b-tagging: basis, concepts and beyond

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Introduction

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why heavy flavour tagging ?



- jets from b and c quarks are involved in many Standard Model processes:
 - bb (cc) production is ~1% (10%) of total inelastic cross section at LHC
 - BR(W \rightarrow cs) = 33%, BR(Z \rightarrow bb) = 15%
 - BR(t \rightarrow Wb) ~ 100%
 - BR(H \rightarrow bb) = 58%, BR(H \rightarrow cc) = 3%
- the large bb and tt cross sections allow to calibrate the b-tag algorithms
- tagging b jets are necessary to both remove the large SM backgrounds and to perform SM precision measurements: t+X, tt, H, HH, ...
- and allow new physics searches in many many channels:
 - heavy vectors : $W' \rightarrow tb$, $Z' \rightarrow bb$
 - new scalars : $h \rightarrow bb$, $H^+ \rightarrow bc$
 - SUSY, etc...

short history

• Theory:

- 1964, uds quark model: Gell-Mann, Zweig
- 1961-1968, EW standard model: Glashow, Salam, Weinberg
- 1964, H scalar field: Englert, Brout, Higgs
- 1970, charm prediction: Glashow, Iliopoulos, Maiani
- 1973, bottom and top prediction: Kobayashi, Maskawa
- Experimental discoveries:
 - 1974, charm: Ting at BNL, Richter at SLAC
 - 1977, bottom: Lederman at FNAL
 - 1983, W and Z: Rubbia, UA1, UA2 at CERN
 - 1995, top: CDF, D0 at FNAL
 - 2012, H boson: ATLAS, CMS at CERN
- Silicon vertex detectors at colliders: first used at
 - Mark II (1989), then SLD(1991-1998) at SLAC SLC (e⁺e⁻ 91 GeV)
 - LEP experiments (1989-2000) at CERN (e⁺e⁻ 88-208 GeV)
 - CDF (1992-2011) and D0 (1995-2011) at Tevatron FNAL (pp 1.8 TeV)
 - and everywhere: Hera (1991-2007), BaBar (1998-2008), Belle (1999-2010), LHC (since 2009), Belle II (since 2018), etc...

from Christophe Saout, DESY 2009



collision \rightarrow production of heavy resonance (here top quark pair)

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heavy resonance decay \rightarrow b quark (and more) in the final state

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parton shower, gluon radiation, gluon splitting, hadronization of quarks

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b-hadron and c-hadron decays, jets of particles

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what we see in the detector: jets of particles, leptons, missing E_T

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precise track reconstruction allows us to see secondary vertices from b or c decays: this is how we can perform b-tagging

Chap. I charm and beauty properties

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from PDG 2022

charm production & decay

- charm fragmentation
 - c quark can hadronize into excited D**, D* or to c-hadrons, with strong or e.m decays of D** and D*
 - <E(c-hadron) / E(c quark)> ~ 0.5-0.6
 - gluon splitting to $c\bar{c} = 3.0+0.5\%$



- m(D⁰) = 1.865, m(D⁺) = 1.870, m(D_s) = 1.968, m(\Lambda_c) = 2.286 GeV
- τ (D⁰) ~ 0.41 ps, τ (D[±]) ~ 1.03 ps, τ (Ds) ~ 0.50 ps, τ (Λ_c) ~ 0.20 ps
- ~94% c → s decay, ~11% c → e+X, ~12% c → μ+X, 0.1% c → τν
- on average: ~2 charged particles from c-hadron decay

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beauty production & decay

- **b** fragmentation: (from $Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ meas)
 - b quark hadronize to excited B** or B*
 (~ 87% of the time) which decays
 (strongly or e.m.) to b-hadrons, giving:
 - 41% B⁰, 41% B[±], 10% B_s, 8% b-baryon
 - <E(b-hadron) / E(b quark)> ~ 0.7
 - gluon splitting to $b\bar{b} = 0.28+0.07\%$
- b decay
 - m(B⁰) = 5.280, m(B⁺) = 5.279, m(B_s) = 5.367, m(\Lambda_b) = 5.620 GeV
 - τ(B⁰) ~ 1.52 ps, τ(B[±]) ~ 1.64 ps, τ(B_s) ~ 1.52 ps, τ(Λ_b) ~ 1.47 ps
 - 98% b \rightarrow c decay, 11% b \rightarrow c ev, 11% b \rightarrow c $\mu\nu$, 2% b \rightarrow c $\tau\nu$ decays
 - 20+_6% decay into 2 charm hadrons
 - on average: ~5 charged particles from b-hadron decay

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b properties

- long lifetime ~1.57 ps and hard fragmentation
 - => < $\beta\gamma c\tau$ > = $E_B / m_B c\tau_B$ = 0.3 * 1.57 * 0.7 $E_b[GeV] / 5.3$ =
 - -4 mm at E(b quark) = 60 GeV
 - 4 cm at 600 GeV (beyond beam pipe and first pixel layer)
- high track multiplicity: allows 2^{ndary} vertex reconstruction
- 22% semi-muonic decay (including muon from c-hadron)
 - interesting for low-level b-taggers
 - very useful for b-tagging efficiency measurement from data
- b backgrounds
 - multijet QCD events (gluon split): ~0.3% bb and ~3% cc
 - charm has $\tau_c \sim 0.4$ -1 ps and some rather hard fragmentation => c production is a significant background for b-tagging
- c-properties
 - intermediate between b and light properties
 - c-tagging is more difficult, but feasible too

Chap. II what do we need before tagging ?

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what do you need before tagging ?

- Excellent detector performance, especially for tracks with pixel detectors
- Tracking in high pileup environment
- Primary vertex reconstruction, pileup discrimination
- Jet reconstruction
- Secondary vertex reconstruction
- Heavy flavour tagging is at the very end of a long chain of object reconstruction
- One needs also a very good detector simulation and a constant survey of data/simulation comparisons at all level in the event reconstruction, in order to improve the detector response in the simulation

example: the CMS tracker

Position information from finely segmented silicon sensors:

- · Record the path of charged particles
- Measure momentum from bending radius in the magnetic field
- <u>Reconstruct primary</u> and <u>secondary vertices</u>

Requirements:

High resolution & low occupancy:

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resolve and isolate individual tracks, reconstruct vertices Finer granularity is needed closer to the IP [High particle density, small tracking volume]

High rate capability:

fast charge collection time and read-out electronics to keep up with the expected event rates

Low material budget:

minimize multiple scattering

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pixels: crucial for tagging of b and c quarks

- 127 million pixels
- 100x150 μm² size
- hit resolution $10x(20-40) \ \mu m^2$
- coverage up to |η|<2.5
- 1rst layer as close to 2.9 cm from beam crossing point
- 4 barrel layers, 3 endcap disks (x2)



tracking

- The reconstruction of charged particle tracks and vertices is fundamental for the reconstruction of every type of physics event:
 - directly used in the reconstruction of charged hadrons, electrons, and muons
 - needed to distinguish charged and neutral hadrons and discriminating electrons from photons
 - crucial ingredient for higher level objects like b-tagged jets, c-tagged jets or taus
 - association of tracks to vertices needed to distinguish particles from the hard interaction from pileup vertices
 - secondary vertices crucial to track the decay chains of particles

tracking: challenge

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a typical 3 jets event

53 primary vertices

typically 30 charged particles within the tracker acceptance per proton-proton collision and ~ 25-60 collisions per event: ~O(1000) charged particles per event need to be reconstructed.

tracking: challenge

CMS DP Note 2017-032



- measure hits
- reconstruct tracks and measure p_T
- identify e, μ
- reconstruct vertices

trajectory parametrization

A helical trajectory can be expressed by 5 parameters, but the parameterization is not unique.



(beamspot or a selected primary vertex),

along the beamline (usually called dz)

iterative tracking

In CMS, the track reconstruction is an iterative procedure:

- high quality tracks are reconstructed first
- their hits are removed
- and other tracks are reconstructed from the remaining hits



tracking : momentum resolution

- p_T resolution is 3-4% for low p_T tracks (< 1 GeV) due to multiple scattering
- reaches ~1.5% at p_T ~10 GeV
- then degrades at high p_T due to less bending in magnetic field
- p_T resolution is best for central tracks



tracking: impact parameter resolution

- impact parameter resolution ~80 (100) μm for central tracks in transverse plane (along the beam axis)
- but degrades in forward direction up to ~200 (500) μ m



primary vertex (PV)

- The reconstruction and correct identification of the vertex of the hard interaction in an event is of critical importance to correctly select the final state objects
- We also need to reconstruct as many of the PU vertices as possible to allow an efficient PU suppression in jets



CMS event with 40 pileup at 7 TeV

primary vertex (PV)

- The vertexing algorithm selects good tracks originating from the interaction region around the beam spot and clusters them according to the z coordinate of their point of closest approach to the center of the beam spot
- When we cluster tracks into vertices, at the same time we want to resolve nearby vertices to separate the primary interaction from PU vertices and prevent vertex merging, but we also do not want to split genuine vertices into two, so the PV reconstruction proceeds as:
 - Track selection: based on deterministic annealing, inspired from theromodynamic, to group tracks with common « temperature »
 - Vertex fit: based on adaptive vertex fitter, weighting each track associated to a given vertex, downweighting the wrong tracks (outliers)
 - Merging of vertices starts for distance < 300 μ m
 - Vertices closer than 100 μ m can't be separated
- The typical PV reconstruction efficiency is ~99% for the hard interaction in ttbar events, and ~80% for PU vertices (up to a nb. of PU < 70)

b jet

- using the particle flow method (in CMS) particles are reconstructed with the full event information (tracks, calorimeter hits, muons hits)
- cluster particles into jets : if they are close in distance $\Delta R \min(p_T^1, p_T^2)^{\alpha}$ with cone size $\Delta R = \sqrt{(\Delta \eta)^2 + (\Delta \phi)^2}$ and $\alpha = -1$: Anti-kT algorithm
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- soft particles (low p_T) are removed
- wide jet (AK8): ∆R < 0.8 for boosted objects as for high p_T H → bb, or W' or Z' searches (needs ∆R = 0.8 for p_T(H) > 300 GeV)



versus light jet

- in a light-flavour jet (from u, d, s quark or gluon), most tracks come directly from quark fragmentation
- but sometime can result in a displaced vertex and look like a b-jet:
 - interactions with the detector material
 - photon conversions
 - long-lived $K^0_{\ s} \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- \text{ or } \Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$
 - badly measured tracks (with poor resolution, or fakes)
 - track from pileup, originating from another primary vertex



from Andrew Bell, UCL 2017

track selection

some track selection can help to discriminate between those coming from b or c decay and from ordinary jet fragmentation

- quality cuts: $p_T > 1$ GeV, $\chi^2/dof < 5$, ≥ 1 pixel hits
- against pileup:
 - $|d_{xy}| < 2 \text{ mm}$
 - track distance-to-jet axis: closest 3D distance from track to jet < 0.7 mm
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Chap. III how to tag ?

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tagging algorithms



- Multivariate algorithms
 - Boosted Decision Trees
 - Neural Networks
 - Deep Learning

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impact parameter

- impact parameters (IP) defined as signed point of closest approach with respect to the primary interaction vertex (PV)
 - in transverse plane $(d_{xy} \text{ or } d_0)$
 - or in 3D, from which infer the longitudinal IP (d_z)
- IP significance is the IP divided by its uncertainty
- signed IP: positive if it crosses the jet axis downstream from the PV, otherwise negative
- infer templates (from simulation) for b, c and light jets



track

IP

jet axis

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can order tracks in a jet by decreasing IP significance value and consider the 2nd or 3rd highest value (as in CMS)

IP

track

jet axis

(here the 2nd highest IP significance

more IPs: likelihood ratio



more IPs: ``probability''

- originally developped at LEP (ALEPH, DELPHI)
- for each track, compute the probability P_{tr} that it comes from the PV, using the IP significance $e^{-|IP|/\sigma}$
- use tracks with negative IP to calibrate it: $P_{\rm tr} =$
- use tracks with positive IP to estimate a Jet ``Probability'' P_j , using the product Π $P_j = \Pi$ of all P_{tr} in the jet:





soft lepton tag

- 23% b quark decays with a muon (23% with an electron)
- thanks to the high b mass, the p_T of the lepton with respect to its jet axis (p_T^{rel}) is larger in b decay than in c decay, or in light jets:
- this was the primary b jet identifier, before the arrival of pixel



soft lepton tag

• was a key for the **top quark discovery** in CDF and D0

The Golden Event (CDF)

- "DPF event"
 - Oct. 22, 1992
 - That year ALL candidate events were "named"
 - eµ + 2 jet event
 1 jet tagged by both
 - SLT and SVX
 Decide not to declare
 - discovery on 1 event
 - D0 similar experience



from Robert Roser, CTEQ school 2012

secondary vertex (SV)

- several reconstruction methods can be used: here the inclusive vertex finding is summarized (see CMS, JINST 13 (2018) P05011). It was originally introduced to measure the correlation between close b decays:
 - use all tracks in the event (not only those in a jet), cluster those which are close in distance and far from the PV
 - then apply an adaptive vertex fitter, drop any SV if it is too close from another SV (and less well measured)
 - remove tracks more compatible with the PV than with a SV
 - then refit the SVs and apply a last cleaning



SV: from a simple tagger to a Neural Network

• variable used:

- nb. of SVs and track multiplicity at SV
- decay length significance: PV-SV distance divided by its error, if several SVs, can consider 2nd or 3rd highest value -> simple SV tag
- SV mass: invariant mass of tracks attached to a SV
- SV energy ratio: energy sum of tracks at SV / that of all tracks in jet
- use also informations from single tracks at high IP in the jet
- then can combine everything into a Neural Network



jet flavour and efficiency

- in the simulation, a b jet is defined as containing a final state b-hadron (within $\Delta R = \sqrt{(\Delta \eta)^2 + (\Delta \phi)^2} < 0.4$ for AK4 jet),
- if there are no b-hadron, a c jet is looked for
- if there are no b- or c-hadron, generated jets are considered (using final state generated particles except neutrinos, with the same AK clustering): if a generated jet is at ∆R < 0.25 from the reconstructed jet and with p_T > 8 GeV, it is defined as a light jet
- remaining jets are undefined (can be from pileup, or from a lepton, or fake)
- the efficiency to tag a b jet is the number of tagged b jets divided by the number of reconstructed b jets (same definition for c jets)
- the mistag rate, or misidentification probability, is also an efficiency but often applied to light jets: nb. of tagged light jets / nb. of reconstructed light jets
- the performance curve (or ROC curve) is a 2D representation of the tagging efficiencies for two different flavours

performance of early taggers

- simple taggers could reach ~50% b-tag efficiency for 1% light mistag
- NN reached 66% b-tag efficiency for 1% light and 15% charm mistag
- the user can rely for each tagger on dedicated operating points, corresponding to 10% (loose), 1% (medium), 0.1% tight light mistag



multi-variate taggers

- fastly growing evolution of the technology
 - Boosted Decision Trees
 - Neural Networks
 - Deep Neural Networks, with increased SV and IP informations and larger number of involved tracks
 - Graph Neural Networks, ...



charm tagging

charm properties are in between b and light flavour properties

- so 2 discriminants have to be used, one against light (CvsL), the other against b (CvsB)
- using Deep NN taggers, one get probabilities for a jet to contain either b, bb, c, uds and g which can be combined for c-tagging



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charm tagging

 by choosing appropriate selections (operating points) on CvsB and CvsL, one can get different c-tagging efficiencies

b (or c) jets in boosted topology

T axis

τ axis

double-b

- developed at LHC, jet substructure technics can be applied for fat (AK8) jets at high p_T containing 2 close b quarks.
- the first b-taggers used the existing AK4 taggers, but applied to the subjet components. Dedicated double b-taggers were proposed to exploit more information from all the tracks, SVs and subjets (BDT, and now deep NN), while being less sensitive to to the subjet pair invariant mass

AK8 iet

b-tagging in trigger

- triggering on b jets was pioneered by CDF at Tevatron
- at LHC, a 1^{rst} level (hardware) trigger is based on calorimeter and muon information and filters the interesting events with an output rate of 100 kHz
- then a fast computer farms can process online the (almost) full event reconstruction with an output rate ~2 kHz (High Level Trigger)
- a fast primary vertex reconstruction is applied in CMS, giving the PV z position by projecting the hits from the pixel layers, then a regional track reconstruction is applied using first the hits in pixels, then in strips

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Chap. IV how to calibrate ?

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tagging efficiency measurement

- in order to tag b (or c) jets physics analyses can use either
 - operating points, providing different tagging efficiencies and mistag rates
 - or the full shape of the b- (or c-) tagger output

then provide a scale factor SF = data/MC ratio of efficiencies

- the efficiency measurement has to rely mostly on data, with minimal MC usage. Good to have several methods in order to validate the measurements !
- for b-tagging, one can benefit from the large amount of b jets in multijet (QCD) events, from the semi-leptonic b decays to get muon-jet b-enriched data, and from the two b jets present in each ttbar event
- for c-tagging, one can rely both on ttbar events (using W → cs decays) and on the pp → Wc process
- for double-b jets, one can use multijet events with an energetic gluon splitting g → bb, both b giving a semi-muonic decay
- for light jets, evaluate mistagging by using only negative IP tracks or negative SV decay lengths (as inputs to the tagger algo)

b-tag eff. meas.: multijets

three methods have been proposed (as developed in D0/CDF)

muon pTrel and IP:

 use the muon p_T relative to its jet axis, build templates for b from MC and for light+c from data multijet events; for high jet p_T, can use instead the muon IP

b-tag eff. meas.: multijets

System8: invented at IPHC for D0 (Benoit Clément 2003, PhD 2006)

- consider to tag (WP) both on the muon-jet and on an away jet (with another tagger) in the event, using also the ptRel (Ref) in the muon-jet (so 3 b-tagging criteria), this gives a system of 8 (non-linear) equations with 8 unknowns to be solved, including the b-tagging efficiency of interest
- advantage: no template shape to handle
- disadvantage: needs to know correlation coefficients, equations not easy to solve

lags:				H 🗸 nTrel
no tag	п	_	$n_b + n_{c\ell}$	
away tag	p	=	$p_b + p_{c\ell}$	btag
btag	n ^{tag}	=	$arepsilon_b^{tag} n_b + arepsilon_{c\ell}^{tag} n_{c\ell}$	SV
btag+away	p^{tag}	=	$\beta_{12} \varepsilon_b^{tag} p_b + \alpha_{12} \varepsilon_{c\ell}^{tag} p_{c\ell}$	PV
pTrel	$n^{p_{Trel}}$	=	$arepsilon_b^{p_{ ext{Trel}}} n_b + arepsilon_{c\ell}^{p_{ ext{Trel}}} n_{c\ell}$	
away+pTrel	$p^{p_{Trel}}$	_	$eta_{23} arepsilon_b^{p_{\mathrm{Trel}}} p_b + lpha_{23} arepsilon_{c\ell}^{p_{\mathrm{Trel}}} p_{c\ell}$	away jet tag
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all tags	$p^{tag, p_{Trel}}$	=	$\beta_{123} \varepsilon_b^{tas} \varepsilon_b^{p_{Trel}} p_b + \alpha_{123} \varepsilon_{c\ell}^{tag} \varepsilon_{c\ell}^{p_{Trel}} p_{c\ell}$.	

b-tag eff. meas.: multijets

3. LifeTime method: developed first at IPHC in CMS

- similarly to pTrel, template shape fits on SV mass (when available) or on Jet Probability distributions
- advantage: can be used on muon-jet events, or on multijet events (no muon request) up to very high p_T values
- disadvantage: rely on shapes from MC (for SV), and on JP calibration

b-tag eff. meas.: ttbar

can benefit from both dilepton and lepton+jets ttbar final states, those methods were initiated at Tevatron, but much more developed at LHC: several methods proposed, here just some examples

 dilepton: select the b jet candidate using kinematic variables based on a BDT (for instance), then perform a likelihood fit to derive the nb. of tagged jets and the data/MC scale factor of the b-tag efficiency ε_b

b-tag eff. meas.: ttbar

- **lepton+jets**: all objects can be fully reconstructed, except the neutrino which is approximated using the missing p_T in the event to satisfy: $(p_v + p_\ell)^2 = m_W^2 (p_v + p_\ell + p_{b,\ell})^2 = m_t^2$
 - then a likelihood λ is built, which maximizes the association of all jets to either the hadronic or to the leptonic side
 - both leptonic and hadronic sides can be tagged in turn
 - the tagging efficiency is estimated on the other side by considering template fits of the log λ or p_T^{miss} distribution, with or without tagging

data/MC b-tag efficiency ratio

 taking into account all systematics (which are numerous and need to very carefully checked, the evil hides in the details...) one can combine the muon-jet and multijet results and compare them to the combined ttbar results (→ agreement ~1%)

 the full procedure is repeated for each data taking year and each data reprocessing, in order to deliver those correction factors, vs jet p_T or vs tagger shape, for all physics analyses

c-tag efficiency measurement s,d

- Wc process with W \rightarrow ev or $\mu\nu$ decay: the c jet contains a soft muon (from charm semi-leptonic decay) such that the lepton from W and muon from c have opposite charge, while the background has no charge preference,
- thus the same-sign background can be subtracted and background ``free" distributions can be fitted with or w/o c jet tagging applied $N(W + c)_{tagged}^{OS-SS}$
- one can then infer the c jet tagging efficiency from data $\varepsilon_c = \frac{1}{N(W + c)^{OS-SS}}$,

ttbar events can also be used in the I+jets channel with a $W \rightarrow cs$ or ud pair which can be selected and is enriched in c jet candidates

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mistag efficiency of light jets

negative tag method: invented in CDF and D0

 mistagging from the huge amount of uds and g jets can be evaluated by using the same tagger as for b-tagging, ^{primary vertex} but restricting its input quantities to tracks with negative IP and to SVs with negative decay length <u>CMS</u> 3

> 35.9 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV, 2016) Jets / 0.04 units CMS Data > 50 GeV b C udsg 10¹ 10 10¹⁰ 10^{9} Data/MC -0.6 -0.4 -0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 DeepCSV discriminator

using multijet (QCD) events, data/MC mistag efficiency ratio is derived with uncertainty ~10% (including various systematic sources)

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Jet p_ [GeV]

jet axis

Conclusion and prospect

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the future: tagging at HL-LHC

- at HL-LHC, the pixel detector will need to cope with higher instantaneous luminosity (x 2-4), higher pileup (~140-200) and higher radiation damage
- the next pixel detector will have a smaller granularity: 25x100 μm² (instead of 100x150 μm² at present), and will extend up to |η| < 4 (instead of < 2.5 at present)

• the expected performance are very good, despite the harsh conditions

