ALICE Geant4 News

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Ongoing Activities

- ALICE Geant4 physics configuration
- Geant4 in production
  - Anti-nuclei studies
- Geant4 test production
  - General-purpose Monte Carlo corresponding to Pass 4 of 2010 RAW
  - Physics validation
- Geant4 Transition Radiation Tests

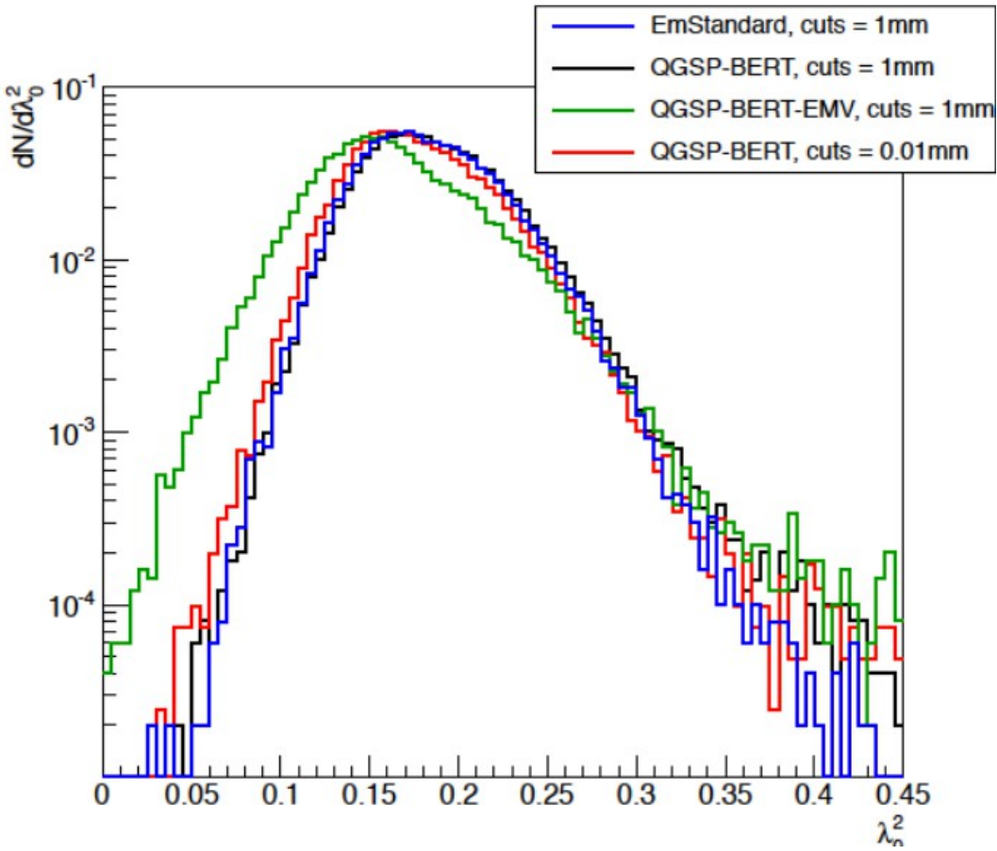
ALICE Geant4 Physics Configuration

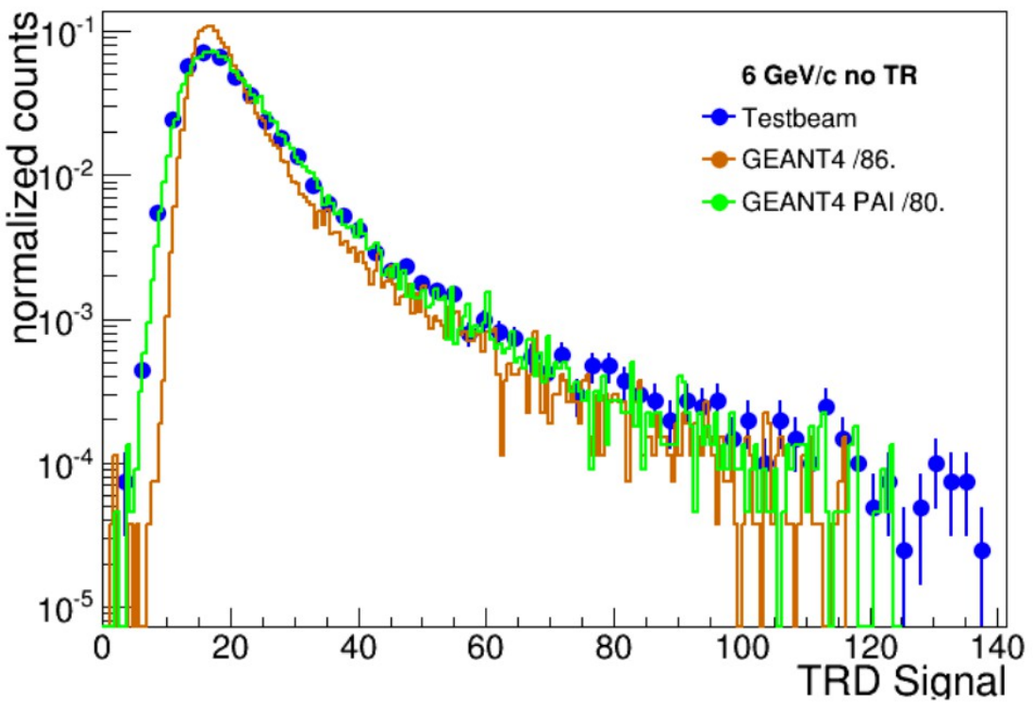
Geant4 Physics Configuration

- **FTFP_BERT_EMV** physics list
- + G4OpticalPhysics
- + EmStandard_opt0 in EM calorimeter regions
  - Wrong shower shapes with _EMV
  - Using a customized class TG4SpecialUrbanMscModel: Laszlo Urban model adopted for ALICE requirements by V. Ivantchenko, now distributed via Geant4 VMC
  - We would like to have the possibility to activate Opt0 EM physics per region without this "Special Urban Msc model".
    - It is not needed to back-port this development to 10.2., as we can use the current solution with this version and move to the new solution with migration to 10.3.
- + PAI model in TRD regions
  - Activated via UI commands defined in Geant4 VMC

G4 Developments

- Calorimeters
  - Possibility to use fast electromagnetic physics option (EMV) for all detectors except calorimeters
    - wrong shower shapes with EMV
- d*E*/d*x* in TRD
  - Use PAI model
  - Adjust scaling factor between d*E*/d*x* and TRD signal

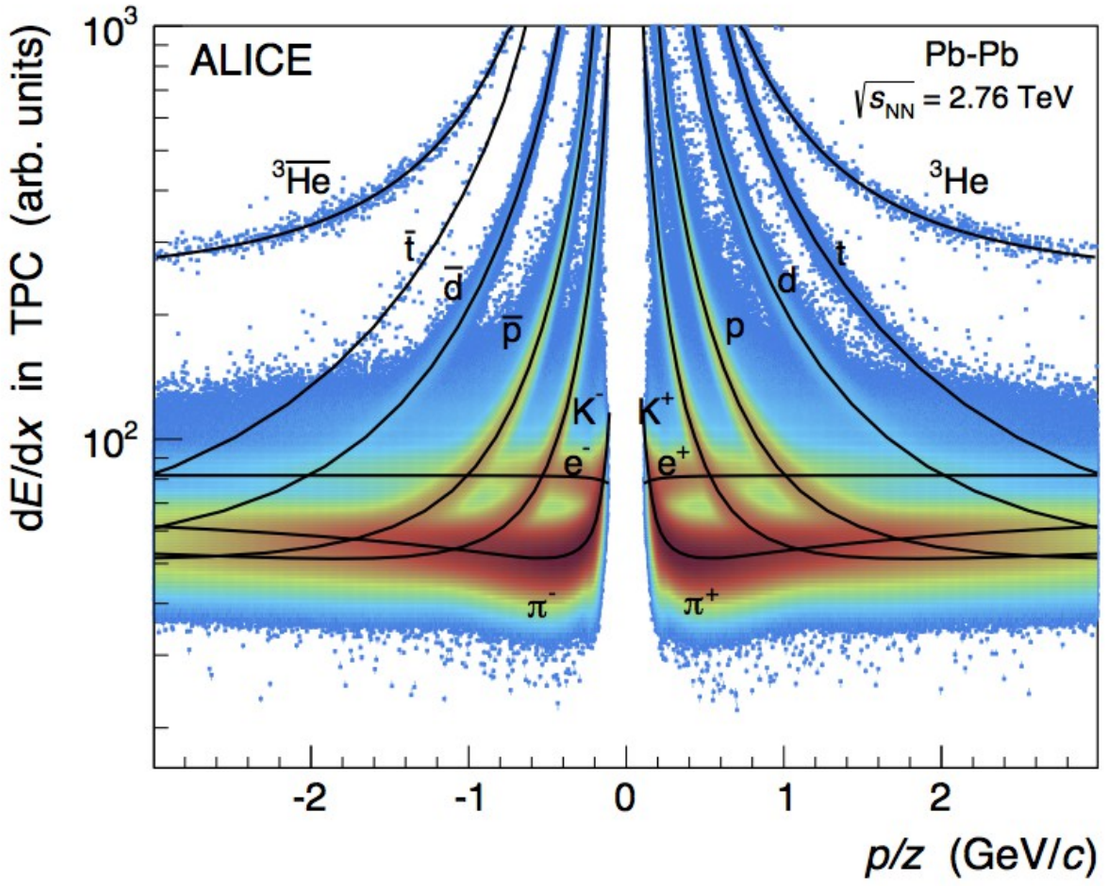




Geant4 in Production

GEANT4 and anti-nuclei (1)

- The physics of (anti-)nuclei has evolved from a side topic to one of the major efforts in ALICE:
  - 4 papers submitted only this year and many more in the pipeline!
  - Ambitious plans for run 2 and one of the cornerstones of the physics program of run 3.
- Propagation of anti-nuclei remains a challenge:
  - Missing constraints from data
  - Cross-sections are large
  - Both inelastic and elastic hadronic play an important role.
  - Also the modelling of the final state in elastic hadronic scattering is crucial.



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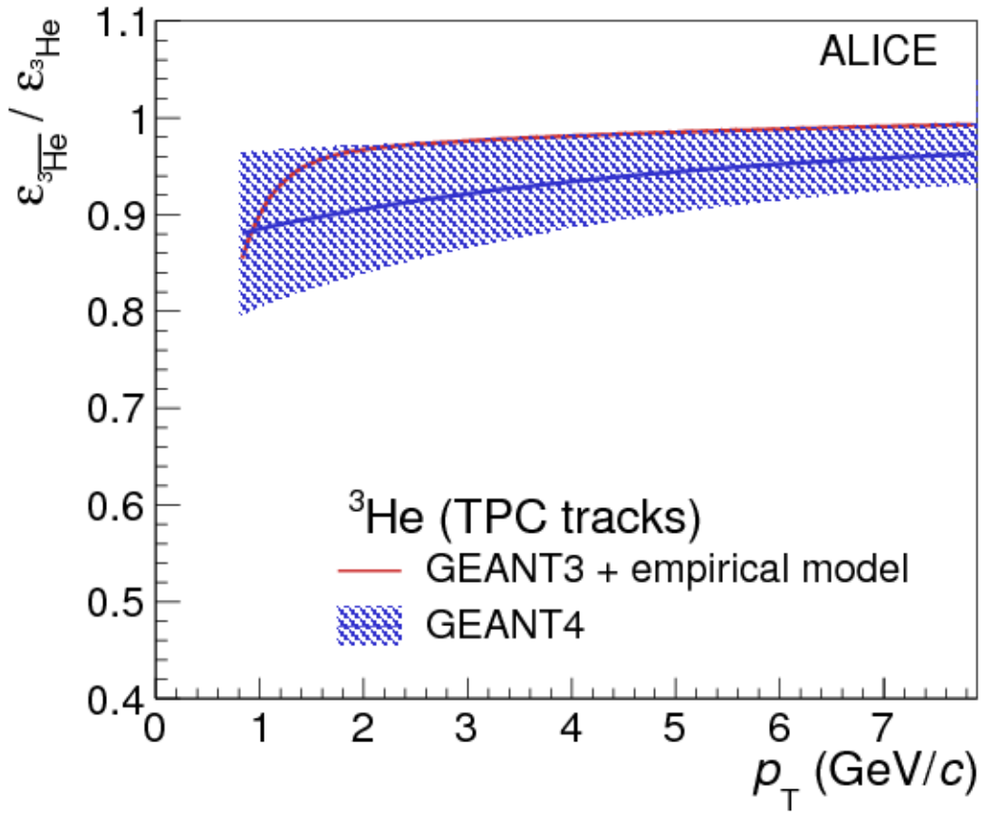
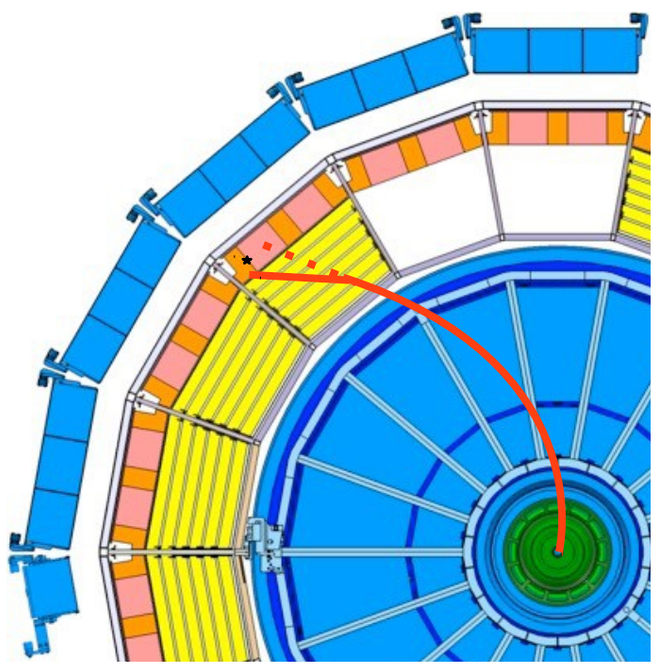
GEANT4 and anti-nuclei (2)

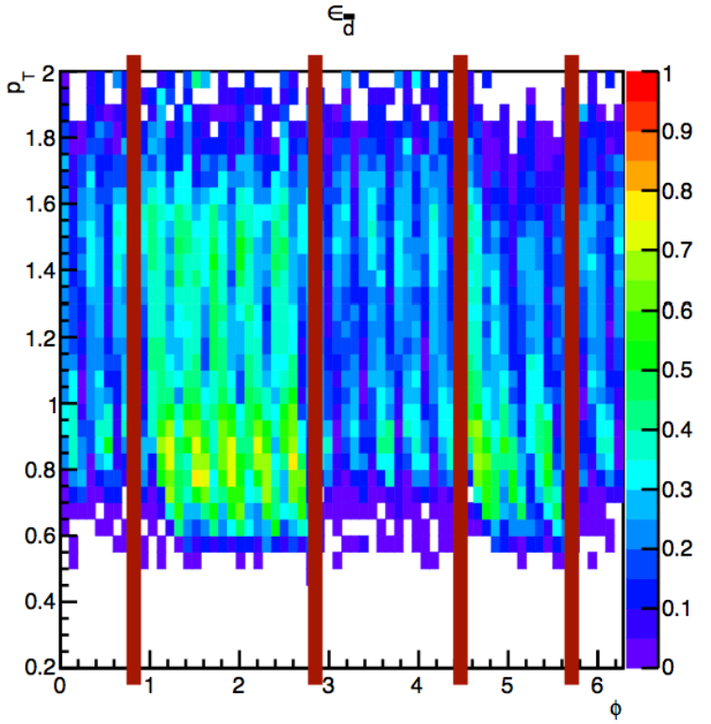
- Geant4 is the only code that offers the best available model at the moment (also used by e.g. AMS).

- Several recent successful small productions for the systematic study of hadronic interaction effects which were used in the publications: e.g. LHC15g7 and LHC15b2_32.

- By studying absorption effects in the material between TPC and TOF, we might be able to improve the modelling in collaboration with the Geant4 crew (Alexander is in contact with Alberto Ribon) in order to reduce the systematic uncertainties.







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Test productions anchored to LHC10 Data

Geant4 Test Production

- Geant4 validation production anchored to LHC10 pass4
  - p-p, 7 TeV
  - Pythia low-pt tune 350 (Perugia 2011)
- Geant4 10.1.p03
- Geant4 VMC 3.2.p1
- ROOT alice/v5-34-30
- AliRoot v5-05-Rev-22h
  - Back-porting fixes from recent versions of AliRoot to the version which was used for the data processing and the GRID production with GEANT3

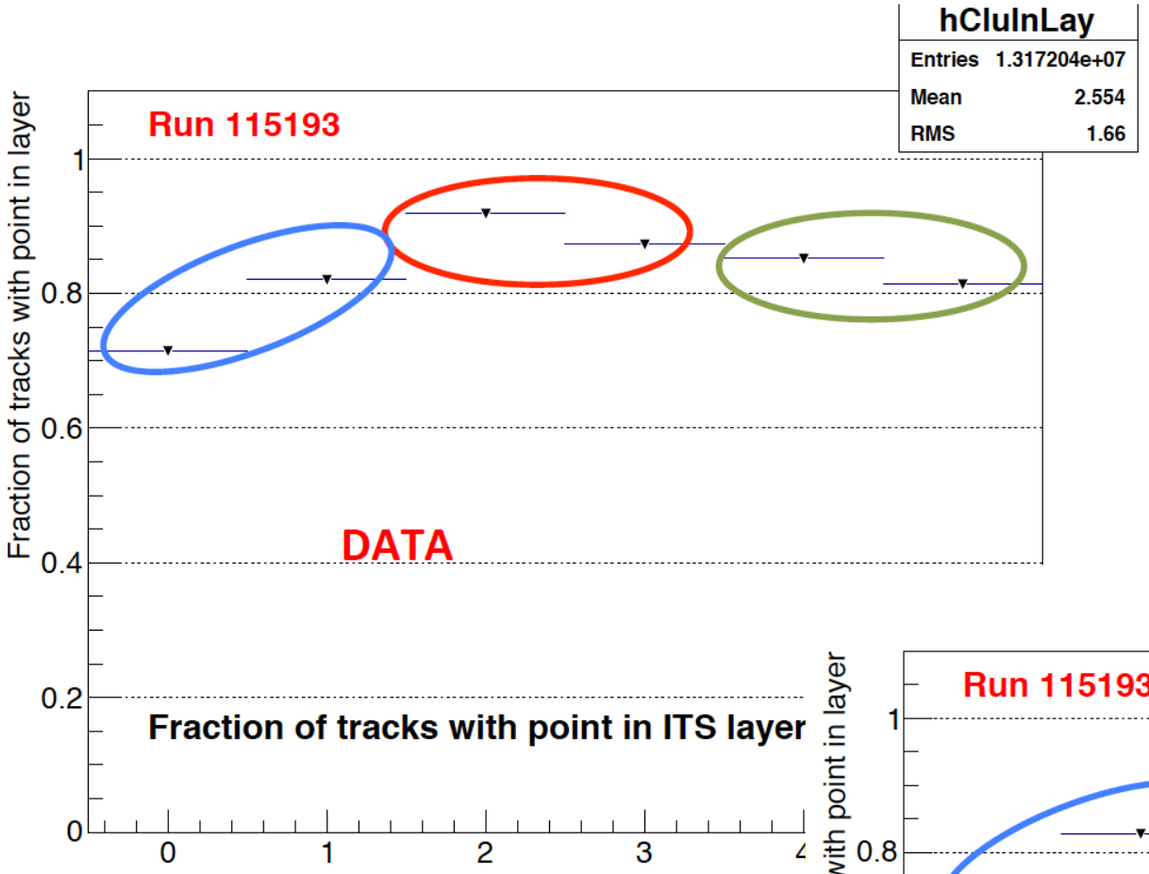
Geant4 (1)

- Switched from 10.1.p02 + own patch for G4Navigator to **10.1.p03** with the fix in Geant4 navigation
  - No own patches or customizations
- The fix prevents from the Fatal exception from G4MultiLevelLocator::EstimateIntersectionPoint() which happened “frequently” in GRID productions and caused invalidating all previously simulated events in the concerned, aborted run
- The fix works ok

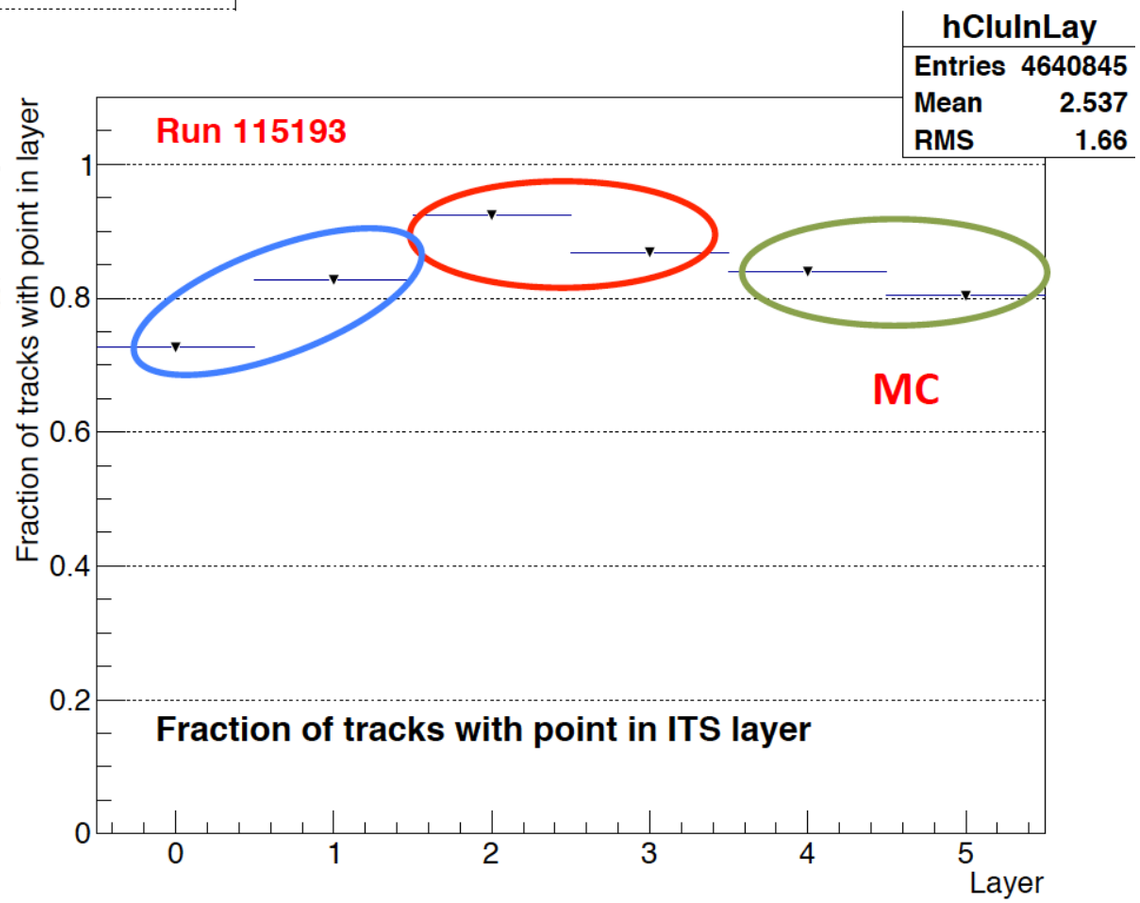
Geant4 (2)

- Problem (minor) reports:
- #1832 failing /process/optical/setTrackSecondariesFirst command
  - Not critical, a work around found
- Calling SD detector from G4OpticalBoundary process causing an additional step-call from user code
  - This call is made optional in Geant4 development version

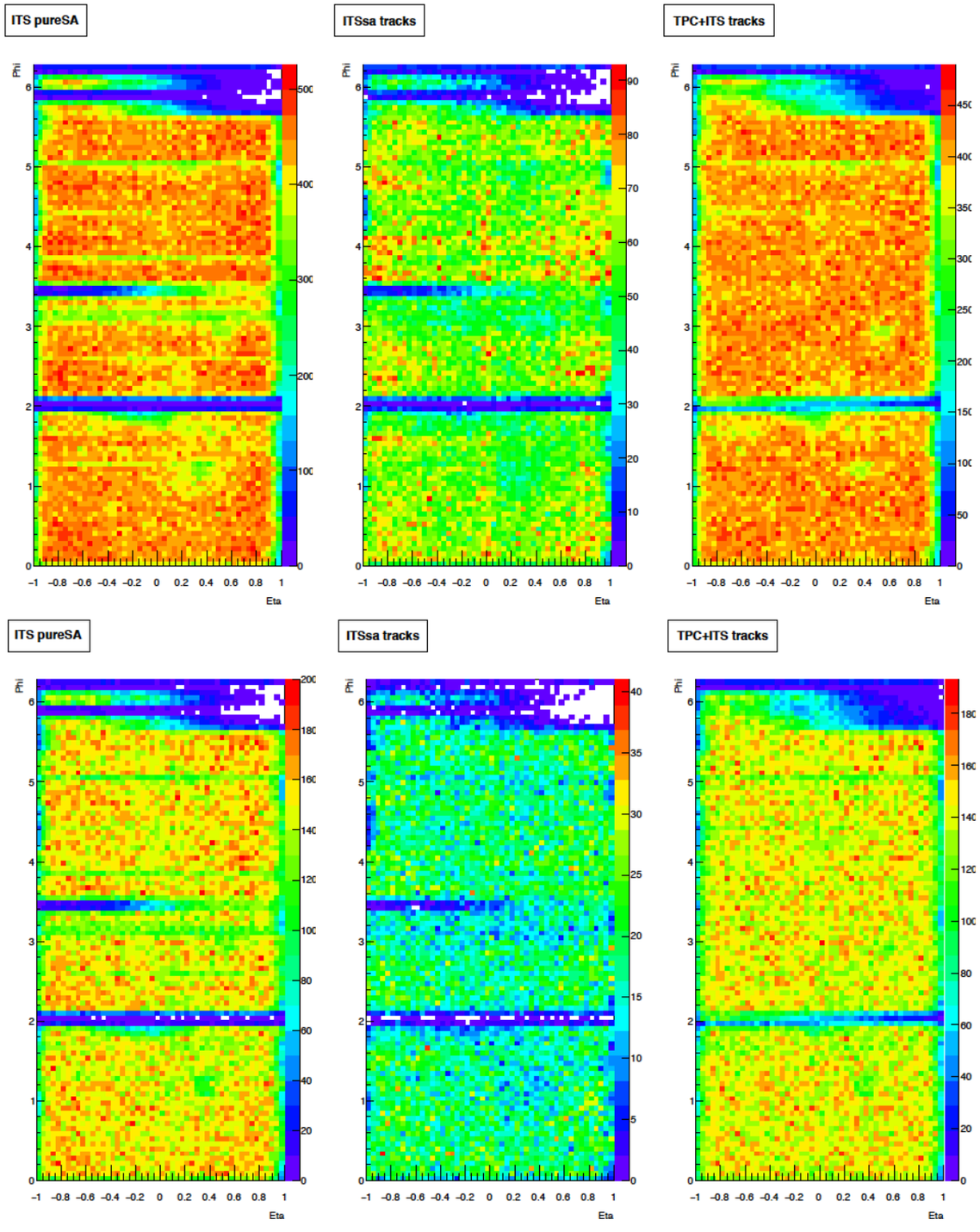
Inner Tracking System (ITS)
Track Points



problem with ihts in SDD solved



Tracking:
ITS stand-alone and global



DATA

ITSpure SA tracks,

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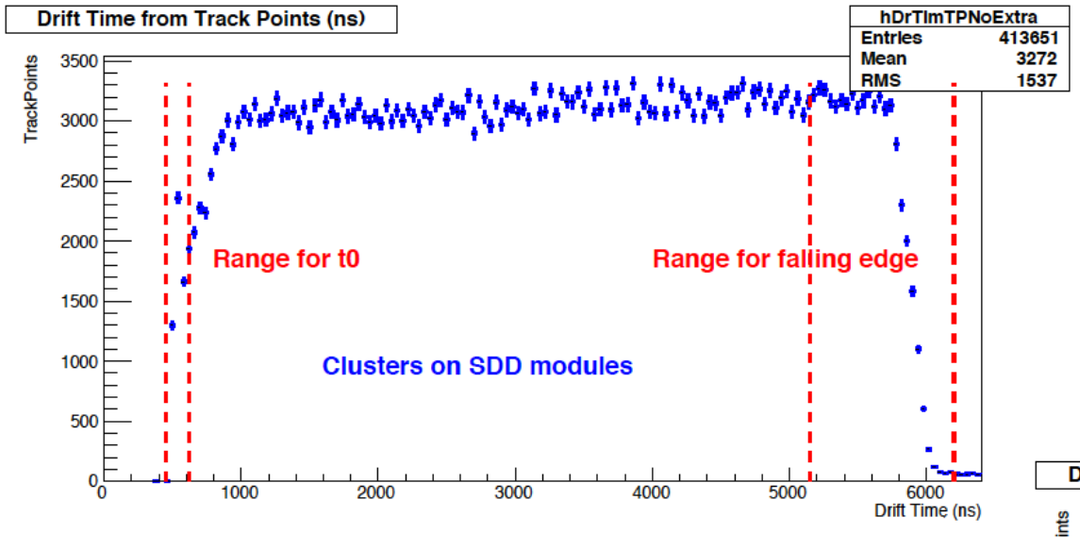
TPC+ITS tracks

(η, ϕ) distributions

MC

Silicon Drift Detector



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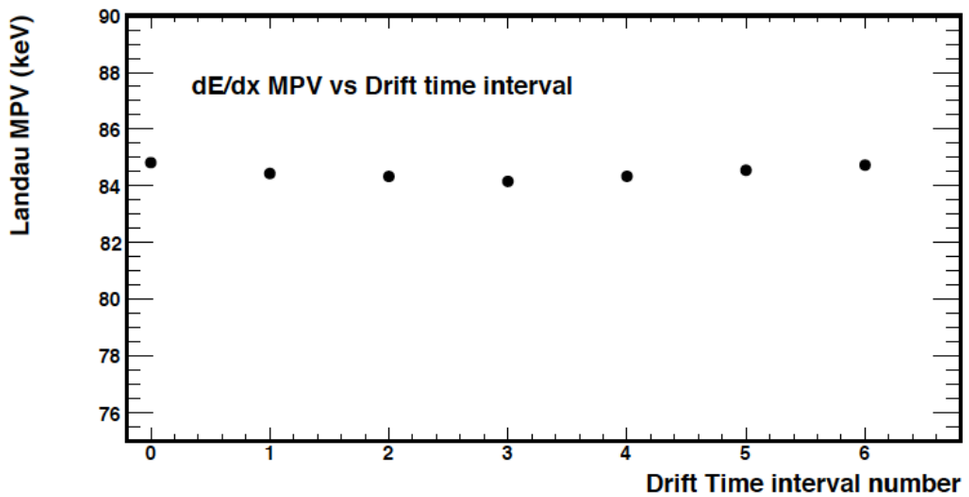
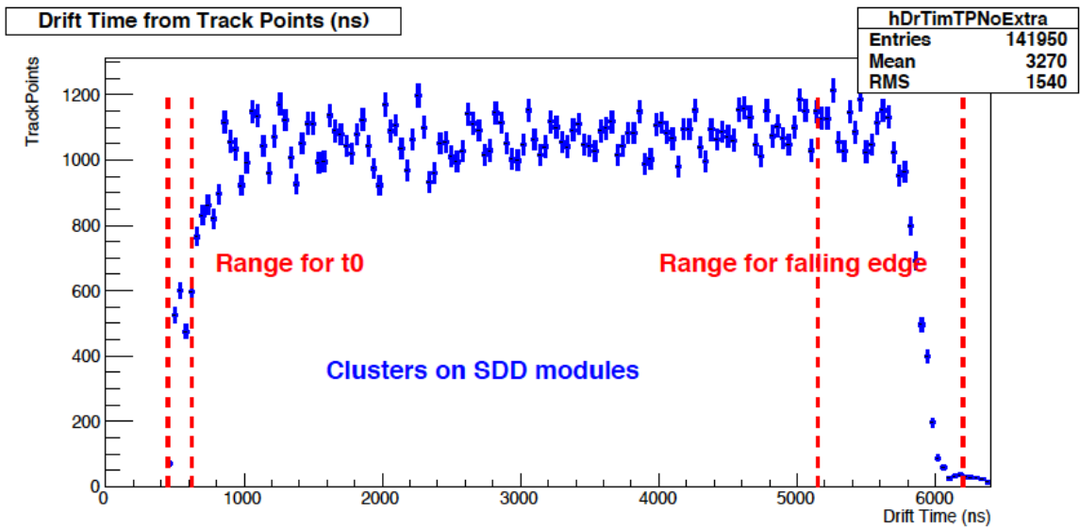


drift time from track points
dE/dx MPV vs drift time



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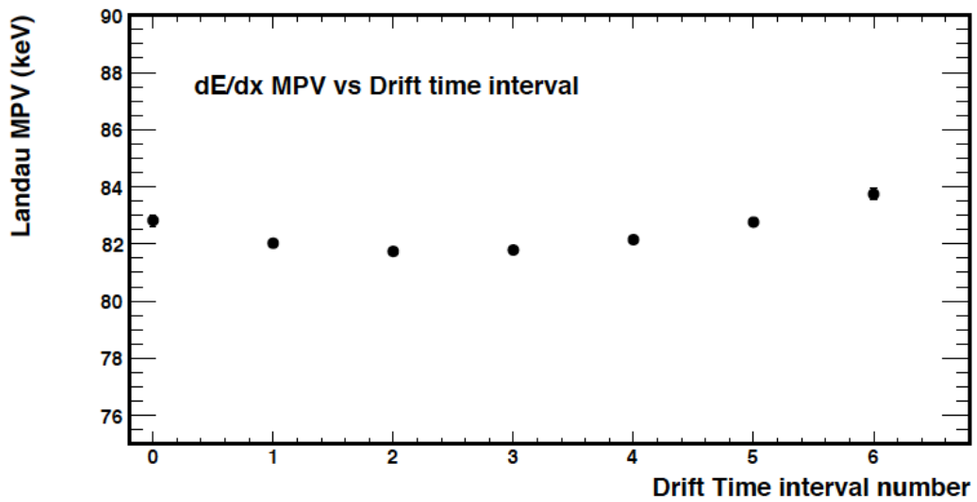

TPC-ITS Matching Efficiency

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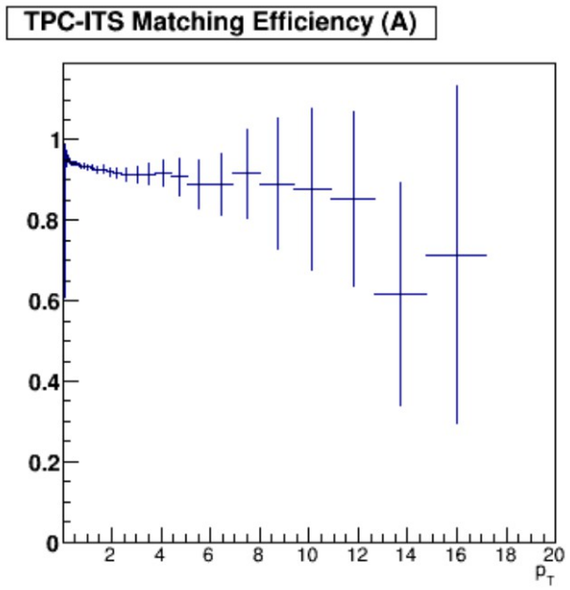

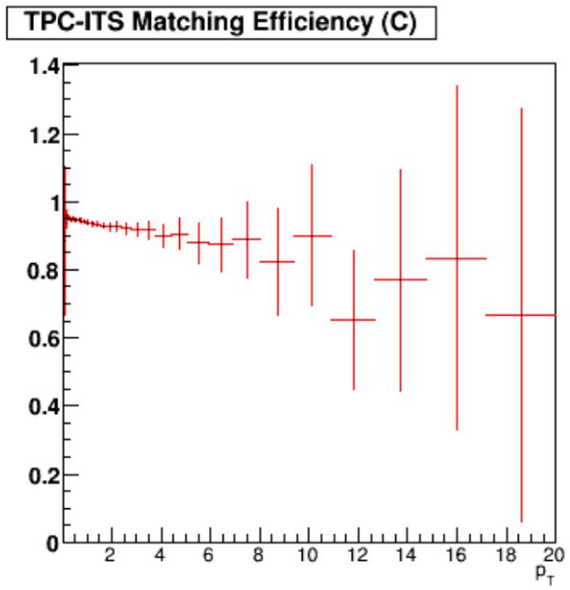

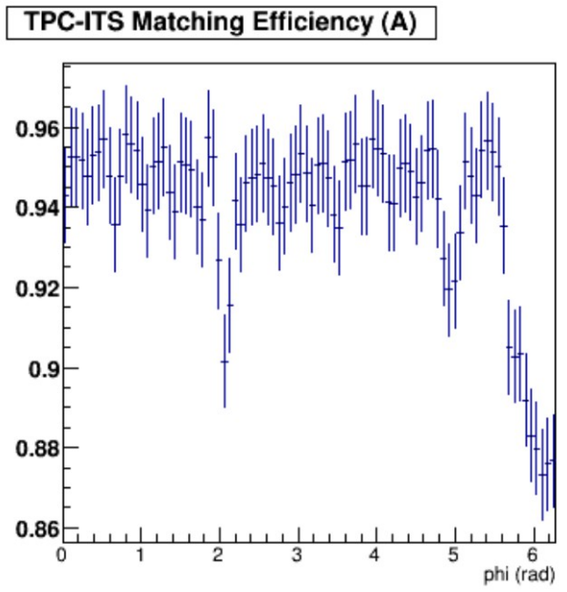

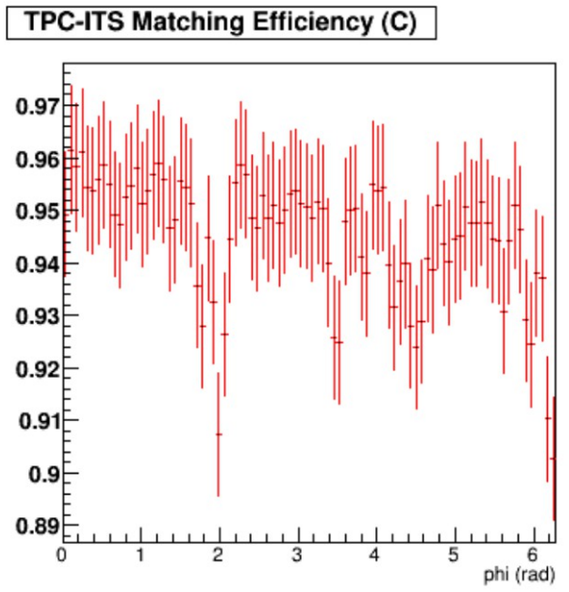

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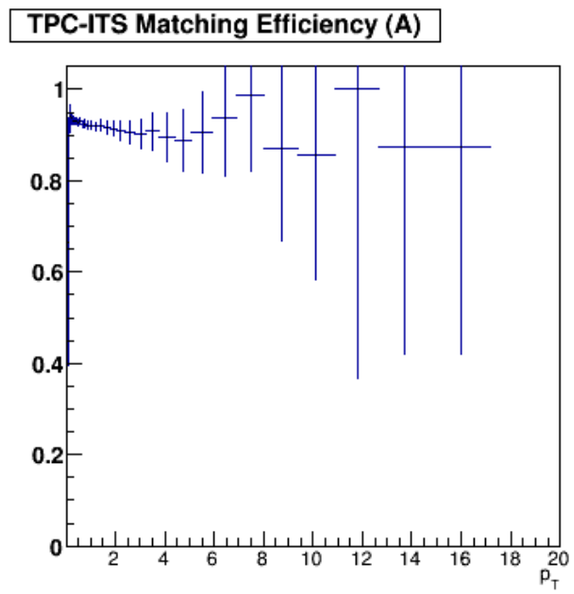

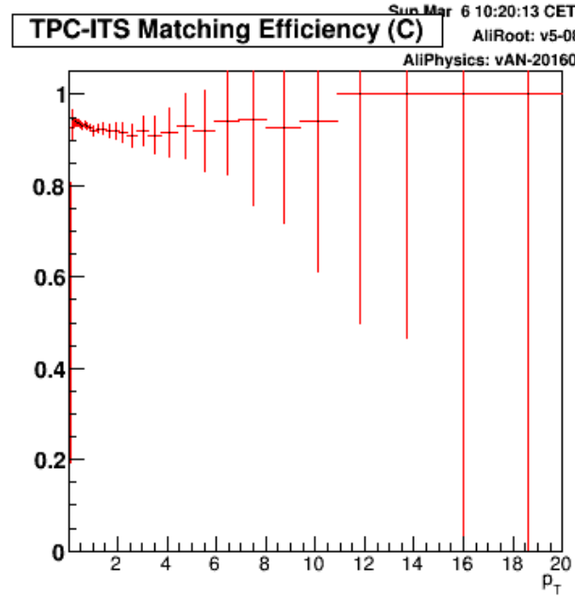

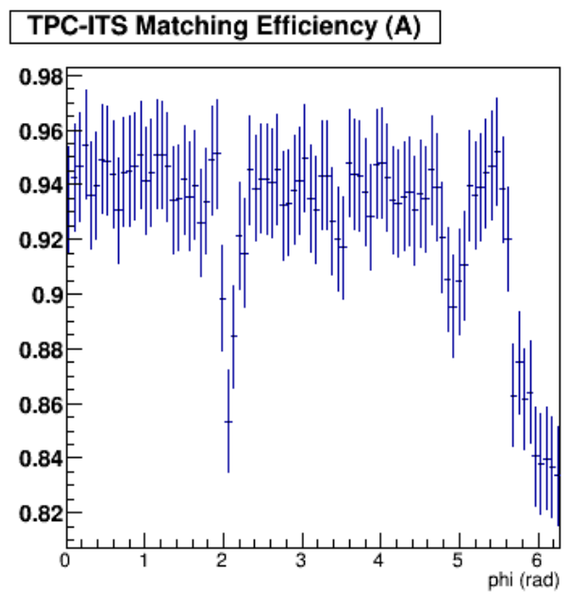

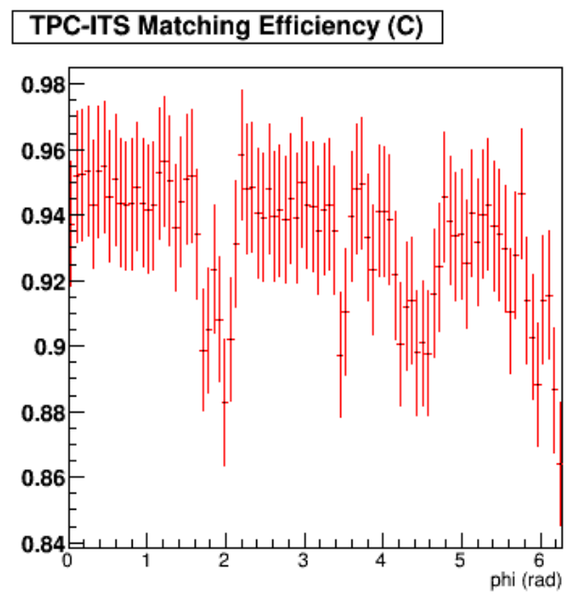

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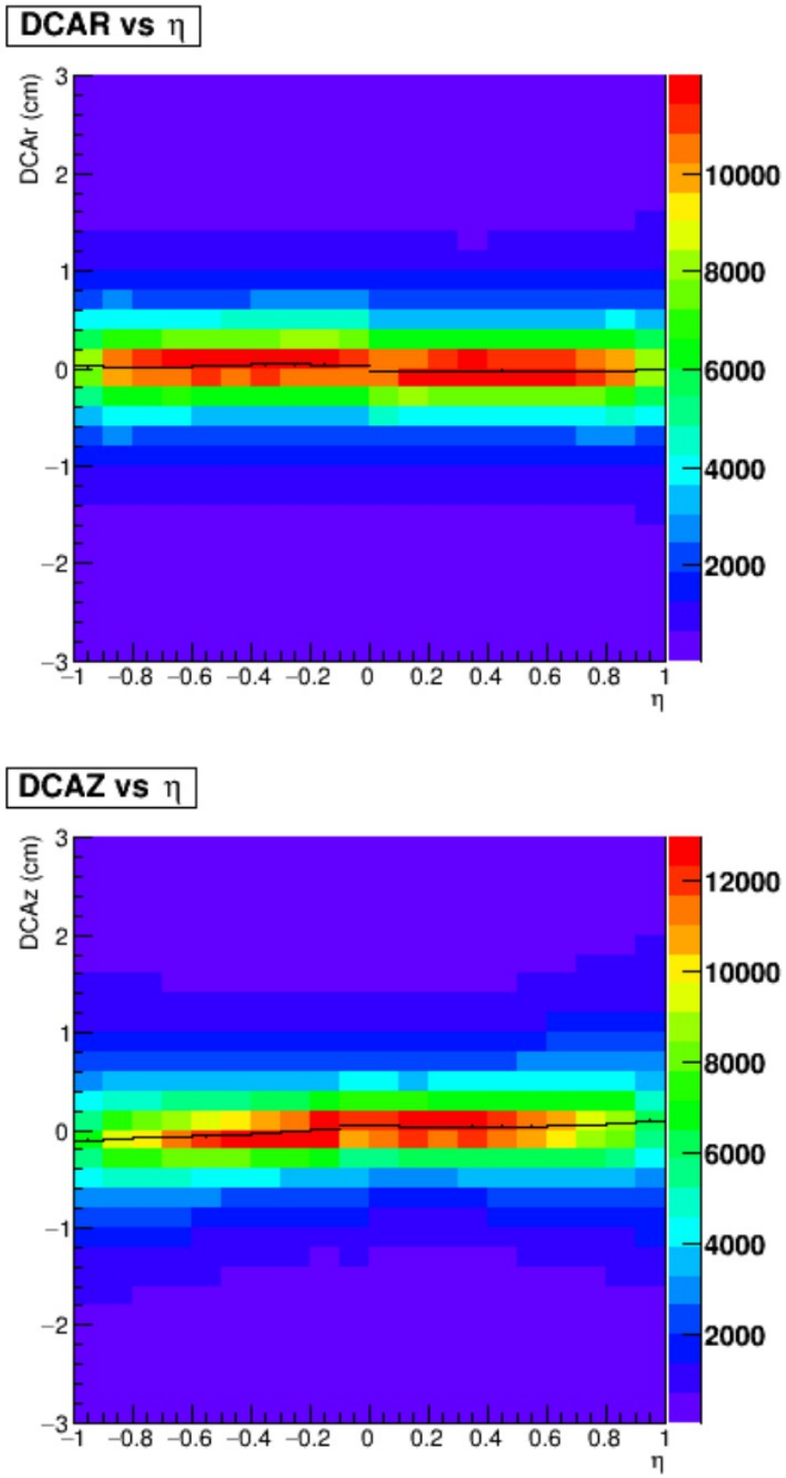

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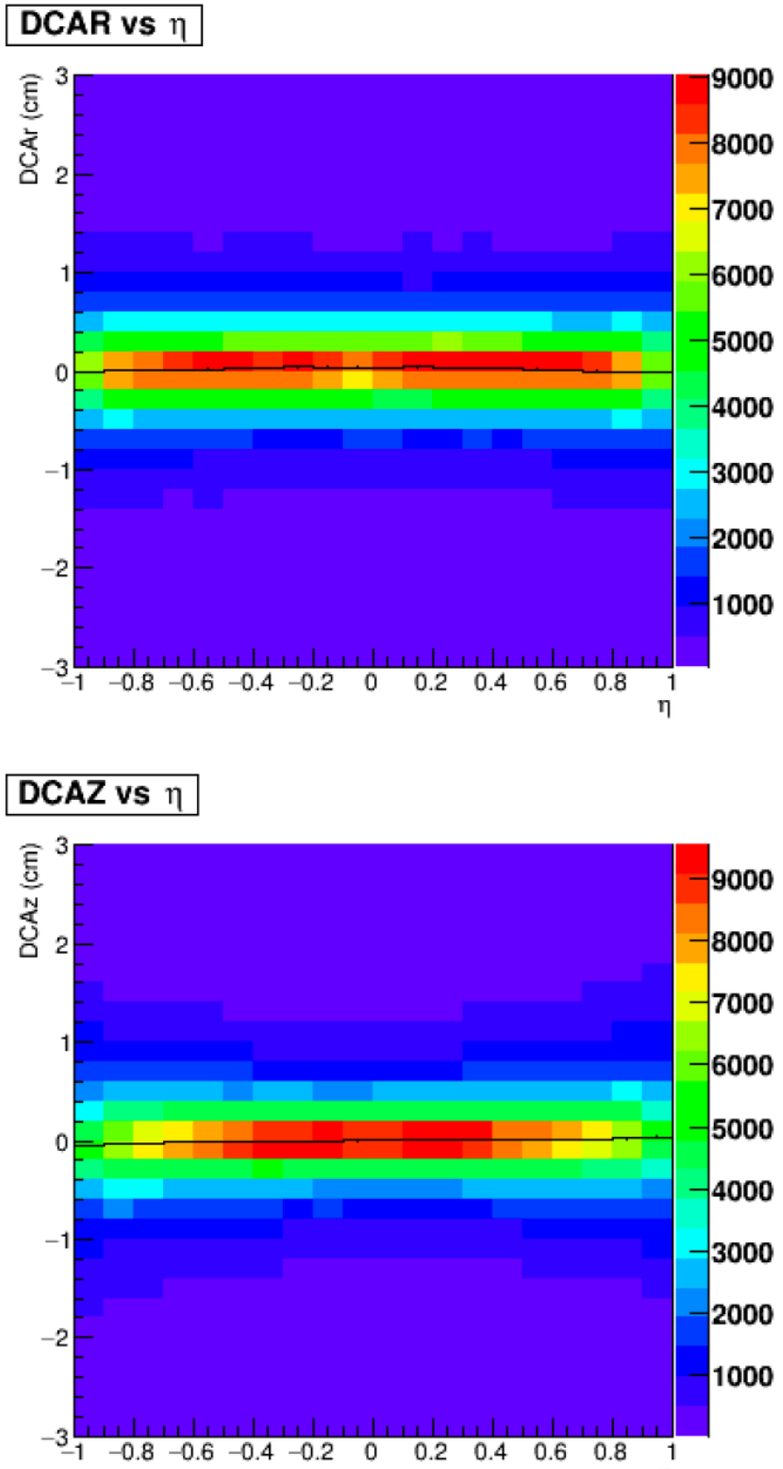

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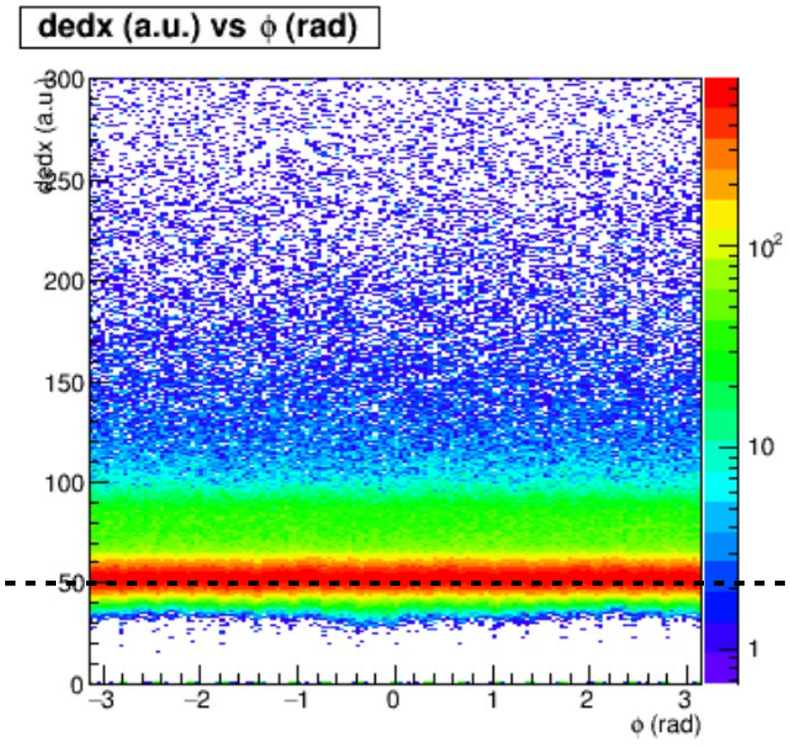

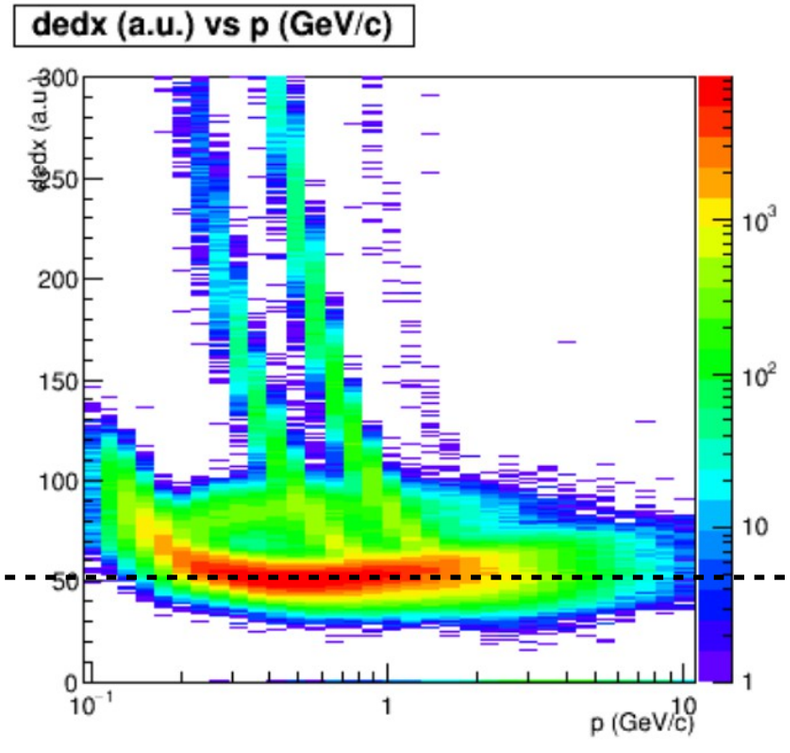

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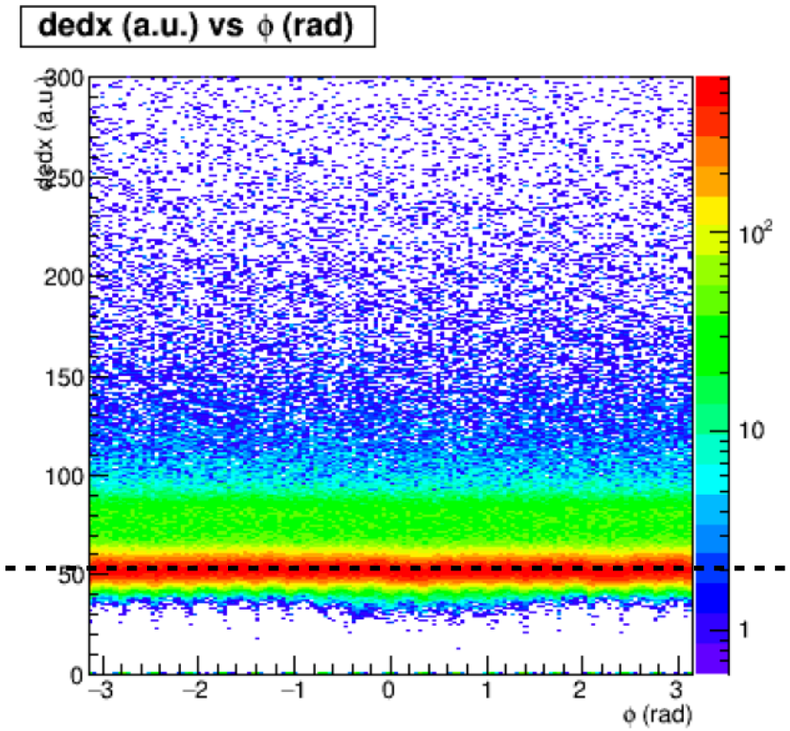

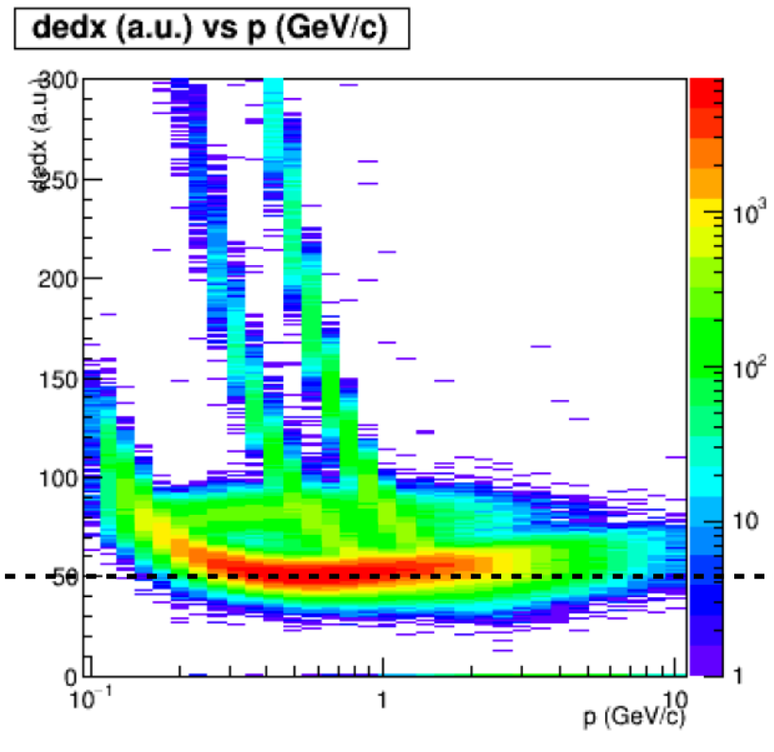

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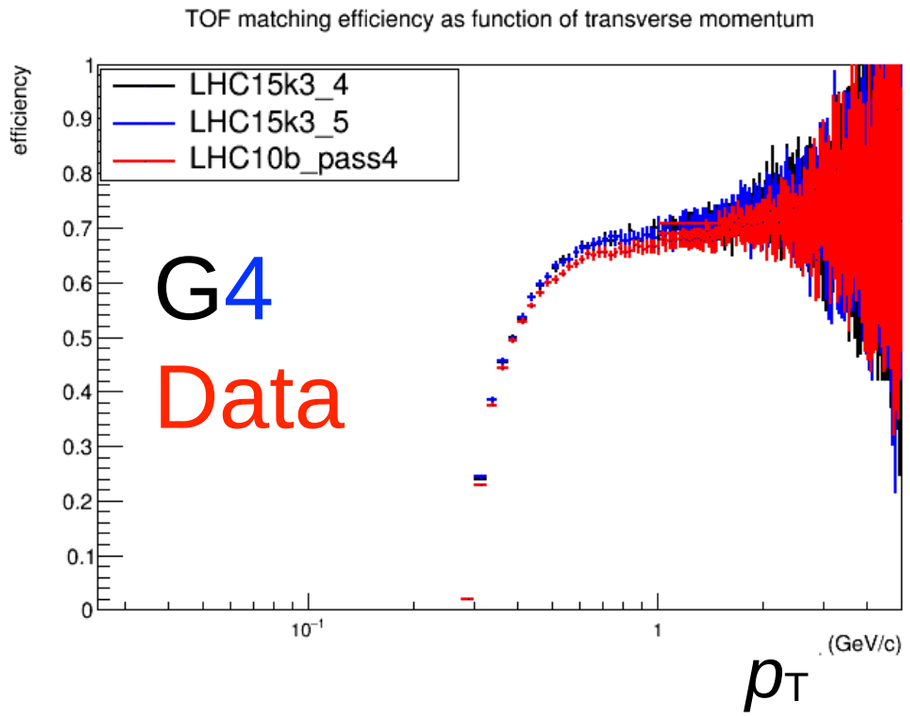
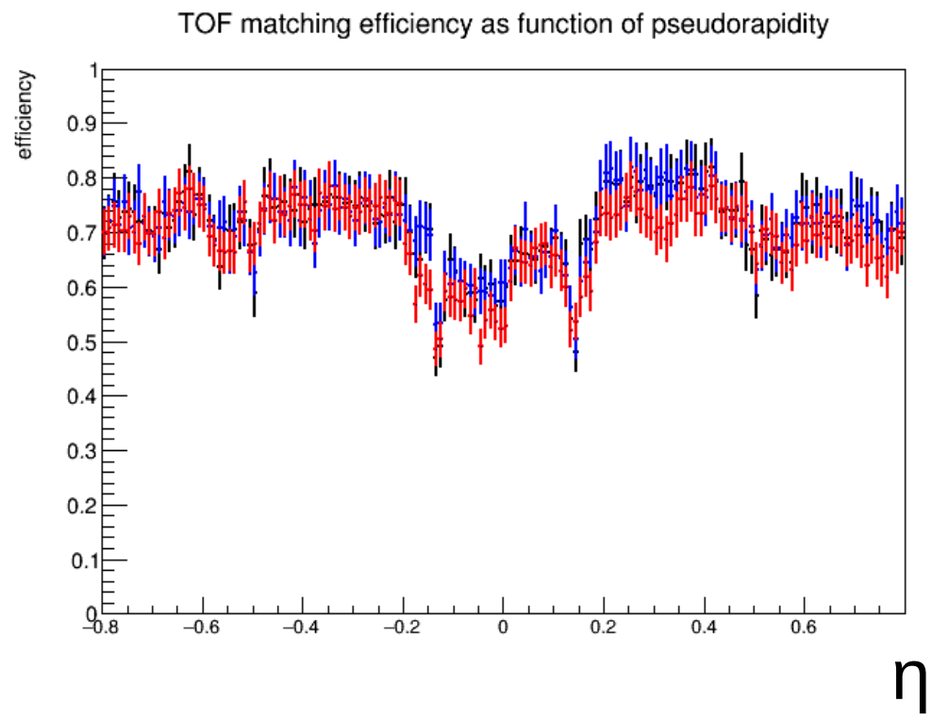
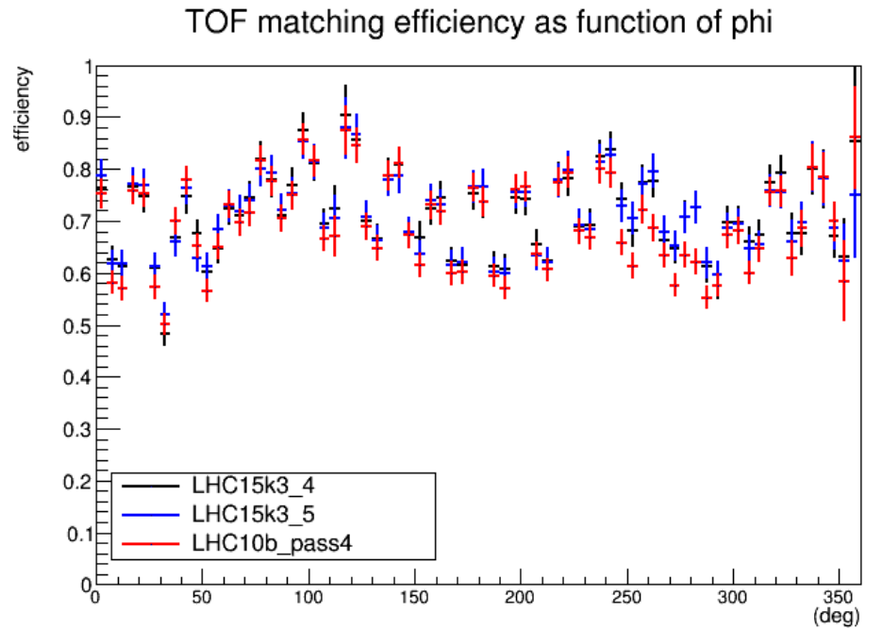




- ~ 2% of difference with respect to data (LHC10b pass4) observed in matching efficiency distributions vs p_T, η and φ



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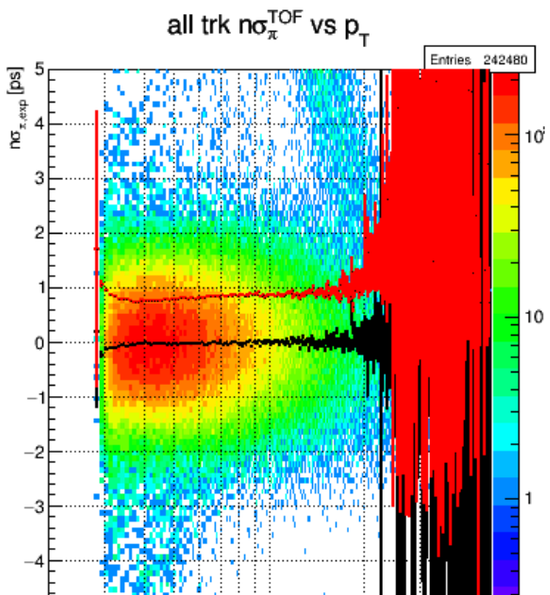

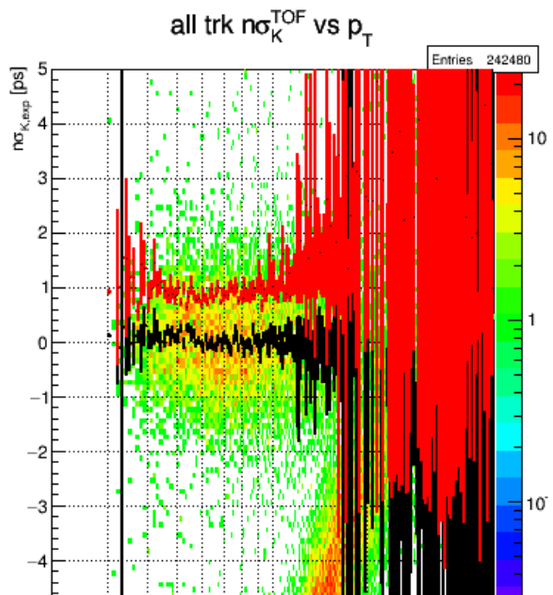

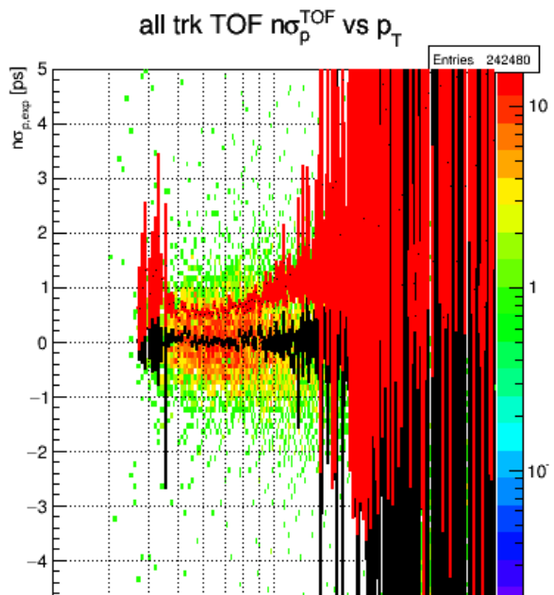

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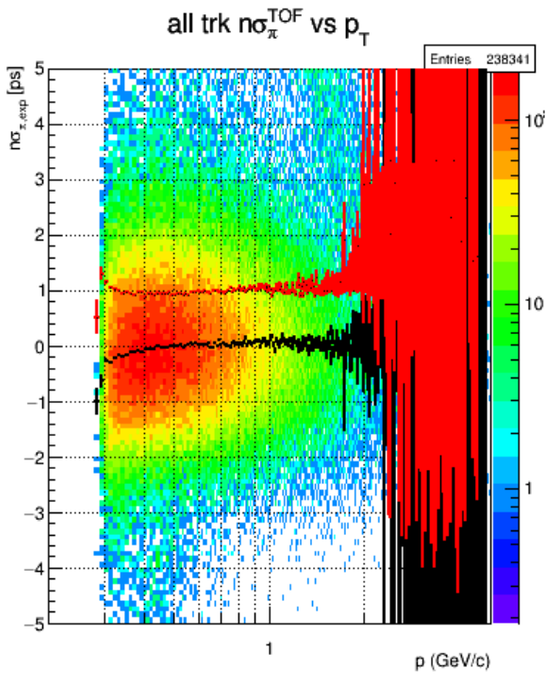

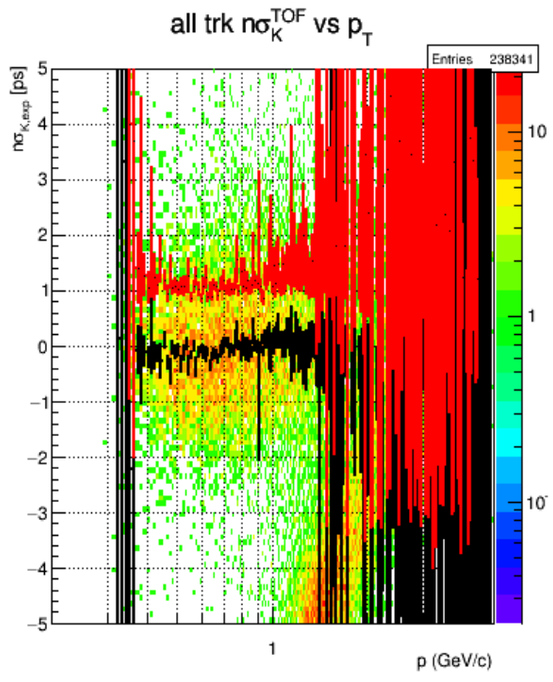

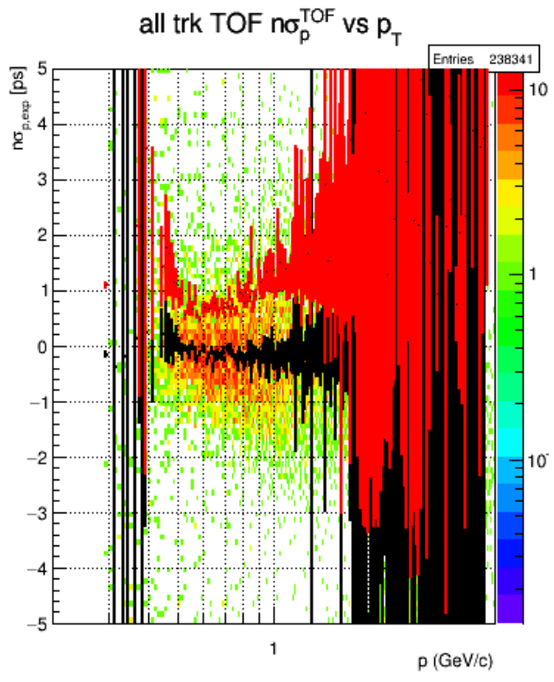

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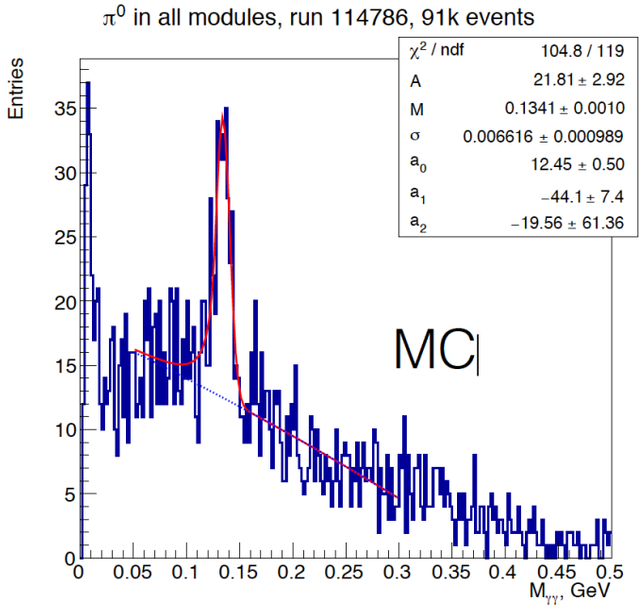

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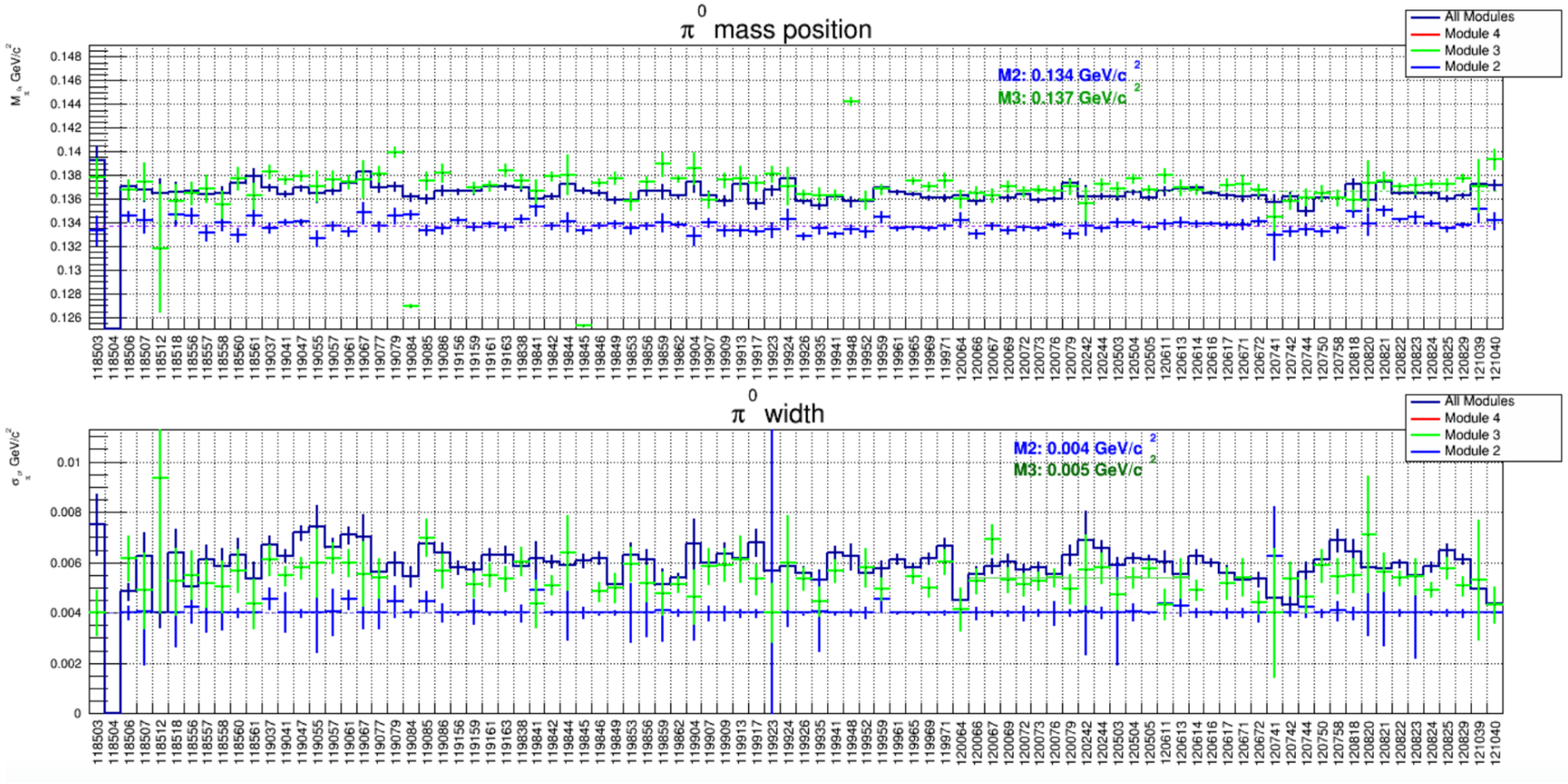
Data (LHC10c pass4)



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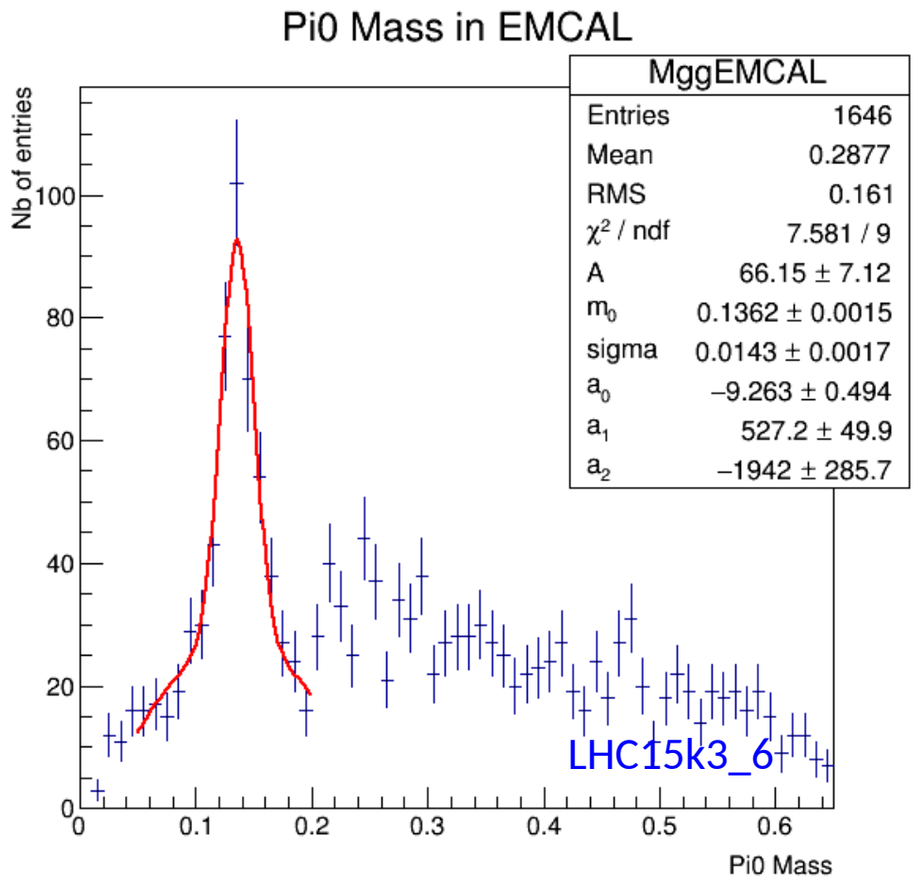
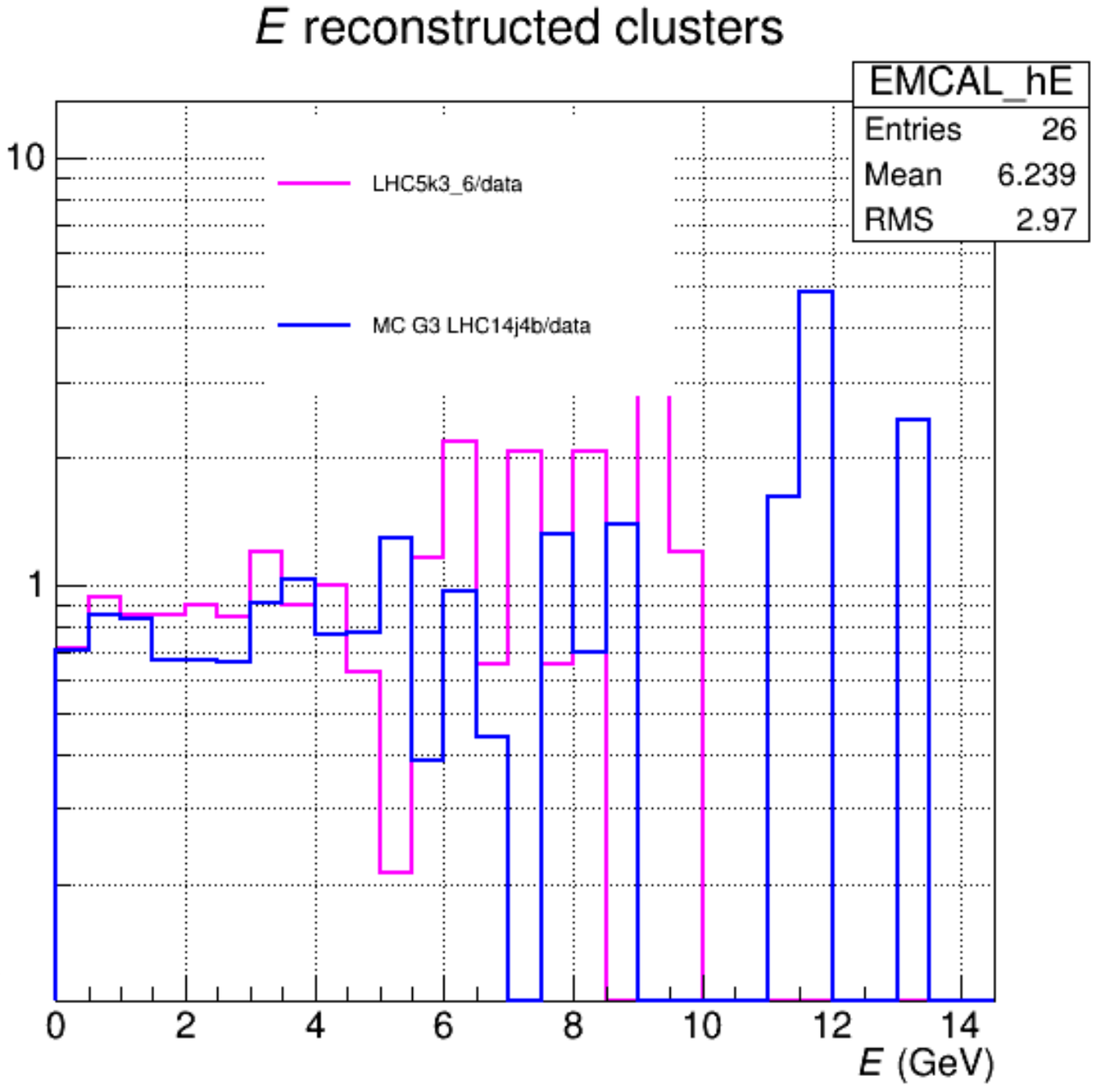
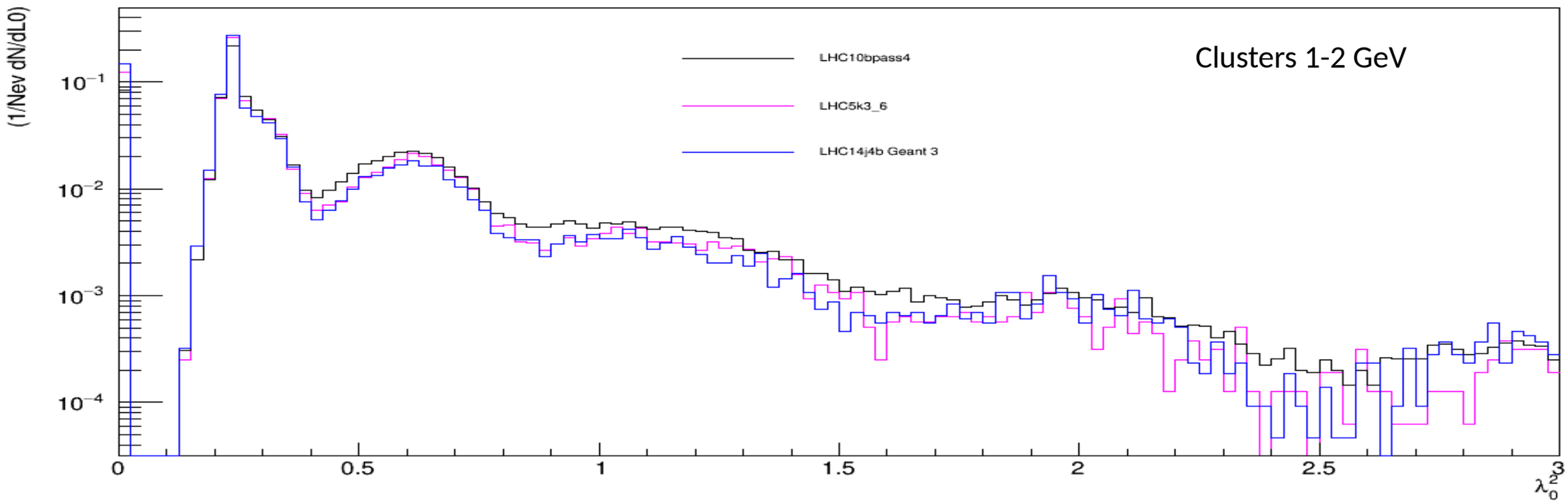


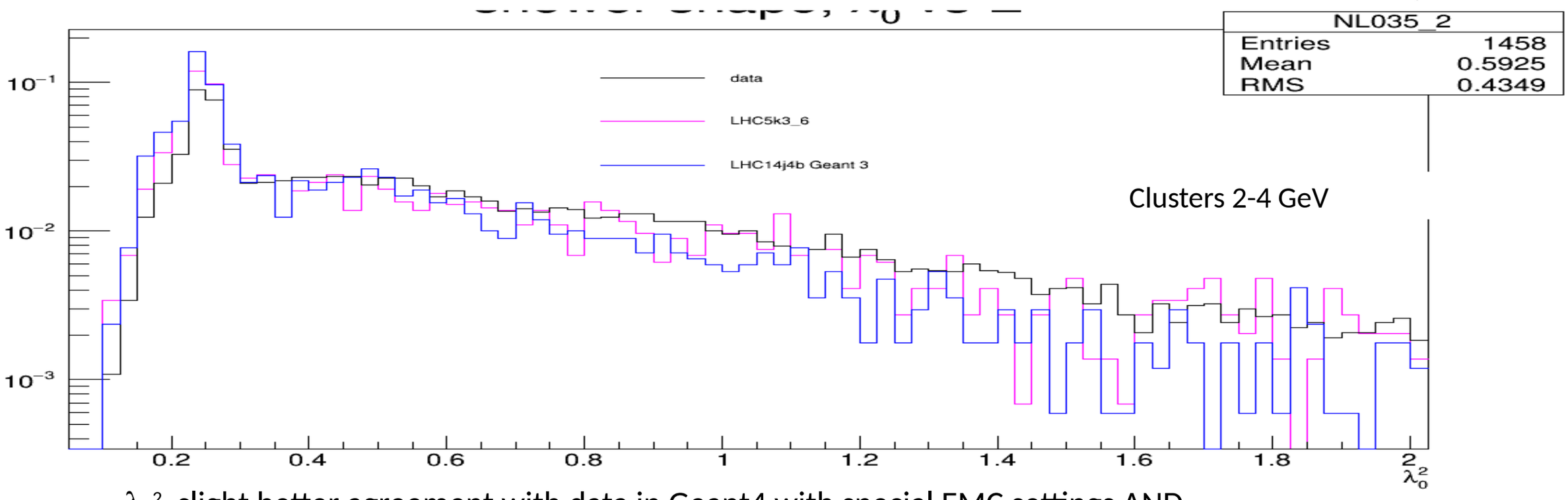


Raw cluster Energy →

Better cluster energy description in Geant 4 with proper Sampling fraction than without or with GEANT3

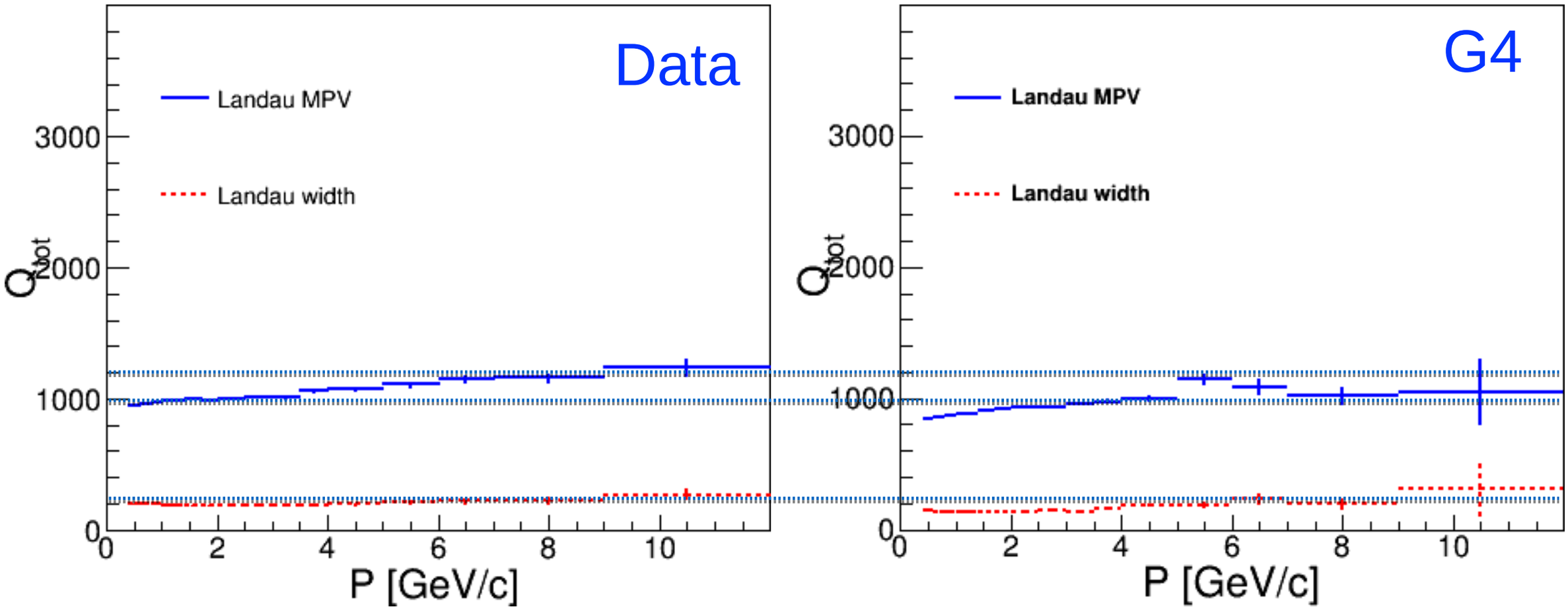
Raw cluster λ_0^2 (main axis of ShowerShape)





λ_0^2 slight better agreement with data in Geant4 with special EMC settings AND proper sampling

TRD Total Charge



Still worse agreement than with GEANT3 (see the next slide)

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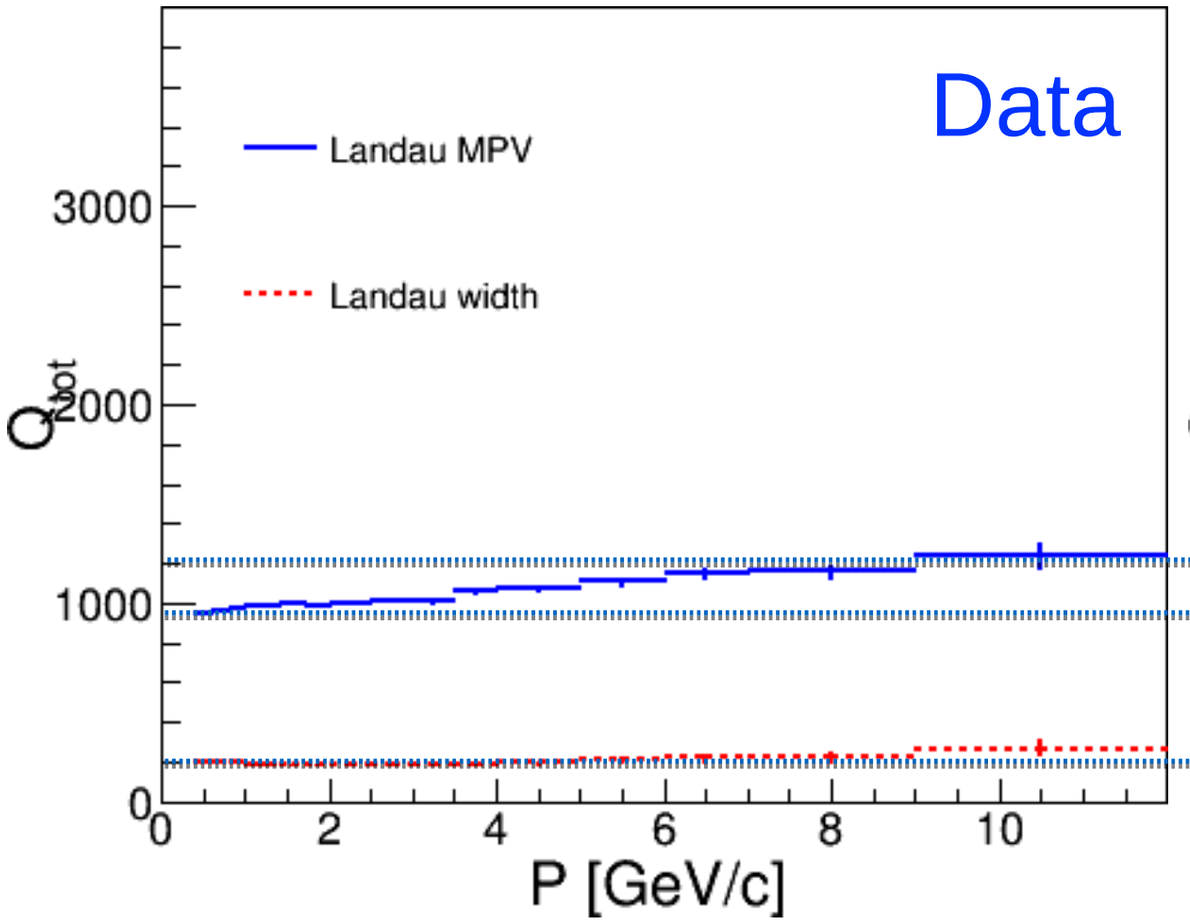

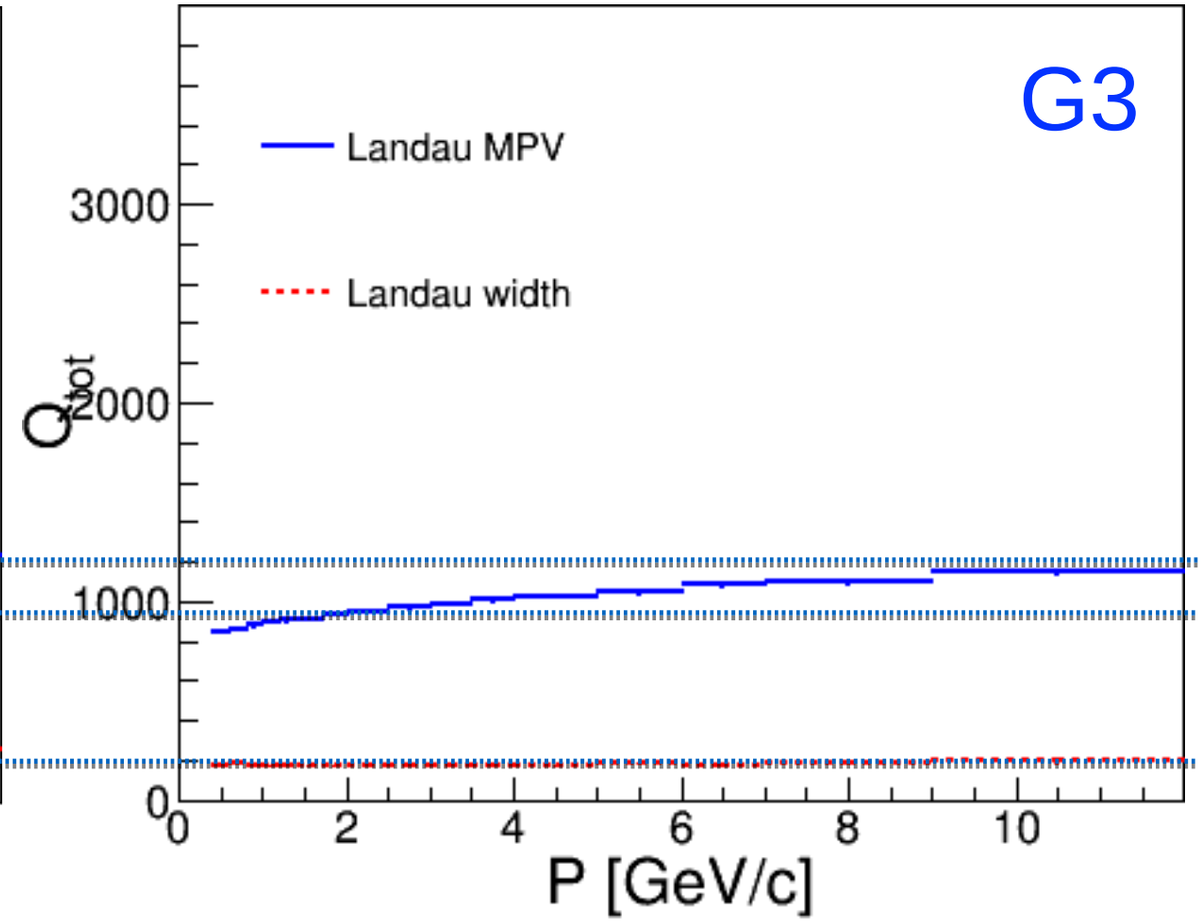

Geant4 Transition Radiation Tests

Geant4 Transition Radiation tests

- Revised example TestEm10 (I.H. + V. Ivantchenko)
  - Code clean-up, revised scoring, physicsList changed to a modular physics list and introduced TransitionRadiationPhysics builder
- Geant4 VMC 3.3 - added support for transition radiation physics:
  - Added TG4TransitionRadiation physics builder, implemented according to the Geant4 extended example TestEm10
  - Added new command to define a radiator:

    /mcDet/setRadiator ...
- Starting tests by TRD detector experts
  - More feedback will follow

Conclusions

- Successful use of Geant4 for anti-nuclei studies in close collaboration with Geant4 hadronic physics group
- General Geant4 validation via test productions anchored to LHC10 data is ongoing
  - For most detectors, the agreement Geant4/data is at the same level as GEANT3/data
  - Worse agreement, observed in TRD, is under investigation
- Geant4 10.1.p03 with FTFP_BERT_EMV + G4OpticalPhysics + special models in selected regions
  - The fix to the long standing problem in navigation works ok
  - Minor problems reported were already fixed
  - Requirement for the integration of ALICE special Urban multiple-scattering model in Geant4