#### **Detectors in Nuclear and Particle Physics**

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#### **1** Introduction

- Beams
- General demands on particle detectors

#### Introduction I

- Progress in nuclear and particle physics mainly driven by experimental observation
- Critically coupled with the development of new methods in particle acceleration and detection of particles
- Historical development:
  - 1896 Discovery of X-rays w. photographic plate (Nobel prize W.C. Röntgen 1901)
  - 1904 Research on cathode rays (Lenard window) (Nobel prize P. Lenard 1905)
  - 1912 Evidence for cosmic radiation (electrometer) (Nobel prize V.F. Hess 1936)
  - 1912 Invention of the cloud chamber (Nobel prize C.T.R. Wilson 1927)
  - 1929 Birth of cosmic ray physics Observation of high energetic electrons and showers (Nobel prize W.W. Bothe 1954 "Coincidence method and discoveries made therewith")
  - 1931 Lawrence proposal: Cyclotron (Nobel prize E.O. Lawrence 1939 "Invention and development of cyclotron ....")
  - 1932 Cockroft-Walton linear accelerator for protons (Nobel prize Sir J.D. Cockroft u. E. Walton 1951 "Transmutation of atomic nuclei by artificially accelerated atomic particles")

#### Introduction II

- 1933 Discovery of the  $e^+$ , confirmation of development of electromagnetic showers due to  $e^+ e^-$  production (Nobel prize P.M.S. Blackett 1948 "Development of Wilson cloud chamber method and his discoveries therewith")
- 1934 First evidence for Cherenkov radiation (Nobel prize P. Cherenkov, I. Frank, I. Tamm 1958 "Discovery and interpretation of the Cherenkov effect")
- 1939 First measurements of the proton magnetic moment (Nobel prize O. Stern 1943 "His contribution to the development of the molecular ray method ...")
- 1943 Fermis first reactor
- 1947 Confirmation of  $\pi^-$ (Nobel prize C.F. Powell 1950 "His development of the photographic method and ...")
- 1953 First observations of charged particle tracks in a bubble chamber (Nobel prize D.A. Glaser 1960 "For his invention of the bubble chamber")
- 1959 Proposal for an experiment to distinguish  $\nu_e$  and  $\nu_\mu$
- 1960 Realisation of neutrino beams at accelerators (Nobel prize L. Lederman, M. Schwartz, J. Steinberger 1988 "for the neutrino beam method and ....")
- 1960 First evidence for  $\Sigma(1385)$
- 1961 First evidence for  $\omega$ -meson (Nobel prize L. Alvarez 1968 "... discovery of a large number of resonance states made possible through his development of the hydrogen bubble chamber technique ...")

#### Introduction III

- 1968 Invention of the Multiwire Proportional Chamber (MPC) (Nobel prize G. Charpak 1992 "for his invention and development of particle detectors, in particular the multiwire proportional chamber")
- 1983 First evidence for intermediate vector bosons W<sup>+</sup>, W<sup>-</sup>, Z<sup>0</sup> (Nobel prize C. Rubbia 1984, co-awardee S. van de Meer "stochastic cooling of proton beam ....")
- 1986 Precision measurement of g 2 of the electron (Nobel prize H. Dehmelt and W. Paul 1989 "for the development of ion trap technique ...")
- 1986 Neutrino oscillations in solar and atmospheric neutrinos (Nobel prize R. Davies and T.Koshiba 2002 " ... development of neutrino detection techniques")
- 1989-2000 precision measurements at LEP test QCD and establish the precise form of asymptotic freedom

(Nobel prize D.J. Gross, H.D. Politzer, F. Wilczek "for the discovery of asymptotic freedom ....")

- 1995 Discovery of the top quark by D0 and CDF, first  $\bar{p}p$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.8$  TeV at the Tevatron in 1986
- 2013 Discovery of a Higgs boson by ATLAS and CMS, first pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV at the LHC 2010

(Nobel prize P. Higgs and F. Englert 2013 " for the theoretical discovery of a

mechanism ... recently confirmed through the discovery of the predicted fundamental particle ...")

#### HEP and SI Units

Quantity	HEP units	SI Units
length	1 fm	10 <sup>-15</sup> m
energy	1 GeV	1.602· 10 <sup>-10</sup> J
mass	1 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	1.78·10 <sup>-27</sup> kg
ħ=h/2	6.588·10 <sup>-25</sup> GeV s	1.055 <sup>.</sup> 10 <sup>-34</sup> J s
C	2.988·10 <sup>23</sup> fm/s	2.988·10 <sup>8</sup> m/s
ħc	0.1973 GeV fm	3.162·10 <sup>-26</sup> J m

Natural units ( $h = c = 1$ )			
mass	1 GeV		
length	1 GeV <sup>-1</sup> =0.1973 fm		
time	$1 \text{ GeV}^{-1} = 6.59 \cdot 10^{-25} \text{ s}$		

#### 1.1 Beams I

- Non-controlled collisions: Cosmic radiation, beam energy and particle type cannot be controlled, many discoveries, extremely high energies
- Controlled experiments: particle accelerator charged particle traverses potential difference
  - Particle traverses many successive potential differences LINAC - Linear accelerator



RF cavity resonators , typically 8  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MV}}\xspace/m$ 

future: e.g. ILC > 35 MV/m

The particles surf on the wavecrest through the cavities, scalable to very high energies, high cost due to length ...

 Particle traverses the same potential difference many times circular accelerator (cyclotron, synchrotron) again acceleration in RF cavities, magnetic field keeps particles on circular orbit cyclotron condition :

$$p = eBR$$
  
 $p(GeV/c) = 0.3 \cdot B(T)R(m)$ 

conventional coils:		1.5 T
superconducting:	Tevatron	5 T
	LHC:	10 T

The particle loses energy by synchrotron radiation, the radiated power:

$$P = \frac{2e^2c}{3R^2} \frac{\beta^4}{(1-\beta^2)^2} \quad \xrightarrow{(\beta \to 1)} \quad \frac{2e^2c\gamma^4}{3R^2}$$

radiated energy per turn

$$\Delta E = \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{e^2 \gamma^4}{R}$$

e.g.: LEP R = 4.3 km, E = 100 GeV,  $m_0 = 0.5$  MeV,  $\gamma = 2 \cdot 10^5 \rightarrow \Delta E = 2.24$  GeV of 100 GeV

LEP maybe the last circular accelerator for electrons?

for protons, synchrotron radiation so far comparatively irrelevant

- LHC in the LEP tunnel: E = 7 TeV,  $\gamma = 7 \cdot 10^3 \rightarrow \Delta E = 3.4$  keV
- Beam hits stationary target "fixed target experiments"

$$p + p \rightarrow X$$
  $\sqrt{s} = m_p \sqrt{2 + 2\gamma_p}$ 

but high luminosity

e.g.: in 1 m liquid hydrogen, beam  $10^{12}$  /s  $\mathcal{L}=2\cdot 10^{36}/\text{cm}^2\,\text{s}$ 

#### 1.1 Beams III

Colliding beams "collider experiments": high energies  $\sqrt{s} = 2m_p\gamma_p$ comparatively low luminosity e.g.:  $10^{10}$  particles per bunch, 20 bunches per orbit, revolution frequency 1 MHz, beam size  $10^{-2}$  cm<sup>2</sup>

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{10^{6} \cdot 20 \cdot 10^{20}}{10^{-2} \mathrm{cm}^{2} \cdot \mathrm{s}} = 2 \cdot 10^{29} / \mathrm{cm}^{2} \, \mathrm{s} \quad \mathrm{LHC} : 10^{34} / \mathrm{cm}^{2} \, \mathrm{s}$$

#### **Reaction rate:**

 $R = \sigma \cdot \mathcal{L}$ 

typical largest cross section  $\rightarrow$  total inelastic cross section

$$p + p$$
 at  $\sqrt{s} = 10 (7000)$  GeV,  $\sigma_{\text{incl}} = 30 (60)$  mb

 $1 \text{ mb} = 1 \text{ millibarn} = 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2 \cdot 10^{-3}$ 

inelastic rate typical "fixed target" experiment:  $R = 3 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^2 \cdot 2 \cdot 10^{36} / \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s} \approx 6 \cdot 10^{10} / \text{s}$ inelastic rate for pp collider:  $R = 3 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^2 \cdot 2 \cdot 10^{29} / \text{cm}^2 \text{ s} \approx 6 \cdot 10^3 / \text{s}$ Usually much smaller cross sections are investigated: nb, pb, ...

- $\rightarrow~1$  pb: 2 Hz for fixed target
- $\rightarrow 2/10^7$  s (i.e. one year) for traditional colliders but 1/100 s (LHC)

#### Criteria for the beam energy

Reaction rate, especially the importance of a threshold

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow Z^0 + {
m Higgs}$$
  $\sqrt{s} \ge m_{Z_0} + m_{
m Higgs}$   
at LEP  $\sqrt{s} = 208 \ {
m GeV} \rightarrow m_{
m Higgs} \le 116 \ {
m GeV}$ 

#### Resolution of structures

object of the dimensions  $\Delta x$  can be resolved with the wavelength

$$ar{\lambda} = rac{\hbar c}{
ho c} \leq \Delta x \qquad ext{or } 
ho c \geq rac{\hbar c}{\Delta x}$$

e <sup>+</sup> e <sup>-</sup> Colliders	pp/pp̄ Colliders
e <sup>+</sup> e <sup>-</sup> E <sub>beam</sub> =√s/2	$p \longrightarrow \frac{x_1 p \sqrt{\hat{s}}}{\sqrt{\hat{s}}} \frac{x_2 p}{\sqrt{p}} \longrightarrow p$
Energy of elementary interaction known	Energy of elementary interaction not known
$\sqrt{\hat{s}} = E(e^-) + E(e^+) = \sqrt{s}$	$\sqrt{\hat{s}} = \sqrt{x_1 x_2 s} < \sqrt{s}$
Only two elementary particles collide	Elementary interaction (hard) $+$ interaction of
ightarrow clean final states	"spectator" q,g (soft) overlapp in detector
Mainly EW processes	EW processes suffer from huge backgrounds
	from strong processes
$\sqrt{s}$ limited by $e^{\pm}$ synchrotron radiation:	Synchrotron radiation is $\sim \left(m_p/m_e ight)^4 \sim 10^{13}$
$E_{ m loss} \sim rac{E_{beam}^4}{R} rac{1}{m_e^4}$	smaller
$E_{ m loss} \sim 2.5~{ m GeV}$ /turn	
LEP 2 ( $\mathit{E}_{ m beam} \sim$ 100 GeV)	
- high energy more difficult	- high energy easier $ ightarrow$ discovery machines
ightarrow next machine: Linear Collider	current machine: LHC, pp , $\sqrt{s}=14$ $TeV$
(ILC, CLIC, $\sqrt{s}=800(3000?)$ GeV)	in the LEP ring
- clean environment $ ightarrow$ precision	more "dirty" environment, but increasingly
measurement machines	also precision measurements

# Electron Colliders Important for Testing Standard Model and Physics Beyond

	where	start	end	energy	length/	most relevant physics
					circumf.	
				(GeV)	(km)	
Petra	DESY	1978	1986	23.5 + 23.5	2.3	discovery of gluons
CESR	Cornell/ USA	1979		6 + 6	0.77	spectroscopy hadrons with b and c quarks
PEP	$Stanford/\ USA$	1980	1990	15 + 15	2.2	top search, indirect $W/Z$ hint
Tristan	KEK/ Japan	1987	1995	32 + 32	3	top search
LEP	CERN	1989	2000	105 + 105	26.7	precision test of standard model
SLC	$Stanford/\ USA$	1989	1998	50 + 50	1.45 + 1.46	precision test of standard model
PEP II	Stanford/ USA	1999	2008	9 + 3.1	2.2	CP violation in B
KEK-B	KEK/ Japan	1999	2010	8 + 3.5	3	CP violation in B

### Hadron Colliders Important for Testing Standard Model and Physics Beyond

	where	Beam	start	end	energy	length/	most relevant physics
						circumf.	
					(TeV)	(km)	
SppS	CERN	р <mark>р</mark>	1981	1990	0.45 + 0.45	6.9	W,Z bosons
Tevatron	Fermilab/ USA	р <del>р</del>	1987	2011	0.9 + 0.9	6.3	top quark
SSC	Texas/ USA	рр	1996??		20 + 20	83.6	abandoned in 94
HERA	DESY	ер	1992	2007	0.03(e) + 0.92(p)	6.3	precise nucleon structure
RHIC	BNL/ USA	AuAu	2000		19.7 + 19.7	3.8	Quark-Gluon plasma
		рр			0.25 + 0.25		
LHC	CERN	рр	2009		7 + 7	26.7	Higgs, SUSY?
		PbPb			562 + 562		Quark-gluon plasma

# Sources of Neutrinos Important for Testing Standard Model and Physics Beyond

source	reaction	energy range	type
solar	fusion reactions	typically below 20 MeV	$ u_e $
reactor	$\beta\text{-decay}$ after fission	up to few MeV	$ u_e $
atmosphere	$\pi$ - and $\mu$ -decay	GeV	$ u_{\mu}$ and $ u_{e}$
accelerators	$\mu$ -decay	up to 100 GeV	$ u_{\mu}$



Energy growth of accelerators and storage rings. This plot, an updated version of M. Stanley Livingston's original, shows an energy increase by a factor of ten every seven years. Note how a new technology for acceleration has, so far, always appeared whenever the previous technology has reached its saturation energy. [From W. K. H. Panofsky, *Phys. Today 33, 24 (June 1980)*]

Increase: factor 10 every 7 years.



Simplified and non-exhaustive summary of SM tests at Colliders

#### LEP: Large Electron Positron Collider



The LEP Storage Ring

Some characteristic parameters				
Parameter	Value			
circumference	26658.88 m			
magnetic radius	3096 m			
revolution frequency	11245.5 Hz			
RF frequency	352 MHz			
injection energy	pprox 20 GeV			
achieved peak energy per beam	104.5 GeV			
achieved peak luminosity	$4 \text{ pb}^{-1} / \text{day}$			
number of bunches	4, 8 or 12			
typical current/ bunch	0.75 mA			

#### Introduction Beams

#### LEP: $e^+e^-$ Collider at CERN

LEP1 (1989-1995) :  $\sqrt{s} \approx m_z \rightarrow 2 \cdot 10^7$  Z recorded  $\rightarrow$  precise Z measurements LEP2 (1996-2000) :  $\sqrt{s} \rightarrow 209$  GeV  $\rightarrow$  WW production,  $m_W$ , search for Higgs and new particles





#### HERA: ep collider at DESY

ep collisions allow to probe efficiently the proton structure, distribution of quarks and gluons, are quarks elementary?

 $1994\mathchar`-2000 \sim 0.1 \mbox{ fb}^{-1}$  per experiment 2002-2006  $\sim -1 \mbox{ fb}^{-1}$  per experiment











# QCD with elementary quarks describes the scattering up to the highest accessible $\mathsf{Q}^2$



#### the Tevatron: pp Collider at Fermilab



 $R \sim 6.5 \text{ km}$  $\sqrt{s} \approx 2 \text{ TeV}$ 



Run 1	(1989-1996)
Run 2	(2001-2011)

 $\approx 200 \text{ top events} \rightarrow \text{discovery of top}$  $\approx 80000 \text{ W events, measurement of } m_W \text{ and } m_{\text{top}}$  $\geq 100 \times \text{ more data} \rightarrow \text{better measurements of } m_W$ and  $m_{\text{top}}$ , searches for Higgs and new particles

### LHC: Hadron collider at CERN, startup in 2009



#### LHC: Hadron collider at CERN

LHC machine parameters					
circumference	27 km				
Bending radius	3 km				
Dipole field	8.33 T				
Orbit frequency	11 kHz				
Bunch spacing	25 ns				
Protons/bunch	$10^{11}$				
Beam energy					
рр	7 + 7 TeV				
PbPb	$2.7+2.7~\mathrm{TeV/u}$				
Peak luminosity					
рр	$10^{34}~{ m cm}^{-2}~{ m s}^{-1}$				
PbPb	$10^{27}~{ m cm}^{-2}~{ m s}^{-1}$				

#### 1.2 General demands on particle detectors

- Particle detection
- Momentum or energy measurement
- Particle identification electron pion kaon . . .
- Reconstruction of the invariant mass of decay products  $m_{inv}^2 = (\sum_i p_i)^2$ , four-momenta
- "Missing Mass" or "Missing Energy" for undetected particles like neutrinos
- Sensitivity to lifetime or decay length
  - stable particles: protons,  $au \geq 10^{32} y$  test of stability
  - unstable particles:

decay via strong interaction:  $ho o \pi^+\pi^ \Gamma = 100 \; {
m MeV}$ 

$$au c = rac{\hbar c}{\Gamma} = 2 \ {
m fm} \qquad au pprox 10^{-23} \ {
m s}$$

decay via electromagnetic interaction:  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$   $\tau = 10^{-16}$  s

- quasi-stable particles:

decay via weak interaction

_	Some examples for decay length								
	decay length								
particle	au	c au	$eta \gamma \mathbf{c}  au$ at $\mathbf{p} = 10~{ m GeV/c}$						
n	889 s	$2.7\cdot10^8\text{km}$	$2.9\cdot10^9$ km						
Λ	$2.6\cdot10^{-10}$ s	7.9 cm	71 cm						
$\pi^{\pm}$	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-8} s$	7.8 m	560 m						
$D^\pm$	$10^{-12}~ m s$	0.31 mm	1.6 mm						
$B^\pm$	$1.6\cdot10^{-12}~\mathrm{s}$	0.49 mm	0.93 mm						
au	$3\cdot10^{-13}$ s	0.09 mm	0.5 mm						

#### ALEPH: Apparatus for LEP Physics









#### 2 jets of hadrons with low multiplicity + missing E carried by neutrinos

ALEPH

### ALEPH: Display of 2 Jet Events



### DELPHI: DEtector with Lepton, Photon and Hadron Identification



		ALEPH	DELPHI	L3	OPAL
magnet		superconducting	superconducting	normal	normal
fieldstrength		1.5 T	1.23 T	0.5 T	0.435 T
vertexdetector (SS)					
hit resolution	$r\phi$	12 $\mu$ m	8 $\mu$ m	7 $\mu$ m	5 $\mu$ m
	Z	$10~\mu$ m	9 $\mu$ m	14 $\mu$ m	13 mm
vertex detector					
hit resolution	$r\phi$	150 $\mu$ m	85 $\mu$ m	-	55 $\mu$ m
	Z	70 mm	-	-	40 mm (ΔT)
					0.7 mm (st.)
central detector		TPC	TPC	TEC	jet chamber
hit resolution	$r\phi$	180 $\mu$ m	250 $\mu$ m	50 $\mu$ m	135 $\mu$ m
	Z	$\sim~1$ mm	0.9 mm	-	45 mm
outer chambers					
hit resolution	$r\phi$	-	110 $\mu$ m	-	15 mm
	Z	-	35 mm	320 μm	300 µm
momentum resol.	$\sigma(rac{1}{p_{+}})$ (GeV/c) $^{-1}$	$0.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$0.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$0.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$(\cos  heta \simeq 0)$				for $\mu^\pm$ only	
electromagnetic		lead-prop. tubes	HPC /lead glass	BGO	lead glass
calorimeter					
granularity	barrel	$3  imes 3  ext{ cm}^2$	$\sim$ 2 $\times$ 2 cm <sup>2</sup>	$2 \times 2 \text{ cm}^2$	$10 imes10$ cm $^2$
	endcap	same as barrel	$5  imes 5  ext{ cm}^2$	same as barrel	same as barrel
energy resolution	$\sigma_F/E$	$0.18/\sqrt{E/{ m GeV}}$	$0.32/\sqrt{E/\text{GeV}}$	$0.02/\sqrt{E/\text{GeV}}$	$0.06/\sqrt{E/\text{GeV}}$
	_,	⊕0.01	⊕0.04	⊕0.01	⊕0.02
hadronic energy		$0.85/\sqrt{E/{ m GeV}}$	$1.12/\sqrt{E/{ m GeV}}$	10% at 45 GeV	1 (at < 15  GeV)
resolution			⊕0.21		to $1.2/\sqrt{E/{ m GeV}}$
luminosity detector		Si-W sampling	lead-scintillating	BGO +	Si-W sampling
		+ lead sandwich	tiles & mask	Si $r\phi$ strips	+ lead sandwich
fiducial acceptance	inner/outer radius	$6.1/14.5~{ m cm}$	6.5/42.0 cm	7.6/15.4 cm	6.2/14.2 cm
	$ heta_{\min}/ heta{\max}$	30/48 mrad	44/114 mrad	32/54 mrad	31/52 mrad

### ATLAS: A Toroidal LHC ApparatuS



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#### CMS: Compact Muon Spectrometer



#### Slice through CMS



General demands on particle detectors

Higgs discovery

# $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- + e^+e^-$

#### ATLAS event display



#### ALICE: A Large Ion Collider Experiment

Study of Quark-Gluon Plasma Matter



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## 2. Interactions of particles and matter

#### 2 Interactions of particles and matter

- Electronic energy loss by heavy particles
- Interaction of photons
- Interaction of electrons
  - Energy loss by Ionization
  - Bremsstrahlung
- Cherenkov effect
- Transition radiation

## 2. Interactions of particles and matter

- very compact presentation, since material should be largely known (see also chapter 3 of my lecture 'Experimentalphysik 5' WS 2008/2009 and Skript - to be found on my webpage)
- some additional material, useful relations, tables, figures<sup>1</sup>
- more emphasis on some aspects that are new beyond PEP4 and important for detectors

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Good, but very compact presentation of material, including many references in *Review of Particle Physics, Chin. Phys. C40 (2016) 100001 and 2017 update, ch. 34 "Passage of particles through matter" by P. Bichsel, D.E. Groom & S.R. Klein* 

# 2.1 Electronic energy loss dE/dx

consider particle X with  $Mc^2 \gg m_e c^2$ Coulomb interaction between particle X and atom cross section dominated by inelastic collisions with electrons

(for electrons also bremsstrahlung, see below) classical derivation: *N. Bohr 1913* quantum mechanical derivation: *H. Bethe, Ann. d. Physik 5 (1930) 325* and *F. Bloch, Ann. d. Physik 16 (1933) 285*  Bohr: particle with charge ze moves with velocity v through medium with electron density n, electrons considered free and, during collision, at rest



per pathlength dx in the distance between b and b + db,  $n2\pi b db dx$  electrons are found <sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>here and in the following  $e^2 = 1.44$  MeV fm (contains  $4\pi\epsilon_0$ )

$$-\mathrm{d}E(b) = \frac{n4\pi z^2 e^4}{m_e v^2} \frac{\mathrm{d}b}{b} \mathrm{d}x$$

diverges for  $b \rightarrow 0$ 

Bohr: choose relevant range 
$$b_{min} - b_{max}$$

**b**<sub>min</sub> | relative to heavy particle electron is located only within the Broglie wavelength

$$\Rightarrow b_{min} = \frac{\hbar}{p} = \frac{\hbar}{\gamma m_e v}$$

 $b_{max}$  duration of perturbation should be shorter than period of electron:  $b/\gamma v \leq 1/\langle \nu \rangle$ 

$$\Rightarrow b_{max} = \frac{\gamma v}{\langle \nu \rangle}$$

integrate over *b* with these limits:

$$-rac{\mathsf{d} E}{\mathsf{d} x} = rac{4\pi z^2 e^4}{m_e c^2 eta^2} n \ln rac{m_e c^2 eta^2 \gamma^2}{\hbar \langle 
u 
angle}$$

electron density  $n = \frac{N_A \rho Z}{A}$ average revolution frequency of electron  $\langle \nu \rangle \leftrightarrow$  mean excitation energy  $I = \hbar \langle \nu \rangle$ 

## Bethe-Bloch equation

considering quantum mechanical effects and some other corrections

#### Bethe-Bloch equation

$$-\frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}x} = Kz^2 \frac{Z}{A} \rho \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2 T_{max}}{I^2} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta}{2} \right]$$

describes mean rate of energy loss in the range 0.1  $\leq \beta\gamma \leq$  1000

$$\frac{K}{A} = \frac{4\pi N_A r_e^2 m_e c^2}{A}$$
$$T_{max} \approx 2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2$$

with classical electron radius

$$r_e = \frac{e^2}{m_e c^2}$$

max. energy transfer in a single collision,

for  $M \gg m_e$ 

 $I = (10 \pm 1) \cdot Z \, \, \mathrm{eV}$ 

mean excitation energy (for elements beyond aluminum)

 $\delta/2$ 

'density correction' (see next page)

with increasing particle energy  $\rightarrow$  Lorentz contraction of electric field, corresponding to increase of contribution from large *b* with ln  $\beta\gamma$ 



but: real media are polarized, effectively cuts off long-range contributions to logarithmic rise, term  $-\delta/2$  leads to Fermi plateau

high energy limit

$$rac{\delta}{2} 
ightarrow \ln rac{\hbar \omega_{m{p}}}{I} + \ln eta \gamma - rac{1}{2}$$

with plasma energy

$$\hbar\omega_{p}=\sqrt{4\pi nr_{e}^{3}}m_{e}c^{2}/\alpha$$

 $\Rightarrow -\frac{dE}{dx} \text{ increases more like} \\ \ln \beta \gamma \text{ than } \ln \beta^2 \gamma^2 \text{ and } I \text{ should be} \\ \text{replaced by plasma energy} \end{cases}$ 

remark: plasma energy  $\propto \sqrt{n}$ i.e. correction much larger for liquids and solids, leading to smaller relativistic rise

one more (small) correction: 'shell correction'  $\Rightarrow$  for  $\beta c \cong v_e$ capture processes possible



Energy loss rate in copper. The function without the density effect correction is also shown, as is the shell correction and two low-energy approximations.



## General behavior of dE/dx

- at low energies / velocities decrease as approx.  $\beta^{-5/3}$  up to  $\beta\gamma>1$
- broad minimum at

$$\beta \gamma \cong \frac{3.5}{3.0} \begin{pmatrix} Z = 7 \\ Z = 100 \end{pmatrix} \left\{ 1 - 2 \ \frac{\text{MeV cm}^2}{g} \right\}$$

'minimally ionizing particle'

- Iogarithmic rise and 'Fermi plateau' density correction would lead to plateau at high energy, except for energy transfer to few very energetic electrons ( $T_{max} \propto \beta^2 \gamma^2$ ). Treated explicitly beyond a certain  $T_{cut}$ logarithmic rise about 20% in liquids/solids and about 50% in gases
- very low velocities ( $v < v_{\text{electron}}$ ) cannot be treated this way for  $10^{-3} \le \beta \le \alpha \cdot z$ :  $-\frac{dE}{dx} \propto \beta$  non-ionizing, recoil of atomic nuclei for  $\beta \cdot c \cong v_e$  also capture processes important (shell correction)

### Range

Integration over changing energy loss from initial kinetic energy E down to zero

$$R = \int_{E}^{0} \frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}E/\mathrm{d}x}$$

concept only useful for low energy hadrons (such that  $R \leq \lambda_i$ ) and for muons



Mean range and energy loss due to ionization in lead, copper, aluminum and carbon

# Energy deposition of particles stopped in medium

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{for } \beta \gamma \simeq 3.5 & \left\langle \frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}x} \right\rangle \simeq \frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}x\min} \\ \text{for } \beta \gamma \leq 3.5 & \text{steep rise } \left\langle \frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}x} \right\rangle \gg \frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}x\min} \\ \end{array} \text{ down to very small energies,} \end{array}$ 

then decrease again



Energy loss curve vs depth showing Bragg peak

Application: tumor therapy - one can deposit precise dose in well defined depth of material (body), determined by initial beam energy, proton therapy lately also with heavy ions as  $^{12}C$ ; HIT tumor center has started operation in Heidelberg (collaboration DKFZ & GSI) precise 3D irradiation profile by suitably shaped absorber (custom made for each patient)

### **Delta-Electrons**

Electrons liberated by ionization having an energy in excess of some value (e.g.  $T_{cut}$ ) are called  $\delta$ -electrons (initial observation in emulsions, hard scattering  $\rightarrow$  energetic electrons)



Massive highly relativistic particle can transfer practically all its energy to a single electron! Probability distribution for energy transfer to a single electron:

$$\frac{d^2 W}{dx \ dE} = 2m_e c^2 \pi r_e^2 \frac{z^2}{\beta^2} \cdot \frac{Z}{A} N_A \cdot \rho \cdot \frac{1}{E^2}$$

unpleasant: often this electron is not detected as part of the ionization trail

 $\rightarrow$  broadening of track and of energy loss distribution



A bubble chamber picture of the associated production reaction  $\pi^- + p \rightarrow K^0 + \Lambda$ . The incoming pion is indicated by the arrow, and the unseen neutrals are detected by their decays  $K^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^-$  and  $\Lambda \rightarrow \pi^- + p$ . This picture was taken in the 10-inch (25 cm) bubble chamber at the Lawrence Berkeley Radiation Laboratory. The spirals are  $\delta$  electrons.

## Energy loss distribution for finite absorber thickness

Energy loss by ionization is distributed statistically: 'energy loss straggling' Bethe-Bloch formula describes the *mean energy loss* strong fluctuations about mean: first considered by *Bohr 1915* 

$$\sigma^2 = \langle E^2 \rangle - E_0^2 \cong 4\pi n z^2 e^4 \Delta x$$

 $\sigma$ : standard deviation of Gaussian distribution with mean deposited energy  $E_0$  and tail towards high energies due to  $\delta$ -electrons (actual solution complicated problem)



'Landau distribution' for thin absorber Vavilov (1957): correction for thicker absorber approximation:

$$D\left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\underbrace{\frac{dE}{dx} - \frac{dE}{dx}}_{\lambda} + e^{-\lambda}\right)\right)$$

 $\xi$  is a material constant

more precise: Allison & Cobb (using measurements and numerical solution) Ann. Rev. Nuclear Sci. 30 (1980) 253 Energy loss distribution normalized to thickness x with increasing thickness:

- most probable dE/dx shifts to large values
- relative width shrinks
- asymmetry of distribution decreases



Straggling functions in silicon for 500 MeV pions, normalized to unity at the most probable value  $\Delta_p/x$ . The width w is the full width at half maximum.

# Multiple (Coulomb) scattering

In deriving energy loss by ionization we had considered the

transverse momentum transfer to electron  $\Delta p_{\perp} \simeq \frac{2ze^2}{bv}$ 

there is a corresponding momentum transfer to primary particle that is losing energy. But here, most visible: deflection by target nuclei due to factor Z



after k collisions

$$\langle \theta_k^2 \rangle = \sum_{m=1}^k \theta_m^2 = k \langle \theta^2 \rangle$$

 $heta\simeqrac{\Delta p_{\perp}}{p_{\parallel}}\simeqrac{\Delta p_{\perp}}{p}$ 

 $=\frac{2Zze^2}{b}\frac{1}{m}$ 

for very thin absorber: single collision dominates, Rutherford scattering  $d\sigma/d\Omega \propto \sin^{-4} \theta/2$ for a few collisions: difficult for many collisions (> 20): statistical treatment 'Molière theory' (*G.Z. Molière 1947, 1948*) Molière theory: averaging over many collisions and integration over b, angular distribution roughly Guassian

the rms deflection angle projected to a plane is

$$\sqrt{\langle \theta^2(x) \rangle} = \theta_{\rm rms}^{\rm plane} = \frac{13.6 \text{ MeV}}{\beta pc} z \sqrt{\frac{x}{X_0}} (1 + 0.038 \ln \frac{x}{X_0})$$

 $X_0$ : 'radiation length', material constant

in 3D: 
$$\theta_{\rm rms}^{\rm space} = \sqrt{2} \ \theta_{\rm rms}^{\rm plane}$$
 13.6  $\rightarrow$  19.2

at small momenta this multiple scattering effect limits the momentum and vertex resolution

## 2.2 Interaction of photons with matter



characteristic for photons: in a single interaction a photon can be removed out of beam with intensity *I* 

 $dI = -I\mu dx$   $\mu(E, Z, \rho) \rightarrow absorption coefficient$ Lambert-Beer law of attenuation:

 $I = I_0 \exp{-\mu x}$ 

• mean free path of photon in matter:  $\lambda = 1/n\sigma = 1/\mu$ 

to become independent of state (gaseous, liquid) and reduce variations  $\rightarrow$  introduce

mass absorption coefficient  $au = \frac{\mu}{\rho} = N_A \frac{\sigma}{A}$ 

example:  $E_{\gamma}=100$  keV, in iron Z=26,  $\lambda=3$  g/cm $^2$  or 0.4 cm

3 processes, in order of growing importance with increasing photon energy E

- photo effect
- Compton scattering (incoherent off an electron)
- pair production (in nuclear field)

also present, but for energy loss not as important

- Rayleigh scattering (coherent, atom neither ionized nor excited)  $\gamma + e_b \rightarrow \gamma + e_b$
- photo nuclear absorption  $\gamma$  + nucleus  $\rightarrow$  (p or n) + nucleus
- pair production (in electron field)

### Photo effect I

$$\gamma + {
m atom} \rightarrow {
m atom}^+ + {
m e}^-$$

 $E_e = h\nu - I_b$ 

 $h\nu$  :  $\gamma$  energy

 $I_b$ : binding energy of electron; K, L, M absorption edges

since binding energy strongly Z-dependent, strong Z-dependence of cross sections



$$I \ll E_{\gamma} \ll mc^{2} \qquad \sigma_{Ph} = \alpha \pi a_{b} Z^{5} \left(\frac{l_{0}}{E_{\gamma}}\right)^{\frac{l}{2}}$$
$$a_{b} = 0.53 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{m} \qquad l_{0} = 13.6 \text{ eV}$$
$$\text{for} \quad E_{\gamma} = 0.1 \text{ MeV}$$
$$\sigma_{Ph}(Fe) = 29 \text{ b}$$
$$\sigma_{Ph}(Pb) = 5 \text{ kb}$$
$$\text{for} \quad E_{\gamma} \gg mc^{2} \quad \sigma_{Ph} \propto \frac{Z^{5}}{E_{\gamma}}$$



### Photo effect II

The excited atom emits either

char. X-rays  $\operatorname{atom}_{\mathsf{K}}^{+*} \to \operatorname{atom}_{\mathsf{LM}}^{+*} + \gamma$ or Auger electrons  $\operatorname{atom}_{\mathsf{K}}^{+*} \to \operatorname{atom}_{\mathsf{LM}}^{++*} + e^{-}$ 

Auger electrons have small energy that is deposited locally X-ray  $\rightarrow$  photo effect again, range may be significant this 'fluorescence yield' increases with Z.

#### Compton scattering





recoil of electrons

$$T_e = rac{rac{E_\gamma}{m_e c^2}(1-\cos heta)}{rac{E_\gamma}{m_e c^2}(1-\cos heta)+1}E_\gamma$$

$$\left(\frac{T_e}{E_{\gamma}}\right)_{\max} = \frac{E_{\gamma}}{m_e c^2} \frac{2}{1 + \frac{2E_{\gamma}}{m_e c^2}}$$
  
and  $\Delta E = E_{\gamma} - T_{e,max} = \frac{E_{\gamma}}{1 + \frac{2E_{\gamma}}{m_e c^2}} \rightarrow \frac{m_e c^2}{2}$  for  $E_{\gamma} \gg m_e c^2$ 

gives rise to 'Compton edge' in measured  $\gamma$  spectrum

Compton edge: in case scattered photon is not absorbed in detector, a minimal amount of energy is missing from the 'full energy peak' (asymptotically half electron rest mass)



FEP = 'full energy peak': photo effect and Compton effect with scattered photon absorbed intensity depends on detector volume

Cross section: calculation in QED - 1929 O. Klein and Y. Nishina



- order of magnitude given by Thomson cross section

$$\sigma_{Th} = rac{8\pi}{3}r_e^2 = 0.66 ext{ b}$$
  
 $\gamma + e^- o \gamma + e^- extsf{ } E_\gamma o 0$ 

Compton cross section

$$E_{\gamma} \ll m_e c^2$$
  $\sigma_c = \sigma_{Th} (1 - 2\mathcal{E})$   
 $E_{\gamma} \gg m_e c^2$   $\sigma_c = \frac{3}{8} \sigma_{Th} \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}} \left( \ln 2\mathcal{E} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$   
with  $\mathcal{E} = \frac{E_{\gamma}}{m_e c^2}$ 

angular distribution from QED: Klein-Nishina formula

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_c}{\mathrm{d}\Omega} = \frac{r_e^2}{2} \frac{1}{(1 + \mathcal{E}(1 - \cos\theta))^2} \left[ 1 + \cos\theta + \frac{\mathcal{E}^2(1 - \cos\theta)^2}{1 + \mathcal{E}(1 - \cos\theta)} \right] \qquad \mathcal{E} = \frac{E_\gamma}{m_e c^2}$$

angular distribution of scattered photon for high  $\gamma$ -energies forward peaked



Spectrum of recoil electrons from Klein-Nishina formula after angular integration

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma_c}{dT_e} &= \frac{\pi r_e^2}{m_e c^2 \mathcal{E}^2} \left[ 2 + \frac{s^2}{\mathcal{E}(1-s)^2} + \frac{s}{1-s} \left( s - \frac{2}{\mathcal{E}} \right) \right] \\ \mathcal{E} &= \frac{E_{\gamma}}{m_e c^2} \\ s &= \frac{T_e}{E_{\gamma}} \end{aligned}$$
$$\mathcal{T}_e^{max} &= E_{\gamma} \left( 1 - \frac{m_e c^2}{2E_{\gamma}} \right) \qquad \text{for large } E_{\gamma} \end{aligned}$$



mass absorption coefficient 
$$\frac{\mu_c}{\rho} = \frac{N_A}{A} Z \sigma_c \propto \frac{Z \ln E_{\gamma}}{E_{\gamma}}$$

## Pair production (Bethe-Heitler process) I



not possible in free space but in Coulomb field of atomic nucleus to absorb recoil

energy threshold

$$E_{\gamma} \geq 2m_ec^2 + 2rac{m_e^2c^4}{m_Kc^2}$$

Cross section: for low energies, impact parameters small, photon sees 'naked' nucleus with increasing  $E_{\gamma}$ , range of impact parameter *b* is growing up to  $b \ge a_{\text{atom}}$ , complete screening  $\rightarrow$ 

saturation of cross section for  $E_\gamma \gg m_e c^2$ 

$$\sigma_{\text{pair}} = 4Z^2 \alpha r_e^2 \left(\frac{7}{9} \ln \frac{183}{Z^{1/3}} - \frac{1}{54}\right) \simeq \frac{7}{9} \underbrace{4\alpha r_e^2 Z^2 \ln \frac{183}{Z^{1/3}}}_{(A/N_A)X_0}$$

 $X_0$ : 'radiation length' (g/cm<sup>2</sup>), to obtain length (cm):  $\rho X_0$ mass absorption coeff.  $\frac{\mu_p}{\rho} = \frac{N_A}{A}\sigma_p \simeq \frac{7}{9}\frac{1}{X_0}$ 

# Pair production (Bethe-Heitler process) II

	$ ho~({ m g/cm^3})$	$X_0$ (cm)
liq $H_2$	0.071	865
С	2.27	18.8
Fe	7.87	1.76
Pb	11.35	0.56
air	0.0012	30 420

the angular distribution of produced electrons is narrow in forward cone with opening angle of  $\theta = m_e/E_\gamma$ 

definition of radiation length  $X_0$  in terms of energy loss of electron by bremsstrahlung see below

# Fractional electron (or positron) energy x

x = E/k = electron energy/photon energy cross section necessarily symmetric between x and (1 - x)



at ultrahigh energies new effect -Landau Pomeranchuk Migdal effect: quantum mechanical interference between amplitudes from different scattering centers; relevant scale formation length - length over which highly relativistic electron and photon split apart.

interference (generally) destructive  $\rightarrow$  reduced cross section for a given, very high photon energy k: if electron (or positron) energy are above some value given by  $E(k - E) > kE_{LPM} \Rightarrow$  effect visible, cross section reduced  $E_{LPM} = 7.7 X_0 \text{ TeV/cm}$ e.g. for Pb  $E_{LPM} = 4.3 \text{ TeV}$ take k = 100 TeV, suppression for E > 4.5 TeV or x = 0.045(see also bremsstrahlung below)

## Total absorption coefficient

$$\sigma_{tot} = \sigma_{Ph} + \sigma_c + \sigma_p$$
  

$$\mu = \mu_{Ph} + \mu_c + \mu_p$$
  

$$\mu_i = n\sigma_i = \frac{N_A \rho}{A} \sigma_i$$

photon total cross sections as a function of energy in carbon and lead



## The photon mass attenuation length $\lambda$



The photon mass attenuation length (or mean free path)  $\lambda = \rho/\mu$  for various elemental absorbers as a function of photon energy. The mass attenuation coefficient is  $\mu/\rho$ , where  $\rho$  is the density. The intensity *I* remaining after traversal of thickness *t* (in mass/unit area) is given by  $I = I_0 \exp - t/\lambda$ . The accuracy is a few percent. For a chemical compound or mixture,  $1/\lambda_{\text{eff}} \approx \sum_{\text{elements}} w_Z/\lambda_Z$ , where  $w_Z$  is the proportion by weight of the element with atomic number *Z*. Since coherent processes are included, not all processes result in energy deposition.

with increasing photon energy pair creation becomes dominant

#### for Pb beyond 4 MeV for H beyond 70 MeV

Probability P that a photon interaction will result in conversion to an  $e^+e^-$  pair. Except for a few-percent contribution from photonuclear absorption around 10 or 20 MeV, essentially all other interactions in this energy range result from Compton scattering off an atomic electron. For a photon attenuation length  $\lambda$ , the probability that a given photon will produce an electron pair (without first Compton scattering) in thickness t of absorber is  $P[1 - \exp(-t/\lambda)]$ 



# 2.3 Interaction of electrons Energy loss by ionization

#### Modification of **Bethe-Bloch equation**

 $m_e$  small  $\rightarrow$  deflection important

identical particles  $\rightarrow W_{max} = T/2$ 

quantum mechanics: after scattering, no way to distinguish between incident electron and electron from ionization.

 $\rightarrow$  for relativistic electrons

$$-\frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}x} = 4\pi N_A r_e^2 m_e c^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[ \ln \frac{\gamma m_e c^2 \beta \sqrt{\gamma - 1}}{\sqrt{2}I} + F(\gamma) \right]$$

considers kinematics of  $e^- + e^-$  collision and screening

positrons: for small energies energy loss a bit larger (annihilation) also: they are not identical particles

remark: for same  $\beta$  the energy loss by ionization for  $e^-$  and p equal within 10%

# Ionization yield (also valid for heavy particles)

Mean energy loss by ionization and excitation can be transformed into mean number of electron-ion pairs produced along track of ionizing particle

total ionization = primary ionization + secondary ionization due to energetic primary electron

$n_t = n_p + n_s$		typical values			
mean energy $W$ to produce an		$I_0$ (eV)	W(eV)	$n_{p} (cm^{-1})$	$n_t (cm^{-1})$
electron-ion pair	H <sub>2</sub>	15.4	37	5.2	9.2
ΛF	$N_2$	15.5	35	10	56
$n_t = \frac{\Delta L}{M}$	02	12.2	31	22	73
VV	Ne	21.6	36	12	39
$W >$ ionization potential $I_0$ since	Ar	15.8	26	29	94
also ionization of inner shells	Kr	14.0	24	22	192
- evertation that may not load	Xe	12.1	22	44	307
excitation that may not lead to ionization	$CO_2$	13.7	33	34	91
to ionization	$CH_4$	13.1	28	16	53
$n_{\rm t} \approx (2-6)n_{\rm c}$			in gases	diff. due to	diff. due to
$m_t \sim (2 - 0)m_p$			pprox 30 eV	ho and Z	electronic struct.

Solid	state	detectors:
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	W(eV)	
Si	3.6	additional factor $10^3$ due to density
Ge	2.85	ightarrow many more electron ion pairs!

# Lateral straggeling



Important difference: electron - heavy particle heavy particle: track more or less straight electron: can be scattered into large angles pathlength  $\gg$  range

transverse deflection of an electron of energy  $E = E_c$  (see below) after traversing distance  $X_0$  (one radiation length)

$$\Delta y = R_M = rac{21 \text{ MeV}}{E_c} X_0$$
 'Molière radius'

	$E_c$ (MeV)	$R_M$ (cm)	$X_0$ (cm)
Pb	7.2	1.6	0.56
scint.	80	9.1	42
Nal	12.5	4.4	2.6
Consequence of lateral straggeling: range of electrons much more diffuse in comparison to protons



R<sub>p</sub>: extrapolated range rule of thumb:  $R_p\left(\frac{g}{cm^2}\right) = 0.52 T - 0.09$  for T = 0.5 - 3 MeV

#### 2.4 Bremsstrahlung

QED process (Fermi 1924, Weizsäcker-Williams 1938)



electron is hit by plane electromagnetic wave (for large v)  $E \perp B$  and both  $\perp v$ ; quanta are scattered by electron and appear as real photons



note: graph closely related to pair creation

in Coulomb field of nucleus electron is accelerated amplitude of electromagnetic radiation  $\propto$  acceleration  $\propto 1/m_ec^2$ 

$$\sigma_{\text{brems}} \propto \frac{Z^2 \alpha^3}{(m_e c^2)^2}$$
  
spectrum of photons  $\propto \frac{1}{k}$ , approximately  
 $\frac{d\sigma}{dk} \simeq \frac{A}{X_0 N_A} \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{4}{3} - \frac{4}{3}y + y^2\right)$   
with  $y = k/E$  (corrections later)

 $\rightarrow$  normalized bremsstrahlung cross section (in number of photons per radiation length)

$$N_k = \frac{X_0 N_A}{A} k \frac{d\sigma}{dk} = \left(\frac{4}{3} - \frac{4}{3}y + y^2\right)$$



from this compute  $N_{\gamma}$  in interval dk and from this energy loss

$$-\frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}x} = 4\alpha N_A \frac{Z^2}{A} r_e^2 E \ln \frac{183}{Z^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

remark:

$$r_e^2 = rac{e^4}{(m_e c^2)^2} = lpha^2 \left(rac{\hbar c}{m_e c^2}
ight)^2 \leftrightarrow -rac{\mathsf{d} E}{\mathsf{d} x} \propto rac{lpha^3}{(m_e c^2)^2}$$

considering also interaction with electrons in atom

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = 4\alpha N_A \frac{Z(Z+1)}{A} r_e^2 E \ln \frac{287}{Z^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{E}{X_0}$$

SO

$$E(x) = E_0 \exp(-x/X_0)$$

 $\Rightarrow X_0$  is distance over which energy decreases to 1/e of initial value

for mixtures:

$$\frac{1}{X_0} = \sum_i \frac{w_i}{X_{0i}} \qquad w_i \text{ weight fraction of substance } i$$

## Critical energy

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} \qquad \text{by ionization} \qquad \propto \ln E$$
$$-\frac{dE}{dx} \qquad \text{by bremsstrahlung} \qquad \propto E$$

 $\rightarrow$  existence of crossing point beyond which bremsstrahlung dominates

at critical energy 
$$E_c \qquad \left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{ion} = \left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{brems}$$
  
for electrons and  $Z > 13$   $E_c = \frac{580}{Z}$  MeV  
for muons negligible  $E_c = \frac{24}{Z}$  TeV due to  $\left(\frac{m_{\mu}}{m_e}\right)^2 = 4.3 \cdot 10^4$ 

#### Interaction of electrons

## Critical energy for electrons in Cu



#### Total energy loss of electrons and positrons



fractional energy loss per radiation length in lead as a function of electron or positron energy; electron (positron) scattering is considered as ionization, when the energy loss per collision is below 0.255 MeV, and as Møller (Bhabha) scattering, when it is above.

#### Quantum-mechanical suppression of bremsstrahlung I

normalized bremsstrahlung cross section:



normalized bremsstrahlung cross section  $k d\sigma_{LPM}/dk$  in lead versus the fractional photon energy y = k/E. The vertical axis has units of photons per radiation length.

for small photon energies: again LPM effect important, successive radiations interfere. radiation spread over formation length and if distance between successive radiations comparable to formation length  $\rightarrow$  destructive interference

for Pb and electron of 10 GeV suppression for k < 23 MeV for Pb and electron of 100 GeV suppression for k < 2.3 GeV Important for very high energies,

### Quantum-mechanical suppression of bremsstrahlung II

e.g. air showers of cosmic ray interactions

in bremsstrahlung process nucleus absorbs longitudinal momentum

$$cert ec q_\parallelert \simeq cert ec p_eert - cert ec p_e'ert - cert ec p_\gammaert \simeq rac{E_\gamma}{2\gamma^2}$$

 corresponding to uncertainty principle momentum transferred over finite length scale (formation length)

$$L_F = rac{\hbar c}{q_{\parallel} c} = rac{2\gamma^2 \hbar c}{E_{\gamma}}$$
  
e.g.  $E = 25 \text{ GeV}$   $E_{\gamma} = 100 \text{ MeV}$   $q_{\parallel} = 20 rac{\text{meV}}{\text{c}} \rightarrow L_F = 10 \ \mu\text{m}$ 

Semi-classically: photon emission and exchange of photon with nucleus take place over length  $L_F$ Alternative: quantum transport approach

### Quantum-mechanical suppression of bremsstrahlung III

Semi-classically: photon emission and exchange of photon with nucleus take place over length  $L_F$  but only if electron and photon remain coherent over this length. Destruction of coherence via

a) Landau-Pomeranchuk-Migdal effect: decoherence by multiple scattering when

$$\sqrt{ heta_{ms}^2} = rac{21 \mathrm{MeV}}{E} \sqrt{rac{L_F}{X_0}} \ge heta_\gamma = rac{m}{E} = rac{1}{\gamma}$$

for E=25 GeV and Au target, suppression for  $E_\gamma \leq 10$  MeV

#### b) dielectric effect

phase shift of photons by coherent forward scattering off the electrons in material; strong suppression for

$${\it E}_{\gamma} \leq \gamma \hbar \omega_{{\it p}} ~~{
m or}~~ {E \over F} \leq 10^{-4}$$

c) at large y screening may be incomplete

**consequence of a-b:** at very high photon and electron energies: strong suppression of bremsstrahlung and pair production

dominance of photonuclear and electronuclear interactions of em interactions

#### 2.5 Cherenkov effect

Particle of mass M and velocity  $\beta = v/c$ propagates through medium with real part of dielectric constant

$$\epsilon_1 = n^2 = \frac{c^2}{c_m^2}$$

in case

$$\beta > \beta_{\mathsf{thr}} = rac{1}{n} \text{ or } v > c_m$$

real photons can be emitted with

 $egin{array}{rcl} |p| &\simeq & |p'| \ \omega &\ll & \gamma M c^2 \end{array}$ 

emission under angle

$$\cos\theta_c = \frac{\omega}{k \cdot v} = \frac{1}{n\beta}$$

Cherenkov 1934



#### Applications

a) threshold detector: principle - if Cherenkov radiation observed  $\Rightarrow \beta > \beta_{thr}$  e.g. separation of  $\pi/K/p$  of given momentum p



(RICH, DIRC, DISC detectors)

#### Spectrum and number of radiated photons

over range in  $\omega$  where  $\epsilon_1 > \frac{1}{\beta^2}$ 

$$\mathsf{d} N_\gamma \propto \mathsf{d} 
u = rac{\mathsf{d} \lambda}{\lambda^2} \qquad \mathsf{blue \ dominated}$$

for distance x and frequency interval  $d\nu$ :



for interval d $\omega$ , where  $n(\omega)$  varies not much, e.g. gases around visible wavelengths:

	(n - 1)	$(eta\gamma)_{thr}$	$\theta_c^\infty(deg)$	$N^\infty_\gamma(cm^{-1})$
H <sub>2</sub>	$0.14 \cdot 10^{-3}$	59.8	0.96	0.21
$N_2$	$0.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	40.8	1.4	0.45
Freon 13	$0.72 \cdot 10^{-3}$	26.3	2.2	1.1
$H_2O$	0.33	1.13	41.2	165
lucite	0.49	0.91	47.8	412

300 nm  $< \lambda <$  600 nm:  $N_{\gamma} =$  750 sin<sup>2</sup>  $\theta_c$  /cm

typical photon energy:	$\simeq$ 3 eV
in water	$\left. \frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}x} \right _{\mathrm{cher}} = 0.5 \ \mathrm{keV/cm} = 0.5 \ \mathrm{keV/g/cm^2}$
cf. ionization	$\left. \frac{d \mathbf{\mathit{E}}}{d \mathbf{\mathit{x}}} \right _{ion} \ \geq 2 \ MeV/g/cm^2$

#### $\rightarrow$ energy loss by Cherenkov radiation negligible

danger: emission of scintillation light by excited atoms can fake Cherenkov radiation!

measurement of  $\beta$  via ring radius requires minimum number of detected photo electrons

 $n_e = N_\gamma \cdot \epsilon_{\text{lightcoll}} \cdot \eta \simeq N_\gamma \cdot 0.8 \cdot \text{ quantum efficiency } \simeq 20\% N_\gamma$ 

example: require for reconstruction of ring in RICH  $n_e \ge 4$  and efficiency should be 90%  $n_e$  follows Poisson distribution for a given  $\langle n_e \rangle = P(4) + P(5) + P(6) + \ldots \ge 0.9$  $P_n = \frac{\langle n_e \rangle^n \exp - \langle n_e \rangle}{n!}$  Poisson

with  $\langle n_e \rangle = 7$  $\sum_{0}^{3} P_n = 7.9\% \quad \text{efficiency for } n \ge 4: 92.1\%$ 

need about 35-45 Cherenkov photons  $\rightarrow$  about 0.5 m freon

# Asymptotic Cherenkov angle and number of photons as function of momentum



number of photons grows with  $\beta$  and reaches asymptotic value for  $\beta \rightarrow 1$ 

$$\cos \theta_c^{\infty} = \frac{1}{n}$$
 or  $\theta_c^{\infty} = \arccos \frac{1}{n}$ 

for a photon energy interval of 1 eV

"

$$N_{\gamma} = x \cdot 370 / \mathrm{cm} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\beta^2 n^2} \right)$$
  
 $N_{\gamma}^{\infty} = x \cdot 370 / \mathrm{cm} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right)$ 

### Use of Cherenkov light for neutrino detection

electron neutrinos: charged current events

all neutrinos: neutral current

leading to final state neutrino and energetic electron detected by Cherenkov radiation (typically E > 5 MeV to be above background from natural radioactivity)



electron and muon Cherenkov rings

electron ring becomes diffuse due to multiple scattering of electron allows to distinguish electron from muon, important for neutrino detectors (Superkamiokande, SNO)

#### 2.6 Transition radiation

a relativistic particle can emit a real photon when traversing the boundary between 2 different dielectrics

predicted: Ginzburg and Frank 1946; confirmed in 1970ies



simple model: electron moves in vacuum towards a conducting plate, the E-field can be described by method of mirror charges



normal component at metal surface

$$ec{E}_n|=rac{m{a}\cdotm{e}}{m{(a^2+arrho^2)^{rac{3}{2}}}}$$

can be generated (Gedanken experiment) by a dipole  $\vec{p} = 2e\vec{a}$ 

#### Radiation:

annihilation of dipole as particle enters the metal

within classical electrodynamics one can show how E-field varies in point  $\vec{r}' = (\varrho', z')$  leading to time dependent polarization

at t = 0 particle is at origin, it propagates in *z*-direction, consider radiation in *k*-direction.

$$E_z = \frac{e\gamma(z'-vt)}{(\varrho'^2+\gamma^2(z'-vt)^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$
$$E_{\perp} = \frac{e\gamma\varrho'}{(\varrho'^2+\gamma^2(z'-vt)^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

 $\rightarrow$  time-dependent polarization  $\vec{P}(\vec{r}',t)$ 

variation of induced dipoles with time leads to radiation of photons



coherent superposition of radiation from neighboring points in vicinity of track  $\rightarrow$  angular range of radiation

 $\theta$ : large Fourier component of  $\vec{P}$  at

$$\varrho^{i} \leq \frac{\gamma v}{\omega} \simeq \varrho_{\max} \quad \rightarrow \quad \theta \simeq \frac{1}{\gamma}$$

 $\rightarrow$  depth from surface up to which contributions add coherently: formation length  $D \simeq \gamma \cdot \frac{c}{\omega_p}$  $\rightarrow$  volume element producing coherent radiation  $V = \pi \varrho_{\max}^2 D$ characterized by plasma frequency  $\omega_p$ 

$$\sqrt{\epsilon_1} = n(\omega) \simeq 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}$$
 with  $\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi \alpha n_e}{m_e c^2}} = 28.8 \sqrt{\varrho \frac{Z}{A}} \text{ eV}$ 

typical values:  $\omega_p^{CH_2}$ =20 eV polyethylene ( $\varrho \approx 1 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ); for  $\gamma = 10^3 \rightarrow D \approx 10 \mu \text{m}$  $\omega_p^{air} = 0.7 \text{ eV}$ 

 $\rightarrow$  radiator made out of foils of this typical thickness; for d > D absorption dominates typical photon energy:  $E_{\gamma}^{\max} \simeq \gamma \hbar \omega_p$  X-Rays

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{for} & \gamma \gg 1 & \frac{\mathsf{d}^2 W}{\mathsf{d}\omega \mathsf{d}\Omega} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi^2} \left( \frac{\theta}{\gamma^{-2} + \theta^2 + \xi_1^2} - \frac{\theta}{\gamma^{-2} + \theta^2 + \xi_2^2} \right)^2 \\ & \text{with} & \xi_i = \frac{\omega_{p_i}^2}{\omega^2} = 1 - \epsilon_{1i}(\omega) \ll 1 \end{array}$$

 $\rightarrow$  per boundary

$$\frac{dW}{d\omega} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left( \frac{\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 + 2\gamma^{-2}}{\xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2} \ln \frac{\gamma^{-2} + \xi_1^2}{\gamma^{-2} + \xi_2^2} - 2 \right)$$

foil: contribution from both surfaces, depending on photon interference

typical number of photons per foil  $\simeq \alpha$   $\rightarrow$  need many (!) foils  $O(100) \rightarrow \langle n_{\gamma} \rangle = 1 - 2$ 



TR spectrum for single interface and multiple foil configurations.

photons generated in e.g. mylar foils and absorbed in gas with high Z (xenon)



X-Rays absorption coefficient for Li, CH<sub>2</sub> and mylar

mean free path of X-rays in different gases

### Principle of a transition radiation detector



onset of TR production for electrons, muons, pions and kaons. Radiator of 100 foils, thickness d1, spacing d2

fraction of absorbed TR photons as a function of detector depth. For good absorption probability preferential use of Xe gas, typical dimension cm

#### the ALICE transition radiation detector TRD



demonstration of the onset of TR at  $\beta \gamma \approx 500$ (doctoral thesis Xian-Guo Lu, U. Heidelberg, Oct. 2013)

#### Gas Detectors

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#### 3 Gas Detectors

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#### General introduction

### 3.1 General introduction

Principle

- ionizing particle creates primary and secondary charges via energy loss by ionization (Bethe-Bloch, chapter 2)  $N_0$  electrons and ions
- charges drift in electric field
- generally gas amplification in the vicinity of an anode wire
- signal generation

different operation modes depending on electric field strength



modes of operation of gas detectors (after F. Sauli 1977, lecture notes)

Charge carriers in layer of thickness L for a mean energy W to produce electron-ion pair

mean number:

$$\langle n_t \rangle = rac{L \langle rac{dE}{dx} 
angle_{ ext{ion}}}{W}$$

about 2 – 6 times the primary number (see chapter 2) important for spatial resolution: secondary ionization by  $\delta$ -electrons happens on length scale 10  $\mu m$ 

e.g.  $T_e = 1$  keV in iso-butane  $\rightarrow R = 20 \ \mu m$ 

ionization statistics:

 $\lambda = 1/\sigma_I \rho$  mean distance between ionization events with cross section  $\sigma_I$  mean number of ionization events  $\langle n \rangle = L/\lambda$ 

Poisson distribution about mean  $\langle n \rangle$ 

$$P(n, \langle n \rangle) = rac{\langle n \rangle^n \exp(-\langle n \rangle)}{n!}$$

and specifically probability for no ionization

$$P(0, \langle n \rangle) = \exp(-\langle n \rangle) = \exp(-L/\lambda)$$

efficiency of gas detectors allows determination of  $\lambda$  and hence  $\sigma_I$  typical values:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
\lambda \text{ (cm)} \\
\hline
\text{He} & 0.25 \\
\text{air} & 0.053 \\
\text{Xe} & 0.023
\end{array}$$

$$ightarrow \sigma_I = 10^{-22}~{
m cm}^2$$
 or 100  $~{
m b}$ 

## 3.2 Charge Transport - Ion mobility

lons drift along field lines in external E-field with superimposed random thermal motion ion transfers in collisions with gas atoms typically half of its energy  $\rightarrow$  kinetic energy of ion is approximately thermal energy

$$\langle au_{\mathsf{ion}}(ec{E})
angle\simeq \langle au_{\mathsf{ion}}(\mathsf{therm})
angle=rac{3}{2}kT$$

drift velocity in direction of  $\vec{E}$ : develops from one collision to the next (thermal velocity has random orientation relative to  $\vec{E}$ )

assume instantaneous ion velocity due to electric field  $u_e = 0$  at t = 0 and typical collision time au

 $\rightarrow$  directly prior to collision  $\vec{u}_e = \vec{a} \cdot \tau = \frac{e\vec{E}}{M} \cdot \tau$ 

 $\rightarrow \text{ drift velocity of ion } \vec{v}_{D^+} = \langle \vec{u}_e \rangle = \frac{1}{2} u_e = \frac{e\vec{E}}{2M} \tau = \mu_+ \vec{E} \qquad \mu_+ \equiv \text{ ion mobility}$ where  $\tau \propto \lambda \propto 1/\sigma_+ \simeq \text{ constant since } \langle T_{\text{ion}} \rangle \text{ essentially thermal.}$ 

e.g.  $C_4H_{10}^+$  in  $C_4H_{10}$   $\mu_+ = 0.61 \frac{\text{cm/s}}{\text{V/cm}}$  at  $E = 1 \text{ kV/cm} \rightarrow v_{D^+} = 0.6 \text{ cm/ms}$ typical drift distances  $\text{cm} \rightarrow \text{typical ion drift times ms}$ 

#### Electron mobility I

In a constant E-field, electrons drift towards anode of a gas detector with a constant velocity, measurement of drift time allows to determine point of ionization.

$$\Delta t = \frac{L}{v_D}$$

equation of motion of electron in superimposed  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$ -fields (Langevin):

$$mrac{{
m d}ec v}{{
m d}t}=eec E+e(ec v imesec B)+ec Q(t)$$

with instantaneous velocity  $\vec{v}$  and a stochastic, time dependent term Q(t) due to collisions with gas atoms

assume: collision time au $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  constant between collisions consider  $\Delta t \gg \tau$  (averaging)  $\rightarrow Q(t)$  is friction

steady state is reached when net force is zero, defines drift velocity  $v_D$ 

$$\langle m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} \rangle = e(\vec{E} + \vec{v}_D \times \vec{B}) - \underbrace{\frac{m}{\tau} \vec{v}_D}_{\text{Stokes-type}} = 0$$

#### Electron mobility II

$$B = 0: \quad \vec{v}_D = \mu_- \vec{E} \quad \text{with} \quad \mu_- = \frac{e\tau}{m} \equiv \mu$$
$$B \neq 0: \quad \vec{v}_D = \mu_- \vec{E} + \omega \tau (\vec{v}_D \times \vec{B}) \quad \text{with Larmor frequency} \quad \omega = \frac{eB}{m} \quad (\text{see below})$$

Compared to ions,  $\mu_+ \ll \mu_-$  since  $M \gg m$ 

#### 2 types of gases

a) hot gases: atoms with few low-lying levels, electron loses little energy in a collision with atom  $\rightarrow T_e \gg kT$ acceleration in E-field and friction lead to constant  $v_D$  for a given  $\vec{E}$ 'free fall with friction' but  $\lambda(T_e) \simeq \lambda(|\vec{E}|)$  and  $\mu \propto \tau \propto 1/\sigma(|\vec{E}|)$  not constant.

typical drift velocity:  $v_D = 3 - 5 \text{ cm}/\mu \text{s}$  for 90% Ar/10% CH<sub>4</sub> (typically saturating with E)

- b) cold gases: many low-lying degrees of freedom
  - $\rightarrow$  electrons lose kinetic energy they gain in between collisions (similar to ions)

$$T_e \simeq kT$$
  $\mu \simeq ext{constant}$   $v_D \propto |E|$ 

examples:  $Ar/CO_2$  or  $Ne/CO_2$ 

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{in latter:} \ \mu \simeq 7.0 \cdot 10^{-3} \ \mbox{cm}^2/\mu \mbox{s V at } 10\% \ \mbox{CO}_2 & \mbox{or } v_D = 2 \ \mbox{cm}/\mu \mbox{s at } 300 \ \mbox{V/cm} \\ 3.5 \cdot 10^{-3} \ \mbox{cm}^2/\mu \mbox{s V at } 20\% & v_D = 1 \ \mbox{cm}/\mu \mbox{s} \end{array}$$

Drift in combined  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$ -fields



 $\hat{E}$ ,  $\hat{B}$ : unit vectors in direction of E- and B-field

#### Electron loss

with some probability a free electron is lost during drift

a) recombination  $ion^+ + e^$ decrease in number of negative (and positive) charge carriers

$$-\frac{\mathrm{d}N^{-}}{\mathrm{d}t} = p_r \cdot \rho^{+} \rho^{-} \qquad p_r : \text{coefficient of recombination} \simeq 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$$

generally not important

b) electron attachment

on electro-negative molecules, probability can be large

$$e^- + M o M^-$$
 for  $T_e \simeq 1 \; eV$ 

otherwise dissociative attachment

 $e^- + XY \rightarrow X + Y^-$ 

for gases like O<sub>2</sub>, Cl<sub>2</sub>, freon, SF<sub>6</sub> probability per collision is of order  $10^{-4}$  capture coefficient  $p_c$  is strongly energy dependent (in many gases there is a minimum around 1 eV, large transparency for slow electrons 'Ramsauer effect') electron undergoes order of  $10^{11}$  collisions/s  $\rightarrow$  for drift time of  $10^{-6}$  s fraction lost  $x_{\text{loss}}$  depends on partial oxygen pressure

$$x_{\rm loss} = 10^{-4} \cdot (10^{11}/{
m s}) \cdot (10^{-6} \ {
m s}) \cdot P_{{
m O}_2}/P_{\rm atm}$$

 $\rightarrow$  less than 1% lost for  $P_{\rm O_2}/P_{\rm atm} \leq 10^{-3}$ 

*Remark*: in presence of certain quencher gases such as  $CO_2$  the effect of  $O_2$  is enhanced by multistep catalytic reaction

- 10 ppm O<sub>2</sub> can lead to 10% loss within 10  $\mu$ s  $\rightarrow$  need to keep oxygen level low in gas.

#### Diffusion I

Original ionization trail diffuses (spreads apart) with drift time  $\rightarrow$  effect on space point and momentum resolution, ultimate limit

a) only thermal motion  $(|\vec{E}| = |\vec{B}| = 0)$ mean thermal velocity

 $\begin{array}{rcl} \langle v \rangle &=& \frac{\lambda}{\tau} & & \lambda \text{ me} \\ \langle \tau_e \rangle &=& \frac{1}{2} m \langle v \rangle^2 \end{array}$ 

 $\lambda$  mean free path au time between collisions

for a point-like source at time t = 0, collisions between electrons and gas atoms (molecules)  $\rightarrow$  smearing: spread of charge cloud at time of first collision

$$R^2 = 2\lambda^2$$

and after  $n = t/\tau$  collisions

$$\sigma^2(t)=2\lambda^2 t/ au$$

define diffusion coefficient

for 
$$|\vec{E}| = |\vec{B}| = 0$$
  $D = D_0 = \frac{\lambda_0^2}{\tau} = \frac{2\langle T_e \rangle}{m} \tau$ 

 $D = -\frac{\sigma^2(t)}{2}$ 

#### **Diffusion II**

diffusion is isotropic

longitudinal diffusion coefficient 
$$D_{0L} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\lambda_0^2}{\tau}$$
  
transverse diffusion coefficient  $D_{0T} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\lambda_0^2}{\tau}$ 

 $\begin{array}{ll} \rightarrow \text{ after time } t \text{ charge cloud has width} & \sigma(t) = \sqrt{D2t} \\ \text{respectively, in each dimension} & \sigma_x(t) = \sigma_y(t) = \sigma_z(t) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}D2t} \\ \text{charge distribution Gaussian} & N(x) = c \cdot \exp(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma_x^2}) \end{array}$ 

diffusion equation: charge density  $\rho(\vec{r}, t)$  for conserved electron current  $\vec{j}$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \vec{j} &= 0 \\ \text{without field,} \quad \vec{j} &= -D\nabla \rho \implies \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} &= D\Delta \rho \\ \text{solved by} \qquad \qquad \rho(\vec{r}, t) &= c \cdot \exp(-\frac{\vec{r}^2}{4Dt}) \end{aligned}$$

### **Diffusion III**

hot gases:  $\langle T_e \rangle \gg \frac{3}{2}kT$  D large cold gases:  $\langle T_e \rangle \simeq \frac{3}{2}kT$  D small

with 1-dim diffusion coeff.  $D = \frac{2\langle T_e \rangle}{3m} \tau$ 

and 
$$\mu = \frac{e}{m}\tau$$
 (B=0)

$$\langle T_e \rangle = \frac{3}{2} e \frac{D}{\mu}$$

can define a characteristic energy

$$\epsilon_k = rac{2}{3} \langle T_e 
angle = e rac{D}{\mu}$$

diffusion of cloud after distance L

$$\sigma_x^2 = 2Dt = 2D\frac{L}{\mu E} = \frac{2\epsilon_k}{eE}L \qquad (1)$$

for hot gas the same characteristic energy is reached at much lower T



characteristic energy of electrons in Ar and  $CO_2$ as a function of the reduced *E*. The electric field under normal conditions is also indicated. The parameters refer to temperatures at which the measurements were made.

#### Diffusion IV

b) diffusion in B-field

$$\vec{B} = B\vec{e}_z$$

along B no Lorentz force

 $D_L(B)=D_{0L}=\frac{1}{3}D_0$ 

in transverse direction Lorentz force helps to keep charge cloud together, i.e. it counteracts diffusion

$$D_T(B)=rac{D_{0T}}{1+\omega^2 au^2}$$

for  $\vec{B}$  large

$$ightarrow \omega au \gg 1$$
  $D_T(B) \ll D_{0T}$ 

e.g. Ar/CH
$$_4$$
 at  $B=1.5~T$   
 $D_T(1.5~T)\simeq rac{1}{50}D_0 _T$ 


### Diffusion V

c) diffusion in E-field: ordered drift along field superimposed to statistical diffusion mobility  $\mu$  is function of  $\langle T_e \rangle$ 

$$ec{v}_D = \mu(\langle T_e 
angle) \cdot ec{E}$$

ightarrow energy spread leads to longitudinal spreading of electron cloud  $D_L \neq rac{1}{2}D_T$ 

statistical transverse diffusion not affected by E-field

in hot gases: for large E,  $D_L > D_T$  and values are large

in cold gases:  $D_L \simeq D_T$  small

$$\sigma^{2}(t) = 2Dt = 2D\frac{L_{D}}{v_{D}} = \frac{2kT}{e|\vec{E}|}L_{D}$$
$$\frac{\sigma^{2}(t)}{L_{D}} = \frac{2kT}{e|\vec{E}|}$$



longitudinal diffusion width  $\sigma_x/\sqrt{L_D}$  after 1 cm of drift

### Exact solution

of drift and diffusion by solving a 'transport equation' for electron density distribution  $f(t, \vec{r}, \vec{v})$ Boltzmann-equation:



Lorentz angle: angle between E-field and drift velocity of electrons in presence of B not  $\perp$  to E

1.5

1.25

1.75

Drift field E (kV/cm)

0.25

0.5

0.75

B=0.4 T

0.75

0.5

Ar,CO2(20%) Xe,CO2(20%)

1.5

Drift field E (kV/cm)



Drift velocity (top left), Lorentz angle (top right), longitudinal and transverse diffusion constants (middle) and longitudinal and transverse diffusion constants normalized to the square root of the number of charge carriers (bottom) for different mixtures of noble gas and  $CO_2$ .

Lorentz angle: angle between E-field and drift velocity of electrons in presence of B not  $\perp$  to E

### 3.3 Gas amplification

in case the anode is a (thin) wire, E-field in vicinity of wire very large  $E \propto 1/r$ and the electron gains large kinetic energy.



in order to obtain large E and hence large  $\Delta T_e$ , use very thin wires  $(r_i \simeq 10 - 50 \ \mu m)$  within few wire radii,  $\Delta T_e$  becomes large enough for secondary ionization strong increase of  $E \rightarrow$  avalanche formation for  $r \rightarrow r_i$ .



# Avalanche formation in vicinity of a thin wire



Temporal and spatial development of an electron avalanche



Photographic reproduction of an electron avalanche. The photo shows the form of the avalanche. It was made visible in a cloud chamber by droplets which have condensed on the positive ions.

Illustration of the avalanche formation on an anode wire in a proportional counter. By lateral diffusion a drop-shaped avalanche develops.

### First Townsend coefficient $\alpha$



Energy dependence of the cross section for ionization by collision.



typically  $10^4 - 10^5$ , up to  $10^6$  possible in proportional mode. limit: discharge (spark) at  $\alpha x \simeq 20$ or  $G = 10^8$  'Raether-limit'

#### Gas amplification

# Second Townsend coefficient

excitation of gas generates UV-photons which in turn can lead to photo effect in gas and on cathode wire, contributing thus to avalanche.

$$\gamma = \frac{\# \text{ photo effect events}}{\# \text{ avalanche electrons}}$$

gas gain including photo effect

$$G_{\gamma} = \underbrace{G}_{\text{no}} + \underbrace{G(G\gamma)}_{\text{one}} + \underbrace{G(G\gamma)^2}_{\text{two}} + \ldots = \frac{G}{1 - \gamma G}$$
  
photo effect events



photon energy E[eV]

Energy dependence of the cross section for photoionization

limit:  $\gamma G \rightarrow 1$  continuous discharge independent of primary ionization

to prevent this, add to gas so-called quench-gas which absorbs UV photons strongly, leading to excitation and radiationless transitions

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examples: CH_4, C_4H_{10}, CO_2
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### 3.4 Ionization chamber

no gas gain, charges move in electric field and induce signal in electrodes.

2 electrodes form parallel plate capacitor.

consider motion of a free charge q: electric field does work, capacitor is charged (lowering in energy of capacitor).

$$q\vec{\nabla}\Phi\cdot d\vec{x} = dq_i\cdot U_0$$

leads to induced current

$$\begin{split} \textit{I}_{\text{ind}} &= \quad \frac{q}{U_0} \vec{\nabla} \Phi \cdot \vec{v_D} \\ \text{with } \vec{E} &= \quad -\vec{\nabla} \Phi \text{ and } U_0 = \Phi_1 - \Phi_2 \end{split}$$



Principle of operation of a planar ionization chamber

- current is constant while charge is drifting
- total induced signal (charge) independent of  $x_0$
- signal induced by electrons

$$q_- = \frac{N_e}{U_0} (\Phi(x_0) - \Phi_1)$$

signal induced by ions

$$\Delta q_+ = -rac{N_e}{U_0}(\Phi(x_0)-\Phi_2)$$

•  $|N_{ion}| = |N_e|$ , but opposite charge  $\rightarrow$  total  $\Delta q = \Delta q_- + \Delta q_+ = N_e$ 

practical problem: ion comparatively slow  $w_+ = 10^{-3} \dots 10^{-2} w_-$  (see mobilities above) (except for semiconductors: typ.  $w_+ \approx 0.5 w_-$ )

Δ



Induced current and charge for parallel plate case, ratio  $w_{-}/w_{+}$  decreased for purpose of illustration.

### signal generated during drift of charges

- induced current ends when charges reach electrodes
- induced charge becomes constant (total number)  $N_e$ )
- signal shaping by differentiation (speed of read-out)  $\rightarrow$  suppresses slow ion component



### Signal shaping by RC-filter choose e.g. $\Delta t^- \ll RC \ll \Delta t^+$ damps ion component

$$\Delta U = \Delta U^{-} + \Delta U^{+}$$
$$= \frac{\Delta Q^{-}}{C} + \frac{\Delta Q^{+}}{C}$$



where  $\Delta Q^{+-}$  is the charge induced in the anode by motion of ions and electrons for total number of ionization events in gas  $N_e$ 

 $\Delta Q^{-} = N_e \frac{\Phi(x_0) - \Phi_1}{U_0}$  $= N_e \frac{x_0}{d}$  $\Delta Q^+ = -N_e \frac{\Phi(x_0) - \Phi_2}{U_0}$  $= N_e \frac{d - x_0}{d}$ without filter  $\Delta Q = N_e$ ,  $\Delta U = \frac{N_e}{C}$ with filter  $d - x_0 = v^+ \Delta t^+$  $\rightarrow v^+ RC \left(1 - \exp(-\frac{\Delta t^+}{RC})\right)$ 

damping of ion component

fast rise and decrease of signal but now pulse height depends on  $x_0$ 



**trick**: introduce additional grid, the "Frisch grid" while electrons drift towards Frisch grid, no induced signal on anode, only on Frisch Grid as soon as electrons pass Frisch grid, signal induced on anode

choose  $U_g$  such that the *E*-field is unchanged

$$\Delta Q = \Delta Q^- = N_e$$
  
 $\Delta t^- = rac{d_g}{v^-}$ 

**general difficulty for ionization chambers**: small signals example: 1 MeV particle stops in gas

$$egin{array}{rcl} N_{e} &\simeq& rac{10^{6}\ {
m eV}}{35\ {
m eV}}\simeq 3\cdot 10^{4} \ C &\simeq& 100\ {
m pF} \ \Rightarrow \Delta U_{max} &=& rac{3\cdot 10^{4}\cdot 1.6\cdot 10^{-19}\ {
m C}}{10^{-10}\ {
m F}} \ =& 4.6\cdot 10^{-5}\ {
m V} \end{array}$$

need sensitive, low-noise preamplifier





Ionization chamber

**application**: e.g. cylindrical ionization chamber for radiation dosimetry

$$\vec{E}(r) = -\frac{U_0}{r \ln r_a/r_i} \hat{e}_r$$

ionization at radius  $r_0$ :

$$\Delta t^{-} = \int_{r_0}^{r_i} \frac{\mathrm{d}r}{v^{-}(r)} = -\int \frac{\mathrm{d}r}{\mu^{-}E}$$
$$= -\int_{r_0}^{r_i} \frac{\mathrm{d}r}{\mu^{-}U_0} r \ln \frac{r_a}{r_i}$$
$$= \frac{\ln(r_a/r_i)}{2\mu^{-}U_0} (r_0^2 - r_i^2)$$



Principle of operation of a cylindrical ionization chamber

 $I_0$ : typical ionization length, the centroid of the avalanche is this amount away from the wire

$$\Delta Q^{-} = \frac{N_e}{U_0} \int E(r) \, \mathrm{d}r = \frac{N_e}{\ln(r_a/r_i)} \ln \frac{r_i}{l_0} \qquad \Delta U^{-} = \Delta Q^{-}/C$$
$$\frac{\Delta U^{+}}{\Delta U^{-}} = \frac{\ln(r_a/l_0)}{\ln(r_i/l_0)} \qquad r_a \gg r_i \quad \rightarrow \quad \Delta U^{+} \gg \Delta U^{-}$$

in cylindrical geometry, ion signal dominates by typically factor 10 - 100.

### Dosimeter for Ionization



Construction of an ionization pocket dosimeter

- cylindrical capacitor filled with air
- initially charged to potential  $U_0$
- ionization continuously discharges capacitor
- reduction of potential ΔU is measure for integrated absorbed dose (view e.g. via electrometer)

other applications: measure energy deposit of charged particle, should be highly ionizing (low energy) or even stop (then measure total kinetic energy) nuclear physics experiments with energies of 10 to 100 MeV combination of  $\Delta E$  and E measurements  $\rightarrow$  particle identification (nuclei)

# 3.5 Proportional Counter

gas amplification as described above

$$N = A \cdot N_e$$

with a gas gain in vicinity of wire

$$A = \exp \int_{r_k}^{r_i} \alpha(x) \mathrm{d}x$$

charge avalanche typically builds up within 20  $\mu m$  effectively it starts at  $r_0 = r_i + k\lambda$ 

k: number of mean free paths needed for avalanche formation

 $\lambda$ : mean free paths of electrons (order  $\mu$ m)

 $(2^{10} \cong 1000 \quad 2^{17} \cong 10^5)$ 



$$\frac{\Delta U^+}{\Delta U^-} = \frac{\ln r_a/r_0}{\ln r_0/r_i} = R$$

 $r_a=1$  cm,  $r_i=30~\mu$ m,  $k\lambda=20~\mu$ m for Ar at  $P_{
m atm}~~
ightarrow R\simeq 10$ 

#### In a proportional counter the signal at the anode wire is mostly due to ion drift!

rise time for electron signal as discussed above  $\Delta t^{-} = \frac{\ln(r_{a}/r_{i})}{2\mu^{-}U_{0}}(r_{0}^{2} - r_{i}^{2}) \quad \text{order of ns for } \mu^{-} = 100 - 1000 \text{ cm}^{2}/\text{Vs}$ and  $U_{0} \cong \text{several } 100 \text{ V}$ ion signal  $\Delta t^{+}$  slow, order of 10 ms  $\rightarrow$  differentiate with  $R_{\text{diff}} \cdot C$ 

in case  $R_{\text{diff}} \cdot C = 1$  ns  $\rightarrow$  time structure of individual ionization clusters can be resolved

### Typical set-up



Illustration of the time structure of a signal in the proportional counter

**Application outside particle physics**: particularly suited to measure X-rays, e.g. 'X-ray imaging' with special electrode geometries for experiments involving synchrotron radiation (high rates!)

### Multi-wire proportional chamber

#### most important application: Multi-wire proportional chamber MWPC

planar arrangement of proportional counters without separating walls G. Charpak et al. NIM 62 (1968) 202 Nobel prize 1992, Rev. Mod. Phys. 65 (1993) 591



allows: tracking of charged particles, some PID capabilities via dE/dxlarge area coverage, high rate capability

### as compared to cylindrical arrangement field geometry somewhat different





typical geometry of electric field lines in multi-wire proportional chamber

### in vicinity of anode wire: radial field far away homogeneous (parallel-plate capacitor)





Field lines and equipotential lines

Difficulty:

even small geometric displacement of an individual wire will lead to effect on field quality.

need of high mechanical precision, both for geometry and wire tension (electrostatic effects and gravitational wire sag, see below)

- electrons from primary and secondary ionization drift to closest anode wire
- in vicinity of wire gas amplification → formation of avalanche ends when electrons reach wire or when space charge of positive ions screens electric field below critical value
- signal generation due to electron- and (mostly) slow ion-drift



typical space point resolution:

since only information about closest wire  $\rightarrow$ 

$$\delta_x = d/\sqrt{12} = 577 \ \mu {
m m}$$
 for  $d=2 \ {
m mm}$ 

not very precise and only 1-dimensional

can be improved by segmenting cathode and reading out of signal induced on cathode spread-out over more than 1 strip

the center of gravity of signals on cathode strips can be determined with precision of  $50 \dots 300 \ \mu m!$  use charge sharing between adjacent strips

Note: The dimension with good resolution is along the wire, perpendicular always  $d/\sqrt{12}$ .

Resolving ambiguities in case of 2 or more hits in one event: different orientation of segmentation in several cathode planes

two particles traversing MWPC: with only one orientation of segmentation (strips) possibilities •• and oo cannot be distinguished and one obtains 4 possible coordinates for tracks: 2 real and 2 'ghosts', resolved by second induced strip pattern



Illustration of the resolution of ambiguities for two particles registered in a multi-wire proportional chamber



for high hit density environment segmentation of cathode into pads truly 2-d measurement.

but: number of read-out channels grows quadratically with area (\$\$)

### Stability of wire geometry I

Can we make resolution better and better by putting wires closer and closer? practical difficulty in stringing wires precisely closer than 1 mm fundamental limitations: stability of wire geometry

- electrostatic repulsion between anode wires, in particular for long wires
  - $\rightarrow$  can lead to 'staggering'

to avoid this, the wire tension T has to be larger than a critical value  $T_0$  given by

$$U_0 \leq \frac{d}{lC}\sqrt{4\pi\epsilon_0 T_0}$$
 with wire leng

wire length *I*  
wire distance *d*  
capacity per unit length for cylinder 
$$C = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0}{2\ln(r_a/r_i)}$$

approximation for MWPC with distance anode-cathode  $L \gg d \gg r_i$ 

$$C = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0}{2\left(\frac{\pi L}{d} - \ln\frac{2\pi r_i}{d}\right)}$$

leading to

$$T_0 \ge \left(\frac{U_0 I}{d}\right)^2 4\pi\epsilon_0 \left[\frac{1}{2\left(\frac{\pi L}{d} - \ln\frac{2\pi r_i}{d}\right)}\right]^2$$

with l = 1 m, U\_0 = 5 kV, L = 10 mm, d = 2 mm, r\_i = 15  $\mu$ m  $\rightarrow$  T\_0 = 0.49 N ( $\simeq$  50 g)

### Stability of wire geometry II

 $\blacksquare$  for horizontal wires also gravity  $\rightarrow$  sag

$$f = \frac{\pi r_i^2}{8} \rho g \frac{l^2}{T} = \frac{m l g}{8T}$$

gold-plated W-wire  $r_i = 15 \ \mu m$ , T as above  $\rightarrow f = 34 \ \mu m$   $\rightarrow$  visible difference in gain

some of these problems avoided by 'straw tube chambers' (assembly of single-wire proportional counters):



cylindrical wall = cathode aluminized mylar foil introduced in 1990ies

further big (!) advantage: a broken wire affects only 1 cell, not entire chamber straw diameter: 5 - 10 mm, can be operated at over-pressure, space point resolution down to 160  $\mu$ m (e.g. LHCb Outer Tracker) **short drift lengths**: enable high rates

operation in magnetic field without degradation of resolution concept employed in several LHC detectors

can wires be avoided entirely?

ease of construction stability

. . .

anode can actually be realized by microstructures on dielectrics

*example*: microstrip gas detector (developed in 1990ies)



Schematic arrangement of a microstrip gas detector

#### Proportional counter

### schematics of a microstrip gas chamber



directly above anode strip high density of field lines

#### advantages

- ions drift only 100  $\mu$ m
- high rate capability without build-up of \_ space charge
- resolution

fine structures can be fabricated by electron lithography on ceramics, glass or plastic foil on which a metal film was previously evaporated.

problems

charging of isolation structure

 $\rightarrow$  time-dependence of gas gain

 $\rightarrow$  sparks, destruction of anode structure, corrosion of insulator

basically not a successful concept - lifetime of detector too limited

## Gas electron multiplier

a possible solution: pre-amplification with GEM foil

### **GEM: gas electron multiplier** invented by F. Sauli (CERN) (~1997)

allows reduced electric field in vicinity of anode structures.

but: ease of construction again partly eliminated and danger of discharge on foil (huge capacitance)

upgrade of Alice TPC for 50 kHz PbPb collisions based on quadruple GEM layers challenge: to keep ion feedback below 1 %



# 3.6 Drift chambers

invented by A. Walenta, J. Heintze in 1970 at Phys. Inst. U.Heidelberg (NIM 92 (1971) 373)





time measurement:

$$x = v_D^- \cdot \Delta t$$

 $v_D^-$ : drift velocity of electrons

or, in case drift velocity changes along path

$x = \int$	$v_D^-(t)dt$
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needs well defined drift field  $\rightarrow$  introduce additional field wires in between anode wires. but: In that case number of anode wires can be reduced in comparison to MWPC at improved spatial resolution

$$v_D^- \simeq 5 \text{ cm}/\mu \text{s}$$
  
time resolution of front end electronics  $\sigma_t \simeq 1 \text{ ns}$   $\sigma_x \simeq 50 \ \mu \text{m}$  is possible

but the resolution is affected by diffusion of drifting electrons and statistical fluctuations in primary ionization (in particular in vicinity of wire).





spatial resolution in a drift chamber as a function of the drift path



illustration of different drift paths for 'near' and 'distant' particle tracks to explain the dependence of the spatial resolution on the primary ionization statistics **Difficulty**: time measurement cannot distinguish between particle passing to the left or to the right of the anode wire  $\rightarrow$  'left-right ambiguity'



resolution of the left-right ambiguity in a drift chamber

need 2 layers displaced relative to each other by half the wire distance: 'staggered wires'

# How to achieve field quality good enough for drift chamber?

in a MWPC in between anode wires there are regions of very low electric field (see above)

the introduction of additional 'field wires' at negative potential relative to anode wires strongly improves the field quality

essential for drift chamber where spatial resolution is determined by drift time variations and not by segmented electrode structure





one can build very large drift chambers; in this case one introduces a voltage divider by cathode strips connected via resistors, very few or even only one wire.



drift time - space relation in a large drift chamber  $(80 \times 80 \text{ cm}^2)$  with only one anode wire (Ar + iso-butane 93/7)

space point resolution limited by mechanical tolerance

for very large chambers  $(100 \times 100 \text{ cm}^2)$ 

for very small chambers  $(10 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2)$  even  $\simeq 20 \ \mu \text{m}$ 

but: hit density has to be low!

field can even be formed by charging up of insulating chamber wall with ions after some charging time ions cover insulating layer, no field line end there

#### **Resistive plate counter:**





Principle of construction of an electrodeless drift chamber

After charging the insulating layer with ions

# 3.7 Cylindrical wire chambers

in particular for experiments at storage rings (colliders) to cover maximum solid angle

- initially multi-gap spark chambers, MWPC's
- later cylindrical drift chambers, jet chambers
- today time projection chambers (TPC)

generally these cylindrical chambers are operated in a magnetic field  $\rightarrow$  measurement of radius of curvature of a track  $\rightarrow$  momentum (internally within one detector)

$$p (\text{GeV/c}) = 0.3 \cdot B (\text{T}) \cdot \rho (\text{m})$$

# Principle of a cylindrical drift chamber I

principle of a cylindrical drift chamber: wires in axial direction (parallel to colliding beams **and** magnetic field)

alternating anode and field wires

- one field wire between 2 anode wires
- cylindrical layers of field wires between layers of anode wires  $\rightarrow$  nice drift cells


# Principle of a cylindrical drift chamber II

#### different drift cell geometries:



open drift cell

closed drift cell

always thin anode wires ( $\emptyset \simeq 30 \ \mu m$ ) and thicker field wires ( $\emptyset \simeq 100 \ \mu m$ ), generally field quality better for more wires per drift cell, but:

- more labor-intensive construction
- wire tension enormous stress on end plates, e.g. for chamber with 5000 anode and 15000 field wires  $\rightarrow$  2.5 t on each endplate

#### Determination of coordinate along the wire

 current measurement on both ends of anode wire charge division, precision about 1% of wire length

$$z \propto \frac{I_1 - I_2}{I_1 + I_2}$$

- time measurement on both ends of wire
- 'stereo wires': layer of anode wires inclined by small angle  $\gamma$  ('stereo angle')  $\rightarrow \sigma_z = \sigma_x / \sin \gamma$



illustration of the determination of the coordinate along the anode stereo wires

in general drift field E perpendicular to magnetic field  $B \rightarrow \text{Lorentz angle}$  for drifting charges



drift trajectories in an open rectangular drift cell a) without and b) with magnetic field

# 3.8 Jet drift chambers



example: JADE jet chamber for PETRA, built by J.Heintze et al. Phys. Inst. U. Heidelberg length: 2.34 m, radial track length: 57 cm, 47 measurements per track  $\sigma_{r\phi} = 180 \ \mu m$ ,  $\sigma_z = 16 \ mm$ 





3-jet event by JADE – measurements taken at PETRA  $\rightarrow$  discovery of gluon

another example: OPAL at CERN LEP: central tracking chamber built by team from Phys. Inst. Heidelberg – Heintze, Wagner, Heuer, ... length: 4 m, radius: 1.85 m, 159 measurements per track, gas: Ar/CH<sub>4</sub>/C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub> at 4 bar  $\sigma_{r\phi} = 135 \ \mu$ m,  $\sigma_z = 60 \ mm$ 



#### interior of jet chamber of OPAL



application for heavy ion collisions: FOPI (experiment at SIS at GSI): central drift chamber (CDC), D. Pelte and N. Herrmann Phys. Inst. U.Heidelberg



Time Projection Chamber TPC

# 3.9 Time Projection Chamber TPC

3-dimensional measurement of a track – 'electronic bubble chamber' invented by D. Nygren in 1974 at Berkeley

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(mostly) cylindrical detector
central HV cathode
MWPCs at the endcaps of the cylinder
electrons drift in homogenous electric fields
towards MWPC, where arrival time and point
and amount of charge are continuously sampled
(flash ADC)
generally with B \parallel E \rightarrow Lorentz angle = 0
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Working principle of a TPC

advantages:

- complete track determination within one detector ightarrow good momentum measurement
- relatively few wires (mechanical advantage)
- since also charge is measured: particle identification via dE/dx
- drift parallel to  $B \rightarrow$  transverse diffusion suppressed by factors 10 100 (see above) disadvantages
  - drift time: relatively long tens of microseconds  $\rightarrow$  not a high rate detector
  - large data volume

#### principle of operation of a TPC



continuously sample induced charge or current signals in a MWPC at end of long drift path

z-dim given by drift time

*x*-dim given by charge sharing of cathode pads

y-dim given by wire/pad number

truly 3-dimensional measurement of ionization points of entire track and in fact of many tracks simultaneously

typical resolution:

z: mm  $r\phi$  or x: 150–300  $\mu$ m y: mm dE/dx: 5 – 10%, trick: kill Landau tail by evaluating truncated mean

challenges:

- long drift path (attachment, diffusion, baseline)
- large volume (precision)
- large voltages (discharges)
- extreme load in Pb+Pb collisions space charge in drift volume leads to distortion of  $\vec{E}$ gating grid opened (fast  $\sim 1 \ \mu s$ ) for triggered events only, otherwise opaque ( $\pm \Delta V$ )

#### serious difficulty:

space charge effects since also ions have long drift path and move factor 1000 more slowly, positive ions change effective E-field in drift region, most (5000:1) come from amplification region

trick: invention of gating grid



upon interaction trigger switch gating grid to 'open' for max drift time, then close again  $\rightarrow$  all ions from amplification drift toward gating grid and do not enter drift region.

# example: the ALICE TPC for LHC Pb + Pb collisions



# example: the ALICE TPC for LHC Pb + Pb collisions

the challenge:

identification and reconstruction of 5000 (up to 15000) tracks of charged particle in one event



cut through central barrel of ALICE: tracks of charged particles in a 1 degree segment in  $\theta$  (1% of all tracks)

# example: the ALICE TPC for LHC Pb + Pb collisions

#### challenges:

- very high multiplicity and desire for very good resolution
  - space charge
    - ightarrow optimize gating grid (even 1% leakage would be deadly)
    - $\rightarrow\,$  rate limitation, good luminosity monitoring
  - occupancy, want to keep it at inner radius below 40%
    - $\rightarrow$  optimize pad sizes and shapes (4  $\times$  7.5 mm, total 558000)
    - ightarrow 1000 time samples, 159 samples radially
- momentum resolution
  - low multiple scattering, small diffusion
    - $\rightarrow~$  low Z cold gas Ne/CO<sub>2</sub> coupled with small drift cells (occupancy) temperature control to 0.1 K (even resistors need to be cooled) need to know electric field to  $10^{-4}$  precision
    - $\rightarrow~$  small amount of electron-ion pairs
    - $\rightarrow~$  high gas gain of 10000
- event rate
  - limited by drift time (cold gas and not more than 100 kV, 90  $\mu$ s)
  - data volume (1 central collision 60 MByte, can't store much more than a few GByte/s)

#### technical specs:

r = 0.85 – 2.47 m, length 2 × 2.5 m, material budget 3.5%  $X_0$ 

#### approximate performance:

 $\sigma(p)/p = 1\% p$ , efficiency 97%,  $\sigma_{dE/dx}/(dE/dx) \le 6\%$ , 100-200 Hz event rate

#### inside the field cage:



The TPC (Time Projection Chamber) – 3D reconstruction of up to 15 000 charged particle tracks per event

#### with 95 $m^3$ largest TPC ever built

central HV electrode 100 kV

field cage: voltage divider with E-field homogeneity of  $10^{-4}$ 

in the end caps: 72 multi-wire proportional chambers with cathode pad read-outs



**560 million pixels!** precision better than 500  $\mu$ m in all 3 dimensions, 159 points per track

# Construction of multi-wire proportional chambers, 3 wire planes plus cathode pad read-out

at GSI, Phys. Inst. U. Heidelberg. U. Bratislava

challenge: small spacings, high gas gain, high geometrical precision



Pad Plane: 5504 pads  $(4 \times 7.5 \text{ mm})$ 



#### Close-up on the pads



# TPC Front End Electronics – 2 ASICS developed at Phys. Inst. U.Heidelberg and CERN, cooperation with ST Microelectronics





excellent performance (now also used by STAR at RHIC)

PASA: low noise preamplifier/shaper

ALTRO: commercial ADC (ST) **in same custom chip** with digital signal processing



#### Gas Detectors

electronics needs to be clever:

zero suppression

base line restoration

etc.  $\rightarrow$  put a lot of intelligence into digital chip after ADC, the ALTRO



J. Stachel (Physics University Heidelberg)

# ALICE TPC: drift velocity



converts time into z coordinate extreme precision needed ... measured with a small TPC (using laser for gas ionization)

J. Wiechula et al., NIM A 548 (2005) 582

σ<sub>T</sub> ≈ 0.1 K ΔT<sub>max</sub> ≈ 0.3 K 16 14 12 10 8 2 18 18.5 19 19.5 20 20.5 17.5 21 Temperature [°C]

requires temperature stability of 0.1 K TPC FEE dissipates 27 kW TRD as direct neighbor 60 kW 60 independent cooling circuits 500 temperature sensors

#### Gas Detectors

### Performance of the ALICE TPC: particle identification



# Performance of the ALICE TPC: momentum resolution



TPC standalone  $p_{\perp}$ -resolution

resolution at large  $p_{\perp}$  is improved by a factor of about 3 if vertex is included in fit

further improvement by inclusion of track segments of Inner Tracker System and Transition Radiation Detector

# TPC fully instrumented and installed in ALICE on Jan. 6, 2007







#### Gas Detectors

#### ALICE TPC up and running



# 4. Semiconductor Detectors

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  - p-n junction
  - Signal generation in semiconductor detectors
  - Ionization yield and Fano factor
  - Energy measurement with semiconductor detectors
    - Ion implanted or diffusion barrier detectors
    - Surface barrier detectors
    - p-i-n detectors Ge(Li), Si(Li)
    - High purity or intrinsic Ge detectors
    - Bolometers
  - Position measurement with semiconductor detectors
    - Principle
    - Micro-strip detectors (about 1983)
    - Double-sided micro-strip detectors
    - Silicon drift detectors
    - Pixel detectors (Si)
    - putting it all together: the LHC experiments use Si pixels, strips, and drift
    - CCD, charge-coupled device
  - Radiation damage

Main applications:

- $\gamma$  spectroscopy with high energy resolution (10 keV few MeV range)
- vertex and tracking detectors with high spatial resolution
- energy measurement of charged particles (few MeV) and PID via dE/dx (multiple layers)
- use microchip technology; structures with sub µm precision can be produced at low cost; read-out electronics can be directly bonded to detector
- only a few eV per electron-hole pair
- high density compared to gases need only thin layers

#### 4.1 Principle of operation

in semiconductors like Si, Ge, GaAs lower edge of conduction band  $E_C$  only a few eV above upper edge of valence band  $E_V$ .



detector operates like solid state ionization chamber:

- charged particle creates electron-hole pairs
- crystal between two electrodes that set up electric field in which charge carriers drift and induce signal
- primary ionization electron has high energy, up to 20 keV  $\rightarrow$  many secondary electron-hole pairs and lattice excitations (phonons)
- effect: along track of primary ionizing particle plasma tube of electrons and holes with very high concentration  $(10^{15} 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3})$
- challenge: need to collect charge carriers before they recombine  $\rightarrow$  very high purity semiconductor needed

### Primer Semiconductors - only what is needed here

#### Introduction to band structure:

in a metal an electron interacts with a large number of atoms (order  $N_A$ )  $\rightarrow$  discrete atomic levels form a group of N very closely spaced levels, 'band' electrons in a band similar to particles in a box or potential well  $\rightarrow$  Fermi gas model

$$E \propto k^2$$
, density of states  $g(E) = \frac{g(\lambda)}{dE/d\lambda} = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2 \lambda} = \frac{(2m)^{3/2}}{2\pi^2 \hbar^3} \sqrt{E}$ 

number of electrons as function of energy E is determined by a distribution function, the Fermi-Dirac distribution function

$$f(E) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp((E - E_F)/kT)}$$

and the number of electrons per energy interval

$$n(E)dE = g(E)f(E)dE$$

characteristics of solid determined by location of Fermi energy relative to energy bands

- metal:  $E_F$  below top of an energy band
- insulator:  $E_F$  at top of valence band and gap to next allowed band too large to be bridged by optical or thermal excitation or electric force at normal E-field
- semiconductor: gap smaller so that electrons can be excited across thermally or optically,  $E_F$  between valence and conduction band

# Distribution of electrons and energy levels in semiconductors



$$f(E) \approx \exp[-(E - E_F)/kT]$$
  $E > E_F$   
 $1 - f(E) \approx \exp[-(E_F - E)/kT]$   $E < E_F$ 

Fermi gas model

$$g_{c}(E) = \frac{(2m_{n}^{*})^{3/2}}{2\pi^{2}\hbar^{3}}\sqrt{E - E_{C}} \qquad E > E_{C}$$
$$g_{V}(E) = \frac{(2m_{p}^{*})^{3/2}}{2\pi^{2}\hbar^{3}}\sqrt{E_{V} - E} \qquad E < E_{V}$$

$$n_-(E) = f \cdot g_C$$
  
 $n_+(E) = (1-f) \cdot g_V$ 

# Intrinsic and extrinsic semiconductors

intrinsic semiconductor:

• very pure material, charge carriers are created by thermal or optical excitation of electrons to conduction band  $N_{-} = N_{+}$ 

#### impurity or extrinsic semiconductor:

- majority of charge carriers provided by impurity atoms at lattice sites of crystal
- impurity atom provides either an extra electron above number required for covalent bonds → majority charge carriers are electrons 'n-type semiconductor' or
- impurity atom has insufficient number of electrons for covalent bonds, free hole at impurity site → majority charge carriers are holes 'p-type semiconductor'

most common:

E≬

- crystal of element of group IV such as Si or Ge
- impurities of group V (P, As, Sb) or of group III (AI, Ga, In)
- but also GaAs or CdS

in semiconductors like Si, Ge, GaAs, lower edge of conduction band  $E_c$  only a few eV above upper edge of valence band  $E_v$ .

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
\hline & E_{c} \\
\hline & E_{v}
\end{array}
\begin{array}{c}
\hline & E_{gap} \\
\hline & Si \\
\hline & 1.12 eV \\
\hline & Ge \\
\hline & GaAs \\
\hline & 1.43 eV
\end{array}$$

acceptor and donor levels very close to valence and conduction bands (drawing not to scale!)



electron donors (P, Sb, ...):

electron acceptors (B, Al, ...):

5<sup>th</sup> electron bound only weakly in Si-crystal can easily be promoted into conduction band (Li-like)

..): only valence electrons, one unsaturated binding in Si-crystal tendency to 'accept' an electron from Si leaving behind a 'hole' in valence band

# Intrinsic and extrinsic semiconductors



# Intrinsic and extrinsic semiconductors



electron density in conduction band in pure Si (dashed) and in Si doped with As  $(10^{16}/cm^3)$ 

electrical behavior determined by mobility of charge carriers  $\mu$  (m<sup>2</sup>/Vs)

- drift velocity  $v_D = \mu E$
- specific resistance  $\rho$  ( $\Omega$ m)
- resistance  $R = \rho I/A$  with length I and area A transverse to E

#### Intrinsic semiconductors I

density of electrons in conduction band

$$n = \int n_- dE = \int_{E_c}^{\infty} f g_c dE = N_c \exp[-(E_c - E_F)/kT]$$

and correspondingly density of holes in valence band

$$p = \int n_+ dE = \int_{-\infty}^{E_v} (1-f) g_v dE = N_v \exp[-(E_F - E_v)/kT]$$

 $N_c, N_v$ : effective density of states at edges of conduction and valence bands with  $N_{c,v} = 2\left(\frac{m_{n,p}^*kT}{2\pi\hbar^2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$  with effective masses  $m^*$  of electrons and holes i.e. much weaker *T*-dependence compared to exponential, looks like only levels at  $E_c$  and  $E_v$  present, not broad bands

• for pure or intrinsic semiconductors

$$E_{c} - E_{F} = E_{F} - E_{v} \Rightarrow n_{i} = p_{i}$$
  
$$np = N_{c}N_{v} \exp\left(-\frac{(E_{c} - E_{v})}{kT}\right) = n_{i}^{2}$$

note: product of n and p at a given T has fixed value, characterized by effective masses and band gap (often called 'law of mass action')
typical values at 300 K :

Si  $n_i = 1.5 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  raise T by 8 K  $\rightarrow n_i$  doubles Ge  $n_i = 2.4 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ 

drift of charge carriers: as in gases, random thermal motion plus drift in electric field

saturates at about 10 cm/ $\mu$ s (similar to gases)  $\rightarrow$  fast collection of charges (10 ns for 100  $\mu$ m) but:  $v_h \cong 0.3 - 0.5 v_e$  (very different from gases!)

• conductivity 
$$\sigma$$
 given by:  $I = \underbrace{e \cdot n_i(\mu_e + \mu_h)}_{\sigma = 1/\rho} E$ 

# Properties of Intrinsic Silicon and Germanium

		Si	Ge
Atomic number		14	32
Atomic weight	u	28.09	72.60
Stable isotope mass numbers		28-29-30	70-72-73-74-76
Density (300 K)	$g/cm^3$	2.33	5.32
Atoms/cm <sup>3</sup>	$cm^{-3}$	$4.96 \cdot 10^{22}$	$4.41 \cdot 10^{22}$
Dielectric constant		12	16
Energy gap (300 K)	eV	1.115	0.665
Energy gap (0 K)	eV	1.165	0.746
Intrinsic carrier density (300 K)	$cm^{-3}$	$1.5\cdot 10^{10}$	$2.4\cdot 10^{13}$
Intrinsic resistivity (300 K)	$\Omega$ cm	$2.3 \cdot 10^{5}$	47
Electron mobility (300 K)	$cm^2/Vs$	1350	3900
Hole mobility (300 K)	$cm^2/Vs$	480	1900
Electron mobility (77 K)	$cm^2/Vs$	$2.1 \cdot 10^{4}$	$3.6\cdot 10^4$
Hole mobility (77 K)	$cm^2/Vs$	$1.1\cdot 10^4$	$4.2\cdot 10^4$
Energy per electron-hole pair (300 K)	eV	3.62	
Energy per electron-hole pair (77 K)	eV	3.76	2.96

Source: G. Bertolini and A. Coche (eds.), Semiconductor Detectors, Elsevier-North Holland, Amsterdam, 1968

#### Doped semiconductors I

donor atom is either neutral or ionized:  $N_D = N_D^0 + N_D^+$ and accordingly  $N_A = N_A^0 + N_A^-$  with

$$N_D^+ = N_D \left(1 - f(E_D)\right)$$
  
 $N_A^- = N_A f(E_A)$ 

and

$$f(E) = rac{1}{exp[(E-E_F)/kT+1]}$$

Note: for  $T \neq 0$  one should use  $\mu$  instead of  $E_F$ , but follow here solid state textbooks Fermi energy is temperature dependent and defined by charge neutrality

$$n + N_A^- = p + N_D^+$$

and as above we have

$$n = N_c \exp[-(E_c - E_F)/kT]$$
$$p = N_v \exp[-(E_F - E_v)/kT]$$

 $\rightarrow$  location of donor or acceptor levels of doped semiconductor together with  $N_{c,v}$  and T determines properties

## Doped semiconductors II

for n-type semiconductor: Fermi energy moves with increasing temperature from value between conduction band and donor levels to middle between valence and conduction band at room temperature  $E_F$  is close to  $E_D$   $\rightarrow kT \approx E_c - E_D = E_d$  and  $\exp[-E_d/kT] \approx 1$ charge carriers dominantly electrons of the donor and nearly all donors ionized  $n \cong N_D \approx const. \gg n_i$ 

p-conducting material: analogous for positively charged holes of acceptor

typical dopant concentration:  $\geq 10^{13}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> (compare density of Si:  $5\cdot 10^{23}/cm^3$ ) strong doping: 'n<sup>+</sup>' or 'p<sup>+</sup>'  $~\cong 10^{20}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>

equilibrium between densities of electrons and holes:

increase of one type of carrier concentration  $\rightarrow$  reduction of the other due to recombination following the law of mass action

$$n \cdot p = n_i p_i = A \cdot T^3 \exp\left(-\frac{E_{gap}}{kT}\right)$$

so, for n-doped material concentration of holes is decreased

### Doped semiconductors III

example: at 300 K in Si

$$n_i = p_i = 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$
  
 $n = 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3} \rightarrow p = 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ 

conductivity determined by majority carriers (electrons in n-doped, holes in p-doped) role of minority carriers negligible with

$$n \cong N_D$$

$$p \cong \frac{n_i p_i}{N_D} = \frac{n_i^2}{N_D}$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \sigma = e \cdot N_D \cdot \mu_e$$

typical values:

pure SiSi p-type  $10^{13}$  cm $^{-3}$  $2.3 \cdot 10^5$  Ωcm500 Ωcm

## Doped semiconductors IV



# 4.2 p-n junction

• bring p- and n-semiconductors into contact; thermodynamic equilibrium  $\rightarrow$  Fermi-energies of both systems become equal



- equilibration is achieved by electrons diffusing from n to p semiconductor and holes from p to n
- at the boundary, a zone with few free charge carriers (electrons and holes) builds up 'depletion layer
- fixed charges are left behind (ionized donors and acceptors)  $\rightarrow$  space charge E-field builds up and counteracts the diffusion which stops eventually (like Hall effect) with  $n \approx N_D$  and  $p \approx N_A$ , difference between Fermi energies on both sides gives

$$eV_D = E_c - kT \ln \frac{N_c}{N_D} - E_v - kT \ln \frac{N_v}{N_A}$$
$$= E_{gap} - kT \ln \frac{N_c N_v}{N_D N_A}$$

 $V_D$ : diffusion/contact potential



potential and space charge related by Poisson equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 V(x)}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{\rho(x)}{\epsilon \cdot \epsilon_0}$$

but  $\rho(x)$  depends on the potential, need to solve self-consistently

approximation: concentration of free charge carriers in depletion layer very small (approx. 0), abrupt change  $n > 0 \rightarrow n = p = 0 \rightarrow p > 0$ in reality over small length (Debye length,  $0.1 - 1 \,\mu$ m)

for steps in density: Schottky model area of rectangles such, that overall region space-charge neutral

$$\rho(x) = \begin{cases}
0 & \text{for} & x < -d_p \\
-eN_A & -d_p < x < 0 \\
+eN_D & 0 < x < d_n \\
0 & d_n < x
\end{cases}$$



thickness of depletion layer  $d_p$  and  $d_n$ : integrate Poisson equation in pieces n-doped region:

$$\frac{\partial^2 V(x)}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{eN_D}{\epsilon\epsilon_0}$$

$$E_x = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = -\frac{e}{\epsilon\epsilon_0}N_D(d_n - x)$$

$$V(x) = V_n(\infty) - \frac{e}{2\epsilon\epsilon_0}N_D(d_n - x)^2$$

p-doped region equivalently

condition of neutrality:  $N_D d_n = N_A d_p$ continuity of potential V(x) at x = 0

$$\frac{e}{2\epsilon\epsilon_0}(N_D d_n^2 + N_A d_p^2) = V_n(\infty) - V_p(-\infty) = V_D$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad d_n = \sqrt{\frac{2\epsilon\epsilon_0 V_D}{e} \frac{N_A/N_D}{N_A + N_D}} \quad \text{and} \quad d_p = \sqrt{\frac{2\epsilon\epsilon_0 V_D}{e} \frac{N_D/N_A}{N_A + N_D}}$$
e.g. 
$$\frac{eV_D}{N_A} \cong \frac{E_{gap}}{N_D} \cong \frac{1}{10^{14}} \text{ cm}^{-3} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} d_n \cong d_p \cong 1 \ \mu\text{m} \\ E \cong 10^6 \ \text{V/m} \end{array} \right.$$

to achieve large width on one side choose asymmetric doping, e.g.  $N_D = 10^{12}/\text{cm}^3$  and  $N_A = 10^{16}/\text{cm}^3$  (need very pure material to start with)

#### in presence of external field

most of the voltage drop U occurs in depletion layer (very few free carriers, large  $\rho$ )

 $V_n(\infty) - V_p(\infty) = V_D - U$ 

choose sign such that positive U is opposite to diffusion potential (contact potential) Forward bias, U > 0:

holes diffuse in n-direction electrons diffuse in p-direction, potential barrier is lowered

majority carriers recombine in depletion region: 'recombination current', or penetrate to the other side: 'diffusion current', depletion zone narrows

$$egin{array}{rcl} d_n(U)&=&d_n(0)\sqrt{1-rac{U}{V_D}}\ d_p(U)&=&d_p(0)\sqrt{1-rac{U}{V_D}} \end{array}$$

#### **Reverse bias**, U < 0:

electron-hole pairs generated in or near the depletion layer by thermal processes (or in the case of detector by ionization) are separated: 'leakage current' depletion zone becomes wider (at 300 V order of 1 mm)





note:

to maximize thickness of depletion layer, need high resistivity (pure material)  $d \cong \sqrt{2\epsilon\epsilon_0 U\rho\mu}$ 

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## p-n semiconductor detector



+++, ---: free charge carriers

typical realization:



$$egin{aligned} &d_p pprox d_p \cong \sqrt{rac{2\epsilon\epsilon_0}{e}rac{U}{N_A}}\ \mathrm{since}\ N_A \ll N_D,\ V_D \ll U\ \mathrm{with}\ N_A \cong 10^{15}\ \mathrm{cm}^{-3} \Rightarrow\ &U = rac{e}{2\epsilon\epsilon_0}N_A d_p^2 \cong 100\ \mathrm{V}\ &|E| = rac{100\ \mathrm{V}}{300\cdot 10^{-6}\ \mathrm{m}} = 3\cdot 10^5\ \mathrm{V/m}\ \mathrm{(safe;\ spark\ limit\ at\ 10^7\ \mathrm{V/m})} \end{aligned}$$

# 4.3 Signal generation in semiconductor detectors

in principle like ionization chambers:

if E const: each drifting electron contributes to signal current while drifting



$$i = \frac{\mathrm{d}q}{\mathrm{d}t} = e\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{d}\frac{1}{dx/v_D} = e\frac{v_D}{d}$$

*d*: width of depletion zone*x*: location where electron was generated

capacitor charges:

$$Q = e \frac{v_D}{d} \cdot t = e \frac{v_D}{d} \frac{d - x}{v_D}$$

line charge of electrons across the depletion layer (constant ionization along track):

$$i = N_0 e \frac{v_D}{d} \left( 1 - \frac{tv_D}{d} \right) \Theta \left( 1 - \frac{tv_D}{d} \right)$$
$$Q(t) = N_0 e \frac{v_D}{d} \left( t - \frac{t^2 v_D}{d} \right) \Theta \left( 1 - \frac{tv_D}{d} \right)$$

integrated:

$$Q\left(t=\frac{d}{v_D}\right) = \frac{N_0 e}{2}$$

same signal for positive carriers (holes), thus in total

$$N_0 \cdot e = Q_{tot}$$

more realistic treatment: E-field depends on x

simple ansatz:  $|\vec{E}| = \frac{e N_A}{\epsilon \epsilon_0} \cdot x$ and with  $\sigma = \frac{1}{\rho} = e N_A \mu_+$  and  $\tau = \frac{\epsilon \epsilon_0}{\sigma}$ 







for an electron generated at location x inside depletion zone and mobilities independent of E:

total drift time of electrons:

charge signal for  $t < t_d$ 

analogously for hole

 $v_{-} = -\mu_{-}E = \frac{\mu_{-}}{\mu_{+}}\frac{x}{\tau} \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = x_{0}\exp\left(\frac{\mu_{-}t}{\mu_{+}\tau}\right)$ 

$$t_d = au rac{\mu_+}{\mu_-} \ln\left(rac{d}{x_0}
ight)$$
 $Q_-(t) = -rac{e}{d} \int rac{dx}{dt} dt = rac{e}{d} x_0 \left(1 - \exp\left(rac{\mu_- t}{\mu_+ au}
ight)
ight)$ 

$$egin{aligned} v_+ &= \mu_+ E = -rac{x}{ au} &\Rightarrow \qquad x = x_0 \exp\left(-t/ au
ight) \ Q_+(t) &= -rac{e}{d} x_0 \left(1 - \exp\left(-t/ au
ight)
ight) \end{aligned}$$



in reality a bit more complicated:

- track not exactly a line charge (distributed over typically 50  $\mu m$  width)
- $\mu_{\pm} \neq \text{constant}$
- some loss of charges due to recombination at impurities

for Si 
$$\tau = \rho \cdot 10^{-12}$$
 s ( $\rho$  in  $\Omega$ cm),  $\rho = 1000 \ \Omega$ cm  $\rightarrow \tau = 1$  ns

# 4.4 Ionization yield and Fano factor

mean energy per electron-hole pair

assume Poisson distributions for both processes with  $\sigma_i = \sqrt{N_i}$   $\sigma_x = \sqrt{N_x}$ 

for a fixed energy loss  $\Delta E$ : sharing between ionization and lattice excitation varies as  $E_x \Delta N_x + E_i \Delta N_i = 0$ 

on average:

$$E_i\sigma_i=E_x\sigma_x$$

$$\sigma_i = \frac{E_x}{E_i} \sigma_x = \frac{E_x}{E_i} \sqrt{N_x}$$

$$\sigma_i = \frac{E_x}{E_i} \sqrt{\frac{\Delta E}{E_x} - \frac{E_i}{E_x} N_i}$$

using  $N_x = (\Delta E - E_i N_i)/E_x$ 

$$N_i = \frac{\Delta E}{E_0}$$
 in case of ideal charge collection without losses

$$\rightarrow \qquad \sigma_{i} = \frac{E_{x}}{E_{i}} \sqrt{\frac{\Delta E}{E_{x}} - \frac{E_{i}}{E_{x}} \frac{\Delta E}{E_{0}}} = \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{\Delta E}{E_{0}}}}_{\sqrt{N_{i}}} \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{E_{x}}{E_{i}} \left(\frac{E_{0}}{E_{i}} - 1\right)}}_{\sqrt{F}}$$

Si: $E_0 \cong 3.6 \text{ eV}$  $F \cong 0.1$ Ge: $E_0 \cong 2.9 \text{ eV}$  $F \cong 0.1$ 

 $\sigma_i = \sqrt{N_i}\sqrt{F}$  smaller than naive expectation

due to energy conservation, fluctuations are reduced for a given energy loss  $\Delta E$ (the total absorbed energy does not fluctuate)

relative energy resolution

$$\frac{\sigma_i}{N_i} = \frac{\sqrt{N_i F}}{N_i} = \frac{\sqrt{F}}{\sqrt{N_i}} = \frac{\sqrt{F E_0}}{\sqrt{\Delta E}} = \frac{\sigma_{\Delta E}}{\Delta E}$$

example: photon of 5 keV,  $E_{\gamma} = \Delta E$ ,  $\sigma_{\Delta E} = 40$  eV  $\cong 1\%$  instead of 2.7% w/o Fano factor

# Energy resolution of semiconductor detector



intrinsic resolution due to statistics of charge carriers generated, in addition noise and non-uniformities in charge-collection efficiency

# 4.5 Energy measurement with semiconductor detectors

for low energies, e.g.  $\alpha$ -particles, low energy electrons or X- and  $\gamma$ -rays

#### 4.5.1 Ion implanted or diffusion barrier detectors



Disadvantage:  $n^+$  contact layer acts as dead material for entering particles

- $\blacksquare$  part of energy loss not measured  $\rightarrow$  additional fluctuations
- very soft particles or short range particles like  $\alpha$ 's may not reach the depletion layer

#### 4.5.2 Surface barrier detectors



# 2-band model of Schottky diode



metal – semiconductor junction acts as diode, region with high resistance  $eV_{int} = e(\phi_m - \phi_S)$  potential barrier at surface for electrons in conduction band in Si applying -U at metal: this barrier is increased  $\rightarrow$  no tunneling (dark current) current only due to ionization

depletion layer in n-Si up to several mm thick used since the 1960ies for particle detection

advantage of surface barrier detector: very thin entrance window

energy loss negligible

 for detection of photons down to eV energy range but usually thickness too small for γ-ray detection above 100 keV, i.e. good for X-rays



# 4.5.3. p-i-n detectors Ge(Li), Si(Li)

from 1960ies, trick: create a thick (cm) depletion layer with intrinsic conductivity by compensation

- 1. start with high-purity p-type Ge or Si, acceptor typically Boron
- 2. bring in contact with liquid Li bath (350 400  $^{\circ}$  C) Li diffuses into Ge/Si
- 3. apply external field  $\rightarrow$  positive Li-ions drift far into crystal and compensate B-ions locally

typically  $10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  Li atoms

 $\begin{array}{l} {\rm p-Si} + {\rm Li}^+ \, \hat{=} \,\, {\rm neutral} \\ \rho = 2 \cdot 10^5 \,\, \Omega {\rm cm} \,\, {\rm possible} \\ {\rm i.e} \,\, {\rm like} \,\, {\rm true} \,\, {\rm intrinsic} \,\, {\rm material} \end{array}$ 







ρ(x) needs to be cooled permanently (liq.  $N_2$ ) to avoid р separation of Li from impurities by diffusion! n Х application:  $\gamma$ -spectroscopy E(x)larger cross section for photo effect in Ge as however: full energy peak contains only order of Х 10 % of the signal in a 50  $cm^3$  crystal  $(30 \% \text{ in a } 170 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ crystal}))$ V(x)resolution much better than Nal efficiency significantly lower  $U + V_D$ Ń

external voltage U and diffusion voltage  $V_D$ 

compared to Si

 $\rightarrow$  Ge(Li) preferred



Ge(Li) detectors - a revolution in  $\gamma$  spectroscopy in the mid 1960ies:

comparison of spectra obtained with Nal (state of the art technique until then) and Ge(Li)

comparative pulse height spectra recorded using a sodium iodide scintillator and a Ge(Li) detector source of  $\gamma$  radiation: decay of  $^{108m}$ Ag and  $^{110m}$ Ag, energies of peaks are labeled in keV

# 4.5.4 High purity or intrinsic Ge detectors

from late 1970ies

similar to Li doped Ge or Si detectors, but dark current is kept low not by compensating impurities, but by making material very clean itself

by repeating the purification process (zone melting), extremely pure Ge can be obtained ( $\leq 10^9$  impurity atoms per cm<sup>3</sup>) intrinsic layer like compensated zone in Ge(Li), similar sizes possible advantage: cooling only needed during use to reduce noise

#### other applications

- low energy electrons
- strongly ionizing particles
- dE/dx for particle identification

useful energy range determined by range of particle vs. size of detector

ranges of electrons, p, d, lpha, ... in Si

particles stopped in 5 mm Si(Li) detector:

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\alpha up to 120 MeV kinetic energy p up to 30 MeV e up to 3 MeV
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energy-range relation for electrons (top) and more massive particles (bottom)

### 4.5.5 Bolometers

how to increase resolution further?

use even finer steps for energy absorption, e.g. break-up of Cooper pairs in a semiconductor operate at cryo-temperatures

instead of current one can measure temperature rise due to absorption of e.g. an X-ray, couple absorber with extremely low heat capacity (HgCdTe) with semiconductor thermistor  $\rightarrow$  excellent energy resolution: 17 eV for 5.9 keV X-ray, i.e.  $\Delta E/E = 2.9 \, 10^{-3}$  but low rate capability

applications: dark matter searches, astrophysical neutrinos, magnetic monopole searches

# 4.6 Position measurement with semiconductor detectors

#### 4.6.1 Principle

segmentation of readout electrodes into strips, pads, pixels

first usage in 1980ies

standard part of high energy experiments since LEP and Tevatron era

#### limitations of position resolution

•  $\delta$ -electrons can shift the center of gravity of the track estimate limit in Si for track incidence  $\bot$  detector:  $r_{\delta}$  range of  $\delta$ -electron energy of  $\delta$ -electron such that  $N_{\delta}$  electron-hole pairs generated vs  $N_p$  for primary track: assume  $\delta \perp$  to primary track

$$\Delta x = \frac{N_{\delta}(r_{\delta}/2)}{N_{\delta} + N_{\rho}}$$

example:

100  $\mu$ m Si, 5 GeV pion  $\rightarrow$  240 eV/ $\mu$ m  $\rightarrow N_p = 6700$ 10% probability for  $\delta$  with  $T_{\delta} > 20$  keV and  $r_{\delta} = 5 \ \mu$ m  $\rightarrow \Delta x \approx 1 \ \mu m$ worse for thicker detector: see Fig for 300  $\mu$ m Si





energy loss (Landau) fluctuations have influence on position measurement



- noise: position measurement requires  $S \gg N$ if signal only on 1 strip (or pad), resolution  $\sigma_x = \Delta s / \sqrt{12}$ , independent of S/Nif signal on several strips  $\Rightarrow$  more precise position by center-of-gravity method (see below), but influenced by S/N
- diffusion: smearing of charge cloud (see gaseous detectors, transverse diffusion) initially helps to distribute signal over more than one strip but 2-track resolution and S/N deteriorate with diffusion
- magnetic fields: Lorentz force on drifting electrons and holes: track signal is displaced if E not parallel B, increasing displacement with drift length



charge distribution registered for a semiconductor detector with or without magnetic field



## Si vertex detectors

main applications:

- tracking of particles close to primary vertex before multiple scattering ⇒ good angular resolution
- identification of secondary vertices c, b,  $\tau$  decays  $\tau = 10^{-12} \dots 10^{-13}$  s,  $\gamma c \tau \cong \gamma \cdot 30 \ \mu m$

'b-tagging' for top or Higgs decays

example: 4 layers microstrips of H1 experiment



before

and after vertex cuts

example: CDF

discovery top quark 3 Si-layers at r = 1.5, 5-10, 20-29 cm total active area approx. 10 m<sup>2</sup>

 $D^{\pm} \rightarrow K \pi \pi$  mass peaks before and after  $7\sigma$  vertex cut






distribution of secondary vertices typical for charm decays in ALEPH.

how to use it: make a cut at e.g.  $x > 3\sigma$  of vertex resolution  $\rightarrow$  secondary vertex

critical for detection of secondary vertices: impact parameter resolution

'impact parameter' *b*: closest distance from (extrapolated) track to primary vertex

$$\sigma^2 = \left(\frac{\mathbf{r_1}}{\mathbf{r_2} - \mathbf{r_1}}\sigma_2\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\mathbf{r_2}}{\mathbf{r_2} - \mathbf{r_1}}\sigma_1\right)^2 + \sigma_{MS}^2$$

optimum resolution for 
$$r_1$$
 small,  $r_2$  large and  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  small make contribution of multiple scattering small, as little material as possible  $\sigma_{MS} \propto \frac{1}{p} \sqrt{\frac{X}{X_0}}$  practical values < 100  $\mu$ m for  $p > 1$  GeV/c



 $= \frac{r_2}{r_2 - r_1}$ 

 $\frac{r_1}{r_2 - r_1}$ 

 $rac{\sigma_b}{\sigma_1}$ 

 $rac{\sigma_b}{\sigma_2}$ 

# 4.6.2 Micro-strip detectors (about 1983)

#### principle and segmentation see above

- typical pitch  $20-50~\mu m$
- width of charge distribution (for  $\perp$  incidence)  $\cong$  10  $\mu$ m
- signal in 300  $\mu$ m Si:  $\cong$  25 000 *e* for minimum ionizing particles
- order 100 channels/cm<sup>2</sup>



#### read-out:

resistor network for charge division

$$\langle x 
angle = rac{Q_2}{Q_1 + Q_2} d$$

charge sensitive preamplifier

disadvantages:

- only 1 hit per event and detector
- *R* has to be large enough for good
   *S*/*N*
- slow due to *RC* of resistor chain

### individual read-out of all strips:

charge-sharing by capacitive coupling between strips  $\cong 1~\mathrm{pF/cm}$ 

⇒ signal on neighboring strip a few % of central signal typical position resolution  $\sim 10 \ \mu m$ vertex resolution determined by

- position resolution
- lever arm
- multiple scattering
- momentum p or p⊥, respectively track curvature in magnetic field
- effect of Lorentz force on drifting charge

typical value (H1 detector):

$$\sigma_{vtx} = 27 \ \mu m \oplus rac{98 \ \mu m}{p_{\perp} \ ({
m GeV/c})}$$

 $\oplus:$  addition in quadrature



### contact pads for readout electronics



### 4.6.3 Double-sided micro-strip detectors



between  $n^+$  side strips, additional strips are needed for insulation: SiO<sub>2</sub> surface layer: positive space charge  $\Rightarrow e^-$  layer in n-material  $p^+$  blocking electrodes for separation of  $n^+$  strips



# Example: Delphi vertex detector

3 coaxial layers of double-sided micro-strips, capacitive coupling, 6.3, 9.0, 10.9 cm from beam axis





event recorded by the Delphi micro-vertex detector

# 4.6.4 Silicon drift detectors

proposed by Gatti and Rehak in 1984, first realized in 1990ies

potential inside wafer has parabolic shape (see next page), superimpose linear electric field



wafer can be fully depleted by reverse bias voltage on a small n+ anode implanted on wafer edge n-type bulk Si with p+ electrodes on both flat sides



potential shape in Si drift-chamber: trough-like shape due to positive space charge in depletion area, slope from external voltage divider

equivalent of 1 plane in a TPC

# CERES 4 inch Si drift detector

### event display



active area	$52 \text{ cm}^2$
granularity	360 anodes $\times$ 256 time bins
	= 92 160 pixels
max. number of resolved hits	$2 \cdot 10^4$
wafer thickness	250 $\mu$ m
radiation length	0.27% of X <sub>0</sub>
multiple scattering	pprox 0.54 mrad @ 1 GeV/c

### 4.6.5 Pixel detectors

 principle: like micro-strips, but 2-dimensional segmentation of p<sup>+</sup> contacts: 'pixel' each pixel connected to bias voltage and readout electronics



- advantage: 2-dim information like double-sided micro-strip, but more simultaneous hits per detector allowed low capacity and thus low noise  $\Rightarrow$  good S/N
- disadvantage: large number of read-out channels ⇒ expensive, large data volume pixel contacts are complicated ('bump bonding' or 'flip chip' technologies)
- typical pixel areas  $\sim 2000 \ \mu m^2 \rightarrow \text{order } 5000 \ \text{channels/cm}^2$ square (150 × 150  $\mu m^2$ ) rectangular (50 × 300  $\mu m^2$ )
- hit resolution:  $\Delta x/\sqrt{12}$  and  $\Delta y/\sqrt{12}$

examples: all LHC experiments



### bump bonding



SEM photograph of solder bumps on an Omega3 chip

connection pixel chip  $\leftrightarrow$  readout chip





pixel detectors depend on the bump-bonding technique, which PSI adapted and miniaturized contact between pixel and microchip is a 17  $\mu m$  solder ball of indium microscope image shows pixels with the indium balls (dark points).

#### prototype Si pixel telescope

WA97 Pb-Pb event 1995

7(9) Si pixel detectors 0.5 M (0.7 M) channels + Si  $\mu$ strip planes





# 4.6.6 putting it all together: the LHC experiments use Si pixels, strips, and drift

the challenge at LHC:

high rate, high hit density, radiation damage

 $\sim 1000$  tracks every 25 ns or  $10^{11}/\text{s}$ 

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\Rightarrow high radiation dose
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10^{15} \frac{n_{eq}}{\text{cm}^2 \cdot 10a} @ LHC or
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through the ionization of mips in bulk silicon

LHC  $\cong 10^6 \times$  LEP in track rate! detectors in ATLAS and CMS need to be replaced by 2018

14 TeV pp-collisions seen with the ATLAS pixel detector



# Tasks for pixel detectors in LHC experiments

### pattern recognition and tracking

precision tracking point (3D); can do in one pixel layer the equivalent of 3 – 4 strip layers momentum measurement before much material (mult. scattering) e.g. ATLAS:  $\sigma(p_t)/p_t = 0.03 \% p_t$  (GeV/c)  $\oplus$  1.2%

#### vertexing

find primary vertex (can use all tracks, get 10  $\mu$ m precision in x, y and 50  $\mu$ m in z)

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find secondary vertex (c,b) (few tracks, get 50 \mum in x, y and 70 \mum in z)
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impact parameter for tracks not from primary vertex (electrons from semileptonic D and B decays

### tracking detectors: ATLAS



# Pixel Detector (3 layers, 3 disks)



	points	$\sigma(R\phi)~\mu$ m	$\sigma(Rz) \ \mu m$
pixel	3	12	60
SCT	4	17	580
TRT	36	170	-

Silicon Pixel Detector	$\sim~1.8~{ m m}^2$
Silicon Strip Detector	$\sim~$ 60 m $^2$
Transition Radiation Tracker	$\sim$ 300 m $_{eq}^2$

# ATLAS micro strip detector (15 million strips)



# ATLAS pixel detector: 5 cm from collision point



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# ATLAS pixel detector



# tracking detectors: CMS



# CMS tracker-supermodule and -endcap

assembly and tests of supermodules (petals) (Aachen, Hamburg, Karlsruhe)



134 petals assembled(mechanics + electronics + cooling)288 petals tested



integration of tracker-end cap (Aachen) end cap (with 144 petals) before transport to CERN

J. Stachel (Physics University Heidelberg)

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### inner tracking detectors: ALICE



	Semiconductor Detectors			rosition measurement with semiconductor detectors					
ALICE ITS	layer	type	<i>r</i> (cm)	$\pm z(cm)$	area (m <sup>2</sup> )	ladders	lad./stave	det./lad.	tot. channels
	1	pixel	4	16.5	0.09	80	4	1	5 242 880
inner tracker system	2	pixel	7	16.5	0.18	160	4	1	10 485 760
	3	drift	14.9	22.2	0.42	14	-	6	43 008
	4	drift	23.8	29.7	0.89	22	-	8	90 112
	5	strip	39.1	45.1	2.28	34	-	23	1 201 152
	6	strip	43.6	50.8	2.88	38	-	26	1 517 568

dimensions of the ITS detectors (active areas)

necessary with semiconductor detectors



6 layers 3 technologies: pixel, drift, strips

### main issue for ALICE: minimal material



very light-weight carbon fiber support structure (200  $\mu m$ ,  $\sim 0.1\% X_0$ )

total  $X_0$  per layer  $\sim 0.9\%$  (ATLAS, CMS > 2%)

# the LHCb Vertex Locator (VELO)



operation in secondary vacuum, shield detector against RF pickup from beams and vice versa

# the LHCb Vertex Locator (VELO)



# Most recent developments: MAPS (monolithic active pixel sensors)



### Monolithic Pixel Detector

advantages:

• low material budget

cost

NMOS

p-well

n-well

- power
- lower integration complexity  $\rightarrow$  easier system assembly

N. Wermes (Univ. of Bonn)



Key technology steps that made MAPS possible:

- CMOS on high-resistivity silicon (needed as bulk material for the sensor)
- full CMOS in pixel area (both types of transistors  $\rightarrow$  fast readout)

# MAPS (monolithic active pixel sensors)



• high resistivity (< 1 k $\Omega$ cm) p-type epitaxial layer (25  $\mu$ m) on p-type substrate

- small n-well collecting diode (2  $\mu$ m diameter),  $\sim$  100 times smaller than pixel
  - $\rightarrow$  very low capacitance (few fF)
- reverse bias (6 V) to substrate (contact from top) to increase depletion zone around n-well collection diode
- PMOS transistors shielded by deep p-well
- full CMOS amplifier circuit within active area
- fast signal rise-times ( $\sim 1$  ns)

Upgrades of LHC detectors, e.g. ALICE ITS Upgrade (ALPIDE = ALICE Pixel Detector)

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# 4.6.7 CCD, charge-coupled device

### MOS structure (metal-oxide-silicon)

many independent and separately switchable gates (electronically shielded potential wells) on  $SiO_2$  over p-substrate

• pixels  $50 \times 50 \ \mu m^2$  (or even  $20 \times 20$ ), act at low voltage (2 V) as capacitors storing charges produced by ionizing tracks





MOS high frequency C-V characteristic curve (n-type bulk)

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# Band model of MOS contact



b) energy levels without external field

- c) small positive bias: depletion near surface (like at p-n junction) high resistance space charge zone, can store charge
- d) higher positive bias: band are lowered towards interface, in thin layer conduction goes from p to n separated by depletion layer from p-bulk, "inversion"
- e) further increase of potential: conduction band dives below Fermi level → degenerated Fermi gas – conducting

#### serial readout:

make use of fact that boundary becomes conducting at higher voltage (5-10 V)

charge follows a wandering potential well produced by a pulse sequence applied to the gates, until it reaches charge-sensing preamplifier



2 or 3-phase clock typical frequency 8 MHz



# CCD - principle of operation I

a detailed look at the charge storage and charge transfer process

#### 1. charge storage

incident light generates charge, i.e. electron-hole pairs.

if light is incident on a localized section of p-type silicon, below a positive contact, charge will accumulate.



# CCD - principle of operation II

#### 2. charge transfer

as voltage on adjacent well is increased, the width of the well increases and the charge becomes shared between the two electrodes

removing voltage from the first well decreases the charge stored below it

the charge packet is therefore transferred to the adjacent electrode


# optical imaging with CCD arrays

charge creation by incident light prior to charge transfer, amount of charge represents integration of light.

charge packet transfer: electrodes are grouped into sets of three or four. These 'phases' remove the charge from the detecting part of the device to the digitizing part.

example of a clocking sequence for a three phase arrangement.



# CCD arrays I

2-dimensional images are digitized using a 2-dimensional array of CCD elements. There are 3 different methods of sequentially reading and storing the spatial light patterns that fall onto the array.

### 1. full frame CCD

accumulated charge shifted vertically row by row to serial read-out register, for each row the read-out register must be shifted horizontally  $\rightarrow$  'progressive scan' disadvantage: smearing of image due to light falling on sensor while transferring accumulated

charge (could use mechanical shutter in addition)



# CCD arrays II

2. frame transfer



two part sensor, half of the array is used as storage region and protected from light 'up and out' - data are read-out and digitized frame by frame  $\rightarrow$  high resolution, slow transfer

# CCD arrays III

### 3. interline transfer



charge transfer channels adjacent to each photodiode, 'over, up and out' - data are read-out and digitized line by line  $\rightarrow$  lower resolution (reduced image area), fast transfer reducing image smear

### CCD principle conceived by Boyle and Smith at Bell Labs in 1970



'for groundbreaking 'for the invention of an imaging achievements semiconductor circuit – the CCD sensor'' concerning the transmission of light in fibers for optical communication''



Photo: U. Montan

**Charles K. Kao** 

(1/2) of the prize

l/4 of the prize

Willard S. Boyle



Photo: U. Montan

George E. Smith

🕒 1/4 of the prize

Photo: U. Montan

# a large state of the art CCD camera





active area of the silicon vertex/tracking detectors as function of time. Micro-strip detectors retain the capability of largest area coverage.



number of channels in the silicon vertex/tracking detectors as function of time. CCD-based pixel detectors retain the capability of finest granularity, but APS ('Active Pixel Sensors') detectors may come close in the long-term future. 2018: now they are! see colloquium L. Musa

Figs from C.J.S. Damerell, Rev. Sci. Instr. 69 (1998)1570

# 4.7 Radiation damage

major issue at LHC: with design luminosity of  $10^{34}$ /cm<sup>2</sup>s at radius of 10 cm over 10 years of running accumulated radiation dose  $10^{15} n_{eq}$ /cm<sup>2</sup> equal 600 kGy high luminosity LHC (HL-LHC) starting from 2021: 10 times the dose of LHC

intensive irradiation R&D program over past 20 years to study and minimize effects

Si sensors electronics glue and other material

### radiation damage in Si sensors:

when e.g. a 1 MeV neutron hits Si nucleus  $\rightarrow$  recoil kinetic energy of Si 30 keV

compare to typical binding of Si in crystal lattice of  $15-25~\mathrm{eV}$ 

similarly, incident pions in few hundred MeV range form  $\Delta$  resonance when hitting p or n

decay momentum of 200  $\rm MeV/c$  gives recoil to decay p or n of about 2  $\rm MeV$ 

NIEL (non-ionizing energy loss) dislocates Si-atoms from their lattice positions

for one 1 MeV neutron about  $10^3$  atoms in region of about 100 nm are displaced



- generation and recombination of levels in band gap  $\rightarrow$  increase of leakage current  $I = I_0 + \alpha \phi V$  with  $\alpha = 2 \cdot 10^{-17}$  A/cm<sup>2</sup> for particle flux  $\phi$  (per cm<sup>2</sup>) and volume V increased detector noise, worse resolution (S/N)
- creation of trapping centers  $\rightarrow$  trapping of signal charge by recombination
- change of space charge in depleted region → change of effective doping most severe effect, increasing generation of acceptor-like defect leads eventually totype inversion, n-type → p-type



can operate detector up to about  $10^{14} n_{eq}/\text{cm}^2$  as for U > 600 V discharge this would be only one year at LHC nominal luminosity  $\rightarrow$  not good enough!

### after irradiation complicated time dependence of damage:

- for irradiation without type-inversion slow healing of damages (months)
- after type-inversion:

- for first week, effective doping concentration decreases at room temperature (beneficial annealing)

- after that, doping concentration slowly increases (reverse annealing); can be minimized by keeping detector cool in between running periods



measurements carried out at increased temperature to accelerate effect of long term annealing (compress 10 years LHC running into weeks)

### the solutions for LHC:

**1. defect engineering: oxygenated Silicon** = deliberate addition of impurities to bulk material, i.e. enrichment of Si substrate with oxygen

- electrically active defects capture vacancies in stable and electrically neutral point defects

- increases radiation hardness by factor 3 (slope  $\rm g_c)$  for irradiation with charged hadrons (protons, pions)



damage projection for ATLAS pixel B-layer for 100 day runs and different temperature scenarios

RD48, G. Lindström et al., NIM A465 (2001) 60

### Radiation damage

# measuring the effective depletion depth after irradiation





# 2. use of n+ in n (all LHC pixel detectors):

n+ implants in n-type Si

after type-inversion depletion region grows from n+ side  $\rightarrow$  can operate detector partially depleted when full voltage cannot be applied any longer

plus, usage of guard rings around sensor at ground potential to protect sensitive frontend electronics from discharges



after type inversion



# long-term prospects 1: Diamond detectors

 $(E_{gap} = 5.45 \text{ eV})$ 

much better behavior after irradiation

lower leakage current increased mean free path for charge carrier trapping radiation hard up to  $5\cdot 10^{15}~{\rm cm}^2$ 

but: can produce only thin detectors (less than 300  $\mu$ m) worse S/N, a lot of R&D needed

can already produce cheap material by evaporation (chemical vapor deposition)

# long-term prospects 2: 3D - silicon detectors

(see e.g. C. DaVia, CERN courier Jan/Feb 2003): proposed by Sherwood Parker in 1995: p+ and n+ electrodes penetrate silicon bulk



the same charge as in planar detector is collected in shorter time over shorter distance and with 10 times less depletion voltage

design parameter	3D	planar
depletion voltage (V)	< 10	70
collection length ( $\mu$ m)	$\sim 50$	300
charge collection time (ns)	1 - 2	10 - 20
edge sensitivity ( $\mu$ m)	< 10	$\sim 300$



generally, electric field in sensor must be as large as possible  $\rightarrow$  maximizes drift velocity  $\rightarrow$  maximizes effective drift length before charge is trapped by defects  $L_{drift} = v_{drift} \cdot \tau_{tr}$  with a trapping time  $\tau_{tr}$ 

drift lengths decrease linearly with fluence, device with larger drift length becomes inefficient at high radiation levels.

in detector with segmented electrode (pixels), larger fraction of signal generated by charge carrier drifting towards it

in irradiated detector, electrons travel farther before being trapped, therefore advantageous to collect signal at n+ electrode

deep reactive ion etching to 'drill' holes in silicon with thickness/diameter = 20 : 1, means holes into 300  $\mu$ m substrate can be 'drilled' 50  $\mu$ m apart

fill holes with poly-crystalline Si doped with B or P, which is then diffused into the surrounding pure silicon to make electrodes



right: 290  $\mu$ m deep etching followed by deposition of 2  $\mu$ m poly-crystalline Si left: broken wafer showing filled electrode holes

20

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3D silicon sensor before and after irradiation: signal smaller but response still fast

3D sensor in the process of fabrication: 1 set of electrodes completed in hexagonal pattern bottom: active edge filled with dopant to form electric field inside sensor  $\rightarrow$  deplete within a few microns of edge

technology also important for X-ray imaging, e.g., in molecular biology (protein folding)



### **3D** pixel sensors for HL-LHC:

small pitch 3D silicon detectors for ATLAS HL-LHC pixel detector upgrade



3D CNM, 50x50 µm<sup>2</sup> 1E, d=230 µm, -25°C, 1 week@RT

20

40

60

80

100

J. Lange et al., arXiv:1805.10208

Irradiations up to particle fluences of  $3\times 10^{16}n_{eq}/cm^2$ , beyond full expected HL-LHC fluences show good performance

120

140

160

Voltage [V]

# 5. Scintillation counters

### 5 Scintillation counters

- Scintillators
- Photon detection
  - Photomultiplier
  - Photodiodes
- Propagation of light
- Applications of scintillation detectors

# 5. Scintillation counters

detection of radiation by means of scintillation is among oldest methods of particle detection historical example: particle impinging on ZnS screen  $\rightarrow$  emission of light flash

### **Principle of scintillation counter:**

• dE/dx is converted into visible light and transmitted to an optical receiver sensitivity of human eye quite good: 15 photons in the correct wavelength range within  $\Delta t = 0.1$  s noticeable by human

scintillators make **multipurpose detectors**; can be used in calorimetry, time-of-flight measurement, tracking detectors, trigger or veto counters

### Scintillating materials:

- inorganic crystals
- organic crystals
- polymers (plastic scintillators)

# 5.1 Scintillators

**Inorganic crystals:** crystal (electric insulator) doped with activator (color center) e.g. Nal(TI)



- energy loss can promote electron into conduction band → freely movable in crystal
- also possible: electron remains electrostatically bound to the hole → ≡ 'exciton', hydrogenlike quasiparticle, but much more weakly bound and much bigger, energy levels slightly below conduction band
- exciton moves freely through crystal → transition back into valence band under light emission inefficient process
- doping with activator (energy levels in band gap) to which energy is transferred → photon emission can be much more likely

## Inorganic crystals

exciton + activator  $A \rightarrow A^* \rightarrow A$  + photon or A + lattice vibration

typical decay time of signal: ns - µs depending on material
 example: NaI(TI)

$$\lambda_{max} = 410 \text{ nm} \cong 3 \text{ eV}$$
  
 $\tau = 0.23 \ \mu \text{s}$   
 $X_0 = 2.6 \text{ cm}$ 

• quality of scintillator: light yield  $\varepsilon_{sc} \equiv$  fraction of energy loss going into photons

example: for NaI(TI) 38000 photons with 3 eV per MeV energy loss (deposit in scint.)

$$\varepsilon_{sc} \cong \frac{3.8 \cdot 10^4 \cdot 3 \text{ eV}}{10^6 \text{ eV}} = 11.3\% \quad \leftarrow \text{good}$$

### characteristics of different inorganic crystals

type	$\lambda_{max}[nm]$	$ au[\mu s]$	photons per	$X_0[cm]$
			MeV	
Nal(TI)	410	0.23	38000	2.6
CsI(TI)	565	1.0	52000	1.9
Csl (at 77 K)*	400	0.60	8300	1.85
	310	0.02	74000	1.85
BGO (bismuth germanate)	480	0.35	2800	1.1
$BaF_2$	310	0.62	6300	2.1
	220	0.0007	2000	2.1
CeF <sub>3</sub>	330	0.03	5000	1.7
PbWO <sub>4</sub>	430	0.01	100	0.9

 $^{*}$  at roomtemperature more than factor 100 less light

- advantages of inorganic crystals:
  - high light yield
  - high density  $\rightarrow$  good energy resolution for compact detector
- disadvantage:
  - complicated crystal growth  $\rightarrow$  \$\$\$ (several US\$ per cm<sup>3</sup>)

application in large particle physics experiments

BaBar (SLAC):

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6580 Csl(Tl) crystals
depth 17 X_0
total 5.9 m<sup>3</sup>
readout Si photodiode (gain = 1)
noise 0.15 MeV
dynamic range 10<sup>4</sup>
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CMS (LHC):

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76150 PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystals
26 X_0
total 11 m<sup>3</sup>
read-out APD (gain = 50)
noise 30 MeV
dynamic range 10<sup>5</sup>
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PbWO<sub>4</sub>: fast, small radiation length, good radiation hardness compared to other scintillators, but comparatively few photons (order of 10 photoelectrons per MeV) always need to consider: match of spectral distribution of light emission, absorption and sensitivity of photosensor

typical spectral distributions:



# Organic crystals

aromatic hydrocarbon compoints

scintillation is based on the delocalized  $\pi$  electrons of aromatic rings (see below)

	$\lambda_{max}[nm]$	$\tau$ [ns]	light yield
			rel. to Nal
naphthalene $\bigcirc \bigcirc$	348	96	12%
anthracene	440	30	50%

advantages: relatively fast, cheap, mechanically strong

disadvantages: mechanically difficult to process, light output anisotropic (due to channeling in crystals)



# Scintillators $\lambda_{max}[nm]$ $\tau[ns]$ $\varepsilon_{sc}$ p-Terphenyl $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ 440 5 25% PBD $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ 360 1 2-phenyl-5(4-biphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 1 1 1

disadvantages: low light yield: in plastic scintillator typically 10 photons per 1 MeV energy loss, low radiation length  $X_0 = 40 - 50$  cm, advantages: fast decay time (order of) ns, cheap, easy to shape, typically also high neutron

advantages: fast decay time (order of) ns, cheap, easy to shape, typically also high neutron detection efficiency via (n,p) reactions

typical organic scintillators and wavelength shifters:

primary	structure	$\lambda_{max}$	decay time	light yield	
fluorescent agent		emission	[ <i>ns</i> ]	rel. to Nal	
		[ <i>nm</i> ]			
naphtalene	OO	348	96	0.12	
anthracene	OOO	440	30	0.5	
p-terphenyl		440	5	0.25	
PBD		360	1.2		
wavelength shifter					
POPOP		420	1.6		
bis-MSB		420	1.2		

### what does wavelength shifter do?

- it absorbs primary scintillation light and reemits at longer wavelength  $\rightarrow$  good transparency for emitted light
- adapts wave length to spectral sensitivity of photosensor



and absorption spectrum of wavelength shifter BBQ

# principle of operation of organic scintillator:

aromatic molecules with delocalized  $\pi$ -electrons, valence electrons pairwise in  $\pi$  states, level scheme splits into singlet and triplet states



- excitation of  $\pi$  electrons energy absorption  $\rightarrow S_1^*$ ,  $S_2^* \rightarrow S_1$  radiationless on time scale  $10^{-14}$  s fluorescence:  $S_1 \rightarrow S_0$
- ionization of  $\pi$  electrons followed by recombination populates T states phosphorescence  $T_0 \rightarrow S_0$
- excitation of  $\sigma$ -electrons  $\rightarrow$  thermal deexcitation, radiationless, collisions and phonons
- $\blacksquare$  other ionization  $\rightarrow$  radiation damage



material transparent for radiation with  $E_{\gamma} < S_1^0 - S_0^0$ 



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	base m	naterial A	primary fluorescent agent B	secondary fluorescent agent C
-		<u> </u>	excitation	wave length shifter
S <sub>IA</sub> -				
S <sub>04</sub> .	E <sub>IA</sub>	YA -	$E_{IB}$ $\gamma_B$ $E_{OB}$	$= \sum_{V_{C}} \sum_{V_{C}} S_{V_{C}}$

# Scintillating gases

### - many gases exhibit some degree of scintillation

	$\lambda_{max}$ [nm]	$\gamma/$ 4.7 MeV $lpha$
$N_2$	390	800
He	390	1100
Ar	250	1100

contributes in gas detector to electric discharge, and be careful in Cherenkov detectors!

Pierre Auger Observatory for cosmic-ray-induced air-showers: employs water Cherenkov detectors and fluorescence detectors to observe UV fluorescence light emitted by atmospheric nitrogen (up to 4 W at maximum of cascade)

### - liquid noble gases: IAr, IKr, IXe also scintillate

in UV (120-170 nm), good light yield (40 000 photons per MeV), fast (0.003 and 0.022  $\mu$ s) usage in (sampling) calorimeters

## 5.2 Photon detection

### 5.2.1 Photomultiplier

i) photo effect in photocathode:  $\gamma$  + atom  $\rightarrow$  atom<sup>+</sup> +  $e^-$ 

 $T_e = h\nu - W$ 

W: work function, in metals 3 - 4 eV, bad! comparable to energy of scintillation photon

 $\Rightarrow$  specially developed alloys (bialkali, multialkali) with W = 1.5 - 2 eV



Threshold of some photosensitive materials

figure of merit: quantum yield

$$Q = rac{\# photoelectrons}{\# photons} \cong 10 - 30\%$$

# typical spectral sensitivity

cut-off at small wavelength: glass window can be replaced by quartz, extending range to smaller wavelengths (see e.g. fast component of light of  $BaF_2$ )



spectral sensitivity (quantum efficiency) of a bialkali (SbKCs) photocathode as a function of the wavelength

also used:

- SbRbCs
- SbCs
- SbNa<sub>2</sub>KCs (multialkali)



working principle of a photomultiplier electrode system mounted in an evacuated glass tube photomultiplier usually surrounded by a  $\mu$ -metal cylinder (high permeability material) to shield against stray magnetic fields (e.g. the magnetic field of the earth)

- ii) multiplication of photoelectrons by dynodes
  - electrons are accelerated towards dynode
  - knock out further electrons in dynode

secondary emission coefficient  $\delta = \frac{\# \text{ leaving } e^-}{\# \text{ incident } e^-}$ 

typically 
$$\delta = 2 - 10$$
  
# dynodes  $n = 8 - 15$   $G \propto \delta^n = 10^6 - 10^8$ 

 $\delta$  dependent on dynode potential difference:

$$\delta = k \cdot U_D$$
  
 $G = a_0 (k U_D)^n$   $a_0$ : collection efficiency between cathode and first dynode

operational voltage  $U_B = nU_D$  dynodes connected via resistive divider chain

$$\frac{dG}{G} = n\frac{dU_D}{U_D} = n\frac{dU_B}{U_B}$$

### Limitations in energy measurement

- Inearity of PMT: at high dynode current possibly saturation by space charge effects  $I_A \propto n_\gamma$  for 3 orders of magnitude possible
- photoelectron statistics for mean number of photoelectrons n<sub>e</sub> given by Poisson distribution

$$P_n(n_e) = \frac{n_e^n \exp\left(-n_e\right)}{n!}$$

with good PMT, observation of single photoelectrons possible

photoelectron statistics for a given energy loss dE/dx respectively  $E_{\gamma}$  defined by

$$n_e = \frac{dE}{dx} \times \frac{\text{photons}}{\text{MeV}} \times \text{ light collection efficiency } \times \text{ quantum efficiency}$$
e.g. in NaI(TI) for 10 MeV incident photon:

$$n_e = 10 \text{ MeV} imes rac{38000}{ ext{MeV}} imes 0.2 imes 0.25 = 15000$$
  
 $rac{\sqrt{n_e}}{n_e} = 0.8\%$ 

In fluctuations of secondary electron emission at mean multiplication factor  $\delta$  (again Poisson)

$$P_n(\delta) = \frac{\delta^n \exp(-\delta)}{(n!)} \qquad \text{for Poisson with mean } \langle n \rangle = \delta$$
  
variance  $\sigma_n^2 = \langle n \rangle = \delta$ 

contribution to resolution

$$\frac{\sigma_n}{\langle n \rangle} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\delta}}$$

*N* stages of dynodes which each amplify by factor  $\delta$ :

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_n}{\langle n \rangle}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{\delta} + \frac{1}{\delta^2} + \ldots + \frac{1}{\delta^n} = \frac{1 - \delta^{-N}}{\delta - 1} \cong \frac{1}{\delta - 1}$$
$$\frac{\sigma_n}{\langle n \rangle} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\delta - 1}}$$
quality of PM dominated by first stage

### Pulse shape:



ideal current source with parallel resistance R and capacitance C

light incident with decay time of scintillator  $\tau_{sc}$ 

anode current

$$I(t) = \frac{Gn_e e}{\tau_{sc}} \exp\left(-t/\tau_{sc}\right) = I_0 \exp\left(-t/\tau_{sc}\right)$$
$$Q = \int I dt = I_0 \tau_{sc} = Gn_e e$$
$$I(t) = \frac{U(t)}{R} + C \frac{dU(t)}{dt}$$

 $\rightarrow$  voltage signal (with U(t=0)=0)

$$\left| U(t) = \frac{Q \cdot R}{\tau - \tau_{sc}} \left[ \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_{sc}}\right) \right] \right| \qquad \tau = RC$$

 $N_{\gamma} = N_0 \exp\left(-t/ au_{sc}
ight)$ 

2 possible realizations (limiting cases) optimized for i) pulse height or ii) timing:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{RC} &= \tau \gg \tau_{sc} \\ U(t) &= \frac{Q}{C} \left( \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_{sc}}\right) \right) \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{Q}{C} \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_{sc}}\right)\right) & \tau \gg t \\ \frac{Q}{C} \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right) & t \gg \tau_{sc} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

rising edge of pulse characterized by  $\tau_{sc}$  linear in t pulse length characterized by  $\tau = RC$ 

$$U_{max} \cong Q/C \propto N_{\gamma} \rightarrow \text{energy measurement}$$
ii)  $RC = \tau \ll \tau_{sc}$   $U(t) = \frac{\tau}{\tau_{sc}} \frac{Q}{C} \left( \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_{sc}}\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right) \right)$   

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{\tau}{\tau_{sc}} \frac{Q}{C} \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right)\right) & t \ll \tau_{sc} \\ \frac{\tau}{\tau_{sc}} \frac{Q}{C} \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_{sc}}\right) & t \gg \tau \end{cases}$$

rising edge of pulse given by small RC, again linear in tdecay of pulse given by  $\tau_{sc}$ sensitivity to Q/C weakened by small RC

time measurement

 $t \gg au$ 

 $\rightarrow$ 

i)

time resolution given by:

- rise time of signal (order 1-2 ns)
- transit time in photomultiplier (order 30 50 ns)
   respectively, variations in transit time (order 0.1 ns for good PMT)

transit time variations via

- path length differences cathode - first dynode



 $\Delta t \cong 1 \text{ ns}$  for cathode  $\emptyset$  10 cm 5 ns  $\emptyset$  50 cm

hence spherical arrangement for very large PMTs (e.g. 20" in Superkamiokande)

- energy spread of photoelectrons when they leave the photocathode timing difference for photoelectron accelerated from rest  $(T_e = 0)$  relative to one with  $T_e$ 

$$\Delta t = \frac{\sqrt{2mT_e}}{eE}$$

therefore maximize potential difference between cathode and first dynode, e.g.

$$T_e = 1 \; \mathrm{eV} \qquad E = 200 \; \mathrm{V/cm} \quad 
ightarrow \Delta t = 0.17 \; \mathrm{ns}$$



### strong reduction of pathlength difference: "micro channel plate"

arrangement of  $10^4 - 10^7$  parallel channels (glass tubes) of  $10-50 \ \mu m$  diameter,  $5-10 \ mm$  length

electric field inside by applying voltage to one end  $(\sim 1000 \text{ V})$  and coated inside with resistive layer acting as a continuous dynode

realization: holes in lead glass plate

 $G = 10^5 - 10^6$   $\Delta t = 0.1$  ns

further advantage: can be operated inside magnetic field

**difficulty:** positive ions created by collisions with rest gas inside channel must be prevented from reaching photo cathode (otherwise death of MCP)  $\rightarrow$  extremely thin (5 – 10 nm) Al window between channel plate and photocathode





Chromium-nickel Film

Fig. 5.6. Microphotograph of microchannels [384].



Scintillators

# characteristics for several commercially available PMTs and microchannel plates

	Amperex	RCA	Hamamatsu	ITT	Hamamatsu
	XP 2020	8854	R 647-01	F 4129	R 1564U
amplification	$  > 3 \cdot 10^7$	$3.5\cdot10^8$	$> 10^{6}$	$1.6 \cdot 10^6$	$5\cdot 10^5$
HV anode-cathode (V)	2200	2500	1000		
microchannel voltage (V)				2500	3400
rise time $ au_R$ (ns)	1.5	3.2	2	0.35	0.27
transit time $ au_T$ (ns)	28	70	31.5	2.5	0.58
transit time variation $ au_S$ , one PE	0.51	1.55	1.2	0.20	0.09
transit time variation $ au_{S}^{\prime}$ , many PEs	0.12		0.40	0.10	
number of PEs for transit time $\tau'_S$ meas.	2500		100	800	
quantum yield (%)	26	27	28	20	15
photocathode diameter (mm)	44	114	9	18	18
dynode material	Cu Be	${\sf GaP}/{\sf BeO}$			

time resolution influenced by transit time variation and dimensions of scintillator (timing variation of light collection):



different light paths in scintillator:

affect both time resolution and pulse height typical attenuation length about 1 m attenuation mostly at short wavelengths

 $\Rightarrow$  use of yellow filter reduces dependency



also: read-out of long scintillator at both ends reduces both timing variations and spatial dependence of pulse height



yellow filter in front of cathode

### Photomultipliers in magnetic field

B-field disturbs focusing of photoelectrons and secondary electrons typical kinetic energies  $T \le 200 \text{ eV}$  in region of dynodes:  $B \le 10^{-4} \text{ T}$  needed typical magnitude of effect:  $B = 0 \rightarrow 0.15 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ T}$  means  $I_A \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}I_A$ 

solution: small fields can be shielded by so-called  $\mu$ -metal

use of mesh-type dynodes ( $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  parallel) use of channel plate, photodiodes, silicon-PM, or hybrid photon-detectors (see journal club for the latter two)

### 5.2.2 Photodiodes

normal photodiode: PIN type gain = 1, i.e. each photoelectron contributes 1 *e* to final signal (see chapter 4)

avalanche photodiode (APD): typical gain = 30 - 50 (CMS EMCal) amplification of photocurrent through avalanche multiplication of carriers in the junction region (high reverse bias voltage, 100-200 V)



### 5.3 Propagation of light

### in scintillator itself:

- absorption  $N_{\gamma} = N_0 \exp(-x/L)$ with L: absorption length
- reflection at the edge, total reflection for  $\theta > \theta_{tot} = \arcsin(n_0/n_s)$

in typical scintillator  $n \cong 1.4, \ \theta_{tot} \cong 45^{\circ}$ 

### light guide

- the light exiting the scintillator on one end (rectangular cross section) needs to be guided to PMT (normally round cross section)  $\Rightarrow$  'fish tail' shape





## Light guide

Liouville theorem is valid also for guiding light:

 $\Delta x \cdot \Delta \theta_x = \text{const.}$ 

i.e. product of width and divergence is constant

for guiding light  $\Delta \theta = \text{const}$ ,  $\Delta x$  must not decrease, otherwise loss of light, so keep area constant

curvature should only be weak to maintain total reflection for photons captured once (adiabatic light guide)



## Wavelength shifter

when enough light: can use  $2^{nd}$  wavelength shifter, e.g. along edge of scintillator plate, wavelength shifter rod absorbs light leaving scintillator and reemits isotropically at (typically) green wavelength, small part (5 – 10%) is guided to PMT **advantage:** can achieve very long attenuation length this way, correction small



## 5.4 Applications of scintillation detectors

- time-of-flight measurement, 2 scintillation counters (read-out on both ends) at large enough distance
- precise photon energy: crystal calorimeter
- sampling calorimeter for photons and hadrons: alternating layers of absorber (Fe, U, ...) and scintillator with wavelength shifter rods and PMTs
- scintillating fibre hodoscope: layers of fibres, diameter order 1 mm or less, precision tracking, fast vertexing

### Sampling calorimeter (see Chapters 8/9)



- typically enough light available and uniformity of response and linearity more important
- light emerging from end of scintillator sheet absorbed by external wavelength shifter rod and reemitted isotropically
- air gap essential for total internal reflection
- only a few % of energy loss in light

photomultiplier

wavelength shifter/ lightguide wavelength shifter 2 wavelength shifter 1

wavelength shifter rods can be replaced by wavelength shifting scintillating fibers embedded into scintillator sheet or directly into absorber

### Scintillating fibre hodoscopes

follow track of a charged particle in fine steps but not in gas detector



track in scintillating fibre array, fibre diameter 1 mm



60  $\mu$ m fibre in a fibre bundle covered with cladding of lower *n*, single track resolution few tens of  $\mu$ m

# Example: Scintillation fibre hodoscope COMPASS at CERN SPS

cover beam area of a 100 - 200 GeV muon beam,  $10^8$  Hz or  $10^6$  Hz per fiber channel

J. Bisplinghoff et al., NIM A490 (2002) 101

to provide enough photoelectrons 4 layers of fibres of 1 mm diameter fibres in each column joined to same PMT pixel of a multianode PMT  $\rightarrow$  30 photoelectrons per muon



fibre configuration for scintillating fibre hodoscope with 3 layers of fibers SCSF-78MJ scintillating fibers, 1.5 m attenuation length, active area about  $10 \times 10$  cm<sup>2</sup>, then light guides of clear fibers 1.5 m long (attenuation length 4 m) to PMT

high radiation tolerance (important for beam hodoscope): 100 kGy (10 Mrad) lead to only 15% reduction of signal.



light output of Kuraray SCSF-78MJ scintillating fibers after local irradiation ( $\approx$  100 kGy), as indicated by shaded vertical bars



light attenuation of light guides (clear fibers PSMJ, Kuraray Corp.), as measured before (solid squares) and after (open squares) about 10 kGy of irradiation (more than 10 times what is expected for beam halo), homogeneously applied across the entirely of their length.

# attentuation length of lightguide drops from 4 m to 1.2 m

'price' for light-saving use of clear fibers: an additional joint  $\rightarrow$  glue

glue not radiation hard (yellows)  $\rightarrow$  needed to learn to 'fuse' fibers

Hamamatsu 16-anode PMT was a breakthrough in gain uniformity and cross talk

H6568 MA-PMT: equipped with a common photocathode followed by 16 metal channel dynodes each with 12 stages of mesh type and a multi-anode read-out. They are arranged as a  $4 \times 4$  block (individual effective photocathode pads with an area of 4 mm  $\times$  4 mm each and a pitch distance of 4.5 mm (see figure).

figure: layout and dimensions of the multi-channel photomultiplier tube H6568. The upper part shows the front view of the cathode grid.



noise only 1/5 of single photoelectron response (SER)

low cross talk (less than 5%)

good gain uniformity (about 20 %)

voltage divider for dynodes needs to be specifically designed to be stable at rates up to 100 MHz

'active base' (use of transistors instead of resistors for last stages) instead of simple voltage divider, otherwise drop of signal with rate due to large currents through last dynodes leading to drop of interstage voltage

achieved time resolution 330 ps



## 6. Momentum Measurements

6 Momentum Measurements

- Forward Spectrometer
- Solenoidal and Toroidal Fields mostly at Colliders

### 6. Momentum Measurements

Deflection of track of charged particle in magnetic spectrometer Lorentz force  $\rightarrow$  circular orbit of curvature radius  $\rho$  in homogeneous magnetic field

$$\frac{mv^2}{\rho} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B} = qv_{\perp} \cdot |\vec{B}| \qquad v_{\perp} : \text{ component of } \vec{v} \perp \text{ to } \vec{B}$$

$$\rho = \frac{p^2}{qp_{\perp}B} \qquad p_{\perp} : \text{ analogue}$$

and for  $\vec{p} \perp B$ 

$$\rho = \frac{p}{qB}$$

units: for  $\rho$  in m p in GeV/c B in T q in units of e

$$\rho = \frac{p}{0.3 \, qB} \quad \text{or} \quad p = 0.3 \, q\rho B$$

### 6.1 Forward Spectrometer

Mainly in fixed target experiments, but also LHCb or ALICE forward muon spectrometer



magnetic field gives (additional)  $p_{\perp}$ -kick  $\Delta p_{\perp}$ typically  $p \gg p_{\perp}$ ,  $\Delta p_{\perp} \rightarrow$  Lorentz force always approximately in *x*-direction and

$$\Delta p_{\rm X} = 0.3 \, L \, q \, B$$

or for magnetic field not constant over entire path

$$\Delta p_{\rm x} = 0.3 \, q \int_L B dL$$

# ALICE (Di)-Muon Spectrometer

 $heta = 171^{\circ} - 178^{\circ} \ -4.0 \leq \eta \leq -2.5$ 



Muon chambers



Dipole magnet



Muon absorber and filter

Example: proton of  $p = 10 \text{ GeV/c} \simeq p_z$   $\int BdL = 6 \text{ Tm}$   $\Delta p_x = 1.8 \text{ GeV/c}$  $\Delta \theta_x = 10^{\circ}$ 

about the limit for small angle approximation



for  $\rho \gg L$ 

$$heta pprox rac{L}{
ho} = rac{LqB_y}{p}$$
 $\Delta p_x = p\sin\theta pprox p\theta = LqB_y$ 
or
 $pprox q \int_0^L B_y dL$ 

### Momentum resolution

$$p = q\rho B_y = q \frac{L}{\theta} B_y \qquad \qquad \frac{dp}{p} = \frac{d\theta}{\theta}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{dp}{p} = q B_y \frac{1}{\theta^2} = \frac{p}{\theta} \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \frac{\sigma_p}{p} = \frac{\sigma_\theta}{\theta}$$

accuracy of angular measurement  $\equiv$  accuracy of momentum measurement

minimum tracking: two measured points before and two after deflection

in practice always 3 or more measurements, since detectors need to be aligned relative to each other (best done with straight tracks)

in case all measured points have identical resolution  $\sigma_x$ :

n/2 points before n/2 points after deflection

lever arm h (see Fig. previous page)

$$\frac{\sigma_p}{p} = \frac{\sqrt{8/n}\,\sigma_x}{h}\frac{p}{qLB_y} = \frac{\sqrt{8/n}\,\sigma_x}{h}\frac{p}{\Delta p_x}$$

 $\Rightarrow \quad \sigma_{\theta} = \sqrt{\frac{8}{n}} \frac{\sigma_{x}}{h}$ 

contribution of space point resolution to momentum resolution

typical form  $\frac{\sigma_p}{p} = \text{const} \cdot p$  with const  $= 10^{-3} \dots 10^{-5}$  i.e. 0.1% - 0.001%**Example:** 6 measurements each with  $\sigma_x = 200 \ \mu\text{m}$ ,  $h = 5 \ \text{m}$ , deflection  $1^\circ$  for  $p = 10 \ \text{GeV/c}$ 

$$heta_x = rac{\Delta p_x}{p} = 0.017$$
  
 $\Rightarrow rac{\sigma_p}{p} = 3 \cdot 10^{-3} = 3 \cdot 10^{-4} p$ 

## Effect of multiple scattering

(see Chapter 2) multiple Coulomb scattering along particle trajectory of length L contributes to  $p_{\perp}$ -broadening perpendicular to direction of propagation

$$\Delta p_{\perp}^{ms} = p \sin heta_{rms} \simeq p heta_{rms} = rac{q \cdot 19.2 \, \, {
m MeV/c}}{eta} \sqrt{rac{L}{X_0}}$$

where  $X_0$  is the radiation length. In the direction of deflection (x) this means:

$$\Delta p_{\rm x}^{ms} = \frac{q \cdot 19.2 \text{ MeV/c}}{\beta \sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\frac{L}{X_0}} = \frac{q \cdot 13.6 \text{ MeV/c}}{\beta} \sqrt{\frac{L}{X_0}}$$

for sufficiently large momenta independent of p

contribution to momentum resolution:

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_p}{p}\right)_{ms} = \frac{\Delta p_x^{ms}}{\Delta p_x} = \frac{13.6 \text{ MeV/c}\sqrt{L/X_0}}{e \int B_y dL}$$

where  $\Delta p_x$  is the deflection due to magnetic field (see above).

### total momentum resolution

**Example:** as 2 pages above

$$e \int BdL = 0.57 \text{ Tm} \qquad \Delta p_{x} = 0.17 \text{ GeV/c}$$

$$L = 15 \text{ m}$$
material: air,  $X_{0} = 304 \text{ m}$ 

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_{p}}{p}\right)_{ms} = 1.8\%$$

$$vs. \left(\frac{\sigma_{p}}{p}\right)_{defl} = 0.03\% p \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{multiple scattering dominates at small momenta}$$

$$\left| \left( \frac{\sigma_p}{p} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{\sigma_p}{p} \right)^2_{ms} + \left( \frac{\sigma_p}{p} \right)^2_{defl} \right|$$

momentum resolution in magnetic spectrometer

Example:

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_p}{p}\right)^2 = (1.8\%)^2 + (0.06\% \cdot p)^2$$



Multiple scattering particularly relevant if **magnetized iron** is used, as frequently done for measurements of muon momentum

- advantage: high *B*-field, stops  $\pi$ , *K* before they decay into  $\mu$
- disadvantage: worsens momentum resolution by multiple scattering

$$X_0^{Fe} = 1.76 \text{ cm}, \qquad B = 1.8 \text{ T}, \qquad L = 3 \text{ m}, \qquad \Delta p_x = 1.6 \text{ GeV/c}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad \left(\frac{\sigma_p}{p}\right)_{ms} = 11\%$$

depending on desired momentum range, accuracy of deflection measurement can be chosen accordingly

## 6.2 Solenoidal and Toroidal Fields - mostly at Colliders

Normally  $4\pi$  coverage desired, leading to special spectrometer configuration

dipole disfavored

- deflects beam which must be compensated
- not nice symmetry for  $4\pi$  experiment



### Solenoid



measure momentum component  $p_{\perp}$  perpendicular to beam



beam and B-field along z-axis

particle produced with momentum  $\vec{p}$ 

completely characterized by  $p_x$ ,  $p_y$ ,  $p_z$ , where  $p_x$  and  $p_y$  can be written in terms of  $(|p_{\perp}|, \varphi)$ :

 $p_x = |p_\perp| \cos \varphi$  $p_y = |p_\perp| \sin \varphi$ 

need to measure at least 3 points of track circular in xy-plane  $\Rightarrow \rho$  (radius of curvature) or  $p_{\perp}$ 

 $\Rightarrow \rho$  (radius of curvature) or  $p_{\underline{}}$ and  $\varphi$ 

measurement of 
$$\theta$$
:  $p_{\parallel}$ 

$$p = rac{p_\perp}{\sin heta}$$

complete measurement of particle momentum



 $\frac{p_\perp}{\tan\theta}$ 

### Sagitta Method



with 
$$ho = rac{p_{\perp}}{qB}$$
 and  $\sin heta/2 \simeq heta/2 = rac{L/2}{
ho}$ 

$$S = \frac{qL^2B}{8p_\perp}$$

B in T, L in m,  $p_{\perp}$  in GeV/c, q in e  $S(m) = \frac{0.3 q L^2 B}{8 p_{\perp}}$  Measurement of at least 3 points with coordinates  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$ 

$$S = x_2 - \frac{x_1 + x_3}{2}$$
$$\sigma_S = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \sigma_X$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sigma_p}{p} = \frac{\sigma_S}{S} = \frac{\sqrt{3/2} \sigma_X 8p}{qBL^2}$$



Measurement of N equally spaced points:

$$\frac{\sigma_p}{p} = \frac{\sigma_x}{qBL^2} \sqrt{\frac{720}{(N+4)}} p$$

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example: (remember factor 0.3 as soon as you put dimensioned quantities)

$$\begin{cases} B &= 0.5 \text{ T} \\ L &= 2 \text{ m} \\ \sigma_{X} &= 400 \text{ }\mu\text{m} \\ N &= 150 \end{cases} \} \frac{\sigma_{p}}{p} \simeq 1.4 \cdot 10^{-3} p$$

similar to ALICE TPC, usage of former L3 Magnet



 $\sigma_S = 90 \ \mu m$   $\frac{\sigma_{P_\perp}}{p_\perp} = 2.5\%$  at 45 GeV (typical Z<sup>0</sup> decay product)

## Construction site ALICE 2004 - the solenoid and the iron return yoke


# ALICE first 13 TeV pp collisions



### Toroid



- on axis vanishing *B*-field
- no deflection of beam
- fill with iron-core e.g. for muon measurement in end caps

**Example:** H1 forward muon spectrometer

#### H1 experiment at HERA



Central solenoid plus forward muon toroid to measure high energy muons between  $3^\circ$  and  $17^\circ$ 

drift chamber planes before and after toroid

Toroidal magnet: 12 segments with 15 turns each (Cu), 150 A  $\rightarrow B = 1.6$  T filled with Fe core



deflection in polar angle  $\rightarrow$  momentum

$$rac{\sigma_p}{p} = 24 - 36\%$$
 for  $p = 5 - 200 \ {
m GeV/c}$ 

dominated by multiple scattering

$$\frac{\sigma_p}{p} = 0.24 \oplus 1.3 \cdot 10^{-3} p$$

# ATLAS - A Toroidal LHC ApparatuS





8 flat coils, super-conducting, 70 km super-conducting cable 20 kA,  $\int BdL = 3 - 9$  Tm energy stored in magnetic field 1490 MJ



# ATLAS cavern





with 'current on' forces on coils radially inward

*B*-field monitored by 5000 Hall probes attached to muon chambers

Momentum Measurements Solenoidal and Toroida Finder pleases amountementum



measurement of muon tracks with monitored drift-tube array:

3 layers, each consisting of 2 multilayers

total 1200 muon chambers of  $2\times3.5~\text{m}^2$ 

total 300000 channels

for 1 TeV muon sagitta S = 500  $\mu$ m requirements:  $\sigma_x = 50\mu$ m alignment known to 30  $\mu$ m

#### ATLAS monitored drift tube arrays





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#### Need to know exactly where tubes and wires are!



Alignment system for 3 layers of MDT's

## 7. Particle Identification

#### 7 Particle Identification

- Time of Flight Measurement
- Specific Energy Loss
- Transition Radiation
- Cherenkov Radiation

#### Particle identification - parameters

in general, momentum of a particle measured in a spectrometer <u>and</u> another observable is used to identify the species

- velocity
  - time-of-flight  $~~ au \sim 1/eta$
  - Cherenkov threshold  $\beta > 1/n$
  - transition radiation  $~~\gamma\gtrsim 1000~~$  for  $e/\pi$  separation
- energy loss

$$- - \frac{dE}{dx} \sim \frac{z^2}{\beta^2} \ln a \beta \gamma$$

- energy measurement
  - calorimeter (chap. 8)

$$E = \gamma m_0 c^2$$
  

$$T = (\gamma - 1)m_0 c^2 \text{ (deposited for } p, n, nuclei)$$
  

$$E_{dep} = \gamma m_0 c^2 + m_0 c^2 \text{ (for } \bar{p}, \bar{n}, \ldots)$$

#### Special signatures

photon

- total energy in crystal or electromagnetic sampling calorimeter
  - + information on neutrality

neutron

- energy in calorimeter or scintillator with Li, B, or  ${}^{3}$ He + information on neutrality

muon

- only dE/dx in thick calorimeter, penetrates thick absorber K<sup>0</sup>,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Xi$ ,  $\Omega$ , . . .

- reconstruction of  $m_{inv}$  of weak decay products

neutrino

- only weak interaction with detector material, either as charged or neutral current

# 7.1 Time of flight $\tau$

time difference between two detectors with good time resolution: 'start' and 'stop'-counter

- typically scintillator or resistive plate chamber, also calorimeter (neutrons)
- coincidence set-up or put all signals as stop into TDC (time-to-digital converter) with common start (or stop) from 'beam' or 'interaction'



for known distance L between start and stop counters, time-of-flight difference of two particles with masses  $m_{1,2}$  and energies  $E_{1,2}$ :

$$\Delta t = \tau_1 - \tau_2 = \frac{L}{c} \left( \frac{1}{\beta_1} - \frac{1}{\beta_2} \right)$$

$$\Delta t = rac{L}{c} \left( \sqrt{rac{1}{1 - (m_1 c^2 / E_1)^2}} - \sqrt{rac{1}{1 - (m_2 c^2 / E_2)^2}} 
ight)$$

limiting case  $E \simeq pc \gg m_0 c^2$   $\Delta t = rac{Lc}{2p^2}(m_1^2 - m_2^2)$ 

require for clean separation e.g.  $\Delta t \geq 4\sigma_t$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  separation  $K/\pi$  at L = 3 m for  $\sigma_t = 100$  ps possible up to p = 3 GeV/c

 Difference in time-of-flight for L = 1 m



but of course distance *L* can be larger

**\$\$** detector area for a given acceptance

particle identification (PID) via time-of-flight at moderate momenta  $\rightarrow$  mass resolution:

 $p = \beta \gamma m$  with rest mass m,  $\beta = L/\tau$ (here exceptionally c = 1 for short notation)  $\Rightarrow m^2 = p^2 \left(\frac{\tau^2}{I^2} - 1\right)$  $\delta(m^2) = 2p\delta p\left(\frac{\tau^2}{L^2} - 1\right) + 2\tau\delta\tau\frac{p^2}{L^2} - 2\frac{\delta L}{L^3}p^2\tau^2$  $m^2/p^2$  use  $\frac{p^2\tau^2}{r^2} = m^2 + p^2 = E^2$  $= 2m^2 \frac{\delta p}{R} + 2E^2 \frac{\delta \tau}{\tau} - 2E^2 \frac{\delta L}{L}$  $\sigma(m^2) = 2\left(m^4\left(\frac{\sigma_p}{p}\right)^2 + E^4\left(\frac{\sigma_\tau}{\tau}\right)^2 + E^4\left(\frac{\sigma_L}{L}\right)^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  $\frac{\sigma_L}{I} \ll \frac{\sigma_p}{p} \ll \frac{\sigma_\tau}{\tau}$ 

usually

 $\Rightarrow \qquad \sigma(m^2) \simeq 2E^2 \frac{\sigma_{\tau}}{\tau} \qquad \text{error in time measurement dominates}$ 

7.1.1 Resistive plate chambers: gas detector for precise timing measurement (material taken from talk by C. Williams on ALICE TOF)

how to get a good timing signal from a gas detector? where is the problem?



normally signal generated in vicinity of anode wire, timing determined by drift of primary ionization clusters to this wire, signal consists of a series of avalanches spread over interval of order of 1  $\mu$ s



no way to get precision (sub-nanosecond) timing

idea: go to parallel plate chamber (high electric field everywhere in detector) clusters start to avalanche immediately induced signal sum of all simultaneous avalanches

but in practice this is not so ...





electron avalanche according to Townsend

 $N = N_0 e^{\alpha x}$ 

only avalanches that traverse full gas gap will produce detectable signals  $\Rightarrow$  only clusters of ionization produced close to cathode important for signal generation.

avalanche only grows large enough close to anode to produce detectable signal on pickup electrodes.

if minimum gas gain at  $10^6$  (10 fC signal) and maximum gain at  $10^8$  (streamers/sparks produced above this limit), then sensitive region first 25% of gap

time jitter  $\approx$  time to cross gap  $\approx$  gap size/drift velocity

SO

- a) only a few ionization clusters take part in signal production
- b) gap size matters (small is better)

# first example: Pestov chamber (about 1975)

40 years ago Y. Pestov realized importance of size planar spark chambers with localized discharge – gas gap of 100  $\mu$ m gives time resolution  $\approx$  50 ps, first example of resistive plate chamber



generally, excellent time resolution  $\sim 50$  ps or better! but long tail of late events mechanical constraints (due to high pressure) non-commercial glass  $\rightarrow$  no large-scale detector ever built

#### how to make real life detector?

- a) need very high gas gain (immediate production of signal)
- b) need way of stopping growth of avalanches (otherwise streamers/sparks will occur)





answer: add boundaries that stop avalanche development. These boundaries must be invisible to the fast induced signal - external pickup electrodes sensitive to any of the avalanches

from this idea the Multi-gap Resistive Plate Chamber was born

#### Multi-gap Resistive-Plate Chamber



stack of equally-spaced resistive plates with voltage applied to external surfaces (all internal plates electrically floating)

pickup electrodes on external surfaces (resistive plates transparent to fast signal)

internal plates take correct potential – initially due to electrostatics but kept at correct potential by flow of electrons and positive ions - feedback principle that ensures equal gain in all gas gaps

#### Internal plates electrically floating!



in this example: 2 kV across each gap (same *E* field in each gap)

since the gaps are the same size - on average - each plate has same flow of positive ions and electrons (from opposite sides of plate) thus zero net charge flow into plate. **STABLE STATE** 

# What happens if a plate is at a wrong voltage for some reason?



feedback principle that automatically corrects potentials on the resistive plates – stable situation is "equal gains in all gas gaps"

# ALICE TOF prototypes



test of pre-production strip:  $120 \times 7 \text{ cm}^2$ read-out plane segmented into  $3.5 \times 3.5 \text{ cm}^2$  pads



but how precise do these gaps of 250  $\mu m$  have to be?

gain not strongly dependent on gap size - actually loose mechanical tolerance - but why?









Lower electric field

higher Townsend coefficient – higher gas gain but smaller distance for avalanche – lower gas gain lower Townsend coefficient – lower gas gain but larger distance for avalanche – higher gas gain

with the gas mixture used (90% C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, 5% SF<sub>6</sub>, 5% isobutane) and with 250  $\mu$ m gap size these two effects cancel and gap can vary by ±30  $\mu$ m

# Cross section of double-stack MRPC – ALICE TOF



double stack each stack has 5 gaps (i.e. 10 gaps in total)

250  $\mu m$  gap with spacers made from fishing line

resistive plates 'off-the-shelf' soda lime glass

400  $\mu$ m internal glass 550  $\mu$ m external glass

resistive coating 5 M $\Omega$ /square

#### Time of Flight Measurement

# TOF with very high granularity needed!



array to cover whole ALICE barrel - 160 m<sup>2</sup> and  $\leq$  100 ps time resolution highly segmented - 160,000 channels of size 2.5 × 3.5 cm<sup>2</sup> gas detector is only choice!

Time of Flight Measurement

modules need to overlap due to dead areas (frames) and noise





Outer module



# ALICE TOF time resolution



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# 7.2 Specific energy loss

use drop and relativistic rise of dE/dx - easy at low momenta where differences are large



is separation in region of relativistic rise possible? normally, due to Landau tail, very large overlap of, e.g., pion and kaon



truncated mean method:

many measurements and truncation of the 30 - 50% highest dE/dx values for each track
# Alternative: 'likelihood'-method for several $\frac{dE}{dx}$ -measurements

probability that pion produces a signal x:  $p_{\pi}^{i}(x)$ for each particle measurements  $x_1 \dots x_5$ probability for pion:

$$P_1 = \prod_{i=1}^5 p_\pi^i(x_i)$$

probability for kaon:

$$P_2 = \prod_{i=1}^5 p_K^i(x_i)$$
  
 $P_{\pi} = rac{P_1}{P_1 + P_2}$ 

$$\begin{array}{c} P_1 = 7.1 \cdot 10^{-6} \\ P_2 = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-8} \end{array} \right\} \qquad P_{\pi} = 99.8\% \\ \text{(see example on the right)} \end{array}$$





record: 3% have been reached (NA49 at SPS with Ar/CH<sub>4</sub>, larger cells, and PEP-4/9 TPC at 8.5 bar)

### 7.3 Transition Radiation

effect: see chapter 2, particles with Lorentz factor  $\gamma \gtrsim 1000$  emit X-ray photon when crossing from medium with one dielectric constant into another, probability of order  $\alpha$  per boundary crossing



mean energy of transition radiation photon as function of electron momentum.

energy loss distribution for 15 GeV e,  $\pi$  in transition radiation detector

# Transition radiation detector – TRD (schematic)



principle of separating ionization energy loss from the energy loss from emission of transition radiation photons

energy loss (excitation, ionization) plus transition radiation



distribution of number of clusters above some threshold for 15 GeV e,  $\pi$ 

# $e/\pi$ separation in a transition radiation detector



 $e/\pi$  separation at 15 GeV in a Li-foil radiator.

### Application: ALICE TRD

radiator is followed by a gas detector that acts like a mini TPC: ionization and absorption of TR photon in 3 cm drift region, followed by amplification in MWPC with segmented cathode pad read-out, 20-30 time samples





### ALICE TRD performance

Combined energy loss by ionization and transition radiation Nucl. Instr. Meth. **A881** (2018) 88-127, arXiv:1709.02743 [physics.ins-det]



beyond  $\beta \gamma = 500$  effect of transition radiation visible

### ALICE TRD performance



pion rejection with different algorithms around 1 GeV, pion supressed by 2 - 3 oom



electron/pion identification with TPC, TRD, TOF

### 7.4. Cherenkov radiation

real photons emitted when v > c/n

v < c/n

induced dipoles symmetric, no net dipole moment



v > c/n

induced dipoles not symmetric  $\rightarrow$  non-vanishing dipole moment



illustration of the Cherenkov effect

simple geometric determination of the Cherenkov angle  $\theta_c$ 

<u>threshold effect</u>: radiation for  $\beta > 1/n$ , asymptotic angle  $\theta_c = \operatorname{arc} \cos \frac{1}{\beta n}$ 

number of Cherenkov photons per unit path length in interval  $\lambda_1 - \lambda_2$  (see Chapter 2)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}N_{\gamma}}{\mathrm{d}x} = 2\pi\alpha z^2 \int_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2\beta^2}\right) \frac{\mathrm{d}\lambda}{\lambda^2} \qquad (z = \text{charge in e})$$

in case of no dispersion (*n* const. in interval)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}N_{\gamma}}{\mathrm{d}x} = 2\pi\alpha z^2 \sin^2\theta_c \frac{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1}{\lambda_1\lambda_2}$$

application of Cherenkov radiation for separation of particles with masses  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$  at constant momentum (say  $m_1 < m_2$ )

to distinguish: particle 1 above threshold  $\beta_1 > 1/n$ particle 2 at most at threshold  $\beta_2 = 1/n$  or  $n^2 = \frac{\gamma_2^2}{\gamma_2^2 - 1}$ 

in  $\lambda=400-700$  nm range, lighter particle with  $\gamma_1^2\gg 1$  radiates

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dN_{\gamma}}{dx} &= 490 \sin^2 \theta_c \\ &= 490 \frac{(m_2 c^2)^2 - (m_1 c^2)^2}{p^2 c^2} \text{ photons per cm} \\ \text{use} &\sin^2 \theta_c = 1 - \cos^2 \theta_c = 1 - \frac{\gamma_2^2 - 1}{\beta_1^2 \gamma_2^2} \approx \frac{1}{\gamma_2^2} - \frac{1}{\gamma_1^2} \end{aligned}$$

for radiator of length L in cm and quantum efficiency q of photocathode

$$N = 490 \frac{(m_2 c^2)^2 - (m_1 c^2)^2}{p^2 c^2} \cdot L \cdot q$$

and for threshold at  $N_0$  photoelectrons

$$L = \frac{N_0 p^2 c^2}{490[(m_2 c^2)^2 - (m_1 c^2)^2] \cdot q}$$
(cm)

defines the necessary length of the radiator



required detector length for  $N_0 = 10$ and q = 0.25  $\pi/K/p$  separation with Cherenkov detector: use several threshold detectors

Particle	$\gamma$	1/eta
$\pi$	71.9	1.0001
K	20.3	1.0012
р	10.6	1.0044
	Particle π Κ p	Particle $\gamma$ $\pi$ 71.9           K         20.3           p         10.6

condition for no radiation:

$$eta < rac{1}{n}$$
 or  $rac{1}{eta} > n$ 



principle of particle identification by threshold Cherenkov counters (x represents production of Cherenkov photons)

 $\begin{aligned} \pi &: C1 \cdot C2 \cdot C3 \text{ pion trigger} \\ \text{K} &: C1 \cdot C2 \cdot \overline{C3} \text{ kaon trigger} \\ \text{p} &: C1 \cdot \overline{C2} \cdot \overline{C3} \text{ proton trigger} \end{aligned}$ 

### Differential Cherenkov detectors

selection of velocity interval in which then actually velocity is measured

accept particles above threshold velocity  $\beta_{min} = 1/n$ 

detect light for particles between  $\beta_{min}$  and a value  $\beta_t$  where light does not anymore propagate into (air) light guide by total reflection

$$\cos\theta_c = \frac{1}{n\beta}$$

the critical angle for total reflection:

$$\sin heta_t = rac{1}{n} ext{ } \cos heta_t = \sqrt{1 - rac{1}{n^2}}$$
 $\Rightarrow eta$ -range  $rac{1}{n} < eta < rac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 - 1}}$ 



differential Cherenkov counter

**example:** diamond  $n = 2.42 \implies 0.41 < \beta < 0.454$ , i.e.  $\Delta\beta = 0.04$  window selected if optics of read-out such that chromatic aberrations corrected  $\Rightarrow$  velocity resolution  $\Delta\beta/\beta = 10^{-7}$  can be reached

principle of **DISC** (Discriminating Cherenkov counter)

# Ring Imaging Cherenkov counter (RICH)

optics: such that photons emitted under certain angle  $\theta$  form ring of radius r at image plane where photons are detected.

spherical mirror of radius  $R_S$  projects light onto spherical detector of radius  $R_D$ .

focal length of spherical mirror:  $f = R_S/2$ 

place photon detector in focus:  $R_D = R_S/2$ 

Cherenkov light emitted under angle  $\theta_c$ radius of Cherenkov ring at detector:

$$r = f \cdot \theta_c = \frac{R_s}{2} \theta_c$$
$$\Rightarrow \beta = \frac{1}{n \cos(2r/R_s)}$$

photon detection:

- photomultiplier

- multi-wire proportional chamber or parallel-plate avalanche counter filled with gas that is photosensitive, i.e. transforms photons into electrons.

e.g. addition of TMAE vapor  $(CH_3)_2N_2C = C_5H_{12}N_2$   $E_{ion} = 5.4 \text{ eV}$ 

- or CsI coated cathode of MWPC (ALICE HMPID or hadron blind detector HBD in PHENIX)



working principle of a RICH counter

**Cherenkov Radiation** 

example:  $K/\pi$  separation at p = 200 GeV/c



photons detected in MWPC filled with He (83%), methane (14%), TEA (triethyl-amine, 3%), CaF<sub>2</sub> entrance window (UV transparent)

# event displays - CERES RICH





1 electron produces about 10 photons

# CERES Electron Identification with TPC and RICH



combined rejection - e.g. at 1.5 GeV/c at 67% e-efficiency ightarrow 4  $\cdot$  10<sup>4</sup>  $\pi$  rejection

# DIRC – Detection of Internally Reflected Cherenkov Light

collection and imaging of light from total internal reflection (rather than transmitted light) optical material of radiator used in 2 ways simultaneously:

- Cherenkov radiator
- light guide for Cherenkov light trapped in radiator by total int. reflection

<u>advantage</u>: photons of ring image can be transported to a detector away from path of radiating particle intrinsically 3d, position of hit  $\rightarrow \theta_c, \phi_c$  and time  $\rightarrow$  long. position

example: BABAR at SLAC

- rectangular radiator from fused silica n=1.473

radiation hard, long attenuation length, low chromatic dispersion, excellent optical finish possible

- surrounded by nitrogen  $n{\approx}1.00$
- stand-off box filled with water n=1.346 (close to radiator)

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- O Water transmission (1.1m)
- Mirror reflectivity
- ▲ Internal reflection coeff. (365 bounces)
- \* Epotek 301-2 transmission (25μm)
- ✤ ETL 9125 quantum efficiency (Q.E.)
- □ PMT Q.E. ⊗ PMT window transmission
- $\Delta$   $\,$  Predicted Total photon detection efficiency





kaons can be separated up to 4 GeV/c BABAR physics: decays of  $B^0$  to study CP violation b-tagging (78 % of  $B^0 \rightarrow K^+ + X$ ) golden channel for CP:  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi + \phi$ and  $\phi \rightarrow K^+ + K^-$ 

# Comparision different PID methods for K/ $\pi$ separation



illustration of various particle identification methods for  $K/\pi$  separation along with characteristic momentum ranges.



a detector system for PID combines usually several methods

### 8. Electromagnetic Calorimeters

#### 8 Electromagnetic Calorimeters

- General considerations Calorimeter
- Electromagnetic shower
- Electromagnetic calorimeter

### 8.1 General considerations - calorimeter

#### energy vs. momentum measurement

resolution:

calorimeter: 
$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}}$$

tracking detectors: 
$$\frac{\sigma_p}{p} \propto p$$

e.g.: at  $E \simeq p = 100$  GeV:  $\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \simeq 3.5\%$  (ZEUS),  $\frac{\sigma_p}{p} \simeq 6\%$  (ALEPH)

- at very high energies eventually have to switch to calorimeter because resolution improves with energy, while magnetic spectrometer resolution decreases
- depth of shower  $L \propto \ln \frac{E}{E_0}$
- magnetic spectrometer (see chapter 6)  $\frac{\sigma_p}{p} \propto \frac{p}{L^2}$  → length would have to grow quadratically to keep resolution const. at high momenta
- calorimeter can cover full solid angle, for tracking in magnetic field anisotropy
- fast timing signal from calorimeter  $\rightarrow$  trigger
- identification of hadronic vs. electromagnetic shower by segmentation in depth

### 8.2 Electromagnetic shower

#### alternating generations of pair formation and bremsstrahlung

reminder: electrons loose energy by excitation/ionization of atoms and by bremsstrahlung

for bremsstrahlung: 
$$\frac{dE}{dx} = -\frac{E}{X_0}$$
 with  $X_0 \equiv$  radiation length  
 $E = E_0 \exp(-x/X_0)$ 

for sufficiently high energies: since  $(dE/dx)_{ion} \propto 1/\beta^2$  falls until  $\beta\gamma \approx 3$  towards high energies and the logarithmic rise is weak

$$\frac{\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}x}\right)_{brems}}{\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}x}\right)_{ion}} \approx \frac{ZE}{580 \text{ MeV}}$$
critical energy  $E_c$ :  $\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}x}(E=E_c)\right)_{ion} = \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}x}(E=E_c)\right)_{brems}$ 

and for  $E > E_c$  bremsstrahlung dominates

will see below that also transverse size is determined by radiation length via the Moliere Radius  $R_M$ :

$$R_M = \frac{21.2 \ MeV}{E_c} \cdot X_0$$

### Relevant parameters for electromagnetic shower

material	Ζ	$X_0 [{ m gcm^{-2}}]$	<i>X</i> <sub>0</sub> [cm]	$E_c$ [MeV]	$R_M$ [cm]
plastic scint.			34.7	80	9.1
Ar (liquid)	18	19.55	13.9	35	9.5
Fe	26	13.84	1.76	21	1.77
BGO		7.98	1.12	10	2.33
Pb	82	6.37	0.56	7.4	1.60
U	92	6.00	0.32	6.8	1.00
Pb glass (SF5)			2.4	11.8	4.3

### Analytic shower Model

a high energy electron enters matter

electron looses energy by bremsstrahlung

photon is absorbed by pair production

Monte-Carlo simulation of electromagnetic shower

- $\gamma$  + nucleus  $\rightarrow$   $e^+ + e^- +$  nucleus
- e + nucleus  $\rightarrow e + \gamma +$  nucleus



approximate model for electromagnetic shower

- over distance  $X_0$  electron reduces via bremsstrahlung its energy to one half  $E_1 = E_0/2$
- photon materializes as  $e^+e^-$  after  $X_0$ , energy of electron and positron  $E_{\pm} \simeq E_0/2$ (precisely :  $\mu_p = \frac{7}{9}X_0$  or pair creation probability in  $X_0 \rightarrow P = 1 - \exp(-\frac{7}{9}) = 0.54$ )

assume:

- for  $E > E_c$  no energy loss by ionization/excitation
- for  $E < E_c$  electrons loose energy only via ionization/excitation

important quantities to characterize the em. shower

number of particles in shower location of shower maximum longitudinal shower distribution transverse shower distribution (width)

introduce longitudinal variable  $t = x/X_0$ number of shower particles after traversing depth t: each particle has energy

total number of charged particles with energy  $E_1$  number of particles at shower maximum

shower maximum located at

$$N(t) = 2^{t}$$

$$E(t) = \frac{E_{0}}{N(t)} = \frac{E_{0}}{2^{t}} \rightarrow t = \ln \frac{E_{0}}{E} / \ln 2$$

$$N(E_{0}, E_{1}) = 2^{t_{1}} = 2^{\ln(E_{0}/E_{1})/\ln 2} \simeq E_{0}/E_{1}$$

$$N_{max}(E_{0}, E_{c}) \simeq E_{0}/E_{c} \propto E_{0}$$

$$t_{max} \propto \ln \frac{E_{0}}{E_{c}}$$

– numerical values: for  $E_0 = 1$  GeV in Fe  $\rightarrow N_{max} \simeq 45$  and  $t_{max} \simeq 5.5$  or  $x_{max} \simeq 10$  cm integrated track length of all charged particles in shower

$$T = X_0 \sum_{\mu=0}^{t_{max}} 2^{\mu} + t_0 X_0 N_{max} \quad \text{with range } t_0 \text{ of electron with energy } E_c \text{ in units of } X_0$$
$$= (2+t_0) \frac{E_0}{E_c} X_0 \propto E_0 \quad \text{proportional to } E_0!$$

this was for all particles, for practical purposes for charged particles:  $T = \frac{E_0}{F} X_0 F$  with F < 1

### Transverse shower development

- emission of Bremsstrahlung under angle  $\langle \theta^2 \rangle \simeq \frac{1}{\gamma^2}$  small
- multiple scattering (in 3d) of electron in Moliere theory  $\langle \theta^2 \rangle = (\frac{19.2 MeV}{\beta \ pc})^2 t$

#### multiple scattering dominates transverse shower development main contrib. from low energy electrons, assuming approximate range of electrons to be $X_0$

Moliere radius 
$$R_M = \sqrt{\langle \theta^2 \rangle_{x=X_0}} X_0 \approx \frac{19.2 \text{ MeV}}{E_c} X_0$$

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remember useful relations:

$$X_{0} = \frac{100A}{Z^{2}} (\text{g cm}^{-2})$$

$$E_{c} = \frac{580 \text{ MeV}}{Z}$$

$$t_{max} = \ln \frac{E}{E_{c}} - \begin{cases} 1 & e \text{ induced shower} \\ 0.5 & \gamma \text{ induced shower} \end{cases}$$

95% of energy within

$$L(95\%) = t_{max} + 0.08 \ Z + 9.6 \ in X_0$$
  
 $R(95\%) = 2 \ R_M$ 



a 6 GeV electron in lead



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## Longitudinal shower profile

parametrization (Longo 1975)

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = E_0 t^{\alpha} \exp(-\beta t)$$

first secondaries increase then absorption dominates



### Transverse shower profile

#### parametrization as

$$rac{dE}{dr} = E_0[lpha exp(-r/R_M) + eta exp(-r/\lambda_{min})]$$

with free parameters lpha,eta

 $\lambda_{min}$  range of low energy photons and electrons central part: multiple Coulomb scattering tail: low energy photons (and electrons) produced in Compton scattering and photo effect

energy deposit [arbitrary unites]



### 8.3 Electromagnetic calorimeter

#### (i) homogeneous shower detector

absorbing material  $\equiv$  detection material scintillating crystals (see chapter 5)

	Nal(TI)	BGO	CsI(TI)	PbWO <sub>4</sub>
density $(g/cm^3)$	3.67	7.13	4.53	8.28
<i>X</i> <sub>0</sub> (cm)	2.59	1.12	1.85	0.89
$R_M$ (cm)	4.5	2.4	3.8	2.2
$dE/dx_{mip}$ (MeV/cm)	4.8	9.2	5.6	13.0
light yield (photons/MeV)	$4\cdot 10^4$	$8\cdot 10^3$	$5\cdot 10^4$	$3\cdot 10^2$
energy resolution $\sigma_E/E$	$1\%/\sqrt{E}$	$1\%/\sqrt{E}$	$1.3\%/\sqrt{E}$	$2.5\%/\sqrt{E}$

# Energy resolution of homogeneous calorimeters

contributons to the energy resolution  $\sigma_E/E$ :

shower fluctuations (intrinsic)
$$\propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}}$$
photon/electron statistics in photon detector $\propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}}$ electronic noise (noise) $\propto \frac{1}{E}$ leakage, calibration $\simeq const$ 

total energy resolution of electromagnetic calorimeter

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = \frac{A}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus \frac{B}{E} \oplus C$$

# PHOton Spectrometer (PHOS) in ALICE



array of  $22 \times 22 \times 180 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ PbWO}_4$  crystals, depth 20  $X_0$ in total about 18 000 (same type as CMS) characteristics: dense, fast, relatively radiation hard emission spectrum 420 - 550 nmread out with  $5 \times 5 \text{ mm}^2$  avalanche photodiodes, Q = 85%charge-sensitive preamplifier directly mounted on APD

light yield of PbWO<sub>4</sub> relatively low and strongly temperature dependent  $\rightarrow$  operate detector at  $-25^{\circ}$  C (triple light yield vs 20° C) but need to stabilize to 0.3° C (monitor with resistive temperature sensors)

crystals cold, electronics warm (liquid coolant, hydrofluoroether)



12.5 t of crystals covering 8 m<sup>2</sup> at 4 m from intersection point in front: charged-particle veto (MWPC with cathode pad read-out) test beams of pions and electrons at CERN PS and SPS: 0.6 - 150 GeV



electronic noise: 1 ch = 400 e  $\rightarrow$  noise about 700 e

$$rac{\sigma_E}{E} = rac{3.6\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus rac{1.3\%}{E} \oplus 1.1\%$$

why does resolution matter so much?

when particles are reconstructed by invariant mass, peaks sit on combinatorial background, S/N strongly depends on resolution



invariant-mass spectrum from the inclusive reaction 6 GeV/c  $\pi^- + {}^{12}C \rightarrow \pi^0 + X$ , measured at a distance of 122 cm. The solid line is a fit of Gaussians plus 3<sup>rd</sup> order polynomials.

# Higgs – CMS crystal calorimeter (PbWO<sub>4</sub>)

### decay ${\rm H} \to \gamma \gamma$ for CMS the most important discovery channel



#### Alternative: instead of scintillating material use Cherenkov radiator

#### electrons and positrons of electromagnetic shower emit Cherenkov light

number of photons  $N_{ph}$  proportional to total path length T of electrons and positrons (see Ch. 2)

$$N_{ph} \propto T \propto E_0$$

remember: energy loss by Cherenkov radiation very small

 $\rightarrow$  resolution limited by photoelectron statistics

typical: about 1000 photo electrons per GeV shower energy

mostly used: lead glass, e.g. SF5: n = 1.67  $\beta_{thr} = 0.6$  or  $E_{thr} = 0.62$  MeV for electrons blocks of typical size  $14 \times 14 \times 42$  cm  $\rightarrow$  diameter: 3.3  $R_M$  and depth: 17.5  $X_0$ read out with photomultipliers typical performance:  $\sigma_E/E = 0.01 + 0.05/t_{max} \simeq 5.5\sqrt{E(GeV)}$
# (ii) Sampling calorimeter

signal generated in material different from material where (main) energy loss occurs

shower (energy loss) is only 'sampled'

converter medium: Pb, W, U, Fe  $\leftarrow$  energy loss

detection medium: scintillator, liquid Ar  $\leftarrow$  sampling of shower

often sandwich of absorber and detection medium



longitudinal shower development $t_{max} = t_{max}^{abs} \frac{x+y}{x}$  $x = \sum x_i$  absorbertransverse shower development $R(95\%) = 2R_M \frac{x+y}{x}$  $y = \sum y_i$  detection element

energy loss in absorber and detection medium varies event-by-event 'sampling fluctuations'  $\rightarrow$  additional contribution to energy resolution

# Sampling fluctuations

energy deposition dominated by electrons at small energies

range of 1 MeV electron in U:  $R \simeq 0.4$  mm

for thickness d of absorber layers  $\geq$  0.4 mm: only fraction f of these electrons reaches detection medium

$$f(e, {
m conv} 
ightarrow {
m det}) \propto {1 \over d} \propto {1 \over t_{conv}}$$

fraction of electrons generated in detection medium  $f(e, det) \propto \frac{t_{det}}{t_{conv}}$ number of charged particles in shower:  $N \simeq E_0/E_c$ 

fluctuations  

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \propto \sqrt{\frac{E_c}{E}} \sqrt{\alpha t_{conv} + (1 - \alpha) \frac{t_{conv}}{t_{det}}}$$
Fe:  $(1 - \alpha) \gg \alpha$   
Pb:  $(1 - \alpha) \ll \alpha$   

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}} \sqrt{\frac{t_{conv}}{t_{det}}}$$
For  $\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}} \sqrt{t_{conv}}$ 

common parametrization:  $\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = 3.2\% \sqrt{\frac{E_c(MeV)}{F}} \sqrt{\frac{t_{conv}}{E(GeV)}}$ 

good energy resolution for

- $E_c$  small (Z large)
- $t_{conv}$  small ( $x < X_0$ , fine sampling)

**example of modern electromagnetic sampling calorimeter:** PHENIX PbScint Calorimeter alternating layers of Pb sheets and plastic scintillator sheets connected to PMT via scintillating fibres



individual towers  $5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^2$ 

38 cm depth (18X<sub>0</sub>) 66 sampling cells

in total covering 48 m<sup>2</sup> in 15552 individual towers

Parameter	Value
Lateral segmentation	$5.535 \times 5.535 \text{ cm}^2$
Active cells	66
Scintillator	4 mm Polystyrene
	(1.5% PT/0.01% POPOP)
Absorber	1.5 mm Pb
Cell thickness	5.6 mm (0.277 X <sub>0</sub> )
Active depth	
(mm)	375 mm
(Rad. length)	18
(Abs. length)	0.85
WLS Fiber	1mm, BCF-99-29a
WLS fibers per tower	36
PMT type	FEU115 M, 30 mm
Photocathode	Sb-K-Na-Cs
Rise time (25% - 80%)	$\leq$ 5 ns

#### one module of PHENIX EMCal

#### and entire WestArm





nominal energy resolution: stochastic term  $8\%/\sqrt{E}$  and constant term: 2% time resolution: 200 ps



lateral shower profile well understood  $\rightarrow$  position resolution in mm range



# Liquid-Argon Sampling Calorimeter

instead of scintillator and optical readout: use of liquid noble gas and operation of sampling sections as ionization chamber



for faster readout: interleave electrodes between metal plates and electronics directly on electrodes inside liquid

example: electromagnetic calorimeter of ATLAS

## 9. Hadronic Calorimeters

#### 9 Hadronic Calorimeters

- Hadronic showers
- Hadronic Calorimeters
- Compensation
- Particle identification
- Role of (hadronic) calorimeters in large experiments

### 9.1 Hadronic showers

Interaction of a hadron with nucleon or nucleus ( $E\gtrsim 1~{
m GeV}$ )

elastic  $p + N \rightarrow p + N \quad \sigma_{el}$ inelastic  $p + N \rightarrow X \quad \sigma_{inel}$  $\sigma_{tot} = \sigma_{el} + \sigma_{inel}$  grows weakly with  $\sqrt{s}$ Cross section (mb)  $10^{2}$ total рр  $\sigma_{tot}$  for pp  $\sqrt{s}$ elastic 10 GeV) (mb) P<sub>lab</sub> GeV/c 5 40 10<sup>5</sup> 10<sup>2</sup> 10<sup>4</sup> 10<sup>3</sup> 10<sup>6</sup> 108 100 50 10 10 10000 100 √s GeV 1.9 2 10 102  $10^{3}$  $10^{4}$ 

- elastic part about 10 mb
- at high energies also diffractive contribution (comparable to elastic)
- but majority of  $\sigma_{tot}$  is due to  $\sigma_{inel}$

• pA: 
$$\sigma_{tot}(pA) \simeq \sigma_{tot}(pp) \cdot A^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

### Hadronic interaction length:

$$\lambda_w = \frac{A}{N_A \rho \, \sigma_{tot}}$$

 $\lambda_w$  is the 'collision length' characterized by  $\sigma_{tot}$  for inelastic processes  $\rightarrow$ 

$$\lambda_{A} = \frac{A}{N_{A} \rho \sigma_{inel}} \quad \text{`hadronic interaction length'}$$
$$N(x) = N_{0} \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\lambda_{A}}\right)$$

 $\lambda_A \simeq 35 \cdot A^{rac{1}{3}}( ext{gcm}^{-2}) \qquad ext{for } ext{Z} \geq 15 ext{ and } \sqrt{s} \simeq 1 - 100 ext{ GeV}$ 

	С	Ar (lq)	Fe	U	scint.
$\lambda_A$ (cm)	38.8	85.7	16.8	11.0	79.5
$X_0$ (cm)	19.3	14.0	1.76	0.32	42.4

 $\lambda_A \gg X_0$   $\rightarrow$  hadronic calorimeter needs more depth than electromagnetic calorimeter

will see below: typical longitudinal size for 95 % containment 9  $\lambda_A$ typical transverse size " 1  $\lambda_A$ 

#### Hadronic shower

- p + nucleus  $\rightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^- + \pi^0 \dots +$  nucleus<sup>\*</sup>  $\rightarrow$  nucleus 1 + n,p, $\alpha$   $\rightarrow$  nucleus 2 + 5p,n ...  $\rightarrow$  fission
- secondary particles undergo further inelastic collisions with similar cross sections until they fall below pion production threshold
- sequential decays
  - $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \rightarrow$  electromagnetic shower
  - fission fragments ightarrow eta-decay,  $\gamma$ -decay
  - nuclear spallation: individual nucleons knocked out of nucleus, de-excitation
  - neutron capture  $\rightarrow$  nucleus<sup>\*</sup>  $\rightarrow$  fission (U)
- mean number of secondary particles  $\propto \ln E$  typical transverse momentum  $\langle p_t \rangle \simeq 350 \text{ MeV/c}$
- mean inelasticity (fraction of E in secondary particles)  $\simeq 50\%$

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#### Shower development

rough estimates (data see below), qualitatively similar to em. shower, fluctuations are huge variables:  $t = x/\lambda_A$  depth in units of interaction length,  $E_{thr} = 290 \ MeV$ 

$$E(t) = \frac{E}{\langle n \rangle^{t}}$$

$$E(t_{max}) = E_{thr} \rightarrow E_{thr} = \frac{E}{\langle n \rangle^{t_{max}}}$$

$$\langle n \rangle^{t_{max}} = \frac{E}{E_{thr}} \quad \text{or} \quad t_{max} = \frac{\ln E/E_{thr}}{\ln \langle n \rangle}$$

number of particles in hadronic shower typically lower by a factor  $E_{thr}/E_C$  as compared to electromagnetic shower  $\rightarrow$  intrinsic resolution worse by factor  $\sqrt{E_{thr}/E_C}$ 

#### distribution of energy

example: 5 GeV proton in lead-scintillator calorimeter	(MeV)	
ionization energy of charged particles (p, $\pi, \mu)$	1980	40%
electromagnetic fraction (e, $\pi^0, \eta^0$ )	760	15%
neutrons	520	10%
photons from nuclear de-excitation	310	6%
non-detectable energy (nuclear binding, $ u,\ldots)$	1430	29%

### Characteristics of hadronic shower

#### strong fluctuations in energy sharing

- part of energy invisible, can be partly compensated by neutron capture leading to fission → release of binding energy
- variation in spatial distribution of energy deposition ( $\pi^{\pm} \leftrightarrow \pi^{0}$  etc.)
- electromagnetic fraction grows with E
    $f_{em} \simeq f_{\pi^0} \propto \ln E$
- energetic hadrons contribute to electromagnetic fraction by e.g.  $\pi^- + p \rightarrow \pi^0 + n$ , but very rarely the opposite happens (a 1 GeV  $\pi^0$  travels 0.2  $\mu$ m before decay)
- below pion production threshold, mainly dE/dx by ionization

measurement of hadron energy by calorimetry considerably more difficult as compared to em. case



Monte-Carlo simulated air showers

shower simulations via intra- and inter-nuclear cascade models (GEISHA, CALOR, ...)



common features, but variations are significant! Need to tune to measured data in any case

### Longitudinal shower development

- strong peak near hadronic interaction length  $\lambda_A$
- followed by exponential decrease
- shower depth:  $t_{max} \simeq 0.2 \ln E(\text{GeV}) + 0.7$ 95% of energy over depth  $L_{95} = t_{max} + 2.5\lambda_{att}$  $\lambda_{att} \simeq E^{0.3}$  (E in GeV,  $\lambda_{att}$  in units of  $\lambda_A$ )

example: 350 GeV  $\pi^{\pm}$ :  $t_{max} = 1.9$   $L_{95} = 1.9 + 5.8$ need about  $8 \lambda_A$  to contain 95 % of energy need about  $11 \lambda_A$  to contain 99 % of energy



long. shower profile for 300 GeV  $\pi^-$  into block of U; measure radioactivity due to fission fragments

## Longitudinal shower development

due to electromagnetic energy deposition rather sharp peak close to  $\lambda_A$ 



#### $\pi^+$ in the CDHS Fe-scintillator calorimeter

### Lateral shower development

typical transverse momentum for secondary hadrons  $\langle p_t \rangle \simeq 350 \text{ MeV/c}$ lateral extent at shower maximum  $R_{95} \simeq \lambda_A$ 

- relatively well defined core with  $R \simeq R_M$  (electromagnetic component)
- exponential decay (hadronic component and fluct. in interaction point)





### 9.2 Hadronic Calorimeters

homogeneous calorimeter that could measure entire visible energy loss generally too large and expensive

in any case fluctuations of invisible component make this expense unnecessary

 $\rightarrow$  most common realization: sampling calorimeter passive absorber (Fe, Pb, U) + sampling elements (scintillator, liquid Ar or Xe, MWPC's, layers of proportional tubes, streamer tubes, Geiger-Müller tubes, ...)

typical setup

- alternating layers of active and passive material
- also spaghetti or shish kebab calorimeter (absorber with scintillating fibers embedded)

# Typical arrangement of a sampling calorimeter



## Quality of a calorimeter

- linear response: signal  $\propto E$
- energy resolution:  $\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = \frac{const}{\sqrt{E}}$  fluctuations Poisson, respectively Gaussian
- signal independent of particle species

because of complicated structure of hadronic shower, typically not all 3 conditions completely met

i) response not completely linear



- ii) resolution deviates somewhat from  $const/\sqrt{E}$
- iii) signal usually not completely Gaussian (tails), differences e vs h



where do these differences come from?

need to understand in order to optimize to come close to ideal



generally response to electromagnetic and hadronic energy deposition different

usually higher weight to electromagnetic component, since hadronic shower has invisible component i.e. (e/h > 1)

why is this important? want to measure total energy flow in an event without resolving and identifying origin or composition of individual showers

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different calorimeters do very differently!

optimization:

'compensation' (see below) 'overcompensation' if  $e/\pi < 1$ 



#### Energy resolution

- intrinsic contributions
  - leakage and it's fluctuations
    - neutral and minimum ionizing particles:
      - neutrons with  $\lambda \gg \lambda_A$ ,
      - muons,

neutrinos 'leakage fluctuations'

- fluctuations of electromagnetic portion  $\pi^0$  fluctuations combined with  $e/h \neq 1$
- nuclear excitation, fission, spallation, binding energy fluctuations
- heavily ionizing particles with  $dE/dx \gg (dE/dx)_{min.ion} \rightarrow saturation$

all scale like  $1/\sqrt{E}$  as statistical processes

- sampling fluctuations
  - dominate in electromagnetic calorimeter, nearly completely negligible in hadronic calorimeters:  $\sigma_{sample}/S \propto \sqrt{d_{abs}/E}$  with  $d_{abs} =$  thickness of one absorber layer
- other contributions
  - noise:  $\sigma_E/E = C/E$
  - inhomogeneities:  $\sigma_E/E = const$

contributions add in quadrature

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = \frac{A}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus B \oplus \frac{C}{E}$$

A: 
$$0.5 - 1.0$$
 (record: 0.35)  
B:  $0.03 - 0.05$   
C:  $0.01 - 0.02$ 

typically dominated by leakage fluctuations

### 9.3 Compensation

how to get from e/h > 1 to  $e/h \simeq 1$ ?

need understanding of contributions to signal  $\rightarrow$  allows optimization

particle *i* incident with energy E(i)

visible energy  $E_v(i) = E_{dep}(i) - \underbrace{E_{nv}(i)}_{i \to i \to i}$ 

invisible

define visible fraction

$$a(i) = \frac{E_v(i)}{E_v(i) + E_{nv}(i)}$$

compare various signals to those of a minimal ionizing particle:

electron $\frac{e}{mip} = \frac{a(e)}{a(mip)}$ hadronic shower component $\frac{h_i}{mip} = \frac{a(h_i)}{a(mip)}$ electron signal $S(e) = k \cdot E \cdot \frac{e}{mip}$ hadronic signal $S(h_i) = k \cdot E \cdot \left[ f_{em} \frac{e}{mip} + (1 - f_{em}) \frac{h_i}{mip} \right]$ 

constant k determined by calibration

 $f_{em}$ : fraction of primary energy of a hadron deposited in form of electromagnetic energy  $\approx \ln(E/1 \text{ GeV})$ 

in case 
$$\frac{e}{mip} \neq \frac{h_i}{mip} \rightarrow \frac{S(h_i)}{E} \neq \text{ const.}$$
  
 $\frac{S(e)}{S(h_i)} = \frac{e/mip}{f_{em}(e/mip) + (1 - f_{em})(h_i/mip)}$ 

 $\rightarrow$  worsening of resolution in case  $e/mip \neq h_i/mip$ 

 $\rightarrow S/E \neq \text{constant}$ 

aim for 
$$\frac{e}{mip} = \frac{h_i}{mip} \rightarrow \frac{S(e)}{S(h_i)} = 1$$

hadronic shower has various contributions to its visible energy

$$\frac{h_i}{mip} = f_{ion}\frac{ion}{mip} + f_n\frac{n}{mip} + f_\gamma\frac{\gamma}{mip} + f_b\frac{b}{mip}$$

fraction of hadronic component in charged particles, ionizing  $(\mu^{\pm}, \pi^{\pm}, p)$ f<sub>ion</sub>

- $f_n$ fraction of neutrons
- $f_{\gamma} f_b$ fraction of photons
- fraction of nuclear binding energy

#### example: 5 GeV proton

Fe U  $f_{ion}$  57% 38%  $\leftarrow$  dominated by spallation products (protons)  $f_{\gamma}$  3% 2%  $\begin{array}{ccc} f_n & 8\% & 15\% \\ f_b & 32\% & 45\% \end{array} \right\} \text{ strongly correlated}$ 

	Fe/Sci	Fe/Ar	U/Sci	U/Ar	determined by
ion/mip	0.83	0.88	0.93	1.0	d <sub>act</sub>
n/mip	0.5-2	0	0.8 - 2.5	0	$d_{act}/d_{abs}$
$\gamma/{\it mip}$	0.7	0.95	0.4	0.4	$d_{abs}$
e/mip	0.9	0.95	0.55	0.55	d <sub>abs</sub>

increase  $h_i/mip$  via increase of  $f_n$ ,  $f_\gamma$  (materials) and n/mip,  $\gamma/mip$  (layer thicknesses)



hadron signal in different sampling calorimeters

### Software compensation

- segmentation in depth layers
- identify layers with particularly large  $E_v 
  ightarrow \pi^0$  contribution
- small weight for these layers

 $w_i^* = w_i(1 - cw_i)$   $w_i$ : measured, deposited energy c: weight factor



# Energy resolution of non-compensating liquid-Ar calorimeter



with weighting overall response more Gaussian, improved resolution, improved linearity

#### Hardware compensation

#### essential, if one wants to trigger! increase of h/mip or decrease of e/mip

- increase of hadronic response via fission and spallation of <sup>238</sup>U

$$\uparrow \frac{ion}{mip} \text{ or } \frac{n}{mip}$$

- increase of neutron detection efficiency in active material  $\rightarrow$  high proton content

$$Z = 1 \rightarrow \uparrow \frac{n}{mip}$$

- reduction of e/mip via high Z absorber and suitable choice of  $\frac{d_{abs}}{d_{act}}$ 

$$Z_{abs} \uparrow \rightarrow \downarrow rac{e}{mip} \leftarrow \uparrow d_{abs}$$

- long integration time  $\rightarrow$  sensitivity to  $\gamma$  capture after neutron thermalization

$$t \log \rightarrow \uparrow \frac{n}{mip}$$



calorimeter response to neutrons

variation of contributions vs.  $R_d = d_{abs}/d_{act}$ 

## time structure different for electron and hadron showers

in em shower, all components cross detector within few ns (speed basically 30 cm/ns) in hadronic shower component due to neutrons is delayed, need to slow down before they produce visible signal



signal width for 80 GeV e and  $\pi$  in spaghetti calorimeter

size of signal depends on integration time – variation in integration time of electronics can enhance hadronic signal (used in ZEUS calorimeter)

# the $e/\pi$ problem of hadronic calorimeters



measured ratio of electron/pion signals at (ZEUS) for  $E \ge 3$  GeV nearly compensated

## 9.4 Particle identification

electron/pion:

- use difference in transverse and longitudinal shower extent
- signal for electron is faster

hadron showers are deeper and wider and start later PID based on likelihood analysis





### Muon vs pion/electron

#### low energy loss for muon



for 95% electron efficiency muon probability  $1.7\cdot 10^{-5}$ 

# 9.5 Role of (hadronic) calorimeters in large experiments

increasing importance compared to momentum measurement as energy increases

$$\frac{\sigma_{p}}{p} = A \oplus B \cdot p \quad \text{good: } B = 0.1\%$$
$$\frac{\sigma_{E}}{E} = \frac{A}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus B \oplus \frac{C}{E}$$

ATLAS hadronic calorimeter  $A \simeq 0.50, \ B \simeq 0.033, \ C = 0.018$ 

hadronic shower in ATLAS

- visible EM  $\sim$  (50%)
  - $e, \gamma, \pi^0$

• visible non-EM 
$$\sim$$
 (25%)

- ionization of  $\pi,\ p,\ \mu$
- invisible  $\sim (25\%)$ 
  - nuclear break-up
  - nuclear excitation
- secaped  $\sim$  (2%)

$$E = 1000 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \frac{\sigma_E}{E} = 0.04$$
$$\frac{\sigma_p}{p} = 1.00$$




forward hadronic calorimeters:

tubes with LAr embedded into tungsten matrix

Hadrons



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## ATLAS tile calorimeter pion energy resolution



## ATLAS tile calorimeter response to hadrons



response for isolated tracks that look like mips in EMCal

## 10. Detection of neutral particles

#### **10** Detection of neutral particles

- Introduction
- Detection of Neutrons
- Detection of Neutrinos
- Cryogenic Detectors and Dark Matter Detection

modification of similar chapter from H.C. Schultz-Coulon

## 10.1 Introduction

Electrically neutral particles do not interact via electromagnetic forces; for detection they are thus generally converted into charged particles.

Apart from the converting material, detectors for neutrals use essentially same techniques as those for charged particles.

Examples:

- photons: total energy deposited in electromagnetic shower use energy measurement, shower shape and information on neutrality (e.g. no track)
- neutrons: energy in calorimeter (high energy) or material with large neutron absorption cross section, such as Li, B, <sup>3</sup>He (low energy) and information on neutrality (e.g. no track)
- $K_0, \Lambda, \ldots$  reconstruction of invariant masses

neutrinos: identify products of charged and neutral current interactions

Neutron detection via nuclear interaction, interaction used varies with the neutron energy:

high energy hadron calorimeter (see above) measure energy deposited in form of hadronic shower neutrality of incident particle has no effect on shower process

moderate energy np-scattering

detection of neutrons by scattering them from material containing appreciable amounts of hydrogen; recoiling proton is detected

low energy exothermal nuclear processes use converter medium with large capture cross-section for slow neutrons; capture process results in unstable nuclei subsequent decay products give a detectable signal

Nuclear reactions used for neutron detectors:

$$ec{p}_1 = -ec{p}_2$$
  $T(^4\text{He}) = rac{m_{ ext{Li}}}{m_{ ext{Li}} + m_{ ext{He}}} pprox rac{7}{11}Q = 1.77 \text{ MeV}$   
 $rac{ec{p}_1^2}{2m_1} + rac{ec{p}_2^2}{2m_2} = rac{-ec{p}_1^2}{2m_1}\left(1 + rac{m_1}{m_2}
ight) = Q$   $T(^7\text{Li}) = rac{m_{ ext{He}}}{m_{ ext{Li}} + m_{ ext{He}}} pprox rac{4}{11}Q = 1.01 \text{ MeV}$ 

 $\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{Gadolinium:} & n + {}^{155}\mbox{Gd} \to \mbox{Gd}^* \to \gamma\mbox{-ray cascade (mostly continuum), total energy 8.5 MeV} \\ & n + {}^{157}\mbox{Gd} \to \mbox{Gd}^* \to \gamma\mbox{-ray cascade (mostly continuum), total energy 7.9 MeV} \\ \mbox{Uranium:} & n + {}^{235}\mbox{U} \to \mbox{fission fragments (T=170 MeV) + neutrons} \\ \mbox{Plutonium:} & n + {}^{239}\mbox{Pu} \to \mbox{fission fragments (T=176 MeV) + neutrons} \\ \end{array}$ 

<sup>7</sup>Li

cross section for neutron capture process (apart from resonances)

 $\sigma(E) \approx \sigma(E_{\rm th}) \frac{v_{\rm th}}{v}$ 

 $10^{4}$ Cross Section [barn] <sup>3</sup>He [n,p] 10<sup>3</sup> 6Li [n,**α**] <sup>10</sup>B [n,**α**] Eth 102 10 <sup>3</sup>He :  $\sigma(E_{th}) = 5330$  barn <sup>6</sup>Li :  $\sigma(E_{th}) = 940$  barn 1  $^{10}B$ :  $\sigma(E_{th}) = 3840 \text{ barn}$ 10-2 10-1  $10^{2}$ 10<sup>3</sup>  $10^{4}$ 105  $10^{6}$  $10^{7}$ 10 1 En [eV]

interpretation:

cross section increases with time neutron is close to absorbing nucleus

 $\rightarrow v^{-1}$ -dependence

scintillation detectors: detect scintillation light produced in capture process

e.g. Lithium glass:  $n + {}^{6}Li \rightarrow {}^{4}He + {}^{3}H + 4.79 \text{ MeV}$ 

common scintillators used for neutron detection

	density	scintillation	photon	photons per
	of <sup>6</sup> Li atoms	efficiency	wavelength	neutron
	$[10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-3}]$	[in %]	[nm]	
Lithium glass (Ce)	1.75	0.45	395	7000
Lil(Eu)	1.83	2.8	470	51 000
ZnS(Ag)-LiF	1.18	9.2	450	160 000



gas detectors: standard Geiger counter with <sup>3</sup>He or  $BF_3$  gas

e.g. Helium:  $n + {}^{3}He \rightarrow {}^{3}H + {}^{1}H + 0.76$  MeV (about 25 000 ionizations produced per neutron, charge  $\approx 4$  fC)



wall effect: n +  ${}^{3}\text{He} \rightarrow {}^{3}\text{H} + {}^{1}\text{H} + 0.76$  MeV

from mass ratio  $T_p = 573 \text{ keV} \quad (p = {}^1\text{H})$  $T_t = 191 \text{ keV} \quad (t = {}^3\text{H})$ 

#### ranges:

Si:  $R_p \approx 6\mu$ m,  $R_t \approx 5\mu$ m gas: few mm (~ 1000 ×  $R_{
m solid}$ )

remark: energy spectrum reflects detector response, not neutron energy



#### Detection of Neutrons Fast Neutrons

generally, detection relies on observing neutron-induced nuclear reactions

capture cross sections for fast-neutron induced reactions are small compared to those at low energies; remember:  $\sigma_{\rm cap} \propto 1/v$ 

two approaches to detect fast neutrons:

- thermalize/moderate & capture as before, only providing count rates (i.e. neutron flux)
- elastic scattering off protons at high energy
  - protons are easy to detect in conventional detectors
  - observe recoils for time-of-flight (ToF), enables neutron energy measurements by measuring the velocity

Neutron Moderation

- moderate neutrons to increase efficiency in conventional slow-neutron detector
- hydrogen-rich materials: polyethylene or paraffin

optimum thickness between few cm to tens of cm for energies of keV to MeV

trade-off between sufficient slow down and detection cross section



Relative response vs. energy for various absorber thicknesses (in inch)



The Bonner Sphere - Tom W. Bonner et al., 1960

10-12" diameter moderator sphere with Lil(Eu) scintillator in center, has a similar response curve as the neutron rem dose curve in tissue

#### application:

several spheres of diff. size  $\rightarrow$  neutron spectrum single sphere of appropriate size: determination of dose equivalent due to neutrons with an unknown or variable neutron spectrum





The Long Counter

#### neutron energy independent efficiency: 'flat response'

slow-neutron  $BF_3$  detector in center of device paraffin moderator,  $B_2O_3$  absorber (shielding)

only sensitive to neutrons from one side



relative sensitivity of Long Counter varied parameter is the distance of the end of the  $BF_3$  tube if shifted in from the front of the moderator face



cross section of Long Counter cencentric holes prevent efficiency reduction for neutrons with energies below 1 MeV

detector type	size	neutron active material	incident neutron energy	neutron detection efficiency <sup>a</sup> (%)	$\gamma$ -ray sensitivity (R/h) $^{ m b}$
plastic scintillator	5 cm thick	$^{1}H$	1 MeV	78	0.01
liquid scintillator	5 cm thick	$^{1}H$	1 MeV	78	0.1
loaded scintillator	1 mm thick	<sup>6</sup> Li	thermal	50	1
Hornyak button	1 mm thick	$^{1}H$	1 MeV	1	1
CH <sub>4</sub> (7 bar)	5 cm Ø	$^{1}H$	1 MeV	1	1
<sup>4</sup> He (18 bar)	5 cm Ø	<sup>4</sup> He	1 MeV	1	1
<sup>3</sup> He (4 bar), Ar (2 bar)	2.5 cm Ø	<sup>3</sup> He	thermal	77	1
<sup>3</sup> He (4 bar), CO <sub>2</sub> (5%)	2.5 cm Ø	<sup>3</sup> He	thermal	77	10
BF <sub>3</sub> (0.66 bar)	5 cm Ø	<sup>10</sup> B	thermal	29	10
$BF_3$ (1.18 bar)	5 cm Ø	<sup>10</sup> B	thermal	46	10
<sup>10</sup> B-lined chamber	$0.2 \text{ mg/cm}^3$	<sup>10</sup> B	thermal	10	10 <sup>3</sup>
fission chamber	$1.0 \text{ mg/cm}^3$	<sup>235</sup> U	thermal	0.5	$10^{6} - 10^{7}$

 $^{\rm a}$  interaction probability for neutrons of the specified energy, normal incidence angle  $^{\rm b}$  approximate upper limit of  $\gamma$ -ray dose that can be present with the detector still providing usable neutron output signals

**Cascade Detector** 

Setup:

Boron layers on multiple GEM foils

GEMs:

- operated to be transparent for produced charges
- can be cascaded
- two Boron layers each
- last one: amplification layer
- high rate capability [10<sup>7</sup> Hz/cm<sup>2</sup>]



CASCADE neutron detector schematic

### Detection of Neutrons CASCADE Detector, M. Klein, C. Schmidt NIM A628 (2011) 9



GEM foil glued to frame, complete CASCADE module



Cascade neutron detector: several GEM-modules stacked with drift electrodes and readout

## 10.3 Detection of Neutrinos

neutrino detection only via weak interaction



possible reactions:

charged current reactions:

$$\nu_{e} + n \rightarrow e^{-} + p$$

$$\bar{\nu}_{e} + p \rightarrow e^{+} + n$$

$$\nu_{\mu} + n \rightarrow \mu^{-} + p$$

$$\bar{\nu}_{\mu} + p \rightarrow \mu^{+} + n$$

$$\nu_{\tau} + n \rightarrow \tau^{-} + p$$

$$\bar{\nu}_{\tau} + p \rightarrow \tau^{+} + n$$

$$\cdots$$

$$\bar{\nu}_{e} + e^{-} \rightarrow \mu^{-} + \bar{\nu}_{\mu}$$

$$\bar{\nu}_{e} + e^{-} \rightarrow \tau^{-} + \bar{\nu}_{\tau}$$

neutral current reactions:

neutrino-nucleon cross section, examples: 10 GeV neutrinos:  $\sigma = 7 \cdot 10^{-38} \text{ cm}^2/\text{nucleon}$ on 10 m Fe-target, interaction probability  $P = \sigma N_A d\rho = 3.2 \cdot 10^{-10}$ with d = 10 m,  $\rho = 7.6$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>

solar neutrinos (100 keV):  $\sigma = 7 \cdot 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2/\text{nucleon}$ through earth, interaction probability:  $P = 2.8 \cdot 10^{-11}$ with  $d = 12000 \text{ km} = 1.2 \cdot 10^9 \text{ cm}$ ,  $\rho = 5.5 \text{ g/cm}^3$ 

## Neutrinos from the Sun (pp chain)



## Neutrinos from the Sun



## Solar Electron-Neutrino Problem







#### the Homestake Gold Mine in South Dakota





Raymond Davis Jr. construction of the Homestake Mine tank





Raymond Davis Jr. the eductors being tested in swimming pool at BNL



#### neutrino capture:

 $^{37}$ Cl +  $\nu_e \rightarrow ^{37}$ Ar + e

detection of <sup>37</sup>Ar via K-shell e<sup>-</sup>-capture [<sup>37</sup>Ar(e, $\nu_e$ )<sup>37</sup>Cl]  $\tau \approx 35$  d resulting in a 2.82 keV Auger electron detection after extraction in proportional counter





#### some approximate numbers

- 615 tons C<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub> (tetrachloro-ethylene)
- about  $2 \cdot 10^{30}$  chlorine atoms (<sup>37</sup>Cl)
- prediction:  $7.5 \cdot 10^{-36}$  neutrino reactions/atom/s = 7.5 SNU
- considering half-life = 35 days, expect: 60 atoms every 2 months
- After 25 years: expectation: ≈ 5000 <sup>37</sup>Ar atoms expected observation: ≈ 2200 <sup>37</sup>Ar atoms produced [875 counted, 776 after background subtraction]
   <sup>37</sup>Ar extraction efficiency: ≈ 95%
   <sup>37</sup>Ar decay detection efficiency: ≈ 45%

Pulse height Spectra from first runs [1968]



first runs 1968 produced only upper limit of 3 SNU with expectation of 7.5  $\pm$  3 SNU solution: pulse shape discrimination signal: 2.82 keV e<sup>-</sup> creating about 100 e-ion pairs in 100  $\mu$ m background:  $\gamma$  making Compton effect 1970 first observation of solar neutrinos

Result of 25 years of running

(after implementation of rise time counting)



#### Nobel Prize 2002





Raymond Davis J r. [Homestake]



Masatoshi Koshiba [Kamiokande]



Riccardo Giacconi [X-Ray Sources]

## Super-Kamiokande



water tank 1.6 km below ground

50 million liter ultra-pure water

1 neutrino interaction every 1.5 hours

neutrino detection via Cherenkov light


Mounting of Photomultiplier Tubes



total number of photomultipliers:

20 inch Ø 11,146 8 inch Ø 1,885







the sun seen through the earth in neutrino light



muon event (603 MeV)

observation of clean Cherenkov ring with sharp edges

flight direction from timing measurements blue: early, red: late

energy from amount of light observed in PMs



electron event (492 MeV)

observation of Cherenkov ring with fuzzy edge (bremsstrahlung)

flight direction from timing measurements blue: early; red: late

energy from amount of light observed in PMs



solar neutrino (12.5 MeV) unusually nice, well-defined flight direction from timing measurements blue: early; red: late

energy from amount of light observed in PMs

# Solar Electron-Neutrino Problem



# Different Solar Neutrino Experiments

		$37_{Cl} \rightarrow 37_{Ar}$ (SNU)	$71_{Ga} \rightarrow 71_{Ge}$ (SNU)	$^{8}\text{B} v \text{ flux} $ $(10^{6} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1})$
different thresholds all measure large deficit	Homestake (CLEVELAND 98)[20] 2	2556 ○ 0月6 ○ 0月6	3 —	
■ ${}^{37}CI \rightarrow {}^{37}Ar$ (Homestake)	GALLEX (HAMPEL 99)[21] GNO	_	$77 15 \circ 6 2 + 4.3 - 4.7$	· —
Exp: 2.6 SNU	(ALTMANN 05)[22] GNO+GALLEX	_	$62 \mathfrak{D}^{+5.5}_{-5.3} \circ 2 \mathfrak{K}$	<u> </u>
BS05: 8.1 SNU	(ALTMANN 05)[22]	—	69⊳3 ° 4⊳1 ° 3¢	6 —
■ ${}^{37}$ Ga $\rightarrow {}^{37}$ Ge (Gallex, GNO, Sage)	SAGE (ABDURASHIDDD02)[23] Kamiokande	-	70¤8+5.3+3.7 -5.2-3.2	-
Exp: 70 SNU	(FUKUDA 96)[24] Super-Kamiokande (HOSAKA 05)[25]	_	_	2⊳80 ° 0⊳19 ° 0⊳33 <sup>†</sup>
BS05: 126 SNU	$\frac{(\text{HOSARA 05})[25]}{\text{SNO (pure D}_2\text{O})}$	—	—	2120 0 0120 0120
$^{8}B \nu_{e}$ -flux	(AHMAD 02)[4]	—	—	$1 \bowtie 76^{+0.06}_{-0.05} \circ 0 \bowtie 99^{\ddagger}$
(Kamiokande, SNO)		_	_	$2 \bowtie 9^{+0.24}_{-0.23} \circ 0 \bowtie 2^{\dagger}_{5 \bowtie 9^{+0.44}_{-0.43} \circ 0}$
Exp: 2.4 SNU BS05: 5.7 SNU but SNO has a new twist deuterium	SNO (NaCl in D <sub>2</sub> O) (AHARMIM 05)[11]	_	_	$1 \approx 68 \circ 0 \approx 066 + 0.08 \pm 0.09$
		_	_	$\begin{array}{c} 2 \complement 35 \circ \ 0 \And 22 \circ \ 0 \trianglerighteq 5^{\dagger} \\ 4 \varUpsilon 94 \circ \ 0 \trianglerighteq 21^{+0.38*}_{-0.34} \end{array}$
	BS05(OP) SSM [13]	8×1 ° 1×3	$126\circ 10$	$5 \bowtie 69(1 \bowtie 00 \circ 0 \bowtie 16)$
	Seismic model [18]	$7 \bowtie 64 \circ 1 \bowtie$	123⊳4∘ 8⊳2	$5{\triangleright}31\circ~0{\circ}6$







#### charged current

 $\nu_{\rm e} + {\rm d} \rightarrow {\rm p} + {\rm p} + {\rm e}^-$ 

measurement of  $u_{\rm e}$  energy spectrum weak directionality:  $0.34 < \cos\theta < 1$ 

#### neutral currents

 $u_{\rm x} + d \rightarrow p + n + \nu_{\rm x}$ measure total <sup>8</sup>B neutrino flux from the sun  $\sigma(\nu_{\rm e}) = \sigma(\nu_{\mu}) = \sigma(\nu_{\tau})$ 

#### electron scattering

 $\nu_{\rm x} + {\rm e}^- \rightarrow \nu_{\rm x} + {\rm e}^-$ 

low statistics strong directionality:  $heta \leq 18^\circ$  ( $T_{
m e} = 10$  MeV)







$$\begin{split} \Phi_{\rm CC} &= 1.76 \ ^{+0.06}_{-0.05}({\rm stat.}) \ ^{+0.09}_{-0.09}({\rm syst.}) \cdot 10^6 \ {\rm cm}^{-2} {\rm s}^{-1} \\ \Phi_{\rm ES} &= 2.39 \ ^{+0.24}_{-0.23}({\rm stat.}) \ ^{+0.12}_{-0.12}({\rm syst.}) \cdot 10^6 \ {\rm cm}^{-2} {\rm s}^{-1} \\ \Phi_{\rm NC} &= 5.09 \ ^{+0.44}_{-0.43}({\rm stat.}) \ ^{+0.46}_{-0.43}({\rm syst.}) \cdot 10^6 \ {\rm cm}^{-2} {\rm s}^{-1} \end{split}$$





$$\begin{split} \Phi(\nu_{\rm e}) &= 1.76^{+0.05}_{-0.05}({\rm stat.})^{+0.09}_{-0.09}({\rm syst.}) \\ \Phi(\nu_{\mu\tau}) &= 3.41^{+0.45}_{-0.45}({\rm stat.})^{+0.48}_{-0.45}({\rm syst.}) \\ &\cdot 10^6~{\rm cm}^{-2}{\rm s}^{-1} \end{split}$$

### Nobel Prize 2015





Art McDonald - SNO

Takaaki Kajita - Superkamiodande

for the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows neutrinos have mass

# 10.4 Cryogenic Detectors and Dark Matter Detection

motivation: WIMP detection

WIMPs = weakly interacting massive particles

dark matter particles:

must be neutral, i.e. must neither interact via electromagnetic nor strong interactions WIMPs must be heavy, i.e. non-relativistic (cold dark matter) to allow for galaxy formation assumed mass range: 10 GeV - 10 TeV

mass limits dependent on cross section, e.g.:  $\sigma_{\chi p} = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-7}$  pb yields  $m_{\rm WIMP} > 60$  GeV

detection via elastic  $\chi$ p-scattering

assume WIMP velocity:  $v_{\chi} \approx 300 \text{ km/s}$ , i.e.  $\beta = 10^{-3}$ solar system speed w.r.t. to milky way: v = 250 km/svelocity of earth moving w.r.t solar system: v = 30 km/smaximum energy transfer for collision with nucleus N:

$$T_{
m N}^{
m max} = 2 rac{m_{\chi}^2 M_{
m N} c^2}{(m_{\chi} + M_{
m N})^2} eta^2 ~~(pprox 2 M_{
m N} v_{\chi}^2 ~{
m for}~m_{\chi} \ll M_{
m N})$$

for e.g.  $M_{
m N}=100$  GeV:  ${\cal T}_{
m N}^{
m max}pprox$  100 keV

### Cryogenic Detectors How to detect WIMPs

transferred energy of recoiling nuclei generally much smaller (< 10%)

need detector that allows detection of recoil nuclei below keV range energy resolution requires:  $n_{\rm excitation} \gg 1$ , i.e.  $E_{\rm excitation} \ll 1$  eV

remember: gases – ionzation energy  $\approx 30 \text{ eV}$ silicon – electron/hole pair creation  $\approx 3 \text{ eV}$ 

better possibilities:

phonon excitation:

maximum phonon energy in Si is 60 meV, roughly 2/3 of the energy required for electron-hole formation goes into phonon excitation

superconducting detectors:

in superconductors the energy gap  $2\Delta$  is equivalent to the band gap in semiconductors absorption of energy  $> 2\Delta$  (typically 1 meV) can break up a Cooper pair

Cryogenic detectors:

detect low energies with very good resolution

### Cryogenic Detectors Phonon Detectors

#### assume thermal equilibrium:

convert absorbed energy into phonons:

$$\Delta T = E/C$$

- C: heat capacity of the sample (specific heat  $\times$  mass)
- E: deposited energy

optimal detector: low heat capacity

example 1: Si-detector at room temperature  $C_{
m spec} = 0.7 \text{ J/gK}$   $E = 1 \text{ keV}, m = 1 \text{ g} \rightarrow \Delta T = 2 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ K}$ not very practical, need lower specific heat and mass

example 2: Si-detector at low temperature  $C_{\rm spec} \propto (T/\Theta)^3$   $C_{\rm spec} = 2 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ J/gK}$  at T = 0.1 K $E = 1 \text{ keV}, m = 15 \ \mu \text{g} \rightarrow \Delta T = 0.04 \text{ K} \text{ (possible!)}$ 

#### basic configuration of cryogenic calorimeter



resolution:

$$n = CT/kT = C/k$$
  

$$\sigma_0 = kT\sqrt{n} = \sqrt{CkT^2}$$
  

$$\sigma_E = \varepsilon Ph\sqrt{E/\varepsilon Ph} = \sqrt{kTE}$$
  

$$\sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2 + \sigma_E^2$$

yields:  $\sigma < 0.2 \text{ eV}$ (cf. Si semiconductor detector:  $\sigma = 20 \text{ eV}$ )

### Dark Matter Detection



### Dark Matter Detection Example: CDMS

Soudan Underground Lab

5 towers with 6 Ge/Si detectors each operated at  $T \approx 20 \text{ mK}$ 

#### Idea:

WIMPs (and neutrons) scatter off nuclei

most background noise sources ( $\gamma$ ,e) scatter off electrons

ratio ionization/phonons differs for nuclear and electron recoils





## Dark Matter Detection



### Dark Matter Detection CDMS II Si 2013 Result



3 candidate WIMPs, 'not yet a discovery'

# Dark Matter Detection

Summary Dark Matter WIMP Searches

