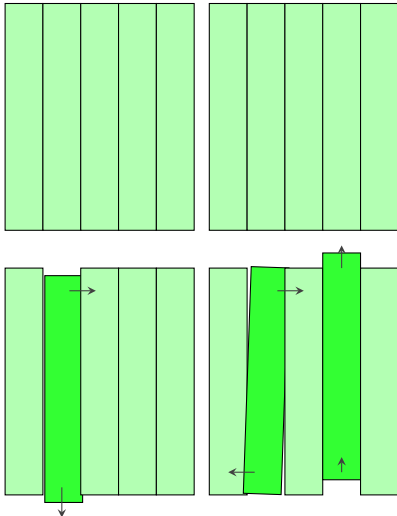

Performance of the SciFi Tracker alignment in 2024

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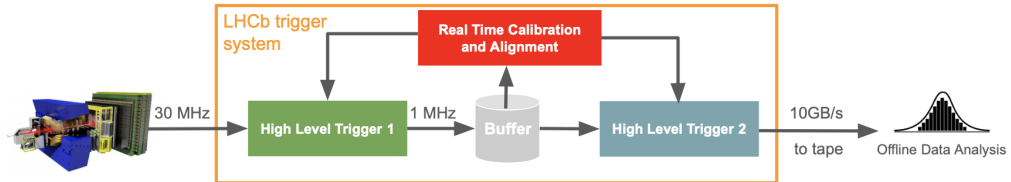
Why do we need detector alignment?



- Track reconstruction: detector position in reconstruction similar to real detector
- Top: ideal detector, bottom: physical detector
- Surveys: find the rotation and position of each detector component
- Surveyed measurements of detector: Input for alignment
- Alignment goal: achieve the best precision in the detector position

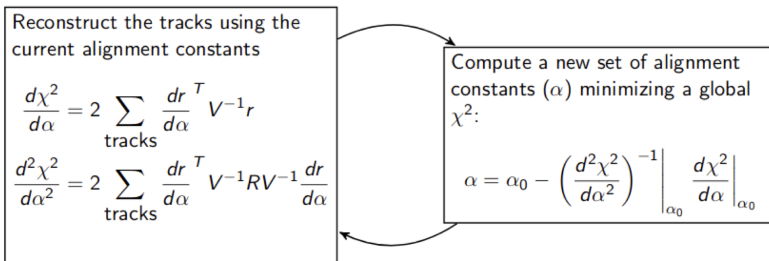
Importance of alignments

- Alignment is part of the LHCb trigger system
- Physics performance tied to alignment performance
- Good quality alignment contributes to:
 - → remove systematic biases for asymmetry measurements
 - Best possible mass resolution



Tracking alignment: track fit using Kalman filter

- Input sample: reconstructed tracks (HLT2)
- χ^2 minimization algorithm \rightarrow determine detector element position



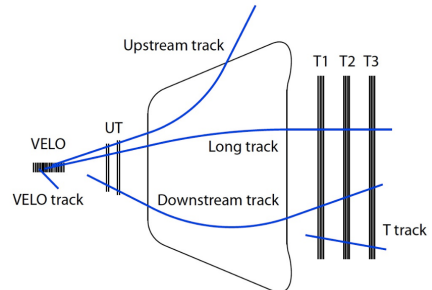
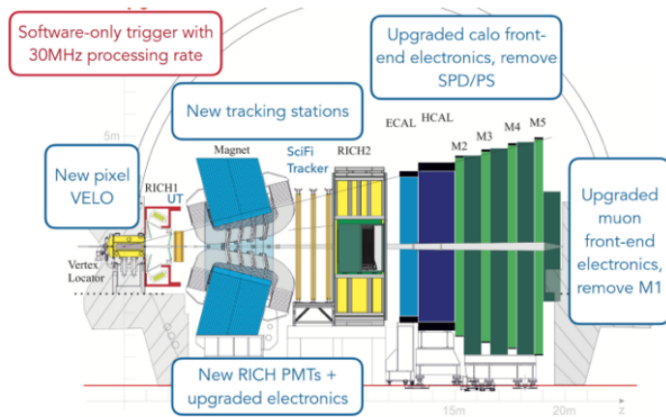
Iterate until the χ^2 -difference is below a threshold

r : tracks residuals, V : covariance matrix, R : residuals' covariance matrix

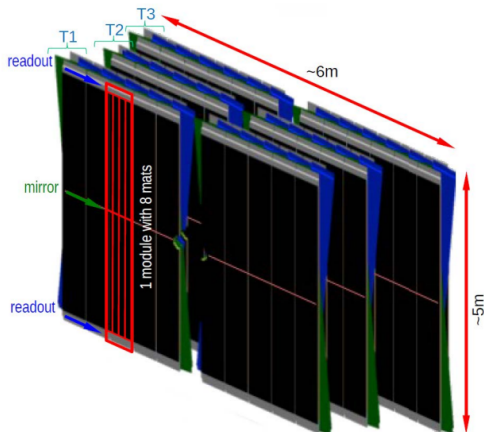
- Easily models material interactions as well as multiple scattering

The Run 3 LHCb detector

- Brand new detector to maintain physics performance at more radiation harsh environment
- UT was not present during 2022-23 data taking → focus on SciFi and VELO



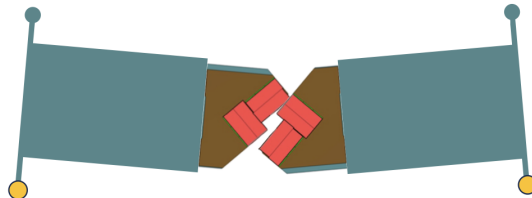
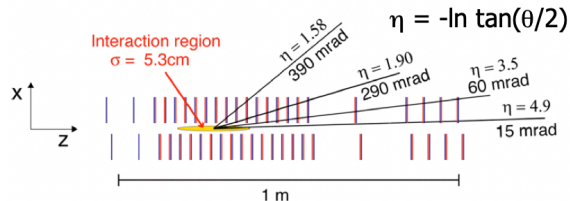
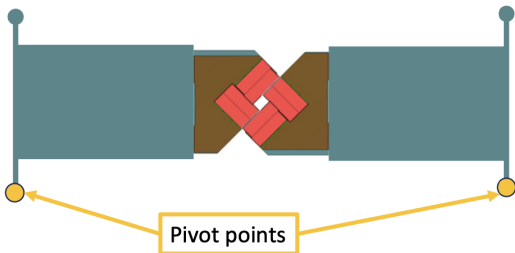
The Scintillating Fibre Tracker



- 5 modules per side except for back T-station has 6
- X1, X2-layers are vertical and only yield x-position information
- U, V layers have a $\mp 5^\circ$ stereo angle respectively
 - → Used for determining y-position of tracks by comparing hitposition at different angles

VELO geometry

- Rotation R_z leading to shifts in x and y
- Half alignment sensitive to x shift
- Global movement in y
 - Can not be corrected for by half alignment



Global alignment and motivation for precision studies

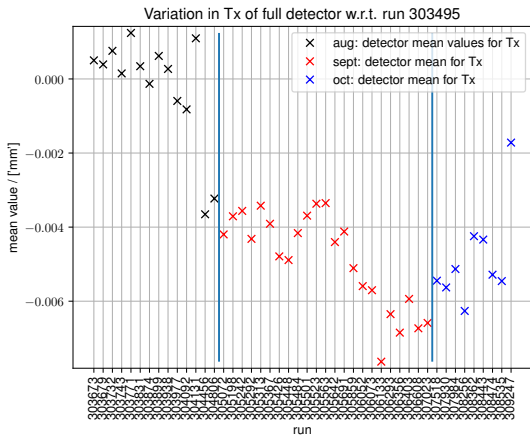
Global alignment

- Alignment of the VELO, SciFi and UT simultaneously
- Motivation for global alignment
 - Understanding the interplay between tracking systems
 - Rotations inside the VELO → weak modes inside SciFi (VELO twisting)

Precision studies

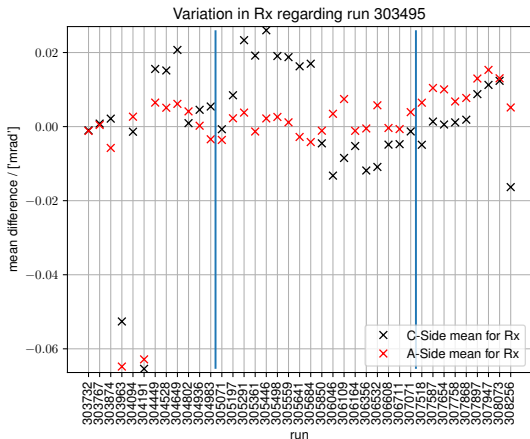
- Analyzing the precision of the SciFi tracker on 2024 data
 - Obtain precision by running over a set of runs throughout the year → automatic update threshold
 - Exceeding this threshold triggers an alignment update

Detectorposition in 2024



- Aligning SciFi CFrames in Tx and modules in Tx
- mean module constant for the whole SciFi w.r.t. reference run from 2024 alignment update
- distinct edges at points of interest (hardware, machine development)
- The movements may not always come from the SciFi → related to the VELO position

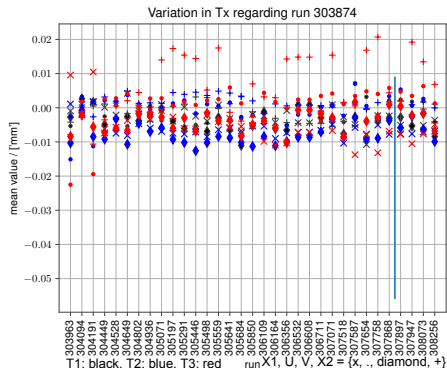
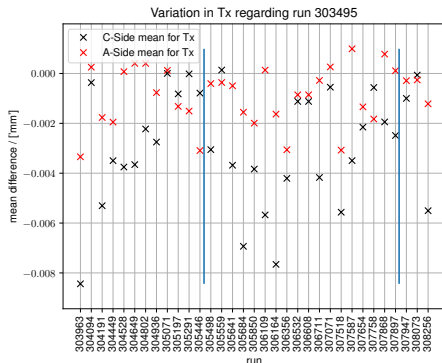
Detectorposition in 2024, halfmodules Rx alignment



- Rerunning the test with halfmodule alignment in Rx (here) as well as TxRz and CFrames in Tx
- Fluctuation is seen in the SciFi C side
 - VELO constants follow the same trend until "edges" seen in the constants → not the cause for this effect
 - Related to the alignment of the VELO halves

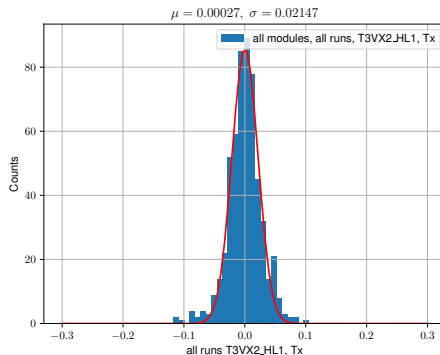
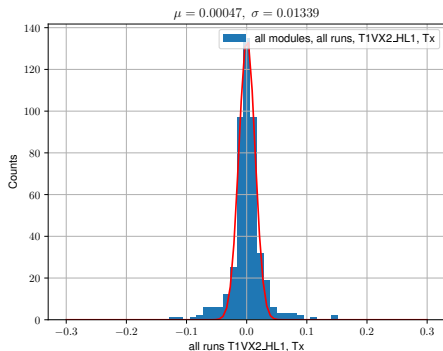
Detectorposition in 2024, halfmodules TxRz alignment

- Halfmodules aligned in TxRz and CFrames in Tx
- C-side objects move a little more w.r.t. to reference but still small → expected
- Per layer, movement looks consistent over all runs → expected



Detectorposition in 2024

- Width of the distribution is a wider in the last station → also seen on Monte Carlo
- Overall centered and width is comparable to MC values

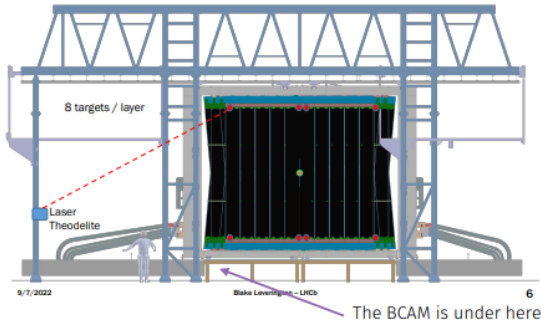


Summary

- The precision study for the 2024 data since the v21 alignment update looks consistent and shows expected behavior → data taken in 2024 is good!
- Better than the single hit resolution of the SciFi of 100 μm
- Comparison to Monte Carlo is consistent
- Still need to understand the difference seen between spread in SciFi stations
- **Thank you for your attention!**

The survey: what is it and the different types

- Measure distance of some points on the detector with a laser



- Layer survey: find corners of layers
- Module survey: reflective stickers, calculate module plane
- Compare survey to simulation

Alignables for the global alignment

