



State-of-the-art of Shashlik calorimeters

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One of the most important and powerful detector techniques in experimental physics

Two main categories of calorimeter:

Electromagnetic calorimeters - detection of electron/positron and photons Hadron calorimeters - detection of particles that interact via strong nuclear force

Both can be either homogeneous or sampling

Sampling - the material that produces the particle shower is distinct from the material that measures the deposited energy

Homogeneous - entire volume is sensitive and contributes to the signal



Calorimeters are designed to stop and fully contain their respective particles

Measure - energy of incoming particle(s) by total absorption in the calorimeter

- spatial location of the energy deposit
- direction of the incoming particle (not always)





Basic mechanism:

- Energy lost by the formation of electromagnetic or hadronic cascades/showers in the material of the calorimeter
- Many charged particles in the shower
- The charged particles ionize or excite the calorimeter medium
- Photo-detectors or anodes/dynodes then detect these "quanta"

Calorimetry







Homogeneous calorimeters

Single medium, both absorber and detector

- Liquified Ar/Xe/Kr
- Organic liquid scintillators, large volumes
- Dense crystal scintillators: PbWO4, CsI(Tl)
- Lead loaded glass

Almost entirely for electromagnetic calorimetry







Layers of passive absorber (ie Pb or Cu) alternating with active detector layers such as plastic scintillator, liquid argon or silicon;

- Only part of the energy is sampled
- Used for both electromagnetic and hadron calorimetry
- Cost effective



ATLAS ECAL & HCAL ALICE EMCAL CMS HCAL

LHCb ECAL



Electromagnetic calorimeter

Electromagnetic cascades

- e^{+/-} bremsstrahlung and photon pair production

By far the most important processes for energy loss by electrons/positrons/photons with energies above 1 GeV Leads to an e.m. cascade or shower of particles

- Bremsstrahlung

Characterised by a 'radiation length', X_o, in the absorbing medium over which an electron loses, on average, 63.2% of its energy by bremsstrahlung.

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Pair production

- Characteristic mean free path before pair production, λ_{pair} = 9/7 X_o

Bremsstrahlung and pair production dominate the processes that degrade the incoming particle energy

50 GeV electron

Loses 32 GeV over 1 X_o by bremsstrahlung

50 GeV photon

Pair production to $e^+ e^-$, 25 GeV to each particle Energy regime degraded by 25 GeV





Electromagnetic calorimeter

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Below a certain critical energy E_c ;

e[±] energy losses are greater through ionisation than bremsstrahlung

- Slow decrease in number of particles in the shower
- Electrons/positrons are stopped

Photons progressively lose energy by compton scattering, converting to electrons via the photoelectric effect, and absorption

 $E_c \approx \frac{610 MeV}{Z+1.24}$ \implies **Pb** (Z=82), **E**_c = 7.3 MeV





Shashlik calorimeter - name for a layout for a sampling calorimeter

Stacking of alternating slices of absorber (ie lead, brass) and scintillator materials (crystal, plastic), which is penetrated by a wavelength shifting fiber (WLS) running perpendicular to the absorber and scintillator tubes

An example of detector that uses a shashlik ECAL is LHCb detector





What are necessary requirements for a good ECAL?

- Good energy resolution [σ/E=0.10/E^{1/2}]
- Operation in presence of high magnetic field
- High radiation resistance
- High speed
- As good hermeticity as possible

Shashlik detector can be designed to meet all the requirements

Focus on shashlik type of calorimeter design for CMS detector

Shashlik calorimeter - description

There are 75 layers altogether, giving total radiation length of about 27.5 X_o





Mechanical design of a CMS Shashlik calorimeter prototype tower equipped with 25 aluminized WLS fibers WLS - Wave-Length Shifting



Shashlik calorimeter - response uniformity

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Uniformity of response, both in lateral and longitudinal directions, is the crucial issue for the calibration of a calorimeter

The aim of this study is to find the law governing the response non-uniformity and by its parametrization to perform uniformity corrections

This is done by studying the reconstructed shower energy, summing the energy deposited in the central tower



Mean response (sum of 9 towers) for the 16 central towers of the 6 x 6 matrix exposed to 80 GeV electrons

Sketch of the 6 × 6 test beam shashlik matrix and the 80 GeV electron data impact points (5·10⁶ triggers) taken for the uniformity study. The empty squares correspond to unusable data files



Shashlik calorimeter - energy resolution



The energy resolution of a calorimeter is generally parametrized as:

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

where a denotes stochastic term, b is the noise term and c the constant

The reconstructed energy in shashlik towers for 80 GeV electrons

Energy resolution was acquired from beam testing at CERN in 1994

Only 4 towers were used in this test



Shashlik calorimeter - energy resolution





Shashlik calorimeter - angular resolution



Figure shows dependence of the angular resolution as a function of the electron energy at the tower center

Angular resolution obtained from the fit:

$$\sigma_{\theta} = \frac{70 \text{ mrad}}{\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}}$$



Shashlik calorimeter - radiation damage tests





Figures show the effects of 1 Mrad and 5 Mrad doses on the longitudinal response of a tower to ⁶⁰Co photons

Damage is maximum at the shower maximum

A study of the effects of radiation damage on light yield collection showed that in addition to the overall decrease in light collected, the non-uniformity of response across a calorimeter tower increases.

That leads to an increase of the contribution of the constant term to the energy resolution.

Conclusion



Calorimetry - one of the most important and powerful detector techniques in experimental physics

Design of shashlik calorimeter for CMS detector includes novel technique to read-out the light from a lead/scintillator sampling calorimeter using WLS optical fibers

Shashlik calorimeter - relatively low cost to build

Very good energy resolution can be achieved

Estimated that an irradiation of 1 Mrad (corresponding to 10 years of LHC operation at nominal luminosity in the CMS barrel) produces a loss of light of about 10%

The resultant loss in energy resolution is small



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