Improving Time Resolution of BCM1F



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CMS

Monitor beam condition around CMS interaction point

- Need to improve resolution to see halo peaks within main peak caused by collision products
- Beam halo arrives 12 ns before collision products



Figure (left) from Hempel, M., Data analysis for BCM1F4LHC Figure (right) from Lohmann, W., BCM1FWorkshop Report

Discriminators

- Current: Fixed Threshold Discriminator
- Possible replacement: Constant Fraction Discriminator



Discriminators

- CAEN v258B (Fixed Threshold Discriminator)
- CAEN v812, PSI CFD950 (Constant Fraction Discriminator)

Experiments: Objective and Methodology

Compare performance of discriminators

Measure time resolution using TDC (time-to-digital converter)



Results



Results

- RMS of histogram as time resolution
- Compare time resolution by taking ratio
 - RMS_{Fixed Threshold Discriminator} / RMS_{Constant Fraction Discriminator}

Input amplitude /mV	v8I2	CFD950
47	3.286	2.05 I
105	1.531	I.874
202	1.137	I.450
298	1.236	1.385

- Both CFD are comparable
- v812 has better time resolution for small input signals

Double-peak resolution

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 - Rise time = 25 ns
 - Trailing edge = 80 ns
 - Amplitude = 24 mV
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Simulations

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- Summing original with inverted delayed signal
- Triggering at zero-crossing
- Using signals sampled by analog-to-digital converter(ADC)



Simulation Parameters

- Constant fraction = 0.2
- Internal delay = 4 ns
- Threshold = 2 ADC counts (9.2 mV)
- Baseline calculation between 4000ns and 6000ns



Simulation Results



Top figure: Simulation of fixed threshold discriminator by Olga Novgorodova

Conclusions

CFD does improve time resolution

- Experiment : v812 improves time resolution by factor of 3, CFD950 improves time resolution by factor of 2.
- Simulation: CFD improves time resolution by factor of 2.

Double-peak resolution

- ▶ v812 (CFD) double-peak resolution factor of 1.5 poorer.
- No signals from CFD950 for input signals smaller than 50mV.

Questions

Thank you

Summing over various input amplitudes



20mV amplitude modulation



In the lab



Function generator, attenuator



NIM crate



Constant fraction 0.2







Constant fraction 0.4



Possible beam halo. Constant fraction 0.4

