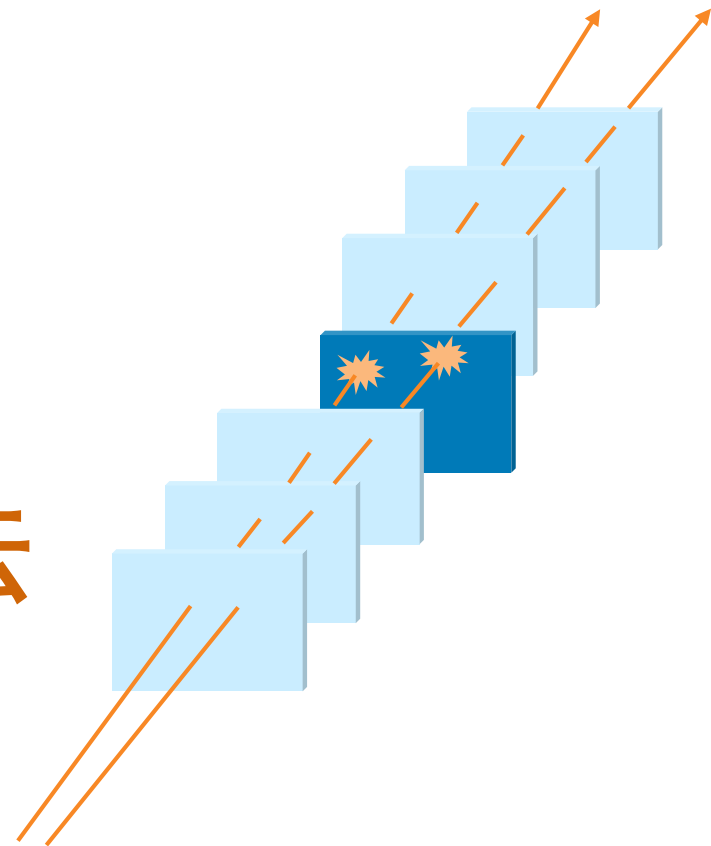


束流测试中的数据分析方法

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测试束流与先进探测技术研讨会 (TB&D), 郑州·登封, 2025-08-15



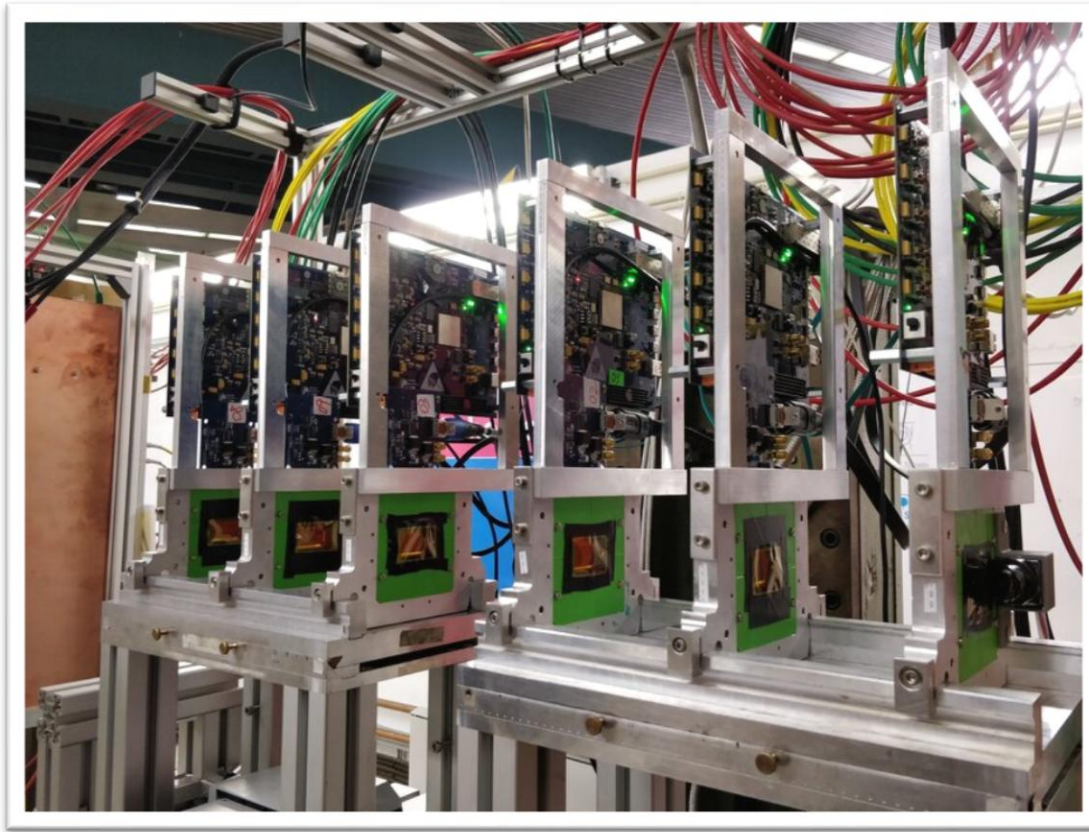
Test beam is about detector prototyping

- High-energy particle beam with known **type**, **energy**, **direction**, and **intensity** is widely used for characterizing particle detectors in realistic environment
 - Hit efficiency
 - Position resolution
 - Energy resolution
 - ...

Will focus on test beam with particle telescope in this talk

Particle beam telescope is a tracker

More in Y. Liu's talk



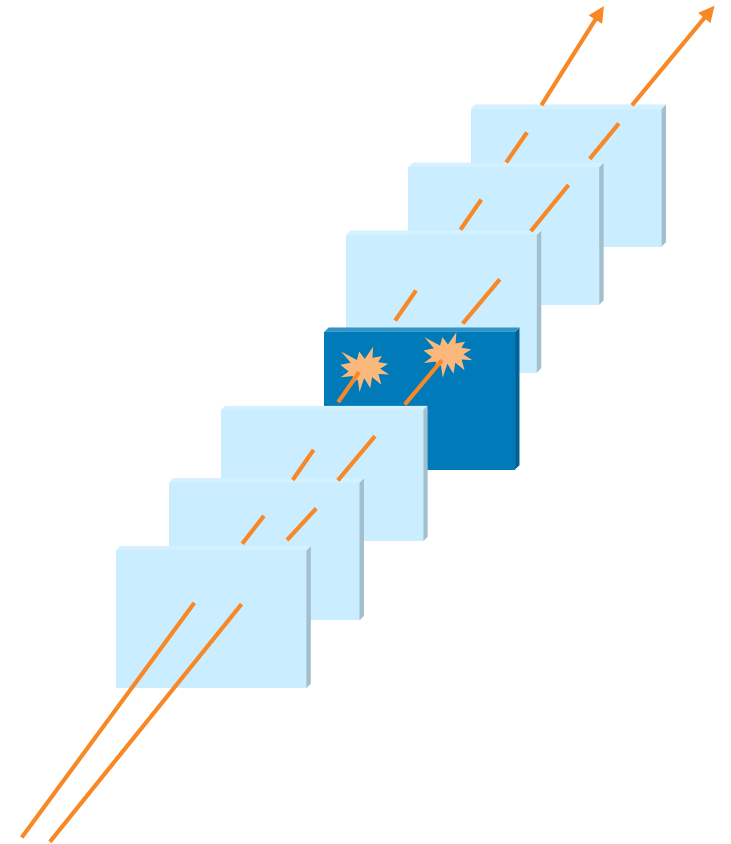
ALPIDE telescope at DESY

[Yi Liu et al 2023 JINST 18 P06025](#)

- Basically a tracking system composed of a few silicon pixel detector planes
- To reconstruct trajectories of beam particles with high spatial precision
 - Usually no magnetic field
- The **position/counting** of beam particles can be used to characterize the **spatial resolution/hit efficiency** of a tracker module (and beyond)

Telescope beam test is about tracking

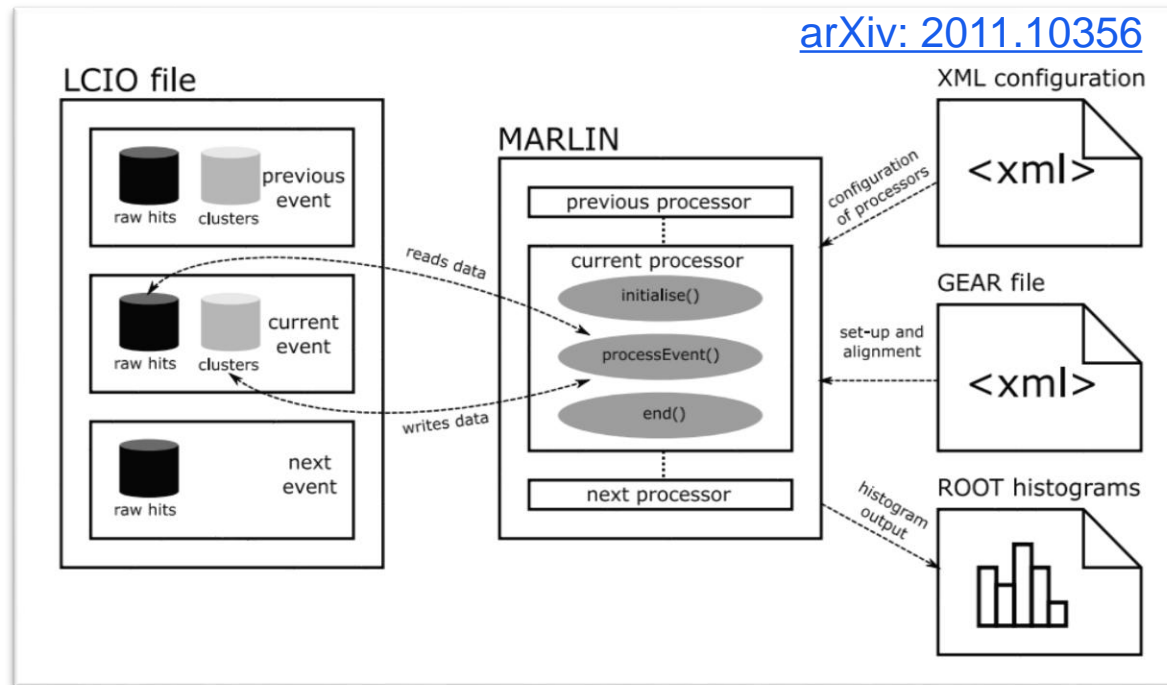
- Tracking with particle beam telescope (usually a simple detector geometry) with low track multiplicity seems trivial
- But things can be more tricky than it sounds like
 - The device being tested is **not always a silicon pixel** detector
 - Though the telescope planes are usually pixel
 - **Multiple scattering** is not negligible
 - The detectors can be poorly aligned (i.e. **misaligned geometry**)



Earlier experience with EUTelescope

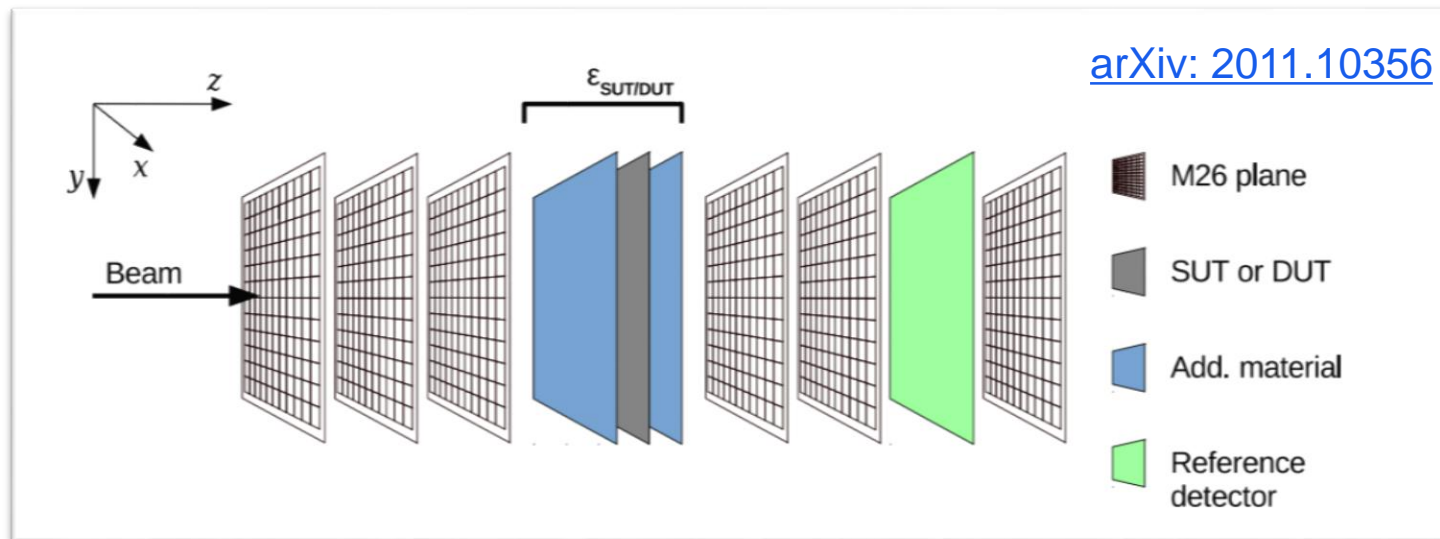
About EUTelescope

- A legacy software for beam test data reconstruction developed at DESY
 - Heavy external dependency (LCIO, MARLIN, GEAR, ROOT, EIGEN, GBL ...)
 - As far as I know, not so many people managed to install it successfully...
- Obsolete. Not maintained any more
 - Last update was 5 years ago



EUTelescope workflow

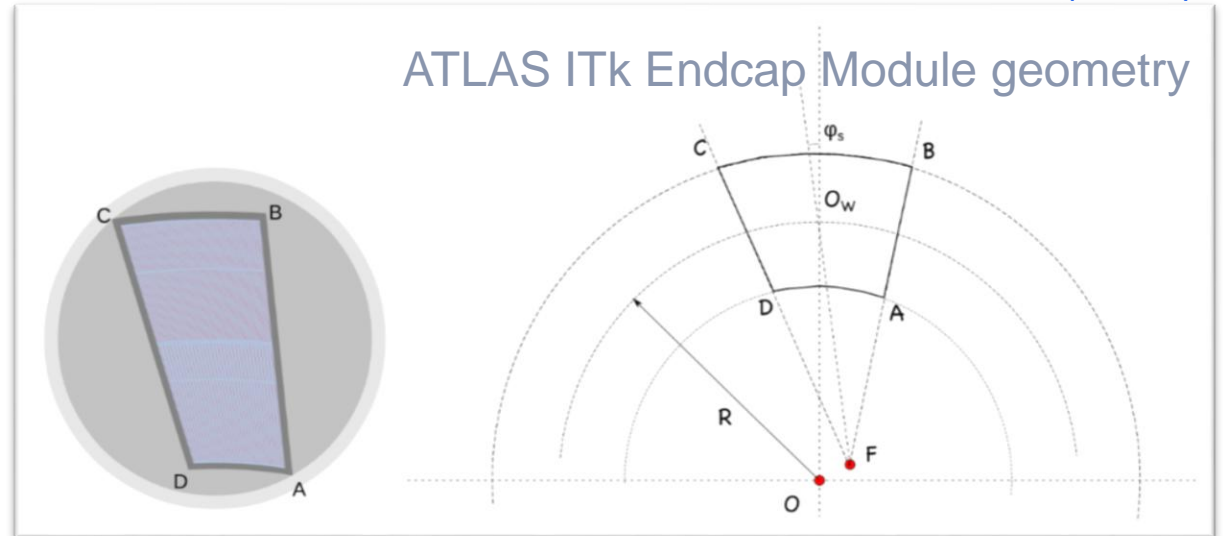
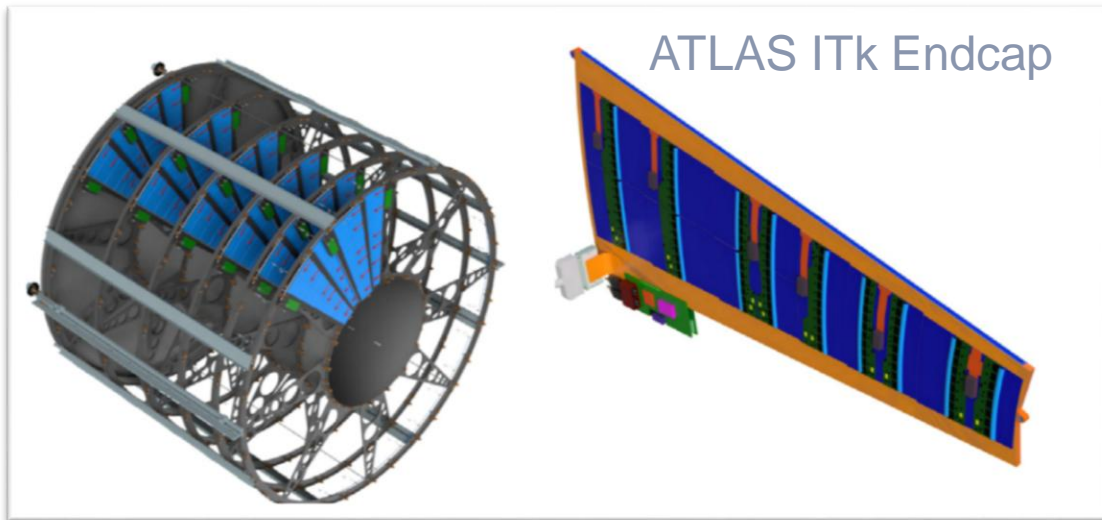
- Duplet finding → triplet finding for left and right arms → left triplet and right triplet match → track fitting (General Broken Lines) → alignment with MillePedell → iteration of above steps
- For MIMOSA telescope, additional Time reference detector (FEI4) is needed to select tracks matched with FEI4 → match track with Device Under Test (DUT)



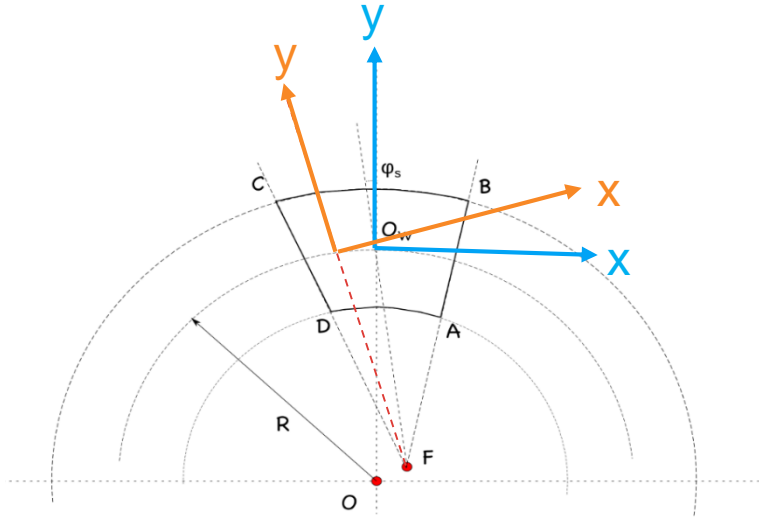
EUTelescope for ATLAS ITk Endcap Strip

- Hardcoded geometry: 6 pixel detector planes + 1 FEI4 (pixel) + 1 DUT (pixel or strip)
 - Only supports **Cartesian coordinates** for all detector planes
- This resulted in very awkward experience with ATLAS ITk Endcap Strip beam test
 - Since ITk Endcap Module sensor has the **Annulus shape with built-in stereo angle** (i.e. measurement is not in Cartesian frame)

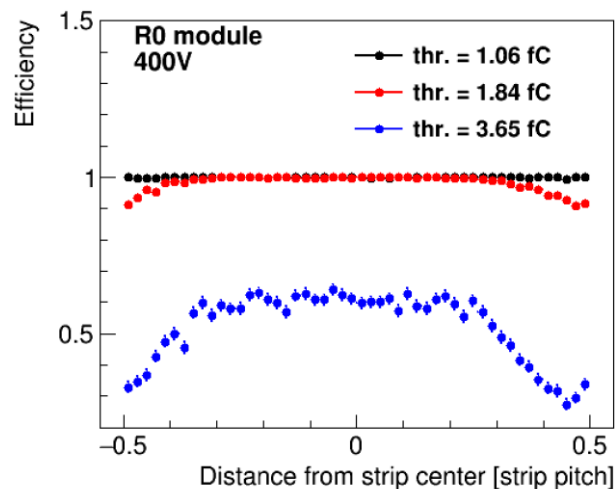
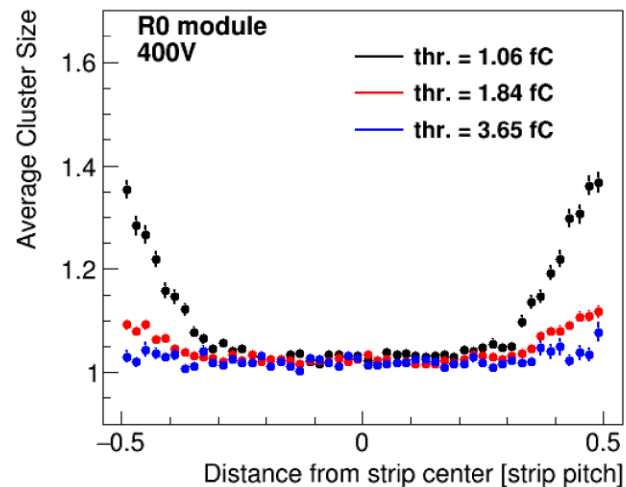
[NIMA 924, 137 \(2019\)](#)



Extended EUTelescope for radial strips



- For radial strips, the **measurement frame** varies with each strip, which is different from the **module Cartesian frame** (i.e. frame to be aligned)
- Extended tracking and alignment implemented to allow characterization of first ITK Endcap module in 2017

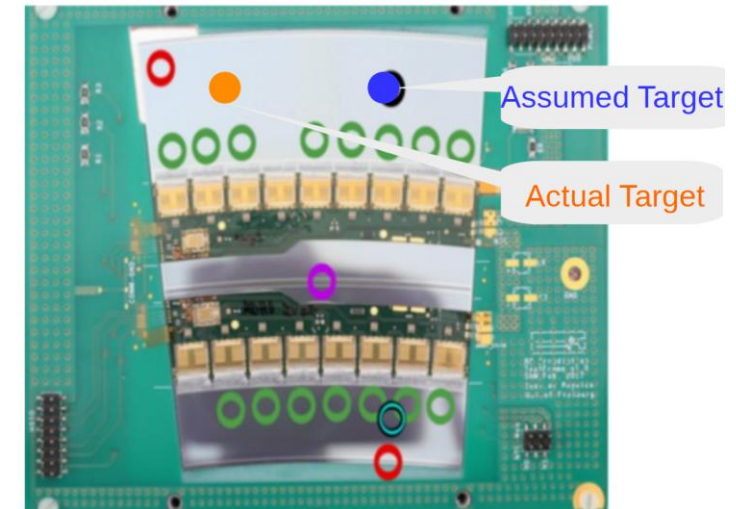


- Development still in my personal github repo ([Radial-recon](#), [Radial-DSides-recon](#)). Never merged into EUTelescope master unfortunately.

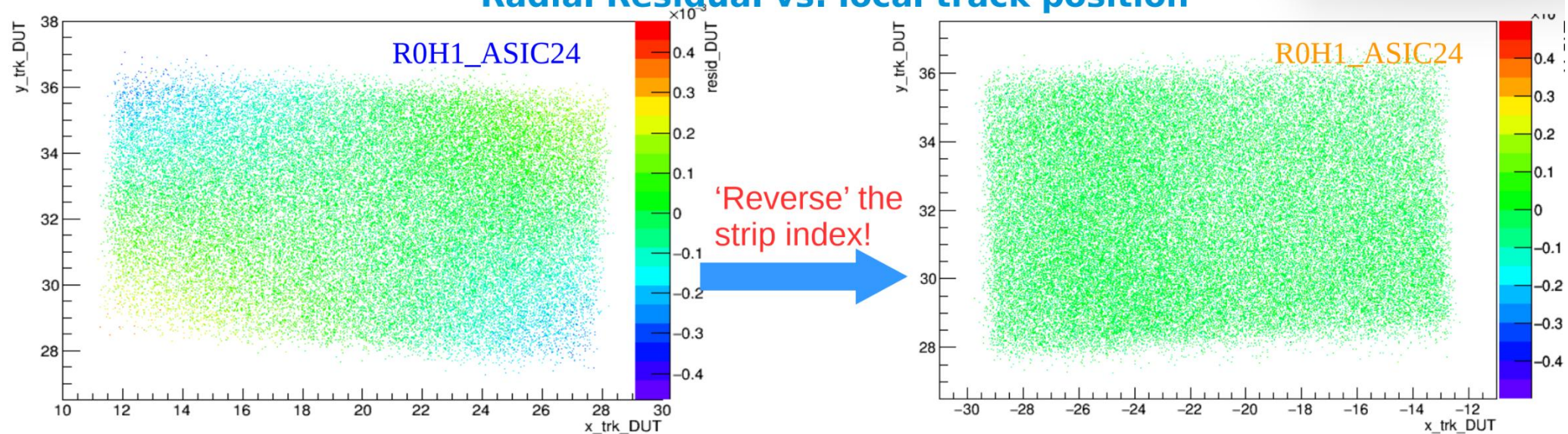
Lesson learned about alignment

- There is strong interplay between tracking and alignment
 - Tracking can be deteriorated by misalignment.
 - Misalignment can be detected from tracking performance

R0 module at Testbeam in 2017



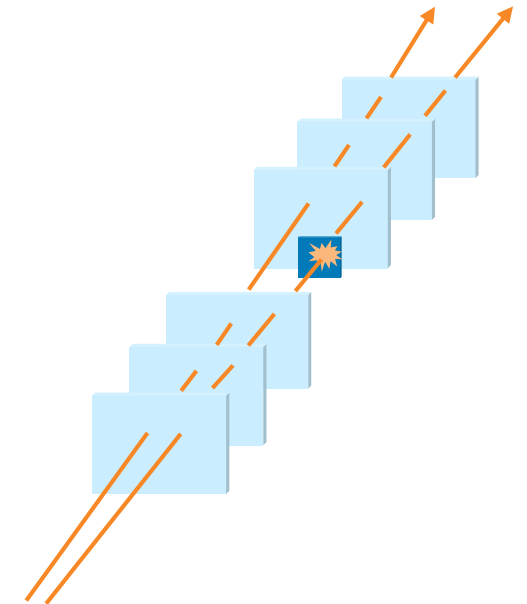
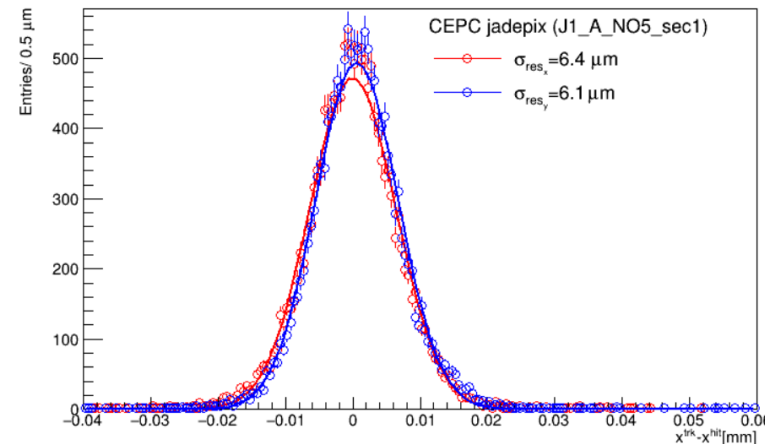
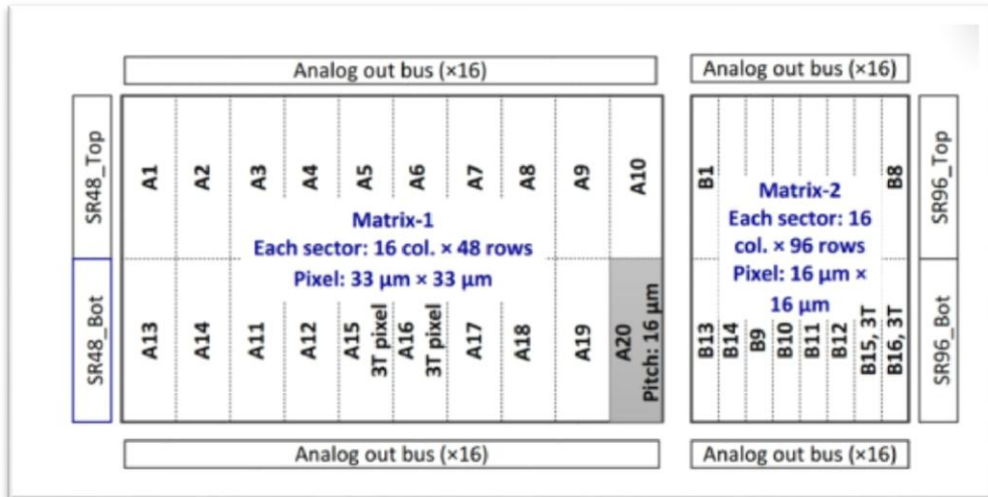
Radial Residual vs. local track position



Extended EUTelescope for CEPC JadePix-I

- JadePix-1 has the pixel sensor, but the size is much smaller than MIMOSA
 - Trivial extension (code in my personal github repo: [nonRadial-reco-jadePix](#)) for JadePix-1 beam test in 2018
 - Geometry implementation
 - Need to mask out tracks out of JadePix acceptance

[NIMA 977, 164267, 2020](#)

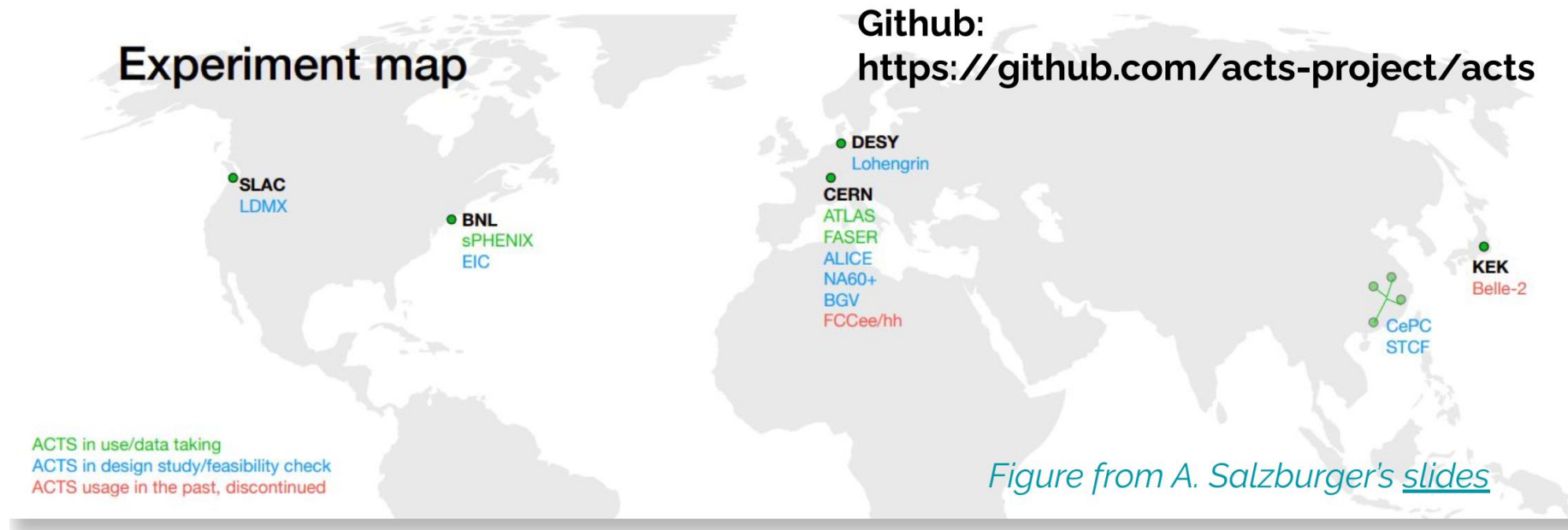


Is there a generic software for beam test data reconstruction?

So that we don't need all those nontrivial and trivial extensions.

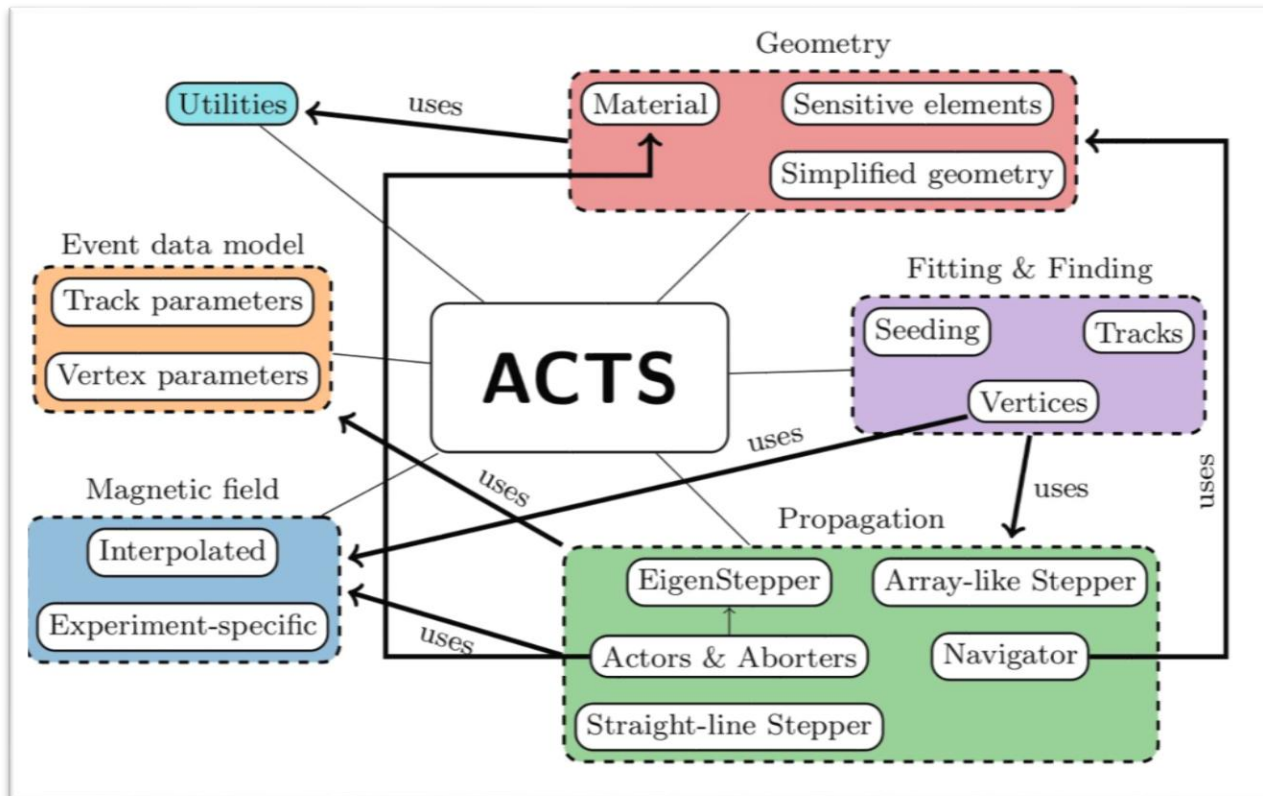
A Common Tracking Software (ACTS) project

- A modern **open-source detector-independent** tracking toolkit for current&future HEP experiments based on LHC (and beyond) tracking experience
 - Data production by **ATLAS, FASER, sPHENIX**
 - Detector R&D by **CEPC, STCF, EIC, ePIC, LDMX...**
- A R&D platform for ML-based tracking, heterogeneous computing and 4D tracking



ACTS design and functionalities

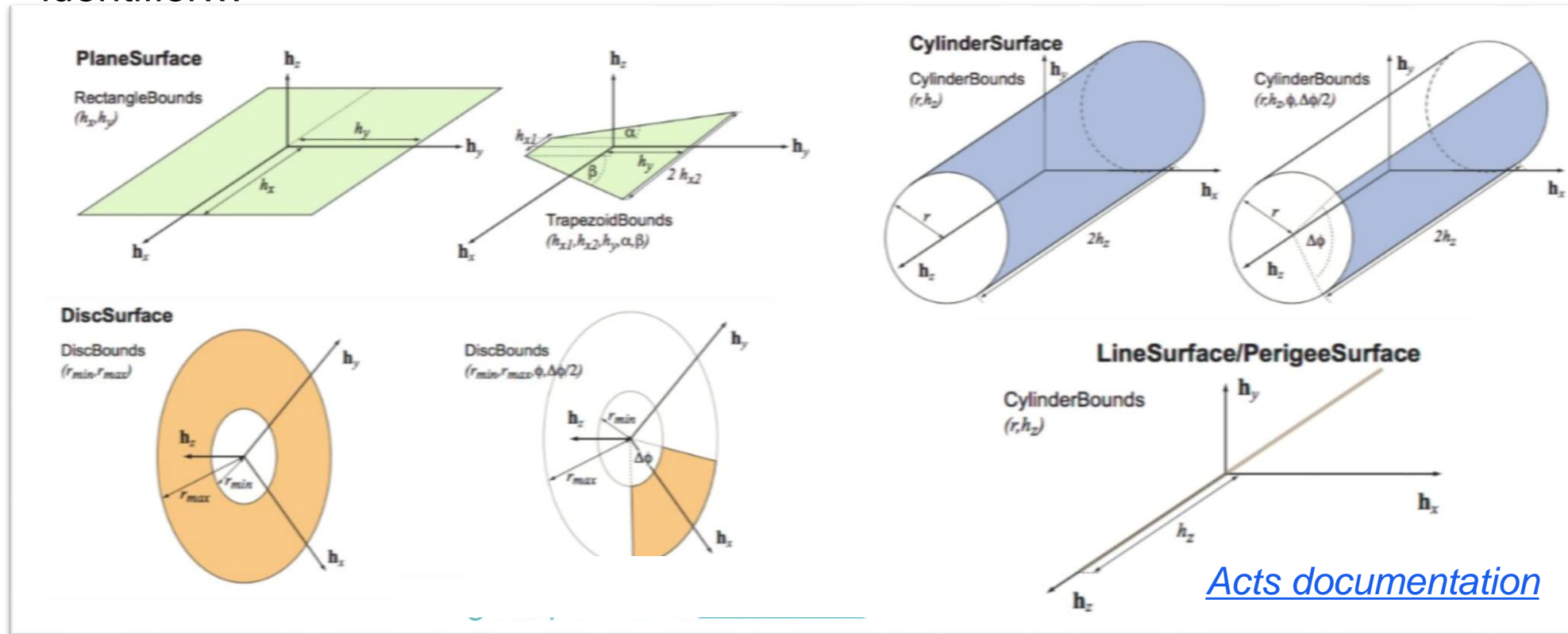
- Fully C++20 compliant, template design, strict thread-safety, contextual condition data ...
 - More in [A. Salzburger's slides](#)



- **Track fitting** [CSBS \(2022\) 6, 8](#)
 - (Extended) Kalman Filter (KF), Gaussian Sum Filter, Non-linear KF
 - Global chisq fitter
- **Track finding**
 - Seeding, Combinatorial Kalman Filter (CKF), Graph Neural Networks, Hough Transform
- **Vertex finding&fitting**
 - Primary vertex: AMVF, IVF
- **KF-based Alignment** (prototype developed in 2022 and being slowly validated and optimized)

ACTS tracking geometry

- Tracking geometry is simplified from detailed full simulation geometry for fast navigation, but with material effects well taken into account
- Different concrete surfaces for different tracking detectors (**pixel/strip silicon, gaseous**)
 - A surface has shape, bounds, **rotation+translation**, local coordinates and unique identifier...

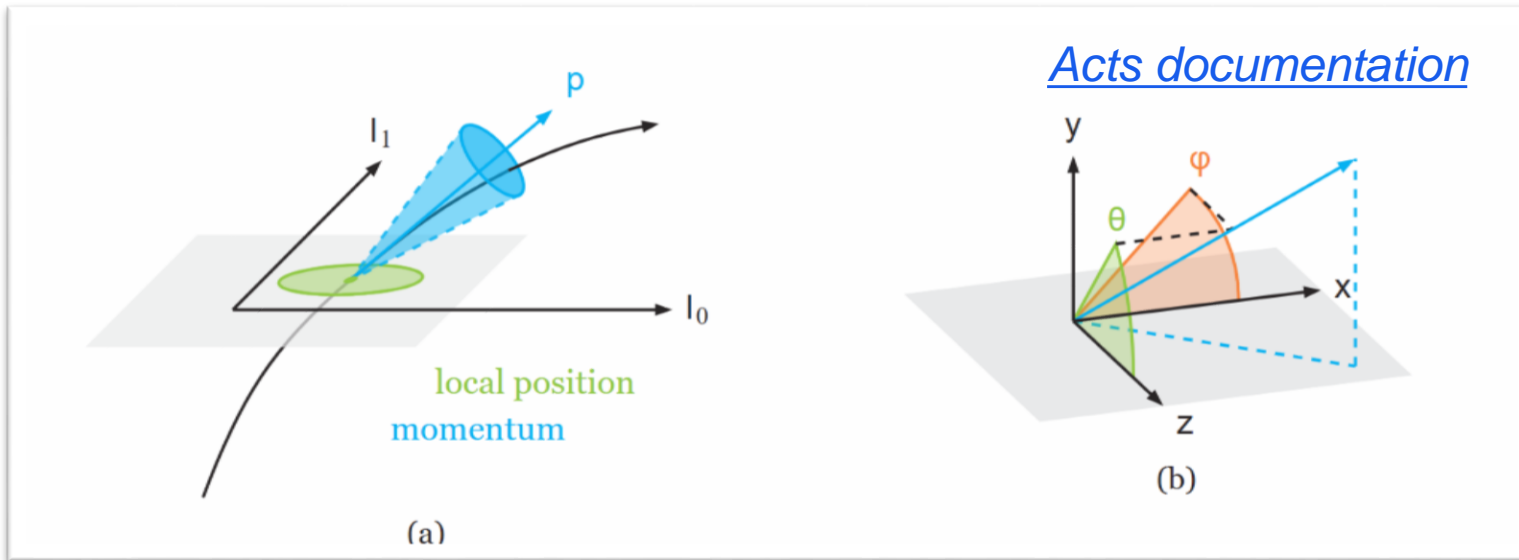


ACTS track parameterization

- 6-dimensional bound/local track parameters (integration of **particle flight time** in track propagation, i.e. **inherent support for 4D tracking**)

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

- Measurement (1, 2, or 3 dimension) is a subset of the 6 parameters: $\vec{m} = H \cdot \vec{x}$



e.g. $H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Track-based alignment

Ideas of track-based alignment

- Tracks share the same detector geometry (a.k.a. global alignment parameters n-dim $\vec{\alpha}$) while they have their own track parameters (a.k.a. local track parameters \vec{x}_i)
- The global track parameters can be estimated by minimizing the χ^2 sum of a set of **good quality** tracks:

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \chi_i^2 = \sum_i [\vec{m}_i - \vec{h}_i(\vec{x}_i(\vec{\alpha}), \vec{\alpha})]^T V^{-1} [\vec{m}_i - \vec{h}_i(\vec{x}_i(\vec{\alpha}), \vec{\alpha})]$$

- This involves solving the non-linear equation iteratively, i.e. $\vec{\alpha}$ is updated iteratively to approach its optimal value:

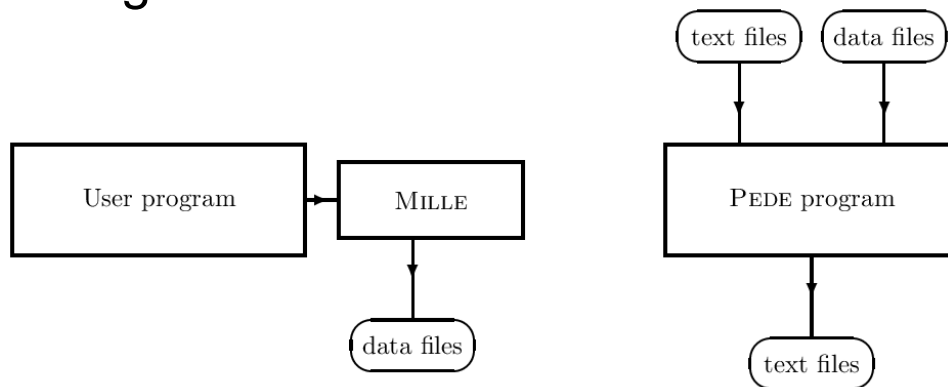
$$\left. \frac{d^2 \chi^2}{d^2 \vec{\alpha}} \right|_{\vec{\alpha}_0} \Delta \vec{\alpha} = - \left. \frac{d \chi^2}{d \vec{\alpha}} \right|_{\vec{\alpha}_0}$$

We can use either Global least-square fitter or Kalman Filter fitter to fit each track in each iteration

Alignment with MillePede

A traditional alignment tool used and validated by BESIII, CMS ...

- MillePede = Mille + Pede
 - **Mille**: write **residual**, **derivatives of residual w.r.t. alignment parameters** and **track parameters** into binary file
 - **Pede**: solve equation with dimension n to get solution for delta of track parameters :
 - Solver: Inversion, Cholesky decomposition, diagonalization ...



Called for each dimension of a residual of each track

◆ mille()

```
void Mille::mille ( int      NLC,
                   const float * derLc,
                   int      NGL,
                   const float * derGl,
                   const int * label,
                   float     rMeas,
                   float     sigma
                 )
```

Add measurement to buffer.

Parameters

[in] **NLC** number of local derivatives
[in] **derLc** local derivatives
[in] **NGL** number of global derivatives
[in] **derGl** global derivatives
[in] **label** global labels
[in] **rMeas** measurement (residuum)
[in] **sigma** error

Alignment in ACTS

A common alignment algorithm being validated and optimized

More in [my slides](#)
[at tracking2025](#)

$$r = m - h(x, \alpha) \quad \text{The track residual}$$

$$V \quad \text{The measurement covariance (usually diagonal)}$$

$$H = \left. \frac{\partial h(x)}{\partial x} \right|_{x_0} \quad \text{The projection matrix from (bound) track parameters to measurement}$$

$$C \quad \text{The covariance of track parameters at different measurements:}$$

Straightforward with global chi2 fitter. Can be provided by Kalman Filter as well

$$A_{k\ell} \equiv \frac{\partial r_k}{\partial \alpha_\ell} \quad \text{The derivative of residual w.r.t. alignment parameters}$$

The first and second derivatives for a single track and then summed over tracks

$$\frac{d\chi^2}{d\alpha} = 2A^T V^{-1} (V - HCH^T) V^{-1} r,$$

$$\frac{d^2\chi^2}{d\alpha^2} = 2A^T V^{-1} (V - HCH^T) V^{-1} A.$$

A nxn matrix

A n-dim vector

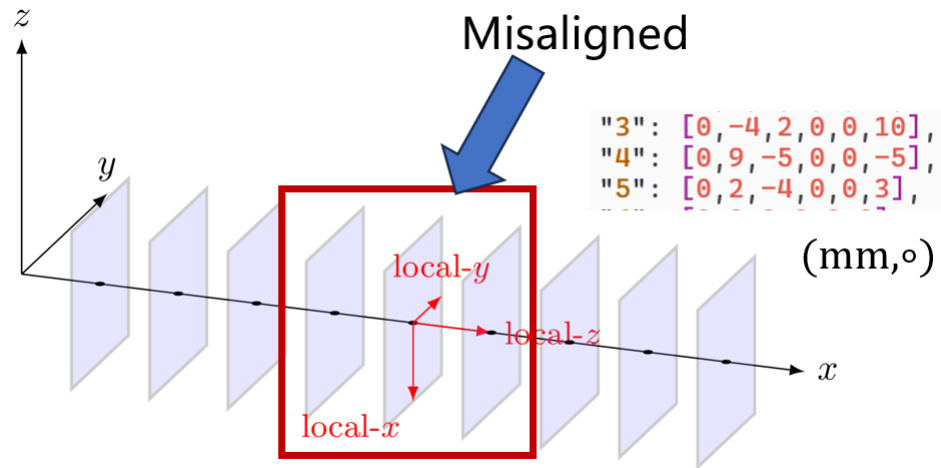
$$\left. \frac{d^2\chi^2}{d\alpha^2} \right|_{\alpha_0} \Delta\alpha = - \left. \frac{d\chi^2}{d\alpha} \right|_{\alpha_0}$$

Solved with Eigen LU decomposition

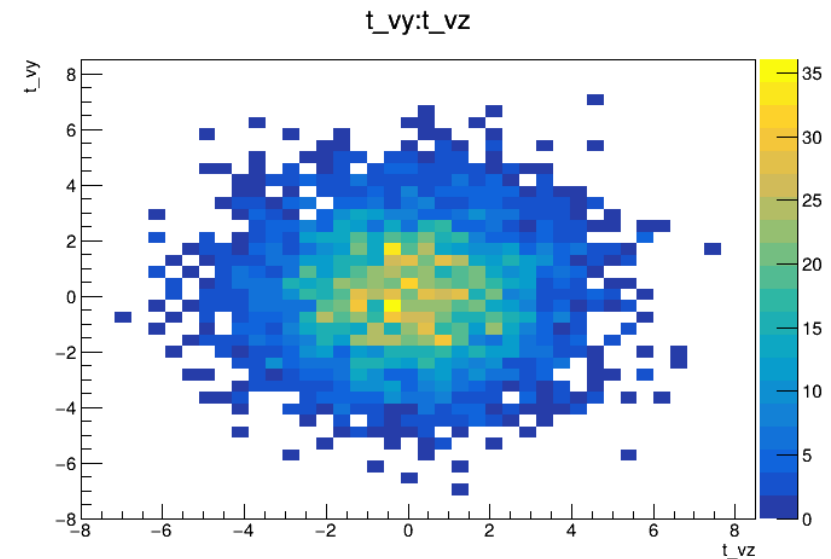
(claimed stable and well tested with large matrices)

ACTS alignment for a telescope-like detector

- Particle Gun:
 - 10k muon per event, $p = 10$ GeV, direction of momentum along x-axis
 - Vertex: x, t=0, y and z ~ 2D Gaussian with $\sigma_y = \sigma_z = 2$ mm
- Alignment degree of freedom: Ty+Tz+Rz
- Only align the misaligned layers

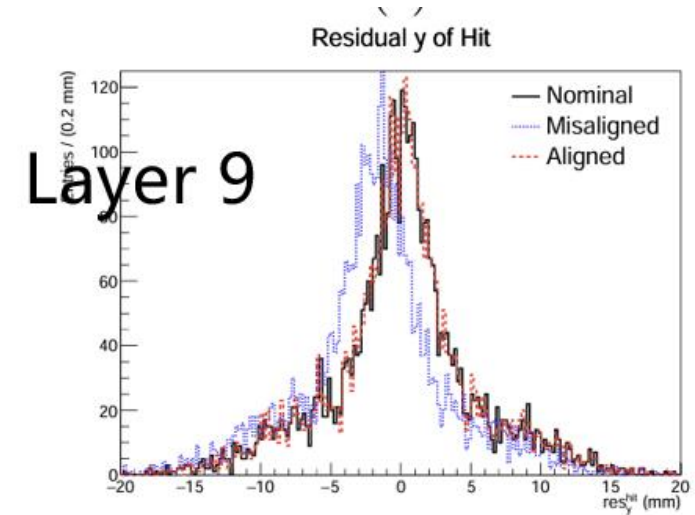
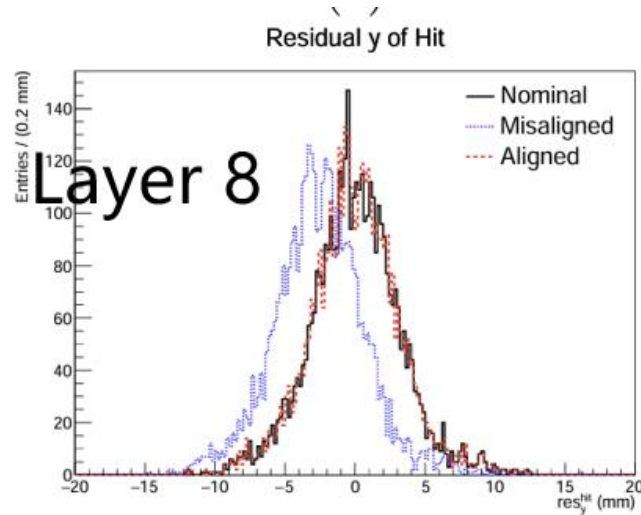
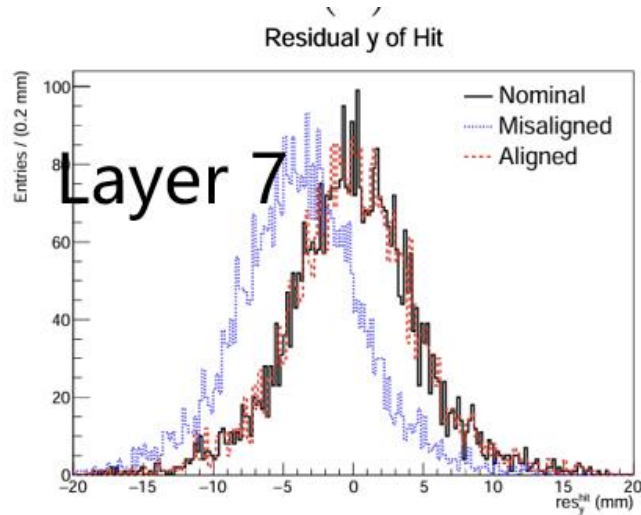
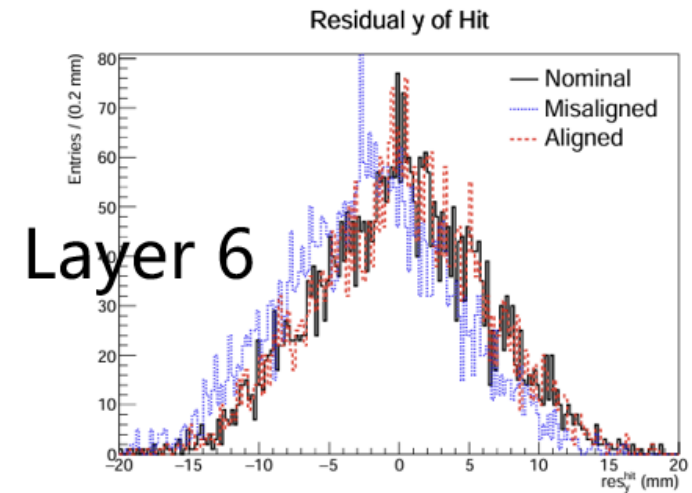
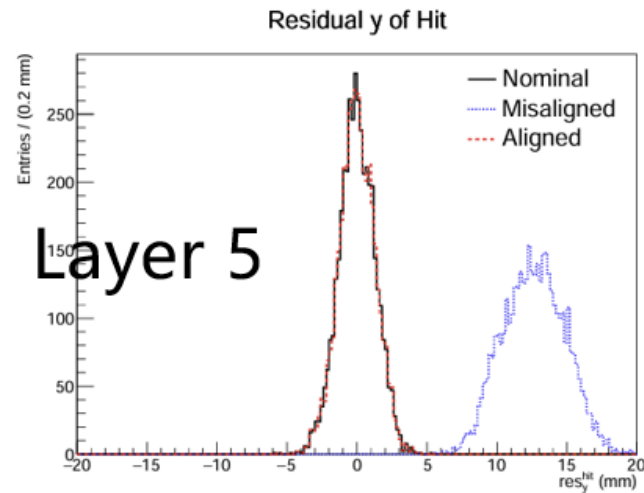
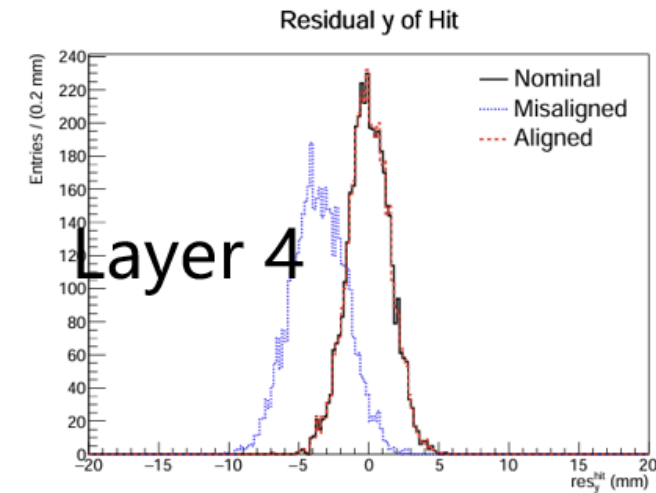


25 x 25 μm^2 resolution



Residual with misalignment + aligned

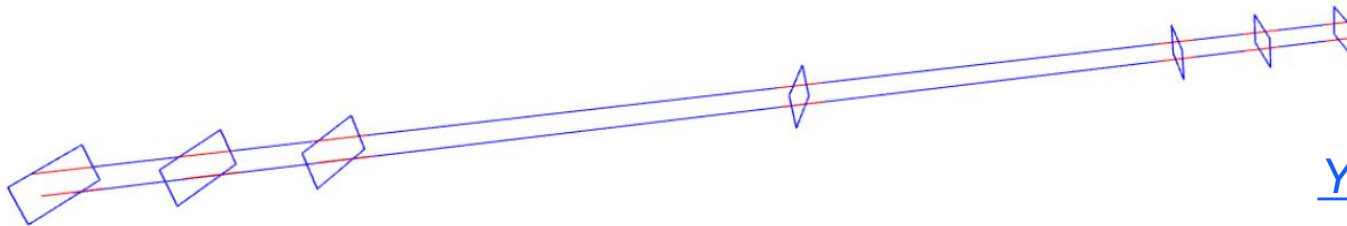
Credit to Z. Sun for the plots



ACTS tracking for Telescope-like detector

ACTS for ALPIDE telescope at DESY

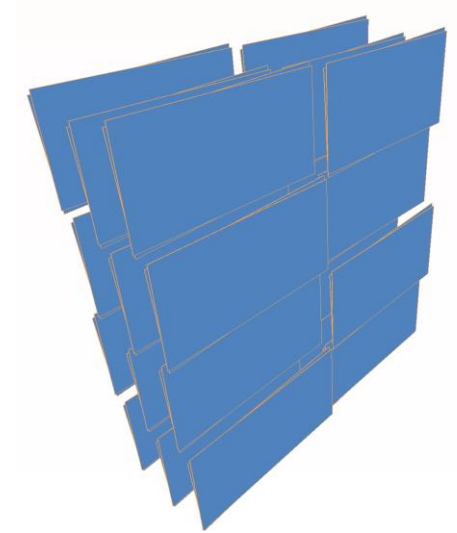
- ALPIDE telescope was the first ACTS client which has a telescope geometry
 - No constraint on the **number** and **geometry** of detector planes
 - Tracks are reconstructed using ACTS seeding + Combinatorial Kalman Filter
 - Intra-tracking matching of track with DUT hit
 - Alignment using MillePedell
- Minimal runtime overhead of ACTS (<1 ms/event) allowed online track **visualization**



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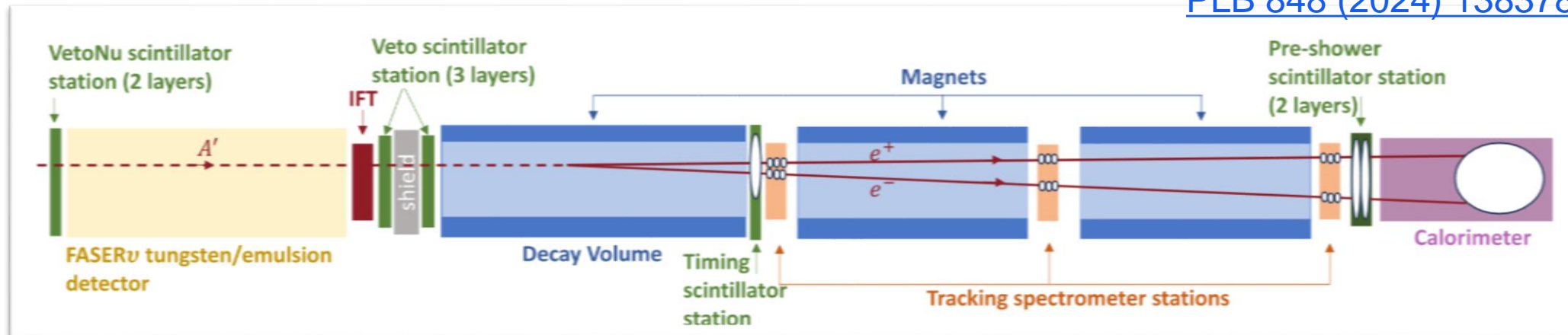
ACTS for FASER

- FASER tracking system has a telescope-like geometry with 4 tracking stations
 - Each tracking station is made of 3 layers of double-sided ATLAS SCT modules
- Adopted ACTS for tracking from very beginning (facilitating [direct collider neutrino observation](#), [dark photon search](#)...)
- Alignment currently done with MillePedell.



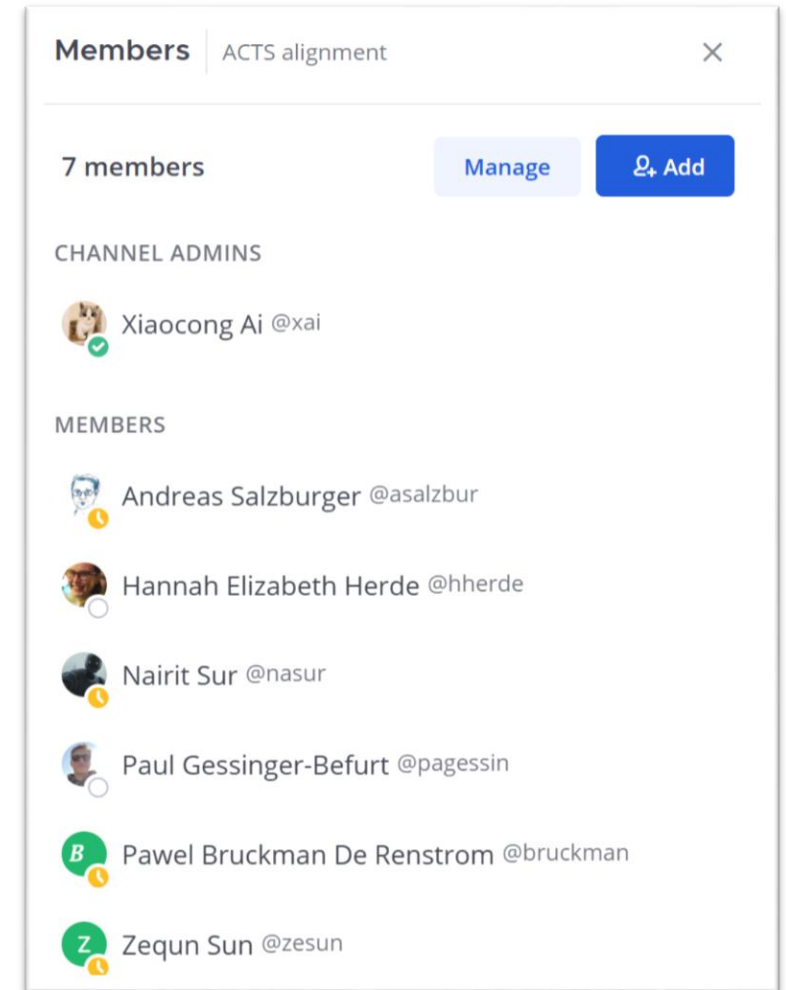
8 modules/layer
(coverage 24cm x 24cm)

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Summary

- Tracking and alignment is pivotal to particle beam telescope data reconstruction and performance evaluation
- Highly recommend ACTS for flexible and fast track reconstruction
- MillePede is well validated for detector alignment
- ACTS alignment is coming soon.
- Join us if you are interested:
 - <https://mattermost.web.cern.ch/acts>
 - Alignment channel :
<https://mattermost.web.cern.ch/acts/channels/acts-alignment>



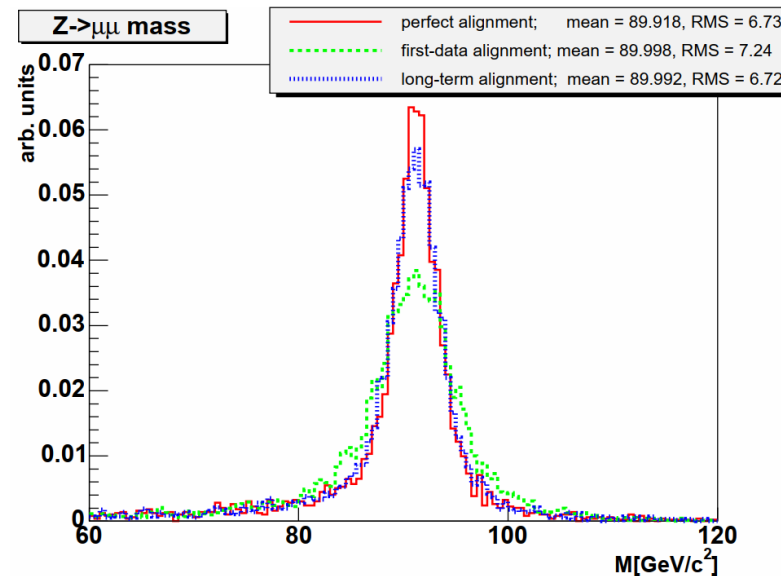
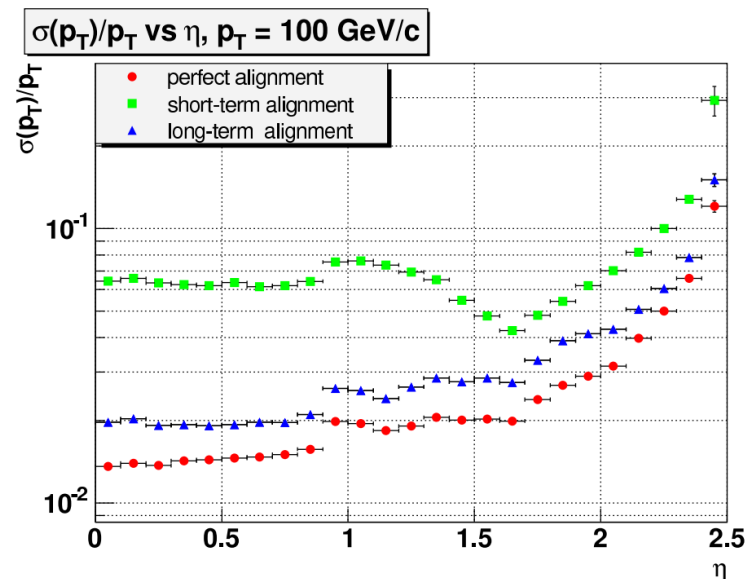
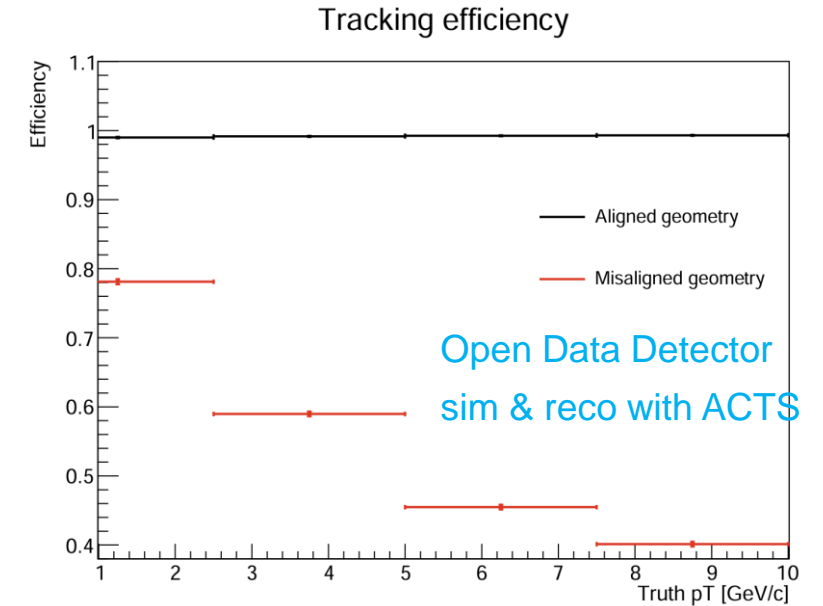
Back up

Why alignment matters?

See more in [P. Bruckman's talk](#)

- Limited detector placement precision upon installation
- Misalignment is the dominant source of measurement resolution degradation

➡ Degradation of tracking precision and efficiency, and eventually **physics precision!**



From [G. Steinbruck](#)

Alignment Parameters

- Detector element placement description:
 - Translation (3 parameters) + Rotation (3x3 rotation matrix)
- Alignment parameters (6 parameters for now):
 - Translation + Rotation about original local axes ($\vec{x}_L, \vec{y}_L, \vec{z}_L$) using Euler angles
 - Suppose rotation in the order: 1) around \vec{x}_L about $\alpha \rightarrow$ 2) around \vec{y}_L about $\beta \rightarrow$ 3) around \vec{z}_L about γ , then the new local axes become

$$(\vec{x}_L''', \vec{y}_L''', \vec{z}_L''') = (\vec{x}_L, \vec{y}_L, \vec{z}_L) \begin{pmatrix} \cos\beta\cos\gamma & \sin\alpha\sin\beta\cos\gamma - \cos\alpha\sin\gamma & \cos\alpha\sin\beta\cos\gamma + \sin\alpha\sin\gamma \\ \cos\beta\sin\gamma & \sin\alpha\sin\beta\sin\gamma + \cos\alpha\cos\gamma & \cos\alpha\sin\beta\sin\gamma - \sin\alpha\cos\gamma \\ -\sin\beta & \sin\alpha\cos\beta & \cos\alpha\cos\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

Caveat: a rotation can be expressed in 24 equivalent sequence of Euler angles

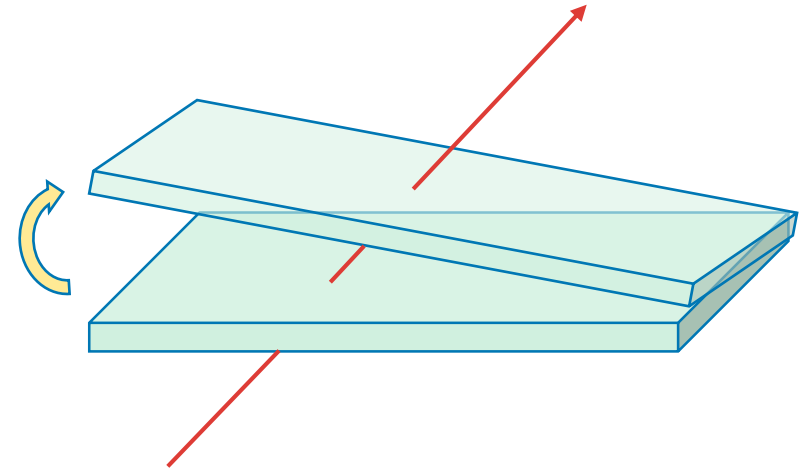
Residual derivative

- Suppose the rotation around the original local axes (α, β, γ) is small, then

$$\frac{\partial \vec{x}_L'''}{\partial(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)} = (\vec{x}_L \quad \vec{y}_L \quad \vec{z}_L) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = R \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{y}_L'''}{\partial(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)} = (\vec{x}_L \quad \vec{y}_L \quad \vec{z}_L) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = R \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{z}_L'''}{\partial(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)} = (\vec{x}_L \quad \vec{y}_L \quad \vec{z}_L) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = R \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Residual $\vec{r} = (r_x, r_y)$:

$$r_x = (\vec{x}_{track} - \vec{o}_{module}) \cdot \vec{x}_L - x_{hit}$$

$$r_y = (\vec{x}_{track} - \vec{o}_{module}) \cdot \vec{y}_L - y_{hit}$$

- \vec{x}_{track} is the intersection of track with detector module
 - Changed with \vec{o}_{module} and $\vec{x}_L, \vec{y}_L, \vec{z}_L$
- \vec{o}_{module} is the center of the detector module
- x_{hit} and y_{hit} are hit local position on module

An alignment prototype

- It takes a set of tracks and sort out the sets of detector elements which can be and requested to be aligned => the initial value of $\vec{\alpha}$
- Perform the fit for each track using $\vec{\alpha}$, and estimate the χ^2 derivatives w.r.t. $\vec{\alpha}$
- Solve the equation to obtain $\Delta\vec{\alpha}$
- Update $\vec{\alpha}$ to become $\vec{\alpha}'$ using provided alignment parameter updater
- Stop iteration of the above three steps when provided converging criteria is met

```
template <typename trajectory_container_t,  
          typename start_parameters_container_t, typename fit_options_t>  
Acts::Result<AlignmentResult> align(  
    const trajectory_container_t& trajectoryCollection,  
    const start_parameters_container_t& startParametersCollection,  
    const AlignmentOptions<fit_options_t>& alignOptions) const;
```