Visualizing ATLAS High-Luminosity Events



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Outline

Why visualize event?

- Check reconstruction algorithms
 - now against simulation
 - later against data
- check detector at startup
- check events in analysis
 - new physics candidates
 - pathological candidates
 - unknown (forgotten) bkgs.

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- Descends from ALEPH's event display DALI
- Emphasizes understanding physics

Tools to tackle complexity:

- ✤ Using V-Plot
- Finding z-vertex
- Filtering hits

Tracking Comparisions Conclusions & Future Work

High-Multiplicity of InnerDetector



HZ Event Without Pileup



HZ Event With Pileup

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Tool 1: V-Plot

Plot two points for every spacepoint:

- * center two points at (ϕ, θ)
- distance proportional to the distance to edge of detector

Visually from V-plot:

* ϕ , θ , pt, charge, d0, and z0







Tool 2: Finding the Z-Vertex

In ρ vs. z plane:

- form lines from all doublet or triplet
 (φ vs. ρ) combinations
- histogram of z-intercept
- choose z-vertex as the bin with the most entries

Speed:

- Doublet and triplet versions
 - better result from triplet version
 - but, 2.5× longer execution time
- tricks used to optimize method
- could obtain vertex from elsewhere
 - e.g. pp→HZ→bbµµ could get vertex from muons



Tool 3: Filtering Algorithm

- Bin spacepts. in ϕ vs. η (180 × 1000 bins)
- Count number of DIFFERENT LAYERS in each bin.
- Cut spacepts. In bins with fewer than 4 layers firing
- Group the spacepoints by clustering neighboring bins
 - helps to associate hits in crowded regions (jets)

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V–Plot Without & With Filter

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Performance of Hit Filter

Performs well on Higgs event

- Lose low-pt tracks
 - binning in φ is an implicit cut on transverse momentum
- Lose tracks from other z-vertices
 - θ binning cuts on z-position
- Can tune parameters to change performance.
 - ✤ e.g. Filter for low-pt tracks



Comparison of iPatRec and Filter



Zoomed View of Jet 1

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Zoomed View of Jet 2

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Conclusions

Events are too crowded to understand with traditional views, BUT...

Tools make visualization possible:

- ✤ V-plot allows:
 - quick visual check of tracking performance
 - allows checks to be done WITHOUT Monte Carlo truth information!
- Z-finding algorithm works
- Hit filtering works and helps to group associated spacepts.

Future Work

Get other subdetector data

- Transition Radiation Tracker
- Calorimeters
- Muons

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Solve technical issues

θ dependence of SCT spacepts.

Improve method in endcaps

Use Java rather than FORTRAN:

- graphics speed adequate
- port Z–finder
- port hit filter