

DETECTORS FOR HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS



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DISCLAIMER

- Particle Detectors are very complex, a lot of physics is behind the detection of particles:
 - particle physics
 - material science
 - electronics
 - mechanics,
- To get a good understanding, one needs to work on a detector project ...
- This lecture can only give a glimpse at particle detector physics, cannot cover everything
- Biased by my favourite detectors !



Maybe not the ideal detector physicist



OVERVIEW

- I. Detectors for Particle Physics
- II. Interaction with Matter
- III. Calorimeters
- **IV.** Tracking Detectors
 - Gas detectors
 - Semiconductor trackers
- V. Examples from the real life

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I. OVERVIEW: DETECTORS FOR PARTICLE PHYSICS

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SIZE AND WEIGHT



CMS is 65% heavier than the Eiffel tower







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THE BIG ONES AT LHC



THE ZEUS DETECTOR@HERA







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THE DELPHI DETECTOR @LEP



Pic: DELPHI Collaboration

Weight: 3500 T

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THE DELPHI DETECTOR @LEP



Weight: 3500 T Length: 10 m Diameter: 10 m Solenoid-Field: 1.2 T

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THE BABAR DETECTOR



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Weight: 1200 T Length: 6 m Diameter: 6 m Solenoid-Field: 1.5 T





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EXAMPLE: ATLAS AT CERN

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CAMERAS FOR PARTICLE PHYSICS

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HEP DETECTOR OVERVIEW

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II. THE BASICS OF ALL DETECTION PROCESSES: INTERACTIONS WITH MATTER

ANALOGY





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PARTICLES LEAVE SIGNALS IN MATTER

- Different effects are involved when a particle passes through matter, depending on mass, charge and energy of the particle.
- Following the effects will be explained for




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Heavy charged particles transfer energy mostly to the atomic electrons causing ionisation and excitation.

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Shell correction term, only relevant at lower energies



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MATERIAL DEPENDENCE OF THE ENERGY LOSS



IMPORTANT CONSTANTS



Symbol	Definition	Units or Value
α	Fine structure constant	1/137.03599911(46)
	$(e^2/4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar c)$	
M	Incident particle mass	MeV/c^2
E	Incident part. energy γMc^2	MeV
T	Kinetic energy	MeV
$m_e c^2$	Electron mass $\times c^2$	$0.510998918(44)~{ m MeV}$
r_e	Classical electron radius $e^2/4\pi\epsilon_0 m_e c^2$	$2.817940325(28)\mathrm{fm}$
N_A	Avogadro's number	$6.0221415(10) \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
ze	Charge of incident particle	、 <i>、</i>
Z	Atomic number of absorber	
A	Atomic mass of absorber	$g \text{ mol}^{-1}$
K/A	$4\pi N_A r_e^2 m_e c^2 / A$	$0.307075 \text{ MeV g}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2$
		for $A = 1 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$
Ι	Mean excitation energy	eV (Nota bene!)
$\delta(eta\gamma)$	Density effect correction to ionization energy loss	
$\hbar\omega_p$	Plasma energy	$\sqrt{\rho \langle Z/A \rangle} \times 28.816 \text{ eV}$
-	$(\sqrt{4\pi N_e r_e^3} \ m_e c^2/lpha)$	$(\rho \text{ in g cm}^{-3})$
N_e	Electron density	(units of r_e) ⁻³
w_j	Weight fraction of the j th element in a compound or mixture	
n_{j}	\propto number of <i>j</i> th kind of atom	ns in a compound or mixture
	$4\alpha r_e^2 N_A / A \tag{716.408}$	$(g \text{ cm}^{-2})^{-1}$ for $A = 1 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$
X_0	Radiation length	$g \text{ cm}^{-2}$
E_c	Critical energy for electrons	MeV
$E_{\mu c}$	Critical energy for muons	GeV
$\dot{E_s}$	Scale energy $\sqrt{4\pi/\alpha} m_e c^2$	$21.2052~{\rm MeV}$
R_M	Molière radius	$\rm g~cm^{-2}$

Median ionisation energy I:
 I ~ 16 Z^{0.9} eV for Z > 1

• Maximal energy transfer: $T_{max} \sim 2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2$

für m >> m_e



A CLOSER ACCOUNT OF ENERGY LOSS







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ENERGY LOSS IN THIN LAYERS

- In case of thin detectors the variation width within the energy transfer of the reactions leads to a large variation of the energy loss:
 - A broad maximum: collisions with little energy loss
 - A long tail towards higher energy loss: few collisions with large energy loss Tmax, δ-electrons.

The Landau distribution is used in physics to describe the fluctuations in the energy loss of a charged particle passing through a thin layer of matter

> Thin absorber: <dE> < ~10T_{max}







PARTICLE IDENTIFICATION USING dE/dx

- The energy loss as a function of particle momentum $p = mc\beta\gamma$ is depending on the particle's mass.
- By measuring the particle momentum (deflection in the magnetic field) and measurement of the energy loss on can measure the particle mass.

Particle Identification at low energies (p<2GeV/c)





ENERGY LOSS FOR ELECTRONS

- Incident and target electron have same mass me
- Scattering of identical, undistinguishable particles
- Bremsstrahlung: photon emission by an electron accelerated in Coulomb field of nucleus

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = 4\alpha N_A \frac{Z^2}{A} z^2 \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{mc^2}\right)^2 E \ln \frac{183}{Z^{\frac{1}{3}}} \propto \frac{E}{m^2}$$



Incident electron and Bremsstrahlung photon.

• Effect plays a role only for e^{\pm} and ultra-relativistic μ (>1000 GeV).



- Bremsstrahlung is dominating at high energies
- At low energies: ionisation, additional scattering

Energy loss for anything heavier than an electron is dominated by ionisation.

ELECTRONS: ENERGY LOSS



710 MeV Z + 0.92

X₀:Radiation length

Critical energy: the energy at which the losses due to ionisation and Bremsstrahlung are equal

$$\frac{dE}{dx}(E_c) = \frac{dE}{dx}(E_c)$$

For electrons approximately:



400

200

100

610 MeV



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MULTIPLE SCATTERING!

- Charged particles are forced to deviate from a straight track when moving through a medium: multiple scattering mostly \bigcirc due to Coulomb field.
- Cumulative effect of these small angle scatterings is a net deflection from the original particle direction.



- the smaller the momentum the larger the effect
- kind of Gaussian around original direction

 $\theta_0 = \theta_{\text{plane}}^{\text{rms}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \theta_{\text{space}}^{\text{rms}}$

$$g = \frac{13.6 \,\mathrm{MeV}}{\beta \, c \, p} \, z \, \sqrt{x/X_0} \left[1 + 0.038 \ln(x/X_0)\right]$$

Gaussian approximation sufficient for many applications.



CHERENKOV-RADIATION

- Emission of photons when a charged particle is faster than speed of light within a medium (n>1).
- Typically in transparent material: threshold
- Suitable for particle identification!
 - Only depending on β if momentum known.

Emission under a characteristic Angle:

$$\cos\theta_c = \frac{ct/n}{vt} = \frac{1}{n\beta}$$

- Cherenkov angle: between 1° (air) to 45° (quartz).
- Number of photons is small -> good detectors are needed for the detection.





"Sonic boom for charged particles"



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PIC: NASA

Cherenkov ring recorded by an array of silicon photomultipliers (pions).



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Both effects are not really contributing to the energy loss of the particles!



INTERACTIONS OF PHOTONS, NEUTRONS AND NEUTRINOS
- Photons appear in detector systems
 as primary photons,
 created in Bremsstrahlung and de-excitations
- Photons are also used for medical applications, both imaging and radiation treatment.
 - Photons interact via six mechanisms depending on the photon energy:
 - few eV: molecular interactions
 - < 1 MeV: photoelectric effect</p>
 - < 1 MeV: Rayleigh scattering</p>
 - ~ 1 MeV: Compton scattering
 - > 1 MeV: pair production
 - > 1 MeV: nuclear interactions





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 \Rightarrow Reduction of photon intensity with passage through matter:

 $I(x) = I_0 e^{-\mu x}$

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INTERACTIONS OF NEUTRONS



- Neutron interaction is based only on strong (and weak) nuclear force.
- To detect neutrons, one has to create charged particles.
- Possible neutron conversion and elastic reactions …



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A SHORT WORD ON NEUTRINOS...

- Neutrons react very weakly with matter
- Cross section for $\nu_e + n \rightarrow e^- + p$ is around 10⁻⁴³ cm⁻².
 - 1m Iron: probability 10⁻¹⁷
 - In collider experiments fully hermetic detectors allow indirect detection
 - Sum up all visible energy and momentum in detector
 - Missing energy and momentum belong to neutrino(s)





Claus Grupen, Particle Detectors, Cambridge Uni. Press 1996



SUMMARY PART 1

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Multiple Scattering and Bremsstrahlung:

- Incoming particles are scattering off the atomic nuclei which are partially shielded by the atomic electrons.
- Measuring the particle momentum by deflection of the particle trajectory in the magnetic field, this scattering imposes a lower limit on the momentum resolution of the spectrometer.
- The deflection of the particle on the nucleus results in an acceleration that causes emission of Bremsstrahlungs-Photons. These photons in turn produced e+e- pairs in the vicinity of the nucleus....



A SHORT SUMMARY



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The decay of a lambda particle in the 32 cm hydrogen bubble chamber

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Lifetime of lambda: 2.6 10⁻¹⁰ sec -> a few cm

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AND Now ... ?





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15 minutes coffee break

