

Resonance search analysis of 2016 HPS spring run data.

Bump hunt folks

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Introduction

The Heavy Photon Search (HPS) experiment has capability to search for a so called heavy photon (A') with two complementary methods.

1 Data set

Describe the data, beam energy, beam current, target runs, etc.

2 Event Selections

This section describes all the cuts that are applied to get the final vertex candidate distribution. The main goal of event selection cuts is to maximize signal sensitivity.

In this analysis only events with “Pair1” trigger (see [1] for the description of HPS triggers) are used.

2.1 Cluster timing cuts

The readout window of ECal FADC data is 200 ns. Clusters coming from the physics events, that generated the trigger, are located in a narrow time range (few ns width because of the trigger jitter) in the readout window around $t = 56$ ns. In Fig.1 shown “time vs Energy” distributions of ECal clusters in the Top (Left)

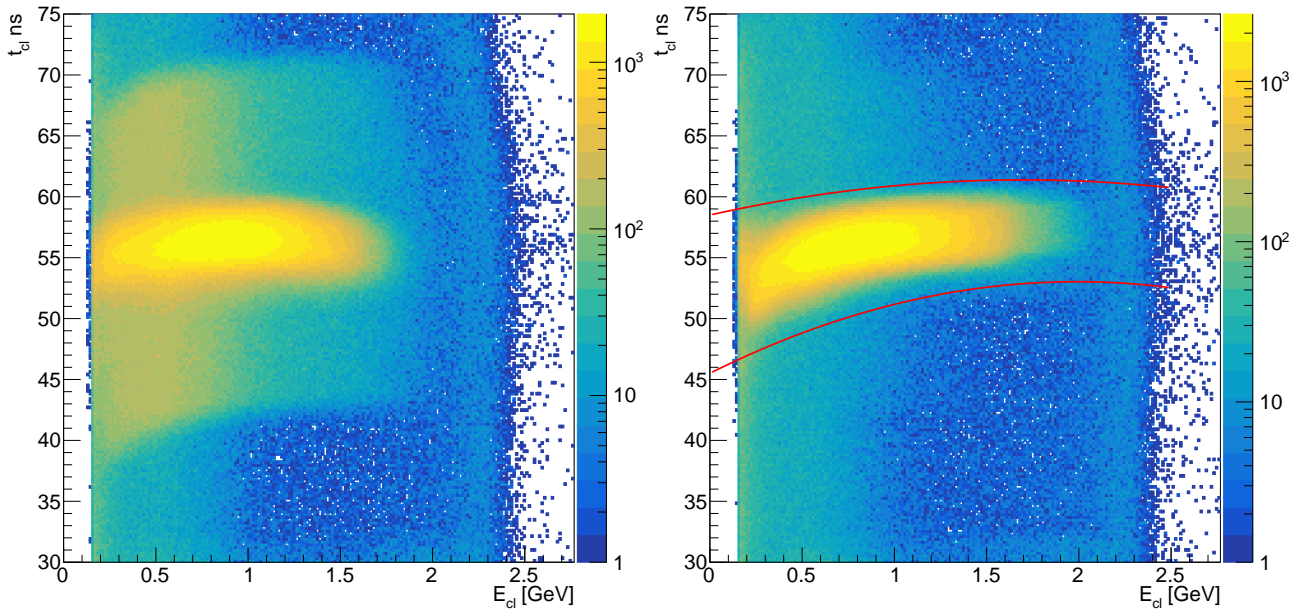


Figure 1: “time vs Energy” distributions of ECal clusters in the Top (Left) and Bottom (Right) half. Red curves in the in the right plot indicate cuts that are applied to clusters in the bottom half for the initial cluster selection. See the text for the description of the difference between left and right plots.

and Bottom (Right) halves. The bulge of events in the right plot are clusters that generated the trigger, and also trigger time is defined by these clusters. The noticeable energy dependence is due to the so called “time walk Corrections” [2]. During initial event selection only clusters that are inside the outlined red curves are used, since the rest are accidentals that didn’t come from the beam bunch generating the

trigger. One can notice that for the clusters in the top half, in addition to the central bulge, there is an extra occupancy of events in region ($40 \text{ ns} < t_{cl} < 70 \text{ ns}$). This is because the coincidence time between clusters in the “Pair” trigger was 12 ns [1], and the trigger time is determined by the bottom cluster. Unlike to clusters in the bottom half, in the initial event selection, we have not cut on time of the top cluster, but rather we have applied cut on the cluster time difference between top and bottom clusters.

2.1.1 Ad hoc ECal time corrections

The next step is to cut pairs of top-bottom clusters that are far from each other in terms of time. During the analysis it was found that ECal cluster times can be improved, in particular the dashed

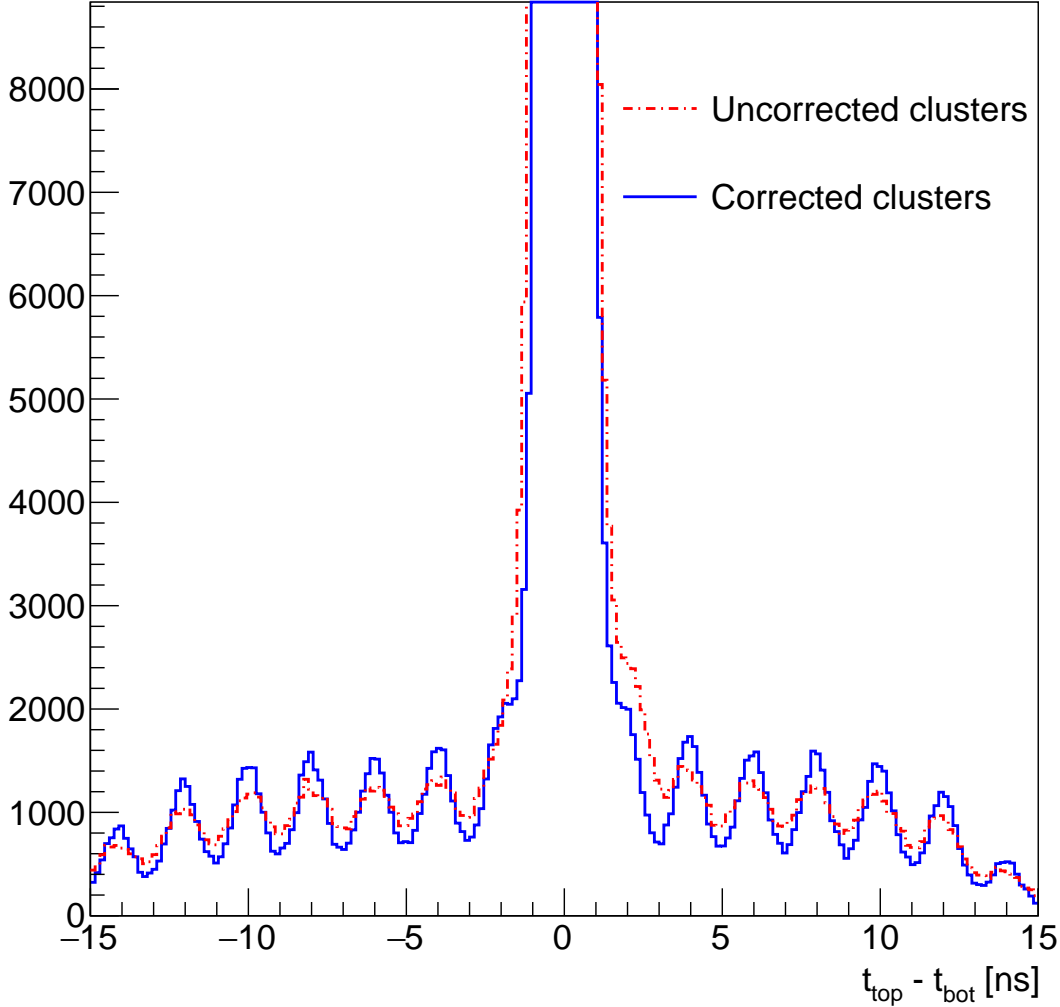


Figure 2: Time difference between top and bottom clusters at high E_{sum} region. Dashed red lines show uncorrected clusters, and the blue curve show corrected clusters.

red histogram in Fig.2 shows the time difference between top and bottom clusters¹ at high E_{sum} region ($1.9 \text{ GeV} < E_{\text{sum}} < 2.4 \text{ GeV}$). As one can see there is a bump at around 2 ns, while at -2 ns there is no clear bump. This suggests that time offsets of some crystals might be wrong. To check this, for each crystal the time difference between that crystal and its pair (in opposite half) crystal is constructed.

¹For the sake of better visualization, the plot shows doesn't fully show the entire central peak.

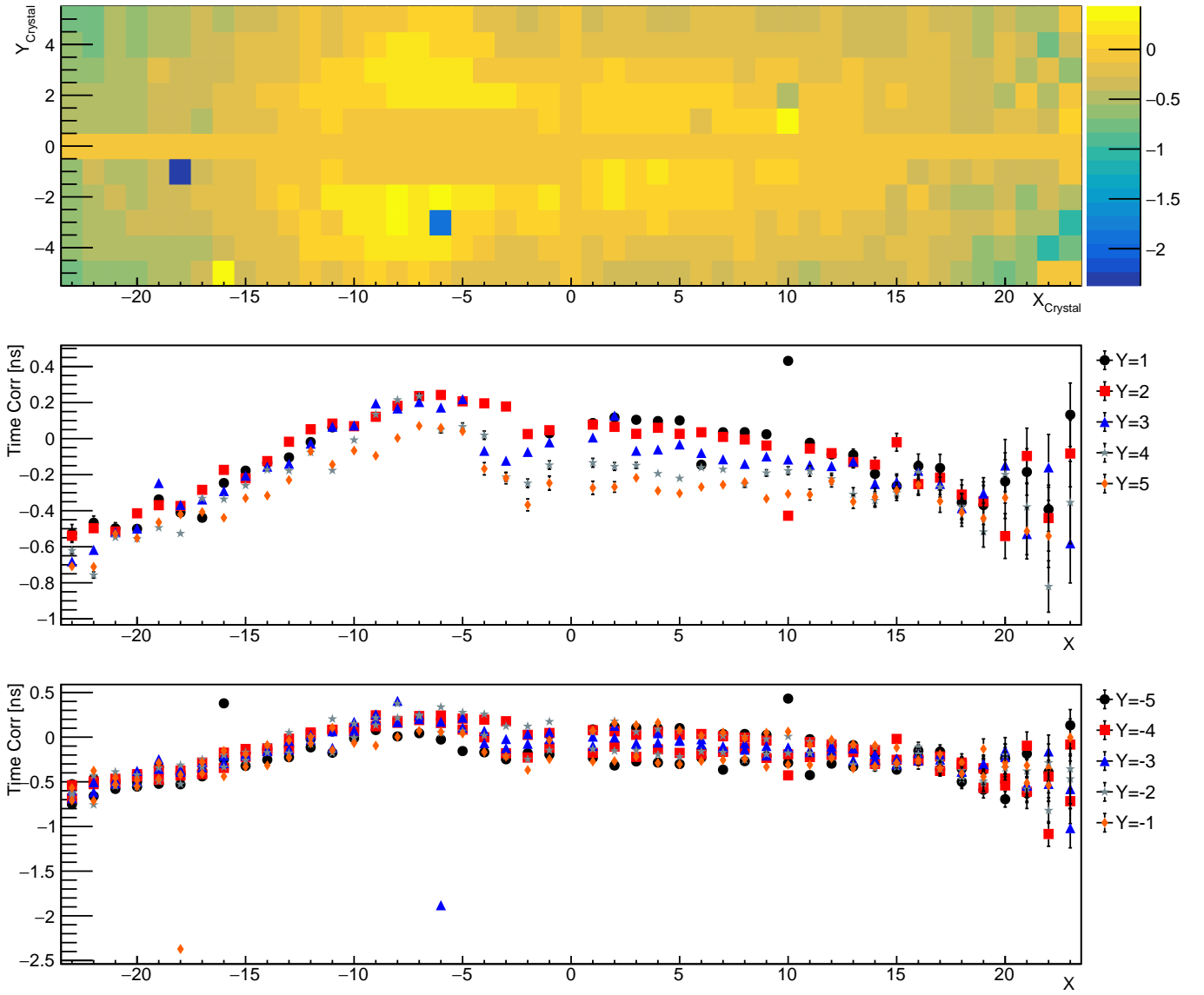


Figure 3: Time Corrections for each crystal.

The Top 2D plot of Fig. 3 shows mean values of each of crystals. The middle and the bottom plots show same mean values as a function of crystal X index for Top and Bottom crystal respectively. Different markers show different rows. As one can see crystals $(-18, -1)$ and $(-6, -3)$ are shifted from their immediate neighbors by about 2 ns. There are some other crystals which are shifted significantly too (but less than 2ns). These include for example crystals $(-16, -5)$, $(10, -5)$, $(10, 1)$ and $(10, 2)$. In addition to this, we see that there is a general crystal X index (and slightly Y index) dependence too. In reality crystal X index is correlated to the charged particle energy too, and the original dependence might be not on X but on energy, studying it is out of the scope of this note, and here for each crystal we have corrected the time, by subtracting the these calculated mean values from the reconstructed cluster time.

2.2 Track χ^2 cuts

2.3 Track-Cluster Matching

This section should include both spatial and time matching of clusters and tracks.

2.4 WAB Suppression cuts

Describe L1 and d_0 cuts.

3 Parametrization of Mass resolution.

4 Bump hunt analysis

5 Study of systematics

Here goes studies on systematics

References

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