

LHCb T-Station Alignment with Cosmics

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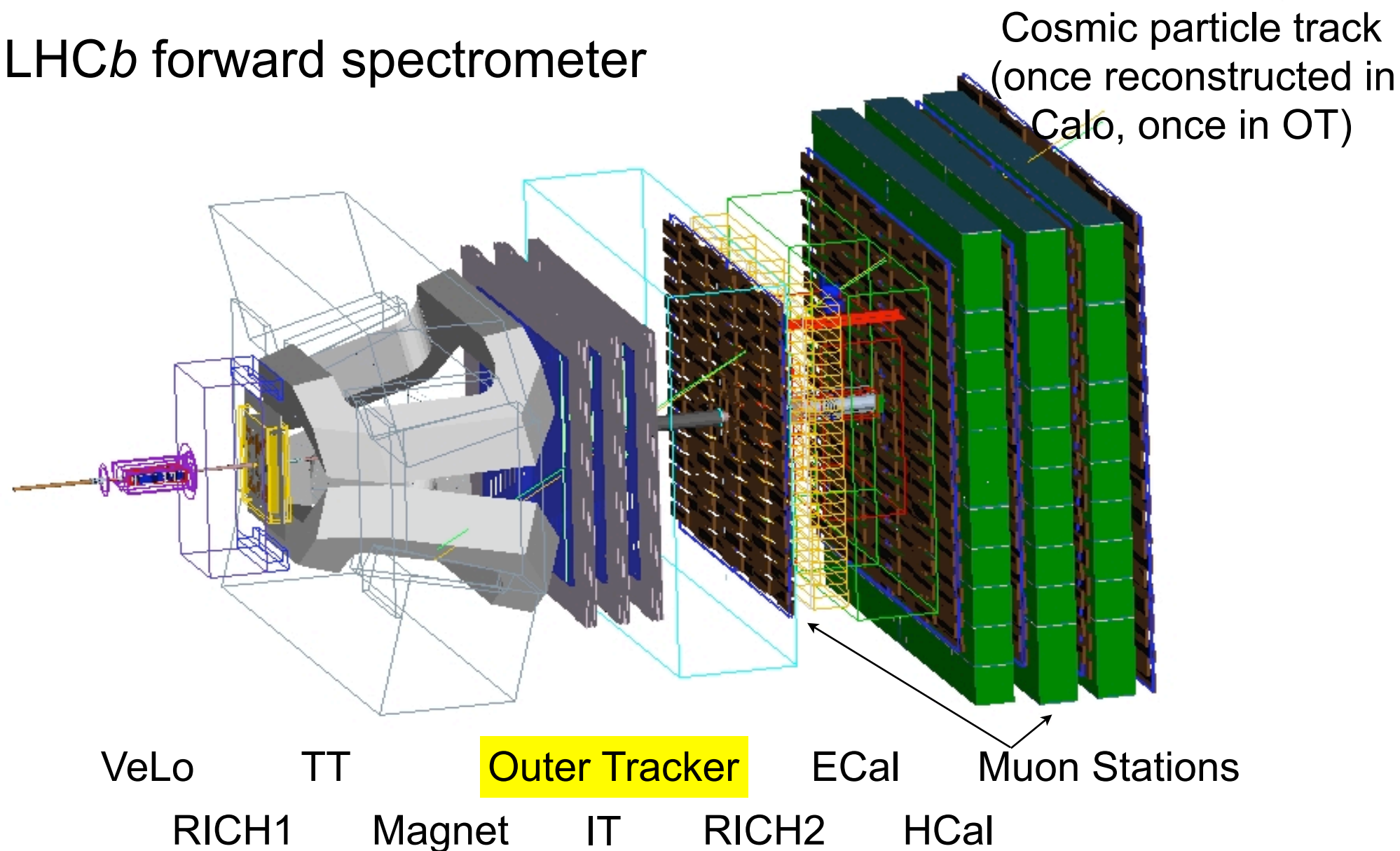
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LHCb detector

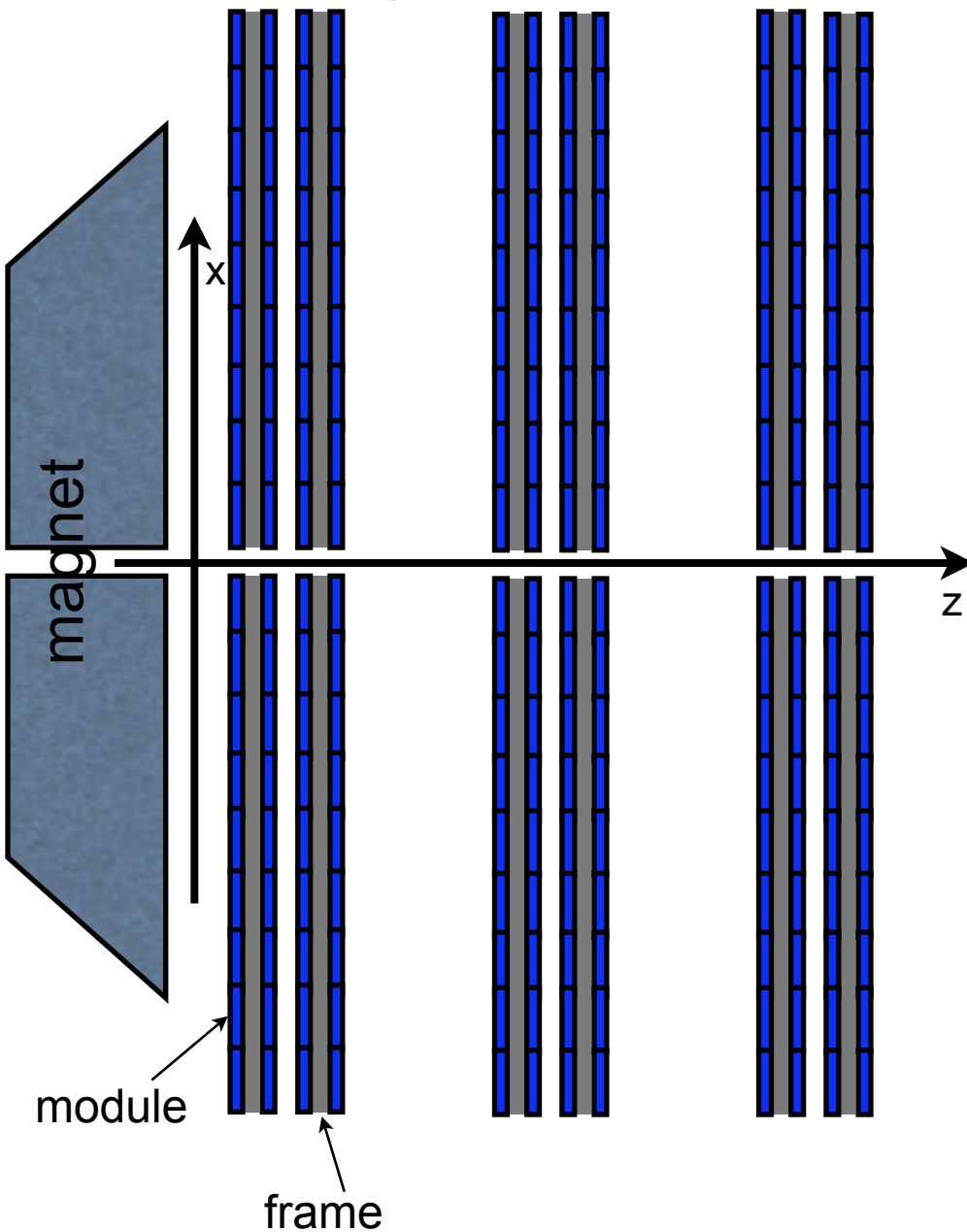
LHCb forward spectrometer





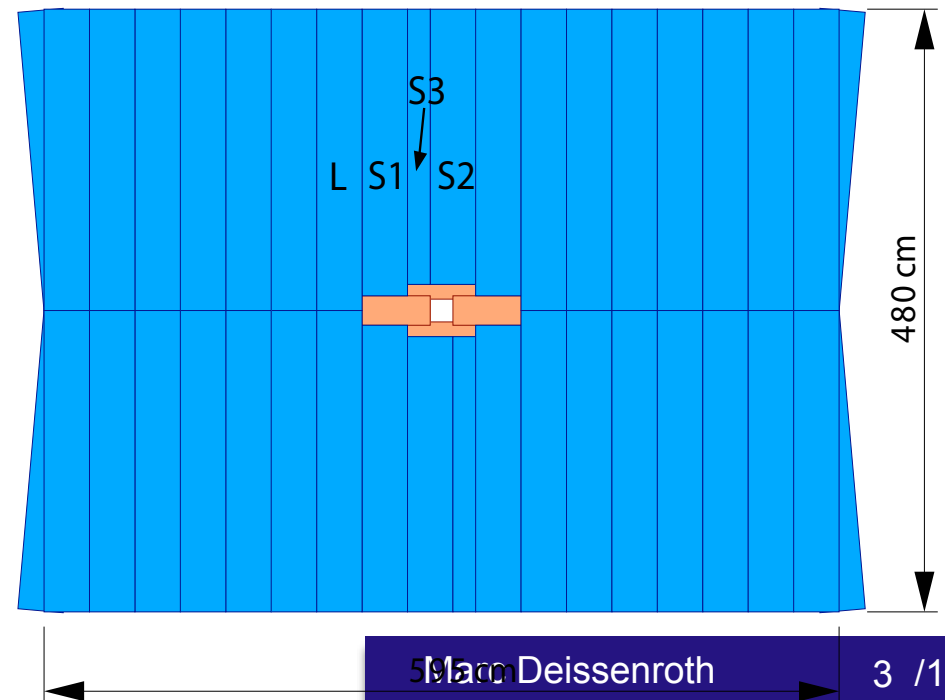
Outer Tracker

Top view of OT



- 3 stations, 2 halves per station
- 2 support frames per half (movable)
- 9 modules per frame: half layer
- half layer angle w.r.t. y axis:
 $x(0^\circ), u(-5^\circ), v(+5^\circ), x(0^\circ)$
- main measurement direction: x
- y information via rotated half layers

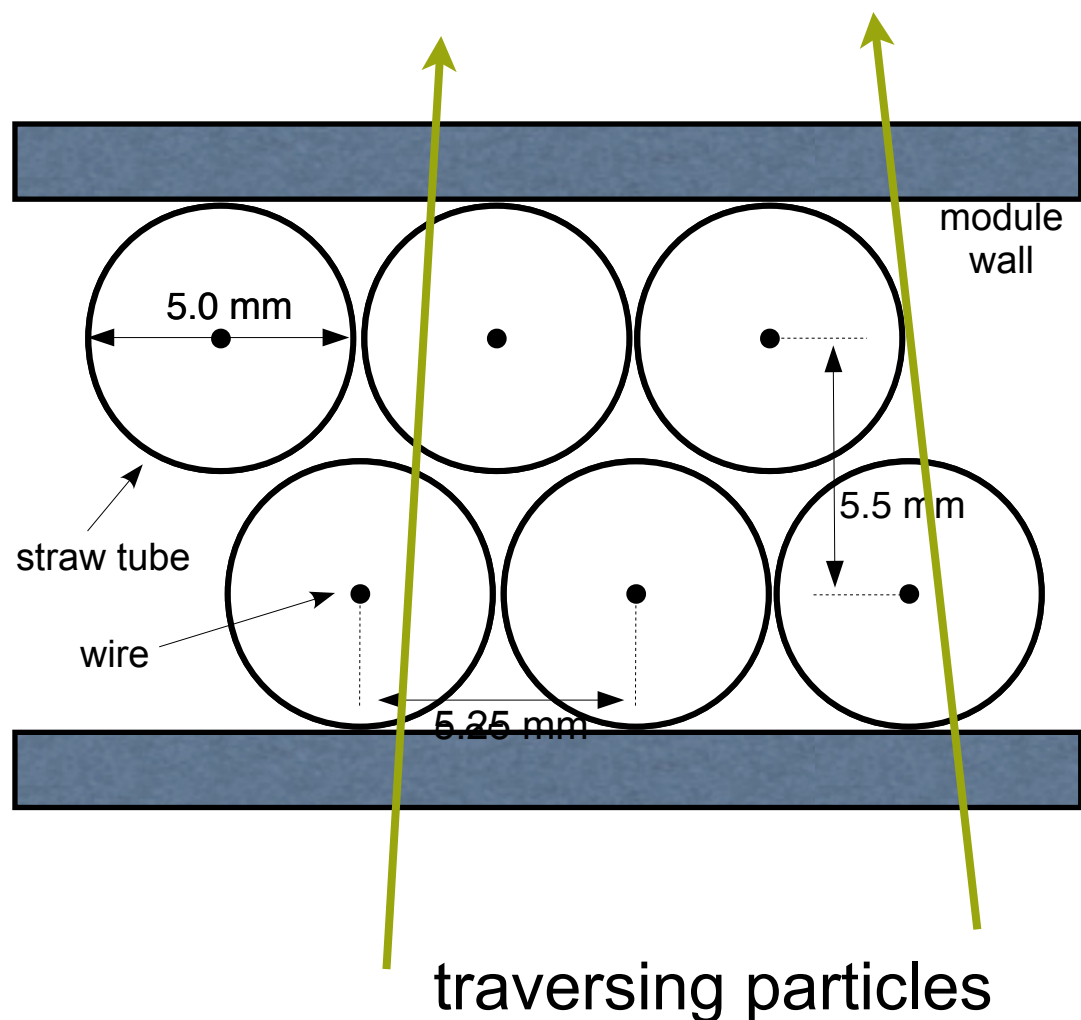
Front view of OT





Straw tubes

Profile of module with straw tubes

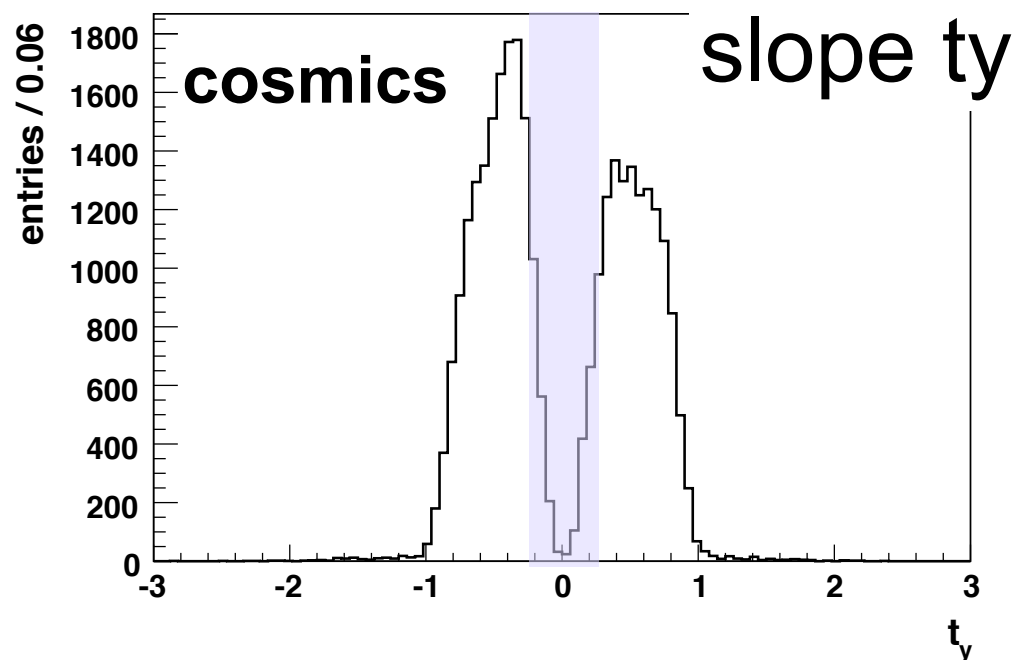
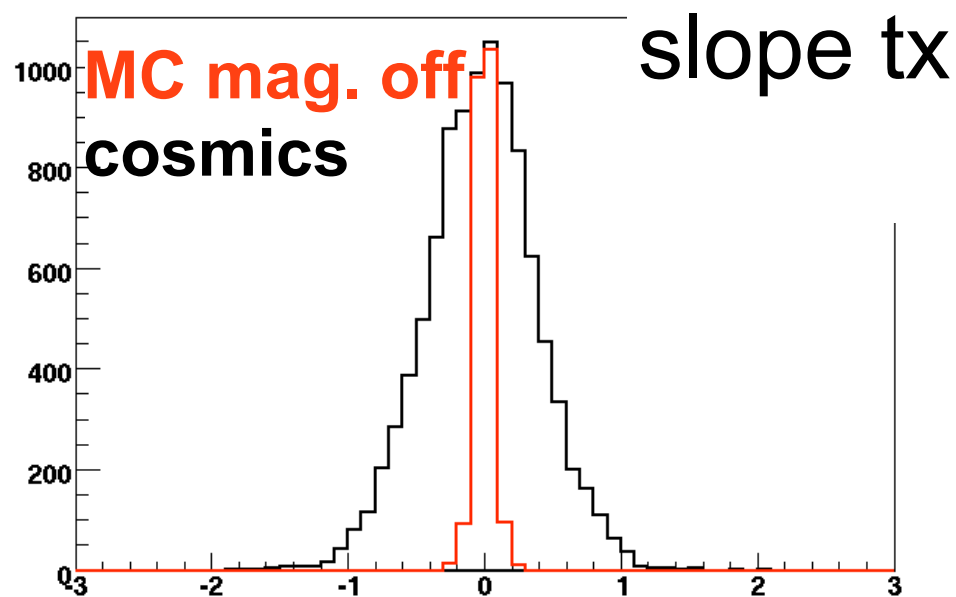
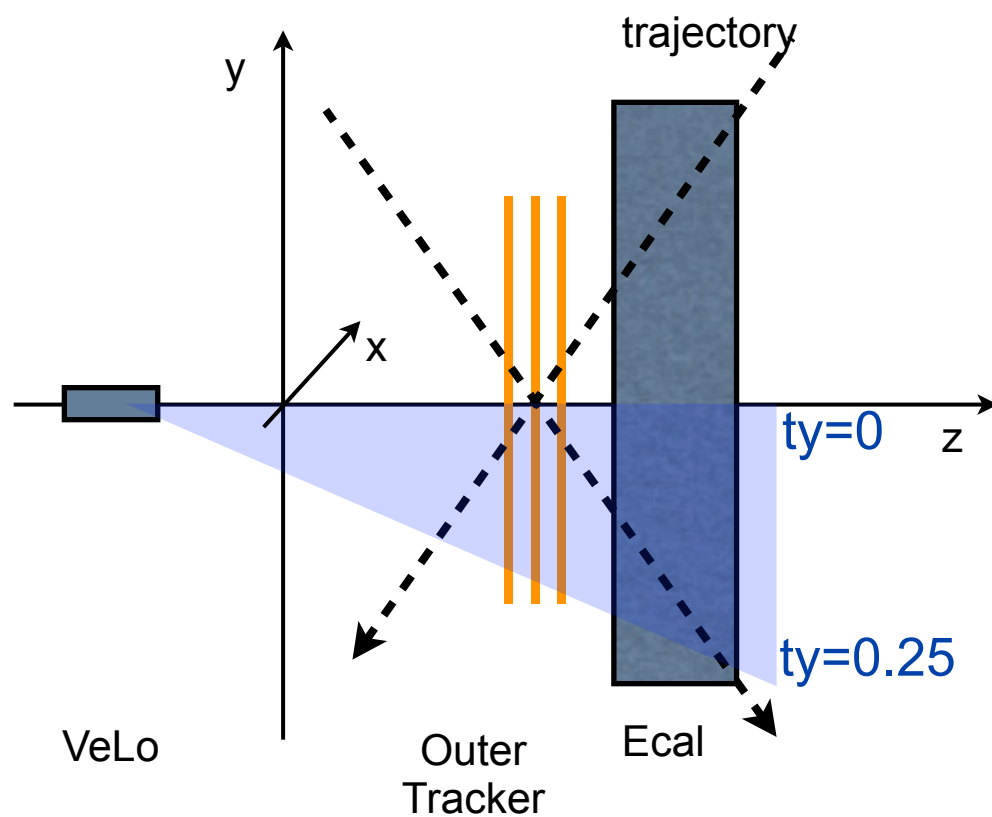


- straw tube = drift cell
- two monolayers per module:
 ≤ 2 hit per cluster
- resolution
with drift time : 200 μm
without : $\frac{5 \text{ mm}}{\sqrt{12}} = 1.44 \text{ mm}$



Data & Tracks

- no magnetic field
- triggered with ECal + Muon St.
- 20000 tracks for alignment
- extreme slopes compared to pp collision data





Two competitive alignment approaches:

- both minimize the χ^2 w.r.t. **local track and global alignment parameters simultaneously**
 1. standalone track fit; math based on Millepede algorithm
 2. standard LHCb Kalman filter track fit
 - OT alignment with both algorithms:
 - results comparable
 - following results from approach 1
 - alignment without using drift times:
 - track fit stable & no iterations needed (no hit ambiguity) & independent from calibration
- $\sigma_{\text{meas}} = 1.44 \text{ mm}$



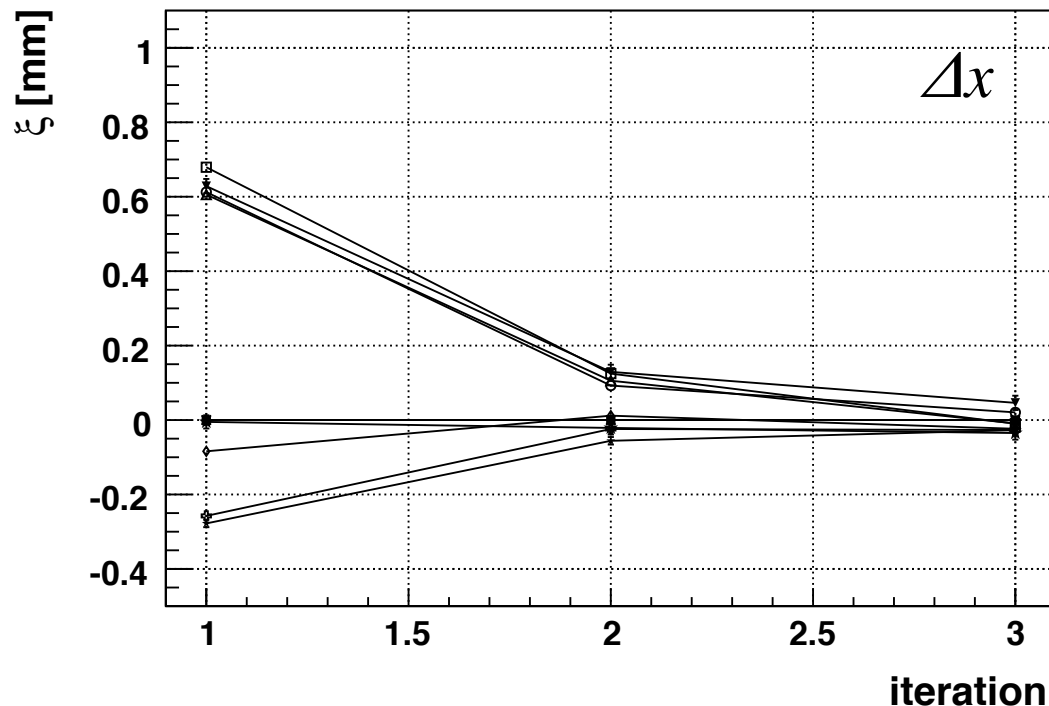
Alignment of OT I

Align for half layers

- Δx : main measurement direction,
linear d.o.f. \rightarrow no alignment iterations required

Plot the 'convergence' parameter

- $\xi = \Delta x_i - \Delta x_{i-1}$ ($i = \text{iteration}$)



no convergence ($\xi=0$)
after 1st iteration



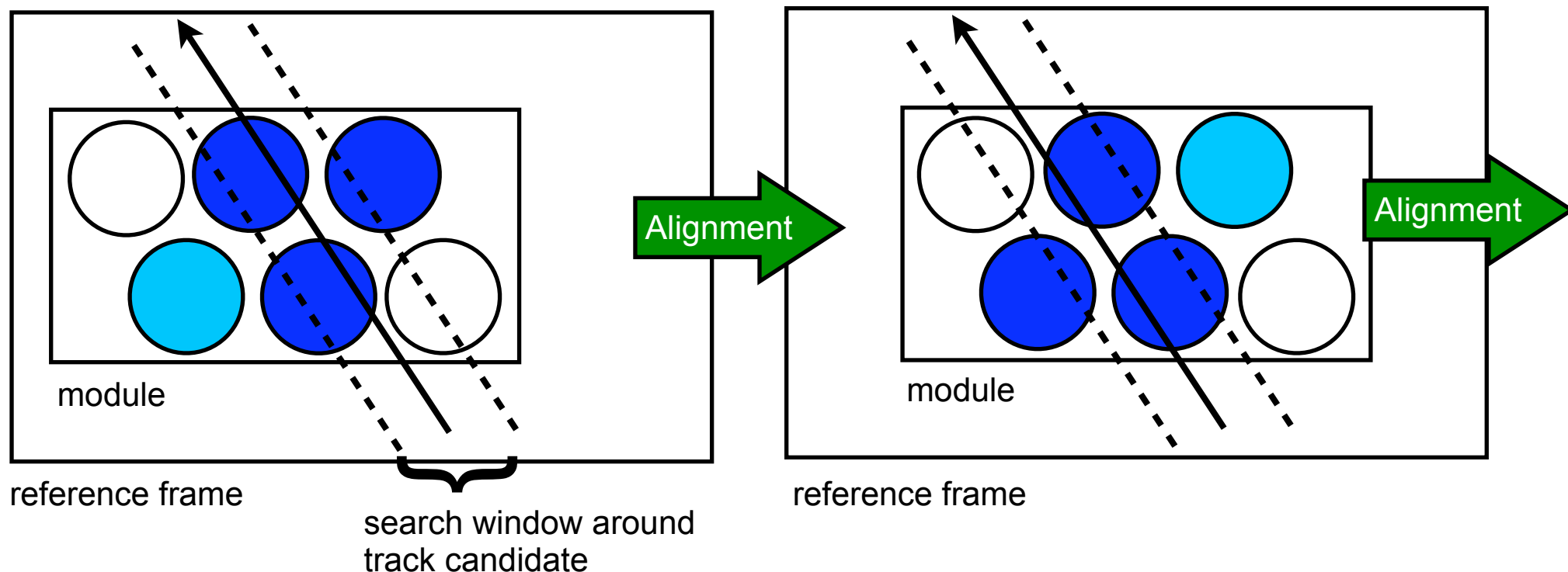
effect of the pattern
recognition



Effect of pattern recognition

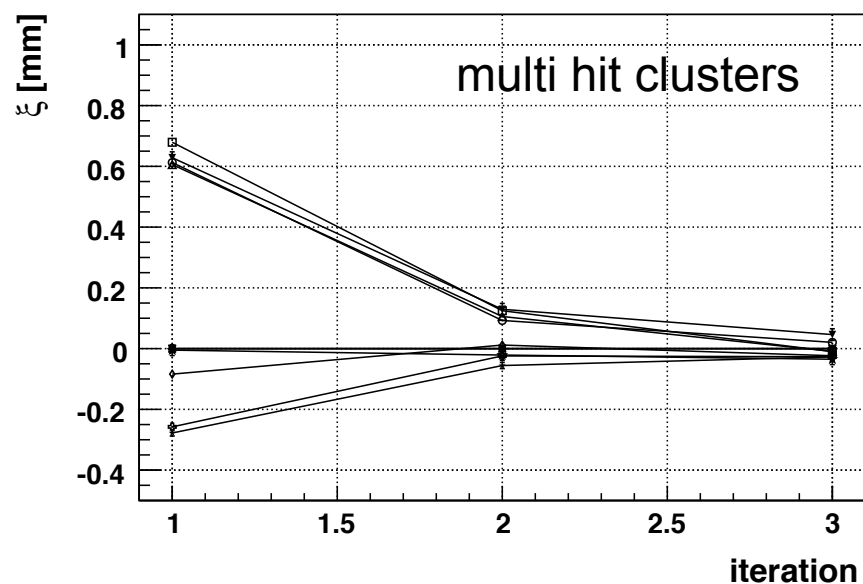
- tracks with multi hit clusters
- χ^2 minimization: alignment constants depend on track and its residual
- pattern recognition selects different hits in subsequent alignment iterations \rightarrow alignment constants change

● unused hit ● used hit



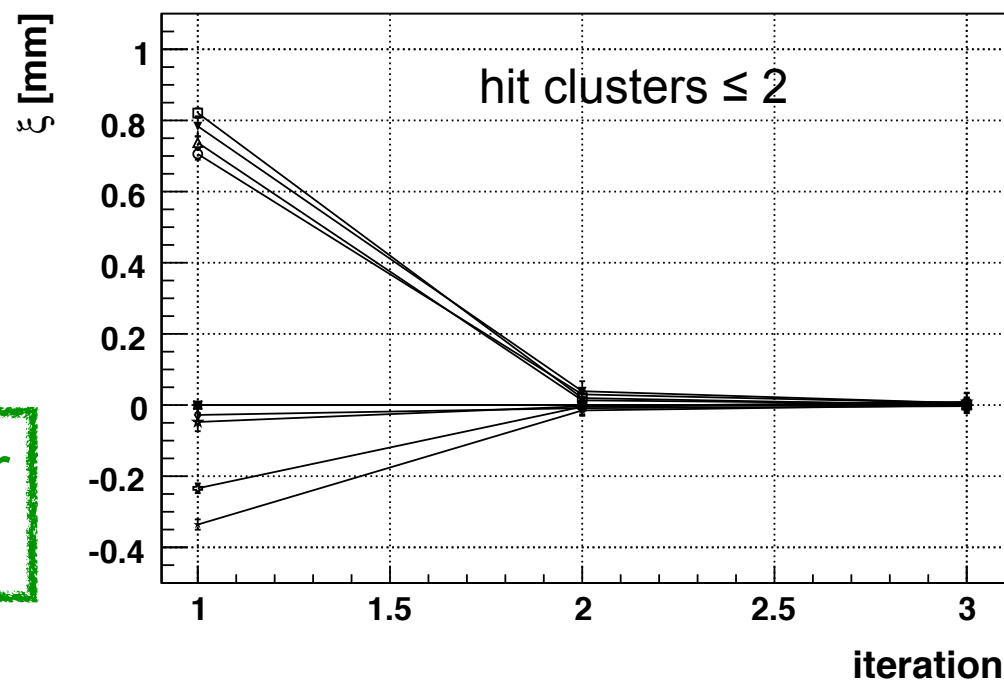


Alignment of OT II



convergence after
one iteration

select tracks with
 ≤ 2 hit clusters



- following results with tracks comprising only ≤ 2 hit cluster



Align for

- Δx : main measurement direction
- Δz : z-scale important for correct momentum estimate
- $\Delta \gamma$: angle w.r.t. y axis

Constraints to avoid overall shift and rotations

- Δx : fix 1st and last parameter of x layers
fix 1st and last parameter of *rotated* layers (constrain y direction)
- Δz : fix 2 parameters to set scale
- $\Delta \gamma$: same as for Δx

Results for alignment of half layers, then for modules

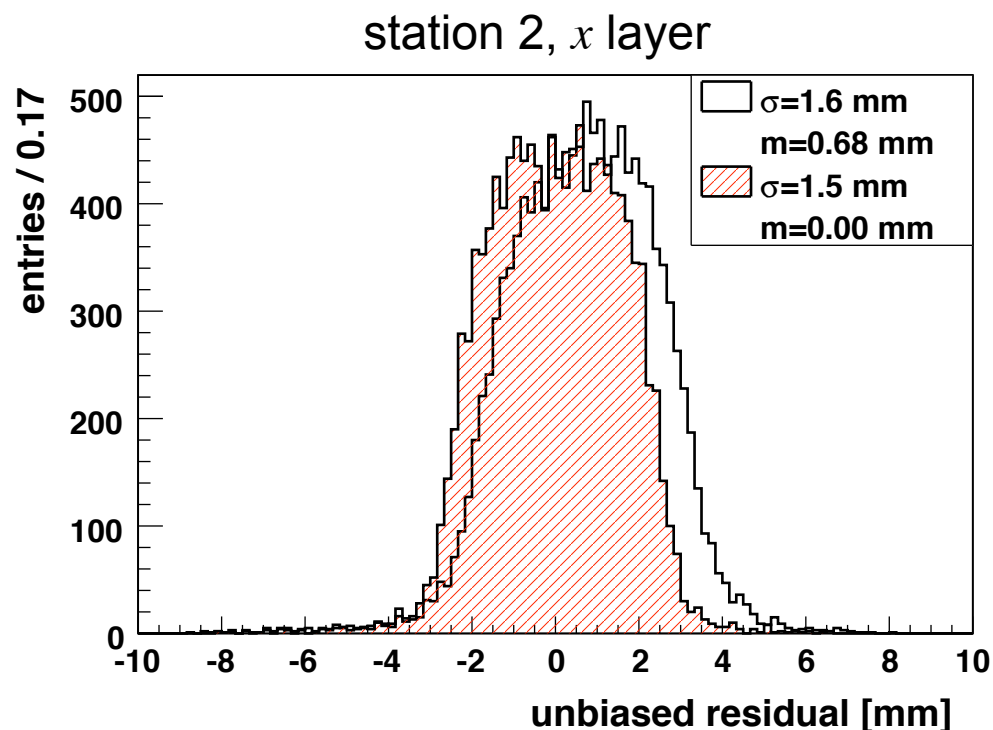
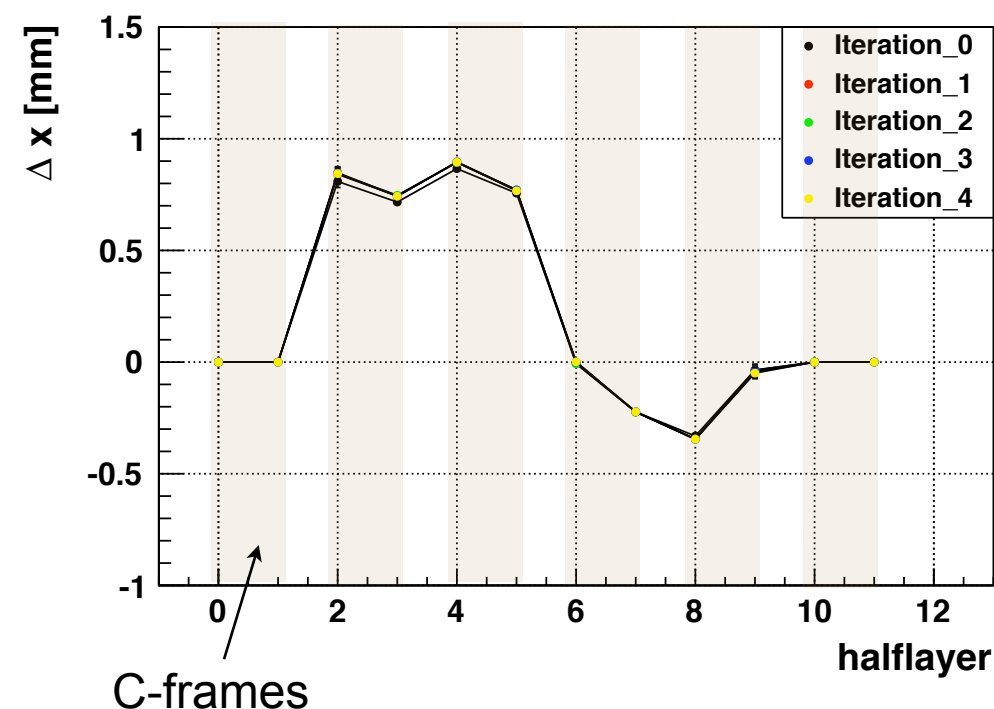


Half layer alignment Δx

- shifts of up to 1 mm (relative to the fixed layers)
- frame support of half layer evident
- clear improvement of unbiased track residual, e.g. for first x layer of station 2:

$$m_{\text{misalign}} = 0.68 \text{ mm} \rightarrow m_{\text{align}} = 0.0 \text{ mm}$$

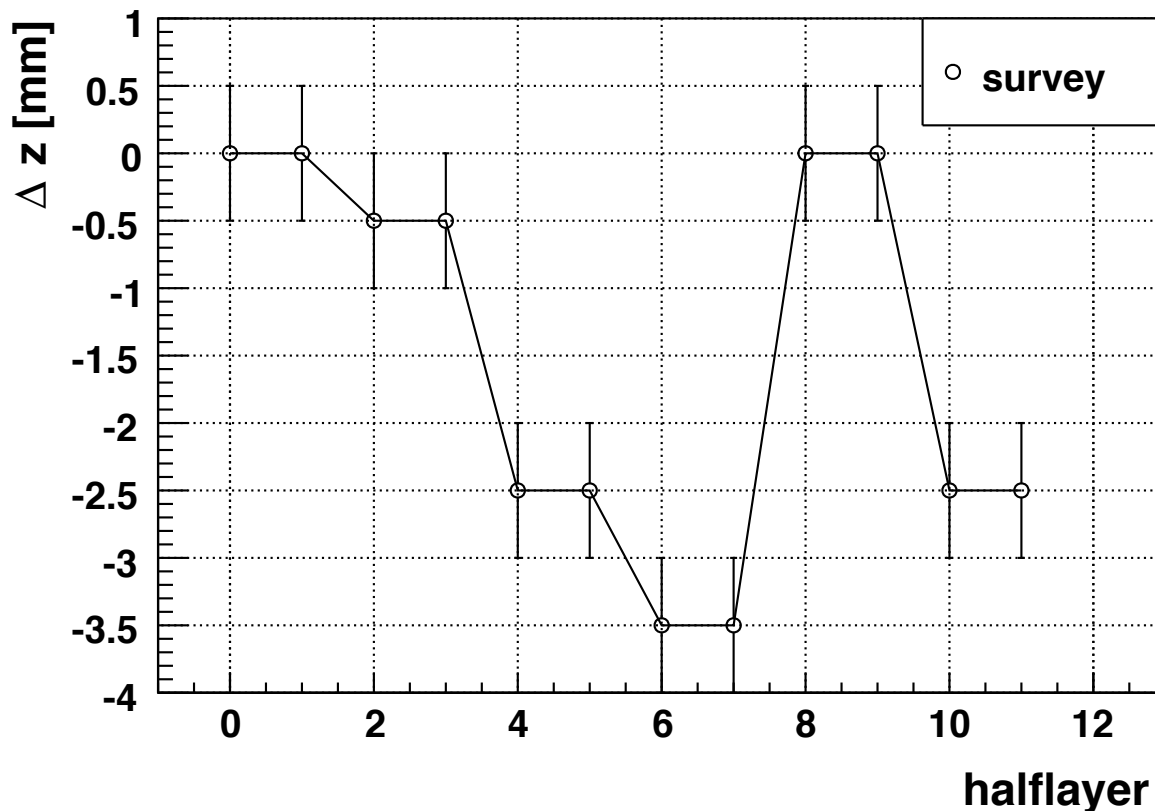
$$\sigma_{\text{misalign}} = 1.60 \text{ mm} \rightarrow \sigma_{\text{align}} = 1.5 \text{ mm}$$





Half layer alignment Δz

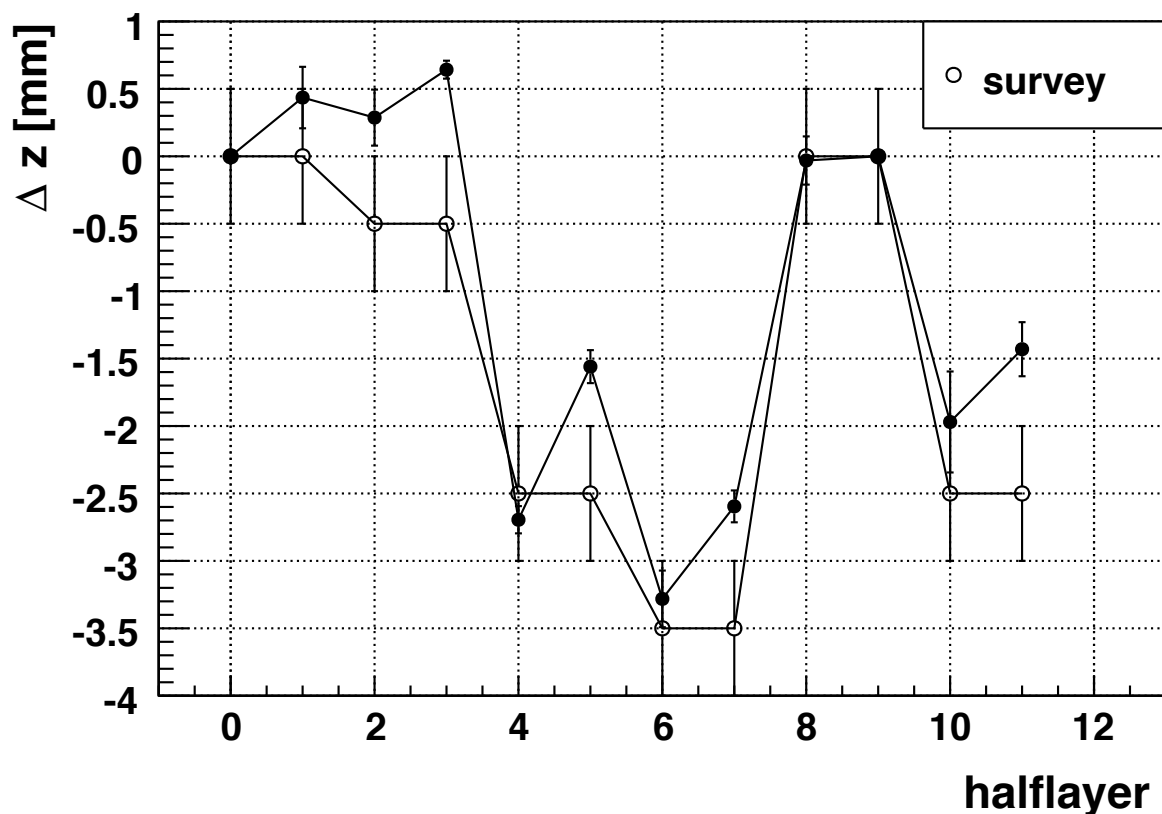
- compare software alignment results with survey
- survey measures 1st and 5th C-frames, i.e. halflayer (0,1) and (8,9) to be at $\Delta z = (0 \pm 0.5)$ mm
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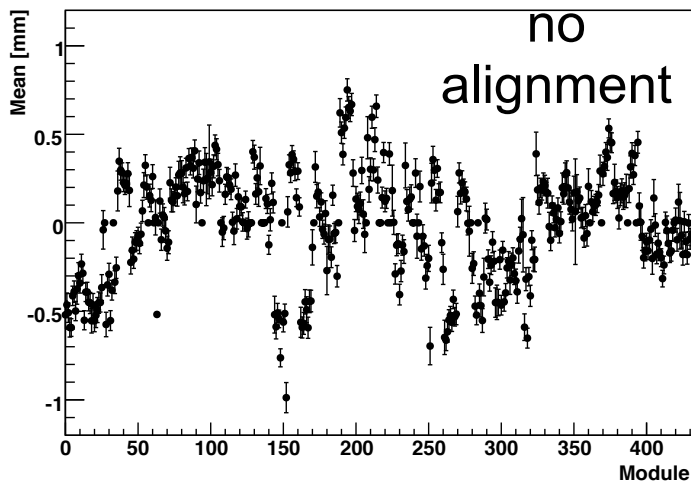


good agreement
between survey and
software results !

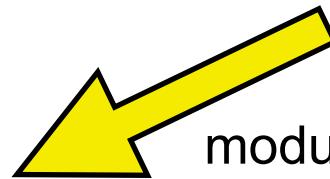
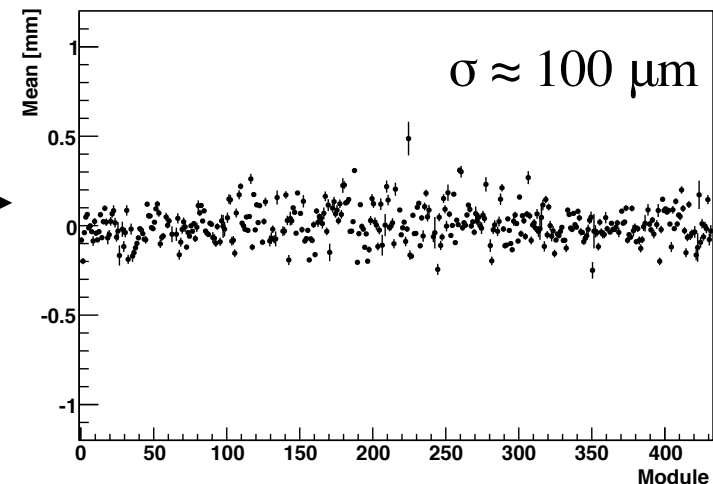


Module alignment

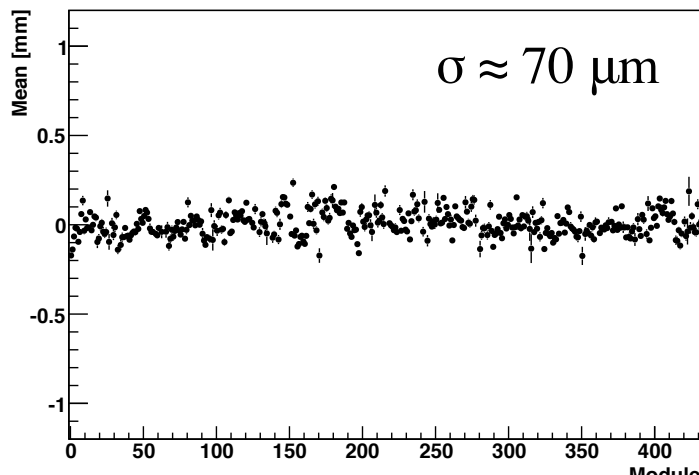
- using geometry obtained after half layer alignment
- align for Δx , Δz , $\Delta \gamma$ (rotation around z)
- mean of residuals improve significantly (subsample of alignment sample used for following plots) :



half layer
alignment



module
alignment

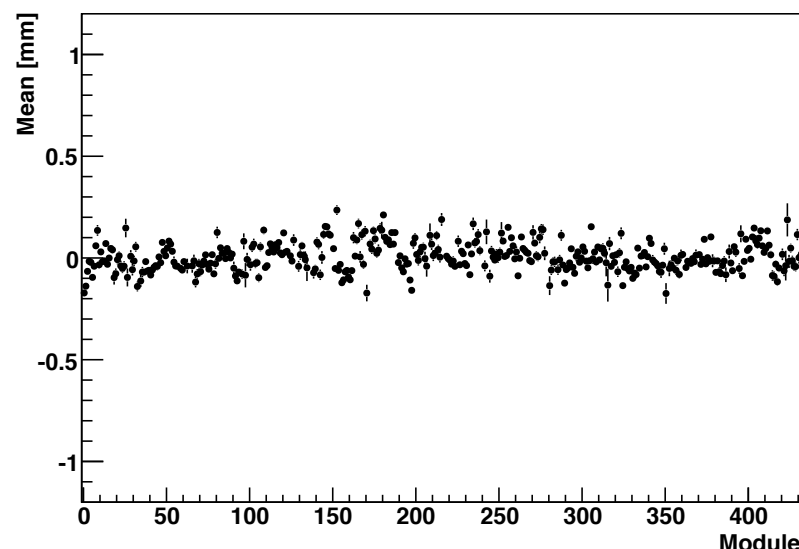
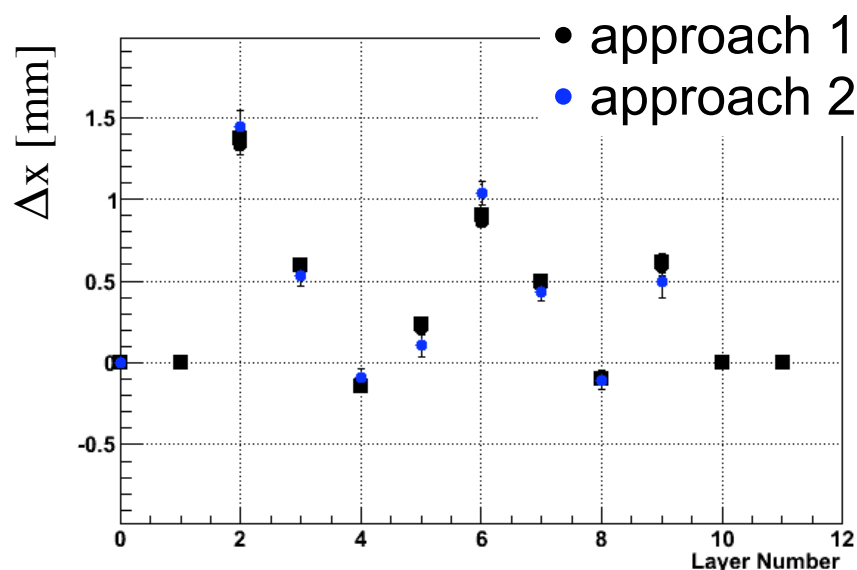




Alignment accuracy

Compare results of approaches

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difference of results $< 100 \mu\text{m}$

$\sigma_{\text{mean}} \approx 70 \mu\text{m}$

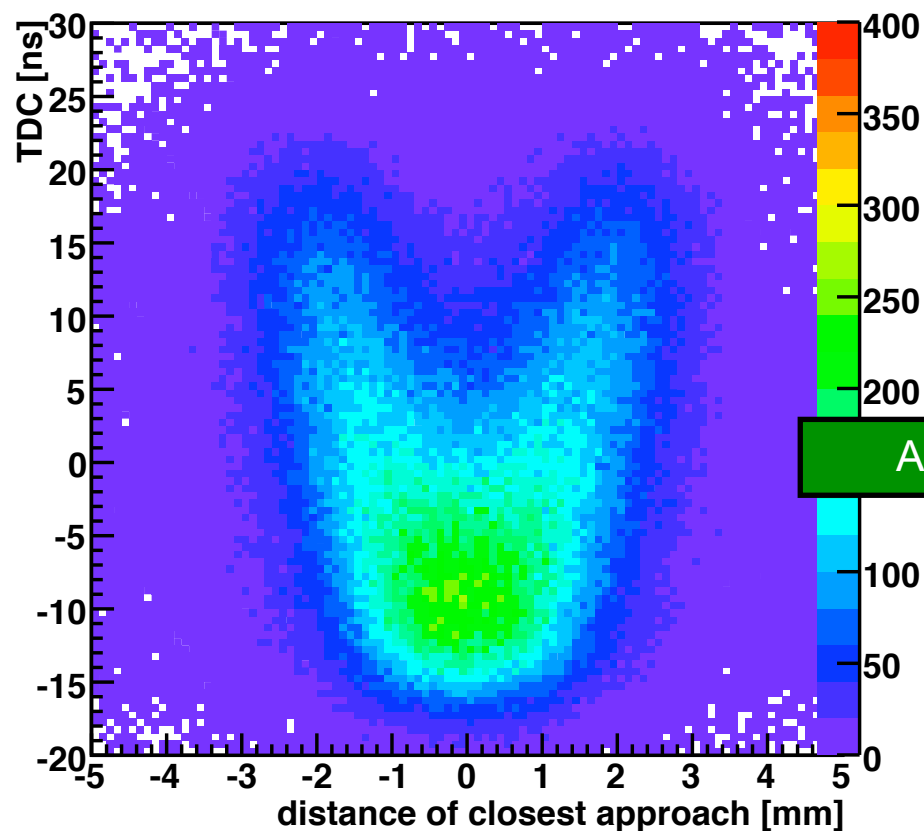
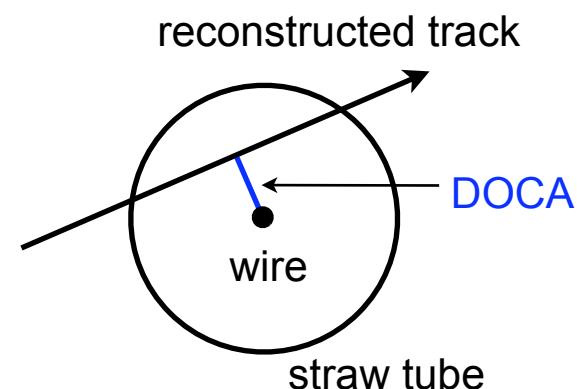
alignment accuracy $\sigma_{\text{align}} \approx 100 \mu\text{m}$

(including systematics and statistics)

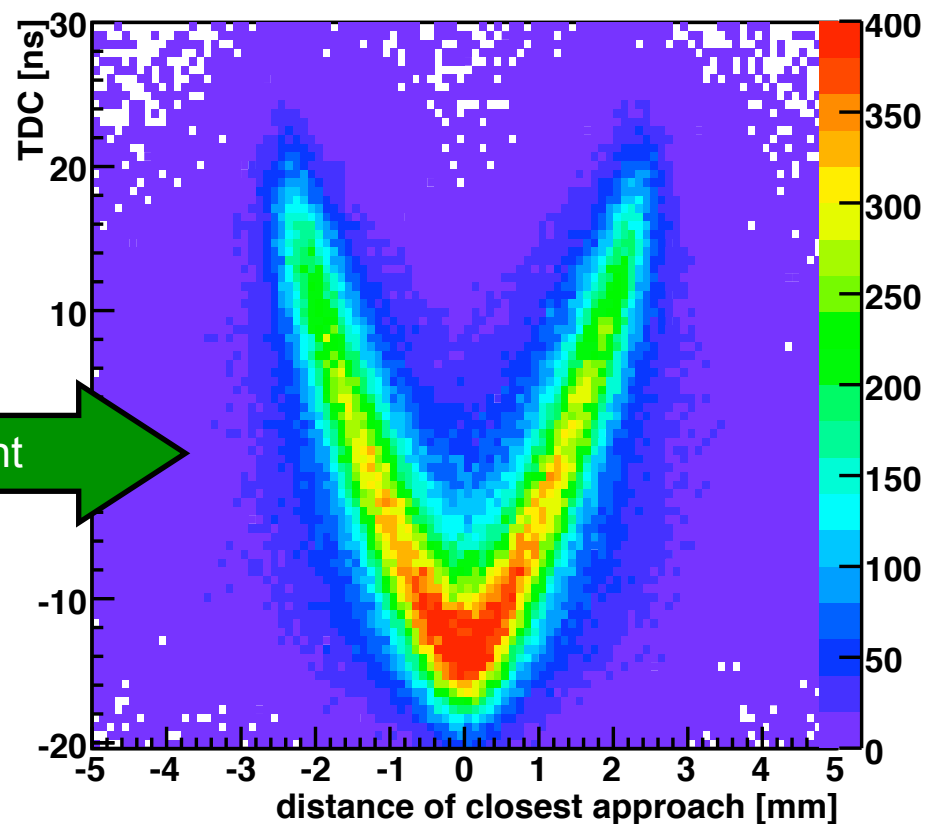


Detector calibration

- validate alignment constants with calibration of space drift time relation (DOCA vs drift time)



Alignment





- 2 implementations for the LHC*b* Outer Tracker alignment which give comparable results
 - 20000 cosmics tracks for alignment
 - hierarchic alignment for most sensitive d.o.f. Δx , Δz , $\Delta \gamma$
 - half layers
 - modules
 - significant improvement of track residuals, alignment accuracy $\sigma_{\text{align}} \approx 100 \mu\text{m}$
 - survey measurements confirmed by software alignment
 - validation of alignment constants by calibration of space drift time function
- ✓ Outer Tracker alignment software ready for data from first collisions