



# Pattern Recognition EVO

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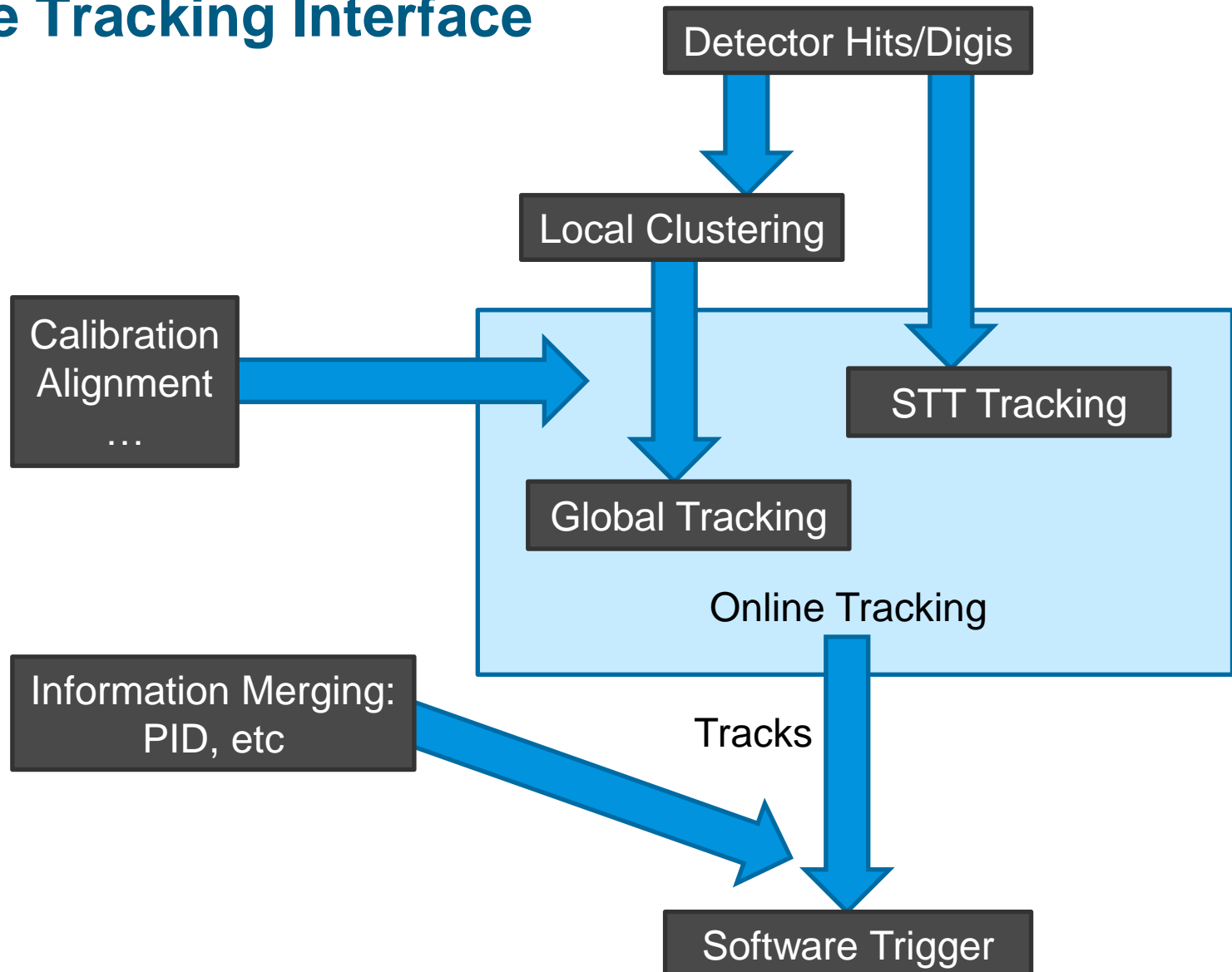
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# Online Tracking Framework

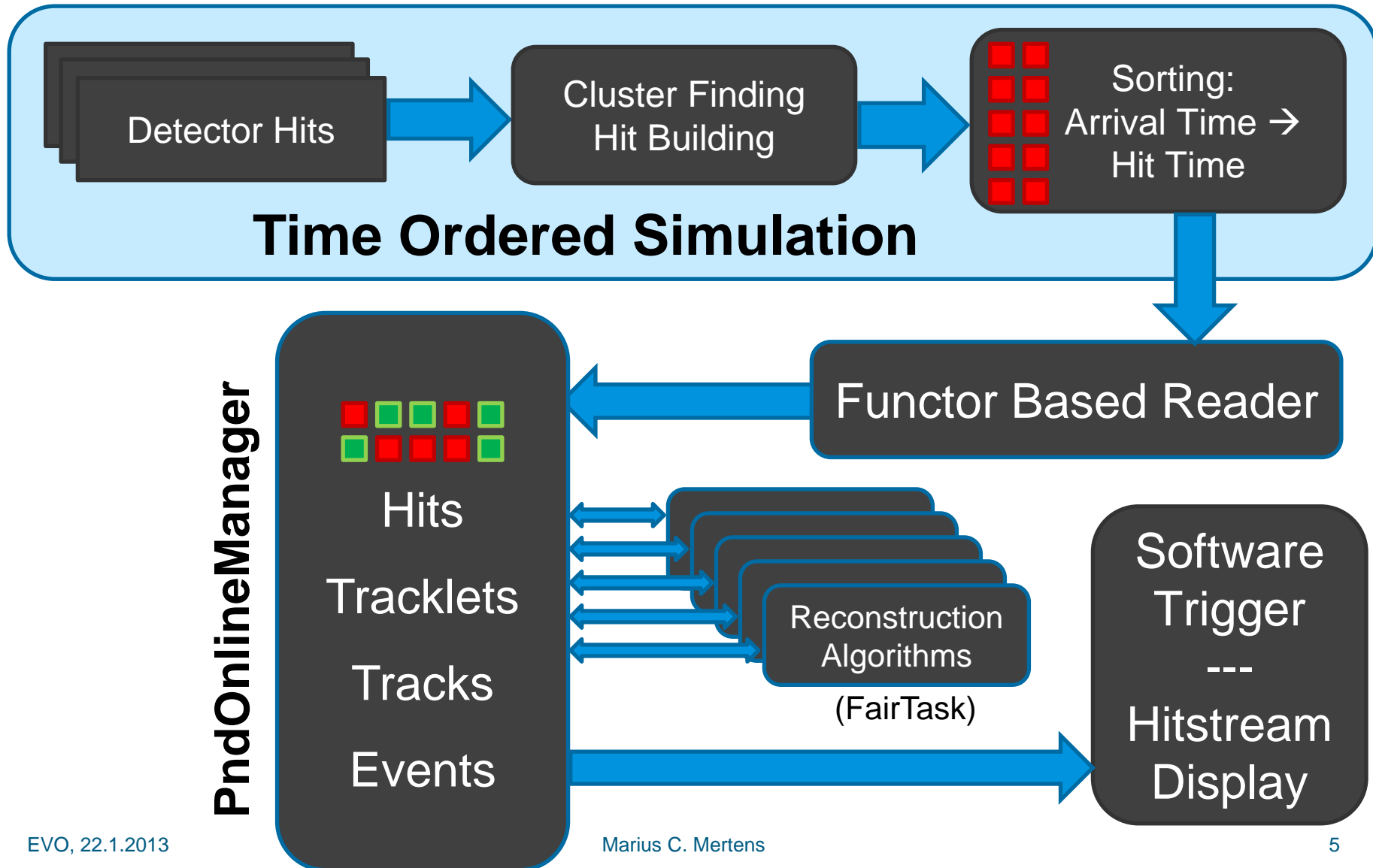
# Continuous Online Tracking: Motivation/Concept

- Similar topology of signal and background  
→ No simple criteria with high suppression potential
- Quasi-continuous high-rate operation of PANDA  
→ Overlapping events, stateless pattern recognition started upon simple criteria may process redundant time windows
- Most channel selections require tracking information
  
- Data parallelism
- Dedicated algorithms optimized for different topologies
- Defined start conditions after barrier bucket gap

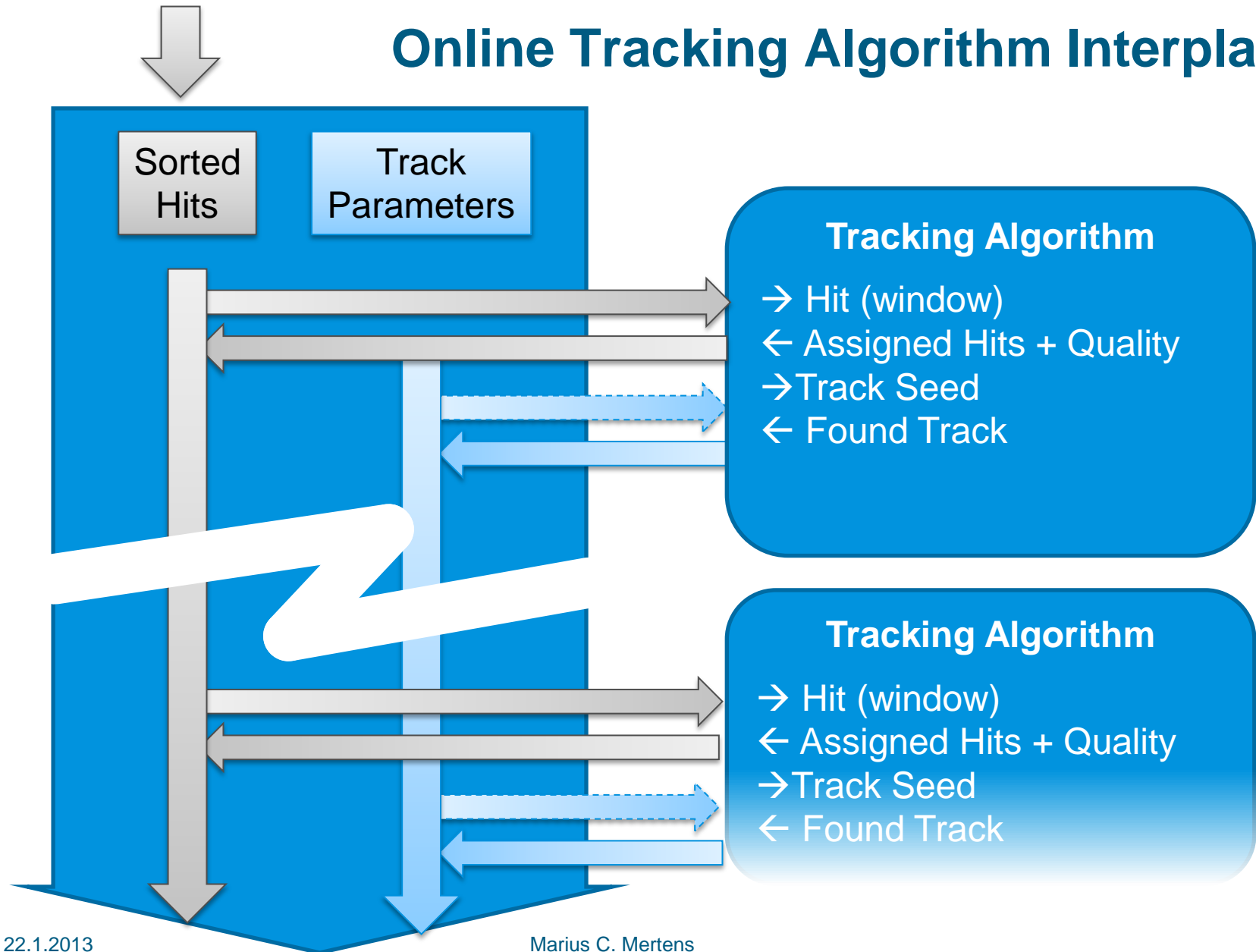
# Online Tracking Interface



# Continuous Online Tracking in OnlineManager



# Online Tracking Algorithm Interplay



# Triplet Finder

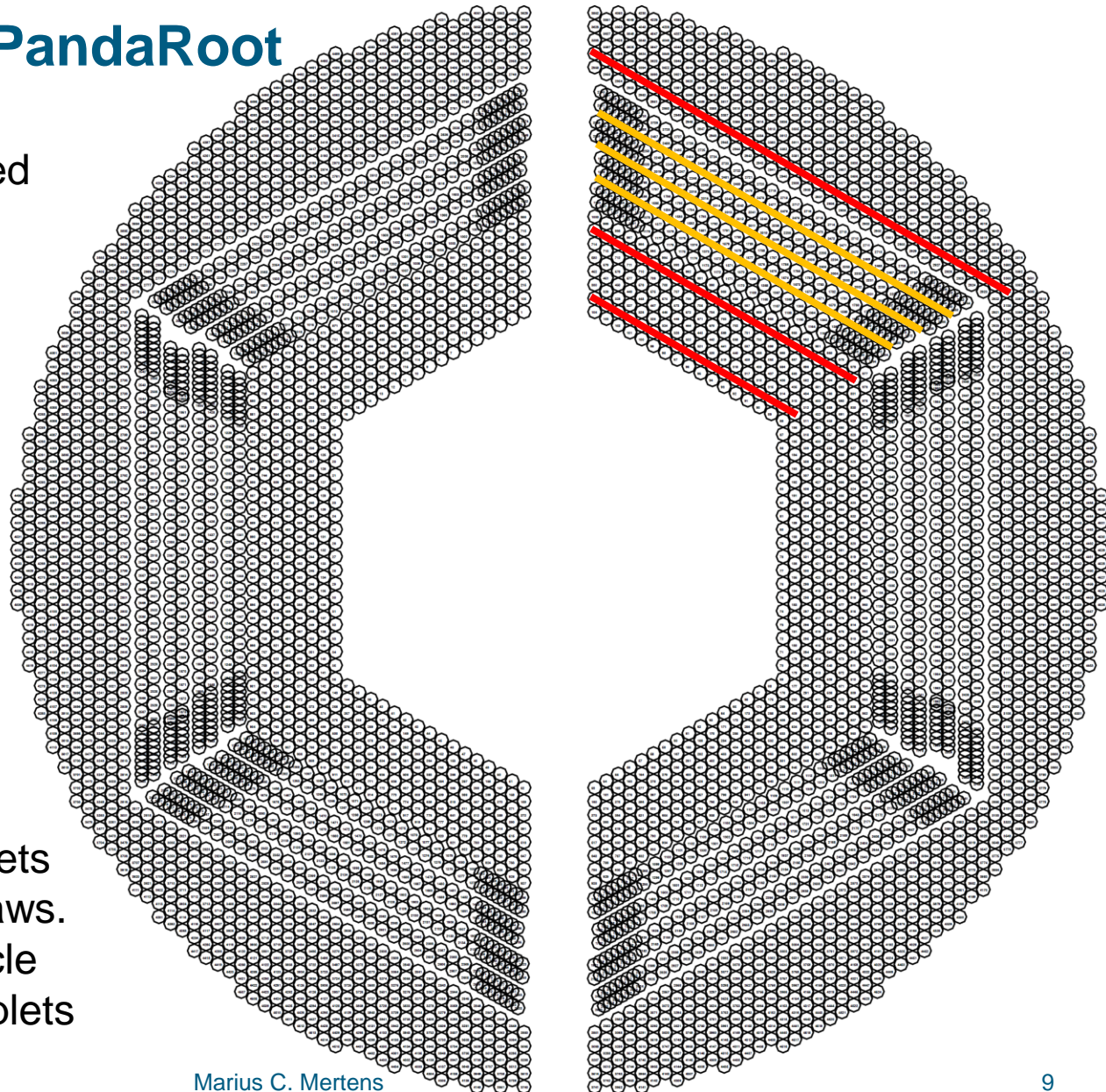
# Triplet Finding in Axial Straws

- Basic properties:
  - *Finds tracks originating from the interaction point*
  - *Works in xy projection*
  - *No isochrone information used → Does not require  $t_0$  or isochrone-drifftime calibration*
- Results:
  - *Track candidates*
  - *Associated hits*
  - *$t_0$  seed for selected tracks (hit timestamp constraints, matching with other detectors)*
- Carried out in three steps:
  - *Identification of hit triplets (or n-lets) around pivot cells*
  - *3 point circle calculation: Origin + 2 Triplets*
  - *Hit association via circle proximity*



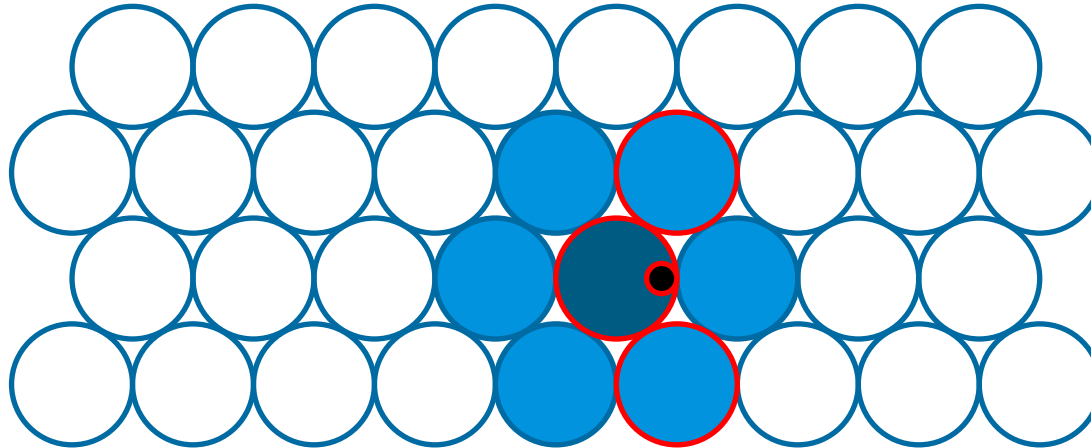
# STT Geometry in PandaRoot

Axial pivot cells indicated  
 in one sector (**red**)  
 Skewlet layer indicated  
 in one sector (**orange**)



Tracking algorithm in  
 OnlineManager:  
 Peter's Triplet Finder  
 → Identification of hit triplets  
 around selected pivot straws.  
 Analytic calculation of circle  
 through origin and two triplets

## Triplet Finding in Axial Straws



- Pivot cell is checked for hit
- Surrounding straws are checked for hits
- Center of mass of fired straws is calculated  
(small number of combinations → suitable for lookup table)

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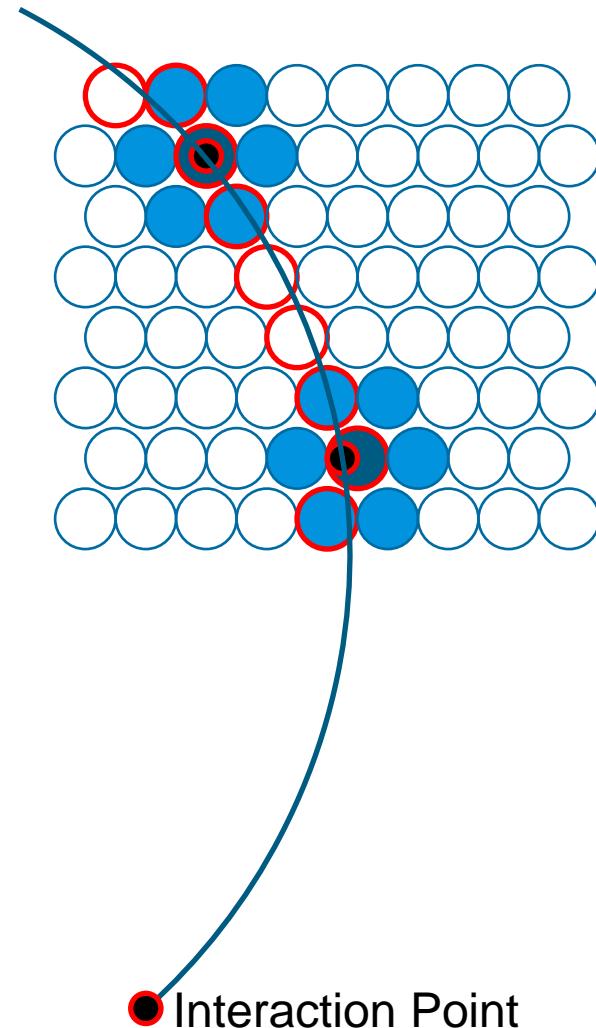
- Once two triplets are found, calculate circle through origin
- Associate nearby hits with track candidate

## Track Verification:

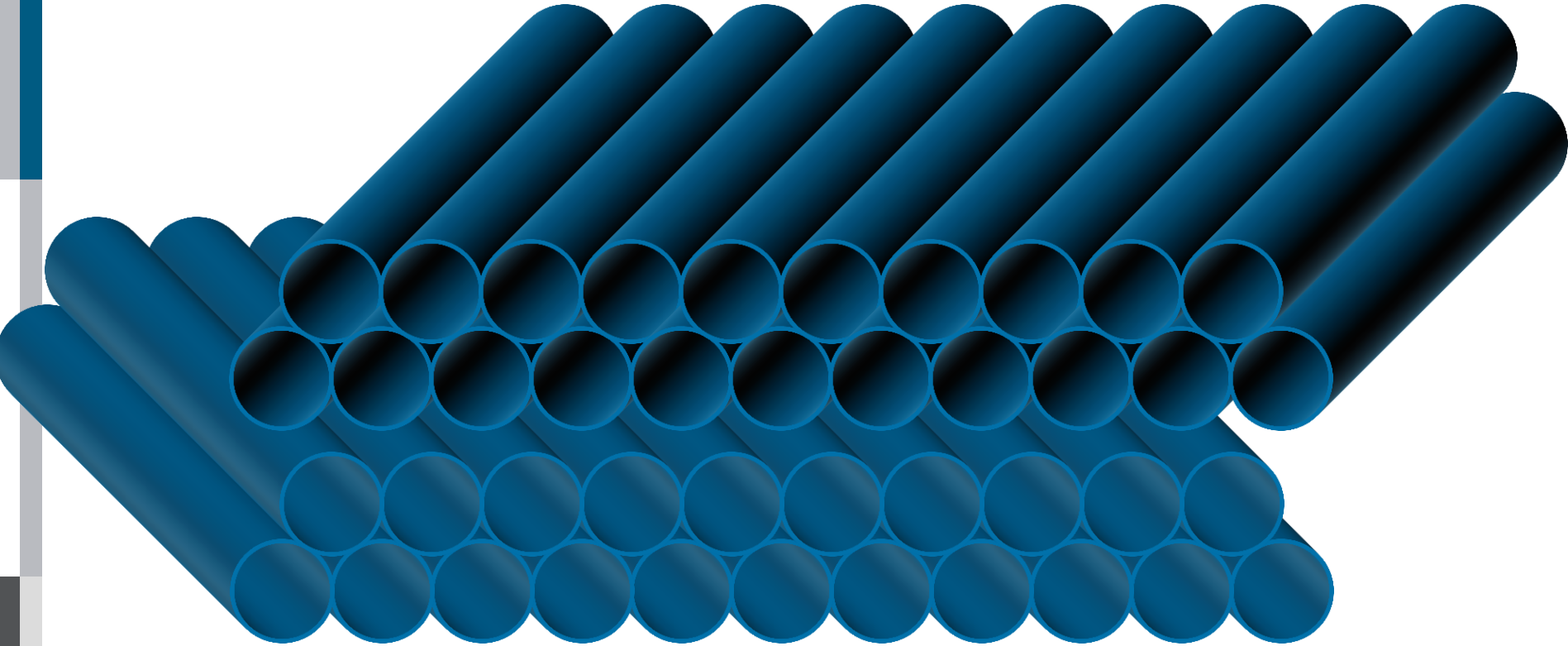
- Currently mix of curvature and associated hits
- Lots of room for improvement

## Further possibilities:

- Distance sorting, Concurrent associations, Clutter veto, ...
- Missing straw compensation: Pivot Straw triggered by neighbor straws
- Weight hits according to timestamp
- Improved Triplet merging

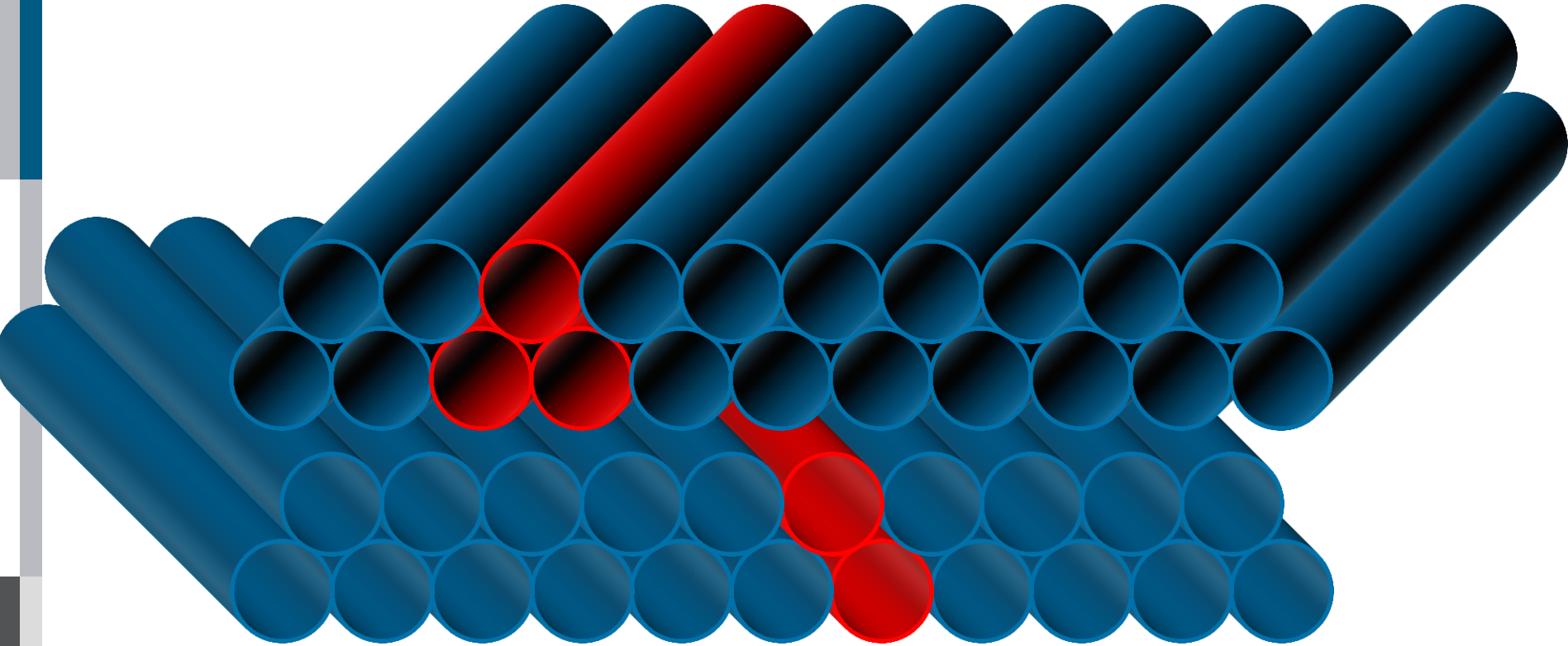


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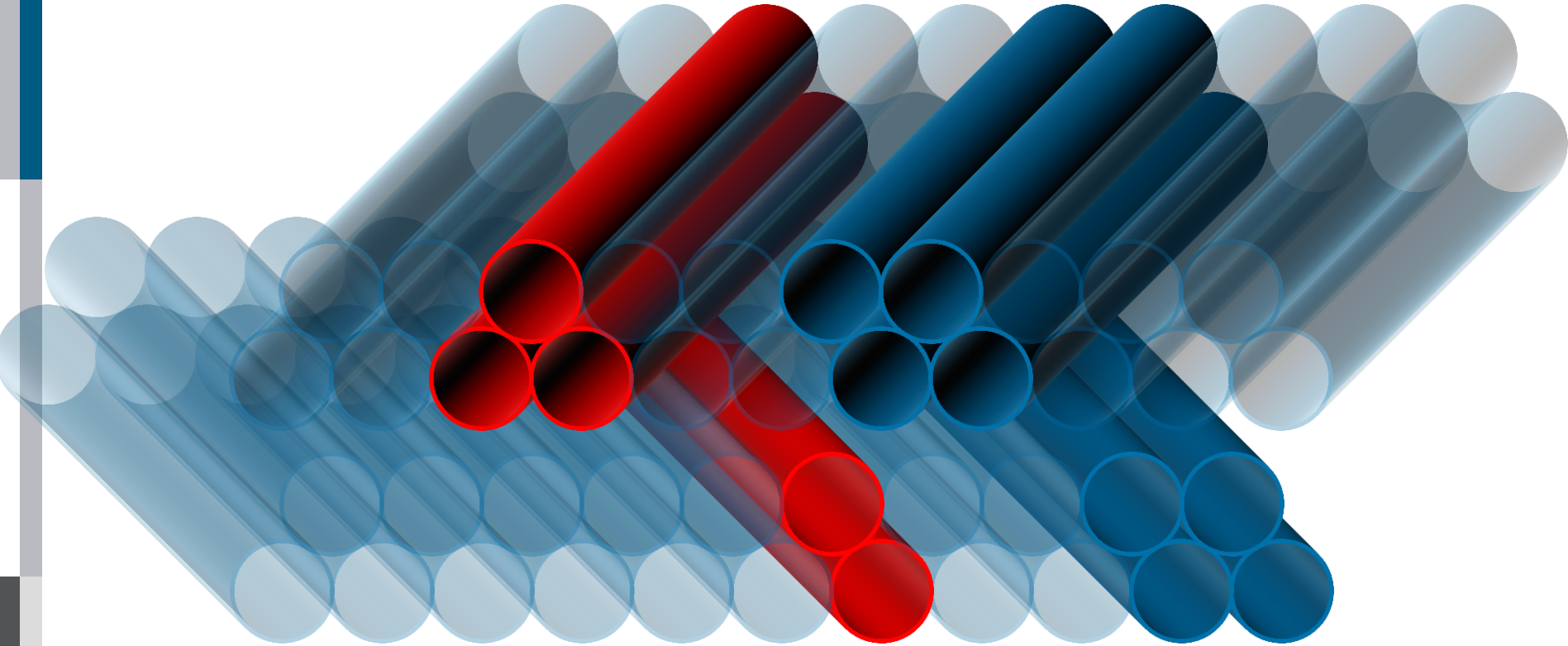
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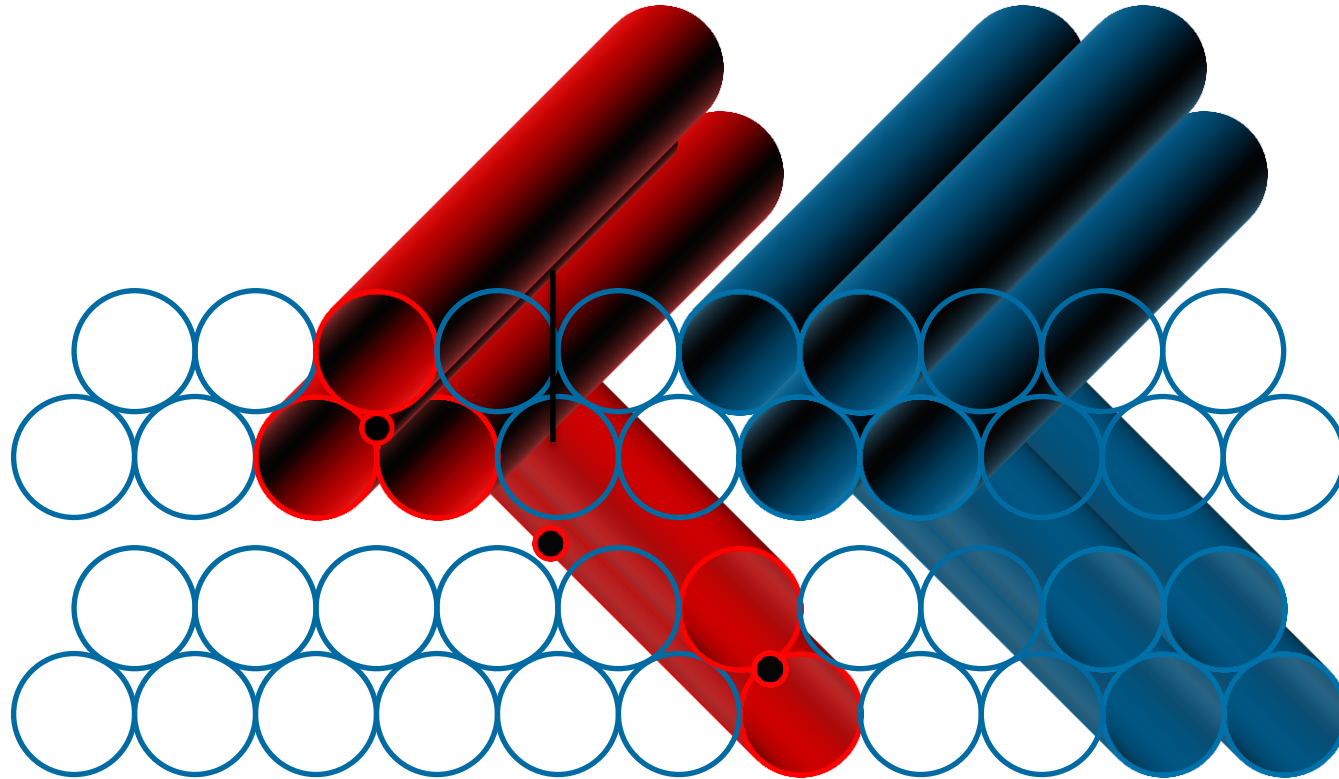
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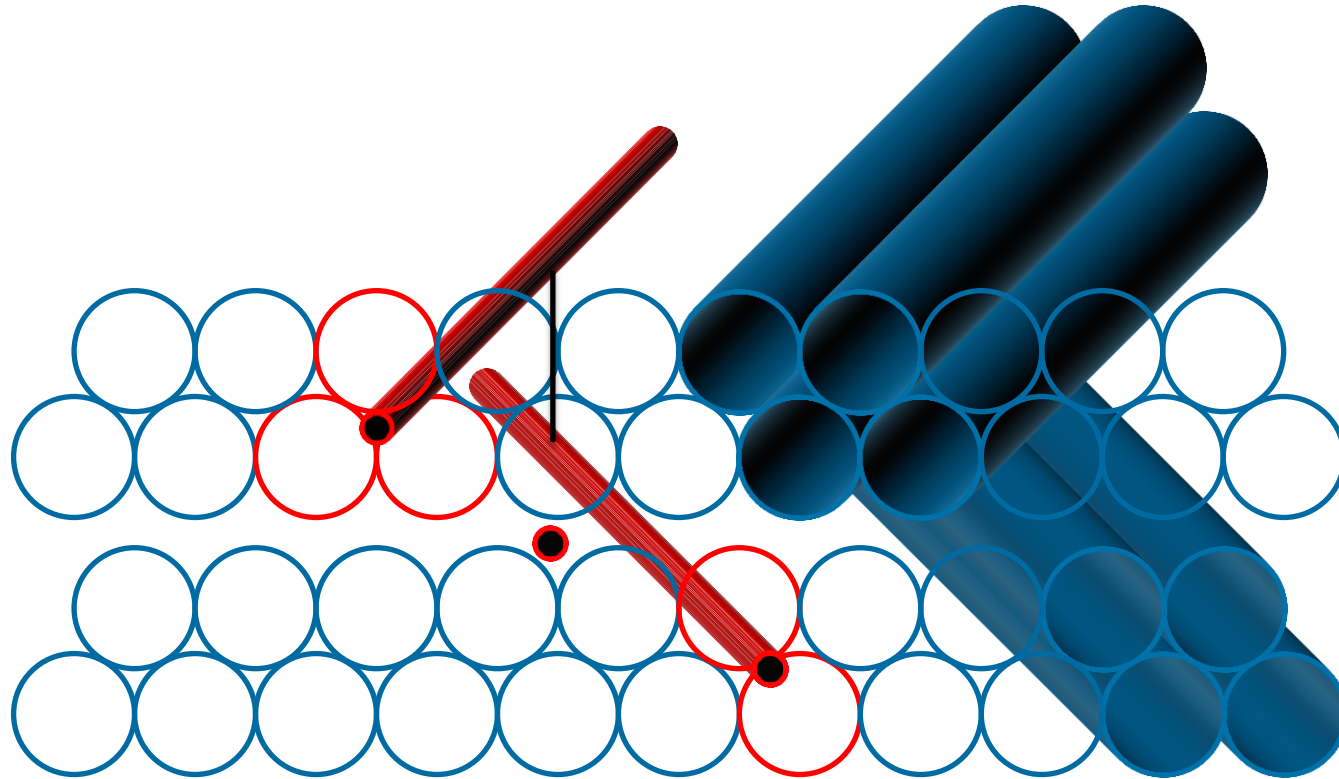
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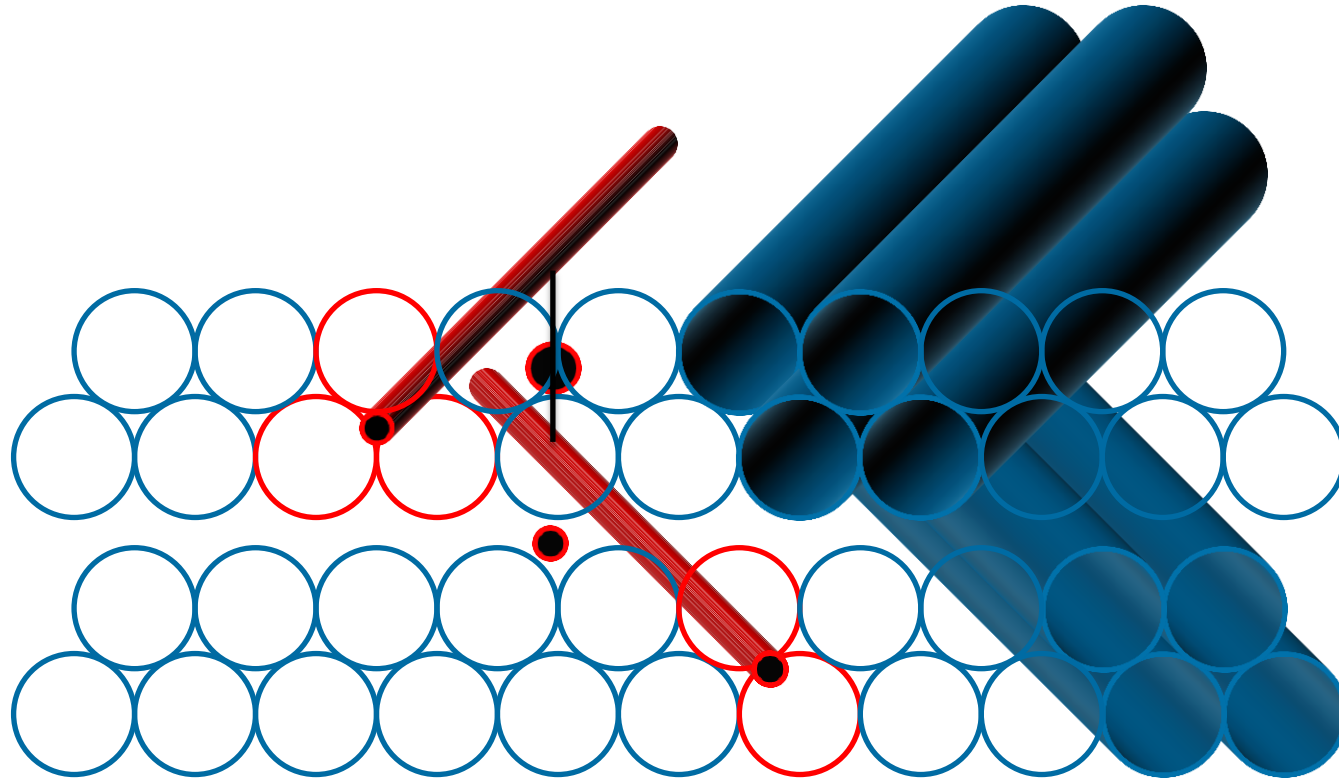
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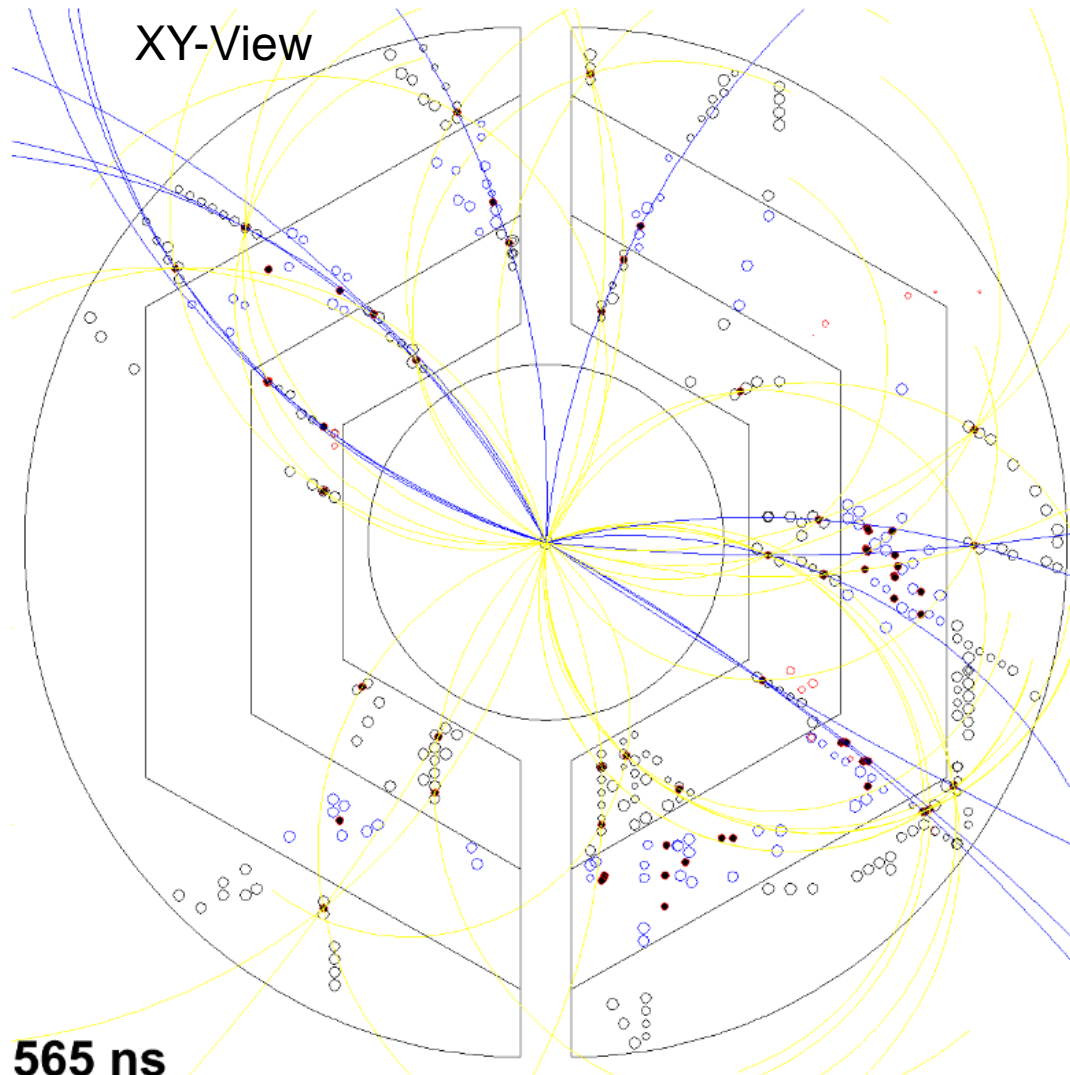


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- Green** circles: Close isochrone
- Red** circles: Late isochrone
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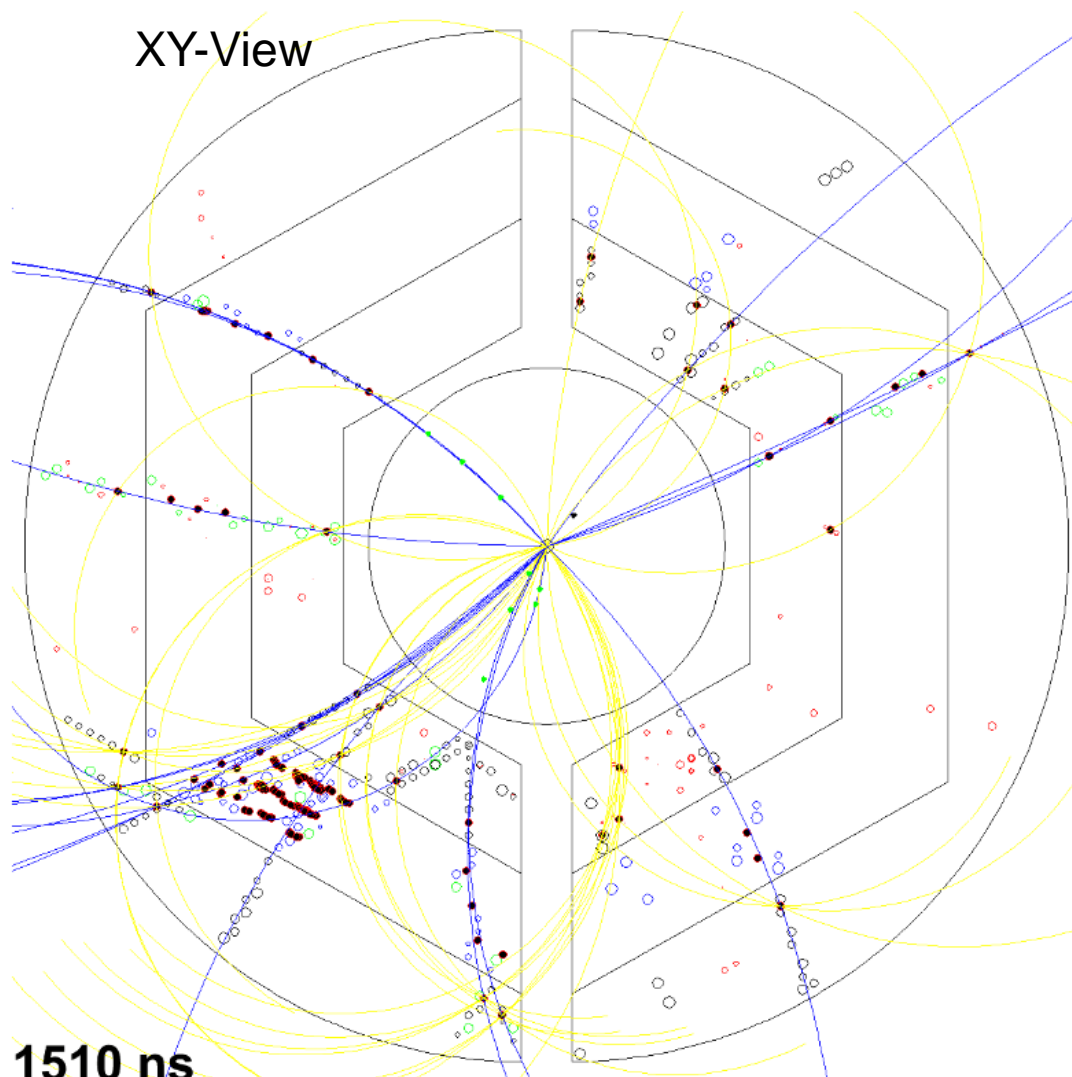
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1510 ns

# More (Online) Tracking Algorithms

Algorithm	Comments
Hough Transform, Yutie Liang	FPGA implementation
Hough Transform, Mohammad Al-Turany/Andreas Herten	GPU implementation
Non-Origin Trackfinder, Lia Lavezzi	Focused on offline, online application(?)
Triplet Finder, MCM	No isochrone info required
Track Segment Finder + Linker, Sean Dobbs	Template based
Fast Combinatorial Finder / Fitter, Sean Dobbs	Based on CLEO's SOLO
Forward Hough, Martin Galuska	Focused on offline, applicable for online
Riemann Tracker, Tobias Stockmanns	Focused on offline, online application(?)
Global Tracking in PandaRoot, Gianluigi Boca	Focused on offline
Online pattern recognition, Pablo Genova	Uses neural networks

Other developments?