

# Straw tracker for FCC-ee experiments

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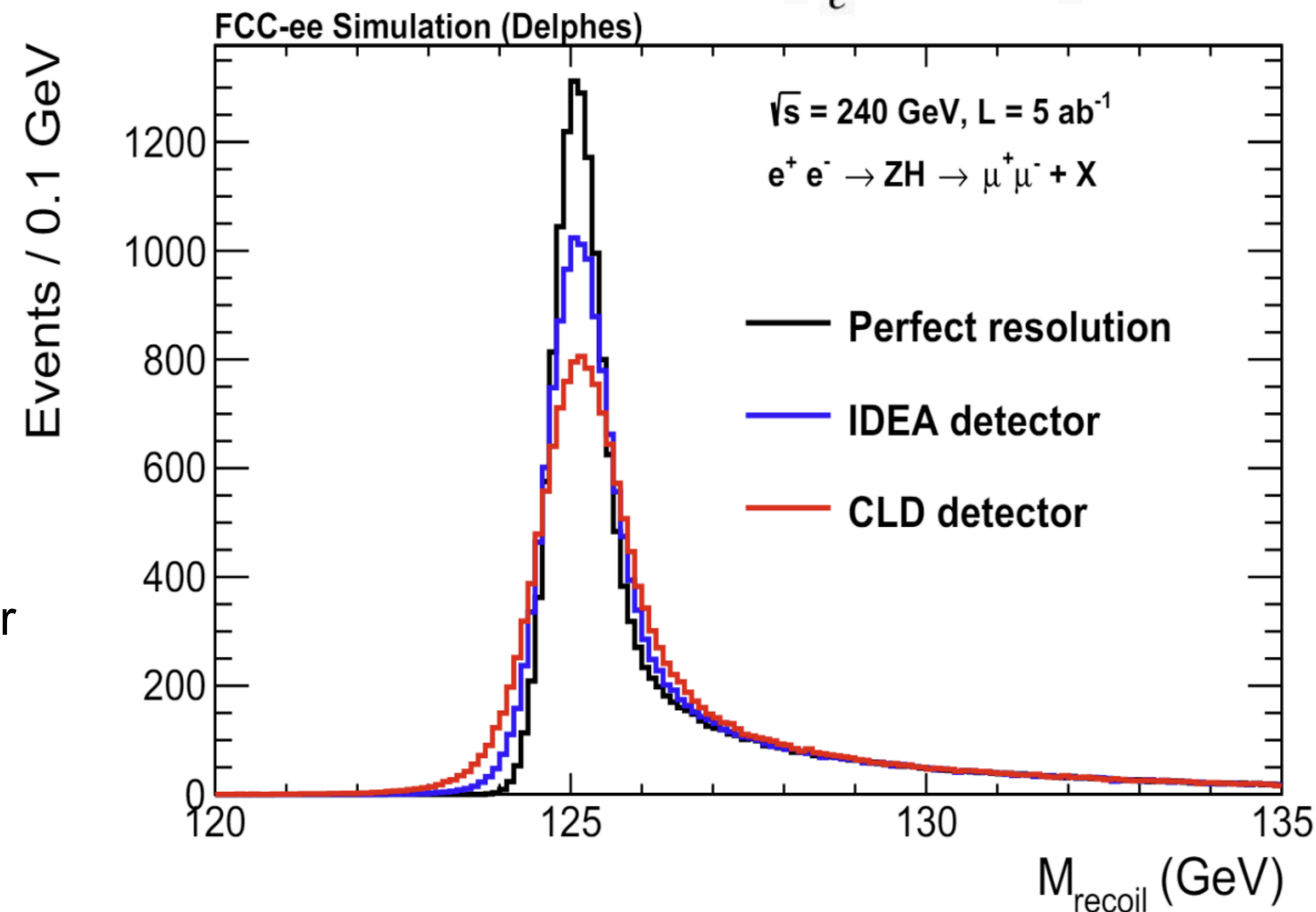
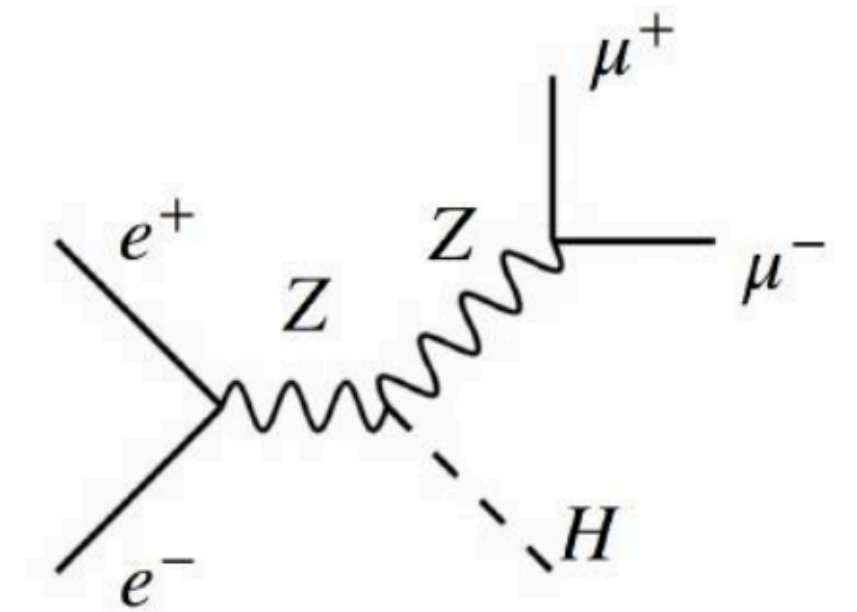


# Introduction

- Momentum resolution is an important requirement for the FCC-ee tracker

$$M_{recoil}^2 = \left(\sqrt{s} - E_{l\bar{l}}\right)^2 - p_{l\bar{l}}^2 = s - 2E_{l\bar{l}}\sqrt{s} + m_{l\bar{l}}^2$$

- Sensitivity dominated by the  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  channel
- Require the track momentum resolution should not be worse than the beam energy spread ( $\sim 0.16\%$  at 240 GeV)
  - $\sigma_{p_T}/p_T \sim 0.2\%$  at 45 GeV
  - A factor of 5-10 better than the current ATLAS and CMS inner trackers
- Current proposals for FCC-ee experiment inner tracker:
  - CLD: full silicon pixel+strip (TPC under consideration)
  - IDEA/ALLEGRO: silicon pixel + Drift chamber + outer silicon wrapper
- We propose a straw tracker concept in place of drift chamber:
  - Pixel + Straw tracker + Silicon wrapper





# Straw tracker: detector concept

- We propose a straw tracker (combined with pixel + silicon wrapper) for an FCC-ee inner tracker:

- Length 4-5m
- O(100) layers
- Straw diameters 1-1.5 cm
- Single straw resolution 100-120  $\mu\text{m}$
- 1.2%  $X_0$  in straw tracker
- Detector optimization ongoing.

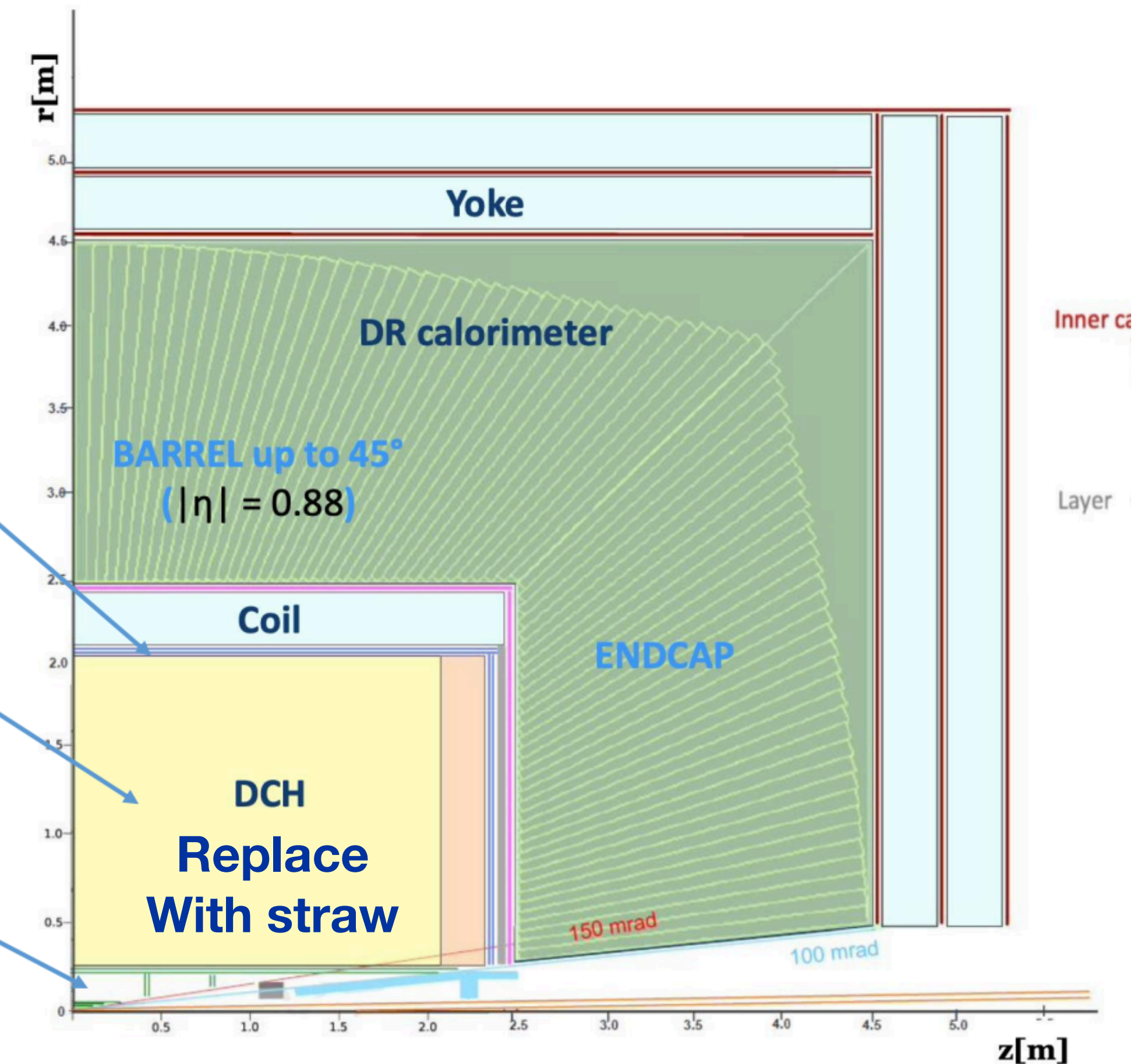
- Discussed today:

- Geant4/dd4hep simulation
- Garfield gas simulation
- Test beam studies
- Cosmic-ray studies
- Recent FCC straw tracker workshop

**Outer Silicon wrapper:**  
Si strips

**Drift Chamber:** 112 layers  
4 m long, R = 35-200 cm

**Vertex:**  
5 MAPS layers  
R = 1.37-31.5 cm

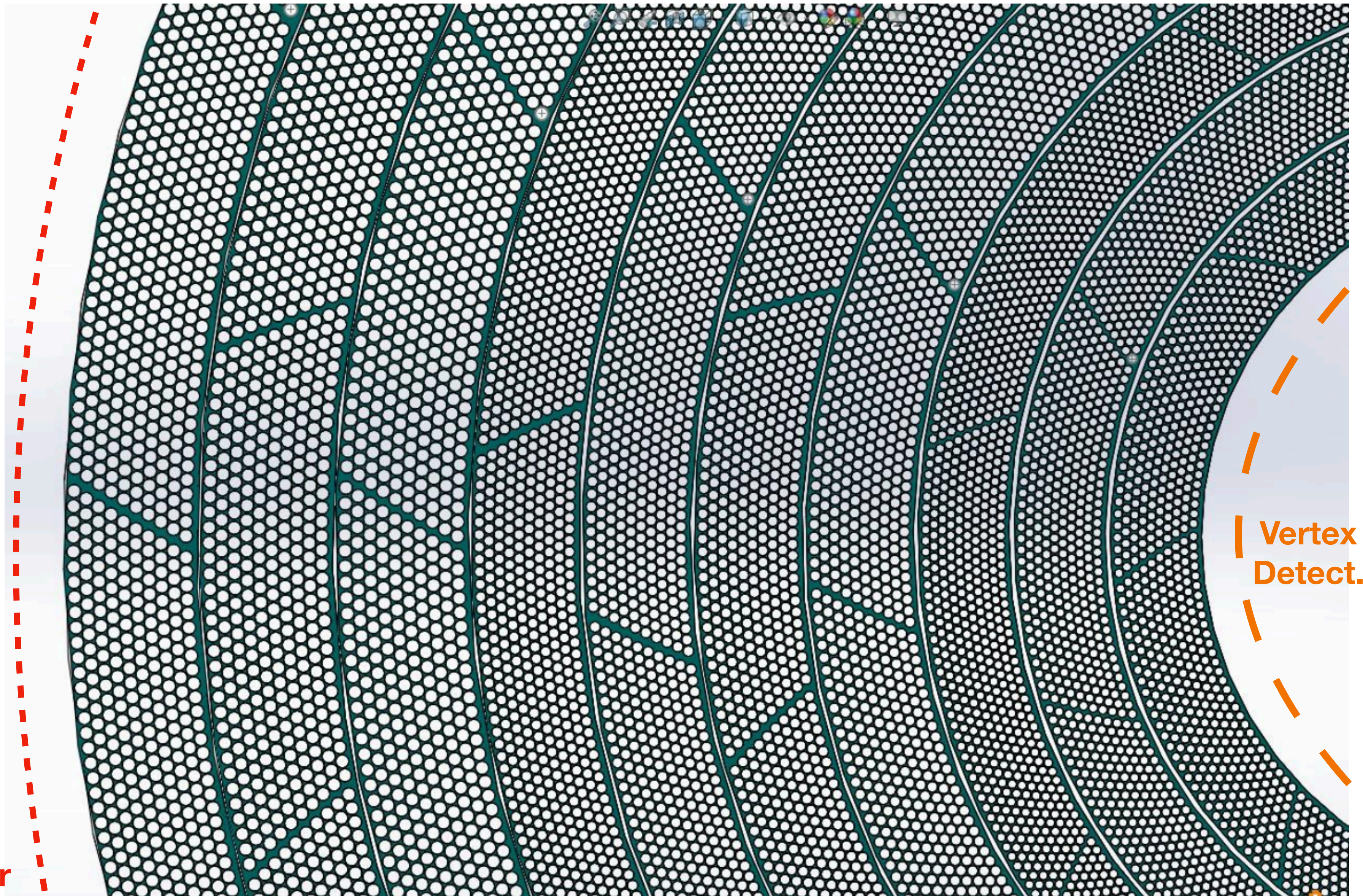




# Straw tube layout: the WIP detector concept

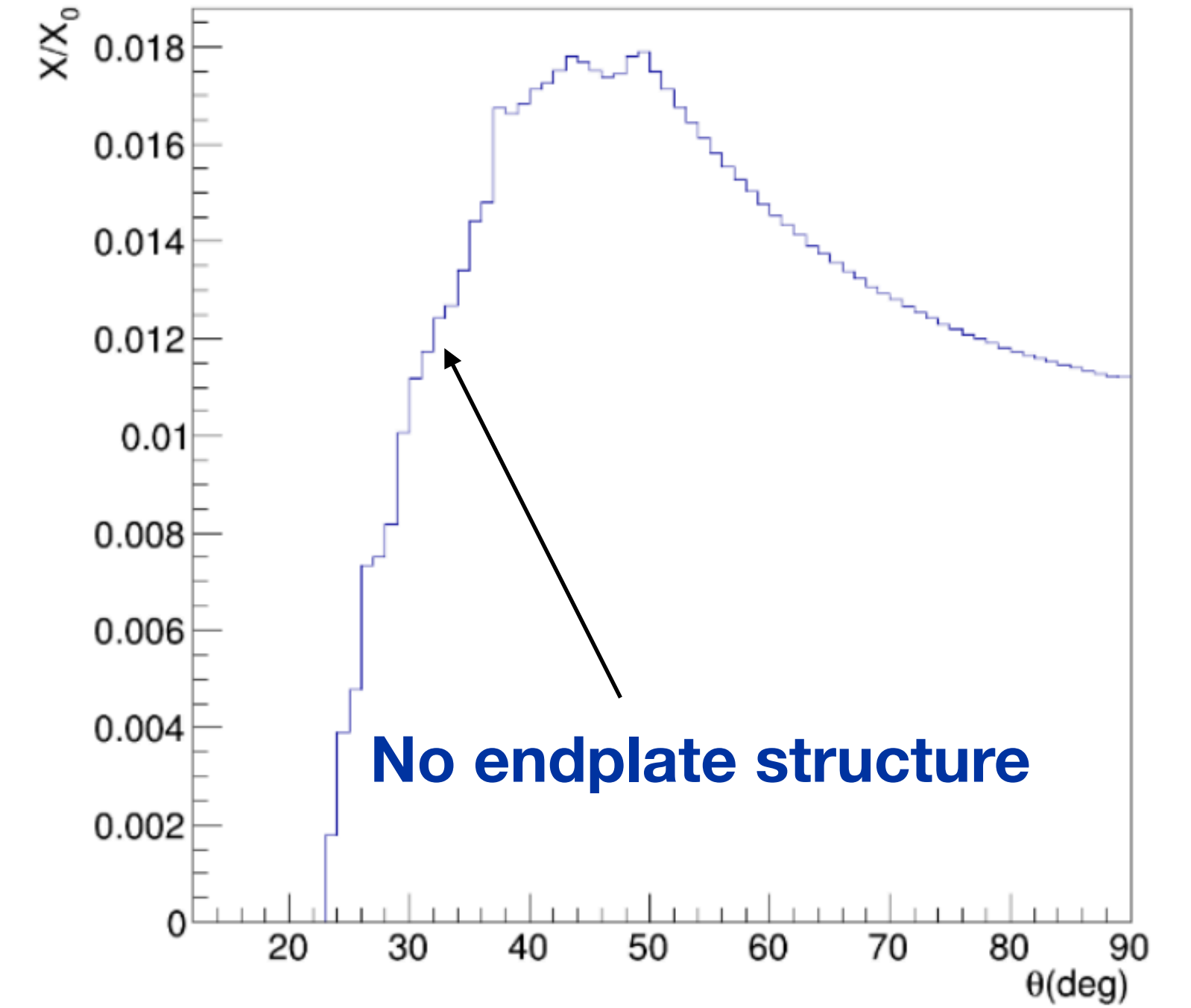
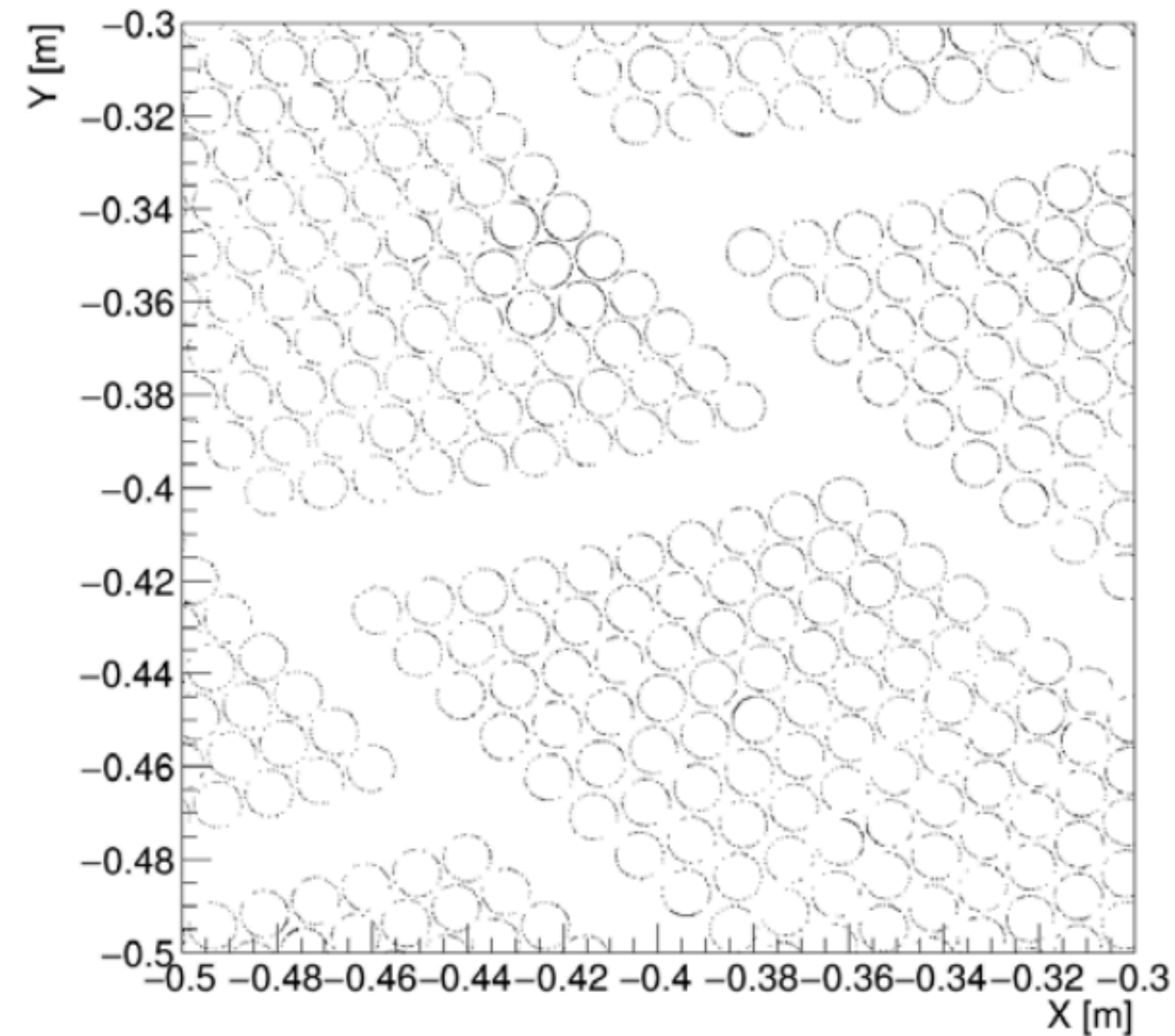
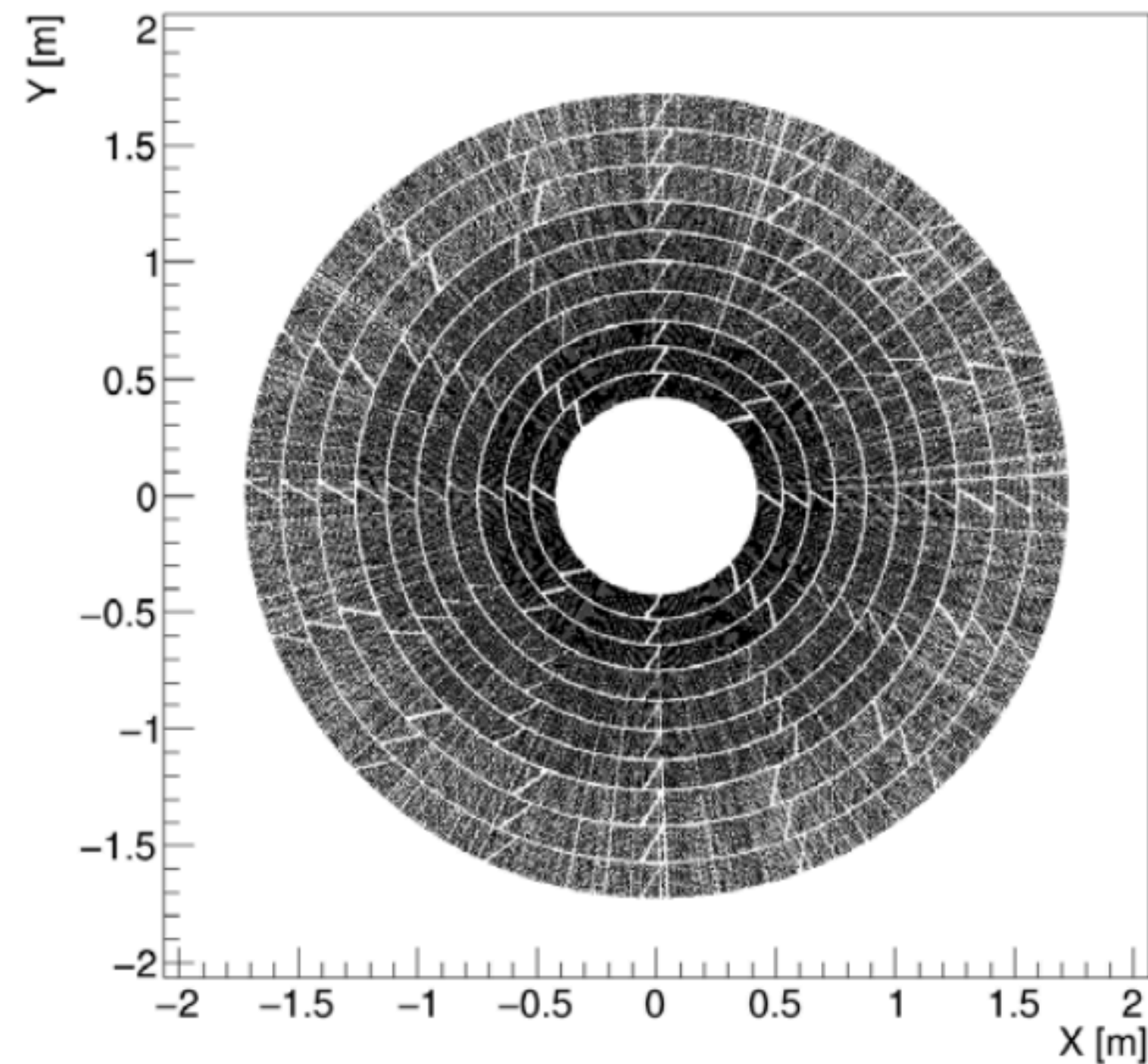
- 10 super layers
- 10 sublayers per super layer
- Diameter varies 1-1.5 cm
- Order 100,000 tubes
  
- Put in place of IDEA drift chamber in simulation.  
Between vertex detector and silicon wrapper
  - Can extend chamber to 5m to match ALLEGRO, easier with straw than drift chamber. Eventually we foresee straw may be part of ALLEGRO concept.
  
- Inner radius: 35.1cm
- Outer radius: 184.2 cm
  
- Option to alternate axial and stereo layers

Silicon wrapper





# Dd4hep simulation



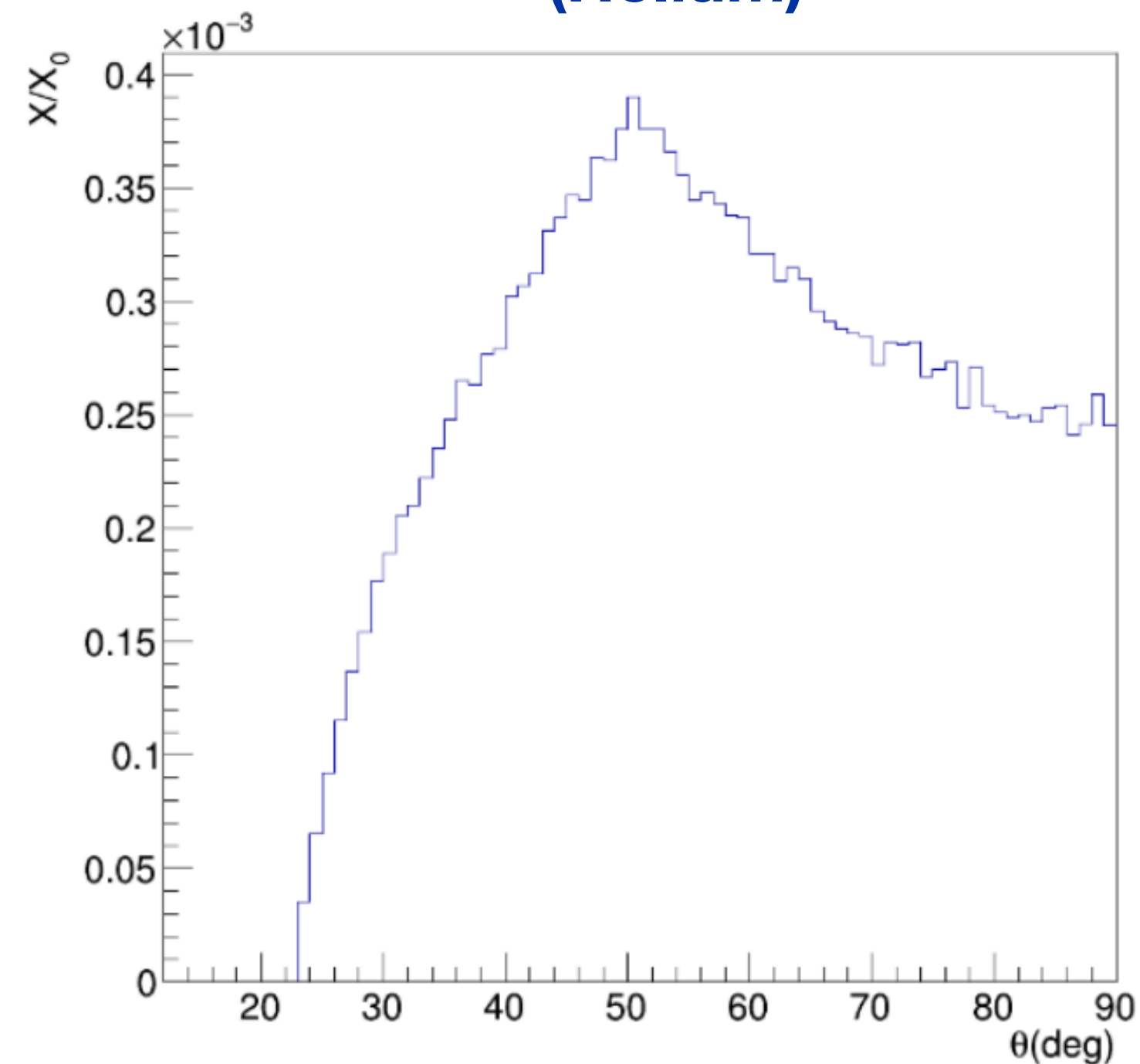
- **The straw tracker has modular design. Nominal geometry:**

- 12 micron thick mylar layer
- 50 microns Aluminium coating
- Wire: 20 microns diameter Tungsten
- No endplate structure added yet. Study  $\theta = 90^\circ$

# Material budget

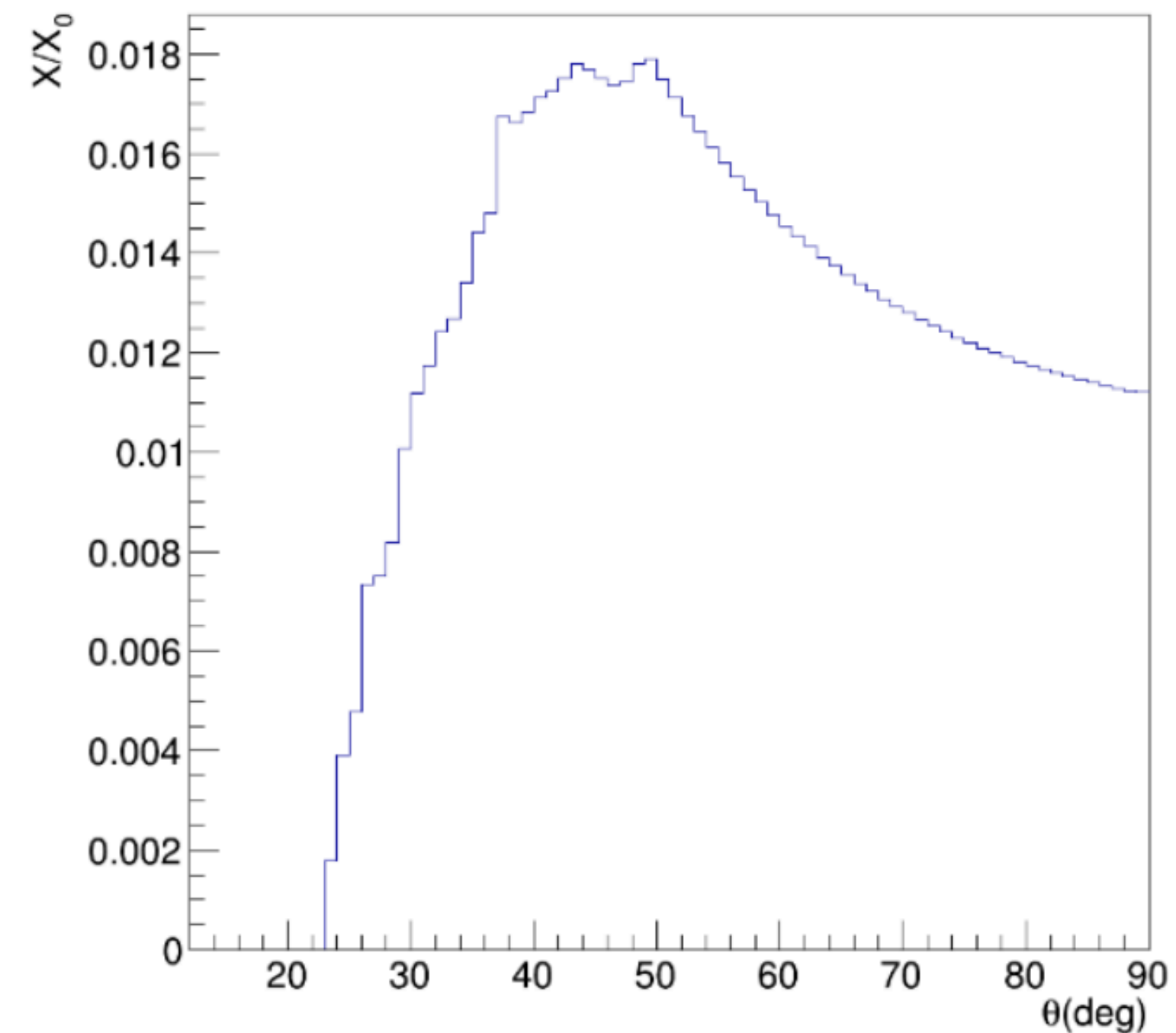
- Material budget breakdown for individual components
- Negligible contribution from Helium and Aluminum coating. Mostly from Mylar wall.
  - Air between tubes also considered. No glue: we anticipate ultrasonic welding technique.

(Helium)



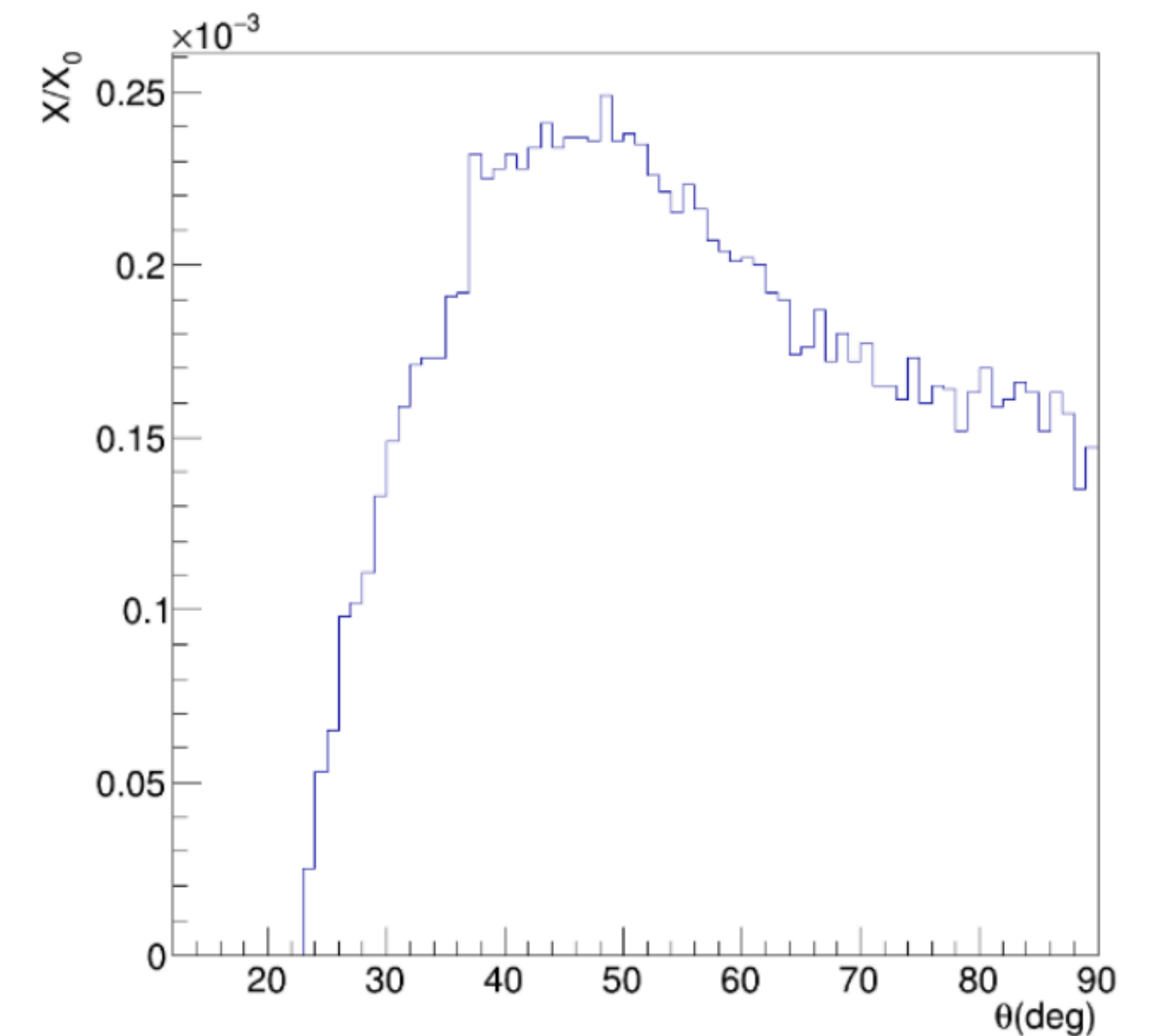
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(12 micron Mylar wall)



Mylar

(50 nm Al coating)

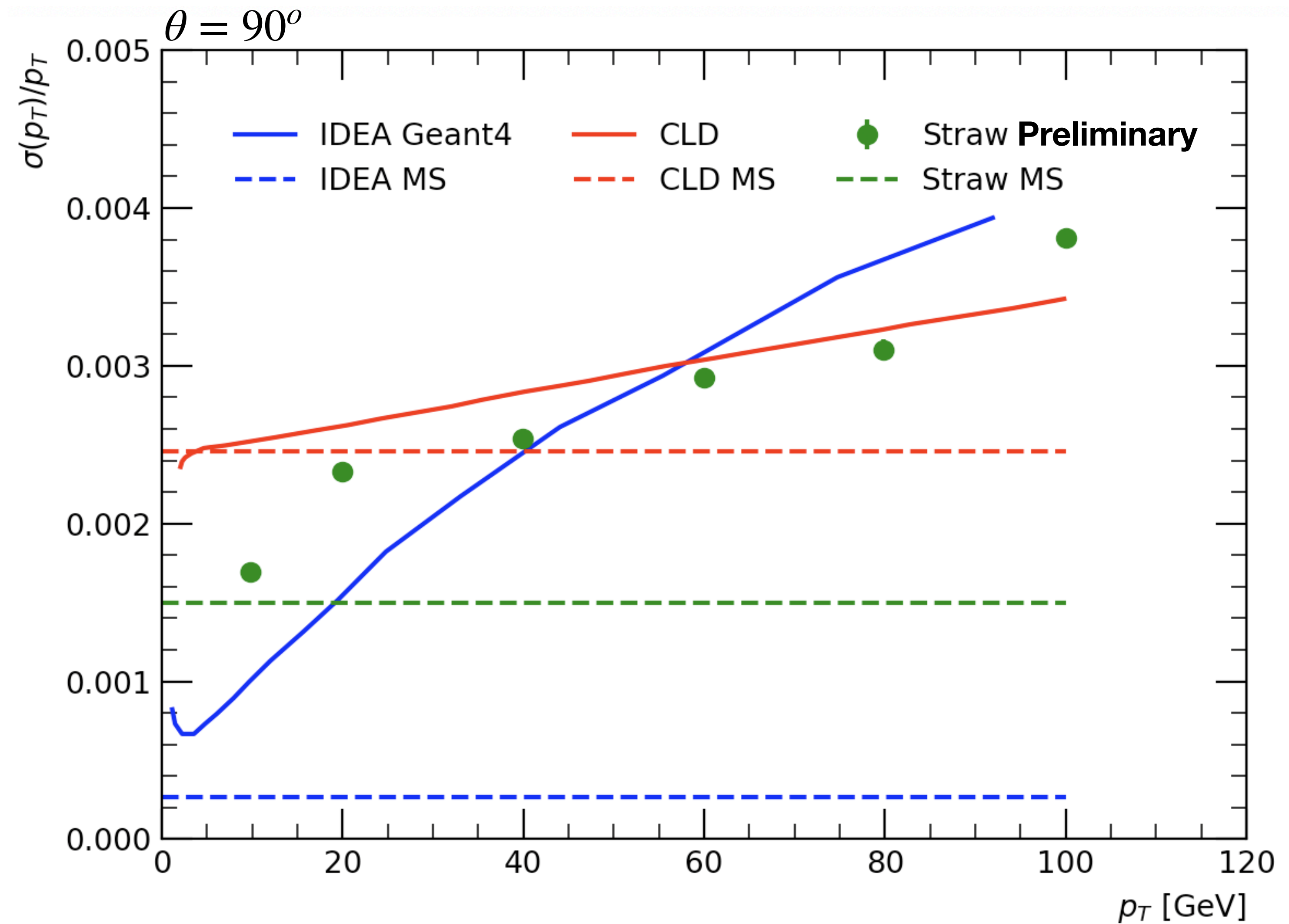


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# Tracking results

- Using preliminary Geant4 IDEA simulation for comparison
  - From: Nicola's [talk](#), slide 42
  - We believe significant material was omitted for the analytical calculation (see backup)
  - Used  $100\ \mu\text{m}$  drift chamber resolution. We aren't sure about their assumptions for pixel, wrapper.
- Assumptions on resolution for straw:
  - Vertex pixel= $5\ \mu\text{m}$
  - Straw= $120\ \mu\text{m}$
  - Silicon wrapper= $15\ \mu\text{m}$
- Material included:
  - From IDEA: Beampipe, vertex detector, silicon wrapper
  - From straw: wire, Helium gas, Mylar ( $12\ \mu\text{m}$  walls), air between tubes (total  $1.2\% X_0$ )
  - Using IDEA v03 concept from dd4hep, simply comment out drift chamber and replace with straw
- Straw fully competitive with drift chamber



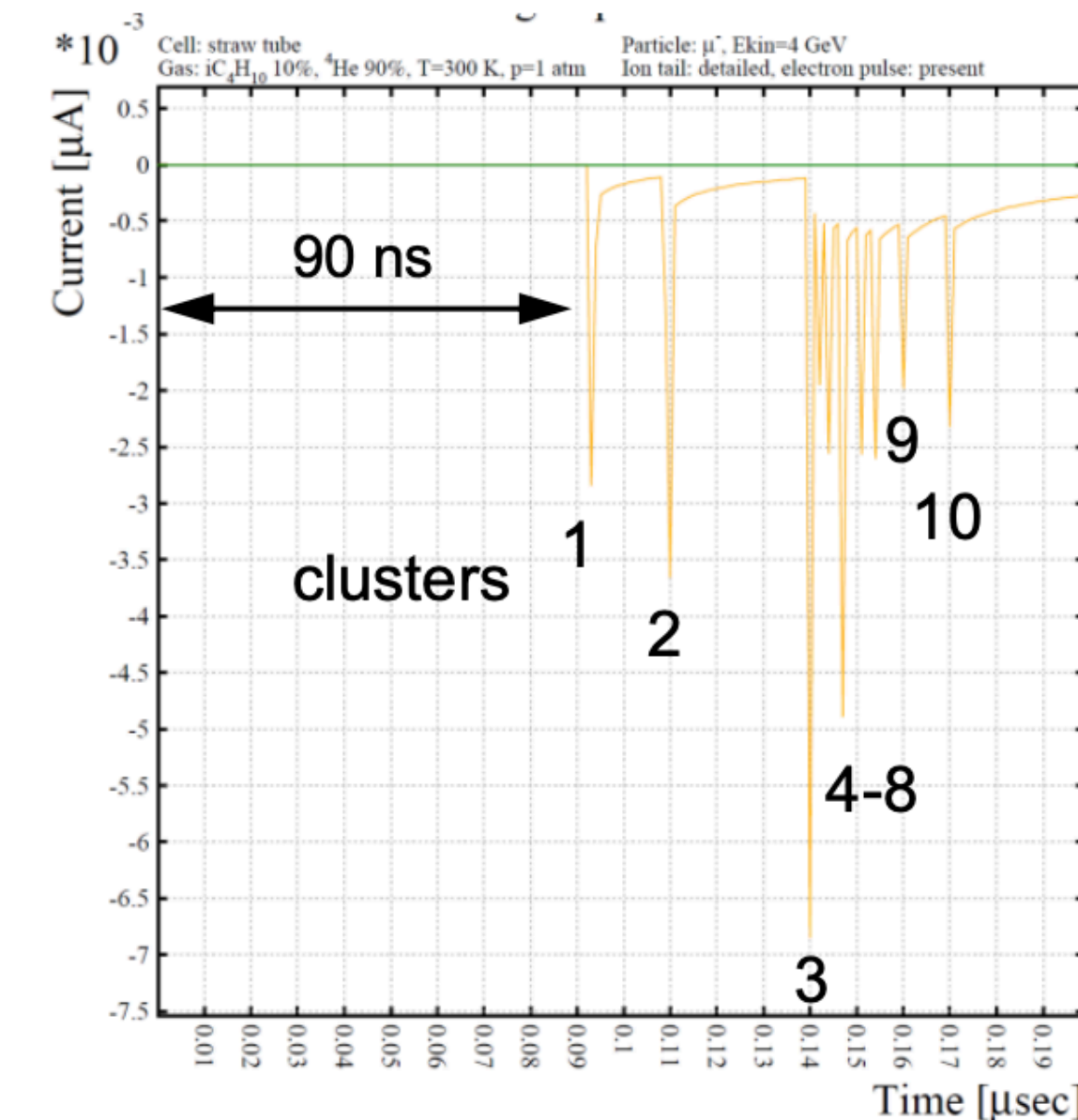
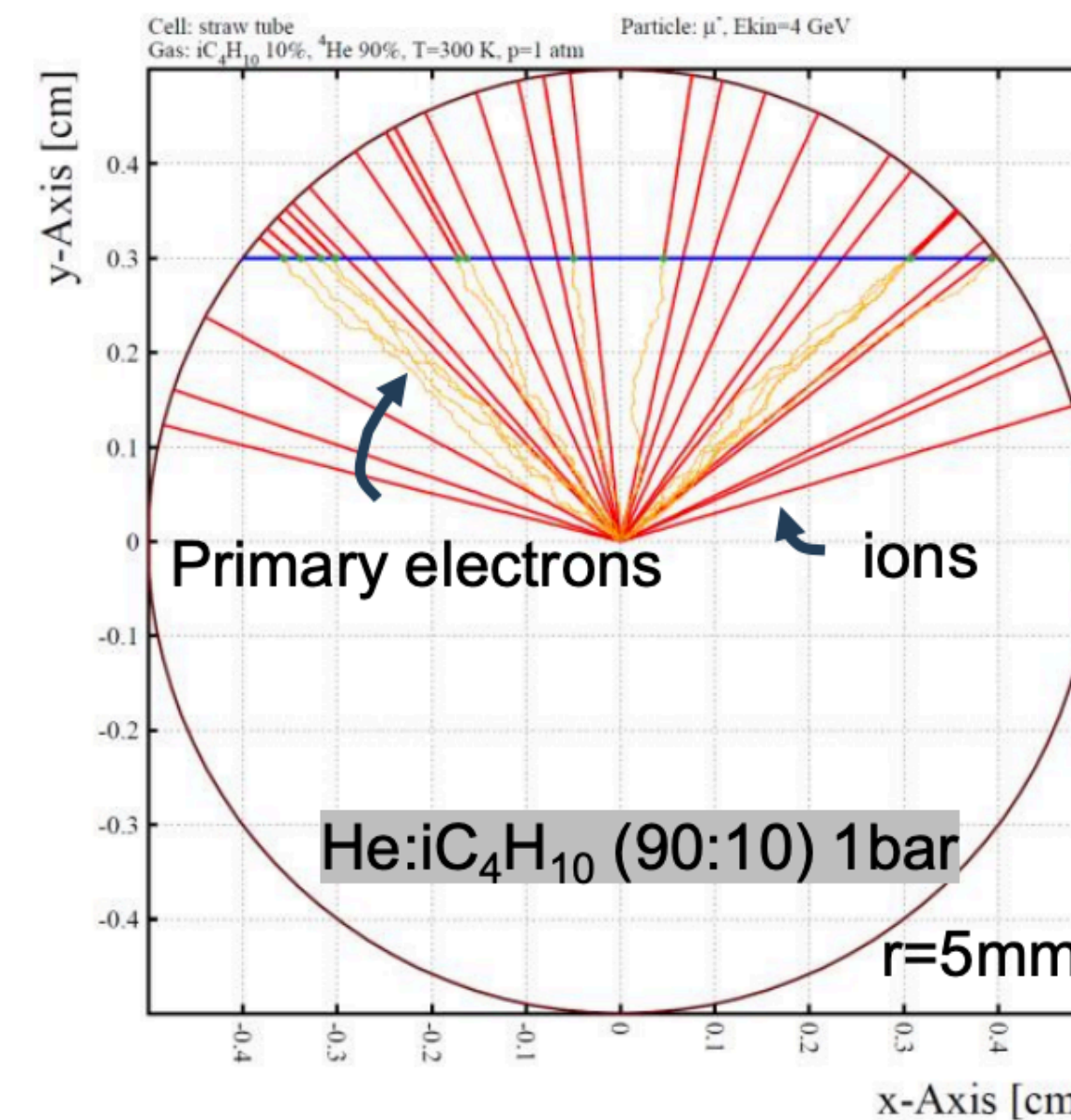
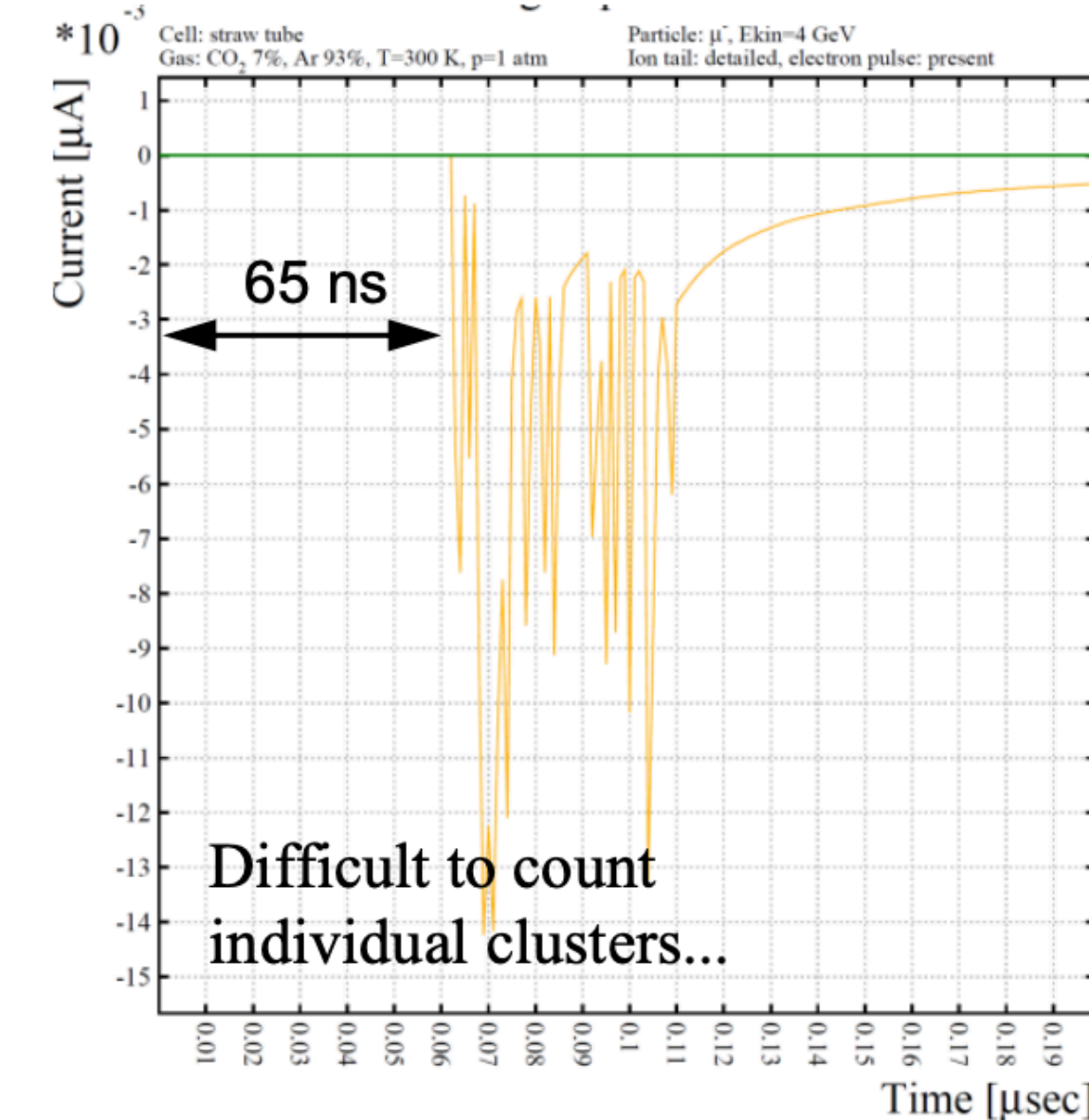
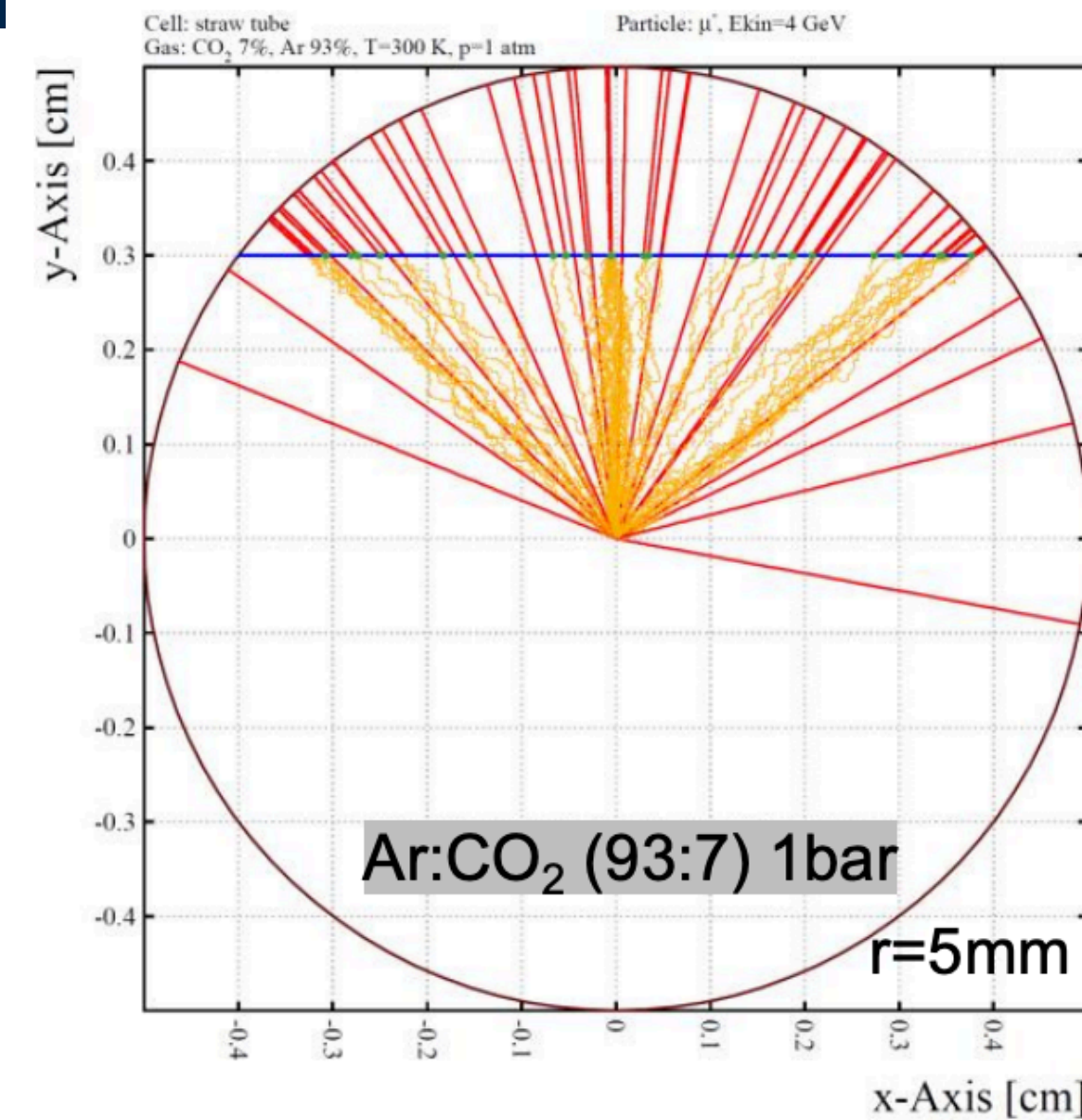
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# Simulation in different gas mixtures

- Need to pay attention to the balance between timing resolution and transverse diffusion
- **Ar-based gas:** high ionization density (~40 clusters/cm) and moderate electron drift velocity  $50 \mu\text{m/ns}$  (@ $E \sim 2\text{kV/cm}$ ). Mean cluster arrival time separation: ~5 ns.
- **He-based gas:** lower ionization density (~15 clusters/cm) and  $30 \mu\text{m/ns}$  (@ $E \sim 2\text{kV/cm}$ ). Mean cluster arrival time separation: ~15 ns.
- Plots are meant to visualize the cluster separation. See backup for drift time spectra. Maximum drift time usually between 100-300 ns





# Straw tube test studies

- **Two ongoing experimental studies:**
  - Test beam at CERN:
    - Using ATLAS MDT readout electronics (does not record full waveform).
      - Can study resolution, wire centering,  $dE/dx$  study via Wilkinson ADC or ToT mode
  - Cosmic-ray study in Ann Arbor:
    - Using oscilloscope to read waveform from straw
      - Can study  $dN/dx$  method due to full waveform (eventually need read-out electronics with waveform digitization)
      - Need 100x gain on top of HV gas gain

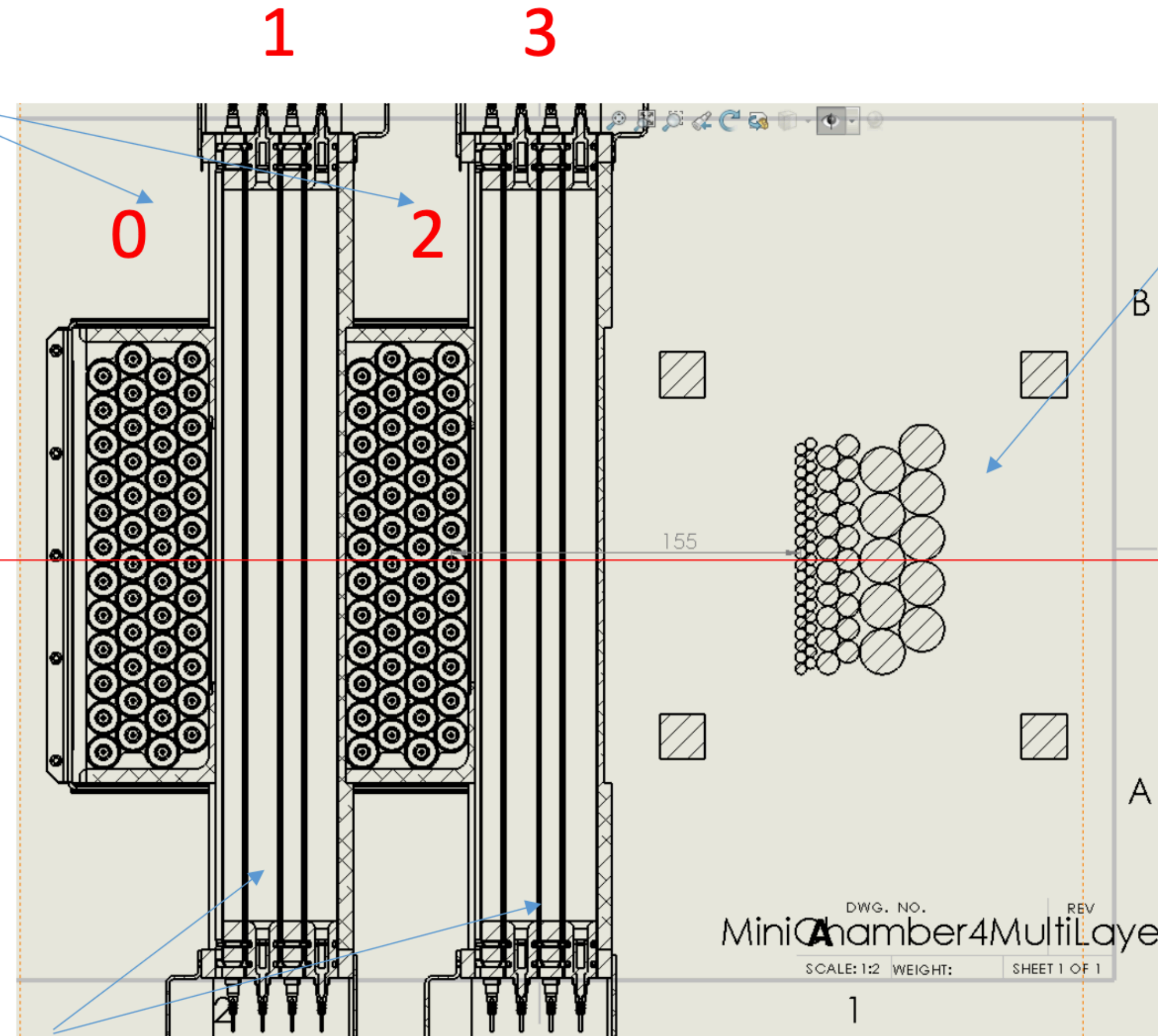


# Test Beam Studies (CERN)

## Setup from top view

Two vertical sMDT chambers 0 & 2  
(parallel with straws, measuring the X position)

Beam direction  
(Z direction)



Straws:

18 tubes are connected to the sMDT DAQ (TDC 8, Channel 6--23)

- 5 mm tubes with HV 1450 V
- 10 mm tubes with HV 1750 V
- Nominal threshold: -28 mV (~3.1 fC)
- 70% Ar, 30% CO<sub>2</sub> at 2 bar

Two horizontal sMDT chambers 1 & 3  
(orthogonal to straws, measuring the Y position)

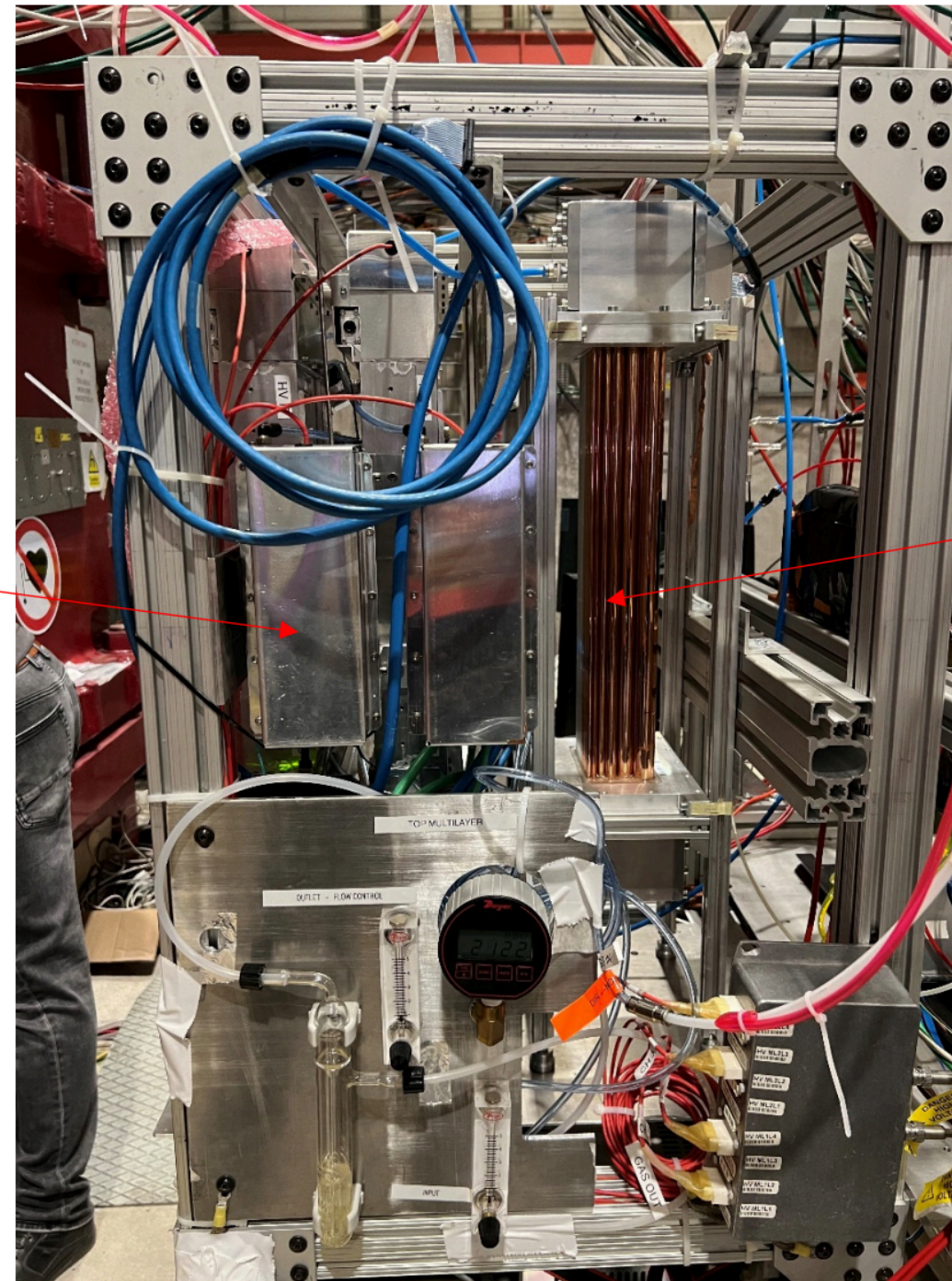
sMDT tubes with HV 2730 V  
93% Ar, 7% CO<sub>2</sub> at 3 bar<sub>2</sub>



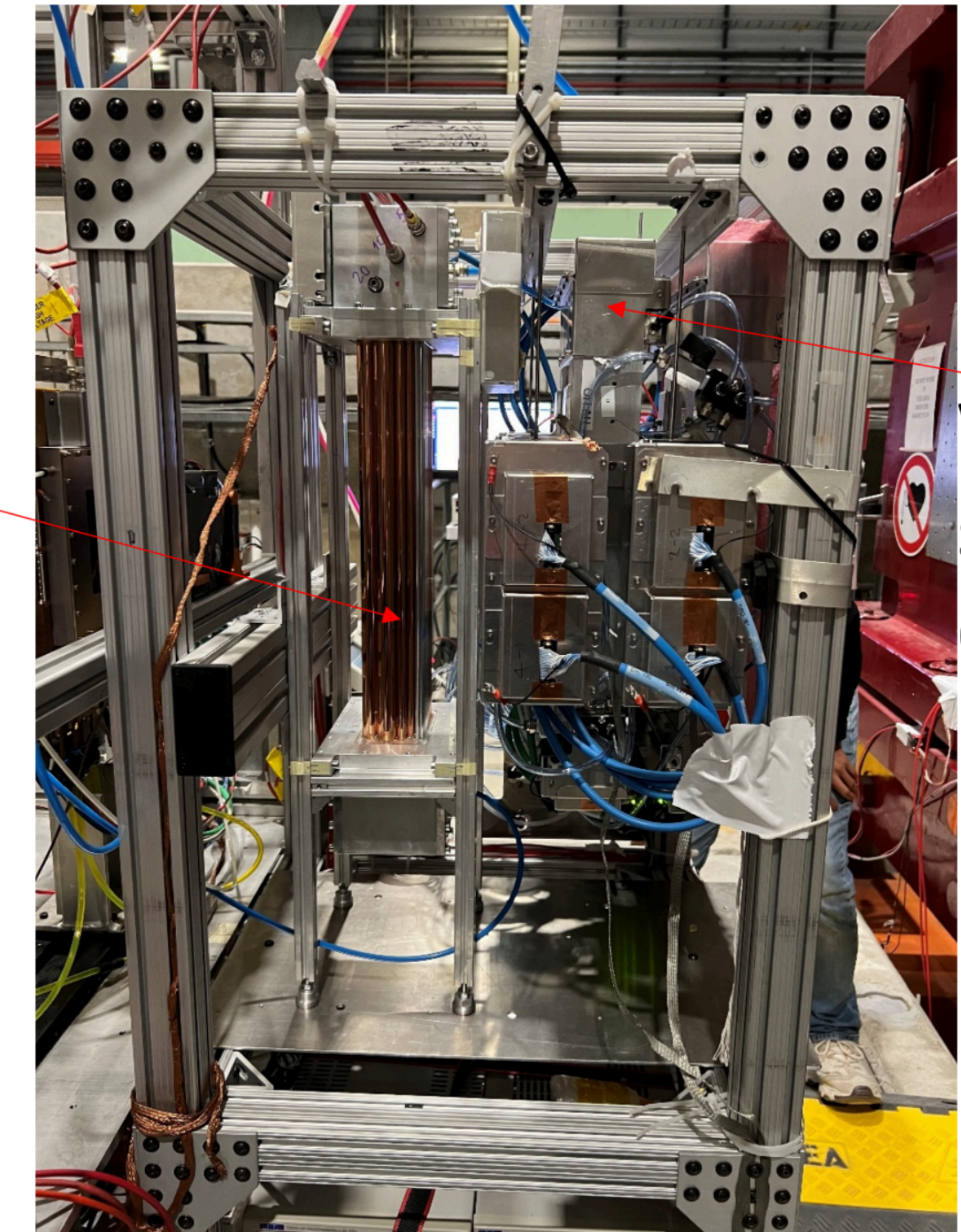
# Setup from the side view

- Compare ADC spectra and time spectra (ADC in “Wilkinson ADC” mode. More in backup.)
  - For most of the straw tubes, longer drift time -> larger ADC

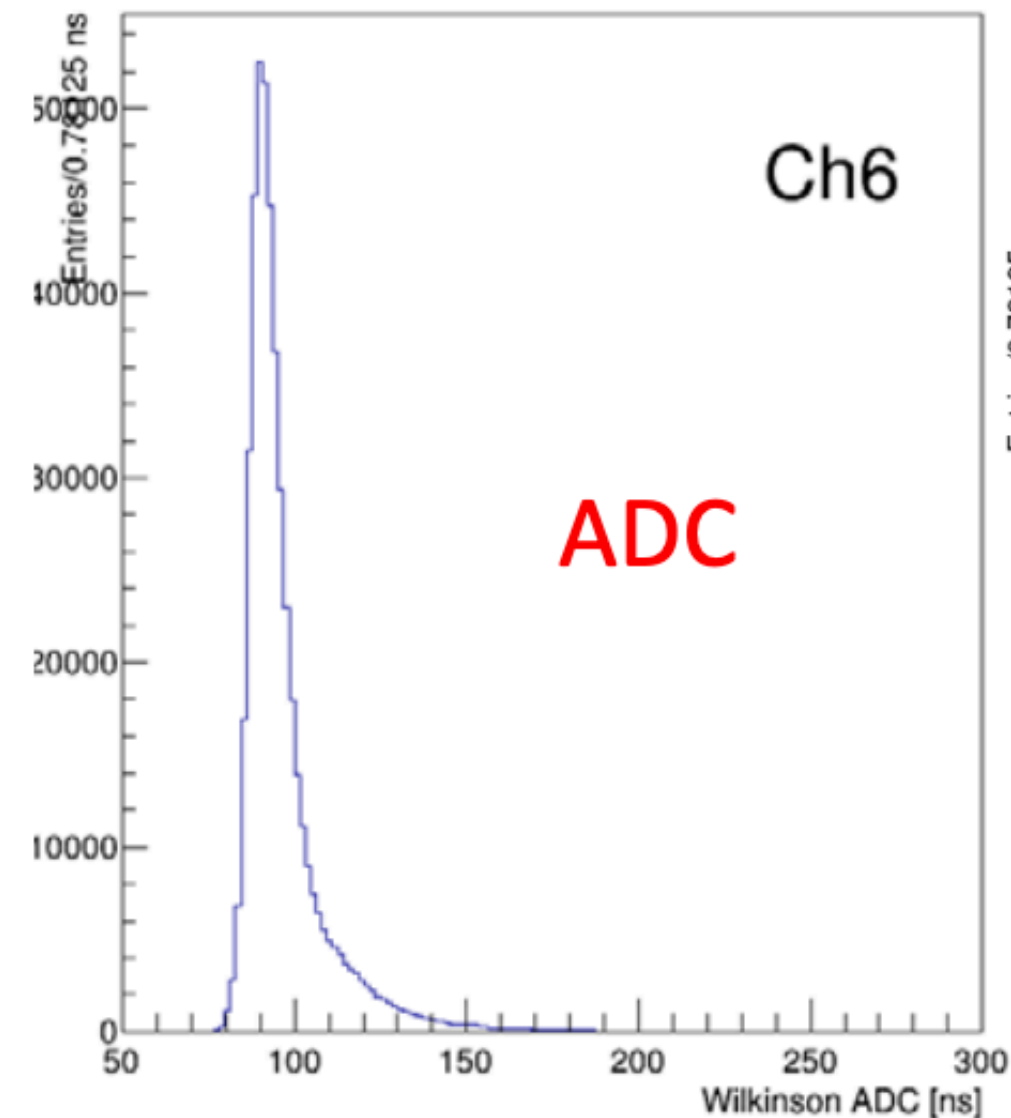
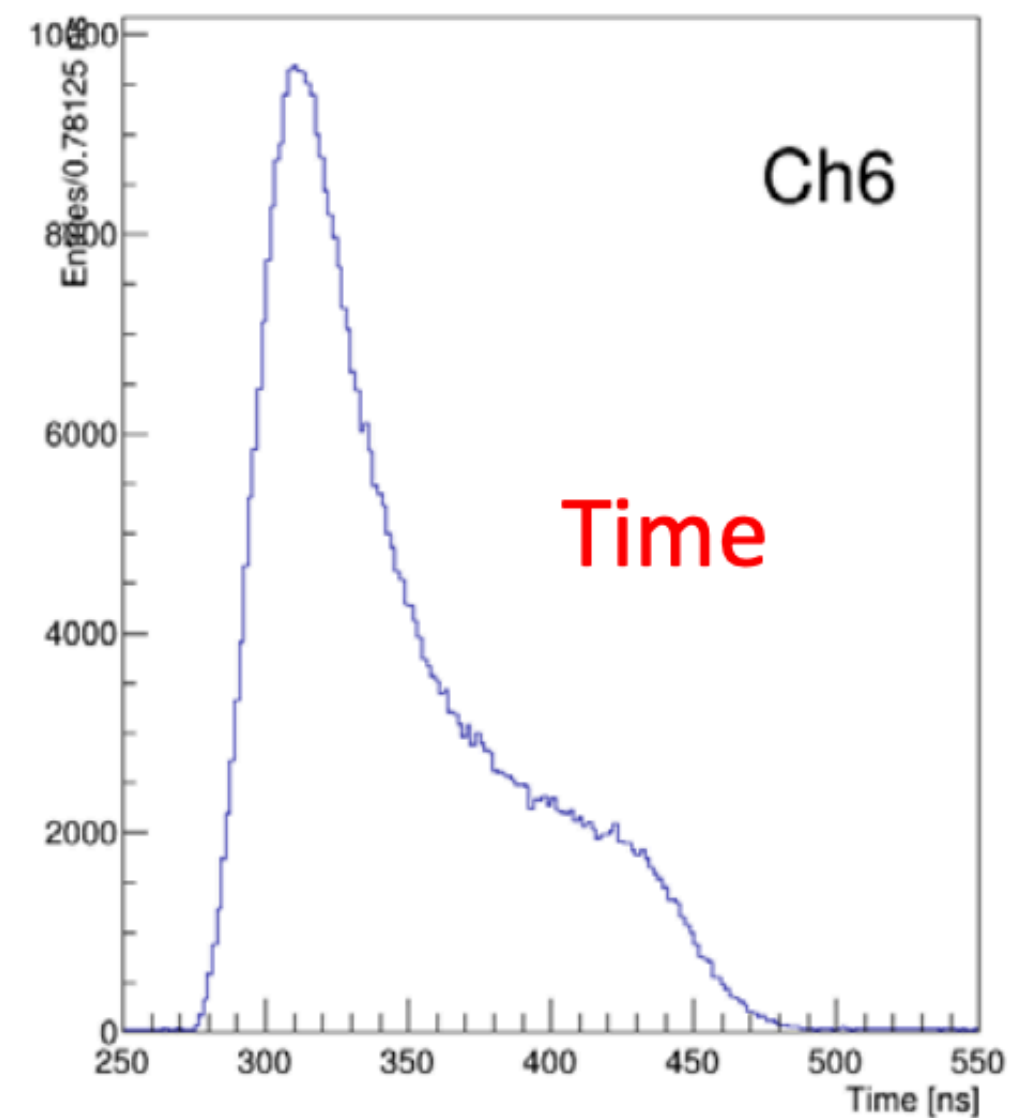
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Straws



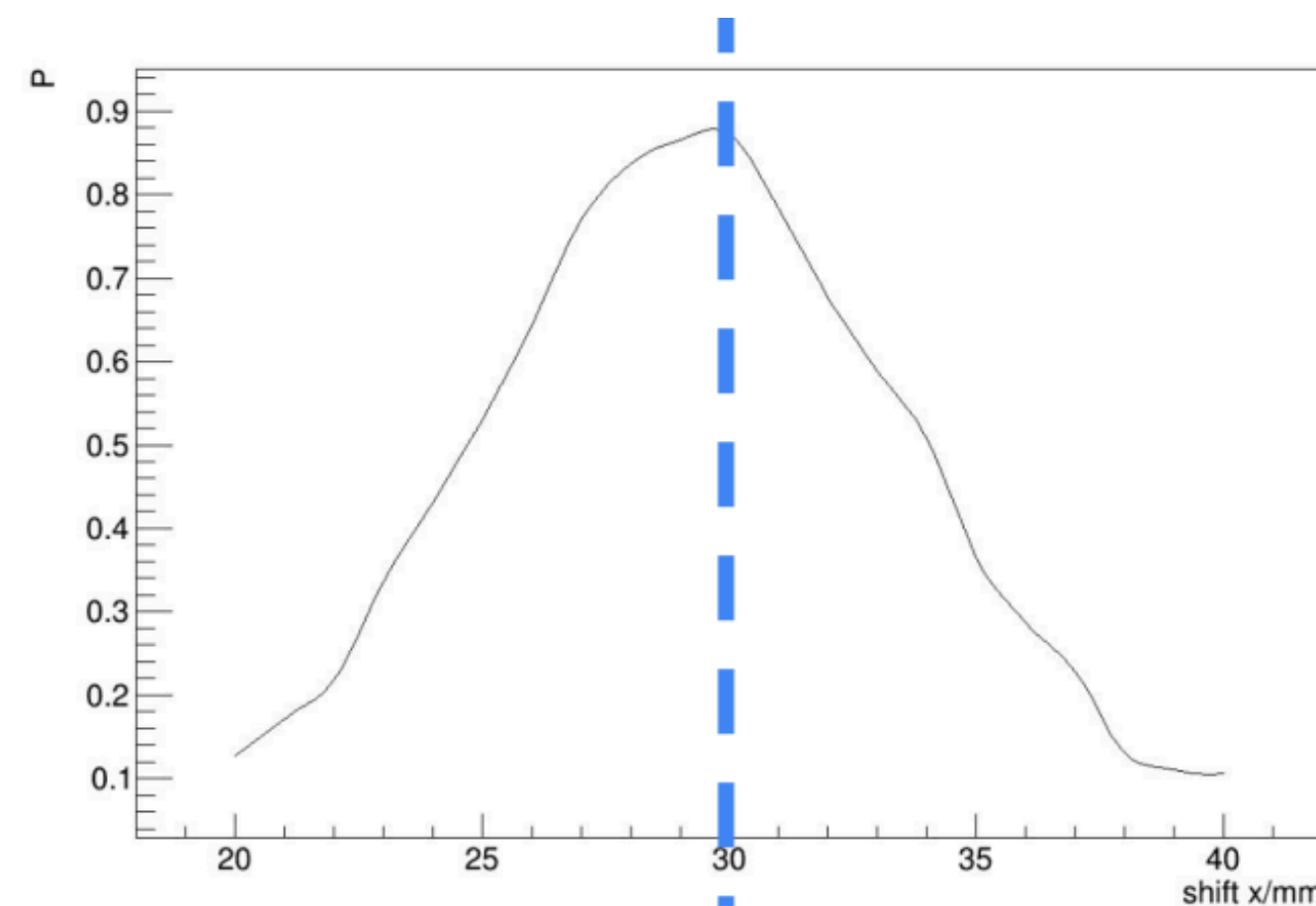
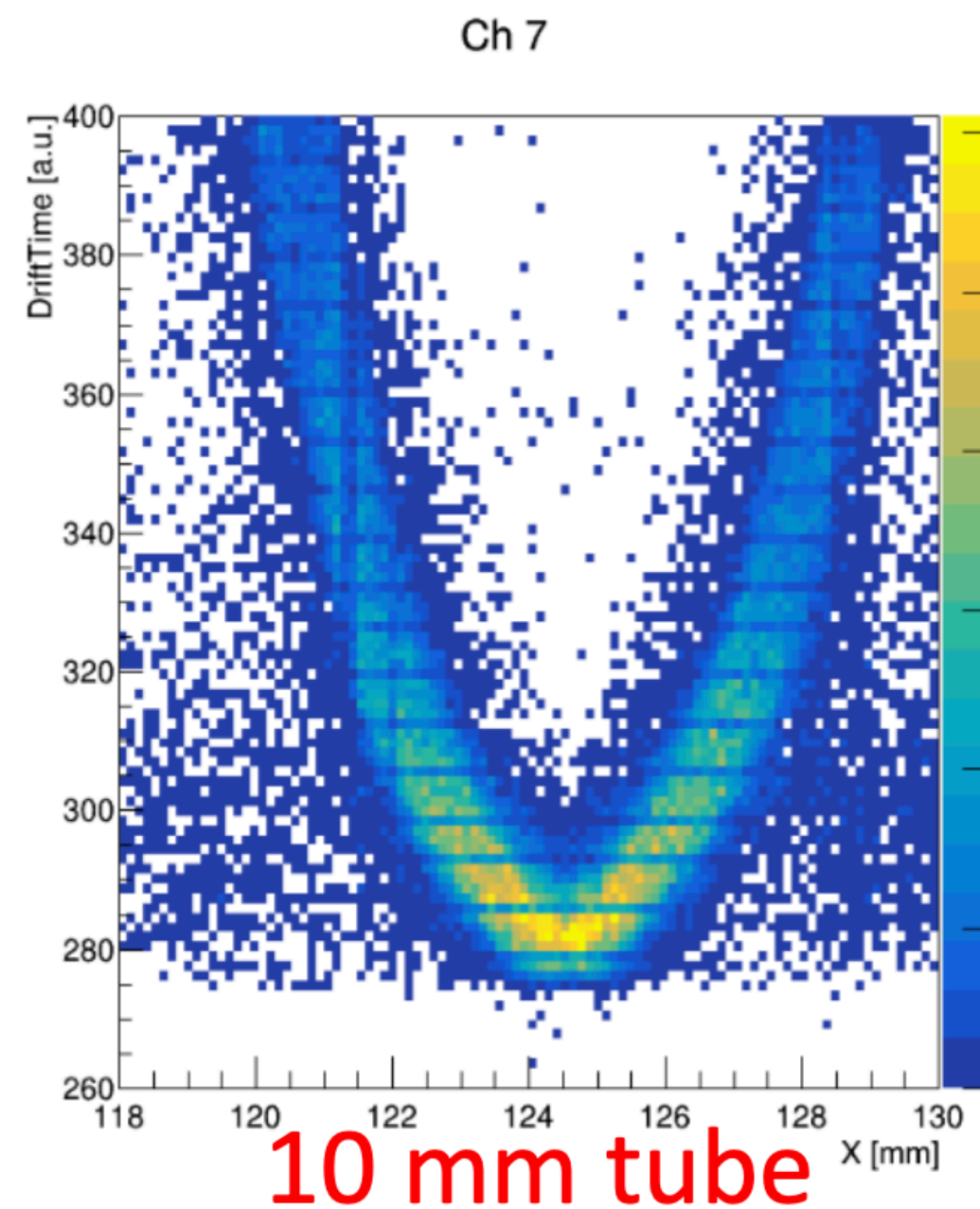
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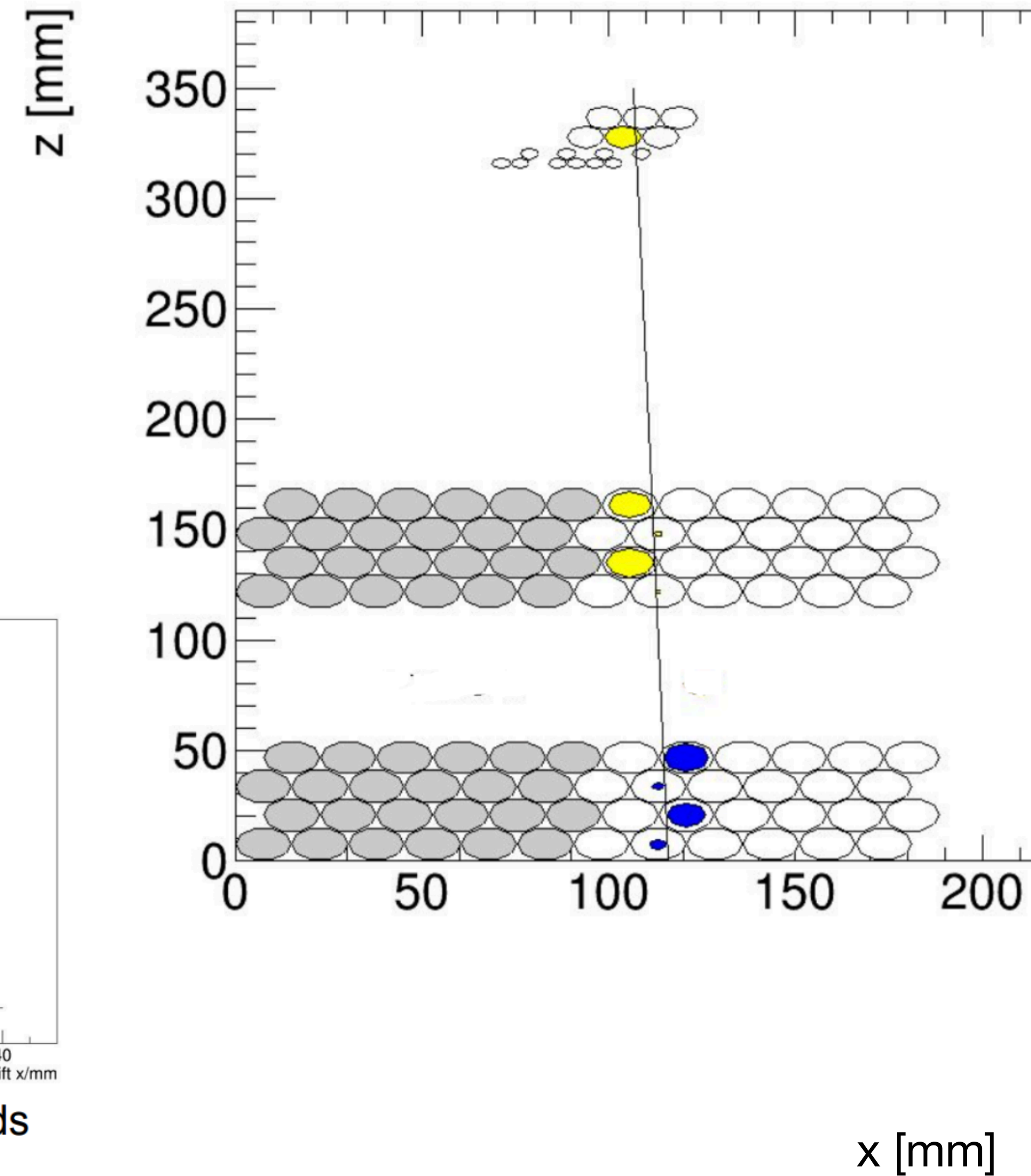


# Straw alignment

- Use sMDT tracker to predict the muon track in 3D.
- Start with a nominal alignment and calculate the efficiency of the straw:  
$$\epsilon = P(\text{hit on straw tube} \mid \text{sMDT track through straw tube})$$
- Adjust position of the straw to maximize the efficiency
- ~90% efficiency in 10/16 tubes



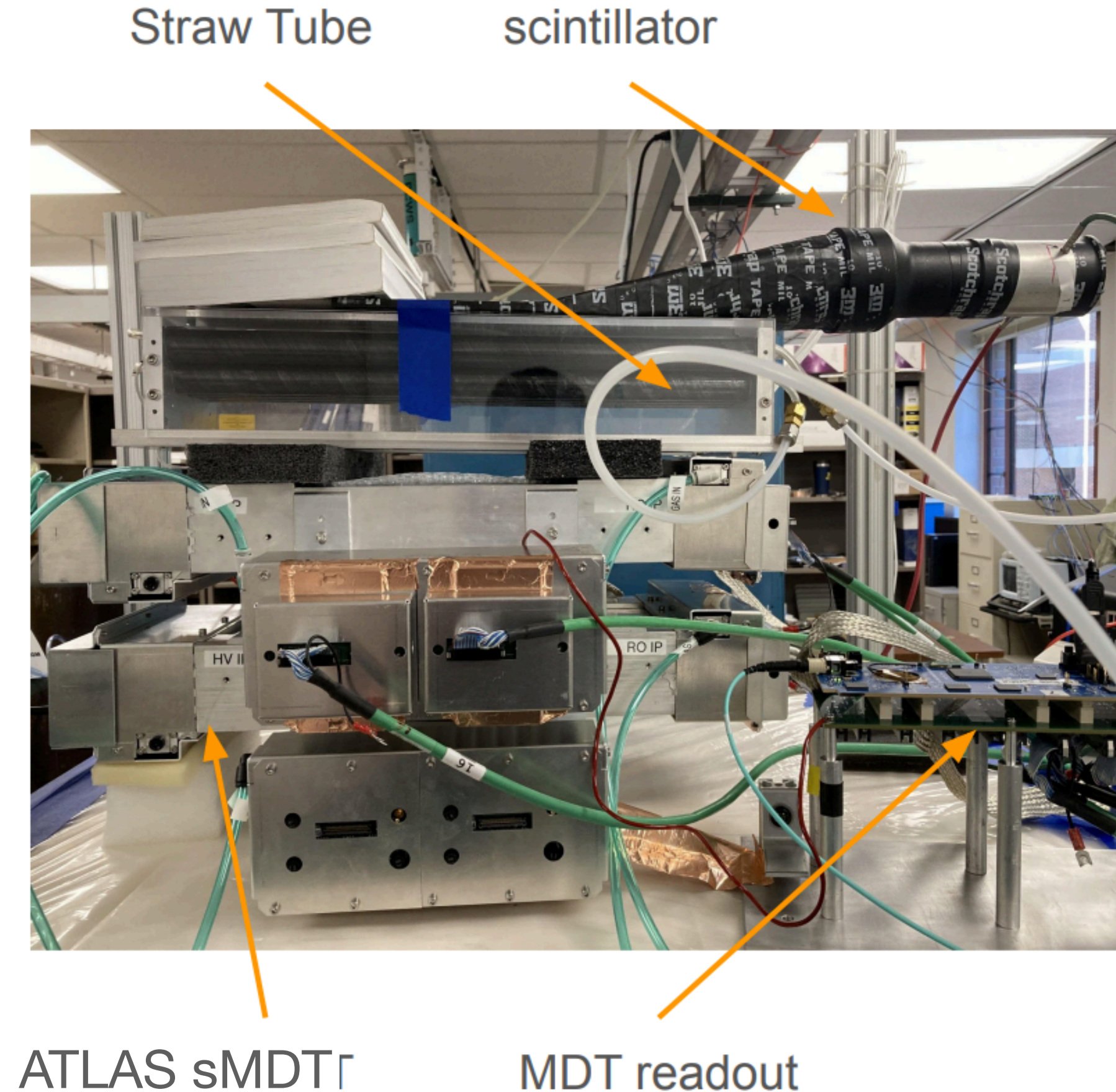
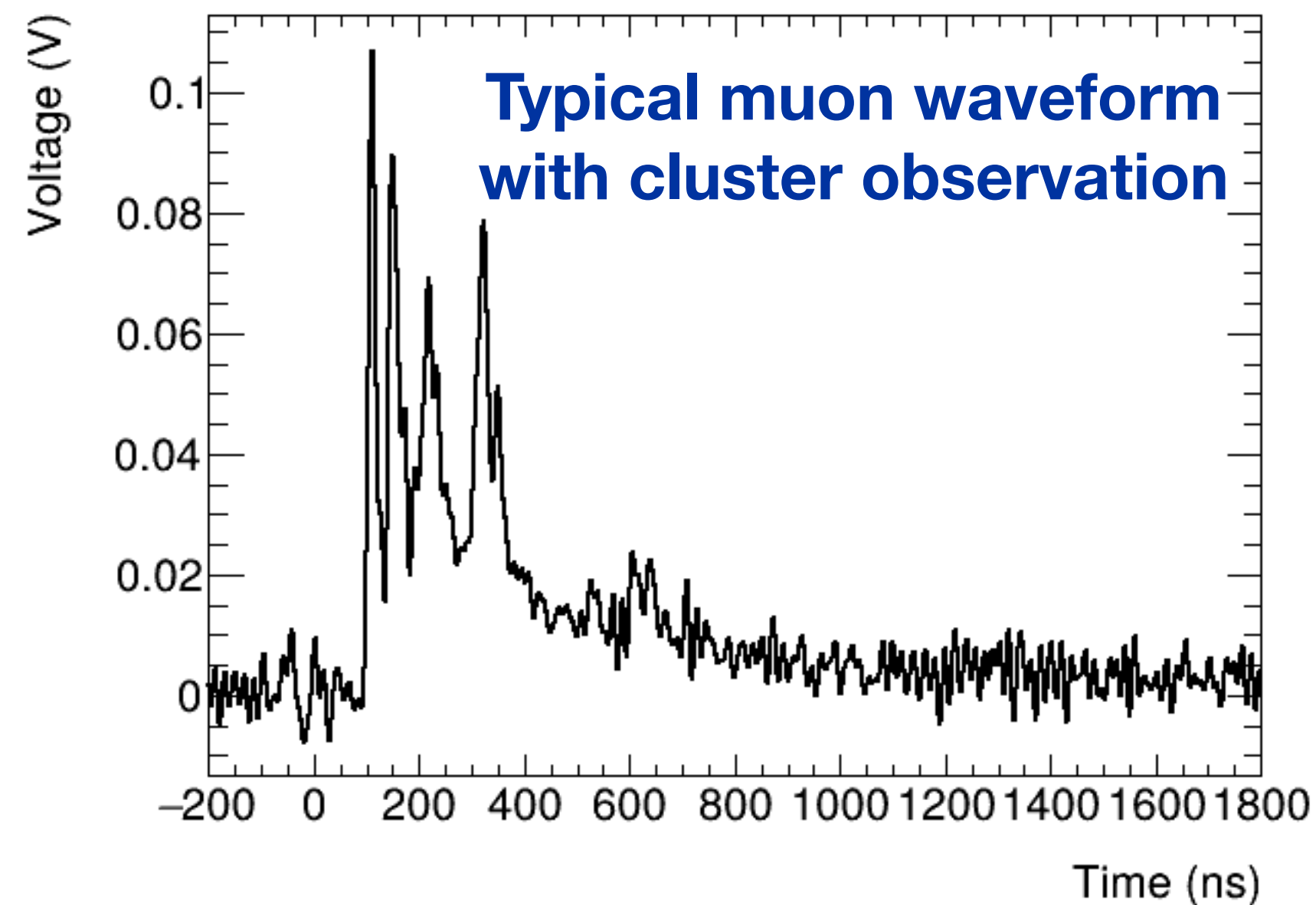
Maximum efficiency corresponds to the best alignment





# Cosmic studies (Ann Arbor)

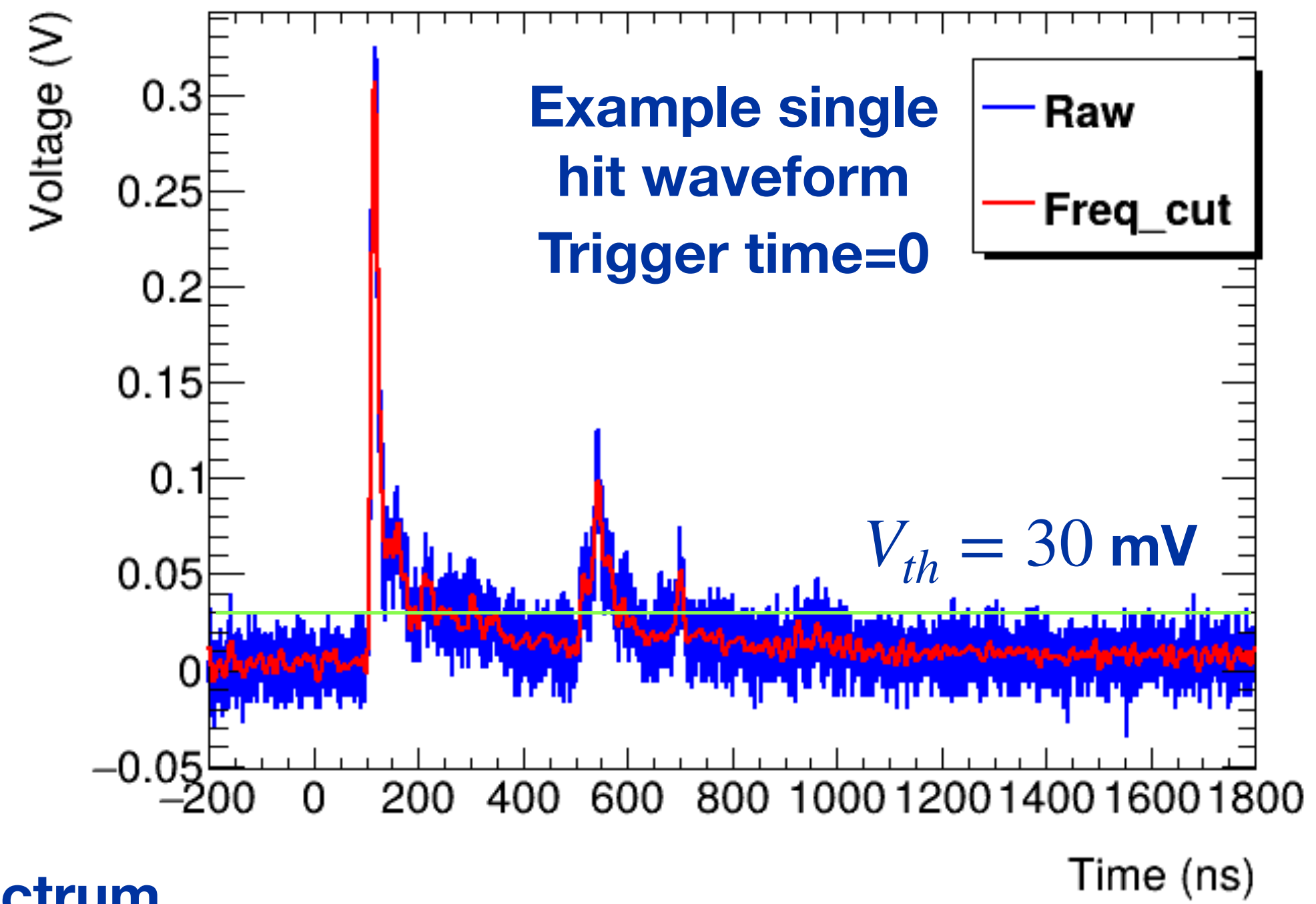
- A cosmic-ray test setup in Ann Arbor
- Using ATLAS drift tubes to reconstruct track in 3D.  
2 tracking planes with perpendicular sets of drift tubes.
  - Same sMDT set up as used in test beam studies at CERN.
- Experimental setup:
  - Straw tube HV=1750 V, diameter=2.5cm, Ar:CO<sub>2</sub> (93:7) at 1.1 bar
  - ATLAS sMDT HV=2730 V, diameter=1.5cm, Ar:CO<sub>2</sub> (93:7) at 3 bar
  - Scintillator size: 20x20 cm
  - 2 straw tubes are read out



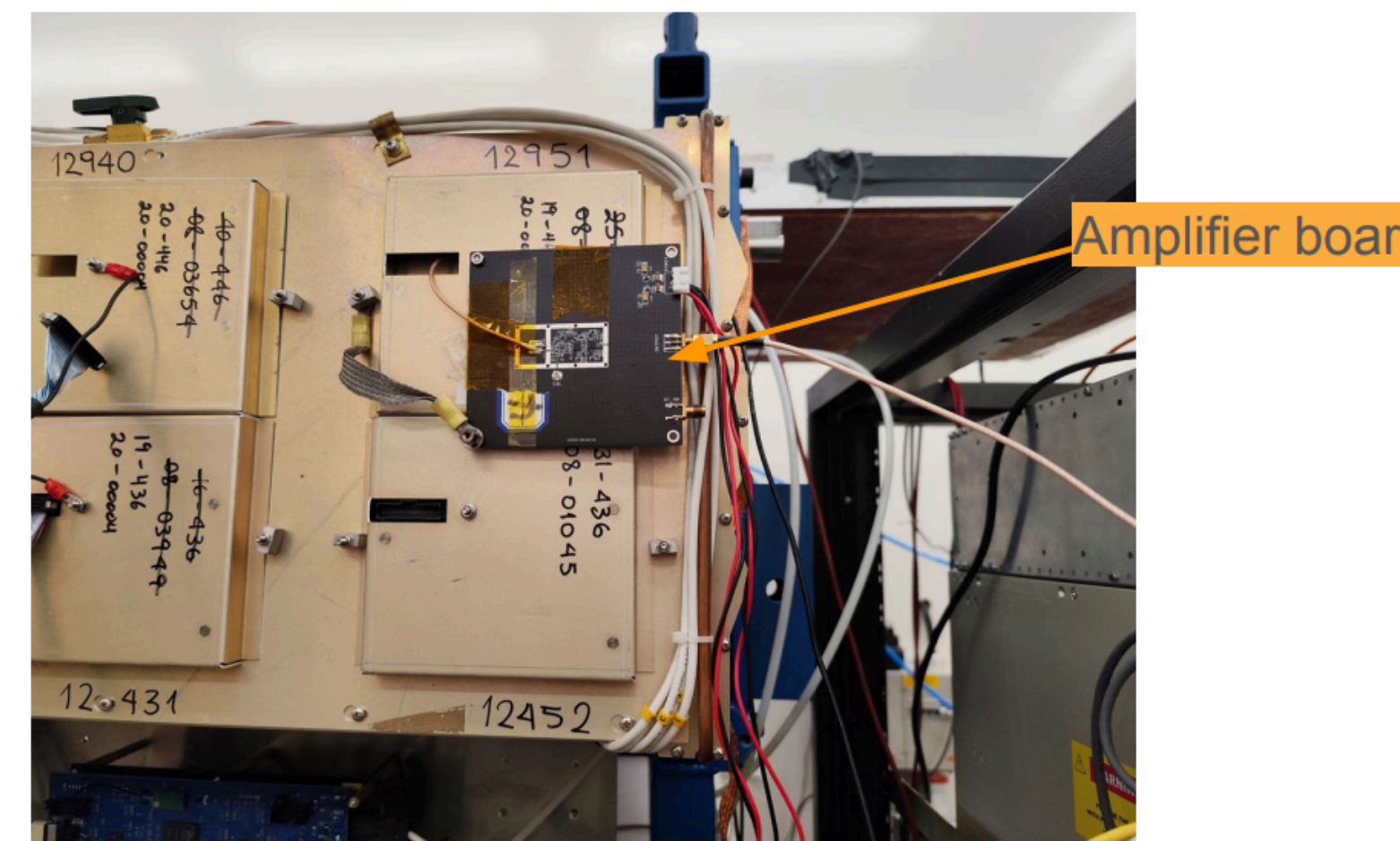
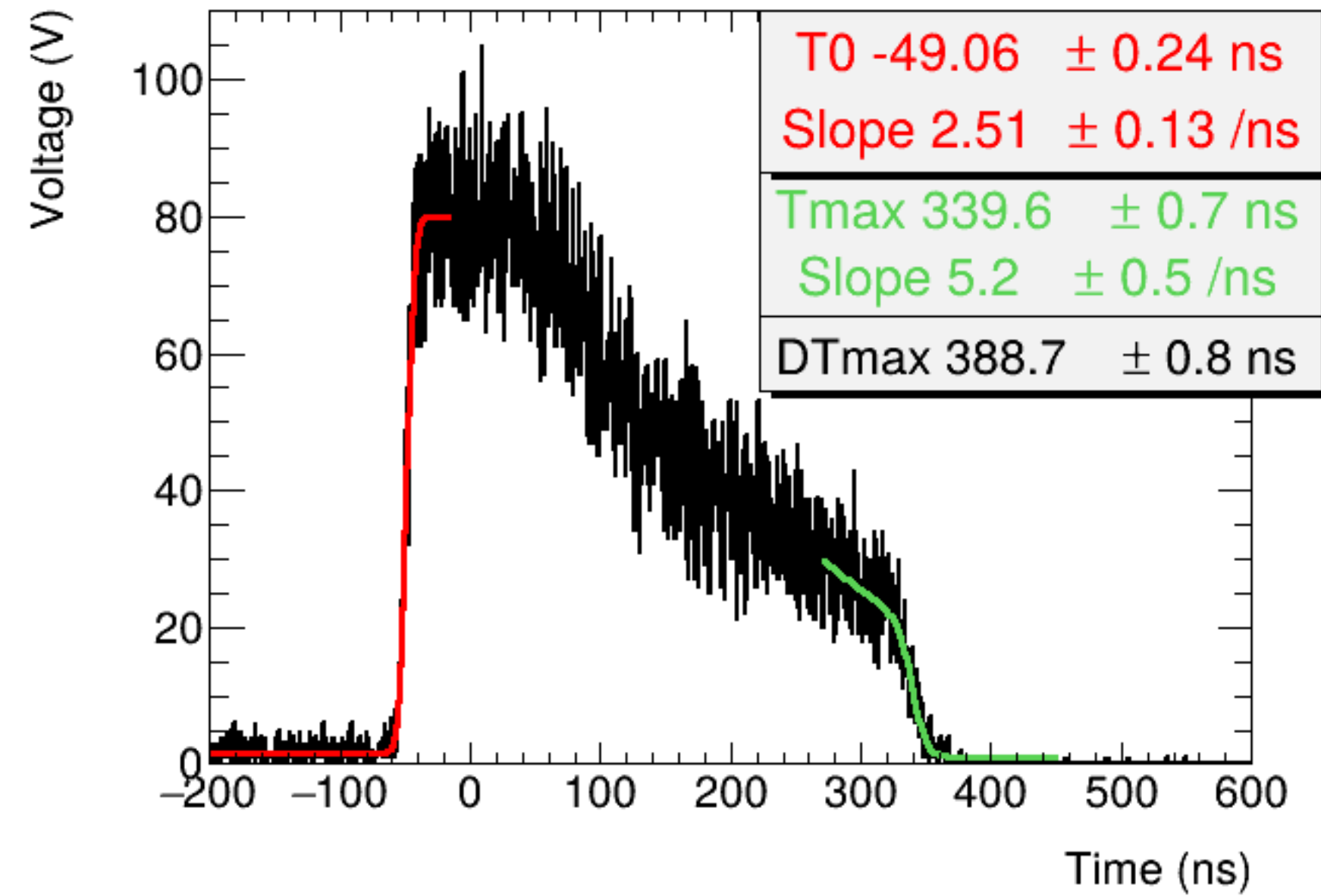


# Drift time spectrum

- Filtering removes noise, allowing low threshold voltage
- Drift time is calculated from the first leading edge crossing the threshold voltage.
- Drift time spectrum is well behaved.
- Plan to modify HGTD amplifier board
  - Create new board to mount on straw prototypes and use CAEN digitizer board to read out all waveforms.
- Further test beam plans:
  - Fermilab (requested for May 2025)
  - CERN sometime 2025



Straw tube drift time spectrum



Additional 100x amplification needed





# Straw tracker workshop

- A successful [workshop](#) was organized earlier this week in Ann Arbor
- ~35 participants from 20 institutions
  - ~15 remote participants
- Jianming will summarize further at detector concept meeting
  - <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1463707/> (Monday 10am EST)





# Why a straw tracker workshop?

This workshop intends to bring together experts and interested parties to investigate the feasibility of incorporating a straw tracker into the inner detector. The topics for the workshop will encompass reviews of existing straw trackers and their latest developments, the requirements for a Higgs factory, critical R&D issues, as well as potential layouts for an inner detector that includes a straw tracker.

- **Straw trackers have been used for more than 30 years by many HEP experiments, why do we still need R&D for FCC-ee experiments?**
  - New technology to make a thin-wall straw (down to 12 microns) with ultra-sonic welding method (not yet available in the US)
  - Building a straw tracker with much larger volume is extremely challenging, needs a lot of engineering and prototyping
  - Using a straw tracker for particle ID will need new electronics development, ML technology for  $dN/dx$  measurement





# Straw tracker workshop

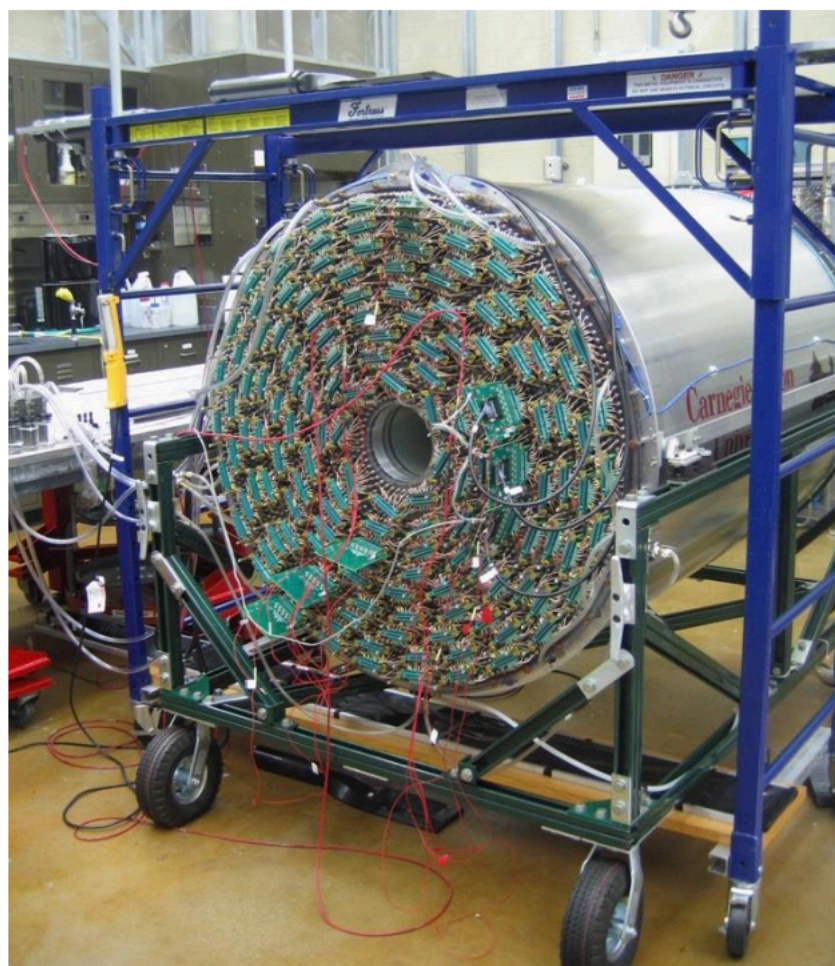
- Many different experiments represented

- ATLAS, PANDA, Mu2e, GlueX, NA62, SHiP, DUNE

- Many participants specialized in production of straw tubes

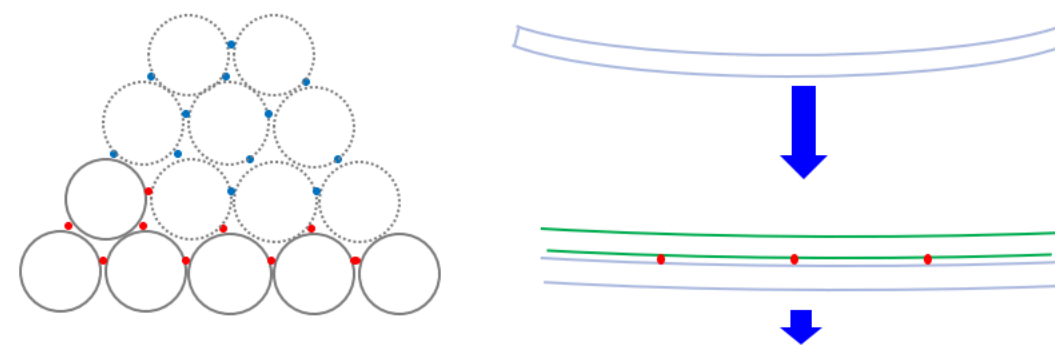
- Lots of experience on straw production, assembly, operation and frontend electronics presented

## GlueX straw tracker

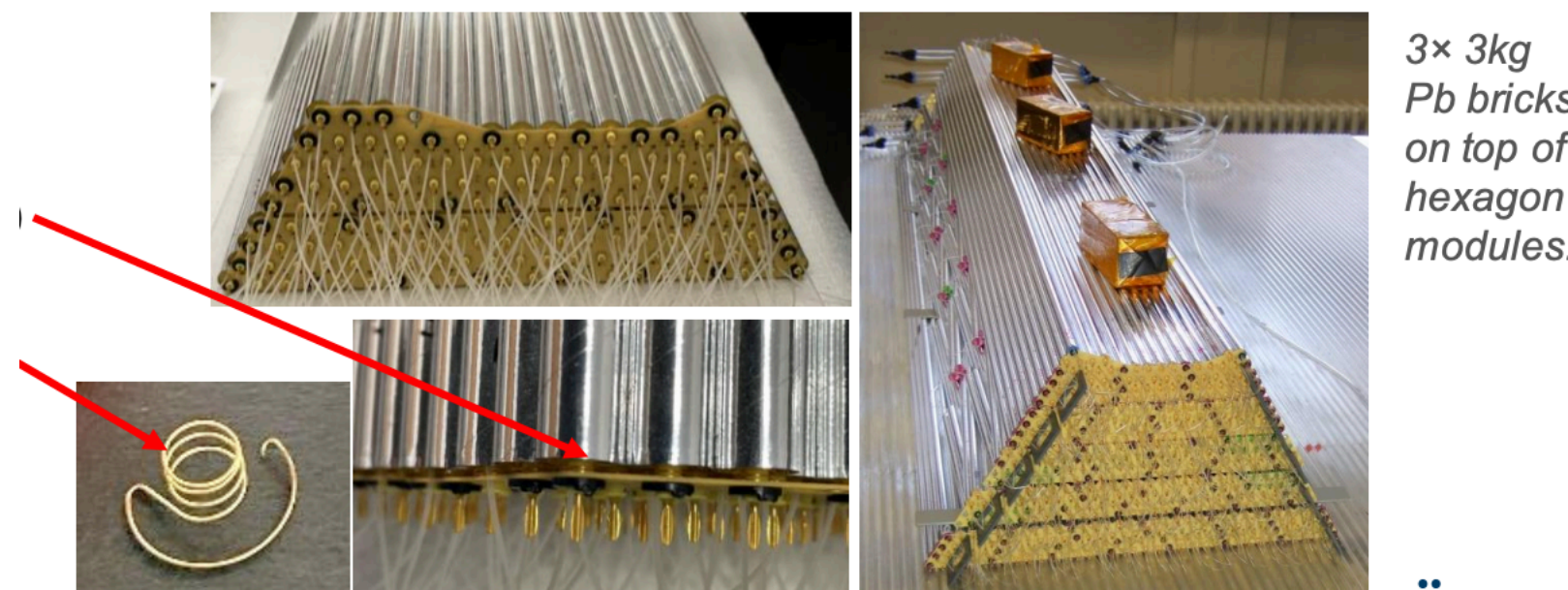


## Self-supporting straw layers

- glue straws in planar layers with minimal gap together
- reference profile plates define exact straw-straw distance
- pressurized modules show high rigidity

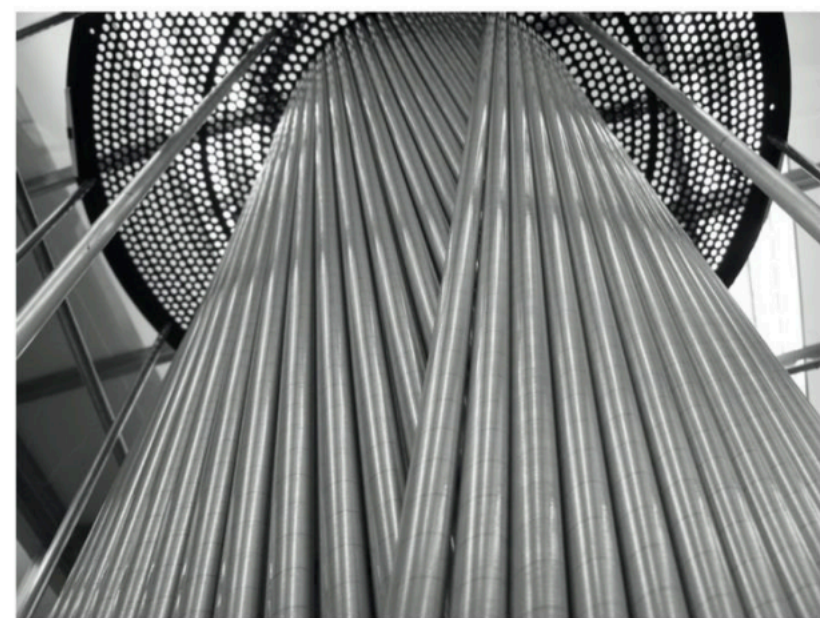


Close-packed, dot-glued straw layers sustain wire tension and reduce bending.



3x 3kg Pb bricks on top of hexagon modules.

## R&D on self-supporting straw



## Actual bugs bite holes in Mu2e straw

### An investigation found the cause.

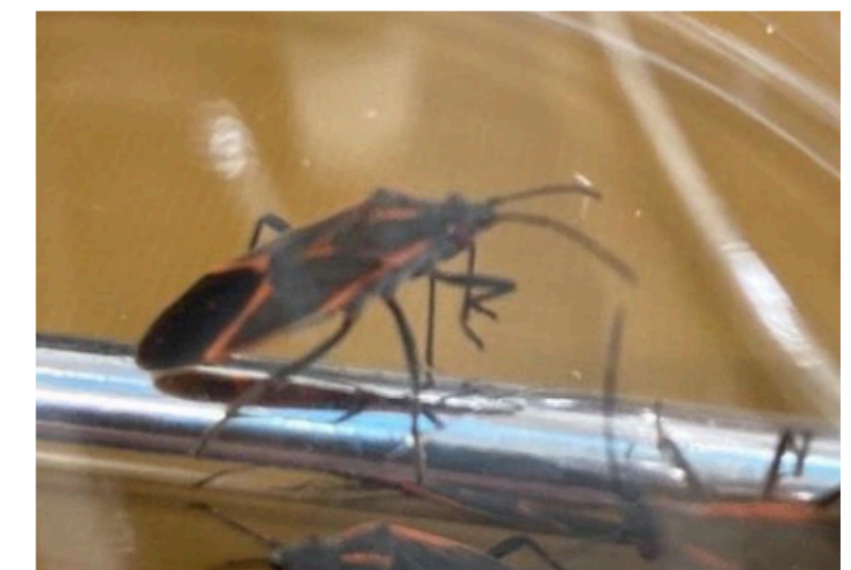
### Actual Bug



Boxelder bugs found in the assembly cleanroom

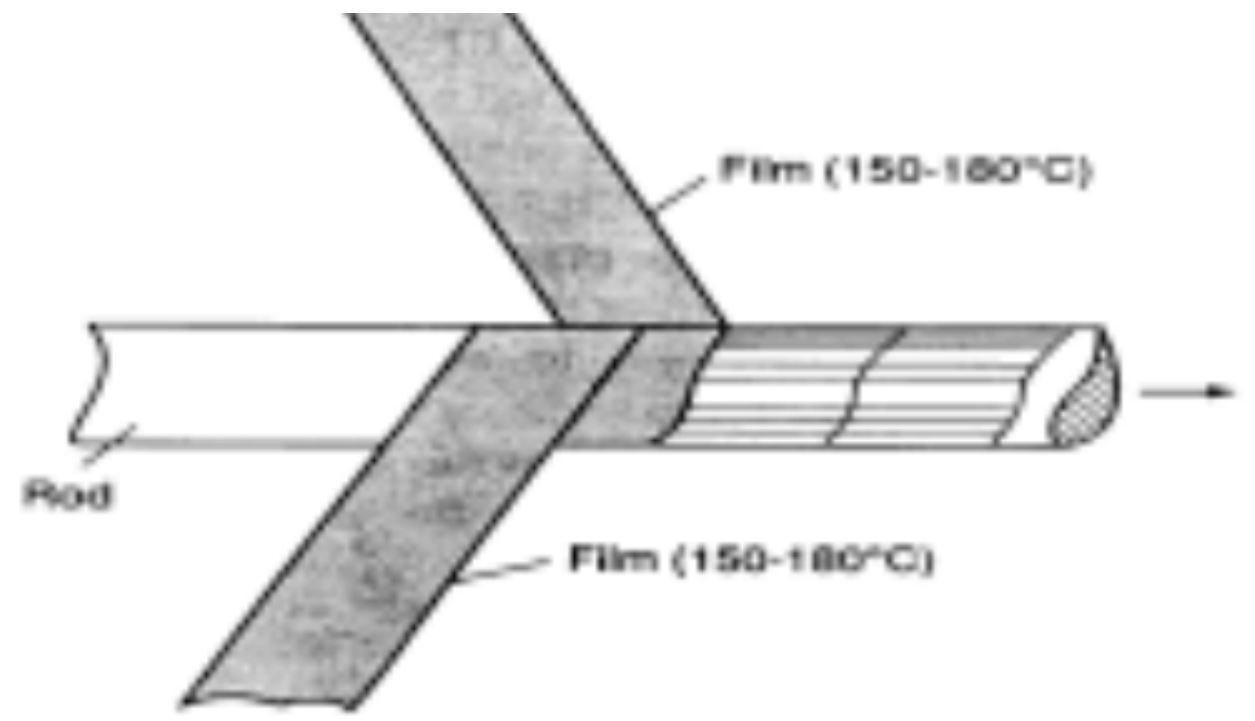


Trapped the bugs to show they could cause hole in straws

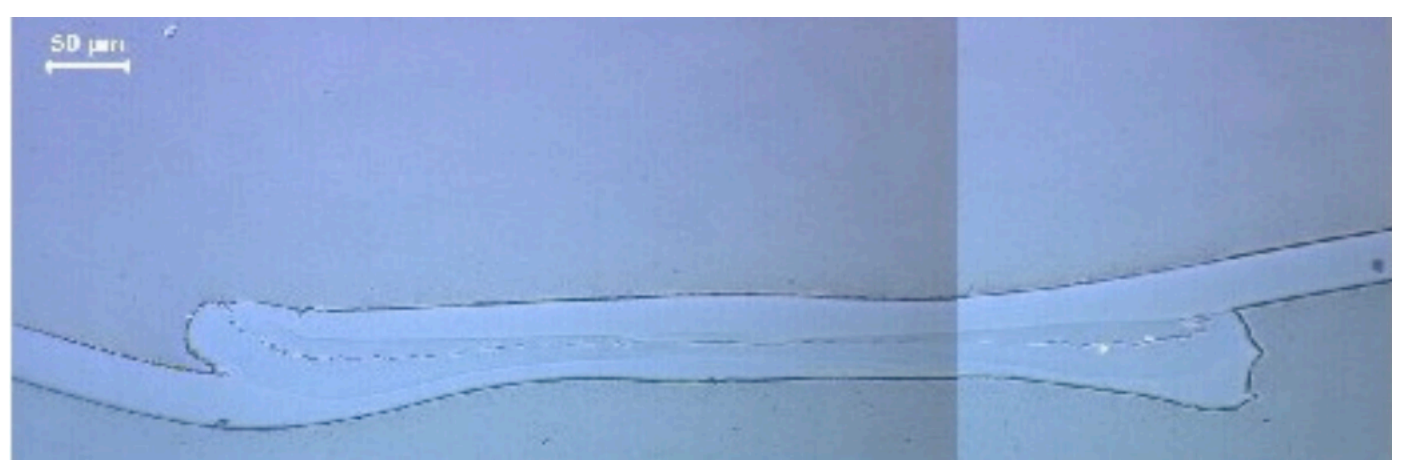




# Straw used in many experiments



Straw winding



Straw welding

## Straw winding

- ATLAS
- LHCb
- PANDA
- CBM
- COMPASS
- Mu2e
- NA64
- SVD-2
- GLUEX
- COZY-TOF
- ..

A collection of logos for various particle physics experiments. The logos include ATLAS EXPERIMENT, LHCb, CBM, COMET (with  $\mu$  and  $e$  symbols), COMPASS, GLUEX, NA64, MU2e, PANDA, and COSY-TOF. The text 'red color- straw tracker created with our participation' is located at the bottom right of this section.

## Straw welding

- NA62
- COMET
- SHiP
- DUNE
- SPD NICA
- ..

A collection of logos for experiments that use straw welding. The logos include SPD NICA, SHiP (Search for Hidden Particles), NA62, and DUNE (DEEP UNDERGROUND NEUTRINO EXPERIMENT).

See Temur's talk

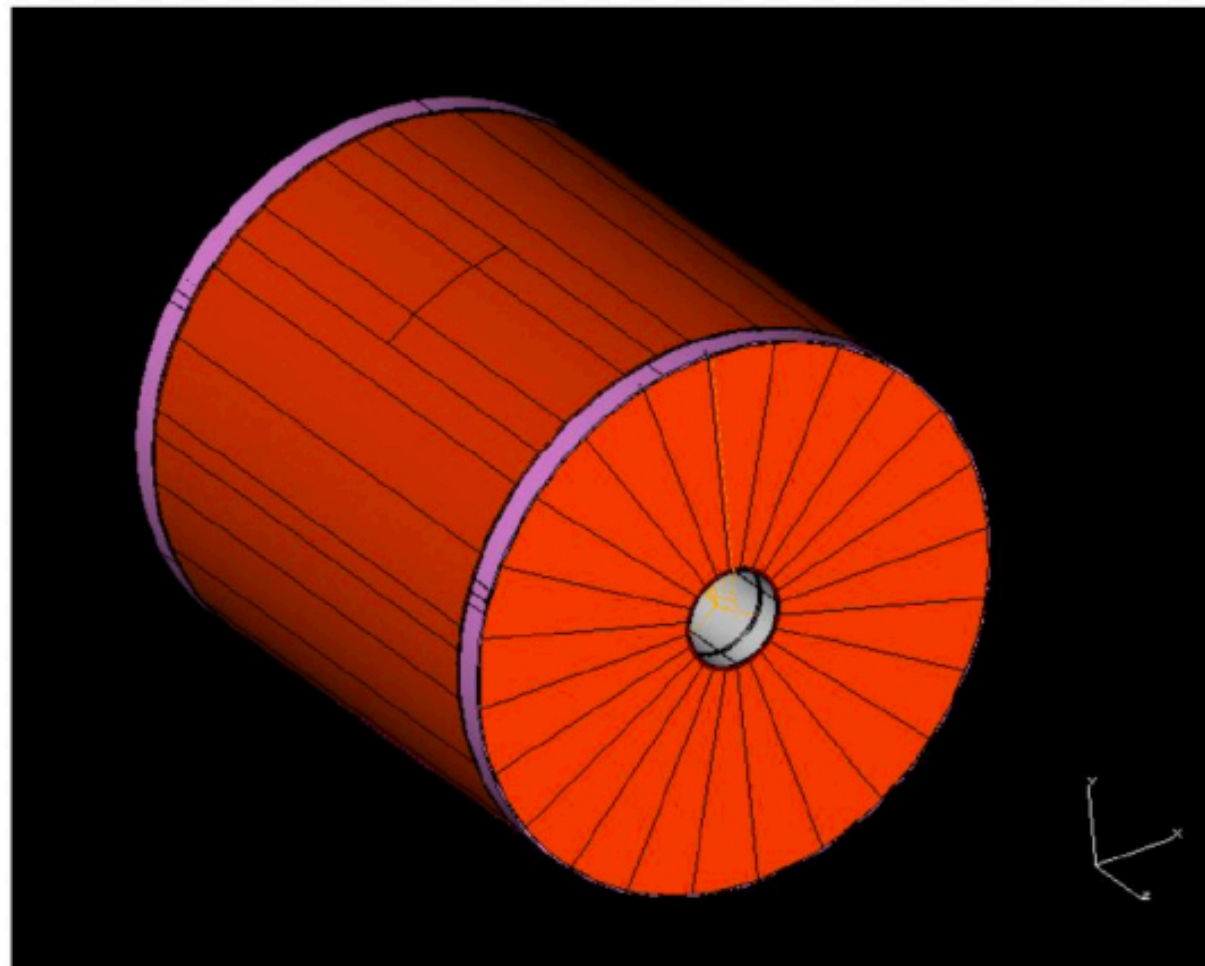




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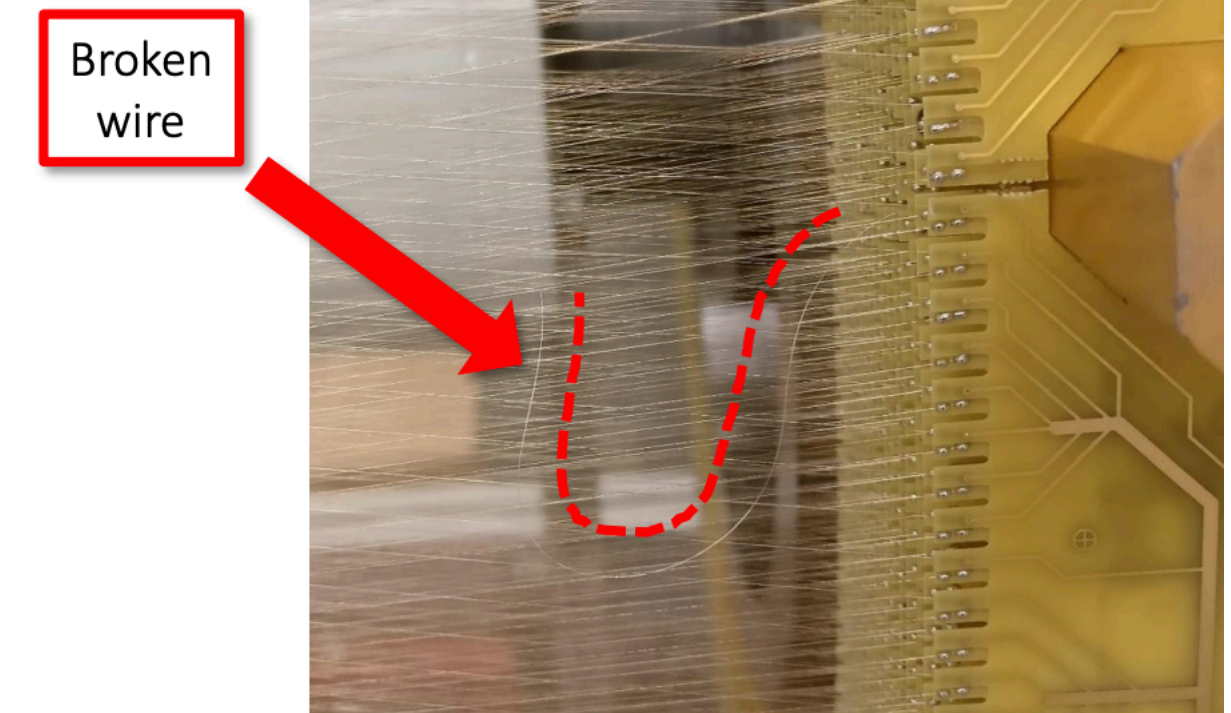
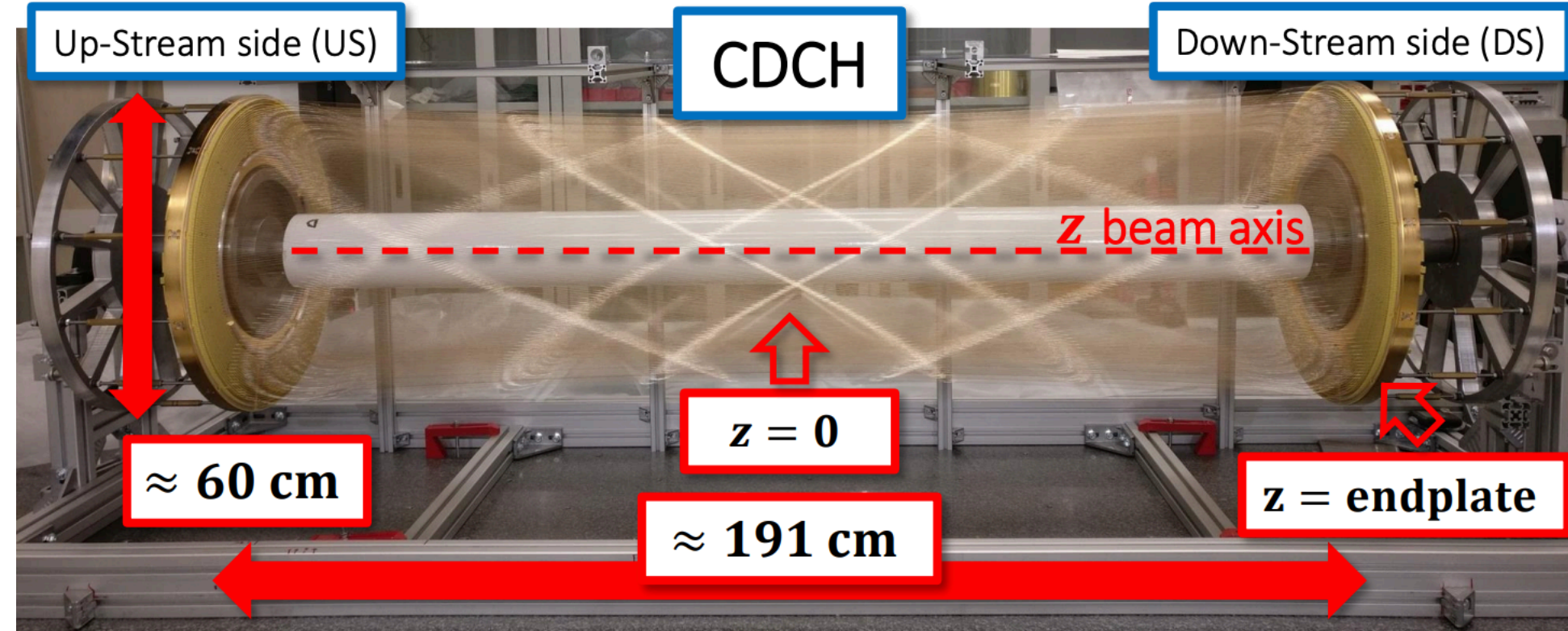
- Drift chamber experts also well represented

## IDEA Drift Chamber



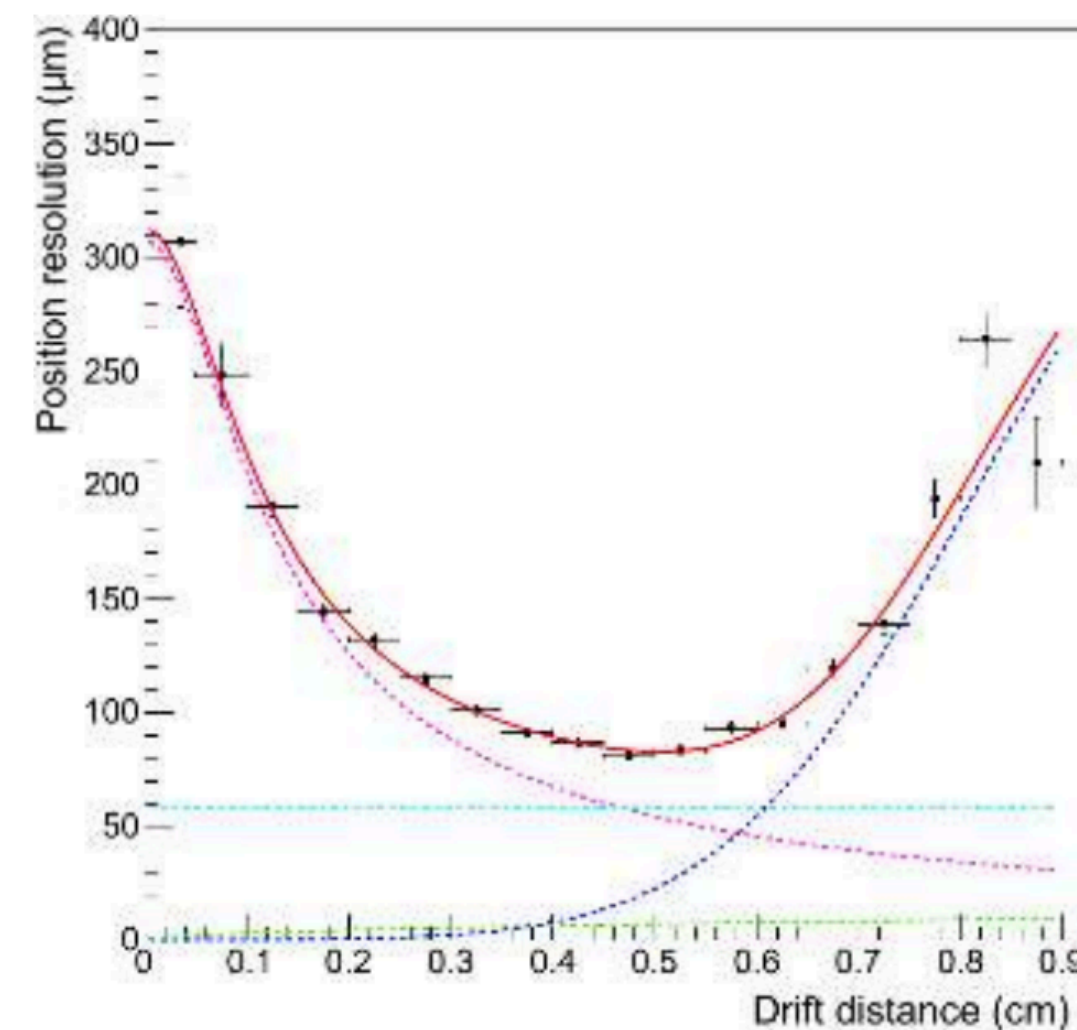
Plan to start the construction of a DCH prototype full length, three sectors

## MEG II DCH Fixing broken wires

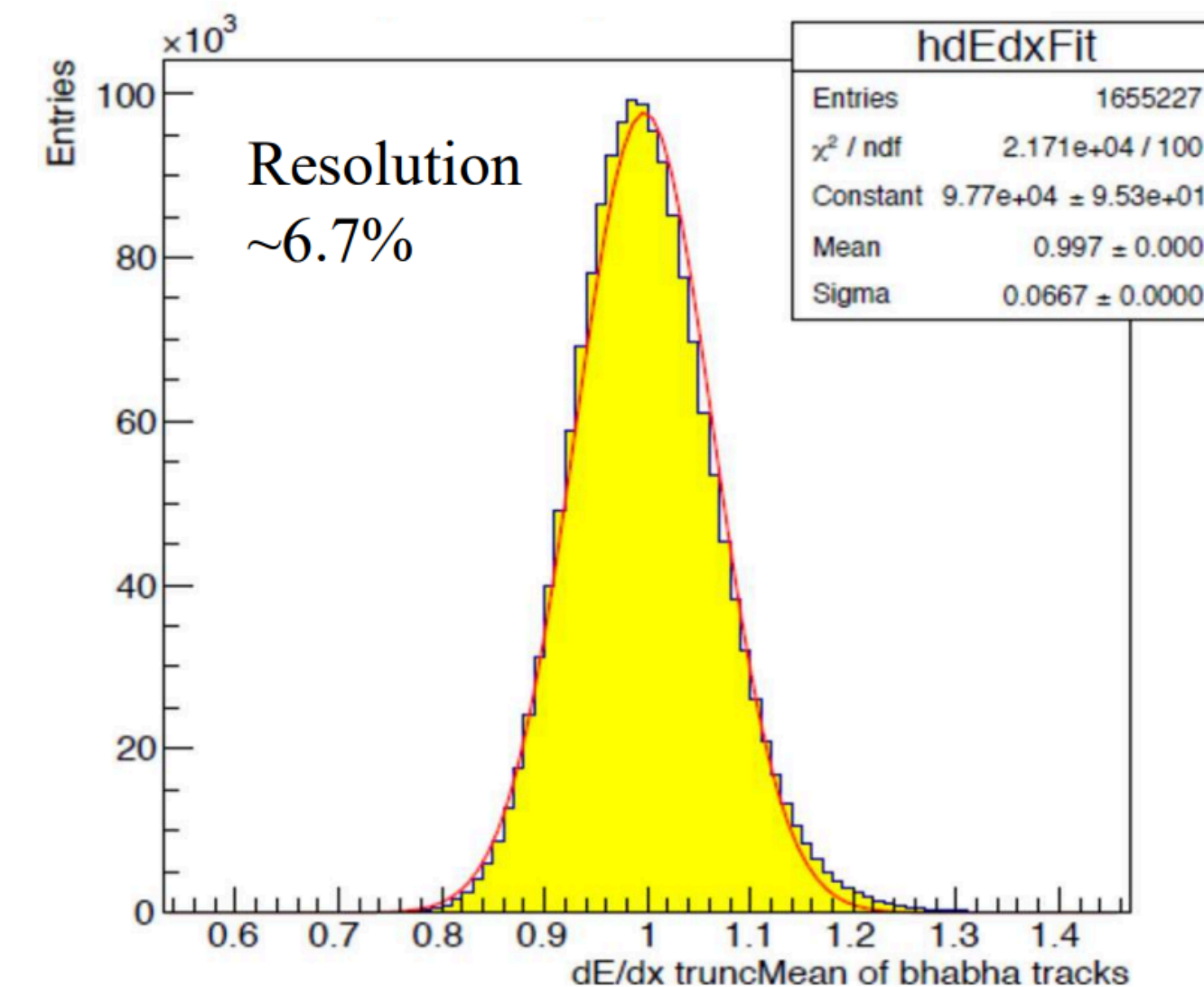


## Belle-II Drift chamber

*Position resolution*



## Belle-II Truncated dE/dx method Bhabha events





# Conclusion

- **Significant interest from the community as showcased in the recent [workshop](#)**
  - Michigan, MPI, MSU, UMass-Amherst, Tufts, Harvard, UCI
  - Meetings will be organized by Junjie (Michigan) and Oliver (MPI) and George (BNL).
  - All are welcome to join the growing community!
- **Synergy with drift chamber:**
  - Gas, simulation, electronics
  - Significant contributions from drift chamber experts at the straw tracker workshop
- **Work currently underway:**
  - dd4hep/Geant4 simulation, Garfield simulation, test beam, cosmic-ray studies
- **Next steps:**
  - Add stereo angle in dd4hep geometry, study performance outside of only  $\theta = 90^\circ$ , optimize layout
  - Continue Garfield simulation and study PID prospects in different gasses
  - Build new prototype with ~25 straws
  - Modify amplifier and use CAEN waveform digitizer to record waveforms. Develop fast algorithms for cluster finding.
  - With new prototype and readout electronics, perform test beam and cosmic ray studies through 2025





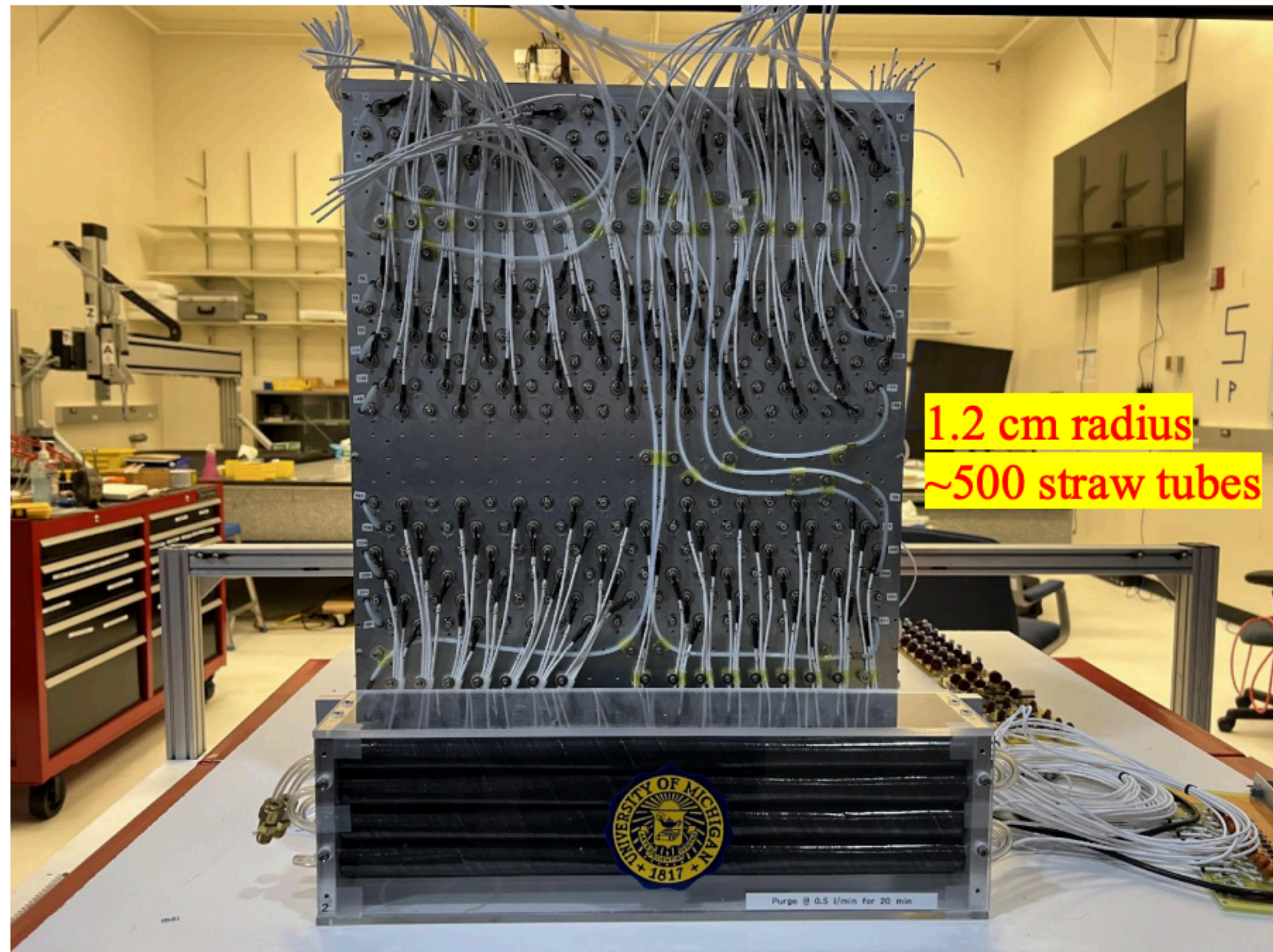
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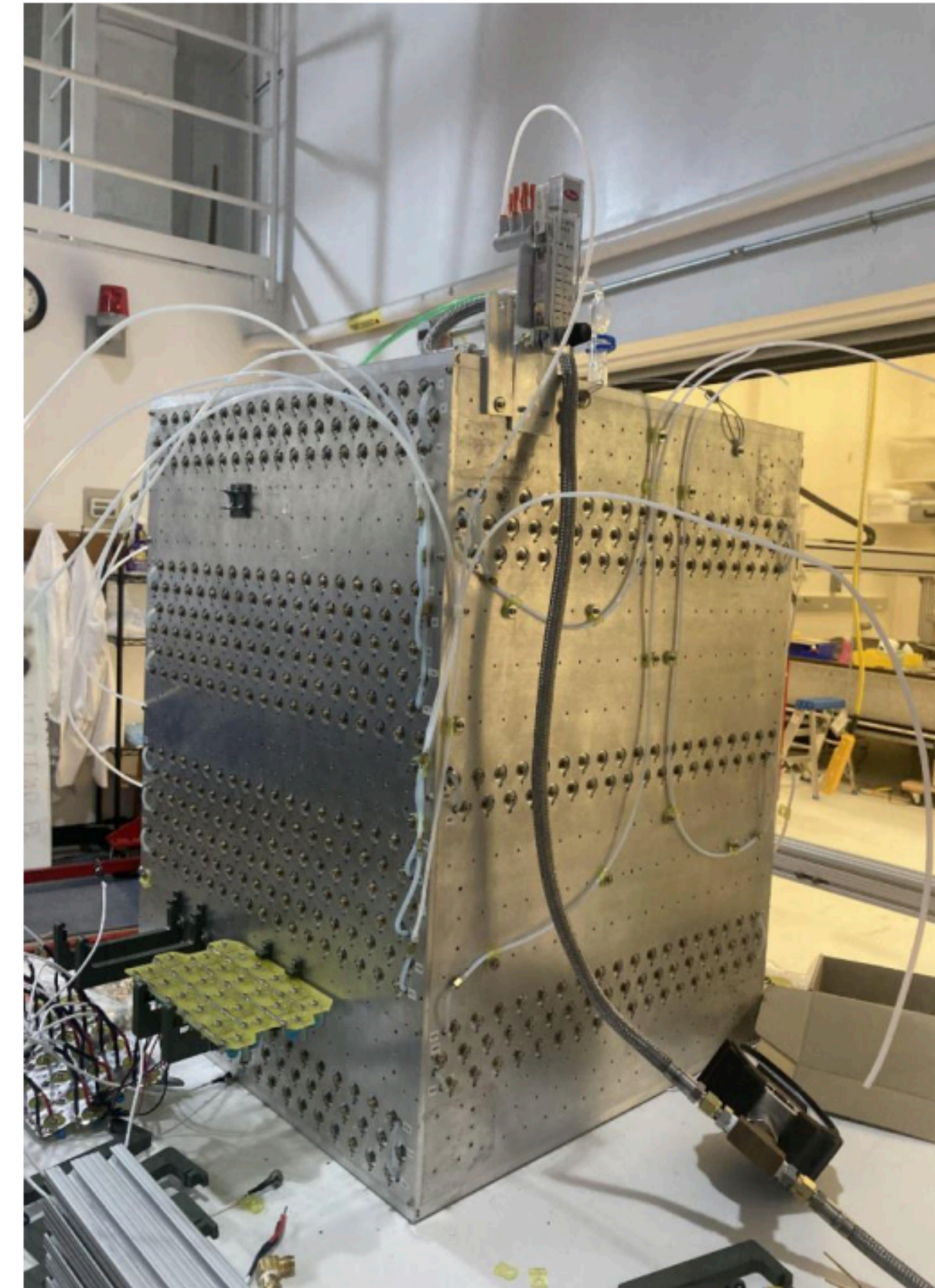
# Straw tracker at Michigan

## Straw tracker at Michigan



A straw tracker at the UM ATLAS muon detector construction lab

MPI plans to build a straw tracker this fall also

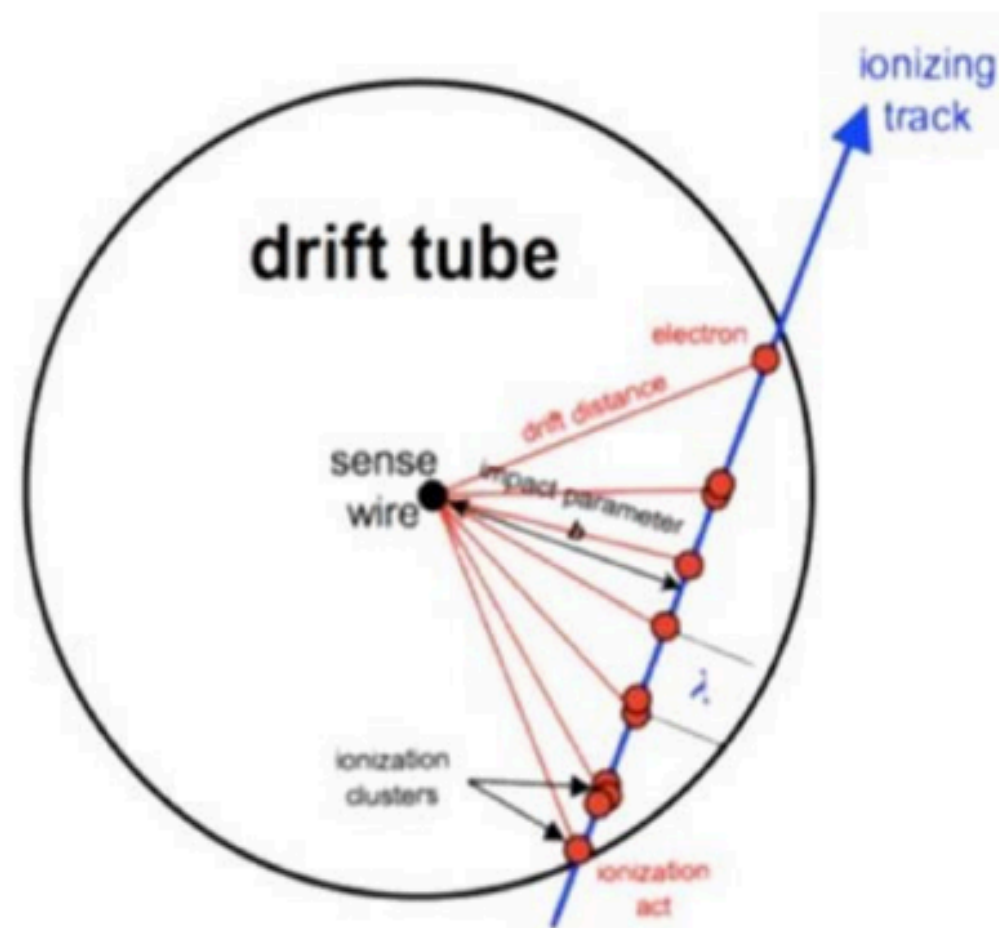


- Only three wires shorten
- Gas flow tested for all straws
- Cables remade so that they can be inserted into the ATLAS MDT hedgehog cards
- MDT mezz, CSM and miniDAQ system ready
- Cosmic ray studies and potential test beam studies at Fermilab

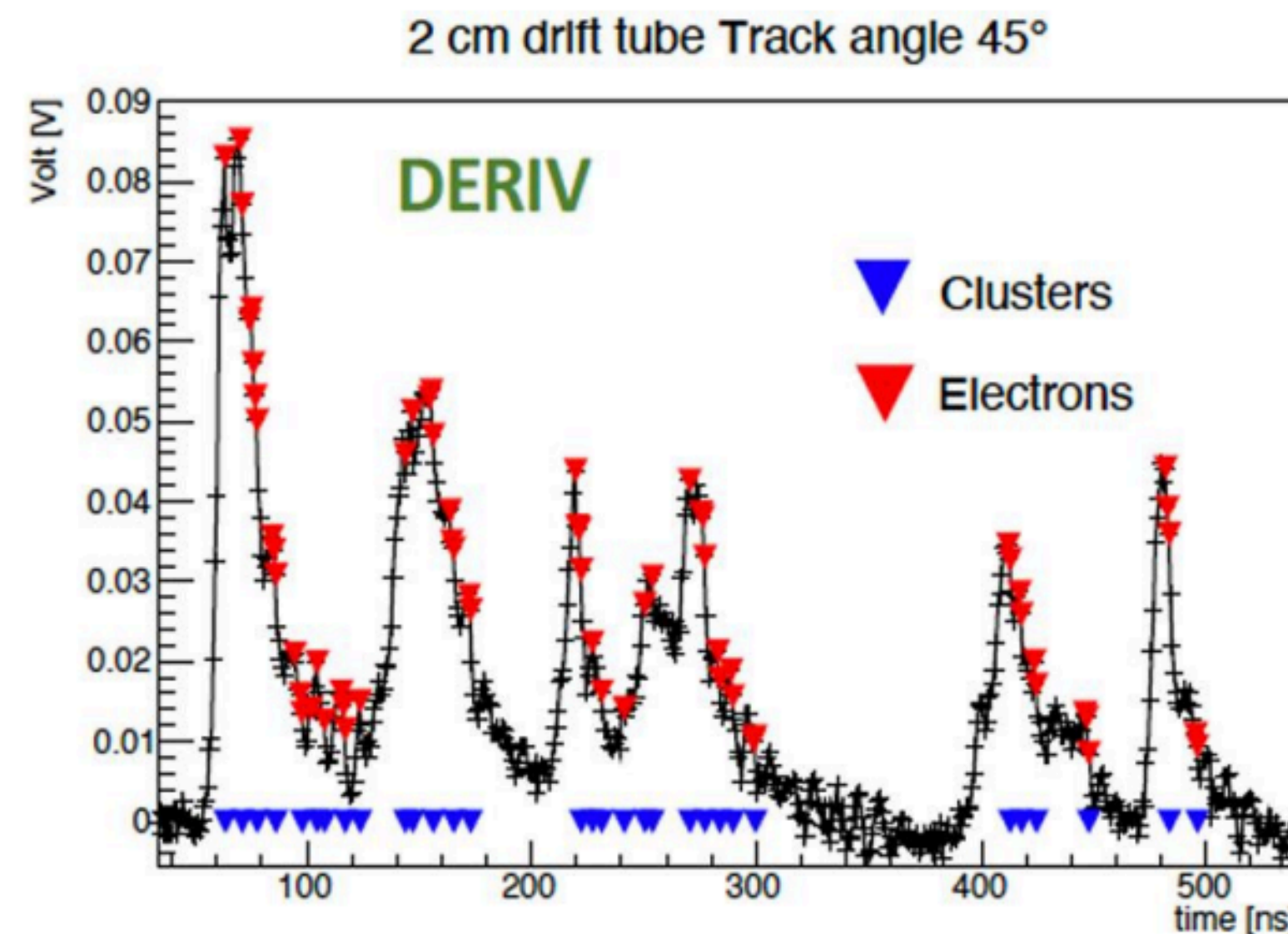


# Cluster counting (dN/dx)

- Count number of clusters produced along the track path
- Estimate the resolution to be  $\sigma = N_{\text{clusters}}^{-0.5}$ 
  - With  $n=120$  and 15 clusters per sample, then we have  $N_{\text{clusters}}=1800$  and  $\sigma = 2.3\%$
  - If we assume a cluster-finding efficiency of 80%, we will have  $\sigma = 2.6\%$
  - Roughly  $\times 2$  better than the truncated mean method
  - Not a single experiment has implemented this method and used it online yet
  - Lots of studies performed by the IDEA community



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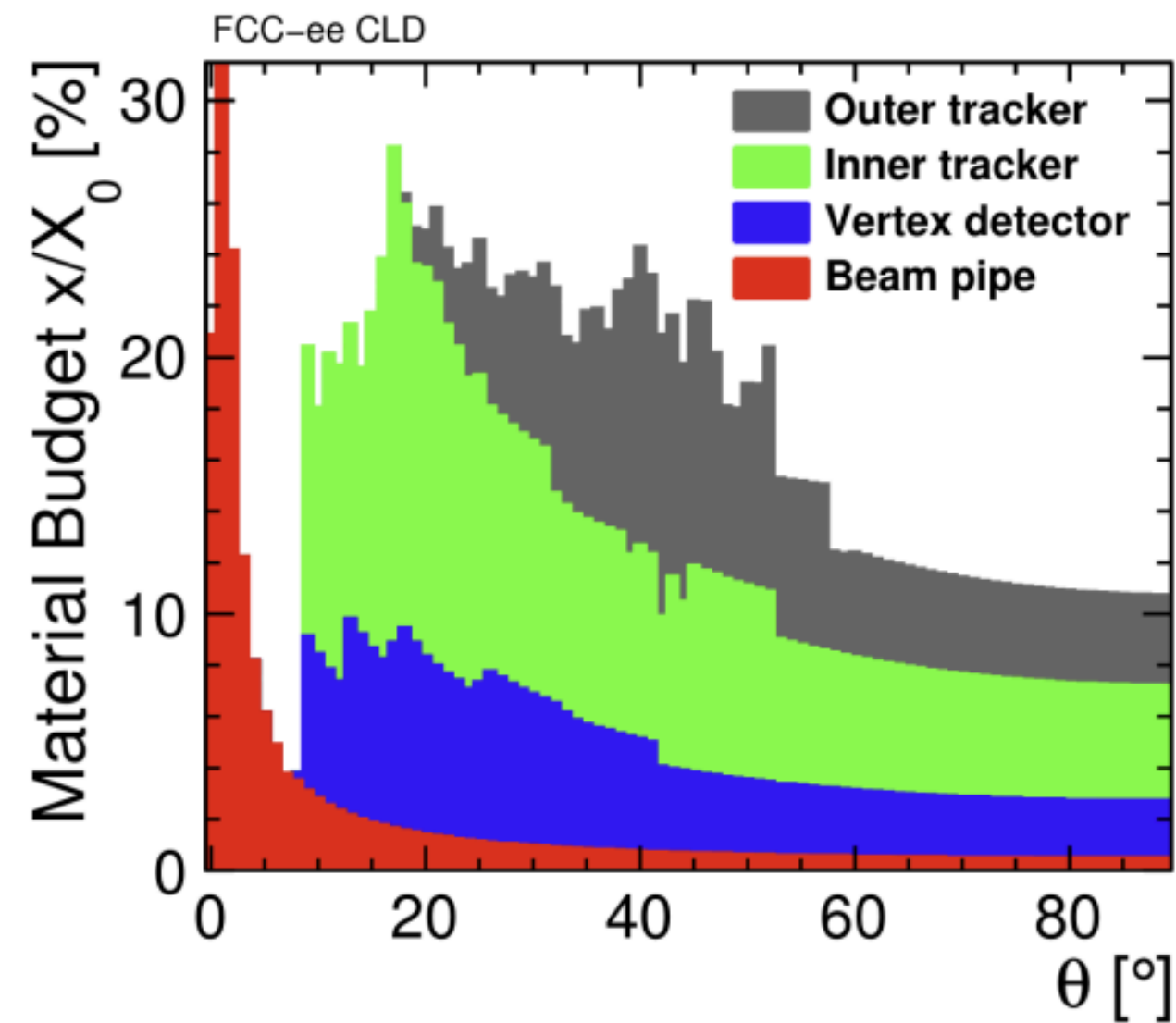


- Finding electron peaks
- Clustering electrons to clusters

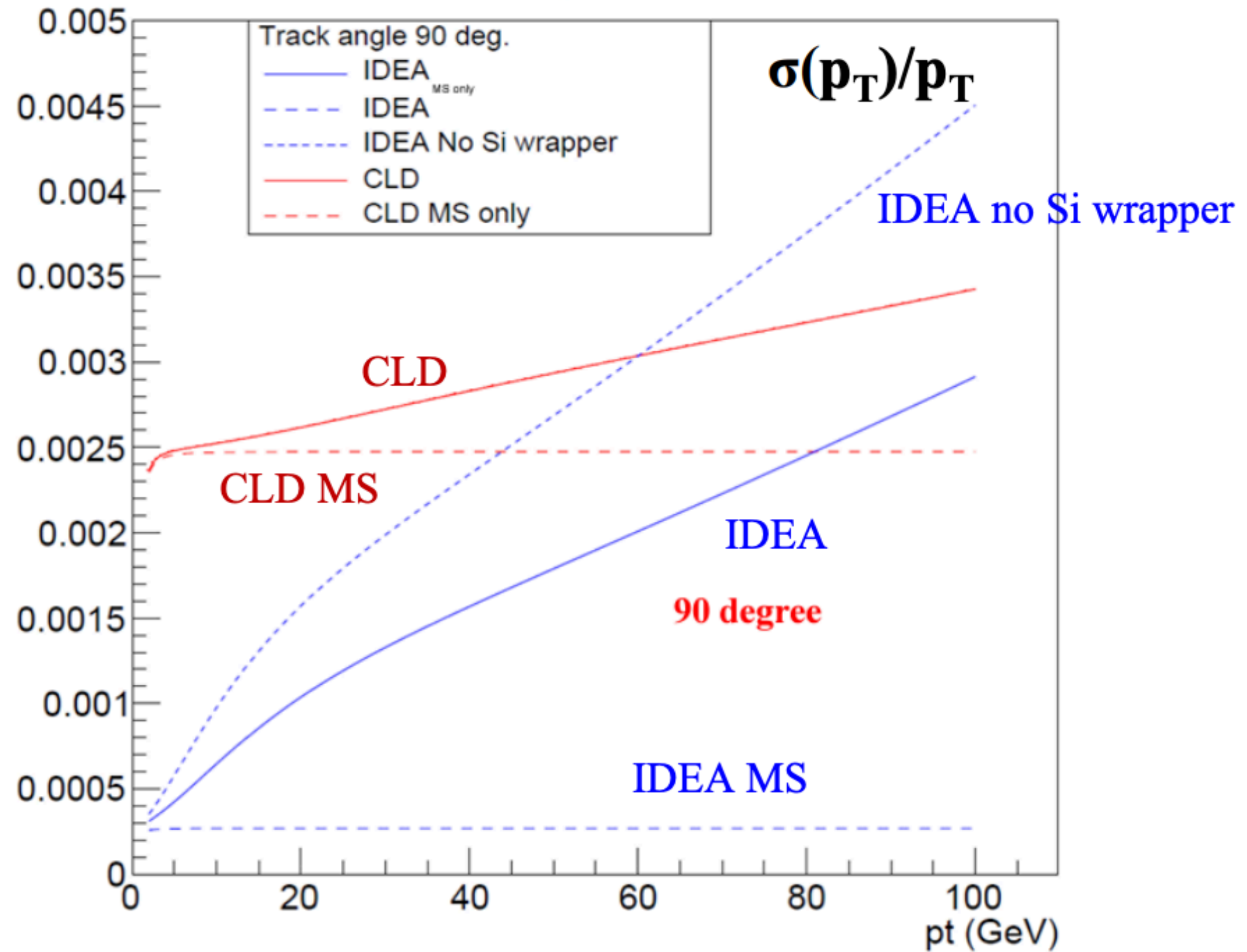
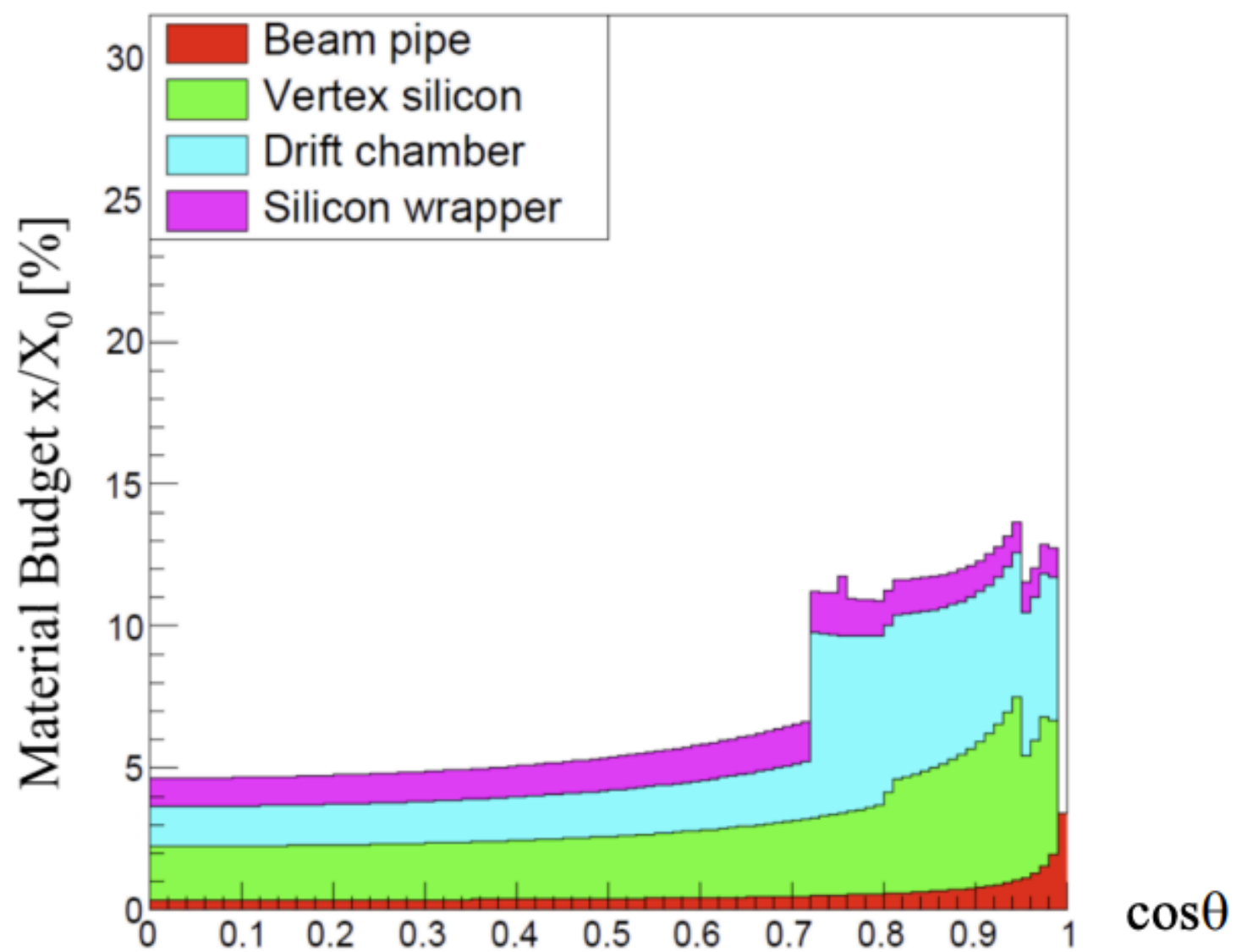


# CLD and IDEA concepts

CLD



IDEA

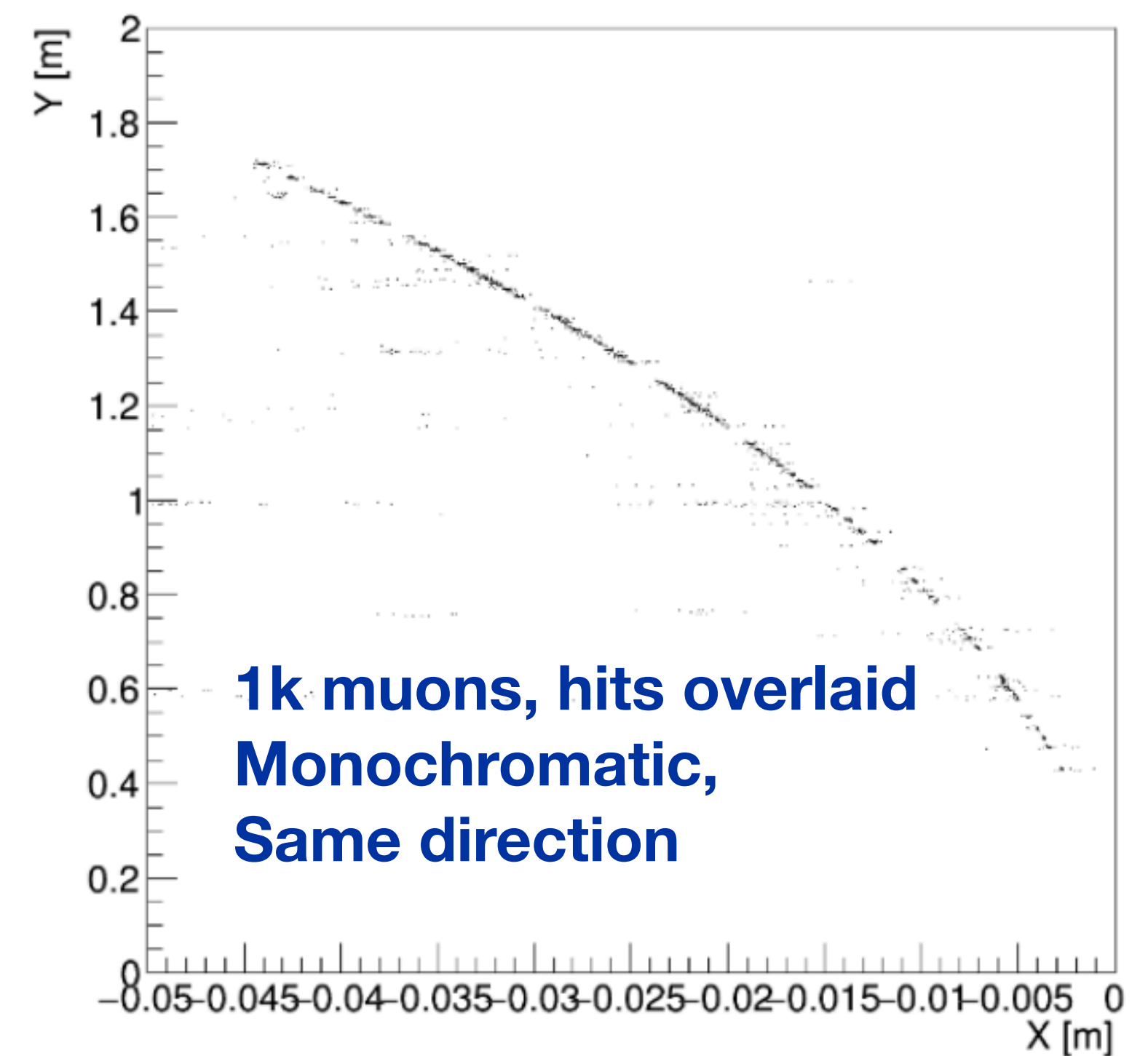
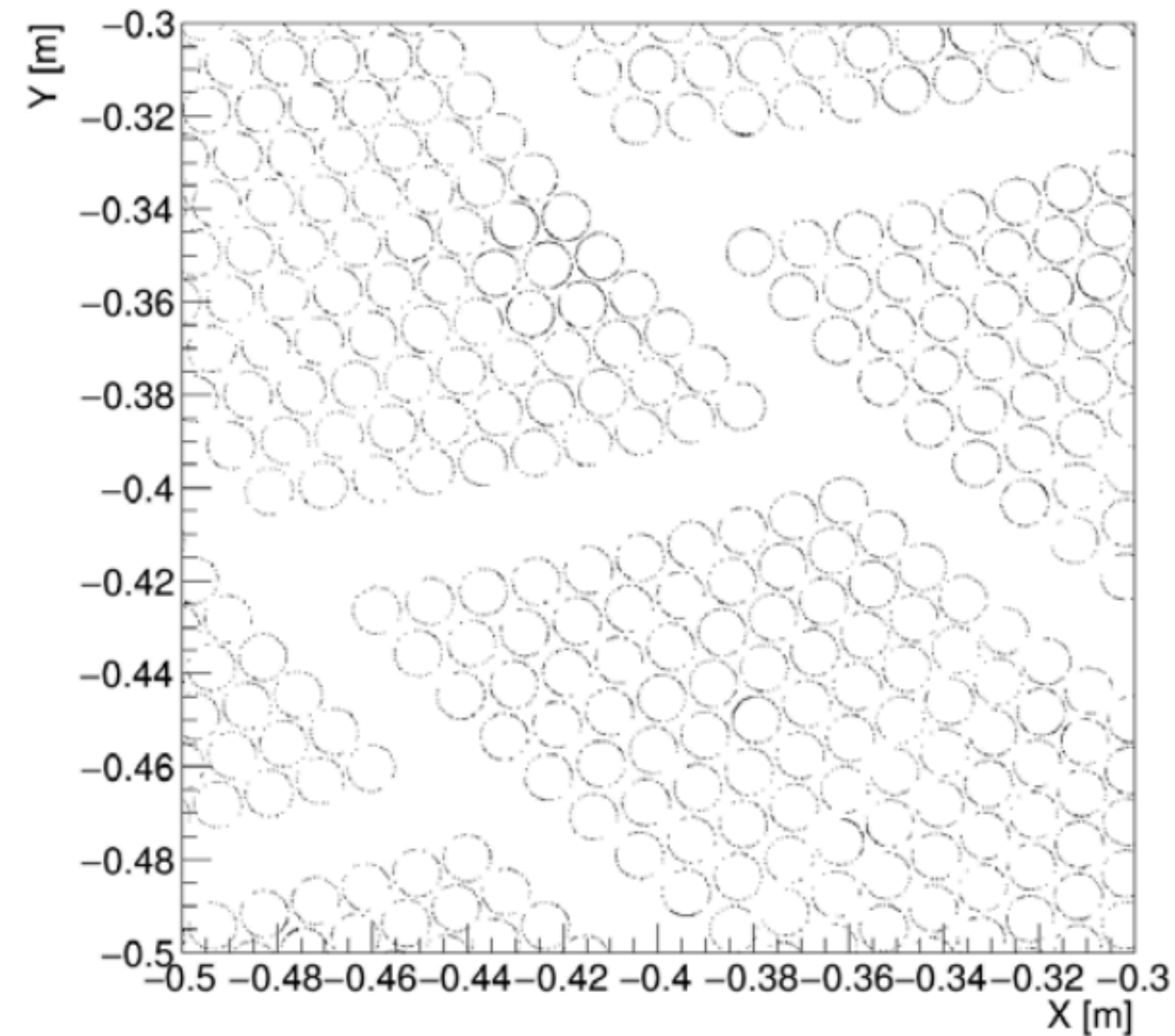
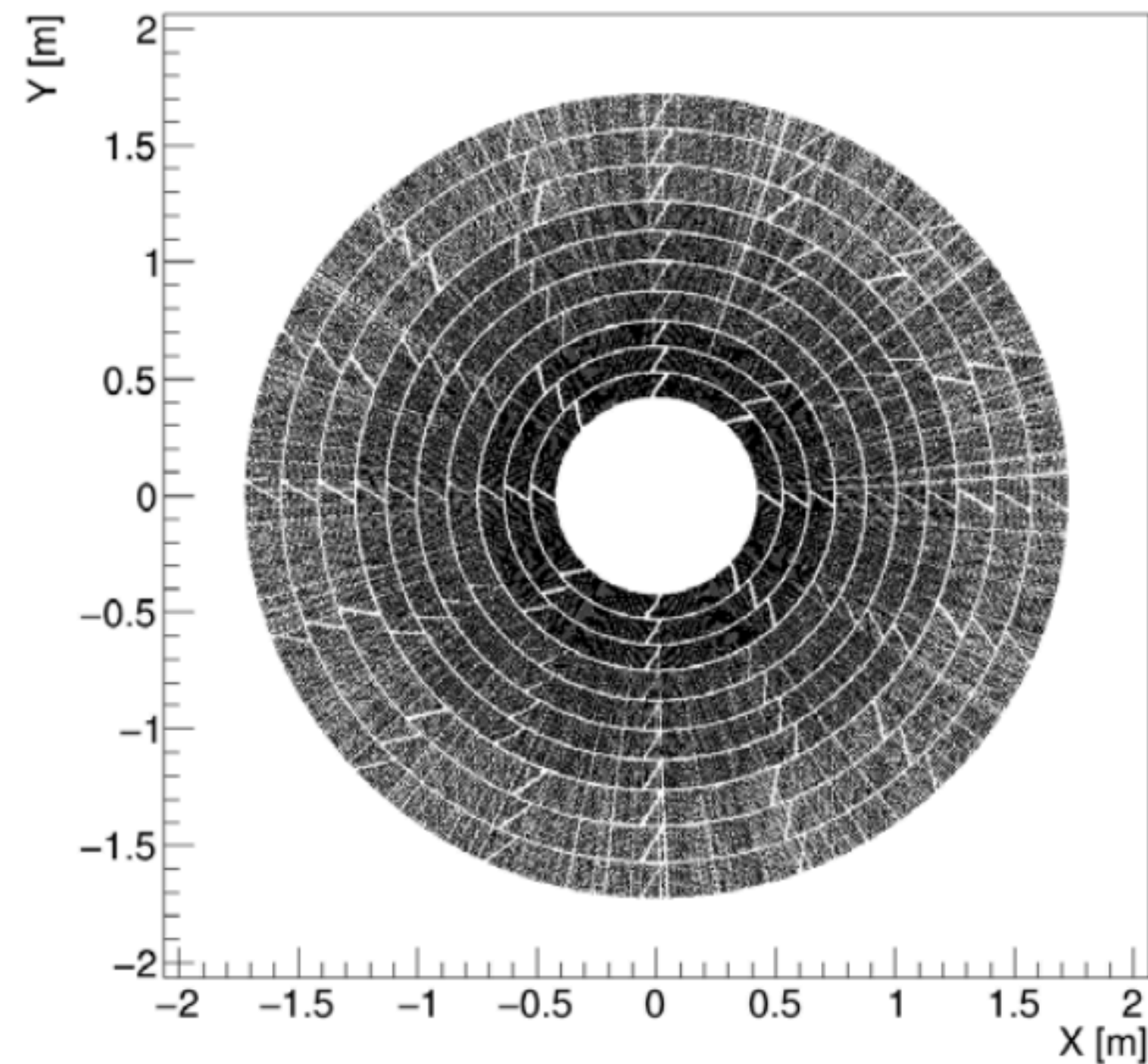


Transparent tracker is the key for the momentum resolution  
 But material budget is not the only parameter that determines the inner tracker's momentum resolution





# Dd4hep simulation



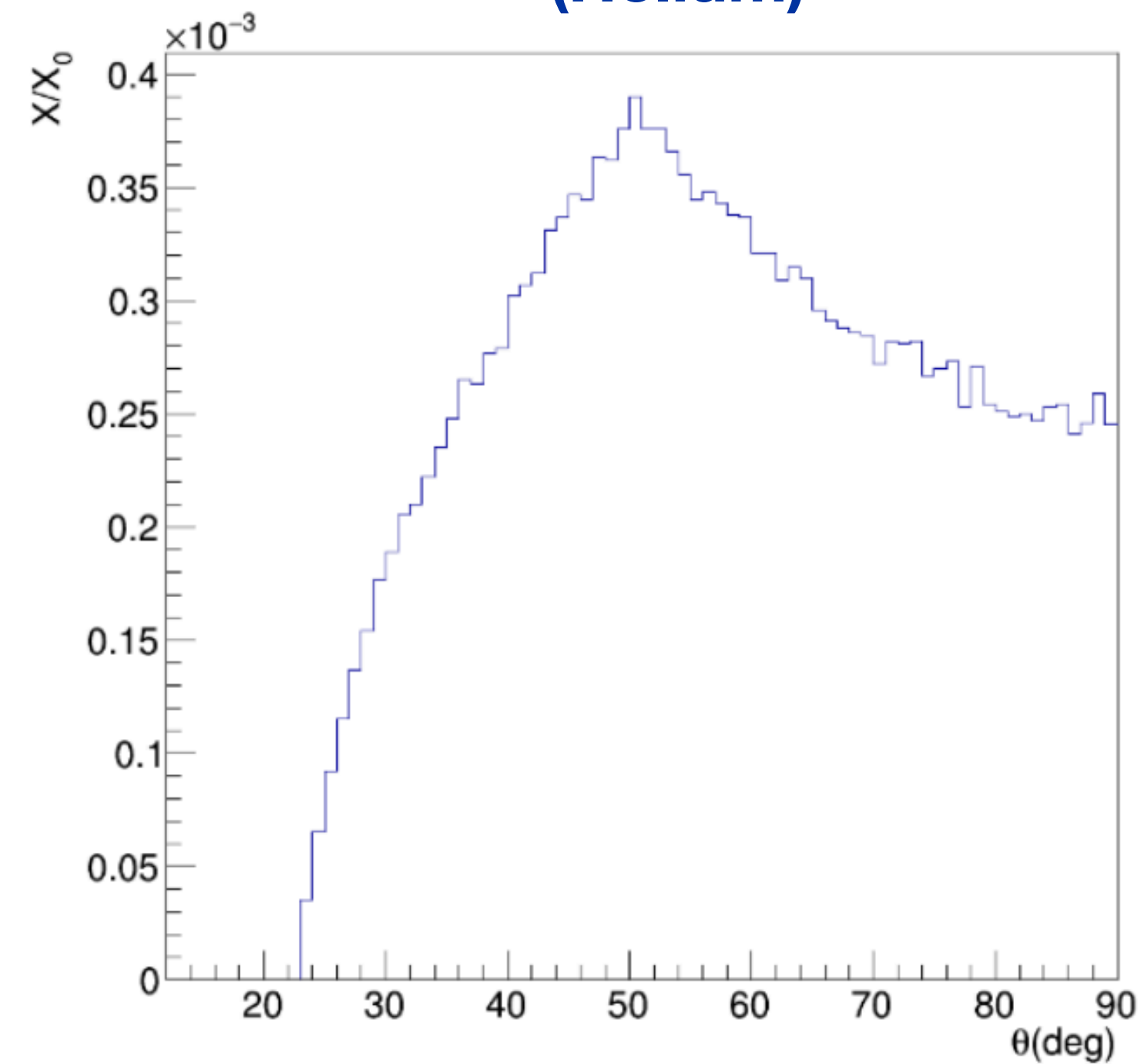
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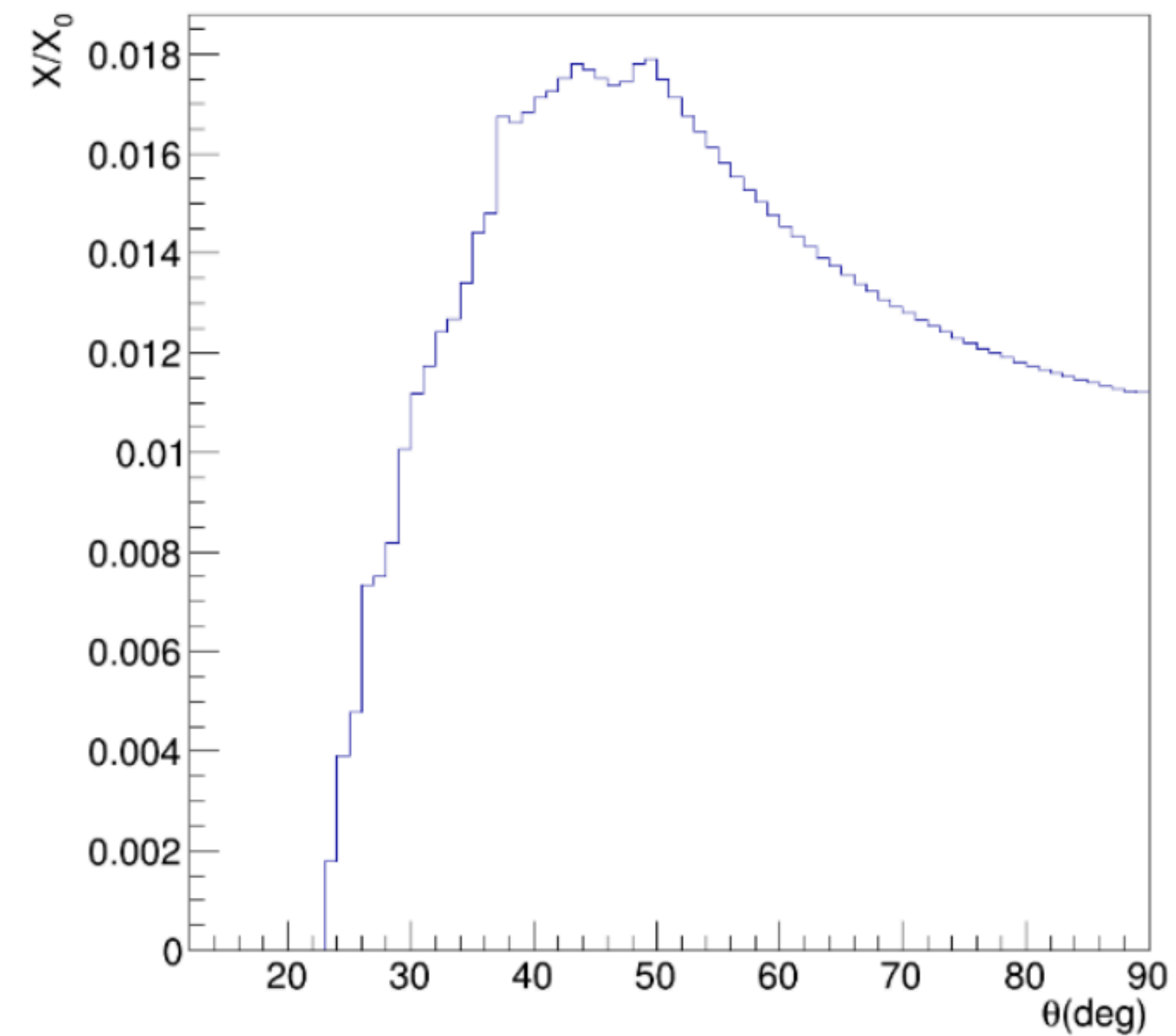
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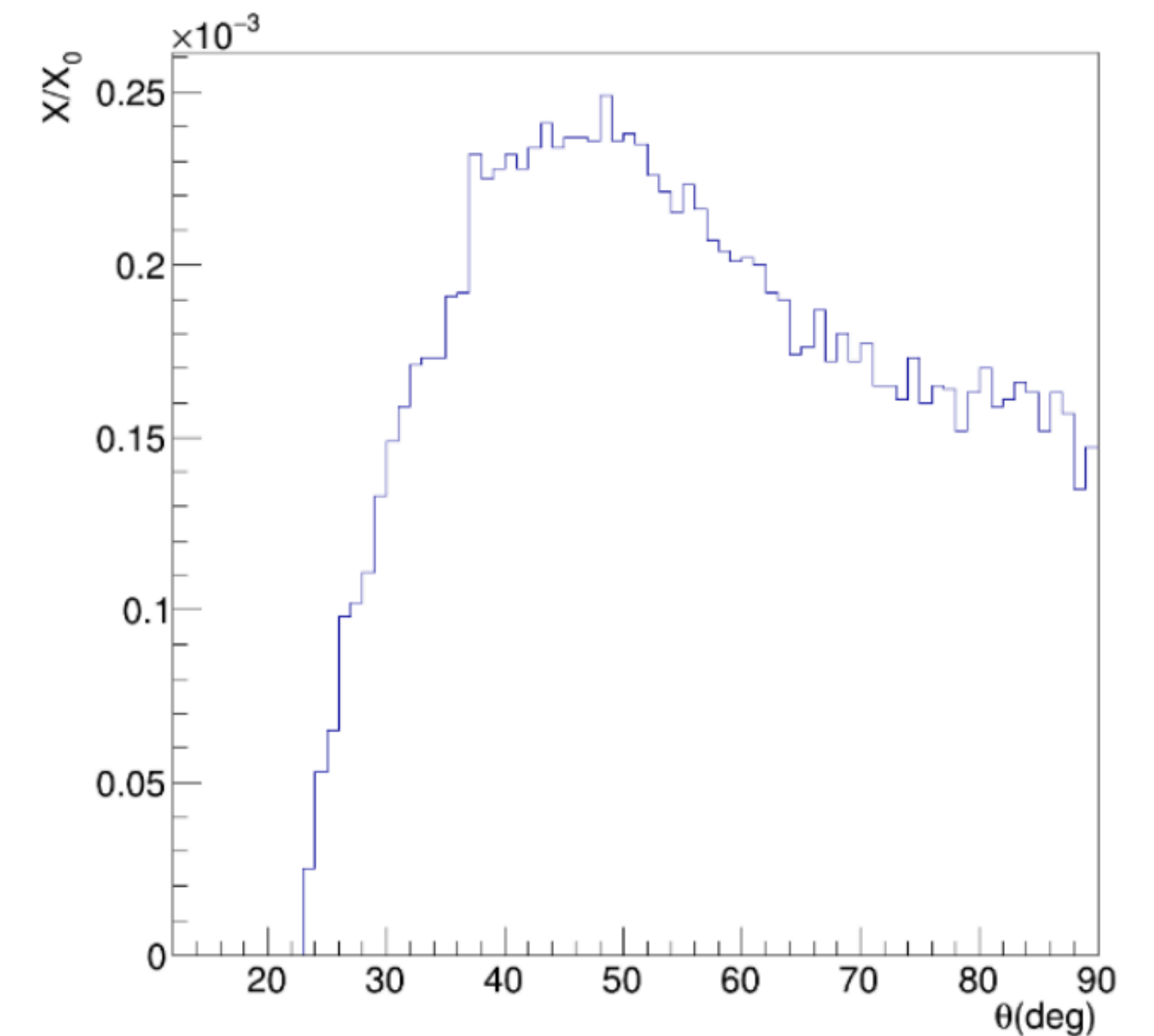
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Mylar

(50 nm Al coating)



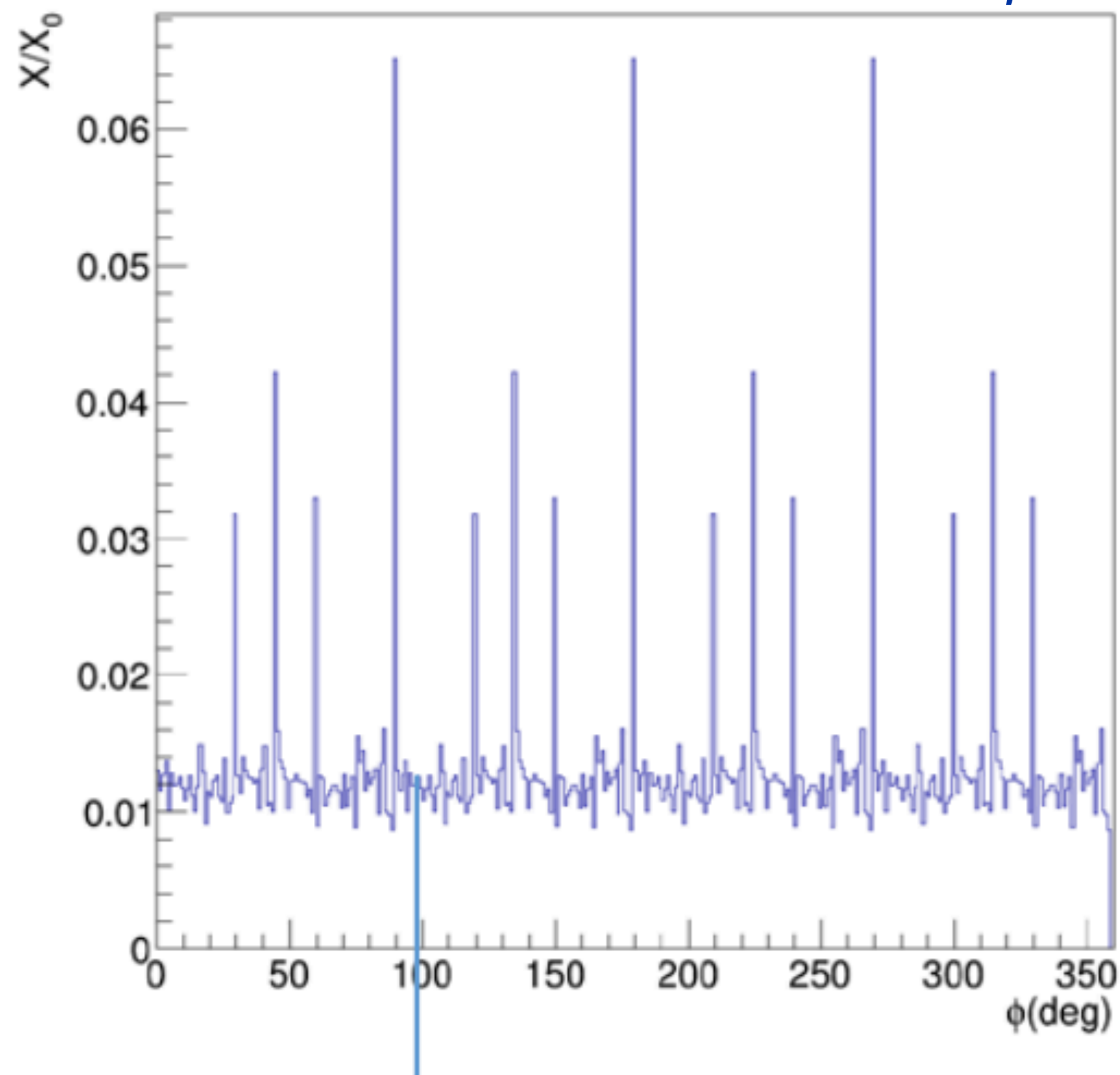
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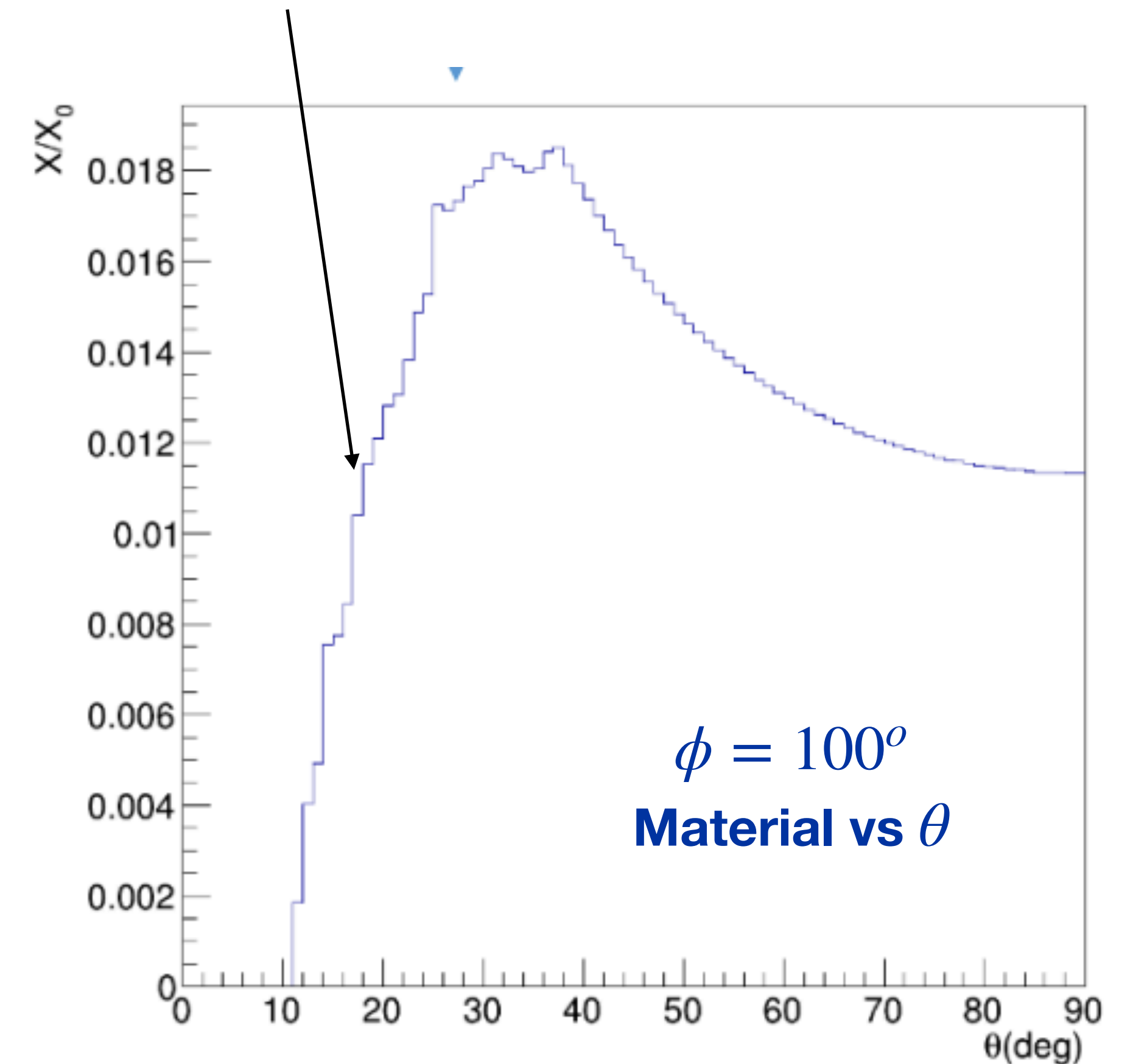
# Material budget

- Nominal geometry as described has 1.2% radiation length at  $\theta = 90^\circ$
- Spikes are from events where the muon passes through the Tungsten wire
- Note: no endplate simulation

$\theta = 90^\circ$   
Material vs  $\phi$



No endplate simulation



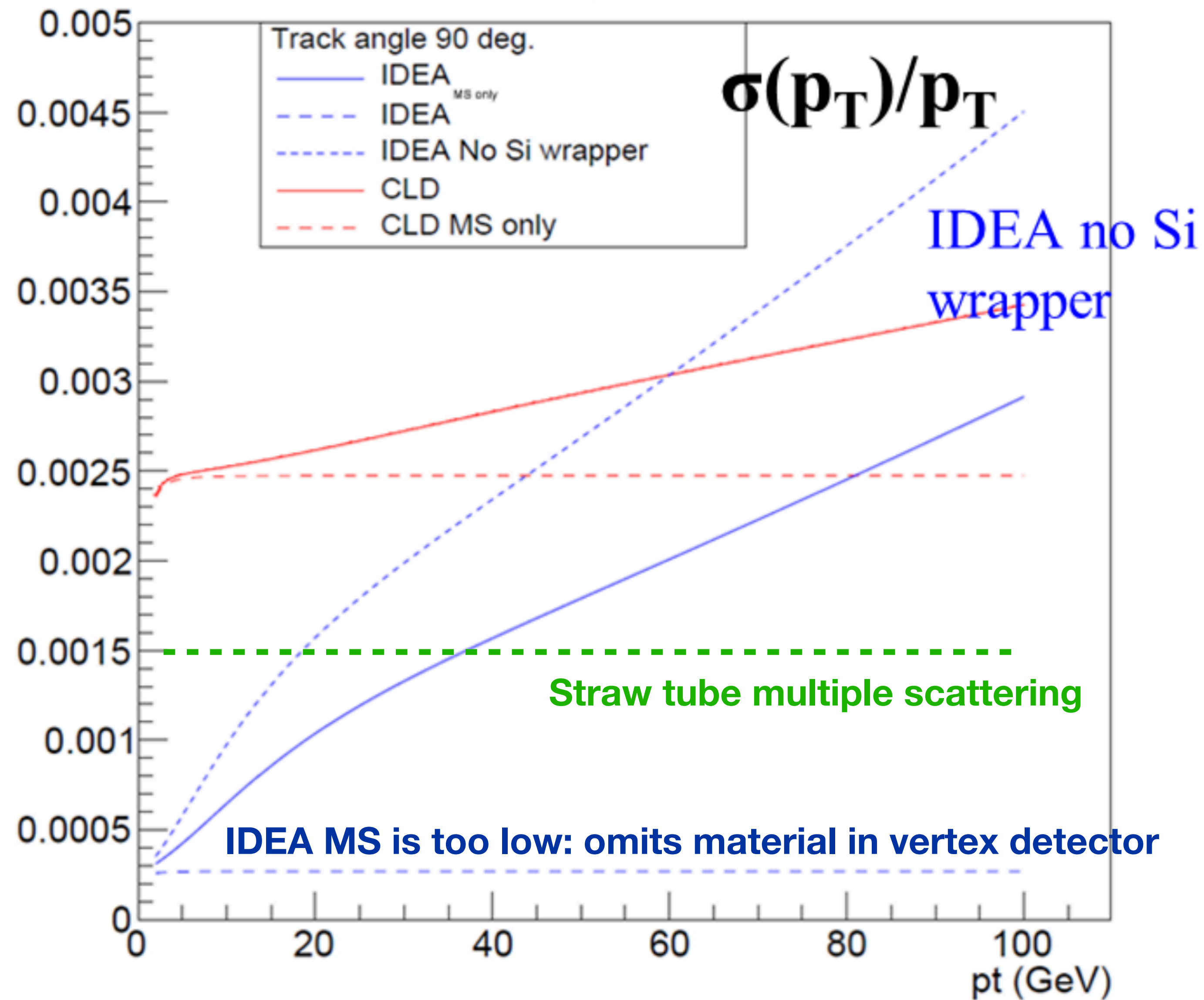


# Comparison with other detector concepts

- Showing CLD and IDEA concepts along with our concept: IDEA but with drift chamber replaced with straw tracker
- Theoretical calculation of multiple scattering
  - Assuming relatively even material per layer
  - Assuming relativistic muons ( $\beta = 1$ )

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T}\right)_{\text{scat}} = \frac{0.0136}{0.3L_p B} \sqrt{x/X_0} = 0.15\%$$

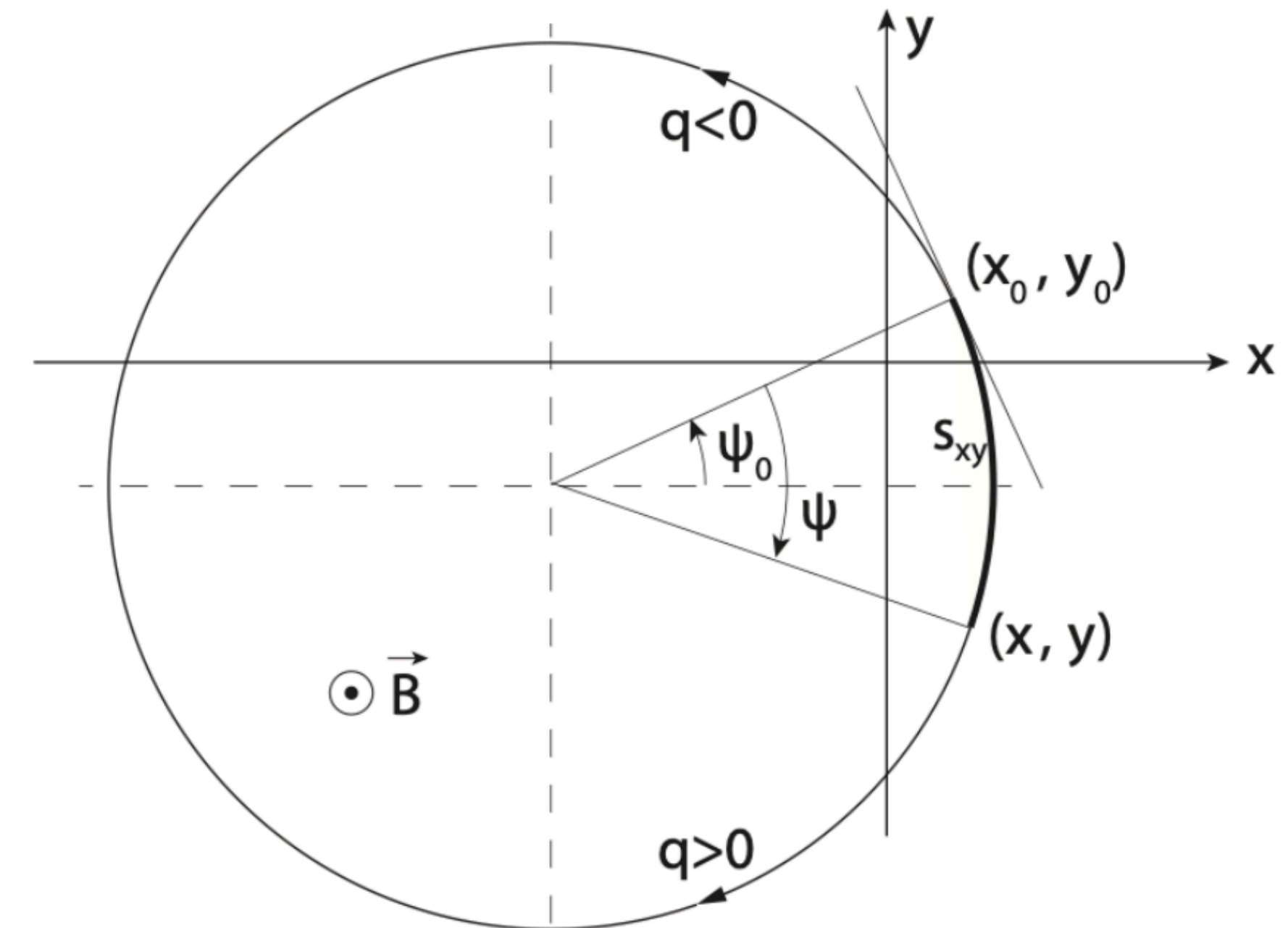
- Depending on number of straw tubes this could change by 20-30%. Probably not lower than 0.1%





# Tracking

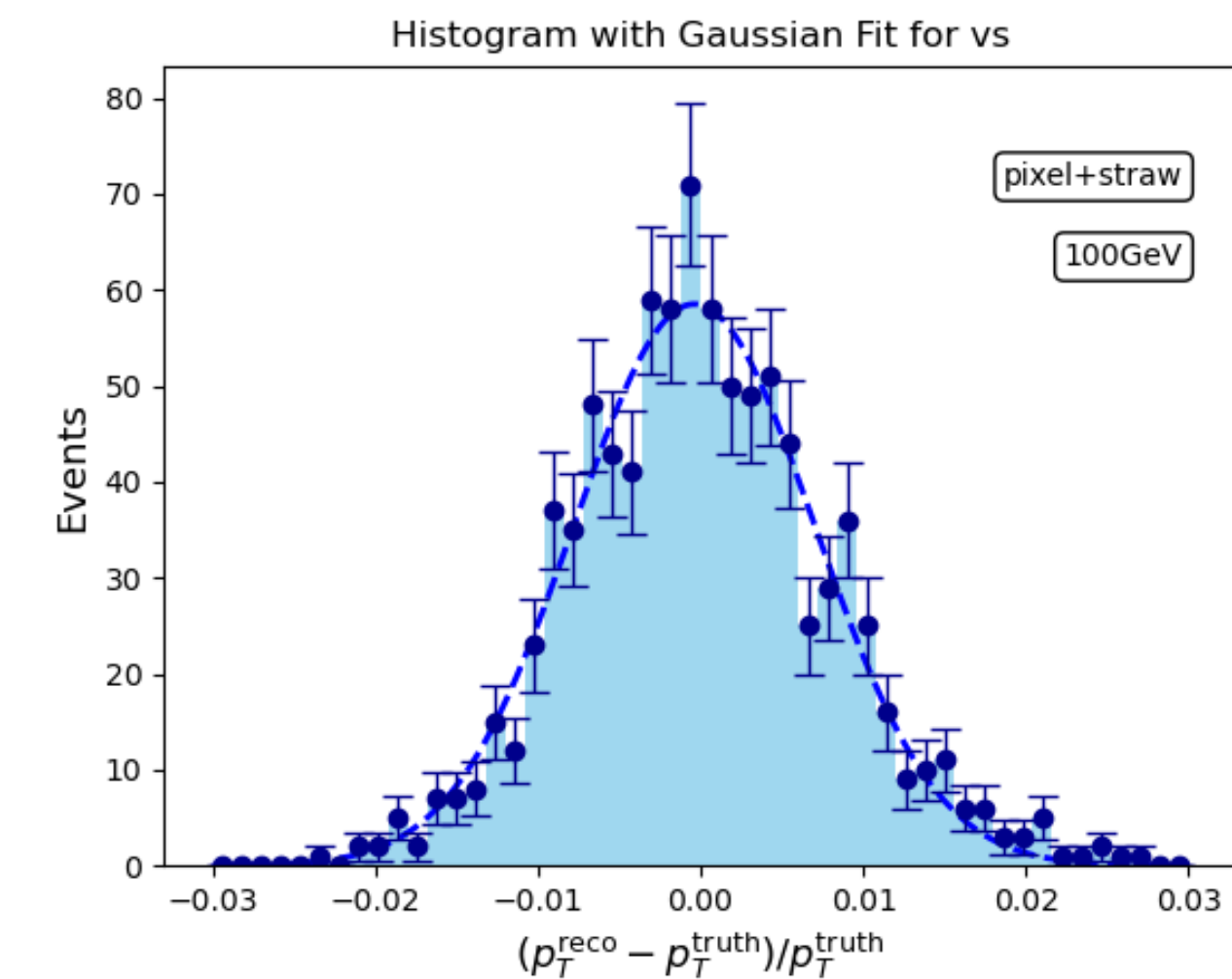
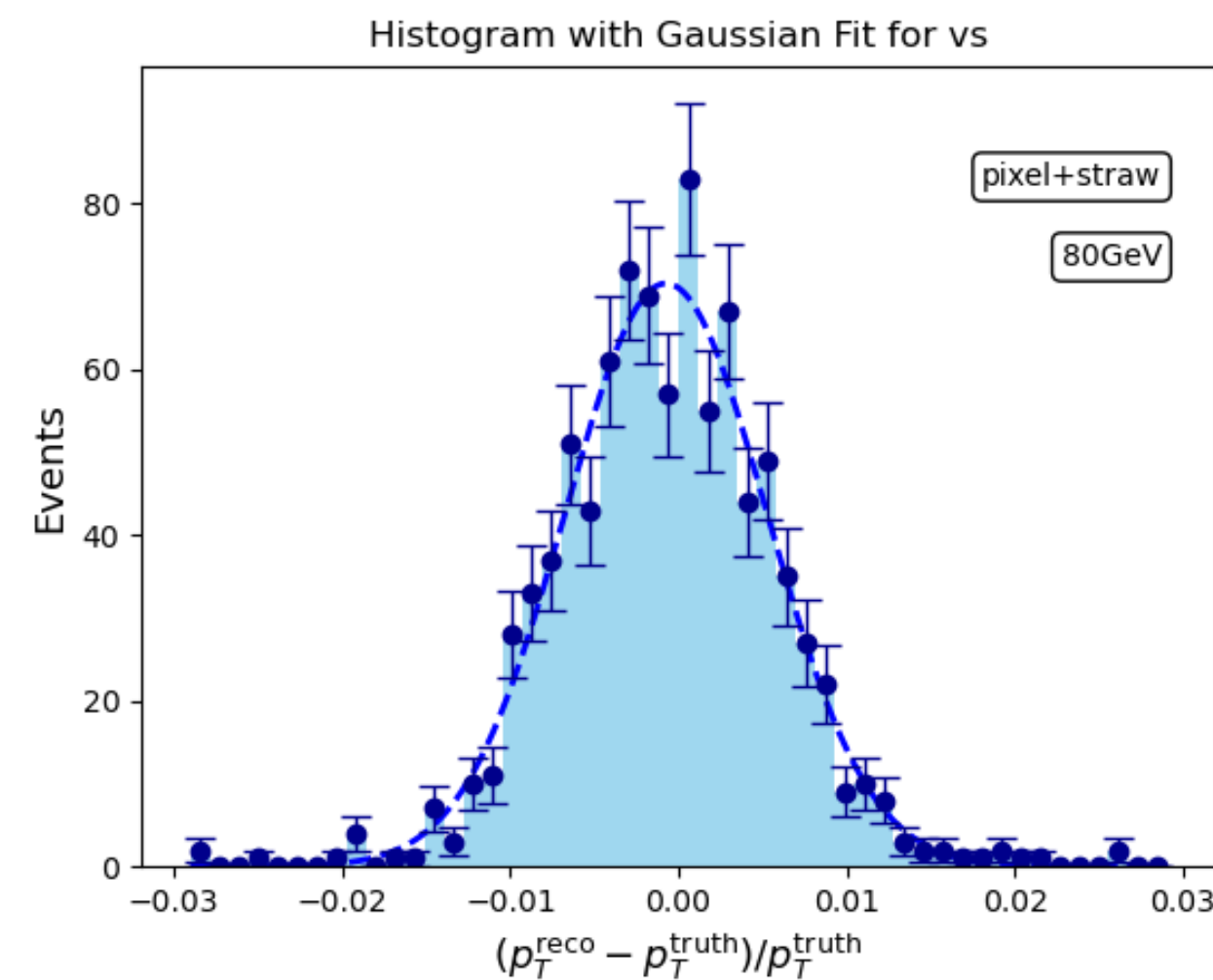
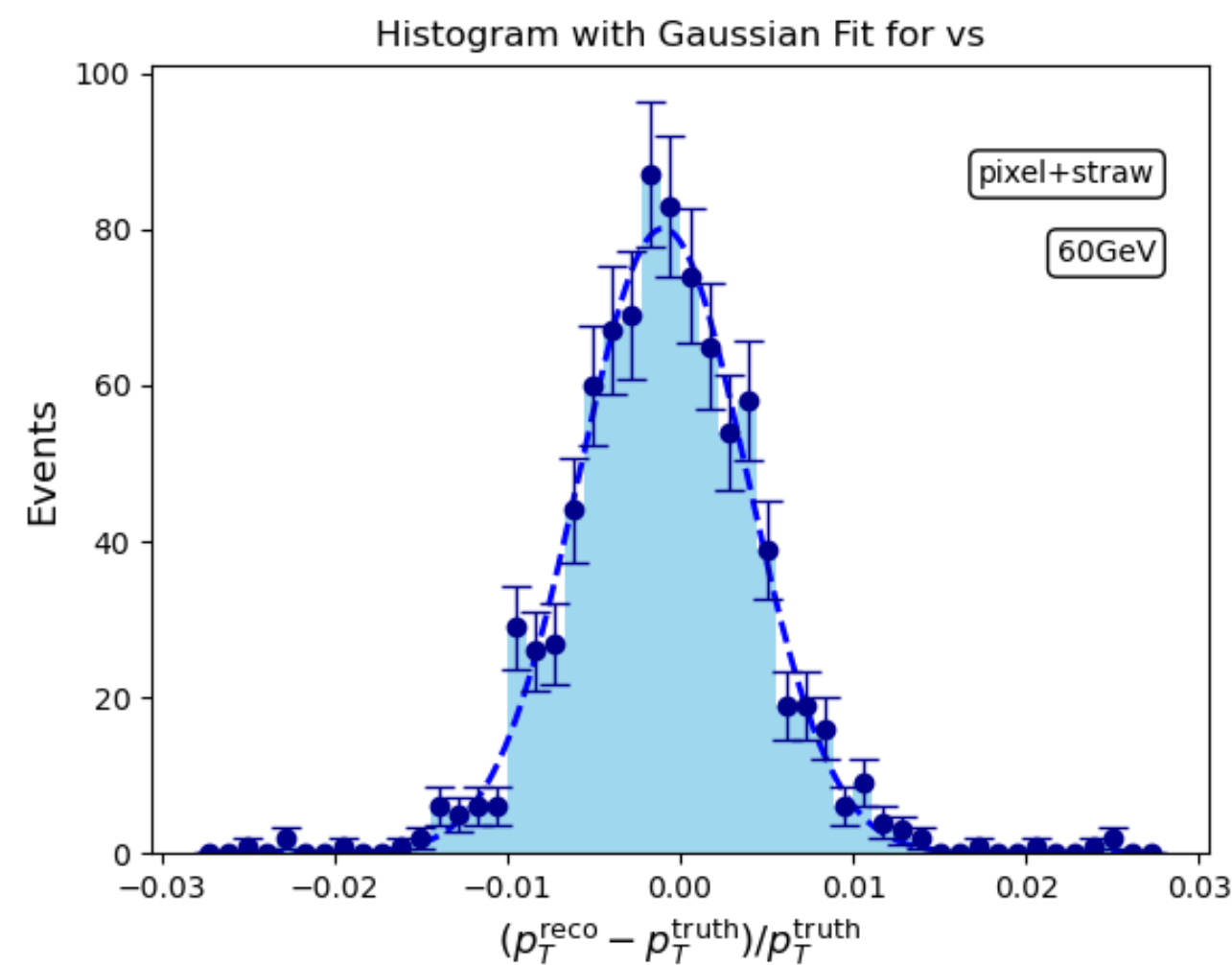
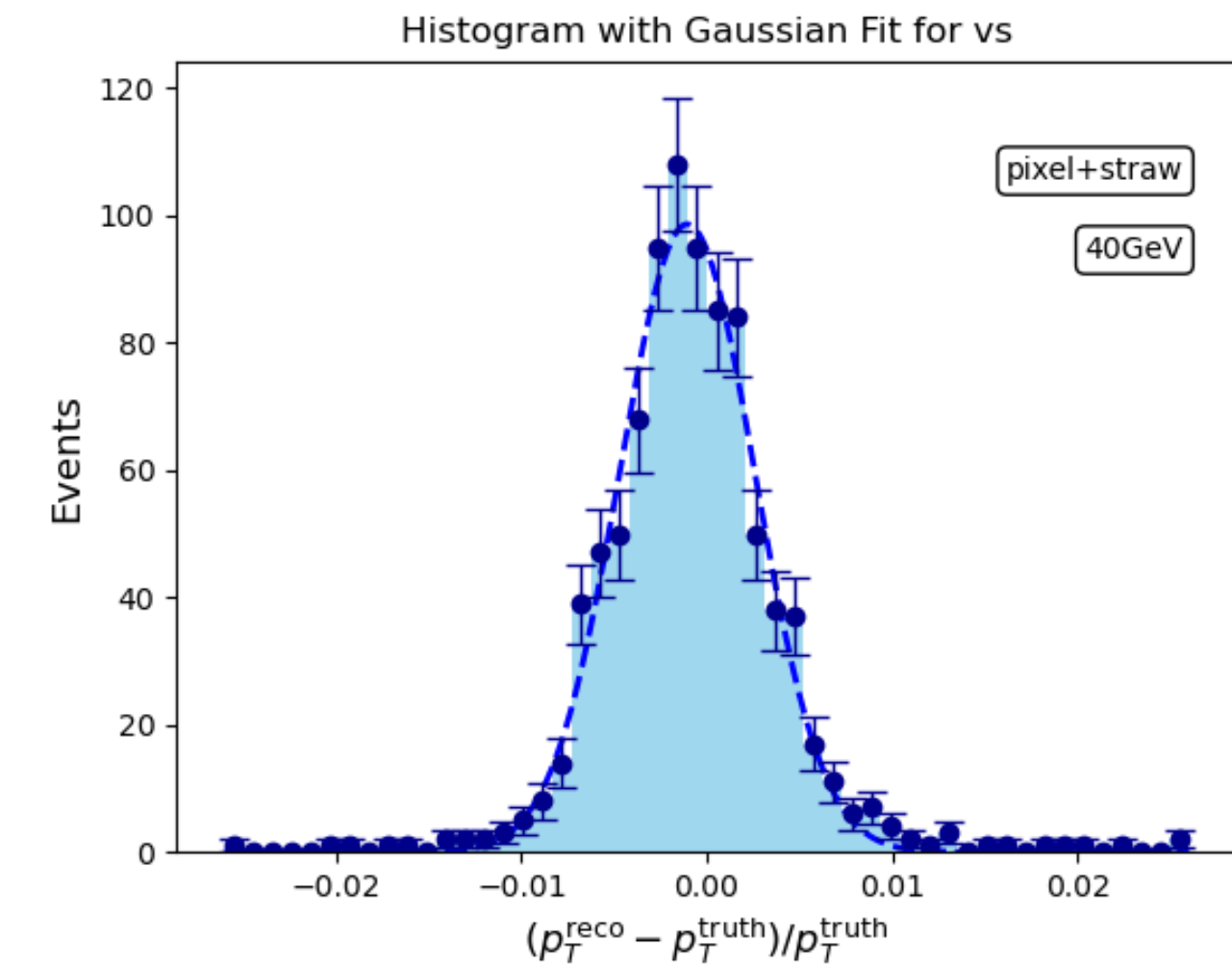
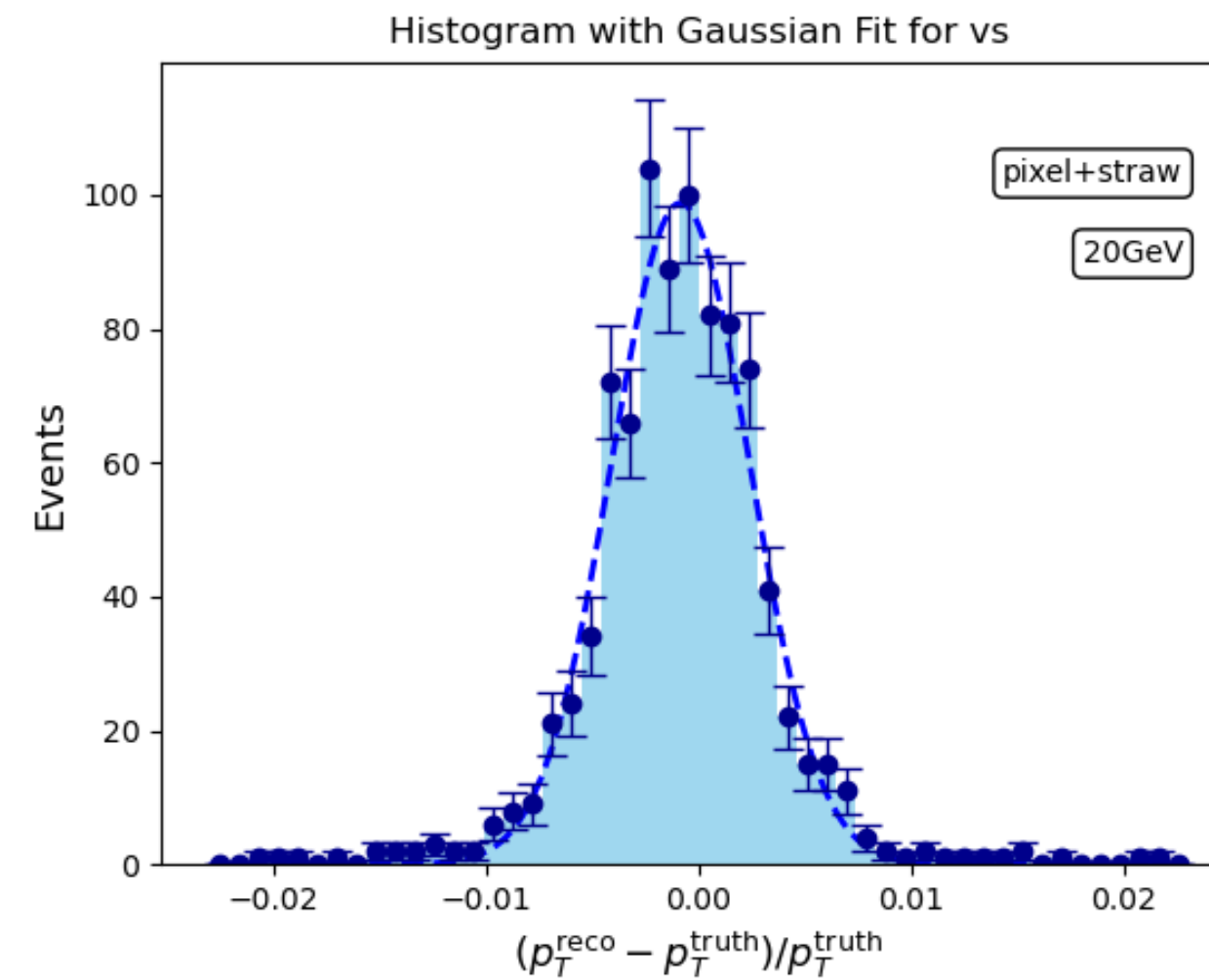
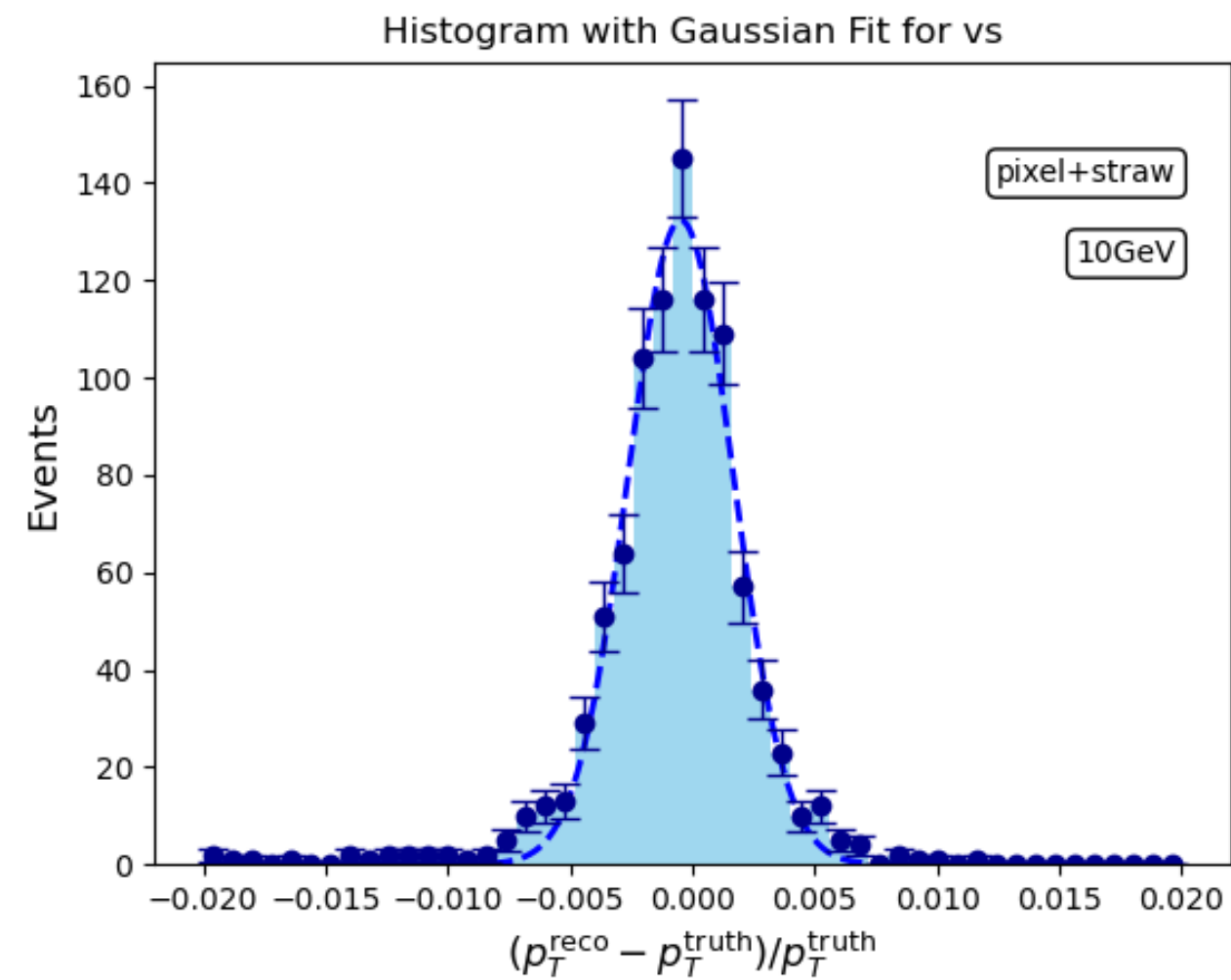
- **The simplified simulation we developed performs tracking in 2D**
  - Simulate monochromatic muons initially pointed in the positive y dir.
  - Vary muon energy to measure resolution as a function of  $p_T$  at  $\theta = 90^\circ$
- **Rather than 6 parameters only 4 are required**
  - $(x_0, y_0)$  initial position
  - Initial  $p_T$
  - Initial angle  $\psi_0$
  - Excluded for 2D tracking:  $z_0, \theta$
- **Intrinsic detector resolution:**
  - Smear truth hits (from Geant4) in various detector subsystems by gaussian distributions:
    - Straw tube: 120 microns
    - Pixel: 5 microns
    - Silicon wrapper: 15 microns





# Tracking results

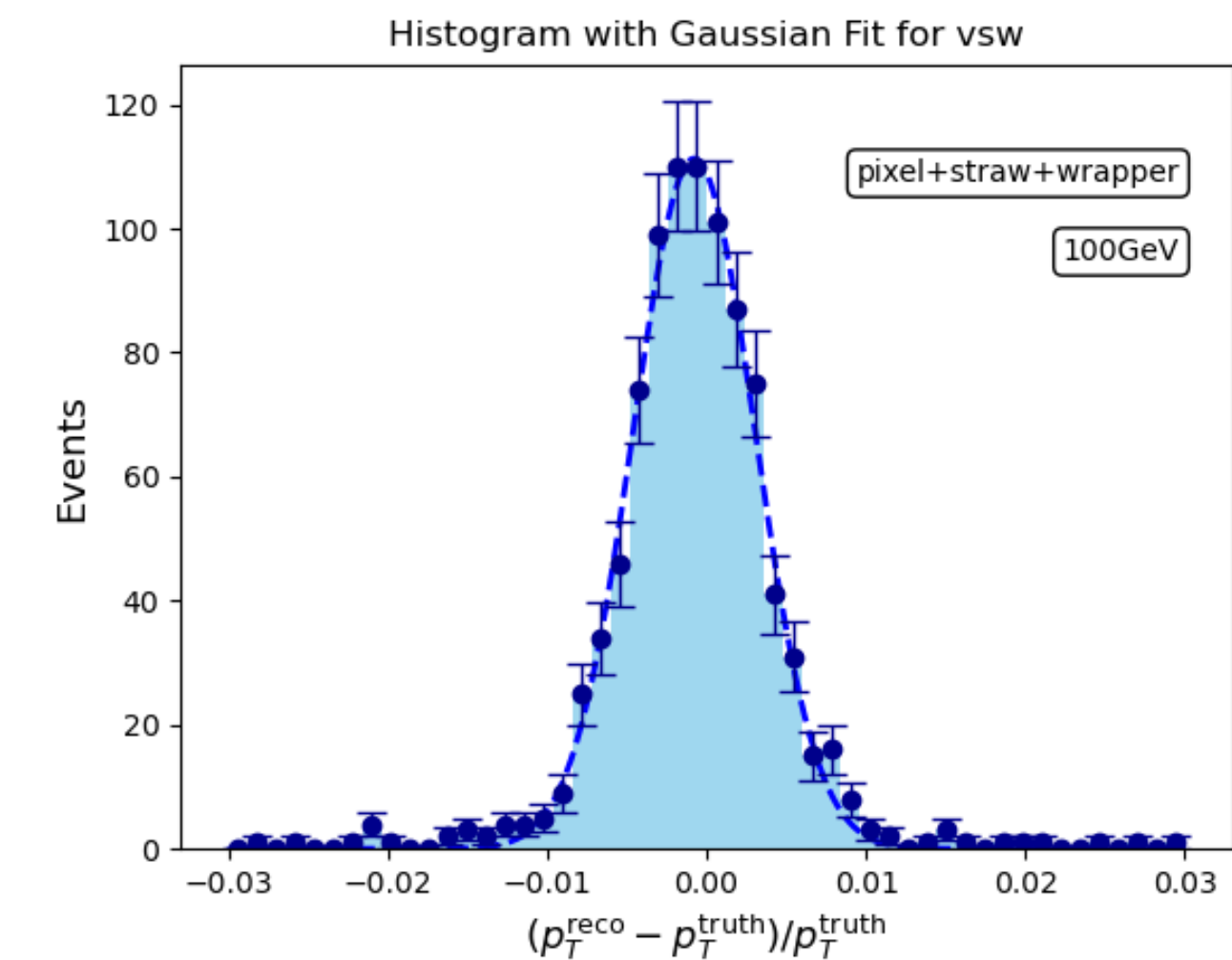
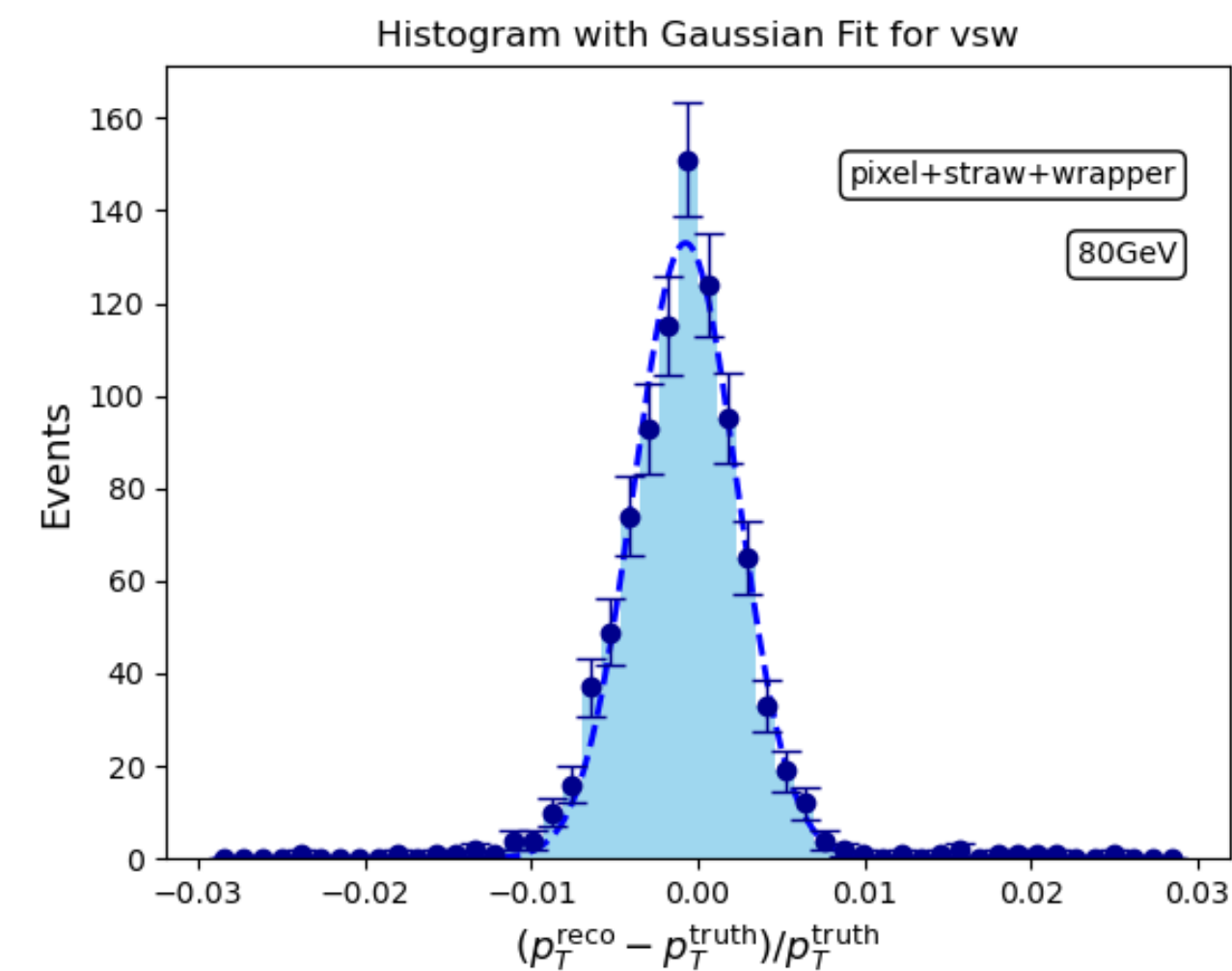
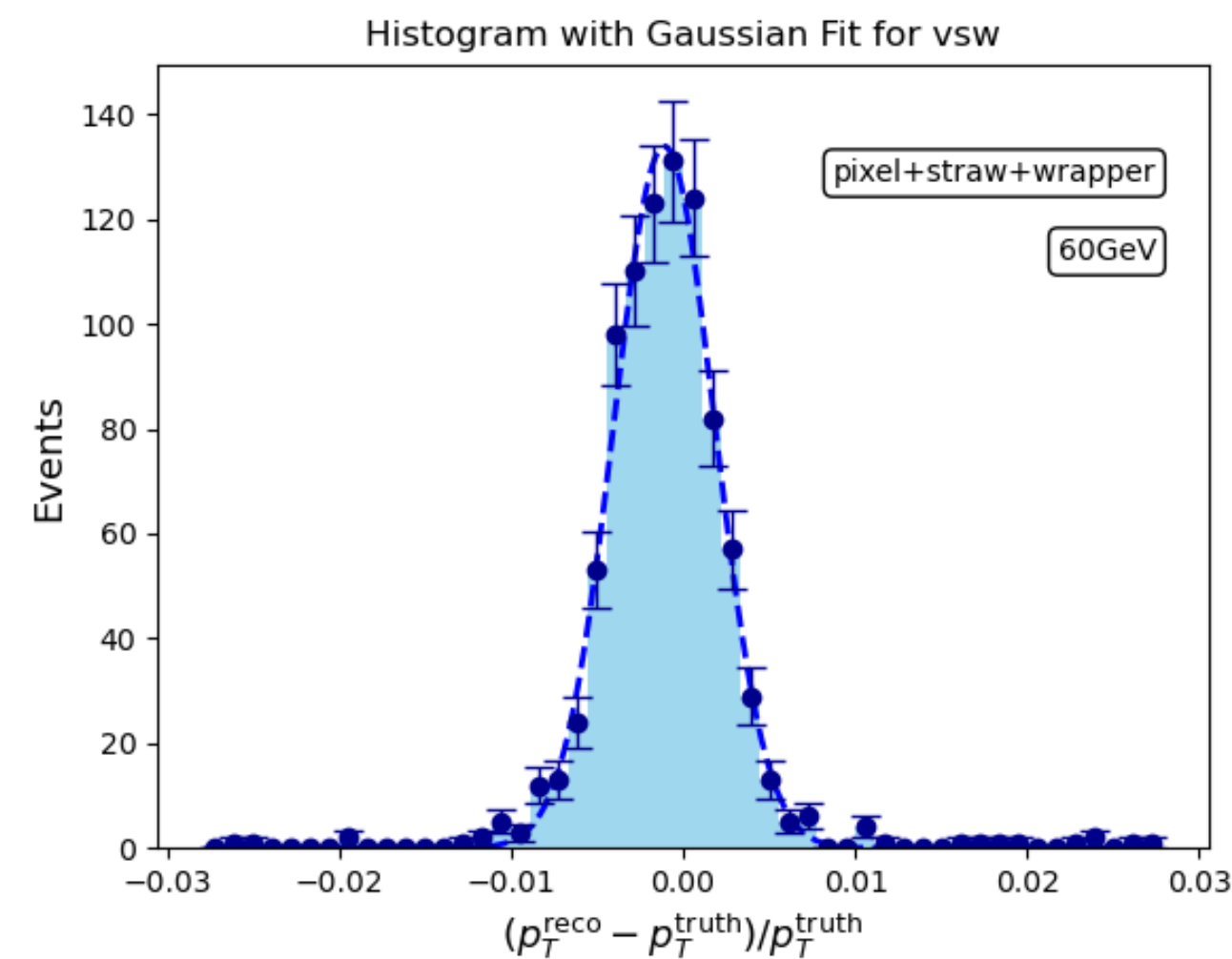
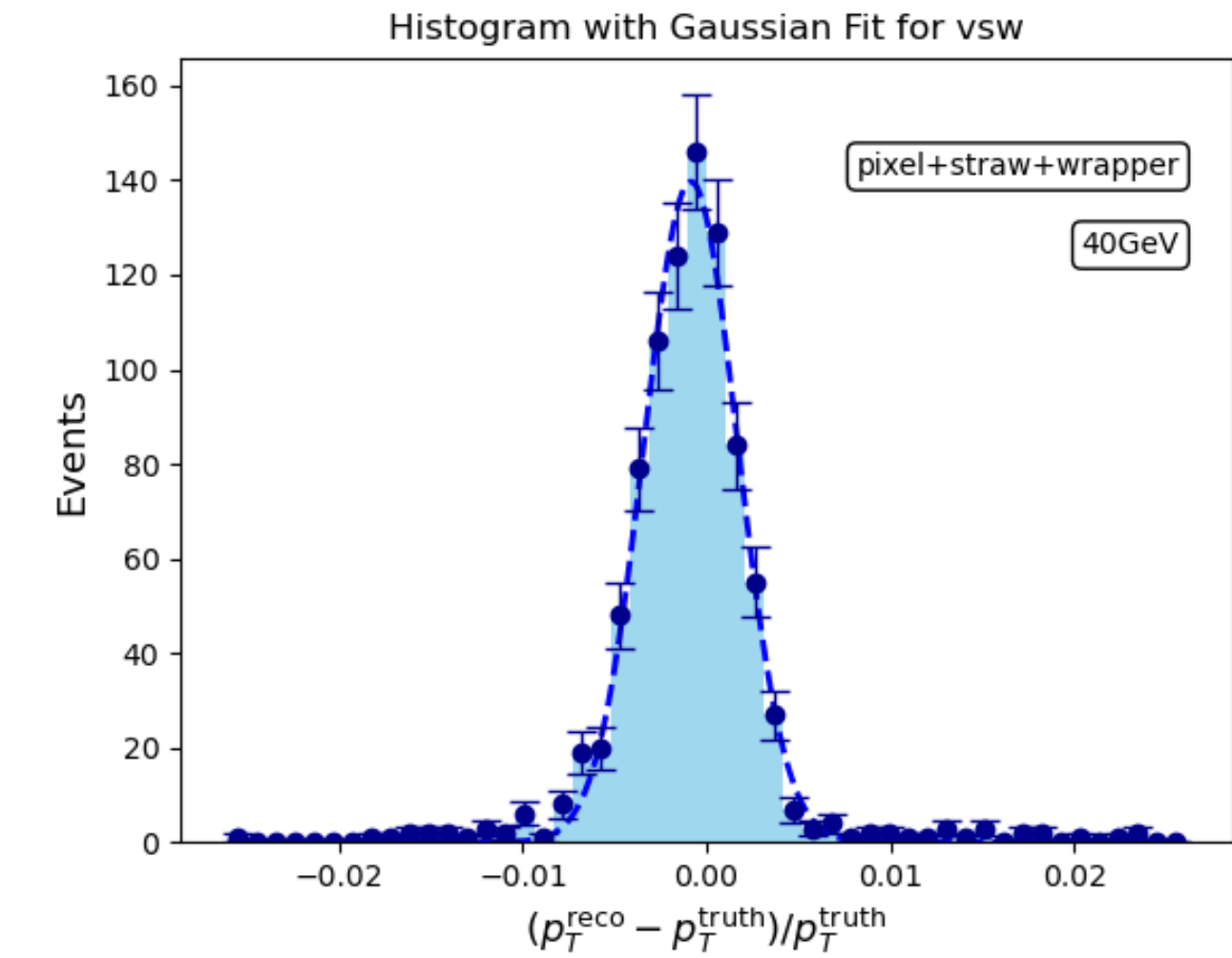
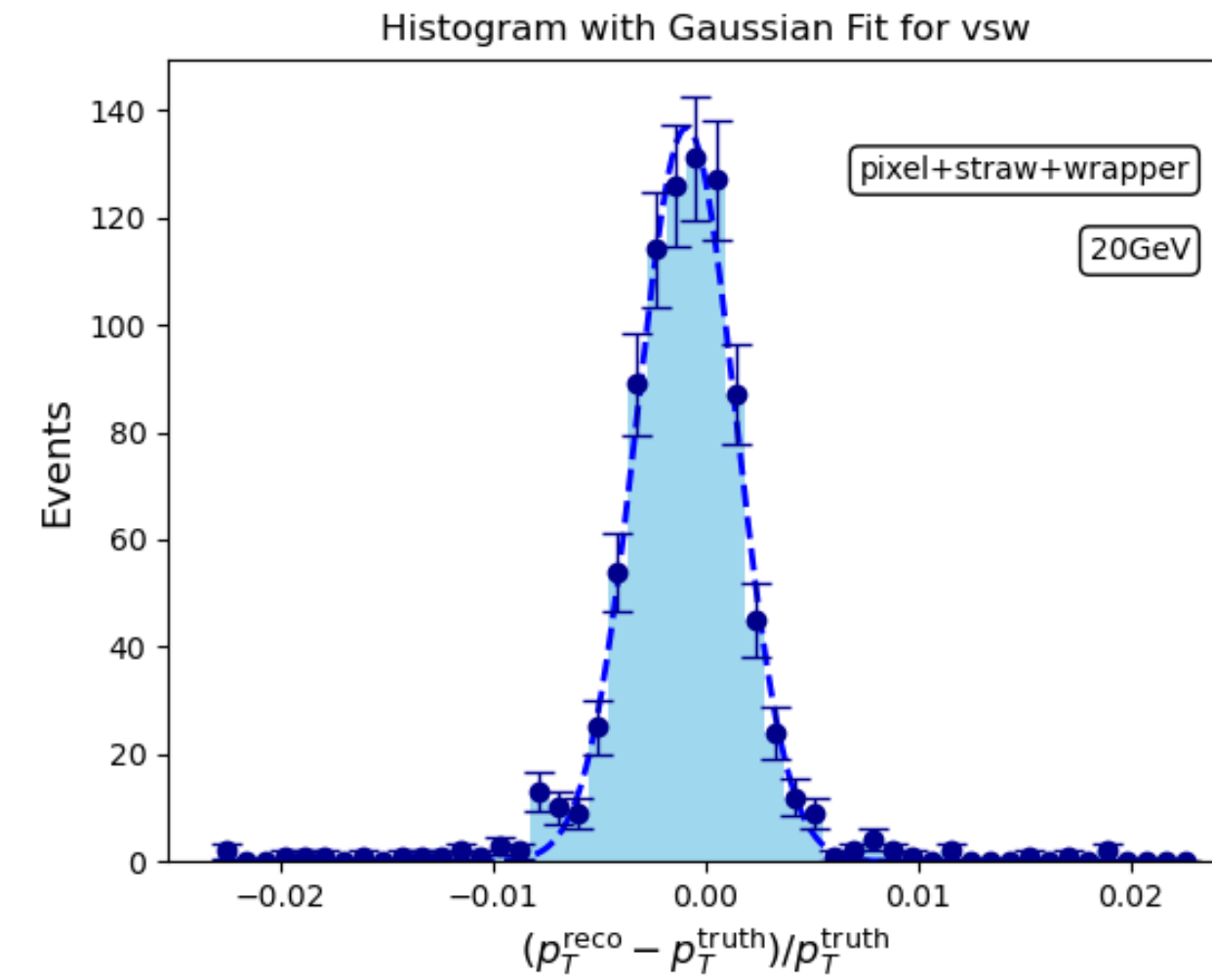
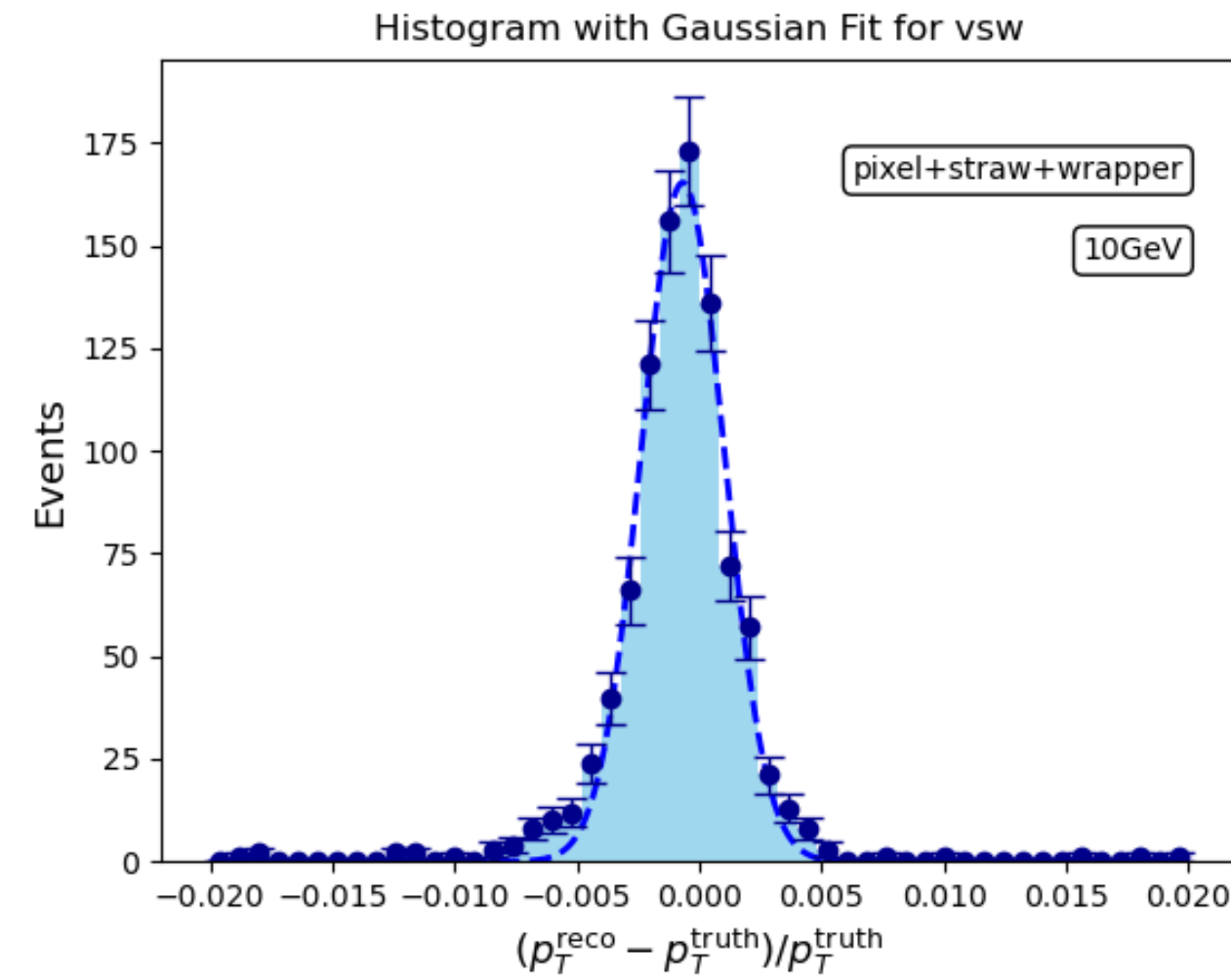
- Configuration using vertex detector + straw tubes (exclude silicon wrapper)
- Individual gaussian fit validation shown. Each histogram is 1000 monochromatic muons





# Tracking results

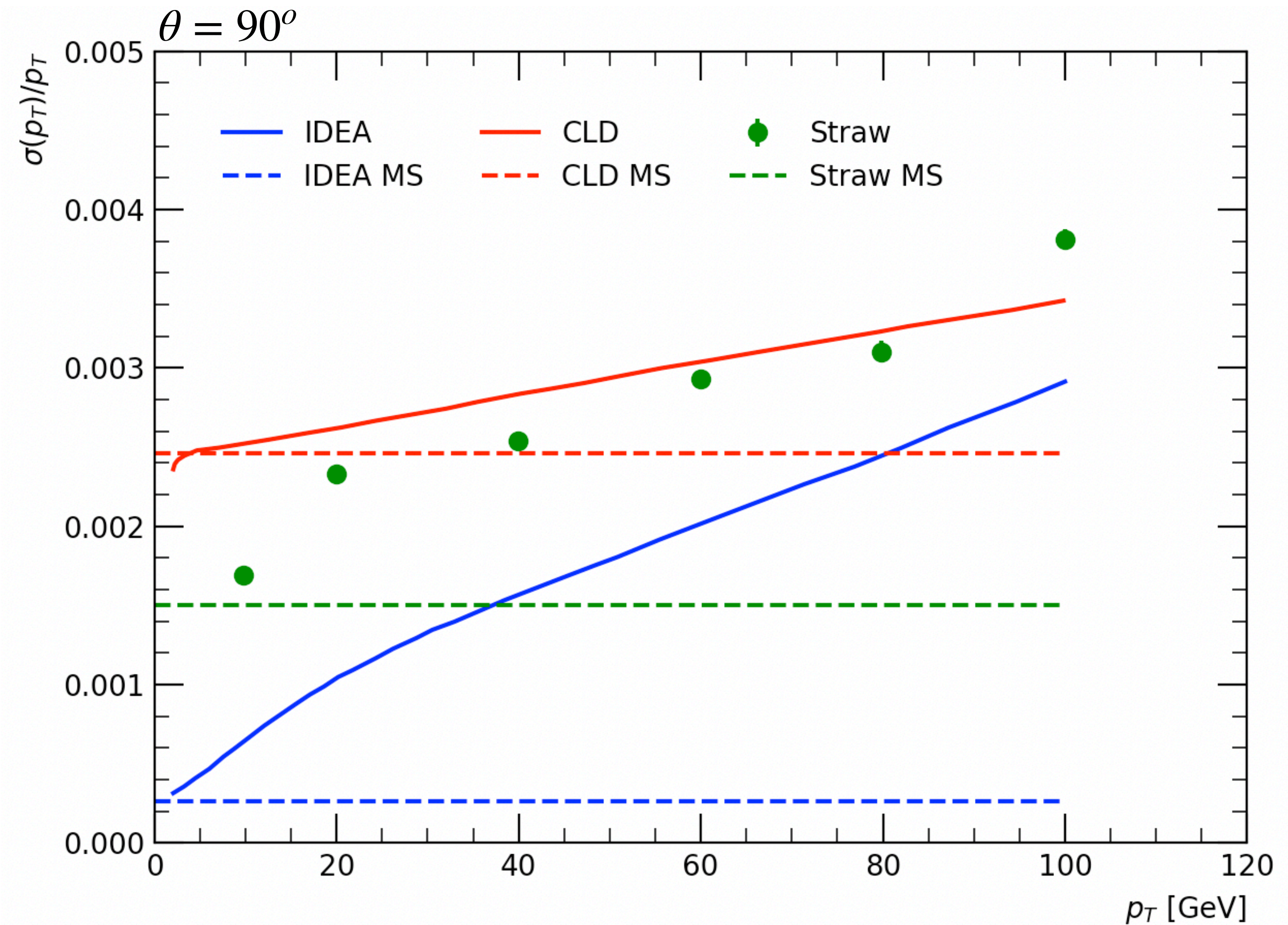
- Configuration using vertex detector + straw tubes + silicon wrapper
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# Tracking results

- Compare straw tube to other detector concepts
- There are (tiny) error bars on the straw points from the statistical error on the gaussian fit. No other sources of error considered.
- Straw MS is from analytical calculation. MS included in simulation.
- Straw tube geometry is not yet optimized!
- Assumptions on resolution:
  - Vertex pixel=5  $\mu\text{m}$
  - Straw=120  $\mu\text{m}$
  - Silicon wrapper=15  $\mu\text{m}$



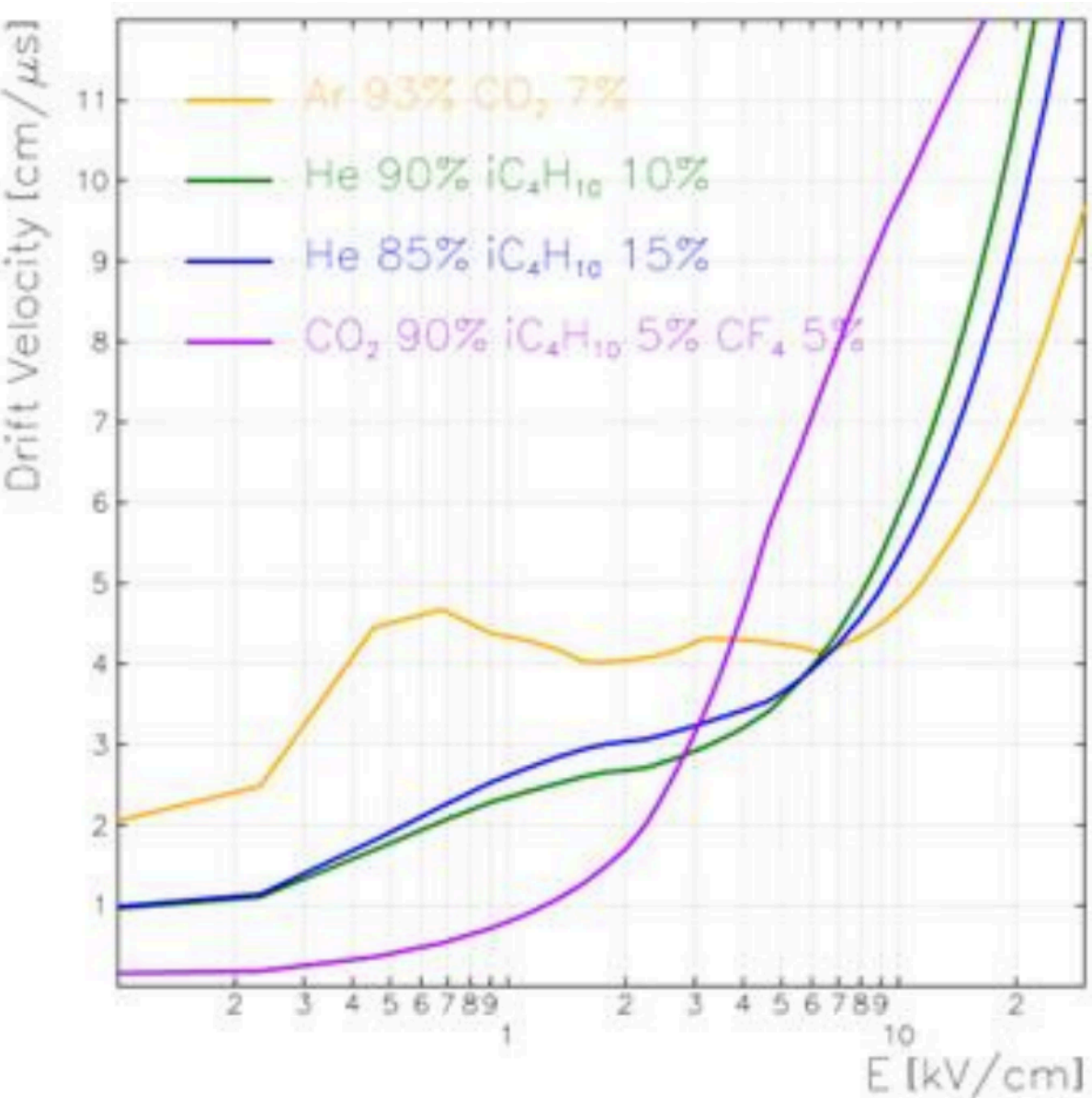


# Gas simulation with Garfield

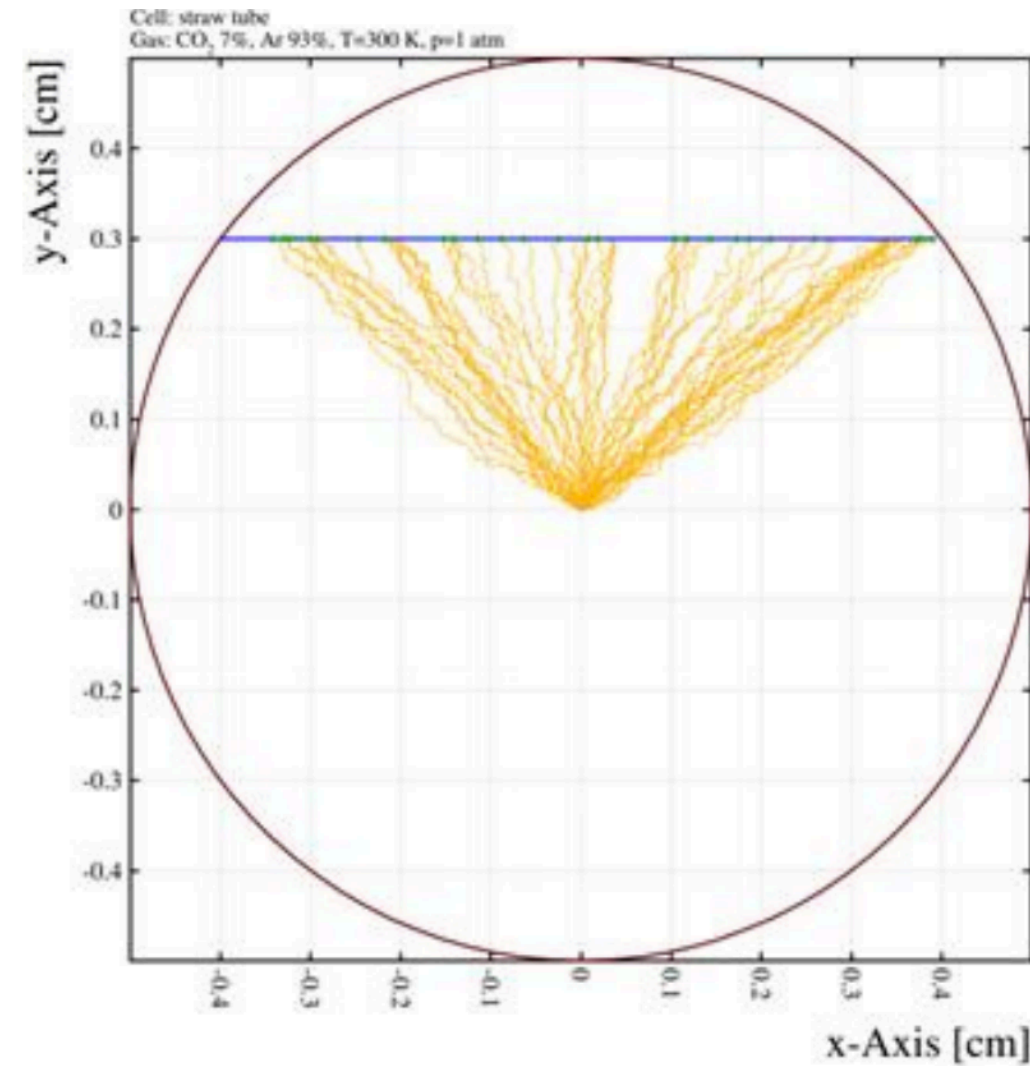
- **Ongoing Garfield simulation:**
  - Ionization statistics in several gas mixtures
  - Electron and ion transportation properties
  - Signal induction and timing structure

- **Provide essential inputs for the gas optimization and  $dE/dx(dN/dx)$  measurement for PID**

- **1.5 meters of Argon = 1.5%  $X_0$**

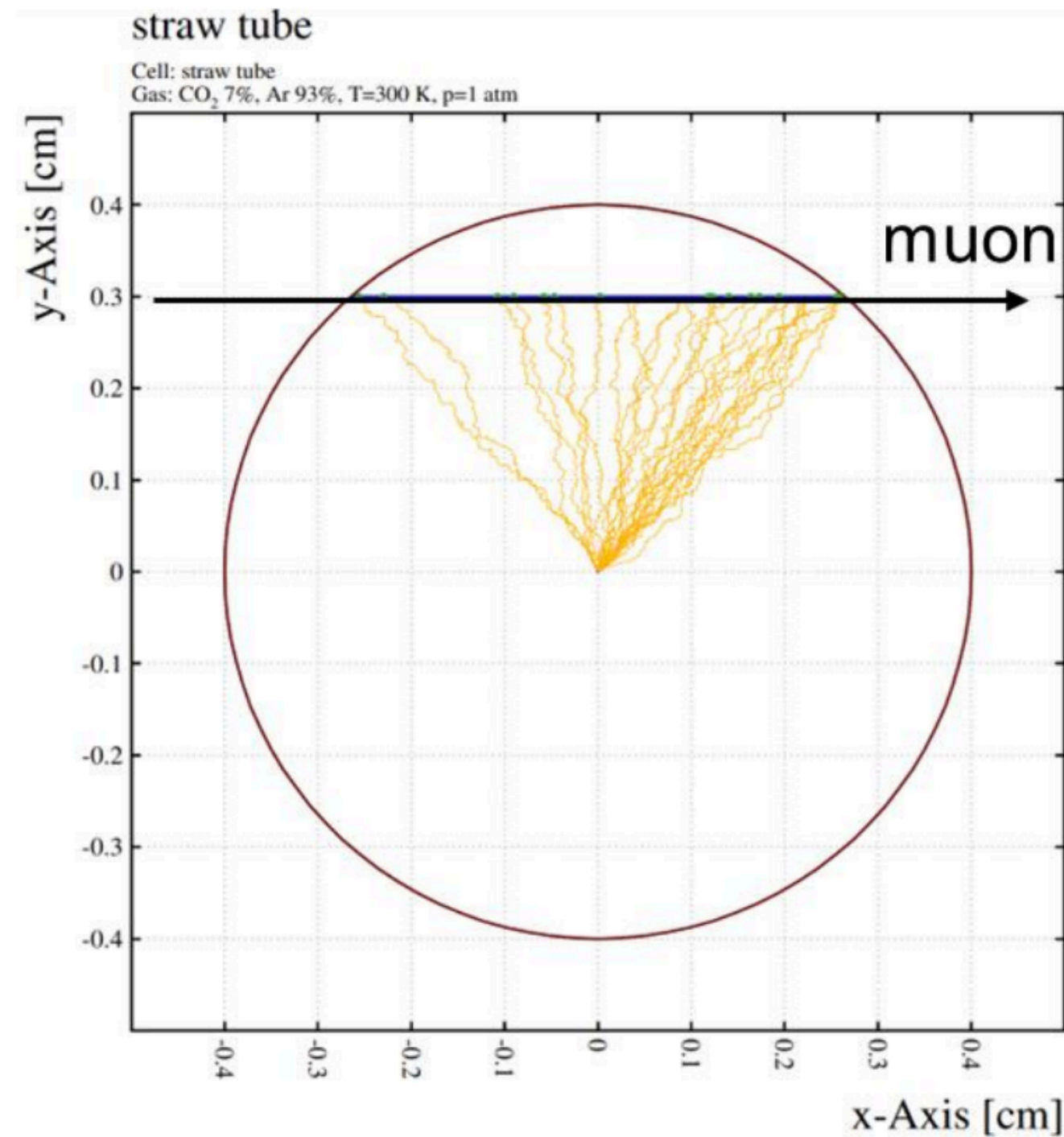


Electron drift velocity vs. e-field

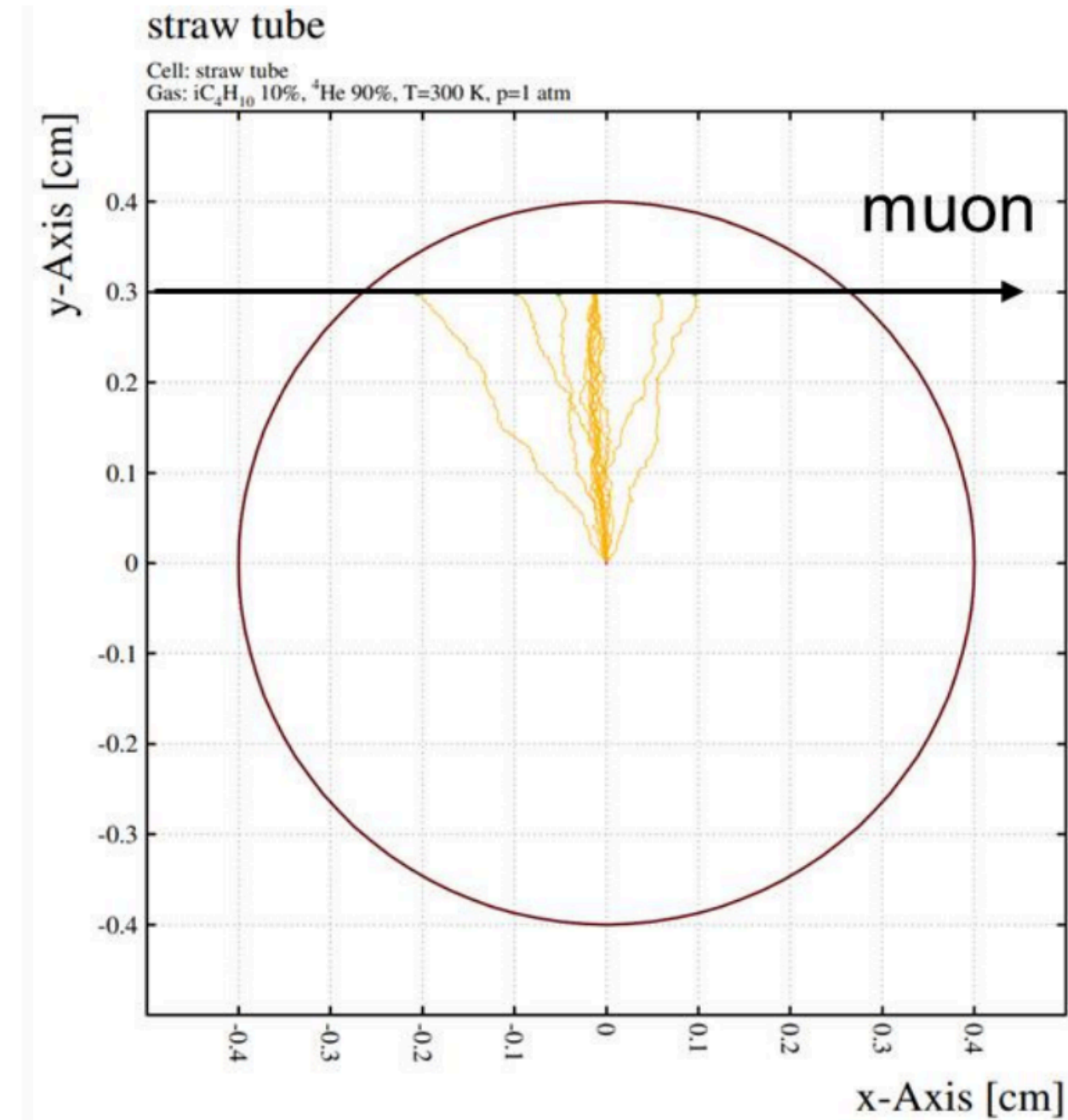


Simulated ionizations created by a muon track and primary electron drift towards wire

Typical drift tube gas  
Ar-93-CO<sub>2</sub>-7



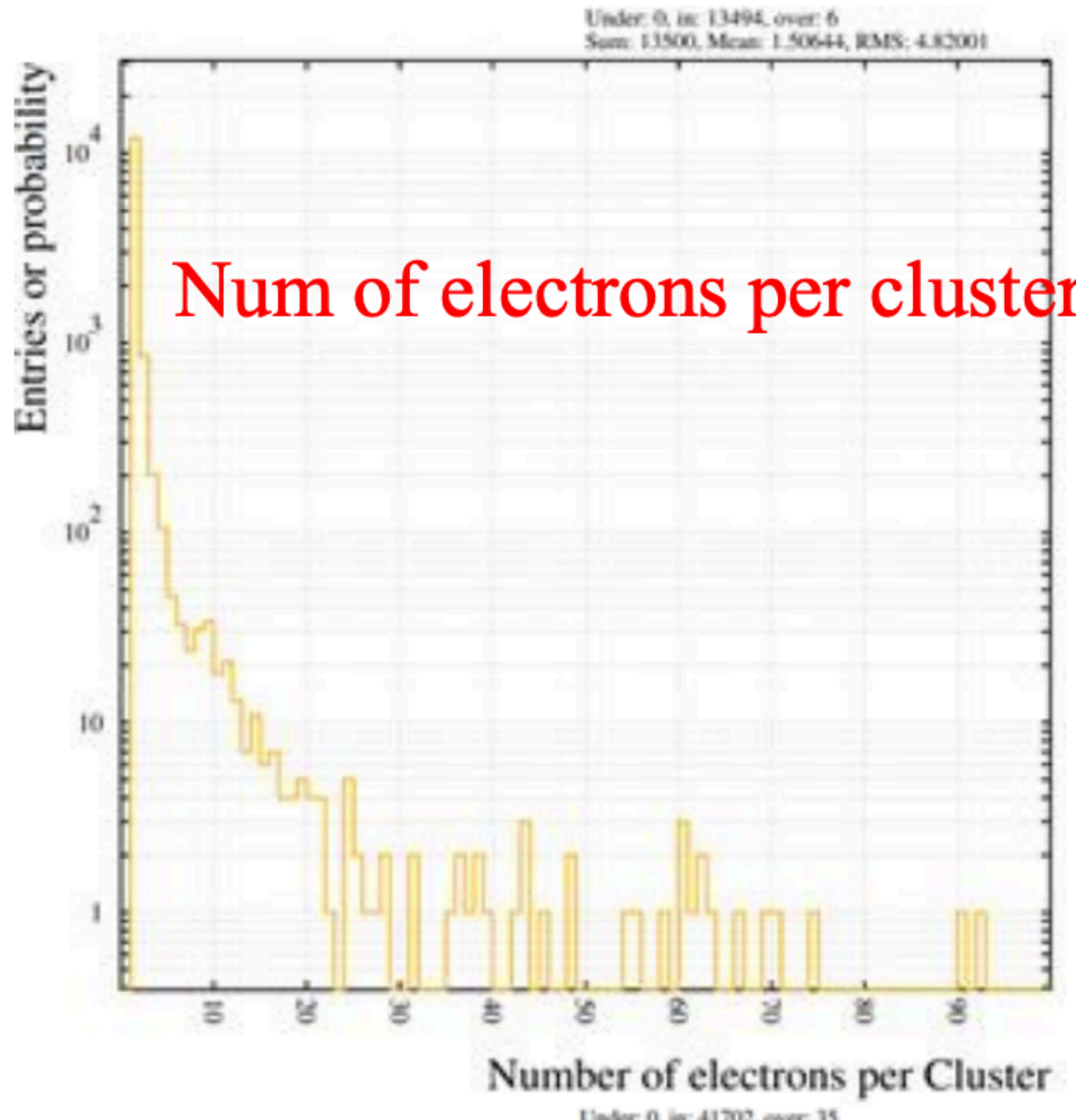
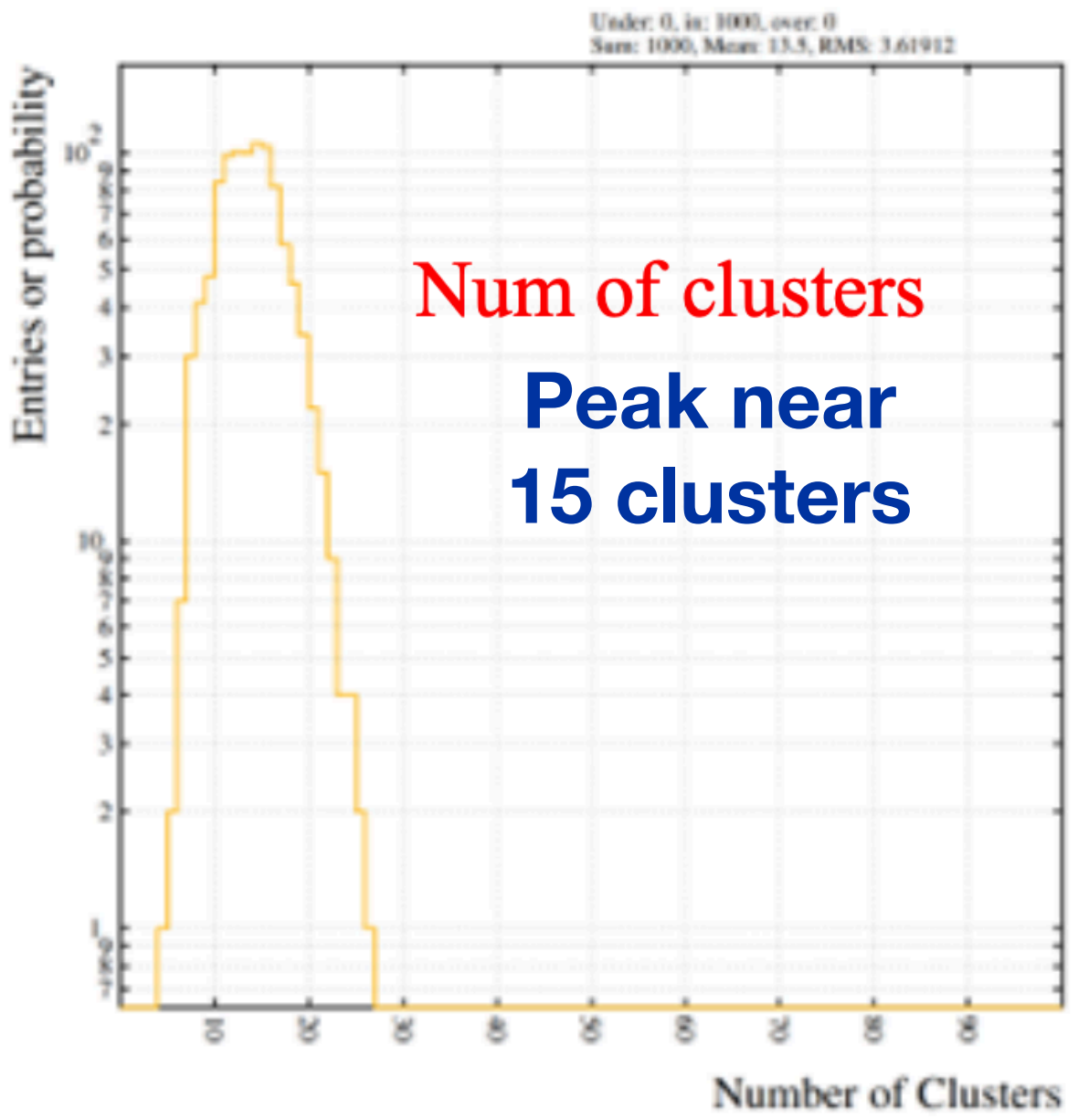
Low-z gas  
He-90-iC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>-10



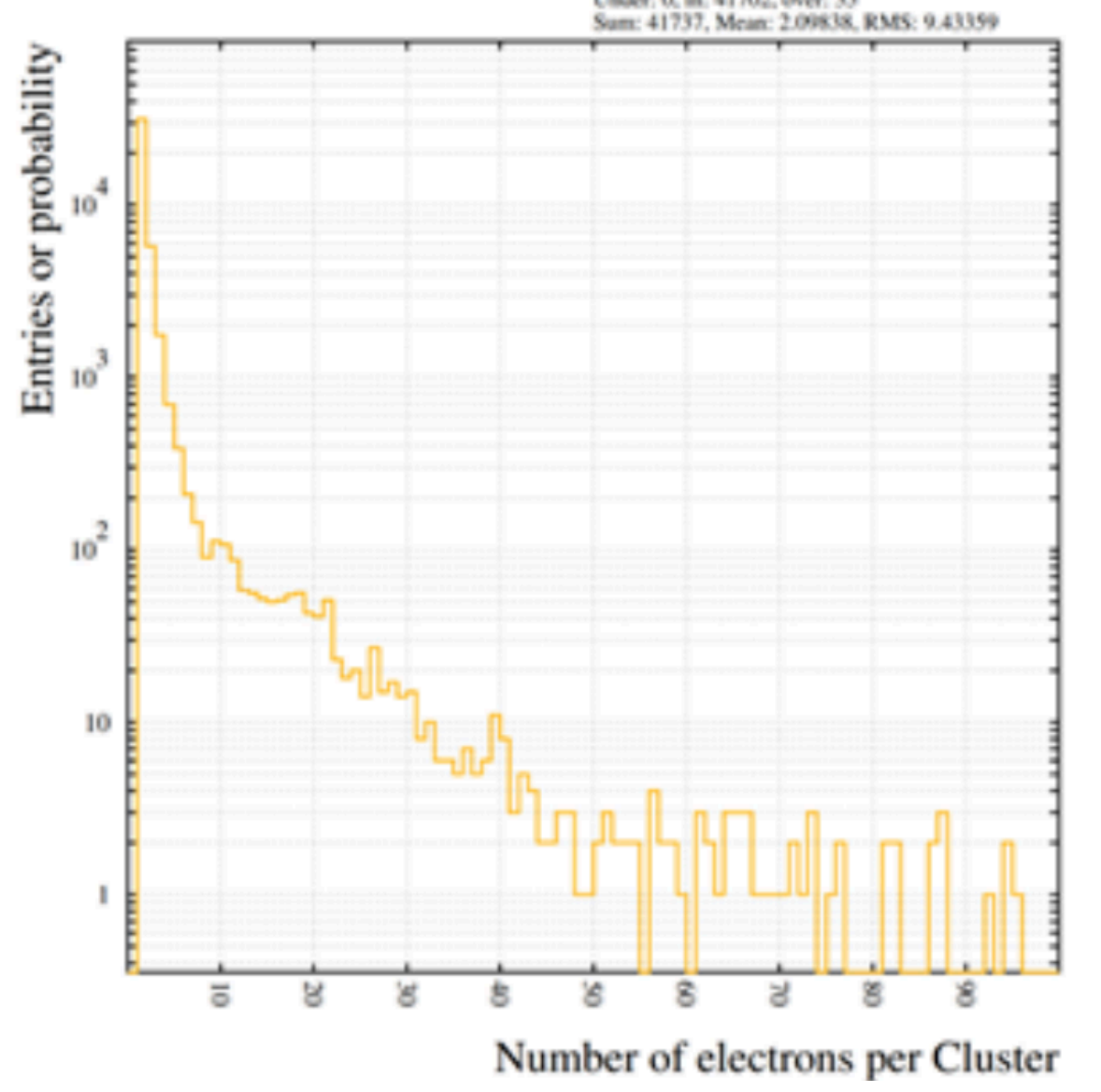
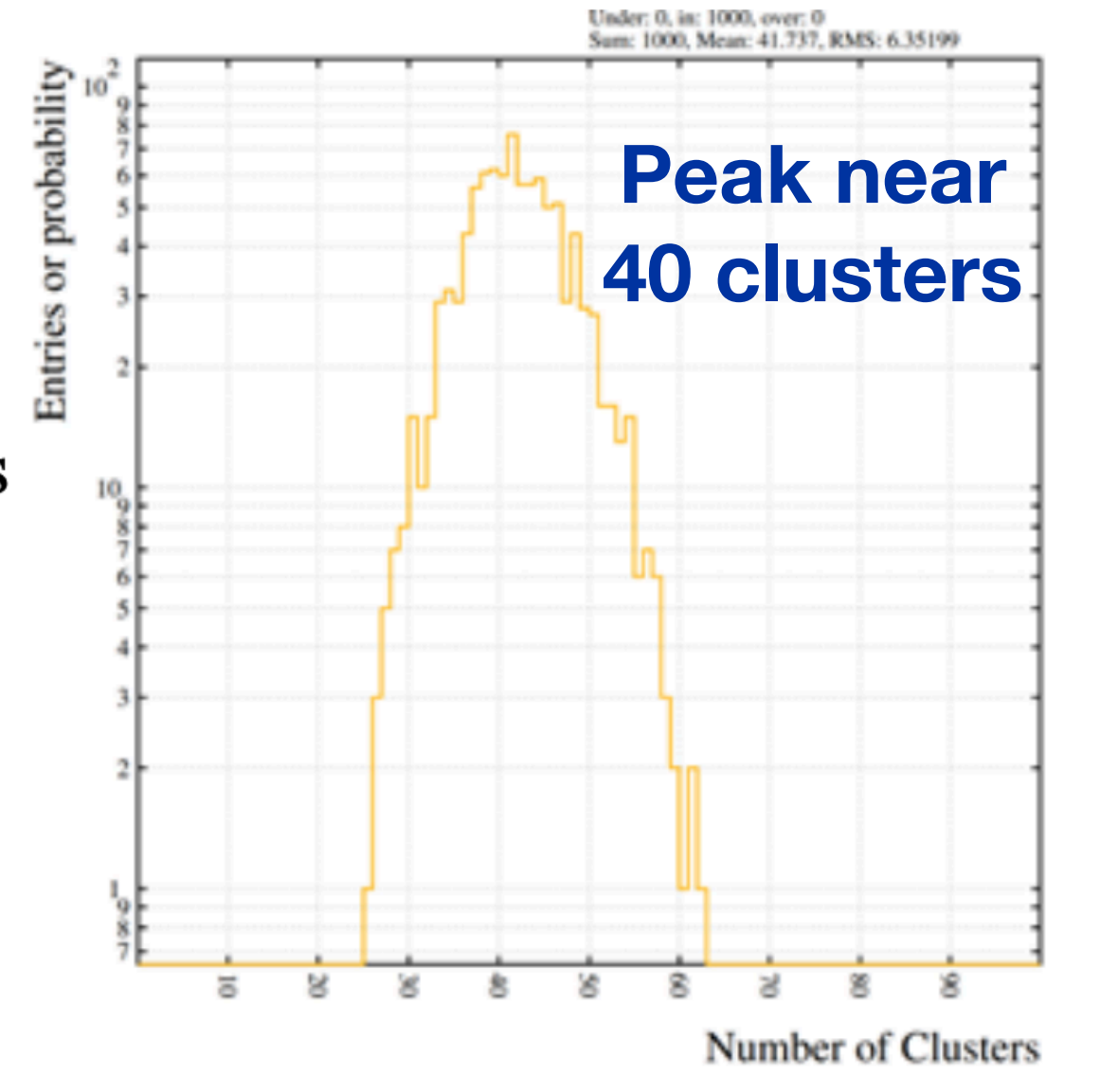


# Gas simulation with Garfield

Low-z gas  
He-90-iC4H10-10



Typical drift tube gas  
Ar-93-CO2-7



Simulation done for 4 GeV muon  
in a 10 mm-diameter straw

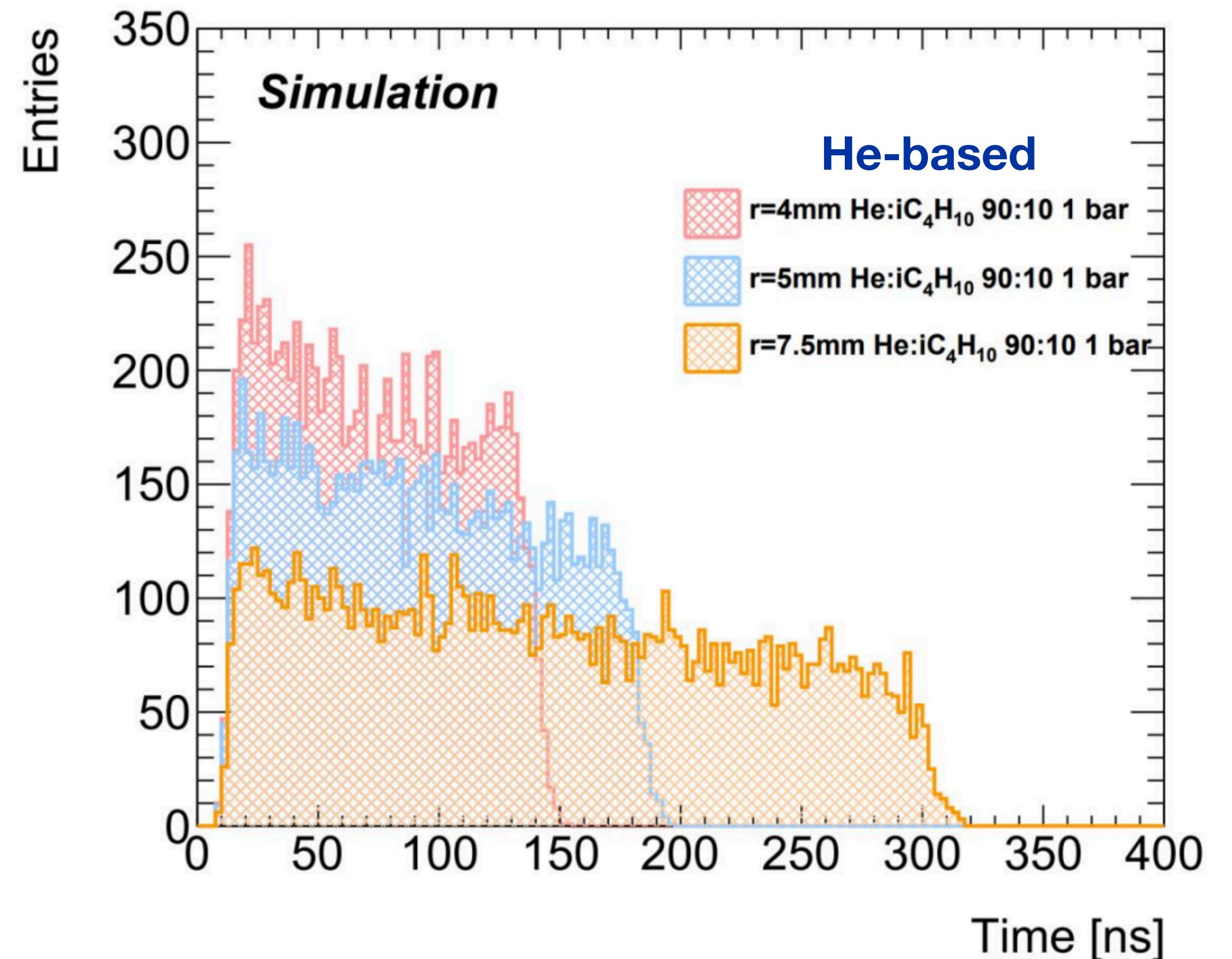
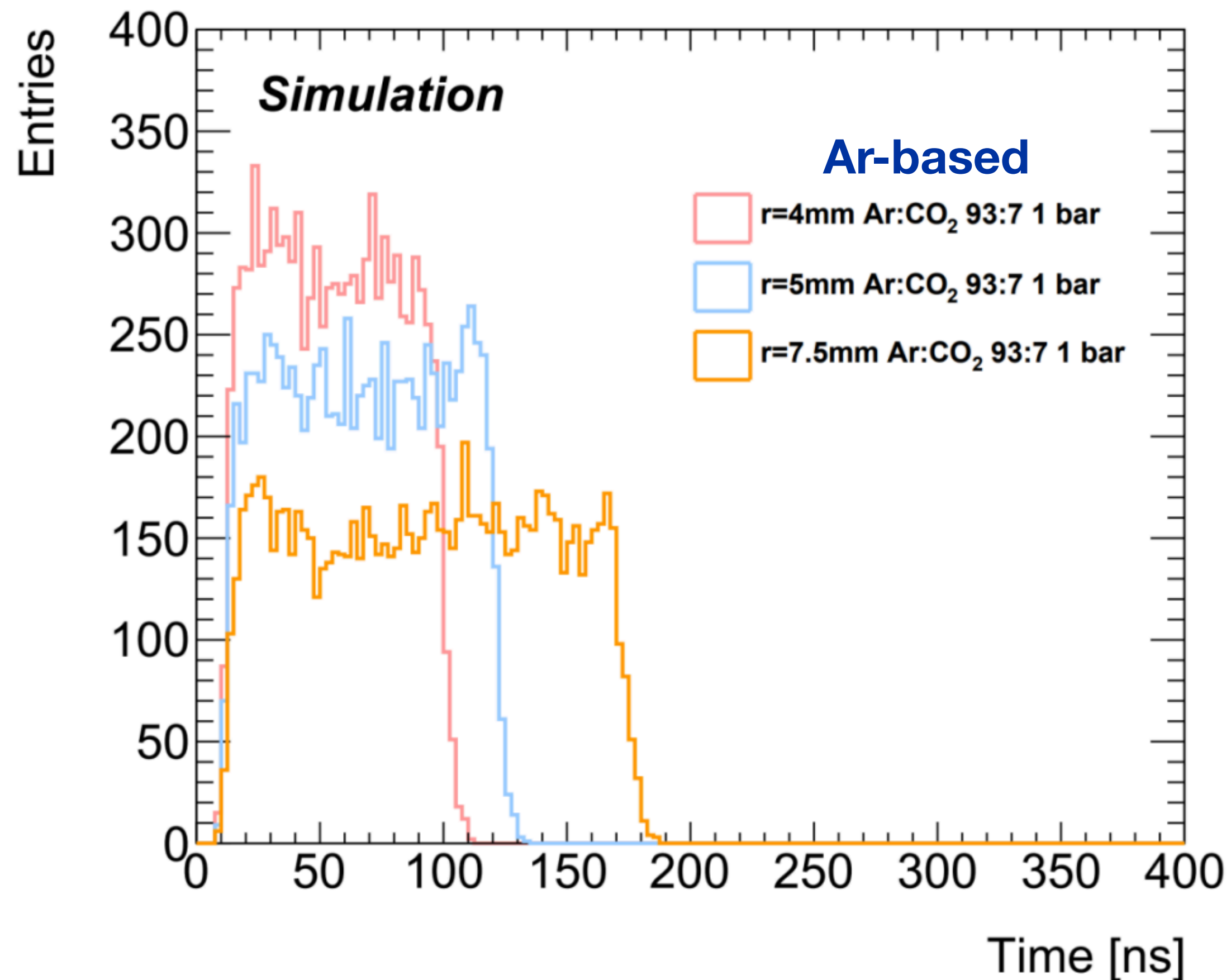
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<i>k</i>				
1	78.6	65.6	76.60	72.50
2	12.0	15.0	12.50	14.00
3	3.4	6.4	4.60	4.20
4	1.6	3.5	2.0	2.20
5	0.95	2.25	1.2	1.40
6	0.60	1.55	0.75	1.00
7	0.44	1.05	0.50	0.75
8	0.34	0.81	0.36	0.55
9	0.27	0.61	0.25	0.46
10	0.21	0.49	0.19	0.38
11	0.17	0.39	0.14	0.34
12	0.13	0.30	0.10	0.28
13	0.10	0.25	0.08	0.24
14	0.08	0.20	0.06	0.20
15	0.06	0.16	0.048	0.16
16	(0.050)	0.12	(0.043)	0.12
17	(0.042)	0.095	(0.038)	0.09
18	(0.037)	0.075	(0.034)	(0.064)
19	(0.033)	(0.063)	(0.030)	(0.048)
≥20	(11.9/ <i>k</i> <sup>2</sup> )	(21.6/ <i>k</i> <sup>2</sup> )	(10.9/ <i>k</i> <sup>2</sup> )	(14.9/ <i>k</i> <sup>2</sup> )





# Simulation of the drift time spectrum

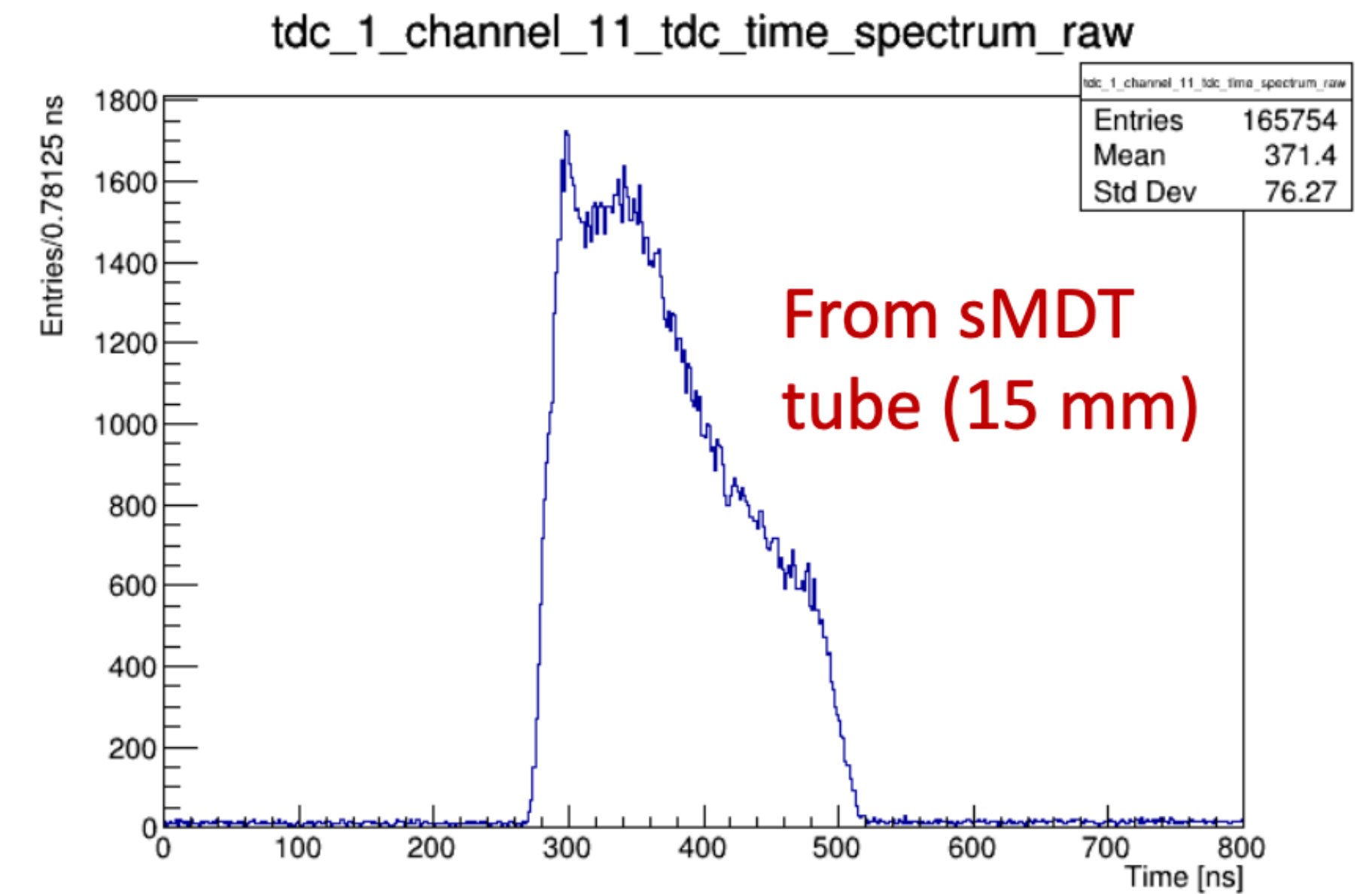
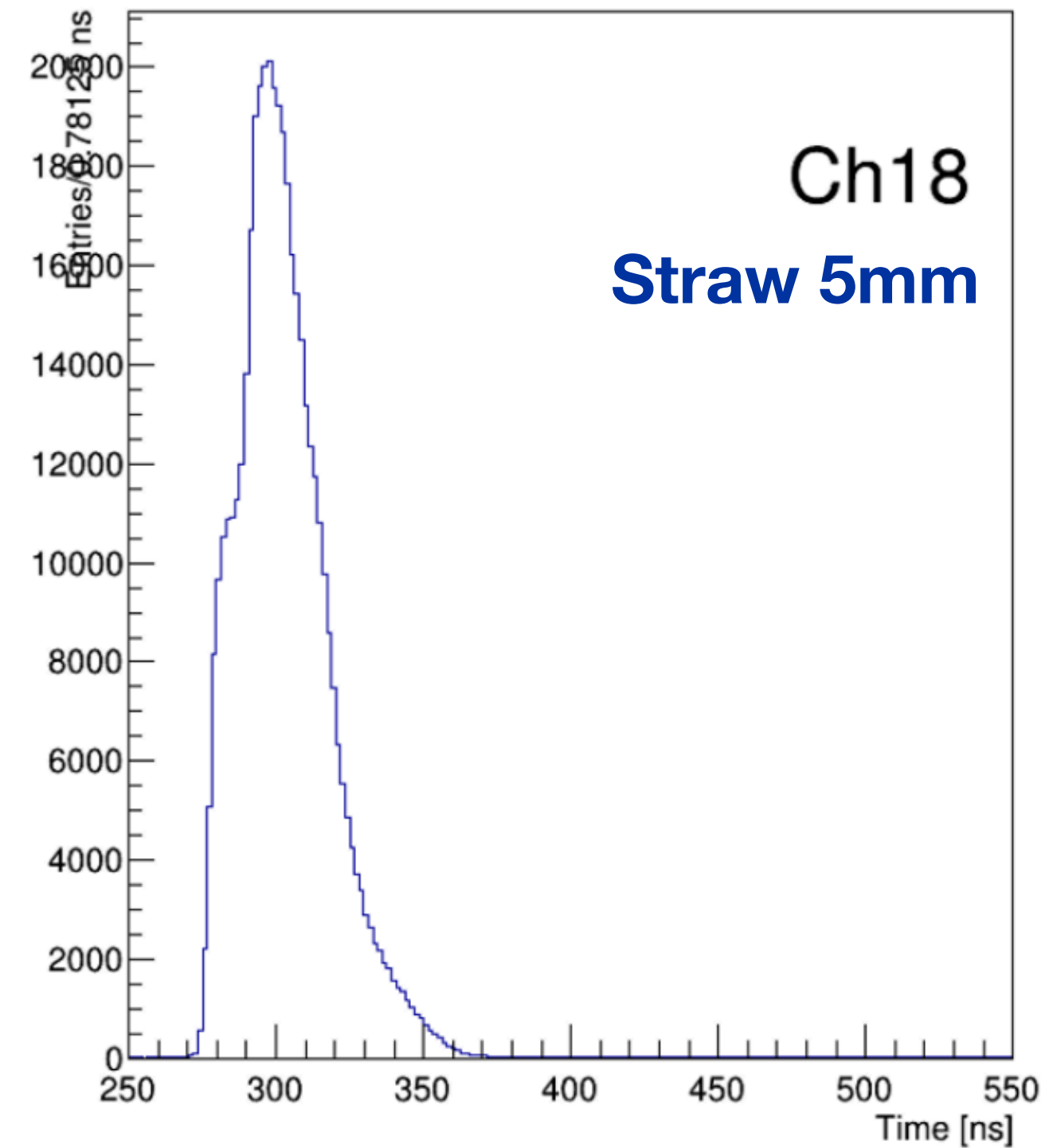
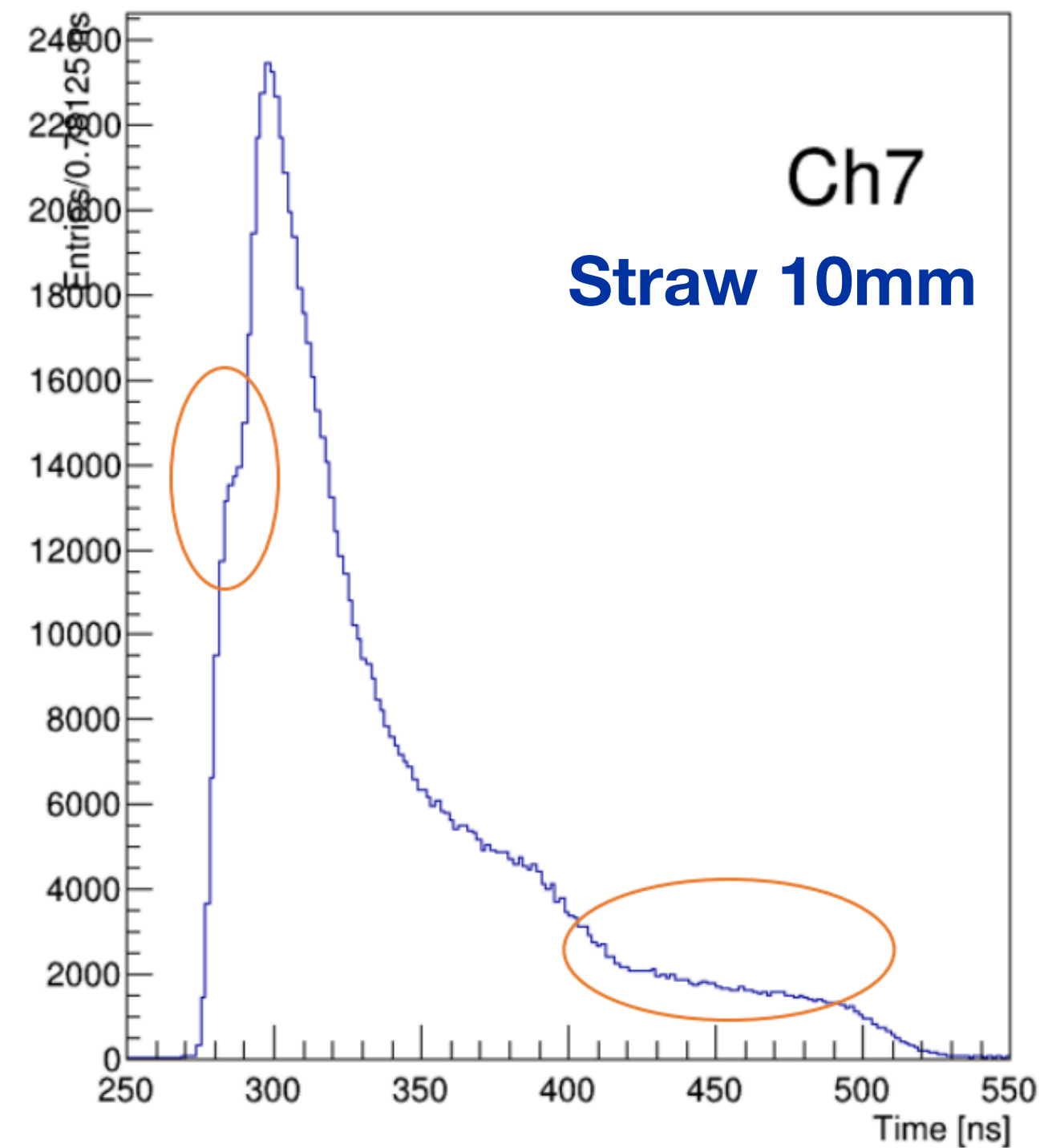
- Simulation of the straw tube drift time spectrum (convolution of earliest cluster arrival time and the amplifier response)
  - Drift time spans 100-300 ns, comparable to ATLAS monitored drift tubes
  - ~50% longer drift time in He-based gas compared with Ar-based gas (1 bar)
  - Drift time depends on the straw radius, gas pressure, and high voltage applied





# Straw drift time spectra

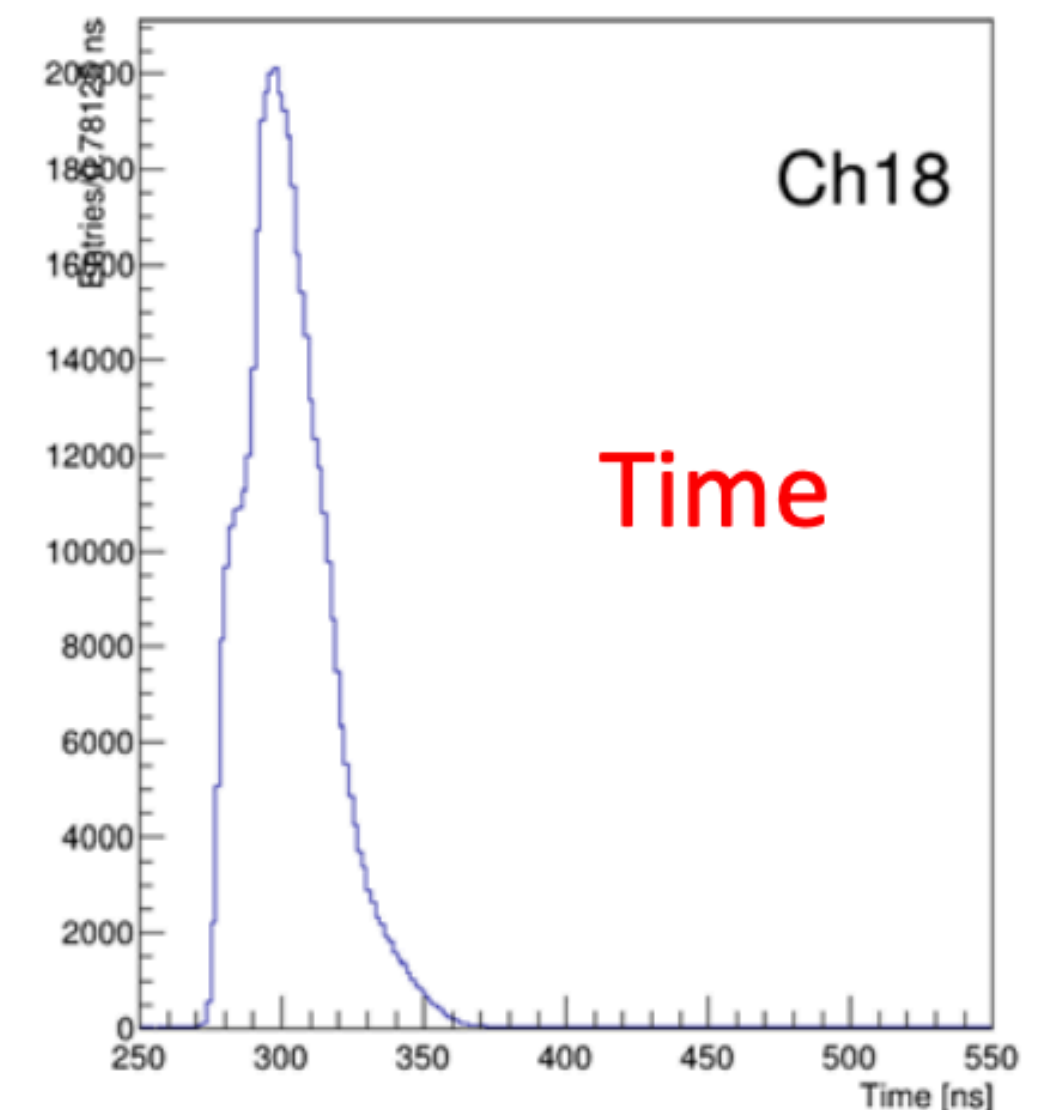
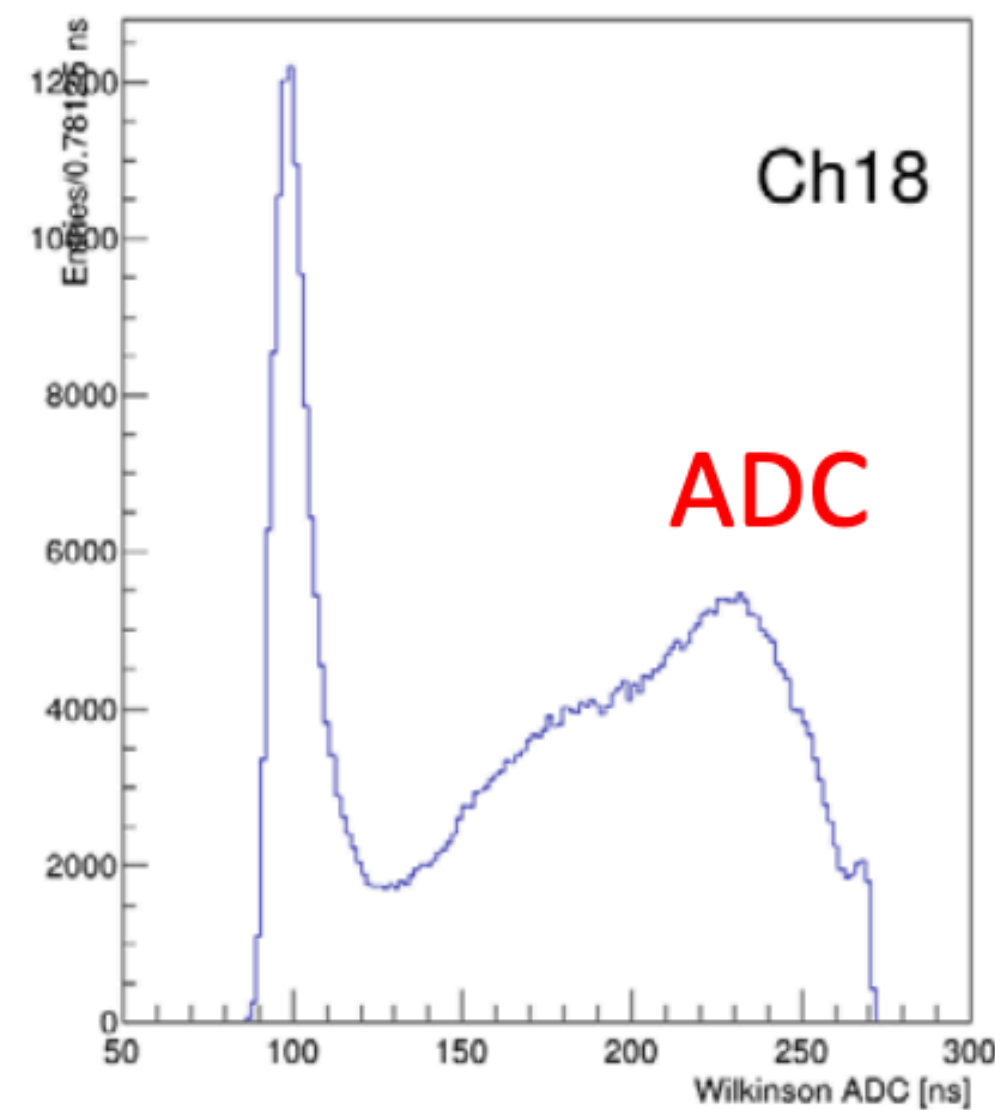
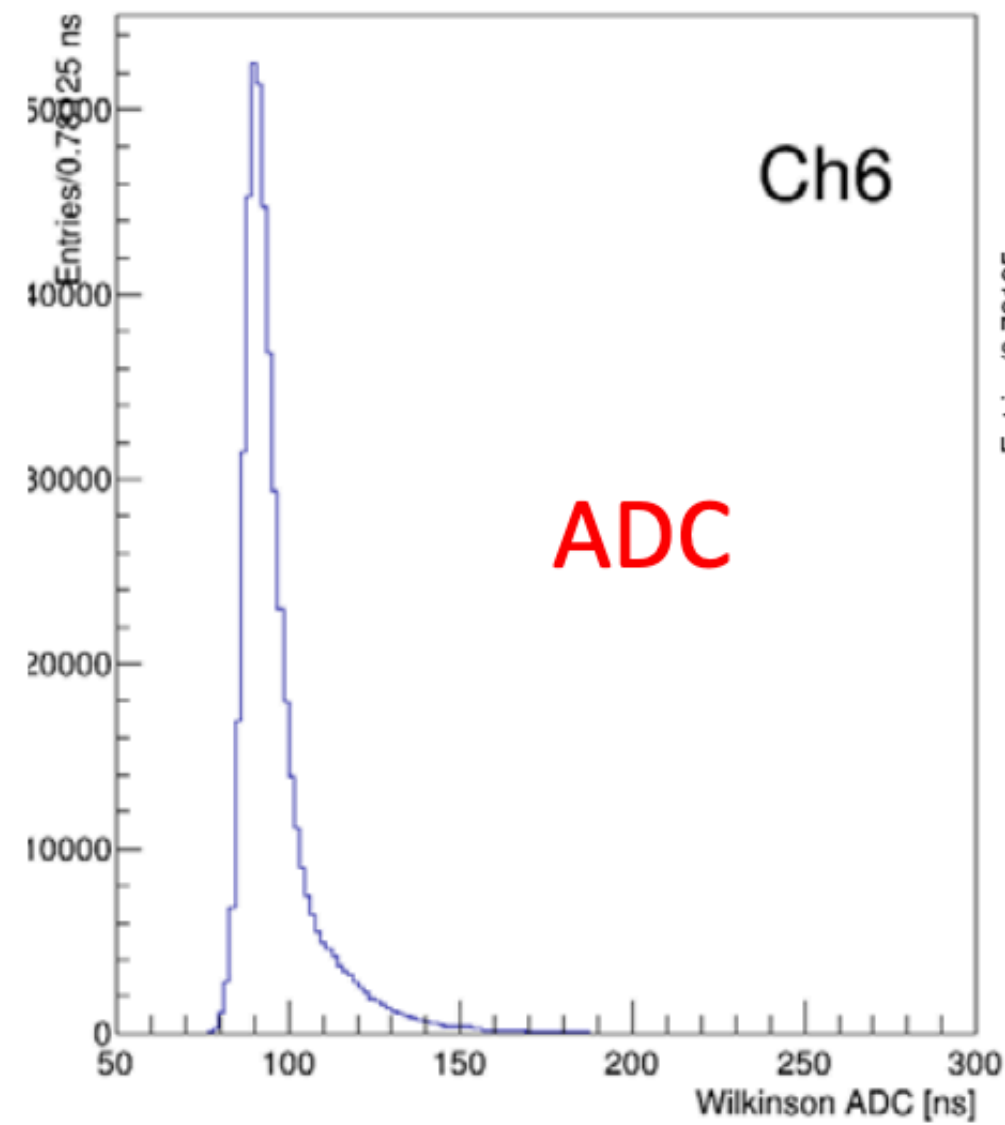
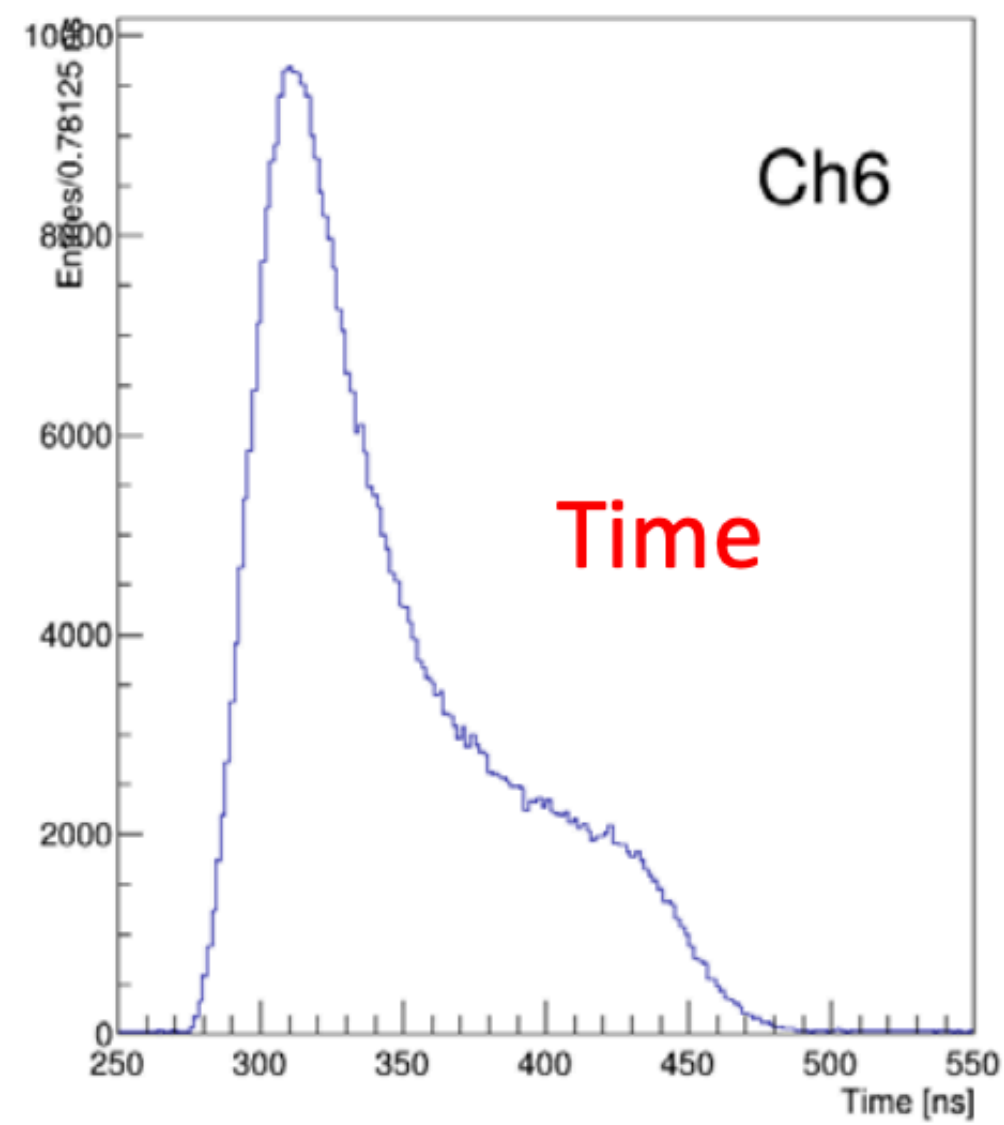
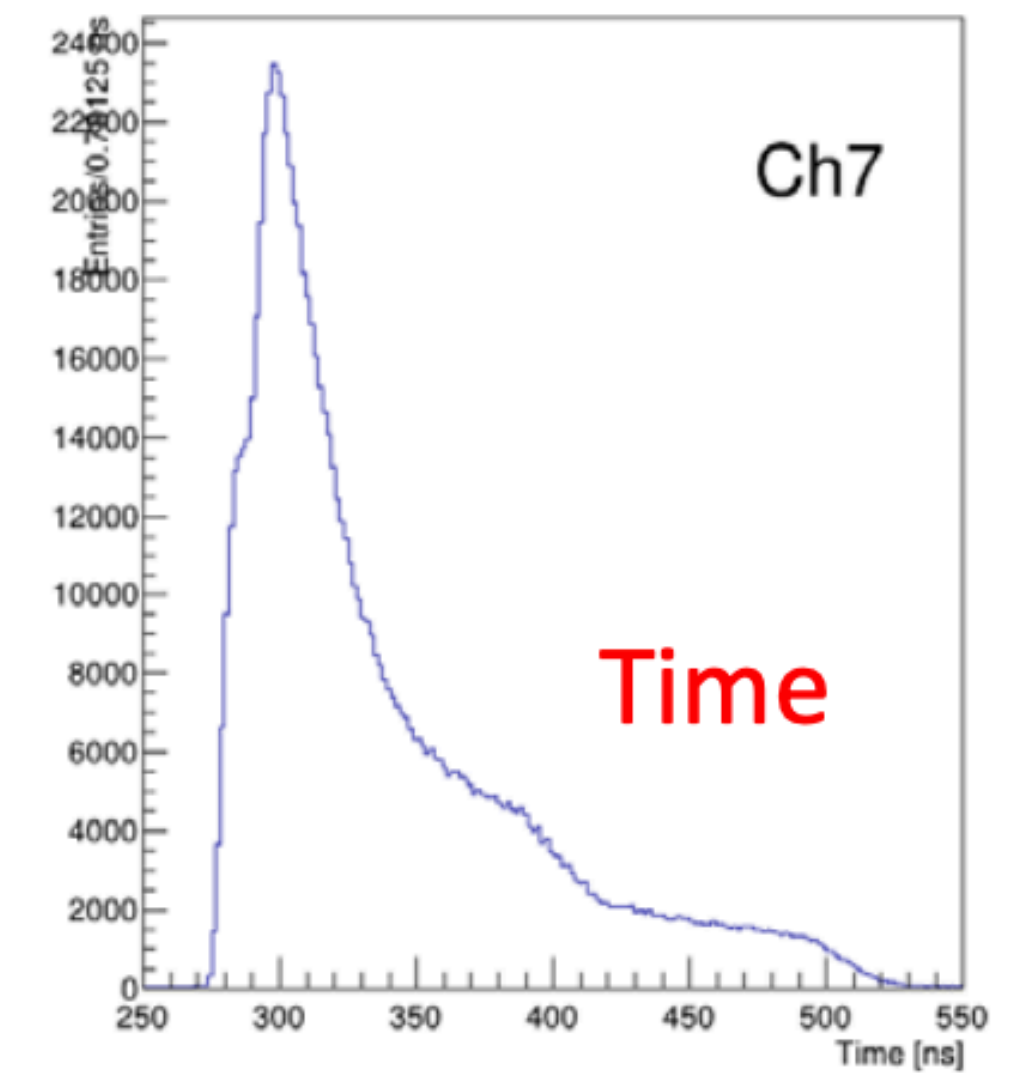
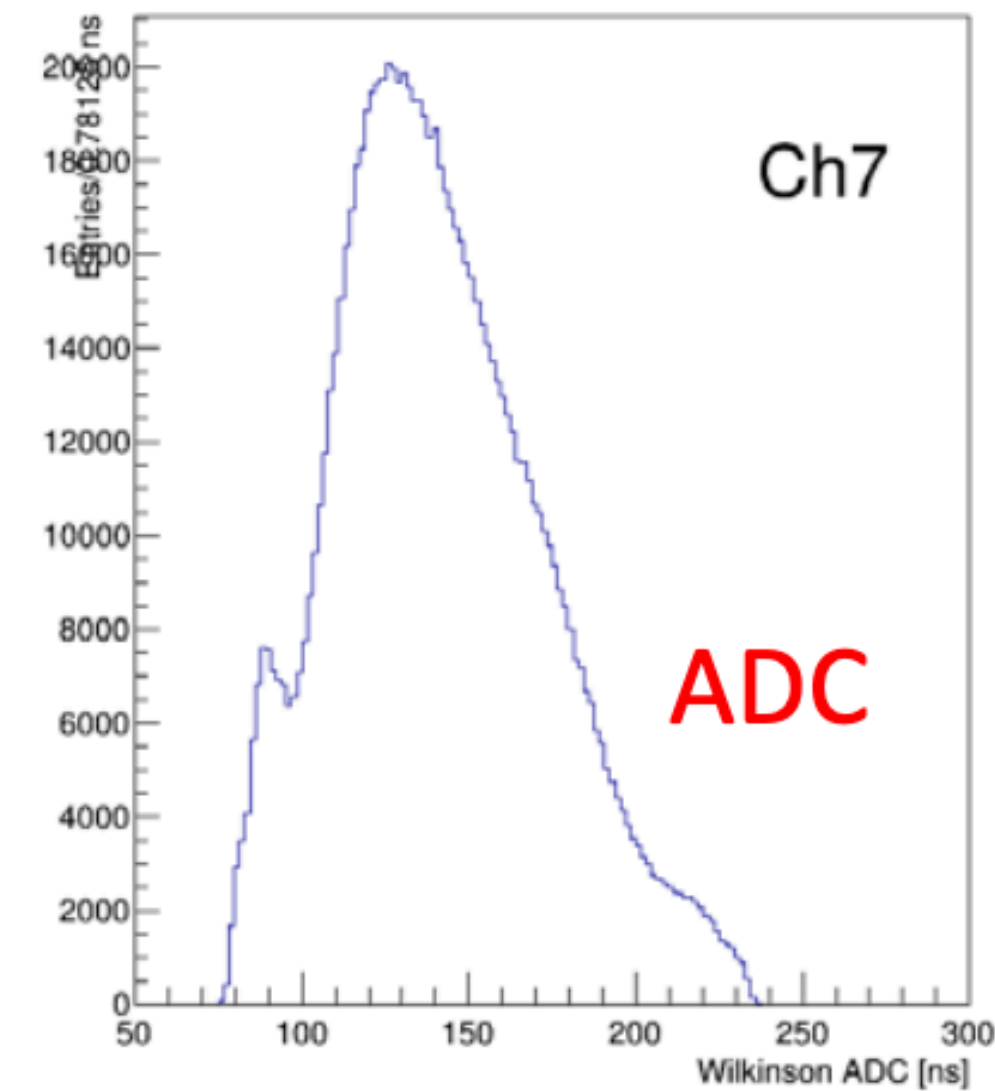
- Two typical straw time spectra (more spectra in backup)
  - Ch7 is a 10mm tube and Ch18 is a 5mm tube (diameter)
  - Additional steps in the leading and falling edges of Ch7:
    - Sense wire is not located at the tube center





# Straw ADC spectra

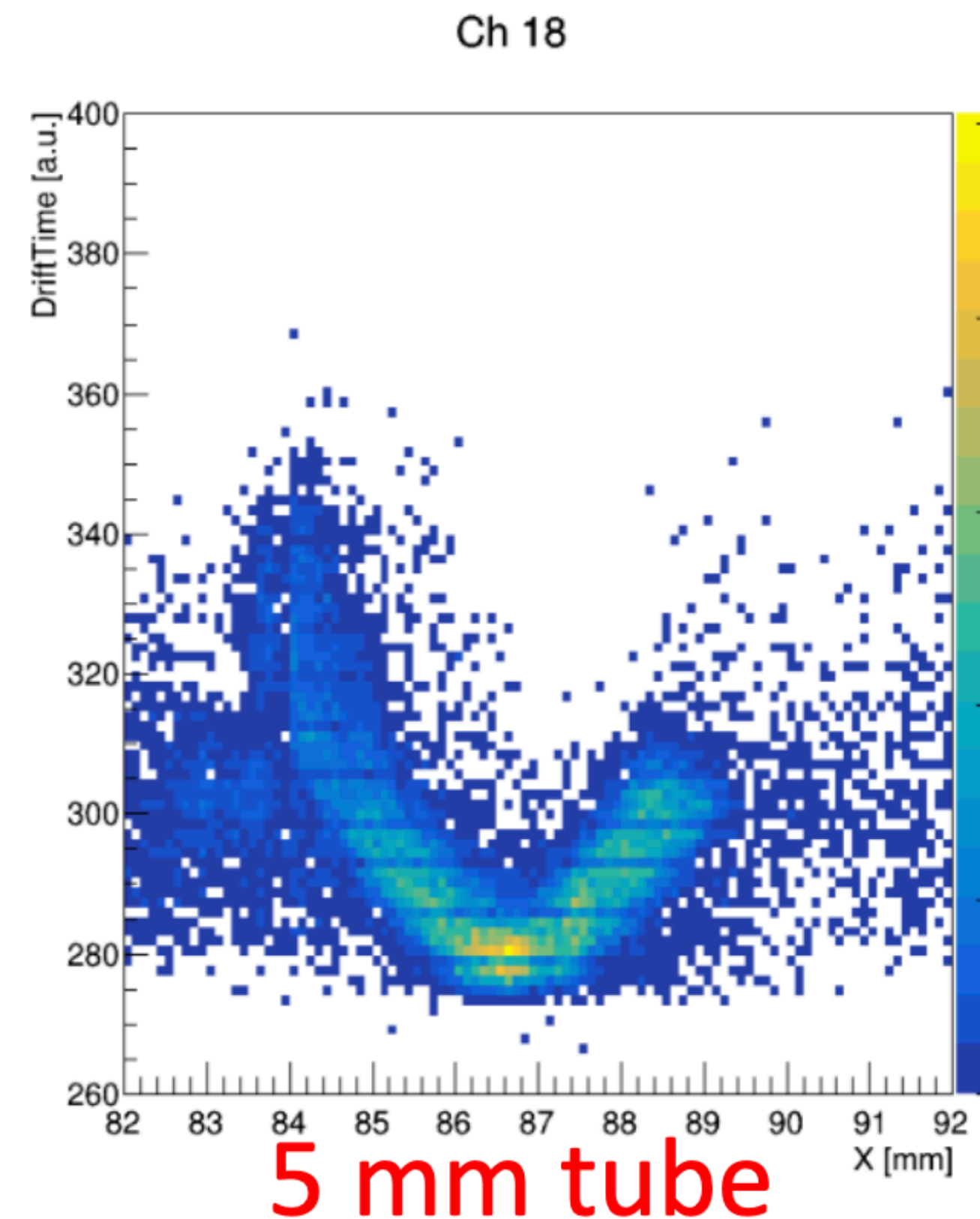
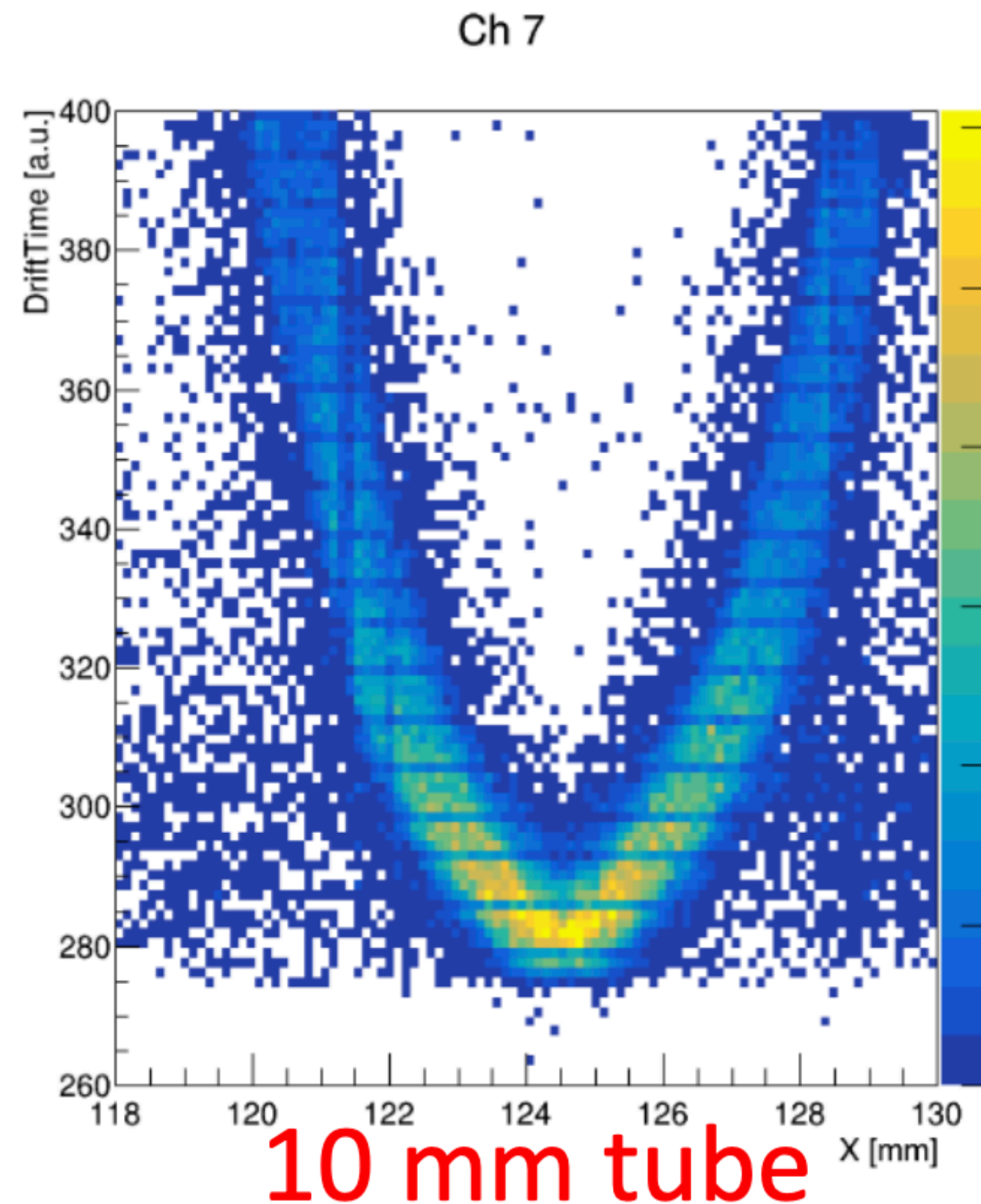
- Compare ADC spectra and time spectra (ADC in “Wilkinson ADC” mode. More in backup.)
  - For most of the straw tubes, longer drift time -> larger ADC
- Short drift time events may also have large ADC
- Weird Ch6: longer drift time but small ADC





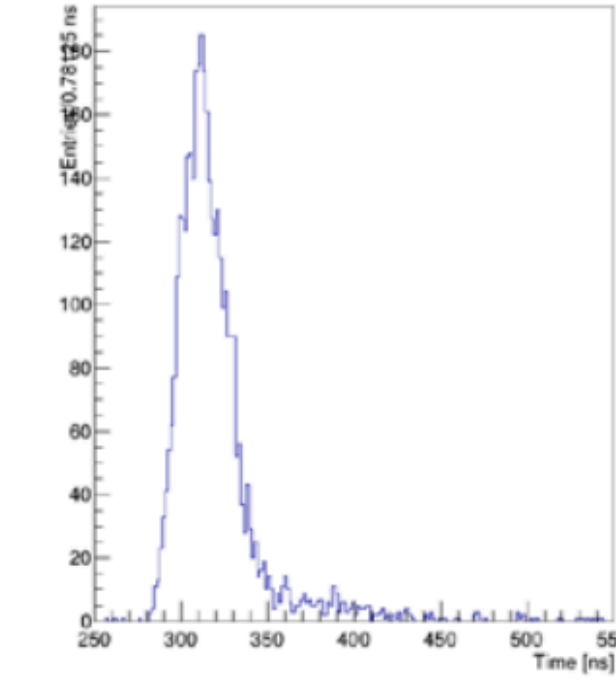
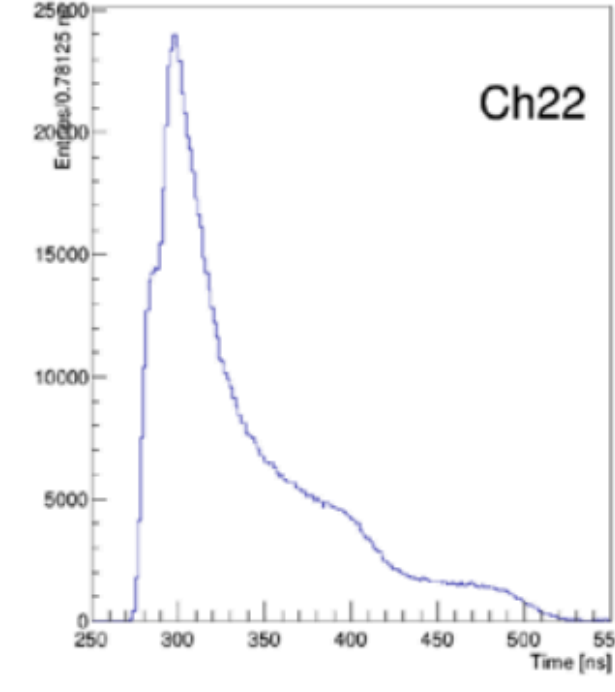
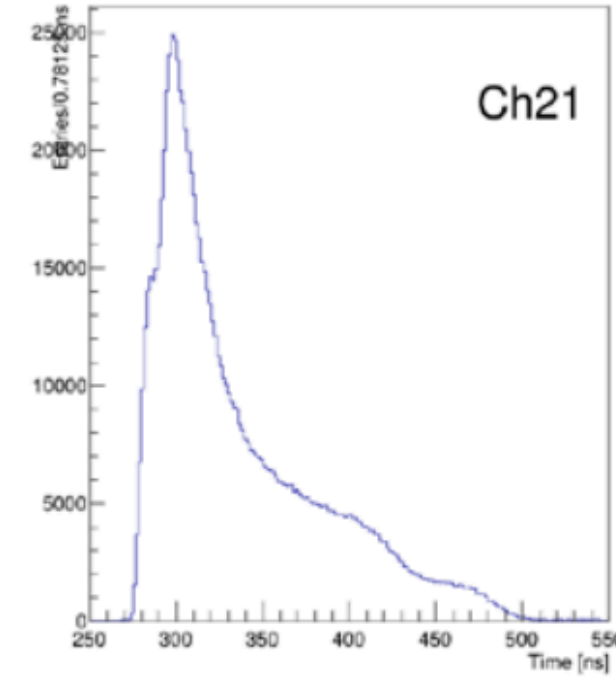
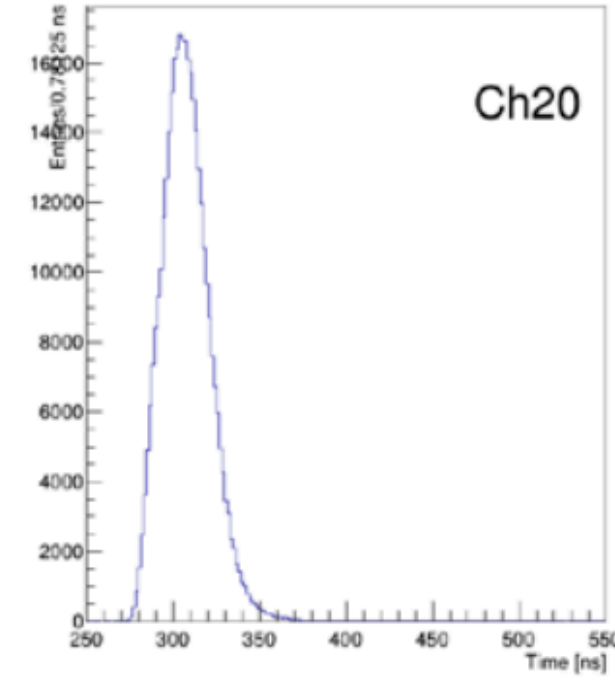
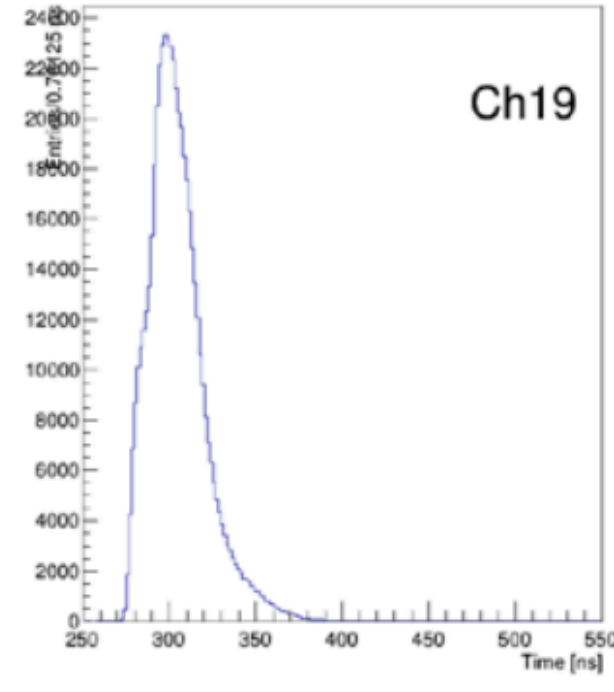
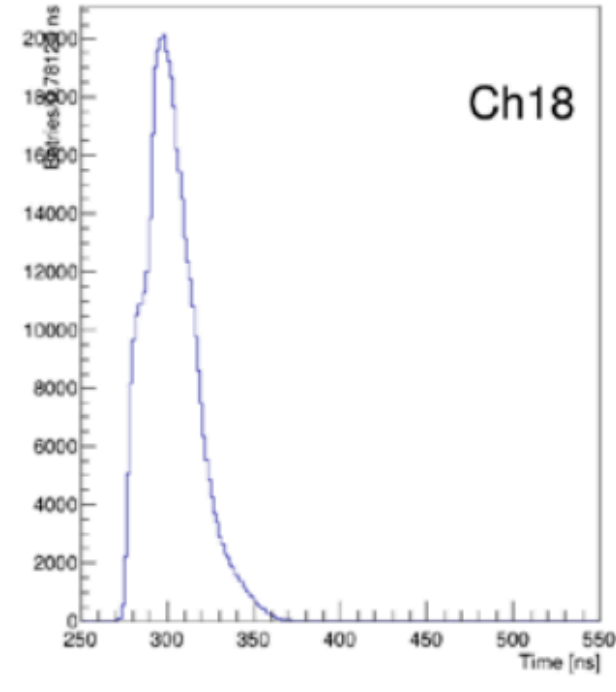
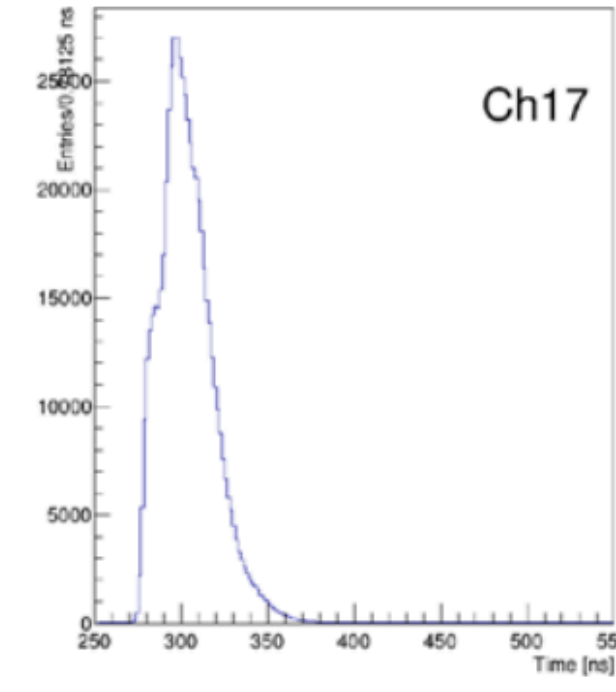
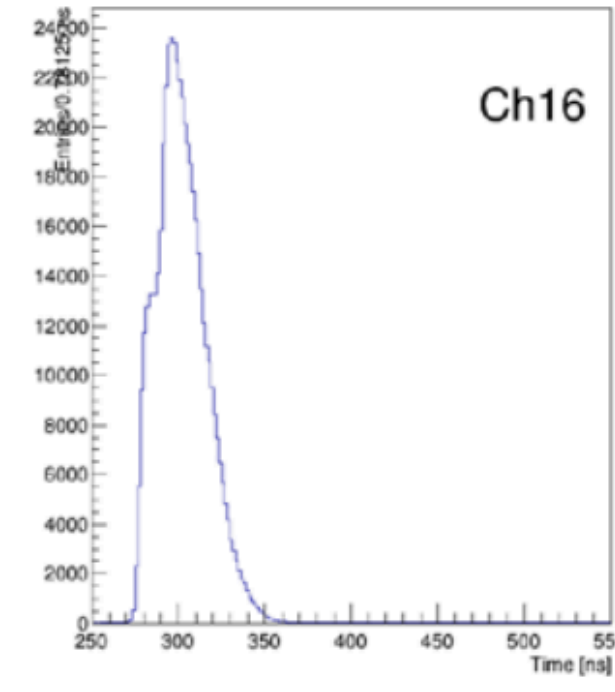
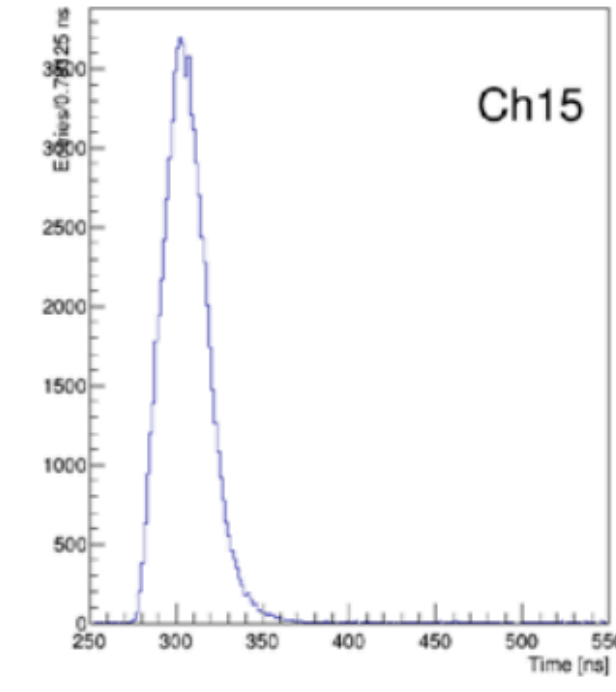
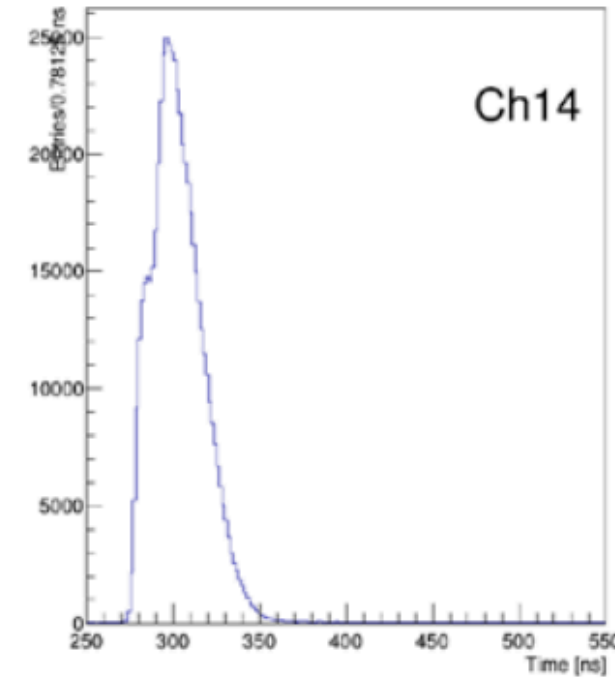
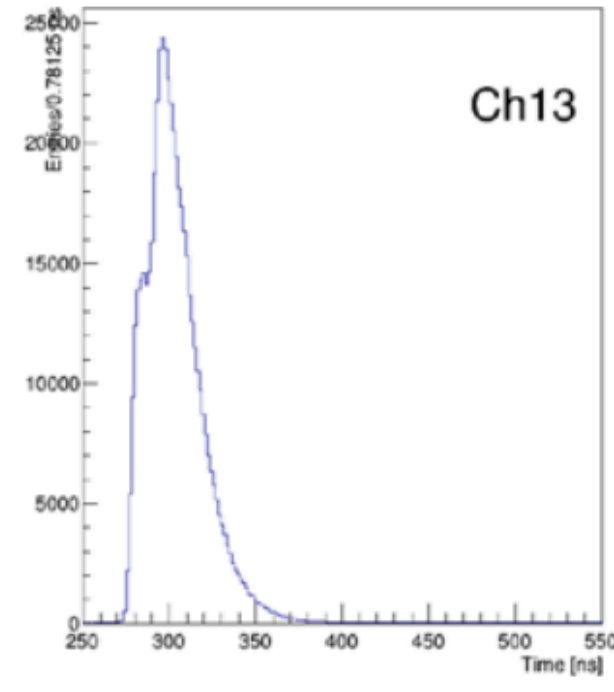
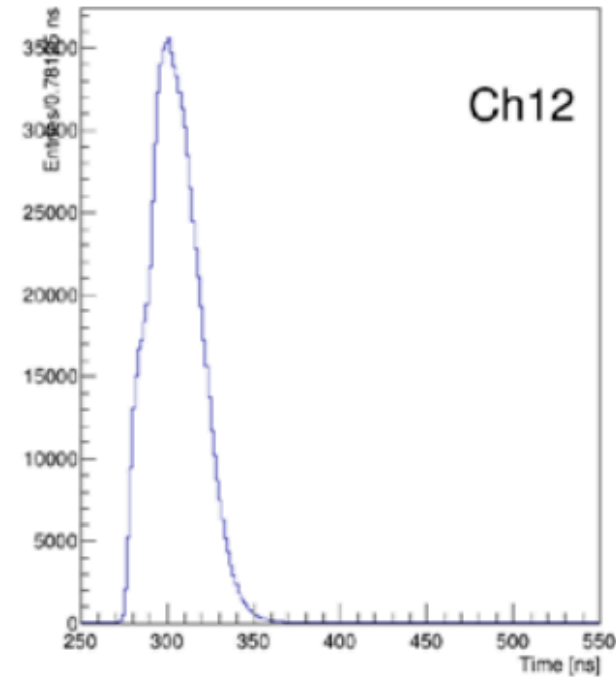
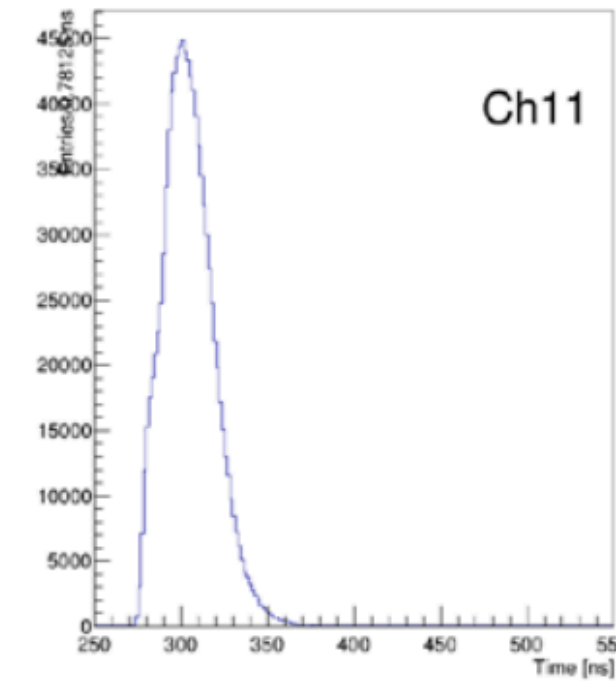
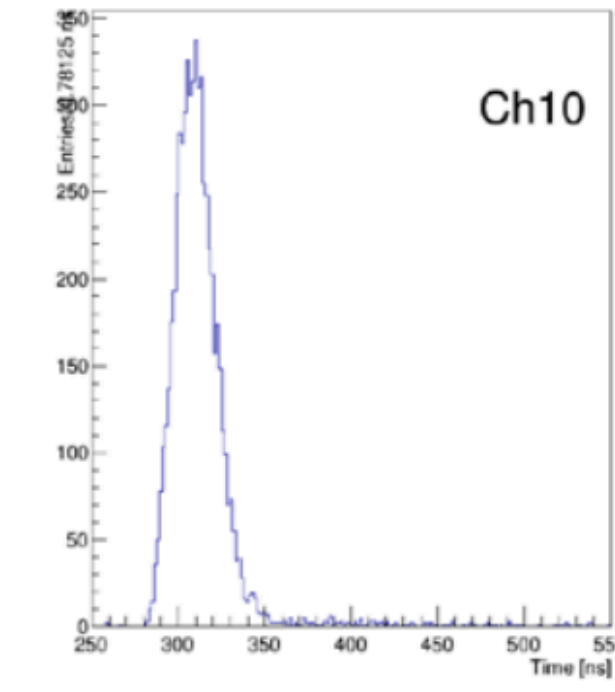
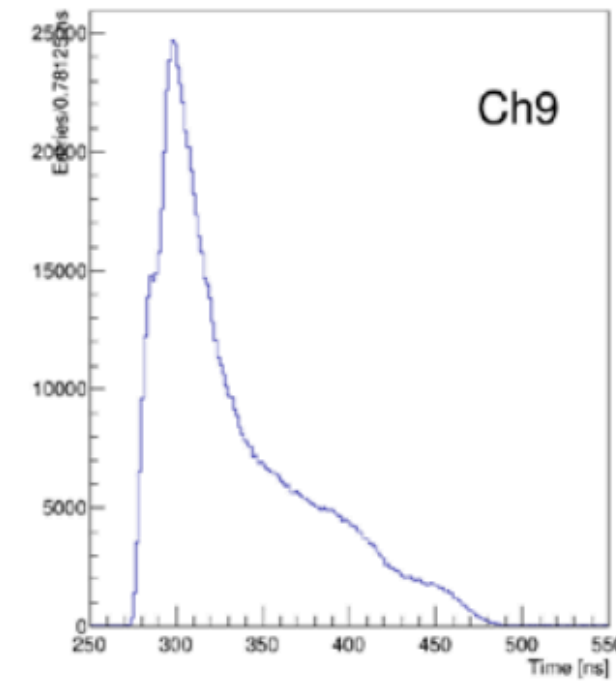
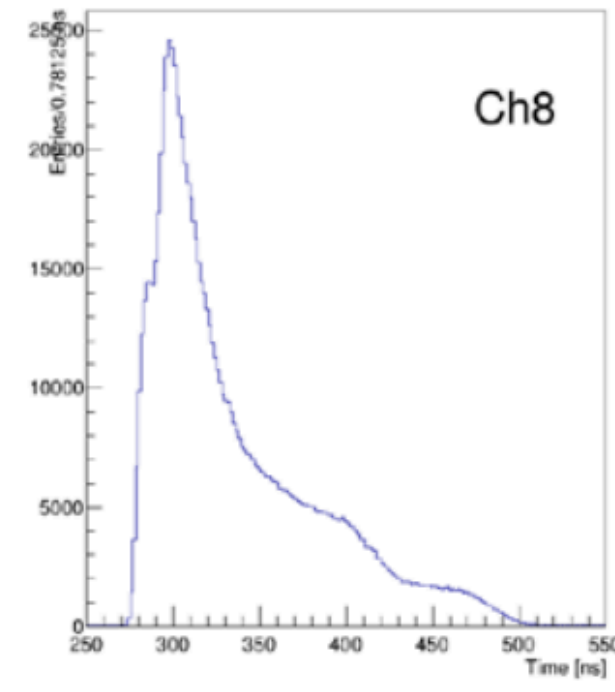
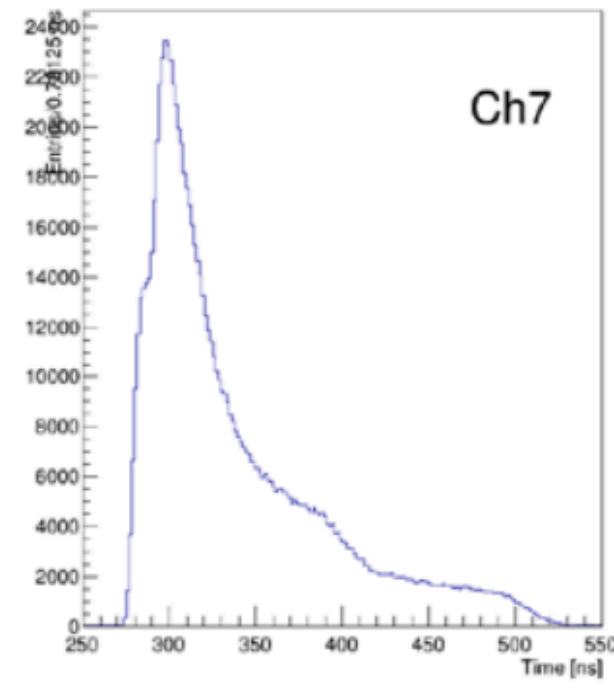
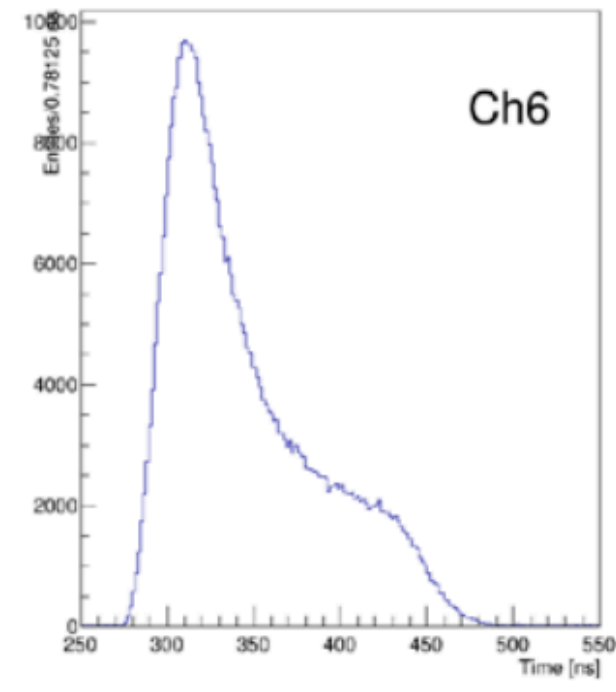
# Straw alignment

- Alignment between straws and sMDT tracker in progress.
- Extrapolate sMDT track to straws and extract the x position on the straws
- Compare x position to drift time to measure straw position. Also gives a sense of the  $r(t)$  relation.



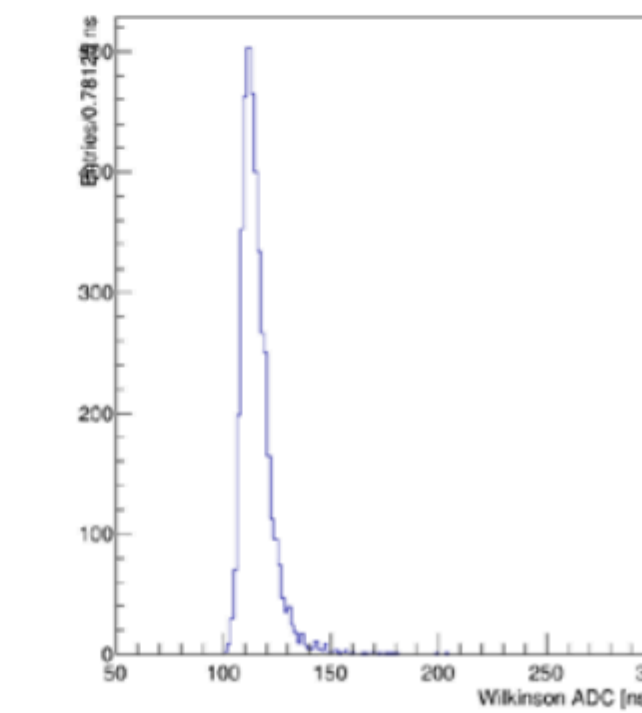
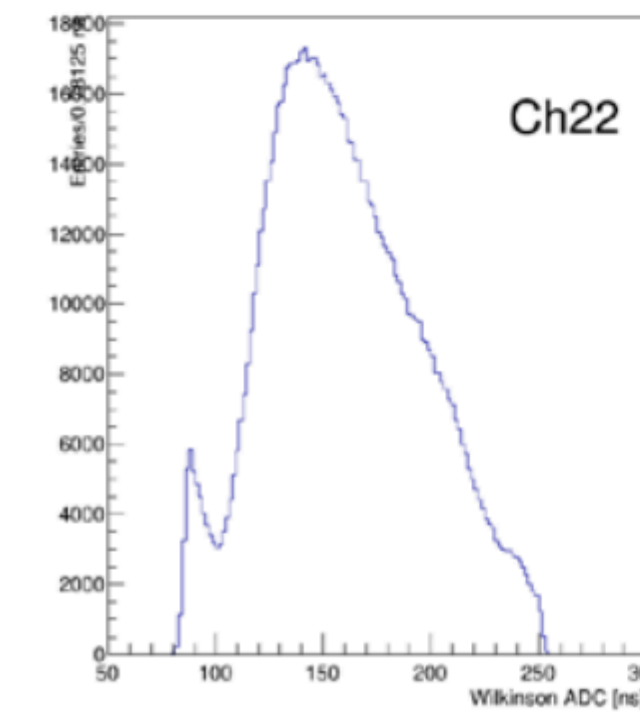
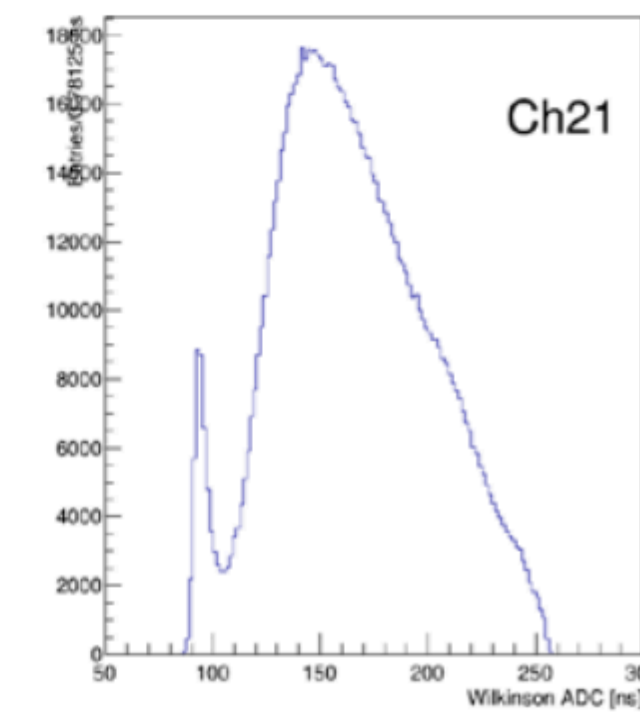
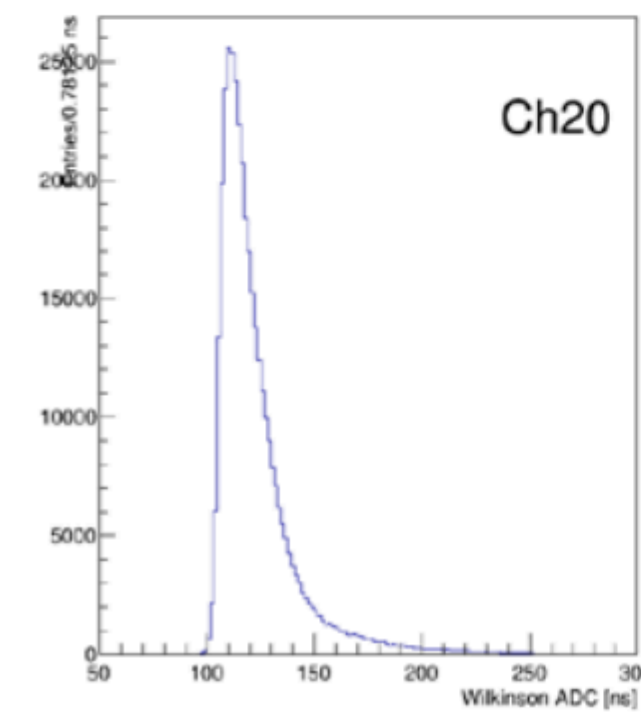
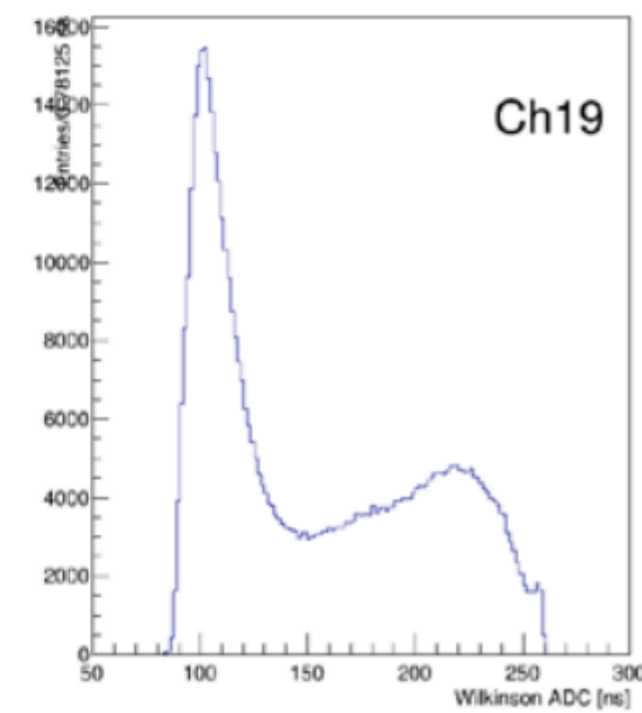
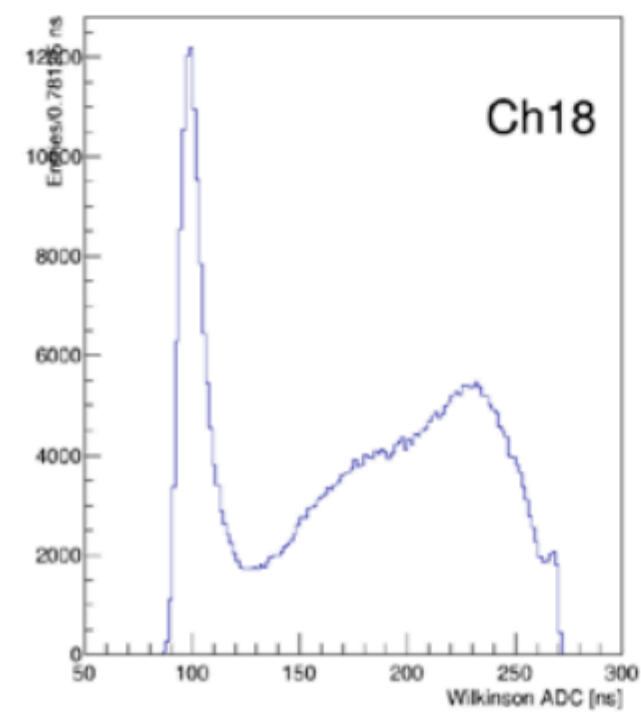
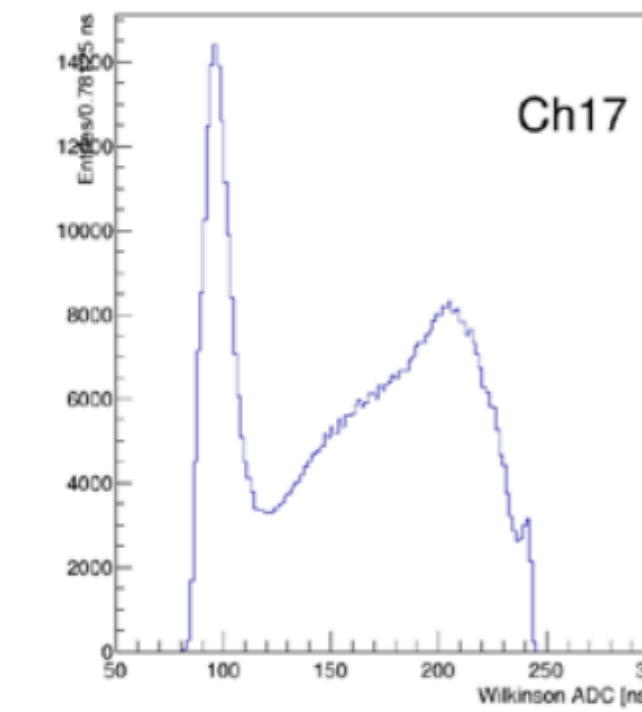
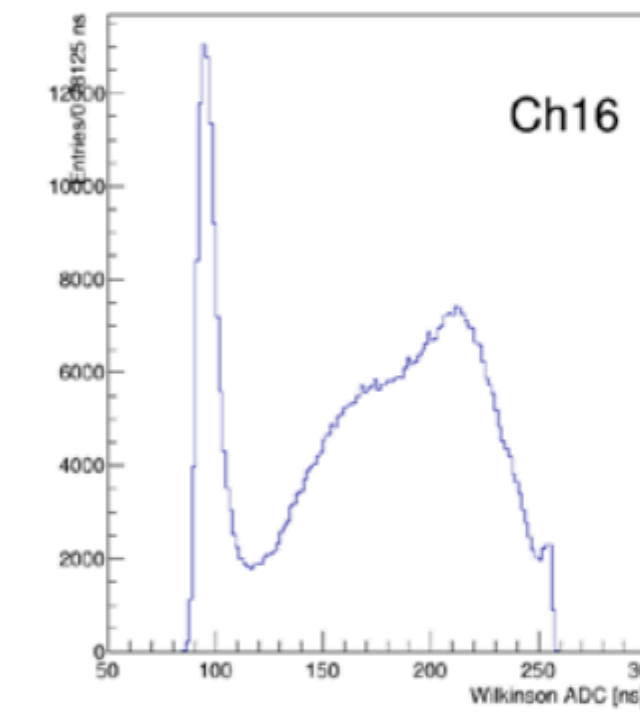
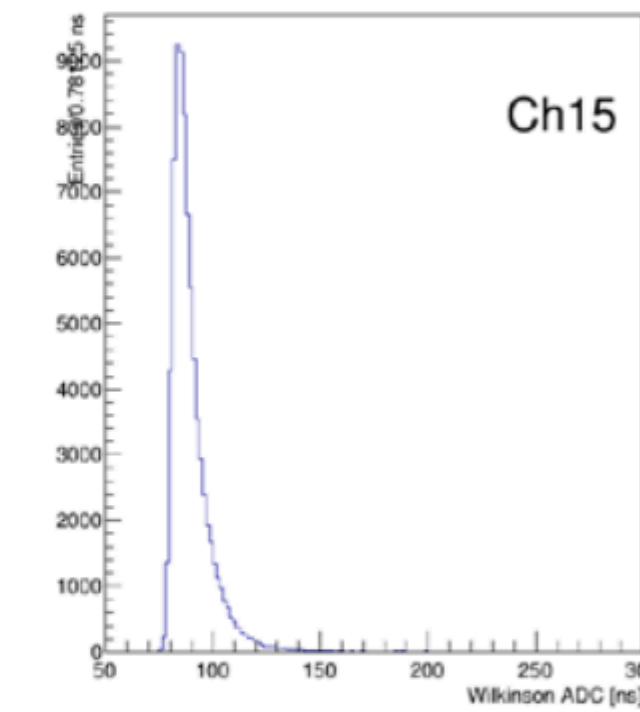
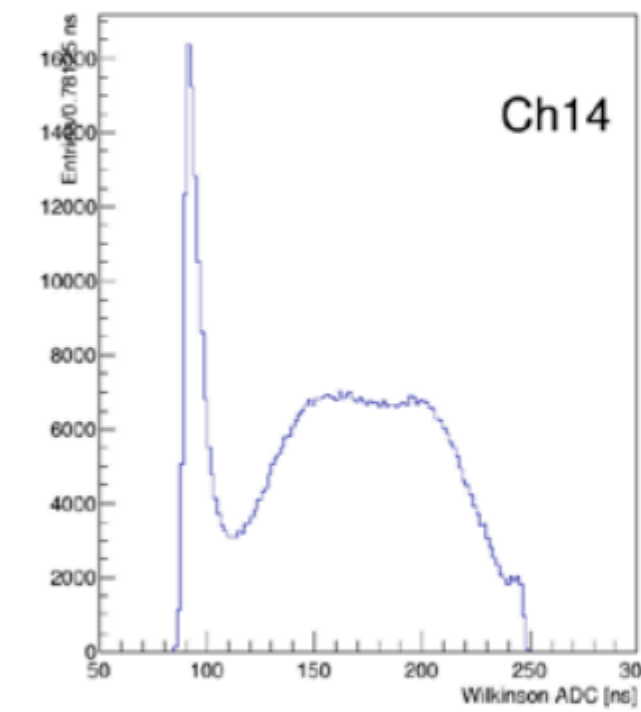
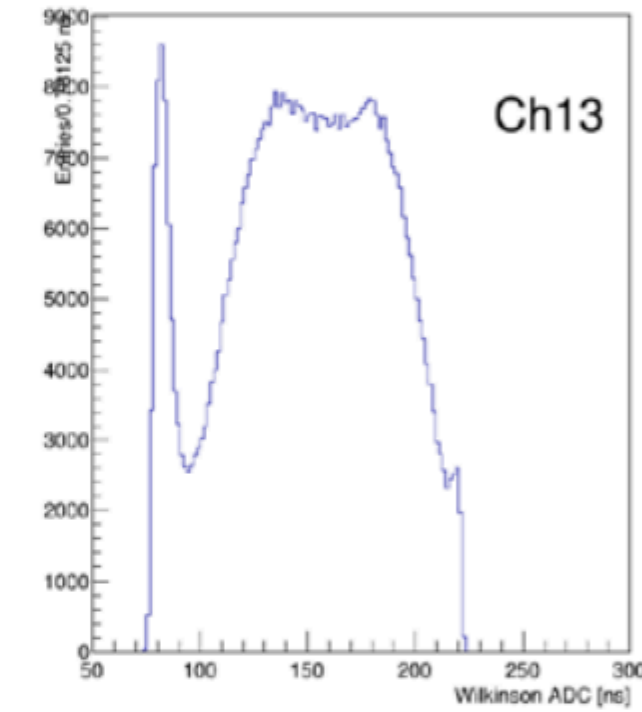
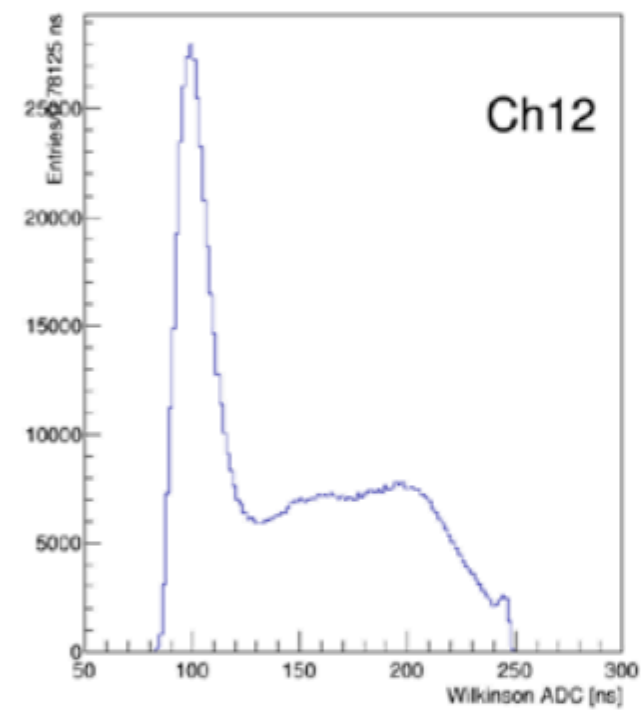
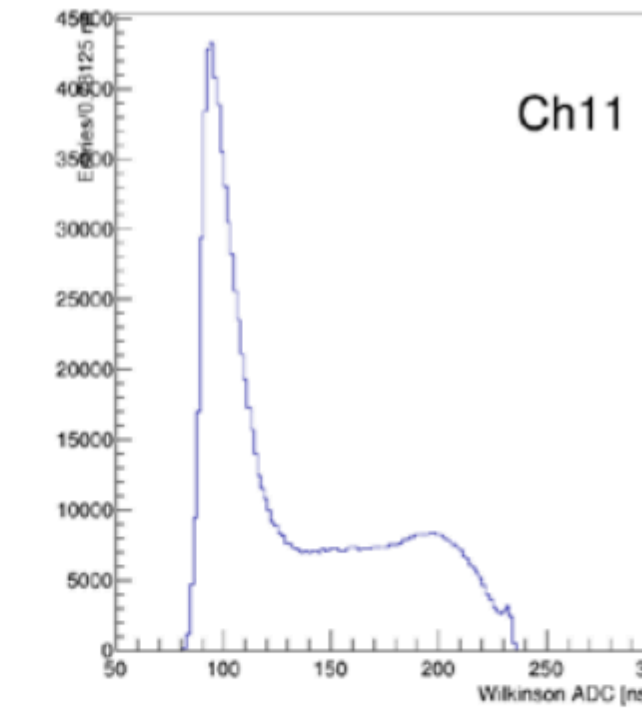
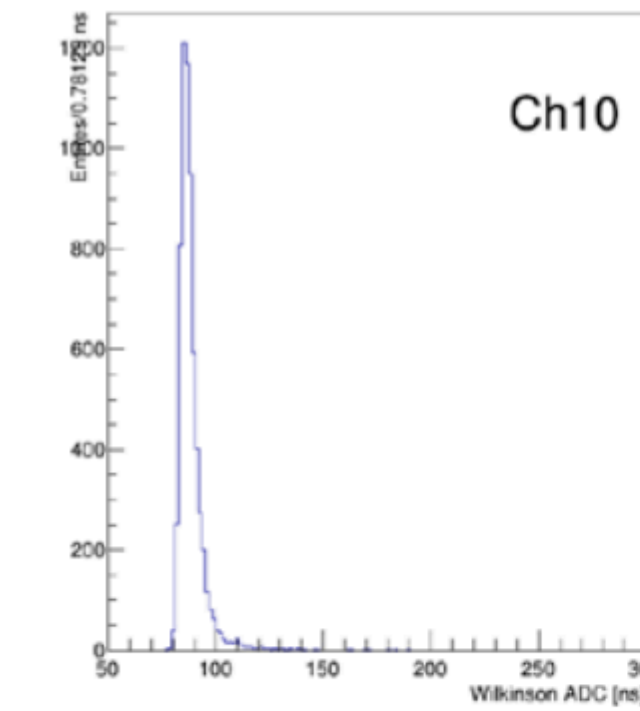
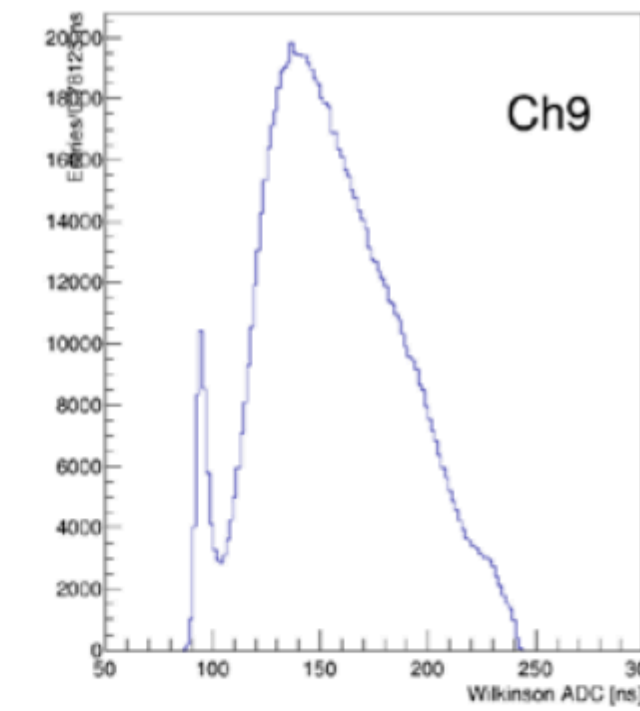
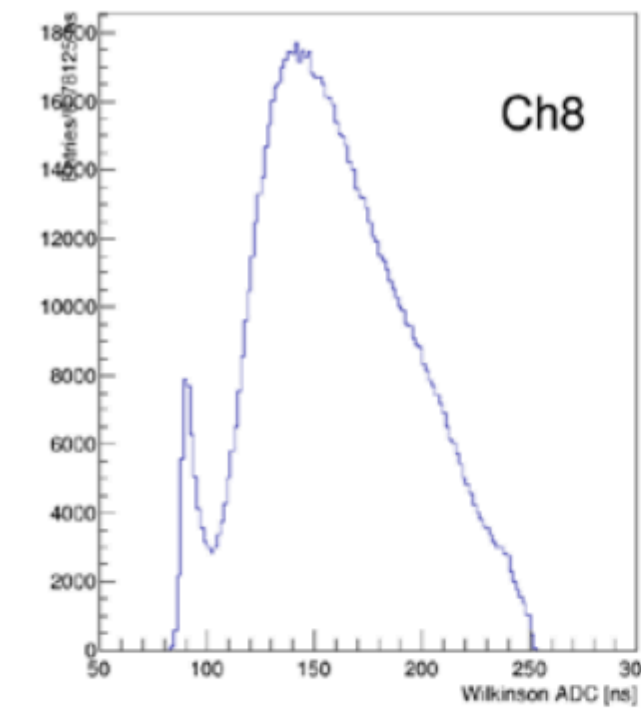
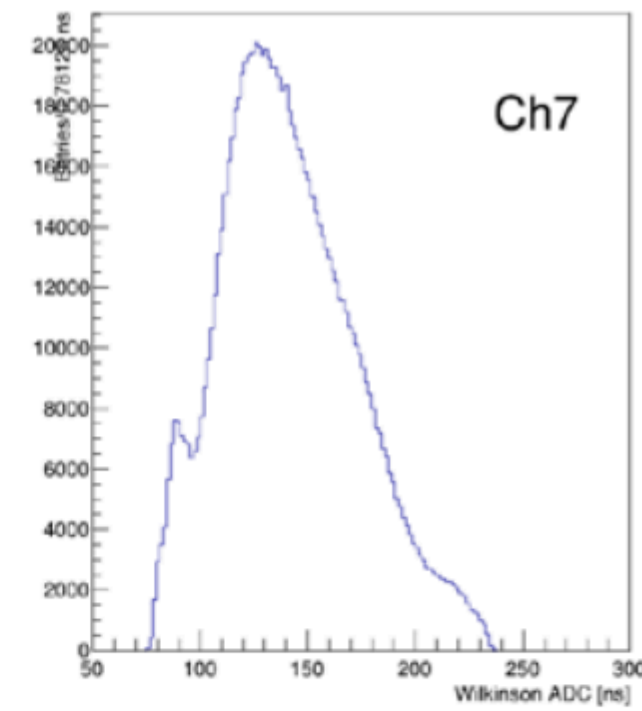
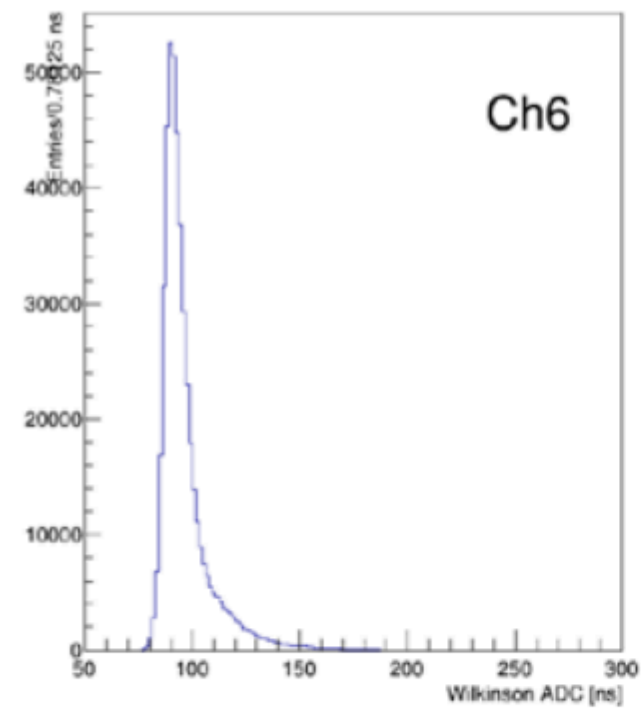


# Time spectra of straw





# ADC spectra of straw

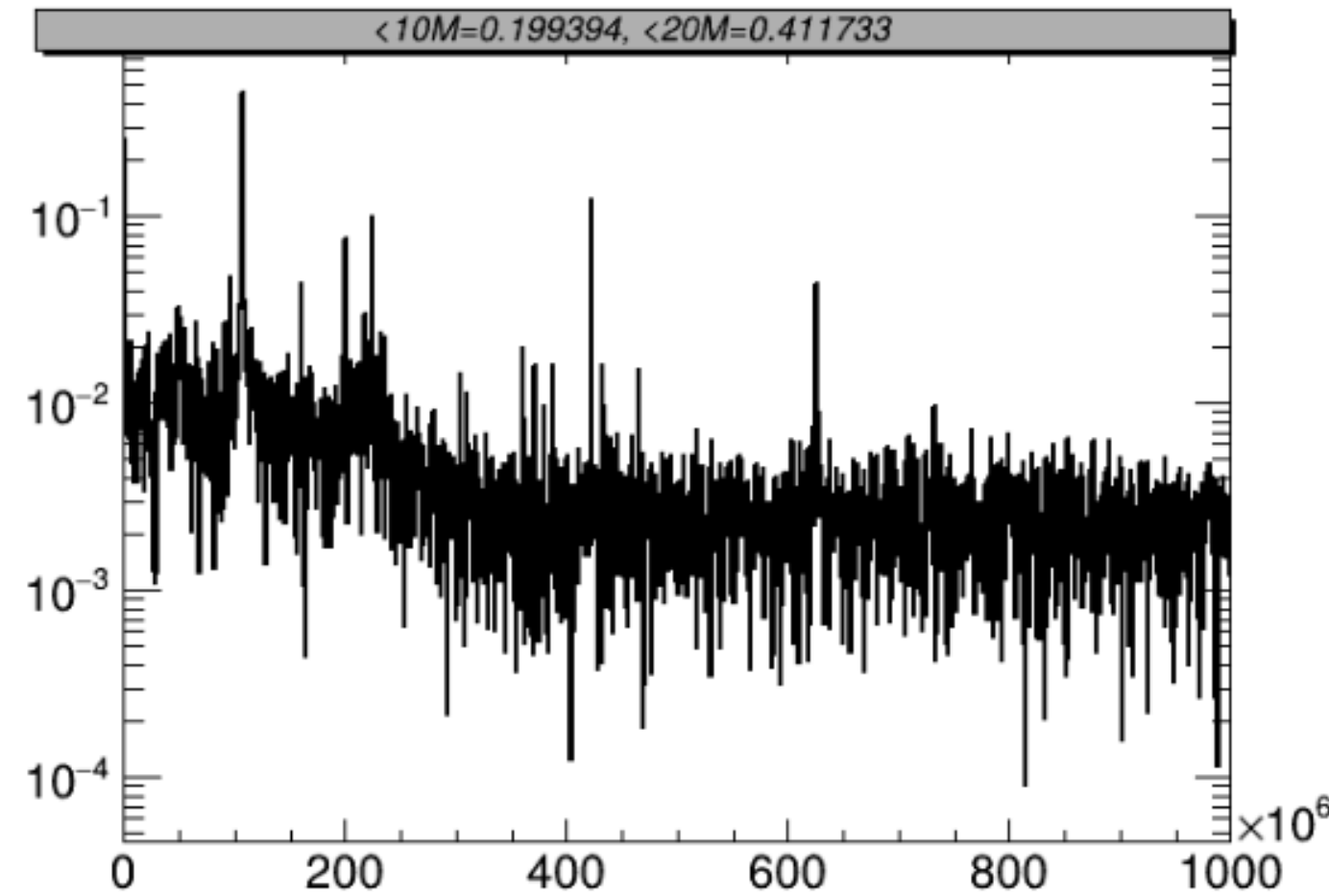




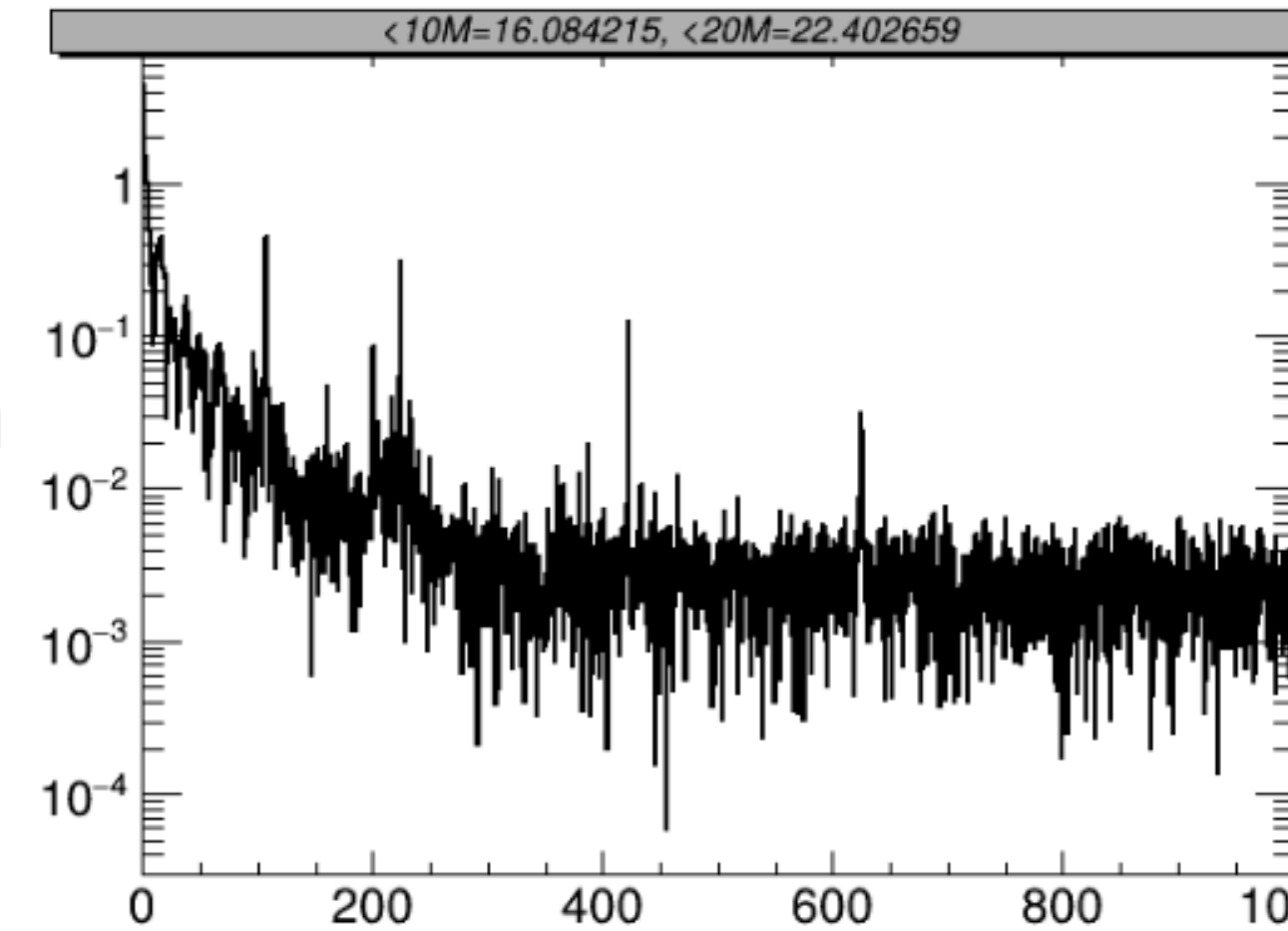
# Waveform filtering

- Low frequency components consistent with muon signal.
- Remove high frequency noise with FFT and frequency cut

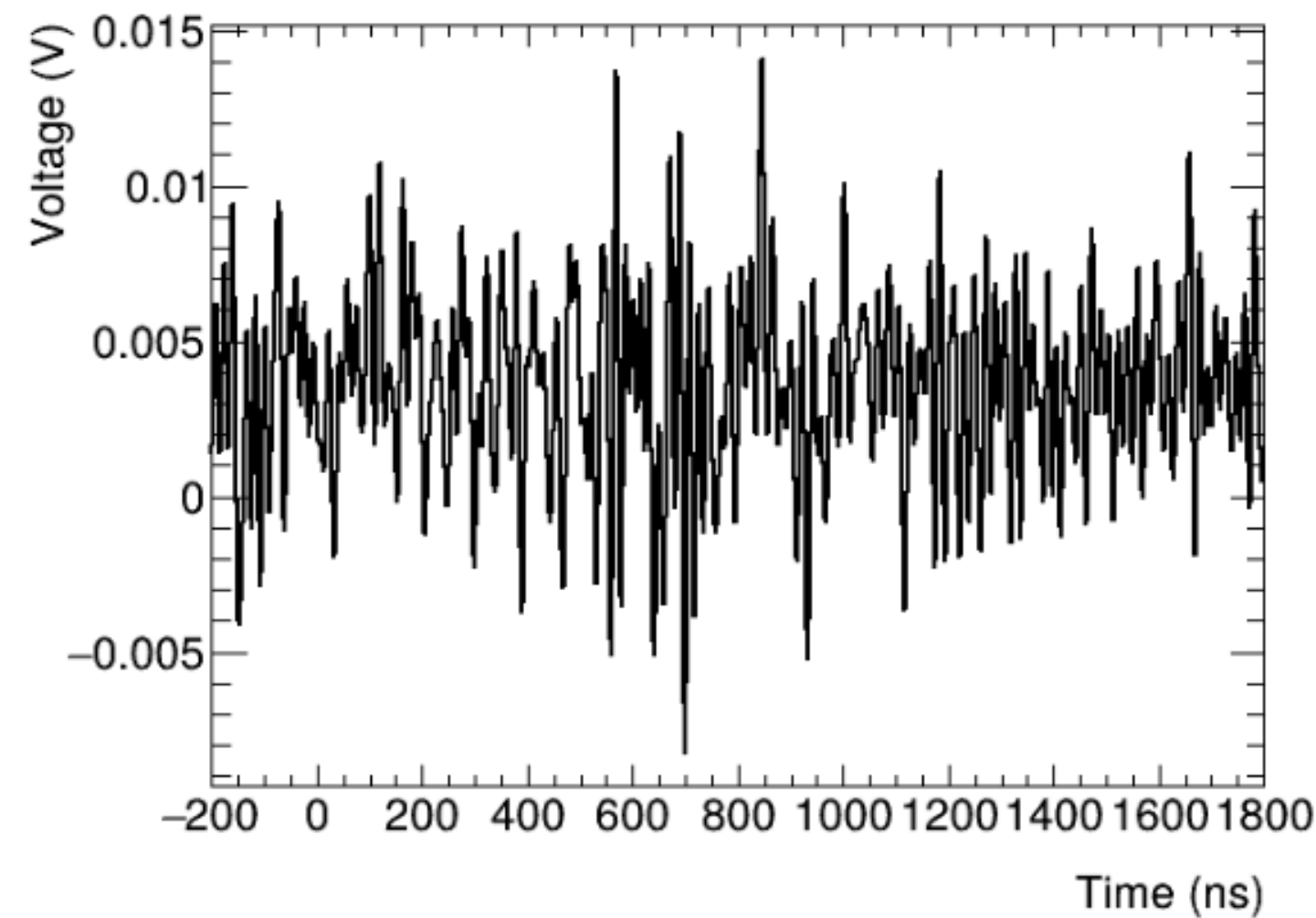
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