## Particle Identification using dE/dx in Straw Tracker of SPD

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#### Introduction

#### **PID using dE/dx:**

Different particle types, same momenta  $\rightarrow$  different  $\beta\gamma \rightarrow$  different dE/dx (Bethe-Bloch)

#### **SPD Straw Tracker:**



allows to measure dE/dx for each hit (for each straw)

#### Preliminary goal of the exercize:



taken from MPD TDR http://mpd.jinr.ru/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/TpcTdr-v07.pdf

### Setup

- Particle types: K,  $\pi$ , p, e: ~10k each
- One particle per event
- Momenta: 0-2, 0-10 GeV/c
- Vertex or origin: (0,0,1) cm
- Polar angle: 89°
- Azimutal angle: 1°

## Calculating dE/dx

Segment length for each hit h\_dist\_segmentLength Entries 552214 45000 Mean 0.8092 Std Dev 0.2788 40000 Underflow Overflow 4269 35000 30000 segment length 25000 kaons 20000 0-2 GeV/c 15000 10000 5000 1.6 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.2 1.4 1.8 Segment length [cm]

Segment = (exit-entry) for each straw

For each hit, dE/dx = (deposited energy)/(segment length)



#### Additional selection criteria



## dE/dx distributions

eLoss of each point normalized by distance from initial track

dE/dx for hits of initial particle: energy loss for each point (straw) normalized to distance



#### Mean dE/dx in **all** hits

Mean dE/dx for hits of initial particle: Mean dE/dx in straws (only corresponding to the initial particle)

Only tracks passing all straw layers are considered



## Truncated mean dE/dx in **all** hits

**Truncated mean** dE/dx for hits of initial particle:

Only tracks passing all straw layers are considered

**Truncated mean:** 20% of large values are rejected



TRUNCATED mean dE/dx in all hits from initial track, if (Rlast > 90) (TRUNCATED 20%)

### dE/dx separation (mean of all hits)



dE/dx vs initial track momentum

dE/dx vs initial track momentum (TRUNCATED 20%)





(same as before, but without electrons)

dE/dx vs initial track momentum (TRUNCATED 20%)

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Seemingly good K/ $\pi$  separation up to  ${\sim}0.5$  GeV/c and K/p separation up to  ${\sim}1$  GeV/c

# Any further suggestions?