





ALICE First Alignment Plans



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ALICE detector layout for first data (end 07)

Plans for first alignment (cosmics and first pp)

- Inner Tracking System (ITS)
- Outer barrel detectors (TPC)
- Relative alignment of ITS and TPC
- Muon spectrometer

Summary



The ALICE Detector

 $|\eta| < 0.9, B = 0.5 T$ TPC + Inner Tracking System + TRD (e/ π) + TOF (hadr. id)

muon arm -4 < η < -2.5

Initial configuration (end 2007):

V0 (trigger, beam gas rej., lumi meas.)

ACORDE (cosmics trigger for TPC)

ITS (tracking and trigger)

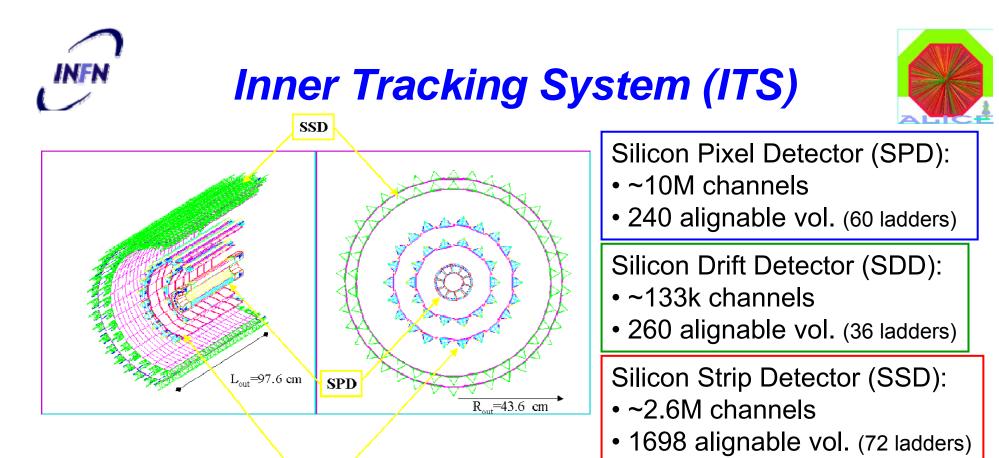
•~1/9 TRD, ~1/2 TOF

• TPC (tracking)

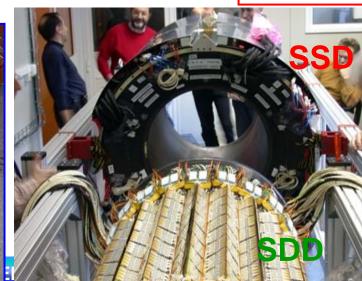
muon arm

Size: 16 x 26 meters **Weight**: 10,000 tons

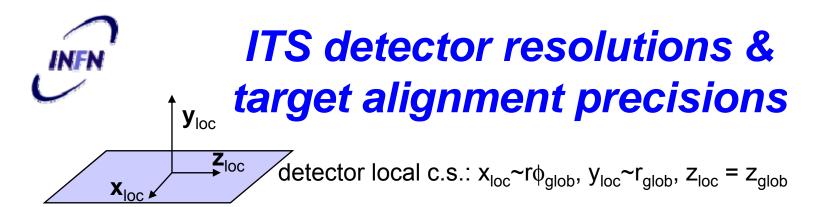
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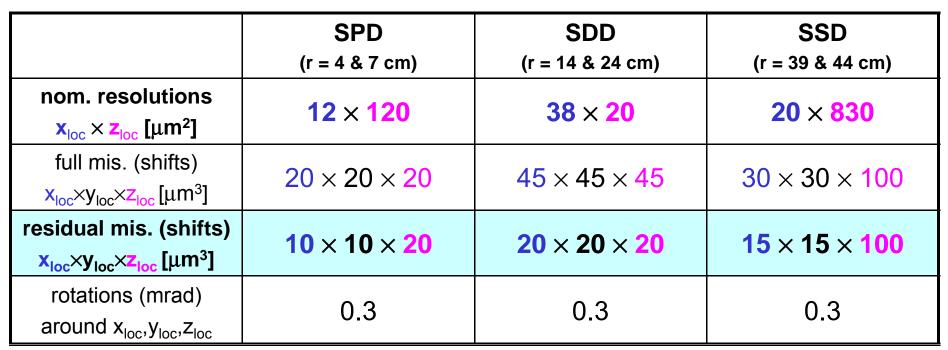






ITS total: 2198 alignable sensitive volumes → 13188 d.o.f.





- Full: initial misalignments as expected from the mechanical imprecision after installation, actually set to 20-45 μ m at the sensor level, probably higher at the ladder or layer level (~100 μ m)
- **Residual:** expected misalignment left after applying the realignment machinery, taken ~0.7×resol. \rightarrow ~20% degradation of the resolution

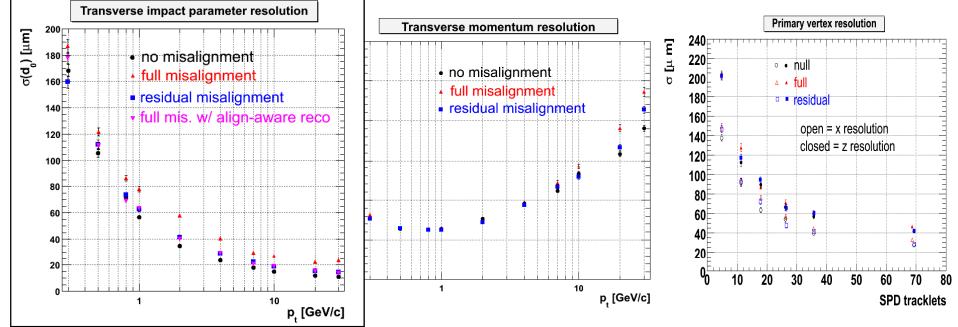
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Impact of ITS misalignment on tracking performance



- Track impact parameter (d₀) resolution is crucial for the rich heavy flavour program of ALICE (in pp and Pb-Pb)
- Effect of misalignment on d₀, p_t, vertex resolutions studied by reconstructing misaligned events with ideal geometry



Alignment awareness of the reconstruction tested by reconstructing misaligned events with the input misaligned geometry

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ITS: first alignment with tracks

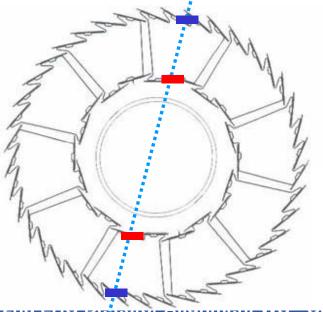


- Data sets: cosmics + first pp collisions (and beam gas)
 - use cocktail of tracks from cosmics and pp to cover full detector surface and to maximize correlations among volumes
- Start with B off, then switch on B (0.5 T for barrel → possibility to select highmomentum tracks for alignment)
- **General strategy** (not yet finalized):
 - 1) start with layers easier to calibrate: pixels and strips
 - > good resol. in r ϕ (12-20 μ m), worse in z (120-830 μ m)
 - ITS z resol. provided by drifts anode coord. (20µm) → easily calibrated → can be included from the beginning in alignment chain
 - 2) global ITS alignment relative to TPC (already internally aligned)
 - finally, inclusion of silicon drifts (drift coord: rφ), which probably need longer calibration (interplay between alignment and calibration)
- Track-based alignment methods (work in progress):
 - Iocal: iterative method based on residuals minimization
 - global: Millepede 1 (already ported to ALICE for muon arm alignment)

Preparation for cosmics data (1)



- Expected muon rate through ITS inner layer (~200cm², ~40m underground): ~0.02 Hz (→ ~10⁴ µ/week)
- Trigger on cosmics (for ITS alignment) with SPD layers:
 - FastOR (FO) of the 20 chips on 2 half-staves
 - For each half-barrel (A side, C side):
 - > 20 FOs outer layer, 10 FOs inner layer
 - > Any logic combination of these 30 FOs



A side

◆ Option being considered for cosmics:
Double Layer coincidence (≥2FOs inn layer & ≥2FOs out layer)

purity (fraction with 1 μ with 4 SPD hits): ~97%,

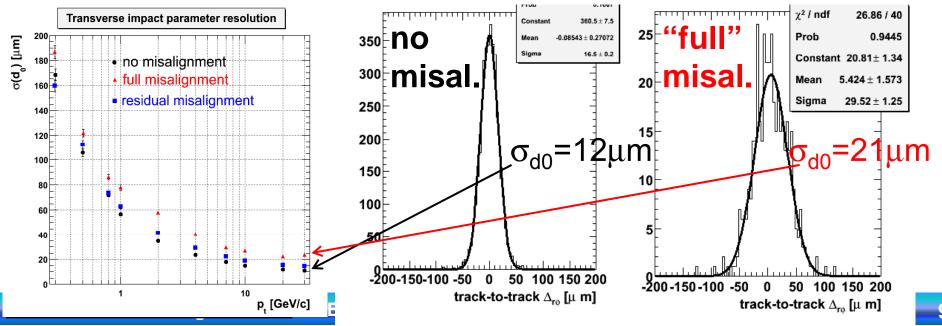
inefficiency (fraction of lost μ with 4 SPD hits): ~19%

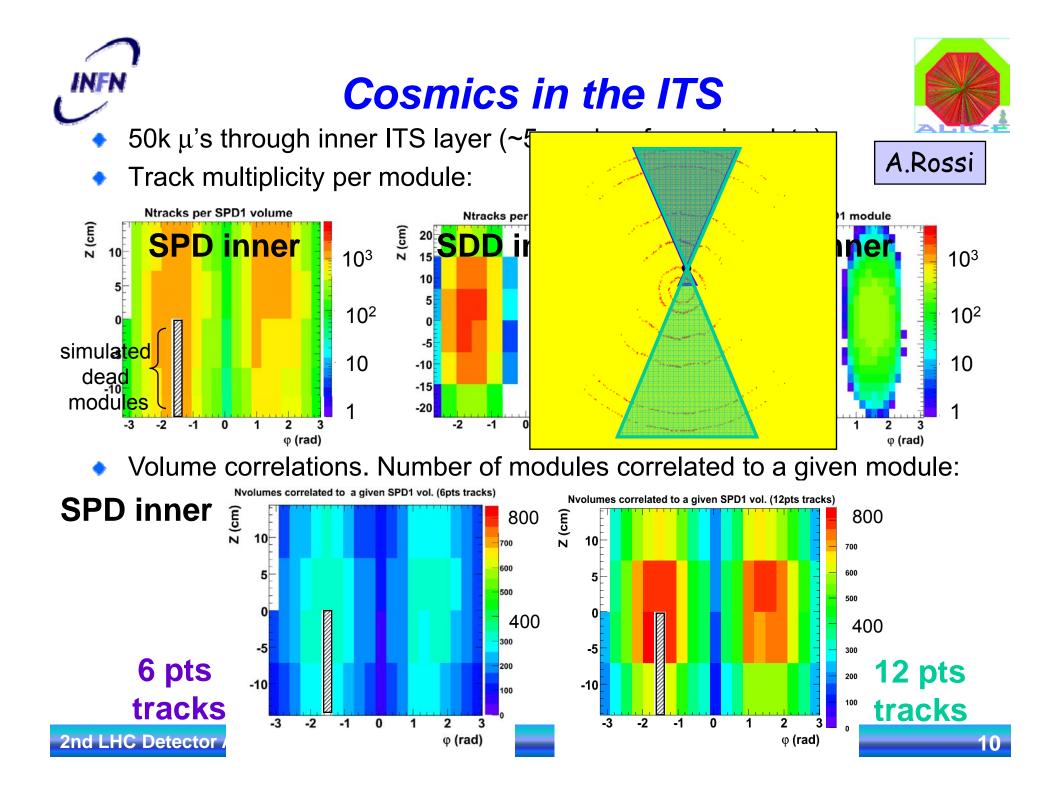
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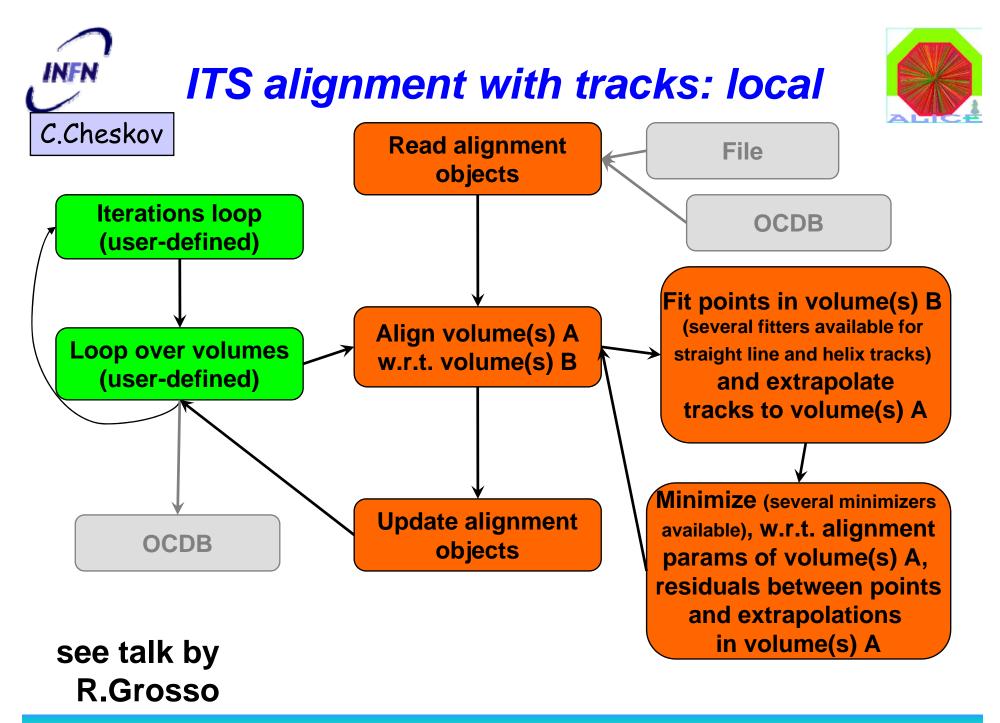
Preparation for cosmics data (2)



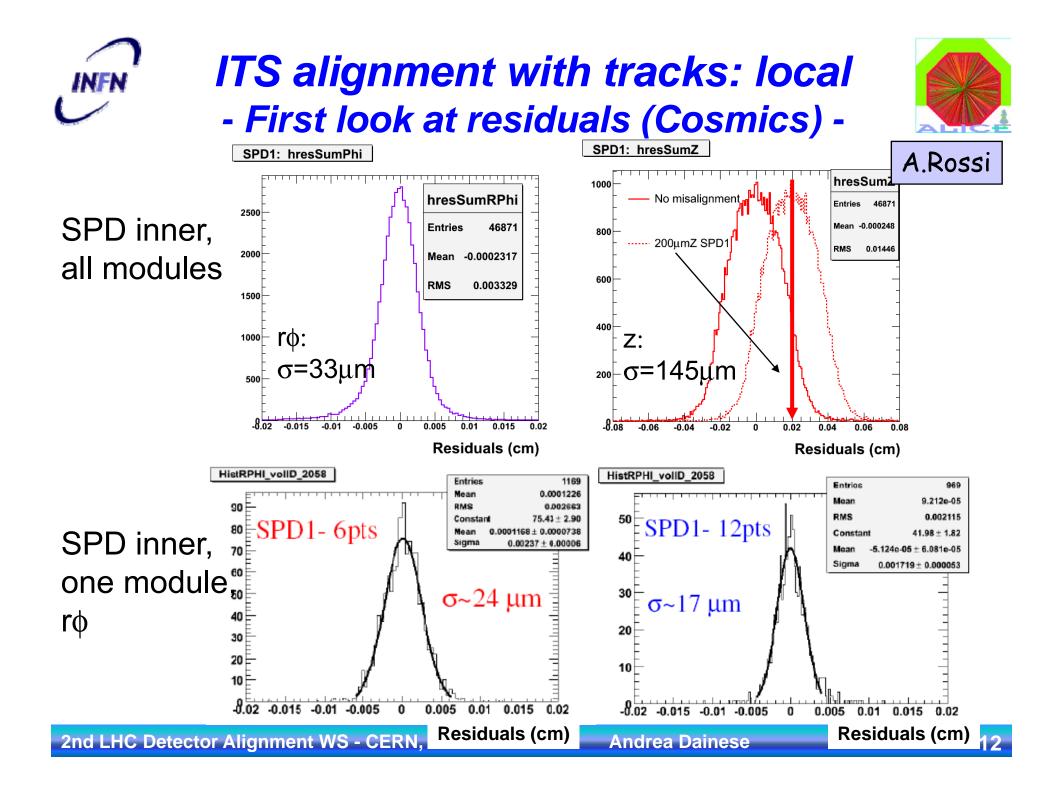
- Cosmics at ALICE: p > 10 GeV/c, ~20 GeV/c (Hebbeker, Timmermans, 2001)
- Cosmics tracking in ITS:
 - stand-alone ITS tracking (cluster-grouping algo), starting from
 - "fake" vertex built from the two tracklets in inner two layers
 - 98% efficiency (12 points, 6inward+6outward) for muons that leave 12 hits, with B=0 and B=0.5T
 - tracks prolongation from TPC to ITS being optimized for cosmics
- Preparing first d₀ resolution meas. by cosmics two-track matching

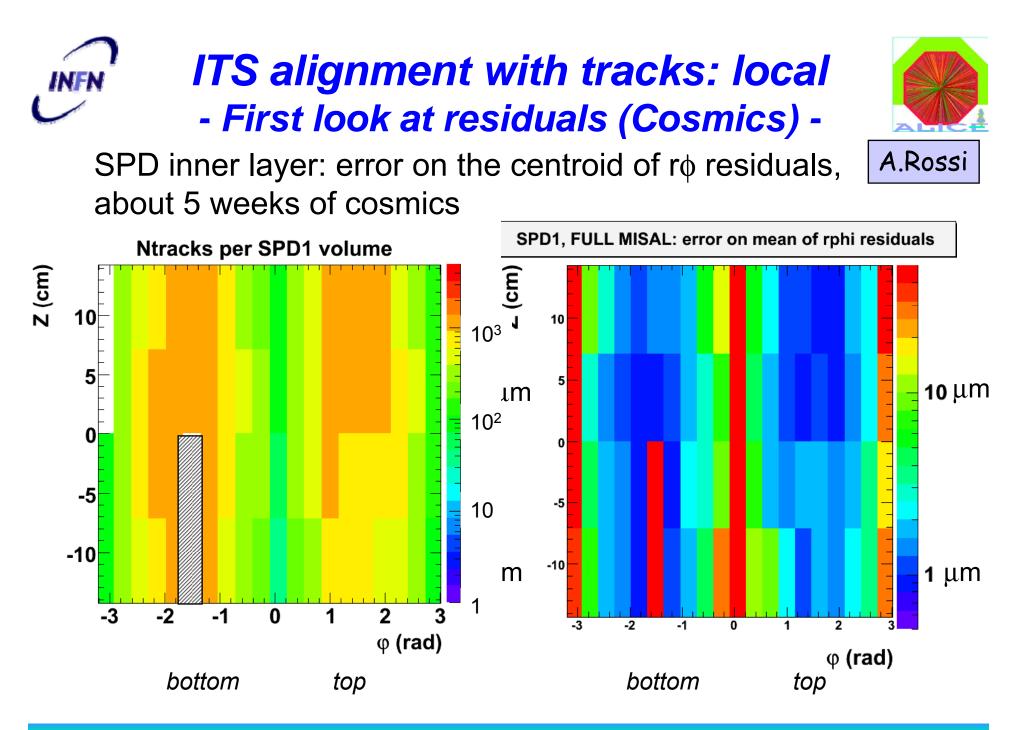






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ITS alignment with tracks: Millepede



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• (Well-known) Millepede principle: the measured value (points coords) can be expressed as a linear (\rightarrow small deviations) function of the global (d_i , align. params) and local (δ_i , track params) parameters

$$z = \underbrace{a_1 \cdot d_1 + a_2 \cdot d_2 + \dots + a_n \cdot d_n}_{\text{global parameters}} + \underbrace{\alpha_1 \cdot \delta_1 + \alpha_2 \cdot \delta_2 + \dots + \alpha_\nu \cdot \delta_\nu}_{\text{local parameters}} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_j \cdot d_j + \sum_{j=1}^\nu \alpha_j \cdot \delta_j$$

- ITS implementation:
 - use AliMillepede class (Millepede1 ported to ALICE for muon arm)
 - configuration (text file): list of modules to be aligned, constraints, initial geometry
 - tracks as lists of points (AliTrackPointArray)
 - setting equations:
 - reference track with simple linear fit (starting with B=0)
 - evaluation of residuals w.r.t. reference track
 - derivatives of residuals w.r.t. local and global params, numerically (ROOT TF1)

ITS alignment with tracks: Millepede - First tests - M.Lunardon, S.Moretto



 Set of cosmic-like tracks crossing a small number of modules (4 SPD modules, 8 SDD modules, 4 SSD modules), with 3 d.o.f. per module (2 shifts, 1 rotation): total of 16×3 d.o.f.

RMS of (Par_{Millepede} – Par_{Input}) vs. # of used tracks RMS (µm) $r\phi(x_{loc})$ shift z shift θ rot, about y_{loc} (deg) (mn) SWA 052 RMS 0.02 0.015 0.01 20 0.005 10000 10000 10000 20000 n. of tracks n. of tracks n. of tracks

Promising first results: reach the level of residual misalignment with <1k cosmics tracks (few weeks)

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Time Projection Chamber: first alignment with laser, cosmics, pp

Readout chambers:

18 + 18 inner chambers

18 + 18 outer chambers -

72 volumes to be aligned

- Alignment requirements: given by precision of track parameters (high-p_t tracks)
 - 🔹 rφ , z ~ 100 μm
 - 💠 φ, θ ~ 0.1 mrad
- Alignment strategy:

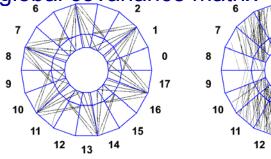
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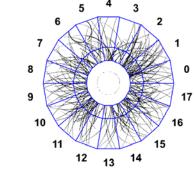
- 1. Align all inner to outer chambers
- 2. Align adjacent sectors

Laser, cosmics, collisions populate different parts of the global covariance matrix⁵ 4 ³ ⁵ 4 ³

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Requirements achieved with:

- ~240k laser tracks
- ~200k cosmic tracks
 - (few hours at ~30 Hz)
- ~15k pp events
- But, TPC calibration (E×B!)
- much more challenging...

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ITS-TPC relative alignment



- Relative alignment of ITS and TPC (3 shifts + 3 angles) with straight tracks (including cosmics)
- Alignment requirements: given by TPC resolutions:
 - shifts: ~100 μm
 - angles: ~0.1 mrad
- Method (under development):
 - Assume that TPC and ITS are already internally aligned and calibrated
 - Use independently fitted tracks in the ITS and the TPC
 - Alignment params are estimated by a Kalman filter algorithm



MUON spectrometer



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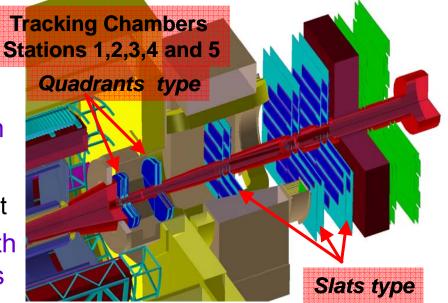
 Expected mounting precision (survey+photogrammetry):

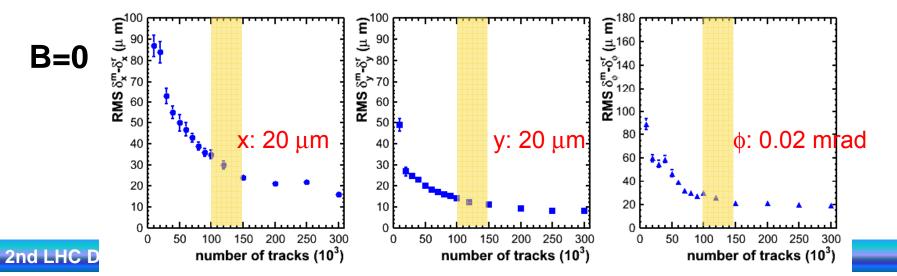
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- chambers x,y,z ~ 1 mm
- detection elements x,y,z ~ 500 μm
- Alignment requirements: x, y < 50 μm
- Geometrical Monitoring System:
 - Image chambers x,y,z ~ 20 µm → R.Tieulent
- Track-based (need pp!) alignment with Millepede1 for the detection elements

see also talk by R.Tieulent





Summary



- ALICE first alignment plans being defined
- Track-based alignment algorithms
 - common framework for barrel tracking detectors
 - > extract track points, fit tracks, handle & minimize residuals
 - Iocal iterative approach expected to be ok for big detectors with limited number of volumes (TPC, TRD)
 - more challenging is ITS: 3 Si-detector types, > 2000 volumes, high precision required

Iocal iterative method

Millepede1 (global)

- muon arm: well advanced (Millepede1, need pp events)
- Getting ready for cosmics run (end 07)
 - trigger strategies
 - adapting/optimizing tracking for cosmics events

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EXTRA SLIDES

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Pb-PB nominal run pp nominal run $\int Ldt dt = 3.10^{30} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ x} 10^7 \text{ s}$ $\int Ldt = 5.10^{26} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \times 10^{6} \text{ s}$ 5.10³⁷ cm⁻² for pp run, 14 TeV 5.10³² cm⁻² PbPb run, 5.5 TeV $N_{pp \ collisions} = 2 .10^{12} \ collisions$ $N_{PbPb \ collisions} = 2.10^9 \ collisions$ Muon triggers: Muon triggers: ~ 100% efficiency, < 1kHz ~ 100% efficiency, ~ 1kHz Electron triggers: Electron triggers: ~ 50% efficiency of TRD L1 **Bandwidth limitation** 20 physics events per event $N_{PbPb \ central} = 2.10^8 \ collisions$ Hadron triggers: Hadron triggers: $N_{pp\ minb} = 2.10^9\ collisions$ $N_{PbPb \ central} = 2 .10^7 \ collisions$

