PMT Timing Calibration with the Light Injection System

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Overview







Eight times the fiducial volume of water compared to Super-Kamiokande.

Increasing beam power up to 1.3 MW and building an additional water Cherenkov intermediate detector.

$$A_{CP} = \frac{P(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}) - P(\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \to \bar{\nu}_{e})}{P(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}) + P(\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \to \bar{\nu}_{e})} \quad A_{CP} \approx \frac{\cos\theta_{23}\sin2\theta_{12}\sin\delta_{CP}\,\Delta m_{21}^{2}\,L}{4E\sin\theta_{23}\sin\theta_{13}}$$

Light Injection System



Laser heads



Monitor PMT

Monitor and calibrate detector systematics such as the optical properties of water and PMT response properties.

Occupancy

How often within a set of diffuser events a PMT registers a hit within a time window (±5 ns around the 'rough' arrival peak).





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Arrival Timing





Time residuals of hits from a million diffuser events for a PMT from a specific diffuser Characterise arrival time using the modal value of exponentially modified Gaussian fit to hits recorded in a specific PMT from light injected by a given diffuser.

Time Residual = $t_{\text{measured}} - \frac{\text{distance}}{v_{\text{group}}} + t_{\text{offset}} + t_{\text{trigger}}$

$$f(x) = A \cdot \frac{\lambda}{2} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}(2\mu + \lambda\sigma^2 - 2x)\right) \cdot \operatorname{Erfc}\left(\frac{x - \mu - \lambda\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}\right)$$

Exponentially modified Gaussian function

Timing Offsets





based on where they are in the detector.

Calibration Method



Chi-squared fit of injector offset based on mean timing differences of common PMTs between two diffusers.

$$\chi^{2} = \sum_{\substack{0 \le i, j \le 29 \\ i \ne j}} \frac{(V_{i} - V_{j} - D_{ij})^{2}}{\sigma_{ij}^{2}}$$

With injector timing differences found, ideally all that should remain is arrival timings for every diffuser the PMT is illuminated by. From this the PMT timing offset can be found.



Performance





970

969.5

High Statistics – Uniform diffuser

Comparison between initial arrival timings and reconstructed arrival timings through this method.

Difference between actual PMT offset and reconstructed PMT offset. Injector differences have around 10 ps width and are effectively zero.

Low Statistics – Sheffield diffuser

With a hundred thousand events, all arrival times of PMTs for all diffusers.

Difference between actual PMT offset and reconstructed PMT offset. Injector differences have around 20 ps width and







10000

8000

6000

4000

2000

Summary and Future Work



- Differences in fibre path length can be resolved in any timing calibration undertaken with the LI.
- Foundation for a broader PMT calibration, with further work continuing with access to PMT pre-calibration data, specifically charge vs. time.
- The systematics related to this calibration of PMTs, will be one of the inputs into probing machine learning reconstruction.