

Construction and Status of a Semi-Digital Hadronic Calorimeter

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Semi-Digital HCAL Concept

Ultra-granular HCAL can provide a powerful tool for the **PFA** leading to an excellent Jet energy resolution.

It is based on two points:

1- Gaseous Detector

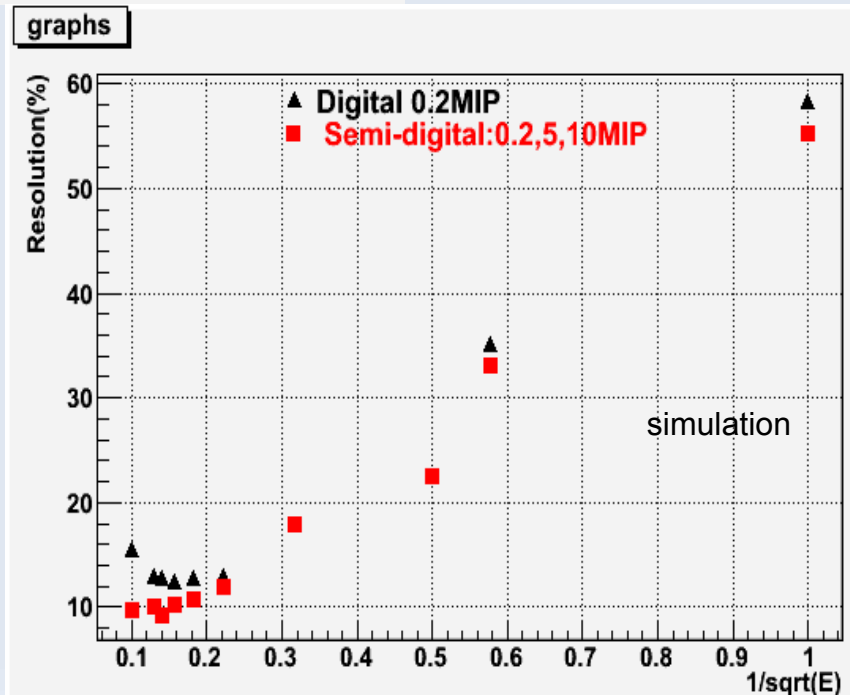
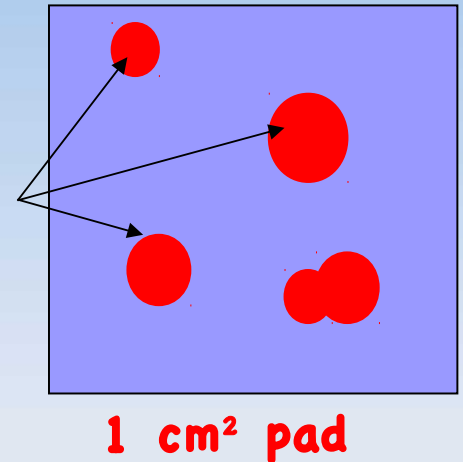
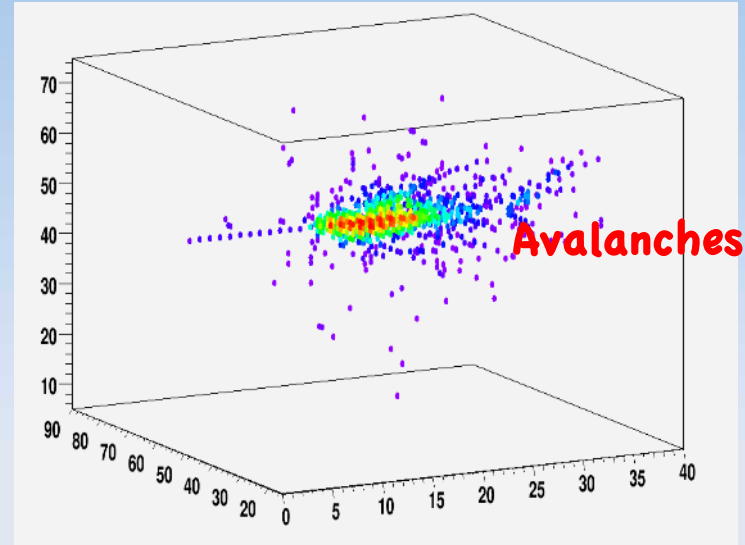
Gaseous detectors like **GRPC** are homogenous, cost-effective, and allow high longitudinal and transverse segmentation.

(MicroMegas was considered as an option)

2- Embedded electronics Readout

A simple binary readout leads to a very good energy resolution

However, at **high energy** the shower core is very **dense** and saturation shows up
→ 2-bit readout improves on energy resolution at energies > 30 GeV



SDHCAL technological prototype

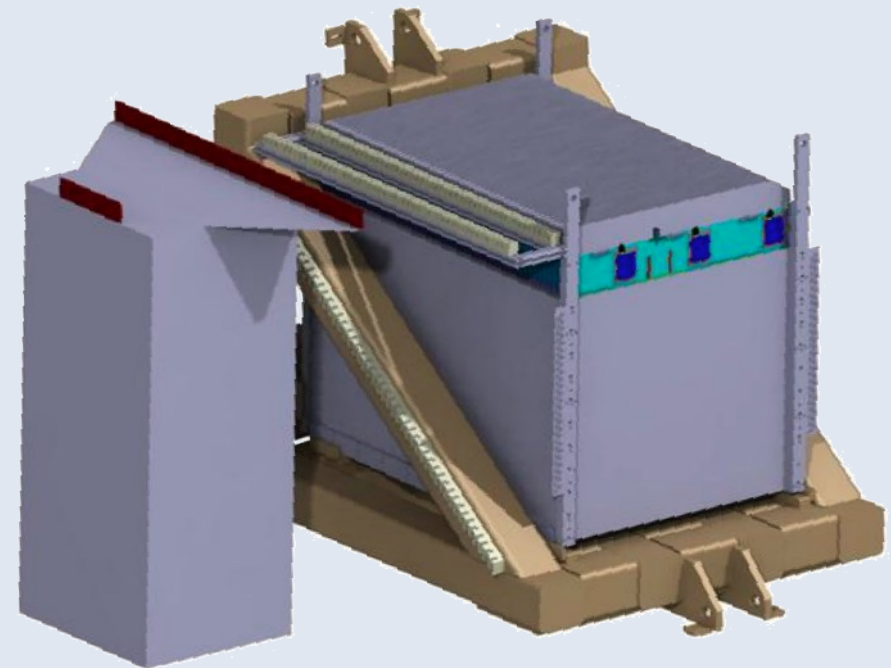
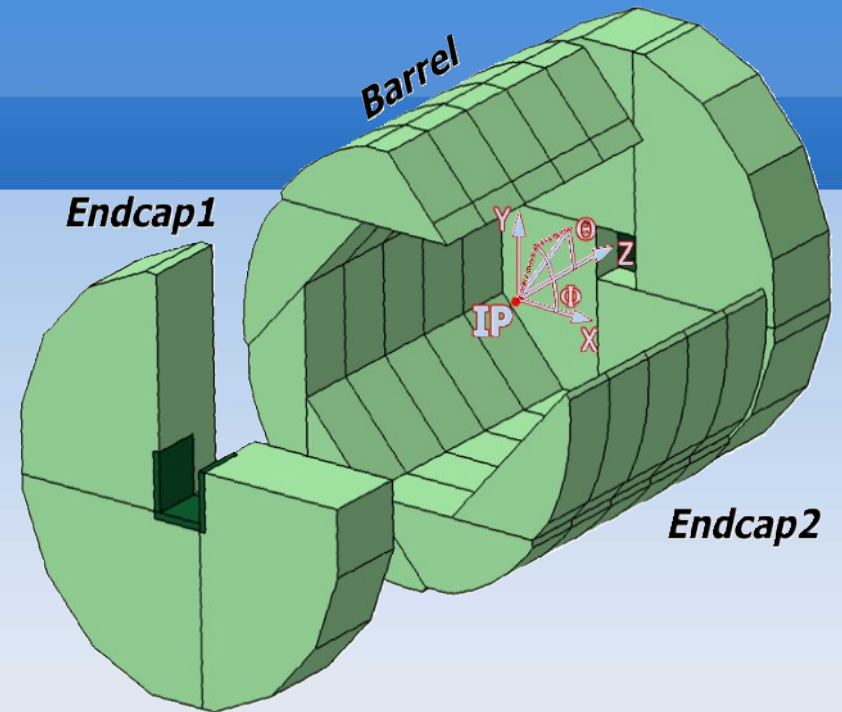
SDHCAL is one of the two HCAL options of the **ILD** project. It was proposed with a genuine mechanical structure with no projective cracks and no dead zone between the Barrel and the Endcaps since services are on the periphery

Challenges

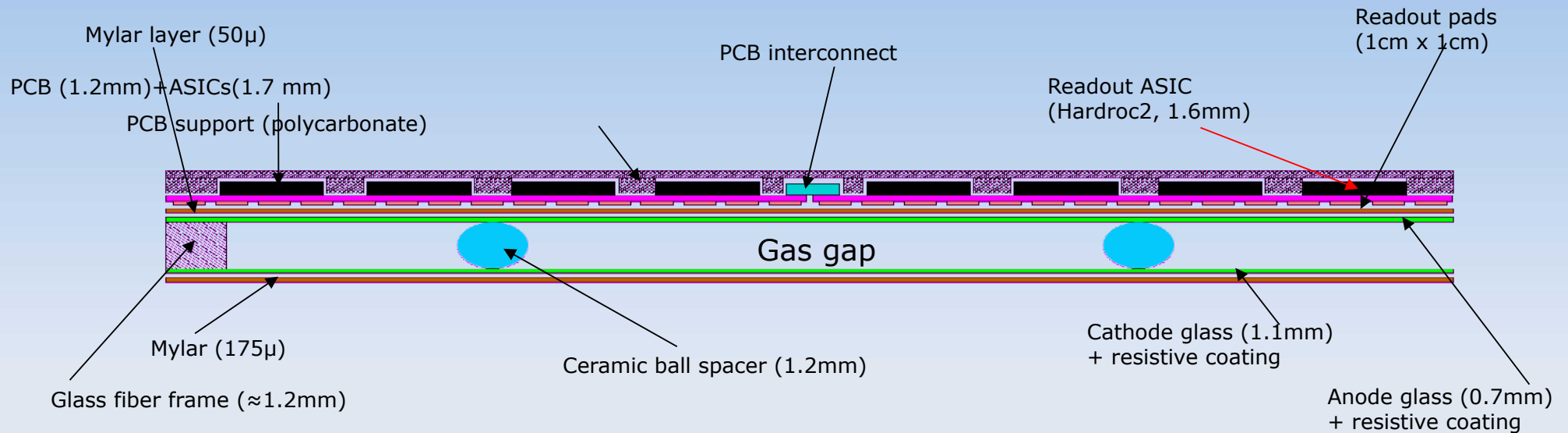
- homogeneity for large surfaces
- Thickness of only few mms
- Services from one side
- Embedded power-cycled electronics
- Self-supporting mechanical structure

Technological prototype

A prototype with 48 GRPC of 1m² and stainless steel absorber corresponding to $6 \lambda_I$ was conceived as a demonstrator



Structure of an active layer of the SDHCAL



Large GRPC R&D

- ✓ Negligible dead zone (tiny ceramic spacers)
- ✓ Efficient gas distribution system (channeling gas inlet and outlet)
- ✓ Homogenous resistive coating (special paint mixture, silk screen print)



ASICs : HARDROC2

64 channels

Trigger less mode

Memory depth : 127 events

3 thresholds

Range: 10 fC-15 pC

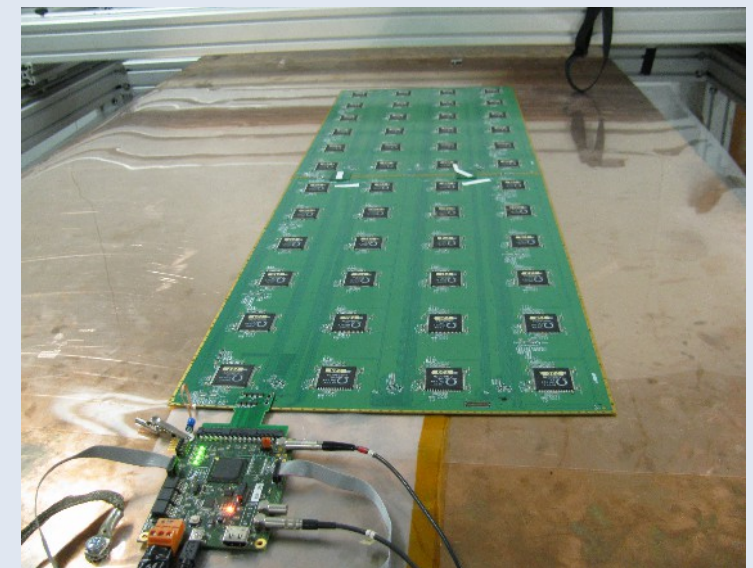
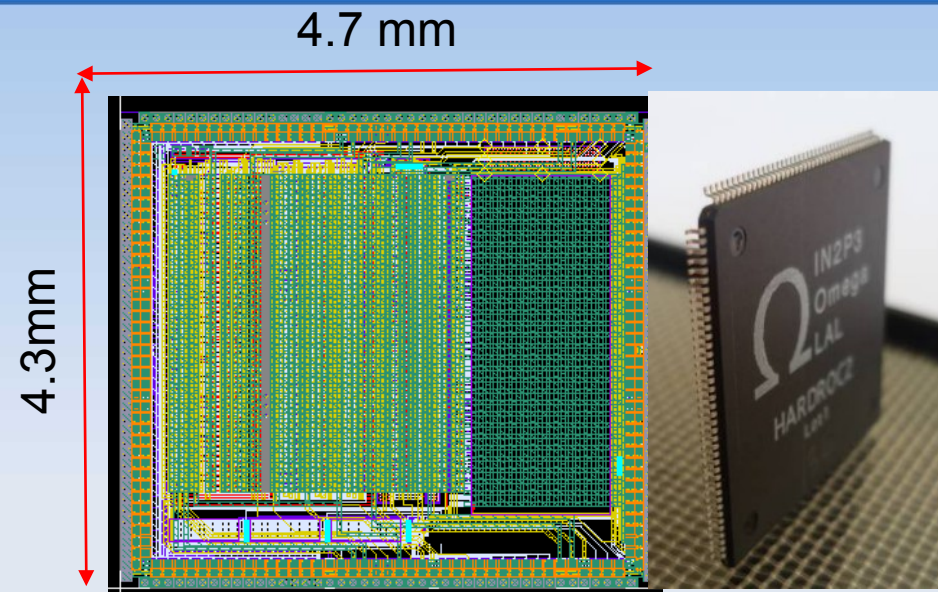
Gain correction → uniformity

Power-Pulsed ($7.5 \mu\text{W}$ in case of ILC duty cycle)

Printed Circuit Boards (PCB) were designed to reduce the x-talk with 8-layer structure and buried vias.

Tiny connectors were used to connect the PCB two by two so the 24X2 ASIC are daisy-chained.

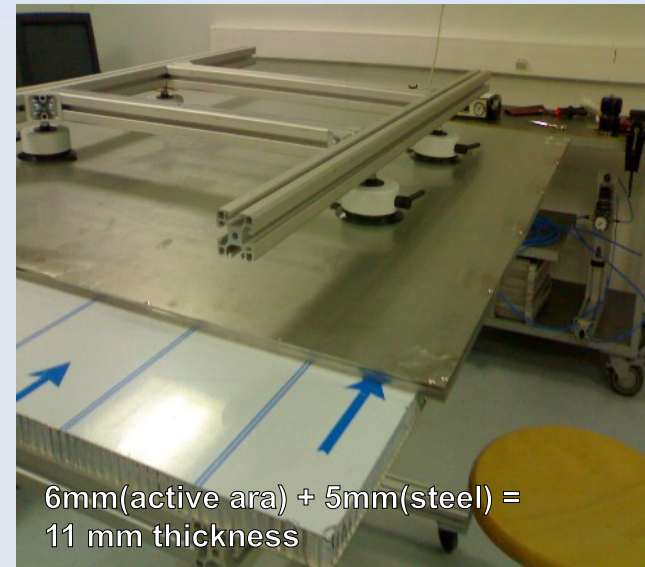
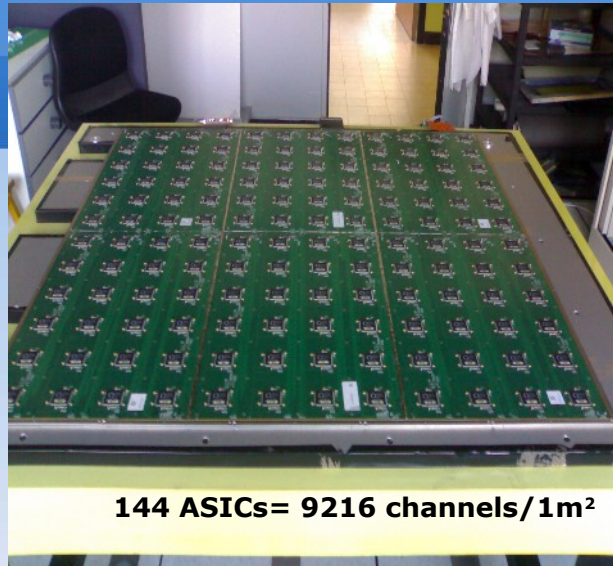
DAQ board (DIF) was developed to transmit fast commands and data to/from ASICs.



Cassette R&D

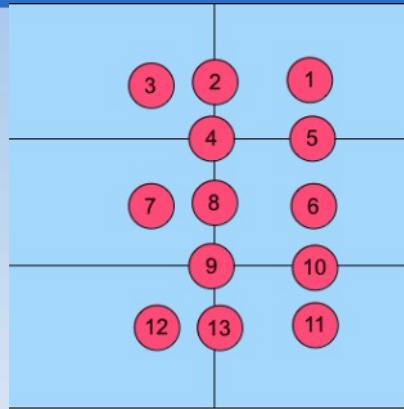
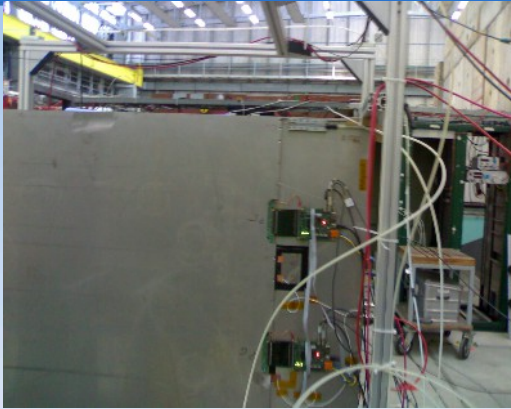
Cassettes were conceived

- ✓ To provide a robust structure.
- ✓ To maintain good contact between the readout electronics and the GRPC.
- ✓ To be part of the absorber.
- ✓ It allows to replace detectors and electronics boards easily.

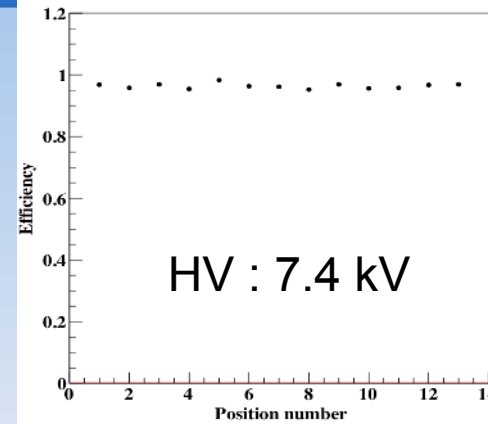


The cassettes are built of no-magnetic stainless steel walls 2.5 mm thick each → Total cassette thickness = 6mm (active layer)+5 mm (steel) = 11 mm

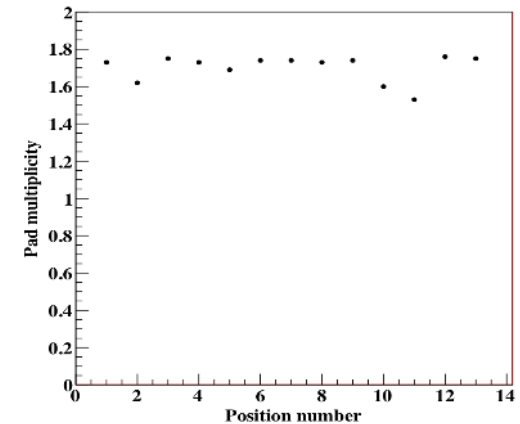
The homogeneity of the detector and its readout electronics were studied



Beam spot position



Efficiency



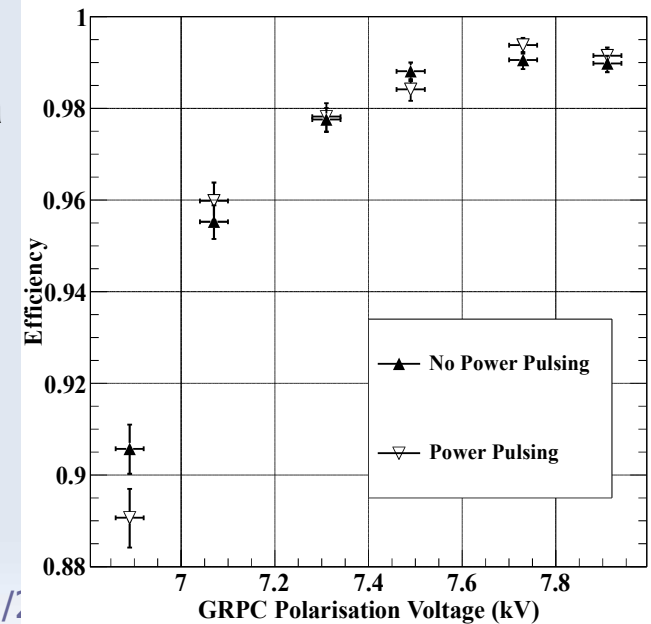
Multiplicity

Power-Pulsing mode was tested in a magnetic field of 3 Tesla



The Power-Pulsing mode was applied on a GRPC in a 3 Tesla field at H2-CERN (2ms every 10 ms)
No effect on the detector performance

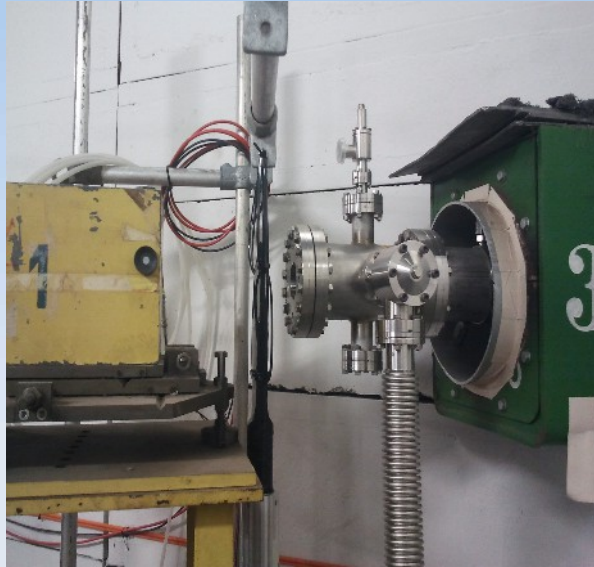
ILC duty cycle :
1ms (BC) every 200 ms



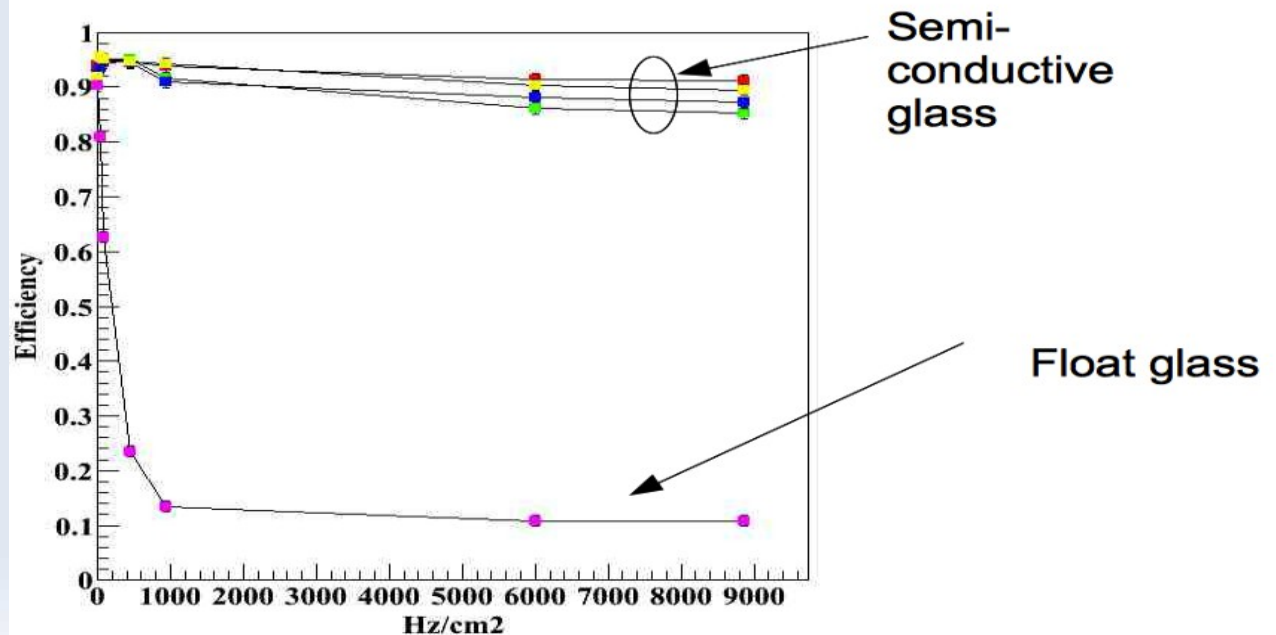
High-Rate GRPC (option)

High-Rate GRPC may be needed in the very forward region

- ✓ Semi-conductive glass ($10^{10} \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$) produced by our collaborators from Tsinghua University was used to build few chambers.
- ✓ 4 chambers were tested at DESY as well as standard GRPC (float glass)

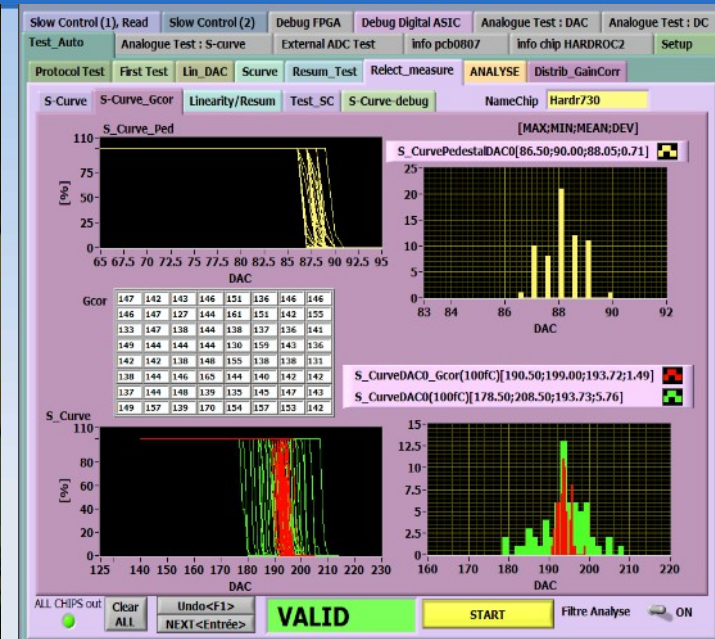
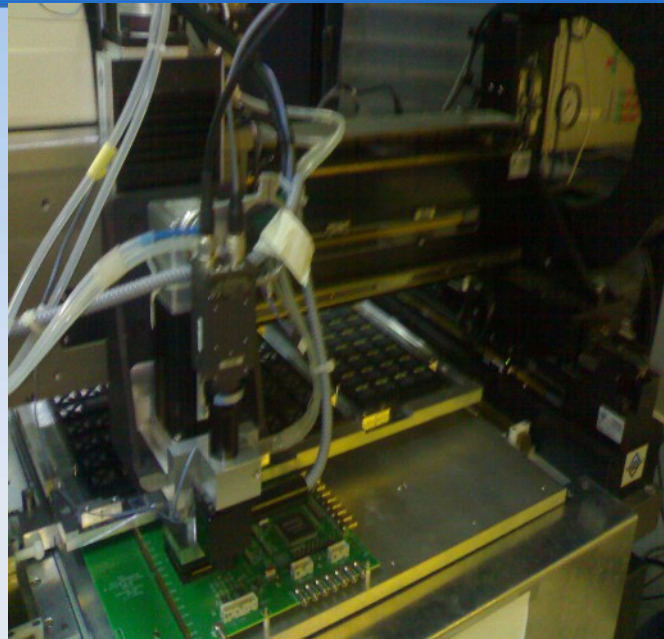


Performance is found to be excellent at high rate for GRPCs with the semi-conductive glass and can be used in the very forward region if the rate $> 100 \text{ Hz/cm}^2$

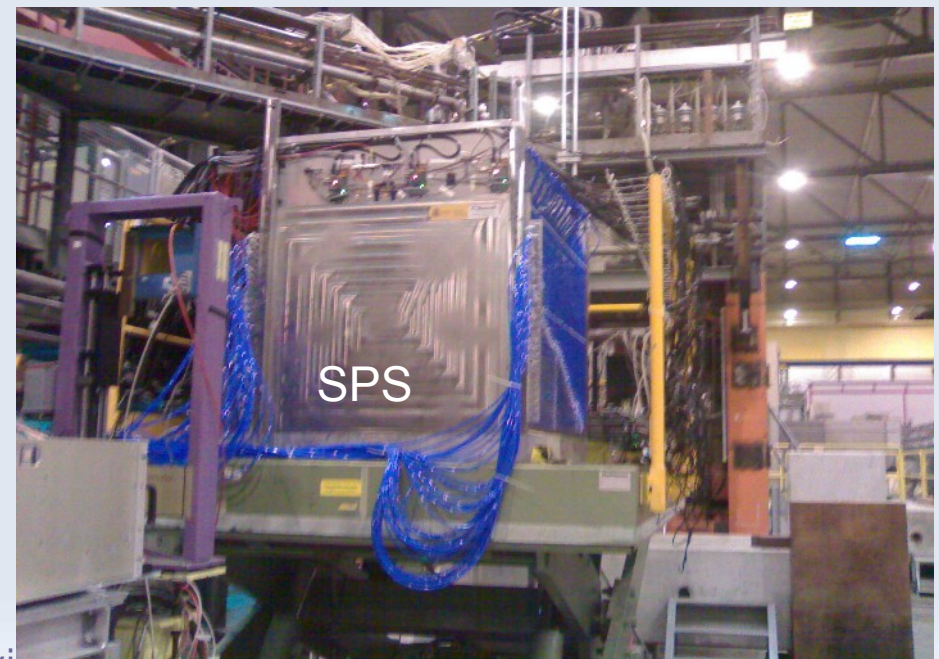
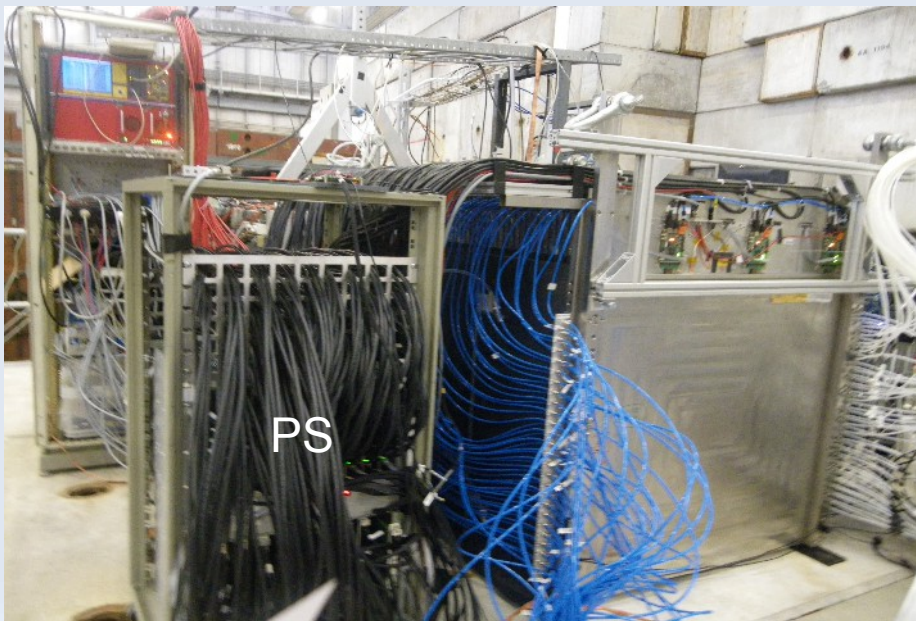


SDHCAL prototype construction

- ✓ 10500 ASIC were tested and calibrated using a dedicated robot(93% layout)
- ✓ 310 PCBs were produced, cabled and tested according to strict quality control rules
- ✓ self-supporting mechanical structure was conceived and built.
- ✓ 51 stainless steel 15mm thick plates with planarity $<250 \mu\text{m}$ were machined and tested

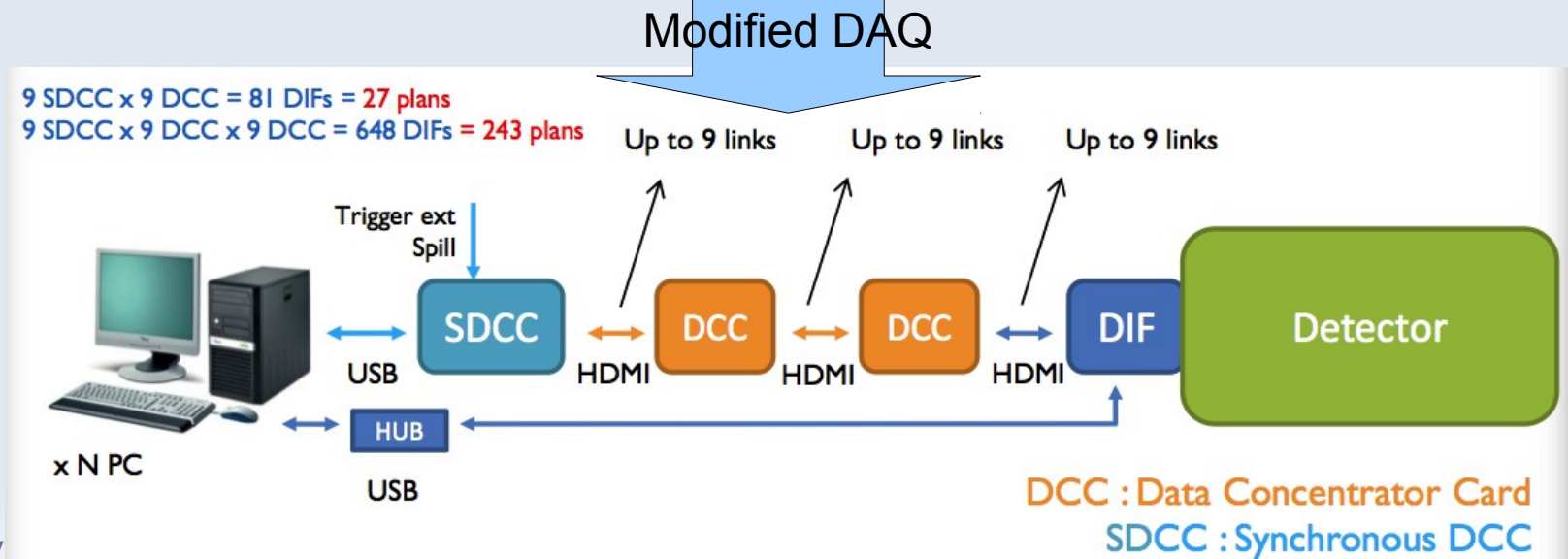
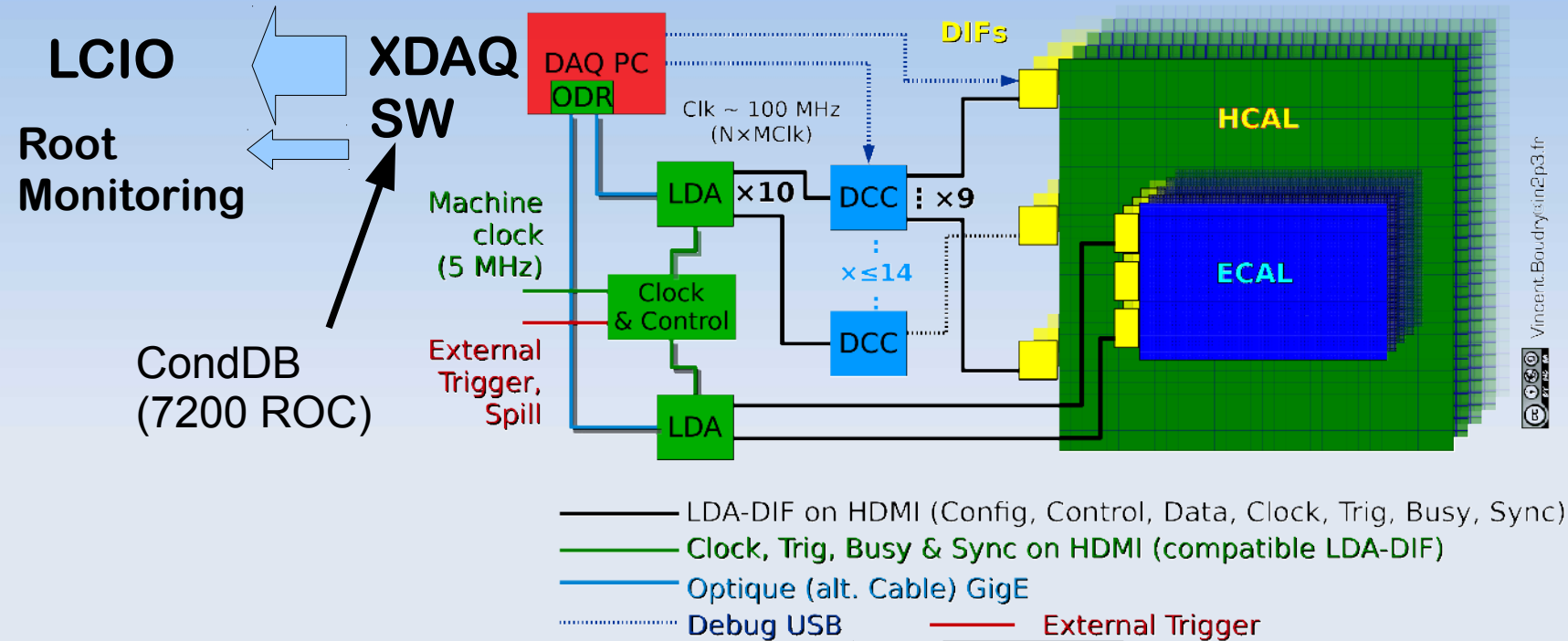


Prototype integration



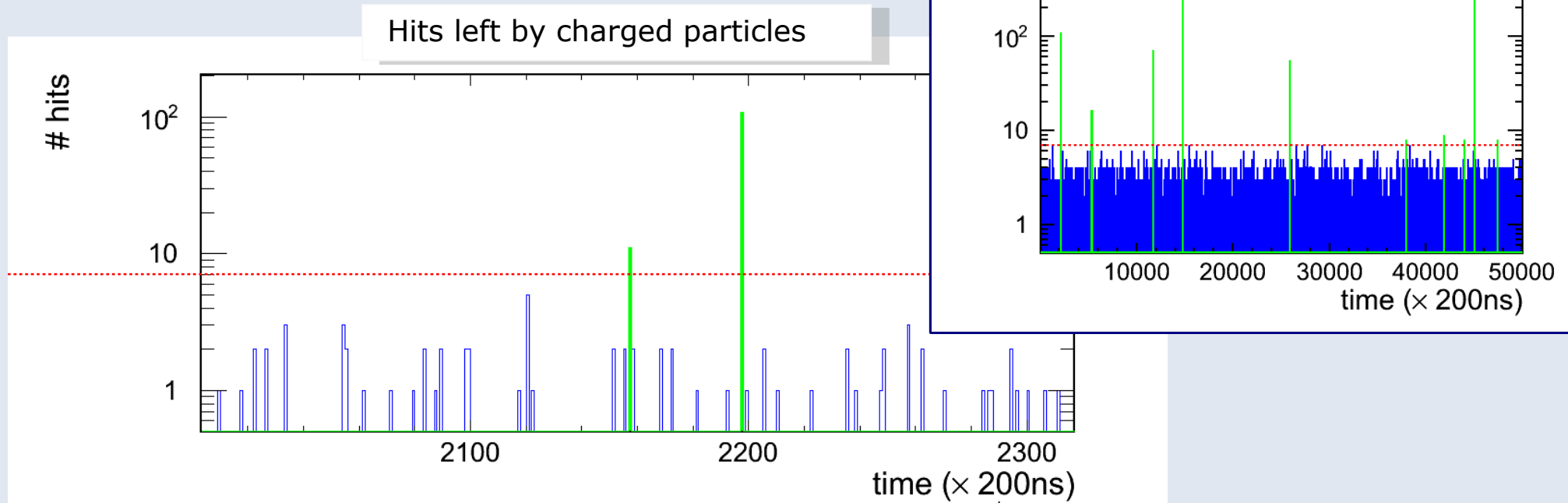
DAQ

Data readout for SDHCAL



Data taking

- Trigger-less mode : record events until memory is full, then data transfer and restart.
- Power-Pulsed mode : According to the time spill structure
 - ▶ ($N \times 400$ ms (PS)*, 10s (SPS) every 45 s)
- Physics events are built as follows: 3 consecutive BC (200ns) around a peak with $N_{\text{hit}}/\text{BC} > 7$
 - ▶ Based on cosmic studies



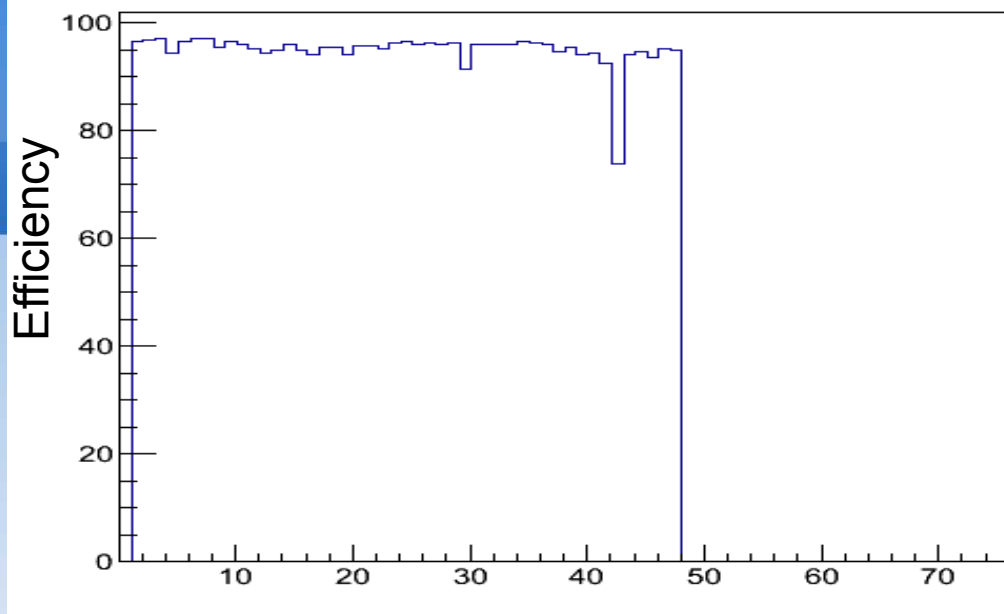
* N is often 1 and sometimes 2-3 spills/cycle

Prototype data acquisition

Online control

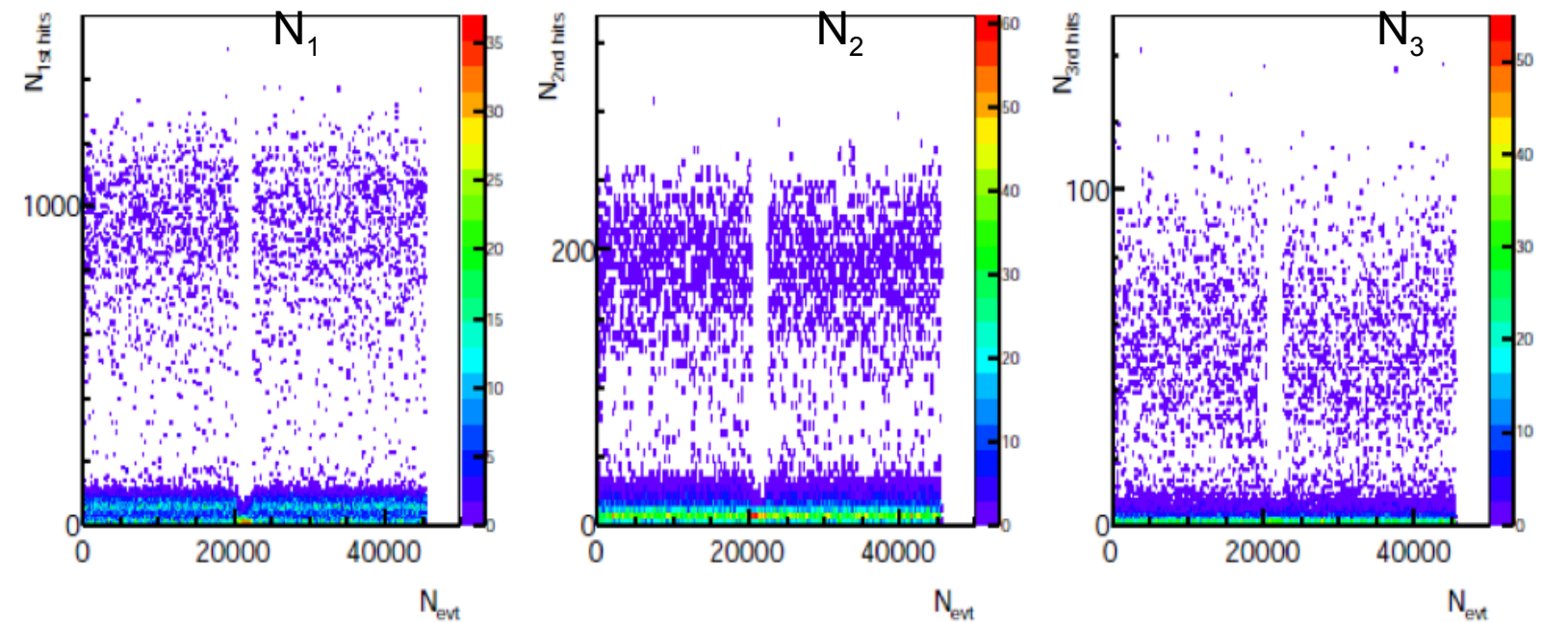
During data taking, efficiency and multiplicity are estimated ever now and then using the muon beam, cosmics. This allows to control the detector quality and its stability during the run.

Stability of the three thresholds is also controlled by the hits distribution hadronic showers

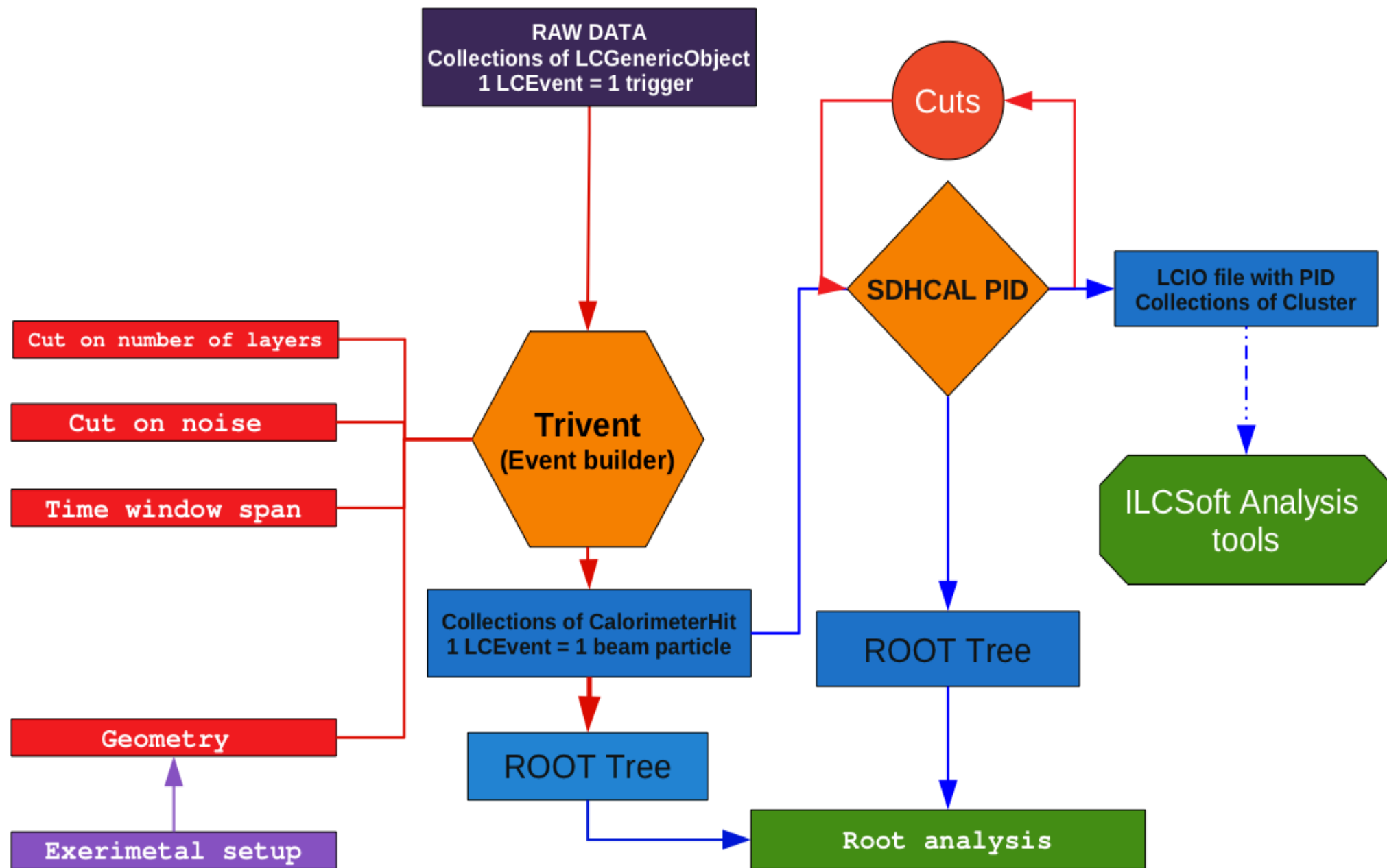


Efficiencies for 43138

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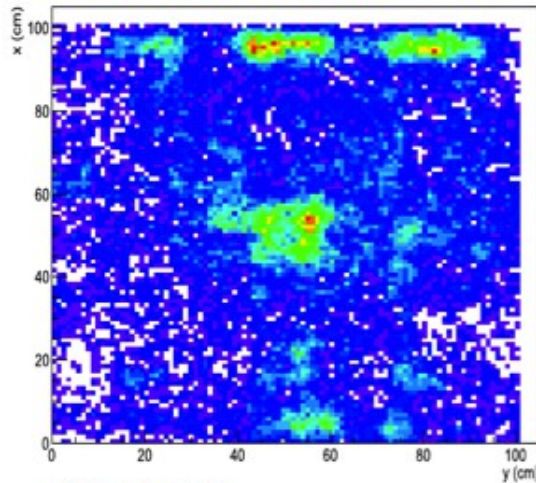


Summary Diagram of SDHCAL Data Reconstruction



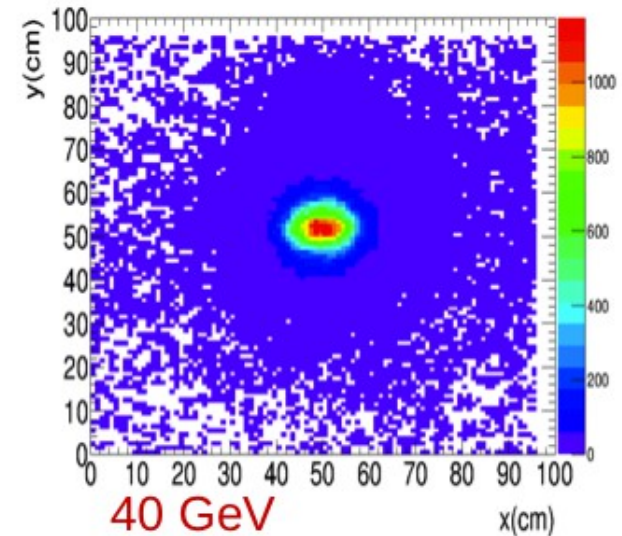
Number of fired layer cut

XY Map (40 GeV)



40 GeV

XY Beam profile

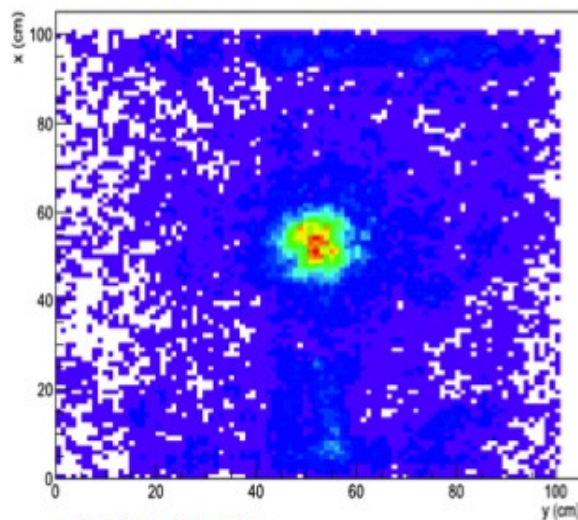


40 GeV

More than few layers
must be hit at the same time

- This cut reduces significantly the noise.

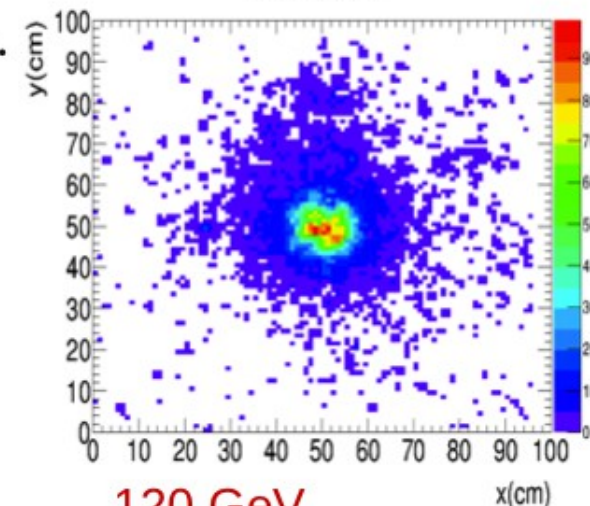
XY Map 120 GeV



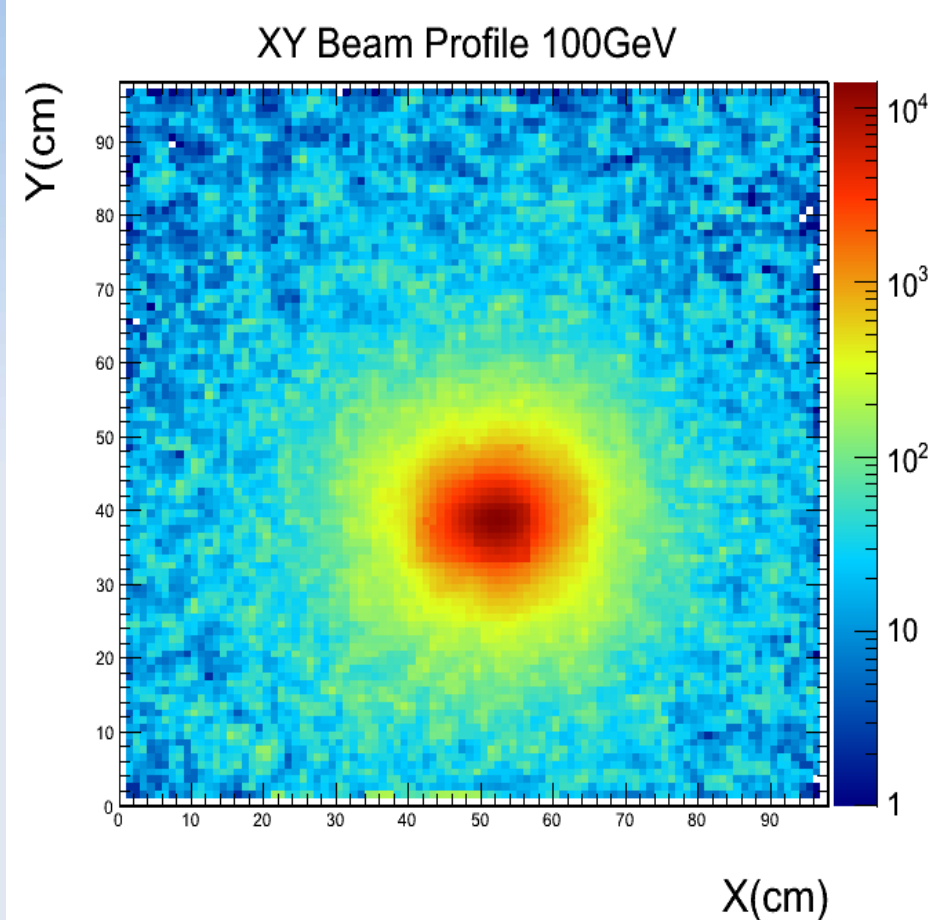
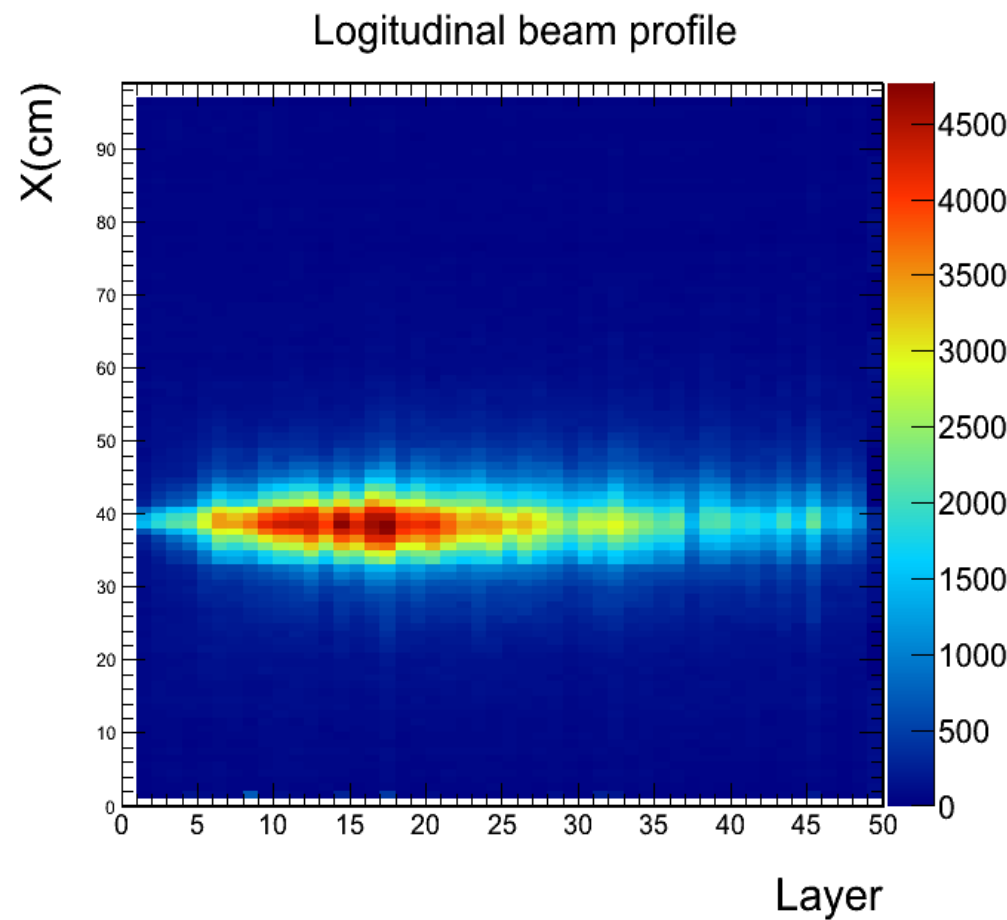
120 GeV

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XY Beam profile

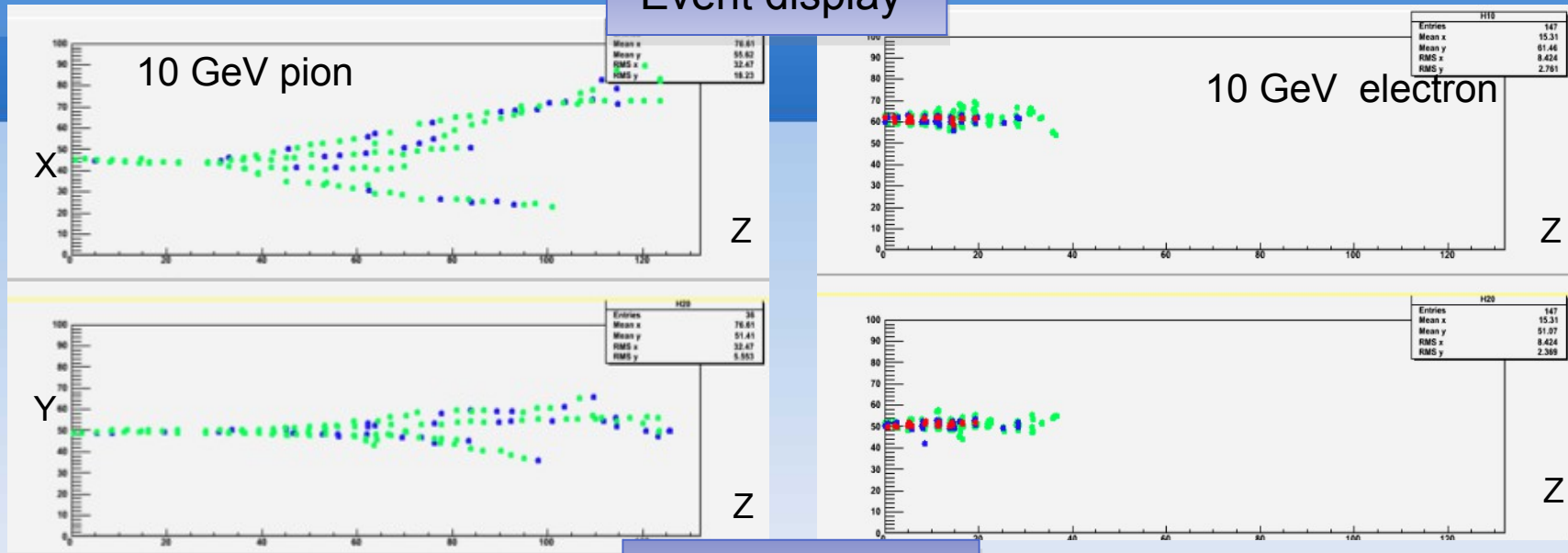


120 GeV



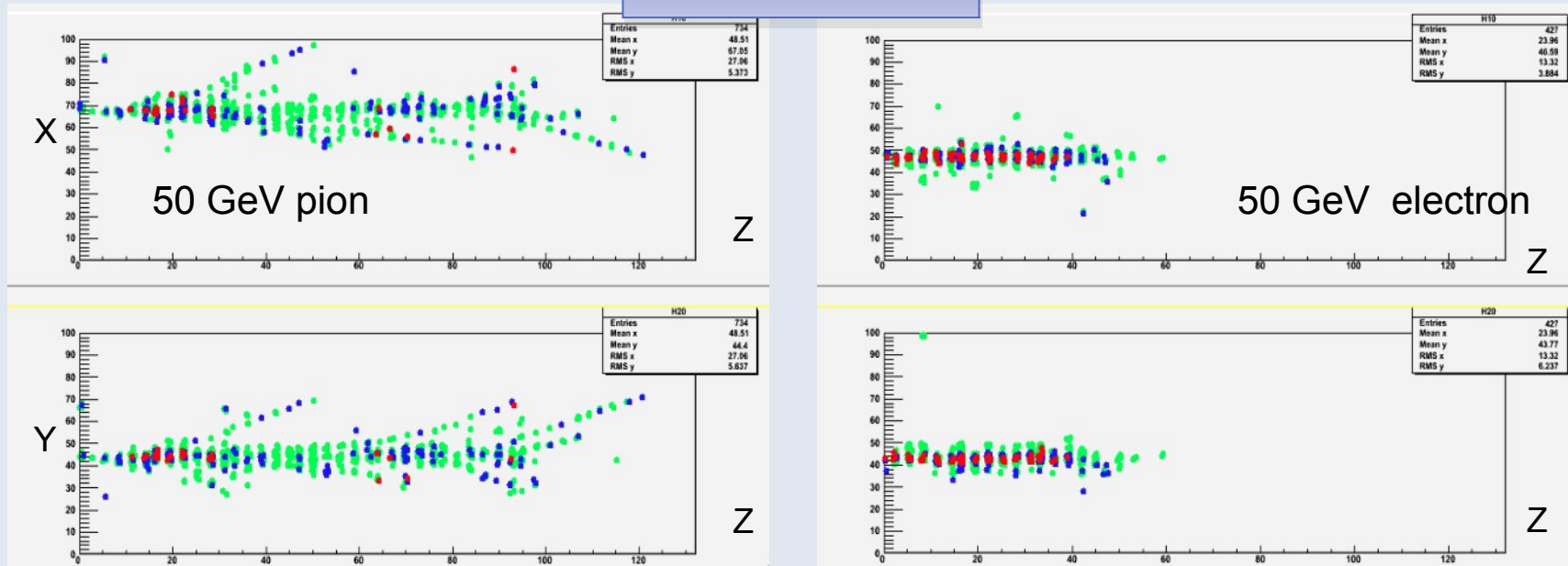
100 GeV pions

Event display



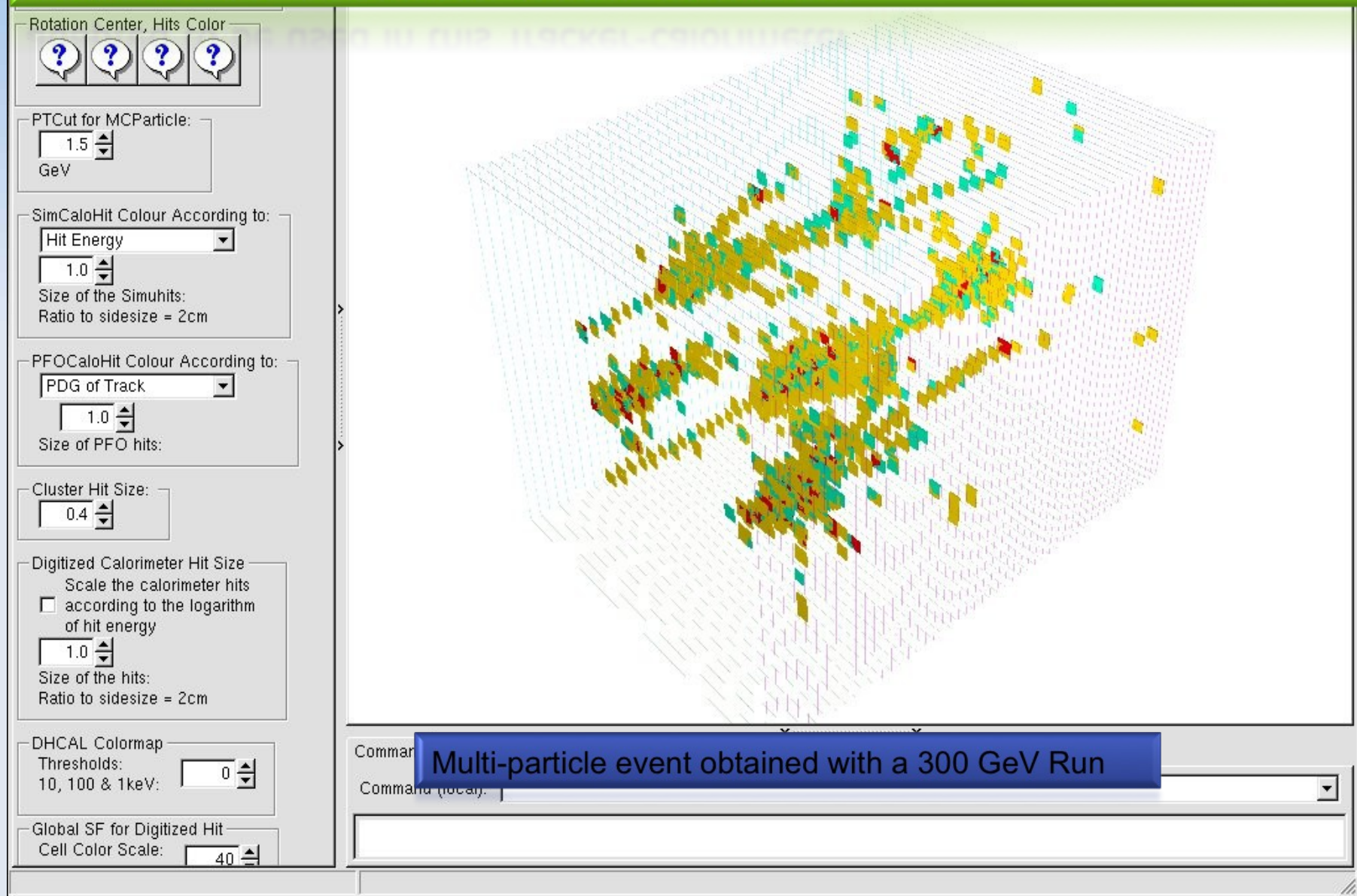
Power-Pulsed

units in cm



Colours correspond to the three thresholds: Green (100 fC), Blue (5 pC), Red (15 pC)
Raw data, no treatment except time hit clustering

- ✓The SDHCAL granularity will allow to separate easily close-by hadronic showers.
- ✓Hough Transform and Minimum Spanning Tree algorithms are being adapted to be used in this Tracker-calorimeter



Test beam results

FOREWORDS

- Results from August and May runs
- **Raw performances** of the Semi-Digital HCAL, 1 m³ based on 1×1 cm² GRPC
 - ▶ response to single beam particles
 - ▶ Uncalibrated (cell-wise or sensor-wise) calorimeter sensors
 - ▶ Not a Particle Flow performances estimation
- **Data driven analysis**
 - ▶ no use the Ebeam knowledge
 - ▶ MC needs tuning to data (on going)
 - ▶ esp. particle ID.
- Mainly results from 1 integrated analysis
 - ▶ rush effort of the SDHCAL group and CALICE referee's to validate results
→ CALICE preliminary tag
 - ▶ Not final numbers (but good enough !)

Beam conditions

- Beams of pions, electrons and muons at CERN
 - ▶ 2 weeks in May 2012 @ SPS H2
 - ◆ π^+ : 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 GeV
 - ◆ e^- : 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 GeV
 - ◆ μ dedicated runs...
 - ▶ 2 weeks in August (& September) 2012 @ SPS H6
 - ◆ π^+ : 5, 7.5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100 GeV
 - ◆ + few μ dedicated runs
- Beam composition:
 - ▶ all runs contain μ 's (esp. e^-) and cosmics
 - ▶ π 's runs filtered by 4mm Pb to remove e^- (esp. for $E \geq 20$ GeV)
 - ▶ proton component in HE π 's runs (@ $E \geq 20$ GeV)
 - ▶ $\delta E_{\text{beam}}/E \sim 1\%$
- Large beam profile
 - ▶ **low rates** ($\epsilon \searrow$ at $f \geq 100$ Hz)
 - ▶ Rate monitored online by μ tracks and π tracks segments
 - ◆ Only run with $f \leq 1000$ part/spill $\Leftrightarrow \phi \leq 100$ Hz/cm²

Configuration:

- GRPC set-up & response
 - ▶ gas: TFE 93%, CO₂ 5%, SF₆ 2%
 - ▶ HV = 6.9 kV
 - ▶ the average MIP induced charge being around 1.2 pC
 - ▶ Thresholds set at 0.11 pC, 5 pC and 15 pC (0.1; 4; 12.5 mip)
- Dead zones:
 - ▶ 1/3 slab of plane # 46 dead in May ; repaired for August runs
 - ▶ 1st 47 planes available during 1st week fo August.
 - ▶ 7 ASIC switched off (and not replaced) ↔ 1 ‰ dead zone.
- Gains
 - ▶ All set to 1 (no gain corr.) during this data taking
 - ◆ (will be done for next period)

Selections & particle ID

Events classification (I)

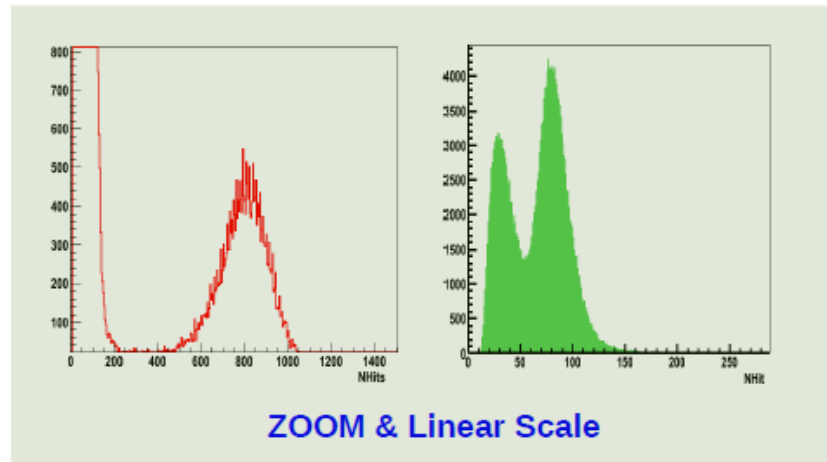
- Noises
- Muons (from beam and cosmics)
- Pions
- electrons

- Just the total number of hits is already a good hint.

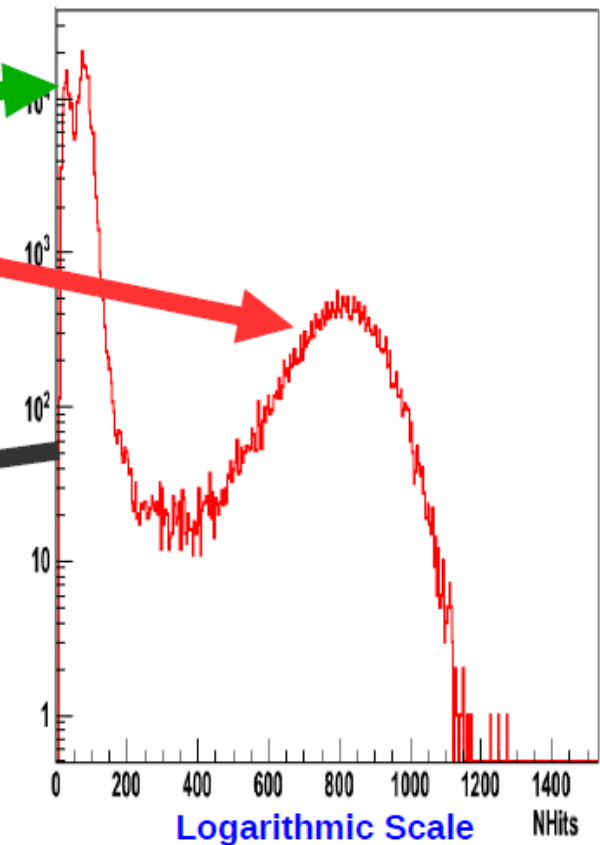
We can obtain the total hits distribution:

the first two peaks correspond respectively to cosmic and beam muons.

the last peak belongs to pions.



Total Hits distribution



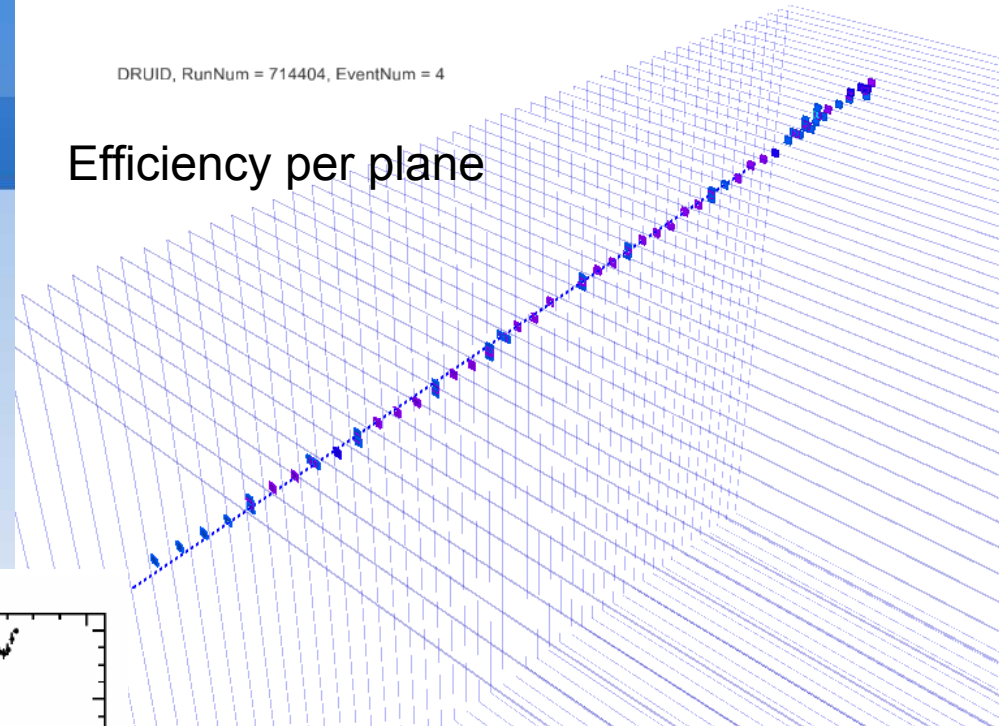
Efficiency and multiplicity from all muons (cosmics & beam)

- With muons, one can derive efficiencies and multiplicities per plane, per ASIC, per channel or per area smaller than a cell.

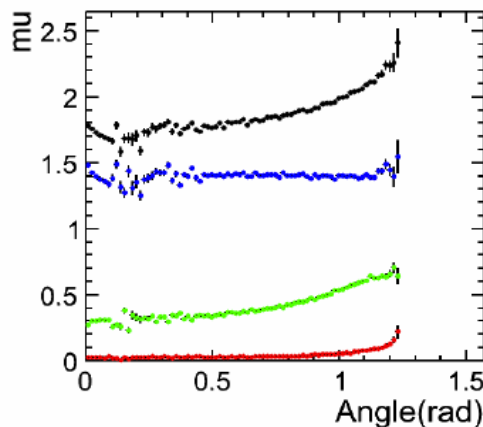
Muons recorded during august test beam.

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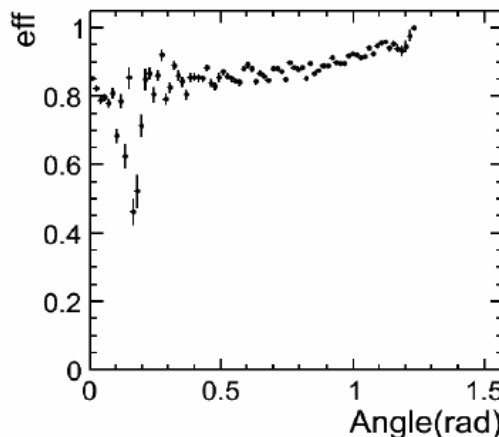
Efficiency per plane



multiplicity vs incident angle



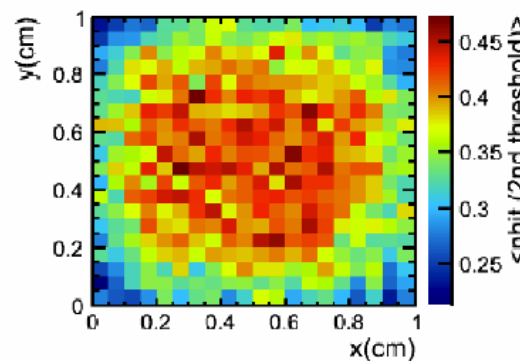
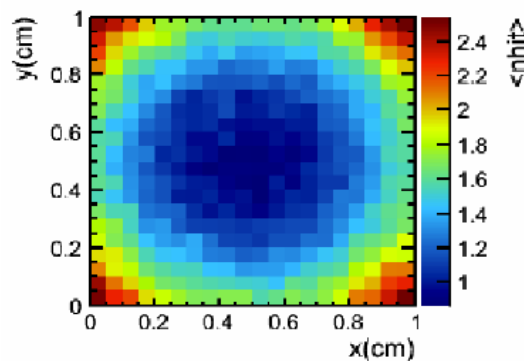
efficiency by incident angle efficiency



Multiplicity & Efficiency vs Angle

"folded" in a single cell

⇒ Input to simulation



Fractal dimension (FD) versus total number of hits.

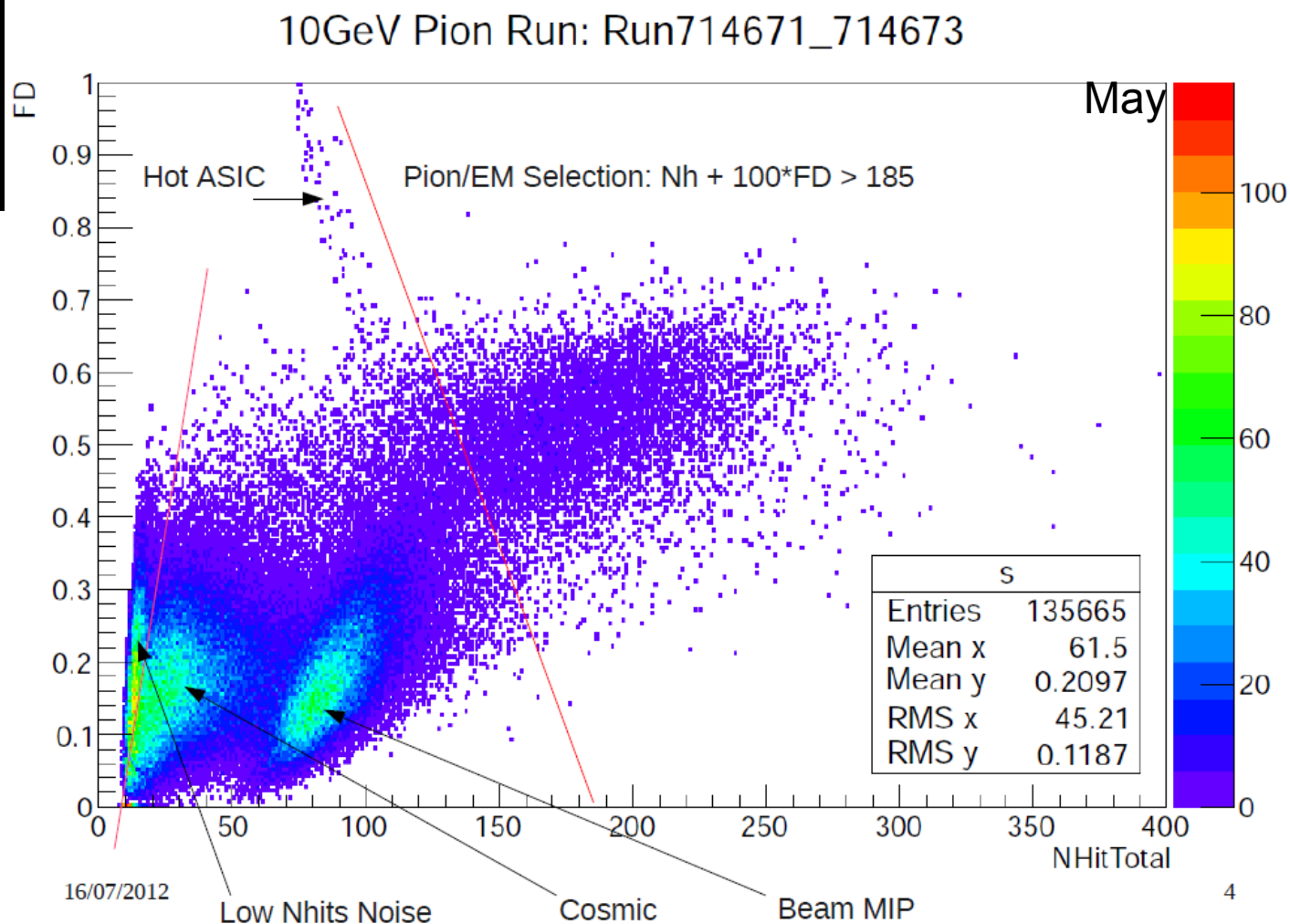


$$f(a) = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{N_b}{N_a}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)};$$

$$FD = \langle f(a) \rangle; a > b; \frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{N}$$

▪ Can be computed for any thresholds

▪ We also use : $\frac{FD}{\ln(N_{hit})}$



Particle ID variables

■ Topological:

- ▶ Principal Component Analysis (PCA) on all hits or clusters

- ▶ 3 main \perp axis eigenvalues
 $\lambda_i \equiv \sigma$ (hits) on axis

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \text{ with } \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_3$$

- ◆ λ_3 = longitudinal comp.

- ▶ Transverse Ratio $(\lambda_1 \oplus \lambda_2) / \lambda_3 \rightarrow$ muons vs e, π

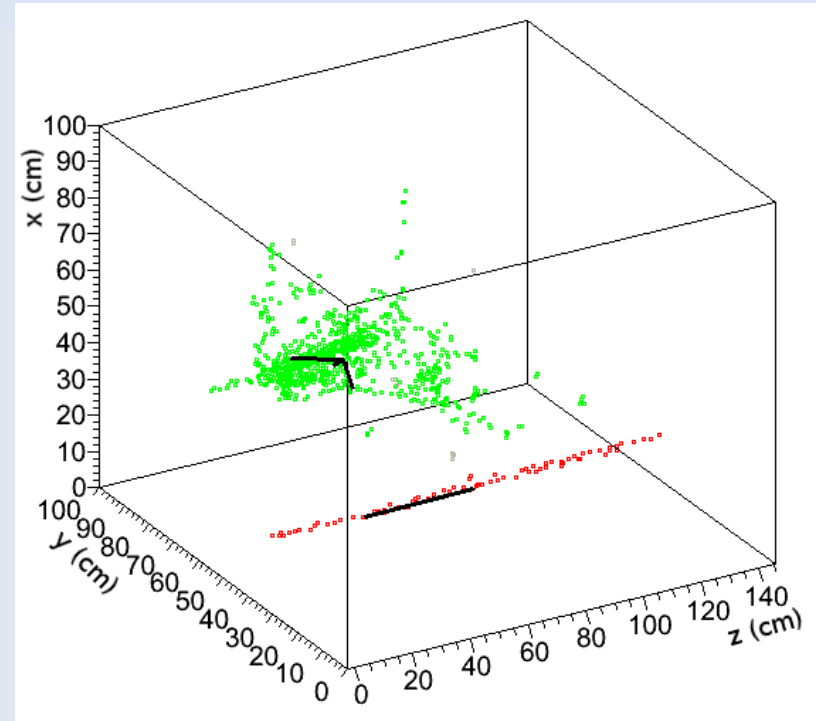
■ Shower start

- ▶ $\lambda_{1p}, \lambda_{2p}$ idem to λ_1, λ_2 restricted to 1 plane

- ▶ *1st interaction plane (FIP) \equiv*

- ◆ $\lambda_{1p} \oplus \lambda_{2p} > 1.5 \text{ cm}$

- ◆ $N_{hit}^{plane} > 5$



Particle ID (cont'd)

■ Density

▶ $V_1 = (\sum_{\text{layers}} N_{25}^{\text{layer}}) / N_{\text{hits}}$

- ◆ $N_{25}^{\text{layer}} = N_{\text{hits}}$ in 5×5 around barycenter
in 1 layer

▶ $V_2 = \text{FD}_{3D} / \ln(N_{\text{hits}})$

- ◆ Fractal dimension:

$$\text{FD}_{3D} = \frac{1}{|I|} \sum_{n \in I} \frac{\ln(N_{\text{hit}}/N_{\text{cube}}(n))}{\ln(n)}$$

$N_{\text{cube}}(n) \equiv \text{number of cube in } I = \{2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16\}$

■ Clustering :

- ▶ removal of isolated hits and tagging of overlapping events

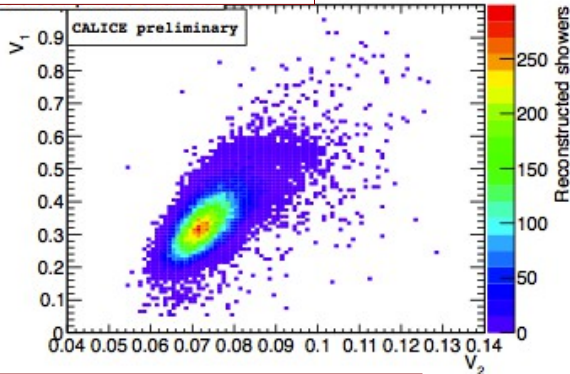
- ▶ MST à la charm-II using $D_{\alpha, \beta} = |\text{plane}_{\alpha} - \text{plane}_{\beta}| + 2 \times (|I_{\alpha} - I_{\beta}| + |J_{\alpha} - J_{\beta}|)$

- ◆ $N_{\text{hits}} > 25$; $\lambda_3 > 4.5 \text{ cm}$; $\lambda_2 / \lambda_3 > 0.01$.

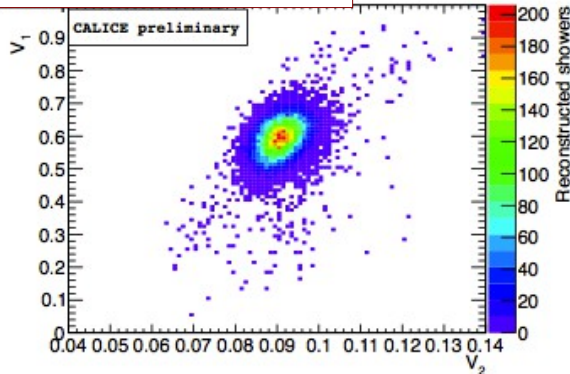
e/ π separation

lateral density V_1

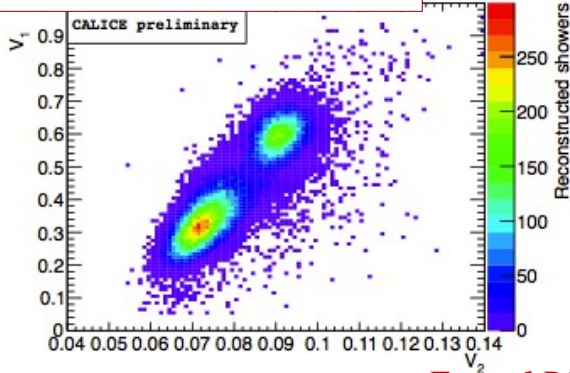
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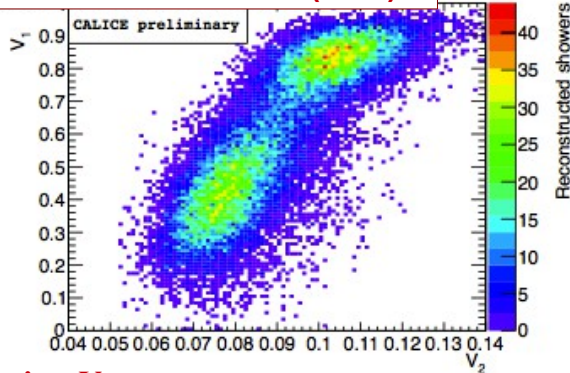
60 GeV GeV e- run



60 GeV GeV Mixed run



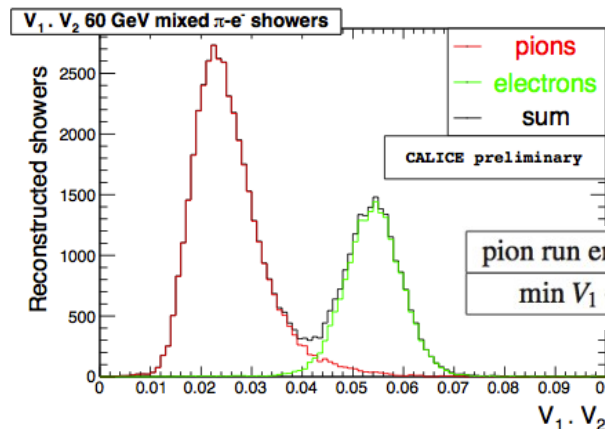
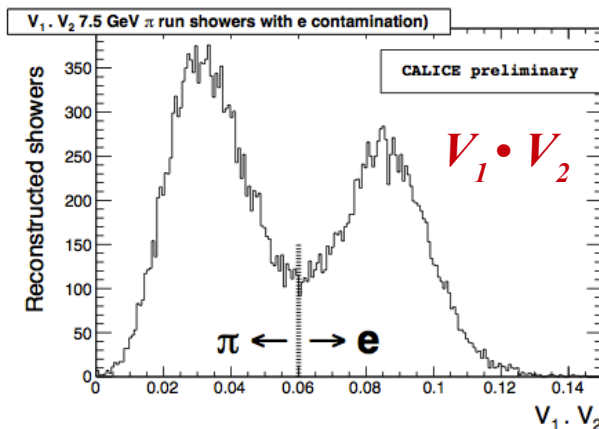
7.5 GeV GeV π run (\supset e-)



Fractal Dimension V_2

- Operation on clusters
- Negligeable loss of π 's @ HE
- few % e- residual contamination @ LE

10% variation of cut
 \Rightarrow Systematics



Variation of cut with E_{beam}

pion run energy (GeV)	5	7.5-15	20	30-40	50-60	70-80
min $V_1 \cdot V_2$ value	0.065	0.06	0.055	0.05	0.045	0.04

Leakage reduction; Statistics of π 's

OR

- $FP \# \leq 4$.
 - ▶ removes cosmics (lateral entrance)
- First Interaction Plane (FIP) $\# < 15$
 - ▶ removal of late interacting hadrons.
- The last shower plane (LP) $\# < 42$
- or $N_{hit}(\text{last 7 planes}) / N_{hit}(\text{first 30 planes}) < 0.15$

- The first (last) plane (FP, LP) of the reconstructed shower
 - ▶ containing a hit:
 - ▶ could be \neq from interaction plane

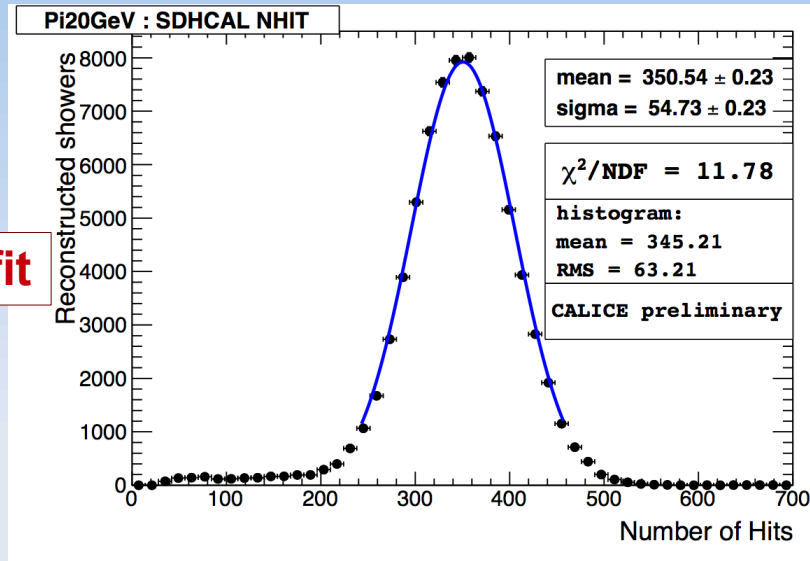
After all Selection

Energy [GeV]	Number of π 's events
5	9504
7.5	15074
10	20406
15	33405
20	78391
25	59495
30	53179
40	48720
50	76566
60	38917
70	30893
80	32964

Results

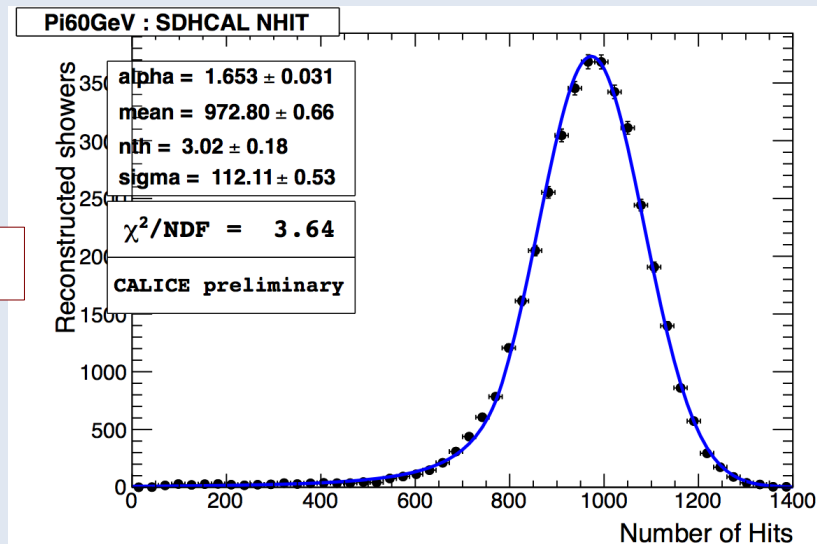
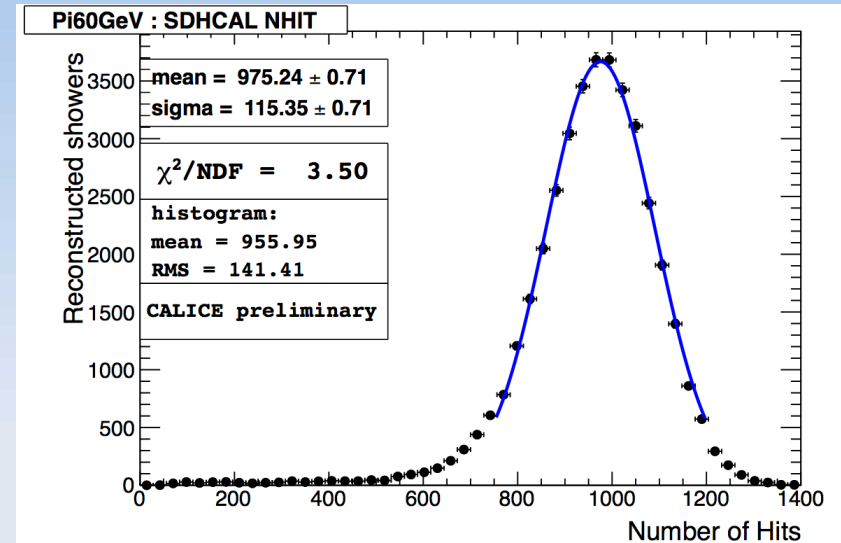
Raw number of hits (binary HCAL)

20 GeV π 's

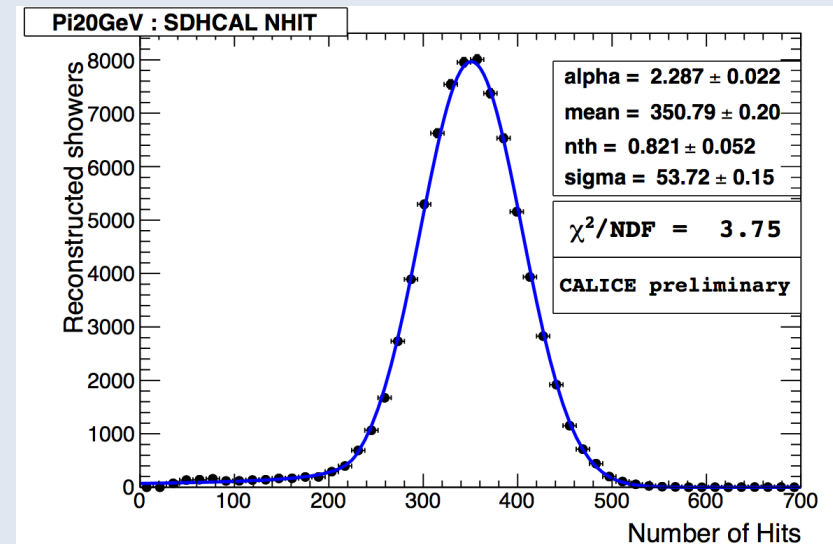


$\pm 2\sigma$ Gaussian fit

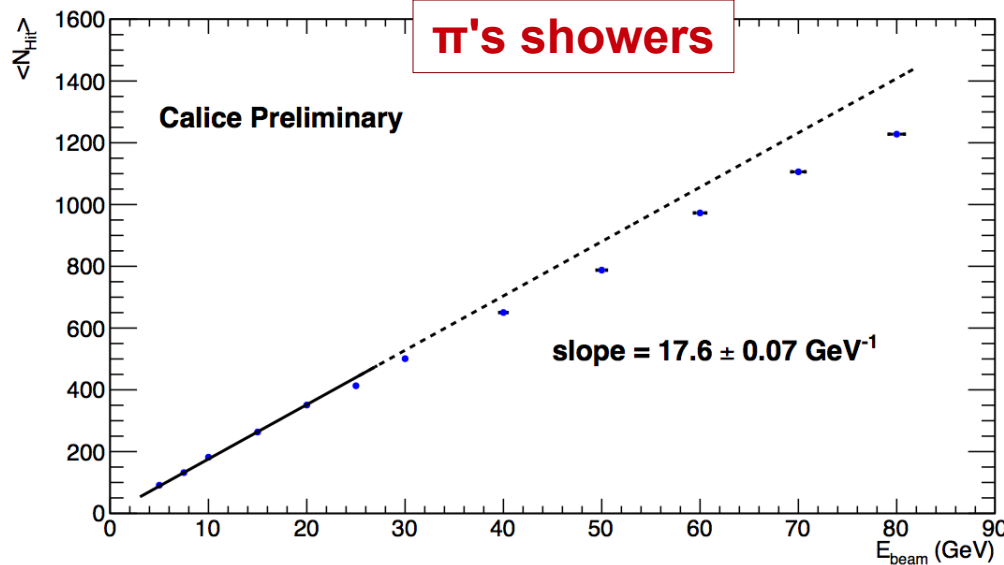
60 GeV π 's



Crystal Ball fit



Nhit response (binary HCAL)



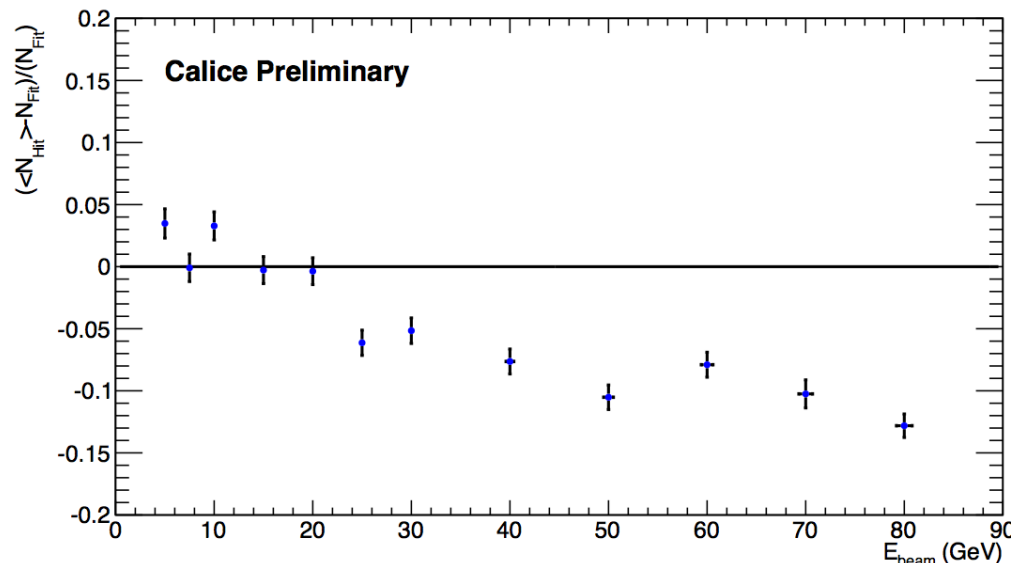
- Saturation observed for $E_{\text{beam}} \geq 30 \text{ GeV}$
- Offset (~ 4 hits) compatible with noise over 3 clock cycles
- Fit by quadratic function:

$$E = (C + D \cdot N_{\text{hit}}) N_{\text{hit}}$$

yields:

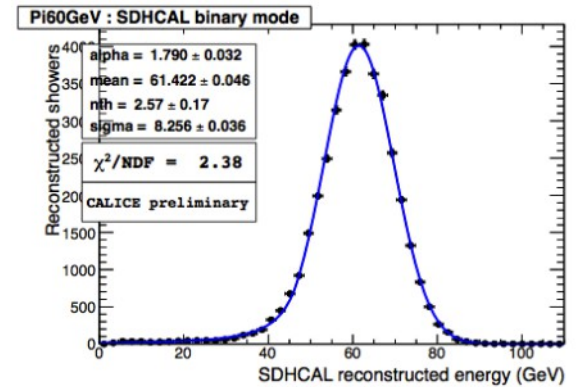
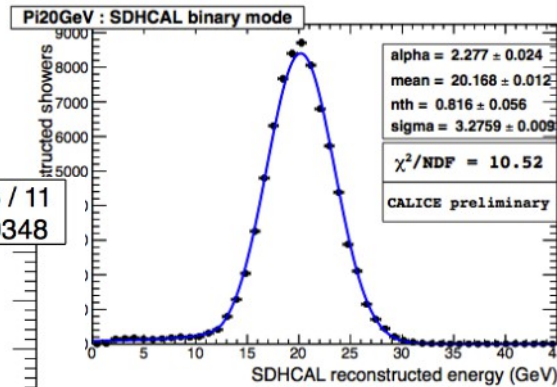
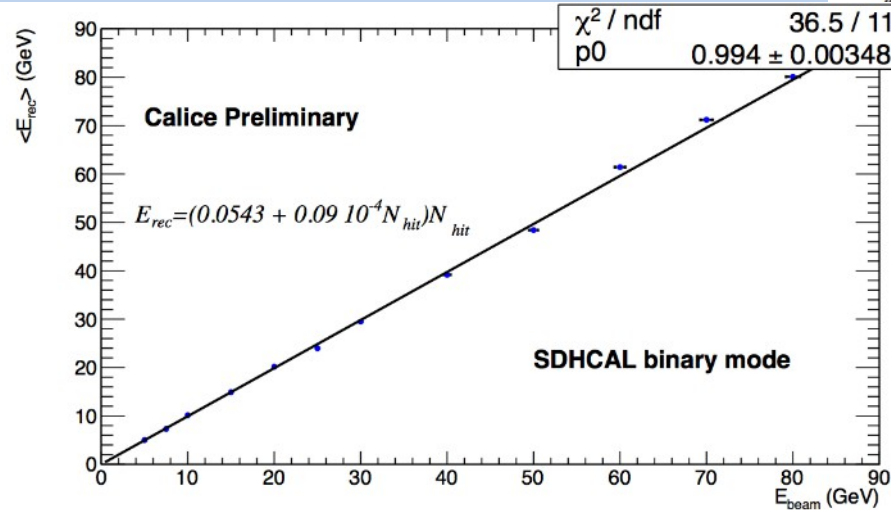
$$C = 54.3 \text{ MeV}$$

$$D = 0.009 \text{ MeV}$$



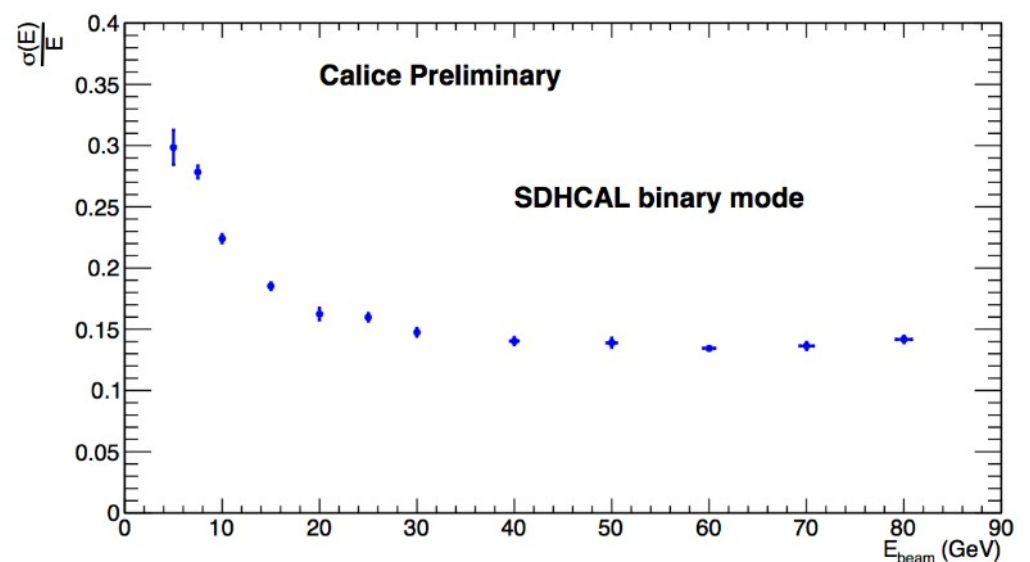
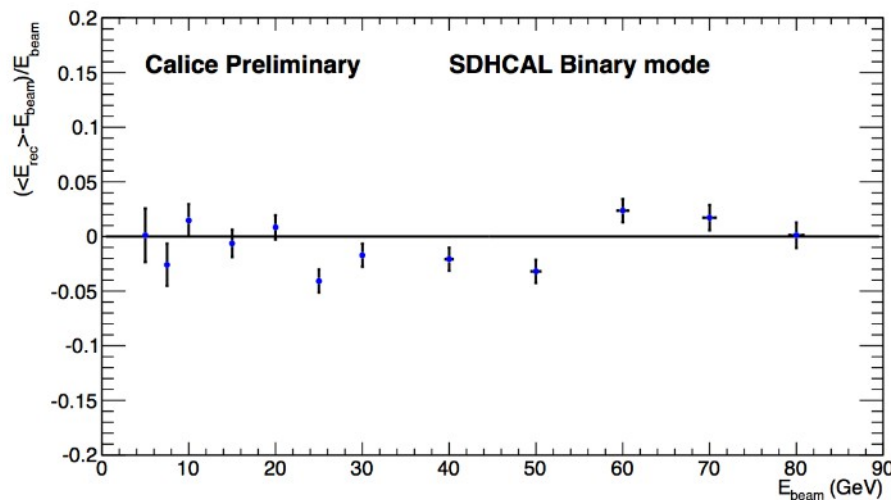
Linearised response (event by event)

Crystal Ball fit



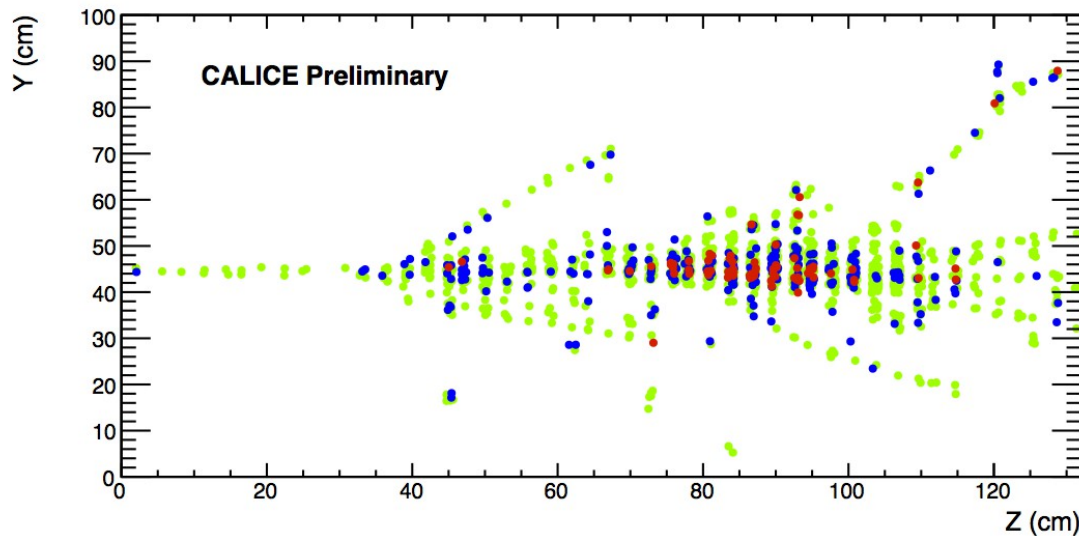
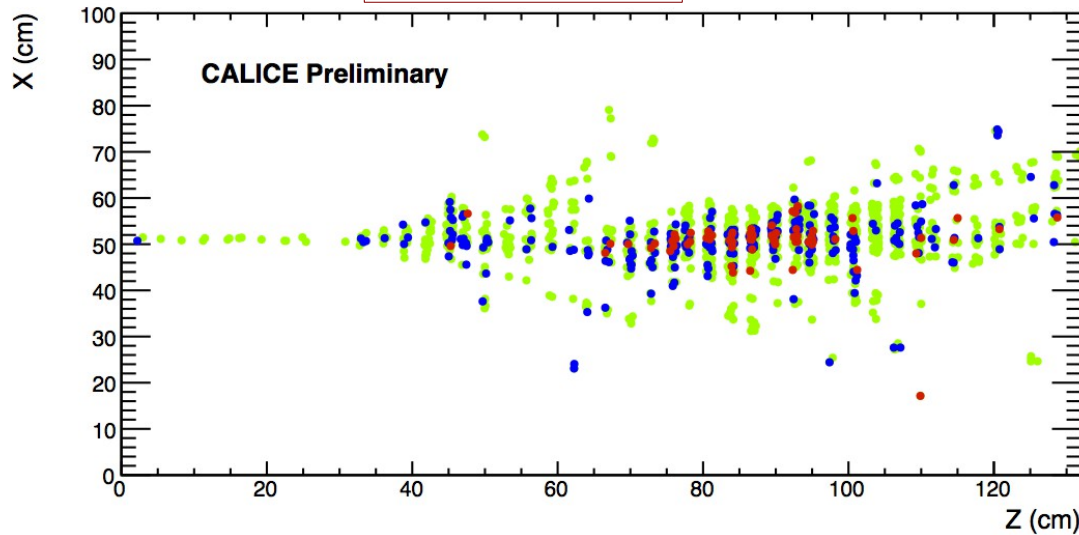
Width (Gauss, CB) $\rightarrow \sigma(E)/E$

- Err = Stat \oplus $\delta(\text{Gauss, CB fit})$
- \oplus cut var $\pm 10\%$



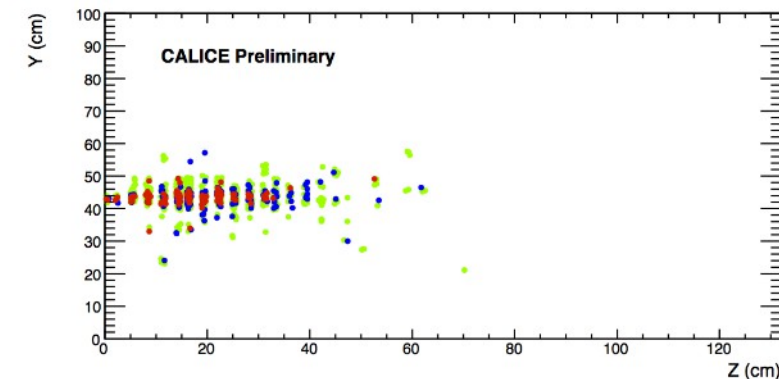
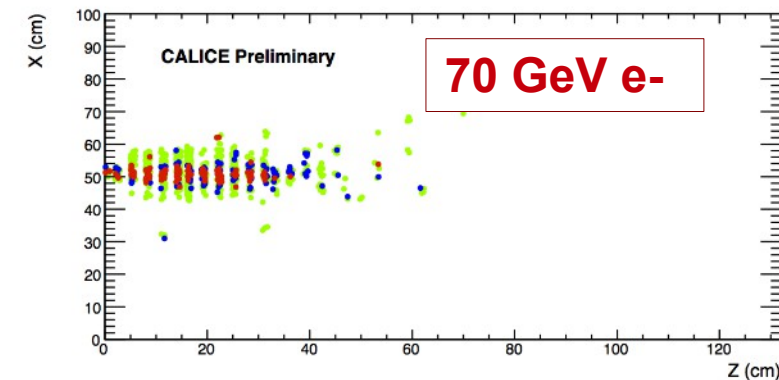
SDHCAL response (multi-thr.)

80 GeV Pion

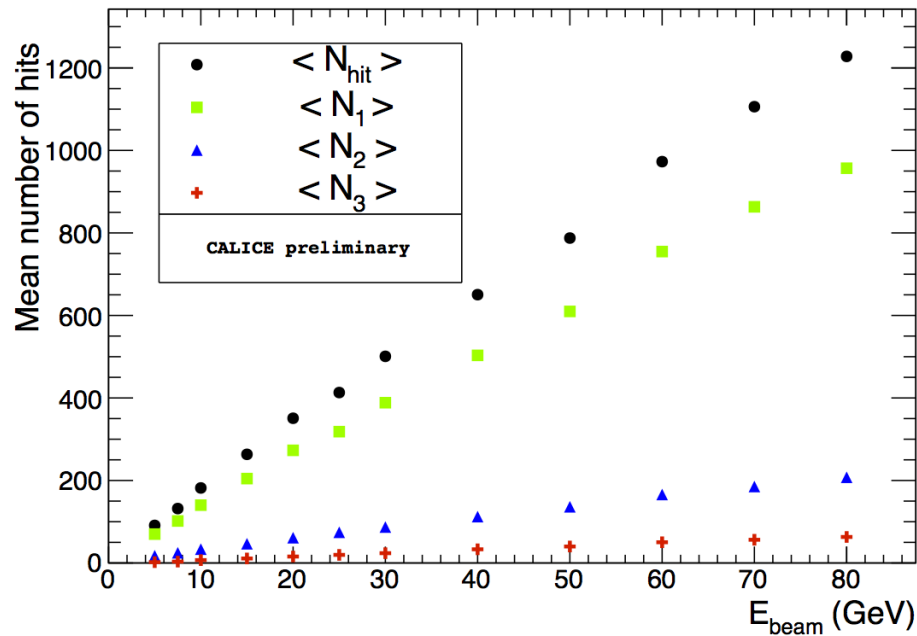


Thresholds set at
114 fC, 5 pC and 15 pC
(~ 0.1 ; 4; 12.5 mip)

► Additional information
on shower structure



SDHCAL response (multi-thr.); Nhits



- Min of χ^2 with

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i^N \frac{(E_{true}^i - E_{rec}^i)^2}{E_{true}^i}$$

over 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 GeV samples (1/3 of stat.)

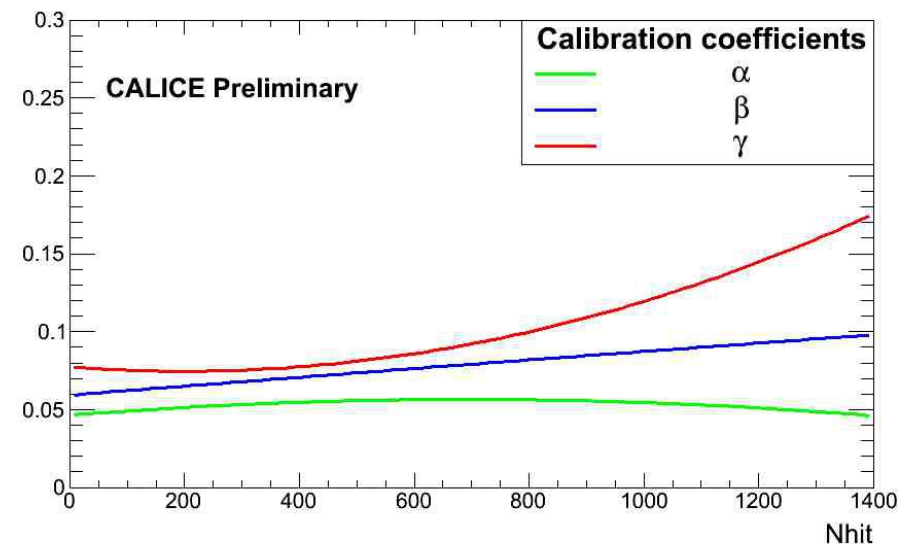
- Parametrised as quartic function of Nhits
- Valid for *single – known – particle...*

- $N1 = \# \text{ of Hits} \geq \text{thr1}, < \text{thr2}$
- $N2 = \# \text{ hits} \geq \text{thr 2}, < \text{thr3}$
- $N3 = \# \text{ hits} \geq \text{thr3}$

$$N_{hit} = N1 + N2 + N3$$

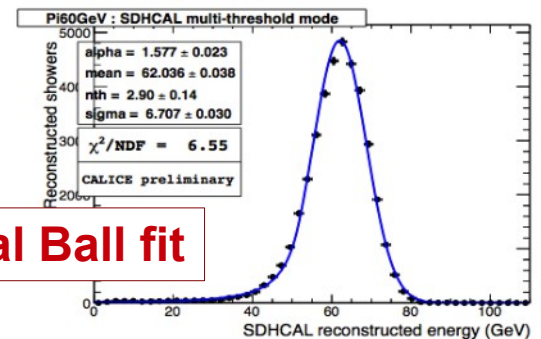
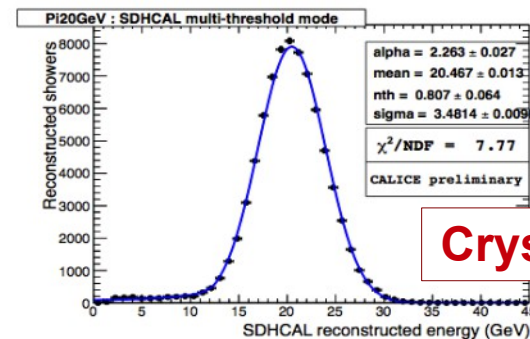
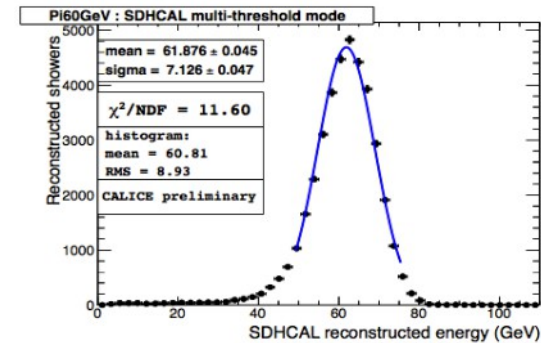
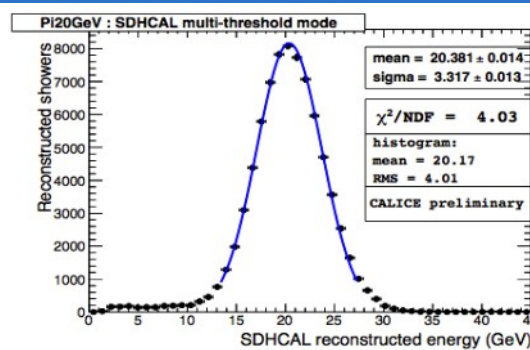
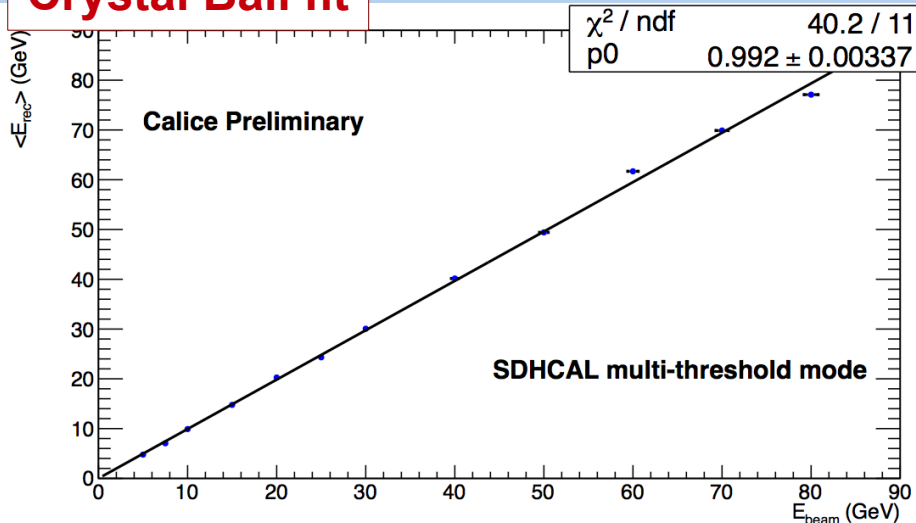
$$E_{rec} = \alpha N1 + \beta N2 + \gamma N3.$$

$$\alpha, \beta, \gamma = f(N_{hit})$$

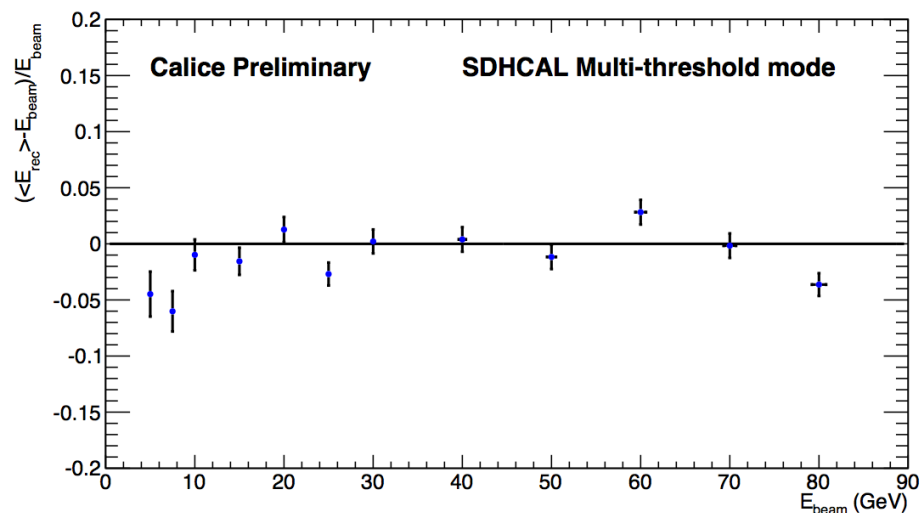


SDHCAL response

Crystal Ball fit

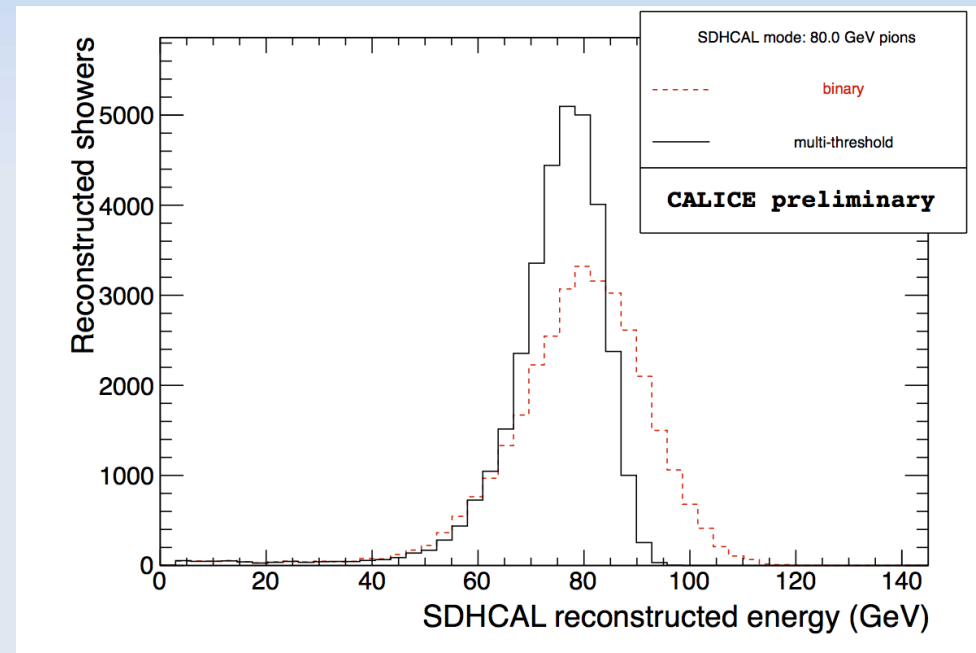
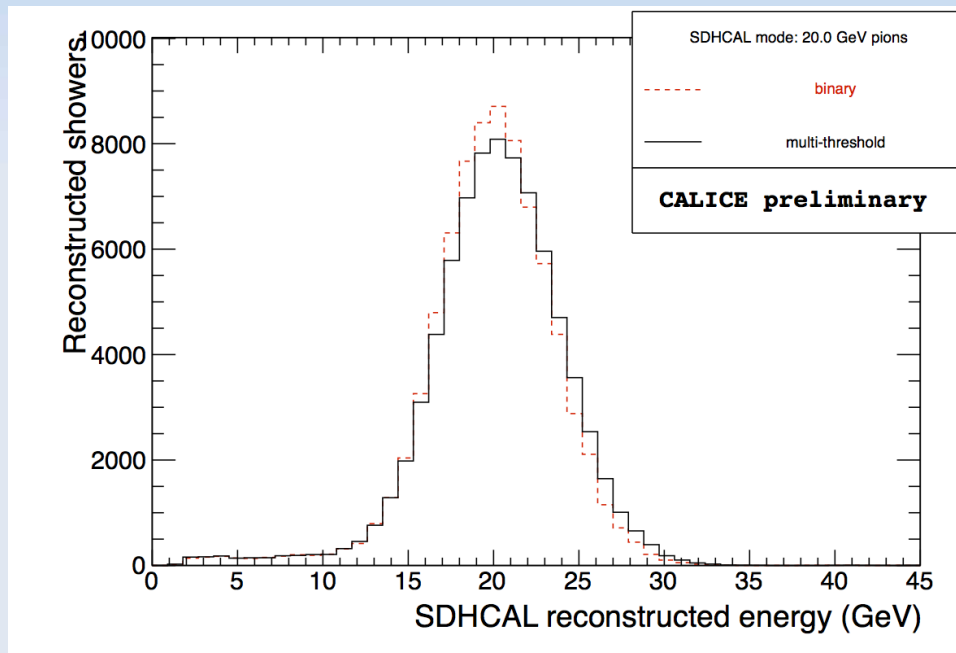


Crystal Ball fit

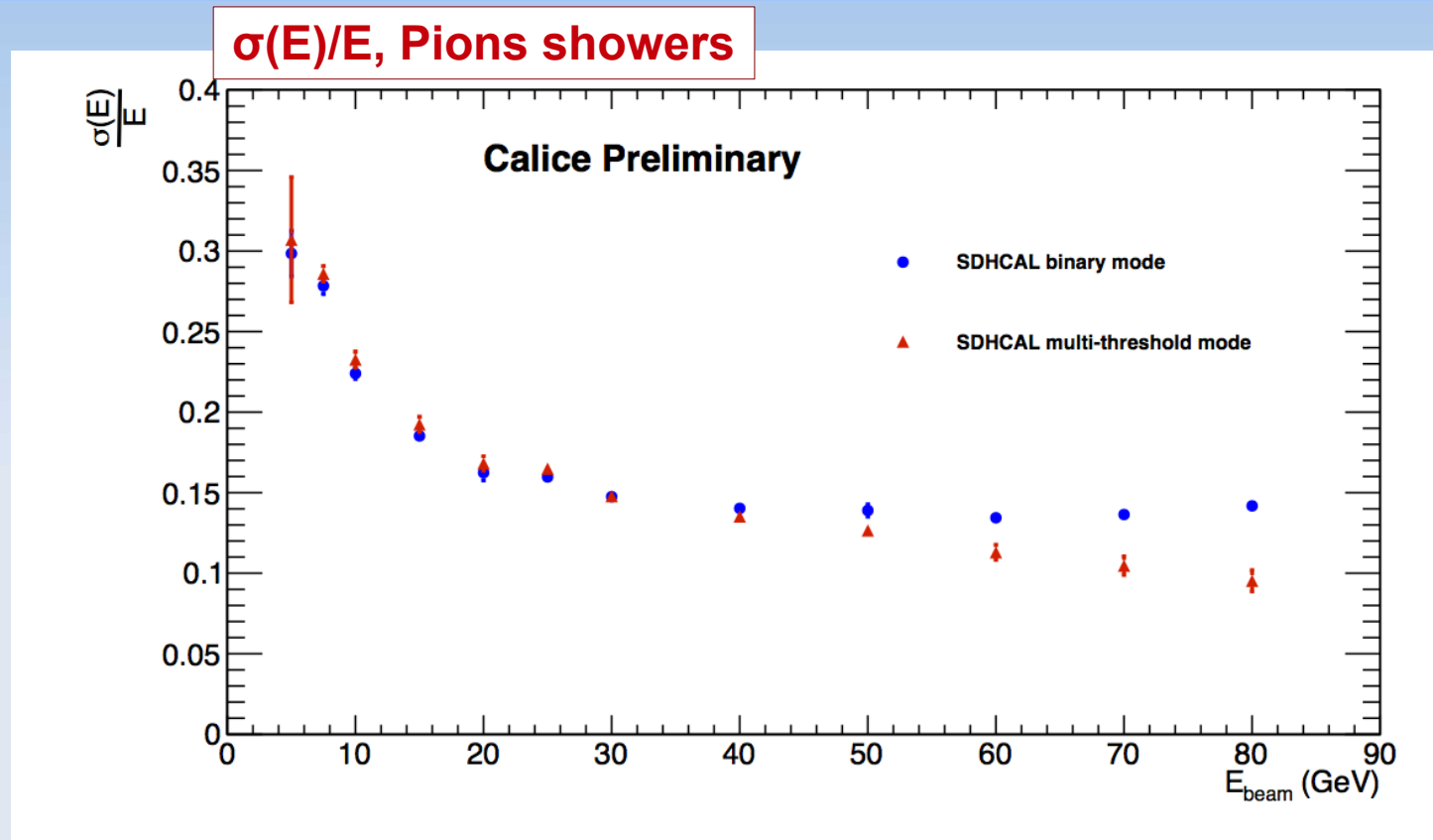


- Linearity $\leq 5\%$ over full range
 - Tuning done for $E_{\text{beam}} \geq 10$ GeV
 - e- contamination @ low E.

SDHCAL: binary vs multi-thr.



SDHCAL binary & multi-thr modes

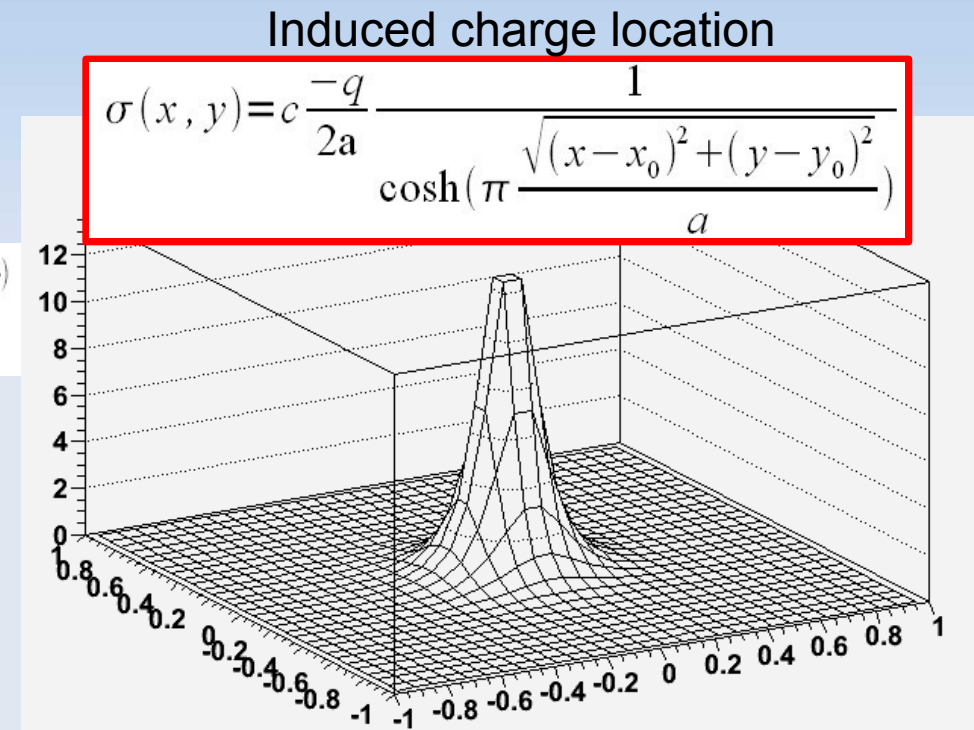
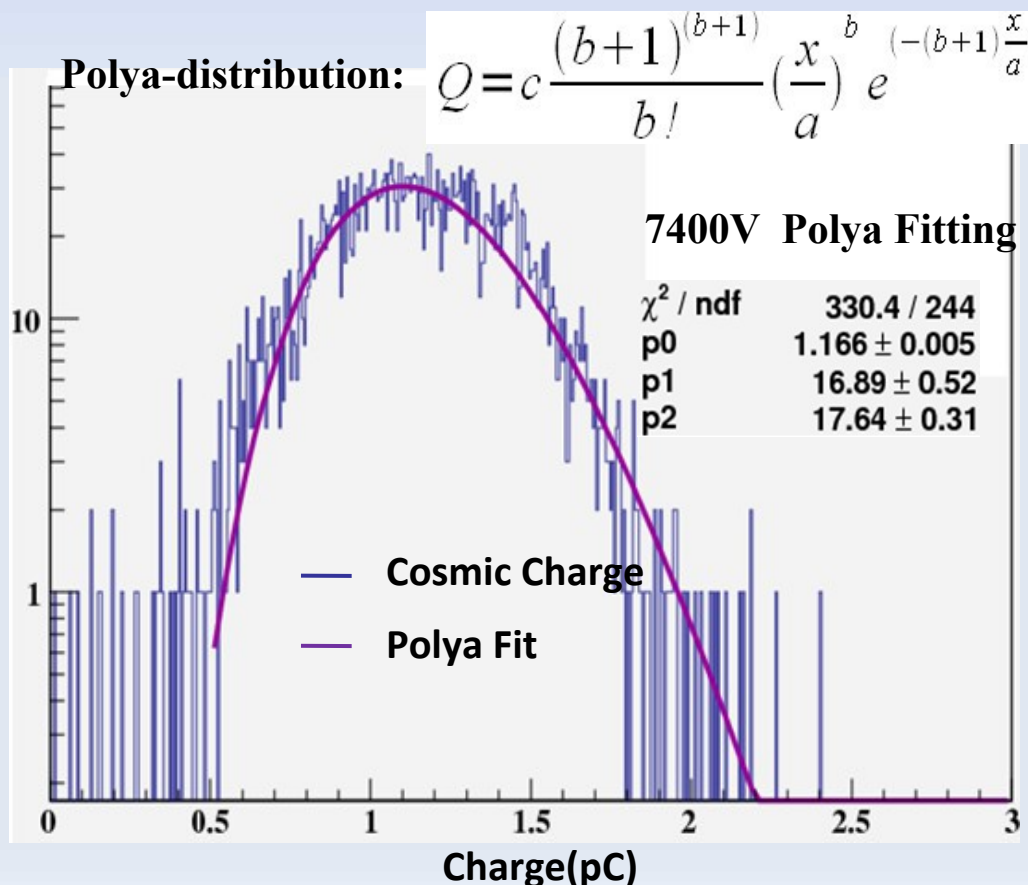


- Raw resolution of **untuned** calorimeter
 - ▶ SDHCAL
 - ▶ DHCAL
- Single pions, filtered for leakage
- $\text{Err} = \text{Stat} \oplus \delta(\text{Gauss, CB fit}) \oplus \text{cut var } \pm 10\% \text{SHCAL}$
- Visible improvement of resolution for $E_{\pi} \geq 50$ GeV
 - ▶ $\leq 10\%$ at 80 GeV.
- **Raw performances** (no pattern recognition, PFA, ...)

Simulation

Comparison with simulation: Digitisation

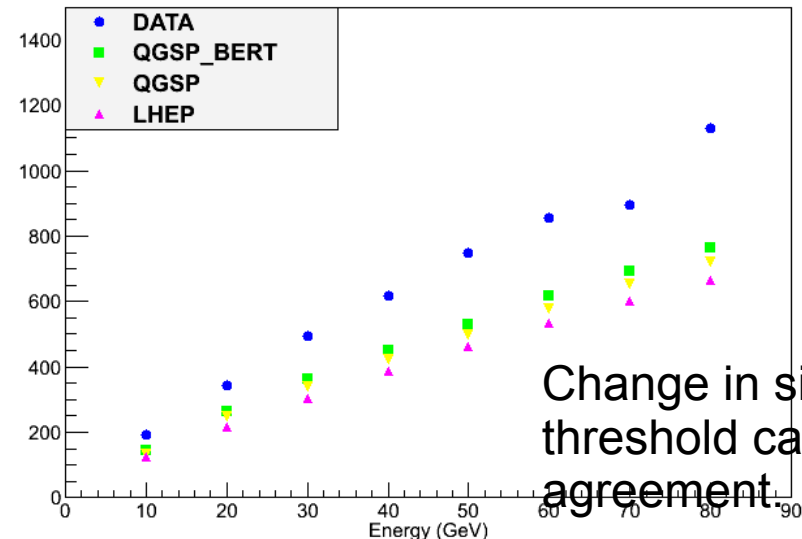
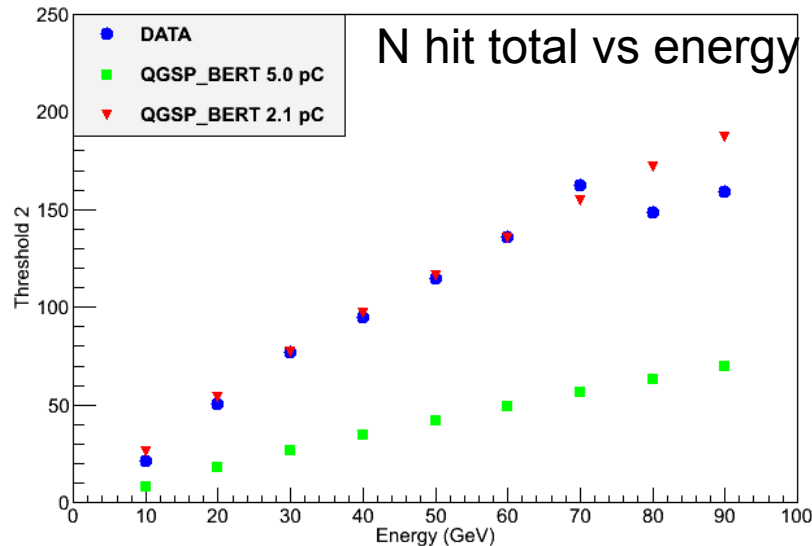
- Use standalone GEANT4 application to simulate the prototype.
- Digitisation included in the prototype
 - reproduce ϵ , μ



- Two approaches & Marlin modules:
 - Single GEANT hit smearing
 - mm² pseudo cells re-grouped

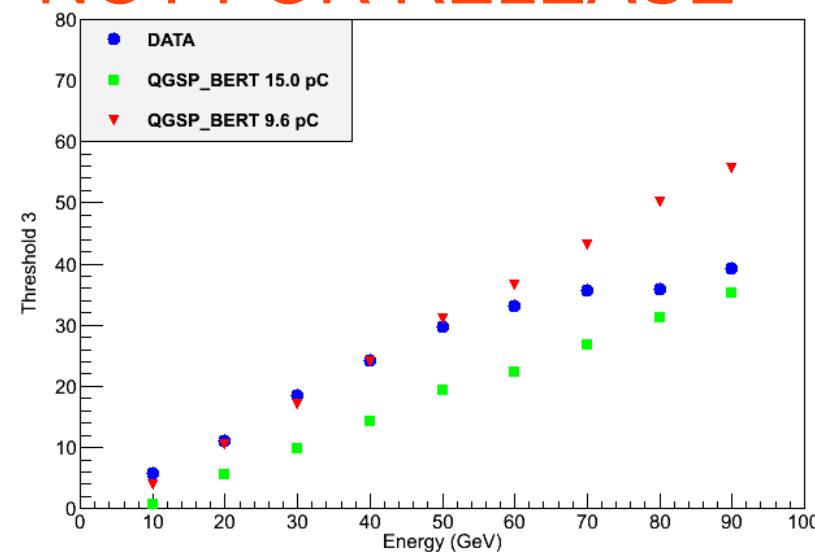
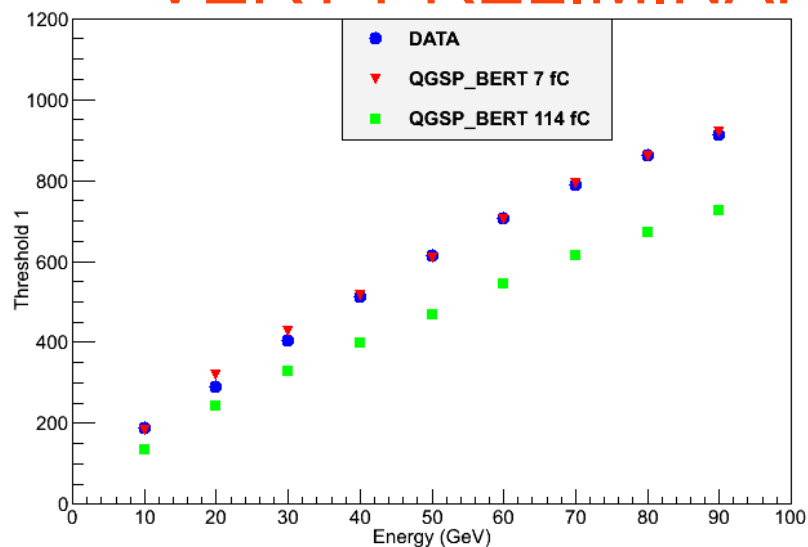
Comparison with simulation : Hit smearing

- Compare GEANT4 physics lists with data

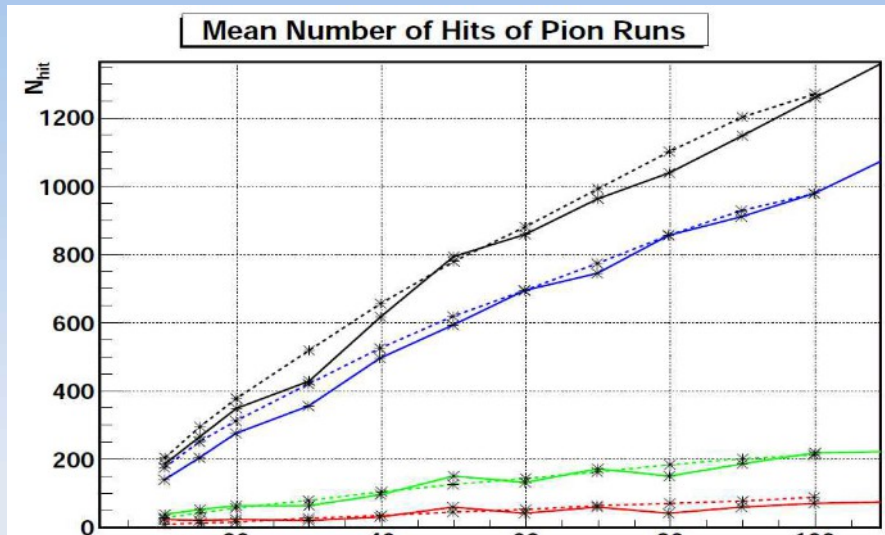


Change in simulated
threshold can restore
agreement.

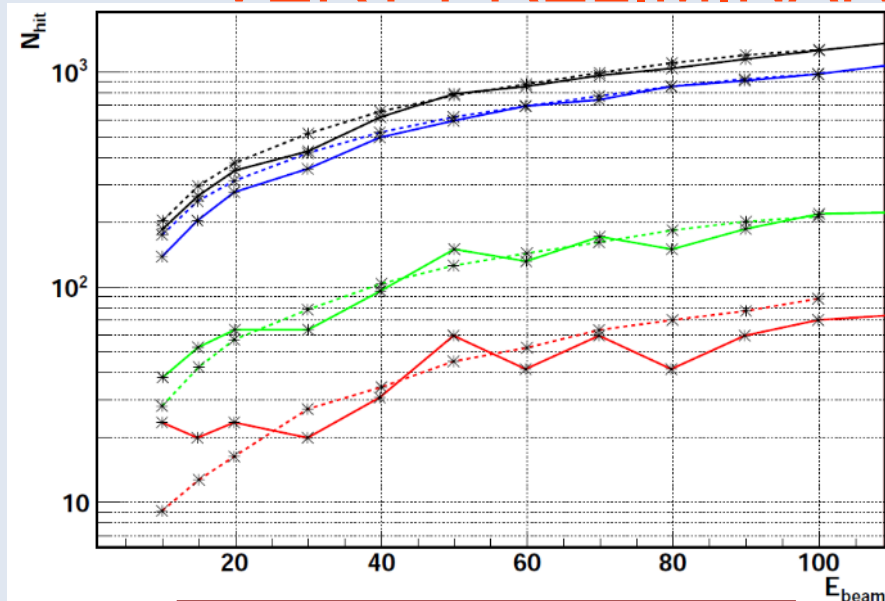
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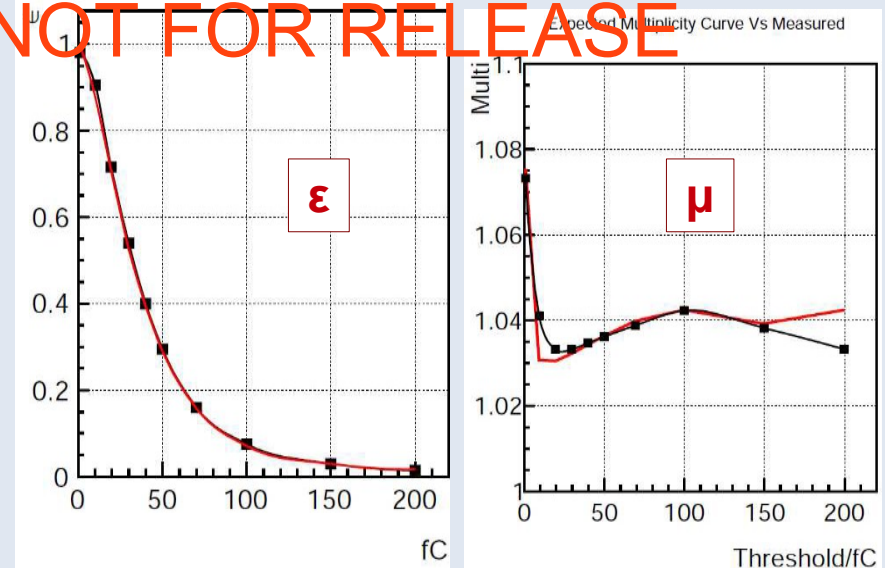
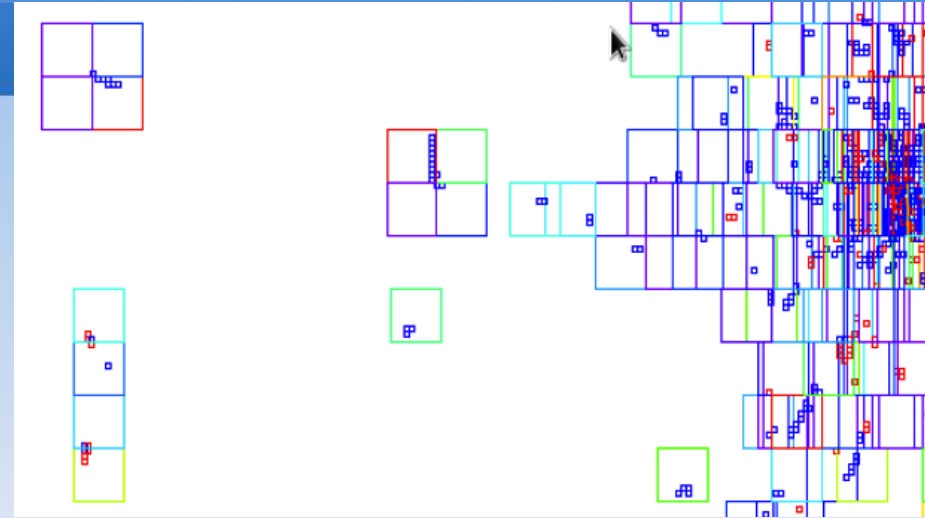
Comparison with simulation : mm² hit re-grouping



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GRPC-SDHCAL response



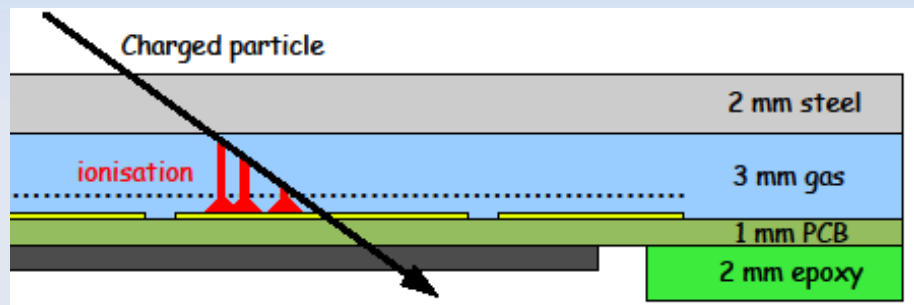
Single plane MicroMegas response

MicroMegas

Micromegas for a 2-bit semi-digital HCAL

Alternative to RPCs operating in the proportional amplification mode

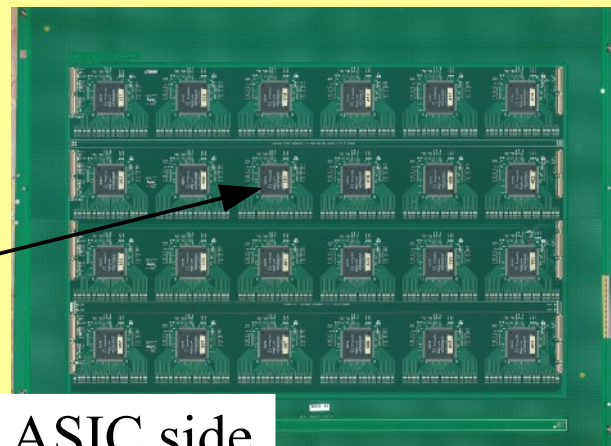
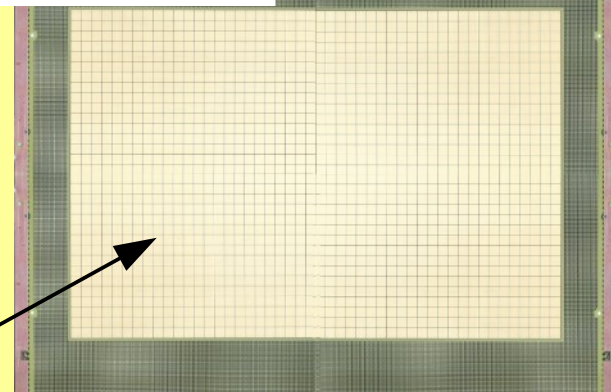
- No saturation of the avalanche process makes the energy measurement with 3 thresholds more precise
- + High rate capability, basically no ageing and minimal hit multiplicity
- + Operating voltage below 500 V and simple gas mixtures (e.g. Ar/CO₂)



Active Sensor Unit (ASU) of 32x48 cm²
1cm² pads + mesh on 1 side
24 MICROROC ASIC + spark protections on other side

MICROROC ASIC (LAPP/LAL Omega)
ILC-like → power pulsing, self-triggering with internal memory
3 thresholds → down to 0.25 MIP, up to 100 MIPs

Pad side



ASIC side

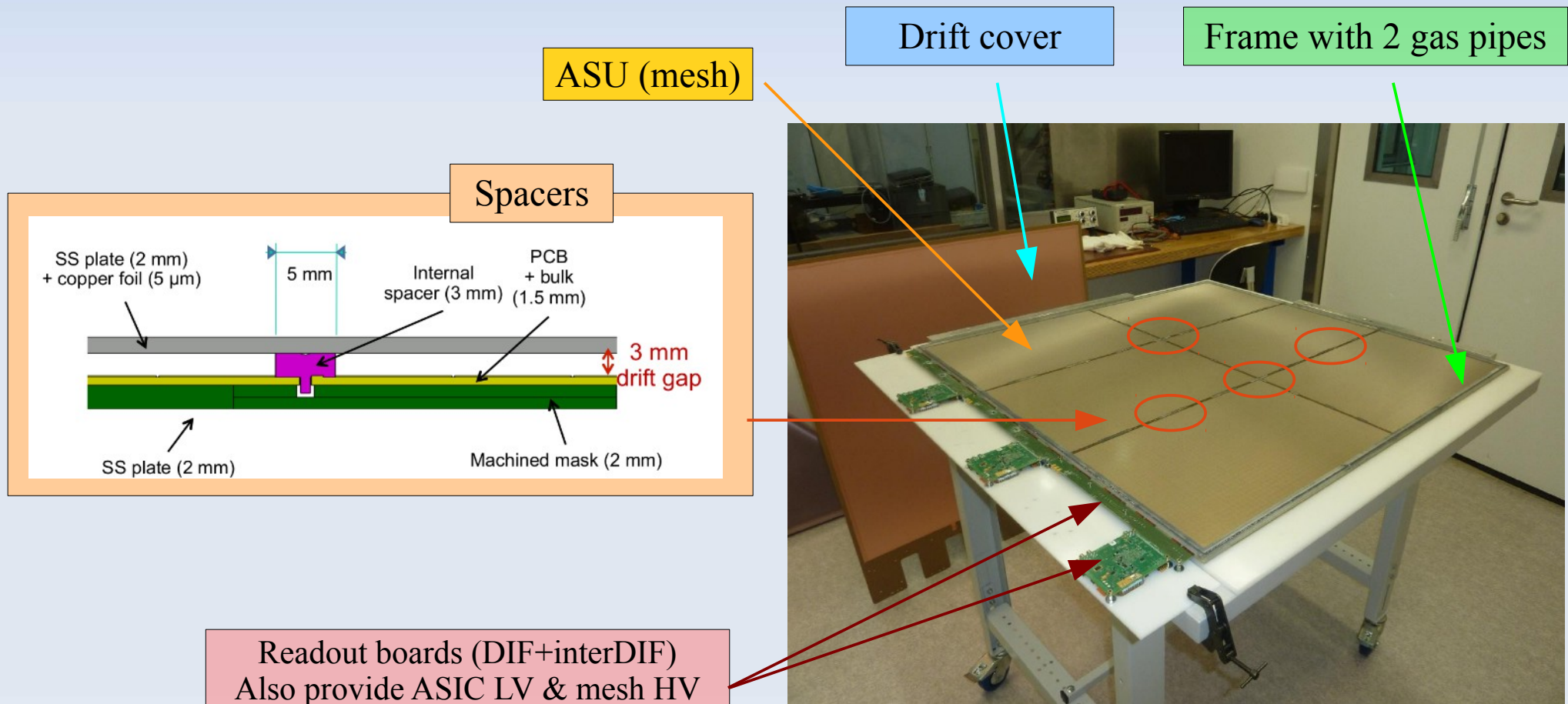
Design of the 1x1 m² chamber

The 1x1 m² chamber consists of 3 slabs of 2 ASUs and some readout boards (DIF + interDIF)

This design introduces very little dead zone (below 2%) and is fully scalable to larger sizes

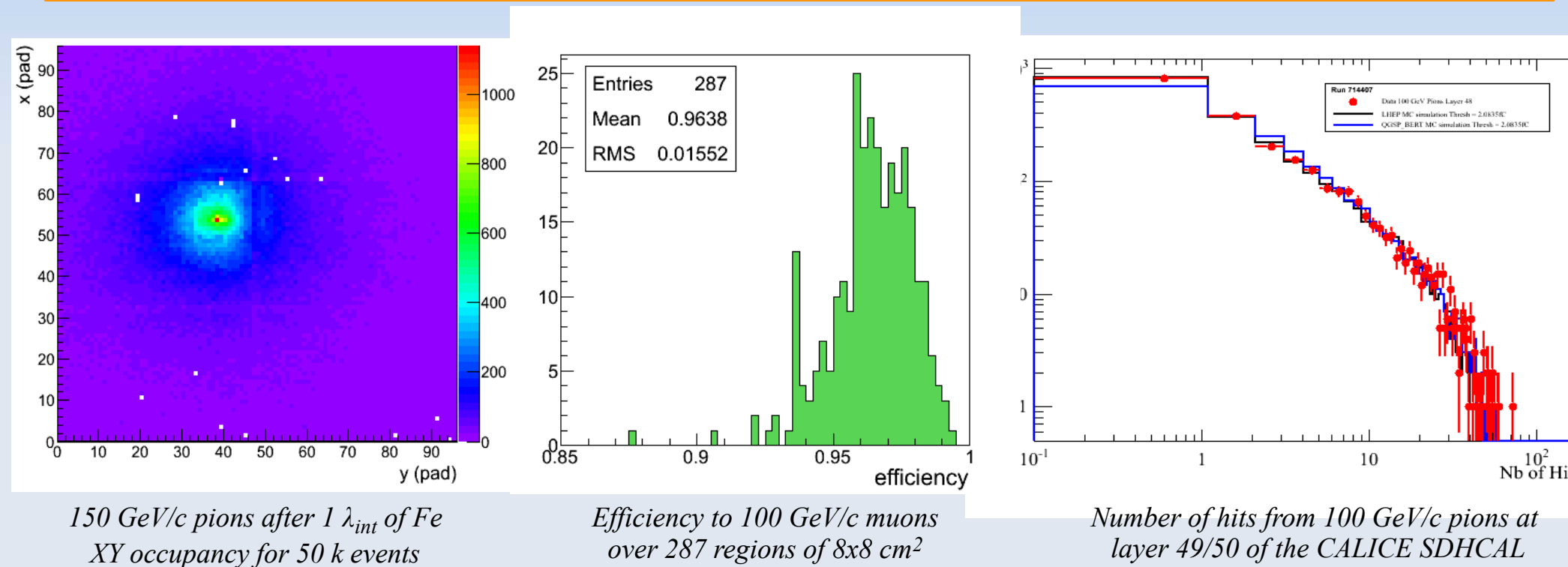
The drift gap is defined by small spacers and a frame

The final chamber thickness is 9 mm



Main performance results

1. The XY plot shows a uniform response, no noise and 99.98% working channels
2. The average efficiency measured on 2 chambers inside the SDHCAL is $(96 \pm 2 \text{ RMS}) \%$
3. The number of hit distribution at layer 49/50 of the SDHCAL is well re-produced by simulation

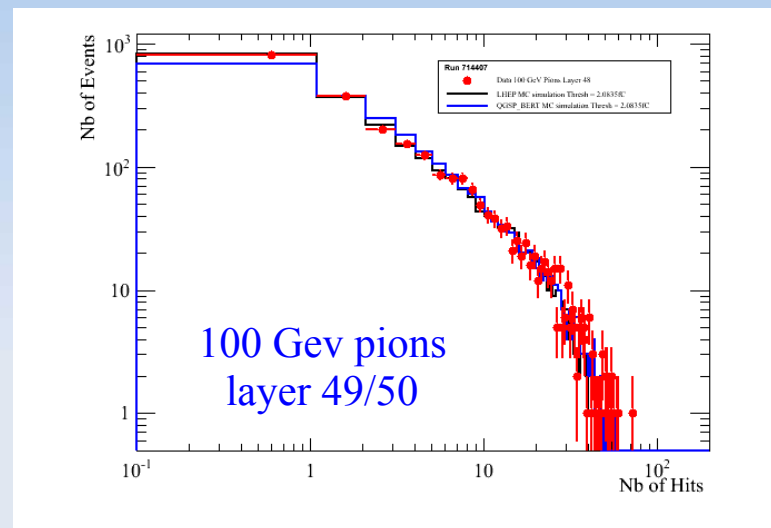
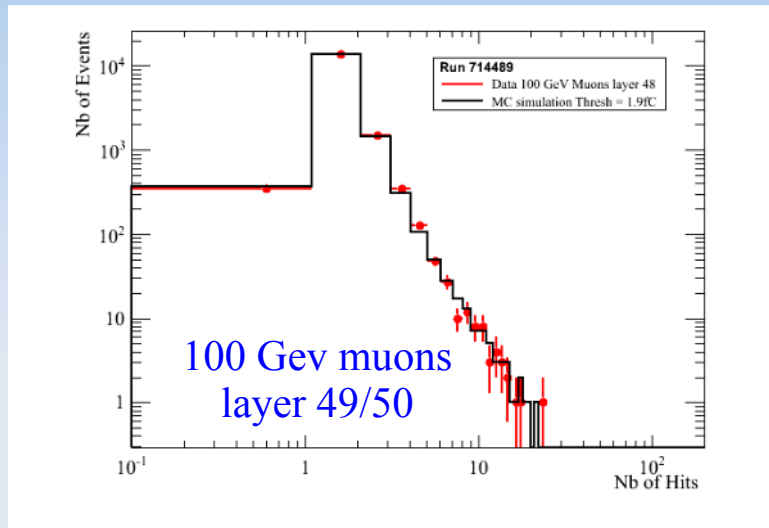


4 chambers are now ready for test beam, in November, inside the CALICE SDHCAL.

In 2013, we will concentrate on the development of spark protections using resistive layers.

Performance inside CALICE/SDHCAL

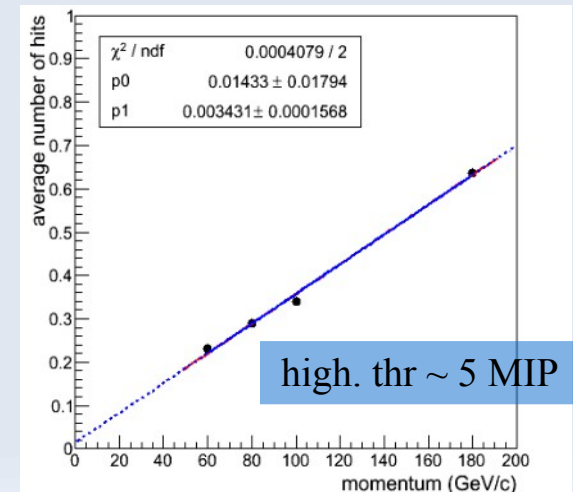
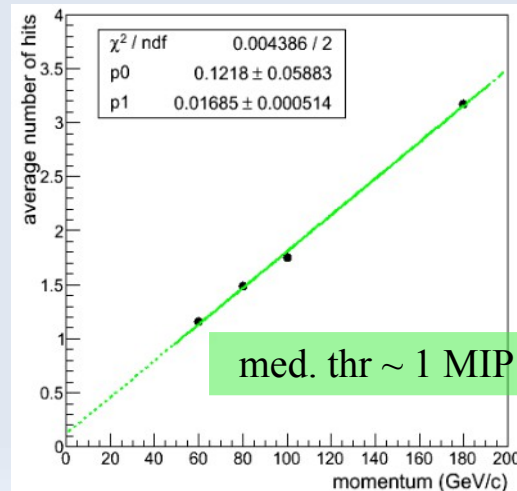
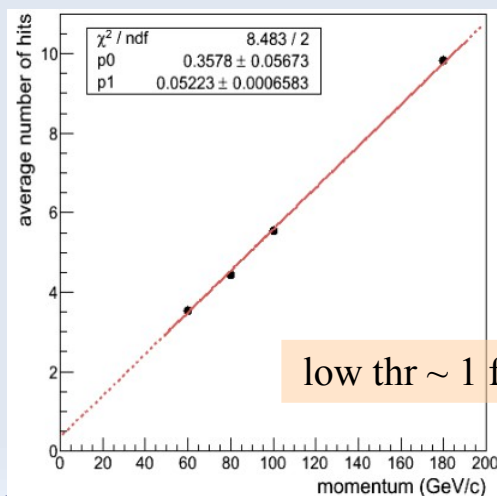
The distributions measured in the Micromegas chambers are well reproduced by MC simulation



Average Nhit versus pion energy

No saturation at the back of SDHCAL → linear response of 3 thresholds

pions
layer 47/50

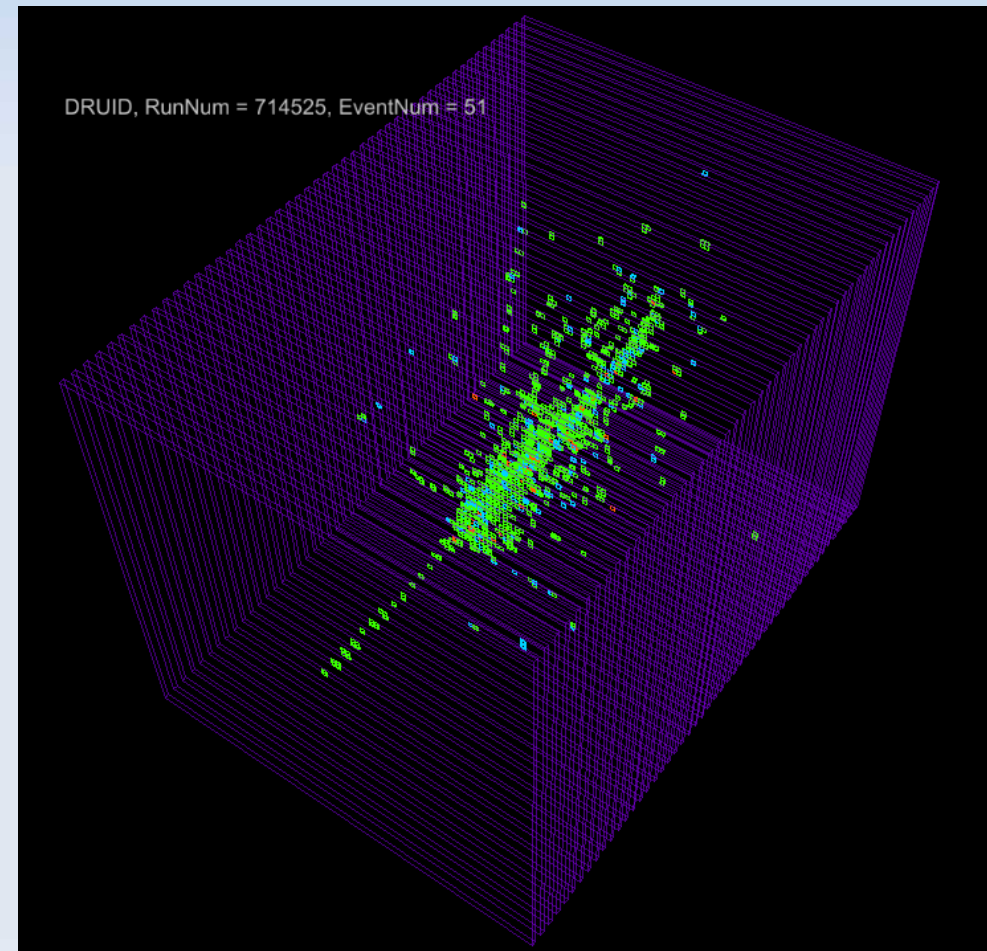


Conclusions & Perspective

- A semi-digital, high granular hadronic calorimeter seems an excellent tool to achieve PFA in the future linear collider experiments.
- The CALICE technological SDHCAL-GRPC prototype was successfully tested with its 48 layers and its 6 λ_1 in different places (SPS, PS)
 - ▶ Power-Pulsing allows optimal conditions (temperature, noise) and it was the running mode during this year different TB.
 - ▶ Excellent data quality was obtained in TB (especially in August with gas installation under our own control) with smooth running conditions (no intervention for the 2-week TB period).
- Preliminary results without data treatment (no gain correction, no local calibration, ...) indicate an excellent single particle energy resolution on pions
 - ▶ Multi-threshold mode brings significant improvement at $E_\pi \geq 50$ GeV.
 - ▶ Many many studies still to be done
 - ◆ Electron response; thr. scan; PFA disambiguation; pattern recognition; ...
- Comparison with simulation is **ongoing** and will bring rich information to better understand the hadronic showers.

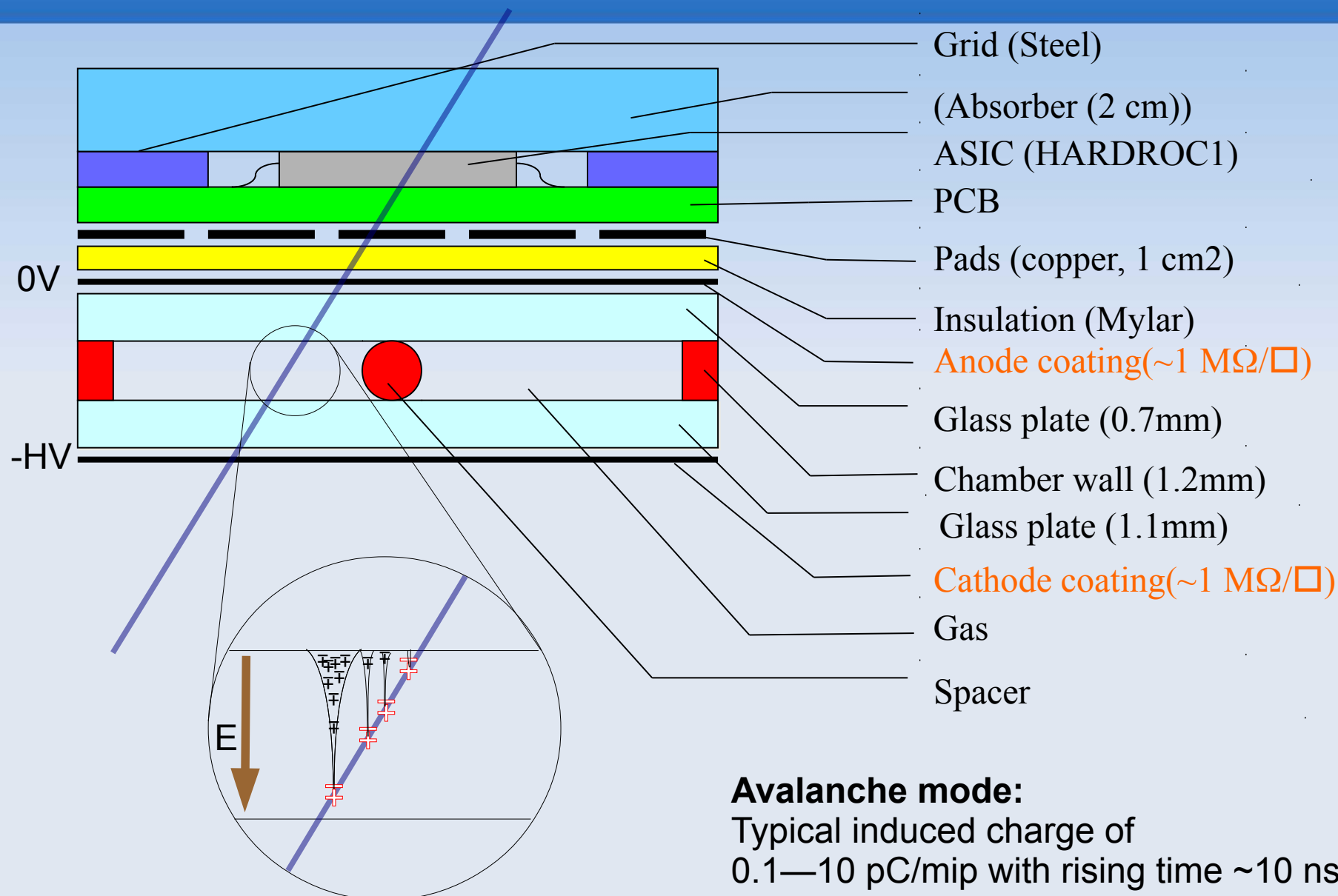
Prospects

- Prospects50 GRPC will be used for the November TB at CERN. Gain correction will be applied. A tail catcher using 4 chambers of MicroMegs will be used
 - ▶ A week with 4 MicroMegs & 46 GRPC will follow
- Work on very large GRPC 2-3 m² has started and will be completed next year.
 - ▶ new ASIC generation (HR3),
 - ▶ new PCB
 - ▶ improved readout system.

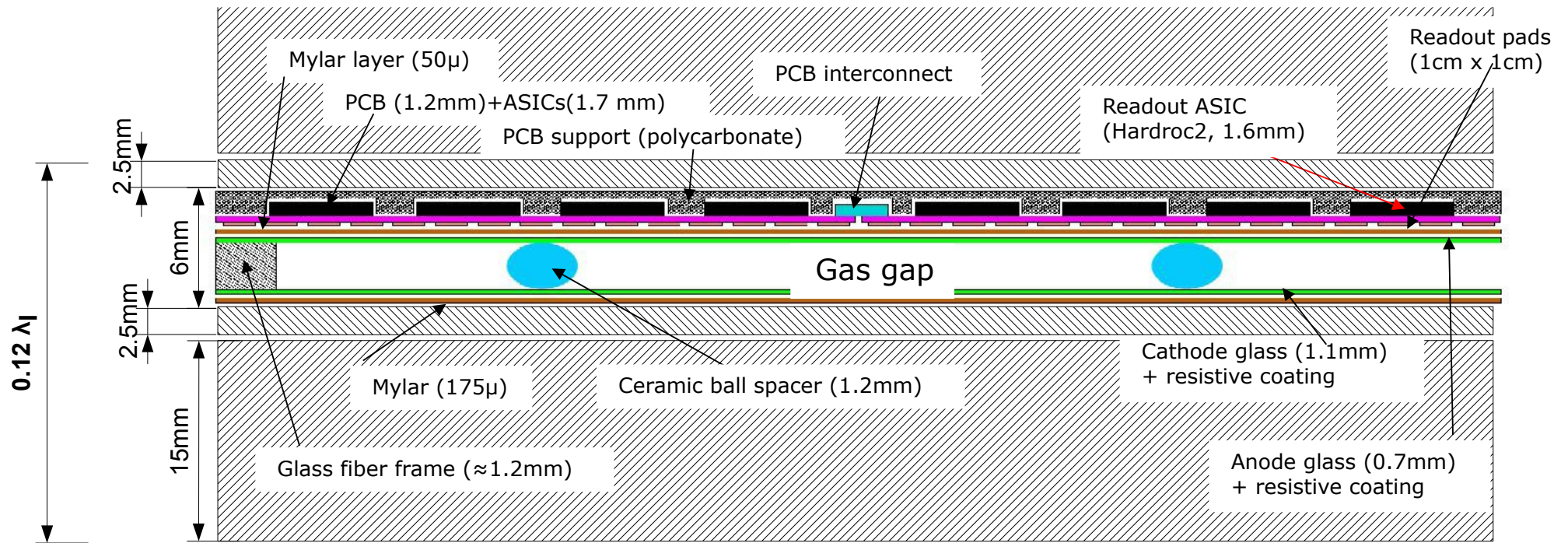


Back up

Glass Resistive Plate Chamber



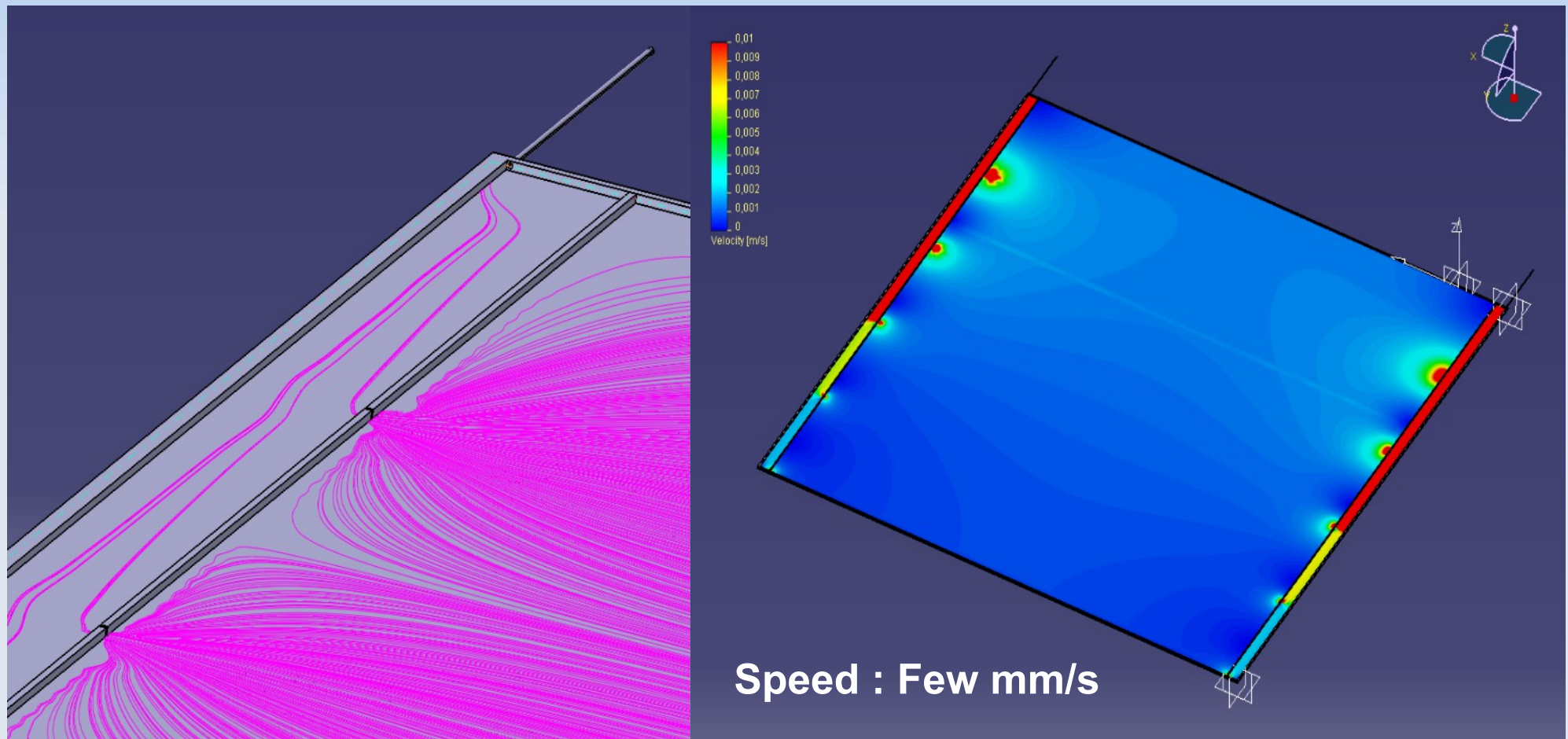
Structure of an active layer of the SDHCAL



50 layers of $0.12 \lambda_I = 6 \lambda_I$

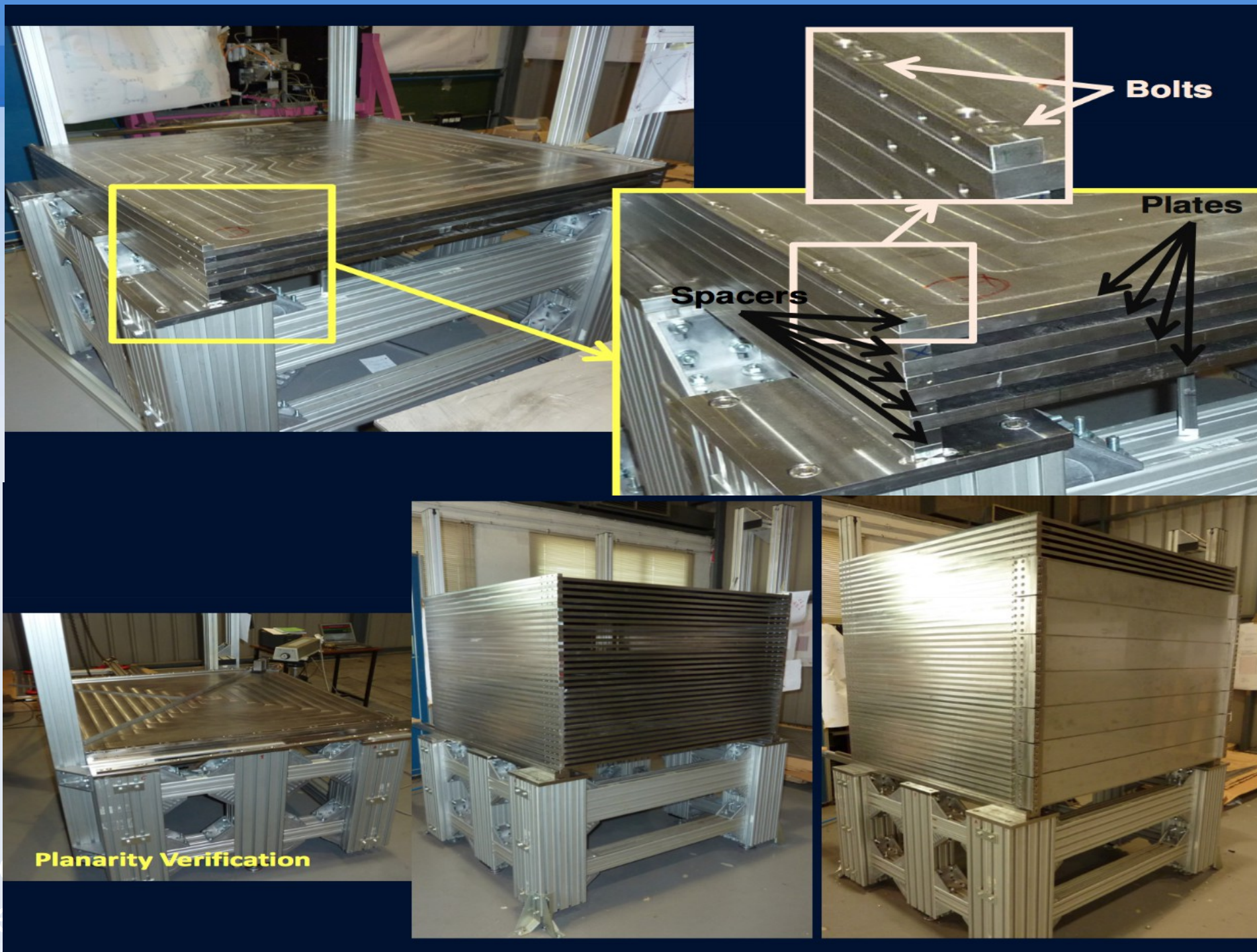
Gas distribution system

The services being on one side of the detector, a new gas distribution design is used. It allows to distribute the gas uniformly in the large chamber.

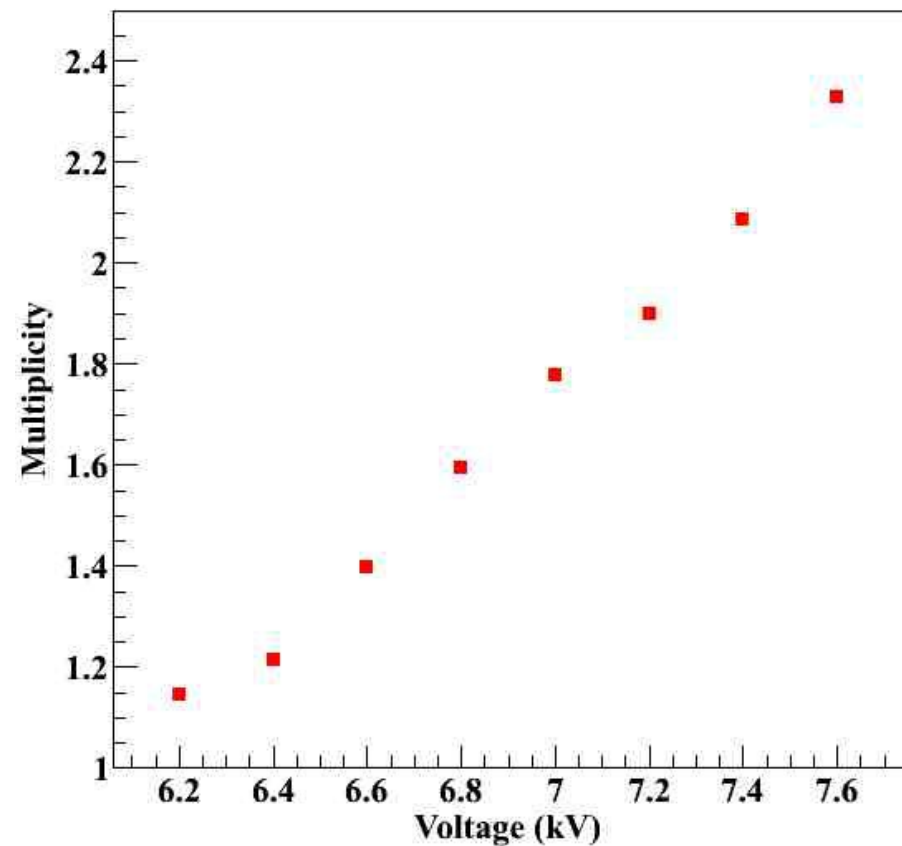
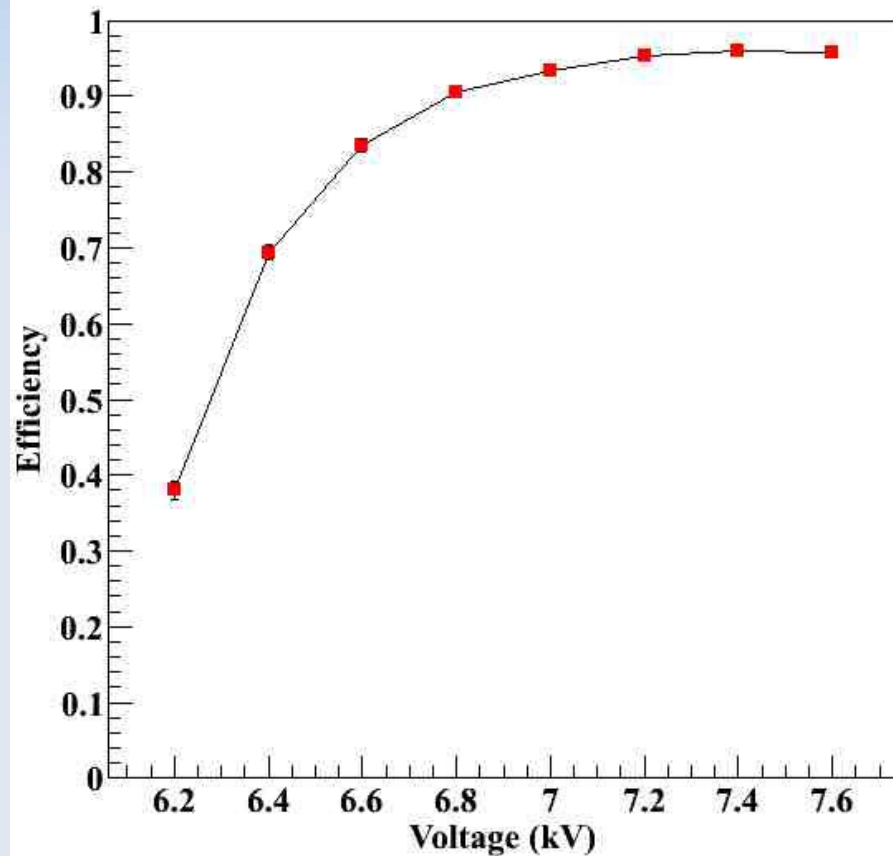


When **diffusion** is included → Homogeneity is expected to be even better

A test using Kr83m radioactive gas is scheduled to monitor online the gas distribution

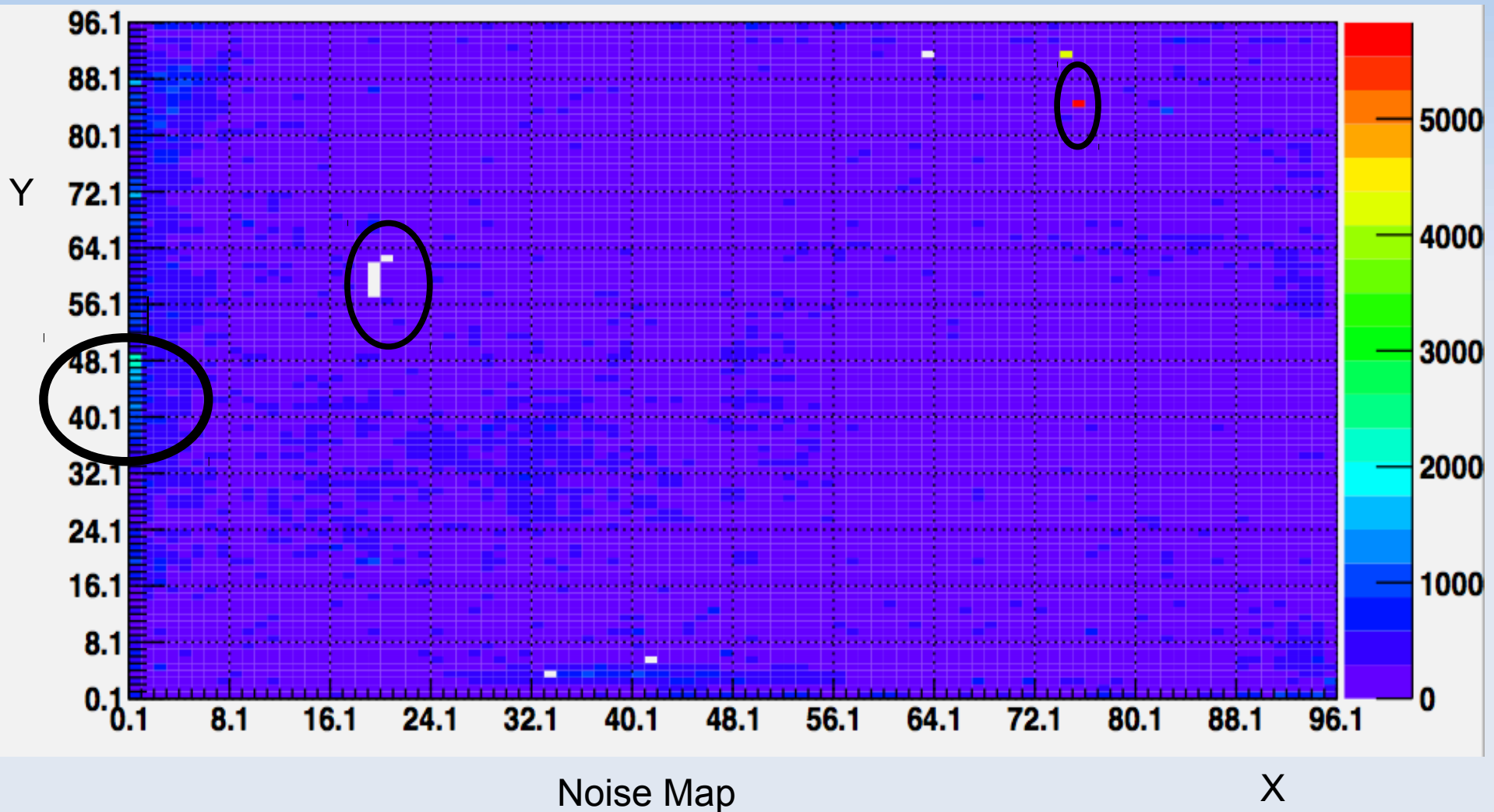


To check that the detectors and electronics are not at the origin of this...
A short beam test was organized at PS in November 2011 with 6 detectors
taken from the prototype



Validation

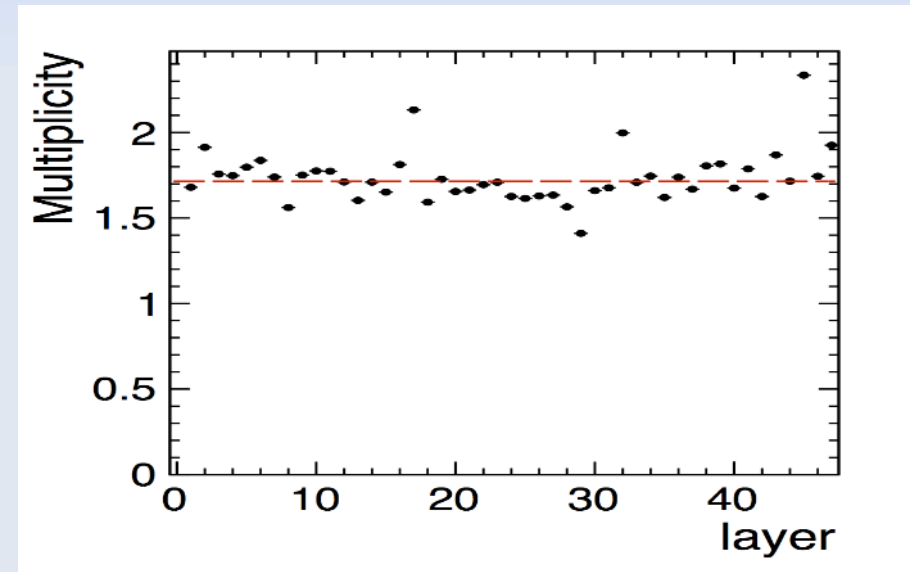
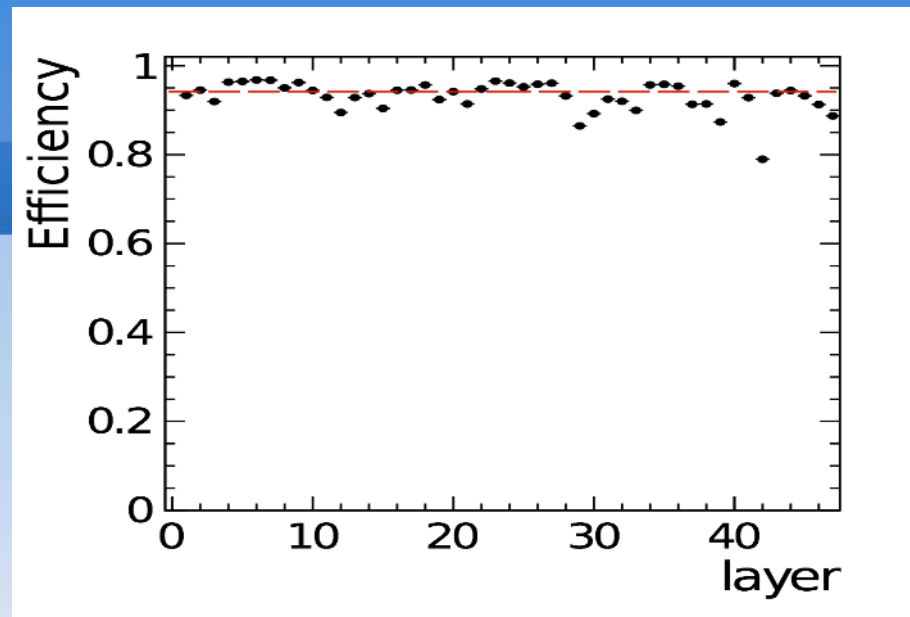
Noise was measured and found to be $< 1 \text{ Hz/cm}^2$ outside the channeling tubes and HV connection zones



μ track selection (monitoring)

- ϵ , μ estimated from tracks reconstructed from other layers
 - ▶ hits are grouped in clusters if sharing an edge
 - ▶ isolated clusters ($\Delta r_{\text{in layer}} > 12 \text{ cm}$) dropped
 - ▶ Tracks reconstructed if remaining $N_{\text{layers}} > 7$,
 - ◆ with at least 1 layer on each side of investigated one (except 1st and last layer)
 - ▶ χ^2 with $\Delta x, y = \text{Span}(\text{cm})$ in $(x, y) / \sqrt{12}$

■ Efficiency



- $$\text{Multiplicity} = \frac{\text{Nb tracks with } \geq 1 \text{ hit } \delta r \leq 3 \text{ cm from track impact in plane}}{\text{Nb of tracks}}$$

$\langle \text{Nb hit in cluster closest to tracks, if any} \rangle$

Crystal Ball function

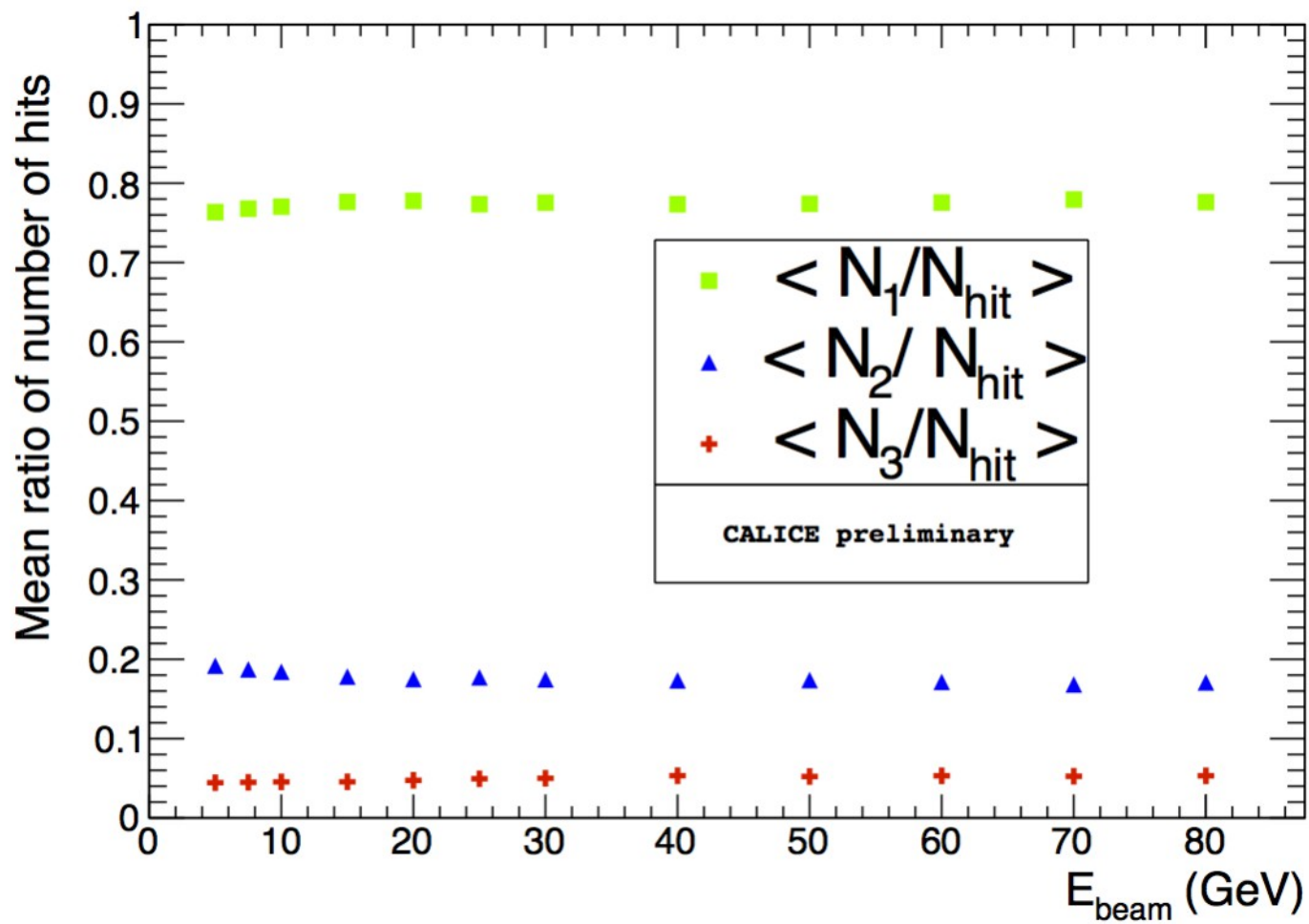
$$f(x; \alpha, nth, \bar{x}, \sigma) = N \cdot \begin{cases} \exp(-\frac{(x-\bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2}) & \text{for } \frac{x-\bar{x}}{\sigma} > -\alpha \\ A \cdot (B - \frac{x-\bar{x}}{\sigma})^{-nth} & \text{for } \frac{x-\bar{x}}{\sigma} \leq -\alpha \end{cases}$$

where:

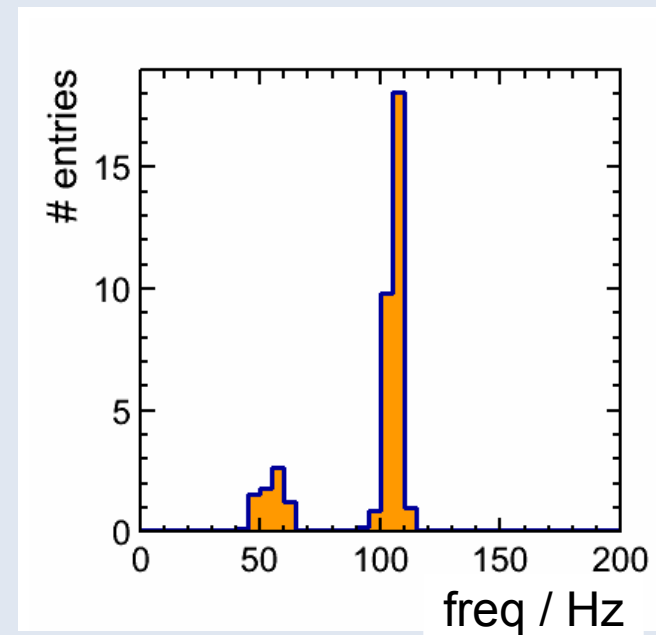
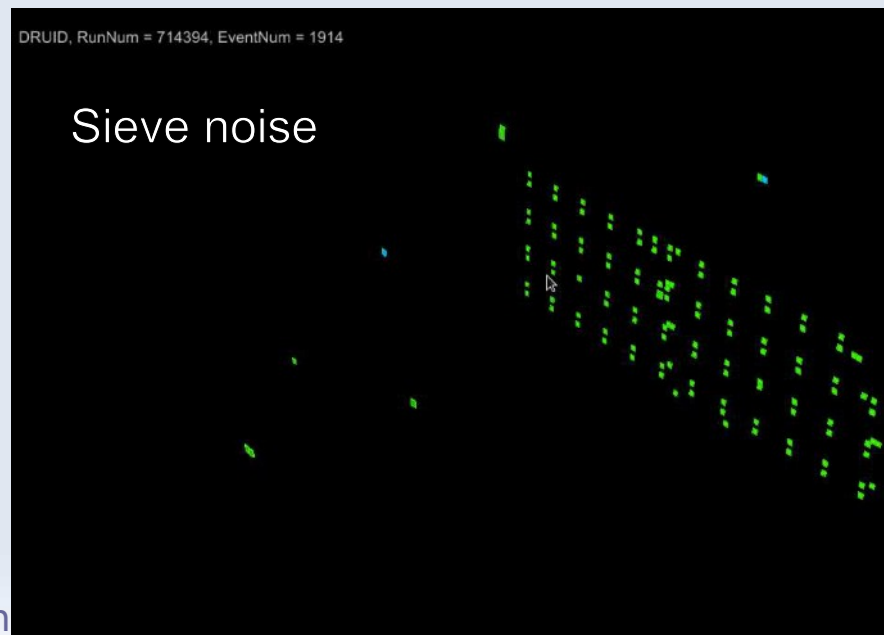
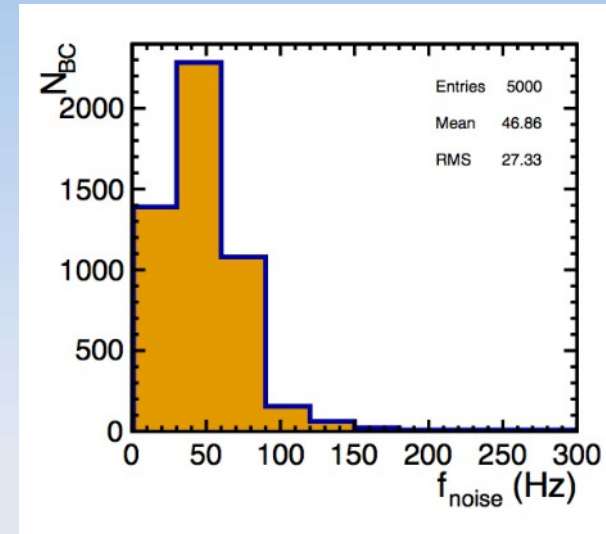
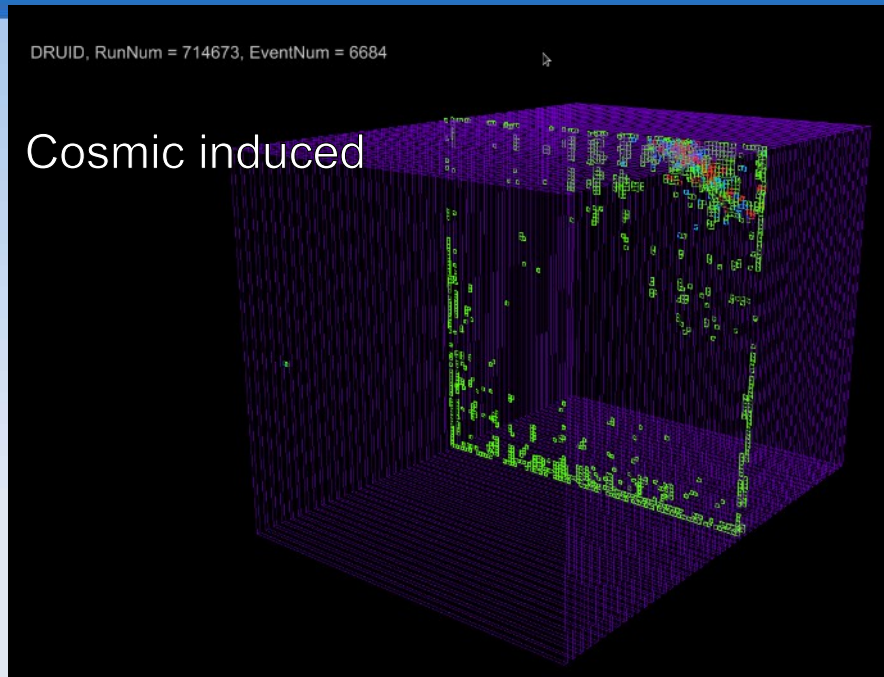
$$A = \left(\frac{nth}{|\alpha|} \right)^{nth} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{|\alpha|^2}{2}\right)$$

$$B = \frac{nth}{|\alpha|} - |\alpha|$$

N is a normalization factor.

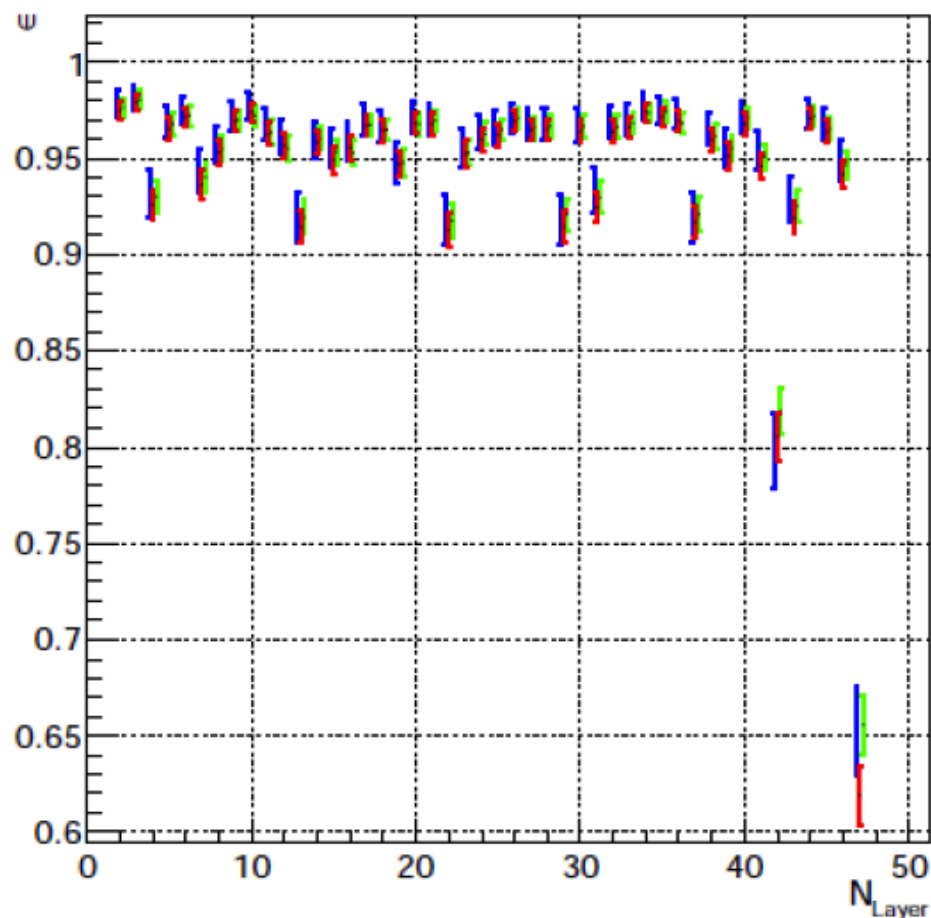


Coherent noise

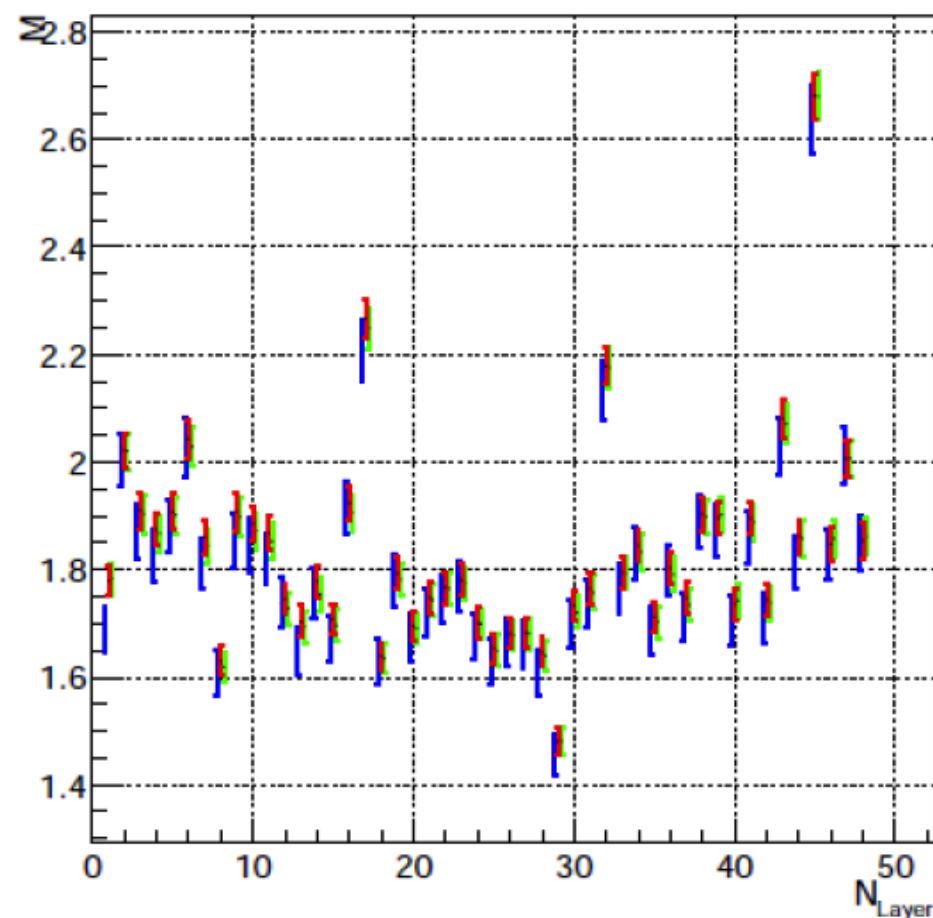


Efficiency & Multiplicity: Stability

Efficiency Per Layer



Multiplicity Per Layer



Stable with sensible fluctuation (error bar scaled by 10 times)

15 GeV Pion (714439, 4441): 43797 long beam mip evts

20 GeV Pion (714565, 4573): 103109 evts

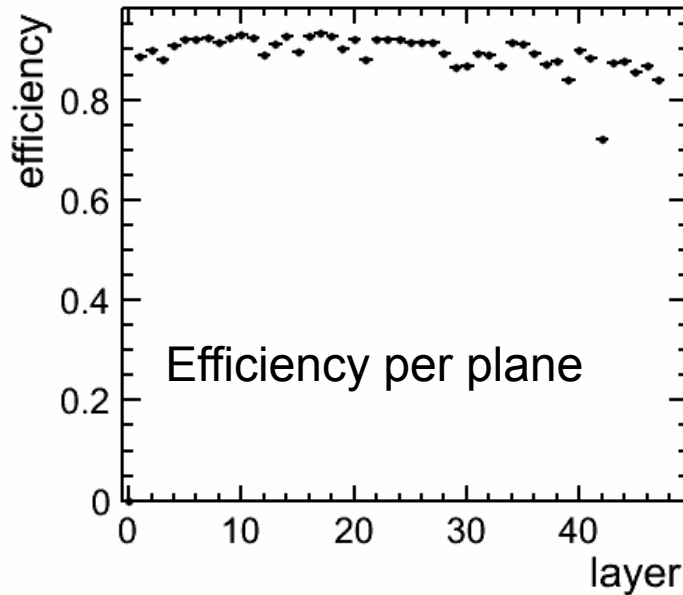
60 GeV Pion (714551, 4552, 4553): 98960 evts

Micro structure of segmented GRPC response...

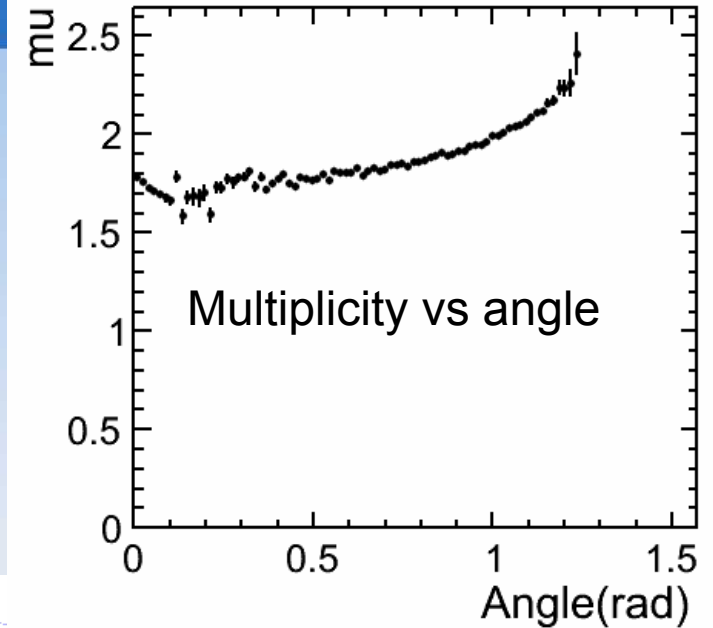
With muons (beam + cosmics), one can derive efficiencies and multiplicities per plane, per ASIC, per channel or per area smaller than a cell.

Muons recorded during august test beam.

Hit efficiency vs Z

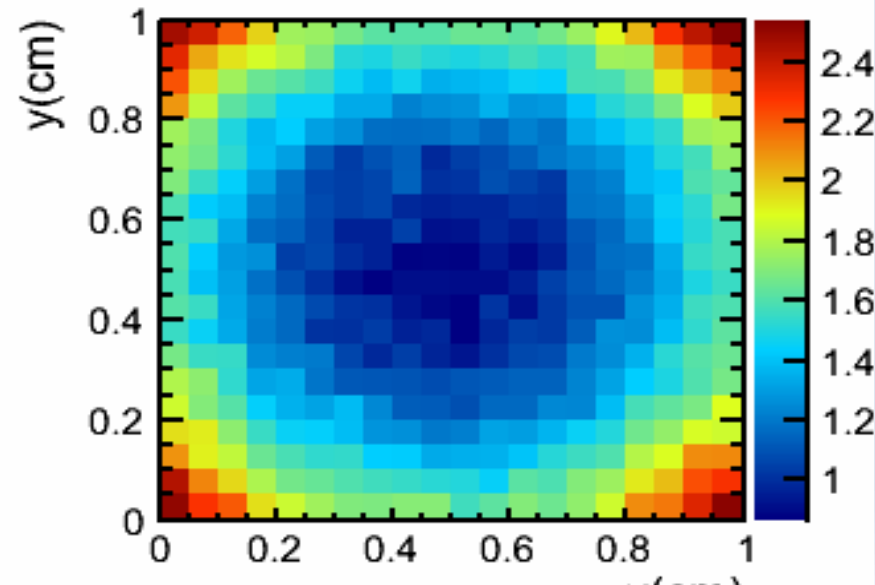


multiplicity vs incident angle



$\sqrt{\text{sum}} = 4$

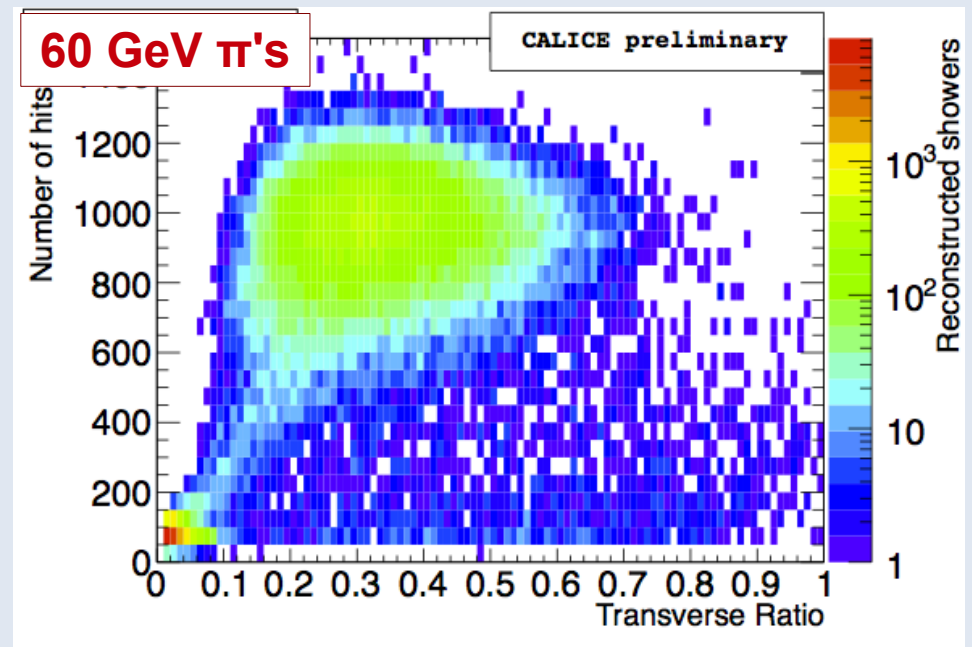
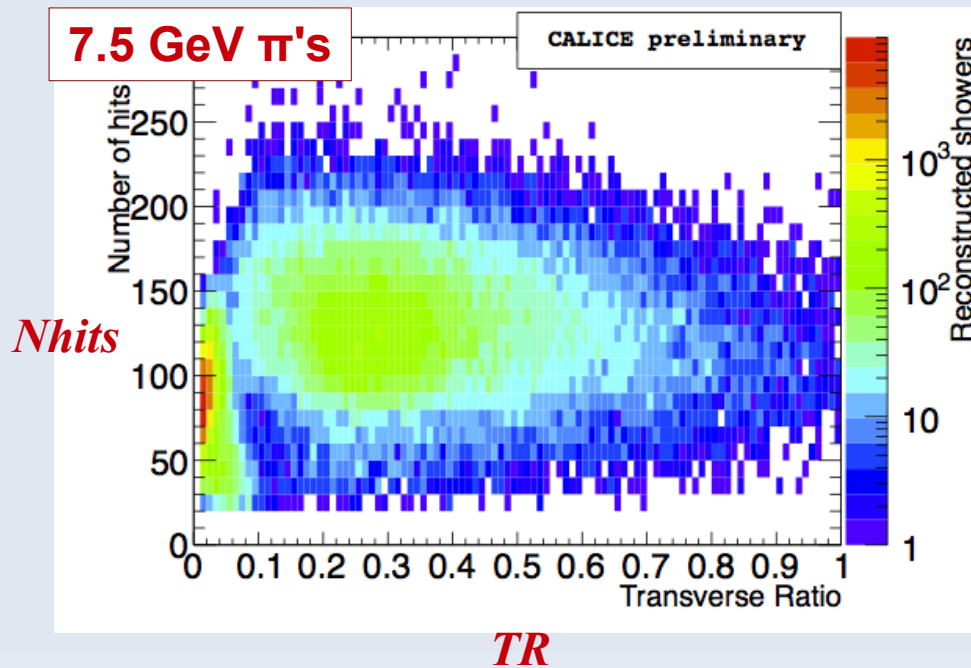
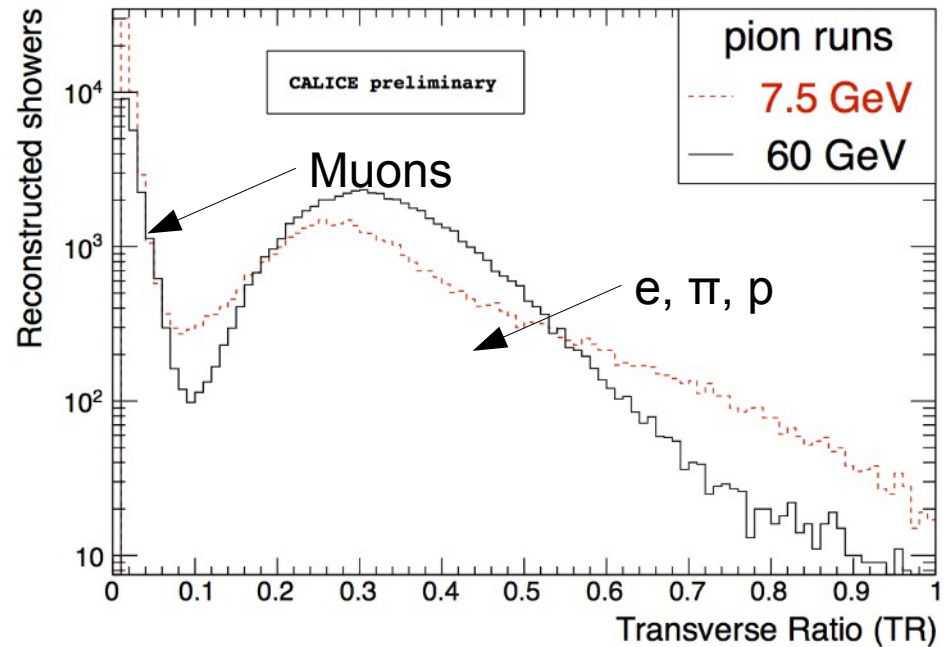
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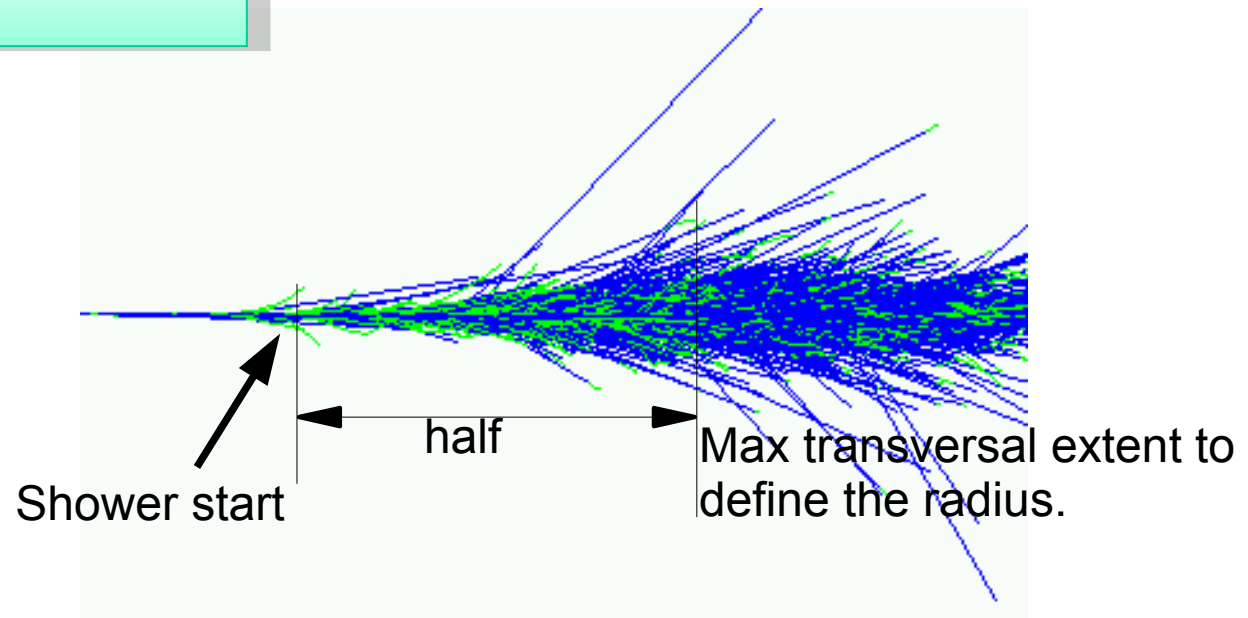
Event selection

■ μ rejection:

- Transverse ratio
 $TR \geq 0.1 \rightarrow 98\%$ of μ 's



Shower shape variables



Shower start = layer for which a hit has at least 8 3D-Nearest Neighbours if layer+3 has at least 12 Nearest Neighbours.

Then for each layer, clusterise the hits, removing hits which are at more than 3 rms (spatial distribution) from the center of gravity.

Find the layer which has the biggest spatial rms of the hit distribution. That rms is the radius.

Half is the distance between the shower start layer and the layer that has the biggest spatial rms.

