Machine Learning predictor for 'measurement-to-track' association for the **ATLAS Inner Detector Trigger**

Track Finding as a Pattern Recognition Problem

- Associate individual measurements into sequences representing tracks, scale: O(10⁵) hits per event & several 1000s of tracks
- Track finding algorithm for the LHC Run-2 data taking period is based on **combinatorial track following** using track seeds
 - Typically the seed number scales non-linearly with the number of hits (~cubical)
 - Motivation for novel Machine Learning (ML) approaches in track finding that could lead to large savings in CPU
- Aims: create a ML algorithm to predict if a pair of hits belong to the same track given input hit features & optimize the High Level Trigger (HLT) Inner Detector (ID) track seeding by reducing the proportion of fake seeds

ATLAS Inner Detector

- Dedicated to track & vertex reconstruction Pixel detector & Insertable B-Layer
- (IBL) are closest to the beamline, have the highest hit occupancy
- Semiconductor Tracker (SCT)
- Transition Radiation Tracker (TRT)

Combinatorial seeded track finding in the x-y plane



- ID Trigger is part of the HLT & performs fast online track & vertex finding
- The Fast Tracking algorithm uses seeded track finding using combinatorial track following

Data:

- Monte Carlo (MC) 13 TeV $t\bar{t}$ events $\langle \mu \rangle$ = 80 Run-2 geometry
- Seeds constructed at the combinatorial stage of ATLAS track seeding are extracted
- Doublet hit pairs are formed from pixel-only layers
- Inner: (1,2), outer: (2,3)

Input Features:

- Consider r-z plane
- $|\cot \theta|$, where θ is the angle of inclination to the doublet pair of hits from the z axis
- w_n, pixel cluster width measured in the η direction

Data Exploration



Illustration of a triplet seed in the r-z plane pixel layers of the ID

Ground truth labels obtained from MC truth:

- Correct hit association (1): hit pairs belong to the same track & correspond to a truth particle
- Incorrect hit association (0): hit pairs do not belong to the same track



- ROC curve is used to adjust probability threshold cut ٠
- Each classifier is tuned to yield **True Positive Rate = 0.95** to maintain high purity of doublets
- Predictions were made for each 1D distribution & plotted as an 'acceptance-rejection' region
- Acceptance region converted to look-up table, ensures fast look-up in HLT ID track seeding
- Classifiers for pixel-barrel doublets & pixel-endcap doublets are trained separately





Performance Evaluation

Efficiency vs Track Parameters:

- <µ> = 80: 93.9% average tracking efficiency (nominal 95%), with 2.3x speed-up factor
- Efficiency loss is mainly observed at large |n|



Breakdown of speed-up factors observed for different stages in the HLT ID fast tracking algorithm at $\langle \mu \rangle = 80$ [1]

Speed-up Factor	Seed Ger	neration Seed P	rocessing	Track Fitting	
2.3×	1.3	× 3	.3×	1.5×	
Performance of the full detector tracking at varying average pile-up multiplicities with application of ML extensions [1]					
	< µ >	Efficiency Loss (%) Total S	Speed-up Factor	
	40 0.7			1.6×	
	60	0.7		$2.1 \times$	
	80	1.1	2.3×		
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- tracking algorithm has provided significant CPU savings with minimal loss in tracking efficiency
- Reducing the proportion of fake seeds at an earlier stage in the HLT track seeding, ensures the reduction of processing time in later tracking stages & hence saving CPU

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[1] https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/HLTTrackingPublicResults

