The CMS forward CASTOR calorimeter performance and operation

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Placement and physics goals



> Forward calorimeter (-6.6 < η < -5.2) for low-x parton dynamics,minimum bias event structure, diffraction, cosmic ray related physics in low-luminosity proton-proton and heavy-ion collisions

> Design challenges: restricted space available, high radiation level (\leq 20 kGy in 2009/10), operation in magnetic field (\leq 0.16 T), pileup



Detector design



> Cherenkov quartz-tungsten sampling calorimeter for CMS@LHC with quartz plates as active medium and tungsten as absorber \rightarrow compact, radiation hard and fast

> 16 azimuthal sectors (semi-octants/towers) mechanically organised in two half calorimeters; EM part (2 modules) + HAD part (12 modules); EM = $0.7\lambda = 20X_{o}$; HAD = $12 * 0.7 = 9.24\lambda$; overall depth = 10λ



CASTOR calorimeter in CMS cavern: up and running!

> Design polished in beam tests of several prototypes

- > CASTOR installed on collar table of HF platform (-Z side) in June 2009
- > Fully functional and integrated into CMS operations







Magnetic field

- Parts of CASTOR located in beam pipe shield gaps => high stray magnetic field, field vector direction varies => try to recover:
 - H1 SpaCal fine-mesh PMT's (tolerate < 0.5 T, should survive radiation corresponding to 800 pb⁻¹)
 - Redesign of air-core light guides to account for field direction
 - Close shield gaps
- Operation of modules from 6 (3.5λ) to 9 (5.6λ) hampered; some channels can be recovered



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From Hamamatsu data-sheet

Readout chain

> High occupancy, signal separation for every LHC bunch crossing, wide dynamic range needed (from mip for calibration to beam energies): Conditions are similar to HF calorimeter hence design of CMS hadronic calorimeter readout electronics is used



Front-end electronics

Front-end clectronics based on charge integrating and encoding card providing almost constant relative precision over range of 10000



- Test beam 2007 results [DOI: 10.1140/epjc/s10052-010-1316-4]: full-length prototype tested with muons, electons, pions in wide energy range
- > Muon signal vs pedestal: noise under control, important for calibration
- > Reasonable linearity and resolution for harsh conditions of CMS forward region





Test beam 2007 [DOI: 10.1140/epjc/s10052-010-1316-4]

> Results with beam spot cut



Trigger

- > HCAL-based technical trigger architecture (to be implemented soon)
- > All at calorimeter sector level:
 - Muon trigger (calibration)
 - E^{tot} above thresholds
 - Rapidity gap
- > Basic trigger strategy
 - Use existing (central detector) triggers at low lumi
 - Add CASTOR conditions at high lumi to avoid prescale factors
 - Inclusive forward jets, forward jets plus central jets, diffractive jets/W



Forward jets allow to probe Bjorken-x as low as 10^{-5:} region sensitive to non-linear QCD effects of parton recombination and saturation



[CMS PAS FWD-08-001]

[CMS and TOTEM Collaborations, CERN/LHCC 2006-039/G-124]





Centrally produced dijets plus a forward jet in CASTOR: ability to distinguish between DGLAP- and BFKL-like QCD parton dynamics





- Forward central multiplicity correlations: better constraints on underlying event contributions
- > Clear long-range correlation observed in case of

Multi-Parton-Interactions



[Z. Rurikova, A. Bunyatyan in Proceedings of HERA-LHC workshop DESY-PROC-2009-002]



Forward activity veto detector for diffraction: analysis strategies based on selection of large rapidity gaps





Wider η coverage suppresses non-diffractive events where gap is due to fluctuations





If only CASTOR multiplicity used signal would be further enhanced





Shower maximum of extensive air showers

- High energy cosmic rays
- So far only indirect measurements (EAS) at E^{lab} > 10¹⁵ eV
- Treatment severely dependent on simulations
- In particular, conclusions on chemical composition of most interesting Ultra High Energy Cosmic Rays
- Large uncertainty of hadronic interactions modeling
- Most important for shower development simulation is projectile (pion, proton, nuclei) fragmentation region
 - Accelerator data are scarce
- Castor looks at that region → is very valuable for validation of shower simulation codes



- > Cherenkov forward CASTOR calorimeter has been designed, studied in beam tests, installed, commissioned and fully integrated into CMS
- CASTOR calorimeter in CMS enhances physics potential substantially: largest rapidity coverage in a collider experiment; broad range of topics such as tuning of Monte Carlo generators, investigation of fundamental properties of QCD, astrophysics studies, potential discovery of exotica
- Detector took data at centre-of-mass energies 900, 2360 and 7000 GeV; first results on forward energy flow are coming soon: sensitive to underlying event modeling



BACKUP SLIDES





Horizontal position scan with 80 GeV electron besm: FWHM of differential x-profile ~ 4 mm

$$\frac{1}{E}\frac{dE}{dr} = p\frac{2rR_C^2}{(r^2 + R_C^2)^2} + (1 - p)\frac{2rR_T^2}{(r^2 + R_T^2)^2}$$

Grindhammer-Peters

