

## 6. Energiemessung

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## 6.1 Messprinzip

- Energiemessung kann dann durchgeführt werden, wenn Teilchen ihre Energie in Detektoren komplett deponieren
  - Niederenergiebereich:  $< \sim 1$  MeV: Ionisationsdetektoren ( $\alpha$ -Spektroskopie)  
Szintillatoren ( $\gamma$  – Spektroskopie)  
Halbleiterzähler ( $\gamma$  – Spektroskopie)
  - Hohe Energien: Elektromagnetische (für Elektronen, Photonen) und hadronische Kalorimeter (stark wechselwirkende Teilchen)
- Energie des Teilchens wird in ein **elektrisches Signal** (Ionisationsladung) oder in ein **Lichtsignal** (Szintillator- oder Cherenkov-Licht) umgewandelt  
Dieses **Signal sollte proportional zur ursprünglichen Energie:**  $E = \alpha S$   
**Kalibration**  $\rightarrow \alpha$  [MeV / S]
- Die Energie kann auch stichprobenartig gemessen werden („*sampling* Detektor“);  
Dies funktioniert, solange die Proportionalität  $E \sim S$  erhalten bleibt



## 6.2 Energiemessung in Halbleiterdetektoren

- Durch Bildung von elektron-Loch-Paaren entstehen in Halbleitern freie Ladungsträger
- Kleiner W-Wert:

Silizium:	3.6 eV
Germanium:	2.8 eV
Gas (zum vergleich):	~30 eV
Szintillatoren:	~400 – 1000 eV (zur Erzeugung eines Photoelektrons)

→ enorme Vorteile in der erreichbaren **Energieauflösung** für Halbleiterdetektoren!  
(s. nächste Folie)

- Silizium und Germanium stellen die für Energiemessungen am häufigsten verwendeten Halbleiterzählern dar

Bandlücken:	Silizium:	1.14 eV
	Germanium:	0.67 eV

→ geringe Bandlücke von Germanium erfordert Kühlung des Detektors, um thermisches Rauschen zu reduzieren

- Zur Ladungssammlung müssen Halbleiterzähler in Sperrrichtung betrieben werden (vgl. Kap. 5)
  - Dioden mit pn-Übergang in Sperrrichtung  
Verarmungszone

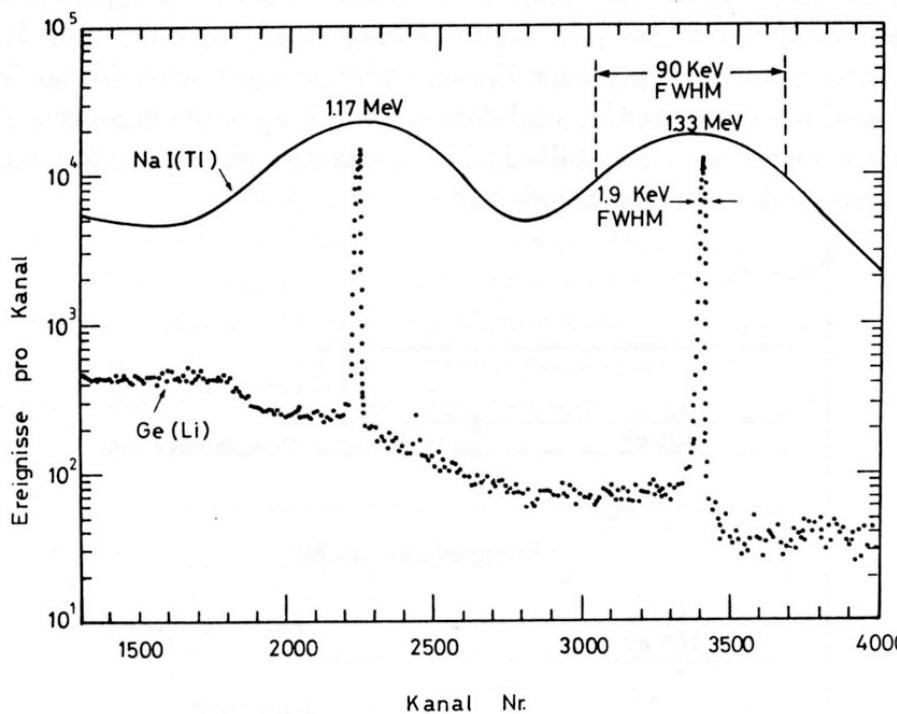
- Zur Energieauflösung: Die Zahl N der erzeugten freien Ladungsträger ist in Halbleiterdetektoren wesentlich größer;

$$E \sim N$$

→ die relativen „statistischen“ Schwankungen in der Zahl der erzeugten Ladungsträger und damit der „statistische“ Anteil der Energieauflösung sind in Halbleiterzählern wesentlich kleiner

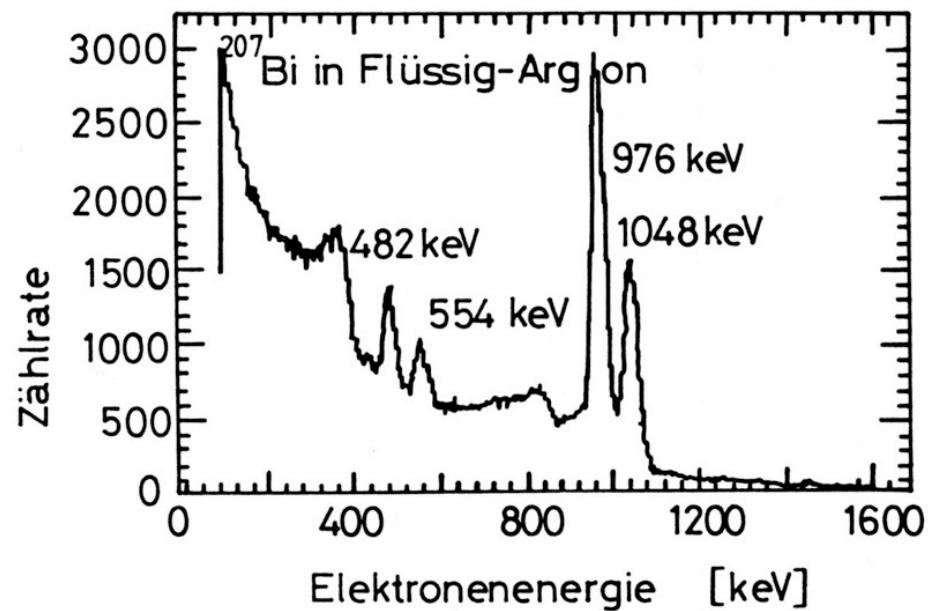
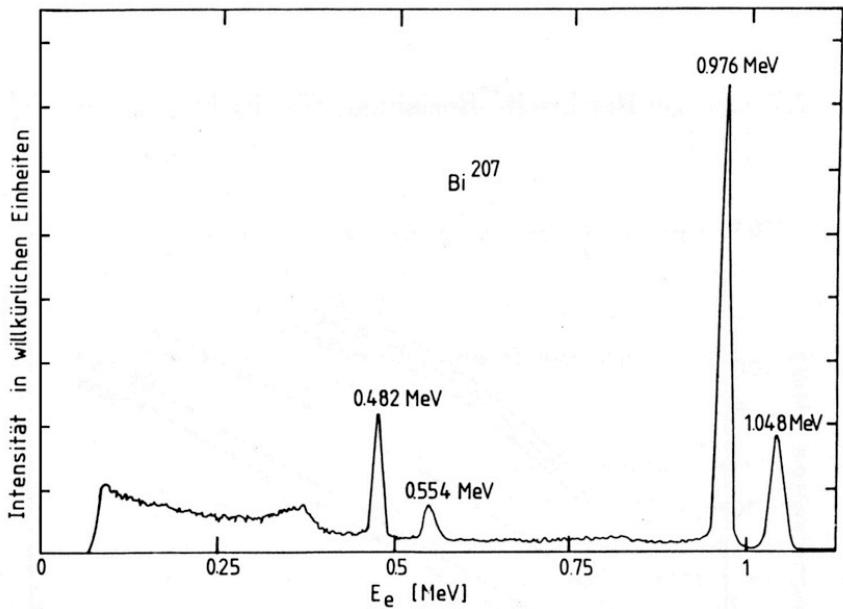
$$\Delta E / E \sim \sqrt{N} / N = 1 / \sqrt{N}$$

$$(\Delta E / E)_{\text{HLZ}} / (\Delta E / E)_{\text{Szintill.}} = (\sqrt{E} / 700 \text{ eV}) / (\sqrt{E} / 3 \text{ eV}) = 6 \cdot 10^{-2}$$



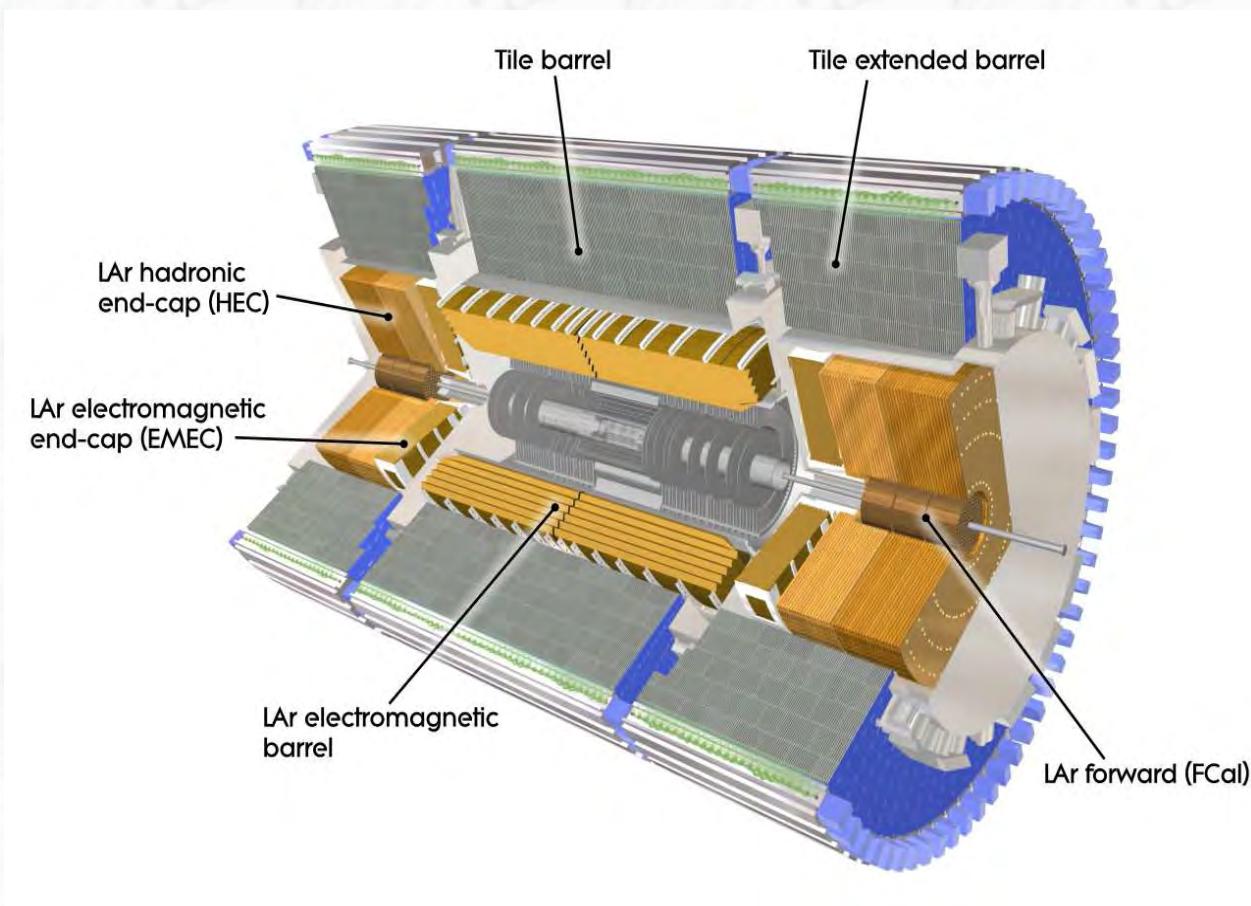
Vergleich des  $^{60}\text{Co}$ - $\gamma$ -Spektrums, aufgenommen mit einem NaJ(Tl)-Szintillator und einem Ge-Halbleiterdetektor [Ref. C. Grupen]

# Einige Beispiele von gemessenen Elektron-Spektren



Gemessene Spektren von  $^{207}\text{Bi}$  Konversionselektronen mit einem Si(Li) Halbleiterzähler (links) und einem Flüssig-Argon-Ionisationsdetektor (rechts) [Ref. C. Grupen]

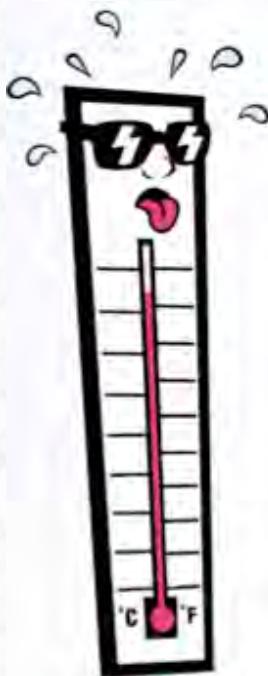
## 6.3 Energiemessung in Kalorimetern



Kalimetersystem des ATLAS-Experiments

Calorimetry: = Energy measurement by total absorption,  
usually combined with spatial information / reconstruction

*latin: calor = heat*



However: calorimetry in particle physics does not correspond to measurements of  $\Delta T$

- The temperature change of 1 liter water at 20 ° C by the energy deposition of a 1 GeV particle is  $3.8 \cdot 10^{-14}$  K !
- LHC: total stored beam energy  
 $E = 10^{14}$  protons • 14 TeV  $\sim 10^8$  J

If transferred to heat, this energy would only suffice to heat a mass of 239 kg water from 0° to 100° C

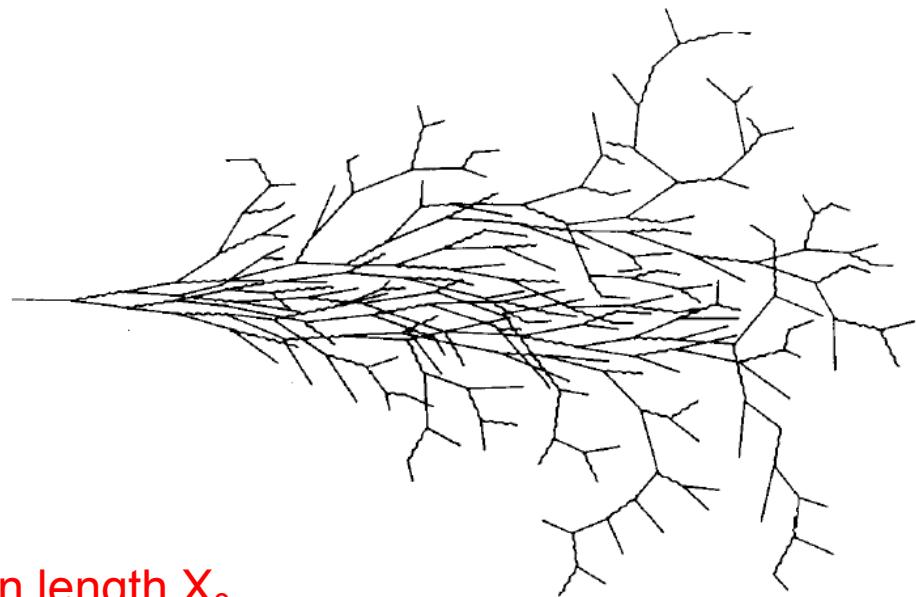
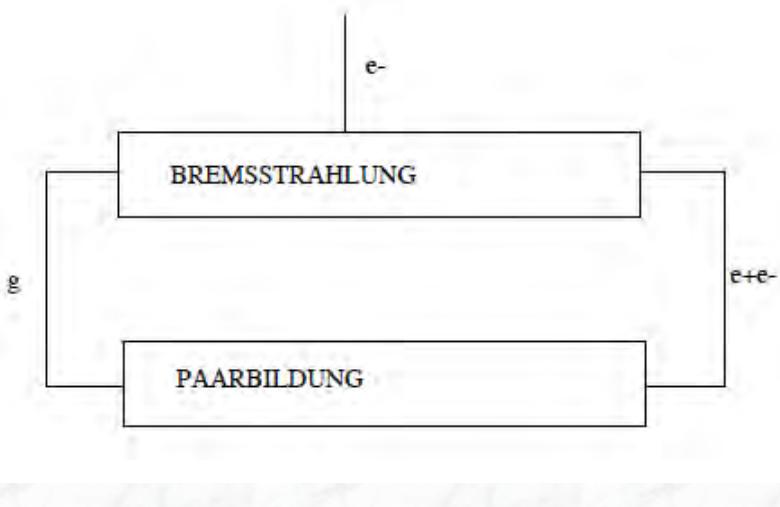
$$[c_{\text{Water}} = 4.18 \text{ J g}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}, m = \Delta E / (c_{\text{Water}} \Delta T) ]$$

## Important parameters of a calorimeter:

- Linearity of the energy measurement
- Precision of the energy measurement (**resolution**,  $\Delta E / E$ )  
in general limited by fluctuations in the shower process  
worse for sampling calorimeters as compared to homogeneous calorimeters
- Uniformity of the energy response to different particles (**e/h response**)  
in general: response of calorimeters is different to so called electromagnetic  
particles (e,  $\gamma$ ) and hadrons (h)

## 6.3.1 Electromagnetic showers

- Particle showers created by electrons/positrons or photons are called electromagnetic showers (only electromagnetic interaction involved)
- Basic processes for particle creation: bremsstrahlung and pair creation



- Characteristic interaction length: **radiation length  $X_0$**
- Number of particles in the shower increases, until the critical energy  $E_c$  is reached; For  $E < E_c$  the energy loss due to ionization and excitation dominates, the number of particles decreases, due to stopping in material

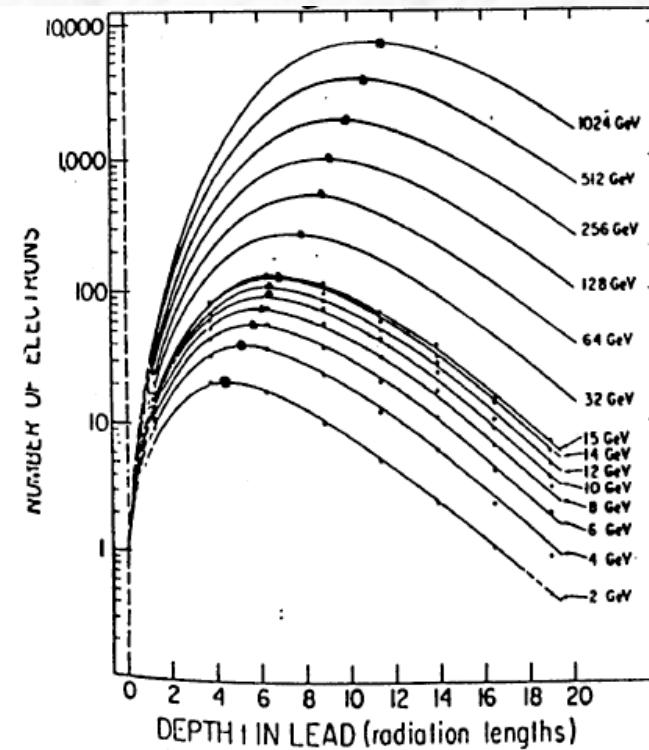
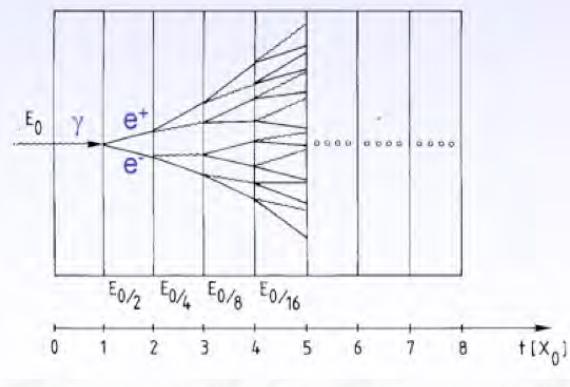
# Longitudinal shower parametrization ( $t [X_0]$ = thickness in units of $X_0$ )

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \text{const} \cdot t^a \cdot e^{-bt}$$

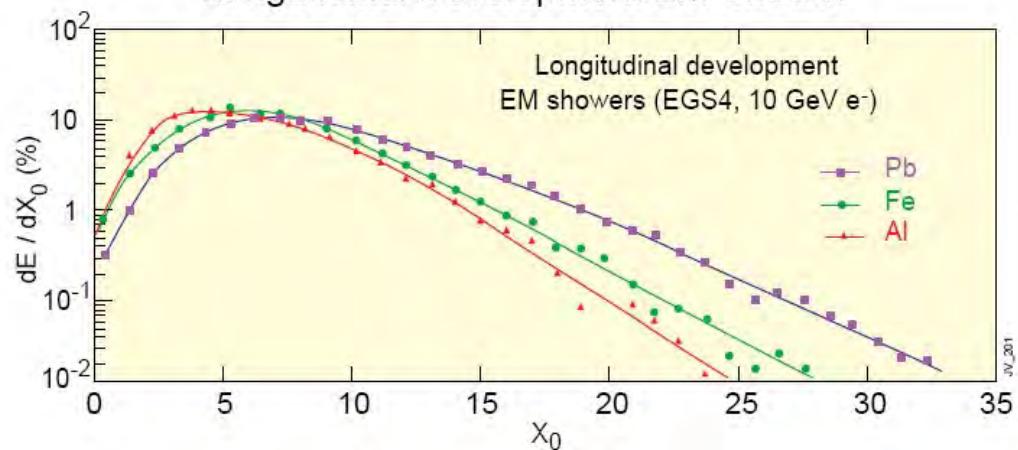
Shower depth (shower maximum) scales logarithmically with particle energy !

→ size of calorimeters growth only logarithmically with energy.

can be derived using a simple shower model (see exercises)



Longitudinal Development EM Shower

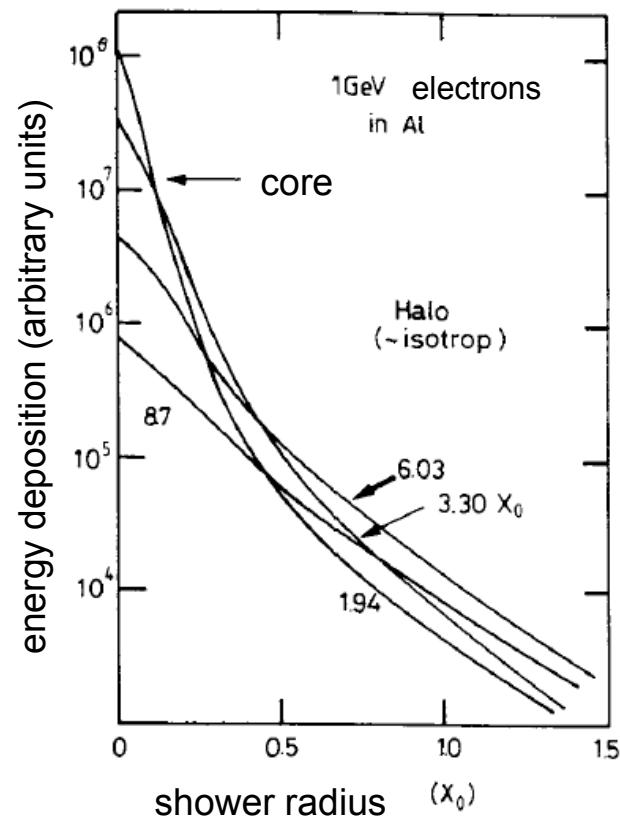


## Lateral shower profile:

- The lateral shower profile is dominated by two processes:
  - Multiple Coulomb scattering
  - Relatively long free path length of low energy photons
- It is characterized by the so-called Molière radius  $\rho_M$

$$\rho_M = \frac{21\text{MeV}}{E_C} X_0 \approx 7 \frac{A}{Z} \left[ \frac{g}{cm^2} \right]$$

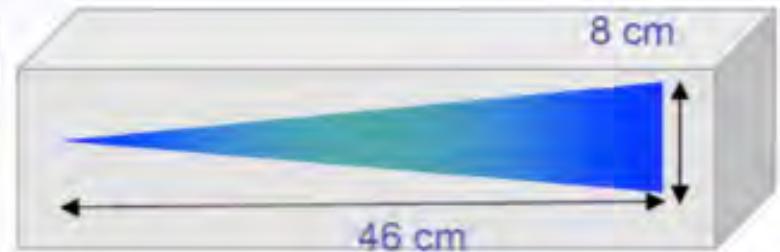
- About 95% of the shower energy are contained within a cylinder with radius  $r = 2 \rho_M$   
**in general well collimated !**



Example:  $E_0 = 100 \text{ GeV}$  in lead glass

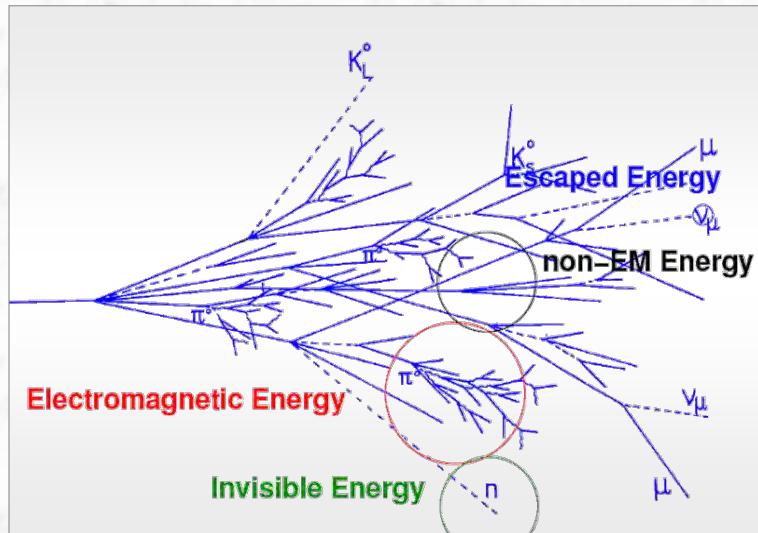
$E_c = 11.8 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow t_{max} \approx 13, t_{95\%} \approx 23$

$X_0 \approx 2 \text{ cm}, R_M = 1.8 \cdot X_0 \approx 3.6 \text{ cm}$



## 6.3.2 Hadronic showers

- Hadrons initiate their energy shower by inelastic hadronic interactions; (strong interaction responsible, showers are called **hadronic showers**)
- Hadronic showers are much more complex than electromagnetic showers



- Several secondary particles, meson production, multiplicity  $\sim \ln(E)$
- $\pi^0$  components,  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ , **electromagnetic sub-showers**:  
The fraction of the electromagnetic component grows with energy,  
 $f_{EM} = 0.1 \ln E$  (E in GeV, in the range  $10 \text{ GeV} < E < 100 \text{ GeV}$ )

- During the hadronic interactions atomic nuclei are broken up or remain in excited states

Corresponding energy (excitation energy, binding energy) comes from original particle energy

→ no or only partial contribution to the visible energy

- In addition, there is an important **neutron component**

The interaction of neutrons depends strongly on their energy;

Extreme cases:

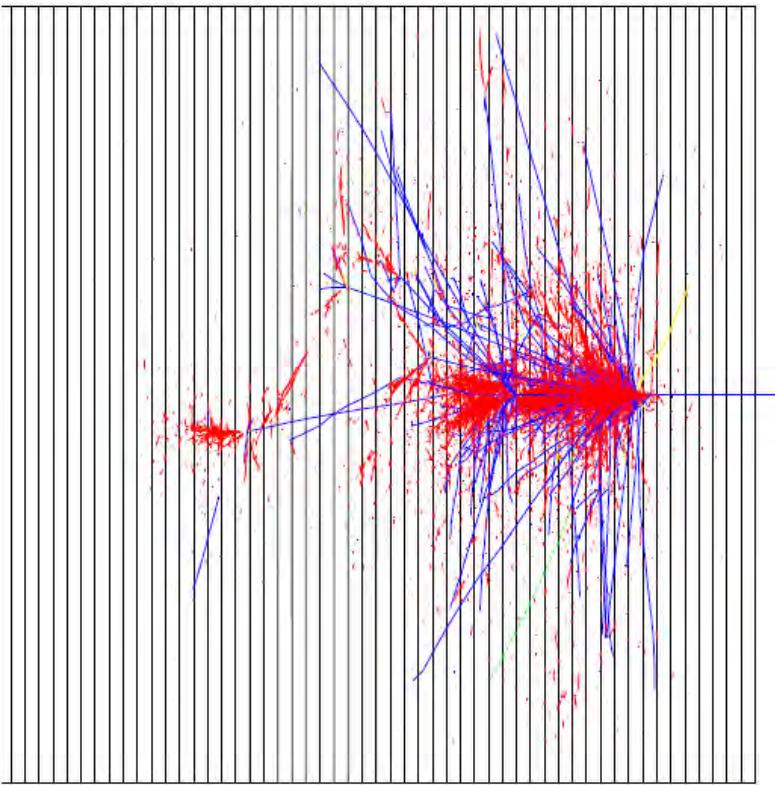
- Nuclear reaction, e.g. nuclear fission → energy recovered
- Escaping the calorimeter (undergo only elastic scattering, without inelastic interaction)

- Decays of particles (slow particles at the end of the shower)  
e.g.  $\pi \rightarrow \mu \nu_\mu$  → **escaping particles → missing energy**

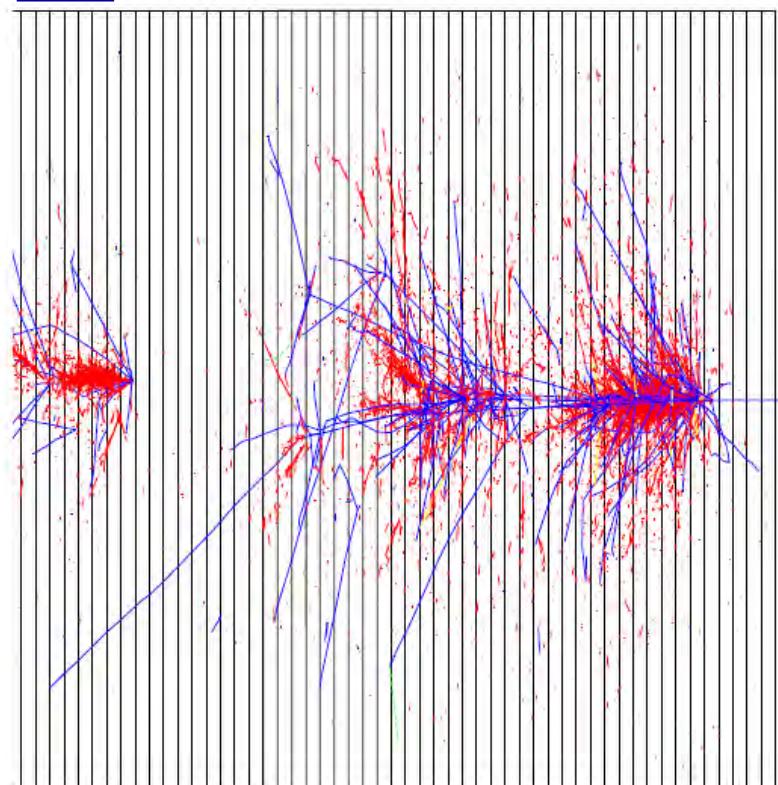
These energy loss processes have important consequences:  
in general, the response of the calorimeter to electrons/photons and hadrons  
is different ! The signal for hadrons is non-linear and smaller than the e/γ signal  
for the same particle energy

# Two hadronic showers in a sampling calorimeter

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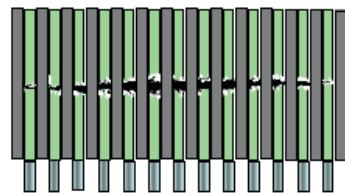
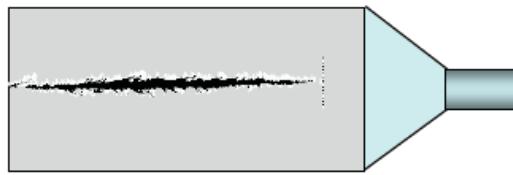
Red: electromagnetic component  
Blue: charged hadron component

Hadronic showers show very large fluctuations from one event to another  
→ the energy resolution is worse than for electromagnetic showers

### 6.3.3 Layout and readout of calorimeters

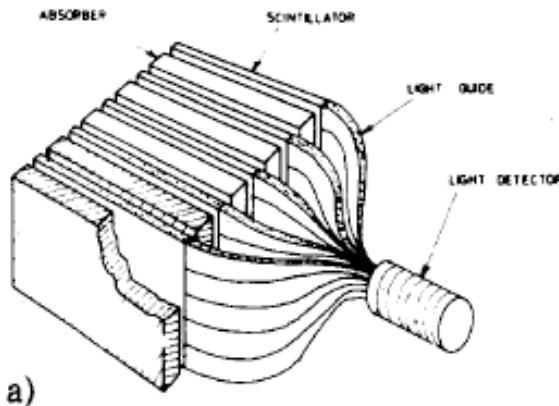
- In general, one distinguishes between **homogenous calorimeters** and **sampling calorimeters**

**For homogeneous calorimeters:** absorber material = active (sensitive) medium

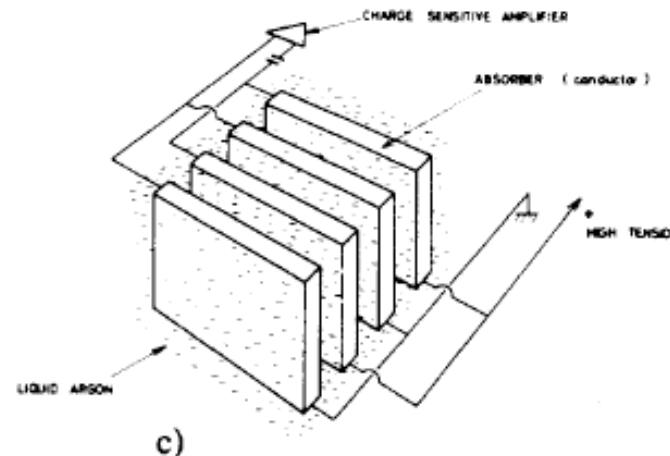


- Examples for **homogeneous calorimeters**:
  - NaJ or other crystals (Scintillation light)
  - Lead glass (Cherenkov light)
  - Liquid argon or liquid krypton calorimeters (Ionization charge)
- **Sampling calorimeters**: absorption and hadronic interactions occur mainly in dedicated absorber materials (dense materials with high Z, passive material)  
Signal is created in active medium, only a fraction of the energy contributes to the measured energy signal

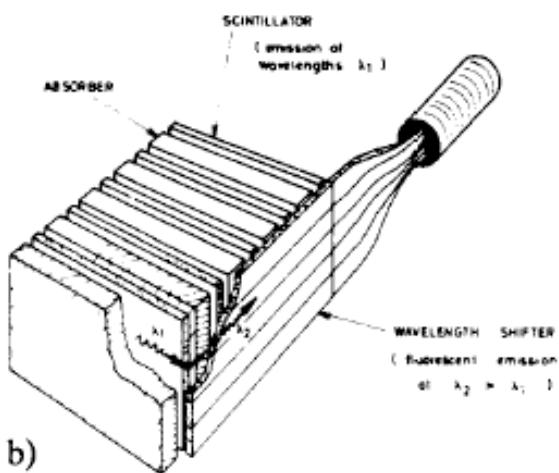
# Examples for sampling calorimeters



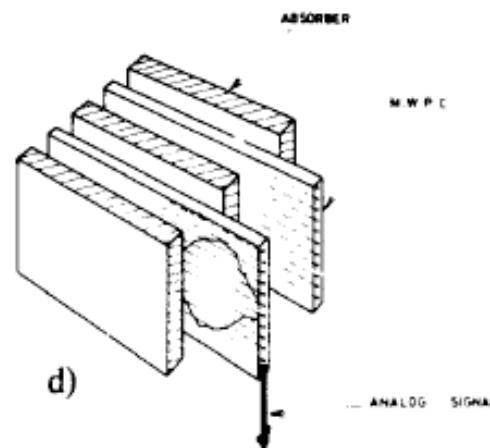
a)



c)



b)



d)

- (a) Scintillators, optically coupled to photomultipliers
- (b) Scintillators, wave length shifters, light guides
- (c) Ionization charge in liquids
- (d) Ionization charge in multi-wire proportional chambers

## 6.3.4 Energy resolution of calorimeters

- The energy resolution of calorimeters depends on the fluctuations of the measured signal (for the same energy  $E_0$ ),  
i.e. on the fluctuation of the measured signal delivered by charged particles.

Example: Liquid argon, ionization charge:  $Q = \langle N \rangle \langle T_0 \rangle \sim E_0$   
where:  $\langle N \rangle$  = average number of produced charge particles,  
 $\sim E_0 / E_c$   
 $\langle T_0 \rangle$  = average track length in the active medium

For sampling calorimeters only a fraction  $f$  of the total track length  
(the one in the active medium) is relevant;  
Likewise, if there is a threshold for detection (e.g. Cherenkov light)

- The energy resolution is determined by statistical fluctuations:
  - Number of produced charged particles (electrons for electromagnetic showers)
  - Fluctuations in the energy loss (Landau distribution of Bethe-Bloch sampling)
- For the resolution one obtains:

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = \frac{\Delta Q}{Q} \propto \frac{\sqrt{N}}{N} \propto \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{E}}$$

- The energy resolution of calorimeters can be parametrized as:

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{E}} + \beta + \frac{\gamma}{E}$$

- $\alpha$  is the so called **stochastic term** (statistical fluctuations)
- $\beta$  is the **constant term** (dominates at high energies)

important contributions to  $\beta$  are:

- stability of the calibration  
(temperature, radiation, ....)
- leakage effects (longitudinal and lateral)
- uniformity of the signal
- loss of energy in dead material
- ....

- $\gamma$  is the **noise term** (electronic noise,..)
- Also angular and spatial resolutions scale like  $1/\sqrt{E}$

## Examples for energy resolutions seen in electromagnetic calorimeters in large detector systems:

Experiment	Calorimeter	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	
L3	BGO	< 2.0%	0.3%		
BaBar	CsI (TI)	(*) 1.3%	2.1%	0.4 MeV	
OPAL	Lead glass	(**) 5% (++) 3%			
NA48	Liquid krypton	3.2%	0.5%	125 MeV	
UA2	Pb /Szintillator	15%	1.0%		
ALEPH	Pb / Prop.chamb.	18%	0.9%		
ZEUS	U / Szintillator	18%	1.0%		
H1	Pb / Liquid argon	11.0%	0.6%	154 MeV	
D0	U / Liquid argon	15.7 %	0.3%	140 MeV	

homogeneous  
calorimeters

sampling  
calorimeters

(\*) scaling according to  $E^{-1/4}$  rather than  $E^{-1/2}$

(\*\*) at 10 GeV

(++) at 45 GeV

## hadronic energy resolutions:

Experiment	Kalorimeter	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$
ALEPH	Fe/Streamer Rohre	85%		-
ZEUS (*)	U/Szintillator	35%	2.0%	-
H1 (+)	Fe/Flüssig - Argon	51%	1.6%	900 MeV
D0	U/Flüssig - Argon	41%	3.2%	1380 MeV

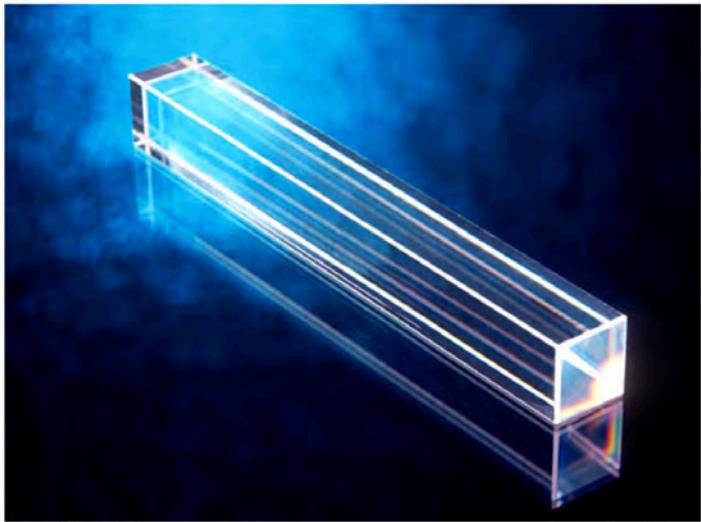
(\*) compensating calorimeter

(+) weighting technique

- In general, the energy response of calorimeters is different for  $e/\gamma$  and hadrons; A measure of this is the so-called e/h ratio
- In so-called “compensating” calorimeters, one tries to compensate for the energy losses in hadronic showers ( $\rightarrow$  and bring e/h close to 1)

physical processes:

- energy recovery from nuclear fission, initiated by slow neutrons (uranium calorimeters)
- transfer energy from neutrons to protons (same mass)  
use hydrogen enriched materials / free protons

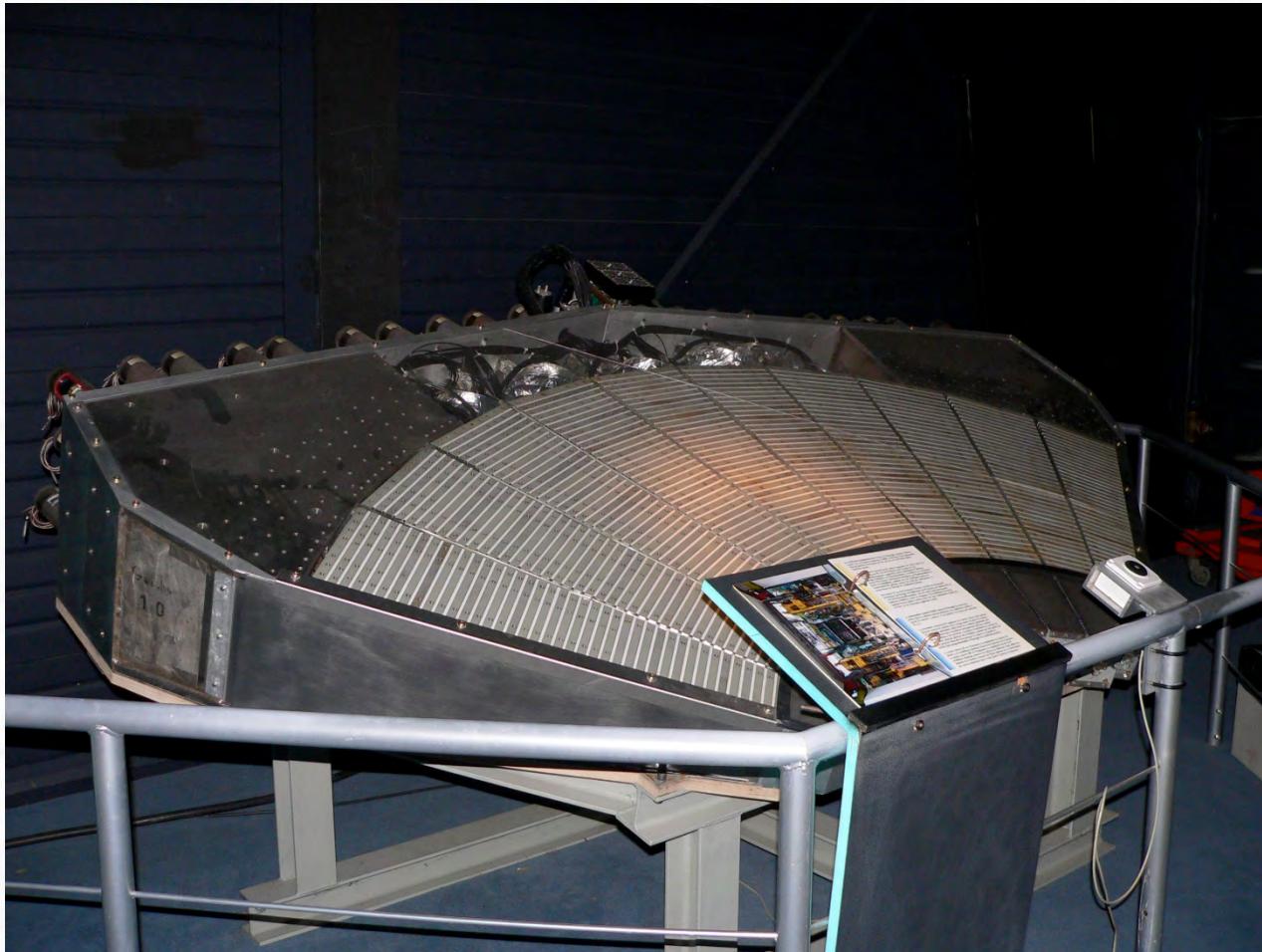


Blei-Wolframat Kristall

Quelle: CERN

Blei-Wolframat-Szintillatorkristalle zur  
Energiemessung im CMS-Experiment  
am LHC





Kalorimeter des UA2-Experiments mit Plastiksintillatoren als aktivem Material