STATUS OF STS TIME CALIBRATION

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HADES upgrade: Forward straw tracker stations STS1, STS2

• Forward Resistive Plate Chamber (FRPC)

Reminder: Phase-0 STS@HADES

- Inner TOF detector
- Upgrade of DAQ systems.
- Extends the angular acceptance to small polar angles ~ 0.5 ° < θ < 7°
- Essential for the HADES hyperon physics program at SIS18:
 - Hyperon radiative decays.
 - Multi-strangeness production.
- Synergies between STS systems and PANDA-STT:
 - Straws design, front-end electronics(PASTTREC FE-boards), TRB readout, DAQ
 - Straw system tests under experiment conditions (event tracking and PID)
 - STS will become part of the PANDA-FT
- Differences: experiment hardware trigger









STS detector system





- Two stations (STS1/2) consisting of four double layers of selfsupporting gas-filled straws
- Each straw diameter is 10 mm and is made of $27\mu m$ thin Al-Mylar walls with 20 μm thin W/Re wire along it axis.
- Gas mixture: Ar/CO₂ (90/10) @ 2 bar
- Front-end electronics(PASTTREC FE-boards), TRB3 readout, common DAQ STS1/2

Station	STS1	STS2
No. Straws	704	1024
Straw length	$76~{\rm cm}$	$125~{ m cm}$
Orientation (azimuthal)	$0^{\circ}, 90^{\circ}, 90^{\circ}, 0^{\circ}$	$0^{\circ}, 90^{\circ}, 45^{\circ}, -45^{\circ}$
Beam opening	$8 \times 8 \text{ cm}^2$	$16 \times 16 \text{ cm}^2$
Distance to target (commiss. beamtime)	$\sim 3.50 \text{ m}$	\sim 5.50 m





HADES Commissioning Beamtime February 2021

- SIS18 delivered proton beam with 2 GeV and 4.2 GeV kin. Energy
- STS stations and readout performance tested under experiment conditions (*e.g.* high intensities of 10⁵ p/s per straw)
- STS default settings:
 - Threshold = 20 mV (= DAC 10), Gain = 1 mV/fC, peak time 20 ns, HV = 1800 V
- Several data takings for different ASIC settings were completed.
- STS operation was stable and no self-sustaining currents were observed even at the highest beam intensities (10⁵ p/s per straw).
- Very low noise was observed, raw data shows clean ToT spectra.
- A rich data base is now available for analysis.









STS raw data (~ 3 million events , STS at default ASIC settings)









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Raw time spectra





Raw time: hit detection time (*drift time* + *start offset* + *tof*)

Cal time: drift time

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Different triggers used:

- PT8 (registered hit in fRPC)
 - PT1 (TOFRPC, Mult > =2)

Drift time vs channel (raw) PT1 only (TOF RPC, mult >=2)







- · Almost all straws illuminated uniformly
- Broad leading edge: harder to define starting of spectra leads to calculated drift time range of up to ~ 180 ns



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Drift time vs channel (raw) PT1 only (TOF RPC, mult >=2)





STS2

450

500 550

600 650 700 Drift Time [ns]





- Almost all straws illuminated uniformly
- Broad leading edge: harder to define starting of spectra leads to calculated drift time range of up to ~ 180 ns



Drift time vs channel (raw) PT8 only (fRPC)

STS1



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Less statistics: STS partially covered by fRPC

 Not sharp leading edge: hard to define starting of spectra leads to calculated drift time range of ~ 180 ns



Figure 2. Schematic overview of the HADES spectrometer, including the newly added FD components. The STS1(2) shown in magenta.

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Drift time vs channel (raw) PT8 only (fRPC)

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STS2





- · Less statistics: STS partially covered by fRPC
- Not sharp leading edge: hard to define starting of spectra leads to calculated drift time range of ~ 180 ns



Figure 2. Schematic overview of the HADES spectrometer, including the newly added FD components. The STS1(2) shown in magenta.

1000

800

600

1400

120C

After correction by fRPC time STS1



Events with registered fRPC

Drift time = Time in straws – fRPC time (shortest registered):



- Better defined leading edge
- Drift time range ~ 150 ns
- Less statistics, STS partially covered by fRPC



Figure 2. Schematic overview of the HADES spectrometer, including the newly added FD components. The STS1(2) shown in magenta.

After correction by fRPC time STS2



Events with registered fRPC

Drift time = Time in straws – fRPC time (shortest registered):



- Sharper leading edge
- Drift time range ~ 150 ns
- Less statistics, STS partially covered by fRPC



Figure 2. Schematic overview of the HADES spectrometer, including the newly added FD components. The STS1(2) shown in magenta.









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Time offset correction corrected by fRPC time (uniformly illuminated regions)



- Calculated using threshold method (taking 15% and 70% of peak)
- Average time offset correction is ~ 50 ns in STS1 and ~ 40 ns in STS2 (with σ ~ 3 ns in both)



After correction by fRPC time and time offset correction

STS1



STS2





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Tmax after correction corrected by fRPC time (uniformly illuminated regions)



- Calculated using threshold method
- Average tmax is ~ 150 ns (with σ ~ 4 ns): global isochrone calibration might be feasible



Summary / To do



- Clean drift time distributions for STS1/2 after subtraction of particle time of flight using fRPC time.
- Drift time spectra range is of ~150 ns (σ ~ 4 ns).
- Well determined edges are required to get a correct isochrone parametrization and calibration.
- It might be necessary to restrict time offset correction calculation to straws in well. illuminated areas (fRPC doesn't fully cover STS).
- Is it feasible to use a global or partially global calibration?
- To improve method : better selection of fRPC time.











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Time offset correction corrected by fRPC time (uniformly illuminated regions)





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Tmax after correction corrected by fRPC time (uniformly illuminated regions)





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Time offset correction with PT1 data (uniformly illuminated regions)



Up to 10 ns variation in time offset correction



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Time offset correction with PT8 data (selected uniformly illuminated region)



Up to 15 ns variation in time offset correction



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STS calibration



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