Particle detectors and large HEP experiments

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Outline

Detectors requirements for HEP experiments :

- Physics inputs
- Constraints
- Overall concept of HEP experiment detectors
- Basic concepts of particle interaction in matter :
 - Heavy charge particles
 - Electrons/photons
 - Muons
 - Quarks/Gluons→ Jets
- Detector technologies :
 - Charge particle detectors : gaseous and solid state detectors
 - Calorimeters
 - Particle identification detectors
 Slides with *** will probably not be discussed

Caution : The topic is very broad and it will be a non sense to believe to cover all detectors/technologies in ~2h so I have made (biased ?) choices

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- Particle Data Book

+ excellent talks at CERN summer school / academic training

Constraint on HEP detectors/experiments



Detector requirements (I)

Ideal detector should allow to measure and identify all end products of a collision :

- Charged leptons

electron : charged particle + electromagnetic interaction with matter

- muon : **charged** particle + **small** interaction in matter (lifetime ~10⁻⁶s)
- Tau : charged particle but lifetime ~2.10⁻¹⁷ s, **reconstruct** from decay products

- Photons

Neutral particle + (electromagnetic) interaction in matter

Hadrons (quarks/gluons not directly detected → jets)
 Charged hadrons with (electromagnetic and nuclear) interaction in matter
 Neutral hadrons with (nuclear) interaction in matter
 (Special case of B hadrons with lifetime ~10⁻¹²s)

Neutrinos : no interaction in matter but deduced from energy/momentum conservation (missing energy)

Detector requirements (II)

Charged particle : Deviation in a magnetic field, non destructive measurement of charge and momentum Lorentz force : p(GeV)=0.3 B(T) R(m) p a<0 B

Energy measurement : Calorimeter techniques by stopping particle in dense materials where a signal proportional to energy is measured. Material is different for electromagnetic (e[±],γ) and hadronic interaction

Particle identification: Use behaviors dependent on γ =E/m (dE/dx, transition radiation effect) or speed β =v/c (cerenkov light, time of flight measurement)

Detector geometry



Look at collision products in a small open angle along beam axis Plane detectors perpendicular to beam Particles to be detected over whole solid angle (4π) Detectors arranged around beam axis with "onion structure"

LHC experiments



LHC detectors

2800 participants & > 150 Institutes









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CMS detector (LHC experiment)



CMS detector (LHC experiment)



Detector environment :e⁺ e⁻ collision

e⁺e⁻ collision : small interaction rate (electromagnetic and weak interaction process) electron are point-like particles :

- Center of mass energy / momentum well defined
- Clean final state

Example of LEP Experiments (e+e- collisions at CERN in LHC tunnel) :

- At 91 GeV (Z mass) (1989-1995)



- Up to 209 GeV for Higgs search and new particles + W mass measurement (1996-2000)





vertex position measurement \rightarrow B hadrons



Need detectors near interaction point

Detector environment :pp collision LHC

pp collision : large cross section (strong interaction) and high luminosity :

- 8 interactions in average per bunch crossing now at LHC
- Bunch crossing ultimately every 25 ns (now 50ns) :
 - \rightarrow high radiation environment (dedicated materials)
 - → detector speed (fast electronics) and fine detector segmentation to reduce pile-up collision
 - \rightarrow need to have efficient trigger to reduce data flow



 $\sqrt{s} = \sqrt{(x_1 x_2)} (2E_{beam})$: different from one event to another depending on fraction taken by quark and gluon Initial energy/momentum not known but constraint in transverse plane : quark/gluon have no p_T

Radiation levels at LHC in ATLAS



100 Rad ~ 6.2410¹² MeV/kg deposited energy (1J/kg)

Strong constraint on detector technology and electronics : ageing in gaseous detectors , pollution in liquids detectors, light loss (transparency) in scintillators/cerenkov, atom displacement in solid detectors

Primary vertex in LHC collisions



$Z \rightarrow$ e+e- in pp collisions with ATLAS



$Z \rightarrow$ e+e- in PbPb collisions with ATLAS



Another nice candidate



Large majority of the physics detection processes are well known and studied since long time and based mainly on electromagnetic interaction : ionization, excitation, photo-electric effect, pair creation / bremsstrahlung, cerenkov effect, transition radiation....



All the cleverness lies in the best way to use these processes to build a detector and to measure a signal :

- Electric signal : charge collection (drift in an electrical field)
- Optic signal : Light collection
- (- Thermal : temperature , bolometer, not discussed in these lessons)

Most of the progress in detection has been allowed by the impressive progress in electronics/computing (speed, low noise, complex logic online...)

Charged particle interaction in matter (I)



Incident particle is slowing down, loosing kinetic energy through collisions mainly with atomic electrons (Coulomb interaction)

-The energy exchanged is large enough to eject an electron, ionization and electron charge collection : $X \rightarrow X^+ + e^-$

-The atom or molecule is excited to a higher energy level and produced some light through de-excitation (light collection) : $X^* \rightarrow X + \gamma$

- Under some conditions real photon can be produced : Emission of Cerenkov (if v > c/n) or transition (discontinuous refractive index) radiation These two processes contribute very little to the energy loss (< 5%) and will be neglected to describe charged particle energy loss

Average energy loss per unit length dE/dx of a particle of charge z in a material of atomic number A/Z, in low energy approximation (Bethe Bloch formulae)

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

$$N_A: \text{ Avogadro number}$$

$$r_e: \text{ classical electron radius}$$

$$\rho: \text{ density}$$

$$I: \text{ atom ionization constant}$$

$$\beta = v/c$$

$$\gamma = E/m$$

$$r_e = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{m_e c^2}$$

Formulae need to be modified for electron/positron (incident electron can be deflected. Moreover at high energy other interaction process for electron in matter)

Energy loss for charged heavy particles : m>>m_e (III)

$$\frac{1}{\rho}\frac{dE}{dx} = 4\pi N_A r_e^2 m_e c^2 Z^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} (\ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \gamma^2 \beta^2}{I} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta}{2} - 2\frac{C}{Z})$$

- Independent of incoming particle mass

- proportional to Z/A of the absorber material, to density (ρ) and z^2
- in low energy domain, decreases as $1/\beta^2$ ($\beta^{-5/3}$) "slower particle loose more energy "

- reach a minimum around $\gamma\beta$ = 3-4, called Minimum Ionizing Particles or mips quite similar for all elements ~2 MeV/(g/cm²)

- Above minimum, relativistic rise as $2\ln(\gamma)$

- δ term important at high energy : comes from polarization of the atoms along incoming particle \rightarrow screening effect of the field, decreases loss at high energy

- C term important at low energy to take into account effects which appear when β of the particle ~ β of bound electrons.

Charged particle interaction in matter (IV)



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Interlude Hadrontherapy

Electron : most of the energy released in first cm Photon : Large energy loss all over the path (X rays therapy) C ions : heavy charged particle : most of the energy lost at the end of path (Braggs peak)





Comparison X rays vs proton beam

Tumour between the eyes

IMRT - 9 X –ray beams

1 proton beam



A few illustrative numbers...

Energy loss of a 10 GeV muon in 1cm of plastic scintillator (ρ =1) or a gas chamber (ρ =0.001) ?

Muons can be considered as a mip with 2 MeV/(g/cm^2) $\rightarrow 2 \text{ MeV}$ in 1 cm scintillator $\rightarrow 2 \text{ keV}$ in 1 cm of gas To stop a 450 GeV muon beam, will need 900 m of concrete (density 2.5) ! Easy to understand why they exit from detector...

How many meters of air to stop an α particle of 2 MeV ?

Particle with very low β (below the minimum ionization) dE/dx around 700 MeV /(g/cm²) and $\rho = 1g/I \rightarrow 0.7$ MeV/cm Can stop a α in 2-3 cm of air

Interaction of electron/positron in matter

Energy loss for electrons/positrons involve mainly two different physics mechanisms:

-Excitation/ionization as for heavy charged particle but with revisited formulae -Bremsstrahlung : emission of photon by scattering with the nucleus

electrical field

$$-\frac{dE}{dx}(brem) = (4N_A \frac{Z^2 \alpha^3 (\hbar c)^2}{m_e^2 c^4} \ln \frac{183}{Z^{1/3}})E$$

Proportional to E and 1/m²

Dominant process for electrons E > 1 GeV (and ultra relativistic muons)

High Z material to stop electrons (Pb)

$$\left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{tot} = \left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{Brem} + \left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{ion}$$

$$e^{-}$$

 $\sqrt{\alpha}$
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 $\sqrt{e^{-}}$
 $Z\sqrt{\alpha}$

Interaction of electron/positron in matter



Multiple scattering

Momentum transfer \rightarrow change in direction (Rutherford scattering) If the material is thick enough \rightarrow multiple scattering, effect on average null for many particles but seen as a fluctuation (important for position resolution)



Photon interaction in matter



Electromagnetic shower



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Electromagnetic shower

In a dense material, cascade of pair production + Bremsstrahlung until the energy of charged secondaries has been degraded to an energy dominated by ionization loss (below E_c)



3T Field, L=3.5 m, X₀≈34 cm, 50 GeV incident electron

Muon interaction in matter



 $m_{\mu} \sim 200 m_e \rightarrow$ Bremsstrahlung only at high energy (~TeV) Muons are the only charged particles escaping detectors.
Hadron (quark/gluon) interaction in matter (I)

Quark & gluon can not be directly observed (fragmentation and hadronisation) : production of neutral and charged hadrons



Particle flow along the quark/gluon direction : jet

Interaction of charged/neutral hadrons involves mainly nuclear interaction : excitation and nucleus break-up, production of secondary particles + fragment



Hadronic shower : typically 10 times wider and deeper than EM showers

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Hadronic shower

Convenient to introduce the (hadronic) absorption length :

$$\lambda_{I(a)} = \frac{A}{N_A \sigma}_{total(inel)} \propto A^{1/3} , N = N_0 e^{-\frac{x}{\lambda_a}}$$

Absorber depth to stop hadron much larger than for electron/photon showers.





Large fluctuation of the shower development

Energy resolution will be worse than for EM shower Non linear and tails...

Now ready to design detectors !!!

- Charged particle measurement

- Momentum measurement magnetic field
- Magnetic field configuration
- position detectors : gaseous detectors and solid state detectors

-Energy measurement

- Electromagnetic calorimeters
- Hadronic calorimeters

- Particle identification detectors (if time left)

- Time of flight measurement
- Cerenkov detectors
- Radiation transition detectors

Charged particle in B field : p(GeV)=0.3 B(T) R(m)Measure sagitta s from track arc R $s \approx \frac{0.3}{8} \frac{L^2 B}{p_T} \longrightarrow \frac{\sigma(p_T)}{p_T} = \frac{\sigma_s . 8 p_T}{0.3.BL^2}$ Relative uncertainty proportional to p_{T} (not optimal for high momentum !) and sagitta uncertainty (detector performance) Better to have strong B field and long path length L $\sigma_s = \sqrt{\frac{720}{N \pm 4}} \frac{\sigma_x}{9}$ Sagitta uncertainty from N (detectors) points linearly spaced : Should also include deterioration of resolution due to $\sigma_s \propto \frac{L}{p_T \sin^{1/2} \theta} \sqrt{\frac{L}{X_0}}$ multiple scattering

Knowing accurately the position of the detectors is crucial \rightarrow alignment, will not be discussed at all in these lessons....

Expected momentum resolution



Spectrometer resolution different due to different magnetic field configurations (see later). When spectrometer measurement combined with inner detector measurements, similar performances in ATLAS & CMS

Which magnetic field ?

Two main categories in magnets : solenoid (most frequent) or toroid

CMS solenoid, 12.9m long with 5.9 m inner diameter \rightarrow 4 T , 2.7 GJ !





B field much more complex \rightarrow field map measurement

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Magnetic field configuration

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Measurement using the iron solenoid return flux (not very homogeneous) Only one magnetic solenoid with a large field (4 T) Muons see large material (Fe) so resolution is strongly limited by multiple scattering at ~10 %







Chambers are inside coil. Less material/multiple scattering so Robust standalone measurement Huge and complex magnet system In ATLAS need also a solenoid (2T) for inner detector.





They should detect the passage of a charged track. Two main classes of detectors :

- Gaseous detectors :

well adapted as low density material (small amount of x_0) and small multiple scattering and quite cheap

Not always suited for high rate environment (pp collider) as quite slow but a lot of progress in this direction with Micro-gazeous detectors

Continuous improvement since 60'

-Solid state detectors :

Used for energy measurement (Si, Ge, Ge(Li)) since long time at low energy (nuclear physics, $E/\Delta E$ measurement).

Use as precision device in High Energy physics (due to advance in micro-electronic techniques) since LEP : very high granularity (precision) and small devices but no charge multiplication mechanism and quite dense

Gas detectors : principle



2) Amplification : add an electrical field E, primary/secondary electrons from ionization can get enough energy to induce new ionization

- → amplification/avalanche : current or charge large enough / noise
- \rightarrow various regime depending on Voltage with amplification up to 10⁸
- NB : Choice of the gas could be a key point Need quenching element to prevent permanent discharge ! but ageing.... Should find the best compromise



 \rightarrow new avalanches \rightarrow permanent discharges !

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Anode after detector use

The quenching molecules dissociate in smaller molecules which are deposited on the anode and acts as an insulating : Loss of efficiency with time and/or high flux...



Historical tracking detectors : cylindrical proportional counter



Proportional counter : voltage operation mode



Wire chambers (Charpak)





field lines and equipotentials around anode wires



Typical parameters L=8 mm, d=2 mm, Wire diameter (W gold plated) : 20-30 μ Optimum for L/d≈3-4 If digital readout (fired wires above a threshold), $\sigma \sim d/\sqrt{12} \sim 600 \mu m$ - Smaller d will give better resolution but limited by electrostatic force between wires

-Mechanical tolerance :
d/L>=1.5*10⁻³V(kV)√(20g/T(in gr))

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Modern MWPC

ATLAS TGC : endcap μ measurement



Use in saturated mode M ~10⁶ Fast signal (risetime in ~2ns) Quite robust

Babar, Belle, ATLAS/CMS μ trigger Resistive Plate chamber : No wires !



Use near streamer mode M ~10⁸ Fast signal (risetime in ~2ns) Efficiency improve with multi layers Operation not always so easy but widely used for trigger

Drift chamber : measure arrival time of signal



Measurement of time arrival with respect to external trigger.

Needs to know :

- Drift velocity
- Diffusion over long distance

Mainly used for low environment (but also in ALICE) with Time Projection Chamber

Advantages : less wires and large volume (cost), mechanical structure with less constraint but slow signal and needs external trigger

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Time Projection Chambers

Can combine drift along z + end-planes x&y measurement : 3D measurement Use of electrical and magnetic field (solenoid) along z .B help to reduction multiple diffusion along z



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ALICE heavy ion event display



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Faster and better precision : Micro pattern gaseous detectors



Discharge should be avoided : damage and/or dead time + ageing.....



Micro Megas



Both GEM and Micro Megas in operation in COMPASS since 2002 and no aging problem observed $% 10^{-2}$ in a 25 kHz/mm 2 environment. Could be used for μ at SLHC

Advantages : (example of Si)

- High radiation hardness
- Can accept very large flux and have very small segmentation
- Rigid detectors so self "supporting structures"
- Energy to create e-/hole pair is very low 3.6 eV (1/10 of gas)
- High density 2.33 g/cm² . dE/dx per track is 390 eV/µm \rightarrow 108 e/h pairs and High mobility : 1450 cm²/Vs for electron and 450 for holes
 - \rightarrow small size and fast signal
- -Very good single point accuracy (a few μ m)

Disadvantages : No charge multiplication , no continuous tracking (layer structure) Needs cooling system to operate at low temperature (less radiation) High density : radiation length before calorimeter Cost (in general more expensive than gas detectors)

Reminder of solid state physics !



Electric

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At T=0 Semi Conductor is an insulator but when T electron density (n) = Hole density (p) = n_i \rightarrow 1.45.10¹⁰/cm³ for silicon (given by exp(-Eg/kT)

In a 1cm x 1cm x 300 μ m detector already 4.5.10⁸ free charges against 3.2.10⁴ e/h produced for a mip particle \rightarrow S/ \sqrt{N} =1 no chance to see signal

Need to create a region with no free charge carriers

Add doping attracting hole & electron in semiconductor

 \rightarrow When in contact, produce a region with no free electron/hole and a potential difference.

 \rightarrow Add a V across the junction can be fully depleted.

→ Now can hope to see mip particle across The detector !

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Some examples of detectors : micro strips sensors



~50 µm strip pitch



CMS tracker

- full silicon tracker
- 210 m² of silicon
- 10.7 M channels

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Can use same substrate for sensor and electronics : CMOS detectors with IPHC as one of the world's expert lab.



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Summary track detectors

- Charged track detectors have taken full benefit of progress in magnets (supra) with high field and dimensions, and electronics developments. Whatever technologies B field knowledge + alignment of detectors is needed (can use real events)
- Gaseous are used since 60' but have really a new revival with the micro strips gas chambers high flux no more a problem. Good resolution can be really good with pixel readout Many many applications, not only in HEP
 - New TPC will probably use these readout devices in future LC experiments project
- Solid state detectors : considerable progress in // with electronics readout.

one order of magnitude in their use with the LHC experiment (200 m² in CMS detector of Si strips !)

Many R&D to improve radiation hardness, readout speed, material budget.....





- measurement by total absorption with signal $\propto E$
- Calorimeters are key detectors in experiment as :
- -Work for charged particles (electrons + hadrons) and neutral particles (photon, neutron...)
- -The resolution through cascade provides a resolution $\propto 1/\sqrt{E}$ so improving with energy (dp/p \propto p)
- -The depth of a calorimeter goes as ln(E) while for a spectrometer at constant resolution it goes like \sqrt{p} .
- Able to measure jets energy alone
- Provide position/angular measurements (for photons) and contribute to particle identification when segmented laterally and longitudinally
- Can be fast : trigger and time measurement
- Full coverage allow to measure missing energy

Energy resolution



Energy resolution

Usually parameterized by (stands also for hadron calorimeter):

$$\frac{\sigma}{\mathsf{E}} = \frac{\mathsf{a}}{\sqrt{\mathsf{E}}} \oplus \mathsf{b} \oplus \frac{\mathsf{c}}{\mathsf{E}}$$



a : intrinsic resolution or stochastic term

 \rightarrow given by technology choice

c : contribution of electronics noise

+ at LHC pile up noise...

 \rightarrow given by electronics design

b : constant term, it contains all the imperfection, response variation versus position (uniformity), time (stability), temperature....

 \rightarrow Constraints on all aspects : mechanics, electronics....

Linearity is also important : signal \propto E over large dynamics with material upstream, lateral and longitudinal leakage

Calorimeters technologies

Homogeneous calorimeters

- Material used to develop shower (dense) is also producing the signal proportional to E (only EM calorimeter) :
- -Cristal calorimeters : Nal, Csl, PbW0₄ (X_0 =2.2 cm)
 - → Light signal
- Noble liquids: Ar, Kr (4.7), Xe(2.8)
 - \rightarrow ionization signal (+light)
- + Large fraction of the energy released is measured \rightarrow good intrinsic energy resolution (3% / \sqrt{E})
- Usually expensive as rare material. No longitudinal segmentation

Sampling calorimeters

Only solution for hadronic calorimeters to be compact. Alternate dense material (absorber, Pb, W) to develop shower and active layer to measure signal (noble liquid/gas, Si layer, scintillator....)

- + can have longitudinal segmentation, in principle cheaper detector
- Some energy released in absorber thus large fluctuation : worse intrinsic energy resolution ~10%/ \sqrt{E} for EM, 50% for had

Example of homogeneous calorimeter : CMS



Examples of homogeneous calorimeter with crystals : Babar



Sampling calorimeters



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Example of sampling calorimeter : ATLAS



Lateral segmentation



Example of sampling calorimeters : LHCb & CALICE







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Example of Hadron calorimeters



CMS Hadron calorimter
Cu absorber + scintillators
2 x 18 wedges (barrel)
+ 2 x 18 wedges (endcap) ≈ 1500 T absorber





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Summary calorimeters

1) Electromagnetic calorimeter, only approach to measure high energy photon. Better also for electron energy measurement, as resolution improves as $1/\sqrt{E}$.

- → Best sampling term given by homogeneous calorimeters (crystal/noble liquid).
- → Constant term is dominant at high energy: importance of uniformity/stability response.
- → In real experiment, material upstream +B field are a main concern : photon conversion, electron bremsstrahlung
- New crystals on the market (LSO,LYSO) similar density as PWO, 200 more light, no temperature sensitivity.... mass production ?

2) Hadronic calorimeter (sampling calorimeters) and jet reconstruction : - classical sampling calorimeters used at hadrons colliders, limited at 50-60 %/ \sqrt{E} for

jets. Small improvement with the energy weighting of the cells.

-Two new approaches :

PFA approach with combination of all detectors and fine calorimeter granularity to track any particle (particle multiplicy should not be too high, easier in e+e-)

- Use of different techniques to detect independently each contribution to the energy deposit (all, em fraction, neutron....).

Why particle identification (I)



Why particle identification (2)



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PID with calorimeters : example ATLAS



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PID at low momentum : $e/\pi/K/p$

Use physics process sensitive to particle mass or speed :

-Transition radiation (sensitive to γ =E/m): distinguish electron from heavy charged particles

- TOF : measure particle speed : two particles of same energy have different speed if different mass

- dE/dx : dependence on γ and β

Rich detectors : linked to particle speed in the medium
 Most of the time need to combine two techniques and/or with p momentum





dE/dx measurements



Time of flight measurement



Cerenkov effect

Cerenkov radiation is emitted when a charged particle passes through a dielectric medium with a velocity > threshold speed (speed of light in the medium)



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Example of Cerenkov detectors : LHCb



Radiation transition effect

Electromagnetic radiation is emitted when a charged particle traverses a Medium with discontinuous refractive index (at the transition)

Radiated energy
$$w = \frac{1}{3} \alpha \hbar \omega_{\gamma}$$

 $\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{N_e e^2}{\varepsilon_0 m_e}} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} \text{plasma} \\ \text{frequency} \end{pmatrix} \quad \hbar \omega_p \approx 20 \text{eV} \text{ (plastic radiators)}$

Photons emitted with max angle $\theta = 1/\gamma$ Typical spectrum in CH2 foil



Only high energy electrons will give some signal Number of photon / transition about $\alpha = 1/137$! \rightarrow Need a lot of transitions R D R D R D R D

Radiator should be low Z (not re absorb the photons by photo electric effect !) Xray detectors : gaseous detectors (drift chamber, MWPC, straw tubes...) Signal should be larger than dE/dx to be detected by threshold !

Example of TR detectors : ALICE & ATLAS



ATLAS



ALICE



TPC : dE/dx

EM calo (PHOS EMcal)

Conclusion

- Detection of particle based on quite simple physics mechanisms, most of them very well known and simulated
- Detectors development (R&D) is a very rich domain in continuous evolution with a lot of new clever ideas (ILC, SLHC, Super B....) and using high technology
- Conception of an experiment is always a difficult enterprise : the best technology can be spoiled by the environment where it is used. Should define it with respect to the physics goals.
- A good experiment is not only good detectors but efficient trigger (for hadron collider) and easy/efficient software
- Understanding the detector response correctly is an absolutely needed step before claiming any discovery/physics results