# Detectors

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# The Standard Model



#### The SM:

- world is made up of quarks and leptons
- interacting by exchanging bosons
- only photons directly visible
- How do we see without seeing?
- What makes Particle Detection possible?

# **Particle Reactions**



- Idealistic View:
  - Elementary Particle Reaction
- Usually cannot "see" the reaction itself
- To reconstruct the
  - o **process** and the
  - particle properties

#### need maximum information about end-products



### Principle of an Elementary Particle Measurement







- Need good:
  - Detectors
  - o Triggers,
  - Readout
  - $\succ$  to reconstruct the mess.
- Need good:
  - o Analyzers
  - to put the raw data into a piece of physics.

Time

# **Example of two Reactions**

Tracks in a Bubble Chamber (Bubble chambers are not used any more).

Simulated Super LHC event. (People started to think about a LHC upgrade).





The decay products of elementary particle reactions can look very complicated!

# **Global Detector Systems**

- Overall design depends on:
  - Number of particles
  - Event topology
  - Momentum/energy
  - Particle identity

- No single detector measures it all...
- Create detector systems

# **Global Detector Systems**

Fixed Target Geometry

**Collider Geometry** 





Limited solid angle dΩ coverage
Easy access (cables, maintenance)

Full" solid angle dΩ coverage
Very restricted access



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- neural particles
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# Individual Detector Types

- Modern detectors consist of many different pieces of equipment to measure different aspects of an event.
- Measuring a particle's properties:

е,

- $\circ$  Position
- Momentum
- Energy
- o Charge
- o Type



# Particle Decay Signatures



- Particles are detected via their interaction with matter.
- Many types of interactions are involved,
  - mainly electromagnetic.
- In the end, always rely on ionization and excitation of matter.

### Particle Decay Signatures in CMS



# Particle Decay Signatures in CMS



### Particle Decay Signatures in Atlas



### Particle Decay Signatures in Atlas



# Particle Identification Methods

Constituante	Vertex	Track	PID	Ecal	Hcal	Muon
Electron	Primary	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-	-
Photon	Primary	-	-	$\checkmark$	-	-
u, d, gluon	Primary	$\checkmark$	-	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-
Neutrino	-	-	-	-	-	-
S	Primary	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-
c, b, tau	Secondary	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-
Muon	Primary	$\checkmark$	-	MIP	MIP	$\checkmark$

- PID = Particle ID (TOF, dE/dx)
- MIP = Minimum Ionizing Particle



# Particle Detection Methods

Signature	Detector Type	Particle
Jet of hadrons	Calorimeter, Tracking	u, c, t $\rightarrow$ Wb, d, s, b, g
Missing energy	Calorimeter	$\nu_{e'} \nu_{\mu'} \nu_{\tau}$
Electromagnetic shower	EM Calorimeter	e, γ
Purely ionization interactions, dE/dx	Muon absorber	M, τ $\rightarrow$ μν <sub>μ</sub> ν <sub>τ</sub>
Life time, $c\tau \ge 100 \ \mu m$	Si-Tracking	b, c, τ



# Quiz: Decays of a Z boson

- Z bosons have a very short lifetime, decaying in ~10-27 s, so that:
  - only decay particles are seen in the detector.
  - By looking at these detector signatures, identify the daughters of the Z boson.







But some daughters can also decay:







More fun with Z bosons: http://opal.web.cern.ch/Opal/events/opalpics.html

# Principles of a measurement

- The particle must **interact** with the detector material:
  - transfer directly or indirectly energy to the medium they are traversing
  - o via ionization or excitation of its constituent atoms.
- An effect of the interaction must be measured:
   o Ionization:

- Excitation and scintillation:
- Cerenkov radiation
- Signals from electron-hole pairs (Si-detectors)
- The particle may also be affected by the interaction:
   o energy loss, scattering and absorption

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# Measurable Properties of particles

- Production / passage of a particle
- Four-Momentum of particle
- Charge of particle
- Lifetime of particle

# How does one measure the Four-Momentum?

• Energy:

with a "calorimeter" (see tomorrow)

- Momentum:
  - with a "magnetic field + track detector"





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Proportional Counters and Drift Chambers

# **Charged Particle Tracking**

- Two main types:
  - Gas wire chambers
  - o Silicon
- Innermost detectors:
  - $\blacktriangleright$  precise tracking  $\rightarrow$  use Si-Detectors!
- Outer detectors:
  - o silicon too expensive!
  - (not true for LHC-detectors also use silicon).
- Basic design: ionization chamber with HV sense wire:



Amplification of 10<sup>3</sup> - 10<sup>5</sup> in high field near wire

# **Ionization Wire Chambers**

- Wire Chambers:
  - Most commonly used detection devices in high energy physics experiments.
- The Basics of Wire Chambers:
  - Charged particles travels through a gas
  - Gas is ionized by the particle
  - Ionization drifts & diffuses in an electric field toward an electrode
  - Collection and amplification of anode signal charge
  - detectable signals
  - Measurement of points on trajectory determines p



### Processes in Gases

- When a charged particle passes through gases subject to an E field, it loses energy by:
  - Elastic scattering (small)
  - Excitation: gas atoms/molecules
  - $\circ$  Excite then de-excite by  $\gamma$  emission
  - Ionization (most important)
- Ionization:
  - One or more electrons are liberated from atoms of the medium,
  - leaving positive ions and electrons.
  - Energy imparted to atom exceeds ionization potential of gas.



TABLE IX.	
Gas.	Ionization Potential.
Argon	15.6
Nitrogen	15.8
Carbon Monoxide	15.0
Hydrogen	15.1
Helium	20.5
Mercury vapor	10.1
Iodine vapor	8.5

# Principle of Gas Detectors



- Primary Ionization
- Secondary Ionization (due to δ-electrons)

# Number of Ions v. Voltage



#### Simplest case: Parallel plate capacitor



# Number of Ions v. Voltage

#### Ionization chamber:

- Voltage increased such that the charge arriving on plates =
   charge formed
- charge formed
- Proportional region:
  - Initial electrons accelerated enough to ionize more;
  - avalanche pulse proportional to primary ionization

 $\circ$  reaches ~10<sup>8</sup>



# **Proportional Chambers**

- Cylindrical proportional tube of
  - outer radius b at
  - voltage  $V_0$  and
  - inner (wire) of radius a at voltage zero.
- Electric field inside the chamber:

• 
$$E = \frac{2l}{r}, V_0 = 2l \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right), V(r) = V_0 \frac{\ln(r/a)}{\ln(b/a)}, E(r) = \frac{V_0}{r \ln(b/a)}$$

- Charged particle ->
  - > Ionization.
  - e<sup>-</sup> move toward anode
  - High fields near wire
  - > Multiplication of e-s by collisions:
  - > at small r the energy gain can exceed ionization potential.
  - > Runaway process, like avalanche in PMTs.
- Typical Gas gain~10<sup>5</sup> 10<sup>8</sup>, Geiger region!



# Multi-wire Proportional Chambers

 MWPC invented by Charpak at CERN

- Principle of proportional counter is extended to large areas:
- Stack several wire planes up in different direction to get position location.



Nobel Prize 1992

G Charpak



# Multi-wire Proportional Chambers

G. Charpak Nobel Prize 1992





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# Drift Chambers - Field Formation



# Large Area Drift Chambers

- The "open cell" drift chamber uses
  - field and sense wires:
  - o field wires create shape of electric field,
  - sense wires detect time of arrival of pulse.
- Position of particle:  $x = x_{wire} + v_{drift} t_{drift}$





# Drift Chamber -Ambiguities











### Segmented Silicon Diode Sensors for Particle Detection



- For charged tracks resolution depend on:
  - segmentation pitch (strips, pixels)
  - charge sharing (angle, B-field, diffusion)
  - S/N performance of readout electronics
  - $\circ \ \delta\text{-rays}$

### Segmented Silicon Diode Sensors for Particle Detection



- Shared Charge collection on segmented electrodes due to:
  - Diffusion during drift time
  - Lorentz angle due to presence of B-field
  - $\circ$  Tilted tracks
- Individual readout of charge signal on electrodes allows position interpolation that is better than pitch of segmentation.

### Segmented Silicon Diode Sensors for Particle Detection



- Silicon microsrip detectors in HEP:
- Strip pitch =  $50\mu m$
- Position resolution ~1.5µm achieved

# Charge collection

- Electrons and holes
  - separated in the electric field and
  - collected on the implanted strips:
  - Electrons drift 10 ns
  - o Holes drift 25 ns
  - Need high-purity silicon to avoid trapping.



# Charge collection

#### • Position resolution:

- o **5-30 µm**
- $\circ$  for strip pitch of 50-100  $\mu m$
- better with pulse-height interpolation
- Silicon detectors are

   fast and have
   high resolution
- Further readout electronics required to amplify the charge
  - Need many channels to cover large areas.



# From Strips to Pixels

- very high rate & high multiplicity
  - requires 2 D segmentation of silicon sensors.
- connection to readout electronic chips !!



# Hybrid Pixel Detectors



Particle / X-ray → Signal Charge → Electr. Amplifier → Readout → Digital Data
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### **CMS** Pixel Detector

#### for the Large Hadron Collider



#### 768 pixel modules ~0.75 m<sup>2</sup>



# 48Mega Pixel Detector with 40 MHz Frame Rate



# **Cherenkov Radiation**

P. Cherenkov: 1935 Nobelpreis 1958

A light cone, so called Cherenkov radiation is emitted

- whenever charged particles pass through matter
- with a velocity v exceeding the velocity of light in the medium.
- Measure angle of light cone -> v of particle; Particle ID possible



airplane passing the sonic wall



Event of Super Kamiokande

See http://webphysics.davidson.edu/applets/applets.html for a nice illustration

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# Application in Astroparticle Physics







**Event Display Magic** 



# Some Literature

#### • Web:

- The Particle Detector BriefBook: http://rkb.home.cern.ch/rkb/PH14pp/node1.html
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