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# **FDIRC shields**

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#### Outline

- Machine backgrounds on the FDIRC:
  - Reminder of previous production (LNF SuperB CM at LNF, Dec 2011)
- FDIRC Lead shield studies
- Summary and Outlook

#### **Bkg rates on the FDIRC: Strategy (I)**

- Use same sector labelling as in BABAR
- Determine the photo-electron (p.e.) rates per pixel (see next slide) for every sector and for all available background sources
- Use a "local" coordinate system in the instrumented plane: X<sub>local</sub> vs Y<sub>local</sub>



#### **Bkg rates on the FDIRC: Strategy (II)**

- Study the pixel rate for different regions were the tracks hit the quartz bar:
  - (a) Inside magnet: -160 < Z < 220 cm</li>
  - (b) Within steel: -280 < Z < -160 cm
  - (c) Outside magnet: -280 < Z < -400 cm
- If main contribution comes from outside magnet
  - $\Rightarrow$  can reduce backgrounds by increasing shields



#### **Total bkg rates on FDIRC**



#### **FDIRC Bkg rates from Rad-Bhabha**



### **Particle flux studies (I)**

- Study the flux of particles through interesting regions of the the FDIRC mother boundary (magenta and green regions)
- Try to understand the nature of the particles crossing those boundaries (PID and spectrum)



#### **Particle flux studies (II)**



# **Particle flux studies (III)**



# **Particle flux studies (VI)**



#### Lead shield optimization studies (I)

- Shot particles ( $e^{\pm}$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $n^{0}$ ) at normal incidence on Lead for
  - Different lead thickness: 5 20 cm (1cm steps)
  - Different incident energies: 50 200 MeV (50MeV steps)
- Study the particle multiplicity and spectrum at the other end of the shield
- Optimization: thickness for which the probability to have more than one particle on the other side of the shield is lower than 10%



**Probability(Multiplicity > 0)**  $\leq$  10%

Lead with different thickness

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- In order to reduce the photon flux by a factor of 10 for photons up to 150MeV, the lead shield thickness needs to be 14.4cm

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## Lead shield optimization studies (III)



- Incident neutrons with kinetic energies from 50 to 200 MeV get multiplied by a factor of ~2.3 for lead thickness of 14cm
- The kinetic energy spectrum of those neutrons has a slight variation with the incident neutron kinetic energy
- Outgoing neutrons have a significant amount of kinetic energy (10 70 MeV)

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#### Summary

- The main machine background contribution on the FDIRC is due to Radbhabha, mainly from tracks hitting the quartz bar in the FBLOCK region
- Main flux of particles on FBLOCK are photons with energy lower than 200MeV
- Lead thickness of 14cm can reduce the background by a factor of ~10 Shield BRN implementation: steel-lead-steel (2.5-10-2.5 cm) sandwich

#### Issues:

- Neutron multiplication by a factor ~2.2 for lead shield thickness of 14cm
- Could these neutrons cause problems on the FDIRC electronics?
- Will add a Boron-loaded polyethylene shield (10 cm)



# **The Focusing Detector of Internal Reflected Cerenkov Light**

- Charged particles produce Cerenkov photons
- Cerenkov photons transported throughout total internal reflection to a photocamera
- Measure projection on the instrumented plane of the Cerenkov cone angle and measure the particle mass



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