# STOPPING PROTONS ANALYSIS

# GOAL

To study stopping protons in the SuperFGD using data from the Aug/Sep test beam, analyzing where protons stop in the detector.

By considering the three types of MPPCs separately, build a distribution of the energy deposited in the last cell the proton reaches.

Use the shape of the distribution to check whether there is a saturation effect.



## STEPS

- 1. dE/dx
- 2. Event Selection.
- 3. Treat MPPCs separately.
- 4. Obtain relative dE/dx from end point of each event.
- 5. Build histogram for energy deposited in the last cell.

### DATA SAMPLE

0.8 GeV/c Protons.

Magnet ON, 135 A.

Default HG, default LG (55, 55).

Proton trigger ON.





event\_XZ446 event XZ446 Entries 119 45 Mean x nan Mean y nan 1000 40 nan o Std Dev x Std Dev y nan 35 350 800 30 - 300 25 - 250 600 20 200 400 15 150 10 100 200 🗖 🗌 🗖 50 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24



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# **2. EVENT SELECTION**

Need to consider different event scenarios.

Which to include, which to discard.

#### NO STOP



Cut: No energy deposited in last layer (Z=47)





Cut: Energy deposited at the peak > 250 p.e.

#### DISCONTINUITIES



Cut: Before the peak, max number of allowed layers with ZERO deposited energy is 2.

#### SCATTERINGS, SOMETIMES LEAVING THE DETECTOR?



Cut: For the front (XY) view, stdDevX and stdDevY both < 1.0

#### **MULTIPLE TRACKS**





event\_LY243

48

25.9

13.67

Entries

Std Dev

Mean

40 45



Eliminated by previous cut.

### FIRST ROUND OF APPLIED CUTS

- $\circ$  Energy deposited at the peak > 250 p.e.
- $\circ$  No energy deposited in last layer (Z=47)
- Before the peak, max number of allowed layers with ZERO deposited energy is 2.
- $\circ$  For the front (XY) view, stdDevX and stdDevY both < 1.0

From 4525 Events  $\rightarrow$  1908 Events (42% left)







PosXZ



PosX





PosY



PosYZ

#### EVENTS AT THE SIDES OF THE DETECTOR



#### EVENTS THAT MAY HAVE ESCAPED THE DETECTOR



Low energy deposition

#### CUTS TO ELIMINATE EVENTS

XatMax != 0 or 23

YatMax != 0 or 7

1908 events  $\rightarrow$  1199 events (37% lost)

PosXZ



PosX





PosY



PosYZ







### NEXT

 Take a sample with 0.5 GeV/c protons to get more events stopping in the first half of the detector.
→ more statistics for MPPCII and MPPCIII

 $\circ$  Do the ADC  $\rightarrow$  p.e conversion outside the Stopping Proton code then test the code with the new branches.