

ZEUS last week



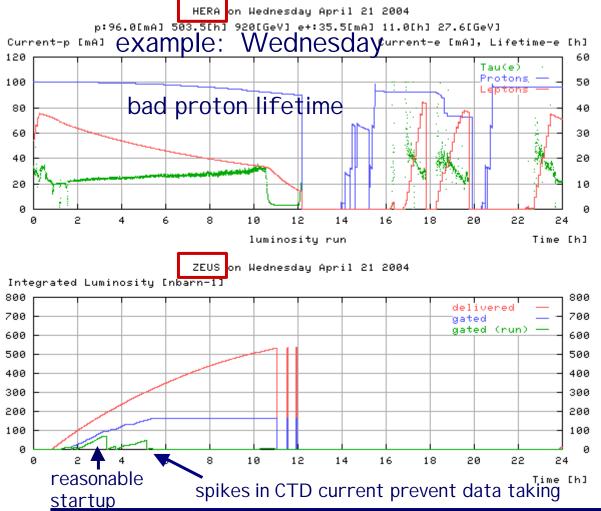
HERA weekly meeting
A. Geiser
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- > ZEUS performance
- > correlation with HERA performance
- > understanding the spikes



ZEUS last week typical fill





typical HERA currents:

now regularly 80-100 mA protons 35-42 mA positrons

20 but

proton lifetimes degrading fast
development of coasting beam
(unbunched protons)
many short spikes in C5 and
scintillator rates -> trip CTD

Data taking performance

usually OK at start of fill, then degrading fast (trips), often not possible to take data despite low base background -> need to ask for early termination of fill



ZEUS last week: CTD trips



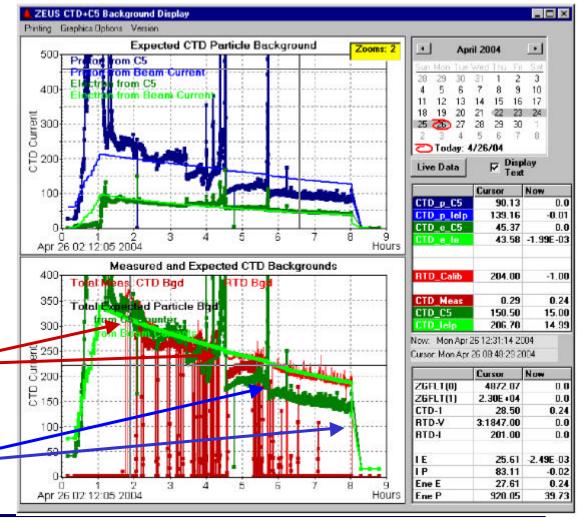
Major problem: CTD trips

ZEUS background display

night sunday/monday

HERA improves

HERA tries to improve, no success

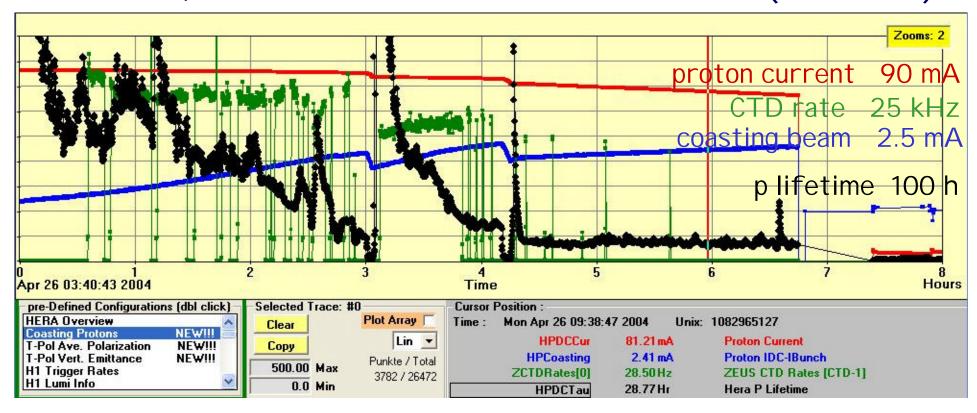




ZEUS last week: CTD trips vs. beam



same fill, information from HERA archive (R. Carlin)



in this fill: data taking impossible when p lifetime < 50 h (spikes!)

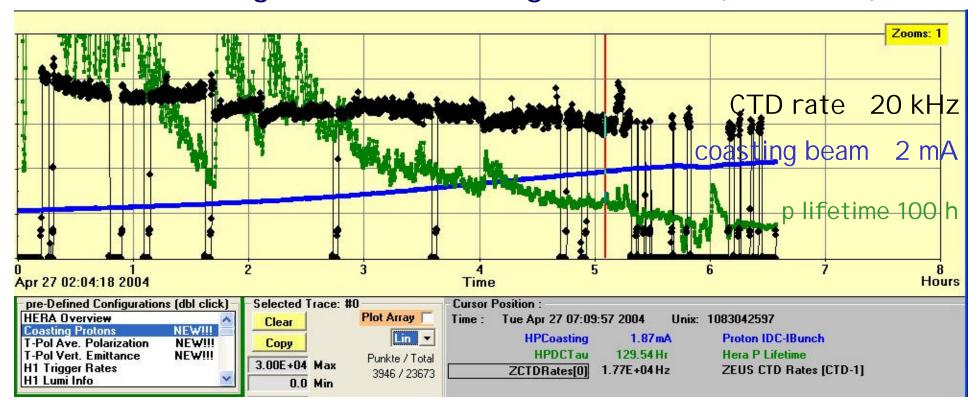


ZEUS last week: CTD trips vs. beam



fill of last night/this morning

(R. Carlin)



in this fill: data taking impossible when p lifetime < 100 h (spikes!)

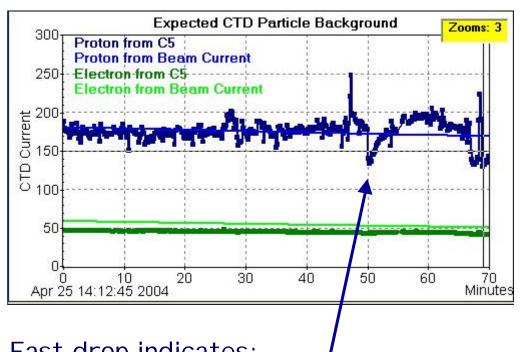


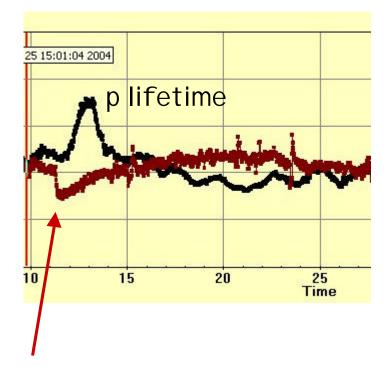
ZEUS last week: bg from beam scraping?



fill on saturday

(R. Carlin)





Fast drop indicates:

part of background probably not vacuum related (beam scraping?)

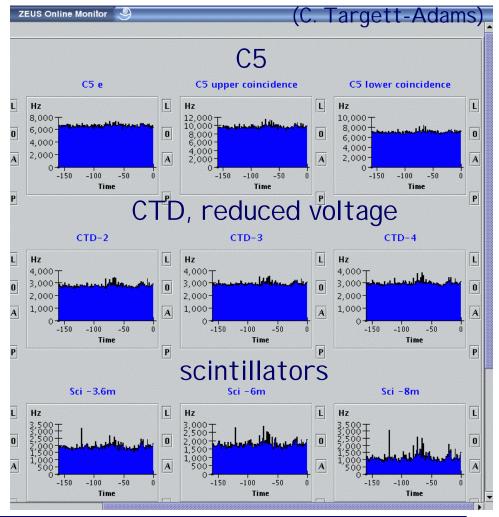


ZEUS last week: CTD trips vs. spikes



Spikes in CTD correlated with spikes in scintillators and C5 on fast ZEUS online monitor

typical trip: one 0.2 s bin in 6m and/or 8m scintillator (incoming proton side)

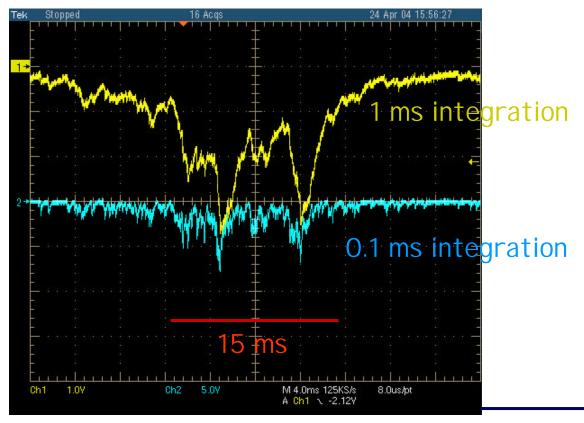




ZEUS last week understanding the spikes



oscilloscope/integrator setup by U. Koetz, R. Carlin pictures by A.Ge, Y. Yamazaki, 24.4.04 use 8m scintillator signal (mainly sensitive to protons)



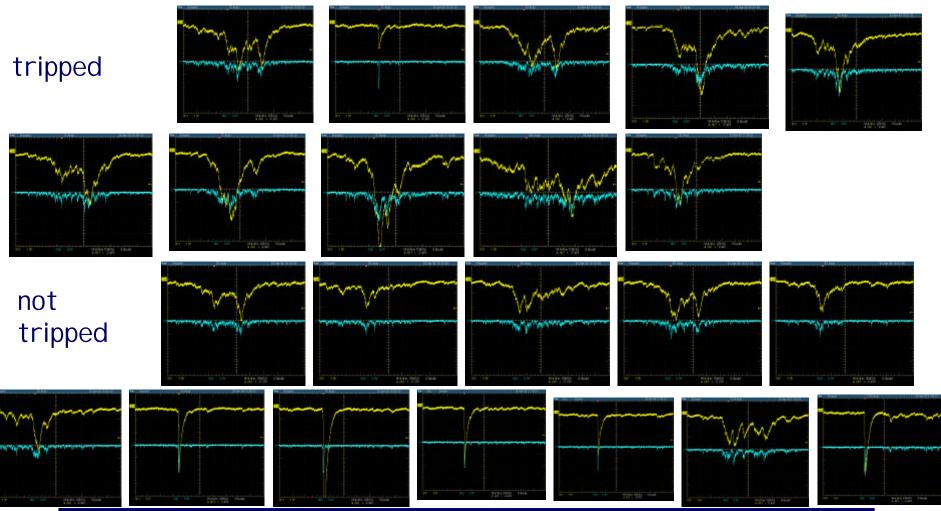
clear correlation to CTD spikes/trips in ZEUS online monitor

typical spike which tripped CTD in "semi-bad" conditions (full voltage, trip every few minutes)



ZEUS last week understanding the spikes







Summary



- No significant hardware or DAQ problems, but currently very low data taking efficiency due to frequent CTD trips
- ➤ Basic background conditions good, but spikes trip CTD
- Most spikes clearly visible as single 0.2 s bin in "fast" 3,6,8 m scintillator display (+C5)
- HERA investigations: repair of intermediate frequency generator did not help relation to ground faults in BU magnets? not excluded relation to coasting p beam/low p lifetime? most likely can HERA do something about this?
- > ZEUS investigations: typical spikes probably last ~ 15 ms size of same order as CTD trip threshold?
- Measures to reduce CTD sensitivity to spikes under study CTD experts at DESY this week