# TOF beta resolution

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Measure the TOF beta resolution for different ions.

## Principle of the measurement

Beta is measured by fitting the *track length vs. time* plot.

Track lengths between different layers are given by the track extrapolation into TOF planes. Time is given by TOF as paddle time after calibration (see Tutorial - A. Contin talk at KSC, February 2011):



## Principle of the measurement

If the slewing calibration constant is set to 0, the following equation provides the linear fit needed to compute it.



s		
$\overline{\mathbf{n}}$	is the parameter fitted by the calibration	program

- 1. Trigger: all triggers
- 2. One and only one good track (Chi2<10, at most one central plane missing)
- 3. Only four TOF clusters (one per layer) made by only one counter
- 4. All TOF clusters used in the fit

Charge measured by TRACKER (function TrCharge::GetMean):  $Z = \frac{\sqrt{\text{TrCharge}::GetMean}}{\frac{6.2}{\sqrt{\text{ReducedMean}}}}$ Also used the charge measured by TOF (from reduced mean of Edep):  $Z_{\text{TOF}} = \frac{\frac{6.2}{\sqrt{\text{ReducedMean}}}}{1.4}$ 

5a. Charge selection: |Z - i| < 0.3; i=1,...,8 5b. Additional charge selection with TOF, for Z=1:  $Z_{TOF}$ <1.4; for Z=2:  $Z_{TOF}$ <2.4

6. Relativistic particle selection ( $\beta > 0.994$ ): Z = 1: R > 9 GVZ > 1: R > 20 GV

All runs reconstructed with pass2, B530 gbatch version

- 2,993,758,400 recostructed events
- 1,325,933,613 events satisfying selection criteria 2 and 3
- 100,058,304 events satisfying also selection criteria 4, 5 and 6

# Charge selection



#### Results - Mean Beta (from BetaR class)



The mean value of  $\beta$  decreases as the inverse of Z, i.e. as the inverse of the square root of the amplitude. This points to wrong slewing corrections applied to the counter time.

#### Results - Beta resolution (from BetaR class)



The beta resolution does not decrease as expected.

Slewing corrections have to be reviewed:

- Compute slewing in the most accurate way for each counter side using:
  - only protons
  - all ions
- Compute zero-time for all counters
- Compute beta for protons and ions

Layer combinations: 1-4, 2-3

- Counter 4 in one of the two layers is used in turn as reference
- Particles are selected which cross the counters within ±5 cm from the counter center in both layers
- Plot:

$$[t_{m_s}]_{i,l1} - \left[\left(\frac{t_{m_1} + t_{m_2}}{2}\right)\right]_{4,l2}$$
 vs.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{A_{i,s}}}$ 

where:

- *i* is the counter under measurement
- *s* is the side under measurement
- *l*1 is the layer under measurement,
- *l*<sup>2</sup> is the reference layer (layer 1 for layer 4, layer 4 for layer 1, layer 2 for layer 3 and layer 3 for layer 2)
- $A_{i,s}$  is the amplitude of the signal on side s of counter i

 $t_m$  is variable sdtm in class TofRawCluster A is variable adca in class TofRawCluster

## Sample plots using only Z=1 particles



### Sample plots using all partricles (including ions)



### Slewing constant distribution



### Zero times

All layer combinations: 1-3, 2-3, 1-4, 2-4

• Plot:

$$\left(\frac{t_{m_1} + \frac{s}{\sqrt{A_1}} + t_{m_2} + \frac{s}{\sqrt{A_2}}}{2}\right)_i - \left(\frac{t_{m_1} + \frac{s}{\sqrt{A_1}} + t_{m_2} + \frac{s}{\sqrt{A_2}}}{2}\right)_j + \frac{l_{ij}}{v}$$

where:

- *i* and *j* are the counters from different planes
- $A_s$  is the amplitude of the signal on side s

The fit of the distribution gives the difference between the zero time constants of the two counters involved:  $C_i - C_j$ 

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## Sample plots



Note: 40 ps corresponds to about 1% in beta.

### Single counter zero time

Global fit with 34 constants and 288 measurements.



#### Beta measurement versus charge



The slewing/zero-time calibration must be done in two steps:

- 1. Compute slewing parameters with strict definition of the hit point in the counters and using all particles.
- 2. Compute the zero-times with the slewing correction applied.

#### Comparison with the standard calibration

Repeat the zero time calibration using a fixed parameter (=13) for slewing correction



# WHY?

#### Analysis with constant slewing parameter, Z=2





beta vs. position

beta vs. transverse position



# And the effects are amplified for higher charges

#### beta vs. transverse position

#### Analysis with slewing parameters computed with all particles, Z=2



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