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The Backward Silicon Track Trigger for the HERA Experiment H1

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- Physics Motivation
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- First Luminosity Data
- Radiation Monitor
- Summary

eP collider HERA



H1 experiment



HERA-II

P-beam: 920 GeV e-beam: 27.6 GeV

$$\sqrt{s} \approx 318 \, GeV$$

P-beam: 130 mA e-beam: 55 mA

 $\boldsymbol{L} \approx 7 \cdot 10^{31} \ \boldsymbol{cm}^{-2} \boldsymbol{s}^{-1}$

Deeply Inelastic Scattering



DIS kinematics

 $Q^2 = -q^2 = -(k-k')^2$

$$x = -\frac{q^2}{2P \cdot q}; \quad y = \frac{Q^2}{sx}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \sigma(x, Q^2)}{\partial x \partial Q^2} \propto \frac{1}{Q^4} \left(F_2(x, Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{1 + (1 - y)^2} F_L(x, Q^2) \right)$$

eP cross-section measurements



DIS Measurements



BST acceptance in the x, Q^2 kinematic plane $Q^2 \approx 2 E_e E'_e \cos^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2}$ Low Q², extended x F_2 measurements Low Q², high y F_L measurements





Data quality improvement

- DIS low Q² trigger with no rate scaling
- Efficient electron trigger at low energies
- Online reduction of the beam background

Backward Silicon Tracker

Main tasks



Detector system

- U-V strip detectors (number of readout strips = 92.160)
- Pad detectors (number of trigger channels = 1536)



Detector Layers

Strip detectors



Pad detectors



Trigger Mask Concept



Longitudinal positions

$$Z_{n+1} = Z_n \sqrt[8]{\frac{r_{max}}{r_{min}}}$$

Trigger patterns





Vertex spread



Beam offset



Detector Module



PRO/A readout chip



Front-end Electronics



Pad Readout System





Low noise power supply system



Radiation monitor

Radiation monitor (interrupted during the raw data transmission and corrected afterwards)

Beam Test + Calibration







Threshold scan

$$N_{trigger}(V) = \int_{0}^{V} N_{tracks} \cdot P(V - \varepsilon) d\varepsilon$$

Plateau width



Detector evaluation

BST installation



Timing scheme:

- Delay with respect to the HERA bunches
- Offset with respect to the unique T0 of H1



T0 (L1 decision time)

BST Trigger Signal



Single plane efficiency $\varepsilon_s = (90 \pm 2)\%$ Estimate $\varepsilon_{tot} = \varepsilon_s^4 + 4 \varepsilon_s^3 (1 - \varepsilon_s) = (95 \pm 2)\%$

First luminosity data taken prior 2003 shutdown





Raw data taking



Needs full detector and more data to estimate the rejection efficiency

HERA Background

Intense components

- Synchrotron radiation
- p-gas, e-gas scattering



Dose rate measurement with Pads



Radiation Monitor for H1



Indicating "turn on" conditions for the trackers



Monitoring beam-gas scattering



Cumulative dose

$$\dot{D} = \frac{N}{t[s]} \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{S[cm^2]}$$

$$\varepsilon \approx 2 MeV \cdot cm^2 / g$$

$$\dot{D} \approx 7,5 Gy / year$$

Radiation Monitor for HERA



Reaction to the beam currents

Correlation with scintillation counter rates



Summary

- The BST pad is a new level-one trigger of H1 with the fast timing response (50ns) and the online coherent noise suppression;
- Reprogrammable logic devices allow for the combined track trigger + veto functionality of this detector;
- The BST trigger system is being integrated into higher trigger levels of H1 to imply the granularity of the trigger hardware;
- In addition to the original plan, the BST pad detector is used as the main radiation monitor of H1 for understanding HERA backgrounds;
- With the repaired trigger electronics and improved background conditions the pad detector is becoming an essential device for low Q² physics.

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