

MSD FOOT COLLABORATION

PHOTON CALIBRATION FOR SILICON MICRO STRIP Detector

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Standard method for calibration

With the standard calibration method we can not collect all the signal release by the electrons.



We try to use electron with minimum ionization energy.

We measure the signal release by electrons inside the micro strip detector, then we can calculate the calibration factor.

$$K = 2.9 \pm 1.0 \frac{keV}{ADC}$$





Why photons?

We want the photons to have the right energy to interact via photoelectric effect.



For energy E<100 keV photons interact predominantly by photoelectric effect.

Given the low energy for the photoelectrons generated can all be contained inside the detector, which means we are able to reconstruct the original signal.

We are expecting gaussian distribution for signal

²⁴¹Am experimental set up

Monochromatic photon source, as an alternative to standard calibration with charged particles.

 $^{241}_{95}Am
ightarrow ^{237}_{93}Np +^4_2He + \gamma
ightarrow$ 59.54 keV gamma ray emission



Acquisition with random trigger

Even if we're expecting to find a gaussian distribution for our signal, it must be taken into account that we're acquiring data with a 50 Hz random trigger.

We don't know if the signal is gonna be sampled at its maximum value.



Shaping time function with data form IDEAs (company that produce VA chip).



Shaping time function measure form ⁹⁰Sr source

$$y1 = a \cdot \frac{(1 + b \cdot e^{\frac{-x}{b}})}{(1 + c \cdot e^{\frac{-x}{b}})} \quad [0,10] \ \mu s$$

Fit function for
shaping time
$$y2 = a' + b' \cdot x \quad [10,35] \ \mu s$$

Acquisition with random trigger

We don't know the analytic form of the signal function but we know it will be the results of a convolution between gaussian distribution and shaping time function.

The histograms shown in the figure below are normalized to the same number of events.



We decided to reproduce through Monte Carlo simulation the shape of the experimental signal.

ADC

Cosmic ray background Background fluctuation $\pm \sigma$ Entries We want to be sure that the signal is not compatible with a cosmic ray background fluctuation. 50 .²⁴¹Am 40 Cosmic rays 20 580 590 600 630 640 500 510 520 530 540 550 560 570 610 Strip number 20 35 ADC

We have also study the distribution for the signal as a function of the strip number because of we want to verify that the distribution for the strip signal are different. In the follow histogram a cut has been made at 10 ADC.



Monte Carlo Simulation

We need to simulate both photons and cosmic ray signal.



Set parameter

Parameters that characterize the cosmic ray signal Unknown parameter

Parameters that characterize the

photon signal

Time of sampling

We can vary both the parameters that characterize the gaussian signal, which are our own variables together with the time of sampling.

Time of sampling is simulated with a set of pseudo random number.

Monte Carlo Simulation



Parameter estimation

Each simulated histograms constitutes a particular parametric hypothesis for the photon signal.

To compare the two distributions we've calculated the chi square value ($\chi^2(\mu;\sigma)$) for each hypothesis

$$\chi^2(\mu;\sigma) = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{(y_i^{exp} - y_i^{sim})^2}{\sigma_{y_{exp}}^2}$$



Parameter estimation

We want to estimate the minimum value assumed by the bidimensional function $\chi^2(\mu;\sigma)$

We're also estimating a confidence interval for the minimum in order to obtain the error for the two parameters — > We fitted chi square distribution with hyperbolic function



The main problems with this method is the ²⁴¹Am source low rate comparable with cosmic ray rate so we have to acquire for a long time (days) to increase statistics.

Calibration with other photon sources

To overcome the problems of the previous case we used fluorescence photons with which we can collect more signal in less time



Collimator (Al)

X-ray tube

FOOT PE001

In order to draw a calibration line we need a minimum of two points.

We chose two other sources.

64 Gd →	42.996	keV
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⁵⁰ Sn —→ 25.271 keV

A new experimental set up was built to bring down background, caused by cosmic ray: sensor in vertical position.

Previously the cosmic ray event represented 20% of the overall signal now they represent 0.01%.

Parameter estimation with MC methods

We also used a second method for error's parameters estimation .

We used MC methods to simulate many times the same experiment, in order to have several measures for the minimum value of the chi square distribution and the gaussian distribution for their respective parameters.

Similar results were obtained

Example (⁶⁴Gd):

MC Method

$$\mu = 17.8^{+0.7}_{-1.0}$$
 ; $\sigma = 3.9^{+0.6}_{-0.4}$

• Chi square fit Method

$$\mu = 18.1^{+1.1}_{-0.9}$$
; $\sigma = 3.6^{+0.4}_{-0.5}$



Summary results

We have enough measurements to plot the calibration line for the PE001 sensor



We can already say that the new method is more accurate and it is consistent with the standard method.

To Do

- New acquisition with another different source (Neodymium).
- Same type of acquisition with another micro strip detector, which has different thickness (300 micron) and same read out sistem, we're expecting the same results.
- Estimation of parameters and calibration coefficient error.
- We submitted an abstract to present this new method at SIF annual national congress
- We want to write an article about the new calibration method