



Tagging photon interactions at the LHC

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Overview

- γ -induced physics at LHC
- Tagging photon interactions
- Particle transport simulation
- Photon reconstruction
- Beamline misalignment

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vacuum chamber

central detector electromagnetic calorimeter hadronic calorimeter

superconducting

coil

muon chambers

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Photon physics Tagging Hector

Reconstruction

Misalignment

Photon-induced physics

LHC – also a photon-photon and

photon-proton collider



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Photon-induced physics

Leading proton scattered (in)elastically

Colorless exchange

 Low activity in a large pseudorapidity region of the detector









Hector

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Tagging γ -interactions

1) Large Rapidity Gaps in forward region of the central detector



See S. Ovyn's talk

- e.g. γp interactions
- a) choose the « photon-side »

minimum of energy in both

fwd calos

b) cut on the maximum allowedvalue for this energy

Rapgap: region devoid of particles





Photon physics Tagging

- Rapidity gaps
- p taggers

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2) Using very forward proton taggers



- a) The proton is scattered elastically
- b) It escapes from the central detector with the beam, but with lower energy
- c) It is seen by very forward detectors

Need for a realistic simulation of the proton path in the beamline





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Proton transport simulation

Relation between proton E_{loss} and its path in beamline ? Requirements for near-beam very forward detectors ? Reconstruction of photon kinematics ?







Photon physics Tagging **Hector**

- implementation
- validation
- forward det's

Reconstruction Misalignment

HECTOR: implementation

Matrix representation of the transport :

$$X(s) = X(0) \underbrace{M_1 M_2 \dots M_n}_{M_{\text{beamline}}}$$

Where :

$$X = (x, x', y, y', E, 1)$$

Bending and Focussing $M = \begin{pmatrix} A & A & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ A & A & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ A & A & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B & B & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B & B & 0 & 0 \\ D & D & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ K & K & K & K & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ X is the phase-space vector of the particle

M_i are the matrices associated to the magnets

Energy dependence of *M*_{*i*} as a correction to linearity





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HECTOR: implementation

top

side



Horizontal crossing plane

beam top view (x [mm]) 100 R-Dipole 50 S-Dipole V-Quadrupole H-Quadrupole H-Kicker V-Kicker -50 RCollimator -100 100 200 300 500 s [m] 400 ATLAS beam side view (y [mm]) 5 -10 100 200 300 400 500 s [m]

Vertical crossing plane

Input Needed:

- effective field strength / length
- magnet position / aperture





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Comparing to MAD-X (LHC beam transport software)

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Detector characterization with Hector

Energy loss is the key variable !

Detector acceptance



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Detector characterization with Hector



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Reconstruction

- chrom. grids

- principles

- resolutions

Misalignment

Chromaticity grid

Given a measured position/angle at RP, what was the proton energy/angle at IP?







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$$\begin{cases} x_s = a_s x_0 + b_s x'_0 + d_s E \\ x'_s = \alpha_s x_0 + \beta_s x'_0 + \gamma_s E \end{cases}$$

Too many unknowns !

Goal: reconstructing photon E and Q² from the forward detector measurement

Resolution on reconstructed energy:







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- dimuons
- missing mass(2)

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Misalignment of the beamline







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Misalignment of the beamline

 $pp(\gamma\gamma \to H)pp$



Missing mass
Generator Level
Bare transport with ideal beamline
1 Misaligned quadrupole MQXA.1R5 by 0.5mm
1 Misaligned quadrupole

- + perfect knowledge of beam position at 420m
- Clear bias
- Visible beamline aperture effect





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Exclusive dimuons



- 1) Measuring both muons in central detector
- 2) Tagging at least one proton

See J. Hollar's talk



Most of the selected exclusive muon pairs have a proton within forward detector acceptance !





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Summary and conclusions

- Tagging photon physics relies on:
- Using rapidity gaps
- Using forward proton taggers

A correct simulation of the proton transport in the beamline is very important

The impact of beamline misalignment requires a calibration of forward detectors with events like exclusive dimuons





Back-up slides

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Forward detectors around IP5



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Hector performance





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