Study of Hadronic Showers in a Tungsten Calorimeter for a Future Linear Collider

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Physics at e+/e- LC

• Precision measurement of the recently discovered boson





- Model-independent measurements of coupling to fermions and bosons
- Complete study of the Higgs sector
- Precision measurement of standard model particles
 - Top quark properties (mass, width, asymmetries)
 - Gauge bosons, coupling constants
- Direct and indirect search for possible BSM physics at TeV scale
 - particular strength in the weak sector, complementary to LHC

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Introduction

- A lepton collider allows for precision measurements (clean events, well defined initial state)
 - in the TeV range to complement LHC
 - linear to prevent synchrotron radiation energy losses
- Two machine concepts:
 - ILC: superconductive accelerator technology ready to build
 - CLIC: two-beam accelerator for higher energies still in development



Detectors

- We need beyond state-of-the-art detector systems, including more sensitive calorimeters
- Event reconstruction based on particle flow algorithms
 High granularity in the calorimeter ^{*}
- Precise timestamping of all the subdetectors (to cope with background at CLIC)
- Use of tungsten as absorber for the hadron calorimeter of a Solenoid Magn multi-TeV collider to fit in the magnet barrel



Hadronic Calorimeter

- Several concepts for the hadronic calorimeter:
 - Plastic scintillators with SiPMs and analog readout (AHCAL)



38-layer prototype with steel or tungsten absorber <image>

- RPCs with digital readout (DHCAL)

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The FastRPC setup

Experimental setup in place at CERN PS facility

Tail catcher with RPC readout



FastRPC

electronics

Almost 500000 channels in total: a record for a calorimeter system!

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WDHCAL

The FastRPC setup

Goal of the experiment: measure the time structure of an hadronic shower using a high time-resolution analog readout

Mean square physicist

Understand the relevance of the time structure for Particle Flow Algorithms and background rejection



FastRPC Layer

Input for detector simulations











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The Fast RPC setup - readout



8bit - 1.25GHz - 2.4µs sampling window

Testbeam at CERN

- Commissioning at PS hadrons & muons runs up to 10GeV
- Very good run with ~1.5Mio muon and ~16Mio hadron triggers
- Physics run at SPS hadrons & muons runs up to 180GeV
- ~3Mio muon and ~7Mio hadron triggers (luminosity limited by DHCAL trigger rate)

Hadronic Showers - structure

Hydrogen content in a gaseous detector is much lower than in plastic scintillators \rightarrow less sensitive to neutron late components



Data Analysis - charge



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Muons are instantaneous
Hadronic showers show
substantial late contribution



Center of the shower: Dominated by instantaneous contribution from relativistic particles, including muons and punch-through pions

Toward the outside of the shower, the late energy deposition component fraction gets bigger and bigger



3cm from center: still lot dominated by instantaneous components

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27cm from center

We can tune the radial extension of the shower by the choice of the time window → offers interesting possibilities for particle flow optimization and shower separation

Conclusions

- Lepton colliders are a key tool to explore the higgs sector and physics at the TeV scale
- Construction and test of the FastRPC detector to study the time structure of hadronic showers in a tungsten HCAL
 - commissioning and data taking campaign at CERN in 2012
- Data Analysis
 - charge distribution shows a tail for pions: sensitivity to deposited energy also with RPCs
 - sensitive to late components on the showers, especially in the outer region
 - Comparison with T3B data
 - Full event synchronization with the DHCAL
 - Comparison with MC