





4D tracking

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- External t=0 time needed
- This scenario offers some problems. Let see some examples:



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Example 1: Strip detectors



 $t_{\text{left}} (x_1, t_1; v_s) = t_1 + x_1/v_s$ $t_{\text{right}} (x_1, t_1; v_s) = t_1 + (L-x_1)/v_s$

Usually we reduce both times to get the arrival time and the transverse coordinate:

 $t_1 = 1/2 (t_{left} + t_{right}) - L/v_s$ $x_1 = 1/2 (t_{left} - t_{right}) v_s + L/2$

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Example 1: Strip detectors



2 particles hit in the same strip of the second plane

Using time reduction the second plane information is lost

Using time measurements directly in the tracking algorithm does not waste useful information



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Example 2: Drift chambers



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- 1 coordinate (cell position)
- 1 time (t₀ + flight + drift + wire times)





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1 coordinate

At least 4 cells (= 4 coordinates) are necessary for defining a 4-parameters track with NDF=0, (assuming an external reference time t_0 and the velocity are well known)

- + slope correction and others
- + ghosts



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Example 2: Drift chambers with time as a separate variable



Using coordinates and time separately:

1 coordinate (cell positions)

2 data

1 times (t_0 + flights + drifts + wire times)

3 cells (= 6 parameter) are enough for defining a 6-parameter track (4 parameters + reference t_0 and velocity v) with NDF=0.

- Of course, the accuracy is very bad but constraints about t₀ and v can be introduced later.
- Separating coordinates and times gives more flexibility in hybrid set-up's, for introducing weigths....



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Example 3: Strip detectors



tleft and tright are a function of all to, x and y !



Example 3: Strip detectors



Using the correct dependence of t_{left} and t_{right} on t₀, x and y avoids timing and position errors



Summary:

Using time as an independent variable has many advantages:

- More efficient
- More precise
- More powerful

Disadvantages:

Working in bigger dimensions may be more difficult:

- Some danger of settle points in the hyperspace

- The curse of dimensionality: higher the space dimension, bigger the difficulty of arriving to the good solution region.



4D tracking: 3D + time

- The *timtrack* approach
- 4D Kalman Filter



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A typical tracking flow



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calibration, constraints tracking & timing models

Identification

External t_0 and velocity v are let as free parameters



Timtrack basics:

- TimTrack is a Least Squares fitting Method using a general Matrix Formalism
- TimTracks work with the primary data, without full reduction. Calibration parameters, or even alignment parameters, could be let free in the fit. Then, it provides a common formalism useful for tracking, calibration and alignment.
- TimTrack works always with the six parameters that define completely the movement of a particle:
 - (X,Y): 2 coordinates at a given plane
 - (X',Y'): 2 projected slopes
 - T: The time at the given plane
 - S (=1/V) or slowness: The inverse of the velocity at the given plane





- We call the set of these six parameters a SAETA*:

 $\mathbf{s} = (X_0, X', Y_0, Y', T_0, S)$



- The SAETA can be extended introducing a mass hypothesis:

$$\mathbf{s}_{m} = (\mathbf{s};m)$$

- An extended SAETA contains everything necessary to describe all the possible effects acting on a particle: magnetic field, energy loss, multiple scattering...

*) SAETA: SmAllest sET of pArameters (≡ Sagitta = Arrow, in Spanish)



The saeta

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Why slowness S instead velocity, momentum or energy ?

- S has ~gaussian uncertainties

The saeta

- S is a "natural" parameter: ToF detectors provide them directly
- S allows to introduce a very useful universal constraint: $S \ge 1/c$



Timtrack is a Least Squares Method:



Let suppose that we have:

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- a set of n_m data: d
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- a set of n_s parameters: s
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- a model relating both sets: d=m(s)

The Least Squares Method (LSM) consists in finding the set of parameters \mathbf{s} minimizing the function S:

$$S = \sum_{i} \left(rac{d_i - m_i(\mathbf{s})}{\sigma_i}
ight)^2$$



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Timtrack: summary of steps for a lineal model: m(s)

1.
$$S = [\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s})]' \cdot W \cdot [\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s})]$$

2 $\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s}) = G \cdot \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{s})$ $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s}) - G \cdot \mathbf{s} = \mathbf{g}_0$ (constant)

3.
$$K = G' \cdot W \cdot G$$

$$\mathbf{a} = G' \cdot W \cdot (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{g}_0)$$

$$s_0 = (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{g}_0)' \cdot W \cdot (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{g}_0)$$

$$K = \mathbf{s}' \cdot K \cdot \mathbf{s} - 2\mathbf{s}' \cdot \mathbf{a} + s_0$$

4.
$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \mathbf{s}} = K \cdot \mathbf{s}_m - \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{0} \longrightarrow K \cdot \mathbf{s}_m = \mathbf{a} \quad \text{(Normal equations)}$$
$$\mathbf{s}_m = K^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{a} \quad \text{(Solution)}$$
5.
$$\mathcal{E} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial \mathbf{s}^2}\right)^{-1} = K^{-1} \quad \text{(Variance-covariance matrix)}$$



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Corrections for non-linear models - 1

When the model $\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s})$ to be fitted is *non-linear*, the S function should be minimized using an iterative process:

- We look for an initial value of the set of parameters \mathbf{s}_0 , that is near to the minimum of S.

- Then, we follow the same steps used with the linear model with the following differences:

Step 2.
We calculate
$$G(\mathbf{s})$$
 and then, we build: $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s}) - G(\mathbf{s}) \cdot \mathbf{s}$
Step 3.

We calculate the matrix K and the vector \mathbf{a} at $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{s}_0$:

 $egin{aligned} K_0 &= G'(\mathbf{s}_0) \cdot W \cdot G(\mathbf{s}_0) \ \mathbf{a}_0 &= G'(\mathbf{s}_0) \cdot W \cdot (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{s}_0)) \end{aligned}$

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Corrections for non-linear models - 2

Step 4.

We estimate a new set of parameters, s_1 , using the equation:

$$\mathbf{s}_1 = K_0^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{a}_0$$

We repeat this step iteratively until the convergence is reached:

$$\mathbf{s}_i \!= K_{i-1}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{i-1}$$



Corrections for non-linear model and with constraints in the parameters - 1

Let consider the case where the set parameters ${\bf s}$ do fulfill:

 $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{s}) = 0$ (*n_c* equations)

- Now, we minimize iteratively the Lagrange function defined as:

 $L(\mathbf{s}) = (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s}))' \cdot W \cdot (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s})) + 2 \cdot \lambda' \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{s})$

where λ is a vector of n_c elements: the Lagrange multipliers.

- We introduce the jacobian matrix of the constraint functions:

 $R(\mathbf{s}) = \partial_{\mathbf{s}} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{s})$



Corrections for non-linear model and with constraints in the parameters - 2

- Starting from a point, close enough to the minimum:

$$egin{aligned} \mathbf{s} &= \mathbf{s}_0, \ R_0 &= R(\mathbf{s}_0) \ \mathbf{f}_0 &= \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{s}_0) \end{aligned}$$

The matrix equation:

$$egin{pmatrix} \delta \mathbf{s}_1 \ \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix} = egin{pmatrix} K_0 \ R_0' \ R_0 \ 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \cdot egin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_0(\mathbf{s}_0) - K_0 \cdot \mathbf{s}_0 \ -\mathbf{f}_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

provides the next-step ${\bf s}$ and λ vectors:

$$\mathbf{s}_1 = \mathbf{s}_0 + \delta \mathbf{s}_1 \ oldsymbol{\lambda}_1$$

- The iteration is repeated until convergence and $\lambda_i = 0$.



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Corrections for non-linear model and with constraints in the parameters - 3

Uncertainty analysis:

- We build:

$$\begin{pmatrix} K R' \\ R & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} H Q' \\ Q & Z \end{pmatrix}$$

-At the minimum, the $\it Error\,Matrix$ is:

 $\mathcal{E} = K^{-1} \left(I - R' Q
ight)$

K has dimensions: $n_s \times n_s$ R' has dimensions: $n_s \times n_c$ Q' has dimensions: $n_c \times n_s$

-The number of degrees of freedom of the fit is: $n_f = n_m - n_s + n_c$



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Hybrid set-ups:

If we have a set of different detectors (different models):





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Other physical corrections: Energy loss (Bethe Bloch) - 1



Energy losses are related to the velocity (β) of a particle through the Bethe-Bloch formula:

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} \simeq k \cdot \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2 T_{max}}{I^2} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta(\beta\gamma)}{2} \right)$$

that can be written in a simplified form as:

 $I_c = \frac{I}{2m_e c^2}$

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} \simeq k \cdot \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1}{I_c^2} \frac{\beta^2}{(1-\beta^2)} - 1\right)$$

with:



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Other physical corrections: Energy loss (Bethe Bloch) - 2



The Bethe- Bloch formula can be written as function of the slowness S (=1/V) as:

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} \simeq k \cdot S^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 T_{max}}{(S^2 - 1)^2 I^2} - \frac{1}{S^2} - \frac{\delta(S)}{2}\right)$$

that can be approximated and simplified as:

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} \simeq k \left(S^2 \ln \frac{1}{(S^2 - 1)I_c} - 1 \right)$$



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Other physical corrections: Energy loss (Bethe Bloch) - 3



Observe that the equation:

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} \simeq k \left(S^2 \ln \frac{1}{(S^2 - 1)I_c} - 1 \right)$$

relates the energy loss measurements to the unknown parameter S and, as consequence, those measurements (either separately for each detector or promediated to all the detectors) can be included as a new model in the formalism.



Other physical corrections: Multiple scattering



$$= \mathbf{a}_{1} = \mathbf{K}_{1} \mathbf{s}_{0}$$

= $\mathbf{a}_{2} = \mathbf{K}_{MS,2} \mathbf{s}_{0}$ with $\mathbf{K}_{MS,2} = (\mathcal{E}_{MS} + \mathcal{E}_{2})^{-1}$ \Rightarrow $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{K}_{1}^{-1} \mathbf{a}_{1} + \mathbf{K}_{MS,2}^{-1} \mathbf{a}_{2}$



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Other physical corrections: Relationship between energy loss, slowness and mass



The slowness S (=1/V) increases with the loss of energy, ΔE , according to:

$$\Delta S = -\frac{(S^2 - 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{m_0} \Delta E \qquad (\Delta \beta = \frac{(1 - \beta^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\beta m_0} \Delta E)$$

If ΔE has been well measured, the increasing in the slowness S can be introduced as a constraint to improve the fit.



TimTrack as a calibration tool -1:

The model of the data, m, can be expanded as a function of both, the set of parameters **s** and the set of some alignment and calibration constants α :

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s}; \boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

and

$$\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s};\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial \mathbf{s}}\right) \mathbf{s} + \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\alpha}}\right) \boldsymbol{\alpha} + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{s};\boldsymbol{\alpha})$$
$$\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s},\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial \mathbf{s}} \ \frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\alpha}}\right) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{s} \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha} \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{s};\boldsymbol{\alpha})$$
$$\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s};\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = G_A \cdot \mathbf{s}_{\alpha} + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{s};\boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

where:
$$G_A = \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial \mathbf{s}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\alpha}}\right)$$
 and $\mathbf{s}_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} = \left(\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{s} \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha} \end{array}\right)$

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TimTrack as a calibration tool -2:

The matrix G_A takes the form:





TimTrack as a calibration tool -3:

Particles with well known parameters may be used to determine the unknown calibration constants.



The columns corresponding both to the known parameters and to the known calibration constants can be eliminated from G_A before calculating the K matrix and finding the solution:

$$\mathbf{s}_{lpha} = \left(egin{array}{c} \mathbf{s} \ oldsymbol{lpha} \end{array}
ight)$$



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Algebra of saetas



- Compatibility (Mahalanobis distance)

$$(\mathbf{s}_1, \mathcal{E}_1) \to (\mathbf{s}_1^+ = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{s}_1, \ \mathcal{E}_1^+ = \mathbf{F}' \cdot \mathcal{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{F})$$

$$(\mathbf{s}_2, \mathcal{E}_2) \to (\mathbf{s}_2^- = \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{s}_2, \ \mathcal{E}_2^- = \mathbf{B}' \cdot \mathcal{E}_2 \cdot \mathbf{B}) \longrightarrow \mathbf{d}_{\mathbf{M}}(\mathbf{s}_1^+, \mathbf{s}_2^-) = \sqrt{(\mathbf{s}_1^+ - \mathbf{s}_2^-)' \cdot (\mathcal{E}_1^+ + \mathcal{E}_2^-) \cdot (\mathbf{s}_1^+ - \mathbf{s}_2^-)}$$

- Reduction of saetas:

$$\mathbf{s_m} = [(\mathcal{E}_{1^+})^{-1} + (\mathcal{E}_{2^-})^{-1}]^{-1} \cdot [(\mathcal{E}_{1^+})^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{s}_{1^+} + (\mathcal{E}_{2^-})^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{s}_{2^-}]$$



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Tim Track flow summary

Parameter space	Linear TT	Measurement space	Parameter space	Non linear TT	Measurement space
		$\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{W}_d = \mathbf{V}_d^{-1}$	Sp		$\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{W}_d = \mathbf{V}_d^{-1}$
	G: Measurement Matrix $\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{s}_{p} + \mathbf{g}_{0}$	$\mathbf{d}_{c} = \mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{g}_{0}$		G: Measurement Matrix $\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s}_p) = \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{s}_p + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{s}_p)$	$\mathbf{d}_{c} = \mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{s}_{p})$
	$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{G}' \cdot \mathbf{W}_{d} \cdot \mathbf{d}_{c}$ $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{G}' \cdot \mathbf{W}_{d} \cdot \mathbf{G}$			$\mathbf{a}_{p} = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{s}_{p})' \cdot \mathbf{W}_{d} \cdot \mathbf{d}_{c}$ $\mathbf{K}_{p} = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{s}_{p})' \cdot \mathbf{W}_{d} \cdot \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{s}_{p})$	
$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{K}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{a}$			$\mathbf{s}_{p+1} = \mathbf{K}_{p}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{p}$		



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Summary:

TimTrack provides a framework for the reconstruction of particles in hybrid environments, taking into account all possible physical effects.

- It works always in the highest dimension parameter space of the particle
- It allows to include any constraint affecting the movement of the particle

- It works with particle parameters and calibration or alignment constants at the same level

Disadvantages:

- Still not tested in many environments
 - It has been tested with the HADES MDrift Chambers + RPC wall with comparable results with the existing ones (although using part of the existing tools : drif velocity parametrization...)
- Recursive and transporting approach not yet tested (≅ Kalman Filter)
- Working in higher dimension space may include new convergence problems



One comment:

Using time as a free parameter needs, together with the alignment, a new very important task in any spectrometer or detector setup:

SYNCHRONIZATION



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4D Tracking at CBM



4D Tracking at CBM *timtrack* at CBM



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Example: D₀ decay analysis at CBM (GSI)







SAETA: $s=(X_0, X', Y_0, Y', T_0, S=1/V)$ (6 parameters)

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Single Track: "reduced" Error Matrix









multi-SAETA: $\mathbf{s} = (X_0, X_1', X_2', Y_0, Y_1', Y_2', S_1, S_2, T_0, Z_0)$ (10 parameters)



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TwoTracks with common vertex: "Reduced" error matrix



Numerical estimation for D0's with K=2GeV at polar angle 0 and decay with azimuthal angle= 45°







TwoTracks with common vertex and mass constraint

-Track fitting model = Two Tracks with common vertex

- Mass constraint (f(s)=0):

 $m(D_0) - \sqrt{(m_K^2 + m_\pi^2 + m_K \cdot m_{pi} \cdot \gamma_K \cdot \gamma_{pi}(1 + \beta_K \cdot \beta_\pi \cdot \cos(\alpha)))} = 0$

multi-SAETA: **s** = (X₀, X₁', X₂', Y₀, Y₁', Y₂', S₁, S₂,T₀, Z₀; m1,m2) (10 parameters)



TwoTracks with D0 mass constraint: "Reduced" error matrix

X_0	X ' ₁	X'2	Y ₀	Y'1	Y'2	S ₁	S ₂	To	Zo
5.6793e-003	-4.5000e-001 3.0595e-006	-4.5000e-001 2.0000e-001 3.0595e-006	0 1.0000e-002 -1.0000e-002 5.7078e-003	0 -3.0000e-002 3.0000e-002 -4.4000e-001 3.4300e-006	0 3.0000e-002 -3.0000e-002 -3.9000e-001 1.0000e-002	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	1.0000e-002 -8.0000e-002 8.0000e-002 -6.0000e-002 4.1000e-001
					3.4300e-006	0	0	0	-4.1000e-001
						7.0578e-002	9.0000e-002	-3.0000e-001	0
							6.8720e-002	-3.0000e-001	0
							I	6.1356e+001	0
									1.1150e-002



4D Kalman Filter



Kalman Filter is a very well known and broadly used track finding and track reconstruction method





Kalman Filter algorithm flow

Kalman Filter					
Parameter space		Measurement space			
\mathbf{r}_{p} , \mathcal{E}_{p}					
F:Transport					
$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{\mathrm{p}}$ $\mathcal{E}_s = F \cdot \mathcal{E}_p \cdot F'$		$\mathbf{d}_{\mathrm{p}}, \mathbf{V}_{p}$			
	H: Measurement $m(r) = H \cdot r + η$ →	$\mathbf{d}_{s} = \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{r}$ $\mathbf{V}_{s} = \mathbf{H} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}_{s} \cdot \mathbf{H}$			
		$\delta \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{d}_{p} \cdot \mathbf{d}_{s}$ $\mathbf{V}_{c} = \mathbf{V}_{p} + \mathbf{V}_{s}$			
$\delta \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{K} \cdot \delta \mathbf{d}$ $\delta \mathcal{E}_s = \mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathcal{E}_s$	$\mathbf{K} = \mathcal{E}_{s} \cdot \mathbf{H}' \cdot \mathbf{V}_{c}^{-1}$				
$\mathbf{r}_{p+1} = \mathbf{r} + \delta\mathbf{r}$ $\mathcal{E}_{p+1} = \mathcal{E}_s - \delta\mathcal{E}_s$					



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We are implementing the ideas developed for the TimTrak in the CBM Kalman Filter environment

Status:

- Simple straight lines 4D examples are working in:
 - Mathematica: good environment for calculating measurement matrices
 - Matlab: good environment for developing
 - C++ CbmRoot
- Analisis of performances has been started
- No significative results yet



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Detector layout example:



Work done:

- A program for a straight line fitting in 2-dimensions (x,z) has been adapted to include time and slowness s (s= 1/velocity): 3-dimensions (x,t,z).

- We have generated pure samples of 10000 tracks each, both in 2-dimension and 3-dimension modes, for several combinations of the initial parameters:

Fixed parameters:

 $x_0 = 0$: x coordinate at z=0

 $t_0 = 0$: time at z=0

 β = 1 : velocity of the particle

 σ_x = 0.1 mm: gaussian smearing in the position readout at all the planes

Variable parameters:

x' = 0, 0.1, 0.5: initial slopes σ_t = 1ns, 2ns

For every combination of parameters, tracks have been propagated with several multiscattering effects given by a gaussian distribution with the width:

scatt = $tan\theta$ (being θ , the scattering angle) = 0.0, 0.01, 0.05, 0.1 (4 values)



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8 STS stations, DZ = 10cm / σ_x = 0.1 mm , β = 1								
x' = 0.0	2D: x-x' fit		3D: x-x'-t ₀ -s fit / σ_t = 2 ns					
scatt	Pull(x)	Pull(x')	Pull(x)	Pull(x')	Pull(t)	Pull(s)		
0.0	0,99	0,99	1,00	1,00	0,99	0,98		
0.01	0,98	0,98	0,99	1,00	0,99	0,98		
0.05	0,98	0,99	0,99	1,01	0,99	0,98		
0.1	0,99	1,04	0,98	1,05	0,99	0,98		
scatt	Res(x)	Res(x')	Res(x)	Res(x')	Res(t)	Res(s)		
0.0	0,007	0,010	0,007	0,010	1,270	0,030		
0.01	0,010	0,011	0,010	0,011	1,280	0,030		
0.05	0,010	0,051	0,010	0,051	1,280	0,030		
0.1	0,010	0,107	0,010	0,110	1,280	0,030		



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Summary of results for: scatt=0, σ_x = 0.1mm, σ_t = 1ns, x'=0.5 and β =1



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Beyond 4D tracking



The amplitude (or the charge) of the read-out pulses may also de related with the tracking parameter. As consequence they may be used also as a tracking variables.

Other effects (slewing corrections, walk corrections) are also related either with the time or the position

Why not introduce them also all this effects in the tracking model (without reduction)?

Let see some examples:



Example 1:

TOFtracker: combination of time-of-flight and high-accuracy bidimensional tracking in a single gaseous detector

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- · strip electrodes, analog charge readout and charge interpolation for position
- · separate the high-frequency parts of the signal for timing and the low-frequency ones for position



Position resolution below 50 µm can be achieved in multigap RPCs by analog charge readout (high accuracy digital readout is limited to single-gap) of 4 mm pitch strips.



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Example 2:

Implementation of slewing or walk corrections in the tracking model



Slewing correction in HADES tRPC TOF wall

 $\Delta t = t_{\text{particle}} - t_{\text{RPC}} = \epsilon \approx f(Q)$

The slewing correction function f(Q) can be introduced as a new equation in the fit

 $t_{\text{particle}} = t_{\text{RPC}} + f(Q) (\pm \sigma)$

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Example 3:

Working out the position resolution on large scintillating detectors, through the "light attenuation method"

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1200000 Parameter Value Data A,+B,/x² 3.43x10⁶ A1 1000000 A,+B,exp(-x/d) 4.25x10² B1 A,+B,/x 800000 6.93x10³ A2 2.88x10⁶ 82 Counts (A.U.) 600000 đ 6.4 cm A3 -2.78x10 400000 83 8.84x10⁴ 200000 o 10 15 2025 30 35 40 Distance (cm)

> FIGURE 5. For the large plate configuration, this plot shows the integral of each spectrum as a function of the distance between the ⁶⁰Co source to the photomultiplier. The two fits correspond to a pure exponential and an inverse square law.



FIGURE 6. Calculation. For the large plate configuration hypothetically viewed by 4 photomultipliers placed in the corners cut at 45 deg. A 1% pulse high resolution is assumed. Position information with a sensitivity better than 1 cm is obtained throughout most of the active area, near the photomultipliers, it degrades to better than 2, 3 and 5 cm as we move closer to the Photomultipliers and the edge of the detector.



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tracking models, constraints... Alignment + Synchronization slewing corrections, walk corrections.. (everything is inside)

Basic idea:

- Working in a higher dimension space may make more difficult to find the solution to the tracking tasks. As consecuence any piece of useful information shouldn't thrown out.

- Pulses amplitudes or charges, when related with the particle parameters, may be also used as tracking variables.



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Perhaps using all the information is a utopia but we are developing very general tools to do it. Bad information could be always thrown out later

- Basic philosophy:
 - Try to make redundant systems
 - Try to increase the NDF as much as possible
 - Try to avoid mathematical reduction of data
 - Try to put as much as possible ingredients in the tracking model



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Recollections and Reflections

- The time may become a very important tracking and reconstruction parameter.

- Working separately with time and coordinates may offer important advantages mainly in hybrid environments

- It's true that time resolution is very poor compared with position resolutions. But some detectors may offer many timing data (Ex. straw tubes). Why not try to improve their timing resolution as much as possible?

- Using all the measurements separately at the tracking level could be very usefull for

- reducing the background
- increase the redundancy of data
- improve the estimation of parameters
- finding hidden correlations and relationships between particle parameters, calibration constants, alignment or synchronization parameters and others
- A lot of matrix algebra tools and multivariate analysis tools are available
- Using time separately allows to run detectors independently of external triggers or external conditions
- Every detector can run at its maximum allowed data acquisition rate: later all the information can be merged together

- Excess of information made advisable to make the reduction of information as close as possible to the detectors: FPGAs, GPUs...



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