## From Monte Carlo to Reality - Experiences from ATLAS.

#### Experiences from 2010 and 2015



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# **The ATLAS Experiment**



General Purpose Detector at CERN LHC

- Covers very broad physics program
- 'Classical' collider experiment layout forward-backwards symmetric cylindrical detector
- Separated into barrel & two endcaps



# **ATLAS Inner Detector**

#### Innermost component of ATLAS detector

- Responsible for precision reconstruction of charged particle trajectories
- Primary/secondary vertexing
- Electron reconstruction (together with calo)
- Muon reconstruction (together with MS)
- B-tagging, Tau identification...

#### Comprises 3 different detector technologies

- High-granularity planar Silicon (Pixels)
- Silicon Microstrips (SCT)
- Gaseous Straw Tubes (Transition Radiation Tracker - TRT)





# ATLAS Timeline (up to end of Run 1)



#### **Unexpected changes to schedule...**



> Delays from LHC Machine schedule allowed extra time to prepare for data

Allowed ATLAS to be very well prepared when first collisions arrived!



#### **Development of Detector Material Description**



- Amount of material in ID detector description grew significantly since TDR
  - Factor 2 or more increase in some regions!
  - Has significant effect on tracking performance
  - Note differences between shortly-before and after the start of data taking...







#### **Material Studies in Early Data**



Inner Detector material probed through hadronic interactions

- Reconstruct secondary vertices
- Number and location of secondary decay vertices maps distribution of ID material
- Makes detailed, precise, comparisons of simulated detector to real detector possible
- Similar studies also performed using photon conversions



#### **Differences between simulation and reality**







> Phase discrepancies in pixel module coolant cause density differences



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## **Detector Alignment**

- > Detector aligned at 3 levels
  - Level 1: Largest structures barrels, endcaps
  - Level 2: Layers, disks, TRT modules & Wheels
  - Level 3: Individual modules, TRT wires

#### > Track-based alignment technique

- Assume track model minimize hit-to-track residuals
- Use both "global" and "local" (i.e. with respect to neighbours) X<sup>2</sup> minimization
- > Additional constraints
  - Module overlaps offer additional constraints
  - Constraint also from beam spot
  - Especially important for class of distortions under which X<sup>2</sup> is invariant – aka "weak modes"...





## **Local Alignments and Pixel Module Distortions**





#### > Pixel modules not flat...

- Seen from surveys probably mechanical stress from mounting
- bowing' of modules also correct in alignment
- Local X<sup>2</sup>, only using overlapping modules
- Minimal SCT bowing





#### **Alignment Weak Modes**



- > Both Charge-symmetric and Charge-asymmetric ("sagitta") deformations possible
  - Affect mainly momentum measurements B-field misalignments also affect transverse impact parameter d<sub>0</sub>





# **Constraining Weak Modes**

- Reconstructed values of physics parameters allow weak modes to be constrained
  - J/Ψ, Z, K<sub>s</sub><sup>0</sup> mass
  - Ratio of calorimeter Energy to ID momentum
- > Used very successfully
  - Revealed B-field tilt wrt Z axis
  - Evidence of twist-like deformation in one endcap
  - No curl-like deformations observed
- Iterative' procedure also applied
  - Allows local deformations to be identified with high granularity





#### **Cluster sizes**



In both Pixel and SCT discrepancies in sizes of clusters between Monte Carlo and data

- For pixel, Neural Network-based approach applied to clusters to identify deposits from multiple particles
  - Especially useful in high-p<sub>T</sub> jet cores



## **Improving the detector for Run 2**

- New innermost pixel layer, 'Insertable B-Layer' (IBL)
  - TDR in September 2010, Inserted May 2014
  - Now inserted into ATLAS pixel detector for Run 2
  - Replaced "Service Quarter Panels" recovered lost optical links
  - Relocated Optoboards for "intervention without extraction" in future





## **Cosmic Data Taking in 2014**

- > After extensive program of detector and reconstruction software upgrades...
  - ...big relief to see cosmic tracks with hits in the IBL
  - Physics coordinator commented "OMG that is so beautiful!"





#### **Cosmic Data Studies**



#### Cosmic data used for a number of studies

- Measurement of cluster properties (including Lorentz angle) in pixel sensors (IBL contains both Planar and 3D silicon sensors)
- Alignment of IBL (obviously..)
- Also revealed an issue which was somewhat unexpected...



## **IBL Bowing Issue**

> Large differences in tracking properties between cosmics runs observed

- Cause not immediately obvious initially...
- Due to Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (CTE) mismatch in stave components
  - Investigated with Finite Element Analysis





#### Distortion magnified 20x to aid visualization



## **Bowing Corrections**



- Effect obvious when data viewed in temperature slices
  - Minimal bowing at ~room temperature
  - Maximally ~100µm at planned operating temperature of -20°C

> Temperature-dependent corrections allow effect to be compensated for



# **IBL Bowing Stability**



- > IBL temperature must be carefully monitored
- Distortion initially thought to be 'stable'
  - Increasing module power consumption means that is not longer true
  - Effect related to total ionizing dose received
- > Dynamic alignment correction required
  - Per stave, and per 100 luminosity blocks (period of data taking over which conditions ~constant, approx 1 minute)
- Long-term stability to be carefully investigated



## **IBL Material Studies**



Initial Run 2 simulation geometry found to have deficiencies

- Some components (e.g. capacitors, other surface mounted devices) were left out of simulation of IBL
- > Updated geometry produced to correct this
  - Improved data/MC agreement observed



# **SCT Extension Efficiency**

- Complementary method to conversions/hadronic interactions
  - Look at ratio of tracks in pixel to 'full' silicon tracks
- Probes material between pixel and SCT
  - In particular at higher |η| where other methods can't access
  - Location of new Service Quarter Panels for Run 2
- Results suggest some deficiencies remain in geometry description at high |n|
  - Region with much inactive material and complex structures



# **TRT Gas Mixture**

- Leaks developed in TRT Gas system during Run 1
  - Ozone formation caused localized corrosion
- During Run 1, Xenon-based active gas was used
  - This is expensive; ~16 CHF per litre
  - In most affected areas leak >10 litres per hour
- For Run 2 investigate use of different gases
  - Argon and Krypton-based mixes
- Needs to be accounted for in reconstruction
  - Also in Simulation samples



#### Summary

- Number of unexpected issues arose during ATLAS Inner Detector commissioning/running
  - Both for Run 1 and Run 2
- > All of these issues were dealt with, and wide-ranging physics program was (and continues to be) extremely successfully carried out
- Nevertheless, would have been better to include such features in simulation/reconstruction etc from earlier stage
  - Or avoid altogether if possible
- These experiences are now feeding into the design process of the "ITK" tracker for the Phase 2 ATLAS Upgrade
- Hopefully these can also be useful observations for the design process of ILD!

