

# **Error propagation in Geant4.9.0**

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- What is GEANT4E
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  - Track propagator manager
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- Track reconstruction needs to match signals in two detector parts
  - Propagate tracks from one detector part to another and compare with real measurement there
  - Make the average between the prediction and the real measurement
- ⇒ it needs the track parameter errors
- Many experiments have used in the past GEANE (based on GEANT3) or their 'ad hoc' solution

**GEANT4e provides this functionality for the reconstruction software in the context of GEANT4**

**Released in geant4.9.0**

- User defines the initial track parameters in a given point of the trajectory:  
**G4ErrorTrajState**
  - Particle type
  - Position
  - Momentum
  - Track errors (5x5 HepSymMatrix)
  - Initial surface where parameters are defined
- Two different trajectory states:
  - **G4ErrorFreeTrajState**:
    - $1/p, \lambda, \phi, y_{\text{perp}}, z_{\text{perp}}$  ( $p_x = p \cos(\lambda) \cos(\phi)$ ,  $p_y = p \cos(\lambda) \sin(\phi)$ ,  $p_z = p \sin(\lambda)$ ,  $x_{\text{perp}} \parallel \text{trajectory}$ ,  $y_{\text{perp}}$  parallel to x-y plane)
  - **G4ErrorSurfaceTrajState**: parameters on a plane in an arbitrary direction
    - $1/p, v', w', v, w$  ( $u, v, w$  is any orthonormal coordinate system,  $v, w$  on the plane)

- ❑ User defines up to where the propagation must be done: the target
- ❖ G4ErrorSurfaceTarget
  - o Track is propagated until the surface is reached
  - o The surface is not part of GEANT4 geometry
    - Using a ghost geometry would mean that propagation in field is done twice
    - G4ErrorPropagationNavigator takes care of the double navigation: on the full geometry and checking if surface is reached
      - overwrites ComputeStep() and ComputeSafety() to stop the navigation when the surface is reached
  - o Several types defined
    - G4ErrorPlaneSurfaceTarget: infinite plane
    - G4ErrorCylSurface: infinite length cylindrical surface
    - ....
- ❖ G4ErrorTrackLengthTarget
  - o Track is propagated until a certain track length is reached
  - o Implemented as a G4VDiscreteProcess



## ❖ G4ErrorGeomVolumeTarget

- o Track is propagated until the surface of a GEANT4 volume
  - Track enters
  - or track exits
  - or both
- o User can choose if volume refers to one or many G4LogicalVolume's, G4VPhysicalVolume's or G4VTouchable's, with a simple syntax:
  - `G4ErrorVolumeTarget ("MuonCell")`      G4LogicalVolume
  - `G4ErrorVolumeTarget ("MuonCell#1")`      G4VPhysicalVolume
  - `G4ErrorVolumeTarget ("MuonChamber#3/MuonCell#2")`  
G4VTouchable

## ❖ G4ErrorUserDefinedVolumeTarget (TO BE DONE)

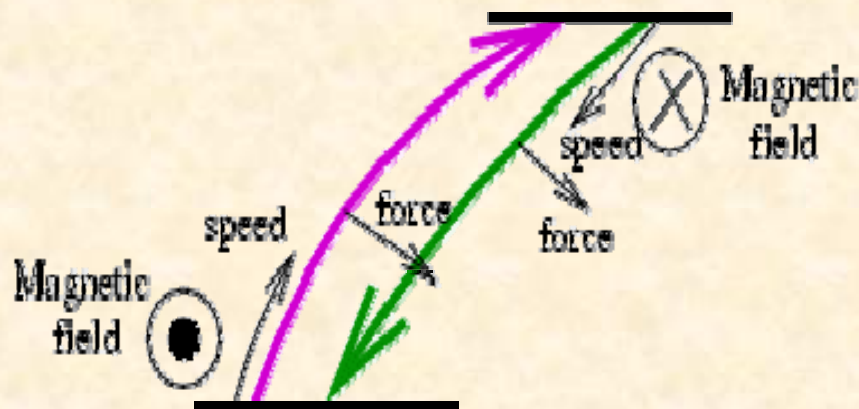
- o Track is propagated until the surface of a user-defined volume (outside the GEANT4 geometry)

- User needs to propagate just one track
  - ⇒ no need of run and events
- ✓ G4ErrorPropagatorManager creates a track and manages the step propagation
  - ❑ Creates a G4Track from the information given in the G4ErrorTrajState
  - ❑ Invokes G4SteppingManager to propagate one step  
`fpSteppingManager::Stepping();`
  - ❑ And propagates the track errors for this step  
`G4ErrorPropagatorManager::PropagateError( aTrack );`
  - ❑ Stops when G4Track stops or when the target is reached
    - If defined target is not reached it returns an error
- ❖ User can choose two ways of propagation
  - Propagate until target is reached
  - Propagate step by step and return control after each step

- Reconstruction software wants the average trajectory followed by the particle:  
G4ErrorPhysicsList
  - ☛ No multiple scattering
  - ☛ No secondaries allowed
  - ☛ No random fluctuations for energy loss
  - ☛ No hadronic processes
  - ☛ Huge cuts by default (User can change them with standard GEANT4 methods)
    - AlongStepGetPhysicalInteractionLength only limits step if  $\Delta E > 0.2 E$
  - ☛ Negative energy loss when propagation is backwards
    - G4ErrorEnergyLoss, based on G4EnergyLossForExtrapolates
- User could define its own physics list (simply add it to the G4RunManager)
  - o But it should account for backwards tracking
- Simple energy loss can be chosen: faster but less precise
  - o But time in calculating energy loss is ~1 %



- User defines the magnetic field in the standard GEANT4 way
- But GEANT4e has to handle the backwards propagation  
⇒ Magnetic field has to be reversed



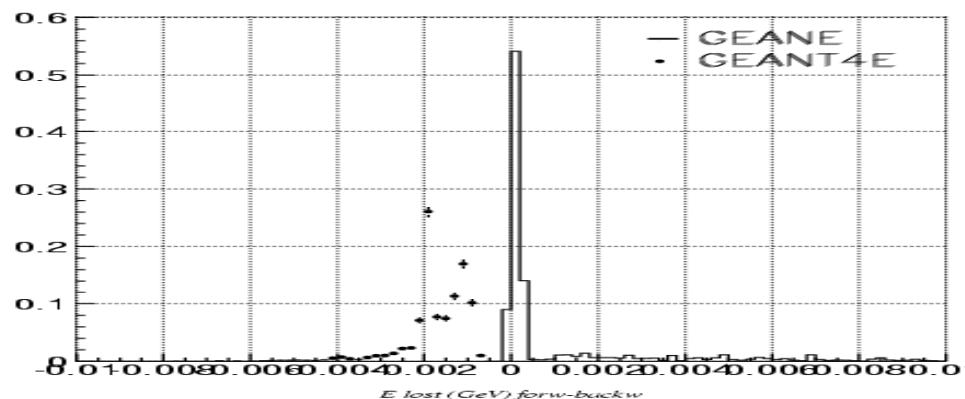
- G4ErrorPropagatorManager takes care of replacing G4Mag\_UsualEqRhs by G4ErrorMag\_UsualEqRhs, that overwrites EvaluateRhsGivenB() to reverse the field

- ❖ Based on the equations of the European Muon Collaboration (same as GEANE)
  - ✓ Error from curved trajectory in magnetic field
  - ✓ Error from multiple scattering
  - ✓ Error from ionisation
- Formulas assume propagation along an helix
  - Need to make small steps to assure magnetic field constantness and not too big energy loss  $\Rightarrow$  makes it slower
- ❑ Another approach to be studied: propagate the error together with the solving of the Runge-Kutta equations
  - Probably slower per step but could not need so many steps

- ❖ When reconstruction software wants to know the trajectory that a track has described from a detector part to another, often the track has to be propagated **backwards**
  - ✓ The track has to gain energy instead of losing it
  - ✓ The value of the magnetic field has to be reversed
  
- ❖ But the energy lost (or gained) in one step is calculated
  - Forward tracking: using the energy at the beginning of the step
  - Backward tracking: using **the energy at the end of the step**
  - And similarly for the curvature in magnetic field

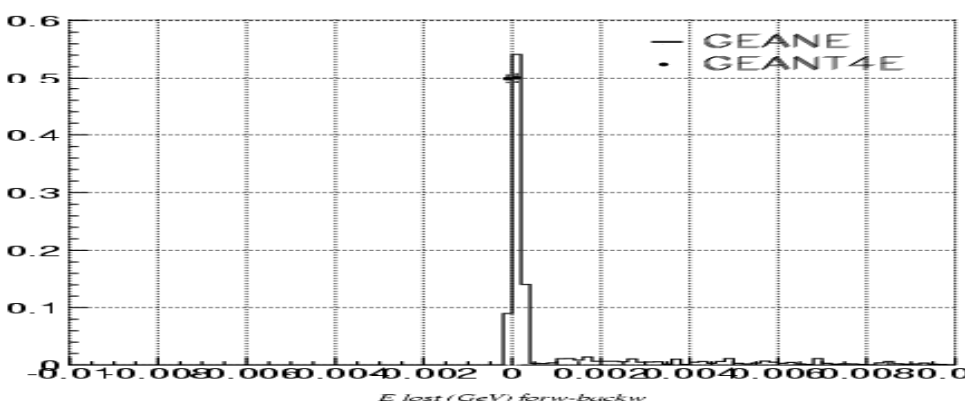
- ☹ This means that if you propagate a particle forwards and then backwards it would not recover the original energy

Difference in energy when a 20  
GeV track is propagated forwards  
and then backwards  
**NO CORRECTION**



- ☺ A correction is applied:  $dE/dx$  is calculated with the energy at the end of step, then the lost energy is added and  $dE/dx$  is recalculated again (☹ it needs `#define private public`)

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and then backwards  
**CORRECTED**



There are three ways to limit the step

- ❖ Fixed length value

```
G4UImanager::GetUIpointer()->ApplyCommand("/geant4e/limits/stepLength MY_VALUE MY_UNIT");
```

- ❖ Maximum percentage of energy loss in the step (or energy gain is propagation is backwards)

```
G4UImanager::GetUIpointer()->ApplyCommand("/geant4e/limits/energyLoss MY_VALUE");
```

- ❖ Maximum difference between the value of the magnetic field at the beginning and at the end of the step.

- ❖ Indeed what is limited is the curvature, or exactly the value of the magnetic field divided by the value of the momentum transversal to the field.

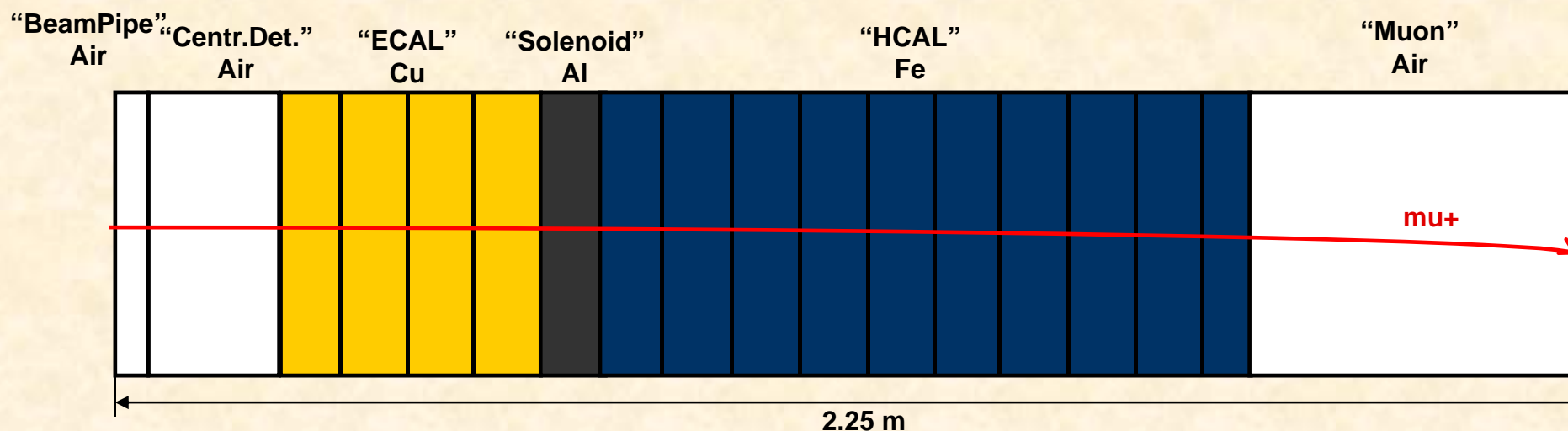
```
G4UImanager::GetUIpointer()->ApplyCommand("/geant4e/limits/magField MY_VALUE");
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## extended/errorpropagation

(same example as the EREXAM1 example in GEANE and GEANT4E)

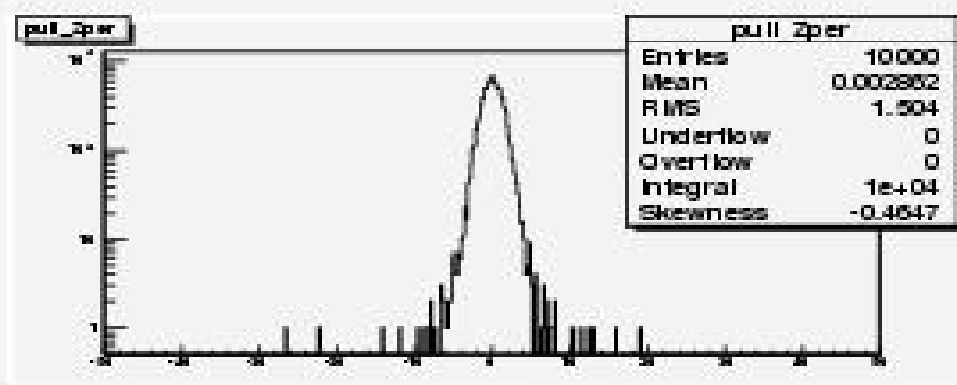
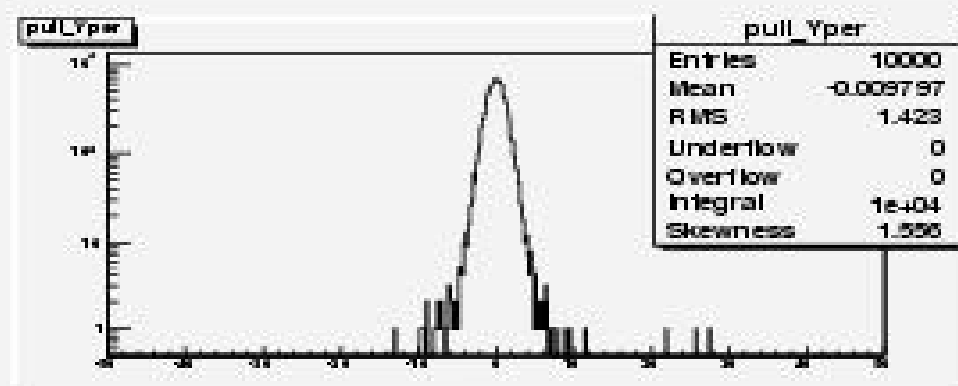
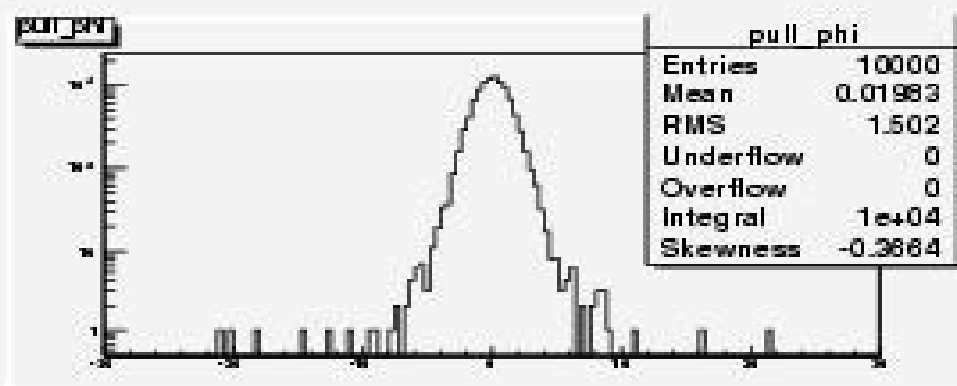
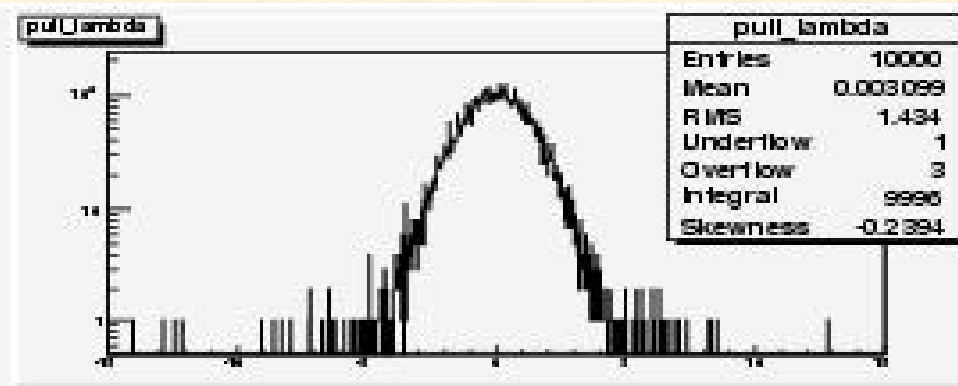
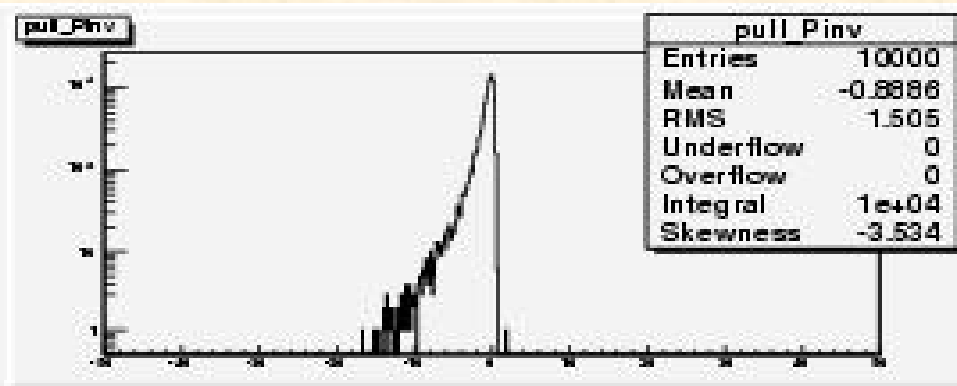
- Simple detector:



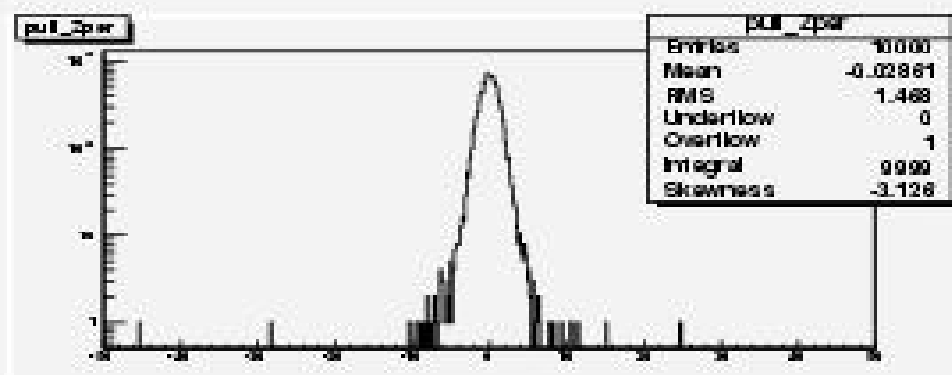
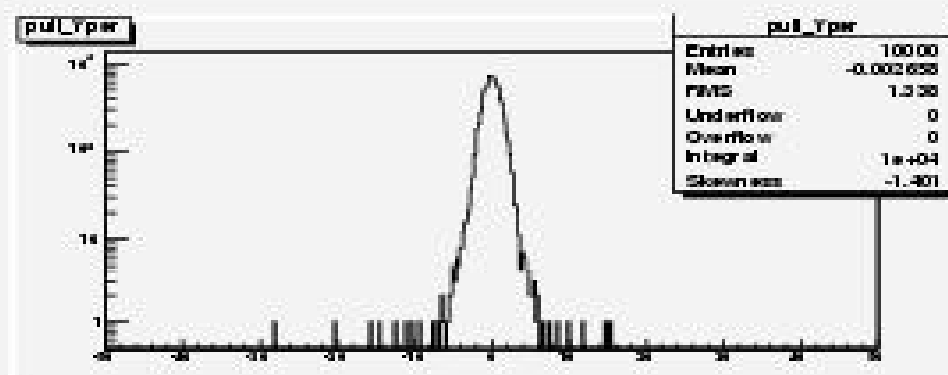
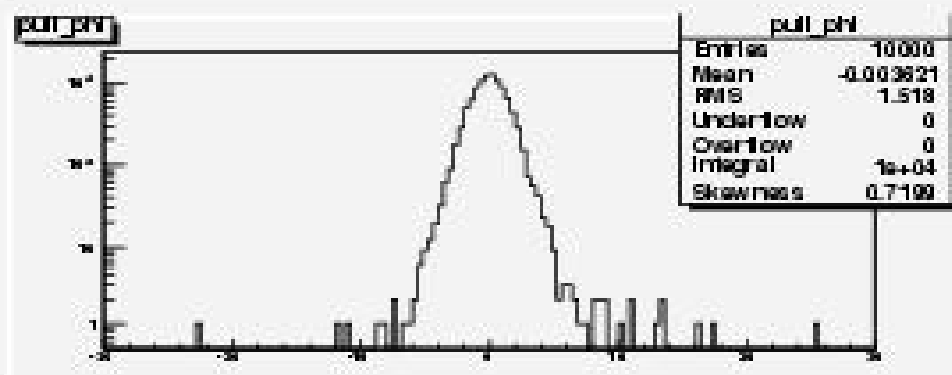
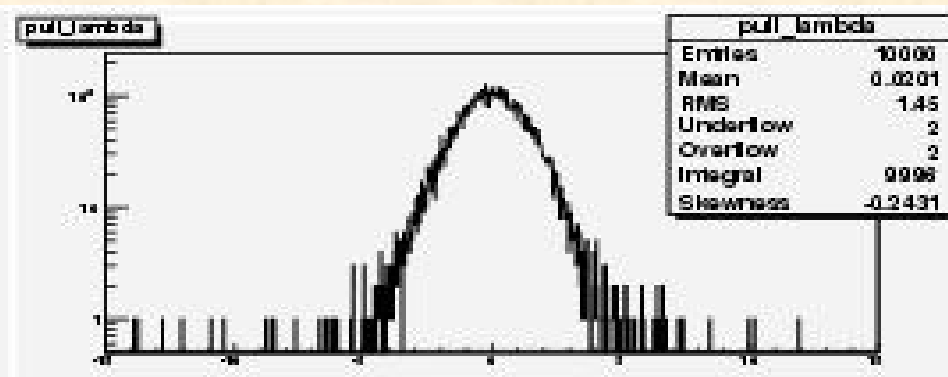
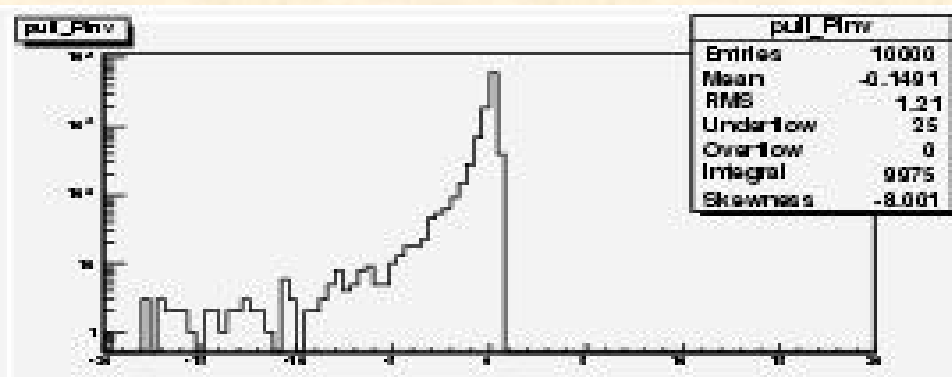
- Magnetic field -1 kGauss (0.01 Tesla)
- A track is propagated from the origin along all detectors
- User can choose target
  - Plane surface
  - Cylindrical surface
  - Volume
  - Track Length

- We send 10k muons all along the detector with GEANT4 and compare the final state with the one sended with GEANT4e (only 1, there are no fluctuations)
- We plot the pulls (difference/error) for the five variables:
  - Position Y
  - Position Z
  - Angle phi
  - Angle lambda
  - 1/momentum
- ✓ They should be centered at 0 and with RMS = 1, if distributions were gaussians  
((n fact multiple scattering and energy loss are not gaussian))

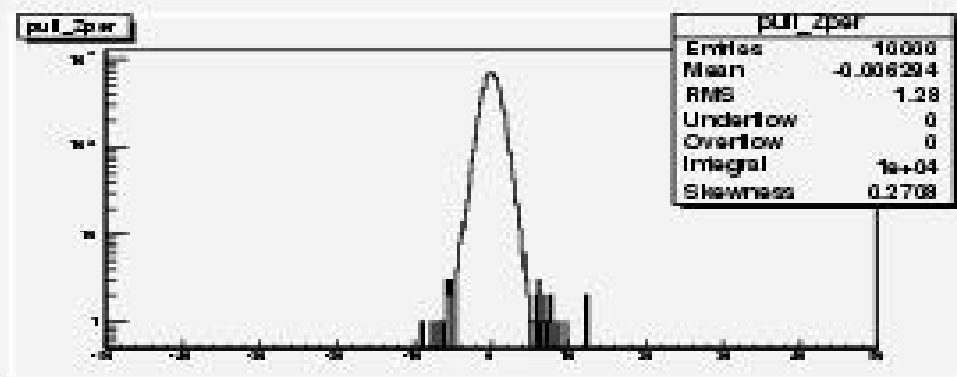
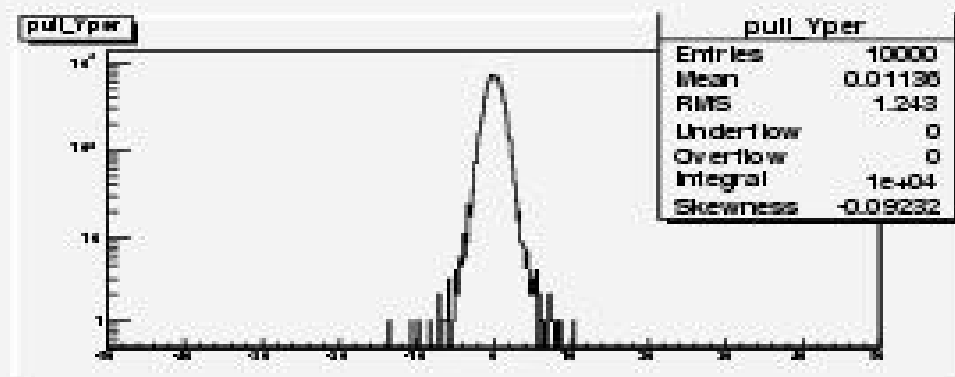
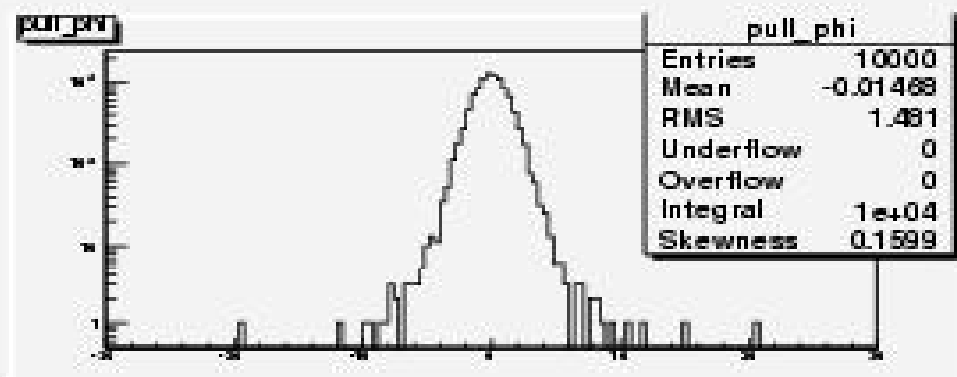
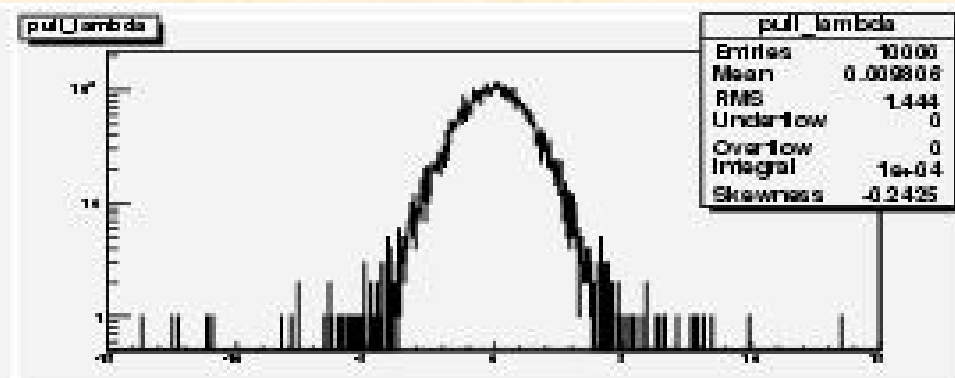
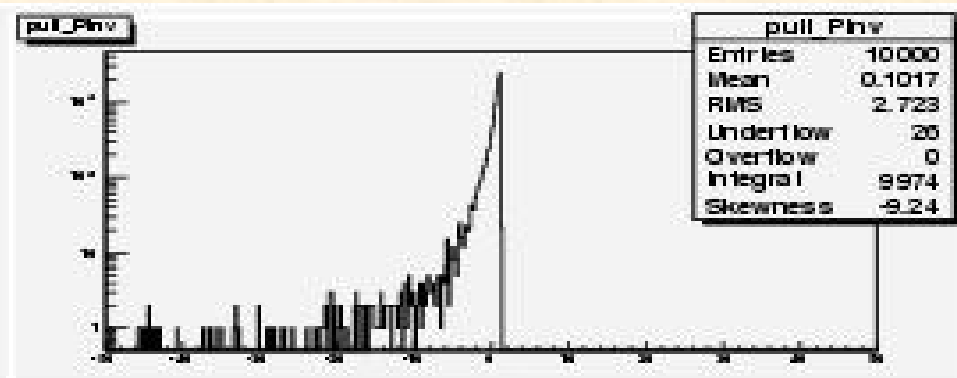
## 10 GeV muons



## 100 GeV muons



## 1000 GeV muons





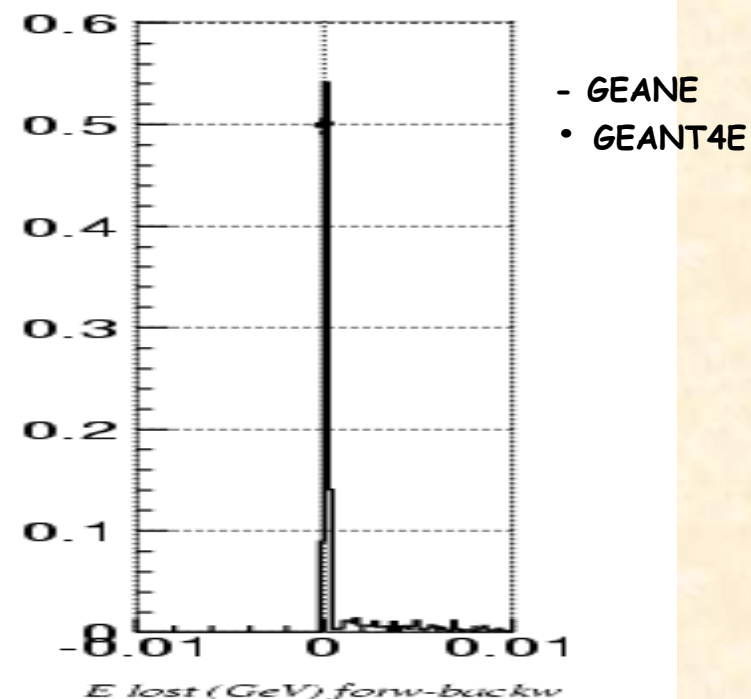
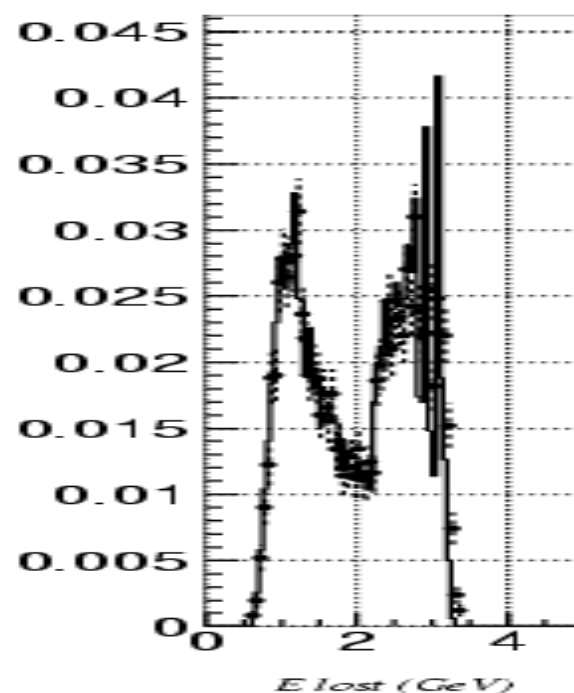
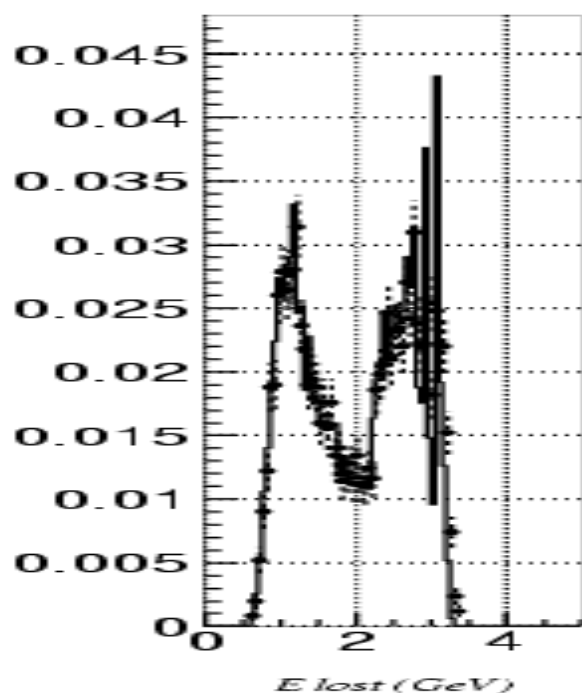
10000 mu+: 5-100 GeV, along  $X \pm 10$  degrees:

- Energy lost (GeV)

forwards

backwards

forwards+backwards



Not the same because GEANT4 propagation is more precise

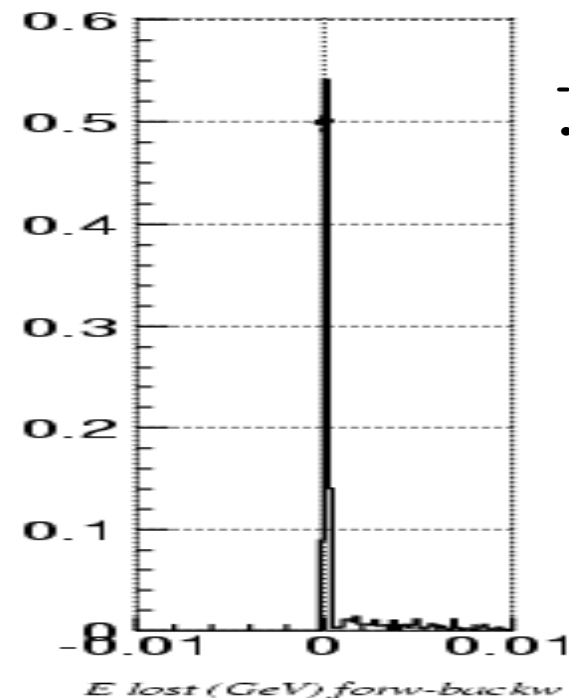
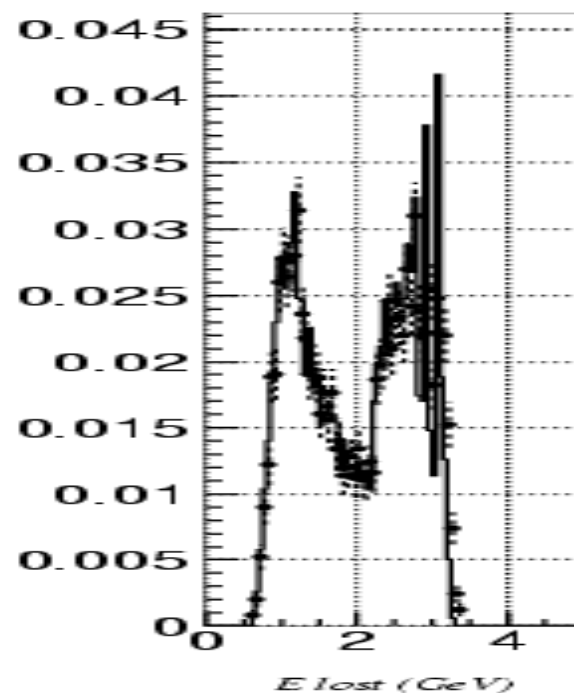
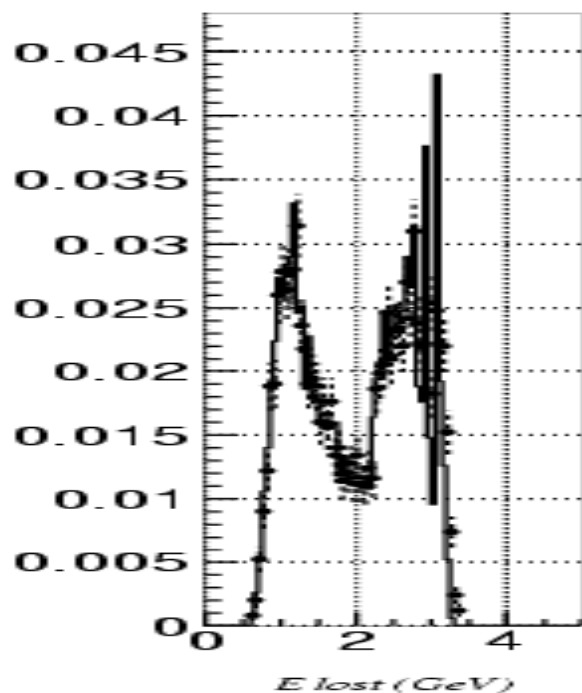
10000 mu+: 5-100 GeV, along  $X \pm 10$  degrees:

- Deviation in position (mm)

forwards

backwards

forwards+backwards



- GEANE  
• GEANT4E

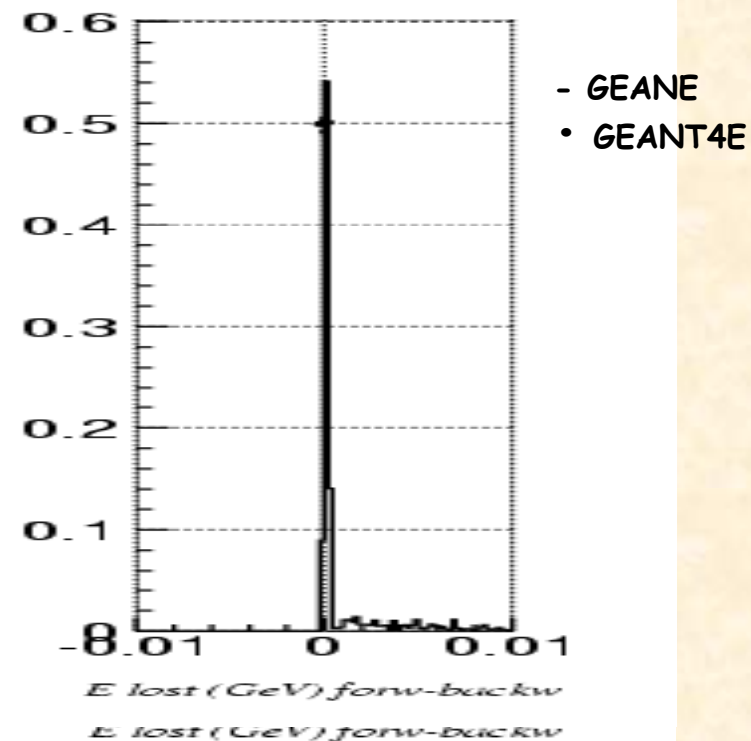
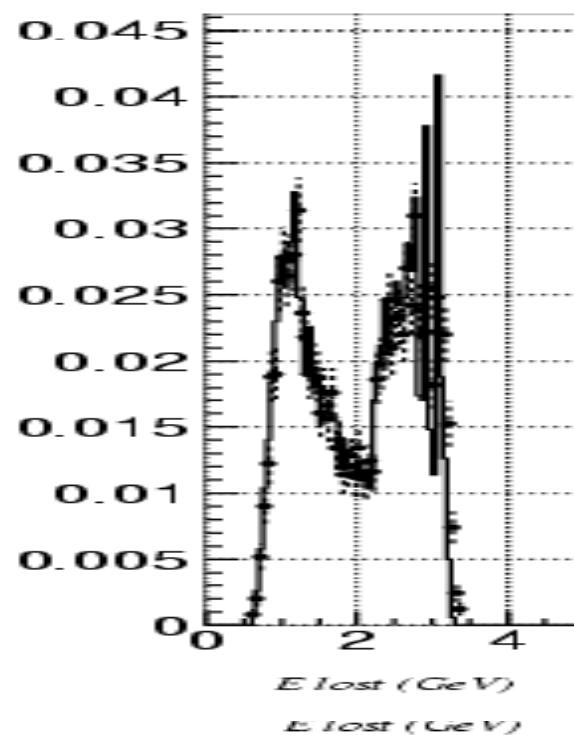
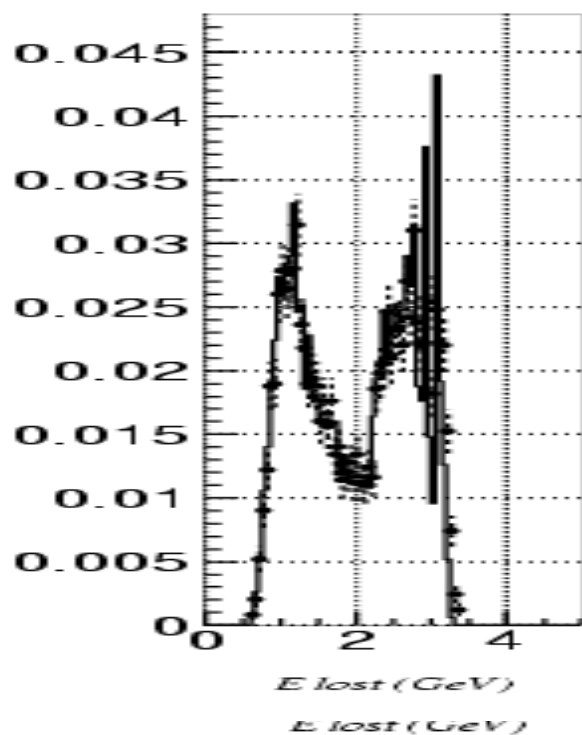
10000 mu+: 5-100 GeV, along  $X \pm 10$  degrees:

- Deviation in angle (mrad)

forwards

backwards

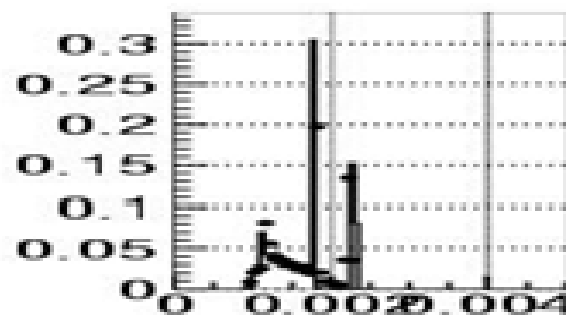
forwards+backwards



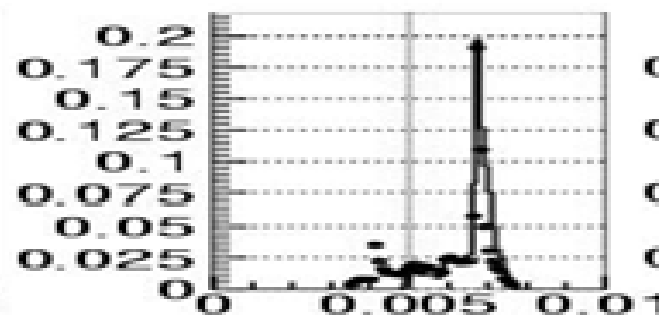
10000 mu+: 5-100 GeV, along  $X \pm 10$  degrees:

- Trajectory errors (if target is reached)

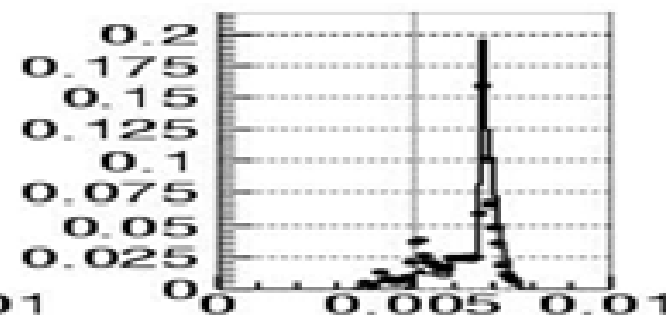
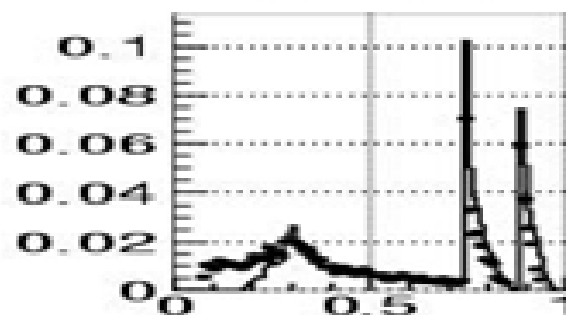
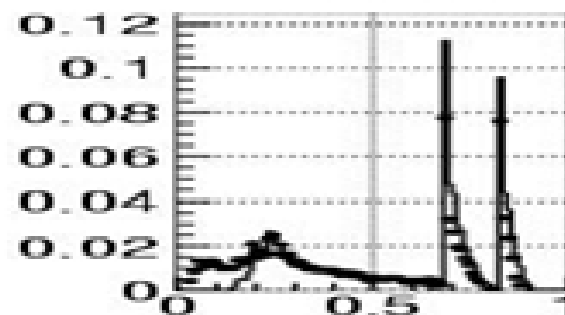
Error(0,0)

Final Error  $1/p$ 

Error(1,1)

Final Error  $v^*$ 

Error(2,2)

Final Error  $w^*$ Final Error  $v$ Final Error  $w$ 

- GEANE  
• GEANT4E

Error(3,3)

Error(4,4)

10k mu+ 20 GeV cross all the detector (time in msec/evt CPU: Athlon 1 GHz)

- Same number of steps in GEANT3 and GEANT4

GEANT3		GEANT4	
GEANT3	0.39	GEANT4	1.22
GEANE: Forward or backward	0.45	GEANT4E: Forward or backward	1.65
GEANE: no error Forward or backward	0.28	GEANT4E: no error Forward or backward	1.30

- GEANT4 is 2.5 times slower than GEANT3
- GEANT4E is 3.5 times slower than GEANE
- Most of the time is taken by GEANT4 field propagation
- Error propagation is ~1/3 of total time

☺ Results have been checked by profiling

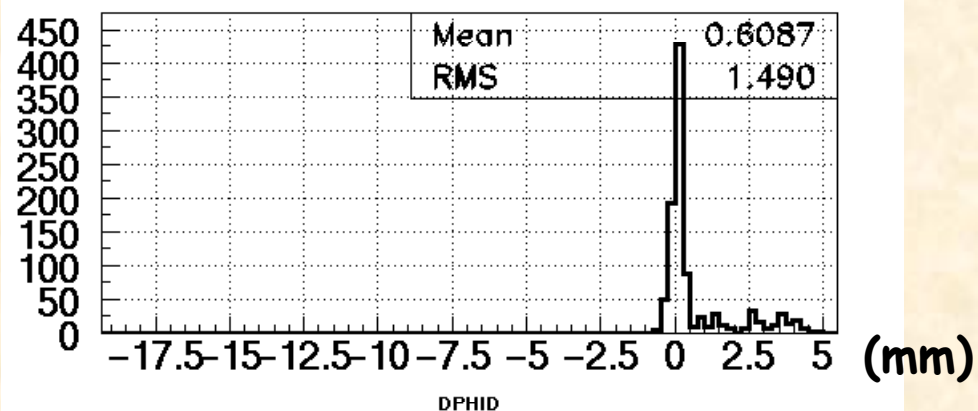


Tracking in GEANT4 has been improved w.r.t. GEANT3 to make it more precise

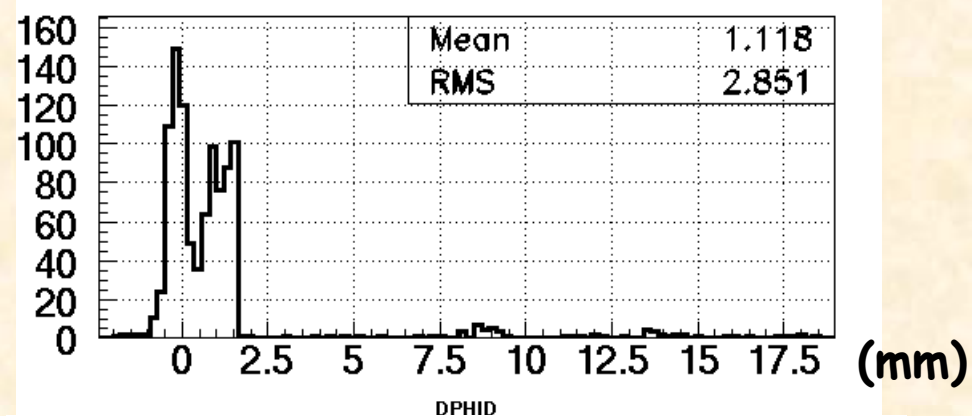
Make a simple exercise: track the same muons in the whole CMS

- ❑ Once with detector full: all the volumes
- ❑ Once with detector empty: only the outer volume
- GEANT4 gives = results than with full geometry
- GEANT3 shows big differences

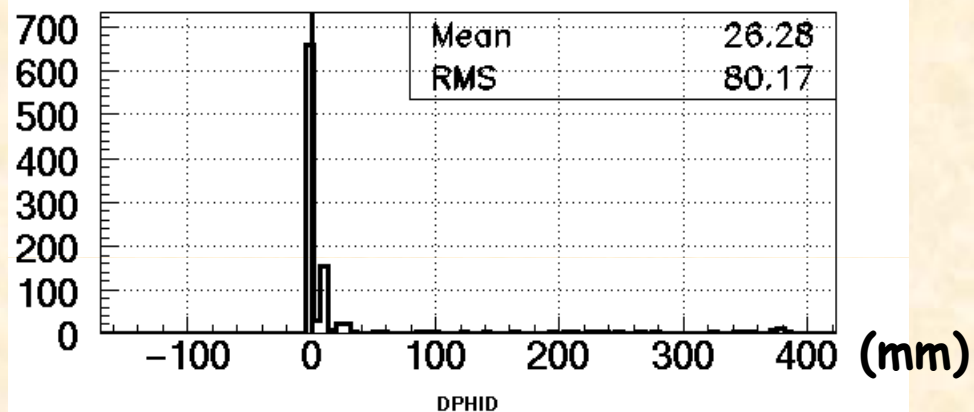
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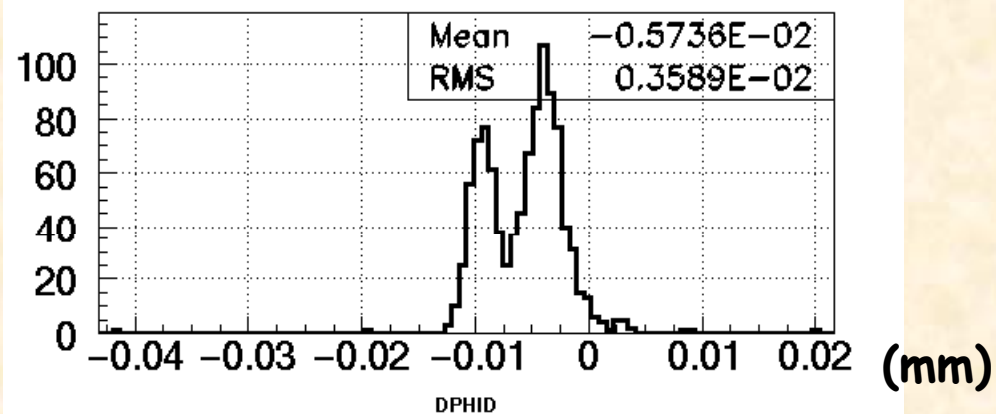
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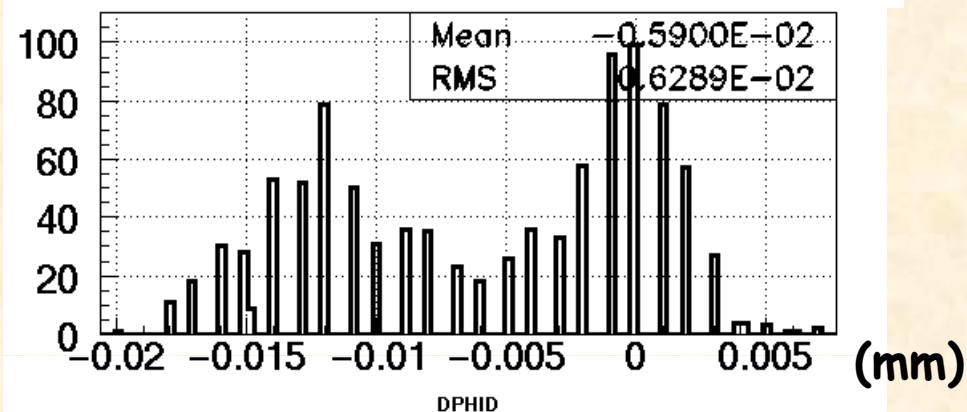
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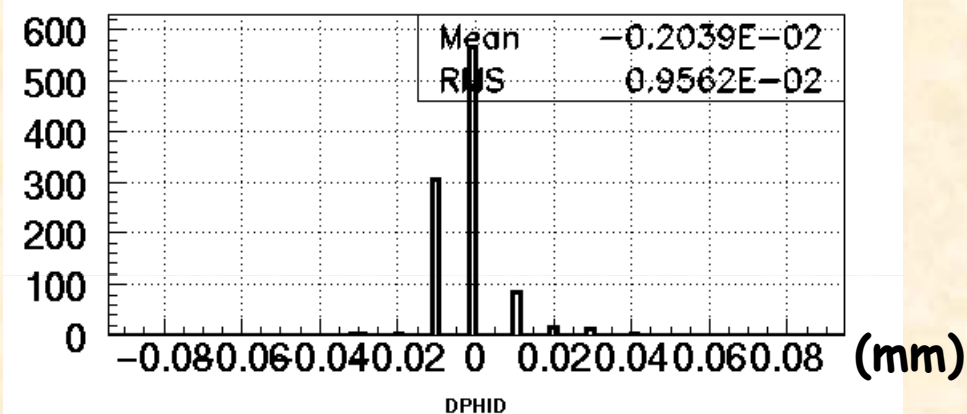
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$P = 50 \text{ GeV}$



$P = 5 \text{ GeV}$



The type of target can be chosen with the enviromental variable

**G4ERROR\_TARGET:**

- PLANE\_SURFACE : use a *G4ErrorPlaneSurfaceTarget* perpendicular to X at (2241. mm, 0, 0)
- CYL\_SURFACE : use a *G4ErrorCylSurfaceTarget* parallel to Z of radius 2220mm
- VOLUME : use a *G4ErrorGeomVolumeTarget* with volume name "MUON"
- TRKLEN : use a *G4ErrorTrackLengthTarget* with track length 2230 mm

The user may also choose if the propagation is done forwards (the natural way, loosing energy) or backwards (in opposite direction, gaining energy), with the enviromental variable **G4ERROR\_MODE:**

- FORWARDS : propagate in the forward direction
- BACKWARDS : propagate in the backward direction

There are two modes of propagation, that can be chosen with the environmental variable **G4ERROR\_PROP**:

- **UNTIL\_TARGET** : propagate until target, all steps in one go
- **STEP\_BY\_STEP** propagate until target, returning control to the user at each step



➤ The problem is how to make it faster keeping the desired precision

Some ideas:

- ❑ Tune the step length to your desired precision

- Define a fixed step length
- Define the allowed variation in magnetic field
- Define the allowed proportion of energy loss

- ❑ Tune propagation in magnetic field

- Choose `G4IntegratorStepper`
- Choose precision parameters

- ❑ Simplify geometry

- Probably you do not need so much precision for reconstruction as for simulation

- Correction of multiple scattering fluctuations for low energy particles in gas detectors (see Andrea Fontana's talk)

<http://indico.cern.ch/getFile.py/access?contribId=37&resId=0&materialId=slides&confId=13356>

GEANT4e:

$$\langle \theta_p^2 \rangle = \frac{184.96 \cdot 10^{-6}}{p^2} \frac{d}{\beta^2 X_0} .$$

R.Fruehwith and M.Regler, NIM A456(2001)369

$$\langle \theta_p^2 \rangle = \frac{225 \cdot 10^{-6}}{p^2} \frac{d}{\beta^2 X_s} , \quad X_s = X_0 \frac{Z+1}{Z} \frac{\ln(287 Z^{-1/2})}{\ln(159 Z^{-1/3})}$$

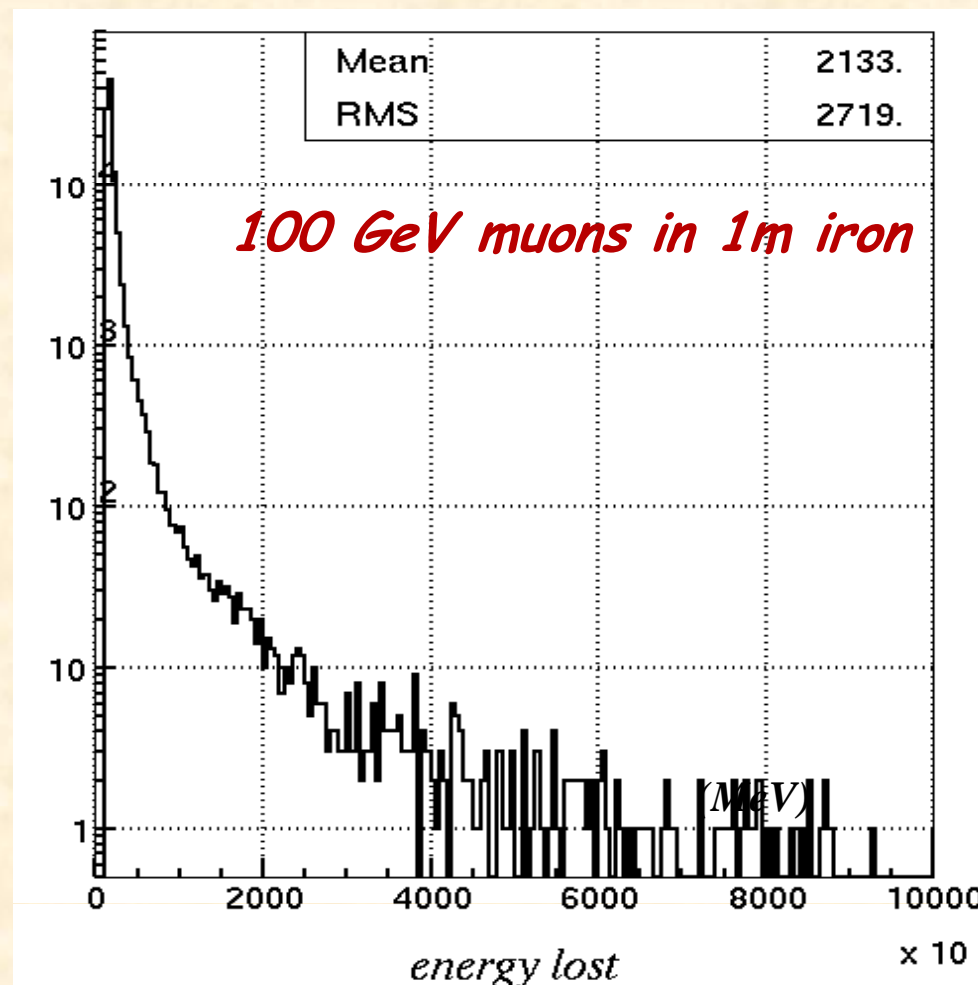
➤ Energy loss straggling

- ❑ We use in GEANT4e the mean energy loss
- ❑ Energy loss is not gaussian!
- ❑ Probably the events that have very big energy loss will never be reconstructed

❖ Why not rejecting those events and use the mean of the truncated?

- You should tune it for your application

➤ Under discussion with V.Ivantchenko



- **Optimize the error propagation**
  - Try different matrix class (now CLHEP)
- **Propagate error with Runge-Kutta equations to make bigger steps**
  - Each step may take longer...
- **Being checked in a real detector reconstruction (CMS)**

- First prototype of GEANT4E is ready with similar functionality as GEANE
- Already released in geant4.9.0
  - Including example and detailed documentation
- Many optimisation options available

### Next steps:

- Refine multiple scattering and energy loss errors
- Try different optimisation options
- Check in a real detector reconstruction (CMS)
  - On progress..