Electromagnetic Calorimeters

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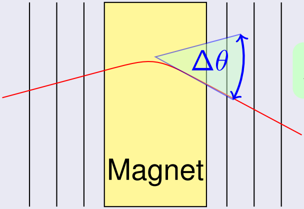
What is a calorimeter?

Particle detection main goal: measure 3-momenta $\vec{P}$

Magnetic spectrometers

- Coordinate detectors
- Magnetic field

Charged particles ($e^{\pm}$, $\pi^{\pm}$ etc)



$\Delta\theta \propto \frac{Bd\ell}{P}$

Momentum resolution:

$\sigma(P)/P \propto P$ (for large P)

Calorimeters

Detectors thick enough to absorb nearly all of the particle's energy released via cascades (showers)
Neutral (γ, n) and charged particles
The energy goes mainly into heat.

- "True" C. - E_o (heat)
- "Pseudo" C. - $\mathcal{O}(E_o)$: ionization, Cherenkov light

Poisson process: $N_e \propto E_0$,
$\sigma N_e = \sqrt{N_e}$ and $\frac{\sigma E}{E} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}}$

"True" Calorimeters

"True" calorimeters measure the temperature change of the absorber: $\Delta T = \frac{E_0}{c \cdot M} \sim \frac{1 \cdot 10^{10} eV \cdot 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} J/eV}{10^3 J/kg/K \cdot 1 kg} \approx 10^{-12} K$ too low!

- High particle flux
  - History: W. Orthmann - 1μW sensitivity;
    1930, with L. Meitner they measured the mean energy of β from ^{210}Bi (6% accuracy) $\Rightarrow$ W.Pauli's neutrino hypothesis.
  - Precise beam current measurements (SLAC-1970s, JLab-2003)
- Ultra-cold temperatures (low C), superconductivity - new detectors for exotic particle search, like "dark matter" candidates.

"Pseudo" Calorimeters

"Pseudo" calorimeters detect $\mathcal{O}(E_o)$: ionization, Cherenkov light

- History: N.L. Grigorov 1954 - idea, 1957 - implementation in cosmic ray studies (Pamir, 3900 m). Layers of an absorber and layers of proportional counters - counting the number of particles in the shower (calibration needed).
- Starting in 1960s - revolution in compact electronics ⇒ affordable ADC (Analog-to-Digital Converters). New accelerators - various types of calorimeters with $\sim 10 \rightarrow 10^5$ ADC channels.

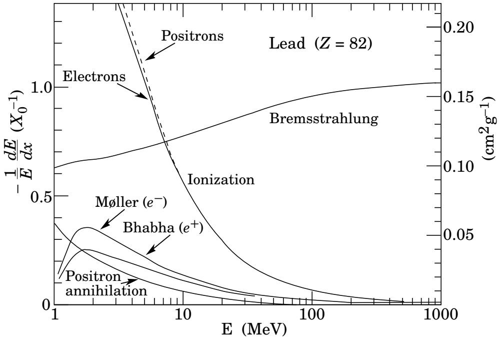
Applications

- detecting neutrals
- good energy resolution at high energies
- fast signals for trigger
- particle identification ($e^{\pm}/h$)

$e^{\pm}$ interactions

Energy loss in medium

- Bremsstahlung
  $e^{\pm}Z \rightarrow e^{\pm}\gamma Z$
- Ionization
- Bhabha/Møller scattering
  $e^{\pm}e^{-} \rightarrow e^{\pm}e^{-}$
- e^{+} annihilation



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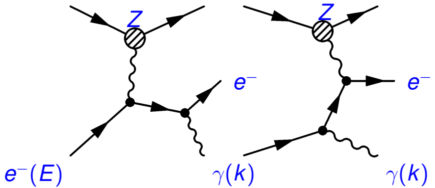


$$\sigma \propto \frac{Z^2}{m^2} \Rightarrow \frac{\sigma_\mu}{\sigma_e} \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-5}$$

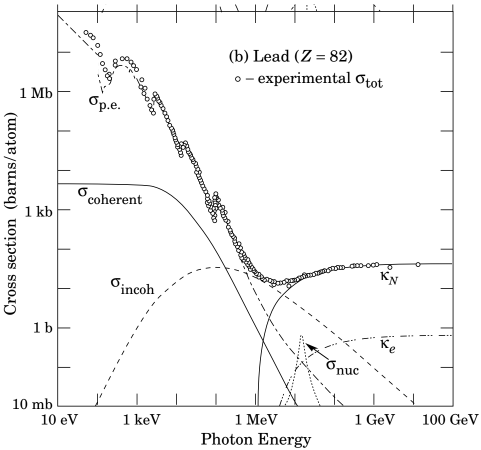
$$\frac{dN_\gamma}{dk} \propto \frac{1}{k}$$

$$\frac{dE_\gamma}{dk} = c(k)$$

γ interactions

Interaction in medium

- Pair production
  $\gamma Z \rightarrow e^+e^-Z$ (K_N)
- Pair production
  $\gamma e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-e^-$ (K_e)
- Compton scattering
  $\gamma e^- \rightarrow \gamma e^-$ ($\sigma_{incoherent}$)
- Rayleigh scattering
  ($\sigma_{coherent}$)
- Photonuclear absorption
  (σ_{nuc})
- Atomic photoeffect ($\sigma_{p.e.}$)



Scaling of Material Properties

Radiation length

X_0 - the material thickness for a certain rate of EM:

$e^{\pm}$: $\frac{dE_{loss}}{dx} \simeq \frac{E}{X_0}$

γ: $\lambda_{e^+e^-} \simeq \frac{9}{7} \cdot X_0$

Derived from EM calculations:

$$X_0 \simeq \frac{716\ g{\cdot}cm^{-2}{\cdot}A}{Z(Z+1){\cdot}ln(287/\sqrt{Z})}$$

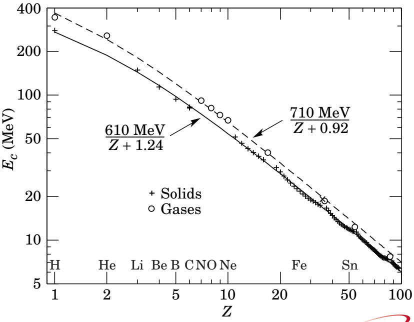
Critical Energy

E_c: cascade stops

Losses: Ionization $=$ Radiation

B.Rossi: $\frac{dE_{ioniz}}{dx}\Big|_{E_c} \simeq \frac{E}{X_0}$

$E_c \simeq \frac{610(710)\ MeV}{Z+1.24(0.92)}$ solids(gasses)



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Electromagnetic Showers

Photons and light charged particles ($e^{\pm}$) interact with matter:

- electrons radiate $e^{\pm} \rightarrow e^{\pm}\gamma$
- photons convert $\gamma \rightarrow e^{+}e^{-}$

A cascade develops till the energy of the particles go below a certain limit.

The charged particles of the cascade ($e^{\pm}$) leave detectable signals.

Electromagnetic Shower: longitudinal development

Scaling variables:

$t = \frac{x}{X_0} \quad y = \frac{E}{E_c}$

Simple model

A simple example of a cascade: $\times 2$ at $\Delta t = 1$.

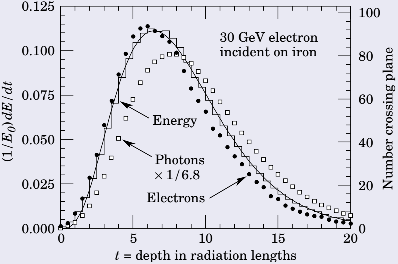
$E(t) = \frac{E_0}{2^t} \Rightarrow t_{max} = ln\frac{E_0}{E_c}/ln\,2$

$t_{max} \propto ln(\frac{E_0}{E_c})$

Detectable signal:

$L_{charged} \propto E_0/E_c$

Simulation: EGS4, GEANT



$t_{max} \simeq ln(y) + \begin{cases} -0.5 & e^- \\ +0.5 & \gamma \end{cases}$

$t(>95\%) \simeq t_{max} + 0.08Z + 9.6$

Fluctuations: mid of cascade

$\sigma N \simeq N \Rightarrow t_{calor} \sim t(>95\%)$

Electromagnetic Shower: transverse size

Molière radius: $R_M = \frac{X_0 \cdot 21 MeV}{E_c}$

$R < 2 \cdot R_M$ contains 95% of the shower

Properties of Materials

Material	Density g/cm^3	X_0 g/cm^2	X_0 cm	λ_I g/cm^2	Molière $R_M cm$	E_{crit} MeV	Refr. index
W	19.3	6.5	0.35	185.	0.69	10.6	
Pb	11.3	6.4	0.56	194.	1.22	9.6	
Cu	8.96	13.	1.45	134.	1.15	26.	
Al	2.70	24.	8.9	106.	3.3	56.	
C	2.25	42.	18.8	86.	3.5	111.	
Plastic	1.0	44.	42.	82.	6.1		1.58
H_2	0.07	61.	860.	50.	50.	360.	

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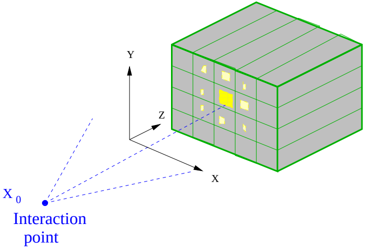
Generic Calorimeter

$$E = \sum_{i \in k \times k} \mathcal{E}_i$$

A matrix of separate elements:



Typically $k = 3, 5$

$\mathcal{E}_i = \alpha_i \cdot A_i$

$x|y = f(.., x_i|y_i, E_i, ..)$

$\vec{X}_0 \Rightarrow$ direction

Measured:

- A_i - measured amplitudes
- α_i - calibration factors (slow variation)
- $x_i|y_i$ - module coordinates

Important parameters

- Energy resolution $\frac{\sigma E}{E}$
- Linearity
- Coordinate resolution σx
- Timing resolution
- Stability
- Specific requirements: radiation hardness. mag. field
- Cost

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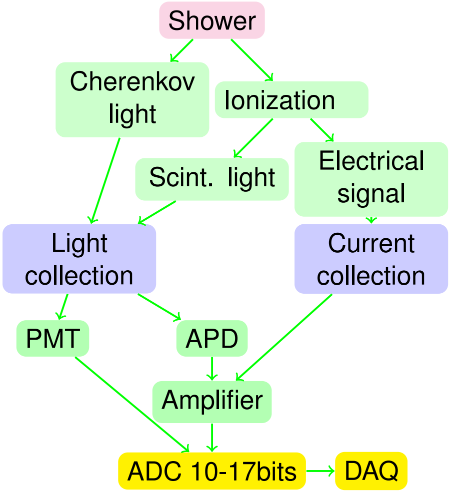
Generic Calorimeter



Important procedures

- Calibration: A_i - measured $\rightarrow E_i = \alpha_i \cdot A_i$.
  α_i have to be measured using particles of known energies.
- Monitoring of the calibration factors α_i using detector response to a simple excitation (ex: light from a stable source).

Homogeneous and Sampling Calorimeters

Consider: EM shower in plastic scintillator
Needed length $\sim 15 \cdot X_0 = 600\ cm$ - not practical!

Homogeneous calorimeters (EM)

Heavy active material, no passive absorber

- Best energy resolution
- Higher cost

Sampling calorimeters

Heavy material absorber and the active material are interleaved.
Features:

- Compact
- Relatively cheap
- Sampling fluctuations $\Rightarrow$ impact on $\frac{\sigma E}{E}$

Resolutions

Energy resolution

$$\frac{\sigma E}{E} = \alpha \oplus \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus \frac{\gamma}{E}$$

- α - constant term (calibration)
- β - stochastic term (signal/shower fluctuations)
- γ - noise

Spatial resolution

$$\sigma x = \alpha_1 \oplus \frac{\beta_1}{\sqrt{E}}$$

Energy resolution

- Fluctuations of the track length (EM): $\frac{\sigma E}{E} \simeq \frac{0.005}{\sqrt{E}}$
- Statistics of the observed signal (EM): $\frac{\sigma E}{E} > \frac{0.01}{\sqrt{E}}$
- Sampling fluctuations (EM): $\frac{\sigma E}{E} \simeq \frac{\sqrt{E_c \cdot t}}{\sqrt{E}}$, where t is the layer thickness in X_0 (B.Rossi),
  $\sim \frac{0.1 \cdot \sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{E}}$ for lead absorber ($t > 0.2$)
- Noise, pedestal fluctuations $\frac{\sigma E}{E} < \frac{0.01}{E}$
- Calibration drifts $\frac{\sigma E}{E} \sim 0.01$ for a large detector
- Other ...

Spacial resolution

- Module lateral size $<$ shower size
- Calculating the shower centroid
- EM: $\sigma x > 0.05 \cdot R_M$

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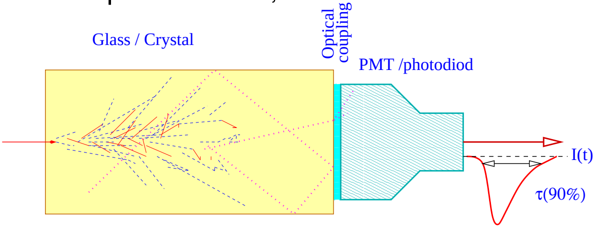
Light Collecting Homogeneous EM Calorimeters

Heavy transparent materials (small X_0) are preferable $\Rightarrow$ compact, larger signal

- Heavy crystal scintillators: NaI, CsI, BGO, PbW etc: high light yield $\Rightarrow$ good resolution, expensive
- Heavy crystal Cherenkov detectors: PbF, etc: compact, radiation hard
- Lead glass (SiO $\rightarrow$ PbO) Cherenkov detectors: medium performance, affordable



Light collection 20 - 50%

Timing resolution:

- Scintillation time
- Light bouncing
- Photodetector

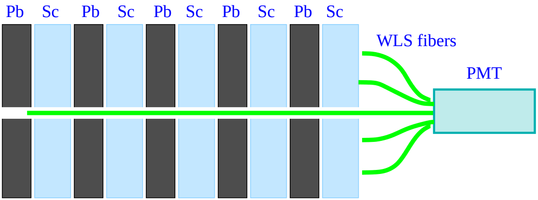
Typically:

$\tau(90\%) \sim$ 100 ns for Cherenkov detectors

Light Collecting Sampling EM Calorimeters

Heavy absorber (Pb,Cu,W...) and a scintillator (plastic) or Cherenkov radiator (quartz fibers ...). Problem: how to collect the light? The most popular solutions for this moment:

- SPACAL (Pb, sc. fibers). The fibers can be bundled to the PM. Very good resolution. Difficult to manufacture.
- Sandwich with WLS fibers crossing through (“shashlik”). The fibers are bundled to the PM. Good resolution. Easy to build.



Timing resolution:

- Scintillation time
- Photodetector time

Typically

$\tau(90\%) \sim 50$ ns

Light Detectors

Photomultiplier Tubes (PMT)

A vacuum vessel with a photocathode and a set of electrodes (dynodes) for electron multiplication.

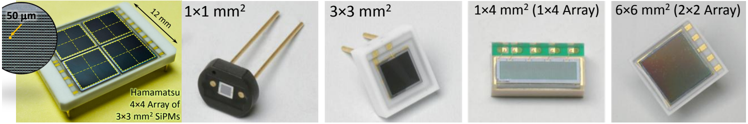
- Very high gain $\sim 10^5 - 10^7$
- Very low electronic noise
- Size: diameter 2-40 cm
- • Slow drift of the gain
- • Sensitive to the magnetic field
- • Relatively low QE$\sim$20%
- Radiation hard

Avalanche Photodiods (APD)

A silicon diod in avalanche mode and an electronic amplifier

- Gain $\sim 50 - 300$
- • High electronic noise
- • Size: $1 \times 2\ cm^2$
- • Very sensitve to the bias voltage
- Not sensitive to the magnetic field
- High QE$\sim$75% at 430 nm
- • Temperature sensitive -2%/K
- • Radiation hardness may be a problem

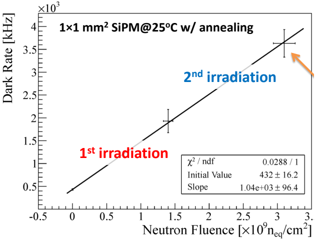
Detector technology: Silicon Photomultiplier (SiPM)



New Popular Photosensor: planned to be used at many projects instead of PMTs

- Matrix of pixels: APDs in the Geiger mode
- PDE (QE × packing factor) ∼20%
- Gain ∼ 10^6
- Immune to magnetic field
- Timing resolution <100 ps

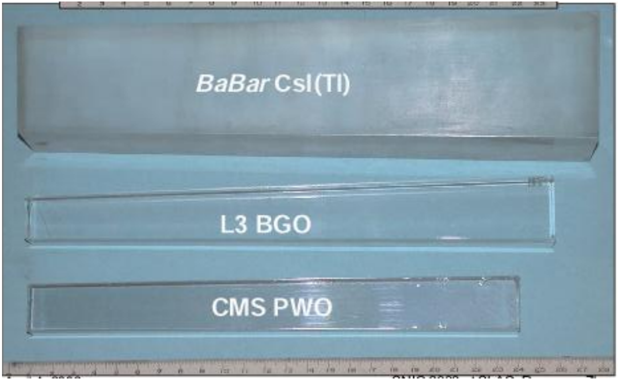
- Noise (temperature dependent)
- Small size, now <12×12 mm^2
- Limited range of the gain
- Non-linearity
- Radiation hardness



Extensive study of Rad. hardness

- Affected by neutron radiation
- Noise increase ∝ eff. fluence
- No other serious effects
- Self-annealing: a factor of 0.5
- Self-annealing - better at higher temperature

Crystals in big experiments



BaBar CsI(Tl) $\sim$ 10000

L3 BGO - $\sim$ 11000

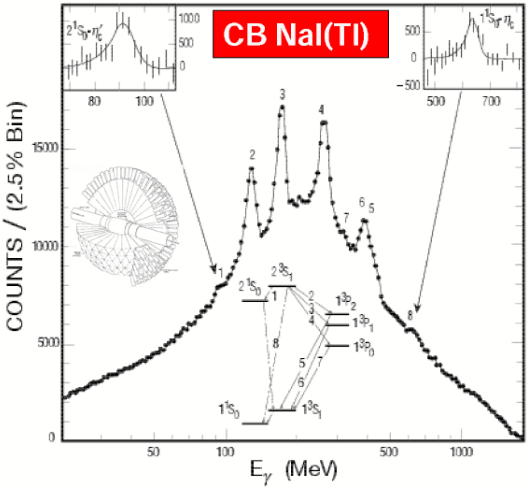
CMS PbWO - $\sim$ 80000

EM calorimeters with optical readout

Material	Density g/cm^3	X_0 cm	R_M cm	λ_I cm	Refr. index	τ ns	Peak λ nm	Light yield	$\frac{N_{p.e.}}{GeV}$	rad	$\frac{\sigma E}{E}$
Crystals											
NaI(Tl)**	3.67	2.59	4.5	41.4	1.85	250	410	1.00	10^6	10^2	$1.5\%/E^{1/4}$
CsI *	4.53	1.85	3.8	36.5	1.80	30	420	0.05	10^4	10^4	$2.0\%/E^{1/2}$
CsI(Tl)*	4.53	1.85	3.8	36.5	1.80	1200	550	0.40	10^6	10^3	$1.5\%/E^{1/2}$
BGO	7.13	1.12	2.4	22.0	2.20	300	480	0.15	10^5	10^3	$2.\%/E^{1/2}$
$PbWO_4$	8.28	0.89	2.2	22.4	2.30	5/39%	420	0.013	10^4	10^6	$2.0\%/E^{1/2}$
						15/60%	440				
						100/01%					
LSO	7.40	1.14	2.3		1.81	40	440	0.7	10^6	10^6	$1.5\%/E^{1/2}$
PbF_2	7.77	0.93	2.2		1.82	Cher	Cher	0.001	10^3	10^6	$3.5\%/E^{1/2}$
Lead glass											
TF1	3.86	2.74	4.7		1.647	Cher	Cher	0.001	10^3	10^3	$5.0\%/E^{1/2}$
SF-5	4.08	2.54	4.3	21.4	1.673	Cher	Cher	0.001	10^3	10^3	$5.0\%/E^{1/2}$
SF57	5.51	1.54	2.6		1.89	Cher	Cher	0.001	10^3	10^3	$5.0\%/E^{1/2}$
Sampling: lead/scintillator											
SPACAL	5.0	1.6				5	425	0.3	$2 \cdot 10^4$	10^6	$6.0\%/E^{1/2}$
Shashlyk	5.0	1.6				5	425	0.3	10^3	10^6	$10.\%/E^{1/2}$
Shashlyk(K)	2.8	3.5	6.0			5	425	0.3	$4 \cdot 10^5$	10^5	$3.5\%/E^{1/2}$

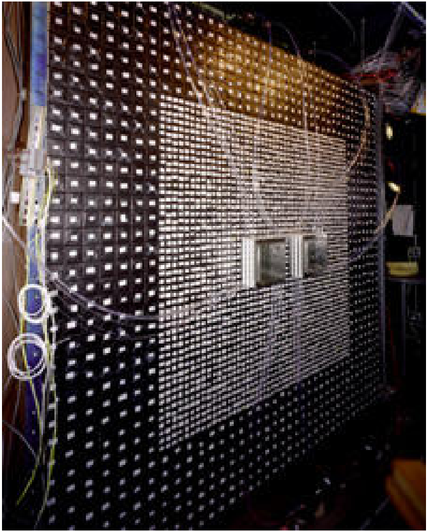
* - hygroscopic

Crystal Ball (SLAC, DESY)



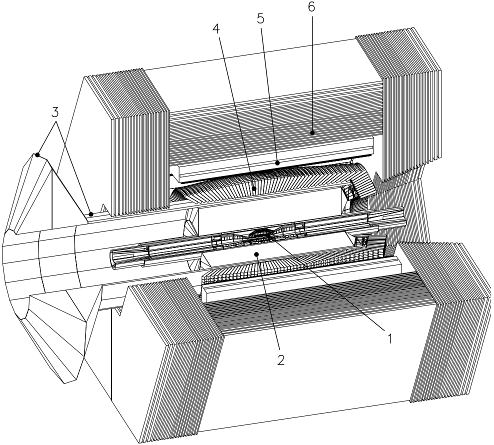
- $\sim$ 600 NaI crystals
- γ detection
- Charmonia spectra
  $\Rightarrow$ QCD tune!

KTeV (FNAL)

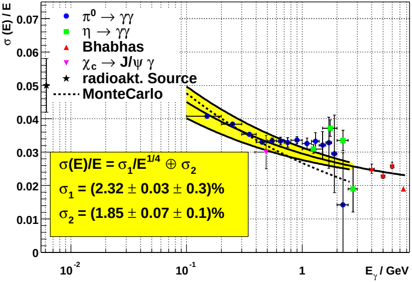


- 3256 CsI crystals
- $\pi^\circ \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ detection
- $\sigma E/E \approx 2.0\%\sqrt{E} + 0.5\%$

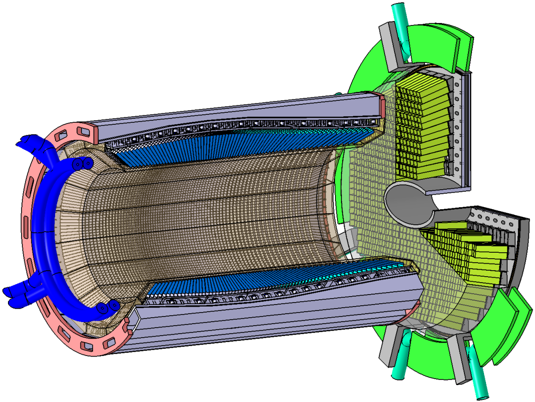
BaBar (SLAC)



- $\sim$ 10000 CsI(Tl) crystals
- $\sigma E/E \approx 2.3\%/E^{1/4} + 1.9\%$



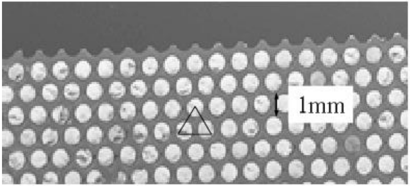
PANDA at GSI - under construction



- $\sim$ 15000 $PbWO_4$ crystals
- New APD 1×1 cm^2

SpaCal (CERN, Frascatti, JLab)

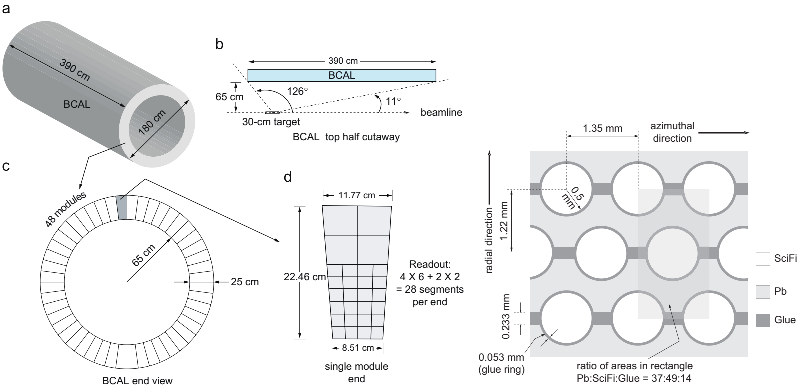
scintillating fibers / lead matrix



- Fibers/lead 50% / 50% in volume
- $X_{\circ} = 1.2$ cm
- 5 g/cm^3

- CERN - original R&D
- KLOE (DAFNE) - 5000 PMTs
- KLOE $\sigma E/E \approx 5.7\%/E^{1/2}$
- KLOE $\sigma\tau \approx 50/E^{1/2} + 50$ ps

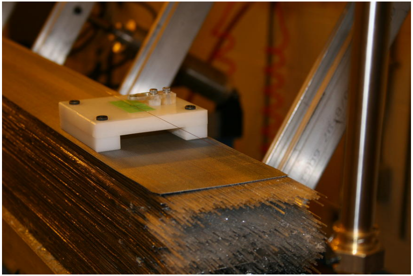
SpaCal: Barrel Calorimeter in Hall D



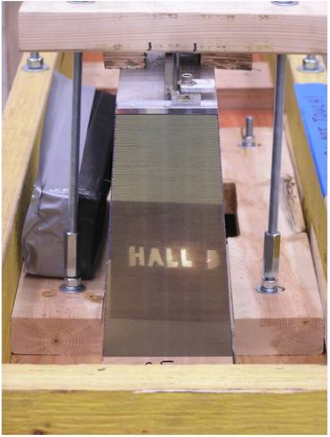
SpaCal: Barrel Calorimeter in Hall D

Built at Regina

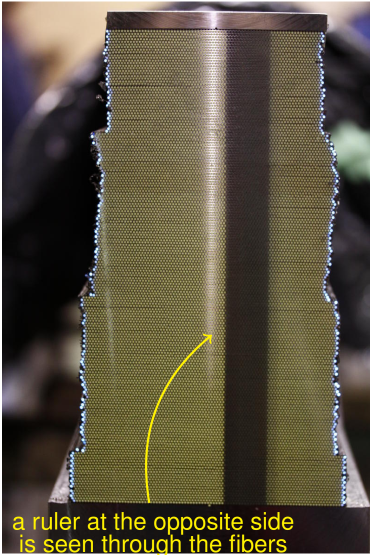
- Lead swaging (grooves)
- Glue lead and fibers layer by layer
- Cut and polish



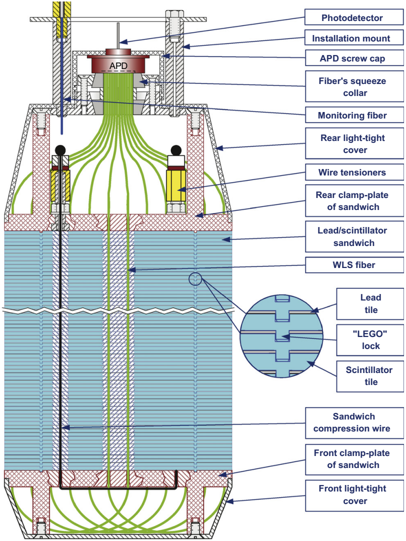
Barrel Calorimeter - Construction of Modules

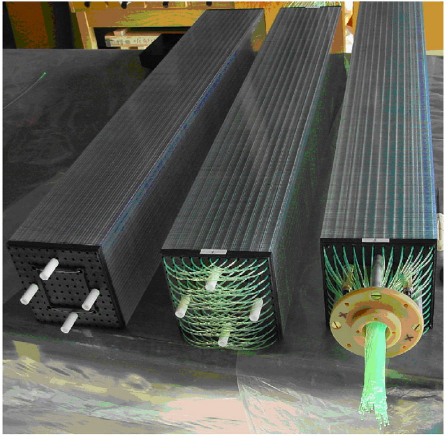


- all 48 modules built
- very regular matrix



Shashlyk: Experiment KOPIO





- $\sigma E/E \approx 2.0 \oplus 3.0\%/E^{1/2}$
- $\sigma\tau \approx 70/E^{1/2} \oplus 14/E$ ps

Front-End Electronics

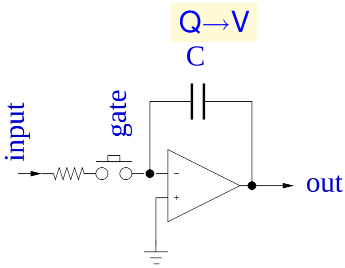
Requirements

- Resolution $\sim 10^{-3}$
- Dynamic range $> 10^2$: needed to measure the shower profile and the coordinates
- Differential linearity $<$1%
- Digitization speed ($>$1 MHz)
- Readout speed ($>$100 kHz)
- Cost

Existing generic solutions

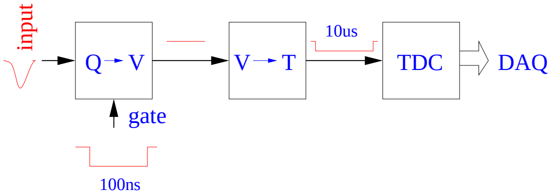
- Charge integrating ADC
- Flash ADC
- Combinations (pipeline ADC)

Charge Integrating ADC

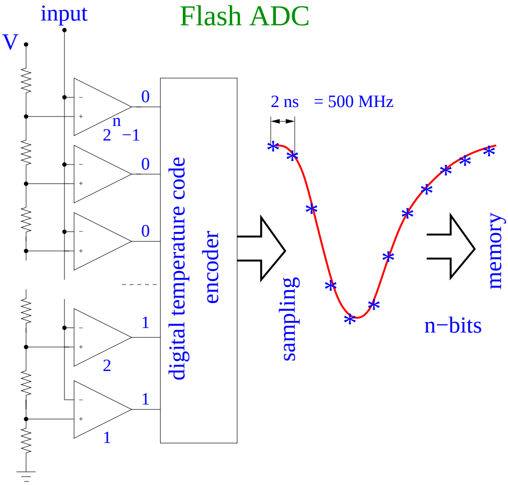


- Many products on the market
- Precise: 12-15 bits
- Gate must come in time ⇒ long (>300-500 ns) delay for each channel is needed (cables)
- Slow conversion time $> 10\ \mu s \Rightarrow$ not suitable for trigger logic
- Problems at very high rate: pileup, deadtime
- Pedestal

Integrating ADC



Flash ADC



- Cost $\times$10 of the QDC (250 MHz, 12 bits)
- Huge memory buffers needed
- Resolution n bits $\Rightarrow$ 2^n comparators
- Pipeline readout - no dead time
- No delay cables needed
- Pileup can be partially resolved
- Timing resolution without extra discr.& TDCs
- FPGA computing - trigger logic
- Became the mainstream

Calibration

The detector has to be calibrated at least once.

- Test beam
- Better: in-situ, using an appropriate process:
  - e^+e^- collider: Bhabha scattering $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$, $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$
  - LHC: $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$ (1 Hz at low luminocity)
  - $h+h \rightarrow \pi^0 + X$, $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
  - RCS (JLab): $e^-p \rightarrow e^-p$

Procedure: for event n:

$$\mathcal{E}^{(n)} = \sum_{i \in k \times k} \alpha_i \cdot A_i^{(n)}$$

$$\chi^2 = \sum_n (E^{(n)} - \sum_{i \in k \times k} \alpha_i \cdot A_i^{(n)})/\sigma_n$$

- System of linear equations
- $\Rightarrow N \times N$ matrix - nearly diagonal
- Easy to solve

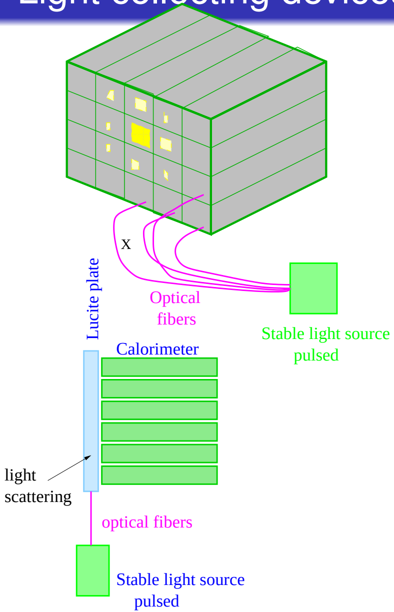
Monitoring

Instabilities:

- All avalanche-type devices tend to drift (PMT, gas amplification ...)
- Optical components may lose transparency
- Temperature dependence
- Many other sources of instability ...

Calibration is typically done once per many days of running $\Rightarrow$ signal monitoring in between is needed.

Light collecting devices



- Stable pulsed light source:
  - Xe flash lamp: 1% stability, $>$100 ns pulse
  - Laser: 2-5% stability, $\ll$1 ns pulse
  - LED: 1-3% stability in thermostate, $>$30 ns pulse
- Usually the light source has to be monitored
- Light distribution
- Material transparency: not easy to monitor (λ-dependence)
- Scintillation yield - no monitoring this way

Summary

Calorimeters are used for:

- Detecting neutrals
- Energy and coordinate measurements
- Trigger
- Separation of hadrons against $e^{\pm}, \gamma$ and muons

The calorimeters are of increasing importance with higher energies. They became the most important/expensive/large detectors in the current big projects (LHC etc).

Summary (continued)

There are various techniques to build calorimeters for different resolution, price, radiation hardness and other requirements.

The typical energy resolutions are:

- EM: from $\frac{\sigma E}{E} \sim \frac{2\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 0.3\%$ for scintillating crystals to about $\frac{\sigma E}{E} \sim \frac{10\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 0.8\%$ for sampling calorimeters.
- HD calorimeters: $\frac{\sigma E}{E} \sim \frac{30-50\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 3\%$

The coordinate resolutions could be about 1-3 mm for EM calorimeters and 20-30 mm for HD ones.