Performance of the CMS Zero Degree Calorimeters in the 2016 pPb run

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The Forward Detectors of CMS experiment





1. Physics motivation

1. Centrality in hA and AA collisions



- Heavy ion (AA) collisions:
 - Impact parameter ~ Number of binary collisions (N_{coll})
 - Important in the measurement of nuclear modification factor:

$$R_{AA} = rac{\mathrm{d}N^{AA}/\mathrm{d}p_{\mathrm{T}}}{\langle N_{\mathrm{coll}}
angle \mathrm{d}N^{pp}/\mathrm{d}p_{\mathrm{T}}}$$

Typical centrality estimator: charged particle multiplicity
 Hadron-nucleus (hA) collisions:

- Relevant quantity is N_{coll}, but only loosely correlated with impact parameter and multiplicity
- Unbiased centrality estimator: zero degree energy

Hadron-nucleus collision

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NN collisions \Rightarrow **grey nucleons** ($\beta \in [0.3, 0.7]$)

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3. Utraperipheral collisions

Interacting only via EM field ($\sim p\gamma$ and $\gamma\gamma$ collisions)

- Using ZDC as a veto:
 - Ensures intact nucleus/nuclei.
- **E.g.** Υ photoproduction \rightarrow probing gluon pdf of proton



4. Flow and reaction plane



- Hot, dense matter produced in heavy ion collisions
- ϕ -distribution of particles w.r.t. reaction plane expanded to Fourier modes (v_n).
- *v_n*: flow coefficients, signature of anisotropy and behaviour of hot, dense matter
- Important: reaction plane, but very hard to measure → can be estimated by considering spectator neutron spatial distribution

2. The CMS Zero Degree Calorimeter

Zero Degree Calorimeter

- Located in neutral particle absorber (TAN), ~ 140 m from IP5 – between the two beampipes.
- Measures forward neutral particles at |η| > 8.5
- Charged products are wiped out by magnets.





Segmentation of ZDC detector



Segmentation:

- EM: y-axis 5 channels
- HAD: longitudinally 4 channels
- RPD: 4 x 4 quartz array – 16 channels

Physics capabilities:

- Centrality in pA, AA
- Tagging UPC events
- Event plane (with RPD)

ZDC detector



Electromagnetic section (EM):

- 33 vertical tungsten plates
- 19 radiation lengths or one nuclear interaction length.
- 5 divisions in the x direction

(Not enough room for read-out of y-segmentation)

Hadron section (HAD):

- 24 tungsten plates
- 5.6 hadronic interaction length
- Plates are tilted by 45° → maximizes the light that a fiber can pick up.
- Divided into 4 segments in z direction

3. Calibration

ZDC signal definition



- Continuous readout with 25 ns timeslices.
- 100 ns bunch spacing \rightarrow out-of-time pileup in TS7 and TS-1.
- Maximum in time slice 3 (TS3).
- The definition of ZDC signal for a given *i* channel:

$$Q_i = Q_{i,\mathsf{TS3}} - rac{1}{2}(Q_{i,\mathsf{TS2}} + Q_{i,\mathsf{TS6}})$$

Low gain ZDC signal

■ When TS3 saturated, using *R* · TS4

Saturated signal:

$$Q_i^* = R \cdot \left[Q_{i,\text{TS4}} - \frac{1}{2} (Q_{i,\text{TS2}} + Q_{i,\text{TS6}}) \right]$$

R is calculated from not saturated events:

$$R = \left\langle \frac{Q_{i,\text{TS3}} - \frac{1}{2}(Q_{i,\text{TS2}} + Q_{i,\text{TS6}})}{Q_{i,\text{TS4}} - \frac{1}{2}(Q_{i,\text{TS2}} + Q_{i,\text{TS6}})} \right\rangle$$



Matching channel gains



Relative gain matching:

- Intercalibration
- Cross-calibration to 2010 data, using variables:
 - HAD2/HAD1
 - HAD3/HAD1
 - HAD4/HAD1
- Choosing w_i weights to match the maximum of distributions

Total ZDC signal:

$$Q_{\text{ZDC}} = \sum_{i} w_i Q_i,$$

where $i \in \{\text{EM1-5}, \text{HAD1-4}\}$

Calibration – neutron peaks



- Pb-going side
- Nearly monoenergetic neutrons due to large boost of Pb-ion
- 1, 2, 3 neutron peaks are clearly visible
- Fit with sum of Gaussians, with fixed mean and variance:

$$\mu_n = n\mu_0$$
$$\sigma_n^2 = n\sigma_0^2$$

1 neutron peak at 2.56 TeV (nominal value for $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 8.16$ TeV)

4. Pileup correction

Pileup in ZDC runs



Larger shoulder for larger pileup values

Looking for $\langle \mu \rangle = 0$ case, expectation: shoulder disappears

Using Fourier deconvolution method

Deconvolution via Fourier transform

Assume that *n* number of pPb collisions in a bunch crossing is Poisson distributed:

$$p_n = rac{\mu^n}{n!} rac{\mathrm{e}^{-\mu}}{1 - \mathrm{e}^{-\mu}}$$

(only the n > 0 case is considered, $1 - e^{-\mu}$ appears in the denominator to ensure proper normalization)

 μ : ZDC-effective number of collisions.

Then the ZDC energy deposit can be described by X random variable:

$$X=\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i,$$

where Y_i is the random variable describing ZDC energy deposit for an event with single collision.

Deconvolution via Fourier transform

Aim: calculate the pdf of Y_i , g(x) when the pdf of X is known: f(x). Using total probability theorem:

$$f(x) = g(x) p_1 + (g * g)(x) p_2 + (g * g * g)(x) p_3 + \dots$$

Taking the Fourier transform of both sides $(f(x) \rightarrow F(\omega), g(x) \rightarrow G(\omega))$:

$$F(\omega) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k G^k(\omega) = \frac{e^{-\mu}}{1 - e^{-\mu}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\mu G(\omega))^k}{k!} = \frac{e^{-\mu}}{1 - e^{-\mu}} \left(e^{\mu G(\omega)} - 1 \right)$$

After expressing $G(\omega)$ and doing inverse Fourier transform:

$$g(x) = \mathfrak{F}^{-1}\left[rac{1}{\mu}\log\left[1+(\mathrm{e}^{\mu}-1)F(\omega)
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Pileup correction result on toy model



- Simple model: ZDC signal distributed as Gaussian + Poisson pileup.
- Method is validated by the toy model.

Pileup correction



Results are consistent with the expectation. The $\mu = 0.18$ result is used in the following step.

5. Application 1: Centrality with ZDC in pPb collisions

Centrality with ZDC in pPb collisions

Number of spectator neutrons:

- Unbiased centrality estimator in pPb collisions
- Theoretical model needed to describe the relation

 $\langle N_{coll} \rangle = f(N_{neuton})$

- Models working only for lower energies
- Measuring spectator neutron multiplicity distribution: useful input for tuning MC event generators to describe LHC energies



6. Application 2: Unfolding neutron number distribution

Unfolding



Assuming Gauss shape ZDC response for single neutron

Assuming linear ZDC response

Unfolding



Using linear regulatization to unfold neutron number distribution

Summary

- Zero Degree Calorimeter ZDC
- Spectator neutrons are observed with CMS ZDC
- ZDC is calibrated using neutron peaks
- Pile-up corrected with Fourier transform method
- Neutron number distribution unfolded
- Physics capabilities:
 - Tagging UPC events
 - Centrality estimator
 - Measuring spectator neutron multiplicity distribution

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7. Backup

Cherenkov angle:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos\theta &= \frac{1}{n\beta} \\ \beta &\approx 1 \quad \text{for relativistic particles,} \\ n &\approx \sqrt{2} \quad \text{for quartz fiber} \\ &\Rightarrow \theta &\approx 45^{\circ} \end{aligned}$$

Example fits - 1



Run number	286178	286301	286302	286314
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Example fits – 2



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Unfolding with linear regularization

Solve problem as a linear optimization problem:

 $\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{c}$

R: response matrix

- **u**: unknown neutron distribution
- **c**: measured ZDC spectrum

Task: search for an **u** vector, which fulfils the equation above and 'smooth enough'.

Unfolding with linear regularization

Minimize

$$(\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{c})^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{c}) + \lambda (\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{u})^{2}$$

- **V**: covariance matrix, $V_{ij} \approx \delta_{ij} c_i$
- D: first difference matrix
- λ : regularization coefficient

Need to solve matrix equation:

$$(\mathbf{R}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{R} + \lambda \mathbf{D}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{D})\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{R}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{c}$$