Study of Misalignment in the H4-VLE Beamline of the CERN North Area

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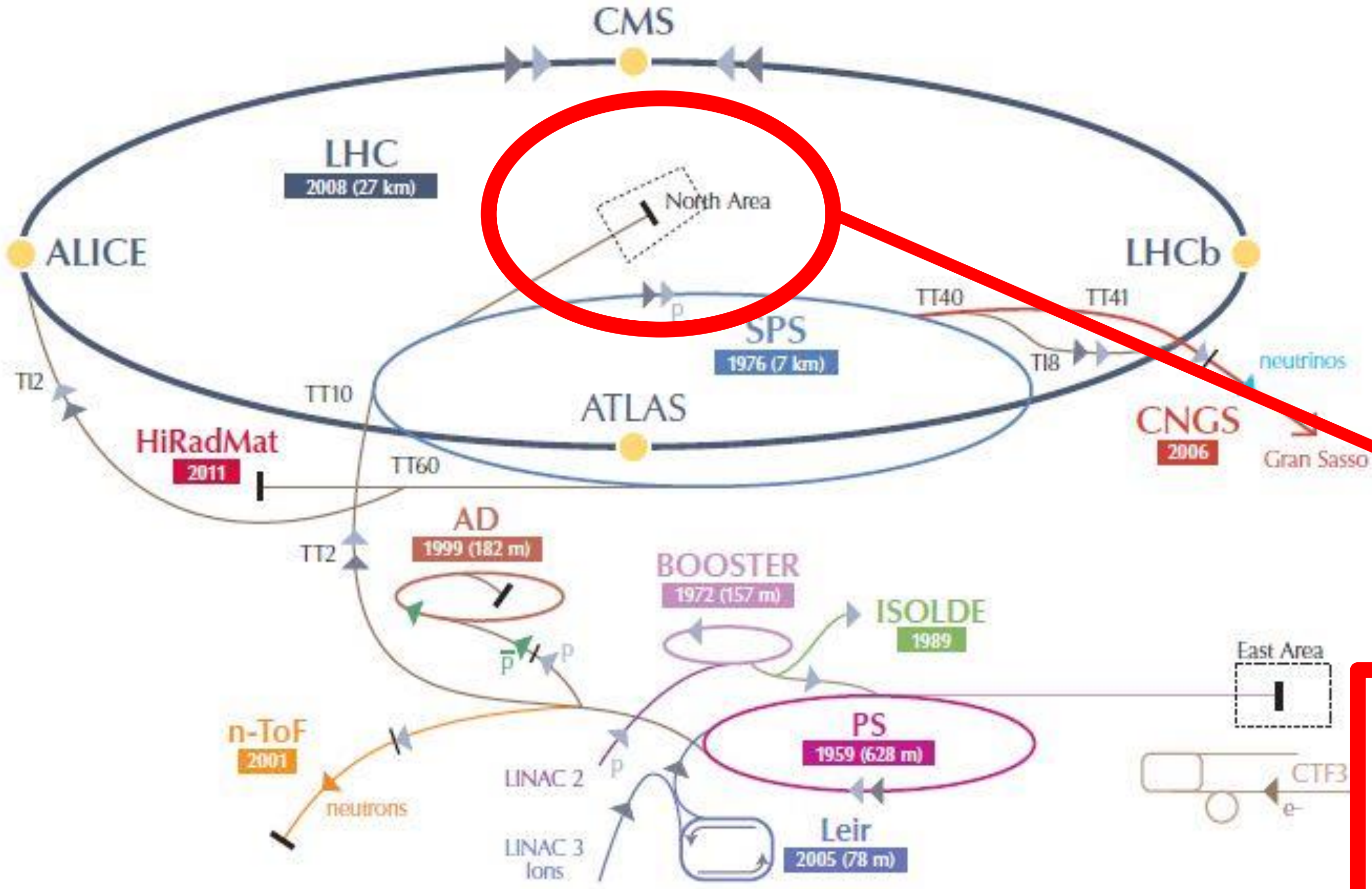
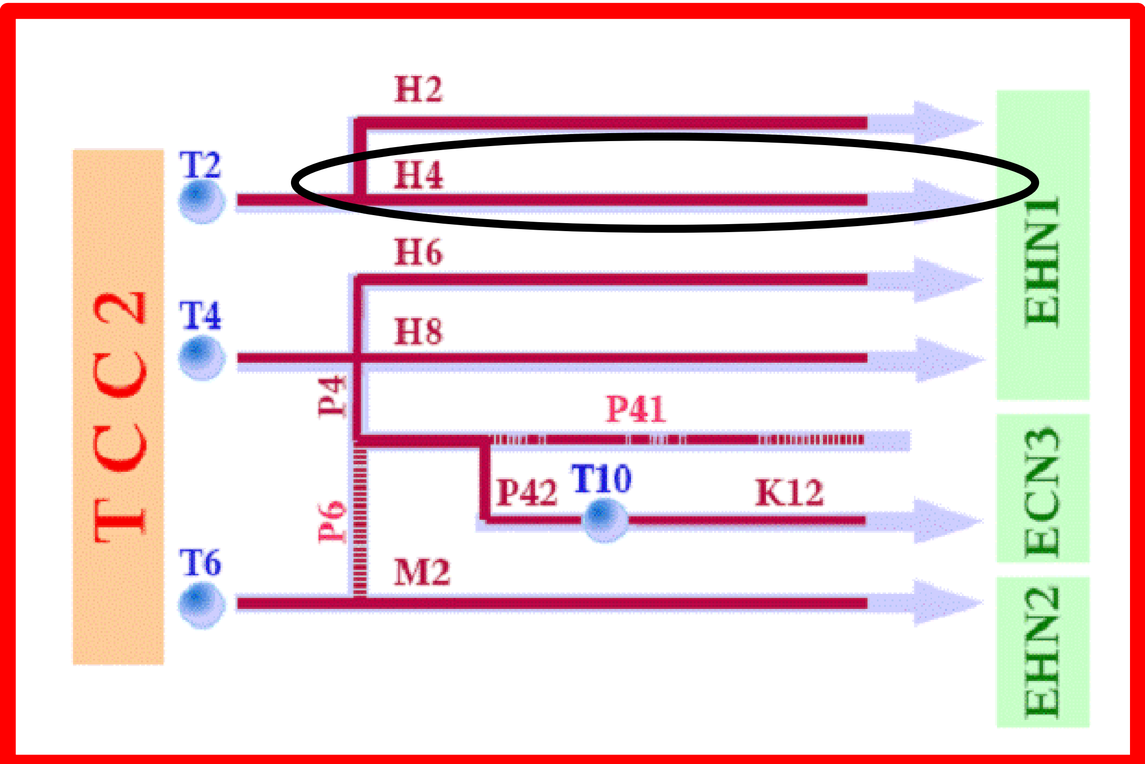
Within the CERN North Area, I am working specifically with a part of the H4 beamline known as the H4-VLE. This beamline will be used to study a prototype neutrino detector designed for DUNE.

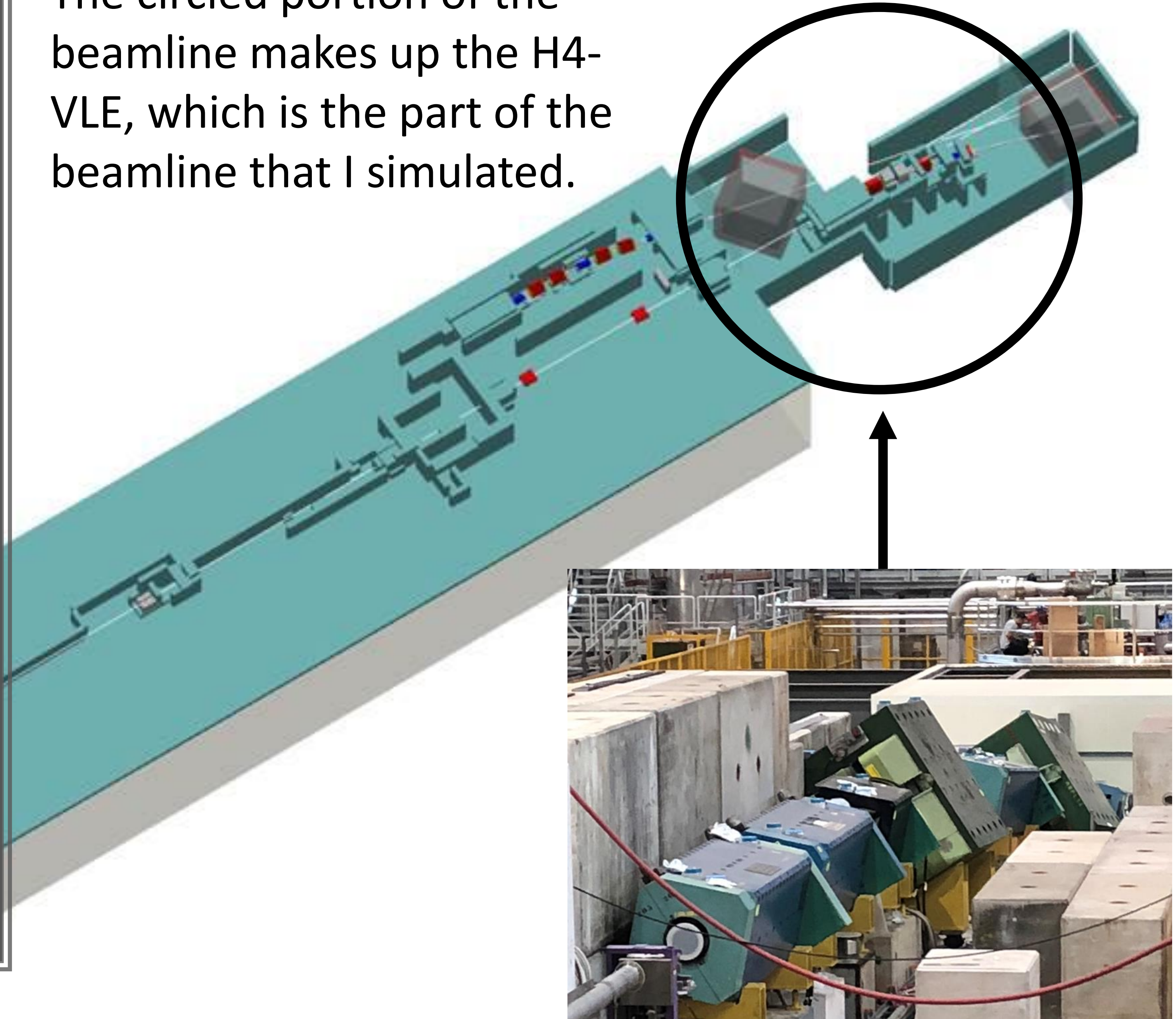




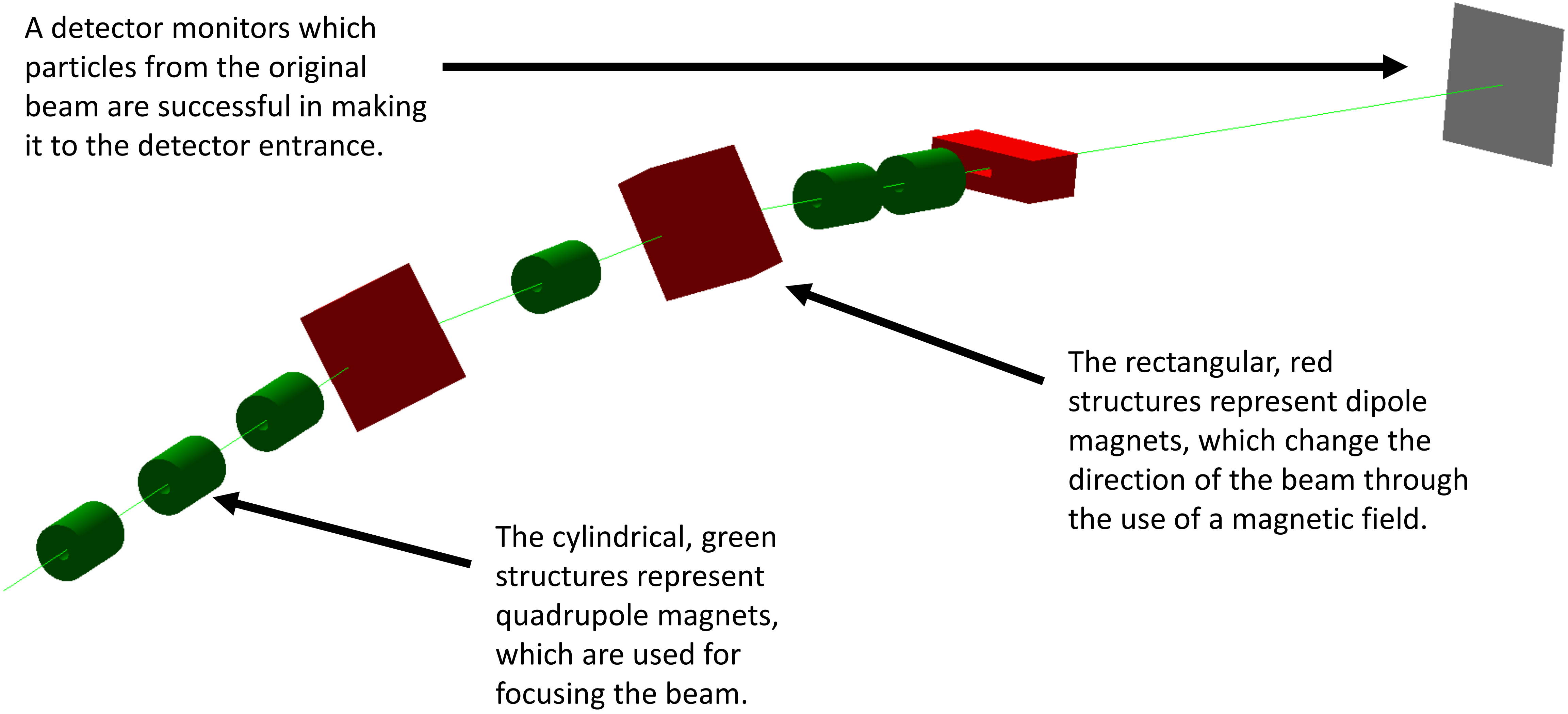
Schematic of Beamlines at CERN and in the North Area

Simulation of the complete H2 and H4 Beamlines in G4Beamline

The circled portion of the beamline makes up the H4-VLE, which is the part of the beamline that I simulated.



My simulation of the H4-VLE beamline in G4Beamline

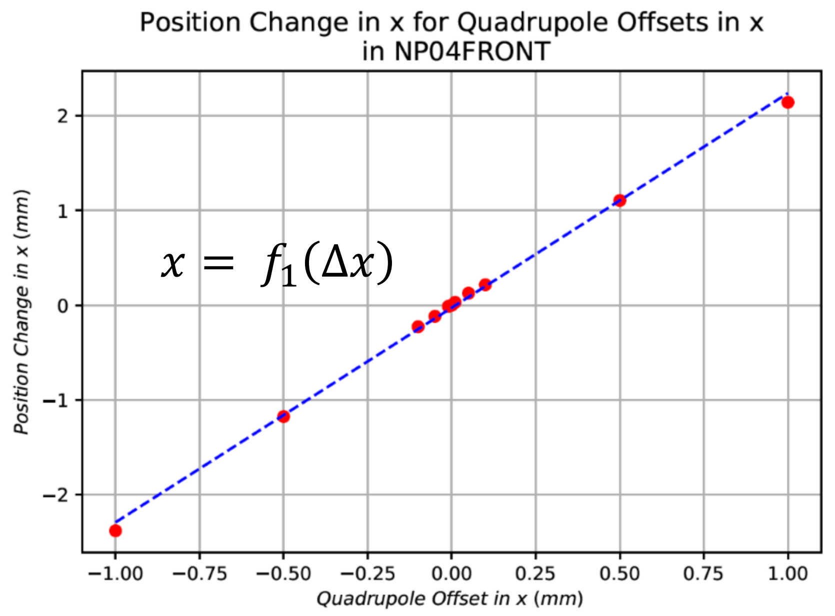


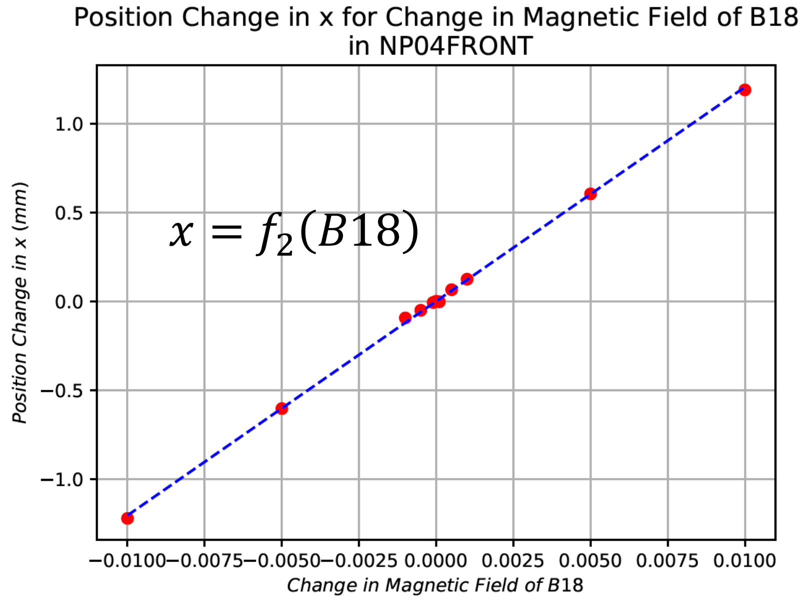
Correcting for Misalignments in Beam Elements

$$x = f_1(\Delta x) \qquad x = f_2(B18)$$

$$f_1(\Delta x) = -f_2(B18)$$

$$B18 = g(\Delta x)$$





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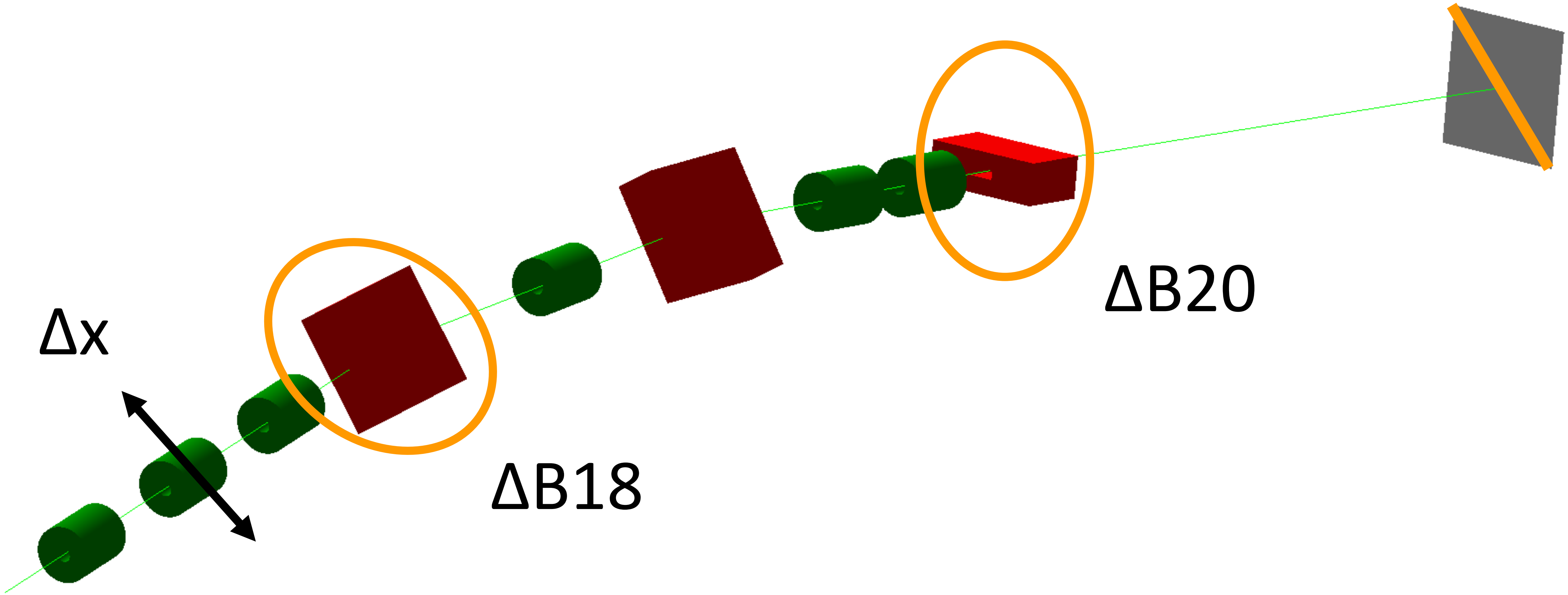

Misalignment of Quadrupole 18 by 1mm in x-direction

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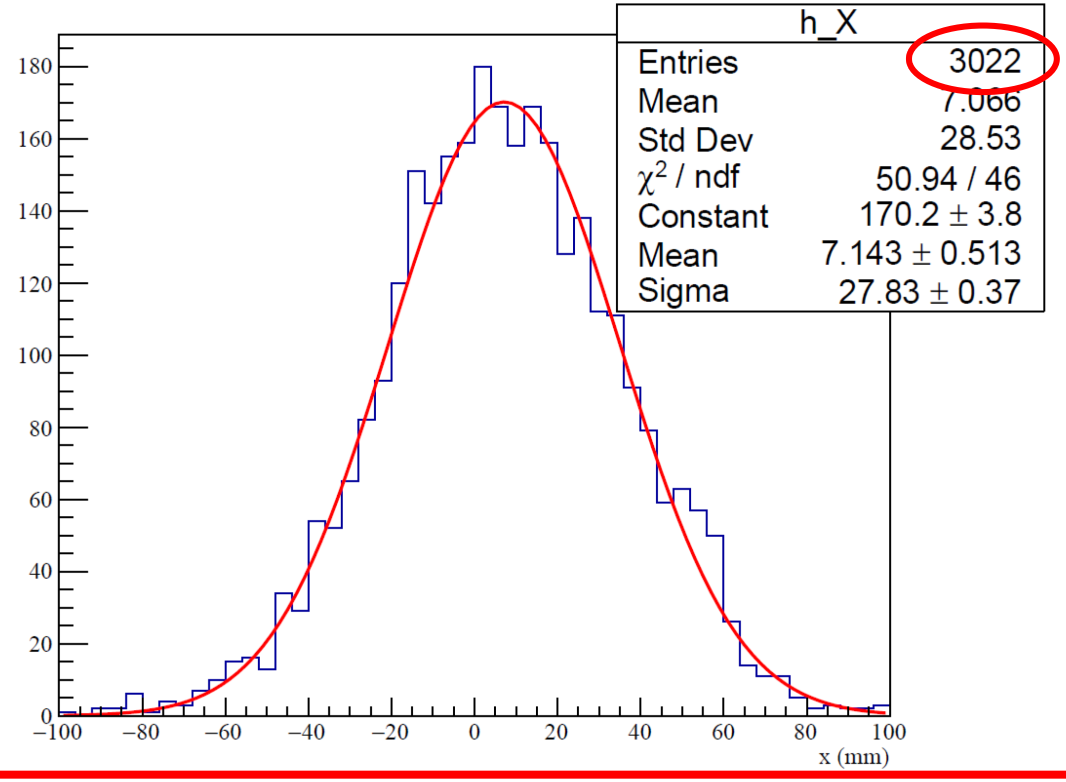

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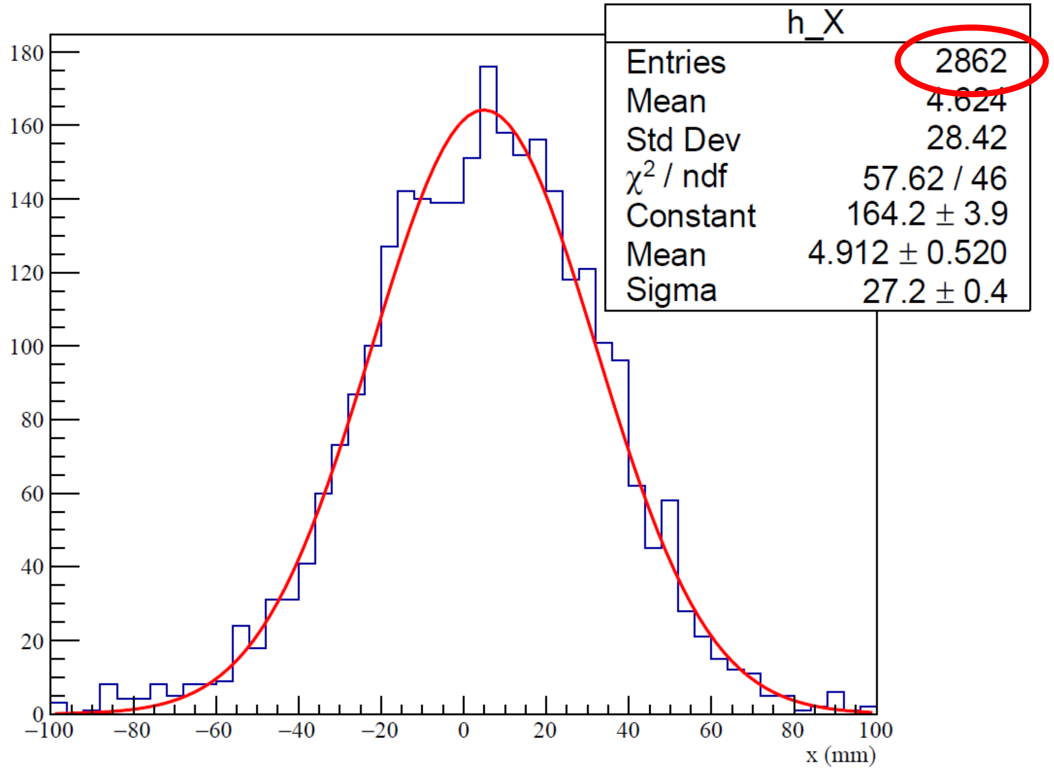
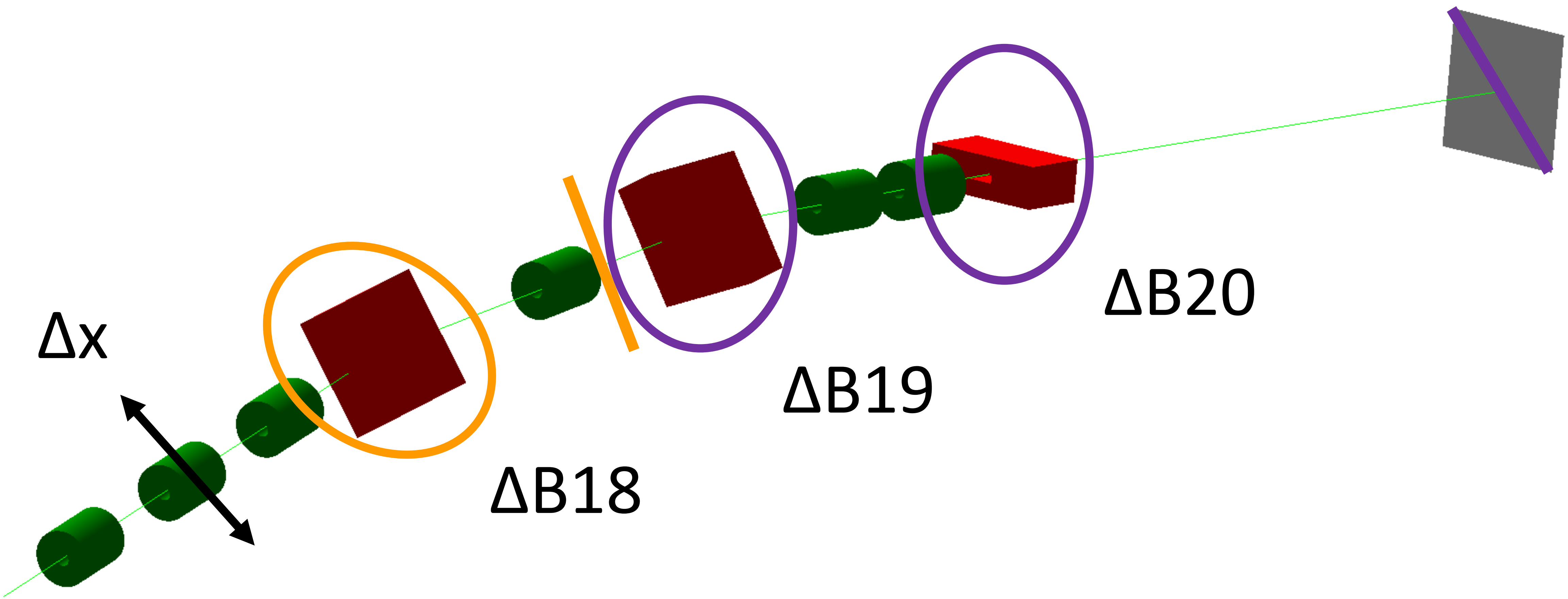


Conclusion: Correcting for the misalignment using CS1 resulted in more particle loss than leaving misalignment uncorrected.

Correction Scheme 2



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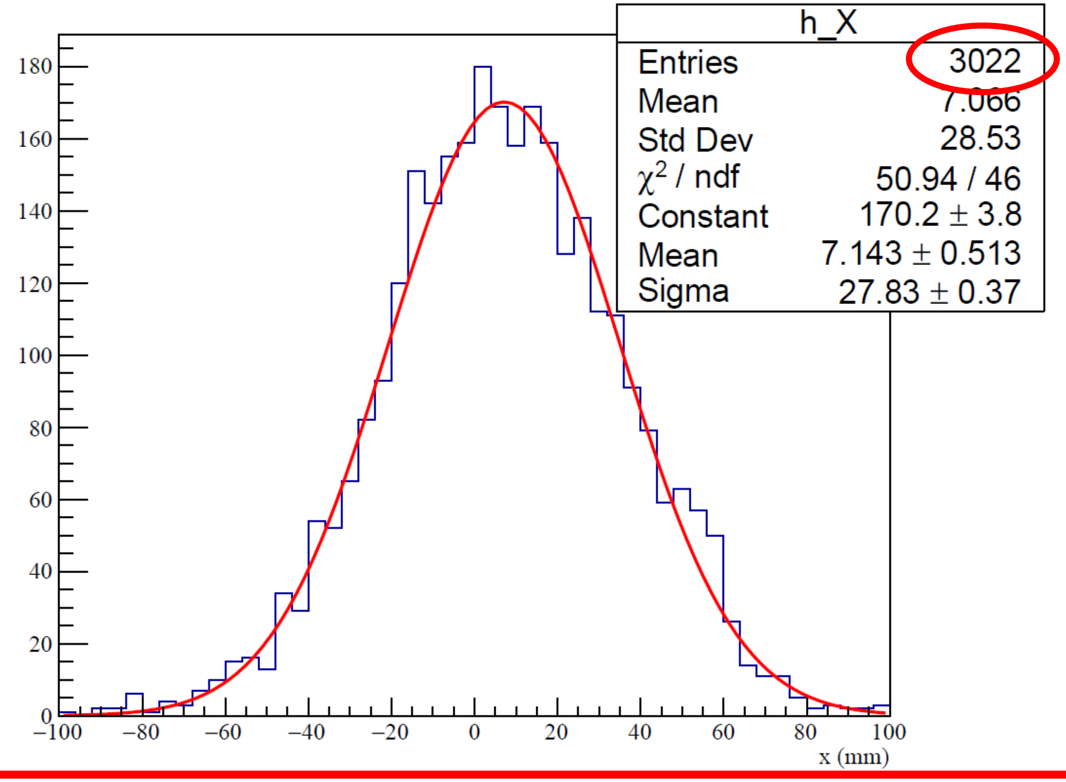

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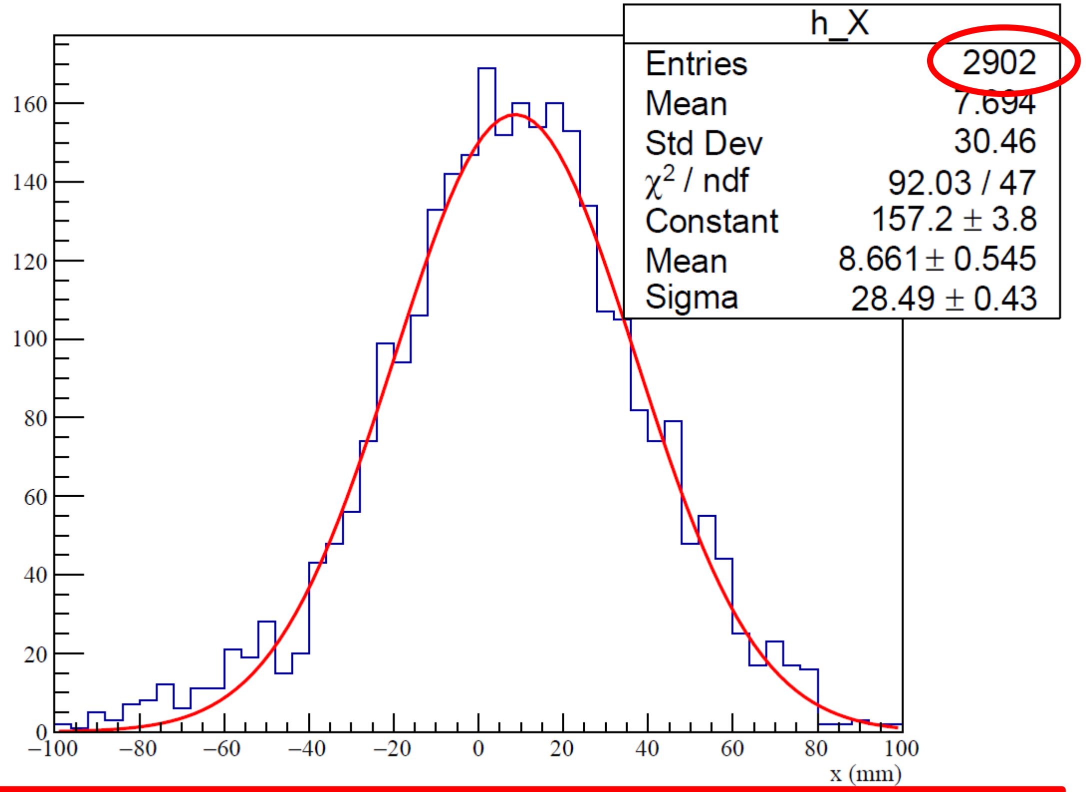
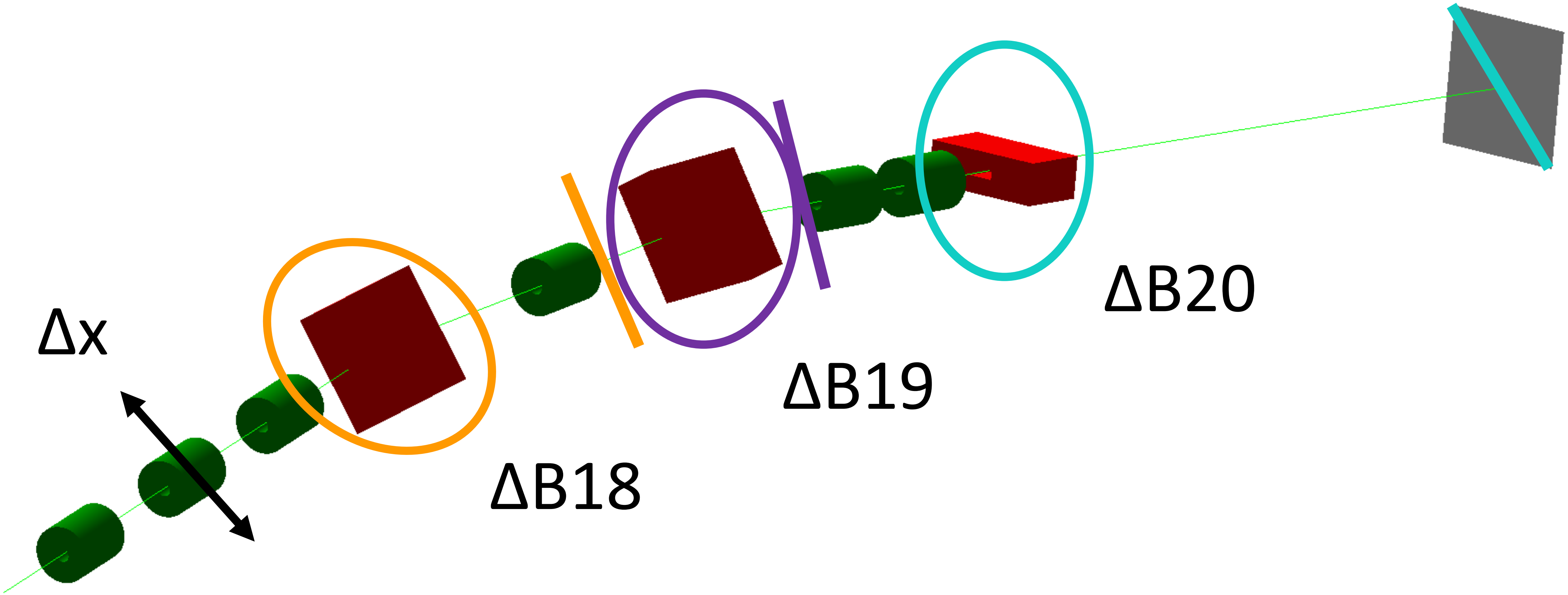


Conclusion: Correcting for the misalignment using CS2 resulted in more particle loss than leaving misalignment uncorrected.

Correction Scheme 3



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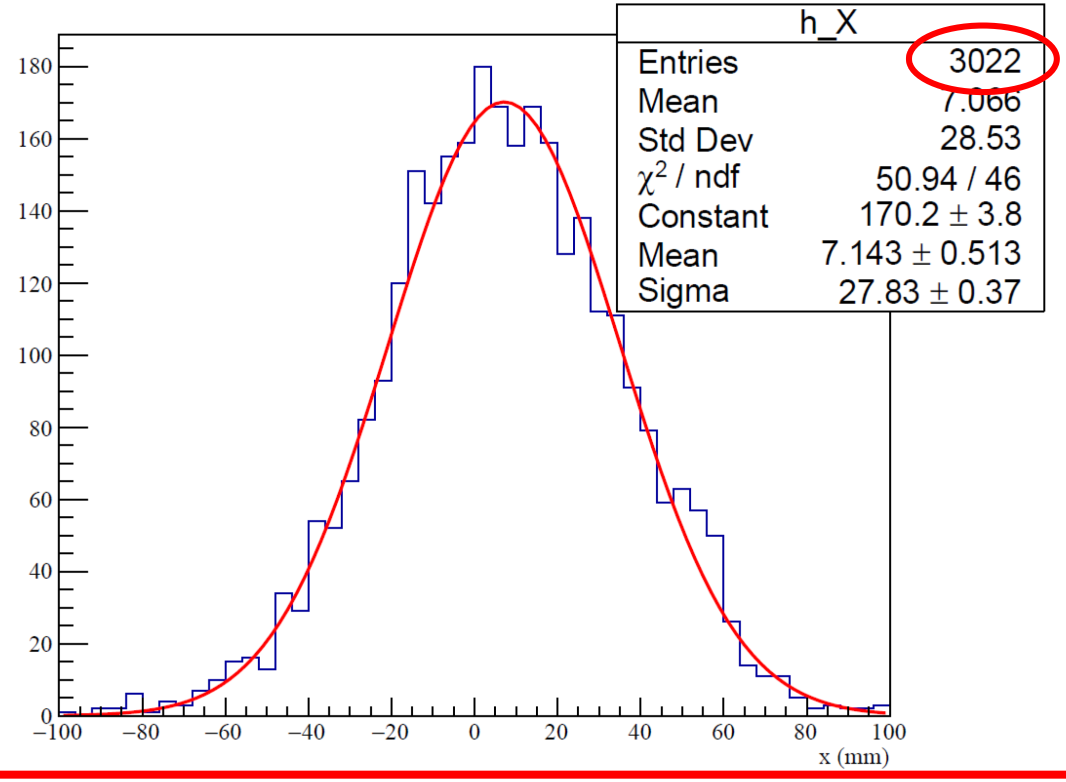

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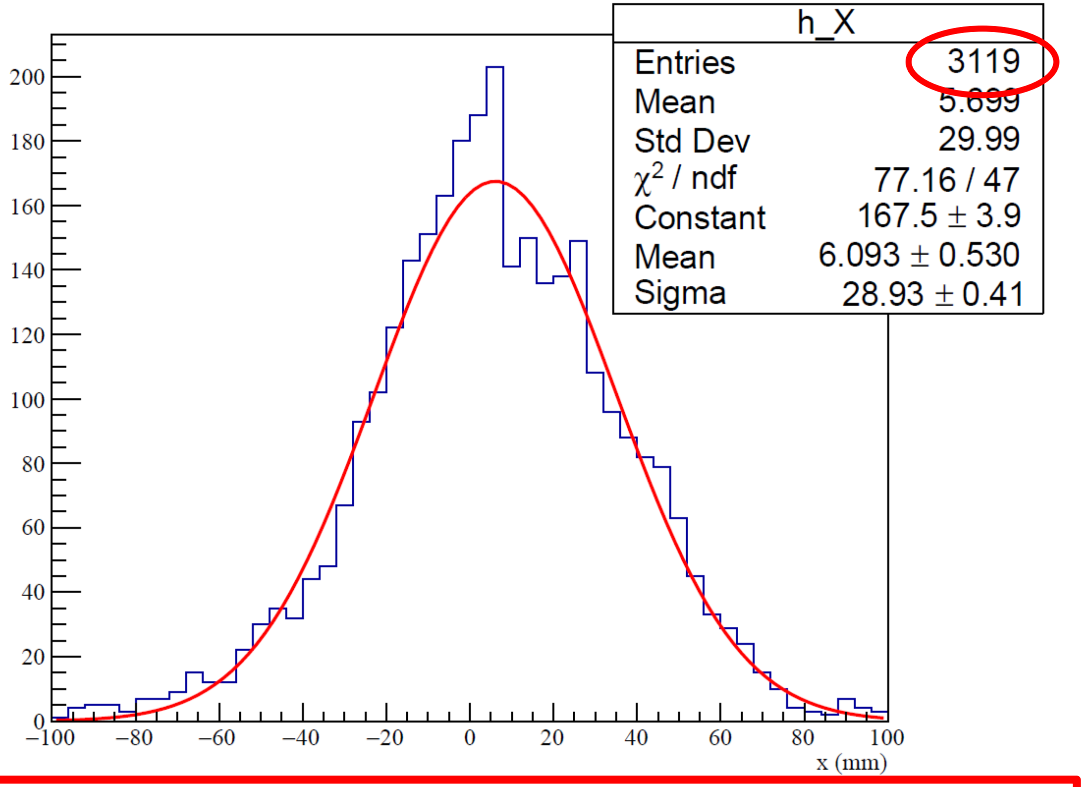

Conclusion: Correcting for the misalignment using CS3 resulted in more particle detections compared with no correction.

Conclusion

Achievements

- Creation and benchmarking of the simplified G4Beamline model
- Exploring the options for misalignment correction

Future Work

- Investigate further misalignments in a similar fashion
  - Already know change of position based on changing magnetic fields in dipoles

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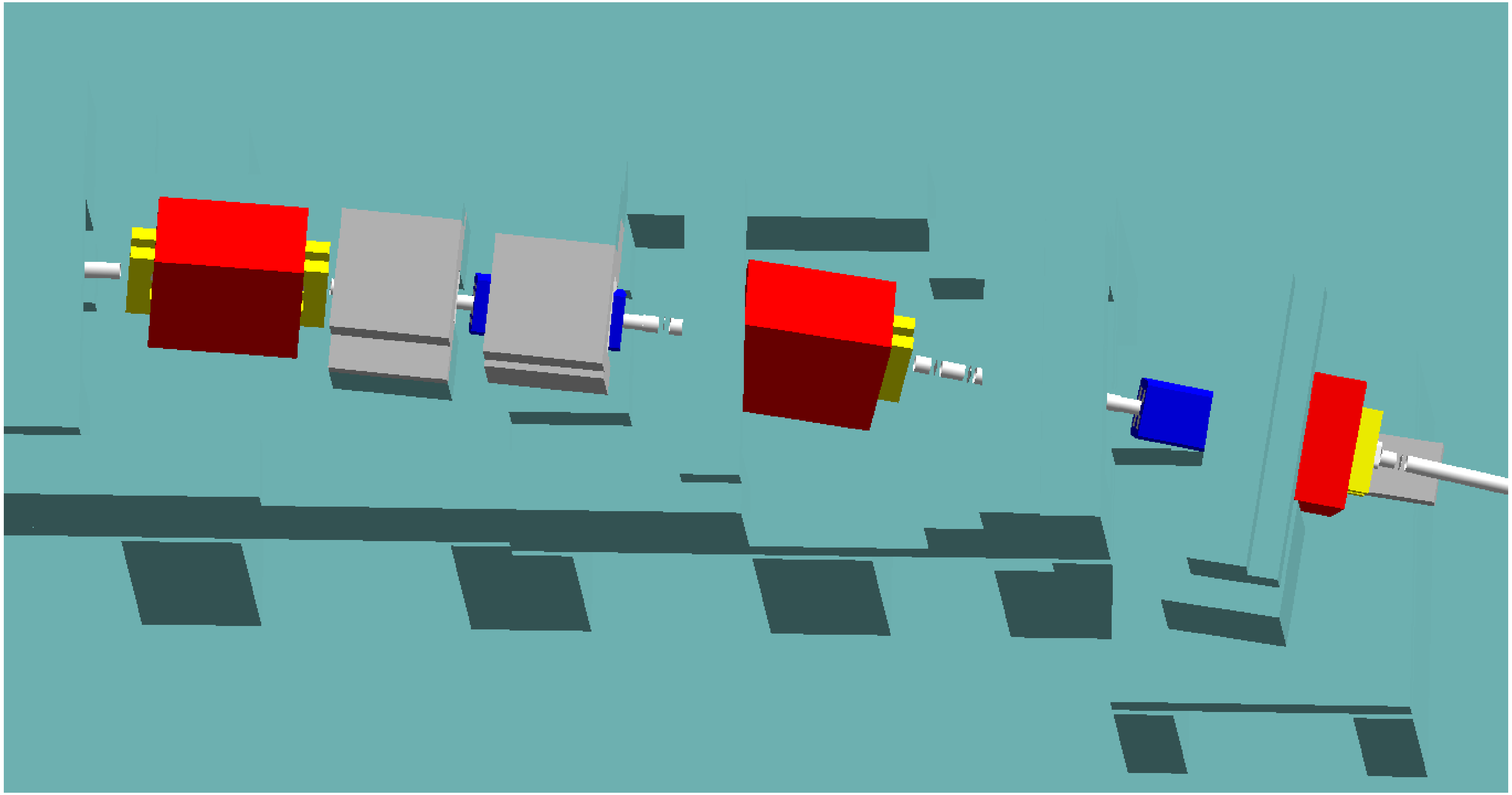
Full H4-VLE Simulation



Matrix Formalization

Focusing quadrupole, K >0:

$$\boxed{M_{foc} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\sqrt{K}s) & \frac{1}{\sqrt{K}}\sin(\sqrt{K}s) \\ -\sqrt{K}\sin(\sqrt{K}s) & \cos(\sqrt{K}s) \end{pmatrix}}$$

Defocusing quadrupole, K< 0:

$$\boxed{M_{defoc} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh(\sqrt{|K|}s) & \frac{1}{\sqrt{|K|}}\sinh(\sqrt{|K|}s) \\ \sqrt{|K|}\sin(\sqrt{|K|}s) & \cos(\sqrt{|K|}s) \end{pmatrix}}$$

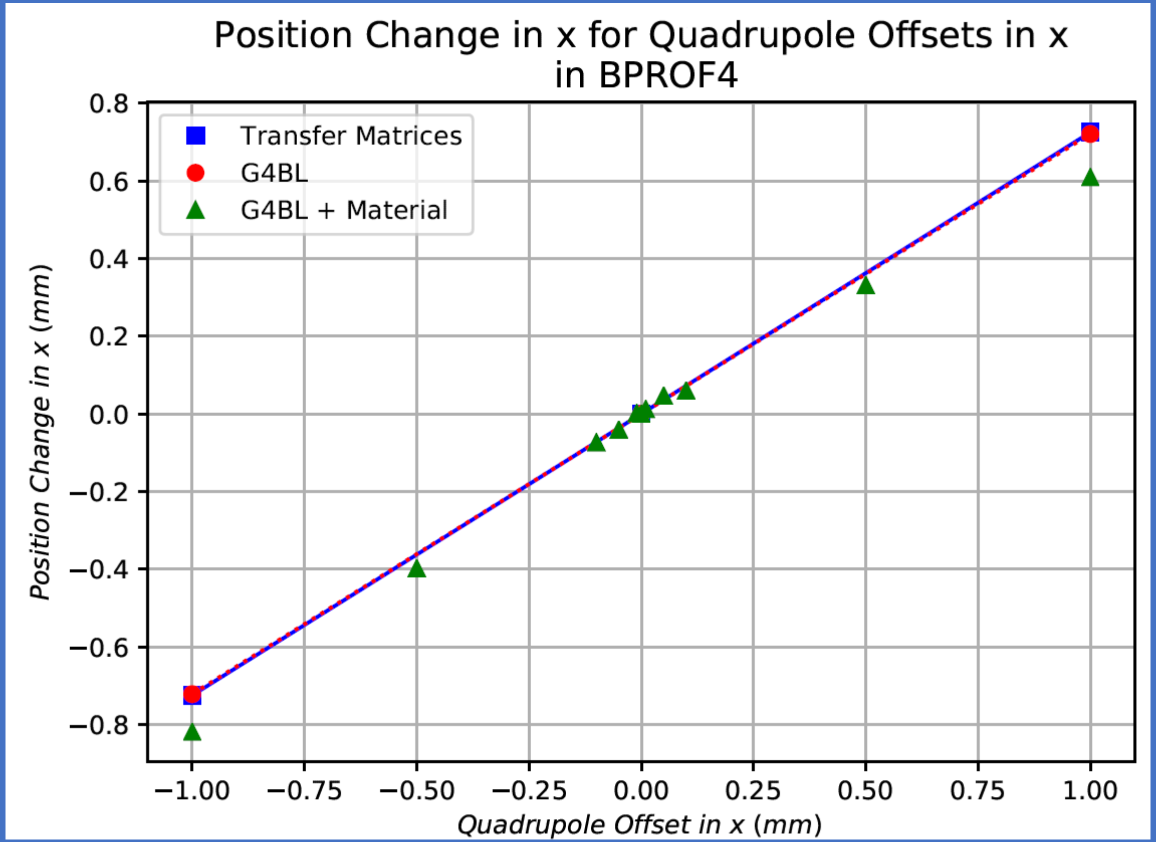
Drift space: length of drift space L

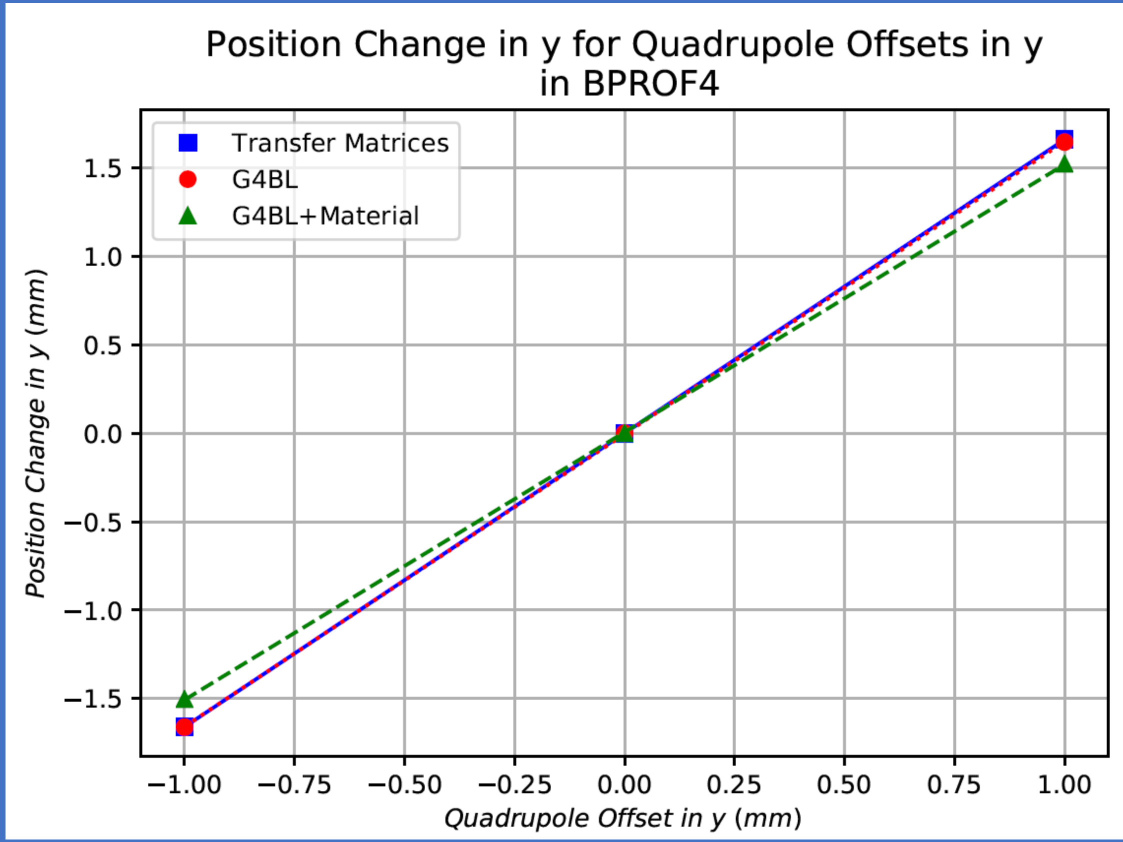
$$\boxed{M_{drift} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & L \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ x' \end{pmatrix} = M_{drift} \cdot M_{edge} \cdot M_{dipole} \cdot M_{edge} \cdot M_{drift} \cdot M_{foc} \cdot M_{drift} \cdot M_{defoc} \cdot M_{drift} \cdot M_{foc} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x'_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Matrix formalism

Developed a Mathematica routine for beam optics calculations using transfer matrices to compared with G4Beamline Monte Carlo simulation





Differences between Transfer Matrices and TRANSPORT

Beam Element	R11 (mm)	R12 (mm)	R21 (mm)	R22 (mm)	R33 (mm)	R34 (mm)	R43 (mm)	R44 (mm)
Q17	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Q18	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Q19	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
B18	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Q20	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
B19	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Q21	0.002	0.003	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Q22	0.002	0.006	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000
B20	0.002	0.005	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Final x-position for 1mm Misalignment of Quadrupole 18 in y-direction

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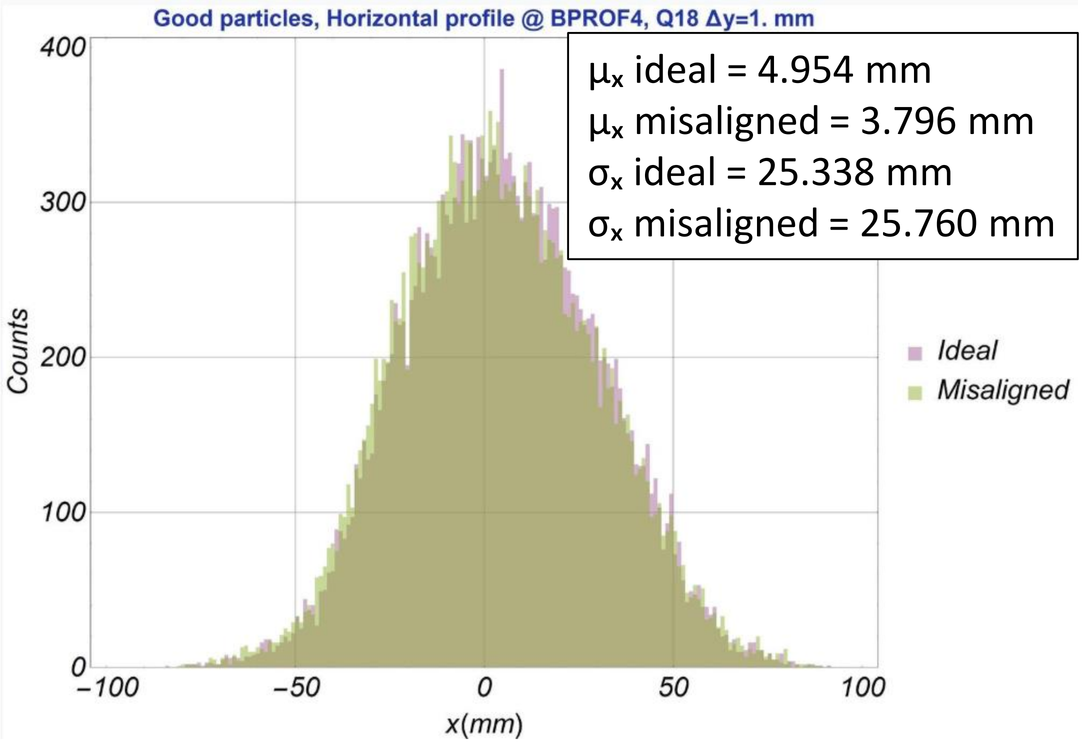
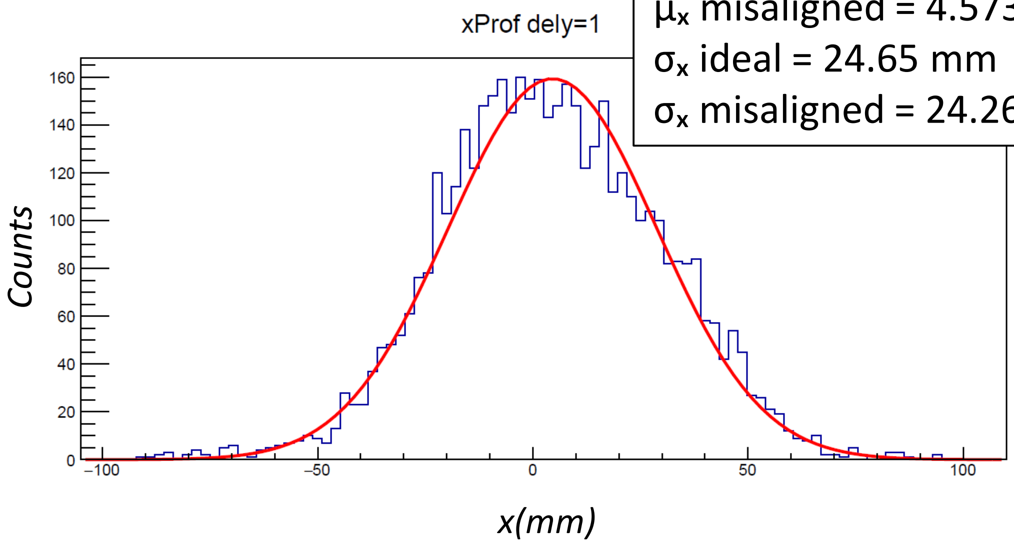
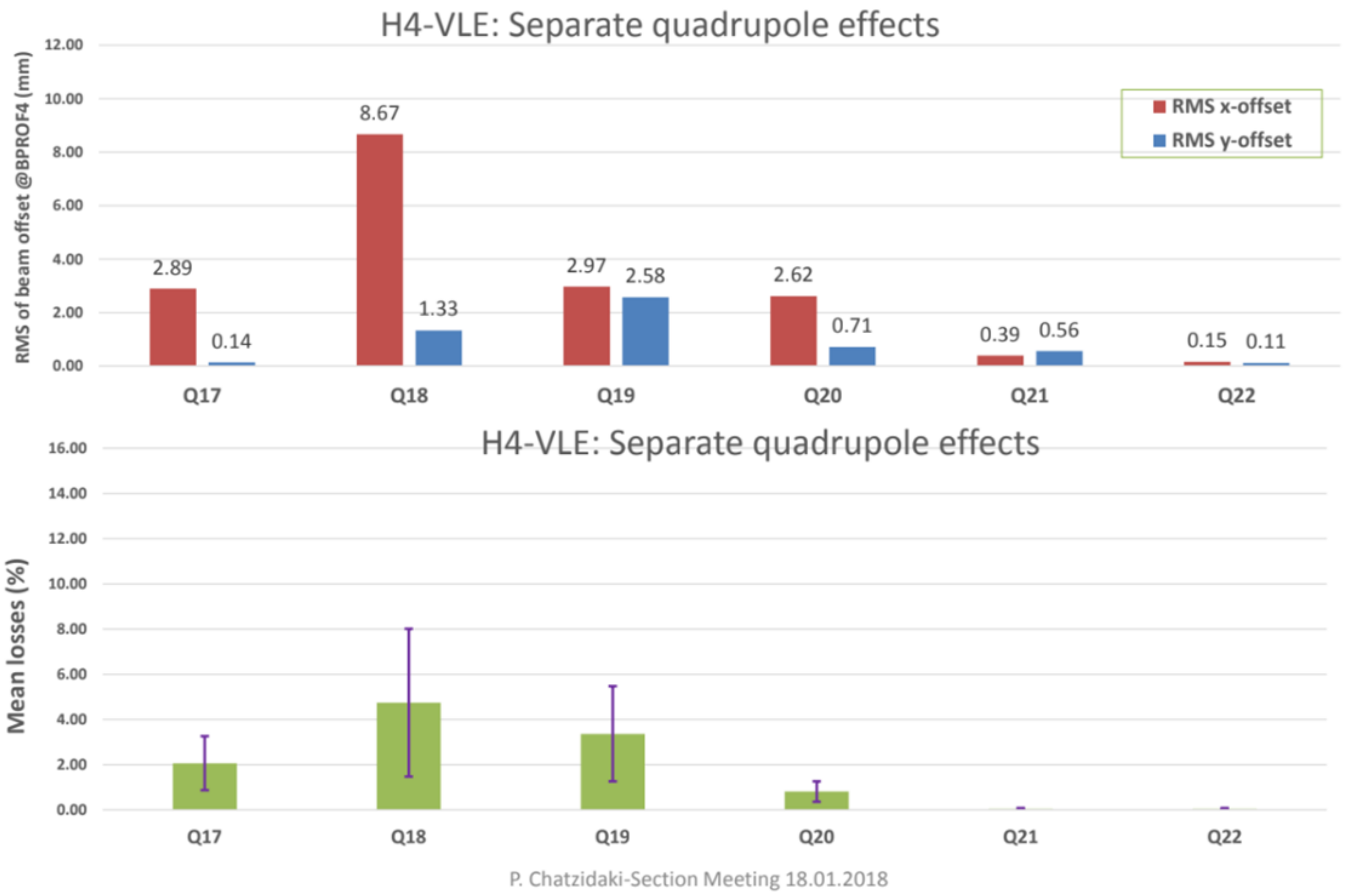


μ_x ideal = 4.954 mm
μ_x misaligned = 3.796 mm
σ_x ideal = 25.338 mm
σ_x misaligned = 25.760 mm

G4Beamline



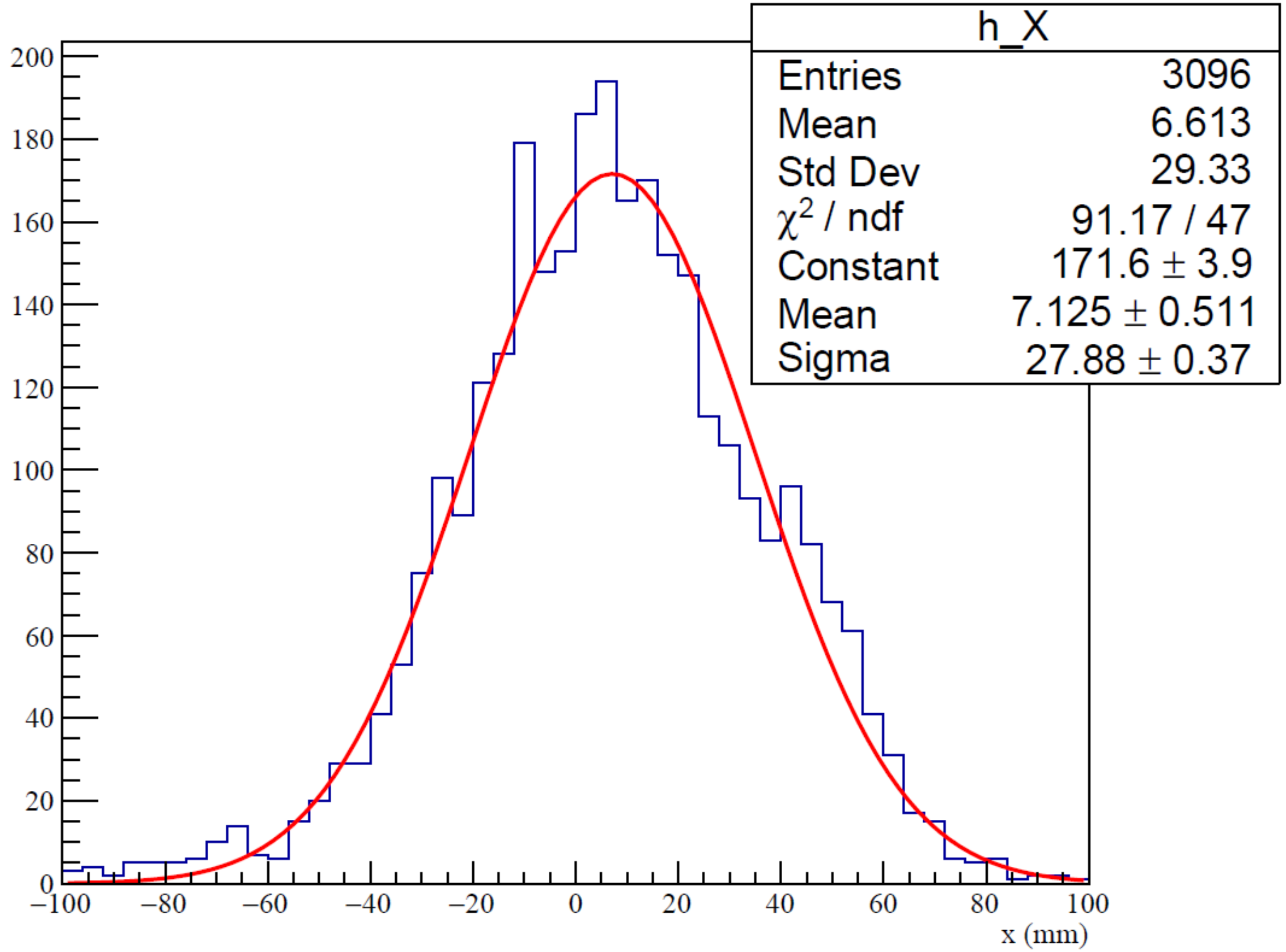
μ_x ideal = 6.27 mm
μ_x misaligned = 4.573 mm
σ_x ideal = 24.65 mm
σ_x misaligned = 24.26 mm



Previous studies of this beamline by a master's student found this type of misalignment to be the most critical for final position

Misalignment of Quadrupole 18 in the x-direction

Final Positions of Particles with No Misalignments



Loss of Particles at BPROF1

- Collimator in the beamline after first dipole; particles hit collimator and do not continue trajectory
- Loss of particles on one side when quadrupole is misaligned
- Non-symmetric beam