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MEG陽電子タイミングカウンタのビ ーム中での性能評価と 解析方法の研究



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Detector



Timing Counter

Two layers of scintillator hodoscope – Orthogonally placed along phi and z direction

Requirements

- Provide fast signal for low level trigger
 - High timing resolution (~ns)
 - Direction of e⁺ emission
 - High efficiency (>90%)
- Precise determination of e+ kinematics
 - Impact point for track reconstruction
 - High timing resolution for e⁺-γ coincidence (100ps FWHM)





Transverse Counter (Z measuring scintillating fibre)

- Hit pattern for trigger
- Precise measurement of impact point
- Not measure timing
- High granularity for precise impact position
- Perpendicular to the magnetic field
 - Layer of scintillating fibres (5x5mm2)Read out by APDs (512ch)





scintillating fibre SAINT-GOBAIN BCF-20

APDs & frontend card HAMAMATSU 8664-55

Longitudinal Counter (**Phi** measuring scintillator bar)

- For the timing measurement
- 15 bars, almost square: 40x40mm2 x 80cm length
- Read out by 2" fine-mesh PMTs (HAMAMATSU R5924)
- Record waveforms at 2GHz sampling
- Main concept ;
 - timing on the 'first photon'
 - homogeneous e⁺ track





Optimization of the design

guided by MC study & several beam tests

- 20°rotation increase response uniformity
- Positron pathlength(5cm) enough for the required timing Res.
- Maximal matching scintillator-PMT
- Optimal compromise between PMT field gain suppression factor and available space. PMT tilted ~20° respect to the mag.



Frontend electronics

- Double Threshold Discriminator
 - Allow to pickoff timing at 1p.e. level
 - Minimize time-walk effect
- Only use waveform digitizer, no ADC, TDC.
 - DRS : digitizer developed for MEG @PSI
 - Sample at 2 GHz
- Record 2 signals
 - Direct signal of PMT output
 - NIM signal from the discriminator





Commissioning run 2006

Setup

- Only the bar counters (w/o z measuring fibres)
- Not the final electronics (w/o discri. card)
 - Acquired PMT direct signal (0.5GHz & 2GHz)
 - Some channel of final electronics were tested
- Cosmic rays w/ and w/o magnetic field
- e⁺ from muon decay
 - low ~ full beam intensity
- TC self triggering

 uniform in z direction

Installation December 2006



Z measuring fibre counters were not installed



PMTs N_2 bag

N₂ flushing tubes

Event

- Typical event of e⁺ from target
- e⁺ goes through a few bars



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Noise reduction

Waveform data enable us to improve data quality offline

stable baseline, low noise level and cross-talk reduction



Event distributions

- Z reconstruction by time difference
- rough calibrations
 - . time pedestal
 - attenuation length
 - effective light velocity
 - relative gain correction







COBRA magnet & Timing Counter are working properly

Time pickoff method 1

- Constant fraction method
 - timing at constant fraction of peak height
 - no dependence on pulse height
 - fast and assured way
 - tried different algorithms
 - linear or cubic interpolation
 - Fast and sure way for online





Time pickoff method 2

- Fitting with template waveform
 - template by average waveform
 - template for each channel
 - good performance
 - additional information



average waveform for template





Timing resolution

- Estimate timing resolution by time difference between hits on adjacent bars
 - Hit time by average of 2 PMTs

$$t_{hit} = (t_{in} + t_{out})/2$$

- Template fitting is a bit better than CF
- Event selection
 - hits on adjacent bars
 - energy loss > 6 MeV for both bars
 - z difference 1~6.5 cm
 - χ^2 /NDF of template fitting < 3

1 bar resolution 176 ps FWHM



Time fluctuation from variation of e+ trajectory ~30 psec



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Possible improvements

- Final electronics
 - Discriminator output
 - Improvement of S/N (factor 10)
 - First photon timing
- precise and independent determination of impact position
 - Z counter
 - Z counter + track
- Reduce cross-talk
 - cabling and channel assignment
- Improvement of the digitizer : DRS 3 from next year run
 - high linearity
 - large dynamic range
 - low cross-talk
 - low sampling time jitter

Several beam tests confirmed the intrinsic time resolution < 100ps

Summary

Timing counter optimized for MEG were completed.
 Now fibre counters are also ready

- Commissioning run was done with Phi counter
- COBRA e⁺ spectrometer worked fine.
- Waveform data of PMT output were obtained
 studied waveform analysis
- Worse timing resolution than required
 - Previous beam test confirm the required resolution
 - The cause to be understood
 - We can expect several improvement for the final setup.

End of slides

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$\Delta T \sim 90 \text{psec}$

Table form E.Nappi / Bari

Exp. application ^(*)	Counter size (cm) (T x W x L)	Scintillator	РМТ	λ_{att} (cm)	σ _t (meas)	σ _t (exp)
G.D.Agostini	3x 15 x 100	NE114	XP2020	200	120	60
T. Tanimori	3 x 20 x 150	SCSN38	R1332	180	140	110
T. Sugitate	4 x 3.5 x 100	SCSN23	R1828	200	50	53
R.T. Gile	5 x 10 x 280	BC408	XP2020	270	110	137
TOPAZ	4.2 x 13 x 400	BC412	R1828	300	210	240
R. Stroynowski	2 x 3 x 300	SCSN38	XP2020	180	180	420
Belle	4 x 6 x 255	BC408	R6680	250	90	143

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• MEG TC

P39 itide long

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TC

4x4x80 BC404 R5924 140 38

Baseline & noise analysis : Coherent Noise

- If noise consists of coherent component, subtracting no signal channel from signal channel can reduce the noise.
- It requires the efficient and safe algorithm to distinguish noise and siganl.



ex.) Using channels in one DRS chip Make coherent noise by averaging no signal channel (ch 0, 1, 2, 3) Subtract the noise from all channels

Noise Level 0.5 -> 0.32mV Baseline Fluctuation 0.27-> 0.07mV

Double hits

- some e+ hit same bar twice
- faile z reconstruction
- worse time resolution

large Chi2/NDF

reach after a few ns delay $\$

reach earlier than 1st hi

