Results of STS@HADES Calibration

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Outlook





- STS Detector System Overview
- Status of STS calibration
- Summary





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 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)
- 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.
- Preparation for the four week experiment beamtime scheduled for February 2022 is ongoing:

STS calibration method implementation



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Raw time spectra



Raw STS TDC time:

hit detection time (*time offset* + *ToF* + *drift time*)

Calibrated time: drift time

Different triggers used:

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



STS - Drift time calibration

Raw STS TDC time:

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hit detection time (STS time offset + ToF + drift time)

Calibrated time: drift time

- **Drift time** = raw STS TDC time (**ToF ToF**_{ref}) * **m** STS time offset
 - **ToF**_{ref}: Arbitrary selected from *e.g.* scattering or fastest particle (well known ToF)
 - ToF : associated fRPC time of flight
 - m : from fRPC/STS linear relation
 - STS time offset : shifting raw STS TDC time to t = 0 (w.r.t. ToFref)



· Negative ToF values due to current calibration

STS vs Time of Flight (fRPC) information



Ref points:

STS : defined by 70% & 15 % of max entry (5 bins mean, 2 ns bin size)

fRPC: middle point of 2 ns slice, range from -95 to -75 ns, full region under ToF peak

STS vs Time of Flight (fRPC) information



- STS1 times start after STS2 times: different LVDS cable lengths.
- Maybe it is not possible to resolve a TOF difference for STS1(2).1 and STS1(2).4 (half meter distance)

STS - Drift time calibration

Offset calculation

• Vector candidates: events with hits at STS which can be correlated with a hit at fRPC (ToF)



Forward vector candidates



Forward vector candidates



STS TDC time – associated ToF:

Reduced statistics by selecting tracks with recorded and calibrated TOF

STS - Drift time calibration

Offset correction





- hit detection time start offset fRPC ToF
- Events with vector candidates -> less statistics but also less background

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- Drift time range looks ok: sharp leading edge, range of ~ 150 ns
- To determine: offset correction is channel specific or same for a channel group

Isochrone parametrization

- 1. Offset correction calculated and applied
- 2. Sum of all channels dt spectra
- 3. Find and remove background
- 4. Calculate time-distance equivalence :

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$$R(t) = \left(\frac{\sum_{i=0}^{i} N_i}{N}\right) \times (R_{straw} - R_{min}) + R_{min}$$

- R_{straw} = 0.00505 m
- $R_{min} = 0.0001 \text{ m}$
- Pol4 fit: describes the r(t) relation with sufficient accuracy.
- Parametrization limits are important:
 - Smearing effects close to the wire and close to the straw walls.



Isochrone parametrization currently used for tracking (from simulation)

STS1, Gain 1 HV = 1800 V

Station.Doublelayer	Tmax [ns]
STS1.1	150
STS1.2	150
STS1.3	150
STS1.4	150

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STS1, Gain 4 HV = 1650 V

Station.Doublelayer	Tmax [ns]
STS1.1	162
STS1.2	162
STS1.3	162
STS1.4	162



Garfield simulation of the drift spectrum for 1650 V (red) and 1800 V (blue).

- Bin size 3 ns. •
- Lower drift electron velocities with lower HV ٠





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- Isochrone parametrization of four STS1 double layers overlaps:
 - Feasible to use global parametrization (mean?)
- Higher gain (lower voltage):
 - Larger drift time range (~ 10 ns)
 - Lower drift electron velocities





STS2, GAIN 1 HV = 1800 V

Station.Doublelayer	Tmax [ns]
STS2.1	150
STS2.2	150
STS2.3	150
STS2.4	150

STS2, Gain 4 HV = 1650 V

Station.Doublelayer	Tmax [ns]
STS2.1	162
STS2.2	162
STS2.3	162
STS2.4	162





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Summary/conclusions



- To define if individual STS time offsets have to be used or possible to use the same for a channel group
- STS calibration needs to include corrections due to time of flight effects
- Linear relation between fRPC ToF and STS times can be used for ToF correction
- Isochrone parametrization is successful for both tested gain factors (1 mV/fC & 4 mV/fC)
- A global isochrone parametrization (STS1, STS2, STS1+STS2) would simplify the calibration









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HADES Forward Detector for FAIR Phase-0

Straw Tracking Stations (coll. with PANDA@FAIR) $\sigma(x)$ ~150 µm











STS vs Time of Flight (fRPC) information



- STS1 times start after STS2 times: maybe due to different LVDS cable lengths.
- Higher statistics are available > reference points better defined than PT1 events

Open points:

- Improve strategy to calculate reference points
- Maybe it is not possible to resolve a TOF difference for STS1(2).1 and STS1(2).4 (half meter distance)









Effect of increasing/decreasing tmax by ~ 3 ns









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