- How is the point resolution defined?
- The Hits are distributed following a Gaussian distribution around the particle trajectory, so $x_{\text {Hit }}-x_{\text {Track }}$ (resp. $z_{\text {Hit }}-z_{\text {Track }}$ ) follows a Gaussian distribution



to be correct: this is true for track parallel to the Y axis, else the minimal distance has to be calculated using the track angle:

$$
\Delta x_{\text {corrected }}=\Delta x \cos \left(\varphi_{h i t}\right), \text { with } \varphi_{h i t}=\sin ^{-1}\left(\sin \left(\varphi_{0}\right)-y_{h i t} \cdot C\right)
$$

- The width $\sigma$ of this distribution is the point resolution


## Resolution Calculation

- Often the true trajectory (green) is not known, but only the reconstructed track position. How to determine the resolution?
- The use of the "Geometric Mean Method" solves this problem:
- Distance: $\Delta \mathrm{x}_{\text {Hit }}$ when the Hit in question is included in the track fit smaller than true distance, since the Hit "pulls" the track towards its position (red)
- Residual: $\Delta \mathrm{x}_{\text {Hit }}$ when the Hit in question is not included in the track fit larger than the true distance, since other Hits "pull" the track away from the Hit in question (blue)



## Resolution Calculation

- Both the distance and the residual are Gaussian distributed. The width of the distance distribution is too narrow, the width of the residual distribution is too large.
- But the geometric mean of the widths of both distributions:

$$
\sigma=\sqrt{\sigma_{\text {distance }} \cdot \sigma_{\text {residual }}}
$$

gives the right value as if the true trajectory would be known

- This has been proven for straight tracks analytically: R. K. Carnegie et al., "Resolution studies of cosmic-ray tracks in a TPC with GEM readout", Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A538, 372-383 (2005), physics/0402054.
- For curved tracks, a Monte Carlo Study has been done:



| $\square$ | residual (without hit) |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ geometric mean |  |
| $\square$ distance (with hit) | $\longrightarrow$ Monte Carlo truth |

## Resolution Agreement

- To allow a comparison of the resolution results of different working groups, an agreement has been made:
- Resolution is calculated using the Geometric Mean Method
- Angle Cut: $\varphi<0.1$ rad (this is about $5.73^{\circ}$ )



## Drift Velocity

- The drift velocity can be simulated with Magboltz for a given gas mixture and field
- Difficulties:
- Pollutions $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$ of the chamber gas change the drift velocity. They can be measured, but a system is not always available
- So it is better to measure the drift velocity


## Drift Velocity

- Use two laser beams perpendicular to the drift path with defined distance:
$\Delta z$
laser beams
- Measure the time $\Delta t_{\text {laser beams }}$ between the arrival of the signals on the pad plane:

- Then the drift velocity is:


TPC, length 100 cm
diameter 38 cm

$$
v_{\text {Drift }}=\frac{\Delta z_{\text {laser beams }}}{\Delta t_{\text {laser beams }}}
$$

## Drift Velocity

- Get the drift velocity from a measured data set
- Plot the time slices of all Hits (that belong to tracks: to filter out noise)
- Search for the edge in Z (time slices) and calculate $\mathrm{t}_{\text {max }}$ from this value
- The length $z_{\text {chambermax }}$ of the chamber is known
- Driftvelocity:
$v_{\text {Drift }}=\frac{z_{\text {chambermax }}}{t_{\max }}$



