



**RD50 workshop @ CERN, 29/11/2023**

# **A Lightweight Algorithm for Modelling Radiation Damage effects in the MC events for HL-LHC experiments**

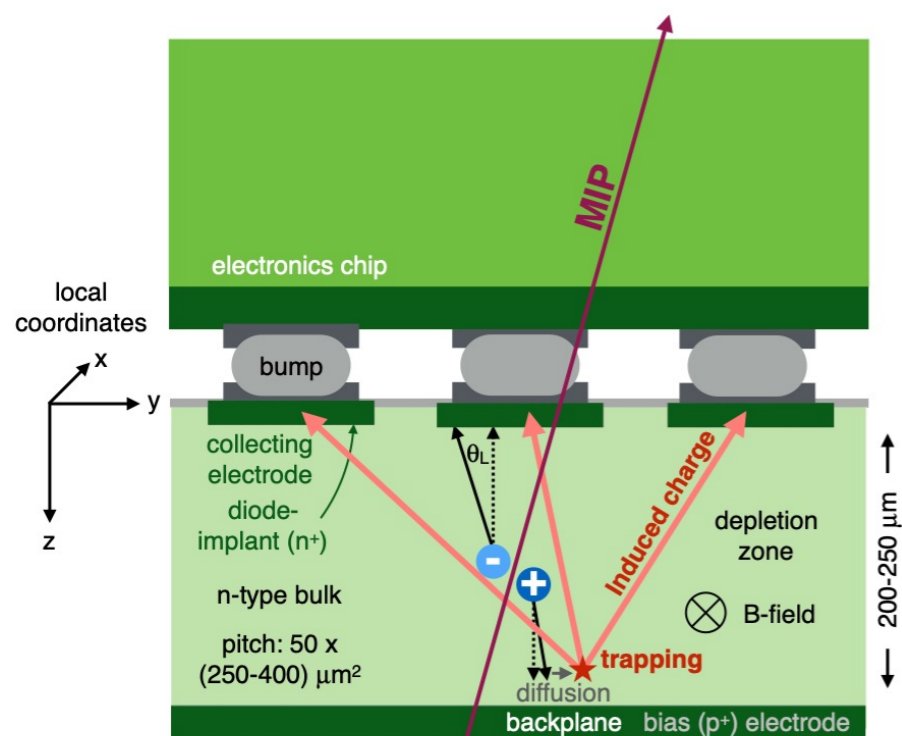
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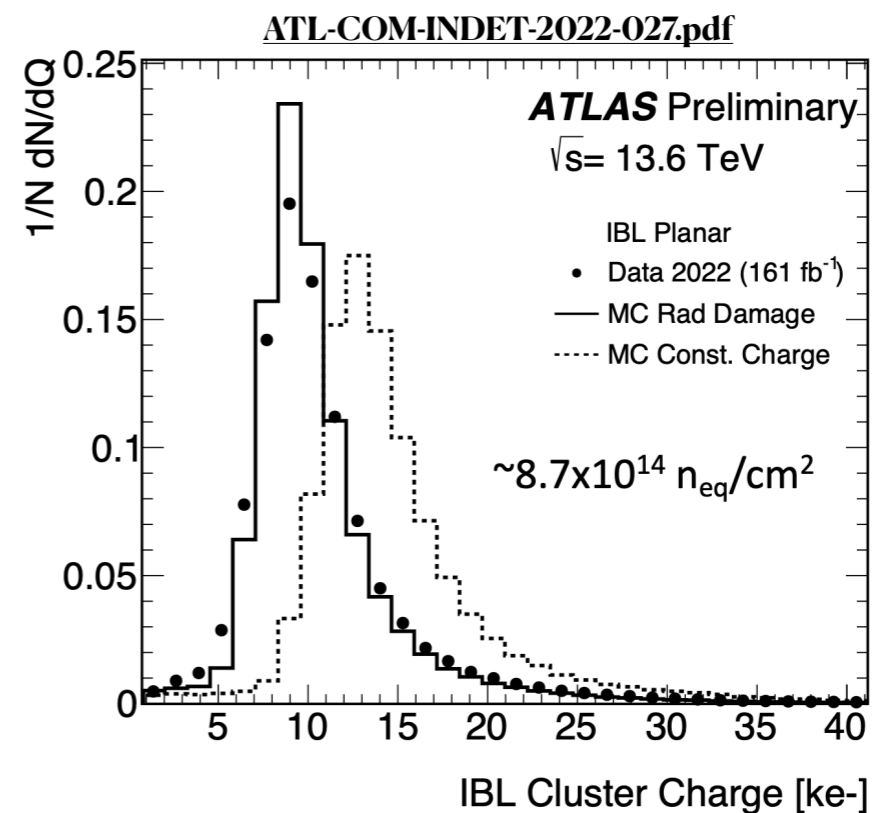
# Radiation damage modelling : ATLAS approach

## Run2 and Run3 strategy

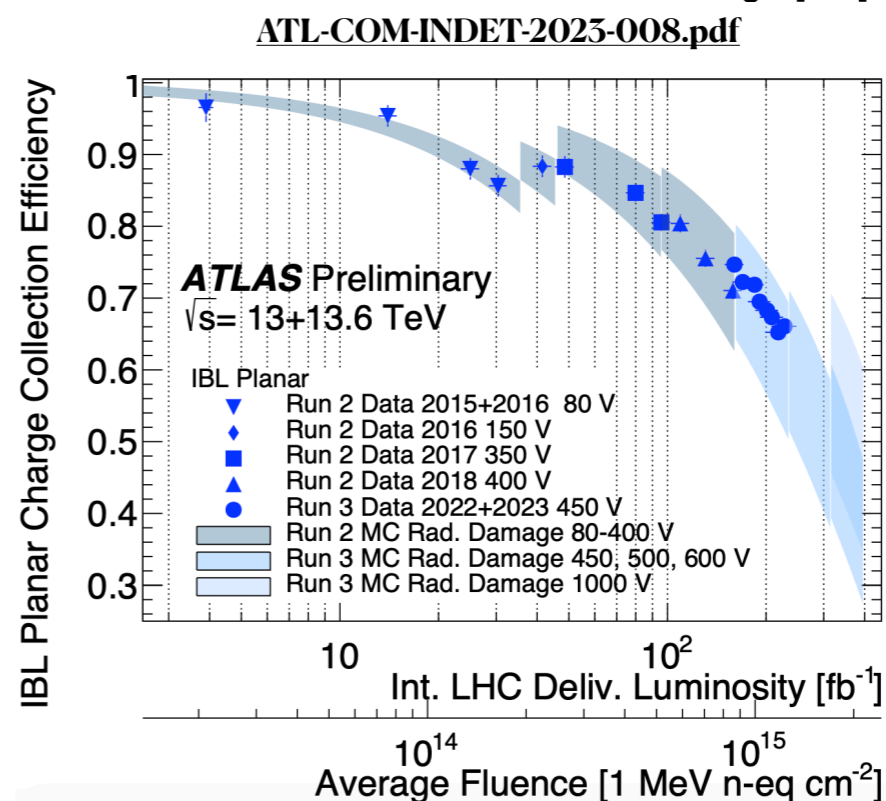
- Current strategy : Evaluate final position and induced signal of group of carriers in MC
- Inputs:
  - ◆ Precise electric field simulation (TCAD) to take into account radiation damage effects
  - ◆ Weighting potential (TCAD)
  - ◆ Trapping rates (literature)



<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-0221/14/06/P06012>



Most Probable Values match at 1% level!

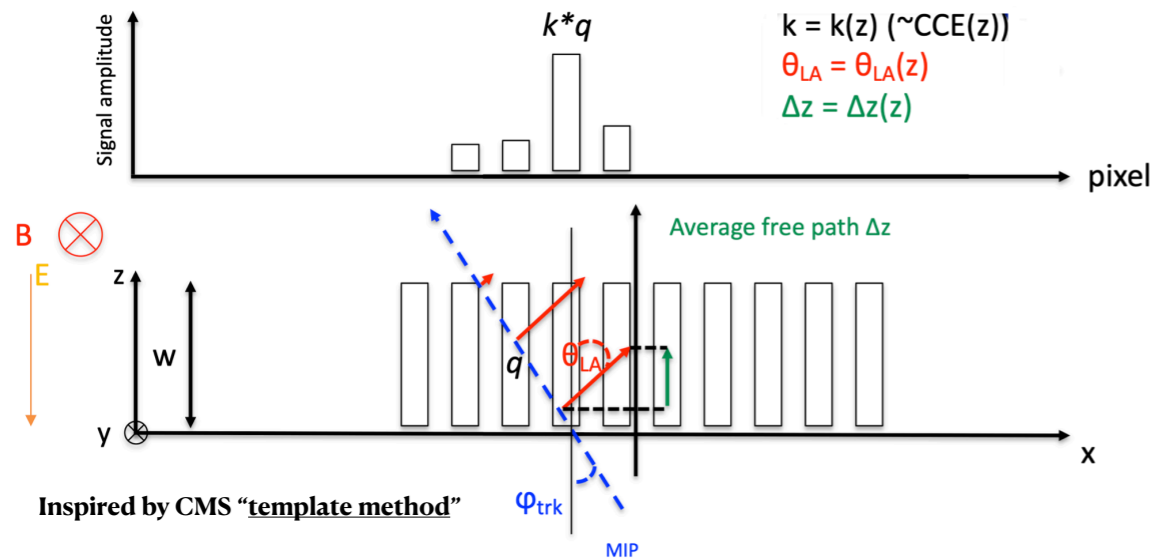


Excellent agreement over almost two order of magnitudes of fluence!

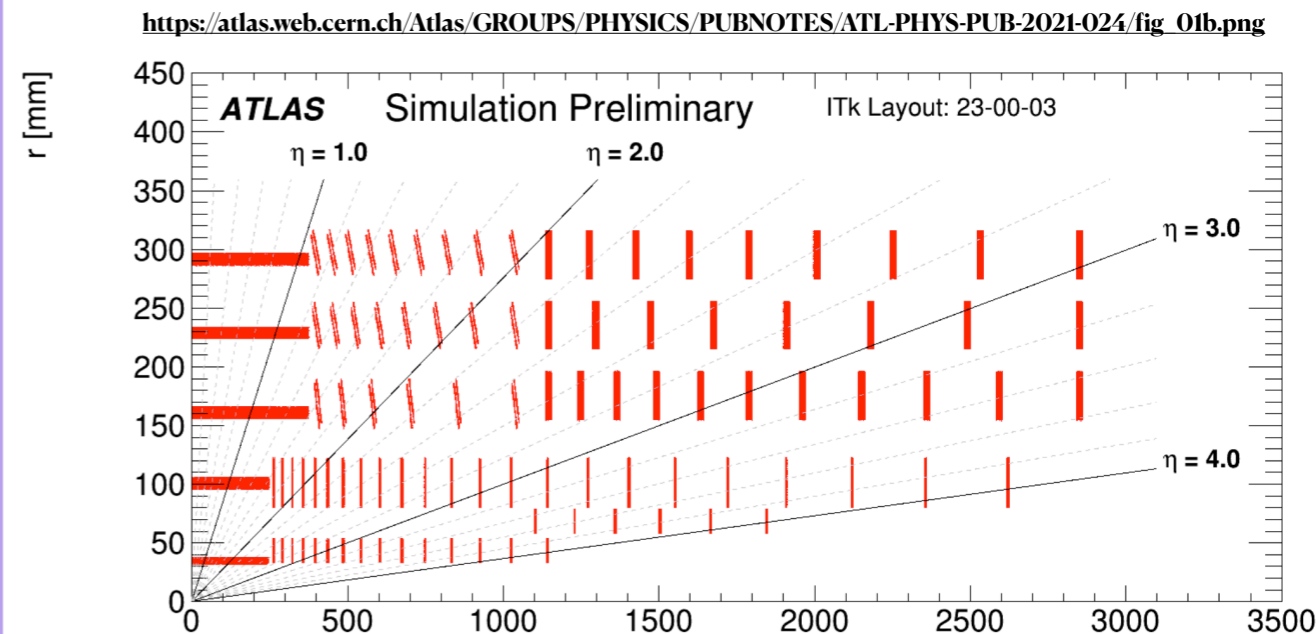
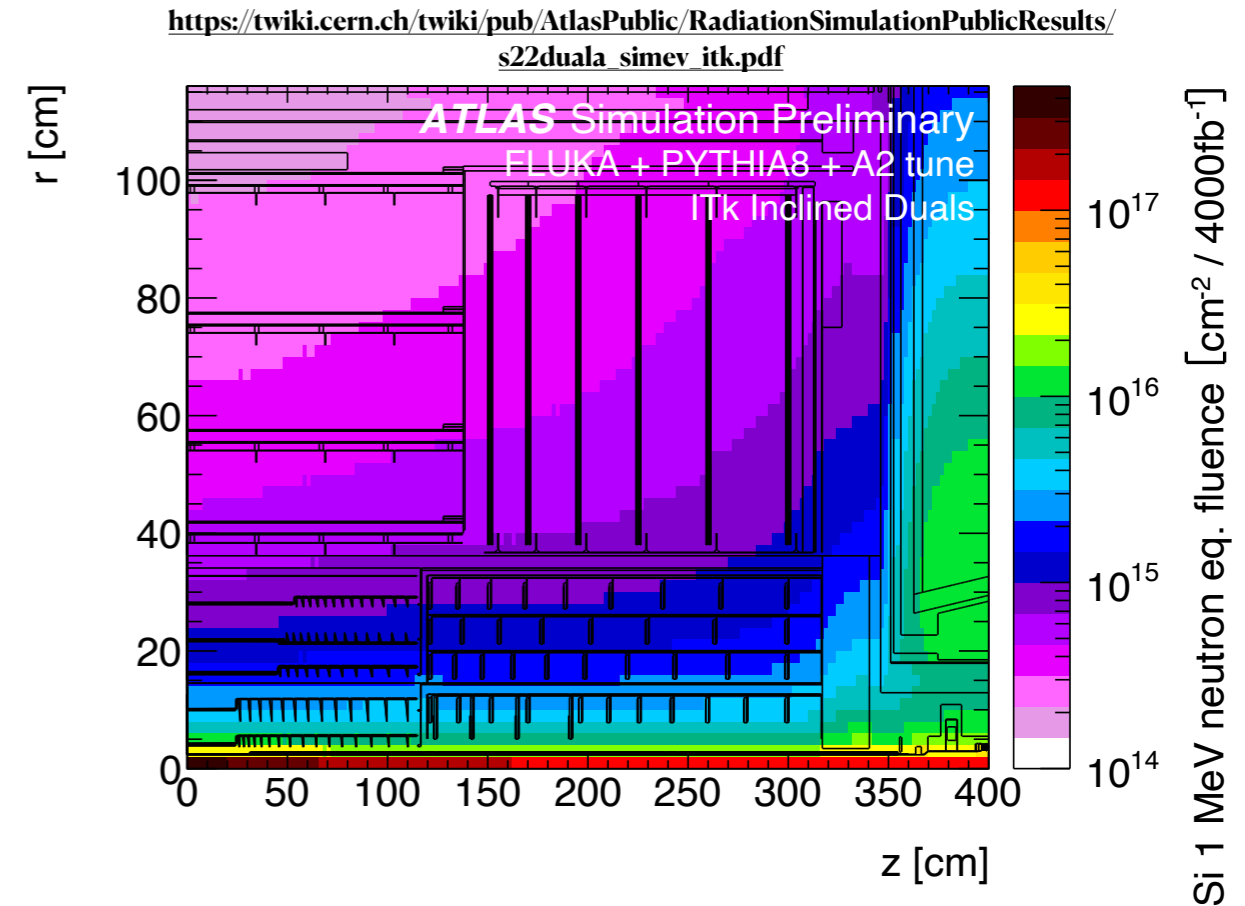
# Radiation damage modelling : ATLAS approach

## HL-LHC strategy

- HL-LHC : ATLAS/CMS pixel detectors exposed to unprecedented levels of radiation damage
  - ◆ Peak luminosity:  $1 \times 10^{34} \rightarrow 5 - 7 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
  - ◆ Average collisions/BC:  $\sim 30 \rightarrow \sim 200$
  - ◆ Integrated luminosity:  $350 \rightarrow 4000/\text{fb}$
- Expected increase of particles density and rates in HL-LHC -> need for a faster algorithm
  - ◆ New strategy is planned : charge reweighing from look-up tables



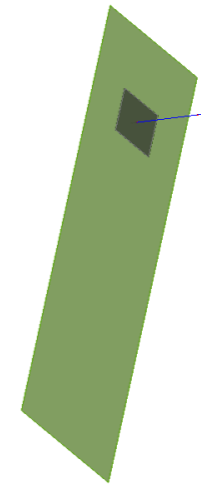
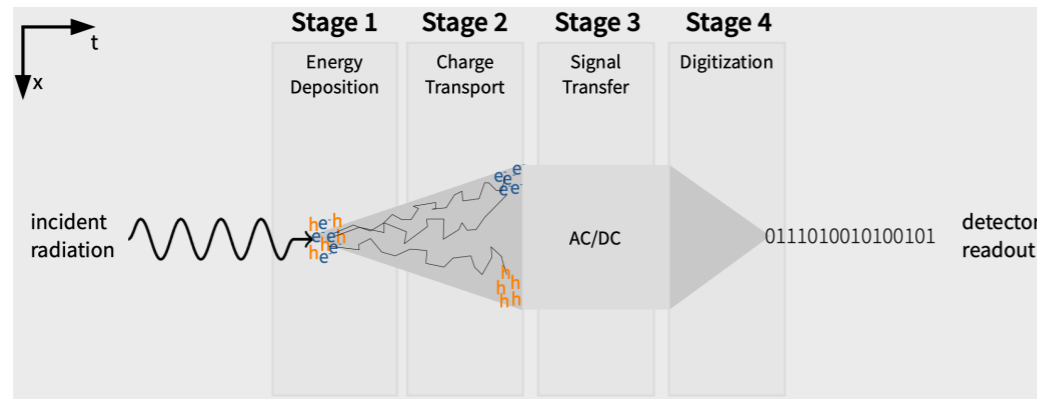
- Idea : For each simulated charge  $q$  at depth  $z$  find in **which pixel it will end up**, by how much ( $k$ ) the signal will be reduced
  - ◆ Goal: Simulated pixels in MC is corrected using these information before digitisation -> correction scheme implemented using **Allpix-squared**



# Allpix-squared framework

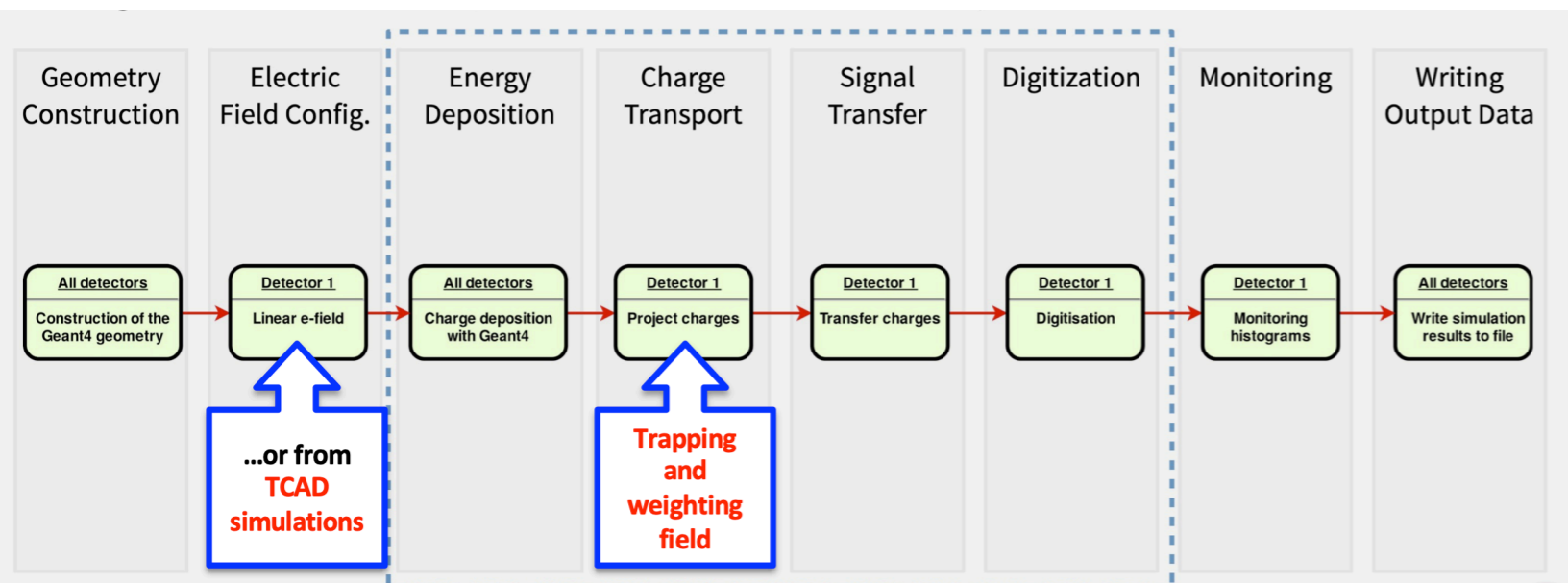
## Simulation flow

- Modular, generic simulation framework aiming at facilitating the different steps of the simulation of semiconductor detectors



- Building blocks follow individual steps of signal formation in detector

<https://allpix-squared.docs.cern.ch/>



```
[Allpix]
log_level = "INFO"
log_format = "DEFAULT"
detectors_file = "planar_detector.conf"
number_of_events = 125000
root_file = "histos_125kEvents_100um_4e15_600V"
random_seed = 0

[GeometryBuilderGeant4]

[MagneticFieldReader]
model="constant"
magnetic_field = 0T 2T 0T

[DepositionPointCharge]
log_level = DEBUG
model = "scan"
source_type = "point"
number_of_charges = 1000
output_plots = 1

[ElectricFieldReader]
model = "mesh"
file_name = "../TCAD_files/EField1pixel_ElectricField_100um_600V_4e15.init"
output_plots = 1

[WeightingPotentialReader]
model = "mesh"
file_name = "../TCAD_files/flipped_mirrored_shifted_Ramo_Potential-3D-map-rd53a-50x50-100um_ElectrostaticPotential.init"
output_plots = 1

#For TCAD Efield
[TransientPropagation]
temperature = 253K
charge_per_step = 10
mobility_model = "canali"
trapping_model = "cmstracker"
fluence = 4e15/cm/cm
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output_plots = 1

[PulseTransfer]
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output_plots = 1

[DefaultDigitizer]
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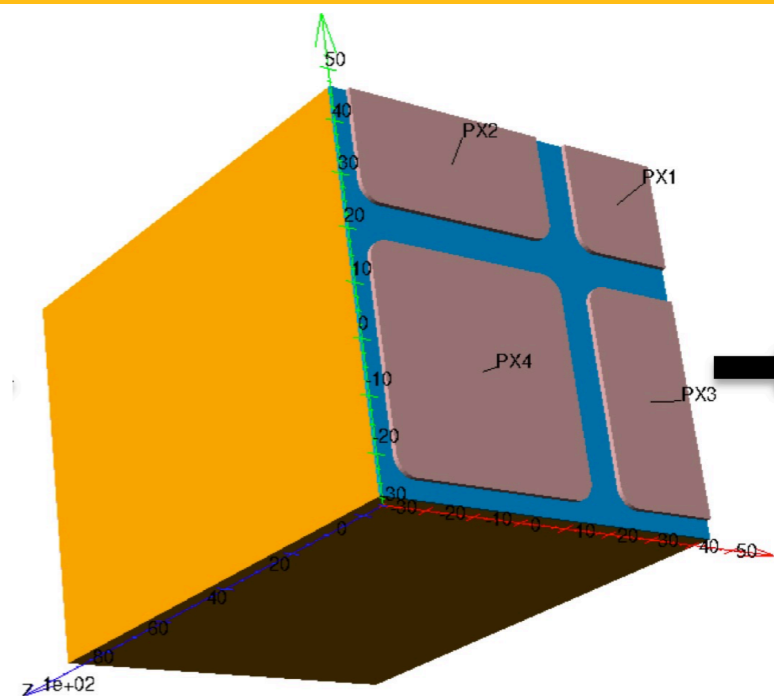
[DetectorHistogrammer]

[ROOTObjectWriter]
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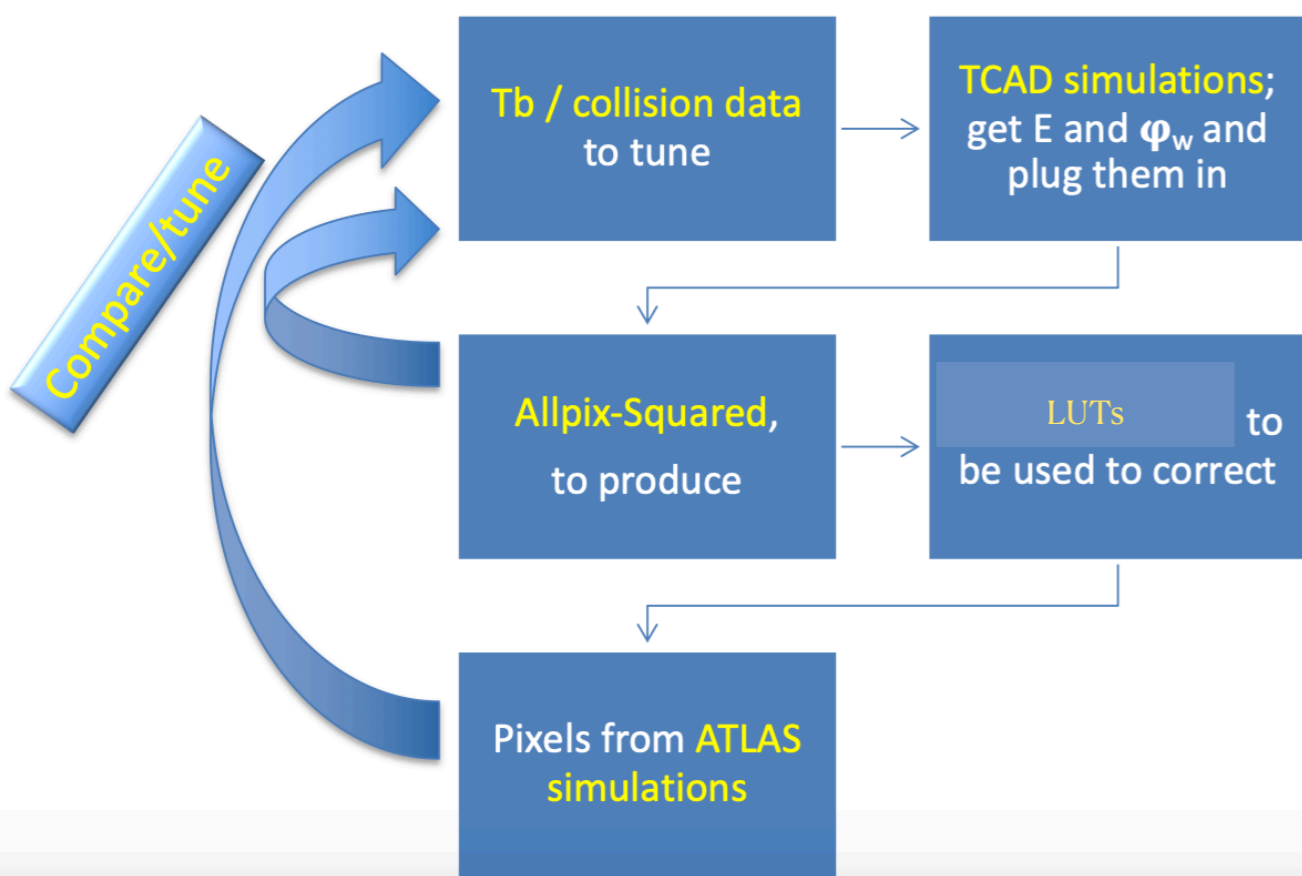
# Allpix-squared for radiation damage digitiser

## Implementation strategy

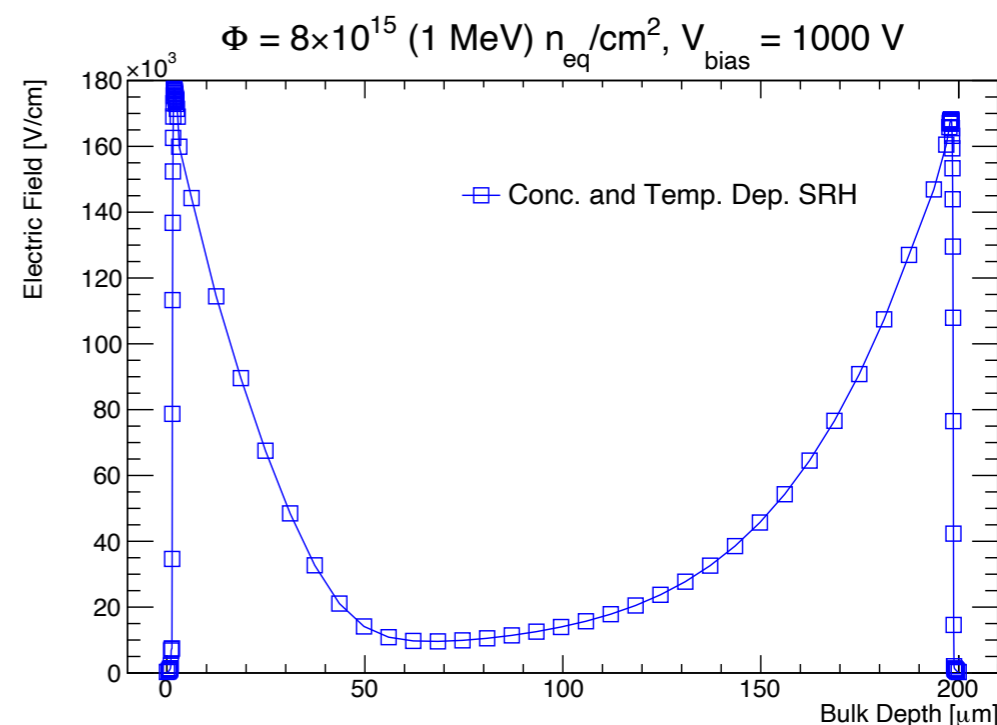
- Simulate sensors before and after irradiation, per geometry and per fluence
- Save k factor = collected charge after/before irradiation for a pixel struck at a certain Z position
- Evaluate Lorentz angle deflection as a function of Z position
- Average free path as a function of Z



1/4 of 3x3 pixel matrix  
n-on-p  
100 um thick  
50um pitch



## LHCb TCAD radiation damage model

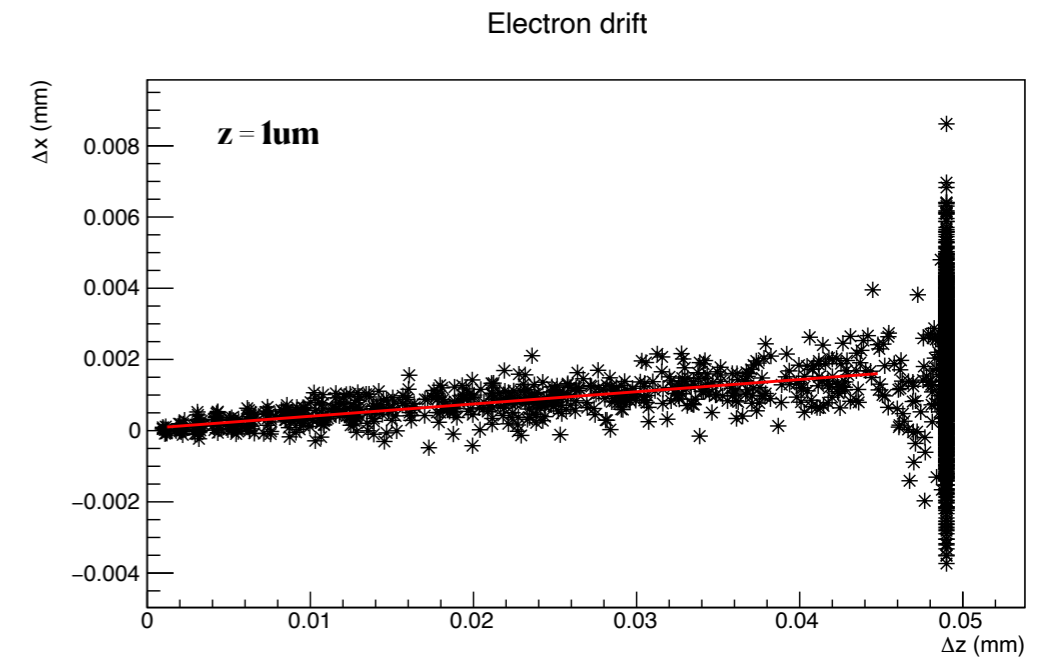


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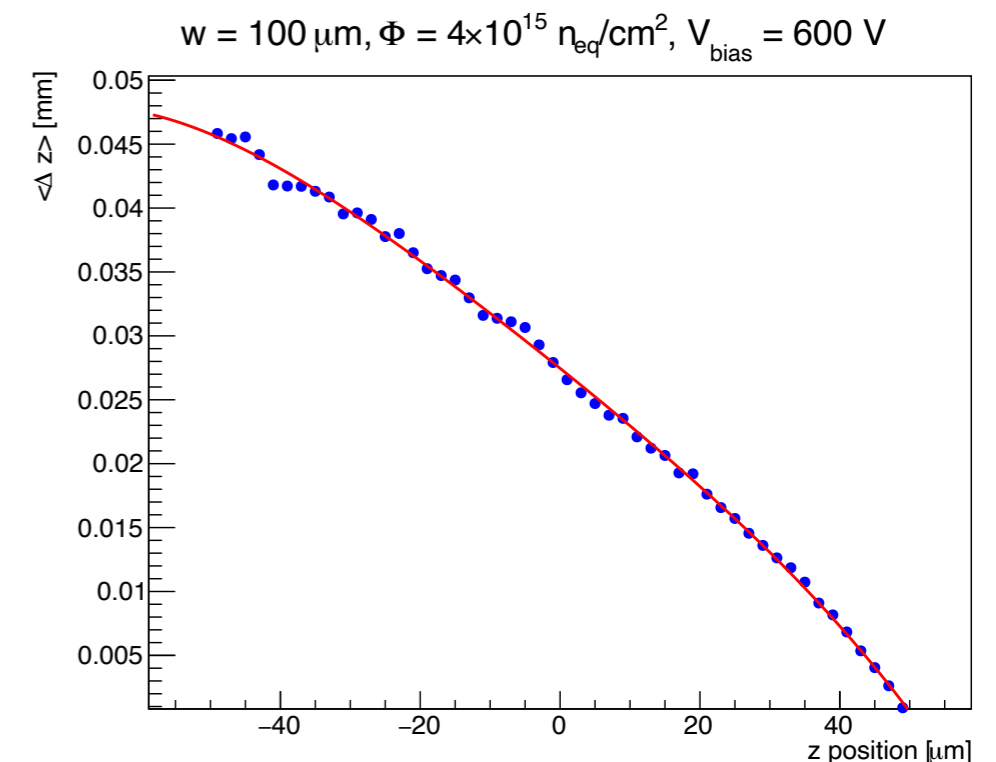
# LUTs from Allpix-Squared

## How to generate the LUTs

- Simulate **point** deposition using “**scan**” model ([DepositionPointCharge]) in AP2
  - ◆ Charge carrier deposition position change with every event, ensuring homogenous scanning of a single pixel cell
  - ◆ 125000 events simulated, deposit **1000** e-h pairs every 1 $\mu\text{m}$  along x, y and 2 $\mu\text{m}$  along z
  - ◆ Simulation for 100  $\mu\text{m}$  thick planar sensor at  $4 \times 10^{15} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  and **600 V**



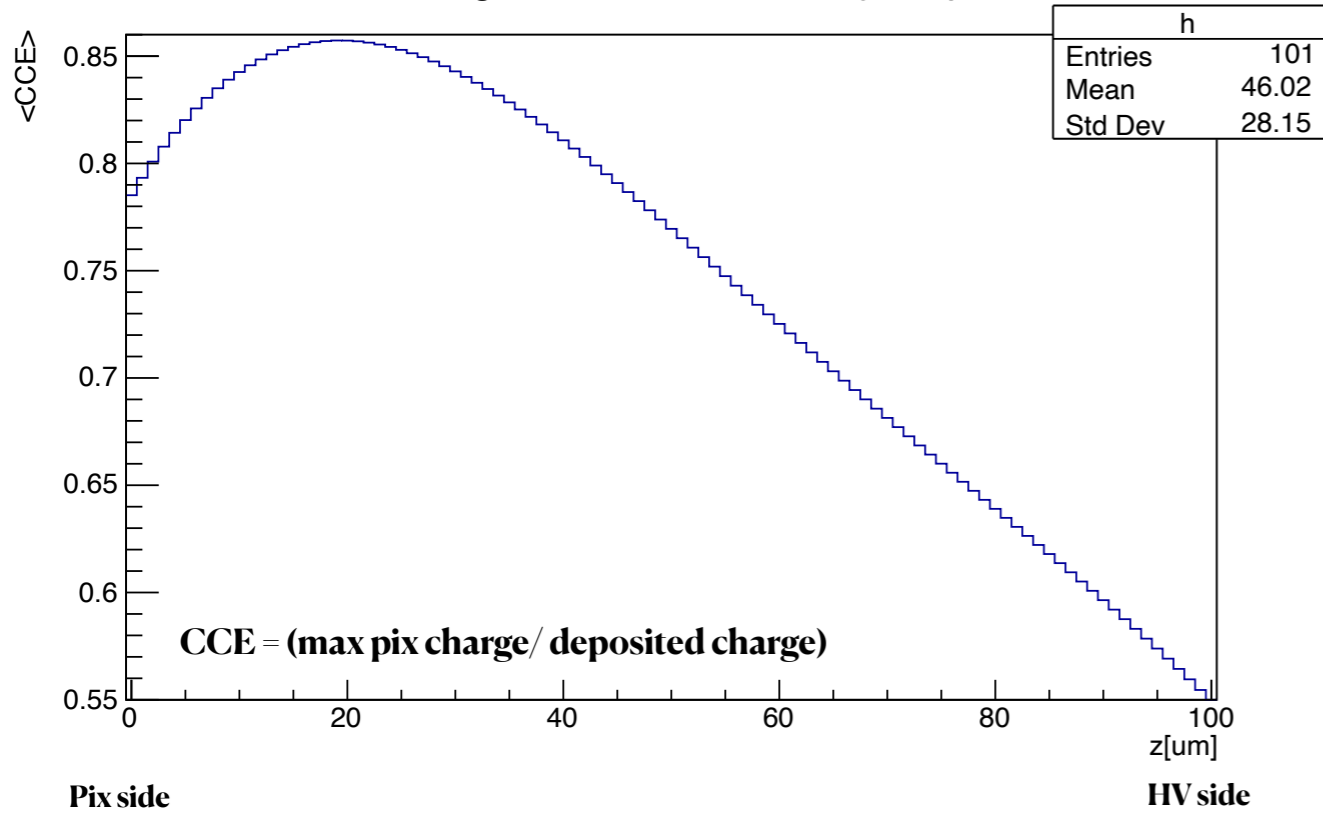
- **Creation of CCE LUT**
  - ◆ CCE per event = (max pixel charge)/(deposited charge)
  - ◆ CCE LUT obtained by taking the most probable CCE values (**MPV**) at various x, y deposition position for each z position
- **Creation of tan(LA) LUT**
  - ◆ Perform a pol1 fit to the distribution of electron drift for each z position ( delx vs. delz ) to extract the tanLA
- **Creation of delZ LUT**
  - ◆ Perform a pol4 fit to distribution of delz (propagatedzpos - depz) vs z to fill delZ LUT



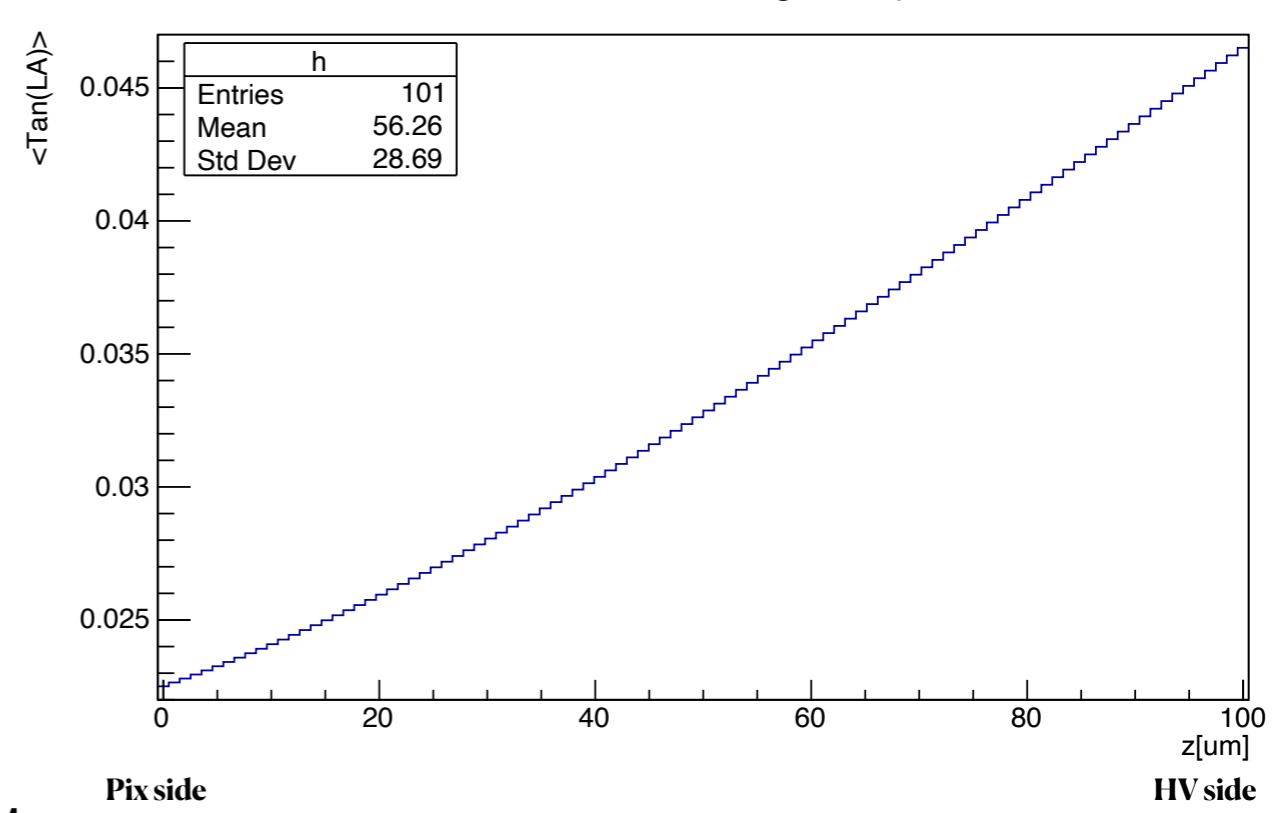
# LUTs from Allpix-Squared

## LUTs

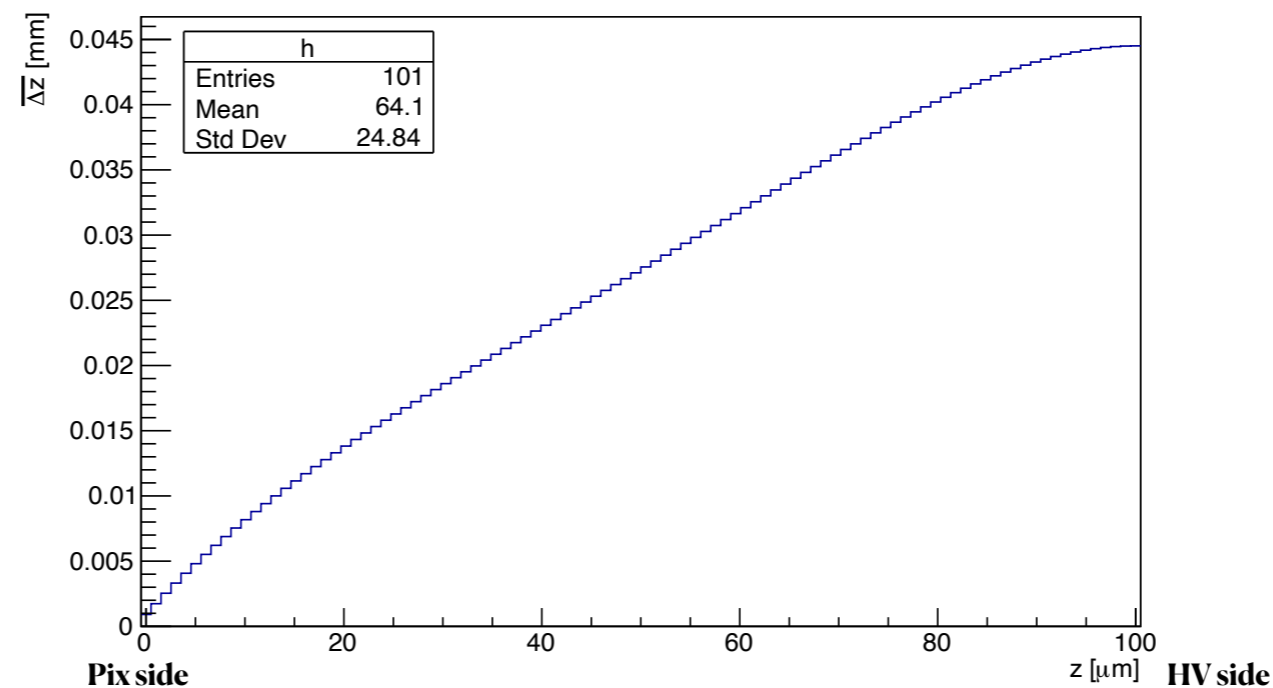
Charge collection efficiency map



Tan Lorentz Angle Map



$\Delta z$  Map



# Closure test

- Using AP2, we've estimated :
  - ✦ CCE (Z), average Lorentz angle deflection as a function Z , average free path  $\Delta Z(Z)$
- Closure test to validate our approach :
  - ✦ Simulate charge deposition
  - ✦ Determine final position and fraction of induced charge using our LUTs:
    - ❖  $Q(Z) = CCE(Z_{\text{deposited}}) * q(Z_{\text{deposited}})$
    - ❖  $Z_{\text{propagated}} = Z_{\text{deposited}} + \Delta Z(Z_{\text{deposited}})$
    - ❖  $x_{\text{propagated}} = x_{\text{deposited}} + \tan(\theta_L)(Z_{\text{deposited}}) * \Delta Z(Z_{\text{deposited}})$
  - ✦ Continue with transfer and digitisation steps
  - ✦ Compare the results at 3rd bullet with the ones obtained using the full chain that was used to produce the lookup table
- Developed a new module in Allpix-squared : LUT propagator codes
- Performed closure tests with: point charge deposition, line charge deposition, **120 GeV Pions** using LUTs generated with the “scan” model of charge deposition
  - ✦ Pixel week Nov'23 : [slides](#)
  - ✦ AUW Nov'23 : [slides](#)



# Closure test

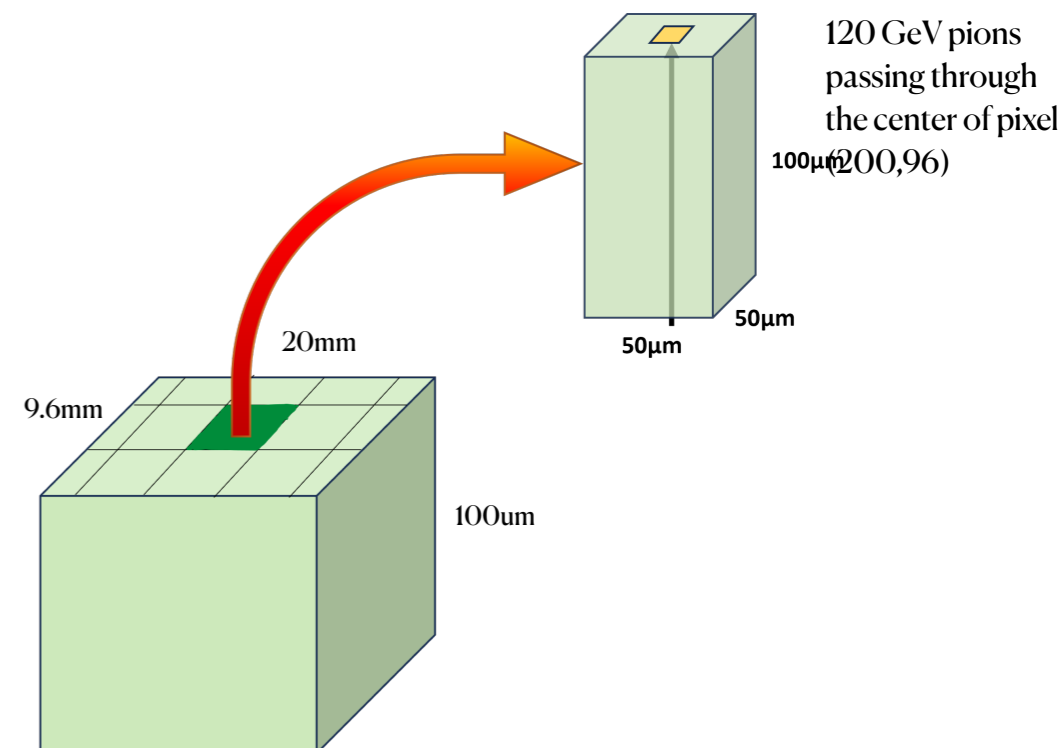
## Simulation of 120GeV Pions

- Each event has a single 120GeV pion passing through the sensitive volume, simulate 1000 events
  - ◆ Normal incidence,  $\eta = 1$ ,  $\eta = 1.4$  ( $\eta$  values of 100um barrel ITk pixels)
- # e-h pairs created by a given energy deposition calculated using : mean pair creation energy (Si = 3.64eV), fluctuations modelled: Fano factor (0.115)
- Scale the charges using CCE LUT
- Propagate the carriers using **tan(LA)** and  **$\Delta Z$**  LUTs
- Compare the results with full AP2 simulation

### Highly collimated beam of 120GeV pions

```
[DepositionGeant4]
log_level = "DEBUG"
physics_list = FTFP_BERT_LIV
particle_type = "Pi+"
source_energy = 120GeV
source_position = 25um 25um -1mm
source_type = "beam"
beam_direction = 0 0 1
beam_divergence = 0mrad 0mrad
number_of_particles = 1
```

→ Pions are deposited exactly in the middle of pix (200,96)

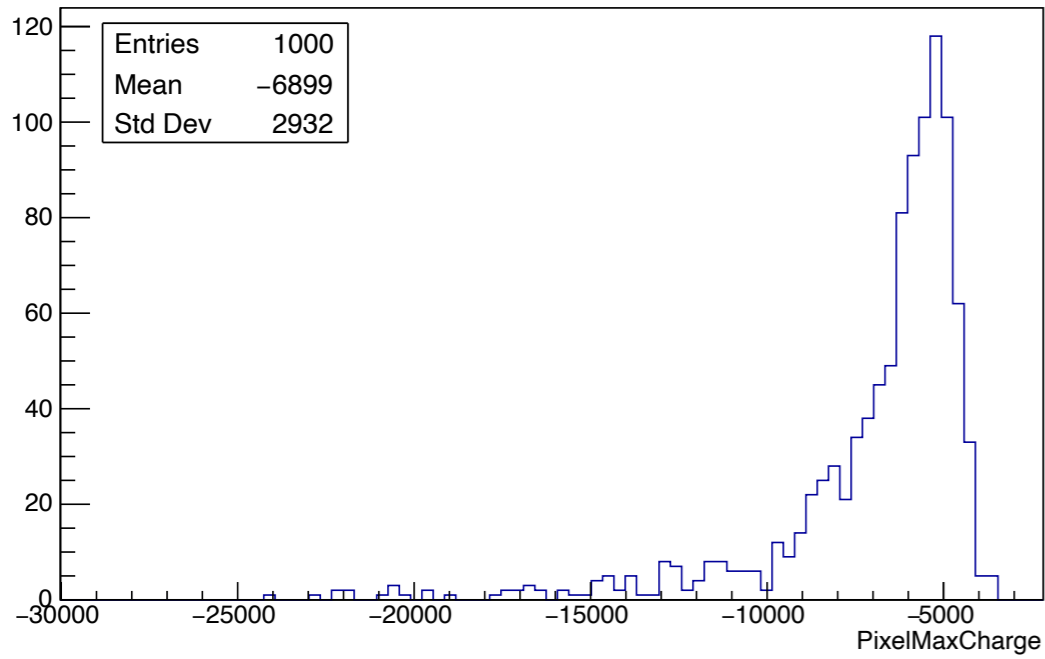


# Normal Incidence

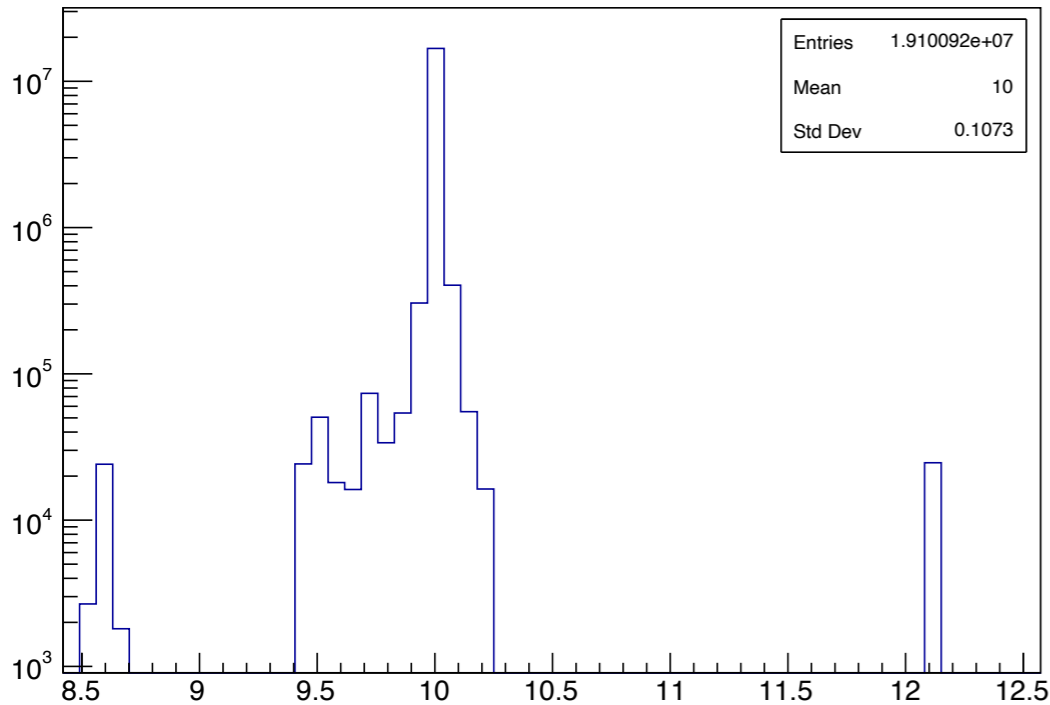
## Pixel maximum charge & PropagatedXPosition

Full simulation

PixelMaxCharge

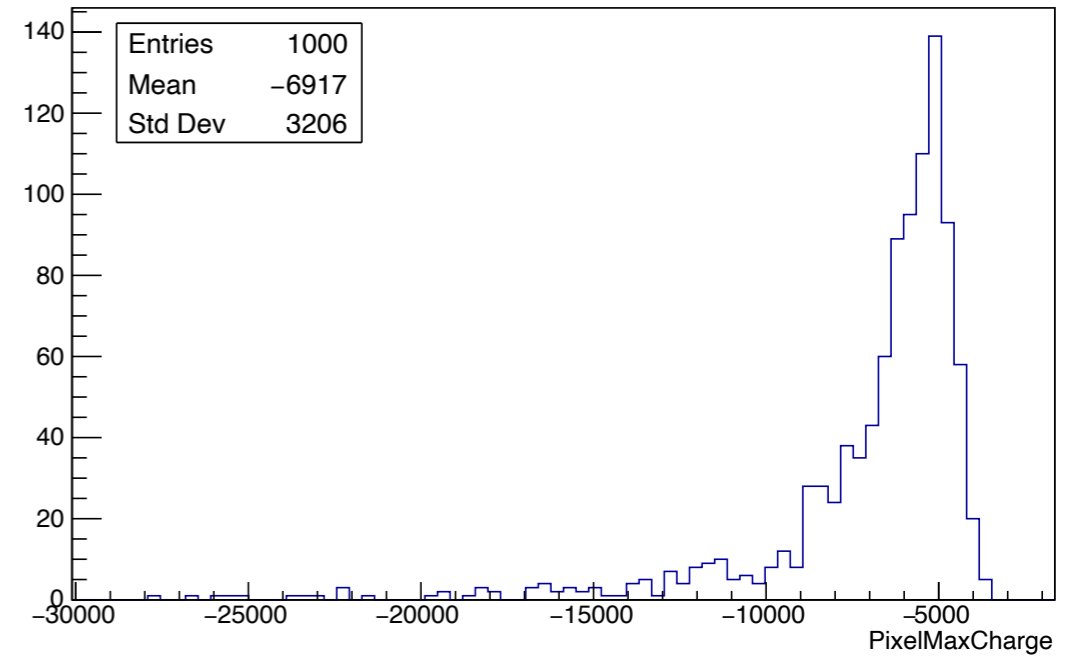


PropagatedXPosition

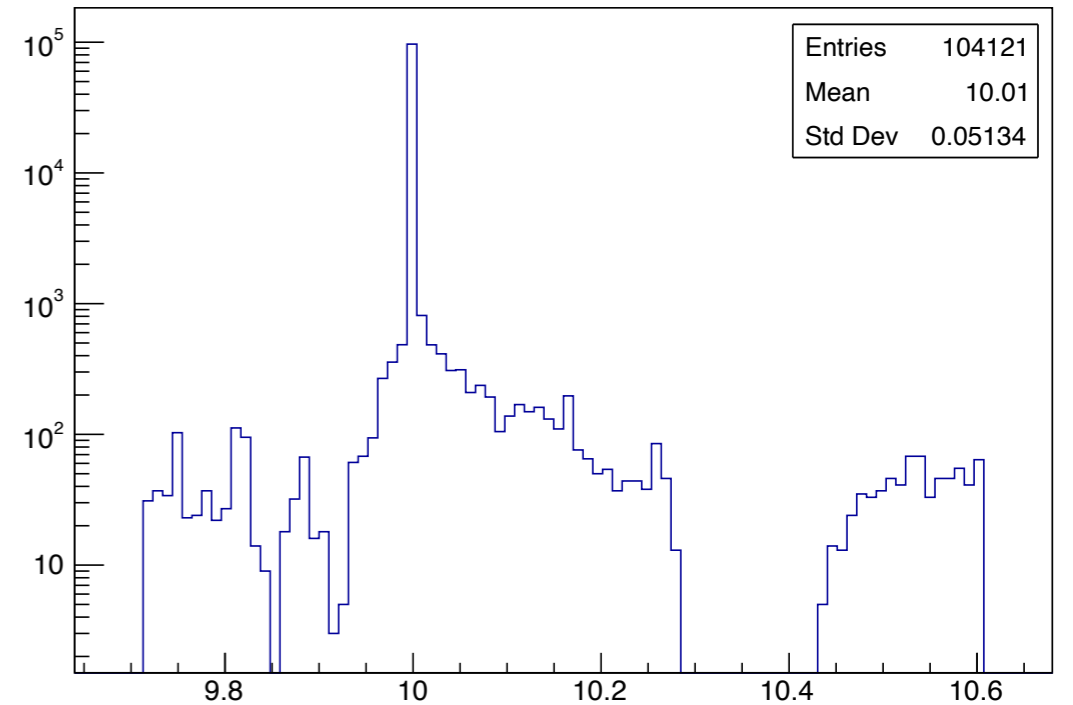


Closure test

PixelMaxCharge



PropagatedXPosition



Rel err mean: 0.26%  
Rel err sigma: 9.3%

Excellent agreement !!

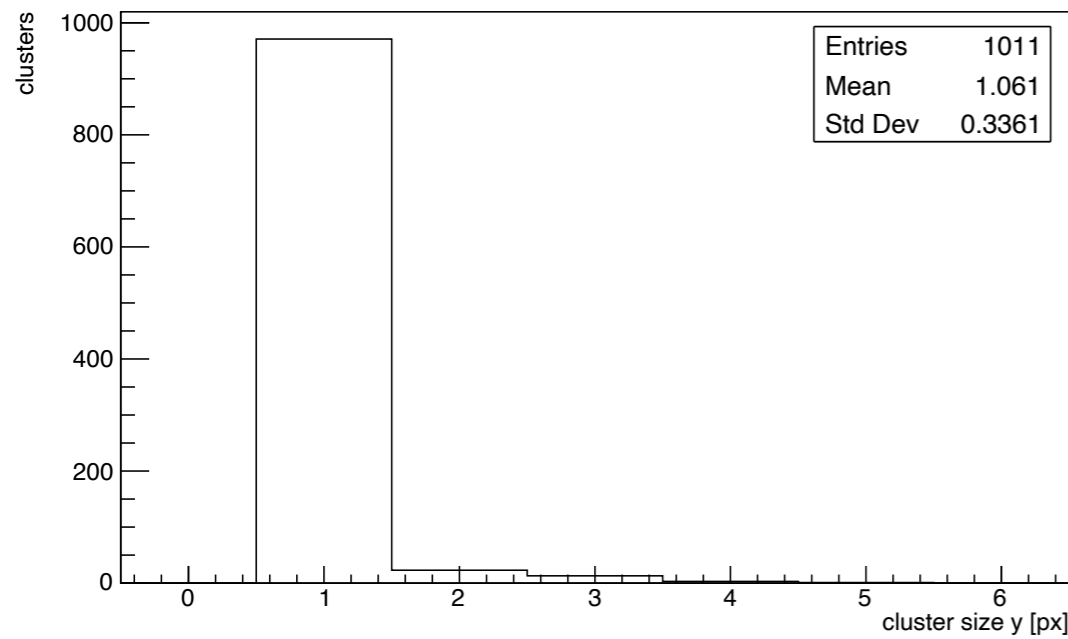
Rel err mean: 0.1%

# Normal Incidence

## Cluster size & Cluster charge

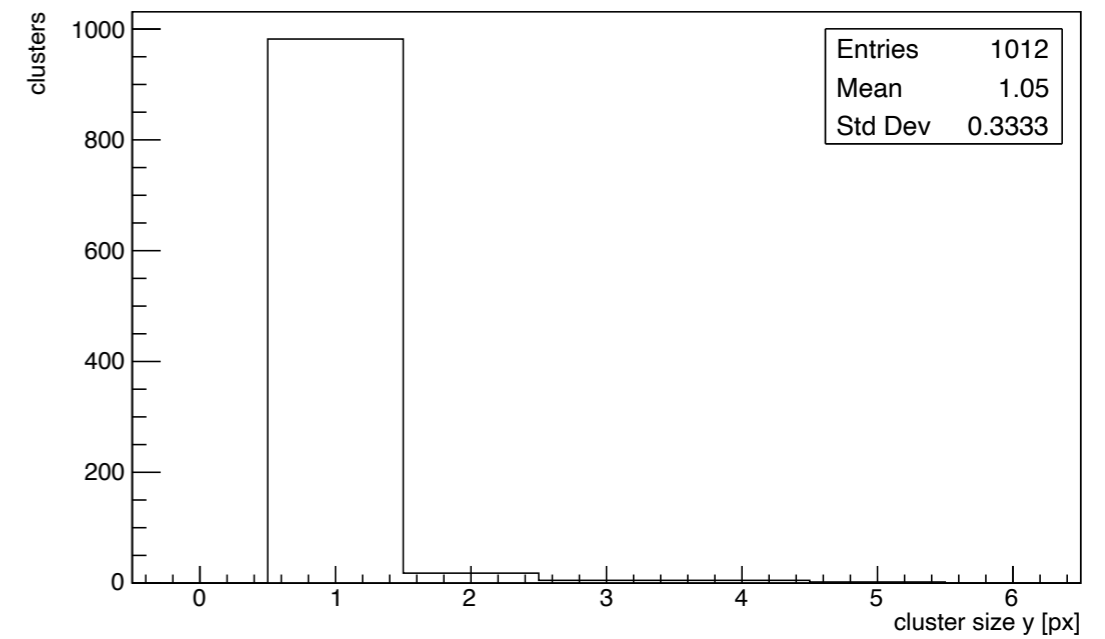
### Full simulation

Cluster size in Y (detector1)



### Closure test

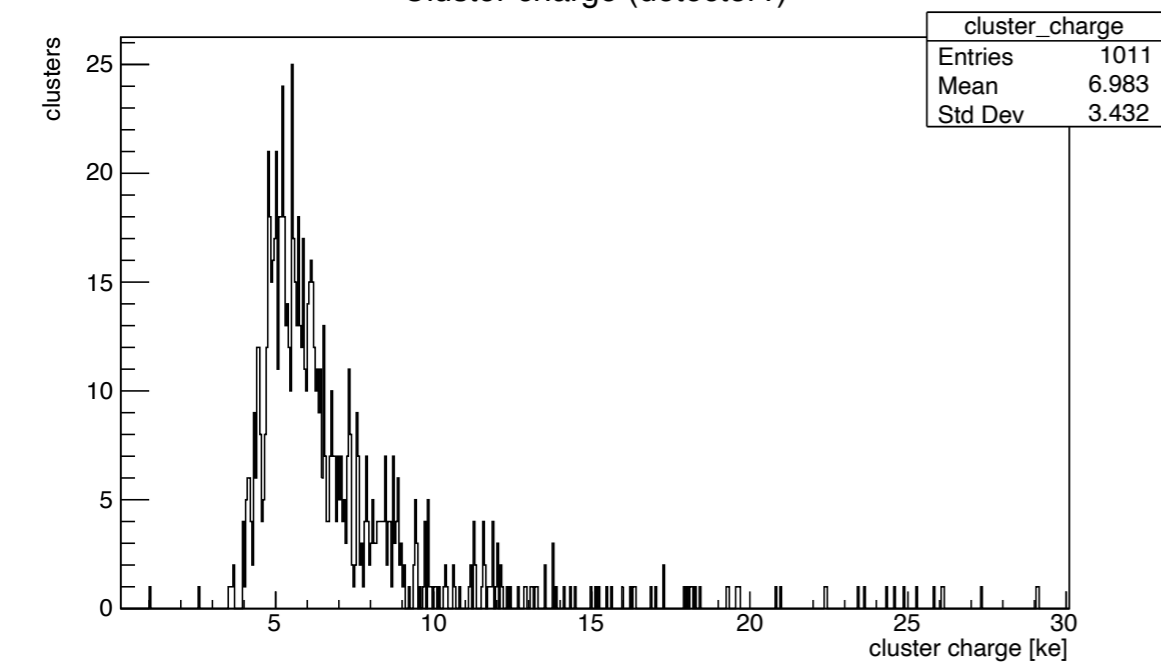
Cluster size in Y (detector1)



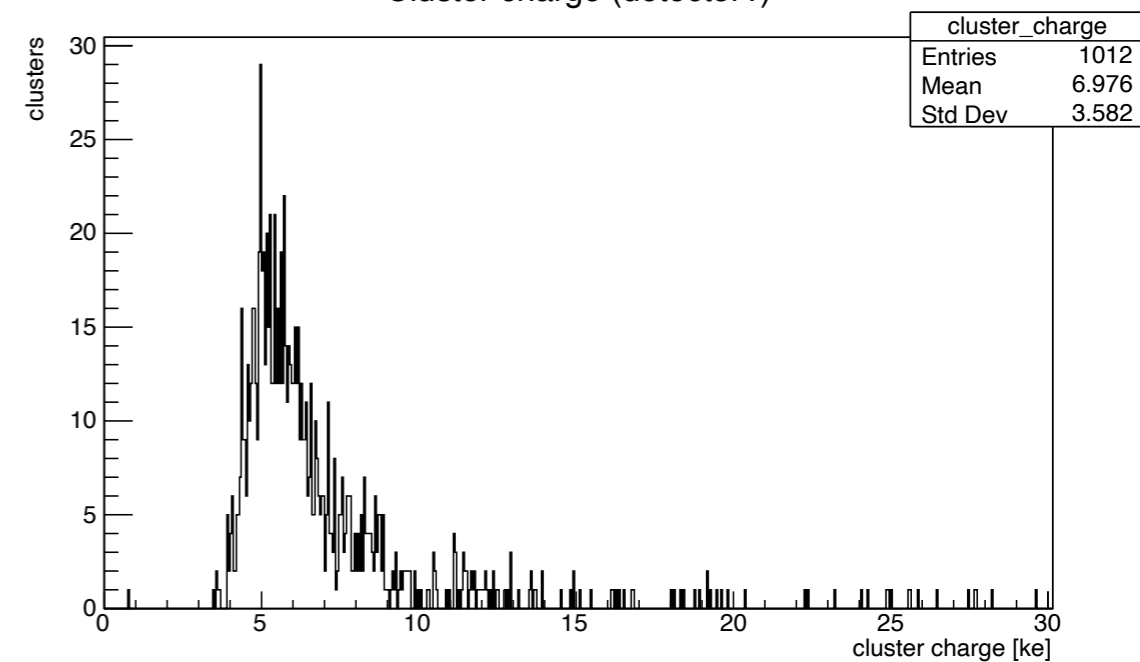
Rel err mean: 1%  
Rel err sigma: 0.83%

**Excellent agreement !!**

Cluster charge (detector1)



Cluster charge (detector1)



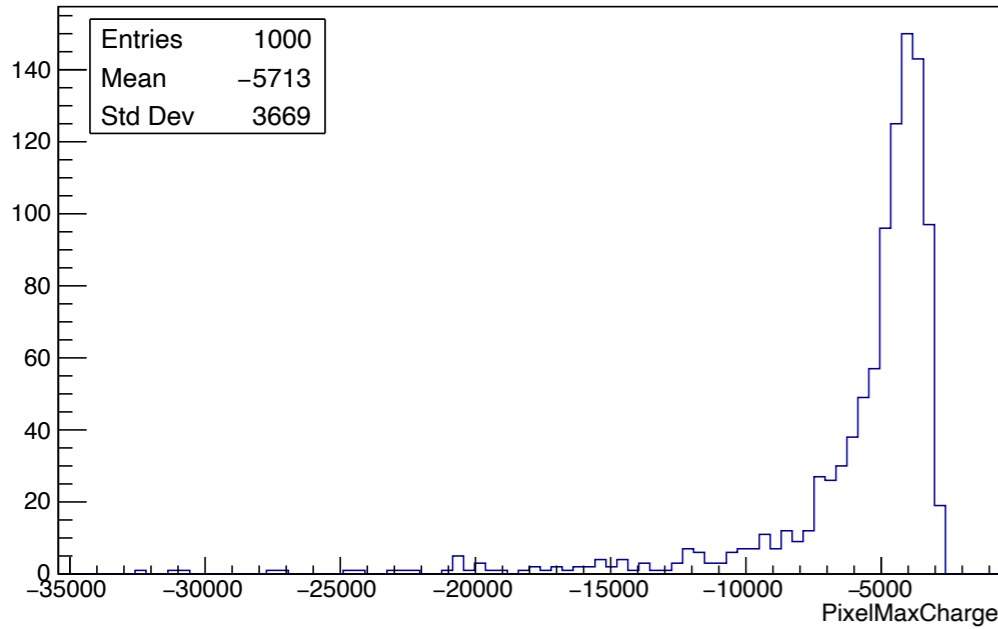
Rel err mean: 0.1%  
Rel err sigma: 4.4%

# $\text{Eta} = 1 (\theta = 0.705 \text{ rad})$

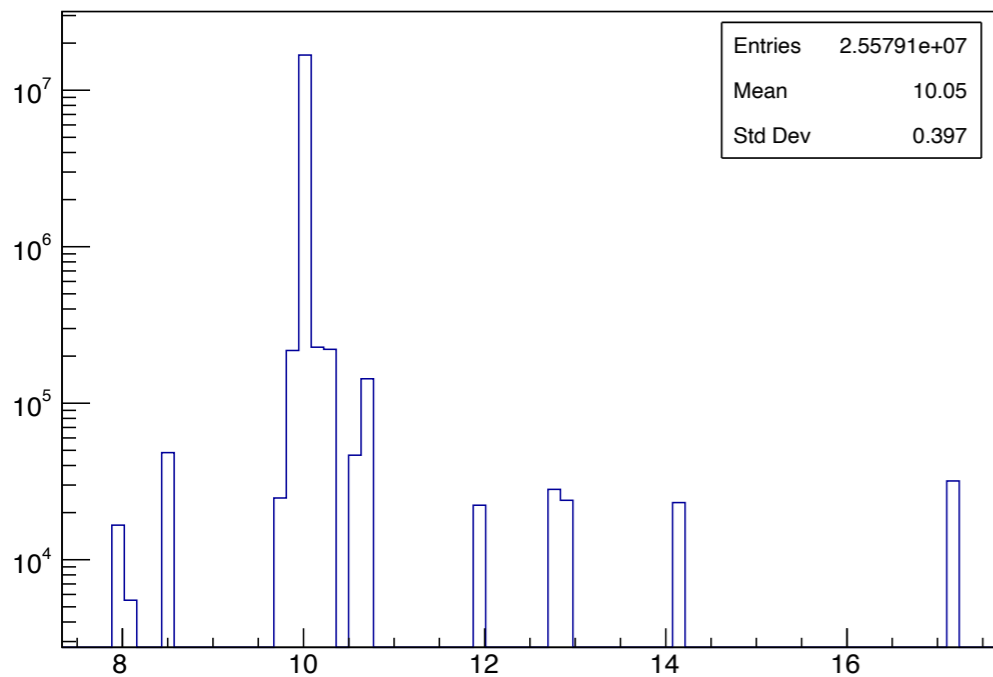
## Pixel maximum charge & PropagatedXPosition

### Full simulation

#### PixelMaxCharge

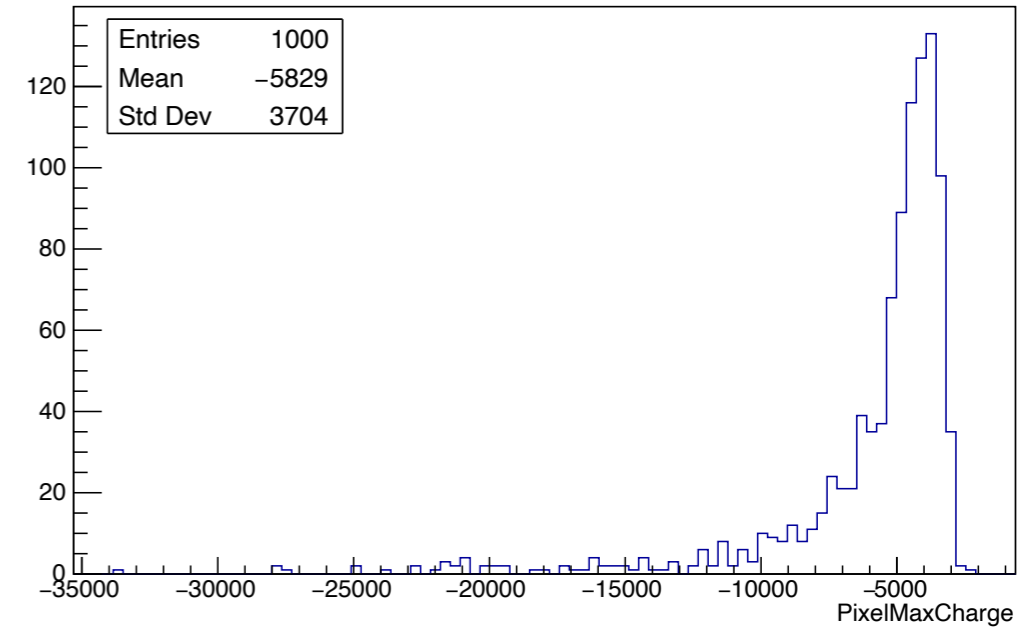


#### PropagatedXPosition

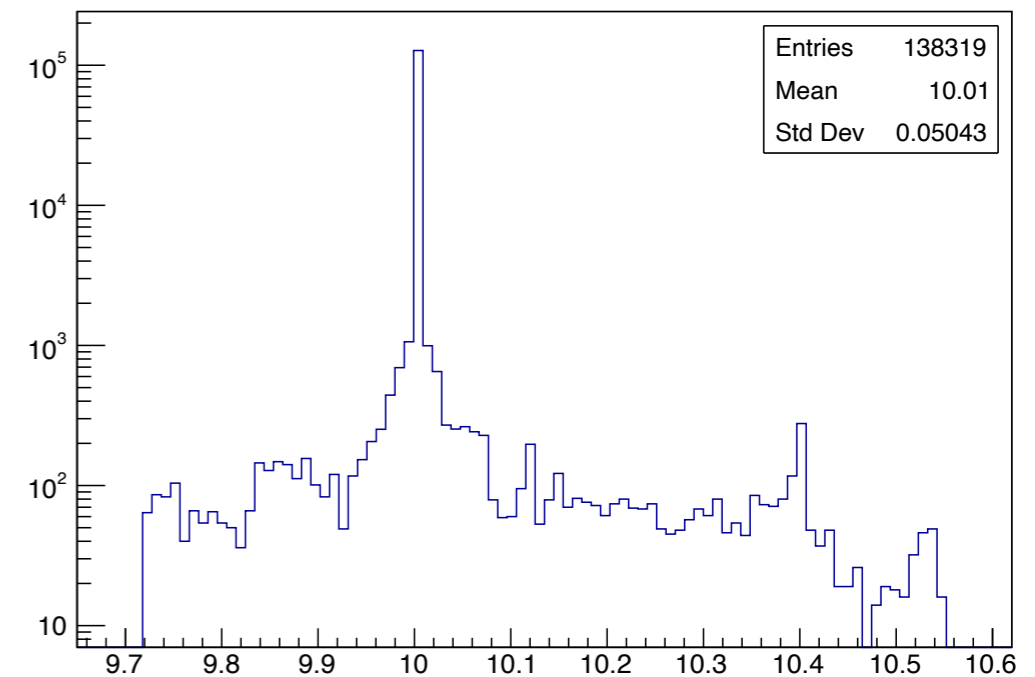


### Closure test

#### PixelMaxCharge



#### PropagatedXPosition



Rel err mean: 2.0%  
Rel err sigma: 0.1%

**Excellent agreement !!**

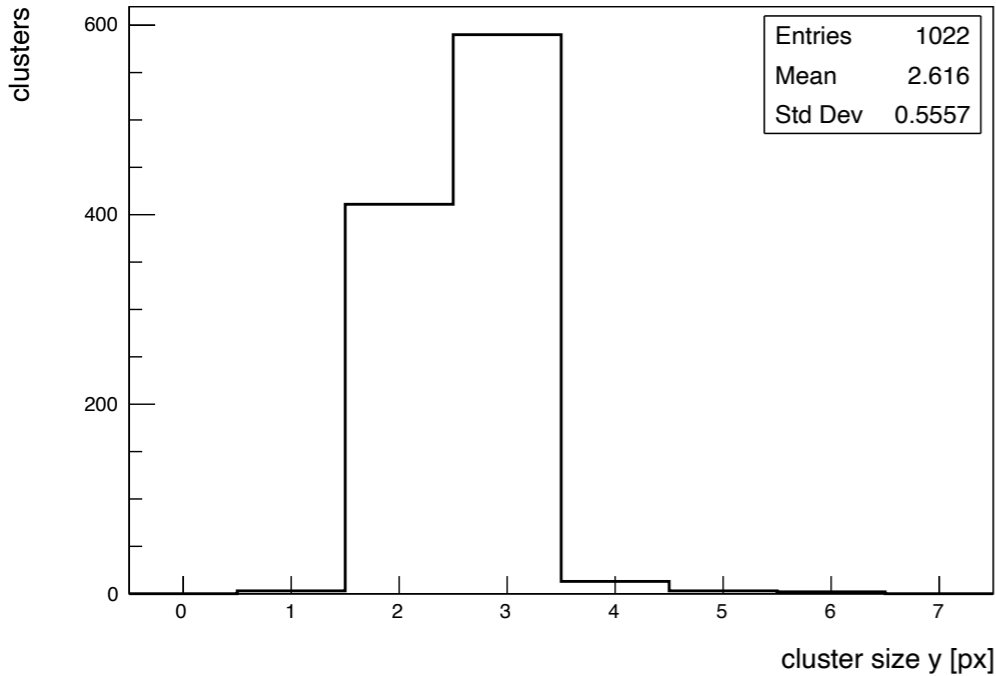
Rel err mean: 0.4%

# $\text{Eta} = 1 (\theta = 0.705 \text{ rad})$

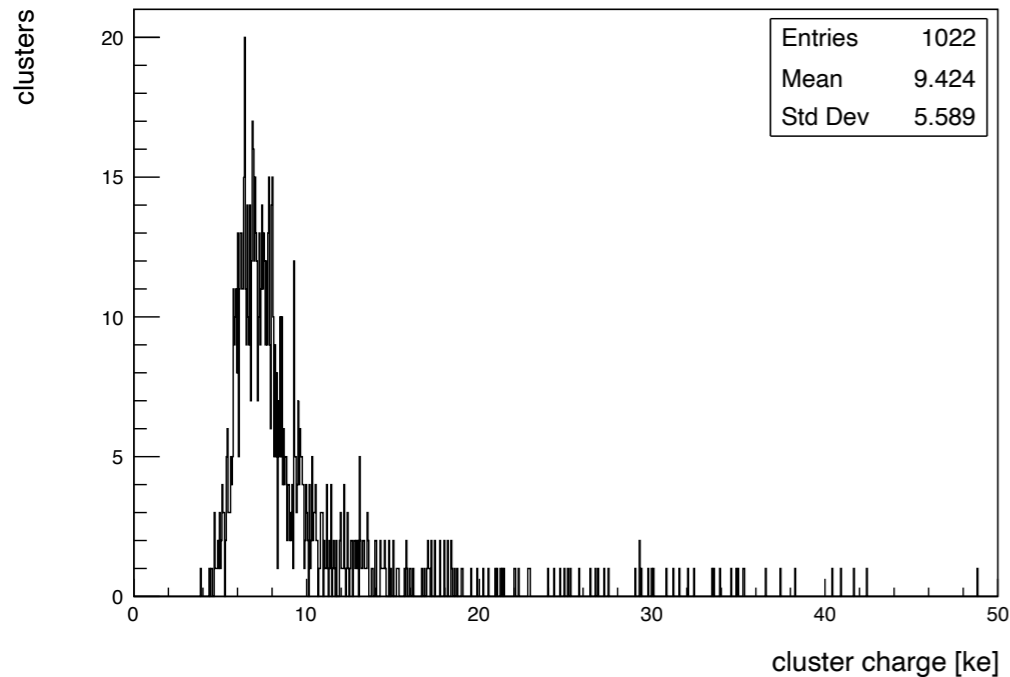
## Cluster size & Cluster charge

### Full simulation

#### Cluster size in Y (detector1)

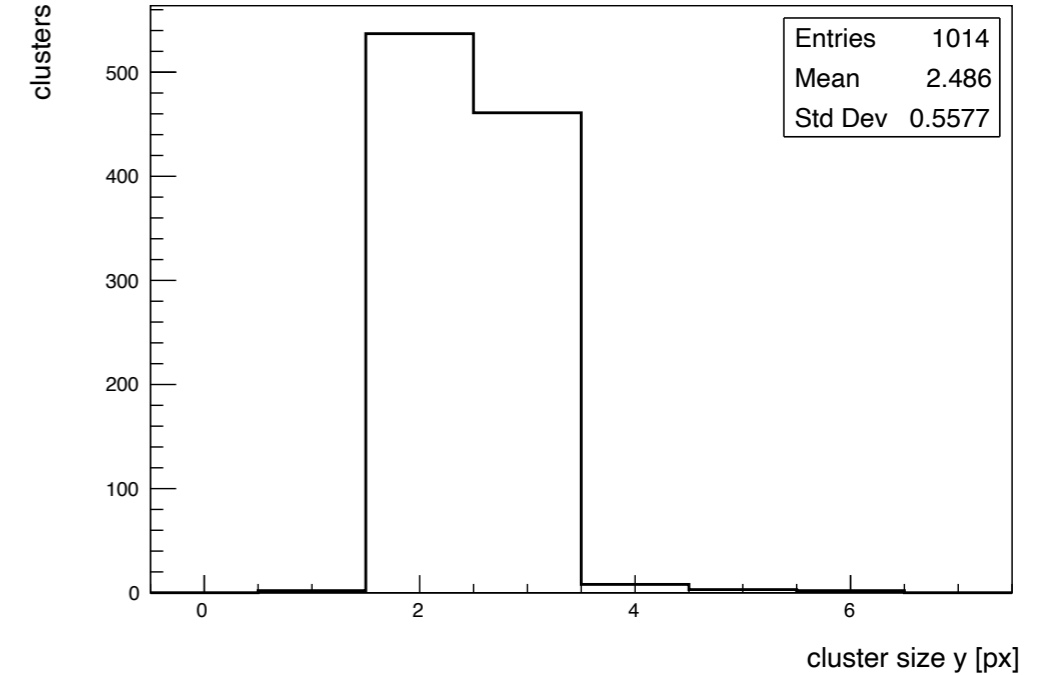


#### Cluster charge (detector1)

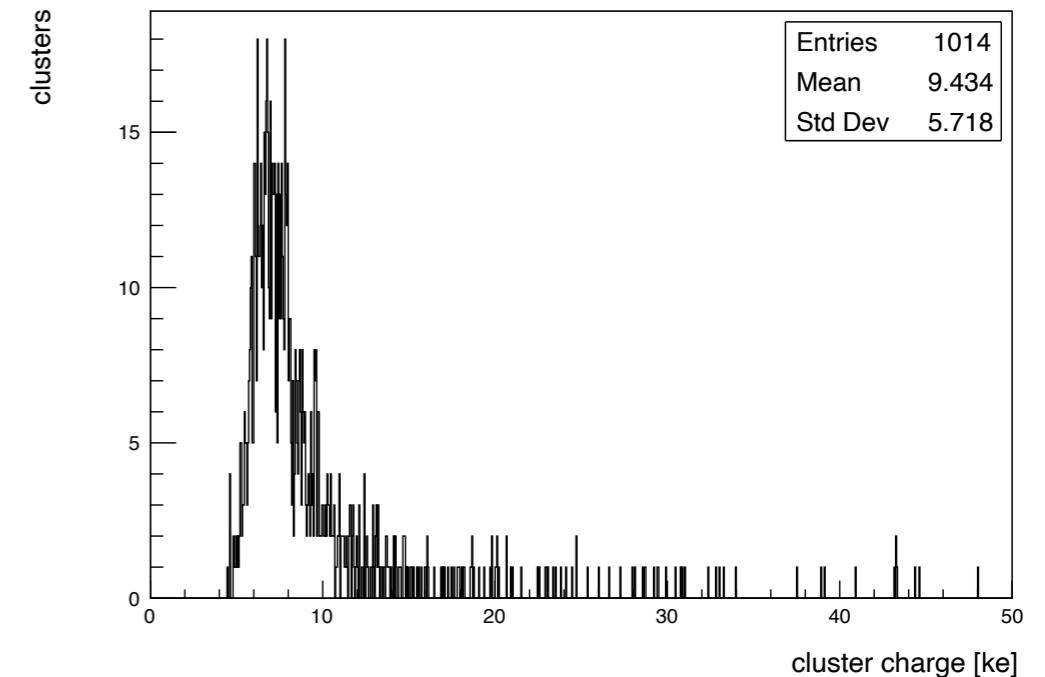


### Closure test

#### Cluster size in Y (detector1)



#### Cluster charge (detector1)



Rel err mean: 4.9%

**Excellent agreement !!**

Rel err mean: 0.11%

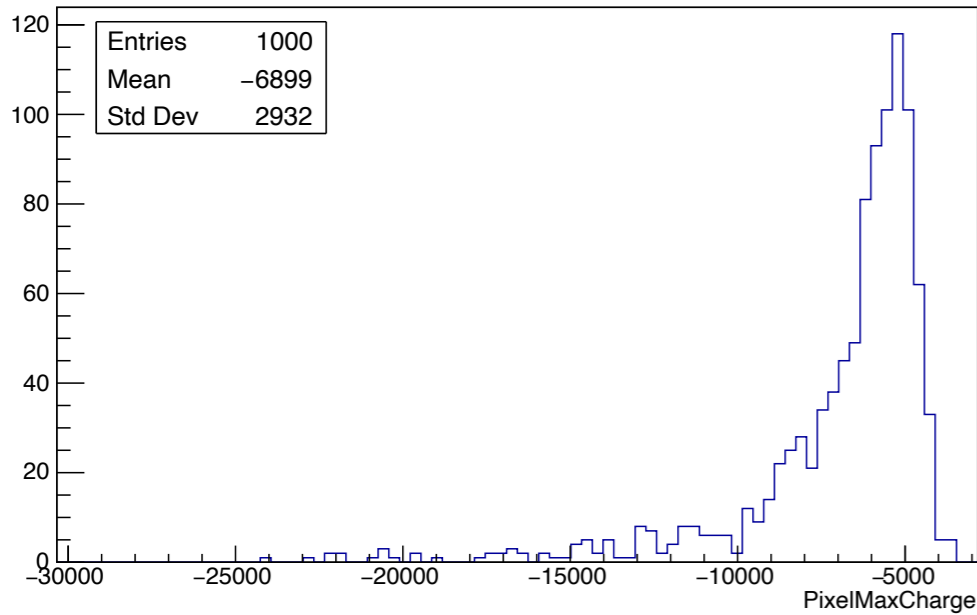
Rel err in sigma: 2.3%

# $\text{Eta} = 1.4 (\theta = 0.483 \text{ rad})$

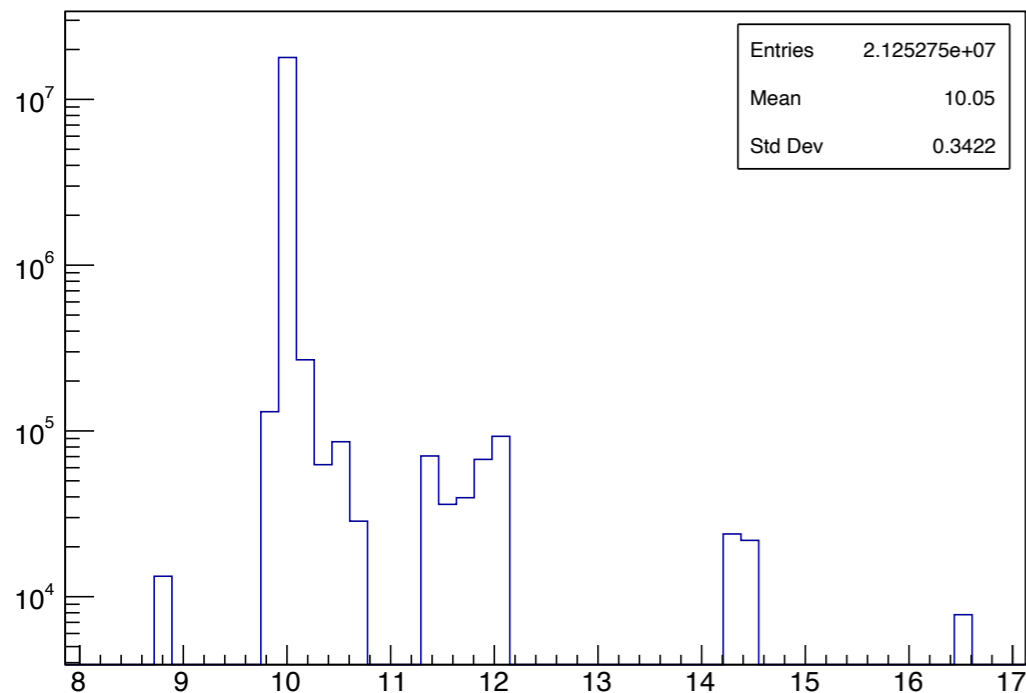
## Pixel maximum charge & PropagatedXPosition

### Full simulation

#### PixelMaxCharge

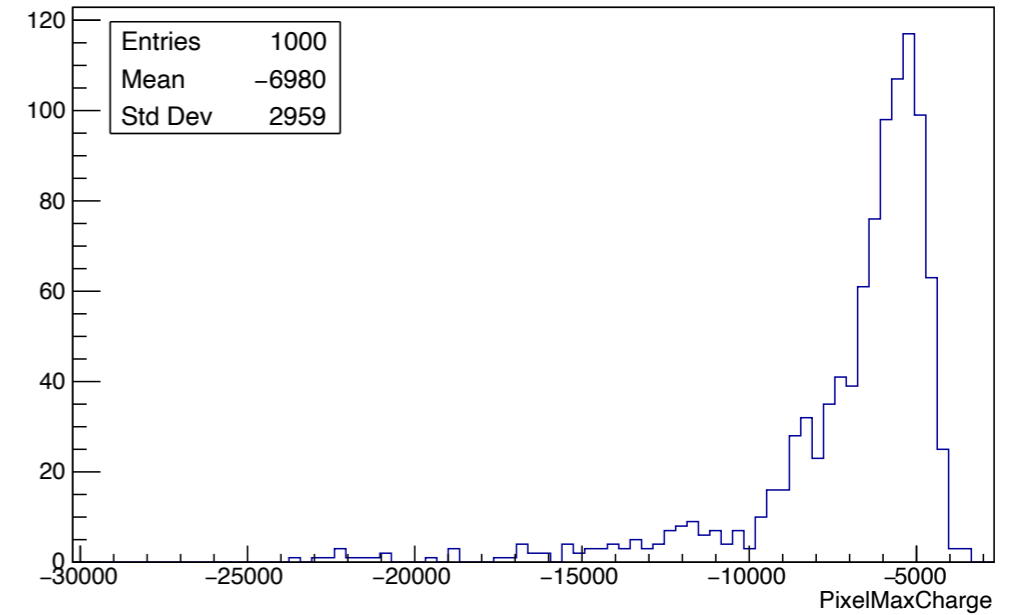


#### PropagatedXPosition

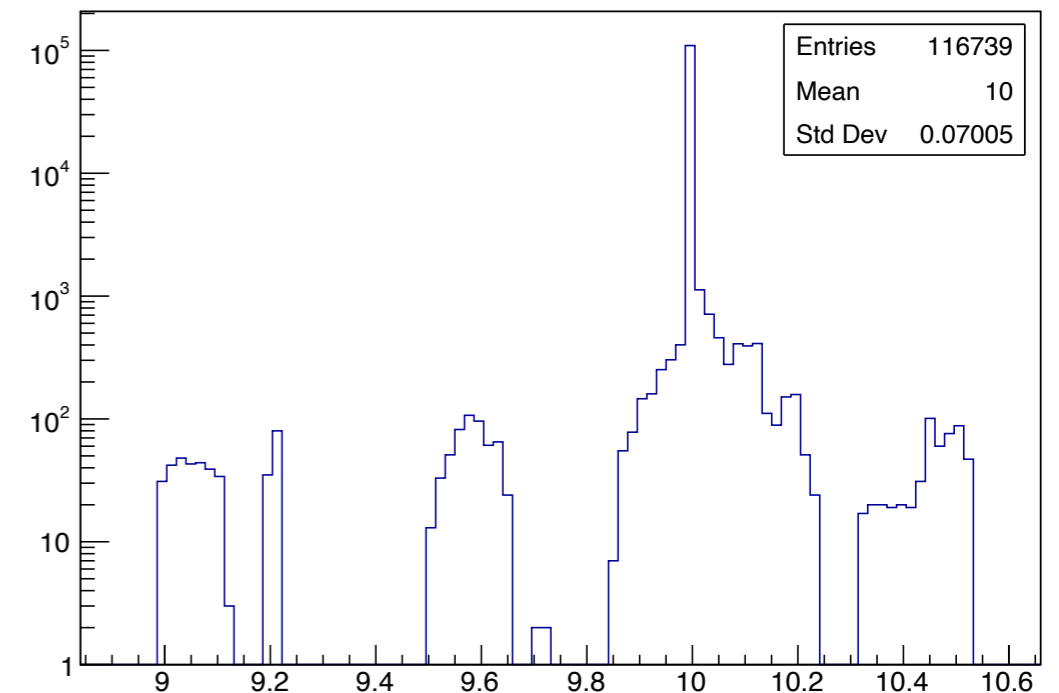


### Closure test

#### PixelMaxCharge



#### PropagatedXPosition



Rel err mean: 1.2%  
Rel err sigma: 0.92%

**Excellent agreement !!**

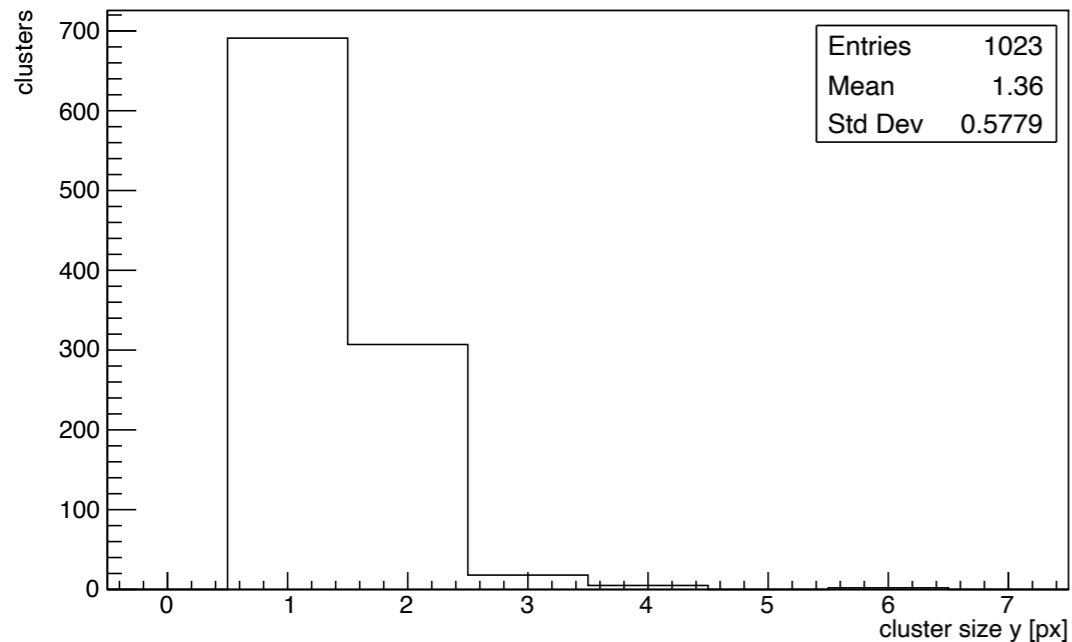
Rel err mean: 0.49%

# $\text{Eta} = 1.4 (\theta = 0.483 \text{ rad})$

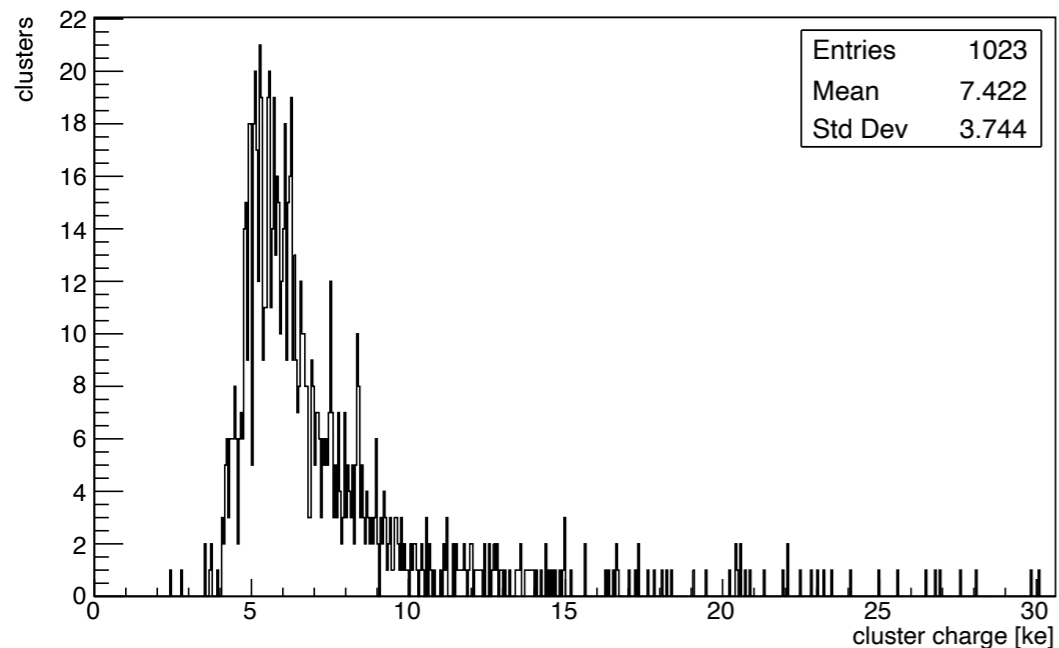
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### Full simulation

Cluster size in Y (detector1)

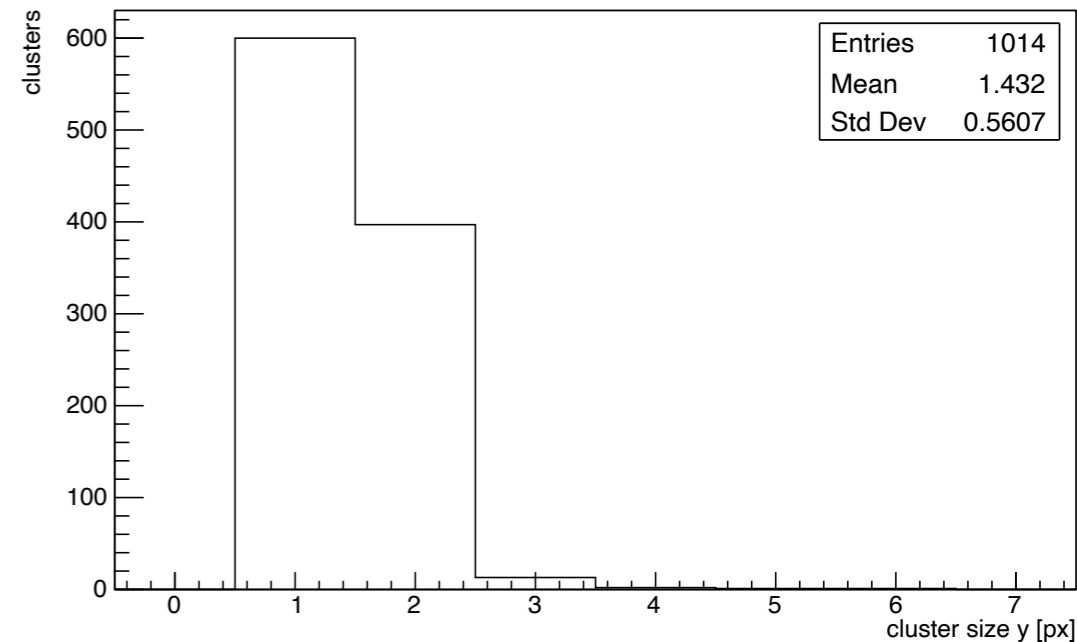


Cluster charge (detector1)

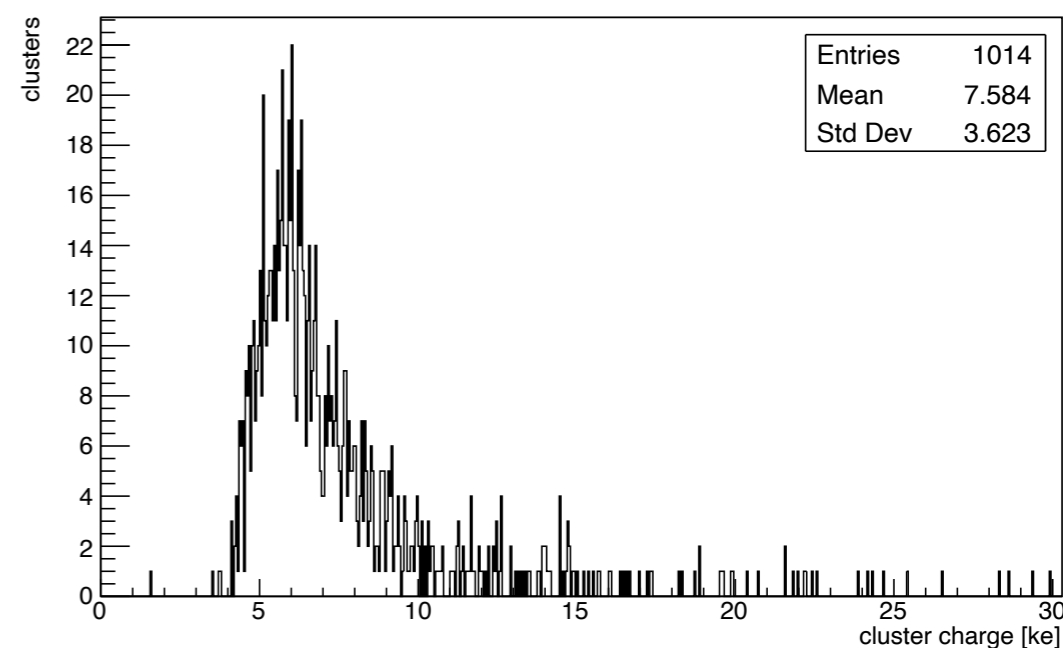


### Closure test

Cluster size in Y (detector1)



Cluster charge (detector1)



Rel err mean: 5.1%  
Rel err sigma: 3%

**Excellent agreement !!**

Rel err mean: 2.2%  
Rel err sigma: 3.2%

# Closure test results

Relative errors on mean: putting everything together!

#	Pixel max charge	Cluster size	Cluster Charge
Normal Incidence	0.26%	1 %	0.1%
$\eta = 1(\theta = 0.705rad)$	2 %	4.9%	0.11%
$\eta = 1.4(\theta = 0.483rad)$	1.2%	5.1%	2.2%

- Closure test at normal incidence is in excellent agreement with the full simulation
- Good agreement in the mean cluster charge distributions in all the cases -> important variable for track reconstruction
- Despite using a simple method/strong approximation, achieved very good results!



# Summary

## What next??

- Silicon detectors at hadron colliders are exposed to unprecedented levels of radiation damage
- Signal loss is the most important effect for cluster position determination
- Simulation of these effects in ATLAS MC for HL-LHC -> pixel reweighting
- Allpix-Squared plus detailed TCAD simulations to make correction to take into account signal reduction and cluster shape changes
- Produced CCE vs  $Z$ ,  $\tan(\theta_L)$  vs  $Z$  and,  $\Delta Z$  vs  $Z$  LUTs from Allpix-squared using “scan” model V
- Validated the approach using closure tests: point charge depositions, line charge deposition, **120GeV Pions** using **[LUTPropagator]** Planning to merge in the official AP2 repository
- Similar efforts in progress for 3D and strip detectors
- Next steps :
  - ✦ Tests with Pions incident at different beam energies
  - ✦ Anticipating the 2024 TB campaign for ITkPixV2 modules to validate our approach with the TB data

Thank you so much for your attention !! :)