An overview of data calibration algorithms of NeuLAND in the ${ m R}^3{ m B}$ setup

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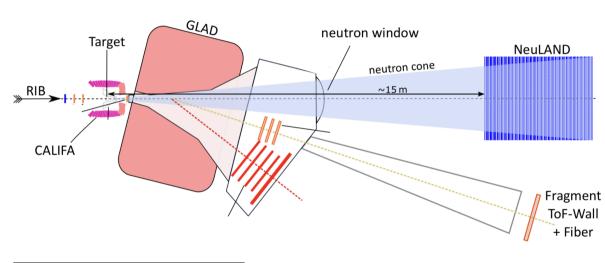
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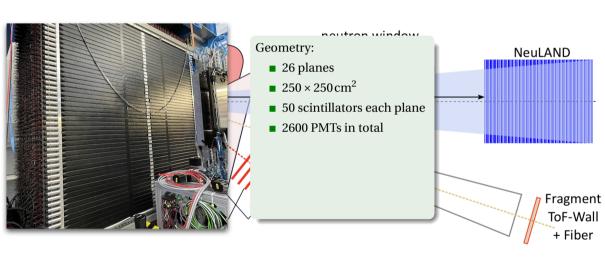
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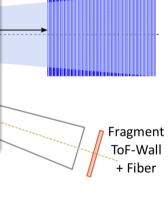
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Geometry:

- 26 planes
- $\sim 250 \times 250 \, \text{cm}^2$
- 50 scintillators each plane
- 2600 PMTs in total

Measurements:

- interaction position
- interaction time
- energy deposition

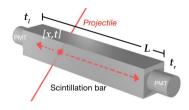


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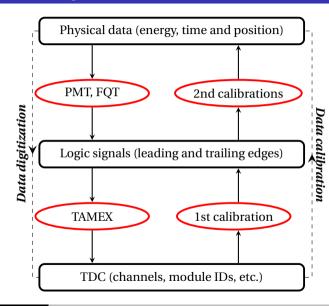
Processes of digitization

Physical interactions:



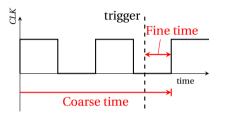
Digitization of PMT signals:

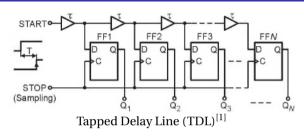




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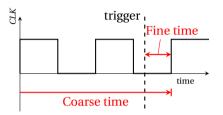
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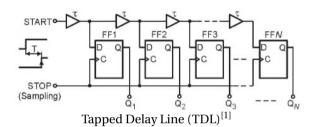
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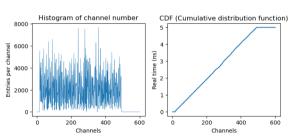


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TDC Calibration (Time resolution ~ 10 ps)

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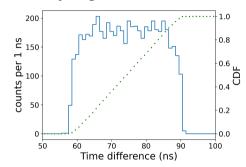
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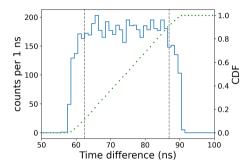
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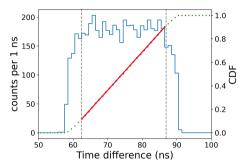
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Parameter fitting:



Fitting function:

$$y = a \cdot x + 0.5 - a \cdot b$$

Calculation of parameters:

$$C_e = 2 \cdot a \cdot \text{bar length}$$

$$t_{\text{offset}} = b$$

Current energy calibration method (WIP)

Energy calibration relations

PMT signal amplitude:

$$I_{\text{PMT}} = E_{\text{dep}} \cdot \exp(-\alpha \cdot l) \tag{1}$$

Applying PMT saturation effect:

$$I_{\text{sat}} = I_{\text{PMT}} / (1 + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda} \cdot I_{\text{PMT}})$$
 (2)

Logic signal width:

$$W = \mathcal{G} \cdot I_{\text{sat}} + W_0 \tag{3}$$

Assumptions

PMT saturation factor is proportional to the gain factor:

$$\lambda = 0.00175 \times \mathcal{G}$$

- Cosmic muon's stopping power is 1.73 MeV cm⁻¹
- Adjacent PMTs have the same gain factor

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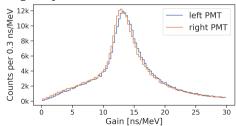
- Signal width baseline W₀ is determined by the minimum cut on signal widths (i.e. trailing time – leading time).
- Calculation of attenuation factor:

$$\alpha = \ln((W_r - W_0)/(W_l - W_0))/(2 \cdot x)$$

Calculation of gain factor:

$$\mathscr{G} = \frac{W - W_0}{I_{\text{PMT}} (1 - 0.00175(W - W_0))}$$

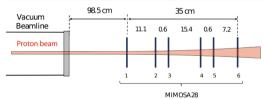
PMT gains from all events:



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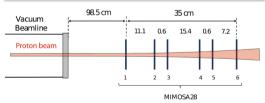
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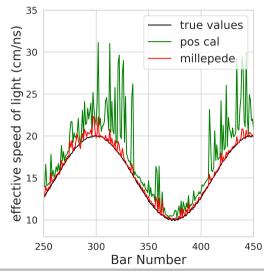
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Summary and outlook

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- Principle of digitization processes
- Calibration with TDC for time values
- Calibration with time values for physical values
- Fine tuning with the Millepede-II algorithm

Outlook

- Improve energy calibration
- Apply Millepede-II algorithm on energy-related parameters
- Verify energy parameters via simulation

