# Status of DHCAL Slice Test Data Analysis

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**All results preliminary** 



RPC DHCAL Slice Test: T970 MTBF - FNAL

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## Data set

#### • Beam data

- Muon runs ('calibration run', RPC eff/pad multiplicity vs HV/Thr )
  - 120 GeV proton beam hitting beam stop
  - Steel (16mm) + copper (4mm) absorber
- Positron runs ('EM shower')
  - 1,2,4,8,16 GeV/c secondary beam (Čerenkov trigger)
  - Steel (16mm) + copper (4mm) absorber
- Pion/muon runs ('hadronic shower/MIP track')
  - 1,2,4,8,16 GeV/c secondary beam (veto on Čerenkov trigger)
  - With/without additional Fe absorber in front of stack
  - Steel (16mm) + copper (4mm) absorber
- Proton runs ('rate measurement')
  - 120 GeV primary beam
  - Scan beam rate (from lowest possible rate to ~30k/spill)
  - PVC 'absorber' plate (17x17cm<sup>2</sup> hole at center == no absorber)
- Cosmic ray data ('calibration')
  - Before beam test (ANL lab)
  - Right after beam test (FNAL MTBF + ANL lab)
- Charge Injection data ('FE diagnostics')
  - After beam test



With limited manpower, a lot of analyses are not covered at the moment...

## Data error modes

- Slice test data errors
  - Rate of data error is very low, ~0.x% (error package/total package)
  - Need to understand the source, mechanism and scaling properties of these errors
    - Critical for event building and data analysis
    - Helps to find ways to eliminate/identify errors
    - Critical for designing a larger system (1m<sup>3</sup> physics prototype)
- Current status
  - Identified 14 error modes (not all independent)
    - 9 'fatal error' modes: data can NOT be recovered
    - 5 'non-fatal error' modes: data can still be recovered
  - 7 error modes have been eliminated after slice test
  - 4 major errors (2 'fatal'+2 'non-fatal') still exist
    - 2 'fatal' + 1 'non-fatal' errors correlated with noise issues
    - 1 'non-fatal' error likely to be a firmware issue
    - 'Solution(s)' still need to be studied
  - Data re-run just started



### Muon data: calibration of all runs





### **Positron data**



### Positron data: 'online results'

- Number of hits in layer 0-5
  - Positron data @ 1, 2, 4, 8, 16 GeV/c
  - Using Čerenkov signal to selecte positron (very pure)
  - No event selection
    - Particle hitting edge
    - Particle showered upstream
    - Multiple particles
    - ...





### Positron data: 'online results'



#### Highly non-linear response

- Largely due to shower leakage
- Also due to digital approach

## Surprisingly good energy resolution

 degrade at high energy due to heavy shower leakage

### Positron data: MC simulation

- A crude Geant4 simulation was done, just to have an idea about the detector performance
  - Simulated detector has similar layer structure, but with larger size and much more layers
    - Absorber: 2cm Fe → 1.6cm Fe + 0.4cm Cu (beam test: 1.6cm Fe, 0.4cm Cu)
    - Gap size: 13.4mm (== beam test setup)
    - Use fiducial cut to get 'beam test' hits
  - RPC properties
    - MIP efficiency = 0.90 (beam test: still to be determined)
    - Hit multiplicity = 1.65 (beam test: still to be determined)
      - Implementation not optimal
      - Need results from muon runs to get correct implementation
    - Dead channels: not simulated (beam test: exist)
  - Beam properties
    - Pure positron at 1,2,4,8,16 GeV/c, no upstream material, no multiple beam particles, etc. (data: may have junk in it)
    - Assume Gaussian distribution for beam spot (reality: still to be determined)
      - Gaussian central/width from a crude estimate

## Positron data: compare data/MC

- Agreement is reasonably good
  - Peak positions are a little bit off
  - Resolution well reproduced
  - Expect significant improvement with careful calibration
- Confirmed that DHCAL works as expected



### Positron data: compare data/MC



### Pion(/Muon) data



Collected data at (1),2,4,8,16 GeV/c data with Čerenkov veto

### Pion(/Muon) data: 'online results'

Data at 2 GeV taken with/without additional iron absorber



### Proton data

- No absorber: event looks like MIP tracks
- Data will be used to study RPC rate capability
  - Long time scale effect: decrease of efficiency with overall rate (T ~ sec)
  - Short time scale effect (?): 'dead time' after individual event (T ~ ms)

### Conclusion

- DHCAL slice test was a great success
- We collected large, high quality data sets
- The analysis has begun, but a lot remains to be done
- We plan on producing 4 5 papers
- We are clearly short of manpower help is very welcomed (Many thanks to U lowa group for helping our data analysis with a part time graduate student)