First look at FNAL tracking chamber alignment

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FNAL tracking

- Used the four "Japanese" tracking chambers
 - Each chamber has X and Y layers
 - Single drift wire at edge of each layer
 - Readout using CAEN767 TDC; 1TDC unit = $25/32 \sim 0.78$ ns
 - No coupling between X and Y; totally independent alignment/tracks
- Same chambers as used at DESY, different from CERN
 - Different TDC, different trigger T₀, different gas (?), etc...
 - No attempt to correlate with DESY values
- Drift velocity not known a priori
 - Use ECAL as fixed "ruler" to set overall scale
 - Must not fold in ECAL clustering systematic effects; simply take highest energy ECAL cell
 - Need reconstructed data to get calibrated ECAL readout; only first two 2008 run periods with SiW ECAL (so far)
 - Used every run available

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Alignment

- Convert TDC hit time (in TDC units) to spatial coordinate
 - $x = v_d (T T_0) + q (T T_0)^2$
 - Alignment constants are T_0 , v_d and q
 - Same for y coordinate but constants independent
- Intrinsic chamber/TDC error ~0.3mm
 - Would like alignment errors to be smaller than this
- $dx/dT_0 \sim v_d \sim 0.03$ mm/TDC unit
 - Need to know T_0 to better than 10 TDC units
- $dx/dv_d = T-T_0 \sim 1000$ TDC units at edge of chamber
 - Need to know v_d to better than 0.0003 mm/TDC unit
- $dx/dq = (T-T_0)^2 \sim 10^6$ TDC units at edge of chamber
 - Need to know q to better than 3 10^{-7} mm/TDC unit²

Scattering

- Daniel has done a lot of work checking for scattering effects
 - Need scattering contribution to fit error matrix including correlations
 - For both forward (to ECAL) and backward (to beam origin) fits



- He finds good agreement between
 - "Theoretical" error matrix (based on known material)
 - Actual scatter measured in MC events for geometries which have been simulated
- Also, ~20% difference between electron and hadron scattering
- I use his matrices here

Alignment method 1

- Project track "envelope" from beam origin to tracker and ECAL
 - Fit for beam size and divergence at origin as well as alignment constants
 - Fit for correlation matrices of all combinations of pairs of track layers and track layer vs ECAL
 - Log likelihood fit, integrating over (large) bin size of ECAL



- E.g. Track layer 0 TDC value vs ECAL cell number in X
 - Drift velocity "simply" slope of this correlation, correct?

• But...

Balance of beam and scattering

- Actual correlation ratio depends on both beam and scattering
 - Beam size at origin ~10mm << scattering for most energies
 - Scattering contribution ~70mm at 2GeV, ~4mm at 40GeV
 - Width at ECAL usually due to angular divergence and/or scattering



Not uniform illumination

- High correlation between position and angle in both cases
- Must model scattering to get drift velocity right
 - Need to know beam energy per run
 - Thanks to Angela for getting this done

Alignment method 1 typical results

• Correlation of ECAL with all four track layers



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Alignment method 1 typical results (cont)

• Correlation of all track layers with each other



• Note significant non-linearities in some combinations

Alignment method 2

- Use ECAL as "fifth layer" in track fit
 - Fit for alignment constants by minimising sum of separate track fits
 - Either chi-squared (have to assume ECAL has Gaussian errors with size $10mm/\sqrt{12} \sim 3mm$)
 - Or log likelihood fit, treating ECAL as Gaussian-smeared flat top



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Define coordinate system

- Upstream track layer fixed, downstream track layer T_0 (constant) term fixed
- Determine downstream track drift velocity (linear) and quadratic terms comparing to ECAL



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Fit other layers between outer two: X



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Fit other layers between outer two: Y









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Results reasonably compatible

- Neither works ideally
 - Method 1 has many more parameters; does not converge reliably. Also assumes track distribution is Gaussian
 - Method 2 always (apparently) converges but does not allow for backgrounds, assumes Gaussian errors
- In all cases X works better than Y
 - Y has efficiency loss (< ¹/₂ number of tracks per run than X) and is less stable
 - Cannot get any convergence for Y in earlier 2008 runs
- Results unstable to large degree
 - Temperature? Pressure? Non-modeled scattering material?
 - Errors due to alignment uncertainties are bigger than intrinsic errors
- Would need many more runs and major study of possible environmental or other influences to nail down
 - Probably not something I will be able to do...

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