

# Calorimetry

in particle physics experiments

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Calorimeter  
Performance:  
Energy Resolution

# Course roadmap

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# Today's Lecture

- **Week 2 (Physics depth)**

- ✓ Lecture 3: Hadronic shower physics

- ✓ **Lecture 4: Energy resolution from first principles**

- *4.1 From Shower Physics to Calorimeter Design*
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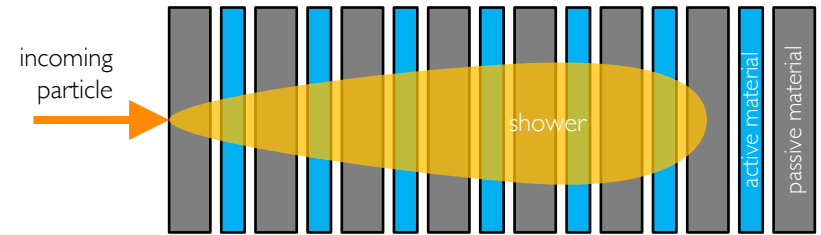
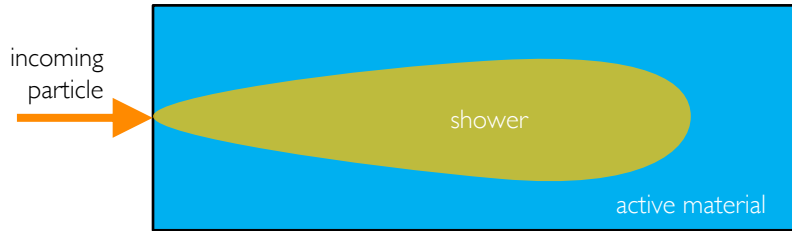
# 4.1

## From Shower Physics to Calorimeter Design

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# Instrumenting a shower: two strategies

- We now understand shower development... how do we *instrument* it to measure the energy?



- **Homogeneous calorimeter: entire volume is simultaneously absorber AND active medium**

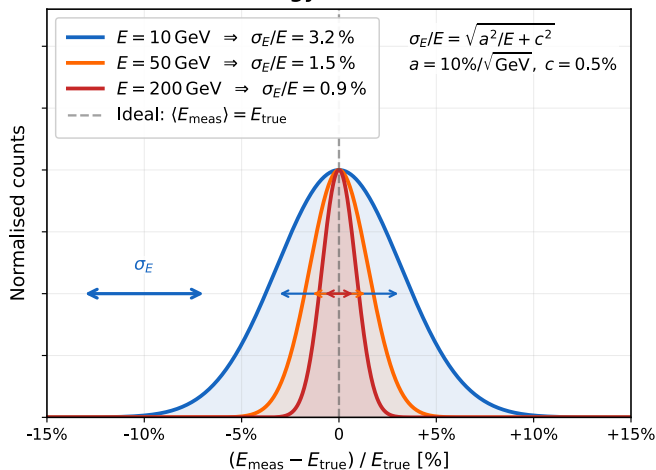
- ✓ Signal produced in the shower; no energy is "lost" in passive material
- ✓ Best achievable stochastic term (only intrinsic fluctuations): best energy resolution
- ✓ Very expensive; exclusively used for EM calorimeters
- ✓ Examples
  - CMS ECAL (PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystals)
  - NA48/NA62 (liquid krypton)
  - Belle II ECL (CsI)

- **Sampling calorimeter: passive absorber plates interleaved with thin active readout layers**

- ✓ Only fraction  $f_{\text{samp}}$  of shower energy is sampled, absorber energy is lost
  - Typically a few percent (for gas detectors even only  $\sim 10^{-5}$ )
- ✓ Finite sampling introduces fluctuations (dominant contribution to stochastic term)
- ✓ Cheaper, more flexible, scalable to large volumes (e.g. for HAD calorimeter)
- ✓ Examples
  - ATLAS LAr accordion (Pb + LAr)
  - CMS HCAL (brass + plastic scintillator)

# Instrumenting a shower: response resolution and linearity

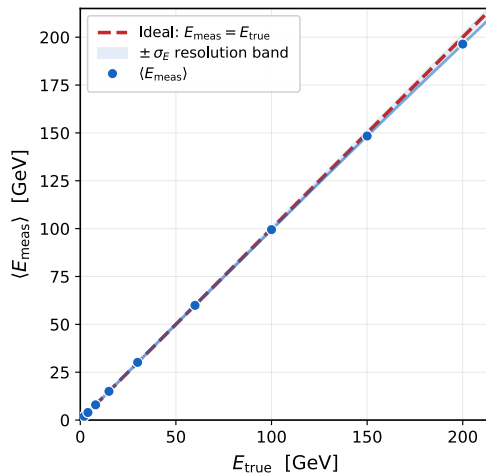
## Energy resolution



- Resolution

- ✓ Response is affected by event-to-event variations of the signal
- ✓ Different (concurrent) sources of fluctuation affect response differently at different energies

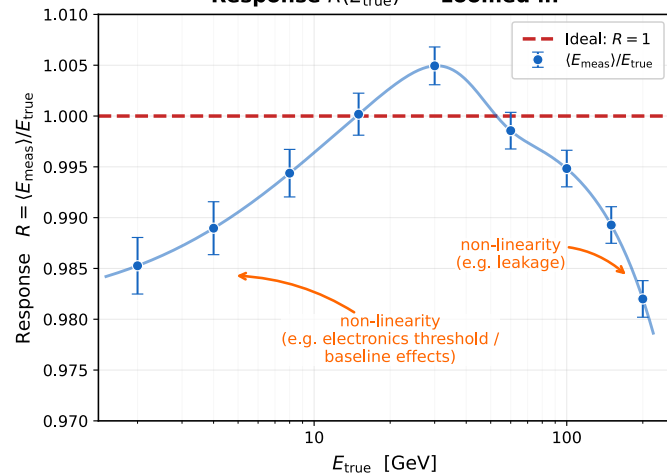
## $E_{\text{meas}}$ vs $E_{\text{true}}$



- Linearity

- ✓ Average calorimeter signal per unit of deposited energy
- ✓ Ideally *proportional* to input energy: a linear calorimeter has a constant response (after calibration)
- ✓ In general: EM calorimeters are (mostly) linear, hadronic calorimeters are not
- ✓ Compensation might help to restore response linearity

## Response $R(E_{\text{true}})$ — zoomed in



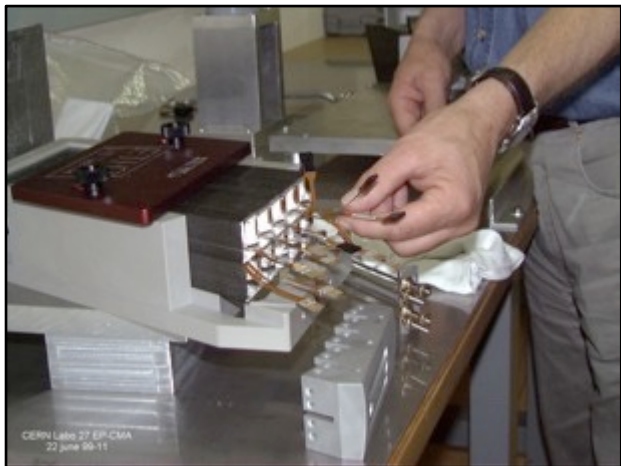
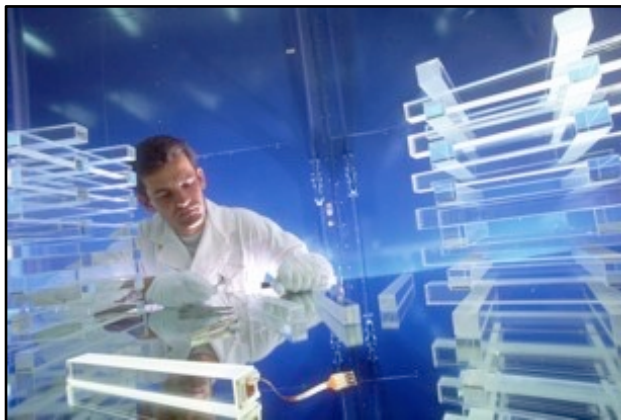
# Active media: what signal do we actually read out?

- Three fundamental signal types, to be turned into a *recordable* signal (electronics):

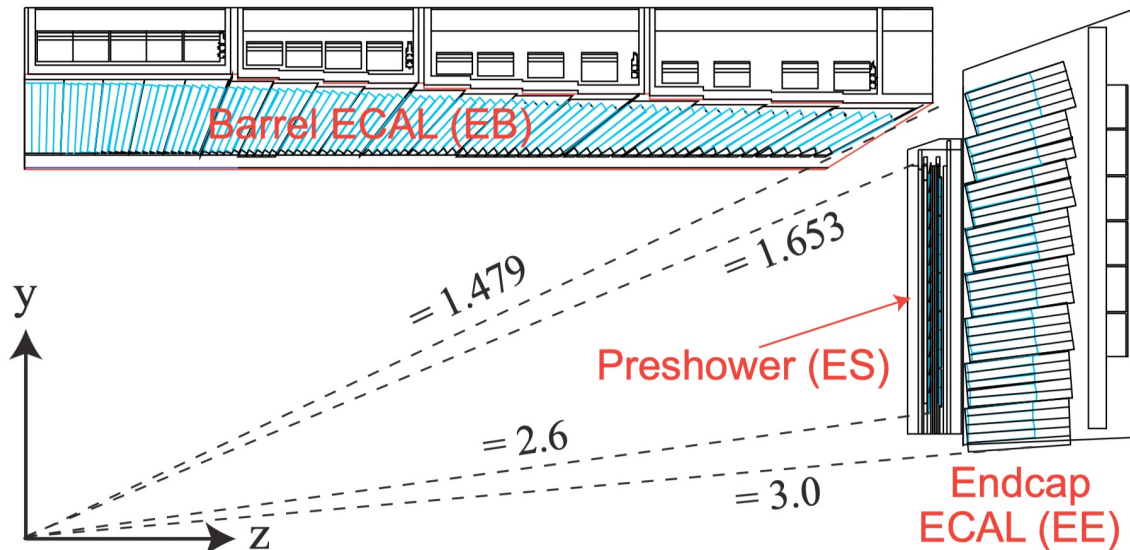
Signal	Detector	Mechanism	Characteristics
Ionization charge	Noble liquids (LAr, LKr, LXe) Silicon sensors	Charged particles ionize the medium; drift field collects e/ions onto electrodes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent uniformity</li> <li>• Intrinsically radiation-hard</li> <li>• Requires cryostat (noble liquids), or thin-gap geometry (Si)</li> </ul>
Scintillation light	Inorganic crystals (PbWO <sub>4</sub> , BGO, NaI, CsI) Plastic scintillator, WLS fibres	Shower excites crystal lattice or organic molecules; photons collected by photodetector (APD, SiPM, PMT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key figures: light yield [ph/MeV], decay time [ns], radiation hardness</li> <li>• Vary enormously across materials</li> </ul>
Cherenkov light	Lead glass Quartz fibres Small component in PbWO <sub>4</sub>	Charged particles with $\beta > 1/n$ emit coherent Cherenkov radiation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very fast (instantaneous)</li> <li>• Only from relativistic particles (<math>\beta &gt; 1/n</math>): suppresses low-energy hadronic component</li> </ul>

Full technology comparison (light yield, decay time, radiation hardness, cost, ...) → Lectures 5 and 6

# Example of a homogeneous calorimeter: CMS ECAL

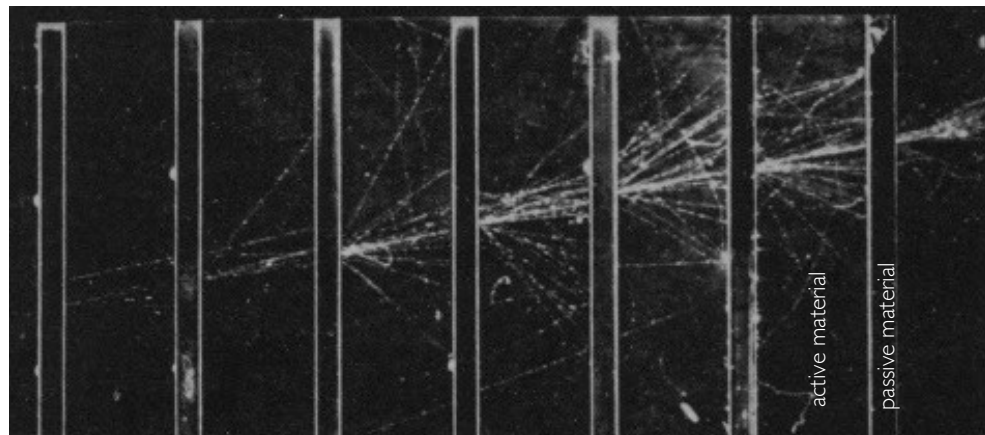
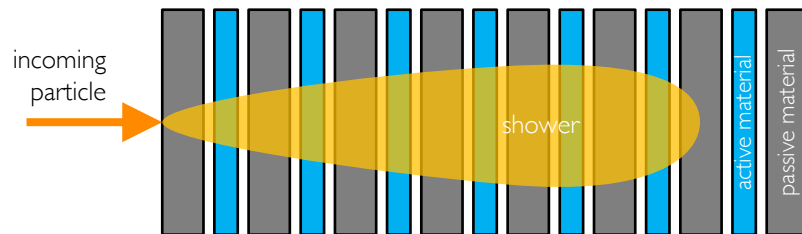


- Scintillator:  $\text{PbWO}_4$  [Lead Tungstate]
- Photosensor : APDs [Avalanche Photodiodes]
  - ✓ ~70000 crystals
  - ✓ ~4500 photoelectrons/GeV
    - $\text{PbWO}_4$  ~100 photons/MeV; after APD yield ~4.5 pe/MeV



# Passive (and active) media for sampling calorimeter

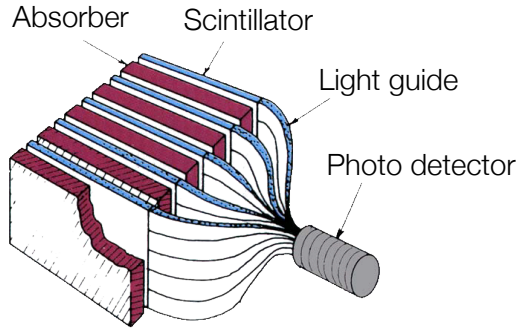
- Principle of sampling calorimeters: alternating layers of absorber and active material
- Passive absorbers principle responsible for shower development and cascade of secondaries
- Absorber (passive) materials
  - ✓ High density, high Z
    - Iron (Fe)
    - Lead (Pb)
    - Uranium (U)
      - also for compensation in HCAL
- Active materials
  - ✓ No need to be as high density as for most homogeneous calorimeters (cheaper)
    - Plastic scintillator
    - Liquid ionization chamber
    - Gas detectors



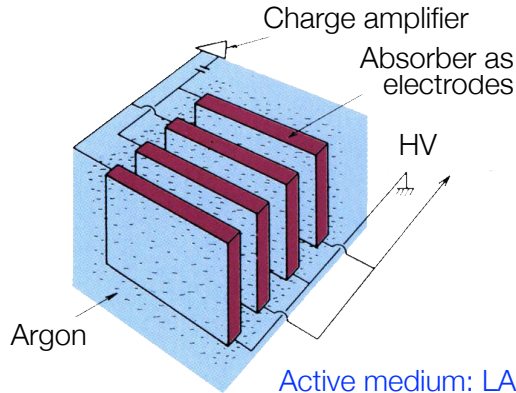
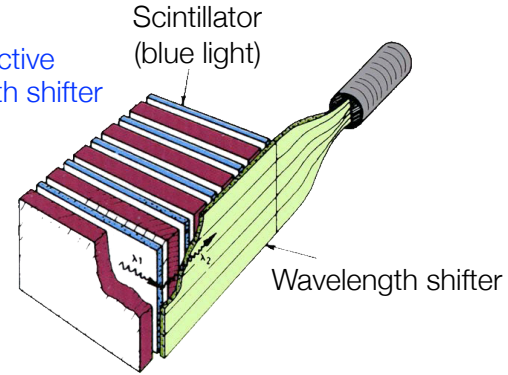
Electromagnetic shower

# Possible sampling calorimeter setups

Scintillators as active layer;  
signal readout via photo multipliers

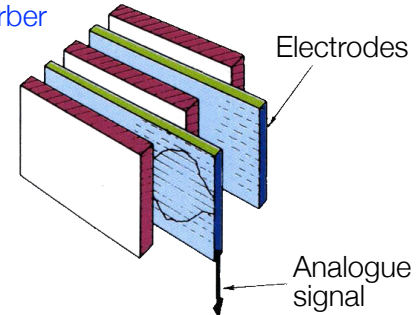


Scintillators as active layer; wave length shifter to convert light

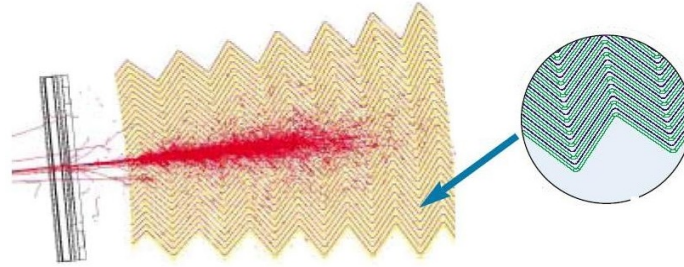
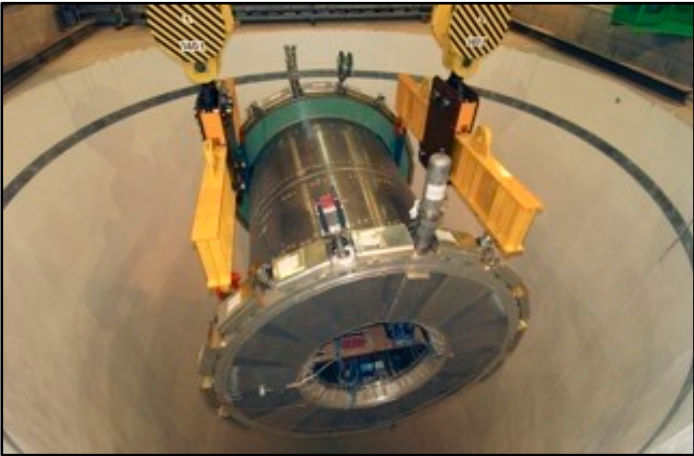
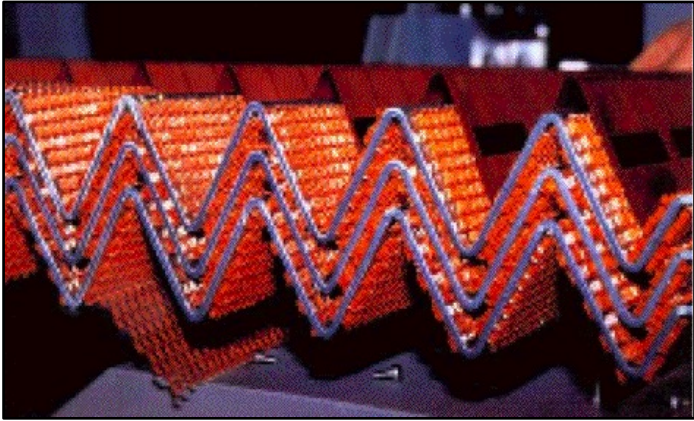


Active medium: LAr; absorber embedded in liquid serve as electrodes

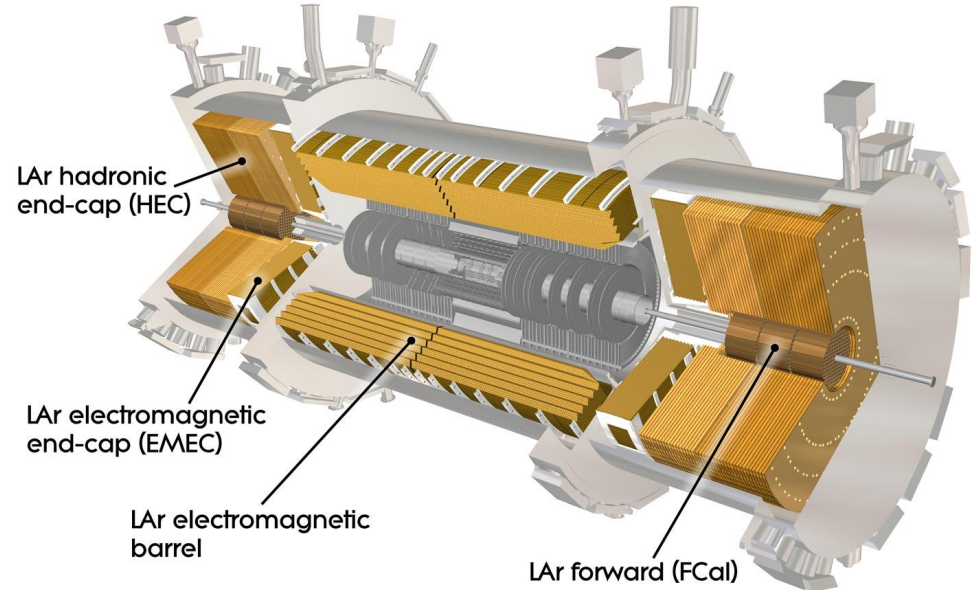
Ionization chambers between absorber plates



# Example of a sampling calorimeter: ATLAS LAr

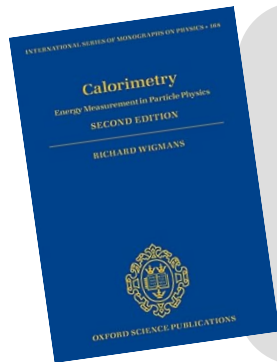


- Pb absorbers
- 2 mm LAr gap + 2 kV HV (ionization current)
- ~200000 channels



# What a perfect HCAL would need to do?

- Answering the bridge question from Lecture 3:
  - ✓ A. Sufficient depth:  $\sim 10 \lambda_{\text{int}}$ 
    - will derive the containment requirement shortly
  - ✓ B. Equal response to EM and hadronic  $\rightarrow e/h = 1$  (compensation)
  - ✓ C. Good sampling: thin active layers, many samples  $\rightarrow$  minimize stochastic term
  - ✓ D. Fast readout: shaping time captures most of signal within LHC 25 ns window
- These four requirements translate directly into the three-term resolution formula...



“ If one uses a sampling calorimeter in which the sampling fraction is not optimised for compensation, then one wastes money...

- R. Wigmans

# 4.2

## The Three-Term Energy Resolution Formula

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energy resolution

$$\frac{\sigma E}{E} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus \frac{b}{E} \oplus c$$

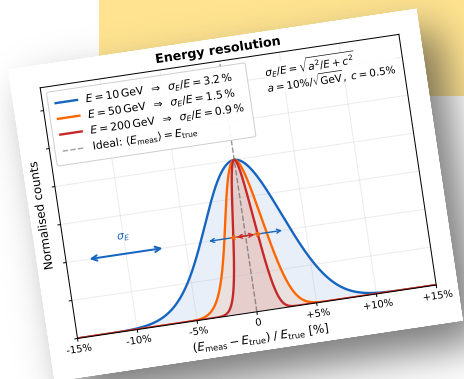
“stochastic”  
term

“noise”  
term

“constant”  
term

$$a \oplus b = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

terms uncorrelated, propagate and sum as Gaussian errors



# Origin of resolution formula: track-length integral

- Rossi track-length argument: total ionization by particle in a shower is proportional to particle initial energy  $E_0$

- ✓ For an EM shower: total charged-particle track length

$$T_0 \sim X_0 \frac{E_0}{E_c} \quad [\text{g cm}^{-2}]$$

- ✓ Each charged particle deposits ionization  $dE/dx \sim \text{const}$  (MIP-like below  $E_c$ )

- ✓ Total signal = sum of contributions from all track segments

- For a sampling calorimeter: only a fraction  $f_{\text{samp}}$  of track length is sampled

- ✓ Signal proportional to  $E_0$ , but with fluctuations from finite number of samples

- Several independent sources of fluctuation...

# Energy resolution fluctuation sources

- Calorimeter energy resolution determined by fluctuations

- ✓ Homogeneous calorimeters:

- Shower fluctuations
- Photo-electron statistics
- Shower leakage
- Instrumental effects
  - noise, light attenuation, non-uniformity, ...

} Quantum fluctuation

Quantum fluctuations	$\sim 1/\sqrt{E}$
Shower leakage*	$\sim \text{const}$
Electronic noise	$\sim 1/E$
Non-uniformity	$\sim \text{const}$

- In addition, for sampling calorimeters:

- ✓ Sampling fluctuations
- ✓ Landau fluctuations
- ✓ Track length fluctuations

Sampling fluctuations	$\sim 1/\sqrt{E}$
Landau fluctuations	$\sim 1/\sqrt{E}$
Track length fluctuations	$\sim 1/\sqrt{E}$

\* longitudinal leakage fluctuates event-to-event → constant-like contribution

# The three terms: physical origins

$$\frac{a}{\sqrt{E}}$$

- Quantum and sampling fluctuations
  - ✓ For homogeneous: Fano factor fluctuations in number of primary ionizations
  - ✓ For sampling: finite number of track segments sampled (dominant)
  - ✓ Also: Landau fluctuations in thin absorbers; shower-to-shower fluctuations

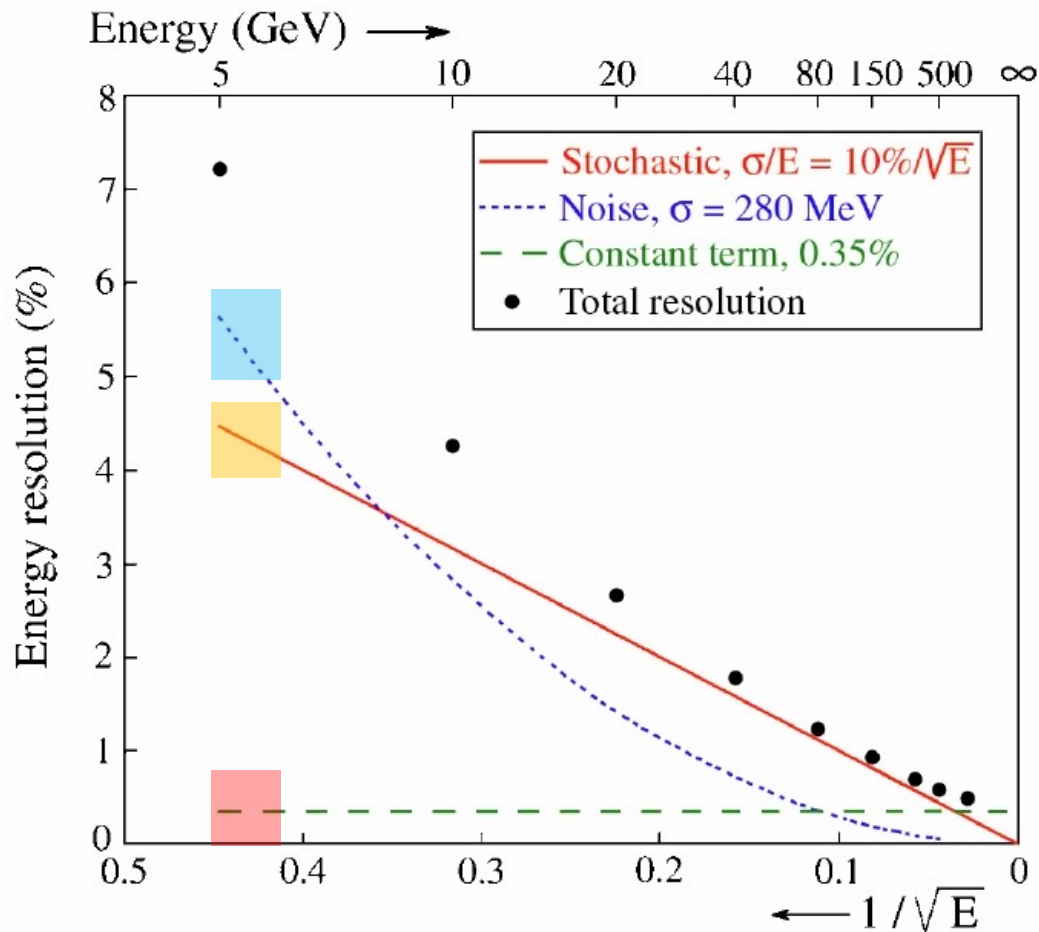
$$\frac{b}{E}$$

- Noise
  - ✓ In general does not depend on energy (i.e. constant), thus scale linearly with energy in relative energy resolution
  - ✓ Dominates at low E if b/E large
  - ✓ Typical source: readout electronics
    - Might have a “range” energy dependence
  - ✓ At LHC b also includes pile-up noise
    - Depends on clustering algorithm and PU corrections

$$c$$

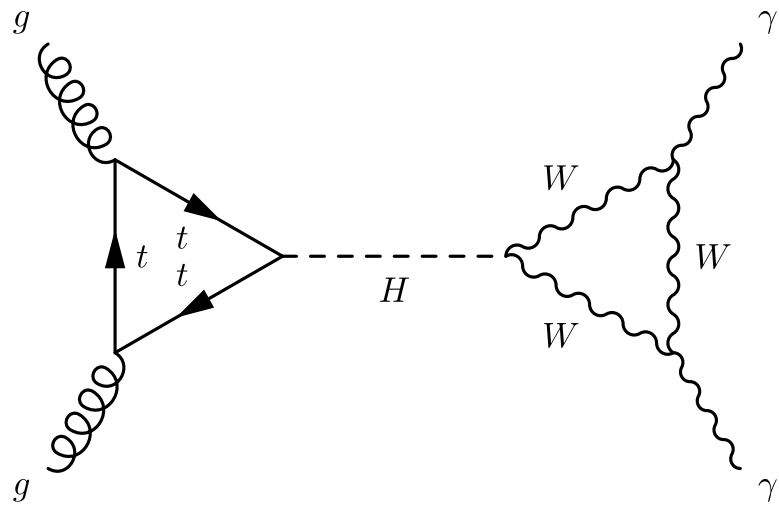
- Residual non-uniformity at all energies
  - ✓ Inter-channel response variations after calibration (residual local response variation (e.g. crystal opacity))
  - ✓ Temperature gradients, dead material, longitudinal leakage fluctuations
  - ✓ Dominates at high E
    - $c = 0.5\%$  for CMS ECAL
    - $c = 0.7\%$  for ATLAS LAr

# The three terms: an example



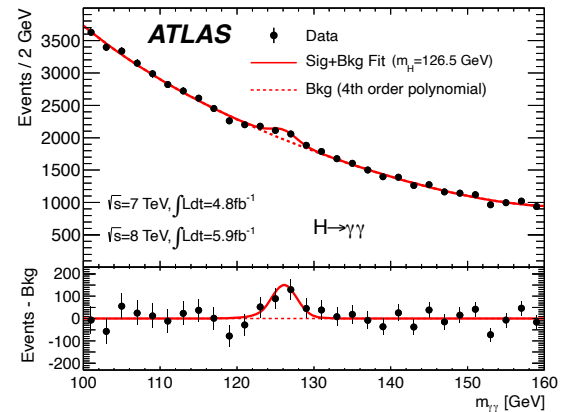
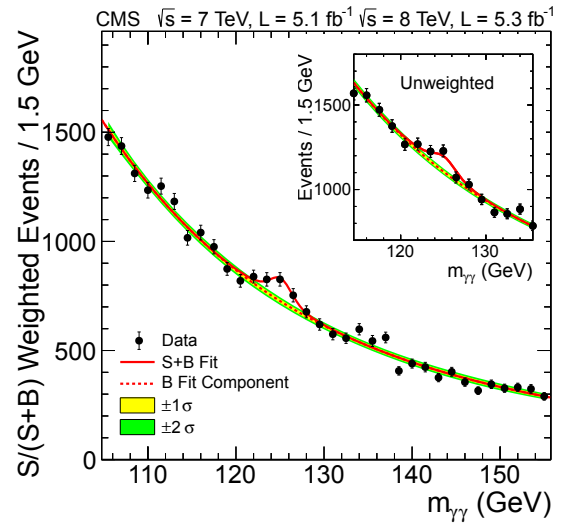
ATLAS LAr EM barrel  
calorimeter @  $\eta = 0.28$

# Why energy resolution matters: $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ as a benchmark



$$m_{\gamma\gamma} = \sqrt{2E_1^\gamma E_2^\gamma (1 - \cos \alpha_{12})}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{m_{\gamma\gamma}}}{m_{\gamma\gamma}} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_{E_1}}{E_1}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{E_2}}{E_2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{\theta_{12}}}{\tan \theta_{12}}\right)^2}$$



# 4.3

## The Stochastic Term: Sampling Fluctuations

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# Stochastic term for homogeneous calorimeters & Fano factor

- In ideal (homogeneous) calorimeter without leakage energy resolution only limited by **statistical fluctuations** of the number of shower particles...
  - ✓ Signal = total number of e-h pairs (or photons) produced in EM shower

Poisson

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \propto \frac{\sigma_N}{N} \sim \frac{\sqrt{N}}{N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

Mean number of particles

$$N = \frac{E_0}{W}$$

W = mean energy required to produce "signal quantum"

W ~ 3.7 eV for Si  
W ~ 30 eV for NaI  
W ~ 100 eV for plastic scintillator

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \propto \sqrt{\frac{W}{E}}$$

- Resolution actually **improves** due to correlations between fluctuations (assuming shower is completely contained): **Fano factor F**
  - ✓ F < 1 for semiconductors
  - ✓ F ~ 1 for scintillators
  - ✓ Example: LAr (W ~ 30 eV/pair, F ~ 0.1) → a ~ 0.3%/sqrt(E) → tiny!
    - Homogeneous calorimeters can have excellent intrinsic stochastic term

$$\sigma_N^2 = FN$$

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \propto \sqrt{\frac{FW}{E}}$$

# Photo-electron statistics impact on stochastic term

- For detectors for which the deposited energy is measured via light detection inefficiencies converting photons into a detectable electrical signal (e.g. photo electrons) contribute to the measurement uncertainty

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \propto \frac{\sigma_{N_{pe}}}{N_{pe}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{pe}}}$$

$N_{pe}$  : number of photo electrons

- Contribution present for calorimeters based on detecting scintillation or Cherenkov light
- Important in this context
  - ✓ Quantum efficiency (QE) and gain of used photo detectors (e.g. Photomultiplier, Avalanche Photodiodes, ...)
  - ✓ Also losses in light guides and wavelength shifters ....

# Exercise: compute $a$ for CMS ECAL



- CMS ECAL = PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystals read via APD
  - ✓ PbWO<sub>4</sub> is a relatively weak scintillator. In CMS ~ 4500 photoelectrons/GeV (APD QE ~80%)
  - ✓ Fano factor  $F \sim 2$  for crystal/APD combination in crystals
    - $F \sim 1 +$  fluctuations in avalanche multiplication process of APD (excess noise factor)

- Expected stochastic term:

$$a_{pe} = \sqrt{\frac{F}{N_{pe}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{4500}} = 2.1\%$$

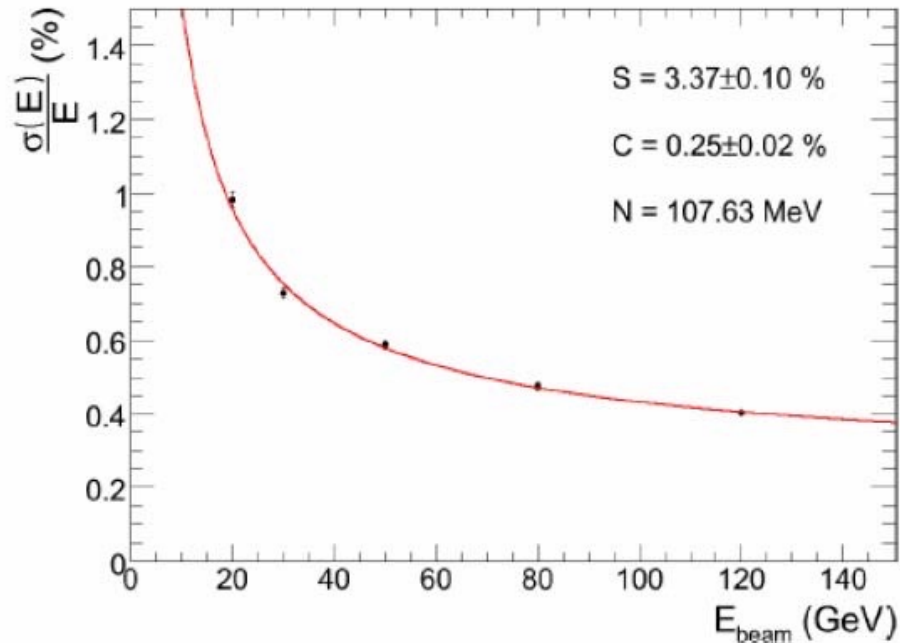
- This does not include all possible effects, e.g. lateral leakage from limited clusters of crystals (to minimize electronic noise and pile-up)
  - $a_{leak} = 1.5\%$  ( $\Sigma(5 \times 5)$ )
  - $a_{leak} = 2\%$  ( $\Sigma(3 \times 3)$ )
  - For  $\Sigma(3 \times 3)$  case  $a = a_{pe} \oplus a_{leak} = 2.9\%$



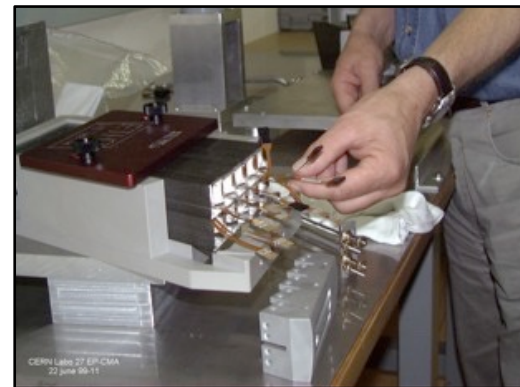
# Exercise: compute $a$ for CMS ECAL



$$\left(\frac{\sigma}{E}\right)^2 = \underbrace{\left(\frac{3.37\%}{\sqrt{E}}\right)^2}_{\text{stoch.}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{0.107}{E}\right)^2}_{\text{noise}} + \underbrace{(0.25\%)^2}_{\text{const.}}$$



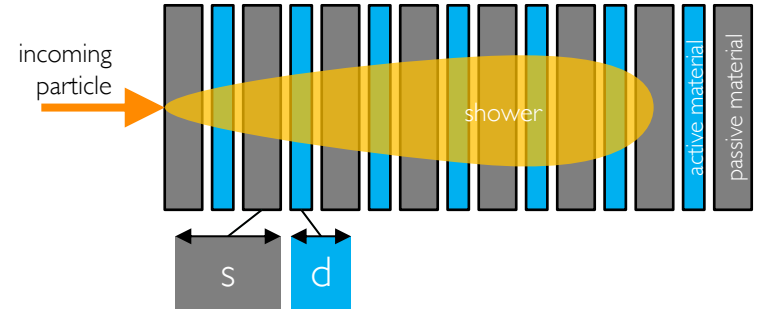
- For  $\Sigma(3 \times 3)$  case  $a = a_{\text{pe}} \oplus a_{\text{leak}} = 2.9\%$
- measured value:  $a_{\text{meas}} = 3.4\%$



# Stochastic term for sampling calorimeters: sampling fraction

- In sampling calorimeters stochastic term is dominated by *sampling* fluctuations
  - ✓ = fluctuations in the total number of electron and positron tracks crossing the active planes
- Sampling fraction**

$$f_{\text{samp}} = \frac{d \frac{dE}{dx}^{\text{active}} \text{ MIP}}{d \frac{dE}{dx}^{\text{active}} \text{ MIP} + s \frac{dE}{dx}^{\text{absorber}} \text{ MIP}}$$



$$N_{\text{charged}} = \frac{f_{\text{samp}} \cdot E}{d \cdot \left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)^{\text{active}} \text{ MIP}} \propto \frac{f_{\text{samp}} \cdot E}{d}$$

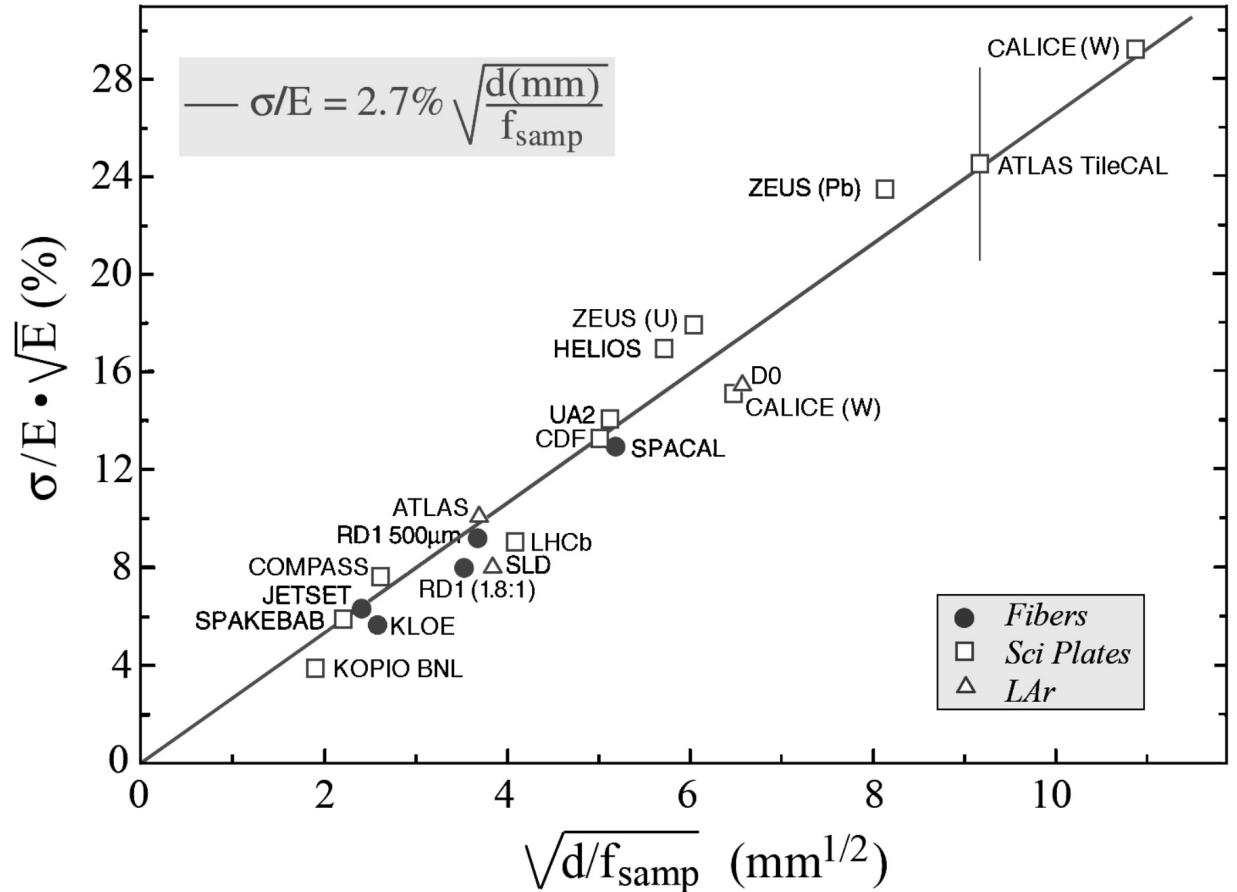
$$\frac{\sigma_E^{\text{samp}}}{E} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{\text{charged}}}} \propto \sqrt{\frac{d}{f_{\text{samp}}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}}$$

$N_{\text{charged}}$  = total energy deposited in active layers / energy deposited per crossing  
 Number of charged particles crossing active layers increases linearly with incident energy and fineness of sampling

**Resolution improves as  $d$  decreases but resolution degrades as  $f_{\text{samp}}$  decreases!**

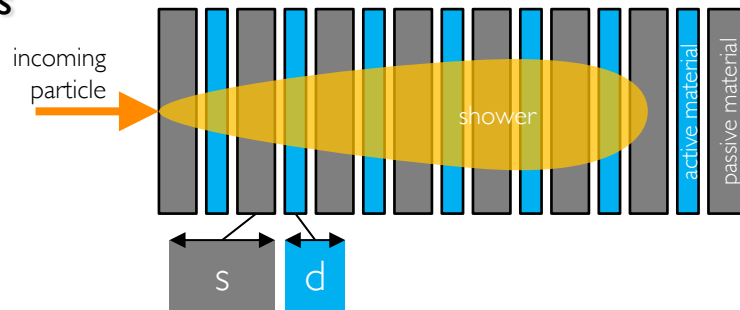
# Stochastic term for sampling calorimeters vs active layer

$$\frac{\sigma_E^{\text{samp}}}{E} \propto \sqrt{\frac{d}{f_{\text{samp}}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}}$$



# Stochastic term for sampling calorimeters vs *passive layer*

- Energy deposition dominantly due to low energy electrons
  - ✓ Range of these electrons smaller than absorber thickness
  - ✓ Only few electrons reach active layer
- Only fraction  $f \sim l/s$  reaches active medium



$$N_{\text{charged}} \propto \frac{E}{E_c s}$$

$N_{\text{charged}}$  = charged particles reaching active layer  
 $E/E_c$  = total number of particles  
 $s$  = absorber thickness in  $X_0$

$$\frac{\sigma E}{E} \propto \frac{\sigma N_{\text{charged}}}{N_{\text{charged}}}$$

$$\propto \sqrt{\frac{E_c s}{E}}$$

**Optimization: choose small  $E_c$  (large  $Z$  absorbers) and small  $s$  (fine sampling)**

$$E_c^{\text{Gas}} = \frac{710 \text{ MeV}}{Z + 0.92} \quad E_c^{\text{Sol/Liq}} = \frac{610 \text{ MeV}}{Z + 1.24}$$

Reminder: higher- $Z$  materials have stronger electric fields that enhance bremsstrahlung (lowering  $E_c$ )

# Stochastic term for sampling calorimeters vs *passive* layer

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \propto \sqrt{\frac{E_c S}{E}}$$



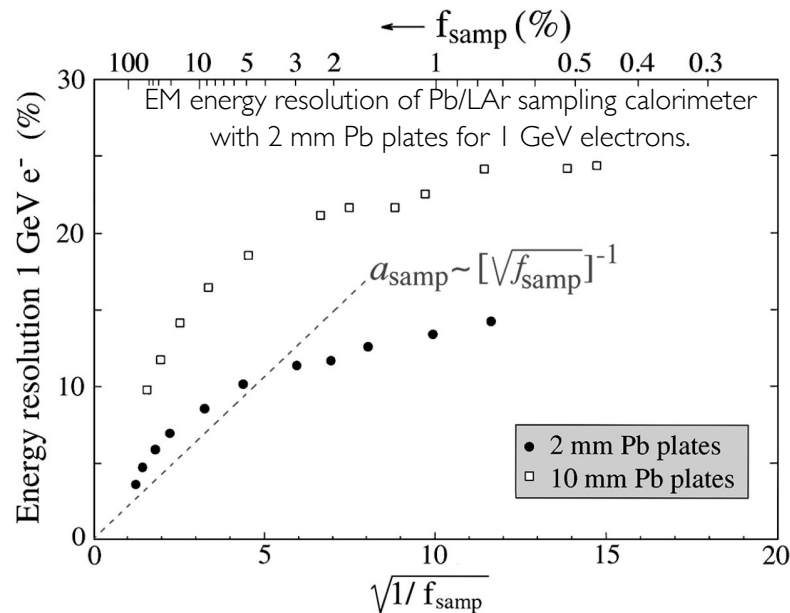
# Sampling fluctuations in extreme conditions

- When signal in single active layer is produced by only small number of charged tracks, Landau fluctuations matter. This happens for:

- ✓ Very thin active gaps  $\rightarrow$  broaden the fluctuation of each sample (Landau-type effect)
- ✓ Very coarse sampling  $\rightarrow$  reduces the number of effective samplings of the shower (sampling effect)

- $a \sim f_{\text{samp}}^{-1/2}$  does not represent well resolution anymore

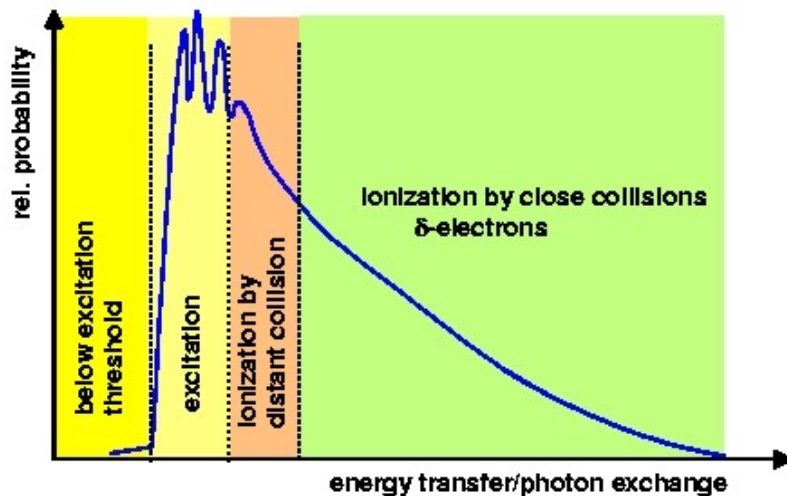
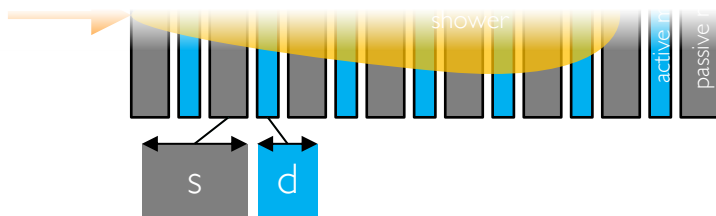
- ✓ Fluctuations of path length become important, due to predominance of energy lost by Compton/photo-electrons and bigger multiple scattering
- ✓ When active layer thickness  $d \ll \lambda_{\text{MFP}}$  fluctuations **not Gaussian**, single track can deposit much more than the mean



- Silicon detectors usually extremely thin (e.g. 0.3 mm): Landau tail significant if used for calorimetry
- Gas detectors as active medium have very thin gas gaps
  - ✓ Mean energy deposit per gap  $\sim$  few keV  $\rightarrow$  very poor sampling
  - ✓ Compensated by large number of gaps and/or gas amplification

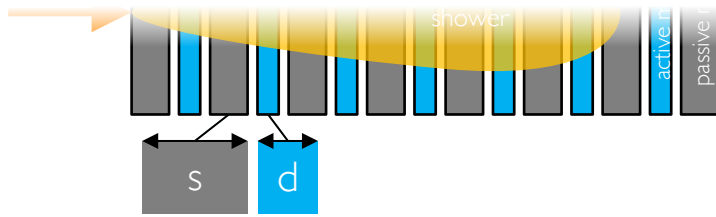
# Landau fluctuations impact on sampling calorimeters

- Recap from Lecture 2: Landau distribution describes energy loss in thin slab of material
  - ✓ Asymmetric: long high-energy tail from rare delta-ray production
  - ✓ Most Probable Value (MPV)  $\ll$  mean; sigma comparable to MPV

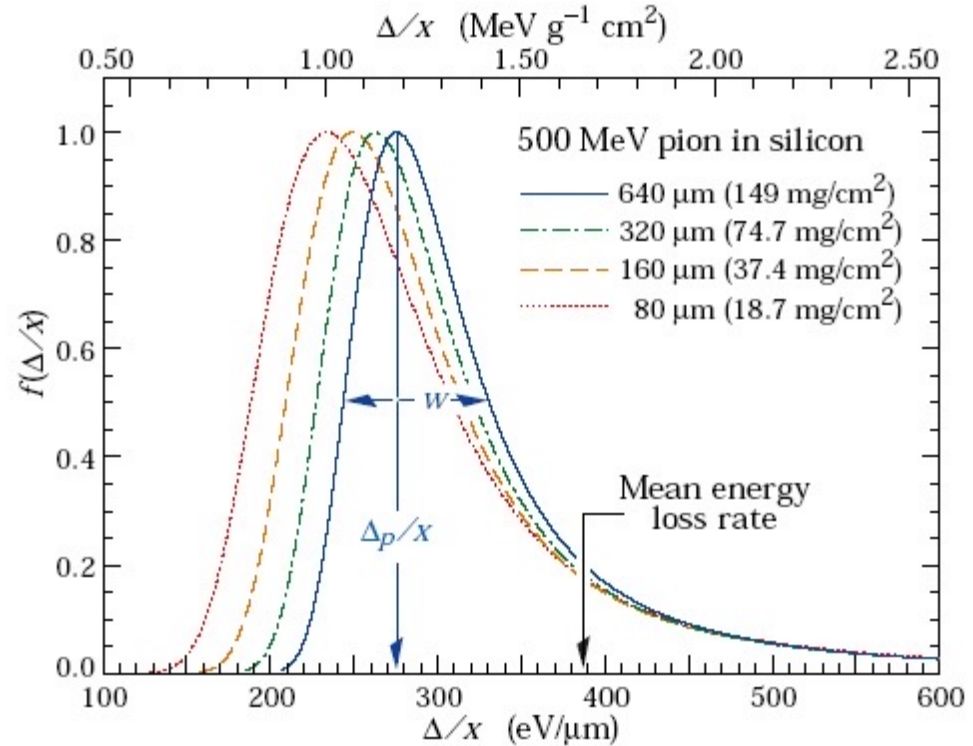


- When do Landau fluctuations matter for sampling calorimeters?**
  - ✓ Small  $d$  makes the energy deposited per active sample less Gaussian
  - ✓ When the active layer is thin enough that signal in one sample is produced only by small number of charged tracks
    - Typical examples: thin Si layers or thin gas gaps
- Direct impact on resolution: adds non-Gaussian contribution to stochastic term!**
  - ✓ Correction factor to effective formula for thin active layers  $\rightarrow a_{\text{samp}}$  increases by  $\sim 20\text{-}40\%$
  - ✓ Particularly relevant for: e.g Si-W sampling calorimeters (CMS HGCal)
  - ✓ Landau correction can be built into energy reconstruction algorithm

# When non-Gaussian single-sample fluctuations matter



- Active layer impact rule of thumbs
  - ✓  $d/X_0 > 1$ : Gaussian approximation adequate
  - ✓  $d/X_0 < 0.3$ : Landau broadening increases  $\sigma_E/E$
- Example: Si active layer  $d \sim 0.3$  mm
  - ✓  $d \sim 0.3$  mm  $\rightarrow d/X_0 = 0.0032$
  - ✓ Signal in one layer comes from very small path length
  - ✓ Single-layer deposits are strongly non-Gaussian
  - ✓ Landau tails can noticeably broaden the resolution



# Stochastic term “effective” parameterization

- Sampling calorimeter resolution formula for homogeneous active medium

$$a[\%/\sqrt{GeV}] \sim 5.5 \sqrt{e_{\text{sampling}}[\text{MeV}]}$$

- ✓  $e_{\text{sampling}}$  = average energy deposited by MIP in one active layer [MeV]
- ✓ Consequence: **thinner active layers**  $\rightarrow$  **smaller  $e_{\text{sampling}}$**   $\rightarrow$  **better resolution**

- A few values... \*

\* check the formula for the various case, see whether it works...

Detector	Active	Absorber	a	Use
ATLAS LAr EM	LAr 2 mm †	Pb	10%	EM
ATLAS TileCal	scintillator 3mm ‡	Fe	52%	Hadronic
CMS HCAL	scintillator 3.7 mm	Brass	65%	Hadronic

†  $d/X_0 = 0.2/14 \sim 0.014$  for a 2 mm LAr gap ( $X_0 \sim 14$  cm),  $(dE/dx)|_{\text{MIP}}$  for LAr  $\sim 1.5$  MeV/cm: ATLAS LAr is well into the Landau-dominated regime!

‡ see exercise in next slides!

# Exercise: compute $a$ for ATLAS TileCal



**Exercise:** compute  $a$  for ATLAS TileCal using effective parameterization formula

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# Exercise: compute $a$ for ATLAS TileCal



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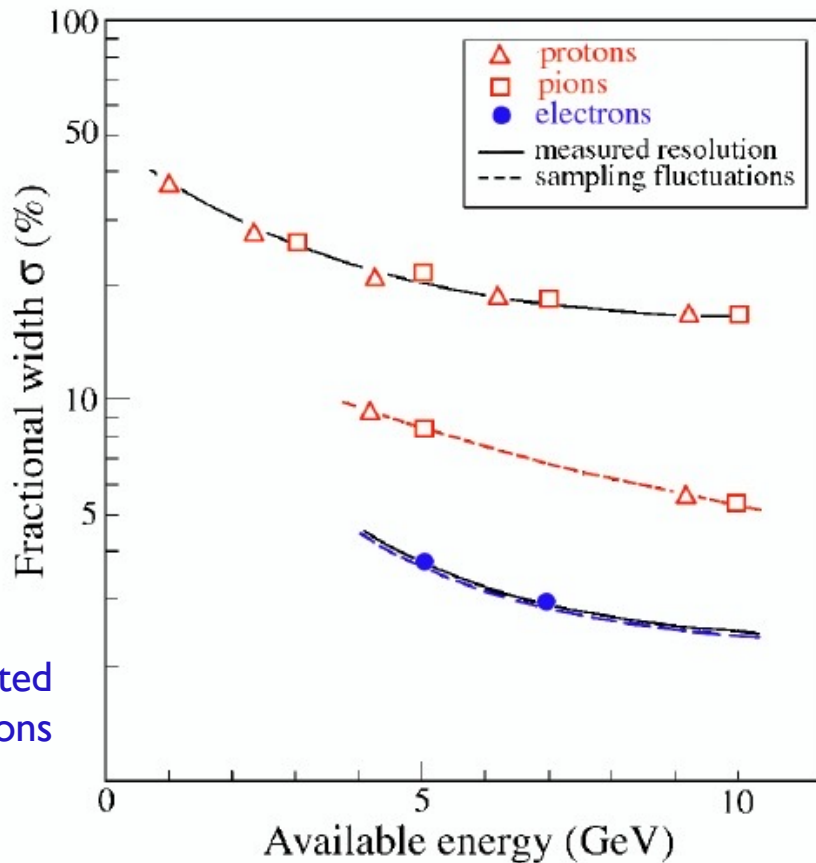
$$a[\%/\sqrt{\text{GeV}}] \sim 5.5 \sqrt{e_{\text{sampling}}[\text{MeV}]}$$

1. Compute  $\epsilon_{\text{sampling}} = \text{MIP energy deposited in one active scintillator layer (d = 3 mm)}$ 
  - ✓ Polystyrene scintillator:  $(dE/dx)|_{\text{MIP}} \sim 2.0 \text{ MeV/cm}$
  - ✓ scintillator layer thickness  $d = 3 \text{ mm} = 0.3 \text{ cm}$
  - ✓  $\epsilon_{\text{sampling}} = (dE/dx)|_{\text{MIP}} \times d = 2.0 \text{ MeV/cm} \times 0.3 \text{ cm} = 0.60 \text{ MeV}$
2. Apply effective parameterization for sampling-term contribution
  - ✓  $a_{\text{samp}} = 5.5 \times \text{sqrt}(0.60) \sim 5.5 \times 0.775 \sim 4.3 \text{ \%}/\text{sqrt}(\text{GeV})$  (*sampling fluctuations only*)
3. Compare with measured stochastic term (from table in previous slide)
  - ✓  $a_{\text{meas}}(\text{TileCal, hadronic}) \sim 52 \text{ \%}/\text{sqrt}(\text{GeV})$
  - ✓  $a_{\text{meas}}/a_{\text{samp}} = 52 / 4.3 \sim 12\times (!)$

**Sampling fluctuations alone do NOT explain hadronic resolution!** Dominant effect: non-compensation ( $e/h \neq 1$ )

- fluctuating EM fraction in hadronic showers
- large intrinsic stochastic contribution

# Sampling fluctuations in EM and hadronic showers



Sampling calorimeter  
1.5 mm Iron + 2 mm LAr

EM resolution dominated  
by sampling fluctuations

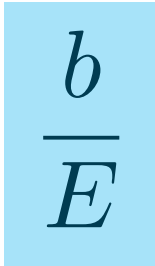
Sampling fluctuations  
only minor contribution  
to hadronic resolution in  
non-compensating  
calorimeter!

# 4.4

## Noise Term, Constant Term & Leakage

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# Noise term: electronic noise



- Detector signal = current pulse (directly or after conversion), energy  $\sim$  to collected charge
- Current pulse acquired by readout chain, affected by electronic noise (thermal + amplifier noise)
- Amount of electronics noise depends on detector technique and features of readout circuit
  - ✓  $\rightarrow$  more details on this in lecture 7
  - ✓ **“Light” calorimeter: noise small** when high-gain multiplication (phototube) in first stage of readout chain
  - ✓ **“Charge” calorimeter: noise larger** due to use of pre-amplifier
    - signal shaping + optimal filtering techniques used to minimize electronic noise
    - Equivalent noise charge:

$$Q = \sqrt{4kTR\delta F}$$

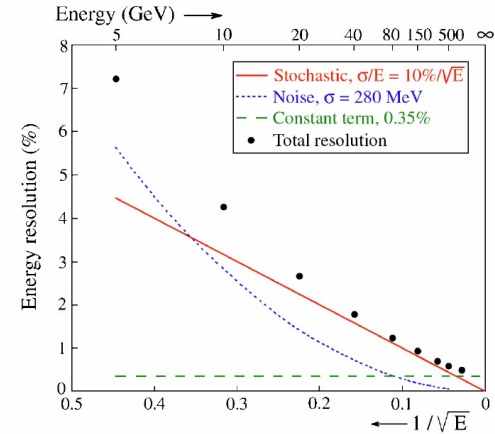
k = Boltzmann constant

T = temperature

R = preamplifier equivalent noise resistance of

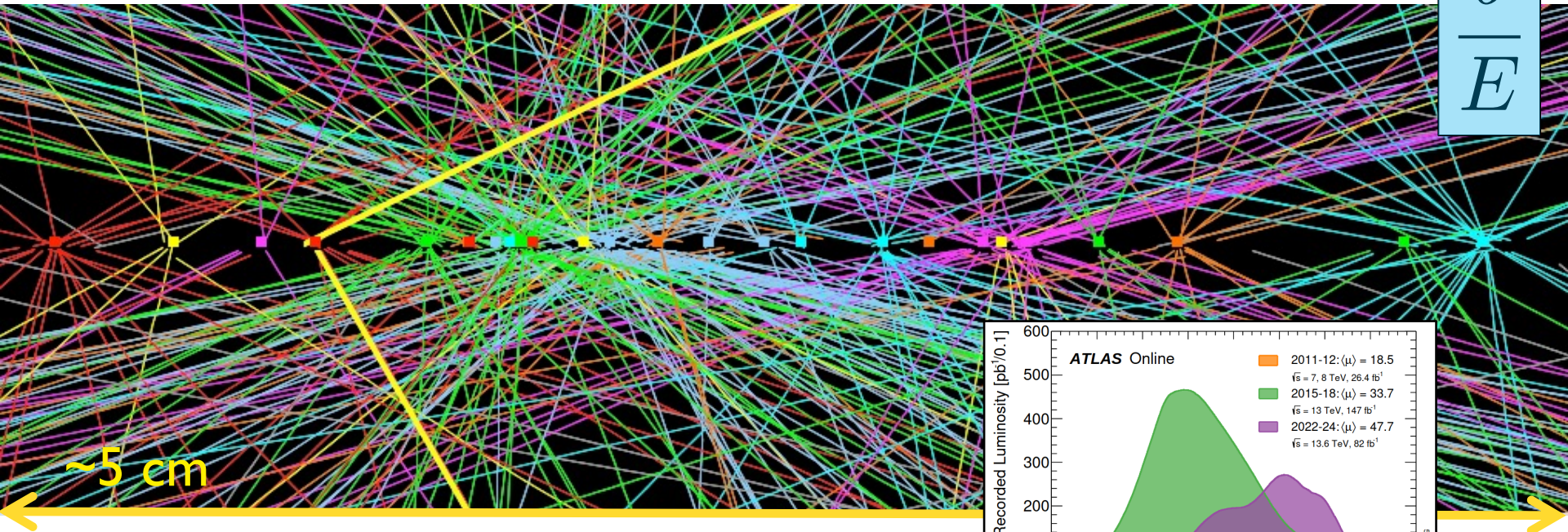
dF = preamplifier bandwidth

- **b** depends on amount of considered detector cells (clustering)
  - ✓ cluster size + clustering techniques, e.g. zero suppression ( $\rightarrow$  more on this in Lecture 7)
- Noise may become dominant below few GeV
  - ✓ noise-equivalent energy is required  $\ll$  100 MeV for applications in the several GeV region.
- At LHC energies: electronic noise usually small (**b**  $\sim$  few MeV per cell)
  - ✓ ATLAS LAr: noise  $\sim$  20-50 MeV per cell (depends on gain); cluster noise  $\sim$  200 MeV
  - ✓ CMS ECAL: noise  $\sim$  40 MeV per crystal; cluster noise  $\sim$  200-300 MeV

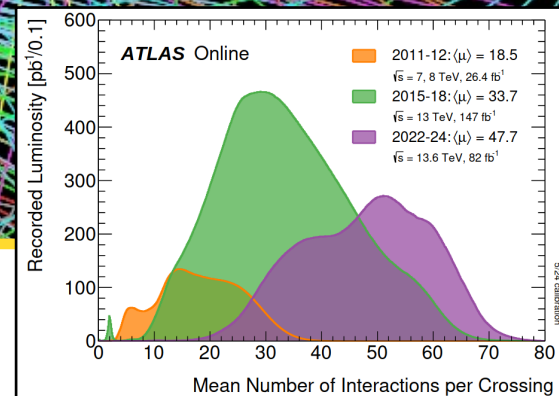


# Noise term: pile-up

$$\frac{b}{E}$$



- Pile-up noise: additional energy deposits from in time (and out-of-time)  $pp$  interactions



✓  $\sigma_{\text{pileup}} \sim 1\text{-}2 \text{ GeV}$  per cluster/jet area: much larger than electronic noise

✓ HL-LHC: up to 200 simultaneous  $pp$  collisions  $\rightarrow$  pile-up noise dominates

# The constant term: non-uniformity and calibration limits

*c*

- Constant term *c* dominates resolution at high energy

- ✓ Example: CMS ECAL  $a \sim 3\%$ ,  $c \sim 0.5\%$

- $\rightarrow$  constant term dominates above  $\sim 25$  GeV

$$E > \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 \text{ GeV}$$

- Sources of the constant term

- ✓ **Inter-channel response non-uniformity** (after calibration):  $\sim 0.3$ - $1\%$

- e.g. light yield non-uniformity; mechanical deformations; local non-hermeticity

- ✓ **Longitudinal leakage** fluctuations:  $\sim 0.1$ - $0.3\%$  (for well-designed calorimeter)

- ✓ **Temperature gradients**:  $\sim 0.2$ - $0.5\%$  per degree C for  $\text{PbWO}_4$  ( $\sim -2\%/C$  light yield)

- ✓ **Dead material in front of calorimeter**

- significant if not corrected by pre-sampler or other calibration techniques

- Minimizing the constant term: the calibration challenge!

- ✓ Mechanical control

- ✓ Temperature control: e.g. CMS ECAL stabilized to  $0.1$  C

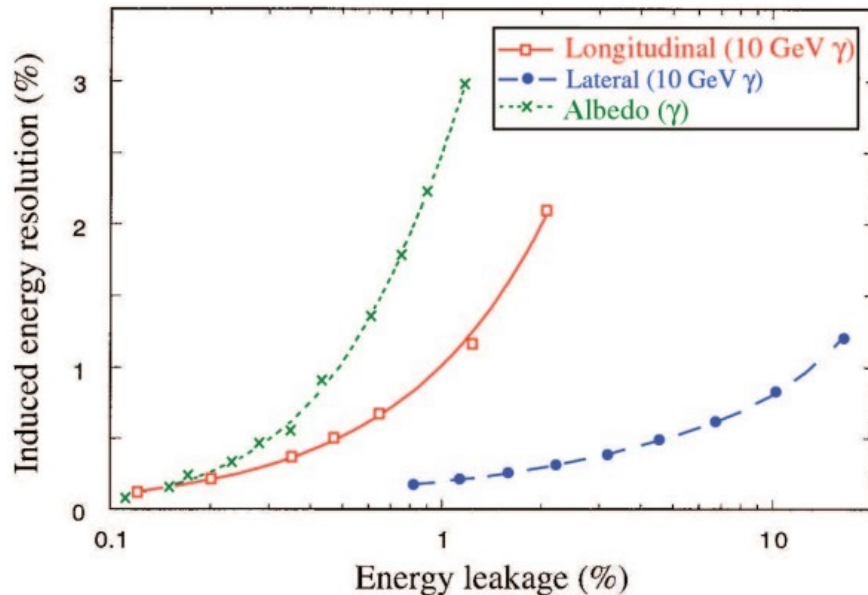
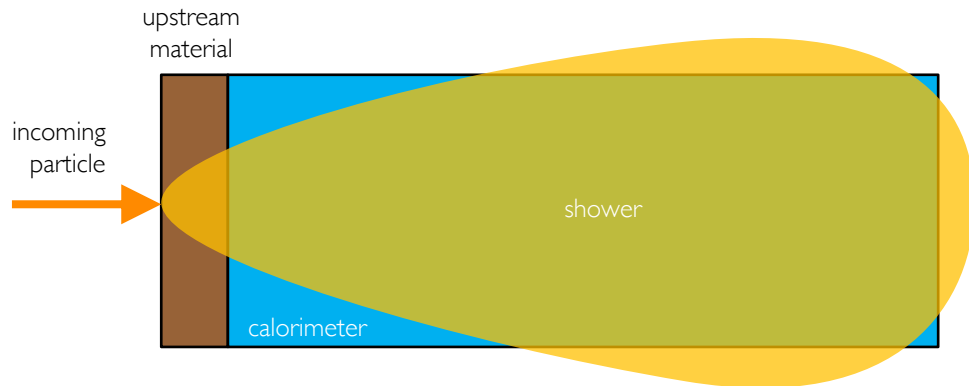
- ✓ Inter-channel calibration: do all you can do with first-principle knowledge + use “standard candles” events (i.e.  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $Z \rightarrow ee$  (more on this in lecture 7))

# Leakage

- Due to calorimeter finite size, shower might not be not fully contained
  - ✓ Longitudinal leakage
  - ✓ Lateral leakage
  - ✓ Albedo (= backward leakage through front of calorimeter)
  - ✓ Upstream energy losses
    - → more on pre-sampler and correction algorithms in Lecture 7
  - ✓ Non-hermetic coverage
- Dominate at high energies for homogeneous calorimeters since stochastic term very small
- Lateral leakage: limited influence
- Longitudinal leakage: strong influence!
  - ✓ Fluctuates event-by-event → adds to c term
- Impact on resolution (possible parameterization):

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = \left( \frac{\sigma_E}{E} \right)_{f=0} [1 + 2f\sqrt{E}]$$

f = average fraction of shower leakage



# Energy resolutions example

Technology (Experiment)	Depth	Energy resolution	Date
NaI(Tl) (Crystal Ball)	$20X_0$	$2.7\%/E^{1/4}$	1983
$\text{Bi}_4\text{Ge}_3\text{O}_{12}$ (BGO) (L3)	$22X_0$	$2\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.7\%$	1993
CsI (KTeV)	$27X_0$	$2\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.45\%$	1996
CsI(Tl) (BaBar)	$16\text{--}18X_0$	$2.3\%/E^{1/4} \oplus 1.4\%$	1999
CsI(Tl) (BELLE)	$16X_0$	1.7% for $E_\gamma > 3.5$ GeV	1998
PbWO <sub>4</sub> (PWO) (CMS)	$25X_0$	$3\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.5\% \oplus 0.2/E$	1997
Lead glass (OPAL)	$20.5X_0$	$5\%/\sqrt{E}$	1990
Liquid Kr (NA48)	$27X_0$	$3.2\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.42\% \oplus 0.09/E$	1998
Scintillator/depleted U (ZEUS)	$20\text{--}30X_0$	$18\%/\sqrt{E}$	1988
Scintillator/Pb (CDF)	$18X_0$	$13.5\%/\sqrt{E}$	1988
Scintillator fiber/Pb spaghetti (KLOE)	$15X_0$	$5.7\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.6\%$	1995
Liquid Ar/Pb (NA31)	$27X_0$	$7.5\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.5\% \oplus 0.1/E$	1988
Liquid Ar/Pb (SLD)	$21X_0$	$8\%/\sqrt{E}$	1993
Liquid Ar/Pb (H1)	$20\text{--}30X_0$	$12\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 1\%$	1998
Liquid Ar/depl. U (DØ)	$20.5X_0$	$16\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.3\% \oplus 0.3/E$	1993
Liquid Ar/Pb accordion (ATLAS)	$25X_0$	$10\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.4\% \oplus 0.3/E$	1996

Homogeneous

Sampling

# Exercise: EM energy resolution for $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



**Exercise:** What are the dominant contributions to the photon energy resolution relevant to  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  reconstruction in ATLAS and CMS?

- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ : one of the key Higgs discovery channels
  - ✓ Signal: narrow invariant-mass peak on smooth  $\gamma\gamma$  continuum
  - ✓ Background rejection relies on sharpness of the peak
- Mass resolution requirement
  - ✓  $\sigma_m < 1.5 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \sigma_m/m_H \sim 1.2\%$

$$m_{\gamma\gamma} = \sqrt{2E_1^\gamma E_2^\gamma (1 - \cos \theta_{12})}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{m_{\gamma\gamma}}}{m_{\gamma\gamma}} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_{E_1}}{E_1}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{E_2}}{E_2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{\theta_{12}}}{\tan \theta_{12}}\right)^2}$$

$$\theta_{12} \sim 180^\circ$$
$$\tan \theta_{12} \sim \infty$$

# Exercise: EM energy resolution for $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



**Exercise:** What are the dominant contributions to the photon energy resolution relevant to  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  reconstruction in ATLAS and CMS?

- Mass resolution requirement

- ✓  $\sigma_m < 1.5 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \sigma_m/m_H \sim 1.2\%$

- For symmetric decay

- ✓  $E_\gamma \sim m_H/2 \sim 60 \text{ GeV}$

$$\frac{\sigma_{m_{\gamma\gamma}}}{m_{\gamma\gamma}} \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\sigma_{E_\gamma}}{E_\gamma} \quad \frac{\sigma_E}{E} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus \frac{b}{E} \oplus c$$

- ATLAS

- ✓ Stochastic  $a/\sqrt{E} = 10\%/\sqrt{60} \approx 1.3\%$

- ✓ Noise  $b/E = 0.3/60 \approx 0.5\%$

- ✓ Constant  $c \approx 0.4\%$

- ✓ Total  $\approx 1.5\%$

- CMS

- ✓ Stochastic  $a/\sqrt{E} = 3\%/\sqrt{60} \approx 0.4\%$

- ✓ Noise  $b/E = 0.2/60 \approx 0.3\%$

- ✓ Constant  $c \approx 0.5\%$

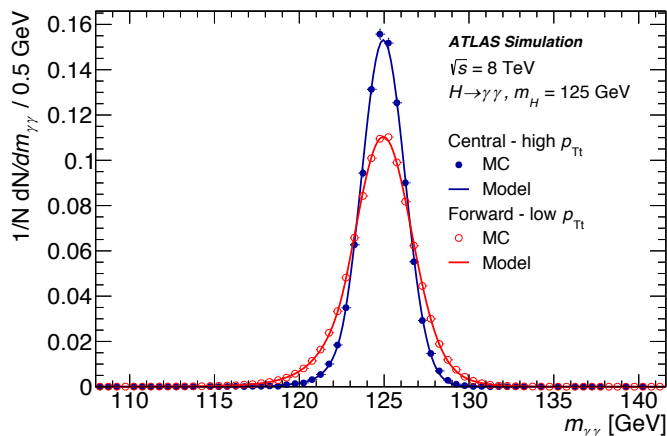
- ✓ Total  $\approx 0.7\%$

# Exercise: EM energy resolution for $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

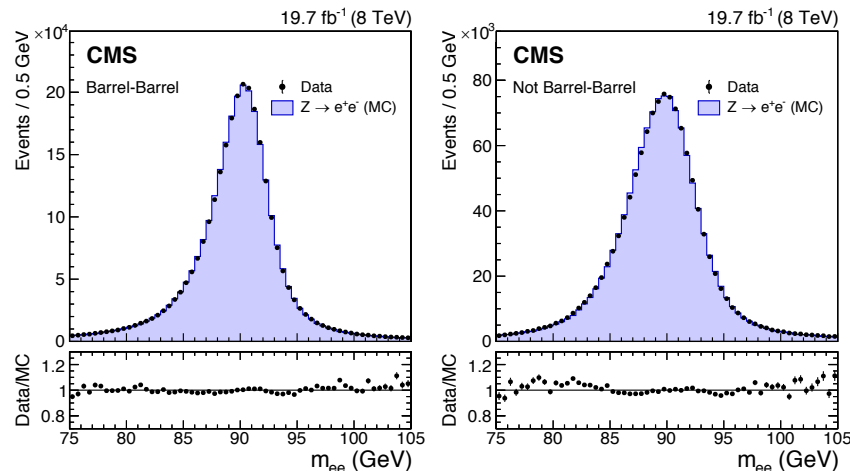


**Exercise:** What are the dominant contributions to the photon energy resolution relevant to  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  reconstruction in ATLAS and CMS?

- **ATLAS** [Phys. Rev. D. 90.112015 \(2014\)](#)



- **CMS** [Eur. Phys. J. C 74 \(2014\) 3076](#)



- **ATLAS mass resolution 1.2-1.7 GeV, depending on category (position in the detector, photon momentum) and data taking conditions (pileup): better than expected (calibration!)**

# 4.5

## Hadronic Energy: e/h & Compensation

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# Callback: the e/h problem

- *Reminder* → *Lecture 3, Section 3.3*
- **Hadronic shower: two responding components**
  - ✓ EM component ( $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ): responds like electrons/photons → response scale **e**
  - ✓ Non-EM component (spallation, evaporation neutrons): → response scale **h**
- **key figure of merit: e/h ratio**
  - ✓  $e/h \equiv$  EM response / hadronic response for equal incident energy
  - ✓  $e/h = 1$ : (ideal) “compensating” calorimeter
- **$e/h \neq 1$ : most real detectors**
  - ✓ 1.1–1.5 typical

Typical e/h values

Fe absorber:  $e/h \sim 1.3$   
Pb absorber:  $e/h \sim 1.4$   
U absorber:  $e/h \sim 1.05$

- **Response non-linearity** 
$$\frac{\langle R_{\text{had}} \rangle}{e} = f_{\text{em}} + (1 - f_{\text{em}}) \left( \frac{e}{h} \right)^{-1}$$

- ✓  $f_{\text{em}}$  increases with energy →  $e/\pi(E)$  is energy-dependent

# Resolution impact of $e/h \neq 1$

- **$f_{em}$  fluctuates event-by-event**

- ✓  $\sigma(f_{em}) \sim 10\text{--}15\%$  at typical energies
- ✓ With  $e/h \neq 1$ , each event gets a different response bias

- **Result: extra resolution term**

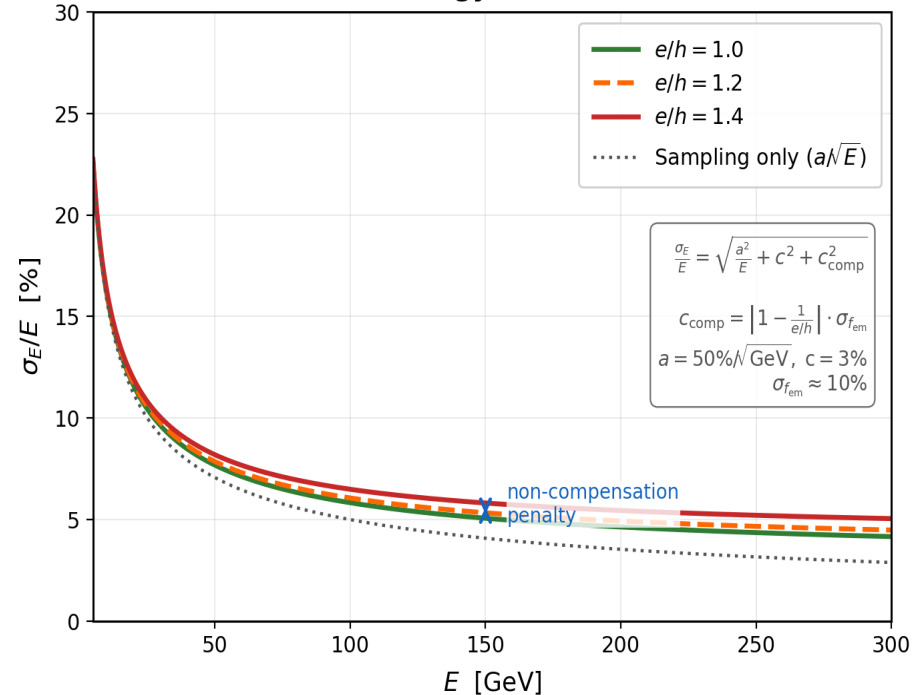
- ✓ This is a constant-like term
- ✓ ...does not improve as  $1/\sqrt{\text{GeV}}$
- ✓  $e/h = 1.4$ ,  $\sigma(f_{em}) = 10\% \rightarrow \sigma_{\text{comp}} \sim 2.9\%$

- **Reminder: ATLAS TileCal exercise (Sec 4.3)**

- ✓  $a_{\text{samp}} = 4.3\%/\sqrt{\text{GeV}}$  (sampling term alone)
- ✓  $a_{\text{measured}} \sim 52\%/\sqrt{\text{GeV}} \rightarrow \times 12$  larger!
- ✓ Dominated by  $e/h \neq 1$  at all practical energies

$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{comp}}}{E} = \left| 1 - \left( \frac{e}{h} \right)^{-1} \right| \sigma(f_{em})$$

Hadronic energy resolution vs  $e/h$



# Compensation theory

- **Goal:  $e/h \rightarrow 1$  (compensating calorimeter)**
- **Strategy 1: suppress EM response ( $\downarrow e$ )**
  - ✓ High-Z absorber (Pb, U): sub-threshold  $e^-$  multiplication suppressed
  - ✓ Fast fission of  $^{238}\text{U}$  produces extra hadronic energy  $\rightarrow$  boosts h
- **Strategy 2: recover hadronic signal ( $\uparrow h$ )**
  - ✓ Hydrogen-rich active medium (plastic scintillator)
  - ✓ Evaporation neutrons scatter on  $^1\text{H} \rightarrow$  recoil protons  $\rightarrow$  visible signal
  - ✓ Critical: optimal sampling fraction  $f_{\text{samp}} \sim 10\text{--}16\%$

ZEUS compensating calorimeter

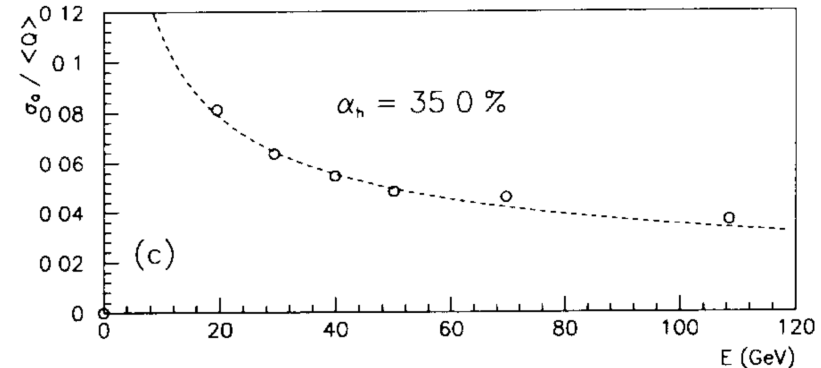
Absorber: uranium ( $^{238}\text{U}$ )

Active: plastic scintillator

$e/h = 1.00 \pm 0.02$

$\sigma/E \sim 35\%/\sqrt{E}$

Proof-of-principle that perfect compensation is achievable



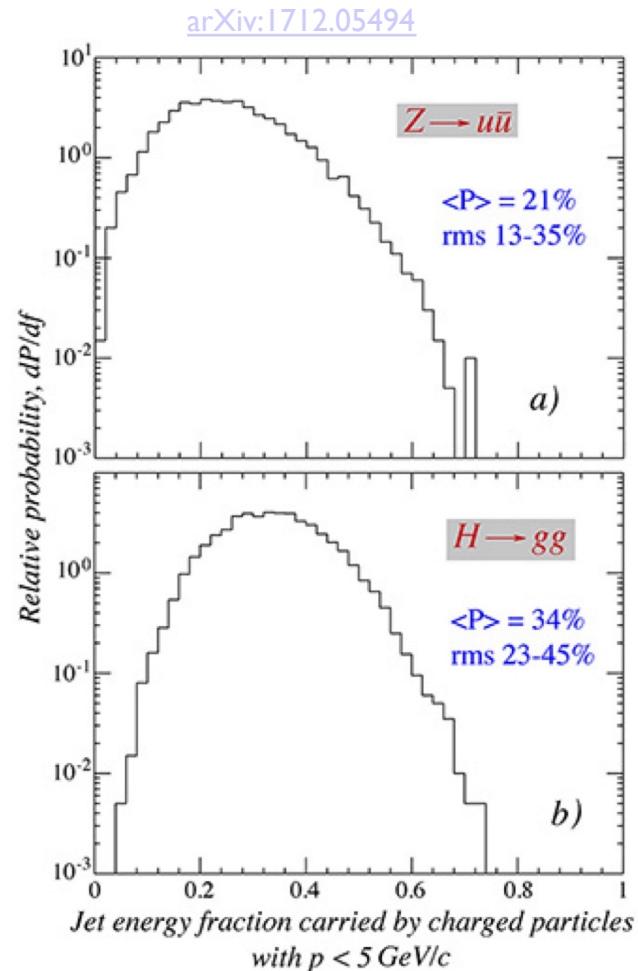
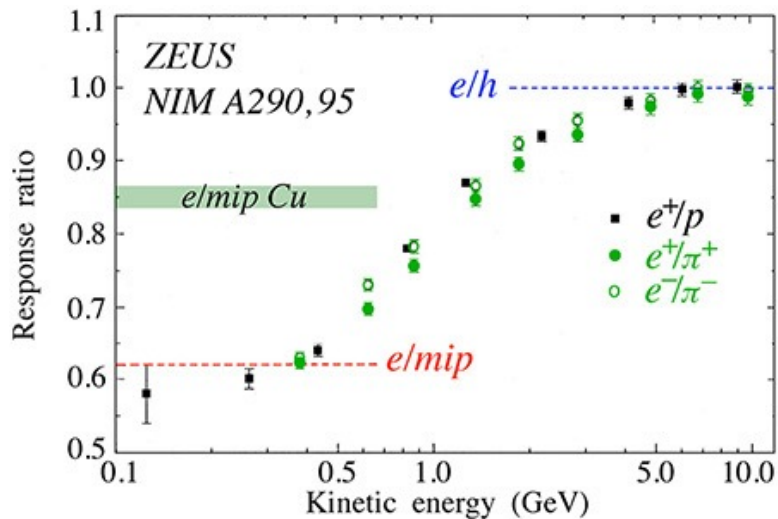
[Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A336 \(1993\) 23–52](#)

# The elephant in the (compensating) room

- Compensation is usually achieved with high Z absorber (Pb, U)
  - ✓ Reduce EM response
  - ✓ Generate large number of neutrons
- **Drawback: e/mip gets smaller (~0.6)!**
  - ✓ **Large response non-linearities for low energy hadrons**
  - ✓ **Worse response for jets than for single hadrons!**

(...) As a result of the important contribution from soft jet fragments, and the large event-by-event fluctuations in this contribution, the energy resolution for intermediate vector bosons measured with the compensating ZEUS uranium calorimeter was worse than expected on the basis of the single-pion resolution. Also, the small sampling fraction required to achieve compensation limited the em energy resolution, to  $18\%/\sqrt{E}$  in ZEUS (...)

[arXiv:1712.05494](https://arxiv.org/abs/1712.05494)



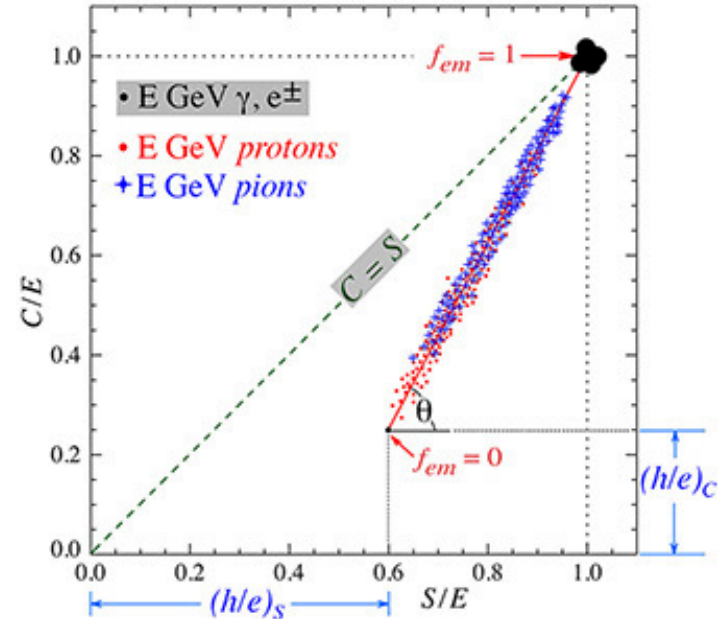
# Beyond hardware compensation: dual readout calorimeter

- **Idea: measure  $f_{EM}$  directly exploiting Cerenkov vs Scintillation light**

- ✓ Electrons in hadronic shower are relativistic down to 200 keV → Cerenkov
- ✓ Most non-EM energy in hadronic shower from protons from nuclear reaction → Scintillation

- **Advantages**

- ✓ No need for high Z absorber (e.g. Cu has  $e/mip \sim 0.86$ )
- ✓ Can select any sampling fraction
- ✓ Method does not rely on measuring neutrons (smaller volume, faster integration time)



$$S = E \left[ f_{em} + \frac{1}{(e/h)_S} (1 - f_{em}) \right]$$

$$C = E \left[ f_{em} + \frac{1}{(e/h)_C} (1 - f_{em}) \right]$$

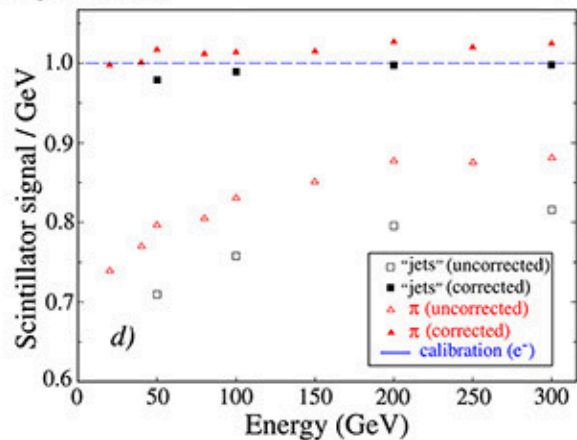
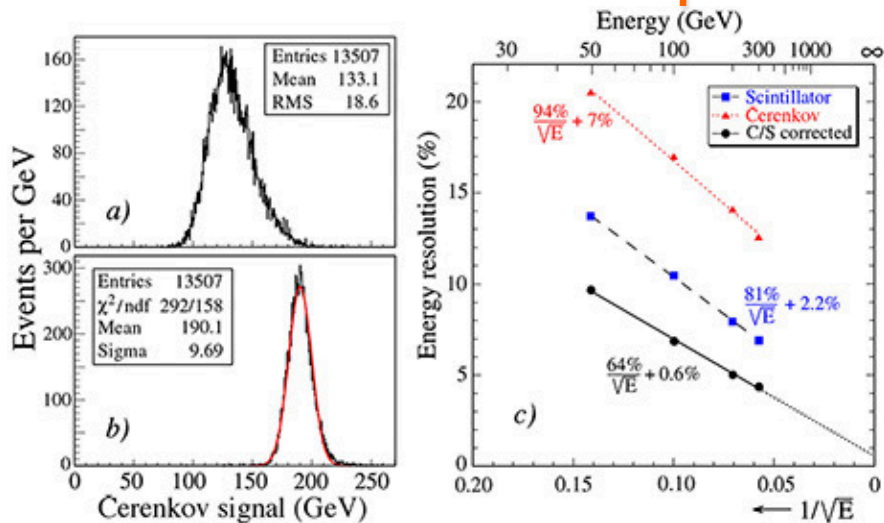
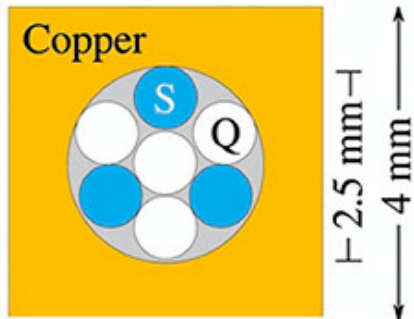
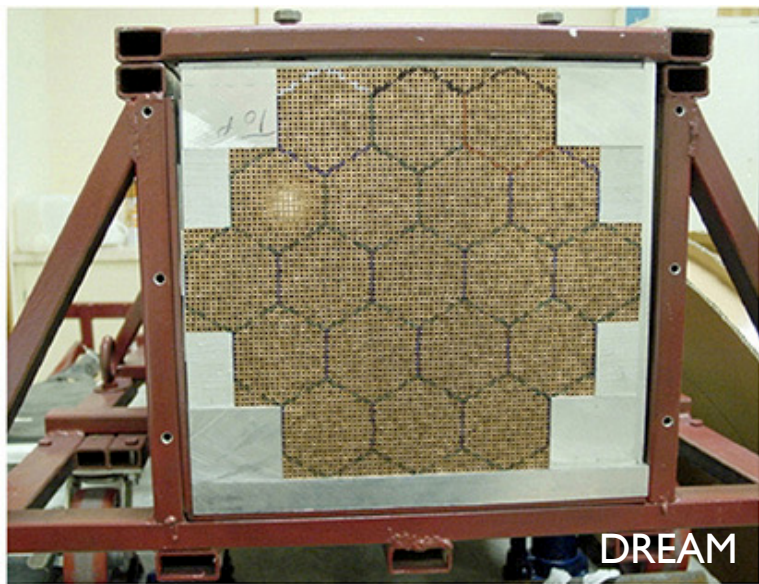
$$f_{em} = \frac{(h/e)_C - (C/S)(h/e)_S}{(C/S)[1 - (h/e)_S] - [1 - (h/e)_C]}$$

$(e/h)_S$  and  $(e/h)_C$  need to be known

$$\cot \theta = \frac{1 - (h/e)_S}{1 - (h/e)_C} = \chi$$

$$E = \frac{S - \chi C}{1 - \chi}$$

# How is a dual readout calorimeter realized? An example

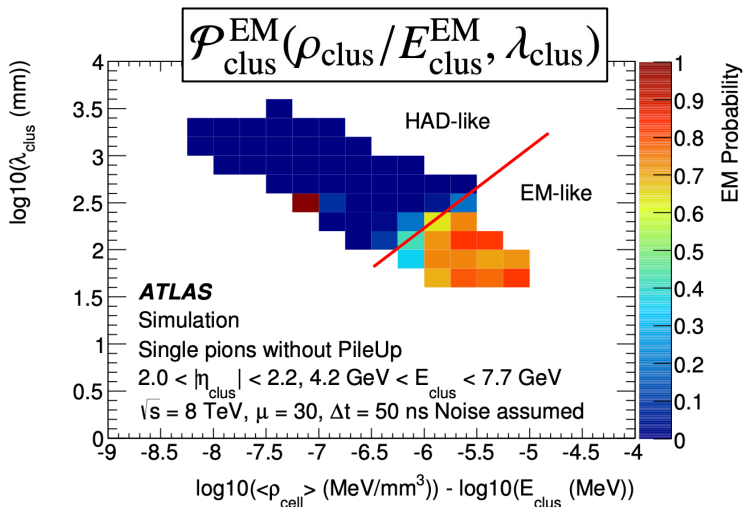


# Beyond hardware compensation: software compensation

- Software compensation (SWC)
  - ✓ Core idea: weight cells by energy density
  - ✓ Weight high-density cells (likely EM) with

$$w_{\text{cell}} \sim f \left( \frac{E_{\text{cell}}}{E_{\text{cluster}}} \right)$$

Example: ATLAS HCAL SWC: improves hadronic resolution by ~20% at 50 GeV



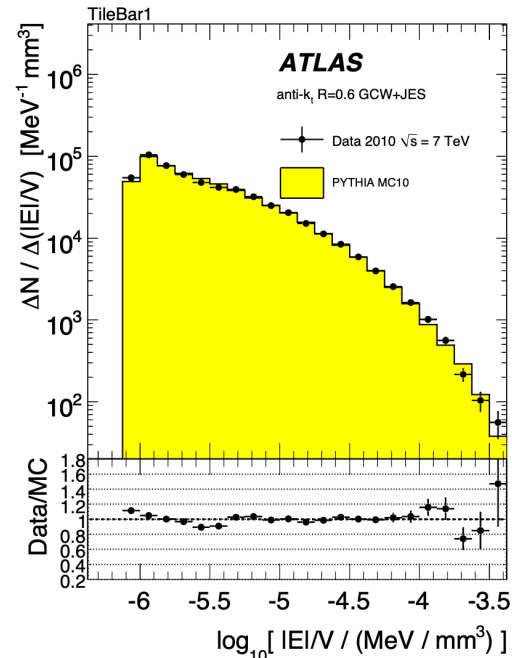
likelihood for reconstructed topo-clusters to originate from an EM shower as a function of shower depth normalized cluster signal density

$$w_{\text{cell}} = \frac{E_{\text{cell}}^{\text{dep}}}{E_{\text{cell}}^{\text{EM}}}$$

$$w_{\text{cell}}^{\text{cal}} = \mathcal{P}_{\text{clus}}^{\text{EM}} \cdot w_{\text{cell}}^{\text{em-cal}} + (1 - \mathcal{P}_{\text{clus}}^{\text{EM}}) \cdot w_{\text{cell}}^{\text{had-cal}}$$

Or go ever farer, and replace part of the calorimetric measurement with other sources (e.g. tracker) → particle flow

Distribution of cell energy in ATLAS TileCal I



# 4.6

## Position Measurement & Time Resolution

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# Position measurement in (EM\*) calorimeters

- Possible when calorimeter (or readout) is segmented
- Cell size must be comparable to (or smaller than)  $1 R_M$  (Moliere radius)
  - ✓ Reminder: lateral containment  $\rightarrow \sim 90, 95, 99\%$  @  $R = 1, 2, 3.5 R_M$
  - ✓ Fine segmentation to measure position with good accuracy
- Two algorithms for shower position from cell energies
  - ✓ Simple centroid

$$x_{\text{cog}} = \frac{\sum x_i E_i}{\sum E_i} \quad \text{biased toward cell center}$$

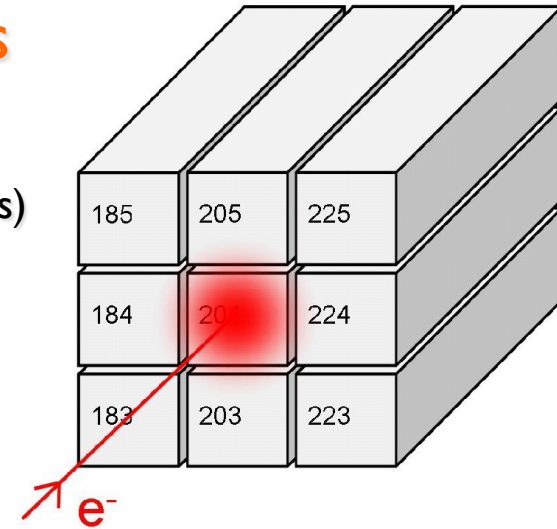
- ✓ Logarithmic weighting

$$x_{\text{cog}} = \frac{\sum w_i E_i}{\sum w_i} \quad w_i = w_0 + \ln \frac{E_i}{E_{\text{tot}}}$$

e.g. in CMS  $w_0 = 5$

- Physical motivation for log weights:  $w_i$  should be proportional to  $dE/dx$

$$E_i \sim e^{-\frac{|x_i - \bar{x}|}{\tau}} \rightarrow w_i \sim -\frac{|x_i - \bar{x}|}{\tau} \sim \ln \frac{E_i}{E_{\text{tot}}}$$



Logarithmic weights correct for the exponential fall-off of EM shower tails

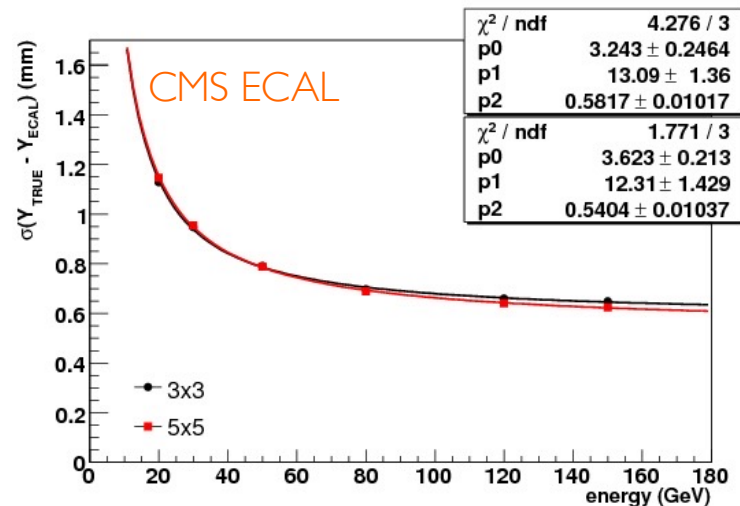
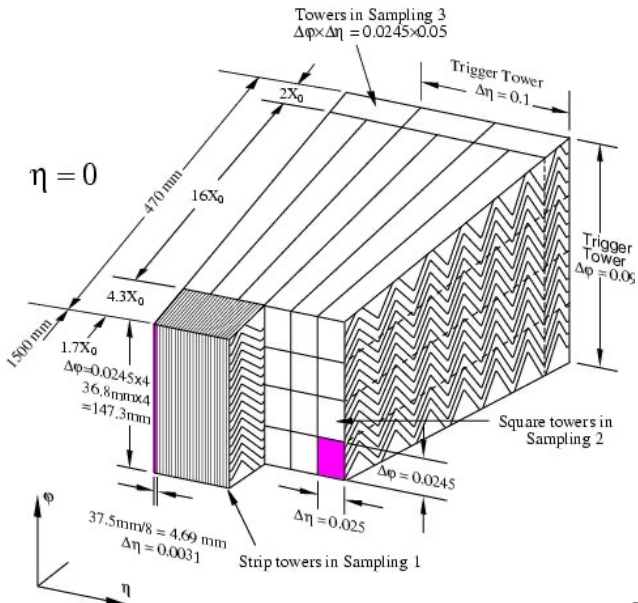
\* hadronic position resolution is substantially worse (cell sizes in HCAL usually  $\sim 10$  cm  $\rightarrow \sigma_x \sim$  several cm)

# Position measurement in calorimeters

- Position resolution for EM calorimeters

$$\sigma_x \sim \frac{a_{\text{pos}}}{\sqrt{(E)}} \oplus c_{\text{pos}}$$

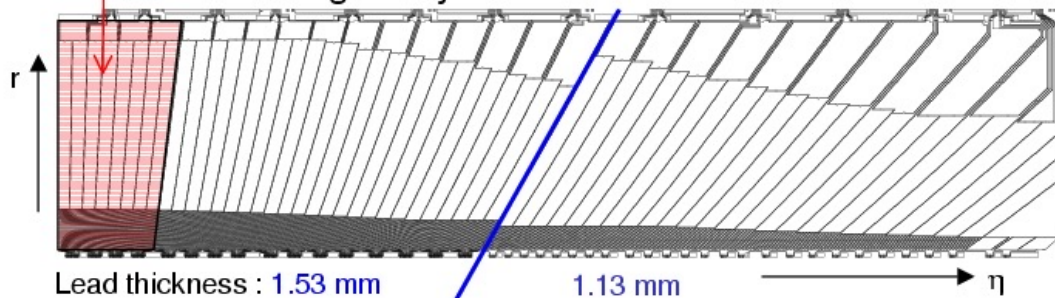
- ATLAS LAr :  $\sigma_x$  pos  $\sim 0.5$  mm at 50 GeV (strips layer  $\sim 4\text{--}5$  mm @  $\eta \sim 0$ )
- CMS ECAL: cell size  $\sim 2 \times 2$  cm<sup>2</sup>  $\rightarrow$  uses  $5 \times 5$  cluster;  $\sigma_x \sim 0.7\text{--}1.5$  mm



ATLAS LAr EMB

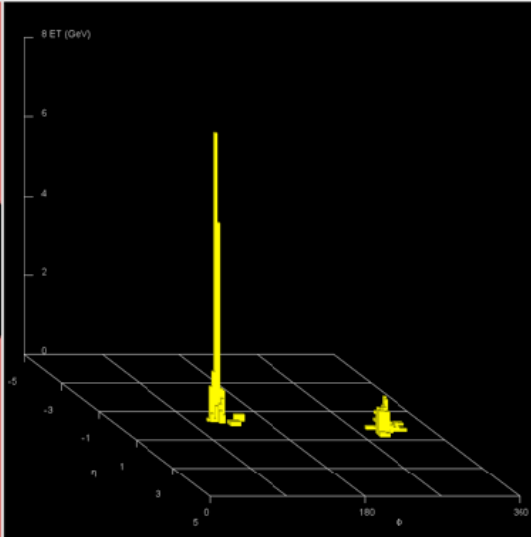
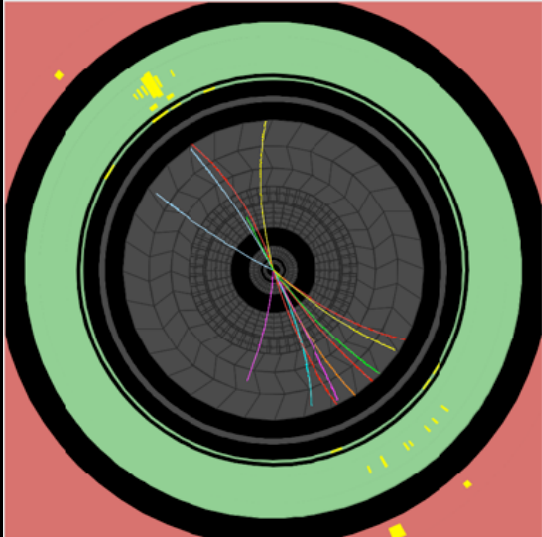
1 sector :  $\Delta\eta = 0.2$

Signal layer for barrel electrode



Lead thickness : 1.53 mm

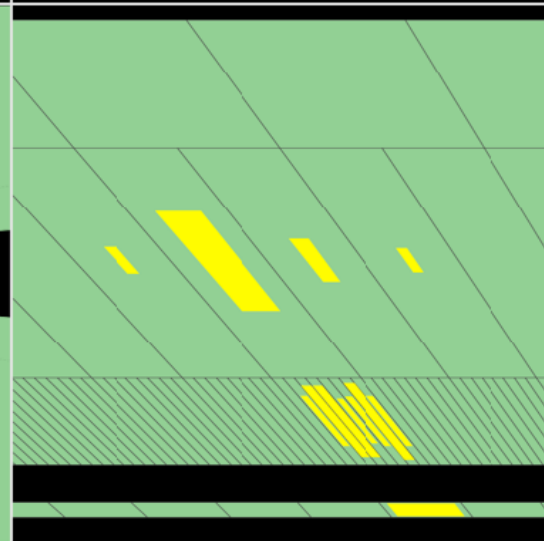
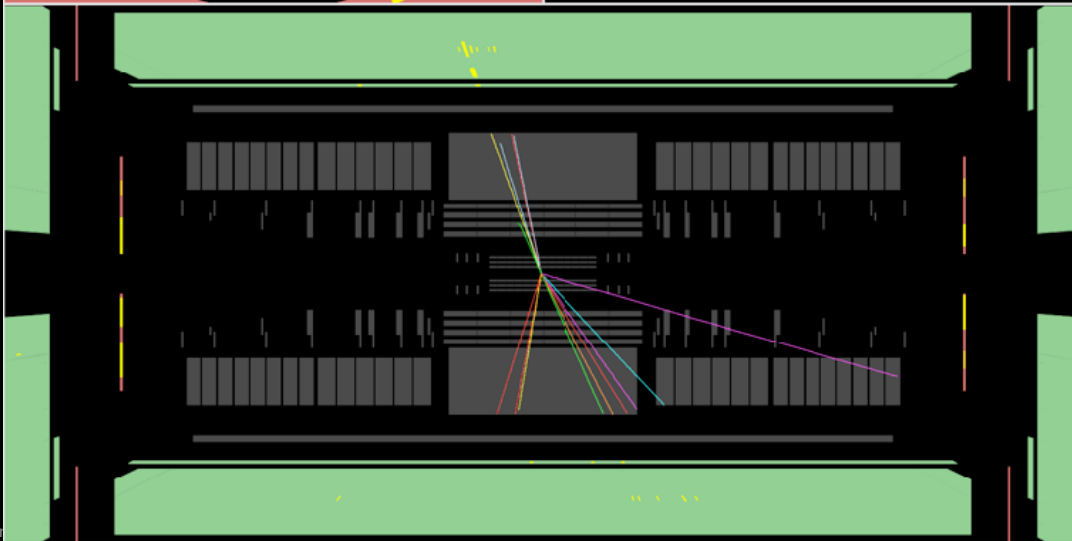
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# ATLAS EXPERIMENT

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# Time resolution

- Intrinsic time resolution set by signal rise time /  $\sqrt{N_{\text{photons}}}$  or signal-to-noise
  - ✓ Scintillator + PMT/APD: 100 ps – 10  $\mu$ s
  - ✓ Thin silicon detector (10-300  $\mu$ m): 100 ps – 30 ns
  - ✓ Thick ( $\sim$ cm) Si or Ge detector: 1-10  $\mu$ s
  - ✓ Noble liquid ionization (depends on gap width):  $\sim$ 450 ns
- Time resolution depends on both Intrinsic time and signal processing technique
  - ✓ CMS ECAL PbWO<sub>4</sub>:  $\sigma_t < 100$  ps at  $E > 10$  GeV (fast crystal + fast APD)
  - ✓ ATLAS LAr: limited by 450 ns drift time  $\rightarrow \sigma_t \sim$  ns (electronics-limited)
- 4D calorimetry: adding precision timing to calorimeter measurements
  - ✓ CMS MTD (Minimum Ionizing Particle Timing Detector): 30-50 ps per track
  - ✓ CMS HGCal:  $< 50$  ps per hit (LGAD sensors)  $\rightarrow$  pile-up rejection from timing

Type	Speed	Resolution	Cost
Ionization	moderate	moderate	cheap
Crystals	fast	best	expensive
Scintillators	fast	moderate	moderate

# What did we learn today?

- **Week 2 (Physics depth)**

- ✓ Lecture 3: Hadronic shower physics

- ✓ **Lecture 4: Energy resolution from first principles**

- 4.1 From Shower Physics to Calorimeter Design

- Homogeneous → best resolution; sampling trades performance for flexibility and cost.

- 4.2 The Three-Term Energy Resolution Formula

- 4.3 The Stochastic Term: Sampling Fluctuations

- $\sigma_E/E = a/\sqrt{E} \oplus b/E \oplus c$ ; three independent origins;  $a \approx 5.5 \sqrt{e_{\text{sampling}}} \%/\sqrt{\text{GeV}}$  (Wigmans).

- 4.4 Noise Term, Constant Term & Leakage

- Noise and pile-up limit low-E resolution; non-uniformity and calibration set the constant floor  $c$ .

- 4.5 Hadronic Energy:  $e/h$  & Compensation

- $e/h \neq 1$  creates constant-like  $\sigma_{\text{comp}} > \text{sampling term}$

- compensation (hardware or software) forces  $e/h \rightarrow 1$

- Hardware compensation works best for single hadrons, for jets not effective, modern alternatives exist

- 4.6 Position Measurement & Time Resolution

- Log-weighted centroids reach  $\sigma_x \lesssim 1 \text{ mm}$ ; timing below  $100 \text{ ps}$  (PbWO<sub>4</sub>) enables 4D calorimetry.