Using simulations as a tool for detector design

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The Rutherford-Geiger-Marsden Experiment



1911 - Discovery of the atomic nucleus

The Rutherford-Geiger-Marsden Experiment



Their experimental setup can be recreated in a school lab

Modern Detectors

Detectors used in modern nuclear / particle physics have become very complex (and expensive)



You may want to get it right before starting construction

Electron Ion Collider (EIC)



Study of QCD through precision measurements of collisions of electrons with (un)polarized protons, light ions, and heavy ions.

Wide range of physics topics, including:

- * spin structure of protons and light nuclei
- * partonic structure of light and heavy ions
- * parton energy loss in nuclear matter

To fulfill the challenging EIC program, cutting-edge detectors will be needed.

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Tracking Requirements for the EIC

(Preliminary) requirements outlined in the EIC detector handbook:

- Hermetic -> allows full kinematical coverage
- Compact -> allows for smaller magnets and additional detectors
- Low-material-budget -> minimizes multiple scattering (significant for soft particles)
- Excellent primary vertex resolution -> precision measurement of displaced vertex in HF
- Excellent momentum resolution -> allows for studies with unprecedented precision
- Excellent angular resolution -> allows tracker to assist PID detectors

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- Low-material-budget (X/X₀ < 5%)
- Excellent primary vertex resolution (< 20 μ m)
- Excellent momentum resolution
- •Excellent angular resolution (~1 mrad)



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All-silicon concept
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Semiconductor Detectors

- medium in nuclear / high-energy physics trackers usually Silicon
- passage of ionizing radiation \rightarrow electron-hole pairs (analogous to ionization)
- pairs then collected by an electric field
- average energy required to create an electron-hole pair 10x smaller than that required for gas ionization

Disadvantages:

- •Expensive
- Need cooling
- Sensitive to radiation damage



Advantages:

- •High granularity, low intrinsic noise \rightarrow High resolution
- High density \rightarrow measurable signal in small space \rightarrow compact detector
- Mechanically rigid \rightarrow self supporting
- Successfully used in the LHC and many other experiments

From sensor to full detector



EIC All-Silicon Tracker Prototype



Beryllium beampipe

Momentum measurement -> measurement of track bending in a B field



3-layer barrel configuration



Three-layer barrel configuration for optimal momentum resolution:

 Place inner layer at smaller radius possible, r_{min}*

* limited by beampipe

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Designing vertexing layers



Designing disk layers

Considerations similar to barrel:

- * disk as close to the IP as possible
- * disk as far away as possible
- * disk in mid point (odd number of disks preferred)
- * additional disks as needed







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2) Monte Carlo simulation of detector response

3) Reconstruct the momenta of each generated particle and determine relative difference between generated and reconstructed momenta



solenoid



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Momentum resolution in a given momentum and pseudorapidity bin defined as the standard deviation of the resulting fit

Resulting Momentum Resolutions

Magnetic field: Beast map (~3.0T solenoid) Full (Geant4) simulations π^- , 10 μ m pixel p[GeV/*c*] 10 🗕 (0,1) **—** (1,2) 8 **—** (2,3) **—** (3,4) [%] d/dp 6 **—** (4,5) **——** (5,10) ——— (10,15) 4 🗕 (15 , 20) — (20,25) 2 (25,30) 3 2 $\eta = -\ln(\tan\theta/2)$ 0 2 3 5 0.5 1 1.5 4 η θ [deg] 62 40 25 90 15 5.7 2.1 0.8

B-field comparison



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Angular resolutions at PID detectors

Cherenkov radiation:

- electromagnetic radiation emitted when a charged particle traverses a medium of refraction index *n* at speed greater than the speed of light in that medium.
- radiation is emitted within a cone of angle:

 $\cos(\theta_C) = 1/n\beta$



Good angular resolution is needed at the entrance of Cherenkov detectors



Cherenkov angle vs Momentum for n = 1.0005

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Electron scattering 101



- * structureless probe
- * electromagnetic interaction well understood
- relative weakness of the electromagnetic interaction -> 1-photo exchange and probe of the entire nucleus
- * tunable virtual photon wavelength

Jets

Collimated sprays of hadrons resulting from the fragmentation and subsequent hadronization of partons from hard scattering



Sensitive probes for EIC studies of:

- * energy loss and interactions in cold nuclear matter
- * parton distribution functions (PDF) of protons, nuclei, photons
- * transverse spin effects in the nucleon
- * strangeness content of the proton



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Jets: Anti- k_T E-scheme R = 1.0



Jet reconstruction with the all-silicon tracker



Jet momentum resolution

Jets with no missing constituents in the reconstruction



resolutions defined as the width of Gaussian fits

study by F. Torales Acosta

Jet momentum resolution

Jets with one or more missing constituents in the reconstruction



resolutions defined as the standard deviation of the dp/p distribution

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Heavy quark studies

* Sensitive effects including gluon distributions, partonic structure of hadrons, fragmentation and hadronization effects, ...



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Extracting the $F_2^{c\bar{c}}$ structure function





Structure functions:

- * measure of the partonic structure of hadrons
- * important for processes involving colliding hadrons
- * key ingredient for deriving partons distributions in nucleons

These simulations confirm the feasibility of the all-silicon tracker for HF studies

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- Once the detector is fully designed and characterized, the feasibility of different physics can be explored







Thanks for your attention