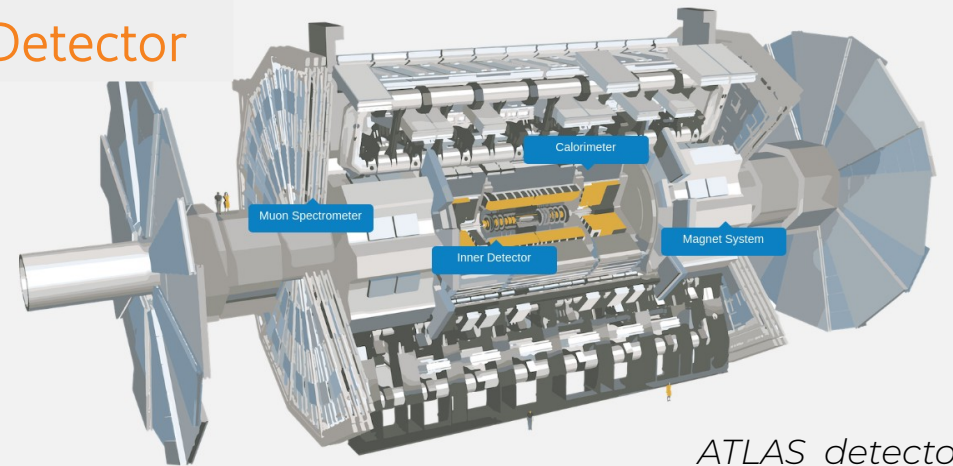
Higgs discovery at CMS

What makes a particle and nuclear experiment?

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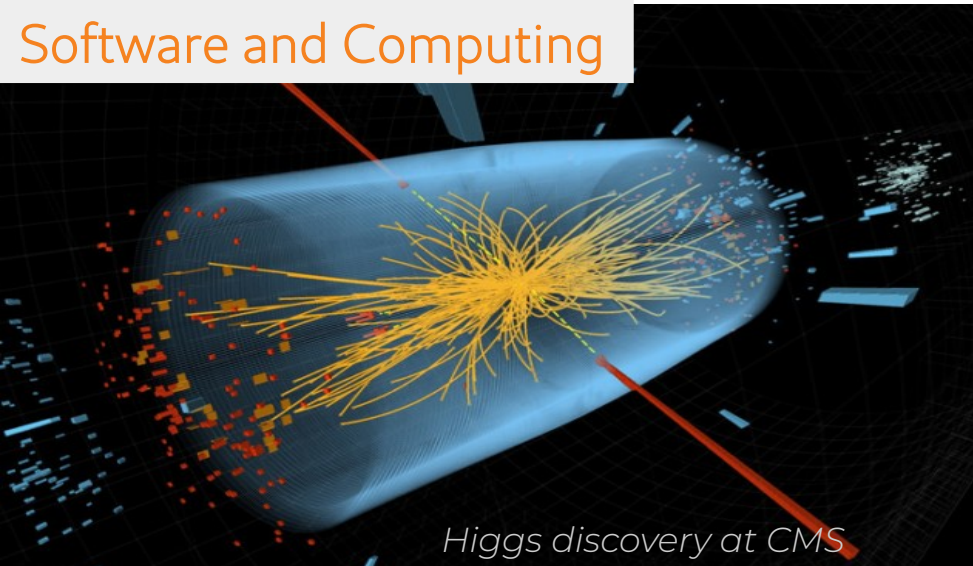


Detector



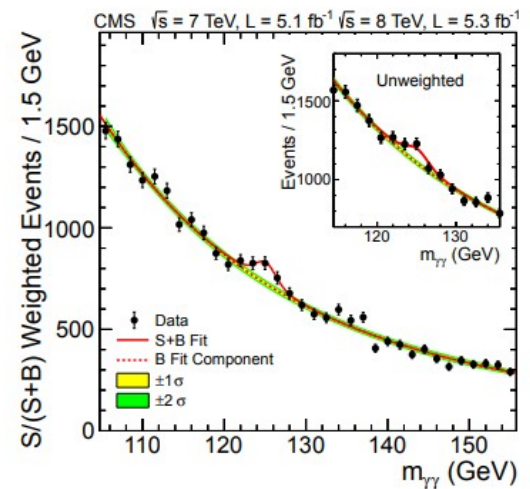
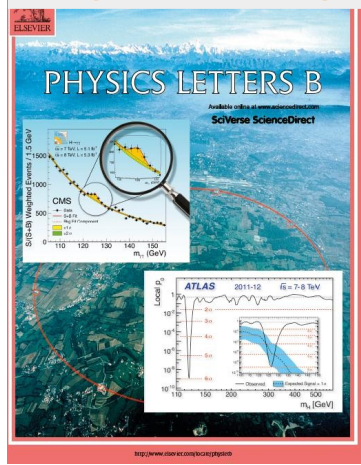
ATLAS detector

Software and Computing



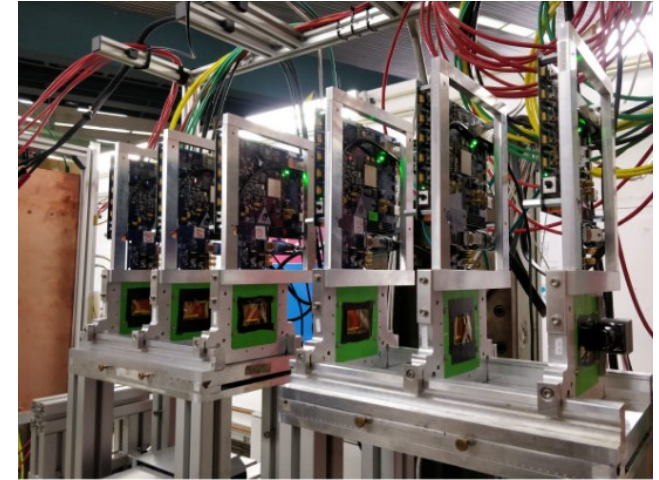
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Physics Analysis



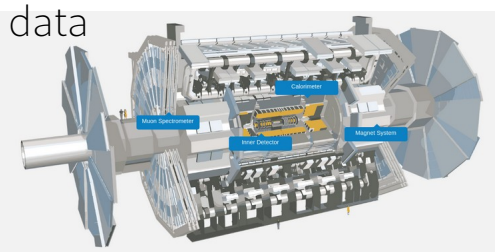
What is the role of software and computing in HEP&NP?

- Guide and support the **design, characterization and construction** of detector through **detector simulation**
- Turns the recorded data by detectors into physics **objects** for ultimate extraction of physics signals
 - Reconstruction, identification, calibration

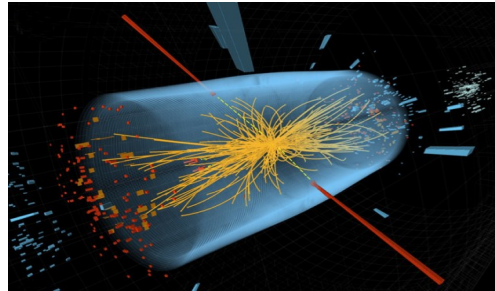
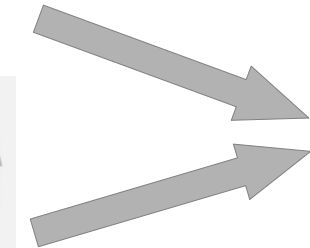


ALPIDE Addendum telescope at DESY

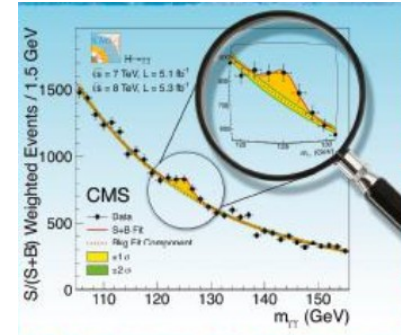
MC: event generation + simulation + digitization



data

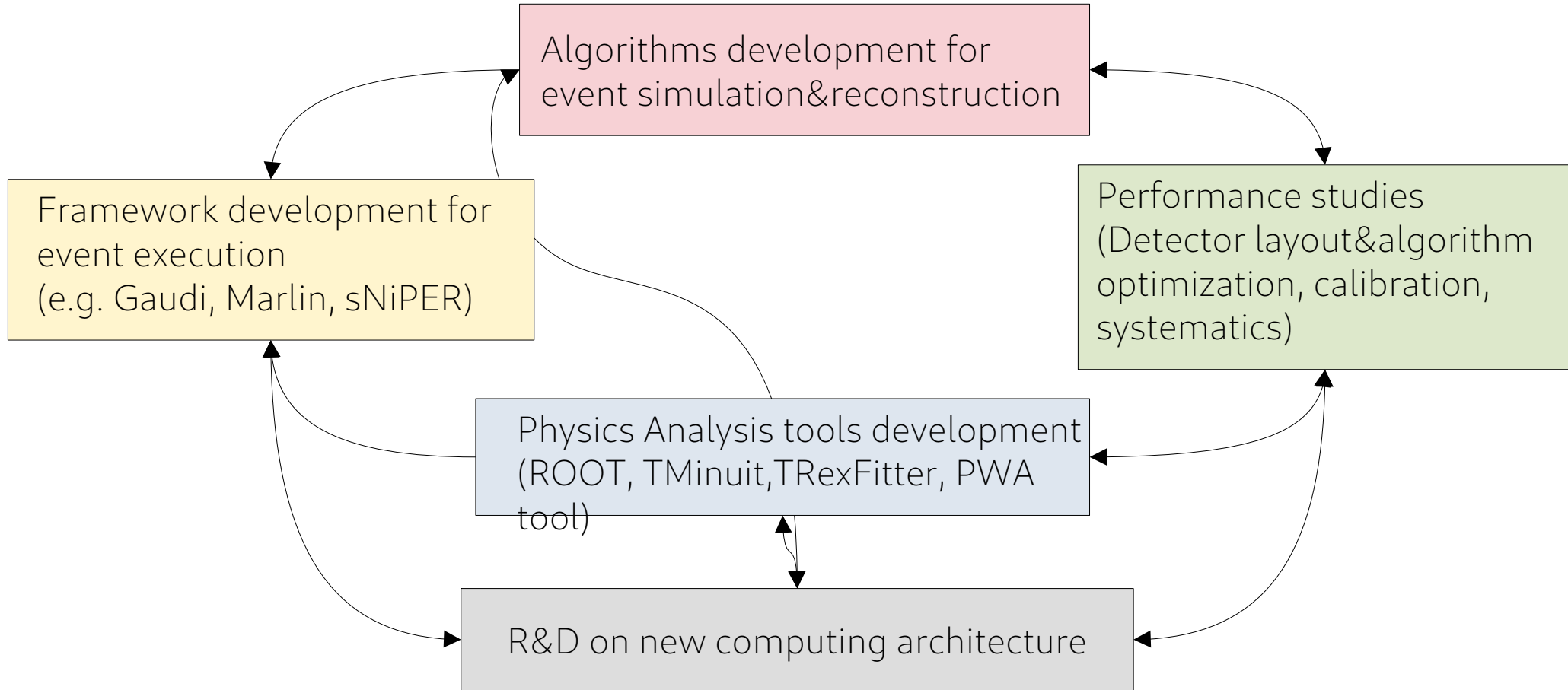


Particle position, drift time, flight time, deposited energy...



Tracks, vertexs, e, μ , τ , b/c/light-flavor jet, charged hadrons, neutron, K_L , missing energy

HEP software is far more than fixing bugs



HEP software is about physics

- Efficiency and precision of physics object reconstruction drives the precision of physics measurement

Alignment of the ATLAS	Estimation of non-prompt and fake leptons	New techniques for jet calibration
Study of the Material of the ATLAS Inner Detector	Performance of the electron and photon reconstruction	E/p using W to tau+nu events
Performance of the ATLAS Inner Detector	ATLAS electron and photon reconstruction	Performance of large-R jet definitions at 13 TeV
Reconstruction of Primary Vertices	Electron reconstruction and identification	Jet energy scale and resolution calibration in Run 2
An updated study of the ATLAS Inner Detector	Electron and photon energy calibration	light mistag calibration
Charged particle distribution	Photon efficiency measurements with the ATLAS detector	ATLAS jet energy scale
Charged particle spectra	Electron efficiency measurements using the ATLAS detector	ATLAS Run 2 flavour-tagging algorithms
A neural network cluster	Measurement of the photon identification	Boosted Higgs to bb
Measuring the material in the ATLAS Inner Detector	Electron and photon energy calibration	Measurements of c-jet tagging efficiency with the ATLAS detector
Elliptic flow in 2.76 TeV Pb-Pb collisions	Electron reconstruction and identification	Performance of Top C
	Electron performance using the 2010 LHC data	Performance of the ATLAS b-jet trigger in pp collisions at sqrt(s) = 7 and 8 TeV
		Large-R Jet In-Situ Calibration
		Search for Hgamma resonances
		Performance of missing energy
		Identification and rejection of fake jets
		Search BSM h -> 2a -> 4b
		Jet reconstruction and identification
		ATLAS b-jet identification performance and efficiency measurement with tt events in pp collisions at 13 TeV
		ATLAS jet energy scale
		Boosted Higgs to bb Boson Identification with the ATLAS Detector at 13 TeV
		Performance of missing energy
		Measurement of the b-jet identification efficiency at run-2 using ttbar events
		Measurement of the c-jet tagging efficiency with the ATLAS detector
		Performance of b-jet identification in ATLAS

Combined Performance (CP) Groups

[E/gamma](#)

[Flavour Tagging](#)

[Inner Tracking](#)

[Jet/EtMiss](#)

[Muon](#)

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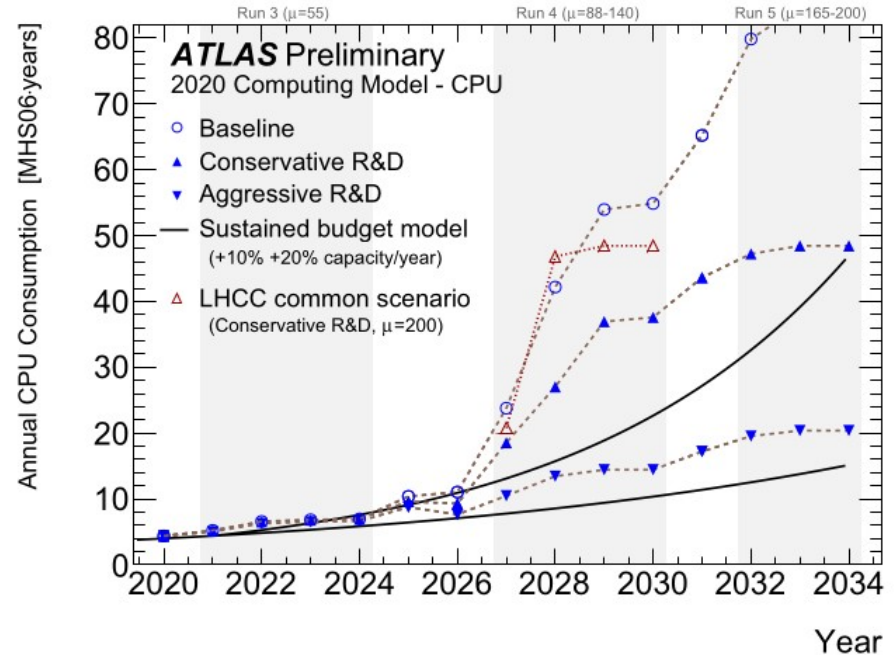
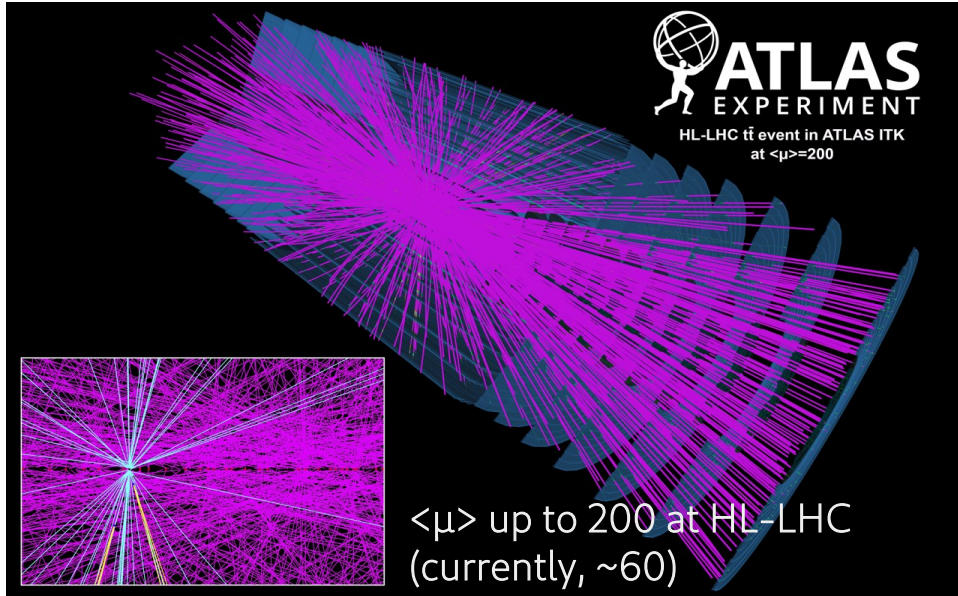
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HEP software challenges

Much more dense environment

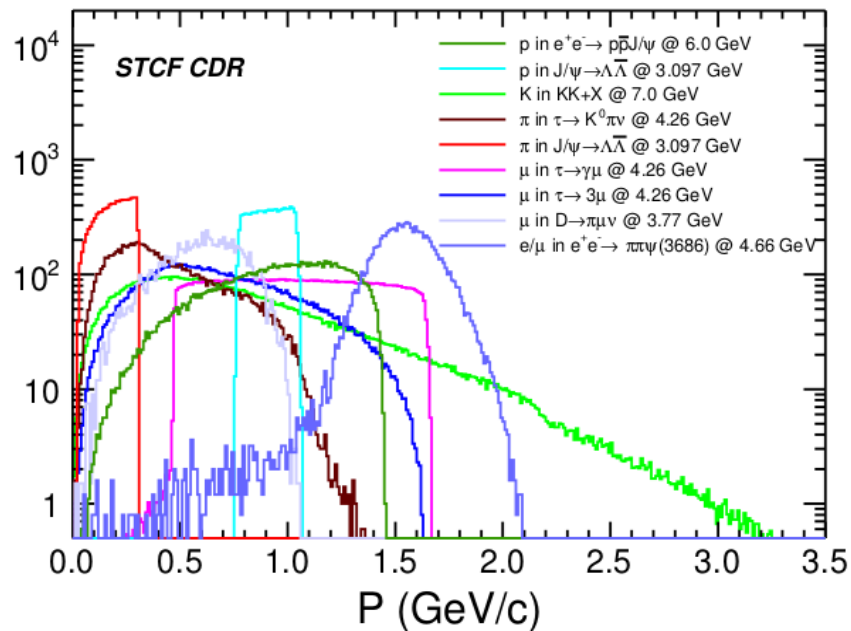
- Future colliders tend to have much increased luminosity => higher pileup, e.g.
 - $\langle\mu\rangle = 200$ at HL-LHC, $\langle\mu\rangle = 1000$ at FCC-hh
- Much increased combinatorics, data rate and CPU needs
 - $\sim 7k$ particles/event at HL-LHC



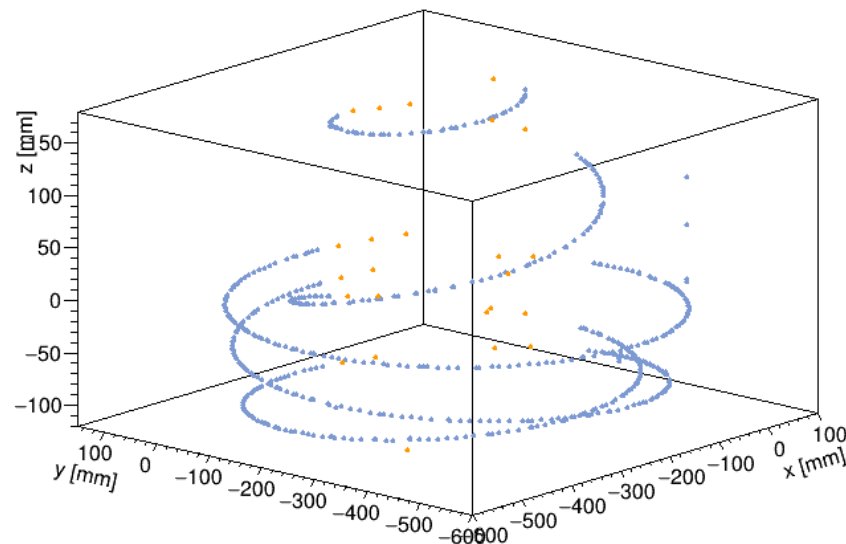
More strict physics requirements

- Tracking of **low p_T tracks** is very important at future flavor factories
 - e.g. tracking eff. $> 50/90/99$ % with $p_T > 50/100/300$ MeV at STCF (important to probe CPV in $\tau \rightarrow K_s \pi \nu_\tau$ and $J/\psi \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda}$)

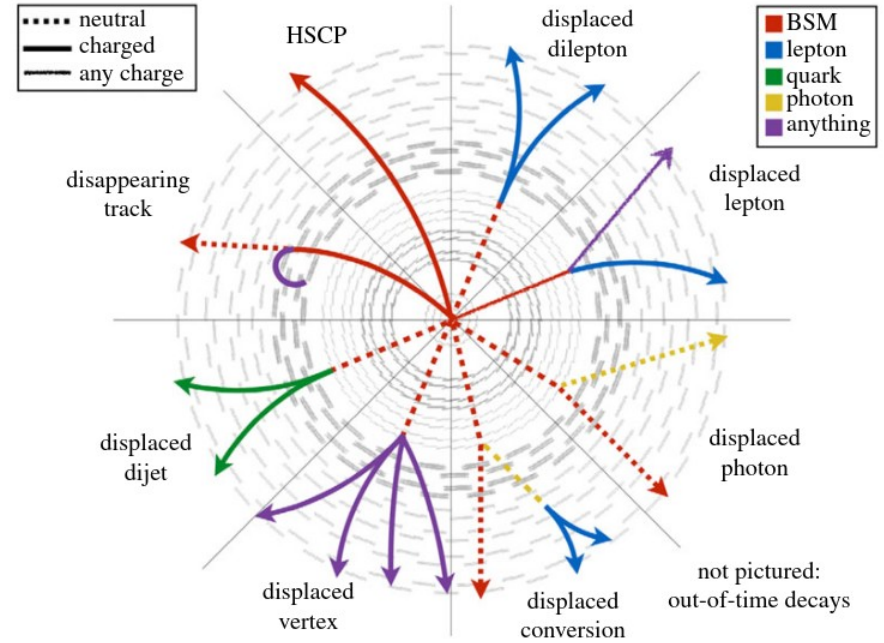
Momentum distributions of charged particles



An example of muon trajectory ($p_T = 100$ MeV, $\theta = 90^\circ$) at STCF



- Reconstruction of **long-lived particle (LLP) signatures** is important for New Physics search:
 - Displaced tracks
 - Disappearing tracks
 - Anomalous Ionization
 - Magnetic monopole
 - Fractional/multiple Electric Charge



- HEP software is typically developed in last century
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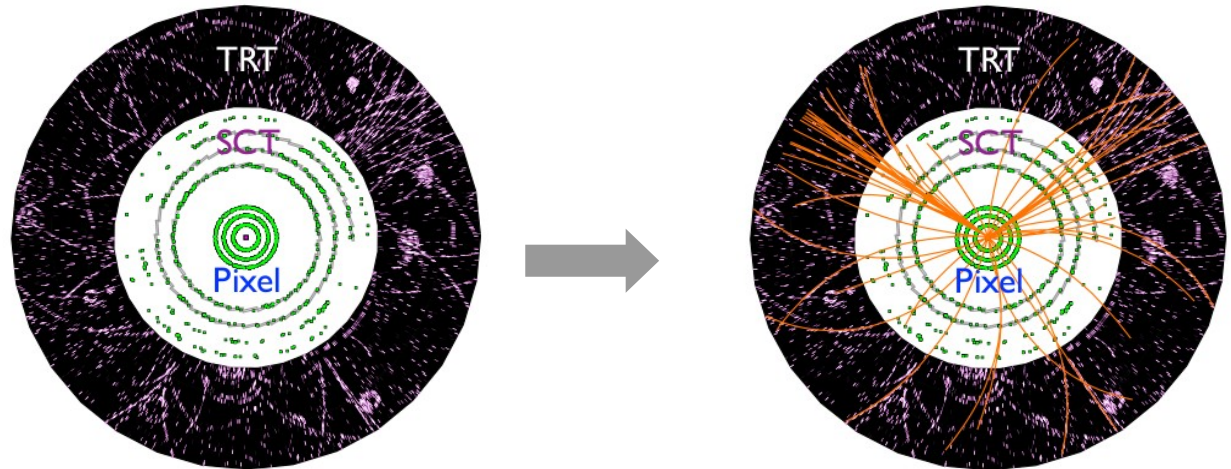
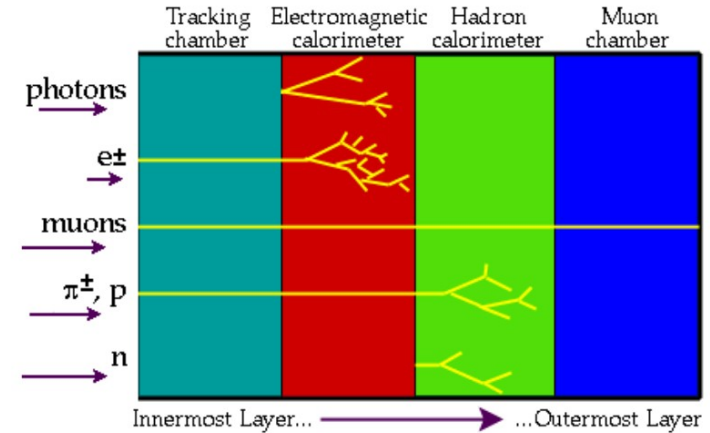
Code that is not maintained will fade away and eventually die...

HEP experiments are trending towards maintainable and extendable common softwares, e.g. **common tracking software!**

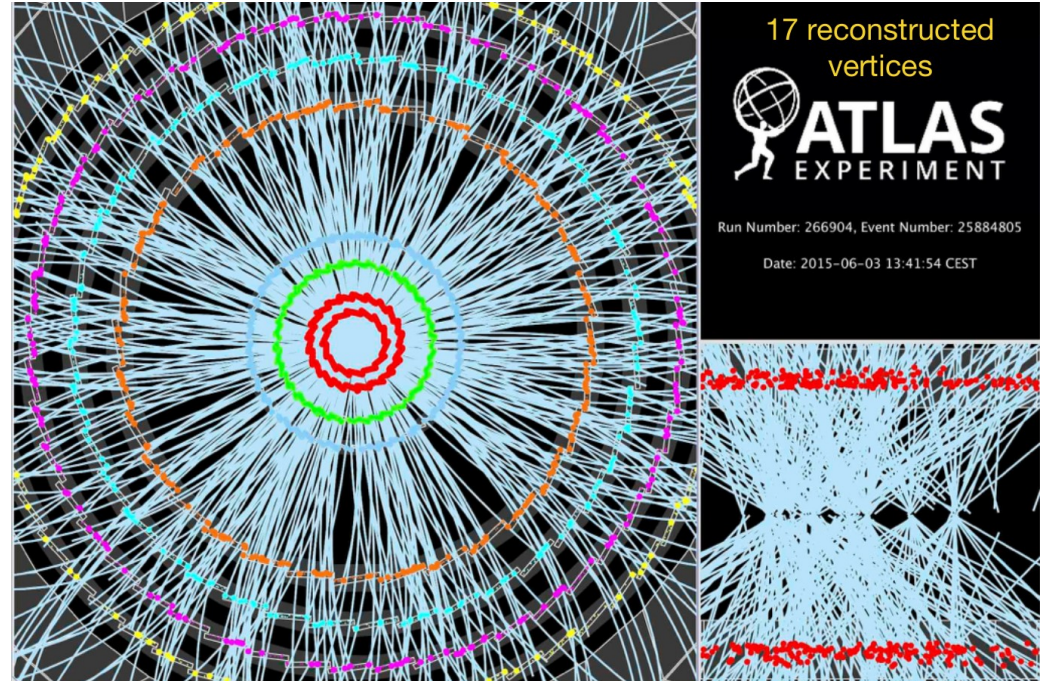
Why tracking matters?

What is track reconstruction (a.k.a. tracking)?

- **Reconstruction** (i.e. track finding) of charged tracks and **measurement** (i.e. track fitting) of their quantities, using the signals of trackers (usually in magnetic field)
 - Position
 - Momentum
 - Charge
 - Vertex
 - Velocity (dE/dx)



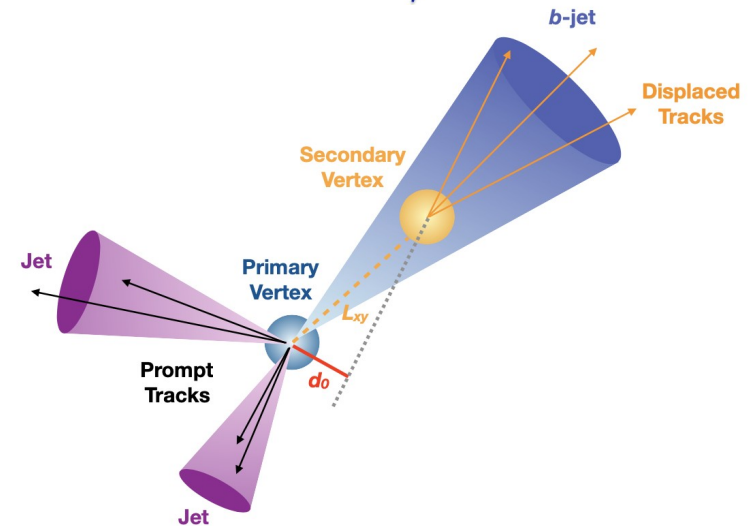
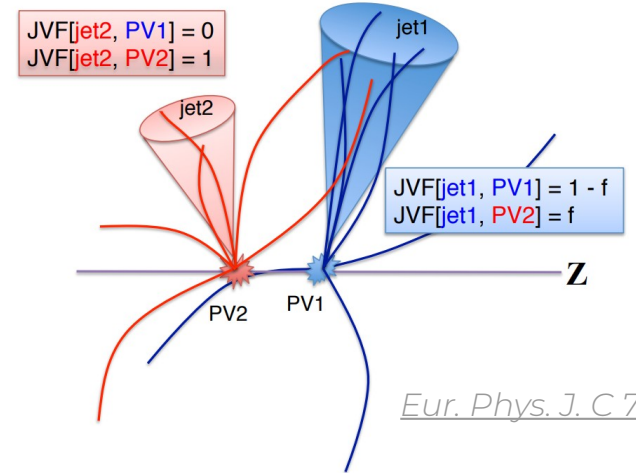
- Primary vertex reconstruction uses estimated track parameters of charged particles as inputs
 - Vertex finding
 - Associate tracks to vertices
 - Vertex fitting
 - Estimate vertex position



Tens to hundreds of additional proton–proton collisions accompanying the hard-scatter interaction, i.e. pile-up (μ)

Tracks/vertices are not just about charged particles

- Jets and missing energy reconstruction
 - Better p_T resolution for low p_T tracks and angular resolution provided by tracker
 - Tracks/vertices are crucial for pile-up mitigation (needs precise jet-vertex association)
- Jet flavor-tagging (b, c or light-flavor jet)
 - Impact parameters, secondary vertices and length of flight
- Reconstruction of photon conversion vertex
 - Important input for e/γ discrimination



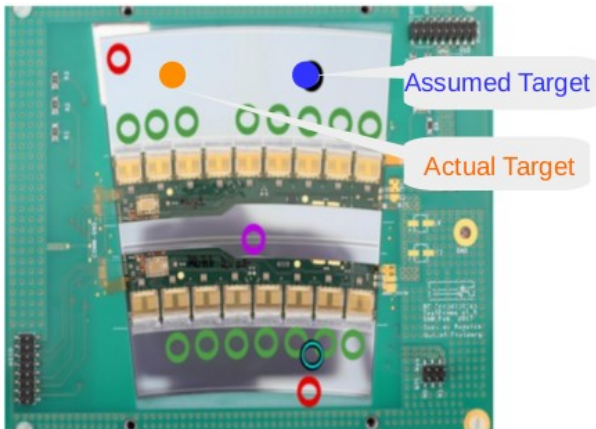
Tracking is about detector alignment

- Misalignment will deteriorate the track resolution, but tracking can notice and correct the misalignment
 - Track-based alignment is a common practice

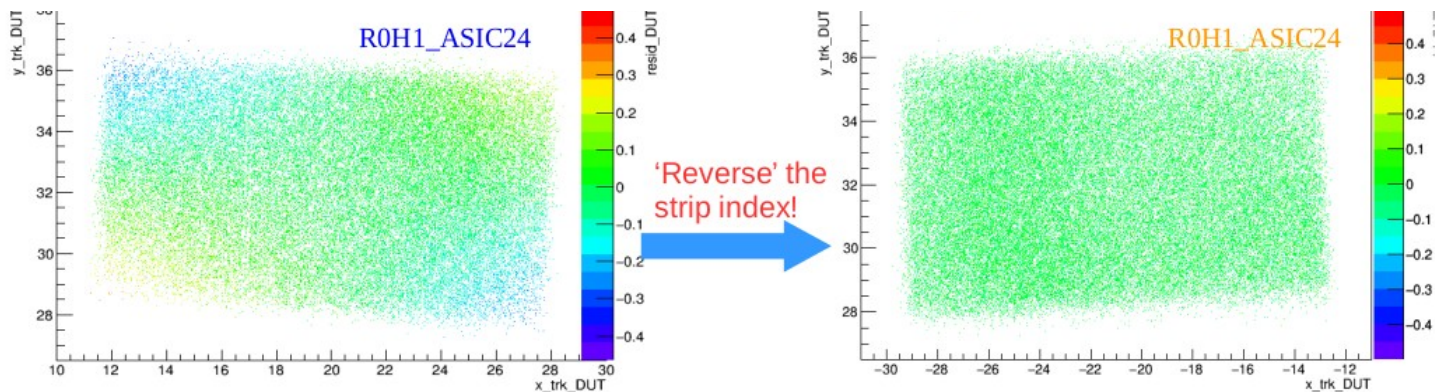
Local track parameters and global alignment parameters

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \chi_i^2 = \sum_i [\vec{m}_i - \vec{h}_i(\vec{x}_i(\vec{\alpha}), \vec{\alpha})]^T V^{-1} [\vec{m}_i - \vec{h}_i(\vec{x}_i(\vec{\alpha}), \vec{\alpha})]$$
$$\left. \frac{d^2 \chi^2}{d^2 \vec{\alpha}} \right|_{\vec{\alpha}_0} \Delta \vec{\alpha} = - \left. \frac{d \chi^2}{d \vec{\alpha}} \right|_{\vec{\alpha}_0}$$

First ATLAS ITk Endcap strip RO module at testbeam in 2017

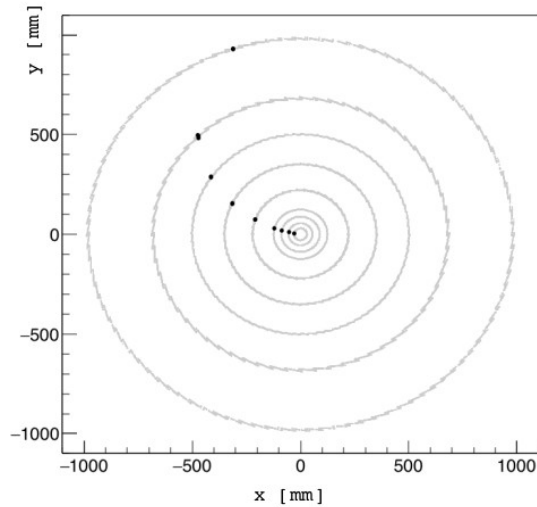


A mistake of moving DUT to wrong target is detected by alignment!

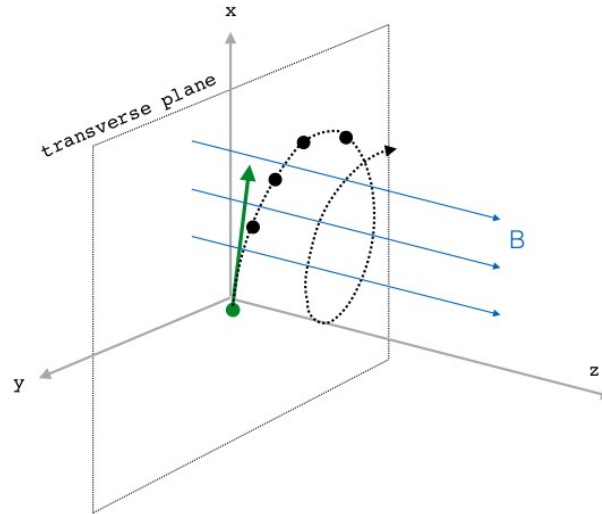


Tracking strategies

A helix trajectory in homogeneous magnetic field



arxiv:1904.06778



$$\frac{d^2\mathbf{r}}{ds^2} = \frac{q}{p} \left[\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{ds} \times \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) \right]$$

Track propagation is solved numerically using fourth-order Runge-Kutta-Nyström method

Track parameterization

- Described by five parameters (three for transverse + two for longitudinal)

ATLAS parameterization (no assumption of helix):

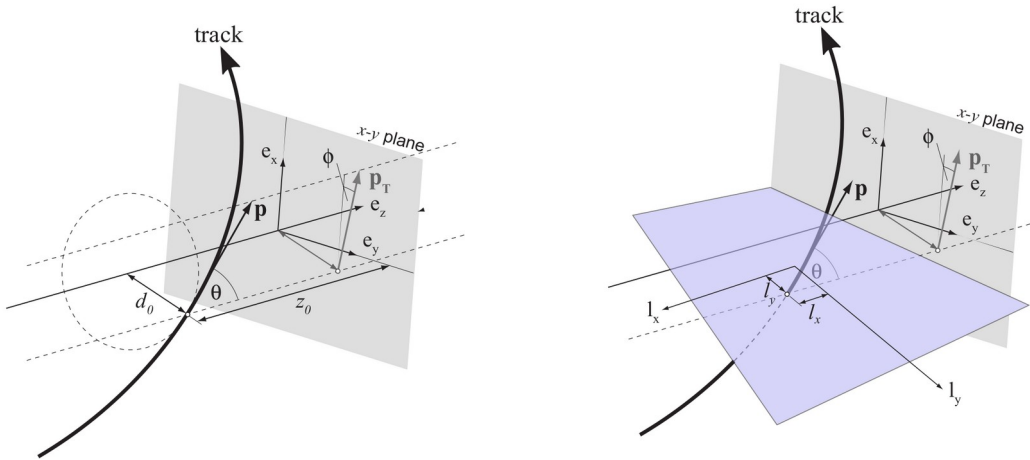
$(loc0, loc1, \phi, \theta, q/p)$

$loc0, loc1$: track position

ϕ, θ : track direction

q : charge

p : momentum



From E. Moyses

BESIII, Belle II... parameterization:

$(d_0, \phi, \kappa, d_z, \tan\lambda)$

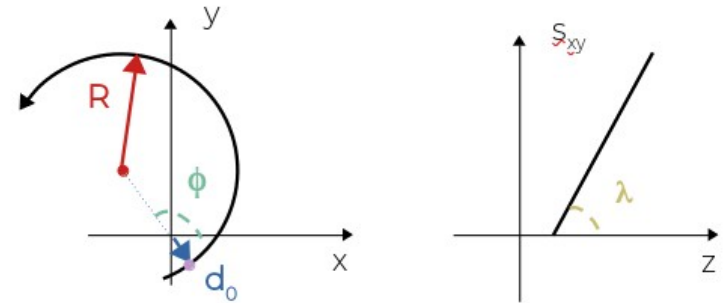
d_0 : distance between reference point to track on xy plane

ϕ (ϕ_0): azimuthal angle of line connecting reference point and circle center on xy plane

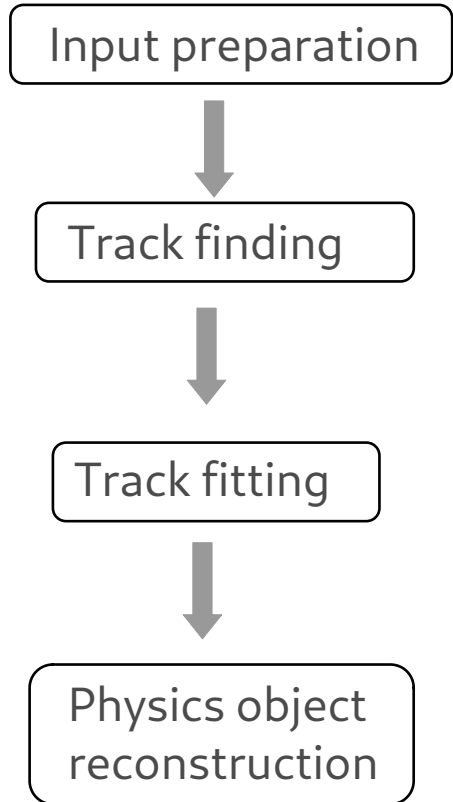
$\kappa(\omega)$: (signed) circle curvature

d_z : z coordinate of POA

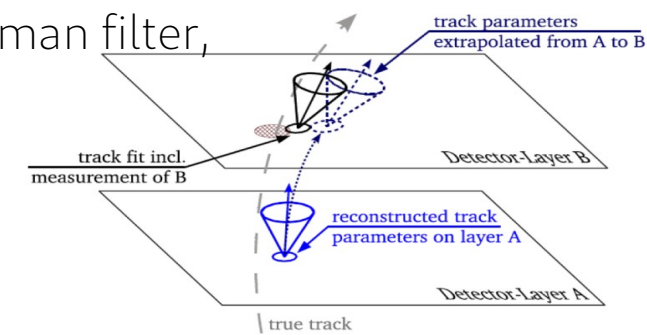
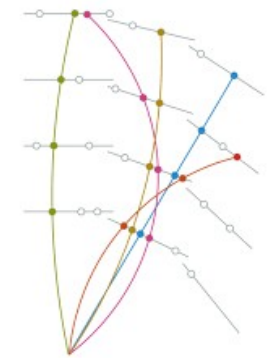
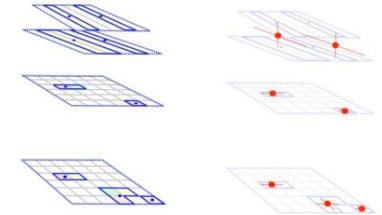
$\tan\lambda$: ratio of path length on xy (s_{xy}) and along z



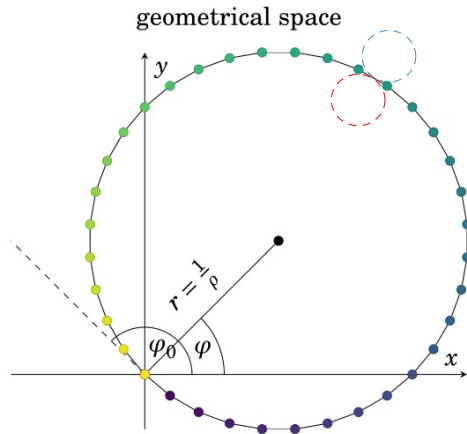
How to find & fit tracks ?



- Raw data converted to cluster/drift circle
- Formation of 3D space point
- Identify measurements to individual tracks
 - Global approach: Hough transform, Graph Neural Networks
 - Local approach: Cellular automaton, Combinatorial Kalman Filter (CKF)
- Estimate the track parameters
 - Least-square fitter (superceded by Kalman filter, can resolve left/right ambiguity)
 - Kalman-filter

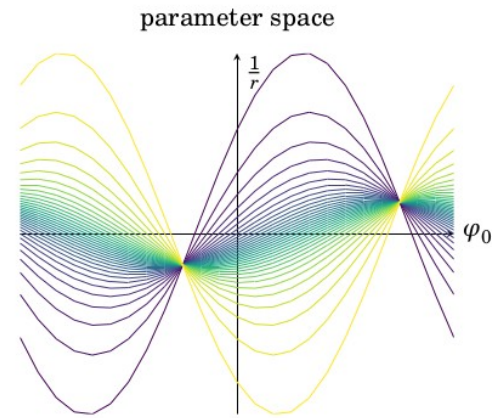


- Each point (x, y) or a drift circle in geometrical space is transformed to a curve (described by two circle parameters) in parameter space
- Track finding becomes finding crossing points of curves in parameter space



e.g. a point (x, y) on the helix circle:

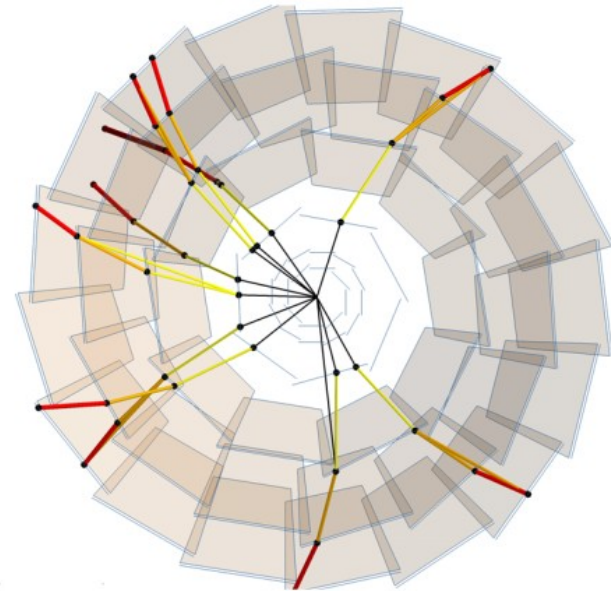
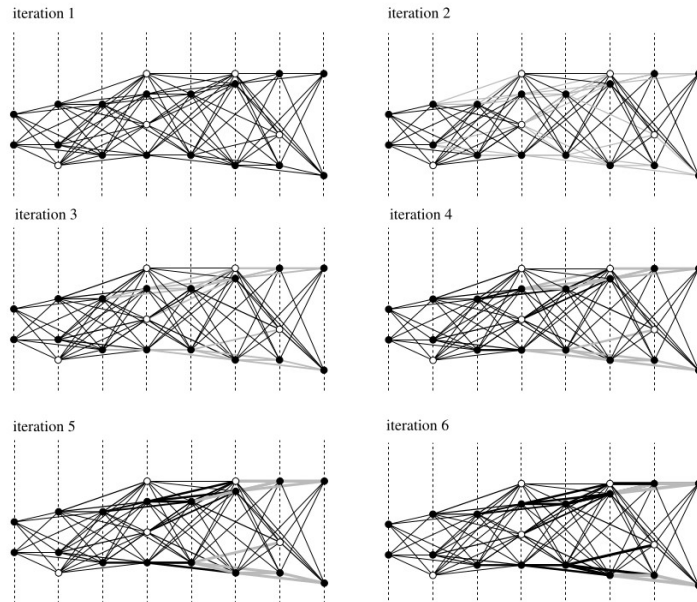
$$0 = x^2 + y^2 - 2r \cdot (x \cdot \cos \varphi + y \cdot \sin \varphi)$$



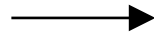
$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{2}{r_P} \sin(\varphi_0 - \varphi_P)$$

$$r_P = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}, \alpha_P = \arctan(Y/X)$$

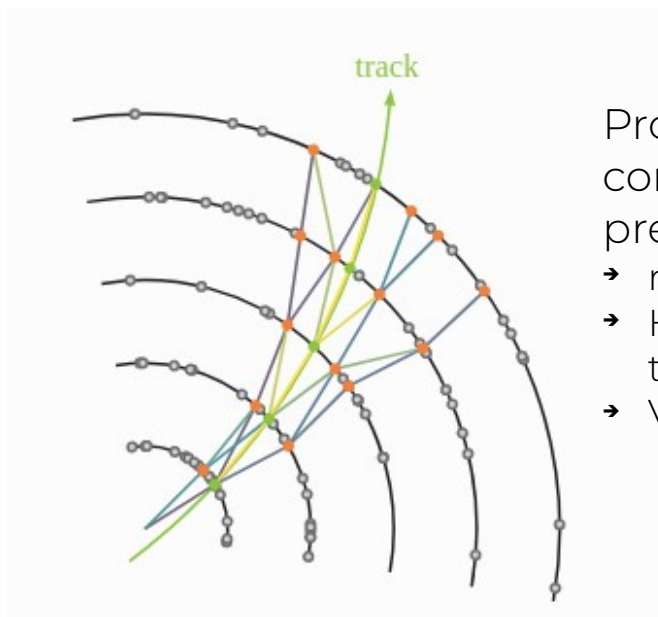
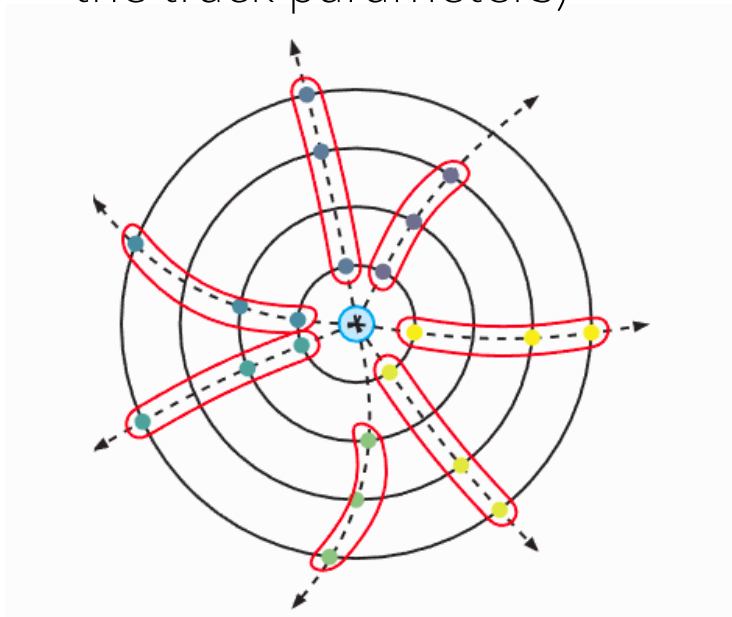
- A cell is a duplet (two hits) with state (describing the “depth” of the cell in a track)
- Evolution of depth of cells following certain “game life”
 - In one evolution, simultaneous revisiting of all cells (increment of the cell depth by one if there is compatible left-sided/inner neighbor and its depth is the same as the neighbor)



Seeding
(provides initial estimate of
the track parameters)



Combinatorial Kalman Filter
(track finding through KF fitting)



Progressively associate
compatible hits to tracks based on
prediction $\chi^2 = r^T (HCH^T + V)^{-1} r$.

- r : residual
- H : projection from track parameters to measurement
- V : measurement covariance

**Towards a modern, efficient, accurate and
fast common tracking software**

Why a common tracking software?

- Tracking is a necessity at particle and nuclear physics experiments
- Tracking experience can be shared with different experiments
- Common software can save manpower from duplicated development and facilitate the long-term maintenance
 - e.g. great success of GEANT4, ROOT, DD4hep...!
- Understanding and optimizing old tracking software which is usually >20 years old is never easy!

A Common Tracking Software (ACTS) project

- A modern open-source **detector-independent tracking toolkit** for current&future HEP experiments (ATLAS, ALICE, sPHENIX, FASER, MUC, CEPC, STCF...) based on LHC tracking experience
- A **R&D platform** for innovative tracking techniques (ML) & computing architectures (GPU)

- Modern C++ 17 (→ 20) concepts
- Detector and magnetic field agnostic
- Strict **thread-safety** to facilitate concurrency
- Supports for **contextual** condition
- Minimal dependency (only Eigen as algebra library)
- Highly configurable for **usability**
- Well documented and maintained
- Flight time in track parameterization (facilitate time measurement):

$$\vec{x} = (l_0, l_1, \phi, \theta, q/p, t)^T$$



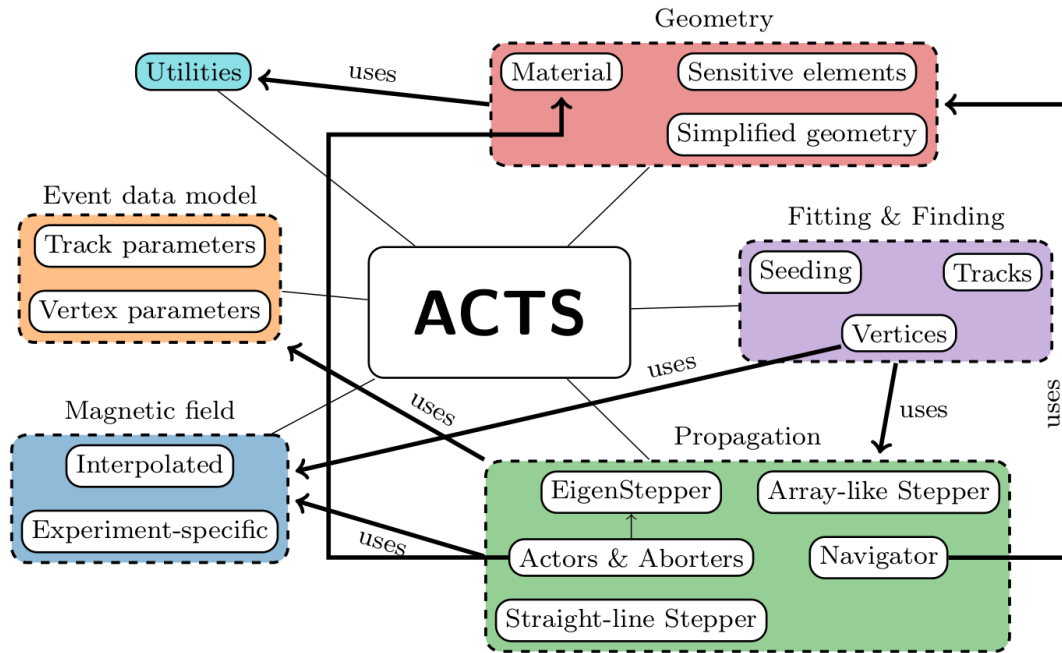
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<https://github.com/acts-project/acts>

Readthedocs:














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

The core tracking&vertexing&alignment tools in ACTS



<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s41781-021-00078-8>

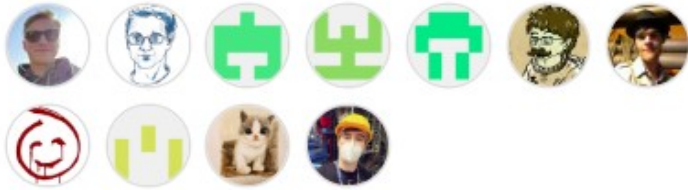
- Track fitting:
 - ✓ (Extended) KF well, Gaussian Sum Filter, Non-linear KF
 - ◆ Global chisq fitter in WIP
- Track finding
 - ✓ Seeding, CKF, Graph Neural Networks
 - ◆ Hough Transform in WIP
- Vertex finding&fitting
 - ✓ Primary vertex: AMVF, IVF
- KF-based Alignment in WIP

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 TGeo

- Supports experiment applications, R&D on ML and GPU...
 - Geometry: Geant4, DD4hep, TGeo
 - GPU: Cuda, Sycl
 - ML: Onnx, Mlpack, ExaTrkX
 - Configuration: Json
 - EDM: EDM4hep
 - Math tool: Autodiff

- 10~15 active developers on Core project

Contributors 54



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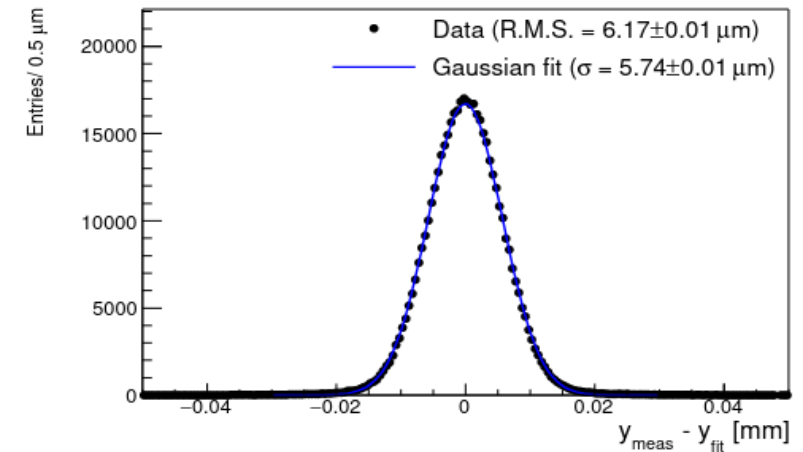
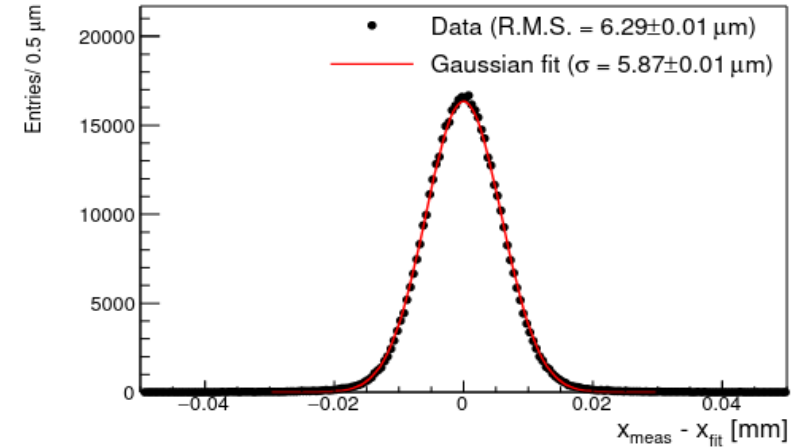
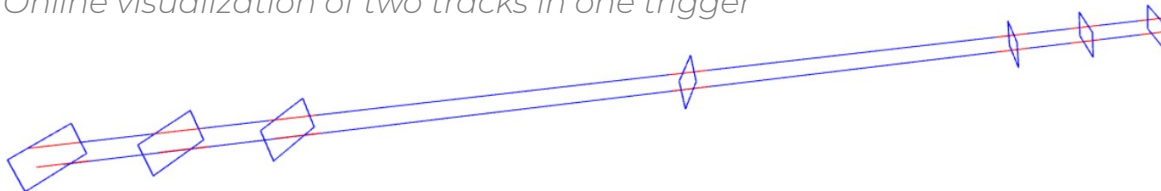
- World-wide users from particle and nuclear physics, collider and non-collider experiments
 - >10 experiments
 - >15 institutes : CERN, LBNL, ORNL, UC Berkeley, Stanford University, DESY, ZZU, ...
 - 119 Forks
- Regular/irregular discussion between developers and experiment users
 - ATLAS, FASER, sPHENIX, ALICE, EIC...



ACTS application example: ADENIUM beam telescope

- Beam telescope is a key instrumental tool for particle detector prototyping
- Combined tracking fitting and finding with CKF much ease the tracking process
- Good time performance allows **online track reconstruction and visualization**
 - Event processing rate up to 20 kHz in a single thread!
- **First application of ACTS for real data processing!**

Online visualization of two tracks in one trigger

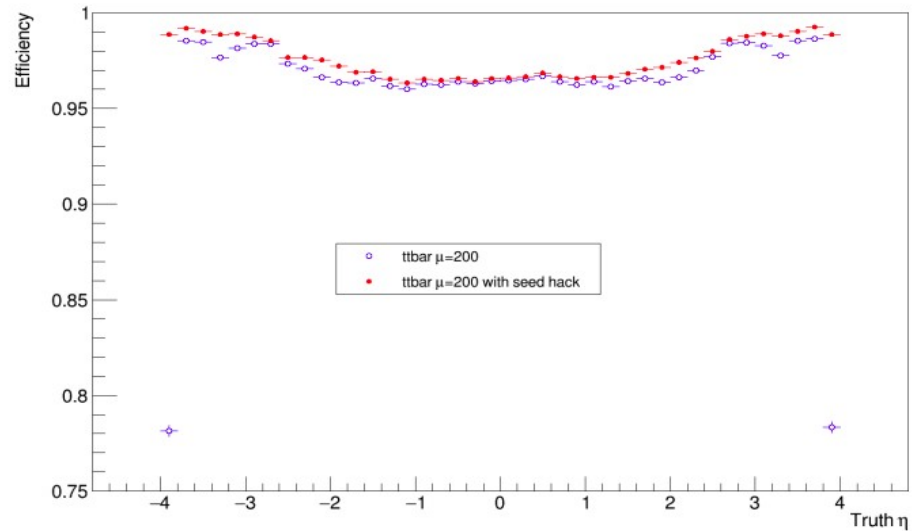
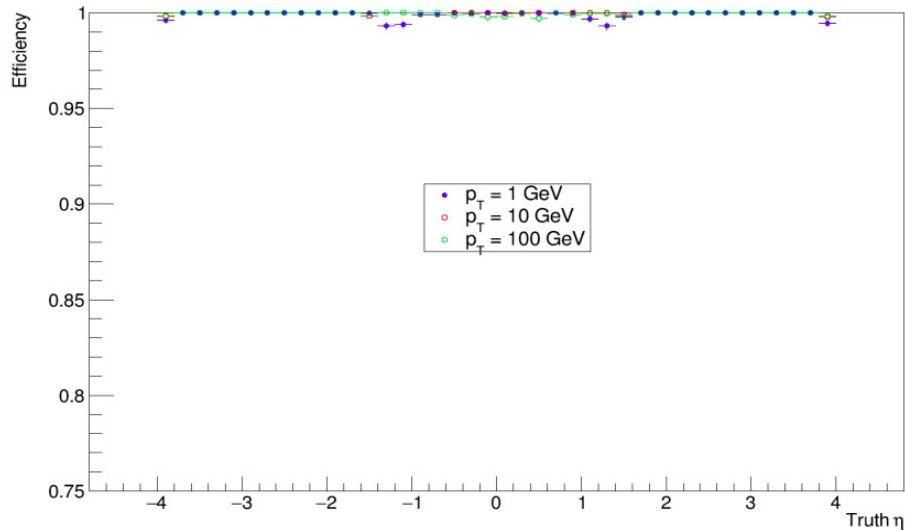
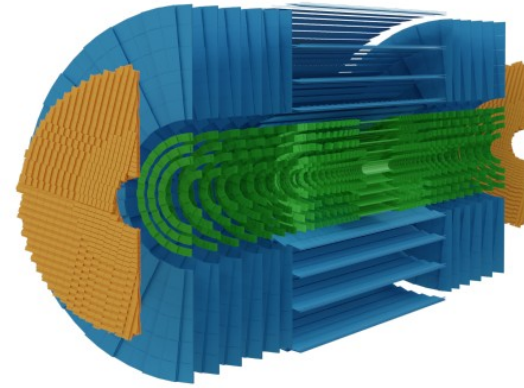


ADENIUM beam telescope

Y. Liu et al. arXiv: 1907.10600

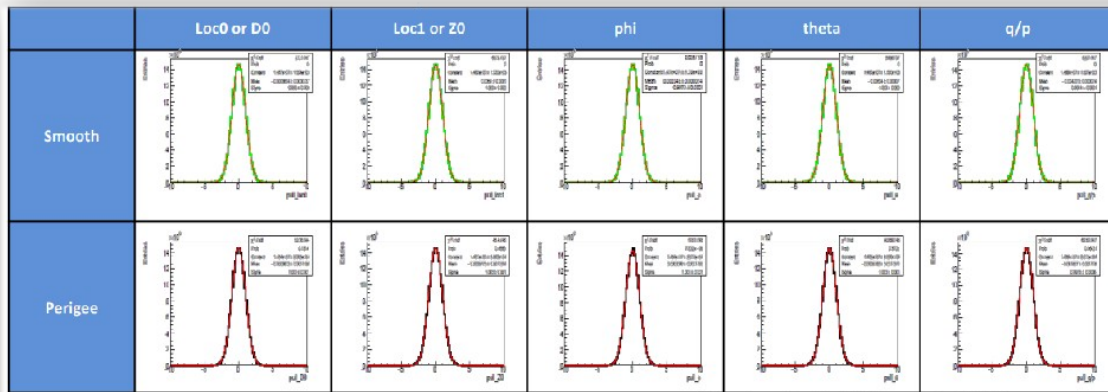
- For example, $>95\%$ track finding efficiency for $t\bar{t}$ with $\mu = 200$ for ATLAS ITk

ATLAS ITk (HGTD)



- Truth fitting using ACTS KF shows compatible performance with CDR

Figure from J. Zhang's slides at CEPC workshop in 2021

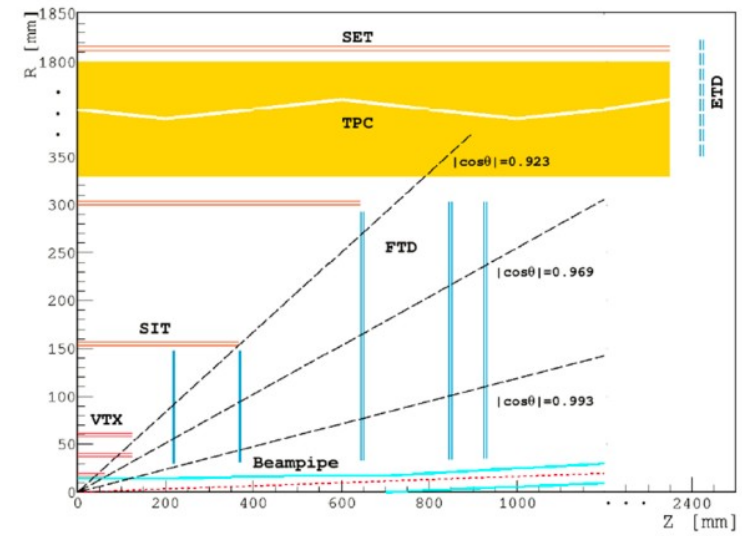
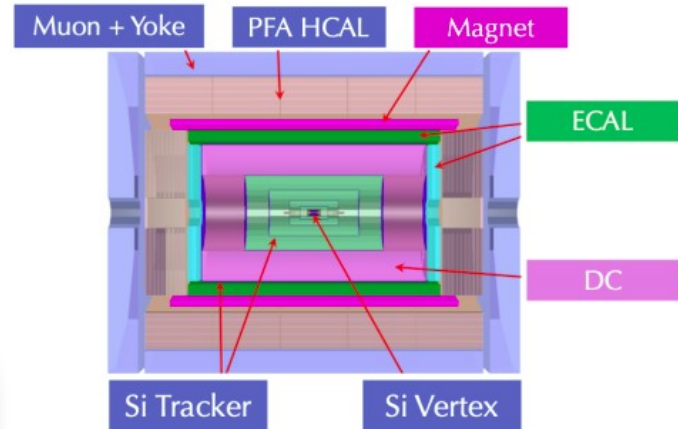
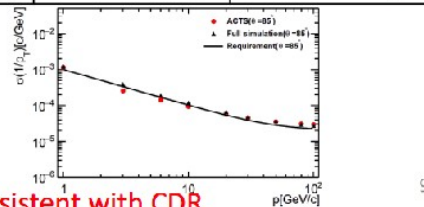


➤ Resolution of vertex and momentum

- Full simulation data are according to CDR
- The CEPC physics program requires

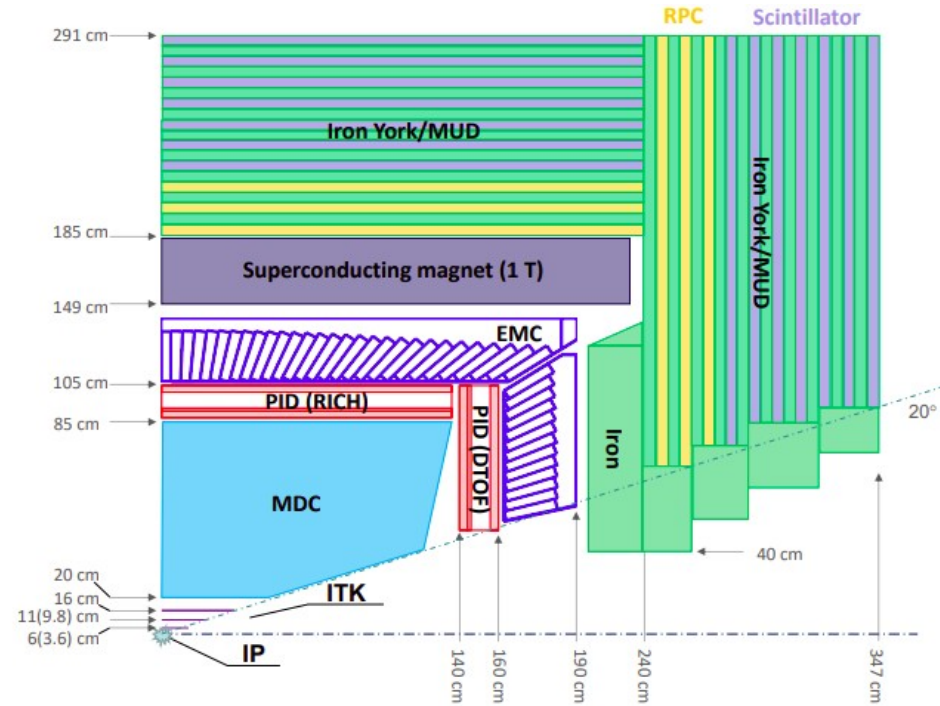
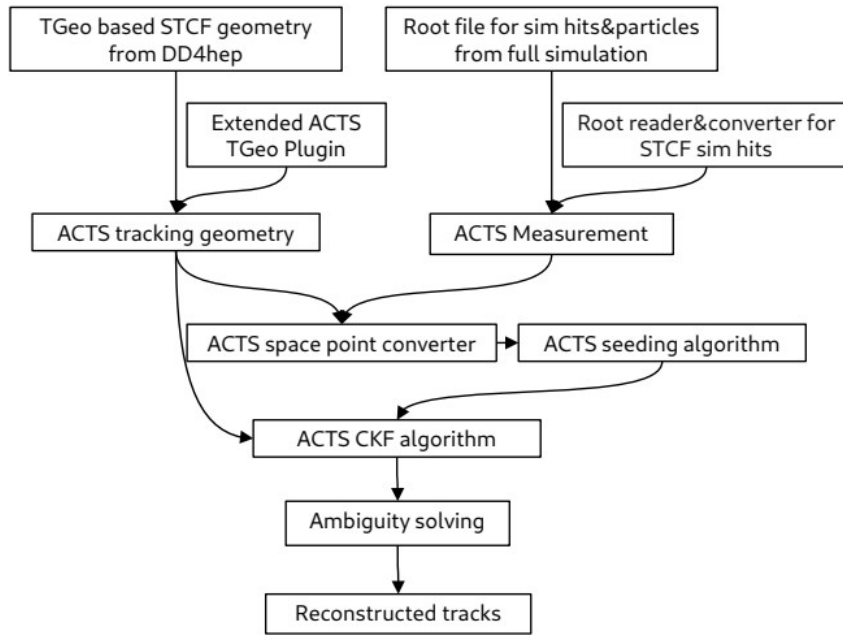
$$\sigma_{1/p_T} = a \oplus \frac{b}{p \sin^{3/2} \theta}, \quad a \sim 2 \times 10^{-5} c/GeV \text{ and } b \sim 1 \times 10^{-3}$$

➤ **Fitting results are convincing and are consistent with CDR**



Application for STCF

- First application of ACTS CKF for a drift chamber!

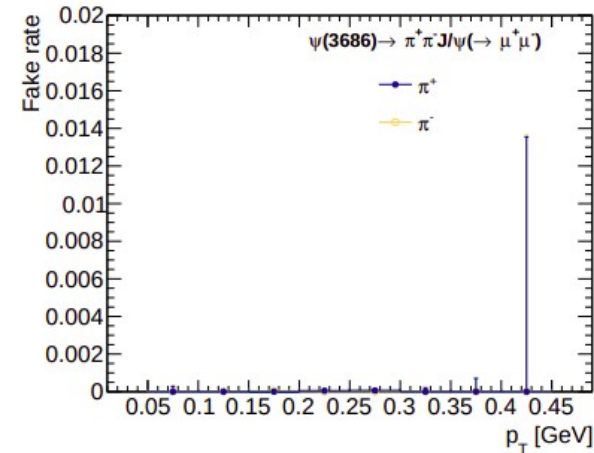
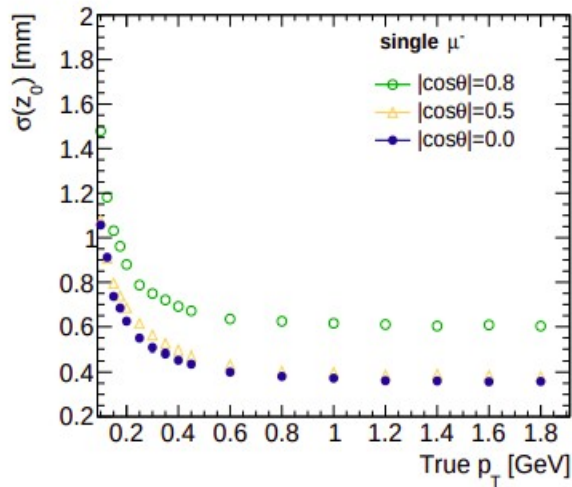
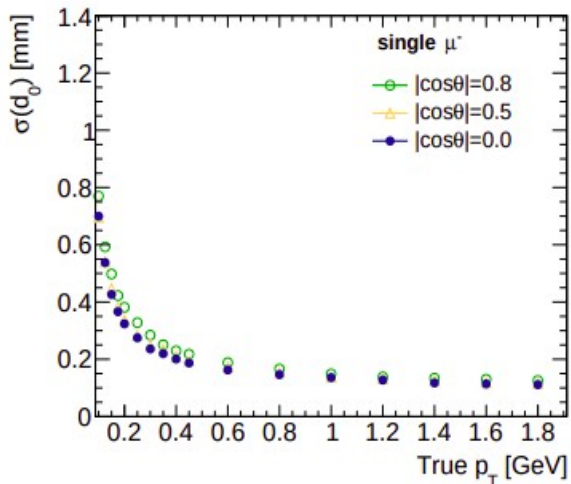
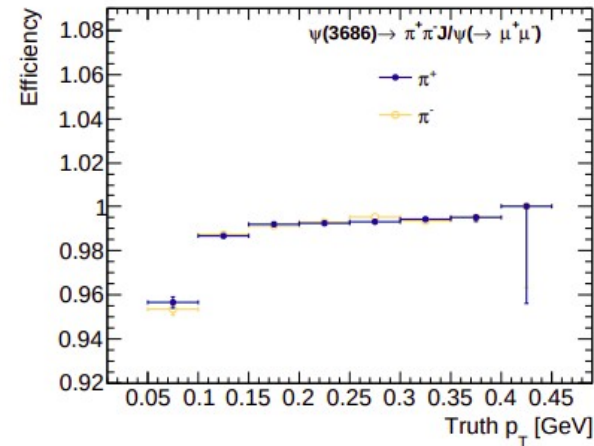
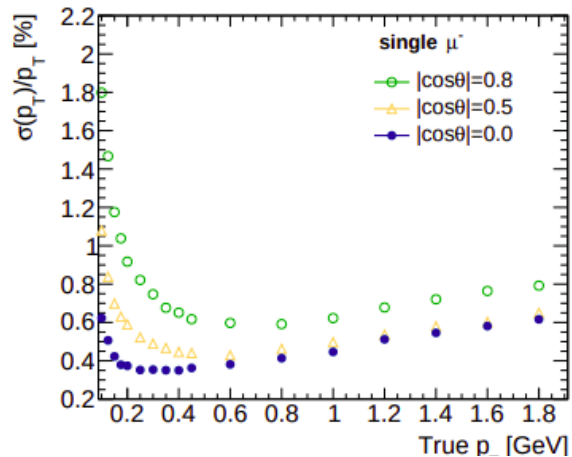


ITK: 3 layers, $\sigma_{r-\phi} \times \sigma_z \approx 100 \text{ um} \times 400 \text{ um}$

MDC: 48 layers, $\sigma_{\text{drift dist}} \approx 120 \sim 130 \text{ um}$

Tracking performance for STCF

- ✓ For $p_T = 1$ GeV, $\theta = 90$ deg:
 - $\sigma(p_T)/p_T < 0.5\%$, $\sigma(d_0) \sim 150$ μm , $\sigma(z_0) \sim 400$ μm
- ✓ $>95\%$ track eff. for p_T in $[50, 100]$ MeV in $\pi^+\pi^-/\psi$

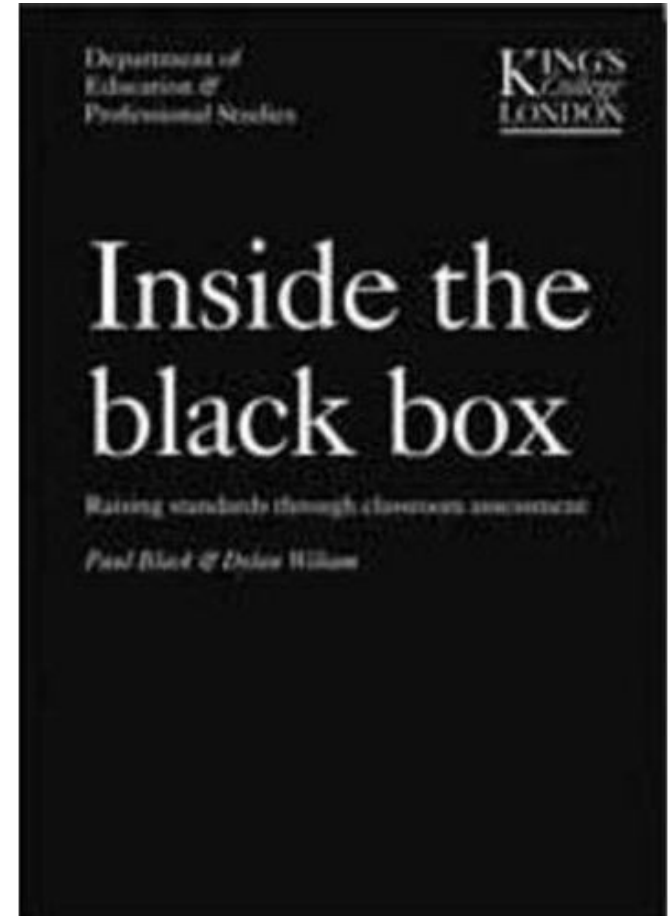


Summary&Outlook

- HEP softwares are about development, performance and physics!
- Event reconstruction is very complicated and will become much more challenging in the future
- Tracking is pivotal to event reconstruction in HEP&NP
- ACTS is an international project to develop an open source and highly performant tracking software
 - Becomes very popular in recent years and interest keeps growing
 - Used by >10 particle and nuclear physics programs
 - Still a lot remain to be developed and optimized

China should and need to play a role in development, optimization and maintenance of common HEP softwares!

What's more pleasant than using tools developed by us hence well known to us?



Q&A

The deployed tracking strategies

Experiments	Track finding algorithms	Track fitting algorithms
ATLAS	CKF	Global chisq fitter
CMS	CKF	KF
ALICE	Cellular automaton	KF
LHCb	Track segment finder	KF
BESIII	Track segment finder, Hough Transform	KF
Belle II	CKF, Cellular automaton, Hough Transform	KF