Timing performance of the ATLAS calorimeters

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Motivation:

- Search for stable massive particles (R-hadrons)
- Speed measurements
- Mass exclusion limits



Overview of the ATLAS calorimeters



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Strategy of the analysis

- Calorimeters need calibration \rightarrow Obtain calibration constants vs. energy.
- Calculate beta-values and find optimal combination of measurements for the same reconstructed track.
- R-hadrons not observed, so we need to choose which particles to use when measuring detector response. Largest background stems from muons. Hard to separate from R-hadrons, so maybe they have similar response?
- Investigate jets and compare their response to muons. Is there a difference? (Not in detail here)
- Apply data reduction to increase accuracy while retaining high efficiency.
- Perform cross-check between calculated errors and the width of the distribution of combined beta-values.

Energy distributions in TileCal



Samplings for muons and jets



Jet distribution is rescaled to fit integral of muon dist.

Larger tail towards higher number of samplings for jets.



Energy dependence usually described by:

$$\sigma_{t}(E_{i}) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{p_{0}}{\sqrt{E_{i}}}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{p_{1}}{E_{i}}\right)^{2}}$$

However, poor fit to data (layer 14 shown).

Notice:

$$t_{\rm reco} = t - d / c$$

 \Rightarrow distribution centered at zero

for relativistic particles

 σ_t vs. energy



 μ_t vs. energy



Calibration of data and MC



Calculation and combination of beta values

$$\beta_i = \frac{v}{c} = \frac{d_{\text{cell}}}{tc} = \frac{d_{\text{cell}}}{(t_{\text{reco}} + \frac{d_{\text{cell}}}{c})c} = \frac{d_{\text{cell}}}{t_{\text{reco}}c + d_{\text{cell}}}$$

 $t_{\rm reco}$ assumed to be Gaussianly distributed. $\beta^{-1} \propto t_{\rm reco} \Rightarrow \beta^{-1}$ is Gaussianly distributed

 β^{-1} -measurements are combined using weighting factor $w_i (= E \text{ or } 1/\sigma_{\beta^{-1}}^2)$:

$$\beta_{\text{comb}}^{-1} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{N} w_i \beta_i^{-1}}{\sum_{i=0}^{N} w_i} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{N} \beta_i^{-1} / \sigma_{\beta_i^{-1}}^2}{\sum_{i=0}^{N} 1 / \sigma_{\beta_i^{-1}}^2}$$
$$\sigma_{\beta_{\text{comb}}^{-1}}^2 = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=0}^{N} 1 / \sigma_{\beta_i^{-1}}^2}$$

Data reduction

• How to retain high efficiency with lowest possible contamination of R-hadron sigal?

• Look at fraction of beta-measurements for muons or jets below 0.8, where the R-hadrons are situated.





f<0.8 vs. efficiency for muons



f<0.8 vs. efficiency for jets



Precision of combined errors vs. sigma



Precision of combined errors vs. eta



Does the type of R-hadron calibration matter?



Thank you for your attention!