Overview of HK calibration & PMT calibration

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Overview of HK Calibration

Goal of HK calibration

- Physics sensitivity studies are in progress, and requirements from physics to HK calibration are not clear yet.
- We set our preliminary goal: HK detector needs to be calibrated to achieve SK (SK-II) level detector performance.

Baseline idea of HK calib

- SK has been operated successfully over decade, and has established several techniques to calibrate a large water Cherenkov detector.
- HK calibration will be designed based on SK calibration method/system
- However, there are some key differences between HK and SK:
 - Multiple compartments (like 10 SKs)
 → Automated calibration system
 - Asymmetric detector shape
 → 3D scanning (not only Z-positions)
- Incorporate "new" calibration technique/system of the other existing experiments (ex. SNO, Borexino)

HK calibration and overview of this session

- HK calibration major components, and talks in this session:
 - PMT calibration and detector monitoring [Hide]
 - Water optical properties [Hiro]
 - Higher level calibration [Koshio-san, Mine-san]
 - ex. Energy calibration (Low and High Energies)
 - Outer detector calibration [Mine-san]
 - Calibration source deployment system [Szymon]
- Prototyping and R&Ds are projected.
- Preparation of "Conceptual Design Document" for HK calib is in progress
 - Trying to write up 1st draft by end of this month.

PMT calibration

Goals of PMT calibration

- HK has ~99,000 of PMTs in the inner detector, and the detector is optically segmented into 10 compartments.
 - One compartment has similar size of volume and number of PMTs to SK
- Goals of the "PMT calibration" are
 - Measure & calibrate the charge and time responses of PMT/electronics and evaluate calibration constants.
 - Monitor the detector stability during the data-taking, and apply correction to the calibration constant timeto-time, as needed.



Pre-calibration

- A fraction of PMTs are calibrated prior to installation, called "standard PMTs"
 - All other PMTs are calibrated *in situ* after installed with reference to the standard PMTs.
- SK pre-calibration
 - SK have 420 of standard PMTs (~4%)
 - The standard PMTs were installed in the tank geometrically symmetric.
 - Pre-calibration determined HV values of the standard PMTs to obtain the identical charge (30 p.e.) between them.
 - Pre-calibration took ~2 weeks



SK 'standard PMTs' location





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Pre-calib in HK

- Since HK detector is not symmetric shape, unlike SK, expected that the standard PMTs are more important in HK detector calibration.
- Adapt similar idea to SK in HK:
 - ~500 PMTs / compartment
 - see figures for PMT allocation
 - \rightarrow ~5k standard PMTs in total (~5% of total HK PMTs)





HV tuning

- Tune HV to obtain the same charge (pulse height) for all PMTs with reference to the reference PMTs.
- Deploy Xe lamp + scintillator ball to obtain tens of p.e. level of light
- Move the source along Z-axis (height direction) 200 and tune HV 'group-by-group'
- HK may need a little complicated procedure









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Charge to p.e. conversion

- Conversion factor from charge (pC) to photoelectron (p.e.) can be obtained by measuring
 I p.e. distribution
- Deploy "Nickel source" to obtain 1 p.e. level light
 - Nickel source = nickel-californium source, Ni(n, γ)Ni, E_Y~9MeV



SK I p.e. distribution





Photo-detection efficiency

- Photo-detection efficiency "ε" is defined by
 - Quantum Efficiency (QE) x Collection Efficiency (CE)
- Hit rate (N_{hit}) for 1 p.e. level of light is proportional to the photo-detection efficiency:

 $N_{hit} \propto N_{photon} \times \varepsilon$

 Deploy Nickel source to evaluate the hit rate, and compare with MC which has 'known' number of photons reached to PMT

 \rightarrow Evaluate relative ϵ for every single PMTs from difference between data and MC



Timing calibration

- Time response of readout channel (PMT+elec) need to be calibrated to correct the *time-walk* effect etc.
- N₂-dye laser + variable optical filter + diffuser ball to obtain fast pulsed light with various intensities covering the entire dynamic range of electronics.



Di[']ffuser ball

PMT properties ex-situ measurement

 PMT has position/angular dependence of the detection efficiency and time response (TTS).



- Hard to measure such properties of PMT in situ, after PMTs installed → need ex situ measurement.
- A test stand is being built at TRIUMF to test/measure these properties.

Detector monitoring

- Monitor the stability of the detector during data taking, and apply correction to the calib constants time-to-time, as needed.
- SK uses various light sources to monitor the PMTs, measuring the relative changes/variation as a function of time:
 - Xe lamp + scintillator ball for the charge response
 - N₂ laser + diffuser ball for the time response
 - (Laser diodes w/ various wavelengths for the monitoring of water property)
 - Optical fibers + scintillator/diffuser balls permanently stay inside the detector (near the center of tank)



Summary

HK Calibration Overview

- HK calibration method/system are being developed based on SK experience.
- Trying to incorporate new ideas
- Preparation of "Conceptual Design Document" for HK calib is in progress
- <u>HK PMT calibration</u>
 - PMT calibration techniques, established in SK, would work in HK too, even HK detector shape is not symmetric unlike SK.
 - Though, further details need to be thought out
 - If HK uses HPDs (instead of PMTs), may need to develop additional calibration items
 - \rightarrow Collaborate with Photodetector WG