

Introduction





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- Hadron collider designed for 14 TeV center of mass energy
- 40MHz interaction rate (25ns bunch spacing)
- 900 GeV in 2009
- 3.5 TeV since March 30th 2010
- Projected to run at this energy in 2011 and 2012
- Luminosity is constantly increasing: data set of 2010 already less than 25% of total data
- Heavy lon collisions at the end of 2011
- Standard Modell already "rediscovered"

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The LHC status

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Tracking detectors immersed in a 2T solenoidal field Provides tracking in the region $|\eta| < 2.5$ for particles with $p_T > 0.1 \ GeV$ Provides electron ID in the region $|\eta| < 2$ for particles with 150 GeV > p_T >

TRT Design goals

- Long arm for
- p_T measurement over wide range
- Continuous tracking =
 many (>20) bits parts
- many (>30) hits per track
- Hit precision of $\sim 130 \mu m$
- Electron identification
- High occupancies (up to 30%)
- High single straw rates (up to 20MHz)
- 25ns event-to-event time
- High radiation dose
- Jmm straw tubes (drift tubes)

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The ATLAS Transition Radiation Tracker

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The ATLAS Transition Radiation Tracker

barrel region Straws parallel to beam axis readout on both side 105088 readout channels

TRT Barrel

73 Layers of 144cm straws in the

• Wires split in two, independent Grouped in 3 layers of 32 modules

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TRT Endcaps

160 Layers of 39cm straws in each endcap Straws radially oriented Readout at the outer end 122880 readout channels Grouped in 20 wheels of 8

Signal Formation

- Ionisation generated by traversing charged particles and/or transition radiation photons in the soft X-ray regime
- and fibre structures (barrel) respectively to generate TR
- Only Electrons have a velocity high enough to generate TR
- TR photons generate much larger signals than ionizing particles
 - Particle ID

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How the TRT works

Calibration

- Calibration is crucial to ensure precise measurement of track parameters Calibration of discriminators thresholds in dedicated calibration runs once per week "Coarse" timing calibration on hardware level indedicated runs once per week "Fine" calibration on software level for every run with sufficient statistics • T_0 = time between start of readout and arrival of physical particle
 - (time of flight + signal propagation + clock offset)
 - r-t relation = relation between measured drift time and distance of closest approach of the track to the wire

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Resolution

- Residual distributions show the difference between the fitted track position and the measured track position for each hit on track Shows "point resolution" of the TRT straws
- Resolution improved in 7 TeV running
- ...among other facts due to improvements in alignment
- In the barrel desing resolution exceeded
- A bit worse in the end-caps
- Barrel benefits more from cosmic tracks

One extra year of running Physical limitation nearly met

Point resolution

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- -0.1
- -0.15

- -0.1
- -0.15

Alignment

- Alignment crucial to every tracking detector
- Alignment done using cosmic and collision tracks
- 3 Levels: Sub-detectors, substructures and individual sensors
- Data of 2010 contained enough information to perform a wire by wire alignment in the whole TRT 701696 degrees of freedom Boosted overall tracking performance
- Especially improved uniformity throughout the detector Handle on specific deformations

Alignment

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Distance from track to straw centre [mm]

Efficiency

Efficiency is calculated averaged over all straws in a detector partition Dead straws (~2%) excluded Efficiency better than 94% in the plateau Drops outside the plateau due to geometrical and reconstruction effects Identical for 900GeV and 7TeV data

Efficiency

Particle ID

- Probability to get High Threshold hits on tracks and the measured time over threshold serve as electron discriminator
- For performance studies: Electron sample obtained from photon conversion, all hadrons treated as pions
- Combining both information a fake rate of well below 10% is obtained for a electron efficiency of 90% (depending on η and p_T)
- Significant improvements to be expected in preparation
- Hadron ID possible by using ToT as an estimator for dE/dx

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Particle identification

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Heavy lon collisions

Several weeks of HI running at the end of 2010

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- Very productive: First new results published as the data was still being recorded
- Very challenging environment: occupancies up to 90%, several thousands of tracks per event
- Tracking and reconstruction modified to accommodate for this environment
- Method of extension from tracklets in the Si detectors into the TRT have been adapted for HI
- TRT significantly improves momentum resolution and track finding over the full centrality and p_T range

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The TRT is a very effective instruments for recording and measuring charged tracks at the ATLAS experiment In smooth 24/7 operation since September 2009 with a 100% uptime Thanks to the many devoted TRT enthusiast making this possible!!! Very good understanding of the detector already at this early stage of the ATLAS project Many improvements in development Performance will be pushed further towards the physical limits Important contribution to many physics analysis HI runs proof the TRT is ready for high occupancies as to be seen with full LHC intensity We are ready for at least 10 more years of data taking!

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Conclusion

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5.6	97.8	100	99.9	99.8	96

Luminosity weighted relative detector uptime and good quality data delivery during 2010 stable beam collisions at vs=7 TeV between March 30th and October 31st (in %). The inefficiencies in the LAr calorimeter will

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5.2	99.8	
ns in pp meter will		