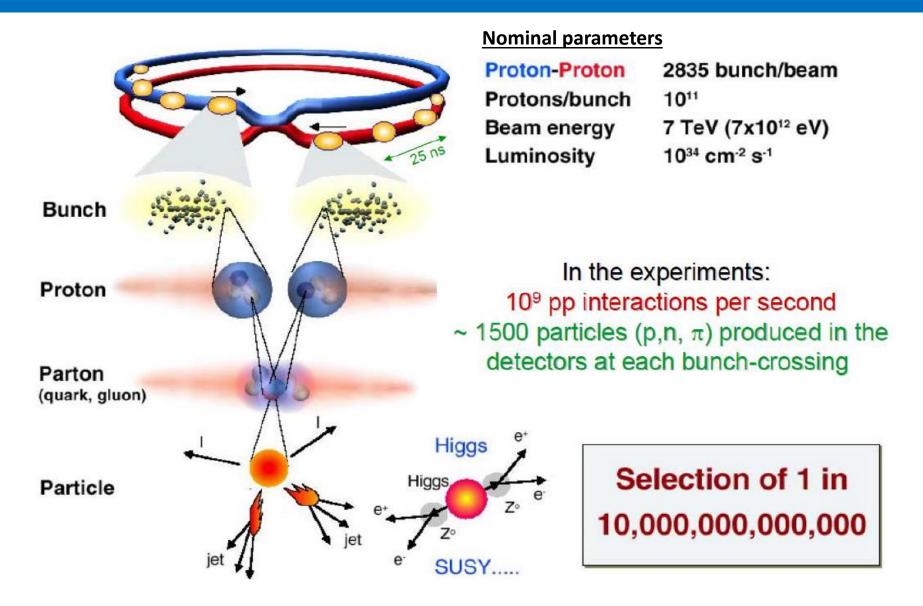
Introduction to elementary particles: experimental part

Particle detection and identification: Particles interaction with matter ■ Which particle we can detect The observables ■ Example: ATLAS detector: Tracking detectors and magnetic field Muon system **Calorimetry Detectors are not perfect**

Collisions at LHC



How we detect particles

- In order to detect a particle, it must:
 - ✓ interact with the material of the detector
 - √ transfer energy in some recognizable fashion (signal)
- Detection of particles happens via their energy loss in the material they traverses

Charged particles

Photons

Hadrons

Neutrinos

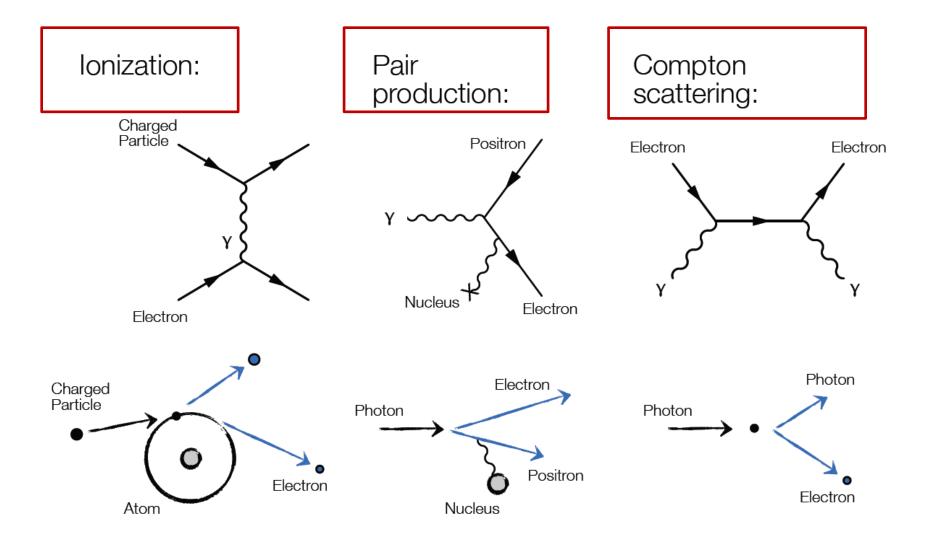
Ionization, Bremsstrahlung, Cherenkov, ...

Photo/Compton effect, pair production

Nuclear interactions

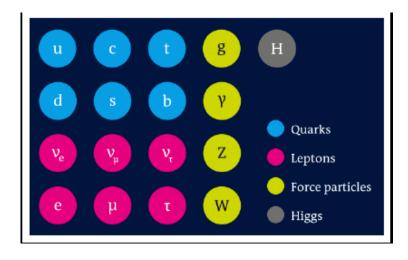
multiple interactions
single interactions...
multiple interactions

Examples of particle interactions

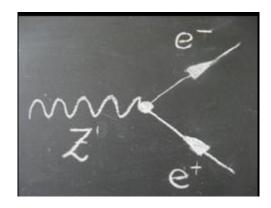


Which particles are detected?

- Charged leptons, photons and hadrons: e, μ,γ,π,Κ,p,n... (maybe new long-lived particles, i.e. particles which enter detector)
- 2) B (and D) mesons and τ leptons have cτ ~ 0.09 x 10⁻³m large enough for additional vertex reconstruction
- 3) Neutrinos (maybe also new particles) are reconstructed as missing transverse momentum
- 4) All other particles which decay or hadronise in primary vertex (top quark decays before hadronises)

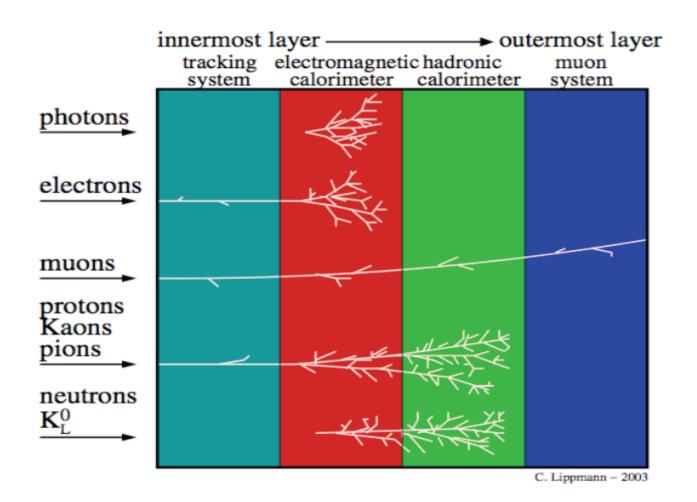


Only e, μ , γ of the fundamental Standard Model Particles are directly detected



Heavy particles W, Z decay immediatelly

Passage of particles

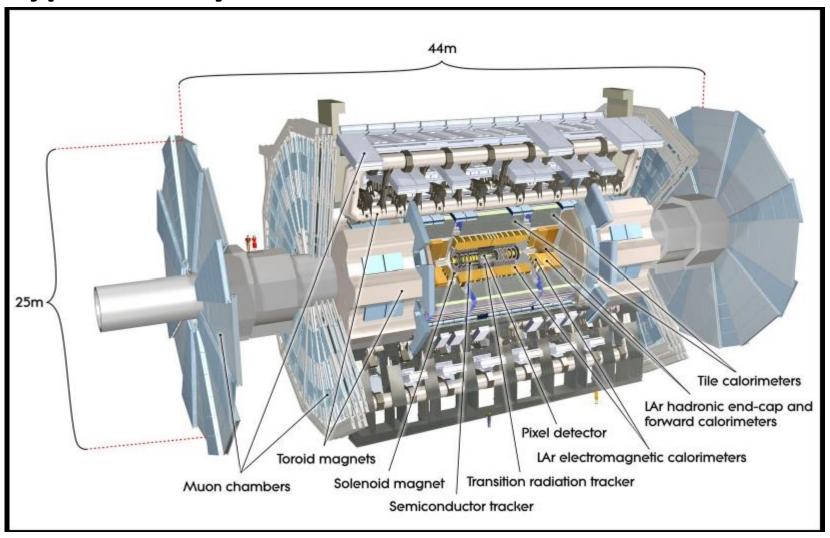


The observables?

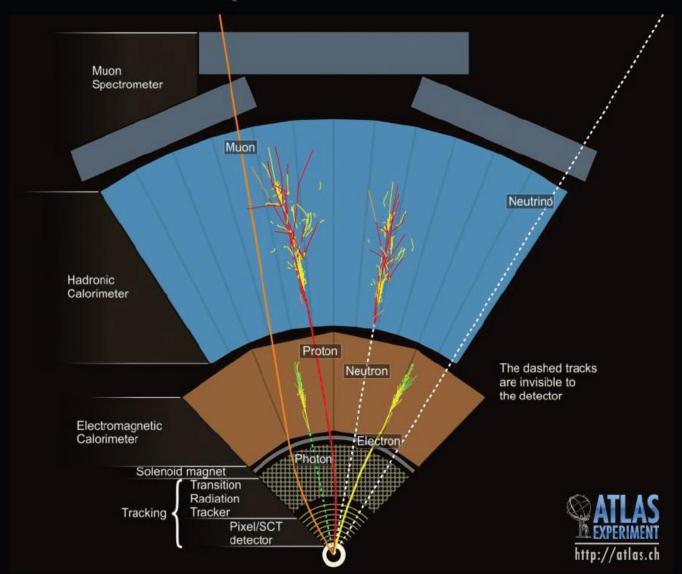
- 1) Photon makes photo-efect, Compton scattering and pair production. It has no track but an electromagnetic cascade in the calorimeter.
- 2) Charged particles makes scattering, ionisation, excitation and bremsstrahlung, transition and Cherenkov radiation. They produce tracks.
- 3) Electrons make electromagnetic cascades (clusters) in the calorimeter
- 4) Hadrons also interact strongly via inelastic interactions, e.g. neutron capture, induced fission, etc. They make hadronic cascades (clusters) int he hadronic calorimeter.
- 5) Only weakly interacting particles (neutrinos) are reconstructed as missing transverse momentum ("missing energy").

The ATLAS example

Typical 4π cylindrical onion structure



How do we "see" particles?



Reconstructed particle properties

From the hits, tracks, clusters, missing transverse momentum and vertices we reconstruct particles properties:

- 1) Momentum from curved tracks
- 2) Charge from track curvature
- 3) Energy from full absorption in calorimeters and curved tracks
- 4) Spin from angular distributions
- 5) Mass from invariant mass of decay products
- 6) Lifetime from time of flight measurement
- 7) Identity from dE/dx, lifetime or special behaviour (like transition ratiation)

Detector design constraints (I)

Constraints from physics:

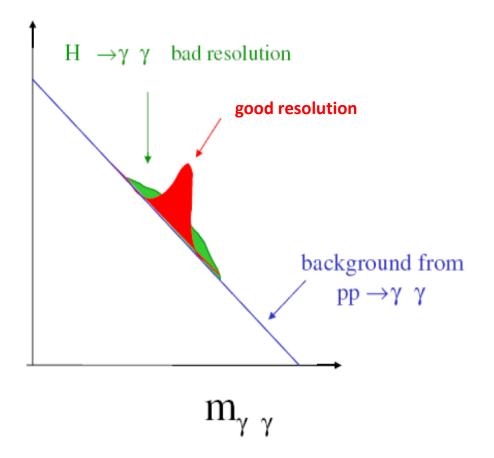
- 1) High detection efficiency demands minimal cracks and holes, high coverage
- 2) High resolution demands little material like support structures, cables, cooling pipes, electronics etc. (avoid multiple scattering)
- 3) Irradiation hard active materials required to avoid degradation and changes during operation
- 4) Electronic with low noise
- 5) Easy maintenance (materials get radioactive)
- **6)** ...

Example for resolution requirement

Excellent energy resolution

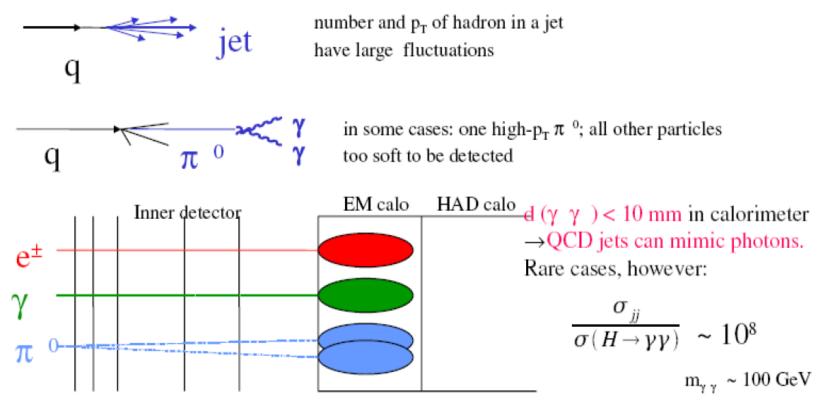
of EM calorimeters for e/γ and of the tracking devices for μ in order to extract a signal over the backgrounds.

Example: $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$



Example for particle ID requirement

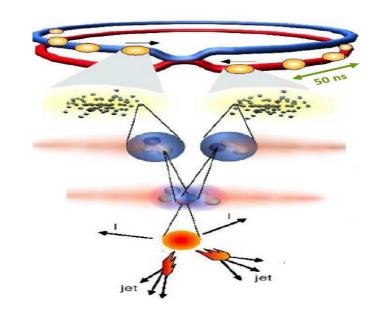
Excellent particle identification capability e.g. e/jet, γ /jet separation

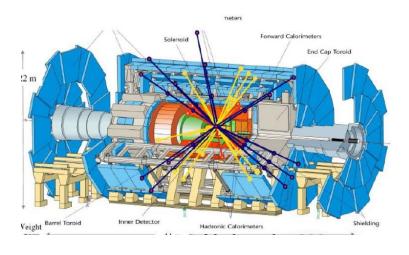


need detector (calorimeter) with fine granularity to separate overlapping photons from single photons

Detector design constraints (II)

- Enviromental contraints, i.e. from LHC design parameters:
 - 1) Collision events every ~ 25ns
 - Muons from previous event still in detector when current enters tracker
 - 3) High occupancy in the inner detector
 - 4) Pile up (more proton proton collisions in each bunch crosing)
 - 5) High irradiation
 - 6) ...

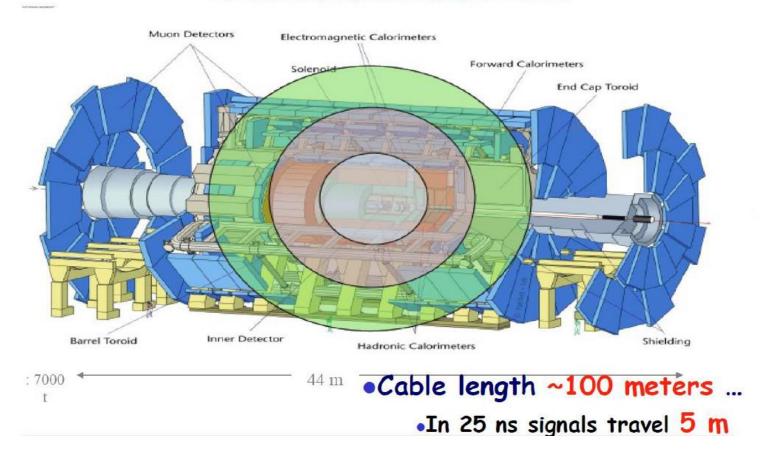




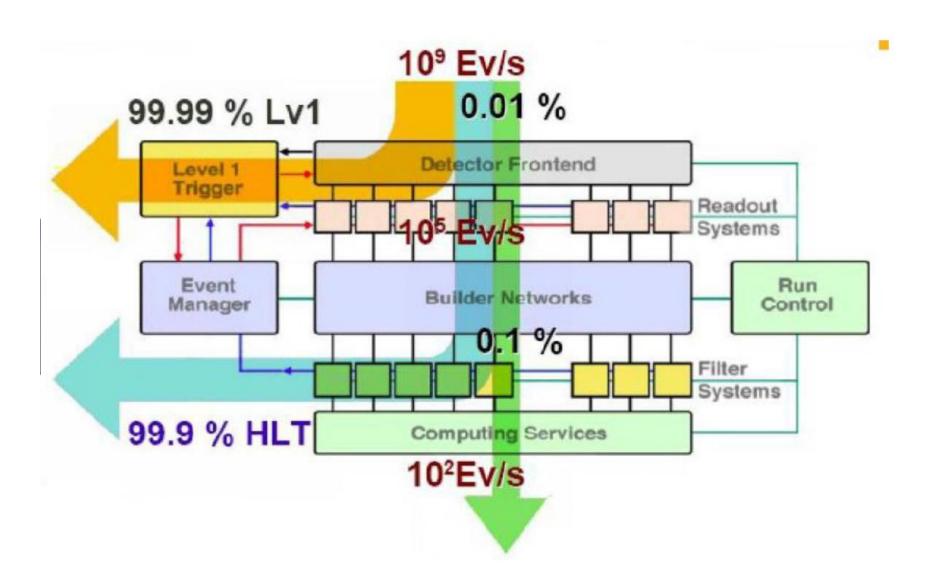
Trigger system

- •Interactions every 25 ns ...
 - •In 25 ns particles travel 7.5 m

c=30cm/ns; in 25ns, s=7.5m



The ATLAS trigger system

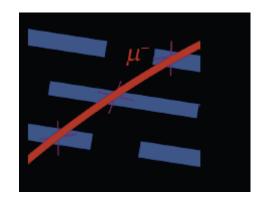


Magnet system

Use Lorentz force to curve tracks

$$\vec{F} = q\vec{E} + q\vec{v}\vec{x}\vec{B}$$

Electric Magnetic force force



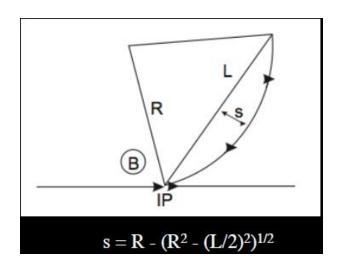
- Max E is about 50MV/m in high vacum, so just B field used (5T gives ~10³ stronger force)
- Curvature or radius:

$$p = q B R$$

- At least three hits needed to reconstruct a unique R of a track
- Remember solenoid resolution:

$$(\Delta p/p)_{\text{solenoid}} \sim (\Delta s/L^2B)p$$

(in GeV with s in μm , L in cm and B in T. Large B is good against high occupancy.



Charged particle in magnetic field

Lorentz force:

$$\vec{F} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

$$P \sim 0.3 \cdot R \cdot B \qquad R \to \frac{1}{S}$$

P: momentum (GeV)

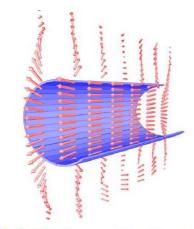
R: curvature (m)

B: Magnetic field (Tesla)

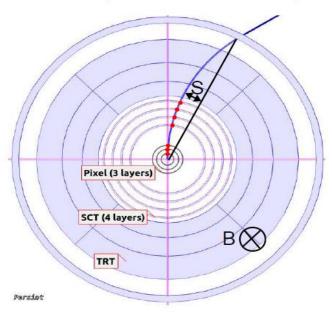
Charged track => signal in detectors

=> reconstruction program

=> Sagitta (=1/R) determination



Solenoid (ATLAS Inner Tracker)



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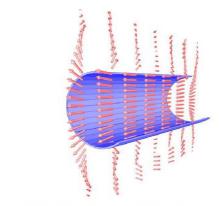
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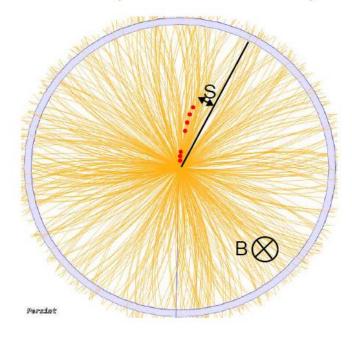
=> reconstruction program

=> Sagitta (=1/R) determination

Reconstruction can be complicated



Solenoid (ATLAS Inner Tracker)



Most common magnet designs

Solenoid (A)

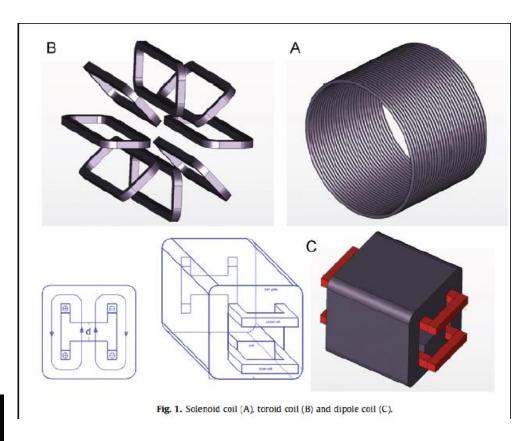
Deployed in ATLAS and CMS $(dp/p)_{solenoid} \sim p \ cos \ theta \ / \ BR^2$ $cost \sim LR^2B^2$

Toroid (B)

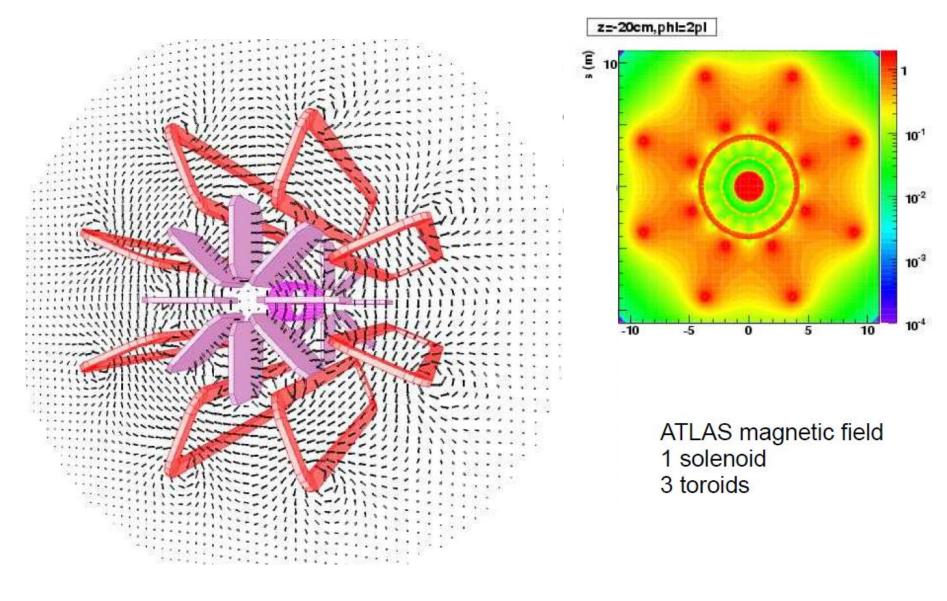
Deployed in ATLAS $(dp/p)_{toroid} \sim p \ cos \ theta \ /$ $B_{in}R_{in} \ ln(R_{out}/R_{in})$

Dipole (C)

Used in fixed target / forward experiments. Deployed in ALICE and LHCb. $(dp/p)_{dipole} \sim p \ / \ BL$



Charged particle in magnetic field



Charged particle in magnetic field

ATLAS magnetic field 1 solenoid 3 toroids R- ϕ projection R-Z projection

Size and field examples

ATLAS barrel toroid 20.5 kA, 3.9 T

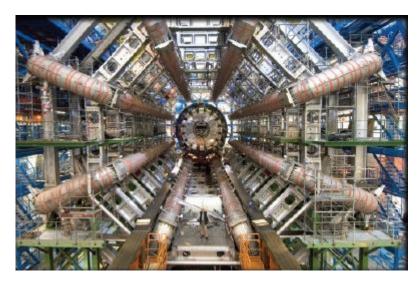
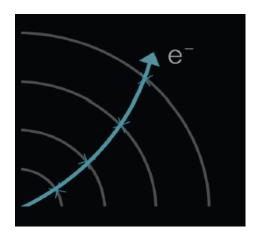


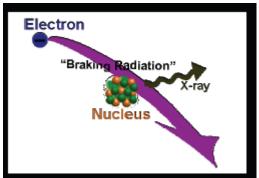
Table 1 Main parameters of some HEP detector magnets (solenoids).									
	CDF	CLEO-II	ALEPH	ZEUS	Н1	KLOE	ВаВаг	Atlas	CMS
B (T) R (m) L (m)	1.5 1.5 4.8	1.5 1.55 3.5	1.5 2.7 6.3	1.8 1.5 2.45	1.2 2.8 5.2	0.6 2.6 3.9	1.5 1.5 3.5	2.0 1.25 3.66	4.0 3.0 12.5

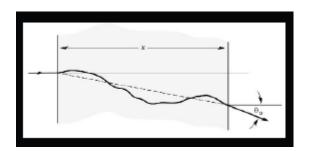
The magnet layout is a major constraint for the rest of the detector! See A. Gadi, A magnet system for HEP experiments, NIMA 666 (2012) 10-24

Tracking principles

- Exploit physical processes of moving charged particles in the magnetic field:
- lonisation (Bethe-Bloch) is the main detection process for heavy particles (m > m_e)
 - Collect the charges with an electric field => hits
 - Reconstruct tracks from hits in B field
 => p_T, vertices, isolation
- 2) Bremsstrahlung is the main process for e[±] above some 100 MeV
- 3) Multiple scattering (unwanted, degrades the resolution)
- 4) Irradiation damage (unwanted, degrades efficiency)







Bethe-Bloch formula for heavy particles

Describes stopping power of heavy charged (heavier than electron) particle in matter [MeV g⁻¹ cm²]

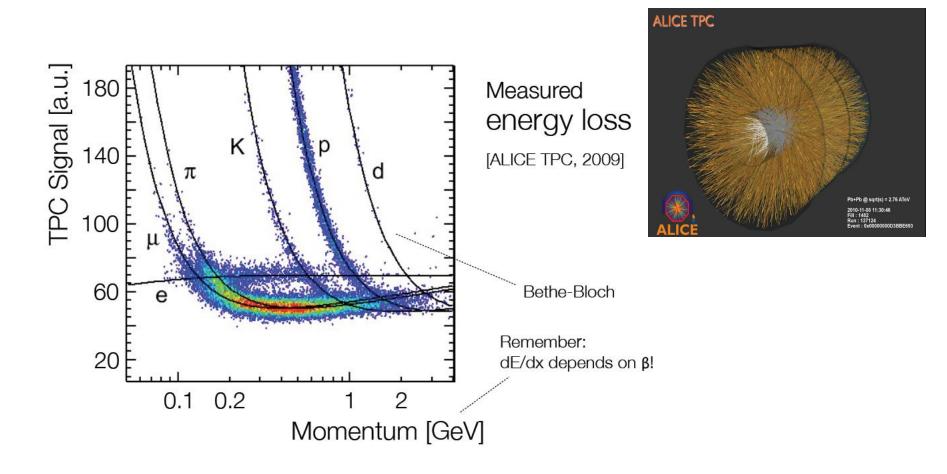
$$\beta = v/c, \gamma = (1-\beta^2)^{1/2}$$

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = 4\pi N_A r_e^2 m_e c^2 z^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2 T_{max}}{I^2} \right) - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta(\gamma)}{2} \right]$$

The energy loss depends only on charge z and velocity β of the particle

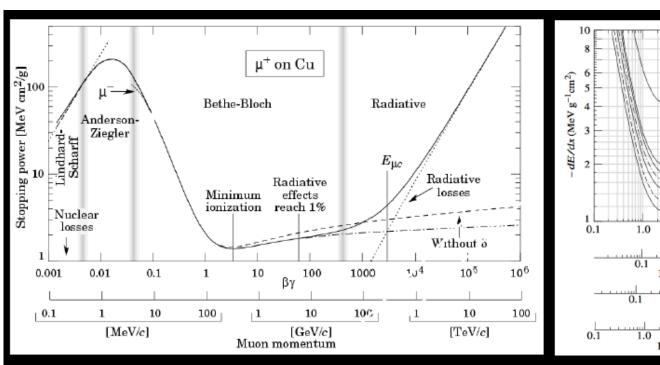
Rest is material dependent: I = mean ionisation/excitation energy [MeV], δ density effect correction, T_{max} is maximum energy transfer in one collision.

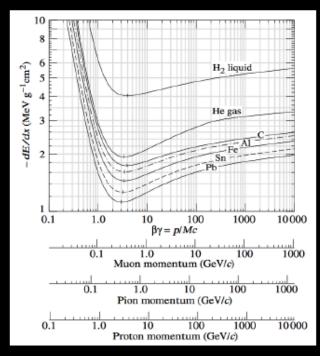
Identifying particles by dE/dx



Energy loss can be used for particles identification.

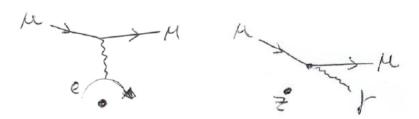
Energy loss of muons





lonization

Bremsstrahlung



At low β : dE/dx ~ 1/ β ²

Minimum at $\beta \gamma \sim 3..4$ (minimal ionasing particle)

At high β : dE/dx slowly increasing due to relativistic enhancement of transversal E field.

At very high β : saturation due to shielding/polarisation

Energy loss of electrons

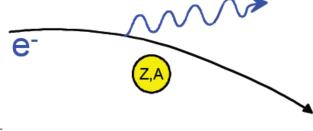
Bethe-Bloch formula needs modification

Incident and target electron have same mass me Scattering of identical, undistinguishable particles

$$-\left\langle \frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle_{\text{el.}} = K \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[\ln \frac{m_e \beta^2 c^2 \gamma^2 T}{2I^2} + F(\gamma) \right]$$

[T: kinetic energy of electron]

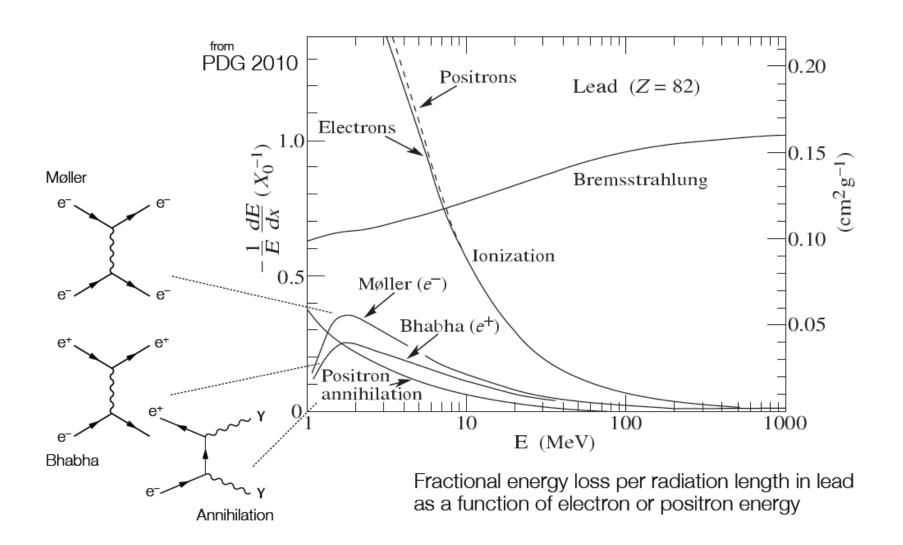
Bremsstrahlung arises if particles are accelerated in Coulomb field of nucleus



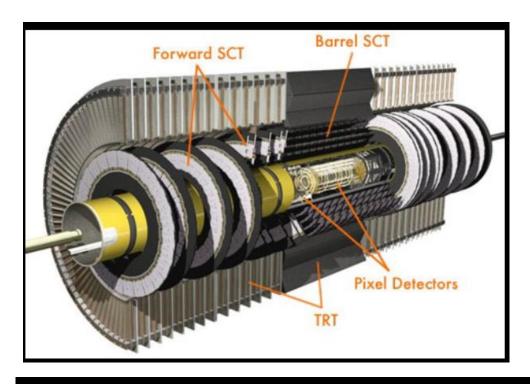
$$\frac{dE}{dx} = 4\alpha N_A \frac{z^2 Z^2}{A} \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{mc^2} \right)^2 E \ln \frac{183}{Z^{\frac{1}{3}}} \propto \frac{E}{m^2}$$

i.e. energy loss proportional to 1/m² → main relevance for electrons ...

Energy loss of electrons



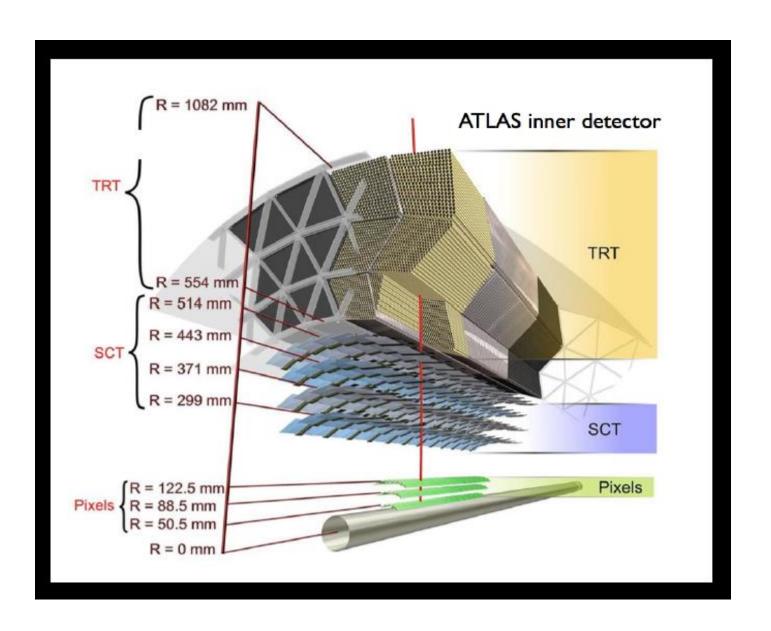
ATLAS Inner Detector



- 3 layers of pixel modules in barrel
- 2x5 disks of forward pixel disks
- 4 layers of strip (SCT) modules in barrel
- 2x9 disks of forward strip modules

Figure: ATLAS Inner detector (ID) in LHC run 1 with pixel and strip (SCT) silicon and transition radiation (TRT) detectors. The length is about 5.5 m.

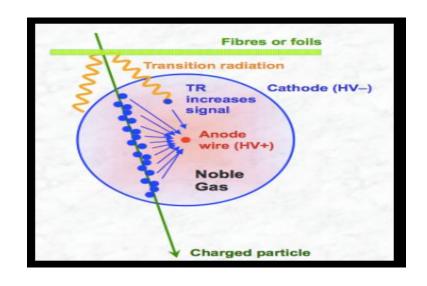
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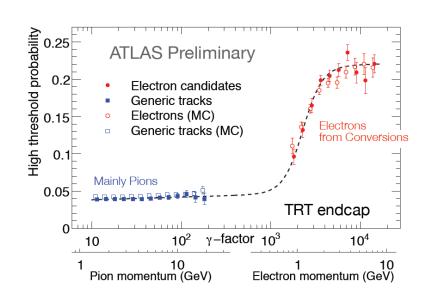


Transition Radiation Tracker

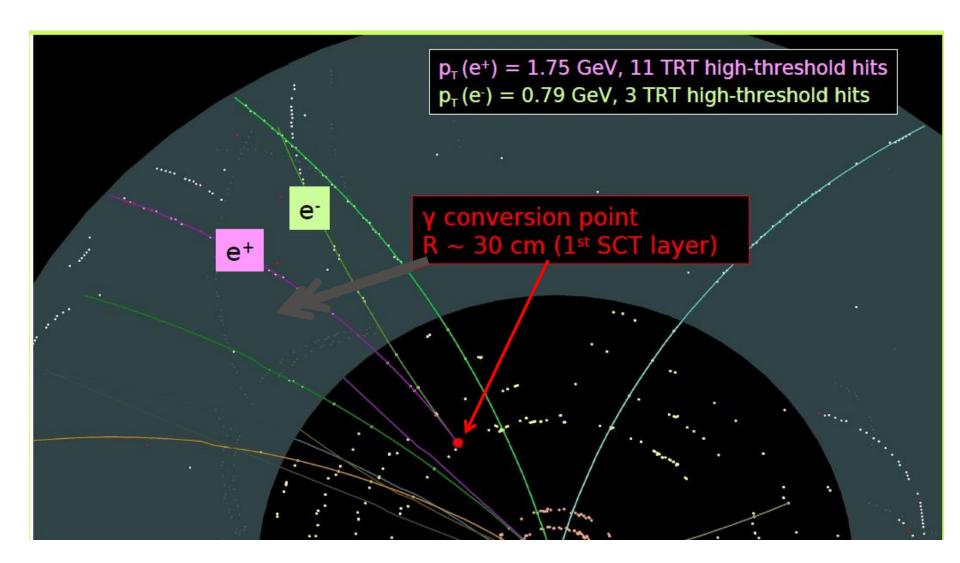
Combine tracking with particle identification (PID)

- Charged particles radiate photons when crossing material borders.
- e[±] radiate more x-rays than heavier particles.
- Use this particle PID, i.e. distinguis e⁺⁻ from hadrons.
- ATLAS has a TR detection in the inner detector. It uses gas for detection.

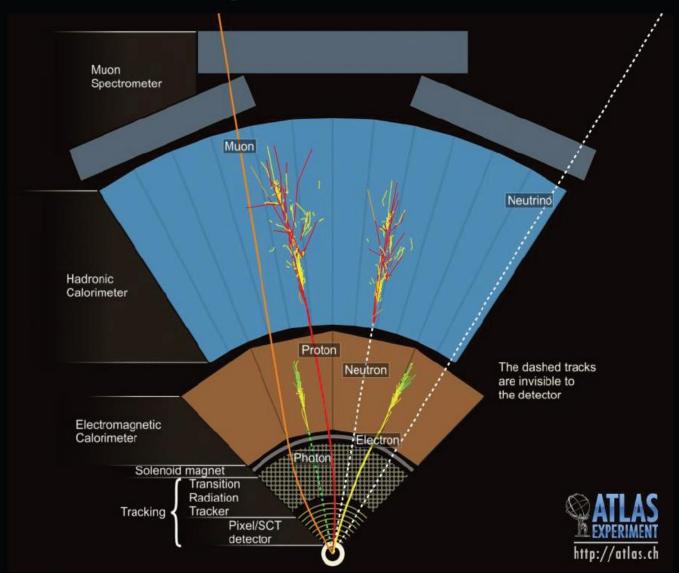




γ→ e⁺e⁻ conversions



How do we "see" particles?



Muon detection in tracking detector

Muon has electrical charge, m_{μ} ~106 MeV ~ 200m_e, no strong charge, life time τ = 2.2 μ s; at LHC interesting range p_{μ} ~ 5 ... 1000 GeV.

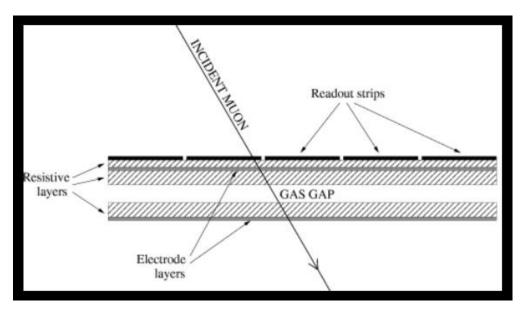
- Curves in magnetic field (charge and momentum)
- Makes track in inner detector/silicon
- Penetrates the full detector, "stable" wrt detector size
- Energy loss described by Bethe-Bloch formulae

Assume (curved) tracks outside the calorimeters to be muons. That means:

- Large detectors, i.e. usually gas
- Match with tracks from inner detector
 - Negligible processes:
 - $\sigma_{Brems} \sim E/m^2$ for low E
 - Multiple scattering m_u >> m_e
- Watch out for non muon punch through from calorimeter

Triggering muons

- Design LHC bunch spacing is 25ns, i.e. need for fast detectors:
 - Resistive Plate Chambers (RPC)
 - Thin Gap Chambers (TGC)
 - Large surface chambers with thin (mm) gas layers for fast detection (ps to ns)

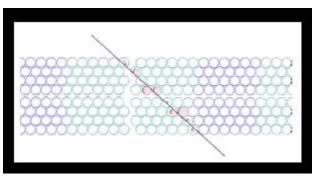


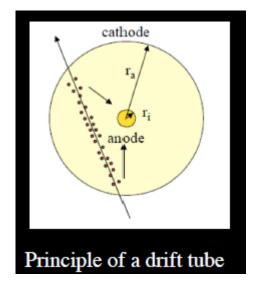
2 mm gap in ATLAS

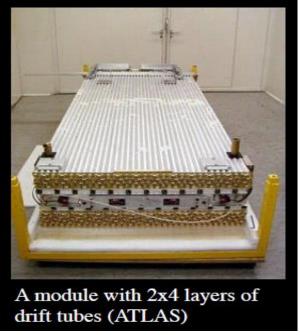
Measuring muons

For high precision position measurements:

- Drift tubes with gas, position drift time (ATLAS, CMS)
 - Array of 10⁴⁻⁵ tubes, 1-10cm², up to 10m long
 - 50-100 mm and ns resolution
 - Deadtime 20-100 ns
- Cathode Strip Chambers (ATLAS, CMS, LHCb)
 - Multiwire gas chamber with strip readout
- Micro Pattern Gas Detector (LHCb)
- Time Projection Chamber (ALICE)

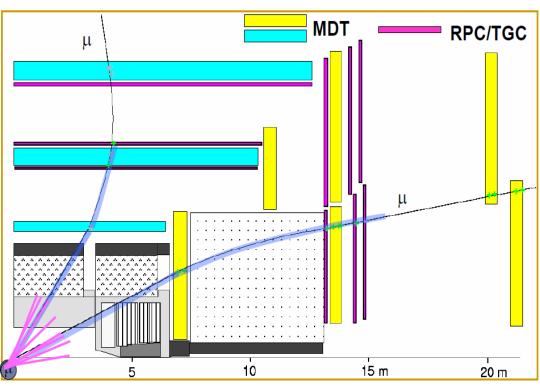






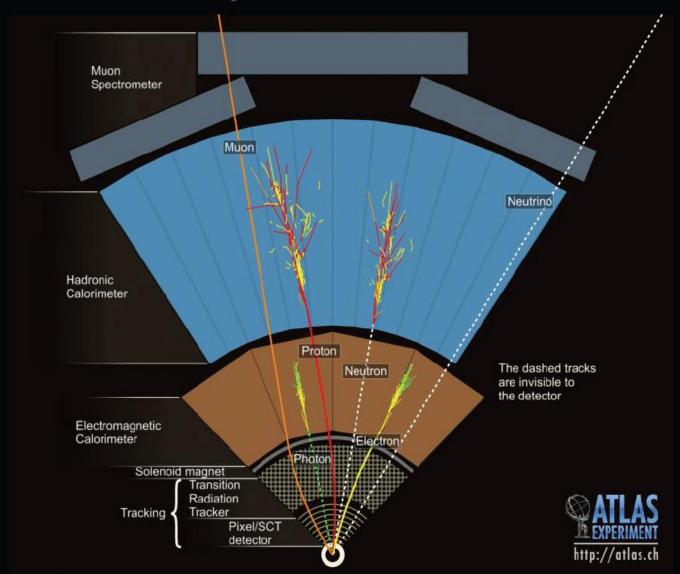
Muon system in ATLAS





12 m

How do we "see" particles?



Calorimeter: principle of the measurement?

- Energy measurement via total absorption of particles
- Principles of operation
 - ✓ Incoming particle initiates particle shower
 - · Electromagnetic, hadronic
 - Shower properties depend on particle type and detector material
 - Energy is deposited in active regions
 - · Heat, ionization, atom excitation (scintillation), Cherenkov light
 - · Different calorimeters use different kind of signals
 - ✓ Signal is proportional to energy released

 - Shower containment

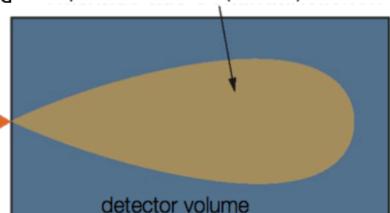
incident particle

1 calorie (4.185J) is the necessary energy to increase the temperature of 1 g of water at 15°C by one degree

At hadron colliders we measure GeV (0.1 - 1000)

1 GeV =
$$10^9$$
 eV $\approx 10^9 * 10^{-19}$ J = 10^{-10} J = 2.4 10^{-9} cal

1 TeV = 1000 GeV : kinetic energy of a flying mosquito



particle cascade (shower)

Why calorimeters?

First calorimeters appeared in the 70's: need to measure the energy of all particles, charged and neutral.

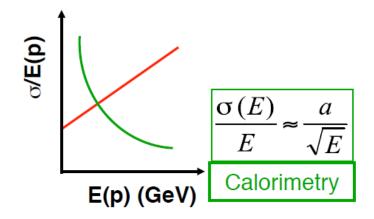
Until then, only the momentum of charged particles was measured using magnetic analysis.

The measurement with a calorimeter is destructive e.g.

$$\pi^- + p \rightarrow \pi^0 + n$$

Magnetic analysis

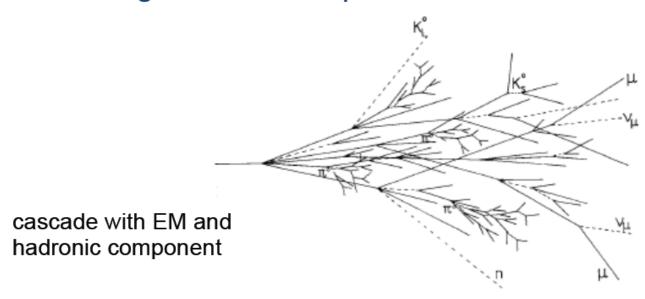
$$\frac{\sigma(p)}{p} = ap \oplus b$$



Particles do not come out alive of a calorimeter

Electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeters

- Calorimeters are subdivided into electromagnetic and hadronic sub-detectors
- Electromagnetic interactions develop over shorter distances than hadronic interactions
- Fundamental processes of signal generation differ, calling on different optimization



A typical HEP calorimetry system

Typical Calorimeter: two components ...

Electromagnetic (EM) + Hadronic section (Had) ...

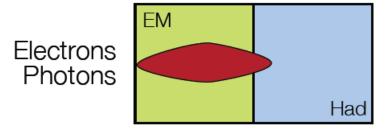
Different setups chosen for optimal energy resolution ...

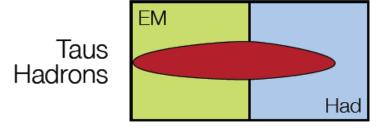
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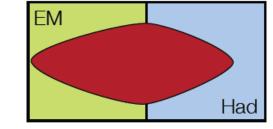
Hadronic energy measured in both parts of calorimeter ...

Needs careful consideration of different response ...

Schematic of a typical HEP calorimeter

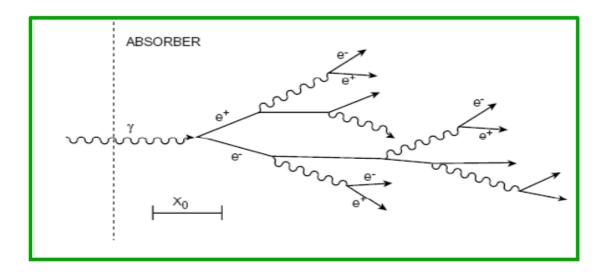






Electromagnetic showers

At high energies, electromagnetic showers result from electrons and photons undergoing mainly bremsstrahlung and pair creation.



For high energy (GeV scale) electrons bremsstrahlung is the dominant energy loss mechanism.

For high energy photons pair creation is the dominant absorption mechanism.

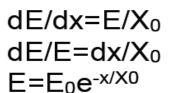
Shower development is governed by these processes.

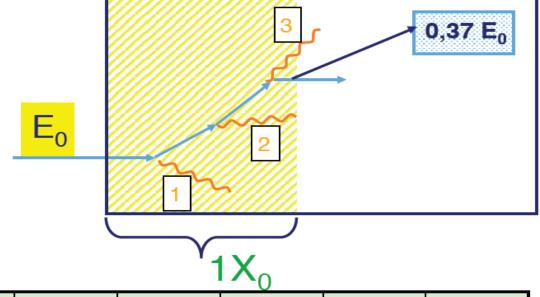
Radiation length

The radiation length is a "universal" distance, very useful to describe electromagnetic showers (electrons & photons)

X₀ is the distance after which the incident electron has radiated (1-1/e) 63% of

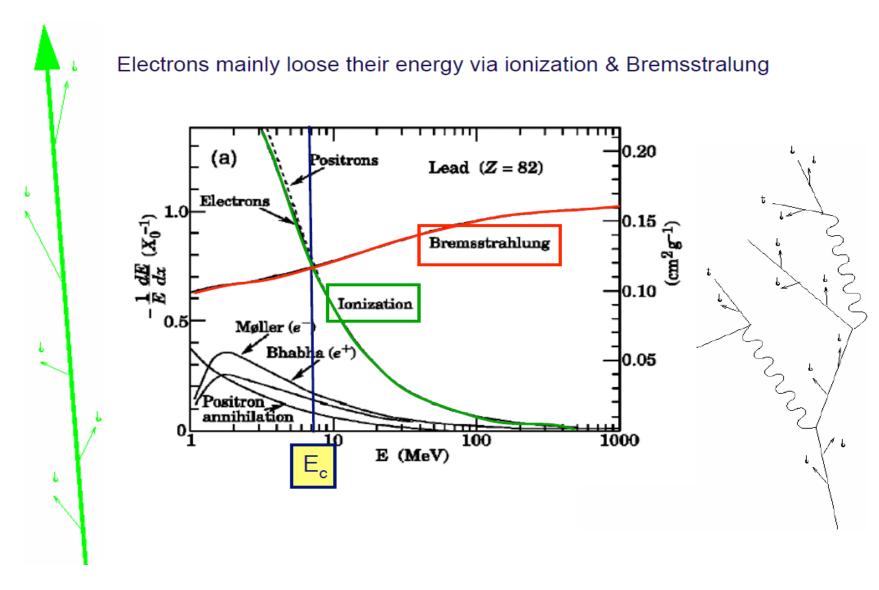
its incident energy





		Air	Eau	Al	LAr	Fe	Pb	PbWO ₄	
	Z	-	1	13	18	26	82	ı	
1	X ₀ (cm)	30420	36	8,9	14	1,76	0.56	0.89	2:

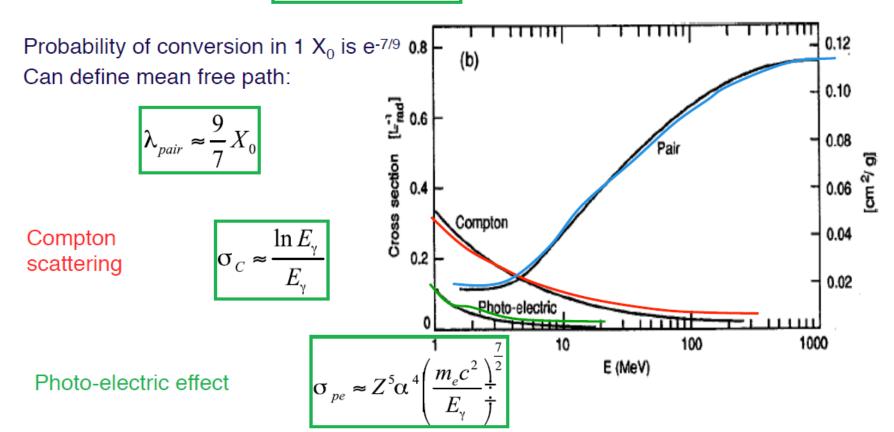
Energy loss of electrons



Energy loss for photons

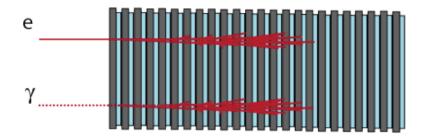
Pair Production

$$\sigma_{pair} \approx \frac{7}{9} \times \frac{A}{N_A} \times \frac{1}{X_0}$$



Electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeters

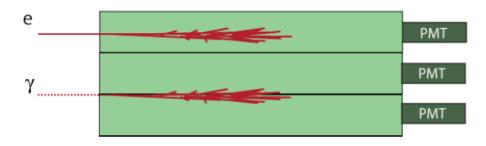
"Lead-scintillator" calorimeter



Energy resolutions:

$$\Delta E/E \sim 20\%/\sqrt{E}$$

• Exotic crystals (BGO, PbW, ..)

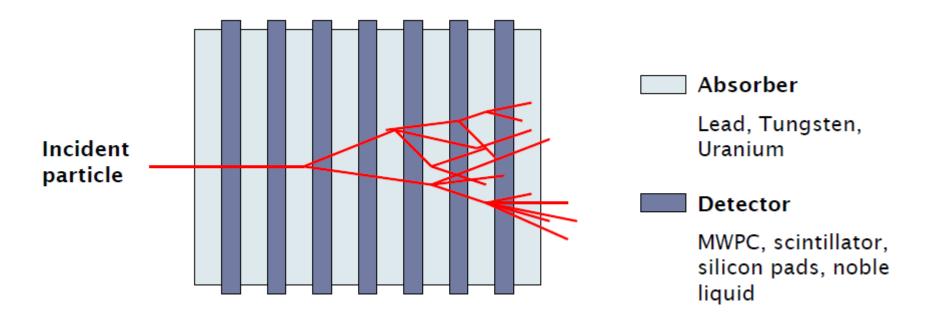


$$\Delta E/E \sim 1\%/\sqrt{E}$$

- Liquid argon calorimeter
 - Slow collection time (~1μsec)

$$\Delta E/E \sim 18\%/\sqrt{E}$$

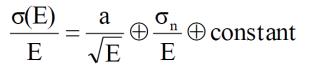
Sampling calorimeters



- Absorber (passive) and detector (active) layers
- Fluctuations in visible energy: "sampling fluctuations" due to variations of number of charged particles in the detector

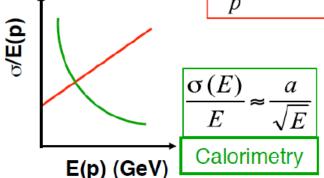
Energy resolution

- Statistical fluctuations
 - In the number of particles in the shower
 - In the number of escaping or undetected particles
- Noise
 - Electronic noise
 - Pile up
- Constant
 - Dead material
 - Calibration errors
 - Mechanical imperfections
- Higher energy -> better resolution



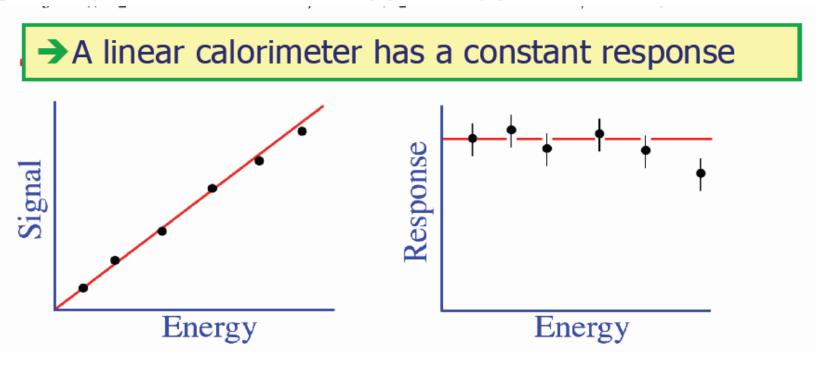
Magnetic analysis

$$\frac{\sigma(p)}{p} = ap \oplus b$$



Linearity

Response: mean signal per unit of deposited energy e.g. # of photons electrons/GeV, pC/MeV, µA/GeV



Electromagnetic calorimeters are in general linear.

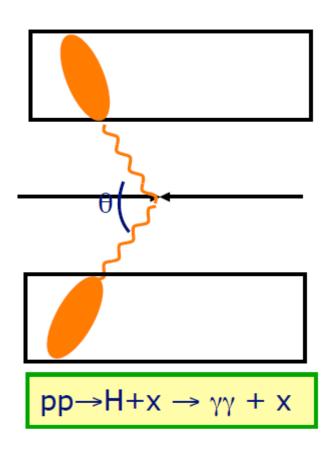
All energies are deposited via ionisation/excitation of the absorber.

Position and time resolution

Higgs Boson in ATLAS

For $M_H \sim 120$ GeV, in the channel $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

 $\sigma (M_H) / M_H = \frac{1}{2} [\sigma(E_{\gamma 1})/E_{\gamma 1} \oplus \sigma(E_{\gamma 2})/E_{\gamma 2} \oplus \cot(\theta/2) \sigma(\theta)]$

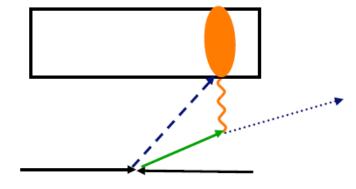


Time measurement

Validate the synchronisation between sub-detectors (~1ns)

Reject non-collisions background (beam, cosmic muons,..)

Identify particles which reach the detector with a non nominal time of flight (~5ns measured with ~100ps precision)



Particle identification

Particle Identification is particularly crucial at Hadron Colliders:

Large hadron background

Need to separate

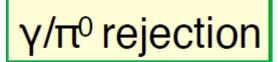
Electrons, photons, muons from Jets, hadrons

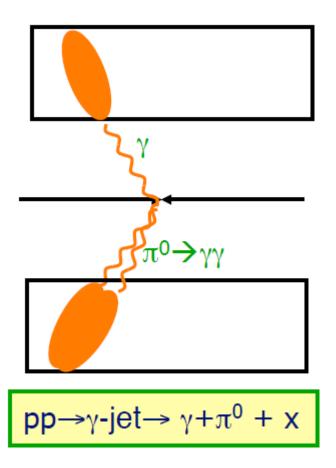
Means

Shower shapes (lateral & longitudinal segmentations)

Track association with energy deposit in calorimeter

Signal time





ATLAS EM Calorimeter

Cells in Layer 3 Δφ×Δη = 0.0245×0.05



3 layers up to $|\eta|=2.5 + \text{presampler } |\eta|<1.8$

2 layers 2.5<|η|<3.2

Layer 1 (γ/Π^0 rej. + angular meas.)

 $\Delta \eta \cdot \Delta \phi = 0.003 \times 0.1$

Layer 2 (shower max)

 $\Delta \eta. \Delta \phi = 0.025 \times 0.0.25$

Layer 3 (Hadronic leakage)

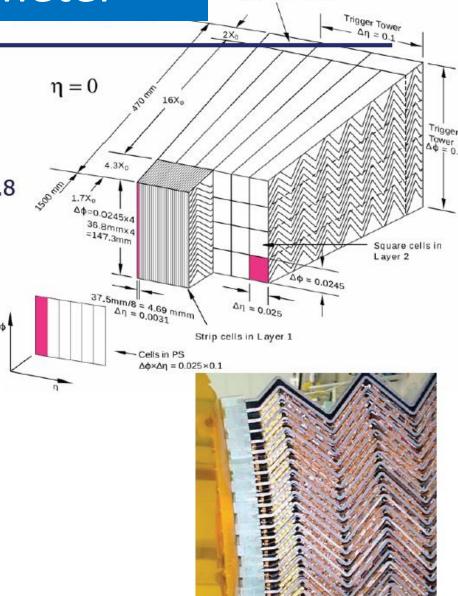
 $\Delta \eta. \Delta \phi = 0.05 \times 0.0.025$

Energy Resolution: design for η~0

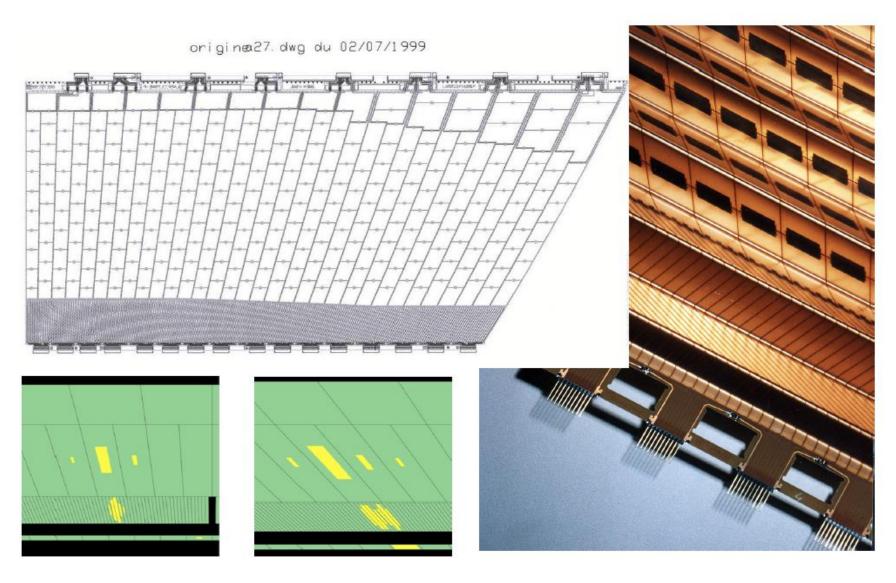
 $\Delta E/E \sim 10\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 150 \text{ MeV/E} \oplus 0.7\%$

Angular Resolution

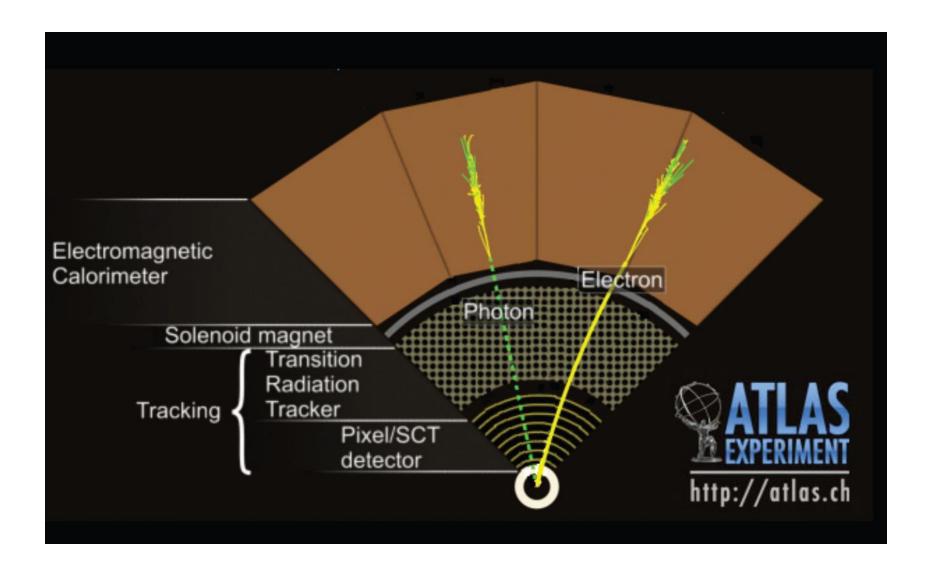
50mrad/√E(GeV)



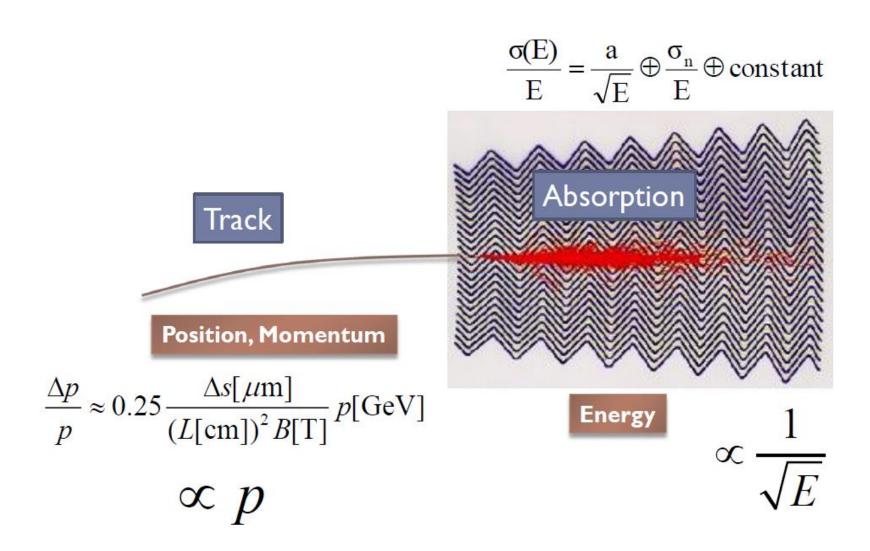
The segmentation



Particle identification with tracker and calo

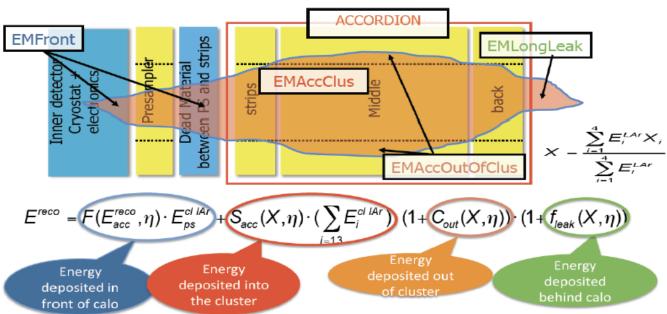


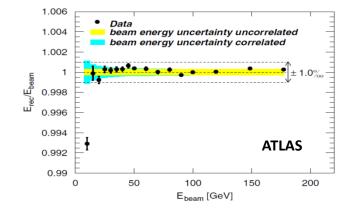
Position, momentum, energy



Cluster energy reconstruction

- E_{rec}: Need to correct E_{acc} for losses
 - in matter in front of calorimeter (IDI + cryostat)
 - Between Crysotat & Accordion
 - Loss outside the cluster E_{outcluster}
 - Rear leakage E_{leak}
- Use MC

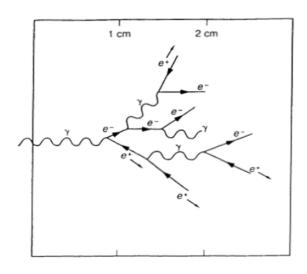




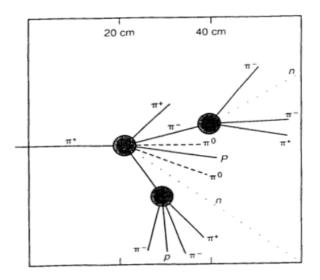
Hadronic calorimeters

- Hadronic Calorimeters, as EM calorimeters measure the energy of the incident particle(s) by fully absorbing the energy and prividing measurement of absorbed energy
- Hadronic showers are more complicated that EM ones. The longitudinal development is characterised by the nuclear interaction length (mean free path before interaction)

EM shower



Hadronic shower



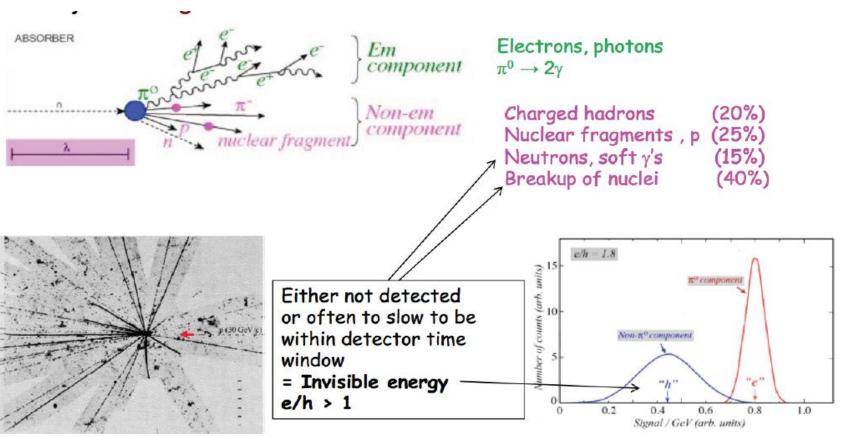
Hadronic showers

- Nuclear interaction length: mean free path before interaction $\lambda_{int} \approx 35 \text{ A}^{1/3} \cdot \text{g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$
- Nuclear interaction length is longer than radiation length

Material	Atomic No. (Z)	No. Length (X_0)		Interaction Length (λ) (g/cm^2) (cm)		λ/X ₀	
Beryllium Carbon Aluminum Iron Copper Tungsten Lead Uranium	_4 _6 13 26 29 74 82 92	65.19 42.70 24.01 13.84 12.86 6.76 6.37 6.00	35.28 18.8_ 8.9_ 1.76 1.43 0.35 0.56 0.32	75.2 86.3 106.4 131.9 134.9 185 194 199	40.7 38.1 39.4 16.8 15.1 9.6 17.1 10.5	1.2 2.0 4.4 9.5 15.1 27.4 30.5 33.2	higher Z materials separate hadronic/EM interactions better

Hadronic showers

- Hadronic showers are
 - Broader and more penetrating
 - Subject to large fluctuations

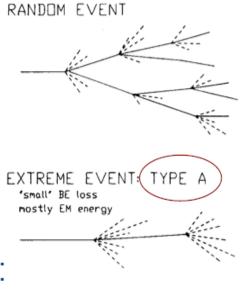


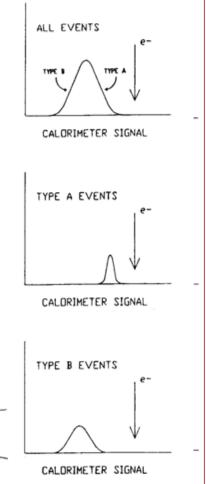
Hadronic showers: resolution

- fluctuations of en. measurement
 - the most important fluctuation: binding energy (BE) losses
 - correlated with EM shower energy fraction

• optimal resolution:

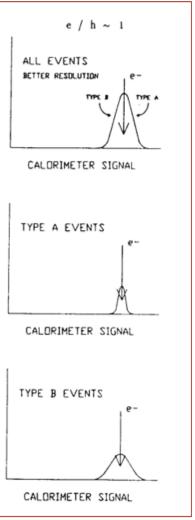
need to equalize
response of type A large BE loss
vs. type B



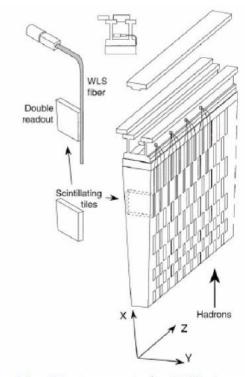


e / h > 1

compensation: e/h~1



ATLAS Hadronic Calorimeter (Tile)



Fe/Scint with WLS fiber Readout via PMT



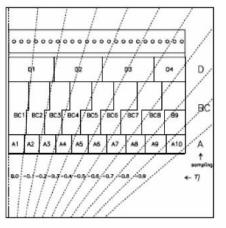


Figure 5-15 Cell geometry of half of a barrel module. The fibres of each cell are routed to one PMT.

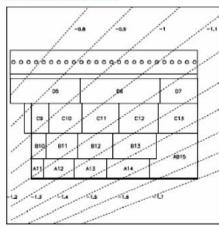


Figure 5-16 Proposed cell geometry for the extended barrel modules (version "a la barrel").

Hadronic and EM calorimeters

EM calorimeters

- Very well understood theoretically
- Technology continue to advance
- Have good energy resolution (2-10%/E^{1/2})
- EM showers develop through brems and pair production
- Characteristic length is radiation length X₀

Hadronic calorimeters

- Hadronic showers are more complex
- Hadronic calorimeters have worse energy resolution than EM ones (40-100%/E^{1/2})
- Hadronic showers develop through nuclear interaction
- Characteristic length is interaction length λ

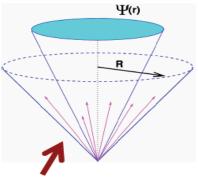
Not always measure individual particles

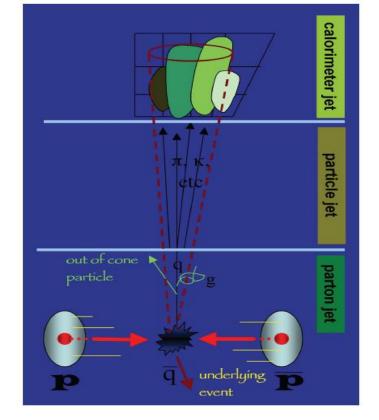
 A "jet" is a narrow cone of hadrons and other particles produced by the hadronization of a quark or gluon

Jets are often best measured by total absorption rather than

measurement of individual particles

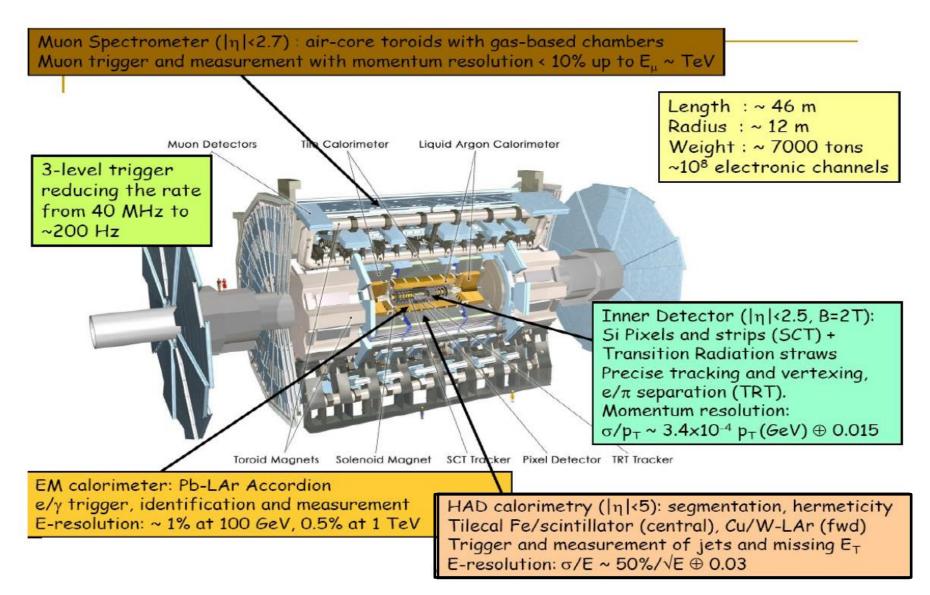
- Processes creating jets are complicated
 - Parton fragmentation, with electromagnetic or hadronic showering in the detector
- Jet reconstruction is difficult
- Jet energy scale and reconstruction is large source of uncertainty



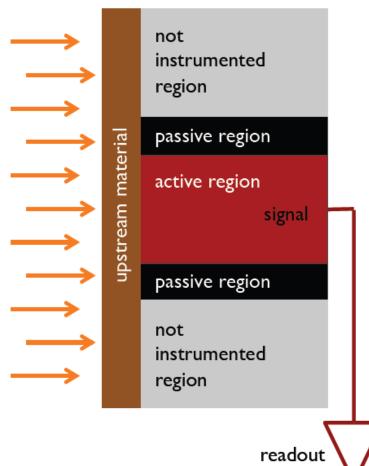


Measure energy in a "cone"

The ATLAS detector



Detectors are imperfect



Detection efficiency

$$\varepsilon = \frac{N_{\rm detected}}{N_{\rm incident}} = M \cdot R \cdot D$$

- ✓ M = P(entering active region)
 - Upstream material, entrance windows, ...
- \checkmark R = P(generating signal)
 - · Interaction cross sections, response, fluctuations, ...
- ✓ D = P(signal gets registered)
 - Readout properties, thresholds, ...

Acceptance

- ✓ Instrumented/reactive region of the phase space (e.g. pseudorapity, azimuthal angle, but also energy/momentum)
 - dynamic range

Nuclear Instruments & Methods in Physics Research

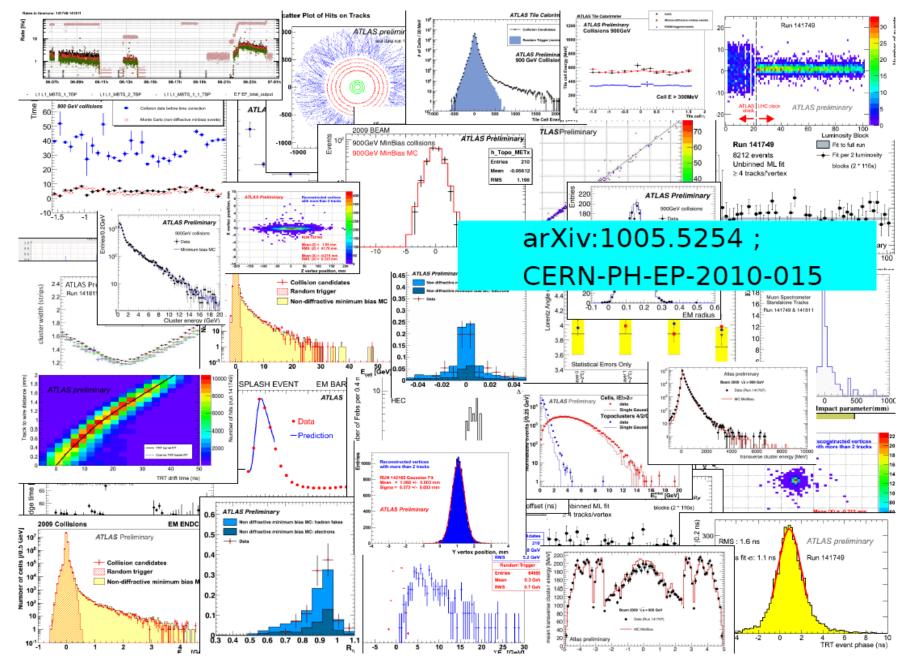
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Instrumentation and detector technologies for frontier high energy physics

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Technological advances in radiation detection have been pioneered and led by particle physics. The ever increasing complexity of the experiments in high energy physics has driven the need for developments in high performance silicon and gaseous tracking detectors, electromagnetic and hadron calorimetry, transition radiation detectors and novel particle identification techniques. Magnet systems have evolved with superconducting magnets being used in present and, are being designed for use in, future experiments. The alignment system, being critical for the overall detector performance, has become one of the essential design aspects of large experiments. The electronic developments go hand in hand to enable the exploitation of these detectors designed to operate in the hostile conditions of radiation, high rate and luminosity. This volume provides a panorama of the state-of-the-art in the field of radiation detection and instrumentation for large experiments at the present and future particle accelerators.



Summary

Detectors are designed and built to make specific physics measurements i.e. detectors are very specific for each physics subject

Detector techniques are based on particle interaction with matter ultimately on very low energy interactions.

The detector properties and their performance are the key to high quality physics results.

Instrumentation is evolving fast; physics requirements are increasing (rarer and rarer processes, precision measurements): each generation of detector has improved performance with respect to the preceding generation.

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