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High energy photon production in bent crystals: status and perspectives.

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INTRODUCTION

Bent crystals are devices designed to deflect high energy particles

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Deflection of light particles -> strong radiation emission

2009 beam test to measure the radiation emission (positrons of 120GeV)

- How we measure **deflection** and **radiation**
- **Results:**
 - Channeling and Volume Reflection
 - Comparison with theory

Going beyond





How to measure their deflection properties:

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2mm silicon strip crystal aligned along the (110) plane

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High energy photons from bent crystals



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Radiation

Why measure radiation from bent crystals?

Bent crystals are devices that can be used for many applications; the most important are: beam collimation, beam extraction, beam splitting

- \downarrow At the moment they are addressed to hadron machines (e.g. LHC collimation)
- A future application to electron-positron machines should take into account the radiation issue

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The high amount of energy loss inside a bent crystal can be used to perform collimation in an electron-positron machine

- The electromagnetic cascade inside a bent crystal can be exploited to design a high intensity electron-positron source
- Bent crystals can be used as a high intensity photon source dedicated to nuclear physics studies or detector tests such as calibration

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Let's measure it!

September 2009, H4 beam line (CERN, SPS), 120 GeV positrons



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It is possible to "select" an effect and measure its "radiation" properties:



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Strip crystal: 2mm of silicon along the beam ~5m bending radius















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The effect of bending is negligible:

Strip crystal:

2mm of silicon along the beam **~11m** bending radius







Radiation Results Volume Reflection (present only in bent crystal)

Strip crystal:

~11m bending radius

2mm of silicon along the beam

V. Reflection Amorphous Background





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Average photons multiplicity: ~1.5 The photons spectrum is much harder with respect to the channeling one

Radiation Results Volume Reflection



The effect of bending is not negligible:







Using a series of crystals to increase deflection and <u>radiation</u> is possible!





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The radiation energy loss shows an amplification but it is not possible either to view all the spectrum or to normalize it as the spectrometer is sensitive until ~60GeV

Increasing emitted energy

Axial alignment -> Multivolume reflection in one crystal





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A crystal axis is the intersection of several planes If a particle beam impinges onto the crystal at an appropriate angle, it is subject to volume reflections from subsequent planes





Bent crystals \rightarrow for particle deflection \rightarrow radiation emission

	chan	neling	Characterized from the
Volume Reflection			In agreement with
			simulation and theory

Different strategies to increase the emitted radiation are possible

Series of crystals, axial orientation (MVROC and other effects)

Need to measure all the spectrum till 120GeV

June 2010: new test beam dedicated to the axial effects and to the electrons

Thanks to the new "photon" calorimeter the whole spectrum has been measured, data analysis is ongoing

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Shashlik calorimeter readout by SiPMs

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Thank you for the attention



Backup 1



Particles which cross the crystal in VR lose their momentum in radiation and are deflected more by a following dipole

Courtesy of A. Seryi

Backup 2

About normalization





Backup 3



Incoming angle (urad)

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