# POLAR High Level Data Products Format Design Specification

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## 1 Introduction

This chapter contains an introduction to the document "POLAR High Level Data Products Format Design Specification"

## 1.1 Purpose of the document

Three core pre-processing programs of POLAR SCI and HK raw data have been finished. They are SCI\_Decode, HK\_Decode and Time\_Calculate. For raw data products from POAC, please see the document[1]. SCI\_Decode is to directly decode 0B level POLAR SCI raw data from POAC, and do time sync at the same time. HK\_Decode is to directly decode 0B level POLAR HK raw data from POAC, and do some physical value converting work. Time\_Calculate is to calculate the absolute GPS time of each event in SCI decoded data using the GPS and timestamp sync information in HK decoded data. These three programs are tested by lots of ground data and work well. One important thing is the format or data structure of the output data files. Everyone who uses these programs should know the format and the way of data organization. This document is mainly to clarify the data structure of decoded data produced by the three pre-processing programs.

## 1.2 Levels of data products

POLAR data products has several different levels. 1M level data is the directly decoded data produced by SCI\_Decode or HK\_Decode. It should keep all information in 0B level raw data, and add some auxiliary data which is helpful for data monitor and data analysis later. The level of SCI data after absolute GPS time of each event is calculated and added by Time\_Calculate is 1P. 1M and 1P level SCI data have almost the same data structure except for absolute GPS time added. HK data does not have 1P level, because 1M level HK data already have absolute GPS time.

One raw data file from POAC could be very big, because it may contain a day of data. The time span of one orbit is about 90 minutes, so it could be convenient to split the data by orbit. The data structure of orbit splitted data should be the same as the data that is not splitted. So, data monitor and data analysis software can directly process the data after and before splitted without any change. The level of orbit splitted data is 1R.

This document will give a clear clarification of data structure of 1M and 1P level SCI decoded data, 1M level HK decoded data. SCI data of one event include one trigger packet and one or more module packets. It is important to understand the data organization of event data in the output ROOT file.

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## 2 Usage of the three programs

Before introducing the data products format, this chapter gives a brief introduction to how to use the three core pre-processing programs.

### 2.1 Usage of SCI\_Decode and HK\_Decode

The way of using the two decoding programs SCI\_Decode and HK\_Decode are the same, we can run one of them without any command line parameters to see the help information.

Help information of SCI\_Decode is as following:

And help information of HK\_Decode is as following:

```
> HK_Decode
Usage:

HK_Decode [-1 <listfile.txt>] [<POL_HK_data_001.dat> <POL_HK_data_002.dat> ...]

[-o <POL_HK_decoded_data.root>] [-g <POL_HK_decoding_error.log>]

Options:

-1 <listfile.txt> text file that contains raw data file list
-o <decoded_data.root> root file that stores decoded data
-g <decoding_error.log> text file that records decoding error log info

--version print version and author information
```

There are two ways to input raw data files.

The first way is directly to use command line parameters without options to give file names as following:

```
> SCI_Decode POL_SCI_data_20160517_154345_001.dat POL_SCI_data_20160517_154345_002.dat ...
```

SCI\_Decode will scan the designated raw data files one by one from left to right and generate only one decoded ROOT file. The default name of the output file is POL\_SCI\_decoded\_data.root for SCI\_Decode if it is not specified by option -o.

The second way is to use a text file which contains all the file names line by line. And use option -1 to input the raw data files. Just as following:

```
> cat listfile.txt
path/to/POL_SCI_data_20160517_154345_001.dat
path/to/POL_SCI_data_20160517_154345_002.dat
path/to/POL_SCI_data_20160517_154345_003.dat
...
> SCI_Decode -1 listfile.txt
```

Options -o and -g are optional. We can use option -o to specify the name of output decoded file. If option -g is used, SCI\_Decode and HK\_Decode will record some log information into a text file, including the raw data of bad packets.

After a run of SCI\_Decode or HK\_Decode finished, some counter information will be printed out, including count of total frames and packets, count of CRC error, count and percentage of packets lost, percentage of time aligned event packets, etc.. Such counter information can give some indications of quality of the raw data.

Screen output of SCI\_Decode is as following:

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1	405	>		766	766	0	0.0		i i	261973		0	0.00%
2	639	>		766	766	0	0.0	00%	1	340300	340300	0	0.00%
3	415	>		765	765	0	0.0	00%	1	359015	359014	1	0.00%
4	522	>		758	758	0	0.0	00%	1	361436	361436	0	0.00%
5	424	>		763	763	0	0.0	00%	1	322721	322721	0	0.00%
6	640	>		763	763	0	0.0	00%	I	317664	317663	1	0.00%
7	408	>		760	760	0	0.0	00%	1	406439	406439	0	0.00%
8	638	>		757	757	0	0.0	00%	1	448543	448543	0	0.00%
9	441	>		758	758	0	0.0	00%	I	471523	471523	0	0.00%
10	631	>		758	758	0	0.0	00%	I	418859	418859	0	0.00%
11	411	>		769	769	0	0.0	00%	1	305021	305021	0	0.00%
12	505	>		757	756	1		13%	1	426402	426403	-1	-0.00%
13	503			759	759	0	0.0		1	495925		0	0.00%
14	509	>		742	742	0	0.0	00%	I	519941	519941	0	0.00%
	410			762	762	0		00%	1	420677		0	0.00%
16	507			769	769	0		00%	I	321857		0	0.00%
17	402			758	758	0		00%	1	392200	392200	0	0.00%
	602			754	754	0	0.0		I	506862		1	0.00%
	414			765	765	0		00%	I	482388		0	0.00%
	524			747	746	1		13%	- 1	437999		0	0.00%
	423			766	766	0		00%	1	246196		2	0.00%
	601			761	761	0		00%	ı	365308		0	0.00%
	406			770	767	3	0.3		1	326266		869	0.27%
	520			771	771	0		00%	I	402897		0	0.00%
25	413	>		768	768	0	0.0	00%	I	317960	317960	0	0.00%
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Screen output of HK\_Decode is as following:

```
POL_HK_data_20160517_154345_001.dat
                                                total obox packet count:
total frame count:
frame valid count:
                            12564
                                                obox valid count:
                                                                             6281
frame invalid count:
                                                 obox invalid count:
                            12564
                                                                             6281
frame crc passed:
                                                obox crc passed:
frame crc error count:
                                                obox crc error count:
frame interruption count:
```

### 2.2 Usage of Time\_Calculate

Time\_Calculate is used to calculate and add the absolute GPS time of each event in decoded SCI data. It can work only when the GPS time in HK data is valid. We can also run this program without any command line parameters to see the help information.

Help information of Time\_Calculate is as following:

```
Usage:
    Time_Calculate <POL_SCI_decoded_data.root> -k <POL_HK_decoded_data.root>
        [-o <POL_SCI_decoded_data_time.root>] [-g <POL_SCI_time_error.log>]

Options:
    -k <hk_decoded_data.root> root file that stores hk decoded data
    -o <sci_decoded_data.root> root file that stores sci decoded data after absolute time is added
    -g <time_error.log> text file that records time calculating error log info

--version print version and author information
```

It is very straightforward. Just use option -k to designate the file name of decoded HK data. Options -o and -g are also optional. Option -o is used to specify the file name of the output ROOT file that stores the SCI data after absolute GPS time is added. If option -o is not used, the default file name is POL\_SCI\_decoded\_data\_time.root. When option -g is used, this program will record some error log information into a text file.

Screen output of Time\_Calculate is as following:

Absolute GPS time is only added into trigger packets, and all of other data is just copied.

## 3 Data Structure of ROOT files

This chapter gives a detail explanation of the TTree structure of 1M/1P level SCI data and 1M level HK data. The way of data organization of SCI event data is also clarified in this chapter. It is helpful to know the structure of raw data of SCI and HK first. See chapter 3 (page 13–17) of document[2] to know the frame structure of SCI and HK raw data, and packet structure of HK data. See section 3.4.2 (page 59–64) of document[3] to know the structure of raw HK packet from OBOX. See section 3.4.3 and 3.4.4 (page 65–68, 78–83) of document[3] to know the structure of raw science data packet and trigger data packet. In the ROOT files of decoded data, some data are directly decoded data, and others are auxiliary data that are added or calculated when decoding.

## 3.1 1M/1P level SCI data

SCI data of 1M level is generated by SCI\_Decode. There are 4 TTree objects, which store decoded data, and some TNamed objects, which store meta information. Descriptions of them are shown in Table 1

Type	Name	Descriptions
TTree	$t\_modules$	physical modules packets
TTree	$t_{tigger}$	physical trigger packets
TTree	$t_{ped_{modules}}$	pedestal modules packets
TTree	$t_{ped\_trigger}$	pedestal trigger packets
TNamed	$m_{-}$ dattype	string of description of the data type
TNamed	m_version	version of the program that generate this file
TNamed	$m_{\text{-gentime}}$	string of time when this file is generated
TNamed	m_rawfile	list of file names of the raw data
TNamed	$m_{dcdinfo}$	some information calculated when decoding

Table 1: Contents of ROOT file of 1M/1P SCI data

The two TTree objects t\_modules and t\_trigger are used to store physical event data. t\_modules is for module packets from 25 FEEs, and t\_trigger is for trigger packets from CT. These two TTree objects are associated by a specific way to match trigger packet and its corresponding module packets of the same physical event. The way of data organization of physical event data will be introduced later. The other two TTree objects t\_ped\_modules and t\_ped\_trigger are used to store pedestal event data. Actually, they have exactly the same structure of t\_modules and t\_trigger. The reason of storing physical events and pedestal events separately is that it is hard to make the

order between physical packets and pedestal packets sequencially as time because of the different methods of doing time sync for physical events and pedestal events. After these two kinds of events are stored separately, it is easy to make the order of both trigger and module packets right as time. And it is not hard to iterate all packets (including pedestal and physical, excluding bad) of one module as the order of time by using a global index number. The method will be introduced later.

#### 3.1.1 Contents table of TTree

Here will introduce the data structure of TTree t\_modules and TTree t\_trigger. Firstly, contents of TTree t\_modules and t\_ped\_modules are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Contents of TTree t\_modules and t\_ped\_modules

Type	Name	Descriptions
Long64_t	trigg_num	Sequential number of the trigger packet
		of an event.
Long64_t	event_num	Sequential number of the event packet <sup>1</sup>
		of a module.
Long64_t	event_num_g	Order number of the sequence of ap-
		pearing in the raw data file.
Int_t	is_bad	if the packet is invalid or has CRC er-
		ror.
Int_t	pre_is_bad	if the previous packet is invalid or has
		CRC error.
$Int_{-}t$	compress	compress mode
Int_t	ct_num	CT number
$\mathrm{UInt}_{-\mathrm{t}}$	time_stamp	raw data of TIMESTAMP field of the
		packet
UInt_t	time_period	overflow counter of time_stamp
UInt_t	time_align	23 LSB of time_stamp
Double_t	time_second	time in seconds from start
Double_t	time_wait	time_second difference since previous
		event

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>When I say event packet, it is equal to module packet

Table 2 (Continue)

Type	Name	Descriptions
Int_t	raw_rate	raw data of RATE field of the packet
$UInt_{-}t$	raw_dead	raw data of DEADTIME field of the
		packet
Float_t	dead_ratio	delta(raw_dead) / delta(time_stamp)
UShort_t	status	raw data of the 16 bits STATUS field
		of the packet
Event_Status_T	status_bit	each bit in status
Bool_t	trigger_bit[64]	raw data of the TRIGGERBIT
Float_t	energy_adc[64]	ADC of energy of the 64 channels
Float_t	common_noise	COMMON NOISE for compress mode
		3
Int_t	multiplicity	sum of trigger_bit[64] of this packet

Type Event\_Status\_T is a C struct. It is used to extract and store each bit of status. Definition of it is shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Definition of struct Event\_Status\_T

Type	Name	Bit	Descriptions
Bool_t	trigger_fe_busy	15	Flag indicating Frontend Unit is
			busys.
Bool_t	fifo_full	14	Flag indicating FIFO memory for
			events is full.
Bool_t	fifo_empty	13	Flag indicating FIFO memory for
			events is empty.
Bool_t	trigger_enable	12	Flag indicating trigger is enabled.
Bool_t	trigger_waiting	11	Flag indicating FE is waiting for
			trigger acceptance.
Bool_t	trigger_hold_b	10	Flag indicating HOLD B signal on
			FE is asserted.
Bool_t	timestamp_enable	9	Flag indicating timestamp is en-
			abled.
Bool_t	reduction_mode_b1	8	bit 1 of Field indicating the reduc-
			tion mode of the Frontend Unit.
Bool_t	reduction_mode_b0	7	bit 0 of Field indicating the reduc-
			tion mode of the Frontend Unit.

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Table 3 (Continue)

Type	Name	Bit	Descriptions
Bool_t	subsystem_busy	6	Flag indicating one of three subsys-
			tems is busy.
Bool_t	dynode_2	5	Flag indicating DYNODE 2 trig-
			gered.
Bool_t	dynode_1	4	Flag indicating DYNODE 1 trig-
			gered.
Bool_t	dy12_too_high	3	Flag indicating DY12 TOO HIGH
			triggered.
Bool_t	t_out_too_many	2	Flag indicating T OUT TOO
			MANY triggered.
Bool_t	t_out_2	1	Flag indicating T OUT 2 triggered.
Bool_t	t_out_1	0	Flag indicating T OUT 1 triggered.

Then, contents of TTree t\_trigger and t\_ped\_trigger are shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Contents of TTree t\_trigger and t\_ped\_trigger

Type	Name	Descriptions
Long64_t	trigg_num	Sequential number of the trigger
		packet of an event.
Long64_t	trigg_num_g	Order number of the sequence of ap-
		pearing in the raw data file.
$Int_t$	is_bad	if the packet is invalid or has CRC
		error.
Int_t	pre_is_bad	if the previous packet is invalid or has
		CRC error.
Int_t	type	code of the 4 types of trigger packet
Int_t	packet_num	raw data of packet number of the
		trigger packet
UInt_t	time_stamp	raw data of Timestamp register of
		the trigger packet
UInt_t	time_period	overflow counter of time_stamp
UInt_t	time_align	23 MSB of time_stamp
Double_t	time_second	time in seconds from start
Double_t	time_wait	time_second difference since previous
		event

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Table 4 (Continue)

Type	Name	Table 4 (Continue)  Descriptions
ULong64_t	frm_ship_time	raw data of the ship time from frame
	_	in which this packet is.
ULong64_t	frm_gps_time	raw data of the GPS time from frame
		in which this packet is.
Long64_t	pkt_start	first entry index of all the adjacent
		event packets of this event in the
		modules tree.
Int_t	pkt_count	number of entries of event packets for
		this event in the modules tree
Int_t	$lost\_count$	number of lost event packets for this
		event
Int_t	trigger_n	sum of the trigger_bit[64] of all the
		event packets for this event
UShort_t	status	raw data of Status register of the
		trigger packet
Trigg_Status_T	status_bit	each bit in status
UChar_t	trig_sig_con[25]	raw data of Trigger signals conditions
		for each frontend
Trig_Sig_Con_T	trig_sig_con_bit	each bit in trig_sig_con[25] for each
		frontend
Bool_t	trig_accepted[25]	raw data of FEE TRIGGER AC-
		CEPTED for each frontend
Bool_t	trig_rejected[25]	raw data of FEE TRIGGER RE-
		JECTED for each frontend
$UInt_{-}t$	raw_dead	raw data of the dead time counter
		field
Float_t	dead_ratio	delta(raw_dead) / delta(time_stamp)
<b>-</b>		/ 4
$Int_{-}t$	abs_gps_week*	week of absolute gps time of this
D 11	1	event.
Double_t	$abs\_gps\_second^*$	second of absolute gps time of this
D. L.	1 1.10	event.
Bool_t	abs_gps_valid*	if the absolute gps time is valid.

Type Trigg\_Status\_T and Trig\_Sig\_Con\_T are C structs. They are used to extract and store each bit of status and trig\_sig\_con[25] respectively. Definitions of the two struct types are shown in Table 5 and Table 6 respectively.

Table 5: Definition of struct Trigg\_Status\_T

Type	Name	Bit	Descriptions
Bool_t	science_disable	15	Flag indicating the science pack-
			ets generation by Central Trigger
			Unit is disabled.
Bool_t	master_clock_enable	14	Flag indicating the Master Clock
			generation is enabled.
Bool_t	saving_data	13	Flag indicating the science packet
			is being stored in FIFO.
Bool_t	taking_event_or_ped	12	Flag indicating the Central Trig-
			ger Unit state machine is doing
			the event or pedestal acquisition.
Bool_t	fifo_full	11	Flag indicating FIFO in Central
			Processing Unit is full.
Bool_t	fifo_almost_full	10	Flag indicating FIFO in Central
			Processing Unit is almost full.
Bool_t	fifo_empty	9	Flag indicating FIFO in Central
			Processing Unit is empty.
Bool_t	fifo_almost_empty	8	Flag indicating FIFO in Central
			Processing Unit is almost empty.
Bool_t	any_waiting	7	Flag indicating at least one FEE
			sent the WAITING signal to Cen-
			tral Processing Unit.
Bool_t	any_waiting_two_hits	6	Flag indicating at least one FEE,
			that has two hits, sent the WAIT-
			ING signal to Central Processing
			Unit.
Bool_t	any_tmany_thigh	5	Flag indicating at least one FEE,
			that has Too Many or Too High
			flags set, sent the WAITING sig-
D 1.	1	4	nal to Central Processing Unit.
Bool_t	packet_type_b2	$\mid 4 \mid$	bit 2 of Field indicating the type
			of science packet being processed
			by the state machine of Central
			Trigger Unit.

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Table 5 (Continue)

Type	Name	Bit	Descriptions
Bool_t	packet_type_b1	3	bit 1 of Field indicating the type
			of science packet being processed
			by the state machine of Central
			Trigger Unit.
Bool_t	packet_type_b0	2	bit 0 of Field indicating the type
			of science packet being processed
			by the state machine of Central
			Trigger Unit.

Table 6: Definition of struct Trig\_Sig\_Con\_T

Type	Name	Bit	Descriptions
Bool_t	fe_busy[25]	5	Flag indicating the status of the
			FE BUSY signal from this Fron-
			tend Unit.
Bool_t	fe_waiting[25]	4	Flag indicating the status of the FE
			WAITING signal from this Fron-
			tend Unit.
Bool_t	fe_hold_b[25]	3	Flag indicating the status of the FE
			HOLD B signal from this Frontend
			Unit.
Bool_t	fe_tmany_thigh[25]	2	Flag indicating the status of the FE
			TMANY THIGH signal from this
			Frontend Unit.
Bool_t	fe_tout_2[25]	1	Flag indicating the status of the FE
			TOUT 2 signal from this Frontend
			Unit.
Bool_t	fe_tout_1[25]	0	Flag indicating the status of the FE
			TOUT 1 signal from this Frontend
			Unit.

#### 3.1.2 Directly decoded data in t\_modules

Some data in t\_modules is directly decoded from module packet without any change. Here list and explain all of them.

**compress** Bit [8:7] of module status word. It is the code of reduction mode. There are four different reduction mode types. 0 is for default mode, 1 is for simple mode, 2 is for pedestal mode, and 3 is for full reduction mode.

ct\_num This is the CT number, raw data of FEE Unit number. The range of it is from 1 to 25, indicating which module this packet is from.

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time\_stamp Raw data of TIMESTAMP field of this packet. The number of valid bits is 24. The unit of it is  $40.96\mu s$ .

raw\_rate Raw data of RATE word of this packet.

**raw\_dead** Raw data of DEADTIME word of this packet. The unit of it is the same as TIMESTAMP.

status Raw data of module STATUS word.

**status\_bit** This is a C struct of pure bool type. Each bit of STATUS word is extracted and stored in this struct respectively. Names of the fields indicate the meaning of each bit.

**trigger\_bit**[64] Array of each bit of TRIGGERBIT. The type of it is Bool\_t. True means the corresponding channel is triggered.

energy\_adc[64] Array of ADC of each channel. For mode 2 and mode 3, some channels have no ADC data, in this case, ADC of the channel is 0. ADC of mode 3 is special. The output ADC of mode 3 is  $(ADC_{raw}-2048)\times 2$ . After this calculation, the unit of ADC of mode 3 is the same as other modes. One important thing is that ADC of mode 3 is already pedestal subtracted in firmware, but common noise is not subtracted. The common noise for mode 3 is stored in common\_noise. For mode 0, 1 and 2, the output ADC is equal to the raw ADC.

**common\_noise** Raw data of COMMON NOISE for mode 3 subtracted by 2048. The reason to subtract 2048 is that firmware add an extra 2048 to common noise. For ohter compress modes, the value of common\_noise is 0.

#### 3.1.3 Auxiliary data in t\_modules

One important fact is that packets of a specific module and trigger packets are ordered exactly as time in the raw data file. It is better to add some auxiliary data related to the sequence of time that is helpful for data monitor and data analysis later. All of the auxiliary data in t\_modules is listed and explained here.

**trigg\_num** This is the sequential number of trigger packet of this event. Module packets which belong to the same event have the same trigg\_num. This number is used for organization of event data. It start from 0. It is -1 if this module packet has no corresponding trigger packet and -2 when this module packet is bad.

event\_num Sequential number of module packets. This number for different modules is independent. This number is added when saving data into TTree. In ohter words, this number is also independent for pedestal and physical packets. This number is continuous and incremental for a specific module in the same TTree, t\_modules or t\_ped\_modules. It start from 0, and it is -1 when this packet is bad.

**event\_num\_g** Order number of the sequence of appearing in the raw data file. This number for different modules is independent. The difference between this number and event\_num is that this number is added when scanning the raw data file. It counts both pedestal and physical packets. Because pedestal and physical packets are stored in different TTree, this number is incremental but sometimes discontinuous for a specific module in the same TTree. It start from 0, and it is -1 when this packet is bad. This number is used for iterating all packets of one module including pedestal and physical as the order of time.

is\_bad An integer value that indicates whether this packet is bad. The value is 3 when this packet is too short, 2 when invalid, 1 when CRC error, and 0 when good. The value is -1 when this packet is good but the timestamp is 0.

**pre\_is\_bad** Value of is\_bad of the previous packet of the same module. This value is necessary because if the previous packet is bad, some other auxiliary data in t\_modules such as time\_wait, dead\_ratio is unknown and wrong.

time\_period time\_stamp of module packet will overflow about every 11.45 minutes. This value records the total number of overflow from start.

time\_align It is the 23 LSB of time\_stamp of this packet. This is useful for time alignment. It is the counterpart of 23 MSB of time\_stamp of trigger packet, that is the time\_align of trigger packet. time\_align of both module packet and trigger packet have the same time unit and range.

time\_second This is the time in second unit from start. It is equal to  $(time_period \times 2^{24} + time_stamp) \times 40.96 \times 10^{-6}$ 

**time\_wait** This is the difference of time\_second between this packet and previous packet of the same module. The unit of it is second.

**dead\_ratio** Ratio of the increment of raw\_dead to the increment of time\_stamp. The increment is between this packet and previous packet of the same module. In formula, dead\_ratio =  $\Delta(\text{raw\_dead})/\Delta(\text{time\_stamp})$ .

**multiplicity** Sum of array trigger\_bit[64] of this packet. It indicates how many bars of this module is fired.

#### 3.1.4 Directly decoded data in t\_trigger

Here list and explain the directly decoded data of trigger packet in TTree t\_trigger.

**type** Code of the 4 types of trigger packet. 0x00F0 is for pedestal event, 0x00FF is for normal event, 0xF000 is for prescale single event, and 0xFF00 is for cosmic event.

packet\_num Raw data of the packet number word of this trigger packet.

**time\_stamp** Raw data of the timestamp register double word of this trigger packet. The number of valid bits is 32. The unit of it is 80ns.

frm\_ship\_time Raw data of the 6 bytes ship time decoded from the header of frame in which this trigger packet is.

frm\_gps\_time Raw data of the 6 bytes GPS time decoded from the header of frame in which this trigger packet is.

status Raw data of the status register word of this trigger packet.

status\_bit This is a C struct of pure bool type which is used to extract and store each bit of status respectively. Names of the fields indicate the meaning of each bit.

**trig\_sig\_con[25**] Array to store the byte of trigger signals conditions for each frontend.

**trig\_sig\_con\_bit** C struct to extract and store each bit of trigger signals conditions for each frontend respectively. Each field of this C struct is of type bool[25].

**trig\_accepted[25**] Array to store each bit of FEE TRIGGER AC-CEPTED for each frontend respectively.

**trig\_rejected**[25] Array to store each bit of FEE TRIGGER REJECTED for each frontend respectively.

raw\_dead Raw data of the dead time counter word of this trigger packet.

#### 3.1.5 Auxiliary data in t\_trigger

Some of the auxiliary data added in t\_trigger is similar to that is added in t\_modules. Some are used to organize the event data, that is, to find the corresponding module packets of the same event in t\_modules. The three GPS related branches with a star tagged shown in Table 4 are added by program Time\_Calculate. They belong to the 1P level SCI data, and the 1M level SCI data does not have these three branches. All the auxiliary data in t\_trigger is listed and explained below.

**trigg\_num** Sequential number of trigger packet. Like event\_num of  $t_{modules}$ , this number is independent for pedestal and physical trigger packets and is always continuous and incremental in the same TTree,  $t_{trigger}$  or  $t_{ped_{trigger}}$ . It start from 0, and it is -1 when this trigger packet is bad.

**trigg\_num\_g** Order number of the sequence of appearing in the raw data file. Also similar to event\_num\_g for module packets, this number is added when scanning the raw data file and counts both pedestal and physical trigger packets. Because pedestal and physical trigger packets are stored in different TTree, This number is incremental but sometimes discontinuous in the same TTree. It start from 0, and it is -1 when this trigger packet is bad.

is\_bad The same as that in t\_modules but for trigger packets.

pre\_is\_bad The same as that in t\_modules but for trigger packets.

time\_period The same as that in t\_modules but for trigger packets. time\_stamp of trigger packet will overflow about every 5.73 minutes.

time\_align It is the 23 MSB of time\_stamp of this trigger packet. It is also useful for time alignment. It is the counterpart of 23 LSB of time\_stamp of module packet.

**time\_second** Time in second unit from start when this trigger packet is generated. It is equal to (time\_period  $\times 2^{32} + \text{time\_stamp}$ )  $\times 80 \times 10^{-9}$ .

time\_wait The same as that in t\_modules but for trigger packets.

**pkt\_start** This is the branch that records the first entry index of the module packets in t\_modules for the same event. In t\_modules, module packets that belong to the same event are adjacent to each other. The total number of module packets for the same event is recorded by pkt\_count.

**pkt\_count** This is the branch that records the total number of module packets in t\_modules that belong to the same event as this trigger packet. We can use pkt\_start and pkt\_count to find all the corresponding module packets of this trigger packet in t\_modules.

**lost\_count** An integer value that indicates how many packets this event loses. There are two reasons for the lost. The first is that it is realy lost. And the second is that some module packets failed to time align with this trigger packet because of timestamp issue.

**trigger\_n** Sum of the trigger\_bit[64] of all the module packets of this event. It is the number of how many bars are fired in this event. It may includes several modules.

dead\_ratio It should be the same as that of t\_modules, but there is a difference. For trigger packets, dead\_ratio =  $pre\Delta(\text{raw\_dead})/\Delta(\text{time\_stamp})$ . That means dead\_ratio<sub>3</sub> =  $\frac{\text{raw\_dead}_2-\text{raw\_dead}_1}{\text{time\_stamp}_3-\text{time\_stamp}_2}$ .

abs\_gps\_week Added by Time\_Calculate. It is the week of absolute GPS time when this event occurred.

abs\_gps\_second Added by Time\_Calculate. It is the second of absolute GPS time when this event occurred.

abs\_gps\_valid Added by Time\_Calculate. It indicates if the absolute GPS time is valid.

#### 3.1.6 Iterating pedestal and physical packets together

Because of the different mehtods of doing time alignment for pedestal and physical packets, if save both pedestal packets and physical packets in the same TTree, it is hard to make the sequence between pedestal and physical packets as the order of time. But it is easy to make the sequence of only pedestal or physical packets as the order of time in the same TTree. So I have

to save pedestal and physical data separately. But sometimes it is needed to iterate pedestal and physical packets together as the order of time. We can use event\_num\_g in both t\_modules and t\_ped\_modules, and trigg\_num\_g in both t\_trigger and t\_ped\_trigger to do this thing easily. event\_num\_g (for module packets) and trigg\_num\_g (for trigger packets) are added when scanning the raw data file. They are the order of appearing in raw data file of the packet. Pedestal and physical packets for the same module use the same counter. In pedestal and physical TTree, event\_num\_g (or trigger\_num\_g) looks like Table 7.

${f tped}$	modules	t_me	odules
event_num	event_num_g	event_num	evnet_num_g
0	0		
1	1		
2	2		
		0	3
		1	4
		2	5
		3	6
3	7		
		4	8
		5	9
4	10		
		6	11
		7	12
		8	13

Table 7: number in t\_modules and t\_ped\_modules

Notice that event\_num and event\_num\_g are all independent for different modules. Table 7 just shows the case of only a specific module.

It is clear that we can open the two TTree t\_ped\_modules and t\_modules at the same time and iterate both pedestal and physical packets of one specific module together as the order of time by comparing event\_num\_g. For trigger packets, the method is the same, by comparing trigg\_num\_g.

Notice that event\_num is "local" in the same TTree t\_ped\_modules or t\_modules, but event\_num\_g is "global" between the two TTree t\_ped\_modules and t\_modules. That is what the suffix "\_g" mean.

#### 3.1.7 Organization of event data

Data of an event (both pedestal and physical) contains one trigger packet and one or more module packets. Packets of trigger and module have different data structure, so they must be stored in different TTree. But the matching between trigger packet and module packet of the same event is also important. For one trigger packet in t\_trigger, we have to know which module packets in t\_modules are the corresponding module packets of the same event. And on the contrary, for one module packet in t\_modules, we have to know which trigger packet in t\_trigger is the corresponding trigger packet of the same event. Six extra branches in t\_trigger and t\_modules are used to do this kind of data organization. They are trigg\_num, pkt\_start, pkt\_count, lost\_count in trigger packet, and trigg\_num, event\_num in t\_modules. The relationship among them is shown in Table 8.

O				0.	0		
${f ttrigger}$					odules		
entry	trigg_num	pkt_start	pkt_count	entry	trigg_num	ct_num	event_num
0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
				1	0	3	0
1	1	2	3	2	1	8	0
				3	1	7	0
				4	1	2	1
2	2	5	1	5	2	3	1
3	3	6	2	6	3	6	0
				7	3	7	1
4	4	8	2	8	4	3	2
				9	4	4	0
5	5	10	3	10	5	12	0
				11	5	7	2
				12	5	8	1
6	6	13	1	13	6	3	3
7	7	14	2	14	7	2	2
				15	7	3	4

Table 8: organization of event data between t\_trigger and t\_modules

The organization of event data between t\_trigger and t\_modules is shown clearly in Table 8. There are two key rules: 1) trigger packet in TTree t\_trigger records the position of modules packets in TTree t\_modules using pkt\_start and pkt\_count; 2) module packet in TTree t\_modules records the trigg\_num of the trigger packet in TTree t\_trigger of the same event. trigg\_num is unique for each trigger packet in t\_trigger. event\_num of module packets in t\_modules is independent for different modules, but unique for a specific module.

This organization looks some complicated. But it has some advantages comparing just storing the ADC data of one event into a 1600 array. Because the packet data is stored module by module, all data in module packet and trigger packet can be kept. And it is helpful for data analysis, because some

steps of the analysis chain, such as pedestal subtraction, crosstalk correction and energy calibration, are always done module by module. Only the calculation of scattering angle is done in the whole instrument scope. Though, the disadvantage is that we have to keep the structure not changed when we do pedestal subtraction, crosstalk correction and energy calibration etc. before doing the calculation of scattering angle.

When we want to merge the module data of each event into a 1600 array, or when we calculate the scattering angle directly, we must iterate the data event by event. The best way to do this is as following.

```
// value declaration.
    t_trigger->SetBranchAddress("pkt_start", pkt_start);
    t_trigger->SetBranchAddress("pkt_count", pkt_count);
    t_trigger->SetBranchAddress("lost_count", lost_count);
    t_trigger->SetBracnhAddress("is_bad", trigg_is_bad);
    // SetBranchAddress for other branches in t_trigger
    t_modules->SetBranchAddress("ct_num", ct_num);
    // SetBranchAddress for other branches in t modules
    for (Long64_t i = 0; i < t_trigger->GetEntries(); i++) {
10
        t_trigger->GetEntry(i);
11
        // when lost_count > 0, this event may lose module packets
        if (trigg_is_bad > 0 || lost_count > 0)
13
            continue;
        // process trigger packet data of this event.
14
15
        for (Long64_t j = pkt_start; j < pkt_start + pkt_count; j++) {</pre>
            t_modules->GetEntry(j);
16
17
            // process each module packet data of this event,
            // merge them into a 1600 array or calculate scattering angle directly.
18
19
            // use ct_num to identify which module this packet is from.
            // do not need to check if this module packet is bad,
20
            // because bad module packet can not be here.
21
22
        }
    }
```

In addition, the lost\_count branch records how many module packets this event loses. When lost\_count is not 0, this event is bad, because it loses information.

#### 3.2 1M level HK data

HK data of 1M level is generated by HK\_Decode. There are 2 TTree objects, which store decoded data, and some TNamed objects, which store meta information. Descriptions of them are shown in Table 9.

Type	Name	Descriptions
TTree	t_hk_obox	obox housekeeping packets
TTree	t_hk_ibox	ibox housekeeping info
TNamed	$m_{-}$ dattype	string of description of the data type
TNamed	m_version	version of the program that generate this file
TNamed	$m_{-}gentime$	string of time when this file is generated
TNamed	m_rawfile	list of file names of the raw data

Table 9: Contents of ROOT file of 1M HK data

The two TTree objects t\_hk\_obox and t\_hk\_ibox are used to store the decoded HK packets from IBOX and OBOX respectively. HK packet from OBOX is generated with a periodicity of 2 seconds. And it will be divided into two HK packets in IBOX, and packed into odd and even packets. t\_hk\_obox is to store the whole HK packet from OBOX after the two half packets divided into odd and even packets are combined. t\_hk\_ibox is to store the other information except for that of OBOX HK packet in an IBOX HK packet, such as command feedback from OBOX.

#### 3.2.1 Contents table of TTree

Like SCI data, here will give the table of contents of the two TTree objects first.

Firstly the contents of TTree t\_hk\_obox are shown in Table 10.

TypeNameDescriptionsInt\_todd\_indexFrame Index of odd packet, -1 when lost.Int\_teven\_indexFrame Index of even packet, -1 when lost.Int\_todd\_is\_badcode that indicates if the odd half packet is bad. 3 when lost, 2 when invalid, 1 when crc error, 0 when good.

Table 10: Contents of TTree t\_hk\_obox

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Table 10 (Continue)

Type	Name	Descriptions
Int_t	even_is_bad	code that indicates if the even half
		packet is bad. 3 when lost, 2 when in-
		valid, 1 when crc error, 0 when good.
UShort_t	packet_num	raw data of the Packet number word
UInt_t	timestamp	raw data of the OBOX time-stamp
		double word
UChar_t	obox_mode	raw data of the 4 bits OBOX opera-
		tional mode
UShort_t	cpu_status	raw data of the 12 bits OBOX CT
77.64		CPU status
UChar_t	trig_status	raw data of the OBOX CT Trigger
TICI		status byte
UChar_t	comm_status	raw data of the OBOX CT Commu-
TDI		nication status byte
Float_t	ct_temp	physical value of the Central Trigger
TSI + +	1	temperature
Float_t	chain_temp	physical value of the Sensor chain
TICL . 4 4	1	temperature
UShort_t	reserved	raw data of the Reserved word
UShort_t	lv_status	raw data of the LV power supply sta-
TIT	C	tus word
$UInt_t$	fe_pattern	raw data of the FEs powered double
Float_t	les toman	word
r ioat_t	lv_temp	physical value of the LV power sup-
UShort_t	hr nym	ply temperature raw data of the HV PWM setting
USHOI t_t	hv_pwm	word
UShort_t	hv_status	raw data of the HV power supply sta-
CSHOI t_t	IIV_Status	tus word
UShort_t	hv_current[2]	raw data of the HV current readout1
0.01101.6_6		and readout words
UChar_t	fe_status[25]	raw data of the Module status byte
	ic_status[20]	of each module
Float_t	$fe_{temp}[25]$	physical value of the Module temper-
1 1000_0	10_00111p[20]	ature of each module
		avair of outil module

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Table 10 (Continue)

Type	Name	Descriptions (Continue)
Float_t	fe_hv[25]	physical value of the HV voltage set-
		ting of each module
Float_t	fe_thr[25]	physical value (if packet_num % 4
		$==0$ ) or raw data (if packet_num %
		4 != 0) of the Threshold setting of
		each module
UShort_t	fe_rate[25]	raw data of the Count rate word of
		each module
$UShort_t$	fe_cosmic[25]	raw data of the Too many/too high
		rate word of each module
Float_t	flex_i_p3v3[5]	physical value of the Current at
		P3V3 rail of each FLEX
Float_t	flex_i_p1v7[5]	physical value of the Current at
		P1V7 rail of each FLEX
Float_t	flex_i_n2v5[5]	physical value of the Current at
		N2V5 rail of each FLEX
Float_t	$flex_v_p3v3[5]$	physical value of the Voltage at P3V3
		rail of each FLEX
Float_t	flex_v_p1v7[5]	physical value of the Voltage at P1V7
		rail of each FLEX
Float_t	$flex_v_n2v5[5]$	physical value of the Voltage at N2V5
		rail of each FLEX
Float_t	hv_v_hot	physical value of the Voltage at HV
		Hot P3V3 rail
Float_t	hv_i_hot	physical value of the Current at HV
		Hot P3V3 rail
Float_t	$ct_v_{hot}[2]$	physical value of the Voltage at CT
	. 7 [2]	Hot P3V3 and 1V5 rail
Float_t	$ct_i_{hot}[2]$	physical value of the Current at CT
		Hot P3V3 and 1V5 rail
Float_t	hv_v_cold	physical value of the Voltage at HV
T21		Cold P3V3 rail
Float_t	hv_i_cold	physical value of the Current at HV
T21	1.1[0]	Cold P3V3 rail
Float_t	$ct_v_{cold}[2]$	physical value of the Voltage at CT
		Cold P3V3 and 1V5 rail

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Table 10 (Continue)

Type	Name	Descriptions (Continue)
Float_t	ct_i_cold[2]	physical value of the Current at CT
		Cold P3V3 and 1V5 rail
UInt_t	timestamp_sync	raw data of the word of Time-stamp
		at last sync
UShort_t	command_rec	raw data of the byte of Command re-
		ceived counter
UShort_t	command_exec	raw data of the byte of Command ex-
		ecuted counter
$UShort_t$	command_last_num	raw data of the word of Command
		last executed number
$UShort_t$	command_last_stamp	raw data of the word of Command
		last executed time-stamp
UShort_t	command_last_exec	raw data of the word of Command
		last executed code
UShort_t	command_last_arg[2]	raw data of the words of Command
		last executed argument1 and argu-
		ment2
UShort_t	obox_hk_crc	raw data of the word of OBOX HK
		packet CRC
UShort_t	saa	raw data of the 2 bits SAA flat
UShort_t	sci_head	raw data of the word of OBOX sci-
		ence packet header counter
ULong64_t	0	raw data of the 8 bytes Time_PPS
ULong64_t	gps_sync_gen_count	raw data of the 8 bytes
	•	Time_synchComGen
ULong64_t	gps_sync_send_count	raw data of the 8 bytes
TTT 0.1	.1	Time_synchComTx
ULong64_t	ibox_gps	raw data of the 6 bytes IBOX GPS
T	,	time of odd packet
$Int_{-}t$	abs_gps_week	the GPS week of ibox_gps of this
D. I.I.	1	packet
Double_t	abs_gps_second	the GPS second of ibox_gps of this
		packet

Secondly, the contents of TTree t\_hk\_ibox are shown in Table 11.

Table 11: Contents of TTree  $t_hk_i$ 

Type	Name	Descriptions
Int_t	frame_index	Frame Index of this packet
Int_t	$pkt_{-}tag$	Packet tag of this packet
Int_t	is_bad	code that indicates if this packet is bad. 2 when invalid, 1 when CRC error, and 0 when good.
ULong64_t	${ m ship\_time}$	raw data of the 6 bytes Ship time of this packet
UShort_t	error[2]	raw data of the two words of Command feedback error number1 and number2
UShort_t	frame_head	raw data of the Frame header word of the 6 words command feedback from OBOX
UShort_t	command_head	raw data of the Command frame header of the 6 words command feed- back from OBOX
UShort_t	commnad_num	raw data of the Command number word of the 6 words command feed- back from OBOX
UShort_t	command_code	raw data of the Command code word of the 6 words command feedback from OBOX
UShort_t	$command\_arg[2]$	raw data of the two words of Command argument1 and argument2 of the 6 words command feedback from OBOX
ULong64_t	ibox_gps	raw data of the 6 bytes IBOX GPS time of this packet
Int_t	abs_gps_week	the GPS week of ibox_gps of this packet

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Table 11 (Continue)

Type	Name	Descriptions
Double_t	abs_gps_second	the GPS second of ibox_gps of this
		packet

### 3.2.2 Conversion of physical value

The meaning of each branch in the two TTree t\_hk\_obox and t\_hk\_ibox is explained clearly in Table 10 and Table 11. There is no need to give more detailed information of them in this document. What we concern more about is how the physical values are converted from raw data. Here will give the formula of each of them.

 $ct\_temp$  raw data of it is one word.  $ct\_temp = raw\_data[11:4] > 0x7F$  ?  $raw\_data[11:4] - 2 * 0x80 : raw\_data[11:4]$ .

**chain\_temp** raw data of it is one word. chain\_temp = raw\_data[11:4] > 0x7F ? raw\_data[11:4] - 2\*0x80 : raw\_data[11:4].

**lv\_temp** raw data of it is one word. lv\_temp =  $27 + ((raw_data - 0x8000) / 16384.0 * 2.5 / 2 - 28E-3) / 93.5E-6.$ 

 $fe\_temp[25]$  raw data of it is one byte for each module.  $fe\_temp = raw\_data > 0x7F$  ?  $raw\_data - 2 * 0x80$  :  $raw\_data$ .

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