

Challenges of vertexing in HL-LHC

Algorithm research using OpenDataDetector

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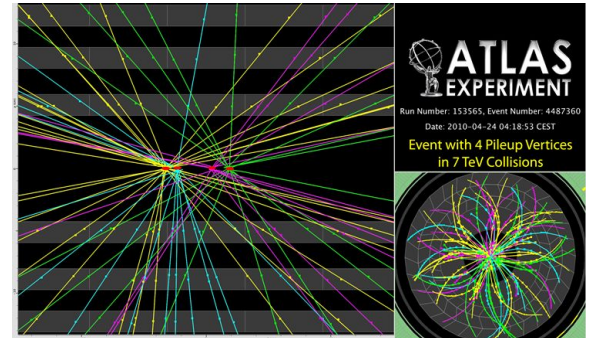
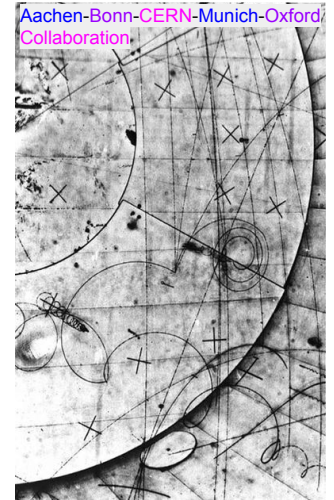


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Vertexing and the HL-LHC

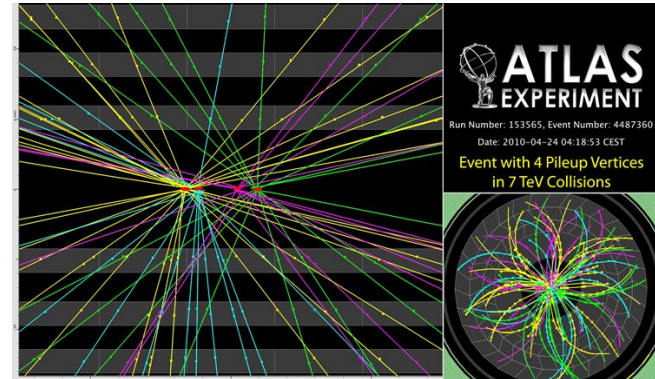
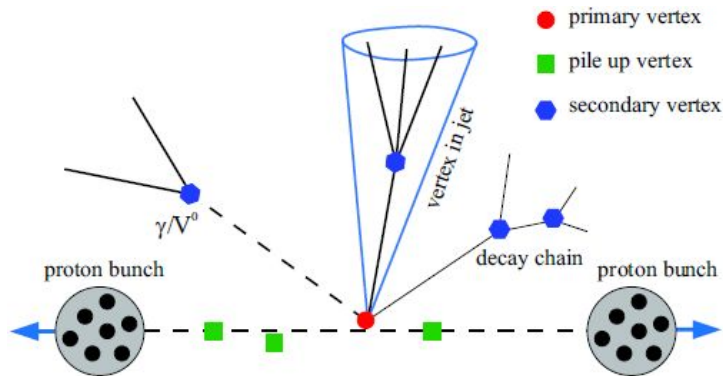
- Vertexing: Reconstructing particle interaction or decay points.
 - Crucial for identifying primary and secondary vertices.
 - Essential for flavor tagging (b/c quarks) and LLP searches.
- HL-LHC: Significant luminosity increase for precision studies.
 - Increased luminosity = increased challenges for vertexing.
 - Dramatic rise in pile-up (140-200 collisions/bunch crossing).

Parameter	LHC (Typical Run)	HL-LHC (Expected)
Peak Instantaneous Luminosity	$\sim 1.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	$5\text{-}7.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
Integrated Luminosity/Year	$\sim 45 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$250\text{-}350 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
Total Integrated Luminosity Goal	$\sim 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$3000\text{-}4000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
Average Pile-Up	20-70	$\sim 140\text{-}200$



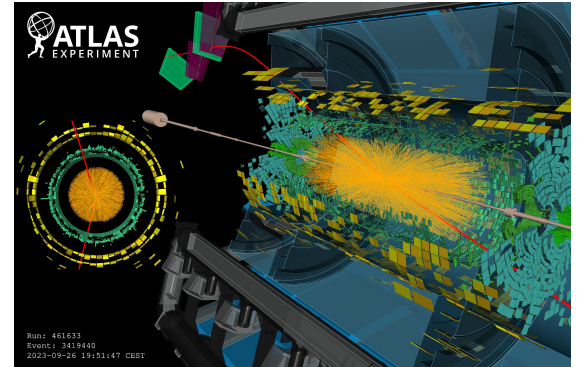
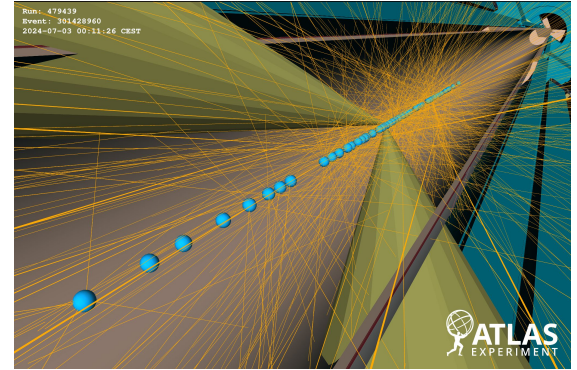
Primary vs. Secondary Vertex Reconstruction

- Primary vertex: Initial proton-proton interaction.
- Secondary vertex: Decay of unstable particles (e.g. bottom/charm hadrons).
- Traditional two-stage process: vertex finding and vertex fitting.
- Importance of correct association of tracks to the correct vertex.



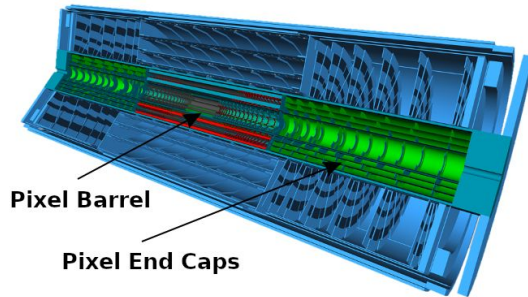
Vertexing in high luminosity environment

- The primary challenge: Pile-Up
 - Increased vertex density along the beamline.
 - Distinguishing hard scatter vertex from pile-up.
 - Track-vertex association becomes highly complex.
 - Merged and split vertex errors.
- Impact of Increased Track Density
 - Makes any kind of pattern recognition challenging.
 - Increased combinatorial complexity of vertex finding.
 - Potential for ghost tracks and fake vertices.

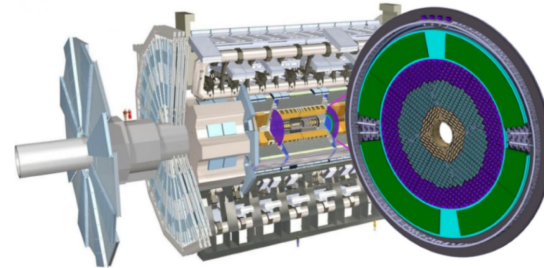


Maintaining and enhancing vertexing precision

- Importance of impact parameter and spatial resolution.
 - **ATLAS Inner Tracker (ITk)**: increased granularity.
- Leveraging time information (4D-vertexing).
 - ATLAS HGTD and CMS MTD: precise timing information.



ATLAS ITk

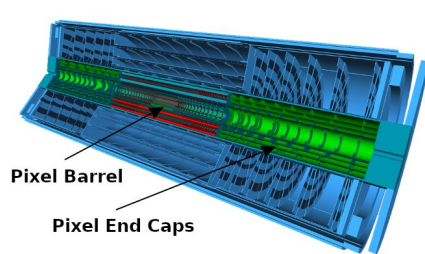


ATLAS HGTD

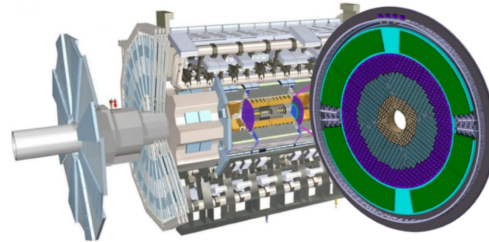
We will have a tour of ITk Pixel lab this afternoon.

Upgrading detectors for HL-LHC

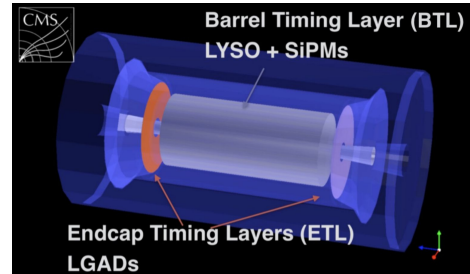
Detector Name	Experiment	Key Technology	Primary Benefit for Vertexing	Expected Performance
Inner Tracker (ITk)	ATLAS	All-Silicon (Strips/Pixels)	Increased granularity, improved spatial resolution	Spatial Resolution: $\sim 10\text{-}15\ \mu\text{m}$
HGTD	ATLAS	Low Gain Avalanche Detectors (LGADs)	Precise timing for charged particles in forward region	Timing Resolution: 30-50 ps
MTD	CMS	Scintillators (Barrel), LGADs (Endcaps)	Precise timing for Minimum Ionizing Particles (MIPs)	Timing Resolution: $\sim 30\ \text{ps}$
VELO Upgrade	LHCb	Hybrid Pixel Detector	Enhanced rate and timing capabilities for primary vertexing	Improved Efficiency & Precision



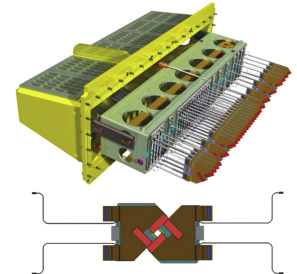
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ATLAS HGTD



CMS MTD



LHCb VELO

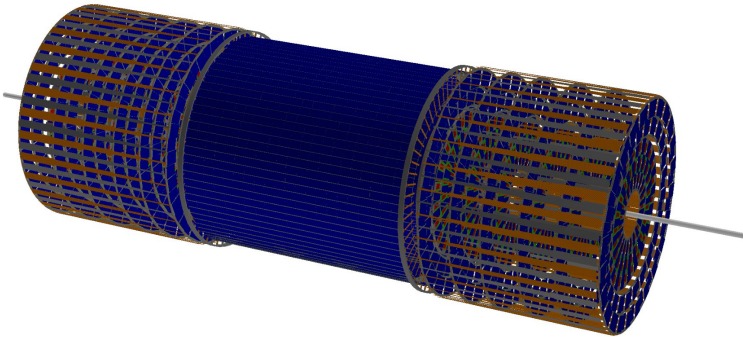
ACTS: A Common Tracking Software

- Evolved from *ATLAS Common Tracking Software*
- Key Features:
 - Flexible tracking geometry description.
 - Simple and efficient event data model.
 - Algorithms for seed finding, track propagation, track fitting and vertexing.
- Designed in modern C++ (C++17/20): emphasis on parallel execution.
- Existing primary vertexing algorithms in ACTS:
 - Iterative Vertex Finder (IVF)
 - Adaptive Multi-Vertex Finder (AMVF)

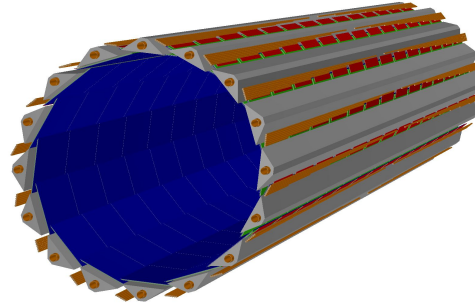


ODD: Open Data Detector

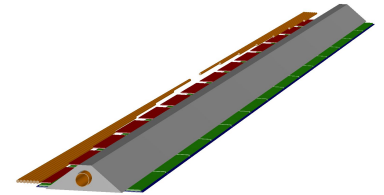
- Provides a template for an HL-LHC-style detector.
- Designed for algorithm research and development.
- Based on the detector used in the [TrackML](#) challenge.
- Inspired by the ATLAS Inner Tracker (ITk) upgrade.



The full Open Data Detector



Innermost layer ($r = 36$ mm)



A single stave

Synergy between ACTS and ODD

- ODD can be integrated as a third-party component within ACTS.
- Many ACTS example applications use ODD as the default geometry.
- ODD serves as a crucial platform for testing and benchmarking ACTS track and vertex reconstruction algorithms.
- ACTS provides a full reconstruction chain example utilizing the ODD.
- IRIS-HEP members actively contribute to ACTS development and often use ODD for testing.

Synthetic dataset for TrackOpt vertexing project

- We are using ODD to prepare our datasets for vertexing research.
 - Primary computational resource: [OMNI cluster of Universität Siegen](#).
 - Located in Adolf-Reichwein (AR) campus, operated by ZIMT.
 - Total 439 HPC nodes, each with 64 cores and 256 GB of RAM.
 - Peak performance is ~1044 TFlops.
 - Storage capacity ~500 TB.
 - Other possible resources:
 - SIMPLE cluster at the HEP department can be a fallback solution.
 - Limited computational power, but also limited load (number of users).
 - Cloud resources
 - Google Cloud Platform provides up to \$5000 [research credit](#) for one year.

Preparation of synthetic dataset: the setup

- Inside the ACTS toolkit, the $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ process is **generated** using Pythia 8.
- Full Geant4 **simulation** of the OpenDataDetector geometry.
- The value of pile-up is chosen to be 200.
- Built-in track and vertex **reconstruction** is performed after simulation.
- Each event takes around ~ 5 minutes, for **gen+sim+reco**.
 - Geant4 can utilize only one core at a time, memory consumption ~ 12 GB.

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Preparation of synthetic dataset: the challenges

- Each HPC node on OMNI cluster has 64 cores and 256 GB memory.
 - That's just 4 GB per core. So, we cannot use all the cores in a node simultaneously.
- CVMFS access is suboptimal as compared to CERN-managed lxplus.
 - Slow access and often crashes during too many concurrent accesses.
 - Working with ZIMT to mitigate this.
- OMNI cluster offers *unlimited* storage as “workspace”.
 - But it's time-limited (max 90 days), and non-sharable.
- Simulation of hadronic interaction is turned off by default in ODD.
 - Need to figure out how to enable it.

Summary and outlook

- Vertexing is one of the most challenging problems for the future experiments in particle Physics, and can be formulated as a clustering problem.
- ACTS/ODD provides a great means of generating synthetic dataset, useful for algorithm research and developments.
- Immediate next steps:
 - Generating a synthetic dataset of sufficient statistics (at least 100k events).
 - Building the preprocessing pipeline to stitch together separate ROOT files.
 - Deciding the interface to the TrackOpt software.

Backup

Performance Metric	Primary Vertices	Secondary Vertices
Spatial Resolution (x, y)	< 15 μm	< 20 μm
Spatial Resolution (z)	< 50 μm	< 75 μm
Reconstruction Efficiency	> 98%	> 90%
Pile-Up Rejection Rate	> 95%	N/A