Tracking at LHC (Calibration and Alignment)

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Lecture 2

Tracking: an increasing challenge

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Filtering and Smoothing





Is the Kalman Filter the last word?

□ The Kalman filter is an optimal estimator

- of track parameters in case of
- Unbiased measurements with Gaussian errors
- Gaussian process noise (multiple scattering etc.)
- No outliers (hits that don't belong to the track)
- Reaches its limits when underlying statistics are far from Gaussian. This problem is enhanced in electron fitting with plenty of material.

Dense environment will also be a challenge for LHC reconstruction at full luminosity

- Non-Gaussian generalisations based on adaptive algorithms exist and are used:
- Gaussian Sum Filter (GSF) Non-gaussian noise (energy loss) can degrade the fit seriously
- Deterministic Annealing Filter (DAF) Ambiguous situation require more advanced treatment
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Each experiment needs specific software implementation adapted to the detector type and geometry to improve tracking efficiency.

A couple of examples from CMS:



TOB layers x-y view

Overlapping modules in the same layer

Implementation obstacles:

- Because of the different design, each of the 6 Tracker sub-detectors involves different types of "overlaps".

- Sorting of hits along the trajectory is not trivial.

- Track parameters are "updated" on each layer with the information provided by a track segment (instead of a point).



Inefficiency due to pixel-based seeding

Compared to the pixel-only seeder, the new implementation had to cope with:

- position measurements with uncertainties spanning more than order of magnitude.

- sensors with 4 different topologies arranged on 4 different types of "layers".

- material budget in between Tracker sub-detectors had to be optimally parameterized.

Iterative tracking

An *iterative procedure* performs the track reconstruction in stages, **running different times the CKF reconstruction**





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Alignment

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- must be well monitored during the construction process from single module assembly to final operation of the full tracking system



automated module assembly



precise tooling and quality control measurements





Survey and optical measurements

CMS Alignment rings



Installed in Endcap Tracker end plates (precise mechanical mounts)





8 beams to align subdetectors (Inner/Outer Barrel and Endcaps)

- LAS operates globally on tracker substructures: TIB, TOB and TEC discs.
 It does not attempt to determine the position of individual modules
- Laser measurements can be performed during physics data-taking
- Relative position monitoring of global tracker structures with a precision of ${\sim}100~\mu\text{m}$ (needed to start track reconstruction)

CMS Silicon Tracker

Silicon is semitransparent to infrared light (laser pulses $\lambda \sim 1080$ nm)

Sensor treatment:

- Silicon sensors polished on both sides
- ~ 10 μm hole in backplane metallization
- Antireflective coating on backside: improves transmission and reduces

multiple reflections, interference, and distortions of the beam profiles No antireflective coating on strips due to effects on interstrip capacitance

Laser intensity adjusted for each layer to obtain an optimal signal-over-noise ratio. Accumulate several "laser events"





CMS Tracker Endcap Alignment

Separate collective movements from individual disc movements

Overall TEC movement Δx_0 Overall TEC skew Δx_t





CMS Alignment System

Tracker internal alignment and monitoring the muon chambers relative positions (barrel and endcap) with respect to the tracker.



ATLAS Tracker Detector

- ATLAS Silicon detector: 5832 modules (80M pixels, 6.3M strips)
- 3D monitoring through Frequency Scanning Interferometry
 - A geodetic grid of length measurements between nodes attached to the SCT support structure.
 - All 842 grid line lengths are measured simultaneously using FSI to a precision of <1micron.
 - Repeat every ten minutes to measure time varying distortions









ATLAS: on-detector FSI System



Optical alignment / monitoring





After installation in 2008 precise alignments were done by all experiments with millions, 19, flscos, migt muons, BX 2350



10 September 2008:



The first LHC beam !

First splash events seen by the experiments





19 September 2008







Another full year (2008+2009) for commissioning with Cosmics



- ✓ Alignements
- ✓ Calibrations
- ✓ Timing
- ✓ Studies of magnetic field





Reconstruction of Cosmic ray data

Cosmic rays data have been very useful to align the tracking detectors before the LHC start-up.

Data with magnet on can also be used to evaluate the resolution of the momentum measurement.



Cosmic rays have the special feature of crossing the Tracker volume on both hemispheres: The same particle is *reconstructed twice*.



The distribution of the difference of the momenta of the 2 tracks is an estimation of the resolution of the momentum measurement itself.

Results with Cosmics (CMS as example)



CMS: Cosmic Runs At Four Tesla

Run 66748, Event 8900172, LS 160, Orbit 167345832, BX 2011













CRAFT: Solenoid Field MAP

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Precision modelling and measurement of the B field > implemented in MC model



Extrapolation of track from inner tracker to first layer of barrel muon chamber
verity that B field inside solenoid known to < 1‰



CRAFT: Tracker alignment

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Black lines are before alignment

CRAFT: Muon/Tracker commissioning





Lorentz angle determination

• Charge carriers are affected by the Lorentz force (deflected at Lorentz Angle)



ATLAS: Cosmic data-taking



2008 216 million events



2009 266 million events



ATLAS: pixel commissioning with cosmics

arXiv:1004.5293v1



Tracking: residuals distributions



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Lorentz angle determination

- Drift in silicon is affected by E×B effect
- Charge is (de)focused along the Lorentz angle direction:



$$\tan \alpha_L = \mu_H B$$

- Point displacement: thickness×tan(α_L)/2
 - $\approx 30 \ \mu m$ for pixels
 - $\approx 10 \ \mu m$ for SCT
- measurement using cluster size vs. incidence angle α:

cluster size =
$$a(\tan \alpha - \tan \alpha_L) + b / \sqrt{\cos \alpha}$$



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Track parameter resolution

- Resolution of track parameters can be obtained:
 - splitting the track in two segments
 - compare extrapolation at the interaction point of the segments.





N.B.:

- plots before correcting for $\sqrt{2}$
- integrated over full momentum spectrum

Resolution not far from perfect alignment, already before LHC startup!



Impact parameter resolution







- 3 Tracking detectors (|h|<0.9):
- Inner Tracking System (4<R<43 cm)
- Time Projection Chamber (90<R<250cm)
- Transition Radiation Det

Inner Tracking System: Alignment with Cosmics



Silicon Pixel Detector (SPD): • ~10M channels • 240 sensitive vol. (60 ladders)		Silicon Drift Detector (SDD): • ~133k channels • 260 sensitive vol. (36 ladders)	Silicon Strip Detector (SSD): • ~2.6M channels • 1698 sensitive vol. (72 ladders)
	ITS total: 2.2k alignable sensitive volumes \rightarrow 13k degrees of freedom		
 Alignment using tracks and Millepede program in a hierarchical approach 			
Transiton from Millepede1 to Milledepe2 (faster, less memory); Iterative local method as a cross-check			

~100k cosmic
for alignment collected Jun-Oct 08, using Pixel trigger





Checking the quality of realignment



Select muons with DCA to (0,0) < 1 cm



- Cosmics track-to-track ∆xy at y=0
- Acceptance overlaps
 → "extra" clusters
- Track-to-point residuals







Track-to-"extra clusters" distance in transv. plane (SPD overlap)







 $\rightarrow \sigma_{\text{spatial}}$ =11 µm (Sim)



Millepede SPD realignment: ∆xy at y=0



Track-to-track matching (2 points per track in the pixels)



Validation of SSD survey with cosmics

 \checkmark SSD survey measurement collected during detector assembly Modules on ladders (critical: small stat on single modules with cosmics) precision ~5 µm Ladders on support cones (important starting point for alignment) precision ~15 µm

\checkmark Validation with cosmics:

Extra clusters from acceptance overlaps \rightarrow distance between two clusters from same track on contiguous (overlapping) modules on same ladder

Cosmic validation with two

misalignment

Module on ladder

additional methods: 2) Track-to-track residuals: fit one track on outer layer, one on inner layer \rightarrow distance and angles between the two tracks 3) Track-to-point residuals: fit track on one SSD layer (2 points) \rightarrow residuals on other SSD layer





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Silicon Drift Detectors: calibration & alignment in progress



- The two intermediate layers of the ITS
- In SDD, local x determined from drift time:

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{loc}} = (\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{t}_0) \times \mathbf{v}_{\text{drift}}$$

- two calibration parameters: t₀ and v_{drift}
- Interplay between alignment and calibration
- t₀ and v_{drift} (the latter also obtained from injectors) as additional parameters in Millepede



residuals at SDD vs local x:



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TPC: tracking performance





LHCb Commissioning: Cosmics

FORWARD: Time Aligned!

- LHCb geometry NOT well suited for cosmics...
- Rate of 'horizontal' cosmics well below 1 Hz, still very useful for Outer Tracker Calorimeters and Muons. Inner Tracker too small. Vertex Detector and Trigger Tracker too far.
- Collected a total of ~ 4 Million triggers to perform initial synchronization (few nsec) and space alignment (~1 mm)



CP Commissioning: LHC injection test

TED Runs (Transfer line External beam Dump)

Beam2 dumped on the injection line beam stopper 350 m downstream LHCb



VELO, Trigger Tracker, Inner Tracker detectors: start of spatial alignment





Beam1 on the Target Collimator



September 2008

Acquired 5 consecutive bunch crossing centered on the trigger event



Readout of 5 bunch crossing centered on the trigger event

Commissioning: Beam-Gas interaction



Beam1-Gas 11/2009: Triggered by Calorimeters OR Muon (rate ~ 5Hz)



Beam2-Gas 11/2009: Triggered by VErtex LOcator: backward silicon stations

VErtex LOcator (VELO) reconstructs the interaction beam - gas * Retractable detector halves

- open during injection (30 mm per side)
- closed in stable beam condition
- open @ 15 mm beam-gas and beam-beam 2009 runs



21 stations of Silicon strip detector



- VELO reconstructs the beams crossing angle using beam-gas interactions
 Transat of LHCb dipole meanet
- Impact of LHCb dipole magnet
 beams cross at 2 mrad angle in [xz] plane as
 expected at the full magnetic field @ 450 GeV

Commissioning with Collisions

Pilot Runs: Q 23/11/2009 $\sqrt{s} = 0.9 \text{ TeV}$ (CMS: $\mathcal{L} = 10\mu b^{-1}$ 3.9x10⁵ events)

□ $\frac{14}{12}/\frac{2009}{2009}$ $\sqrt{s} = 2.36 \text{ TeV}$ (CMS: $\pounds = 0.4 \mu b^{-1}$ 2.0x10⁴ events)



23/11/2009 : first collision at $\sqrt{s} = 900$ GeV

ATLAS: Commissioning with 2009 beams



ATLAS Inner Tracking: residuals distributions (with 2009 beams)

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TRT: residuals distributions and efficiencies (with 2009 beams)

arXiv:1005.5254v1





ATLAS: Inner Tracking Performance





Online primary vertex reconstruction -> Luminosity meas.

Impact parameter resolution







CMS: Tracker Performance at $\int s = 900 \text{ GeV}$



CMS: Tracker Performance at √s = 900 GeV

Primary Vertex



Number of Tracks



LHCb Commissioning









VErtex LOcator Performance





Align VELO halves using Primary Vertex from each side



Impact parameter resolution \propto 1/p_T



Silicon Trackers and Outer Tracker alignement

Still something to gain: residual width is 65 μm . MC expectation is 50 μm



Alignment quality: SPD double hits in overlaps



examples of overlaps in the SPD





→ Residual between the two hits is sensitive to alignment quality & intrinsic resolution



~8 μ m misalignment

SPD alignment with pp



 From cosmics-only, coverage-limited, alignment to full alignment with pp

mean of residuals at outer SPD layer (r=7cm)



ALICE: Trackers performance





Physics Run @ $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV Start-up: March the 30th 2010

2010/05/27 08.08

All tracking systems of all LHC experiments are well aligned and commissioned ready for taking data for physics.

Delivered luminosity is still very low, but LHC is improving fast....

A few event displays in the next slides are worth than a thousand words to show how well all the LHC tracking systems are working.





day of year 2010









First lead ions to ALICE !!! (dumped on TED, about 300m upstream of ALICE)





$B^{+} \longrightarrow J/\psi \ K^{+} \ candidate$

muons are magenta, kaon is red

LH

Mass = (5326.7 10.9) MeV/c² Momentum: p = 62.7 GeV/c, p_T = 10.48 GeV/c Cos(α) = 0.9999, dist = 2.03mm

[mm]



Conclusions

 \Box The LHC Physics Run I @ $\int s = 7$ TeV is ongoing

All the tracking systems of the LHC experiments are performing very well and I expect that they will play an essential role for new physics discoveries.... ...stay tuned!

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Backup slides
Track reconstruction:

- Track finding, or "pattern recognition": the attribution of hits to tracks
- Track fitting, or the determination of the track parameters from a given set of hits

Track model and parameters

The track model depends on:

- Detector geometry
- Measurement type (2D, 3D)
- Straight tracks or Helix (depending on magnetic field)

Forward geometry

Assuming the z coordinate points down the spectrometer axis and x, y are the transverse coordinates:



Cylindrical geometry

In a homogenous axial solenoid field with the z coordinate oriented along the detector axis: helix parameters

Track State Parametrization:

A track state can be represented as a point in 5D linear space (usually 2 positions, 2 angles and a curvature) and 5×5 symmetric error matrix.

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Kalman filter formalism for track fitting

Consider a track state $p_{n|n}$ as known on a surface n and represented as a point in 5D linear space (usually 2 positions, 2 angles and a curvature) and 5x5 symmetric error matrix.

Extrapolation on surface k of the state known on surface k-1:

$$\mathbf{p}_{k|k-1} = \mathbf{F}_k \cdot \mathbf{p}_{k-1|k-1}$$
Equations of motion

Covariance matrix of the extrapolated state:

$$\mathbf{C}_{k|k-1} \equiv \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{p}_{k|k-1}) = \mathbf{F}_{k} \cdot \mathbf{C}_{k-1|k-1} \cdot \mathbf{F}_{k}^{-1} + \mathbf{P}_{k} \cdot \mathbf{Q}_{k} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{k}^{-1}$$
propagation
of errors



Kalman filter formalism for track fitting



Accuracy on the track state estimate increases after each new measurement is added.

The last track state $p_{n|n}$ is determined with the best precision: it is the only one which is estimated using the full information provided by the detector, i.e. all the *n* measurements.



An increasing accuracy is adequate for trajectory building. Nevertheless is often desirable to have the best estimate of track's parameters on all the detector surface.

In particular the track has to be know with the best precision at the point of max approach to the primary vertex of interaction.

Kalman smoothing for track fitting

- At the end of the "forward in-out fit", the track parameters are known precisely at the exit of the tracker, but completely unknown at the origin
- We can perform a "backward out-in fit", using only the hits from the forward fit (no pattern recognition) to find the parameters at origin
 - But we lose them at the other end
- A procedure, called *smoothing*, allows to combine the forward and backward fits in such a way that the parameters are optimally known at every measurement



Filtering and Smoothing





The three paths of the combined tracking





- "Seeds" in outer part of TPC 1. (lowest track density per unit area). Kalman-filter based tracking from the outer to the inner wall of TPC. The same in ITS.
 - Track parameters are OK
 - PID is not yet OK

Kalman-filter:

- - a. track extrapolation to next layer
 - **b.** track-cluster χ^2 prediction
 - c. track parameters and errors update with cluster info



- 1. Tracking from the inner to outer layer of ITS. The same in TPC. The same in TRD. Matching with TOF, HMPID, PHOS/EMCAL
 - PID is OK
 - Track parameters are not OK



- 1. Tracking from the outer to inner TRD wall. The same in TPC. The same in ITS.
 - PID is OK
 - Track parameters are also OK