Shrinking the TPC

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Motivation

- What effect would reducing the outer radius of the TPC have on the overall momentum resolution.
- What TPC point resolution would be needed to compensate any loss in performance due to reduction of radius.

Simulation

- Simulation of single muons over the momentum range $2-60 \text{GeV/c}, \theta=90^{\circ}$
- Start with TDR specs
 - outer radius 162.2cm
 - radial pad size 0.62cm
 - point resolution $190 \mu m$
 - B field 4T
- Simulation and reconstruction performed using Brahms (Geant3 and LEP Tracking Software)



Momentum Resolution

- Determine $\delta(1/p)$ versus momentum over 2-60 GeV/c
- Fit Gaussian and plot
 σ versus p
- Parameterise curve with
 - Intrinsic detector term (a)
 - multiple scattering term (b)



Gluckstern Formula

- For the TPC the Gluckstern formula can determine the expected momentum resolution analytically
- Comparison with the simulation confirms that Brahms performs well for a smaller TPC radius
- Above 10GeV/c intrinsic detector resolution starts to dominate



Impact of Reduced TPC Radius

- Reduce outer TPC radius in steps of 8cm
- Reduction by 40cm leads a factor 2.5 deteriation in momentum resolution
- Multiple scattering term not strongly effected



Resolution of Combined System

• Including the vertex detector and SIT reduces the momentum resolution to the desired level of $\sim 10^{-5}$





Impact of TPC Radius on Overall Momentum Resolution

- Reduction by 40cm leads to a factor 1.5 deterioration in momentum resolution for the complete system
- Multiple scattering term more strongly effected due to increased material



TPC Point Resolution

- By improving the point resolution it will be possible to counter the effect of the reduced length
- Comparible performace can be achieved:
 - R = 155cm : $\sigma \sim 160 \mu m$
 - R = 138cm : $\sigma \sim 160 \mu m$
 - R = 122cm : $\sigma \sim 80 \mu m$



Room for Improvement

- Momentum dependant bias centered at 10GeV/c
- Very low energy curlers can leave no hit in TPC
- Ineffeciency of SIT in Brahms



Conclusion

- This study has shown that reducing the TPC radius by up to 122cm should not adversely effect momentum resolution for isolated tracks in the barrel region
- This assumes a point resolution of 80microns can be achieved

Outlook

- Study of Forward region
- Investigate impact on dE/dx
- Investigate impact on PATREC
- Consider TPC geometry in overall detector optimisation
- We need to update or move on from Brahms