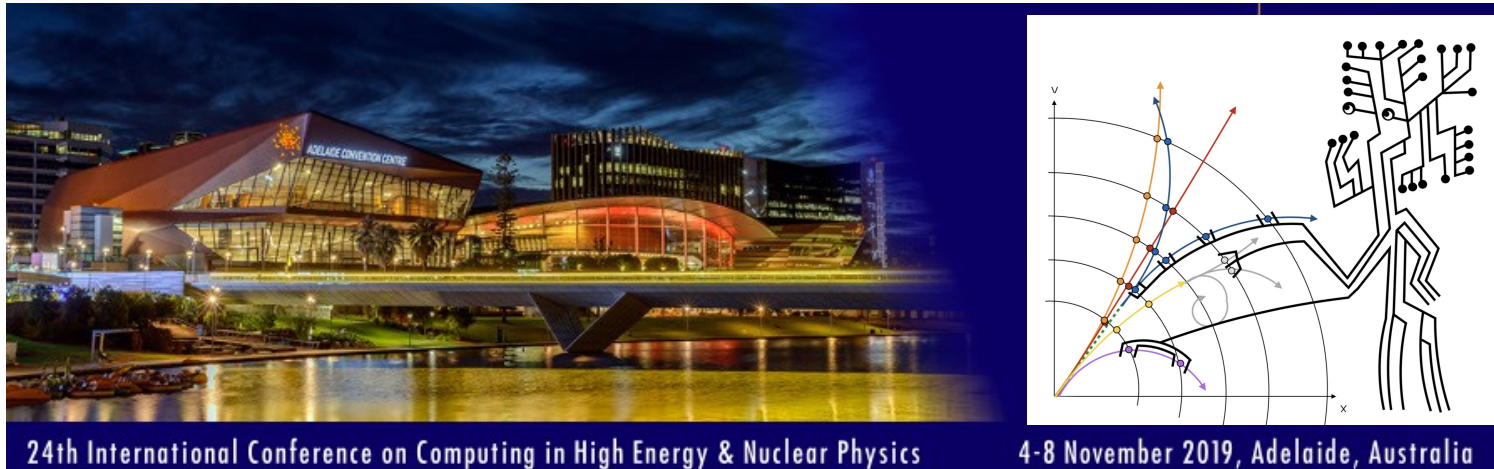


TrackML : a Tracking Machine Learning Challenge



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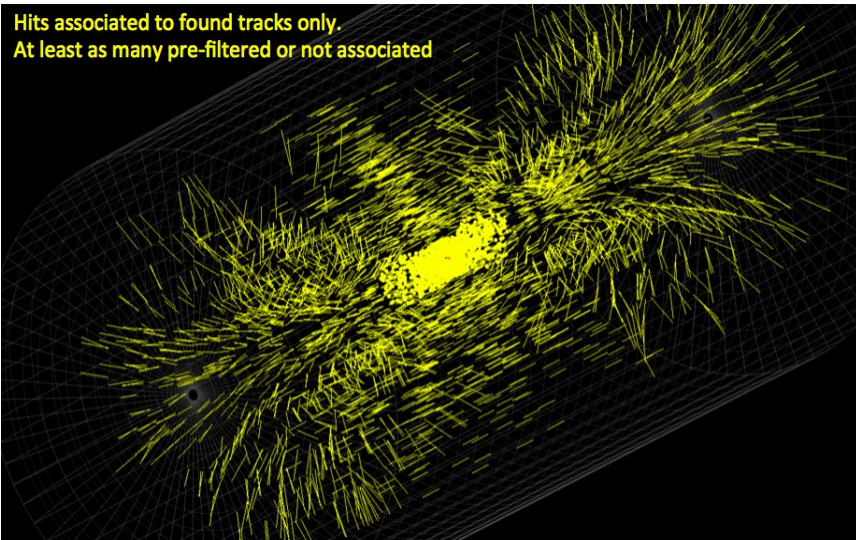
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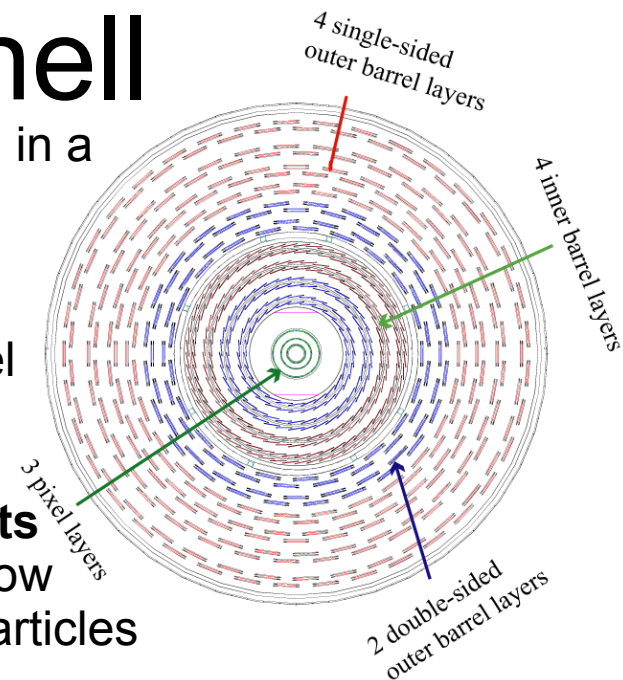
- Forewords on Tracking and Machine learning
- Accuracy Phase
- Throughput Phase
- Outlook

Tracking in a Nutshell

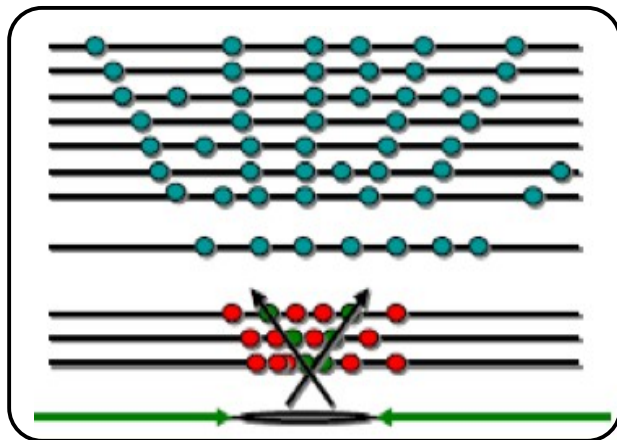
Hits associated to found tracks only.
At least as many pre-filtered or not associated



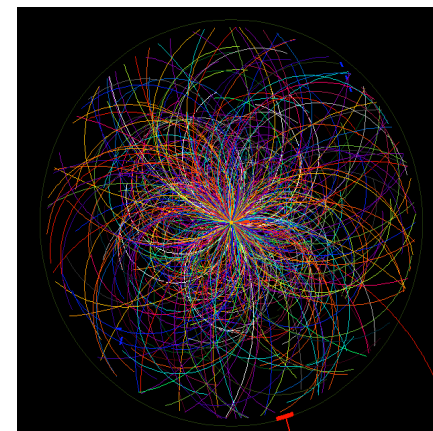
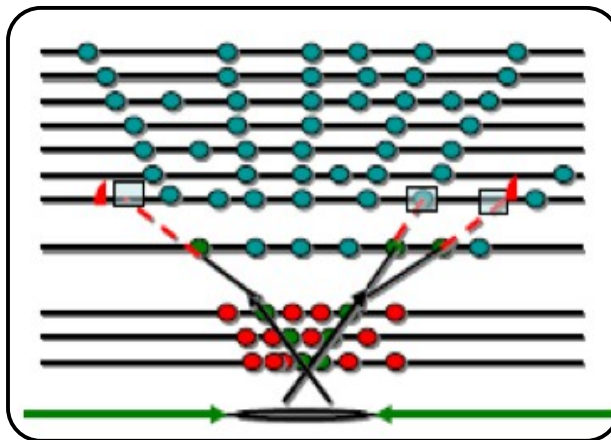
- Particle trajectory bended in a solenoidal magnetic field
- Curvature is a proxy to momentum
- Particle ionize silicon pixel and strip throughout several concentric layers
- **Thousands of sparse hits**
- Lots of hit pollution from low momentum, secondary particles



Seeding

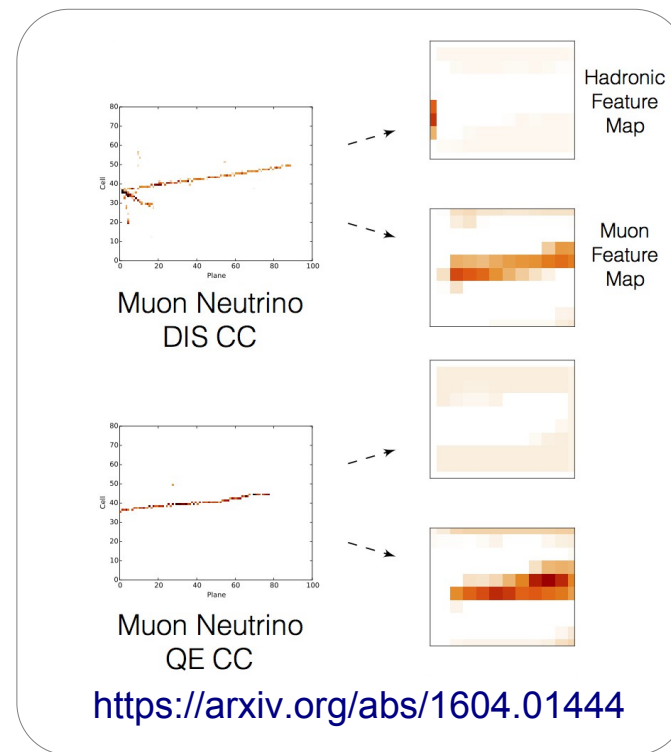
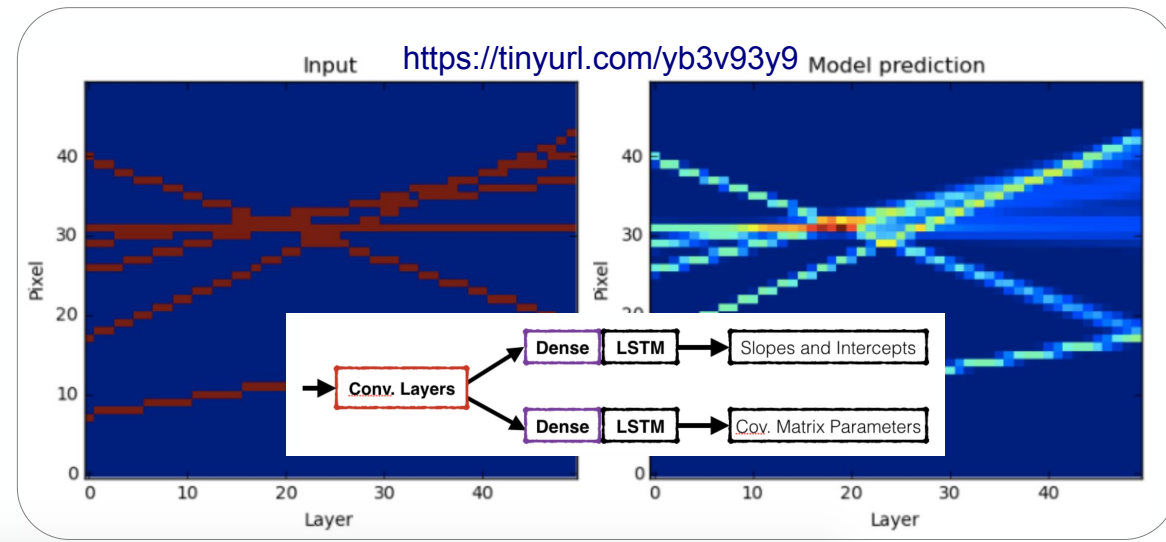
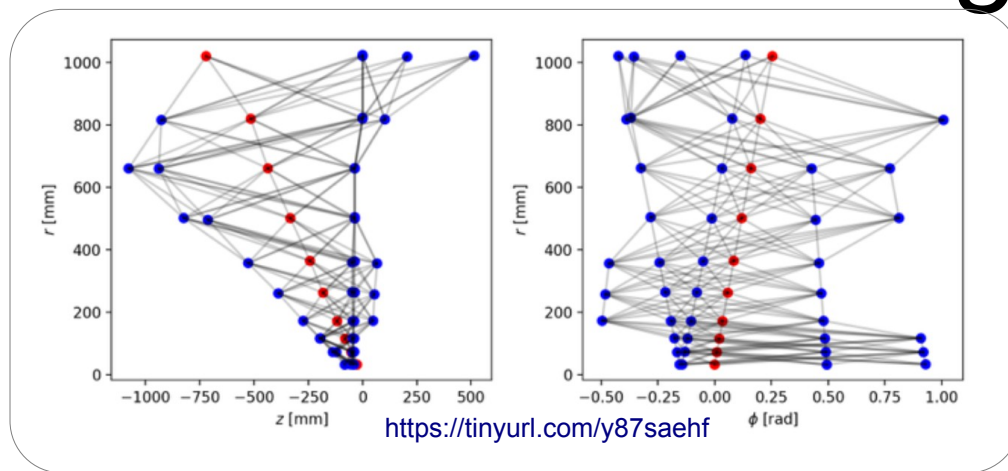
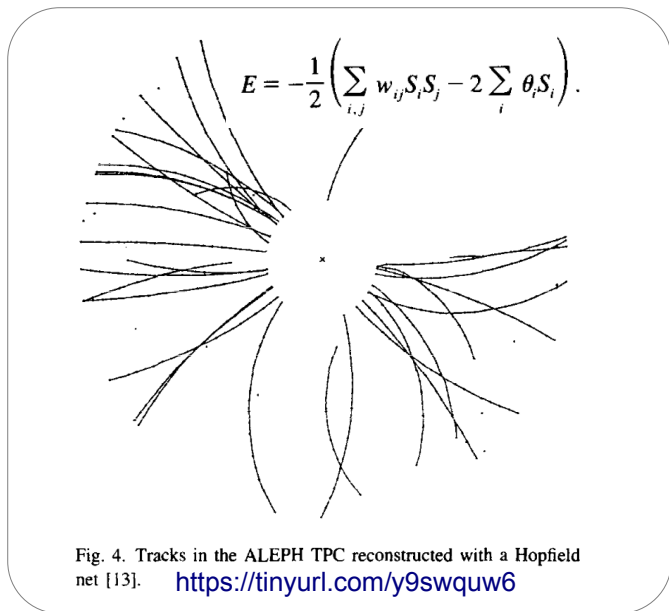


Kalman Filter



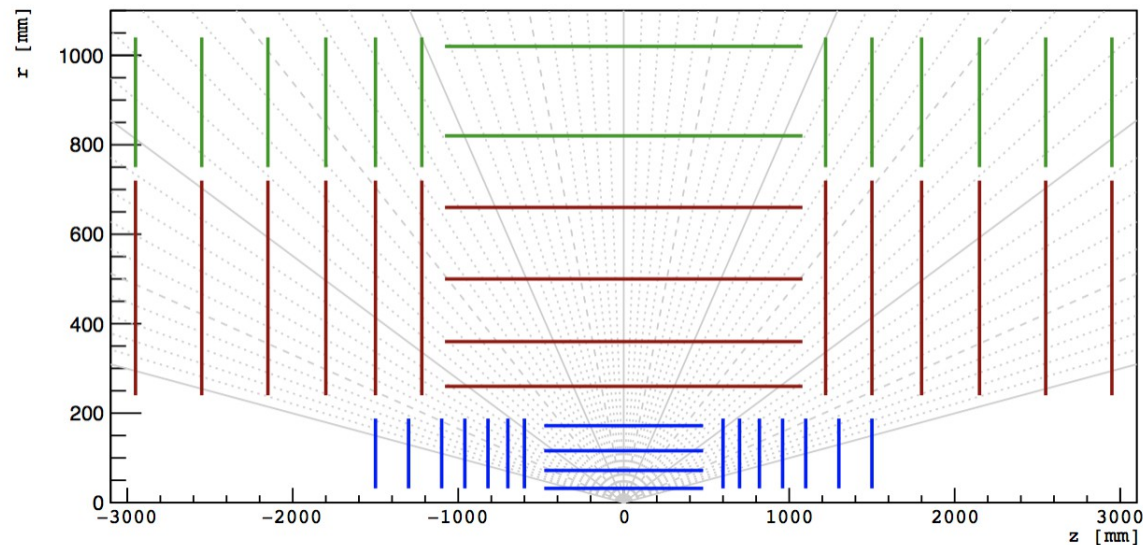
- **Explosion in hit combinatorics** in both seeding and stepping pattern recognition
- **Highly computing consuming task** in extracting physics content from LHC data

Tracking with Machine Learning



Challenge Datasets

- Accurate simulation engine (ACTS) to produce realistic dataset
 - One file with list 3D points
 - Ground truth : one file with point to particle association
 - Ground truth auxiliary : true particle parameter (origin, direction, curvature)
 - Typical events with ~ 200 parasitic collisions (~ 10.000 tracks/event, $\sim 100k$ hits/event)
- The goal of the challenge is to **assemble hits into tracks**
- Large training sample 100k events, 10 billion tracks ~ 100 GB



Featured Prediction Competition

TrackML Particle Tracking Challenge

High Energy Physics particle tracking in CERN detectors

\$25,000
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Accuracy Phase

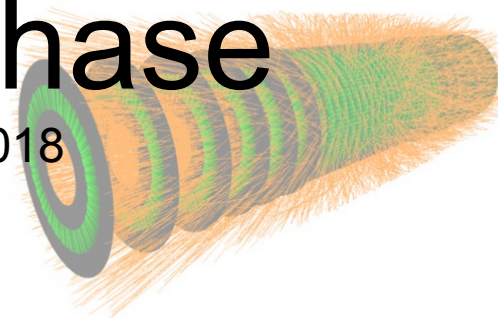
April 30 – August 13, 2018

To explore what our universe is made of, scientists at CERN are colliding protons, essentially recreating conditions billions of years ago. Observing these collisions with intricate silicon detectors.

While analyzing the colossal amount of observations is already a massive scientific accomplishment, analyzing the enormous amounts of data produced from the experiments is becoming an overwhelming challenge.

Event rates have already reached hundreds of millions of collisions per second, meaning physicists must sift through tens of petabytes of data per year. And, as the resolution of detectors improve, ever better software is needed for real-time pre-processing and filtering of the most promising events, producing even more data.

To help address this problem, a team of Machine Learning experts and physics scientists working at CERN (the world largest high energy physics laboratory), has partnered with Kaggle and prestigious sponsors to answer the question: can machine learning assist high energy physics in discovering and characterizing new particles?



<https://www.kaggle.com/c/trackml-particle-identification>

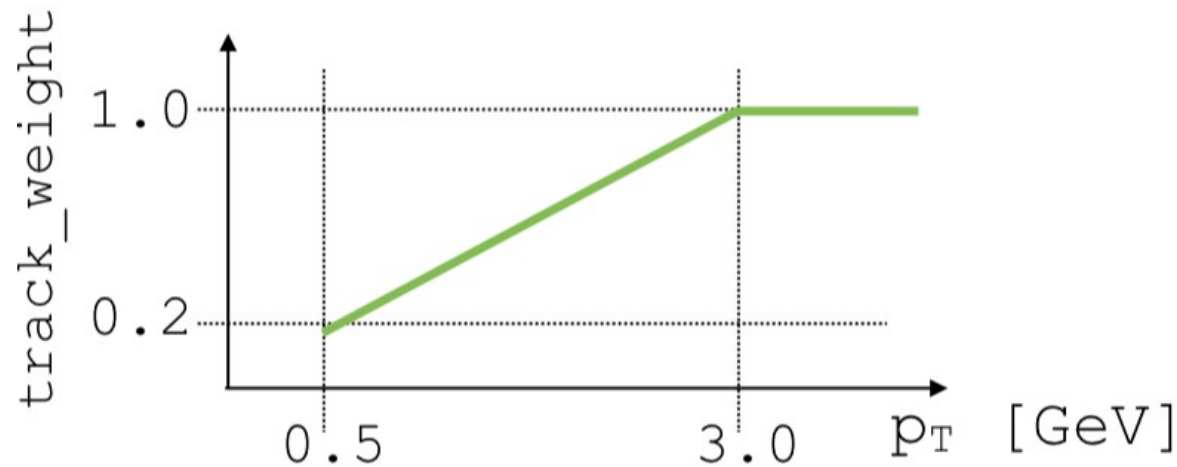
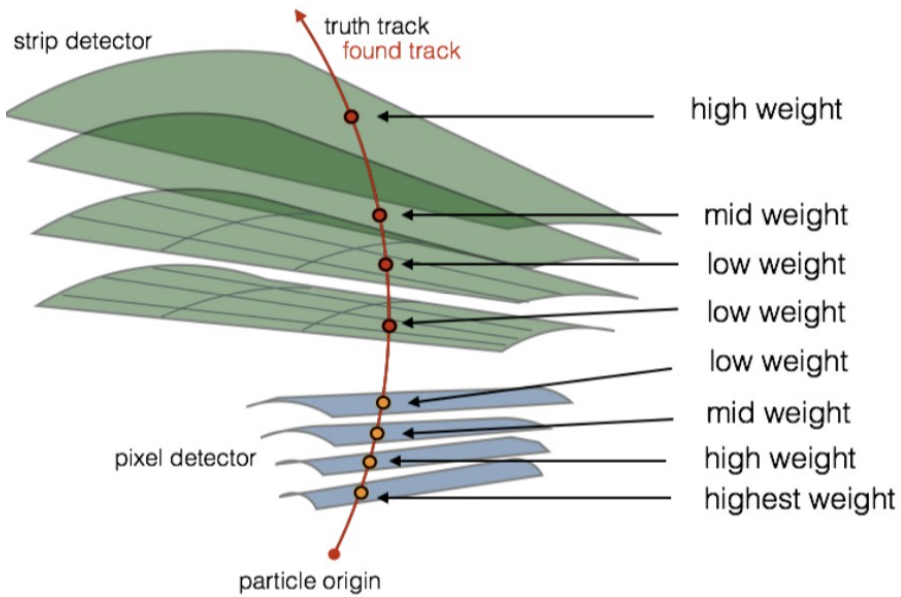
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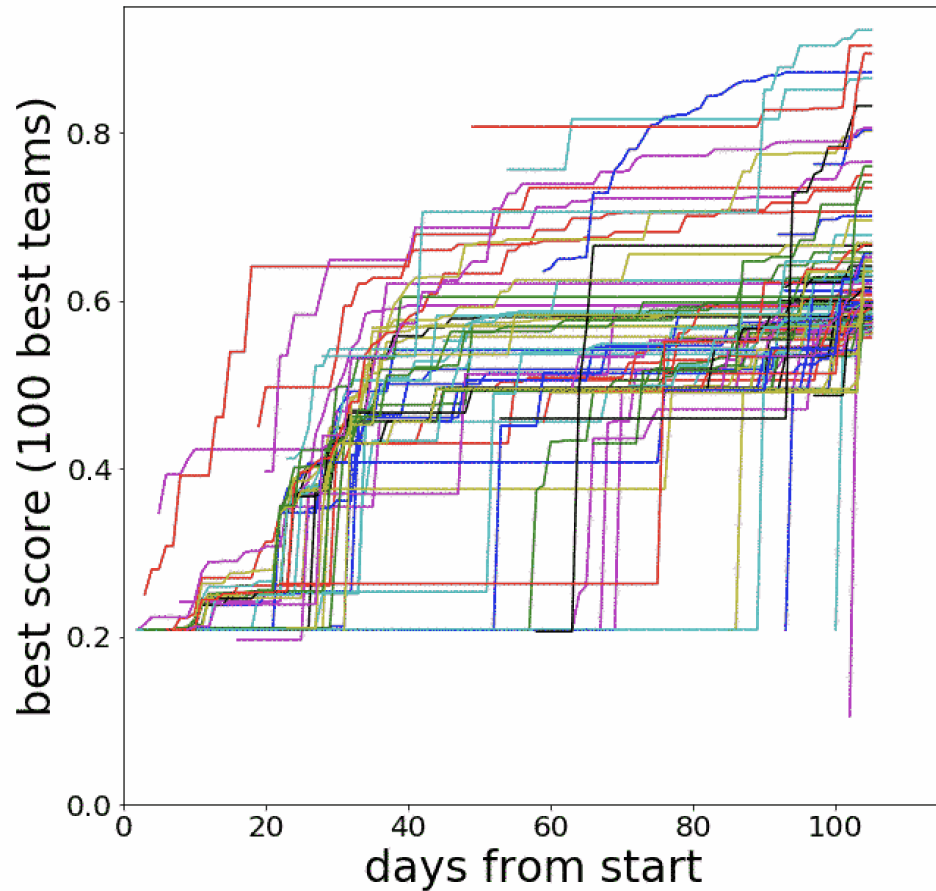
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Scoring : Accuracy Phase



- At least 50% hits from the same ground truth particle
- At least 50% hits of the ground truth particle in the track
- Sum of weights ($w_{\text{order}} \times w_{p_T}$) of truth matched hits
- Score normalized to sum of weights : ideal score is **1**
- 100 events used for scoring : precision $\sim 0.1\%$

Final Leaderboard



#	Δpub	Team Name	Kernel	Team Members	Score	Entries
1	—	Top Quarks			0.92182	10
2	—	outrunner	In the money		0.90302	9
3	—	Sergey Gorbunov			0.89353	6
4	—	demelian			0.87079	35
5	—	Edwin Steiner			0.86395	5
6	—	Komaki			0.83127	22
7	—	Yuval & Trian	Jury pick		0.80414	56
8	—	bestfitting			0.80341	6
9	—	DBSCAN forever	Jury pick		0.80114	23
10	—	Zidmie & KhaVo			0.76320	26
11	—	Andrea Lonza			0.75845	15
12	—	Finnies	Jury pick		0.74827	56
13	—	Rei Matsuzaki			0.74035	12
14	—	Mickey			0.73217	10
15	—	Vicens Gaitan			0.70429	19
16	—	Robert			0.69955	3

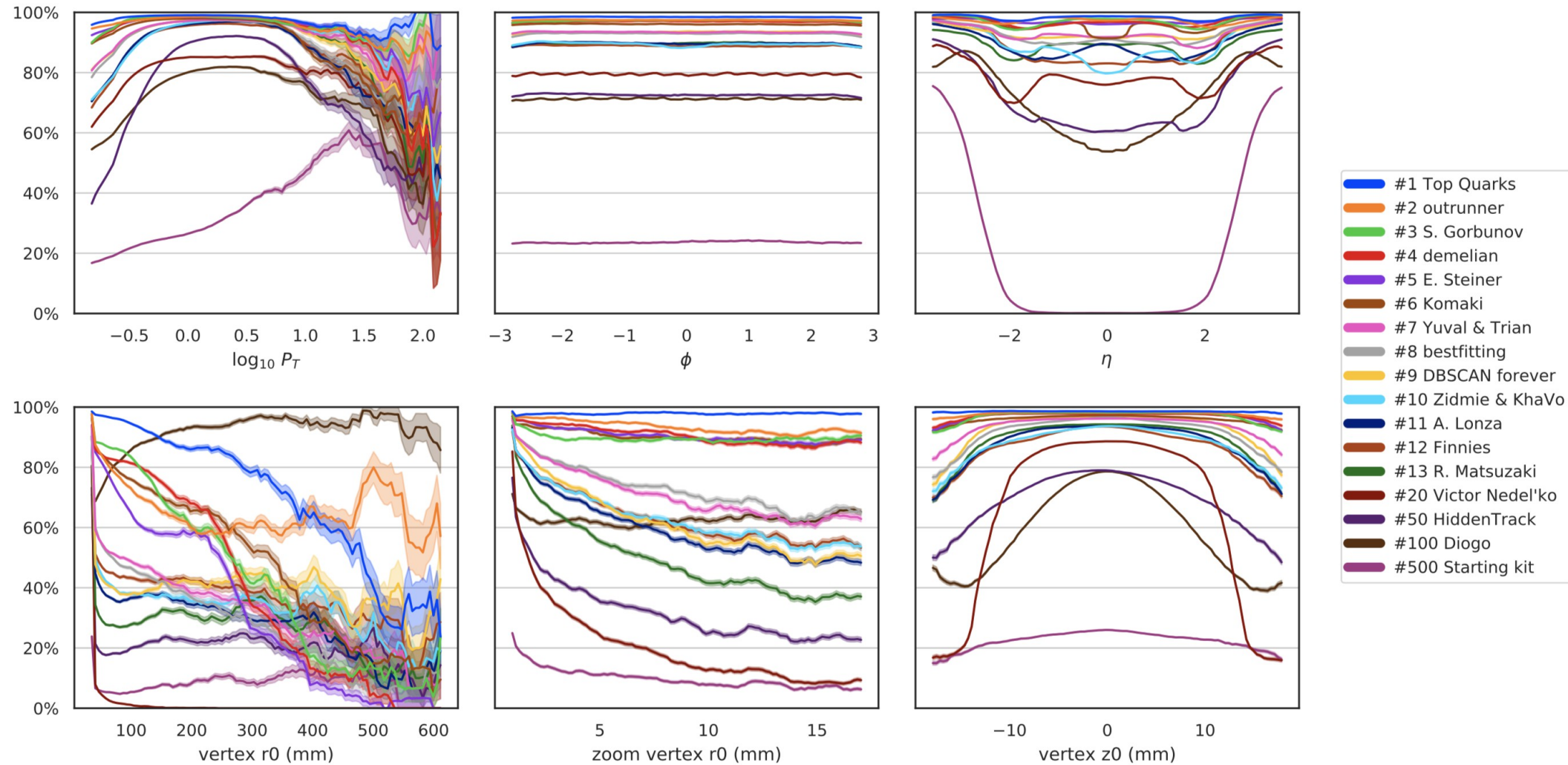
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Physics Performance



Highest score correlates well with the tracking efficiency

Insight on Algorithms 1/2

- **First : *Top Quarks***

- Johan Sokrates is an industrial Mathematics master student
- Pair seeding, triplet extension, **trajectory following**, track cleaning, all with **machine learning** for quality selection

- **Second : *Outrunner***

- Pei-Lien Chou is a software engineer in image-based deep learning in Taiwan
- **Machine learning** to predict the adjacency matrix

- **Third : *Sergey Gorbunov***

- Sergey Gorbunov is a physicist, expert in tracking
- Iterative steps, triplet seeding, **trajectory following**

Insight on Algorithms 2/2

- **Jury Innovative prize**
 - › Yuval Reina is an electronic engineer and Trian Xylouris is an entrepreneur
 - › Marginalized Hough transform with **machine learning classifier**
- **Jury Clustering prize**
 - › Jean-François Puget CPMP is a software engineer at IBM. He is both competition and discussion Kaggle grandmaster
 - › **DBSCAN clustering** with iterative Hough transform
- **Jury Deep Learning prize**
 - › Nicole and Liam Finnie are software engineers
 - › DBSCAN seeding, **trajectory following with LSTM**
- **Organization pick**
 - › Diogo R. Ferreira is a professor/researcher, focusing on data science and nuclear fusion
 - › **Pattern matching**



TrackML Throughput Phase

Organized by VictorEstrade - Current server time: March 7, 2019, 3:52 p.m. UTC
Reward \$15,000

► Current

Development

Sept. 7, 2018, midnight UTC

Next

Final

March 12, 2019, 11:59 p.m. UTC

End

Competition Ends

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Welcome!

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Throughput Phase

Oct 12 – March 12, 2019

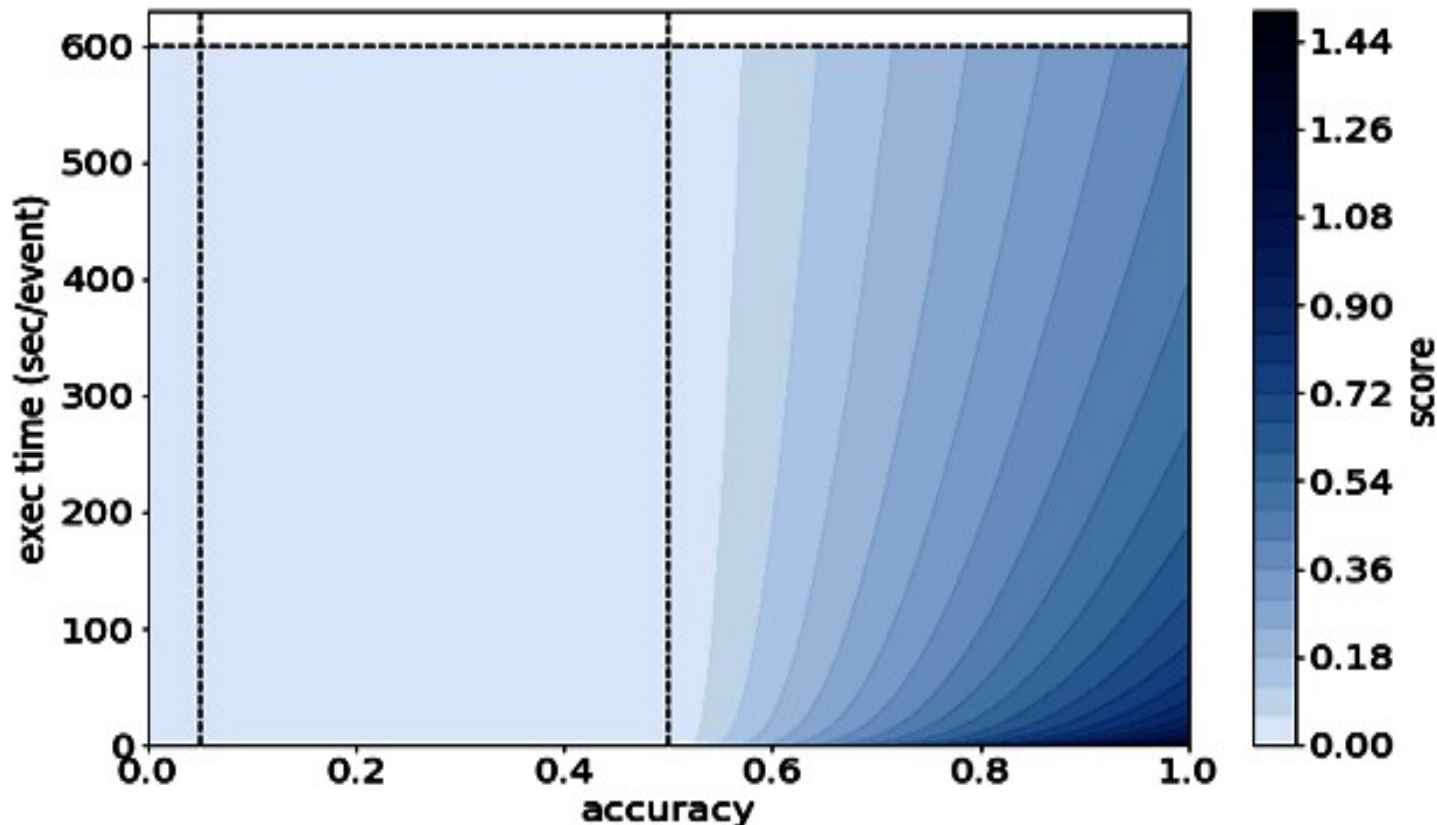
Modifications to the dataset
Same detector geometry with half thinner modules
Beamspot corrected from 5.5 mm to 5.5 cm
Loopers are not simulated
Bug on electron multiple scattering fixed

<https://competitions.codalab.org/competitions/20112>

Scoring : Throughput Phase

Zero score if time > 600s and accuracy < 0.5

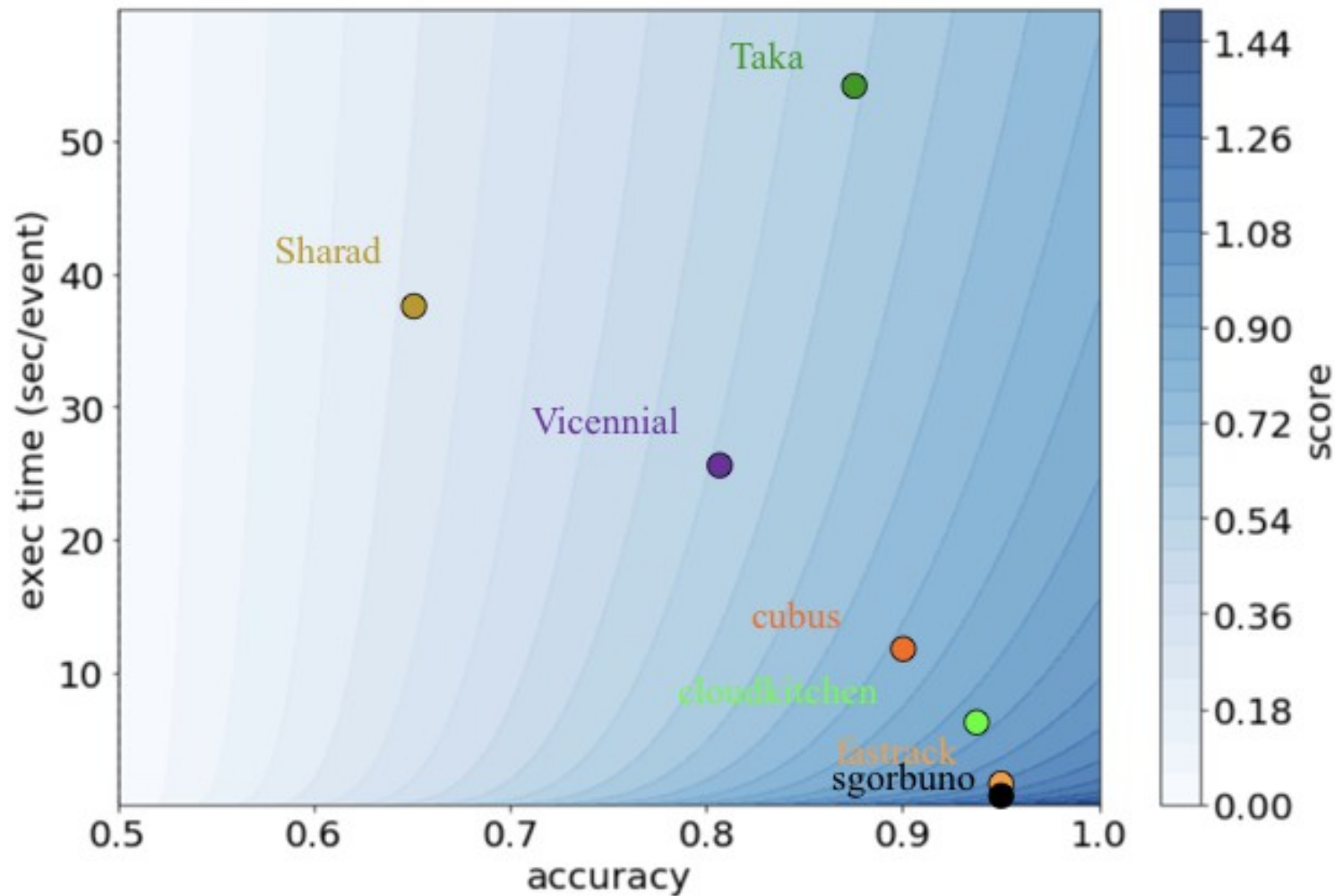
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Leaderboard

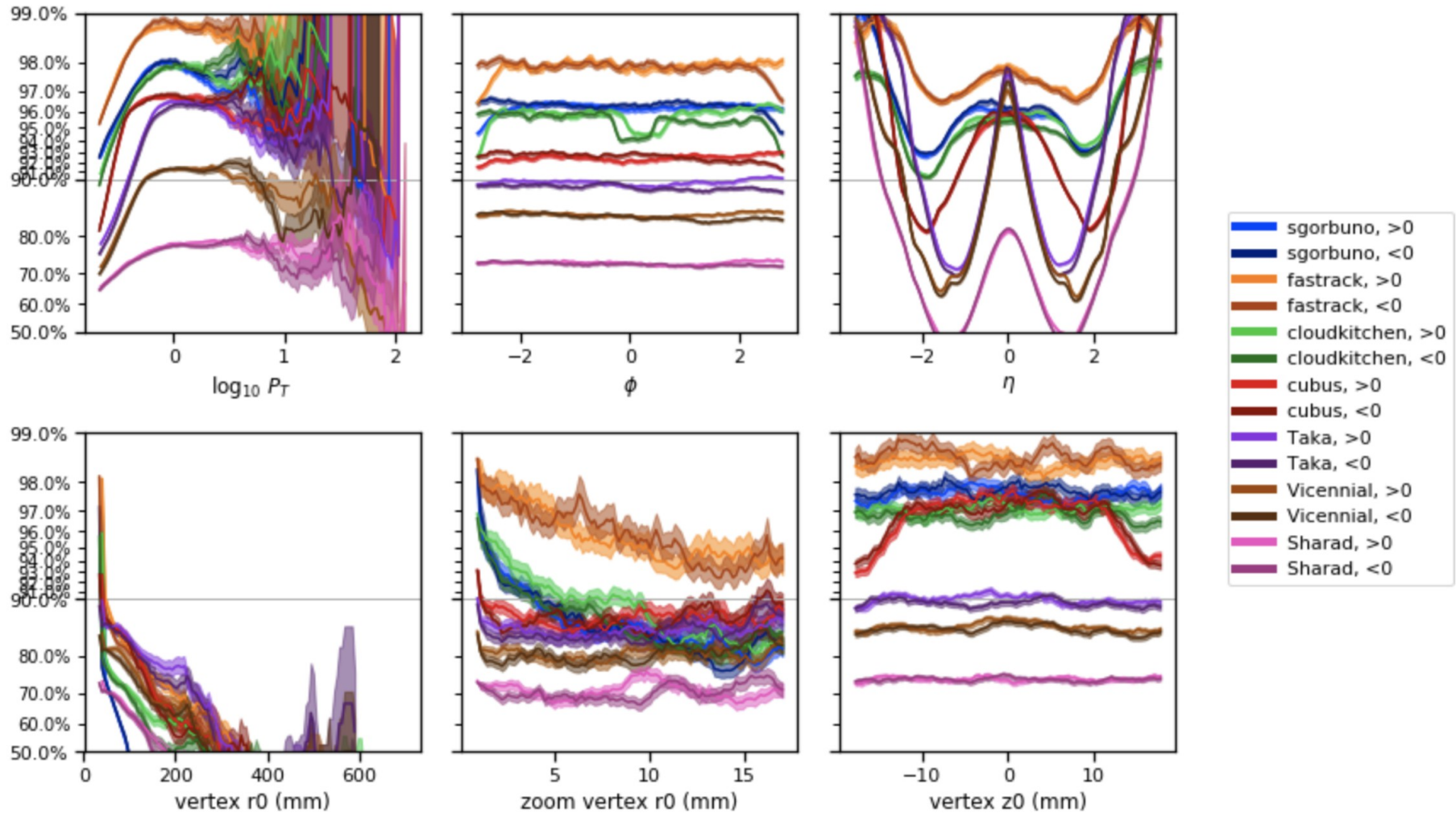
RESULTS										
#	User	Entries	Date of Last Entry	score ▲	accuracy_mean ▲	accuracy_std ▲	computation time (sec) ▲	computation speed (sec/event) ▲	Duration ▲	
HEP people	1	sgorbuno	9	03/12/19	1.1727 (1)	0.944 (2)	0.00 (14)	28.06 (1)	0.56 (1)	64.00 (1)
	2	fastrack	53	03/12/19	1.1145 (2)	0.944 (1)	0.00 (15)	55.51 (16)	1.11 (16)	91.00 (6)
PH+CS	3	cloudkitchen	73	03/12/19	0.9007 (3)	0.928 (3)	0.00 (13)	364.00 (18)	7.28 (18)	407.00 (8)
	4	cubus	8	09/13/18	0.7719 (4)	0.895 (4)	0.01 (9)	675.35 (19)	13.51 (19)	724.00 (9)
	5	Taka	11	01/13/19	0.5930 (5)	0.875 (5)	0.01 (12)	2668.50 (23)	53.37 (23)	2758.00 (13)
	6	Vicennial	27	02/24/19	0.5634 (6)	0.815 (6)	0.01 (10)	1270.73 (20)	25.41 (20)	1339.00 (10)
	7	Sharad	57	03/10/19	0.2918 (7)	0.674 (7)	0.02 (4)	1902.20 (22)	38.04 (22)	1986.00 (12)
	8	WeizmannAI	5	03/12/19	0.0000 (8)	0.133 (11)	0.01 (11)	88.08 (17)	1.76 (17)	124.00 (7)
	9	harshakoundinya	2	03/12/19	0.0000 (8)	0.085 (13)	0.01 (6)	49.22 (8)	0.98 (8)	86.00 (3)
	10	iWit	6	03/10/19	0.0000 (8)	0.082 (15)	0.01 (8)	48.23 (3)	0.96 (3)	85.00 (2)
	11	yangguo	1	03/01/19	0.0000 (8)	0.082 (15)	0.01 (8)	48.63 (4)	0.97 (4)	86.00 (3)

Time – Accuracy Decomposition



Incidentally, best solutions are also best accuracy and best timing.
Software will be submitted and analyzed in the coming weeks.

Physics Performance



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Insights on Algorithms

- **First : *Sgorbuno***
 - Sergey Gorbunov is a physicist, expert in tracking
 - 3rd position at the accuracy phase
 - Iterative steps, triplet seeding, **trajectory following**
- **Second : *fastrack***
 - Dmitry Emeliyanov is a physicist
 - Graph representation of neighbors, cellular automaton, track following
- **Third : *cloudkitchen***
 - Marcel Kunze is a former physicist,
 - Direct acyclic graph of voxels, pair and triplet classification + Top Quark solution of accuracy phase (**trajectory following**, track cleaning, all with **machine learning** for quality selection)

Summary & Outlooks

- ♦ Challenges are hard to prepare
 - Finding the right metric is key.
- Timing the code is hard
 - Reason to use codalab. Kaggle will step up
- ♦ Challenges are fun to run and to participate to
 - The TrackML Challenge concluded at the July1-2 Grand Finale at CERN <https://indico.cern.ch/event/813759/>
- ♦ Understanding the solutions will take time
 - Several proposed algorithms are being implemented in ACTS for benchmarking
- ♦ The challenge datasets were used in several papers
 - A consolidated tracking challenge dataset will be made public on CERN open data portal.



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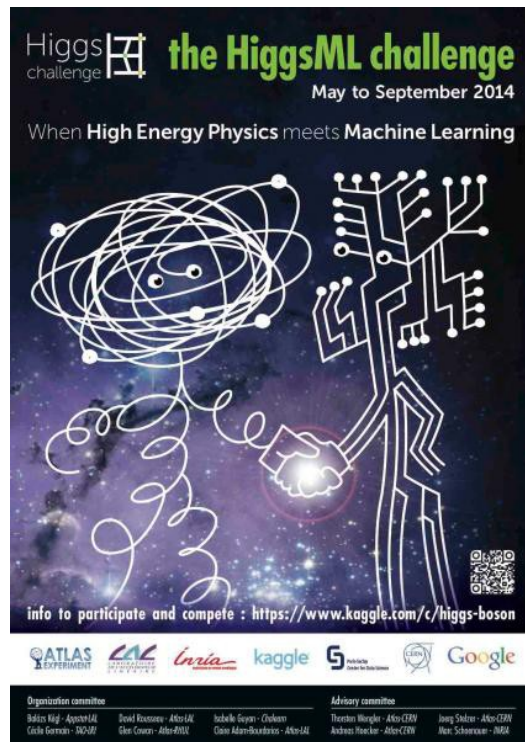
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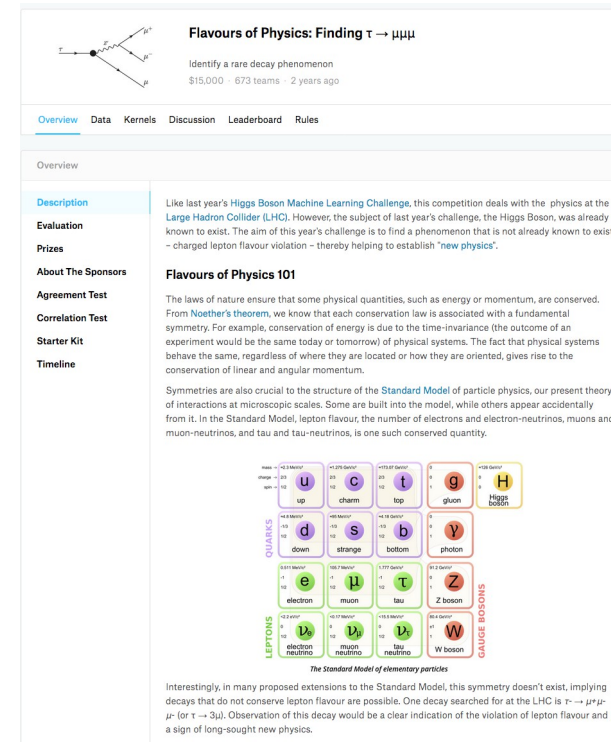


A Tracking with Machine Learning Challenge

Previous Challenges



- 2000 teams. Largest competition at the time
 - Winners went to DeepMind and OpenAI
- <https://www.kaggle.com/c/higgs-boson>



- 700 teams.
 - Experienced data exploitation
 - Some methods learned and re-applied later
- <https://www.kaggle.com/c/flavours-of-physics>

The organizing team has participated in the organization of both events

The Jury

Markus Elsing, CERN senior staff, group leader of the ATLAS computing and software group.

Frank Gaede senior physicist at DESY (Germany) is software coordinator for ILD.

Alison Lowndes is responsible for NVIDIA's Artificial Intelligence Developer Relations in the Europe, Middle East & Africa region.

Maurizio Pierini is a CERN physicist lead of the machine learning for Particle Physics ERC grant.

Danilo Rezende is Staff Research Scientist at Google DeepMind.

Marc Schoenauer is senior scientist at INRIA-Saclay

Svyatoslav Voloshynovskyy is associate professor at University of Geneva.

Reviewed the documentation made public by contestants of the challenge and decided on the level of innovation.

<https://sites.google.com/site/trackmlparticle/international-advisory-committee>