

Development and Performance Evaluation of ECal Modules in China for the NICA-MPD

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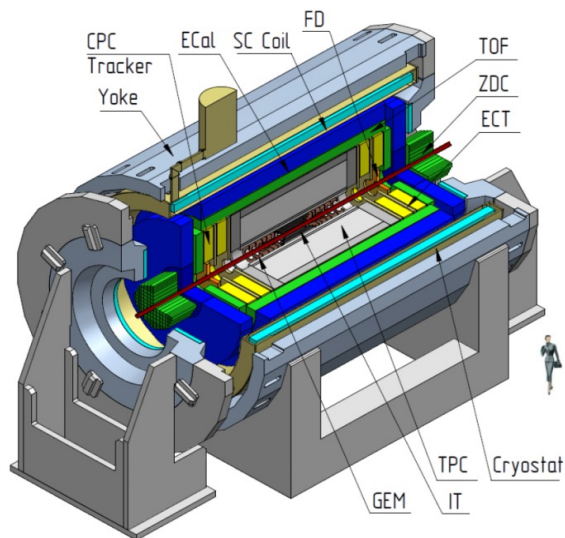
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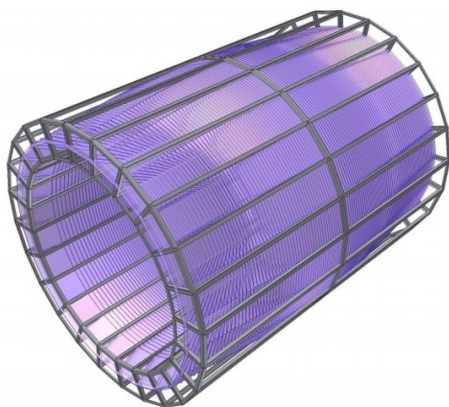


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- **Fabrications and performance tests**
- **Cluster reconstruction**
- **Neutral mesons reconstruction with ECal**
- **Summary**



Multi-Purpose Detector (MPD)



The Barrel of ECal

MPD aims to :

- study the rich structure of the QCD diagram at high (net)baryon densities

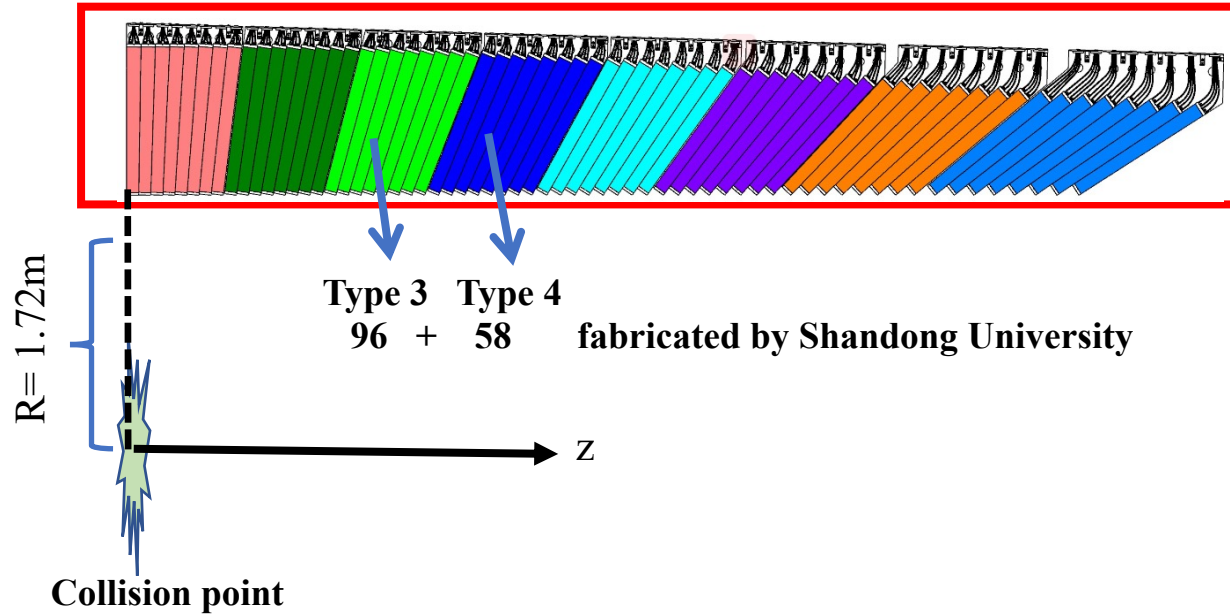
MPD-ECal :

- Measure the energy and position of photons, positrons and electrons
- Particle occupancy : $\sim 70\%$ at a threshold of 5 MeV in central collisions
- Time resolution : $< 1\text{ns}$, $\sim 500\text{ps}$ @ 1GeV
- Energy resolution : $\sim 5\%$ @ 1GeV in low multiplicity events
- Operate in the magnetic field : $\sim 0.5\text{T}$
- High segmentation and adequate space resolution
- Dense active medium with the small Moliere radius
- Good uniformity

Requirements

ECal module production

2400 Modules, 38400 Towers



768 modules produced in 4 universities of China

Type	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
THU	19	19		38	96	96	96	96	460
SDU			96	58					154
FDU		77							77
USC	77								77

SDU



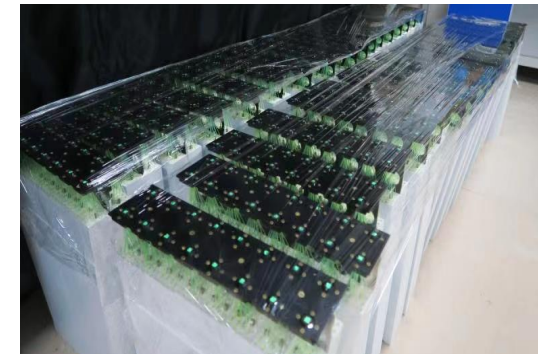
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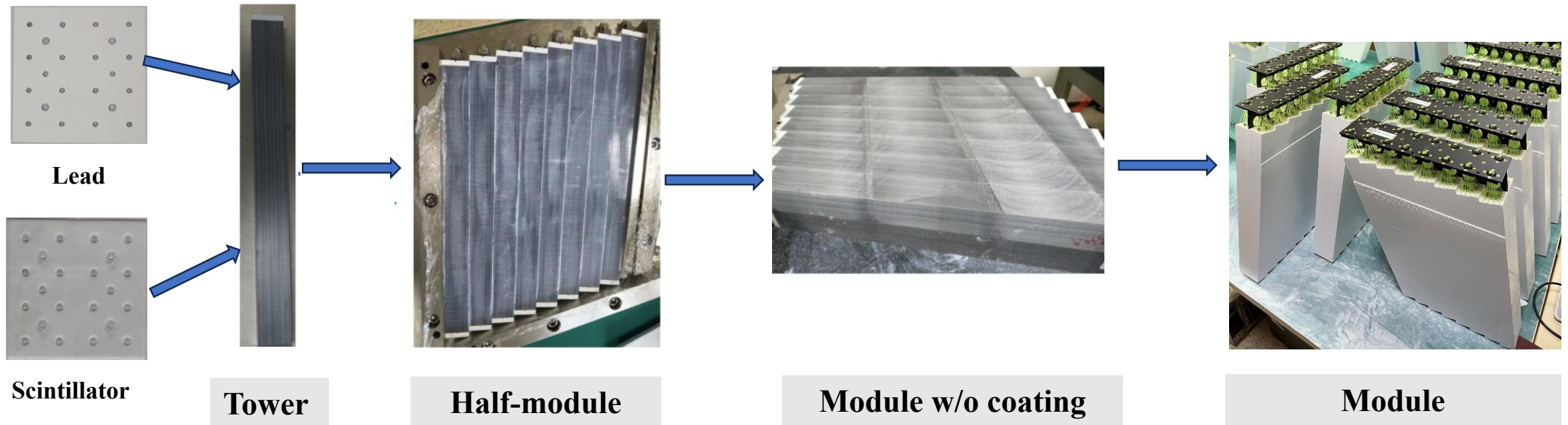
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Fabrications of ECal module



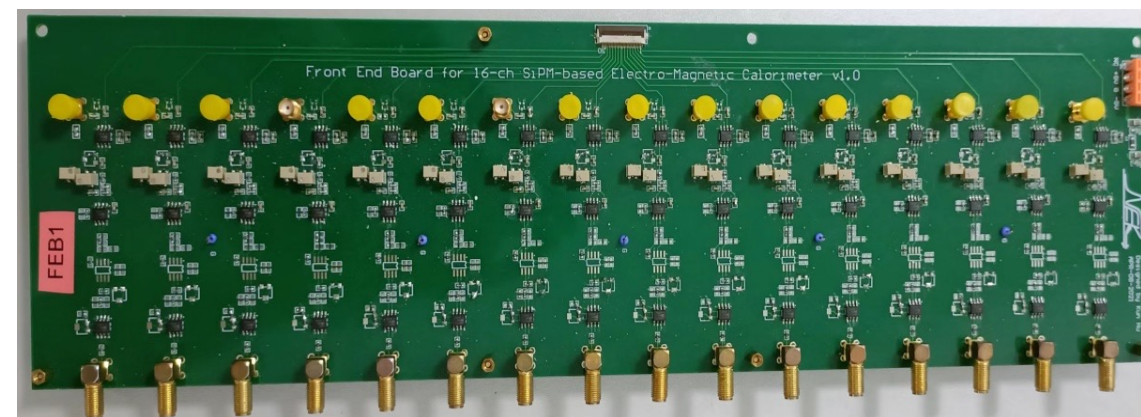
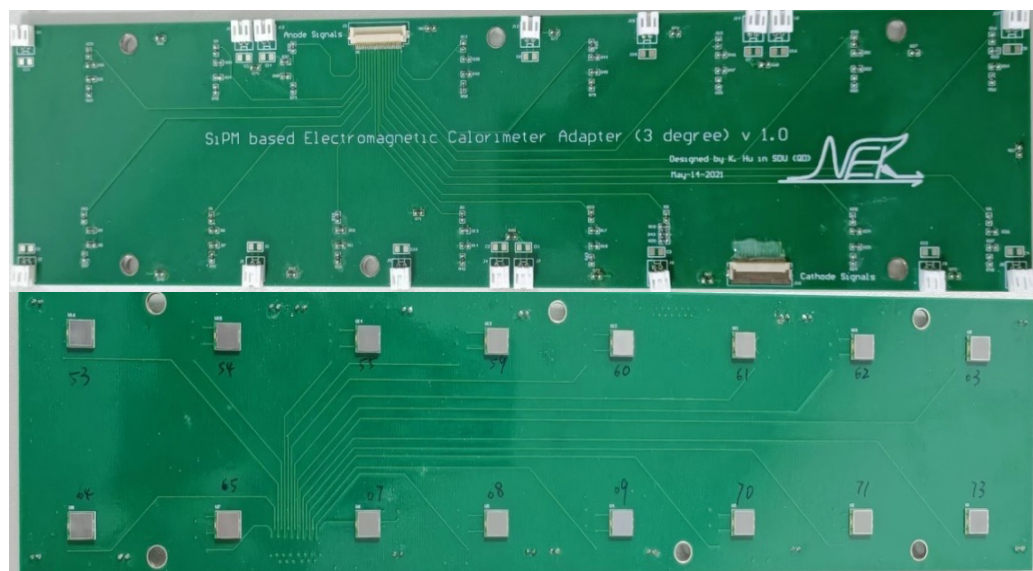
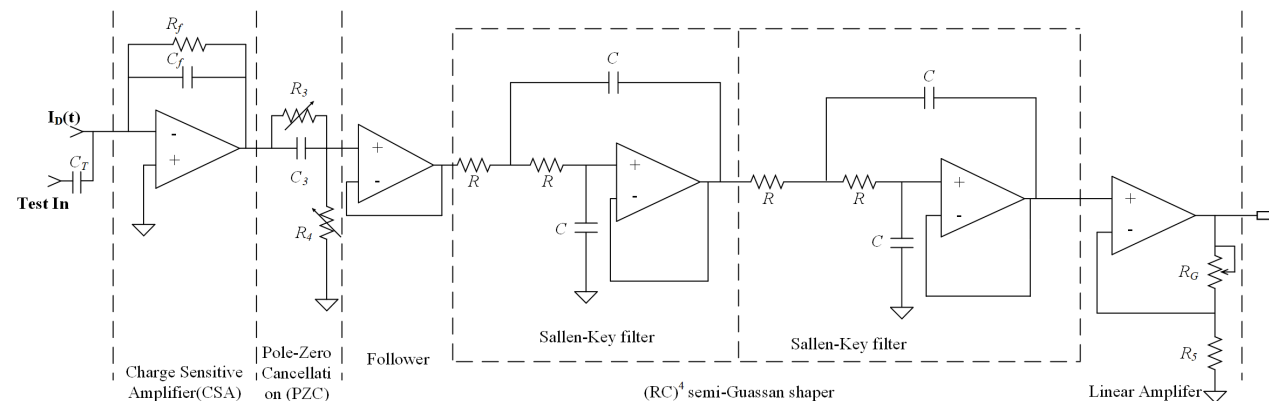
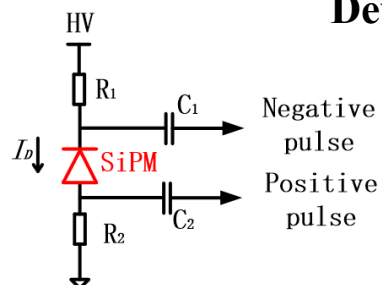
Parameters of main module

Transverse size, mm ²	40 x 40	Scintillator thickness, mm	1.5
WLS fibers	16	Moliere radius, mm	62
Number of layers	440	Radiation length, X ₀	11.8
Lead absorber thickness, mm	0.3	Effective radiation length, mm	32.4

Readout electronics designed for local test

Developed by Kun Hu, Yonghong Wang and Chi Yang at SDU

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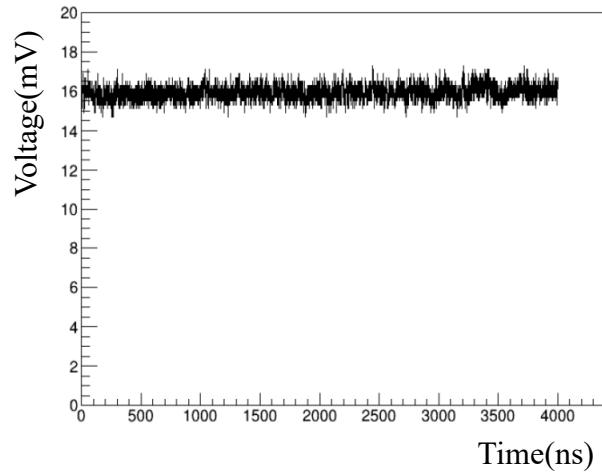
The SiPM-based adapter is used to collect the light from WLS fibers.

The FEB is designed to integrate and amplify the weak current pulse from the SiPM.

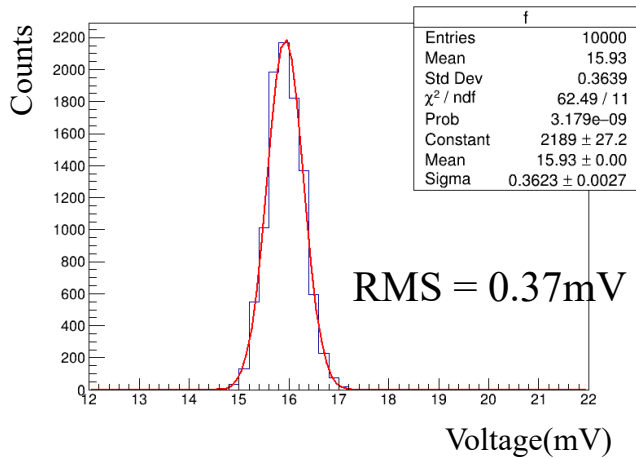
SiPM: S13360-6050PE

Calibration of the readout electronics

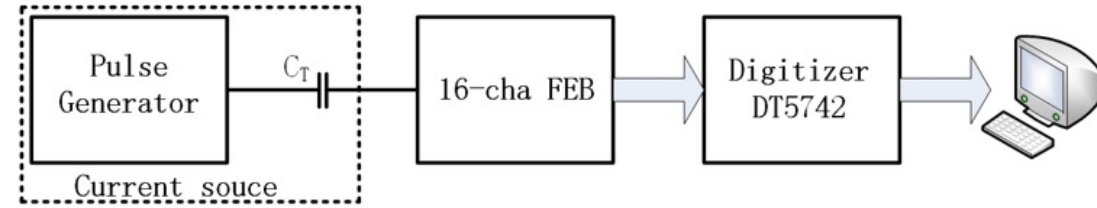
Noise vs. Time



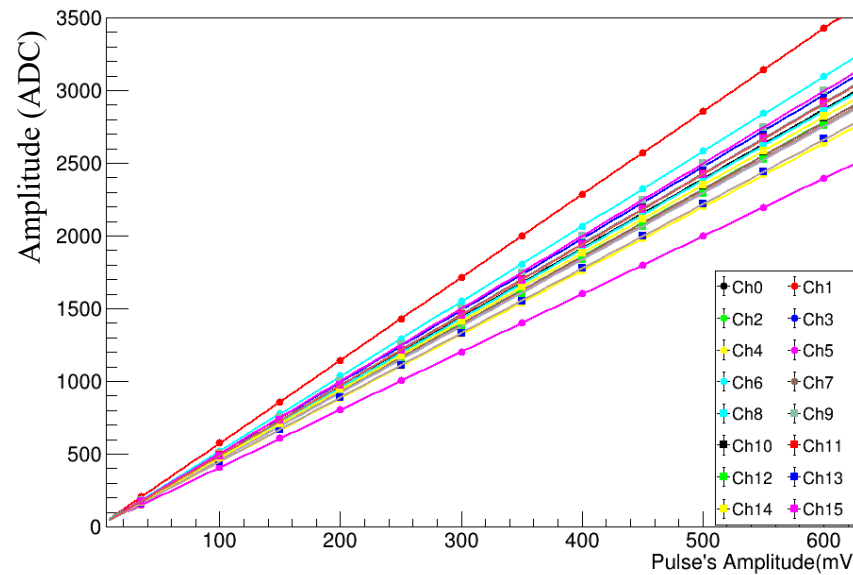
Noise Distribution



Baseline in the test is stable.

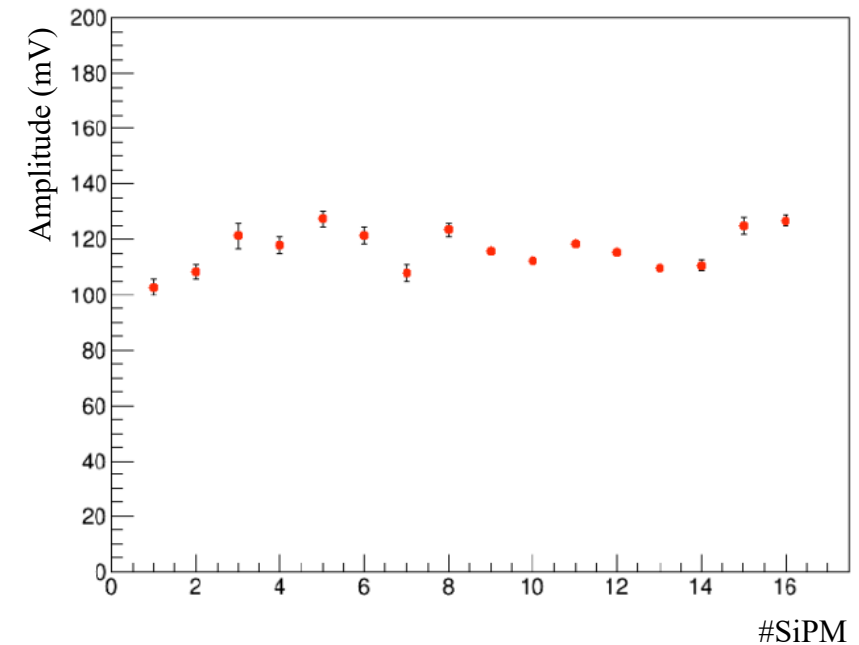


Calibrate the differences between FEB channels



Pulse Wave's Amplitude(mV)

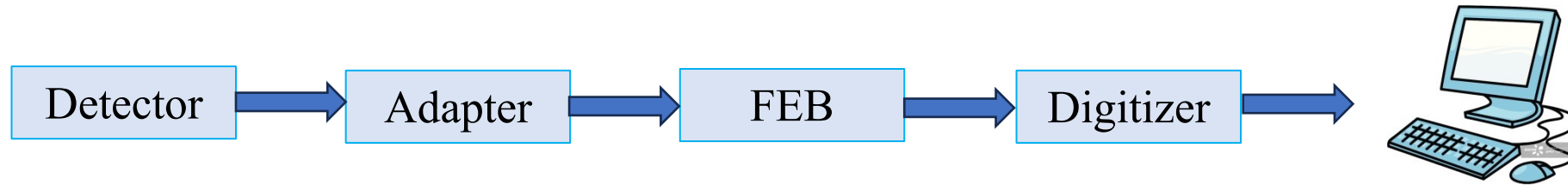
Calibrate the differences between SiPMs



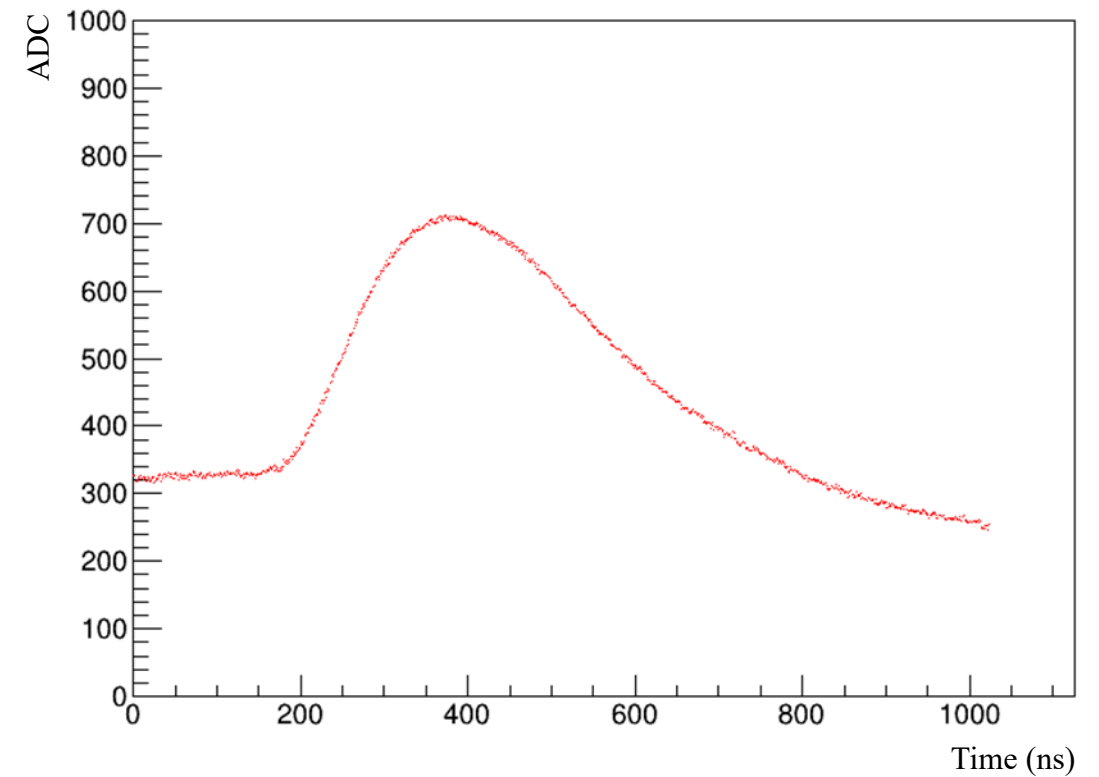
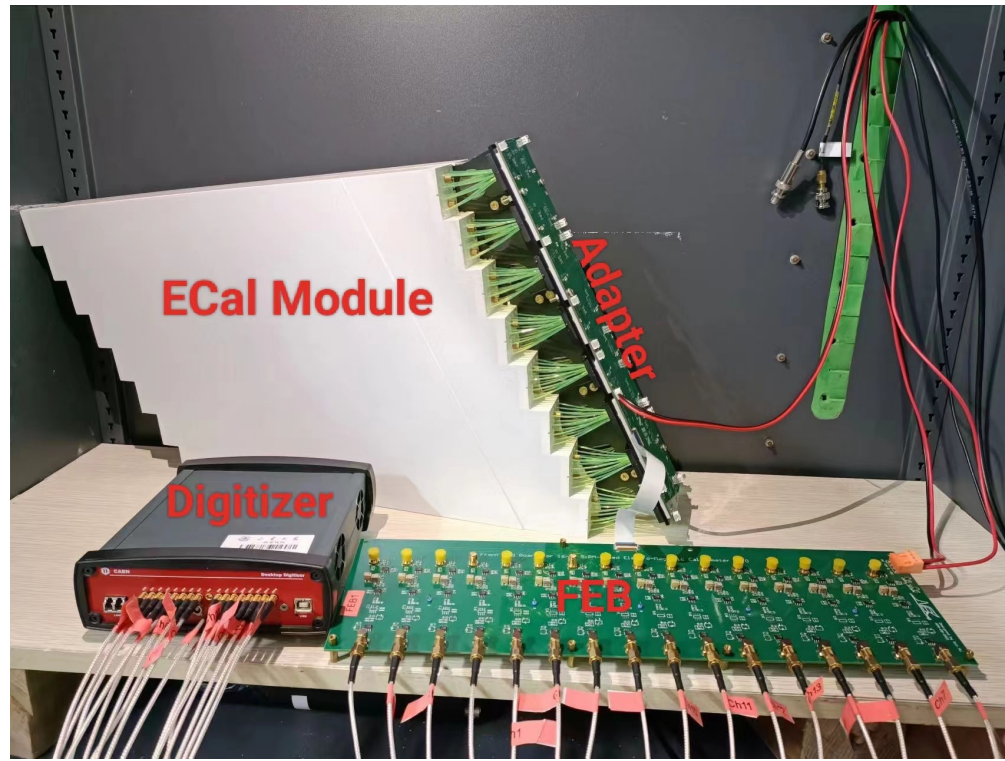
The channel differences in DAQ have been corrected:

- Different FEB channels
- Different SiPMs at same bias voltage

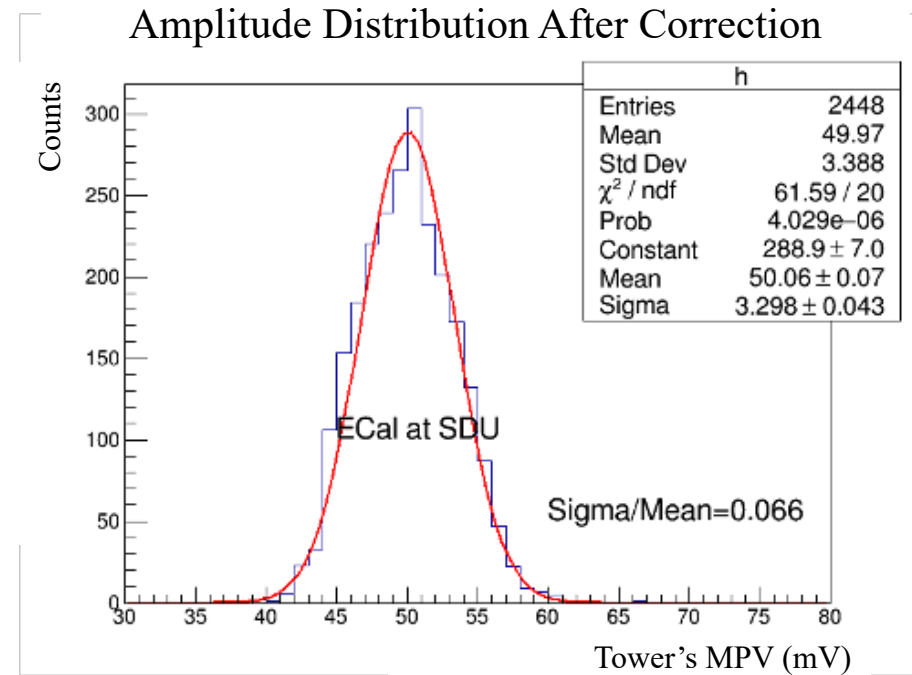
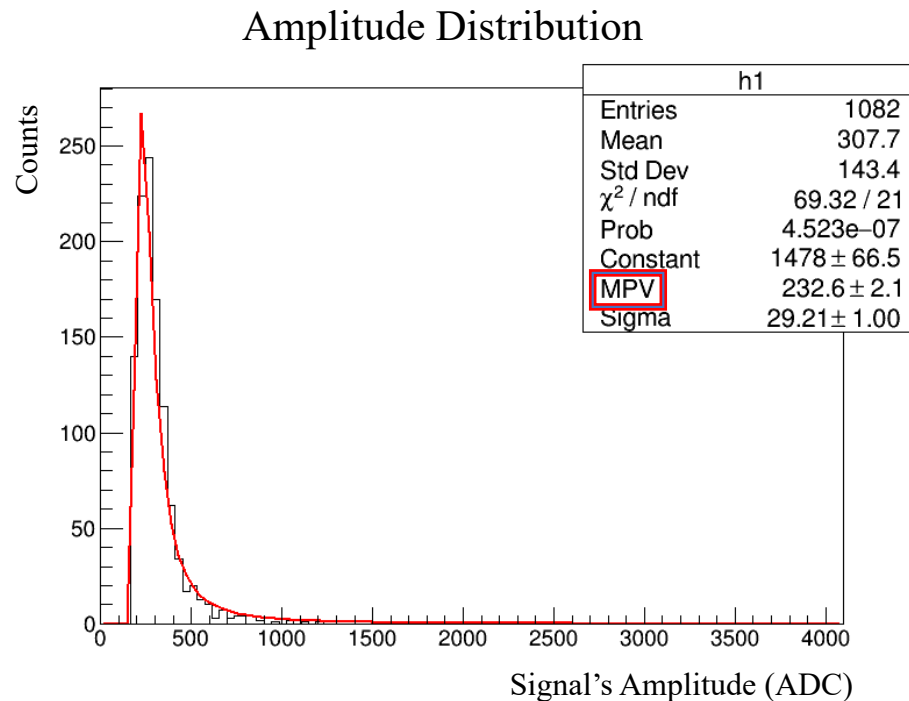
The test system



Signal of ECal cosmic ray test



Uniformity test results



Air coupling effect differences from WLSFs to SiPMs are not corrected.

- The amplitude of signals in a single tower follows the Landau distribution.
- About **6.6% (sigma/mean)** uniformity was obtained in the cosmic ray test at SDU.

Modules shipped from China to Russia

From SDU



From FDU



<http://www.jinr.ru/posts/equipment-for-nica-arrived-from-china/>



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Equipment for NICA arrived from China

News, 31 March 2023

Today, about 300 modules of the electromagnetic calorimeter for the MPD Detector at NICA have been delivered to the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research from China. The current delivery was the last in a series of three. In total, 800 modules were produced in China.

From THU



From USC

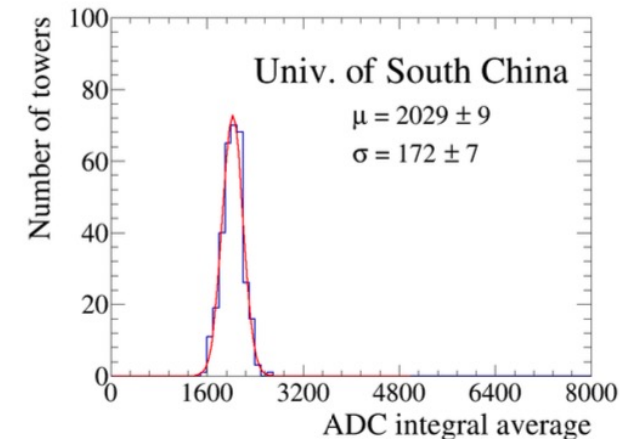
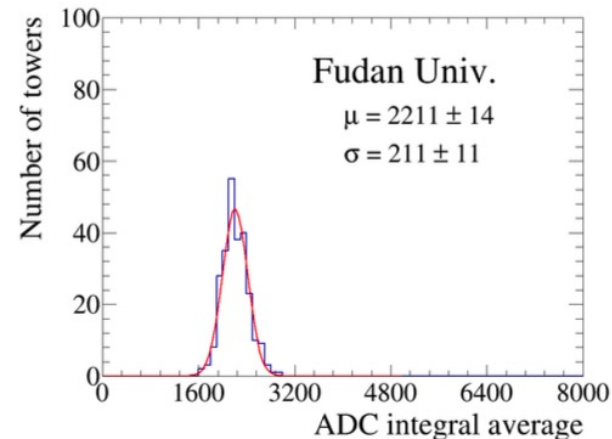
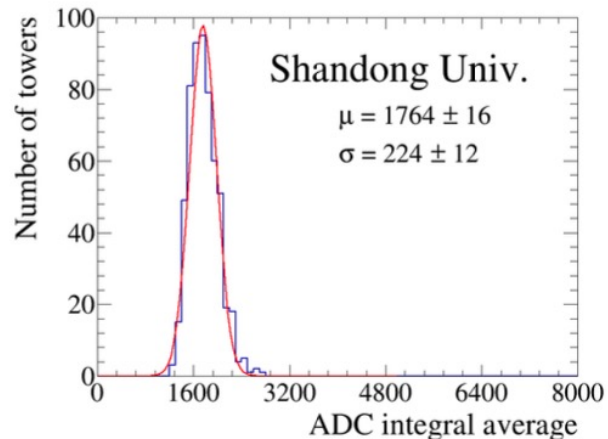
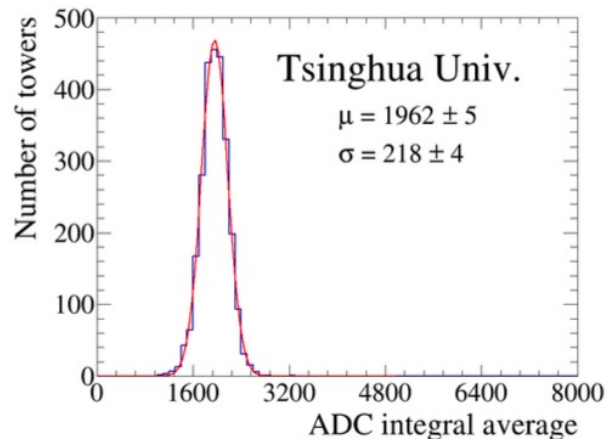


By March 31st 2023, all 768 modules have been delivered to the JINR from China.

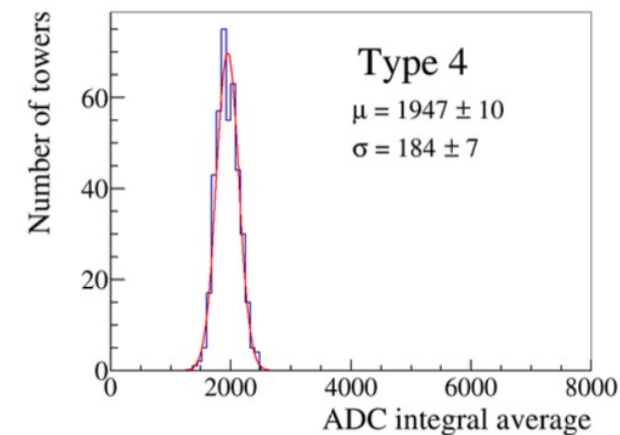
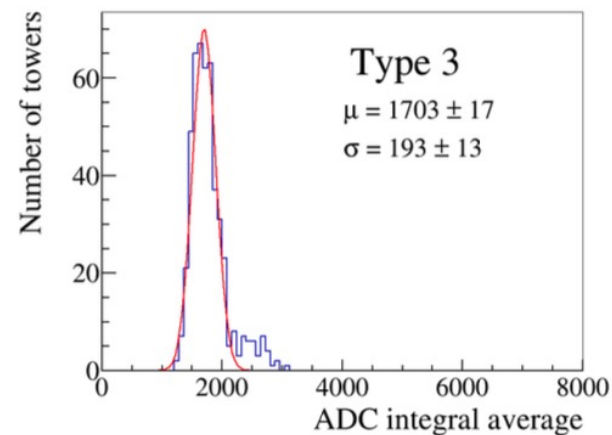
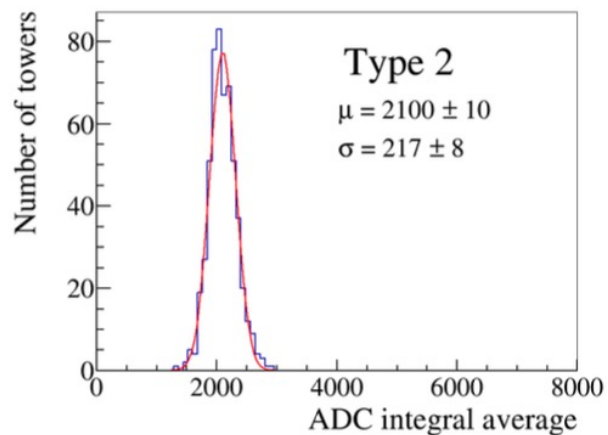
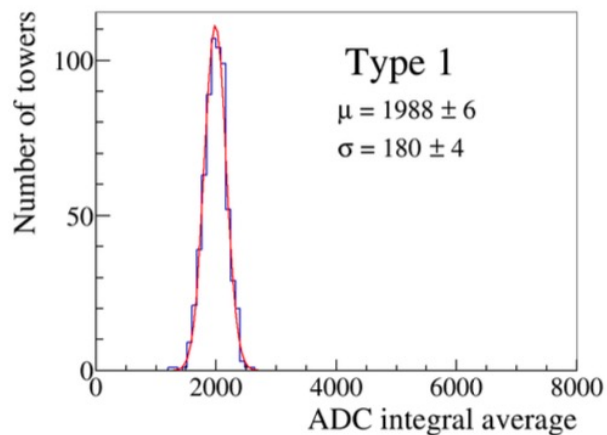
Testing of Modules at JINR

Signals amplitude distributions

From different institutions



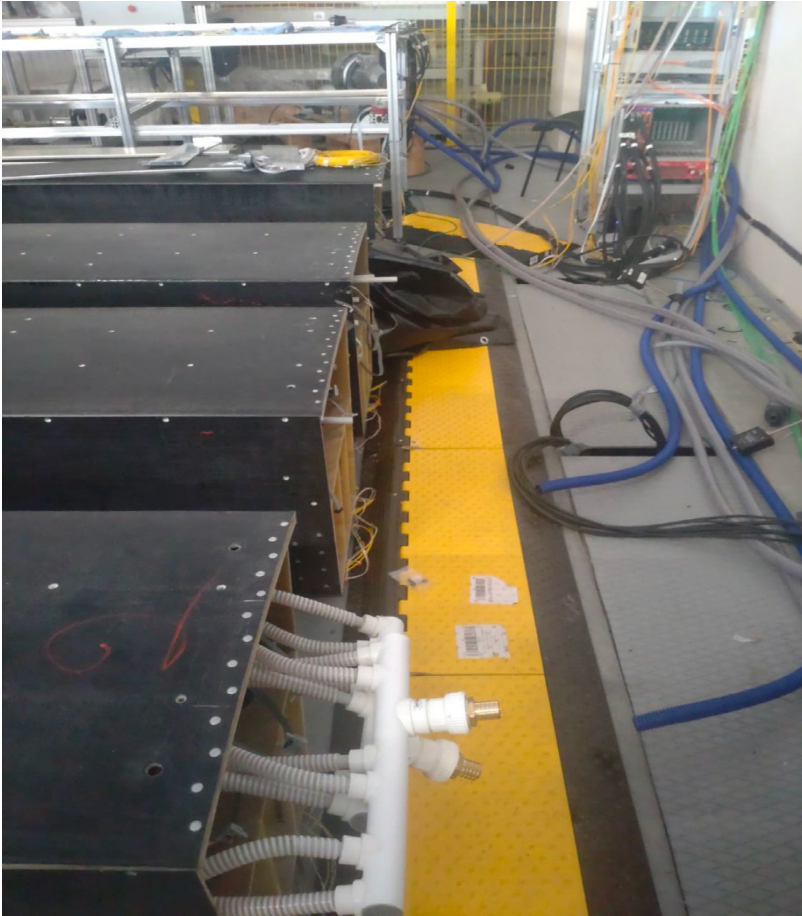
From different types



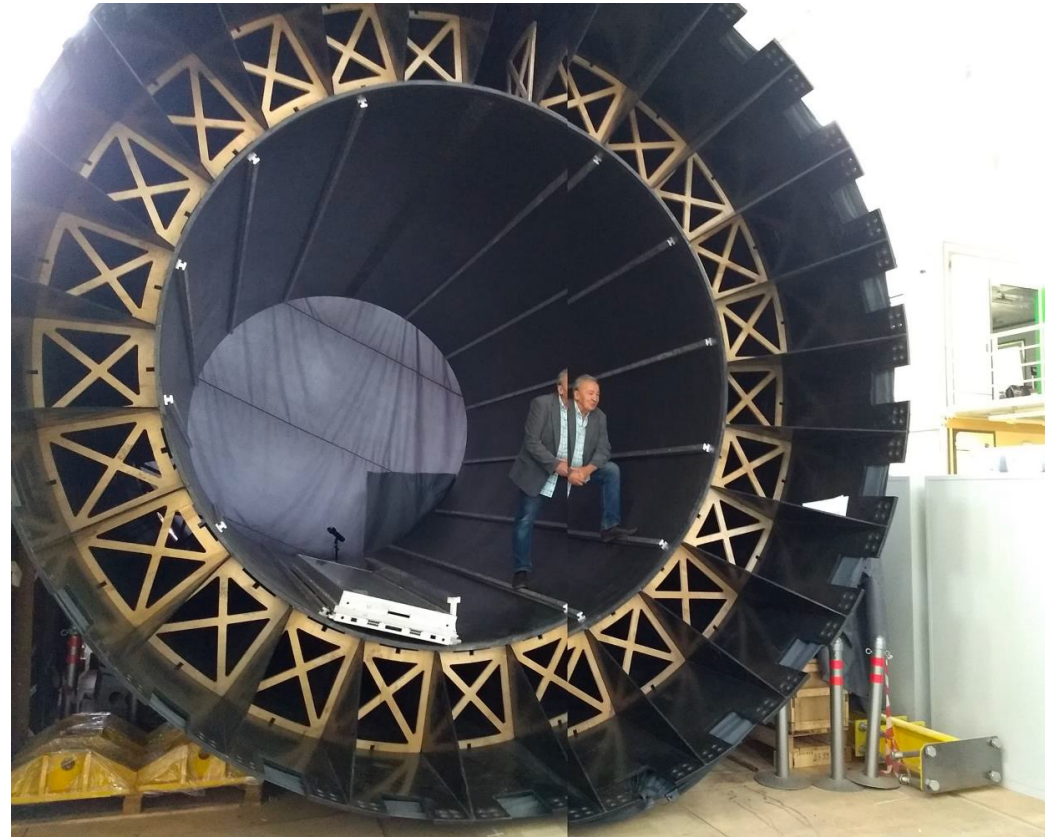
These modules work as expected.

*From M. Bhattacharjee's talk
@ XI NICA-MPD collaboration meeting*

The status of ECal



*From Igor Tyapkin's talk
@ XV NICA-MPD collaboration meeting*

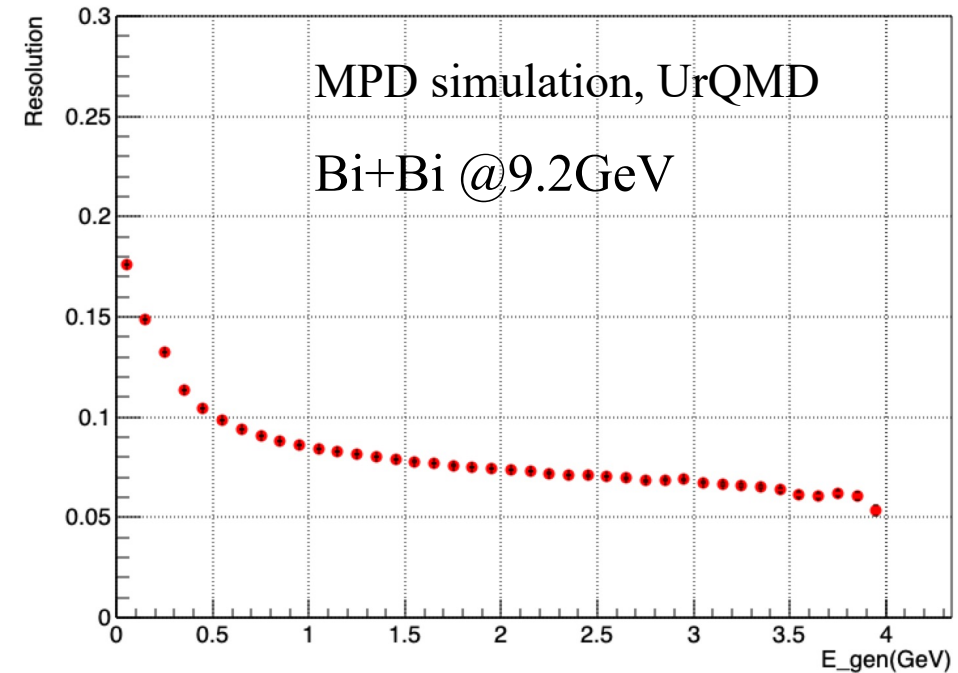


First 40 baskets of ECal are ready to be assembled to the MPD.

Photon's Energy Resolution

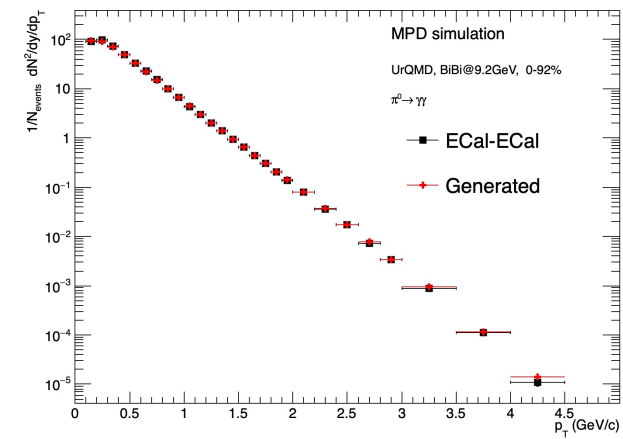
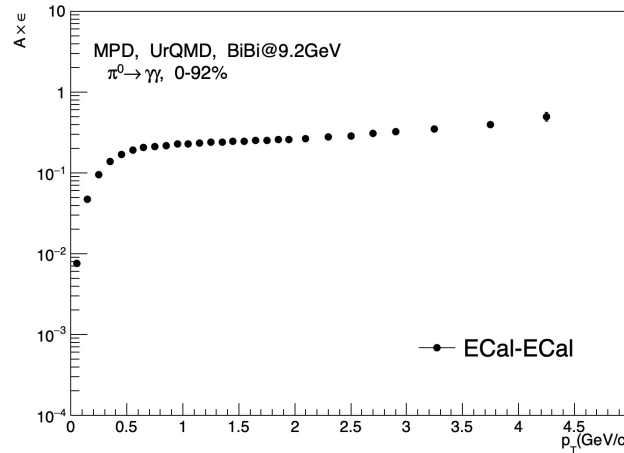
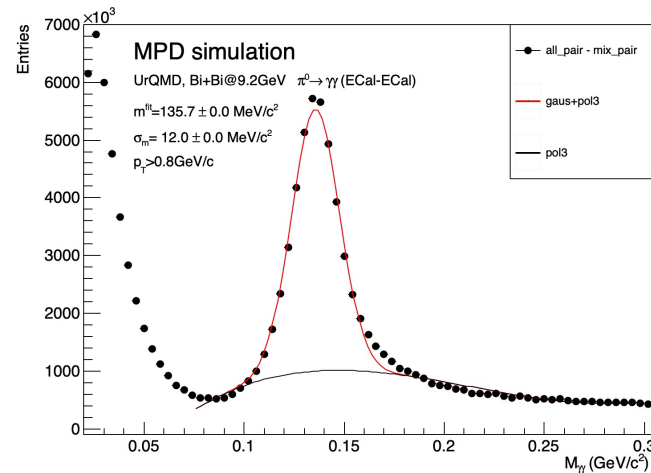
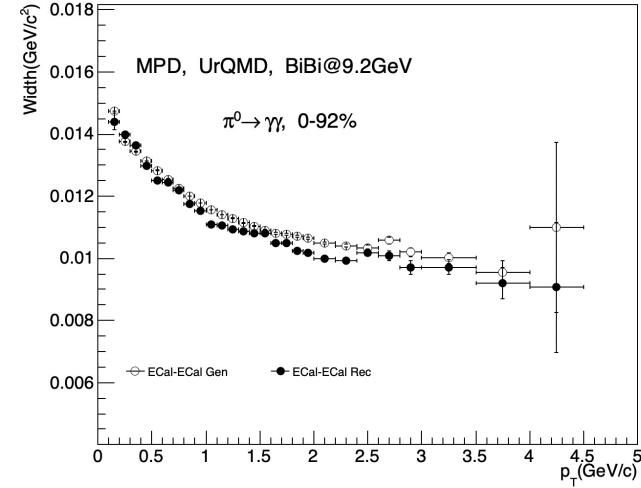
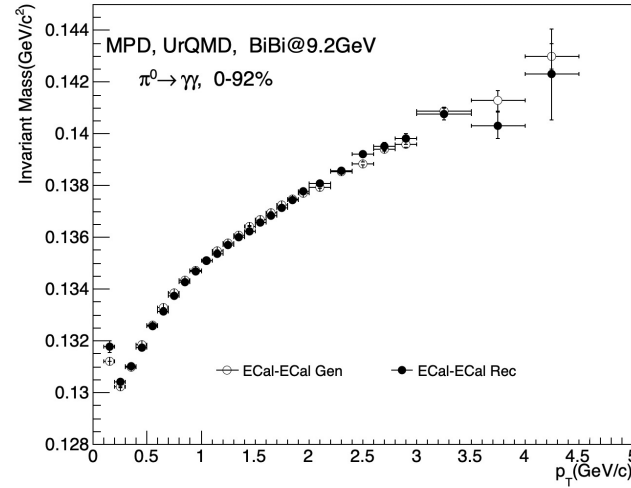
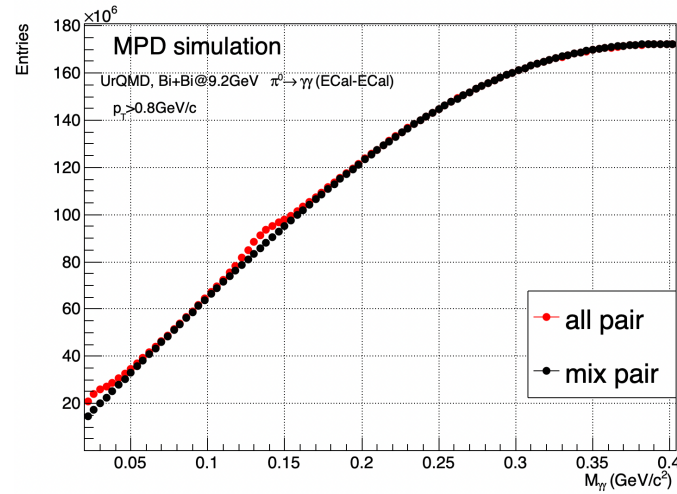
Event cut: Primary vertex of event reconstructed and vertex_z cut $< |100|$ cm.

- 1、 number of towers in the shower/cluster ≥ 2**
- 2、 reconstructed energy $\geq 75\text{MeV}$**
- 3、 $\chi^2/NDF \leq 4$ (This variable says how close the cluster shape to the one expected for electromagnetic shower.)**
- 4、 $\text{tof} < 2\text{ns}$ (tof of the cluster, assumed ECal time resolution $\text{dt} = 0.5\text{ ns}$)**



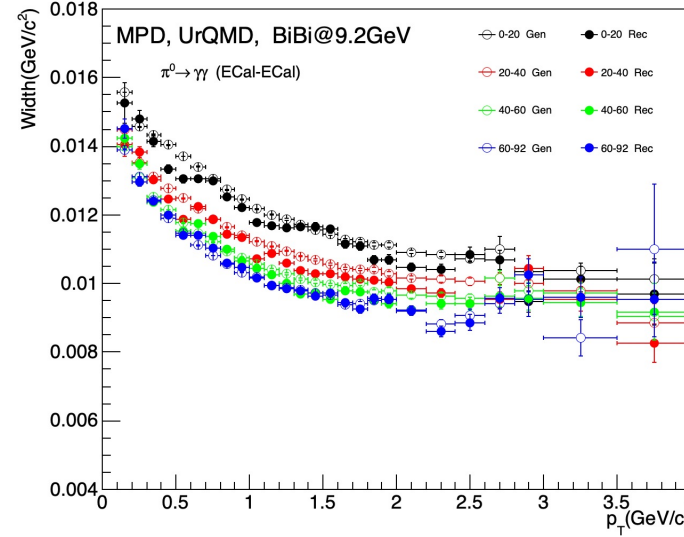
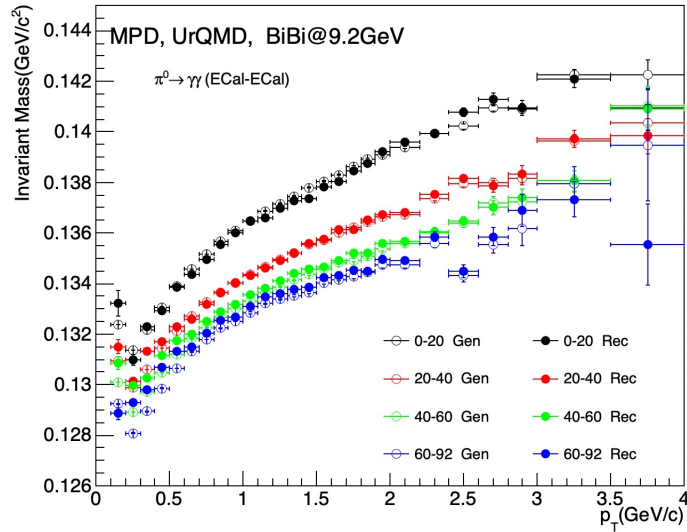
**The energy resolution of photon is about 8% at 1GeV.
The clusters are reconstructed in high multiplicity events.**

π^0 reconstruction with ECal

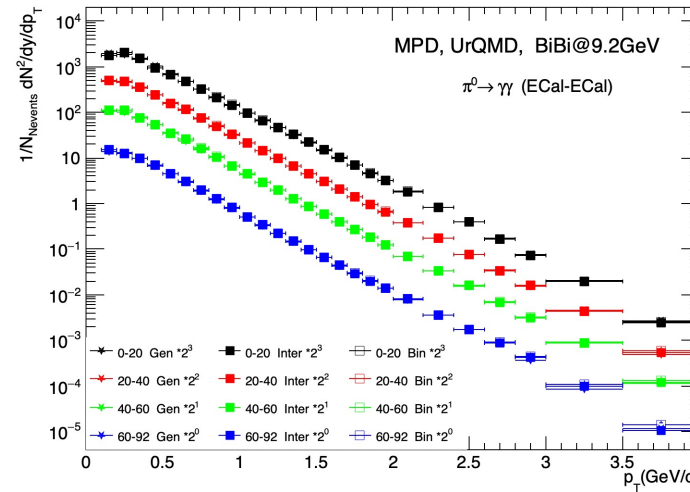
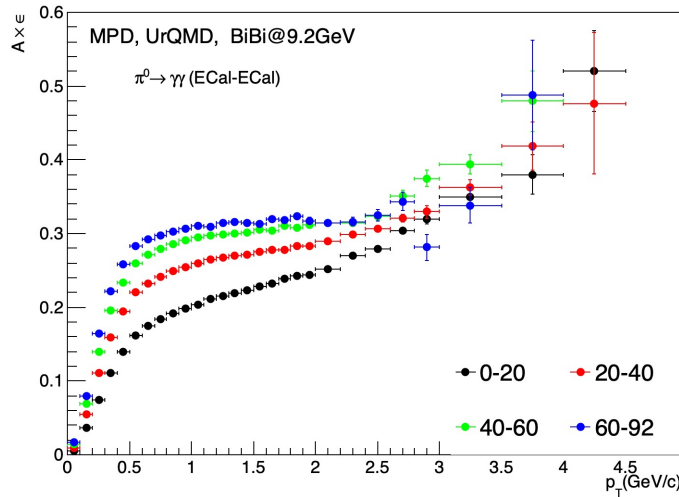


A clear excess is visible in distributions close to the nominal meson mass of 135 MeV/c² for the π^0 .
The variables reconstructed for π^0 are consistent with truly MC generated.

Centrality dependence of π^0 in ECal-ECal

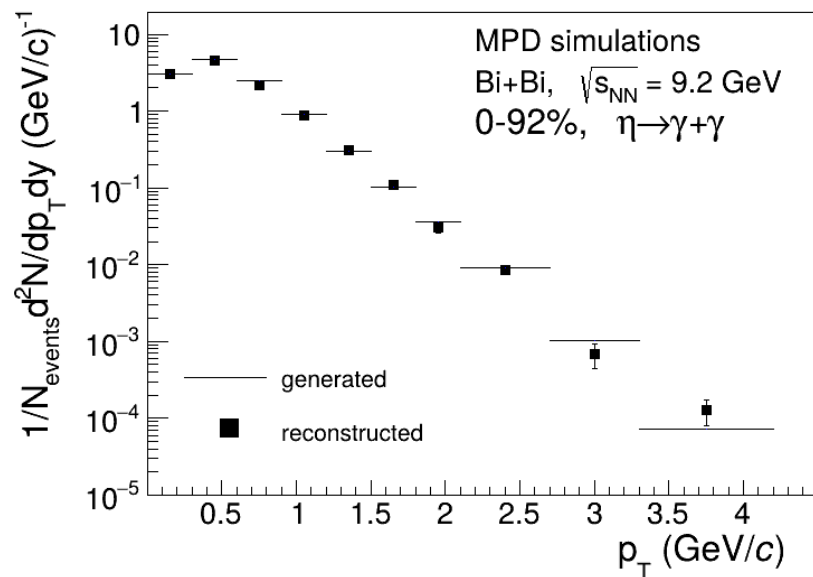
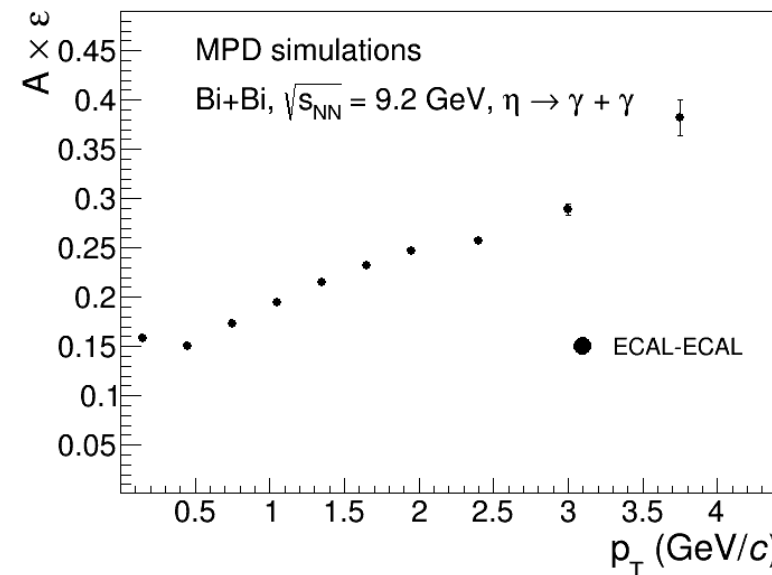
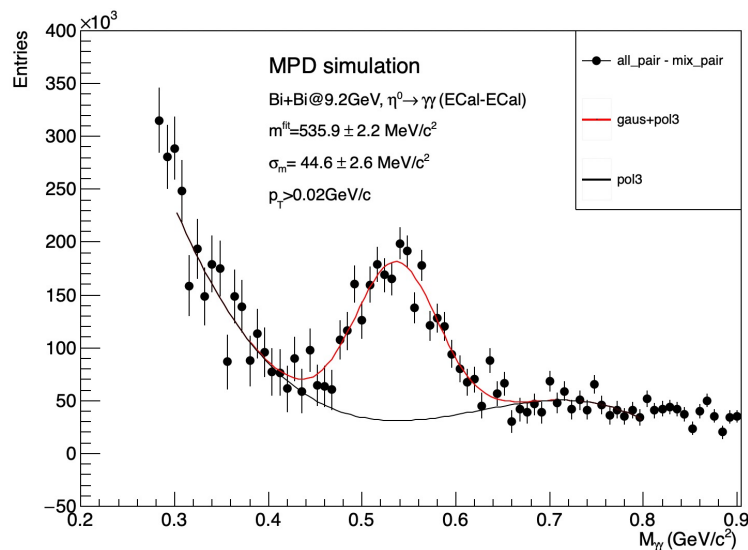


The invariant mass, peak width and corrected yield of π^0 reconstructed and MC generated via two photons from ECal decrease as centrality increases within the same p_T range.



The corrected yields for π^0 are agree with truly generated ones in each centrality interval.

η reconstruction with ECal



A clear excess is visible in distributions close to the nominal meson mass of 548 MeV/c² for the η .

The reconstructed yield is consistent with the truly generated for η .

- **The first-stage mass production of ECal modules was completed in China, culminating in 768 modules delivered to JINR by March 2023.**
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