Performance of the CALICE Scintillator-Based ECAL Depending on the Temperature

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The CALICE collaboration is developing a granular electromagnetic calorimeter using (5-10) × 45 × 3 mm3 scintillator strips for a future linear collider experiment. Each scintillator strip is read out by using a Pixelated Photon Detector (PPD). A prototype module has been constructed and tested at Fermilab in 2008 and 2009. Since the sensitivity of the PPD is affected by temperature fluctuations, a temperature correction method has been established which performed such that the deviation of the measured response from a linear behavior is improved from greater than 10% to less than 1.5%.

1 Introduction

Toward the particle flow approach, a granular electromagnetic calorimeter is mandatory [1]. To achieve 5 mm × 5 mm or 10 mm × 10 mm lateral granularity, the CALICE collaboration is developing a unique calorimeter concept using scintillator strips read out with Pixelated Photon Detectors (PPDs), where the scintillator strips in odd layers are orthogonal with respect to those in the even layers, having tungsten absorber layers in between the layers [2]. A prototype module of such a scintillator electromagnetic calorimeter (ScECAL) has been constructed and tested in the period August-September 2008 and April-May 2009 at the FNAL meson beam test facility [3]. Figure 1 shows a picture of a layer and a schematic of the scintillator strip unit. The scintillator strip that is hermetically enveloped with a reflector film has a width, length, and thickness of 10 mm, 45 mm, and 3 mm. Therefore, an effective 10 mm × 10 mm segmentation is expected for this prototype. The scintillation photons are collected by a wavelength shifting (WLS) fiber, inserted centrally, along the longitudinal direction of each strip and are read out with a PPD provided by Hamamatsu Photonics KK, “1600-pixel MPPC” [4]. The ScECAL prototype has a transverse area of 180 mm × 180 mm and 30 scintillator layers. The thickness of 3.5 mm of 30 absorber layers lead to a total radiation length of 21.3 X0.

![Figure 1: top: A layer of the ScECAL prototype with 72 scintillator strips enveloped in reflector films. bottom: A schematic of a scintillator strip unit with: a. PPD, b. scintillator, c. WLS fiber.](image)
In the test beam experiment periods the ScECAL prototype was exposed at FNAL to electron and hadron beams up to 32 GeV/c, together with the analog scintillator hadron calorimeter [5] and the Tail Catcher [6] to evaluate their combined performance. The construction and basic performance of the ScECAL in those test beams is reported in [3].

Since the PPD is a semiconductor sensor, its sensitivity is influenced by temperature fluctuations. In these proceedings we show how a temperature correction for such fluctuations can be achieved and how it performs well.

2 Experiment and analysis

2.1 Beam and temperature environments

Temperature effects clearly appear on the spectra of electron energy scans. Although both 2008 and 2009 we took electron energy scan data, the temperature measurement system of the ScECAL malfunctioned in 2008. In addition, as we had large temperature fluctuations, 19°C - 27°C, at our experimental hall during 2009 data taking, we use only 2009 data in this discussion. The beam momenta are 2, 4, 8, 12, 15, 20, 30, 32 GeV/c. The measured temperature of the average of two positions on the ScECAL surface for each run is plotted in Figure 2.

![Figure 2: Temperature of the ScECAL surface for all electron and muon runs. The temperature is measured at two orthogonal positions of the ScECAL surface. A vertical blue line shows the run time where the temperature condition was drastically changed.](image)

2.2 Detector calibration with minimum ionizing particles

The key issue of the temperature correction of the sensitivity is the correction of the detector calibration with minimum ionizing particles (MIP). The temperatures of MIP runs can be seen as open circles in Figure 2. The muon-tuned beam contains almost no electrons or pions, because of the iron dump put in the beam line upstream of our experiment’s site. Therefore, the MIP events are only required to have the same lateral position of scintillator “hit” of at least 10 on both even and odd layers.
The MIP response for each channel is obtained by fitting a Landau function convoluted with a gaussian function to the distribution of ADC counts of the charge deposited by the MIP events. The ADC/MIP conversion factor is the most probable value of the distribution.

2.3 Temperature dependence of the ADC/MIP conversion factors

An ADC/MIP conversion factor estimated in Section 2.2 should be a function of temperature during the data acquisition. The main temperature correction for a channel is achieved by using this temperature function of ADC/MIP conversion factor instead of a constant ADC/MIP conversion factor. In 2009 a total of six MIP runs are taken at different temperatures ranging from 19 °C to 27 °C. Figure 3 shows a typical behavior of the ADC/MIP conversion factor for a channel as a linear function of the temperature. Temperature data were taken every minute and the temperature on the horizontal axis on Figure 3 is the average of temperatures of every event in a run. The function of ADC/MIP conversion factors obtained as a result of a linear fit is:

$$c_{ls}^{\text{MIP}}(T) = c_{ls}^{\text{MIP}}(T_0) + \frac{dc_{ls}^{\text{MIP}}}{dT},$$  \hspace{1cm} (1)

where $c_{ls}^{\text{MIP}}(T)$ is the ADC/MIP conversion factor for layer $l$ and strip number $s$ as a function of $T$, $dc_{ls}^{\text{MIP}}/dT$ is the slope of the function, and $T_0$ is a fixed temperature for the offset value of this function. Figure 4 shows the distribution of $dc_{ls}^{\text{MIP}}/dT/c_{ls}^{\text{MIP}}$(20°C). The temperature correction for each event for channel $l, s$ is done by using $c_{ls}^{\text{MIP}}(T)$ with $T$ corresponding to the event data taking.

2.4 Energy spectra

The energy spectrum for an incident beam momentum is the distribution of the sum of deposited charges of all channels in an event, which converted into the number of corresponding MIPs estimated by:

$$E_{\text{total}} = \sum_{l=1}^{30} \sum_{s=1}^{72} \frac{E'_{ls}}{c_{ls}^{\text{MIP}}(T)}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (2)

Figure 3: Temperature dependence of $c_{ls}^{\text{MIP}}$ and the result of a linear fit.

Figure 4: Distribution of $dc_{ls}^{\text{MIP}}/dT/c_{ls}^{\text{MIP}}$. The mean is -2.95±0.01%/K and the $\sigma$ of from the fit is 0.405%/K.
where $E_{\text{total}}$ is the sum of deposited charges converted into the number of corresponding MIPs, and $T$ is the temperature corresponding to this event, and $E'_{ls}$ is the deposited charge in channel $l,s$ applied the PPD saturation correction. The PPD saturation correction is achieved as:

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E'_{ls} = -n_{\text{pix}}R_{\text{ADC-photon,ls}} \log \left( 1 - \frac{N_{\text{ADC,ls}}/R_{\text{ADC-photon,ls}}}{n_{\text{pix}}} \right),
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where $n_{\text{pix}}$ is the effective number of pixels discussed in [3], $N_{\text{ADC,ls}}$ is the number of ADC counts as the response of strip $l,s$, and $R_{\text{ADC-photon,ls}}$ is the ratio of ADC counts to the number of detected photons for the channel $l,s$ obtained by using the method descrived in [3].

To sum up the deposited charges, the same criteria of event selection as in [3] is implemented.

3 Result

3.1 Linearity of the energy response

Figure 5(a) shows the deposited energy in the ScECAL prototype as a function of the beam momentum. Blue dots show the results without temperature correction and red dots show the results with temperature correction. The significant improvement by the temperature correction becomes clear when we see the deviation from a linear fit in Figure 5(b). The deviation from the linear fit is improved from greater than $\pm 10\%$ to less than $\pm 1.5\%$.

![Figure 5: (a) ScECAL response to electron beams. Blue and red dots show the results without and with the temperature correction, respectively. The solid line shows the result of a linear fit to the red dots. (b) Deviation from the result of the linear fit shown in (a).](image)

3.2 Resolution of the energy response

Figure 6 shows the energy resolution as a function of $1/\sqrt{p_{\text{beam}}}$, where $p$ is the beam momentum. Blue dots show the result without temperature correction and red dots show
the result with temperature correction. The curves are the results of fits with a quadratic parametrization of the resolution:

\[ \frac{\sigma_E}{E} = \sigma_{\text{constant}} \oplus \sigma_{\text{stochastic}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{E_{\text{beam}}}}, \]

where \( E \) is the deposited energy in the ScECAL, \( \sigma_E \) the energy resolution, \( E_{\text{beam}} \) the beam energy, and \( \sigma_{\text{constant}} \) and \( \sigma_{\text{stochastic}} \) the constant and the stochastic term of the energy resolution parametrization, respectively. After temperature correction, the stochastic and the constant term of the energy resolution parametrization are 13.16 ± 0.05% and 2.32 ± 0.02%, respectively, where the uncertainties are only statistical uncertainties.

4 Discussion

Fluctuations of the measured energy due to the temperature fluctuations do not only come from the temperature dependence of the PPD but also come from other effects. For example, the scintillation process is also affected by temperature fluctuation. The temperature correction implemented in this study totally includes effects of those fluctuations. The significant improvement of the linearity of the ScECAL response by using this temperature correction shows that the main effects are taken into account. The remaining temperature correction we need is the fluctuation that comes from the PPD saturation correction by using the number of fired pixels. Although we can expect that the fluctuation coming from the saturation correction of the PPD affected by temperature changes is small, we will also implement a temperature correction for this effect by using the temperature dependence of the PPD gain in the near future.

There are two positions on the surface of the detector for the temperature measurements. The temperature sensors are positioned orthogonally to each other. Since the difference of the measured temperatures of those two positions is always less than 0.3 °C, we assume that the surrounding atmosphere has a uniform temperature by using a fan near the detector. Although we do not have data of the temperature distribution inside of the detector so far, we will investigate it with the electron currents of the PPDs and the fluctuation rate of the surrounding temperature in the next prototype.
5 Summary

The temperature correction of the MIP calibration for the energy measurement was implemented in the analysis of data of the ScECAL prototype. A significant improvement of the linearity of the calorimeter response for 2 - 32 GeV electron was confirmed. The maximum deviation from the linear fitting result is ±1.5% with this temperature correction, while it is larger than ±10% without temperature correction.

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