

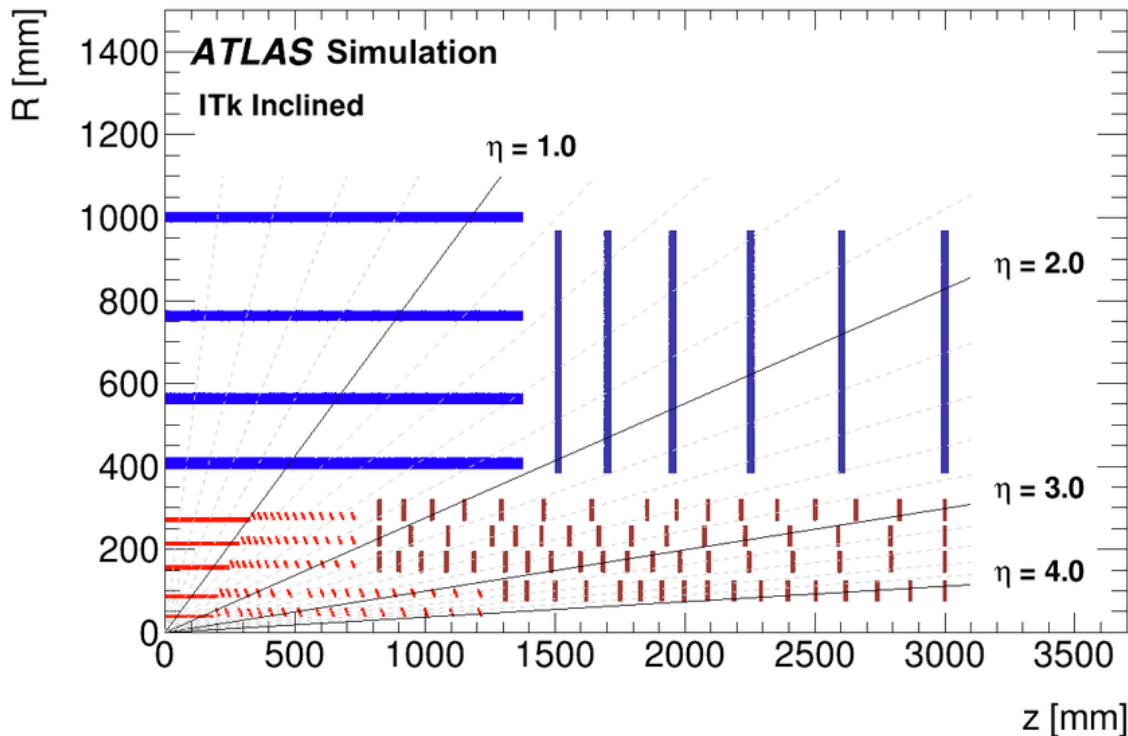
4D Tracking

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3 key ideas:



Improve track reconstruction:

Speed, efficiency, purity, and IP resolution

Improve physics reconstruction
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tagging (*track-to-vertex association*)

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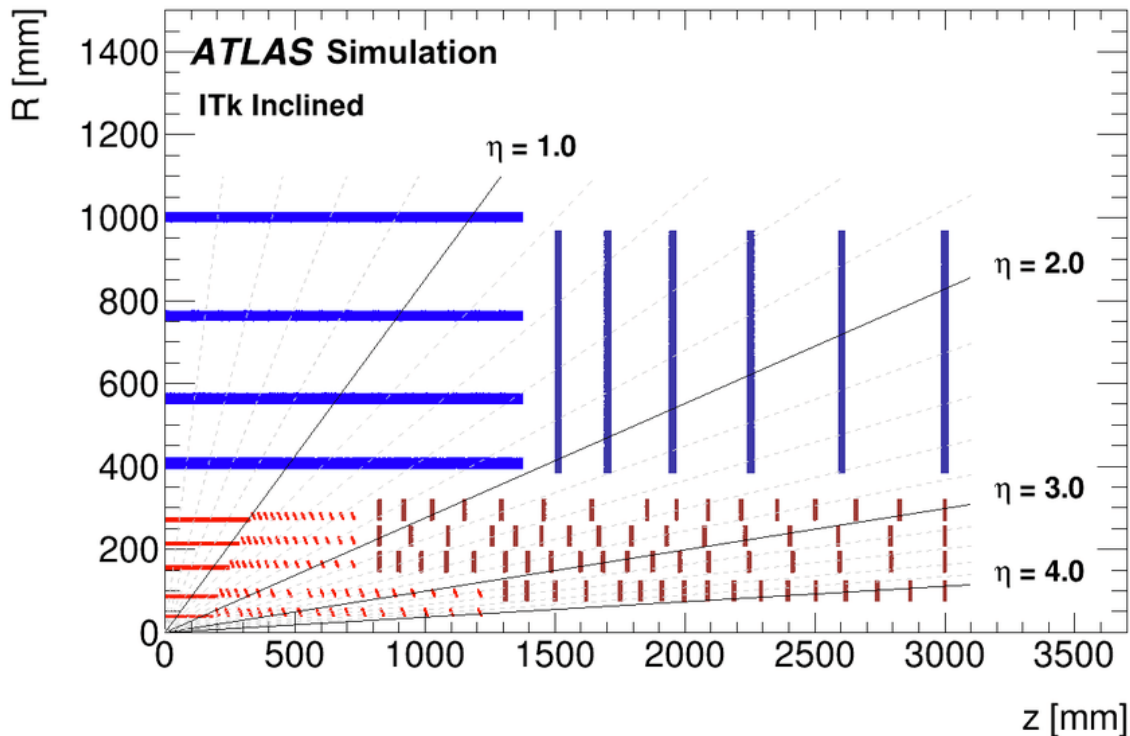
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Use pixel hit time in track pattern recognition:

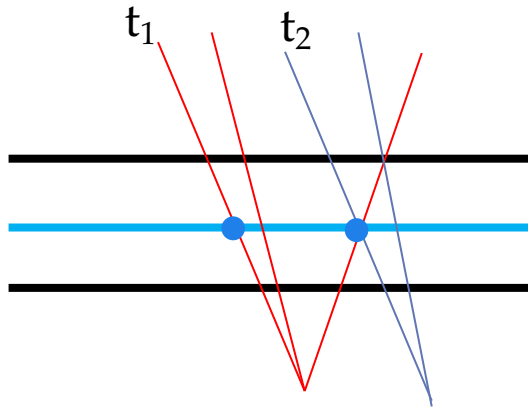
- Reduce combinatorics:
 - Improve efficiency and purity → IP resolution
- Speed up tracking reconstruction

4D Vertexing

This concept requires timing hits in multiple layers (at least 2)

What could one do if we only instrument one layer with timing information?

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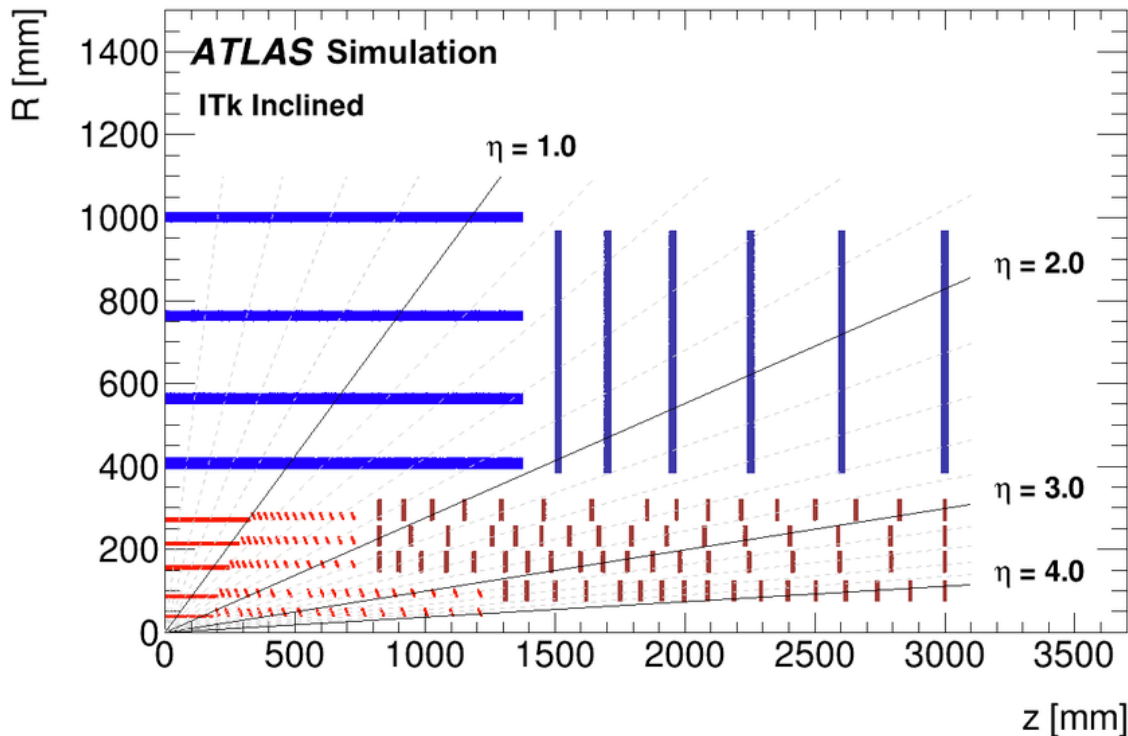
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1. Find 1 (high quality) track \rightarrow assign t_1
2. Find additional tracks with time compatibility \rightarrow refine average time
3. Select all hits with a 2-3 sigma window and find all tracks from a common vertex
4. Iterate

This proposal should be studied in simulation

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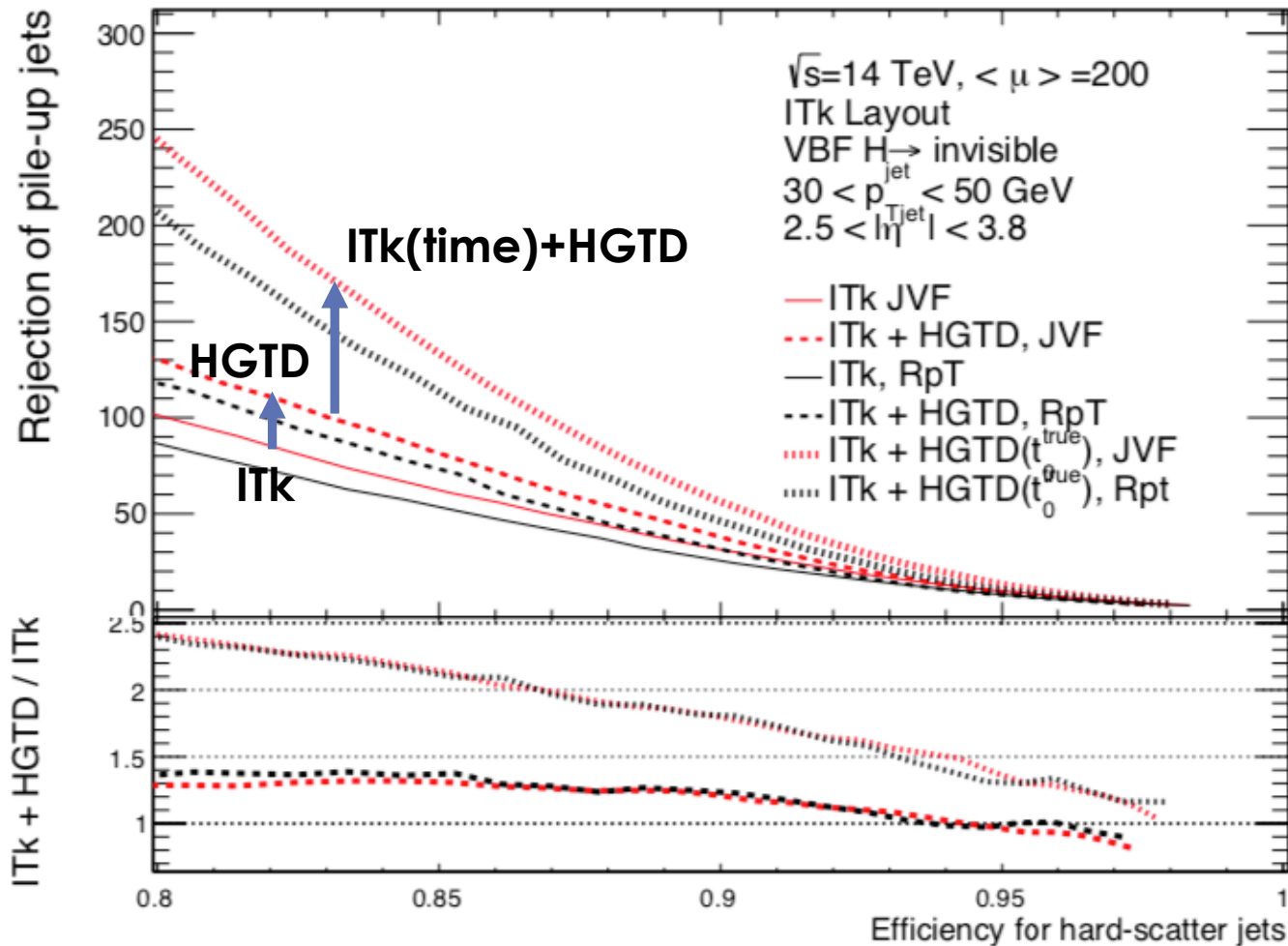
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- Track-to-vertex association requires to compare the track time to the (primary) vertex time
- Assuming pixel time resolution = 50ps, since primary vertices have >25 tracks → vertex t_0 resolution $\sim 50\text{ps}/5 < 10\text{ps}$
- **This will enable precise t_0 reconstruction to be combined with HGTD 30ps track resolution in the forward region**, but might not be optimal for b-tagging/particle-flow improvements
 - This could be studied using existing Monte Carlo samples, by assigning times to tracks with an uncertainty given by the pixel time resolution



Summary and next steps

- **Implement 30-50um pitch pixel sensors in ATLAS/ACTS simulation**
 - Study track performance (CPU time, efficiency, purity, IP resolution) as a function of number of layers with instrumented time pixels
 - Requires modifications to track seeding and Kalman Filter
 - Need also to consider and investigate material budget impact
- **b-tagging, jet energy resolution, and their impact on physics (di-Higgs?) can start in parallel using existing Run 4 Monte Carlo samples**
 - Assign track times based on various assumptions about time resolution