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The VELO detector is one of the core elements of the LHCb spectrometer. Its upcoming upgrade will consist of a new type of Velopix sensor. It branches from a2 Medipix family of silicon pixel matrix sensors. One of its operational challenges3 with future data taking at the Large Hadron Collider will be the ability to detect4 faulty (masked) pixels and monitor them. In this work, we propose a method for5 clustering the faulty pixels and tracking the progression of the clusters in time. We6 compare two methods of clustering (DBSCAN and OPTICS) and their influence7 on the proposed tracking method, using a simulated dataset of masked pixels.

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