Common issues in charged particle tracking – using mostly Belle II as an example

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## Tracks for physics analysis



→ It's how you get the 4-momenta of most particle candidates (e.g.  $\pi^{\pm}$ ,  $K^{\pm}$ ,  $e^{\pm}$ ,  $\mu^{\pm}$ ,  $\tau^{\pm}$ ,  $p/\bar{p}$ ,  $K_S$ , D, B,  $J/\psi$ , ROE, ...)

**Mass resolution** of composed particles depends on

- $\rightarrow$  Track momentum (p) resolution
- $\stackrel{\leftarrow}{\rightarrow} Opening angle resolution, and thus track angle$  $(\phi and \Theta) resolution$
- └→ Smaller signal mass region means less background
- *Vertex resolution depends on* 
  - $\rightarrow$  Track impact parameter ( $d_0$  and  $z_0$ ) resolution
  - → Important for measurements of time-dependent CPV, BB and DD mixing, B and D lifetimes, and also for background rejection



Wrong-sign  $D^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^-$ 

decay from Belle

PRD 88, 051101 (2013)



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Δt (ps)

## Track Reconstruction

*⊳3 main steps* to determine momentum vectors of charged particles

1. Let particles interact with detector material so that they leave hits along their trajectory

→ Build and operate a detector with precise and efficient position measurement

- *2. Identify the hits created by each charged particle* → *Pattern recognition (a.k.a. connect the dots)*
- *3. Determine best estimate for particle momentum* → *Fit hits to a trajectory for track parameters*

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# Tracking detectors at colliders

- **Common design**: cylindrical geometry aligned with beam and solenoidal B field (~ 1 Tesla)
- A few layers of silicon detectors (strips and/or pixels) as innermost component
  - High spatial precision as close as possible to IP
  - Dominates impact parameter and vertex measurements
- Followed by a **drift chamber** with tens of layers
  - Dominates momentum measurement
- Tracking devices at forward spectrometers (e.g. LHCb), neutrino experiments, and other special detectors can look very different (I won't discuss them today)

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#### The Belle II tracking system

- VerteX Detector (VXD)
  - *PiXel Detector (PXD)* 
    - 2 layers pixel
    - *7.7M pixels*
  - Silicon Vertex Detector (SVD)
    - 4 layers DSSD
    - 224,000 r/o strips
- Central Drift Chamber (CDC)
  - 56 layers
  - 14,336 sense wires
     (+42,240 field wires)





Track parameterization

Charged particles in a uniform magnetic field move on a helical trajectory due Lorentz force

#### $\triangleright$ 5 helix parameters

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- $\rightarrow \omega$ : curvature  $\omega = 1/R$
- $\mapsto$  R is radius of curvature related to transverse momentum  $p_T$  $\rightarrow p_T = 0.3 BR$ (from  $F_{Lorentz} = F_{centripetal}$ ;  $B[T], R[m], p_T[GeV]$ )
- $\rightarrow \lambda$ : dip angle ( $\theta = \pi/2 \lambda$ ;  $p = p_T / \sin \theta$ )
- → Point of closest approach (POCA) to origin
  - $\mapsto$   $d_0$ : distance of POCA from origin
  - $\rightarrow z_0$ : z coordinate of POCA
  - $\mapsto \phi_0$ : azimuthal angle at POCA

### No curling !



▷ What minimum p<sub>T</sub> does a track need to make it to the outer radius of the CDC in Belle II?
□ p<sub>T,min</sub> = 0.3 B(R<sub>out</sub>/2)
□ R<sub>out</sub> = 1.13 m; B=1.5 T
□ p<sub>T,min</sub> = 250 MeV
▷ It's more like 300 MeV due to energy loss
□ Curlers are spiraling inwards
▷ Tracks with momenta of 100 MeV or less only have hits in the VXD (60 MeV if there

was no energy loss)

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# Tracking near the Y(4S) resonance

- $e^+e^-$  collisions at 10.6 GeV
- On average ~10 tracks / event with an average momentum of a few hundred MeV/c
- Mostly  $\pi^{\pm}(\sim 75\%)$ , but also  $K^{\pm}$ ,  $e^{\pm}$ ,  $\mu^{\pm}$ ,  $p/\bar{p}$
- Dominant process for interacting with tracking detector material is ionization

#### Goal: reconstruct these tracks

- with maximum precision and efficiency, and
- with as little background as possible







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## Track (parameter) resolutions

#### Two main contributions

- Single hit resolution (HR)
  - Depends on detector properties (e.g. strip/pixel pitch)
    - $-\sim 10 \ \mu m$  in silicon
    - $-\sim 100 \ \mu m$  in drift chamber
- Multiple Coulomb scattering (MS)
  - Depends on momentum p and material thickness L and radiation length X<sub>0</sub>

$$\sigma(\theta_0) \propto \frac{1}{p} \sqrt{\frac{L}{X_0}}$$

•  $L/X_0$  of tracking systems typically O(1%)

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A particle traversing matter is deflected by many small-angle scatters off nuclei



*Z: atomic number A: mass number* 

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#### Momentum resolution rules of thumb

- Hit resolution term (Glückstern formula)
  - $\left(\frac{\sigma(p_T)}{p_T}\right)_{HR} \approx \sqrt{\frac{720}{N+4}} \frac{\sigma_{r\phi}}{0.3BL^2} \times p_T$
- Multiple scattering term
  - $\left(\frac{\sigma(p_T)}{p_T}\right)_{MS} \approx \sqrt{\frac{1.43 L}{X_0}} \frac{0.05}{BL}$
- Belle II CDC numbers (B = 1.5 T):

$$- N=56, \sigma_{r\phi} \approx 100 \times 10^{-6} m, L = 1 m, X_0 \approx 600 m$$
$$\rightarrow \left(\frac{\sigma(p_T)}{p_T}\right)_{HR} \sim 0.08 \% \times p_T$$
$$\rightarrow \left(\frac{\sigma(p_T)}{p_T}\right)_{MS} \sim 0.17 \%$$



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• Multiple scattering dominates for track momenta < 2 GeV

Magnetic field B [T], N measurements with spatial resolution  $\sigma_{r\phi}$  [m], distance from 1<sup>st</sup> to N<sup>th</sup> measurement L [m], and radiation length X<sub>0</sub> [m]2022 Belle II Summer WorkshopTracking (S. Prell)

## Impact parameter resolution

- Resolutions of track angles ( $\phi$  and  $\theta$ ) and impact parameters ( $d_0$  and  $z_0$ ) are given by constant HR term and p-dependent MS term
- For example, for impact parameter  $d_0$ 
  - $\sigma_{d0} = (\sigma_{d0})_{HR} \oplus \frac{(\sigma_{d0})_{MS}}{p (\sin \theta)^{3/2}}$
  - $(\sigma_{d0})_{HR} \propto \sigma_{hit}$
  - $(\sigma_{d0})_{MS} \propto \sqrt{\frac{L}{X_0}}$
- MS term dominates impact parameter resolution !
- Rules of thumb for Si vertex detector:
  - Innermost layer radius as small as possible (lever arm !)
  - Low-mass beam pipe (Be)
  - Small pitch (1-pixel clusters:  $\sigma_{hit} = \frac{pitch}{\sqrt{12}}$ )



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## Drift chamber principle in a nutshell

- Charged particle traverses drift chamber and ionizes chamber gas along its trajectory
- Electrons drift towards nearest anode wire in electric (and magnetic) field
- *Field wires shape the electric field*
- Primary electrons get amplified in strong electric field near anode wire and form a detectable pulse
- PReconstruct charged particle trajectory
   (track) from pulses on many wires



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# Energy loss by ionization

- Dominant process for particle energies at Belle II
- Shape described by Bethe-Bloch formula
- How many electrons are released per CDC drift cell?
  - $\langle -dE/dx \rangle / \rho \sim 2 \text{ MeV cm}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$
  - Account for density of gas (He:C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> 50:50): ( $\rho_{He}$ ~ 0.2 g/l,  $\rho_{C2H6}$ ~ 1.4 g/l, average is 0.8 g/l)
  - $\langle -dE/dx \rangle \sim 1.5 \text{ keV cm}^{-1}$
  - Drift cell diameter 6-18 mm
  - $\langle dE/\text{cell} \rangle \sim 1.5 \text{ keV} /\text{cell}$
  - Typical ionization energy  $\sim 30 \ eV$

#### A charged particle will release O(50) electrons / cell.



# Pulse formation

- Near anode wire electric field increases  $E(r) \propto \frac{V_0}{r}$
- Primary  $e^-$  gain enough energy to ionize gas molecules  $\rightarrow e^-$  avalanche
- Amplification factor can be  $> 10^8$ 
  - Depends on potential, gas, and geometry
  - It's about 10<sup>5</sup> for Belle II CDC (30 μm Au-plated W wires)
- For chambers operating in proportional mode the final # electrons is proportional to # primary electrons → important for PID





#### Position measurement

 $\triangleright$ *Drift time and distance are strongly correlated*  $x = \int v_D(t) dt$ 

- $\mapsto$  e<sup>-</sup> drift velocity is nearly constant, independent of E field due to collisions with gas molecules
- → Drift path is not radial due to B field
- └→ Exact time-to-distance relation depends on many factors
  - $\mapsto$  gas, E field, B field, cell geometry, ...
  - └→ *t-to-d relations are usually calibrated from data*

 $\triangleright$  Measure arrival time of  $e^-$  on anode wire  $\rightarrow \sim 1$  ns time resolution of FEE

→ Drift distance resolution of ~50  $\mu$ m possible (v<sub>D</sub> ~ 5 cm/ $\mu$ s)



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#### CDC isochrones and drift lines



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#### Position resolution

*Drifts chamber hit resolution depends on main 3 effects* 

- $\rightarrow$  Number of primary  $e^-$  at leading edge (decreases rapidly for passage near anode wire)
- $\rightarrow$  Diffusion of  $e^-$  while they drift to anode:  $\sigma(d) \propto \sqrt{d}$
- → Time resolution of FEE (position independent)







Fig. 37. DCH position resolution as a function of the drift distance in layer 18, for tracks on the left and right side of the sense wire. The data are averaged over all cells in the layer.

# Drift chamber gas

#### ▷Main gas (or counting gas)

- $\rightarrow$  Often a noble gas
- $\mapsto$  Low electron affinity  $\rightarrow$  reduced recombination
- $\rightarrow$  Ar is cheap and frequently used, He has large  $X_0$

#### *⊳Quencher gas*

- $\mapsto$  Often an organic compound
- → UV photons (from deexitations) can release photo
   e<sup>-</sup> from cathode wires leading to uncontrolled
   discharges → quencher gas absorbs γ effectively

#### *⊳Additives*

- $\rightarrow$  Very small amounts (typically < 1%)
- └→ Can reduce aging, affect drift velocity, etc...

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Gas	X₀ [m]	N <sub>P</sub> [ions/ cm]	V <sub>d</sub> [µm/ ns]	σ <sub>d</sub> [µm/ √cm]	Used by
50-50 He-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	686	25	30	143	Belle II
50-50 Ar-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	178	34	45	140	CLEOII
60-40 He-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	569	33	27	136	CLEOIII/c
80-20 He-C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	807	23	24	151	BaBar

Radiation length  $X_0$ , number of primary ionizations  $N_p$ , drift velocity  $v_D$ , and diffusion coefficient  $\sigma_d$  for Y(4S) experiments

# Ways to measure position along wire

- Add wires with perpendicular orientation (e.g. z chambers of H1 expt.)
- Measure charges on both ends of wire, charge division resolution ~ 1% of wire length  $z = \frac{q_L - q_R}{q_L - q_R}$

$$r = \frac{1}{q_L + q_R}$$

 Stereo wires: layers of anode wires inclined by small angle γ ("stereo angle"):

$$\sigma_z = \frac{\sigma_{r\varphi}}{\sin\gamma}$$

• *Belle II:*  $1/\sin(\gamma) \sim 13 - 22$ 





(a) An axial wire layer - sense wires are parallel to the beamline



(b) A stereo wire layer - sense wires are skewed to the beamline (exaggerated)



# SVD layout



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## Silicon strip detectors

*Reverse-biased semiconductor diode with fully depleted bulk* ▷*Traversing charged particle creates* ~23,000 electron-hole pairs in 300 µm Si → *No avalanche process necessary* Charge carriers drift to strip electrodes  $\rightarrow$  Typical pitch ~ 50 µm, resolution ~10 µm *Both charge types are read out in double sided strip* detectors (DSSD) → Strips on p and n sides are orthogonal Charges from all strips can be stored at high clock frequency  $\rightarrow$  Low pile-up from other BCs

Principles of operation





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## SVD readout

 ▷ Can't record hits with FEE chips and read them out at the same time → pipelined readout
 ▷ SVD sensors are readout by APV25 chips (128 channels / chip)

- → 32 MHz clock frequency
- → 192 sample analog pipeline





**APV25** sampling output



# The ambiguity problem

#### $\triangleright DSSD$

- → For N hits on a DSSD sensor there will be also be  $N^2 - N$  ghost hits
- $\hookrightarrow$  Total number of hit candidates is  $N^2$
- $\hookrightarrow$  Needs to be resolved with external info
- └→ Combinatorial problem for high occupancy (close to IP)

*⊳Pixel* 

- $\rightarrow$  Unique 3D position measurement for each hit
- $\rightarrow$  No ghost hits
- → ... but number of channels scales with area for pixel detector, not with side length

#### 2 hits on the same DSSD sensor



2 hits on the same Pixel sensor



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# PXD layout

2 layers, 7.7M pixels total

Cannot read out at same high rate as SVD  $\rightarrow$  Integrate hits over many BCs (20 µs) → Read out only regions of interest (ROIs) determined from tracks in SVD and CDC

**Regions of interest** 

	Inner layer	Outer layer	
# ladders	8	12	
Radius	1.4 cm	2.2 cm	
Pixel size	50x50 μm²	$50x75 \mu m^2$	
# pixels	1600(z)x250(R-ф)	-φ) 1600(z)x250(R-φ)	
Thickness	75 μm	75 μm	



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#### Belle II track reconstruction

# Track reconstruction

- 2 steps of track reconstruction
  - Track finding (pattern recognition a.k.a. connect the dots): find the hits that belong to the same charged particle trajectory – hard
  - *Track fitting:* determine its 5 track parameters not quite so hard



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## Global track finding in CDC

- Looking for (circular) tracks coming from the IP
  - Start with 2D r- $\phi$  info from axial wires
  - Track can have gaps
- After two transforms (Hough and Legendre), every **hit** described by 2 sinusoids in conformal  $\rho$ - $\theta$  space
- Hits from same track go through a common point
- Track finding now reduced to search for highest-density region in  $\rho$ - $\theta$  space
- Remove hits from found track and repeat
- Stereo wire info is then added in a similar way



# Local track finding in CDC

- Combine adjacent
  - *Hits* → *triplets* → *segments* → *tracks*
- More efficient than global track finding for tracks displaced from IP
- Tracks from global and local algorithms are reconciled
  - Matching done with BDT based on # of common hits, track parameters, etc.



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#### Using the SVD clusters

Extrapolate CDC tracks inward and add SVD clusters to them
 Apply SVD stand-alone track finding on unassociated clusters
 Sector-on-sensor concept & filters signif. reduce # combinations
 Each SVD cluster can only be assigned to one track

Sector-on-sensor concept defines the possible cluster locations



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# Adding the PXD clusters to tracks

*No PXD standalone pattern recognition* 

CDC/SVD tracks are extrapolated inward and regions of interest (ROIs) are defined for readout (online)

During the offline reconstruction PXD clusters near the tracks are added in the ROIs



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# Track parameter fits

*Cracks are not perfect helices !* 

 $\triangleright$ (Local) track parameters change along the track

- → Start with seed track params at outer radius, then add info from hits, material, and B field in small steps by "swimming" inward and updating the track parameters (Kalman filter)
- → Material effects differ for particle types (e.g.  $\pi^{\pm}$ ,  $K^{\pm}$ ,  $e^{\pm}$ ) → track fit done for various particle hypotheses
- → Also use KF to decide if hits consistent with track (e.g. when adding PXD clusters to track)





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### Belle II Tracking Performance



## Conclusions

- Silicon (strips and /or pixel) + drift chamber tracking system concept has proven to be well matched to the Y(4S) environment and is the base for the Belle II tracking system
- *Expected to work well for backgrounds up to design luminosity*

## **Back-Up Slides**

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## Drift cell geometries



open drift cell



- Thin anode wires ( $\emptyset \sim 30 \ \mu m$ ) and thicker field wires
- In general, the more wires the better the field geometry
  - But more work, and
  - More tension on end plates (4T for Belle II CDC)

#### Belle II wire specs

	Sense	Field
Material	Tungsten	Aluminum
Plating	Gold	No
Diameter $(\mu m)$	30	126
Tension (g)	50	80
Number of wires	$14,\!336$	42,240

# Charged particle tracking

- Two main technologies
  - Silicon (e.g. Belle II PXD, SVD)
  - Gas wire chambers (e.g. Belle II CDC)
- Silicon
  - *High position resolution, but expensive (usually only a few layers)*
  - *Mostly used as vertex detectors relatively close to the beam interaction point*
- Gas wire chambers
  - Typically, good precision; comparatively cheap; many layers simplify track finding
  - Used outside of silicon detectors

Wires of the Babar drift chamber



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#### Belle II Detector

