

Impact of the high-level trigger for detecting long-lived particles at LHCb

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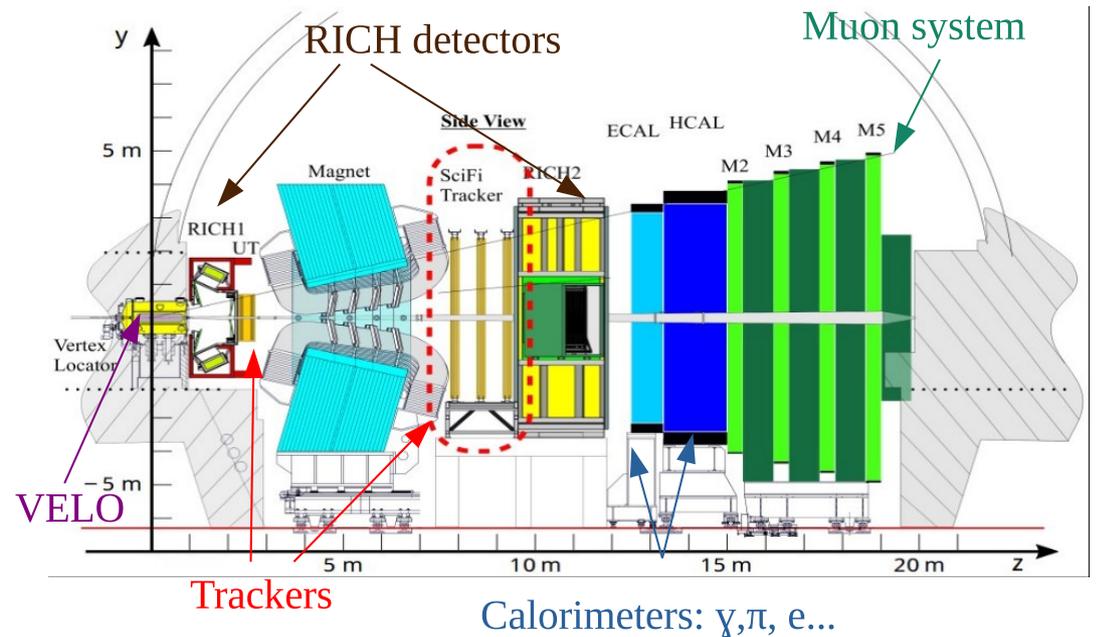
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LHCb detector in Run 3

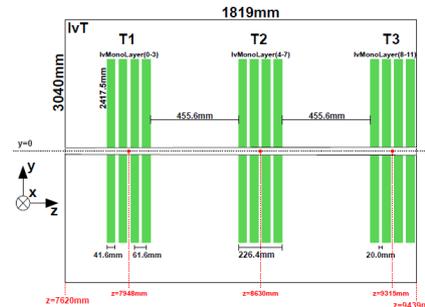
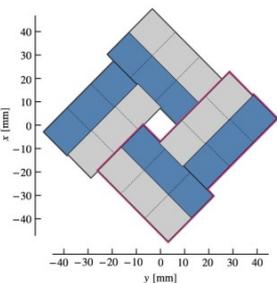
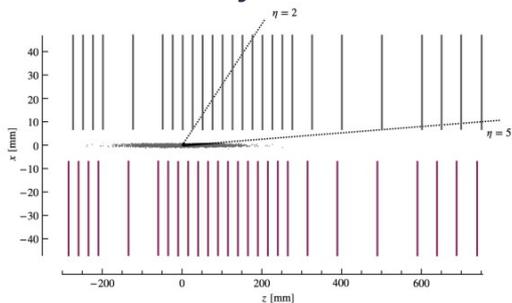
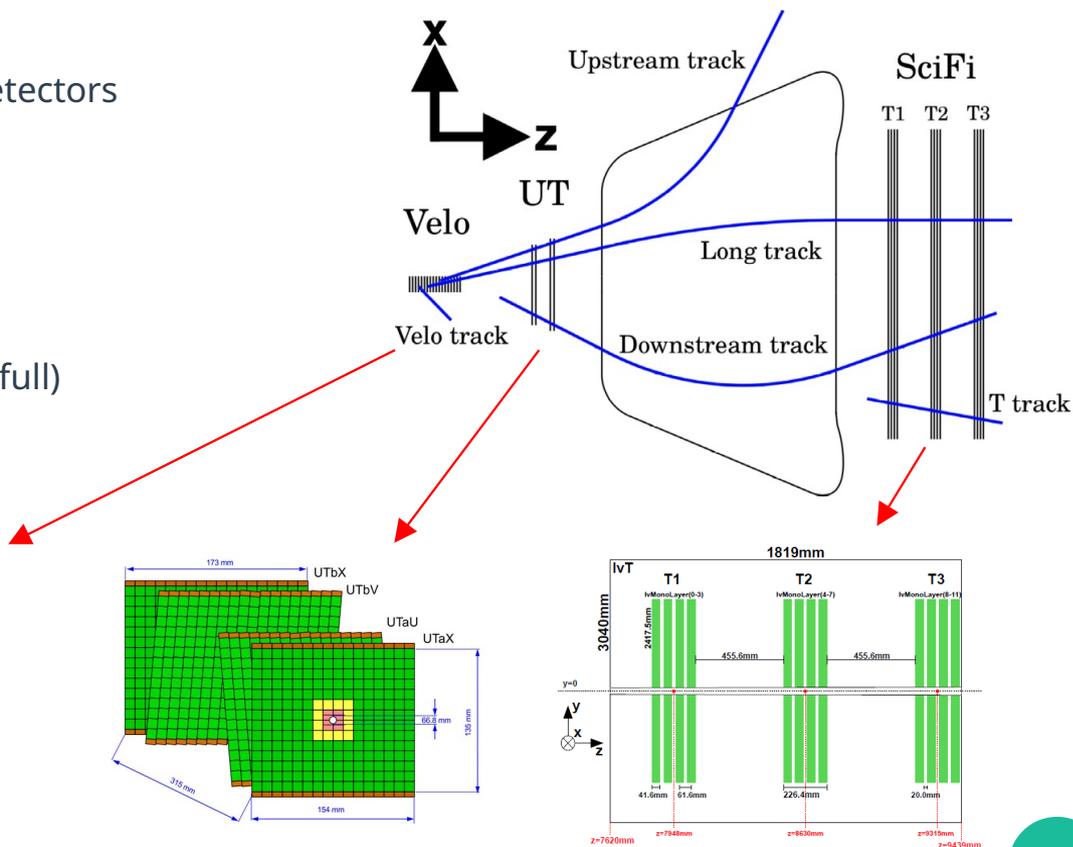
CERN-LHCC-2012-007, LHCb-TDR-12

- Single-arm spectrometer in the forward direction
- Originally designed for specialised study of beauty and charm hadrons
- Excellent secondary vertex resolution
- Particle ID: calorimeters, muon systems and Ring Imaging Cherenkov (RICH) detectors
- Upgrade I (Run3):
 - Luminosity: $4 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1} \rightarrow 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
 - Purely software-based trigger @ 30MHz



Tracking system and track types

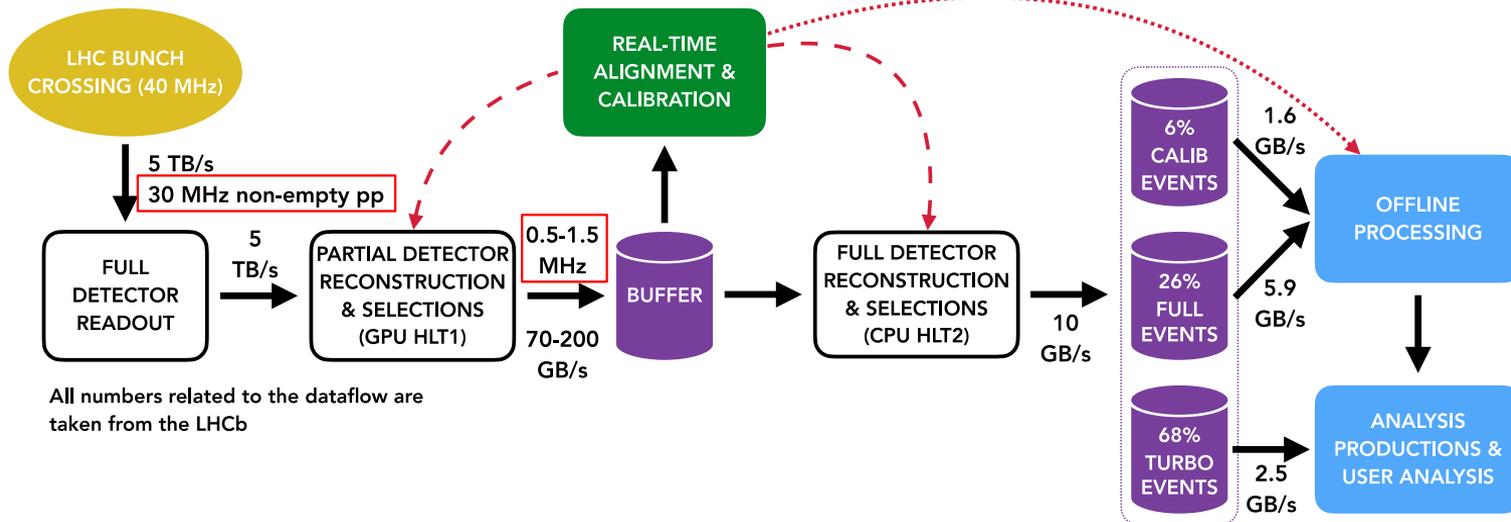
- Three tracking stations:
 - VELO: 26 modules of pixellated hybrid silicon detectors
 - UT: 4 planes of silicon strip trackers
 - SciFi: 12 planes of scintillating fibre trackers
- Main track types for physics analysis:
 - Long: signal in VELO and SciFi (minimum) + UT (full)
 - Downstream: signal in UT and SciFi
 - T: hits only in SciFi



The High Level Trigger (HLT) in LHCb upgrade

Run HLT in 2 stages:

- HLT1: Partially reconstructs event and reduces bandwidth from 30MHz to 1MHz
- HLT2: Fully reconstructs event and reduces bandwidth from 70-200GB/s to 10GB/s

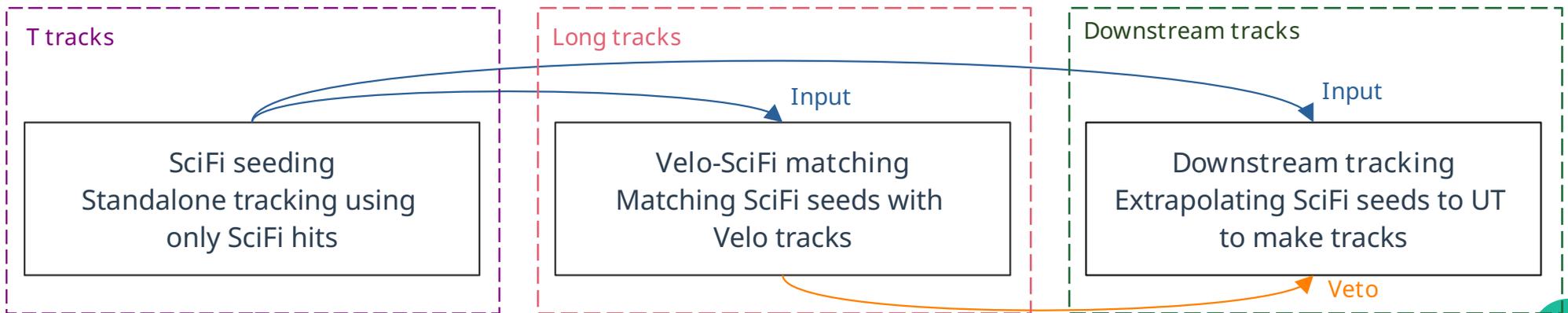


$$\text{Data rate (kB/s)} = \text{Event size (kB)} * \text{Event rate (Hz)}$$

- Event size:
- Turbo ~ 35 kB
 - Full ~ 70 kB

The High Level Trigger (HLT) in LHCb upgrade

- Long living particles (LLPs) are particles that travel significant distances before decaying into other particles:
 - Likely to decay after VELO \Rightarrow Downstream / T tracks
 - The current HLT1 only triggers long tracks \Rightarrow Less sensitive to LLPs searches
- We need to add dedicated LLP triggers to HLT1: Implementing the Hybrid seeding [arxiv:2007.02591](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.02591)



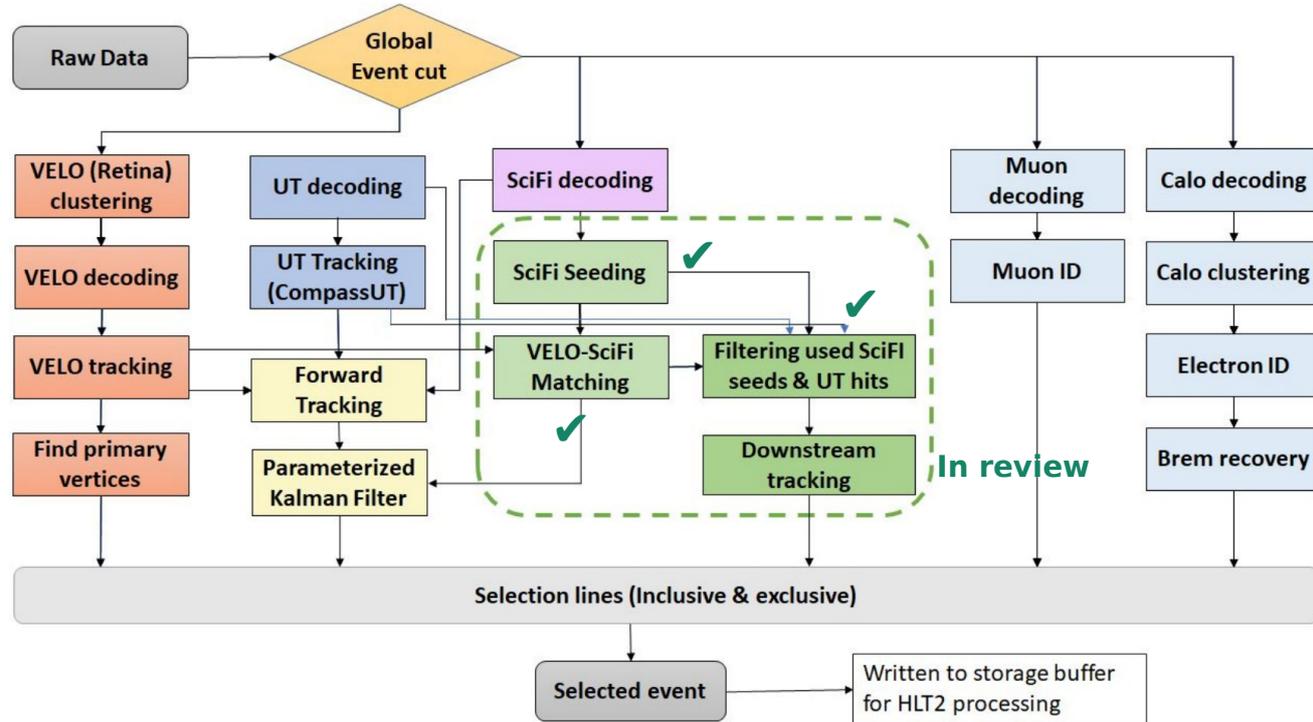
The High Level Trigger (HLT) in LHCb upgrade

Main goal:

- Add LLP reconstruction and selection to HLT1 in Run3

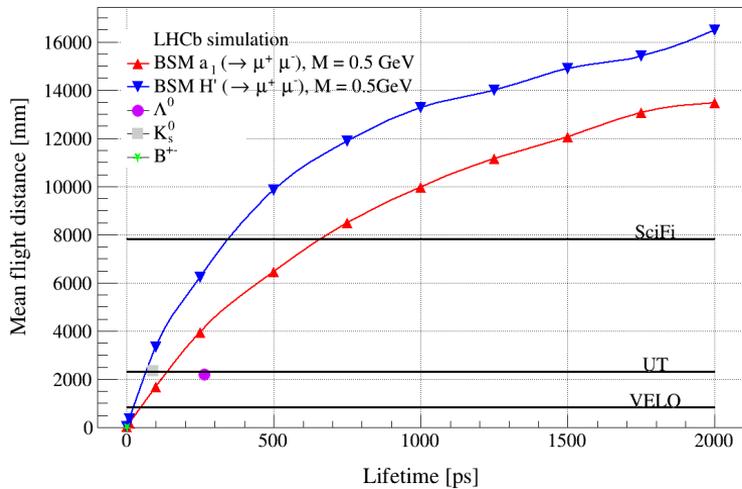
Progress in reconstruction

- SciFi seeding ✓ Done
- Velo-SciFi matching ✓ Done
- Downstream **In review**



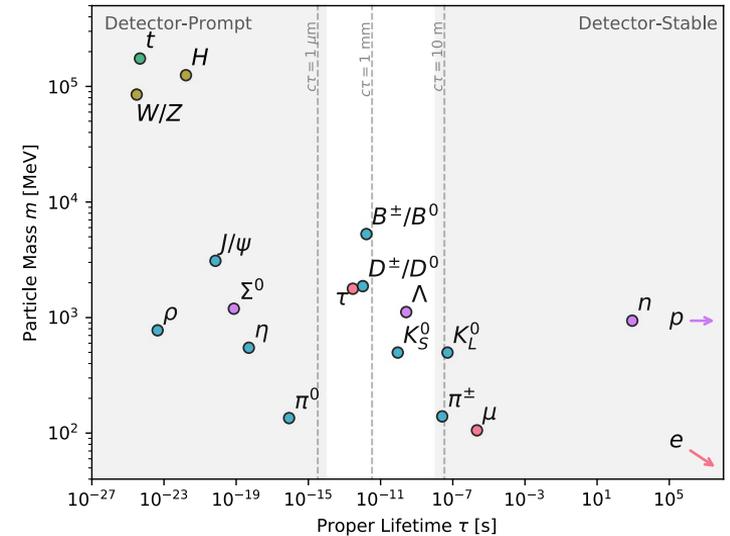
LLPs at LHCb

- LLPs present in SM and many BSM extensions
- Expected track types depend on LLP flight distance
- Downstream and T tracks are NOT yet considered in HLT1 decision before → target Run3



Hunt for LLPs in LHCb with Downstream and T tracks

[10.3389/fdata.2022.1008737](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.3389/fdata.2022.1008737)



[10.1016/j.pnpnp.2019.02.006](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1016/j.pnpnp.2019.02.006)

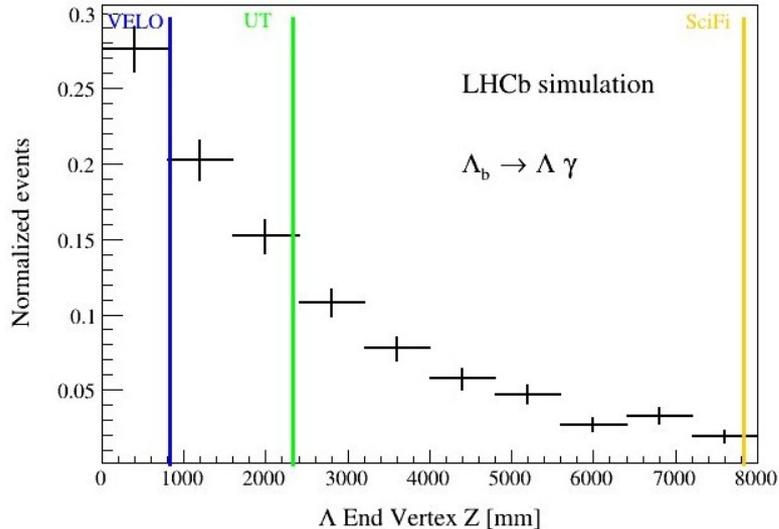
LLPs in the Standard Model

- $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda^0 [\rightarrow p^+ \pi^-] \gamma$: photon polarization

- Non-standard right-handed current

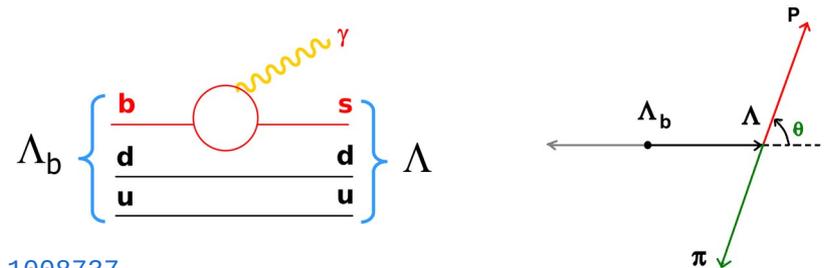
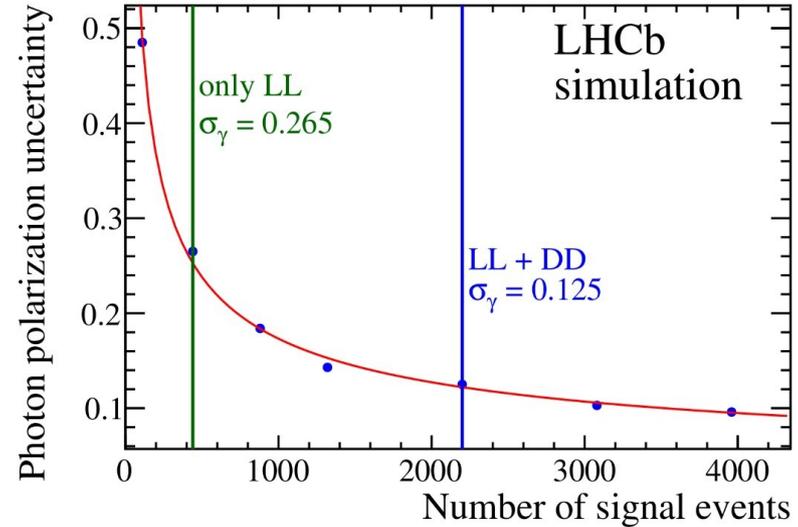
$$(\alpha_\gamma) = \frac{P(\gamma_L) - P(\gamma_R)}{P(\gamma_L) + P(\gamma_R)}$$

[10.1140/epjc/s10052-019-7123-7](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1140/epjc/s10052-019-7123-7)



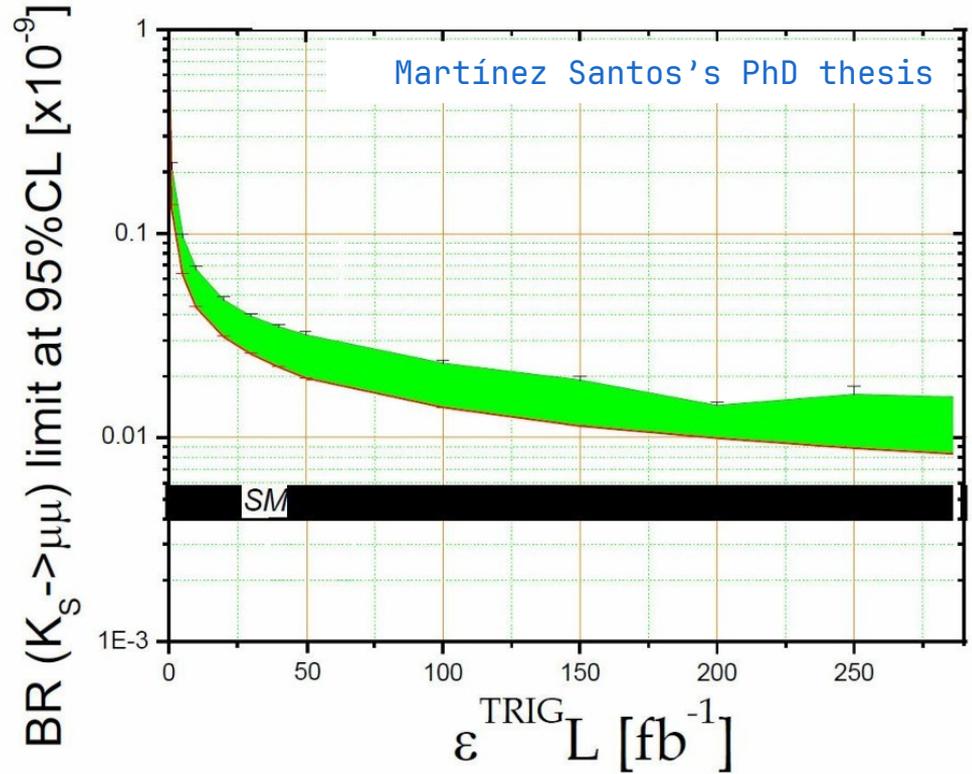
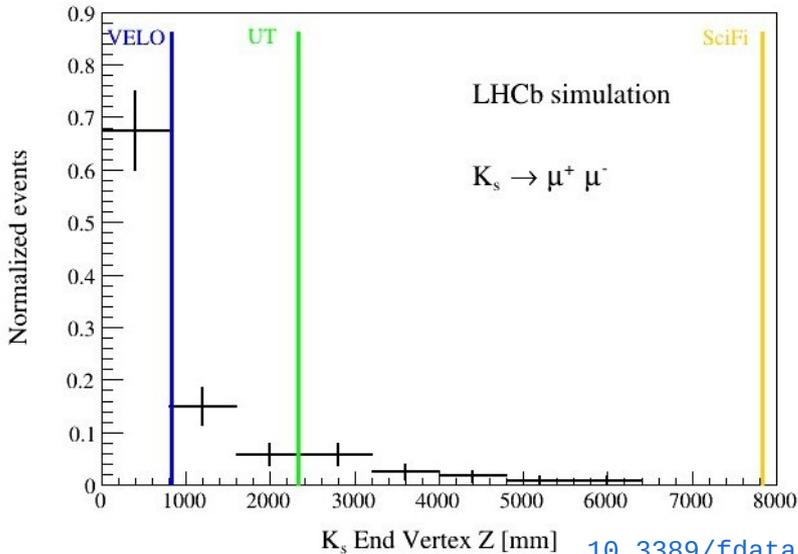
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LLPs in the Standard Model

- $K_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$: not yet observed
 - Suppressed by SM
 - Sensitive to BSM: SUSY and Leptonquarks

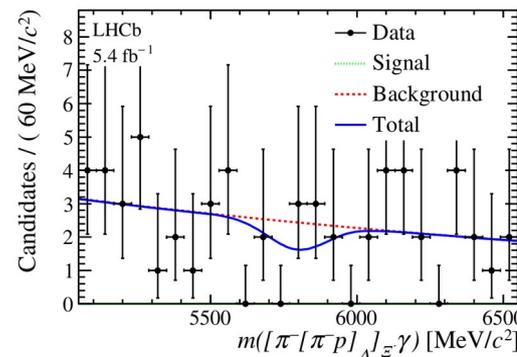
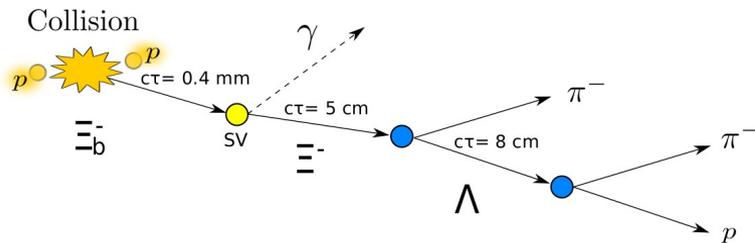


LLPs in the Standard Model

- SM LLPs: Λ^0 and K_S^0

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	LL	DD	TT	HLT1 eff (TOS)
Λ^0	12%	51%	37%	< 10%
K_S^0	46%	39%	16%	< 25%

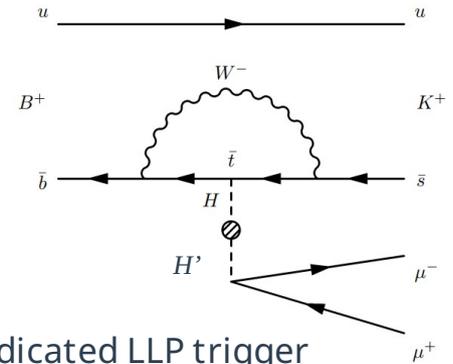


No observed in Run2
 $\text{Br}(\Xi_b^- \rightarrow \Xi^- \gamma) < 1.3(0.6) \times 10^{-4}$
 at 95%(90%) CL

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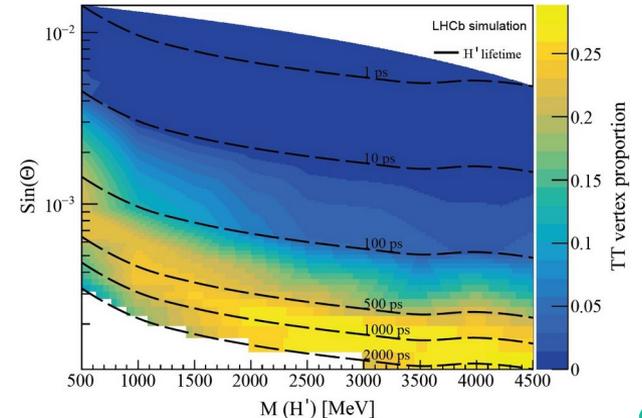
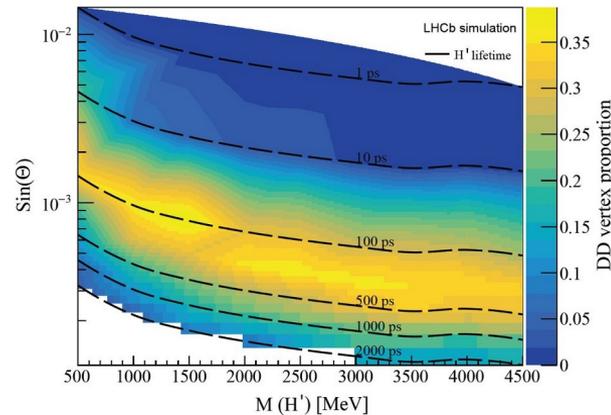
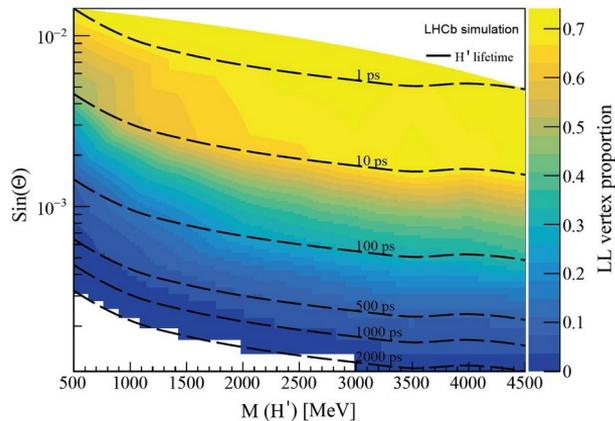
LLPs in Beyond the Standard Model

- Higgs portal to Dark Matter: $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ H' [\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-]$ [arXiv:1612.07818](https://arxiv.org/abs/1612.07818)
 - The new scalar particle, H' , can mix with the SM Higgs boson (H)
 - Presence of displaced vertices
 - Sensitivity depend on H' lifetime, mass and track types.



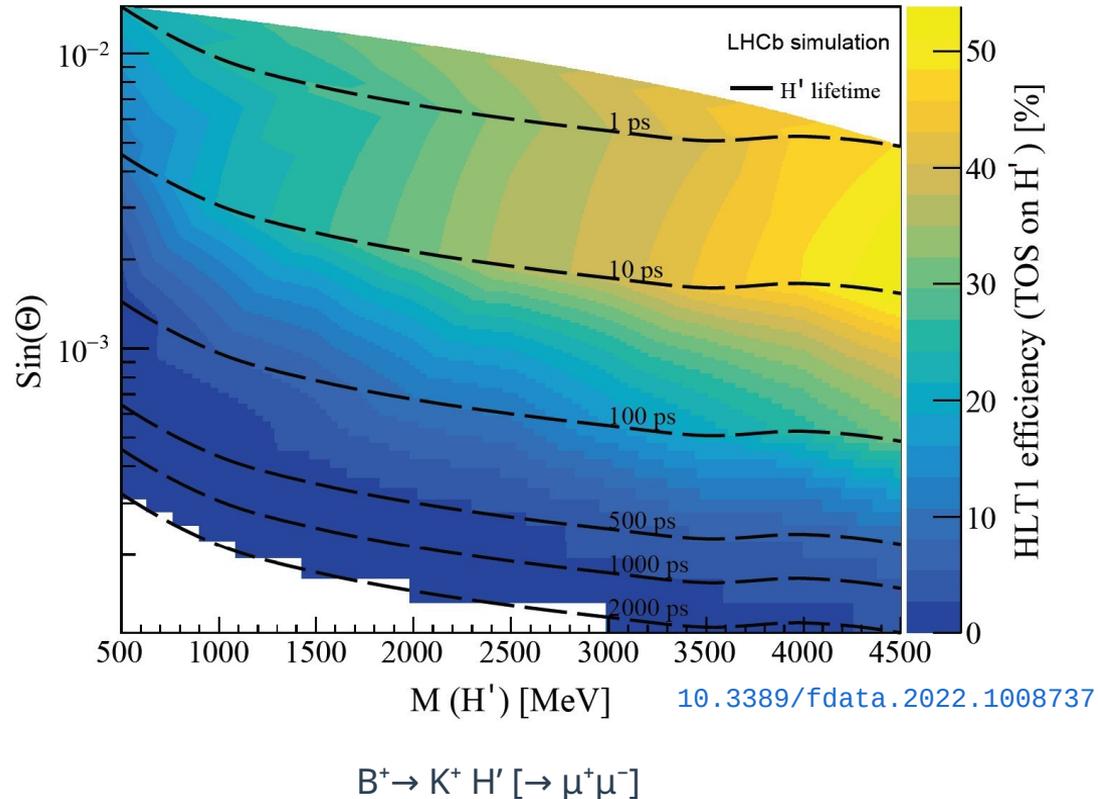
Note: If H' is long-lived, the two final decay particles can't be triggered by HLT1 → Need dedicated LLP trigger

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LLPs in Beyond the Standard Model

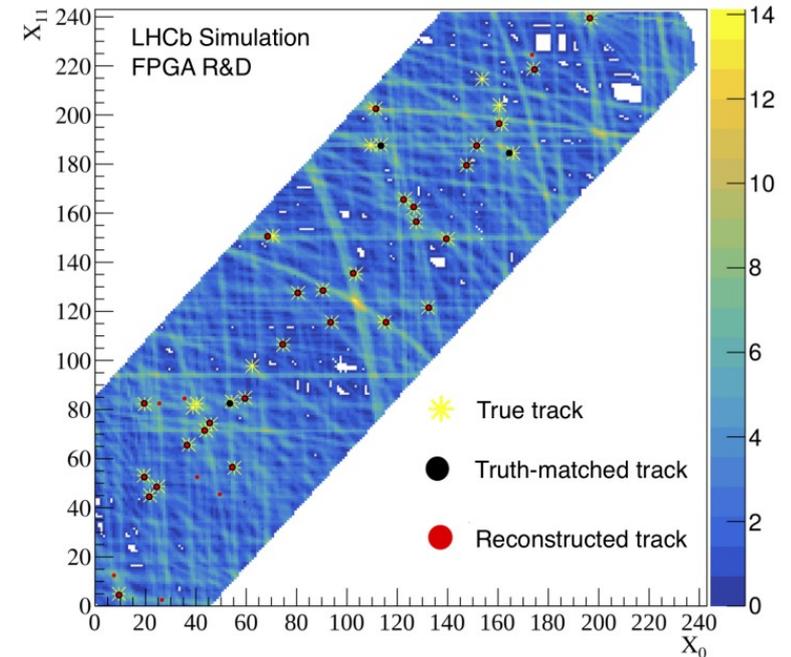
- Current HLT1 trigger efficiency (Trigger On Signal):
 - Only Long tracks are triggered by HLT1TrackMVA and HLT1TwoTrackMVA
 - Decent efficiency (30-50 %) for low lifetime
 - Poor efficiency (< 10 %) for $\tau > 100$ ps
 - Loss in sensitivity for small H' mass
- Expect significant improvement from dedicated LLP trigger in HLT1 (DD or TT):
 - Throughput challenge in HLT1: 30MHz
 - Output rate challenge in HLT1: 1MHz



LHCb advanced R&D on LLP triggers

LHCb advanced R&D on LLP triggers

- Target Run 4 and beyond
- FPGA-based:
 - Utilize pattern recognition for tracking through the RETINA algorithm *cf. Federico Lazzari's talk*
 - Performing SciFi tracking right after readout
 - The resulting tracks are passed on to the GPU as raw data
 - Saving time for more complex tasks



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Summary

- Dedicated High-Level Trigger 1 (HLT1) for Downstream and T tracks substantially contributes to long-lived particle (LLP) research in both Standard Model (SM) and Beyond the Standard Model (BSM) scenarios:
 - SM: Increase the efficiency for Λ^0 and K_s^0 in $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda^0 \gamma$ and $K_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$.
 - BSM: Improve sensitivity for large H' lifetimes and small H' masses in $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ H'$.

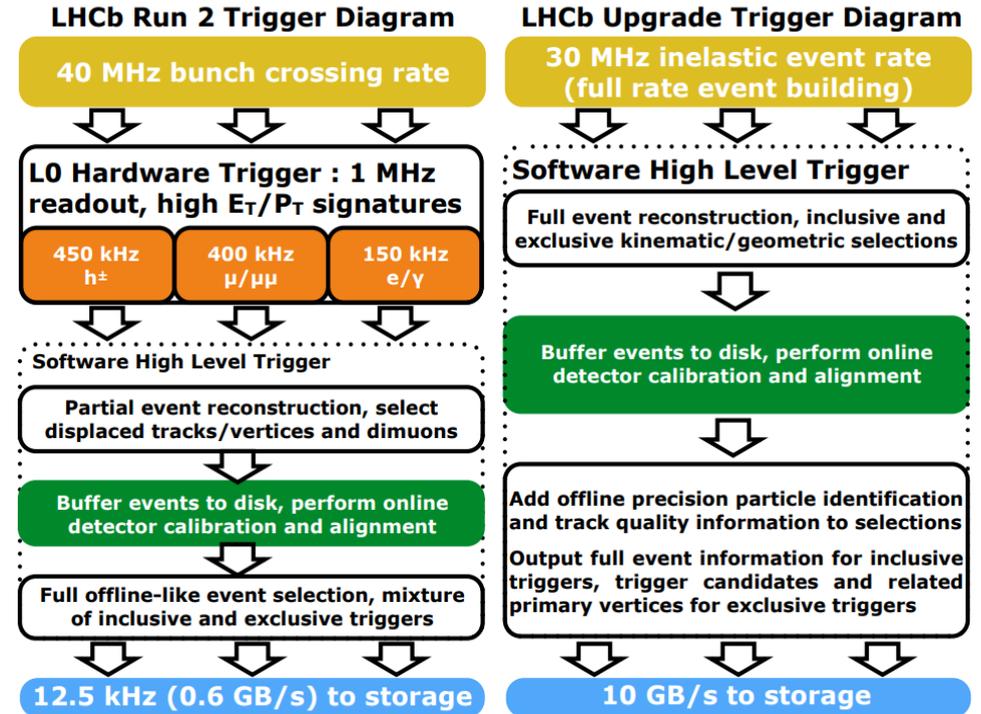
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ANY QUESTIONS?

The High Level Trigger (HLT) in LHCb upgrade

- Run 1+2 trigger system consist of two parts:
 - L0: hardware trigger on either muon tag or transverse energy
 - HLT: software trigger on displaced vertices, high transverse momentum signatures
- In higher luminosity, L0 saturates fully hadronic and e^+e^-/γ modes
 - Run a software only trigger at 30MHz



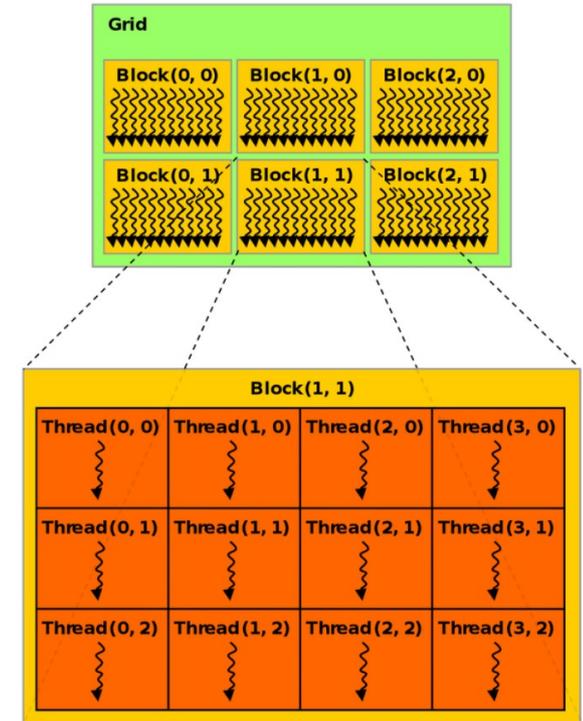
The High Level Trigger (HLT) in LHCb upgrade

Challenge in HLT1: Process data in 30MHz and reduce the output rate to 1MHz

(178 GPUs in >168kHz each) or (356 GPUs in >84kHz each)

Solution: Accelerate with GPU (RTX A5000)

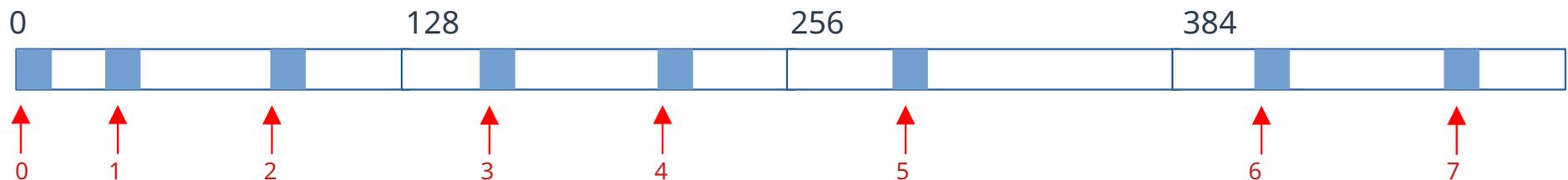
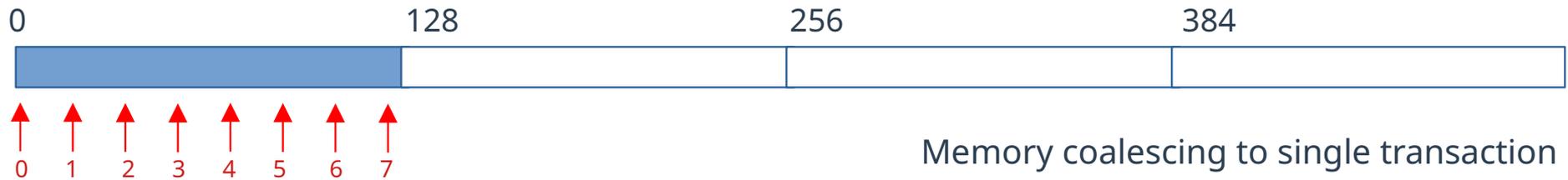
- One event per CUDA block
- Parallel threads for track/hit processing
- Tricks:
 - Avoid dynamic allocation
 - Access global memory with coalescing
 - Use shared memory as user-managed data caches to store frequently-accessed data



Backup

Memory coalescing

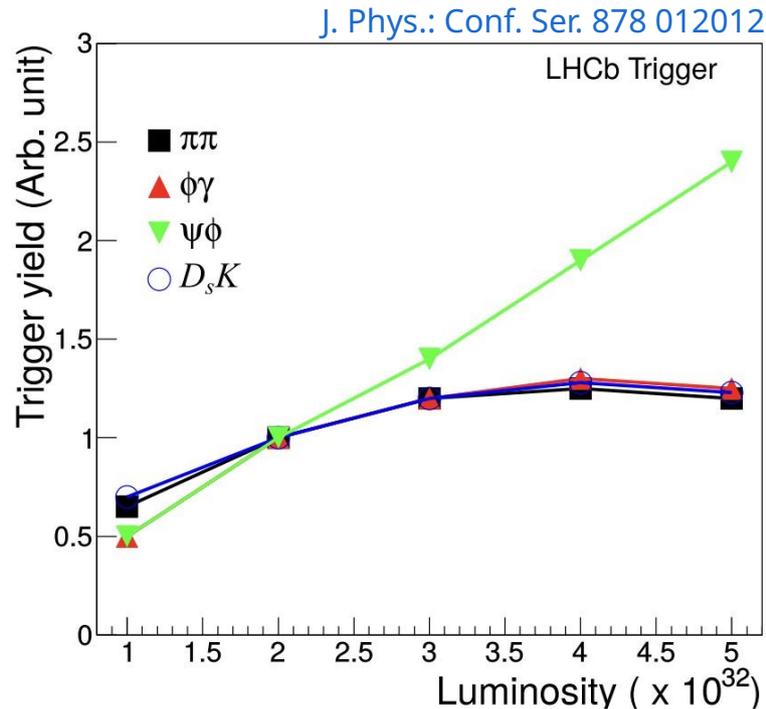
- Accessing global memory (DRAM) is slow \Rightarrow The device coalesces global memory loads and stores issued by threads of a warp into as few transactions as possible to minimize the bandwidth.
- Coalescing the global memory accessing making continues thread accessing continuous memory addresses can help achieve memory coalescing in CUDA by merging the memory accesses into a single transaction.



Memory coalescing to 4 transaction

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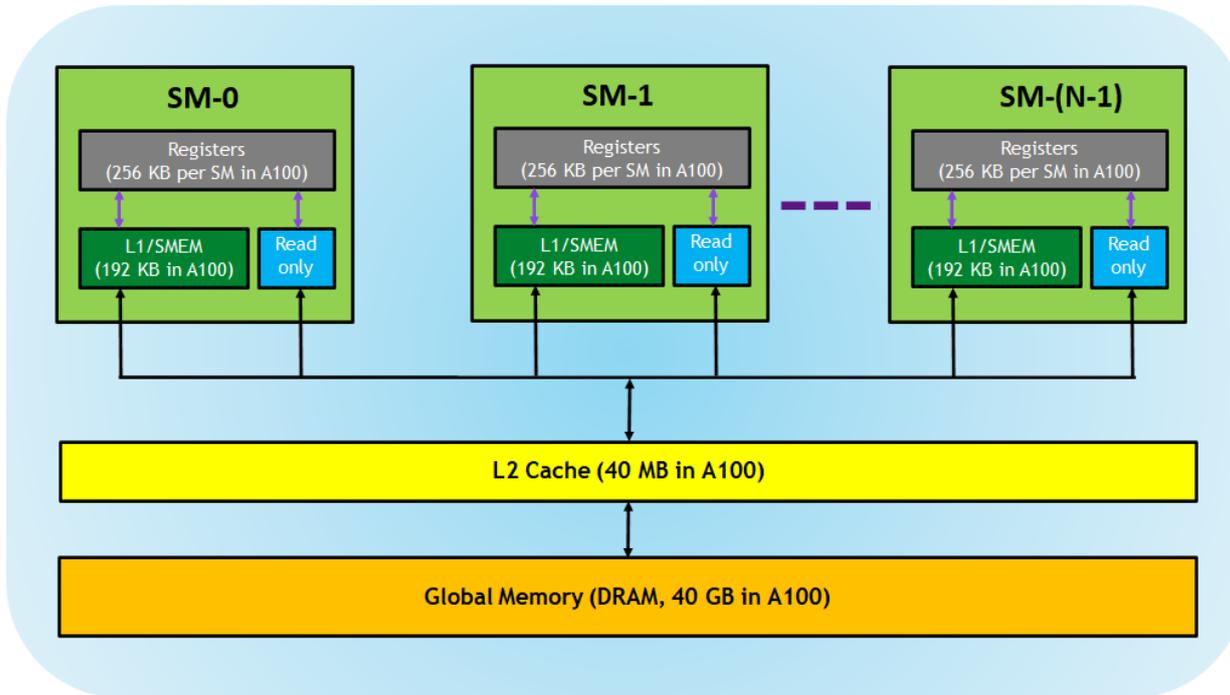
L0 Saturation



- L0 limit the rate to 1 MHz
- The hadronic and e^+e^-/γ modes are fully saturated:
 - \Rightarrow randomly reject signal events

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Shared memory

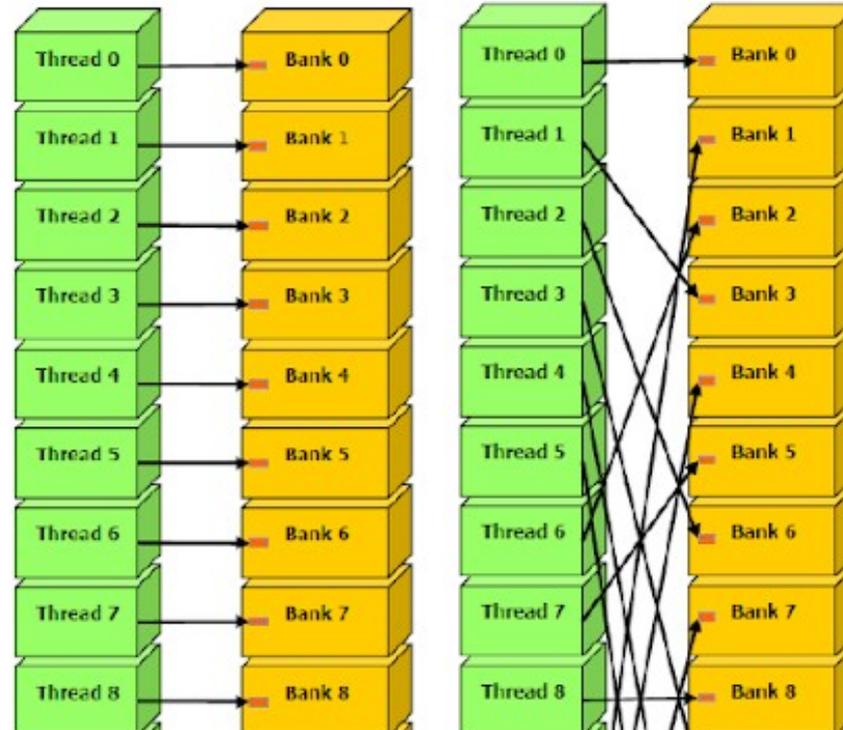


- Scratch-pad memory on each SM
- Compared to DRAM
 - 20-40x lower latency
 - ~15x higher bandwidth
- Shared with L1 cache, 128 KB/SM in A5000 (CUDA 8.6)
- Should avoid the bank conflict in shared memory

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Bank conflict

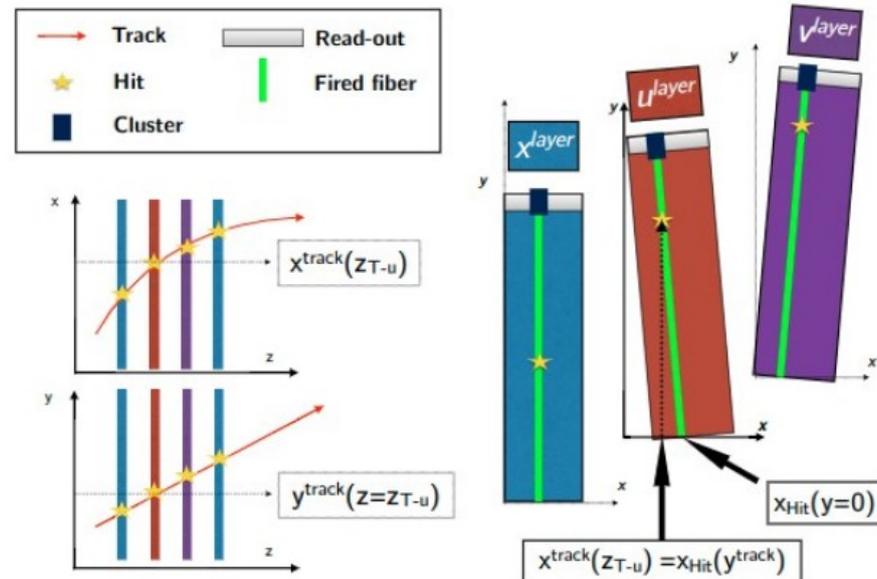
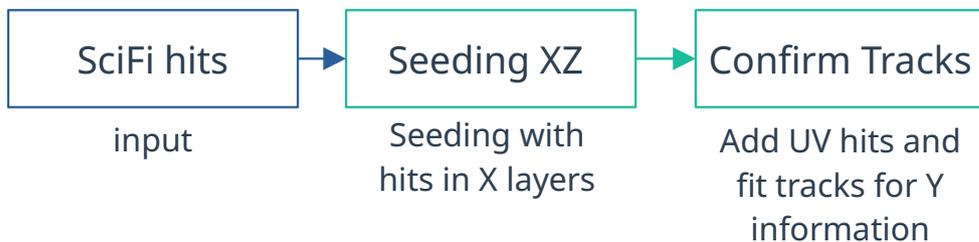
- Shared memory are divided into equally-sized banks
- Different banks can be accessed simultaneously
- Multiple threads access the same bank causes Bank conflict



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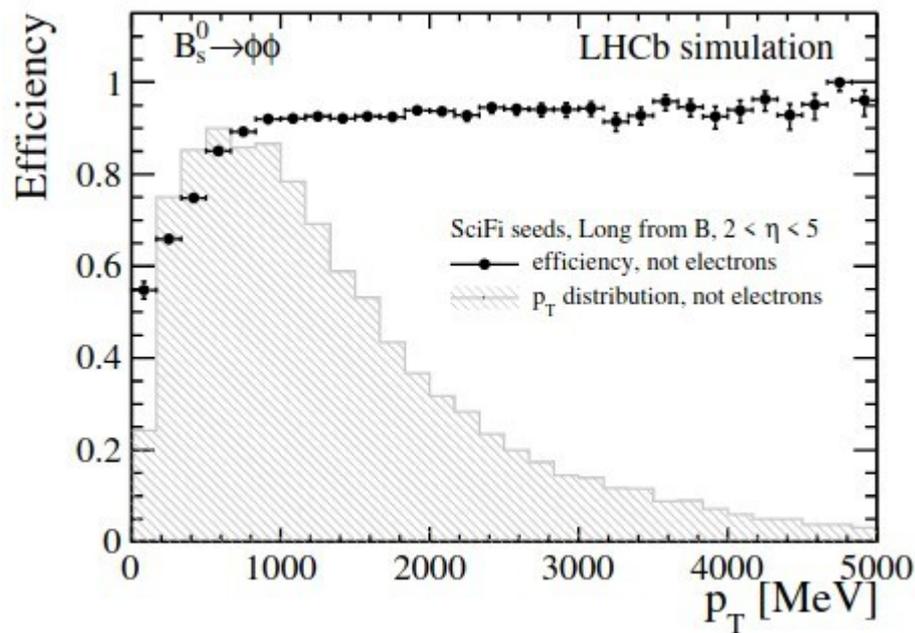
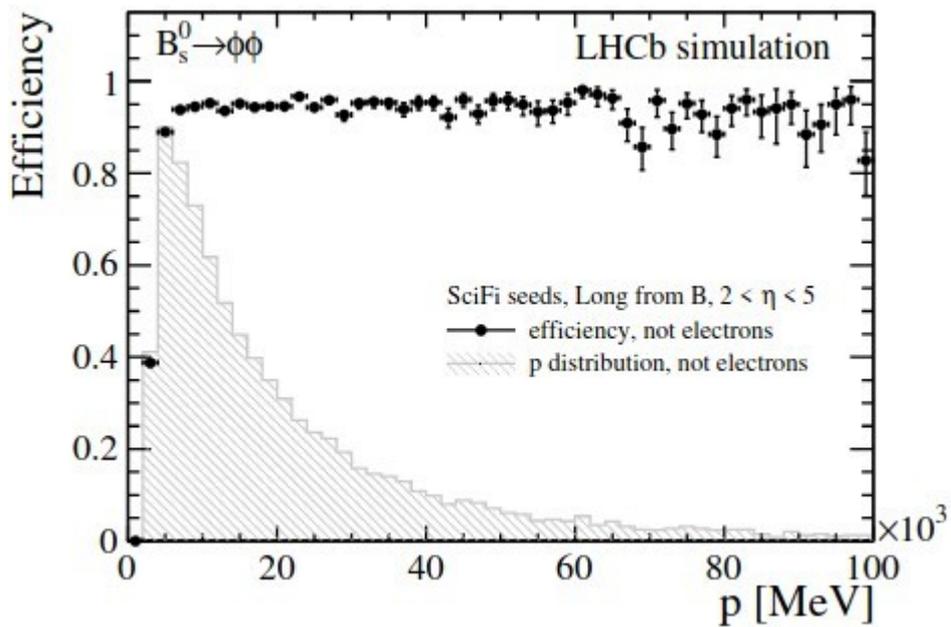
Standalone SciFi seeding in HLT1

- 12 layers: 6 x^{layer} + 3 u^{layer} + 3 v^{layer}
- 2.7 meters fibers: poor information in Y axis
- Tracking in two steps:



Backup

Standalone SciFi seeding in HLT1



Backup

Velo-SciFi matching

- Reconstruct the long tracks by matching Velo tracks with SciFi seeds
- The performance meets the baseline requirements for HLT1 long track reconstruction.

