



# Want to accelerate your Track Fitting? Try the General Triplet Track Fit

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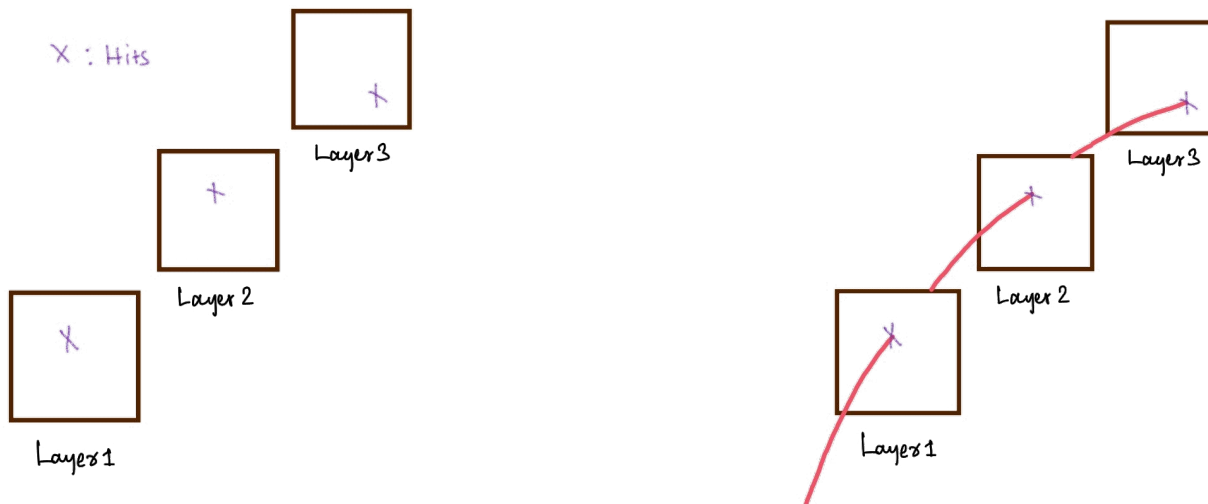
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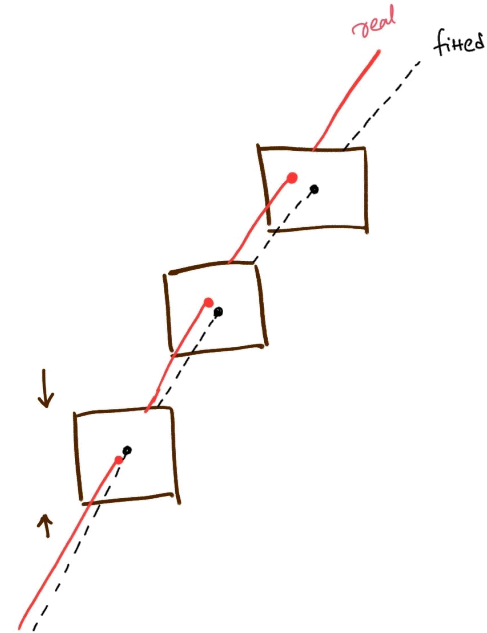
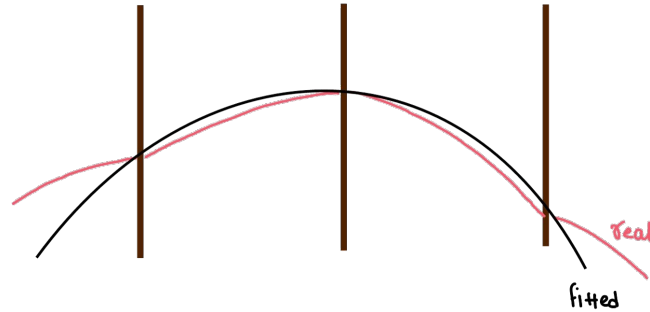
# Track Fitting



- Track fitting - adapting parameters of a track model to measurements
  - Models describe trajectory in magnetic field, materials, energy loss.
  - Fitting also takes uncertainties into account.




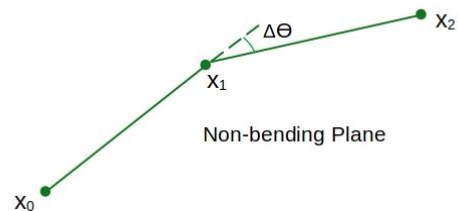
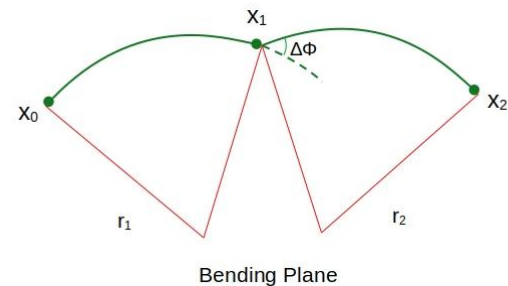
# Materials, Sensor resolutions?



# Triplets...



- Using the *triplet* representation
  - At least three hits required to measure track parameters.
  - Less complex than 'quadruplets'.
  - Kinematics overconstrained  $\rightarrow$  filter bad combinations with fit quality.
  - Can be used to seed conventional track finding algos.
- There exists an analytical solution for fitting triplets with Multiple Coulomb scattering (MS) and hit position uncertainties 



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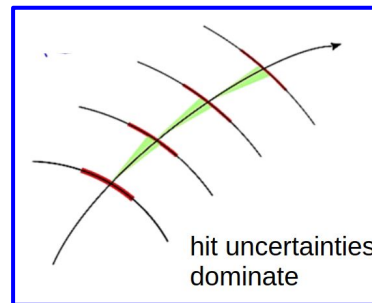
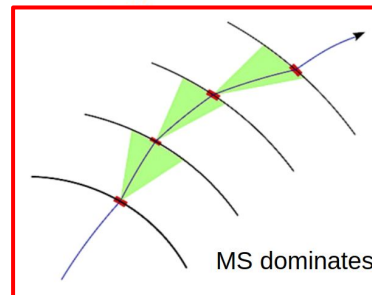
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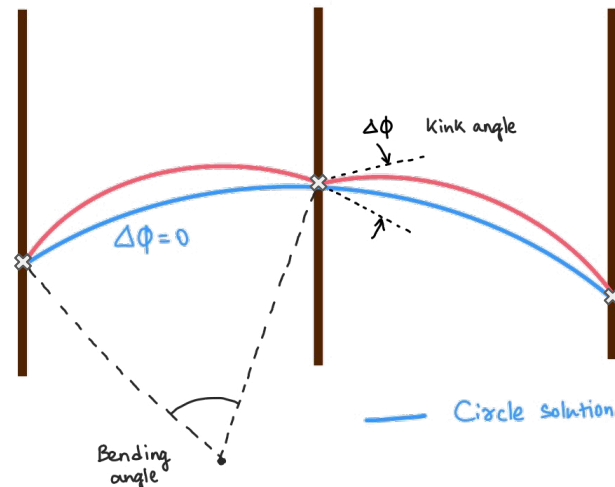
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# Triplet Parameters

- Kink angles can be obtained from bending angles.
- Bending angles are given by transcendental equations  $\rightarrow$  no algebraic solution...
- Use [approximate solution](#) connecting three hits with a circle in the transverse plane.



Linearized kink angle:

$$\Delta\Phi = \tilde{\Phi} + \rho_{\Phi} c_{3D} \quad c_{3D} = R_{3D}^{-1} = \frac{|q|B}{p}$$

Kink angle for vanishing curvature ( $c_{3D} = 0$ )

Dependance of kink angle on curvature

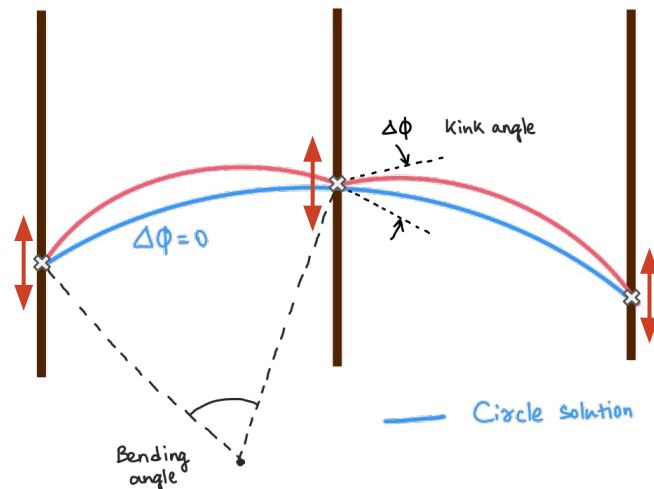
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Contributions to kink angles from position uncertainties taken into account using directional derivatives of kink angles w.r.t hit position shifts.

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with apparent kinks  $\Delta\Theta$ ,  $\Delta\Phi$



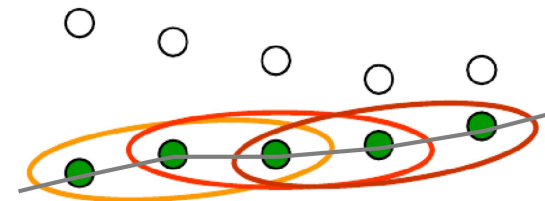
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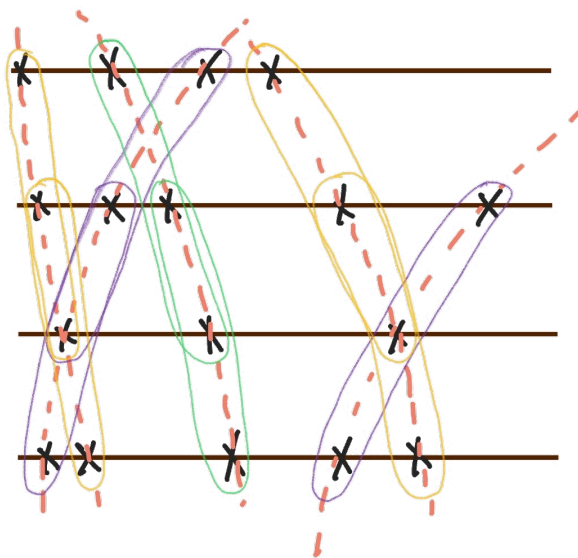
# General Triplet Track Fit



- Linearized expressions of kink angles & contribution of position uncertainties are plugged back into  $\chi^2$  - and minimized.
- The fit is factorized into two steps:
  - Local calculation of triplet parameters.
  - Global fit of all connected triplets in a track - requires a matrix inversion.
- Several advantages of the two step procedure:
  - **Parallelization** of the problem → **next slide**.
  - Global fit is completely detector independent.
    - Triplet parameters absorb detector dependencies (geometry, magnetic field).
  - Use triplet compatibility (fitted  $p$ ,  $q$ ) before combination.



# Parallelization from Triplets



17 hits

9 triplets

5 tracks

Can be processed  
independently

Track Finding using triplets  
- Sachin's talk next

MS-only fit implemented on  
GPUs for Mu3e [1]

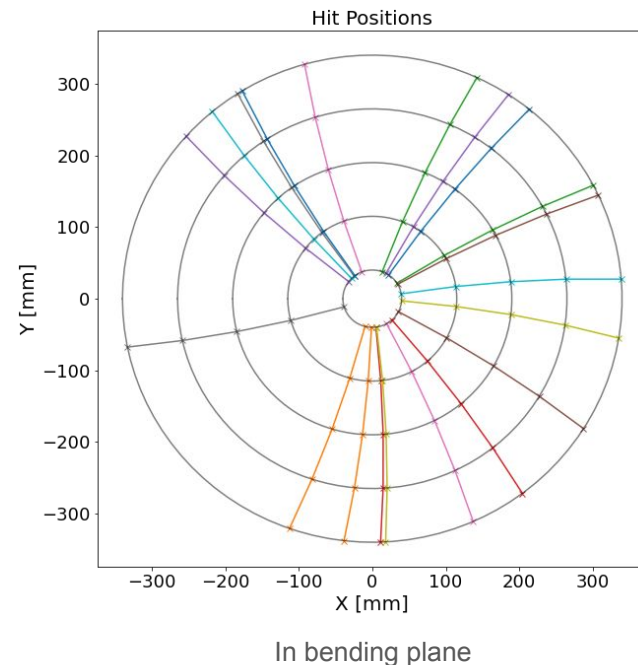
[1]: [Mu3e Collaboration, Technical design of the phase-I Mu3e experiment 2021](#)

# Toy Simulation



- Developed for standalone testing of the fits
  - Minimal setup: provides tight control over results.
- Particles propagated through uniform, solenoidal B-field.
- Detector with 5 equally spaced barrel layers (axis parallel to B-field).

Generated particles	Position	(0,0,0) - beamspot of size 45 mm along z
	Azimuthal angle ( $\Phi$ )	Uniform in $[0, 2\pi]$
	Polar angle ( $\Theta$ )	$70^\circ$ ( $\eta=0.36$ )
	Charge	+1
Simulated uncertainties	Multiple scattering	$x/X_0 = 2\%$ (per layer)
	Hit uncertainties	12 $\mu\text{m}$ in sensor transverse directions



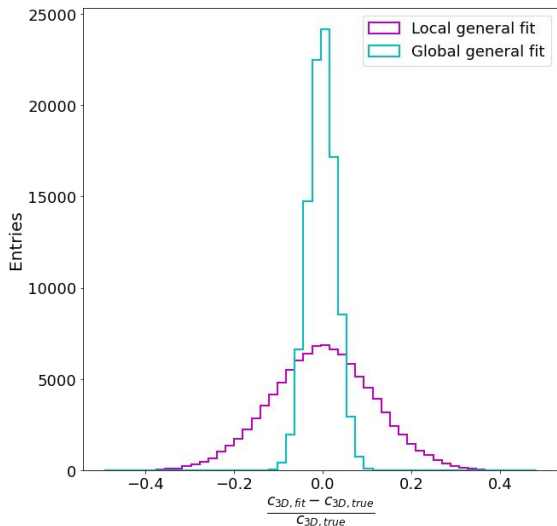
# Implementation on CPU



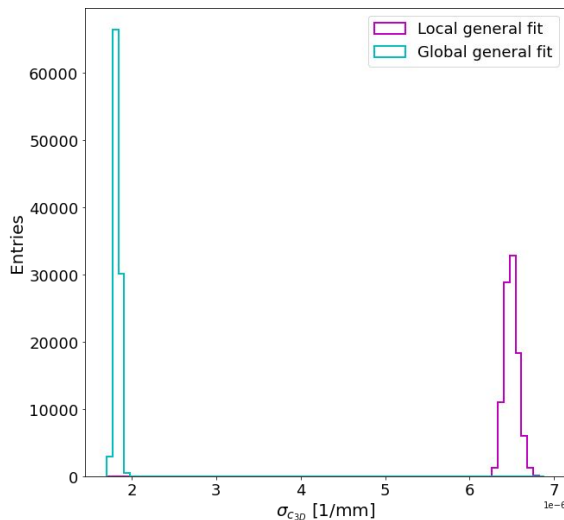
Curvature:  $c_{3D} = R_{3D}^{-1} = \frac{|q|B}{p}$  to avoid numerical instabilities at high momenta

$p_T = 10 \text{ GeV}$

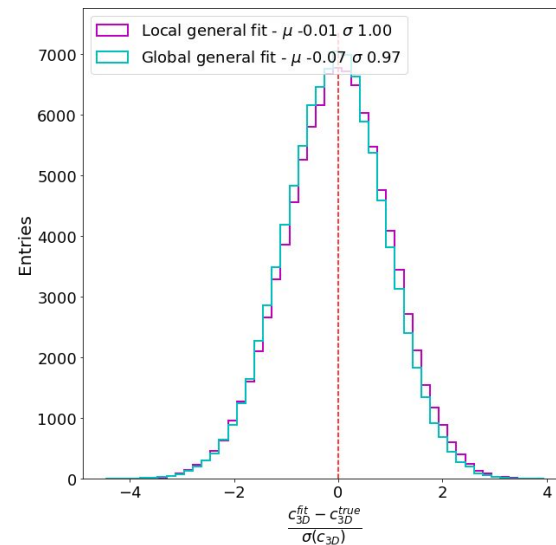
### Relative resolution



### Fit uncertainty



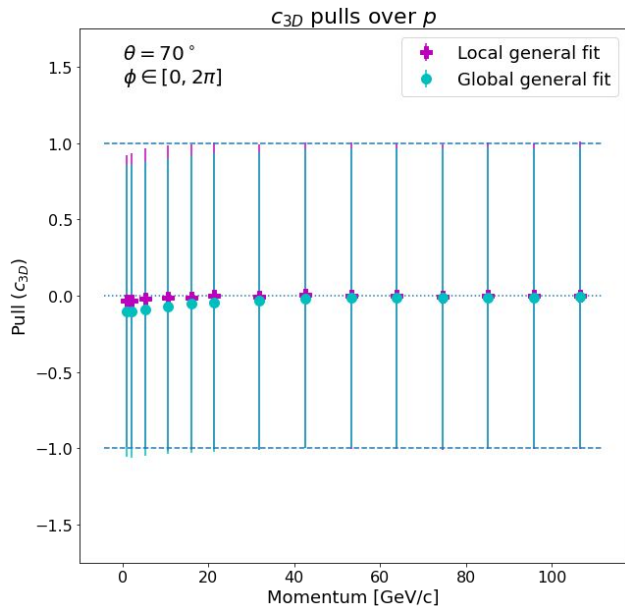
### Pull distribution



Plots for local fit everywhere are for one triplet;  
the global fit combines all (three) triplets on track.

Pull distribution with 0 mean and 1  
sigma implies correct estimation of  
curvatures and uncertainties.

# Curvature Pulls

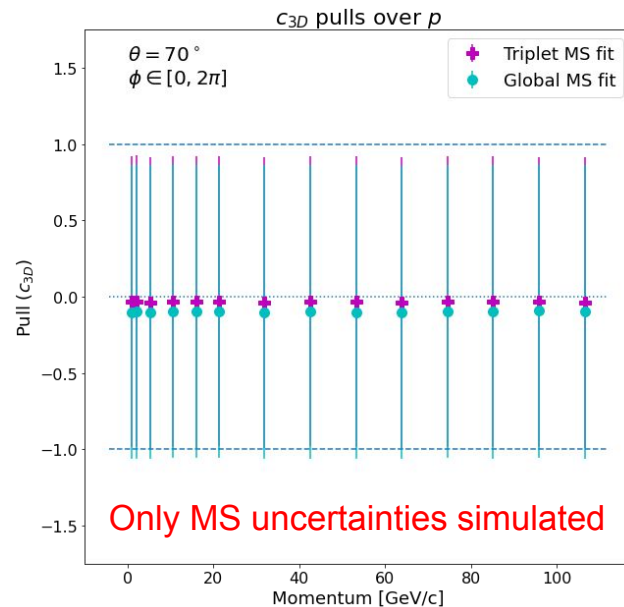
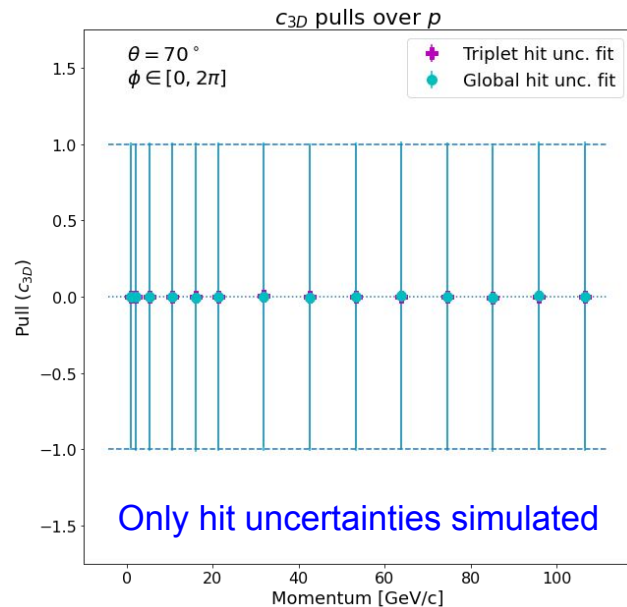


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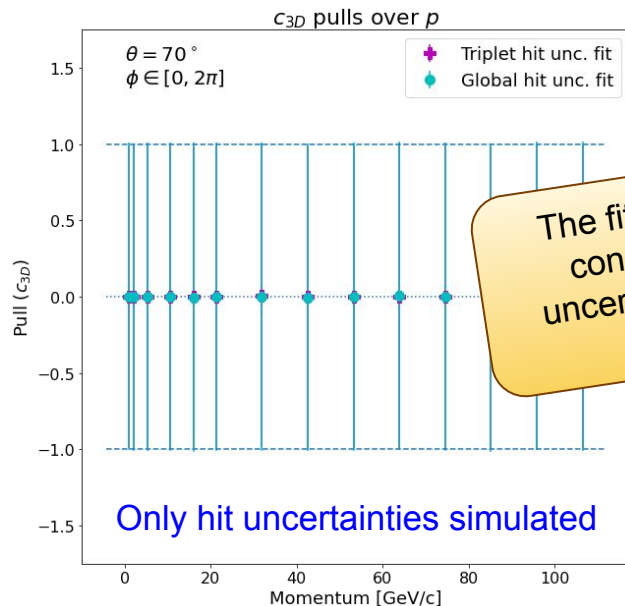
Dominating MS effects at low momenta  
→ correlation between curvatures and uncertainties → bias in pull distributions.

➤ Well understood and can be [corrected](#).

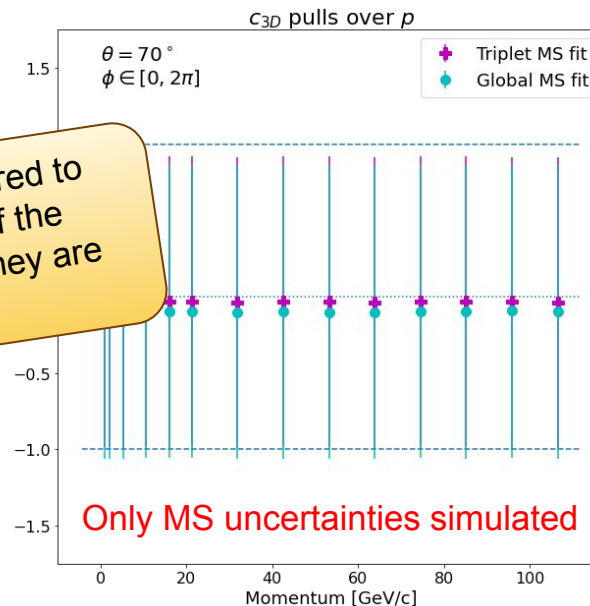
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The fit can be configured to consider only one of the uncertainties where they are dominating



# Summary & Outlook



- General triplet track fit with Multiple scattering and hit position uncertainties.
  - Plan to exploit massive parallelism by using GPUs → for fast track fitting in ATLAS EF.
- The triplet fit was tested using standalone simulation.
- Correct estimation of curvatures and uncertainties observed over a large momentum range.
- Gain from using MS-only triplet fits, wherever possible.
- Next steps: Integrating in `traccc`; study performance in ITk.



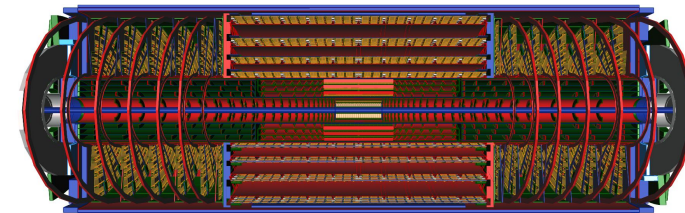


# Backup

# ATLAS Event Filter Tracking



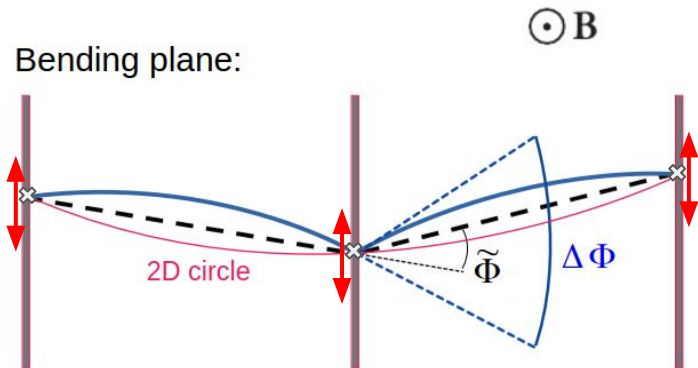
- Series of upgrades underway to prepare for Hi-Lumi LHC
  - Inner Detector (ID) to be replaced with all-Si Inner Tracker (ITk).
  - Trigger and DAQ systems have to cope with increased data rate and event complexity.
- Event Filter (EF) to reduce 1 MHz Level-0 rate to 10 kHz.
  - Running offline-like algorithms on commercial hardware.
  - Possibly using accelerators (GPUs, FPGAs) to gain performance.
- Tracking in Event Filter (EF Tracking)
  - Crucial to maintain sensitivity while keeping trigger rates under control.
  - Regional and full-scan tracking at 1 MHz and 150 kHz respectively.
  - Most expensive computationally.



[ATLAS Collaboration, Expected tracking and related performance with the updated ATLAS Inner Tracker layout at the High-Luminosity LHC - ATL-PHYS-PUB-2021-024](#)

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$$\Delta\Phi_{\text{hit}} = \sum_{k=1}^3 \vec{h}_{\phi k} \cdot \vec{\delta}_k$$

with  $\vec{h}_{\phi k} = \text{grad } \Delta\Phi(\vec{x}_k)$

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# $\chi^2$ Minimization



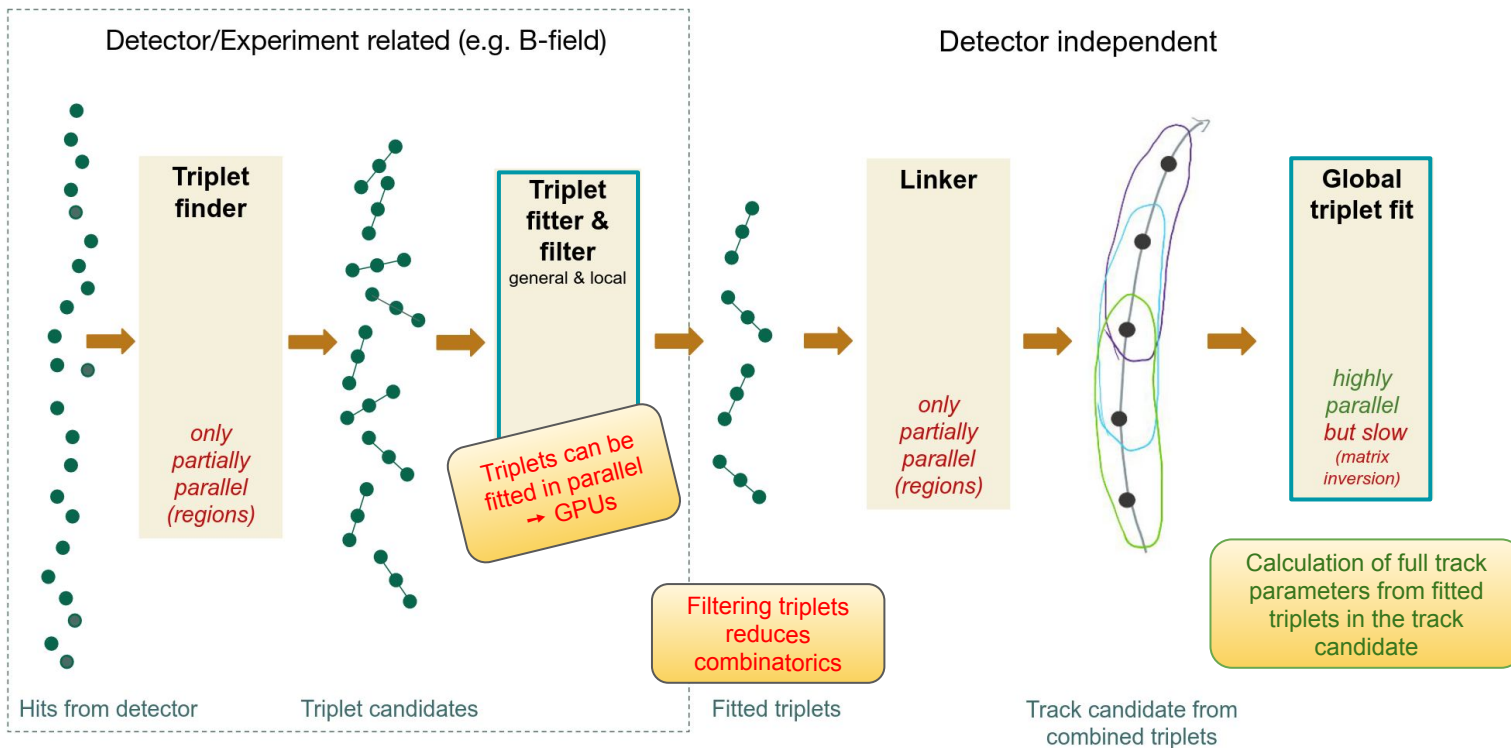
$$\begin{aligned} \chi^2(c_{3D}; \vec{\delta}) &= \sum_{\text{triplet } j}^{n_{\text{hit}}-2} \frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{MS},j}^2} \left( \tilde{\Theta}_j + \rho_{\Theta} c_{3D} - \Delta\Theta_{\text{hit},j}(\vec{\delta}) \right)^2 \\ &+ \sum_{\text{triplet } j}^{n_{\text{hit}}-2} \frac{\sin^2 \hat{\vartheta}_j}{\sigma_{\text{MS},j}^2} \left( \tilde{\Phi}_j + \rho_{\Phi} c_{3D} - \Delta\Phi_{\text{hit},j}(\vec{\delta}) \right)^2 \\ &+ \sum_{\text{hit } k=0}^{n_{\text{hit}}-1} \frac{\delta_{k_i}^2}{\sigma_{k_i}^2} \end{aligned}$$

Global fit  $\chi^2$  :

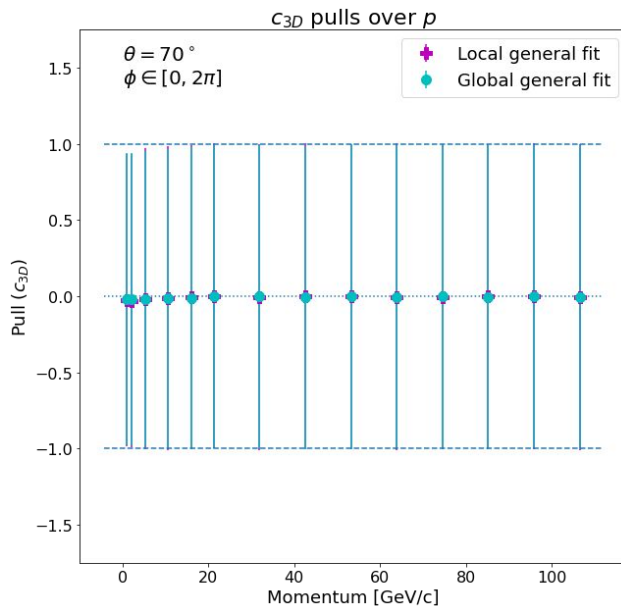
Minimization involves a matrix inversion.

$$\begin{aligned} \chi^2(c_{3D}; \vec{\delta}) &= \left( \Psi + \rho c_{3D} - \vec{H}\vec{\delta} \right)^T D_{\text{MS}} \left( \Psi + \rho c_{3D} - \vec{H}\vec{\delta} \right) \\ &+ \vec{\delta}^T \vec{D}_{\text{hit}} \vec{\delta} \end{aligned}$$

# Triplet Fit: Hits to Tracks



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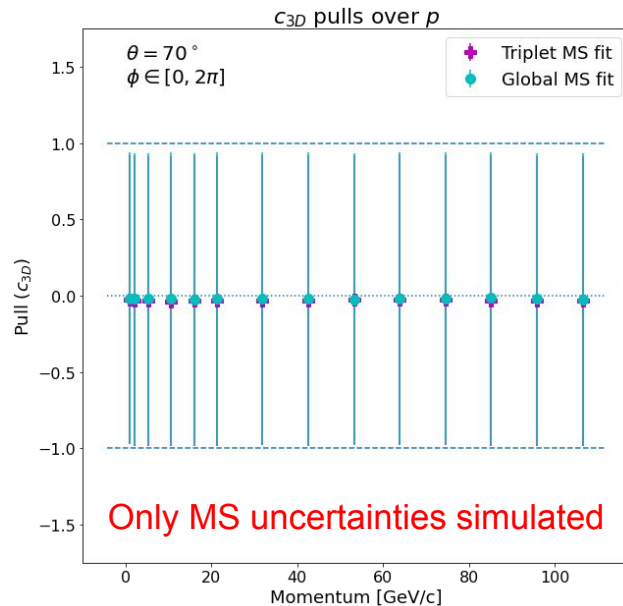
Bias goes away if the 'correct' MS uncertainties - estimated using the curvature from the global fit - are used, instead of those estimated using the linearization/local fits.

→ iterative!

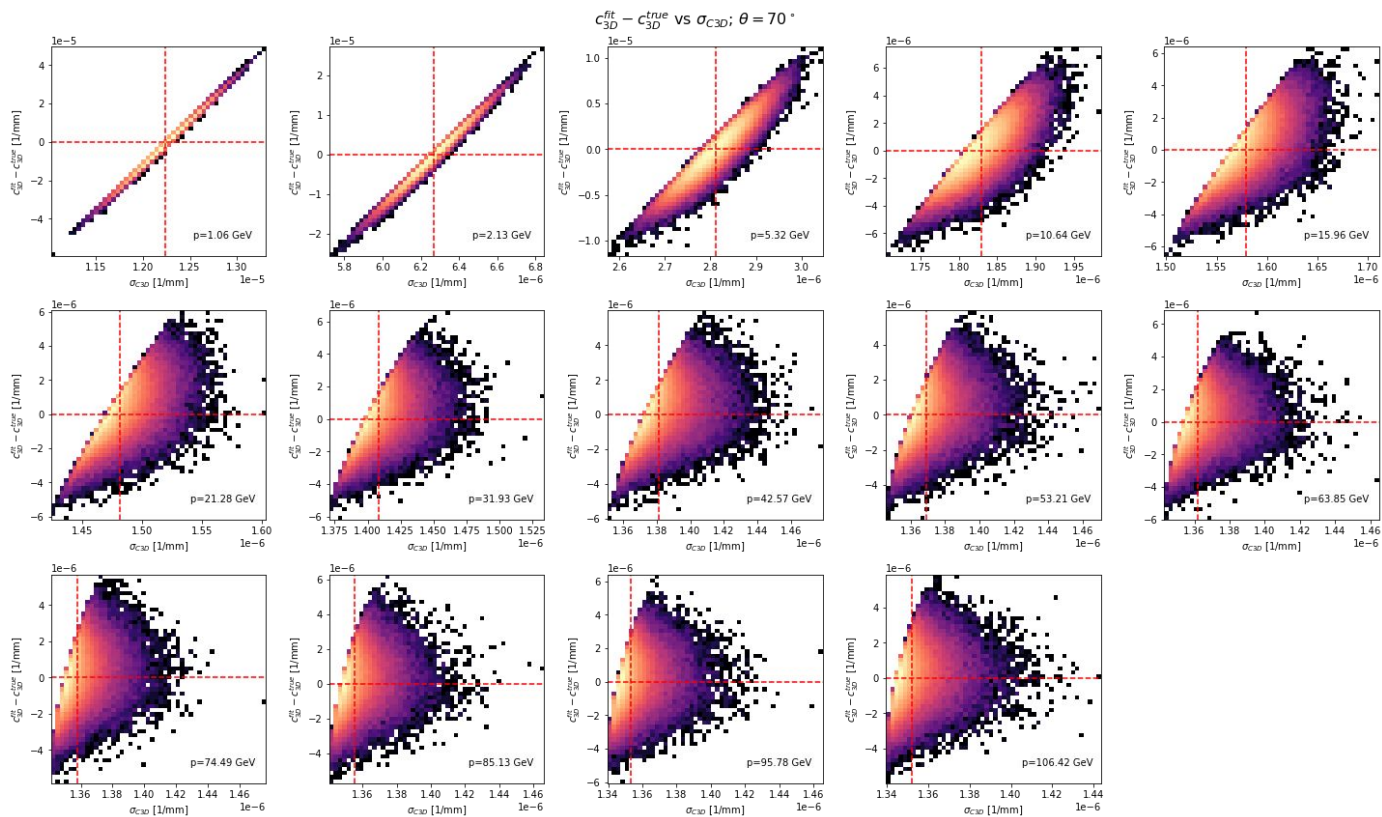
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With MS uncertainties estimated from global fit curvatures.



# Pull Bias



$c_{3D}$  and  $\sigma(c_{3D})$  strongly correlated at low momenta (dominating MS uncertainties)

Two effects:

- pulls for a single triplet have  $\mu < 0$  (negative residuals divided by smaller  $\sigma$ -s)
- statistical effect: combining triplets make the biases larger