

# Electromagnetic calorimeters

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# Calorimetry

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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 particle (not only charged one, see magnetic spectrometer)

# Outline

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- **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:

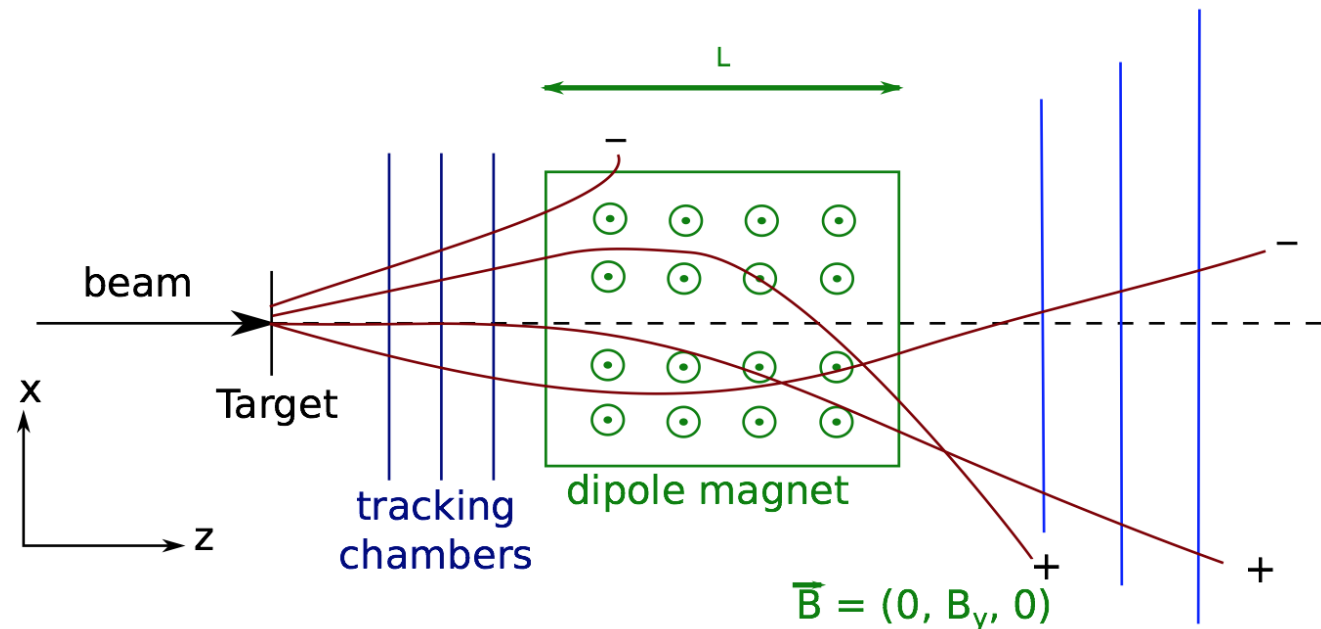
Let's focus on **high energy particles** (hadrons, leptons, (photons))

You will see next week:

**Magnetic spectrometers**

Momentum of charged particles is measured in magnetic field, with tracking detectors to determine the trajectory

$$\frac{\sigma_p}{p} \propto \frac{p}{L^2}$$



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 → switch to **calorimeters** !

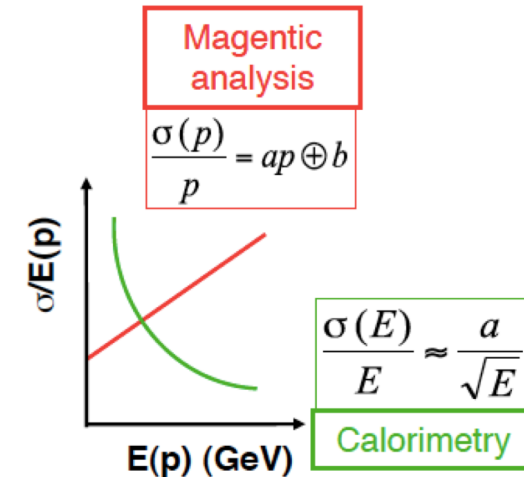


# Introduction

Calorimeters are the ideal instrument to measure the full energy of particles, particularly at high momentum

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}}$$

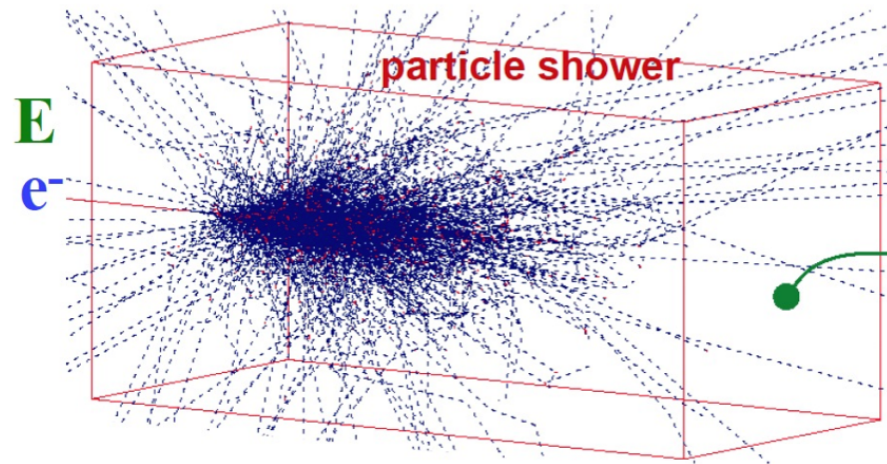
Resolution improves with energy!



Other **advantages**:

- Depth of shower  $\propto \ln(E/E_0) \rightarrow$  grows only with  $\ln(E)$  (while the momentum resolution would be “controlled” only by  $L^2 \rightarrow$  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

# Introduction: classification of calorimeters

**TODAY !!**

## By particle type:

- **Electromagnetic calorimeters:** electrons, positrons, photons,  $\pi^0$
- Hadronic calorimeters: charged and neutral hadrons, jets

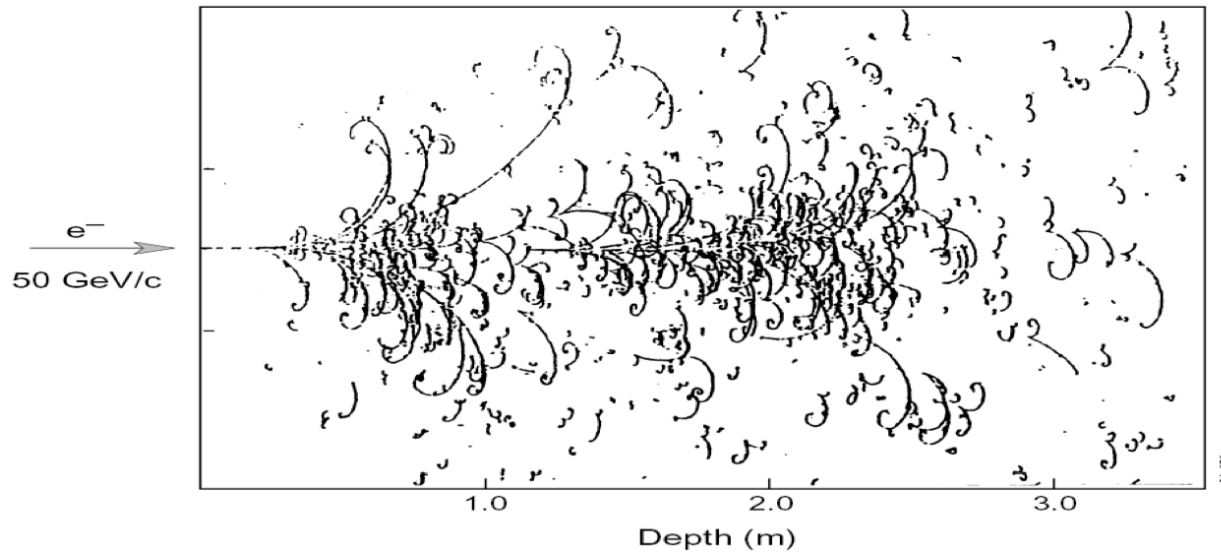
## By construction techniques:

- 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

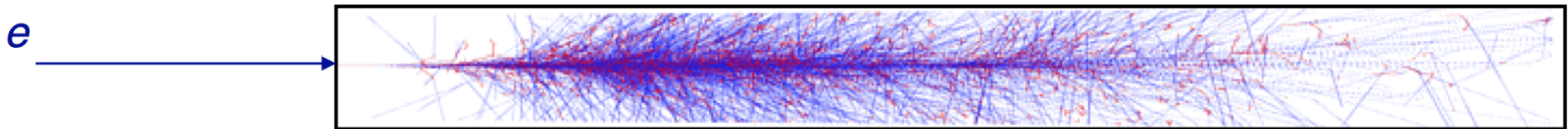
# Electromagnetic shower

Electrons (positrons) and photons interacting with matter

Big European Bubble Chamber filled with Ne:H<sub>2</sub> = 70%:30%,  
3T Field, L=3.5 m, X<sub>0</sub>≈34 cm, 50 GeV incident electron



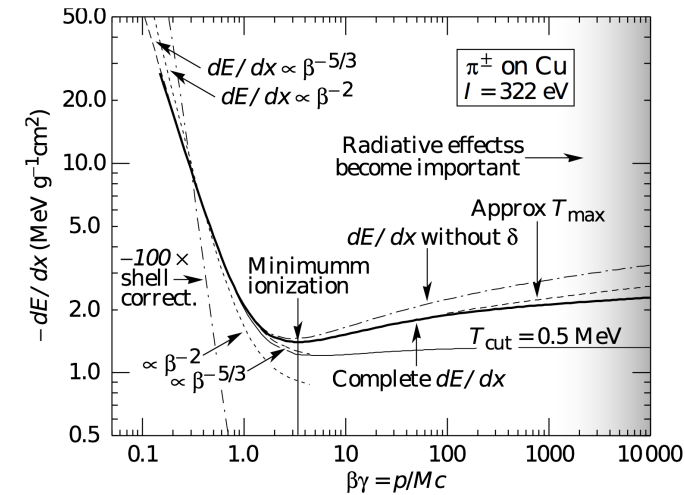
PbWO<sub>4</sub> CMS, X<sub>0</sub>=0.89 cm



# Electromagnetic shower: electrons

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

- **ionization / excitation of atoms** → Bethe-Bloch  
after the minimum around  $\beta\gamma \approx 3$ , 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)

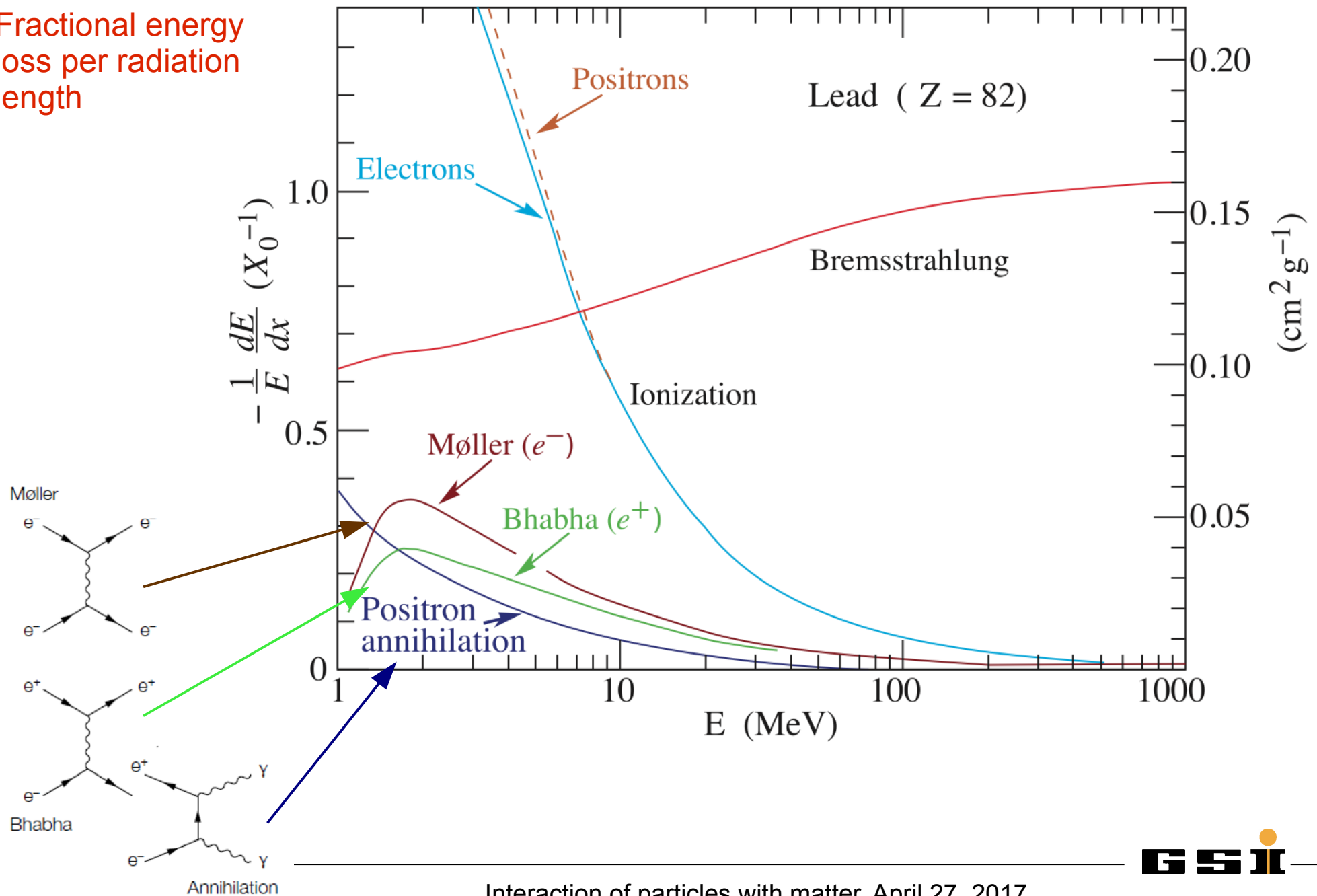
$$R_M = \frac{21.2 \text{ MeV}}{E_c} \cdot X_0$$

→ **Critical energy  $E_c$  !!**

# Overview: energy loss by electrons

From the 3<sup>rd</sup> lecture!!!

Fractional energy loss per radiation length



# Critical energy

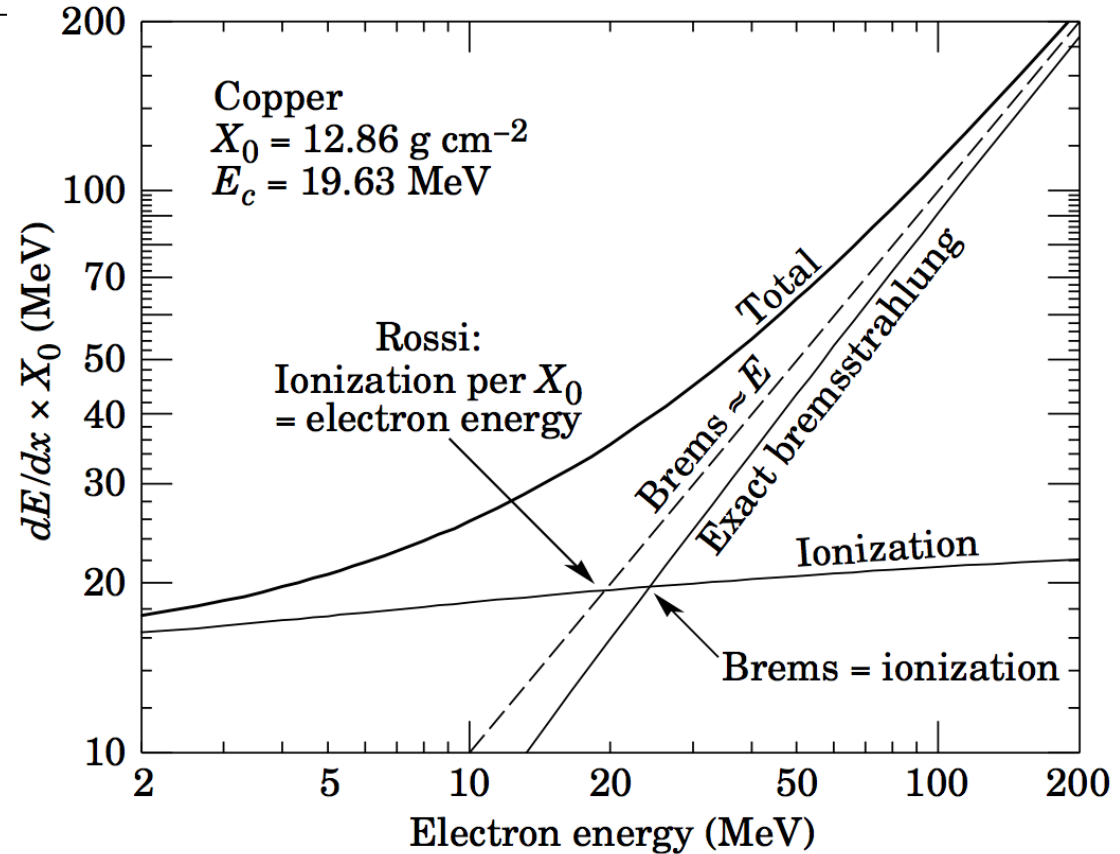
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Total energy loss of electrons:

$$\left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{\text{Tot}} = \left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{\text{Ion}} + \left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{\text{Brems}}$$

Critical energy:

$$\left(\frac{dE}{dx}(E_c)\right)_{\text{Brems}} = \left(\frac{dE}{dx}(E_c)\right)_{\text{Ion}}$$

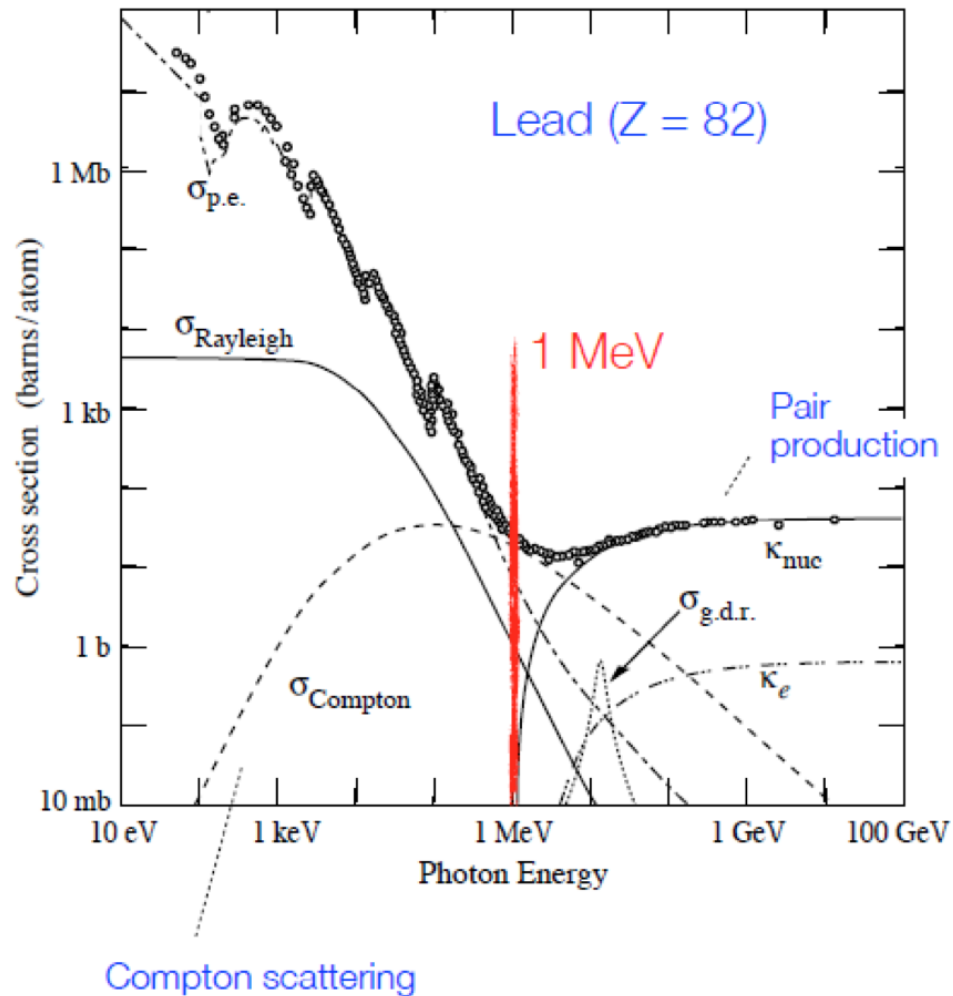


Example: Cu  $E_c \approx 610/30 \text{ MeV} \approx 20 \text{ MeV}$

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

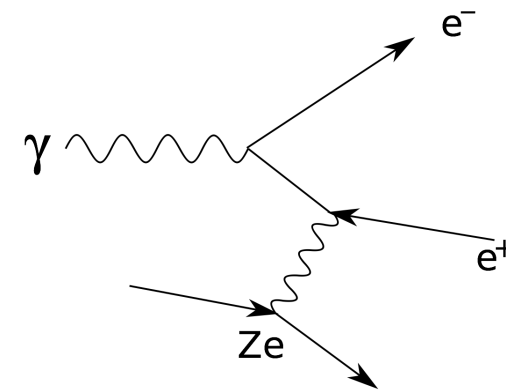


# Photons



Dominant effect for energies above a few MeV:

## Pair production

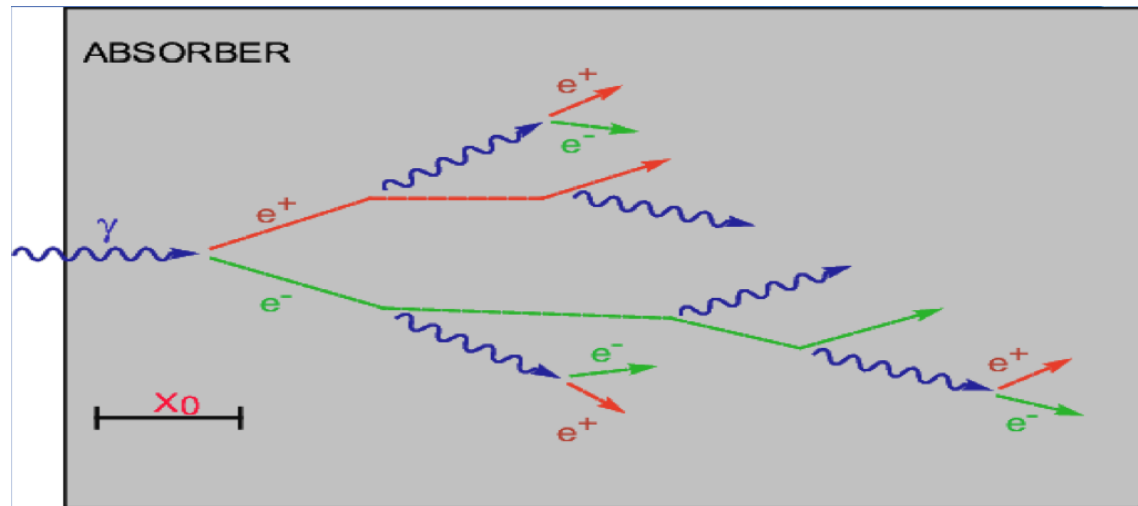


Probability for pair production (PP):

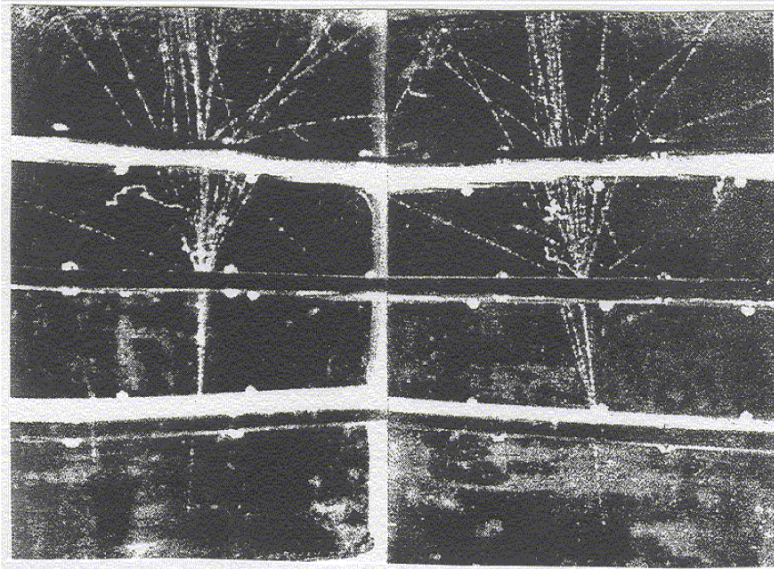
$$\frac{d\omega}{dx} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{PP}} e^{-x/\lambda_{PP}} \rightarrow \lambda_{PP} = \frac{9}{7} X_0$$

# Electromagnetic shower

$X_0$  is the  
characteristic scale

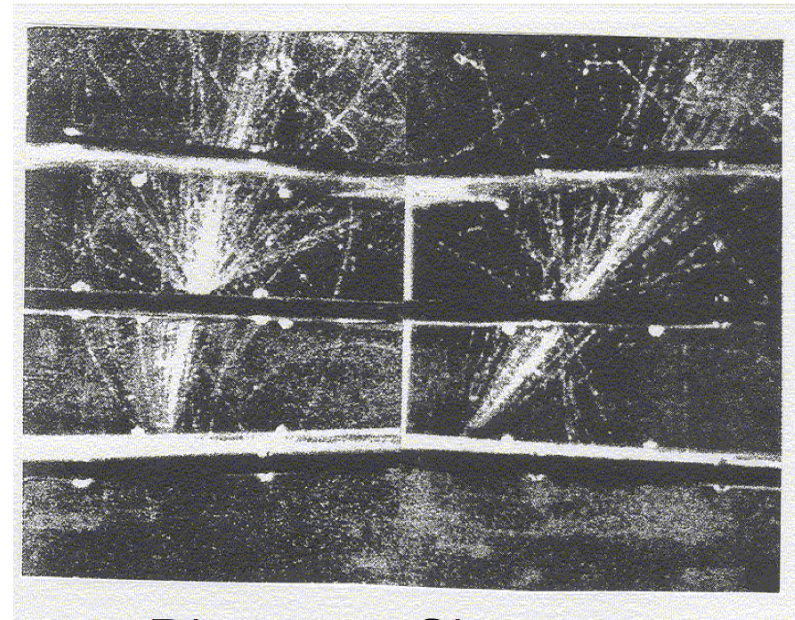


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Electron Shower

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Photon Shower

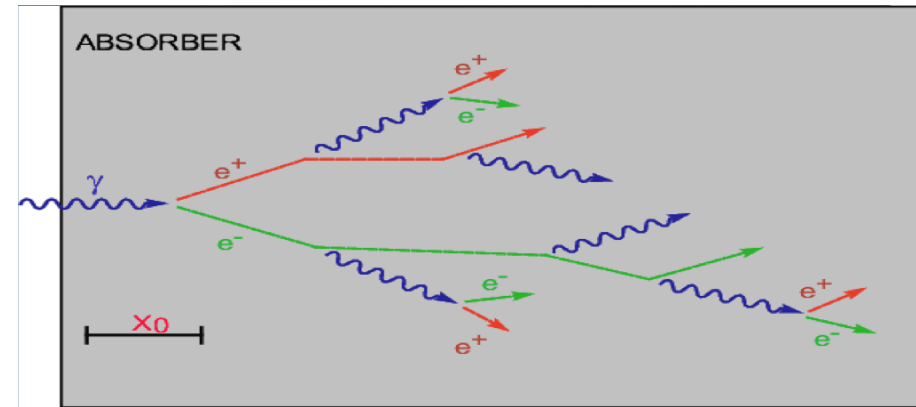
# Examples of used materials

material	$Z$	$X_0$ [g cm <sup>-2</sup> ]	$X_0$ [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  $\sim 100$  MeV) enters matter:

- Electron loses energy by Bremsstrahlung  
 $e + \text{nucleus} \rightarrow e + \gamma + \text{nucleus}$
- Photon is absorbed by pair production  
 $\gamma + \text{nucleus} \rightarrow e^+ + e^- + \text{nucleus}$

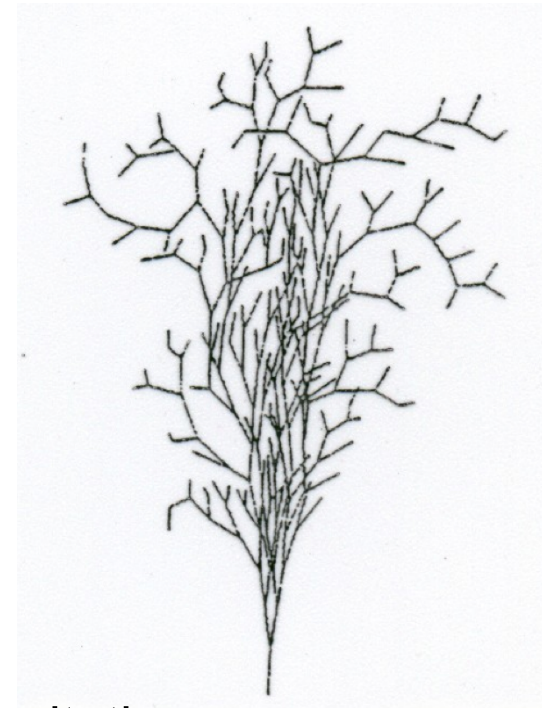


Approximate model:

- 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:  $E_{\pm} \approx E_0/2$   
(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

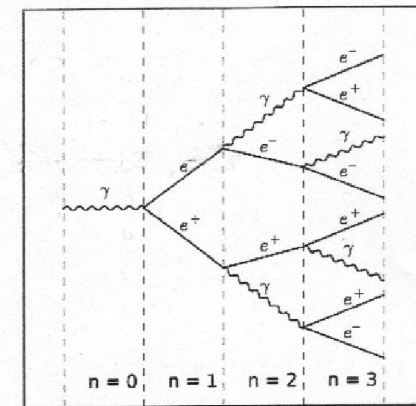




# Analytic model of electromagnetic shower

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:

$$N(t) = \gamma^t$$

$$E(t) = \frac{E_0}{N(t)} = \frac{E_0}{\gamma^t} \rightarrow t = \ln(E_0/E) / \ln 2$$

$$E_c = E(t_{\max}) = \frac{E_0}{\gamma^{t_{\max}}}$$

$$2^{t_{\max}} = E_0/E_c$$

$$t_{\max} = \ln(E_0/E_c) / \ln 2$$

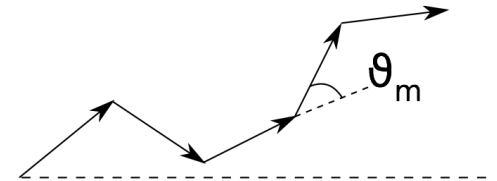
$$N_{\max} = \exp(t_{\max} \ln \gamma) = E_0/E_c$$

Example: 1 GeV photon in CsI crystal:  $E_c \approx 10$  MeV,  $N_{\max} = E_0/E_c \approx 100$ ,  $t_{\max} \approx 6.6 X_0$

# Transverse shower development

- Emission of bremsstrahlung under SMALL angle  $\langle \theta^2 \rangle \approx \frac{m}{E} = \frac{1}{\gamma^2}$
- 3D multiple scattering of electron in Moliere theory

$$\langle \theta_m^2 \rangle = \left( \frac{21.2 \text{ MeV}}{\beta p c} \right)^2 t$$



## 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: 
$$R_M = \sqrt{\langle \theta^2 \rangle_{x=X_0} \cdot X_0} \approx \frac{21 \text{ MeV}}{E_c} X_0$$

# Transverse shower development

Useful relations:

$$X_0 = \frac{180A}{Z^2} (\text{g cm}^{-2})$$

$$E_c = \frac{580 \text{ MeV}}{Z}$$

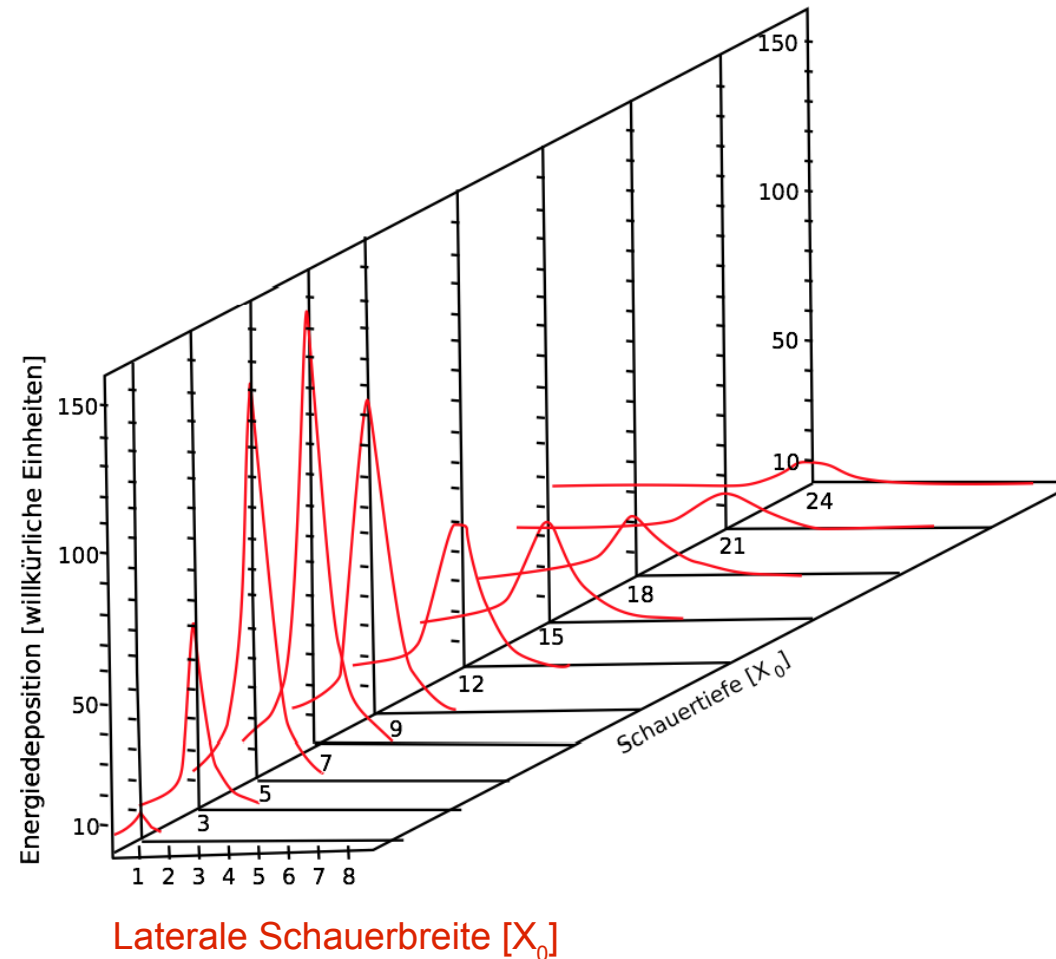
$$t_{\text{max}} = \ln \frac{E}{E_c} - \begin{cases} 1 & \text{einduced shower} \\ 0.5 & \gamma \text{ induced shower} \end{cases}$$

95% of energy within:

$$L(95\%) = t_{\text{max}} + 0.08 Z + 9.6 X_0$$

$$R(95\%) = 2 R_M$$

a 6 GeV electron in lead

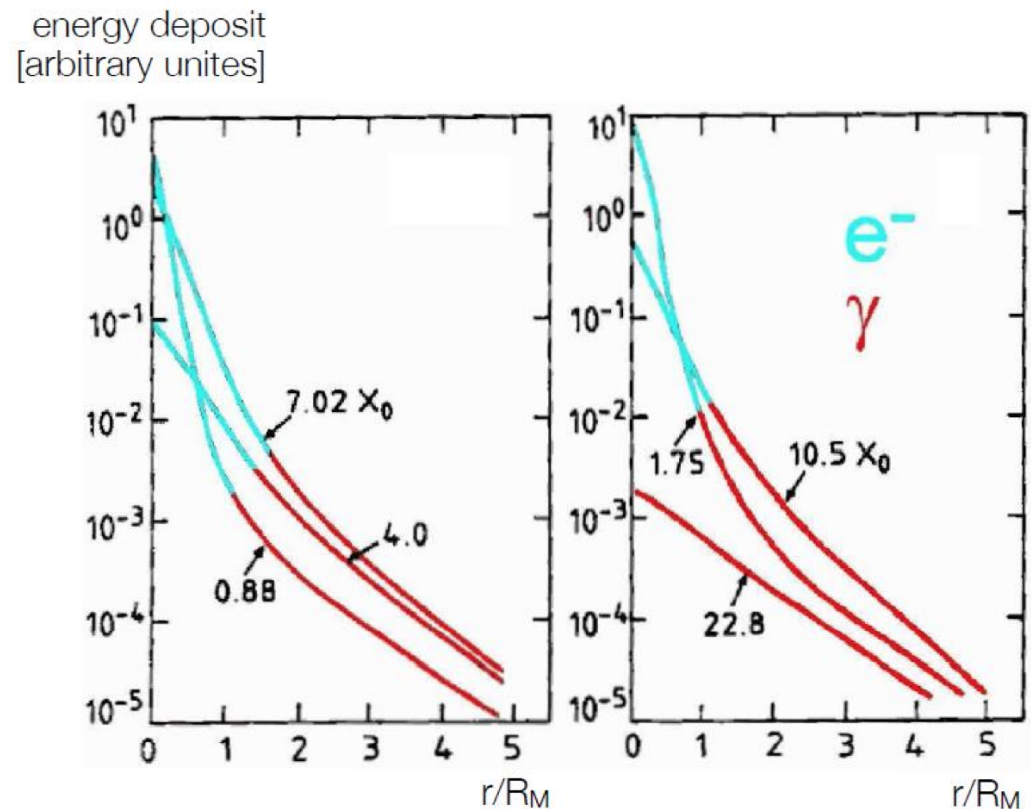




# Transverse shower profile

Lateral width increases with increasing longitudinal shower depth

- Central part: multiple Coulomb scattering of electrons (positrons) mostly “early” in the shower development
- Tail: low energy photons (and electrons) produced in Compton scattering and photoelectric effect, mostly late in the shower evolution



# Longitudinal shower profile

Parametrization (Longo 1975)

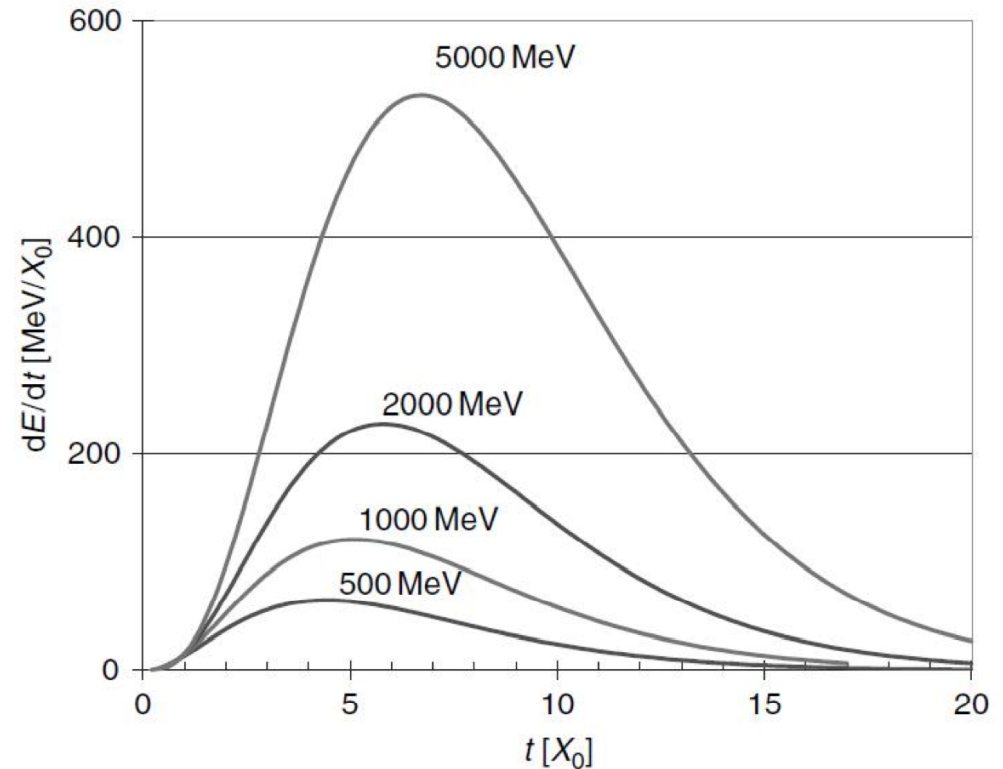
$$\frac{dE}{dt} = E_0 t^\alpha \exp(-\beta t)$$

- First increase of secondaries
- Then absorption dominates

Remember:

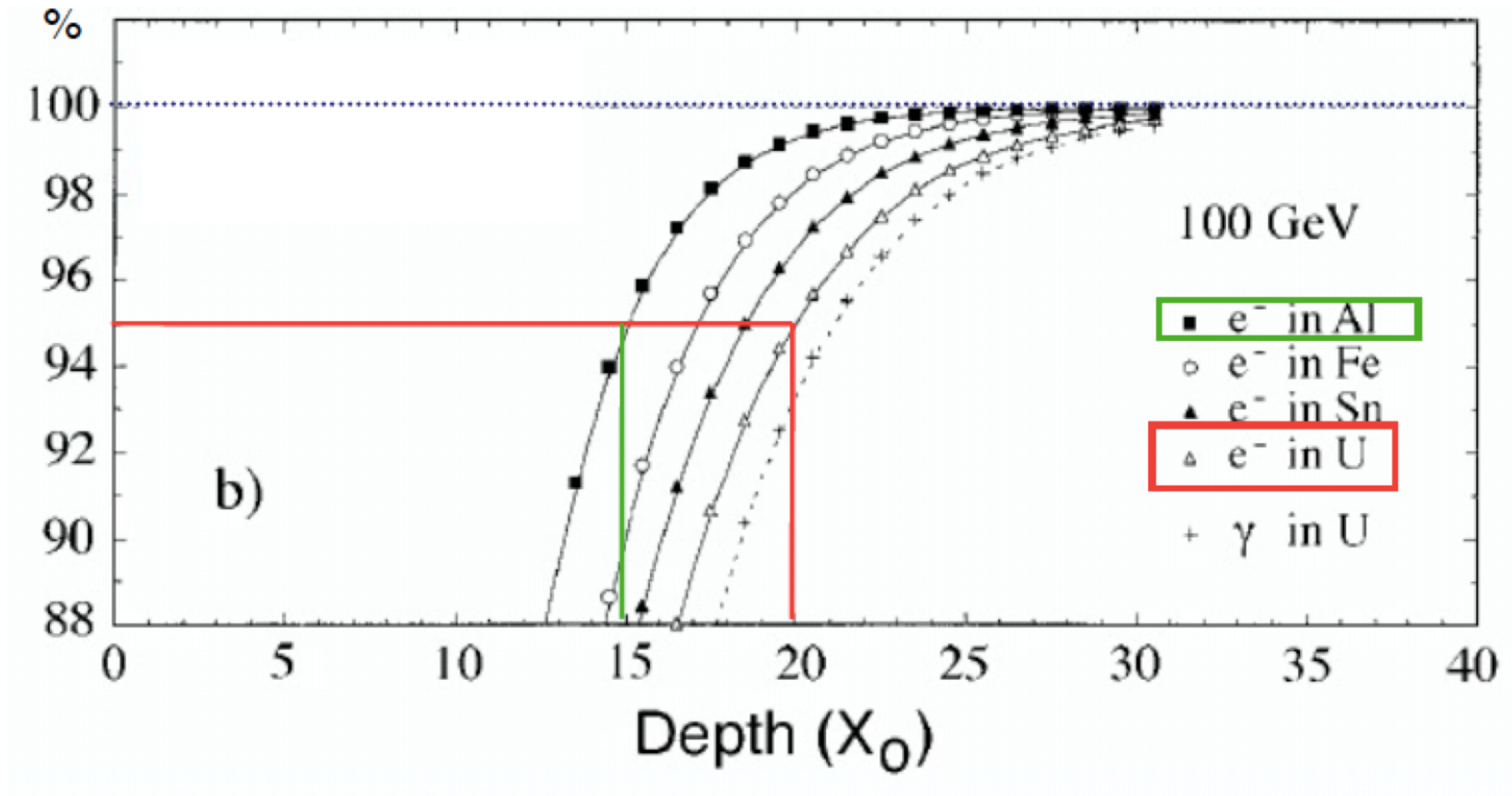
- Most of the energy of the incident  $\gamma$  is absorbed in 10-15  $X_0$
- The max position increases slowly with  $E_0$  ( $\sim \ln E$ , not  $E$ !)
- Energy leakage mostly due to soft photons at the sides and the back

Energy deposit



# Longitudinal shower profile

Shower containment:



$$L(95\%) = t_{\max} + 0.08 Z + 9.6 X_0$$

# Electromagnetic calorimeters

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- **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 calorimeters

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

# Homogeneous em calorimeters

Absorbing material  $\equiv$  detection material

- Scintillating crystals (sodium iodide NaI, bismuth germanate BGO, caesium iodide CsI, lead tungstate  $\text{PbWO}_4$ , etc.)

	NaI(Tl)	BGO	CsI(Tl)	$\text{PbWO}_4$
density ( $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ )	3.67	7.13	4.53	8.28
$X_0$ (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 $\sigma_E/E$	$1\%/\sqrt{E}$	$1\%/\sqrt{E}$	$1.3\%/\sqrt{E}$	$2.5\%/\sqrt{E}$

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

# Energy resolution of homogeneous calo

Contributions to the energy resolution  $\sigma_E/E$ :

- Shower fluctuations (intrinsic) stochastic term  $\propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}}$
- photon/electron statistics in photon detector  $\propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}}$
- Electronic noise  $\propto \frac{1}{E}$
- Leakage, calibration  $\approx \text{constant}$

Total energy resolution of electromagnetic calorimeter:

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



# Examples

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- PHOS in ALICE ( $\text{PbWO}_4$  crystals)
- $\text{PbWO}_4$  calorimeter in CMS
- Alternative to scintillators → Cherenkov radiator  
e.g. lead glass

# PHOS: PHOton Spectrometer in ALICE

Array of  $22 \times 22 \times 180 \text{ cm}^3$   $\text{PbWO}_4$  crystals.  
Depth =  $20 X_0$ . Total  $\sim 18,000$  crystals.

Characteristics: dense, fast, relatively radiation hard

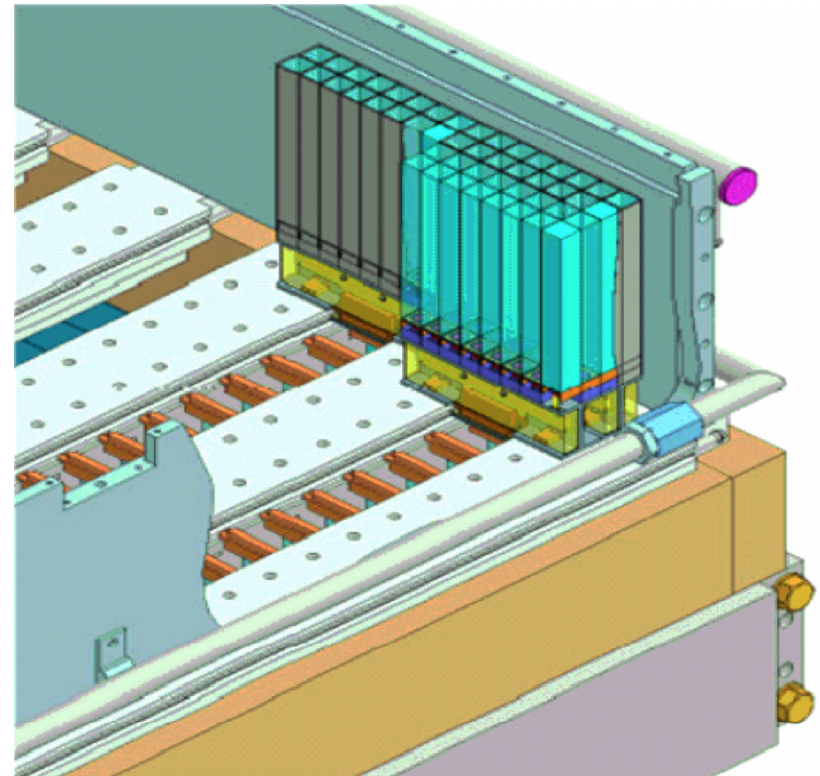
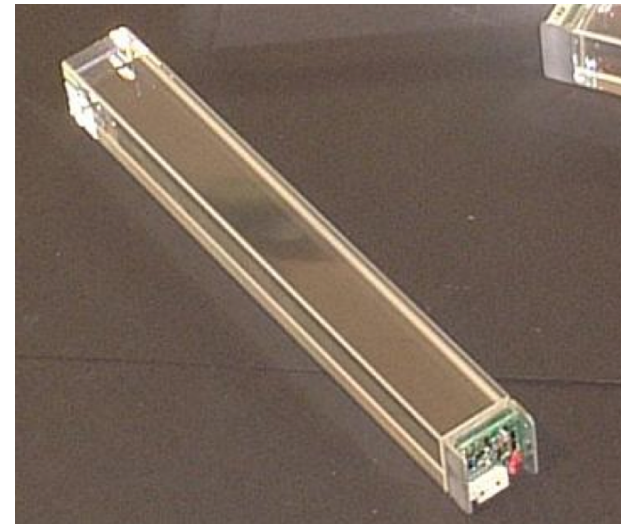
Emission spectrum: 420-550 nm

Readout:  $5 \times 5 \text{ mm}^2$  avalanche photodiodes,  
 $Q=85\%$

Light yield of  $\text{PbWO}_4$  relatively low and strongly temperature dependent!!

Operate detector at  $-25^\circ \text{C}$ , need to stabilize to  $0.3^\circ \text{C}$  (monitor with resistive temperature sensors)

Crystals cold, electronics warm

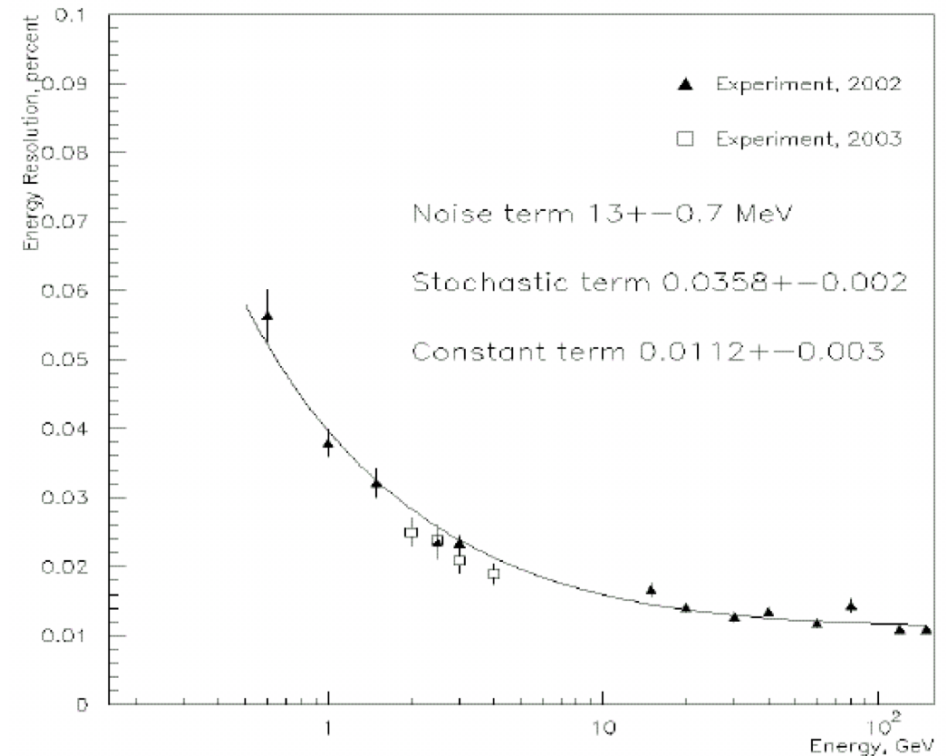
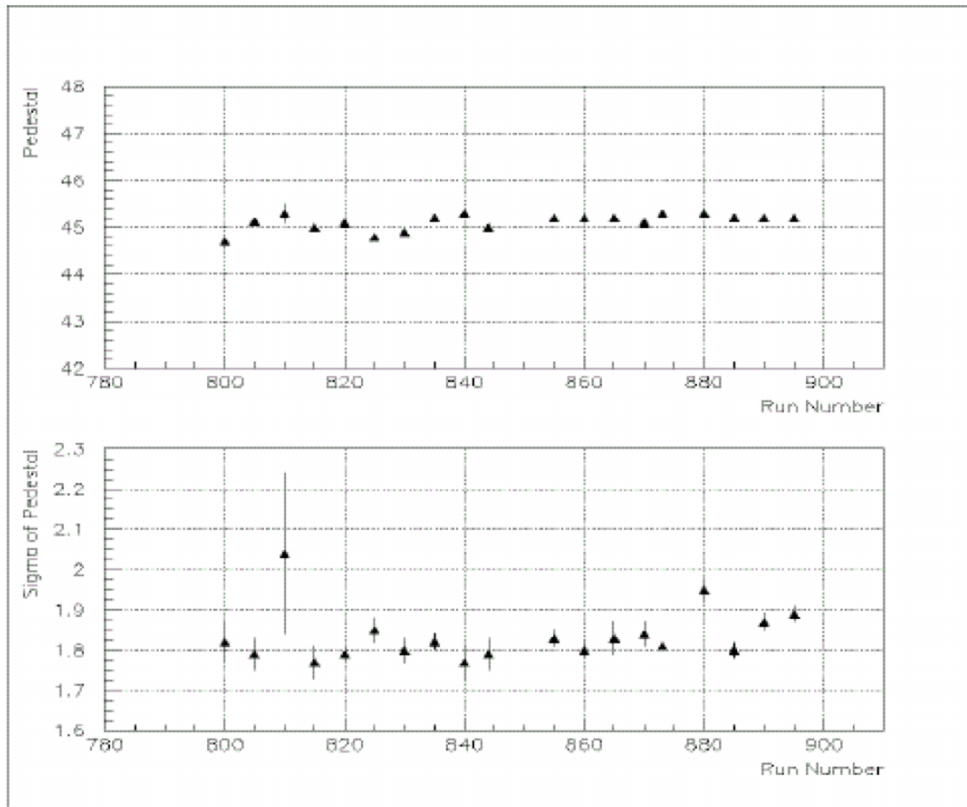


# PHOS in ALICE

12.5 t of crystals, covering 8m<sup>2</sup> 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:

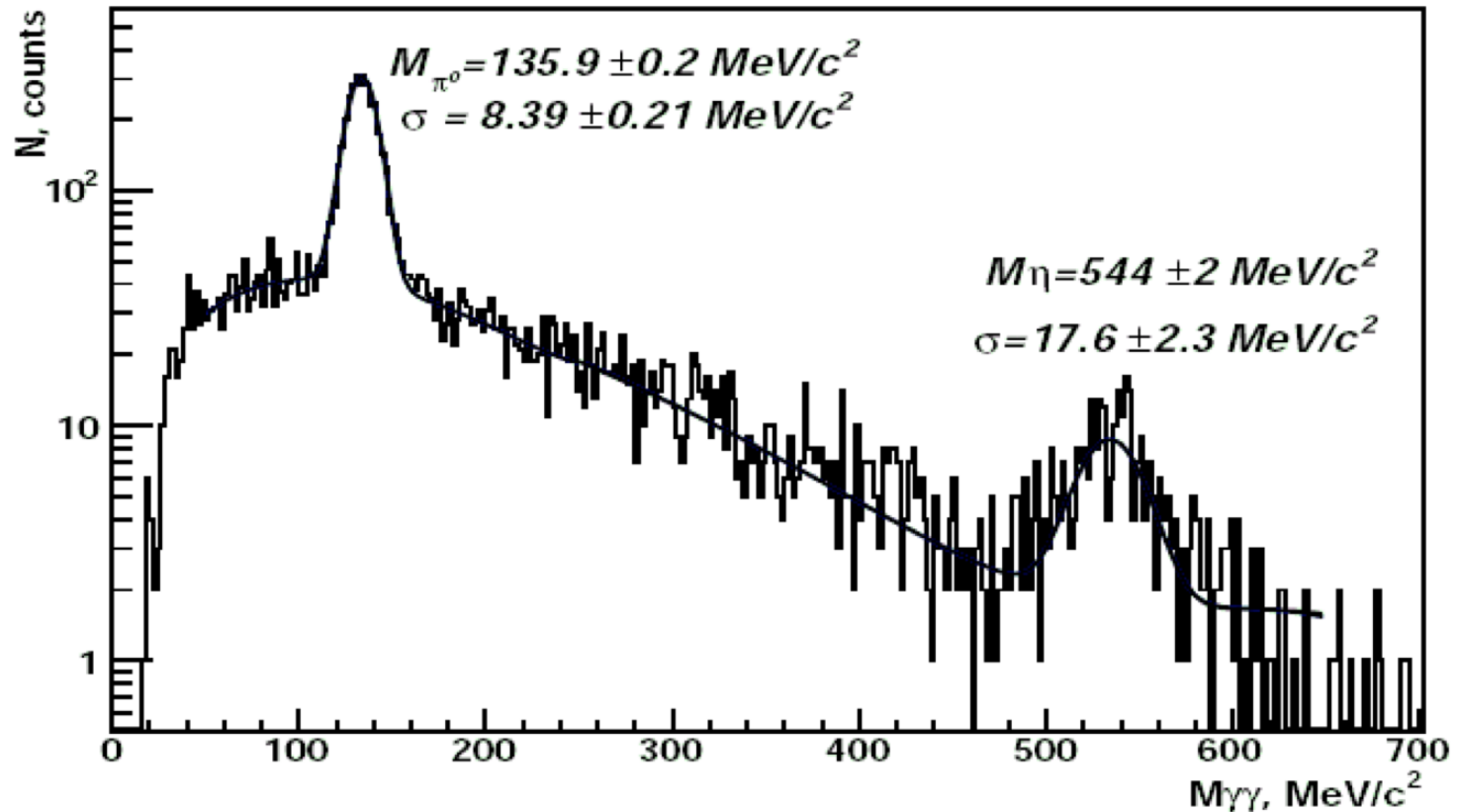
1 ch = 400 e → noise about 700 e

$$\frac{\sigma E}{E} = \frac{3.6\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus \frac{1.3\%}{E} \oplus 1.1\%$$

# Importance of energy resolution

Peaks sit on combinatorial background. S/B depends on resolution

$\pi^0, \eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



Invariant mass spectrum from the inclusive reaction:

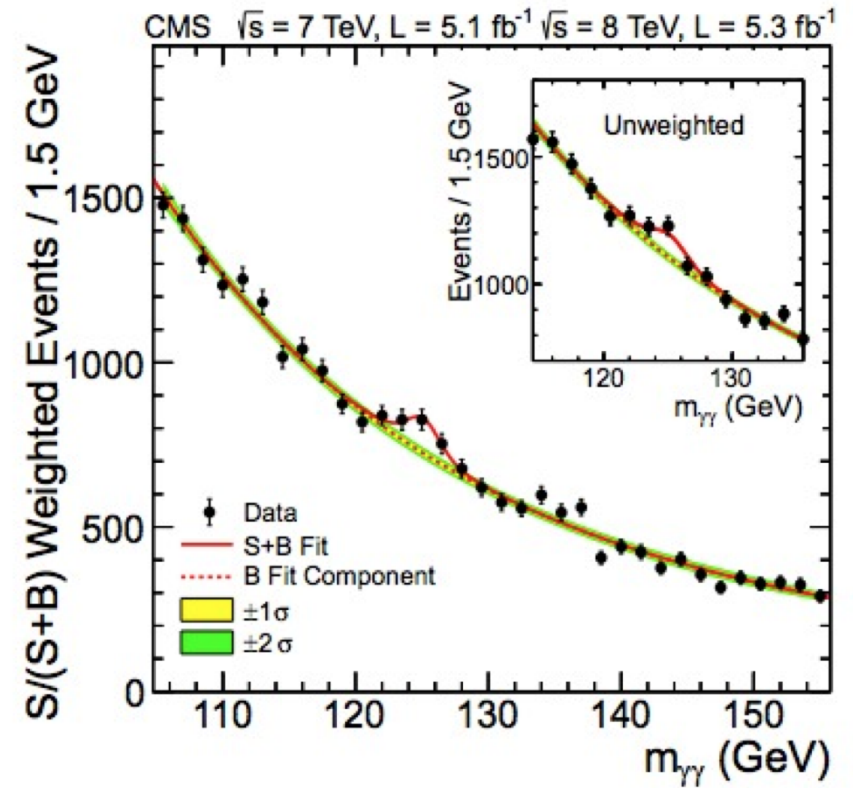
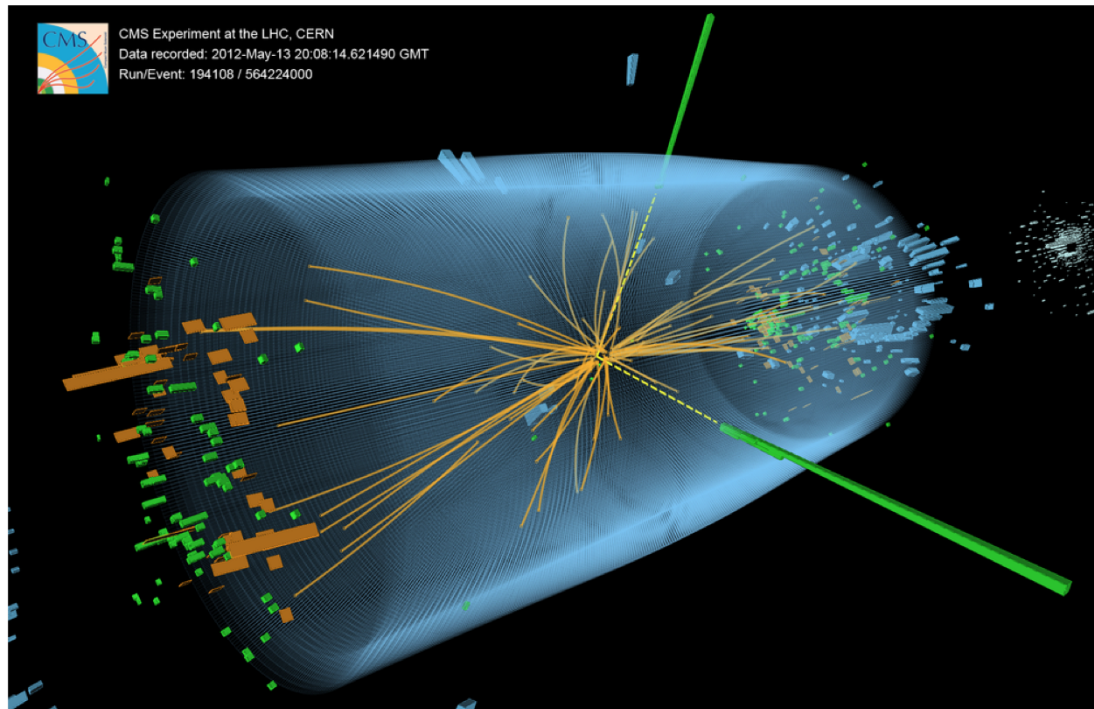
6 GeV/c  $\pi^- + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow \pi^0 + X$

measured at 122 cm distance

# CMS crystal calorimeter ( $\text{PbWO}_4$ )

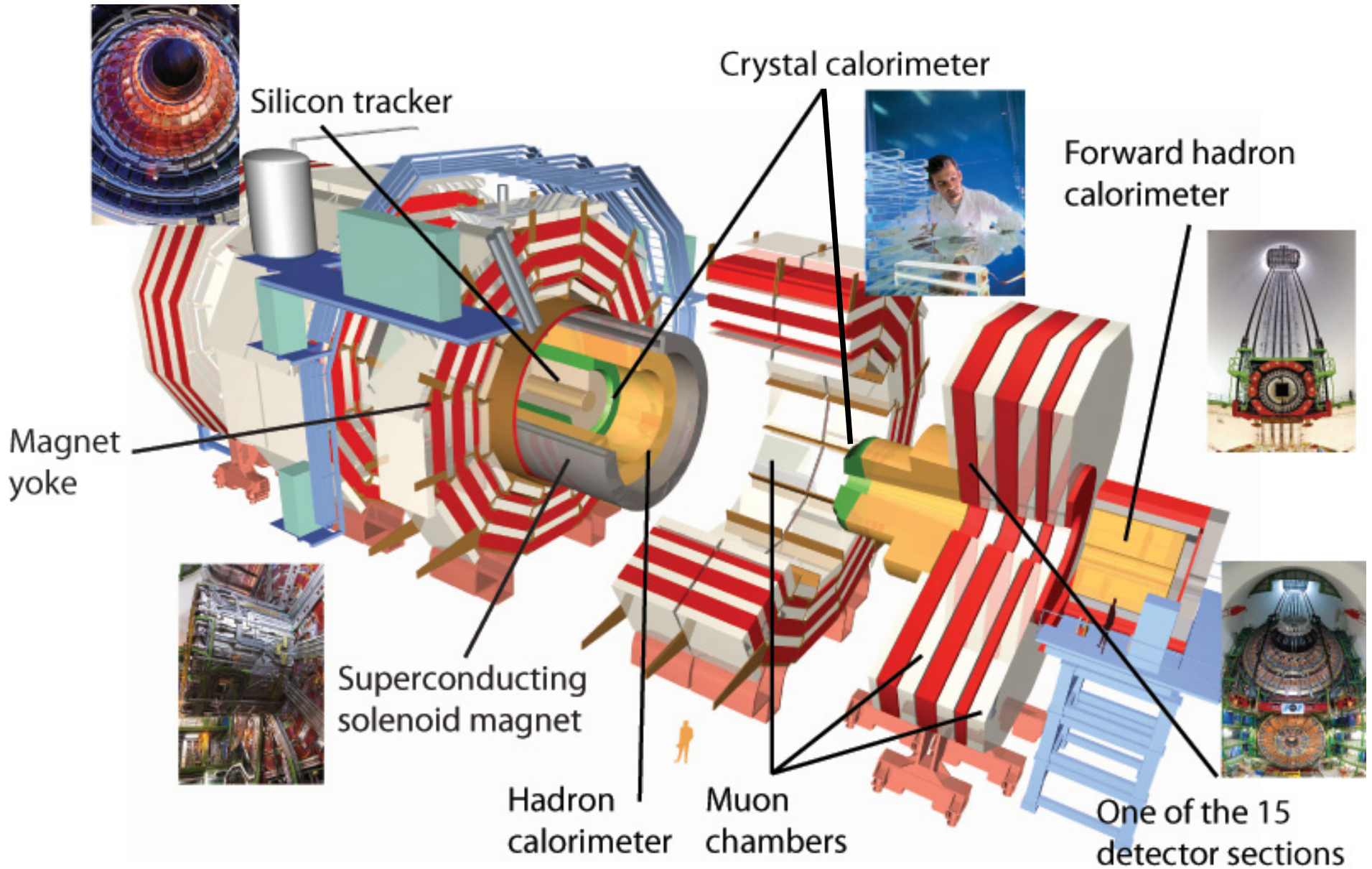
Most important Higgs discovery channel:

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

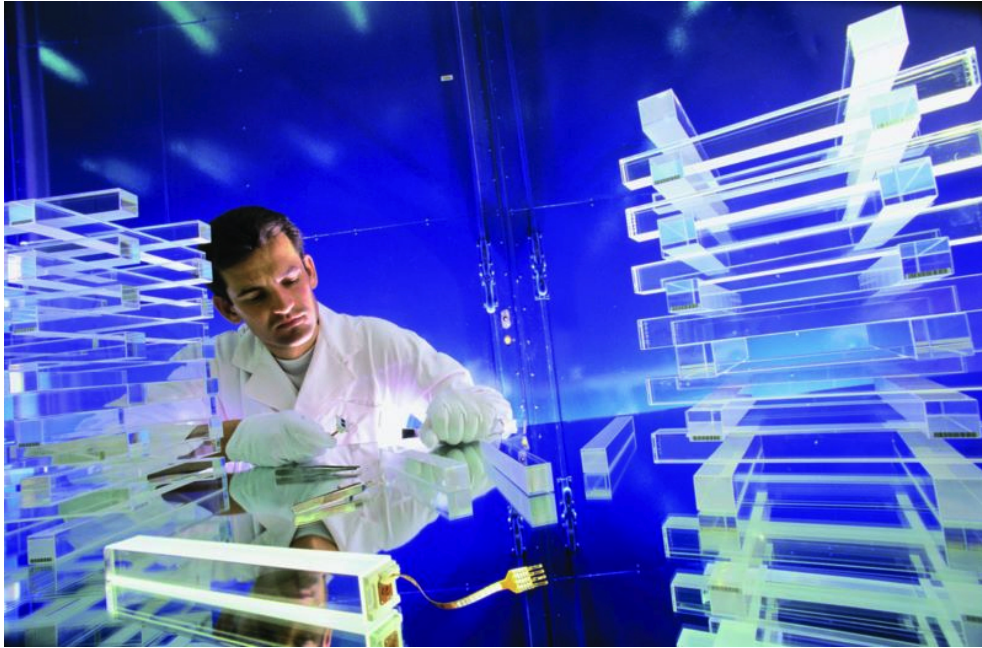




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The crystals



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:  $N_{\text{ph}} \propto E_0$
- Resolution limited by photoelectron statistics (typical: about 1000 photo electrons per GeV shower energy)

Mostly used: lead glass, e.g. SF5:  $n=1.67$ ,  $\beta_{\text{thr}}=0.6$  or  $E_{\text{thr}}=0.62$  MeV for electrons

Blocks of typical size  $14 \times 14 \times 42 \text{ cm}^3 \rightarrow$  diameter  $3.3 R_M$  and depth  $17.5 X_0$

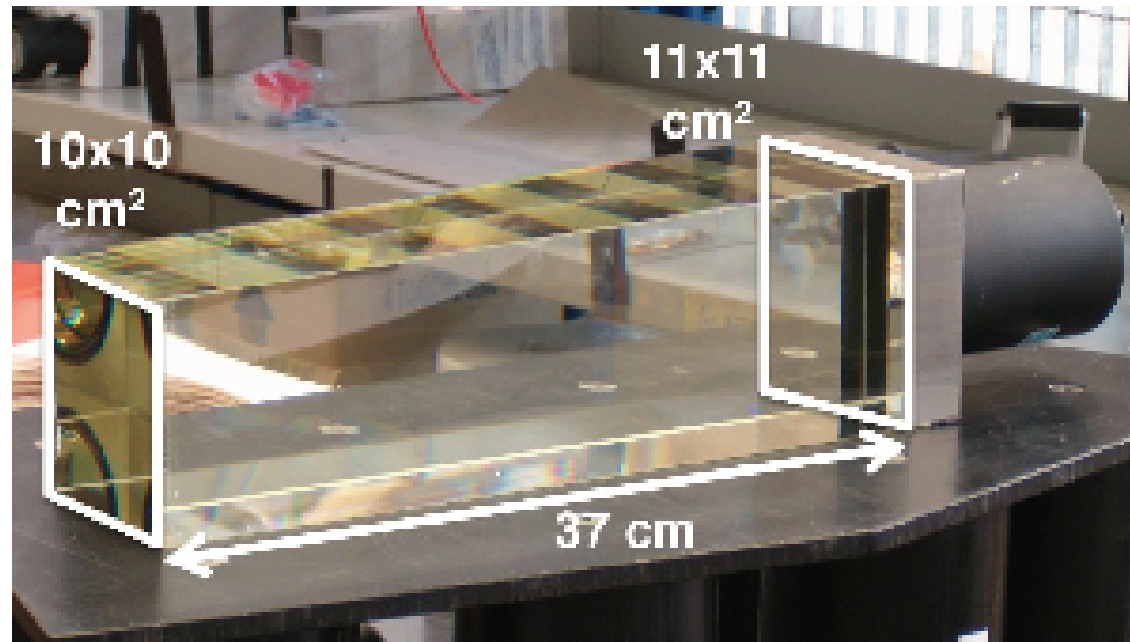
Readout with photomultipliers.

Typical performance:

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = 0.01 + 0.05 \sqrt{E (\text{GeV})}$$

# 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”

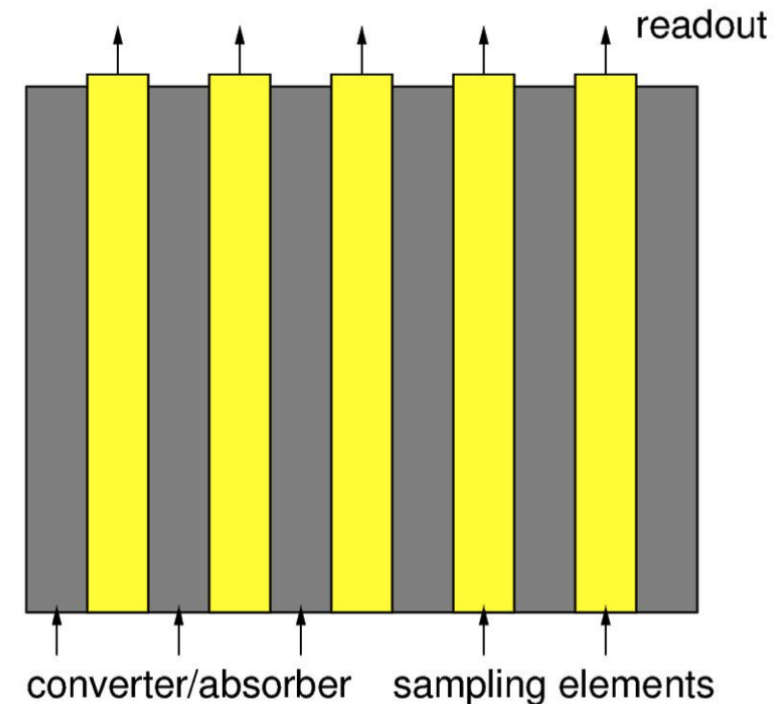
Simpler and more economical solution.

**Converter medium:**

Pb, W, U, Fe ← energy loss

**Detection medium:**

scintillator, liquid Ar ← sampling of shower



Longitudinal shower development:

Transverse shower development:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} t_{max} &= t_{max}^{abs} \frac{x+y}{x} \\ R(95\%) &= 2R_M \frac{x+y}{x} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} x &= \sum x_i && \text{absorber} \\ y &= \sum y_i && \text{detection element} \end{aligned}$$

Energy loss in absorber and detection medium varies event-by-event

**SAMPLING FLUCTUATIONS: additional contribution to energy resolution**

# Sampling calorimeters

## 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  $E > 10^{14}$  eV
  - 1957: installation on Pamir mountains with 10m<sup>2</sup> 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

# Sampling fluctuations

Energy deposition is dominated by electrons at small energies

Range of 1 MeV electron in U:  $R \approx 0.4$  mm

For thickness  $d$  of absorber layers  $\geq 0.4$ mm: only fraction  $f$  of these electrons reaches the detection medium

$$f(e, \text{conv} \rightarrow \text{det}) \propto 1/d \propto 1/t_{\text{conv}}$$

Fraction of electrons generated in detection medium

$$f(e, \text{det}) \propto \frac{t_{\text{det}}}{t_{\text{conv}}}$$

Number of charged particles in shower:  $N \approx E_0 / E_c$

# Sampling fluctuations

Fluctuations:

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \propto \sqrt{\frac{E_c}{E}} \sqrt{\alpha t_{\text{conv}} + (1-\alpha) \frac{t_{\text{conv}}}{t_{\text{det}}}}$$

$$\text{Fe: } (1-\alpha) \gg \alpha \quad \frac{\sigma_E}{E} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}} \sqrt{\frac{t_{\text{conv}}}{t_{\text{det}}}}$$

$$\text{Pb: } (1-\alpha) \ll \alpha \quad \frac{\sigma_E}{E} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}} \sqrt{t_{\text{conv}}}$$

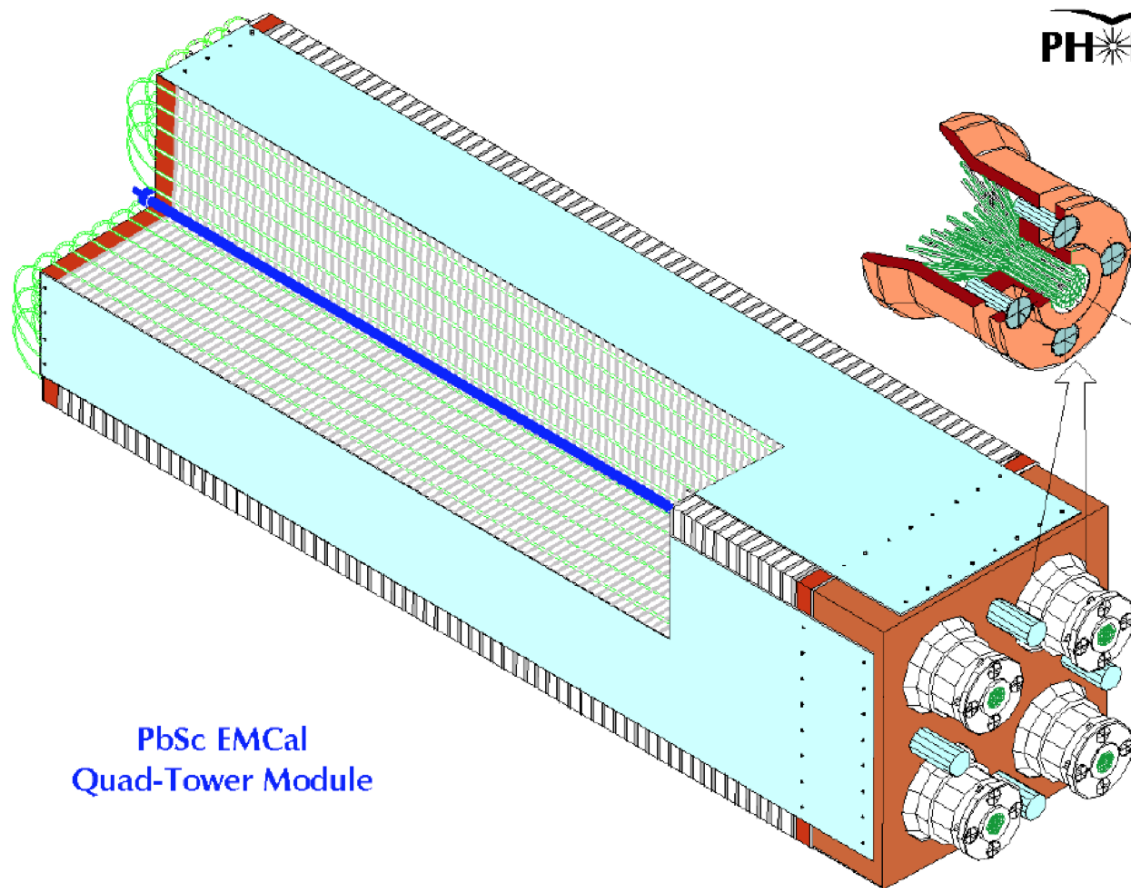
Common parametrization: 
$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = 3.2\% \sqrt{\frac{E_c(\text{MeV})}{F}} \sqrt{\frac{t_{\text{conv}}}{E(\text{GeV})}}$$

Good energy resolution for:

- $E_c$  small  $\leftrightarrow$  Z large
- $T_{\text{conv}}$  small:  $x < X_0$ , fine sampling

# Example: PHENIX PbScint calorimeter

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



PbSc ECal  
Quad-Tower Module

individual towers  $5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^2$

38 cm depth ( $18X_0$ )  
66 sampling cells

in total covering  $48 \text{ m}^2$   
in 1552 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%)	$\leq 5 \text{ ns}$



# Example: PHENIX PbScint calorimeter

one module of PHENIX EMCal



and entire WestArm

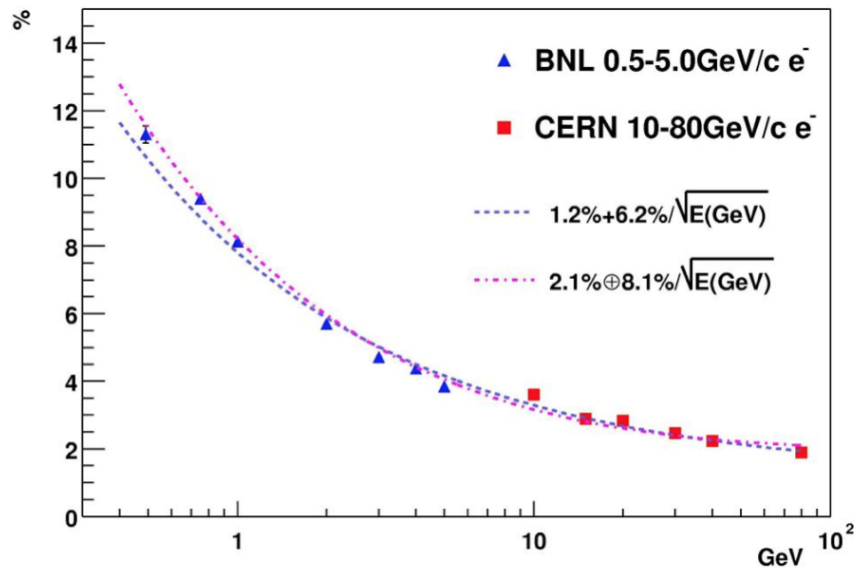


# Example: PHENIX PbScint calorimeter

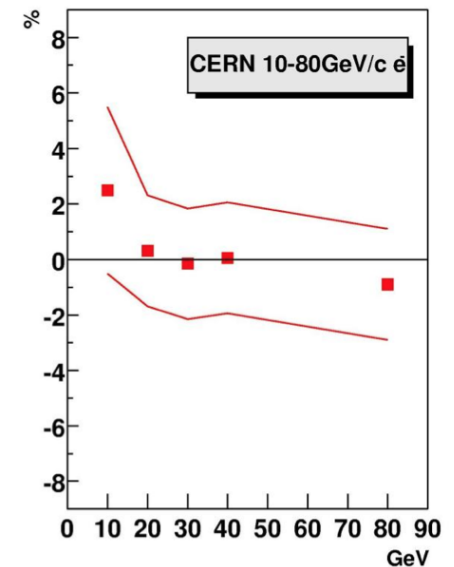
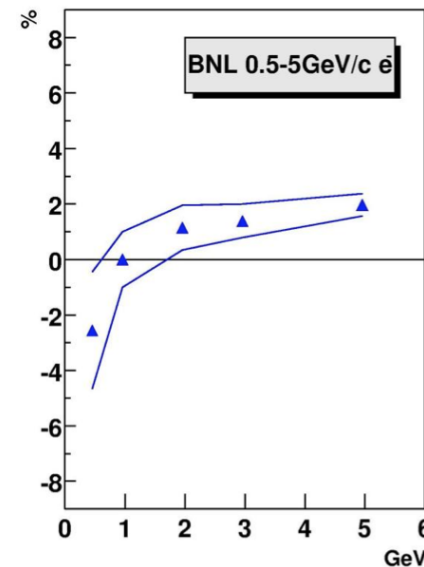
Nominal energy resolution: stochastic term:  $8\%/\sqrt{E}$

Constant term: 2%

Time resolution: 200 ps



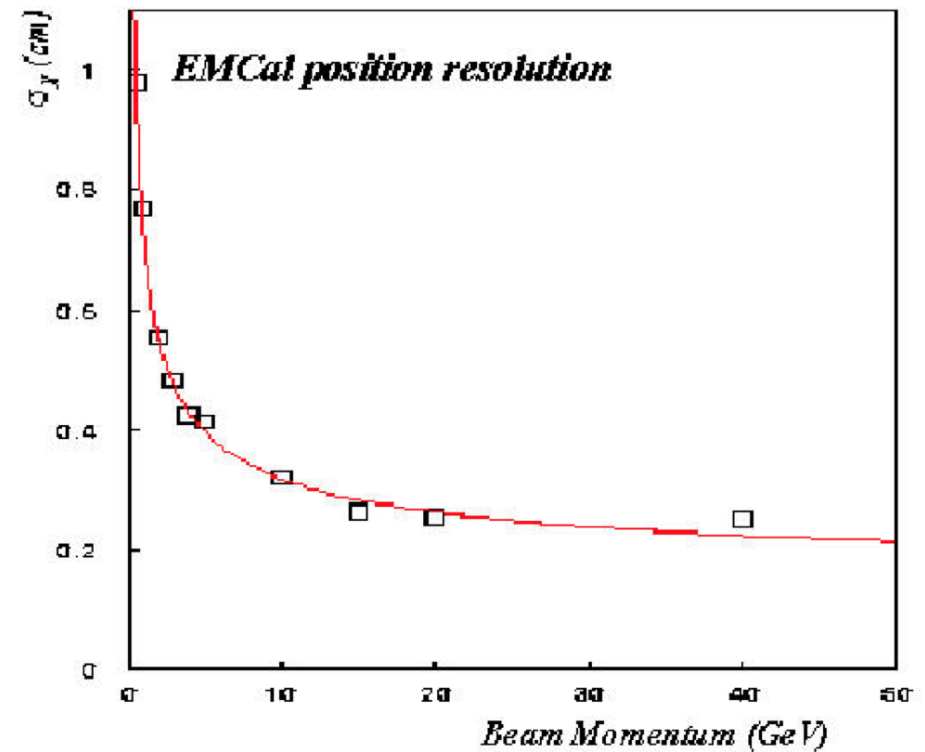
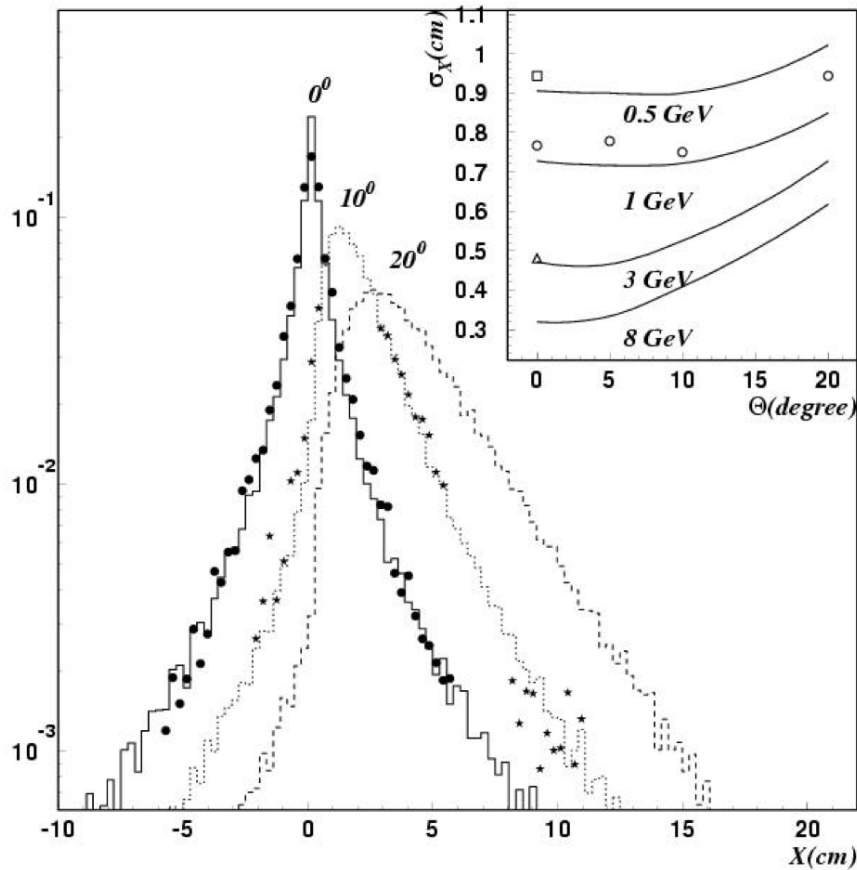
energy resolution



linearity of energy scale

# Example: PHENIX PbScint calorimeter

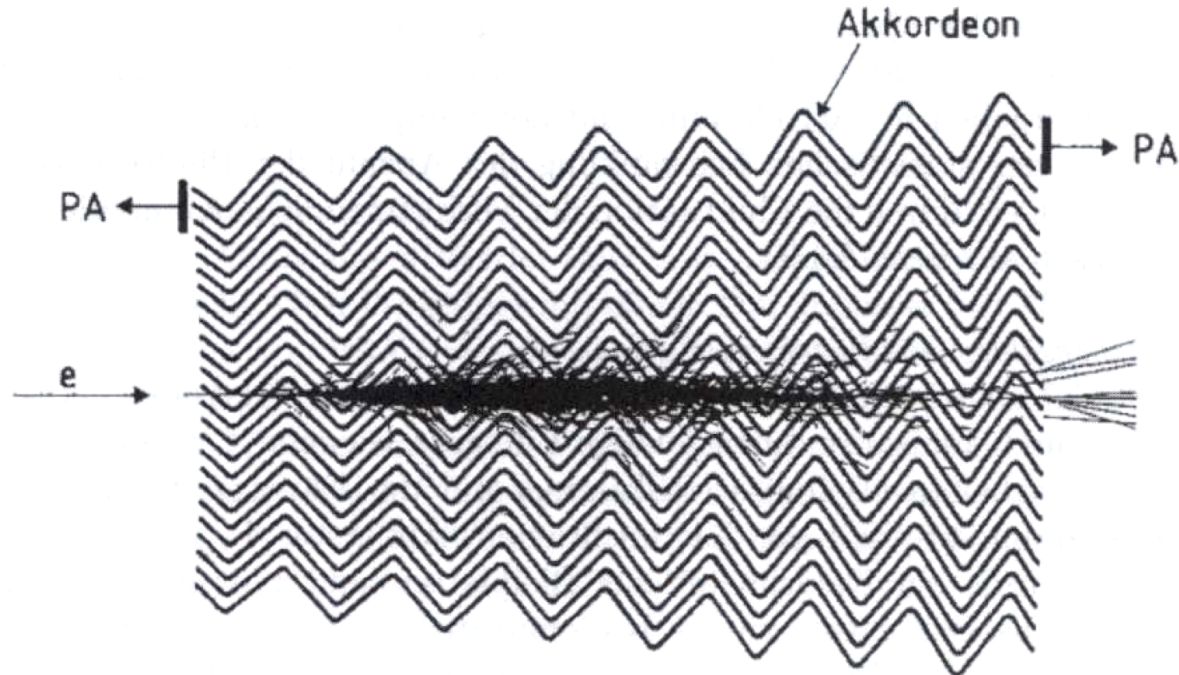
Lateral shower profile well understood  
→ position resolution in mm range





# 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

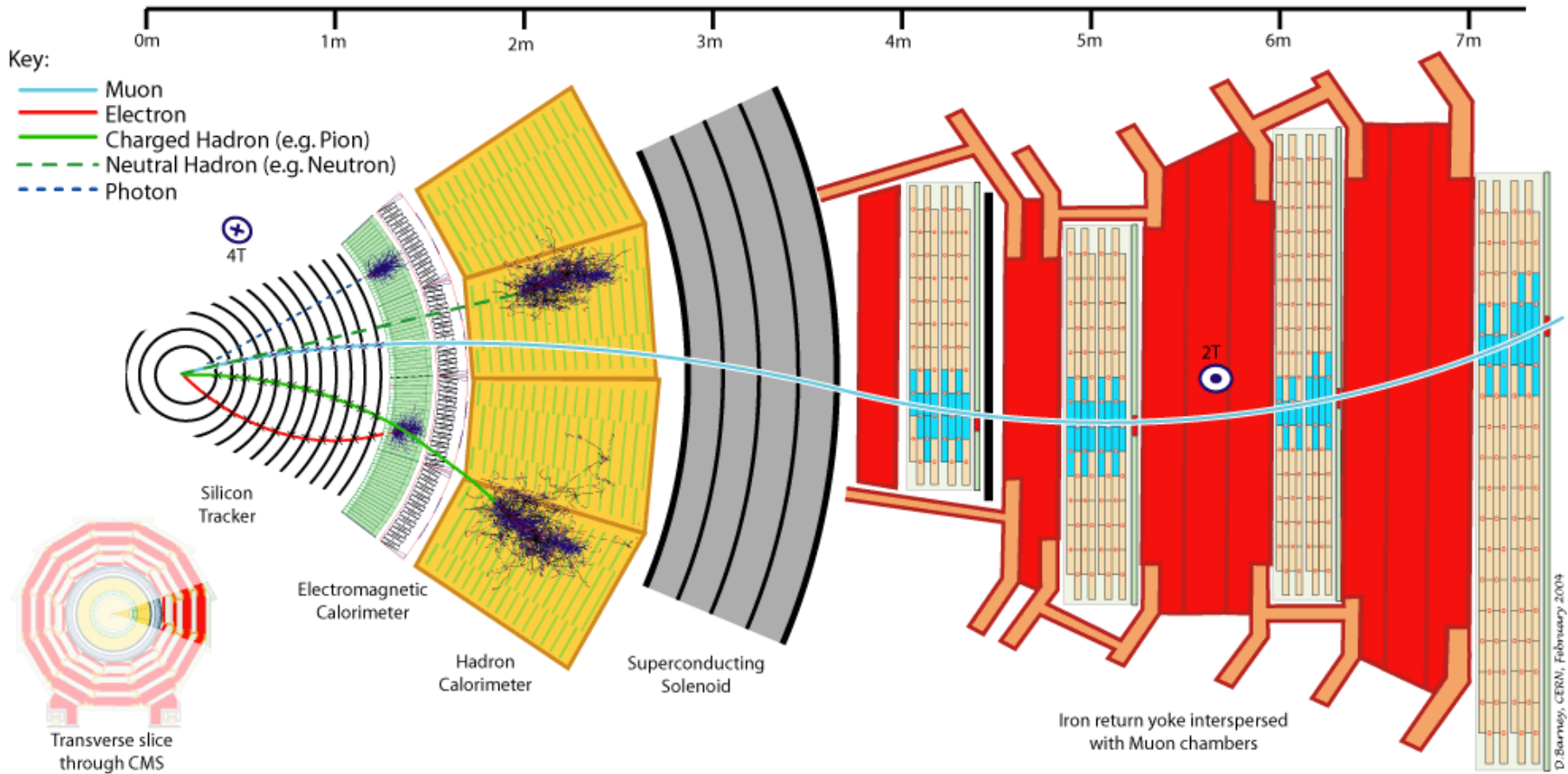
# Outlook

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At TeV energies we can also do muon calorimetry → they lose energy proportionally to their energy → stopping them becomes possible

Example: Future Circular Collider → muons with energy  $> 1$  TeV

# Calorimeters in a collider experiment: CMS



- Trackers
- Calorimeters
- Muon detectors