TPC Analysis @ Carleton

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Track resolution, up to 15 cm drift, GEM
Point resolution, testcell, GEM & microMegas



TPC Setup

15 cm drift distance cosmic ray particles gas: Ar:CO₂ (90:10); P10

track resolution as function of

- position within pad
- ➤ pad width
- drift distance
- track angle
- ➤ amplitude

ALEPH preamplifier custom FADC, 200 MHz University of Montreal



Pad Layout



The Code

It's not JAVA



It's FORTRAN







But it's NOT f77 !

F is a subset of f95 - compiler is free -

includes objects but is not OO

flexible: array allocation overloading

code optimized not for speed but for flexibility

⇒ talk tomorrow

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Pulse Reconstruction

How to get amplitude and T0 from the ADC spectrum

- 1) Determine *TMax* time of max ADC value
- 'fit' exponential in range [TMax+50,TMax+350] using fallTime(Group)
- 3) Determine *T0* as $ADC(T0) = A_{MAX}/2$ from line to rising edge
- 4) Amplitude = A(T0)

fast to calculate and close to full fit







Intrinsic time resolution ~13ns for P10 ~9ns for ArCO₂ ArCO₂ very slow longitudinal diffusion visible effect is linear with drift distance ?!?



Track Fit

Dean Karlens method

3 track parameter: x_0 (offset), ϕ (angle) σ (spread)



assume uniform line of charge with Gaussian spread $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$

integral over pad ⇒ expected charge

normalized expectation across row gives probability

Likelihood = Π probability * Amplitude

Resolution *s*:

fit only x_0 to one row, compare to track row included in track fit $\Rightarrow \mathbf{s}_{in}$ too small row excluded in track fit $\Rightarrow \mathbf{s}_{ex}$ too large

Proper estimate of resolution:

$$\boldsymbol{s}^2 = \boldsymbol{s}_{in} * \boldsymbol{s}_{ex}$$

Naïve Theory



Track Width



Pad Width

3mm wide pads 3 ranges of drift distance (= different charge width)

bad resolution at center of pad for small drift / small diffusion





Fraction of rows with one hit? Can be OK! information: no charge at neighbor pads

Hits not uniform distributed! Not OK! more hits in center of pad quantify as fraction

Mot very accurate, depends on amplitude, ...

Drift Distance



Statistics









 φ : systematic offset in ϕ consistent with 0

- ε: reduction of number of clusters \simeq 0.5 no significant dependence
- **s**: decreases with amplitude dominated by transverse diffusion



track angle (rad)





Point Resolution

- X-ray source, collimated photon conversion creates electron cloud, size ~60μm
- > TPC test cell, 5mm drift distance, gas: Ar:CO₂ (90:10)
- double GEM microMegas
- resistive anode
- > 2 x 6 mm pads





Setup

RESISTIVE ANODE

resistive anode spreads signal after amplification better charge sharing between pads

especially for microMegas - almost no transverse diffusion

C-loaded kapton, $0.5M\Omega/\Box$



Readout



Amplitude Profile

Resistive foil increases charge width Gaussian is wider and additional long tails

- PRF wider for GEM (intrinsic transverse diffusion)
- Amplitude as observed on 5 consecutive pads (average):



GEM resolution



microMegas Pad Response Function



center-of-gravity method doesn't work well with microMegas determine pad response function average amplitude as function of distance pad-center to x-ray normalize signals with mesh signal scan over 10 mm = 5 pads central Gaussian: sigma = 1mm + long tail

MM Event



MM Residuals

- example: one position distribution of residuals width: 68 μm standard deviation point resolution with microMegas no internal transverse diffusion
- edge @ 15 cm center @ 16 cm



MM Resolution



What's Wrong?

Possible reasons for bad resolution / bias , systematics

- foil not uniform very unlikely
- > quality of the microMegas
- pillars of the microMegas
- > stage movement not reproducible within $\mathcal{O}(10\mu m)$
- > aor

We have to take more measurements under different conditions to exclude one reason after the other

Conclusion

- First results microMegas & resistive foil very encouraging resolution better than 80 μm possible systematics not fully understood yet
- Comprehensive study of track resolution with GEM no magnetic field, gasses: P10, Ar:CO₂ (90:10) for good resolution: charge width > pad width / 3 charge width @ small drift much wider than expected resolution(drift distance) for different amplitudes \$\Rightarrow\$ make use of only half the statistical power track angle effect for different amplitudes as expected