

Calorimetry

in particle physics experiments

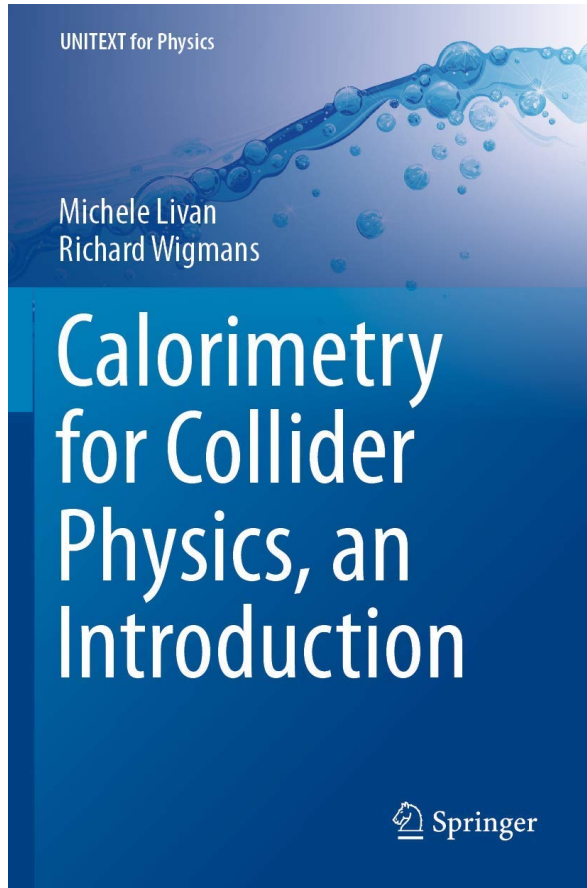
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Why Calorimetry?
Motivation and
Historical Landscape

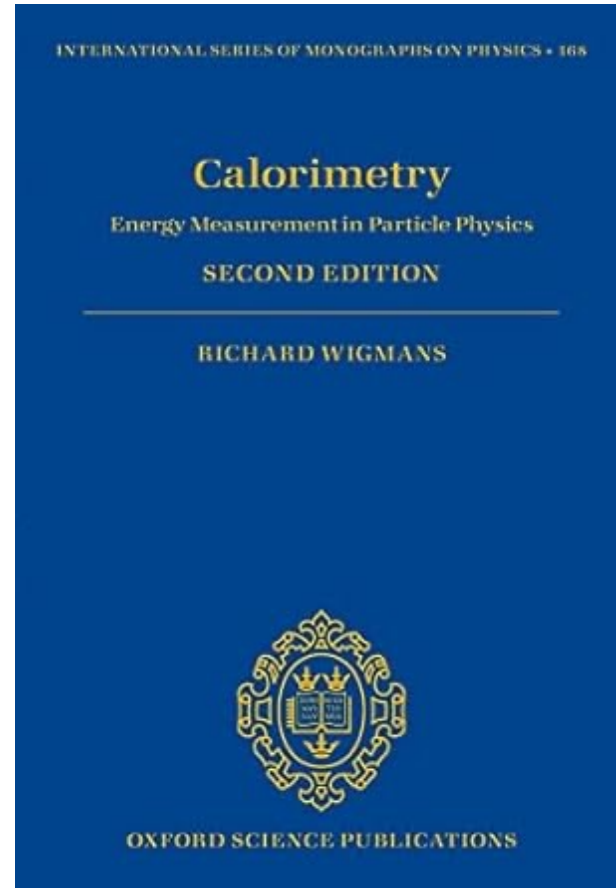
Course roadmap

- **Week 1 (Foundations)**
 - ✓ Lecture 1: Why calorimetry?
 - ✓ Lecture 2: EM shower physics
- **Week 2 (Physics depth)**
 - ✓ Lecture 3: Hadronic shower physics
 - ✓ Lecture 4: Energy resolution from first principles
- **Week 3 (Technology)**
 - ✓ Lecture 5: Calorimeter Technologies (real-life EM and Hadronic calorimeters)
 - ✓ Lecture 6: Calorimeter Design
- **Week 4 (Systems & Future)**
 - ✓ Lecture 7: Signal chain, readout, calibration
 - ✓ Lecture 8: Future calorimetry

Resources



<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-030-23653-3>



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Today's Lecture

- **Week I (Foundations)**

- ✓ **Lecture 1: Why calorimetry?**

- *1.1 Why calorimetry?*
- *1.2 Calorimeters in Detector Systems*
- *Intermezzo: Coordinate system & Cross-section & Hadron vs Lepton Colliders*
- *1.3 Historical Development*

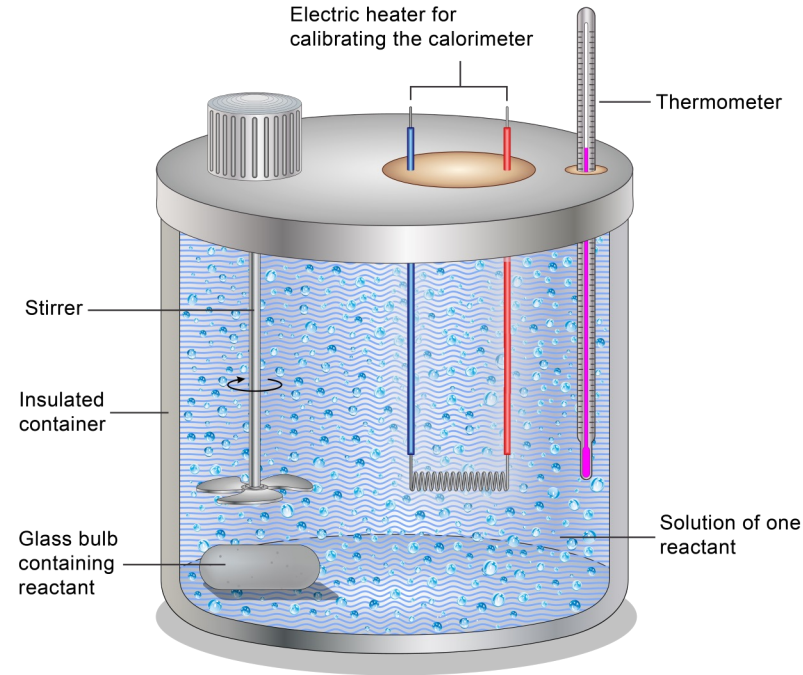
- ✓ Lecture 2: EM shower physics

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Why Calorimetry?

What is a (generic) calorimeter?

- **In general: an apparatus used to measure the transfer of heat (energy) involved in a chemical reactions or physical changes**
 - ✓ E.g. a thermally hermetic box with a substance of which we want to measure the temperature, equipped with a thermometer
 - 1 calorie (4.185 J) = energy necessary to increase of one degree the temperature of 1 g of water at 15 C
- **In particle physics: a detector which measures the energy carried by a particle**
 - ✓ In particle physics the energy of a particle is measured in eV
 - 1 eV = energy acquired by one electron accelerated by a difference of potential of 1 V
 - 1 MeV = 10^6 eV; 1 GeV = 10^9 eV; 1 TeV = 10^{12} eV



HEP, SI and “natural” units

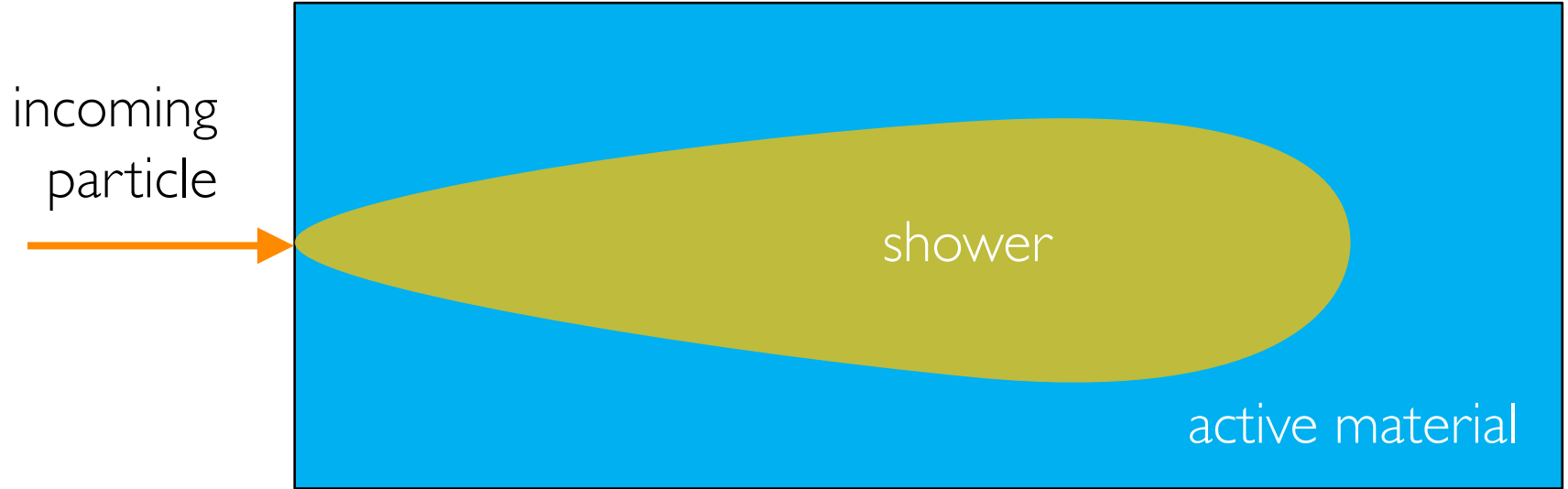
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length	1 fm	10^{-15} m
charge	e	1.602×10^{-19} C
energy	1 GeV	1.602×10^{-10} J
mass	1 GeV/c ²	1.78×10^{-27} kg
$\hbar = h/2\pi$	6.588×10^{-25} GeV s	1.055×10^{-34} Js
c	2.988×10^{23} fm/s	2.988×10^8 m/s
$\hbar c$	197 MeV fm	...

“natural” units ($\hbar = c = 1$)

mass	1 GeV
length	1 GeV ⁻¹ = 0.1973 fm
time	1 GeV ⁻¹ = 6.59×10^{-25} s

What is a (particle physics) calorimeter?

- **A detector for energy measurement** via total absorption of particles**
 - ✓ What particle can we use a calorimeter for? It depends on energy loss mechanisms
 - Example: a 10 GeV muon loses energy mainly by ionization, to absorb all the energy one needs ~9 m of iron
 - High energy electrons, photons, hadrons can deposit their energy much more efficiently...



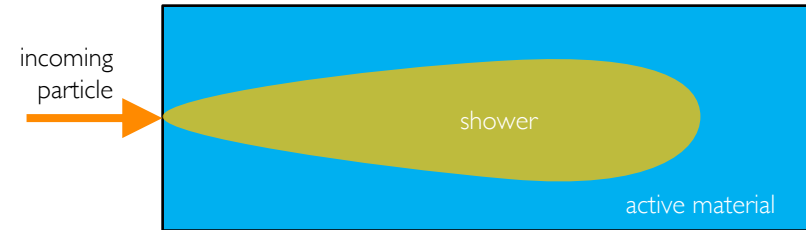
What particle do we measure with calorimeters?



Note that at energy > 1 TeV muon calorimetry becomes possible as muons in lead/iron undergo interaction processes where the energy loss is proportional to the muon energy

What is a calorimeter?

- **A detector for energy measurement** via total absorption of particles**
- **Principles of operation:**
 1. Incoming particle initiates a “particle shower”
 - Shower properties depend on particle type and detector material
 - Electrons & photons → Electromagnetic shower → Electromagnetic calorimeter
 - Hadrons → Hadronic shower → Hadronic calorimeter
 2. Energy is deposited in “active” regions
 - Different calorimeters use different kind of signals
 - Ionization charge, atom excitation (scintillation light), Cherenkov light, ...
 3. Signal is “proportional” to energy released
 - Proportionally → calibration
 - Shower containment

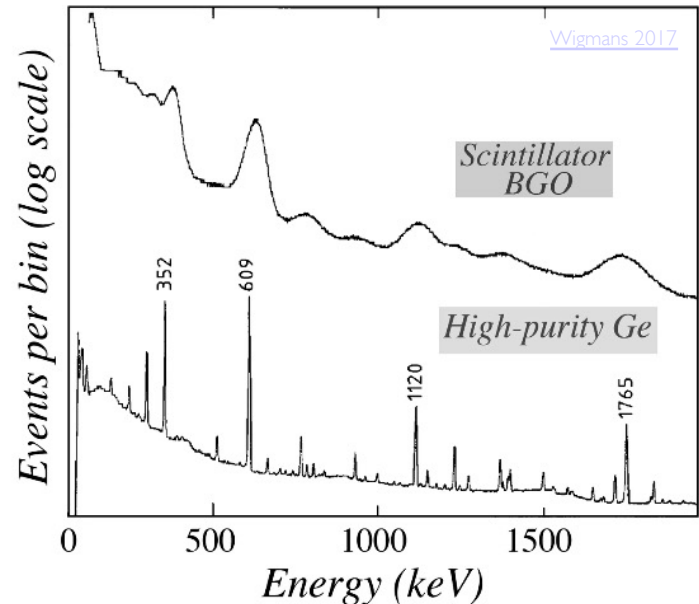


* Also sensitive to particle position: fundamental for neutral particles!

* Segmentation allows particles identification and more!

Why calorimetry? Neutral particles are invisible to trackers

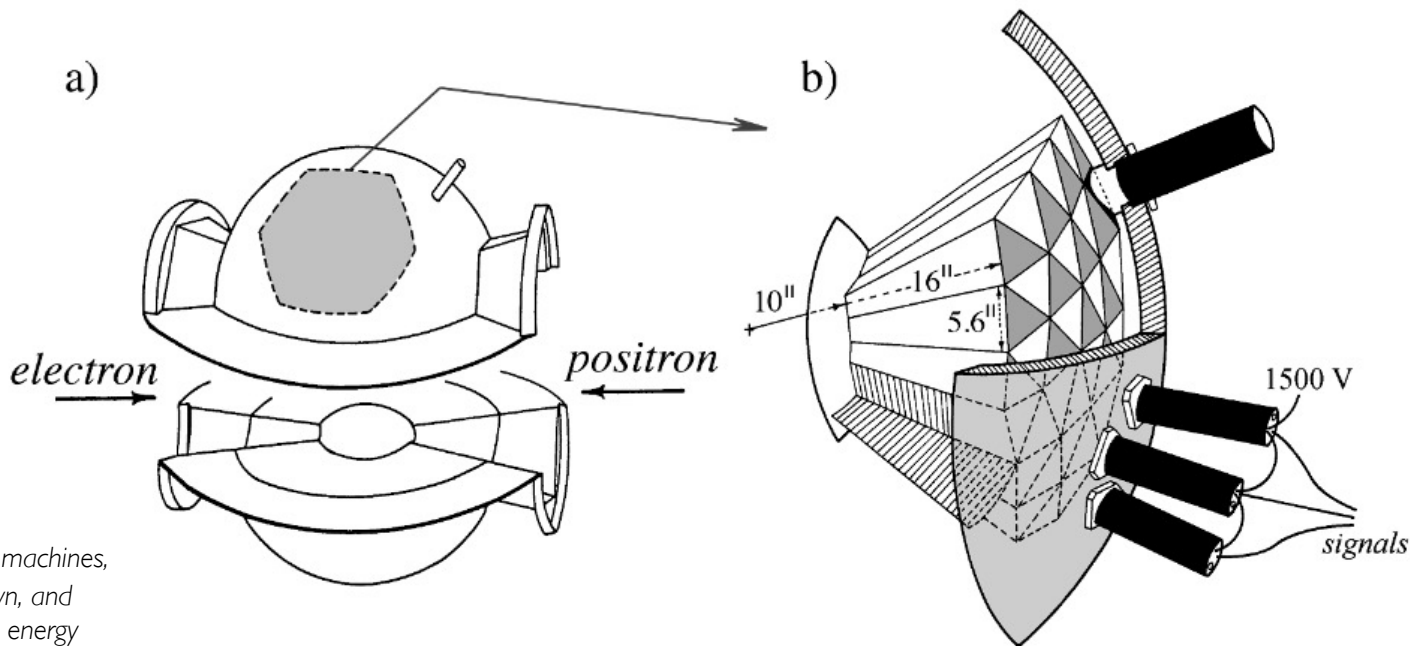
- Neutral particles are invisible to tracking detectors!
 - ✓ Historical use cases from nuclear physics
 - e.g. spectroscopy of excited states which decay into $X + n\pi^0$
 - ✓ In general, detector of neutrals (e.g. γ , neutrons) or neutral products ($\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)
- ✓ Pioneer measurements in early 1950s with calorimeters based on crystals such as NaI(Tl) used as γ -ray detectors
- ✓ Following milestone around 1965, when semiconductor detectors for γ -ray detection made their appearance



Why calorimetry? Missing energy reconstruction

- Missing (transverse) energy as signature of undetectable particles
- Kinematic closure of event * allows for measurement of the event energy flow
 - ✓ Requirement: hermetic (4π) calorimetric coverage

Example of one of the first 4π hermetic calorimeter: Crystal Ball at SLAC e^+e^- SPEAR, a NaI(Tl) Crystal calorimeter



* Particularly important at e^+e^- collider machines, where energy of collision is well known, and collision produces particles with total energy equal to the center-of-mass energy

Why calorimetry? Detect neutrinos

- Late 60's - early 70's saw advent of intense high energy neutrino beam
- Need for highly massive detectors to study neutrinos interaction (cross section extremely small $\sim 10^{10}$ smaller than hadron interaction cross-sections)
 - ✓ *Detector also acting as target to study inelastic process*
 - ✓ *Detector should be uniformly sensitive to reaction products!*



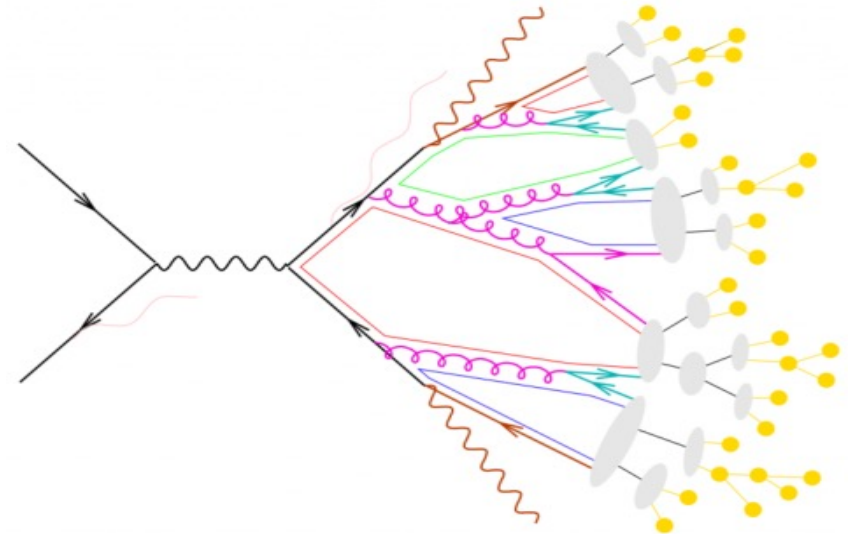
CDHS (CERN-Dortmund-Heidelberg-Saclay) neutrino experiment
Designed to study deep inelastic neutrino interactions in iron.
The detector had a mass of 1250 tons and combined the functions of a muon spectrometer and hadron calorimeter. It consisted of 19 magnetized iron modules, separated from each other by wire drift chambers.

Why calorimetry? Measure hadronic jets

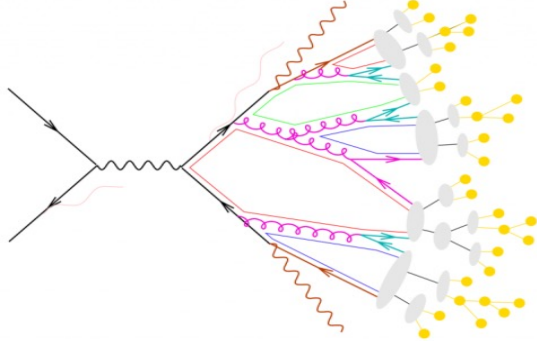
- QCD asymptotic freedom and confinement:
 - ✓ at short distances strong interactions weak, quarks and gluons essentially free particles;
 - ✓ at large distances, higher-order diagrams dominate, interaction very strong (perturbative regime fails, effective models needed)
- Quarks and gluons hadronise into collimated jets
 - ✓ Jet retains direction and energy of parent parton
 - ✓ Moving from description of the single particles to measurement of global characteristics (energy flow, missing energy, jets energy)

quark-quark effective potential

$$V_s = \underbrace{-\frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{r}}_{\text{single gluon exchange}} + \underbrace{kr}_{\text{confinement}}$$



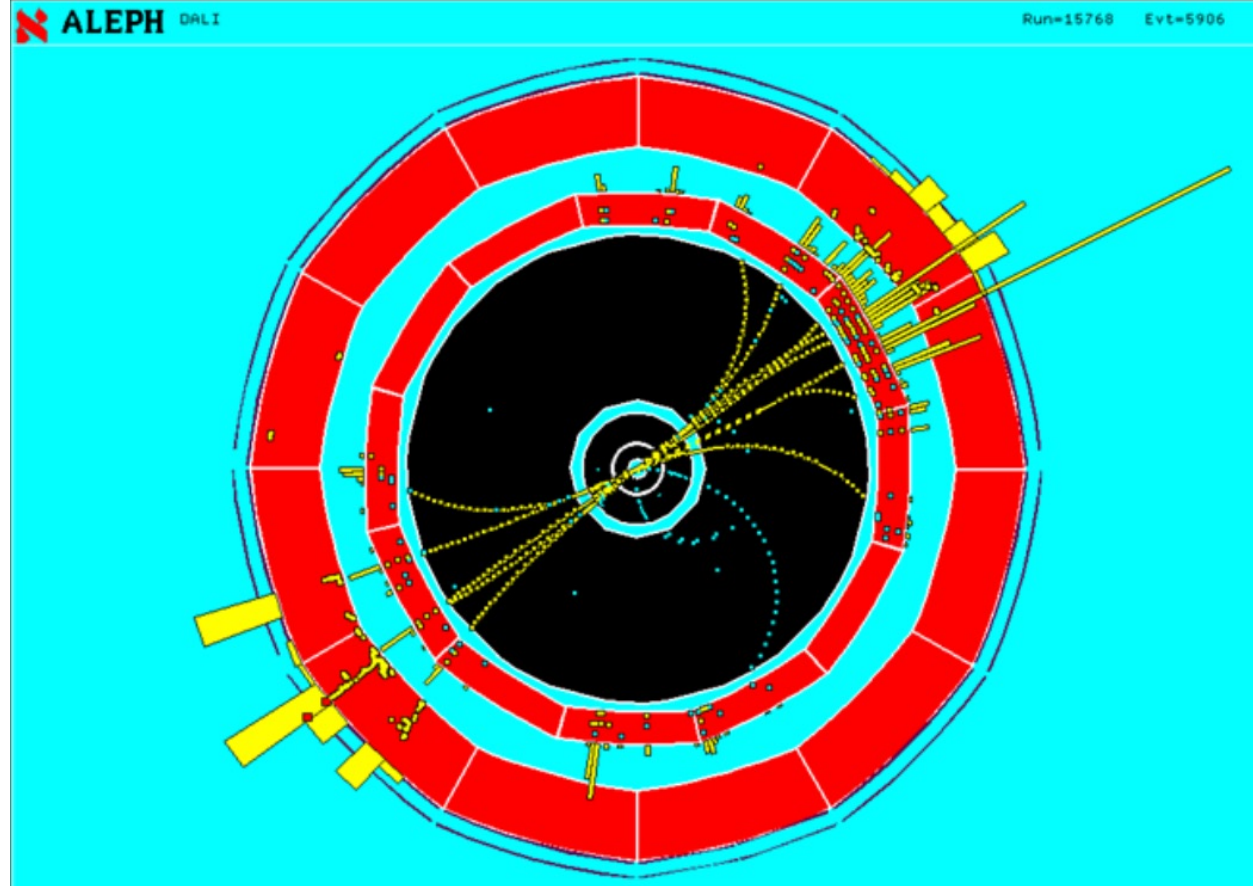
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$$e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow q\bar{q}$$

Discovery of jet-like events in e^+e^- collisions at SLAC in 1975 stimulated community to introduce calorimeters:

- better energy resolution than magnetic spectrometers
- capability of measuring the energy of charged as well as neutral particle



Why measure particle energy with a calorimeter?

- Fundamental contrast with spectrometers: calorimeters *absorb* rather than *deflect*
 - ✓ Spectrometer: particle survives, momentum measured from curvature
 - ✓ Calorimeter: particle destroyed, energy inferred from shower total
- Energy (momentum) resolution

Calorimeter

$$\frac{\sigma(E)}{E} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}}$$

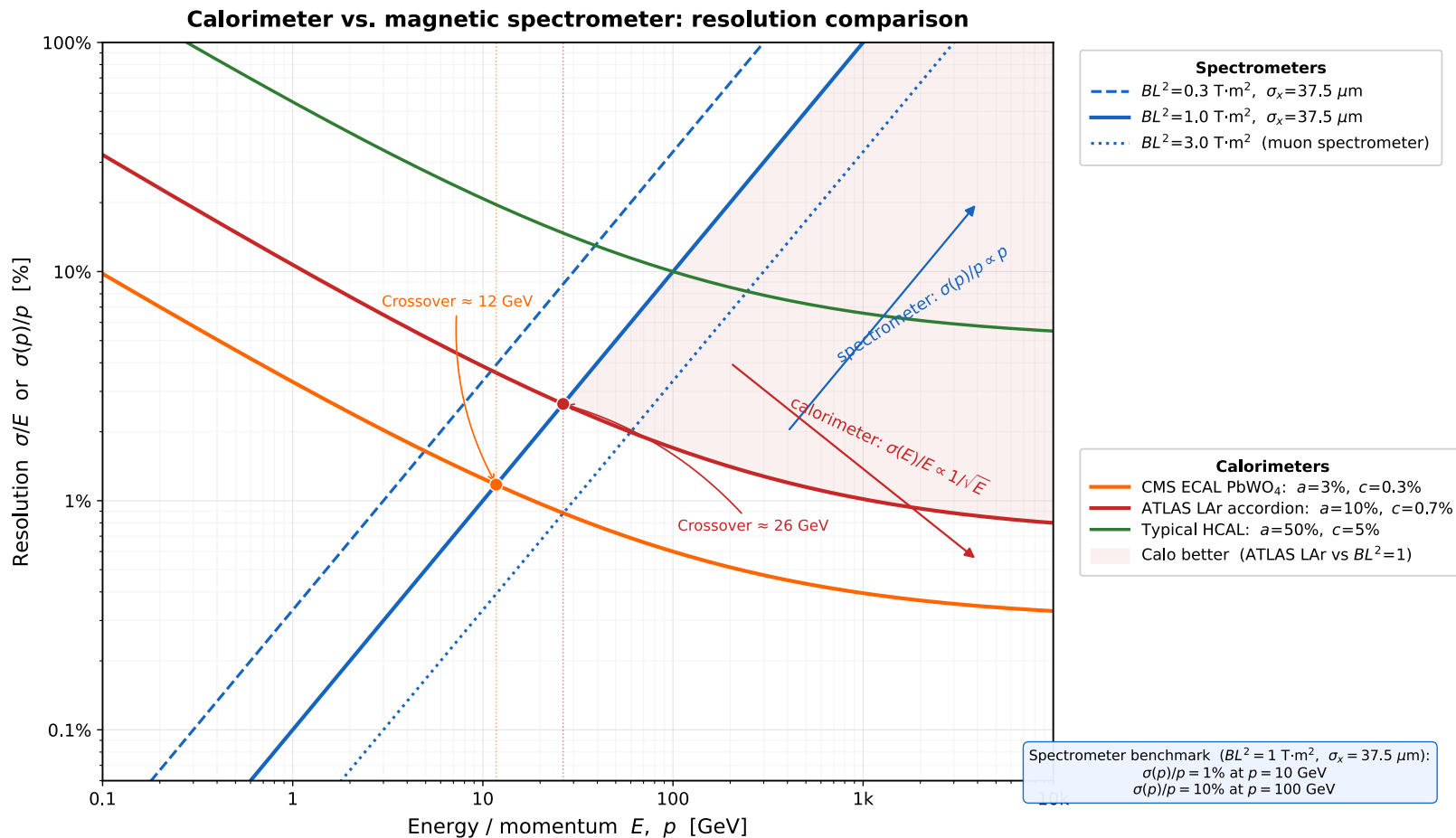
$$\frac{\sigma(E)}{E} \simeq \frac{a}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus \frac{b}{E} \oplus c, \quad E[\text{GeV}]$$

Spectrometer

$$\frac{\sigma(p)}{p} \propto p$$

$$\frac{\sigma(p)}{p} \simeq \frac{8 \sigma_x p}{0.3 B L^2}, \quad p [\text{GeV}], \quad B [\text{T}], \quad L [\text{m}], \quad \sigma_x [\text{m}]$$

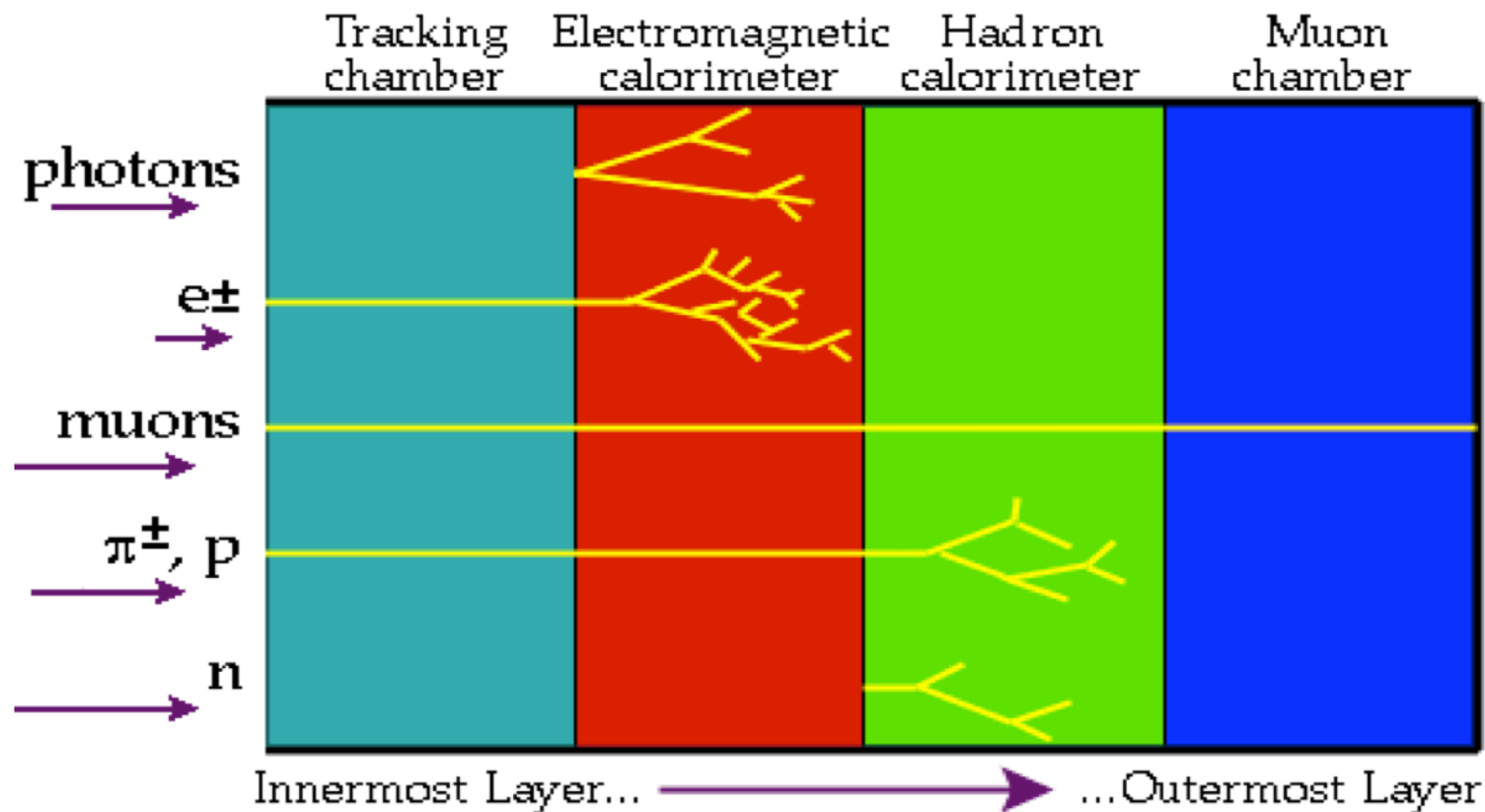
Calorimeters vs. magnetic spectrometers



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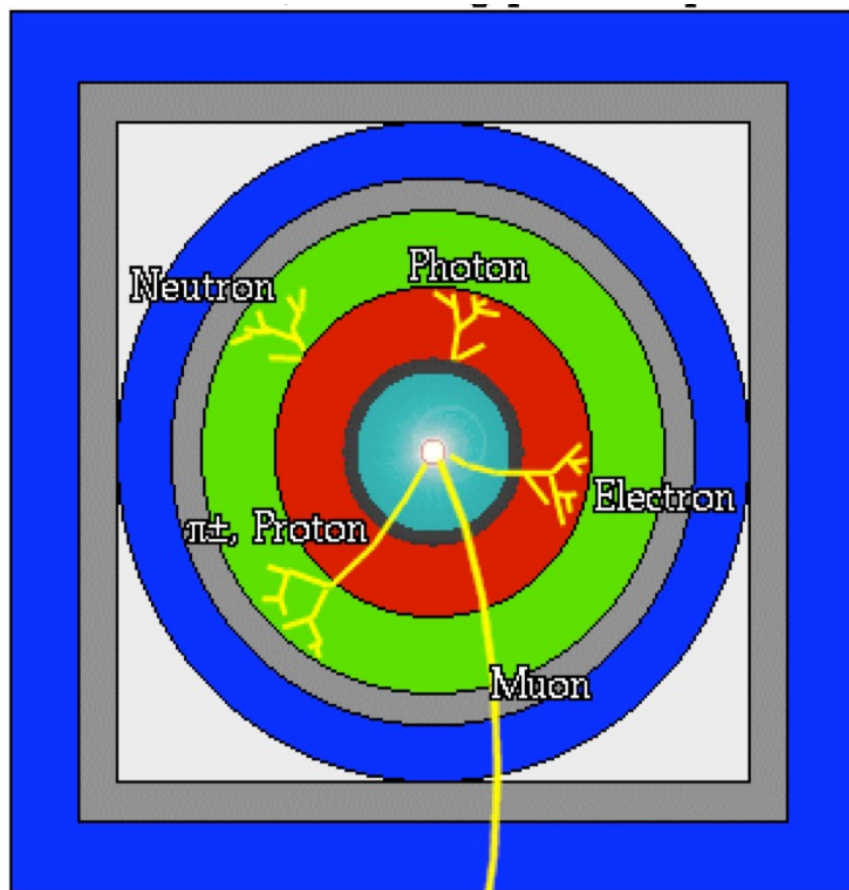
Calorimeters in Detector Systems

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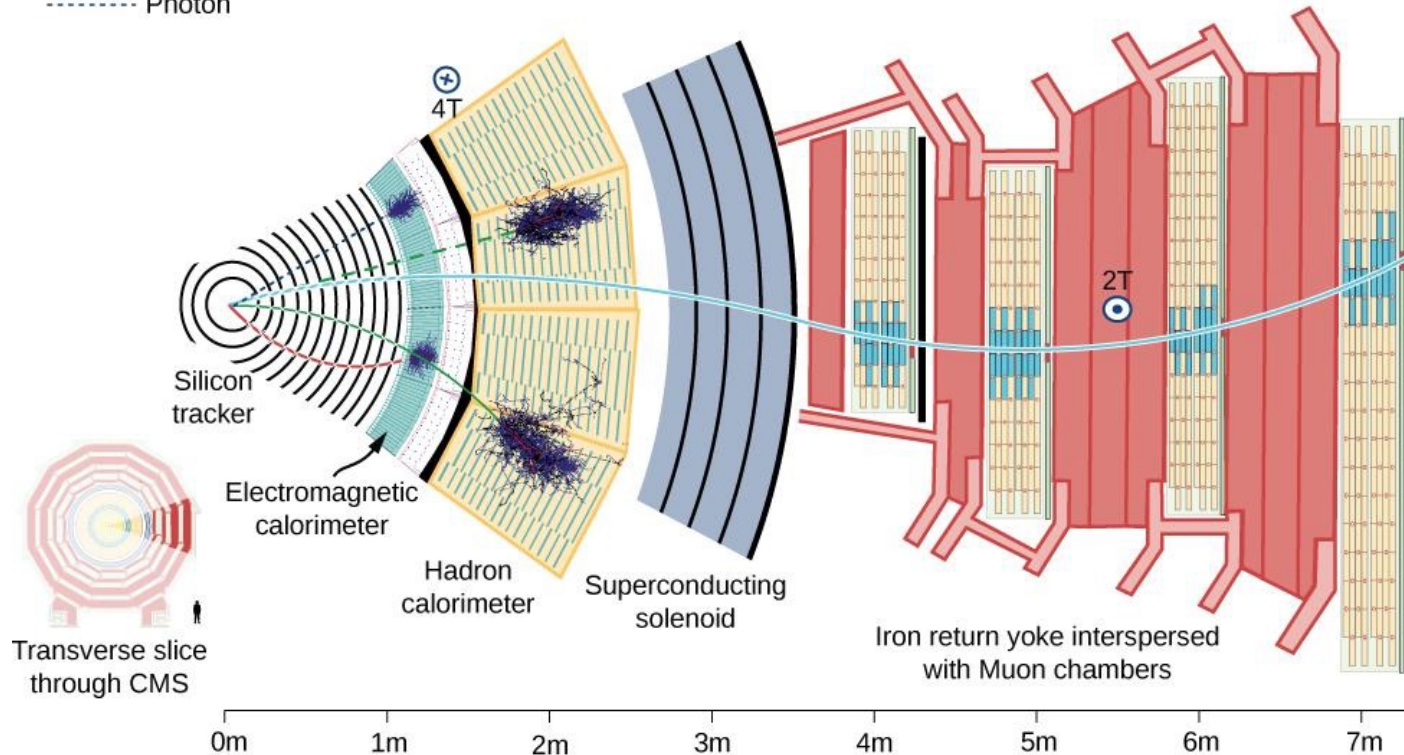
- Beam Pipe (center)
- Tracking Chamber
- Magnet Coil
- E-M Calorimeter
- Hadron Calorimeter
- Magnetized Iron
- Muon Chambers



How do we “see” particles?

Key:

- Muon
- Electron
- Charged Hadron (e.g. Pion)
- - - Neutral Hadron (e.g. Neutron)
- Photon



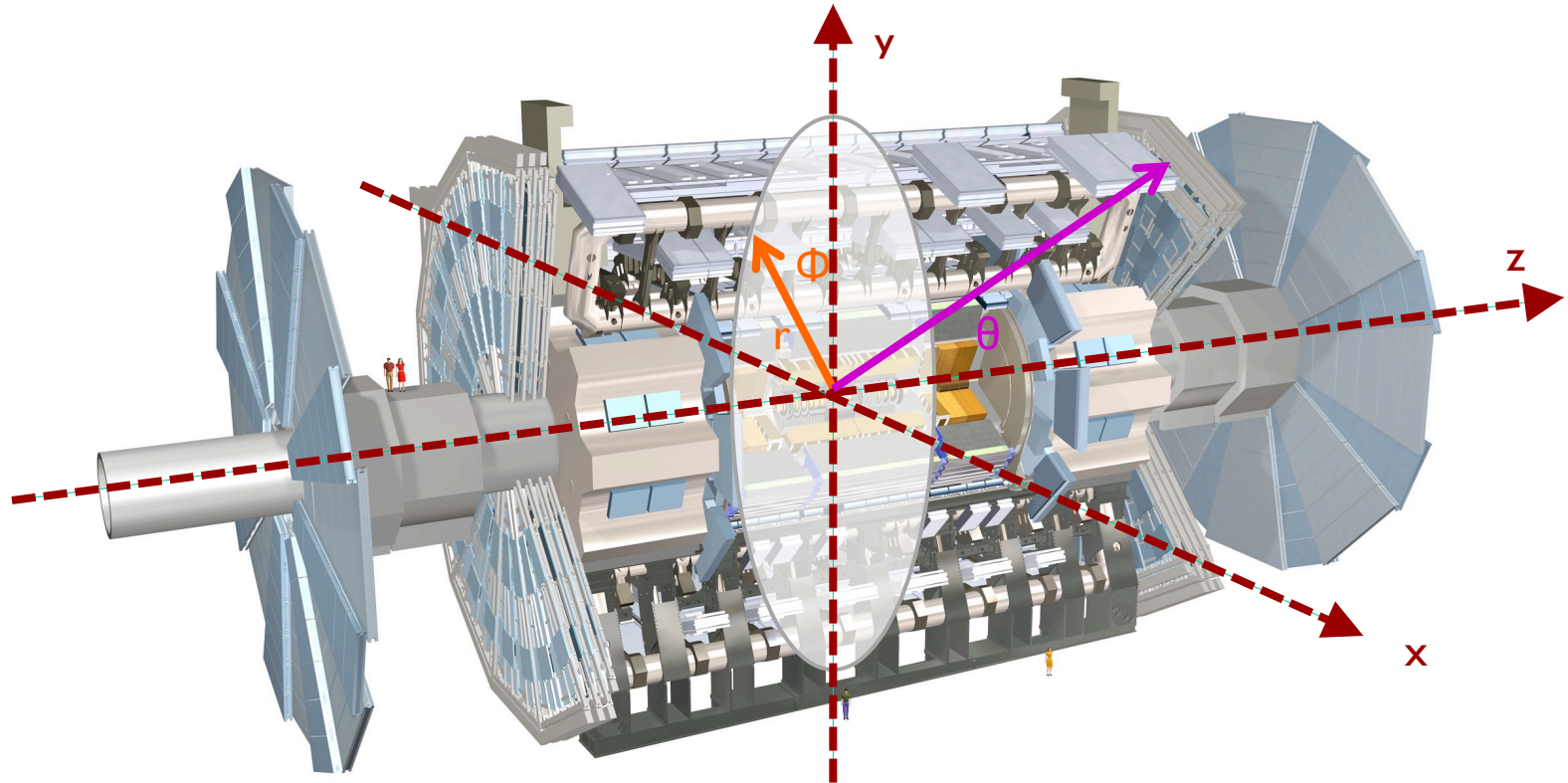
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Coordinate system &

Cross-section &

Hadron vs Lepton Colliders

Collider experiment coordinates



Rapidity

Lorentz factor $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} = \cosh \varphi$ Hyperbolic cosine of “rapidity”

$$\begin{aligned} E &= m \cosh \varphi & \varphi &= \tanh^{-1} \frac{E}{|\vec{p}|} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + |\vec{p}|}{E - |\vec{p}|} \\ |\vec{p}| &= m \sinh \varphi \end{aligned}$$

- Particle physicists prefer to use modified rapidity along beam axis

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z}$$

Pseudorapidity

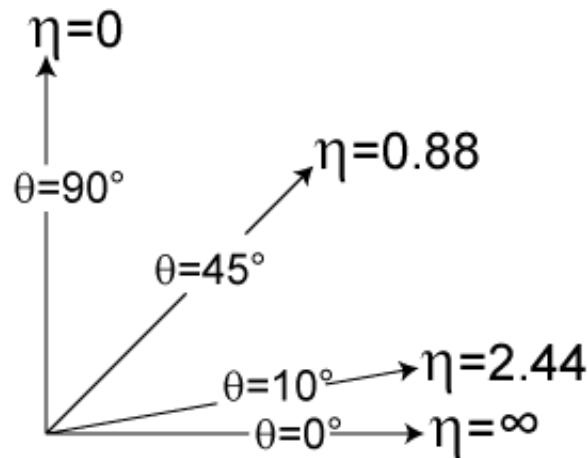
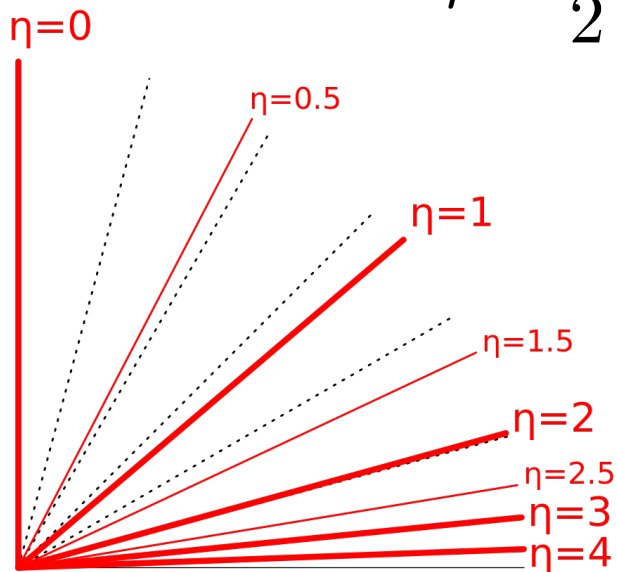
$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{|\vec{p}| + p_z}{|\vec{p}| - p_z}$$

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z}$$

$$\eta \simeq y$$

if $E \gg m$



Transverse variables

- At hadron colliders, a significant and unknown fraction of the beam energy in each event escapes down the beam pipe.
- Net momentum can only be constrained in the plane transverse to the beam z-axis!

$$\sum p_T(i) = 0$$

$$p_T = \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2}$$

$$p_x = p_T \cos \phi$$

$$p_y = p_T \sin \phi$$

$$p_z = p_T \sinh \eta$$

$$|p| = p_T \cosh \eta$$

$$E_T = \frac{E}{\cosh \eta}$$

Missing transverse energy and transverse mass

- If invisible particles are created, only their transverse momentum can be constrained:
missing transverse energy

$$E_T^{\text{miss}} = \sum p_T(i)$$

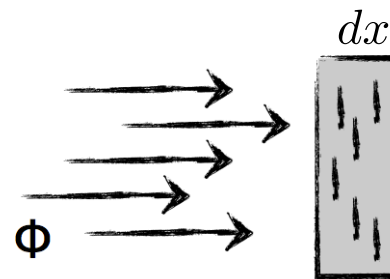
- If a heavy particle is produced and decays into two particles one of which is invisible, the mass of the parent particle can be constrained with the **transverse mass quantity**

$$\begin{aligned} M_T^2 &\equiv [E_T(1) + E_T(2)]^2 - [\mathbf{p}_T(1) + \mathbf{p}_T(2)]^2 \\ &= m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2[E_T(1)E_T(2) - \mathbf{p}_T(1) \cdot \mathbf{p}_T(2)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{if } m_1 = m_2 = 0 \quad M_T^2 = 2|\mathbf{p}_T(1)||\mathbf{p}_T(2)|(1 - \cos \phi_{12})$$

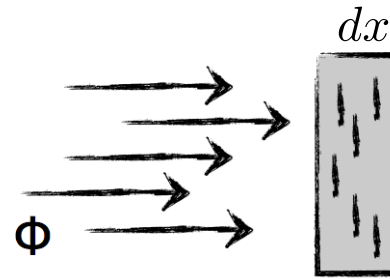
Interaction cross section

$$\text{Flux } \Phi = \frac{1}{S} \frac{dN_i}{dt} \quad [L^{-2} t^{-1}]$$



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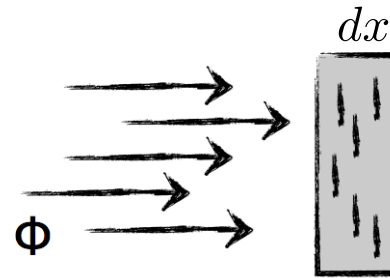


Reactions per unit of time $\frac{dN_{\text{reac}}}{dt} = \Phi \overbrace{\sigma N_{\text{target}} dx}^{\text{area obscured by target particle}}$ $[t^{-1}]$

$[L^{-2} t^{-1}]$ $[?]$ $[L^{-1}]$ $[L]$

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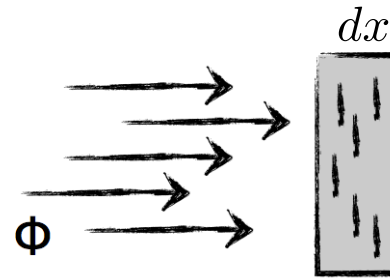
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Cross section per target particle $\sigma = \frac{W_{if}}{\Phi}$ $[L^2]$ = reaction rate per unit of flux

$1b = 10^{-28} \text{ m}^2$ (roughly the area of a nucleus with $A = 100$)

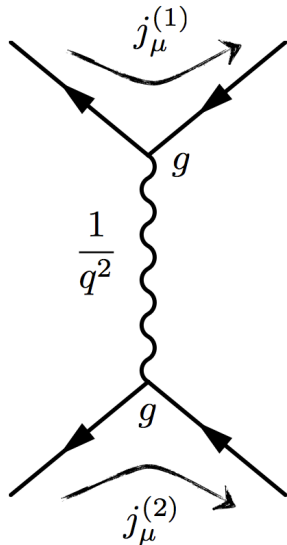
Fermi Golden Rule

From non-relativistic perturbation theory...

transition probability matrix element energy density of final states

$$W_{if} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |M_{if}|^2 \frac{dN}{dE_f}$$

$[t^{-1}]$
 $[E]$
 $[E^{-1}]$



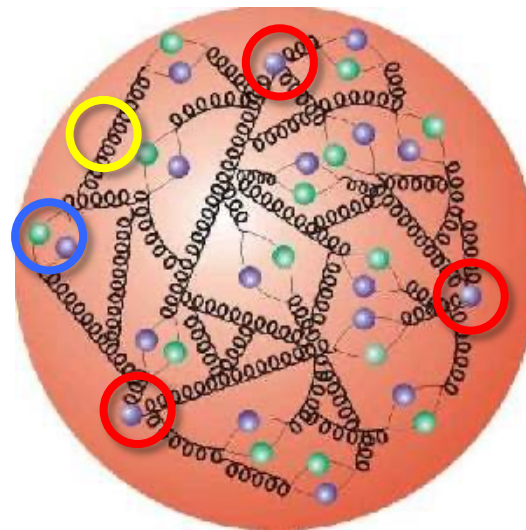
$$M_{if} = -i \int j_\mu^{(1)} \left(\frac{1}{q^2} \right) j_\mu^{(2)} d^4x$$

$$\sigma \sim |M_{if}|^2 \sim g^4 \left(\frac{1}{q^4} \right)$$

About the inner life of a proton

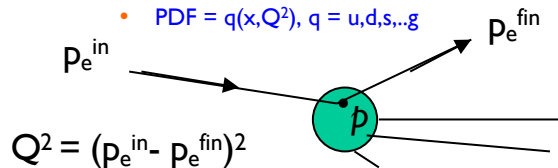
- **protons have substructures**

- ✓ partons = quarks & gluons
- ✓ 3 valence (colored) quarks bound by gluons
- ✓ Gluons (colored) have self-interactions
- ✓ Virtual quark pairs can pop-up (sea-quark)
- ✓ p momentum shared among constituents
 - described by p structure functions



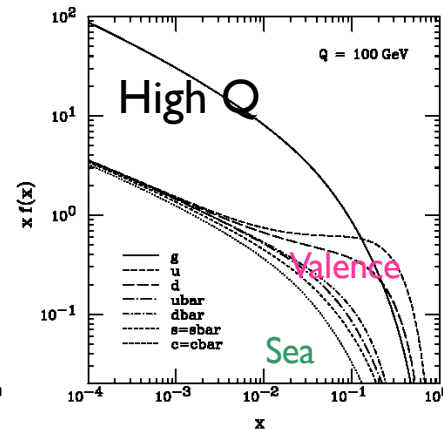
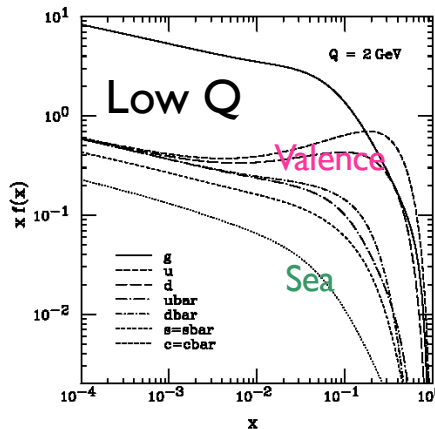
- **Parton energy not 'monochromatic'**

- ✓ Parton Distribution Function

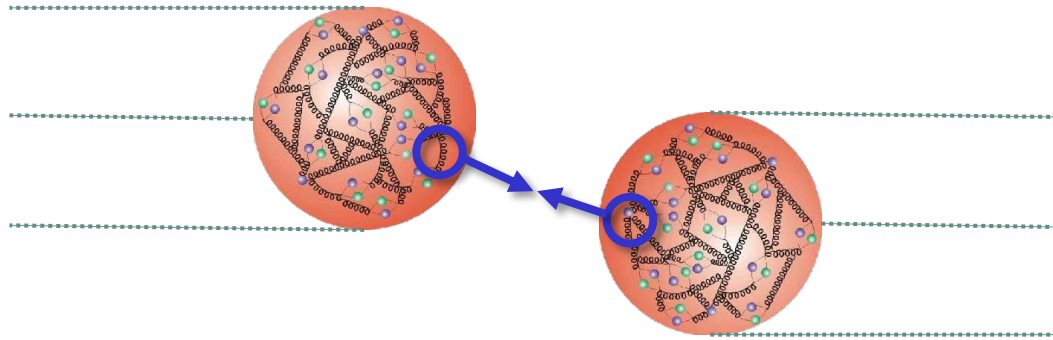


- **Kinematic variables**

- ✓ Bjorken- x : fraction of the proton momentum carried by struck parton
 - $x = p_{\text{parton}}/p_{\text{proton}}$
- ✓ Q^2 : 4-momentum² transfer

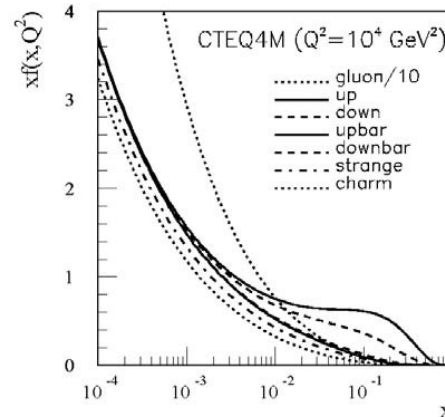
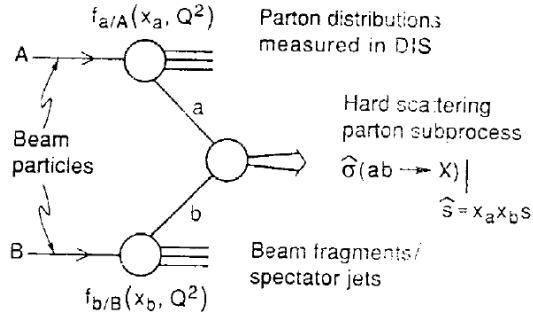


Cross sections at a proton-proton collider



$$\sqrt{\hat{s}} = \sqrt{x_a x_b S}$$

$$\sigma = \sum_{a,b} \int dx_a dx_b f_a(x, Q^2) f_b(x, Q^2) \hat{\sigma}_{ab}(x_a, x_b)$$

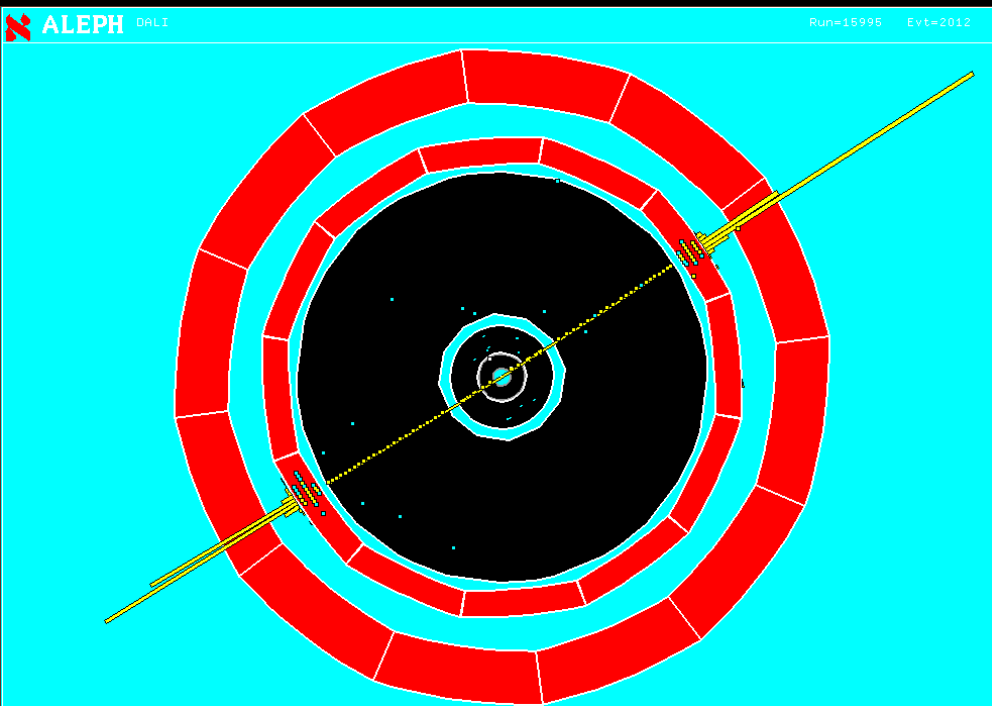


Example: to produce a particle with mass $m = 100 \text{ GeV}$

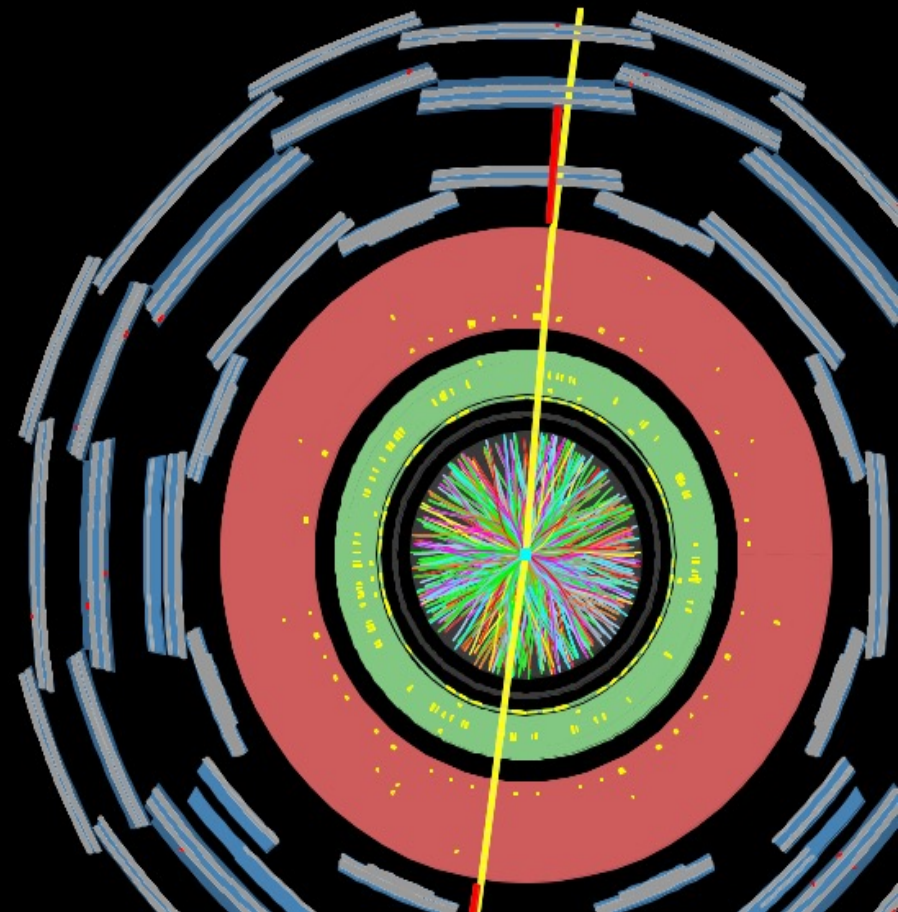
$$\sqrt{\hat{s}} = 100 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV} \rightarrow x_a x_b = 0.007$$

A $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$ event at LEP and ad LHC



ALEPH @ LEP

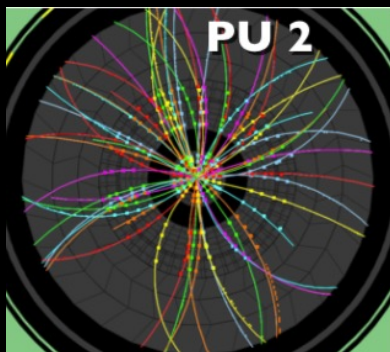
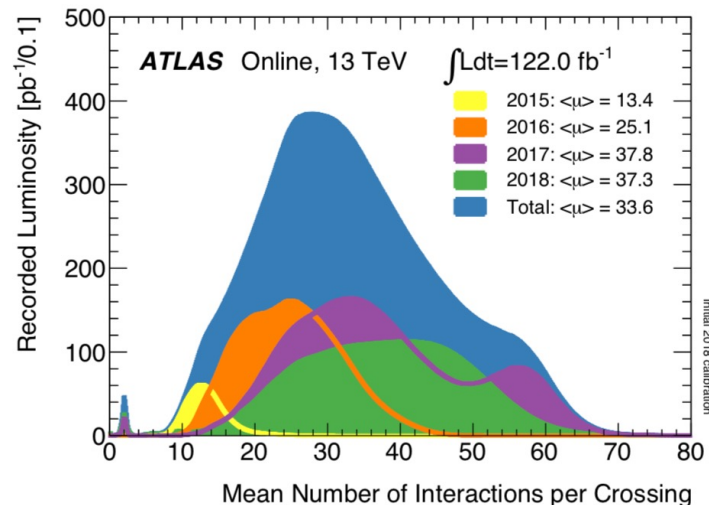


ATLAS @ LHC

Pile-Up

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{fkN_1N_2}{\sigma_x\sigma_y}$$

PU = number of inelastic interactions per beam bunch crossing



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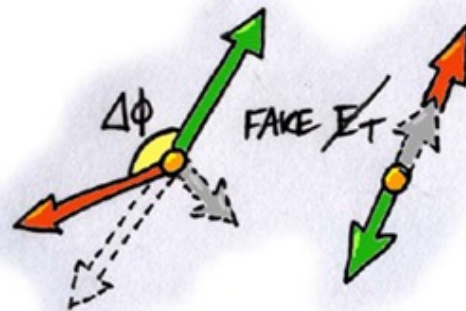
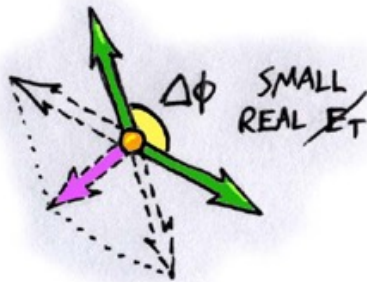
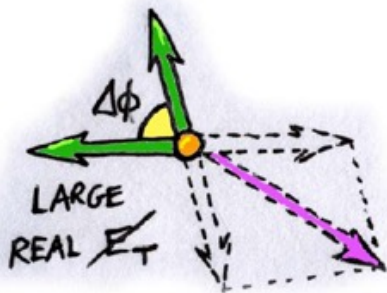
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Calorimeters in Detector Systems

Neutrino (and other invisible particles) at colliders



- Interaction length $\lambda_{\text{int}} = A / (\rho \sigma N_A)$
- Cross section $\sigma \sim 10^{-38} \text{ cm}^2 \times E [\text{GeV}]$
 - ✓ This means 10 GeV neutrino can pass through more than a million km of rock
- Neutrinos are usually detected in HEP experiments through *missing (transverse) energy*



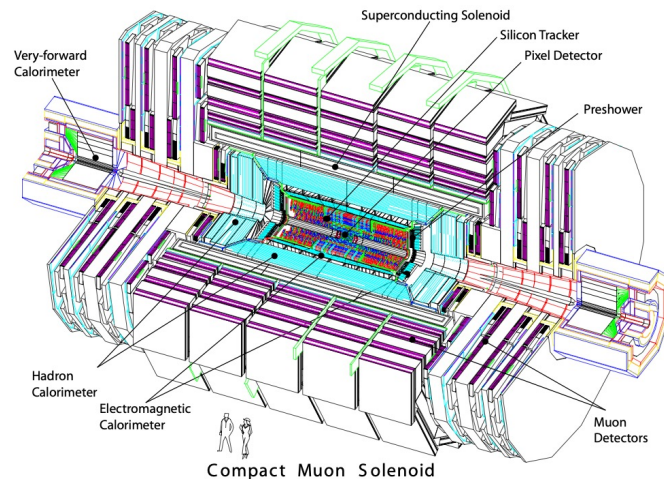
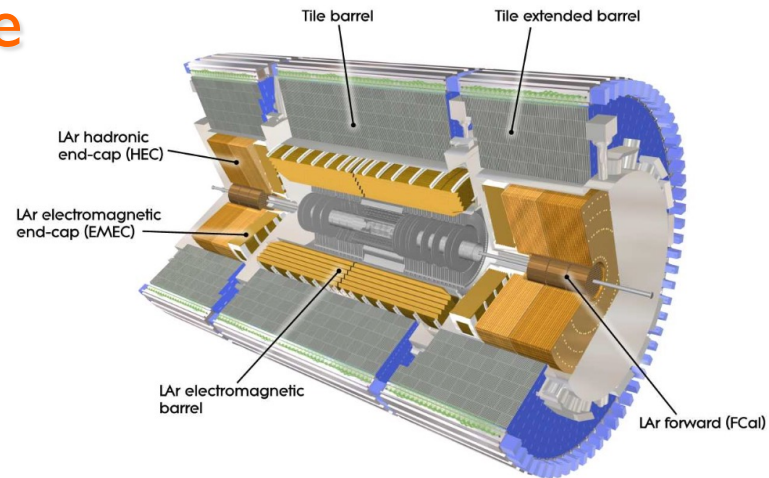
- Missing energy resolution depends on
 - ✓ Detector acceptance (e.g. calorimeter coverage)
 - ✓ Detector noise and energy resolution

Missing energy vs. hermetic coverage

$$\vec{E}_{(T)}^{\text{miss}} = - \sum_{\text{visible}} \vec{p}_{(T)}$$

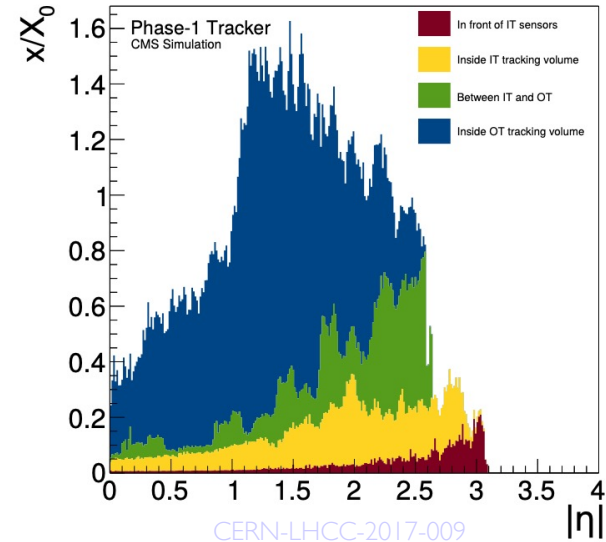
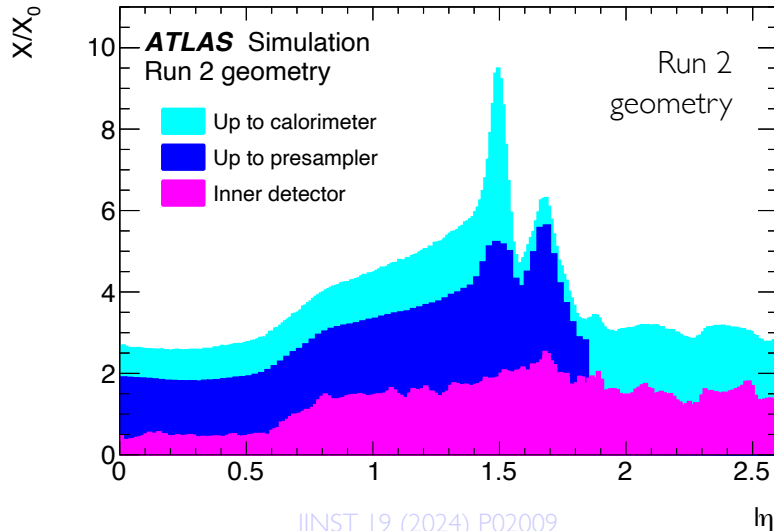
- **True if ALL particles detected**
 - ✓ Un-instrumented regions (cracks, supports, services) create “fake” missing energy
 - ✓ Crack calibration and inter-module corrections: ongoing experimental challenge
- Missing energy resolution drives detector hermeticity requirements
- Pseudorapidity coverage at LHC: $|\eta|$ up to 4.9 (ATLAS), 5.2 (CMS)
 - ✓ Forward calorimeters essential!

$$\sigma \left(E_{(T)}^{\text{miss}} \right) \simeq a \cdot \sqrt{\sum E_{(T)}}$$



Energy resolution vs. upstream material

- Calorimeter in HEP experiment don't live in vacuum!
- Ideally, minimum material budget in front of ECAL
 - ✓ Position of tracker solenoid (ECAL before or after the tracker?)
 - ✓ Tracker material causes upstream losses (and resolution degradation)
 - ✓ ATLAS and CMS material $\sim 0.1-0.5 X_0$ at $\eta=0$, up to 1-2 X_0 at $|\eta|\sim 2$



So, why calorimeters?

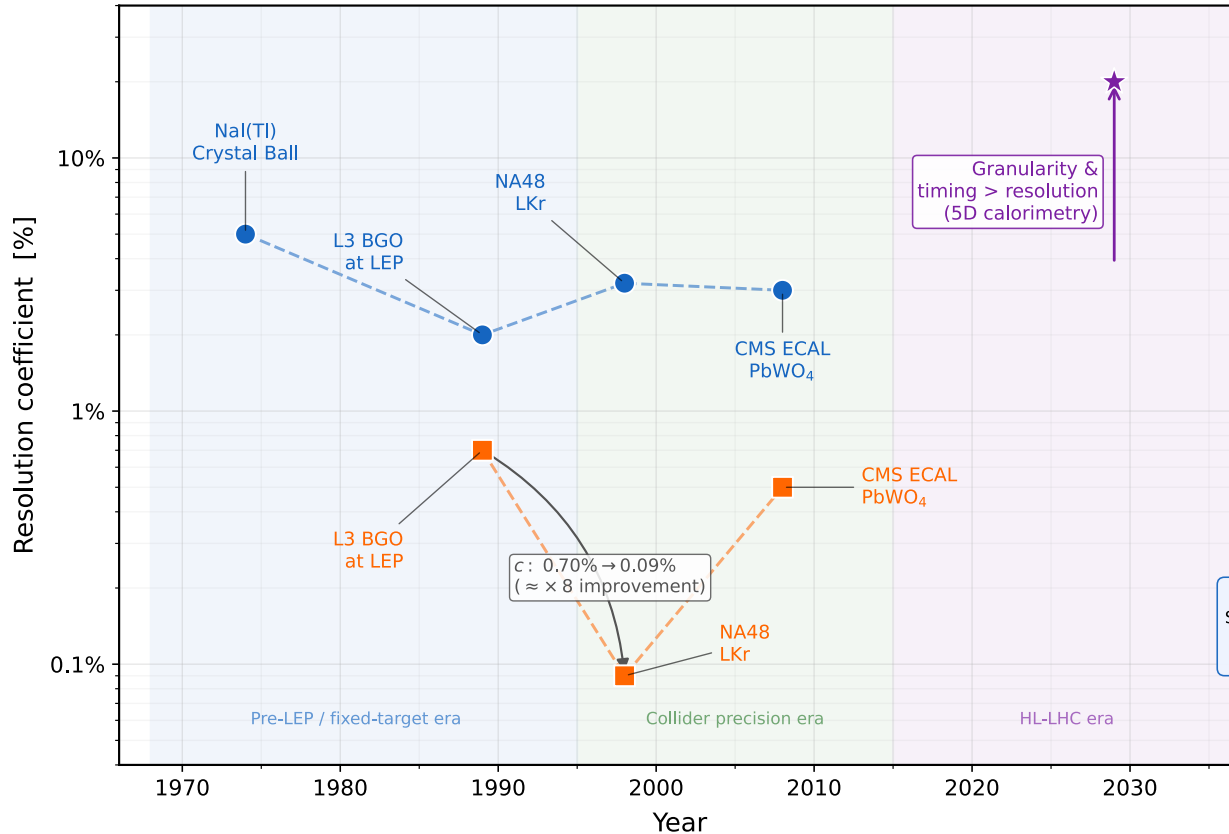
- Sensitive to **all type of particles**, charged and neutrals
- Can measure **energy**, but also **position**, **direction**, **time** and **identify particles** (e.g. thanks to segmentation)
- Can be used in **trigger** systems: signal is generally fast and easy to process
- Shower length increases as $\log E$, thus detector thickness need only increases logarithmically with particle energy (while it increase \sim linearly for spectrometers): **compact** detectors

1.3

Historical Development

The EM resolution frontier

Fifty years of EM calorimeter progress: $\sigma(E)/E = a\sqrt{E} \oplus c$



- Series
- Stochastic term a [%/ $\sqrt{\text{GeV}}$]
 - Constant term c [%]
 - ★ CMS HGCAL — $a \approx 20\%/\sqrt{E}$ (5D paradigm shift)

$$\frac{\sigma(E)}{E} \approx \frac{a}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus \frac{b}{E} \oplus c$$

$\sigma(E)/E = a\sqrt{E[\text{GeV}]} \oplus b/E \oplus c$
 Stochastic term a : sampling/shower fluctuations
 Constant term c : calibration, non-uniformity, radiation damage

- Each step was driven by a specific physics need!

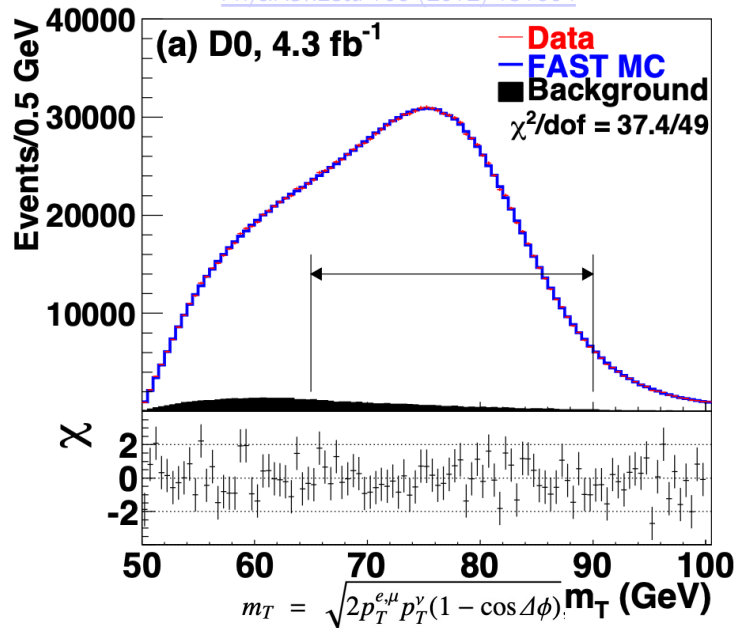
Three physics problems that drove EM calorimeter design

- **Measure the W boson mass with per-mille precision**
 - ✓ $W \rightarrow e\nu$ at the Tevatron: electron E_T from EM calorimeter; energy scale calibrated on $Z \rightarrow ee$ (M_Z known from LEP)
 - Precision sampling EM calorimetry (CDF/D0, $c < 0.5\%$)
- **Measure rare kaon and B-meson decays in fixed-target experiments**
 - ✓ Required rejection (reconstruction) of large $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ backgrounds
 - Precision liquid homogeneous calorimetry (NA48 LKr, 1998): $c = 0.09\%$
 - Precision crystals homogeneous calorimeters (BaBar and Belle, 1999–2010): $\sigma(E)/E \sim 2.5\%$ at 1 GeV;
- **Discover and characterise the Higgs boson via $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ at the LHC**
 - ✓ Di-photon mass resolution $\sigma(m_{\gamma\gamma})/m_{\gamma\gamma} < 1\%$ required $\sigma(E)/E$ constant term $c < 0.5\%$
 - Radiation-hard crystal calorimetry (CMS ECAL PbWO_4 , 2008)
 - Resolution is not the full story... (ATLAS LAr/Pb + segmentation, 2008)

W boson mass: precision EM calorimetry at hadron colliders

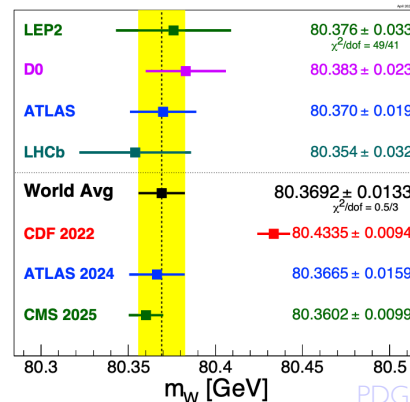
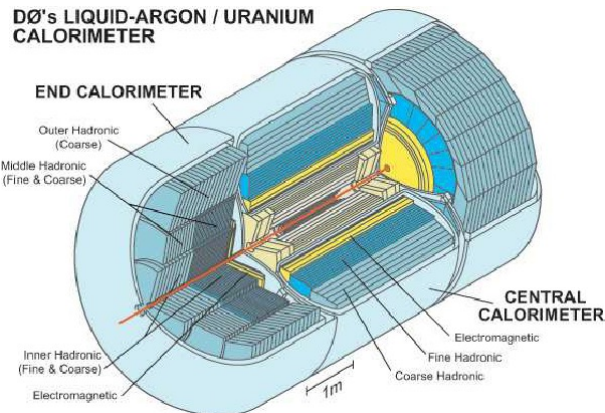
- **W mass as an electroweak precision observable**
 - ✓ m_W predicted by SM loop corrections involving m_{top} and m_H : independent measurement tests EW self-consistency
 - ✓ Tevatron goal (CDF, D0, 1987–2011): $\delta m_W \sim 20$ MeV
 - ✓ $\sigma(E)/E$ at 40 GeV governs the sharpness of the Jacobian edge in $m_T \rightarrow$ limits δm_W

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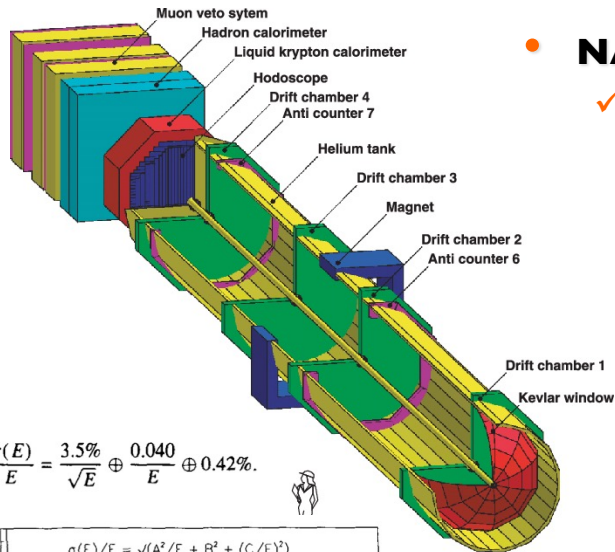


- **W → eν at CDF and D0: a calorimeter-driven measurement chain**

- ✓ Electron E_T from EM calorimeter + ν from MET → transverse mass m_T peaks at m_W ; fit the Jacobian edge to extract m_W
- ✓ Energy scale calibrated in situ with Z → ee (m_Z from LEP, known to 2 MeV) → constant term c controls calibration transfer from 91 to 80 GeV
 - CDF Pb-scintillator (c ~ 2%)
 - D0 uranium-LAr (c ~ 0.3%)
- ✓ Energy scale one of the dominant δm_W systematic



Rare kaon decays: precision EM calorimetry



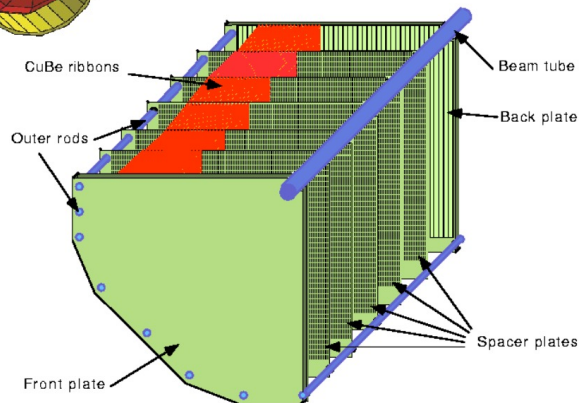
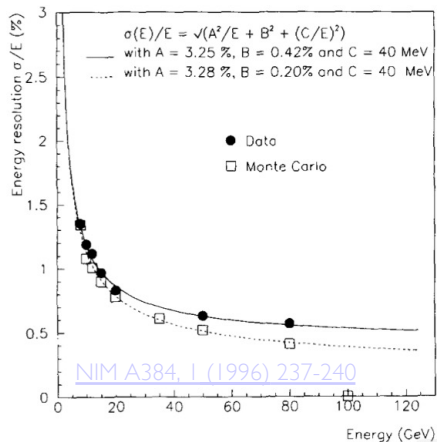
- **NA48 at CERN SPS (1997–2002)**

✓ Physics: direct CP violation in $K^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ and $K^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0 \rightarrow 4\gamma$

$$R = \frac{\Gamma(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0)}{\Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0)} \bigg/ \frac{\Gamma(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)}{\Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)}$$

$$\approx 1 - 6 \times \text{Re}(\epsilon'/\epsilon).$$

$$\frac{\sigma(E)}{E} = \frac{3.5\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus \frac{0.040}{E} \oplus 0.42\%.$$



✓ Result: $\text{Re}(\epsilon'/\epsilon) = (16.6 \pm 1.6) \times 10^{-4} \neq 0$

- Confirmed direct CPV (2001)

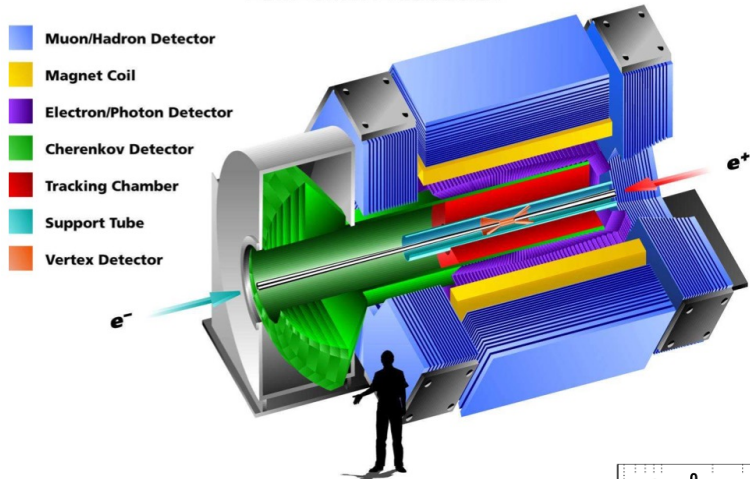
✓ Demand: reconstruct $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ pairs at low energy with tiny constant term (long stability)

✓ Answer: quasi-homogeneous liquid krypton calorimeter

- $\sigma(E)/E = 3.2\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.09\% \oplus 42 \text{ MeV}/E$

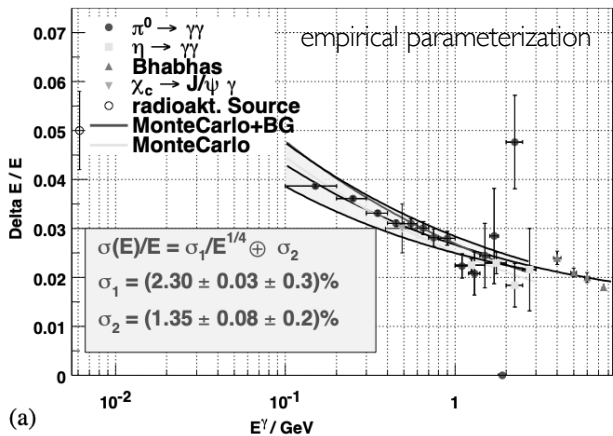
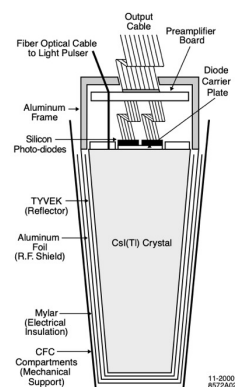
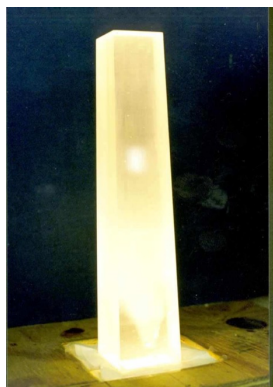
Rare B-meson decays: precision EM calorimetry

BABAR Detector

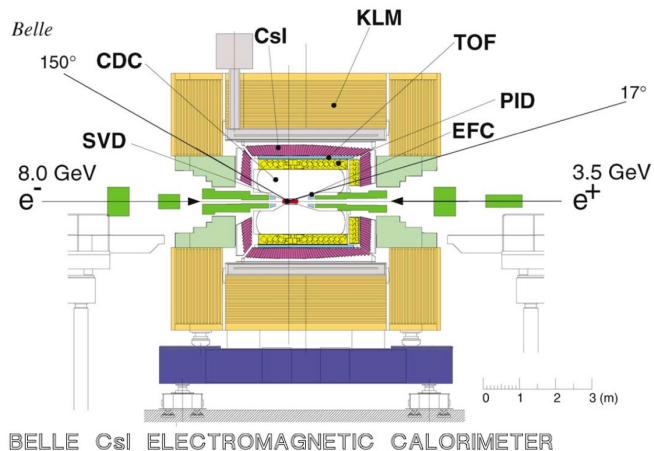


BaBar (SLAC) and Belle (KEK) (1999–2010)

- ✓ Physics: CP violation in $B \rightarrow J/\psi K^0$, time-dependent asymmetries; $B \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0, \eta_c$
- ✓ Demand: low-energy γ reconstruction ($\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, E_\gamma \sim 20\text{--}200$ MeV) in high-rate environment
- ✓ Answer: CsI(Tl) crystals
 - $\sigma(E)/E \approx 2.5\%$ at 1 GeV; 6580 (BaBar) / 8736 (Belle) crystals
 - $c \sim 1\text{--}2\%$ for $B \rightarrow X\gamma$ where X is a kaon resonance (softer constraint than NA48 but same motivation)

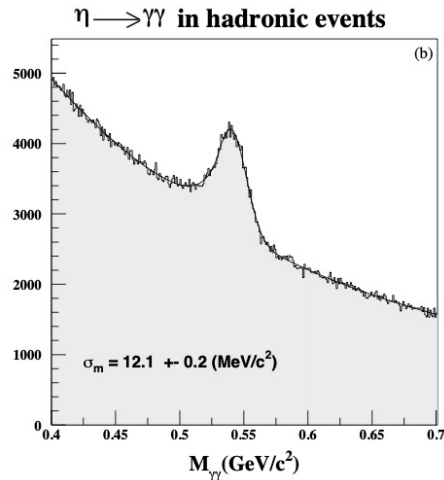
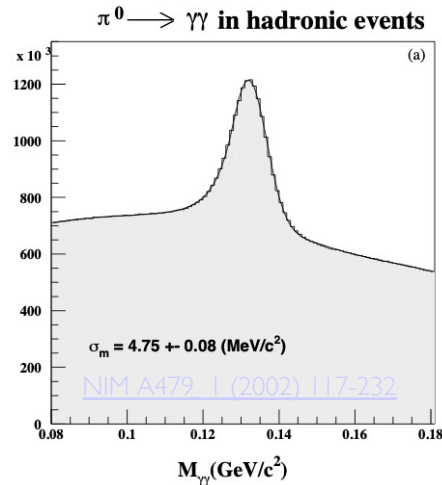
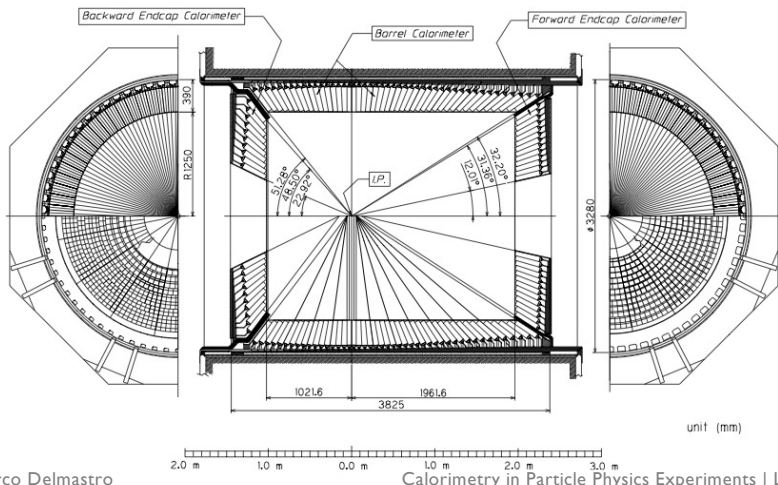


Rare B-meson decays: precision EM calorimetry



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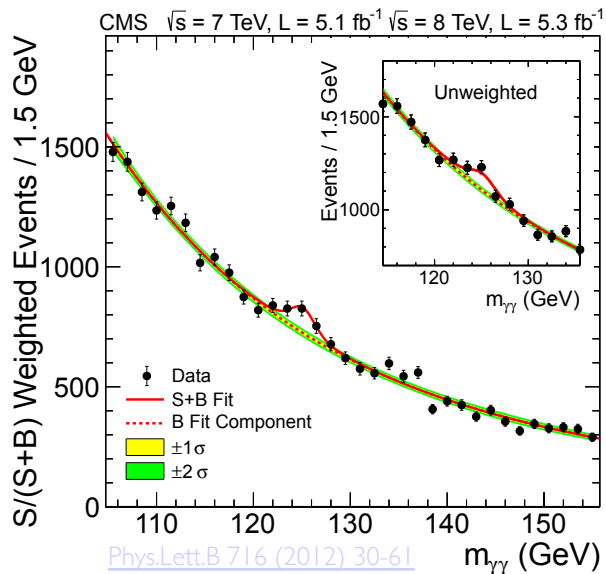
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H $\rightarrow\gamma\gamma$ discovery at LHC: energy resolution (and more)

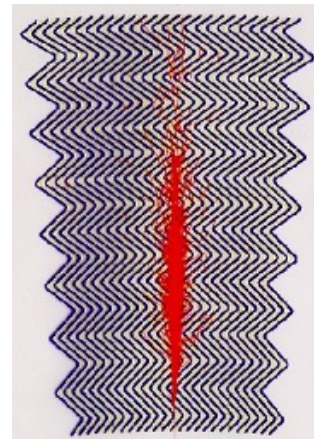
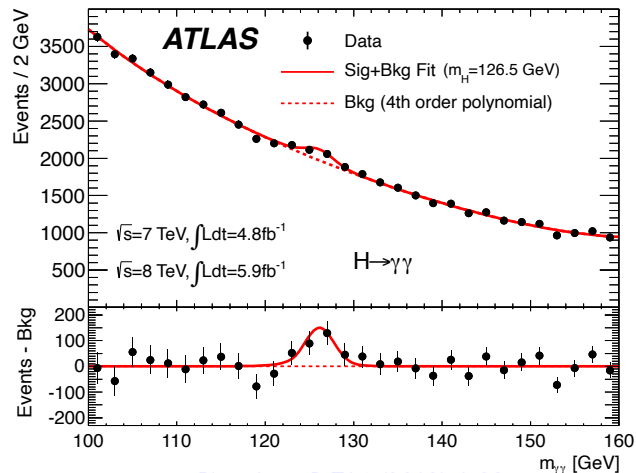
• CMS (2012)

- ✓ Physics: Needed to resolve 125 GeV peak against background
- ✓ Required a $\sim 3\%$, $c < 0.5\%$
- ✓ Answer: PbWO₄ crystals



• ATLAS (2012)

- ✓ Physics: Same need, different choice (resolution is not everything)
- ✓ Required excellent uniformity + particle identification capability (accepting a $\sim 10\%$)
- ✓ Answer: LAr/Pb sampling + fine segmentation



Three physics problems that drove HCAL design

- **Find W and Z bosons at a hadron collider**

- ✓ $W \rightarrow e\nu$ reconstruction requires MET in hadronic events
 - Hermetic 4π iron-scintillator calorimetry (UA1/UA2, 1983)

- **Measure hadronic energy without bias from shower composition**

- ✓ Fluctuating EM/hadronic fraction causes irreducible non-linearity if $e/h \neq 1$
 - Compensating calorimetry (ZEUS, 1992)

- **Reconstruct complex LHC events with many overlapping particles**

- ✓ Good hadronic resolution hard to achieve; use combination of tracker + ECAL + HCAL information per particle in jets (particle flow)
 - Extreme segmentation (CMS; HGCAL)

Finding W bosons at a hadron collider

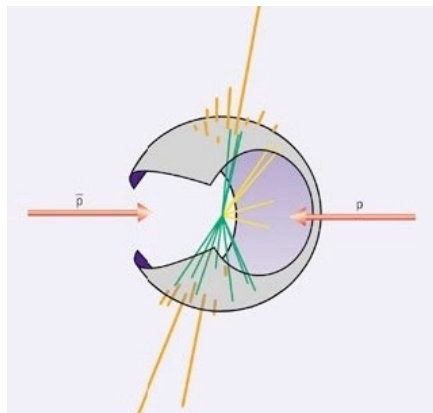
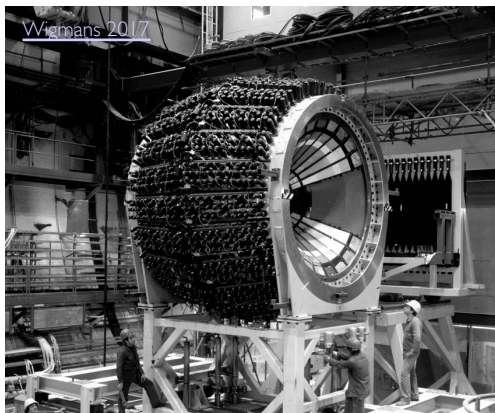
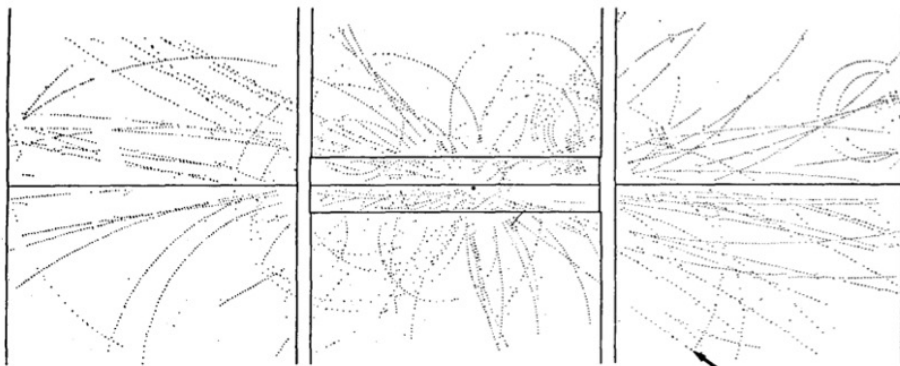
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- **UA1 and UA2 at CERN SppS collider (1983)**

- ✓ Physics: $W \rightarrow e\nu \rightarrow$ electron from W decay + large MET from neutrino, against ~ 300 GeV hadronic activity
- ✓ Challenge: MET only meaningful if ALL particles detected \rightarrow any uninstrumented gap creates fake MET
- ✓ Answer: iron-scintillator HCAL with full 4π coverage, ~ 700 projective towers, $|\eta| < 3$

- **W/Z discovery (Nobel 1984)**

- ✓ MET significance $> 4\sigma$ per event \rightarrow calorimetric MET proven as a physics observable
- ✓ Concept generalised: every subsequent hadron collider experiment adopted hermetic calorimetry \rightarrow standard for SUSY, DM, top, W mass at LHC

Hadronic energy without bias: e/h problem and compensation

- **The e/h problem (Wigmans, 1987)**

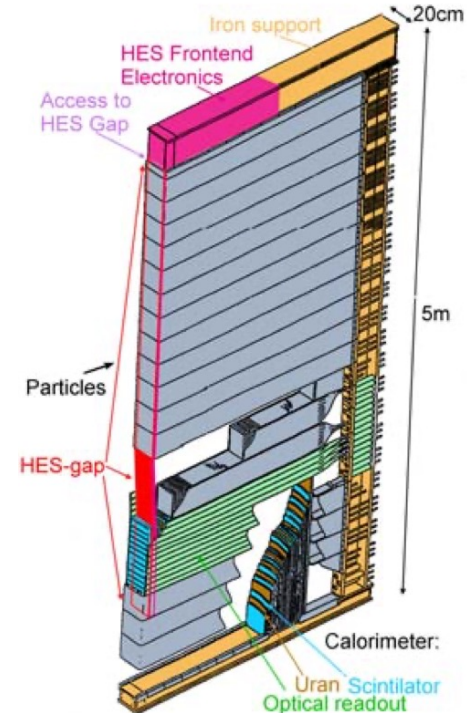
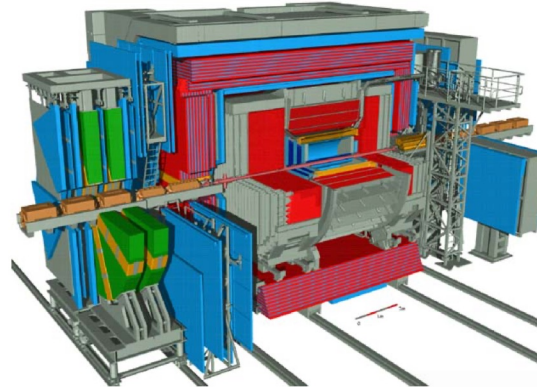
- ✓ e = calorimeter response to electrons; h = response to hadrons
- ✓ Hadronic showers: ~30% of energy “invisible” (nuclear binding, slow neutrons) → $h < e \rightarrow e/h > 1$
- ✓ EM fraction f_{EM} fluctuates event-to-event → if $e/h \neq 1$: non-linear response + irreducible constant term in $\sigma(E)/E$

- **Wigmans’ insight: choose passive absorber material to obtain $e/h = 1$ (“compensation”)**

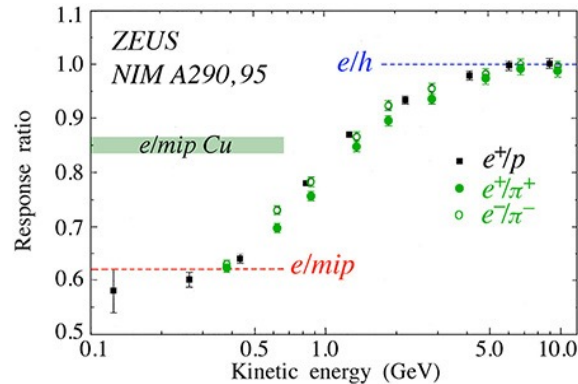
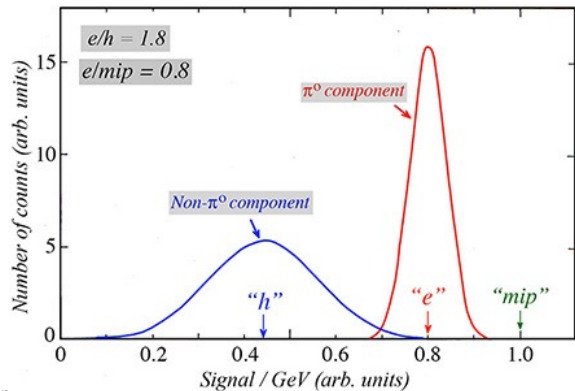
- ✓ ^{238}U absorber: neutron-induced fission releases ~8 MeV/fission → compensates invisible nuclear binding energy loss

- **ZEUS at HERA (1992): uranium/scintillator compensating calorimeter**

- ✓ $e/h = 1.00 \pm 0.02$
- ✓ $\sigma(E)/E = 35\%/\sqrt{E}$ for hadrons (purely stochastic, no constant term!)

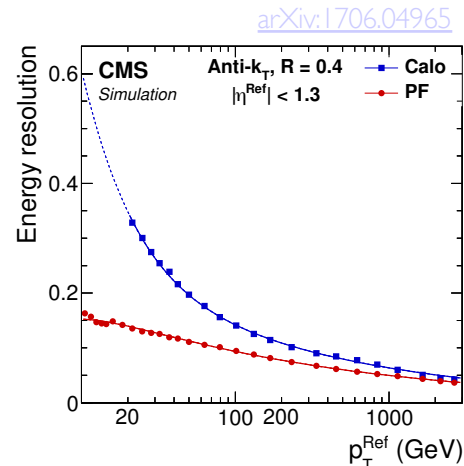
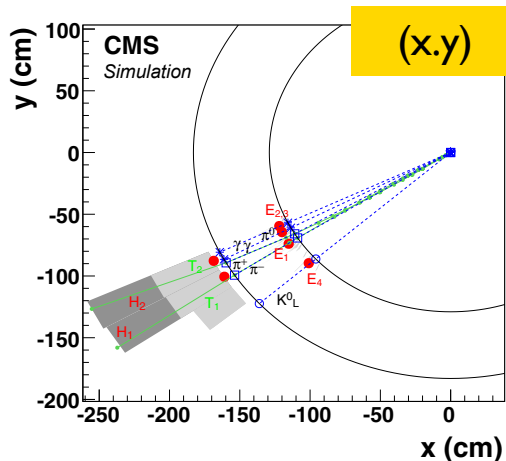


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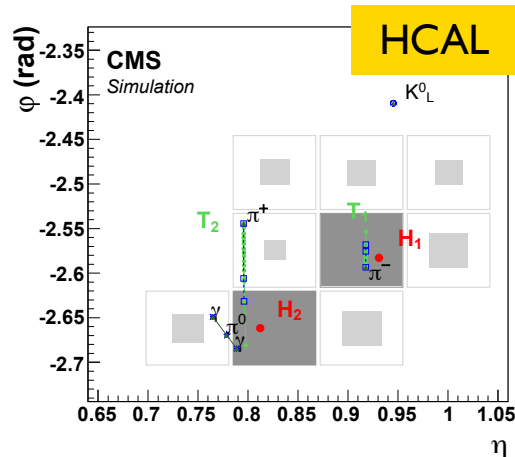
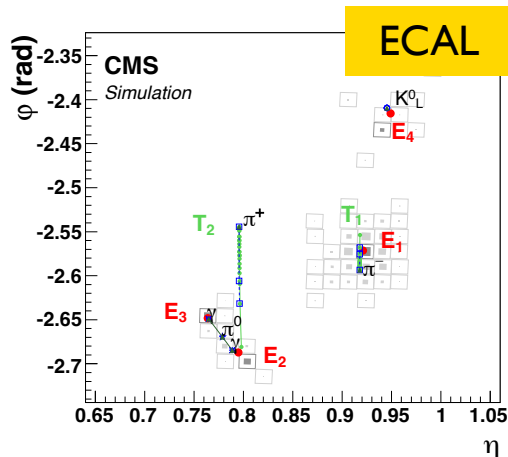
Reconstructing complex LHC events: “particle flow”

- **The problem: HCAL alone gives poor jet resolution**
 - ✓ ~65% of jet energy is charged hadrons — better measured by tracker than HCAL
 - ✓ Only ~35% (neutral hadrons) truly needs HCAL — resolution matters less once charged/EM parts subtracted
- **Particle flow algorithm (CMS, 2010): combine sub-detectors per particle**
 - ✓ Tracker → charged hadrons; ECAL → photons; HCAL → neutral hadrons only
 - ✓ Jet energy resolution: $\sigma/E \sim 15\% \rightarrow 10\%$ at 100 GeV — requires fine HCAL granularity to separate charged from neutral deposits



- **CMS HGCal (HL-LHC target, 2029...): “5D” calorimetry**
 - ✓ 6M channels, 50 longitudinal layers, Si + scintillator; position $\sigma(x,y) < 1$ mm; timing $\sigma(t) < 50$ ps
 - ✓ a ~ 20%/√E but adds position + timing: pile-up rejection in 5 dimensions (x, y, z, t, E)

- True particles in blue; Reconstructed tracks and tracker hits (+extrapolation) in green;
- Cluster seeds in dark grey; Other cluster cells in light grey; Cluster position in red;
- Symbols indicate the positions of the true particles



What did we learn today?

- **Week I (Foundations)**

- ✓ **Lecture 1: Why calorimetry?**

- **1.1 Why calorimetry?**

- Essential to measure energy (but also position and other properties) of neutral particles
- Essential to detect invisible particle at colliders and neutrinos
- Essential to measure properties of QCD jets
- Most precise detector for high energy/momentum measurement

- **1.2 Calorimeters in Detector Systems**

- Calorimeters always come after some kind of tracking device (material in front!)
- Needs to be “hermetic” to allow for missing energy measurement
- Size scale logarithmically with energy, can be compact devices
- Calorimeter signals are fast: essential for triggering purposes

- **Intermezzo: Coordinate system & Cross-section & Hadron vs Lepton Colliders**

- **1.3 Historical Development**

- Most improvements in calorimeter design was driven by specific physics needs!

- ✓ **Lecture 2: EM shower physics**