### Time Measurements with the CALICE Analog Hadronic Calorimeter

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# CALICE AHCAL Technological Prototype

2001	2006	2015	201
CALICE founded	Physics prototype	Technological prototype	Prov of te
	Talk by Y. Israeli		

- tungsten absorber stack  $\lambda_1$ : 10.8 cm, X<sub>0</sub>: 0.4 cm
- 3x3cm scintillating tiles with SiPM readout
- 8 small layers (4x36 channels), 4 big layers (16x36 channels)
- 3456 total channels
- H6 at SPS beam line





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# Motivation: Time Analysis

- 1) Time based clustering
- Background rejection (CLIC) 2)
- Discriminate components in hadronic showers by time 3) "Software-compensation-like"

Complex time structure of hadronic showers due to slow neutrons

### -> Time Resolution ~1ns needed



Before timing cut



After timing cut



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HAD (rel.)

Neutron inelastic

Neutron elastic

Neutron capture









# Timing with Spiroc2B



- Digitized by ADC -> **TDC** values •
- Slope: ۲ ~1.6 ns / TDC (test beam mode) ~ 80 ps / TDC (ILC mode)

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## Time Calibration

- Calibrate all other channels with respect to time reference (T0s, or BIF)
  - TDC to ns conversion
    - linear fit (precision on per mill level needed)
    - 2 slopes for each chips
    - pedestal for each channel and memory cell
  - Non-linearity correction
    - quadratic fit for each slope
  - Time-walk correction





Time Walk

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## Muon Time Resolution



### Time Resolution: ~10ns (FWHM), 5.6ns (RMS)

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Used as input for MC time smearing





## Electromagnetic Showers



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### • Time resolution of electromagnetic showers gets worse

### • Effect of the electronics: base-line shift and worse resolution for high occupancy in chips

Mismatch between data and simulation can be explained by higher occupancy in first layer of simulation

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- Pion time distribution compared to several physics lists
- Bertini and HP physics lists overestimate late tail by factor ~2





Hittime - T0 time, normalized to event







- Consistently more late hits for QGSP\_BERT\_HP  $\bullet$
- QBBC is missing some late hits at bigger radii and lower energies





- Steel data: Independent analysis by E. Brianne •
- ~10 times more hits for tungsten absorber compared to steel •
- Later low energy depositions ٠
- Later hits with large distance to shower axis •

More late low energy hits at larger hit radii in tungsten

-> More slow neutrons



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# Time measurements in magnetic field

- Test beam with 15 layers in small steel stack in 2017
- Test detector performance in magnetic field
- Beam Interface Board (BIF) gives time reference
- Time distribution stays stable in magnetic field
- **Better time resolution** with **BIF**





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## Conclusion

- Working calibration procedure
- Muon time resolution: 10ns (FWHM), 5.6ns (RMS)
- We are able to perform time analysis of hadronic showers with the AHCAL technological prototype
- Two times more late hits seen in QGSP\_BERT\_HP (and similar) physics lists for tungsten
- Late hits due to slow neutrons with low energy deposition mainly at the outer part of the shower
- Looking forward to data taking of new large prototype this year!





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# Data Quality Muons

Mean Number of Hits per Layer After Data Selection



- Inefficiencies especially in Layer 11 •
- ToDo: Update map of dead channels. Currently: just exclude layer 11

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### Number of Hits After Data Selection





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High occupancy in a chip degrades time resolution (Will be fixed in new chips)

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# Electromagnetic Showers



 Difference in number of hits per chip between data and simulation for first layer







## Hadronic Showers

• Less hits in data in layers 5&6 (problematic layers)



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### More events with high number of hits in data

### Number of Hits After Data Selection









## Hadronic Showers

Distribution of distance of hit to CoG • of event is well described by QGSP\_BERT\_HP







### Hit RadiusAfter Data Selection











Late hits clearly visible in pion data, consistency over whole energy range

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