The Alignment of the CMS Silicon Tracker

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Outline

- The CMS silicon tracker
- Alignment method and tools
- Results
- Summary

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The CMS Detector at the LHC



The CMS Tracker: All Silicon



Many module shapes for strips



- 1440 silicon pixel modules
- 15148 silicon strip modules (24244 sensors)
- Strips generally measure $r\phi$ direction
- Some radii: additional modules

rotated by 100 mrad

Alignment challenge: 200 k parameters

Track Based Alignment: Principle



Simple Example

- 11 parallel planes measuring 1D
- displaced in measurement direction
- fit 10⁴ straight tracks: $u = F_a(z) = a_1 + a_2 \cdot z$
- residual r_i = m_i − F_â at plane i: shift of plane i leads to ⟨r_i⟩ ≠ 0
- cannot simply shift plane by -(r_i): depends on shifts of other planes

 \Rightarrow tracks correlate alignment parameters

Proper Treatment: Global Fit Approach (e.g. Least Squares)

• Simultaneous fit of all parameters: shifts, track parameters!

• Minimise sum of squares of residuals, $\chi^2(\mathbf{a}) = \sum_{k} \left(\frac{m_k - F_{\mathbf{a}}}{\sigma_k}\right)^2$.

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$$\boldsymbol{a} = (\boldsymbol{a}^{global}, \boldsymbol{a}^{local}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{a}^{local}_n)^T$$

global: alignment parameters,local: track parameters.

Global Fit Approach

- Linearising track model and minimisation requiring dχ²(a)/da = 0:
 ⇒ Normal equations of least squares C a = b.
- Local parameters appear in part of the data only:
 - \Rightarrow Block structure in **C**, use matrix algebra to reduce problem:

$$C' a^{global} = b'.$$

- Matrix C', vector b' summing up contributions from all tracks.
- Solving C' a^{global} = b' provides alignment solution in one step.
 ⇒ All correlations from tracks taken care of.
- Need clever algorithms for > 100 000 global parameters:
 ⇒Millepede II and General Broken Lines Track Refit.

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Millepede II: Experiment Independent Global Fit Tool

(originally by V. Blobel, further developed by C. Kleinwort)

Task

- Setting up and Solving Matrix Equation
 - $C' a^{global} = b',$
- from millions of tracks (containing outlier hits),
- C' is $n \times n$ matrix:
- here $n \approx 200\,000$,
- typically sparse.
- \Rightarrow Very demanding for memory and CPU.

Input from Experiment

- Linearised track fit information:
 - residuals with uncertainties,
 - derivatives $\frac{\partial F}{\partial a^{local}}$ and $\frac{\partial F}{\partial a^{global}}$,

• Global parameter constraints: $\sum d_i a_i^{global} = e$.

Features: Computing Aspects

- More powerful successor of Millepede I.
- Stand alone Fortran program.
- Reading (zipped) binary input from Fortran or C(++).
- Optimised for speed:
 - iterative MINRES to solve C' a^{global} = b',
 - CPU intense parts parallelised using OpenMP®,
 - local fit detects bordered band matrices (\Rightarrow Broken Line Fit),
 - \Rightarrow reading data from disc and memory access remaining bottlenecks.
- Optimised for memory space:
 - symmetric C' would need 160 GB in double precision,
 - reduction due to sparsity
 - compression by bit packed addressing of continuous non-zero blocks,
 - and by single precision for elements summing up from few tracks.

Parameters *a^{local}*

Track Fit

- Charged particle in magnetic field: need 5 helix parameters.
- Traversing material: multiple scattering effects. (relevant for "heavy" tracking detectors)
- Usually treated by progressive track fit: Kalman filter.
- Millepede II needs global fit:
 - \Rightarrow 2 scattering angles per thin scatterer,
 - \Rightarrow 5+2*n*_{scat} explicit track parameters.
- $\bullet~\mbox{Reaching} > 50~\mbox{parameters}$ for cosmic tracks in CMS tracker.
- ⇒ Danger of CPU consuming single track fits when building matrix equation $C a^{global} = b$.



General Broken Lines Track Refit



Concept: Define Track Parameters with Local Meaning

- Reparametrise: $\boldsymbol{a}^{local} = (\Delta q/p, \boldsymbol{u}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{u}_{n_{scat}}).$
- *u_i*: 2D offsets in local system at each scatterer.
- Predictions u_{int} for measurements: interpolating between scatterers.
- Kink angles from triplets of adjacent scatterers.
- \Rightarrow Local fit $\boldsymbol{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{b}$:
 - bordered band matrix, band width $m \leq 5$, border size b = 1.
 - Fast solution by root free Cholesky decomposition:
 - Effort to calculate \mathbf{x} : $\sim n_{par} \cdot (m+b)^2$, \mathbf{A}^{-1} : $\sim n_{par}^2 \cdot (m+b)$
 - Equivalent to standard CMS Kalman filter track fit.

Input Data

- Loosely selected isolated muons: 15 million.
- Muon pairs from $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays: 375 thousand pairs.
- Low momentum tracks: 3 million.
- Cosmic tracks (e.g. recorded in between LHC fills): 3.6 million.

CMS 2011 Tracker Alignment



Alignment Algorithm and Parameters

- Millepede II algorithm with ~200 000 free alignment parameters.
- 8 (9) parameters per strip (pixel) sensor:
 - 5/6 rigid body like parameters (one insensitive for strips),
 - 3 bow parameters.
- Time dependent rigid body parameters for larger pixel structures:
 - 9 time periods in common fit,
 - ⇒ moving structures, modules constant within.
- $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ combined object, adding Z mass "measurement" (\Rightarrow).

Millepede II at Work

- 246 zipped binary files (\sum 46.5 GB), read 13 times.
- 22.6 million local fit objects,
 - bordered band matrix structure: max(border) = 9, max(width) = 4.
- MINRES iterating 3 times (tightening outlier rejection) to solve *C'* a^{global} = b'.
- 200614 fit parameters (including 138 Lagrange multipliers).
- Matrix with 31% non-zero off-diagonal entries, compression ratio 40%,
 ⇒ fits well into 32 GB memory.
- Total CPU 44.5 h, Wall 9:50 h using 8 threads on Intel® Xeon® L5520, 2.27 GHz.

 \Rightarrow Very efficient usage of resources with fast turnaround for analysis!

Silicon Sensors are Bowed, not Flat





- Residual *du*, track slope tan *α*: map residual ⊥ sensor, *dw* = *du*/tan *α*.
- \Rightarrow See bowed sensor surface.
 - Alignment of bows accounts for that.
 - Sensor type/mounting specific bow strengths.
- High relevance in BPIX layer 1: $\langle w_{02} \rangle = 30 \ \mu m$, large track slope: \Rightarrow systematic residuals > 100 μ m at sensor edge.

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Kink within Two Sensor Modules



- Long modules in outer strip tracker (TOB and outer TEC): two daisy chained sensors.
- Sensors rotated against each other: kink angle.
- Typical kink is $2\alpha^{\delta} = 1.6$ mrad.
- Larger effect than sensor bow.

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Sensor Bow Treatment Improves Cosmic Tracking



- Cosmic tracks mainly come from above.
- Increasing *d*₀ increases average track angle from sensor normal,
 ⇒ increasing sensitivity to deviation from flat sensors.
- Average goodness of fit vs *d*₀ demonstrates improvements from flat modules via flat sensors, bowed modules to bowed sensors.
- Remaining structure related to radii of layers: material.

Pixel Movements and Monitoring







- Pixel half barrels move wrt each other in time.
- Monitoring separation along z using unbiased vertex-track residuals.
- Time dependence of pixel structure alignment: // properly caring of separation as function of time.
- B-tagging insensitive to remaining 10 μ m effect.

Minimising residuals can be insensitive to certain global distortions.

- Potential bias on track parameters.
- Dependent on data fed into matrix.



Example: Telescoping

Shift in z growing linear with radius r

- Magnetic field *B*||*z*: tracks are straight lines in *rz*
- This distortion does not change that!
- \Rightarrow Bias in η

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Weak Mode "Twist" and the Z Mass



- Results in curvature changes, biasing measured p_t of positive or negative tracks oppositely.
- \Rightarrow Reconstructed Z mass depends on muon charge and η : red curve.



Controlling the Twist



- Re-parametrise muons from Z decay as common local fit object:
 from 2 × 5 independent parameters to common set of 9.
- Add Z mass as virtual measurement, RMS as uncertainty.
- ⇒ Keeps twist under control: blue curve, almost as in simulation with design conditions (black curve).

Summary

- Large CMS silicon tracker: a challenge for alignment.
- Track based alignment with ~200 k parameters:
 - determining sensor bows and kinks,
 - following time dependent movements of large pixel structures,
 - controlling momentum changing weak modes using the Z mass.
- Main working horse: Millepede II with General Broken Lines,
 ⇒ global fit approach in < 10 h Wall time.

CMS Silicon Tracker Alignment

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Supporting:



Millepede II

See Wiki https://www.wiki.terascale.de/index.php/Millepede_II.

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General Broken Lines: Equivalence with Kalman Fit



Test on Simulated Muon Tracks

- Good correlation of χ^2/ndf values.
- No difference in probability distributions.
- No momentum/track angle dependence seen (not shown).

Open Issue: ϕ Dependence of Reconstructed Z Mass



- But sine wave fit reveals small amplitude of ~0.2 GeV.
- Simulation: sine wave can be modeled with sagitta-like distortion.
 - Increasing Z statistics?
- Studies ongoing:
- Using straight cosmics from *B*-field off data?
- Small biases in track model?

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