

Performance of the CMS Tracker during LHC Run 3

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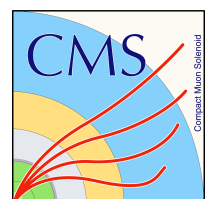
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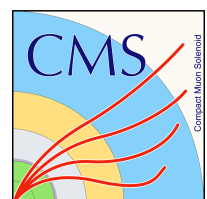
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In this talk

- **CMS Tracker**
 - Silicon Pixel detector
 - Silicon Strip detector
- **Data taking conditions during Run 3**
- **Detector performance**
 - Pixel tracker performance
 - Strip tracker performance
 - Tracker alignment performance



The CMS Tracker



CMS Tracker

- **Largest silicon tracker in the world!**
 - ✦ $\sim 200 \text{ m}^2$ area, $\sim 135\text{M}$ electronic channels
- Innermost subdetector of CMS
- Crucial for particle identification, track and vertex reconstruction
- Comprised of
 - **Pixel sub-detector**
 - 4 layers in the barrel (BPIX) and 3 disks (FPIX) in the forward regions
 - **Strip sub-detector**
 - 10 layers in the barrel (TIB, TOB) and 12 forward disks (TID, TEC)

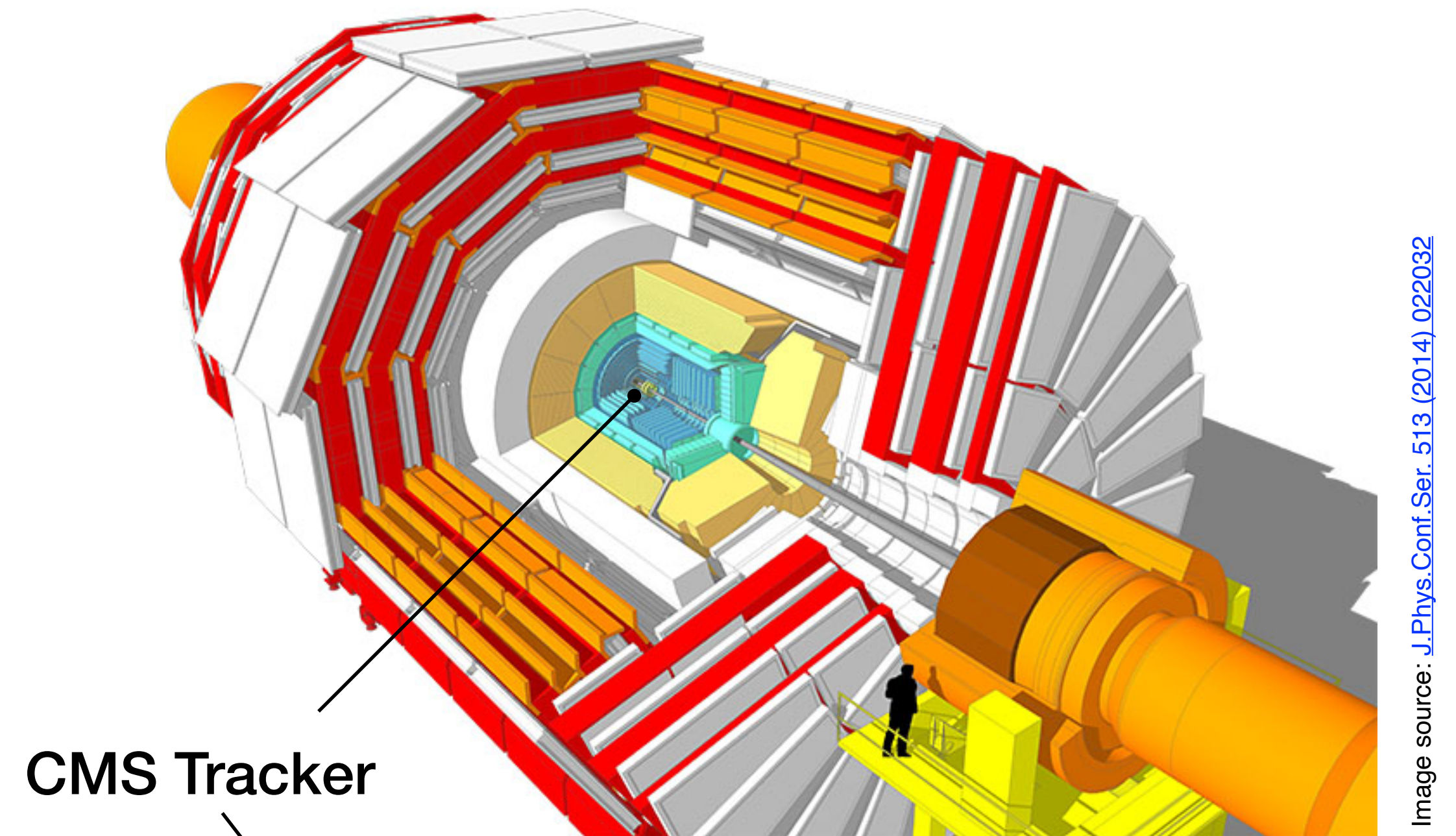
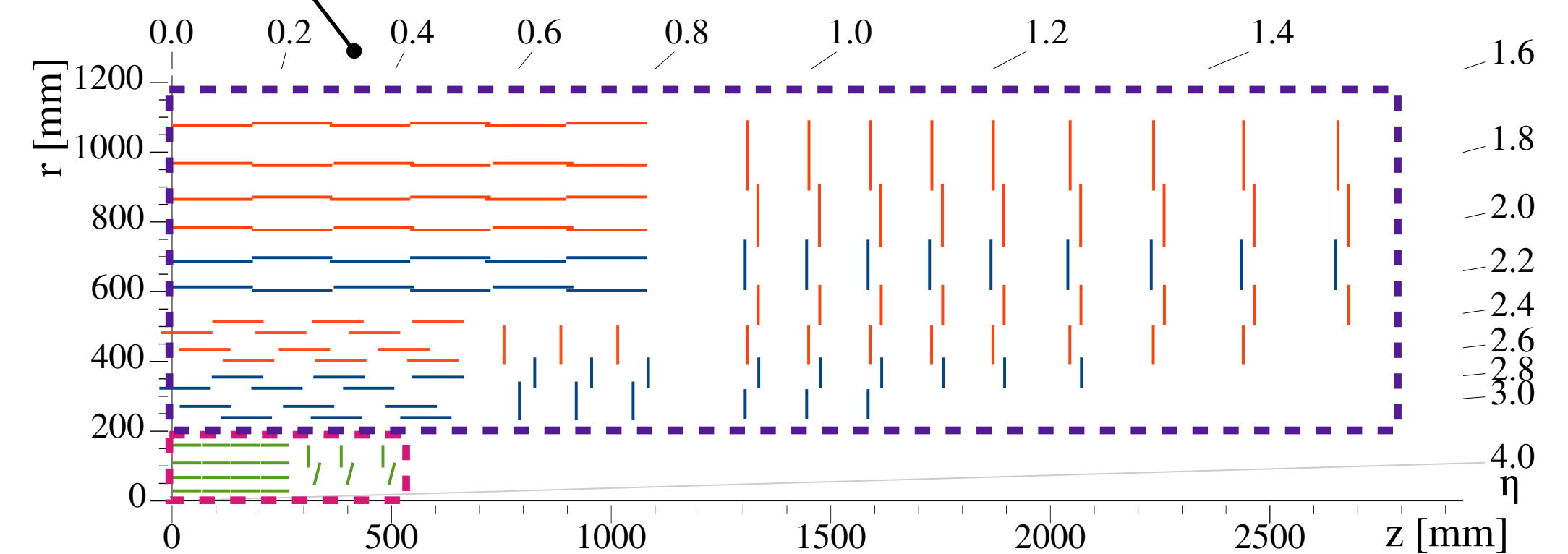
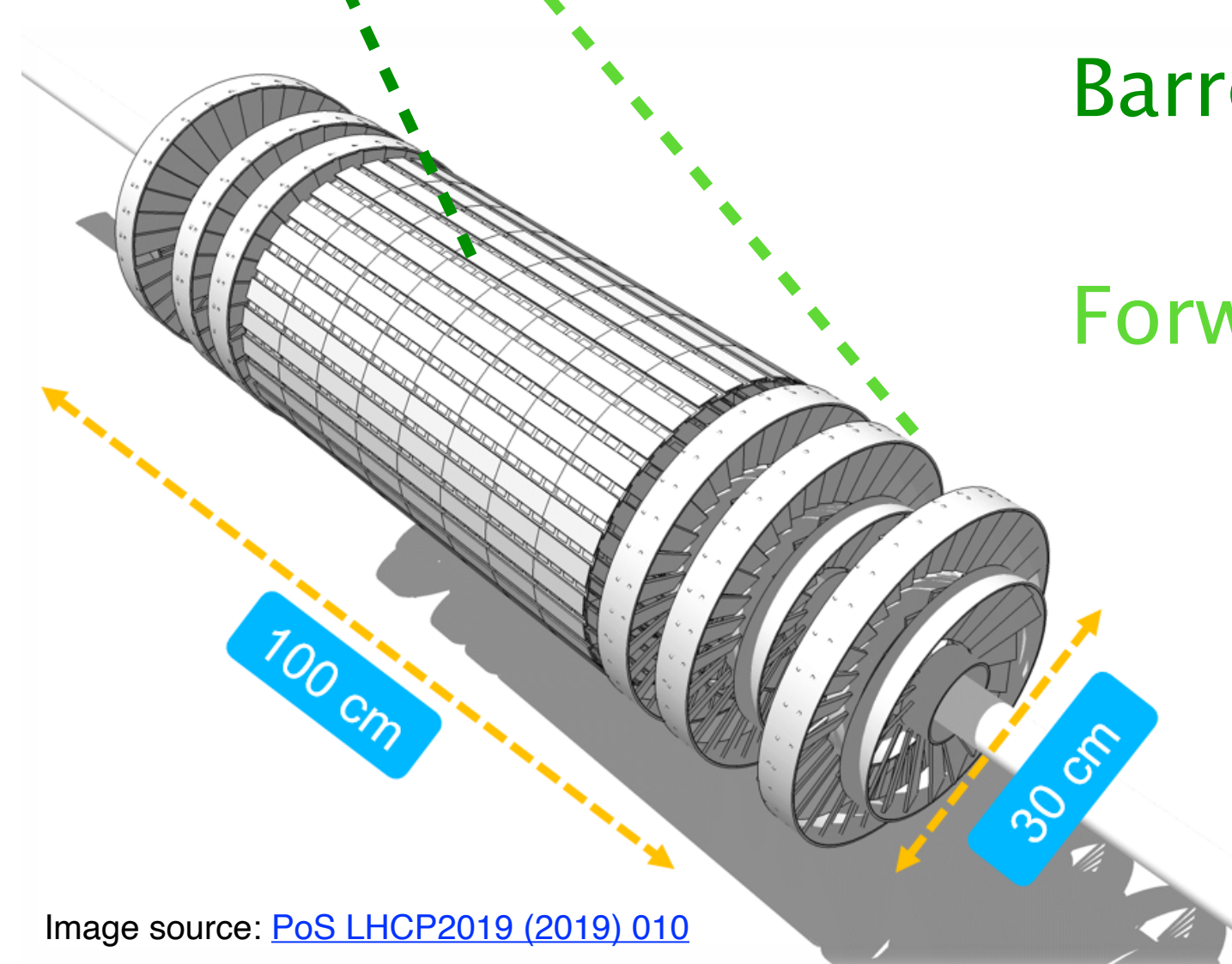
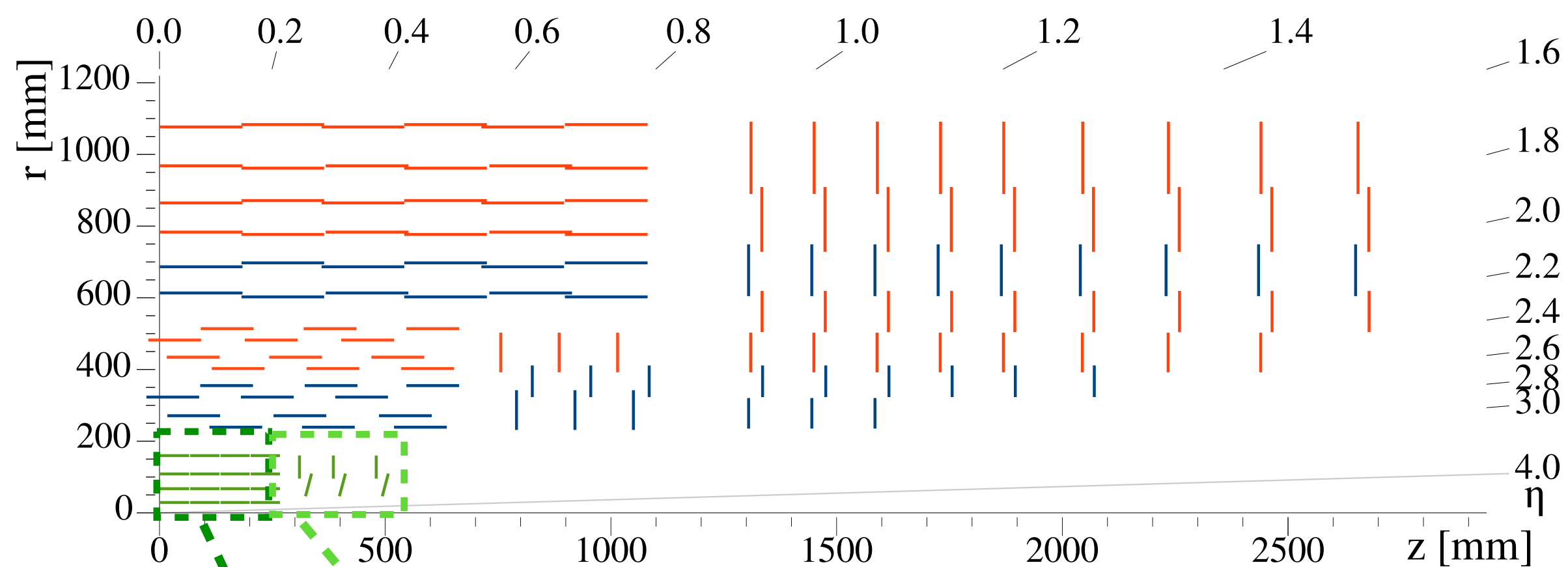


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CMS Silicon Pixel detector



Barrel Pixel (BPIX) ↔ 4 layers
+
Forward Pixel (FPX) ↔ 3 disks

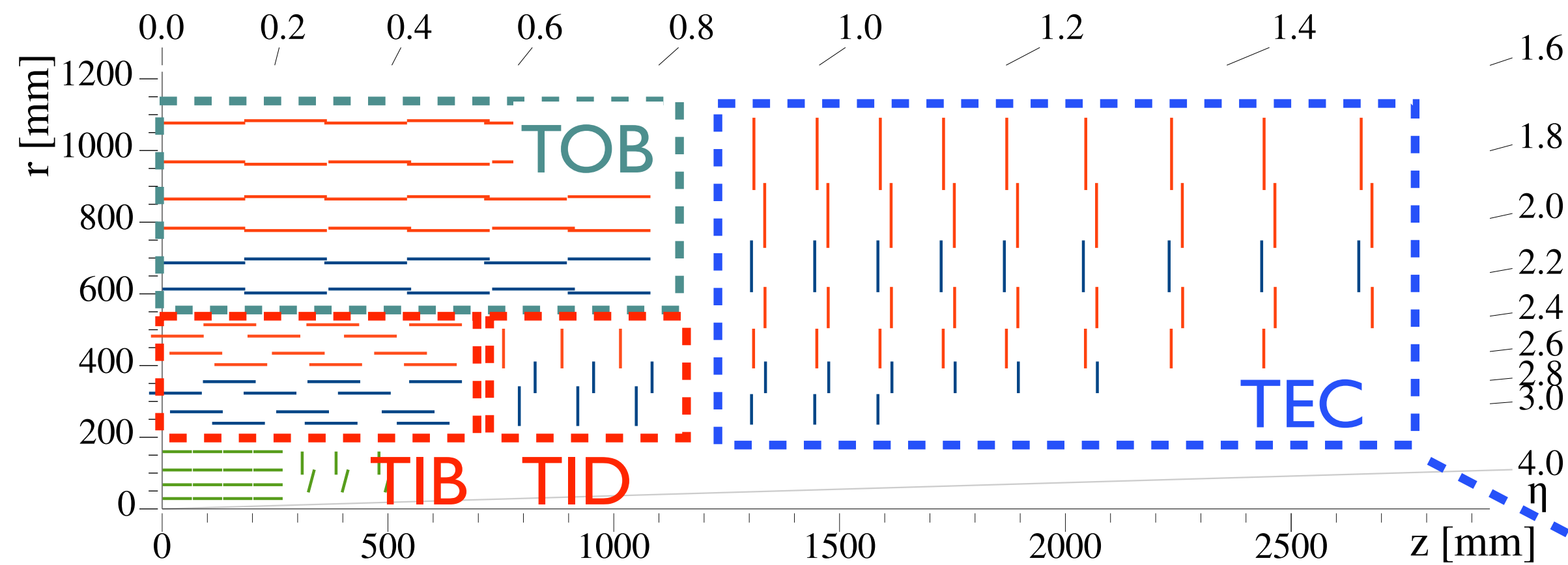
**1856 modules with
≈ 124M pixels
(100 × 150 μm²)**

- Detector component **closest to the collision point**
 - ◆ **BPIX Layer 1 only ~3 cm from beam pipe!** → Particle-hit rate up to 600 MHz/cm²
- Phase-1 Pixel tracker in place since early 2017
- **Pixel refurbished** during LS2
 - ◆ Layer 1 fully replaced in 2022
 - ▶ Improved ROCs to cope with higher rates
 - ▶ Reverse bias up to 800V (compared to 600V before)

4-hit coverage in $|\eta| < 3.0$

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CMS Silicon Strip detector



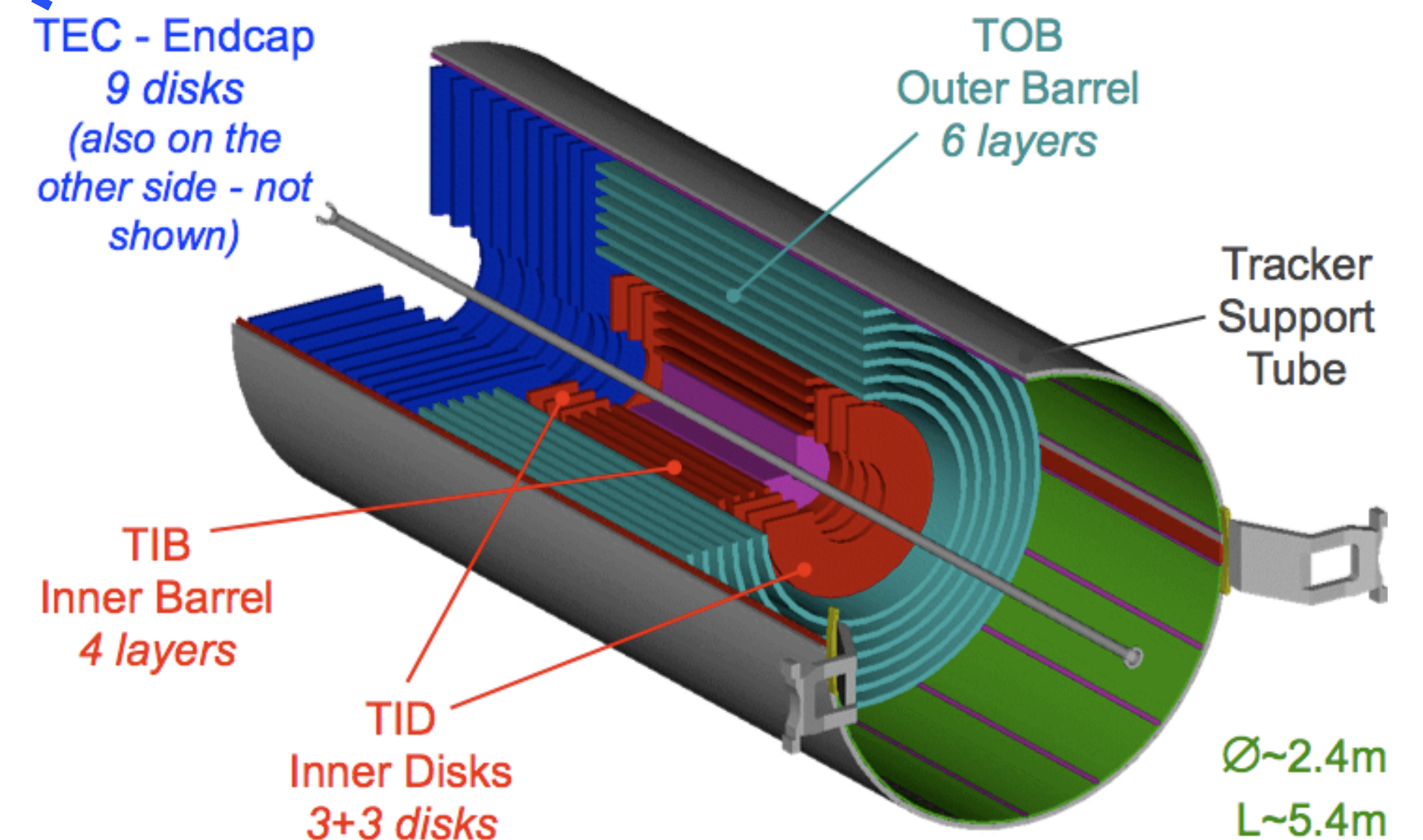
- **15148 modules**
- $\approx 9\text{M}$ analogue readout channels

9-hit coverage in $|\eta| < 2.4$

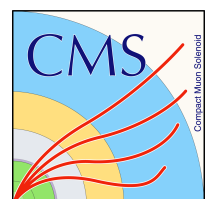
Thickness of silicon sensors

- TIB, TID, TEC – 320 μm
- TOB, TEC – 500 μm

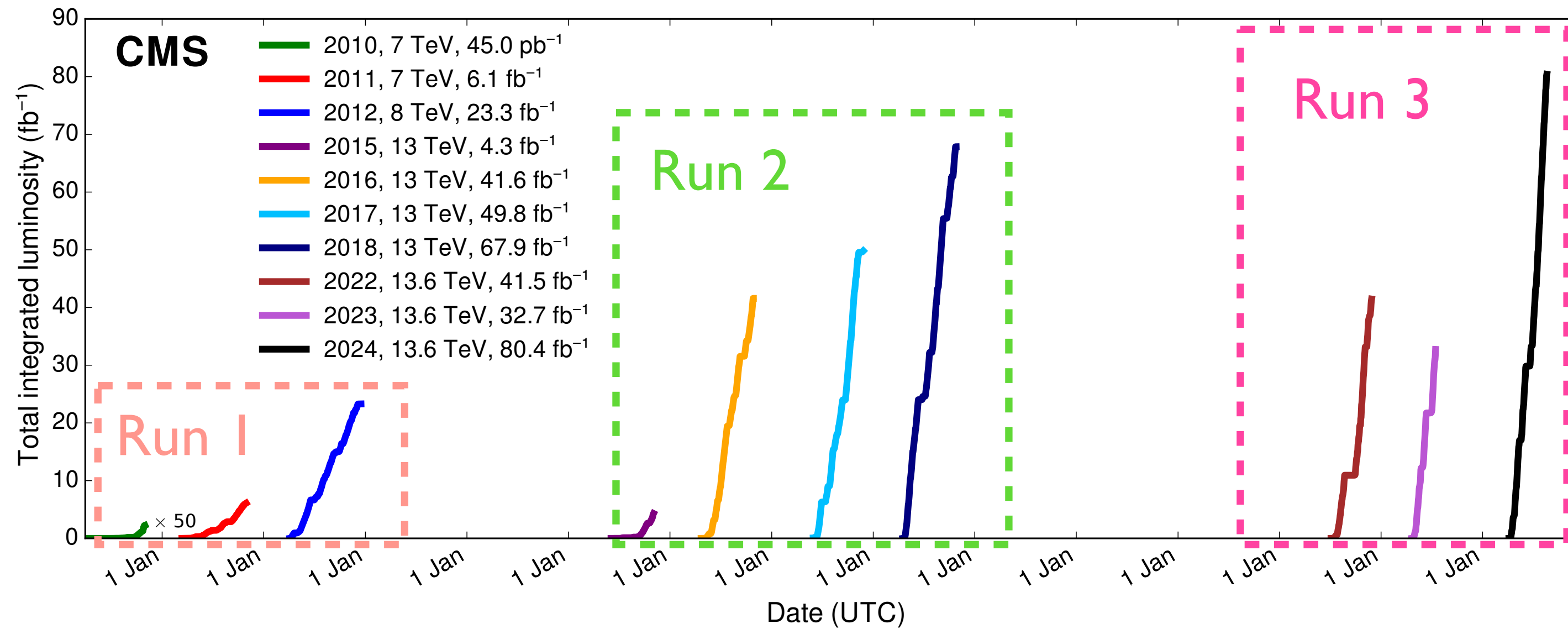
Strip unchanged since Run 1!



Data taking conditions during Run 3



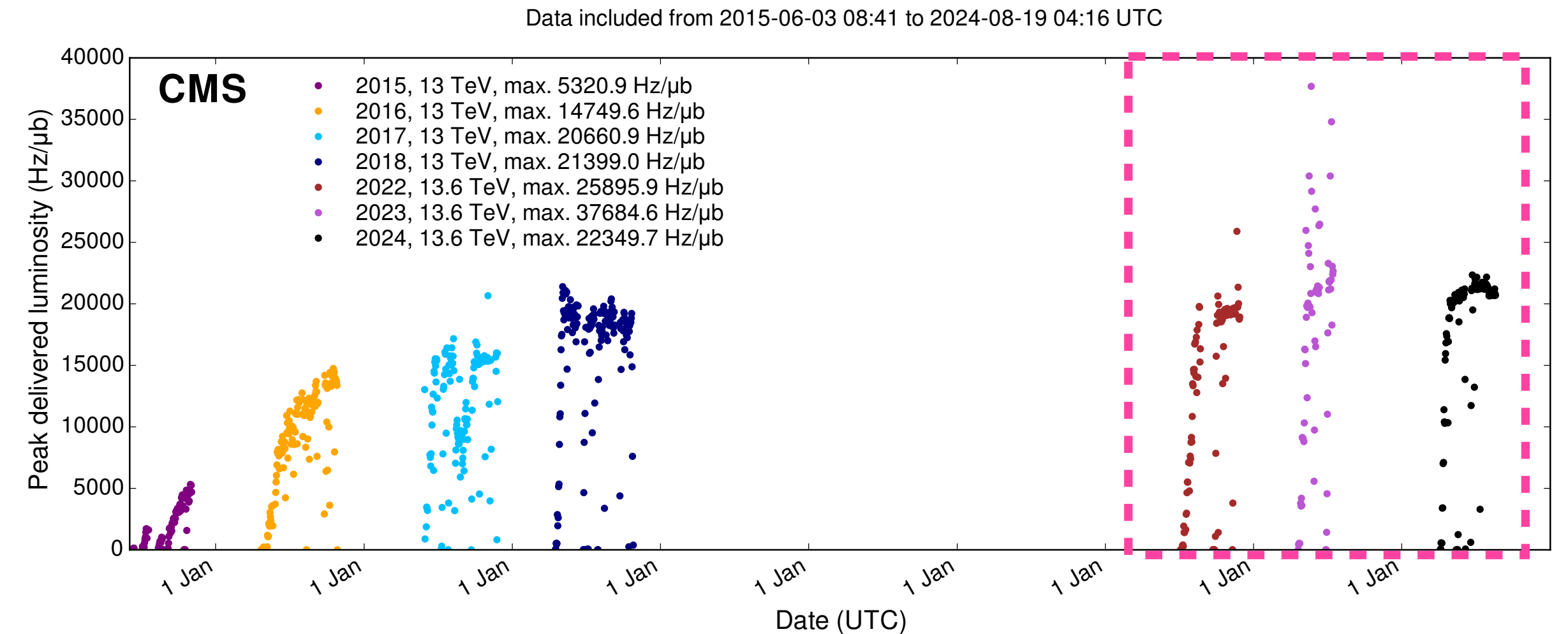
CMS data taking so far



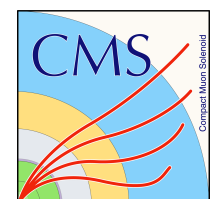
- Luminosity delivered to CMS
 - Run1+Run2+Run3 ~ 318 fb⁻¹
 - Just in Run3 ~ 154.6 fb⁻¹

Data-taking still ongoing!

- CMS instantaneous luminosity
~ $2 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Mean number of interactions per bunch crossing (25ns) in 2024 ~ 63!
- **Highly irradiated environment, challenging conditions for the tracker!**

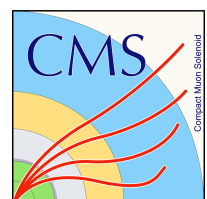


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Pixel Performance

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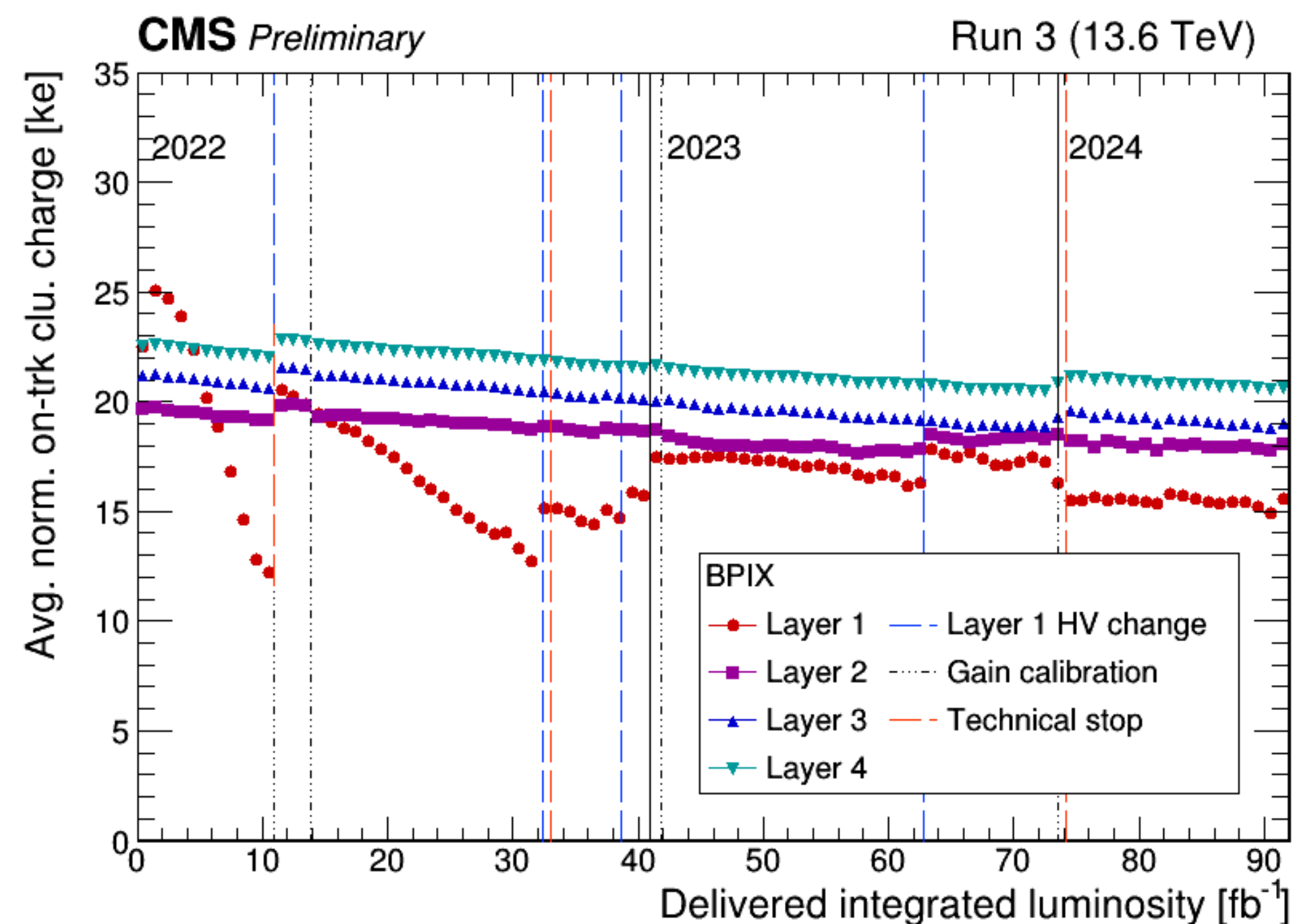
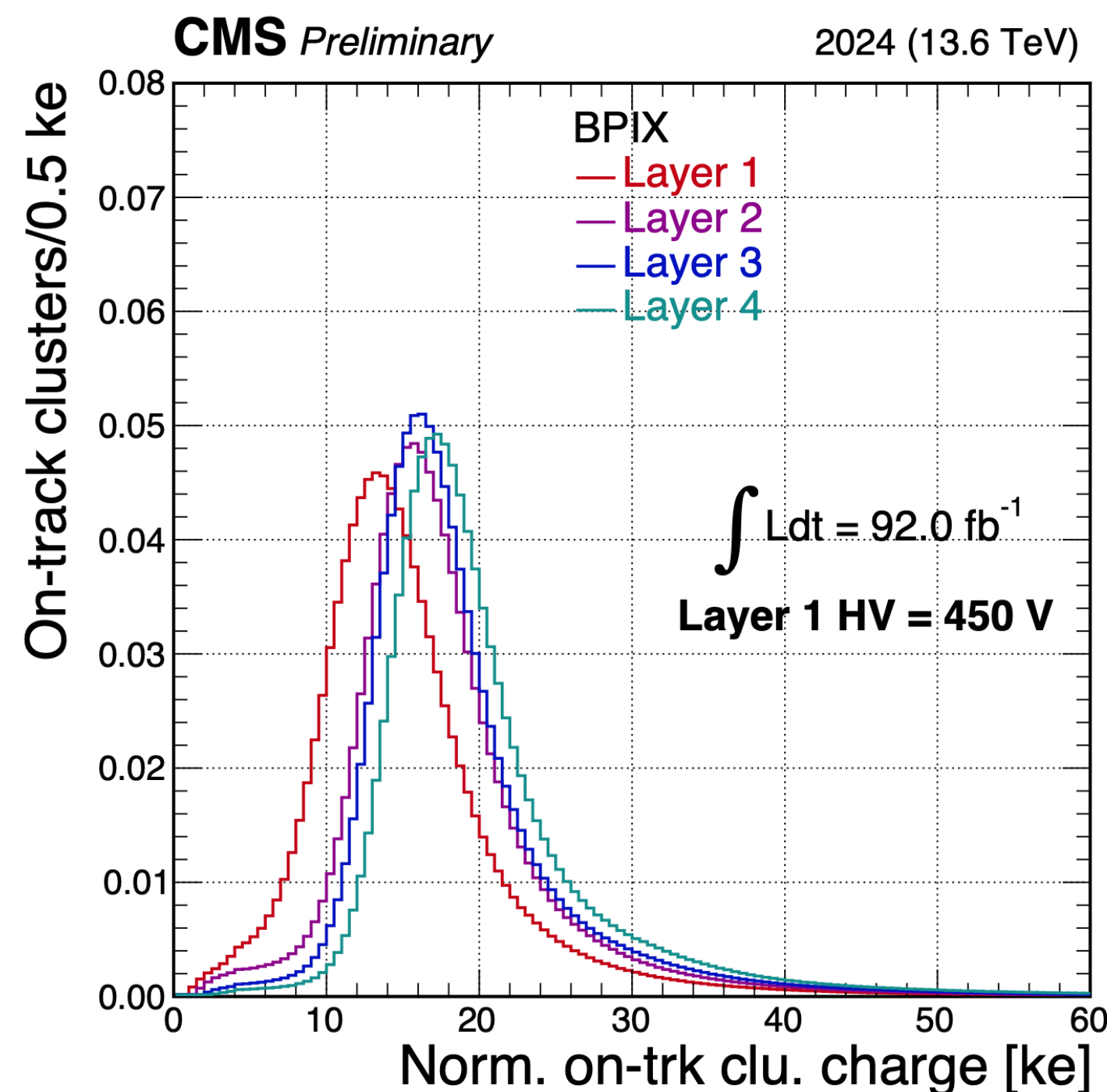
Pixel Performance - Cluster Charge

- Clusters formed of adjacent pixels with a charge above a certain threshold

Radiation damage → Loss in charge collection efficiency

Solution: Increase operational bias voltage (e.g. Layer 1 gradually from 150 → 500 V)

- Newly replaced Layer 1 (L1) rapidly changed with irradiation in 2022; with time became conditioned

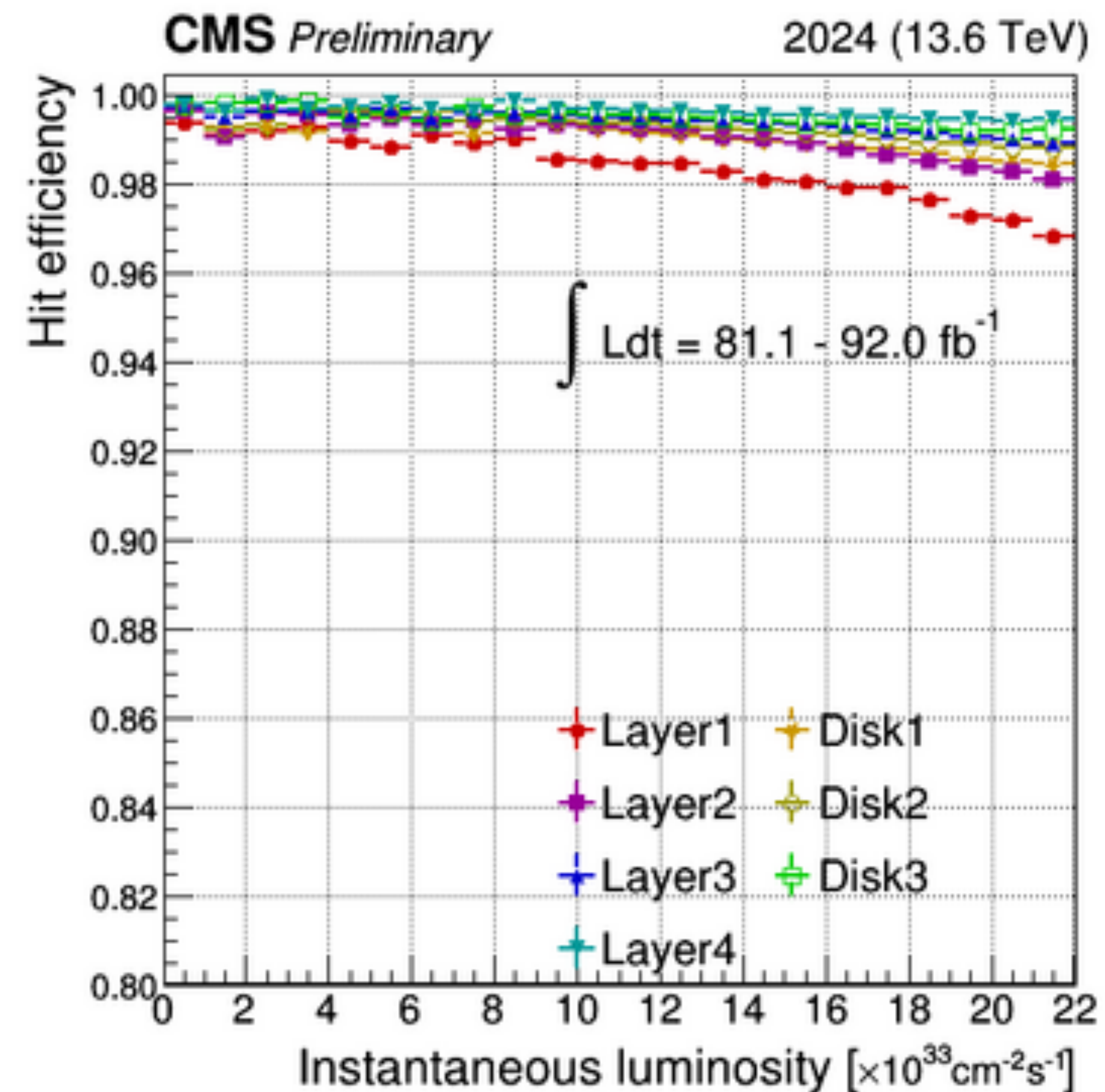


Pixel Performance - Hit Efficiency

- **Definition:** Probability to find any cluster within 1 mm around an expected hit (independent of the cluster quality)
- Bad components of pixel detector excluded from measurement; measured using muon tracks with $p_T > 2$ GeV

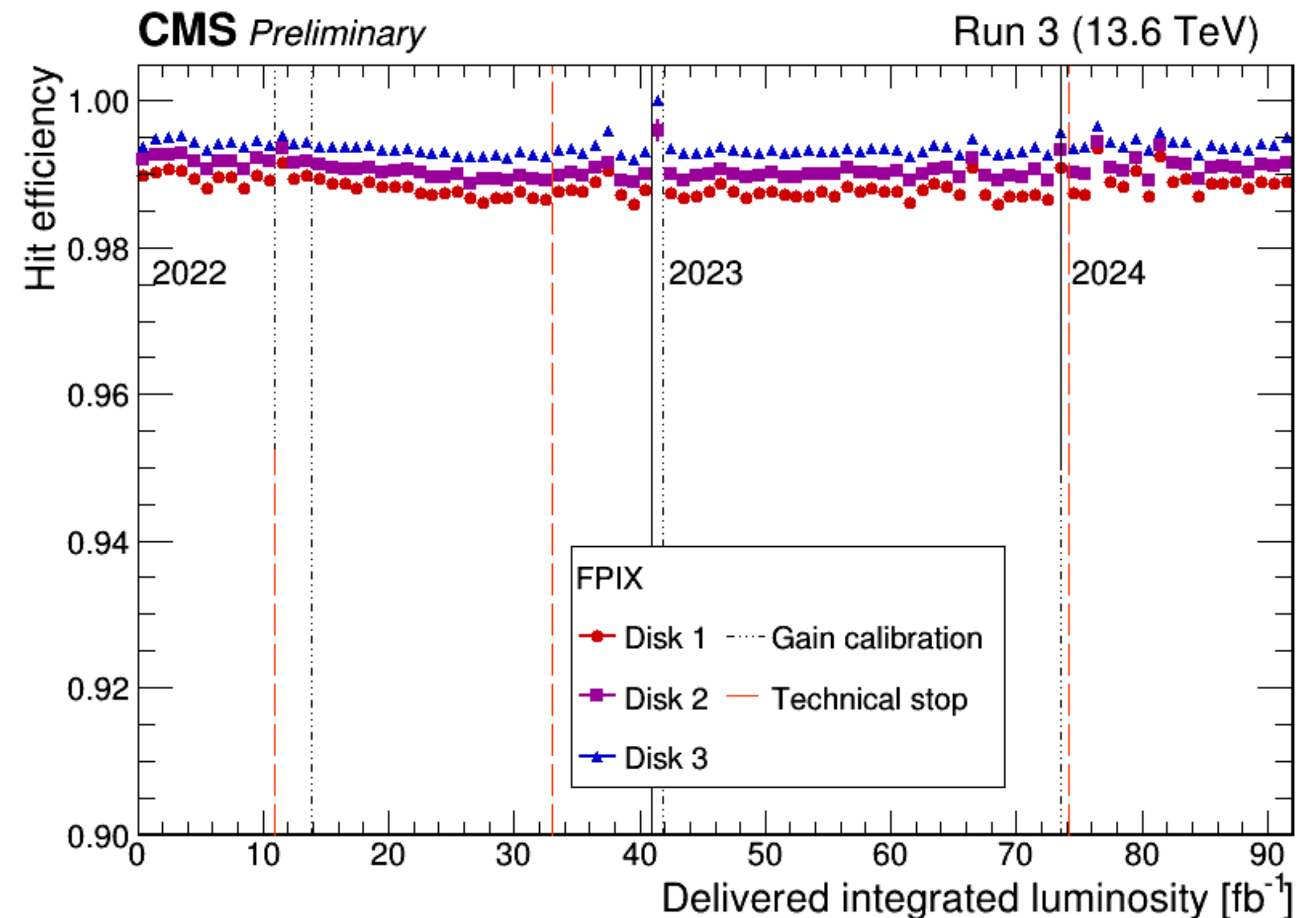
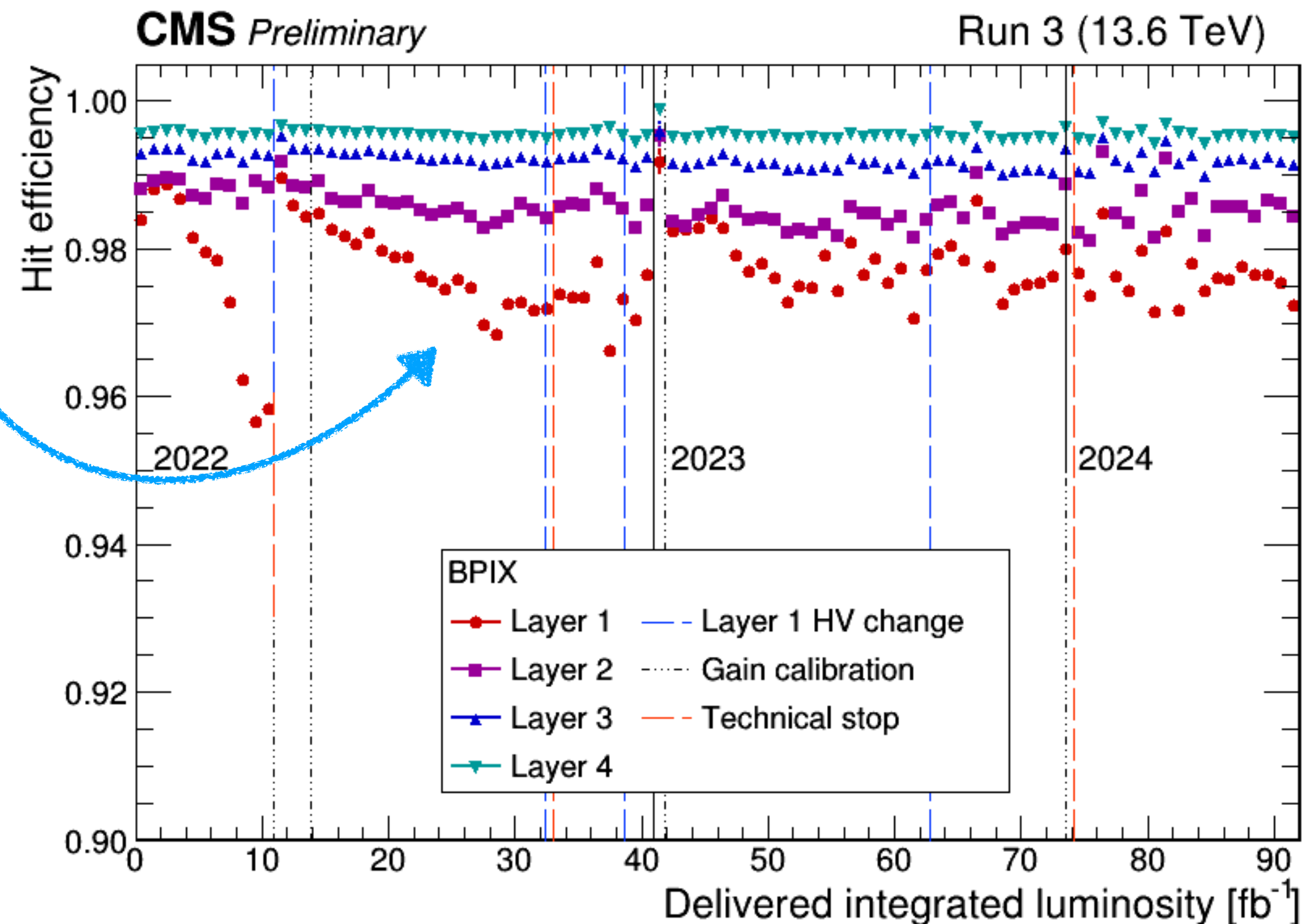
At an instantaneous lumi of $\sim 2 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

- ♦ **BPIX L1 can operate at $> 96\%$ hit efficiency**
- ♦ **BPIX L2-4 and FPIX $> 98\%$**



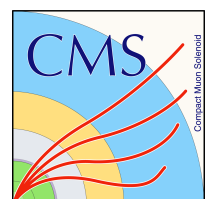
Pixel Performance - Hit Efficiency

- Definition: Probability to find any cluster within 1 mm around an expected hit (independent of the cluster quality)
- **Degradation** in hit efficiency mostly for BPIX L1 due to **radiation damage** → **Solution**: Raise HV
- FPIX hit efficiency stable across years

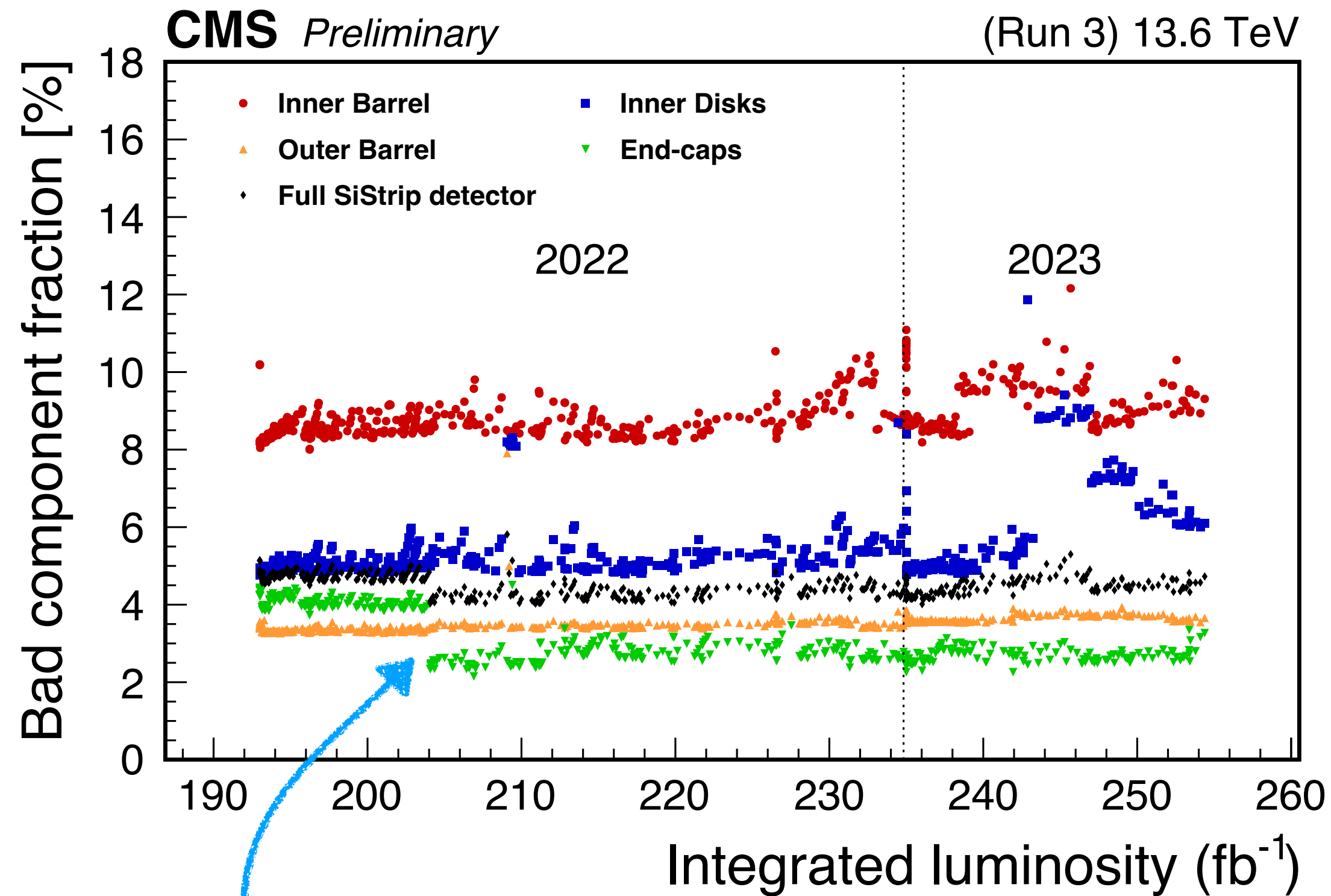


Strip Performance

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Strip Performance - Bad Components



Fraction of active channels during Run 3 ~ 96 %

- Drop in bad module fraction around 205 fb^{-1} due to the recovery of a cooling loop in TEC+
- Fraction seen to increase for a handful of runs due to some (promptly recovered) issues in either data-taking or in powering

Strip Performance - Signal-to-noise Ratio

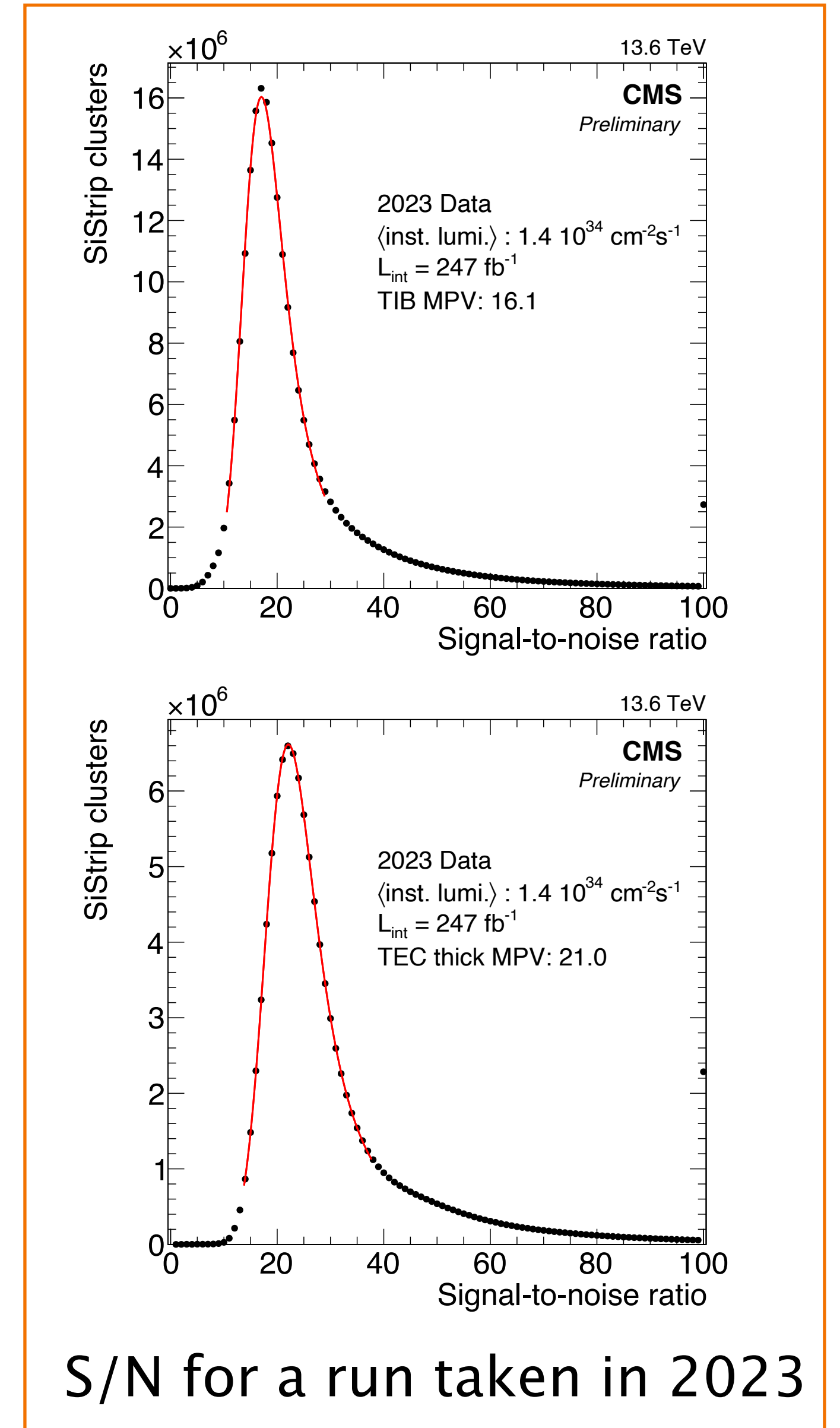
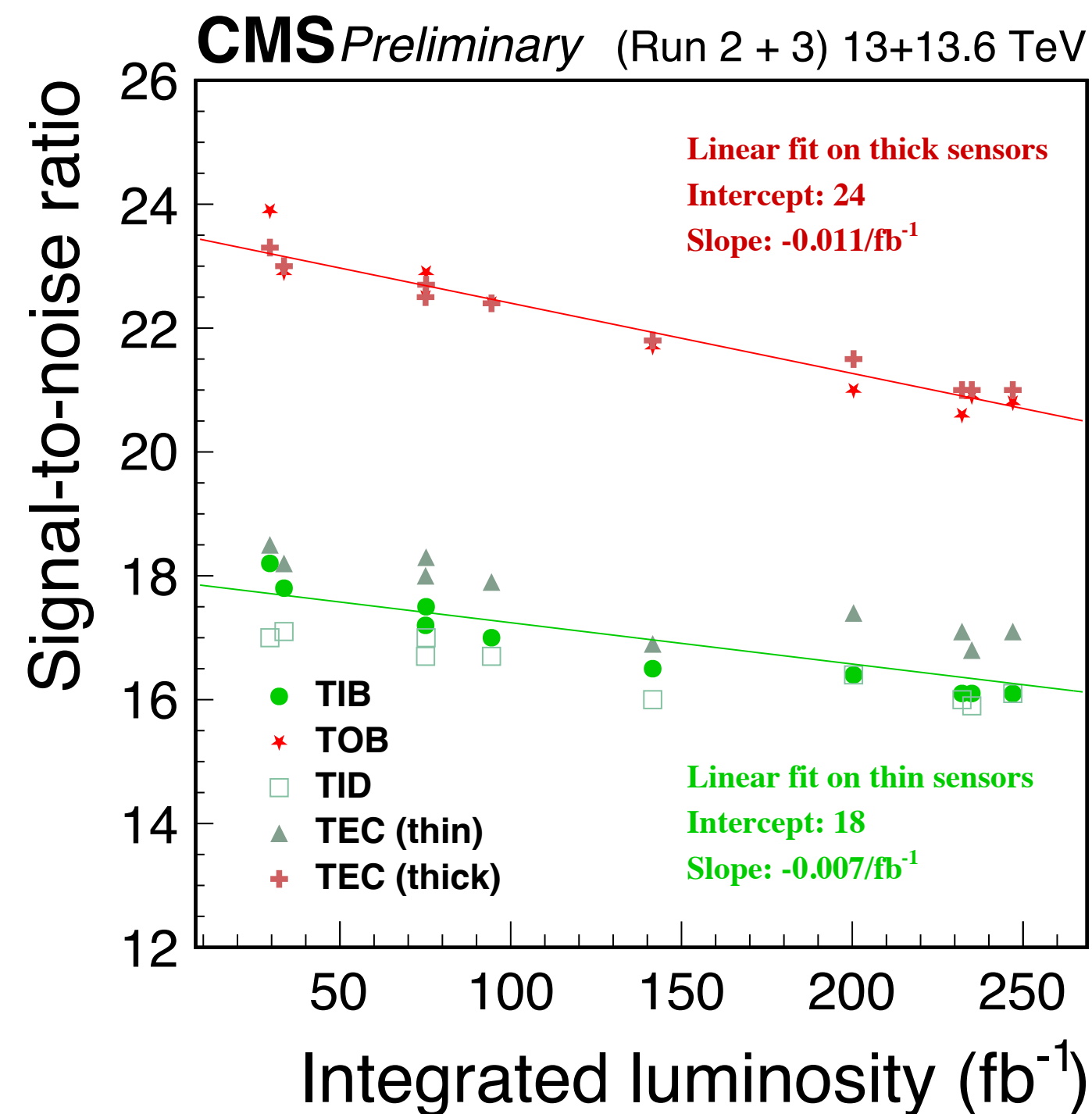
- Signal-to-noise ratio measured regularly throughout the year
 - Measured separately for 320 μm and 500 μm sensors in tracker endcaps
 - **High S/N ratio** \rightarrow **better zero suppression and cluster building**

- Decreasing ratio with time (as expected from irradiation studies)

- **Expected S/N at the end of Run 3 ($\sim 500/\text{fb}$)**

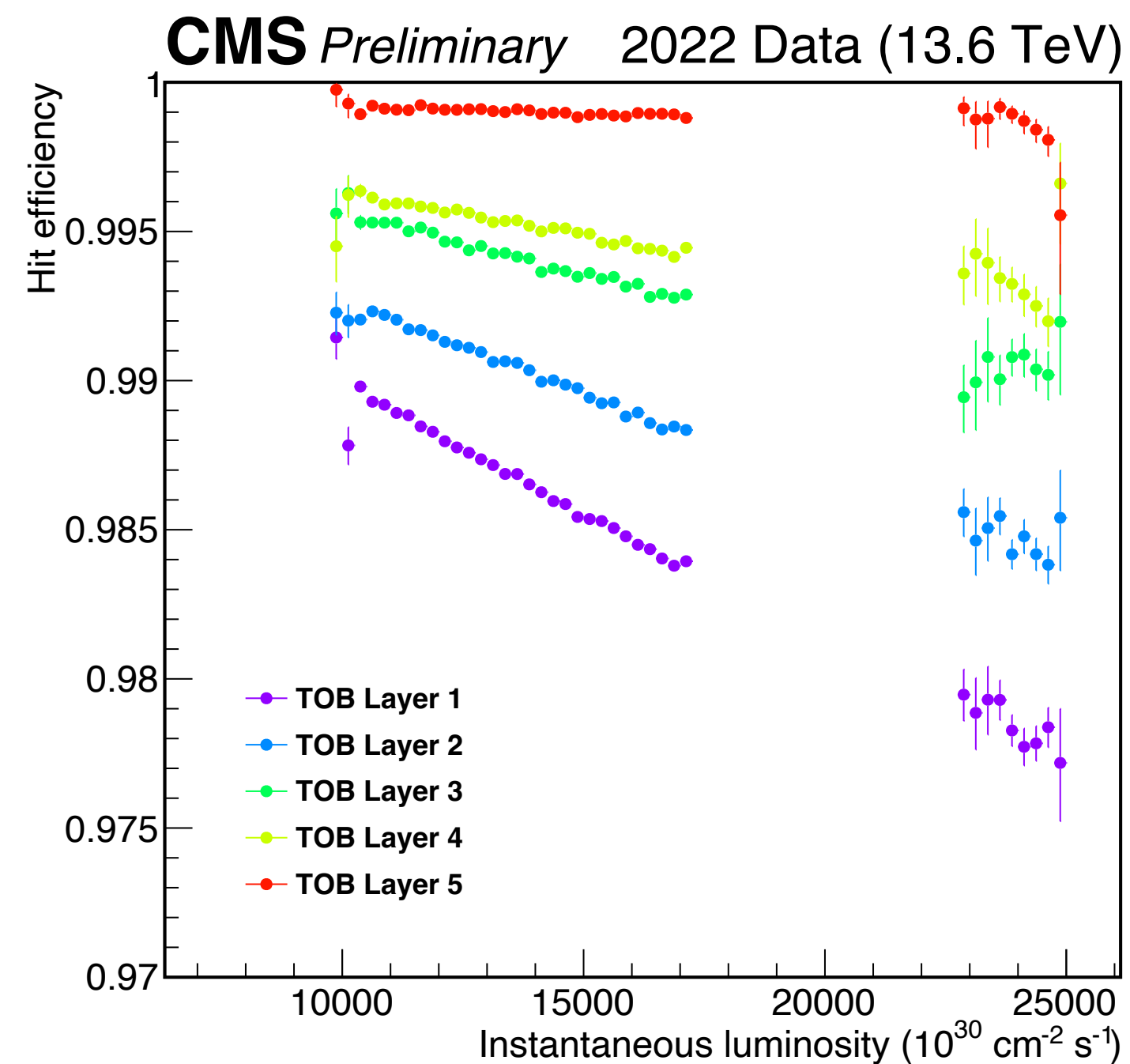
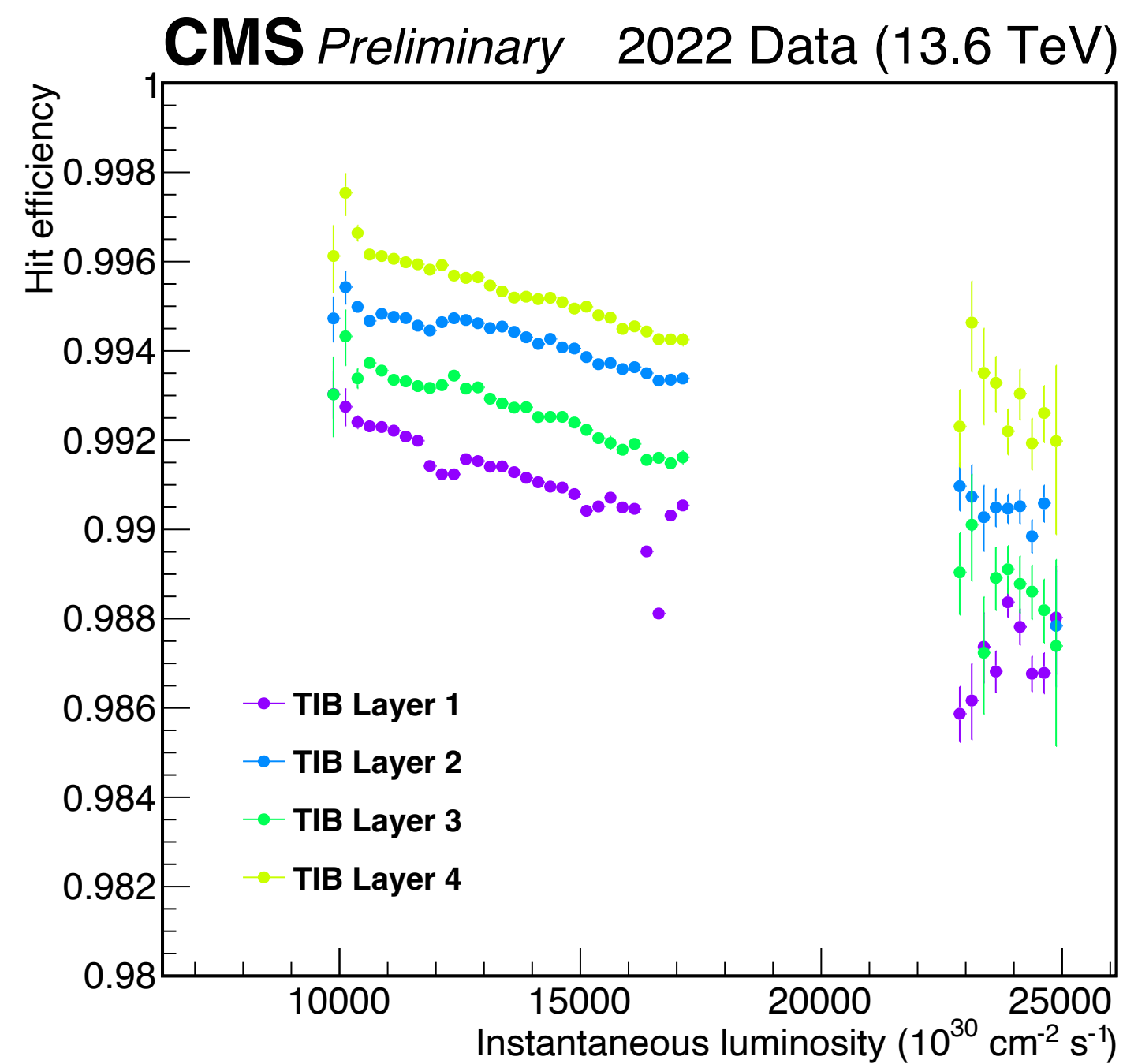
◆ Thin sensor – 14.5

◆ Thick sensor – 18.5



Strip Performance - Hit Efficiency

- Definition: Fraction of traversing tracks with a hit anywhere within a range of 15 strips
- Measured using high purity tracks; modules flagged as bad not used in measurement
- Data used from normal/very high lumi fills to compute hit efficiency



Hit efficiency in

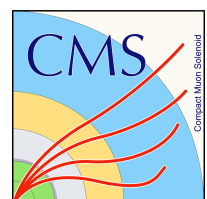
♦ TOB > 97.5%

♦ TIB > 98.5%

even at high lumi!

Tracker Alignment Performance

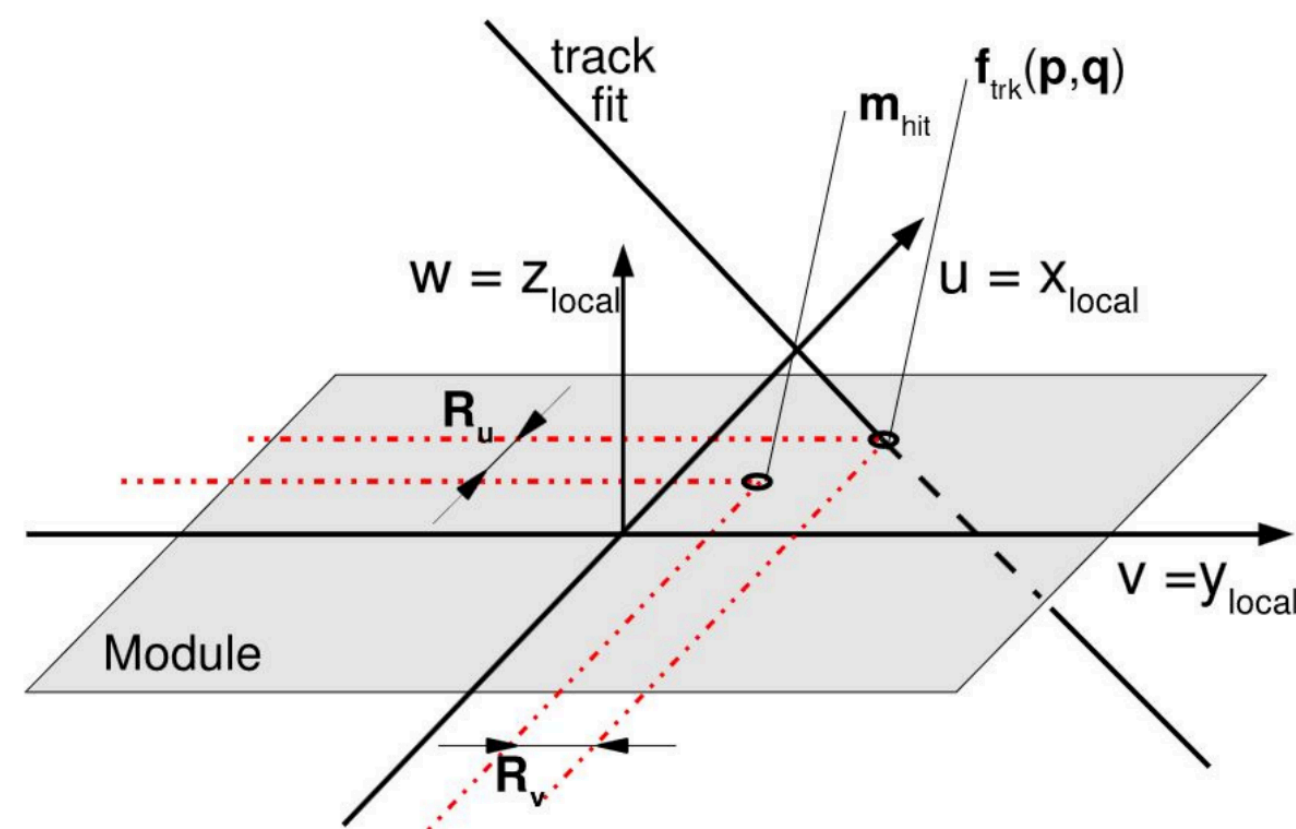
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Track-based Alignment of the CMS Tracker

- **Goal:** Determine corrections to the position and orientation of all modules of the tracker such that $\sigma_{\text{align}} \lesssim \sigma_{\text{hit}}$ ($\sigma_{\text{hit}} \rightarrow$ intrinsic hit resolution $\sim 10\mu\text{m}$)

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$\mathcal{O}(10^5)$ parameters to align!

- Minimisation of sum of squares of normalised track-hit residuals

$$\chi^2(p, q) = \sum_j^{\text{tracks}} \sum_i^{\text{hits}} \left(\frac{m_{ij} - f_{ij}(p, q_j)}{\sigma_{ij}^m} \right)^2$$

track-hit residual



Alignment is time dependent due to:

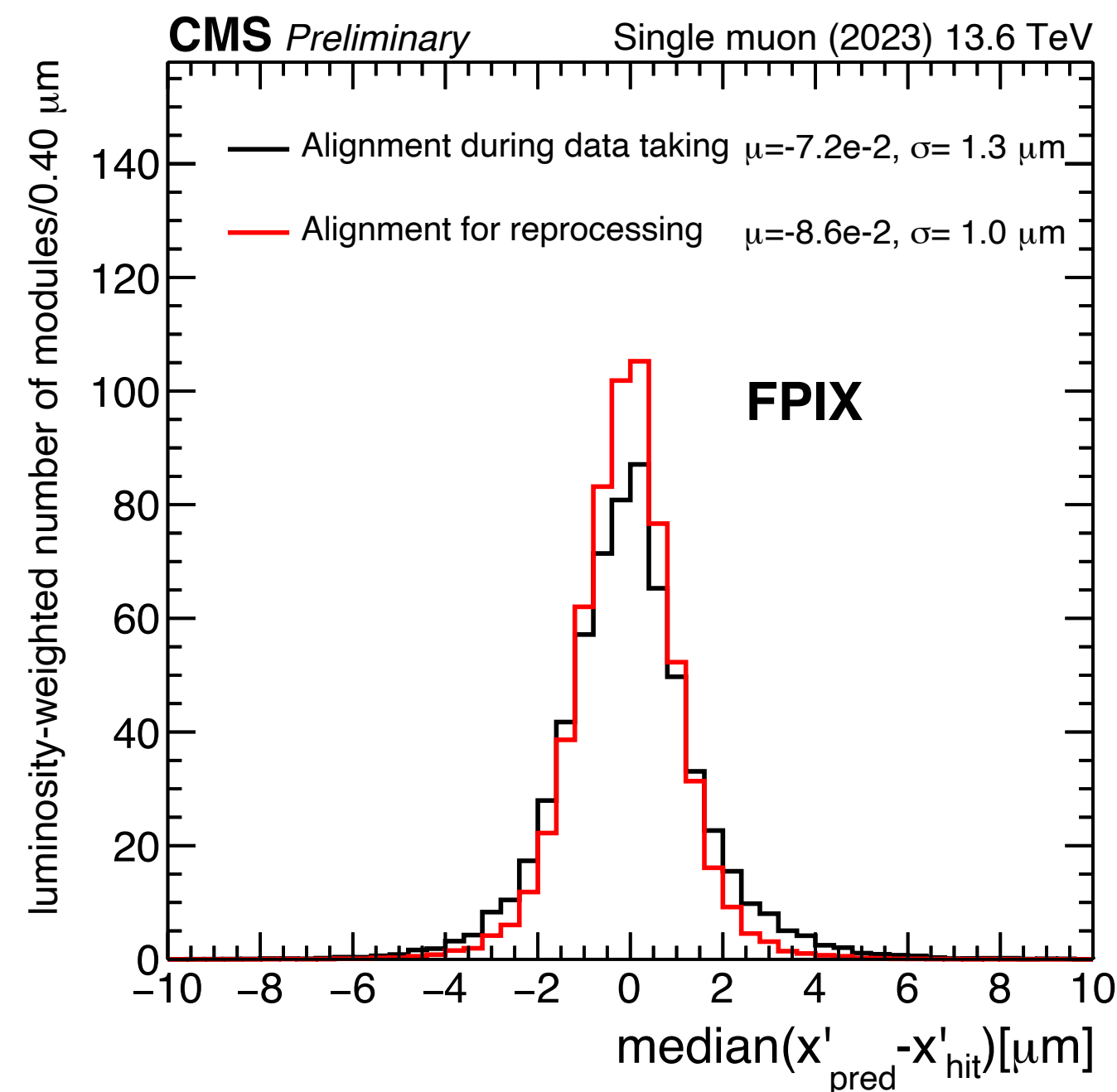
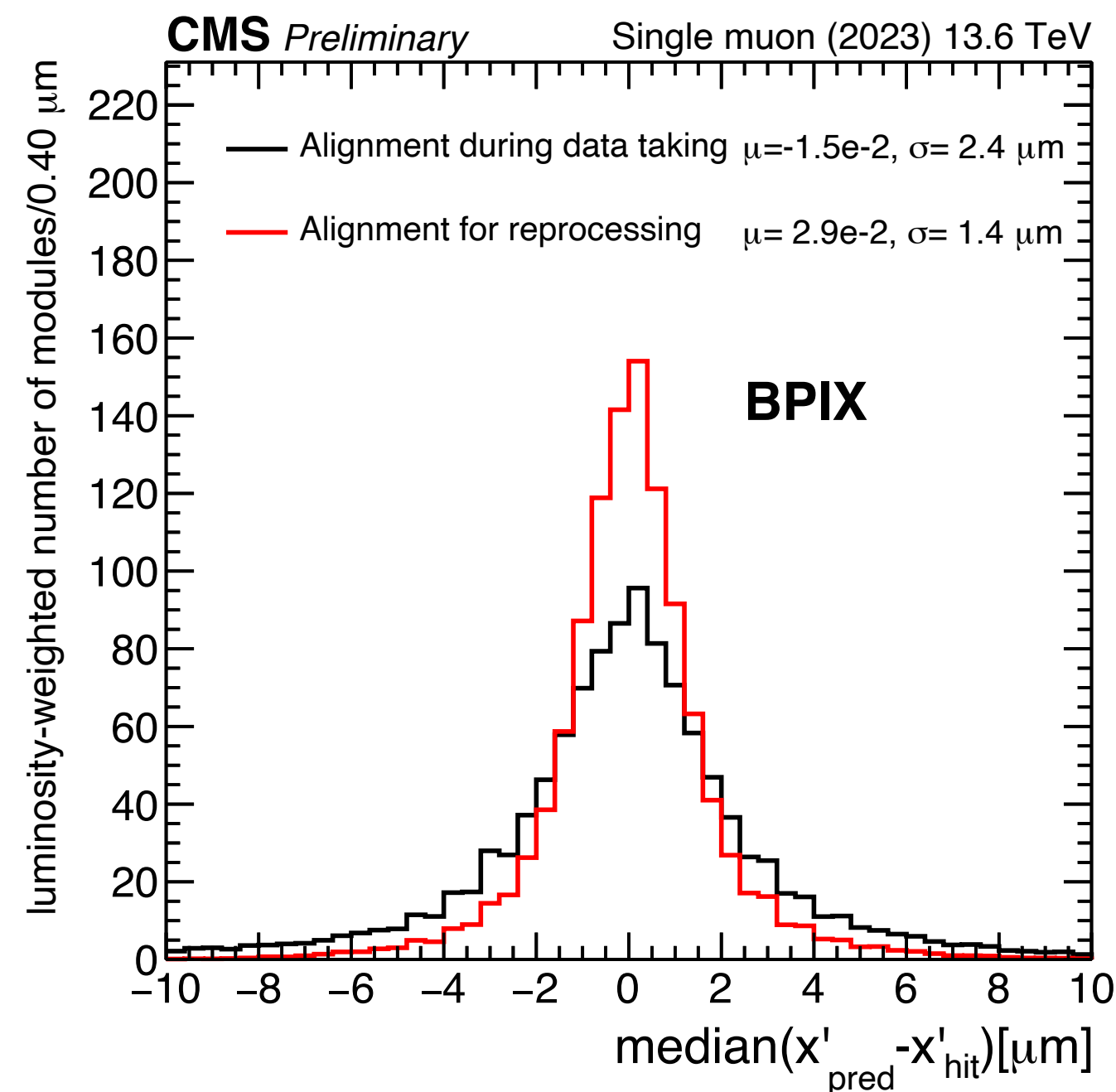
- Cooling cycle - $\mathcal{O}(10\mu\text{m})$
- Magnet cycle - $\mathcal{O}(1\text{mm})$
- Irradiation - $\mathcal{O}(1\mu\text{m})$

Strategy:

- **Alignment during data taking** \rightarrow mainly consists of an automated alignment performed in a Prompt calibration loop (PCL)
- **Alignment for reprocessing** \rightarrow At the end of 2022 and 2023 data taking, a full modular alignment of both pixel and strip

Tracker Alignment Performance - Distribution of median residuals

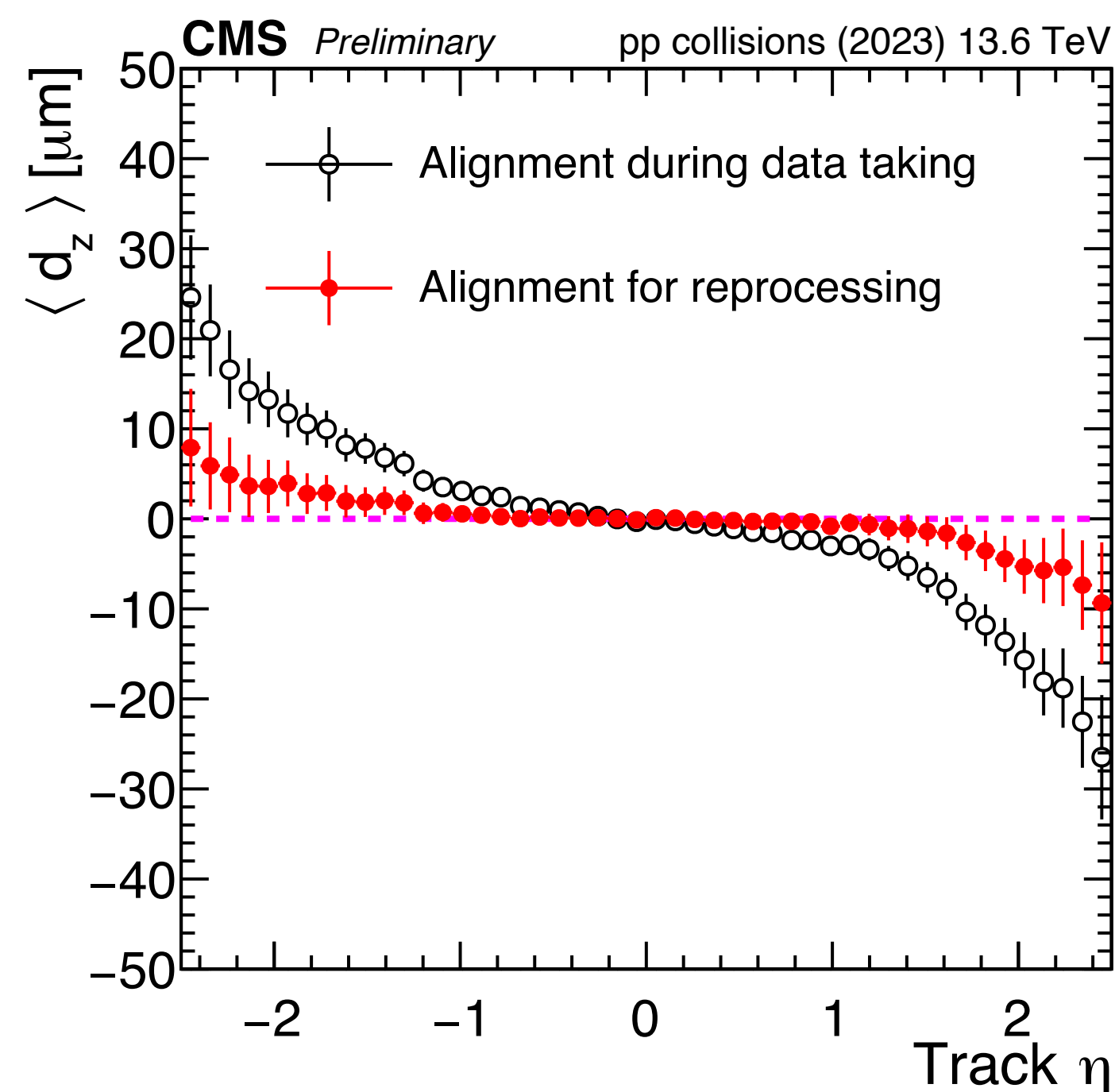
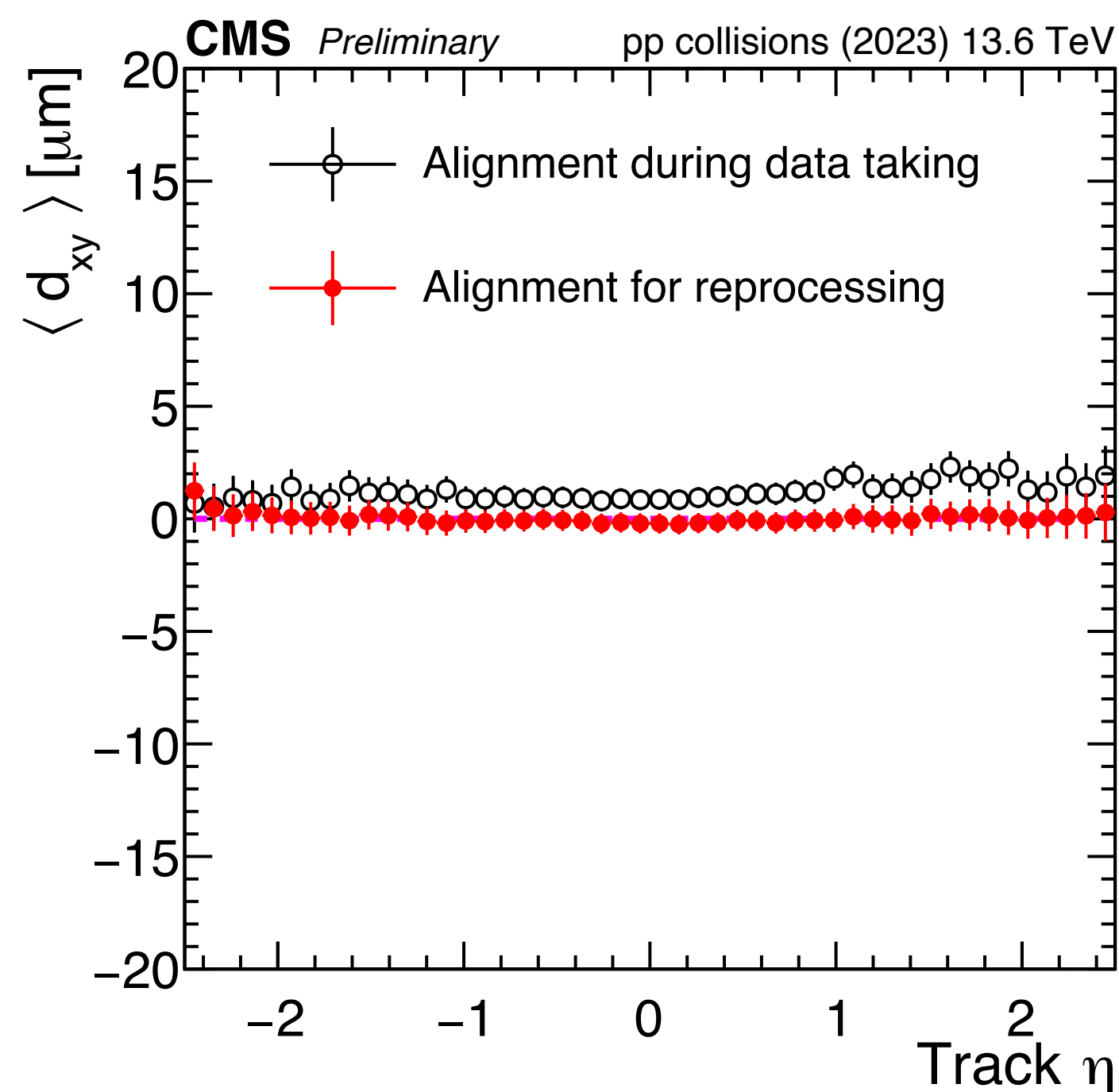
- Distribution of median of **track-hit residuals** $x'_{\text{pred}} - x'_{\text{hit}}$ (DMRs) determined for a given no. of tracks
- Tracks first refitted removing the hit under scrutiny to avoid any bias
- **For a perfectly aligned detector, distributions expected to be centred at zero**
- Width of distribution indicates local alignment precision



- ◆ **Alignment for reprocessing** → Smaller mean deviation away from zero and better width
- ➔ Indicating less misalignment due to changing conditions and a higher precision of the calibration

Tracker Alignment Performance - Track-vertex Impact Parameters

- Impact parameters obtained by recalculating the primary vertex position after removing the track being studied from it and considering the impact parameter of this removed track
- Perfectly aligned detector → flat distribution centred at zero

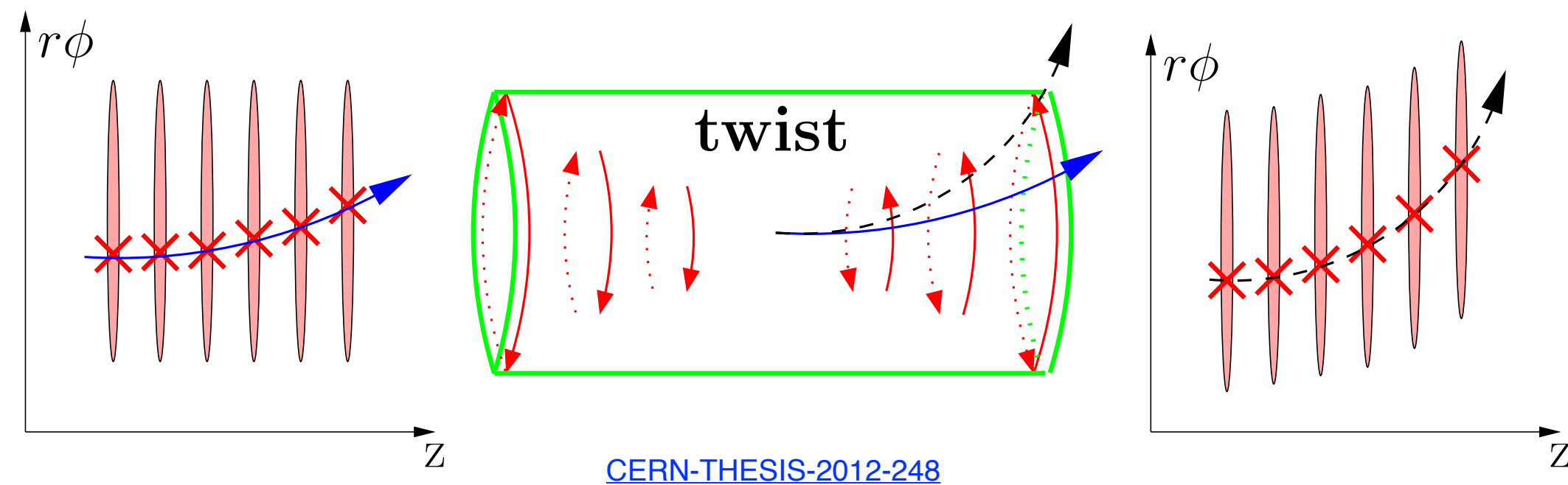


Exploiting $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ events with mass and vertex constraints in alignment for reprocessing helps to reduce the bias in d_z vs η significantly

Tracker Alignment - Weak Modes

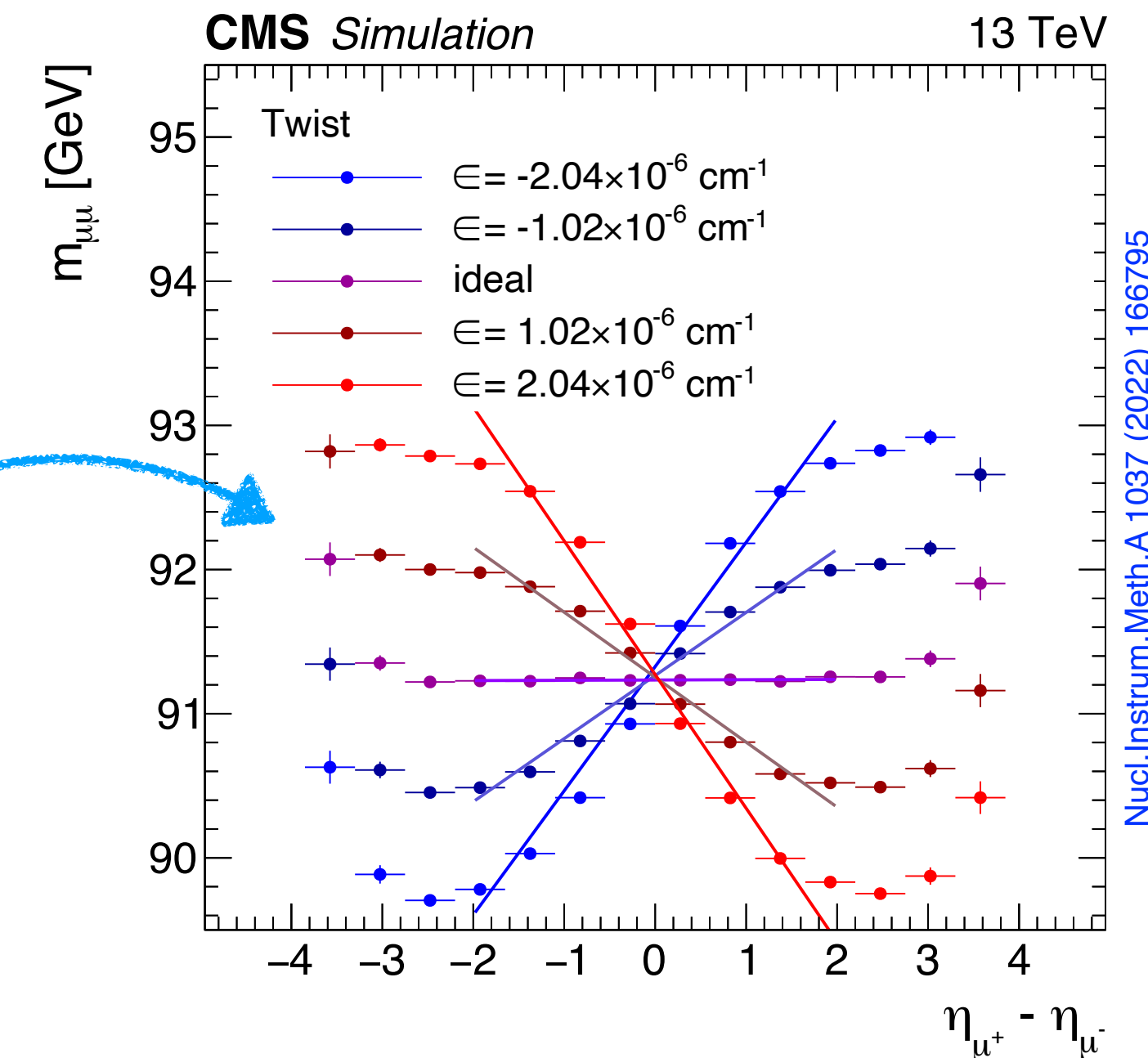
- **Weak modes** → Unphysical distortions of the detector that don't impact the track fit, but introduce biases in measurements
- Dataset variety of utmost importance for controlling various biases and weak modes
 - ✦ Cosmics and $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ events **critical** and therefore exploited in the alignment for reprocessing

Example of a weak mode



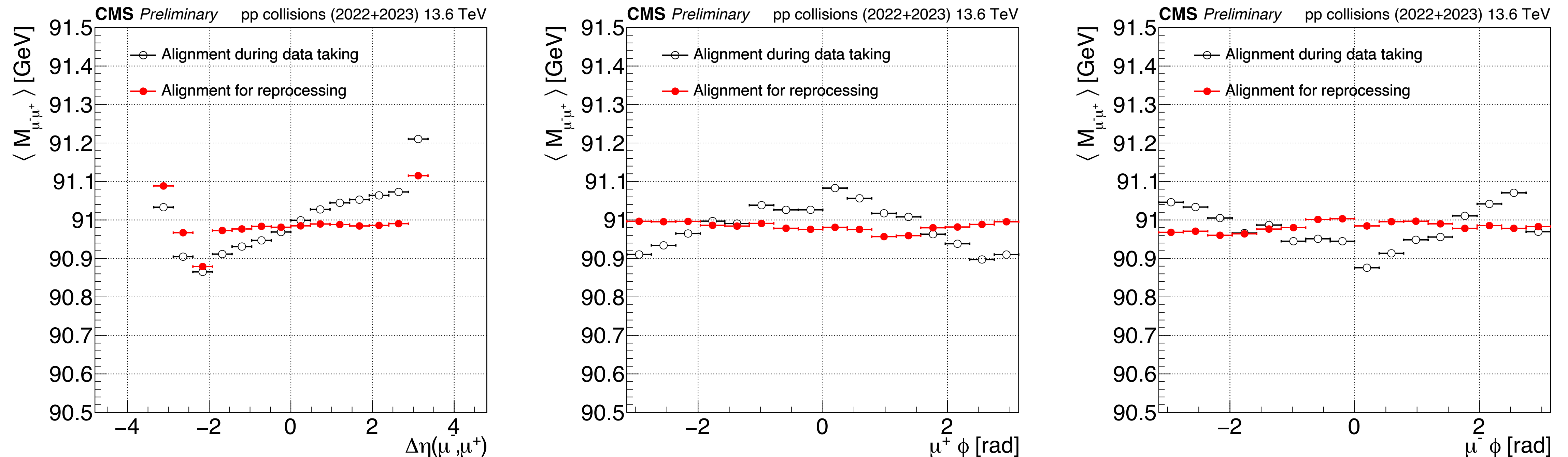
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What it'll do to the data



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Minimising the spatial dependence of the Z boson mass

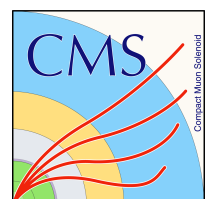


- Reconstructed $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ mass as a function of
 - Difference in eta between the negatively and positively charged muons (left)
 - Azimuthal angle phi of the positively charged muon (middle) and negatively charged muon (right)
- **Alignment for reprocessing** shows an improvement in the uniformity of reconstructed $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ mass

Summary

- The CMS Tracker in good condition, successfully delivering high quality data in Run 3
 - ✦ The Pixel tracker after refurbishment with a new Layer 1 operating well
 - ✦ The Strip tracker performing excellent, well after ~13 years of operation
 - ✦ Ultimate physics precision achieved in the alignment of the tracker via reprocessing the data
- Performance of the detector constantly monitored and frequent calibrations performed
 - ✦ Ageing/irradiation effects visible → Efforts made timely to mitigate them
- Studies ongoing with data collected (and to be collected during the remaining year). So many more interesting results expected. **Stay tuned!**

Backup



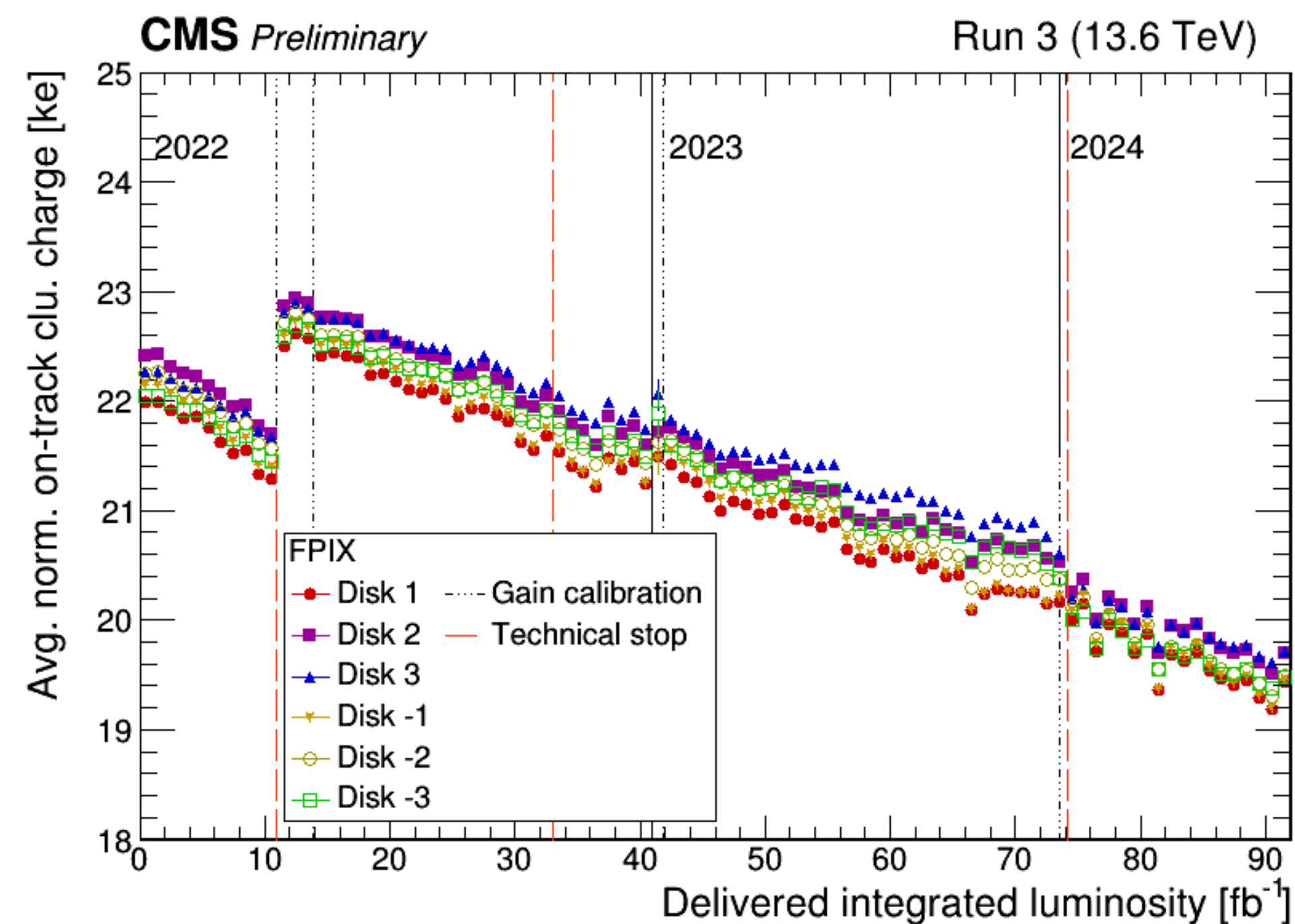
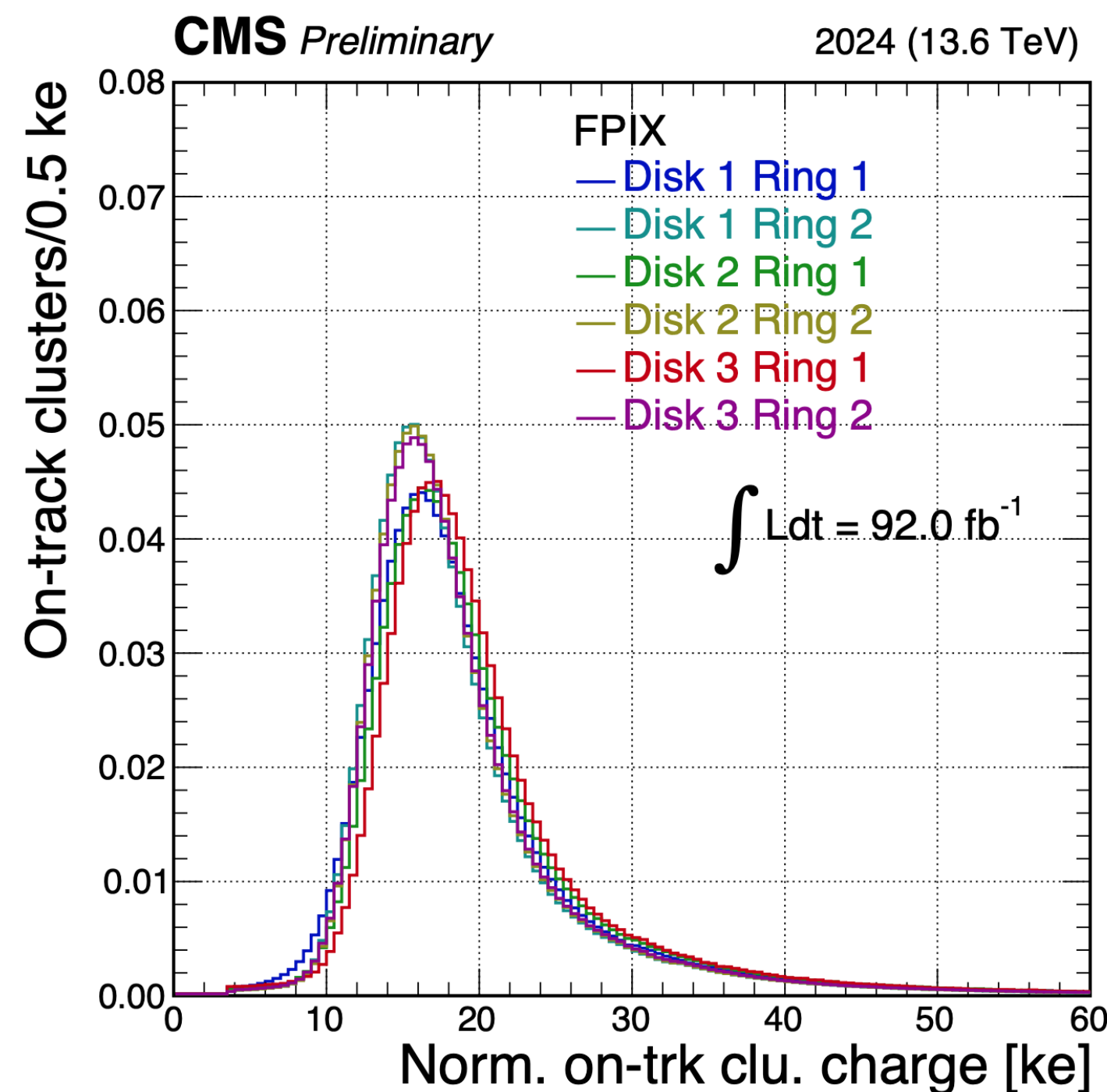
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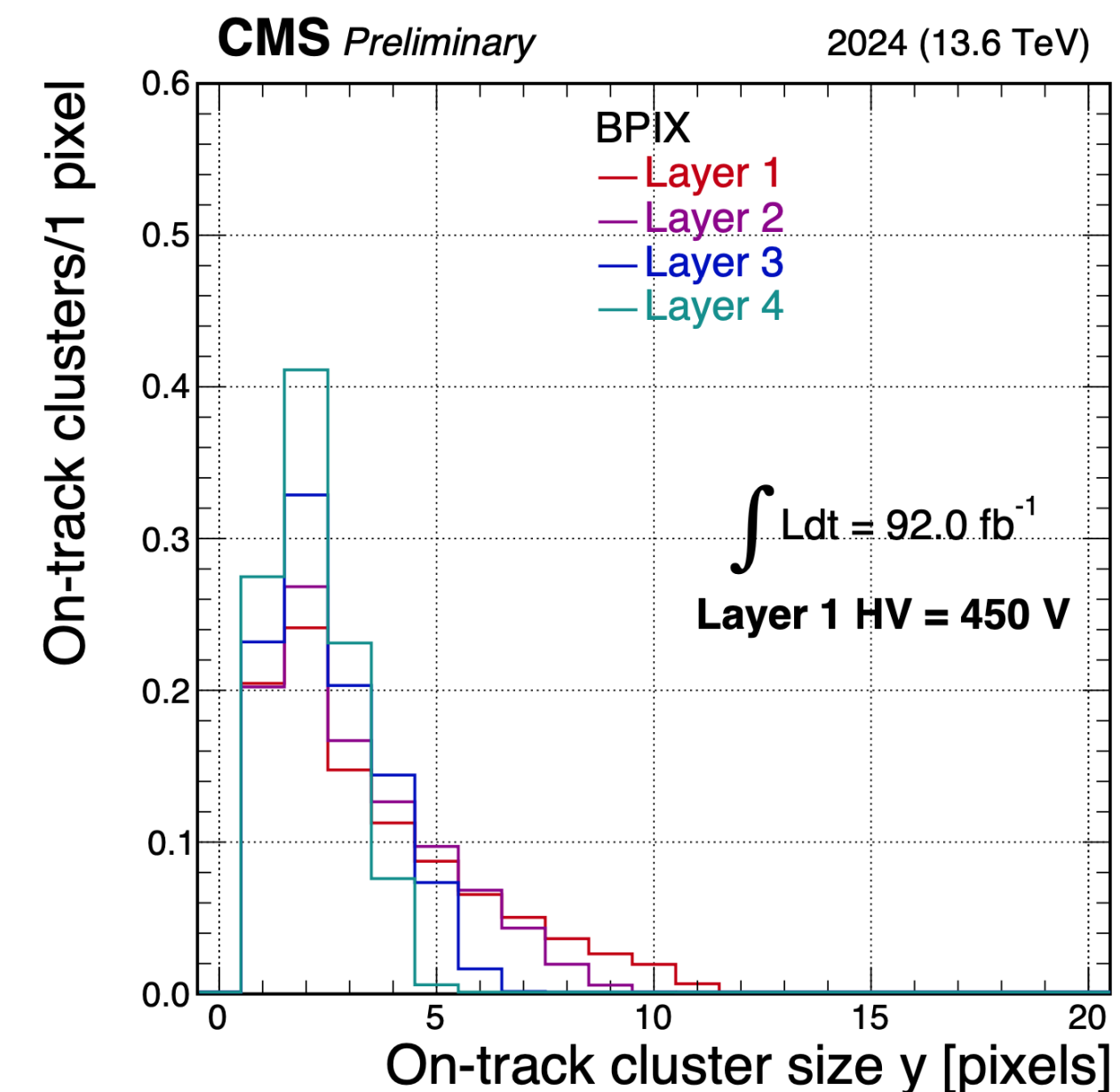
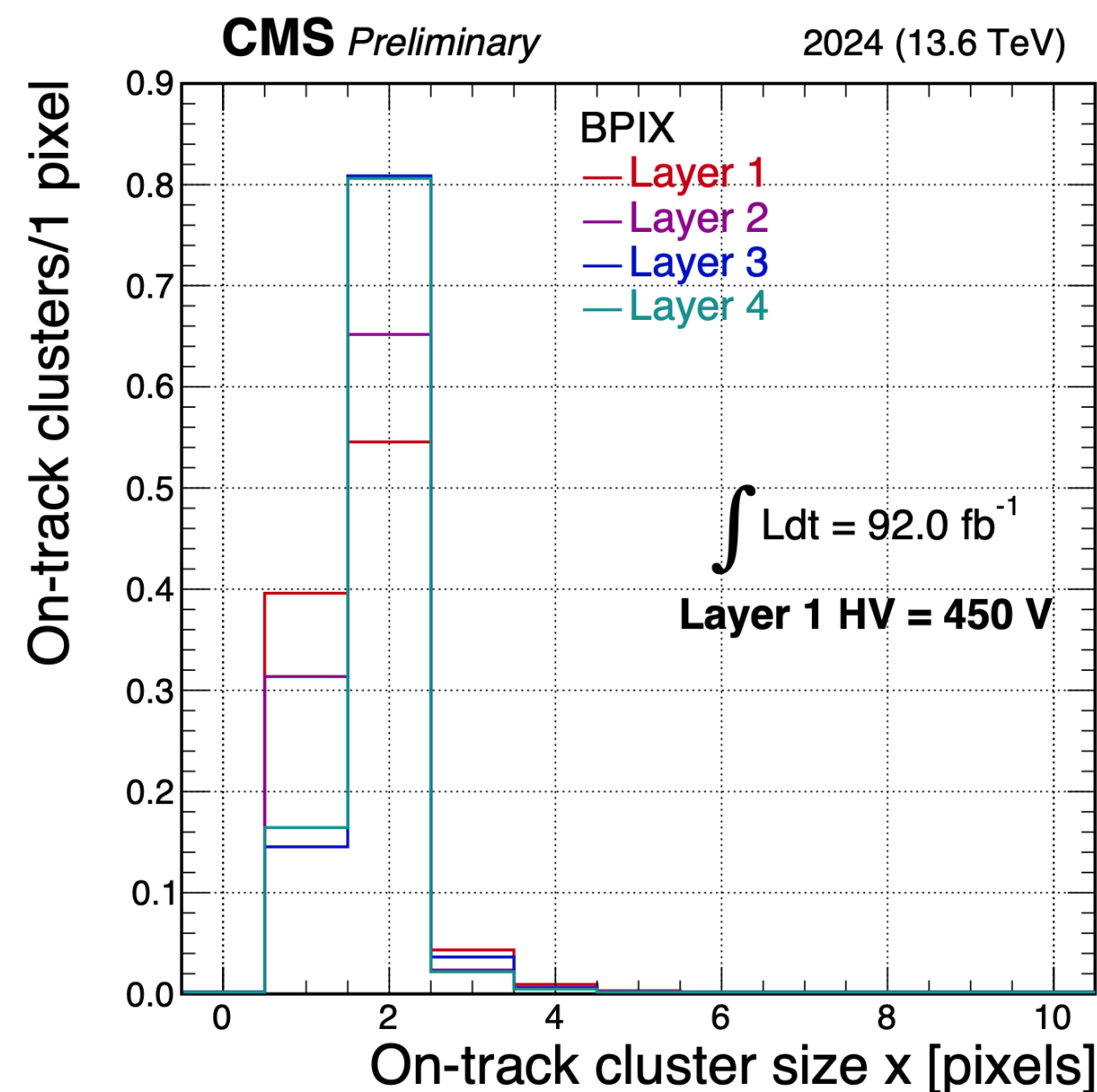
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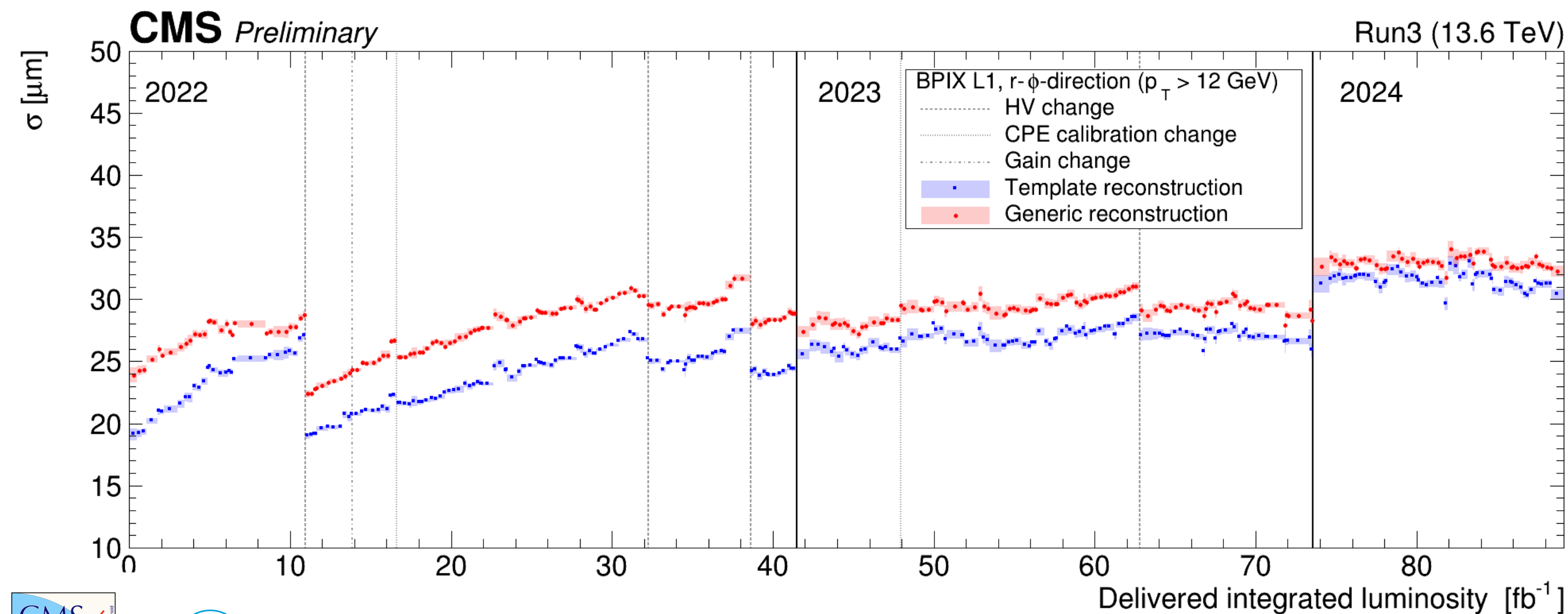
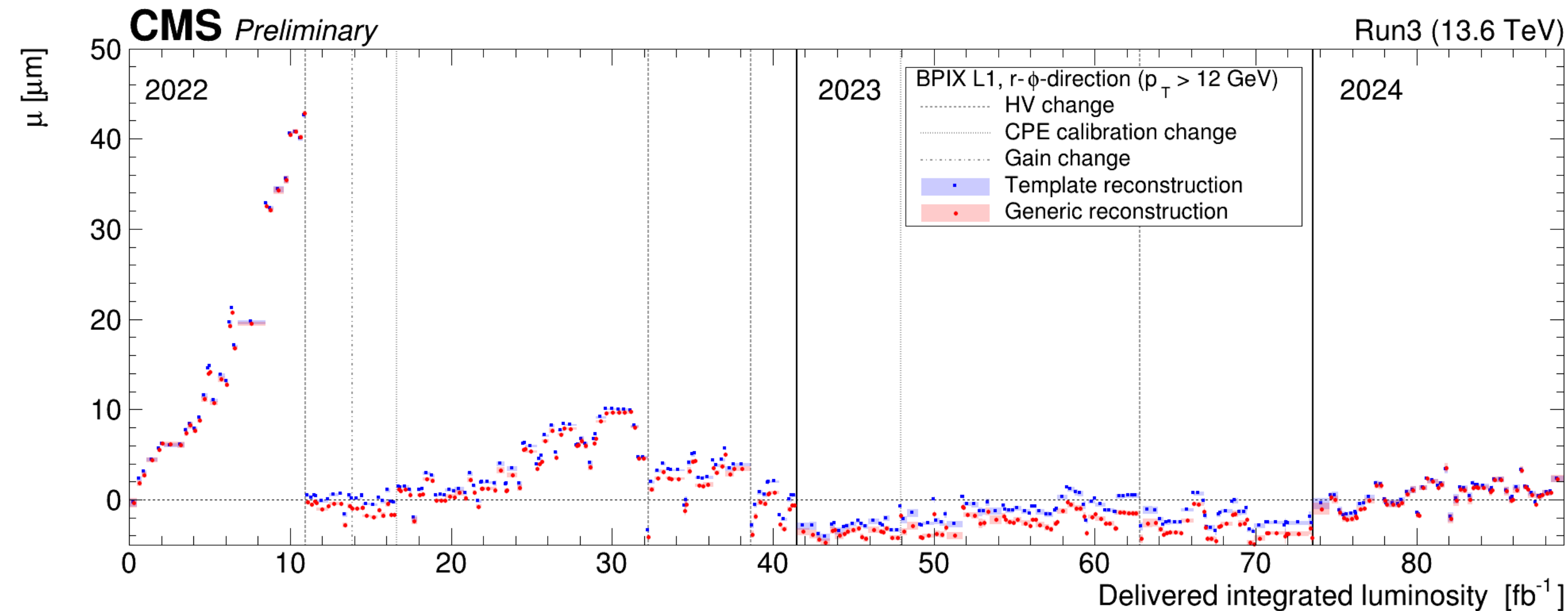


Pixel Performance - Cluster Size

- Cluster Size in X direction (global $r-\phi$)
 - Determined mostly by the Lorentz charge sharing and also the geometry of the detector
 - The difference between layers in BPIX expected due to the different bias voltages and consequently different Lorentz charge
- Cluster Size in Y direction (global z on the barrel)
 - Determined by the geometry of the detector: the layers closer to the beam see more shallow tracks therefore longer clusters are expected



Pixel Performance - Hit Resolution



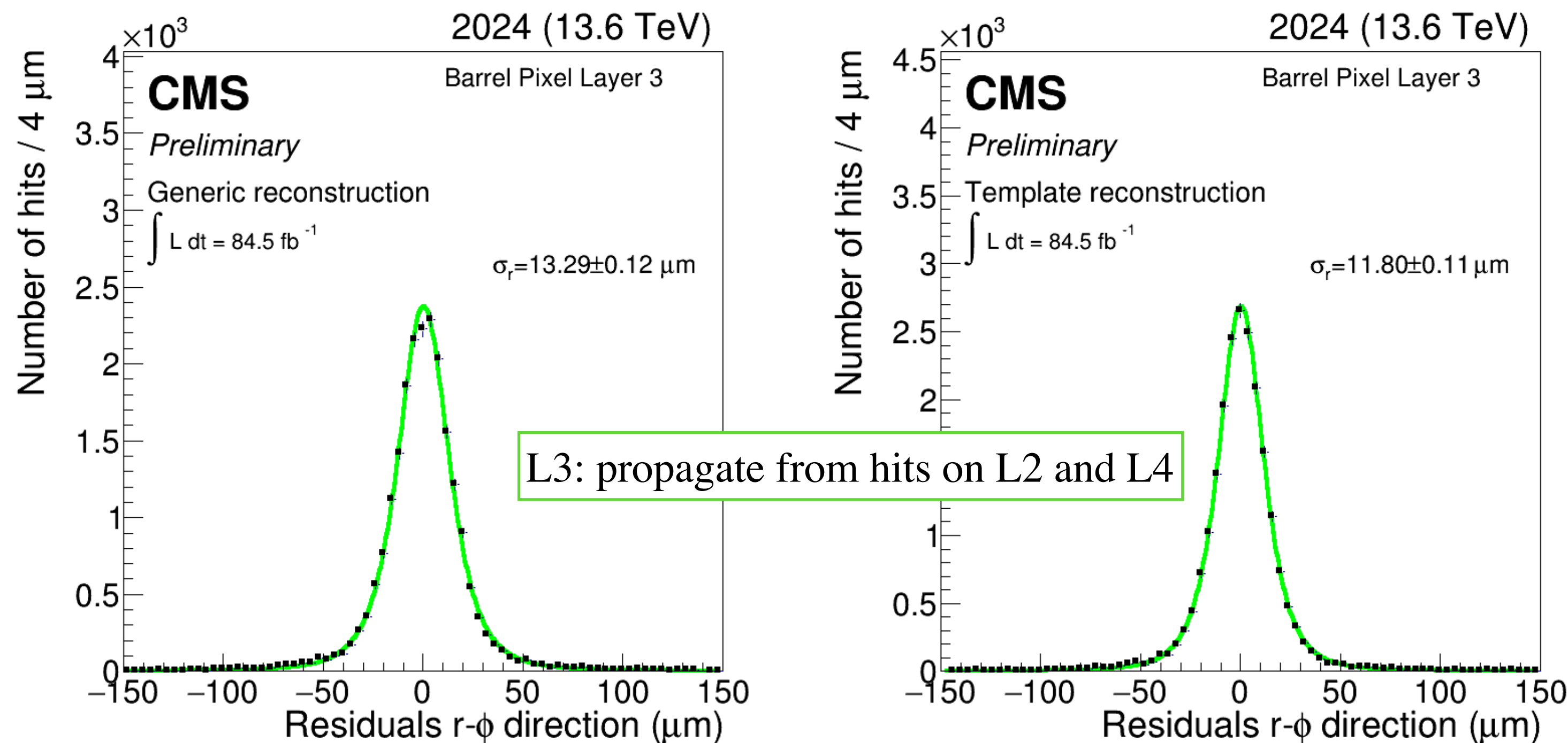
- **BPIX residual offset and resolution trends for L1**
- **Increase** in offset and the degradation of resolution caused by **radiation damage**
- ◆ **Recovered** by the **increase** in sensor **high voltage bias** and the update of the Lorentz angle
- Performance of template algorithm better than generic algorithm

Pixel Performance - Hit Resolution

- Barrel hit residual calculation (Triplet method)

Select tracks with $p_T > 12$ GeV & 3 hits → Refit using 2 hits → Extrapolate to 3rd layer → Calculate residuals with the actual hit

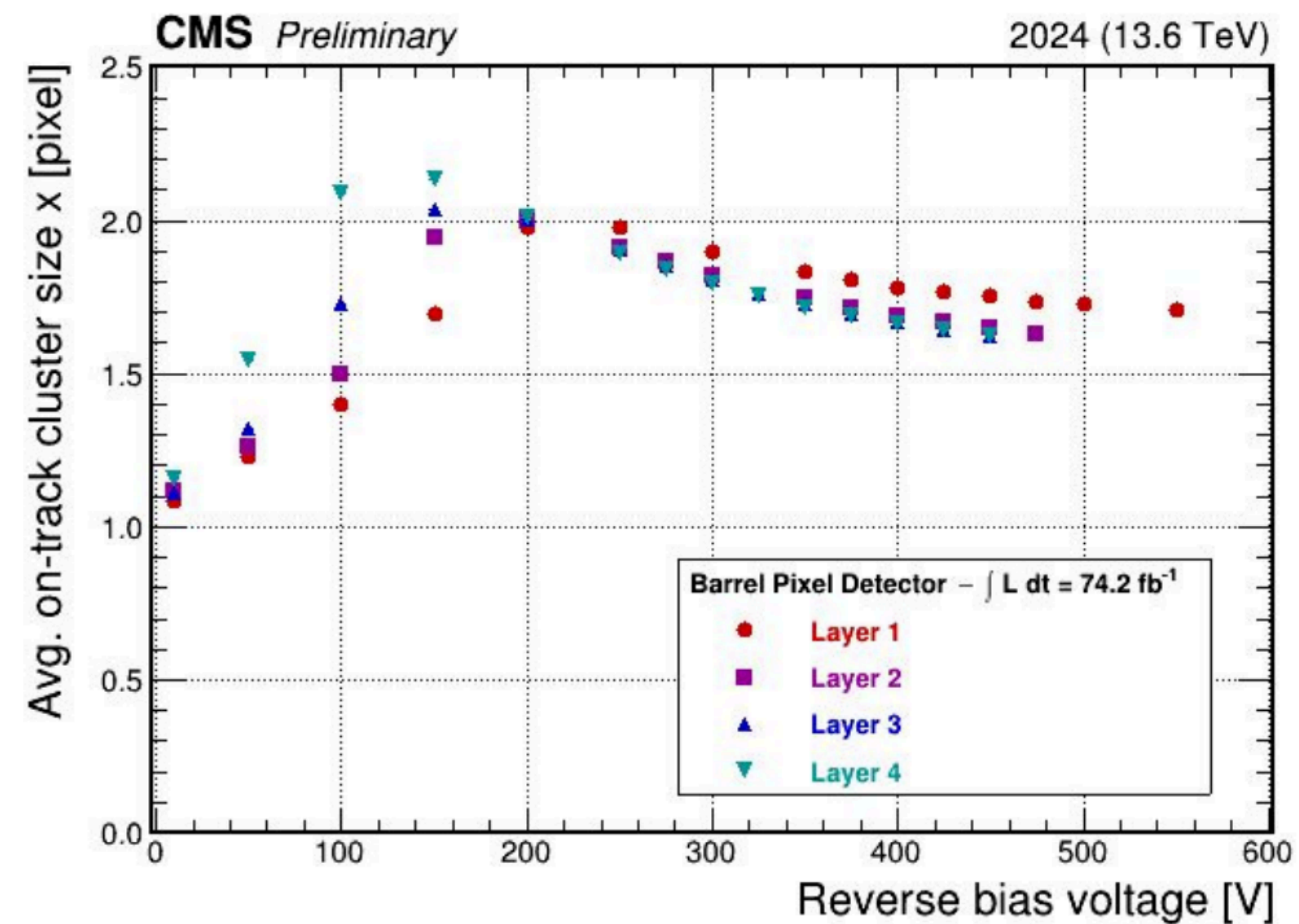
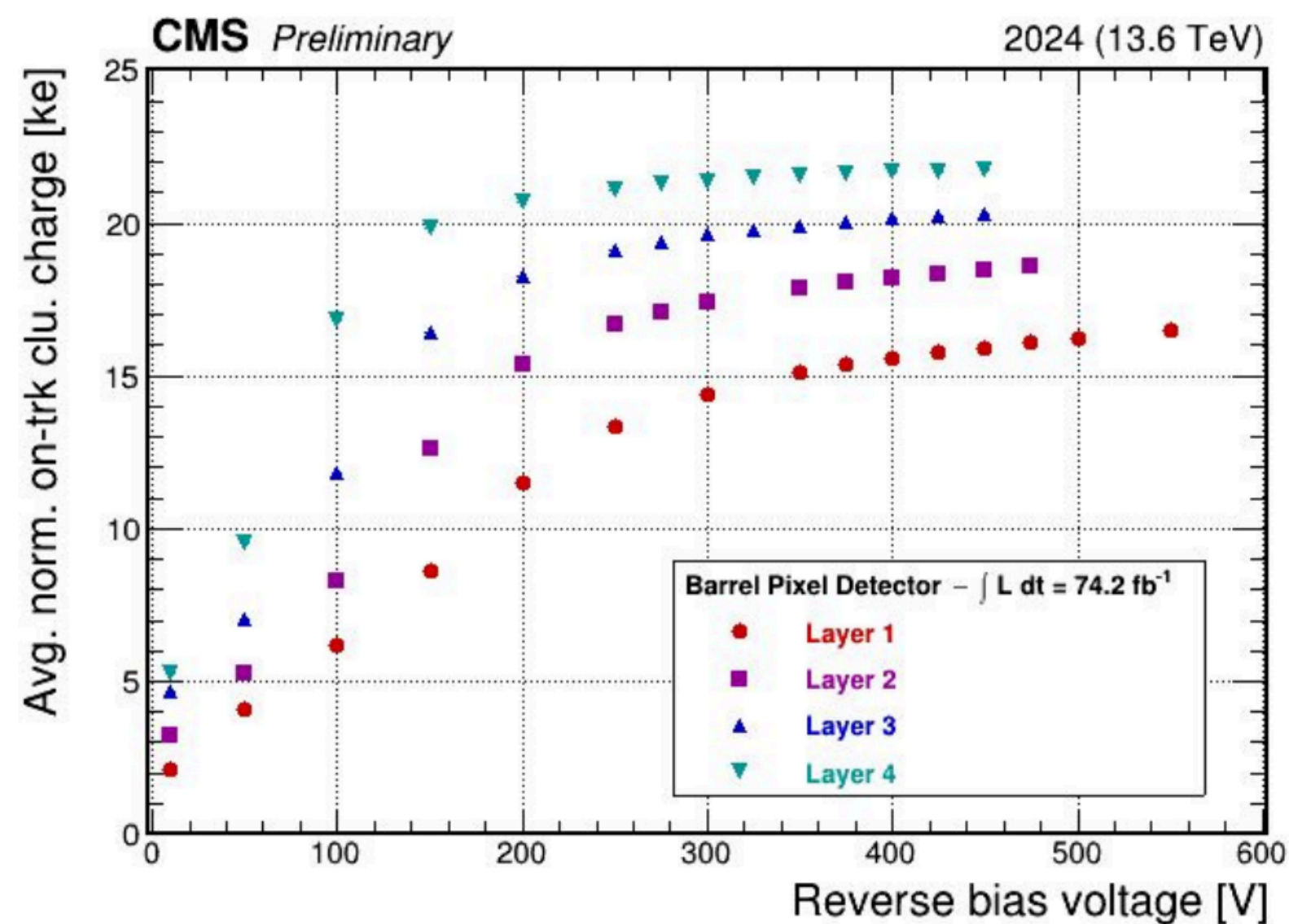
- Fit residuals with Student-t function for offset (mean) and resolution



- Cluster position estimated with two reco algorithms
 - ♦ Generic: Simple; based on track position and angle; used in HLT
 - ♦ Template: Based on detailed cluster shape simulations; used in final track fitting offline.
- Template algo performs better

Pixel Performance - High Voltage Bias Scans

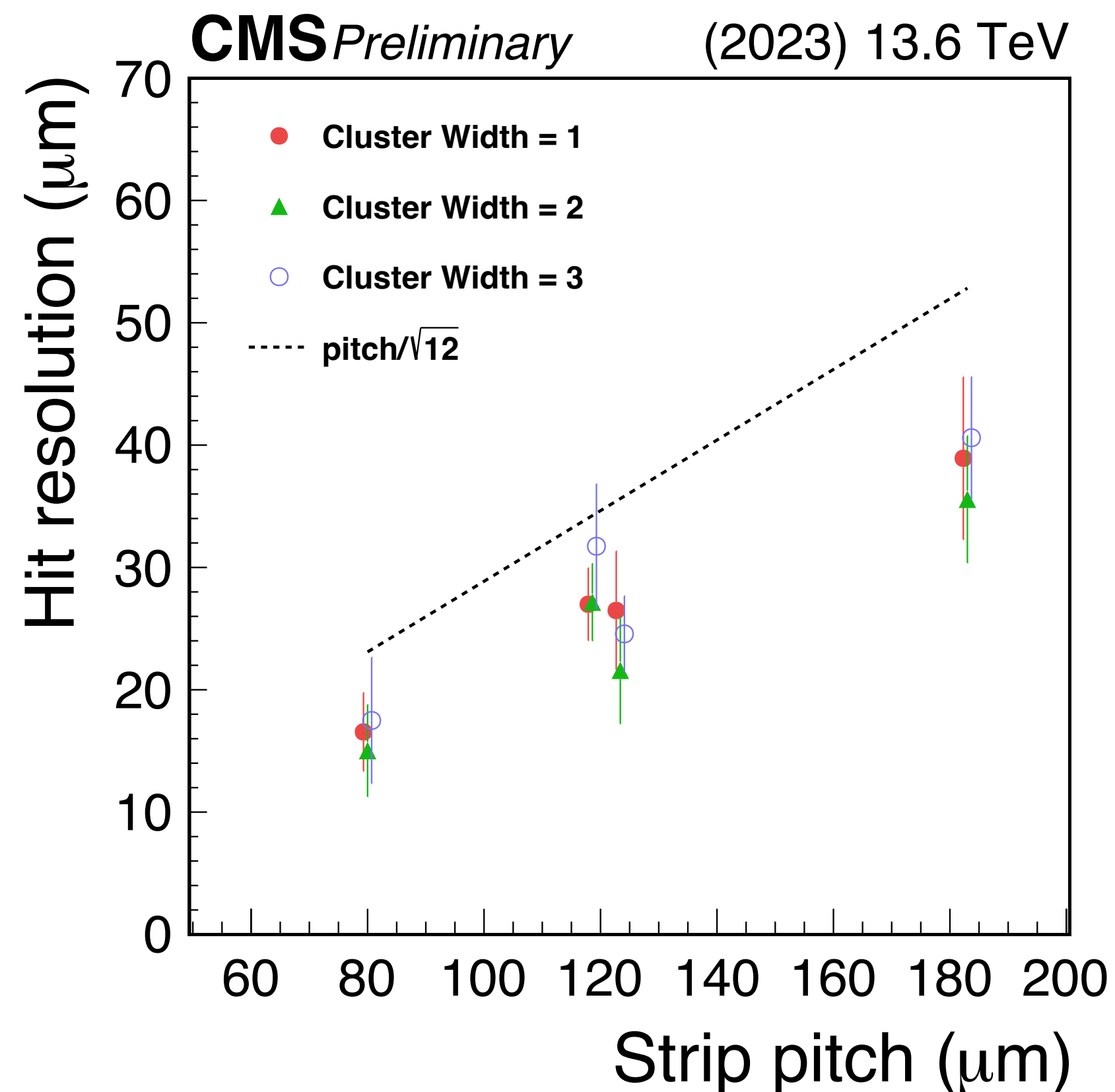
- **Target:** To determine operational bias voltage for pixel sensors
- Monitored quantities: Hit efficiency, average normalized on-track cluster charge and average on-track cluster size
- Operating voltage – 450 V in BPIX L1, 350 V in L2 and 250 V in L3 & 4



- Trend change of the cluster size in x-direction comes from 2 competing effects:
 - ◆ Bias Volt. $\uparrow \rightarrow$ Charge collection \uparrow
 - ◆ Bias Volt. $\uparrow \rightarrow$ charge sharing \downarrow

Strip Performance - Hit Resolution

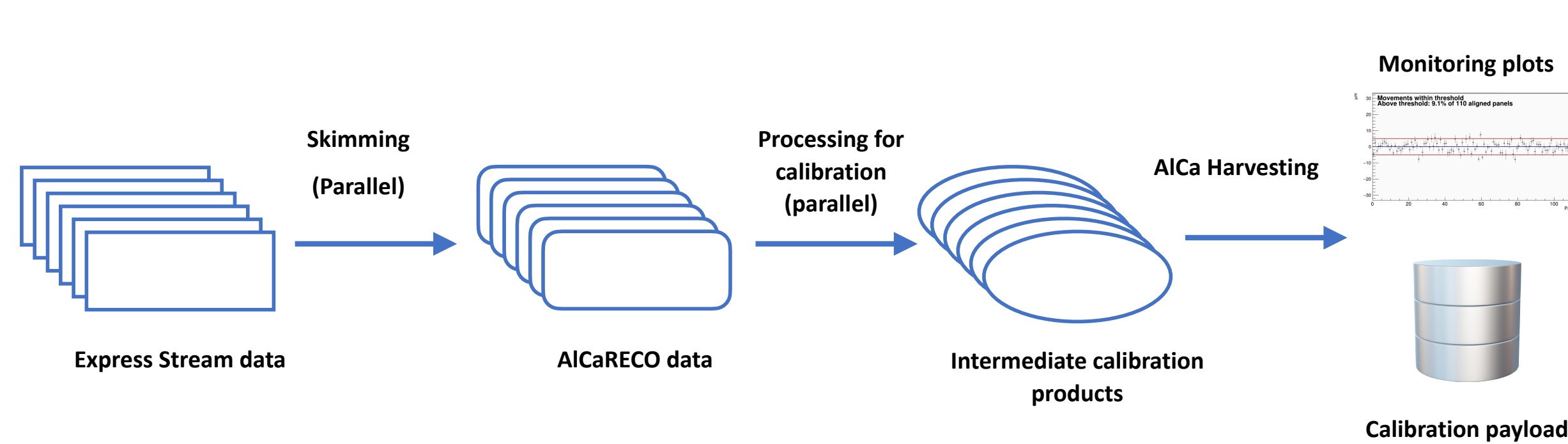
- Resolution computed using hits in overlapping modules of the same layer
- Hit pairs selected requiring various quality conditions on strip-clusters (e.g. at most 4 strips per cluster)



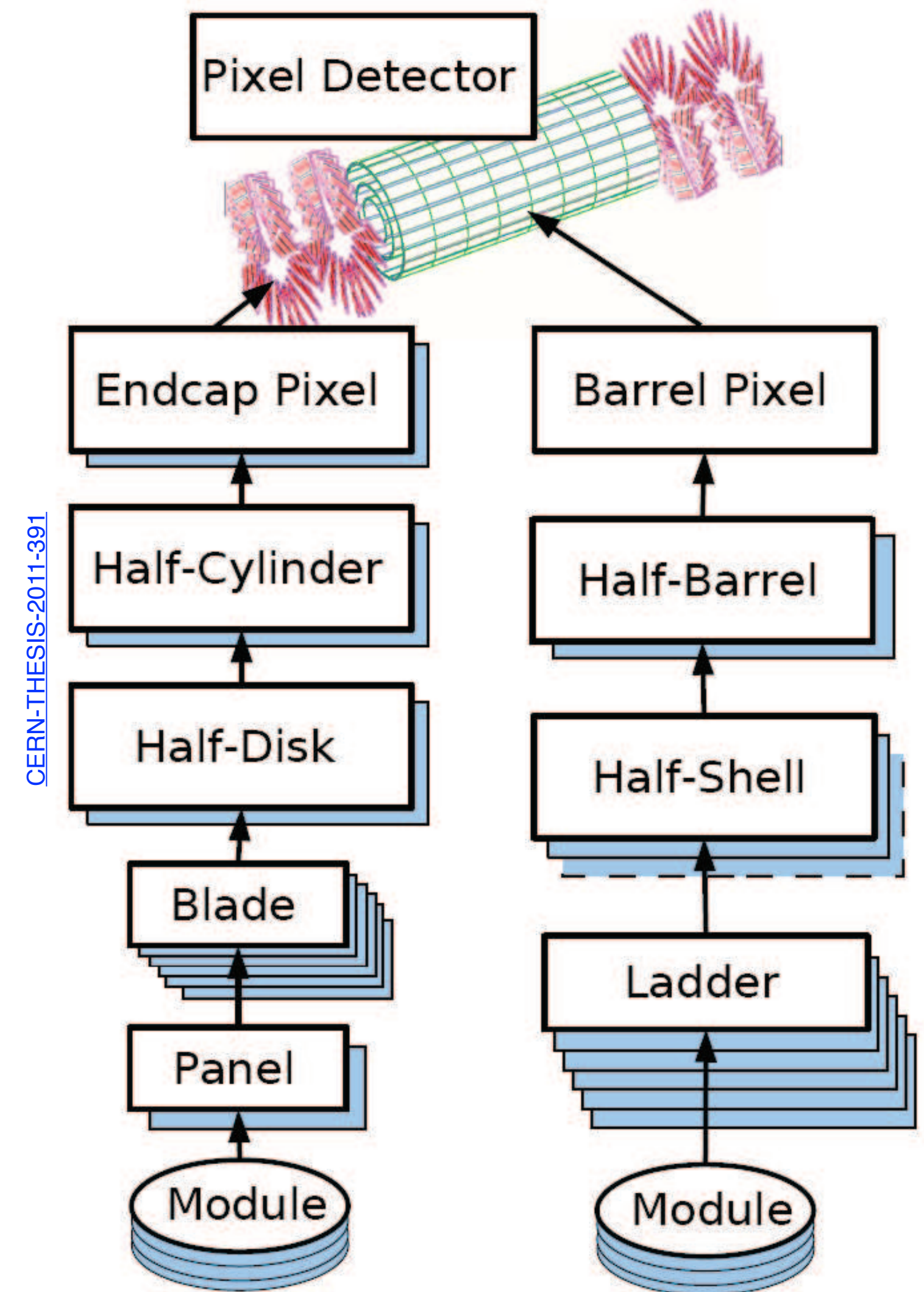
Hit resolution **measured for different widths** of strip-clusters as a function of the strip pitch

- ♦ **Measured resolution better than expected resolution** for a $\text{pitch}/\sqrt{12}$
- ✓ Demonstrating benefits of charge sharing

Automated Tracker Alignment



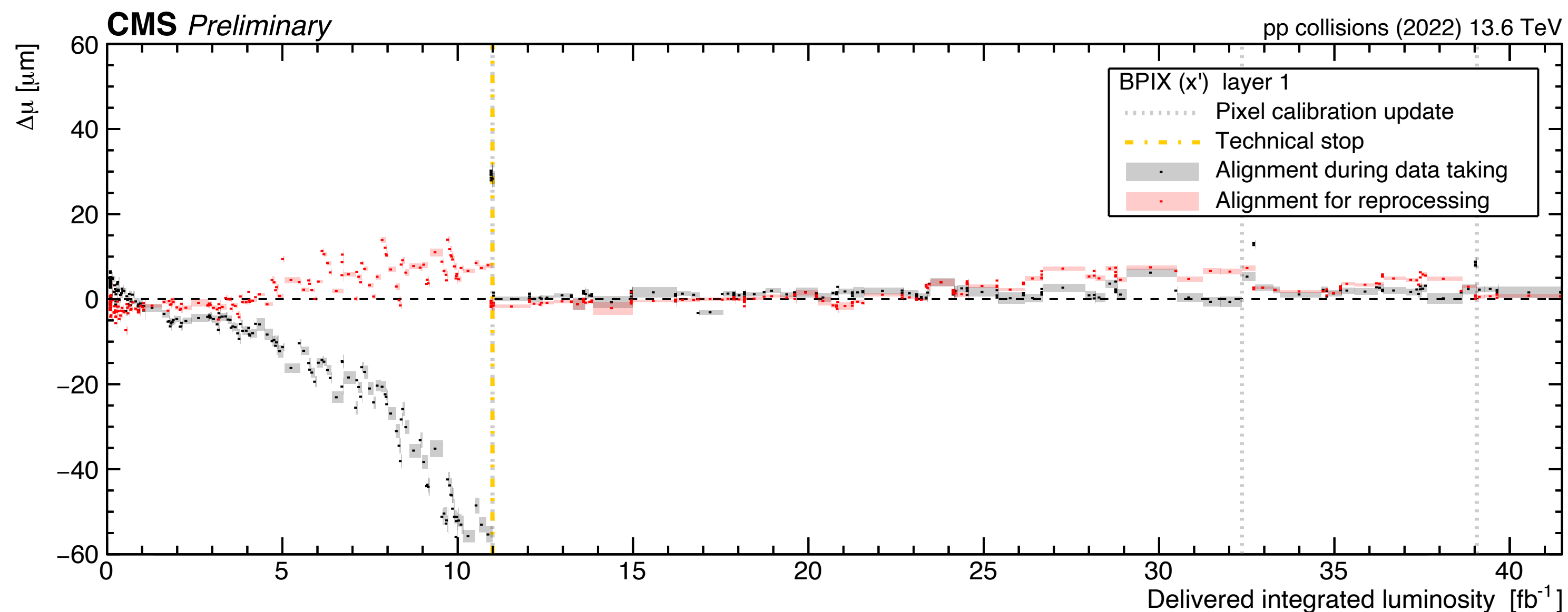
- Automated alignment workflow that provides an update of the alignment parameters within 48 hours
- Alignment of the pixel while the strip is fixed
 - 2022: The pixel detector corrected at the **half-barrel + half-cylinder** level until the first technical stop (36. d.o.f). A new high granularity alignment (**HG PCL**) at the **ladder+panel** level active after the technical stop (~5k parameters)
 - 2023: The HG PCL predominantly active for the whole year



Tracker Alignment Performance - Distribution of median residuals

Sensitivity to Lorentz drift

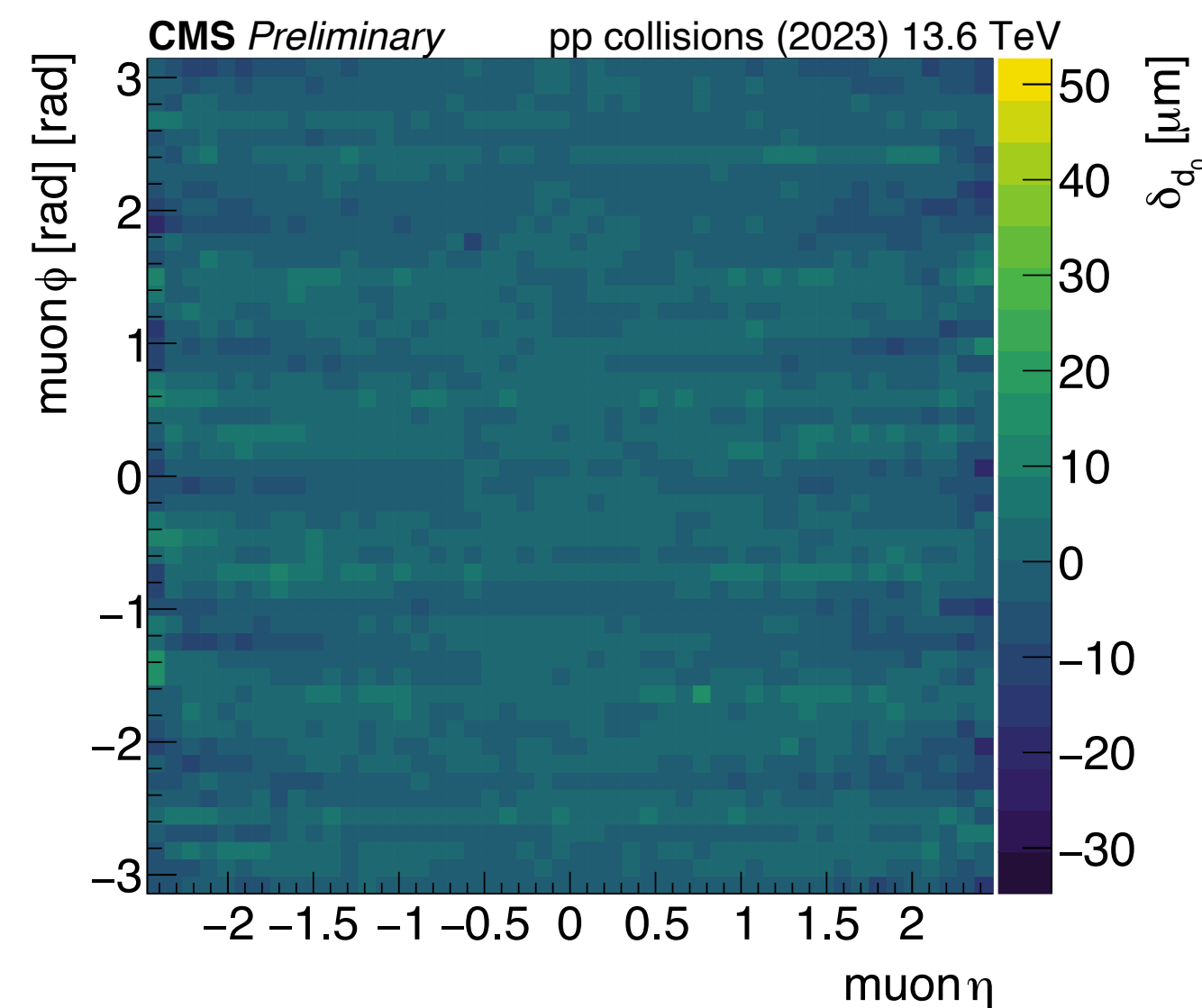
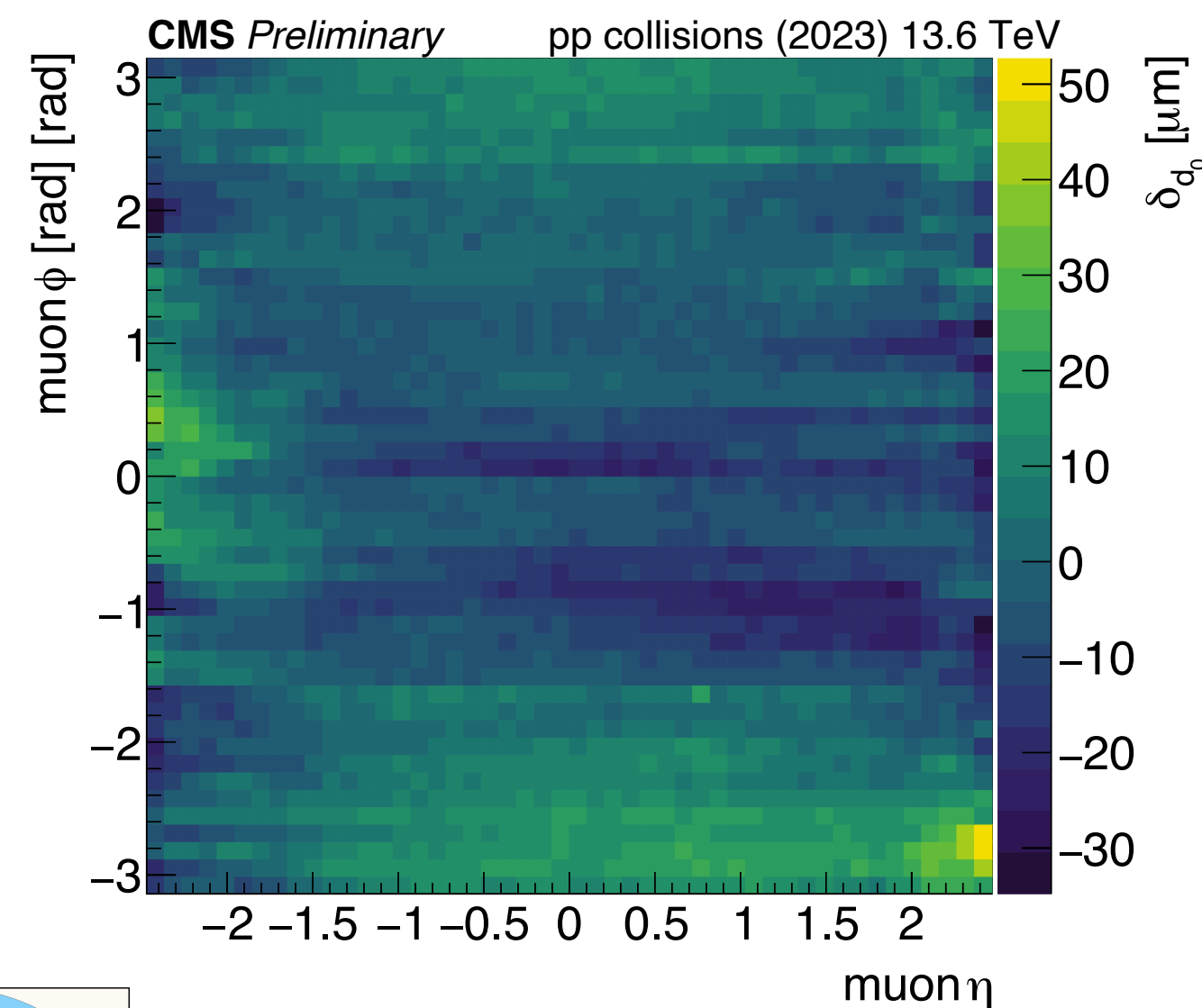
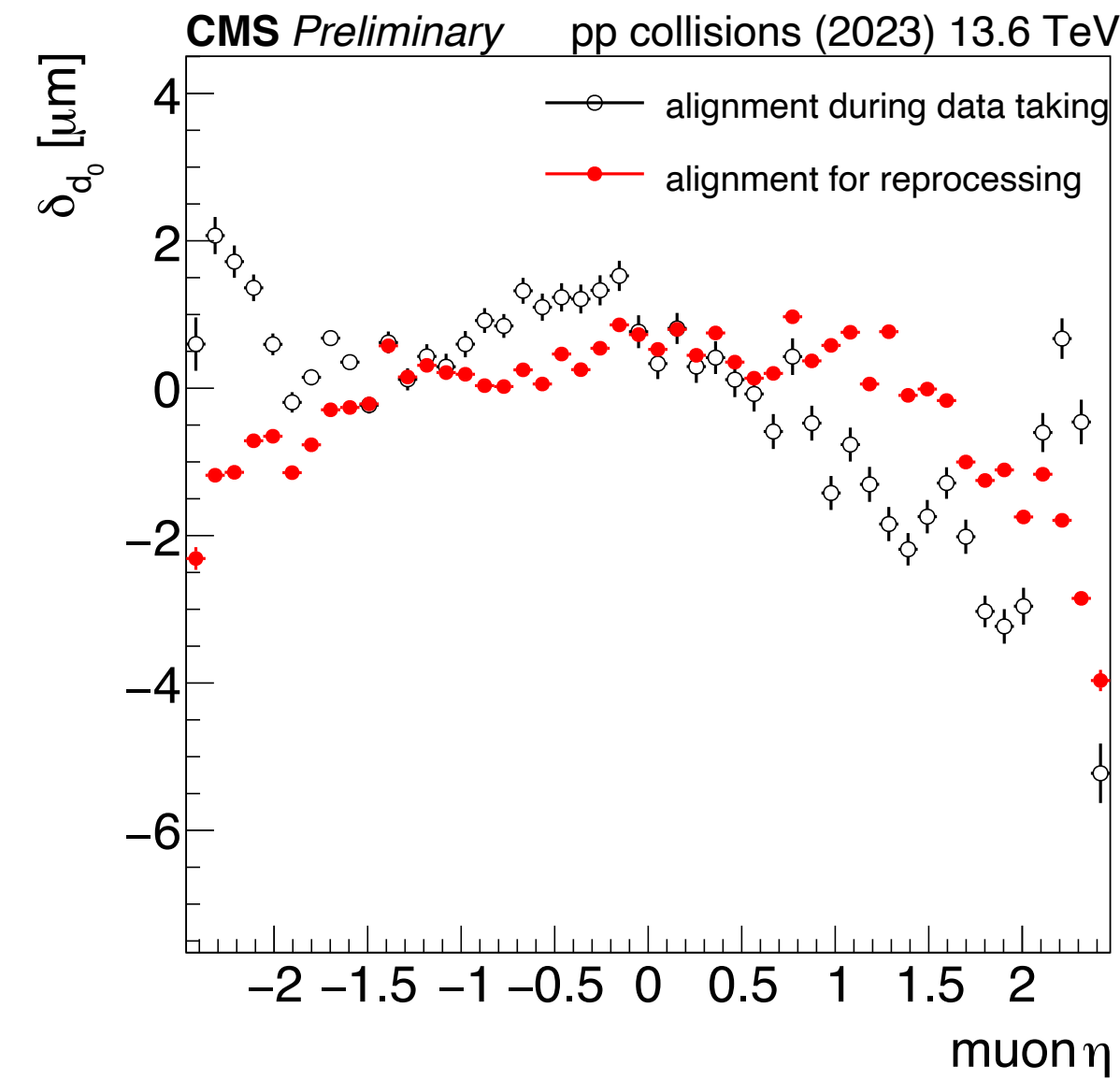
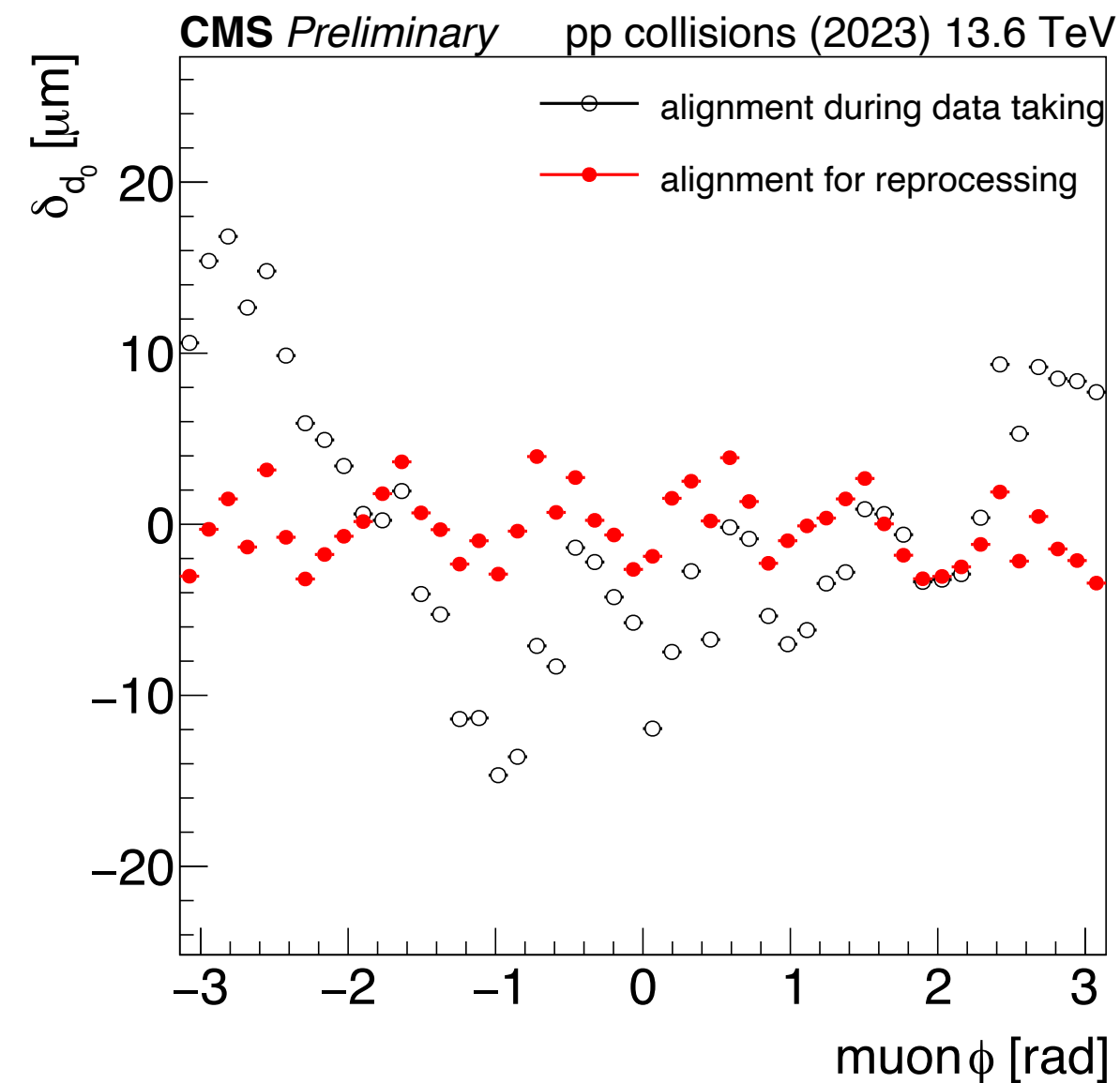
- Ageing of modules due to **high radiation environments** causes changes in the **Lorentz drift**
- Sign of the Lorentz Angle (LA) shift depends on the orientation of the E field
- BPIX modules arranged in ladders (alternatively facing inward or outward w.r.t to the beamline)
 - **Inward and outward facing tracker modules affected by Lorentz drift in opposite ways**



Monitoring difference in DMR mean values ($\Delta\mu$) for inwards and outward facing modules allows to **monitor the Lorentz drift**

- ♦ Deviation from zero → Shift in LA → indication of radiation damage
- ♦ BPIX layer 1 most affected due to proximity to the interaction point

Tracker Alignment - Impact Parameter Bias in $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ events



- Mean correction to the measured transverse (top) and longitudinal (bottom) impact parameter estimated to satisfy on-average-zero difference between the impact parameters of the two muons originating from the Z boson is shown in bins of track ϕ and η
- Mean corrections are smaller and show an improved uniformity with the alignment for reprocessing
- The alignment during data taking (left) is shown in comparison to the alignment for reprocessing (right) for 2023 data