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Results with a first fibre-structured plastic scintillator
prototype (Work package 2.4)

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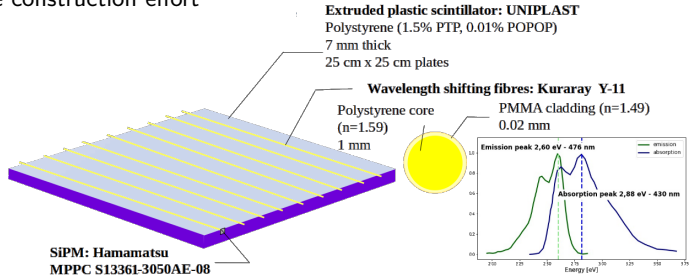


Overview

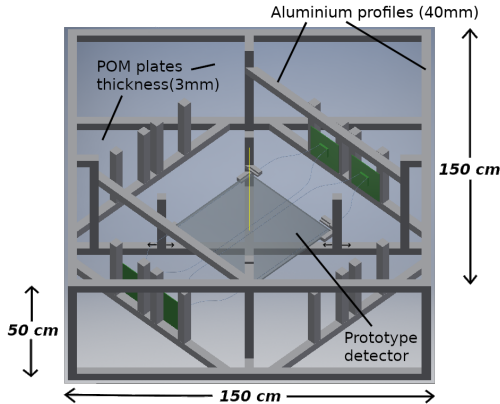
- Generic R&D: plastic-scintillator based tracker and/or calorimeter using plastic scintillator plates structured with wavelength shifting fibres
- Close collaboration between:
 - **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin:** Darkbox, Prototype testing, photon transport simulations, data analysis
 - **Justus-Liebig Universität Gießen:** scintillator characterization, SiPM array, SiPM amplifier, general support
 - **Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz:** Link to SplitCal, general support
 - **Technische Universität München:** prototype preparation (milling, gluing), teflon block for fiber coupling to SiPM array, general support

General Idea

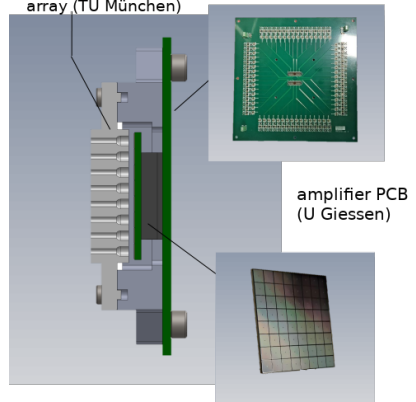
- Explore if a fibre-structured scintillator detector can be built with:
 - 3D spatial information
 - sufficient light yield in the individual fibres to obtain spatial and/or energy information
 - affordable costs
 - acceptable construction effort



Darkbox setup

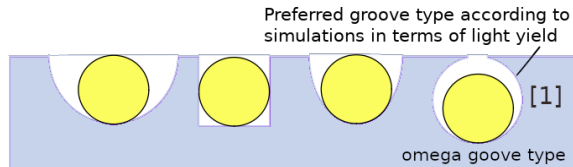
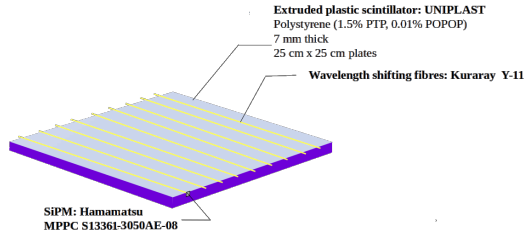


Teflon block to guide the fibers to the SiPM array (TU München)



Detector setup

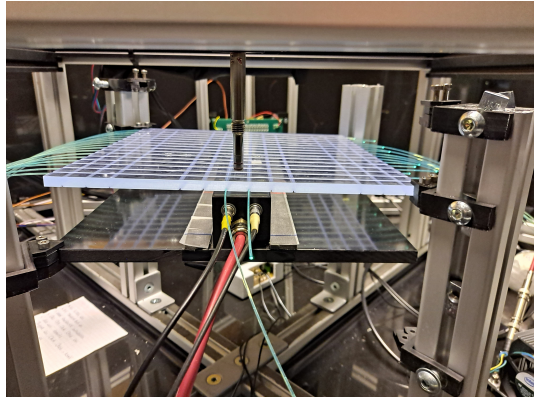
- One-sided fibre readout
- 80 cm total fibre length
- 45 cm distance between detector and SiPM array
- SiPM bias voltage (used):
 - 58.0 V
- SiPM array readout:
 - via Wavecatcher



¹The CMS Outer Hadron Calorimeter- Acharva, Bannaje Sripathi et al - CMS-NOTE-2006-127

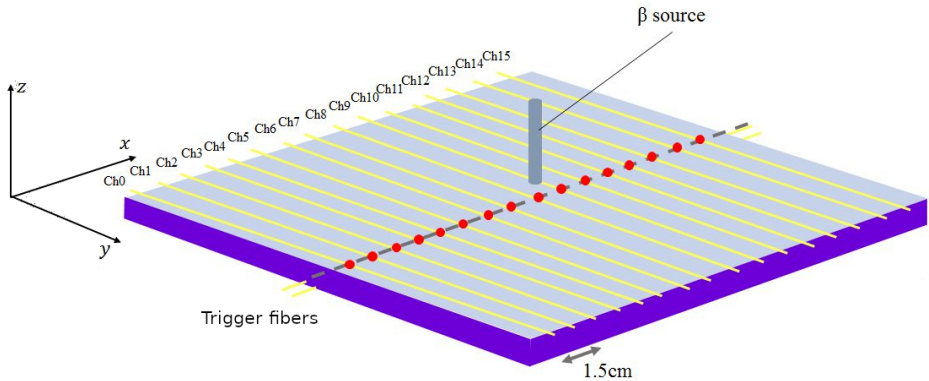
Trigger setup

- Triggerbox² built by:
 - U Hamburg
 - DESY Zeuthen
- Trigger box power supply:
 - 780 V
 - 287 mA
- Trigger with one PE threshold on both triggerbox channels and two additional fibres



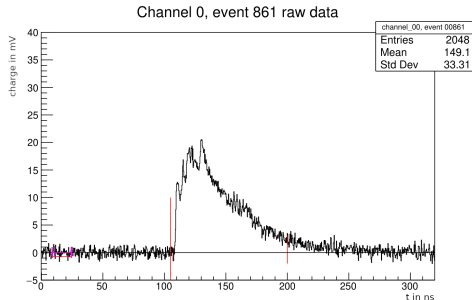
²https://indico.cern.ch/event/198640/contributions/1480489/attachments/294406/411441/Sr_setup.FCAL.pdf

Measurement setup

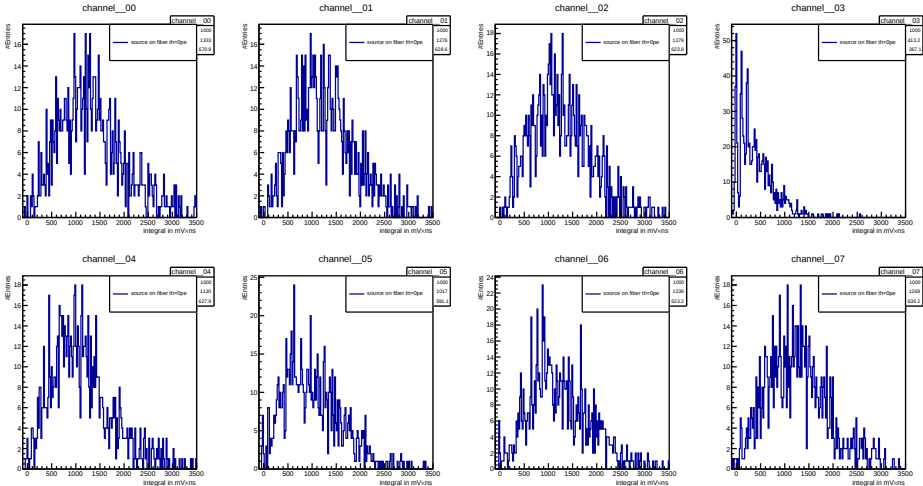


Integration of charge signal

- Integration of the signal within the integration window (95 ns)
- Window is determined starting from the maximum
- Start of window:
 - 25 ns before maximum
- End of window:
 - 70 ns after maximum



Charge histograms for source above corresponding channel



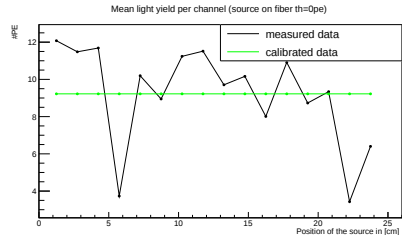
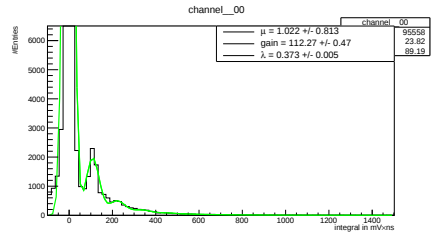
Conversion to photoelectron number (#PE)

- Darkcount measurement to estimate the gain of each channel
- Darkcount fit: Convolution of a Poisson distribution with a Gaussian distribution
- PE number = integral / gain
- Calibration of the light yield per fibre so that each fibre has the same mean light yield

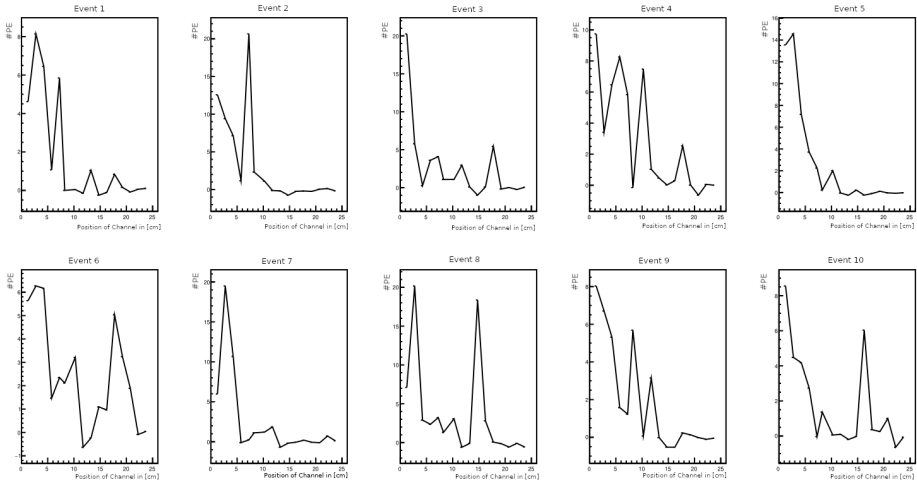
$$meas_{i,cali} = meas_i \cdot \frac{total\ pe\ mean}{light\ yield_i}$$

$meas_i$ = measured light yield in channel i

$light\ yield_i$ = mean light yield of channel i



How single events can look like (Source position 1.25 cm)



Position reconstruction algorithm

Method 1:

- Weighted mean
 - over all channels (16)

$$pos_{mean} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{ch_{max}} weight_i \cdot pos_i}{\sum_{i=0}^{ch_{max}} weight_i}$$

Method 2:

- Truncated weighted mean
 - weighted mean over 3 adjacent channels
 - selection via highest weight

$$pos_{trunc} = \frac{\sum_{i=i_{max}-1}^{i_{max}+1} weight_i \cdot pos_i}{\sum_{i=i_{max}-1}^{i_{max}+1} weight_i}$$

$$i_{max} = \operatorname{argmax}_i \sum_{i-1}^{i+1} weight_i$$

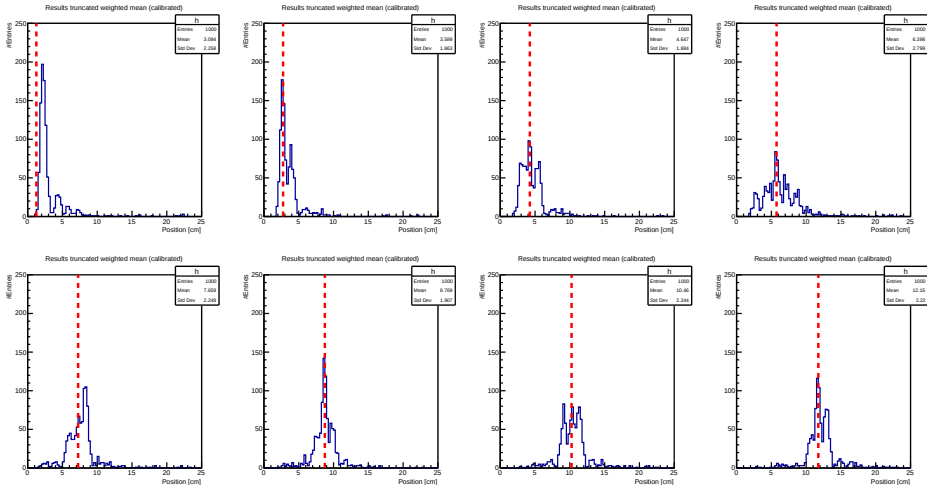
Weight:

- $weight_i = meas_i \cdot f_{cali} \cdot \sqrt{meas_i}$

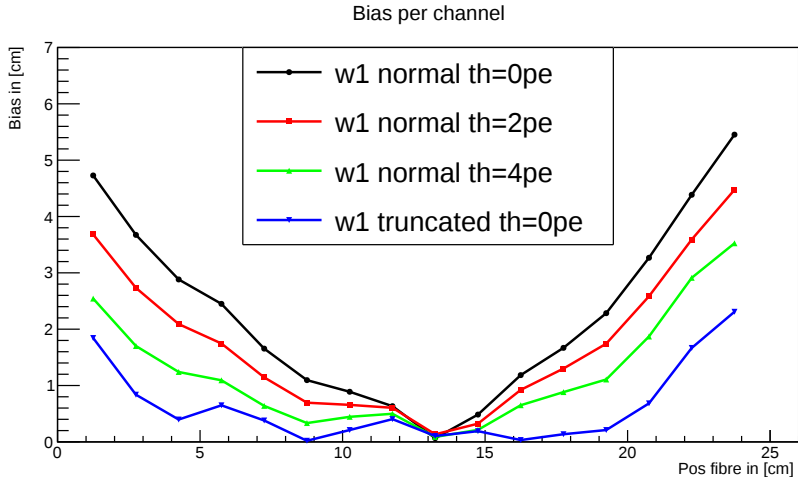
$$f_{cali} = \frac{total\ pe\ mean}{light\ yield_i}$$

$\hat{f}_{cali}$ = calibration function

Results for the truncated mean

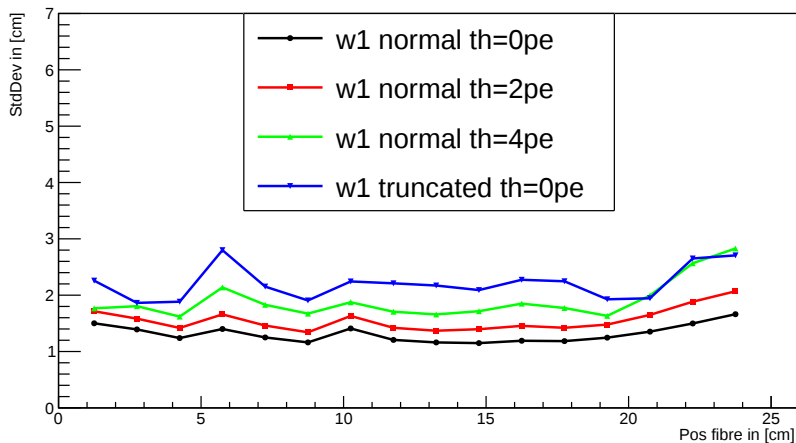


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StdDev per channel



Conclusion

- For a good spatial resolution, the absolute light yield needs to be increased
- Light yield will automatically increase by reading out both fibre sides and shortening the fibre length to the scintillator plate dimension
- Further studies on best configuration of reflectivity foil with respect to overall light yield and spatial resolution will be performed
- A first, very preliminary attempt with a neural net (not shown here), provides a significantly smaller bias and also better resolution than the mean and truncated mean estimators over the whole detector using only the raw calibration data!

Thank you for your attention

Fit function³ for SiPM photo-electron spectrum

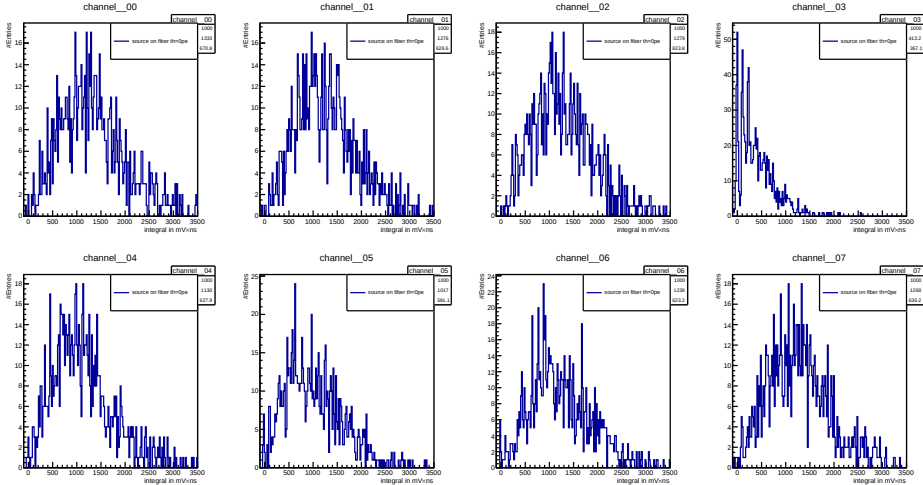
$$\sum_k N_0 \cdot \frac{\mu(\mu + k \cdot \lambda)^{k-1} \cdot e^{-\mu+k \cdot \lambda}}{k!} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \cdot \sigma_k}} e^{-\frac{(x_i(k \cdot G+B))^2}{2\sigma_k^2}} \right)$$

$$\sigma_k = \sqrt{(\sigma_0)^2 + (k \cdot \sigma_1)^2}$$

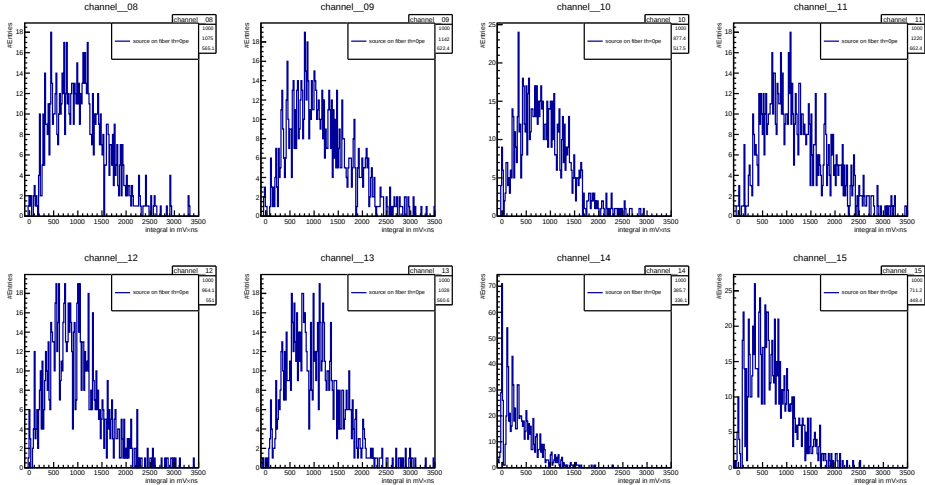
- μ = mean for generalized poisson distribution
- N_0 = normalization
- λ = Borel-branching parameter for prompt crosstalk probability
- σ_0 = width of the pedestal peak
- σ_1 = width of the first photoelectron peak
- G = gain
- B = pedestal value

³<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2017.02.049>

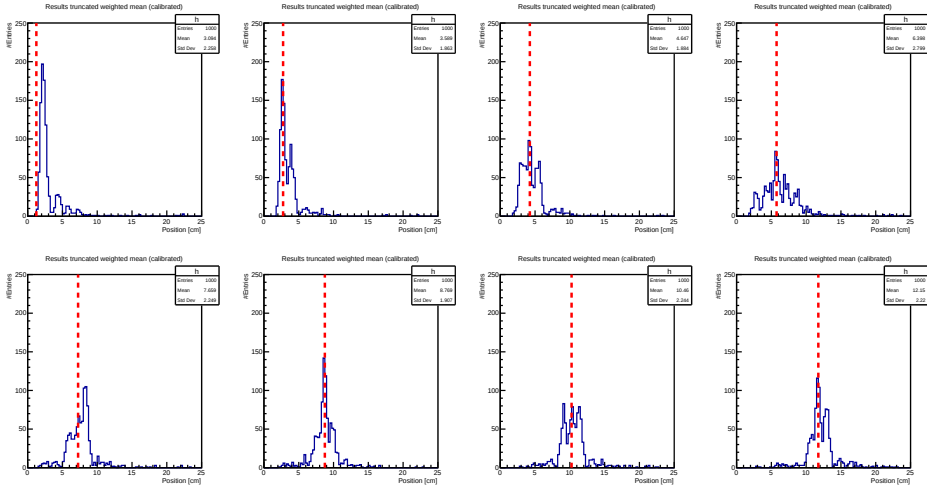
Charge spectrum ch 0 - 7



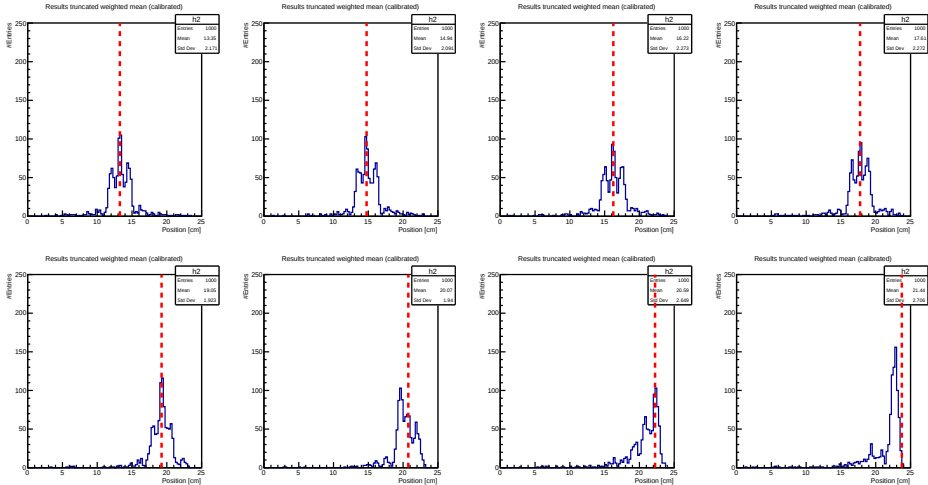
Charge spectrum ch 8 - 15



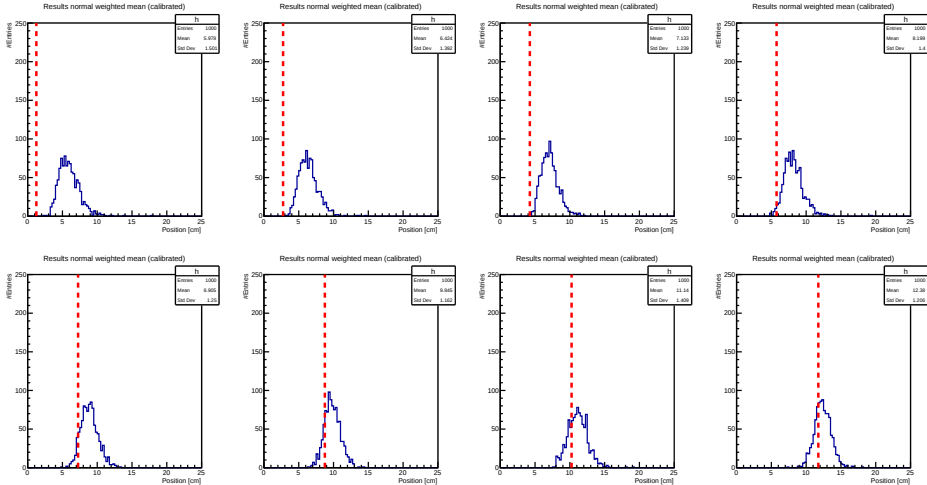
Results truncated mean ch 0 - 7



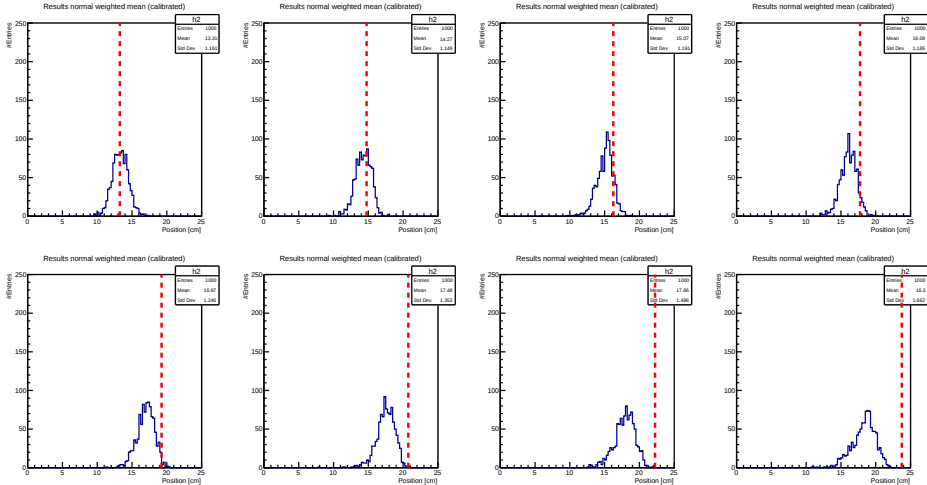
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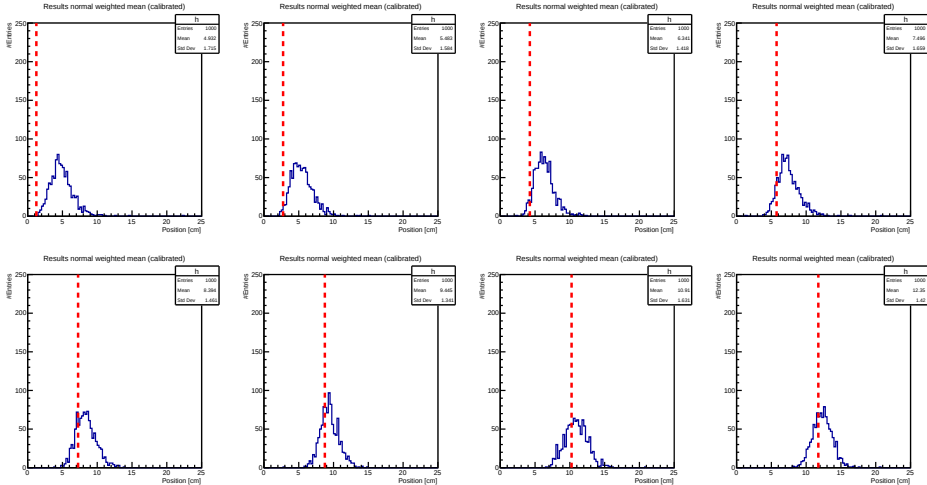
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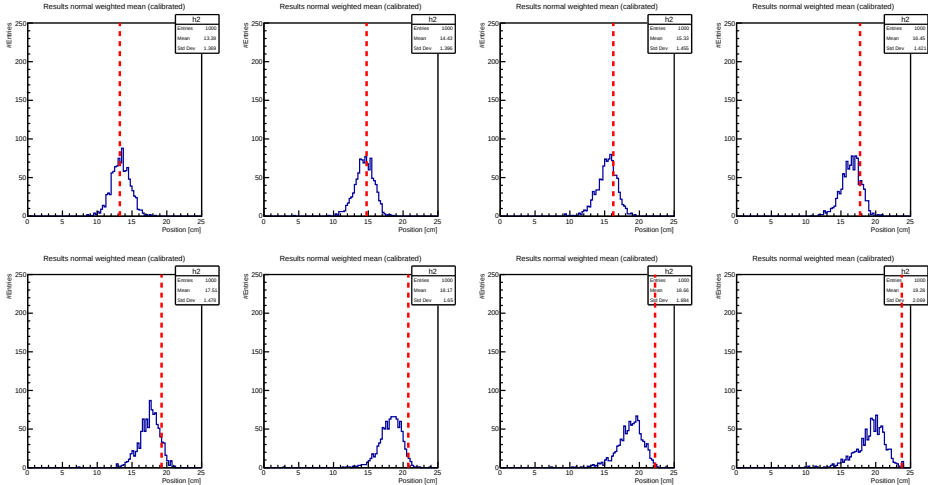
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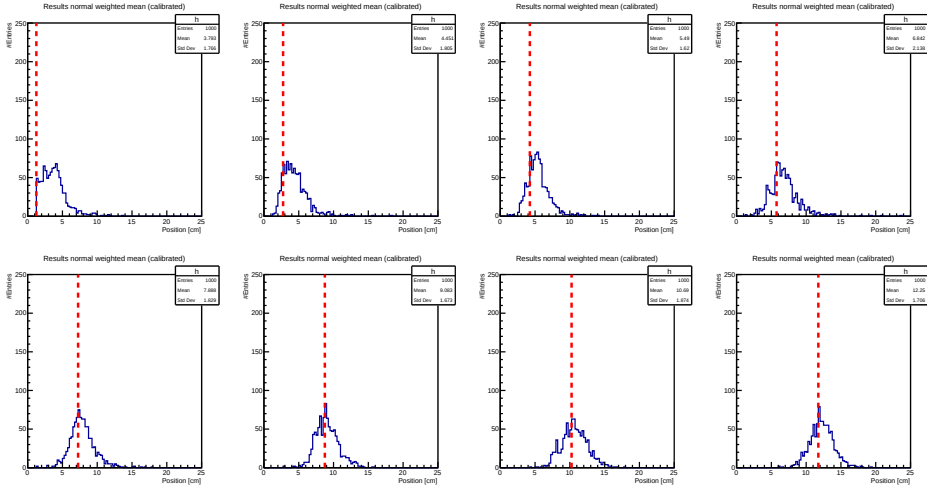
Results mean ($th = 2pe$) ch 0 - 7



Results mean ($th = 2pe$) ch 8 - 15



Results mean ($th = 4\text{ pe}$) ch 0 - 7



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