

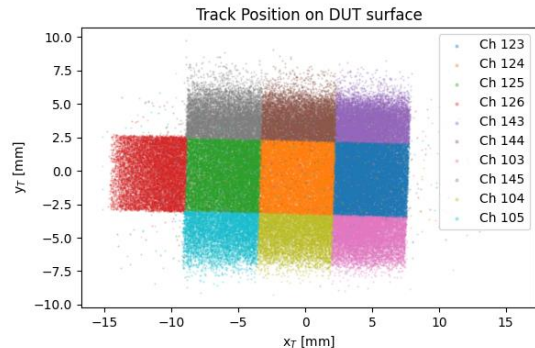
Unbinned likelihood approach

to telescope-calorimeter alignment

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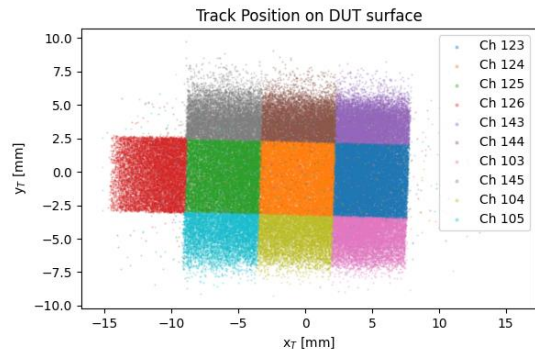


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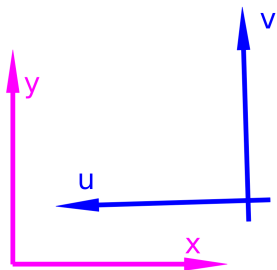
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And having a week free from teaching duties...

Alignment parameters



We need to transform track position (x,y) in the **telescope reference frame** to position (u,v) in the **calorimeter frame**.

(u,v) correspond to cell column and row number
(integer values for cell center)

General form of transformation:

$$u = -a_x (x \cos \phi + y \sin \phi) + u_0$$

$$v = a_y (-x \sin \phi + y \cos \phi) + v_0$$

note horizontal coordinate sign flip

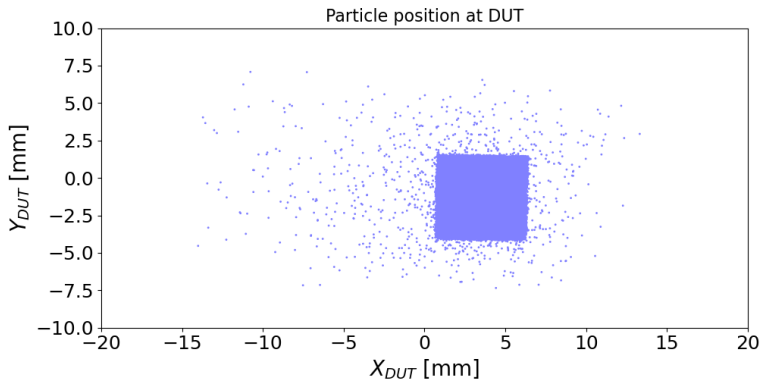
Main parameters: u_0 , v_0 and ϕ

Parameters a_x and a_y should reflect sensor cell size/pitch,
but we can also include them in the fit...

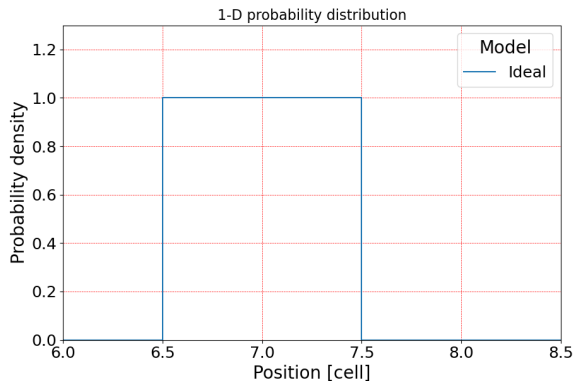
Likelihood definition

Example position distribution for events with cell #94 hit in plane #0, run 1492.

For the perfect detector performance, we should just see a square



Likelihood definition



example plot for $i = 7$

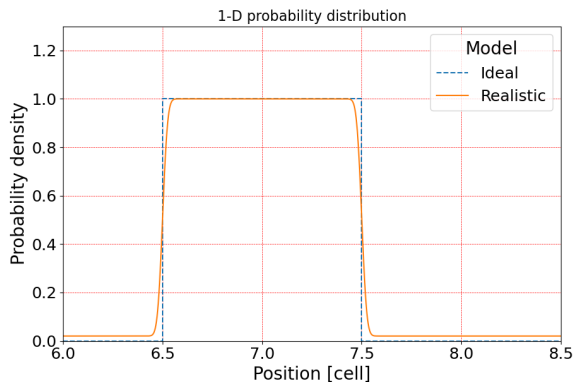
1-D probability density model

For the ideal detector:

$$p(v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } |u - i| < 0.5 \\ 0 & \text{for } |u - i| \geq 0.5 \end{cases}$$

where i is the column number of the cell

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1-D probability density model

Realistic detector, assuming finite telescope position resolution (σ) and noise (p_0):

$$p(v) = p_1 \cdot SF\left(\frac{|u - i| - \frac{1}{2}}{\sigma}\right) + p_0$$

where $SF()$ is the “survival function” of the normal distribution (from SciPy library)

σ can be an additional model parameter
 p_1 and p_0 should rather be fixed

Unbinned likelihood

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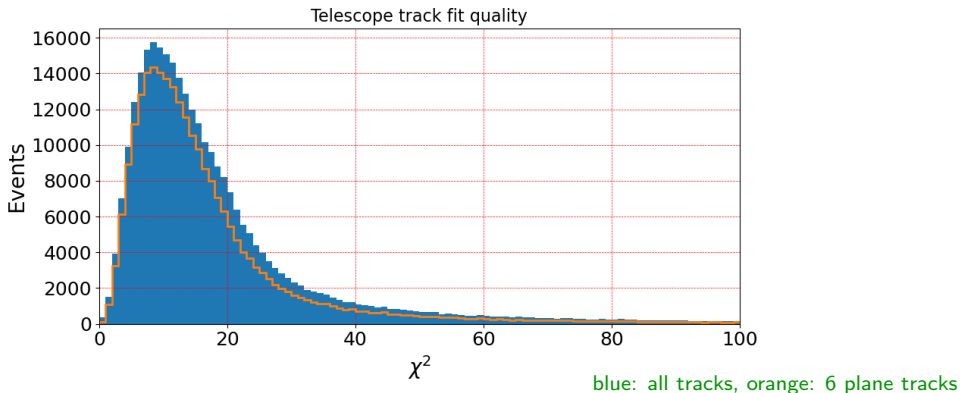
These parameters can be then obtained by maximizing $\mathcal{L}$ or minimizing the function:

$$-2 \cdot \ell = -2 \cdot \ln \mathcal{L} \approx \chi^2$$

I just tried 'minimize' method from SciPy 'optimize' library and it worked...

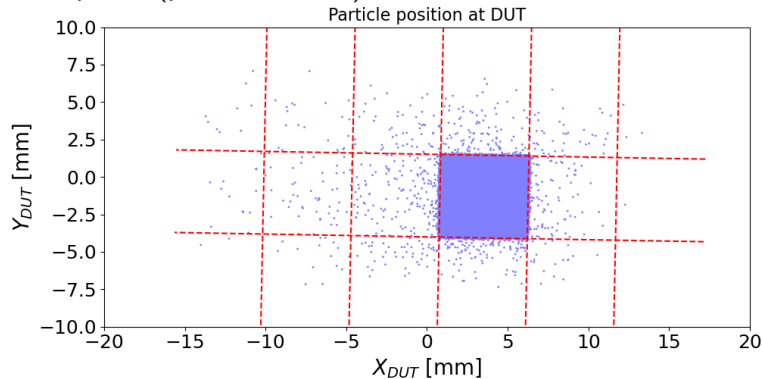
Data sample

Presented results were obtained for data from Run 1492, selecting events with only one telescope track, fitted to all planes, with $\chi^2 < 20$:



Single cell fit

Example fit (plane 0, cell 94)



Alignment from 3 parameter fit:

$$u_0 = 18.64495 \pm 0.00081$$

$$v_0 = 7.22515 \pm 0.00147$$

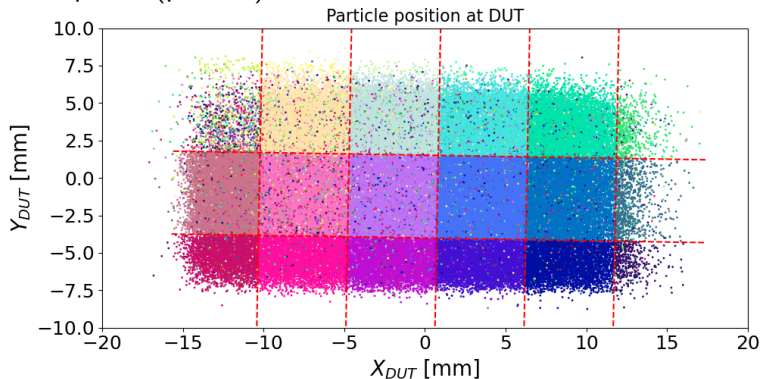
$$\phi = -0.01953 \pm 0.00192$$

position in “cell units”

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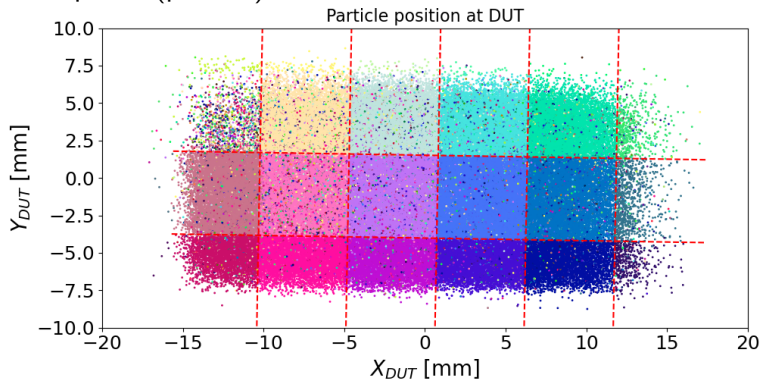
$$\phi = -0.01758 \pm 0.00021$$

σ_ϕ reduced by order of magnitude!

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Alignment from 5 parameter fit:

$$u_0 = 18.64439 \pm 0.00027$$

$$v_0 = 7.22587 \pm 0.00030$$

$$\phi = -0.01760 \pm 0.00021$$

$$a_x^{-1} = 5.51901 \pm 0.00131 \text{ mm}$$

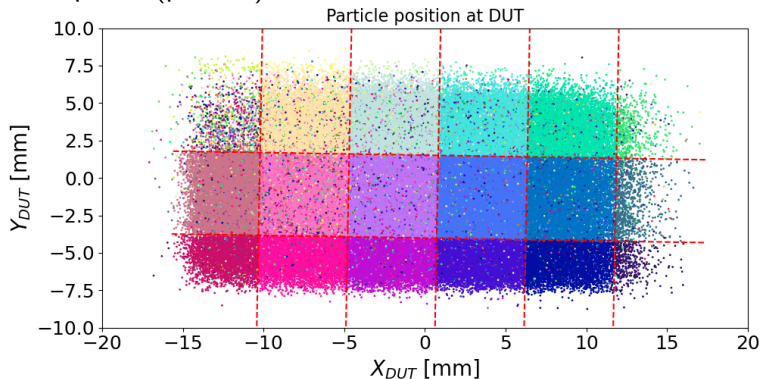
$$a_y^{-1} = 5.52846 \pm 0.00286 \text{ mm}$$

matches the expected pitch

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Alignment from 7 parameter fit:

$$u_0 = 18.64460 \pm 0.00022$$

$$v_0 = 7.22609 \pm 0.00025$$

$$\phi = -0.01748 \pm 0.00017$$

$$a_x^{-1} = 5.51887 \pm 0.00108 \text{ mm}$$

$$a_y^{-1} = 5.52968 \pm 0.00246 \text{ mm}$$

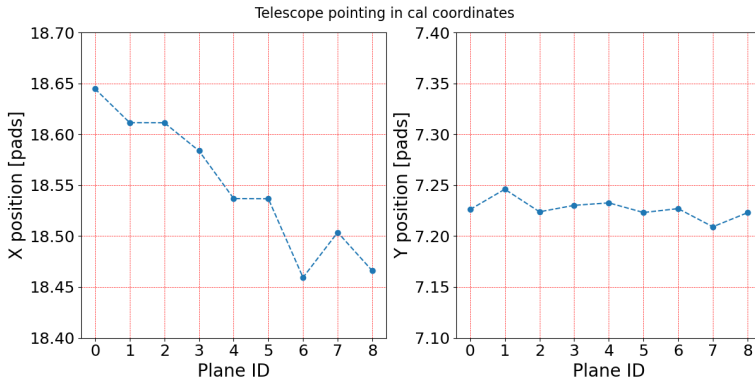
$$\sigma_x = a_x \cdot 76.86 \pm 1.37 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$$

$$\sigma_y = a_y \cdot 76.54 \pm 1.66 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$$

independent telescope precision estimate

Multi-cell fit with 7 parameters

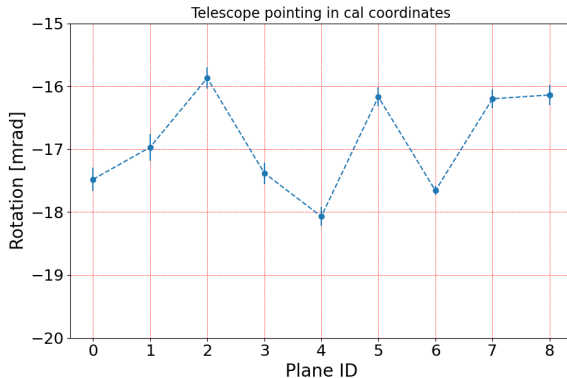
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Horizontal dependence (~ 1 mm shift) corresponds to about 0.7° rotation

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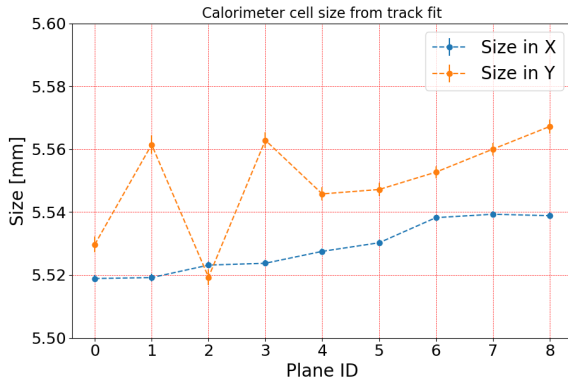


Consistent results between planes ($\phi \approx 1^\circ$).

Mechanical precision: $\frac{10\mu\text{m}}{50\text{mm}} = 0.2 \text{ mrad}$

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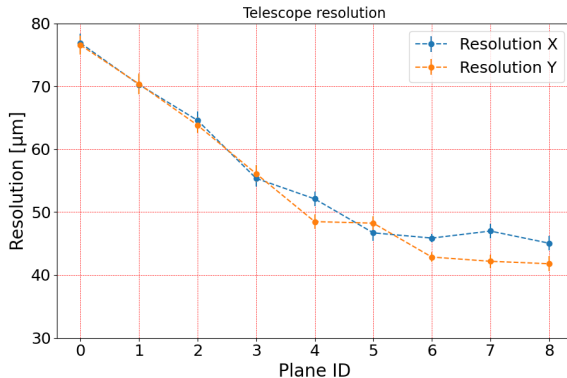


Clear dependency on the plane ID: beam divergence?

Nominal pixel pitch is 5.53 mm.

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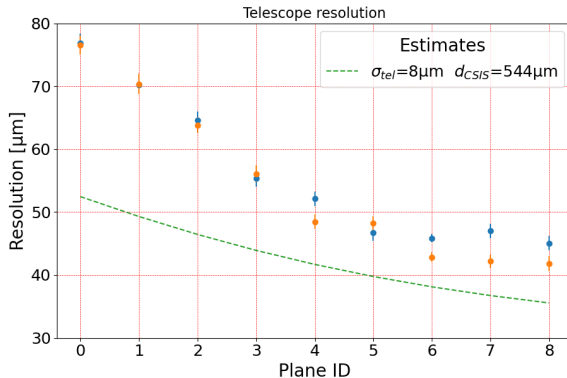
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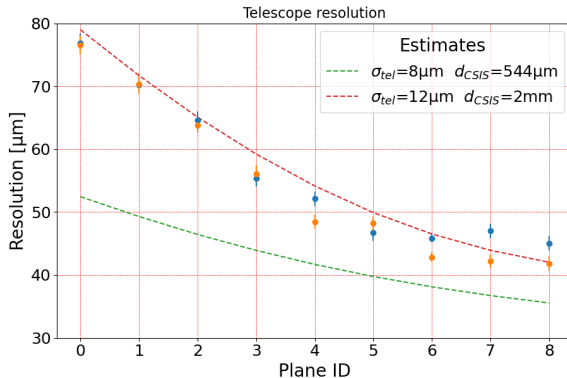
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Beam enters from the right ?! Does not match expected dependence ?!

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Beam enters from the right ?! Telescope performance worse and more multiple scattering ?!

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- data selection (removal of noisy cells?)
- fit convergence (fails for data of poor quality)