Status of sFLASH - Measurement of air fluorescence yield from EM shower

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Compilation of Air Fluorescence Yield



- Original figure is from J. Rosado, F. Blanco and F. Argueros, ApP 55(2014) 51-62.
- Grey circle is original, and red circle is after RBA's correction.
- Green ELS value is by BK Shin et al. (TA) in the 34th ICRC in den Haag.

sFLASH Question: AFY of EM shower may be different from that of a single electron (P. Sokolsky). Inject 15GeV extracted electron beam of SLAC into alumina target of 0-3RL thick, and measure AF after target from 10m away by open PMT.

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2008 -	SLAC	FLASH experiments	
2016 Sept	SLAC	sFLASH 2016	3-15 GeV electron, target RL:0-3 thick
2018 Nov	SLAC	sFLASH 2018	15GeV electron, target RL:0-10 thick

Today, preliminary results of sFLASH 2016 is reported.

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For today's report, I borrowed several slides from sFLASH collaborators. Many thanks for them.

Setup Overview (1)

Tunnel Protect background light

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Shower generated with target.

PMT positioning 10 m away from beam shower.

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then normalized at 1-RL target



Averaged waveforms over 91 good beam spills of run 1056, and wf integration range



Event by event waveform charge integration (= intQ[nVs]), and obtain rAFY:

1. determine pedestal

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- 2. digital OVF detected and corrected 3. ped and sum over chs
- divide by beam intQ 5. intQ of blind-open minus intQ of blind-closed
- 6. divide by dE*omega by G4 from BK
- * relative AFY as abs. calib. Not applied.

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Summary of sFLASH 2016 analysis



1. Preliminary Results

- Large negative rAFY slope over target-RL.
- Slope is beam energy dependent.
- Slope is smaller for MH PMT (ex-HiRes)
- 10.5 GeV is being checked

2. Near Future

- Add 3.3 GeV 0-RL data.
- Extend MH integration gate.
- Install PMT calibration; rAFY -> absolute AFY
- Assign stat and sys errors



3. Summary

The slope feature persists after numerous checks such as beam intensity dep (extinction), analog saturation, digital overflow, back-scattering from alumina and beamdump, "BG" subtraction, Cherenkov background, beam-PMT synch., temp-press-humid. effect, error in target RL, prolonged signal (tail), inaccuracy of multiple scattering in simulation, ΔE tracking energy threshold etc..

The AFY of EM shower is NOT represented by a superposition of an energy - & particle(e, p, e+) - independent single AFY value.

Taken as AFY of free air shower, the feature may be internally inconsistent, and a "correction" to the shower parameter (E, Xmax,...) is not obvious.

Follow-up experiments are needed to understand the problem. The results will be useful in designing GCOS. Presented data is preliminary. Thanks for your listening.

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AFY Energy Dependence



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