Particle identification

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Why particle identification ?

- Is particle X decaying to electrons or muons ? Which are the corresponding branching ratio ?
 - Understand properties (couplings) of this particle
- Use particle Identification to separate signal and backgrounds
 - To search for H->gamma gamma at LHC identify photons in the final state
- Use particle Identification to optimize measurement of complicated final state
 - «particle flow» event reconstruction in collider experiments

Cross-sections in hadron collider



High energy leptons give access to interesting physics processes

Some of these selections have to be done in real time (trigger) to reduce data rate to an acceptable level Example of Z->ee sample in UA2 experiment (1988-1990 data)



Detect Higgs boson through its decay to photons



Example of particle ID in flavor physics



many more examples where K/pion discrimination is important to study beauty and charm decays

Particle identification covers a wide range of techniques

- Exploit very different interaction of particles with matter (for instance calorimeter)
 - electron/photon/muon/hadron discrimination, neutrinos
- Measure mass of particle
 - Mass and charge enough to identify a particle
 - Once energy or momentum are measured, mass can be measured through measurement of beta (velocity) or gamma
 - mass from beta measurement works better a low energy
- Reconstruct decay of a particle to identify it
 - «identify» H by mass peak in H->gamma gamma
 - identify «long lived» particles by displaced decay vertex reconstruction

What is a «stable» particle ?

- Only few known particles are stable: photon, electron, proton, neutron(in nuclei), neutrinos
- Everything else decays but sometime are stable «enough» at the scale of the detector
- L = beta.gamma.c.tau
- Can a E=40 GeV muons (tau=2.2 10⁻⁶s) in a collider experiment (size ~20m) be considered stable ?
- Can a E=I GeV K0s (tau=8.9 10⁻¹¹s) in a LHC experiment be considered stable ? And a K0l (tau=5.10⁻⁸ s) ?
- In which cases can a charged pion (tau=2.6 10⁻⁸s) be considered stable ? And a neutral pion ?
- Particle Identification depends on the experimental context and which particles are «directly» detected and which particle are «indirectly» detected (through their decay products)

What is a «stable» particle ?

- Mean path length = beta.gamma.c.tau
- Can a E=40 GeV muons (tau=2.2 10⁻⁶s) in a collider experiment (size ~20m) be considered stable ?
 - => gamma ~380, L ~250 km
- Can a E=I GeV K0s (tau=8.9 10⁻¹¹s) in a LHC experiment be considered stable ? And a K0l (tau=5.10⁻⁸ s) ?
 - => gamma ~ 2, L ~5cm for K0s, L~30m (K0L)
 - Ks -> pi+pi- or pi0 pi0
- In which cases can a charged pion (tau=2.6 10⁻⁸s) be considered stable ? And a neutral pion ?
 - L>~m if beta>~0.1 for charged pions. pi0 lifetime 8.10⁻¹⁷s => ~never «stable»

Example of an experiment looking for new ultra rare muon decay

The MEG experiment (arXiv:1303.2348)

- A search for $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$ with the most intense DC muon beam of the world (3 x 10⁷ μ /s @ PSI, Switzerland);
- Running since 2008.



experiment since 2005 (RE-12)

Liq. Xe Scintillation Detector

LXe calorimeter for photon detection

16 drift chambers for positron tracking

30 scintillating bars for positron timing and trigger (Timing Counter, TC)

Exploiting different interactions with matter

- Mostly useful for e / muon / «hadron» discrimination
- In collider, high energy hadrons are not isolated but produced in «jets» from high energy quark and gluons
- Neutrinos are a special case

Muon energy loss



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Bremsstrahlung





Electron energy loss



Sketch of particle interactions in detector



C. Lippmann - 2003

X0 = distance in which electron energy is reduced by I/e by bremsstrahlung Lambda_I = interaction length for hadronic interaction



 $X_0 = \frac{716.4 \cdot A}{Z(Z+1) \ln \frac{287}{\sqrt{Z}}} \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$

How thick should a hadron calorimeter be ?





Calorimeter showers initiated by e / photon



Difference electron-photon ?

Photon has to convert first P(not convert) ~ exp(-7/9*x/x0) Moliere radius ~X0.(21MeV/Ec) cylinder of ~2 Rm contains ~ 95% of energy

Electron identification in hadron colliders

- High energy charged leptons are usually indication of «interesting» physics events, for instance decays of W or Z boson
- What are the backgrounds ?
- How to distinguish «good» electrons from them ?

Description of different type of electron backgrounds





Granularity of EM calorimeter to measure shower development







E/p



Combine different variables in a multivariate discriminant (likelihood, boosted decision tree, neural network. etc..)

$$d_{\mathcal{L}} = \frac{\mathcal{L}_S}{\mathcal{L}_S + \mathcal{L}_B}, \qquad \qquad \mathcal{L}_{S(B)}(\vec{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n P_{S(B),i}(x_i)$$



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Need data-driven measurement for precise knowledge of identification efficiency => Possible in LHC experiments thanks to large statistics of Z->ee decays





Electron charge

Calorimeter does not measure electron charge Use track curvature in magnetic field for that Main possibility of mistake for electron: Interaction with the inner detector material giving rise to bremstrahlung and conversions and not getting the «right» track







Photon identification in collider experiment

Background from high energy pi0->gamma gamma What is the separation between the photons ? What information can be exploited ? theta_min ~2/gamma ~0.0067 at E=40 GeV => I cm @ R=I50cm





Example of photon identification performance in ATLAS



photon Purity >95% Di photon events at intermediate mass Purity ~70-80%

Some of these techniques are also used in Space

- Fermi LAT : identify and measure ~50 MeV to ~300 GeV gamma rays with good angular resolution
- AMS : look for antimatter in space => particle identification and charge measurement

Fermi LAT

4x4 array of identical towers (tracker + calorimeter) surrounded by an Anti-Coincidence Detector

Tracker-

- 18 layers (x-y) with silicon strip detectors + tungsten conversion foil
- 2 sections (depending on W thickness):
 - Thin (front) : 12x0.03X_o
 - Thick (back) : 4x0.18X_o
 - No W in the 2 bottom layers
- + 1.4 X_{o} on axis

Calorimeter

- 8.6 X
- 96 Csl crystals per module

Anti-Coincidence Detector

- 89 plastic scintillator tiles
- 0.9997 detection efficiency for minimum-ionizing particles

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The calorimeter is used in the event selection : match between the track and the cluster (position, angle), cluster transverse size. Reconstruction and selection are optimized using classification trees.

FERMI-LAT map of gamma-ray sources with E>50 GeV

https://arxiv.org/abs/1508.04449







AMS: A TeV precision, multipurpose spectrometer

Muon identification in hadron colliders

- Muons are usually clean signatures, less background than electrons
- Main sources of «muons»
 - punch through of hadronic showers
 - pi/k decays in the inner detector
 - Semileptonic B-hadron decays => «true» non-isolated muons
 - Usually main background at high energy in collider experiments
- Precise measurement of muons requires large magnetic detectors




Neutrino «identification» in hadron colliders

- The probability of neutrino interaction in a collider experiment is ~null
- How to measure something that one does not detect ?

_e Pi(V) = - Zipi(seen)

Missing transverse momentum for W boson discovery (1983)



Missing transverse momentum in LHC under high pileup conditions



Direct detection of neutrinos

- High flux of incoming neutrinos (for instance neutrino beams)
- High mass detector
- => can observe neutrino interactions
 - Charged currents: produce e,mu or tau depending on neutrino flavor at the interaction
 - Neutral currents: ~universal for all (non-sterile) neutrinos
- Neutrino cross-section increases with energy
 - at O(> PeV) energy, earth becomes opaque to neutrinos

What is this event ?



and this one ?



Opera experiment

SM-2 **SM-1** of the sublet

Target brick walls+ Target Tracker

Target Spectrometer brick walls+ Target Tracker

NOVA neutrino experiment



Start with muon neutrino beam and look at rate of remaining muon neutrino and appearing electron neutrino at a long distance



Charged current reaction used to identify flavor of interacting neutrino => need good identification of electrons and muons induced by neutrinos (+ rejection of cosmics background)

Use algorithm inspired by computer vision to optimize particle identification

https://arxiv.org/abs/1604.01444



Measure beta or gamma of particle

• Direct measurement of velocity («time of flight»

• v = d/t

- Measurement of beta.gamma through ionization energy loss
- Measurement of beta through Cherenkov radiation
- Measurement of gamma through Transition radiation

time of flight

$$B = \frac{F}{C} = \frac{L}{L.C}$$

$$M = \frac{P}{C} \sqrt{\frac{c^2 L^2}{L^2} - 1} \qquad \frac{dm}{m} = \frac{dP}{P} + \gamma^2 \left(\frac{dL}{L} + \frac{dL}{L}\right)$$



Dedicated detectors for time measurement can reach < 100 ps accuracy even on large system At LHC, the collision time has an intrinsic jitter of ~140 ps (bunch length) Need dedicated measurement to remove this contribution from time

resolution

Most commonly used detectors for timing were based on scintillation (can also use other techniques like calorimetry, etc..)

Gaseous ionization detectors like RPC developed to cover large area in a cost-effective way



Strong uniform electric field => avalanche starts immediately after primary ionization Can reach intrinsic time resolution of \sim 50 ps for multigap RPC Rate limitation O(kHz/cm2)

ALICE time of flight based on MRPC ~10⁵ channels



TOF @R=3.7m from interaction point





effects



Ionization measurement



Formula for restricted energy loss

$$< \frac{dE}{dx} \propto \frac{z^2}{\beta^2} \left(\log \frac{\sqrt{2m_c c^2 E_{ct}} \beta_r}{I} - \frac{\beta^2}{2} - \frac{d}{2} \right)$$

 $I = effective excitation energy$
 $J = density correction effect$
 $E_{ct} = upper limit for energy transfer = single collision$

lonisation measurement in a TPC



Can use gaseous or solid state counter to measure ionisation

Provide signal pulse height ~ N(electrons liberated in ionization) and measurement of track length => allows one to compute dE/dx

Average several measurements with a truncated mean to reduce tail impact

Typical other errors affecting measurement:

- energy calibration of the detector
- detector conditions (for instance gas pressure)
- detector geometry and track orientation (affects track length)
- overlapping tracks in dense environment
- etc..

Typical ionization signals vs p (gaseous detector) (for Si detector, plateau only slightly above minimum => less separation at high energy)

Separation assuming 5% resolution



Empirical scaling formula for resolution in gaseous detector:

 $\sigma_E = 0.41 \ N_R^{-0.43} (xP)^{-0.32}$.

Nr = number of measurements x = thickness of sampling layers (x.Nr = total detector thickness) P = pressure









different type of Cherenkov detectors

- threshold Cherenkov detectors: yes/no decision depending if particle is above/below threshold beta=1/n
 - main issue is optimising photon detection and minimising noise
- Imaging Cherenkov detectors

$$\frac{6B}{13} = \tan \theta_{C} \quad 6(\theta_{C})$$
with $6\theta_{C} = \frac{\langle 6(\theta_{C}) \rangle}{\sqrt{Np.e}} \oplus C$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle 6(\theta_{i}) \rangle = \text{ average single photo electron resolution.} \\ (optics, detector geometry, ---) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Np-e = number of photo electron detected$$

$$C = alignement, multiple scattering, ambiguities background, etc...$$

Nsigma
$$r = \frac{\left|m_{1}^{2} - m_{2}^{2}\right|}{2p^{2}\sigma(\theta_{c})\sqrt{n^{2}-1}}$$

Cherenkov imaging detector LHCb example







Table 3: Some parameters of the LHCb RICH detectors. The measured single photoelectron angular resolutions [87] are for the preliminary alignment available from the first data sample with p-p collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV.

		RICH1		RICH2
		Silica aerogel	C_4F_{10}	CF_4
Momentum range [GeV/c]		≤10	$10 \lesssim p \lesssim 60$	$16 \lesssim p \lesssim 100$
Angular acceptance [mrad]	vertical	± 25 to ± 250		± 15 to ± 100
	horizontal	± 25 to ± 300		± 15 to ± 120
Radiator length [cm]		5	95	180
Refractive index n		1.03 (1.037)	1.0014	1.0005
Maximum Cherenkov angle [mrad]		242 (268)	53	32
Expected photon yield at $\beta \approx 1$		6.7	30.3	21.9
σ_{Θ_i} [mrad]	expected	2.6	1.57	0.67
	measured	~7.5	2.18	0.91



Need good software to reconstruct the Cherenkov cones for each charged particle



Fig. 13 Distribution of the number of pixel hits per event in (a) RICH 1 and (b) RICH 2. An example of a typical LHCb event as seen by the RICH detectors, is shown below the distributions. The *upper/lower* HPD panels in RICH 1 and the *left/right* panels in RICH 2 are shown separately



Fig. 2 Invariant mass distribution for $B \rightarrow h^+h^-$ decays [6] in the LHCb data before the use of the RICH information (*left*), and after applying RICH particle identification (*right*). The signal under study is the decay $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$, represented by the turquoise *dotted line*. The contributions from different *b*-hadron decay modes ($B^0 \rightarrow K\pi$ red dashed-dotted line, $B^0 \rightarrow 3$ -body orange dashed-dashed line,

 $B_s \rightarrow KK$ yellow line, $B_s \rightarrow K\pi$ brown line, $\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK$ purple line, $\Lambda_b \rightarrow p\pi$ green line), are eliminated by positive identification of pions, kaons and protons and only the signal and two background contributions remain visible in the plot on the right. The grey solid line is the combinatorial background (Color figure online)

Cherenkov detector in ALICE



Application of Cherenkov for neutrino detector

neutrino interaction in water produces muon or electron which are above Cherenkov threshold Light is detected by photo multipliers around the water tank





Comparison of different techniques



Transition radiation

When charge Z.e crosses boundary Vacuum/medium I= iq z² y hwp 花山p= V4HNere³mec² = VS/(g/cm3) (美) × 28.81eV Typical value Roup ~ 20 eV (0.7 for air) Half energy between 0.1 and 1. ythoup Typically ~ 0.005 Y with the > 0.1 y thep Formation longth ~ ten of µm

Needs many interfaces to increase photon yield



X-rays detected for instance by photo-electric effect in high Z material like Xenon gas => Detector consists of radiator + photon detector

Photon interaction in matter





- $\sigma_{p.e.}$ = Atomic photoelectric effect (electron ejection, photon absorption)
- $\sigma_{\text{Rayleigh}} = \text{Rayleigh}$ (coherent) scattering-atom neither ionized nor excited
- $\sigma_{\text{Compton}} = \text{Incoherent scattering}$ (Compton scattering off an electron)
 - $\kappa_{nuc} =$ Pair production, nuclear field
 - $\kappa_e =$ Pair production, electron field
 - $\sigma_{g.d.r.}$ = Photonuclear interactions, most notably the Giant Dipole Resonance [52]. In these interactions, the target nucleus is broken up.






Reconstruction of particle decay

- Useful for short lived particles
 - very short lived => use invariant mass of daughter particles
 - Examples are Ks-> pi+pi-, J/psi-> mu+ mu-, W,Z decays, etc..
 - not so short lived => can measure distance between production and decay positions:
 - tau lepton
 - B-hadron

Exploiting kinematic information from Dalitz plots





lifetimes: D0: 4.10⁻¹³s, B0d 1.5 10⁻¹²s, tau: 2.9 10⁻¹³s

Decay length beta.gamma.c.tau => beta.gamma. 450 microns for B0d

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Impact parameter \sim (c.tau)
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Vertex projection from two points: a simplified approach (telescope equation)

Example of ATLAS pixel silicon detector



b-tagging performances



Track impact parameter/error



Algorithms combining impact parameter information + secondary vertex reconstruction

Example of b-tagging usage for top quark discovery





Example of application of particle ID and secondary vertex : Bs mixing measurement



Particle Flow techniques in collider experiments

- Different particles species are measured more accurately with different techniques
 - What is the most precise technique for E=100 GeV electron energy measurement in a LHC experiment ?
 - What is the most precise technique to measure a few GeV charged pion ?
 - What is the most precise technique to measure a 5 GeV K0L ?
 - How can one separate particles from different interactions in the same bunch crossing at the LHC ?

Charged particle momentum measurement

$$\begin{cases} \text{Detector resolution} \quad 6(\frac{1}{PE}) = Cte =) \frac{6}{PE} = a.PE \quad a \propto \frac{1}{BL^2} \\ \text{Multiple scattering} \quad 6 \otimes \alpha \quad \frac{13.6}{P} \frac{NeV}{X_0} \sqrt{\frac{2}{X_0}} \\ 6(\frac{1}{PE}) \approx 6 \otimes 3 \quad \frac{6PE}{PE} = b \quad (b \propto \frac{1}{B}) \\ \end{cases}$$

Calorimeter energy measurement

$$\underbrace{\overset{a}{=}}_{E} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{E}} \underbrace{\overset{b}{=}}_{E} \underbrace{\overset{b}{=}}_{E} \underbrace{\overset{b}{=}}_{E} \underbrace{\overset{c}{=}}_{E} \underbrace{\overset{c$$

Also have to deal with pileup interactions



Can be distinguished for charged tracks but not easily for calorimeter energy deposits

Particle flow principle







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