An overview of data calibration algorithms of NeuLAND in the R^3B setup

Yanzhao Wang[1], Paula Ulrich[1], Igor Gasparic[2], Andreas Zilges[1]

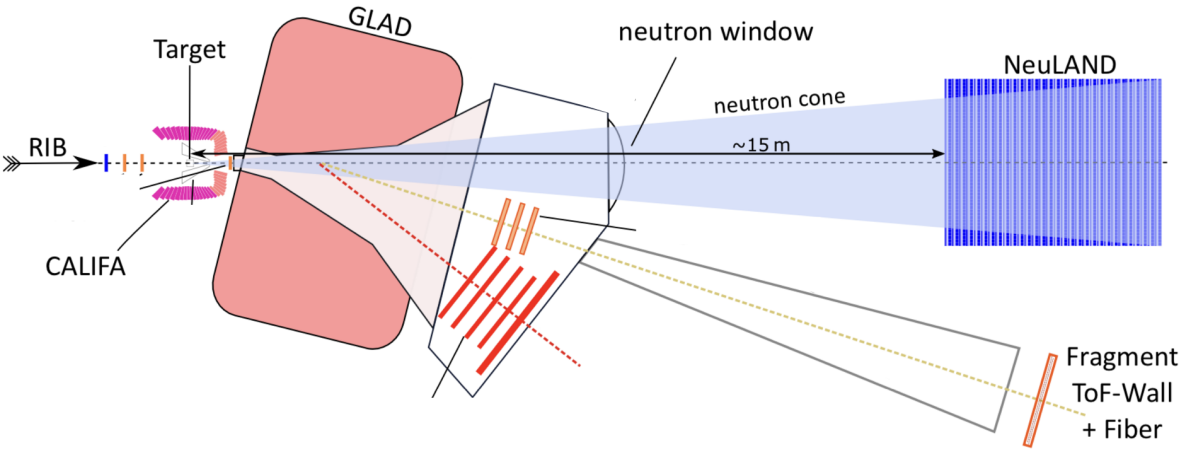
[1] University of Cologne, Institute for Nuclear Physics, Germany
[2] GSI Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung, Germany

HK 44.4
DPG-Frühjahrstagung
Cologne 2025

Supported by BMBF (05P21PKFN1)

Email: *ywang@ikp.uni-koeln.de*

NeuLAND setup in R^3B[1]



[1] K. Boretzky *et al.*, Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. Res., Sect. A **1014**, 165701 (2021).

NeuLAND setup in R^3B[1]

Geometry:

- 26 planes
- $250 \times 250\,\mathrm{cm}^2$
- 50 scintillators each plane
- 2600 PMTs in total

[1] K. Boretzky *et al.*, Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. Res., Sect. A **1014**, 165701 (2021).

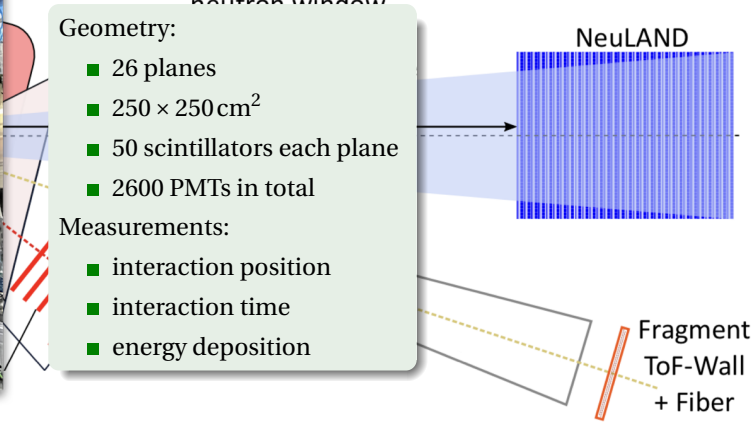
NeuLAND setup in R^3B[1]

Geometry:

- 26 planes
- $250 \times 250\,\mathrm{cm}^2$
- 50 scintillators each plane
- 2600 PMTs in total

Measurements:

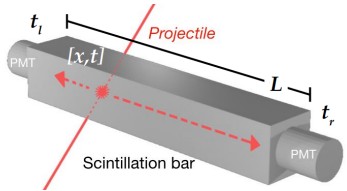
- interaction position
- interaction time
- energy deposition



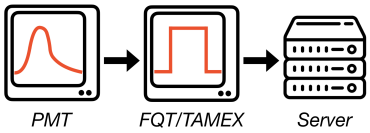
[1] K. Boretzky *et al.*, Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. Res., Sect. A **1014**, 165701 (2021).

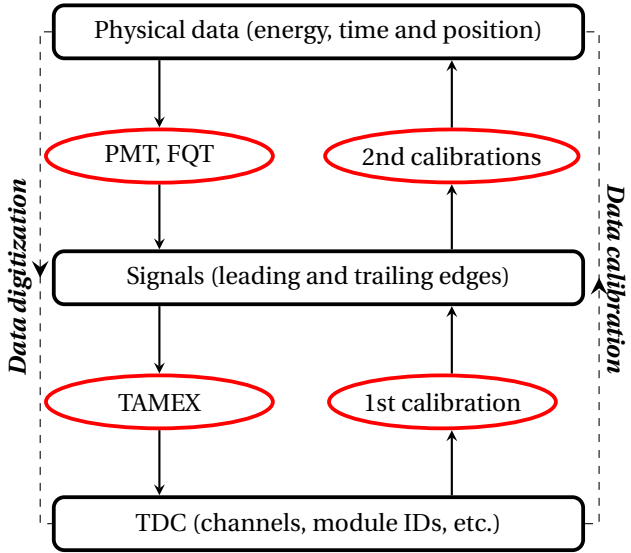
Processes of digitization

Physical interactions:



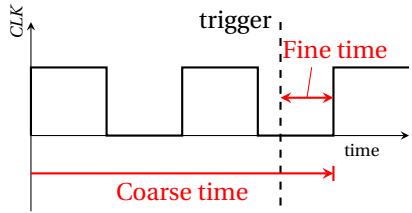
Digitization of PMT signals:

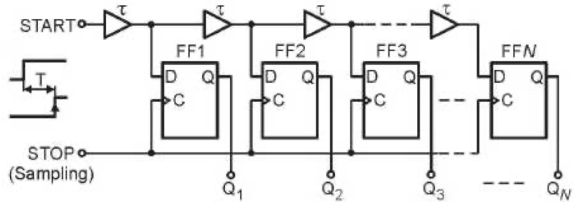




Time measurement and TDC calibration

Time measurement with clocks:





Tapped Delay Line (TDL)[1]

Real time calculation:

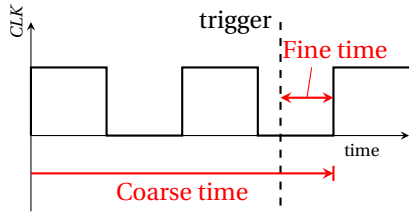
$$T_{\text{real}} = T_{\text{coarse}} - T_{\text{fine}}$$

- T_{real}: Time value relative to START detector
- T_{coarse}: Clock cycles with a frequency of 200 MHz
- T_{fine}: Fine channel numbers (TDL)

[1] J. Kalisz, Metrologia **41**, 17 (2003).

Time measurement and TDC calibration

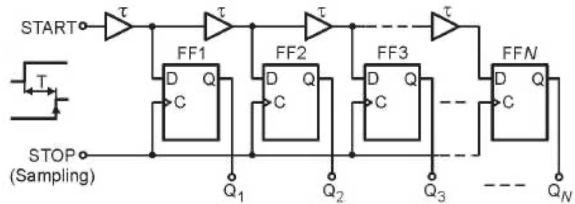
Time measurement with clocks:



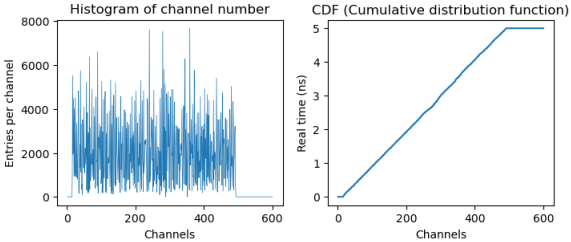
Real time calculation:

$$T_{\text{real}} = T_{\text{coarse}} - T_{\text{fine}}$$

- T_{real}: Time value relative to START detector
- T_{coarse}: Clock cycles with a frequency of 200 MHz
- T_{fine}: Fine channel numbers (TDL)



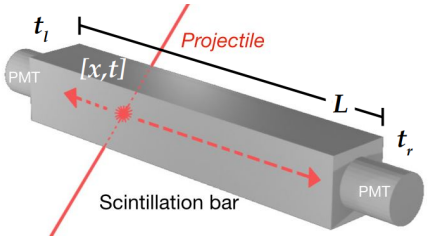
Tapped Delay Line (TDL)[1]



TDC Calibration (Time resolution ~ 10 ps)

[1] J. Kalisz, Metrologia **41**, 17 (2003).

Position, time and energy calibration parameters



Position-Time calibration:

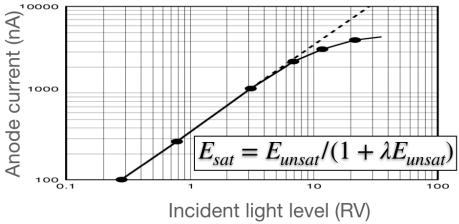
Interaction time:

$$t = \frac{t_r + t_l}{2} - \frac{L}{2 \cdot C_e} + t_{\text{sync}}$$

Interaction position:

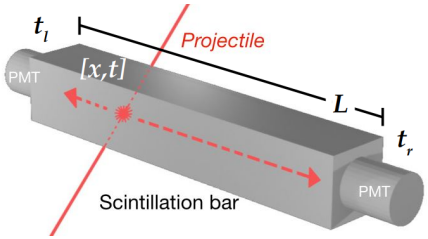
$$x = \frac{C_e}{2}(t_r - t_l + t_{\text{offset}})$$

PMT saturation effect[1] *:*

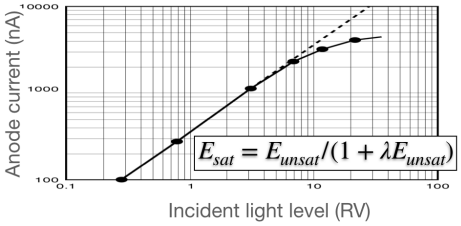


[1] *Photomultiplier tubes: basics and applications*, 3a, Hamamatsu (Nov. 2007), p. 197.

Position, time and energy calibration parameters



PMT saturation effect[1] *:*



[1] *Photomultiplier tubes: basics and applications*, 3a, Hamamatsu (Nov. 2007), p. 197.

Position-Time calibration:

Interaction time:

$$t = \frac{t_r + t_l}{2} - \frac{L}{2 \cdot C_e} + t_{\text{sync}}$$

Interaction position:

$$x = \frac{C_e}{2}(t_r - t_l + t_{\text{offset}})$$

Energy calibration relations:

Light attenuation effect:

$$I_{\text{PMT}} = E_{\text{dep}} \cdot \exp(-\alpha \cdot l)$$

PMT saturation:

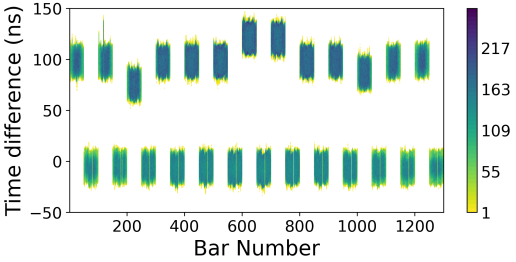
$$I_{\text{sat}} = I_{\text{PMT}} \cdot / \, (1 + \lambda \cdot I_{\text{PMT}})$$

PMT gain:

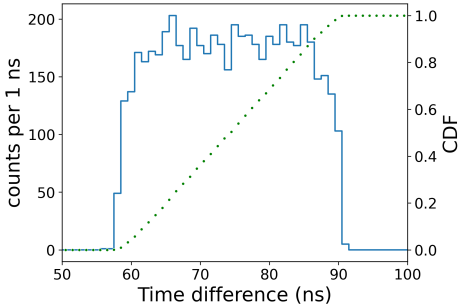
$$W = \mathcal{G} \cdot I_{\text{sat}} + W_0$$

New position calibration

Time differences of adjacent PMTs:



Parameter fitting:

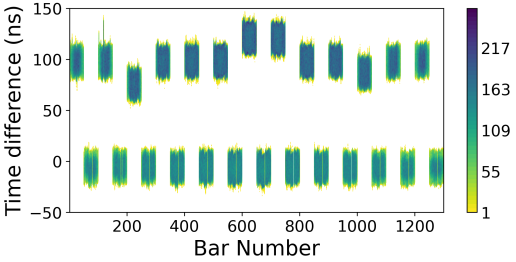


Calibration steps:

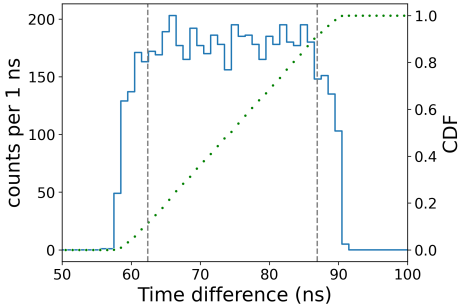
1. Collect time differences of adjacent PMT signals
2. Normalize the distribution and convert to the CDF for each bar
3. Linear fitting of the CDF within its quantiles of 0.05 to 0.95

New position calibration

Time differences of adjacent PMTs:



Parameter fitting:

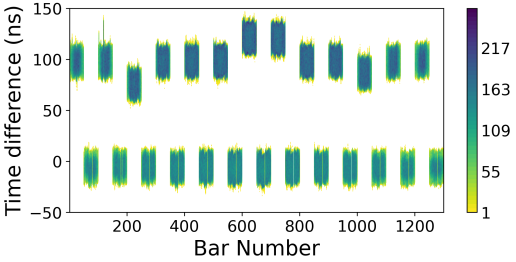


Calibration steps:

1. Collect time differences of adjacent PMT signals
2. Normalize the distribution and convert to the CDF for each bar
3. Linear fitting of the CDF within its quantiles of 0.05 to 0.95

New position calibration

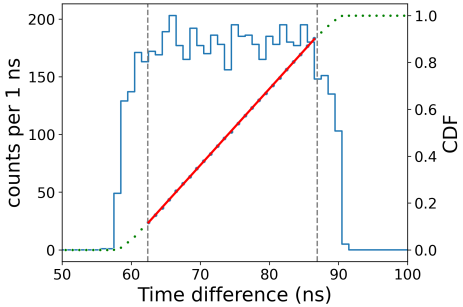
Time differences of adjacent PMTs:



Calibration steps:

1. Collect time differences of adjacent PMT signals
2. Normalize the distribution and convert to the CDF for each bar
3. Linear fitting of the CDF within its quantiles of 0.05 to 0.95

Parameter fitting:



Fitting function:

$$y = a \cdot x + 0.5 - a \cdot b$$

Calculation of parameters:

$$C_e = 2 \cdot a \cdot \text{bar length}$$

$$t_{\text{offset}} = b$$

Current energy calibration method (WIP)

Energy calibration relations

Light attenuation effect for both PMTs:

$$I_{\mathrm{PMT}} = E_{\mathrm{dep}} \cdot \exp(-\alpha \cdot l) \tag{1}$$

PMT saturation:

$$I_{\mathrm{sat}} = I_{\mathrm{PMT}} \big/ (1 + \lambda \cdot I_{\mathrm{PMT}}) \tag{2}$$

PMT gain:

$$W = \mathscr{G} \cdot I_{\mathrm{sat}} + W_0 \tag{3}$$

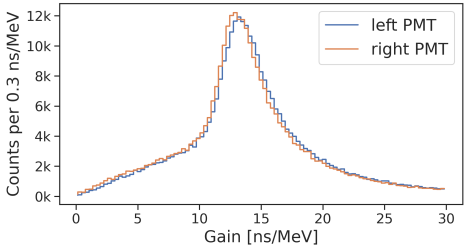
Assumptions

- PMT saturation factor differs from gain factor by a constant value:
  $$\lambda = 0.00175 \times \mathscr{G}$$
- Cosmic muon's stopping power is $1.73\,\mathrm{MeV\,cm^{-1}}$
- Adjacent PMTs have the same gain factor

Calculation of parameters:

- PMT baseline W_0 is determined by the minimum cut on signal widths (i.e. trailing time − leading time).
- Calculation of attenuation factor:
  $$\alpha = \ln\big((W_r - W_0)/(W_l - W_0)\big)/(2 \cdot x)$$
- Calculation of gain factor:
  $$\mathscr{G} = \frac{W - W_0}{I_{\mathrm{PMT}}\,(1 - 0.00175(W - W_0))}$$

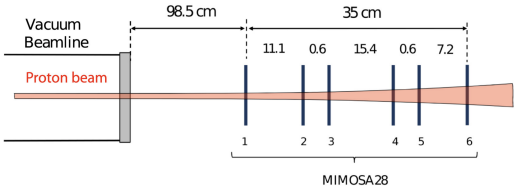
PMT gains from each event:



Parameter fine tuning with Millepede-II

Characteristics

- Simultaneous fitting of all parameters
- Separation to global and local parameters
- Computation complexity independent of local parameter size
- No muon track reconstruction
- Calibration relation **must be linear**



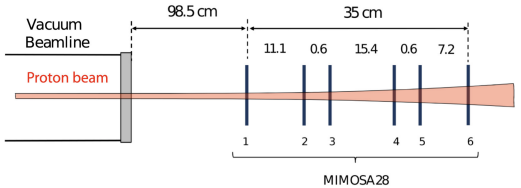
Alignment of silicon pixel detectors[1]

[1] C.-A. Reidel *et al.*, Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. Res., Sect. A **931**, 142 (2019).

Parameter fine tuning with Millepede-II

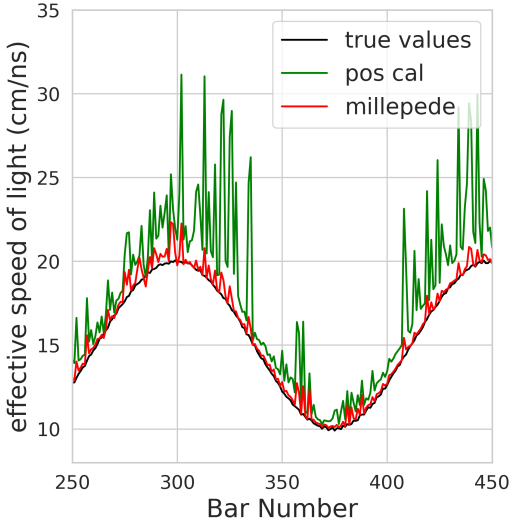
Characteristics

- Simultaneous fitting of all parameters
- Separation to global and local parameters
- Computation complexity independent of local parameter size
- No muon track reconstruction
- Calibration relation **must be linear**



Alignment of silicon pixel detectors[1]

Parameter fine tuning on C_e in NeuLAND:



[1] C.-A. Reidel *et al.*, Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. Res., Sect. A **931**, 142 (2019).

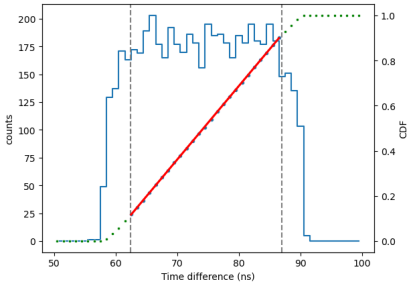
Summary and outlook

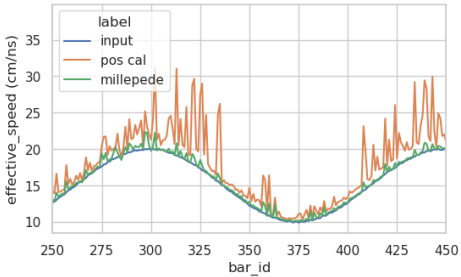
Summary

- Principle of digitization processes
- Calibration with TDC for time values
- Calibration with time values for physical values
- Fine tuning with the Millepede-II algorithm

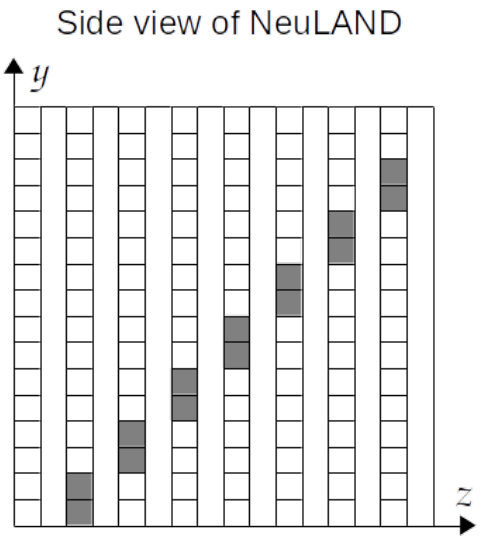
Outlook

- Improve energy calibration
- Apply Millepede-II algorithm on energy-related parameters
- Verify energy parameters via simulation





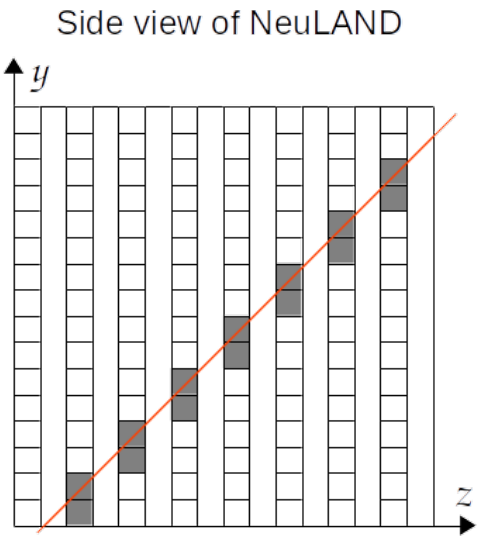
Current position calibration



Procedures

1. Obtain the positions of bars with signals
2. Reconstruct the muon track from the bar positions
3. Calculate the positions of the interaction points of the muon
4. Calculate the calibration parameters via data fitting

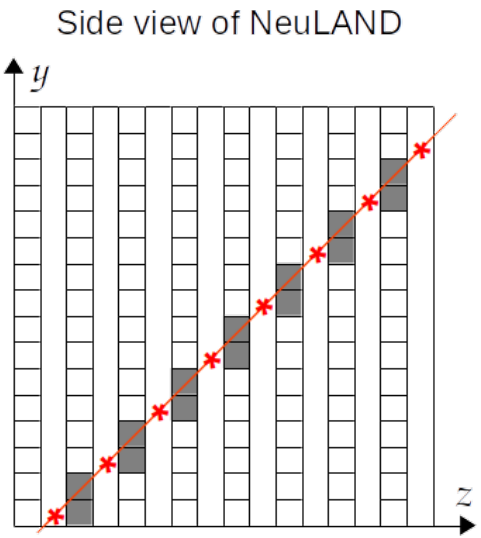
Current position calibration



Procedures

1. Obtain the positions of bars with signals
2. Reconstruct the muon track from the bar positions
3. Calculate the positions of the interaction points of the muon
4. Calculate the calibration parameters via data fitting

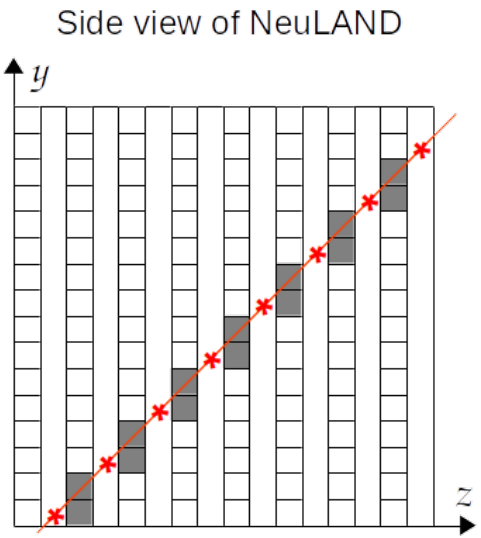
Current position calibration



Procedures

1. Obtain the positions of bars with signals
2. Reconstruct the muon track from the bar positions
3. Calculate the positions of the interaction points of the muon
4. Calculate the calibration parameters via data fitting

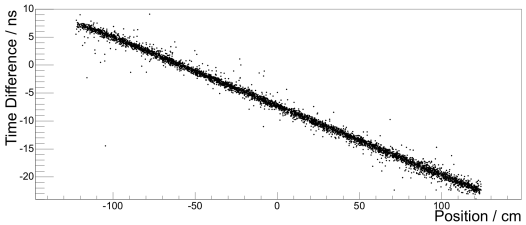
Current position calibration



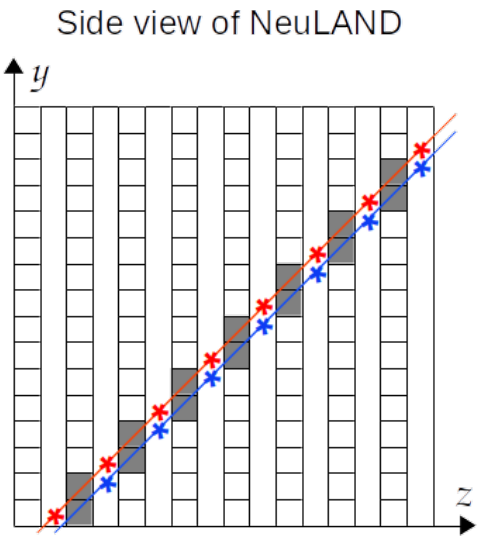
Procedures

1. Obtain the positions of bars with signals
2. Reconstruct the muon track from the bar positions
3. Calculate the positions of the interaction points of the muon
4. Calculate the calibration parameters via data fitting

Data fitting in the position calibration:



Current position calibration



Procedures

1. Obtain the positions of bars with signals
2. Reconstruct the muon track from the bar positions
3. Calculate the positions of the interaction points of the muon
4. Calculate the calibration parameters via data fitting

Data fitting in the position calibration: