

Track and Vertex Reconstruction at LHC

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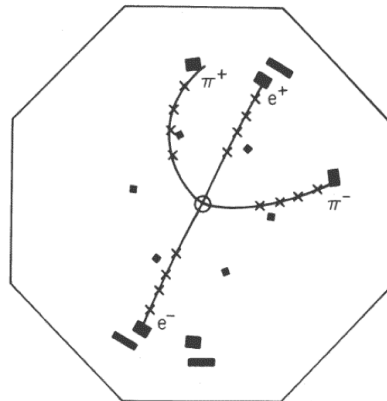
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Computer reconstruction of Ψ' cascade decay at Mark I, SLAC, 1974

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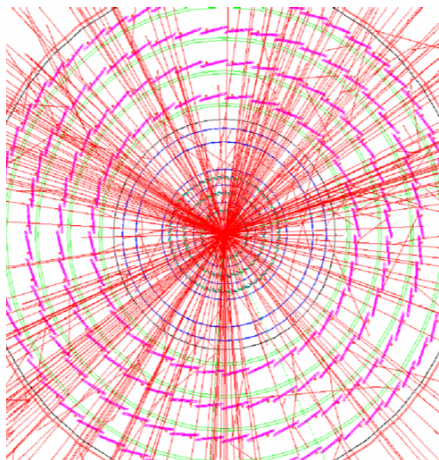
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Particular Challenges at the LHC Detectors

- **combinatorics**: high track densities and numbers of read-out channels
- **high precision**: small hit errors require precise error propagation through detector
- **distortions**: very inhomogeneous dead material and magnetic field
- **computing limits**: event sizes and trigger rates demand efficient software techniques
- **vertexing with pile-up**: identify signal collision as 1 out of ~ 23



Outline

This lecture covers three main parts:

- 1 **Track Reconstruction**
 - Track Model and Parameter Estimators
 - Error Propagation and Material Effects
 - Trajectory Distortions
- 2 **Vertex Reconstruction**
 - Vertex Reconstruction
- 3 **Detector-Specific Aspects - ATLAS and CMS**
 - Detectors and Pattern Recognition
 - The Software
 - Calibration and Alignment
 - Understanding the First Data

part 1: Track reconstruction

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track model

transport in B-field and
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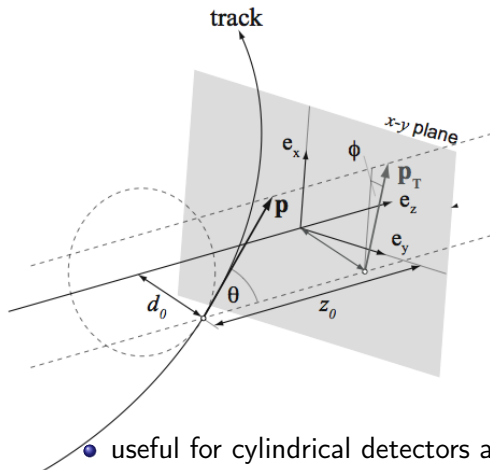


Track Models

- The **track model** parameterizes the charged particle trajectory
- Track models have **5 parameters**:
 - ▷ stable particle moving in stationary B-field in vacuum is described by 6 quantities (position, momentum)
 - ▷ however, initial position along trajectory is free
- 5 parameters expressed at an intersected reference surface
 - ▷ local coordinates l_1, l_2 , angles ϕ, θ and curvature q/p
 - ▷ called 'LocalParameters' (ATLAS) or 'Global State' (CMS)
- In reality, the **detector geometry** affects the model through field configuration and material effects
 - ▷ "*propagation*" of parameters along trajectory



Track Parameters at Collider Detectors



Perigee parameterization:

- d_0 signed distance of closest approach to z axis
- z_0 z of closest approach
- ϕ_0 azimuthal angle at cl. app.
- θ polar angle of track
- q/p charge-signed curvature

- useful for cylindrical detectors and solenoidal B-field (B_z)
- basis for 4-vector parameterization in physics analysis (B_z)

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Estimators and Track Parameters

- track parameter reconstruction starts with:

- ▷ data set $\{m_i\}$, errors $\text{cov}(\mathbf{m}) = V$
- ▷ a model $\mathcal{P}_i(m_i, \lambda)$ with unknown par's λ .

- need **estimator** for λ :

- ▷ **best**: smallest variance
- ▷ **unbiased**: expectation value close to λ

- for instance **maximum likelihood** estimator

- λ_{ML} for which likelihood function

$$\mathcal{L}(\lambda, \{m_i\}) = \prod_i \mathcal{P}_i(m_i; \lambda)$$

becomes maximum

- method available through generic fitting algorithms like MINUIT
- **However**, track and vertex fitting does not use MINUIT.
- instead use **linear estimator** !

Gaussian-distributed Measurements

- usually several independent effects sum up to measurement resolution
- $\Rightarrow$ measurements distributed normally (Gaussian p.d.f.) around true values
- For Gaussian p.d.f.

$$\mathcal{P}_i(m_i, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{m_i - h_i(\boldsymbol{\lambda})}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 \right]$$

- the **least-squares estimator**

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \left(\frac{m_i - h_i(\boldsymbol{\lambda})}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 = -2 \ln \mathcal{L} + \text{const.}$$

- is the ML and therefore smallest-variance estimator



Linear Model

- We can approximate the track model by a **linear model** in the neighbourhood of the measurements:

$$h(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = h_0 + H\boldsymbol{\lambda}$$

(under the condition that measurement errors vary little with $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$)

- minimum χ^2 condition ($\frac{d\chi^2}{d\boldsymbol{\lambda}} = 0$) gives the linear estimator

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} = CH^T V^{-1}(m - h_0), \quad C = \text{var}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}) = (H^T V^{-1} H)^{-1}$$

- Properties of linear LSEs are important in tracking:
allow simple error propagation, χ^2 tests etc
- known as global fit: applies all meas. constraints at once

Applying Constraints Progressively

- alternative: **sequentially** apply measurement constraints m_k
- again, assuming linear model
- add a single data point k as a correction to previous state $k-1$

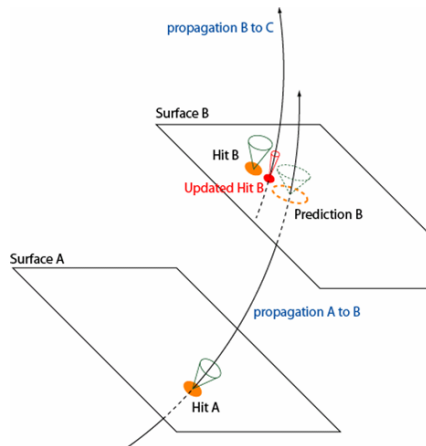
$$x_k = x_{k-1} + K_k(m_k - h_k(x_{k-1}))$$

$$C_k = (1 - K_k H_k) C_{k-1}$$

- Kalman gain matrix

$$K_k = C_{k-1} H_k^T (V_k + H_k C_{k-1} H_k^T)^{-1}$$

- matrix of $\dim(m_k)$ to invert: fast!



Kalman filter

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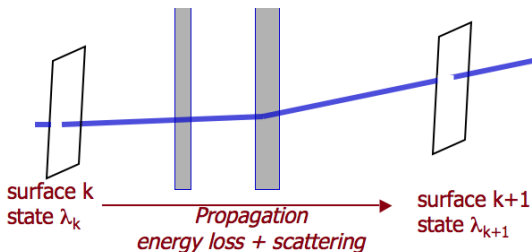
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The Kalman Filter

- developed originally for fast signal processing
 - ▷ time evolution of dynamical systems,
for example updating rocket direction from radar signal
 - ▷ global fit needs to refit complete trajectory with every signal
- Kalman filter brings additional benefits to tracking:
 - ▷ local treatment of multiple scattering
 - ▷ use in local pattern recognition
 - ▷ integrating (non-Gaussian) energy loss in the track model
- will come back to each point
- Kalman filter also exists for vertexing

Parameter Propagation and Material Effects

- track parameters and associated covariances are changed by passage through B-field and material



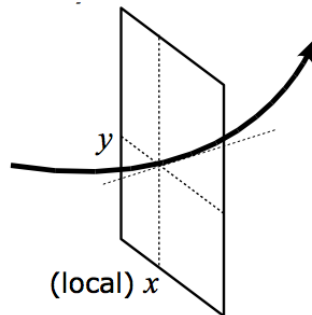
- separate track model: $\lambda_k = f(\lambda)$ from meas't model: $h_k(\lambda_k)$
- measurement model depends on k 's geometry and sensor:
 h_k usually direct projection of measured coordinates
- energy loss is corrected **deterministically**,
 multiple scattering treated **stochastically**

Parameter Propagation

- equation of motion of particle

$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}}{ds^2} = \frac{q}{p} \left(\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{ds} \times \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

- helix approximation not sufficient:
risk 1 % momentum bias (CMS)
- $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r})$ inhomogeneous: differential
eq. can only be solved **numerically**
- ATLAS uses **Runge-Kutta methods**:
 - ▷ divide integration interval in steps;
 - ▷ each step becomes initial-value problem;
 - ▷ solve equation for each step independently
- high accuracy (short steps, many field look-ups) is cpu-costly!



Fast Track and Error Propagation

Adaptive step-length

- better than fixed step-length for B-field with regions of different inhomogeneity
- additional evaluation stage
 - ▷ to estimate local error of propagation
 - ▷ to trim step length for current position
- step acceptance criterion:
local error $<$ error tolerance
- adaptive Runge-Kutta-Nyström

Propagation of error matrices

- purely numerical scheme:
propagate set of auxiliary tracks with smeared parameters
- semi-analytical scheme:
differentiate result of numerical integration in each step
parallel transport of parameters and Jacobian elements
- semi-analytical much faster!
- both include gradients of E-loss and magnetic field

Material Effects: Energy Loss by Ionization

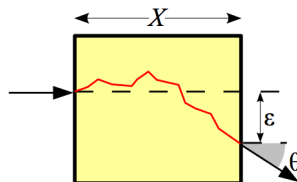
- Same effects which allow particle detection cause energy loss
- Energy loss depends very specifically on traversed medium, particle type and momentum
- mean specific energy loss described by **Bethe-Bloch**:

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = K z^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2 T_{\max}}{I^2} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta(\gamma\beta)}{2} \right]$$



Material Effects: Coulomb Scattering

- charged particle **deflected** when passing through matter
- random deflection is result of many small-angle Coulomb scatterings on the nuclei
- Gaussian distribution for central 98 % given by **Highland formula**



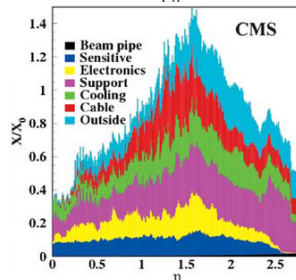
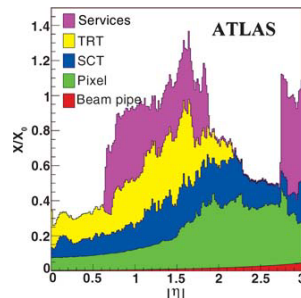
$$\sigma(\theta) = \frac{13.6 \text{ MeV}}{\beta c p} z \sqrt{x/X_0} (1 + 0.038 \ln(x/X_0))$$

- expect $E(\varepsilon) = 0$, $E(\theta) = 0$. $\sigma(\theta)$ is proportional to $1/p$
- x/X_0 : thickness of material in **fraction of radiation length**



Radiation Length

- radiation length X_0 :
mean distance over which electron
loses 63 % of its energy
- also relevant for photons: survival
probability is $1/e$ over $\frac{7}{9}X_0$.
- example: 300 μm Si gives 0.003 X_0
- ATLAS and CMS trackers are heavy!
- Consequences:
 - ▷ track fit needs good description of
material effects
 - ▷ electron bremsstrahlung and photon
conversions need to be reconstructed
with the help of track detectors





Multiple Scattering in Global Fit

- **break-point method**: for each scattering plane add two scattering angles to track model: $h_i(\lambda, \theta^{\text{scat}})$
- and a contribution to χ^2 :

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i^{N_{\text{hits}}} \left(\frac{m_i - h_i(\lambda, \theta^{\text{scat}})}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 + \sum_j^{N_{\text{planes}}} \left(\frac{E(\theta^{\text{scat}}) - \theta_j^{\text{scat}}}{\sigma^{\text{scat}}} \right)^2$$

- expectation value of scattering angles is $E(\theta^{\text{scat}}) = 0$
- However: introduces new parameter correlations, solution **inverts large matrix** ($\text{dim} = 5 + 2N^{\text{scat}}$)
- also needs 'smart' aggregation of detailed material onto planes
- method in wide use by ATLAS, not implemented in CMS.



Multiple Scattering in Kalman Filter

- state propagation

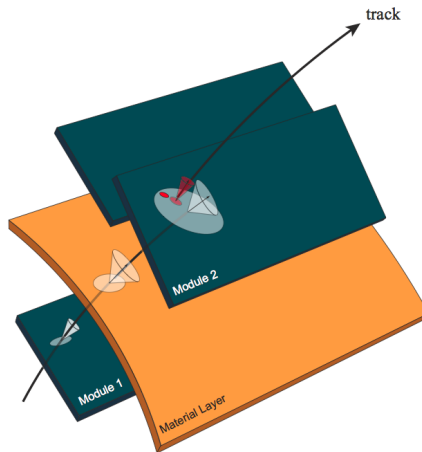
$$\lambda_k^{k-1} = f_k^{k-1}(\lambda_{k-1})$$

does B-field integration
and energy loss correction

- error propagation

$$C_k^{k-1} = F_k^{k-1} C_{k-1} F_k^{k-1T} + Q_k$$

- the **process noise** matrix Q_k reflects multiple scattering uncertainties in extrapolation from state k to $k+1$





Kalman Filter with State Propagation

- add a single data point

$$\lambda_k = \lambda_k^{k-1} + K_k(m_k - h_k(\lambda_k^{k-1}))$$

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- **Smoothing:**

run two filters in opposite directions and build weighted average to obtain track parameters and error at every surface



Quality of fit: Pull Quantities

Pull Distribution

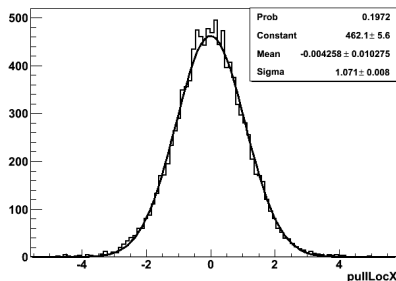
- verifies error estimate and unbiasedness of fit

$$\text{pull}(y) = \frac{y - E(y)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(y)}}$$

- pull should be distributed with mean 0, rms 1
- use 3 kinds of pull:
 - ▷ measurement pull (truth), tests input to fit
 - ▷ parameter pull (truth), tests track model
 - ▷ (measurement) residual pull

Residual Pull

- residual $r_k = m_k - h_k(\lambda)$
- pull = r_k / R_k (R : cov. of residual)





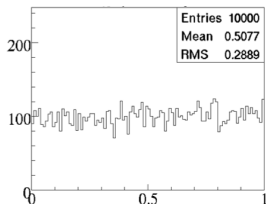
Chi-square and Robustness

Chi-square distribution

- if residual pull is good, χ^2 distribution should obey

$$E(\chi^2/\text{n.d.o.f.}) = 1$$

- n.d.o.f. = # constraints - # params
- χ^2 probability should be flat



Outliers

- effects creating outliers:
 - ▷ error larger than expected, example: shortened drift or large cluster due to δ -electron
 - ▷ noise or wrong hit
- simplest robust estimator: reject largest residual pull, refit
- typical outlier cuts
 - ▷ reject hit if pull > 3.5
 - ▷ reject track if $\mathcal{P}(\chi^2) < 10^{-5}$
- avoid bias or degraded resolution

Gaussian-Sum Filter

- Linear LSE only optimal in linear systems with Gaussian meas't errors and process noise
- Basic idea for non-Gaussian case:
Keep advantages of LSE by
describing general pdf's as mixture of Gaussian components

$$f(\lambda) = \sum_i^N w_i \phi(\lambda; \mu_i, V_i) \quad \text{with} \quad \sum_i w_i = 1$$

- consists of N Kalman filters run in parallel
- After each update the weights are recalculated to reflect the compatibility with the measurement
- needs knowledge of noise distribution
- needs component reduction to control combinatorial explosion

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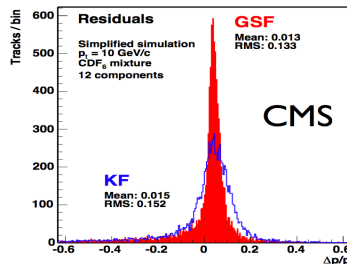
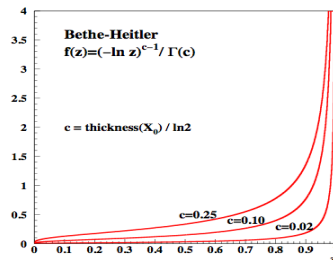
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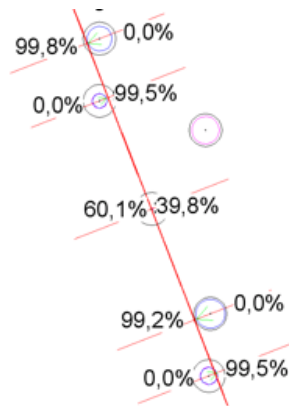
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Gaussian-Sum Filter: Electrons

- Electron Bremsstrahlung:
very non-Gaussian noise !
- local extension of track model
 - ▷ brem. point in global track fit
 - ▷ Kalman filter with
dynamic noise adjustment
- Gaussian-sum filter
approximates Bethe-Heitler as
Gaussian mixture
- **GSF is very CPU costly**
 - ▷ ATLAS & CMS use it only
on electron candidate tracks

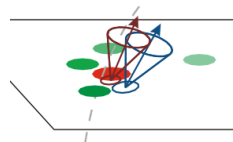


Deterministic Annealing Filter



- for extreme hit occupancy or noise

- ▷ allow for several hits per layer to compete in track
 - ▷ use annealing iterations to find global minimum



- give assignment probability to hit i in layer

$$p_i = \frac{\phi_i(T)}{n\Lambda + \sum_j \phi_j(T)}$$

- weights ϕ_i calculated from residuals before next iteration, then: $T \rightarrow 1$ (annealing)
- multi-track fitter (in CMS): add competition between close-by tracks

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part 2: Vertex reconstruction

Vertex Fitting

- techniques are very similar to track reconstruction:
 - ▷ data are N track parameter vectors + covariances
 - ▷ output: vertex position, track momentum vectors and the full covariance matrix
- measurement model $h(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{p})$ describes dependence of track parameters $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ on vertex position $\boldsymbol{x}$ and momenta $\boldsymbol{p}$
 - ▷ is inherently non-linear
 - ▷ more unknown parameters: $3 + 3 \times N$
 - ▷ process noise has no equivalent
- use again linear LSEs but need iterations

Vertex Least-Square Estimators

- total χ^2 from sum over N tracks

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i^N (\lambda_i - h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i)) C_i^{-1} (\lambda_i - h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i))$$

- commonly use helix parameterisation in h and derivatives

$$D_i = \frac{\partial h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i)}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \quad E_i = \frac{\partial h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i)}{\partial \mathbf{p}_i}$$

(will skip further details, see literature in appendix)

- linearisation of non-linear model

$$h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) = h_0 + D_i \mathbf{x} + E_i \mathbf{p}_i$$

requires iteration and propagation of track parameters as vertex estimate moves

Vertex Least-Square Estimators

- practical methods avoid inverting large matrix (dim=3+3N)
- **Billoir algorithm** is a global fit exploiting the empty structure of $HV^{-1}H^T$ in LSE (ATLAS only)
- **Kalman fit** adds tracks one by one
- both methods can be used to perform or omit (faster) the calculation of the new track momenta at the vertex
- sequential addition of tracks to Kalman allows to exclude incompatible tracks during fit
- primary vertex reconstruction at LHC required new approach to **vertex finding through fitting**

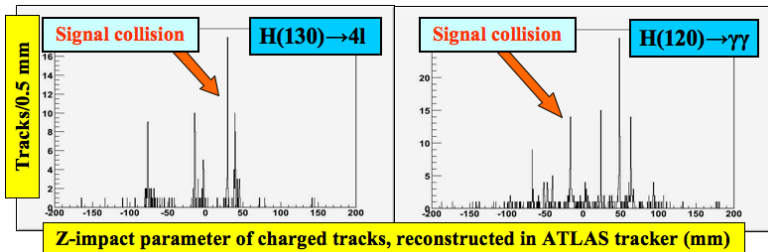
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Primary Vertex Reconstruction

- The beam spot is described by Gaussian parameters
 - ▷ $\sigma_x = \sigma_y = 0.015 \text{ mm}$, $\sigma_z = 56 \text{ mm}$, displaced from $(0, 0, 0)$
- pile-up: comparing to min. bias events signal events have higher track multiplicity and p_T
 - ▷ different methods of identifying the primary vertex
 - ▷ None of them gives 100 % efficiency for all channels
 - ▷ tracking distortions and beam spot displacement



Adaptive Multi-Vertex Fitter

- adaptive method works like Deterministic Annealing Filter:
 - ▷ downweights tracks according to compatibility with vertex
- For events with many close-by pile-up vertices: **adaptive multi-vertex fitter**
 - ▷ vertices compete against each other for track assignment
 - ▷ iterative annealing is used to approach a hard assignment
 - ▷ No prior assumption on number of primary vertices
- signal vertex taken as the one with highest $\sum (p_i^T)^2 / N_{\text{track}}$

Kinematic Fitting and constraints

Decay vertex fitting

- photon conversion or V^0 decay candidates
- full decay trees
- types of constraint:
 - ▷ invariant mass
 - ▷ direction of decaying particle
 - ▷ direction of decayed particles (collinearity)
- improves estimate when few measurement constraints available (1-2 charged tracks)

Applying exact constraints

- Lagrange multiplier (λ_j)
 - ▷ add extra term to χ^2 :

$$\chi_+^2 = \lambda_j g_j(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i)$$

- ▷ minimize χ^2 wrt. $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i, \lambda_j$.
- Kalman filter
 - ▷ apply constraint as measurement-update with covariance 0

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part 3: Detector-Specific Aspects

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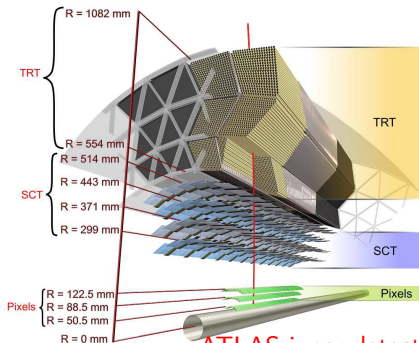
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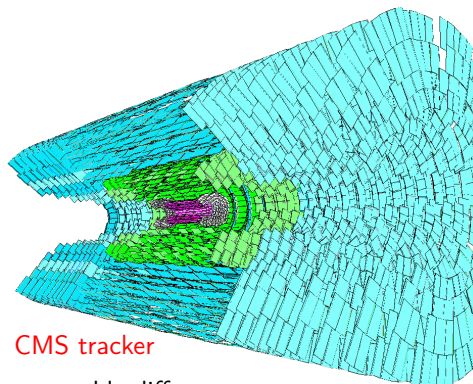
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Tracking Detectors



ATLAS inner detector



CMS tracker

- Two hermetic and precise trackers - notable differences:
 - ▶ magnetic field strength: 2 T vs. 4 T
 - ▶ pixel dimensions: $50 \times 400 \mu\text{m}$ vs. $100 \times 150 \mu\text{m}$ (in $R\phi \times z$ coord.)
- cause differences in parameter resolutions and tracking strategies

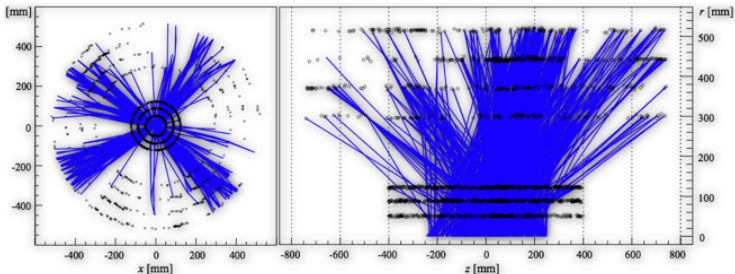
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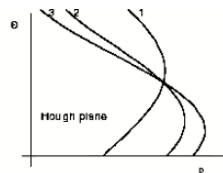
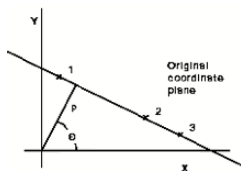
Pattern Recognition Strategies

- Two modi of operation:
region of interest for high-level trigger or **full event** for off-line
- choice of track finding strategy depends on detector geometry
 - ▷ usually combination of **seed finding** and **track following**
- aim is high efficiency at low fake rates
- robustness against combinatoric problems and detector ambiguities



Global Pattern Recognition

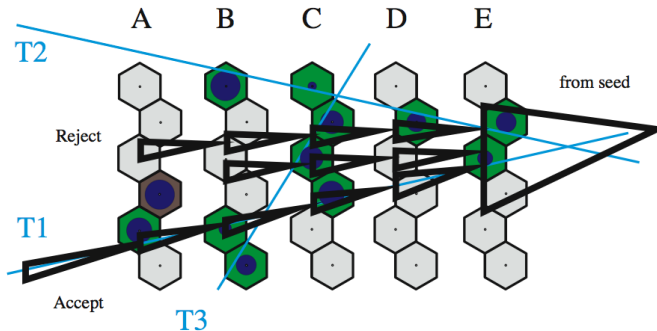
- Seed finding, usually restricted to a sub-detector
- main methods:
 - look-up tables or templates
 - Hough-transform
 - neural networks
- aware of event topology:
 - collisions (beam-spot)
 - cosmic rays (off-center)
 - beam halo passage, beam-gas collision
- robustness against large variations in multiplicity



- invert meas't function $f : \lambda \rightarrow m$
- measurements become hypersurfaces in parameter space
- they intersect at true parameters
- divide space into cells, find maxima

Pattern Recognition - Track Following

- follow seed candidate and search for hits in adjacent layers
- **combinatorial track following:**
 - ▷ branch seeds if more than one hit compatible
 - ▷ follow all seeds, evaluate candidates to reject bad ones
 - ▷ evaluation score built from number hits, holes and χ^2
- Kalman filter ideal for this. improves parameters with each hit



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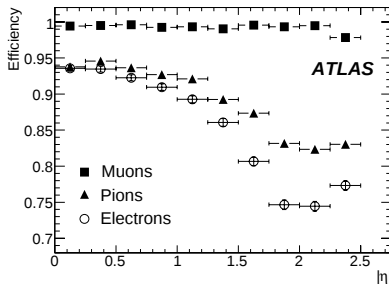
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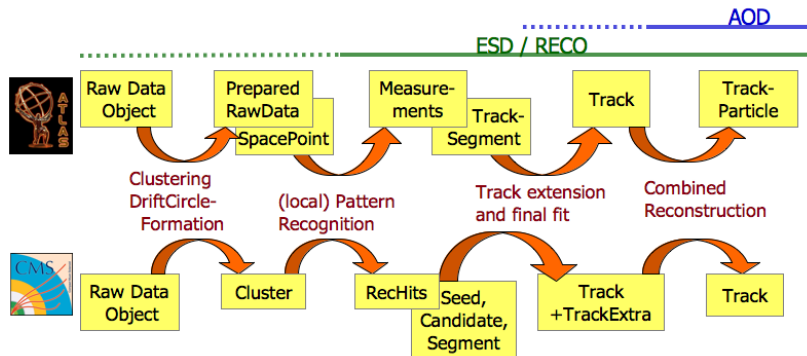
Efficiency and Fakes

- track efficiency says what fraction of true particles has been found
- determination from truth matching, either:
 - ▷ **hit matching** – certain fraction of hits are correctly associated (robust for high track densities → in use for inner trackers)
 - ▷ **parameter matching** – true and rec. parameters sufficiently close
- **fake**: not or only partially matched
- efficiency determination **on data** uses detector redundancy
- total efficiency $\longrightarrow$
= detector eff. $\times$ reco eff.
- distinguishes if a track is “reconstructible” by software



Event Data Model

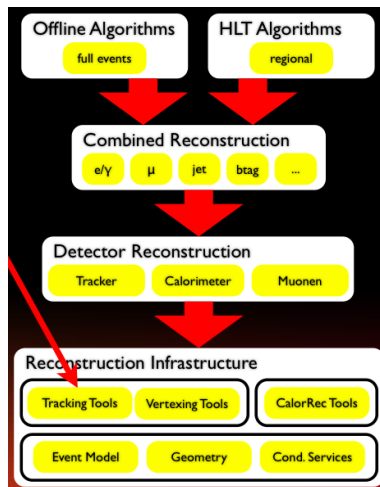
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- objects are mostly the same, just named differently!
- written to “event store”, readable by downstream algs
- Final step is (selective) write to disk.

Reconstruction Software Design

- design principle: **modularity!**
 - ▷ reduce SW dependencies, maintainable over LHC life
 - ▷ performance, multiple use
- communicate through
 - ▷ common event model
 - ▷ abstract interfaces
- tracking/vertexing software written in very modular way



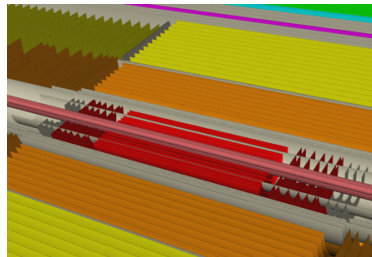
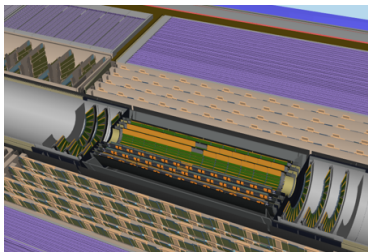
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Track Reconstruction Geometry

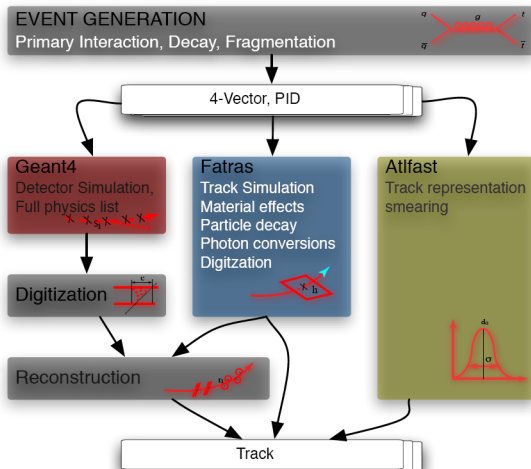
- G4 geometries too complex for reconstruction
 - ▷ simplified geometries provide material layers and field



- nodes reduced to $\mathcal{O}(10k)$ – factor $\sim 10^3$ wrt Geant4
- description of sensitive detectors identical

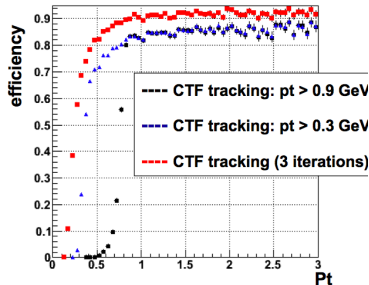
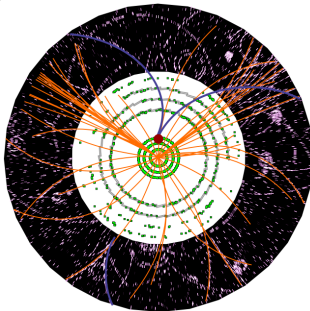
Fast Track Simulation

- ATLAS & CMS use reconstruction tools to improve fast simulation!
- reco geometry, fast error propagation, PDG material effects
- nuclear interactions
- CMS parameterizes clustering and track finding effects
- ATLAS runs full reco chain starting from clustering
- $\mathcal{O}(100)$ faster than full Geant4



Track Reconstruction Strategies

- track search is iterated:
 - ▷ main inside-out search
 - ▷ following search for low p_T and non-pointing tracks on remaining hits
- ATLAS: **NewTracking**, **iPatRec** with Si- and TRT-seeded iteration
- CMS: **Road Search** and **Combinatorial Track Finder**
- fewer combinatorics and better efficiency than single search



Calibration and Tracking

Measurement Calibration

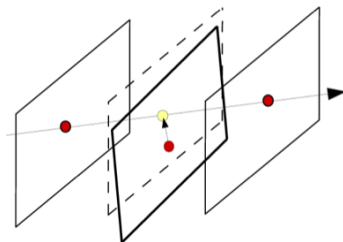
- need knowledge of **track intersection** to determine optimal meas't parameters m_k, V_k
- requires ATLAS & CMS to
 - ▷ **re-calibrate** during tracking
 - ▷ and **iterate** track fitting
- pixel and strip clusters:
 - ▷ bow, track-vs-Lorentz angle...
 - ▷ ambiguities, like ganged pixel
- drift tubes:
 - ▷ correct for drift time
 - ▷ solve left-right ambiguity

Software

- ATLAS & CMS software:
 - ▷ RIO_OnTrackCreator
 - ▷ pixel templates
- first data: usually apply “conservative” calibration

Alignment with Tracks

- detector positioning accuracy:
 - ▷ $\sim 100\ \mu\text{m}$ sensor modules
 - ▷ $\sim 1 - 5\ \text{mm}$ large structures
- BUT: intrinsic $5 - 150\ \mu\text{m}$
- large track statistics at LHC allows to **align** positions
- aided by **optical alignment**:
ATLAS FSI, Rasnik; CMS LAS



Software Alignment

- details of structure:
whole (L1), layer/disk (L2),
module (L3)
- alignment given by 6
parameters per module!
 - ▷ ATLAS Pixel+SCT: 5832
 - ▷ CMS: 16588 modules
- correlations make it a
computational challenge
- again global and iterative
algorithms on the market

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Alignment Algorithms

Global Algorithms

- minimize residuals

$$\chi^2 = \sum_j^{\text{tracks}} \sum_i^{\text{hits}} \frac{(m_{ij} - h_{ij}(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_j))^2}{\sigma_{ij}^2}$$

- LSE would invert huge matrix:

$$\dim(C) = 5N_{\text{tracks}} + 6M_{\text{modules}}$$

- in practice: exploit sparse matrix structure in C
- ATLAS: invert $6M \times 6M$ matrix ("Global χ^2 ")
- CMS: solve $Cx + b = 0$ ("Millepede")

Local Algorithms

- local **iterative** method
 - ▷ ignores correlations
 - ▷ inverts $M \times 6$ matrices
 - ▷ needs many iterations
- **Kalman filter algorithm**
 - ▷ meas't model $h_k(\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_k^{k-1})$
 - ▷ no matrix inversion
 - ▷ updates all constants $\mathbf{p}$ and correlations: needs restriction for large $\mathbf{p}$

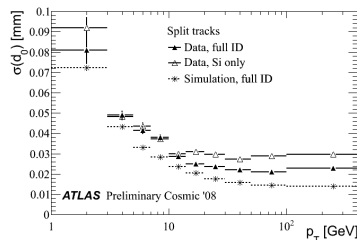
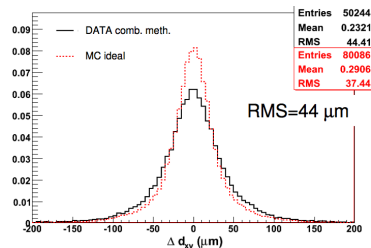
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Alignment Status

- large 2008 cosmics data sample allows first tracker alignment
- performance: residuals $\sim 2\times$ intrinsic resolution
- high-level validation through **cosmic track splitting method**
 - ▷ latest results from trackers!
- studies with simulation from misaligned full detector
 - ▷ solve within cpu time (1-3h)
 - ▷ weak (not solvable) modes

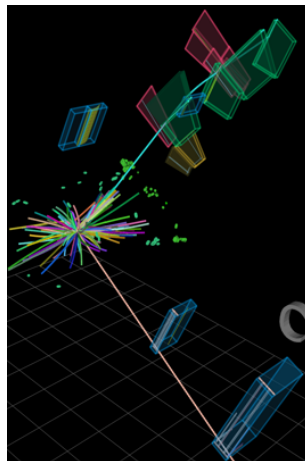


Realistic Detector Effects in First Data

- distortions from real detector will affect **all components** of track and vertex reconstruction – in different ways
 - ▷ detector resolution, alignment constants, B-field, material effects, parameter tails
- understanding track reconstruction lays ground for fully understanding vertexing, b-tagging and finally physics analysis
- cosmic data have given a head start
 - ▷ especially for detector calibration and alignment
- however, reconstruction of collisions and vertices on the data will need much work to fully understand
 - ▷ means: needs manpower!

Event Displays

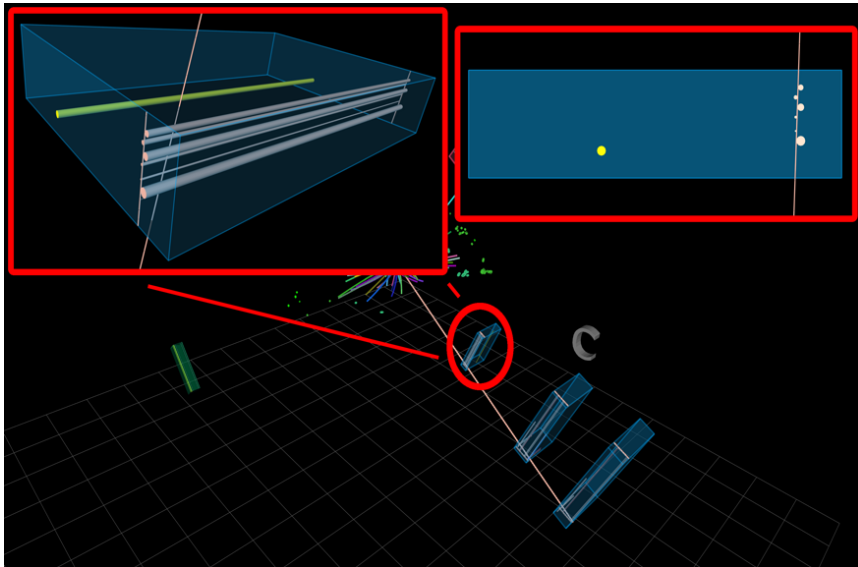
- indispensable for detector and software commissioning
 - ▷ online monitoring
 - ▷ understand physics events, visual debugging
- projective event displays: Atlantis, Iguana
- interactive event displays: VP1, CmsShow/Fireworks
- Virtual Point 1
 - ▷ based on Qt4 and Inventor/OpenGL
 - ▷ fully integrated in athena
- CmsShow/Fireworks
 - ▷ ROOT (GUI) + CMS-SW light



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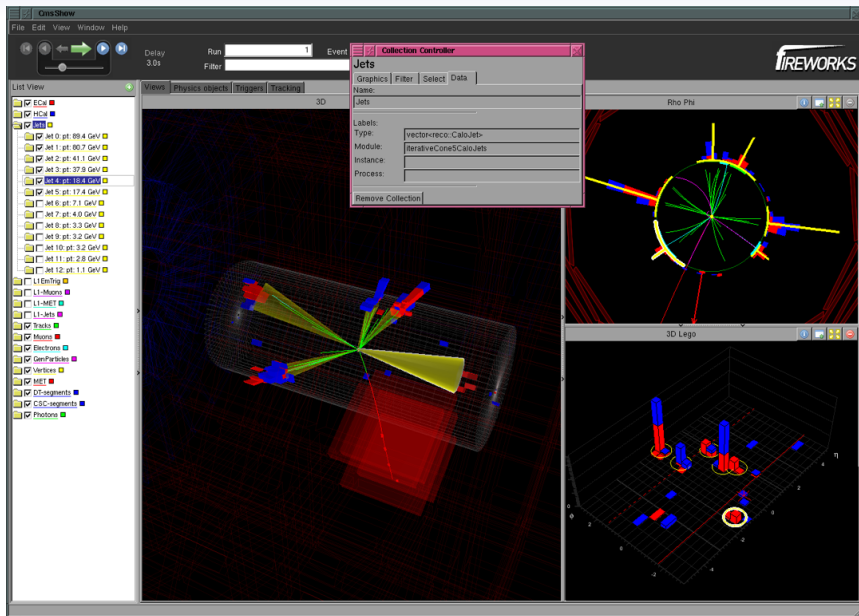
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Summary

- Track and vertex reconstruction should not be a 'black box' to the LHC physicist
 - ▷ hopefully not after this lecture!
 - ▷ very relevant to quality of data, esp. first data
- ATLAS and CMS are well positioned for the challenging LHC track detector environment
- commissioning the track and vertex reconstruction needs manpower, skilled people and keep your eyes open!

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