The Simulation of the ATLAS Liquid Argon Calorimetry

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The Liquid Argon Calorimeter in ATLAS



Active	: <u>Liquid Argon</u> (LAr)	
passive	: Metals and alloy	

4 LAr sub-detector systems

Electromagnetic + Hadronic calorimetry

Electromagnetic Barrel (EMB)



Forward Calorimeter (FCAL)



Hadronic Endcap (HEC)



Electromagnetic Endcap (EMEC)



Motivation for a Full Simulation

Stringent calorimetry <u>performances</u> required by physics : *Rare final states, High background*

> i.e : $H \rightarrow 2\gamma$ limited instrumental mass resolution $\Gamma_H \sim MeV$ $\Rightarrow \Delta m / m < 1\%$ required

High energy (100+ GeV) ⇒ mostly <u>systematic</u> effects Understand, Calibrate these systematics *Requires a <u>detailed description</u>*

A few Facts about the Simulation

Simulation started in GEANT3 ... Now full <u>GEANT4</u> core integrated in ATLAS software (Athena)

<u>Used Regularly</u> : Big exercises, data challenges

e.i : Rome production ~ 8.5 M events simulated

Distributed community of physicists



<u>Validation</u>: Comparison to experimental data Multiple test beam setups, Stringent constraints

Global Overview of the Simulation



The Geometry Description

Key entry : complex geometries, fine effects



Non-Uniformities Control

Design specificities : may be deliberate or not For example : ϕ -modulations in the EM calorimeters



Complex behaviour, but ... good for validation

Understand fine effects / We can provide control on non-uniformities

⇒ an 'as built detector' : HV, sagging, misalignment

Sensitive Detectors and Visible Energy

Large number of GEANT tracks \Rightarrow hits are <u>binned</u>

<u>Active volumes</u> :





Dead Materials Calibration

Passive volumes :

Bins in angular grid in $\eta \times \phi$

Reconstruction :

Recover energy 'lost' between sub detector elements

 \Rightarrow Use the simulation for calibration



Accuracy : EMB Test Beam

Good agreement between data and MC / MC used in calibration scheme



Accuracy : EMEC Test Beam

More complex response General agreement, but work left on fine details ...





High Voltage sectors

Accuracy : EMEC Test Beam



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Ressources Usage

Simulation <u>time</u> for 100 GeV electron showers (GEANT 4.7 : standard cuts)

Benchmark	Time per event (KSI2K minutes)
G4AtlasApps	9.5
EMEC Test Beam	1.7



Simulation time can be affected by a factor of :

•Looser cuts ($30 \mu m \rightarrow 1 mm$)	~ 1.5
•GEANT 4.8 : more accurate Multiple Scattering but slower	
•Parameterisation for EM showers (single e : 0.5-100 GeV)	~ 20-100

Obvious balance between accuracy & time

Conclusion and Outlook

•Good over-all description/Simulation of detector •Cross-check with various TB

•Stabile & reliable : Good shape for Full ATLAS Data Taking

So what's next ?

Track down fine effects, systematics and provide an 'as built detector'
Cosmics rays simulation studies ...

