

Spatial Resolution in Dual Panel and Cylindrical TB-PET Investigating the impact of TOF and DOI

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Walk-Through PET

LAFOV dual panel system based on monolithic detectors

- compact
- cost-efficient
- high-throughput
- high-resolution

monolithic detectors

- \rightarrow high intrinsic resolution
- \rightarrow depth of interaction



Aims of the study

benchmark the spatial resolution of the WT-PET to a conventional pixelated cylindrical device



System models: geometries



System models: detectors

WT-PET

monolithic BGO 50 x 50 x 16 mm³



8 x 8 SiPMs

Quadra-like

pixelated LSO 3.2 x 3.2 x 20 mm³



GATE simulation: exact interaction positions

WT-PET monolithic BGO

Quadra-like

pixelated LSO



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Post-processing: lateral (in-plane) blurring

WT-PET **Quadra-like** pixelated LSO monolithic BGO uniform **2D Gaussian** in-pixel (3.2 x 3.2 mm²) FWHM_{lat} = 1.3 mm

Post-processing: longitudinal blurring

WT-PET monolithic BGO DOI **1D Gaussian** FWHM_{lon} = 2 mm

Quadra-like pixelated LSO no DOI





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LM-MLEM → 10,000:1 activity ratio (point source:background)



Coordinate system and nomenclature



Standard configurations: images





rad Standard configurations: line profiles ах tan rad tan [counts/voxel] 300,000 **WTP** 150,000 tan 0 // panels 300,000 WTP 150,000 rad 0 \perp panels 300,000 **QDR** 150,000 rad 0 10 20 30 [cm] 0

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Standard configurations: FWHM





Limited angles



Effect of limited angles

Effect of limited angles

Effect of limited angles: FWHM

[mm] tangential

radial

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investigate the effect of time of flight

Effect of DOI: FWHM

Effect of DOI: mispositioning

no DOI

[mm]

10

5

2 mm DOI

20

10

0

³⁰ [cm]

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benchmark the spatial resolution of the WT-PET to a conventional pixelated cylindrical device

investigate the effect of time of flight

Post-processing: time blurring

Effect of TOF: FWHM

Limited angles and TOF: FWHM

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Limited angles and TOF: FWHM

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Conclusions of the study

WT-PET shows higher and more homogeneous resolution than pixelated cylindrical device

- system geometry

depth of interaction

cylindrical: parallax at large radial offset dual panel: parallax over full FOV + limited angle

- **ON** indispensable to avoid parallax effect
- **time of flight** negligible effect (except for very high TOF)

Thanks!

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System models

Parameter	WT-TB-PET	Quadra-like
Energy resolution	15 %	11 %
Energy window (keV)	434-645	455-645
TOF resolution (ps)	327	228
Dead time (ns)	370	320