## **Simulating an Active Muon Veto**

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### **Overview**

- Sketch of the Veto System
- Simulation Toolkit (GEANT4)
- Elements of the Simulation
  - Material
  - Physics Processes
- Expectations and Preliminary Results

## **An Active Muon Veto System**



## Layout of a "MuTube"

- Active muon veto tube ("MuTube"):
  - cylindrical encasement
    - highly reflective inner surface, or a surface coated to yield total internal reflection
    - dimensions: ~10cm × ~700cm
  - internal liquid medium
    - water or scintillator
  - active endcap readout
    - phototube or fiber-optic "pancake"





# GEANT4: A Simulation Toolkit (C++)

- Simulation platform of choice is GEANT4
  - http://wwwasd.web.cern.ch/wwwasd/geant4/geant4.html
  - Builds on a lot of existing tools and knowledge
- Benefits
  - if familiarity with C++ exists...
    - easy design of materials, and detector elements
  - event visualization
- Drawbacks
  - Large numbers of particles incur a time penalty
    - ... lots of Cherenkov photons ...

## **Sketch of MuTube in GEANT4**



### **Physics Processes**

#### • Muon

- Multiple Scattering
- Ionization
- Pair production
- Bremsstrahlung
- Cerenkov emission
- Optical Photon
  - Absorption
  - Rayleigh Scattering
  - Boundary processes (reflection, etc)



### **Simple Example Simulation**



### **Properties of the Water**



### **More Complex Example Simulation**





## **Expectations and Results**

• How many Cerenkov photons are expected?

$$N = 2\pi \alpha l \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_1} - \frac{1}{\lambda_2}\right) \sin^2(\theta_C)$$

For *I*=10cm, visible light, and  $\theta_c \approx 41^\circ$  expect ~2000 photons

- How many does GEANT4 produce?
  - ~5000 optical photons
    - what is the source of this discrepancy? <u>More work to</u> <u>understand GEANT4, its configuration and behavior...</u>

### **Performance Issue**

- Potential performance issue:
  - Large number of photons + reflections
    - ~30 seconds/event for a single tube
- Resolution
  - Build on BaBar DIRC (Cherenkov detector) experience with GEANT4...
    - Let GEANT4 generate the optical photon, but use PDFs and/or lookup tables to "propagate" the photon.



## **Conclusion and Outlook**

- GEANT4 can be used to explore veto scenarios
  - MuTube is a first pass at this...
- GEANT4 is a new experience at this level
  - why so many Cerenkov photons?
  - need to get data out in usable format (ROOT...)
- Plans:
  - Study the veto design and configuration
  - Integrate muon's production of neutrons in rock
    - add more elements to the simulation

