

Tracking at the LHC (Part 2)

LHC Tracking Detectors





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Outline of Part 2

- give an overview of the LHC detectors
 - → inner tracking and as well some words on the muon systems

• tracking detectors

➡ discuss constraints, roles and design choices

• a bit of detector technologies and their applications

- ➡ semiconductor trackers
- → drift tube detectors



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• let' have a brief look at the muon systems ➡ ATLAS and CMS

ATLAS Muon Spectrometer





• a huge system

- → 4 different technologies (MDT,CSC,RPC,TGC)
- → large area (10.000 m²)
- ➡ many channels (1 M)

toroid field configuration

→ large magnetic field variations in toroid

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Drift_tub

➡ field 4 Tesla near coils

optical alignment system





MDT station

CMS Muon System





Muon Drift Tubes

- magnetic field return in iron yoke of solenoid
- ➡ combine with precise p_T measurement in Tracker
- Cathode Strip
 Chambers
 in the endcaps
- Resistive Plate
 Chambers

Expected Momentum Resolution



comparable performance

- ➡ CMS benefits from good Inner Tracker resolution
- → in ATLAS Muon Spectrometer dominates at high p_T
- \Rightarrow ATLAS has slightly larger η coverage





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Constraints on Tracking Detectors

high occupancy, high radiation dose, high data rate

- → at full design luminosity more than **20 interactions** per p-p bunch crossing
 - more than a **1000 charged particles** in tracker, every 25ns.
- even higher multiplicity in central Pb-Pb collisions
 - with >10000 charged particles in trackers
- design for 10¹⁵ neq (neutron equivalent) for innermost layers (10 year lifetime)

• tension...

- minimize material for most precise measurements and to minimize interactions before the calorimeter
- → increasing **sensor granularity** to reduce occupancy
 - increase number of electronics channels and heat load
 - more material

technology choices

- → silicon detectors, usually pixels for vertexing, and strips for tracking
 - good spatial resolution, high granularity, fast signal response
 - thin detector gives a large signal
- → can be complemented by **gas detectors** further away from vertex



Additional Roles of Tracker at LHC

• tracker also contribute to particle identification (PID)

- → use dedicated detectors to distinguish different particle types
 - Transition Radiation detectors also contribute to tracking
 - Ring Imaging Cherenkov detectors
 - time of flight

match tracks with showers in the calorimeter

→ identify electrons from characteristic shower shape

match central tracks with muon chamber segments

→ muon chamber information improves muon momentum measurement



Overall Design Choices

ATLAS and CMS are general purpose detectors

→ central tracker covers $|\eta| < 2.5$ (polar angle expressed as pseudorapidity: $\eta = -\ln \tan(\Theta/2)$)

• ALICE - optimized for heavy ions, high occupancy

→ tracker restricted to $|\eta| < 0.9$, plus forward muons

• all three are symmetric about the interaction point

- solenoid magnet providing uniform magnetic field parallel to the beam direction
- → ATLAS Muon Spectrometer is in field of 3 toroid magnets

• LHCb - beauty-hadron production in forward direction

- despite the different geometry, design is driven by the same principles to give optimal performance
- tracker is not in a magnetic field, tracks are measured before and after a dipole magnet



Overall Design Choices

layout of the tracking detectors

→ follow the typical geometry of fix target and collider experiments







Semiconductor Trackers





doping of silicon crystal semiconductors:















p–n junction



- p doping adds electro-phile atoms
- *n* doping adds electro-phobe atoms





p–*n* junction



- in the junction zone, electron-hole pairs recombine creating depletion
- the potential barrier in the junction counter-weighs the doping potential





reverse bias *p*–*n* junction



- the reversed bias voltage increases the potential barrier in the depletion zone, enhancing its resistance
- minimal current across the junction



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Did you notice ? Classical electromagnetism at play!





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■ $\alpha_L = f(V_{depl}) \rightarrow$ as bias voltage increases to cope with irradiation, α_L decreases

CMS Tracker

largest silicon tracker ever built

- → **Pixels:** 66M channels, 100x150 μ m² Pixel
- Si-Strip detector: ~23m³, 210m² of Si area, 10.7M channels

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electrons radiate → higher signal PID info by counting high-threshold hits

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6.2m

Time Projection Chambers (TPC)

 \Rightarrow developed by D. Nygren in the 70's.

➡ long drift times (≈ 40 µs), thus rate limitations and very good gas quality required

→ ALICE data taking rate 1 kHz in pp
→ few 100 Hz in Pb Pb

ALICE Tracking

- ➡ ITS : 6 layers
 - 2 Pixels
 - 2 silicon drift detectors
 - 2 double sided strips
- ➡ Time Projection Chamber
 - large volume gas detector with central electrode
 - MWPC with cathode pad readout in end plates
 - very good two-track resolution
 - very low material in active region

- → Transition Radiation Detector
 - electron ID, and improves momentum resolution
 - outer radius 3.7m
- ➡ installed in L3 magnet
 - lower B field (0.5 T), larger R

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Comparison of Barrel Tracker Layouts

| P.Wells | ALICE | ATLAS | CMS |
|--|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| R inner | 3.9 cm | 5.0 cm | 4.4 cm |
| R outer | 3.7 m | 1.1 m | 1.1 m |
| Length | 5 m | 5.4 m | 5.8 m |
| η range | 0.9 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| B field | 0.5 T | 2 T | 4 T |
| Total X ₀ near η=0 | 0.08 (ITS) + 0.035 (TPC) + 0.234 (TRD) | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Power | 6 kW (ITS) | 70 kW | 60 kW |
| rø resolution near outer radius | ~ 800 μm TPC ~ 500 μm TRD | 130 μm per TRT straw | 35 μm per strip layer |
| p_T resolution at 1GeV and at 100 GeV | 0.7% 3% (in pp) | 1.3% 3.8% | 0.7% 1.5% |

- LHCb is a spectrometer designed for B-physics
 - → p_T resolution is 0.35% at 1 GeV, 0.55% at 100 GeV for good mass resolution

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LHCb Tracking

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Let's Summarize

- discussed physics of particles in material
- in this lecture I discussed tracking detectors
 - ➡ main design choices and constraints
 - ➡ silicon and drift tube detectors
 - → LHC tracking detector layouts
- next I will discuss track reconstruction

