Physics processes in hadronic showers

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Topics

• A few words about Hadron-Nucleus (h-A) interactions and their modelling

- Features of h-A of relevance for calorimetry
- The π^0 and γ production and e/h
- Binding energy and energy conservation
- The role of slow neutron interactions
- Slow charged fragments and signal quenching
- A few real life examples

Main steps of h-A interactions

High-energy h-A interactions can be schematically described as a sequence of the following steps:

- Glauber-Gribov cascade and high energy collisions
- (Generalized)-IntraNuclear cascade
- Preequilibrium emission
- \bullet Evaporation/Fragmentation/Fission and final deexcitation

The following aspects are of direct relevance for calorimetry:

- Multiplicity distribution of fast (relativistic) particles
- π^0 and γ production and its scaling with projectile energy
- Slow fragment and neutron production: the asymptotic regime of the target fragmentation part of the collision
- Binding energy losses

h-A interactions

The approach to hadronic interaction modelling presented in the following is the one adopted by most state-of-the-art codes

In this "microscopic" approach, each step has sound physical basis. The performances are optimized comparing with particle production data at single interaction level. No tuning whatsoever on "integral" data, like calorimeter resolutions, thick target yields etc, is performed

The final predictions are obtained with minimal free parameters, fixed for all energies and target/projectile combinations

Results in complex cases as well as scaling laws and properties come out naturally from the underlying physical models. The basic conservation laws are fulfilled "a priori"

All the examples/results presented in the following have been obtained with FLUKA and should be typical of codes adopting similar approaches

Elastic, charge exchange and strangeness exchange reactions:

- Available phase-shift analysis and/or fits of experimental differential data
- At high energies, standard eikonal approximations are used

Particle production interactions: two kind of models

- Those based on "resonance" production and decays, which cover the energy range up to 3–5 GeV
- Those based on quark/parton string models, which provide reliable results up to several tens of TeV

- $N_1 + N_2 \rightarrow N'_1 + N'_2 + \pi$ threshold around 290 MeV, important above 700 MeV,
- $\pi + N \rightarrow \pi' + \pi'' + N'$ opens at 170 MeV.

Dominance of the Δ resonance and of the N^* resonances \rightarrow reactions treated in the framework of the isobar model \rightarrow all reactions proceed through an intermediate state containing at least one resonance.

$$N_{1} + N_{2} \rightarrow N_{1}' + \Delta(1232) \rightarrow N_{1}' + N_{2}' + \pi$$

$$\pi + N \rightarrow \Delta(1600) \rightarrow \pi' + \Delta(1232) \rightarrow \pi' + \pi'' + N'$$

$$N_{1} + N_{2} \rightarrow \Delta_{1}(1232) + \Delta_{2}(1232) \rightarrow N_{1}' + \pi_{1} + N_{2}' + \pi_{2}$$

Resonance energies, widths, cross sections, branching ratios from data and conservation laws, whenever possible. Inferred from inclusive cross sections when needed

Inelastic hN at high energies: (DPM, QGSM, ...)

- Problem: "soft" interactions \rightarrow no perturbation theory.
- Solution : Interacting strings (quarks held together by the gluon-gluon interaction into the form of a string)
- Interactions treated in the Reggeon-Pomeron framework
- At sufficiently high energies the leading term corresponds to a Pomeron (*IP*) exchange (a closed string exchange)
- Each colliding hadron splits into two colored partons \rightarrow combination into two color neutral chains \rightarrow two back-to-back jets
- Physical particle exchange produce single chains at low energies
- Higher order contributions with multi-Pomeron exchanges important at $E_{lab} \ge 1$ TeV

DPM and hadronization

from DPM:

- Number of chains
- Chain composition
- Chain energies and momenta
- Diffractive events

Almost No Freedom

Chain hadronization

- Assumes chain universality
- Fragmentation functions from hard processes and e^+e^-
- Transverse momentum from uncertainty considerations
- Mass effects at low energies

The same functions and (few) parameters for all reactions and energies



Leading two-chain diagram in DPM for p-p scattering. The color (red, blue, and green) and quark combination shown in the figure is just one of the allowed possibilities

DPM: chain examples



Leading two-chain diagram in DPM for $\bar{p} - p$ scattering. The color (red, blue, and green) and quark combination shown in the figure is just one of the allowed possibilities



Leading two-chain diagrams in DPM for $\pi^+ - p$ scattering. The color (red, blue, and green) and quark combination shown in each figure is just one of the allowed possibilities



Nonelastic hN at high E : $(\pi^+ p)$, 7-22 GeV

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Nonelastic hN high E: (K⁻p) , (π ⁻p) 10-16 GeV, p_T

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Nonelastic hN high E: $(\pi^+ p)$ 250GeV, x_F and p_t

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(Generalized) IntraNuclear Cascade basic assumptions

- 1. Primary and secondary particles moving in the nuclear medium
- 2. Interaction probability from σ_{free} + Fermi motion $\times \rho(r)$ + exceptions (ex. π)
- 3. Glauber cascade at high energies
- 4. Classical trajectories (+) nuclear mean potential (*resonant for* π 's!!)
- 5. Curvature from nuclear potential \rightarrow refraction and reflection.
- 6. Interactions are incoherent and uncorrelated
- 7. Interactions in projectile-target nucleon CMS \rightarrow Lorentz boosts
- 8. Multibody absorption for π, μ^-, K^-
- 9. Quantum effects (Pauli, formation zone, correlations...)
- 10. Exact conservation of energy, momenta and all additive quantum numbers, including nuclear recoil

h-A at high energies: the Glauber Cascade

Elastic, Quasi-elastic and Absorption hA cross sections derived from Free hadron-Nucleon cross section + Nuclear ground state <u>ONLY</u>.

Inelastic interaction \equiv multiple interaction with ν target nucleons, with binomial distribution (at a given impact parameter, b):

$$P_{r \nu}(b) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} A \\ \nu \end{pmatrix} P_r^{\nu}(b) \left[1 - P_r(b)\right]^{A-\nu}$$

where $P_r(b) \equiv \sigma_{hN} \ _rT_r(b)$, and $T_r(b)$ = profile function (folding of nuclear density and scattering profiles along the path). On average :

$$<\nu> = \frac{Z\sigma_{hp\ r} + N\sigma_{hn\ r}}{\sigma_{hA\ abs}}$$

$$\sigma_{hA\ abs}(s) = \int \mathrm{d}^2 \vec{b} \left[1 - (1 - \sigma_{hN\ r}(s)T_r(b))^A \right]$$

h-A at high energies: Glauber-Gribov

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\label{eq:Glauber-Gribov} Glauber-Gribov = diagram \ interpretation \ of \ the \ Glauber \ cascade \ Used \ by \ QGSM/DPM/... \ for \ modelling \ Multiple \ Collisions
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Interaction with ν target nucleons

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 2ν chains, out of which

2 chains struck between the projectile and target valence (di)quarks, $2(\nu - 1)$ chains between projectile sea $q - \bar{q}$ and target valence (di)quarks.

No freedom, except in the treatment of mass effects at low energies. Fermi motion included \rightarrow smearing of p_T distributions (G)INC follows



Nonelastic hA interactions at high energies: examples

Rapidity distribution of charged particles produced in 200 GeV proton collisions on Hydrogen, Argon, and Xenon target (left) and ratio of rapidity distribution of charged, positive, and negative particles produced in 200 GeV proton collisions on Xenon and Hydrogen (right). Data from C. De Marzo et al., PRD26, 1019 (1982).



Nonelastic hA interactions at high energies: examples

Multiplicity distribution of negative shower particles for 250 GeV/c K⁺ on Aluminium and Gold targets (left), and rapidity distribution of positive, negative, and " π^+ " particle for 250 GeV/c π^+ on Aluminium (right). Data from I.V. Ajinenko et al. ZPC42 377 (1989) and N.M. Agababyan et al. ZPC50 361 (1991).



h-A interactions: the multiplicity distribution vs the Glauber cascade

- 1. Pauli blocking,
- 2. Formation time (inelastic),
- 3. Coherence length ((quasi)-elastic and charge exchange),
- 4. Nucleon antisymmetrization,
- 5. Hard core nucleon correlations

Formation Zone

Naively: "materialization" time. Qualitative estimate: in the frame where $p_{\parallel}=0$

$$\bar{t} = \Delta t \approx \frac{\hbar}{E_T} = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{p_T^2 + M^2}}$$

particle proper time

$$\tau = \frac{M}{E_T}\bar{t} = \frac{\hbar M}{p_T^2 + M^2}$$

Going to lab system

$$t_{lab} = \frac{E_{lab}}{E_T}\bar{t} = \frac{E_{lab}}{M}\tau = \frac{\hbar E_{lab}}{p_T^2 + M^2}$$

As a function of particle rapidity y

$$t_{lab} = \bar{t} \cosh y = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{p_T^2 + M^2}} \cosh y$$

Condition for possible reinteraction inside a nucleus:

$$v \cdot t_{lab} \leq R_A \approx r_0 A^{\frac{1}{3}}$$



Comparison with SPY I

Comparison with SPY II





Nonelastic hA at high E: (p,Be), 14-24 GeV

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Preequilibrium

For $E > \pi$ production threshold \rightarrow only (G)INC models At lower energies \rightarrow a variety of preequilibrium models

Two leading approaches

the quantum-mechanical multistep modelthe exciton modelVery good theoretical backgroundstatistical assumptionscomplex, difficulties for multiple emissionsimple and fast

Exciton model: chain of steps, each (n_{th}) step corresponding to N_n "excitons" == either a particle above or a hole below the Fermi surface Statistical assumption: any partition of the excitation energy E among N, $N = N_h + N_p$, excitons has the same probability to occur Step: nucleon-nucleon collision with $N_{n+1} = N_n + 2$ ("never come back" approximation) Chain end = equilibrium = N_n sufficiently high or excitation energy below threshold

 N_1 depends on the reaction type and on the cascade history

Evaporation, fission and nuclear break-up

The evaporation probability for a particle of type j, mass m_j , spin $S_j \cdot \hbar$ and kinetic energy E and the total fission probability are given by

$$P_{j} = \frac{(2S_{j}+1)m_{j}}{\pi^{2}\hbar^{3}} \int_{V_{j}}^{U_{i}-Q_{j}-\Delta_{f}} \sigma_{\text{inv}} \frac{\rho_{f}(U_{f})}{\rho_{i}(U_{i})} E dE$$

$$P_{F} = \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \frac{1}{\rho_{i}(U_{i})} \int_{0}^{(U-B_{F})} \rho_{F}(U-B_{F}-E) dE$$

- ρ 's: nuclear level densities ($\rho_f(U_f)$ for the final nucleus, $\rho_i(U_i)$ for the initial one, $\rho_F(U_F)$ for the fissioning nucleus at the saddle point),
- $U_i \equiv U$: excitation energy of the evaporating nucleus,
- $U_f = U E Q_j$: that of the final one,
- $U_F = U B_F$: excitation energy of the fissioning nucleus at the saddle point (B_F is the fission barrier)
- Q_j : reaction Q for emitting a particle of type j,
- V_j : (possible) Coulomb barrier for emitting a particle of type j,
- $\sigma_{\rm inv}$: cross section for the inverse process.

Evaporation, fission and nuclear break-up cont.d

The level density can be assumed to be:

$$\rho(U)dU = \frac{\mathrm{e}^{2\sqrt{a(U-\Delta)}}}{12\sqrt{\pi}a^{\frac{1}{4}}(U-\Delta)^{\frac{5}{4}}}dU$$
$$P_{j}(E)dE \approx K E\mathrm{e}^{-\frac{E}{T}}dE$$

- a: level density parameter ($\approx A/8 \text{ MeV}^{-1}$)
- Δ : pairing energy

• T: nuclear temperature (MeV), $(T \approx \sqrt{(U - \Delta)/a})$

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• Neutrons emission is favoured for medium-heavy nuclei

- For the same excitation, the neutron multiplicity is larger for heavier nuclei
- The excitation is higher for heavier nuclei due to the larger cascading chances



h-A interactions: the electromagnetic component

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h-A interactions: the scaling of the electromagnetic component

h-A at high energies: the invariance of the target fragmentation region

The Glauber cascade and the formation zone act together in reaching a regime where the "slow" part of the interaction is almost independent of the particle energy

This regime can be easily verified looking at charged particle average multiplicities and multiplicity distributions as a function of energy

- "Fast" tracks, coming from the projectile primary interactions, show the typical \approx logarithmic increase observed for hN interactions
- "Gray" tracks, mostly due to intranuclear cascade reinteractions tend to saturate just above 10 GeV
- "Black" tracks, mostly due to evaporation charged particles saturate as well



Nonelastic hA interactions at high energies: examples

Shower, grey, and black tracks multiplicities for π^- (left) and protons (right) incident on emulsion, as a function of the projectile momentum. Open symbols are experimental data from various sources, full symbols are FLUKA results.



Nonelastic hA interactions at high energies: examples II

Correlation between the number of heavy prongs and fast particle multiplicity for protons on emulsion at various momenta, and mutual correlations ($< n_g > vs n_b$ and $< n_b > vs n_g$) between black and grey charged tracks for 400 GeV/c p on emulsion. Open symbols are experimental data from various sources, full symbols are FLUKA results.

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Residual nuclei: a test of evaporation and binding energy losses predictions

The production of residuals is a powerful check about the correctness of intranuclear cascading and the slow stages of hadronic interactions

The predictions about production of specific isotopes have additional problems wrt the calculation of emission spectra

- Small changes in the final evaporation steps can lead to fairly different residuals with little or no impact on the emitted spectra
- Nuclear structure effects play a major role which cannot be easily accounted for
- The lack of spin-parity dependent calculations in most MonteCarlo models limits their accuracy
- Fragmentation processes are known to populate the mass range A<20-30 for medium/heavy target nuclei. These processes are difficult to model in MonteCarlo codes.
- Isomer production: an open question
- The range of interesting cross section values typically spans *four* order of magnitudes

Fortunately for calorimetry purposes the residual mass distribution is a proper index of reliability, since there is no interest in specific isotope production



Residual nuclei: the mass distribution at high energies

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Residual nuclei predictions: a look at the isotope table

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Low-medium energy h-A interactions: examples

Computed (light symbols) and experimental (symbols with lines) double differential distributions for ⁹⁰Zr(p,xn) (left) and ⁹⁰Zr(p,xp) at 80.5 MeV. The exp. data have been taken from M.Trabandt et al. **PRC39** (1989) 452 and A.A. Cowley et al., **PRC43**, (1991) 678


Low-medium energy h-A interactions: examples II

Computed (histograms) and experimental (symbols) double differential neutron distributions for Al(p,xn) (left) at 597 MeV and Pb(p,xn) at 3 GeV. The exp. data have been taken from W.B. Amian et al., Nucl. Sci. Eng. **115**, (1993) 1, and K. Ishibashi et al, Nucl. Sci. Technol. **32** (1995) 827.

Energy conservation and its relevance for sound calorimetric calculations

A fraction of the incoming energy in hadronic interactions is spent via mass production. Binding energy losses and their fluctuations are indeed an important ingredient, particularly at low projectile energies, both in determining the e/h ratio and the intrinsic resolution for hadronic showers.

A precise calculation of such losses can be easily performed using self-consistent interaction models fulfilling the basic conservations laws, <u>energy</u>, <u>momentum</u> and <u>additive</u> quantum <u>numbers</u>:

$$E_{k \ proj} + m_{proj} + {}^{A}_{Z}M = \sum_{i} \left[E_{k \ i} + m_{i} \right] + \sum_{j} \left[E_{k \ j} + {}^{A_{j}}_{Z_{j}} M_{j} \right]$$

Assuming meson masses can be recovered and antibaryons will eventually annihilate:

$$E_{loss} = \sum_{i} \left[\mathbf{I}_{bar \ i} \cdot \mathbf{m}_{i} \right] + \sum_{j} \left[\begin{matrix} A_{j} \\ Z_{j} \end{matrix} M_{j} \end{matrix} \right] - \mathbf{I}_{bar \ proj} \cdot \mathbf{m}_{proj} - \begin{matrix} A \\ Z \end{matrix} M$$
$$I_{bar \ diff} = A - \sum_{j} A_{j} = \sum_{i} \mathbf{I}_{bar \ i} - \mathbf{I}_{bar \ proj}$$

It turns out that (obviously):

$$E_{loss} \approx 8 \times I_{bar \ diff} \ \mathrm{MeV}$$

Energy conservation: examples



The importance of in flight pion absorption

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Both positive and negative pions can be absorbed in flight through multi-nucleon processes in nuclei. These processes are particularly important at subGeV energies

- Competition with charge exchange strongly reduces the EM component
- Weakly ionizing relativistic particles are converted into heavily ionizing protons and energetic neutrons \rightarrow signal losses

This process impacts the e/h ratio at all energies as well as resolutions at low-medium energies. It is critical for Cerenkov calorimeters



Microscopic pion absorption cross sections





Computed and exp. pion absorption cross section on Aluminum as a function of energy



Computed and exp. pion absorption cross section on Gold or Bismuth as a function of energy

(Exp. data: D. Ashery et al., **PRC23**, (1981) 2173 and K. Nakai et. al., **PRL44**, (1979) 1446)

Quenching of heavily ionizing particle signals

An important contribution to calorimeter non compensation comes from *quenching/recombination* of signals (light, ionization...) in the sensitive medium.

A popular way to express the dependence of these effects on the ionization density is given by the Birks law:

$$\frac{dS}{d\rho x} = \left(\frac{dS}{dE}\right)_0 \frac{\frac{dE}{d\rho x}}{1 + K\frac{dE}{d\rho x} + \dots}$$

Some typical values:

- K for organic scintillators: \approx 0.0085–0.013 (MeV/gr/cm²)⁻¹)
- K for LAr around 10 kV/cm: \approx 0.005–0.007 (MeV/gr/cm²)⁻¹)
- K for LAr around 400–500 V/cm: \approx 0.11 (MeV/gr/cm²)⁻¹)
- K for LAr around 400–500 V/cm with TMG doping: \approx 0.05 (MeV/gr/cm²)⁻¹)



Quenching of heavily ionizing particle signals: examples

"Equivalent" stopping power for various particles in scintillator (left) and LAr (right) for some values of the quenching parameters

"Low" energy neutrons

The fraction of visible energy due to neutrons below 10-20 MeV is still very significant. Most of their kinetic is spent via elastic interactions.

Recoils are usually heavily quenched and a significant fraction of the energy is going into non ionizing recoils, except in the case of hydrogen.

Most of the low energy neutron contribution comes from capture γ rays. The capture probability is maximal in the thermal region: thermalization times can vary from μ s to ms depending on the material composition

In principle if the capture γ ray contribution could be fully accounted for most of the binding energy losses would be recovered

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"Low" energy neutrons: cross sections

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"Low" energy neutrons: cross sections

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Neutron production examples: thick targets

Simulated (dashed histogram) and experimental (symbols) neutron double differential distributions out of stopping length targets for 113 MeV protons on U (left, data from M.M. Meier et al., Nucl. Sci. Eng. **110**, (1992) 299) and 500 MeV protons on Pb and 256 MeV protons on uranium (right, S. Meigo et al., JAERI-Conf 95-008, (1995), 213)



Infinite homogeneous calorimeters: some examples

Shower calculations at energies ranging from 1 to 300 GeV have been performed using infinite and homogeneous targets (Al, Fe, Pb and U)

The various contributions to a possible signal have been scored, together with the energy lost for binding and neutrinos.

In the following we will focus on the relative role of:

- The electromagnetic energy fraction
- \bullet The energy due to $\gamma{\rm 's}$ produced by slow neutrons
- The energy spent in "heavy" (heavier than α 's) recoils and fission fragments
- The energy lost due to binding



Infinite calorimeters: the electromagnetic component



Infinite calorimeters: binding losses

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Infinite calorimeters: the role of slow neutrons

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Infinite calorimeters: slow neutrons II

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Infinite calorimeters: slow neutrons III

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Infinite calorimeters: slow neutrons IV

Average "visible" signal (left) (heavy recoil excluded, no quenching) and fractional resolution (right) as a function of integration time. The time scales are meaningful only for the given materials, hydrogen content could significantly affect neutron thermalization times



Infinite calorimeters: slow neutrons V

Average "visible" signal (left) (heavy recoil excluded, 30% of neutron produced γ 's, no quenching) and fractional resolution (right) as a function of the enhancement of the slow neutron kinetic energy signal (i.e. using hydrogen in the sensitive medium)



ICARUS: a test of the intrinsic limit of hadron calorimetry

Calorimetry in imaging, fully sensitive liquid Argon

Liquid argon is a non-compensating medium. When used in a time projection chamber like ICARUS the effect is exacerbated by the relatively low electric field (\approx 300–500 V/cm)

However, the medium appears as a *completely homogeneous volume* with very high readout granularity

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From the event visualisation and from the local charge deposition density, it is possible both to distinguish between electromagnetic and hadronic components of a shower and to approximately correct for the recombination effects.

Calorimetry in imaging, fully sensitive liquid Argon

Quenching correction

Let assume that each elementary cell contains only one crossing track, the recombination effect can be unfolded using the collected charge and cell width to construct the observed dQ/dx and solving the recombination expression for the "actual" dE/dx. Despite its simplicity, the procedure is very effective in recovering most of the recombination, particularly when the Argon is doped with TMG

Compensation correction

Let us assume that electromagnetic energy deposition can be distinguished from hadronic one, the total energy of a shower is obtained as the sum of two terms $E = w \times (Q_{em} + \alpha \times Q_{had})$, where α is the compensation factor. For pure argon, α is about 1.5 (2.8) with and without quenching corrections respectively. The same figures for TMG-doped argon are 1.5 and 2.0

| Medium | Compensation | Quench corr. | Resolution |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Pure argon | no | no | $27\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 8\%$ |
| | yes | no | $24\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 4\%$ |
| | no | yes | $18\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 6\%$ |
| | yes | yes | $16\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 1\%$ |
| TMG doped argon | no | no | $20\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 6\%$ |
| | yes | no | $16\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 2\%$ |
| | no | yes | $15\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 5\%$ |
| | yes | yes | $12\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.2\%$ |
| No quenching | no | | $15\overline{\%/\sqrt{E}\oplus 5\%}$ |
| | yes | — | $12\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.1\%$ |

ICARUS: resolutions for pions

Expected resolution in the liquid target for pions with and without TMG doping, showing the effect of the offline compensation and quench correction. For reference, the resolution that would be obtained with no recombination effects is also listed.



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LAr electromagnetic calorimeter



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LAr electromagnetic calorimeter



Longitudinal Development: e at $\eta = 0.28$ Energy in sampling 1 / total

| Е | E1/E | | r.m.s. | | |
|-----|------|-------|--------|-------|--|
| GeV | Data | Fluka | Data | Fluka | |
| 100 | 0.68 | 0.69 | | | |
| 287 | 0.61 | 0.58 | .091 | .094 | |

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300 GeV μ in ATLAS combined calo

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Comparison with PION data

Cut on mip in presampler Cut on beam position (beam chambers) FLUKA: Calibration in electron scale FLUKA: Scintillator quenching included, Noise added FLUKA: Proton contamination taken into account Energy reconstructed using the "benchmark" technique:

$$E_0 = E_{em} + a \cdot Q_{had} + b \cdot \sqrt{|E_{em_3} \cdot a \cdot Q_{had_1}|} + c \cdot E_{em}^2 \tag{1}$$

All parameters fixed to minimize $\frac{\sigma}{E_0}$ at 300 GeV

Comparison with PION data





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Comparison with pion data



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Effect of upstream materials presampler



The effect of energy non-conservations

Include in each FLUKA interaction an energy non-conservation similar to the one observed in the old GEANT3-GHEISHA package as a function of projectile/energy

Simulation: Positive Pions in the ATLAS 1996 Combined Calo set-up

| E(GeV) | Per Interaction | | Per Event | | σ/E | |
|--------|-----------------|------|------------|------|------------|-------------------------|
| | E_{miss} | rms | E_{miss} | rms | FLUKA | FLUKA+E _{miss} |
| 10 | 0.094 | 0.25 | 2.1 | 0.93 | 24% | 35% |
| 100 | 0.070 | 0.28 | 12.7 | 5.3 | 7.2% | 11.4% |
| | | | | | | |

To enforce energy and momentum conservation at each step is as important as having sound physiccal models!!

The effect of quenching



20 GeV/c π + 20 GeV/c protons

Tile calorimeter prototype Fe-scintillator

"Naive" FLUKA simulations (no ph.stat., no noise, etc)

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Conclusions

- Hadron interaction modelling is enough advanced to provide reliable estimates of particle production and propagation under most circumstances
- Most of the basic features of hadronic calorimetry can be understood in terms of specific aspects of hadron nuclear interactions
- All aspects related to energy conservation and binding energy losses are critical and deserve a proper treatment
- Slow neutrons are "by construction" a precise index of the amount of energy going into binding. A proper sampling of their signal, via nuclear γ 's detection or oversampling of their recoils (hydrogen) is critical in order to reduce the intrinsic resolution
- The intrinsic resolution of hadronic showers is an ill-defined concept. Together with e/h it can vary wildly depending on the acceptance time window and quenching properties, for the same bulk characteristics
- Reasonable predictions for real life calorimeters can be obtained provided reliable models are used and with a deep understanding of all instrumental effects