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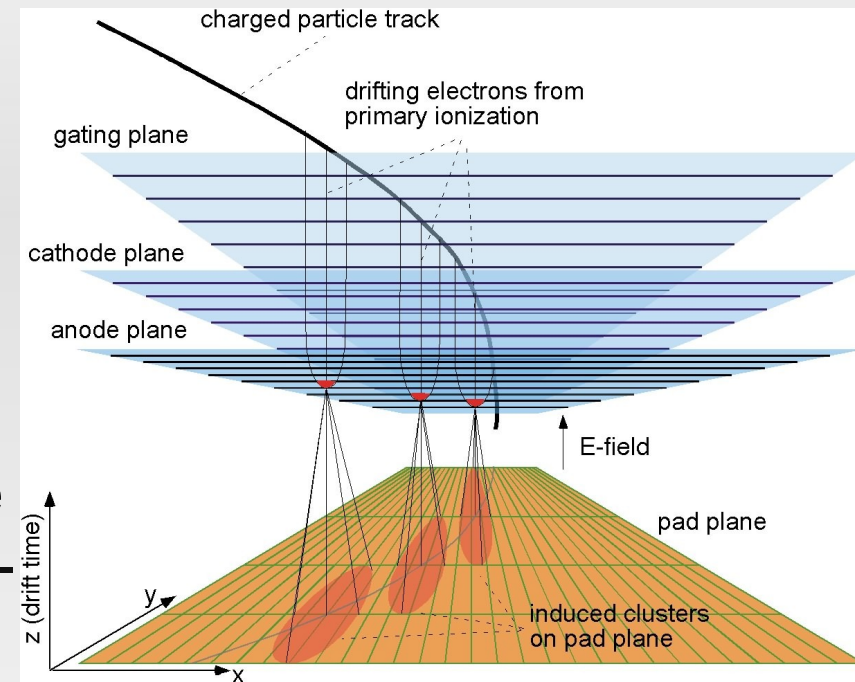
Run III Strategy and Plans

Jochen, Marian, Mikolaj, Jens, ...

Introduction I



- Goal: go to 50kHz interaction rate in Pb-Pb
- Current limitations:
 - MWPG requires Gating Grid for efficient ion blocking (closing time 180us) → Limits rate to 100us (e^- -drift) + 180us : 3.5kHz
 - Further limitation due to electronics: 250 Hz
- Solution:
 - Change detector technology to GEMs → Intrinsic ion blocking

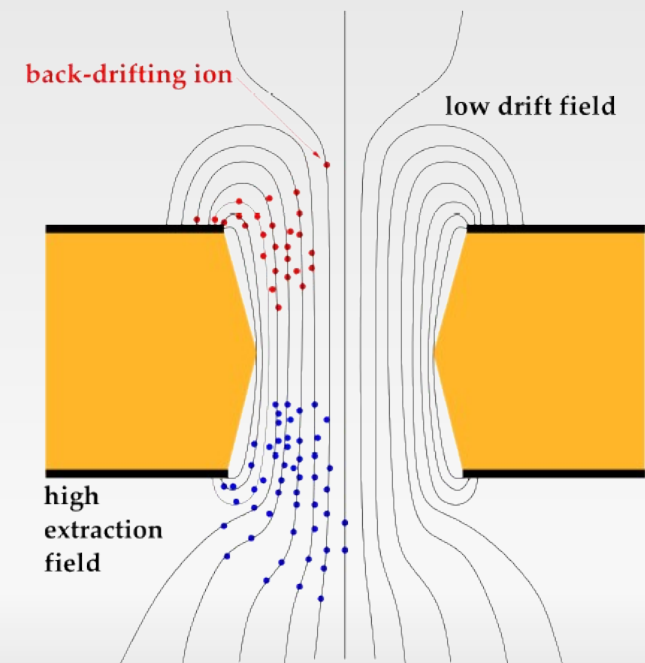
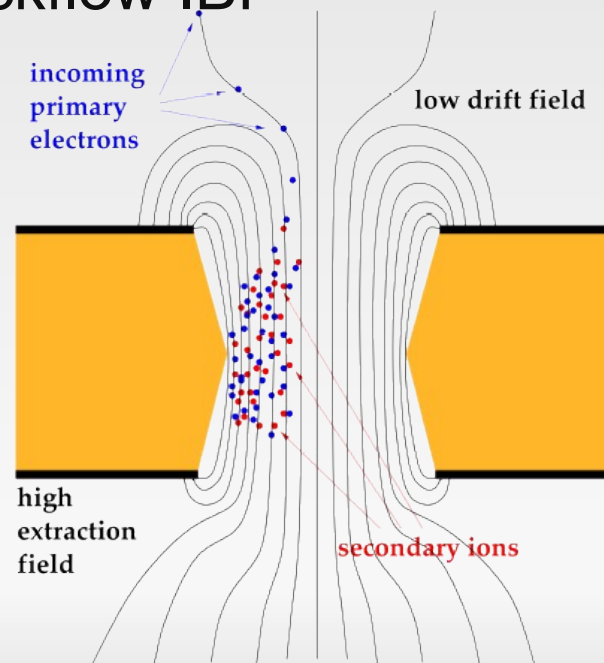


Introduction II



- Challenge: Minimize IBF – space charge in drift region!
- Low ion density in drift region requires
 - low primary ionization n_{ion}
 - low gain G_{eff}
 - low ion backflow IBF

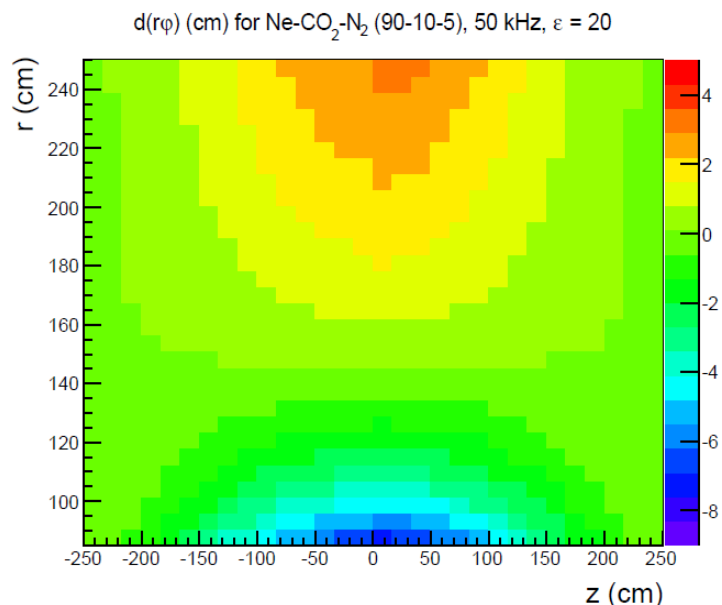
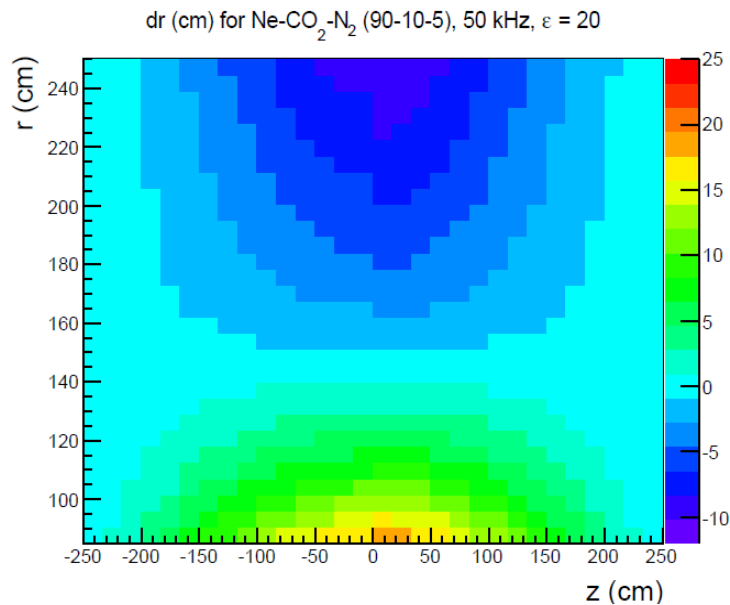
$$n_{\text{tot}} = n_{\text{El}} \times \text{IBF} \times G_{\text{eff}}$$
$$\varepsilon = \text{IBF} \times G_{\text{eff}} - 1$$





- Current assumptions:
 - $IBF = 1\%$
 - Gas gain 2000 (might be lower)
 - $\varepsilon = \text{gain} * IBF = 20$ (back drifting ions per incoming electron)
 - Factor 100 better than standard MWPC
- Still leads to sizeable space charge (SC) in the drift volume

Introduction IV

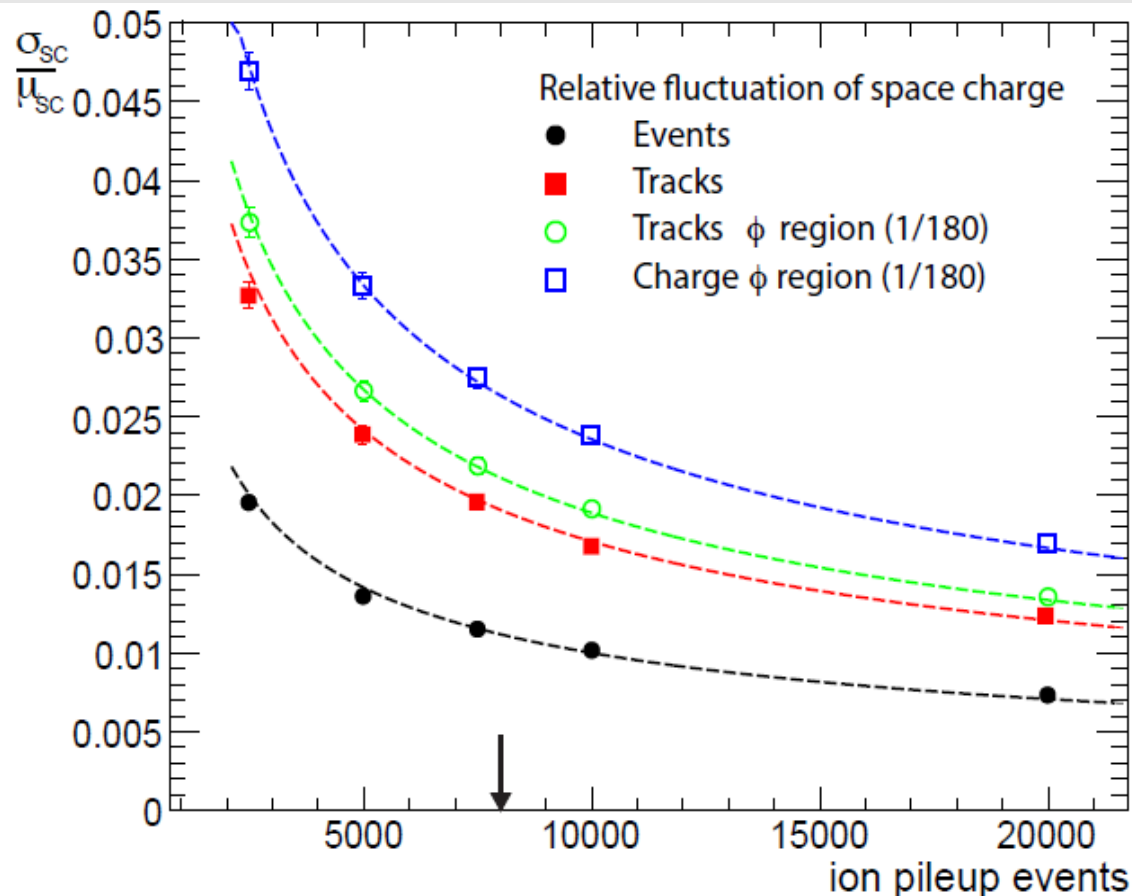


- Expected distortions due to space charge ($\epsilon = 20$)
- Up to (max) 20cm in radial direction
- Up to (max) 8cm in $r\phi$
- Current requirement \rightarrow final correction to the intrinsic resolution of 200 μ m

Introduction V



Space charge fluctuations



Considerable fluctuations of the space charge density expected: $\sim 3\%$
(\rightarrow distortions: several mm)

$\sim 2\%$ are from fluctuations of N_{ev} and event multiplicity
 \rightarrow relatively easy to follow

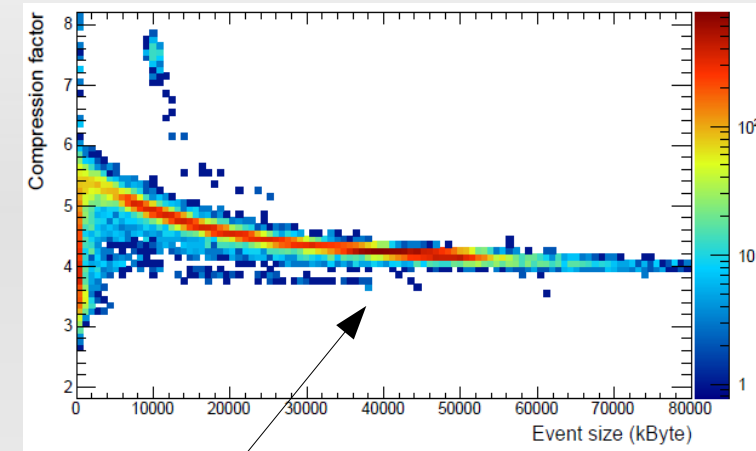
rest is „topological“
 \rightarrow requires more complex calibration scheme

Requires online estimate of events and event multiplicity

Introduction VI



- Huge data volume:
 - 1 zero suppressed Pb-Pb event ~20MByte
 - At 50kHz ~1TByte/s
 - → Not storable
 - → plan to suppress by factor 20 online
 - → requires online reconstruction



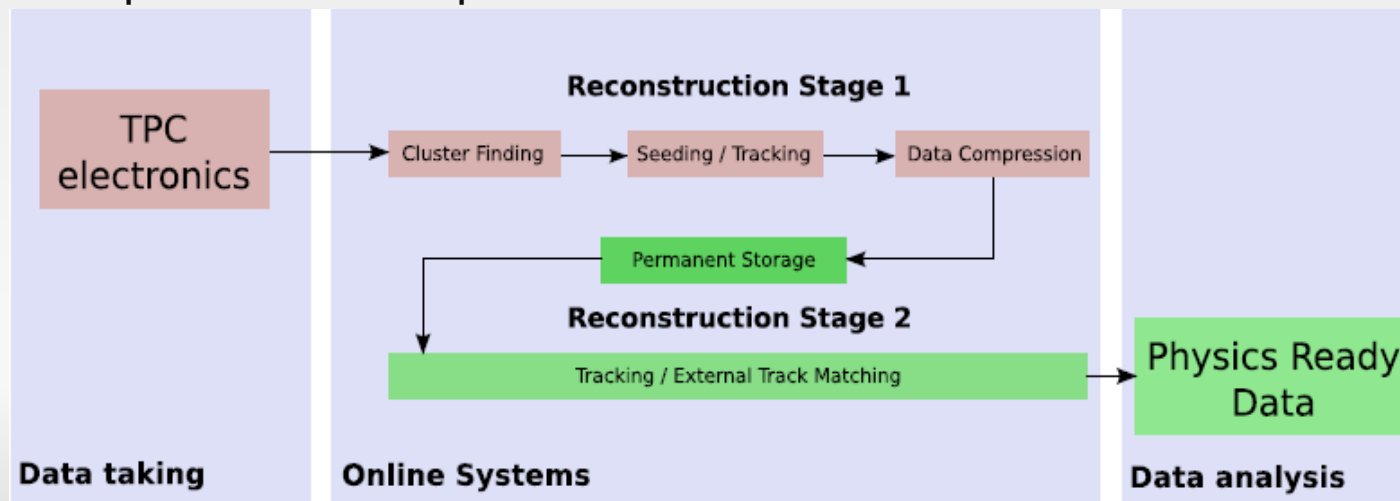
Data Format	Data Compression Factor	Event Size (MByte)
Zero Suppression (FEE)		20
Clusterization	5-7	3
Remove clusters not associated to relevant tracks	2	1.5
Data format optimization	2-3	< 1



Reconstruction strategy



- Two step process:
 - First step for online tracking and compression
 - requires less calibration precision (level of the intrinsic single cluster resolution $O(1\text{mm})$)
 - Obtained with pure online information \rightarrow average SC map
 - Second step
 - Requires matching to external detector
 - Needs final precision
 - Update of SC maps on the level of $\sim 5\text{ms}$



Reconstruction strategy



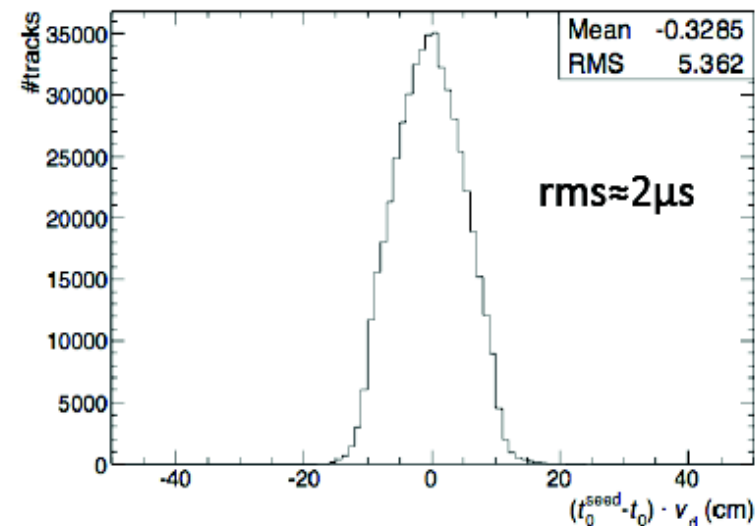
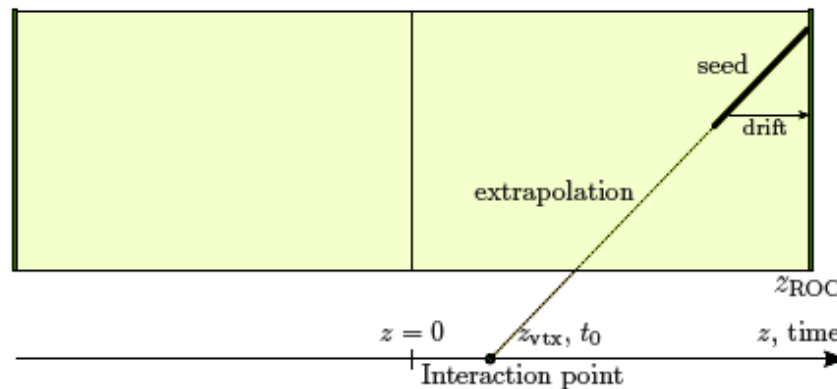
First step

Goals:

- efficient cluster association to allow data compression
- enable matching to external detectors i.e. ITS, TRD

1. ad-hoc correction assuming $\eta=0.45$ for each cluster (minimizing maximal distortions)
2. Search seeds (10-15 clusters) in low-distortion region
3. Obtain t_0^{seed} from extrapolation to $x=y=0$, assuming $z_{\text{vtx}} = 0$.

Option: match t_0^{seed} to „real“ t_0 from list (average spacing $20 \mu\text{s}$, but bunch train structure)

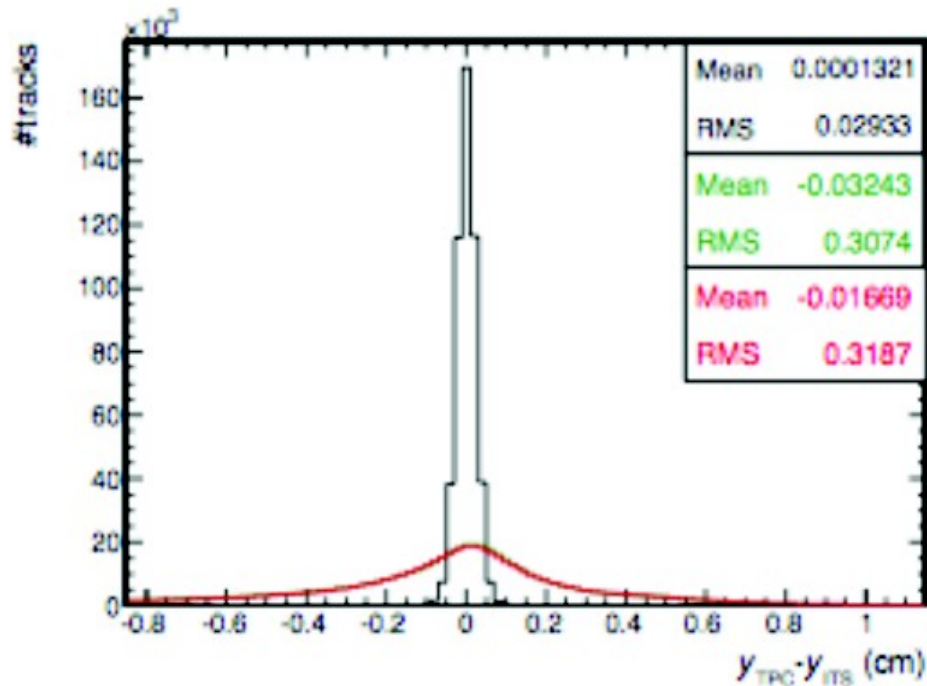


Reconstruction strategy

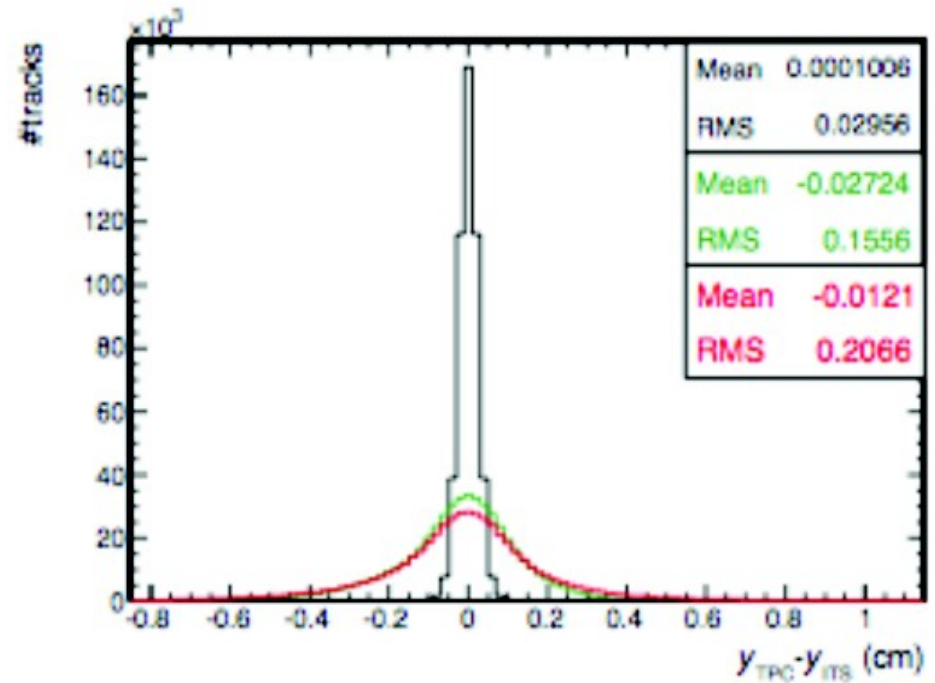
First step – matching precision



TPC-ITS matching at TPC inner radius



new: including fluctuations ($\epsilon=20$)
using **average map (2.)** for correction
red: using t_0^{seed}
green: using exact t_0

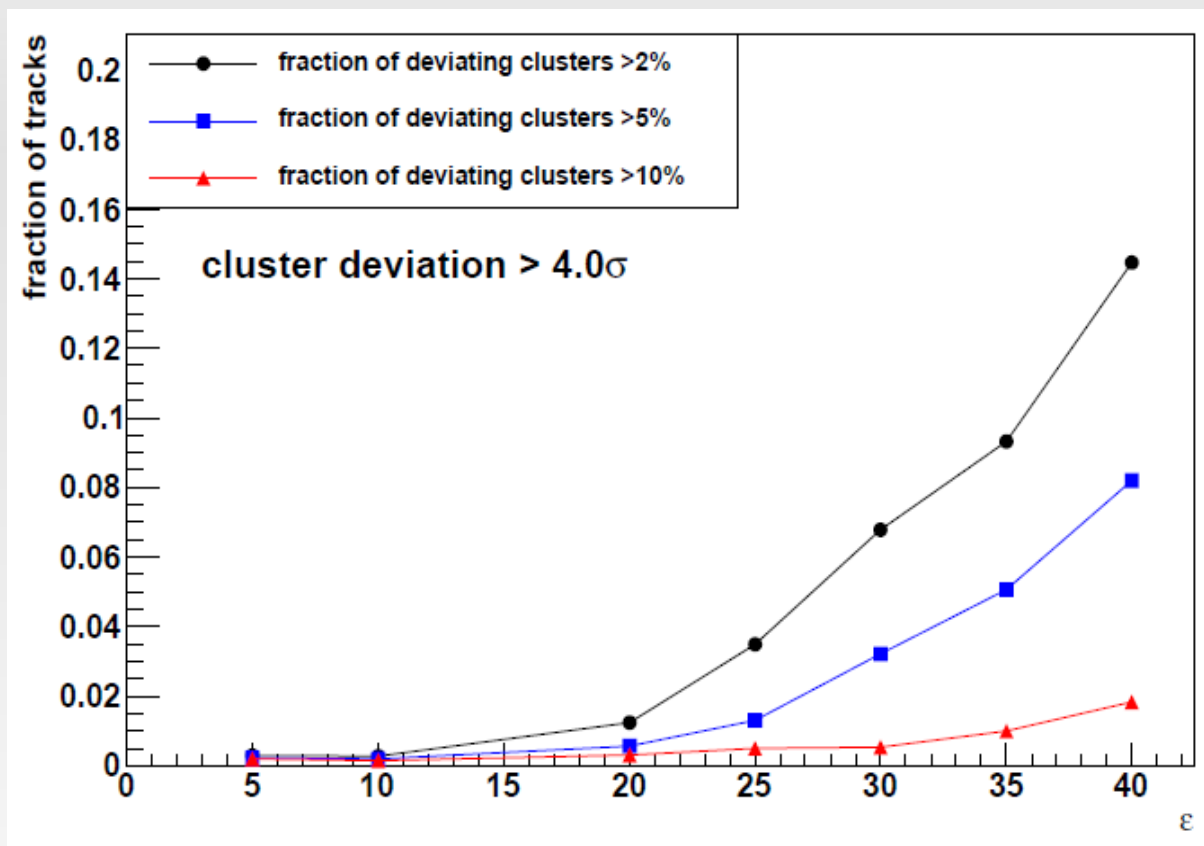


new: including fluctuations ($\epsilon=20$)
using **scaled map (3.)** for correction
red: using t_0^{seed}
green: using exact t_0



Reconstruction strategy

First step – cluster association efficiency



Not yet final



Reconstruction strategy

First step – alternative method



Stage 1: alternative method

Scan the list of event $t_{0,i}$ and correct all clusters in a $t_{0,i}+100\mu\text{s}$ window according to a given t_0

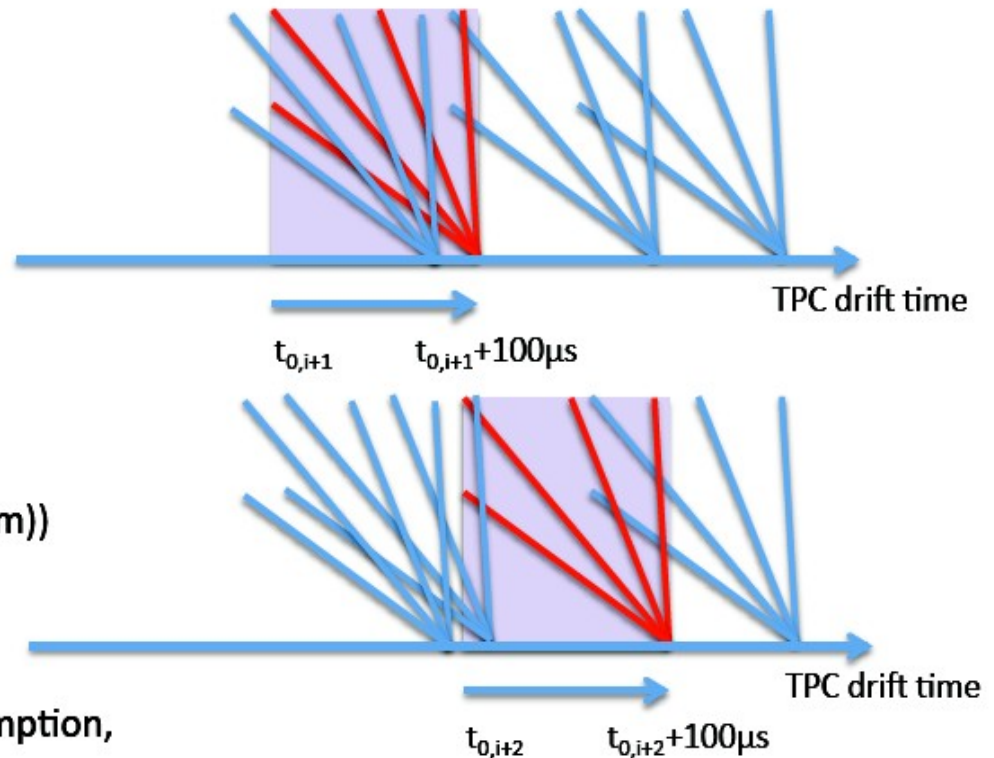
- Clusters belonging to the proper event are corrected properly, others not \rightarrow background in this event
- Distortion correction based on average map, residual distortions (fluctuations) remain ($O(\text{mm})$)

Advantage:

- Straight forward tracking scheme (vertex assumption, no iterative correction update needed)

Disadvantage:

- Clusters are corrected multiple times
- \rightarrow Requires application of residual distortion to existing full simulation chain including pile-up.
Tracking performance will be evaluated for TDR.

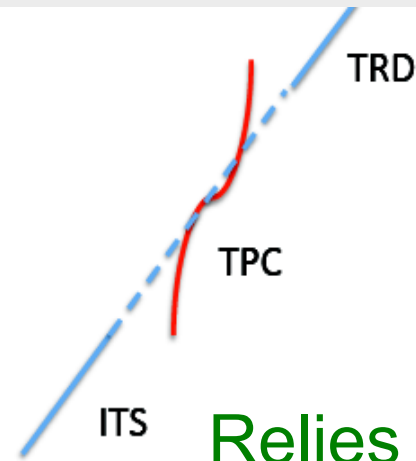
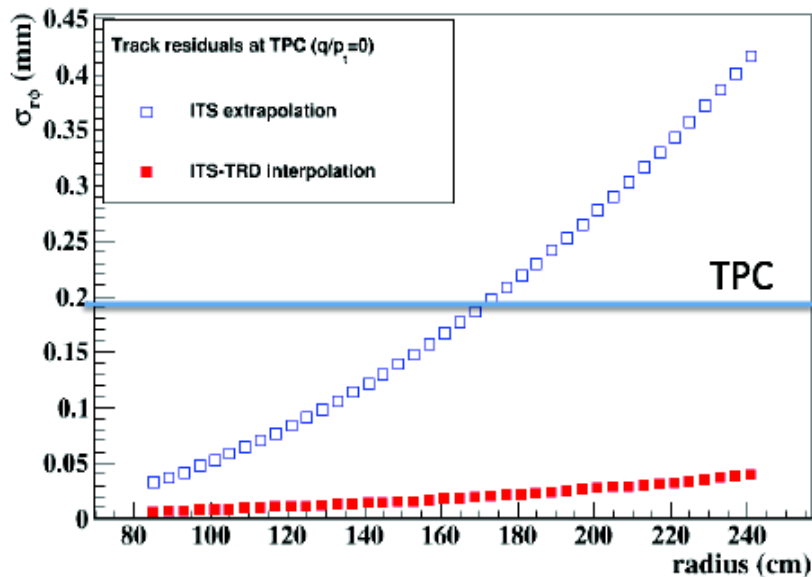


Reconstruction strategy

Second step – final calibration



Strategy: external track matching (ITS-TRD)



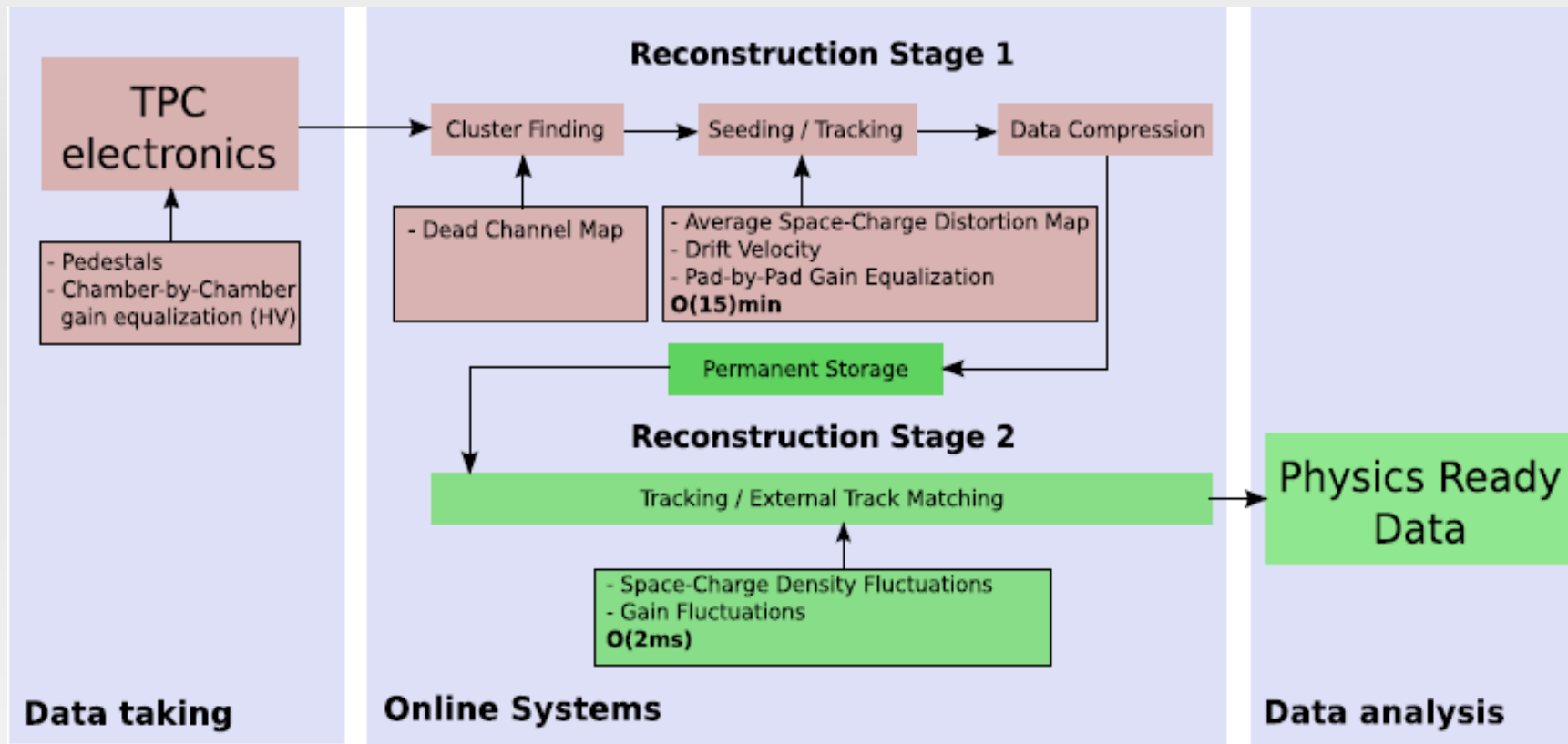
Relies on
ITS standalone tracking
ITS+TRD tracking

What is the required granularity?
Depends very much on the precision
of the map

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Calibration strategy



Here all implications of feed-back loops enters (see Jochens talk)
Most important: good online QA to decide the quality of the data compression

→ Worst case: Store all clusters, do tracking 'offline' which would result in a factor 3-4 larger data volume



Calibration strategy

SC map requirements



1. Reference map
 - assuming „geometric“ acceptance
 - updated with known gain and epsilon variation and dead regions from ROC DB
 - from MC
2. Average map
 - „long-term“ average, updated several times per fill
 - accounts for slow variations: luminosity, p/T, malfunctioning sectors
 - from high-statistics (~1 min) external track sample,
 - extraction of 3D-residual map wrt 1.
3. Scaled map
 - same as 2., but scaled by instantaneous „current“ (last 160 ms) from collision counter, centrality measure, r and phi-averaged charge or signals in the TPC
 - to be used for first online reconstruction step
4. High-resolution map
 - same as 3., but containing r-phi differential current information (from TPC)
 - to be used for final calibration step (if necessary)

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- Current assumption:
 - Two step reconstruction
 - First step for data compression
 - Calibration updates $O(1s- 1min)$
 - TPC should be able to match with external detectors
 - Second step for final calibration
 - Calibration update $O(5ms)$
 - Relies on tracking with external detectors (ITS-TRD)
- Alternative method for first step 'brute force'

