Tests of GEANT4 using the CALICE Si-W ECAL

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Discuss measurements of electromagnetic and (mainly)
 hadronic showers + comparison with GEANT4 simulations

 Study of e/m showers reported previously – serves as a check of our understanding of the detectors.

•The ECAL is ~1 λ_{int} in depth \Rightarrow ~50% of hadrons start to shower in the ECAL. Need to understand the ECAL response.

Fine granularity of the ECAL permits some interesting measurements of hadronic shower properties in Tungsten.



CALICE



- CALICE ~300 people/53 groups/17 countries
- Various projects aimed towards aspects of highly segmented calorimetry for a future Linear Collider detector, motivated by Particle Flow.
- Given focus by common test beams, combining ECAL/HCAL/tail catcher (TCMT); common DAQ/analysis.
- First round small "physics prototypes"
 - Evaluate technologies; identify problem areas.
 - Validate Monte Carlo simulations, especially for hadronic showers, so that results can feed into full detector simulations.
 - ✤ Still sizeable systems with ~20K channels.
- Second phase "technological prototypes" (mainly under aegis of EUDET).
 - More realistic technological solutions; module dimensions etc.
 - e.g. minimise thickness of sensitive layers; power pulsing.
- Will discuss some results of physics prototypes today.

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CALICE test beams

- Main beam tests, using π, μ, e
 beams:
- 2006-7 SiW ECAL + AHCAL + TCMT
 CERN
- 2008 SiW ECAL + AHCAL + TCMT @ Fermilab
- 2008-9 Scint-W ECAL + AHCAL + TCMT @ Fermilab
- 2010 DHCAL + TCMT @ Fermilab
- 2010 W HCAL @ CERN





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SiW ECAL



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Data used

- Based on the 2007 CERN test beam running.
- π⁻ beams @ 8, 10, 12, 15, 20 GeV
 - ♦ Čerenkov used to remove e⁻ background
- π⁺ beams @ 30, 50, 80 GeV
 - Čerenkov used to remove proton background
- Muons identified by low energy in all three calorimeters, and rejected.
- Simulations using GEANT4.9.3 (December 2009) with eight hadronic physics lists
 - QGSP_BERT
 - QGSP_BERT_TRV
 - QGSP_FTFP_BERT
 - QGSP_BIC
 - ✤ QGS_BIC
 - FTF_BIC
 - FTFP_BERT
 - ♦ LHEP
- Comparisons made at detector level. Energies in units of MIPs (minimum ionising particle (i.e. muon) equivalents).





Some electron results



Probability of not interacting in ECAL

As identified through MIP-like energy deposition in ECAL



Serves as a test of the GEANT4 cross-sections on Tungsten Most physics lists within 1-2% of data Most conspicuous outlier is LHEP

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Energy in ECAL (QGSP_BERT physics list)









Energy deposited in ECAL

Show trend of <E(MC)>/<E(Data)> vs beam energy



Steps seen as Geant4 makes transitions between models
Most models lie within 10% of data
Closest overall seems to be FTF BIC

•LHEP is a striking outlier, diverging significantly at high energies

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Transverse shower profile



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Tails of transverse profiles



Most models underestimate shower width at high energies. FTF lists fit data best

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Longitudinal shower profile

- The observed longitudinal shower development reflects a convolution of the distribution of shower starting points with the true shower shape.
- High granularity allows us to identify the shower start to within ±1 layer typically.
- Can then measure shower longitudinal development w.r.t. this point.
- Restrict to showers starting in first 10 layers of ECAL, so that almost 1 λ_{int} in the ECAL is available to develop the shower. And ~20X₀ so that photons in initial interaction can shower fully.





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Shower profiles w.r.t. interaction point

12 GeV data compared to all 8 physics lists



In simulation, can record hit energies associated with each particle species. Note that "mesons" (π , μ , K), e[±] and protons have distinctive shower profiles. None completely fits the data.

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Shower profiles w.r.t. interaction point

Compare two physics lists at 4 energies



Three main components can be observed:

- •Short range component (mainly protons; nuclear spallation products)
- •Electromagnetic component
- •Longer range components; mesons + MIP-like protons

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Focus on different regions of the shower:



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Layers 30-50 Mainly hadron dominated Most models within ~10% of data QGSP models slightly favoured

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Summary

- Use of the CALICE ECAL to study the early stages of hadronic showers has some interesting advantages for testing Monte Carlo models:
 - Can study interactions on Tungsten
 - \checkmark Fine longitudinal granularity \Rightarrow can identify shower start well
 - ◆ Fine segmentation ⇒ charged spallation products can traverse several layers of W, compared to ~1 layer of Fe in our HCAL
 - ⋆ Large λ_{int}/X_0 (~29 for W c.f. ~10 for Fe) means e/m component can develop rapidly compared to hadronic.
- Main findings from comparing with eight physics lists in GEANT4.9.3
 - ✤ LHEP stands out as the least successful.
 - Total energy not a very useful discriminator.
 - Most lists underestimate transverse shower shape, especially at higher energies. FTF (Fritjof)-based models seem best here.
 - Longitudinal shower profiles allow some disentangling of components of shower. Mild preference for FTF lists, but none is perfect.
- Lower energy pions from FNAL in 2008 will soon provide interesting complementary information



Backup slides

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Physics lists in GEANT4.9.3



All are hybrids of several models; random selection between alternatives in the transition region in order to smooth behaviour.

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