Offline Data Processing of MRPC End cap TOF@BESIII

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Outline

- Particle Identification (PID)
- Time-of-Flight Detector (TOF)
- Multi-gap Resistive Plate Chamber (MRPC)
- BESIII Endcap TOF system
 - Detector and Electronics
 - Multi-peak of Time-Over-Threshold (TOT)
 - Alignment of detector
 - Reconstruction and Calibration
- Summary





A "traditional" particle physics experiment

- Conceptual design of a "traditional" particle physics experiment
 - Tracking system
 - EM calorimeter
 - Hadron calorimeter
 - Muon system
- Particle identification is a crucial aspect.



r, **e**, μ, π, Κ, p (\vec{p}, E)

WHY PID is crucial?

• Invariant mass $P, M \rightarrow M$ $M^2 = m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2(E_1E_2 - p_1p_2cos\theta) P_2, m_2$

 p_{1}, m_{1}

Improvement in the signal-to-background ratio



Particle Identification (PID)

- Measurement of the energy deposit by ionization
- Time-of-flight measurements
- Detection of Cherenkov radiation
- Detection of transition radiation



Particle identification capability

$p = \gamma m v \rightarrow m = \frac{p}{q}$	$\left(\frac{dm}{dm}\right)^2$	$-\left(\frac{dp}{dp}\right)^2$	$\left(\chi^2 \frac{d\beta}{d\beta}\right)^2$
Cβγ	$\left(\overline{m} \right)^{-1}$	$-\left({p}\right)$	$\left(\begin{pmatrix} \gamma & \overline{\beta} \end{pmatrix} \right)$



Time-of-Flight detector

飞行时间探测器是通过测量带电粒子的飞行时间,结
 合径迹探测器测量的粒子的动量和飞行径迹长度,得
 到粒子的质量,实现粒子鉴别。



TOF PID



Comparison between measured and expected time:

$$t^{i}_{predict} = \frac{L}{c \cdot \beta_{i}}, \quad \beta_{i} = \frac{|\vec{p}|c}{E_{i}}, \quad E_{i} = \sqrt{m_{i}^{2} + p^{2}}$$
$$\chi = \frac{\Delta t}{\sigma} = \frac{t_{measure} - t^{i}_{predict}}{\sigma} \implies \text{Normal distribution}$$
$$n_{TOF} = \frac{|t_{A} - t_{B}|}{\sigma_{TOF}} = \frac{Lc}{2p^{2}\sigma_{TOF}} |m_{A}^{2} - m_{B}^{2}|$$

- Particle separation power of TOF depends on:
 - The flight time difference between different species particles with same momentum.
 - Time resolution

Scintillation TOF

- Scintillator bar coupled with PMT
 - Good time resolution
 - PMT under strong magnetic field
 - Increase of granularity







Multi-gap Resistive Plate Chamber



• MRPC-TOF

Charged particle \rightarrow Primary ionization \rightarrow Avalanche \rightarrow Induced signal

- Readout of scintillator is expensive, RPC is much cheaper.
- The RPC design was improved by Multi-gap RPC:
 - Reducing gap sizes restrict fluctuation of drift tim improve time resolution
 - Increasing the electric field sum of the induced signals good detection efficiency



Scintillator End cap TOF @ BESIII



- The designed target is 110—120ps
- The time res for pions is 138ps.
- Multiple scattering has worsen the performance

R/cm

 Φ/rad



 Φ/rad

Intrinsic time resolution: 80 ps 20 ps Uncertainty of bunch time: Uncertainty of bunch length: 8-15mm 20—35ps 10mm Extrapolation of track: 50ps **Electronics:** 25 ps Expected time: 30 ps Time slewing: 10ps

 Φ /rad

MRPC End cap TOF

Intrinsic time resolution < 55 ps

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- FEE: Front_end electronics
- CTTP: Coincidence_Test_Threshold_Power
- TDIG: Time_to_Digital
- CLK: Clock

Time precision contributed by electronics (RMS) < 25ps¹⁴



MRPC Installation

Oct. 2015, new MRPC End cap TOF take place of scintillator endcap TOF The total last about 60 days.









MRPC Endcap TOF Reconstruction

- Event Start Time t_0
- MDC Reconstruction
 → Extrapolated track
 - Momentum, path length \rightarrow expected time
 - Hit position
- TOF Raw Data
 - Leading time t_{leading}
 - Time-over-threshold (TOT)







Event Start Time







Signal of MRPC TOF



$$t_{cor} = t_{strip}^{pro}(z) + t_{time-walk}(q) + t_{delay}$$

 $\Delta t = t_{mea} - t_{exp}$

 $TDC = t_0 + t_{mea} + t_{cor}$







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Dependence of measured time on the hit position

4-order polynomial function

t⁹ -t ⁹

Multi-peak TOT Distribution Reflection of the signal in strip



$$t_{leading} = \frac{l/2-z}{v} + t_{delay}$$

$$t_{trailing} = \frac{l/2-z}{v} + tot + t_{delay}$$

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-tot

Multi-peak TOT Distribution Reflection of the signal in strip



Length of strip: 13 cm Length of foot: 2.8 cm Velocity of signal: 55ps/cm Transmission time for total strip (13+2.8)*55=869ps 869ps*2=1.738ns



Time Walk (Time Slewing)



- Measured raw time depend on hit position
- Multi-peak TOT partly depend on hit position



MRPC TOF Calibration



- Bhabha events are used for calibration sample
- Empirical calibration function for single end of strip

$$t_{corr} = p_0 + \frac{p_1 + p_2 \cdot z}{\sqrt{Q}} + \frac{p_3 + p_4 \cdot z}{Q} + (p_5 + p_6 \cdot z) \cdot Q + p_7 \cdot Q^2 + p_8 \cdot Q^3 + p_9 \cdot Q^4 + p_{10} \cdot z + p_{11} \cdot z^2 + p_{12} \cdot z^3$$

• Empirical calibration function for strip

$$t_{corr} = p_0 + \frac{p_1}{\sqrt{Q}} + \frac{p_2}{Q} + p_3 \cdot Q + p_4 \cdot Q^2 + p_5 \cdot Q^3 + p_6 \cdot Q^4$$

$$t_{corr}^{combine} = \frac{1}{2}(t_{corr}^{left} + t_{corr}^{right})$$

MRPC TOF Reconstruction

- Extrapolated strip as center, search signals in the range of 3+5+3 strips
- Multi-signals:
 - Match hit position
 - Compare TOT





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Module Number

Hit Position / cm

Time Resolution for π

Scintillator ETOF: 138 ps Designed Target of MRPC ETOF: 80~100 ps BESIII: 65ps

χ Calculation in PID Algorithm

- Time difference is not observed to depend on species of particle (?)
- Time difference depends on the momentum and polar angle.

 $\chi_i = \frac{t_{mea} - -t_{ex}}{\sigma(strip, p)}$

STAR Experiment --- Spline Fit

5. Three kinds of TOT distribution pattern of MRPCs measured by HPTDC. A clear ringing effect can be seen in the left and r due to improper termination.

Figure 7. Spline fit results for different TOT distribution patterns.

Δt / ns

ALICE Experiment

Common channel offset (ps)

Fig. 7. Total time resolution for pion tracks on TOF with 0.95 as a function of the number of tracks used to define the TOF event time. Data refer to p-Pb collisions. The inset shows the original distribution for a track multiplicity on TOF > 20 which corresponds to an average of 25.

Summary and Discussion

- Particle identification is crucial
- MRPC TOF: good time resolution, high efficiency and low cost
- Offline data processing of MRPC ETOF @ BESIII
 - Analysis of multi-peak TOT
 - Alignment of detector
 - Empirical calibration function.
- The time resolution of 0.8 GeV/c pion achieved 65 ps.

Thank you & Happy New Year!