Čerenkov Light Contribution in Lead Tungstate Crystals

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Outline

DREAM approach to hadronic calorimetry

- Extending the DREAM principle to a homogeneous detector
- Evidence of Čerenkov light in PbWO₄ crystals
- Experience with a small PbWO₄ electromagnetic calorimeter
- Preliminary results with a BGO crystal

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Performance in hadronic calorimetry

- Main limitations caused by
 - mostly different detector response to em component $(\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$ and non-em component (i.e. e/h>1)
 - fluctuations in em component (f_{em}) are large and non-Poissonian

non-Gaussian, non-linear hadronic response function hadronic energy resolution deviates from E^{-1/2} scaling

- Dealing with the problem
 - best performance delivered by compensating calorimeters at a cost of a small sampling fraction
 - the DREAM approach: resolution determined by fluctuations in fem

Measure f_{em} event-by-event

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DREAM approach: measure f_{em}

- e[±] in em component are relativistic down to 1MeV
- hadronic particles in non-em component are usually non relativistic

Independent measurements of the scintillation and Čerenkov light yields can allow to estimate the two components and measure f_{em}



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Dual-REAdout Module

Consists of 5880 copper rods equipped with scintillating (S) and undoped quartz (Č) fibers, grouped in 19 towers read-out by 38 PMTs





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 $\leftarrow 2.5 \text{ mm} \rightarrow 4 \text{ mm} \rightarrow$

- Improved resolution exploiting the Q/S~f_{em} ratio
- Calibrated with electrons
- Resolution dominated by
 - Leakage fluctuations
 - Fluctuations in invisible energy
 - Sampling fluctuations

N. Akchurin et al., Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A 536 (2005) 29 N. Akchurin et al., Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A 537 (2005) 537 Extending DREAM principle: PbWO₄

Čerenkov light produced in any optical medium

How to distinguish the light components in a uniform medium:

	Čerenkov	Scintillation
Directionality	Cone Isotropic	
Timing	Prompt	Decay
Spectrum	λ-2	Limited band
Polarization	yes	no

- Started investigating PbWO₄*. Well known and "largely" available scintillating medium
 - 2.2 x 2.2 x 18 cm³, $2X_0$ (transversal plane)

Rel. (Nal)	Decay time	Peak wavel.	Cutoff wavel.	Refr. index	Density
Light yield	(ns)	(nm)	(nm)		(g/cm ³)
1.3%	10	440	350	2.2	8.3

Search for Čerenkov contribution using particle beams at SPS@CERN

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- Crystal signals acquired by means of
 - charge integrators
 - fast digitizer (800MHz sampling frequency)

$$\Rightarrow \text{ Define charge asymmetry: } \alpha = \frac{R-L}{R+L} = \frac{\epsilon_R - \epsilon_L}{2 + \epsilon_R + \epsilon_L} \quad \epsilon_x = \frac{\breve{C}_x}{S_x}$$





Pulse shape results

- Both methods disclose the Č light presence
- In particular the lead constant analysis provides <u>Č</u> information from a single side
- \Rightarrow Error bars show the distribution widths (σ)
 - again event-by-event analysis not possible (p.e. statistics)



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ECAL

Small electromagnetic calorimeter (ECAL) made of 19 PbWO₄ crystals in front of DREAM (HCAL) Ď

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- ECAL: $14X_0$, $0.5\lambda_{int}$ HCAL: $100X_0$, $10\lambda_{int}$
- Calibrated in 90° geometry (perpendicular to the beam), operated in an optimised 63° geometry
- Try to estimate S and Č components of ECAL signals (and correlate with HCAL). Use asymmetry (B-A)/(B+A)



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Exploit the spectrum: BGO

- Promising results obtained with PbWO₄. Proceed exploring different (more suitable) crystals
- In a real detector Č directionality hardly usable
 - Time structure provides information
 - What about the spectrum?

Crystal	Rel. (Nal) Light yield	Decay time (ns)	Peak wavel. (nm)	Cutoff wavel. (nm)	Refr. index	Density (g/cm ³)
PbWO ₄	1.3%	10	440	350	2.2	8.28
BGO	20%	300	480	320	2.15	7.13





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Conclusions

- We measured the Čerenkov contribution to signals from electrons and muons in lead tungstate crystals
- Time structure of signals proved to be a powerful investigation tool
- Information on the electromagnetic content of hadronic showers have been determined with a small lead tungstate calorimeter. This information is well correlated with explicit measurements in a dual-readout calorimeter
- Preliminary results from a BGO crystal are really exciting. Exploiting both the timing and the spectrum properties of Čerenkov light, precise measurements of the electromagnetic fraction event-by-event in a homogeneous calorimeter may be possible
- We will continue our R&D with the aim of providing an improved hadronic calorimetry technique, suitable for future experiments as well as for refining existing crystal calorimeters







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Charge asymmetry in ECAL

- \Rightarrow ECAL is only $0.5\lambda_{int}$
- 40% pions behave as MIPs in ECAL
- Asymmetry for MIPs is larger than for showers
- The Landau tail of these MIPs perturbs the asymmetry measurements up to ~10 GeV of deposited energy



ECAL vs HCAL f_{em} resolution



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