

Introduction to ACTS: status, development, and integration

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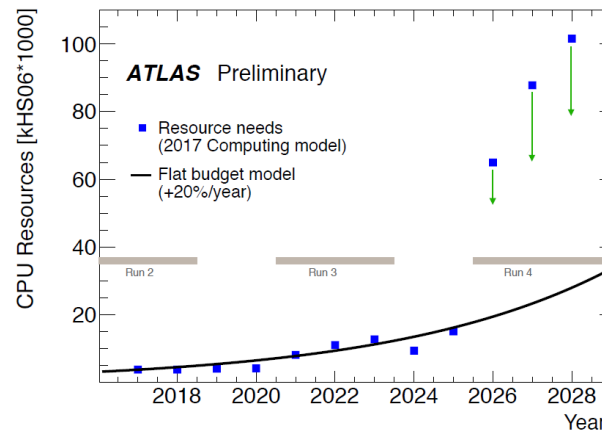
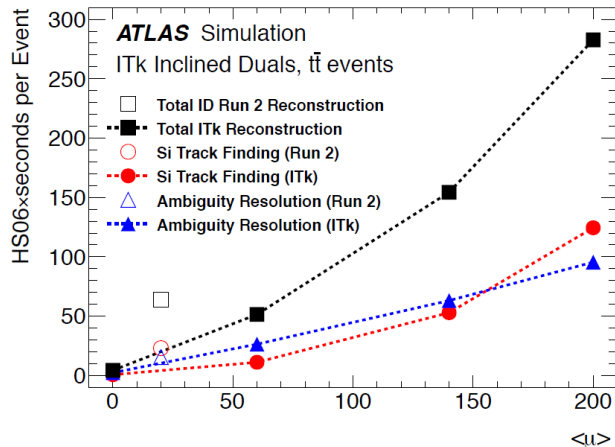
Outline

- ACTS concept and status
- Participation in ACTS
- ACTS integration to ATLAS/CEPC detector

Motivations

- LHC Run-1/2 exceeded all expectations in terms of provided data
 - Design pile-up ~ 21 for Run-1 and ~ 40 for Run-2
 - Track reconstruction worked extremely well
- HL-LHC will bring great challenges to computing in track reconstruction

	LHC Run-1	LHC Run-2	LHC Run-4
muon	21	40	150-200
Tracks	~ 280	~ 600	$\sim 7-10k$



Keep physics performance && Tackle computing resource problem for future LHC era

ACTS: A Common Tracking Software

ATLAS (Athena)

- Well tested code
- High tracking performance
- Not thread safe – tough task from AthenaMT
- Grown structure, not long-time maintenance



ACTS

- Encapsulate the existed code from ATLAS(currently), or other experiment
- Thread safe/long vectorization
- Modern C++ 17
- Independent from experiment and framework

Contributions come mostly from ATLAS people, but there is increasing involvement from CEPC, Belle-2, FCC-hh and more

Project Picture and Basic Design



Plugins: DD4HEP, TGEO, Geant4...

Core

- Geometry
- Surface
- EDM
- Material
- MagneticField
- Utilities
- Propagator
 - ✓ RKN Stepper
 - ✓ StraightLine Stepper
 - ✓ Navigator
- Fitter
 - ✓ Kalman Fitter
 - Gaussian Sum Fitter
- Seeding
- Vertexing
- Track Finding
 - CKF
- Calibration – no need
- Alignment – no need



A light-weight Gaudi framework for integration and concurrency test



FATRAS: ATLAS fast simulation

Thread-safe code and configurations

- Const-correctness and visitor pattern
- The caller create the cache which stays local to the thread
- Constant configuration as config struct at construction

```
struct MyTool {  
    struct Config { double value{42}; };  
    struct State{};  
    MyTool(Config cfg)  
        : m_cfg(std::move(cfg)) {}  
    void doSomething(State& state)  
        const { /* ... */ };  
    Config m_cfg;  
};
```

Development in ACTS

- Most of the development in gitlab





<https://gitlab.cern.ch/acts>

- The explanations are as clear as possible

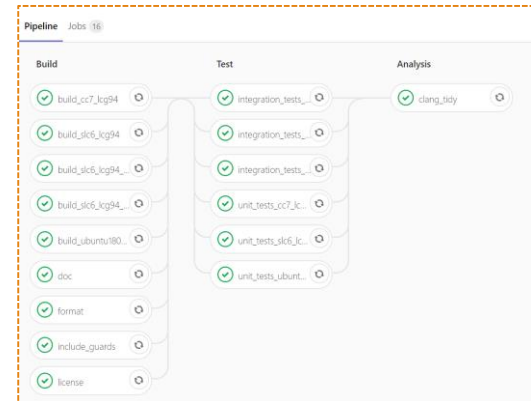
- Boost unit tests and integration test to check the code

- CI (Continuous integration) for every merge request

- CI success is one required approver for accepting a merge request
- Others reviewing is the second required approval

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```
/// @brief Propagate track parameters - User method
///
/// This function performs the propagation of the track parameters according
/// to the internal implementation object until at least one abort condition
/// is fulfilled, the destination surface is hit or the maximum number of
/// steps/path length as given in the propagation options is reached.
///
/// @tparam parameters_t Type of initial track parameters to propagate
/// @tparam surface_t Type of target surface
/// @tparam action_list_t Type list of actions
/// @tparam aborter_list_t Type list of abort conditions
/// @tparam propagator_options_t Type of the propagator options
///
/// @param [in] start Initial track parameters to propagate
/// @param [in] target Target surface of to propagate to
/// @param [in] options Propagation options
///
/// @return Propagation result containing the propagation status, final
/// track parameters, and output of actions (if they produce any)
template <typename parameters_t, typename surface_t, typename action_list_t,
         typename aborter_list_t,
         template <typename, typename> class propagator_options_t,
         typename target_aborter_t = detail::SurfaceReached,
         typename path_aborter_t = detail::PathLimitReached>
Result<
  action_list_t_result_t<typename stepper_t::template return_parameter_type<
    parameters_t, surface_t,
    action_list_t>>
>
propagate(
  const parameters_t& start, const surface_t& target,
  const propagator_options_t<action_list_t, aborter_list_t>& options) const;
```



- Make examples in acts-framework for the whole workflow check

Join in ACTS

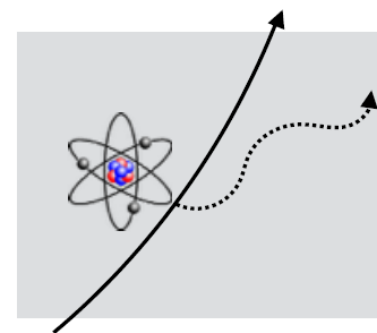
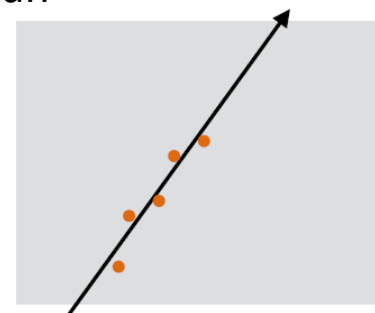
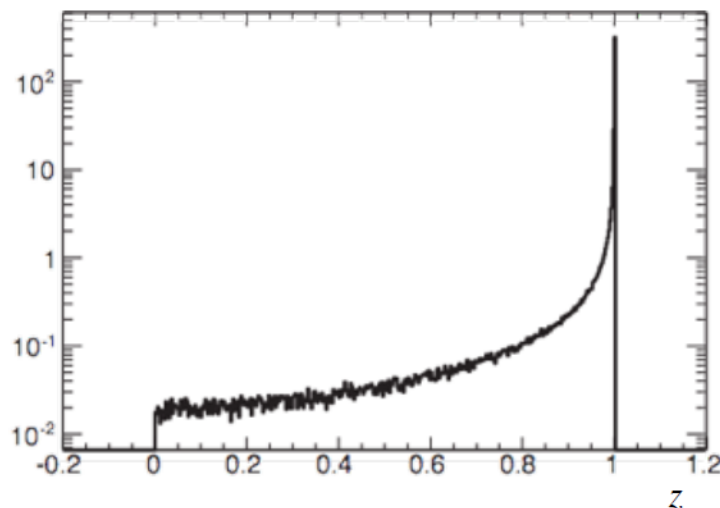
- Develop Gaussian Sum Filter fitting
- Code reviewing and validations
- Integration to CEPC

Gaussian Sum Filter

Kalman Filter : linearized filter allows all experiment noise is gaussian distributed

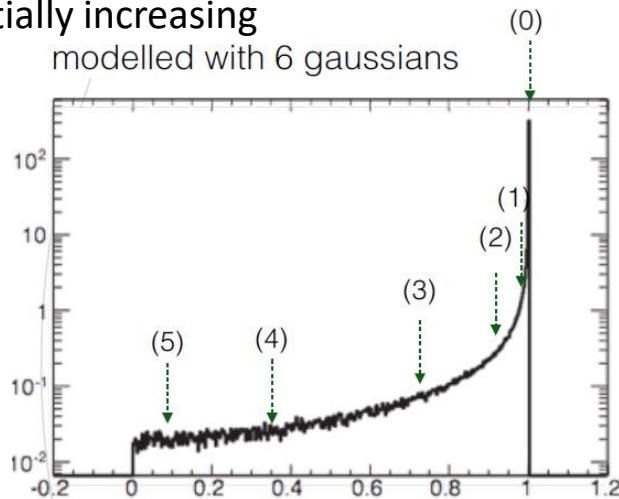
- Measurement errors – usually can be controlled
- Multiple scattering – a small gaussian tails
- Ionization loss – Landau distributed, fortunately $dE \ll E$

The electron reconstruction is significant and difficult
Energy loss is a bremsstrahlung effect -> strongly non gaussian

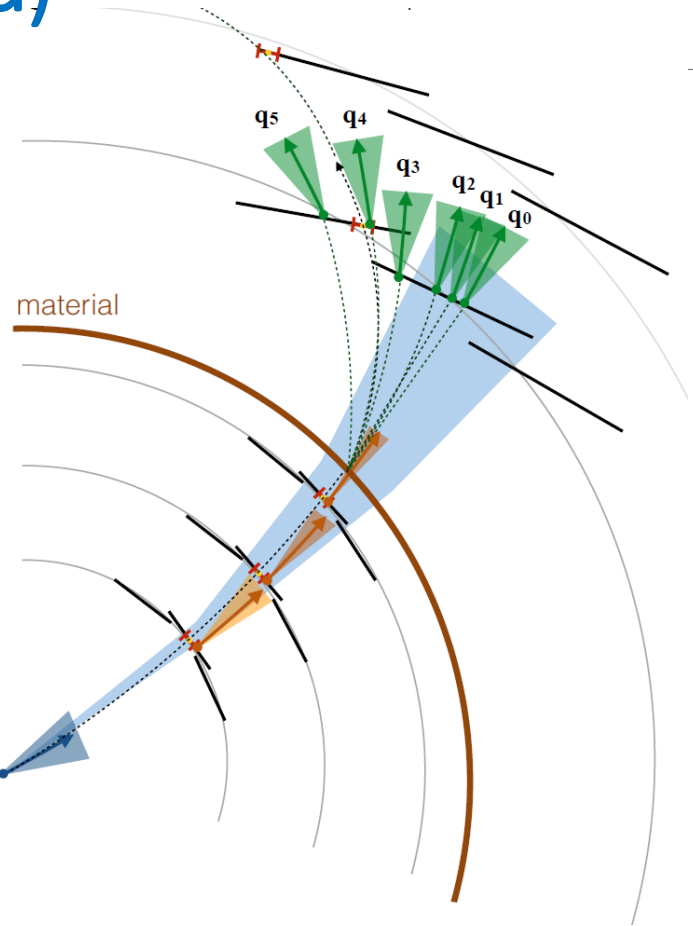


Gaussian Sum Filter(cont'd)

- Electron reconstruction are well handled with Gaussian Sum Filter, which is a parallel sets of Kalman Filter
- The bremsstrahlung energy loss distribution can be approximated as a weighted sum of gaussian components
- Each component behaves like a Kalman component, **propagate** individually
- Components should be merged to avoid the exponentially increasing

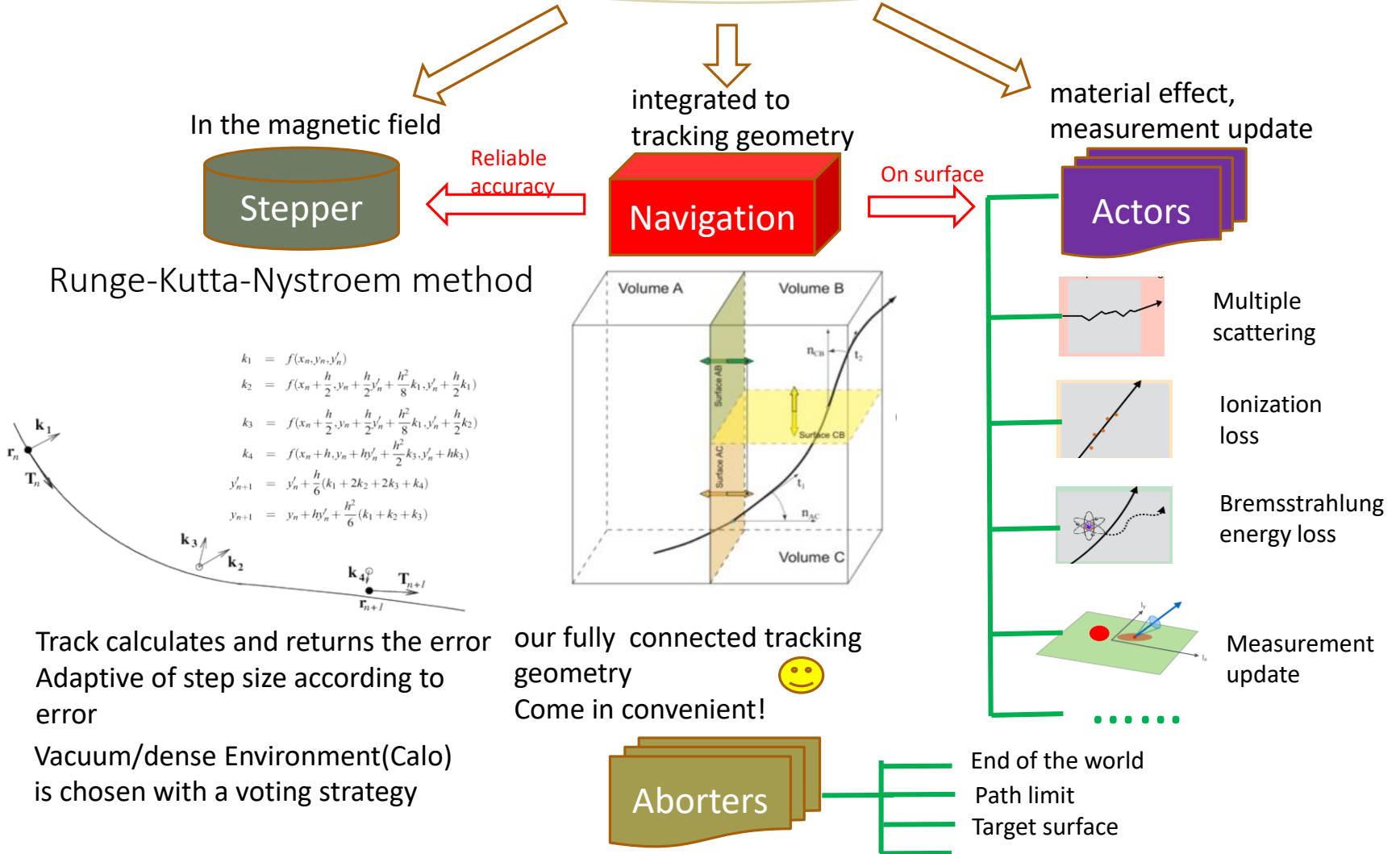


The (mean/cov/weight) of each component taken from ATLAS at the first step

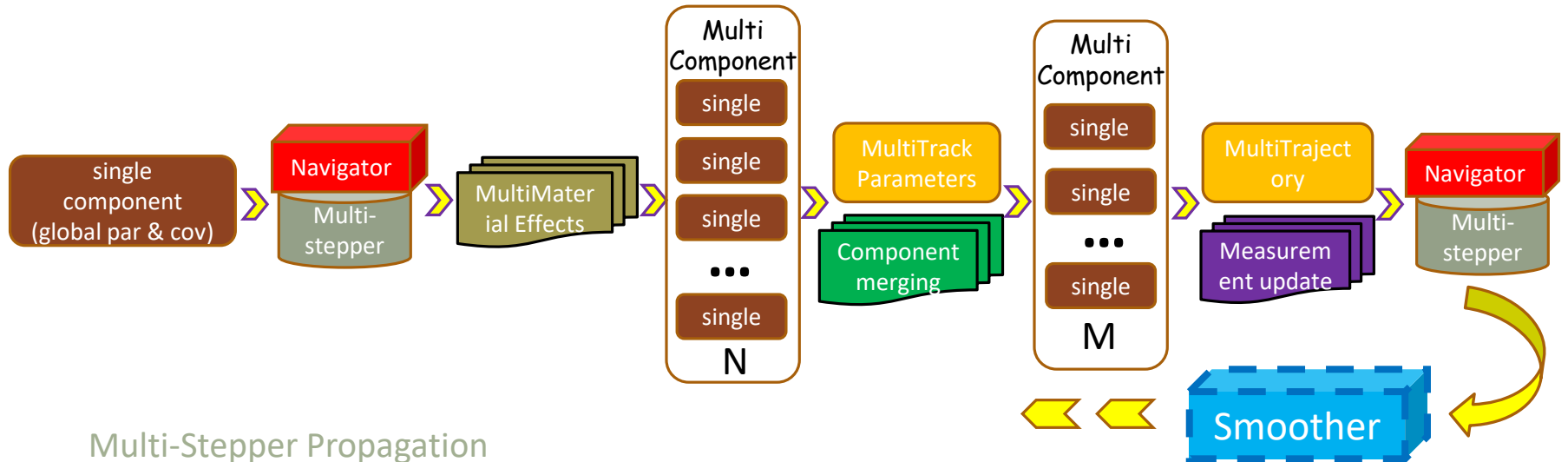


One component splits into 6 components

Propagation : A general issue dealing with particle motion



Gaussian Sum Filter: implementation



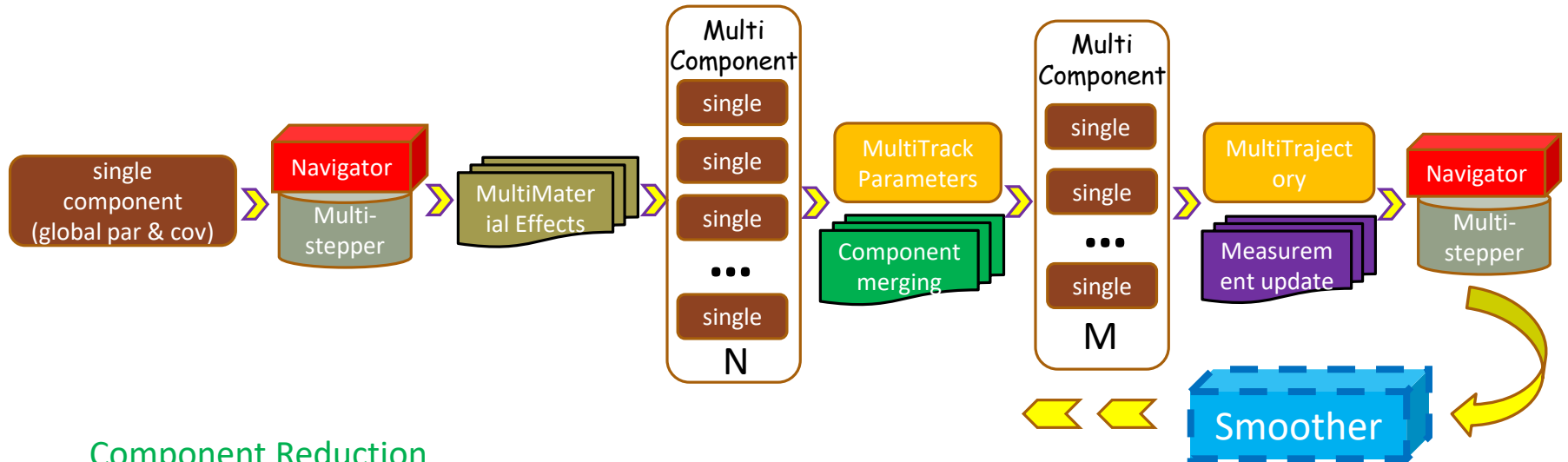
Multi-Stepper Propagation

- Take the combination of components – behave like single component in Navigation
- Each component owns its path
- Status(Free, Lock, Dead) of components decide if/when step forward

MultiMaterial Effect - Energy loss + Multiple scattering

- Bethe-Heitler – Currently take the ATLAS parameters to construct 6 components in each material effect

GSF: implementation (Cont'd)



Component Reduction

- Iteration to combine closet components to a maximum number

EDM for Gaussian sum filter

- Multitrajectory: TrackState store minimize heap allocation
- MultiTrackParameters : used for calculations of different components, e.g. component reduction

Measurement update with each component but modify the weight

Smoother: similar backward propagation, not prepared

Integration tests and validations for performance check will be done in the next step

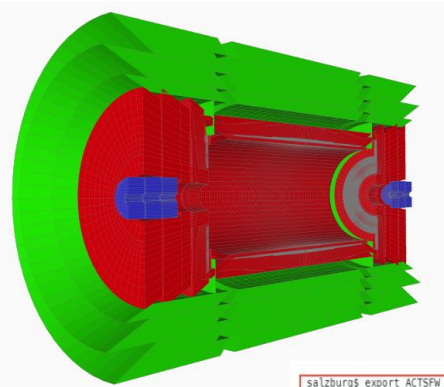
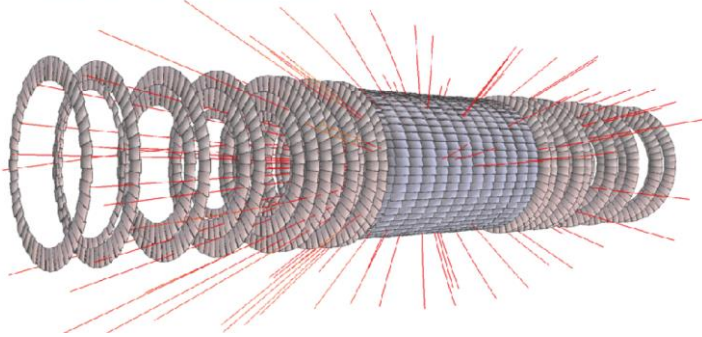
ACTS Integration

- ACTS is derived from ATLAS tracking, but open to the high energy physics community and algorithm R&D (e.g. TrackingML challenge)
- Detector prototype from other experiments for tests/validations are expected
 - Integration to ATLAS
 - Integration to CEPC
 - Integration to other experiments: FCC-hh, Belle-2, FASER ...

ACTS-ATLAS integration

- Tests of ATLAS geometry (ID + first tests for calorimeter modeling and navigation)
- Tool for propagation already exists

Current silicon detector



- ACTS apply a more clean solutions for the Context data in a MT environment (ideally re-entrant)

Introduce Context object into acts-core

Closes ACTS-568

Introduce a `Context` object to deal with payload, conditions, alignment in the most flexible (and fast) manner.

There are now three `Context` objects included, two are already tested, the third, i.e. the `CalibrationContext` object needs a test with the KalmanFilter, which will come soon.

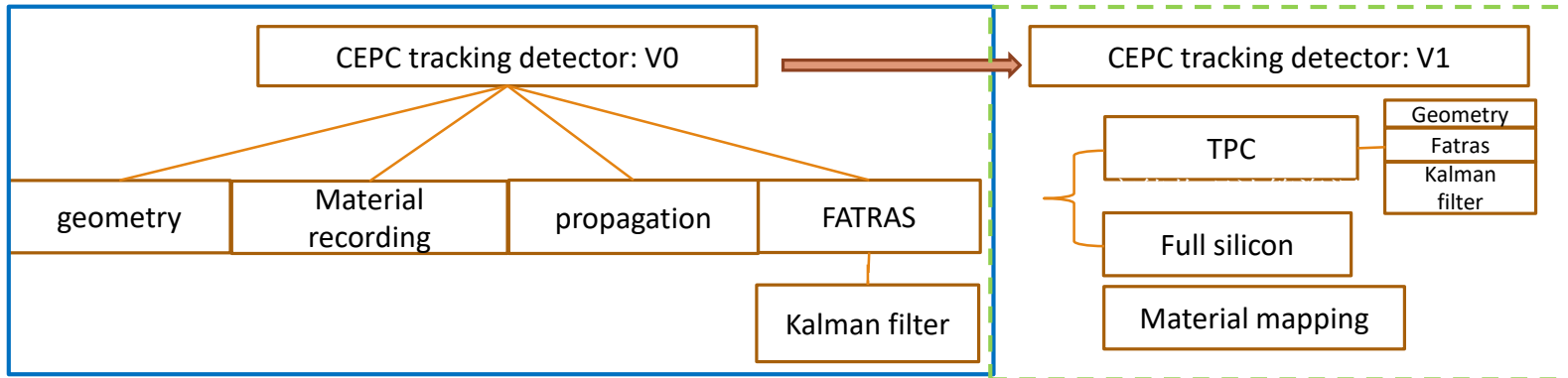
`clang` build still fails due to `libcxx` inconsistency.

https://gitlab.cern.ch/acts/acts-core/merge_requests/520

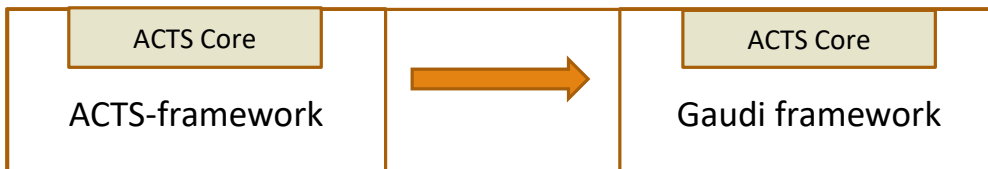
```
salzburg$ export ACTSPW_NUM_THREADS=1
salzburg$ ./ACTSPWAlignablePropagationExample -n10 --prop-nhits 1000 --bf-values 0 0 2 --output-root 1
12:49:10 Sequencer INFO Added context decorator GeometryRotationDecorator
12:49:10 Sequencer INFO Added service RandomNumbersSvc
12:49:10 Sequencer INFO Appended algorithm PropagationAlgorithm
12:49:11 Sequencer INFO Added writer RootPropagationStepsWriter
12:49:11 Sequencer INFO Starting event loop for
12:49:11 Sequencer INFO 1 services
12:49:11 Sequencer INFO 0 readers
12:49:11 Sequencer INFO 1 writers
12:49:11 Sequencer INFO 1 algorithms
12:49:11 Sequencer INFO Run the event loop
12:49:11 Sequencer INFO start event 0 12:51:19 Sequencer INFO start event 0
12:49:11 Sequencer INFO event 0 done 12:51:19 Sequencer INFO start event 5
12:49:12 Sequencer INFO start event 1 12:51:19 Sequencer INFO start event 8
12:49:13 Sequencer INFO event 1 done 12:51:19 Sequencer INFO start event 7
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12:49:20 Sequencer INFO event 8 done 12:51:23 Sequencer INFO event 1 done
12:49:20 Sequencer INFO start event 9 12:51:23 Sequencer INFO event 3 done
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```

12 seconds → 5 seconds

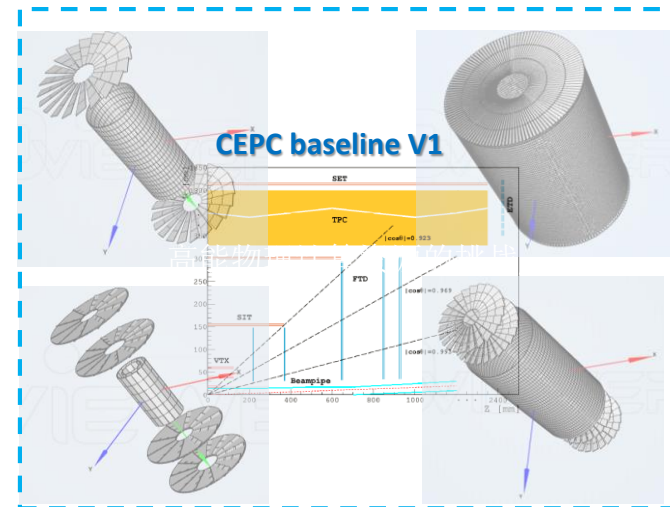
ACTS-CEPC integration — CEPC-ACTS group



- The basic version of V0 detector (without TPC) is implemented
- V1 detector are prepared for the geometry
 - Silicon detectors
 - TPC implemented with 220 layers currently
 - Material mapping is on going
 - Needs some tests and validations



- Migrate ACTS into Gaudi for CEPC at proper time



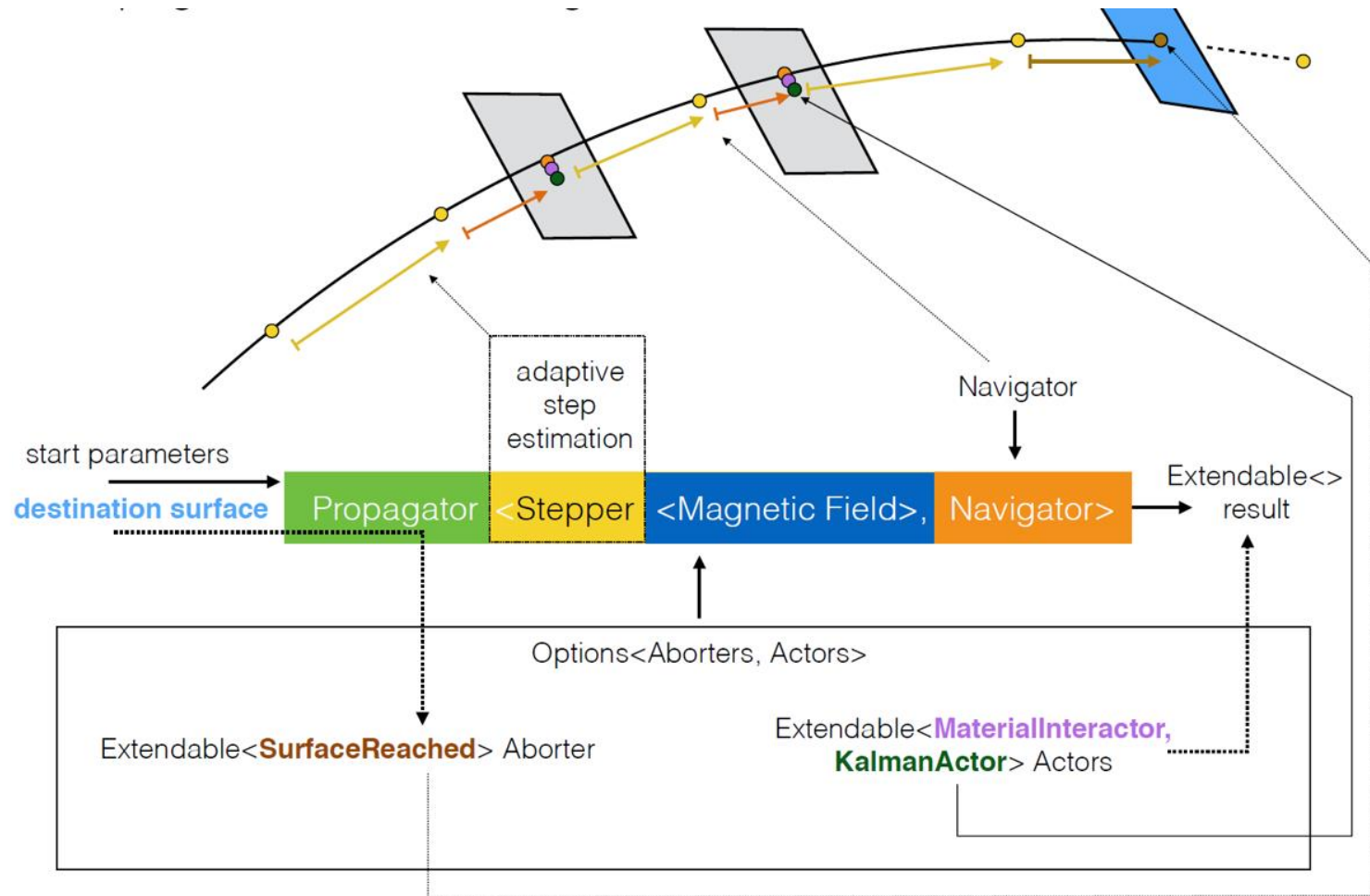
Current study in <https://gitlab.cern.ch/jinz/acts-framework-cepc>, all participations are welcome

Summary

- ACTS is a future-oriented tracking project derived from ATLAS tracking, but open to tracking community
 - Geometry, Propagation, Kalman filter, Seeding ...
 - Track finding (CKF) are working in progress
- We are taking part in ACTS project
 - Task of GSF development
 - Reviewing and validations
 - Integration ACTS to CEPC detector
- Validations and performance studies begin at the end of this year

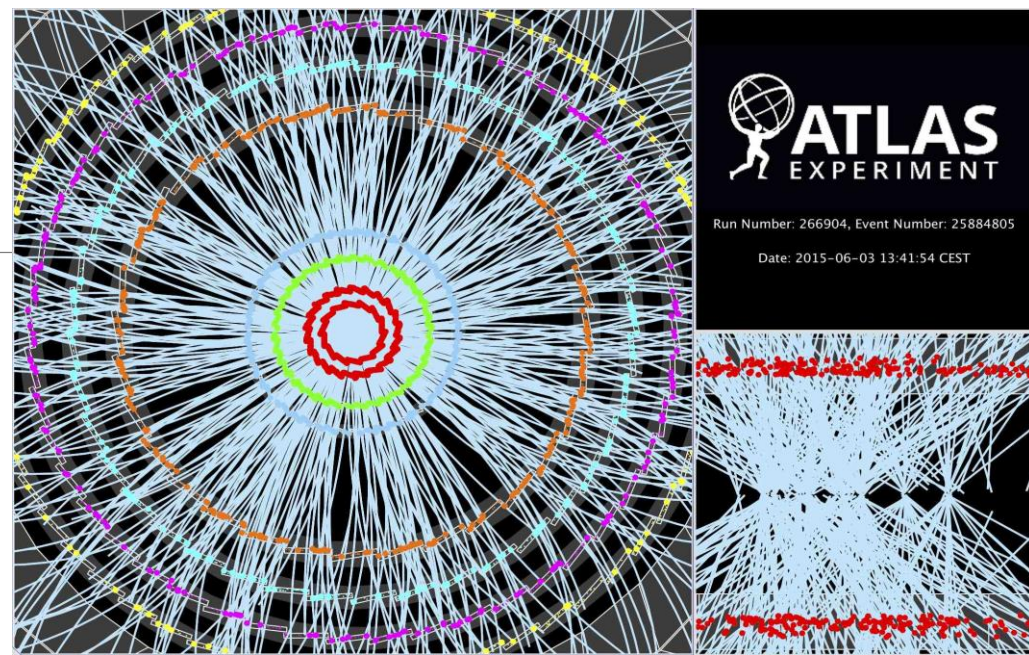
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Single stepper Propagation

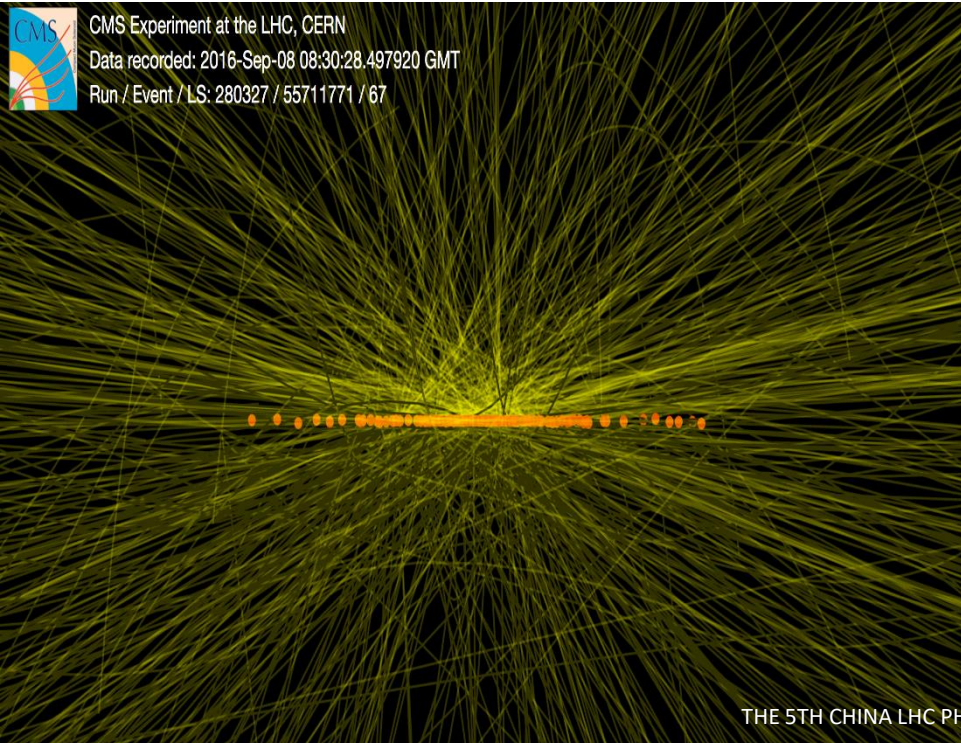


The challenge of computing resource in the future

A high pile up 13TeV LHC collision (86 vertices reconstructed)



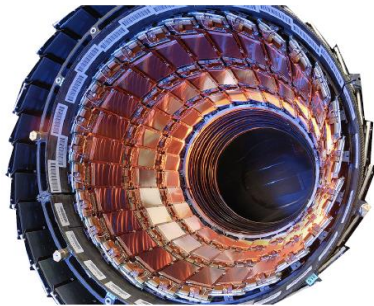
A 13 TeV LHC collision (17 vertices)



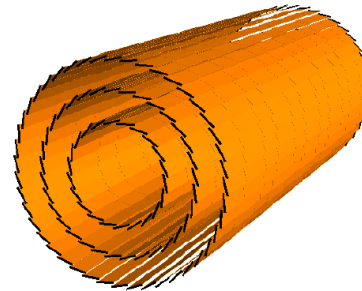
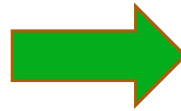
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muon	21	40	150-200	1000
Tracks	~280	~600	~7-10k	~100k

Building Tracking Geometry

First, we should have some tools for the tracking geometry that you can



real



ideal

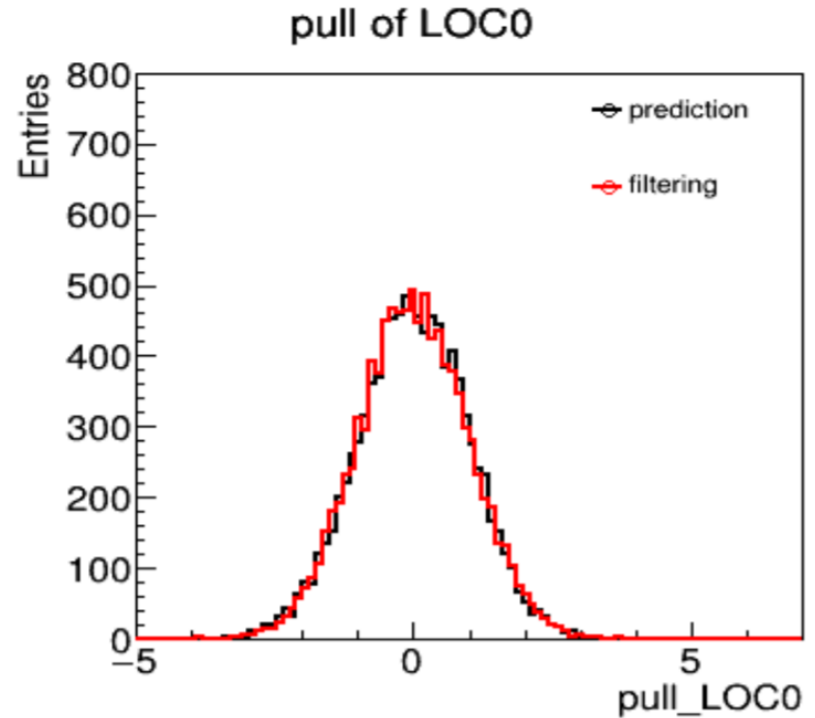
General idea to construct a detector for tracking is to

- Build them as light as possible \leftrightarrow keep the measurement reliable
- The detection module should be kept full detailed
- The material should be simplified

Tracking Geometry = Simplified geometry + approximated material setup

KalmanFitter Status in Acts

- KalmanFilter implemented as Actor
- Called automatically during propagation
- Updates direction, uncertainties after filtering step



- Aims to minimize heap allocation
- Runtime performance: So far no direct comparison, comparable test setup not trivial
- Study of numerical performance by Xiaocong Ai [\[1\]](#) [\[2\]](#)