

The performance for the TeV photon measurement of the LHCf upgraded detector using Gd₂SiO₅ (GSO) scintillators.

The Large Hadron Collider forward (LHCf) experiment is motivated to understand the hadronic interaction relevant to the cosmic-ray air shower development.

LHCf is the only experiment which measure γ and π^0 spectra in the very forward region ($\eta > 8.4$), so called “zero-degree” region, at the LHC.

The LHCf detectors were compact sampling and imaging calorimeter installed in the gaps of the pipes ± 140 m away from the interaction point 1.

Since the energy flux is large in this region, the irradiation dose-rate of the calorimeter reaches 30 Gy/nb⁻¹ at 13 TeV collisions.

Before starting Run 2, we have upgraded the detectors with GSO scintillator which is known as one of the most radiation-hard scintillators.

Also we developed the shower imaging hodoscope layers with 1mm pitch GSO bars for the calorimeters.

So far the performance for the γ -ray measurement has been confirmed in SPS. The energy resolution of 3 % and the position resolution of less than 200 μm were obtained using 50-250GeV of electron beams.

On 10-13th June 2015, LHCf has completed the 13TeV operation successfully.

We succeeded to measure the neutral particles, including TeV γ and π^0 , in the very forward region.

The reconstructed π^0 mass resolution was 5%.

In this paper we will focus on the performance of photon measurement such as

linearity of the energy scale, photon-hadron separation, stability during the operation and so on.

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