

The TOP Detector for the Belle II Experiment

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SuperKEKB and Belle II





- SuperKEKB: asymmetric e^+e^- collider. B factory, also charm and τ factories.
- Nano beam scheme to achieve high luminosity.
- Record peak luminosity $4.7 \times 10^{34} cm^{-2} s^{-1}$ (target 6 x $10^{35} cm^{-2} s^{-1}$).
- Now in a Long Shutdown 1 (LS1, Jul.2022 Nov.2023).

- Silicon detectors for vertex measurement
- Drift chamber for p and dE/dx measurement
- TOP and ARICH counters for particle identification
- EM Calorimeter (ECL) for e^+ and γ reconstruction
- KLM detector for K_L and μ detection

TOP counter: concept

- Physical requirement: hadron separation in momentum range 1-5 GeV/c.
- Very limited space between drift chamber and calorimeter in Belle II barrel: a conventional Ringimaging Cherenkov (RICH) detector does not fit.
- Imaging Time Of Propagation (TOP) counter: instead of reconstructing the full ring image, measure time of propagation of Cherenkov photons.
- Different Cherenkov angle: different photon path which means different time of propagation and different position of photons.
- Collision timing is well known, also can measure time of flight.



side view of TOP counter

TOP counter: operating principle



- Cherenkov photons transported to the photon sensors by means of total internal reflections (DIRC).
- π and K have different Cherenkov angle θ_c according to $cos\theta_c = 1/n\beta$. Thus different γ hit positions and arrival times. For $p = 3 \ GeV/c$, $\Delta\theta_c = 0.65$ degrees, that is $\Delta t = 68 \ ps$ per m.
- Two-dimensional information about the Cherenkov ring by measuring the time-of-arrival and the position of photons at photon sensors.



Nominally 100-150 reflections off large top and bottom faces



Optical components: synthetic fused silica (quartz)



- Quartz bars: medium to generate Cherenkov radiation and to transport photons to PMTs at the end.
- Focus mirror: spherical mirror to focus Cherenkov photons onto PMTs; focal length is 3.25 m
 - parallel rays are focused to a single point: removes the bar thickness.
 - non-parallel rays are focused to different points: allows to make a correction for chromatic dispersion.
- Prism: to expand the image of Cherenkov cone, improving resolution and reducing ambiguities.



Gluing optics

- 3 places need gluing: bar to bar; bar to prism; bar to mirror
- Alignment and gluing:
 - adjust surfaces positions using laser displacement sensor and micrometers
 - adjust surfaces angles using auto collimator and micrometers
 - insert shims, tape joint and repeat steps 1,2
 - apply epoxy (EPOTEK 301-2) to joint

Put glue using dispenser.









Light path in the quartz bar

Long time exposure with laser input from prism end.



Quartz Bar Box (QBB) assembly

 Vacuum-based lifting jig is used to move fully glued optics to QBB assembly table.



• Box is made of aluminum honeycomb panels (low mass).



Module crosssection Quartz Silicon glue PEEK buttons honeycomb Support quartz bar with PEEK buttons.

top

panel

TOP readout: requirements

- Goal < 100ps single optical photon time resolution
- Sensor requirements:
 - single photon efficiency
 - <50ps single photon time resolution</p>
 - ~few mm spatial resolution
 - operation in 1.5T B-field
- Electronics requirements:
 - 30kHz trigger rate
 - digitization w/o deadtime
 - <50ps electronics time resolution
 - <30ps clock distribution jitter
 - 8192 readout channels

Photon detection: Hamamatsu MCP-PMTs

• Photomultiplier tube with micro channel plates (MCPs) amplifying electrons.





- >5years R&D effort at Nagoya University
- developed in collaboration with Hamamatsu
- high gain to detect single photon
- excellent timing: TTS (Transit Time Spread) < 40ps
- good Quantum Efficiency (QE)
- good segmentation: 4 x 4 channels, 5.5 mm pixel size
- works in magnetic field

Performance for Single Photon

Average time resolution		34.3 ps
Gain	(Nominal)	3×10 ⁵
Average quantum efficiency (QE) at the peak wavelength		29.3 %

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MCP-PMT aging

- QE drops as a function of accumulated charge
 - The gas and ions from MCP damage the photo-cathode
- ALD (Atomic Layer Deposition) and life-extended ALD type were developed during mass production. Thus, three types PMTs are installed on the detector.
- Replacement of conventional MCP-PMTs was done during LS1. Also exchanged/repaired frontend electronics leads to >99.5% active channels.



Front-end electronics

Front-end electronics based on a custom 8channel waveform-sampling ASIC.

Subdetector Readout Module

FPGA

Timing

Input 50Ω

term. and Sampling

generator

storage

Wilkinson

ADC Registers ASICs are mounted in "Carrier boards", and 4 carriers + controller (SCROD) = 1 boardstack



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or AI On or in Detertor FPGA firmware consists of 3 parts:

4 boardstacks + 4 HV boards per TOP module





TOP module assembly & installation

PMT modules mounted to prism with a "cookie" (+oil)

one TOP module with 4 boardstacks and 16 x 2 =32 PMTs

Installing one of 16 modules.



TOP geometry: 16 TOP modules arranged around IP at R = 120cm



The "jig" used to put TOP modules on the detector





Operation experiences

- Aging problem of conventional PMTs
 - PMTs seem to age faster in the detector than expected.
 - during LS1, conventional PMTs are replaced with life-extended ALD PMTs.
- Beam background
 - beam backgrounds are much higher than expected.
 - background bursts (from beam injections etc.) sometimes cause readout deadtime.
- Single Event Upset (SEU)
 - cause processing system (PS) on electronics boards lock-up and corrupt data taking;
 - auto SEU correction is equipped and moving PS functionality to readout PC.
- PMT rotation in magnetic field
 - PMT tube is made of Kovar alloy which is ferromagnetic.
 - fixed by shimming; residual issues have marginal effects on TOP performance.
- Prism support (PEEK) frame partially separates from prism
 - seems due to the optically polished prism surface.
 - keep monitoring; minimize temperature fluctuations to reduce thermal stress.



PEEK frame is glued to prism using EP21LV-LO epoxy, which is widely used in industry.



PID algorithm at TOP

- Extended likelihood method with analytically constructed PDFs to determine log likelihoods of e, μ, π, K, p, d .
- PDF in a single channel described with a sum of Gaussian distributions.
 - positions, widths and normalizations determined analytically according to particle impact position, angles, momentum and mass.



Method presented at RICH2010, <u>NIM A 639 (2011) 252</u>.

500

pixel

32PMTs per TOP module, 16 pixels per PMT; 32x16=512.

Photon hit patterns in real data

A kaon candidate track tagged in $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 (\rightarrow K^- \pi^+) \pi^+_{slow}$ using π^+_{slow} .





TOP PID performance



- PID performance of the TOP counter has been increasing with each new software release/reprocessing
 - improvements in detector calibration, PDF modeling and bunch-crossing time determination.
- TOP works well, further improvements being explored, e.g., more accurate bunch finder.

TOP detector upgrade plan and R&D



- New life-extended ALD PMTs are in production and will replace ALD PMTs as they reach their end of life in next long shutdown.
- Possible readout upgrade with higher speed and compact digitizer (new ASIC or RFSoc, Radio Frequency System on Chip) being studied.
- New photon detector option based on SiPM is in testing
 - Need to check neutron radiation level at the detector and its tolerance.

Summary

- The TOP counter at Belle II is a new type of Cherenkov detector
 - utilizes total internal reflection of Cherenkov photons produced in quartz bars
 - strong requirements on photon sensors and readout electronics
- TOP is performing well in Belle II data taking.
- Further efforts are on-going to improve performance on data taking and PID.
- We are now in a long shutdown. Replaced PMTs and exchanged/repaired frontend electronics; preparing for Run2 starting from 2024.

Extra

Belle and Belle II



TOP counter



Fabricating quartz bars: flatness is critical

• Acceptance test:

- Bars: chip inspection, bulk transmittance, internal surface reflectrance.
- Mirrors: chip inspection, reflectivity position of optical axis, focal point and focal length, spherical aberration, astigmatism
- Prisms: chip inspection, transmission, angle of tilted surface.
- Surface flatness, surface roughness, parallelism, perpendicularity and chamfer specs were qualified by vender.



Module assembly



Optics: alignment, gluing, curing and aging (~2 weeks). Enclosure: gluing CCDs and LEDs, integrating fiber mounts.

QBB: strong back flattening, button & enclosure gluing.



Put on a cart. PMT and frontend integration, performance check. QBB assembly and gas sealing.

Move optics to QBB using the "lifting jig".

TOP frond-end electronics

- $\bullet\,$ waveform sampling with 2.7 Gs/sec
- $\bullet\,$ custom designed ASIC with 11 $\mu {\rm s}$ long analog ring buffer for storing waveforms
 - \rightarrow running continuously
- 8 channels/ASIC
- 16 ASIC's/boardstack (=128 channels)
- digitization and feature extraction (50% CFD)
- data sent-out by optical link





4 ASICs packed into 4 *boardstacks*

PMT replacement

Viewed from backward to forward



two PMT rotation problems



• The housing of the MCP-PMT is made of Kovar alloy (29Ni-16Co-Fe), which has almost the same coefficient of thermal expansion as glass and is ferromagnetic.

Rotation of PMT module

- Large effect on photon transmittance due to bubbles of the optical oil on the Si cookie
- Has been fixed in situ by shimming



Rotation of PMT

- Effect only for photons of larger incident angles than ~43° if the peeloff surface is clear.
- Wil be fixed if necessary after phase 2



Particle idenfification at Belle II

- Almost any detector component involved
 - SVD and CDC: energy losses (dE/dx)
 - TOP: Cherenkov imaging in barrel region
 - ARICH: Cherenkov imaging in forward region
 - ECL: energy deposits
 - KLM: penetrating power (trajectory length) mostly hadron ID mostly lepton ID
- All these components provide log likelihoods for e, μ, π, K, p, d
- Combined by summing over detector components:

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$$\log \mathcal{L}_h = \sum_{det} \log \mathcal{L}_h^{det}, \ h = \{e, \mu, \pi, K, p, d\}$$

- Particle selection with either
 - binary PID: $P_{h/h'} = \frac{\mathcal{L}_h}{\mathcal{L}_h + \mathcal{L}_{h'}}$

• global PID:
$$P_h = \frac{\mathcal{L}_h}{\sum_{h'} \mathcal{L}_{h'}}$$

silicon vertex detector	
central drift chamber	
time-of-propagation counter	
proximity focusing aerogel RICH	
electromagnetic calorimeter	
K_L and muon detector	