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Time and duration : Doors open at 7.00 p.m. Event starts at 7.30 p.m. Duration: 2h

- **Location**: Auditorium Sergio Marchionne, CERN Science Gateway
- **Admission:** Free of charge, but registration is required for in-person attendance.
- **Refreshments**: At the Big Bang Café until 7.30 p.m.

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Oliver:

My question is whether or not systematic miss classification of events is a large problem in particle detectors. And if so, what the major sources of miss classification are ?

Particle Detectors

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History of Instrumentation \leftrightarrow History of Particle Physics

The 'Real' World of Particles

Interaction of Particles with Matter

Tracking Detectors, Calorimeters, Particle Identification

Detector Systems

We have to know the details about all interactions to design our detectors !

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Detector Physics

Precise knowledge of the processes leading to signals in particle detectors is necessary.

The detectors are nowadays working close to the limits of theoretically achievable measurement accuracy – even in large systems.

Due to available computing power, detectors can be simulated to within 5-10% of reality, based on the fundamental microphysics processes (atomic and nuclear cross-sections).

Particle Detector Simulation

CMS detector simulation GEANT

ATLAS detector simulation GEANT

Silicon sensor simulation, TCAD

Particle Detector Simulation

I) C. Moore's Law: Computing power doubles 18 months.

II) W. Riegler's Law:

The use of brain power for solving a problem is inversely proportional to the available computing power.

 \rightarrow 1) + 11) = ...

Knowing the basics of particle detectors is essential …

Interaction of Particles with Matter

Any device that is to detect a particle must interact with it in some way \rightarrow almost ...

In many experiments neutrinos are measured by missing transverse momentum.

E.g. e^+e^- collider. $P_{\text{tot}}=0$, If the Σ p_i of all collision products is $\neq 0 \rightarrow$ neutrino escaped.

"Did you see it?" "No nothing." "Then it was a neutrino!"

Claus Grupen, Particle Detectors, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 1996 (455 pp. ISBN 0-521-55216-8)

Neutrinos and other invisible particles

They are seen by missing momentum vectors – if you are sure your detector is hermetic !

Interaction with the atomic electrons. The incoming particle loses energy and the atoms are excited or ionized.

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Hadronic Interaction of Particles with Matter

Hadronic interactions with the nuclei produce a complex sequence of secondary particles. This is at the basis of hadron calorimetry.

Hadronic interactions taking place in the trackers are of course having bad an impact on the tracker measurements !

Tracing back these secondary particles to their origin gives the place of interaction. Making a map of these points we can image our detectors !

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Ionization and Excitation

The charged particles leave a trail of excited and ionized atoms.

The electrons and holes produced in these interactions do themselves have sufficient energy ionize the gas or solid, but because there energy is small the loose all their energy over a very small distance, so in we get a trail of ionization-clusters along the way.

The de-excitation of the excited atoms and the movement of the electrons/holes/ions in electric field are the basis for signals in our particle detectors.

Let's make a more quantitative assessment of this …

Electrons and ions in gases Electrons and holes in solids

Ionization and Excitation

While the charged particle is passing another charged particle, the Coulomb Force is acting, resulting in momentum transfer

$$
F_y = \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e_0^2}{4\pi \varepsilon_0 (b^2 + v^2 t^2)} \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2 + v^2 t^2}} \qquad \Delta p = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F_y(t) dt = \frac{2Z_1 Z_2 e_0^2}{4\pi \varepsilon_0 v b}
$$

The relativistic form of the transverse electric field doesn't change the momentum transfer. The transverse field is stronger, but the time of action is shorter

$$
F_y = \frac{\gamma Z_1 Z_2 e_0^2 b}{4\pi \varepsilon_0 (b^2 + \gamma^2 v^2 t^2)^{3/2}} \qquad \Delta p = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F_y(t) dt = \frac{2Z_1 Z_2 e_0^2}{4\pi \varepsilon_0 v b}
$$

\nThe transferred energy is then
\n
$$
\Delta E = \frac{(\Delta p)^2}{2m} = \frac{Z_2^2}{m} \frac{2Z_1^2 e_0^4}{(4\pi \varepsilon_0)^2 v^2 b^2}
$$
\n
$$
\Delta E(electrons) = Z_2 \frac{1}{m_e} \frac{2Z_1^2 e_0^4}{(4\pi \varepsilon_0)^2 v^2 b^2} \qquad \Delta E(nucleus) = \frac{Z_2^2}{2Z_2 m_p} \frac{2Z_1^2 e_0^4}{(4\pi \varepsilon_0)^2 v^2 b^2} \qquad \frac{\Delta E(electrons)}{\Delta E(nucleus)} = \frac{2m_p}{m_e} \approx 4000
$$

 \rightarrow The incoming particle transfer energy only (mostly) to the atomic electrons !

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Ionization and Excitation

Target material: mass A, Z₂, density ρ [g/cm³], Avogadro number N_A

With $\Delta E(b)$ \rightarrow db/b = -1/2 dE/E \rightarrow E_{max}= $\Delta E(b_{min})$ E_{min} = $\Delta E(b_{max})$

$$
\frac{dE}{dx} = -2\pi r_e^2 m_e^2 c^2 \frac{Z_1^2}{\beta^2} \frac{N_A Z_2 \rho}{A} \int_{E_{min}}^{E_{max}} \frac{dE}{E} = -2\pi r_e^2 m_e^2 c^2 \frac{Z_1^2}{\beta^2} \frac{N_A Z_2 \rho}{A} \ln \frac{E_{max}}{E_{min}}
$$

$$
E_{min} \approx 1 \text{ (Ionization Energy)}
$$

Relativistic Collision Kinematics, E_{max}

$$
E^{k'}_{\quad} = \frac{2mc^2p^2c^2}{(m^2 + M^2)c^4 + 2m\sqrt{p^2c^2 + M^2c^4}} = 2mc^2\beta^2\gamma^2F \qquad F = \left(1 + \frac{2m}{M}\sqrt{1 + \beta^2\gamma^2} + \frac{m^2}{M^2}\right)^{-1}
$$

¹⁹ W. Riegler/CERN

Classical Scattering on Free Electrons

$$
\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dE}{dx} = -2\pi r_e^2 m_e c^2 \frac{Z_1^2}{\beta^2} N_A \frac{Z}{A} \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2 F}{I}
$$

This formula is up to a factor 2 and the density effect identical to the precise QM derivation →

Bethe-Bloch formula

Discovery of muon and pion

Cosmis rays: dE/dx α Z²

Bethe-Bloch formula

Bethe Bloch Formula, a few Numbers:

For $Z \approx 0.5$ A $1/\rho$ dE/dx ≈ 1.4 MeV cm²/g for ßγ ≈ 3

Example:

Iron: Thickness = 100 cm; $p = 7.87$ g/cm³ $dE \approx 1.4 * 100 * 7.87 = 1102$ MeV

 \rightarrow A 1 GeV Muon can traverse 1m of Iron

Range of Particles in Matter

Particle of mass M and kinetic Energy E_0 enters matter and looses energy until it comes to rest at distance R. 50000

material

$$
R(E_0) = \int_{E_0}^{0} \frac{-1}{dE/dx} dE
$$

$$
R(\beta_0 \gamma_0) = \frac{Mc^2}{\rho} \frac{1}{Z_1^2} \frac{A}{Z} f(\beta_0 \gamma_0)
$$

$$
\frac{\rho}{Mc^2} R(\beta_0 \gamma_0) = \frac{1}{Z_1^2} \frac{A}{Z} f(\beta_0 \gamma_0)
$$

Bragg Peak:

For β γ >3 the energy loss is \approx constant (Fermi Plateau)

If the energy of the particle falls below β γ =3 the energy loss rises as $1/\beta^2$

Towards the end of the track the energy loss is largest → Cancer Therapy.

Range of Particles in Matter

Average Range:

Towards the end of the track the energy loss is largest \rightarrow Bragg Peak \rightarrow Cancer Therapy

Energy loss as a function of the momentum

Energy loss depends on the particle velocity and is \approx independent of the particle's mass M.

The energy loss as a function of particle momentum $p = Mcβγ$ IS however depending on the particle's mass

By measuring the particle momentum (deflection in the magnetic field) and measurement of the energy loss on can measure the particle mass

 \rightarrow Particle Identification !

Energy loss as a function of the momentum

Measure momentum by curvature of the particle track.

Find dE/dx by measuring the deposited charge along the track.

→Particle ID

Landau Distribution

 $P(\Delta)$: Probability for energy loss Δ in matter of thickness D.

Landau distribution is very asymmetric.

Average and most probable energy loss must be distinguished !

Measured Energy Loss is usually smaller that the real energy loss:

3 GeV Pion: E'_{max} = 450MeV \rightarrow A 450 MeV Electron usually leaves the detector.

Particle Identification

Measured energy loss

 0.1 10 Momentum (GeV/c) **BLUE** => PIONS **GREEN => PROTONS** MAGENTA => ELECTRONS **BLACK => NO ID POSSIBLE** $RED \Rightarrow KAONS$ dE/dx vs. Rigidity (~ 50 HiJING Events) $4.0e - 06$ $3.5e - 06$ $3.0e - 06$ $2.5e-06$ $2.0e-06$ $1.5e - 06$ $1.0e - 06$ $5.0e-07$ _{0.0} 0.5 1.0 Rigidity

In certain momentum ranges, particles can be identified by measuring the energy loss.

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Bremsstrahlung

A charged particle of mass M and charge $q=Z_1e$ is deflected by a nucleus of charge Ze which is partially 'shielded' by the electrons. During this deflection the charge is 'accelerated' and it therefore radiated \rightarrow Bremsstrahlung.

Bremsstrahlung, Classical

 $9 - 2 - 8$ q, n $\frac{dE}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{2\bar{z}_1\bar{z}_2 e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 P \cdot \nu}\right)^2 \frac{1}{(2\sin \theta)^8}$ $D - Mv$ " Rukesford Scattering" Writter in Terms of Monechan Transfer Q-2pt (1-200) $\frac{dE}{d\Omega} = 8\pi \left(\frac{\partial A_{1} \partial B_{2}}{\partial R_{1}}\right)^{2} \cdot \frac{1}{Q^{2}}$ $Q = |\vec{p} - \vec{p}'|$
 $\frac{dI}{dw} \sim \frac{2}{3\pi} \frac{2a^2e^2}{H^2c^3} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} Q^2$ Rashatel Energy between $\omega_1 \omega_1 d\omega$ $rac{dE}{dx} = \frac{N_A}{A}$. $\int d\omega \int d\omega \frac{dL}{d\omega} \cdot \frac{d\omega}{d\omega}$, $\omega_{\text{max}} = \frac{E}{h}$ $\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{Na}{A} \cdot \frac{16}{3} d \cdot \frac{2^2}{5} \cdot \left(\frac{2i^2e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 Mc^2}\right)^2 E \cdot ln \frac{Q_{max}}{Q_{min}}$ $d = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon\hbar c} \sim \frac{1}{22}$

A charged particle of mass M and charge $q=Z_1e$ is deflected by a nucleus of Charge Ze.

Because of the acceleration the particle radiated EM waves \rightarrow energy loss.

Coulomb-Scattering (Rutherford Scattering) describes the deflection of the particle.

Maxwell's Equations describe the radiated energy for a given momentum transfer.

 \rightarrow dE/dx

Bremsstrahlung, QM

 $q - z_1 e_1 E + H_1 e_1 >> 13 + H_1 e_1 2^2$ -> Aight Relativistic:

26 Brensshæhlung aM, a, M, E
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q\cdot z_{n}e
$$
, E+Mc>>13?n: 2²
\n \rightarrow highle Relativistic :

 $\frac{d\sigma'(E,\varepsilon')}{d\varepsilon'}=422^2Z_4^4\left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{e^2}{hc^4}\right)^2\frac{A}{\varepsilon'}F(\varepsilon,\varepsilon')$ $\pm (E, E') = [1 + (1 - \frac{E'}{E + Mc})^2 - \frac{2}{3}(1 - \frac{E'}{E + Mc})] \ln 1832^{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1}{9}(1 - \frac{E'}{E + Mc})$ $\frac{dE}{dx} = -\frac{N_A g}{A} \int_E' \frac{dG}{dt'} dt' - 42 Z' Z'_1 (\frac{1}{4\pi r_0} \frac{e^3}{r_0})^2 E[A18323 + \frac{1}{78}]$ $\frac{dE}{dx} = -\frac{N_4 g}{A} 4d z^2 z^4 \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{hc^2} \right)^2 E \ln(183 z^2)$

$$
E(x) = E_0 e^{-\frac{x}{x_0}} \qquad X_0 = \frac{A}{42 \, N_A g \, 2^2 (\frac{1}{\ln x} \frac{e^2}{\ln x})^2 \, \ln 1837^{-\frac{7}{3}}}
$$

 $X_0 = R_0 4 i \pi i \ln \log_3 4$

Proportional to Z² /A of the Material.

Proportional to Z_1^4 of the incoming **particle.**

Proportional to ρ **of the material.**

Proportional 1/M²of the incoming particle.

Proportional to the Energy of the Incoming particle →

E(x)=Exp(-x/X⁰) – 'Radiation Length'

X0 M²A/ (Z¹ ⁴ Z²)

X0 : Distance where the Energy E⁰ of the incoming particle decreases E_0 **Exp(-1)=0.37** E_0 **.**

Critical Energy

such as copper to about 1% accuracy for energies between **obout 6 MeV** and 6 GeV

For the muon, the second lightest particle after the electron, the critical energy is at 400GeV.

The EM Bremsstrahlung is therefore only relevant for electrons at energies of past and present detectors.

Critical Energy: If dE/dx (Ionization) = dE/dx (Bremsstrahlung)

Myon in Copper: p 400GeV Electron in Copper: p 20MeV

Pair Production, QM

For $E\gamma$ >>m_ec²=0.5MeV : $\lambda = 9/7X_0$

Average distance a high energy photon has to travel before it converts into an e⁺ e⁻ pair is equal to 9/7 of the distance that a high energy electron has to travel before reducing it's energy from E_0 to $\mathsf{E}_0^{\text{*}}\mathsf{Exp}(\text{-1})$ by photon radiation.

Bremsstrahlung + Pair Production → EM Shower

Statistical (quite complex) analysis of multiple collisions gives:

Probability that a particle is defected by an angle θ after travelling a distance x in the material is given by a Gaussian distribution with sigma of:

$$
\Theta_0 = \frac{0.0136}{\beta c p [\text{GeV/c}]} Z_1 \sqrt{\frac{x}{X_0}}
$$

 X_0 ... Radiation length of the material

- Z_1 ... Charge of the particle
- p ... Momentum of the particle

Magnetic Spectrometer: A charged particle describes a circle in a magnetic field:

$$
\vec{B} \otimes \vec{L} \uparrow \vec{R}
$$
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$$
\vec{B} \uparrow \vec{R}
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$$
\vec{C} \uparrow \vec{R}
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Limit → Multiple Scattering

ATLAS Muon Spectrometer: N=3, sig=50μm, P=1TeV, L=5m, B=0.4T

∆p/p ~ 8% for the most energetic muons at LHC

Cherenkov Radiation

If we describe the passage of a charged particle through material of dielectric permittivity ε (using Maxwell's equations) the differential energy cross-section is >0 if the velocity of the particle is larger than the velocity of light in the medium is

$$
\frac{d\sigma}{dE} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2 \pi} \frac{A}{N_A \rho Z_2 \hbar c} \left(\beta^2 - \frac{1}{\epsilon_1} \right) \rightarrow \frac{N_A \rho Z_2}{A} \frac{d\sigma}{d\omega} \frac{d\omega}{dE} = \frac{\alpha}{c} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\beta^2 n^2} \right) \n n = \sqrt{\epsilon_1} \n E = \hbar \omega
$$
\n
$$
\frac{dE}{dx d\omega} \frac{1}{\hbar} = \frac{\alpha}{c} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\beta^2 n^2} \right) \rightarrow \frac{dN}{dx d\lambda} = \frac{2\pi \alpha}{\lambda^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\beta^2 n^2} \right) \qquad \omega = \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda}
$$

N is the number of Cherenkov Photons emitted per cm of material. The expression is in addition proportional to Z_1^2 of the incoming particle.

The radiation is emitted at the characteristic angle $\theta_{\rm c}$, that is related to the refractive index n and the particle velocity by

Cherenkov Radiation

If the velocity of a changed porticle is lorger than the velocity of light in He netwon $6 > \frac{C}{n}$ (n. Refrective Index of Makind) it emits 'Greekor' radiotion at a characteritic 0.96 of $cos\theta_c = \frac{1}{n/3}$ $(3 - \frac{n}{c})$ $\frac{dN}{dx} \approx 2\pi \alpha^2 \xi_1^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{\rho^2 n^2}\right) \frac{\lambda_2 - \lambda_3}{\lambda_3 \cdot \lambda_4}$ - Nunburg enithe Photos/Gyph with 2 between 2, and 2 $V1K2_{1}$ - 400mm 2, = 700mm $\frac{dN}{dx}$ = 430 (1 - $\frac{1}{a^{2}+1}$) [$\frac{1}{c^{2}+1}$]

Ring Imaging Cherenkov Detector (RICH)

 200 GeV k, π 400 40 $\overline{1}$ 65 66 67 68 69 70 Ring Rodius [mm] ≜pions $1400 -$ 1200 - test beam data $p = 2$ GeV/c 1000 $\sigma = 12.8$ mrad 800 600 400 protons 200 _{σ =15.2 mrad} 10 15 20 25 30 35 0.6 0.65 0.7 $0.4 0.45$ 0.5 0.55 Pad X Single Cherenkov angle (rad)

1000

IceCube Aerial View

IceCube Cherekov Detector

Transition Radiation

When a highly relativistic particle crosses the boundary between two media, there is a probability of the order of 1% to produce an X ray photon, called Transition radiation.

Transition Radiation

 E mission Angle ~ $\frac{1}{T}$ The Number of Photons can be increased by placing hany foils of Polerial. $X-Rays$ porticle Deletor

Radialor

Ionization and Excitation:

Charged particles traversing material are exciting and ionizing the atoms.

The average energy loss of the incoming particle by this process is to a good approximation described by the Bethe Bloch formula.

The energy loss fluctuation is well approximated by the Landau distribution.

Multiple Scattering and Bremsstrahlung:

The incoming particles are scattering off the atomic nuclei.

Measuring the particle momentum by deflection of the particle trajectory in the magnetic field, this scattering imposes a lower limit on the momentum resolution of the spectrometer.

The deflection of the particle on the nucleus results in an acceleration that causes emission of Bremsstrahlungs-Photons. These photons in turn produced e+e- pairs in the vicinity of the nucleus, which causes an EM cascade. This effect depends on the 2nd power of the particle mass, so it is only relevant for electrons.

Cherenkov Radiation:

If a particle propagates in a material with a velocity larger than the speed of light in this material, Cherenkov radiation is emitted at a characteristic angle that depends on the particle velocity and the refractive index of the material.

Transition Radiation:

If a charged particle is crossing the boundary between two materials of different dielectric permittivity, there is a certain probability for emission of an X-ray photon.

 \rightarrow The strong interaction of an incoming particle with matter is a process which is important for Hadron calorimetry and will be discussed later.

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Intermezzo: Crossection

Crossection σ : Material with Atomic Mass A and density ρ contains n Atoms/cm³

$$
n[\text{cm}^{-3}] = \frac{N_A[\text{mol}^{-1}] \, \rho[\text{g/cm}^3]}{A[\text{g/mol}]} \qquad \qquad N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \, \text{mol}^{-1}
$$

E.g. Atom (Sphere) with Radius R: Atomic Crossection $\sigma = R^2 \pi$

A volume with surface F and thickness dx contains N=nFdx Atoms. The total 'surface' of atoms in this volume is N σ . The relative area is $p = N \sigma/F = N_A \rho \sigma /A dx =$ Probability that an incoming particle hits an atom in dx.

\n The graph is labeled as
$$
x
$$
 and y is labeled as x and y is labeled as x

What is the probability P that a particle hits an atom between distance x and x+dx ? $P =$ probability that the particle does NOT hit an atom in the m=x/dx material layers and that the particle DOES hit an atom in the mth layer

$$
P(x)dx = (1-p)^m p \approx e^{-m} p = \exp\left(-\frac{N_A\rho\sigma}{A}x\right) \frac{N_A\rho\sigma}{A} dx = \frac{1}{\lambda}\exp\left(-\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)dx \qquad \lambda = \frac{A}{N_A\rho\sigma}
$$

Mean free path $=$ $\int_{0}^{\infty} xP(x)dx = \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{x}{\lambda}e^{-\frac{x}{\lambda}}dx = \lambda$ Average number of collisions/cm $=$ $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ $=$ $\frac{N_A \rho \sigma}{4}$

Intermezzo: Differential Crossection

Differential Crossection:

→ Crossection for an incoming particle of energy E to lose an energy between E' and E'+dE'

Total Crossection:

$$
\sigma(E) = \int \frac{d\sigma(E, E')}{dE'} dE'
$$

Probability P(E) that an incoming particle of Energy E loses an energy between E' and E'+dE' in a collision:

$$
P(E, E')dE' = \frac{1}{\sigma(E)} \frac{d\sigma(E, E')}{dE'} dE'
$$

Average number of collisions/cm causing an energy loss between E' and E'+dE' $= \frac{N_A \rho}{4} \frac{d\sigma(E, E')}{dE'}$

Average energy loss/cm:
$$
\frac{dE}{dx} = -\frac{N_A \rho}{A} \int E' \frac{d\sigma(E, E')}{dE'} dE'
$$

Fluctuation of Energy Loss

Up to now we have calculated the average energy loss. The energy loss is however a statistical process and will therefore fluctuate from event to event.

 $P(\Delta)$ = ? Probability that a particle loses an energy Δ when traversing a material of thickness D

We have see earlier that the probability of an interaction occuring between distance x and x+dx is exponentially distributed

$$
P(x)dx = \frac{1}{\lambda} \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\lambda}\right) dx \qquad \lambda = \frac{A}{N_A \rho \sigma}
$$

Probability for n Interactions in D

We first calculate the probability to find n interactions in D, knowing that the probability to find a distance x between two interactions is $P(x)dx = 1/\lambda \exp(-x/\lambda) dx$ with $\lambda = A/N_A \rho \sigma$

Probability to have no interaction between 0 und D :

$$
P(x > D) = \int_{D}^{\infty} P(x_1) dx_1 = e^{-\frac{D}{\lambda}}
$$

Probability to have one interaction at x_1 and no other interaction:

$$
P(x_1, x_2 > D) = \int_D^{\infty} P(x_1)P(x_2 - x_1)dx_2 = \frac{1}{\lambda}e^{-\frac{D}{\lambda}}
$$

Probability to have one interaction independently of x_1 :

$$
\int_0^D P(x_1, x_2 > D) = \frac{D}{\lambda} e^{-\frac{D}{\lambda}}
$$

Probability to have the first interaction at x_1 , the second at x_2 the n^{th} a x_n and no other interaction:

$$
P(x_1, x_2...x_n > D) = \int_D^{\infty} P(x_1)P(x_2 - x_1)...P(x_n - x_{n-1})dx_n = \frac{1}{\lambda^n}e^{-\frac{D}{\lambda}}
$$

Probability for *n* interactions independently of $x_1, x_2...x_n$

$$
\int_0^D \int_0^{x_{n-1}} \int_0^{x_{n-1}} \dots \int_0^{x_1} P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n > D) dx_1 \dots dx_{n-1} = \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{D}{\lambda}\right)^n e^{-\frac{D}{\lambda}}
$$

Probability for n Interactions in D

For an interaction with a mean free path of λ , the probability for n interactions on a distance D is given by

$$
P(n) = \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{D}{\lambda}\right)^n e^{-\frac{D}{\lambda}} = \frac{\overline{n}^n}{n!} e^{-\overline{n}} \qquad \overline{n} = \frac{D}{\lambda} \qquad \lambda = \frac{A}{N_A \rho \sigma}
$$

→Poisson Distribution !

How do we find the energy loss distribution ? If f(E) is the probability to lose the energy E' in an interaction, the probability p(E) to lose an energy E over the distance D ?

$$
f(E) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{dE}
$$

$$
p(E) = P(1)f(E) + P(2) \int_0^E f(E - E')f(E')dE' + P(3) \int_0^E \int_0^{E'} f(E - E' - E'')f(E')f(E')dE''dE' + ...
$$

$$
F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(E)] = \int_0^\infty f(E)e^{-sE}dE
$$

$$
\mathcal{L}[p(E)] = P(1)F(s) + P(2)F(s)^2 + P(3)F(s)^3 + ... = \sum_{n=1}^\infty P(n)F(s)^n = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{\overline{n}^n F^n}{n!} e^{-\overline{n}} = e^{\overline{n}(F(s) - 1)} - 1 \approx e^{\overline{n}(F(s) - 1)}
$$

$$
p(E) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[e^{\overline{n}(F(s) - 1)} \right] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\sigma - i\infty}^{\sigma + i\infty} e^{\overline{n}(F(s) - 1) + sE} ds
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Fluctuations of the Energy Loss

Probability f(E) for loosing energy between E' and E'+dE' in a single interaction is given by the differential crossection $d\sigma$ (E,E')/dE'/ σ (E) which is given by the Rutherford crossection at large energy transfers

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p(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \exp(s \log s + xs) ds.
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= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} \exp(-t \log t - xt) \sin(\pi t) dt.
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x = \frac{E}{\pi \epsilon} + C_{\gamma} - 1 - \ln \pi \qquad \qquad \pi = \frac{N_A \rho Z_2 k D}{A \epsilon}
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\ln \epsilon = \ln \frac{I^2}{E_{max}} + 2\beta^2
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Excitation and ionization **Scattering on free electrons**

