### Some Remarks on LC TPC Resolution Studies - Request for Comments -

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#### **Achievements**



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- Many groups have built TPCs with GEMs, Micromegas or wires and made them work
- Numerous interesting first results from the data presented during workshops

#### **Problems of Resolution Studies**

Comparisons between results of different groups are difficult:

- different pad geometries
- different analysis methods
- different sets of cuts
- (partly) different gases

# Too many differences to (easily) check consistency

#### **Need for Consistency Checks**

Consistency checks needed to:

- convince ourselves
- convince review bodies
- eventually have a common basis for design decisions

#### **Pad Geometries**

Note difference between pad size and pitch (~ 15 %):

Horiz. x vertical dimension	Spacing	Pad size	Pitch	Group
2 mm x 7 mm, 1.2 mm x 7 mm			Х	Victoria
2 mm x 6 mm	0.2 mm	Х		Hamburg
2 mm x 6 mm			Х	Aachen
1.27 mm x 15.5 mm, etc.		?	?	Karlsruhe
2 mm x 6 mm			Х	Carleton
2 mm x 10 mm, 1 mm x 10 mm		?	?	Berkeley/Orsay/Saclay
2 mm x 6 mm	0.3 mm	Х		Munich/KEK

# In addition different pad alignments (staggered, non-staggered)

### **Analysis Methods**

- modular reconstruction ↔ monolithic approach hit finding, track finding, track fitting
- global track fit ↔ local triplet method
- different implementations (including different ways of exception handling (FADC overflows, broken pads, numerical instabilities, ...), etc.)
- different definitions of resolution



#### **Definition of Resolution?**

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#### Cuts

Cuts have large influence on resolution:

90  $\mu$ m - 160  $\mu$ m (at short drift distances, B = 4 T)

So far no consensus which cuts are legitimate

Useful: # tracks, φ angle, θ angle, horizontal position (no charge loss on left or right), # active rows, etc.

Prohibited: Any kind of cuts on charge sharing

#### Gases

Many different gas mixtures are in use:

- Ar-CH<sub>4</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub> (93-5-2)
- Ar-CH<sub>4</sub> (90-10)
- Ar-CH<sub>4</sub> (95-5)
- Ar-CF<sub>4</sub> (97-3)
- Ar-IsoC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub> (95-5)
- Ar-CO<sub>2</sub> (70-30)
- Ar-CO<sub>2</sub> (90-10)

#### **Proposals**

#### Start discussions about:

- What cuts are considered legitimate for a reference analysis?
   The cuts must be universally applicable.
- What analysis method could serve as reference?
  A consensus should cover a common definition of resolution and even exception handling.
- What is a reasonable pad geometry which could serve as a reference to which other geometries could be compared?
  - It must be reasonable for various gas candidates.

### Proposals

- Is it sensible to exchange data sets between groups for cross-checks and comparisons?
   Data grid infrastructure might be useful for this.
- If yes, a common data format would be desirable (→ LCIO, *de facto* standard).
- A common modular reconstruction and analysis software might be fruitful (→ Marlin).
   A particular set of modules could serve as a reference analysis.
- Review references regularly and modify them if required.