



CALICE Tungsten HCAL Prototype status



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WHCAL experimental setup



CALICE hadronic calorimeter installed at CERN with:

- 30 plates of 1 cm thick tungsten as absorber —
- 3x3 cm scintillator tiles as active material with SiPM for readout
- Alternative detector technologies will join in parallel with the normal data taking



Now being commissioned in a muon beam and will move in November to the T9 testbeam line at the CERN-PS (1-10 GeV).

Goal of the test:

- Prove the technology of using tungsten as absorber in an HCAL
- Validate hadronic shower simulations





Installation in PS - T7 area





Muon flux originating from pions in a PS beamline ~30m away - muon beam size ~1m - Energy 1-10 GeV

> Two 50x50 cm² muon triggers installed

Three PCs for:DAQ

- Analysis
- Power control







- 2 sets of trigger coincidences:
 - $-10x10 \text{ cm}^2$
 - 50x50 cm² (one in front, one behind stack. Not on picture)
- 2 delay wire chambers commissioned. 3rd has now also been installed.







- One set of 8x1 cm² to be used for finer measurements
- For now not in line with beam, but can easily be moved





- The wire chambers have a delay line running back & forth from left to right, and a line running back & forth from up to down.
- The chamber gives four signals: time delay from the left, right, up and down sides.



LEFT-RIGHT (one chamber)

Tested correlation in time of hits from the left and right signal:

- As a particle hit is read out both sides, then the sum of the two distances (and hence times if the velocity is linear) should be a constant.
- Chambers are working correctly





- Reconstructing of tracks made difficult by multiple hits.
- Time difference between 1st and 2nd hit peaks at 200 ns; most probably reflection.
- Will keep the time windows small to minimize #double hits on one channel
- 3rd wire chamber is being installed & commissioned at the moment. This will reduce combinatorics.



Arrival time for multiple hits on one channel







Muon spills come in ~300 ms window, every 45 sec.

- Relative timing measured and adjusted where needed for triggers and wire chambers.
- Using scintillator triggers:
 - Coincidence of the two 10x10 cm² results in ~350 counts/spill
 - Coincidence of the two 50x50 cm² results in ~1000 counts/spill



• DAQ Rate: 8 Hz (1 ms deadtime / event)





Installation done 30 Aug. – 3 Sept.

- Noise level consistent with previous installations in testbeams at CERN (2006/2007) and FNAL (2008)
- Large number of dead channels in modules 24/29/30.
 (definitions: module = active layer, channel = 1 scintillator tile with SiPM)
- Not yet clear why, the channels sometimes recover.
- These channels were known from last FNAL runs to be malfunctioning
- Yet during pre-assembly at DESY the last few months they showed no problems.
- Plans for repair at CERN
 before November testbeam



SiPM response depends on temperature and voltage
→ Temperature sensors
→ LED monitoring system

- One LED illuminates 18 SiPMs and one PIN to monitor the LED signal.
- Functionalities of the LED system:
 - Gain calibration (see later)
 - Provide full dynamic range for checking the SiPM response function



CMB: Calibration and Monitoring board

T: Temperature sensor

LED system tested and operational, except for one module (#20). This CMB has been removed for repair.











- The signal from the SiPM is readout after amplifier & shaper, at its maximum value. → Need to determine the delay values ('hold value')
- This has been done already at previous testbeams.
 - Compared with those results the delay values for all modules should differ by the same amount:



GREEN distribution is results from previous testbeam. RED and BLUE are two runs taken this month with the two trigger setups

→ Delay (induced by trigger setup) is similar for all modules.





Measured amplitude is converted to digital counts: #ADC

• gain = #ADC per pixel

Gain calibration procedure:

- use the LED system and take spectra at low intensity light for all channels
- fit single photon spectra
- Gain is difference between 2 single photon peak
- Gain values extracted and consistent with previous testbeam
- Extraction efficiency in last runs at 95%, almost the level it was for previous testbeam.



calibrated # channels / total # channels:







- Selecting straight tracks, and applying calibration from 2007, a single channel results in →
- Each entry is the energy deposited, expressed in MIP energy as defined in 2007
 - Small noise distribution
 - Fit convolution of a Landau and a Gauss distribution:
 - $A_{MIP}=1.074\pm0.013\ mip$



- Calibration from 2007 looks reasonable
- Temperature corrections not yet applied to data

Conversion from signal to energy takes more steps than shown – see talk by Zalesak later.









- Calorimeter installed and operational
 - LED system operational (apart from 1 CMB)
 - Repair of 3 modules will be done before moving to T9
- Wire chambers are commissioned
- Trigger system timed, DAQ rate ~8Hz.
- Data transfer, conversion & analysis in progress
 - First results consistent with previous testbeam results
 - Gain calibration extraction efficiency at 95%
- Beginning of November the entire setup will be lifted to the other side of the hall to be placed in PS testbeam.





Backup





One module (1 m²) consists of 216 scintillator tiles of different sizes, with for each tile one SiPM measuring the light.

- SiPM signal is the sum of signals from fired pixels.
 - With limited number of pixels and recovery time (20-500 ns) this result in a non-linear response curve







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W-AHCAL move to T9

- W-AHCAL will "fly" to T9 on the 3rd of November
- After commissioning, official CALICE testbeam starts on the 6th of Nov.