

CALIBRATION OF THE ECAL

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Approximate shape of the tower is truncated pyramid with the base of 40x40 mm² at center and the values of a,b,c are different for each tower. Towers are arranged in projective geometry. It needs 64 different types of towers.

The half-sector contains 768 towers, grouped in 12 rows of 64 each.

The half-sector is equipped with 12 ADC64s2 boards with self-trigger capability. Each board operates as a stand-alone devise that detects charged particles passing through the towers and transmits the data to the main computer. NICA)ECal calibration problems with cosmic muons

Calibration is needed to relate the response of the tower (in ADC units) to energy deposition in the SC in MeV.

✓ Cosmic muons are widely used for calorimeter calibrations in HEP. Problems arise when transversal sizes of the towers are small and calibration in vertical position with muons running along tower axis is extremely time consuming and technically complex. A typical way to avoid this problem is to calibrate towers in horizontal position based on tower thickness. Previously many collaborations used this way but for the box-type towers only. These are L3, ATIC, VES and others.

✓ For ECal/MPD situation is more complicated, since we have to calibrate half-sector where towers of 64 different shapes are located and their orientation in space is different.

✓ The purpose of this report to show that calibrating ECal with cosmic muons is nevertheless possible. It will be done by MC simulation and the first half-sector test measurement.



Fixed at 31.5 cm Fixed at 63 MeV Large (few days) Large as 10 MeV High

Track length in Sc Wide range Energy deposition [] 5-7 MeV(at the peak maximum) **Close to vertical only** [] **Tower orientation** [] **Any but needs MC corrections Data taking time Small (few hours) Data taking threshold** 2-4 MeV (noise <0.3 MeV) SiPM noise sensitivity [] No, because of coincidences







center. Main advantage of this calibration method is the fixed energy deposition of 63.0 MeV.



MC: comparison of M1 and M4 methods



For M1, the averaged value of energy deposition in SC of the tower is independent of tower number and, as given by Geant4, is 62.93(7) MeV. It is in perfect agreement with simple calculations: 210*0.15 = 31.5 cm and 1.936*1.032=1.998 MeV/cm that gives 62.93 MeV. For M4, the position of the peak maximum depends on tower orientation. It is 6.8 MeV in central region and 5.8 MeV at the edge. This dependence can be used to normalize the calibration measurements.



M1 and M4-8 event selections

M1, 44 hours of data taking









NICA Comparison M1 and M4 for ADC #1 (center)

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Ratio of energy deposition in a tower for muons going along tower axis to that of across for MC compared to the measurements. It demonstrate a good agreement.



Whole ECal:MC:M4 method

Response of 19200 towers to cosmic muons



Two methods of ECal half-sector calibration with cosmic muons have been tested in measurements and MC.

- ✓ Both methods are based on the self-trigger mode of ECal electronics without the need for external detectors.
- The first is a traditional, with selected muons passing along the axis of the ECal tower. It takes few days of data taking to achieve acceptable accuracy.
- The second one is new. It uses muons that pass across the axes of the ECal towers and MC corrections on orientation of the towers. It is much faster than the first one. Both methods give compatible results.
- ✓ The second method is not sensitive to the orientation of the towers and can be used for the whole ECal of MPD detector.



