# Signal Processing for Particle Tracking in High Energy Physics

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# The Higgs mystery



The Higgs Particle couples to all matter in the universe hence acquire it with MASS **Origin of Mass?** 



In the standard model, for fundamentals particles to have masses, there must exist a particle called the Higgs boson.



## **CERN – Big Hammers Factory**

CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, is the world's leading laboratory for particle physics. It has its headquarters in Geneva. At present, its Member States are Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. India, Israel, Japan, the Russian Federation, the United States of America, Turkey, the European Commission and UNESCO have Observer status.



## The LHC accelerator



## The tunnel is 27 Km long!



#### The ATLAS detector

#### **PLAY**



particle\_event\_full\_ns

## The ATLAS detector



#### There is one head to head bunch crossing every 25 nSec

There are ~23 collisions occurring in each bunch



## The search for the Higgs







### The ATLAS challenges

Real time filtering (trigger).

Track reconstruction with difficult background condition.

Electronic channels - There are O(100M) channels.
Only the cabling weights tones.

**Computing power -** The analysis of the data, requires of the order of 100 000 CPUs. A computing Grid is currently being established to cope with these demands.



➢ For off-line processing, an equivalent CD is being written every 1-6 seconds.

Level 1 trigger detectors perform in real time, transferring filtered data to level 2 with an appropriate time tag.

## A Higgs→4 Muons

Each event causes many particle tracks, which may or may not include Higgs products. All charged tracks with pt > 2 GeV

Particles are filters according to their energy.



plot from S. Cittolin

#### **Track reconstruction**



Local vs. global tracking; Track finding vs. track fitting

#### Combined muon reconstruction - example



#### Methods for track finding/fitting

Hough transform
 Global Least Squares fit
 Kalman filter

Deterministic annealing filter (DAF)



#### **MDT** tracking

#### Detect before estimate approach

Track finding – find the tracks.

Track fitting – estimate the track parameters.

### The common approach: 4 out of 6



One should find all possible lines that are tangent to a minimal subset of drift radii

#### The effect of noisy background



### The different scenarios

Scenario	Time diagram	Geometrical representation
(a) Muon hit in a valid time window	Muon t <sub>µ</sub>	
( <b>b</b> ) Background hit in a valid time window	$\begin{array}{c} t_{\mu} \\ B_{kg} \downarrow \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \\ M_{asked} \end{array}$	
(c) Hit before the valid time window	Bkg Masked	
( <b>d</b> ) No hit		
	Valid time	t

# Geometrical representation of the track finding problem

i = 4

sum of the i-th basic scenarios the track crosses

$$H_i(\rho_0, \varphi_0) = \begin{cases} 3 & i = 1 \\ 1 & i = 2 \\ 1 & i = 3 \end{cases}$$

(scenario (a), layers 1,2,4)
(scenario (b), layer 6 )
(scenario (c), layer 3 )
(scenario (d), layer 5 )

$$\Lambda(\rho,\varphi) = \sum_{i=1}^{4} H_i(\rho,\varphi) \cdot w_i > \lambda$$





#### Hough and GLRT

•The algorithm is implemented by a Multi layers modified Hough transform, which has been proven to be an approximation to the GLRT:

Primor D., Mikenberg, G and Messer H. "AN APPROXIMATION OF THE GLRT FOR REAL TIME MUON DETECTION" IEEE ICASSP 08

#### **Results for test beam data**

Radiation background of 80KHz/tube 100 98 96 94 Efficiency (%) 92 90 100 88 86 84 82 80 80 KHz 200 KHz Clean 400 KHz 90 Efficiency **Background radiation level** 80 10 -Naive approach 9 New approach 8 Number of fake tracks. 7 6 70 5 0.1 10 1 100 4 Number of fake tracks 3 2 0 Clean 80 KHz 200 KHz 400 KHz Background radiation level

Performance of the proposed method for different radiation background

# Local tracking in the CSC detector







#### Combined muon reconstruction - example



#### The proposed approach



#### The detect-before-estimate approach

- With the presence of background the number of particle hits is much larger.
- Estimation of each cluster parameters before finding the track is unreasonable.
- We use a Hough Transform to "detect before estimate".



#### The conventional hit position estimation

The ratio algorithm

$$x_{2} - \hat{x}_{p} = \begin{cases} \frac{A_{2} - A_{1}}{A_{2} - A_{1}} & A_{1} > A_{3} \\ \frac{A_{2} - A_{3}}{A_{2} - A_{1}} & A_{3} > A_{1} \end{cases}$$

 $A_{2}$ 

 $x_1 \uparrow x_2 \quad x_3$ 

 $X_{p}$ 

 $A_{3}$ 

 $A_1$ 

• The COM algorithm:

$$\hat{x}_p = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i A_i / \sum_{i=1}^N A_i$$

#### The LS approach

Matheison dist.

Amplitude

$$\underline{y} = a\underline{c}(x_p) + \underline{r}$$

Strip Measurements

 $\underline{y} = [y(0), y(1), ..., y(N-1)]$   $\underline{r} = [r(0), r(1), ..., r(N-1)]^T$  $\underline{c}(x_p) = [S(0-x_p), S(1-x_p), ..., S(N-1-x_p)]^T$ 

$$\hat{x}_{p} = \underset{x_{p}}{\operatorname{arg\,max}} \frac{(\underline{y}^{T} \underline{c}(x_{p}))^{2}}{\underline{c}(x_{p})^{T} \underline{c}(x_{p})}$$

### The EM algorithm\*

\*The use of the EM algorithm for the CSC MUON detection in the next poster session "Detection & Estimation"

$$\underline{y} = \mathbf{C}(\underline{x})\underline{a} + \underline{r}$$

$$C(\underline{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} S(0 - x_{p1}) & S(0 - x_{p2}) & \cdots & S(0 - x_{pM}) \\ S(1 - x_{p1}) & S(1 - x_{p2}) & \ddots \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ S(N - 1 - x_{p1}) & S(N - 1 - x_{pM}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{a} = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_M]^T \qquad \underline{x} = [x_{p1}, x_{p2}, \dots, x_{pM}]^T$$



#### Quality of clusters



#### Fitting methods for the CSC

- 1. Least Squares (LS) all points are used with equal weights in the track fitting process.
- 2. WLS using cluster quality as weights. The dirty clusters get smaller weight than the "clean" clusters.
- 3. Robust fitting iterative procedure that recalculates the weights according to the residual between the hits and the estimated track (ML solution for a contaminated data model).
- 4. Outlier Rejection Fit omitting the point with the higher residual in each iteration .
- 5. Restricted LS taking only the "clean" clusters.
- 6. Modified Robust Fit (MRF) the robust fitting technique with initial weights according to the cluster qualities

#### The Robust fitting

Distribution of the position error is modeled as:

$$p(\varepsilon_{i}) = (1 - \delta)g(\varepsilon_{i}) + \delta h(\varepsilon_{i})$$

$$g(\varepsilon_{i}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{0}}}e^{-\varepsilon_{i}^{2}/2\sigma_{0}^{2}}$$

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$$w_{i} = \frac{1/\sigma_{0}^{2} + k(\varepsilon_{i})/\sigma_{1}^{2}}{1 + k(\varepsilon_{i})}$$

$$k(\varepsilon_{i}) = \frac{\delta h(\varepsilon_{i})}{(1 - \delta)g(\varepsilon_{i})}$$

 $1 + k(\varepsilon_i)$ 

 $k(\varepsilon_i) = \frac{\delta h(\varepsilon_i)}{(1 - \delta)g(\varepsilon_i)}$ 

 $\sigma_1^2$ 

Iterative weighted LS

#### Fitting performance for number of layers

![](_page_34_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Summary

- The LHC experiment will take High Energy Physics to a new journey.
- The need for signal processing and data analysis always existed. The new challenges of the LHC require more sophisticated algorithms.
- We focus on local tracking problems in the LHC environment for two types of detectors:
  - The CSC
  - The MDT
- For both types we used novel general ideas:
  - The detect before estimate approach.
  - Relying on the high efficiencies of the detector elements.
  - The use of prior information in a probabilistic framework.

#### Summary - challenges

- The algorithms described were developed and tested using the simulation data and the real data from a test beam.
- The experiment real data when the LHC will start working will be certainly different and probably more complicated to handle.
- When the real data will be available:
  - The models should be verified
  - Proper adjustments to the algorithms should be made
  - New physics phenomena may lead to new algorithm development

Main challenge is still ahead: OFF LINE ANALYASIS

#### OK – lets start running\*

![](_page_37_Picture_1.jpeg)

\*The accelerator is expected to have first injections in August 2008 and collision data before the end of the year (at 10 TeV and in 2009 at 14TeV)

#### Papers

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