

Auto-tuning capabilities of the ACTS track reconstruction suite

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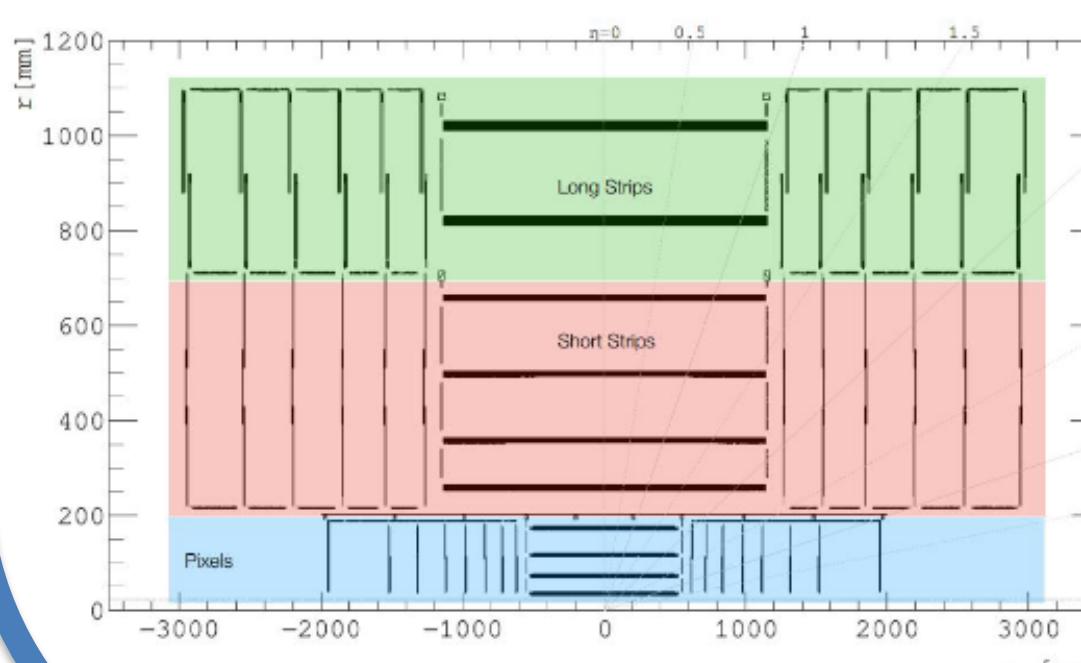
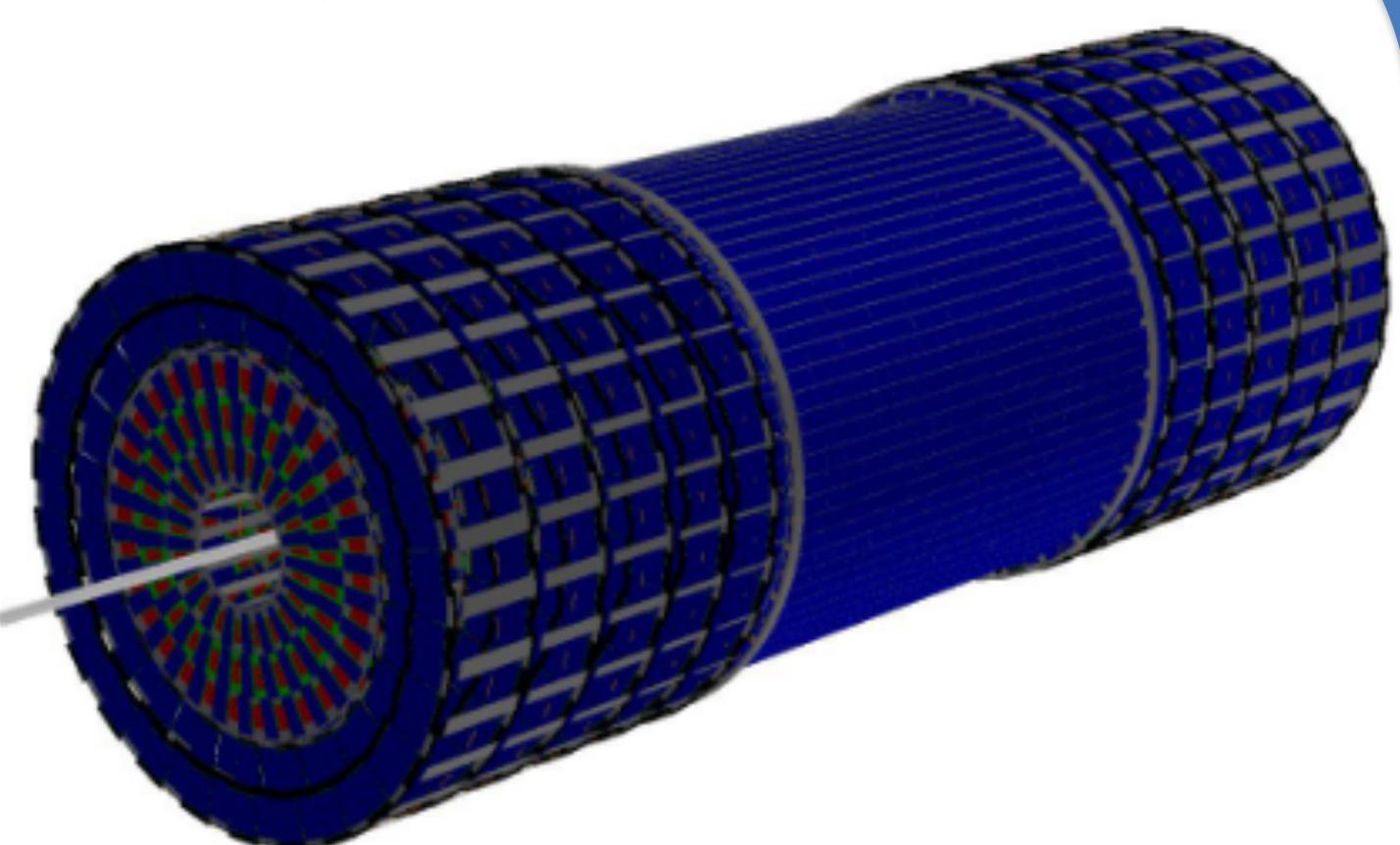


Context and Motivations

- Most tracking algorithm use multiple parameters to account for experimental conditions :
 - Detector geometry
 - Material configuration
 - Pile-up
 - Collision type
 - Center-of-mass energy
 - Many other factors
- Hand-tuned parameters :
 - Trial and tested method
 - Provides good configurations
 - Slow (require expert)
 - Long term maintainability issue
 - Expensive retuning
- Auto-tuned parameters :
 - Faster : trade CPU time for human time
 - Easier to rerun : "change the conditions and press the button"
 - Can be performed in parallel
 - More granular : Sub-detector level optimisation

ACTS and the ODD

- Studies performed within ACTS (A Common Tracking Software) :
 - [Open source tracking software](#)
 - Experiment independent ([ATLAS](#), [FASER](#), [sPHENIX](#), [EIC](#),...)
- Implement most tracking algorithms and a full tracking chain
 - Used the ODD ([Open Data Detector](#)) :
 - Virtual detector
 - Full silicon design (similar to the ATLAS ITk)
 - Used in [Track ML challenge](#)
 - Great environment to develop and test new machine learning based algorithms



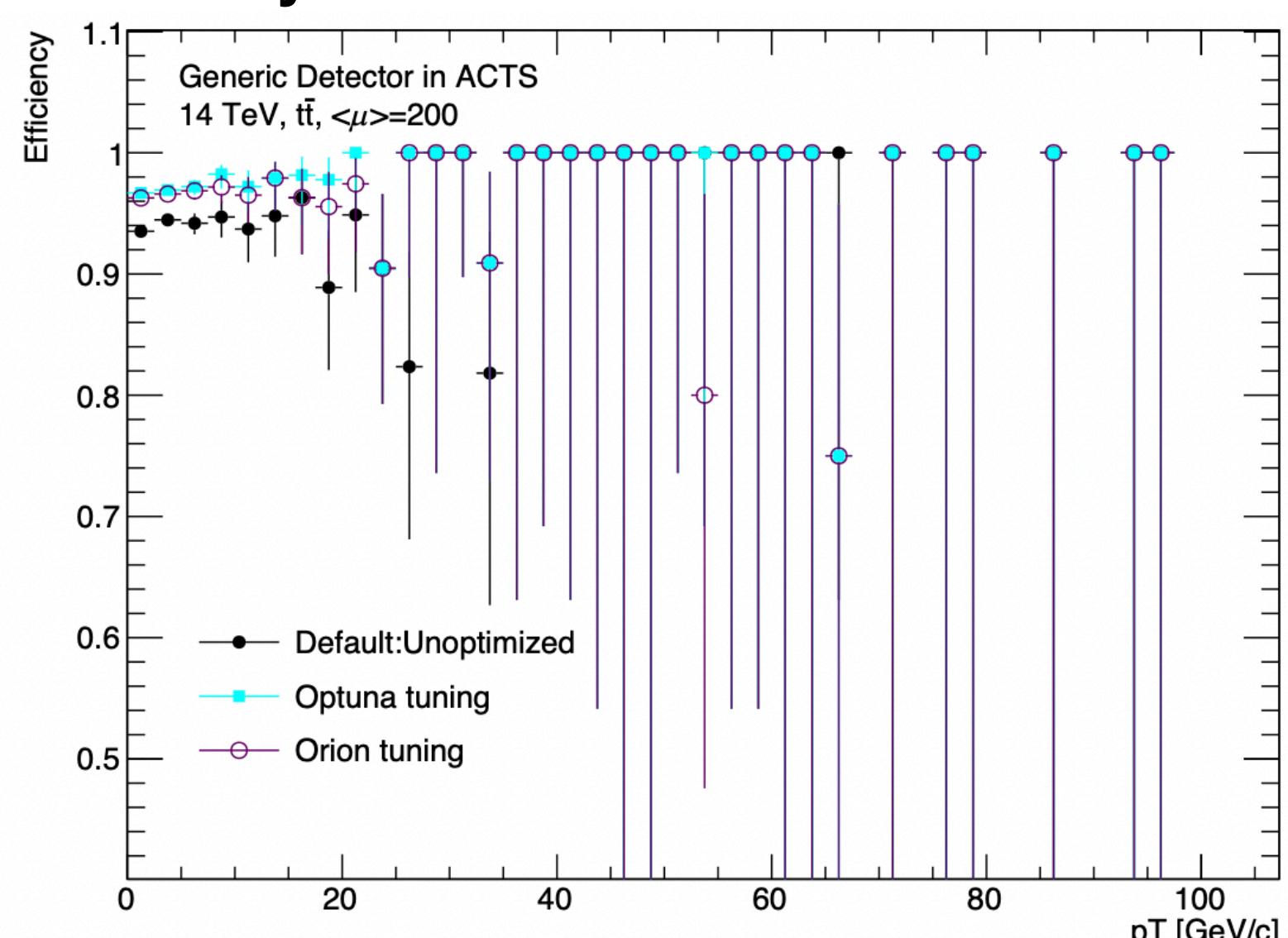
Optimisation framework

- Optimiser :
 - Test different configuration parameters values for the algorithm
 - For each compute a performance based score
 - Try to find the set of parameters minimising the **score**
- Tried two different frameworks :
 - [ORION](#) : asynchronous framework for black-box function optimisation
 - [OPTUNA](#) : Open source software for automatic hyper-parameter search
 - Many different optimisation algorithm for each framework : Random search, [ASHA](#), [Tree-structured Parzen Estimator](#), ...
 - Derivative-free approach → works well with high evaluation cost and irregular score function



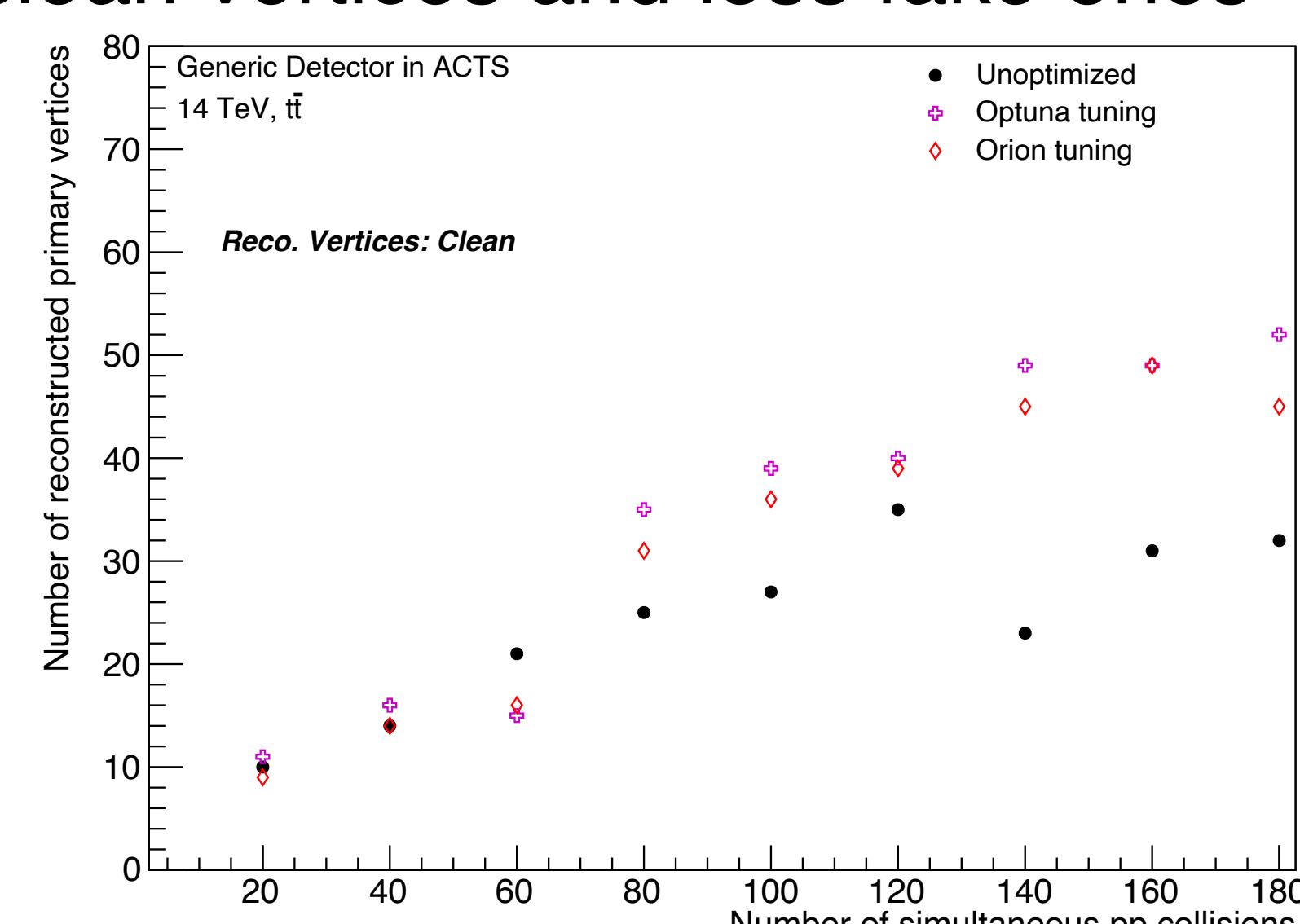
Seeding

- Create groups of measurement used to seed the track finding
 - Optimiser looks for the parameters that maximise this **score** :
- $$Score = Efficiency - (FakeRate + \frac{DuplicateRate}{K} + \frac{RunTime}{R})$$
- Efficiency : particle without seed → particle lost
 - Fake rate : fake tracks → worse physic performance
 - Duplicate rate : Many seeds per track → slower reconstruction
 - Both optimisers (~ 1 h) improve efficiency with similar results



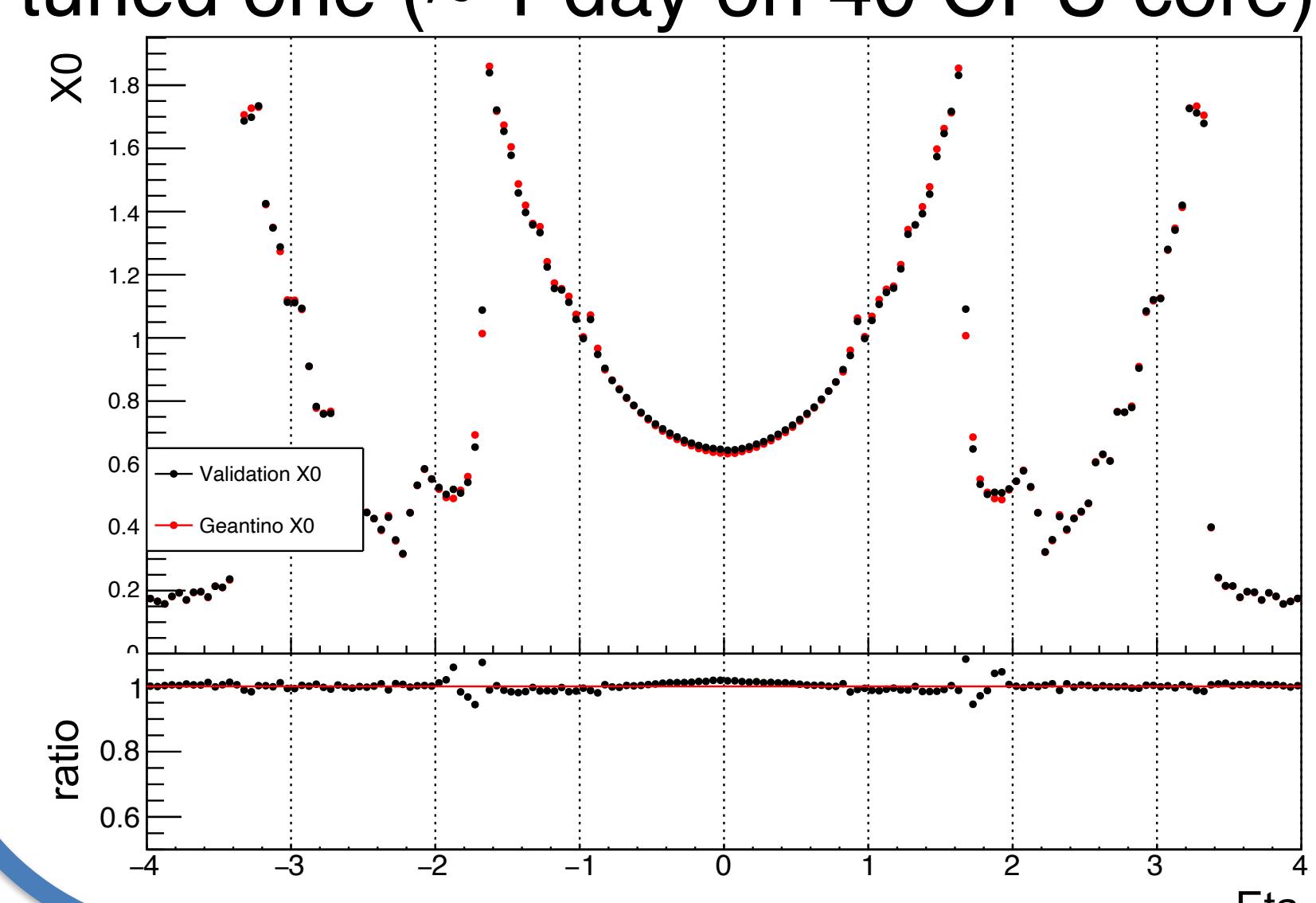
Vertexing

- Combine the informations on all the tracks to find back the interaction points (vertices)
 - Use the optimiser to find the parameters that maximise this **score** :
- $$Score = (Eff_{Total} + 2Eff_{Clean}) - (Merged + Split + Fake + Resolution)$$
- Clean : vertex associated with 1 truth particle
 - Merged : 1 vertex multiples particles
 - Split : multiple vertices one particle
 - Reconstruct cleanly as many vertices as possible
 - After the optimiser (~ 4 h) : more clean vertices and less fake ones



Material Mapping

- Create a simplified material representation for the navigation (100 acts surfaces vs)
 - Project detector material onto binned surfaces
 - Minimise **material variance** in each bin :
- $$Score = \frac{1}{bins} \times \sum_{bin} variance_{mat} \times (1 + \sqrt{bins})$$
- Map compared by navigating through the detector and collecting the encountered material
 - Auto-tuned map as good as the hand-tuned one (~ 1 day on 40 CPU core)



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