

4D Reconstruction needs and challenges

Mini workshop: Trig & Reco Input for European Strategy for Particle Physics
2025

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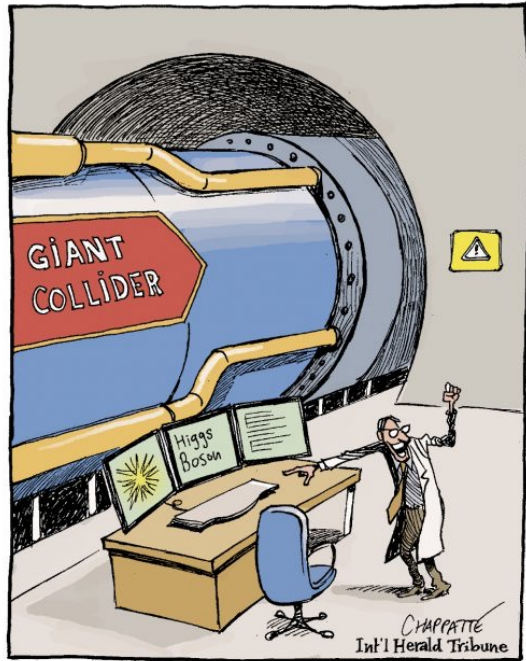
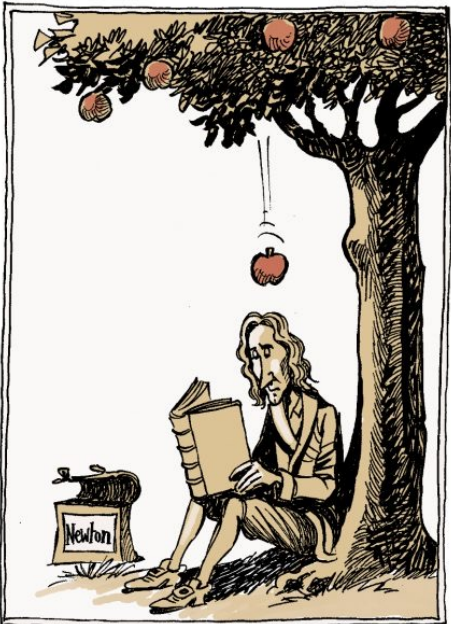
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Description Discussion around HEP Software Foundation input to European Strategy for Particle Physics Update 2025 on *common challenges* in HEP for **Software Trigger and Reconstruction**.

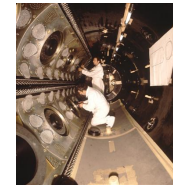
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AT THE HEART OF COLLIDER PHYSICS: CHALLENGES AND BREAKTHROUGHS

Collisions That Changed The World



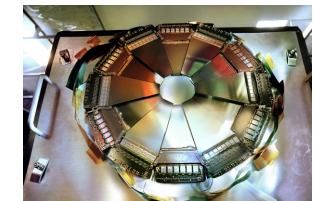
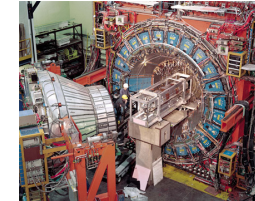
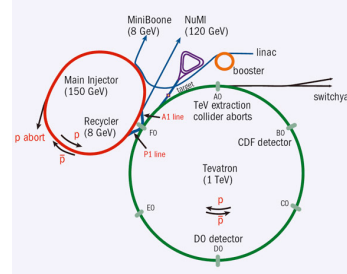
The weak neutral currents and the *bubble chamber era*



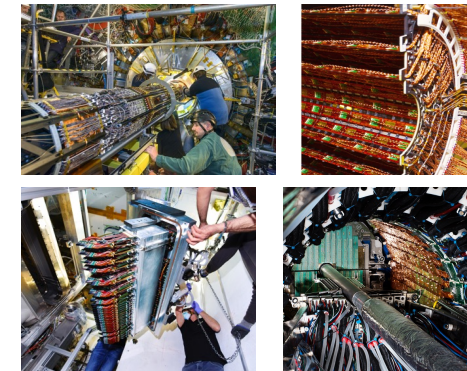
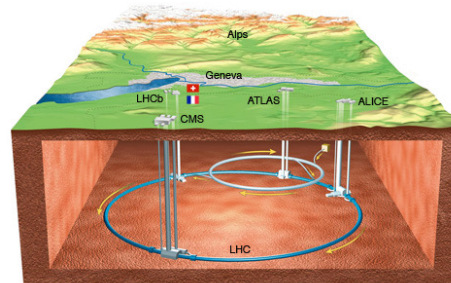
The W,Z bosons and the *drift chamber era*



The top quark and the *silicon strip era*

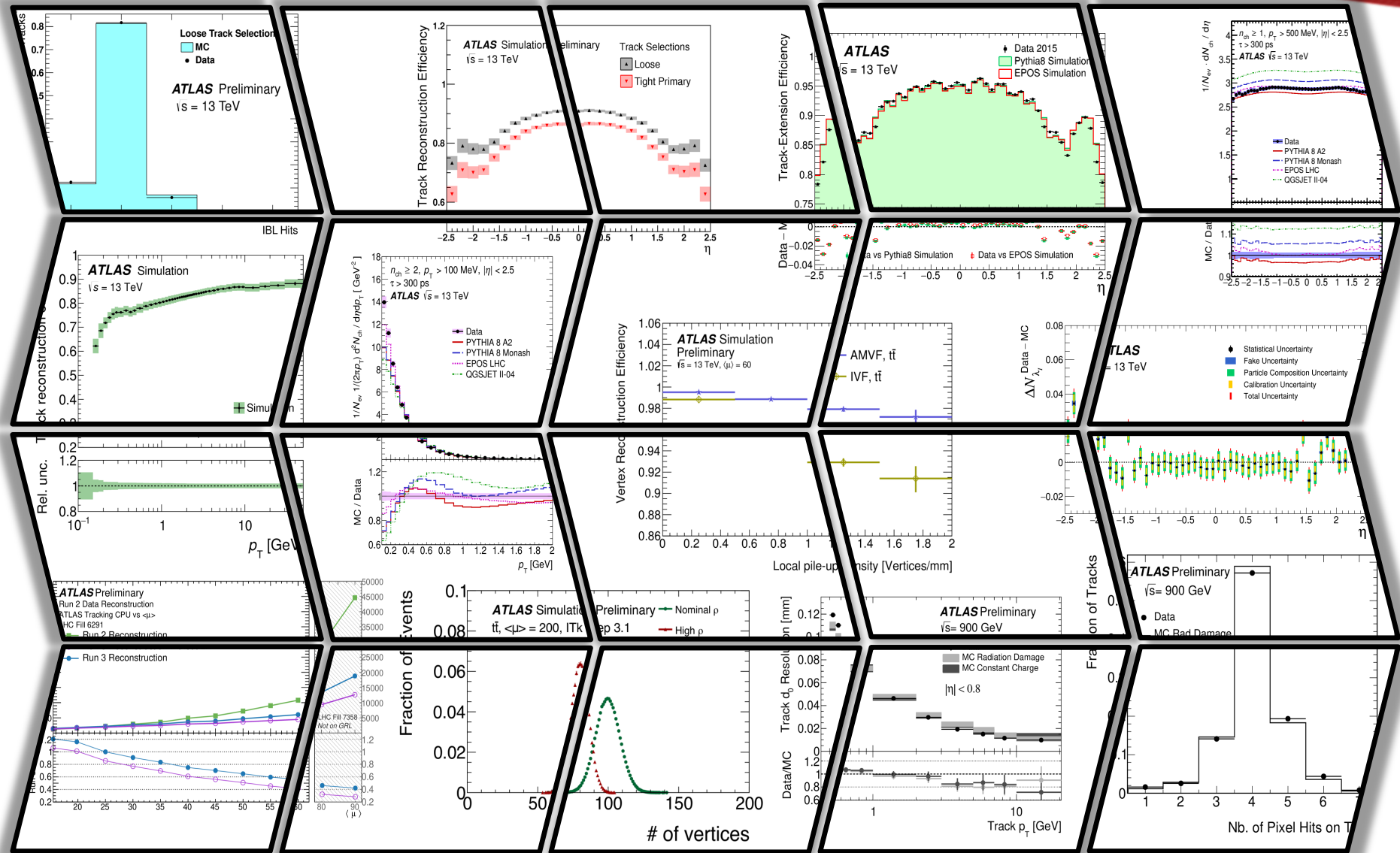


The Higgs boson (and more!) and the *silicon pixel era*



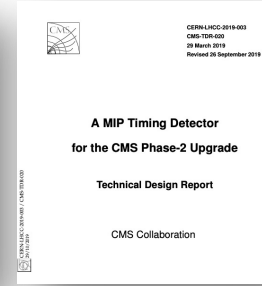
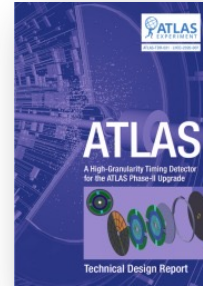
TRACKS AND VERTICES

The building blocks of physics events at colliders



UNFOLDING A NEW DIMENSION

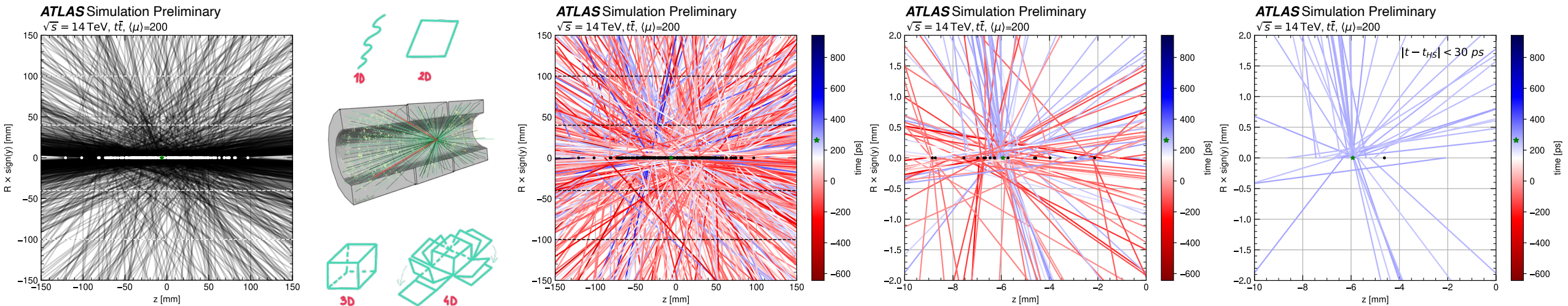
- Addition of timing layers to HEP detectors growing area of interest
- **Next step in advancing technologies are real 4-dimensional silicon trackers** (resolution of $\mathcal{O}(10 \mu\text{m})$ & $\mathcal{O}(10 \text{ps})$)
- **Excellent opportunity during HL-LHC and, in particular, for future energy frontier trackers**



FLAVOUR PHYSICS | FEATURE

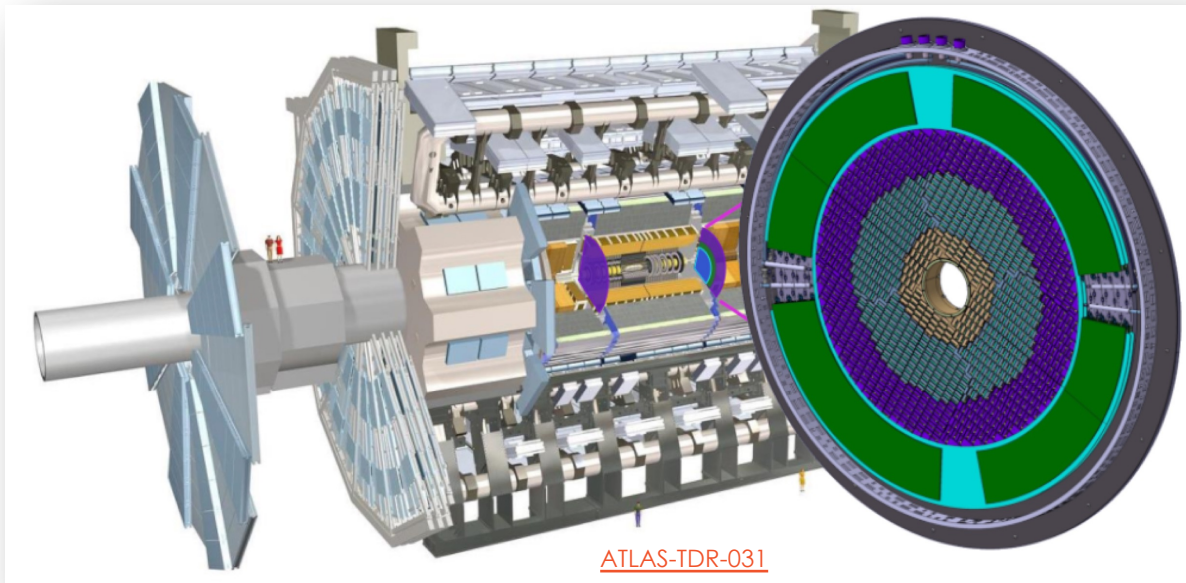
LHCb looks forward to the 2030s

1 March 2023



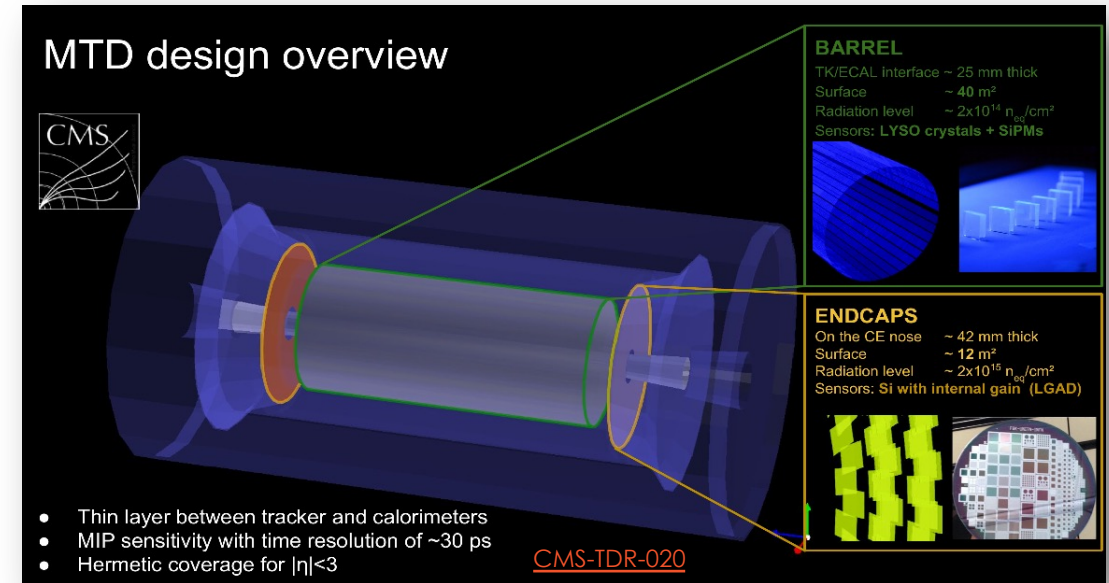
TIMING LAYERS AT HL-LHC

ATLAS High Granularity Timing Detector



LGADs to cover the forward pseudorapidity region $2.4 < |\eta| < 4.0$

CMS MIP Timing Detector



LGADs and crystals for hermetic coverage up to $|\eta| < 3.0$

4D TRACKING USE-CASES

HL-LHC Beyond Run 4

ATLAS Simulation Preliminary ITk Layout: 23-00-03
 $\eta = 1.0$, $\eta = 2.0$, $\eta = 3.0$, $\eta = 4.0$

Tracking
Particle ID

VELO
RICH I
Magnet
UP
Magnet Stations
Mighty Tracker

TORCH
RICH II
PicoCAL
Muon

4D tracking for replacements/upgrades?

2035

Electron-positron colliders

Detector length 1300 cm
 Detector height 1100 cm
 Yoke 100 cm
 Magnet $z = \pm 300$ cm

Dual Readout Calorimeter
 Preshower
 DCH $z = \pm 200$ cm
 DCH Rout = 200 cm
 DCH Rin = 35 cm
 Cal Rin = 250 cm
 Cal Rout = 450 cm
 Silicon wrapper
 VTX

Timing layers for flavour tagging, particle ID, and LLP searches

2040s

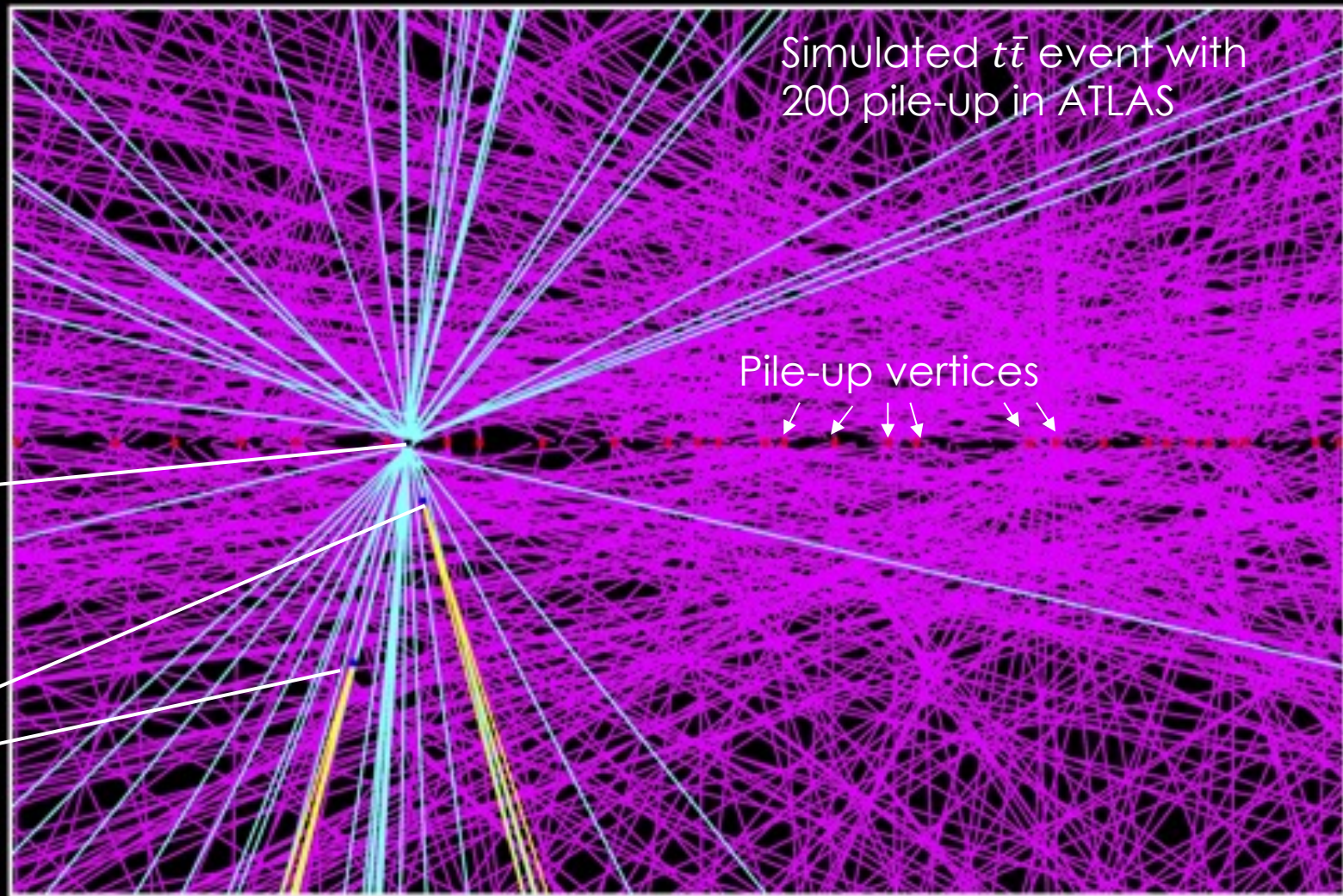
Muon collider / hadron colliders

Conical "nozzle" shields in forward region

Beam-induced backgrounds (μ) and pile-up suppression (hh)

2050s and beyond

THE PILE-UP CHALLENGE @ HADRON COLLIDERS



Simulated $t\bar{t}$ event with
200 pile-up in ATLAS

Pile-up vertices

Signal candidate
vertex
("hard scatter")

Secondary
vertices

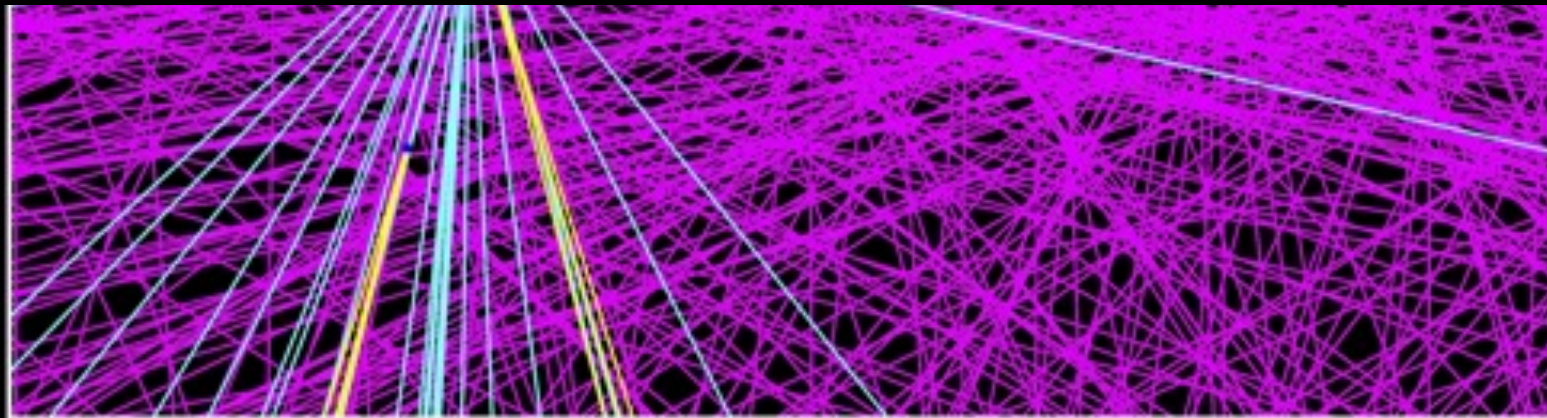
2.5 mm

12 cm

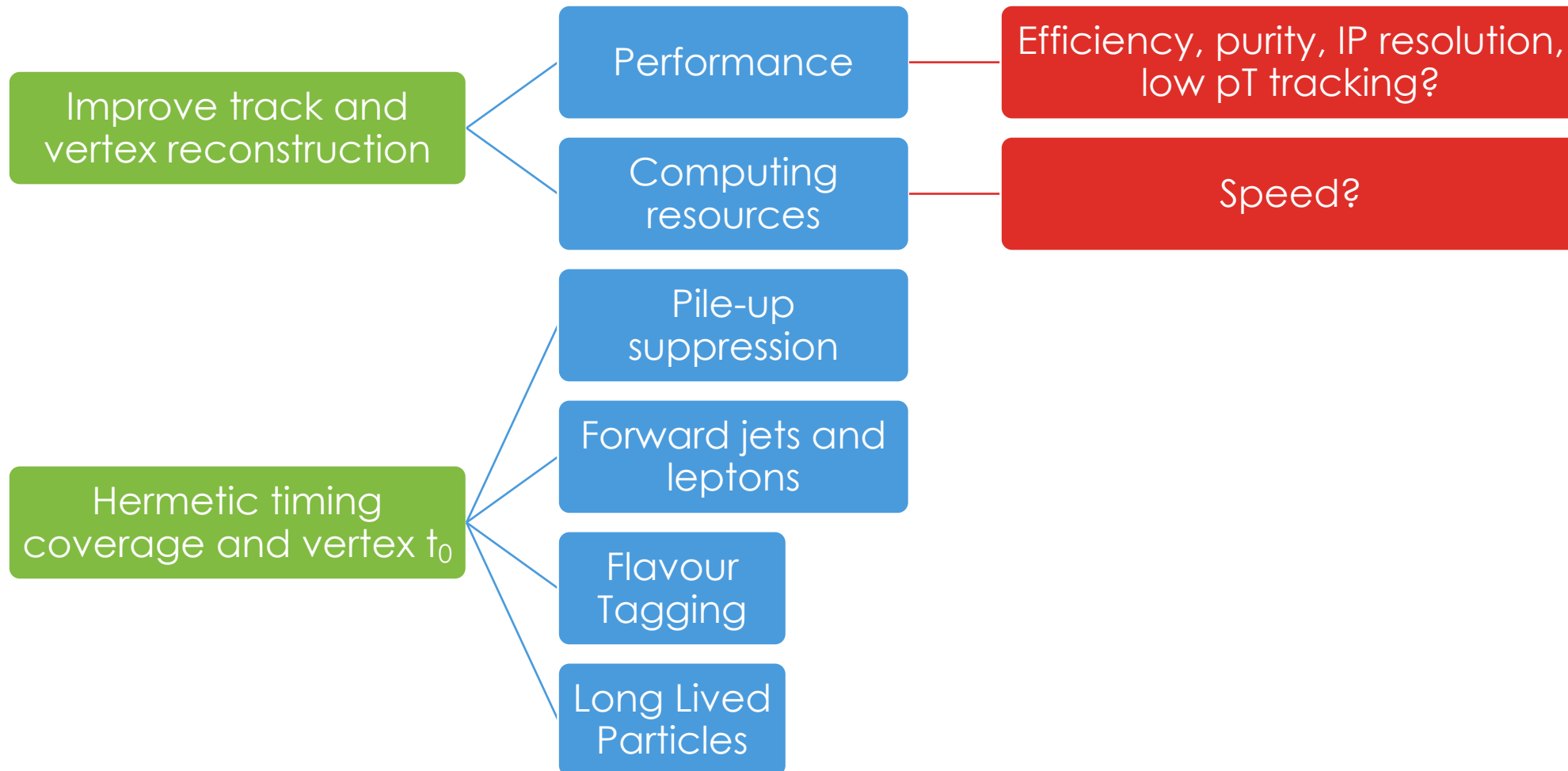
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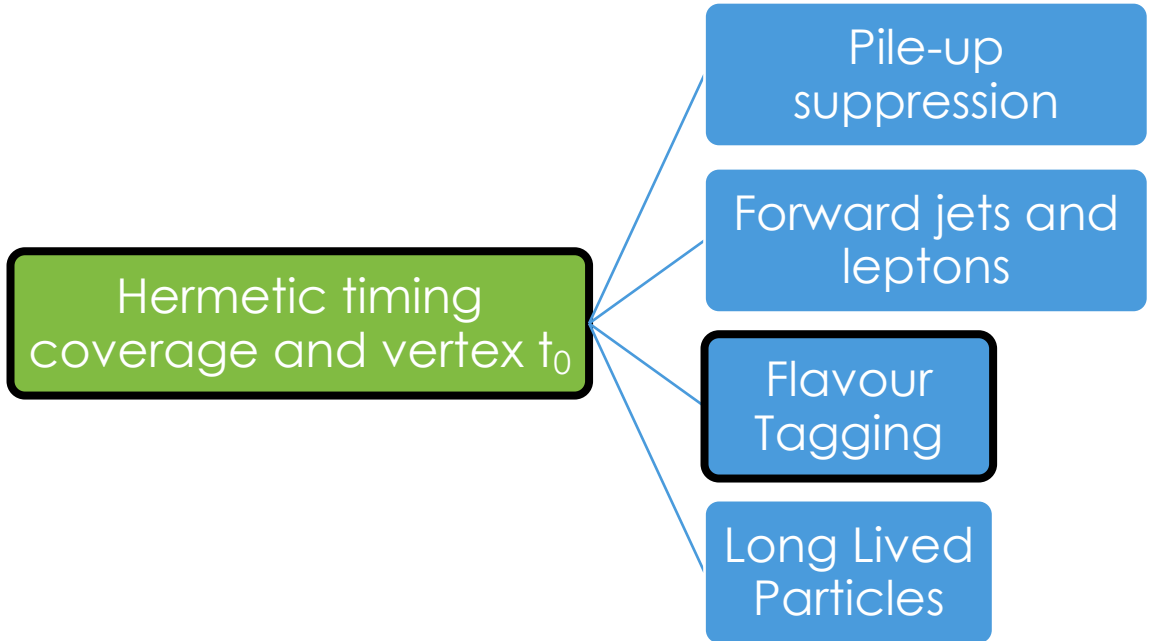
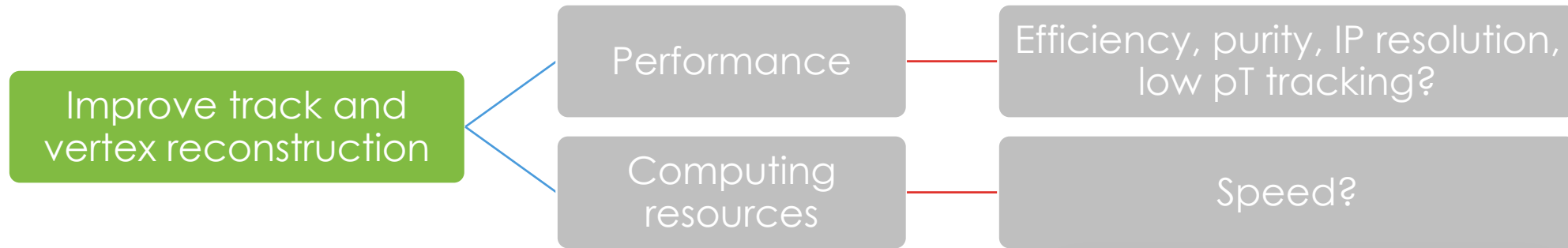
Misassociations of pile-up tracks to the hard-scatter vertex is likely.
If we could **determine** not only the position but also **the time** at which the hard-scatter occurred, pile-up contamination would be strongly reduced...





IMPACT ON EXPERIMENTAL PERFORMANCE



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ATLAS PUB Note
 ATL-PHYS-PUB-2023-023
 13th September 2023
 

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Investigating the impact of 4D Tracking in ATLAS Beyond Run 4

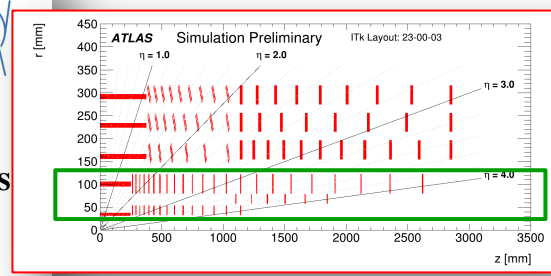
The ATLAS Collaboration

This document presents the first investigation of the usage of precision timing information in the ATLAS tracker beyond the HL-LHC Run 4. The Inner Detector of the ATLAS Experiment will be upgraded to a full-silicon Inner Tracker (ITk) to cope with the extreme conditions of the High-Luminosity phase of the Large Hadron Collider, currently foreseen to start with Run 4 towards 2029. ATLAS will also be installing a High-Granularity Timing Detector (HGTD) in the forward pseudorapidity region. The HGTD will help mitigate the effects of pile-up in the forward region by distinguishing between collisions occurring close in space but well-separated in time.

Due to the high radiation dose in proximity of the interaction point, the two innermost pixel layers of the ITk are designed to be replaced after 2000 fb⁻¹. This represents a unique opportunity to bring in technological innovation and expand the physics potential of HL-LHC by including fast-timing through 4-dimensional (4D) tracking in the ATLAS barrel region.

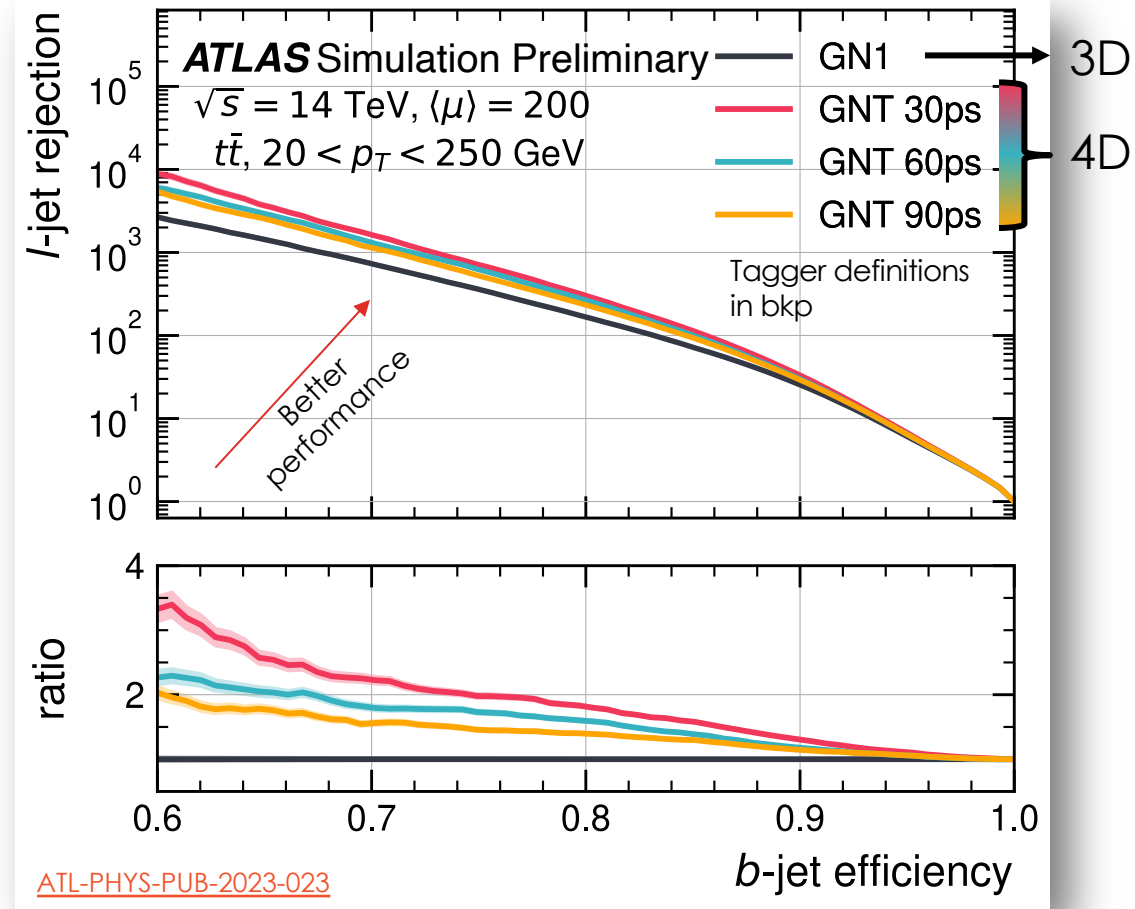
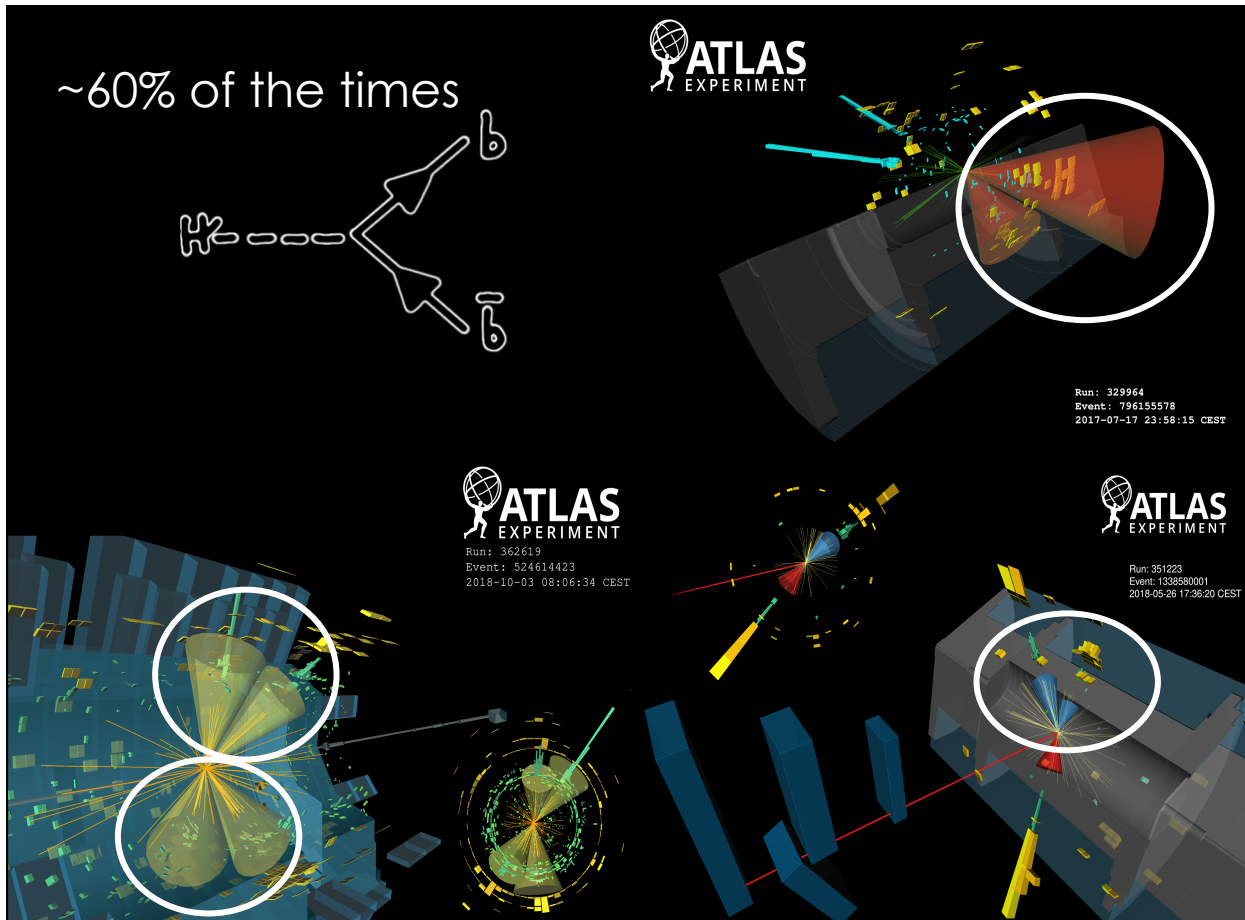
While HGTD will provide unique handles to improve the reconstruction of physics objects in the forward region, its capability is limited by its reduced η acceptance. There are also compelling physics reasons to consider fast-timing in the central region. In particular, barrel timing information can significantly improve the identification of b-jets, enhancing the prospects to observe Di-Higgs.

This note documents the main physics impacts that a 4D tracking upgrade beyond Run 4 could have in ATLAS. The studies are based on full simulated Monte Carlo samples, but use a simplified, and idealistic, model for track-time resolution. The goal is to assess early the physics merits of timing information in the central pseudorapidity region, before a dedicated long-term simulation effort is potentially launched as a second step.



In addition, exciting trigger applications via cluster-based btagging being explored in synergy with the **Next Generation Triggers project** (<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1421629/>)

4-DIMENSIONAL TRACKING & *b*-TAGGING



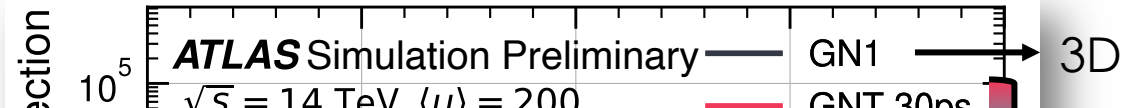
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Interesting potential *HH* sensitivity increase!

Could boost the reach of rarer *HH* production modes, e.g. *ttHH*

4-DIMENSIONAL TRACKING & *b*-TAGGING

~60% of the times

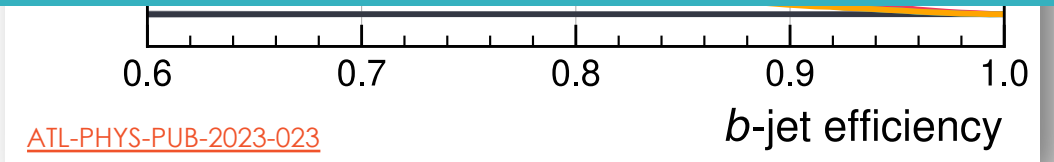
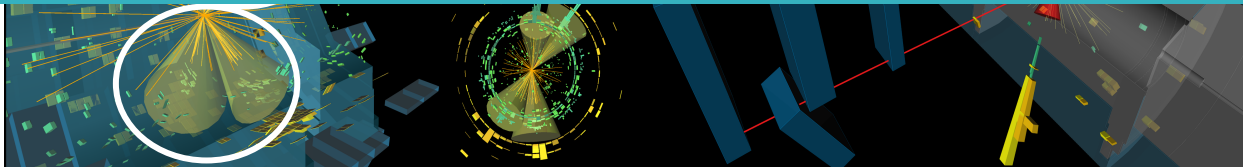


This is just one highlight, much more on the determination of the vertex time, flavour tagging, VBF physics and LLPs is in the extra slides.

See also previous [HSF talk](#) from CMS.

N.B. We will have a dedicated HSF seminar in February with contributions from ATLAS & CMS

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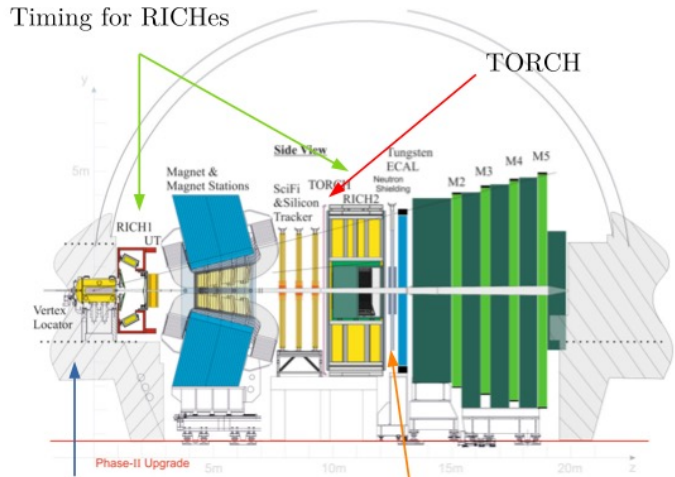


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LHCb UPGRADE II

Framework [TDR](#), R. Quagliani's [slides](#), T. Evans' [slides](#)



Add $\mathcal{O}(20)$ ps timing \rightarrow Timing Velo

5D calorimetry \rightarrow PicoCal

Need to reach a resolution $\mathcal{O}(10)$ ps, while dealing with

- Huge data rates ($> 50\text{Tb/s}$ for whole detector, $> 100\text{kHz}$ for hottest pixels)
 - Extreme radiation tolerance ($> 2 \times 10^{16} n_{eq}/\text{cm}^2$)
- and
- Keeping excellent spatial resolution ($\sim 10\mu\text{m}$) \Rightarrow low material budget

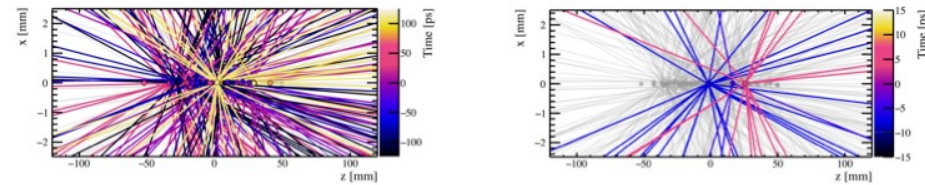
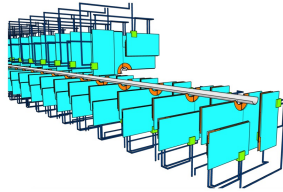
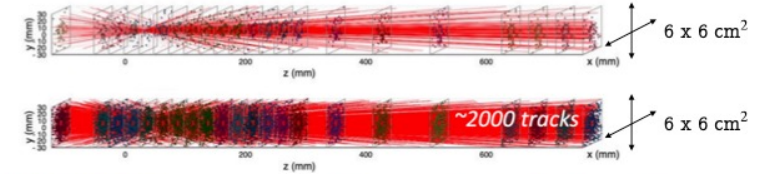
► Ensure PV finding/association of tracks/displacement signatures at the core of LHCb physics program

► Run 3 (Upgrade I):

- pile-up ~ 5

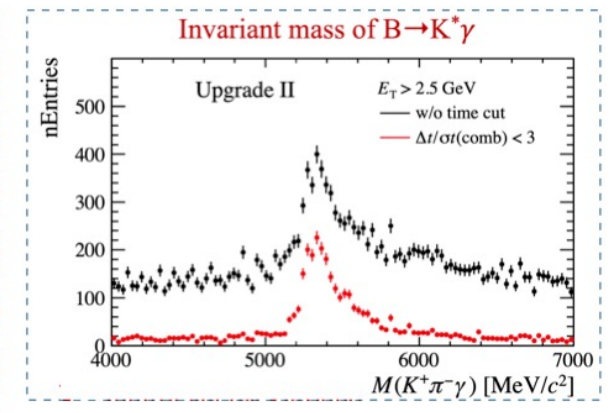
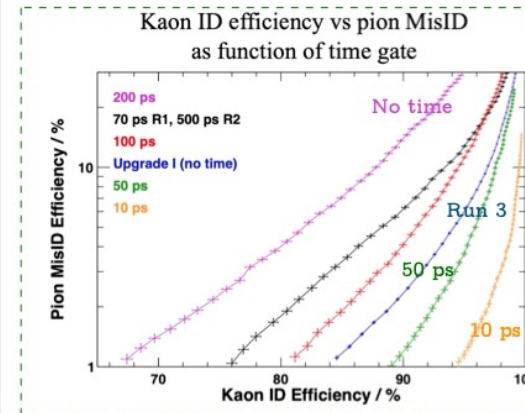
► Upgrade II:

- pile-up ~ 40



“Problem” complexity with no timing per track “Problem” complexity with 20ps/track resolution

► Ensure charged hadron ID/mis-ID : Include timing information is mandatory also for RICH and PicoCAL (electrons/photons)



FUTURE hh COLLIDERS

- The extreme scenario in terms of pile-up challenge is FCC-hh with $O(1000)$ pile-up
- Impact of timing information was studied in the past

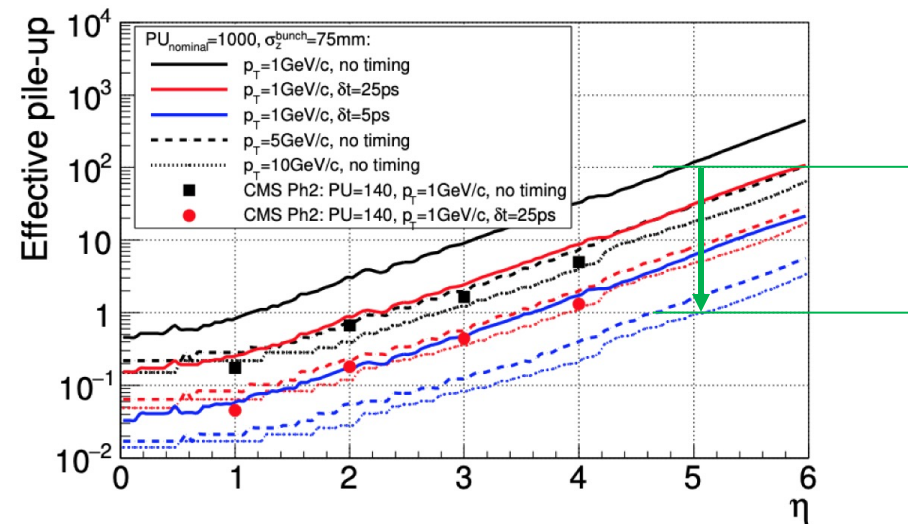
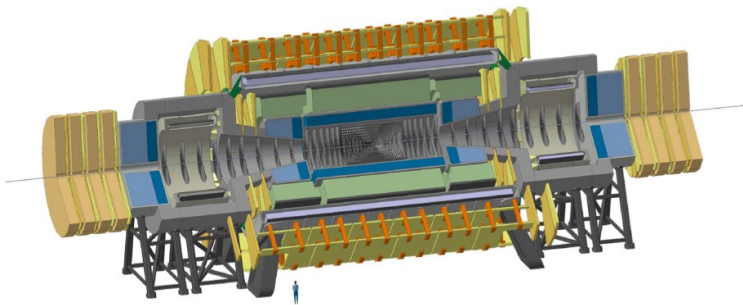


Figure 1: From Ref. [9]. An effective pile-up in the FCC-hh tracker. Several options of timing resolution per track in 3D vertexing are assumed: no timing (black), $\delta t = 25$ ps (red) and $\delta t = 5$ ps (blue). Several p_T values are shown: 1 GeV/c (solid), 5 GeV/c (dashed) and 10 GeV/c (dotted). For reference the effective pile-up for CMS Phase 2 layout, $p_T = 1$ GeV/c and nominal pile-up=140 is added.

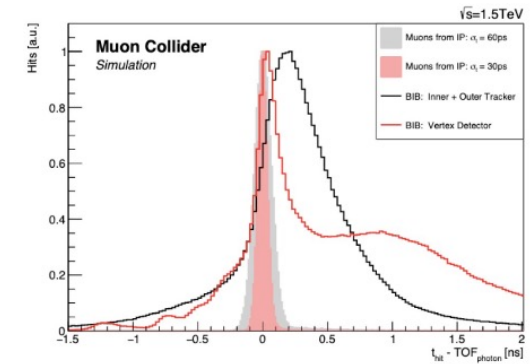
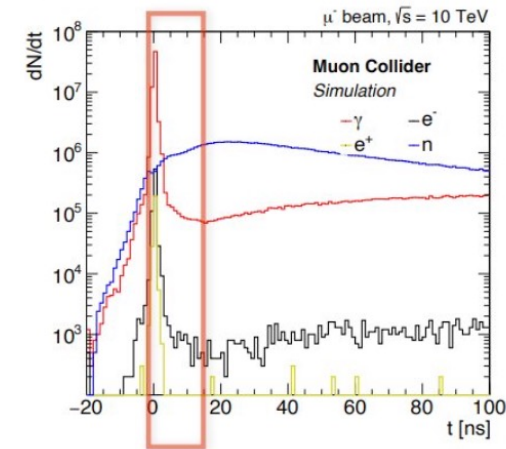
Extreme timing resolution of 5 - 10 ps per track is essential to keep the effective pileup low and prevent the merging of unrelated vertices

BEYOND HADRON COLLIDERS

FUTURE μ COLLIDERS

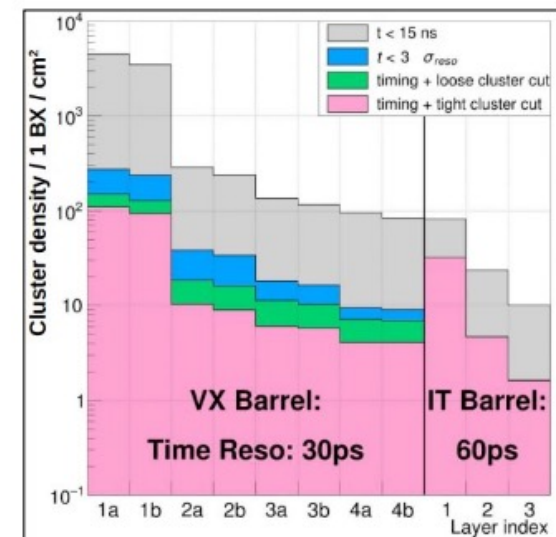
See more [here](#)

- Large beam-induced background from muon decays and showering of electrons on shielding
 - mostly electrons/photons, some neutrons
 - significant out-of-time component
 - coming from “all” directions!
- Full 4D-tracking is a requirement, not an option



Sub-Detector MAIA/MUSIC Units	Technology	# Layers /Rings	"Cell" Size μm^2	Sensor Thickness μm	Hit Time Resolution ps	Signal Time Window ns
Vertex Barrel	Pixels	4*/5	25 x 25	50	30	[-0.18, 15.0]
Vertex Endcap	Pixels	4	25 x 25	50	30	[-0.18, 15.0]
Inner Barrel	Macro-Pixels	3	50 x 1000	100	60	[-0.36, 15.0]
Inner Endcap	Macro-Pixels	7	50 x 1000	100	60	[-0.36, 15.0]
Outer Barrel	Macro-Pixels	3	50 x 10000	100	60	[-0.36, 15.0]
Outer Endcap	Macro-Pixels	4	50 x 10000	100	60	[-0.36, 15.0]

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FUTURE e^+e^- COLLIDERS

See more [here](#)

- Clean environment, but physics measurements targeting very high precision, different applications of timing
- Some of the detector concepts integrate timing envelopes around main tracker
 - Can enable/improve **TOF-based PID**, [flavour tagging](#), & searches for **Long Lived Particles**

TOF @ SiD

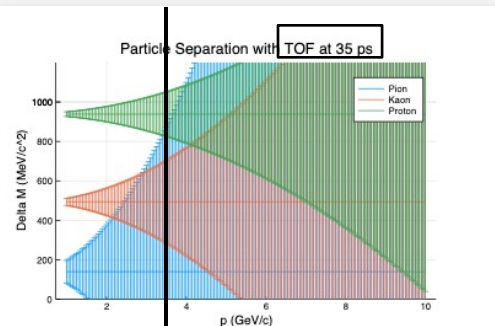


FIG. 15: Mass resolution for a TOF system with HL-LHC level performance of 35 ps time resolution in SiD

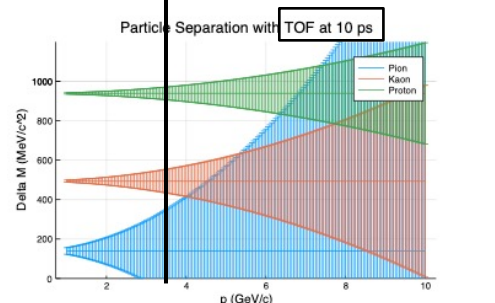
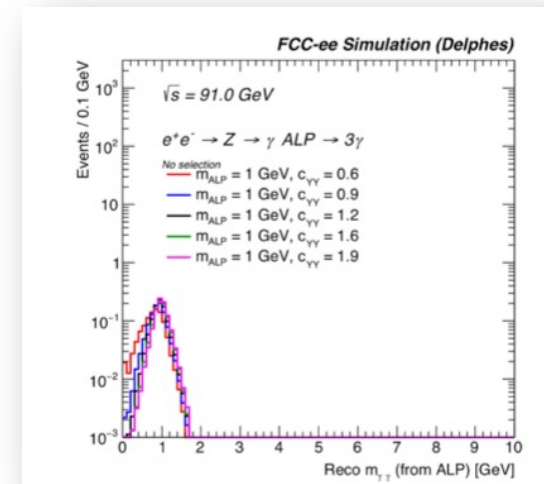


FIG. 16: Mass resolution for a TOF system with a performance of 10 ps in SiD

LLP @ FCC-ee

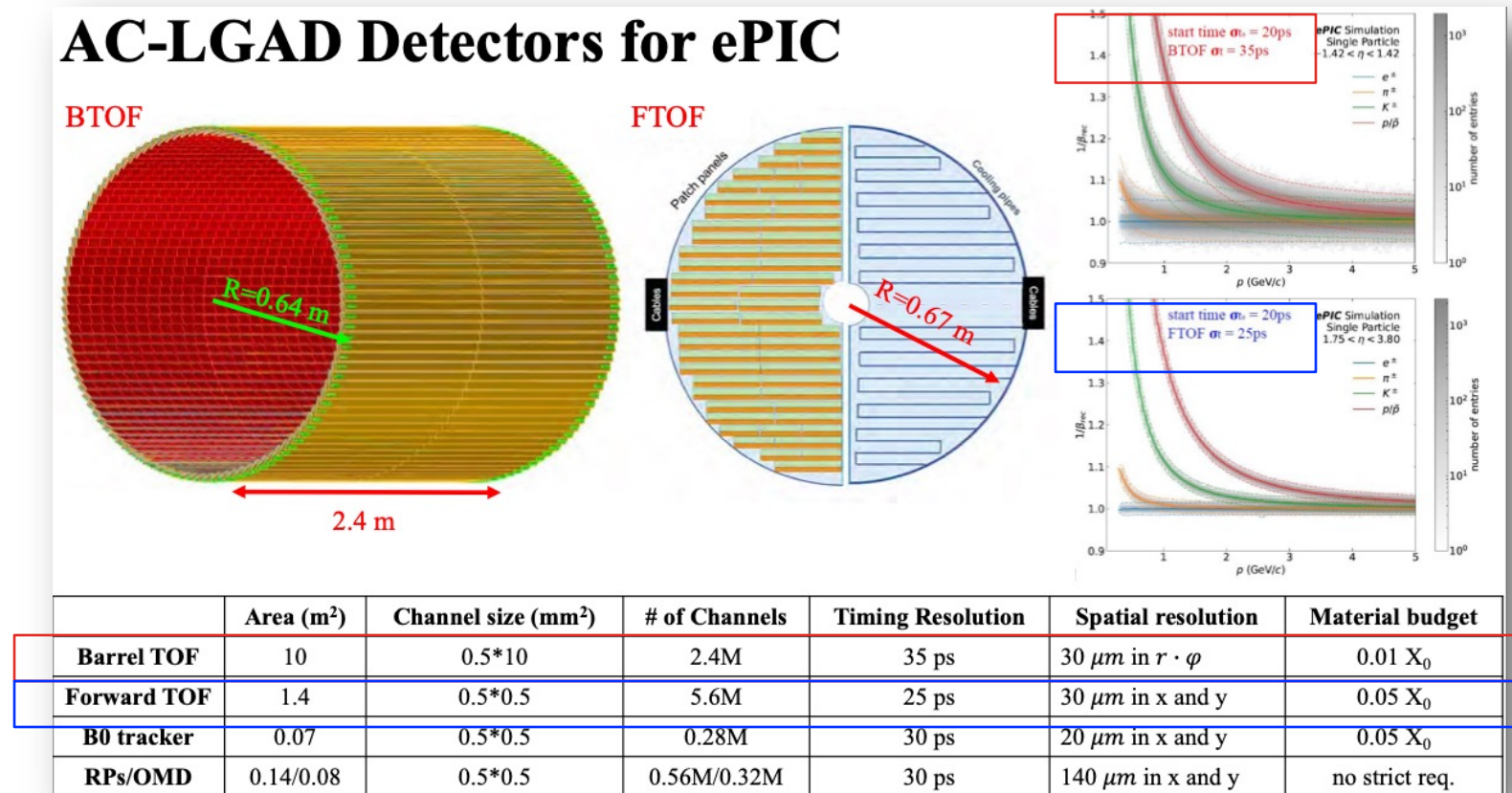
Heavy neutral leptons, **axion-like particles**, and exotic Higgs boson decays



"In addition, calorimeter and precision timing variables will be extremely helpful to include in this study of ALPs that decay to photons."

FUTURE *EIC* Z. Ye's [slides](#)

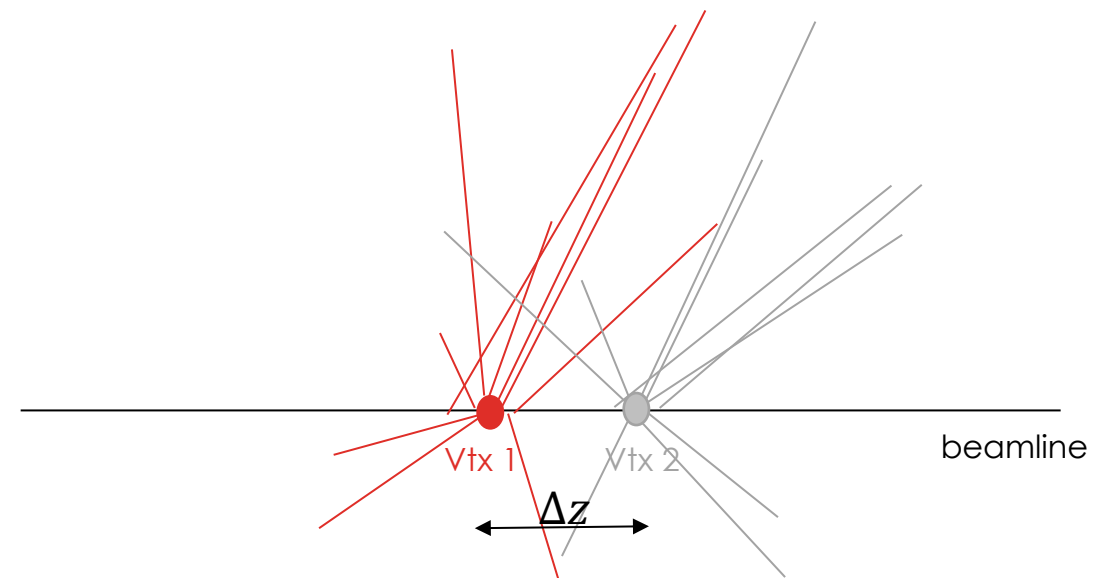
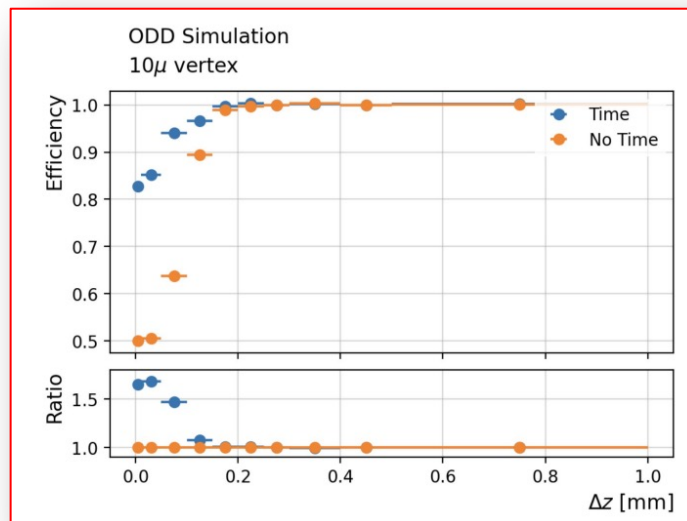
- The Electron-Ion Collider (2031+) is among the highest priority of US Nuclear Physics
- Electron-Proton and -Ion Collider detector (ePIC) concept includes PID capabilities via AC-LGAD layers (also vertex identification for far-forward hadrons)



ACTS-BASED RECONSTRUCTION

A Common Tracking Software (ACTS): already adopted in Run 3 for ATLAS vertexing and employed by several other experiments (running and/or future):

- Embedded time measurement as one of the 6 track parameters
- We can perform detailed hit-to-track and track-to-vertex association studies
- Offer a generic **Open Data Detector (ODD)** layout for a silicon tracker
- Ongoing work to translate the FCC-hh tracker into ACTS, in particular to [depray/traccc](#)
- **4D vertex finding and fitting implemented, more on tracking [here](#)**
- Jet reconstruction algorithms (e.g. Fast Jet) **can and have been** interfaced with ACTS to build particle level jets, which can in turn be used for jet and flavour tagging studies



A WORD ON TECHNOLOGY

- Several groups working on **developing 4D tracking technologies that could meet the HL-LHC specifications should such replacements take place**, but intensive **R&D is still required and several options are being looked at**:
 - Hybrid Low Gain (DC, AC-coupled), monolithic Low Gain, hybrid No Gain (Planar, 3D), monolithic No Gain (CMOS), and many more!
- **Radiation Hardness is a key challenge**
 - At the **HL-LHC** the innermost layers are placed at **$O(30)$ mm** from the IP and will receive doses of **$O(10)$ MGy after 2 ab^{-1}** of data
 - At **FCC-hh**, radius of **$O(20)$ mm**, radiation levels **0.4 GGy expected after 30 ab^{-1}** and a fluence of 6×10^{17} per cm^2 1 MeV neq.
 - These are approximately **30 times (600 times) more intense than the environment at the HL-LHC (LHC)**.
 - Dedicated R&D efforts for **extreme timing resolutions and radiation hardness** is needed. These will also be correlated with the spatial resolution and the changes in the material budget, thus analyzing the interplay among them is of key interest

IN VIEW OF THE ESPP UPDATE

- For Snowmass, we released a document ([2203.13900](#)) that “reviews the impact of integrating 4D tracking capabilities on several physics benchmarks both in potential upgrades of the HL-LHC experiments and in several detectors at future colliders, and summarizes the currently available sensor technologies as well as electronics, along with their limitations and directions for R&D.”
- Substantial work has been performed since then, with **promising advancements in reconstruction**
 - See proof-of-concepts from ATLAS, LHCb, etc
 - Reconstruction for detectors at Muon Colliders
 - Generic 4D tracking in ACTS, crucial for fast turnarounds
- **Technologies have also advanced**
- Input to the **ESPP could focus on these aspects**, i.e. what's new since Snowmass

CONCLUSIONS

- We are broadly investigating **4D tracking in various contexts**: HL-LHC, FCC-ee ToF, muC, and FCC-hh, with extensive usage of ACTS ODD
 - Challenges change with the collider environment:**
 - e^+e^- clean environment, but high precision requirements, timing for e.g. TOF
 - HL-LHC upgrades, MuC, FCC-hh, etc: increasingly busy environments, critical to identify hard scatter
 - Differences in backgrounds and collider can imply different strategies but synergies exist
- 4D Tracking is a unique feature to boost the experimental physics reach**, and can be combined with advancements in track reconstruction algorithms
- Both algorithms and technologies are being developed and offer interesting opportunities for HL-LHC and, even more so, future colliders!

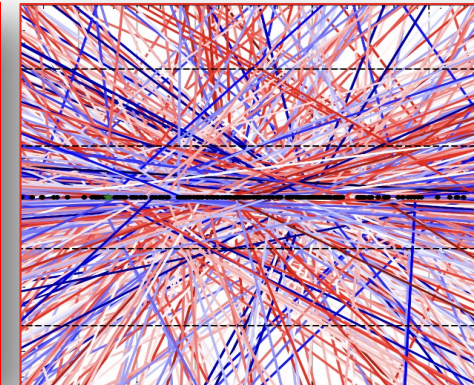
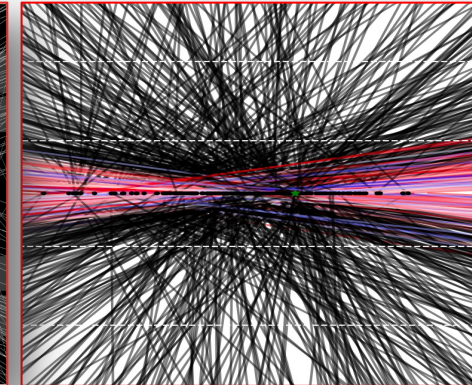
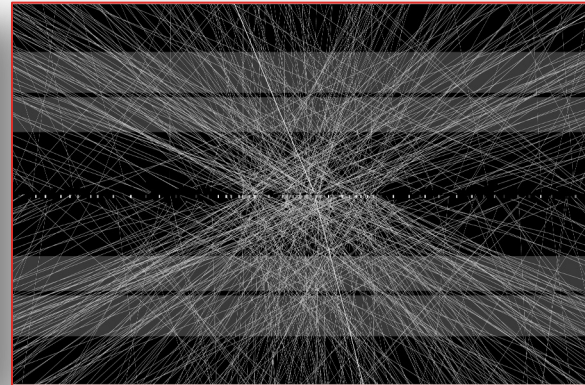
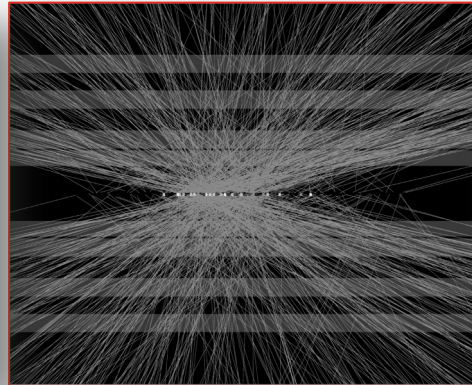
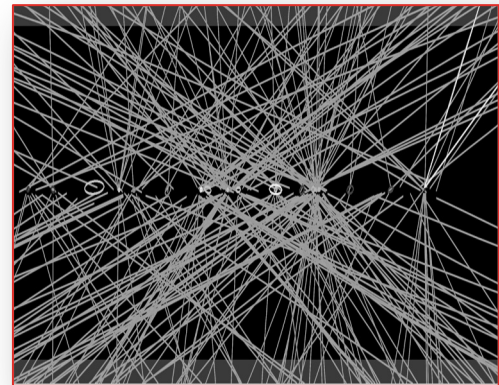
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...and beyond?



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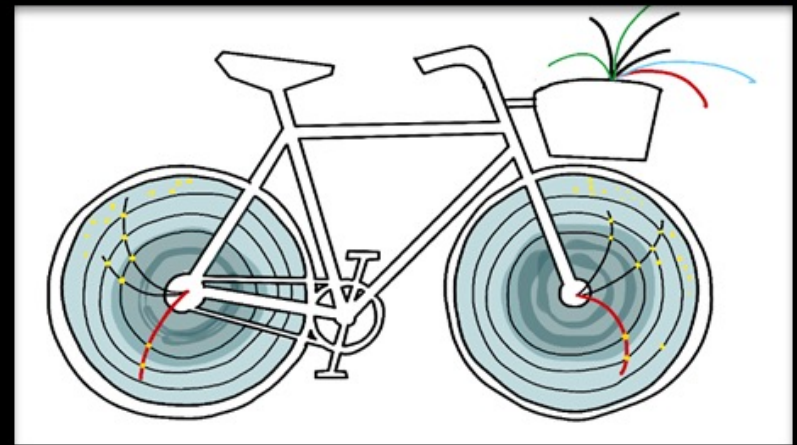
$\langle \text{pile-up} \rangle \sim 30$

$\langle \text{pile-up} \rangle \sim 60$

$\langle \text{pile-up} \rangle \sim 140$

$\langle \text{pile-up} \rangle \sim 200$

THANK YOU!



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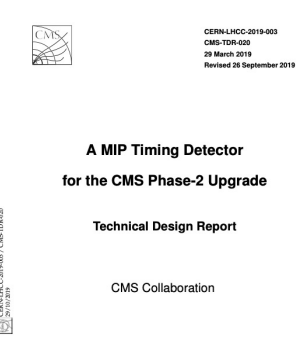
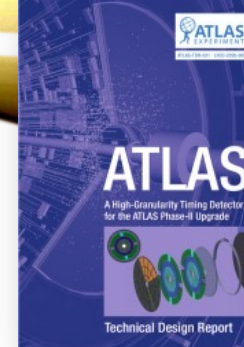
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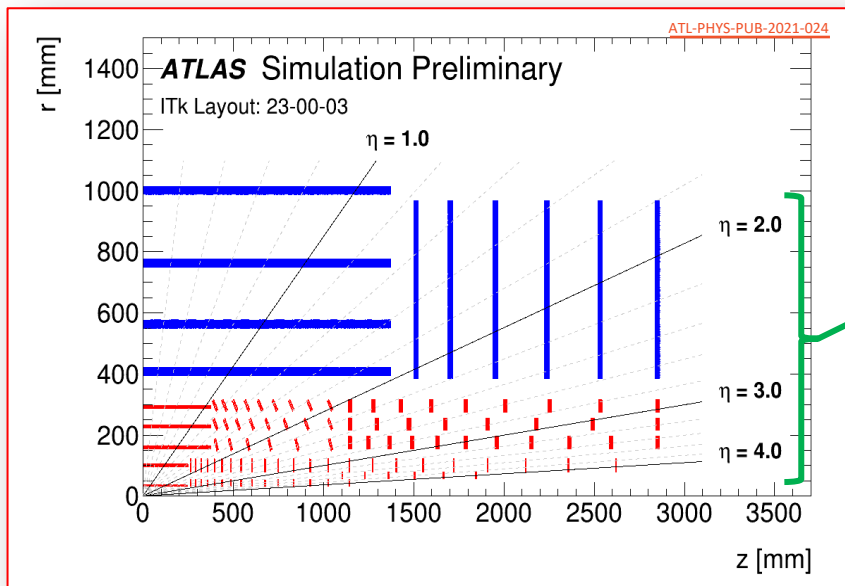
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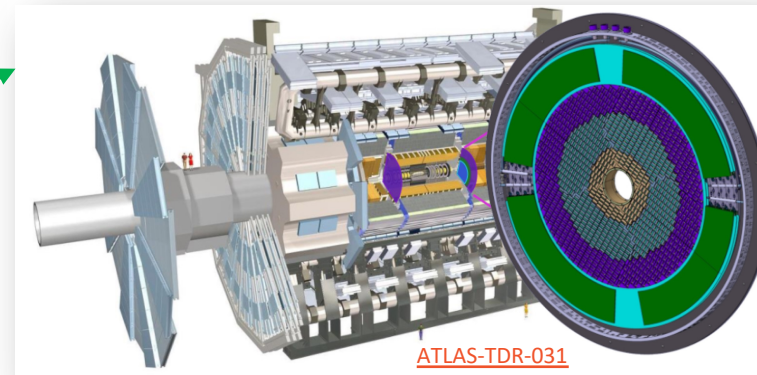
Addition of timing layers to HEP detectors growing area of interest



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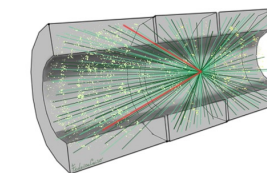


High Granularity Timing Detector



New handles to improve event reconstruction in the forward region, but limited by its reduced η acceptance...

Can we maximize the ATLAS physics potential beyond Run 4 by extending the timing coverage to the full η acceptance?



A COMPARISON WITH CMS' MIP TIMING DETECTOR

From CMS MTD TDR: “The MTD will give timing information for MIPs with 30–40 ps resolution at the beginning of HL-LHC operation in 2026, degrading slowly as a result of radiation damage to 50–60 ps by the end of HL-LHC operations.”

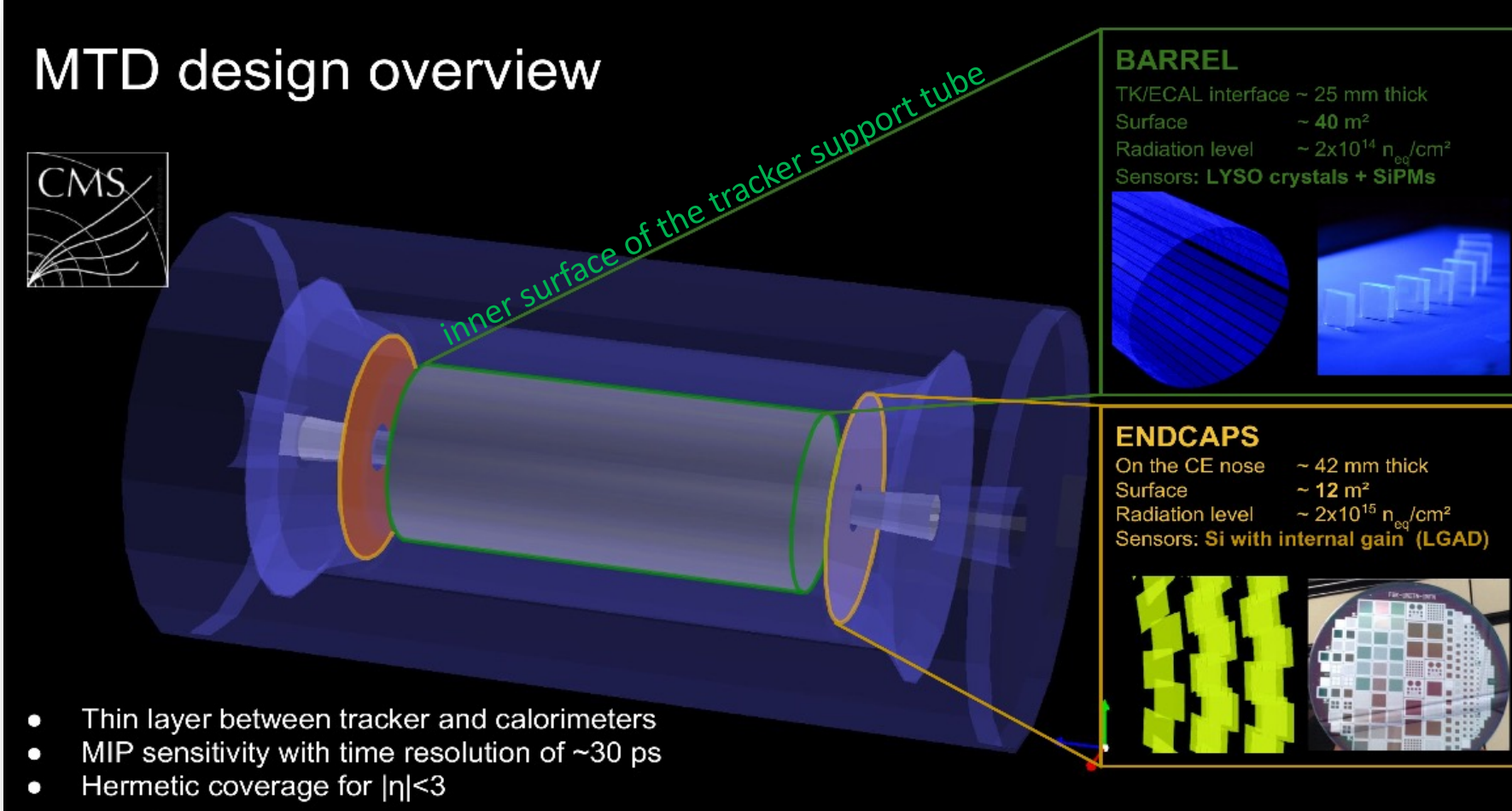
Table 1.1: Expected scientific impact of the MIP Timing Detector, taken from Ref. [8].

Signal	Physics measurement	MTD impact
H \rightarrow $\gamma\gamma$ and H \rightarrow 4 leptons	+15–25% (statistical) precision on the cross section \rightarrow Improve coupling measurements	Isolation and Vertex identification
VBF \rightarrow H \rightarrow $\tau\tau$	+30% (statistical) precision on cross section \rightarrow Improve coupling measurements	Isolation VBF tagging, p_T^{miss}
HH	+20% gain in signal yield \rightarrow Consolidate searches	Isolation b-tagging
EWK SUSY	+40% background reduction \rightarrow 150 GeV increase in mass reach	MET b-tagging
Long-lived particles (LLP)	Peaking mass reconstruction \rightarrow Unique discovery potential	β_{LLP} from timing of displaced vertices

about 200. The integrated luminosity \times efficiency is increased and this gain is equivalent to collecting data for three additional years beyond the ten year run planned for the HL-LHC.

CMS' MIP TIMING DETECTOR

MTD design overview



The diagram shows a cylindrical detector structure with two main sections: the barrel and the endcaps. The barrel is the central part, and the endcaps are at the ends. A green line indicates the inner surface of the tracker support tube. The barrel section is detailed with a blue color scheme, and the endcaps are detailed with a yellow color scheme. The CMS logo is in the top left corner.

BARREL
 TK/ECAL interface ~ 25 mm thick
 Surface ~ 40 m²
 Radiation level ~ 2×10^{14} n_{eq}/cm²
 Sensors: LYSO crystals + SiPMs

ENDCAPS
 On the CE nose ~ 42 mm thick
 Surface ~ 12 m²
 Radiation level ~ 2×10^{15} n_{eq}/cm²
 Sensors: Si with internal gain (LGAD)

- Thin layer between tracker and calorimeters
- MIP sensitivity with time resolution of ~30 ps
- Hermetic coverage for $|\eta| < 3$

$|\eta| < 1.5$

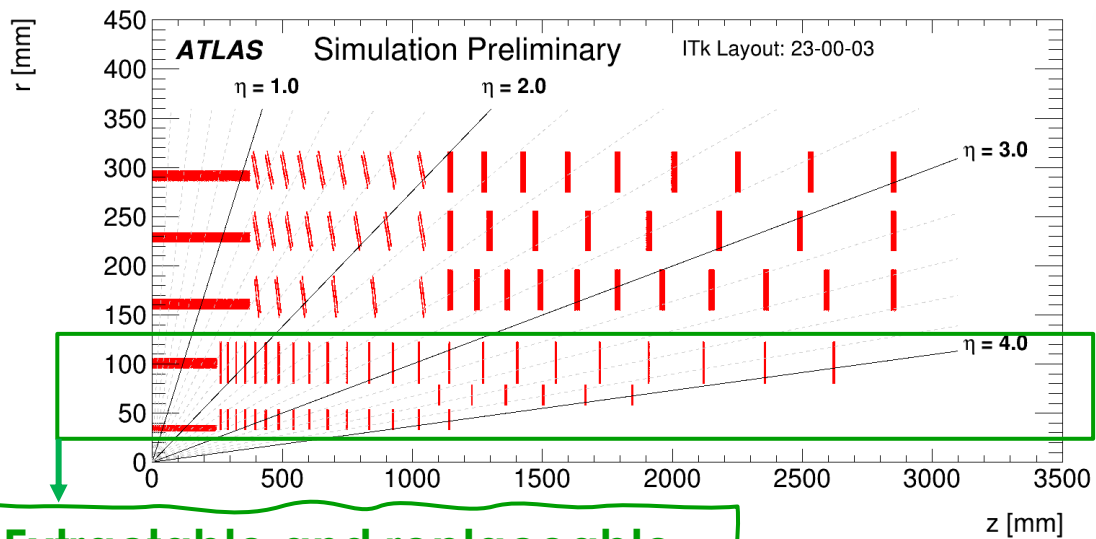
$1.5 < |\eta| < 3.0$

Beyond Run 4, CMS is also considering to add timing layers in the innermost part of the tracker.

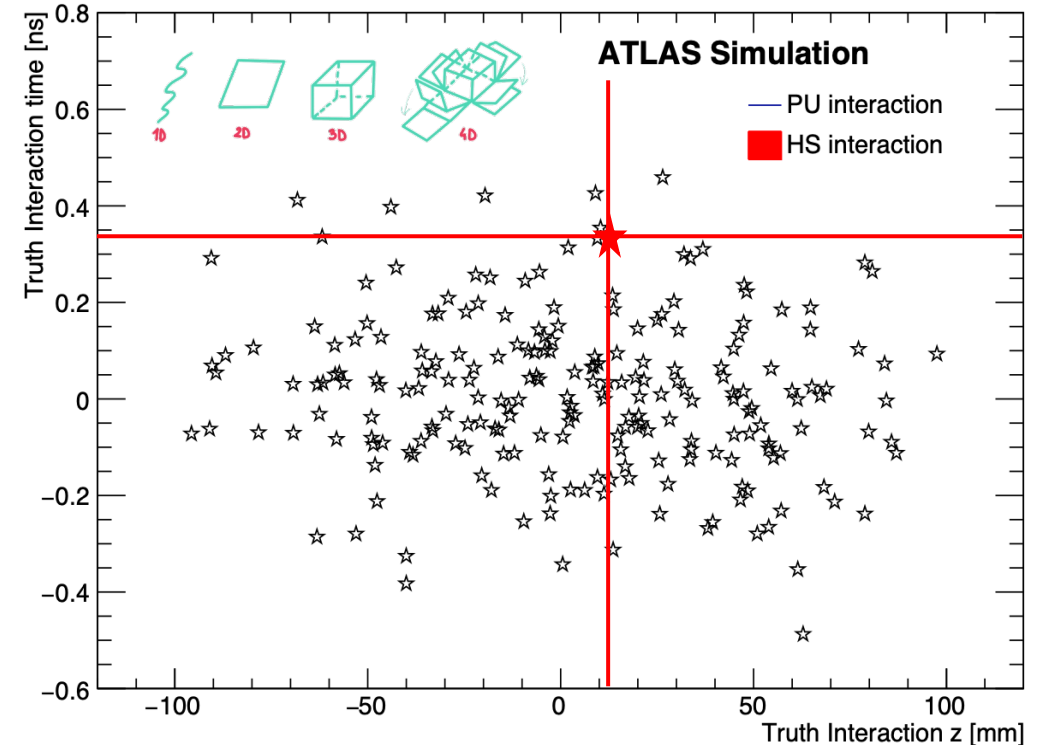
UNFOLDING A NEW DIMENSION

Next step in advancing technologies are real 4-dimensional silicon trackers (resolution of $\mathcal{O}(10 \mu\text{m})$ & $\mathcal{O}(10 \text{ps})$)

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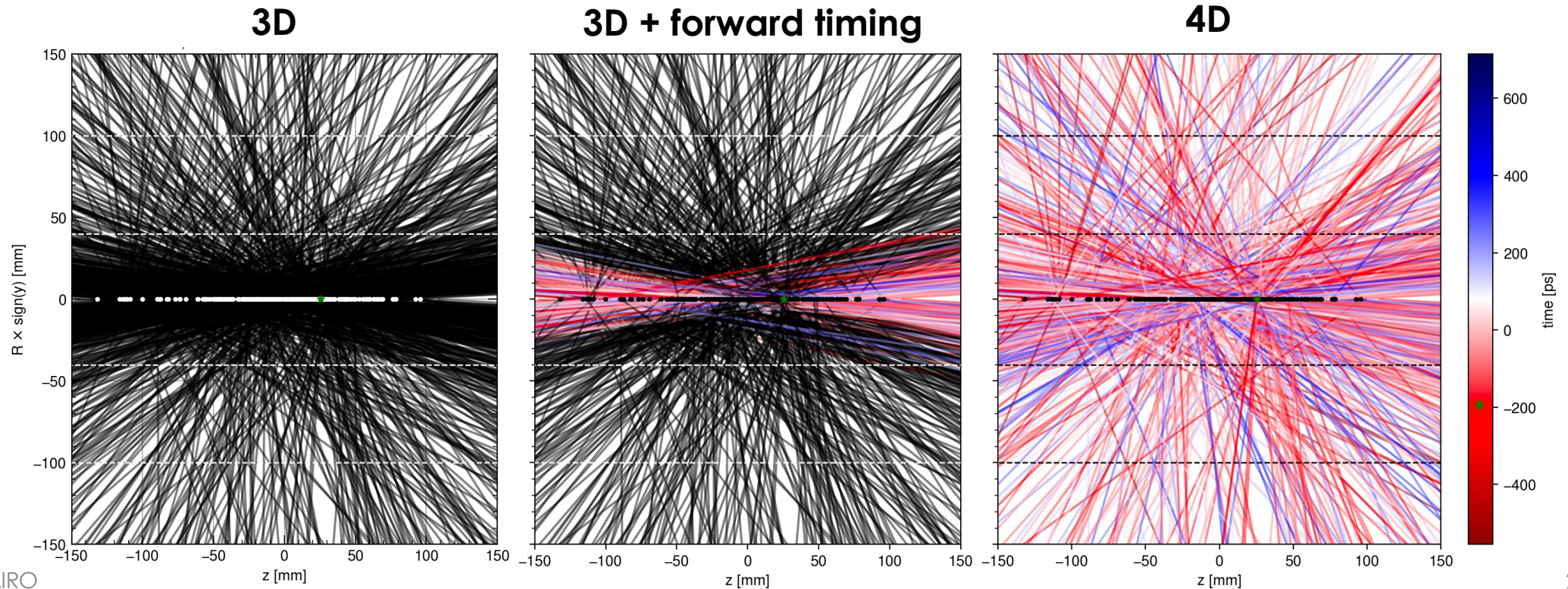
Extractable and replaceable
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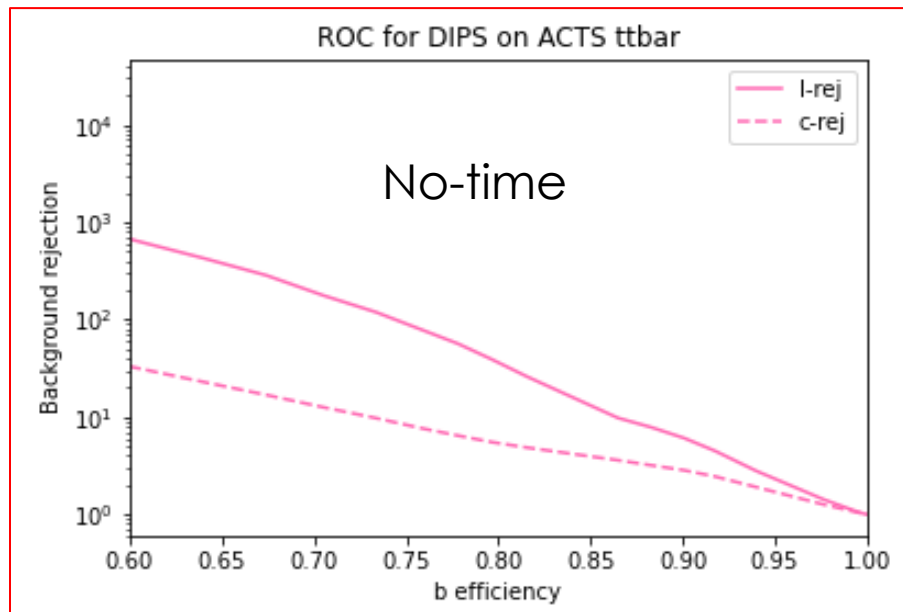
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ACTS-BASED STUDIES



- Furthermore, jet reconstruction algorithms (e.g. Fast Jet) **can and have been** interfaced with ACTS to build particle level jets, which can in turn be used for jet and flavour tagging studies

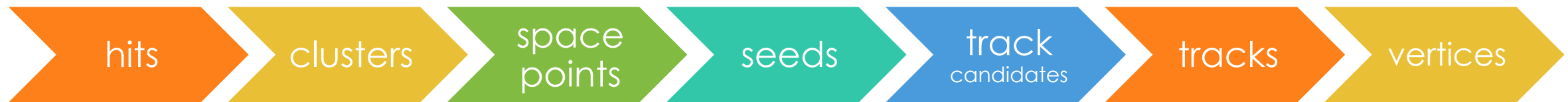


Incoming student to complete the studies with timing information

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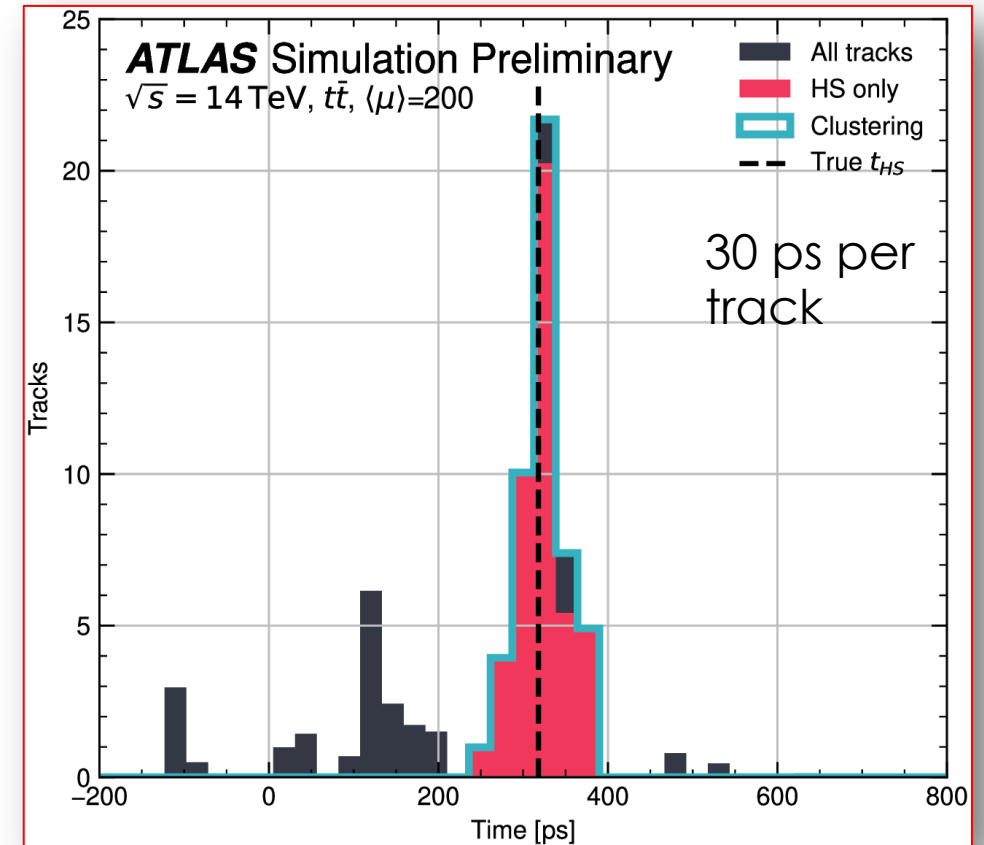
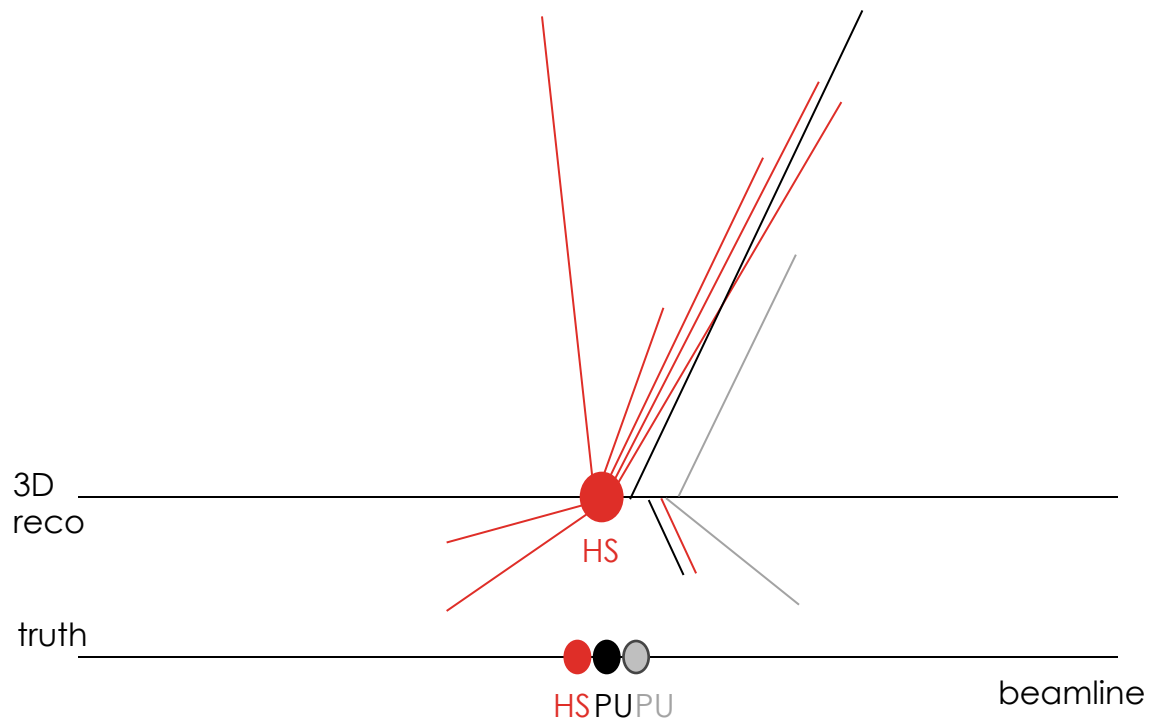


In this first study, track-time was added here, based on truth information and smeared by 30, 60, 90 ps

N.B. track-time, not hit-time

DETERMINING THE VERTEX TIME

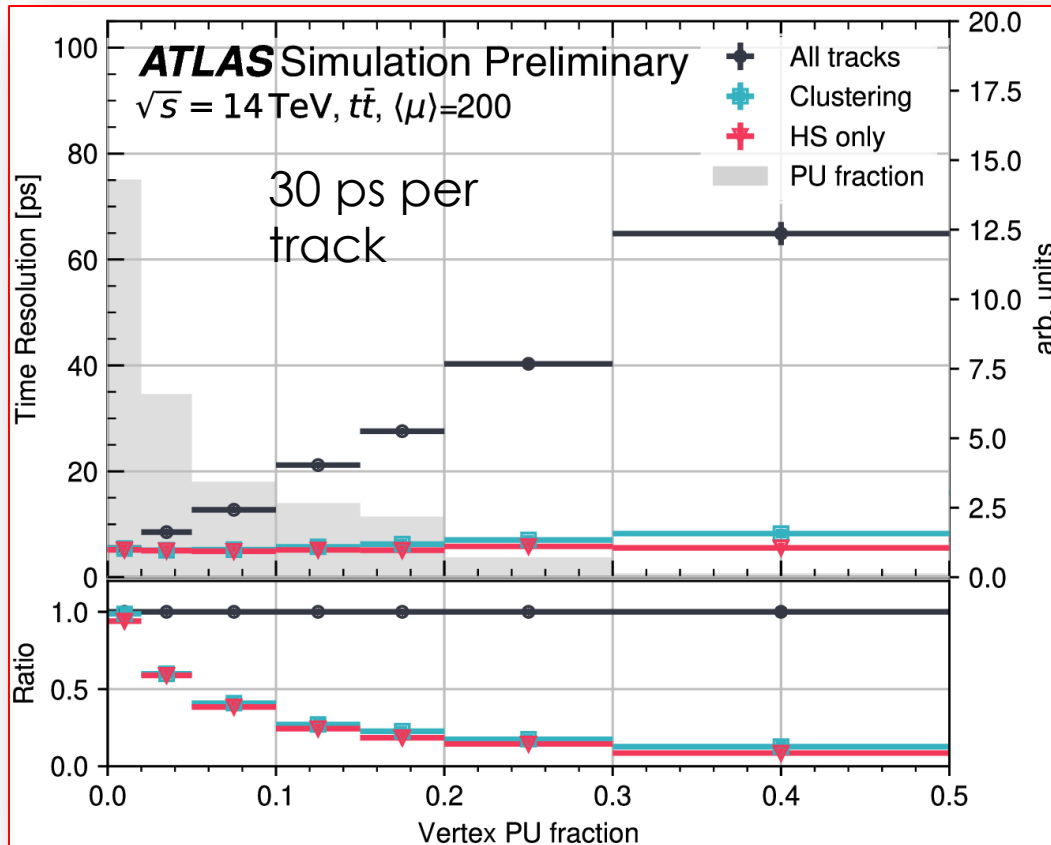
- With 4D tracking, **each** charged particle would have a timestamp
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Time clustering a posteriori on 3D vertex
 → spurious tracks removed effectively!

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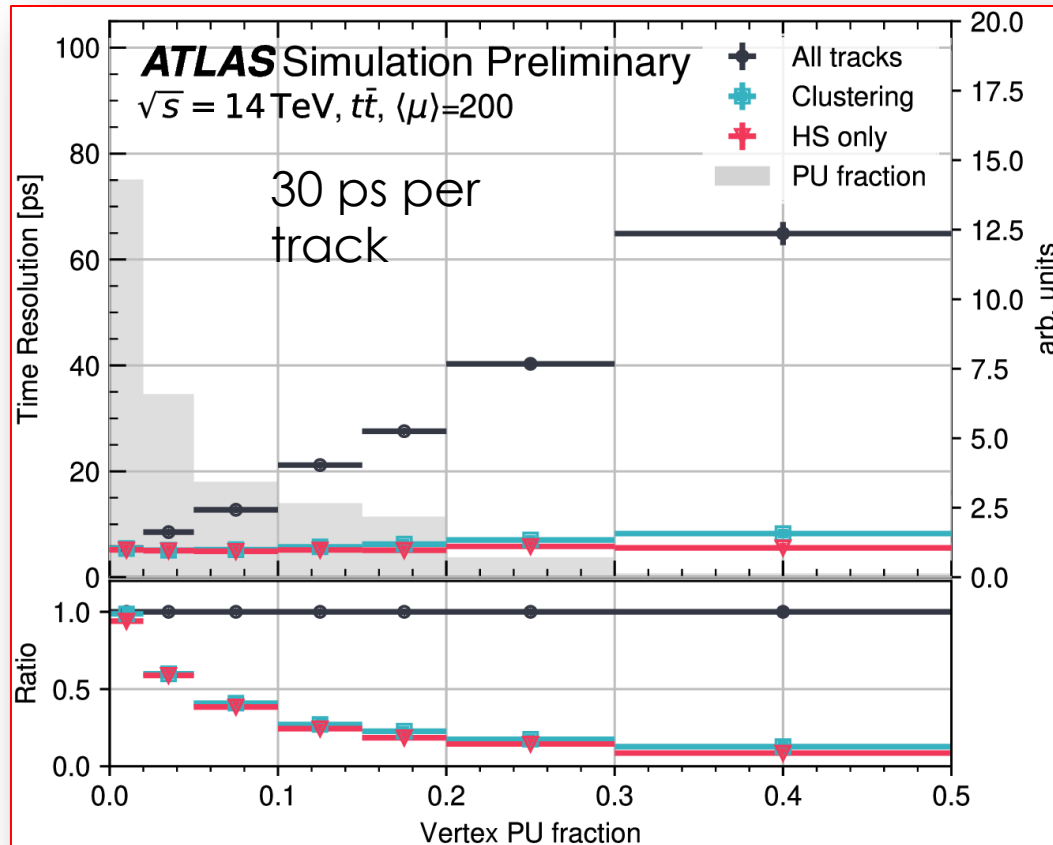
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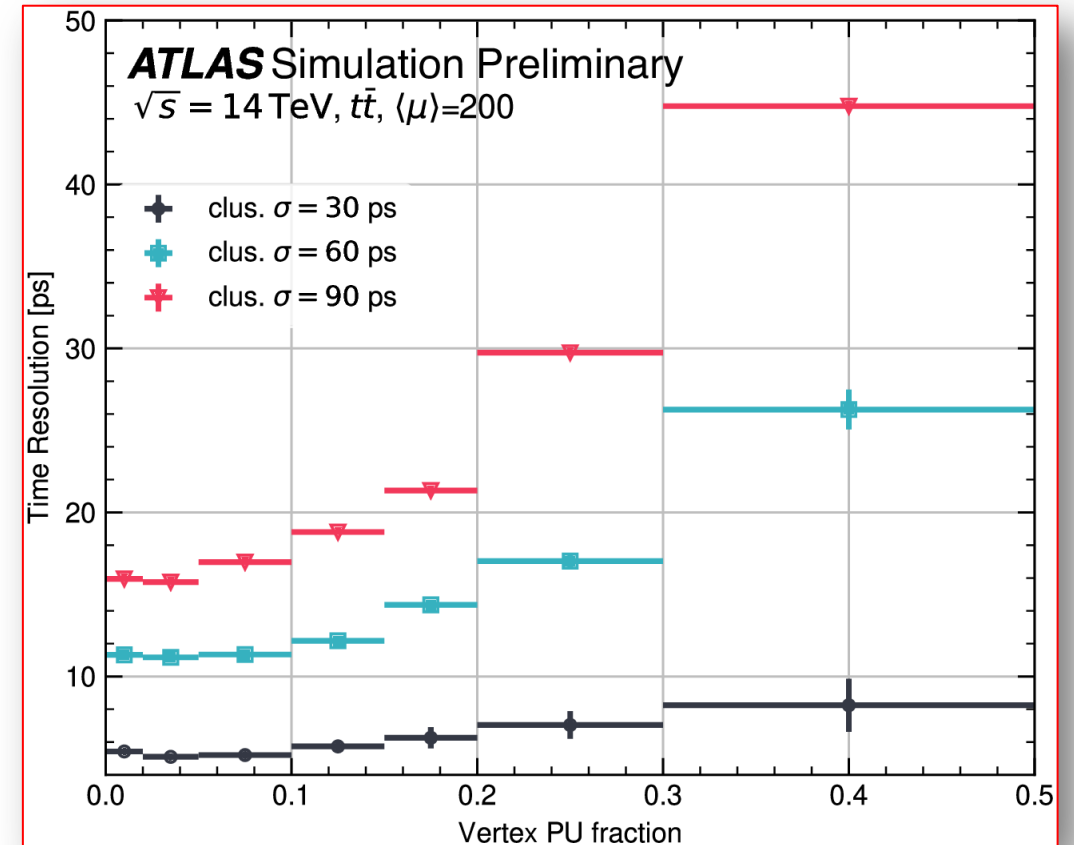
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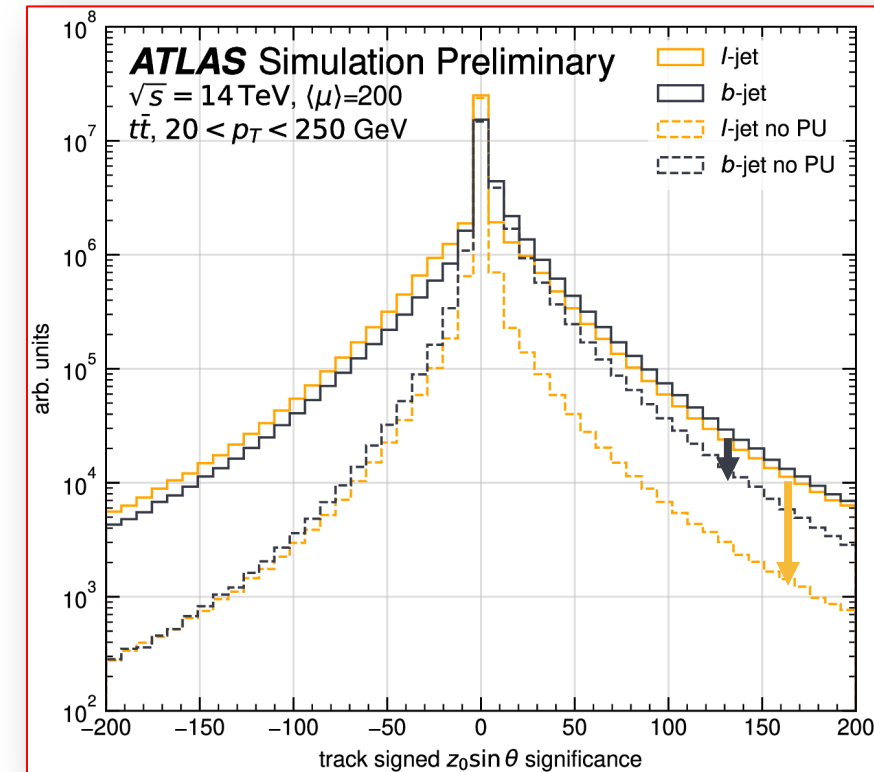
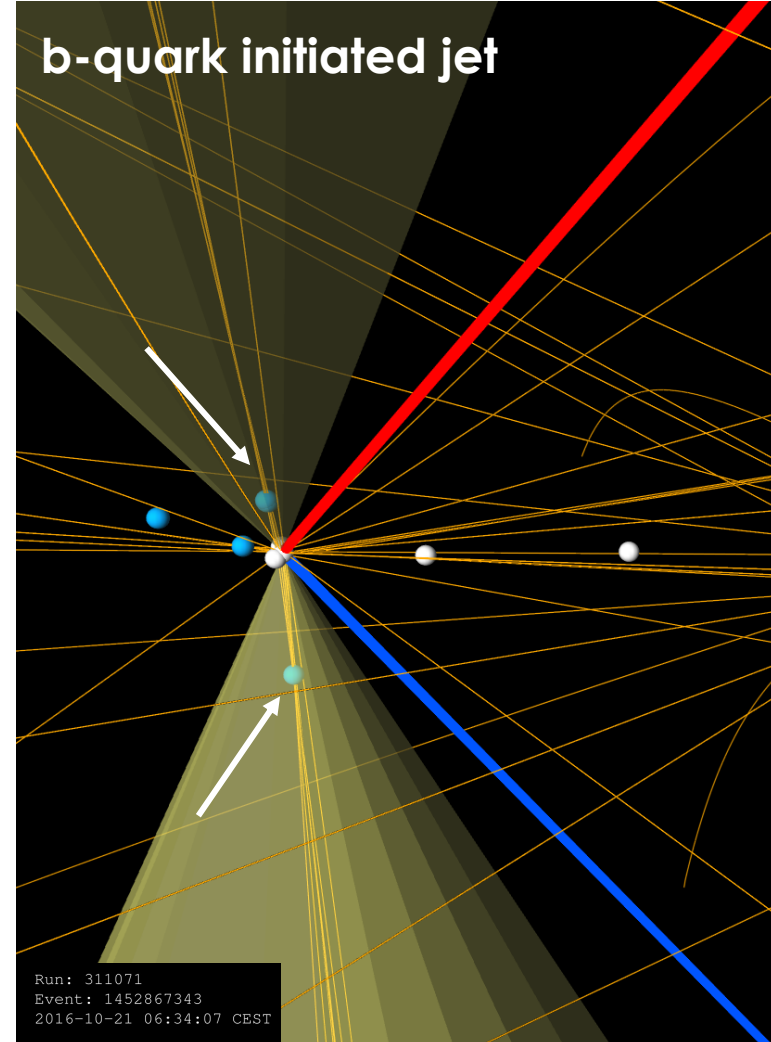
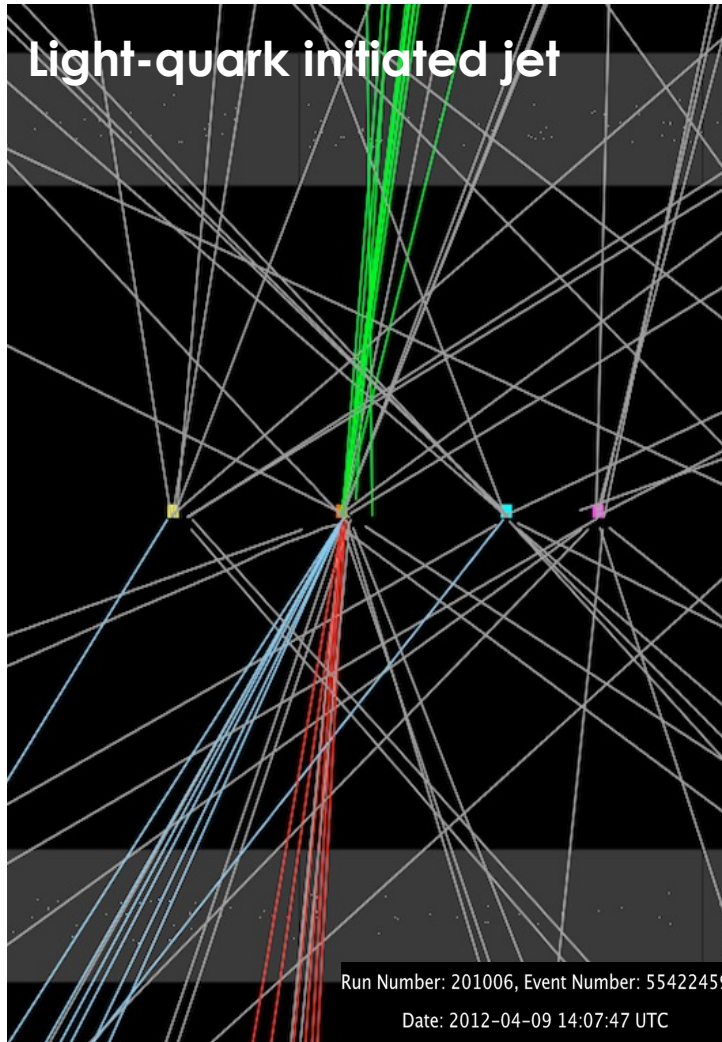


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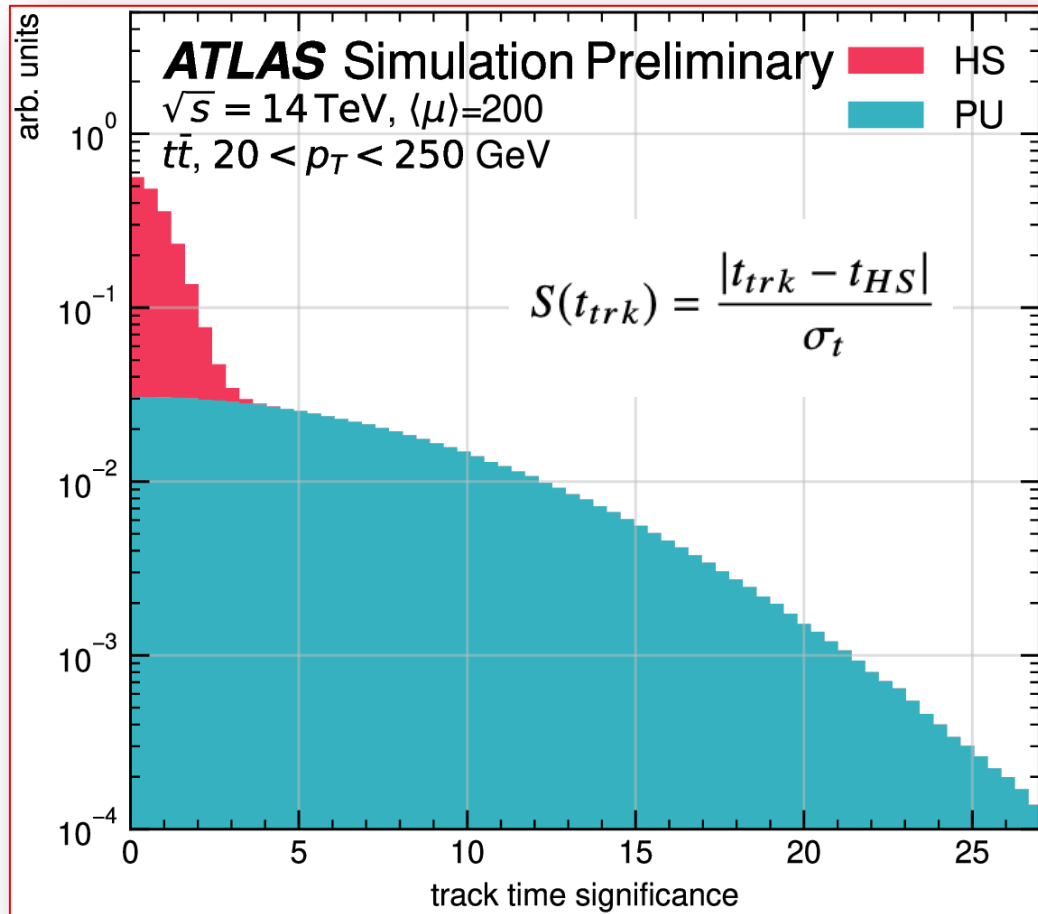


The better the track-time resolution, the more PU-robust the vertex time resolution

THE KEY FEATURES FOR b -TAGGING

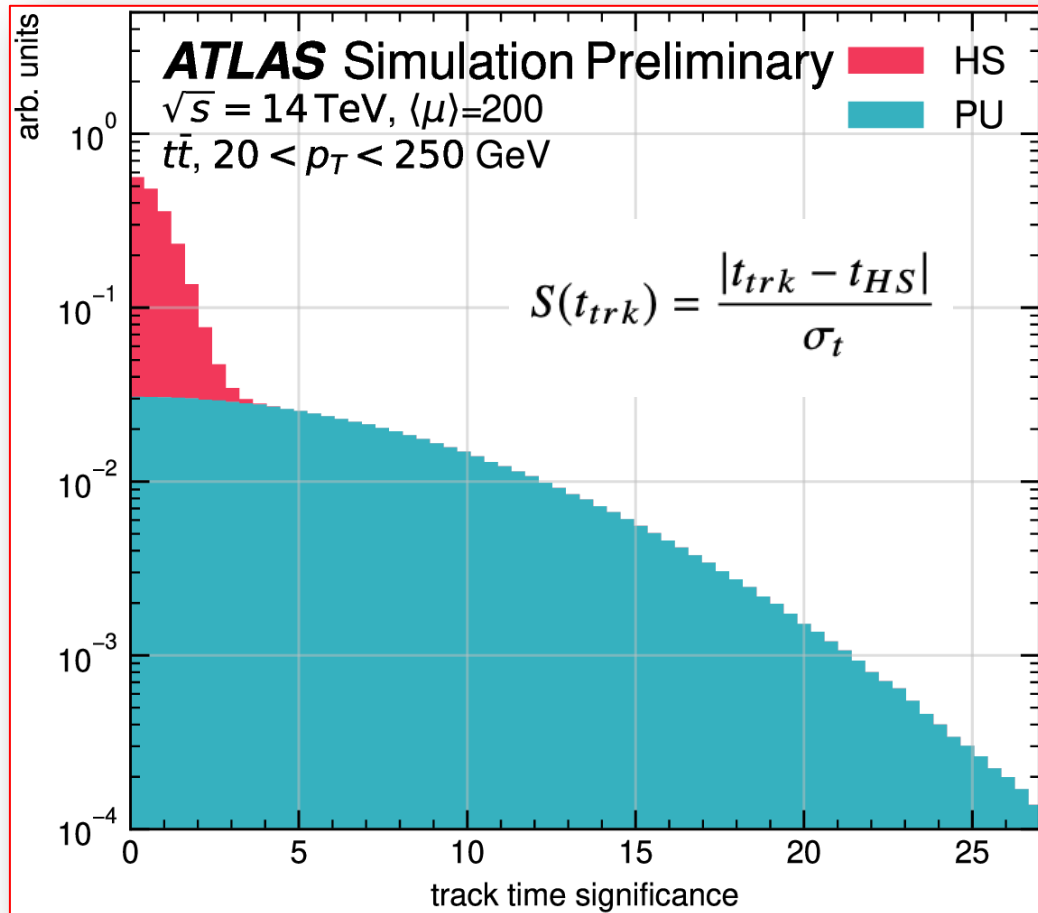


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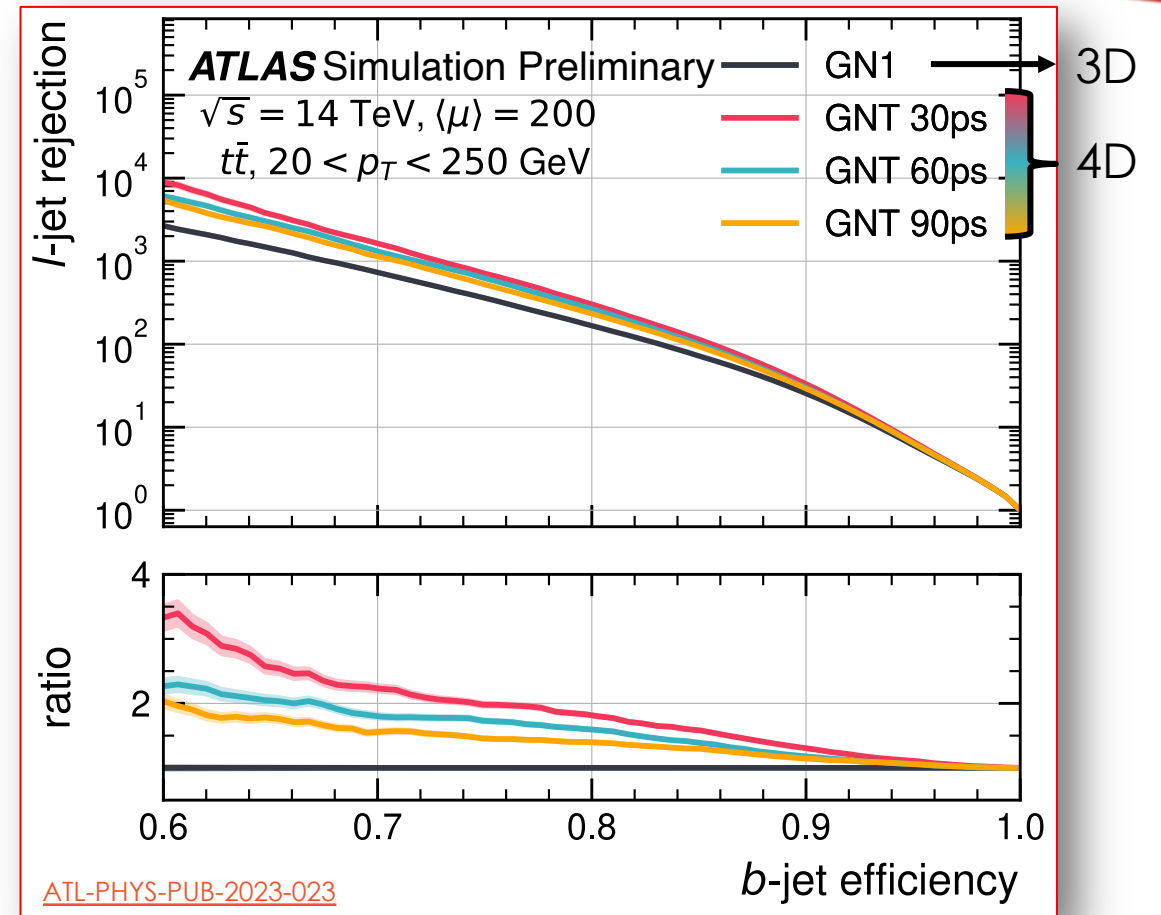
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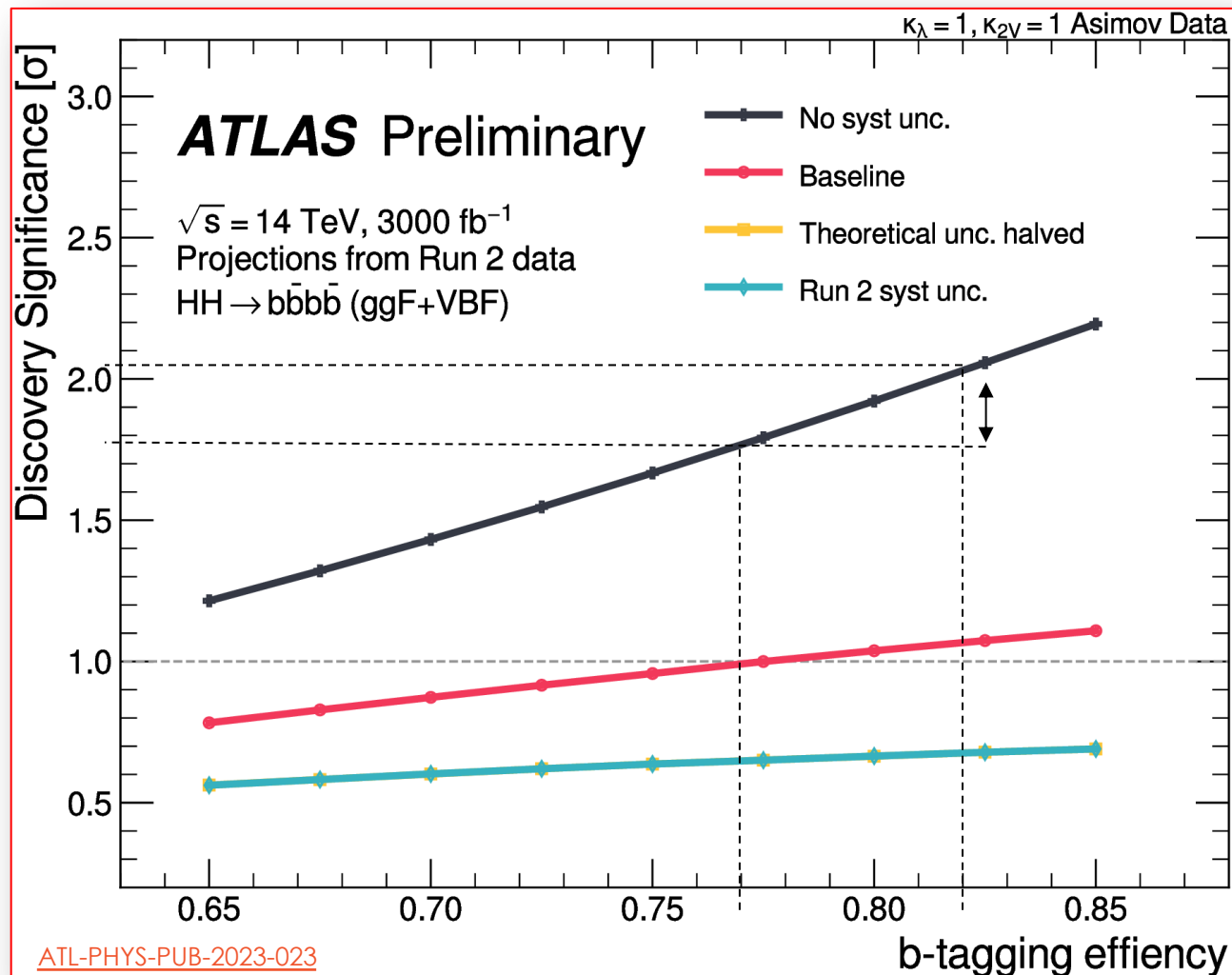
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Interesting potential sensitivity increase for Higgs physics, in particular **HH**, whose observation is a high-priority goal for HL-LHC

HH PROSPECTS

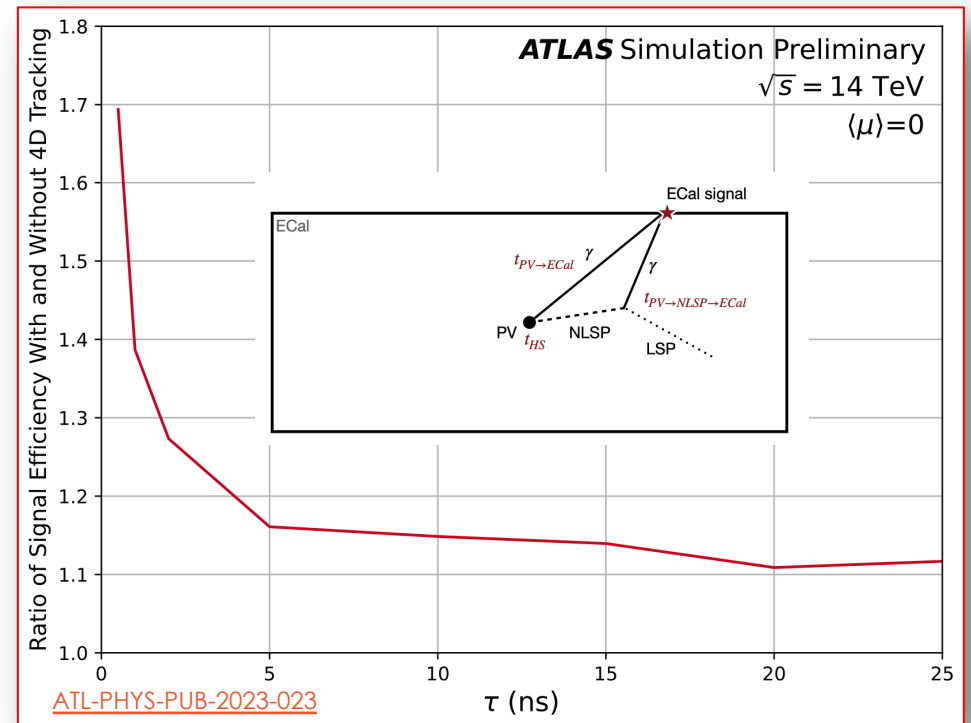
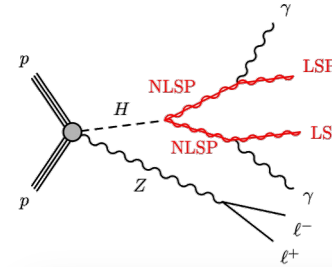


e.g. 77% to 82% \rightarrow
 $\sim 0.3\sigma$ improvement
(more than
500 fb⁻¹ of data!)

N.B. this plot was made by
scaling to the full HL-LHC
luminosity

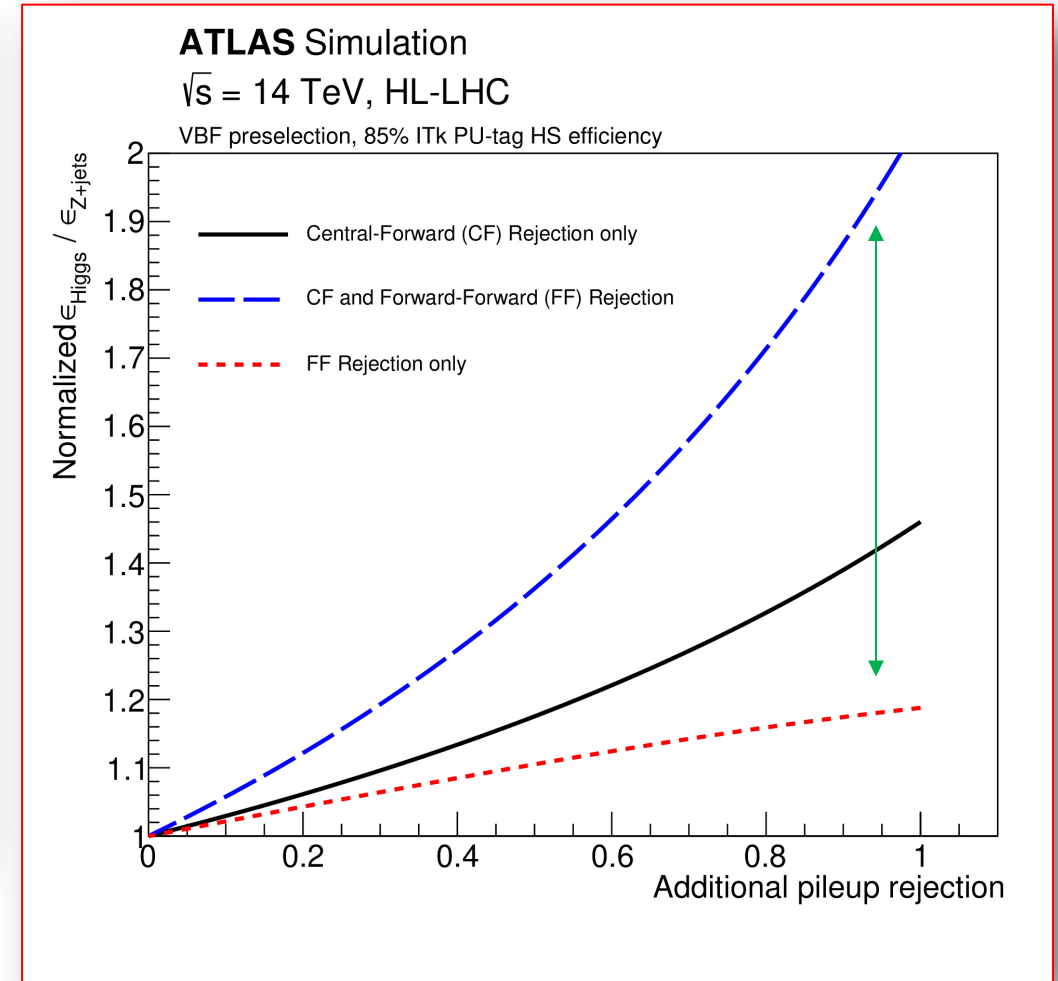
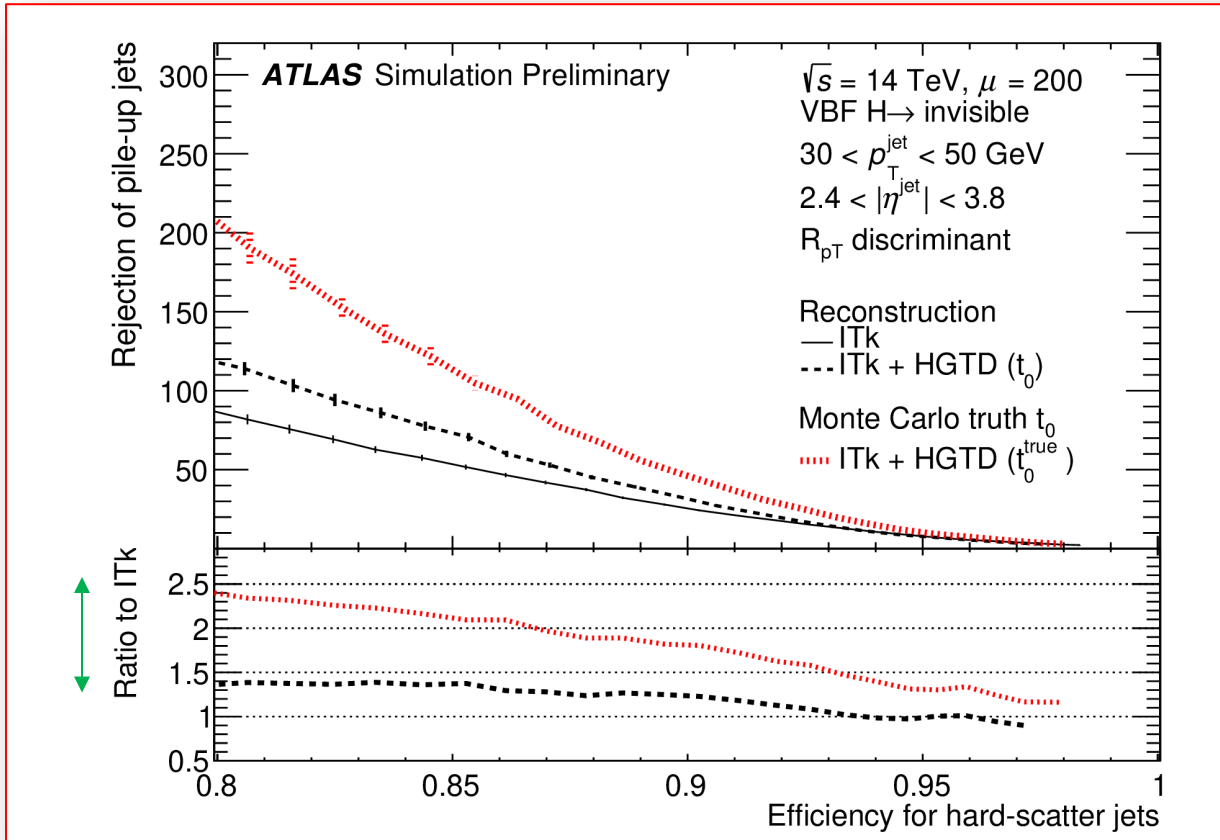
OTHER PHYSICS CASES

- **VBF H** \rightarrow **inv** extensively studied at the time of the HGTD TDR, results still valid
- Long Lived Particles studied in the PubNote, in particular **delayed photons**
- Other applications to be further explored, e.g. **c-tagging** (similar considerations as for b-tagging), **tau reconstruction and identification**, etc



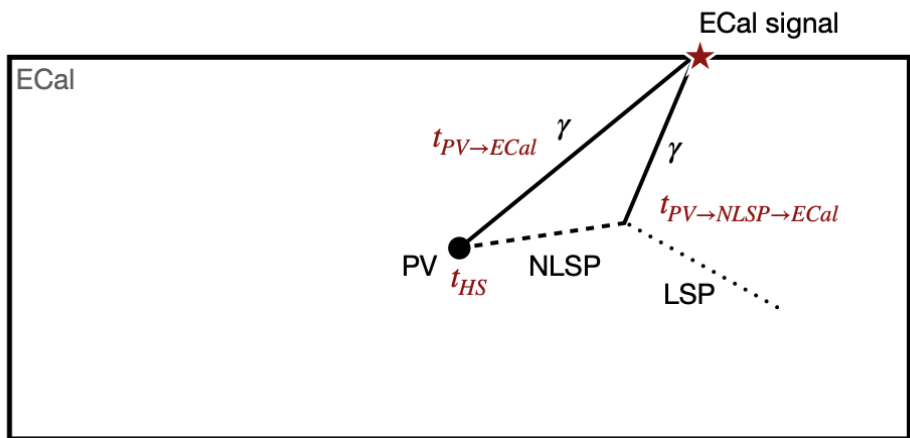
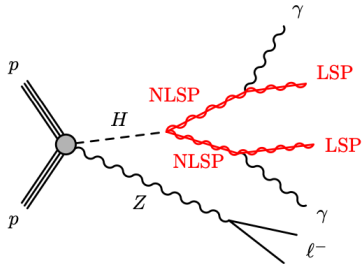
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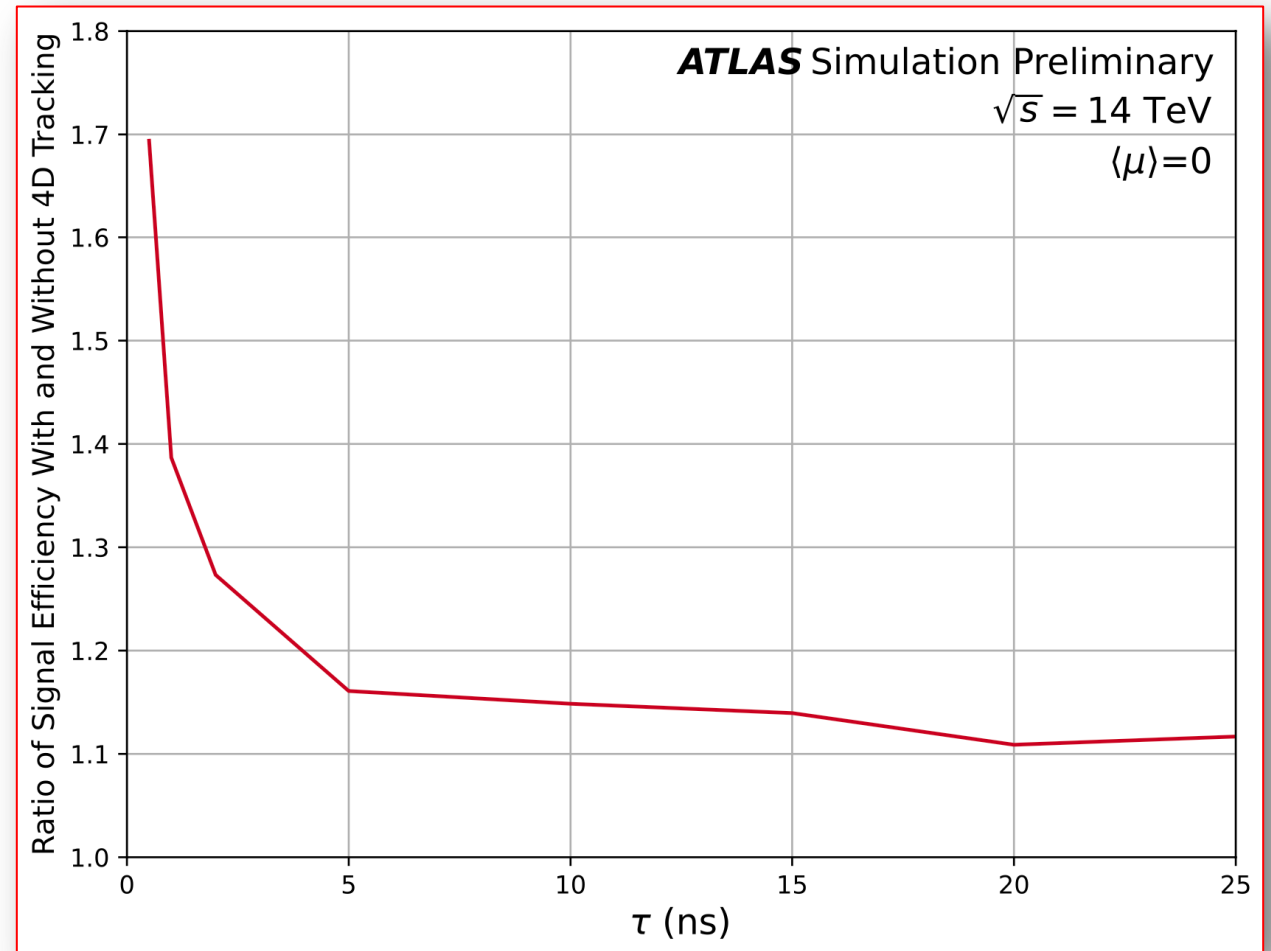
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Delayed photons



$$t_{\text{ECal}}^{\text{Measured}} = t_0 + t_{\text{IP} \rightarrow \text{ECal}}$$

$$\Delta t^{\text{Reconstructed}} = t_{\text{ECal}}^{\text{Measured}} - t_{\text{IP} \rightarrow \text{ECal}}^{\text{Reconstructed}} - t_0^{\text{Reconstructed}}$$



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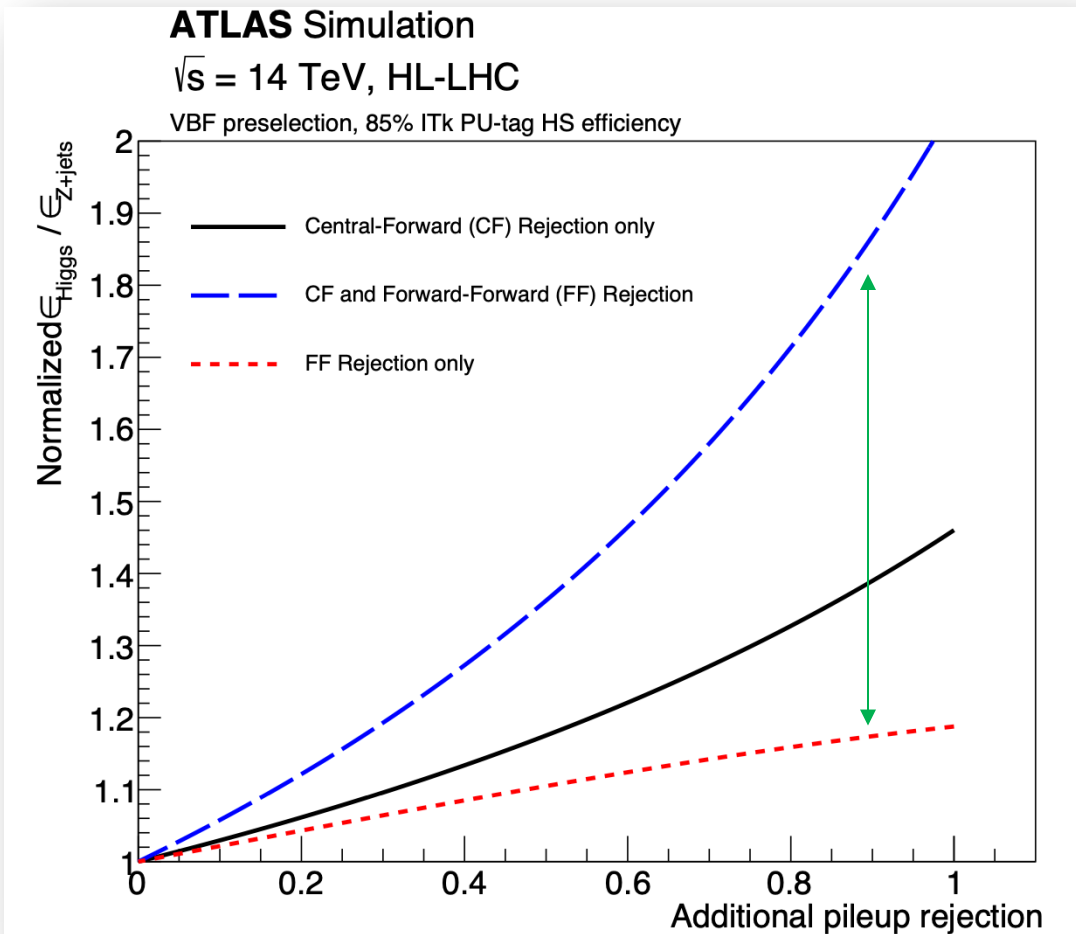


Fig. 3.25

Normalized signal over background gain relative to ITk-only pileup jet suppression performance, as a function of the additional pileup jet rejection from HGTD. The solid black (dotted red) line represents the HGTD improvement from the CF (FF) event topologies separately. The dotted blue line shows the total improvement when the combined HGTD+ITk pileup suppression algorithm is applied to all jets in the event.

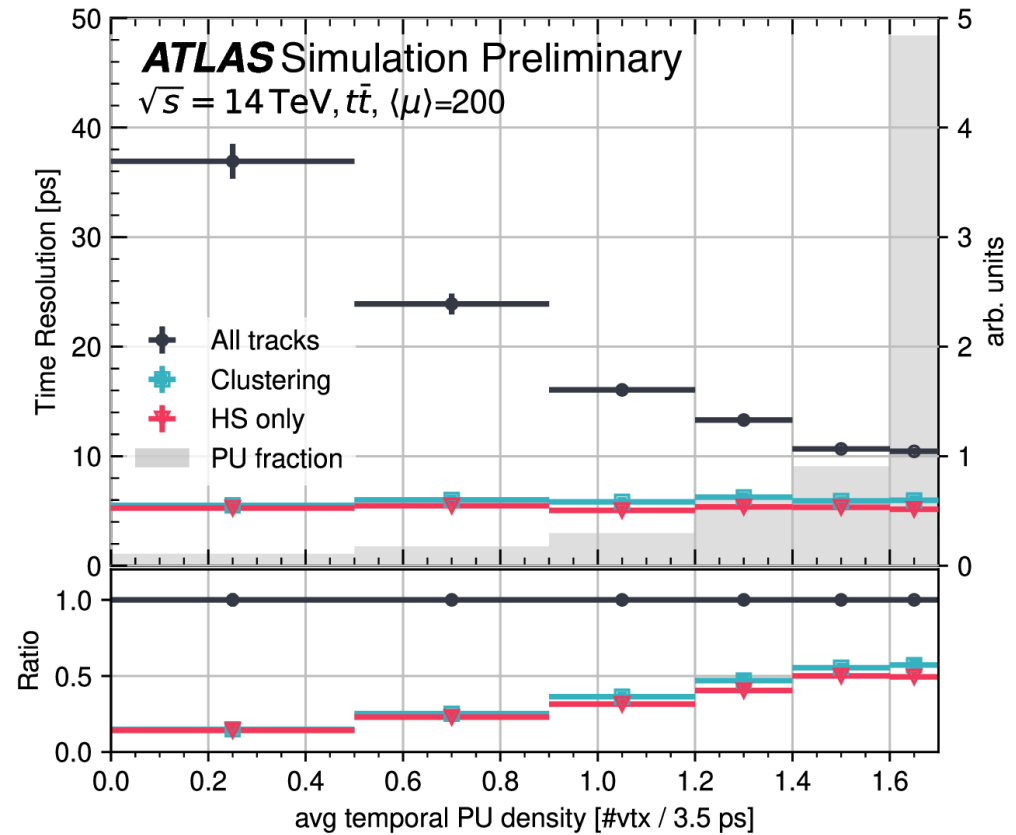
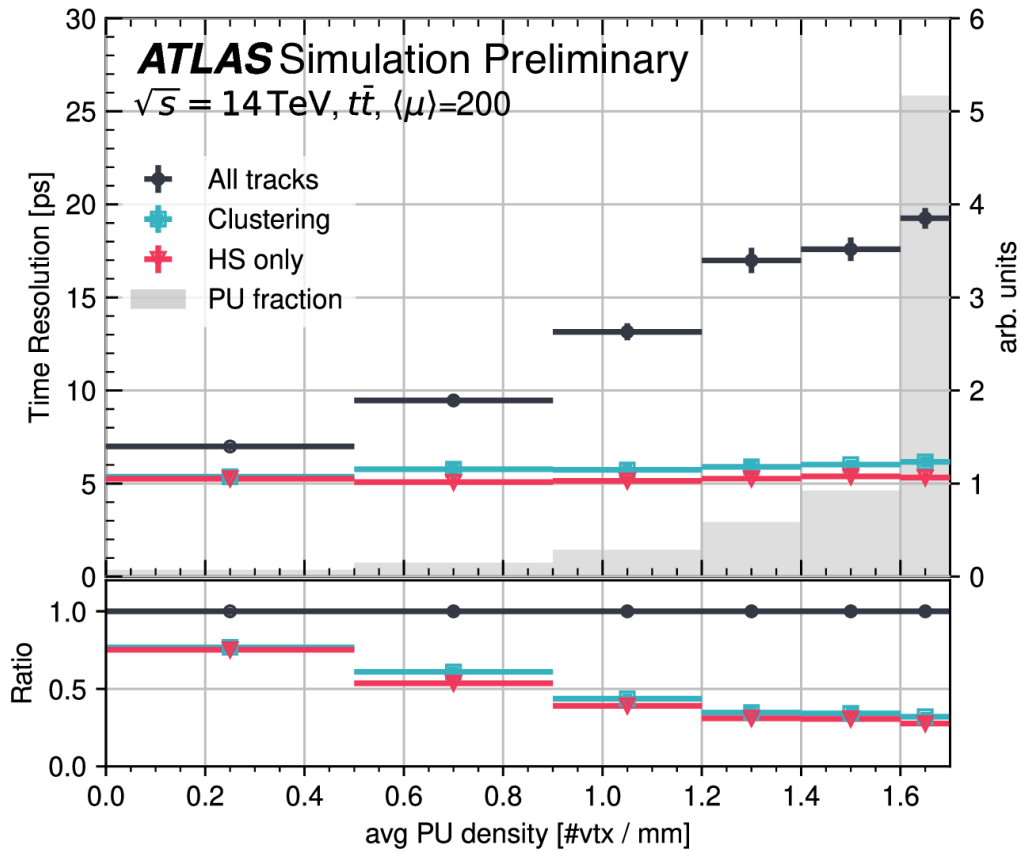
VERTEX TO

The average spatial pile-up density is defined as:

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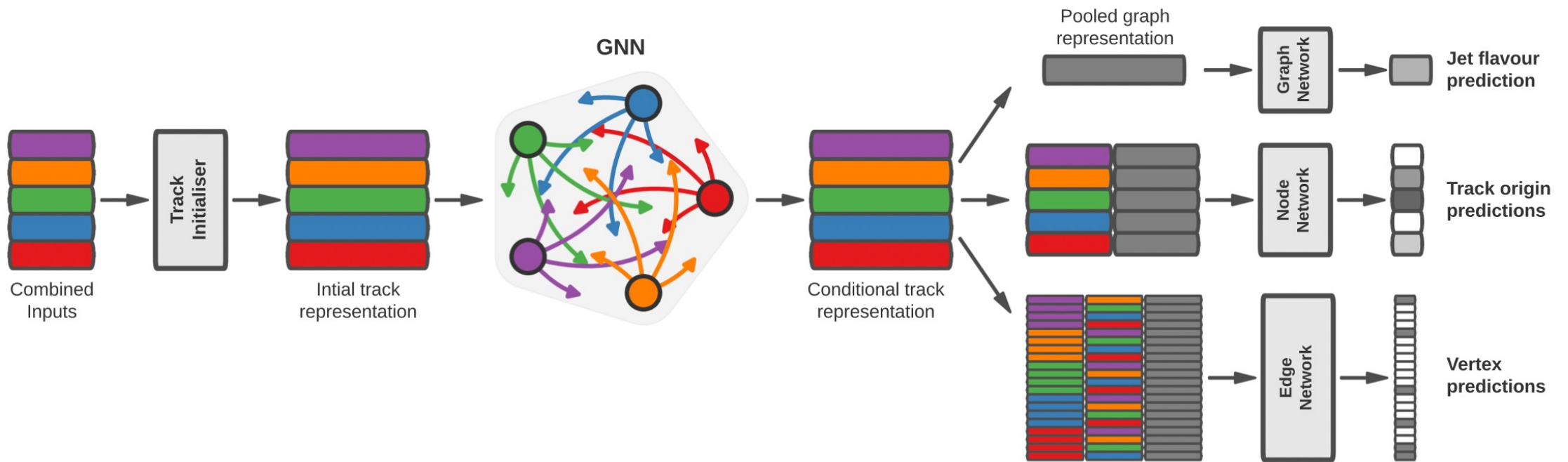
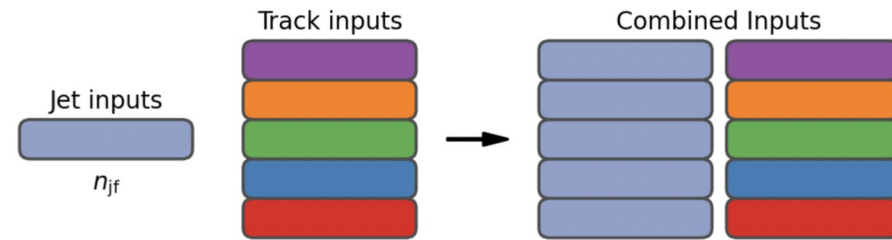
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GNN

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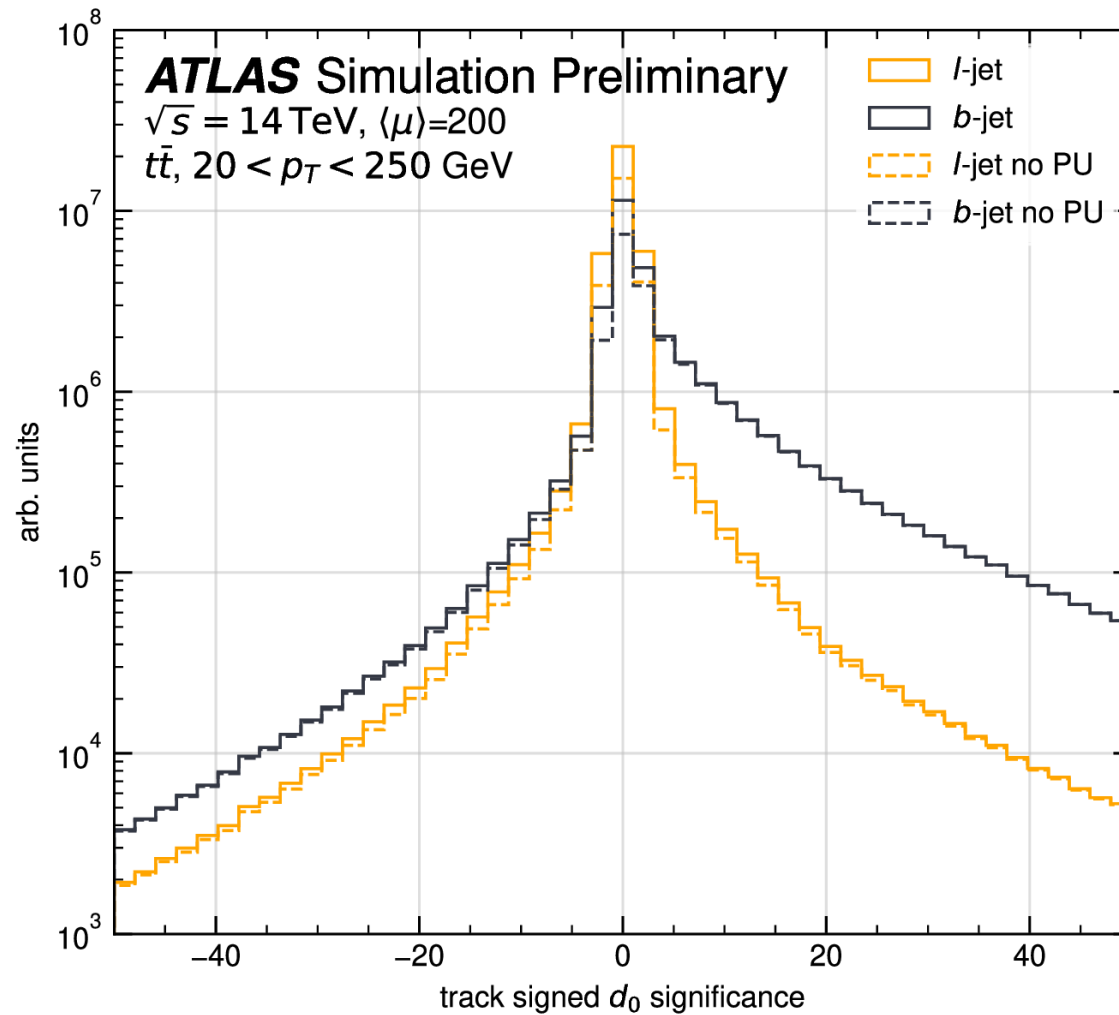
GNN

Track Variables	GN1 ITk	GN1 ITk time
d0	x	x
z0SinTheta	x	x
$\sigma(\text{Theta})$	x	x
qOverP	x	x
$\sigma(\text{qOverP})$	x	x
φ	x	x
$\sigma(\varphi)$	x	x
signed d0 significance	x	x
signed z0 significance	x	x
$\Delta\eta(\text{trk, jet})$	x	x
$\Delta\varphi(\text{trk, jet})$	x	x
n pix hits	x	x
n pix hits (11 variables)	x	x
dt		x

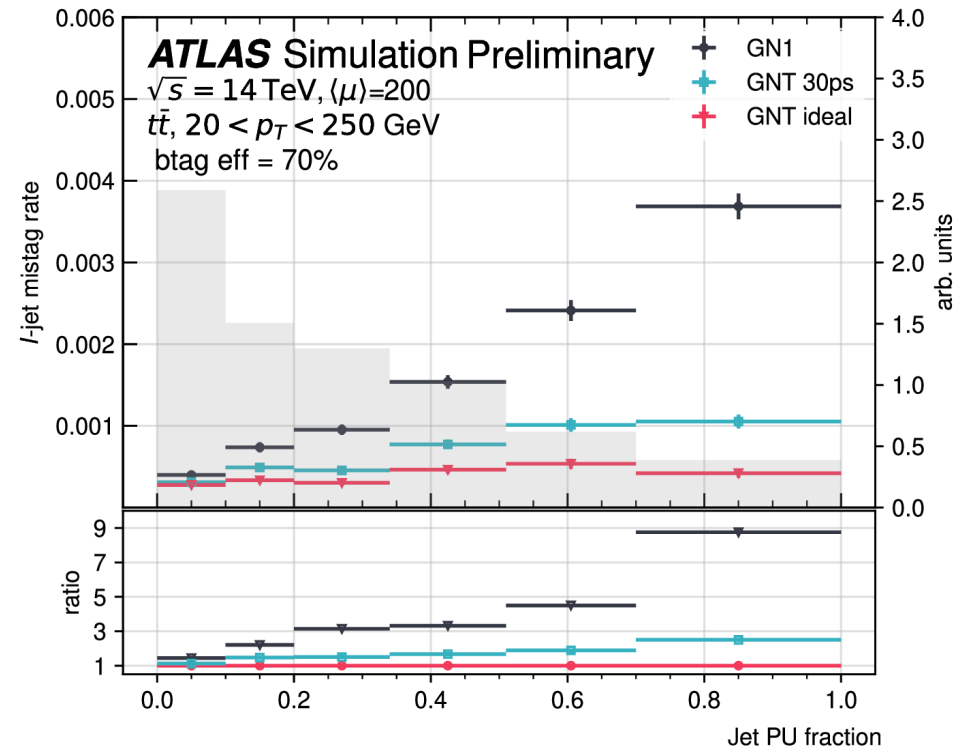
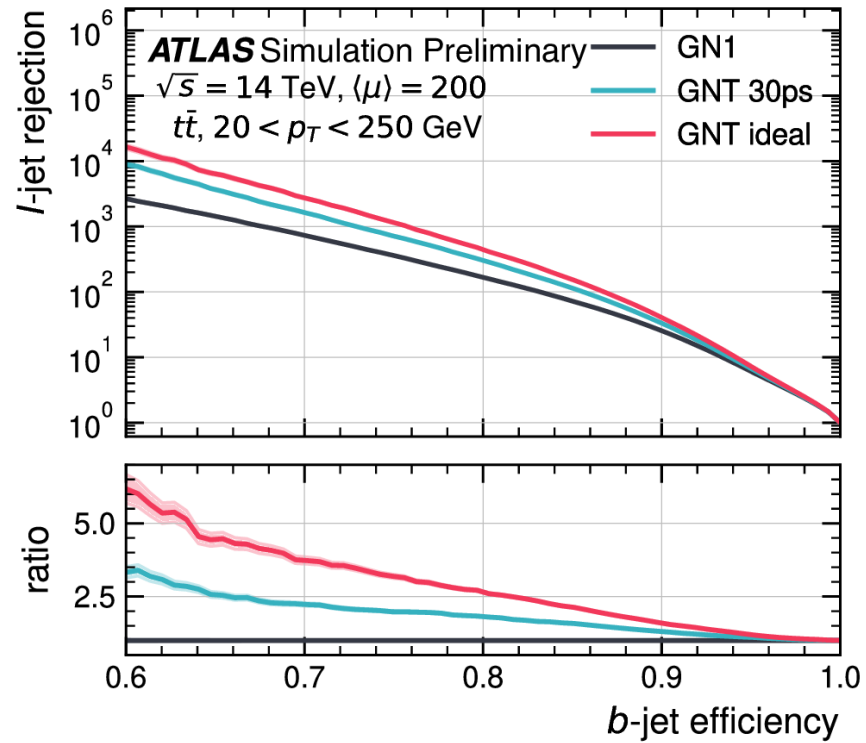
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 nInnermostPixShared
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 nPixShared
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 nPixHoles
 nStripHoles

Number of pixel hits
 Number of strip hits
 Number of hits from the innermost pixel layer
 Number of hits from the next-to-innermost pixel layer
 Number of shared hits from the innermost pixel layer
 Number of split hits from the innermost pixel layer
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 Number of shared strip hits
 Number of pixel holes
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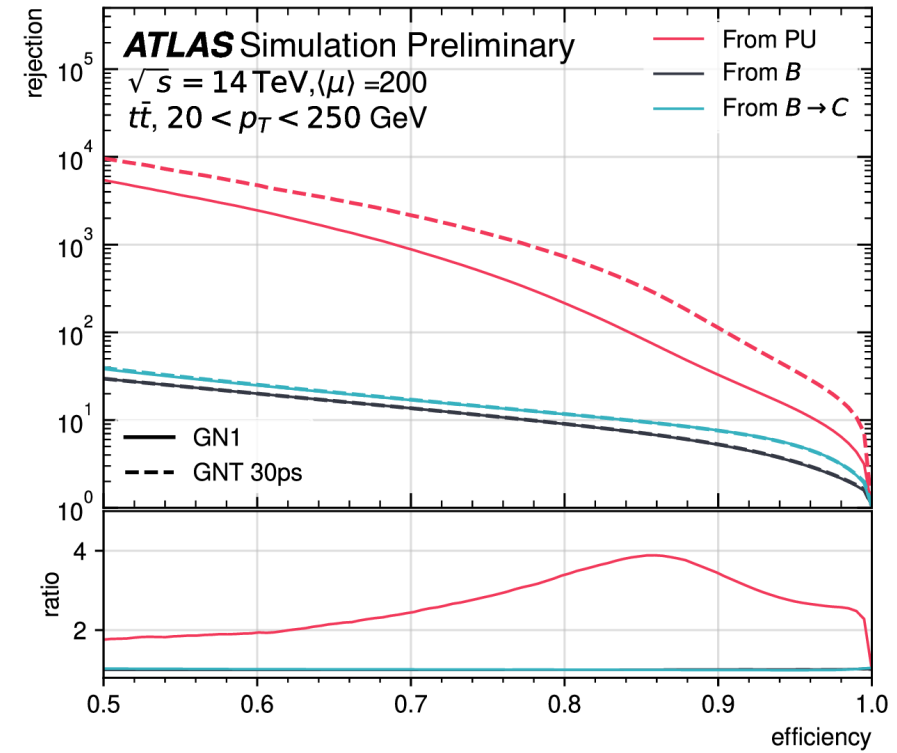
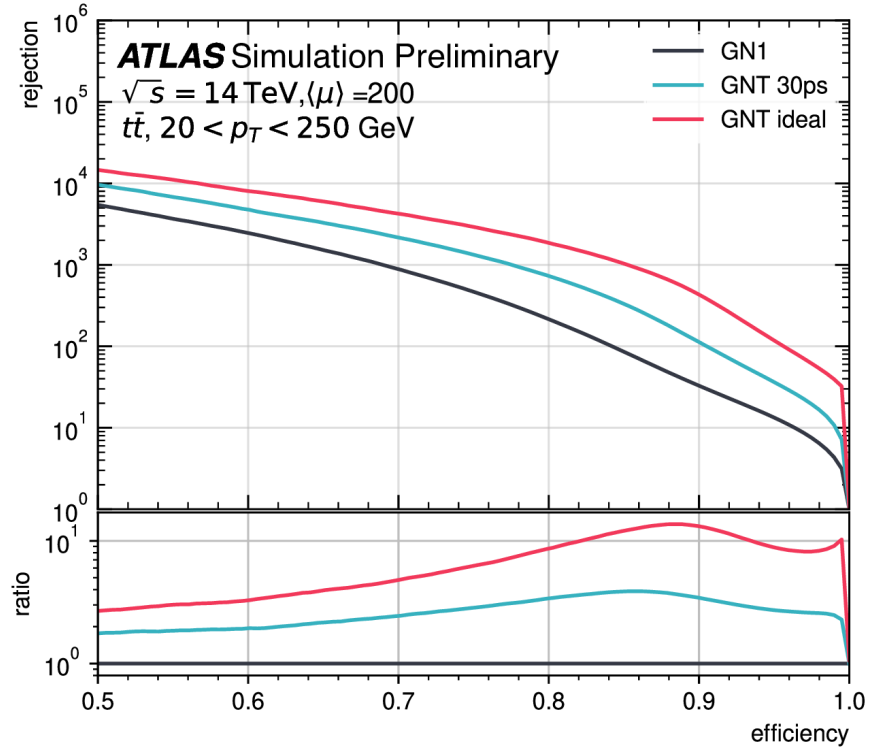
4D TRACKING



4D FTAG



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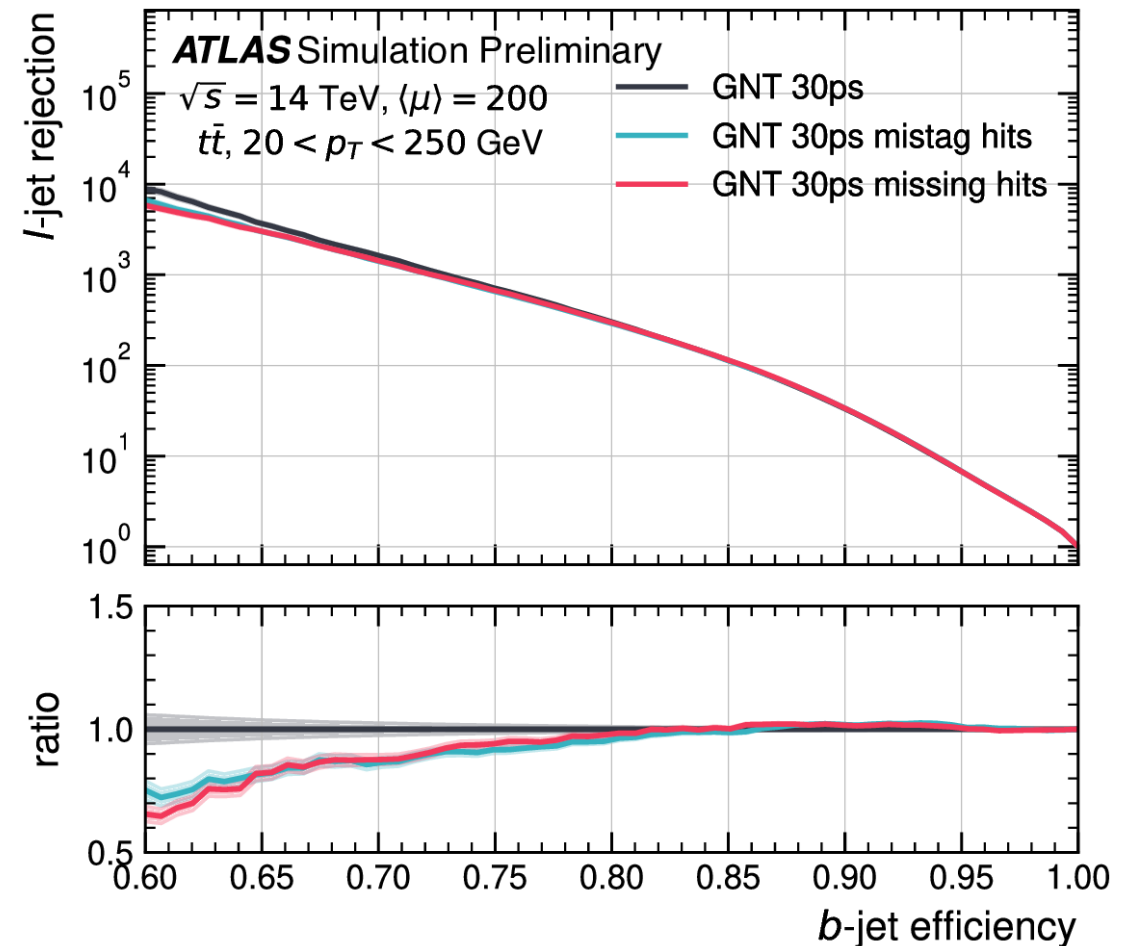
4D FTAG

A complete simulation is needed for an accurate study

We investigated independently the impact of missing hits and mistag hits showing that the performances get degraded mostly at low b-jet efficiencies

missing hit: assuming time only in 2nd layer; if a track has no hit the significance of the track is randomly emulated as HS

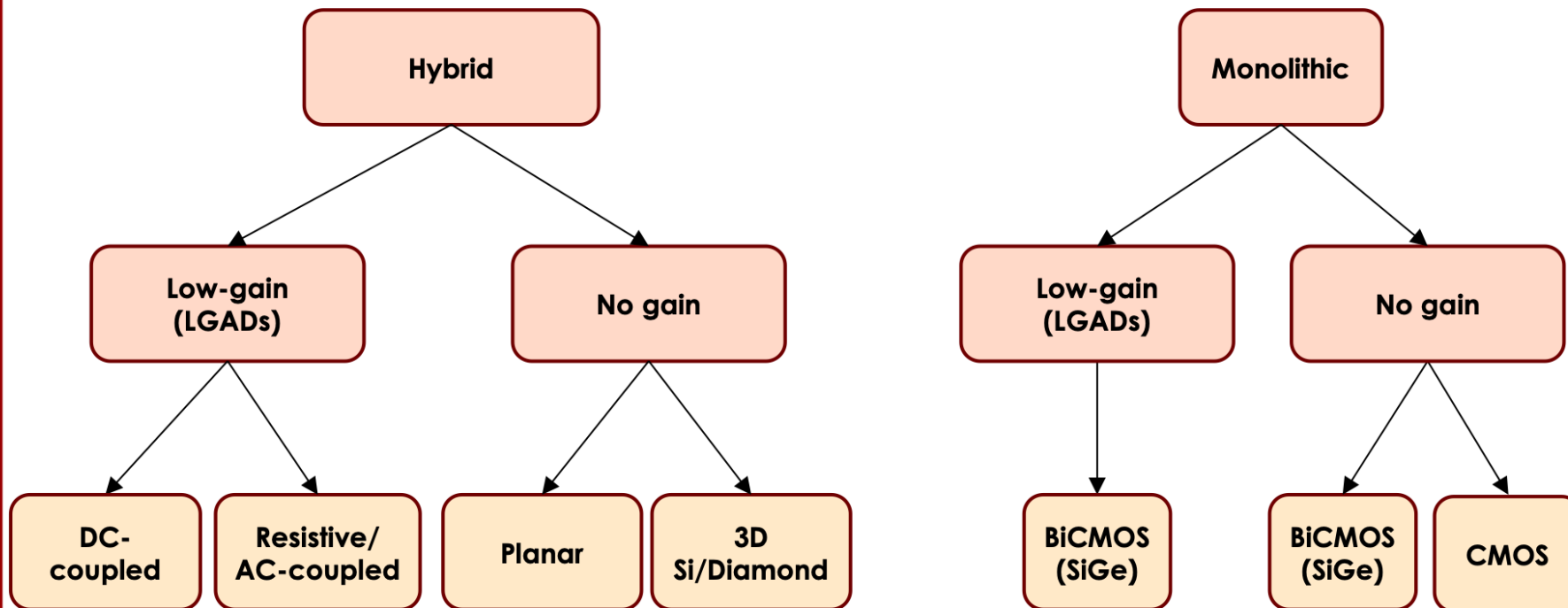
mistag hit: for tracks with Truth Match Probability < 80% the significance is randomly emulated as PU



Technologies

Presently explored options

The present R&D in position sensitive timing detectors shows the same variety that is present in standard silicon sensors. In the following, I will cover a few examples from this chart.



Nicolo Cartiglia, INFN, Torino, PSD12, 14/09/21

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https://indico.cern.ch/event/797047/contributions/3638198/attachments/2308674/3928223/Position_sensitive_timing.pdf

Technologies

- AC-LGADs
 - **Characterization of BNL and HPK AC-LGAD sensors with a 120 GeV proton beam (R. Heller et al.)**
 - <https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.07772>
 - *“We present a world’s first demonstration of silicon sensors in a test beam that simultaneously achieve better than **5–10 μm position and 30 ps time resolution.**”*

Name Unit	Pitch μm	Primary signal amp. mV	Position res. μm	Time res. ps
BNL 2020	100	101 ± 10	≤ 6	29 ± 1
BNL 2021 Narrow	100	104 ± 10	≤ 9	32 ± 1
BNL 2021 Medium	150	136 ± 13	≤ 11	30 ± 1
BNL 2021 Wide	200	144 ± 14	≤ 9	33 ± 1
HPK C-2	500	128 ± 12	22 ± 1	30 ± 1
HPK B-2	500	95 ± 10	24 ± 1	27 ± 1

- Monolithics (<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2404.12885>)

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Testbeam results of irradiated SiGe BiCMOS monolithic silicon pixel detector without internal gain layer

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ABSTRACT: Samples of the monolithic silicon pixel ASIC prototype produced in 2022 within the framework of the Horizon 2020 MONOLITH ERC Advanced project were irradiated with 70 MeV protons up to a fluence of 1×10^{16} n_{eq}/cm², and then tested using a beam of 120 GeV/c pions. The ASIC contains a matrix of 100 μm pitch hexagonal pixels, read out by low noise and very fast frontend electronics produced in a 130 nm SiGe BiCMOS technology process. The dependence on the proton fluence of the efficiency and the time resolution of this prototype was measured with the frontend electronics operated at a power density between 0.13 and 0.9 W/cm². The testbeam data show that the detection efficiency of 99.96% measured at sensor bias voltage of 200 V before irradiation becomes 96.2% after a fluence of 1×10^{16} n_{eq}/cm². An increase of the sensor bias voltage to 300 V provides an efficiency to 99.7% at that proton fluence. The timing resolution of 20 ps measured before irradiation rises for a proton fluence of 1×10^{16} n_{eq}/cm² to 53 and 45 ps at HV = 200 and 300 V, respectively.

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Technologies

- TDC studies, see [1, 2]



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TDC with dithering in 28nm CMOS technology for future 4D trackers

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Introduction

Precision timing at 10ps levels will be transformative at future collider experiments. In case of high-energy, high-luminosity hadron colliders, including Run/6 upgrades of HL-LHC, an integrated four-dimensional tracker with timing resolution of 10-50ps can drastically reduce the combinatorial challenge of track reconstruction at very high pileup densities. 4D trackers and timing layers are also expected to play important roles at future muon, electron-positron, and electron-ion colliders.

Time-to-Digital Converters (TDC) are one of the critical circuit blocks necessary to enable 4D operation in trackers. The High Energy Physics (HEP) community identified TDCs in 28 nm CMOS technology as the next step in microelectronics scaling for HEP designs. We present the design of a TDC in 28 nm CMOS technology, which achieves 6.25 ps resolution by implementing sliding-scale/dithering techniques to improve conversion linearity.

Voltage-Controlled Delay Cell

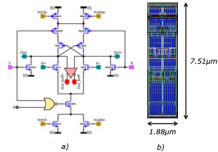


Fig. 4: Delay cell a) schematic, b) layout.

- Differential Cascade Voltage Switch Logic (DCVSL) implementation;
- Current-starved approach for delay control;
- Additional delay-control transistors for trimming/calibration purposes;
- Separate buffered outputs for time measurement operations;
- Set/Reset operation for enabling the TDC sliding-scale/dithering function.

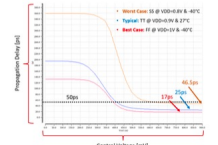


Fig. 5: Simulated (RCC) delay-voltage characteristic at different process corners, supply voltages and temperatures

- START + two STOP signal for simultaneous time-of-arrival (TOA) and time-over-threshold (TOT) measurements;
- Coarse time resolution (TOT): 50ps;
- Fine time resolution (TOA): 56.25ps - 50ps = 6.25ps;
- Sliding-scale/dithering technique for improvement of conversion linearity:**
 - Both ring oscillators have programmable starting conditions via delay cell set/reset function;
 - Starting conditions randomly selected each measurement cycle and corresponding values subtracted from the conversion result;
 - Same time intervals converted with different parts/bins of the TDC conversion characteristics;
 - Sliding-scale transforms the non-linearities into stochastic variable thus effectively improving the conversion linearity at the expense of slightly worsening single-shot precision.

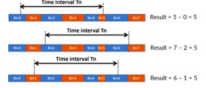


Fig. 7: Sliding-scale principle: non-ideal converter bins with different sizes convert the same quantity with different bins, averaging of bin sizes is performed resulting in equivalent converter with improved linearity.

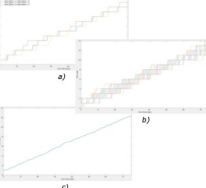


Fig. 8: Simulated TDC conversion characteristics a) for 3 different oscillator starting conditions, b) characteristics for all possible starting condition combinations, c) equivalent characteristics with sliding-scale enabled

Science Case: 4D Tracking

Pico-second timing for 4-dimensional trackers and calorimetry is a hallmark of future experimental capabilities for all future colliders. Various applications of 4-dimensional trackers along with an overview of the state-of-the-art technology have been summarized in: Berry, Doug, et al., "4-Dimensional Trackers," arXiv preprint arXiv:2203.13900 (2022).

e⁺e⁻ Higgs factories
Large-radius pico-second timing layers can provide time-of-flight particle identification capabilities at low momentum, as well as new capabilities for enhancing calorimetry energy measurements and improve the jet energy resolution.

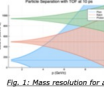


Fig. 1: Mass resolution for a time-of-flight system with a performance of 10 ps in 3D.

Hadron colliders
Address the increasing complexity of events at future high energy hadron collider. FCC-hh will need 5-10ps resolution per track to better control pile-up contamination.

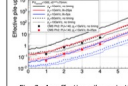


Fig. 2: a) Effective pile-up in the FC-hh tracker. Several orders of 20ms resolution per track in 3D vertexing are assumed. For reference the effective pile-up for CMS Phase 2, Run-2 is added.

Muon Collider
Suppression of beam induced background (BIB). Tracker resolution of ~30ps would achieve ~90% BIB reduction.

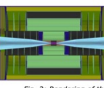


Fig. 3: Rendering of the Tracking Detector geometry for Muon Collider Detector (MCD).

Coll. Type	Vertex Resolution	Beam Tracker	Beam Tracker	Beam Tracker
HL-LHC	~100 ps	~100 ps	~100 ps	~100 ps
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Table 1: Assumed spatial and time resolution in different sub-systems of the Tracking Detector.

TDC Architecture

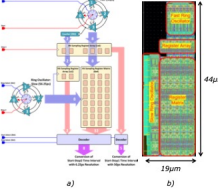


Fig. 6: a) TDC block schematic b) TDC core layout

- 2D Vernier Architecture:
 - Fast Ring Oscillator with 50ps propagation delay cells;
 - Slow Ring Oscillator with 56.25ps propagation delay cells;

Summary

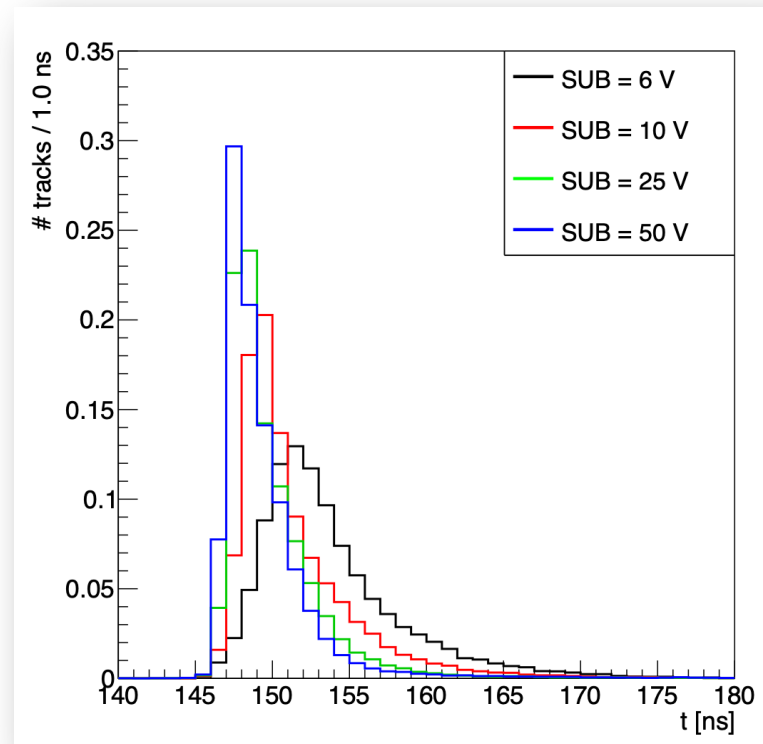
The TDC has been designed in 28nm CMOS technology and the prototype is expected to be submitted for fabrication at the beginning of 2023.

TDC metrics (Sim.)	
Technology	28nm
Timing resolution	6.25ps (TOA) / 50ps (TOT)
Time depth	1.6ns (8bit / 5bit)
TDC core area	44µm x 19µm
Power consumption (average, 25ms conversion cycle / bunch crossing)	10% occupancy 16µW 1% occupancy 2.5µW

Technologies

- MALTA

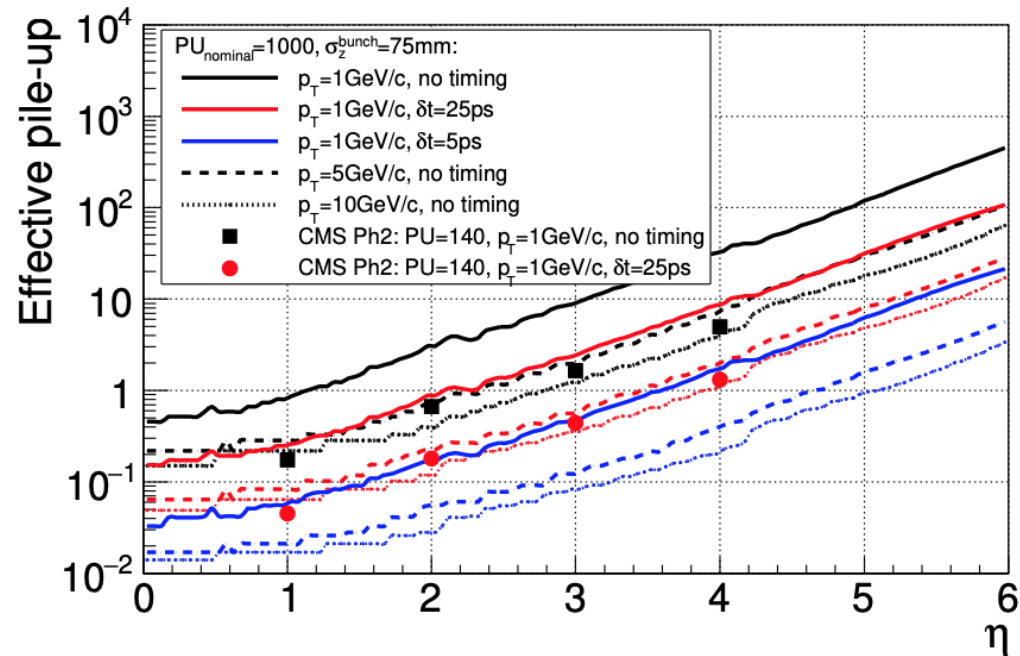
https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/viewauth/Atlas/MaltaApprovedPlots#Time_resolution



Difference in time of the fastest hit of the cluster (matched with the track in the DUT) and the time of the hit in the scintillator ($\sigma_{\text{PMT}} \approx 1$ ns not subtracted) for a MALTA non-irradiated sample Czochralski silicon with no modification (STD) versus substrate bias. Measurements were done with low energy electrons from Sr-90 β -decay

Future Collider Requirements

Effective pile-up is defined as the number of pile-up vertices which effectively lead to a confusing assignment of low p_T tracks to the original primary vertex



- Studies on primary vertexing at the FCC-hh demonstrate that 2D vertexing with an extreme timing resolution of 5 10 ps per track is essential to keep the levels of effective pile-up under control at large pseudorapidities ($|\eta| > 3$) which would otherwise reach level of tens or hundreds leading to large merging effects in vertex reconstruction and large confusion in vertex selection.
- Also: 30 times (600 times) more radiation compared to HL-LHC (LHC), making none of the existing technologies suitable

Technologies

Timing in tracking detectors

CMS installing the **timing layer** outside the tracker: ----->

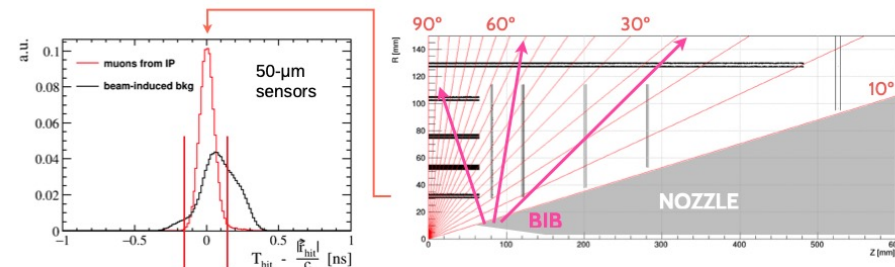
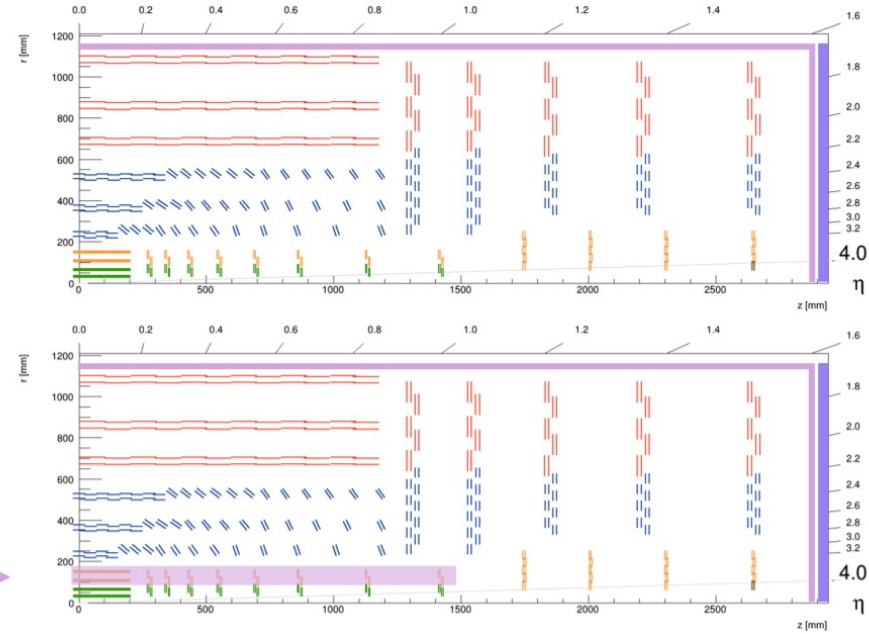
- $\sigma_t = 30\text{-}60\text{ps}$
- approved for the **Phase 2** upgrade ($\rightarrow 2027$)
- 1 time measurement per track
+ 1 more forward hit in **HGCAL**

CMS might add 1-2 more **timing layers** closer to the IP

- $\sigma_t = 30\text{-}60\text{ps}$? \leftarrow depends on technology progress
granularity + radiation hardness + material budget constraints
- conceptually possible for the **Phase 3** upgrade ($\rightarrow 2036$)
Inner Tracker will have to be replaced to sustain the radiation damage throughout the HL-LHC program ----->

Full tracker made of fast Si considered for Muon Collider

- $\sigma_t = 20\text{-}50\text{ps}$ \leftarrow planning for the distant future ($\rightarrow 2035+$)
- primarily used for TOF-based rejection of BIB hits
readout time windows tailored to sensor positions
- much more is possible with this timing information



AC-Coupled LGADs

AC-Coupled Low Gain Avalanche Diodes (AC-LGADs) [1, 2] are a new generation of silicon devices optimized for high-precision 4D tracking and conceived for experiments at future colliders. They are n-in-p sensors based on the LGAD technology with two additional key features (Figure 1): the AC-coupling of the read-out, occurring through a dielectric layer, and a continuous resistive n^+ implant. Given the presence of the resistive n^+ layer, AC-LGADs are called Resistive Silicon Detectors (RSD). RSD devices are provided with one continuous gain layer, and the read-out segmentation is obtained simply by the position of the AC pads; therefore, this design allows to reach 100% fill-factor.

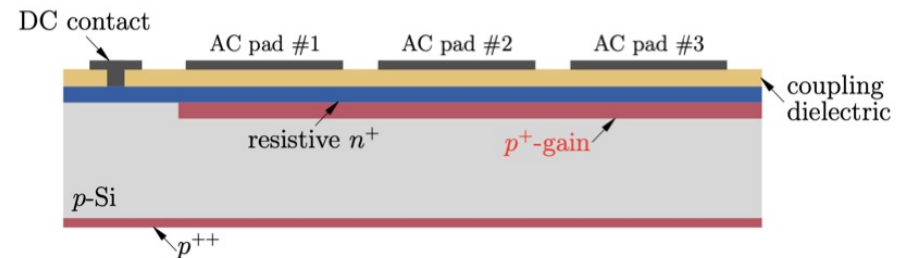


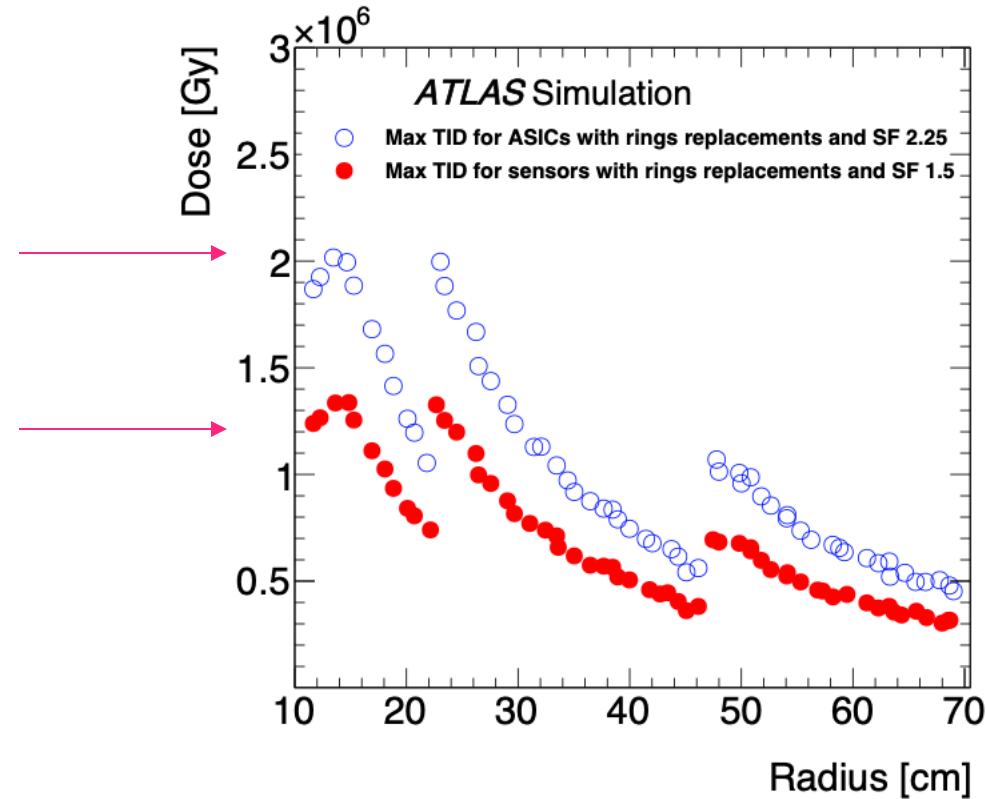
Figure 1: Cross-section of RSDs internal structure: their properties are based on the combination of a resistive n^+ layer and a coupling dielectric oxide, allowing a local AC-coupling.

The remarkable feature of this design is that it leads naturally to signal sharing among pads. Internal signal sharing, in combination with internal gain, opens a new avenue for high precision tracking without relying only

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2007.09528.pdf>

HGTD Rad. dose

[HGTD TDR](#), fig. 2.15



This leads to a total safety factor of 1.5 for the sensors that are most sensitive to the particle fluence, and 2.25 for the electronics which are more sensitive to the TID. After applying these, the detector would need to withstand $8.3 \times 10^{15} \text{ neq cm}^{-2}$ and **7.5 MGy** (if the vessel is not replaced)

How to boost analysis sensitivity in HL-LHC?

VBF $H \rightarrow \text{inv}$ extensively studied at the time of the [HGTD TDR](#), results still valid!

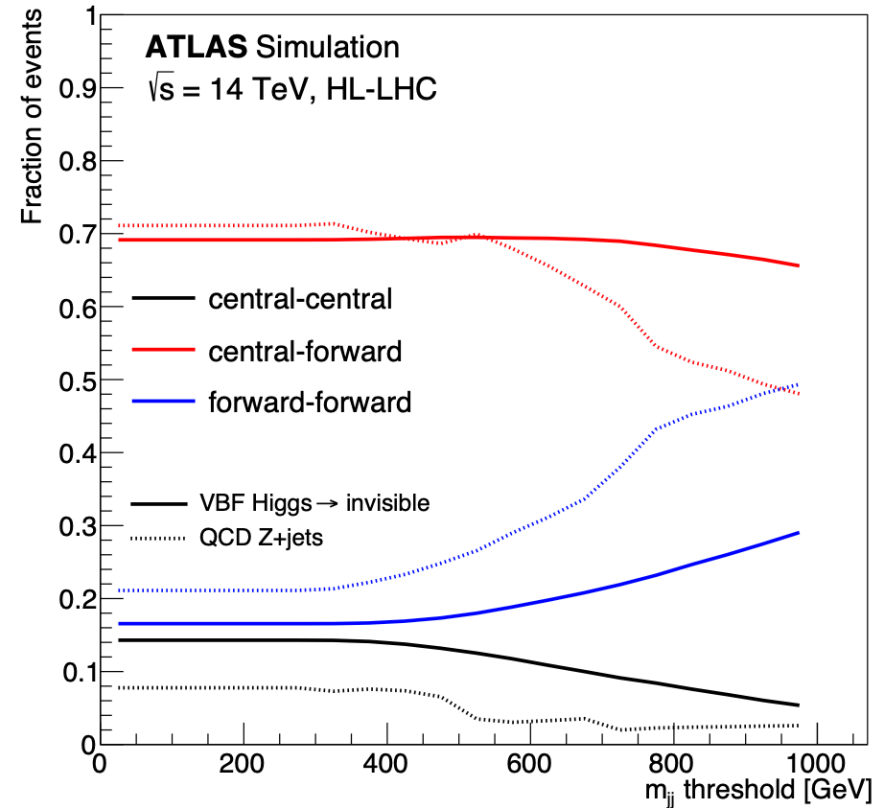
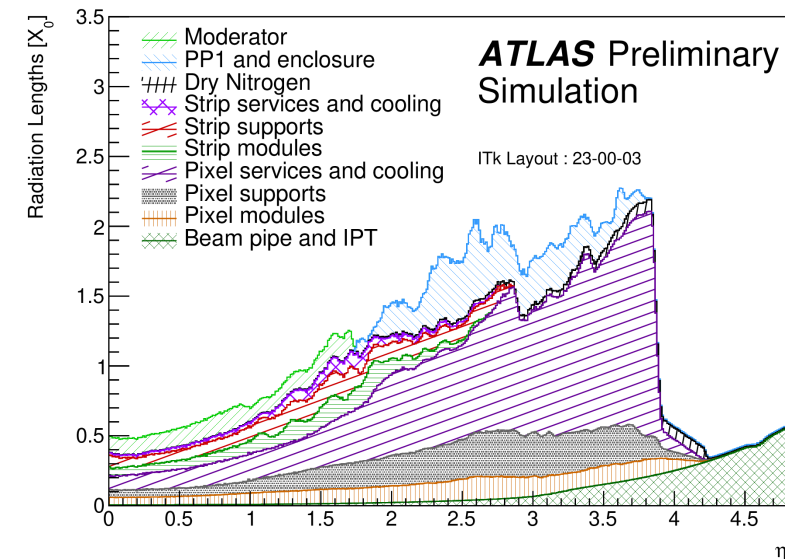
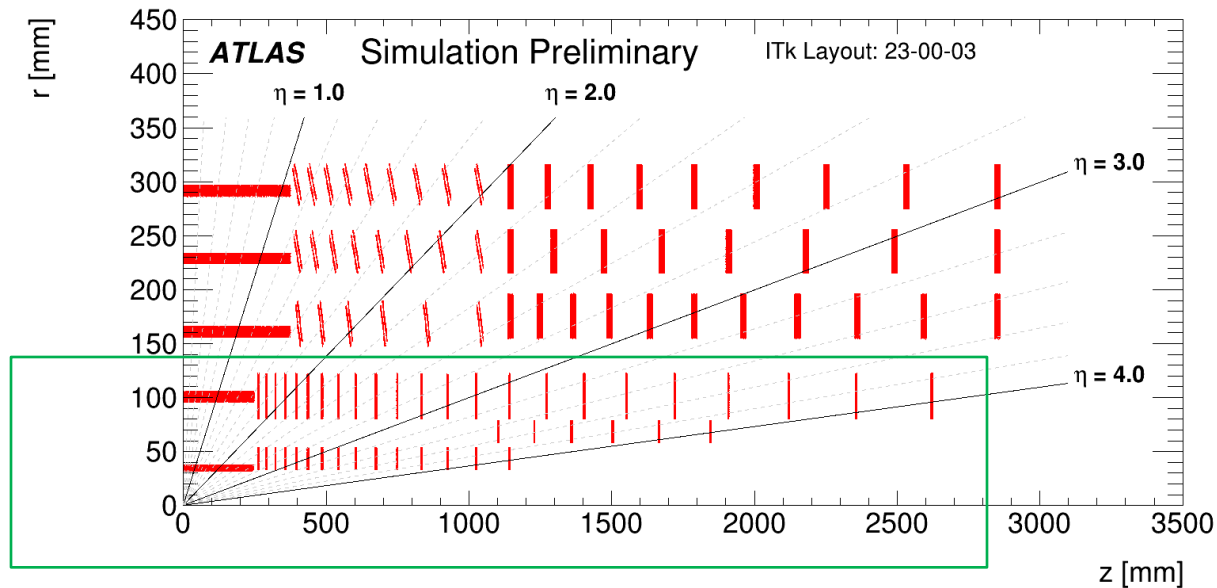


Figure 3.24: The dashed line shows the fraction of signal VBF $H \rightarrow \text{invisible}$ and Z+jet background events as a function of a m_{jj} threshold after a loose VBF preselection. Forward jets are those with $|\eta| > 2.4$. Solid (dotted) lines correspond to VBF $H \rightarrow \text{invisible}$ (Z+jet) events. The fraction of central-central, central-forward, and forward-forward events are shown in black, red, and blue colors respectively.

DETECTOR LAYOUT STUDIES

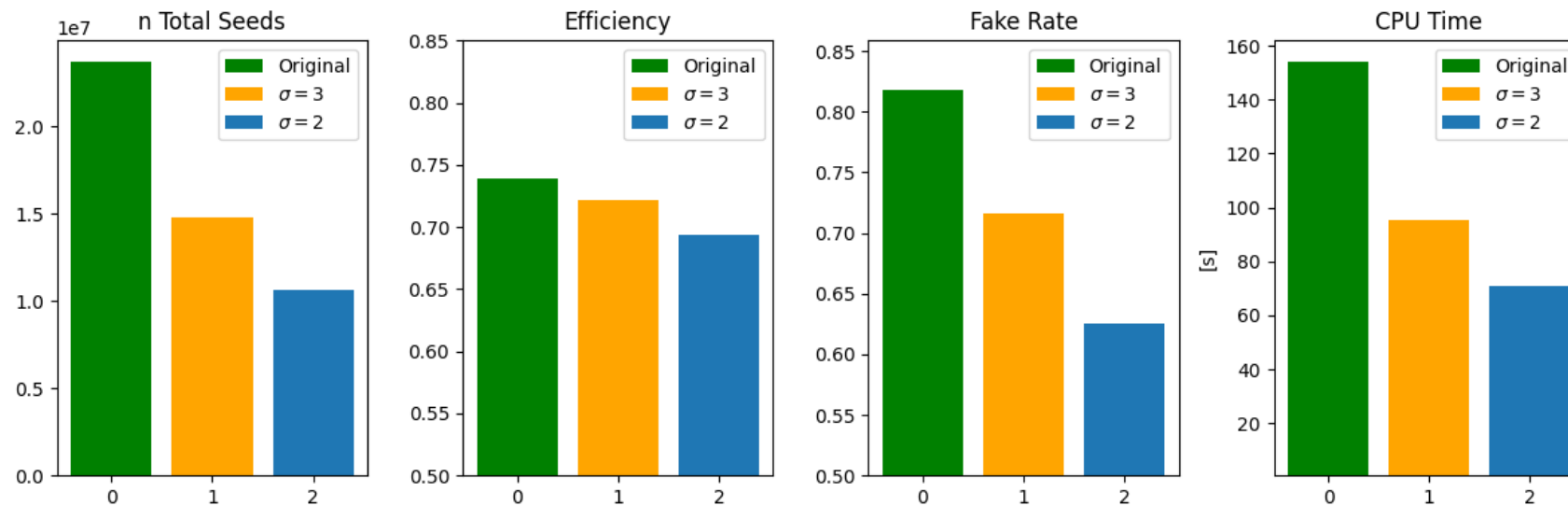
A change in tracking technology would imply changes in material budget due to different power, cooling, data transmission etc and would require a re-evaluation of the optimal detector layout



OTHER ACTIVITIES

CERN has initiated studies on seeding to evaluate **CPU** gains with former student Steven Bos, and plans to continue

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2879352>



OTHER ACTIVITIES

DIPS algorithm with timing:

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2908429>

Vertex Grid seeder optimization

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RADIATION

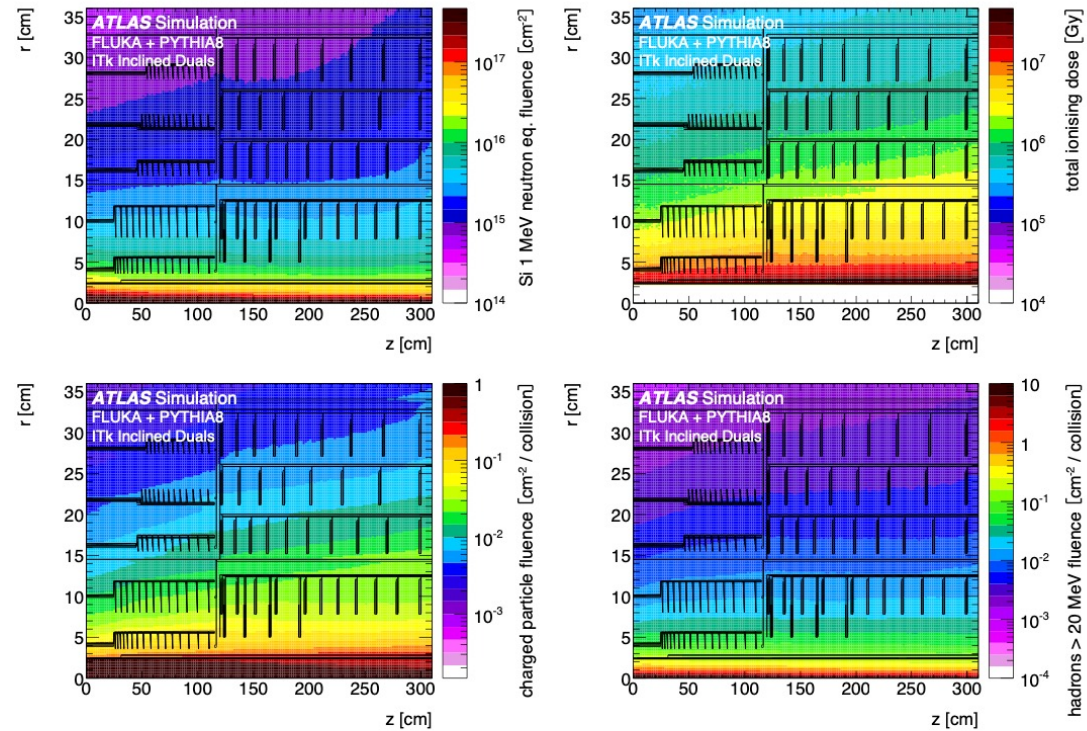
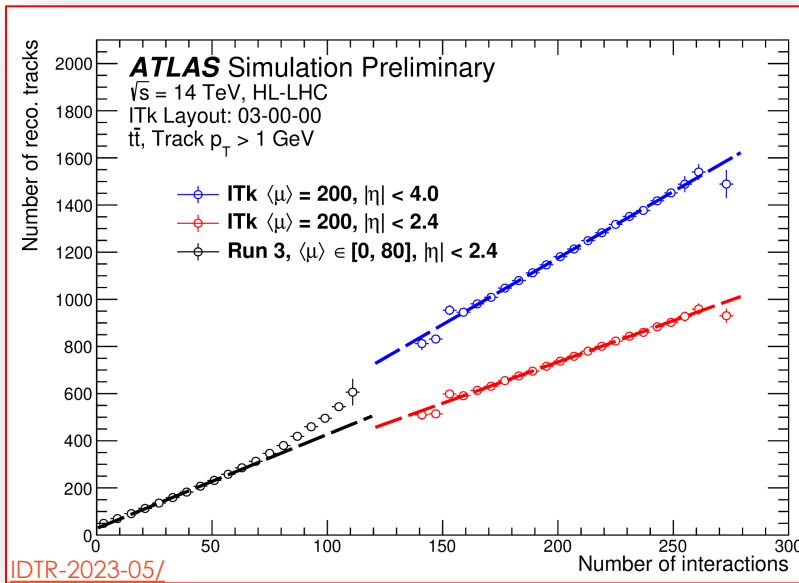


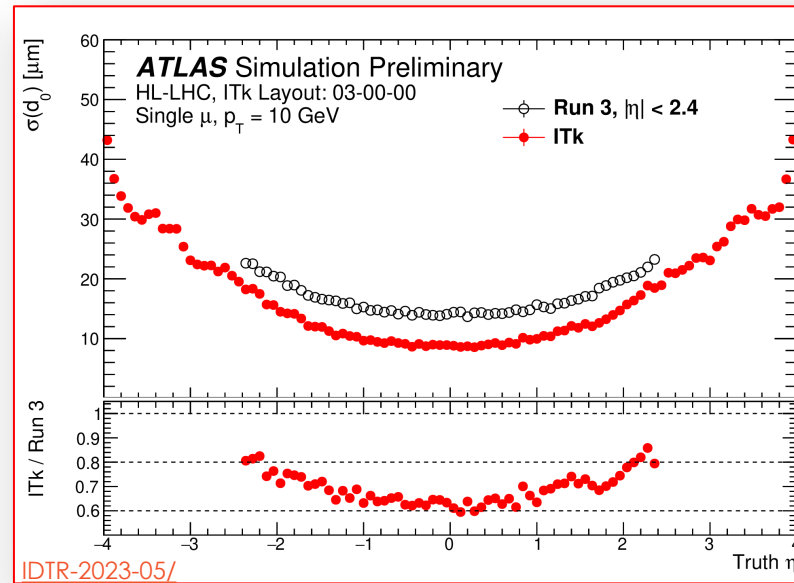
Figure 2.18: The fluence and dose distributions for the Pixel Detector. **Top left:** 1 MeV neutron equivalent fluence. **Top right:** Total ionising dose. **Bottom left:** Charged particle fluence. **Bottom right:** Hadron fluence for energies greater than 20 MeV. The top two lots are normalised to 4000 fb^{-1} . No safety factors are taken into account for this Figure.

HL-LHC TRACKING

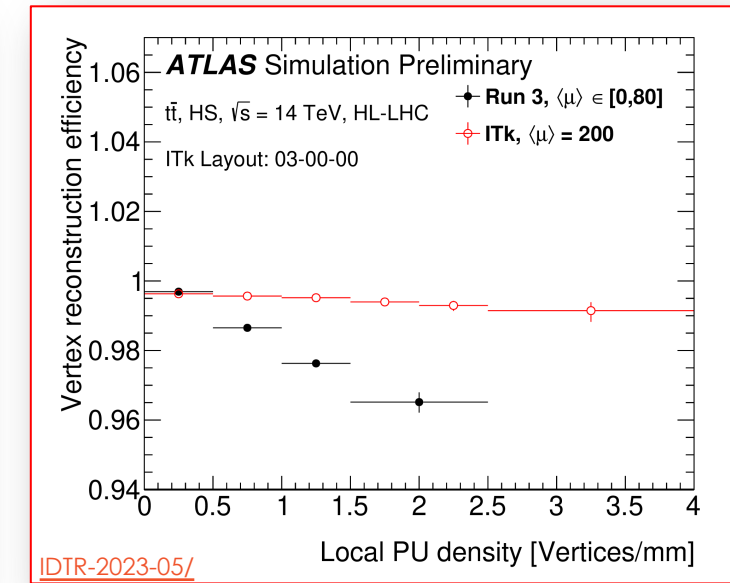
A detector designed to be pile-up robust, and algorithms designed to leverage such features



The lower the fake rate, the better the CPU and storage usage



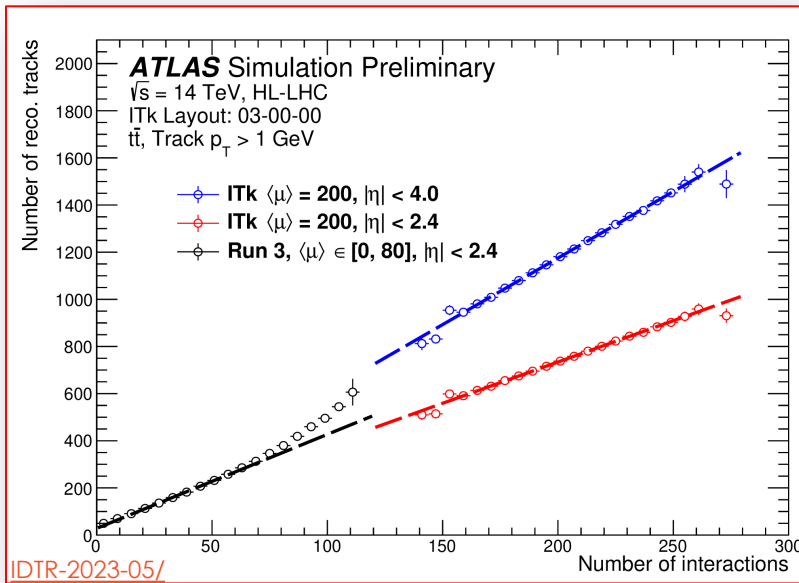
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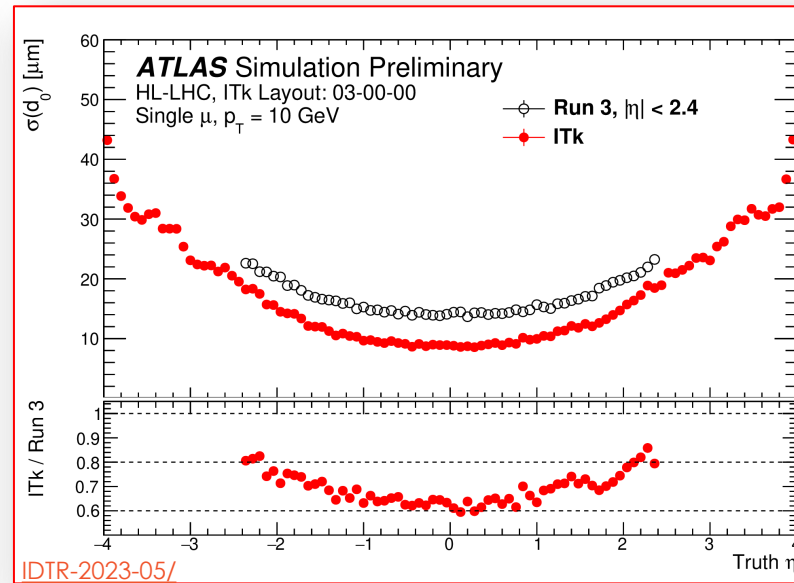
More PU-robust vertexing

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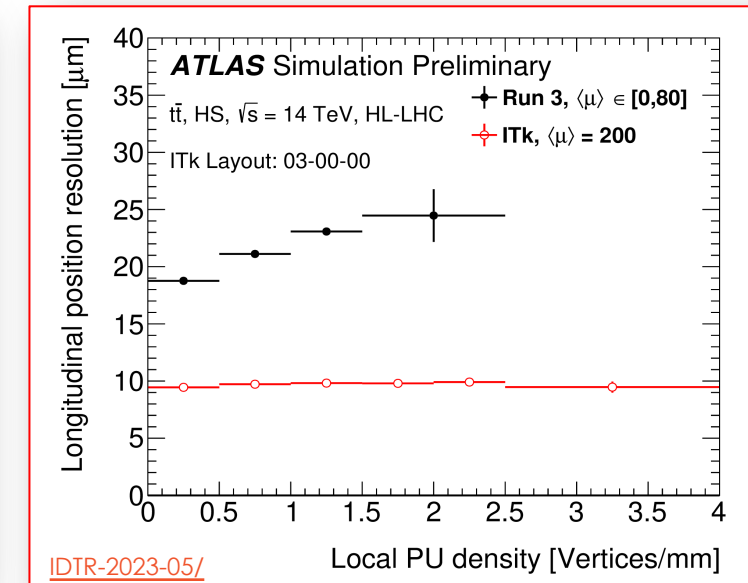
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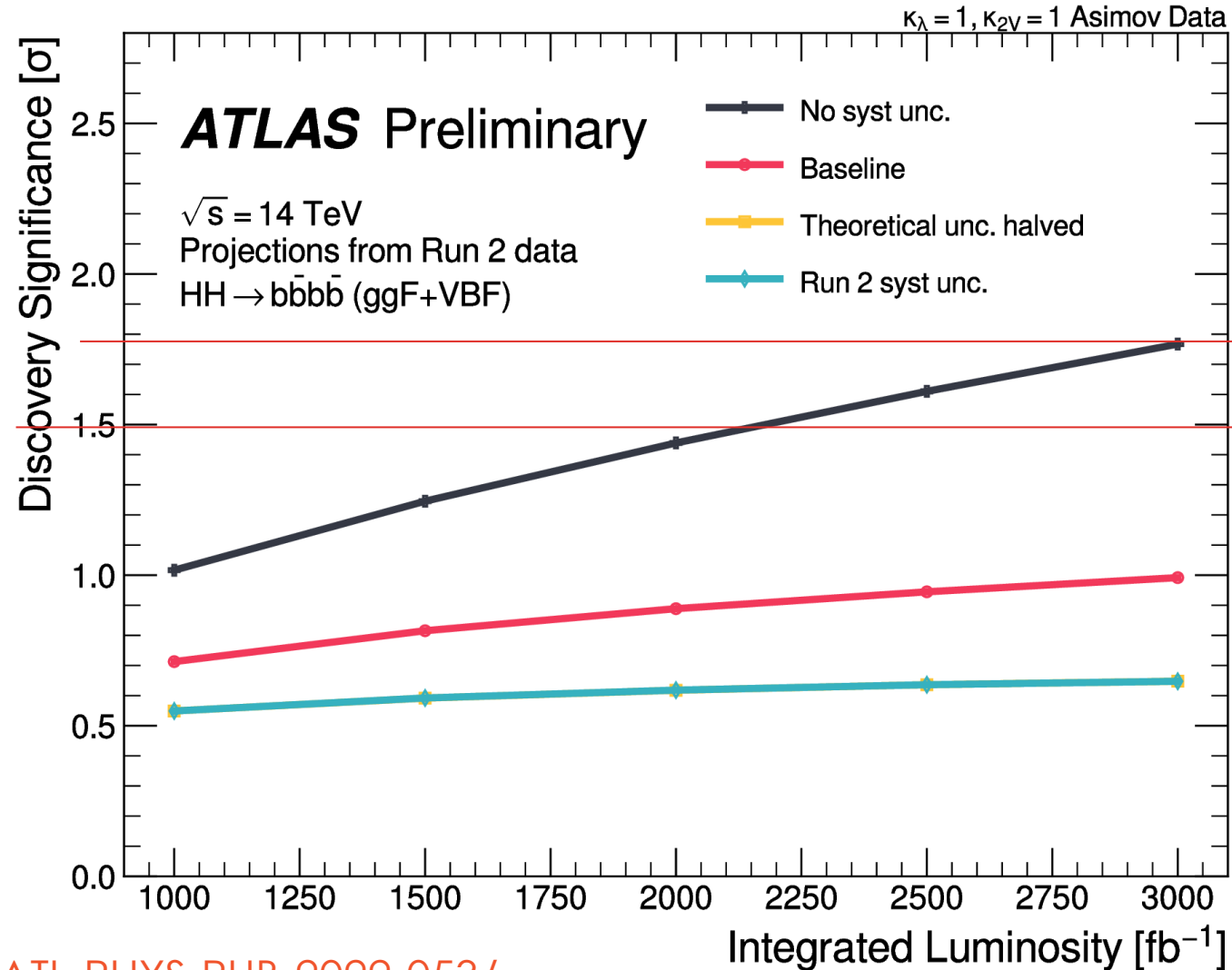


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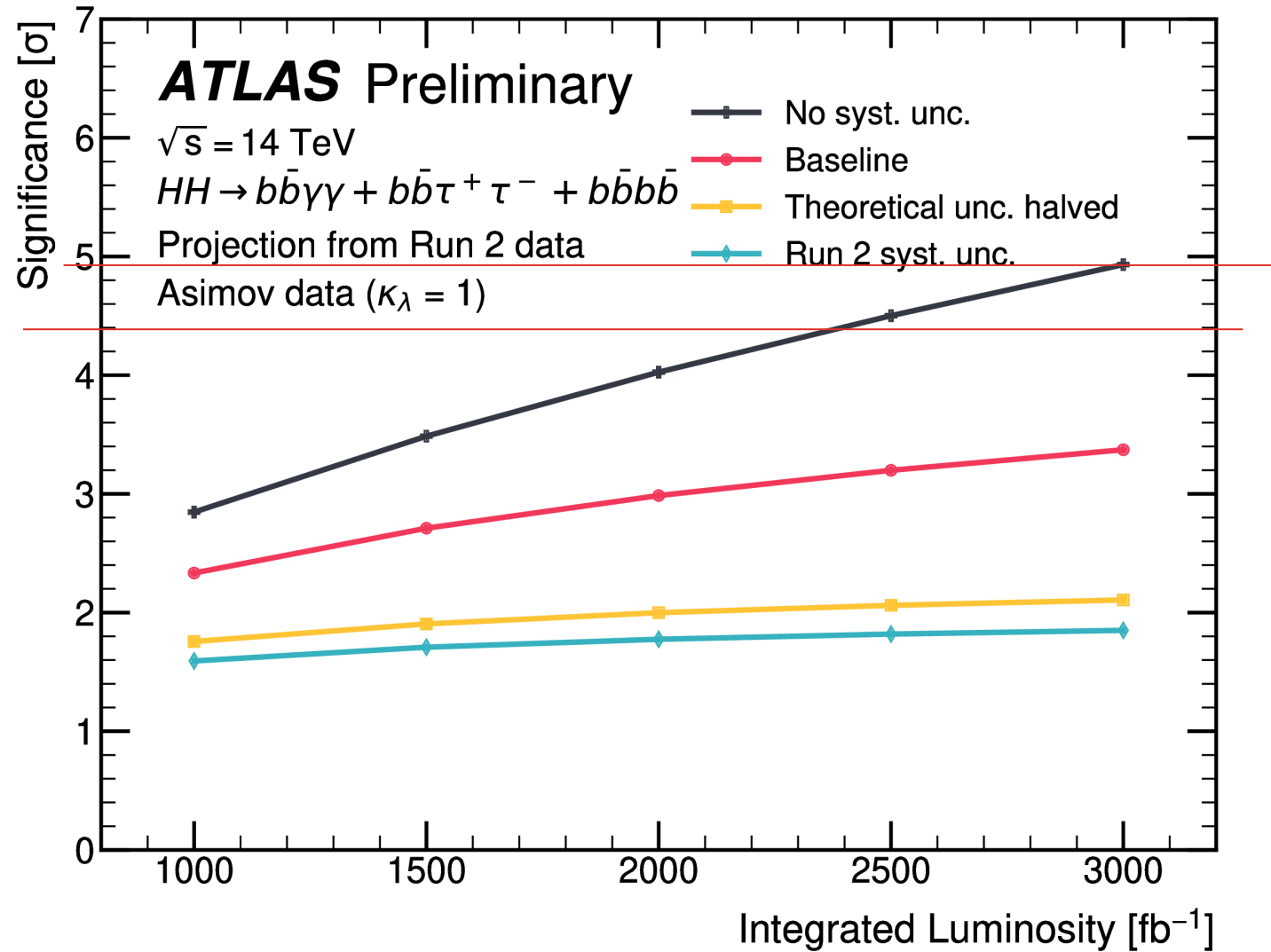


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HOW DOES HH LOOK IN HL-LHC?

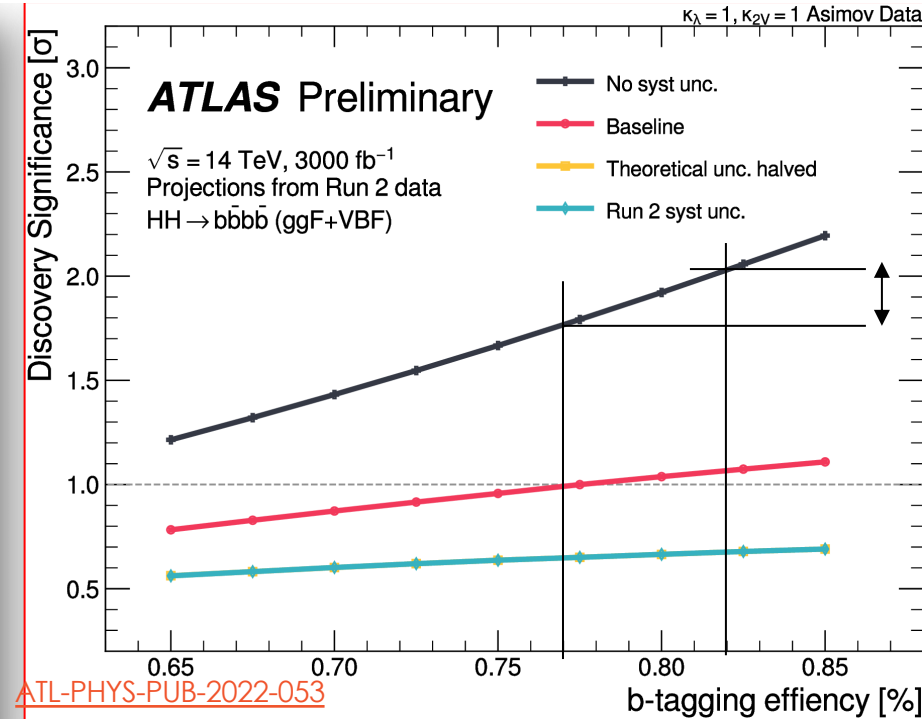
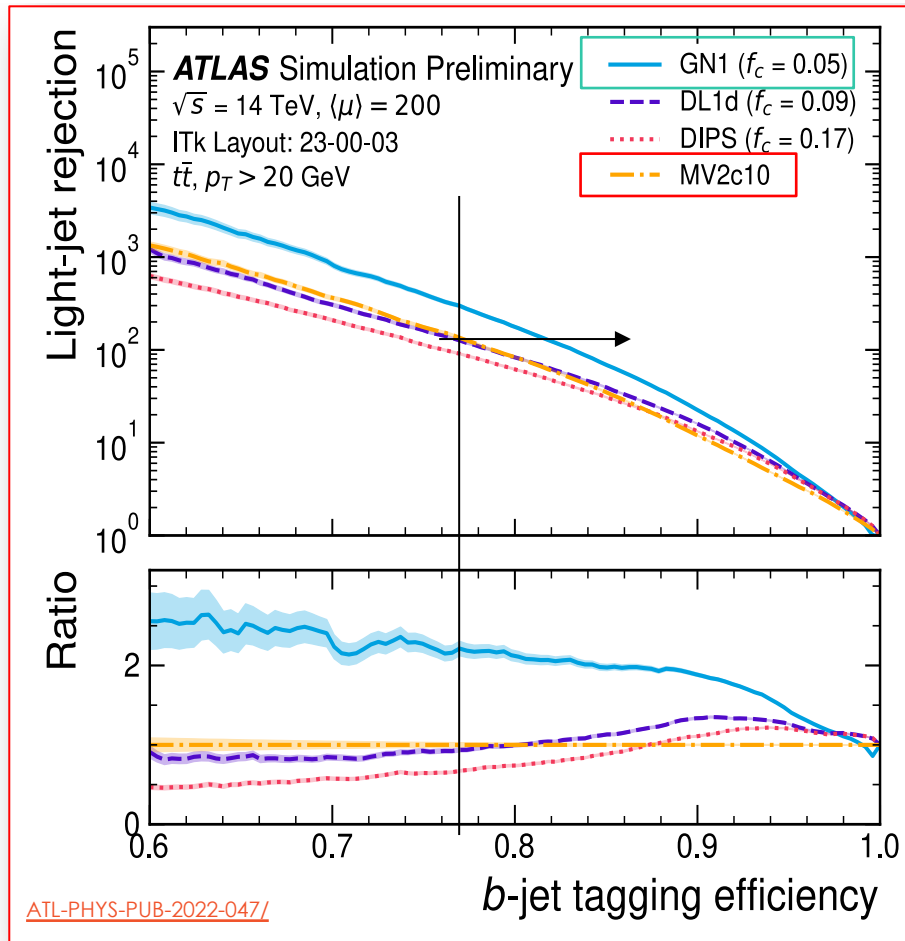


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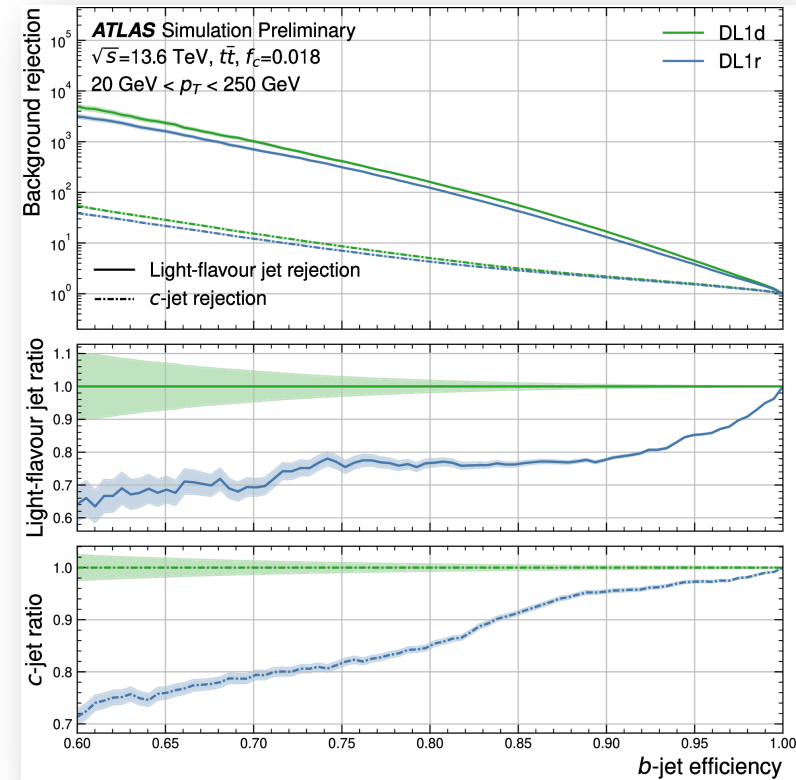
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Modern flavor tagging algorithms based on **Graph Neural Networks** fully exploit the potential of the ITk \rightarrow large sensitivity gains for HH!

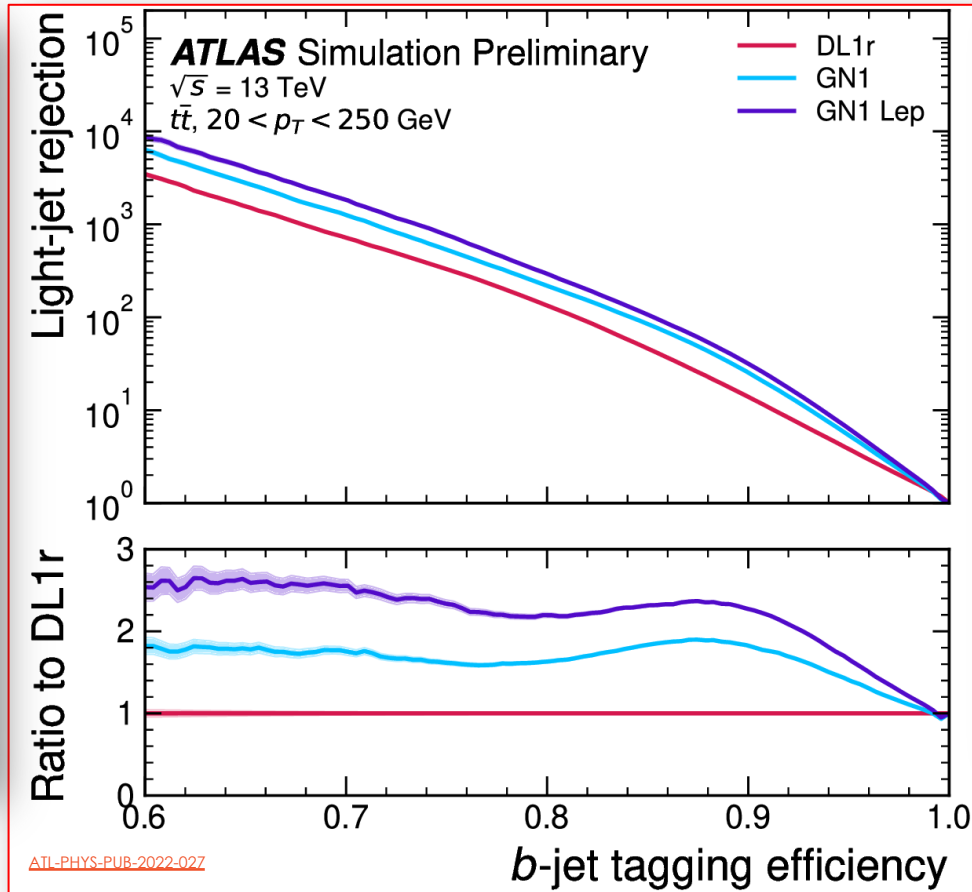


+ 5% efficiency for the same mistag rate \rightarrow + 0.3 σ sensitivity gain for $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$

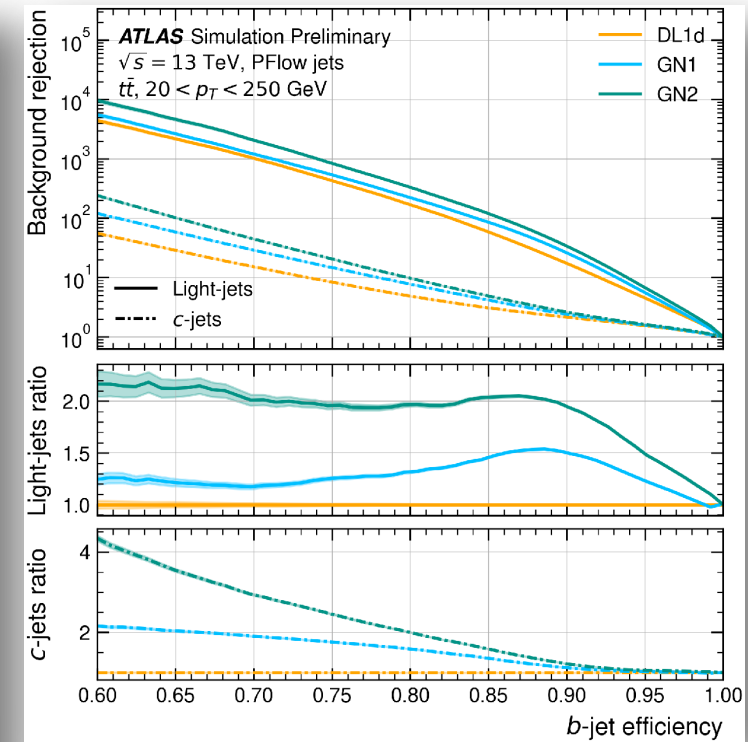
RUN 3 *b*-TAGGING



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ILD TPC & TOF

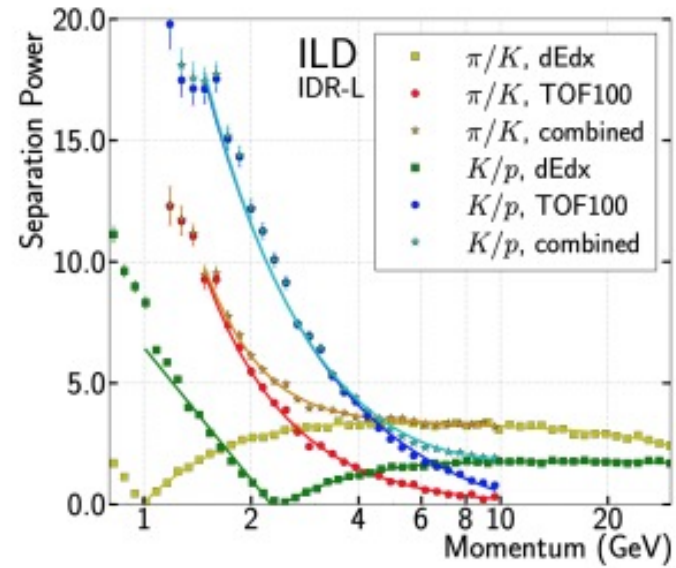
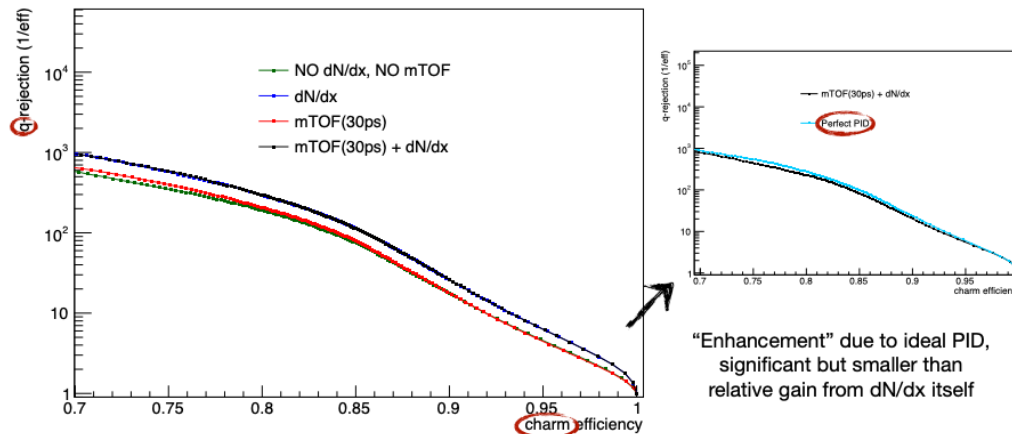


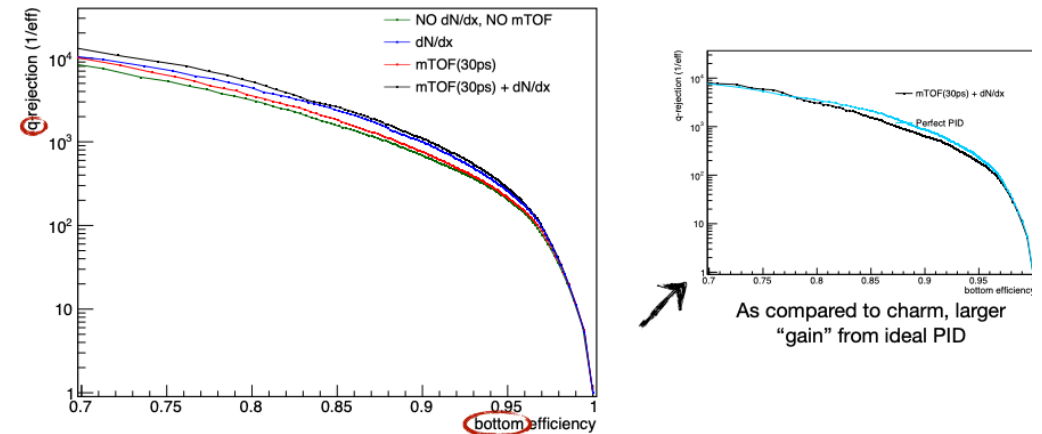
Figure 3: From Ref. [19]. Particle separation power for π/k and K/p based on the dE/dx measurement in the TPC and on a time-of-flight estimator from the first ten ECAL layers. The separation power obtained when the information from the two systems is combined is also shown.

Charm Tagging & Light Rejection



- **dN/dx dominates** again, as expected from kinematic regime of *ZH* events
- **Visible contribution from TOF, in absence of dN/dx**

Bottom Tagging & Light Rejection



- Most of PID gain from dN/dx, but...
- **Significant contribution from TOF, with and without dN/dx!**
 - Benchmark: 80% efficiency -> light rejection 4400 (dN/dx) vs. 5100 (dN/dx+mTOF)