



# *timtrack*

*A new formalism for charge particle track reconstruction with timing detectors*

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# The TRASGO project

About the name:

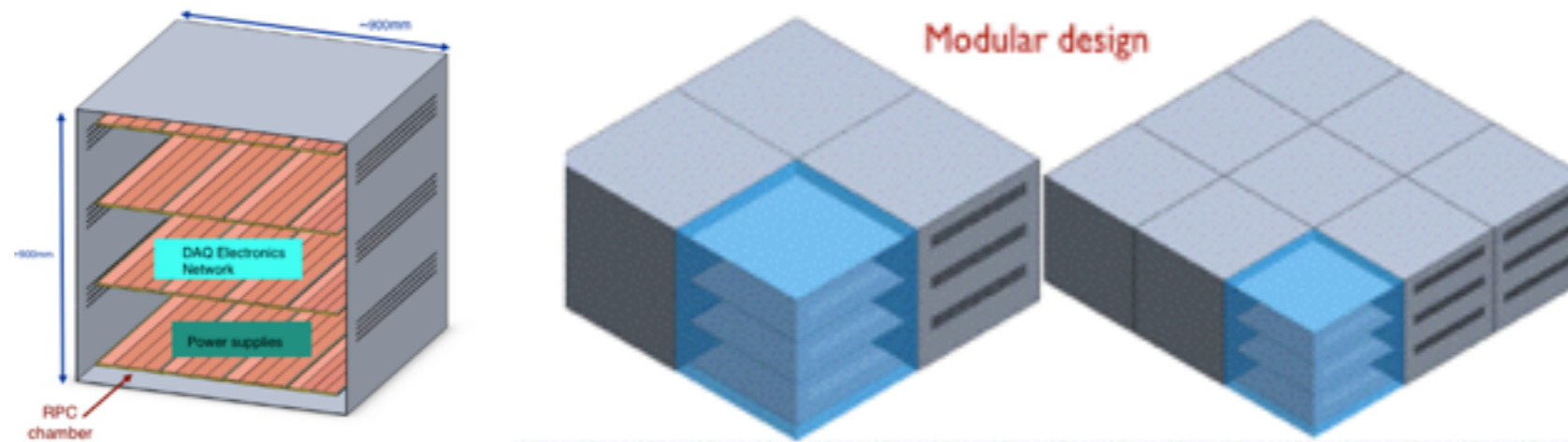


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# The TRASGO project

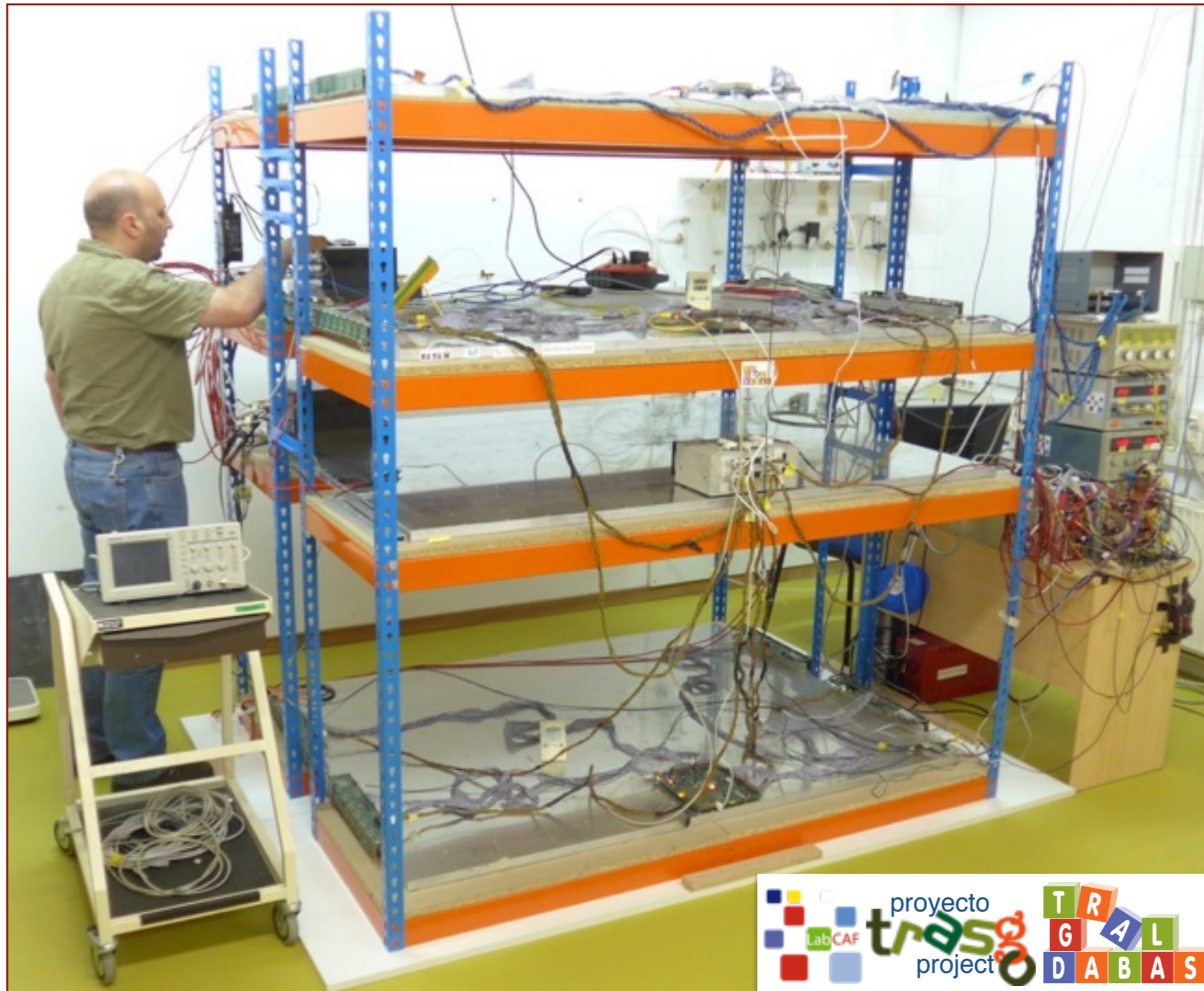
## About the concept:

As a complement to the existing cosmic ray detection techniques, the TRASGO program aims the development of cosmic rays detectors fulfilling the following requirements:



- Tracking detector
- Timing, position and angular resolution as good as possible
- Sensitive to both Muon / Electromagnetic showers (software separation)
- Modular concept
- TimTrack reconstruction software

# El detector TRAGALDABAS de la USC



## Tragaldabas:

TRAsGo para el AnaLisis De la Alta y Baja atmósfera y de la Actividad Solar

TRAsGo for the AnaLysis of the nuclear matter Decay, the Atmosphere, the earth B-field And the Solar activity

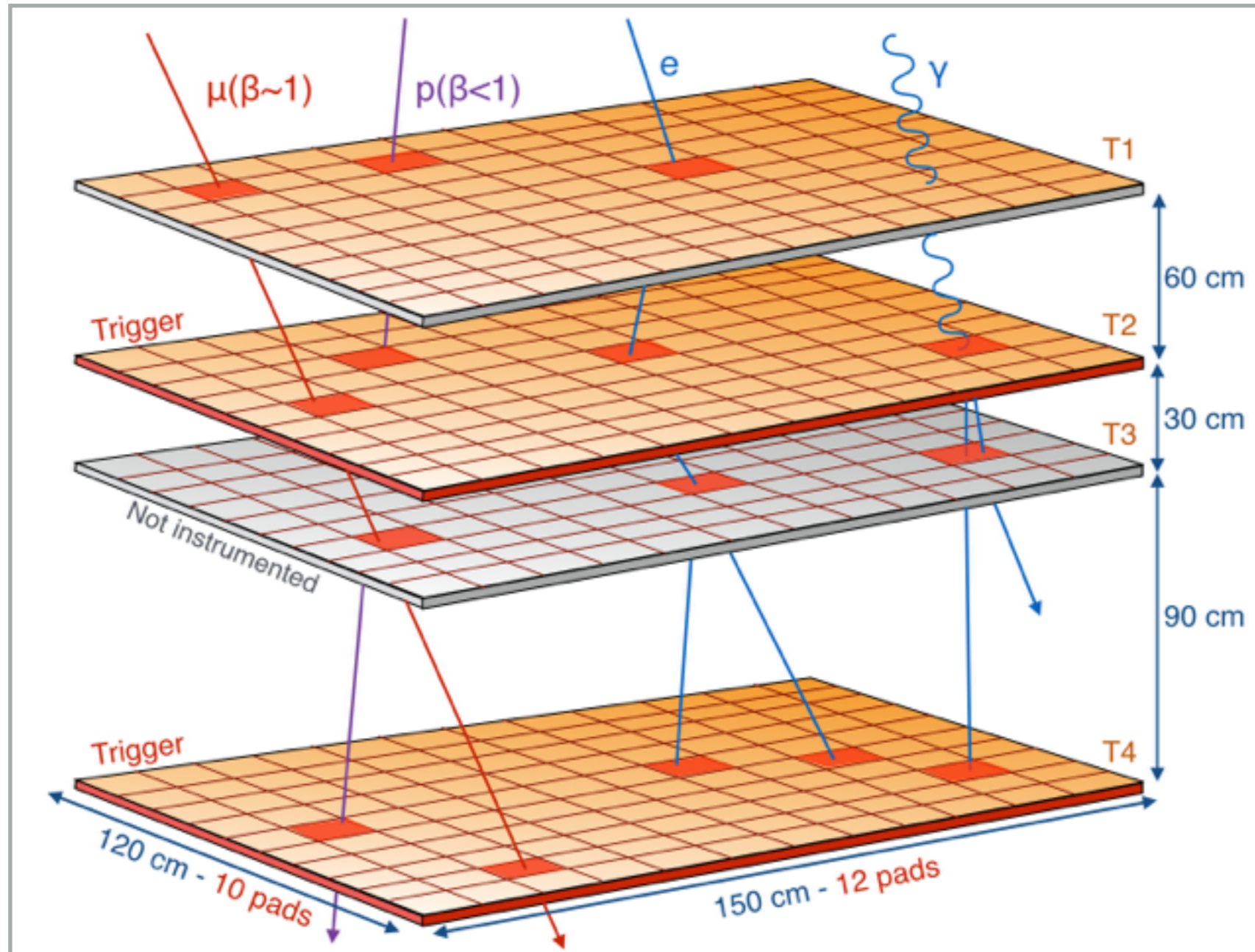


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# The TRAGALDABAS detector at the USC

## Particle Identification



TimTrack software allows to reconstruct tracks without any external trigger time stamp and the velocity of the particle as free parameters

# About TimTrack

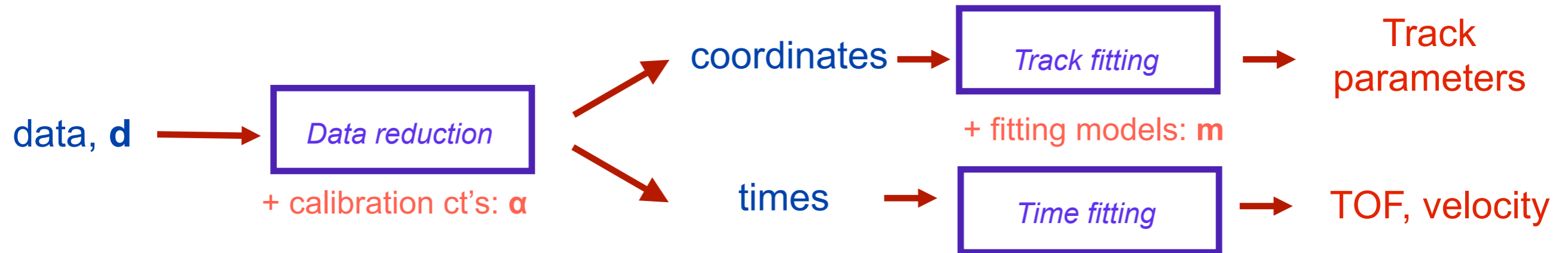
## Main features:

- TimTrack is a Least Squares fitting Method using a general Matrix Formalism
- TimTrack puts all the significative parameters in the fitting model.
- TimTracks works with direct measurements, without any data reduction.

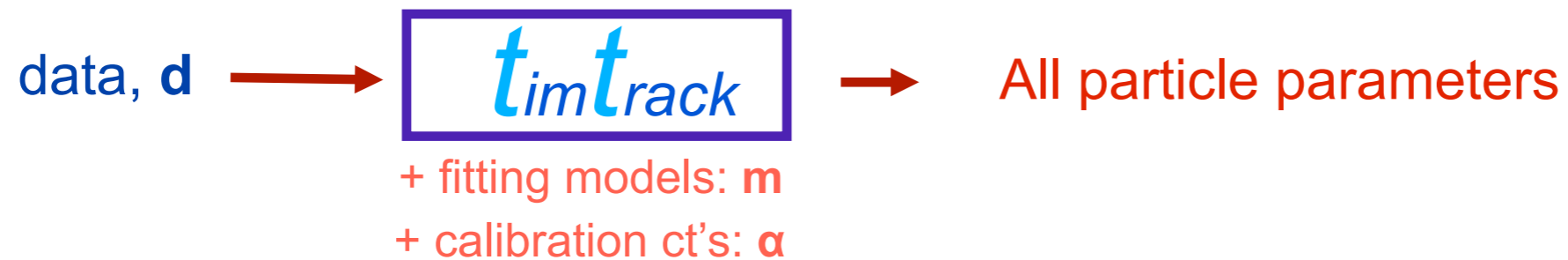
# About TimTrack

## TimTrack vs. traditional fitting methods:

### Traditional track fitting methods:

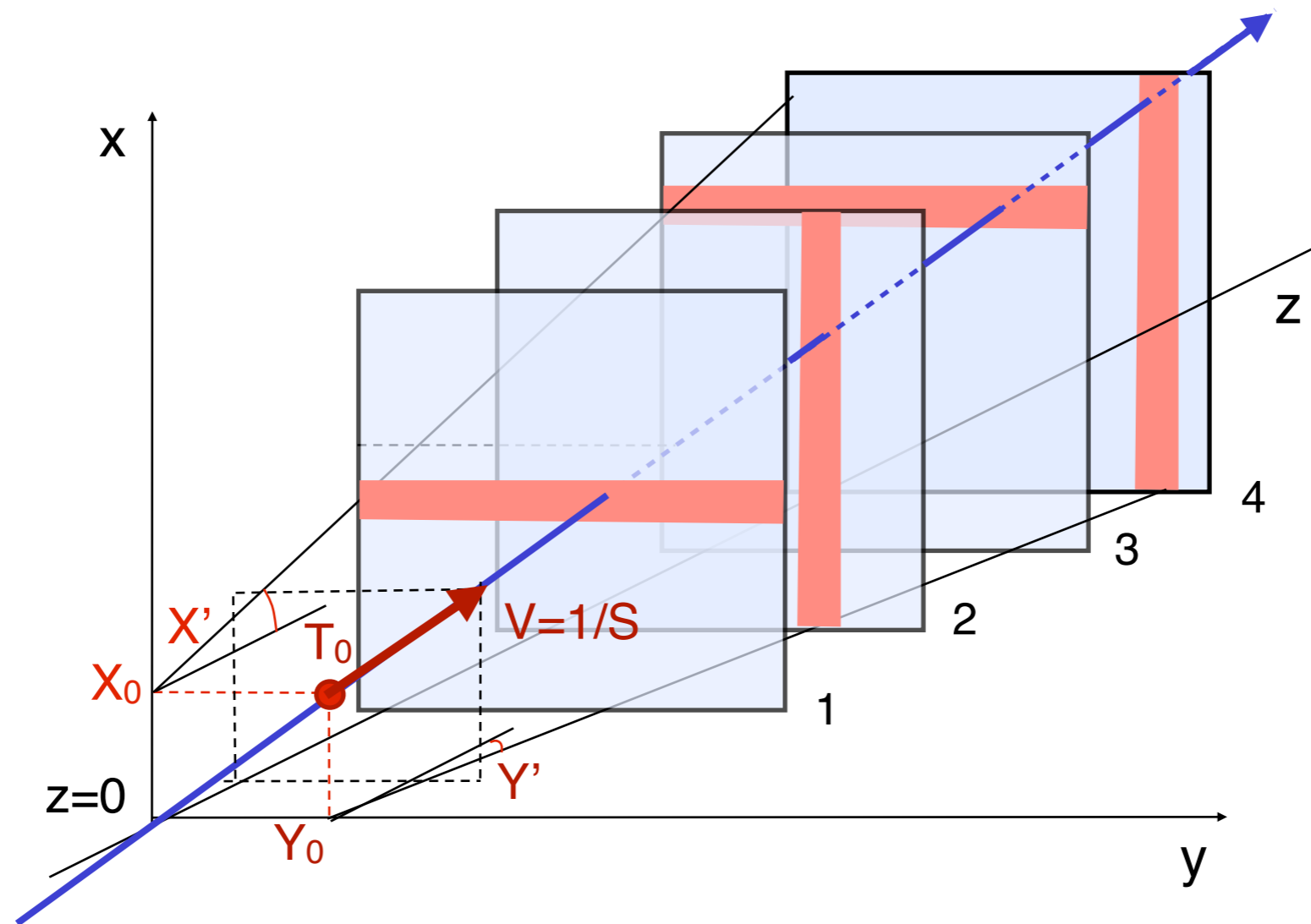


### TimTrack:



# About TimTrack

Example: a particle through a set of position and time sensitive detectors



The basic, or minimal, set of fitted parameters is:

$$\mathbf{s} = \{X_0, X', Y_0, Y', T_0, S=1/V\}$$

We call it SAETA (SmAllest sET of pArameters) = arrow

# TimTrack: matrix formalism

TimTrack is based on the Least Squares Method (LSM)

Least Squares Method (LSM):

Let suppose that we have:

- a set of  $n_m$  data:  $\mathbf{d}$
- a set of  $n_s$  parameters:  $\mathbf{s}$
- a model relating both sets:  $\mathbf{d}=\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s})$

The Least Squares Method (LSM) consists in finding the set of parameters  $\mathbf{s}$  minimizing the function  $S$ :

$$S = \sum_i \left( \frac{d_i - m_i(\mathbf{s})}{\sigma_i} \right)^2$$

# TimTrack: matrix formalism

## The Least Squares Method (LSM): linear model

1.  $S = [\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s})]' \cdot W \cdot [\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s})] \quad (*)$

2.  $\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s}) = G \cdot \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{s}) \quad \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s}) - G \cdot \mathbf{s} = \mathbf{g}_0$

3. 
$$\begin{aligned} K &= G' \cdot W \cdot G \\ \mathbf{a} &= G' \cdot W \cdot (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{g}_0) \\ s_0 &= (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{g}_0)' \cdot W \cdot (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{g}_0) \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad S = \mathbf{s}' \cdot K \cdot \mathbf{s} - 2\mathbf{s}' \cdot \mathbf{a} + s_0 \quad (*)$$

K: configuration matrix

a: reduced vector of data

4.  $\frac{\partial S}{\partial \mathbf{s}} = K \cdot \mathbf{s}_m - \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{0} \quad \longrightarrow \quad K \cdot \mathbf{s}_m = \mathbf{a}$

$$\mathbf{s}_m = K^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{a}$$

5.  $\mathcal{E} = \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial \mathbf{s}^2} \right)^{-1} = K^{-1}$

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathcal{E} \cdot \mathbf{a}$$

that we call the “sea” equation

# TimTrack: matrix formalism

## The Least Squares Method (LSM): non linear model

- We look for an initial value of the set of parameters  $\mathbf{s}_0$ , that is near to the minimum of  $S$ .

### Step 2.

We calculate  $G(\mathbf{s})$  and then, we build:  $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s}) - G(\mathbf{s}) \cdot \mathbf{s}$

### Step 3.

We calculate the matrix  $K$  and the vector  $\mathbf{a}$  at  $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{s}_0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} K_0 &= G'(\mathbf{s}_0) \cdot W \cdot G(\mathbf{s}_0) \\ \mathbf{a}_0 &= G'(\mathbf{s}_0) \cdot W \cdot (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{s}_0)) \end{aligned}$$

### Step 4.

We estimate a new set of parameters,  $\mathbf{s}_1$ , using the equation:

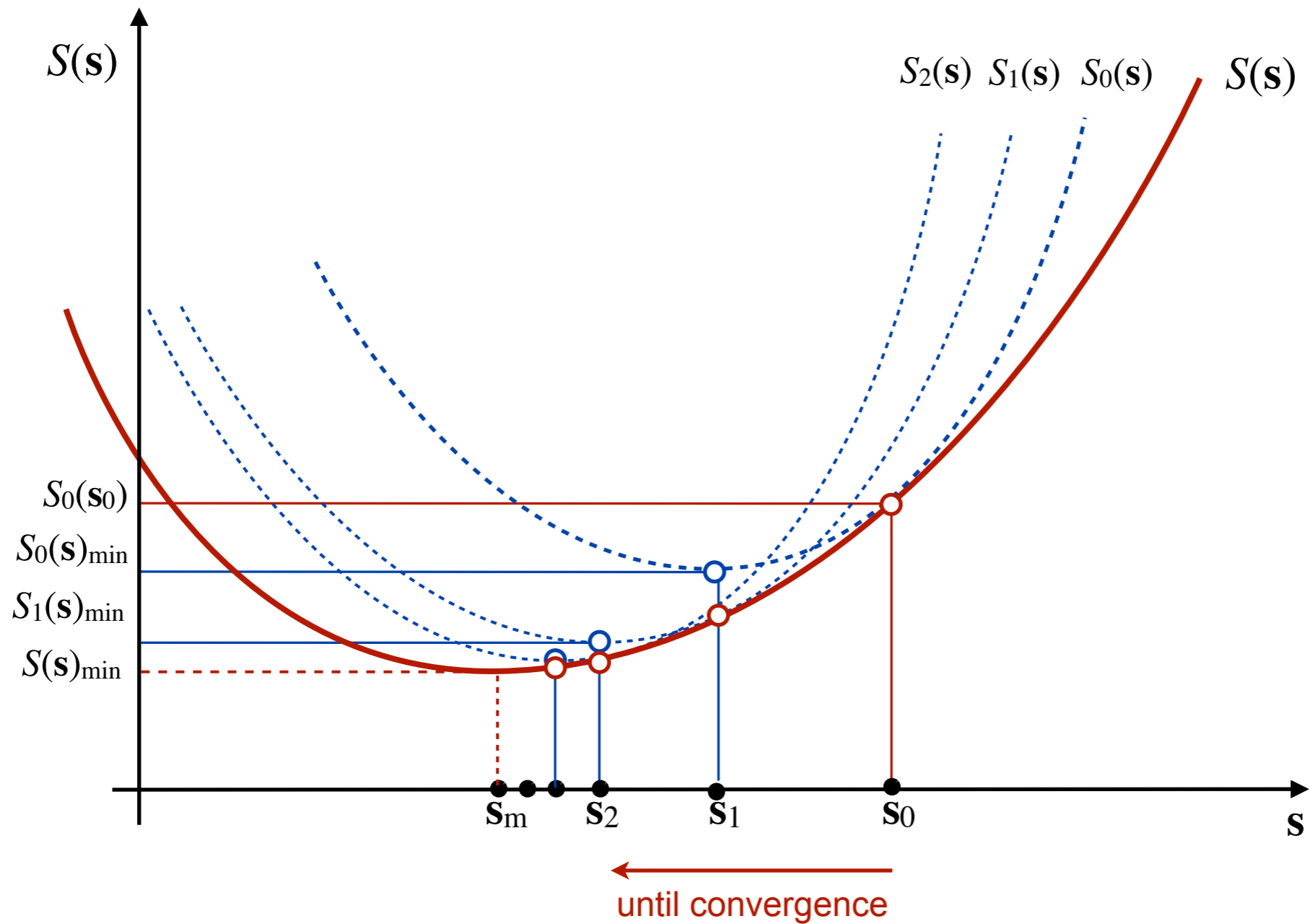
$$\mathbf{s}_1 = K_0^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{a}_0$$

We repeat this step iteratively until the convergence is reached:

$$\mathbf{s}_i = K_{i-1}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{i-1}$$

# TimTrack: matrix formalism

## The Least Squares Method (LSM): non linear model



# TimTrack: matrix formalism

The Least Squares Method (LSM): non linear model, with constraints

- Let consider the set of constraint equations:

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{s}) = 0 \quad (n_c \text{ equations})$$

- We minimize iteratively the Lagrange function:

$$L(\mathbf{s}) = (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s}))' \cdot W \cdot (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s})) + 2 \cdot \lambda' \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{s})$$

- We introduce the jacobian matrix of the constraint functions:

$$R(\mathbf{s}) = \partial_s \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{s})$$

- Starting from a point  $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{s}_0$ , the iterative process becomes :

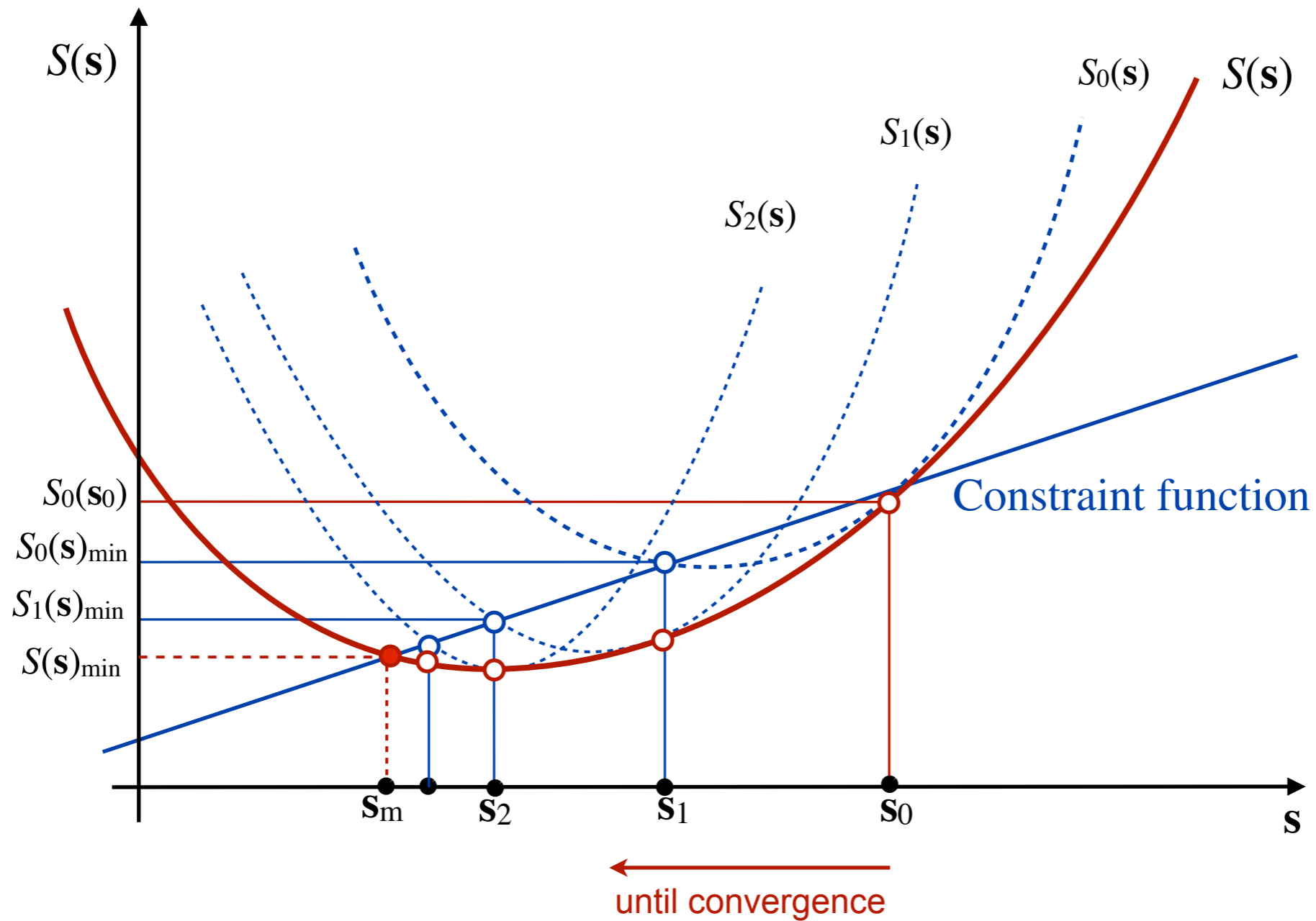
$$\begin{pmatrix} \delta \mathbf{s}_1 \\ \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} K_0 & R'_0 \\ R_0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_0(\mathbf{s}_0) - K_0 \cdot \mathbf{s}_0 \\ -\mathbf{f}_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the next-step solution is:  $\mathbf{s}_1 = \mathbf{s}_0 + \delta \mathbf{s}_1$

- The iteration is repeated until convergence.

# TimTrack: matrix formalism

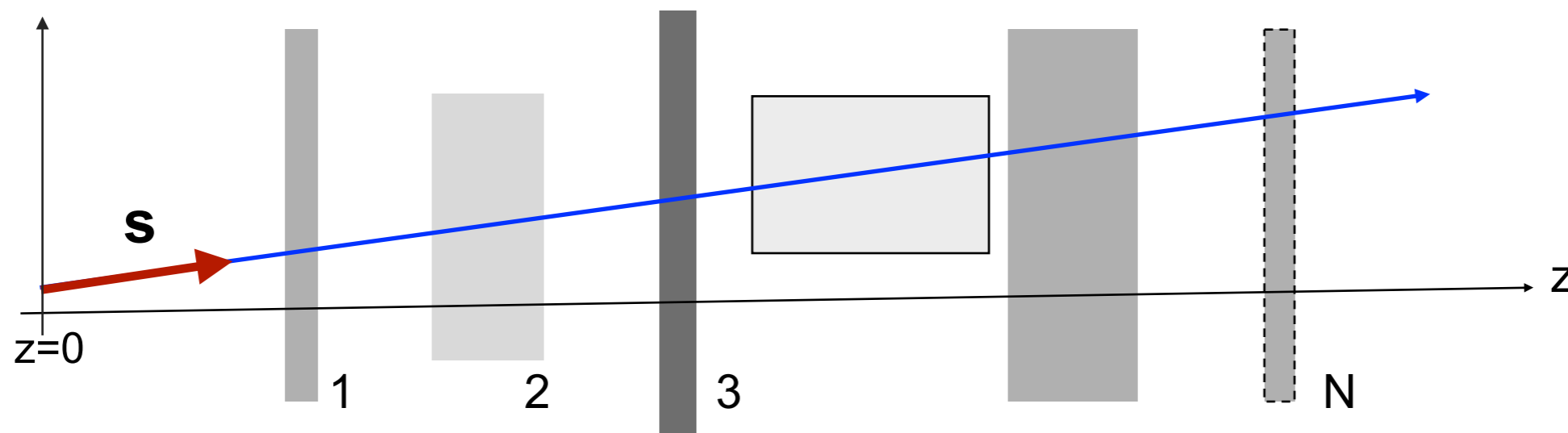
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# TimTrack: matrix formalism

## The Least Squares Method (LSM): extension to a many detectors system

If we have a set of different detectors (different models):



<b>models:</b>	<b>m<sub>1</sub></b>	<b>m<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>m<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>m<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>m<sub>5</sub></b>	.....
<b>data (f.e.):</b>	(x,y)	(x,t)	(x,y,t)	(β)	(γ)	.....
<b>K matrices:</b>	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>4</sub>	K <sub>5</sub>	.....
<b>a vectors:</b>	<b>a<sub>1</sub></b>	<b>a<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>a<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>a<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>a<sub>5</sub></b>	

and, finally:

$$K = \sum K_i$$

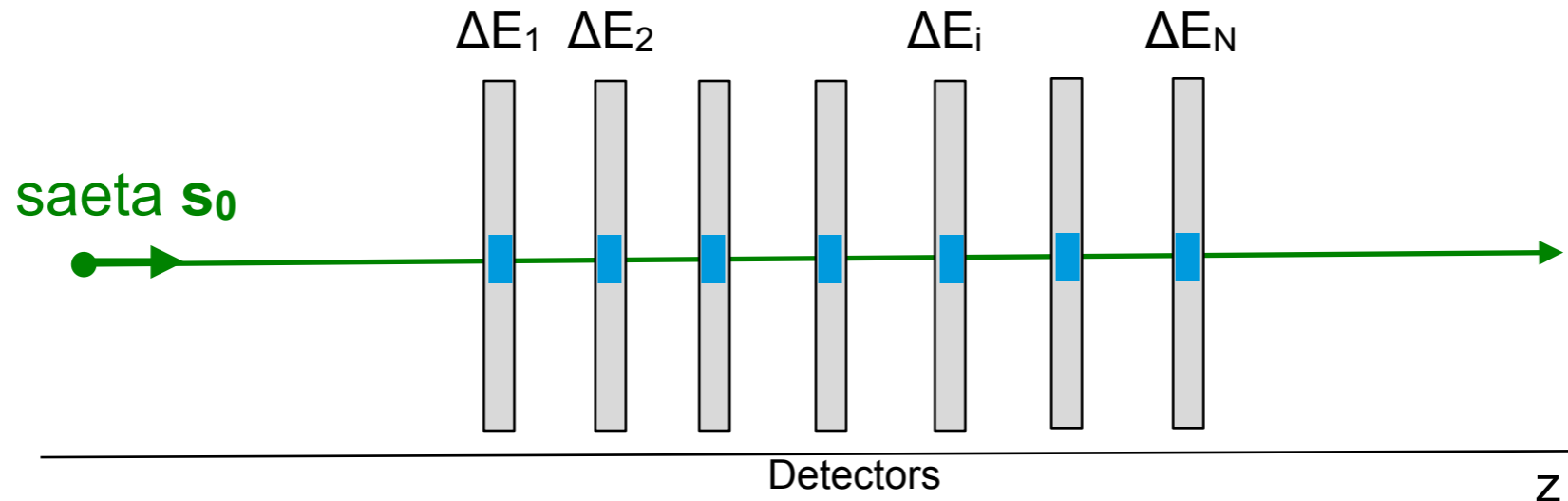
$$a = \sum a_i \quad \longrightarrow$$

$$\mathcal{E} = K^{-1}$$

$$s = \mathcal{E} \cdot a$$

# TimTrack: energy loss extension

The measured energy loss,  $Q = \Delta E / \Delta x$ , can be related to the slowness:



The Bethe- Bloch formula can be written as function of the slowness  $S (=1/\beta)$  as:

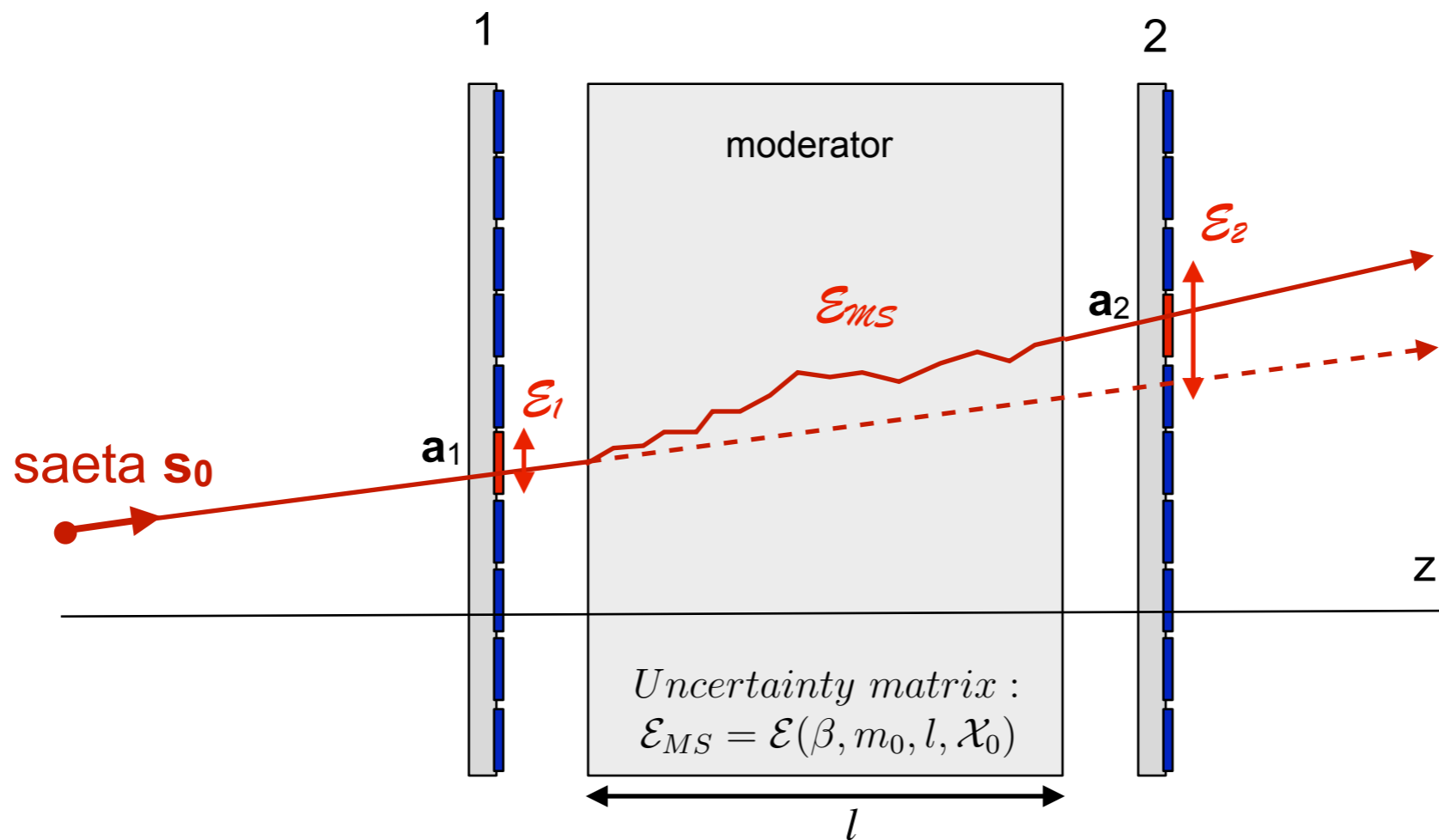
$$-\frac{dE}{dx} \simeq k \cdot S^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 T_{max}}{(S^2 - 1)^2 I^2} - \frac{1}{S^2} - \frac{\delta(S)}{2} \right)$$

that can be approximated and simplified as:

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} \simeq k \left( S^2 \ln \frac{1}{(S^2 - 1) I_c} - 1 \right)$$

# TimTrack: multiple scattering

## Coulomb's multiple scattering



K matrices:  $K_1$        $K_{MS} = \mathcal{E}_{MS}^{-1}$        $K_2 = \mathcal{E}_2^{-1}$

Following the TT formalism, we expect:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l}
 - \mathbf{a}_1 = K_1 \mathbf{s}_0 \\
 - \mathbf{a}_2 = K_{MS,2} \mathbf{s}_0
 \end{array} \right\} \text{with } K_{MS,2} = \left( \mathcal{E}_{MS}^{-1} + \mathcal{E}_2^{-1} \right)^{-1} \Rightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{s} = K_1^{-1} \mathbf{a}_1 + K_{MS,2}^{-1} \mathbf{a}_2}$$

# TimTrack: calibration tool

## Calibration parameters estimation:

The model of the data,  $\mathbf{m}$ , can be expanded as a function of both, the set of parameters  $\mathbf{s}$  and the set of some alignment and calibration constants  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ :

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s}; \boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

and

$$\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s}; \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial \mathbf{s}} \right) \mathbf{s} + \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\alpha}} \right) \boldsymbol{\alpha} + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{s}; \boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

$$\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial \mathbf{s}} \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\alpha}} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{s} \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha} \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{s}; \boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

$$\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s}; \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = G_A \cdot \mathbf{s}_\alpha + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{s}; \boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

where:  $G_A = \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial \mathbf{s}} \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{m}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\alpha}} \right)$  and  $\mathbf{s}_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{s} \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$

# TimTrack: calibration tool

## Calibration parameters estimation:

The matrix  $G_A$  takes the form:

$$G_A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial m_1}{\partial s_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial m_1}{\partial s_i} & \cdots & \frac{\partial m_1}{\partial s_n} & \frac{\partial m_1}{\partial \alpha_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial m_1}{\partial \alpha_j} & \cdots & \frac{\partial m_1}{\partial \alpha_m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial m_d}{\partial s_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial m_d}{\partial s_i} & \cdots & \frac{\partial m_d}{\partial s_n} & \frac{\partial m_d}{\partial \alpha_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial m_d}{\partial \alpha_j} & \cdots & \frac{\partial m_d}{\partial \alpha_m} \end{pmatrix}$$

# TimTrack: calibration tool

## Calibration parameters estimation:

Particles with well known parameters may be used to determine the unknown calibration constants.

$$G_A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial m_1}{\partial s_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial m_1}{\partial s_i} & \cdots & \frac{\partial m_1}{\partial s_n} & \frac{\partial m_1}{\partial \alpha_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial m_1}{\partial \alpha_j} & \cdots & \frac{\partial m_1}{\partial \alpha_m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial m_d}{\partial s_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial m_d}{\partial s_i} & \cdots & \frac{\partial m_d}{\partial s_n} & \frac{\partial m_d}{\partial \alpha_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial m_d}{\partial \alpha_j} & \cdots & \frac{\partial m_d}{\partial \alpha_m} \end{pmatrix}$$

The columns corresponding both to the known parameters and to the known calibration constants can be eliminated from  $G_A$  before calculating the K matrix and finding the solution:

$$\mathbf{s}_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{s} \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$$

# TimTrack: calibration tool

Calibration parameters estimation:

We develop the formalism as always:

$$K_A = G'_A \cdot W \cdot G_A$$

$$\mathbf{a}_\alpha = G'_A \cdot W \cdot (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{s}; \boldsymbol{\alpha}))$$

and

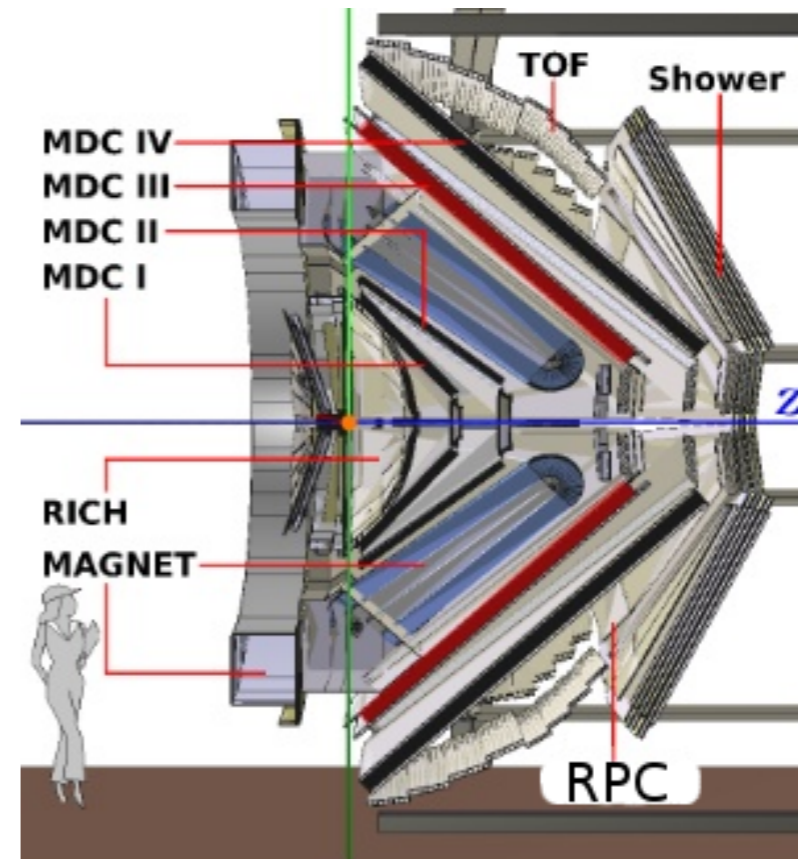
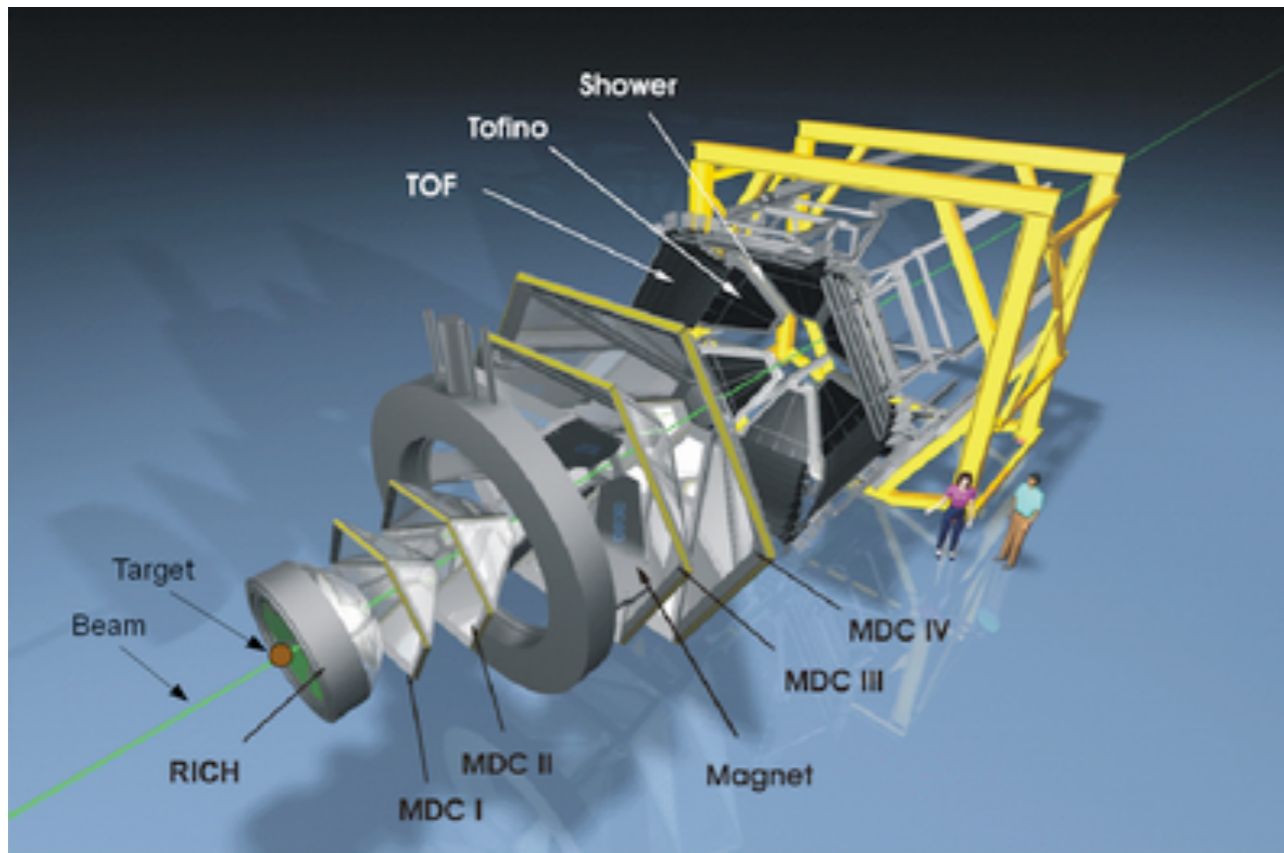
$$\mathbf{s}_\alpha = K_A^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\alpha$$

where:

$$\mathbf{s}_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{s} \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$$

# TimTrack: examples

## HADES MDCs (Mini Drift Chambers)





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Measured time model:

$$s = \frac{z_i \cdot \sqrt{X'^2 + Y'^2 + 1} \cdot [1 - (-X' \sin \varphi + Y' \cos \varphi)(-X'_i \sin \varphi + Y'_i \cos \varphi)]}{1 + (-X' \sin \varphi + Y' \cos \varphi)^2}$$

$$d = \frac{z_i \cdot [-(X' + X'_i) \sin \varphi + (Y' + Y'_i) \cos \varphi]}{\sqrt{1 + (-X' \sin \varphi + Y' \cos \varphi)^2}}$$

$$w = \frac{z_i \cdot [-(X' + X'_i) \cos \varphi + (Y' + Y'_i) \sin \varphi - (-X' \sin \varphi + Y' \cos \varphi)(X'Y'_i - X'_iY')] }{1 + (-X' \sin \varphi + Y' \cos \varphi)^2}$$

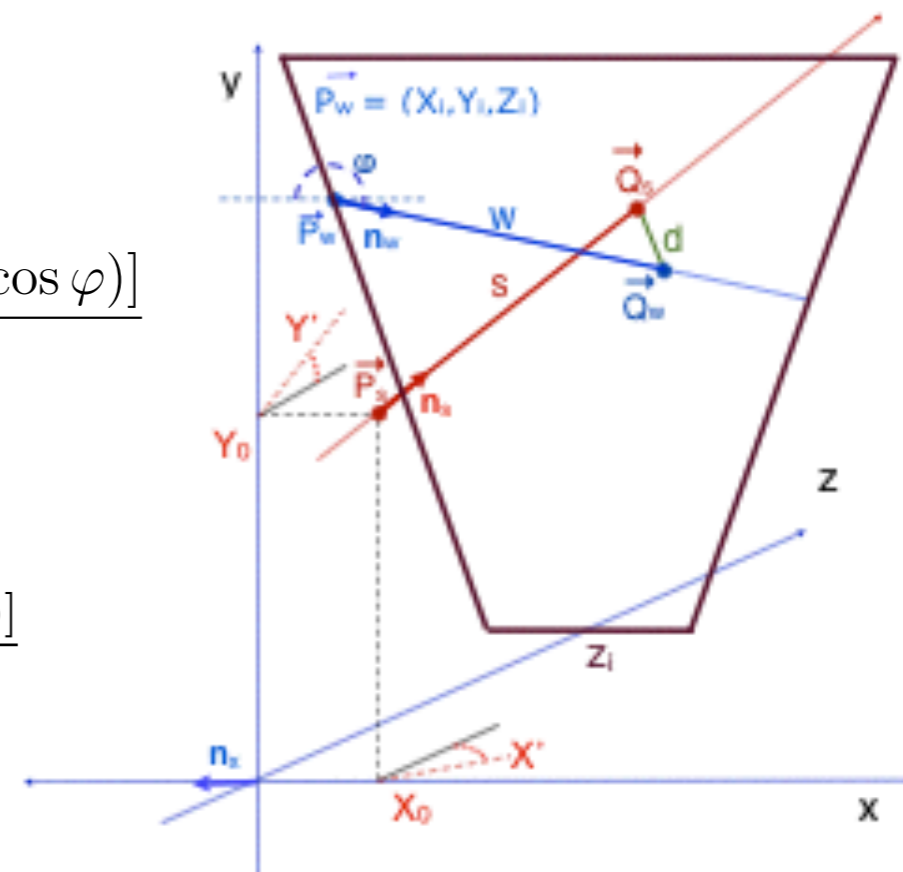
where:

$$X'_i = \frac{X_0 - X_i}{z_i} \quad Y'_i = \frac{Y_0 - Y_i}{z_i}$$

Finally, the time  $t$  measured in a wire is:

$$t = T_0 + \frac{s}{V} + \frac{d}{v_d} + \frac{w}{v_w}$$

$$t = T_0 + s \cdot S + d \cdot s_d + w \cdot s_w$$



# TimTrack: examples

## HADES MDCs (Mini Drift Chambers)

Runge Kutta method

TimTrack method

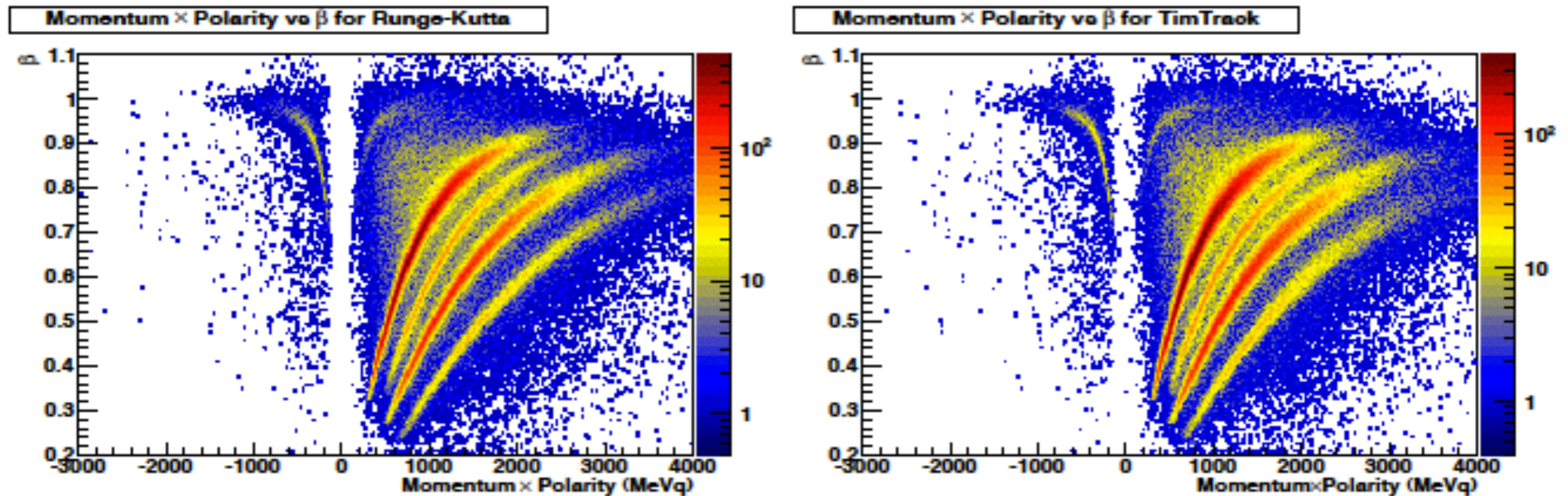
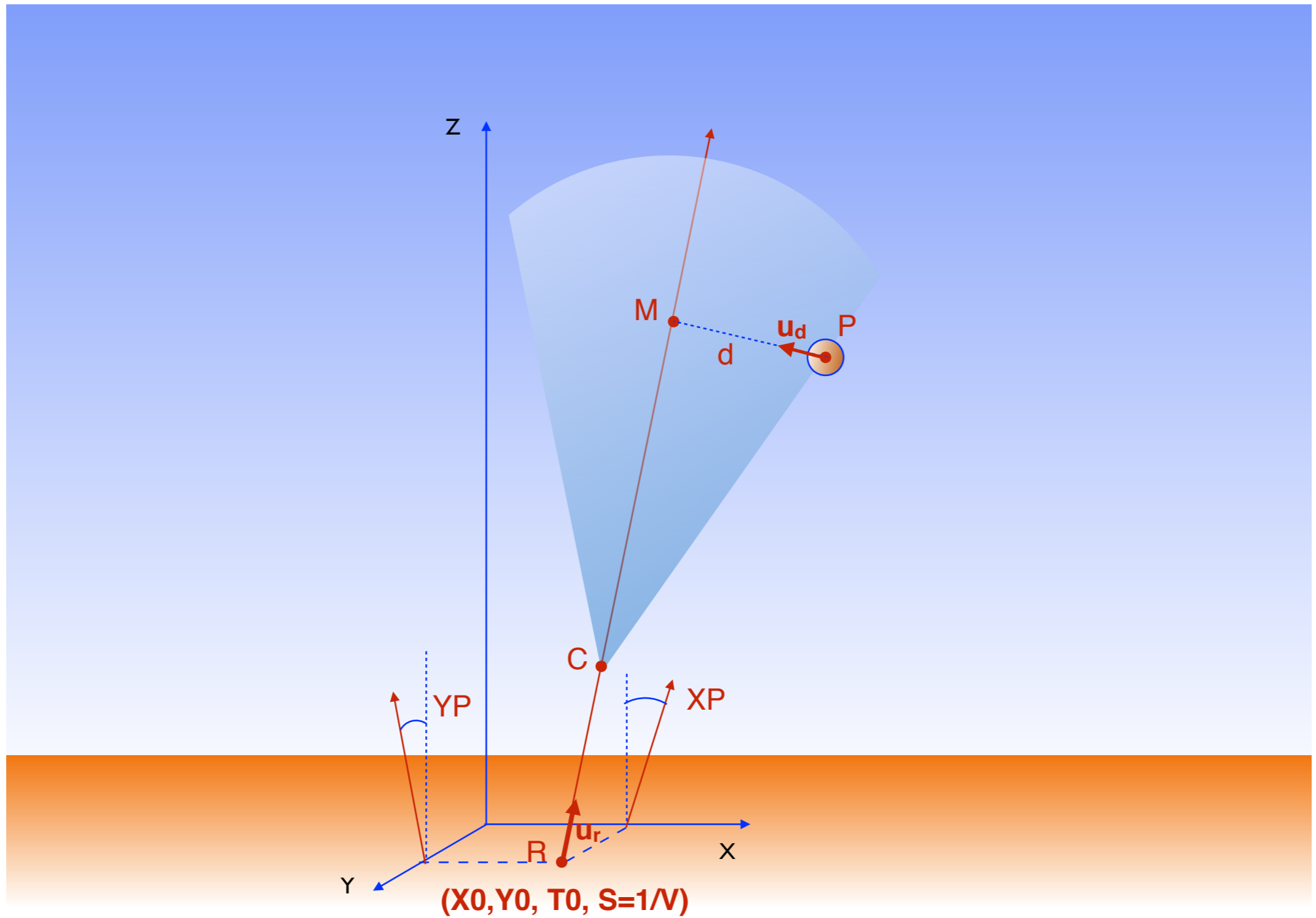


Figure 5.18: Comparative between distributions of  $\beta$  vs momentum for TimTrack and Runge-Kutta.

[Ph.D. thesis of Georgy Kornakov. U.S. Compostela 2012]

# TimTrack: examples

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# TimTrack vs Kalman Filter

TimTrack			Kalman Filter		
Parameter space		Measurement space	Parameter space		Measurement space
$\mathbf{s}_p, \mathcal{E}_p$			$\mathbf{r}_p, \mathcal{E}_p$		
	<b>F: Transport</b>			<b>F: Transport</b>	
$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{s}_p$ $\mathcal{E}_s = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathcal{E}_p \cdot \mathbf{F}'$		$\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{W}_d = \mathbf{V}_d^{-1}$	$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{r}_p$ $\mathcal{E}_r = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathcal{E}_p \cdot \mathbf{F}'$		$\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{V}_d$
	<b>G: Measurement</b> $\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{s})$	$\mathbf{V}_s = \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathcal{E}_s \cdot \mathbf{G}'$		<b>H: Measurement</b> $\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{r} + \boldsymbol{\eta}$	$\mathbf{d}_r = \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{r}$ $\mathbf{V}_r = \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathcal{E}_r \cdot \mathbf{H}'$
		$\mathbf{d}_c = \mathbf{d} - \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{s})$ $\mathbf{V}_c = \mathbf{V}_d + \mathbf{V}_s$			$\delta \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{d} - \mathbf{d}_r$ $\mathbf{V}_c = \mathbf{V}_r + \mathbf{V}_d$
$\mathbf{s}_d = \mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{d}_c$ $\delta \mathcal{E}_s = \mathcal{E}_s \cdot \mathbf{W}_s \cdot \mathcal{E}_s$	$\mathbf{C} = \mathcal{E}_s \cdot \mathbf{G}' \cdot \mathbf{V}_c^{-1}$ $\mathbf{W}_s = \mathbf{G}' \cdot \mathbf{V}_c^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{G}$		$\delta \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{K} \cdot \delta \mathbf{d}$ $\delta \mathcal{E}_r = \mathcal{E}_r \cdot \mathbf{W}_r \cdot \mathcal{E}_r$	$\mathbf{K} = \mathcal{E}_r \cdot \mathbf{H}' \cdot \mathbf{V}_c^{-1}$ $\mathbf{W}_r = \mathbf{H}' \cdot \mathbf{V}_c^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{H}$	
$\mathbf{s}_{p+1} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathcal{E}_s \cdot \mathbf{W}_s) \cdot (\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{s}_d)$ $\mathcal{E}_{p+1} = \mathcal{E}_s - \delta \mathcal{E}_s$			$\mathbf{r}_{p+1} = \mathbf{r} + \delta \mathbf{r}$ $\mathcal{E}_{p+1} = \mathcal{E}_r - \delta \mathcal{E}_r$		

# TimTrack: summary

- The TimTrack algorithm offers a suggestive framework for the tracking of charged particles with timing detectors and in complex systems
- TT provides, together with coordinates and slopes, the velocity of the particle and the arrival time at a reference plane.
- TT works directly with the primary data and has a simple matrix form making it easy and fast to implement (sometimes, some extra numerical work is needed: non-conditionated matrices!!!)
- TT deals with linear and non-linear models, including constraints among the parameters
- TT may be used for the simultaneous fit of several particles with common constraints

## References (NIM):

*J.A.Garzón et al:* **TimTrack: A new concept for the tracking of charged particles with timing detectors**

*J.A.Garzón et al* **TimTrack: A matrix formalism for a fast time and track reconstruction with timing detectors**

Two new articles are on the way: “TimTrack with constraints” and “TimTrack filtering”

The end