

# Results of HA-TPC prototype characterization with DESY 2021 test beam data

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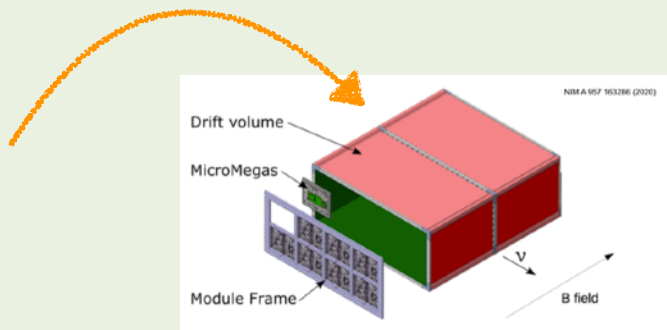
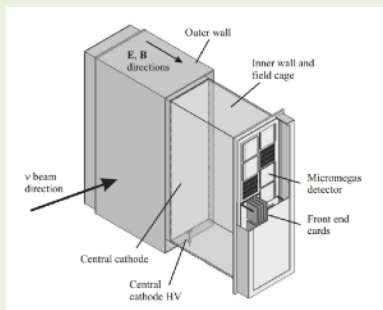


# High-Angle TPCs

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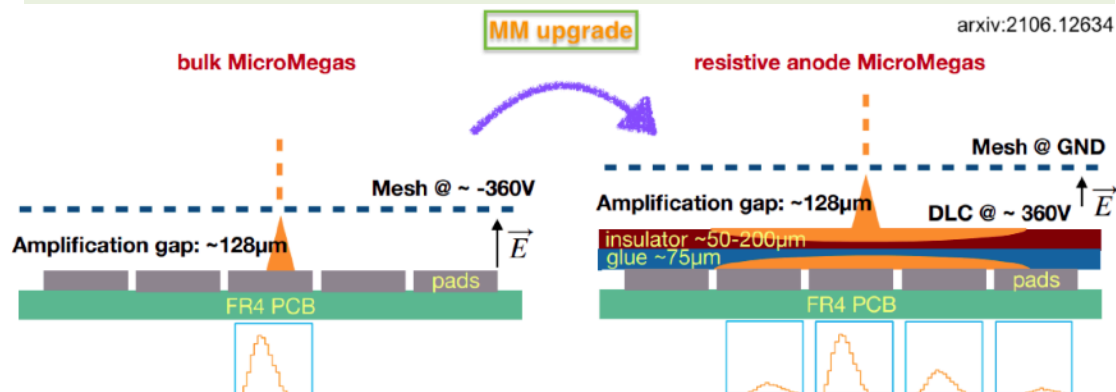
### → New field cage

- ♦ Minimize the dead space and maximize the tracking volume

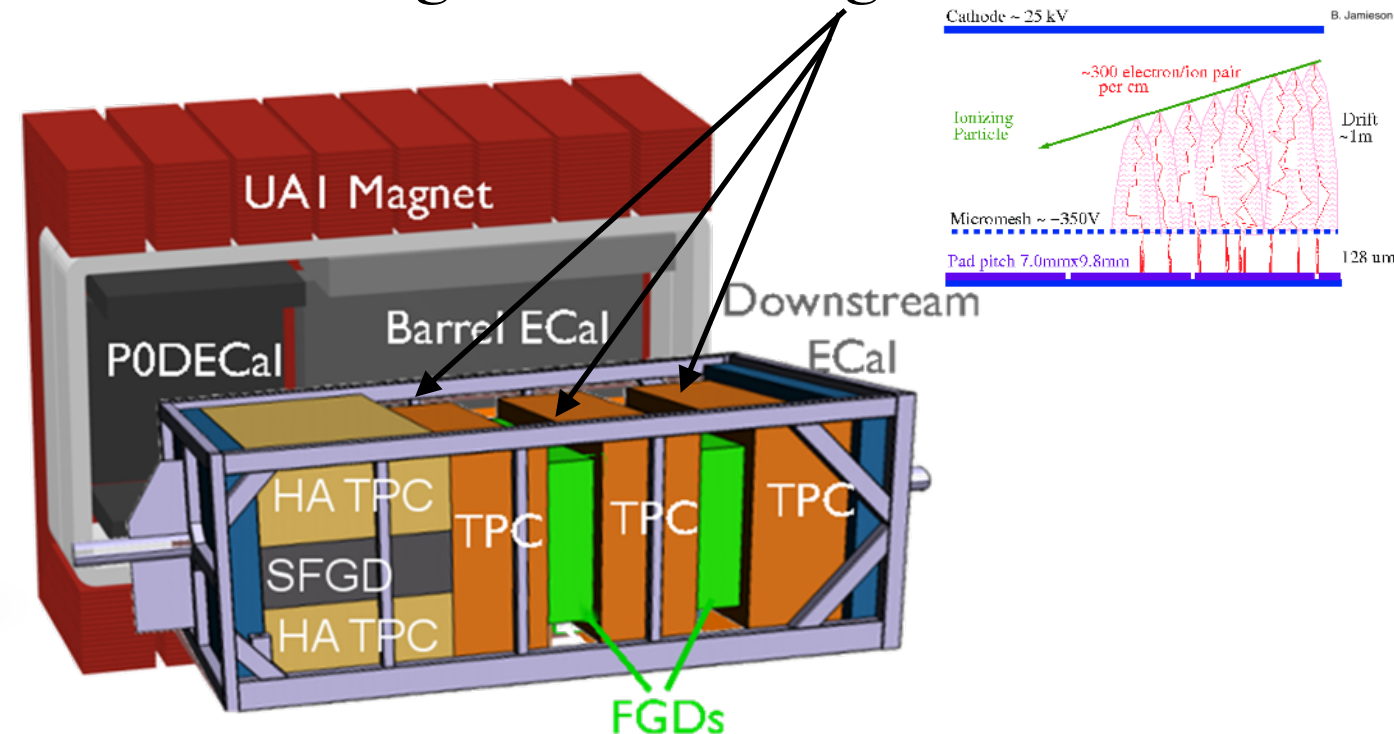


### → New resistive Micromegas module:

- ♦ Bulk Micromegas readout module replaced by new resistive Micromegas Modules (ERAM) → spread the charge over multiple pads → improving the spatial resolution and reducing the number of readout pads, no need in sparks protection



## → Inherit the design of the existing TPCs



## Main goal:

- ▶ High-resolution tracking (3D reconstruction) of charged particles
- ▶ Particle identification (charge and momentum measurements)

## HA-TPC requirements:

- To distinguish between muons and electrons at  $3\sigma$  level → **energy resolution** < 10%.
- Momentum resolution < 10% at 1 GeV/c → **spatial resolution** < 0.8 mm

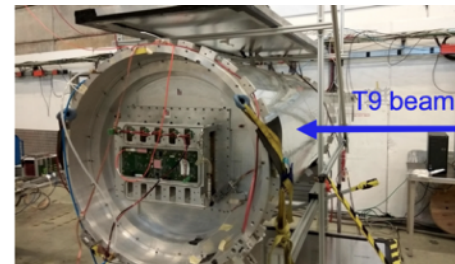
# Motivation

## HA-TPCs test beam:

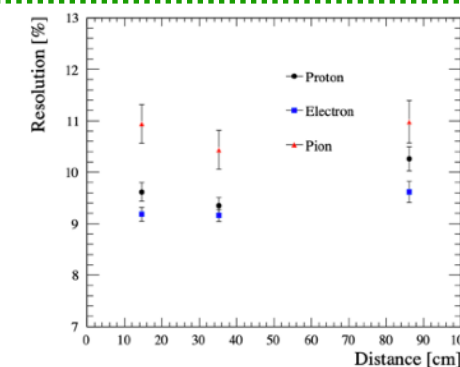
Main goal: to characterize the ERAM response and test the HA-TPC performances for horizontal and inlined tracks and for various drift distances

### → CERN 2018 ([10.1016/j.nima.2019.163286](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1016/j.nima.2019.163286))

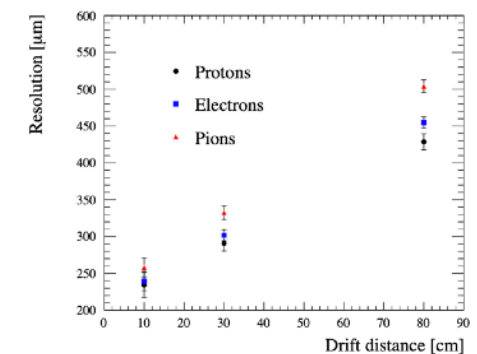
\*1.5m drift distance;  $\pi$ , e, p trigger;  
2018 MM0-DLC1



### dE/dx resolution

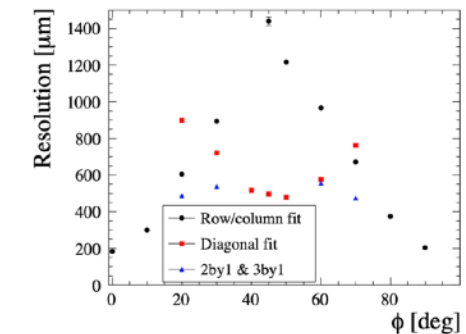
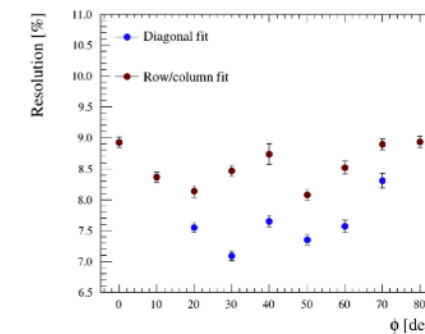
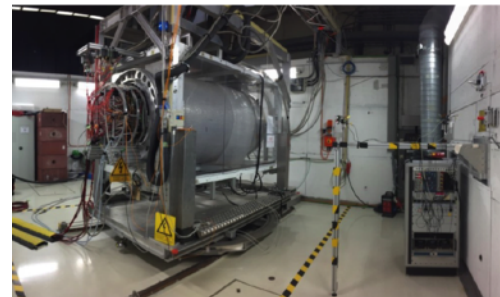


### Spatial resolution



### → DESY 2019 ([arXiv:2106.12634](https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.12634))

\*4 GeV e- 0.15m drift distance; 2019



### → DESY 2021

- \*4 GeV e-; 1 m drift distance  
(**final detector drift distance!**);
- \*2020 ERAM#01 (better charge spreading, ↑RC)
- \*Same construction materials for field cage prototype as for HA-TPCs

→ CERN 2018 → first test with Resistive MM for horizontal tracks

→ DESY 2019 → ERAM prototype with inclined tracks and short drift distances

→ DESY 2021:

- First test with TPC prototype, ERAM series detector and full electronics chain
- Check performances for all angles and drift distances of interest for T2K
- A first comparison with simulations

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TPC with resistive Micromegas readout for T2K Near  
Detector upgrade

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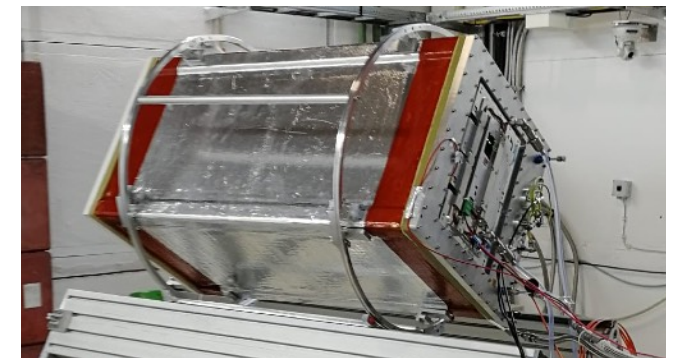
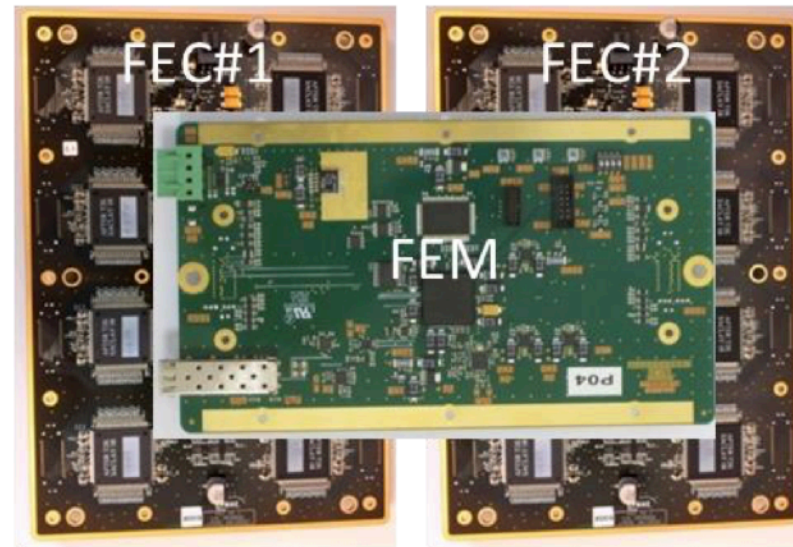
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# HA-TPC prototype

Field cage:



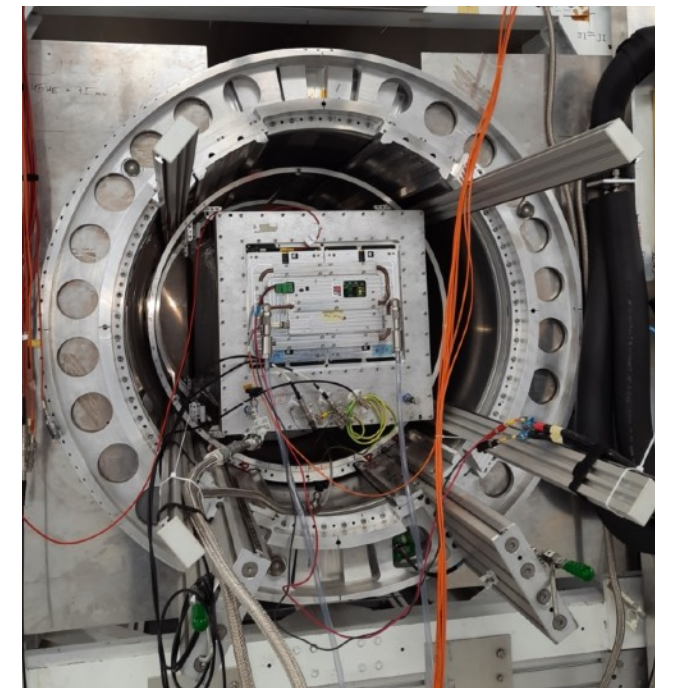
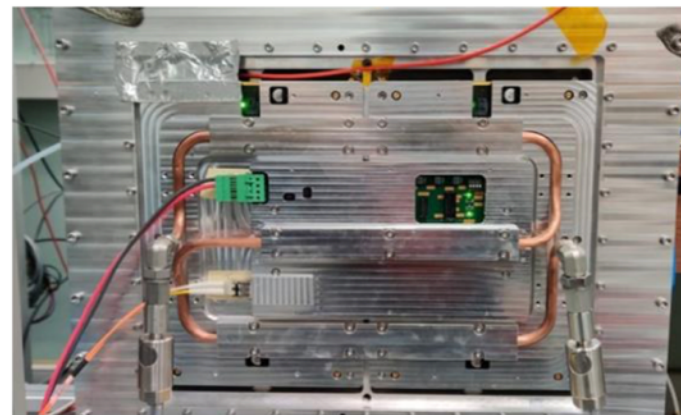
ERAM electronics (Front-end and Back-end):



ERAM detector:



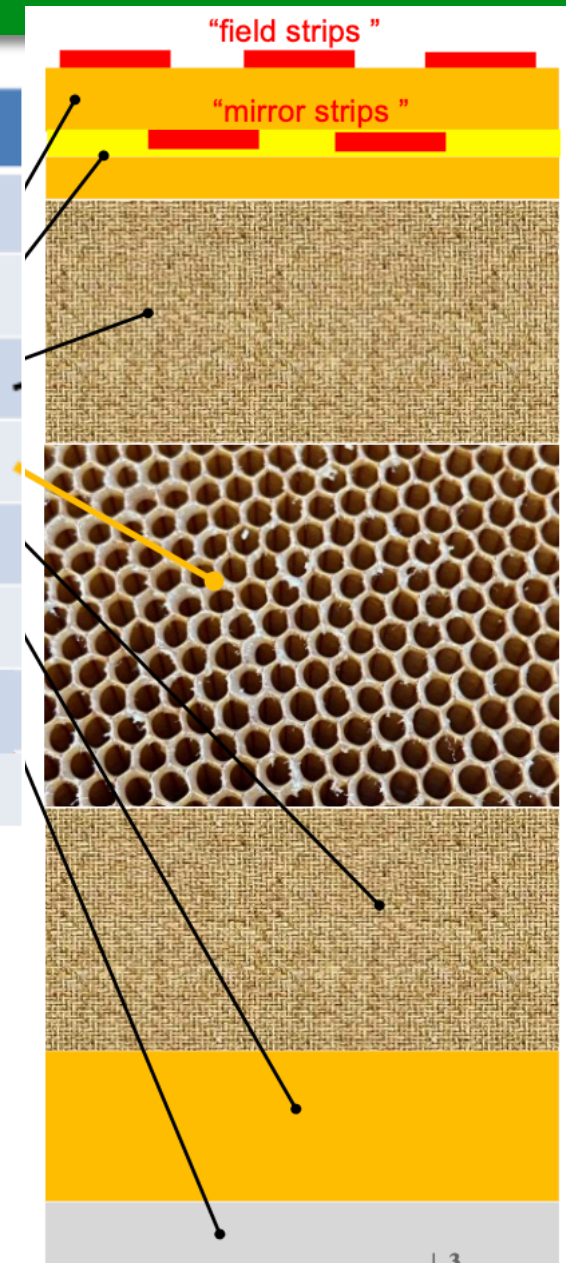
ERAM module:





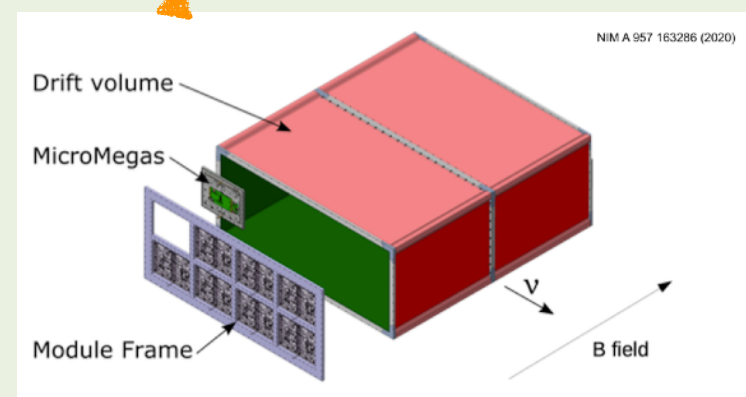
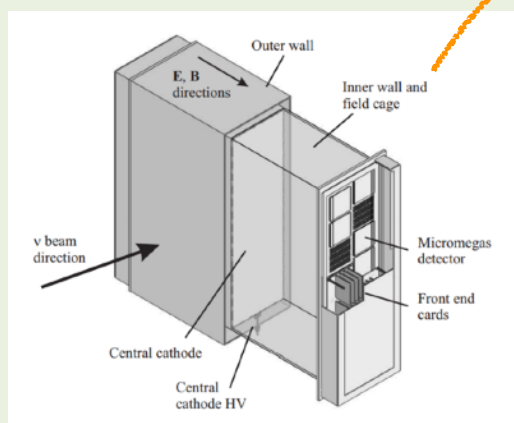
# HA-TPC field cage

Material	Thickness
Cu Strips on Kapton foil (electrodes)	Cu 17 $\mu$ m / Kapton 50 $\mu$ m / Cu 17 $\mu$ m
"Coverlay" (strip insulation / protection)	Glue 20 $\mu$ m / Kapton 25 $\mu$ m
Aramid Fiber Fabric (Twaron™)	2mm
Aramide HoneyComb panel	35mm
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Kapton foil (insulation)	125 $\mu$ m
Aluminum foil (external shield)	50 $\mu$ m
Total	~ 4 cm / ~ 2% radiation length



## → Field cage

Note: V-TPC ~ 12 cm / ~ 3.4 % radiation length



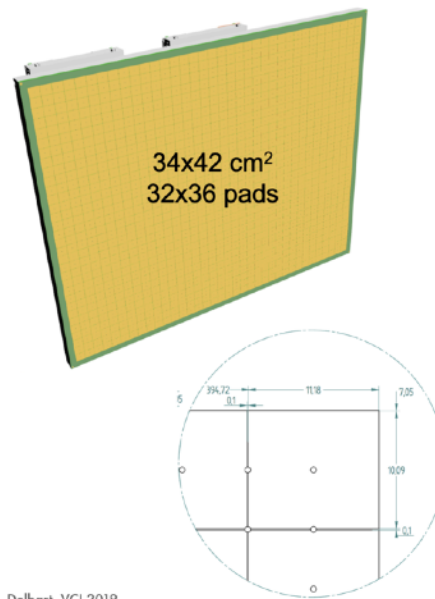
# ERAM detector

## ➔ New resistive Micromegas module:

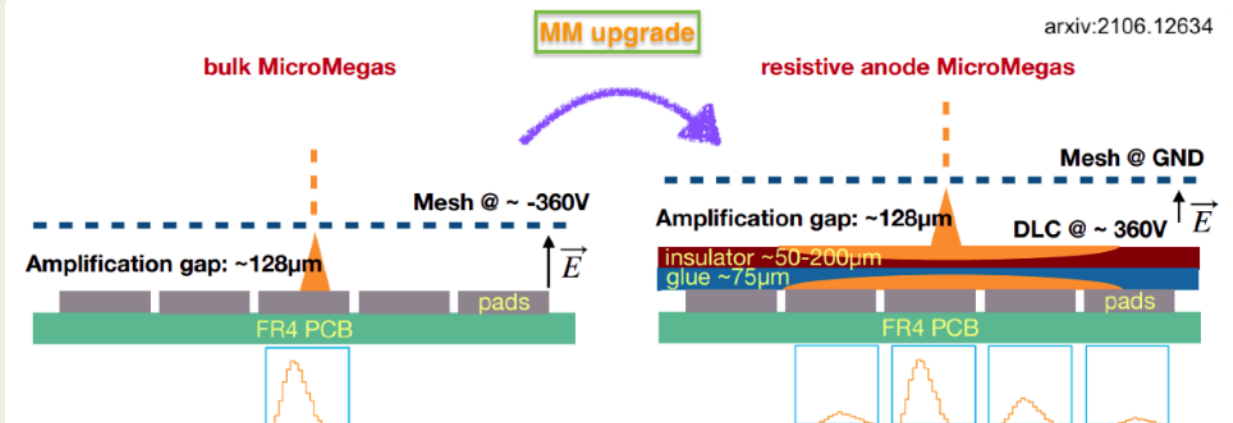
- ◆ Bulk Micromegas readout module replaced by new resistive Micromegas Modules (ERAM) ➔ spread the charge over multiple pads ➔ improving the spatial resolution and reducing the number of readout pads, no need in sparks protection

## Characteristics of the ERAM module:

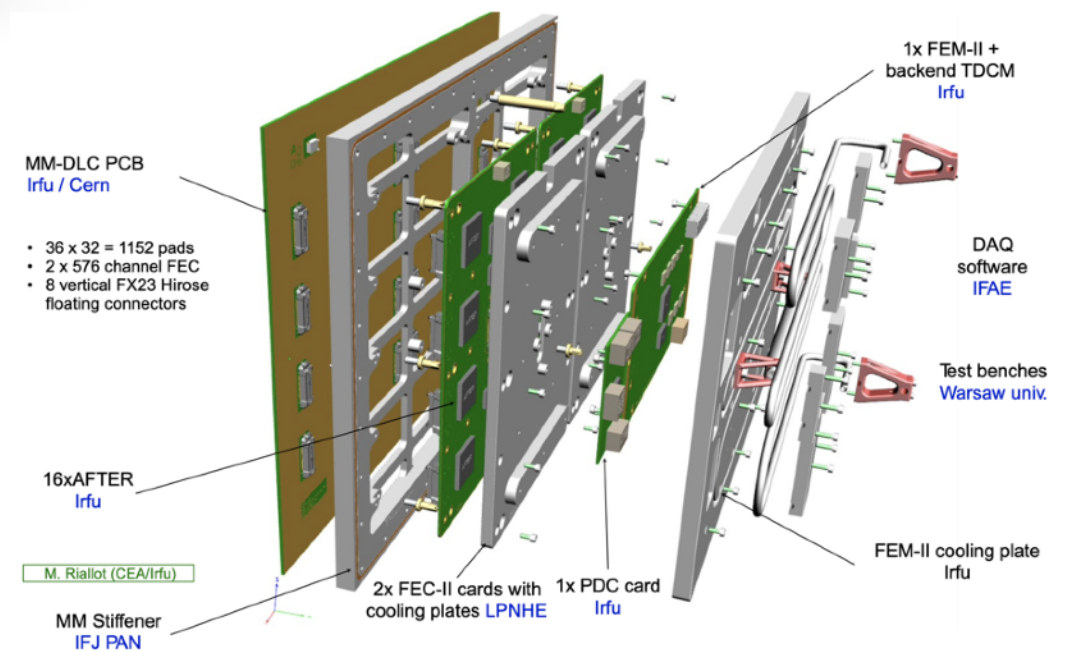
- ➔ Dimensions (z×y): 340×420 (mm)
- ➔ 32×36 rectangular pads
- ➔ Pad size (z×y): 10.09×11.18 (mm)
- ➔ Gain of 1000



A. Delbart, VCI 2019



arxiv:2106.12634



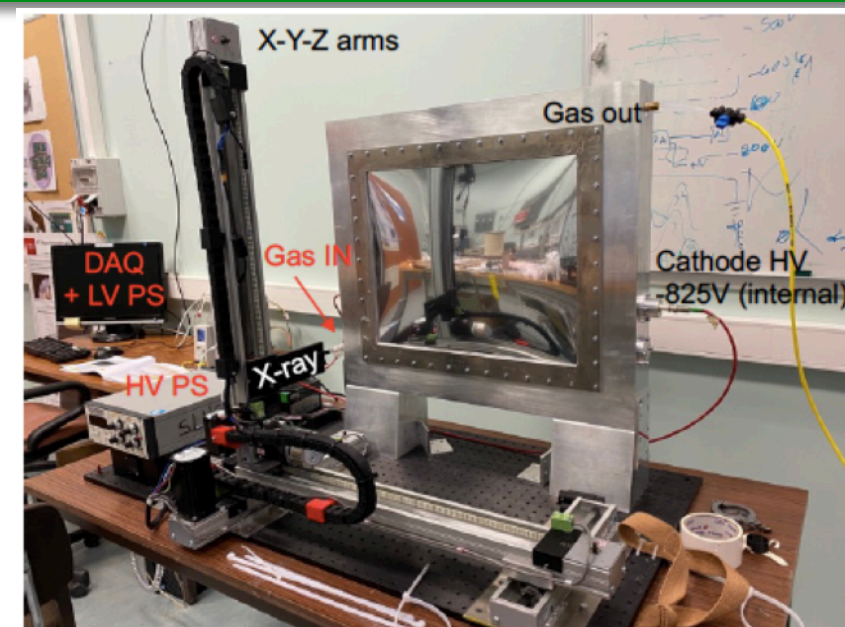
Each ERAM module is glued to a supporting stiffener and mounted on the module frame. Then Front-End cards (FEC), the Front-End Mezzanine (FEM), and FEM water cooling plates are connected to complete the design.



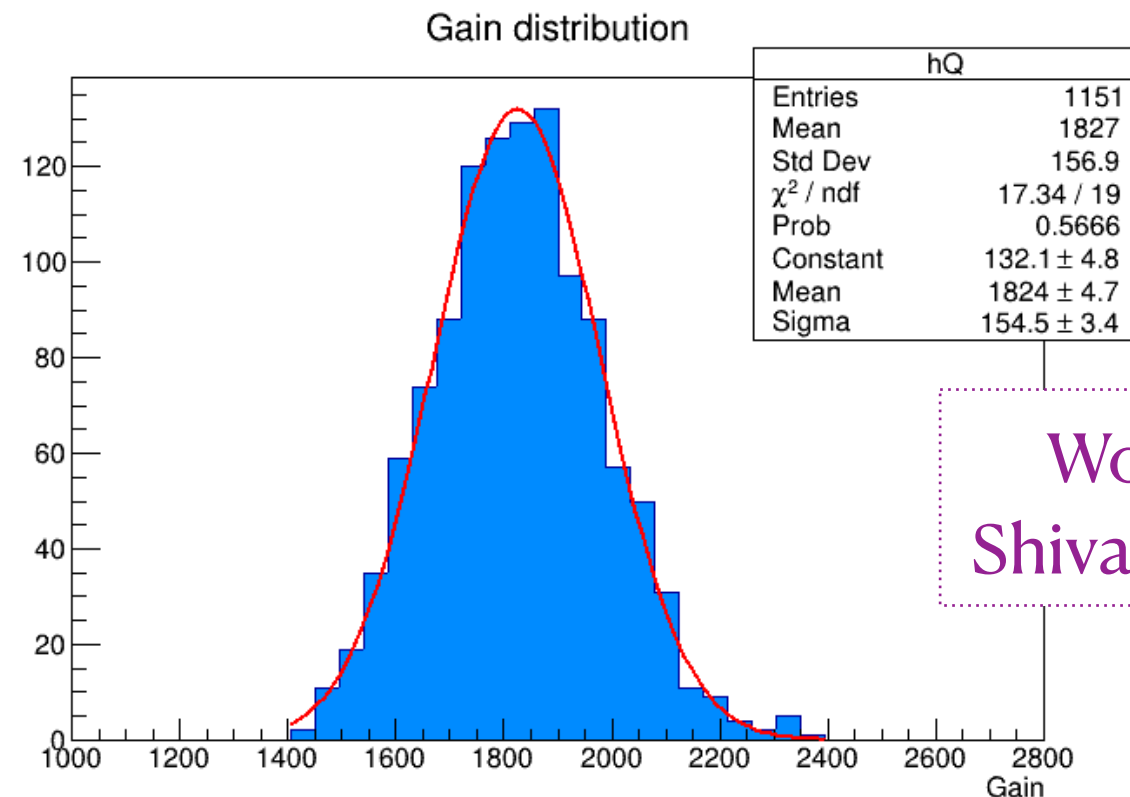
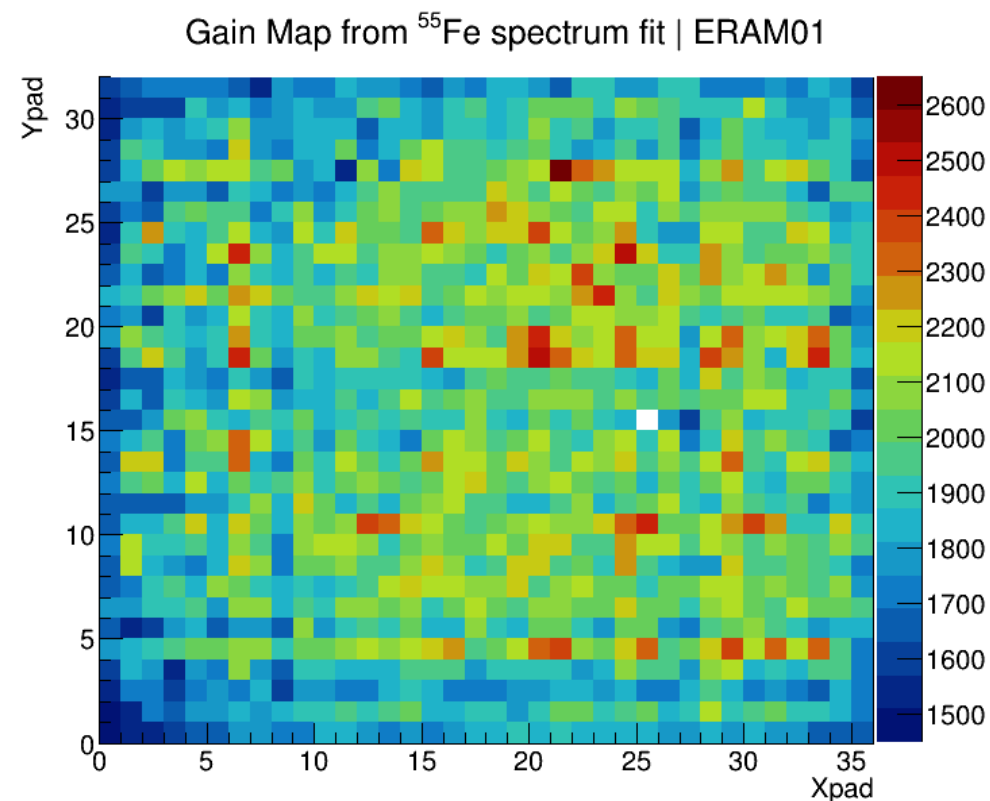
# Characterization of ERAM 01

➔ X-ray ray test bench in order to scan detector pad by pad:

- $^{55}\text{Fe}$  of 5.9 keV photons, centered at each pad
- 3 cm drift distance
- Each scan lasts for 4 min
- Gain for each pad and  $^{55}\text{Fe}$  spectrum were measured



Accepted nonuniformity up to 20%



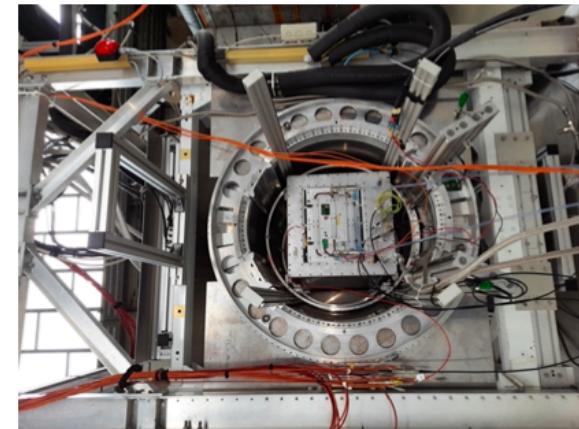
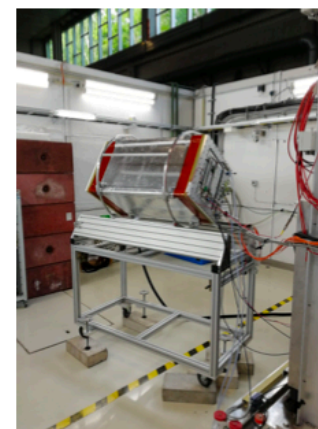
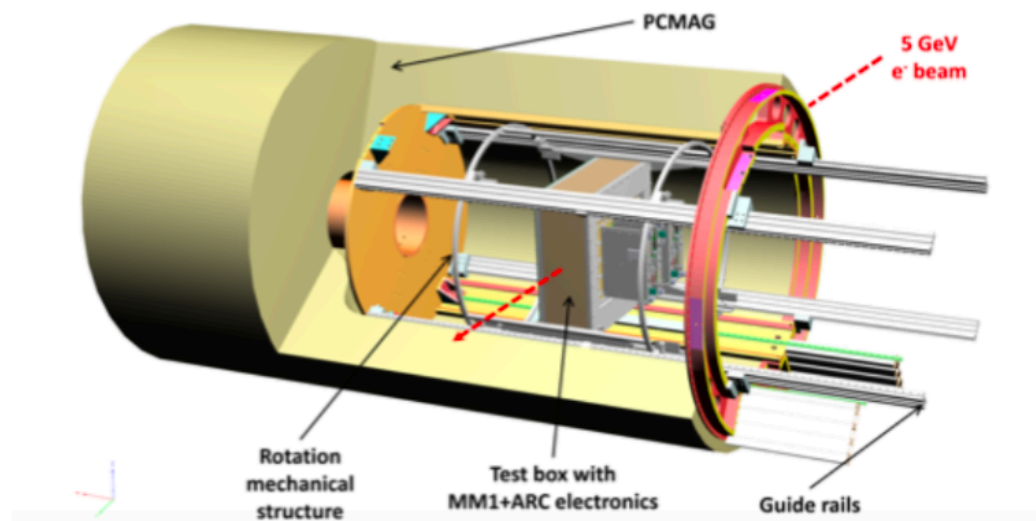
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# DESY Test Beam area T24/1

ERAM module (design for future HA-TPC) was tested at DESY II test beam facility:

- electron beam from 0.5 to 5 GeV/c in a short chamber of 1 m drift distance
- 0.2 T PCMAG magnet and 360 V
- AFTER chip: sampling time = 40 ns, peaking time of 200 ns and 412 ns, gain of 120 fC
- gas mixture: argon 95 %, 3% (CF<sub>4</sub>), 2% (iC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>)
- oxygen contamination of 30 ppm at gas flow rate of 30 l/h
- the chamber operated under atmospheric pressure

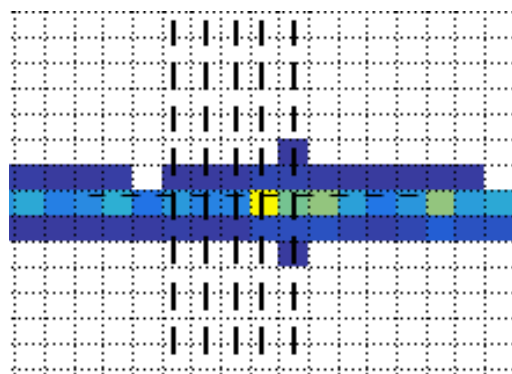


# DESY 2021 test beam

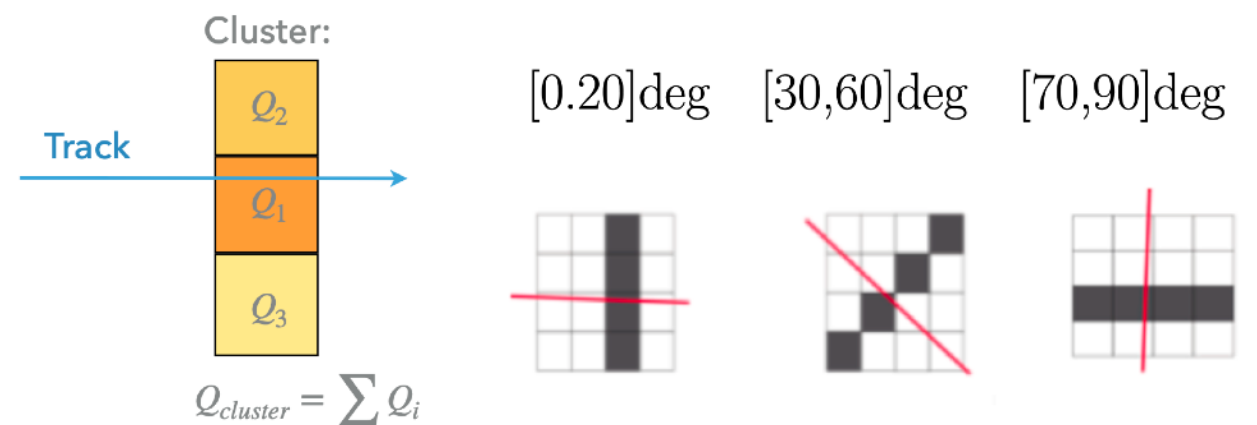
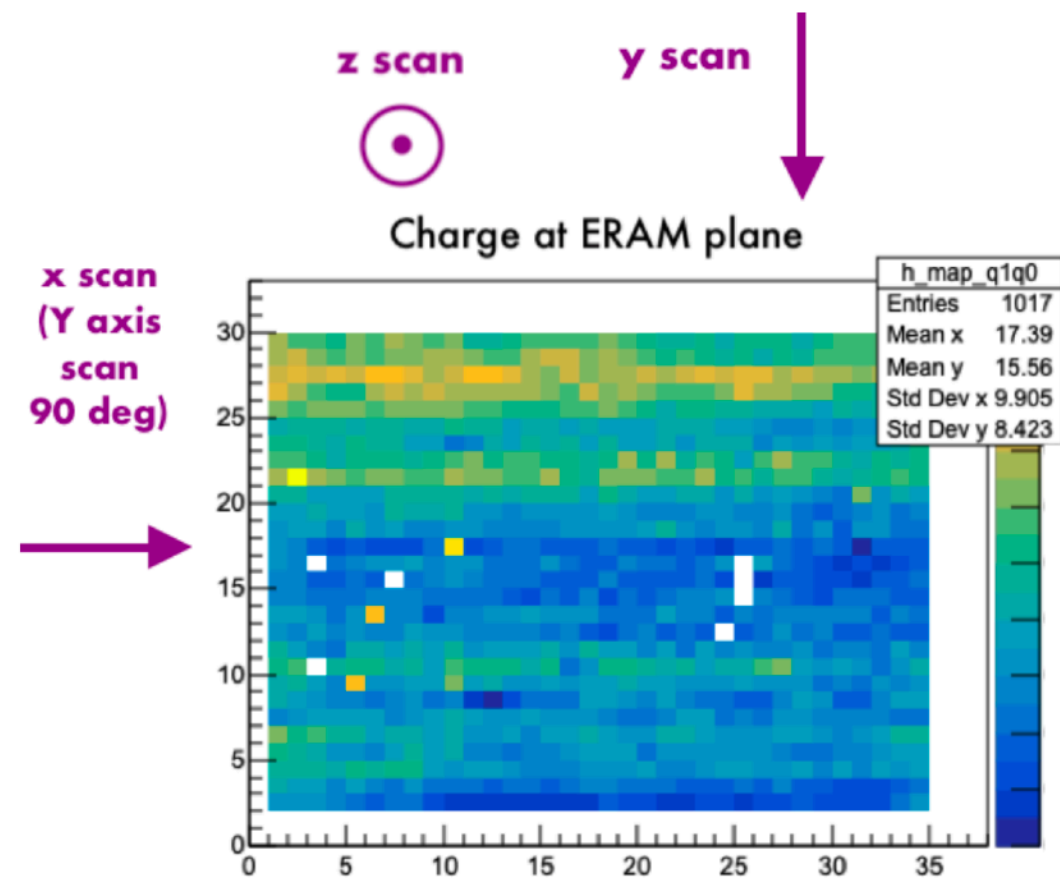
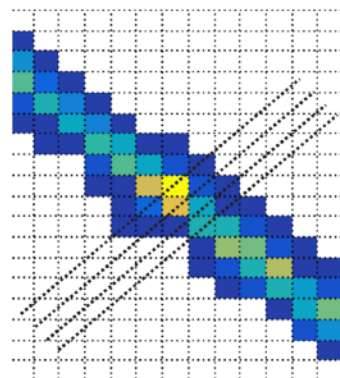
In order to ensure that setup satisfies the ND28 upgrade requirements the test beam intended to

- ▶ test the setup stability
- ▶ To characterize the charge spreading and study the impact of possible non-uniformities in gain or RC on the performance of the prototype
- ▶ measure spatial and energy resolution

Horizontal track



Inclined track



# dE/dx resolution measurements

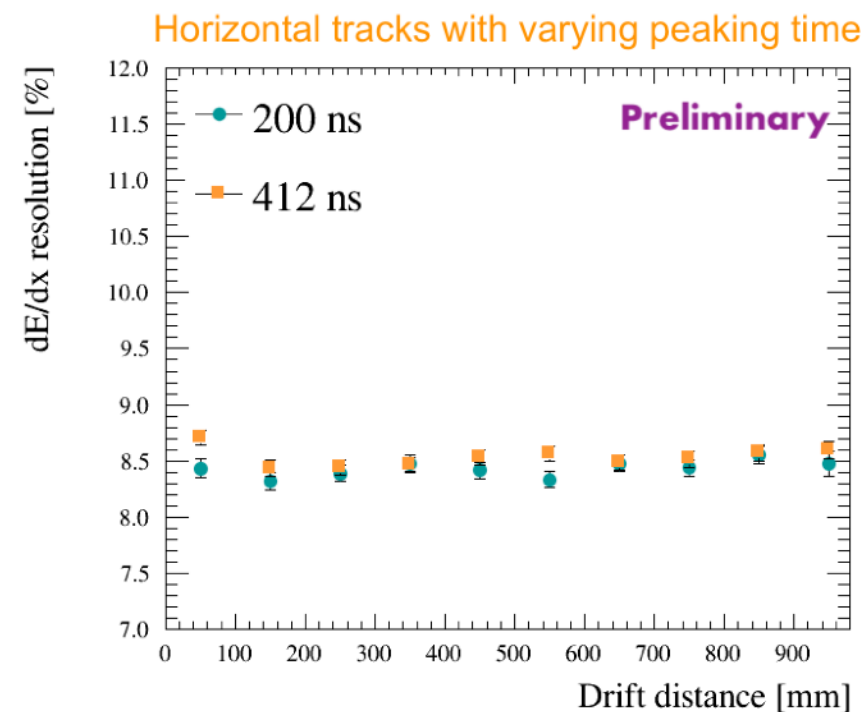
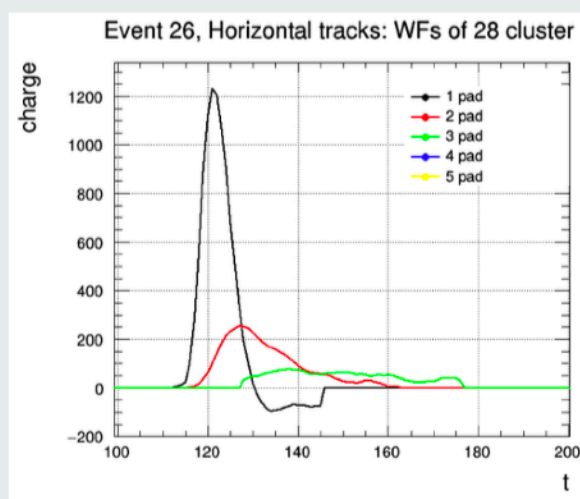
## dE/dx resolution

- dE/dx measurements:  
Truncated mean method  
( $\rightarrow \alpha = 0.7$ )

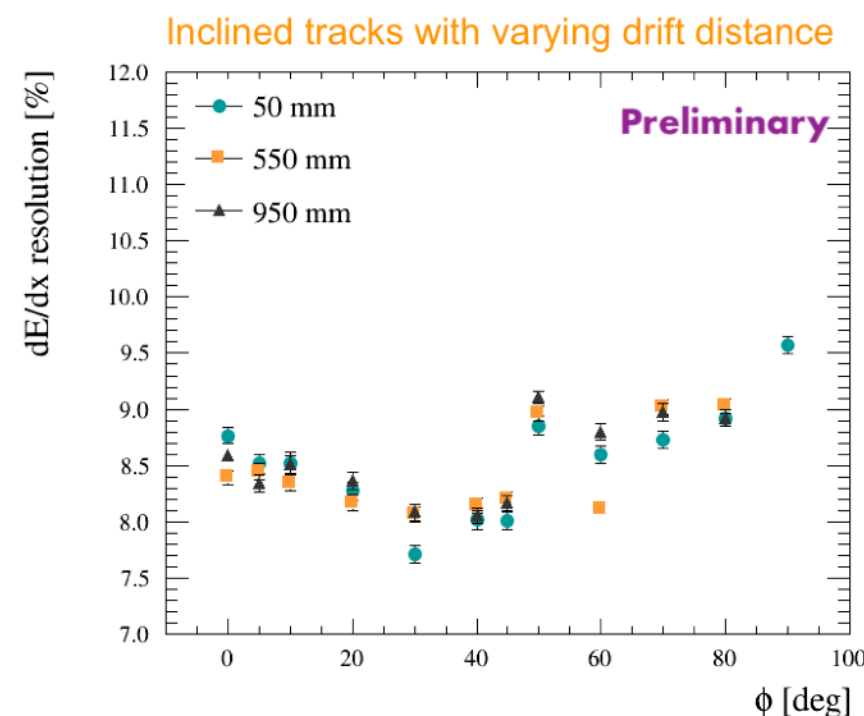
$$\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\alpha \cdot N_{cl}} C_{cl}^i}{\alpha \cdot N_{cl}}$$

- Charge cluster definition:  
WFsum  $\rightarrow$

cluster WF at maximum



Fullfill the requirements:  
dE/dx resolution < 9.6%



Show  
independence on  
peaking time and  
drift distance

# Spatial resolution measurements

## Spatial resolution:

- The Pad Response Function (PRF) method is used for track position reconstruction.

$$PRF(x_{track} - x_{pad}) = Q_{pad}/Q_{cluster}$$

- Prior position estimated with barycentrical method.
- Then track is fitted with "parabola" and PRF scatter plot is filled using  $x_{track}$  from the fit.
- The Y axis profile of scatter plot fitted with analytical PRF.

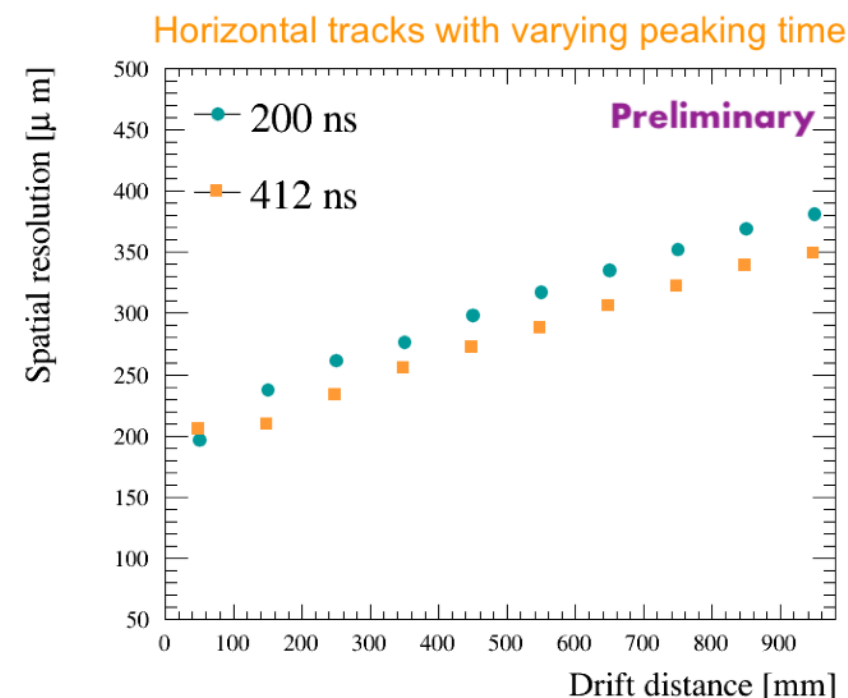
$$PRF(x, \Gamma, \Delta, a, b) = A \times \frac{1+a_2x^2+a_4x^4}{1+b_2x^2+b_4x^4}$$

- The PRF parameters are recovered and track position per cluster estimated using minimization:

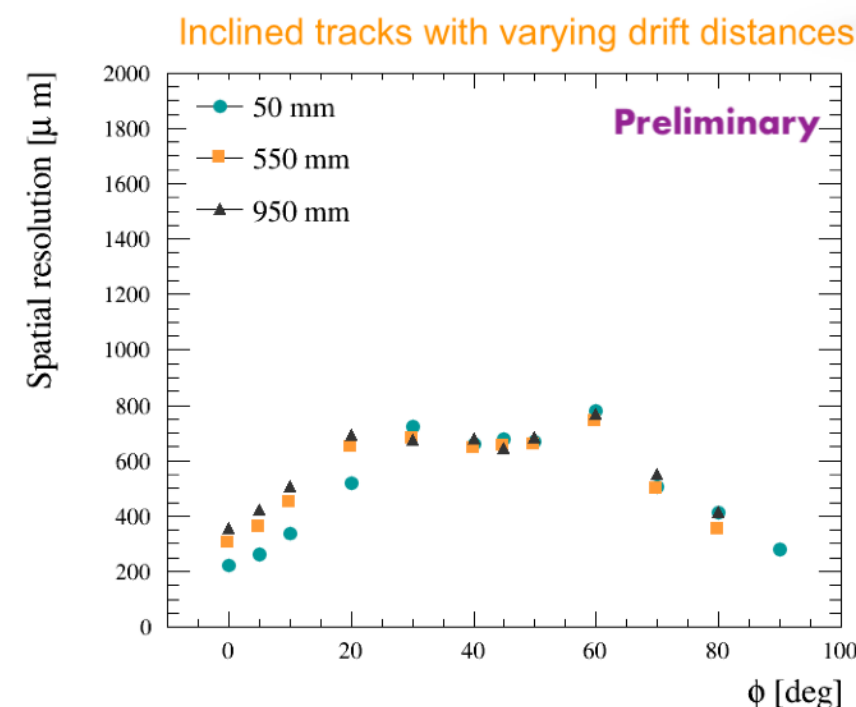
$$\chi^2 = \sum_{pads} \left( \frac{Q_{pad}/Q_{cluster} - PRF(x_{track} - x_{pad})}{\sigma_{Q_{pad}/Q_{cluster}}} \right)^2$$

, where  $\sigma_{Q_{pad}/Q_{cluster}} = \sqrt{Q_{pad}/Q_{cluster}}$

- spatial resolution (SR)** extracted as a gaussian  $\sigma$  of residuals  $(x_{track} - x_{pad})$  in each cluster.  $\rightarrow$



Fullfill the requirements:  
spatial resolution  
< 0.8 mm



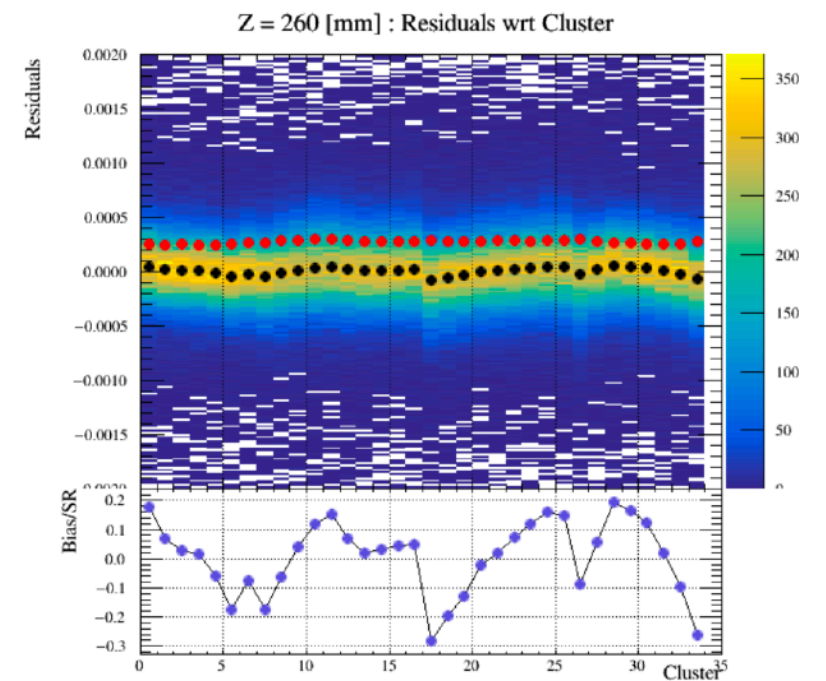
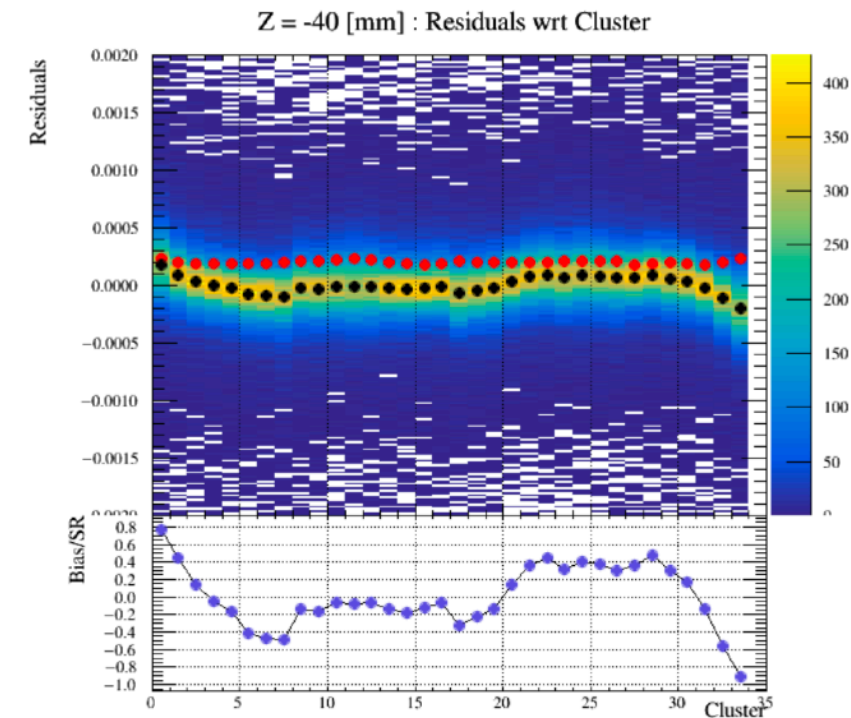
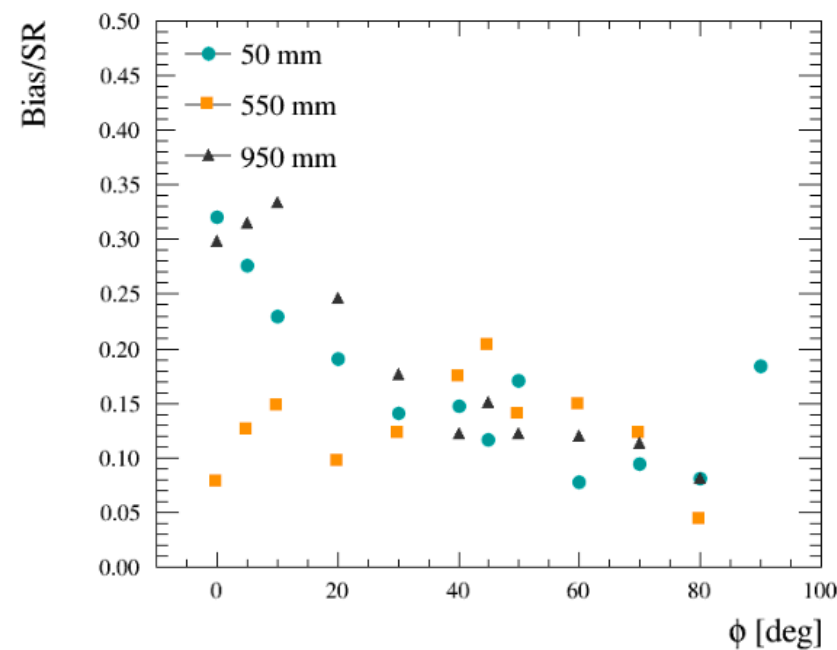
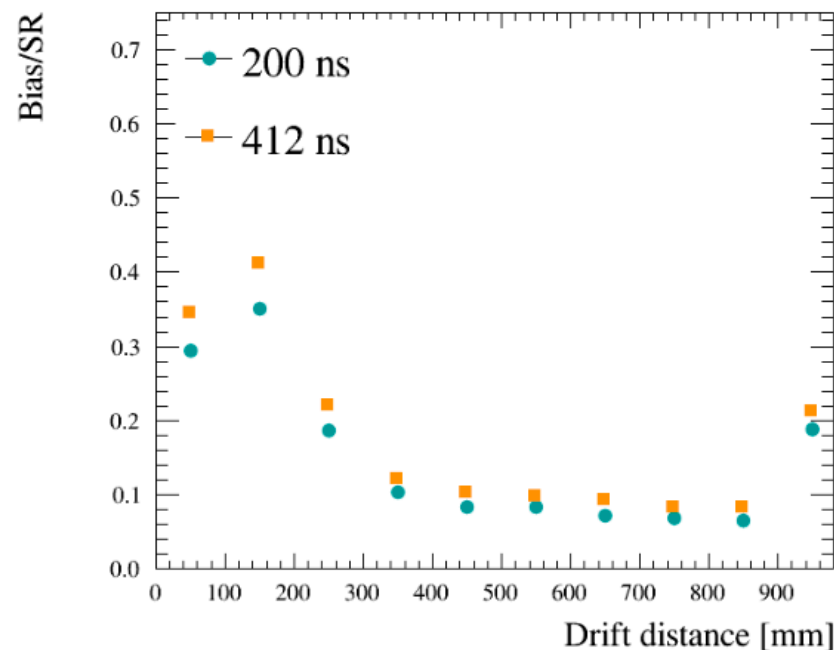
No drift distance dependence for diagonal fit tracks!



# Biases

- ➔ Bias is a mean of the gaussian of the distribution of residuals per
- ➔ Biases are studies for both horizontal and inclined tracks
- ➔ Bias is a mean of the gaussian of the distribution of residuals per
- ➔ Bias dependence on drift distance and the magnetic field is observed → ExB effect

Larger biases are observed for short and long drift distances but not in the middle of the chamber!





# Simulation of ERAM response

GEANT 4



detResponseSim



CALIBRATION



RECONSTRUCTION

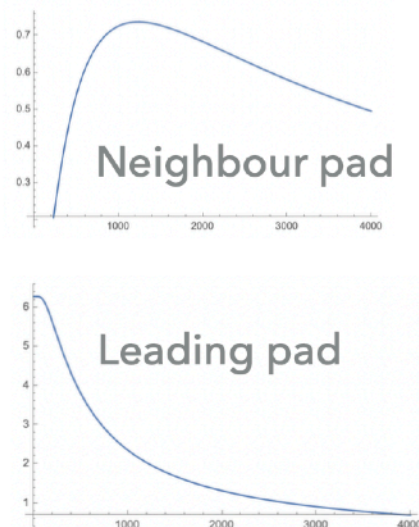
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Resistive layer ( $RC$ )  $\rightarrow$  Diffusion equation  $\Delta\rho = RC \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} \rightarrow$  Solution:  $\rho(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{RC}{4\pi t} \times \exp\left(-\frac{r^2 RC}{4t}\right)$

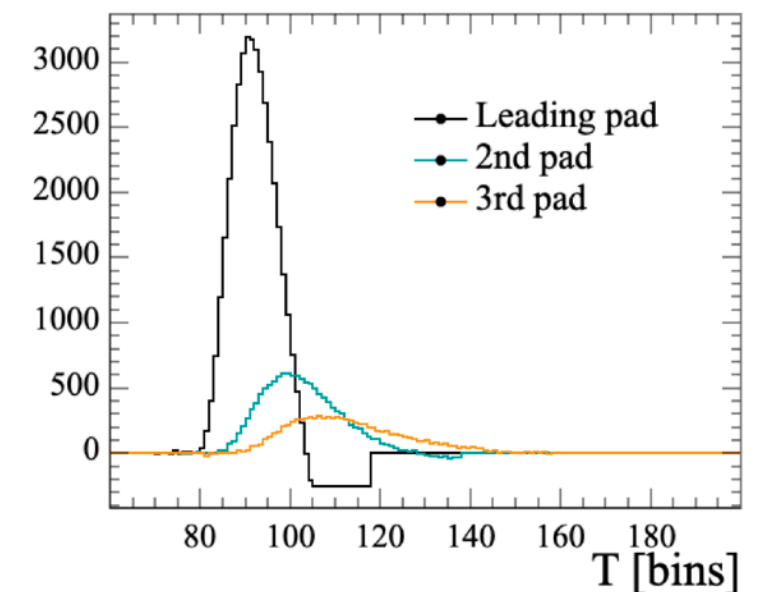
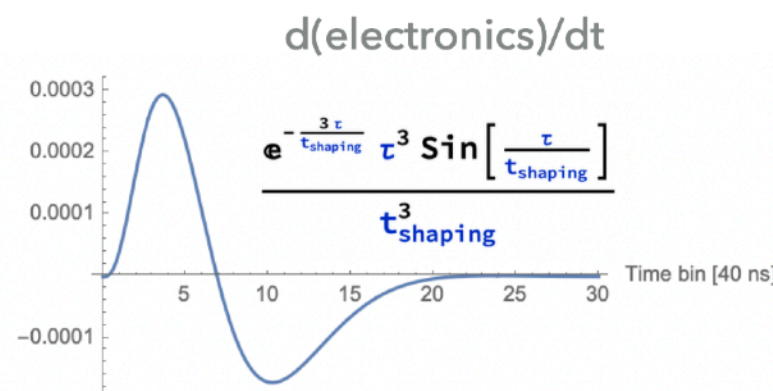
## Waveform

Solution of diffusion equation (charge) integrated over pad size  $\rightarrow$  charge in pad

$$\frac{1}{2} \pi \left( \text{Erf}\left[\frac{\sqrt{RC} x1}{2\sqrt{t}}\right] - \text{Erf}\left[\frac{\sqrt{RC} x2}{2\sqrt{t}}\right] \right) \left( \text{Erf}\left[\frac{\sqrt{RC} y1}{2\sqrt{t}}\right] - \text{Erf}\left[\frac{\sqrt{RC} y2}{2\sqrt{t}}\right] \right)$$



Convolution



$$WF(t) = Q(t) \circledast \frac{dE}{dt}(t)$$

➡ Numerically heavy to implement convolution for each pad  $\rightarrow$  need optimization

# MC optimization

- ▶ Two algorithms are used to speed up computation:

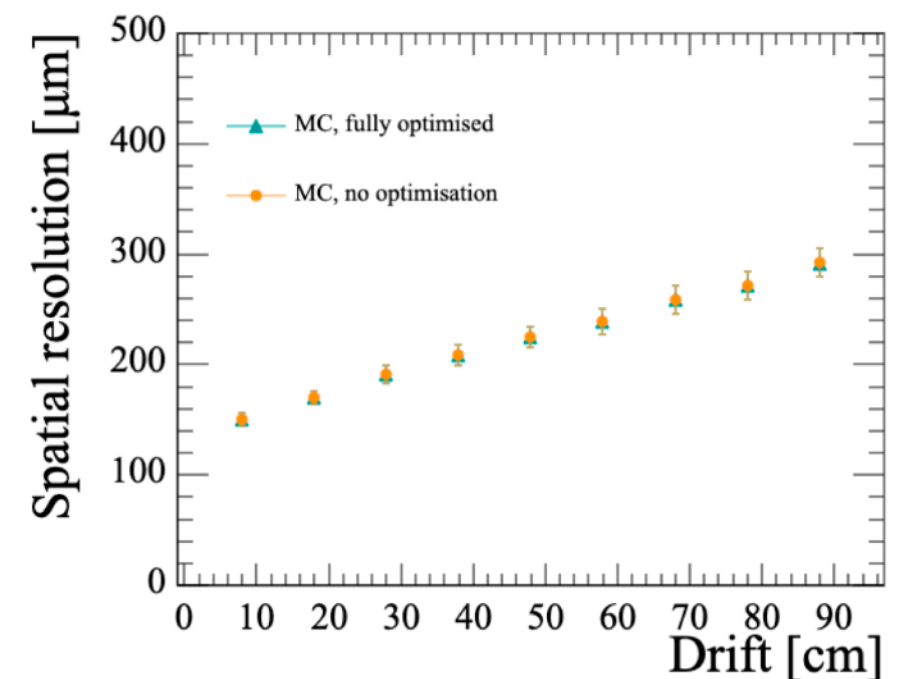
- ▶ Merge avalanches into “sub pads”, e.g. 3x3
- ▶ Pre-computation - compute WF at some grid  
- no computation at runtime (x4-5 faster)

- ▶ *Before starting the production:*

- ▶  $Q(t)$  w.r.t. RC and position in the pad  
 $Q_{tmp}(RC, x, y)(t)$
- ▶ Convolute  $Q(t) + dE/dt(t)$  to obtain WF  
$$WF_{tmp}(RC, x, y)(t) = Q_{tmp}(RC, x, y)(t) \otimes \frac{dE}{dt}(t)$$
- ▶ The WF for the particular avalanche is simply scaled from the pre-computed one for a given position with charge from G4  
$$WF(t) = Q * WF_{tmp}(RC, x, y)(t)$$

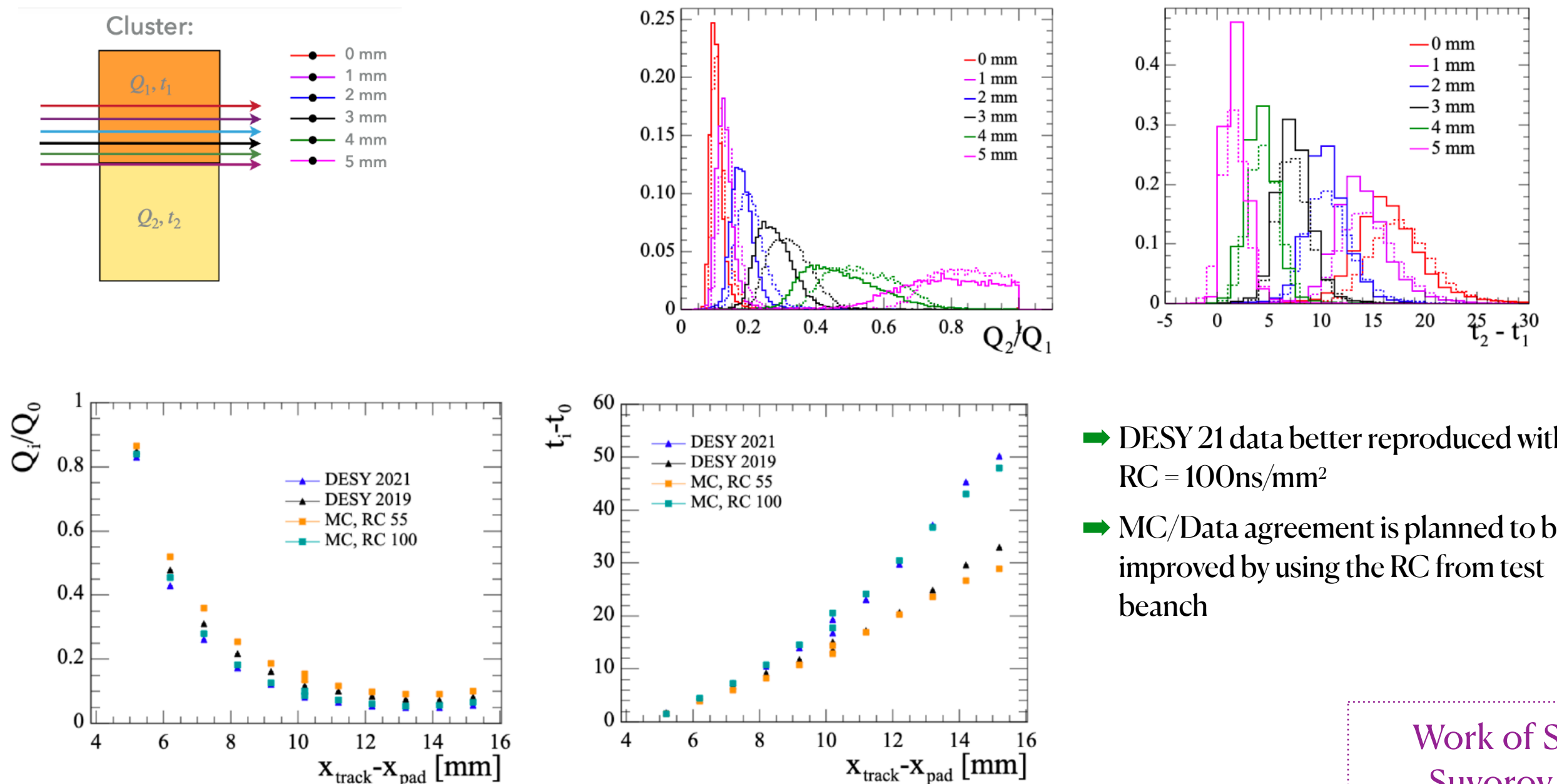
- ▶ Precomputed files are downloaded automatically if exists

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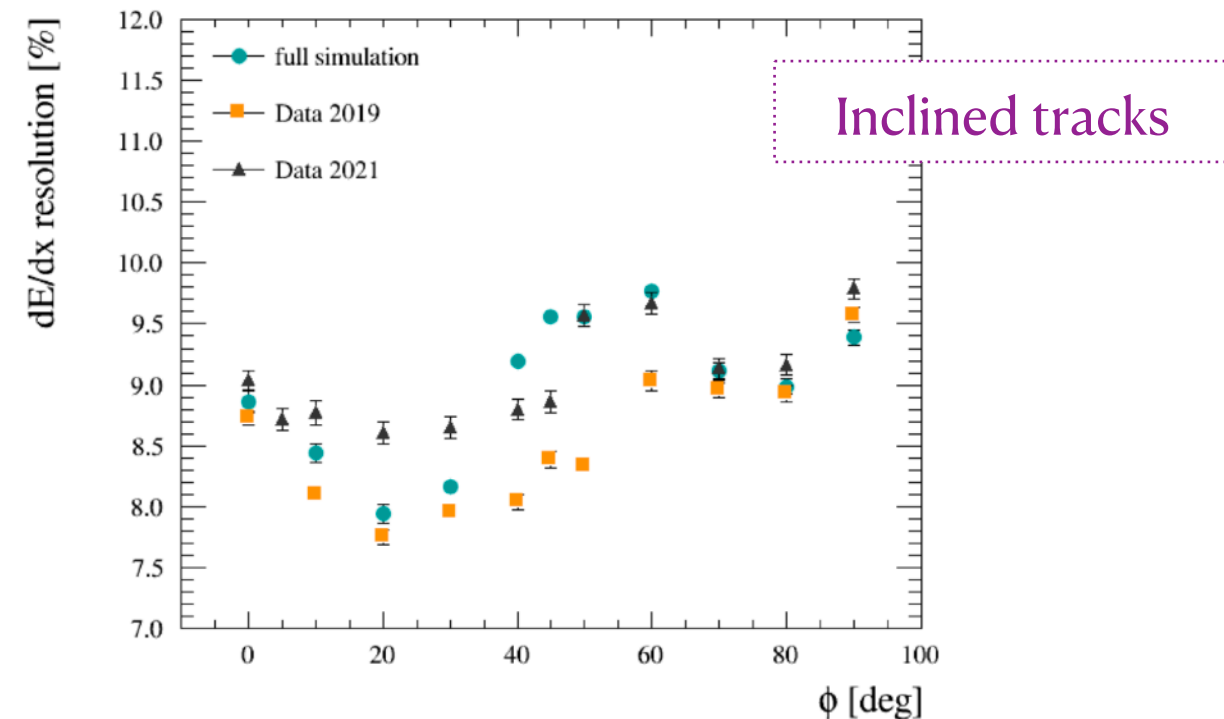
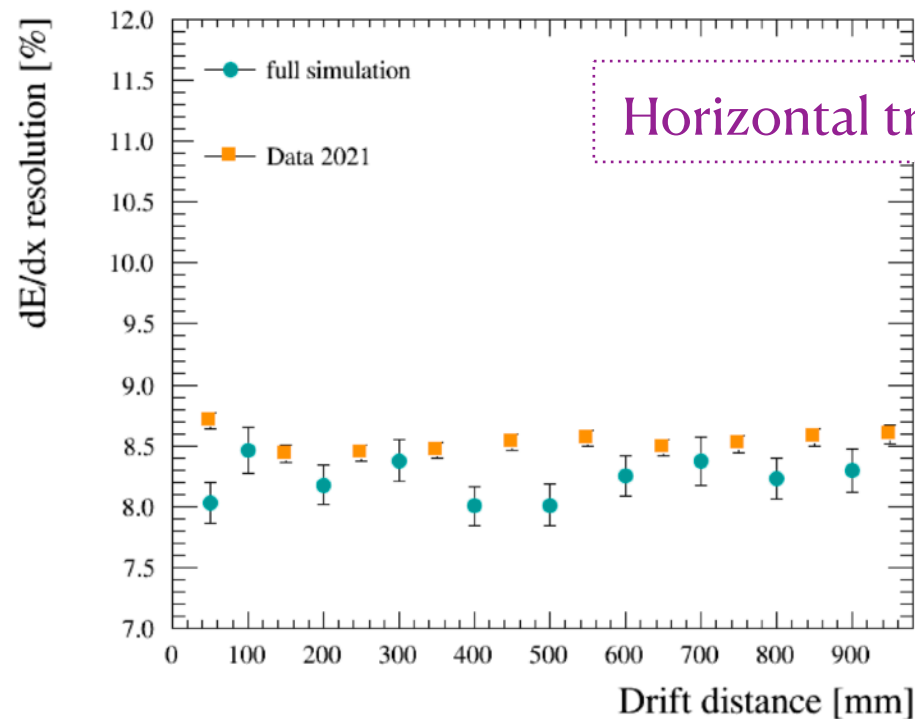
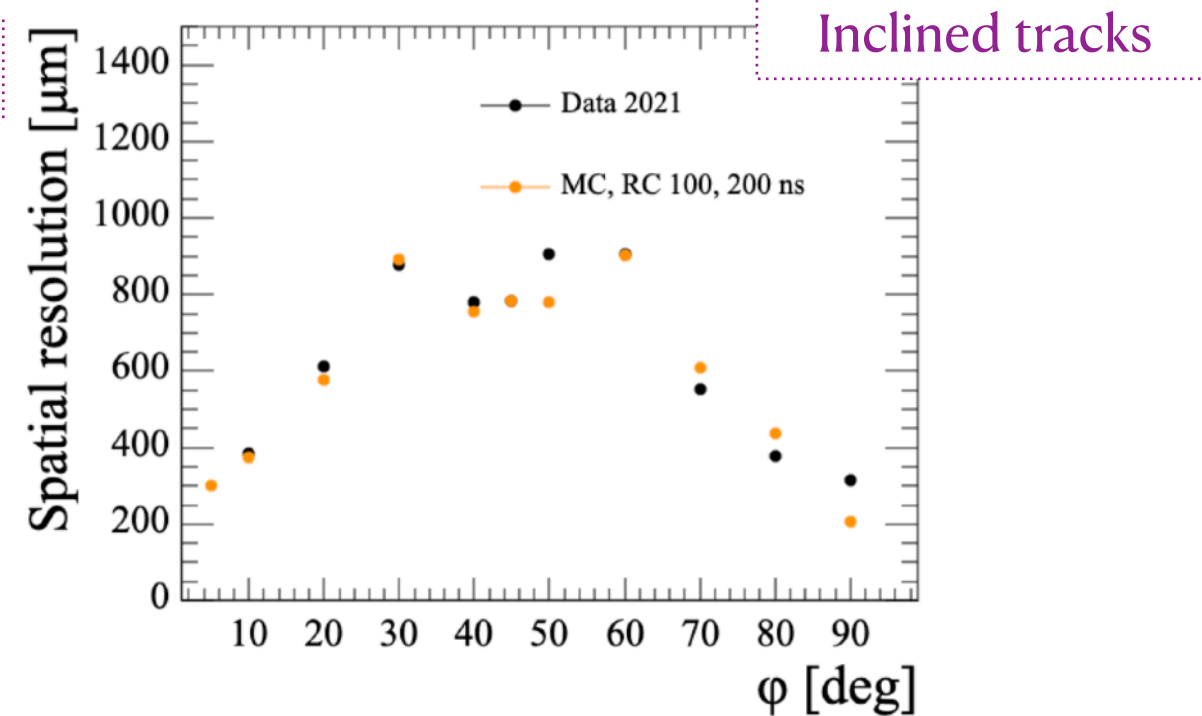
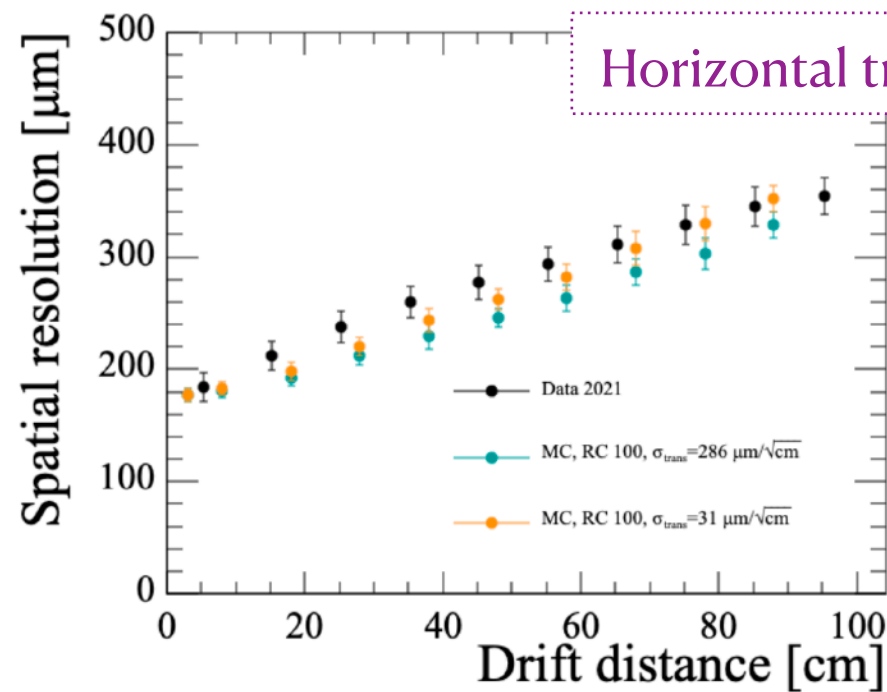
# Charge spreading characterization

➔ Compare Data (DESY 21) and MC for low-level variables

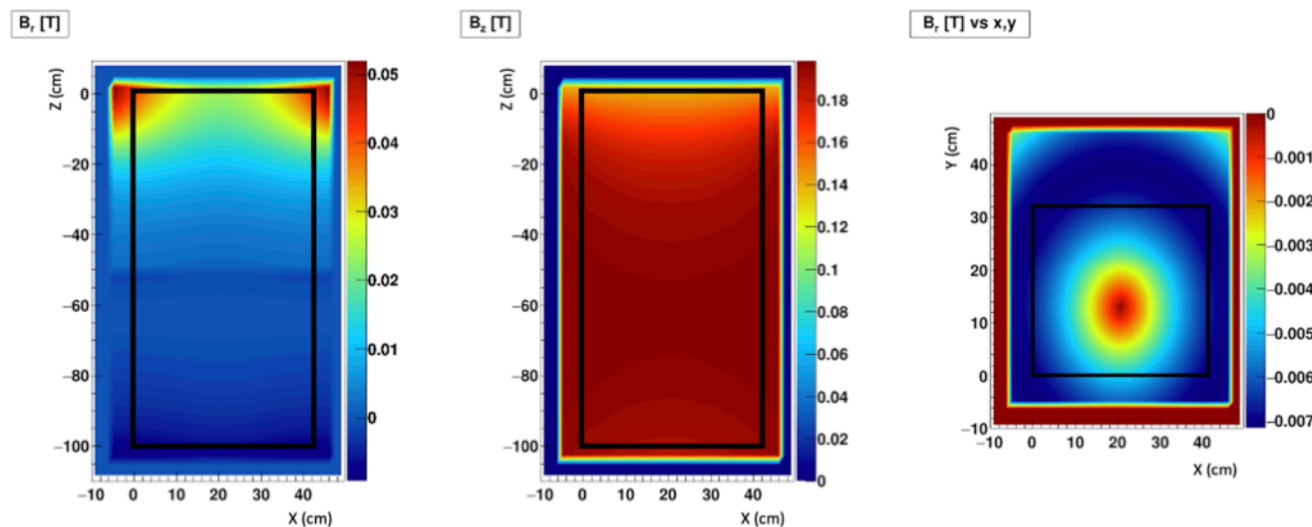


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# Comparison between data and simulation

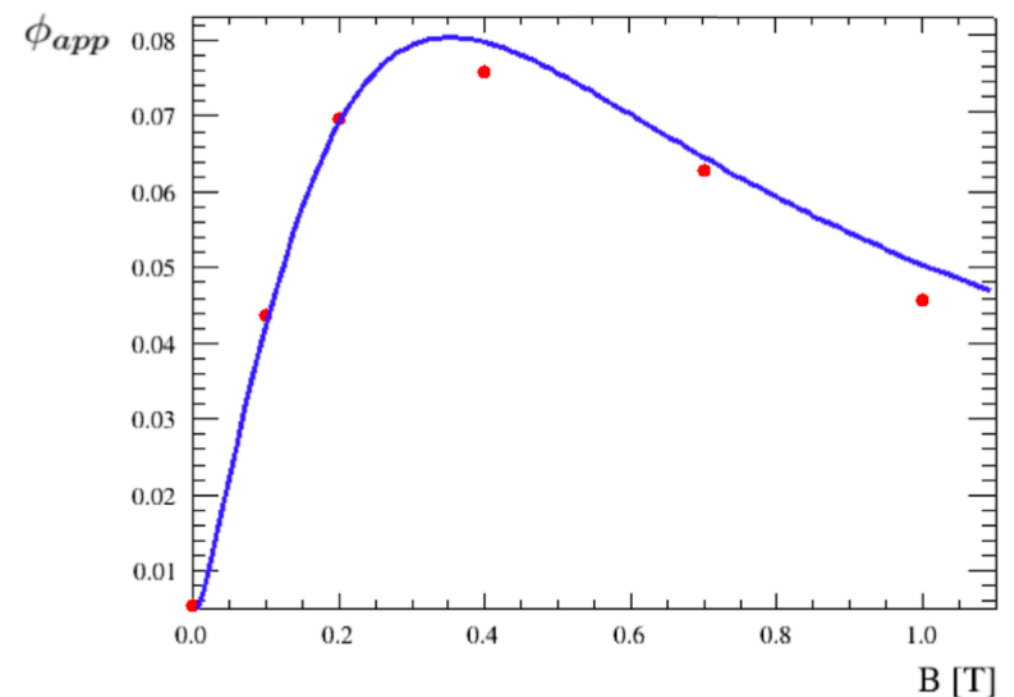
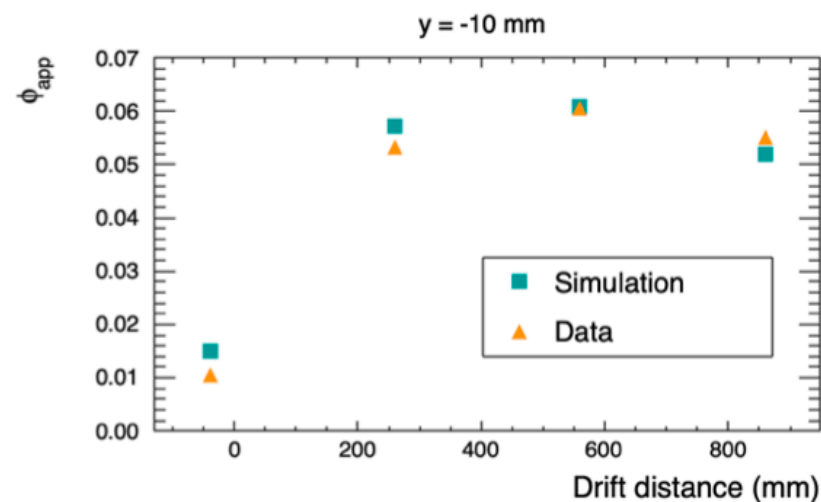
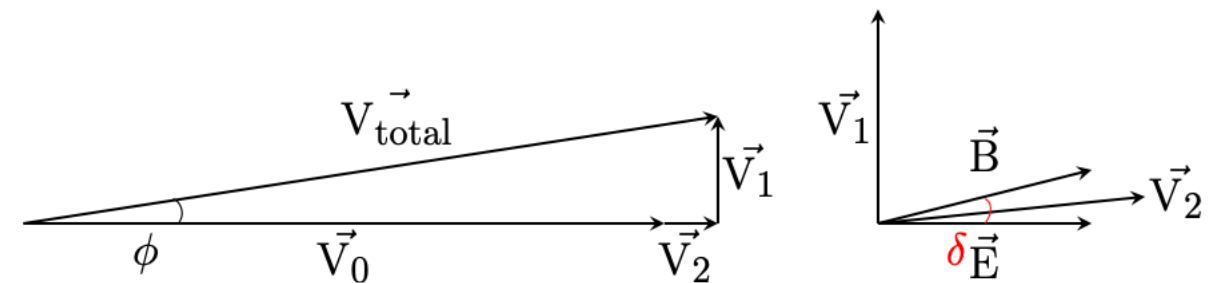


# ExB effect



→ Inhomogeneities of the magnetic field create distortions of the track (for example: incline the horizontal tracks)

→ Track displacement angle  $\phi$



→ The  $E \times B$  effect is stronger for moderate magnetic field (around 0.2-0.4 T) and weaker for the strong magnetic field

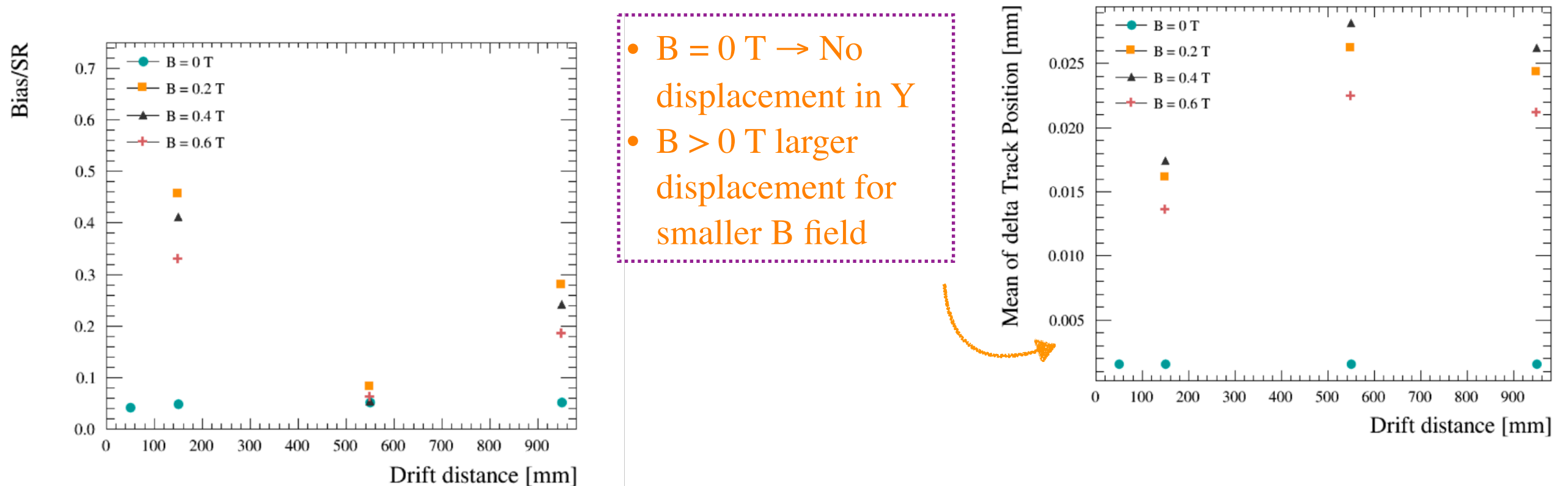
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# ExB effect

→ Tracks are distorted more at lower B field

DESY 2021 data



- $B = 0 \text{ T} \rightarrow$  No displacement in Y
- $B > 0 \text{ T}$  larger displacement for smaller B field

- $B = 0 \text{ T} \rightarrow$  biases are small
- $B > 0 \text{ T} \rightarrow$  larger biases for short and long drift distances
- $B > 0 \text{ T} \rightarrow$  larger biases for smaller B field

- Ex B effect can be responsible for the observed biases
- the impact of the  $E \times B$  effect is not observed in the spatial resolution or in the  $dE/dx$  resolution

# Summary

- ➔ The performances of one prototype of the HA-TPCs with one ERAM for the T2K Near Detector upgrade during a test beam at DESY 2021 are shown
- ➔ Spatial resolution better than  $800\ \mu\text{m}$  is obtained for all the angles and all the drift distances using a dedicated clustering algorithm that is adapted to the track angle.
- ➔ Energy resolution better than 9.6% is obtained for all the angles.
- ➔ The data are compared with a simulation of the ERAM response. The simulation is able to satisfactorily reproduce the observed charge sharing between neighboring pads.
- ➔ Spatial resolution and  $dE/dx$  resolution are also in good agreement between data and simulation.
- ➔  $E \times B$  effect was observed in the DESY test beam data.
- ➔ We are on a good track and have very nice and important results to publish

# THANK YOU!