

Notes and updates on tracking

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Motivation

Triggered by Mark's talk at our meeting and the discussion that followed, I had a look at the RefitFinal processor (and in general the tracking workflow outside of ACTS).

- Update of ACTS to fix seeding considered outside of scope of paper

Findings:

- In RefFinal
 - Max_Chi2_Incr argument ignored
 - _ReducedChi2Cut argument ignored
 - Suspicious re-initialisation of fit (L157) and finalisation of LCIO track with older interface
 - Number of fit outliers only available here
- In TrackSelector
 - Refit Tracks lose track of holes, so can't cut on these if not right out of actstracking
 - Unsure if number of hits per subsystem properly counted

MarlinTrkProcessors 2.18.2

Updated the processor to take care of all points on previous slide

<https://github.com/MuonColliderSoft/MarlinTrkProcessors/tree/v02-18-02-MC>

- Exception: propagation of the number of holes and fit outliers (would require major re-architecting of EDM and processors)

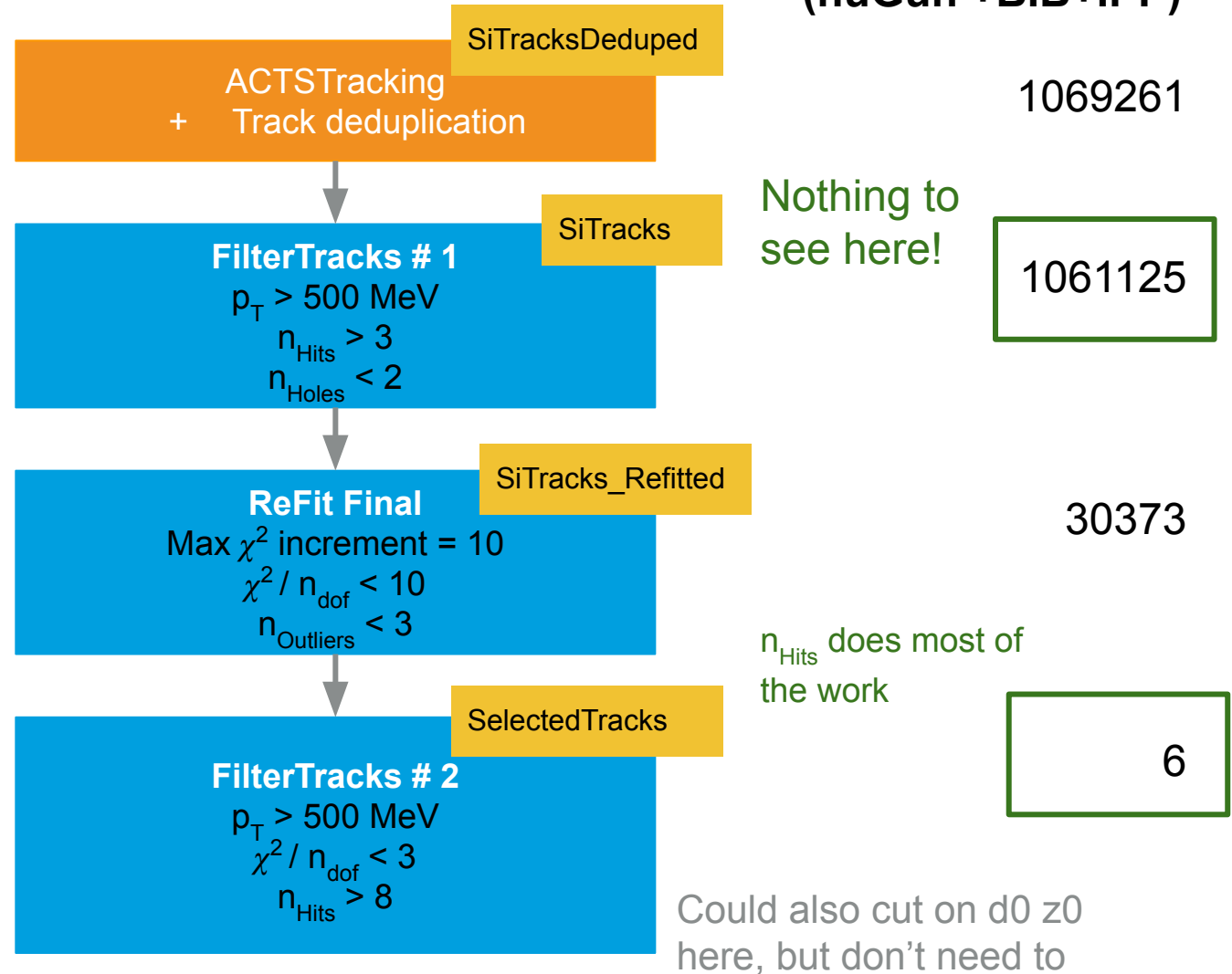
Furthermore:

- RefitFinal
 - allows to add a cut on the maximum number of outliers in a track fit
- TrackSelector
 - Added option to cut on maximum d0
 - Added option to cut on maximum z0
 - Fixed implementation of chi2 cut, cuts implemented as > instead of >=

A (somewhat) convoluted workflow

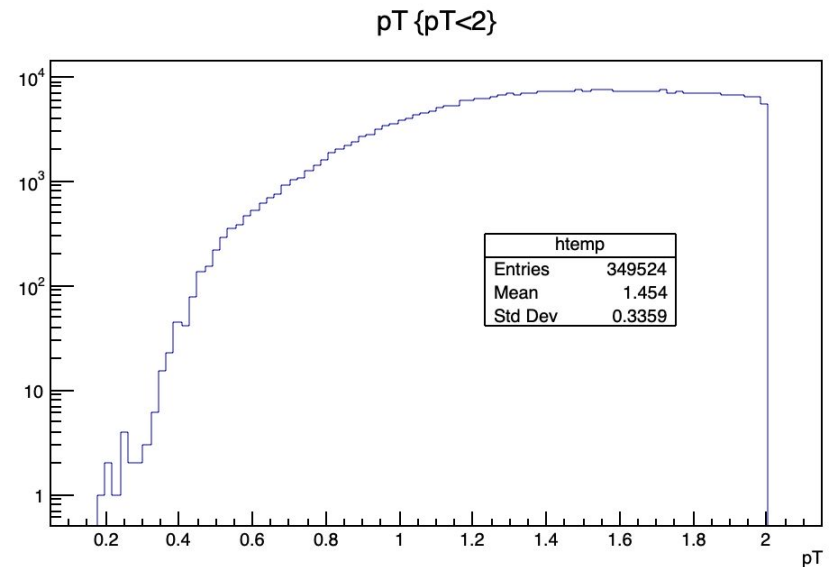
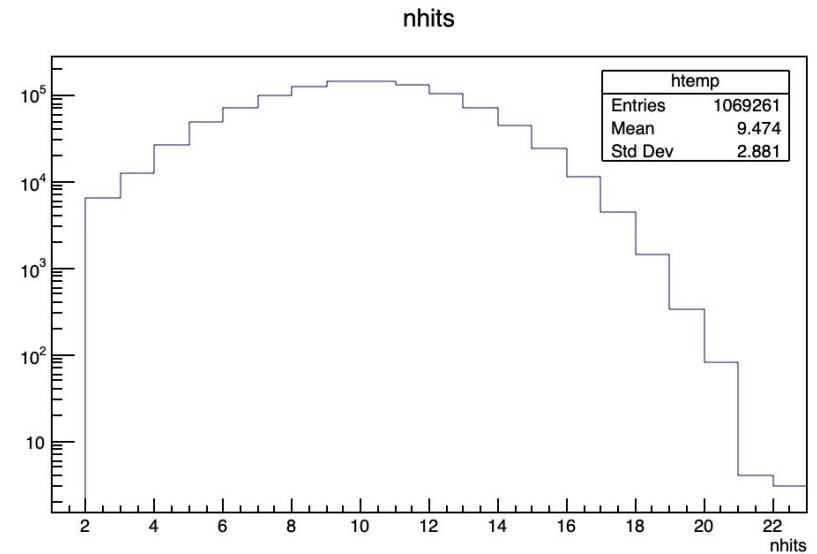
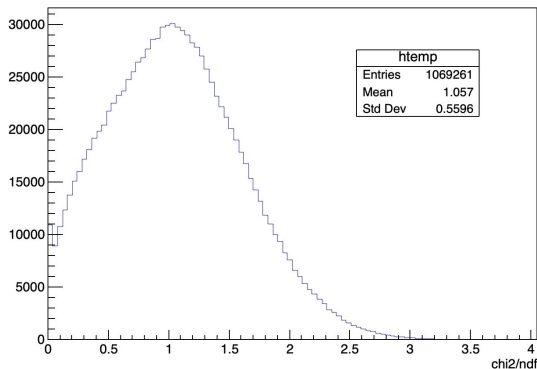
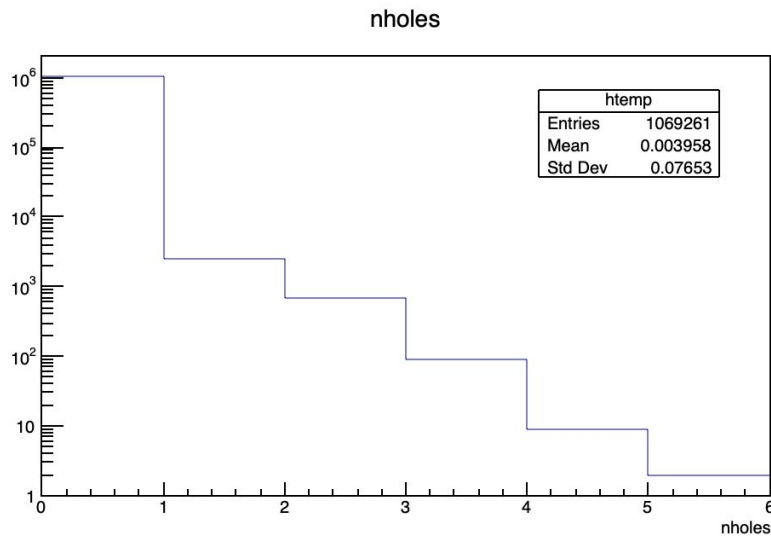
Jumping through some hoops to use information where it is available

CUTFLOW
(nuGun +BIB+IPP)



Tracks after deduplication

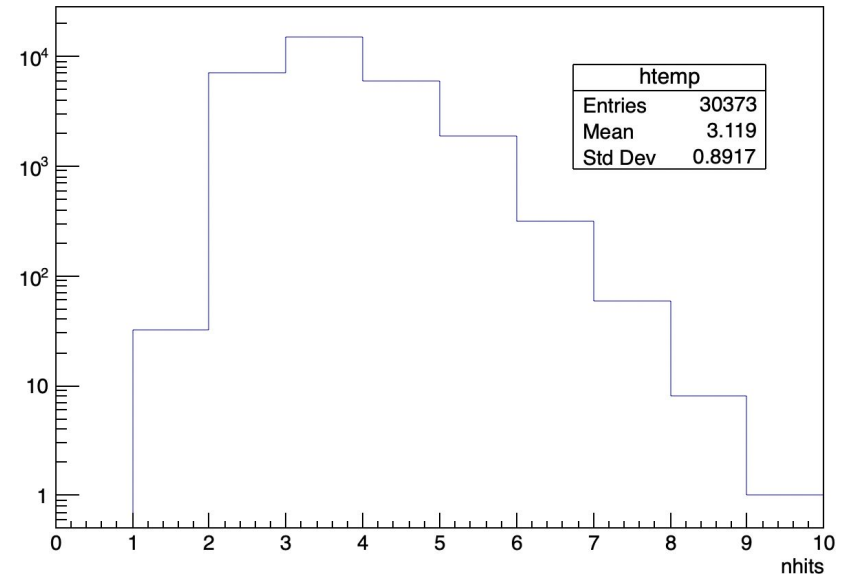
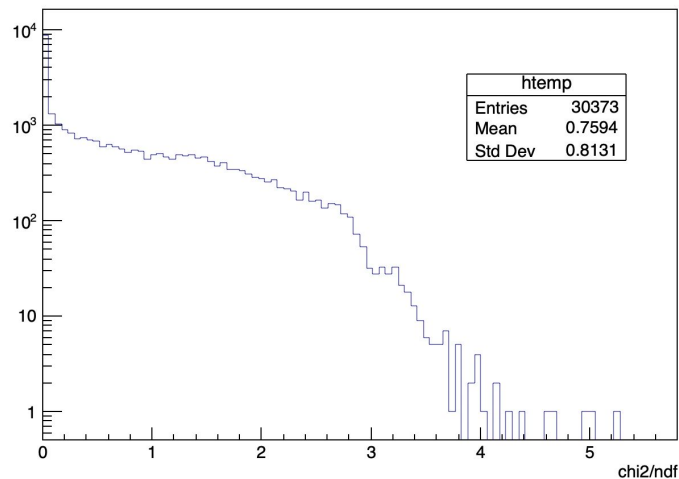
Distributions don't seem to justify
a 50% efficiency of
FilterTracks#1 on BIB



Tracks after RefitFinal

Nhits on track and χ^2 / n_{dof} are the quantities that changes the most

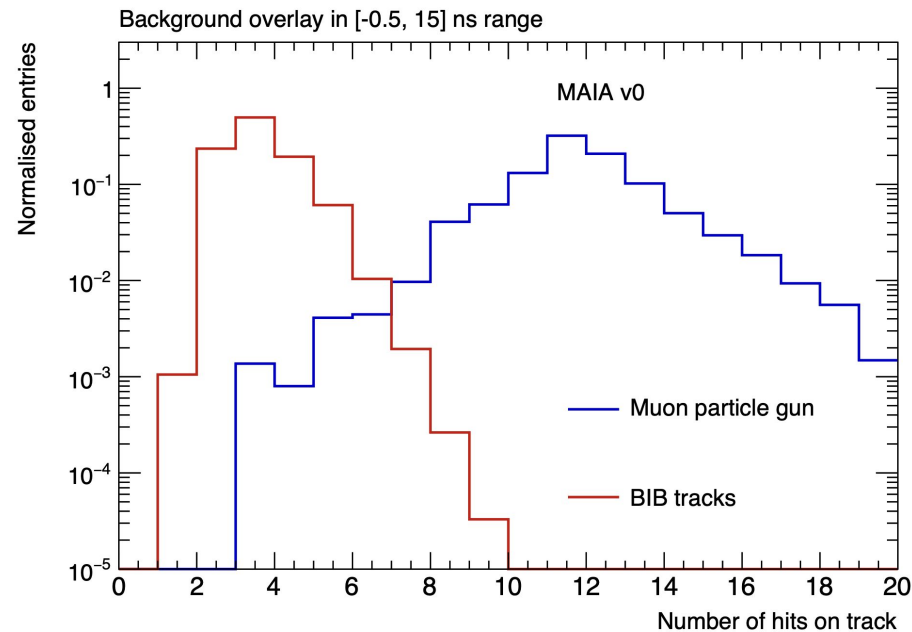
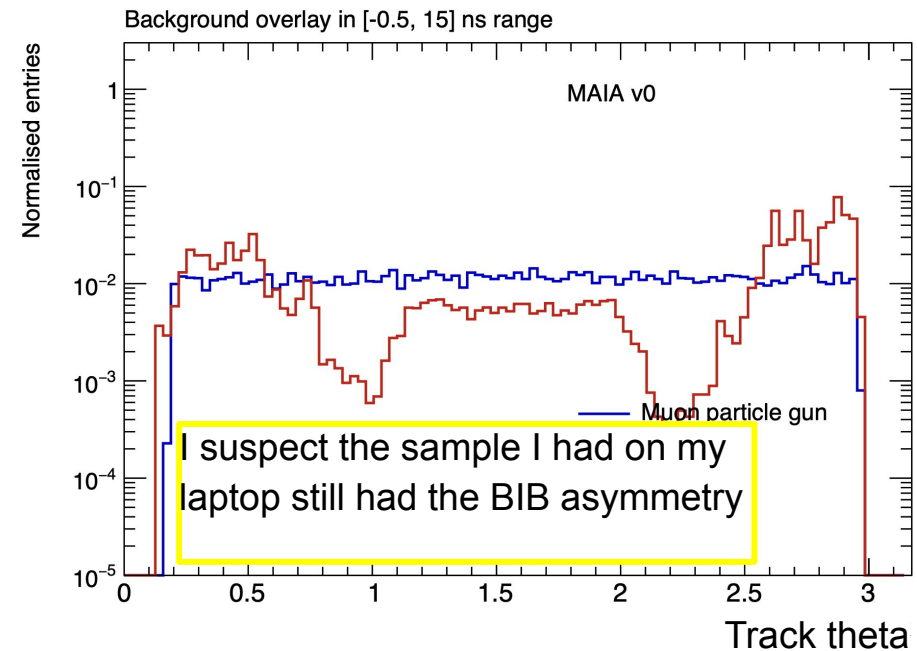
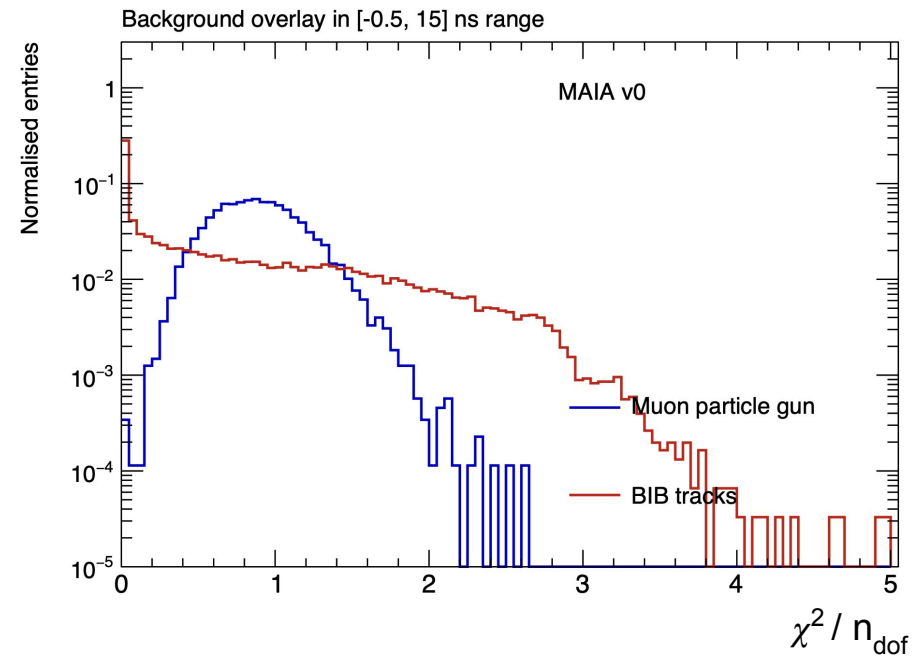
- ACTS fitter and MarlinTrkFitter use different spacepoint uncertainties
 - MarlinTrk gets it from dd4hep
 - ACTS ??
 - Which one is more correct - unclear
- (Guess) max χ^2 cut has large effect on what is included



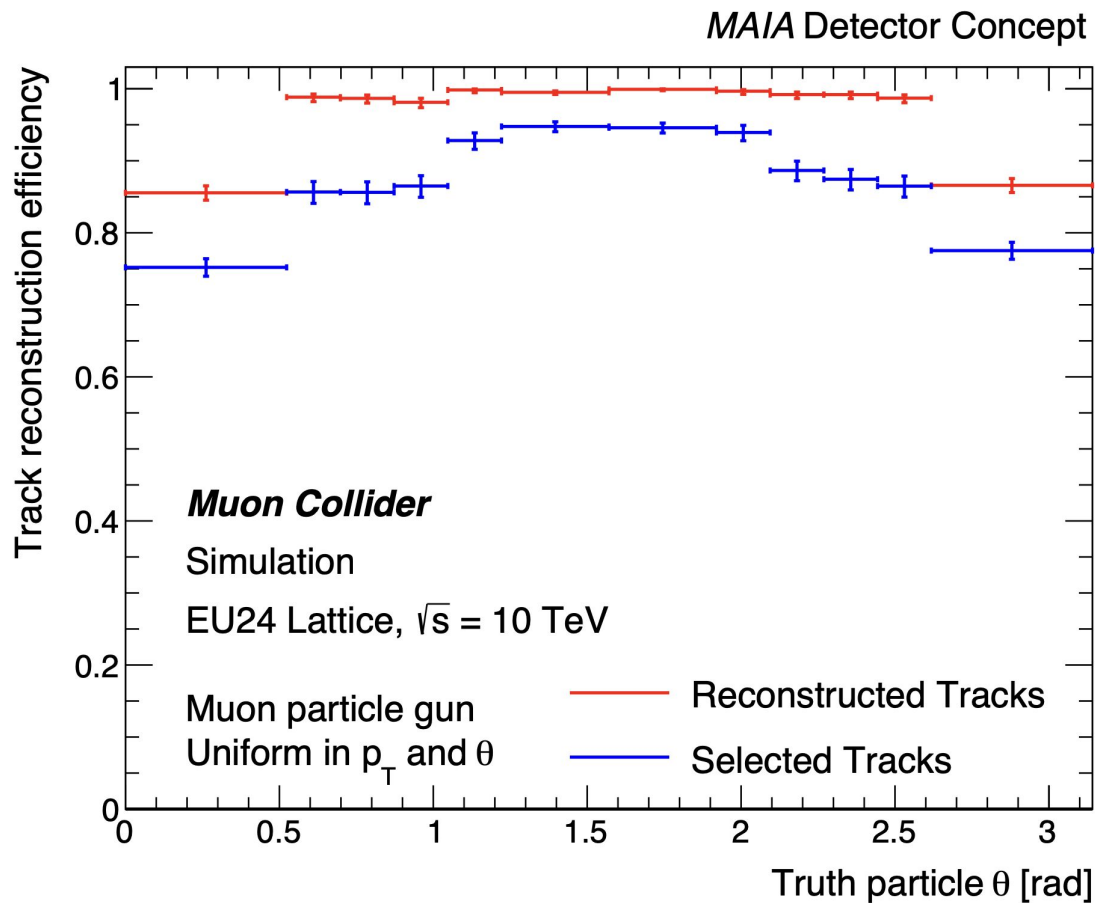
More distributions

Plots after ReFit final step

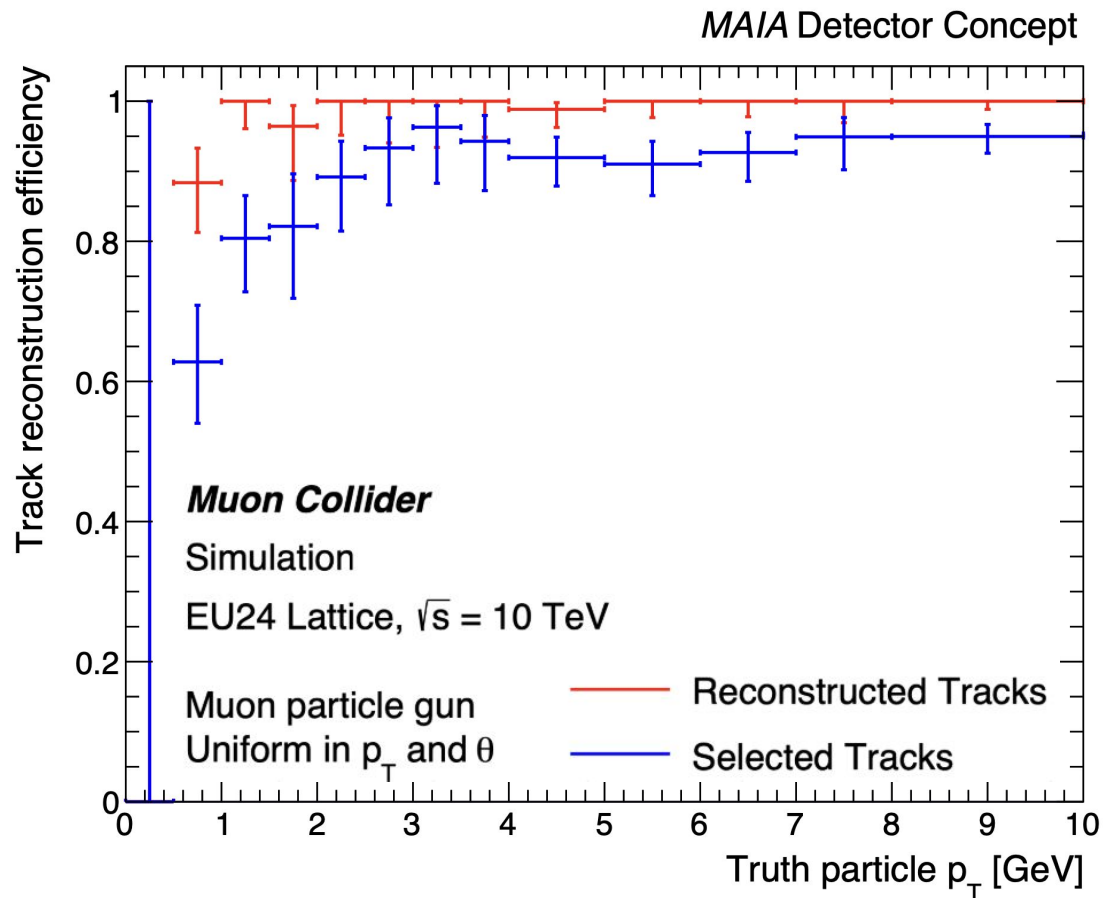
Everything is normalised to unit area



Efficiency vs theta (no BIB+IPP)



Efficiency vs p_T (no BIB+IPP)



Check my results?

Software available in ghcr.io/muoncollidersoft/mucoll-sim-ubuntu24:main

- Ready to go in 2.x numbered release

BIB-only SLCIO files with tracks available at:

/ospool/uc-shared/project/futurecollider/muoncollidersoft/muC_MAIA_v0/v7_tracks_special

- Had to split in two (150,180) to circumvent failure of writer (too many entries in compression)

Updated files being copied

Also available in ntuple format:

- Signal ntuple_SiTracks.root, ntuple_SelectedTracks.root
- Background ntuple_BIB_SiTracksDeduped.root, ntuple_BIB_SiTracks.root, ntuple_BIB_SiTracks_Refitted.root

Todo / ongoing

- Evaluating efficiencies on signal with BIB+IPP overlay
- Extract p_T and d_0/z_0 resolutions

Conclusions

If the results turn out to be correct, I see two main implications:

1. We don't need to apply such stringent impact parameter cuts in our track selection for the paper (eases concerns about impact on flavour tagging)
2. Could skip BIB overlay in tracker when reconstructing photon and neutron particle gun events (speed up track-based pandora seeds)
3. (longer term?) If track selection efficiency on signal tracks independent of BIB, we could skip BIB overlay in tracker entirely

Thank you!