# TRD PID study using cosmic muons

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#### Motivation

#### Chief goal of TRD:

Electron identification for momenta in excess of 1 GeV where pion rejection by TPC energy loss is not sufficient

#### • Our goal:

Pion PID reference distribution based on cosmic data and comparison with test beam data



#### Selected runs

- Xe,CO<sub>2</sub>(15%) runs
- Reconstruction done at GSI; data located at /lustre/alice/local/alice/data/2009/LHC09c/0000{run number}/ ESDs/trd/pass1/
- Run numbers: 95741, 96287, 97873, 98371, 99031, 99152, 99248
- Total number of events: 142571

#### TPC track qualities



## TPC and TRD cuts

- To get rid of shower events: Remove events with number of tracks > 4 (multiplicity cut)
- Recommended cuts on number of TPC clusters per track and TPCchi<sup>2</sup>/clusters
- For TRD: Tracks with no TRD clusters removed



## TPC energy deposit



### TPC Projections and dE/dx cuts



#### dE/dx cuts:

for lowest p and p = 1 GeV: 
$$\frac{dE_{mean muon}}{dx} - 3\sigma_{muon} < \frac{dE_{mean muon}}{dx} < \frac{dE_{mean elec}}{dx} - 2\sigma_{elec}$$
for p = 1.5 and 2 - 10 GeV: 
$$\frac{dE_{mean muon}}{dx} - 3\sigma_{muon} < \frac{dE_{mean muon}}{dx} < \frac{dE_{mean muon}}{dx} + 1\sigma_{muon}$$

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### Calculation of TRD dE/dx

Two steps:

1. Method cookdEdx in AliTRDseedV1



2. Method PlotdEdx in AliTRDcheckPID

$$\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{j=nSlices} \frac{dE_j}{dx}}{nSlices}$$

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#### Cosmic and testbeam TRD dE/dx



- Fit: Landau convoluted with Gaussian
- Scaling is done based on MPVs for 2 GeV



#### Comparison cosmic and testbeam data





#### Cosmic data for 7-10 GeV



#### Beta gamma dependence of MPV(1-10 GeV)



Reconstructed data (cosmic pass 2): TRD has been recalibrated.

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×10<sup>3</sup>

2.5

COSMIC

TESTBEAM

TESTBEAM

2

Energy Loss (a.u.)

2.5

1.5

COSMIC

TESTBEAM

TESTBEAM

2

Energy Loss (a.u.)

#### Cosmic data for 7-10 GeV





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### Beta gamma dependence of MPV (1-6 GeV)



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#### Summary

- Results with cosmic data seems to fit with testbeam data
- It is doable to generate pion reference plot using cosmic muon data
- Although it is hard to tell from the individual dE/dx plots if the TRD recalibration gives better results, we observe that the dE/dx MPV vs. log(beta\*gamma) gives a better systematic trend for the new calibraion

Next steps: We want to make data points also for intermediate momentum values and extend the investigations to higher momentum ranges.