

Task 3.3 report

“Reduction of the RAW data size for HLT”



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The goal

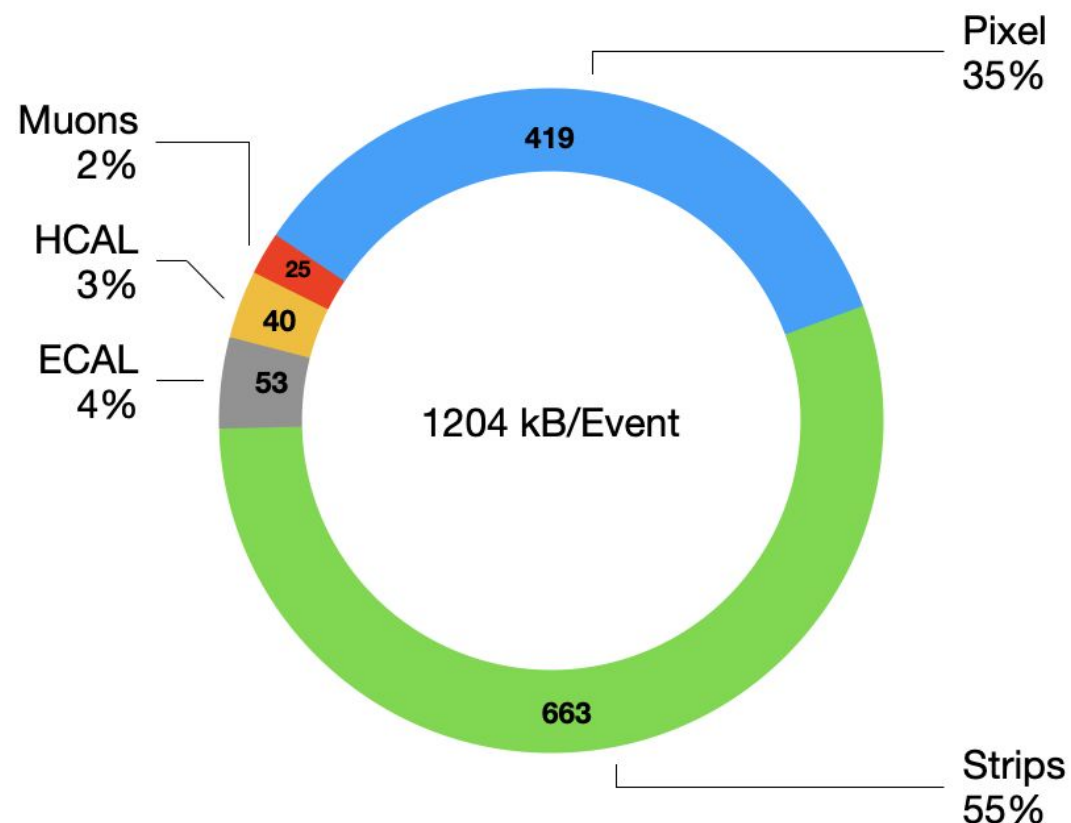
- **The Phase-2 event size of CMS is expected to be around 10 MB/event.**
 - **No way** to store **all events** accepted from the hardware trigger (750 kHz) in raw data format
 - $10 \text{ MB/event} \times 750 \text{ kHz} = 7.5 \text{ TB/s}$, ie. about 10 EB/year!
- **The R³ project aims to run an offline-like reconstruction on all events accepted by the hardware trigger (up to 750 kHz).**
- **The goal of Task 3.3 is to increase the maximum trigger available by reducing the size of events saved by CMS**

The strategy

- **NGT 3.3 will reduce the event size in three different ways and compression factors.**
 - **Lossy** compression, replacing raw data with **high-level** physics objects (eg. muons, electrons, **jets**, tracks?),
 - evolution of our current **scouting** data format,
 - **very strong compression** (around x100), **necessary to store all 750 kHz**,
 - limited possibility to re-reconstruct objects with newer algorithm or calibration.
 - **Lossy** compression, replacing raw data with **low-level** physics objects (eg. replacing tracker or calorimeter **raw** data with **reco's hit positions and energies**)
 - extension of **RAW'** currently used in Hlon collisions in CMS,
 - **limited compression** (below x10),
 - will **allow** to **re-reconstruct** high-level objects with newer algorithm or calibration
 - **Lossless** compression:
 - testing new compression algorithms;
 - using physics objects (eg. tracks) to improve the raw data compression (see backup).
- **R³ is key in all methods to achieve good compression with high quality physics objects**

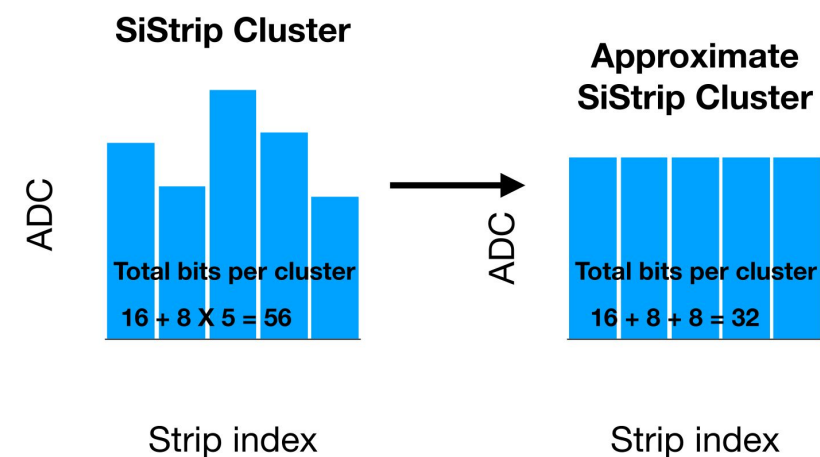
The RAW event size in Run-3

- Usage of a specific Front-End Detector (FED) selector to measure the event size of each detector.
- Data from [Muon dataset](#) pp collisions pileup~60 (run=382216, fill=9804)
- Total compressed event size: 1204 kB
 - **Strips detector** → **55%**
 - **Pixel detector** → **35%**
 - ECAL preshower → 4%
 - All other detector < 10%



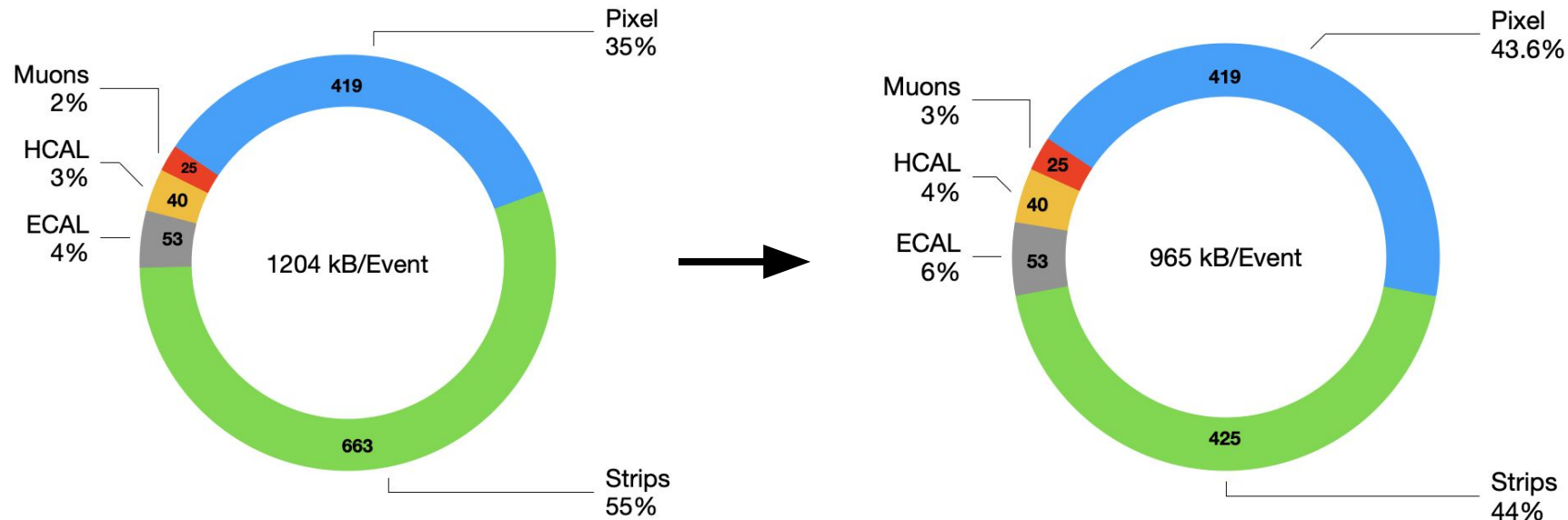
The RAW' idea: strip data compression

- The strip detector takes the largest fraction of the event size.
- The RAW' rationale is to replace
 - the ADC amplitude numbers (8 bits x width)
- with
 - the average charge (8 bits) +
 - the length (8 bits) +
 - barycenter (16 bits)
- **RAW' compression used in PbPb collisions**
 - online since 2023
- **Very important for Hlon collisions as DAQ bandwidth is the bottleneck of the trigger rate**



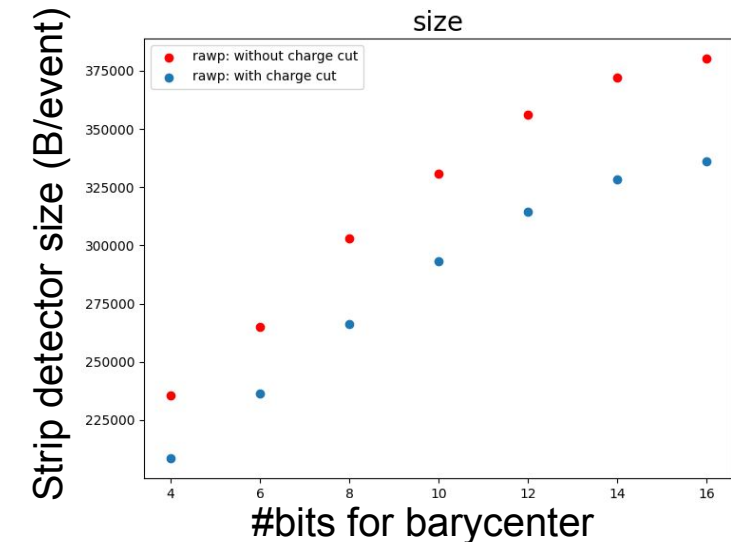
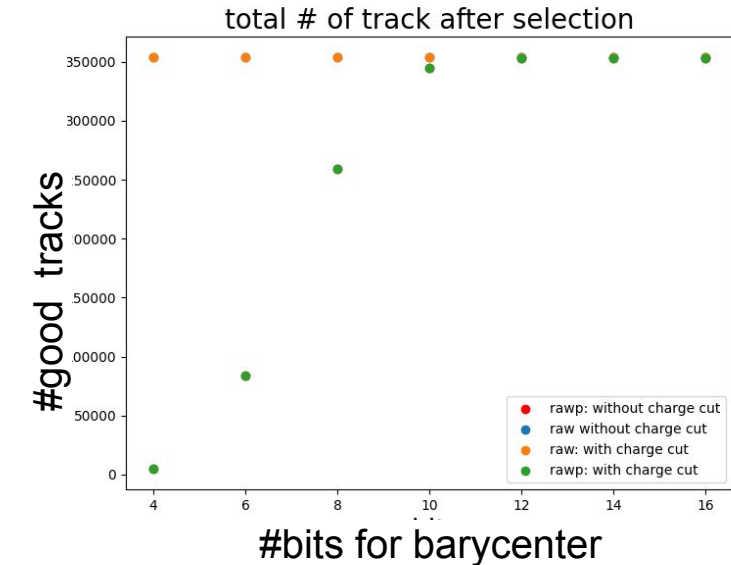
The RAW' in Run-3 pp collisions

- Here the measurement of RAW' in pp collisions:
 - Strip detector from 663 kB (55%) to 425 kB (44%) [-35.8%]
 - Total event size from 1204 kB to 965 kB/event [-20%]
- Strip detector is still the detector with the largest event size
 - Focus in the further compression of strip in RAW'



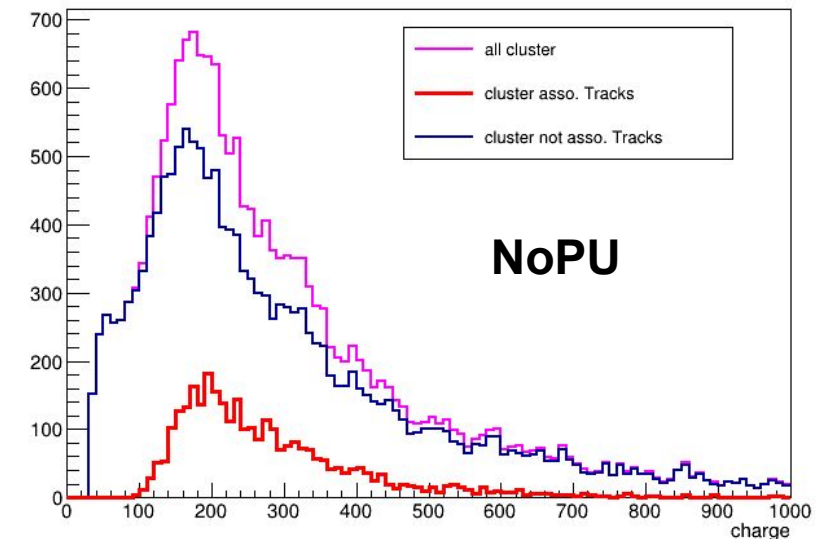
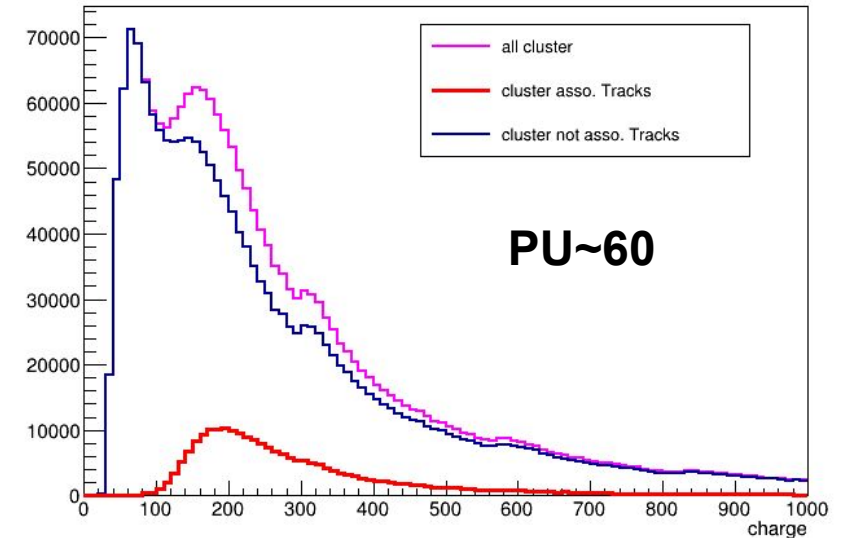
Compressing further RAW' (Run-3)

- Optimization of the number of bits used in
 - barycenter
 - charge
 - width
- Removal of strip clusters with low charge
 - typically out-of-time pileup or noise
- Example: 12-bit for barycenter + charge cut
 - ~100% track efficiency
 - Track selection: normalized $\chi^2 < 2$,
 $|p_{\text{error}}^T / p^T| < 0.10$, # of hits > 11
 - - 17% in strip event size



Compressing further RAW' (Run-3)

- Only ~10% on strip clusters are associated with any reconstructed track!
 - 90% of clusters have no associated tracks
- The source of 90% of clusters is under study, some origins are:
 - clusters not passing quality criteria
 - noise and out-of-time pileup
 - track inefficiency → no associated clusters
 - nuclear interaction
 - esp. for very soft tracks (loopers)
 - *caveat: clusters excluded in tracking appears as “not associated” by design (eg. low charge clusters)*
- Investigating possible ways to remove “useless” clusters to reduce strip event size.



The Phase-2 upgrade

- **New detectors**
 - **High-Granularity Calorimeter**
 - **MIP Timing Detector**
 - More sophisticated L1 trigger
- **Larger not only because of the larger pileup but also for new detector with higher complexity**

Our Future Unprecedented Beauty - A Bold Upgrade

L1-Trigger
<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2714892>

- Tracks in L1-Trigger at 40 MHz
- Particle Flow selection
- 750 kHz L1 output
- 40 MHz data scouting

DAQ & High-Level Trigger
<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2759072>

- Full optical readout
- Heterogenous architecture
- 60 TB/s event network
- 7.5 kHz HLT output

Barrel Calorimeters
<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2283187>

- ECAL single crystal granularity at L1 trigger with precise timing for e/γ at 30 GeV
- ECAL and HCAL new Back-End boards

Calorimeter Endcap
<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2293646>

- 3D showers and precise timing
- Si, Scint+SiPM in Pb/W-SS

Muon systems
<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2283189>

- DT & CSC new FE/BE readout
- RPC back-end electronics
- New GEM/RPC $1.6 < \eta < 2.4$
- Extended coverage to $\eta \approx 3$

Tracker
<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2272264>

- Si-Strip and Pixels increased granularity
- Design for tracking in L1-Trigger
- Extended coverage to $\eta \approx 3.8$

MIP Timing Detector
<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2667167>

Precision timing with:

- Barrel layer: Crystals + SiPMs
- Endcap layer: Low Gain Avalanche Diodes

Beam Radiation Instr. and Luminosity
<http://cds.cern.ch/record/2759074>

- Beam abort & timing
- Beam-induced background
- Bunch-by-bunch luminosity: 1% offline, 2% online
- Neutron and mixed-field radiation monitors

The RAW event size in Phase-2

- **The RAW event content is not yet available for Phase-2**
 - “raw” in current [phase-2 simulations](#) with pileup 200 is only 300 kB/event instead of ~10MB → very few detector are included
- **The simulated digitalization of the detector (simDigi) have been used to estimate the raw detector size.**
- **Run-3 simulations have been used as a test of the goodness of the estimate**
- **The low-level reconstructed objects (detector local reconstruction) have been used as an estimate of a possible compressing in the RAW’ fashion.**
- **In the next slides:**
 - [Run-3](#): TTbar [sample](#) with pileup 60 (2024 conditions)
 - [Phase-2](#): TTbar [sample](#) with pileup 200 (2027 conditions)

The pixel detector (**Run-3**)

- **RAW detector size [per event compressed]: 286 kB**
- **All ‘simSiPixelDigis’ objects: 736 kB**
 - excluding PixelDigiSimLinkedmDetSetVector: **279 kB**
- **All ‘siPixelDigis’ objects: 281 kB**
- **Low-level reconstructed objects:**
 - siPixelClusters: **286 kB**
 - **siPixelClusters** contains all pixels ADC counts
 - siPixelRechHits: **48 kB**
 - **potential large compression saving rechHits instead of raw (-83%)**

The inner tracker (**Phase-2**)

- No inner tracker RAW in Phase-2 yet
- **simSiPixelDigis: 6920 kB**
 - excluding PixelDigiSimLinkedmDetSetVector: **1357 kB**
- No siPixelDigis yet
- Low-level reconstructed objects:
 - siPixelRecHits: **142 kB**
 - potential large compression saving recHits instead of raw (-89%)

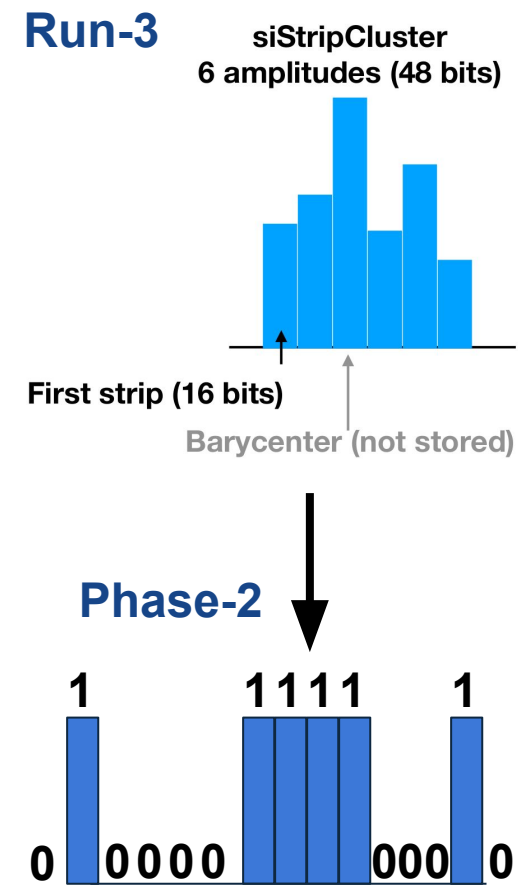
The strip detector (**Run-3**)

- **RAW detector size [per event compressed]: 731 kB**
- **All 'simSiStripDigis' objects: 4582 kB**
 - excluding StripDigiSimLinkedmDetSetVector: **849 kB**
- **All siStripDigis objects: 850 kB**
- **Low-level reconstructed objects:**
 - siStripClusters: **727 kB**
 - **siStripClusters** contains all strips ADC counts
 - all siStripMatchedRecHits objects: **366 kB**
 - **potential compression saving recHits instead of raw (-50%) similar to our current RAW' compression**

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The outer tracker (Phase-2)

- No outer tracker RAW in Phase-2 yet
- This collection is currently used in the inner tracker simulation:
 - mix, Tracker: 699 kB (pileup mixing module)
- No siStripDigis yet
- Low-level reconstructed objects:
 - siPhase2Clusters: 587 kB
- Note: in Phase-2 the outer tracker will be fully digitalized:
 - only 0 or 1 per strip, no charge deposit, barycenter is semi-integer number
 - this explains the reason of
 - siPhase2Clusters size is very close to siStripClusters (size ratio 84%)
 - siPhase2Clusters size at PU200 (587 kB) is smaller than Run-3 siStripClusters at PU60 (727 kB)!



The ECAL (Run-3 and Phase-2)

- **ECAL: [link](#)**
 - RAW: 37 kB (only Run-3)
 - 'simEcalDigis': 36 kB (Run-3) vs 65 kB (Phase-2)
 - 'ecalDigis' (no trigger primitives): 49 kB (Run-3) vs 70 kB (Phase-2)
- **Larger ECAL size in Phase-2 because of timing?**
- **Low-level reconstructed objects:**
 - 'ecalMultiFitUncalibRechHit' 110 kB (Run-3) vs 275 kB (Phase-2)
 - 'ecalRechHit' 38 kB (Run-3) vs 81 kB (Phase-2)
 - 'ecalDetailedTimeRechHit' 89 kB (only Phase-2)
 - 'reducedEcalRechHits' 43.6 kB (Run-3) vs 30.9 kB (Phase-2)
 - 'reducedEcalRechHitsEB' 17.5 kB (Run-3) vs 30.7 kB (Phase-2)
 - 'particleFlowClusterECAL' 16 kB (Run-3) vs 22 kB (Phase-2)

The HCAL (Run-3 and Phase-2)

- HCAL: [link](#)
 - RAW: 142 kB (only Run-3, extrapolated^(*))
 - ‘simHcalDigis’: 134 kB (Run-3) vs 80 kB (Phase-2)
 - ‘hcalDigis’ (no trigger primitives): 163 kB (Run-3) vs 96 kB (Phase-2)
- **Smaller HCAL size in Phase-2 because of HGCal (no endcap)**
- **Low-level reconstructed objects:**
 - ‘reducedHcalRecHits’ 12.0 kB (Run-3) vs 10.1 kB (Phase-2)
 - ‘particleFlowClusterHCAL’ 187 kB (Run-3) vs 3.3 kB (Phase-2)

^(*) FED selector crashes when using HCAL FED. HCAL RAW size computed as total RAW minus all detectors excepted HCAL

The HGCal (Phase-2)

- No HGCal RAW in Phase-2 yet
- All ‘simHGCalUnsuppressedDigis’ objects: 2685 kB
- ‘hgcalDigis’: 2685 kB
- Low-level reconstructed objects:
 - all ‘HGCalUncalibRecHit’ → 1114 kB
 - all ‘HGCalRecHit’ → 1626 kB
 - ‘particleFlowClusterHGCalFromSimCl’ objects: 3162 kB
 - ‘particleFlowClusterHGCal’ objects: 79 kB

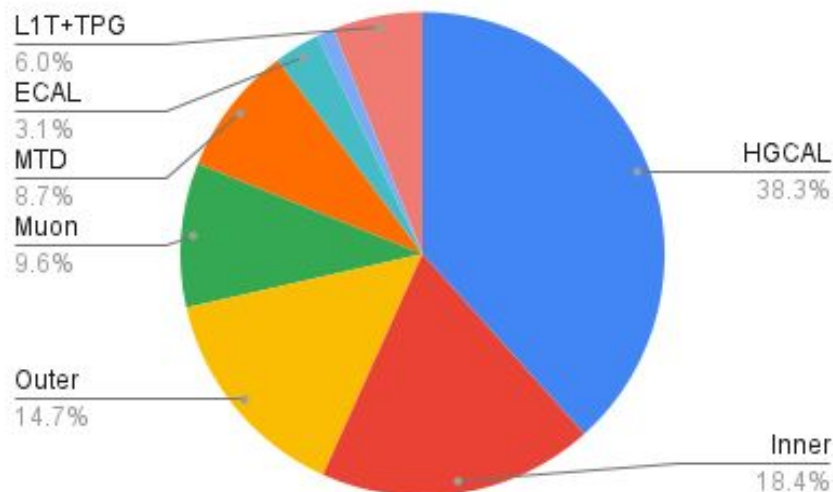
Event size summary (Phase-2)

- **HGCal is the largest detector (2.6 MB/event)**
 - saving uncalibrated recHits 1.1 MB/event (-59%)
- **The inner tracker is the second largest detector (1.4 MB/event)**
 - saving pixel recHits could reduce the size down to 142 kB/event (-89%)
 - a similar reduction is found using Run-3 data
- **The size of the outer tracker with PU 200 is smaller (587 kB) than the strip detector with PU 60 because of the digitalization of the strip detector**
 - almost no compression using a RAW' approach
 - might be still possible to apply a cleaning of “useless” strip clusters to reduce the size
- **Caveat: the definition of new data formats (eg. ‘HGCalUncalibRecHit’) are still in progress and their size might change in the near future.**

Event size summary from HLT TDR

- **Uncompressed detector size from Phase-2 [HLT TDR \(2021\)](#)**

- Some changes wrt recent Phase-2 simulation
 - overall picture is matching
 - part of differences because of compression
 - eg. ECAL compression 300 kB → 70 kB
 - still some difference with latest number
 - eg. ECAL 300 kB vs 600 kB
 - some important detectors to be computed
 - MTD, CSC, DT, L1T+HGCal TPG



Subsystem	Size (MB/event)	
Inner Tracker	1.44	1.44
Outer Tracker - PS	0.72	1.15
Outer Tracker - 2S	0.43	
MIP Timing Det. - BTL	0.24	0.68
MIP Timing Det. - ETL	0.44	
ECAL Barrel	0.60	0.60
HCAL Barrel	0.24	0.33
HCAL HO	0.03	
HCAL HF	0.06	
HGCal	3.00	3.00
Muon DT	0.15	0.76
Muon CSC	0.47	
Muon GEM - GE1/1	0.00	
Muon GEM - GE2/1	0.00	
Muon GEM - ME0	0.12	
Muon RPC	0.01	
Total	8.42	7.96

Conclusions

- **The replacement of raw data with low-level reconstructed objects is already used in PbPb collisions for the strip detector (RAW’).**
 - The usage of strip RAW’ compression to Run-3 pp collisions data would decrease the total event size of -30%
 - studies are ongoing to enhance the compression factor
- **The Phase-2 event size has been studied using recent simulations.**
- **A possible compression of biggest detectors using low-level variables gives**
 - HGCal → uncalibrated rechits is 59% of smaller than raw data
 - Inner tracker → siPixelRecHits would reduce the data size of 89%
 - Outer tracker → the event size is already small because of the digitizer (600 kB/event)
 - further reduction might come from the cleaning of fake tracker clusters

BackUp

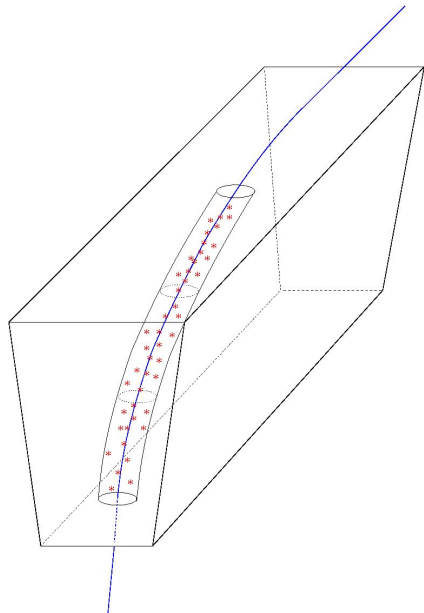


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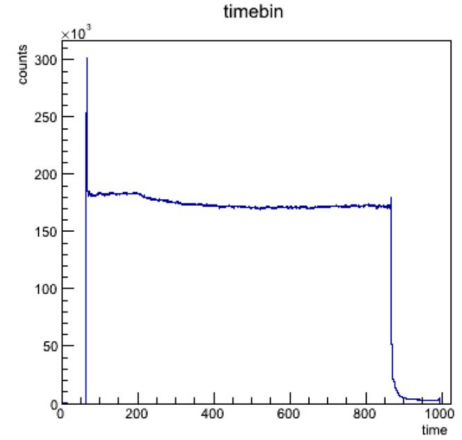
Lossless compression using tracks

- ALICE Time Projection Chamber (TPC) data is compressed online using track information
- The compression is lossless: clusters variable are replaced with residual variable wrt ass. tracks
- Replacing flat distribution with “peaked” distribution allows for a stronger Huffman compression
- A similar idea might be applied to CMS outer tracker, especially for ‘looper’ tracks
- Reference: [J.Phys.: Conf. Ser. 396 012043](#)

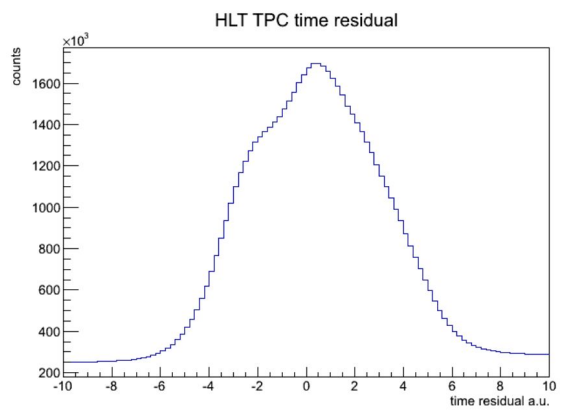
TPC clusters and track association



Time distribution



Time residual cluster distribution wrt tracks



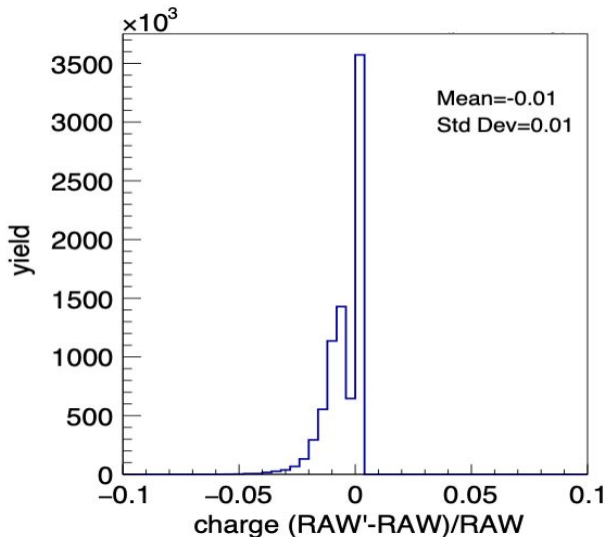
Cluster charge Fix

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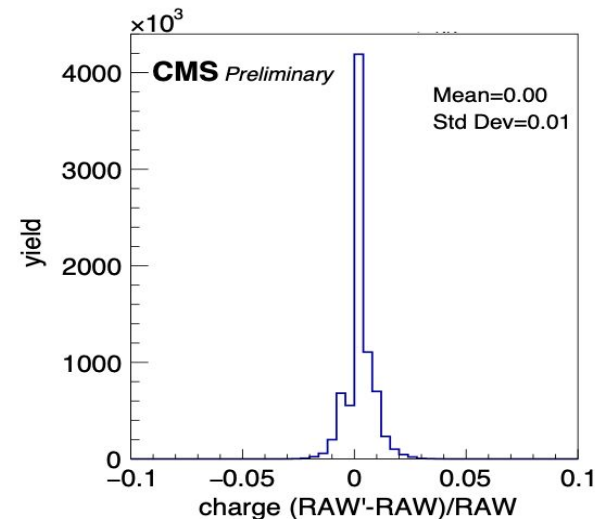
The PR for approximated SiStripCluster made by HION group.

We redefined the average charge, which returns to correct round off value.

Previously, Avg. charge = $\frac{\text{cluster.charge}()}{\text{cluster.size}()}$ New, Avg. charge = $\frac{\text{cluster.charge}() + \text{cluster.size}()/2}{\text{cluster.size}()}$



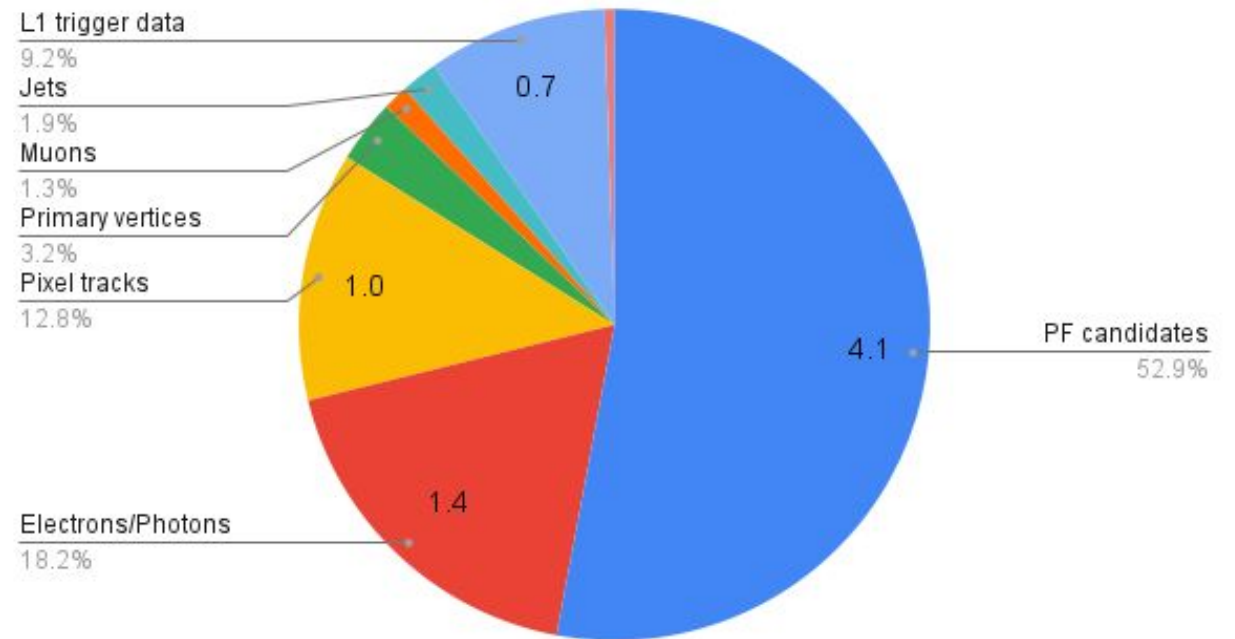
After Correction →



Scouting - Event Size (2023)

Objects	Size (kB/ev)
PF candidates	4.1
Electrons/Photons	1.4
Pixel tracks	1.0
Primary vertices	0.3
Muons	0.1
Jets	0.1
L1 trigger data	0.7
HLT trigger bits	0.0
TOTAL	7.7

Event Size (kB/event)



pileup=60, lumi= fill=9049, run=370355, ls=73

- ~135 times smaller than the full RAW event content (1.06 MB/event)
- **20 kHz @ 7.7 kB/event** are “equivalent” to **~150 Hz @ 1.06 MB/event** (full RAW)

The milestones

- **The first year milestones:**
 - Production of a report illustrating the impact in terms of RAW data size coming from each detector, and suggesting the major area of interest/intervention.
 - **Report on the impact of RAW data compression and of their replacement with low-level reconstructed quantities (RAW')** (**contractual milestone**)

The milestones

- The contractual milestones

- **1 year:** Report on the impact of RAW data compression and of their replacement with low-level reconstructed quantities (RAW')
- **3 year:** A comparative analysis of the different data reduction approaches and their impact on the accuracy of the physics reconstruction is published.

- The detailed milestones

- **12 m** (was 6 m): Production of a report illustrating the impact in terms of RAW data size coming from each detector, and suggesting the major area of interest/intervention.
- **18 m:** Assessment of two different approaches to data compression: lossless compression on accelerators, and replacement of part of the RAW data with low-level reconstructed quantities (RAW').
- **30 m:** Implementation of the most promising solutions replacing part of the RAW data with low-level reconstructed quantities in the CMS reconstruction software.
- **42 m:** Assessment of the trade-off between the data reduction and the impact on the high-level physics reconstruction, as part of the RAW data are replaced by high-level reconstruction objects.
- **54 m:** Implementation of the most promising solutions replacing part of the RAW data with high-level reconstructed quantities in the CMS reconstruction software.
- **60 m:** Large scale deployment and testing of the whole infrastructure in view of the readiness for the 2029 HL-LHC data-taking.



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