

WPJET4 Gamma Camera Upgrade (GCU)



Detector response function calculations

Replacing the existing gamma-ray detectors of the Gamma Camera at JET for improving the energy resolution and count rate capability is needed for operation in the DT campaign. Target values are an energy resolution of 5% at 1.1 MeV and a count rate capability exceeding 500 kHz.

For the upgraded Gamma Camera new LaBr₃:Ce-based detectors are used coupled to MPPC with a passive RC system.

Necessary scintillators and electronic elements were ordered and delivered to the National Centre for Nuclear Research (NCBJ) in 2016:

- 25.4×16.9 (diameter) mm LaBr3:Ce scintillators from St Gobain 19 scintillators,
- MPPC type S13361-3050NE-04 from Hamamatsu,
- aluminum capsules,
- printed circuit boards for FilterBoxes@NCBJ production,
- printed circuit boards for MPPC temperature compensation device MTCD@NCBJ production.

In Fig. 1 a schematic view of a capsule is shown.



Fig. 1. Schematic view of a capsule.

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The detector performance in laboratory conditions was described in the D20 deliverable report on M25: *Detector assembly and laboratory tests with radioactive source and C&M* (2017). Data sheets in the D20 report contain, e.g., FWHM as a function of energy for each detector, and they are included in this report.

Detector response function is used to determine an output of detectors when they are exposed to radiation sources, e.g., gamma-rays or neutrons. Such a function is needed to get a response of a detector to a known radiation source or to perform a spectrum analysis to find a type and quantity of a source irradiated a detector. In case if it is possible, experimentally determined response functions should be used but Monte Carlo simulated distributions could be used as well.

We performed Monte Carlo simulations to evaluate a detector response to gamma radiation which allows to reconstruct spectra measured with a Φ 25.4x16.9 mm LaBr₃:Ce scintillator, installed at the upgraded Gamma-ray Camera. For all simulations, we used the Geant4 code due to its well-defined physics, flexibility and good reliability. A point-like gamma-ray source was put at a fixed distance from the face of the detector.

We compared measured and simulated gamma-ray spectra registered with a LaBr₃:Ce scintillator. Measurements were done with PuBe and PuC sources, emitting 4.4 MeV and 6.1 MeV gamma-rays, respectively. The geometry used in simulations was the same as in measurements. For both sources a distance from the scintillator face to the source was 40 mm.

In Fig. 1 a comparison of measured and simulated gamma-ray spectra is shown: in the upper part for the PuBe and in the lower part for PuC source. A total energy deposited in the scintillator is presented in all spectra. Simulated spectra were normalized to experimental ones. FWHM equal to 3% was assumed in simulations.

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Fig. 1. Measured (non black) and simulated (black) gamma-ray spectra for PuBe (upper) and PuC (lower) sources.

No significant difference is seen in the energy range above 3 MeV and 4.5 MeV for PuBe and PuC sources, respectively. For lower energies, a difference in measured and simulated spectra is observed because in Monte Carlo simulations any additional gamma-ray sources, e.g., from long-lived naturally occurring ¹³⁸La isotopes or natural background, were not included [SOFT_2016_GCU]. Since natural background depends on an installation place, it should be measured and analyzed for each new place to see an influence on registered spectra.

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In Fig. 2, results of Monte Carlo simulations for gamma-ray energies 4.4, 6.1 and 8.0 MeV. and a 25.4×16.9 mm LaBr₃:Ce scintillator are shown. All spectra are normalized to 10^6 events on the input.



Fig. 2. Monte Carlo simulated spectra for 25.4x26.9 mm LaBr₃:Ce scintillator.

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A good agreement between measured and Monte Carlo simulated spectra shows a usefulness of such simulations for calculating a scintillator-based detector response in a wide energy range of gamma-rays.

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DATA SHEETS

Below there are 19 data sheets for capsules installed at JET, as measured at NCBJ.

One data sheet is missing for the detector No 1, now installed in the channel 6 of the Horizontal Camera - the detector was taken to Milan before complete measurements at NCBJ.

All measurements were performed according to a plan from Marco Tardocchi.



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