# Geometrical Validation of ATLAS New Small Wheel Simulation Software

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# Outline

- Overview of LHC and ATLAS.
- LHC Timeline.
- Upgrade of the Muon Spectrometer.
- The New Small Wheel (NSW).
- NSW Simulation software.
- The Run Time Tester (RTT).
- RTT for NSW simulation and digitization.
- Summary.

### The Large Hadron Collider



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# A Toroidal LHC Apparatus (ATLAS)



Each particle leaves a distinct signature in the various parts of the detector.

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# LHC Timeline



• Instantaneous luminosity is the number of collisions produced per unit area per unit time.

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# Muon Spectrometer Upgrade



- High luminosity challenges: Current small wheels (innermost muon stations) won't be able to cope with increased rates. Triggering and tracking of muons will be affected.
- LS2 upgrade: Small wheels will be replaced by New Small Wheels.

# The New Small Wheel Design

- Micomesh gaseous detectors (Micromegas) for precision tracking.
- Small Strip Thin Gap Chambers (sTGCs) for triggering.
- 16 detection layers per sector.



### New Small Wheel Layers

- In general, gas is sandwiched between two electrodes (Printed Circuit Boards (PCBs)).
- 2 PCBs and a single gas gap per layer:



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### NSW Simulation Software

- Manufacturing and commissioning of NSW parts is currently underway in various parts of the world, including South Africa.
- Software to simulate the functionality of these parts is in place.
- Authorship task: Validate performance of the software Primarily to ensure that the geometry is correctly depicted in the simulation and digitization and fix bugs when necessary.



ATLAS simulation chain  $\square$ Geometrical Validation of ATLAS New Small

# The Run Time Tester

- A framework used to test ATLAS software for run time errors on a nightly basis.
- Goal of RTT for NSW: Ensure that the NSW geometry is correctly depicted in every nightly release and at each step of the simulation chain.
- Geometry is modelled by the MuonGeoModel software.
- ATLAS software and validation codes are written in both C++ and python (Athena).
- Various geometry histograms are plotted on a nightly basis.

### Simulation RTT code -Example histograms



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# Longitudinal view of the sTGC Small Confirm Plane



Quadruplet center  $\approx$  6998.5mm instead of 7010 mm

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# Model of an sTGC Quadruplet in MuonGeoModel

• GeoModel is a central geometry library for describing and constructing the ATLAS detector.



#### sTGC layer

sTGC quadruplet

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# Engineering Drawing of an sTGC Quadruplet



# A-side Longitudinal view of the sTGC Small Confirm Quadruplet (New GeoModel)



#### Quadruplet center = 7010 mm

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# Digitization RTT Code

- Currently, no histograms are created during RTT digitization.
- Jobs for the NSW are running in the digitization RTT.
- A histogram plotting code is being developed. NSW code will be added here.
- Validation for digitization is currently done outside the RTT.

# ATLAS software development

- All ATLAS software is being moved from SVN to GitLab. Muon software has been successfully moved except for Micromegas.
- The RTT will soon be replaced by the new ATLAS Release Tester (ART).
- RTT code will be reused in ART.
- ART is still being developed and exact timelines of migration are not yet clear.



- This work was done in fulfillment of the requirements for ATLAS authorship.
- NSW simulation RTT code is completed and running.
- Validation of the digitization is currently done outside the RTT.
- Bugs in GeoModel for sTGCs have been fixed.
- Following up on Git and ART migration.
- Qualification for authorship has been completed.
- Continue to work on this validation and NSW software in general.



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# Backup

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# XML Parameters used in MuonGeoModel

#### Xml parameters:

- NSW\_sTGC \_Tck =49.34mm
- NSW\_sTGC \_GasTck =2.85mm
- SW\_sTGC \_pcbTck = 3.00mm
- Z center:
  - Small confirm: NSW\_sTGC\_ZSmallConfirm = 7010 mm
  - Small pivot: NSW\_sTGC\_ZSmallPivot = 7344 mm
  - Large pivot: NSW\_sTGC\_ZLargePivot = 7474 mm
  - Large confirm: NSW\_sTGC\_ZLargeConfirm = 7808 mm

# A-side Longitudinal view of sTGC Small quadruplets



# A-side Longitudinal view of sTGC Large quadruplets



### A-side Longitudinal view of NSW Small Sectors



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### A-side Longitudinal view of NSW Large Sectors

MM all sectors - rZ view



#### Old GeoModel

#### New GeoModel

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