Edge Non-Uniformities in ⁹⁰Sr Tile Scans

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Setting the Stage

• The issue: Tile scans show non-uniformities at the edges... Are these real? ... or do they come from the measurement itself?



~ 2 mm wide edge





Looking Closer...

 Slight mis-alignment can make the edge appear softer than it really is... so, lets look at a single measurement row:



~ I - 2 mm: That seems to be the width of the edge





Where does it come from?

• The resolution of our scanning setup:



I mm diameter pin hole in lead casing: angle of particle tracks up to 25 mrad In addition: multiple scattering of

In addition: multiple scattering of electrons in scintillator (low energy!)

5 mm scintillator: 0.012 X₀ - large scattering expected at low energies (only 2 MeV!)

And: scanning in discrete steps (.5 mm typically)





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Where does it come from: Beam Divergence

• Simple toy simulation only taking into account 25 mrad beam divergence: Study distance covered in tile, as a function of source distance from edge







Tile Scanning: Edge Resolution Conclusions

- The resolution of the edge position in our scanning setup is 1 mm from the beam divergence alone, multiple scattering is expected to contribute substantially (high energy formula not really applicable, would need G4 simulations to study further)
- Observed edges are I 2 mm wide

Our scan results are perfectly consistent with no efficiency loss close to to the edge, and do not support the hypothesis of a gradual increase in efficiency over 1 mm or more





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The Effect of Non-Uniformities

• Geant4 Simulations with non-uniformities for directly couple tile w/o dimple: Unrealistically large non-uniformities!



Realistic for direct coupling w/o dimple

Factor 2 excess (200%, factor 4 excess also studied)



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The Effect of Non-Uniformities

• All cells aligned: Channeling, layer to layer correlations



Effect increases with energy, 2% effect on resolution at 50 GeV





The Effect of Non-Uniformities

 Rotating cells in adjacent layers (periodicity of 4 layers): Comparable to staggered layers



Effect increases with energy, 0.3% effect on resolution at 50 GeV





Simulating the CALICE Tiles

• Recent work by Marco Ramilli, using CALICE tile scan from Christian Soldner



 \Rightarrow Use as pdf to weight energy deposits in each cell

Does not consider spreading of energy deposits in the cell over active area: Potential overestimation of effect of non-uniformity

Absolutely no cell-to-cell or layer-to-layer correlation of non-uniformities: Potential underestimation of effect

All in all a very fair study - No effect on reconstructed energy observed (variations on 10⁻⁴ level) !





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Including tile non-uniformities significantly improves the description of the width of the muon peak (MPV is not affected, as expected)





Non-Uniformity and Muons

 Significant effect on the energy distribution - energy sum in the AHCAL for muon events: Much better agreement of data and MC with non-uniformities included



... but for particle showers they do not matter, due to the spread of particles across all many tiles and the loss of tile-to-tile correlations





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Conclusions from Tile Scans

- ⁹⁰Sr scans have inherent smearing of more than 1 mm
 - Could be solved with beam tests with higher energies and tracking telescopes, if absolutely wanted
- Large non-uniformities at the tile edges very likely do not exist: There is no uniformity problem in the AHCAL!



