





Electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeters

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Experimental technique in nuclear and particle physics in which the detection of a particle and the measurement of its properties is based on ABSORPTION in the detector volume (partial or total)

This is a **DESTRUCTIVE** process:

The particle's energy is converted in a detectable signal until the particle is absorbed

Another note: calorimetry is addressed also to **neutral particles** (not only charged one, see magnetic spectrometer)



Electromagnetic calorimeters: outline

• Introduction

- Energy measurement: total absorption of the particle energy via shower production ...
- ... particularly targeted to high momentum/energy particles

• Electromagnetic shower

- Electron bremsstrahlung and photon pair production
- Transverse and longitudinal shower development
- Electromagnetic calorimeters
 - Homogeneous and sampling calorimeters
 - Energy resolution



Introduction

Measurement of energy or momentum of particles: Let's focus on high energy particles (hadrons, leptons, (photons))



This is NOT the best choice to measure high energy particles. With increasing p (or E), the momentum resolution gets worse, or an impossibly long lever arm L is needed \rightarrow switch to **calorimeters** ! Calorimeters are the ideal instrument to measure the full energy of particles, particularly at high momentum

$$\frac{\sigma_{\rm E}}{\rm E} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rm E}}$$

Resolution improves with energy!



Other advantages:

- Depth of shower ∝ ln (E/E₀) → grows only with ln(E) (while the momentum resolution would be "controlled" only by L² → unfeasible in reality)
- Calorimeter can cover full solid angle
- Fast timing signal from calorimeter \rightarrow can be used for triggering!
- Distinction of hadronic and electromagnetic showers using segmentation in depth

What do calorimeters measure?



- An incident particle interacts with the calorimeter active and passive material
- A cascade process is initiated: shower development depends on particle type and on detector material
- Visible energy deposited in the active media of the calorimeter produces a detectable signal, proportional to the total energy deposited by the particle
- Essential to CALIBRATE the calorimeter, namely establish a precise relationship between the "visible energy" detected and the energy of the incoming particle



By particle type:

- Electromagnetic calorimeters: electrons, positrons, photons, π⁰
- Hadronic calorimeters: charged and neutral hadrons, jets

By construction techniques:

- Homogeneous calorimeters: full absorption detectors, fully active medium for both energy degradation and signal generation
- Sampling calorimeters: alternate layers of absorber material to degrade the particle energy and active media to provide the detectable signal



Electromagnetic shower

Electrons (positrons) and photons interacting with matter



Big European Bubble Chamber filled with Ne:H $_2$ = 70%:30%, 3T Field, L=3.5 m, X $_0$ \approx 34 cm, 50 GeV incident electron



Electromagnetic shower: electrons

Electrons have two dominant effects through which they loose energy in their interaction with matter:

 ionization / excitation of atoms → Bethe-Bloch after the minimum around βγ ≈ 3, the rise is weak and the dE/dx remains relatively low

Bremsstrahlung:

 X_0 = radiation length

$$\frac{dE}{dx} = -\frac{E}{X_0}$$
$$E = E_0 \exp(-x/X_0)$$

Moliere radius (relevant for transverse size of the shower)

$$R_{M} = \frac{21.2 \,\text{MeV}}{E_{c}} \cdot X_{0}$$

 \rightarrow Critical energy E_c !!

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Critical energy



Example: Cu $E_c \approx 610/30 \text{ MeV} \approx 20 \text{ MeV}$

For E > E_c **Bremsstrahlung dominates** !!!

Photons



Dominant effect for energies above a few MeV:

Pair production



Probability for pair production (PP):

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\,\omega}{\mathrm{d}x} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{\mathrm{PP}}} e^{-x/\lambda_{\mathrm{PP}}} \rightarrow \lambda_{\mathrm{PP}} = \frac{9}{7}X_{0}$$

Electromagnetic shower

X₀ is the characteristic scale





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Electron Shower

L.Fussel 1939



Photon Shower

material	Ζ	$X_0 [{ m gcm^{-2}}]$	<i>X</i> ₀ [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 model of electromagnetic shower

A high energy electron/photon (above ~100 MeV) enters matter:

- Electron looses energy by Bremsstrahlung
 e + nucleus → e + γ + nucleus
- Photon is absorbed by pair production
 γ + nucleus → e⁺ + e⁻ + nucleus



Approximate model:

- Over distance X_0 , electron reduces via bremsstrahlung its energy to 1/e: $E_1 = E_2/e$
- Over distance $\sim X_0$, photon converts to e⁺e⁻ Energy of electron and positron: $E_{\pm} \simeq E_0/2$ (precisely $\lambda_{PP} = 9/7X_0$. Pair production probability in X_0 is P = 1 - exp(-7/9)=0.54)

Assumptions:

- For E>E_c no energy loss by ionization/excitation
- For E<E_c electrons loose energy only via ionization/excitation



Analytic model of electromagnetic shower

An electromagnetic shower is characterized by:

- Number of particles in the shower
- Location of shower maximum
- Longitudinal shower distribution
- Transverse shower distribution

Simplified model (assuming $e \approx 2$): Introduce longitudinal variable $t = x/X_0$

Number of particles after traversing depth t:

Each particle has energy:

The shower ends approximately when $E \approx E_c$:

Maximum shower depth:

Maximum number of particles in shower:



$$\begin{split} \mathsf{N}(t) &= 2^{t} \\ \mathsf{E}(t) &= \frac{\mathsf{E}_{0}}{\mathsf{N}(t)} = \frac{\mathsf{E}_{0}}{2^{t}} \to t = \ln(\mathsf{E}_{0}/\mathsf{E})/\mathsf{ln2} \\ \mathsf{E}_{c} &= \mathsf{E}(t_{max}) = \frac{\mathsf{E}_{0}}{2^{t_{max}}} \\ 2^{t_{max}} &= \mathsf{E}_{0}/\mathsf{E}_{c} \\ t_{max} = \mathsf{ln}(\mathsf{E}_{0}/\mathsf{E}_{c})/\mathsf{ln2} \\ \mathsf{N}_{max} &= \exp(t_{max}\mathsf{ln2}) = \mathsf{E}_{0}/\mathsf{E}_{c} \end{split}$$

Example: 1 GeV photon in CsI crystal: $E_c \approx 10$ MeV, $N_{max} = E_0/E_c \approx 100$, $t_{max} \approx 6.6$ X₀

Transverse shower development

- Emission of bremsstrahlung under SMALL angle
- 3D multiple scattering of electron in Moliere theory

$$\langle \theta_{\rm m}^2 \rangle = \left(\frac{21.2\,{\rm MeV}}{\beta\,{\rm pc}}\right)^2 {\rm t}$$



Multiple scattering dominates the transverse shower development!!

The main contribution comes from low energy electrons, assuming approximate range of electrons to be X_0

Moliere radius:
$$R_{M} = \sqrt{\langle \theta^{2} \rangle_{x=X_{0}} \cdot X_{0}} \approx \frac{21 \text{ MeV}}{E_{c}} X_{0}$$

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Transverse shower development

Useful relations:

$$\begin{split} X_0 &= \frac{180A}{Z^2} (g \ cm^{-2}) \\ E_c &= \frac{580 \ MeV}{Z} \\ t_{max} &= ln \frac{E}{E_c} - \begin{cases} 1 & einduced shower \\ 0.5 & \gamma induced shower \end{cases} \end{split}$$

95% of energy within: L(95%) = t_{max} + 0.08 Z + 9.6 X₀ R(95%) = 2 R_M



Longitudinal shower profile

Parametrization (Longo 1975)

 $\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathsf{E}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \mathsf{E}_0 \mathsf{t}^\alpha \exp(-\beta \mathsf{t})$

- First increase of secondaries
- Then absorption dominates

Remember:

- Most of the energy of the incident γ is absorbed in 10-15 X_0
- The max position increases slowly with E₀ (~ InE, not E!)
- Energy leakage mostly due to soft photons at the sides and the back



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Electromagnetic calorimeters

	Scintillation/ Crystal					
Homogeneous Calorimeters	Semiconductor	Existing Electromagnetic Calorimeters Technology/Experiment Depth Resolution Year				
	Cherenkov	NaI(Tl) (Crystal Ball) Bi ₄ Ge ₃ O ₁₂ (BGO) (L3)	$20X_0$ $22X_0$	$2.7\%/{ m E}^{1/4}$ $2\%/\sqrt{E}\oplus 0.7\%$	1983 1993	
	lonization (Noble Liquids)	CsI (KTeV) CsI(Tl) (BaBar) CsI(Tl) (BELLE)	$27X_0$ 16–18 X_0 16 X_0	$2\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.45\%$ $2.3\%/E^{1/4} \oplus 1.4\%$ 1.7% for $E_{\gamma} > 3.5$ GeV	1996 1999 1998	
Sampling Calorimeters	Scintillation	PbWO4 (PWO) (CMS) Lead glass (OPAL) Liquid Kr (NA48)	$25X_0$ $20.5X_0$ $27X_0$	$\frac{3\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.5\% \oplus 0.2/E}{5\%/\sqrt{E}}$ $\frac{3.2\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.42\% \oplus 0.09/H}{5.2\%}$	1997 1990 71998	
	Gas	Scintillator/depleted U (ZEUS) Scintillator/Pb (CDF)	$20-30X_0$ $18X_0$	$18\%/\sqrt{E}$ $13.5\%/\sqrt{E}$	1988 1988	
	Solid State	Scintillator fiber/Pb spaghetti (KLOE)	$15X_0$	$5.7\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.6\%$	1995	
	Liquids	Liquid Ar/Pb (NA31) Liquid Ar/Pb (SLD) Liquid Ar/Pb (H1) Liquid Ar/depl. U (DØ) Liquid Ar/Pb accordion (ATLAS)	$27X_0$ $21X_0$	$\begin{array}{l} 7.5\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.5\% \oplus 0.1/E\\ 8\%/\sqrt{E} \end{array}$	1988 1993	
	Common Absorbers: Pb, Fe, Cu, U		$20-30X_0$ $20.5X_0$ $25X_0$	$\begin{array}{l} 12\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 1\% \\ 16\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.3\% \oplus 0.3/E \\ 10\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.4\% \oplus 0.3/E \end{array}$	1998 1993 1996	



Homogeneous em calorimeters

Absorbing material \equiv detection material

 Scintillating crystals (sodium iodide Nal, bismuth germanate BGO, caesium iodide Csl, lead tungstate PbWO₄, etc.)

	Nal(TI)	BGO	CsI(TI)	PbWO ₄
density (g/cm ³)	3.67	7.13	4.53	8.28
<i>X</i> ₀ (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 σ_E/E	$1\%/\sqrt{E}$	$1\%/\sqrt{E}$	$1.3\%/\sqrt{E}$	$2.5\%/\sqrt{E}$

- Energy loss by ionization (noble liquids)
- Cherenkov (lead glass SF5)

Energy resolution of homogeneous calo

Contributions to the energy resolution σ_{F}/E :

- Shower fluctuations (intrinsic) stochastic term
- photon/electron statistics in photon detector
- Electronic noise
- Leakage, calibration

Total energy resolution of electromagnetic calorimeter:

$$\frac{\sigma_{\mathsf{E}}}{\mathsf{E}} = \frac{\mathsf{A}}{\sqrt{\mathsf{E}}} \oplus \frac{\mathsf{B}}{\mathsf{E}} \oplus \mathsf{X}$$

$$\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}}$$
$$\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}}$$
$$\infty \frac{1}{E}$$

≃ constant



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- PHOS in ALICE (PbWO₄ crystals)
- PbWO₄ calorimeter in CMS
- Alternative to scintillators → Cherenkov radiator e.g. lead glass



PHOS: PHOton Spectrometer in ALICE

Array of 22 x 22 x 180 cm³ PbWO₄ crystals. Depth = 20 X₀. Total ~ 18,000 crystals.

Characteristics: dense, fast, relatively radiation hard

Emission spectrum: 420-550 nm Readout: 5x5 mm² avalanche photodiodes, Q=85%

Light yield of PbWO₄ relatively low and strongly temperature dependent!!

Operate detector at -25° C, need to stabilize to 0.3° C (monitor with resistive temperature sensors)

Crystals cold, electronics warm





PHOS in ALICE

12.5 t of crystals, covering 8m² at 4 m from beam line
In front: charged particle veto – MWPC with cathode pad readout
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

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Importance of energy resolution



Invariant mass spectrum from the inclusive reaction:

 $6 \text{ GeV/c} \quad \pi^- + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow \pi^0 + X$

measured at 122 cm distance

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CMS crystal calorimeter (PbWO₄)

Most important Higgs discovery channel: $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$





CMS crystal calorimeter (PbWO₄)



CMS crystal calorimeter (PbWO₄)



The crystals

End-cap electromagnetic calorimeter



Homogeneous calo: alternative to scintillators

DISADVANTAGE OF SCINTILLATING CRYSTALS: high costs and limitation in producing large volumes

Alternative: use Cherenkov radiator

Electrons and positrons of em shower emit Cherenkov light

- Number of photons is proportional to total path length of electrons and positrons: $N_{ph} \propto E_0$
- Resolution limited by photoelectron statistics (typical: about 1000 photo electrons per GeV shower energy)

Mostly used: lead glass, e.g. SF5: n=1.67, β_{thr} =0.6 or E_{thr} =0.62 MeV for electrons Blocks of typical size 14 x 14 x 42 cm³ \rightarrow diameter 3.3 R_M and depth 17.5 X₀ Readout with photomultipliers.

Typical performance:

$$\frac{\sigma_{\rm E}}{\rm E} = 0.01 + 0.05 \sqrt{\rm E(GeV)}$$

Lead glass calorimeter

Lead glass blocks from the OPAL calorimeter Now recycled in NA62 (photon veto)





Sampling calorimeters

Signal generated in material different from material where the main energy loss occurs. Shower (energy loss) only "sampled" Simpler and more economical solution.

Converter medium: Pb, W, U, Fe \leftarrow energy loss Detection medium: scintillator, liquid Ar \leftarrow sampling of shower

Longitudinal shower development:

Transverse shower development:

Energy loss in absorber and detection medium varies event-by-event SAMPLING FLUCTUATIONS: additional contribution to energy resolution



$$t_{max} = t_{max}^{abs} \frac{x + y}{x}$$

$$R(95\%) = 2R_M \frac{x + y}{x}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = \sum x_i & \text{absorber} \\ y = \sum y_i & \text{detection element} \end{cases}$$

History:

- 1954: N.L. Grigorov put forward idea of sampling calorimeters using proportional counters and scintillation counters between thick iron sheets to measure cosmic ray particles with E > 10¹⁴ eV
 - 1957: installation on Pamir mountains with 10m² of double layer of emulsions to study cosmic ray showers

1960-70's: particle experiments at accelerators

- 1965: C. Heusch and C. Prescott in CALTECH studied em shower development in plastic scintillators + lead absorbers, and lucite-based materials with lead absorbers
- 1973: H. Schopper and his group in Karlsruhe made studies with similar detectors for a hadronic calorimeter

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Example: PHENIX PbScint calorimeter

Alternating layers of Pb sheets and plastic scintillator sheets connected to PMT via scintillating fibres



individual towers $5\times5~\text{cm}^2$

38 cm depth (18X₀) 66 sampling cells

in total covering 48 m² 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 ₀)
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



Example: PHENIX PbScint calorimeter

one module of PHENIX EMCal

and entire WestArm





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Example: PHENIX PbScint calorimeter

Nominal energy resolution: stochastic term: 8%/√E Constant term: 2%

Time resolution: 200 ps




Example: PHENIX PbScint calorimeter

Lateral shower profile well understood \rightarrow position resolution in mm range



Liquid-argon sampling calorimeter

Alternative to 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

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At TeV energies we can also do muon calorimetry \rightarrow they loose energy proportionally to their energy \rightarrow stopping them becomes possible

Example: Future Circular Collider \rightarrow muons with energy > 1 TeV



Calorimeters in a collider experiment: CMS



- Trackers
- Calorimeters
- Muon detectors



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Hadronic calorimeters



Electromagnetic calorimeters - summary

- Electrons, positrons, photons
- E > E_c
 - Bremsstrahlung
 - Pair production
- E < E_c
 - Electrons, positrons stopped within X₀
 - Photons need another 7-9 X₀

Longitudinal containment (95%): t_{max} + 0.08 Z + 9.6 X₀ Transverse containment (95%): 2 x Moliere radius

Energy leakage: mostly by soft photons escaping the calorimeter at the sides (later leakage) or at the back (rear leakage)



Showers: em and hadronic



Fig. 8.16. Monte Carlo simulations of the different development of hadronic and electromagnetic cascades in the Earth's atmosphere, induced by 250 GeV protons and photons [51].

Hadronic calorimeters - outline

Hadronic showers

- Hadron interaction with matter
- Shower development (longitudinal and lateral)

• Hadronic calorimeters

- Sampling calorimeters
- Compensation
- Particle identification
- ATLAS hadronic calorimeters



Interaction of hadrons with matter

As reference, consider the interaction of protons (with $E \ge 1$ GeV) with a nucleon (e.g. another p) or a nucleus:



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Interaction of hadrons with matter



\sqrt{s} (GeV)	σ_{tot} for pp (mb)
5	40
100	50
10000	100

- Elastic cross section ~ 10 mb
- At high energy there is also a diffractive contribution (similar to elastic)
- Majority of σ_{tot} is due to the inelastic component σ_{inel}
- Proton-nucleus: $\sigma_{tot} (pA) \simeq \sigma_{tot} (pp) \cdot A^{2/3}$

Hadronic interaction length

Average nuclear interaction length:

$$\lambda_{W} = \frac{A}{N_{A}\rho \sigma_{tot}}$$
For inelastic processes \rightarrow absorption:

$$\lambda_{A} = \frac{A}{N_{A}\rho \sigma_{inel}}$$

$$N(x) = N_{0} \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\lambda_{A}}\right)$$

$$\lambda_{A} \simeq 35 \frac{g}{cm^{2}} \cdot A^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad \text{for } Z \ge 15 \text{ and } \sqrt{s} \simeq 1-100 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\frac{C \quad Ar \ (lq) \quad Fe \quad U \quad scint.}{\lambda_{A} \ (cm) \quad 38.8 \quad 85.7 \quad 16.8 \quad 11.0 \quad 79.5} \qquad \qquad \lambda_{A} \gg X_{0} \text{ !!}$$
 $\rightarrow \text{ hadronic calorimeters are larger ("thicker") than electromagnetic ones}$

For 95% containment: Typical longitudinal size: 9 λ_A Typical transverse size: 1 λ_A

Hadronic shower

• p + nucleus $\rightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^- + \pi^0 \dots + nucleus^*$

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→ nucleus 1 + n, p, α
→ nucleus 2 + 5 p,n
→ fission
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- Secondary particles undergo further inelastic collisions with similar cross sections, until they fall below the pion production threshold
- Sequential decays:
 - $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \rightarrow electromagnetic shower$
 - Fission fragments $\rightarrow \beta$ -decay, γ -decay
 - Nuclear spallation: individual nucleons knocked-out of nucleus, de-excitation
 - Neutron capture \rightarrow nucleus^{*} \rightarrow fission (U)

At every "step" about 1/3 of deposited energy goes into em shower

- Mean number of secondary particles
 ∝ In E. Typical transverse momentum <p₁> ~ 350 MeV/c
- Mean inelasticity (fraction of E in secondary particles) ≈ 50%

Extremely rough analytic description (fluctuations are huge): Similarly to em showers, but important differences!!! Variable: t = x/λ_A depth in units of interaction length

E_{thr} = 290 MeV (diff!)



Compared to em shower:

- Number of particles in hadronic shower lower by a factor E_{thr}/E_c
- Intrinsic resolution worse by factor $\sqrt{E_{thr}}/E_{c}$

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Significant variations and fluctuations of the energy sharing!!

- Part of energy is invisible
 Neutron capture leads to fission → release of binding energy
- Variation in SPATIAL distribution of energy deposition ($\pi^{\pm} \leftrightarrow \pi^{0}$)
- Electromagnetic fraction grows with E: $f_{em} \simeq f_{\pi 0}$ $\propto \ln[E(GeV)]$
- Energetic hadrons contribute to electromagnetic fraction by e.g. π + p → π⁰ + n, but very rarely the opposite happens (a 1 GeV π⁰ travels 0.2 µm before it decays)
- Below pion production threshold, mainly dE/dx by ionization



Monte-Carlo simulated air showers





Deposition of energy:

- Electromagnetic fraction (e, π^0 , η^0) ~ 30% however π^0 production is subject to large fluctuations!
- Ionization energy by charged hadrons (p,π,K) up to 40%
- Invisible fraction of energy
 - Hadrons break up nuclear bonds
 - \rightarrow nuclear binding energy
 - \rightarrow short-range nuclear fragments mostly absorbed before detector layers
 - Long-lived or stable neutral particles escape: neutrons, K⁰, neutrinos
 - Muons created as decay products of pions and kaons deposit very little part of their energy

Because of the invisible energy fraction and the large fluctuations, the energy resolution is significantly worse compared to the em case

 $\sim 30 - 40\%$

Shower simulations via intra- and inter-nuclear cascade models (e.g. GEISHA, CALOR, etc)

Common features, but significant variations! Need to tune to measured data



Longitudinal shower development

- Strong peak near hadronic interaction length
- Followed by exponential decrease
- Shower depth:

 $t_{max} \approx 0.2 \text{ In E(GeV)} + 0.7$ 95% of energy in $L_{95} = t_{max} + \lambda_{att}$ where $\lambda_{att} \approx E^{0.3}$ (E in GeV, λ_{att} in units of λ_A)

Example: 350 GeV π^{\pm} $t_{max} = 1.9$ $L_{95} = 1.9 \pm 5.8$ Need about 8 λ_A to contain 95% of energy Need about 11 λ_A to contain 99% of energy



Lateral shower development

- Typical transverse momentum for secondary hadrons $< p_{T} > ~ 350$ MeV/c
- Lateral extent at shower maximum $R_{95} \simeq \lambda_A$ (sizably larger than em!!)
- Relatively well defined core with R ≃ R_M (electromagnetic component) + exponential decay (hadronic component with large transverse momentum transfers in nuclear interactions)





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Hadronic calorimeters



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Homogeneous calorimeter that could measure entire visible energy loss generally would be too large and expensive to realize. In all cases fluctuations of invisible component make this expense not worth.

→ most common: **sampling calorimeters!**

- Alternating layers of passive absorber (Fe, Pb, U) + sampling elements (scintillator, liquid Ar or Xe, MPWCs, layers of proportional tubes, streamer tubes, Geiger-Mueller tubes, ..)
- Also spaghetti or shish kebab calorimeter: absorber with scintillating fibers embedded



Hadronic calorimeters

Frequently electron and hadron calorimeters are integrated in a single detector. Here: iron-scintillator calorimeter with separate wavelength-shifter readout for electrons and for hadrons (two components can be separated)



Energy resolution

- Intrinsic contributions
 - Leakage and its fluctuations
 - Fluctuations of electromagnetic portion
 - 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 em calorimeter, are nearly completely negligible in hadronic ones: d_{abs} = thickness of one absorber layer

$$\sigma_{\rm sample}/{
m S}~\propto~\sqrt{{
m d}_{\rm abs}/{
m E}}$$

- Other contributions:
 - Noise: $\sigma_{E}/E = C/E$
 - Inhomogeneities: $\sigma_{E}/E = constant$

Add in quadrature:

$$\frac{\sigma_{\mathsf{E}}}{\mathsf{E}} = \frac{\mathsf{A}}{\sqrt{\mathsf{E}}} \oplus \mathsf{B} \oplus \frac{\mathsf{C}}{\mathsf{E}}$$

A: 0.5 – 1.0 (record 0.35) B: 0.03 – 0.05 C: 0.01 – 0.02

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Quality of a calorimeter

... is based on the following criteria:

Limitations imposed by the complicated structure of the hadronic shower, with its very large fluctuations

• Linear response: signal $\propto E$

often linearity is not over large range

• Energy resolution $\frac{\sigma_{E}}{E} = \frac{\text{const}}{\sqrt{E}}$

fluctuations make things deviate from optimal resolution

• Signal independent from particle species

response to electromagnetic and hadronic components can be very different relative to each other \rightarrow e/h issue

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e/h (or e/ π) issue \rightarrow compensation

Generally the response to electromagnetic and hadronic energy deposition is different!

Usually the electromagnetic component has higher weight, since the hadronic shower has an invisible component $\rightarrow e / h > 1 \dots$ (*)

This is a serious limitation to the measurement of the total energy flow in an event!

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Optimization:

"Compensation"

"Overcompensation" (e / h < 1)

(*) ratio of energy deposits of an electroninitiated shower compared to that of a hadron-initiated shower for the same initial energy of electrons and hadrons



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Software compensation

Consider the layers of active components of the calorimeter:

- Identify the layers with particularly large $Ev \rightarrow \pi^0$ contribution
- Assign SMALL WEIGHT to these layers!

 $w_i^* = w_i (1 - cw_i)$ w_i = measured, deposited energy

c = weight factor



Hardware compensation

Essential if one wants to trigger!

Increase of h/mip or decrease of e/mip. Possibilities:

• Increase of hadronic response via fission and spallation of ^{238}U \rightarrow increase of ion n

 \rightarrow increase of $\frac{100}{mip}$ or $\frac{n}{mip}$

Increase of neutron detection efficiency in active material: high proton content

$$Z=1 \rightarrow \text{ increase of } \frac{n}{\text{mip}}$$

- Reduction of e/mip via high Z absorber and suitable choice of $\frac{d_{abs}}{d_{act}}$ increase of $Z_{abs} \rightarrow decrease$ of $\frac{e}{mip} \leftarrow increase$ of d_{abs}
- Long integration time \rightarrow sensitivity to γ capture after neutron thermalization

$$\rightarrow$$
 t long \rightarrow increase of $\frac{r}{m}$

Hardware compensation



calorimeter response to neutrons

variation of contributions vs. $R_d = d_{abs}/d_{act}$



Time structure of showers

In em showers, all components cross the detector within few ns (speed \sim 30 cm/ns) In hadronic showers, the component due to neutrons is delayed: they need to slow down before they produce a visible signal



signal width for 80 GeV e and π in spaghetti calorimeter

Size of signal depends on integration time \rightarrow a variation of the integration time of the electronics can enhance the hadronic signal (used in the ZEUS calorimeter)

ZEUS calorimeter



measured ratio of electron/pion signals at (ZEUS) for $E \ge 3$ GeV nearly compensated

Particle identification: e / π

Electron/pion: hadron showers are deeper and wider and start later!

- Difference in transverse and longitudinal shower extent
- Signal for electron is faster
- \rightarrow PID based on likelihood analysis





low energy loss for muon



for 95% electron efficiency muon probability $1.7\cdot 10^{-5}$



ATLAS hadronic calorimeters



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ATLAS hadronic calorimeters





accordion-shaped layers of Pb absorber in liquid Ar as sensitive material (ionization measured in intermediate electrodes)

hadronic tile calorimeters: steel sheets and scintillator tiles read out with scintillating fibers radially along outside faces into PMTs

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 $E = 1000 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow rac{\sigma_E}{E} = rac{\sigma_p}{p} =$

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = \frac{A}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus B \oplus \frac{C}{E}$$

0.04

1.00

ATLAS hadronic calorimeter $A \simeq 0.50, \ B \simeq 0.033, \ C = 0.018$

hadronic shower in ATLAS

• visible EM
$$\sim$$
 (50%)
- e, γ, π^0

• visible non-EM
$$\sim$$
 (25%)

- ionization of $\pi, \ p, \ \mu$

• invisible
$$\sim$$
 (25%)

- nuclear break-up
- nuclear excitation

• escaped
$$\sim$$
 (2%)
ATLAS hadronic calo: pion energy resolution



Calibration and monitoring of calorimeters

The pulse height A_i measured in an event from a certain (ith) element of the calorimeter is related to the energy E_i deposited in that element by

$$\mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{i}} = \mathsf{\alpha}_{\mathsf{i}} \left(\mathsf{A}_{\mathsf{i}} - \mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{i}} \right)$$

where P_i is the pedestal (i.e. the origin of the scale) and α_i is the calibration coefficient.

To keep good performance of the calorimeter, the following procedures are usually carried out:

- Pedestal determination by providing a trigger from a pulser without any signal at the input of the ADC ("random trigger events")
- Electronics channel control by test pulses applied to the input of the electronics chain
- Monitoring of the stability of the calibration coefficients α,
- Absolute energy calibration, i.e. determination of the α_i values



Calibration by:

- Measure of a few modules of the final calorimeter in test beams of known particles (e, π, etc.) of known energy
 - \rightarrow intercalibration of all modules in the final calorimeter
- Use of very high energy muons from cosmic rays (might not manage to cover ALL modules, at all angles)
- Use of physical signals (e.g. decays, etc.)

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