



LHCb upgrade II primary vertex reconstruction

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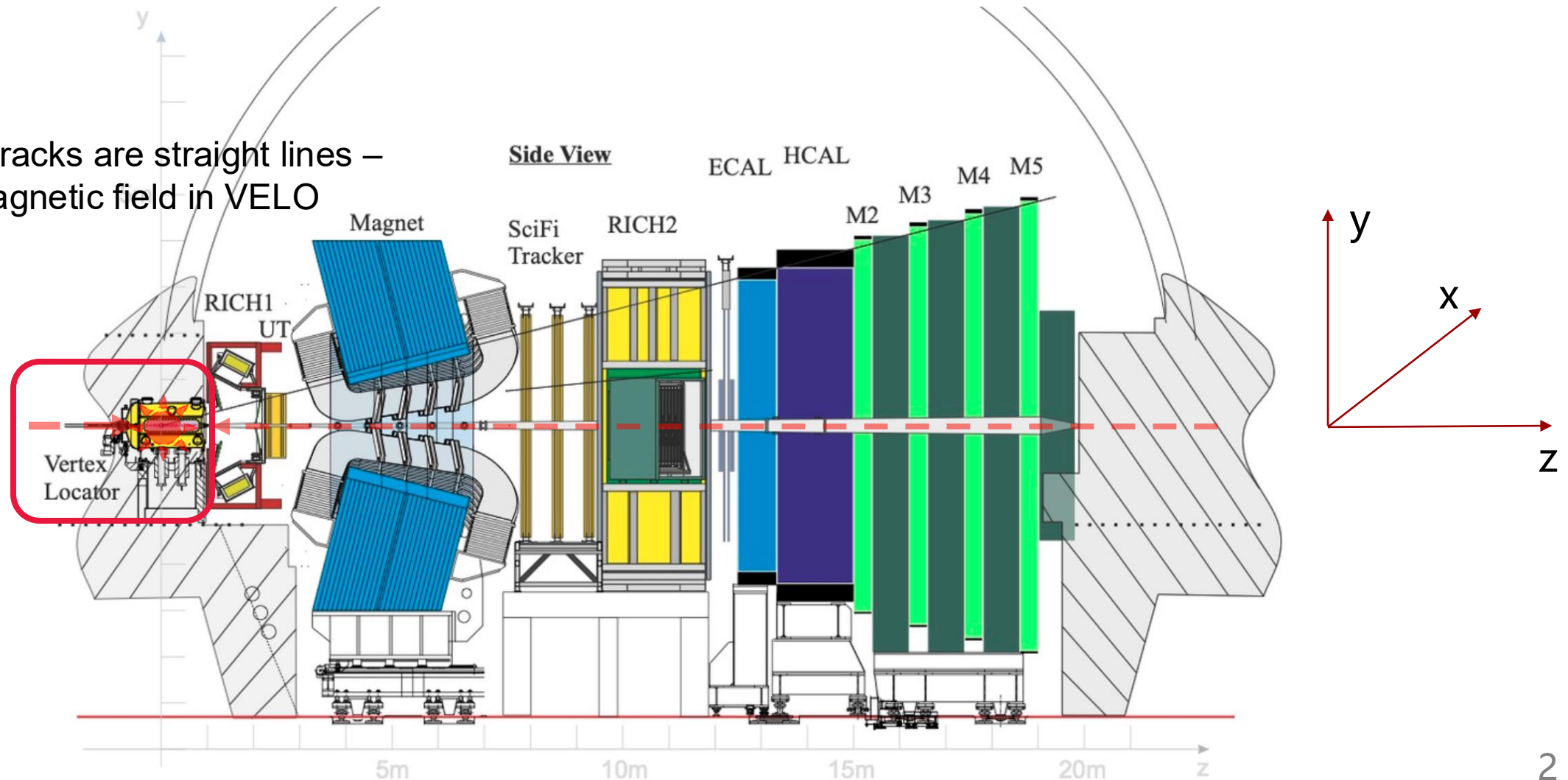
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LHCb detector

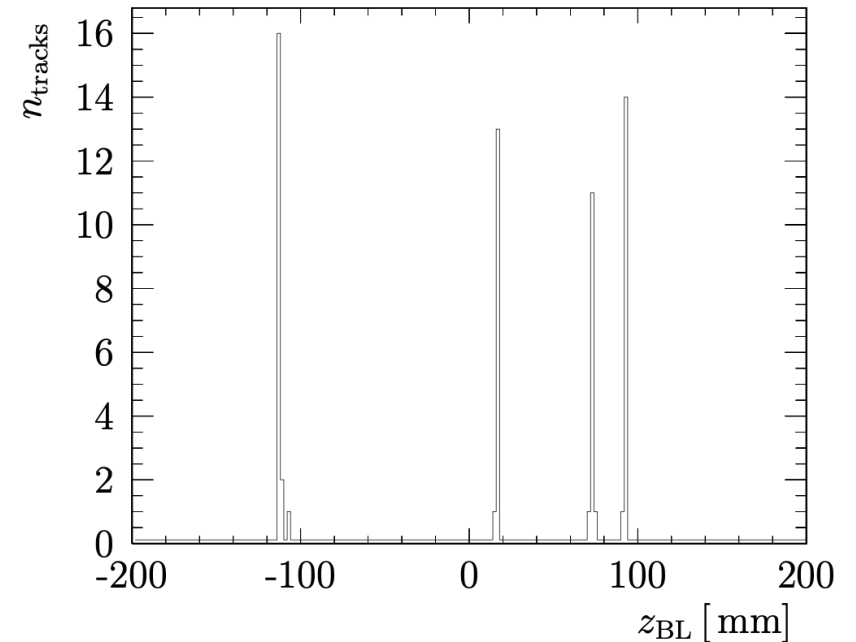
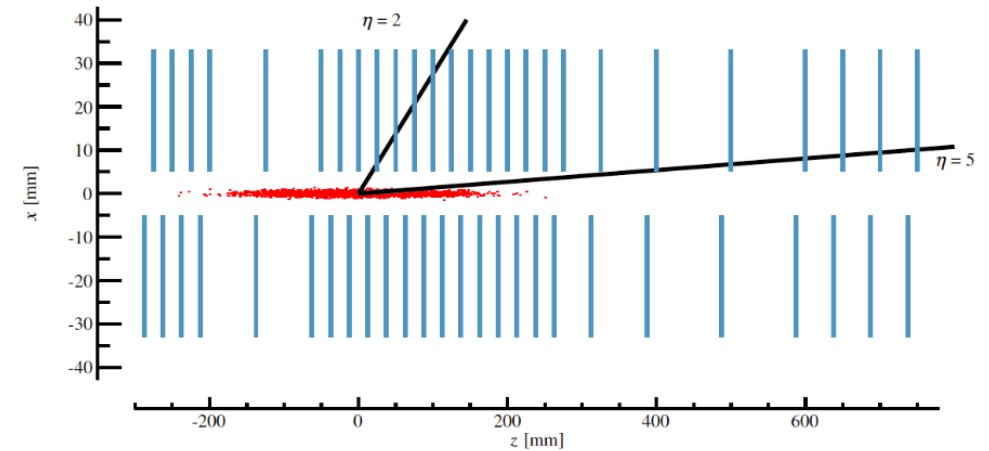
- A single-arm forward spectrometer covering $2 < \eta < 5$

Velo tracks are straight lines –
no magnetic field in VELO



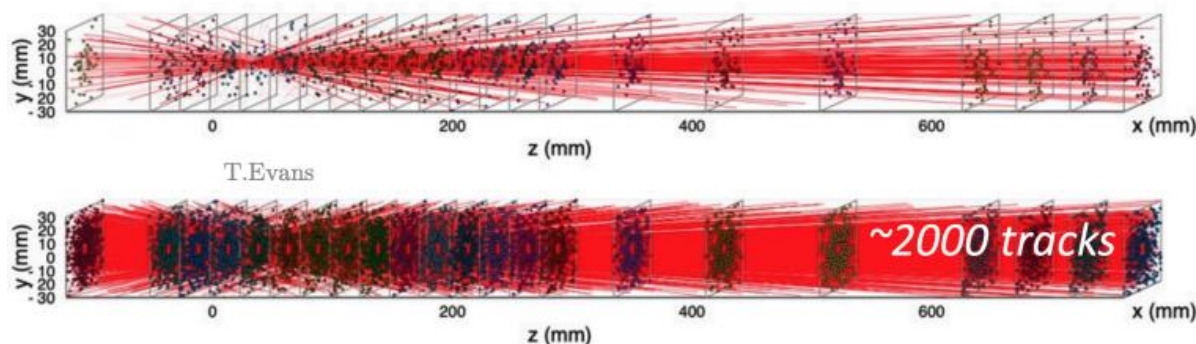
Current PV reconstruction algorithm

- Fast GPU-based algorithm implemented in **Allen**, the LHCb High-Level Trigger 1 framework
- Basic idea:
 1. Extrapolate tracks to the position of closest approach (POCA) to the known beamline
 2. Fill a histogram of POCA z-axis
 3. Identify peaks in the histogram as PV seeds.
 4. Associate tracks to each seed
 5. Perform a weighted PV fit



Challenges in LHCb Upgrade II

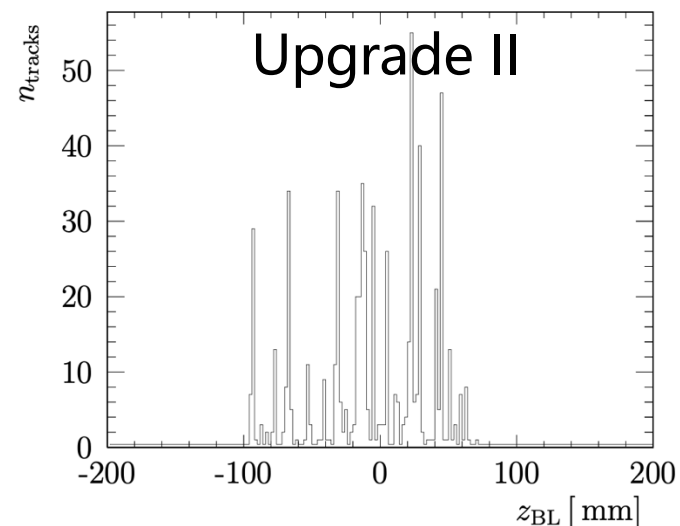
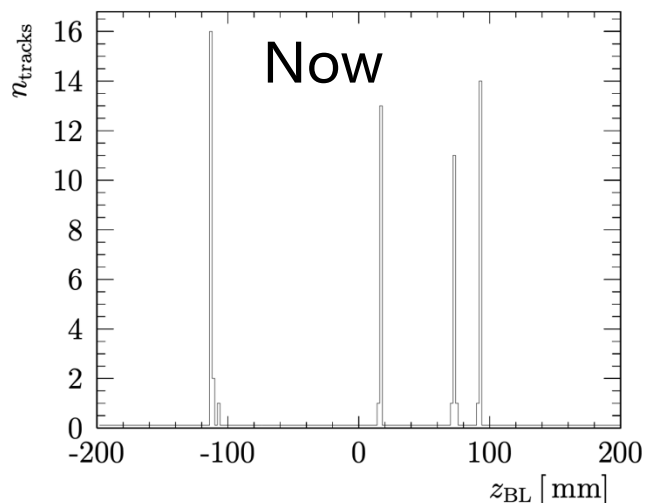
- Operating at an instantaneous luminosity of $\mathcal{O}(10^{34}) \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$; $\sim 7.5 \times$ larger
 - Much larger number of tracks and primary vertex (PV)



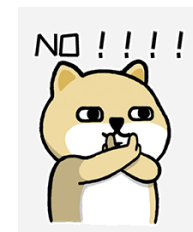
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Upgrade II

- What if we use current algorithm

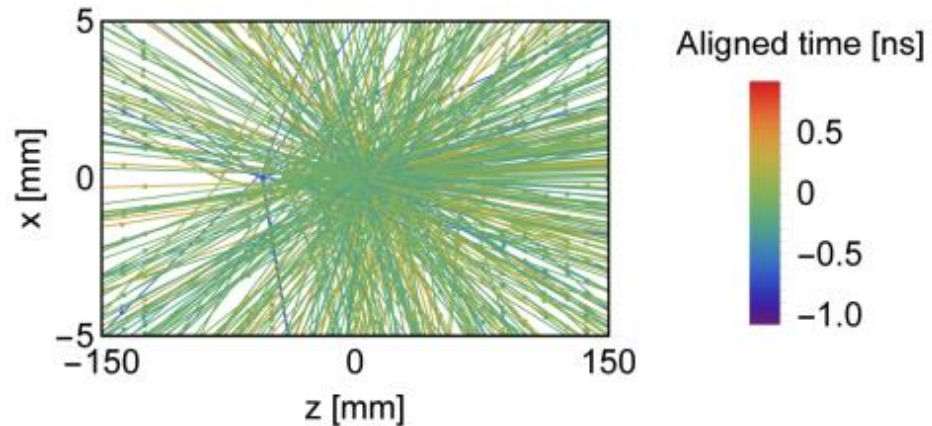


Too much overlap

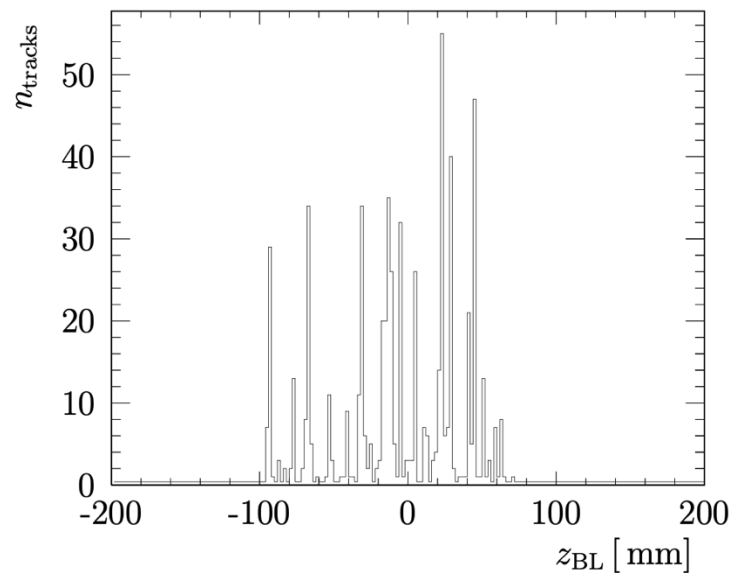
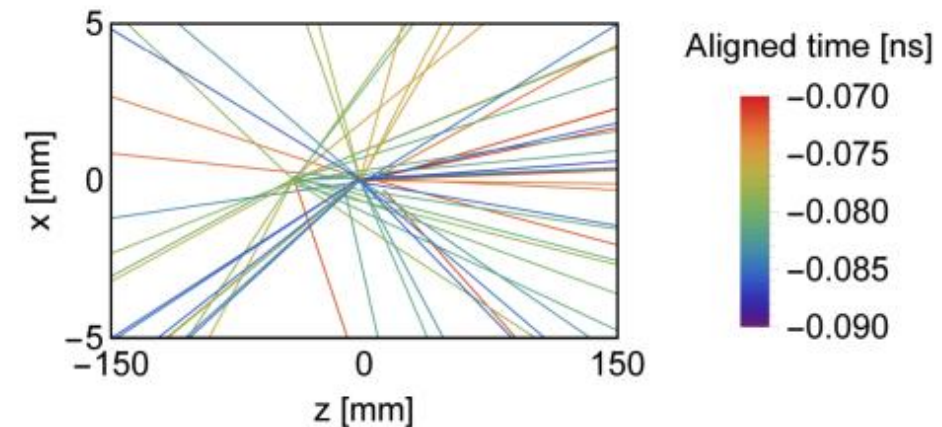


Time information needed

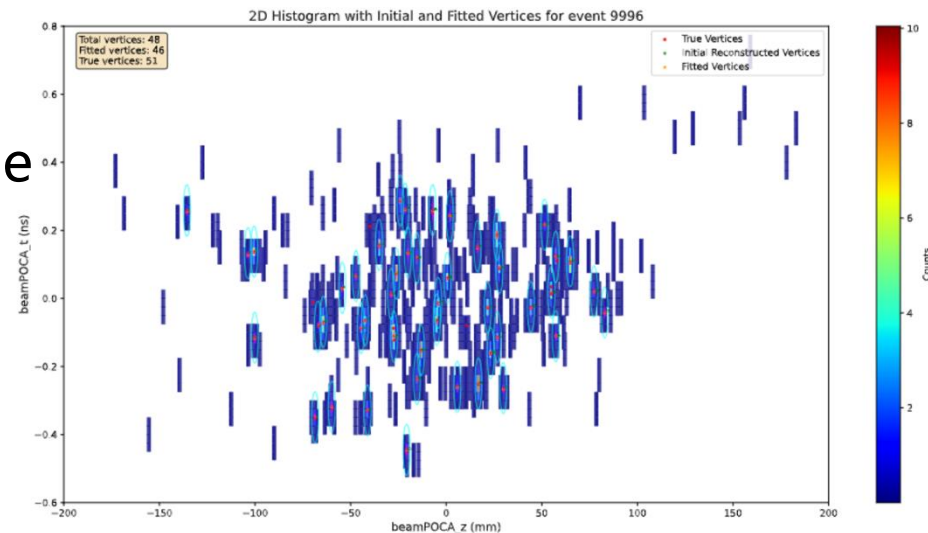
Within 2 ns window



Within 2 ps window



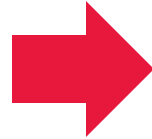
Time



Default option

- Add time dimension to current algorithm

1. Extrapolate tracks to the position of closet approach (POCA) to the known beamline
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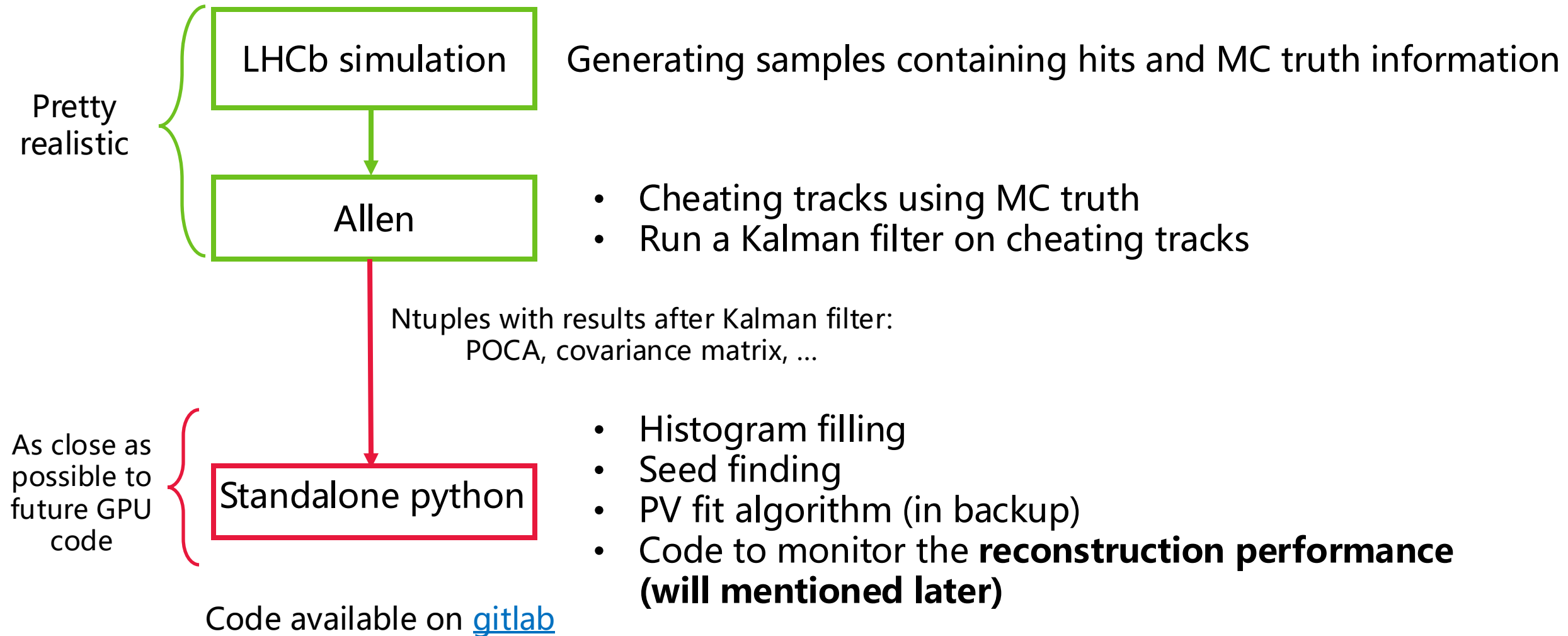


1. Extrapolate tracks to the position of closet approach (POCA) to the known beamline
2. Fill a **2D** histogram of POCA **z-axis and t-axis**
3. Identify peaks in the histogram as PV seeds.
4. Associate tracks to each seed
5. Perform a weighted PV fit, **adding time to χ^2**

Preparations

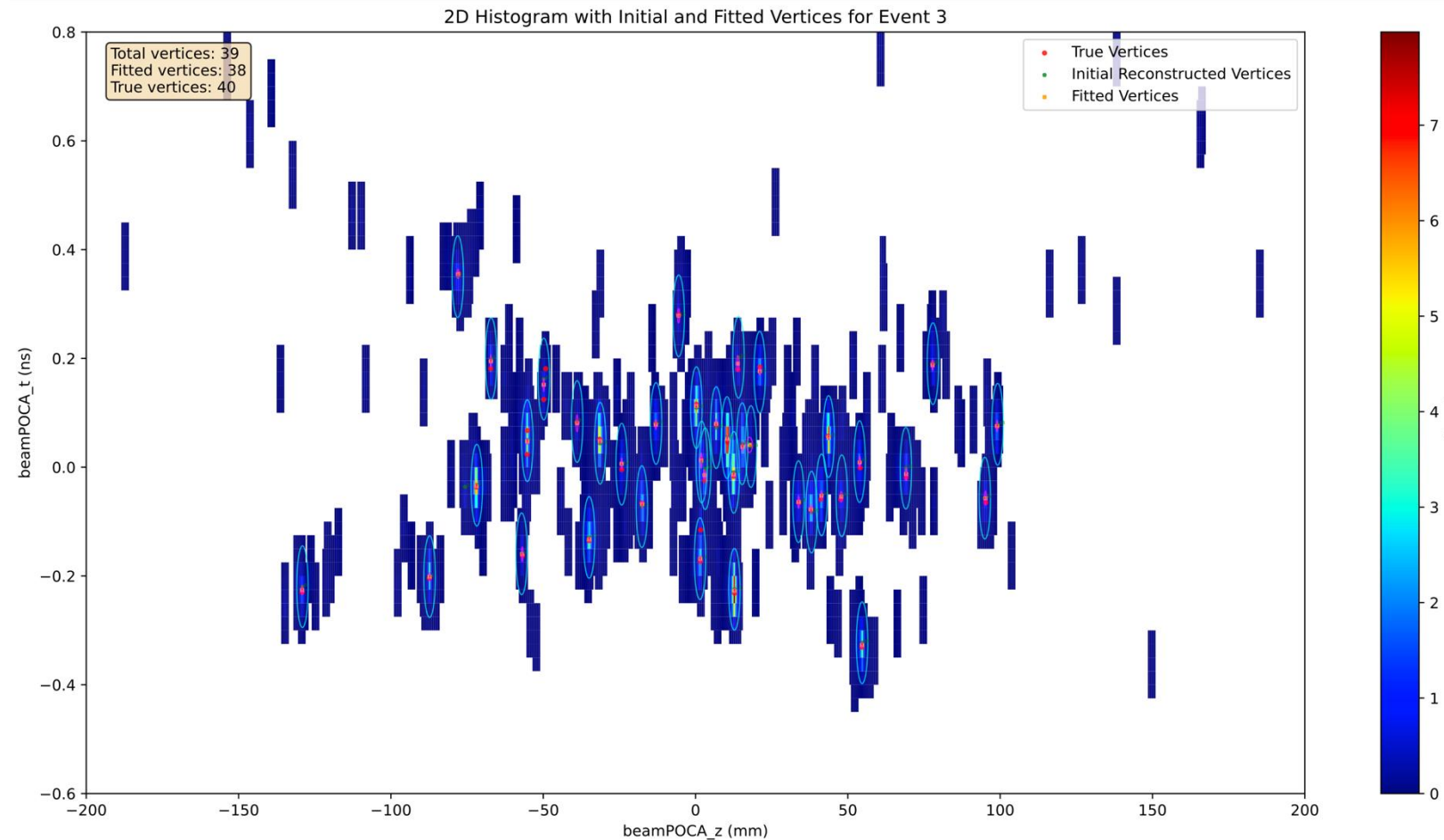
- Simulation samples produced with Gauss, the LHCb simulation framework (hit time resolution set to 50 ps)
- Transform the samples to the format that Allen (aforementioned HLT framework) needs
- Prepare **cheating tracks** using simulation truth information (velo tracking is under study by Justus)
- Run a simplified Kalman filter algorithm on the cheating tracks to obtain states at POCA to the beamline
- We implemented **a standalone python package** to study reconstruction performances under different setups
 - Use as reconstruction performance benchmark to future GPU implementations

Data flow



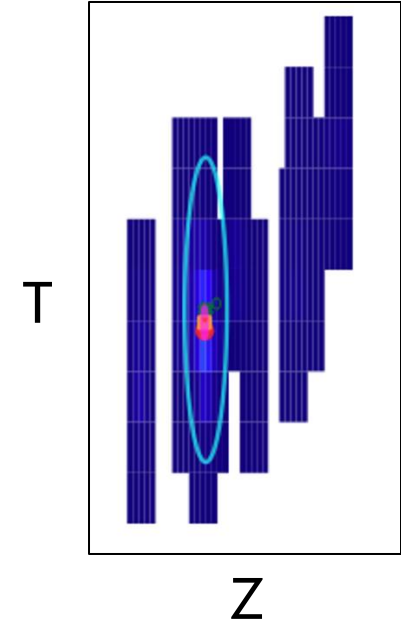
2D histogram visualization

- Apply a Gaussian smearing to the track contributions on the histogram
 - Uncertainties obtained from Kalman filter
- Consider only the contributions within a few bins around the maximum bin
- Apply a minimum number of tracks requirement
- Associate each track to the vertex seed with the smallest impact parameter (or IP significance)
- A minimum χ^2 PV fit on associated tracks



Performance study

- Definition of Rec-True PV matching, metrics are very sensitive to this definition
 - Use distance in Z-T plane, if true PV in an ellipse centered the fitted PV, matched



- Different metrics

- Efficiency = $\frac{\#PV_{matched}^{REC}}{\#PV_{reconstructible}^{true}}$

- Fake rate = $\frac{\#PV_{not\ match\ to\ any\ true}^{Rec}}{\#PV^{REC}}$

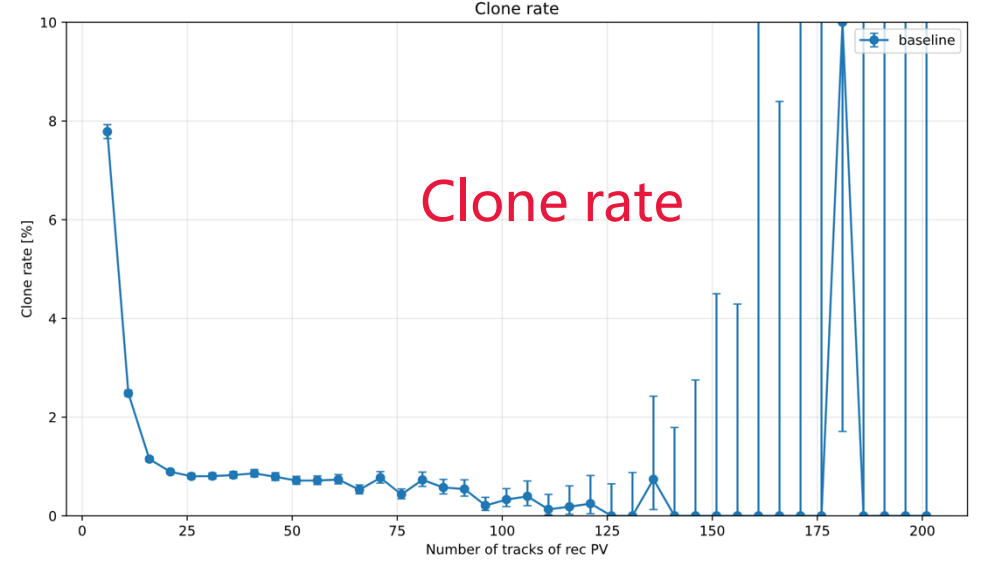
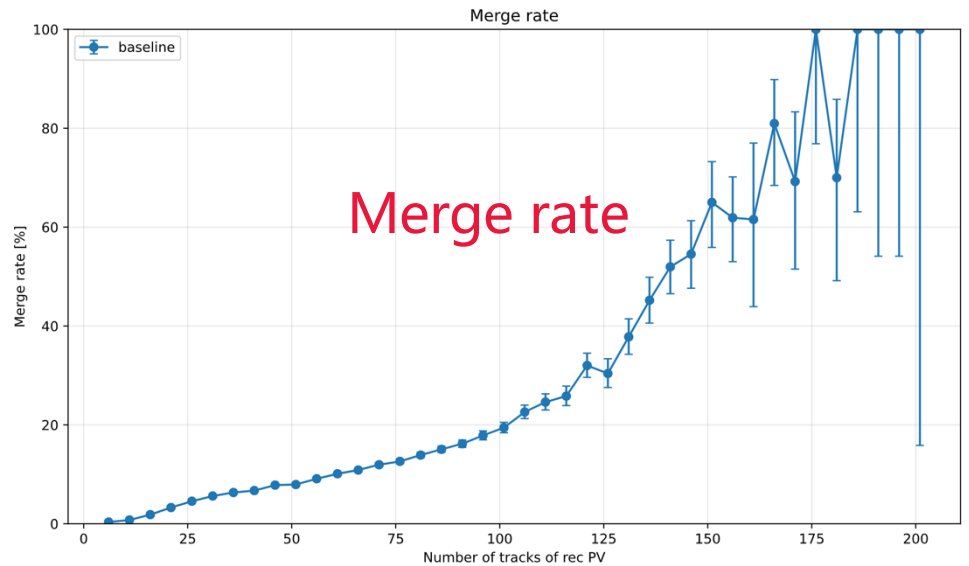
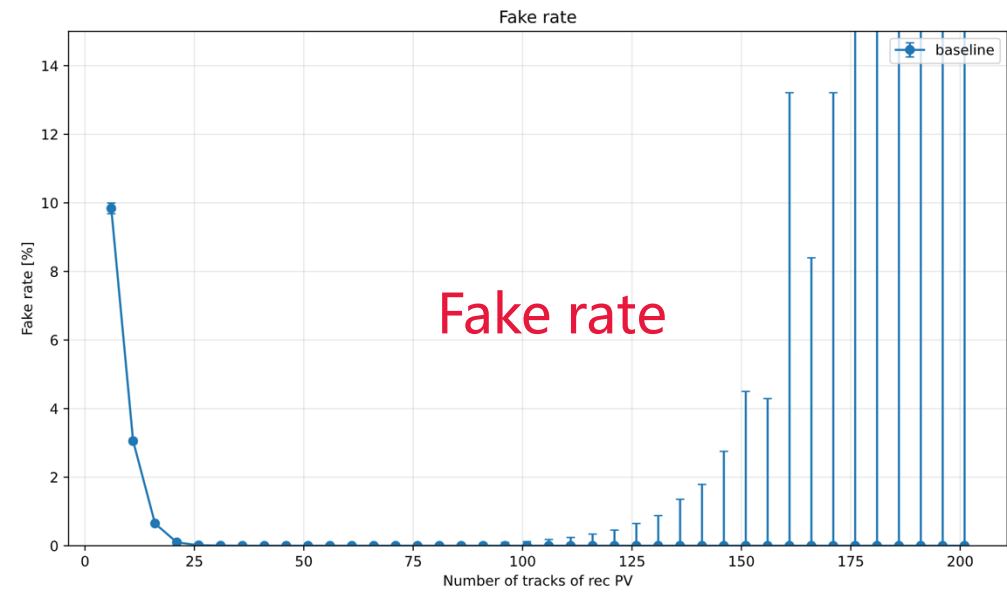
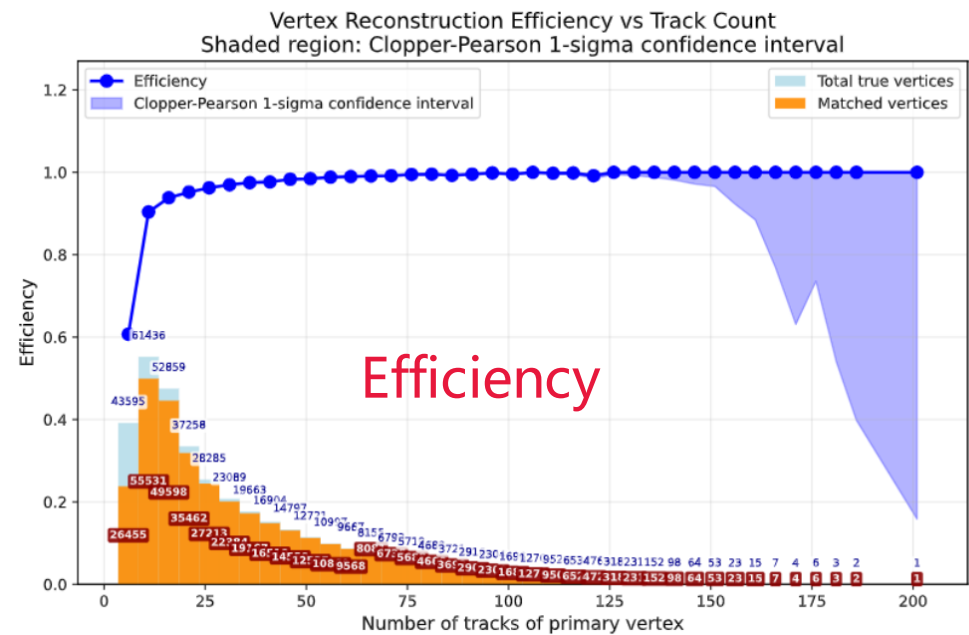
- Merge rate = $\frac{\#PV^{REC} \text{ (more than 2 true in the ellipse, but at least one not matched)}}{\#PV_{reconstructible}^{true}}$

Many Rec -> one True (closest one)

- Clone rate = $\frac{\#PV^{REC} \text{ (n matched to one true, count n-1)}}{\#PV^{REC}}$

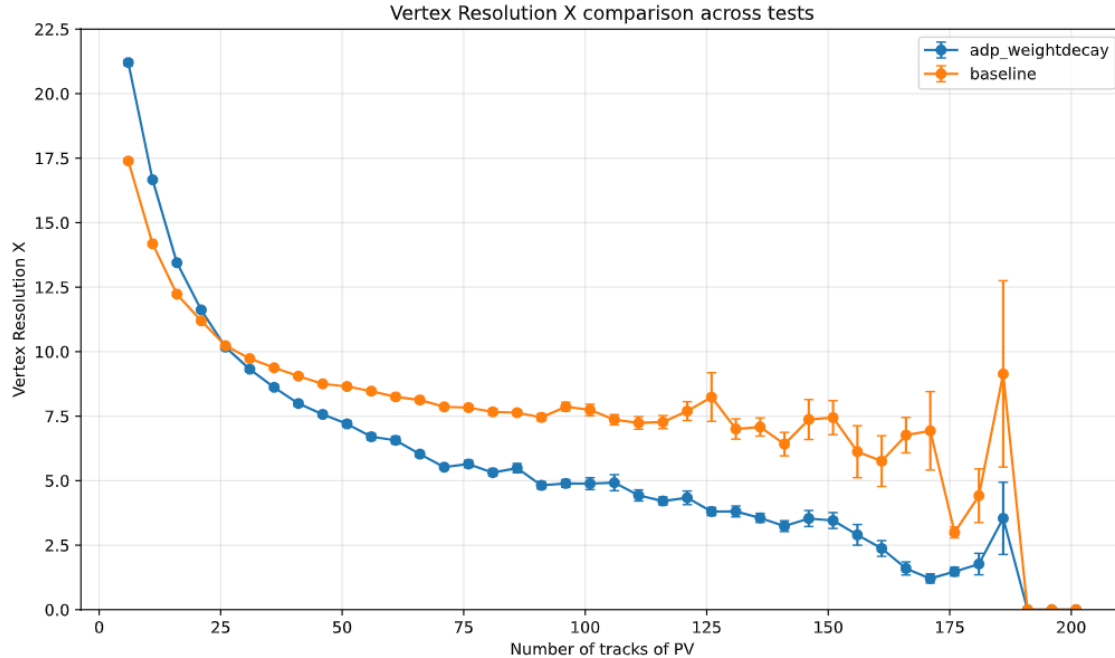
- Resolution in X, and Z

Metrics as function of number of tracks in vertex

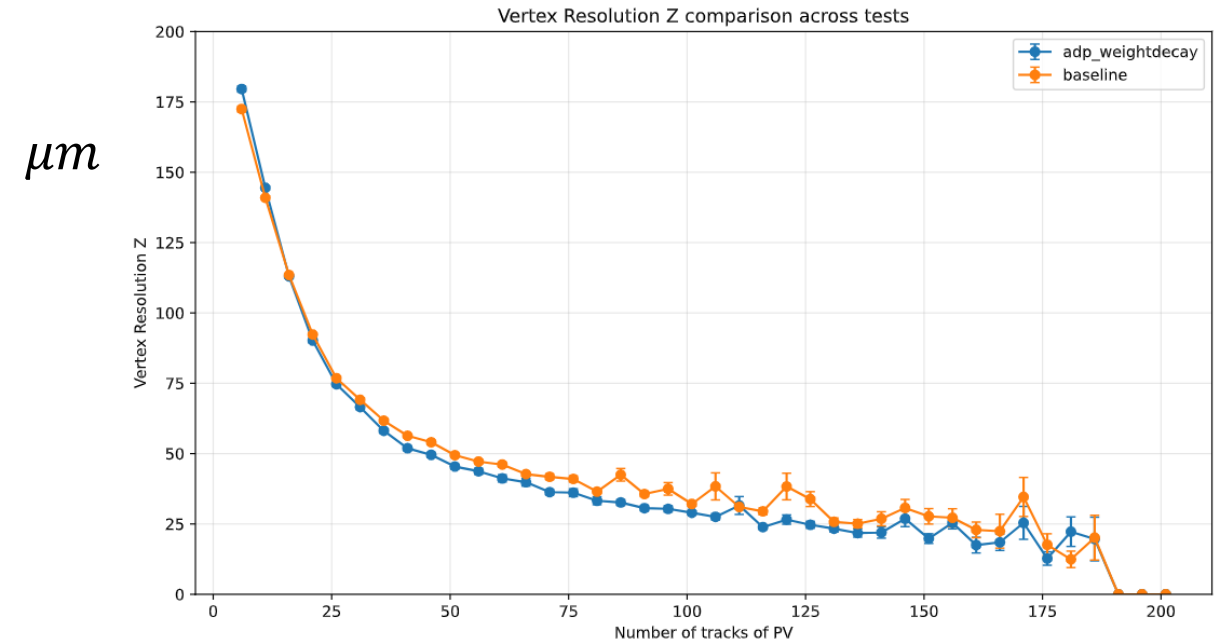


Resolution as function of number of tracks in vertex

X vertex resolution



Z vertex resolution



Orange: weight calculated once w.r.t seeds

Blue: weight update during iteration + weight decay

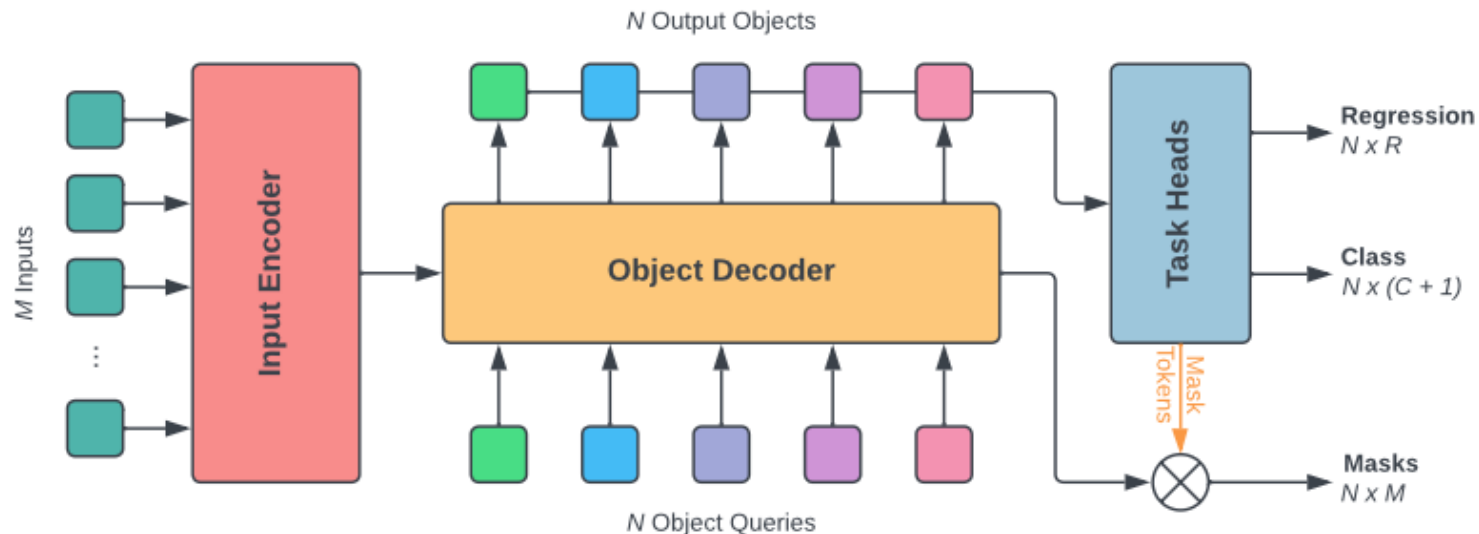
$$\chi^2 = \sum_{\text{tracks } i} w_i \chi_i^2$$

Plan

- Use a different matching definition, rather than the distance
 - Base on purity ($\frac{\# \text{ tracks from a true PV}}{\# \text{ tracks in REC PV}}$) and efficiency/recall ($\frac{\# \text{ tracks enters a REC PV}}{\# \text{ tracks in a true PV}}$)
 - Might be better, not rely on the ellipse size
- Implement the GPU algorithm with time information

MaskFormer

- We are also trying ML methods, [hepatten](#) package based on MaskFormer used by NIKHEF ATLAS
- MaskFormer is the the current state of the art for image segmentation
 - Suitable for many to many problem
 - Output position regression, vertex classification, and track-PV association



MaskFormer (cont.)

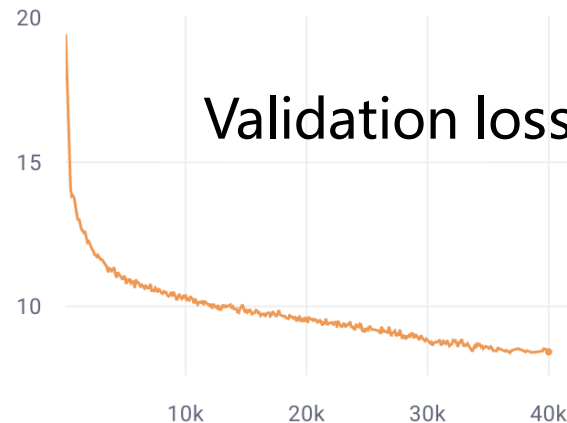
■ Status:

- Spend time on understanding how it works (code + paper)
- Successfully run on Stoomboot cluster
 - Developed a module to feed our data to the framework
 - For now, no meaningful result obtained
 - More efforts are need to get preliminary result

loss VS step



val/loss VS step



Summary

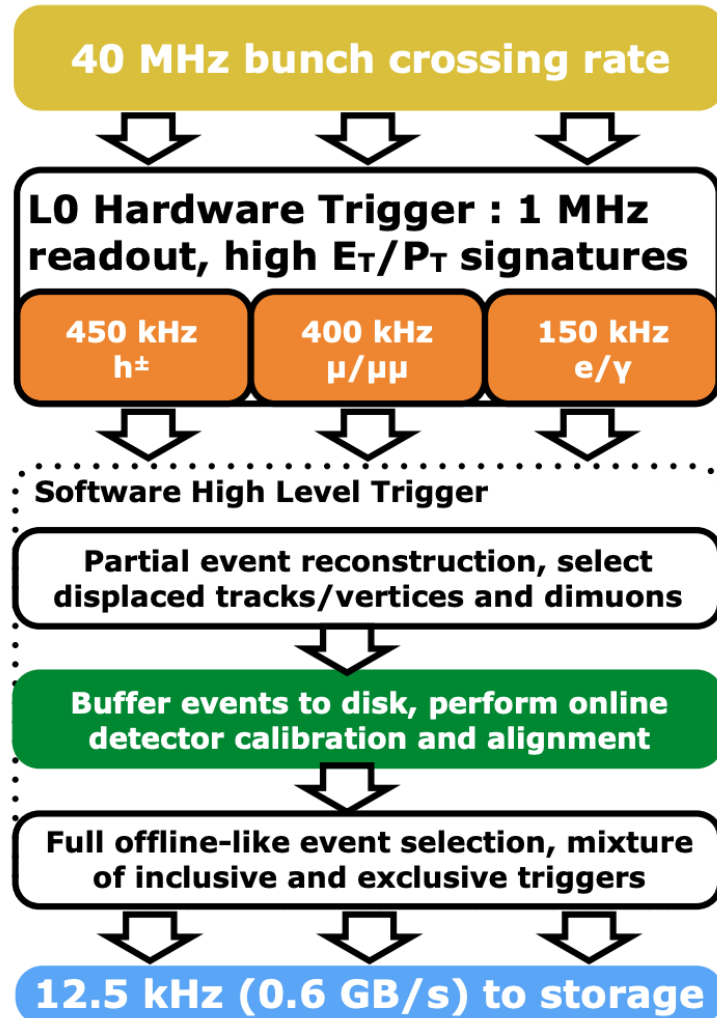
- Add time information to current LHCb PV algorithm
 - Fill 2D Z-T histogram, find peak, track-PV association, PV fit
- Obtained some performance results
- Need to implement the GPU algorithm
- We are trying to use MaskFormer

Thanks for your attention!

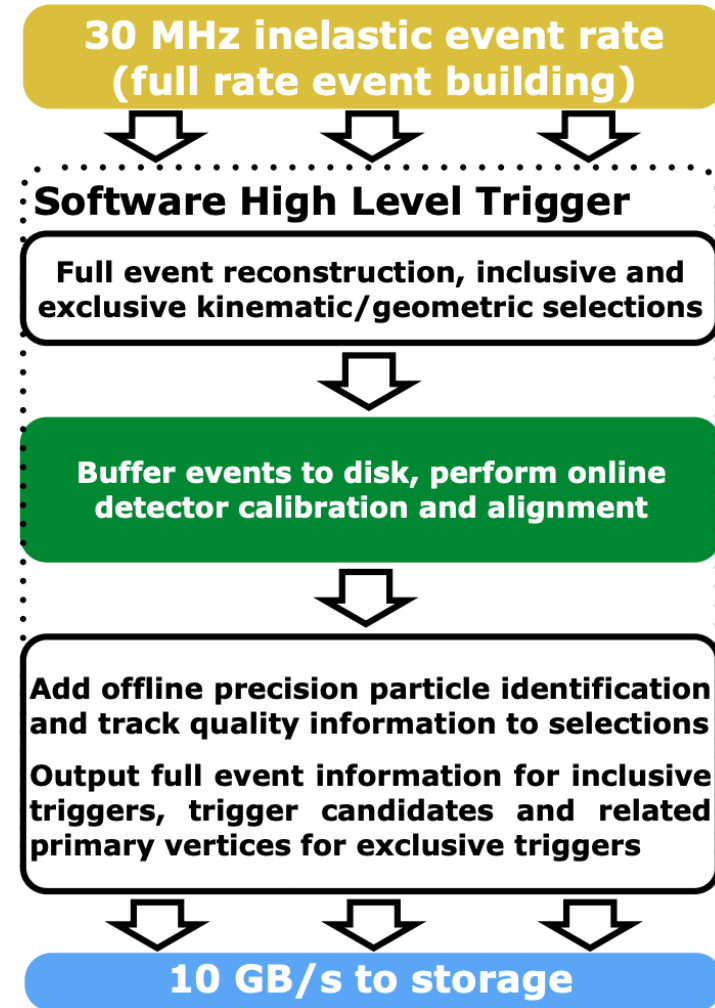
Backup

LHCb trigger upgrade

LHCb Run 2 Trigger Diagram



LHCb Upgrade Trigger Diagram



Details of the Vertex Fitter

- The vertex fit chi2

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{\text{tracks } i} w_i \chi_i^2$$

Each track

$$\chi_i^2 = r_i^T V_i^{-1} r_i \quad V_i: \text{covariance matrix at POCA state}$$

$$= \frac{r_x^2}{V(xx)} + \frac{r_y^2}{V(yy)} + \frac{r_t^2}{V(tt)}$$

- Residual

$$r_i = m_i - h_i(\vec{x}_{\text{vtx}}, \vec{p}_i)$$

$$r_i = \begin{pmatrix} x_{\text{trk } i} + (z_{\text{vtx}} - z_{\text{trk } i}) \cdot t_{x, \text{trk } i} - x_{\text{vtx}} \\ y_{\text{trk } i} + (z_{\text{vtx}} - z_{\text{trk } i}) \cdot t_{y, \text{trk } i} - y_{\text{vtx}} \\ t_{\text{trk } i} + (z_{\text{vtx}} - z_{\text{trk } i}) t_{b, \text{trk } i} - t_{\text{vtx}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$t_{b, \text{trk } i} = \text{backward} \frac{\sqrt{1+t_x^2+t_y^2}}{c}$$

Assuming all tracks at speed of light c

- Update fitted parameters using

$$\alpha_1 = \alpha_0 - \left(\frac{\partial^2 \chi^2}{\partial \alpha^2} \bigg|_{\alpha_0} \right)^{-1} \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial \alpha} \bigg|_{\alpha_0} \quad \text{where } \alpha = (x_{\text{vtx}}, y_{\text{vtx}}, z_{\text{vtx}}, t_{\text{vtx}})$$