



# The FASER Experiment: First Physics Results

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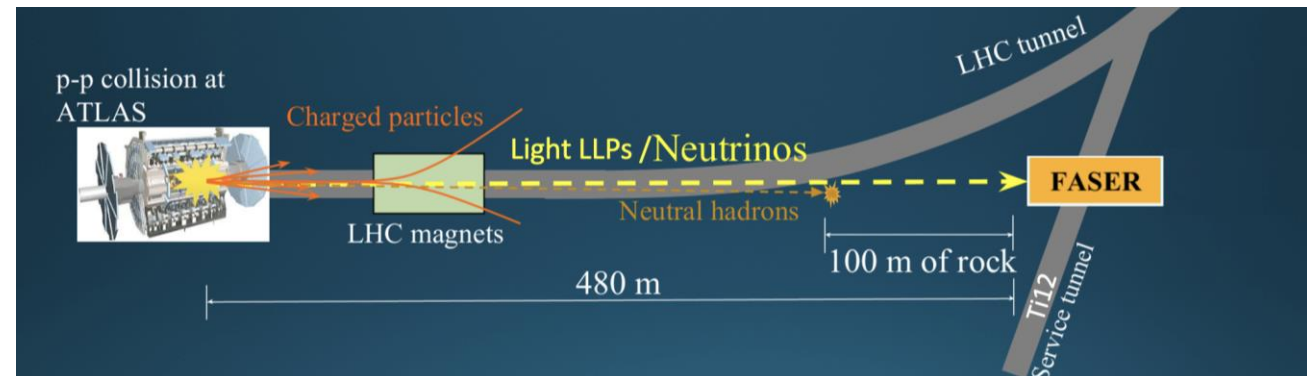
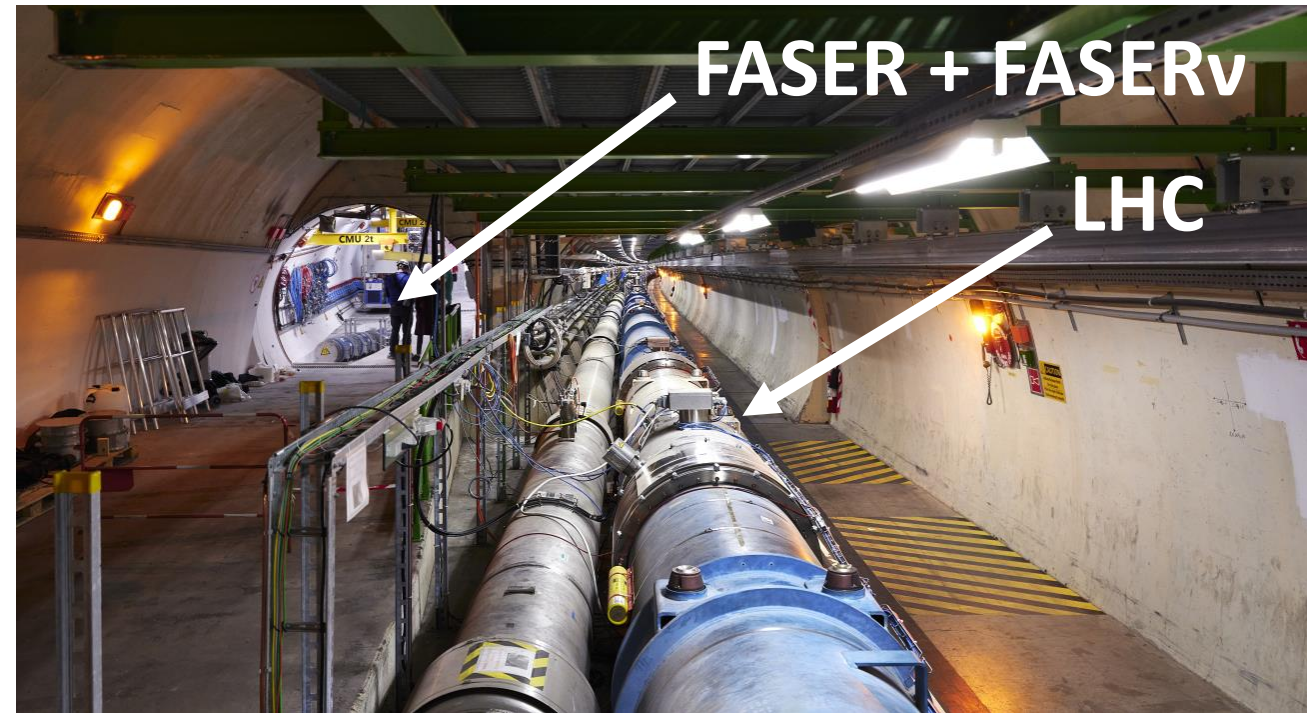


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# Introduction: The FASER Experiment

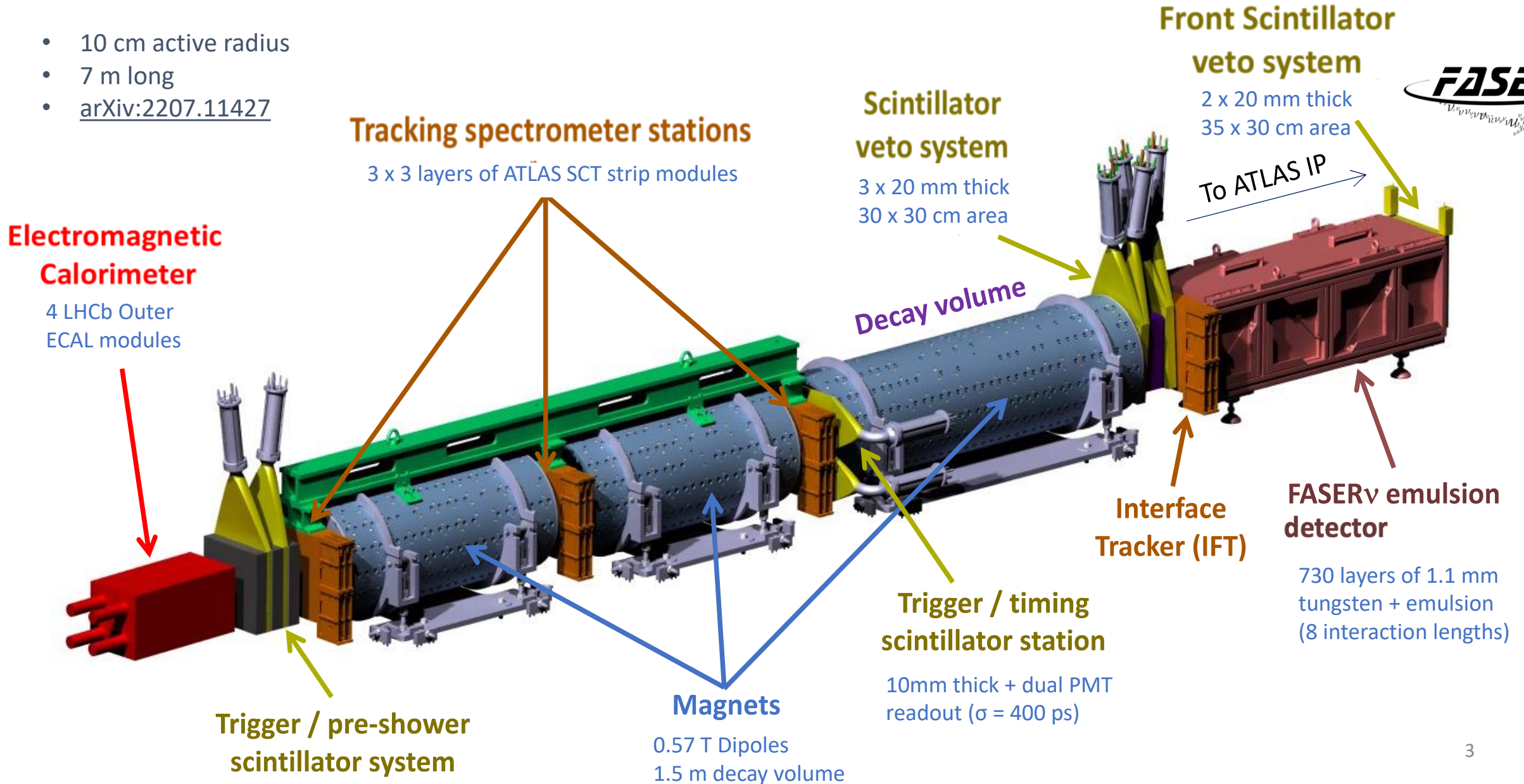
FASER is a new, small experiment designed to search for new long-lived particles (LLPs), and to study high energy neutrinos, produced at the ATLAS Interaction Point.

- Exploits large LHC collision rate with highly collimated forward production of light particles
- In addition to neutrinos, FASER targets new long-lived BSM particles including dark photons and ALPs
- Located 480m downstream of ATLAS, shielded with 100m of rock and concrete



# The FASER Detector

- 10 cm active radius
- 7 m long
- [arXiv:2207.11427](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.11427)







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To ATLAS

FASERv

**FASER**

Calorimeter Pre-shower

Tracking spectrometer

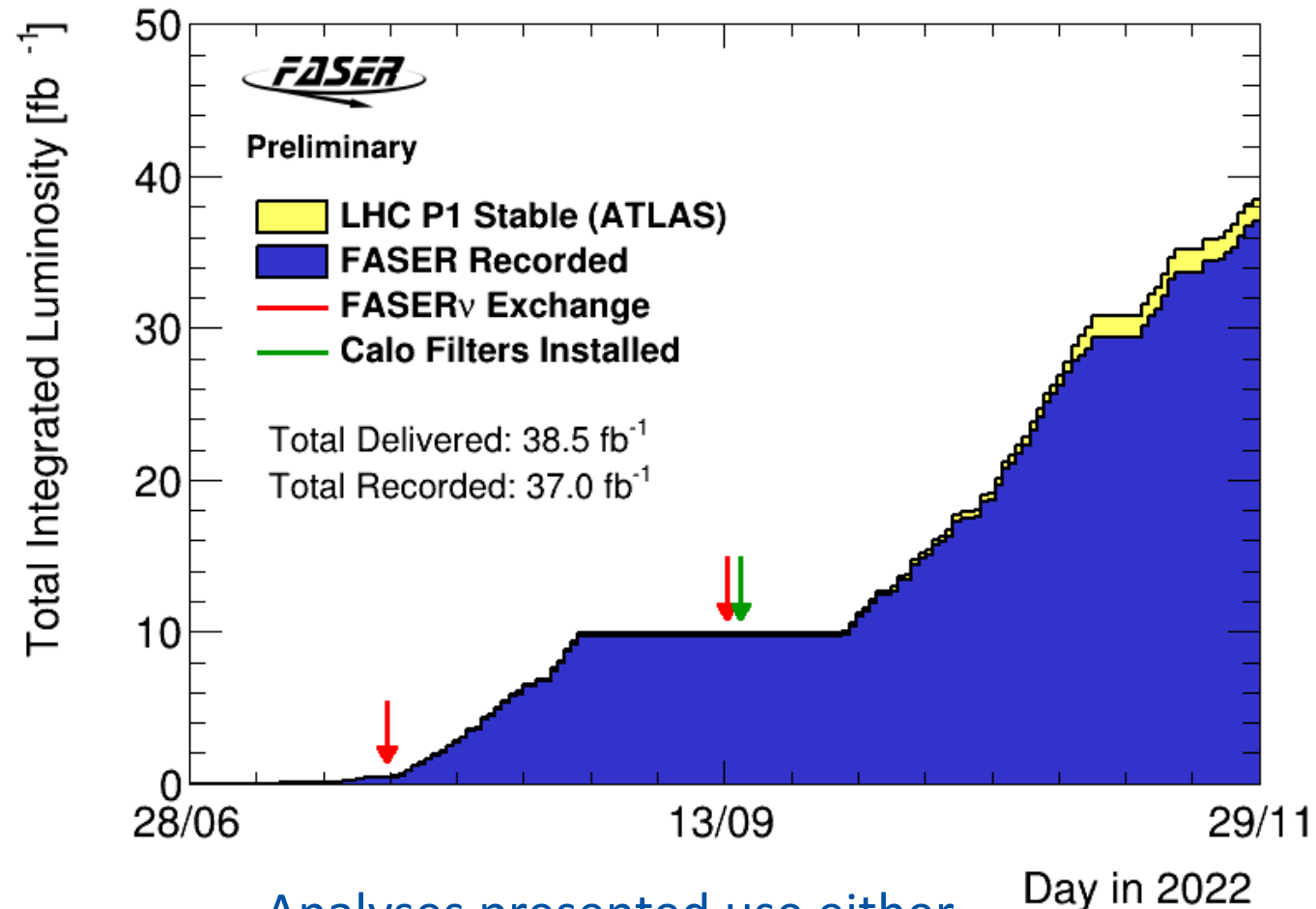
Decay volume

Veto

IFT

Detector installation  
between March – Nov  
2021, ready for LHC Run 3

- Successful operation throughout 2022
  - Continuous and largely automatic data taking
  - Up to 1.3 kHz trigger rate
- Recorded 96.1% of delivered luminosity
  - DAQ deadtime 1.3%
  - A couple of DAQ crashes
- Emulsion detector exchanged twice
  - To manage occupancy
  - First box only partially filled
- Calorimeter gain optimised for:
  - Low energy (< 300 GeV) before second exchange
  - High energy (up to 3 TeV) after this exchange

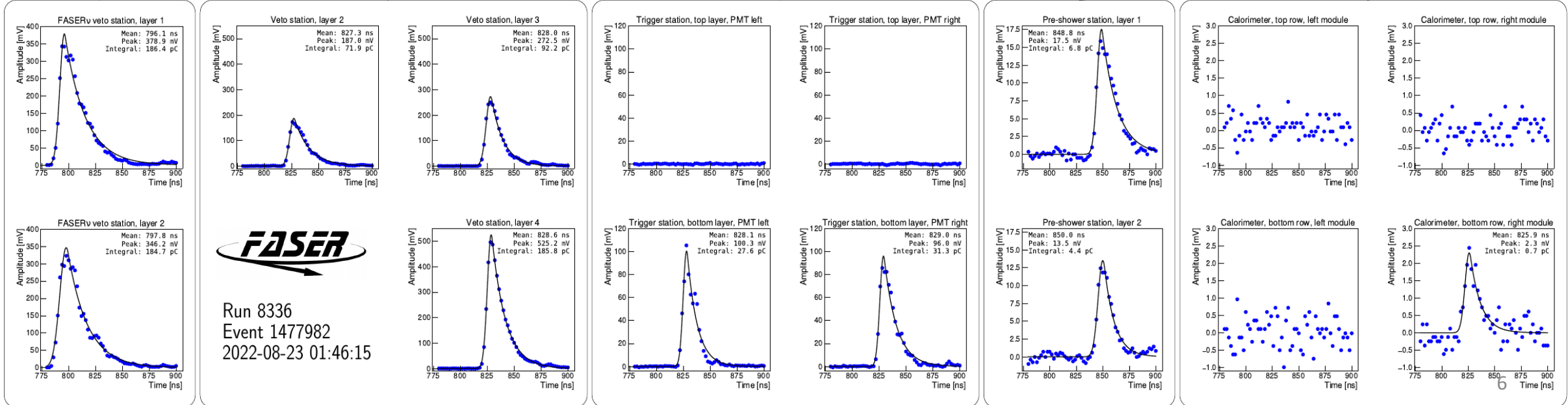
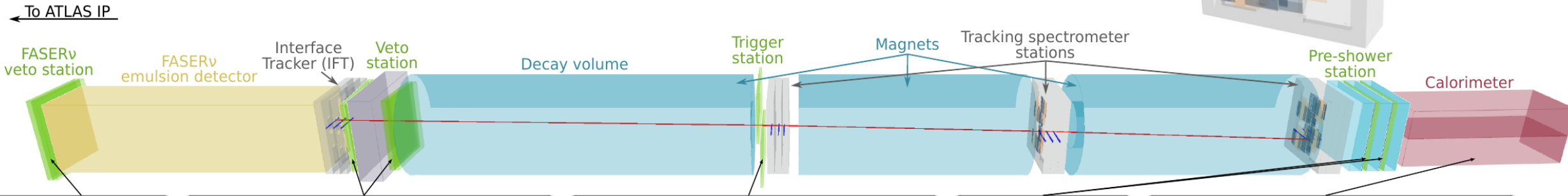
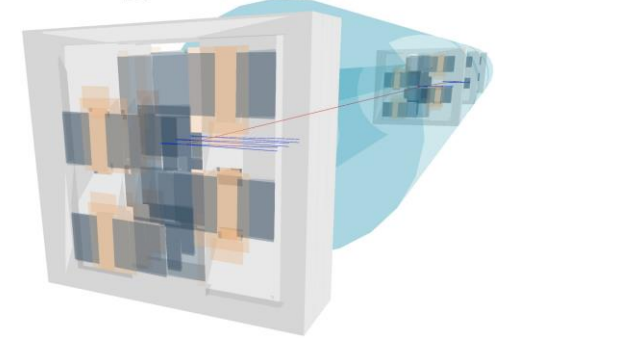


Analyses presented use either  
35.4 fb<sup>-1</sup> or 27.0 fb<sup>-1</sup>



# FASER Operations: Example Collision Event

- All detector components are working very well
  - More than 350 million single-muon events recorded
  - Example: muon leaving track through full detector

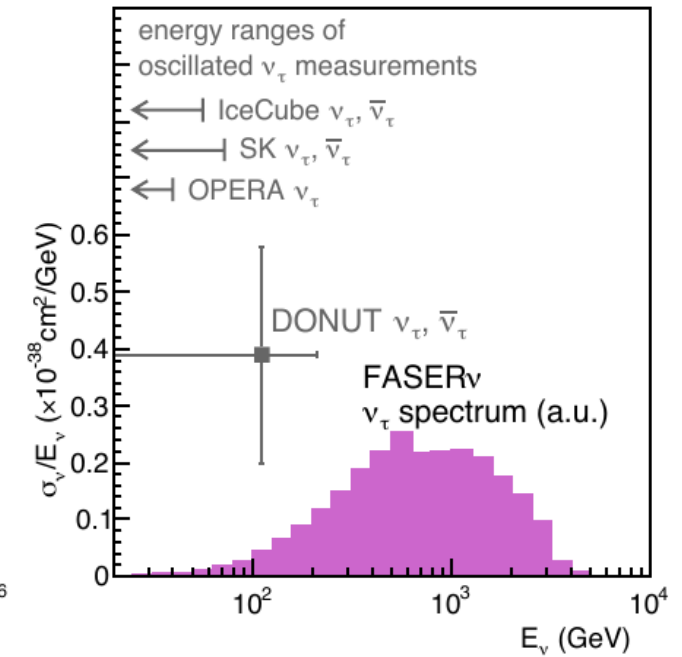
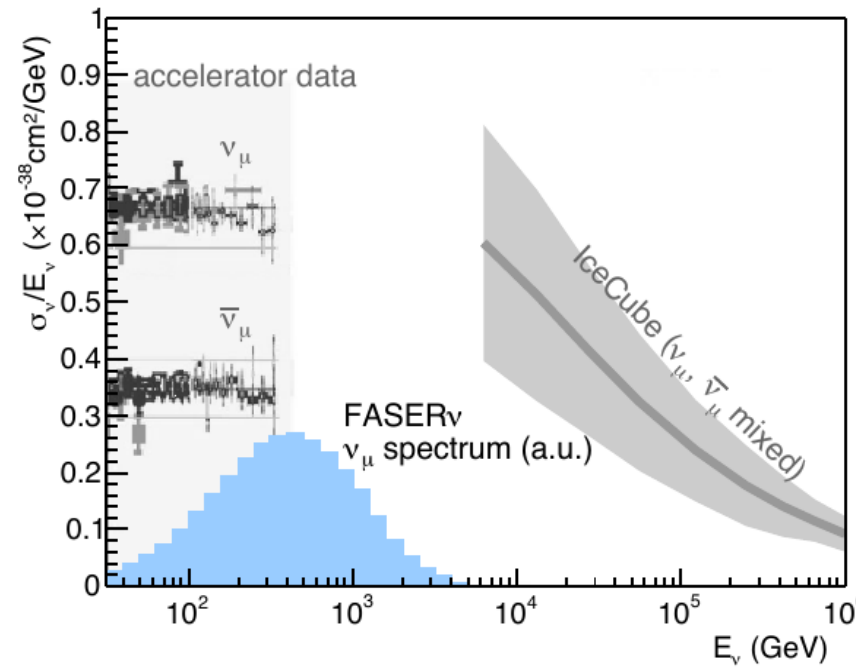
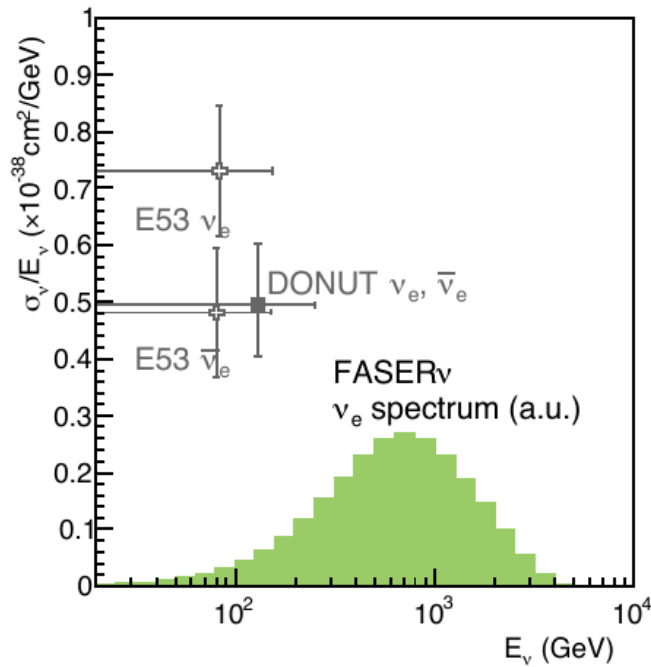


# Electronic Neutrino Analysis

- Neutrinos are produced copiously in decays of forward hadrons
  - Highly energetic (TeV scale), relatively high interaction cross section
- Extends FASER physics program into SM measurements
  - Targets measurement of highest energy man-made neutrinos
  - Energy range complementary to existing neutrino experiments

For $35 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	$\nu_e$	$\nu_\mu$	$\nu_\tau$
Main source	Kaons	Pions	Charm
# traversing FASERv	$\sim 10^{10}$	$\sim 10^{11}$	$\sim 10^8$
# interacting in FASERv	$\approx 200$	$\approx 1200$	$\approx 4$

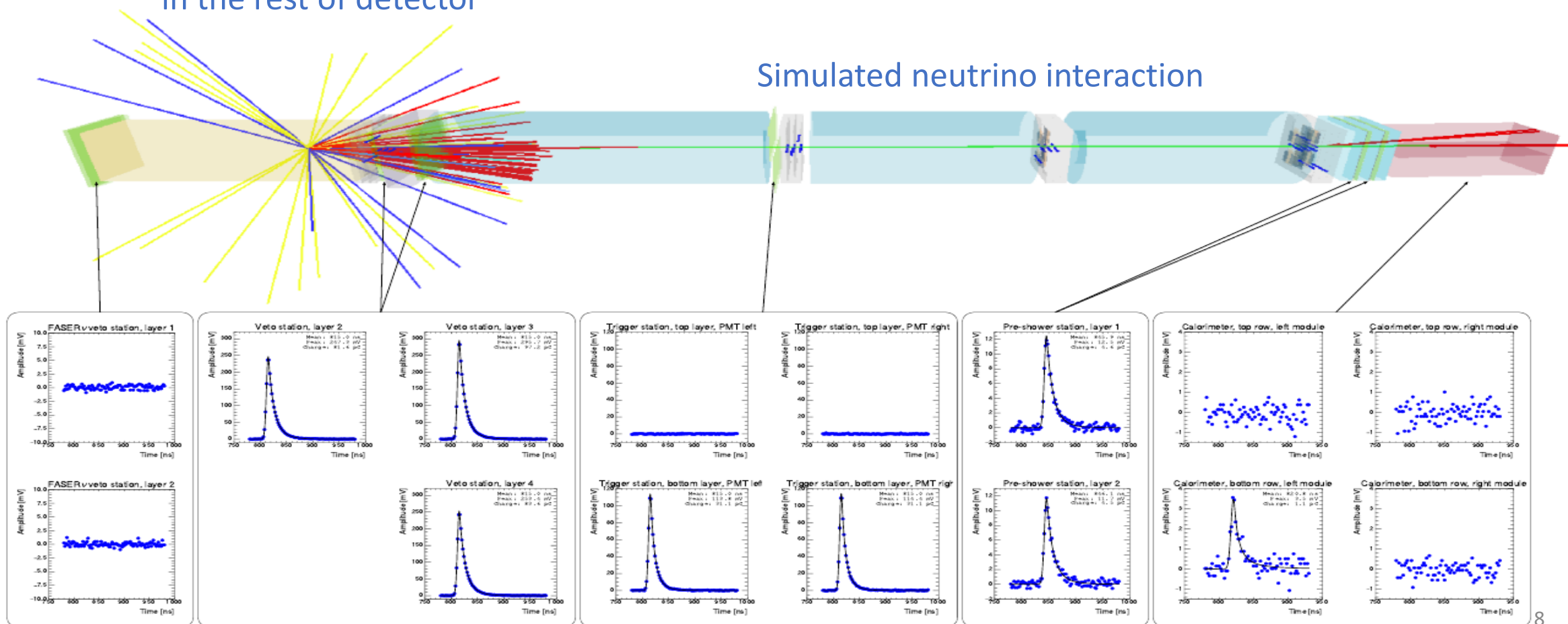
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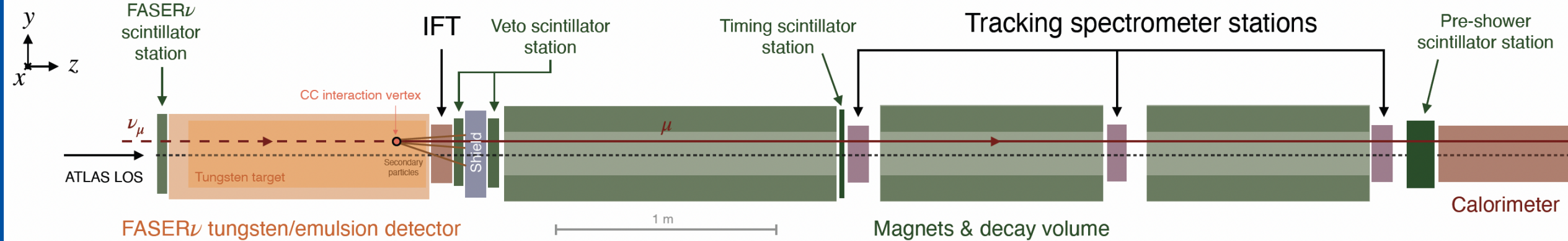
Study at colliders originally proposed by Rújula and Rückl in 1984!

- Possible to make a first observation of neutrinos
  - Using just spectrometer and veto systems
  - Search for charged-current  $\nu_\mu$  events with no signal in two front vetos and one high momentum track in the rest of detector

Simulated neutrino interaction







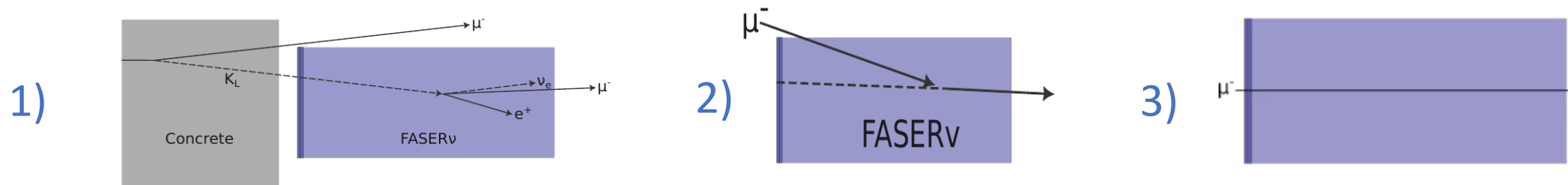
Can detect CC  $\nu_\mu$  using just spectrometer and veto systems!

Expected event yield from simulation:

- Forward hadron production modelled with DPMJET or SIBYLL generator
- Neutrino interaction simulated with GENIE
- Expect  $151 \pm 41$  events (average between DPMJET/SIBYLL with error from difference)
- No experimental errors included
- Current aim is not to measure cross section

- Collision event with good data quality
  - Runs during good physics data periods,  $35.4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- No signal ( $< 40 \text{ pC}$ ) in 2 front vetos
- Signal ( $> 40 \text{ pC}$ ) in other 3 vetos
- Exactly 1 good fiducial track ( $r < 95 \text{ mm}$ ) track
  - $p > 100 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\theta < 25 \text{ mrad}$
  - Extrapolating to  $r < 120 \text{ mm}$  in front veto
- Timing and preshower consistent with  $\geq 1 \text{ MIP}$

# Neutrino Analysis: Background Estimate



## 1. Neutral hadrons estimated from 2-step simulation

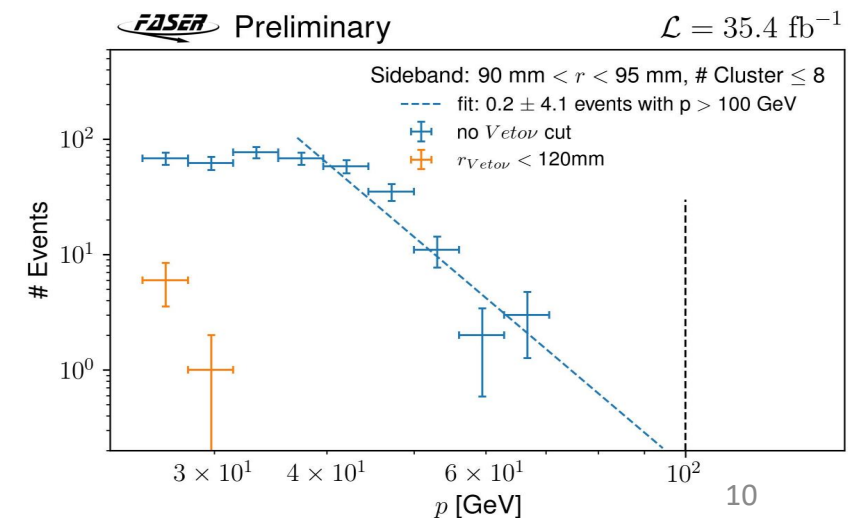
- Expect  $O(300)$  neutral hadrons with  $E > 100$  GeV reaching FASERv
  - Most accompanied by muon, but conservatively assume it misses veto system
- Most neutral hadrons absorbed in tungsten without producing high-momentum track
- Expect  $0.11 \pm 0.06$  events

## 2. Scattered muons estimated from control regions of events with single track segment in front tracker station at large radius ( $90 < r < 95$ mm)

- Expect:  $0.08 \pm 1.83$  events

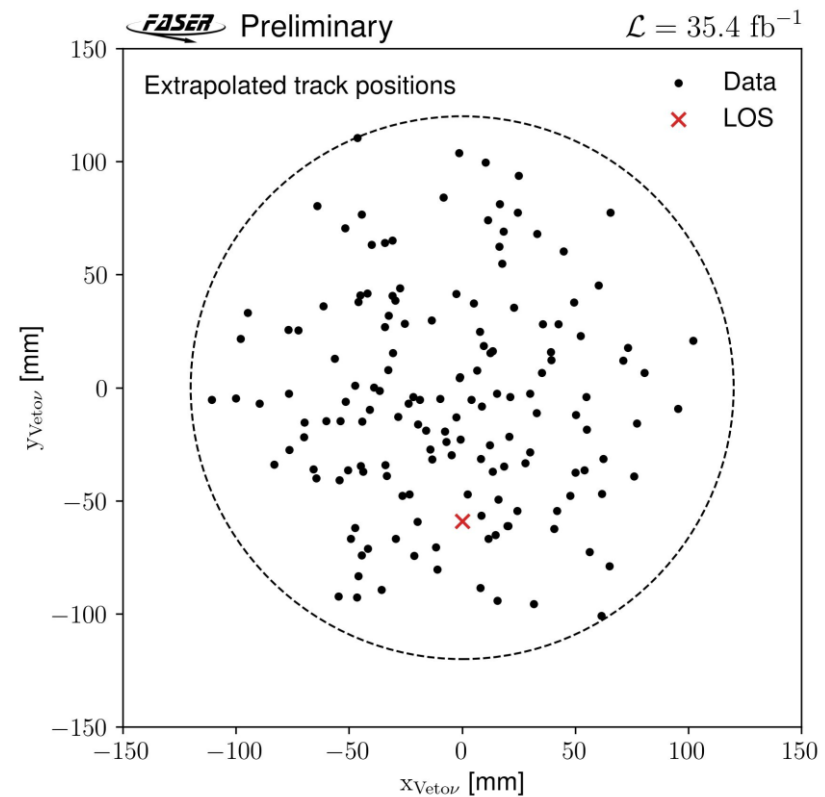
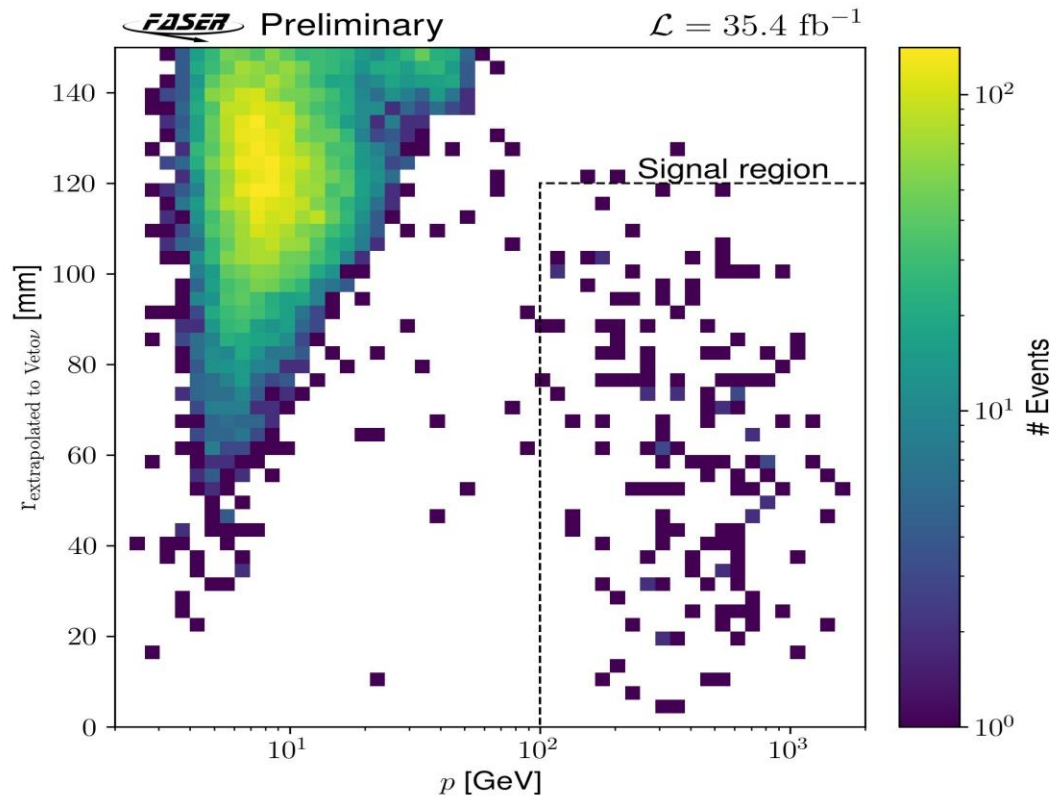
## 3. Veto inefficiency estimated from events with just one veto scintillator firing

- Veto efficiencies fitted in final fit of events with 0, 1 or 2 veto layers firing
- Negligible background due to very high veto efficiency



- **Unblinded results show 153 events in our signal region!**
  - 10 events have one veto signal
- This is the first *direct* detection of collider neutrinos!
  - Signal significance of  $16\sigma$ , to appear in PRL: [arXiv:2303.14185](https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.14185)

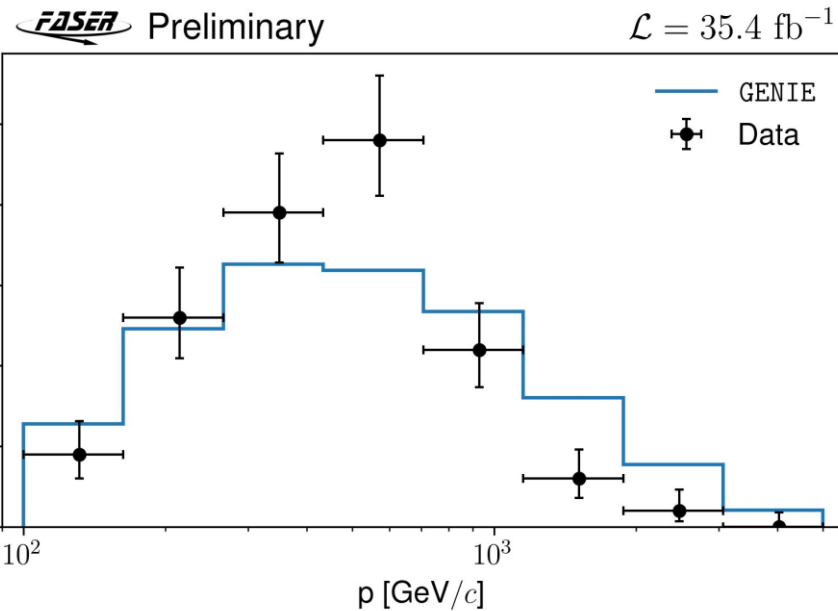
Candidate	Events
$n_0$	153 ( $151 \pm 41$ )
$n_{10}$	4
$n_{01}$	6
$n_2$	64014695





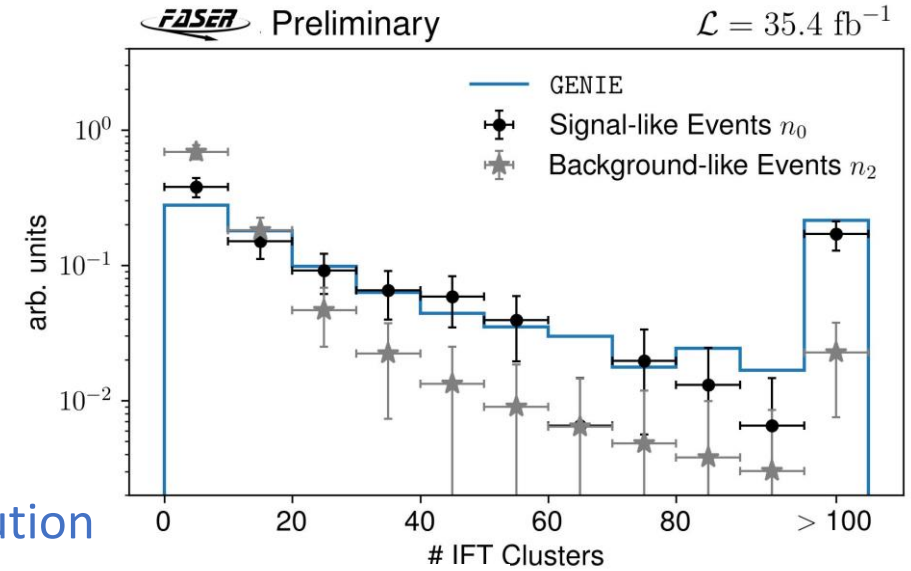
- Neutrino events match expectations from simulations
  - High occupancy in front track station
  - More  $\nu_\mu$  than anti- $\nu_\mu$
  - Most events at high momentum

## Track momentum distribution

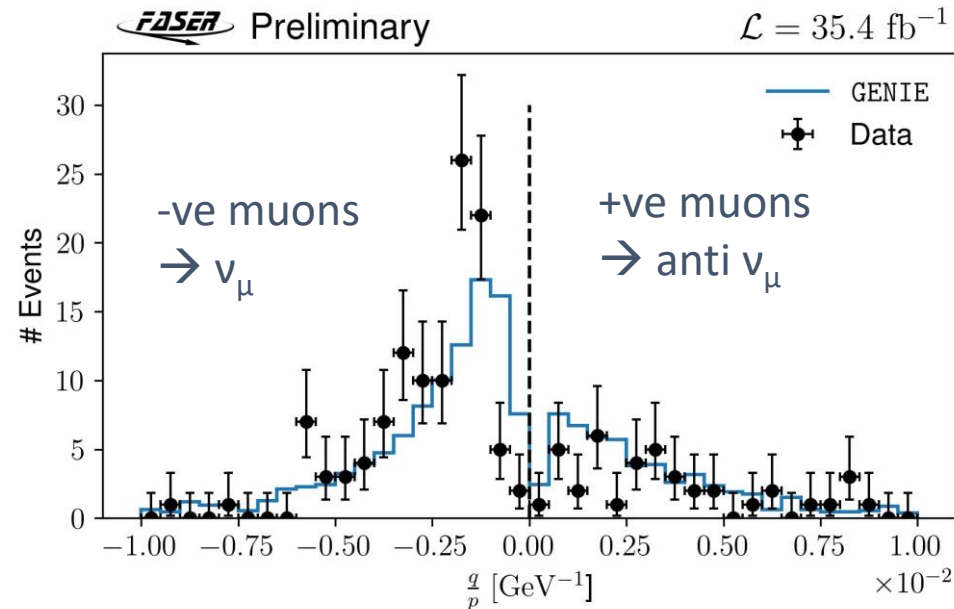


Note: Plots are not acceptance-corrected and do not show systematic uncertainties

## Clusters in front tracker station



## Track q/p distribution



# Neutrinos in FASERv

- Analysis of FASERv emulsion detector is underway
  - Multiple candidates, including highly  $\nu_e$  like CC event

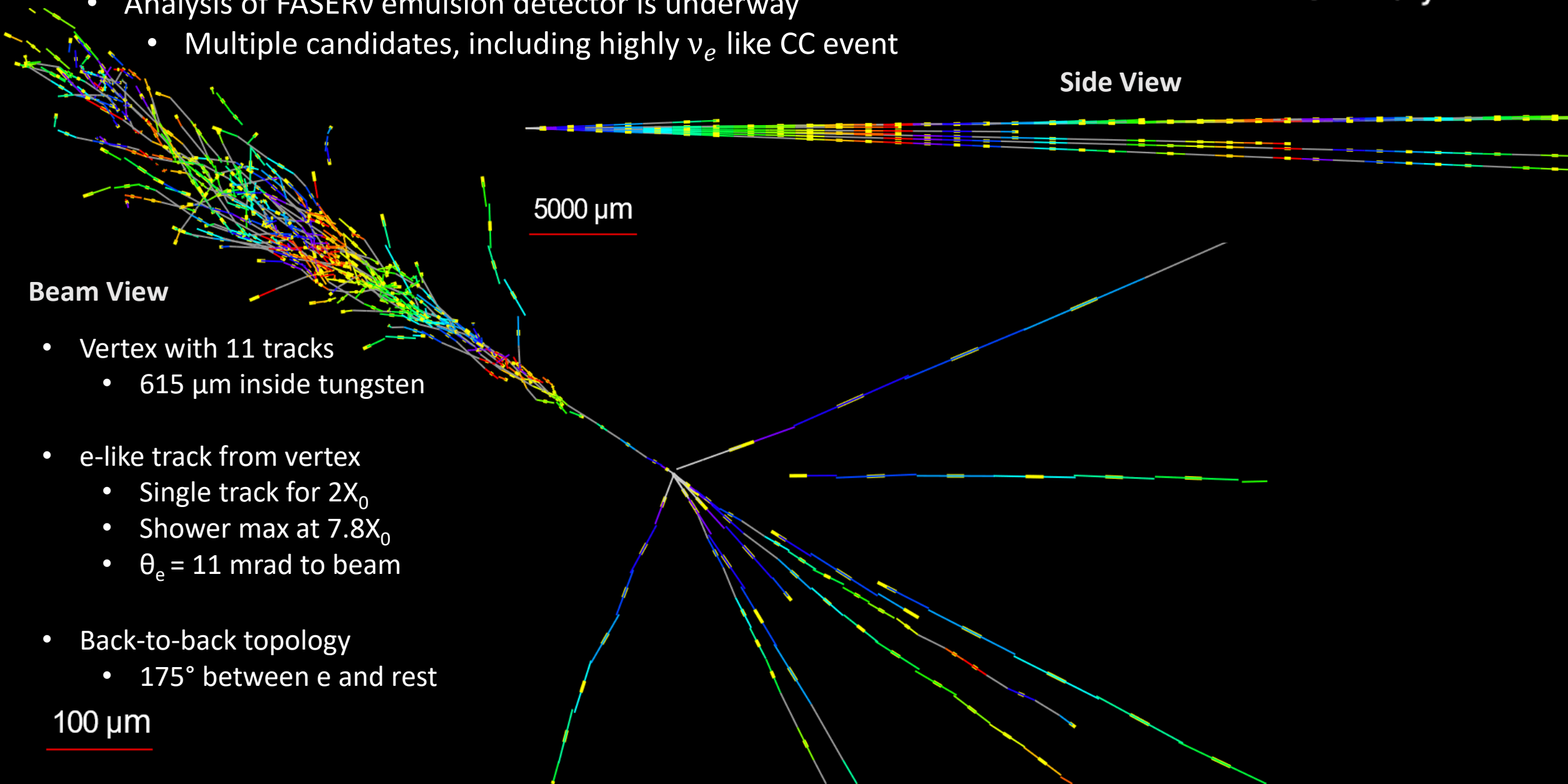
Side View

5000  $\mu\text{m}$

Beam View

- Vertex with 11 tracks
  - 615  $\mu\text{m}$  inside tungsten
- e-like track from vertex
  - Single track for  $2X_0$
  - Shower max at  $7.8X_0$
  - $\theta_e = 11$  mrad to beam
- Back-to-back topology
  - $175^\circ$  between e and rest

100  $\mu\text{m}$



- The dark photon is a common feature of hidden sector models
  - Weakly coupling to SM via kinetic mixing ( $\epsilon$ ) with SM  $\gamma$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{2} m_{A'}^2 A'^2 - \epsilon e \sum_f q_f \bar{f} A' f$$

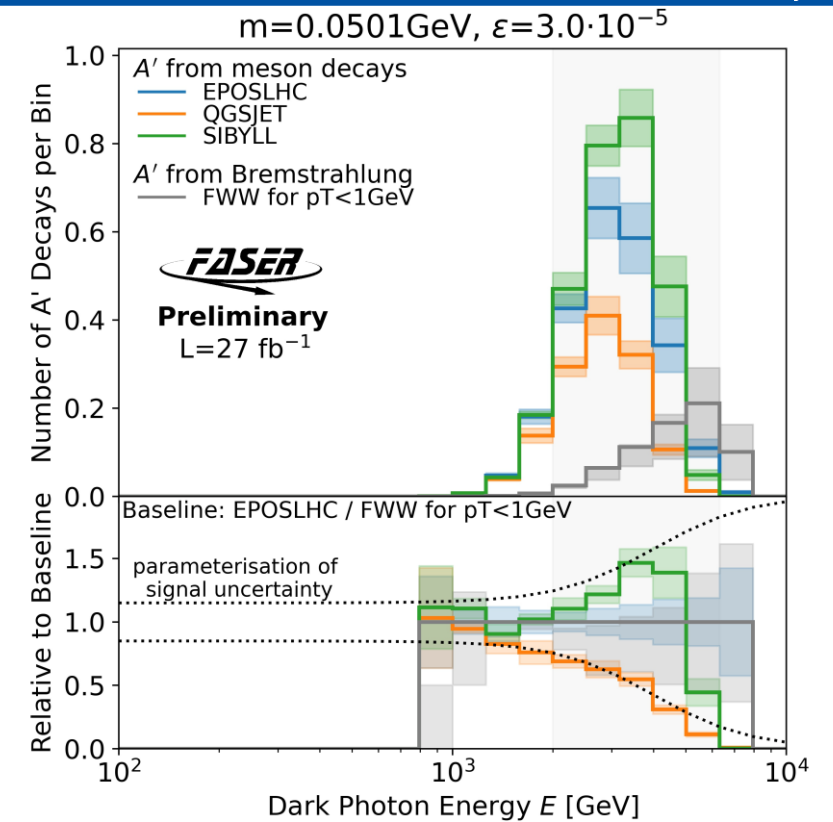
- MeV  $A'$ 's produced mainly in meson decays at the LHC

$$B(\pi^0 \rightarrow A' \gamma) = 2\epsilon^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_{A'}^2}{m_{\pi^0}^2}\right)^3 B(\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$$

- FASER targets small  $\epsilon$   $\rightarrow$  long  $A'$  decay length
  - $m_{A'} < 2 m_\mu$ ,  $A'$  decays 100% to  $e^+ e^-$  pairs

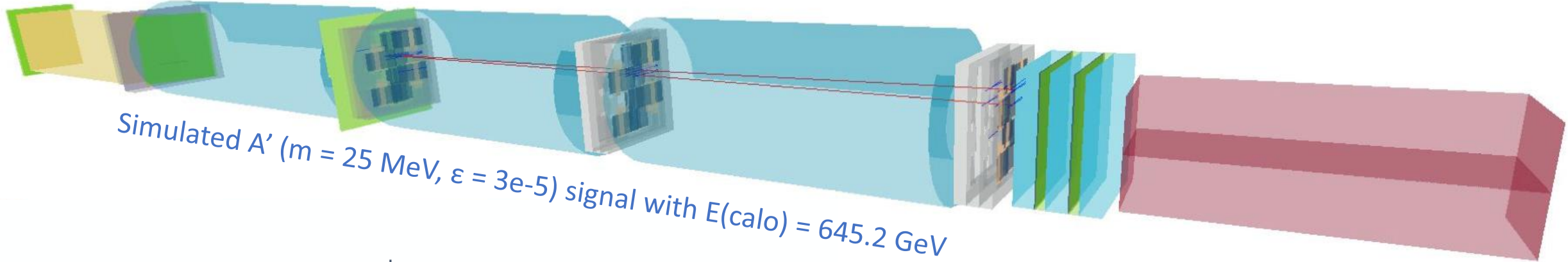
$$L = c\beta\tau\gamma \approx (80 \text{ m}) \left[\frac{10^{-5}}{\epsilon}\right]^2 \left[\frac{E_{A'}}{\text{TeV}}\right] \left[\frac{100 \text{ MeV}}{m_{A'}}\right]^2$$

- $A' \rightarrow e^+ e^-$  simulated with FORESEE [arXiv:2105.07077](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.07077)
  - $\pi^0$  and  $\eta$  via EPOS-LHC generator
  - Subdominant dark brem. via FWW

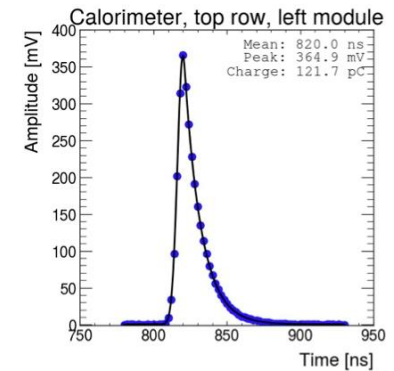
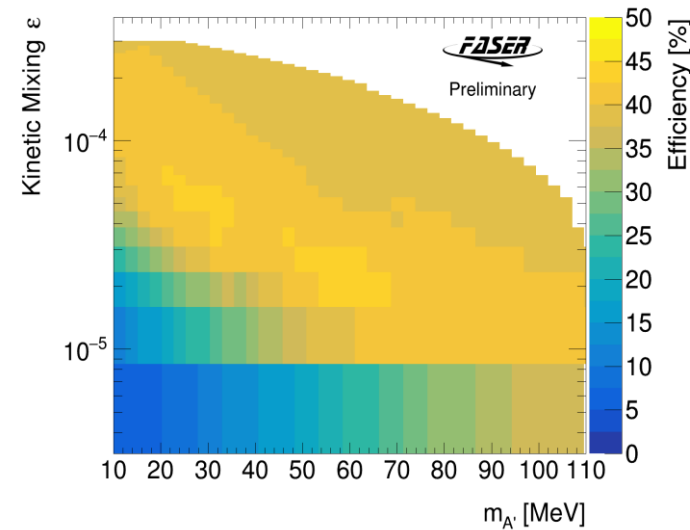


- Dominant uncertainty from forward hadron production (generator uncertainty)
  - Difference to QGSJET/SIBYLL
  - Parameterised based on  $A'$  energy



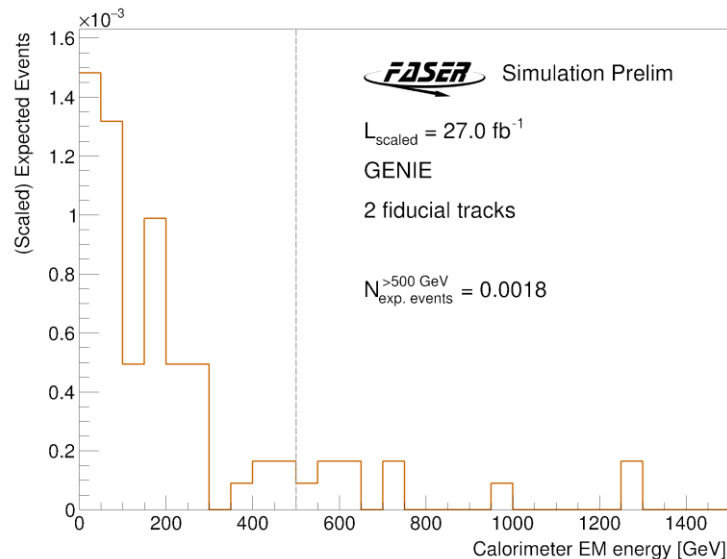


- Simple and robust  $A' \rightarrow e^+e^-$  event selection optimised for discovery
  - Blind events with no veto signal and calo  $E > 100 \text{ GeV}$
  - Efficiency  $\sim 40\%$  across sensitive region
- Collision event with good data quality
- No signal ( $< 40 \text{ pC}$ ) in any veto scintillator
- Exactly 2 good fiducial tracks
  - $p > 20 \text{ GeV}$  and  $r < 95 \text{ mm}$
  - Extrapolating to  $r < 95 \text{ mm}$  at vetos
- Timing and pre-shower consistent with at least 2 MIPs
- Calo  $E > 500 \text{ GeV}$

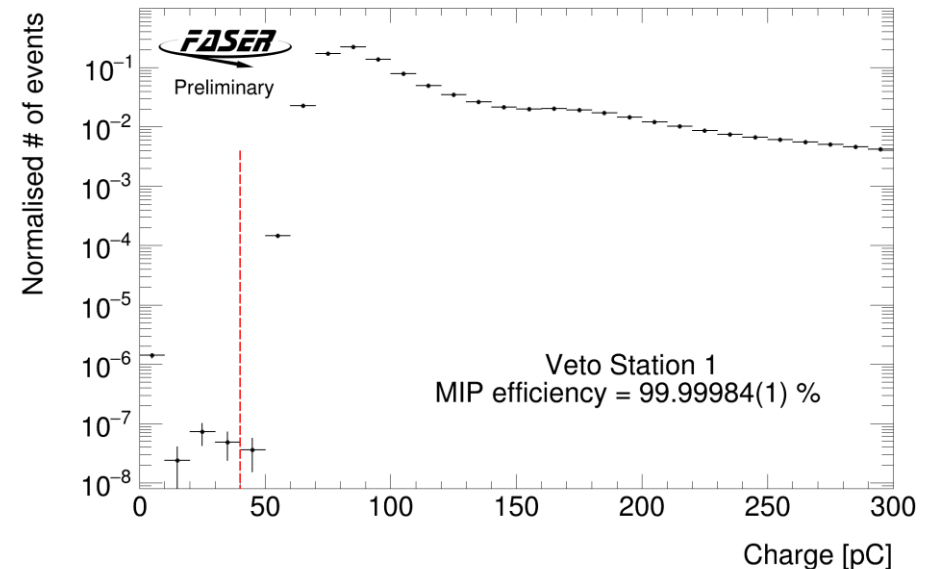


- Largest background: neutrino interactions estimated from simulation
  - Mainly from trigger/timing scintillator
  - Estimated using GENIE simulation ( $300 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ ) – uncertainties from neutrino flux and mismodelling

$$N = (1.8 \pm 2.4) \times 10^{-3}$$



- Veto inefficiency
  - Veto layer efficiency  $> 99.998\%$
  - Measured layer-by-layer using muon tracks in spectrometer that point back to vetos
  - 5 scintillator layers reduce expected  $10^8$  background muons to negligible level



# Dark Photon Analysis: Background Estimates

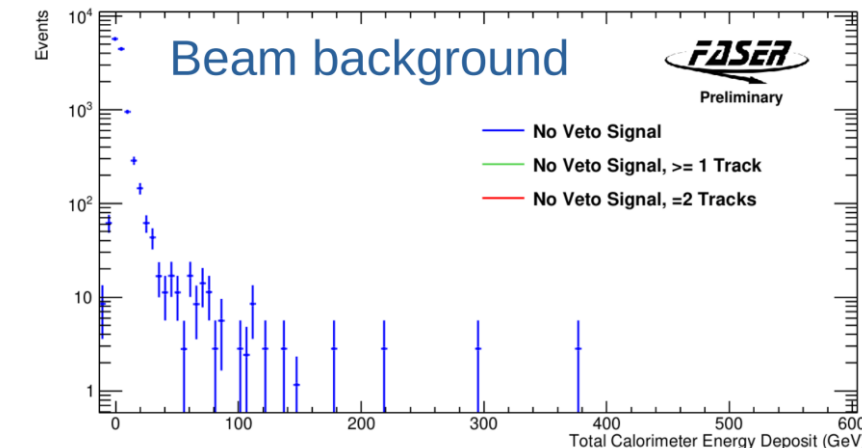
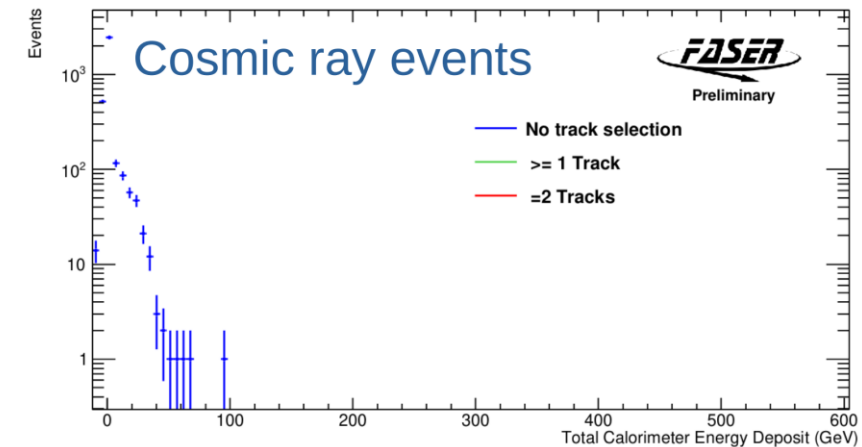


- Neutral hadrons (eg  $K_S$ ) from upstream muon interacting in rock before FASER
  - Heavily suppressed since:
    - Muon nearly always continues after interacting
    - Must pass through the 8 interaction lengths of FASERv
    - Decay products must have  $\text{calo } E > 500 \text{ GeV}$
  - Estimated from lower energy events with 2 or 3 tracks and different veto conditions

$$N = (2.2 \pm 3.1) \times 10^{-4}$$

Total background prediction:  
 $N = (2.02 \pm 2.4) \times 10^{-3}$

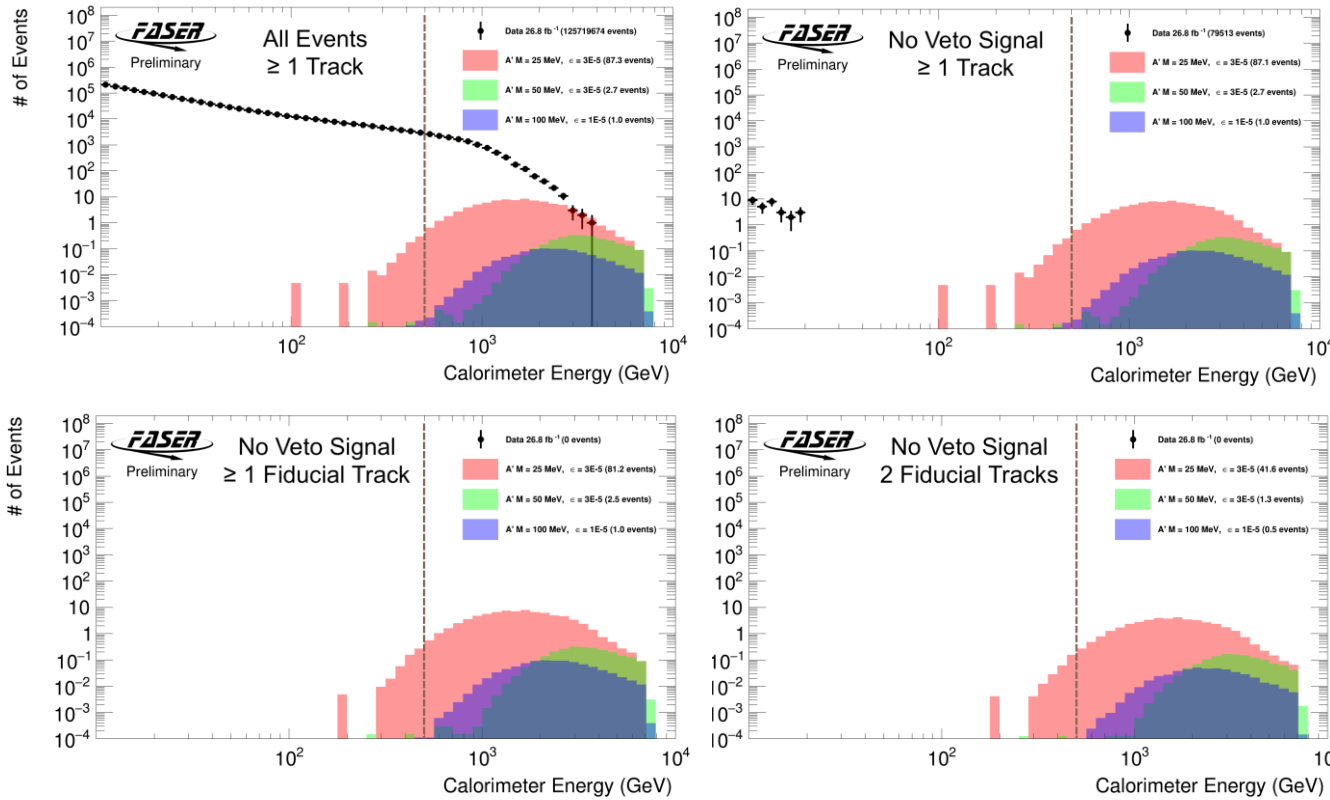
- Non-collision background: cosmics and nearby beam debris
  - Studied in runs without beams and in non-colliding bunches
  - No events observed with  $\geq 1$  track or  $\text{calo } E > 500 \text{ GeV}$





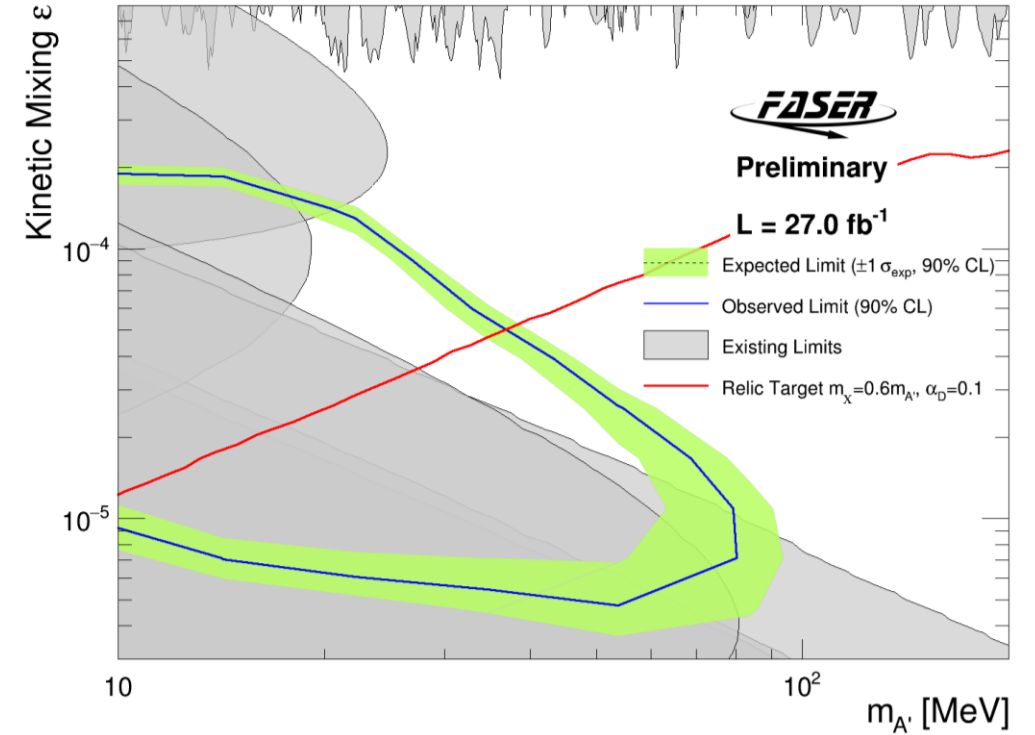
# Dark Photon Analysis: Results

- No events in unblinded signal region
  - Not even with  $\geq 1$  fiducial tracks



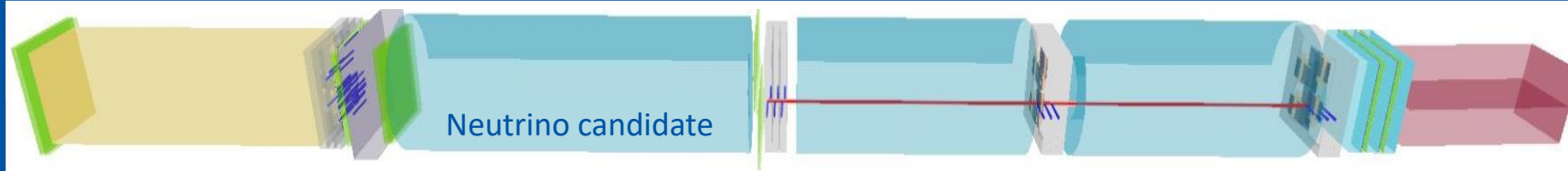
- Public conf note:

[CERN-FASER-CONF-2023-001](#)



- Based on this null result, FASER is able to set limits in previously unexplored parameter space!
  - Extends exclusion into region motivated by dark matter
  - Taking into account NA62 preliminary result

# Summary



## Operations

- FASER successfully took data in first year of Run 3
  - Running with fully functional detector and very good efficiency
  - Operating well for the start-up of 2023 LHC running

## Electronic Neutrino Analysis

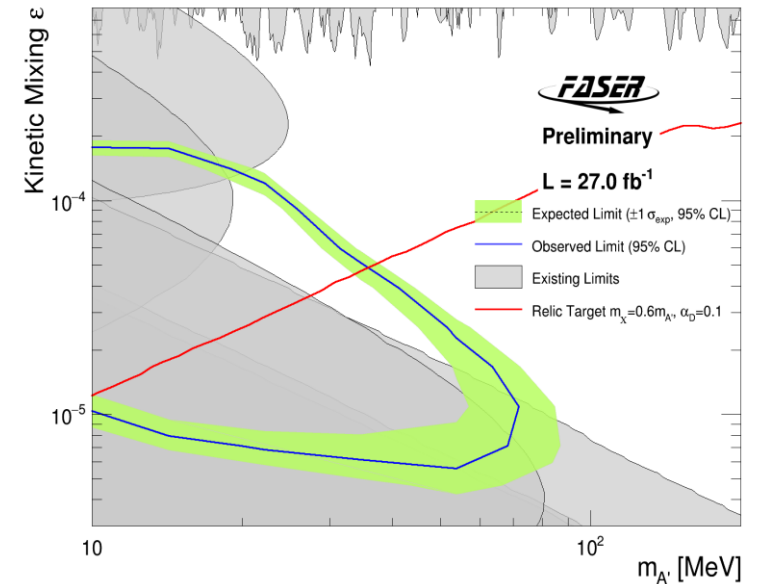
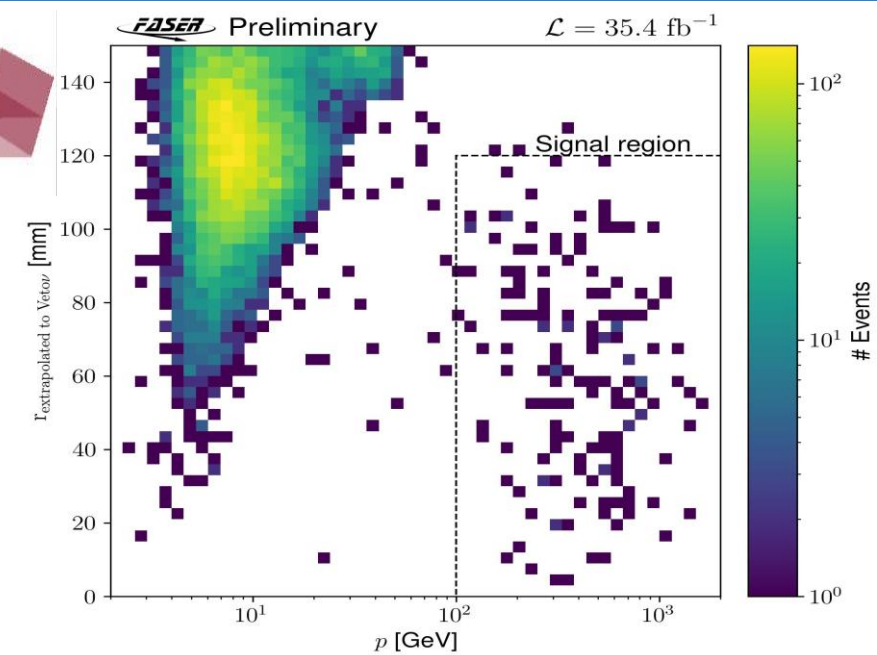
- Reconstructed  $\sim 150$   $\nu_\mu$  CC interactions in spectrometer
  - First *direct* detection of collider neutrinos!
  - Opens new window for high energy neutrino studies

## Dark Photon Analysis

- Excluded  $A'$  in region of low mass and kinetic mixing
  - Probes new territory in interesting thermal relic region

## Longer term

- For HL-LHC, larger versions of FASER and FASERv with significant gains in physics sensitivity are being studied in the context of the Forward Physics Facility: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.05090>



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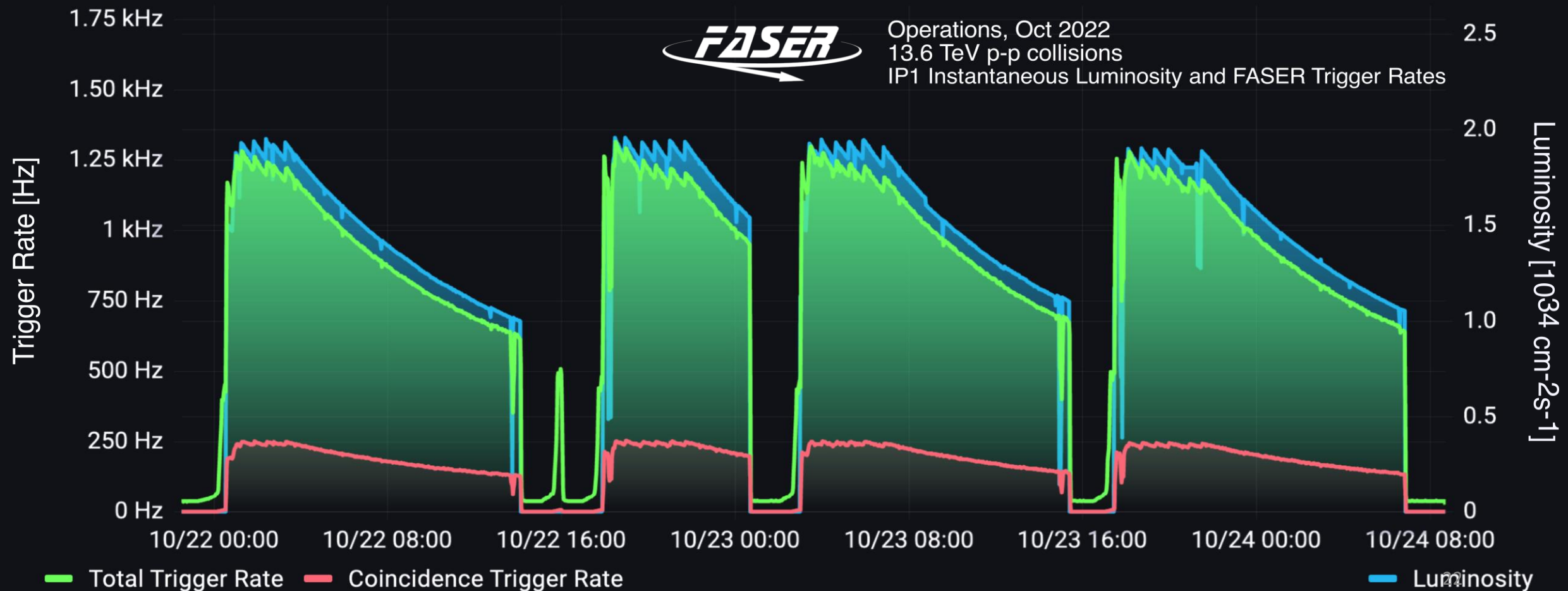
- LHC for the excellent performance in 2022
- ATLAS for providing luminosity information
- ATLAS for use of ATHENA s/w framework
- ATLAS SCT for spare tracker modules
- LHCb for spare ECAL modules
- CERN FLUKA team for background sim
- CERN PBC and technical infrastructure groups for excellent support during design construction and installation

# Backup Slides



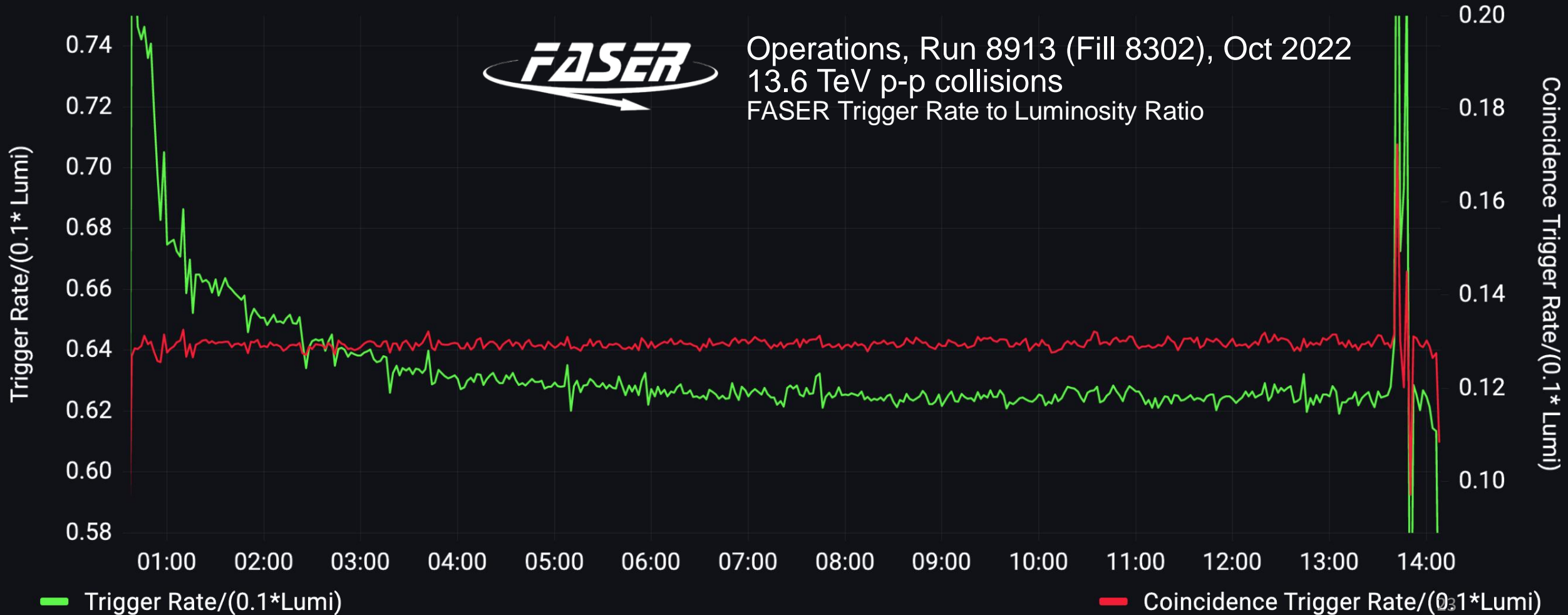
# Detector Performance: Trigger + DAQ

- DAQ running smoothly up to 1.3 kHz with deadtime only 1.3%
  - Only two stops in data-taking due to DAQ failures



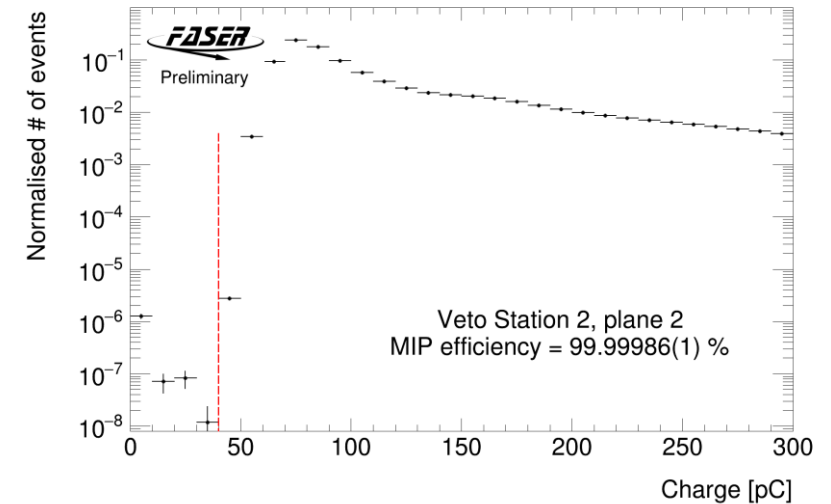
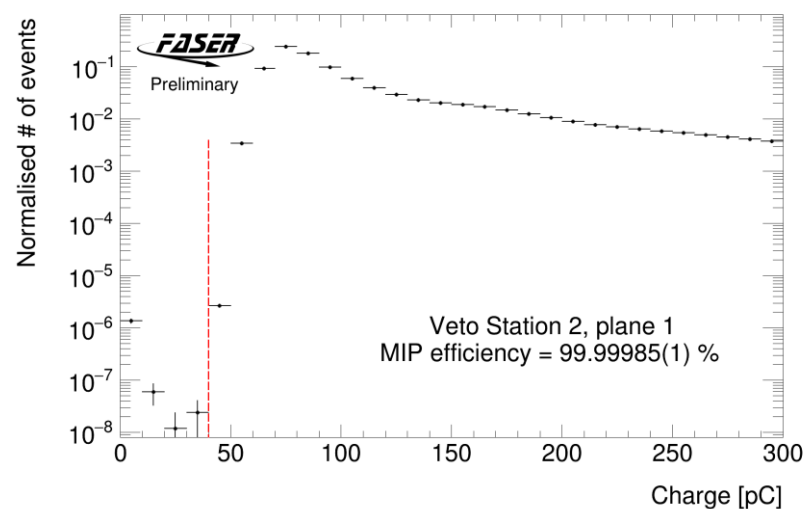
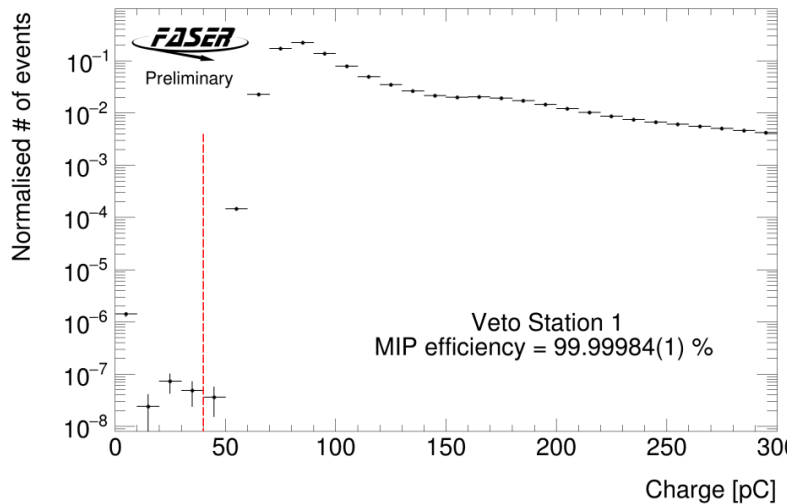
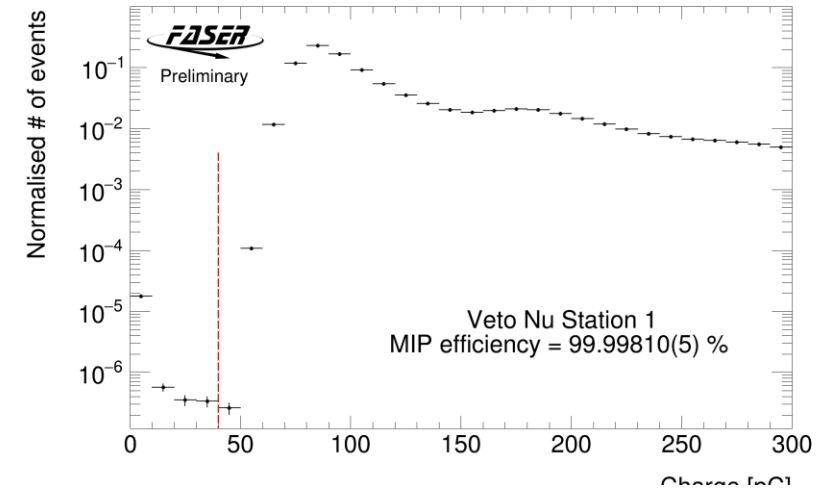
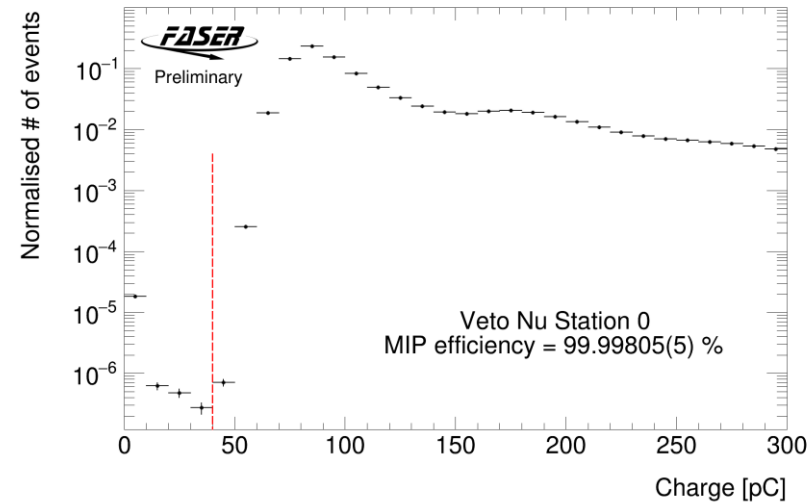
# Detector Performance: Trigger + DAQ (2)

- Total trigger rate falls off faster than luminosity profile during run
  - But coincidence trigger rate flat wrt lumi



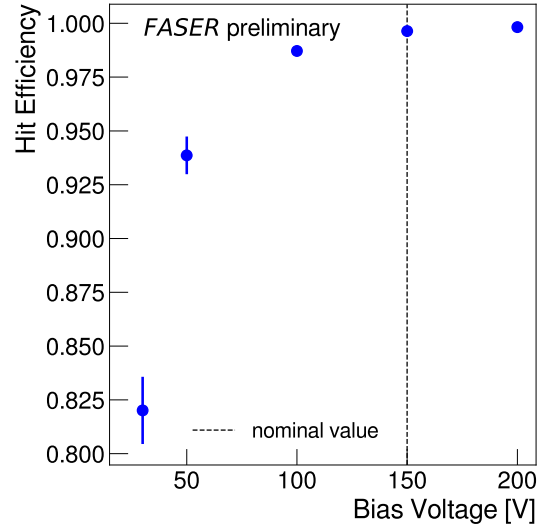
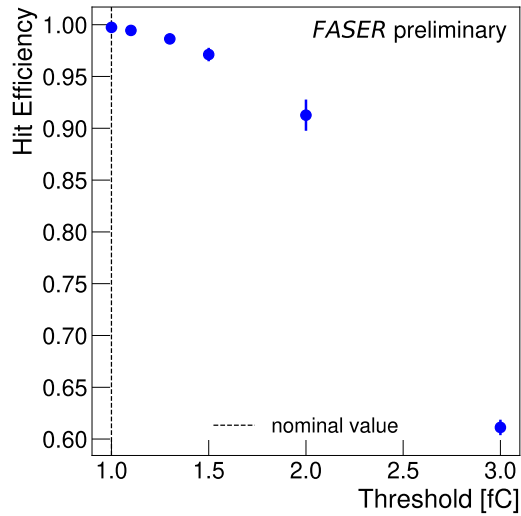
# Detector Performance: Veto Scintillators

- Veto efficiency measured extrapolating tracks triggered by timing scint. to corresponding layer
  - No requirement on other scintillator layers
  - Layer efficiencies found to be uncorrelated
  - All layers found to have inefficiencies  $< 2 \times 10^{-5}$

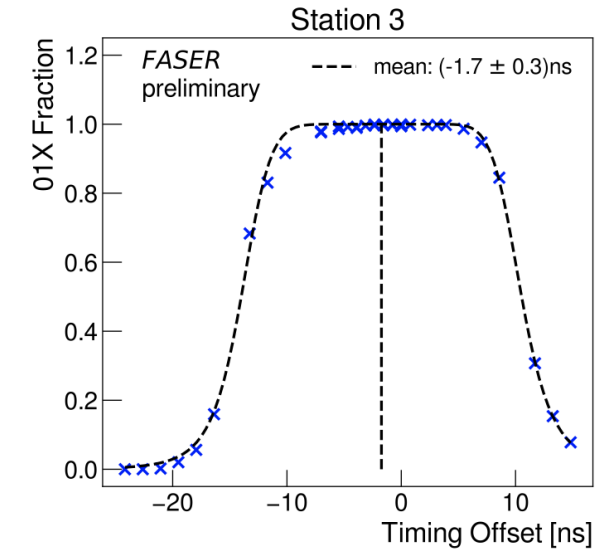


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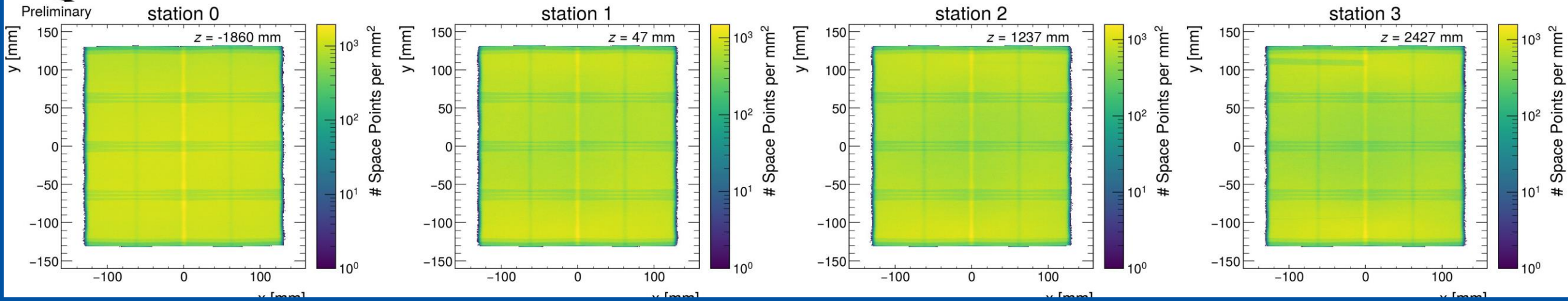
- Hit efficiency 99.64% @ 150 V bias and 1 fC threshold



- Tracker fully timed in wrt LHC clock



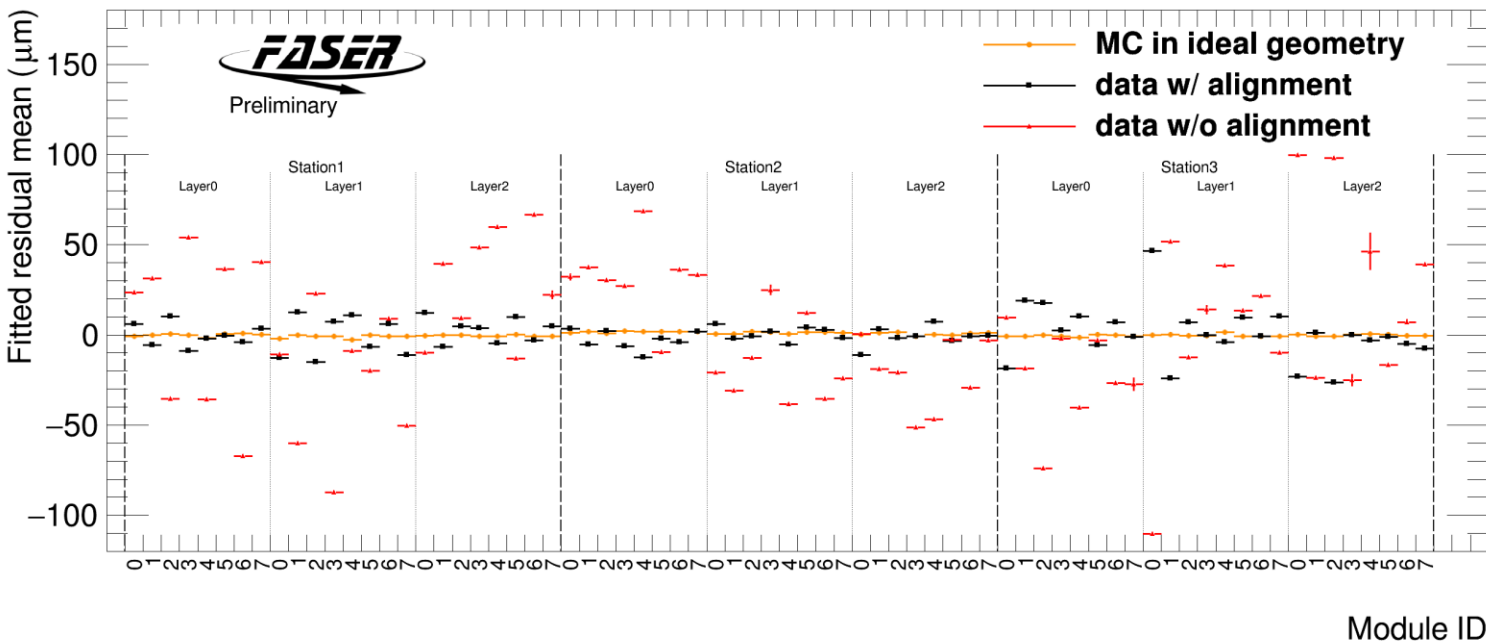
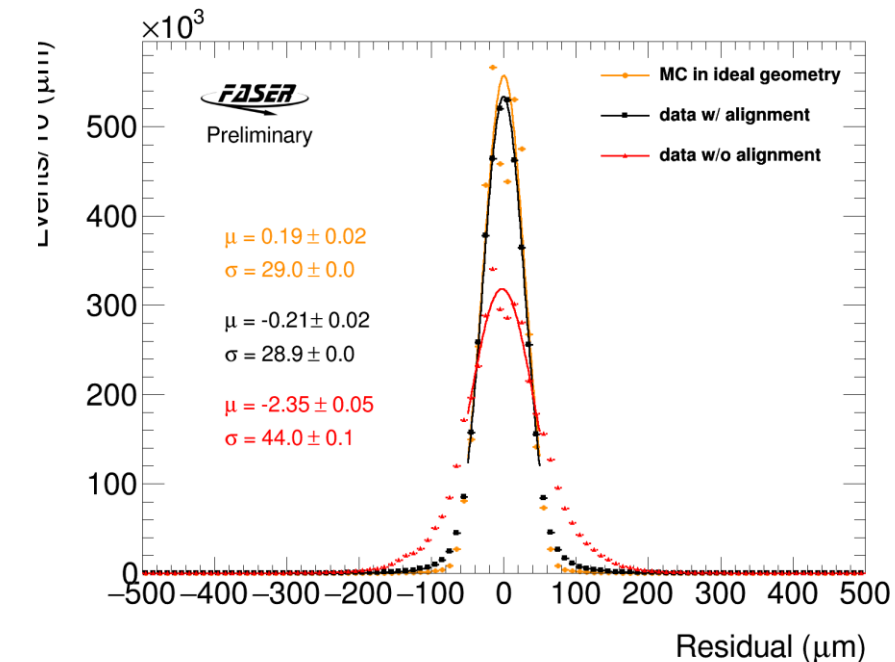
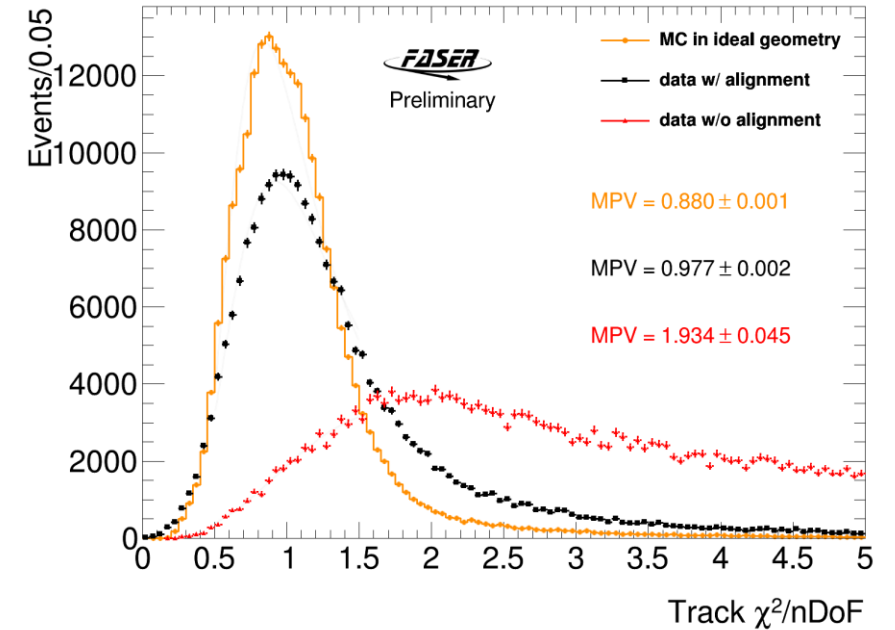
- <0.5% dead/noisy strips (inefficiency at edges expected)





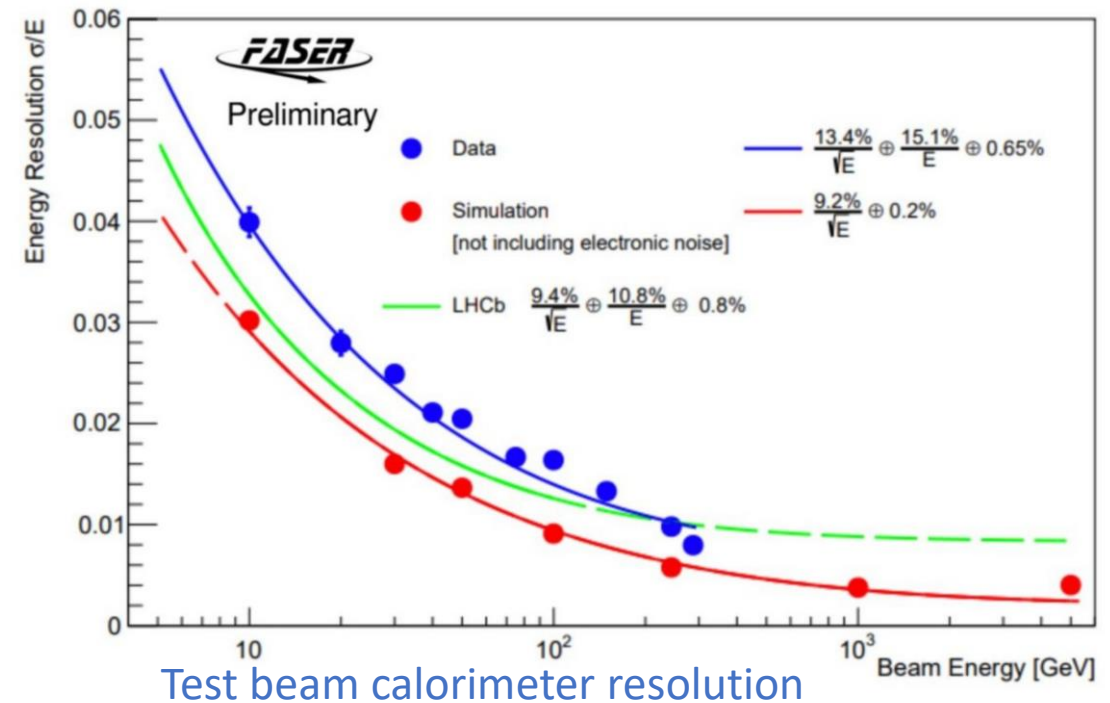
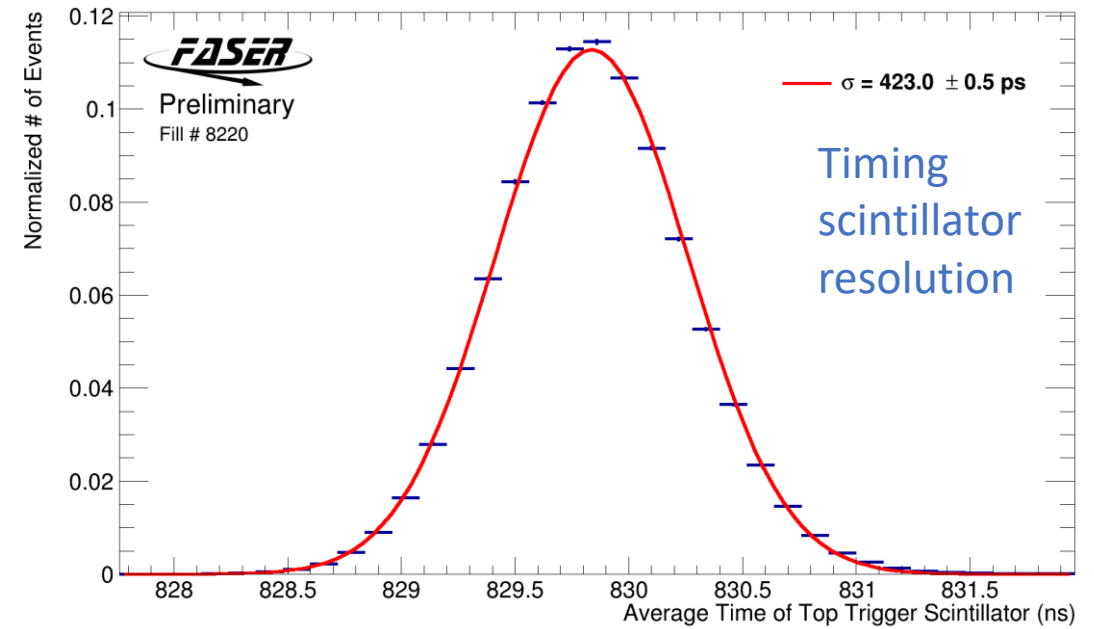
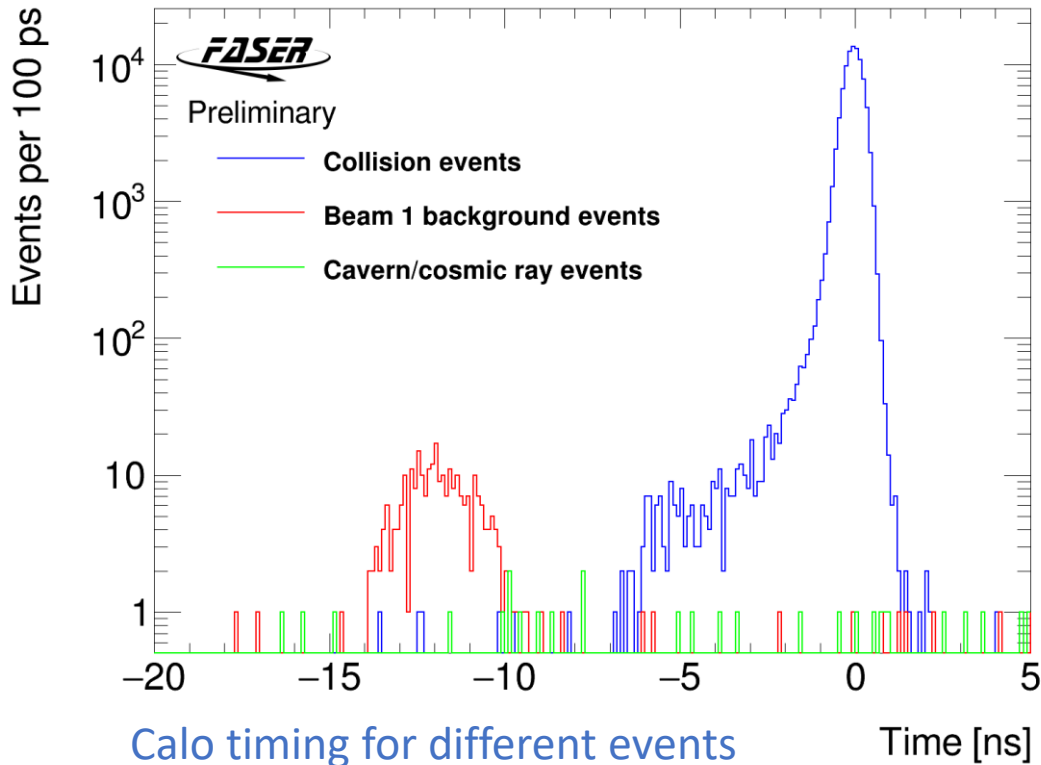
# Detector Performance: Alignment

- Tracker aligned using iterative local  $\chi^2$  method
  - Validated using simulation with misalignment
- Currently only aligning two most sensitive parameters
  - Vertical shift and in-plane rotation
- Aligned residuals close to ideal geometry simulation



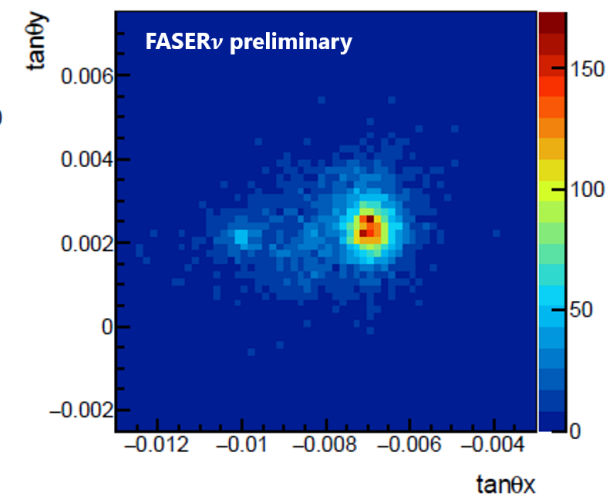
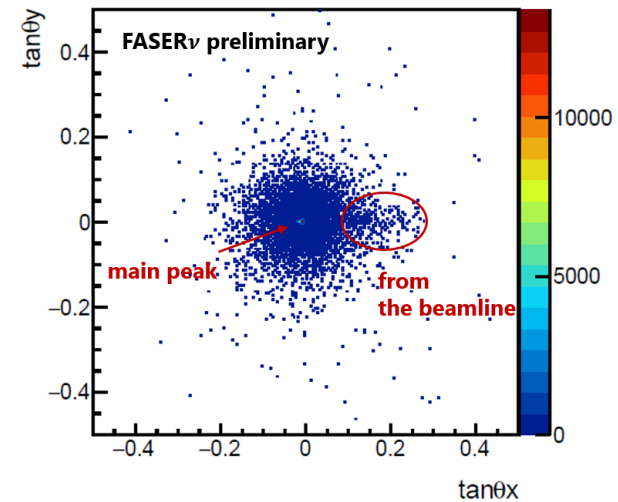
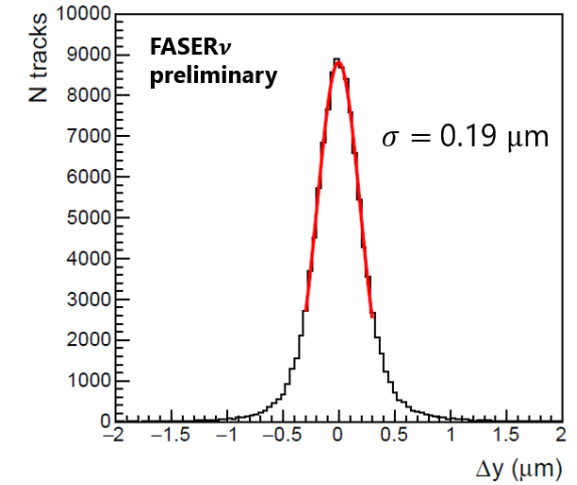
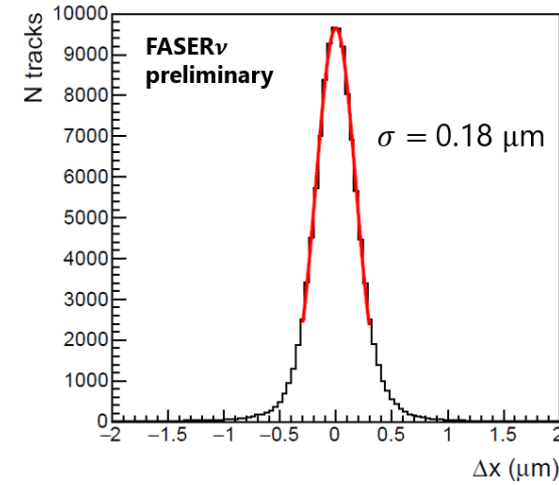
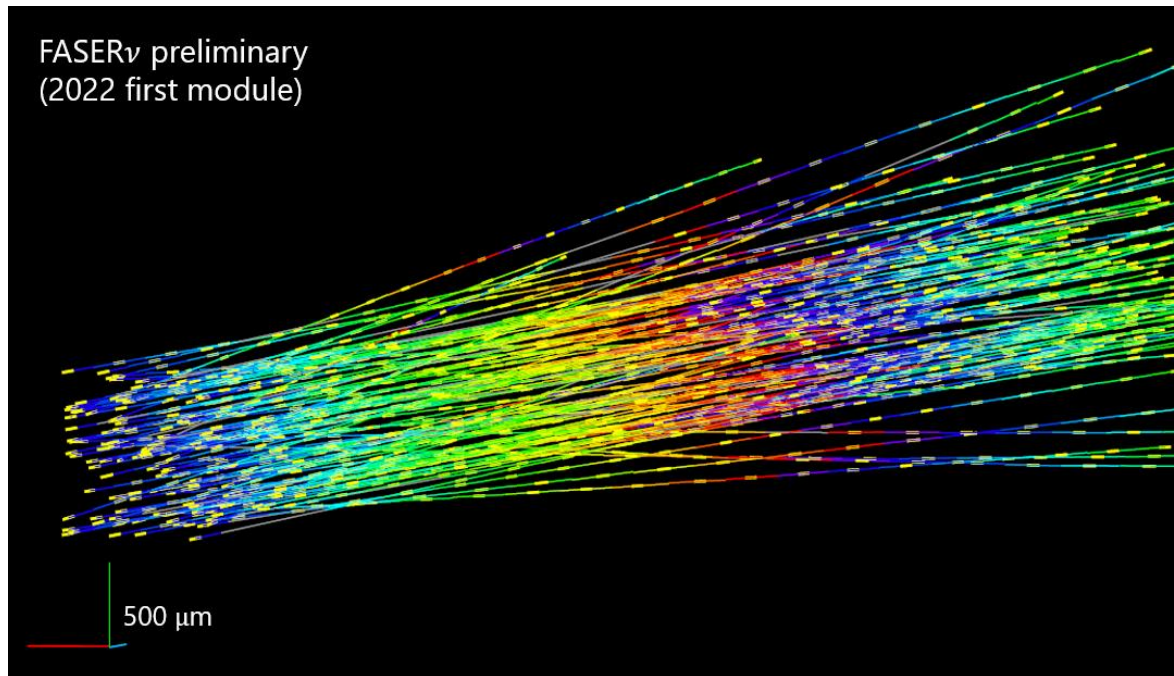
# Detector Perf.: Timing and Calo

- Calorimeter resolution measured in test beam
  - Better than 1% at high energy
- Precision timing of both scintillator and calorimeter
  - Not used in current analyses



# Detector Performance: Emulsion

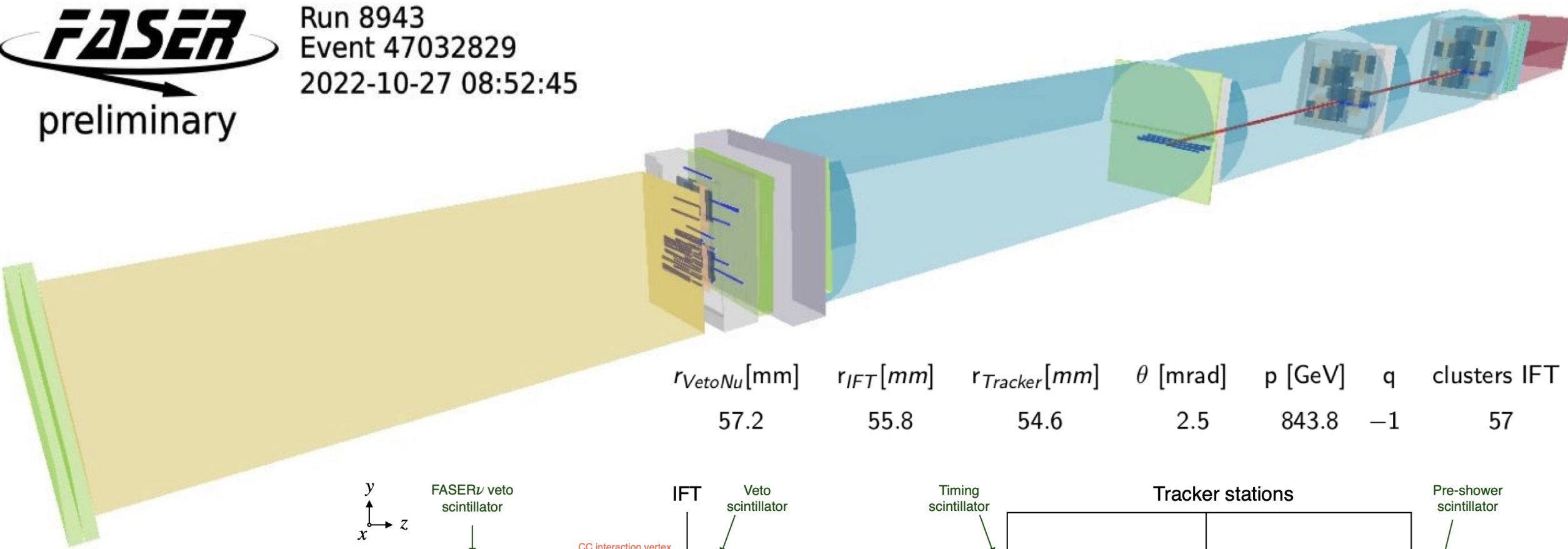
- Track multiplicity and angular distribution measured in initial partial FASER $\nu$  emulsion
  - Consistent with FLUKA simulation
- Excellent hit resol ( $0.2 \mu\text{m}$ ) after layer alignment



# Neutrinos: Event Display

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Run 8943  
Event 47032829  
2022-10-27 08:52:45



$r_{VetoNu}$ [mm]	$r_{IFT}$ [mm]	$r_{Tracker}$ [mm]	$\theta$ [mrad]	$p$ [GeV]	$q$	clusters IFT
57.2	55.8	54.6	2.5	843.8	-1	57

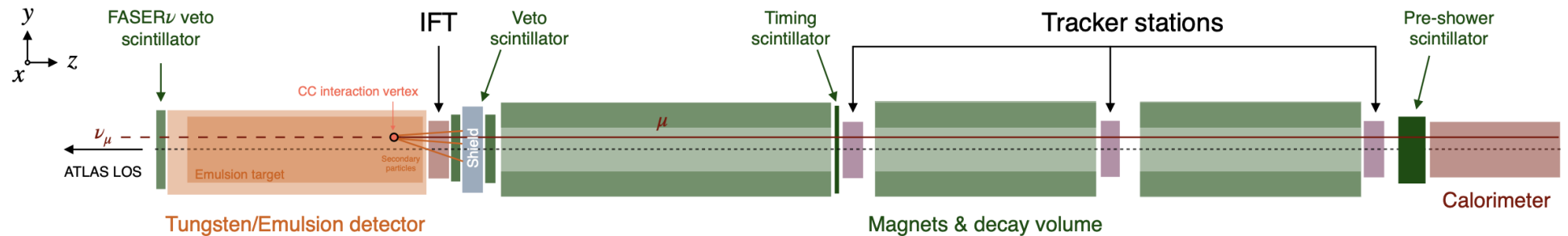
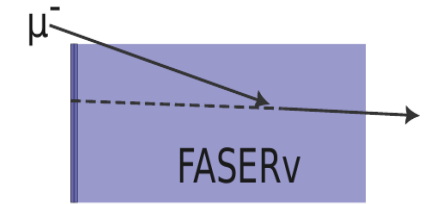


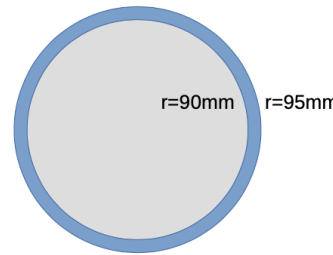
FIG. 1. Illustration of the FASER detector with a muon neutrino undergoing a CC interaction in the emulsion target.



# Neutrinos: Geometric Background



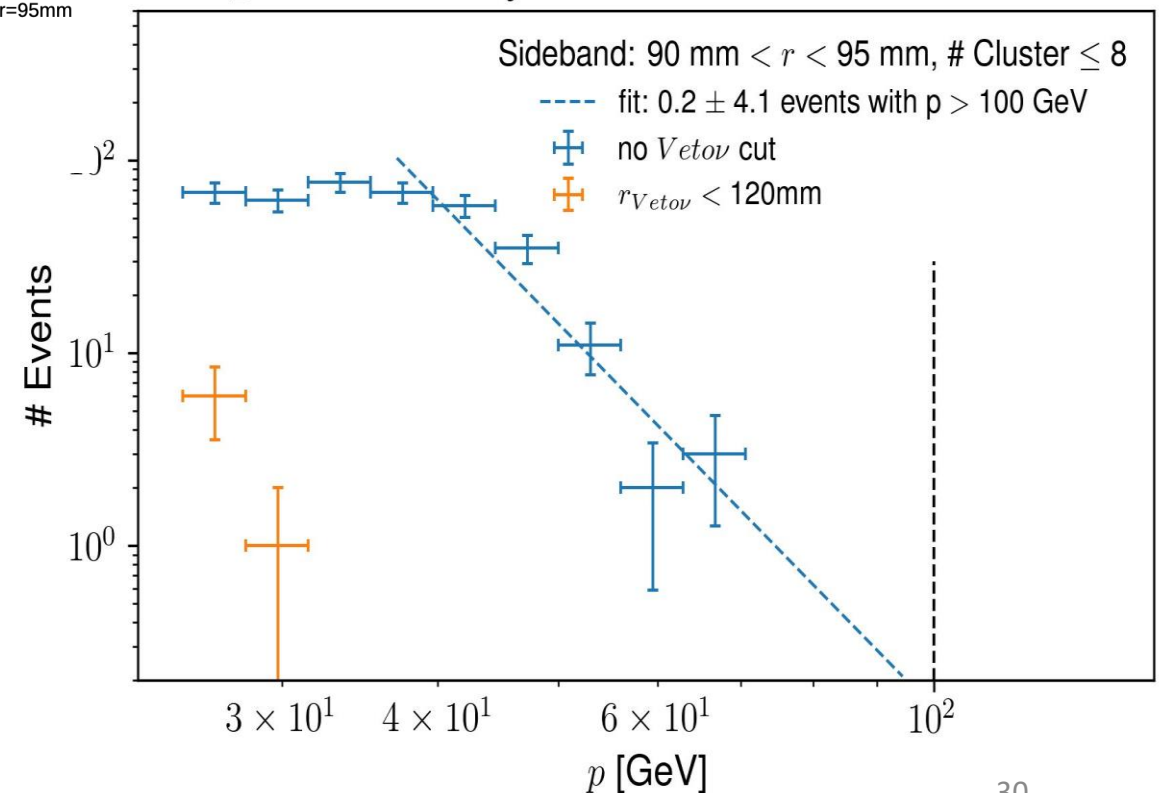
- Measure geometric background by counting # events in SB and scale to SR
- SB defined to enhance muons missing FASERν veto that still give a track in the spectrometer
  - Single IFT segment in  $90 < r < 95$  mm anulus
  - Loosened momentum requirement
  - No FASERν veto radius requirement
  - Negligible neutrino background
- Fit mom. to extrapolate to  $p > 100$  GeV
- Scale to rate of events with  $r_{VetoNu} < 120$  mm
  - 0 events so use 5.9 events as  $3\sigma$  upper limit
- Scale from anulus to full acceptance
  - Using large angle muon simulation
- Expect  $0.08 \pm 1.83$  events



**FASER**

Preliminary

$\mathcal{L} = 35.4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



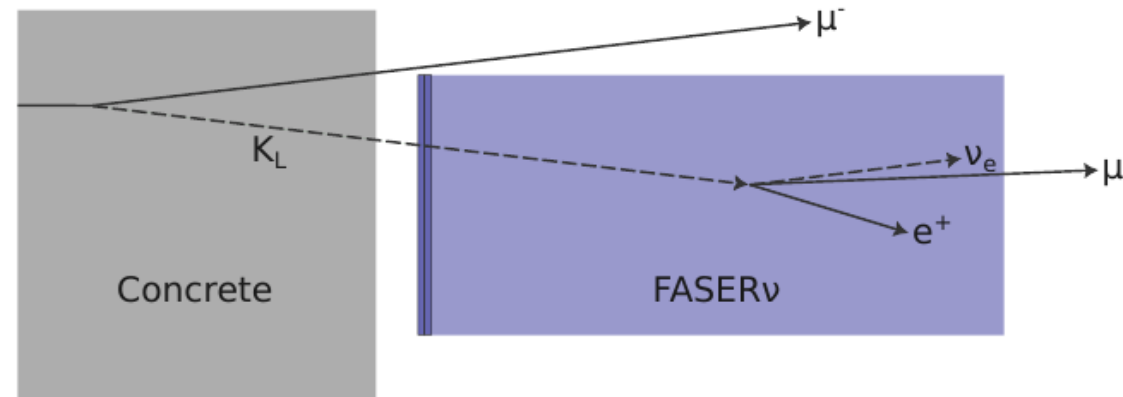
# Neutrinos: Neutral Hadron Background

- Simulated  $10^9$   $\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$  events

- Start from FLUKA Spectra
- G4 propagation through last 8 m of rock
- Number of hadrons with  $p > 100$  GeV reaching FASER  $\approx 300$ .

- Estimate fraction of these passing event selection

- Simulate kaons ( $K_S/K_L$ ) and neutrons with  $p > 100$  GeV following expected spectra
- Most are absorbed in tungsten with no high-momentum track  $\rightarrow$  only small fraction pass



- Scale neutral hadrons produced by muons reaching FASER by fraction passing selection

- Predicts  $N = 0.11 \pm 0.06$  events

# Neutrinos: fit

- Fit to events with 0, 1 or 2 front veto hits
  - Splitting those where 1 hit is in 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> layer
- Construct likelihood as product of Poissons
  - With additional 3 Gaussian constraints for Neutral hadron background, Geometric

$$\mathcal{L} = \prod_i^4 \mathcal{P}(n_i | \nu_i) \cdot \prod_j^3 \mathcal{G}_j$$

obs
exp

Inefficiencies:      1 - p1 = 99.999994(3)%  
 6 / 9 x 10<sup>-8</sup>      1 - p2 = 99.999991(4)%

- Determine number in each category
  - Along with inefficiencies of 2 forward vetos, which are found to be close to expected vals.

$n_0$ : A neutrino enriched category from events that pass all event selection steps.

$n_{10}$ : Events for which the first layer of the FASER $\nu$  scintillator produces a charge of >40 pC in the PMT, but no signal with sufficient charge is seen in the second layer.

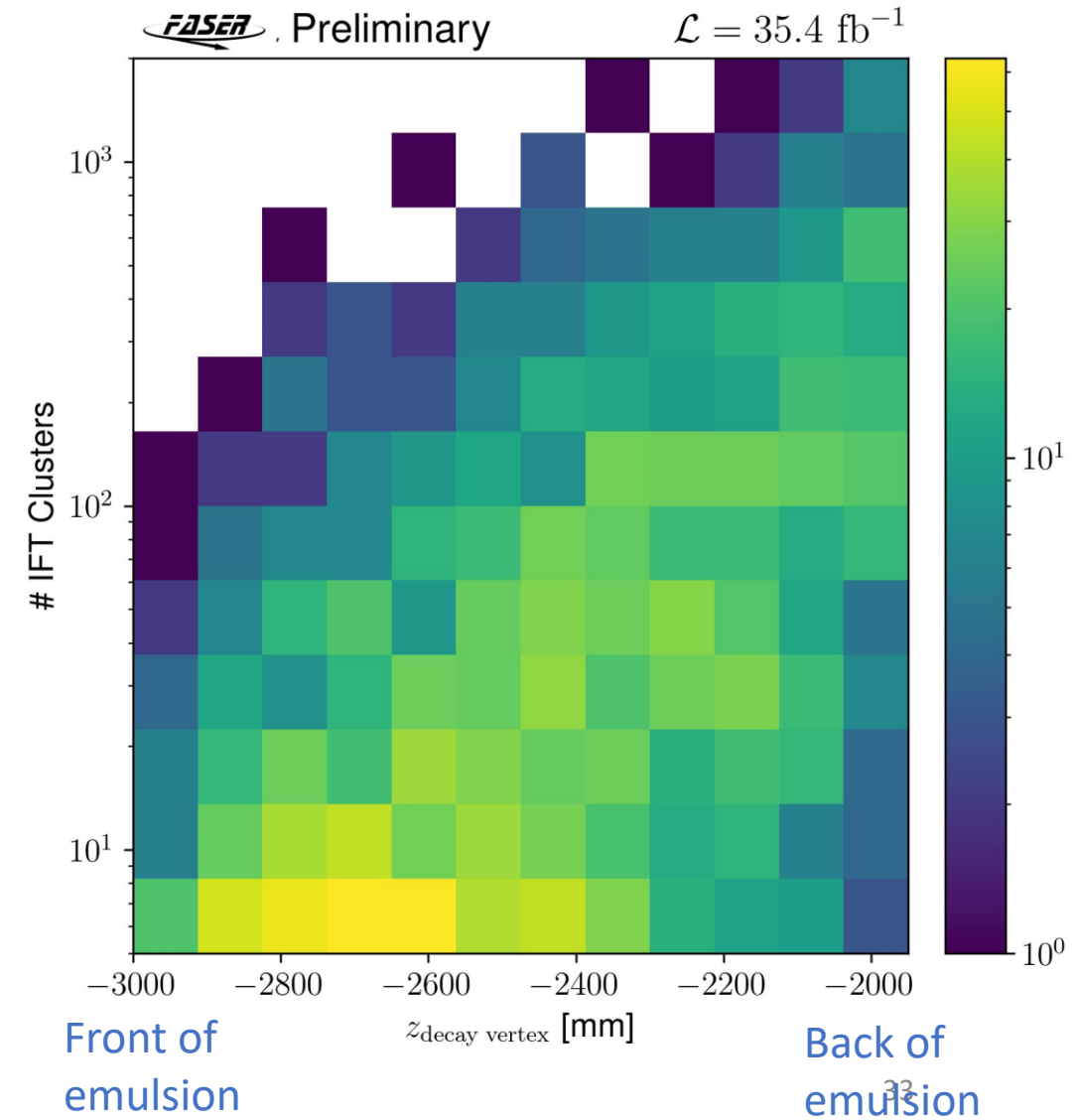
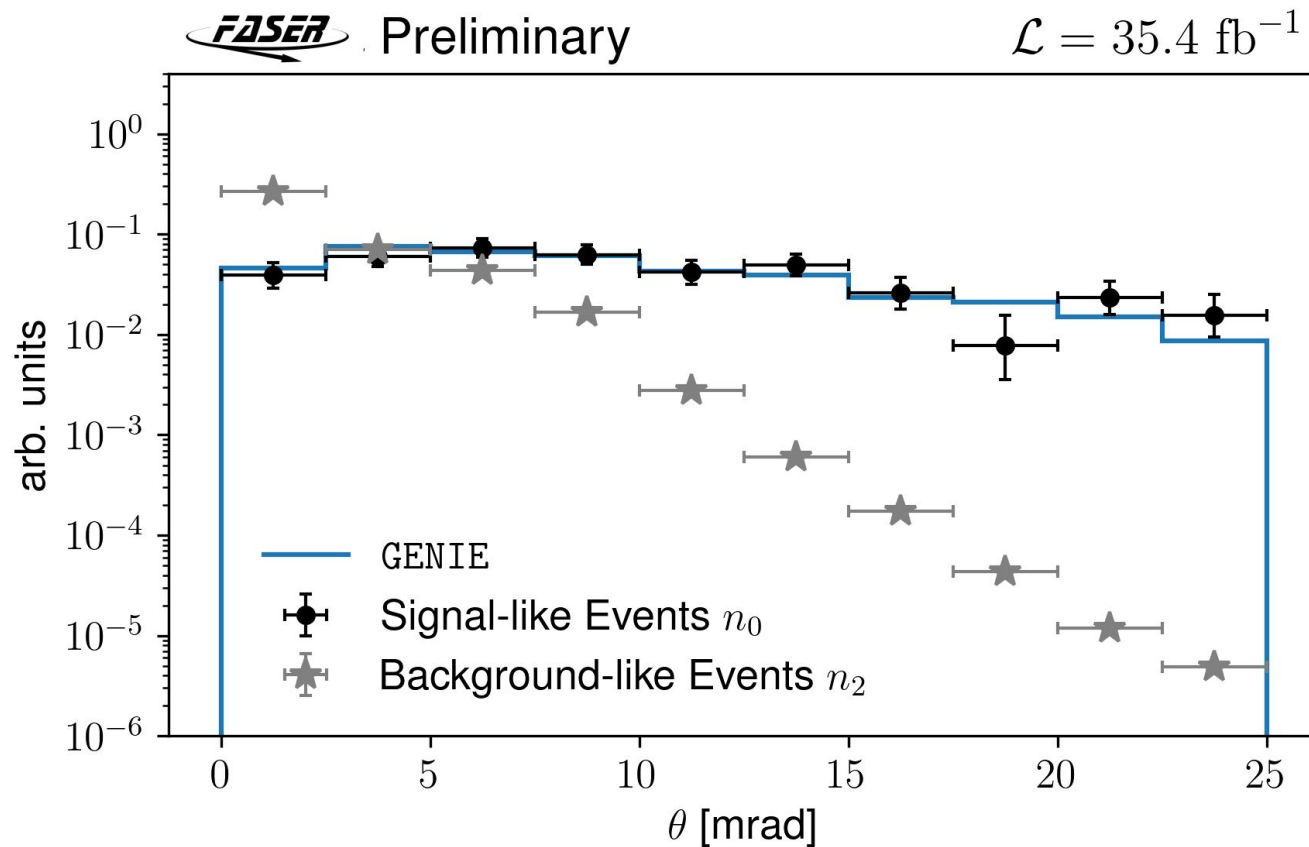
$n_{01}$ : Analogous events for which more than 40 pC in the PMT was observed in the second layer, but not in the first layer.

$n_2$ : Events for which both layers observe more than 40 pC of charge.

Category	Events	Expectation
$n_0$	153	$\nu_\nu + \nu_b \cdot p_1 \cdot p_2 + \nu_{\text{had}} + \nu_{\text{geo}} \cdot \eta_{\text{geo}}$
$n_{10}$	4	$\nu_b \cdot (1 - p_1) \cdot p_2$
$n_{01}$	6	$\nu_b \cdot p_1 \cdot (1 - p_2)$
$n_2$	64014695	$\nu_b \cdot (1 - p_1) \cdot (1 - p_2)$

# Neutrinos: Additional Distributions

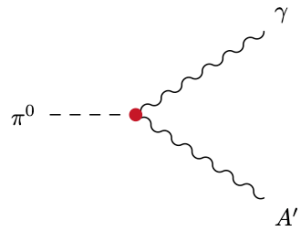
- Number of clusters in IFT depends on interaction point
  - Further forward interactions have less clusters
- Neutrino tracks have larger angular range
  - Compared to  $n_2$  background events





# Dark Photon Search

- Several new physics models propose a hidden sector
  - With a mediator acting as a portal to the SM
- One of best motivated is extra U(1) symmetry
  - Gives rise to additional vector field: dark photon ( $A'$ ), weakly coupling to SM via kinetic mixing ( $\epsilon$ ) with SM  $\gamma$
- MeV  $A'$ 's produced mainly in meson decays at LHC



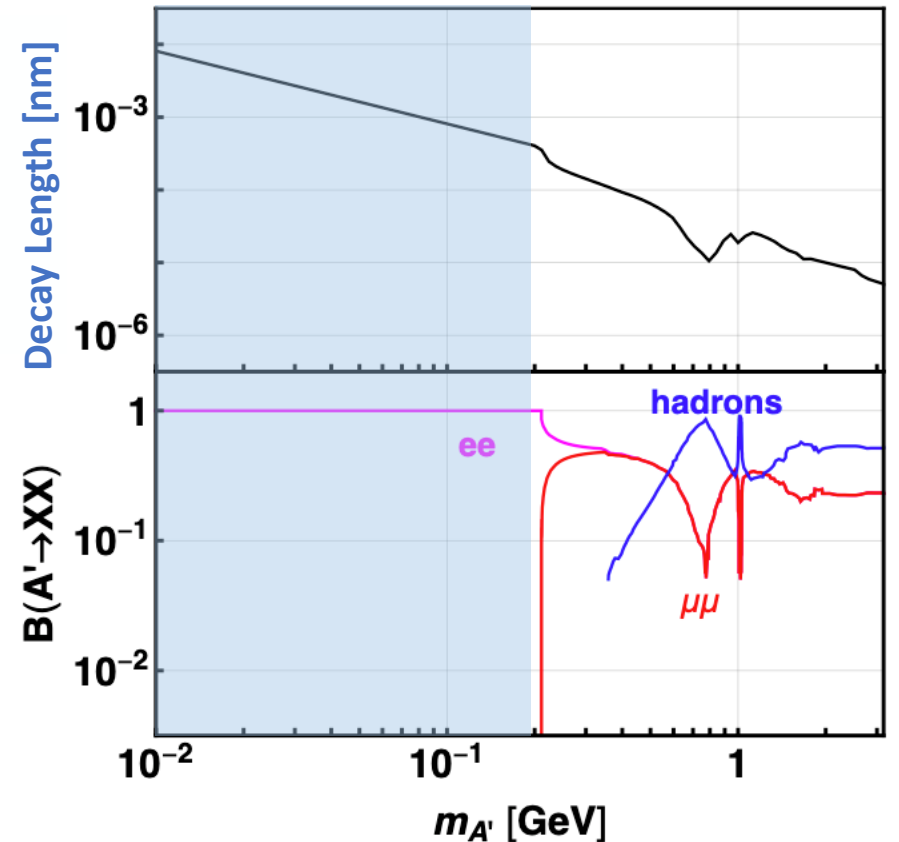
$$B(\pi^0 \rightarrow A' \gamma) = 2\epsilon^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_{A'}^2}{m_{\pi^0}^2}\right)^3 B(\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$$

- FASER targets small  $\epsilon$ , where  $A'$  has long decay length

$$\bar{d} = c \frac{1}{\Gamma_{A'}} \gamma_{A'} \beta_{A'} \approx (80 \text{ m}) B_e \left[\frac{10^{-5}}{\epsilon}\right]^2 \left[\frac{E_{A'}}{\text{TeV}}\right]$$

- Below  $2m_\mu$   $A'$  has 100% decay to  $e^+e^-$  pair

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{2} m_{A'}^2 A'^2 - \epsilon e \sum_f q_f \bar{f} A' f$$



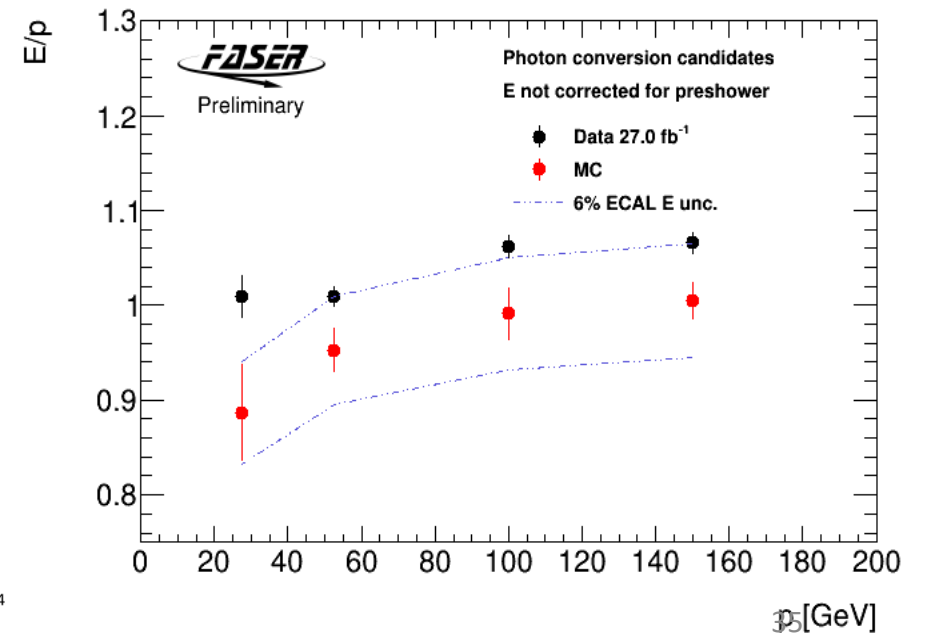
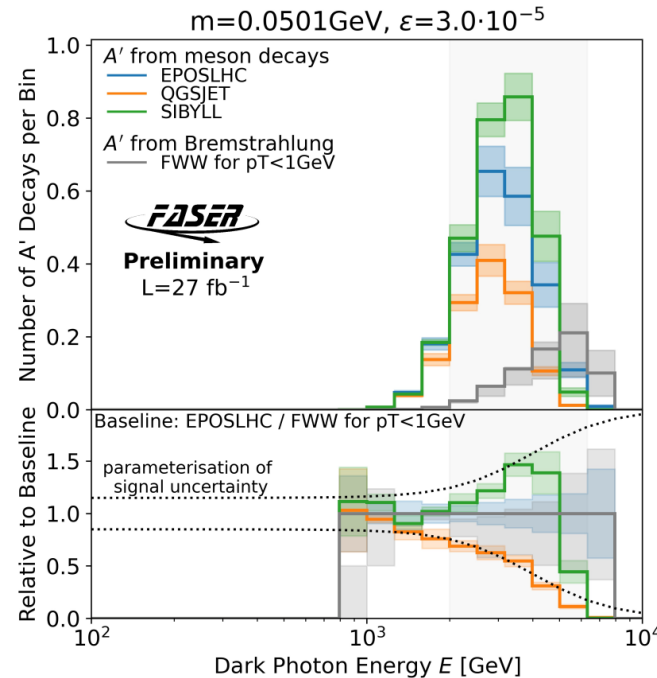
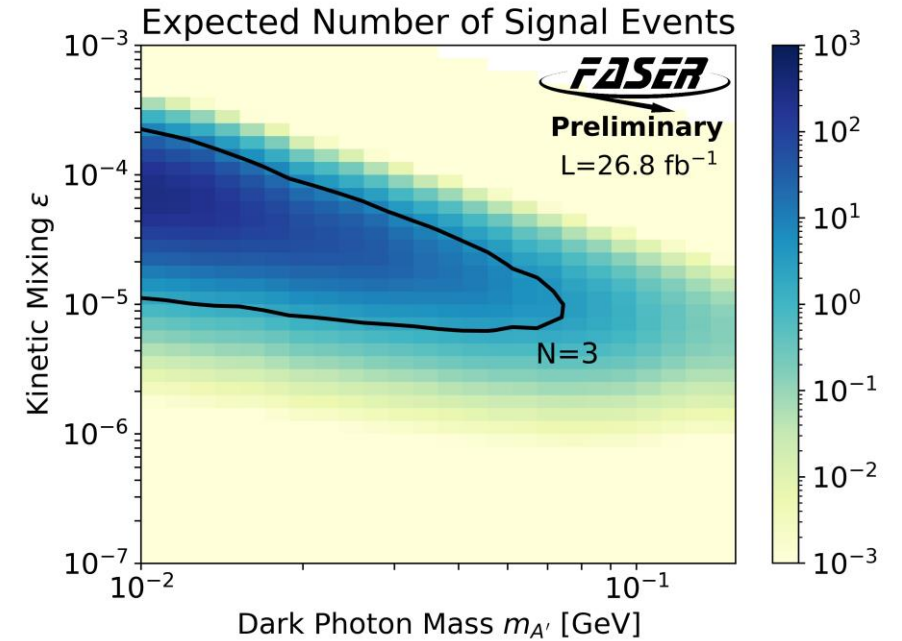
# Dark Photon Signal

- $A' \rightarrow e^+e^-$  decays in FASER volume simulated with FORESEE
  - $\pi^0$  and  $\eta$  via EPOS-LHC generator
  - Subdominant dark bremsstrahlung via FWW
- Generator uncertainty from difference to QGSJET/SIBYLL
  - Parameterised based on  $A'$  energy

$$\frac{\Delta N}{N} = \frac{0.15 + (E_{A'}/4 \text{ TeV})^3}{1 + (E_{A'}/4 \text{ TeV})^3}$$

- Experimental uncertainties

- Tracking efficiency
  - 15% for close-by tracks
  - Estimated from overlay
- Calo E scale
  - 6% at 500 GeV
  - Cross-checked with E/p
- Momentum scale/resol.
  - 5% each
  - Negligible effect



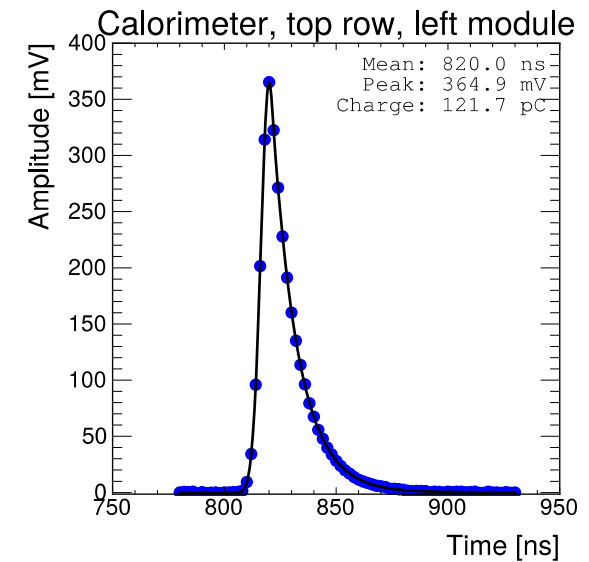
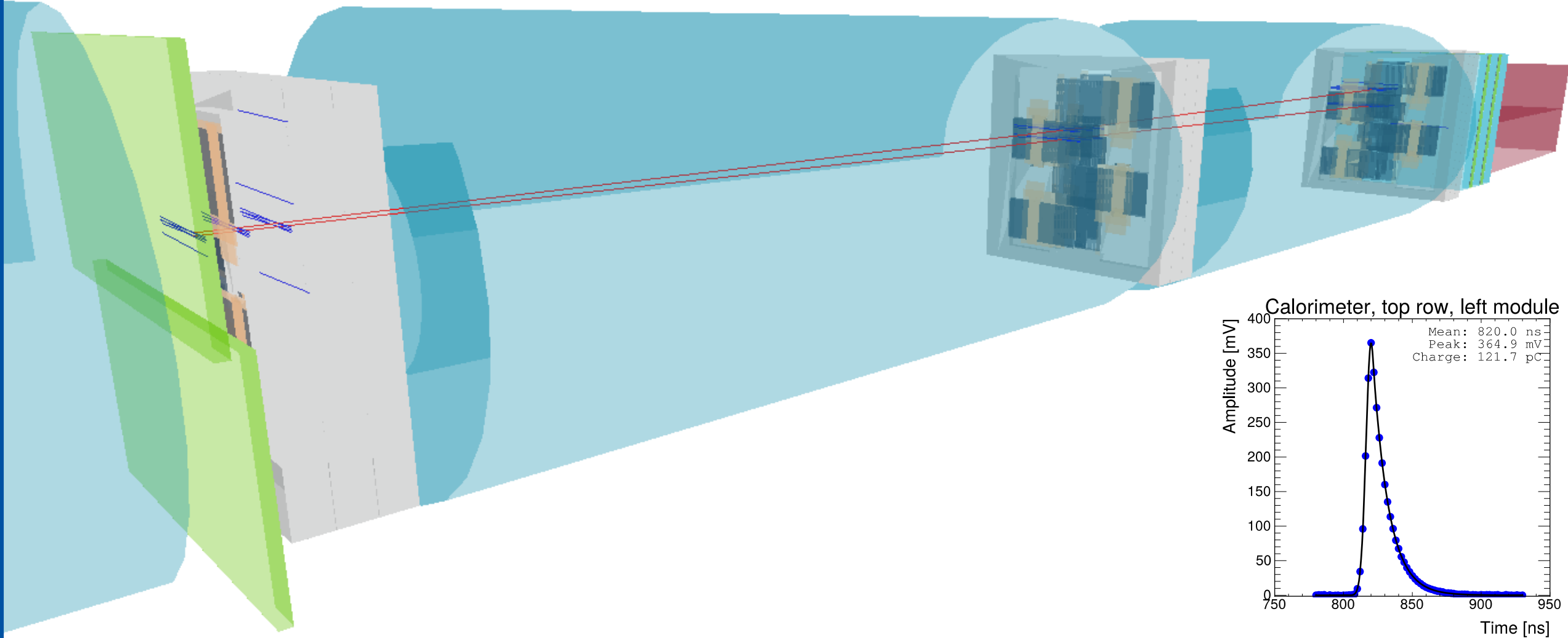
# Dark Photon: Event Display (1)

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Calorimeter Energy: 645.2 GeV  
Momentum: 420.4 GeV, 21.5 GeV

- Simulated dark photon event

Simulation Preliminary



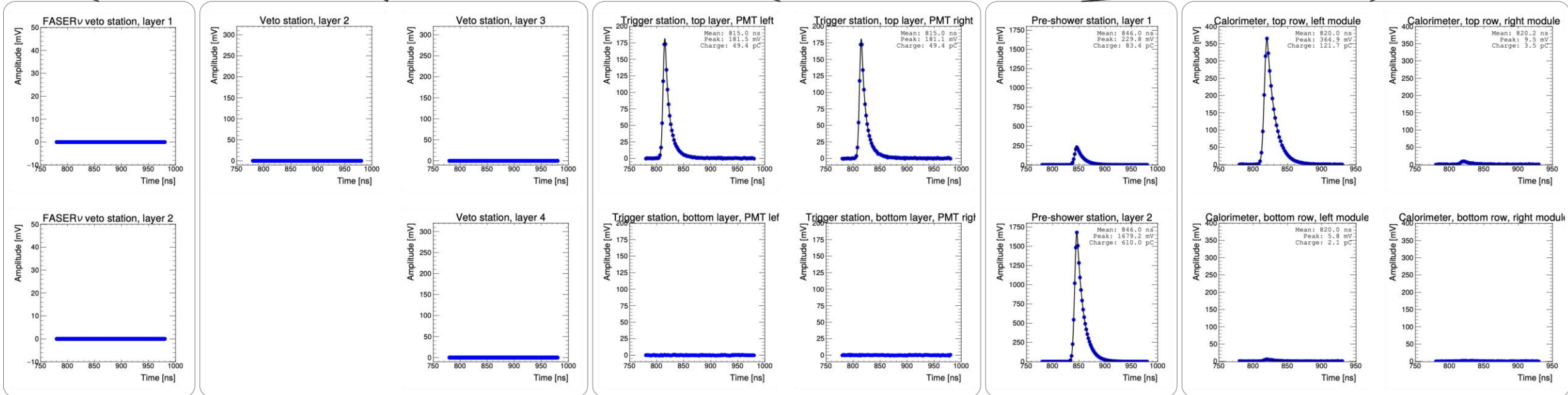
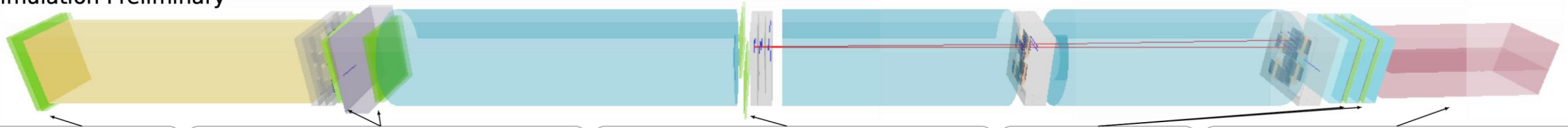
# Dark Photon: Event Display (2)



Calorimeter Energy: 645.2 GeV  
Momentum: 420.4 GeV, 21.5 GeV

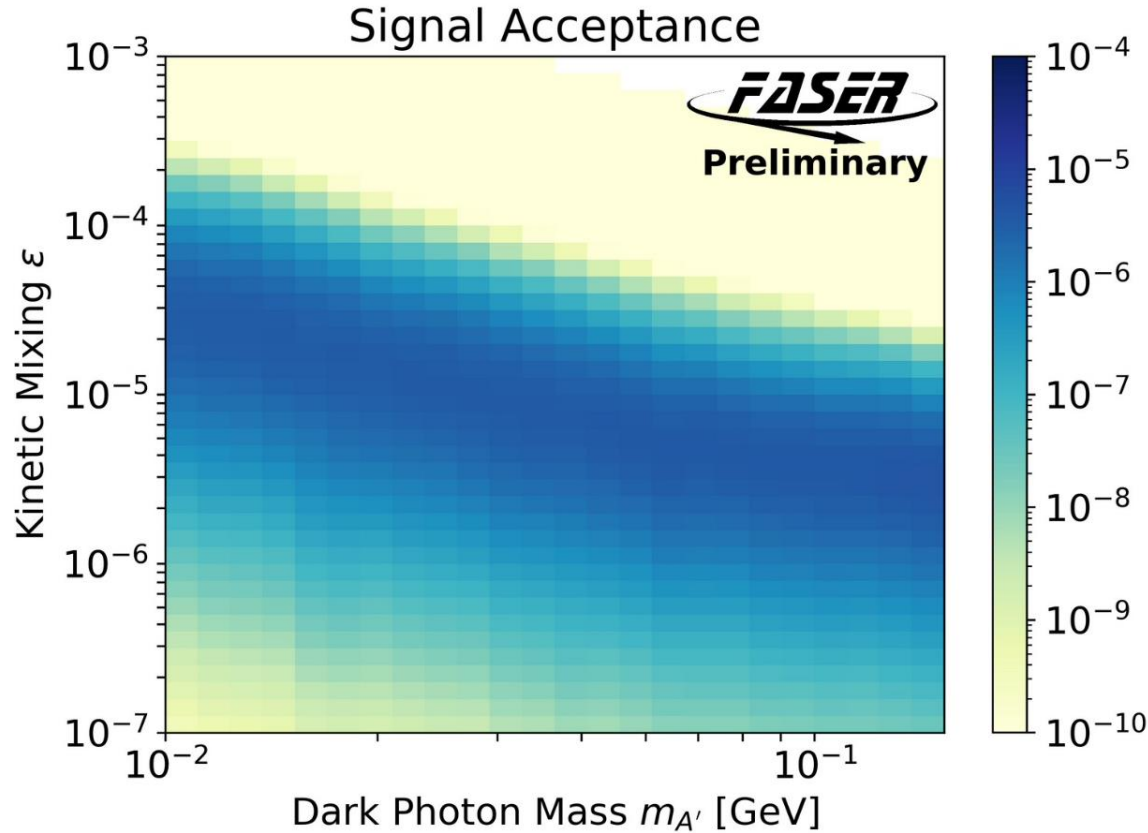
- Simulated dark photon event

Simulation Preliminary



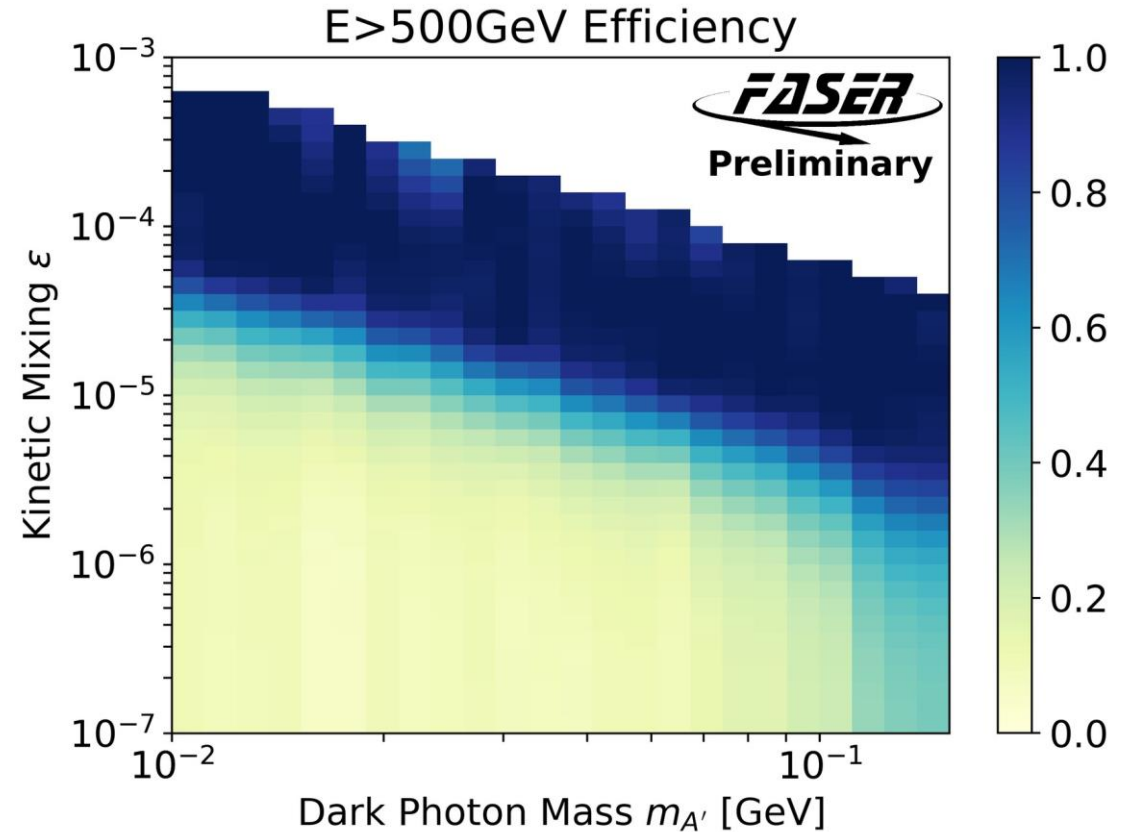
# Dark Photon: Signal Acceptance x Efficiency

- Signal acceptance for  $A'$  produced in IP1
  - And decaying in FASER decay volume



- Note: FASER solid angle coverage only  $\sim 10^{-8}$

- Efficiency of calorimeter  $E > 500$  GeV
  - For  $A'$  decaying in FASER decay volume



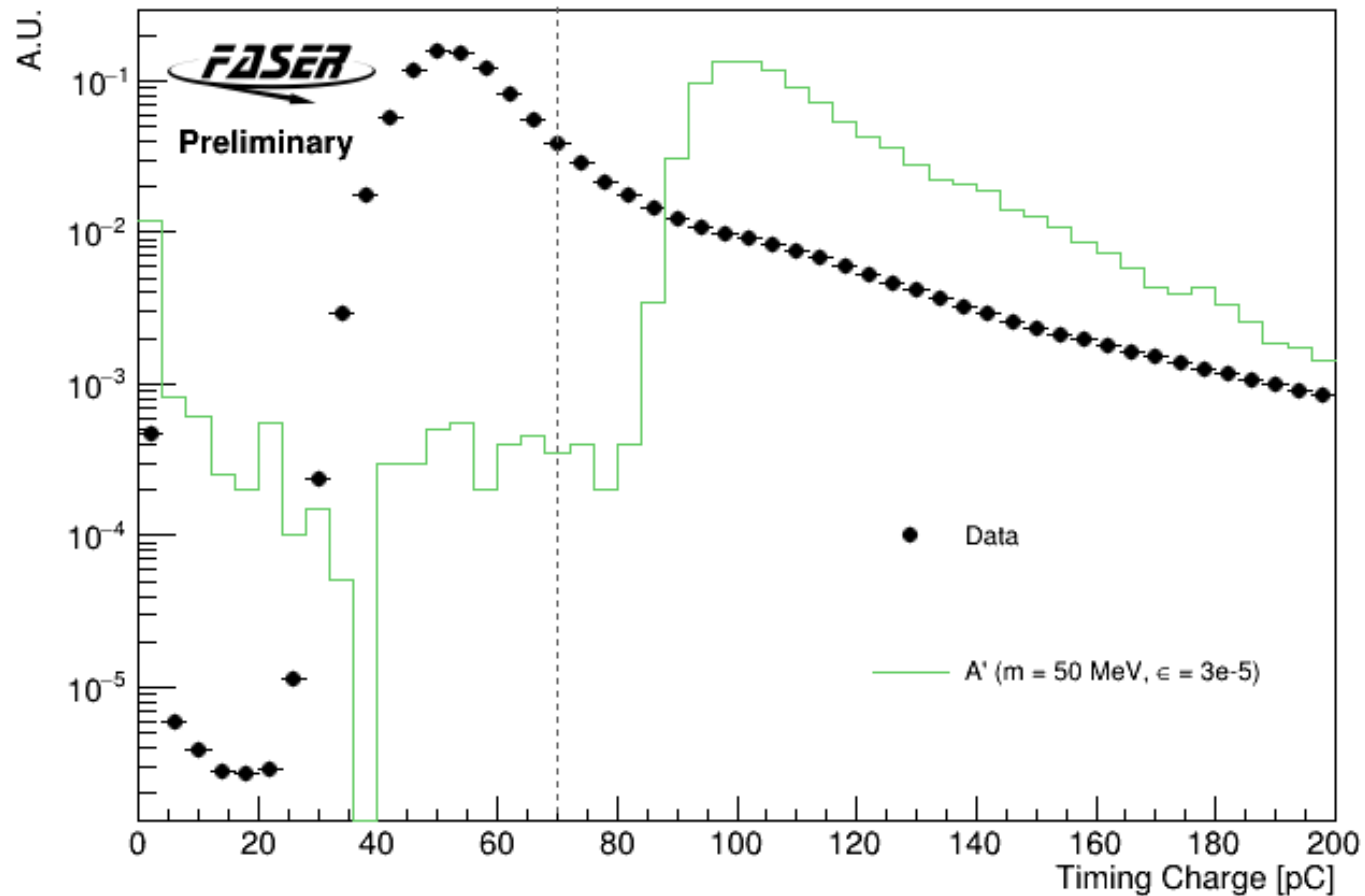
Efficiency of other selections  $\sim 40\%$



# Dark Photon: Timing Scintillator Selection

Timing cut of 70 pC is  $\sim 100\%$  efficiency for signal

Suppresses a large fraction of data, which are predominantly single-track events



# Dark Photon: Cut Flow

## Efficiency of analysis selection for data and example signal

Note the data was preselected to have  $\geq 1$  track (no quality cuts) in the event

Overall signal efficiency  $\approx 40\%$

While reducing background to 0

Cut	Data		Signal ( $\varepsilon = 3 \times 10^{-5}$ , $m_{A'} = 25.1$ MeV)	
	Events	Efficiency	Events	Efficiency
Good collision event	151750788	—	95.3	99.7%
No Veto Signal	1235830	0.814%	94.0	98.4%
Timing/Preshower Signal	313988	0.207%	93.0	97.3%
$\geq 1$ good track	21329	0.014%	85.2	89.2%
= 2 good tracks	0	0.000%	44.5	46.6%
Track radius $< 95$ mm	0	0.000%	40.4	42.3%
Calo energy $> 500$ GeV	0	0.000%	39.7	41.6%

# Dark Photon: Neutral Hadron Background

- Select 3-track events where muon produces two other particles
  - A minority of these are neutral hadrons (Ks) + continuing muon (assumed to have highest momentum)
- Look at number of 3 track events with  $100 < E_{\text{calo}} < 500 \text{ GeV}$ 
  - Compared to number of 2 track events (muon missed) that don't pass the veto with  $E_{\text{calo}} < 100 \text{ GeV}$
- Use this to estimate # events with  $E_{\text{calo}} > 500 \text{ GeV}$  where muon is not seen
  - Assuming E spectrum of neutral hadron is same whether muon is seen or not
- However, most of these are  $\gamma$  conversions in veto material that would fail event selection
  - Removed by  $E/p < 0.5$  for two-track system (i.e. without muon)
  - But this biases  $E_{\text{calo}}$   $\rightarrow$  use simulated two-track  $p_z$  to estimate events with  $E_{\text{calo}} > 100$  or  $500 \text{ GeV}$
- From 3-track events in data strong evidence that most Ks decay in FASERv and fire veto
  - Hence scale the neutral hadron events with  $E_{\text{cal}} > 500 \text{ GeV}$  by fraction of 3-track events decaying after veto  $\rightarrow (2.2 \pm 3.1) \times 10^{-4}$

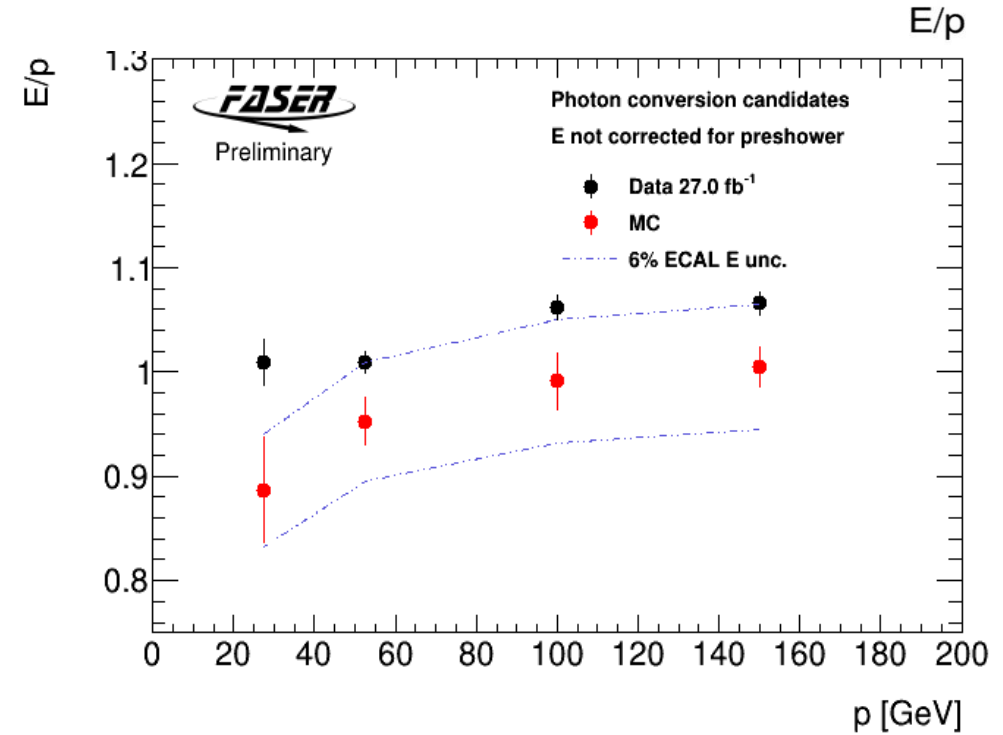
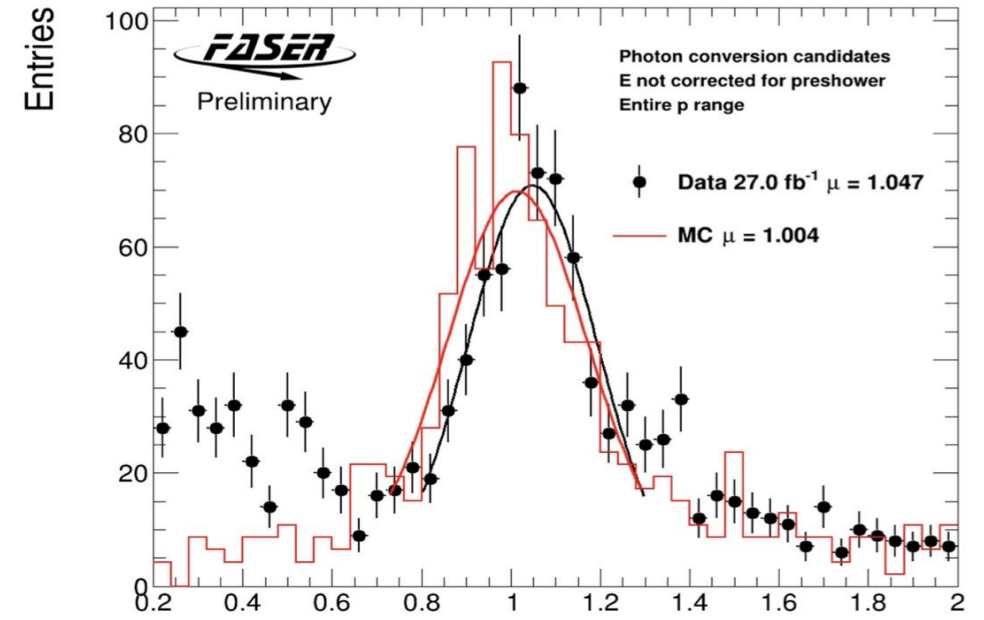
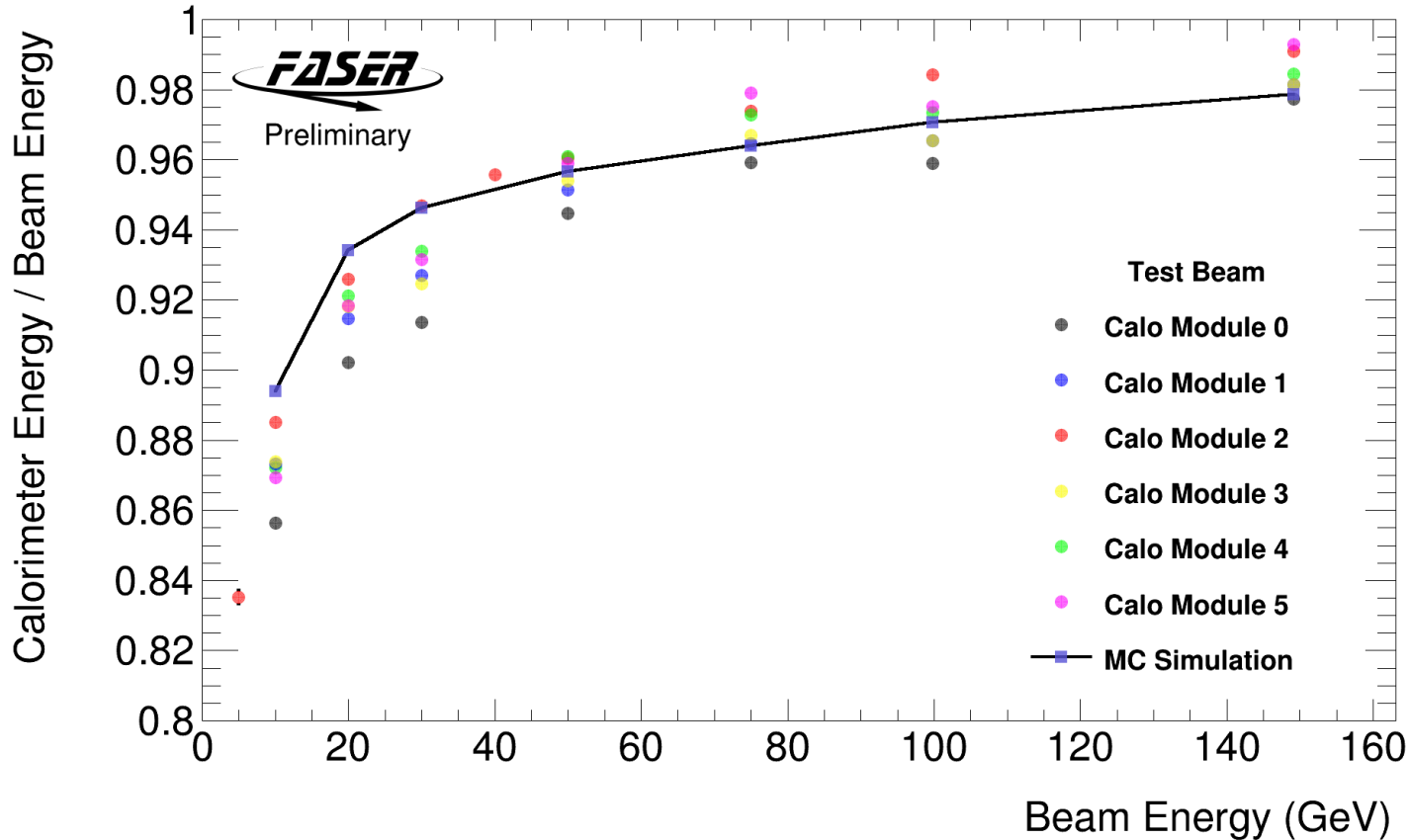
# Dark Photon: Systematic Uncertainties Summary

- Complete list of systematic uncertainties and their impact on the signal yield
  - Numbers in parenthesis are the effect on signal in previous unexcluded FASER reach

Source	Value	Effect on signal yield
Theory, Statistics and Luminosity		
Dark photon cross-section	$\frac{0.15+(E_{A'}/4\text{TeV})^3}{1+(E_{A'}/4\text{TeV})^3}$	15-65% (15-45%)
Luminosity	2.2%	2.2%
MC Statistics	$\sqrt{\sum W^2}$	1-3% (1-2%)
Tracking		
Momentum Scale	5%	< 0.5%
Momentum Resolution	5%	< 0.5%
Single Track Efficiency	3%	3%
Two-track Efficiency	15%	15%
Calorimetry		
Calo E scale	6%	0-8% (< 1%)

# Dark Photon: Calo Energy Scale

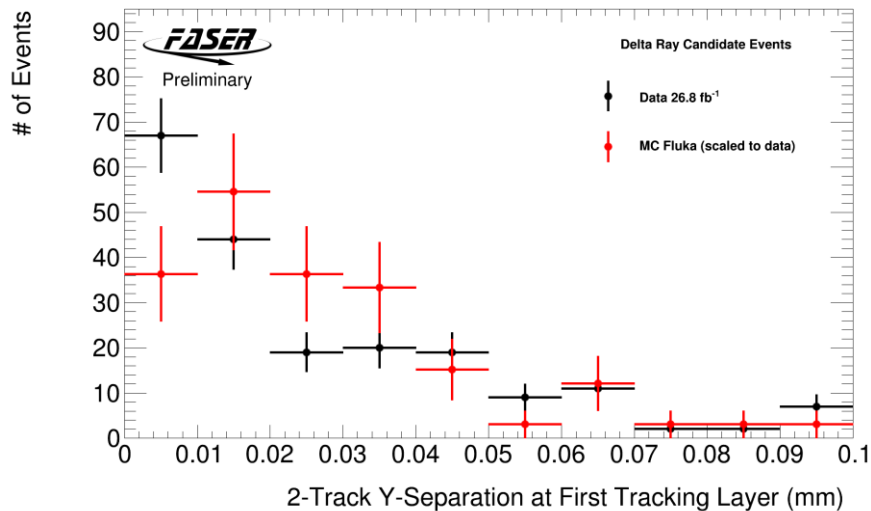
- Calorimeter energy scale and uncertainty evaluated based on test beam data and in-situ MIP calibration
  - Validated using conversion events ( $\mu$  with  $e^+e^-$  pair)
  - $E/p$  in data and MC agrees within 6%



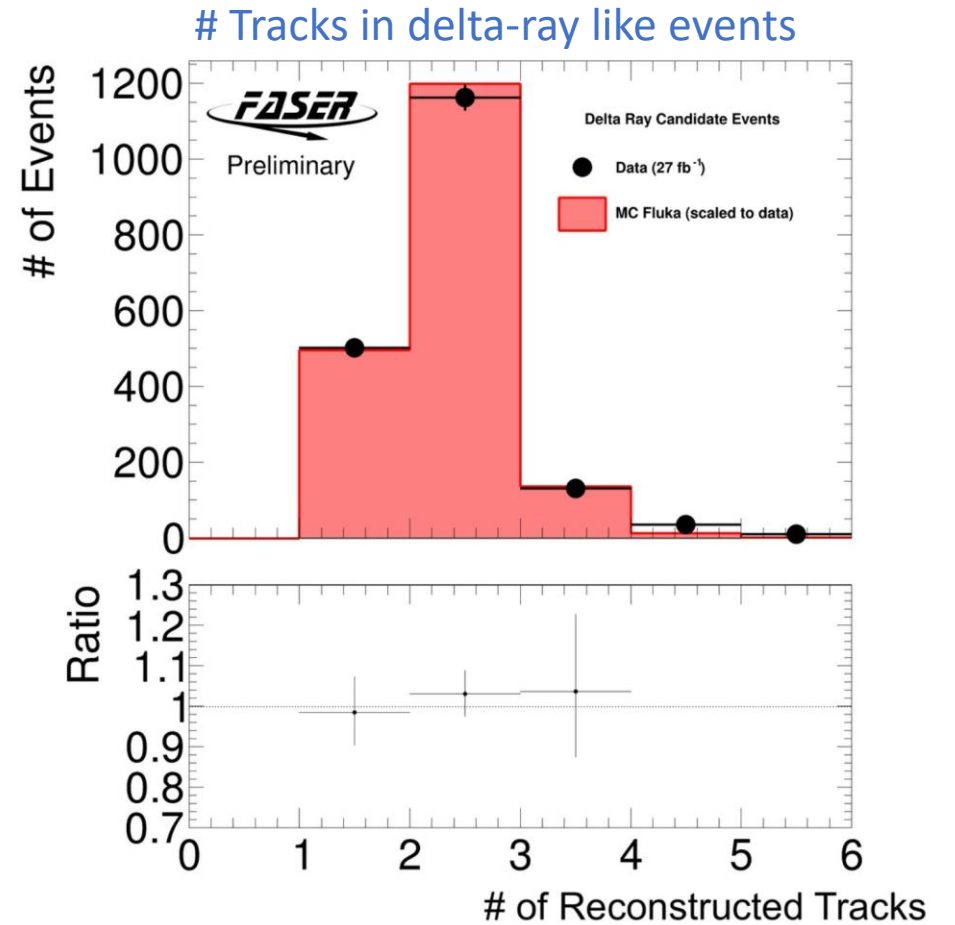


# Dark Photon: Tracking Systematics

- Single track efficiency studies in muons events with track segments found in each station
  - 98.4% in data with data/MC agreement at 1.5% level
- Tracking efficiency lower for two close by tracks ( $\sim 60\%$ )  $\rightarrow$  studied in two ways:
  - Overlaying hits from 2 single track events in either data or MC and measuring efficiency to find 2 tracks
    - Correct MC by  $\sim 15\%$  difference and conservatively apply full correction as a MC systematic
  - Conversions and delta-ray events where require 1 less track than needed (i.e. 3 or 2 respectively)
    - With additional track segments + preshower/calorimeter signals consistent with additional EM signal



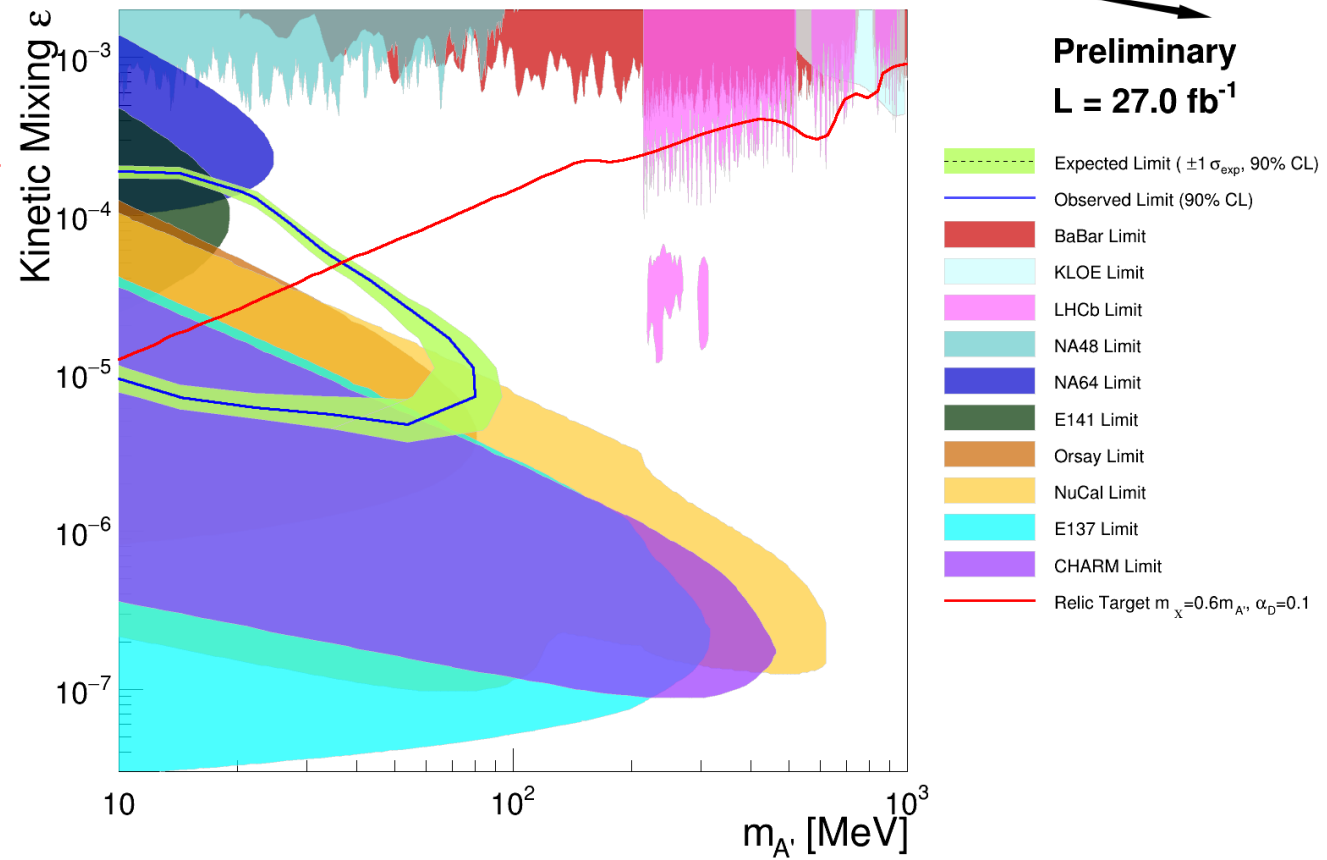
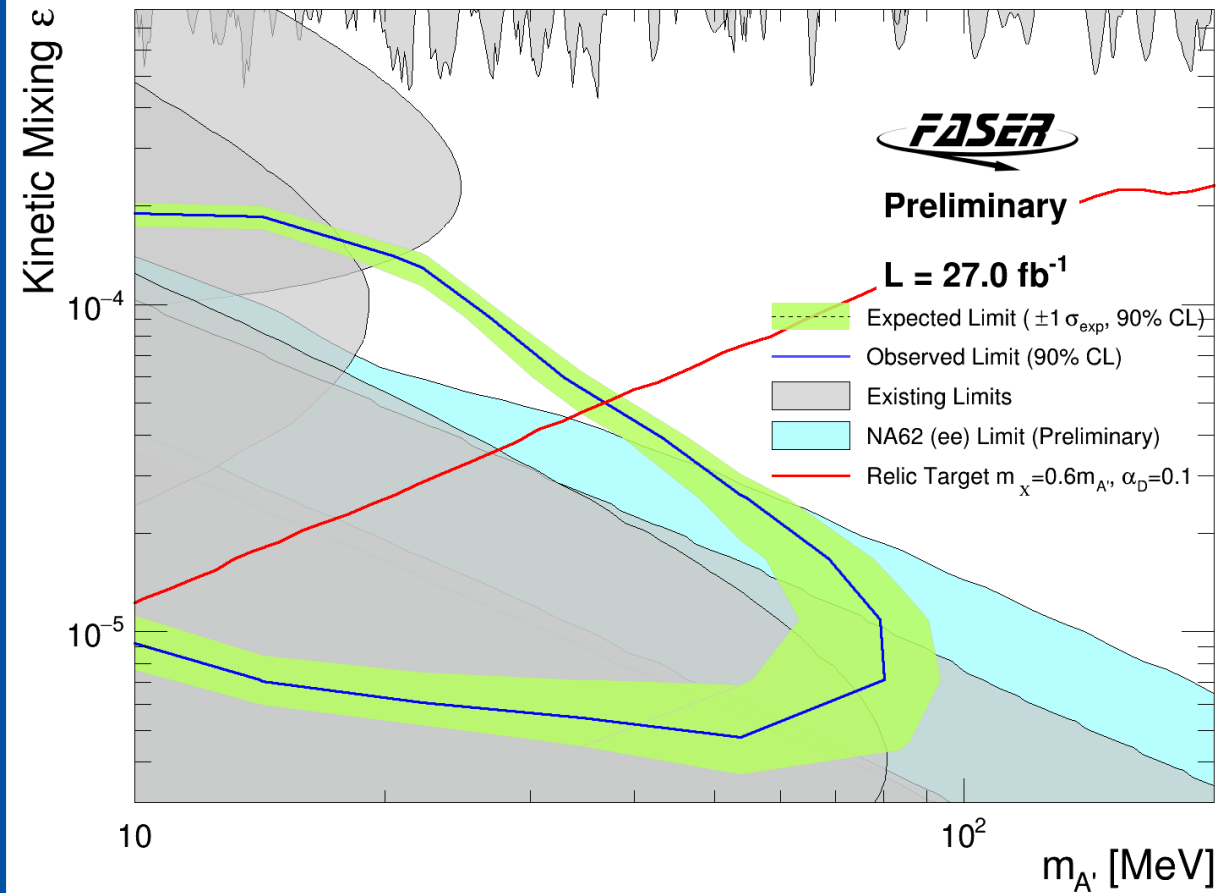
Two-track separation in delta-ray like events



# Dark Photon: Additional Limits

- Limits including recent prelim NA62 results
  - Partially overlaps with FASER exclusion

- Alternative limit plot showing individual previous limits available from DarkCast



Note FASER limits very similar at 95% CL and 90% CL

# FASER Collaboration

- 87 members across 24 institutes from 10 countries



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# FASER Publications

- The FASER Detector: [arXiv:2207.11427](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.11427)
- The FASER W-Si High Precision Preshower Technical Proposal: [CERN Document Server](#)
- The tracking detector of the FASER experiment: [NIM 166825 \(2022\)](#)
- The trigger and data acquisition system of the FASER experiment: [JINST 16 P12028 \(2021\)](#)
- First neutrino interaction candidates at the LHC: [PRD 104 L091101 \(2021\)](#)
- Technical Proposal of FASER $\nu$  neutrino detector: [arXiv:2001.03073](https://arxiv.org/abs/2001.03073)
- Detecting and Studying High-Energy Collider Neutrinos with FASER at the LHC: [EPJC 80 61 \(2020\)](#)
- Input to the European Strategy for Particle Physics Update: [arXiv:1901.04468](https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.04468)
- FASER's Physics Reach for Long-Lived: [PRD 99 090511 \(2019\)](#)
- Letter of Intent: [arXiv:1812.09139](https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.09139)
- Technical Proposal: [arXiv:1811.10243](https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.10243)