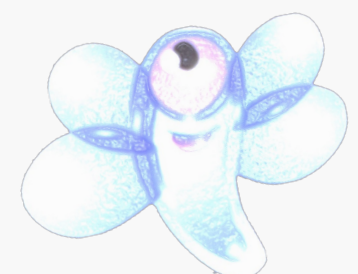


Charge Signal formation in the TPC Vertical Drift design of DUNE

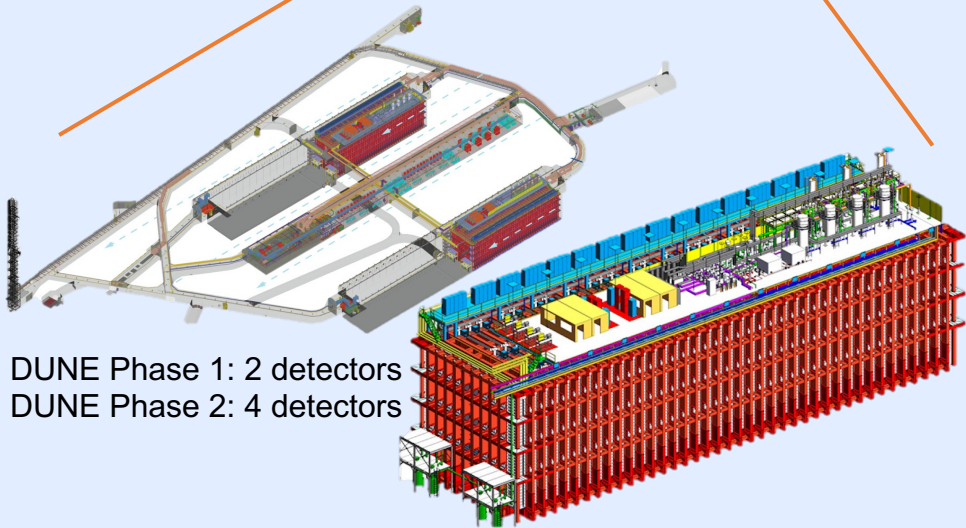
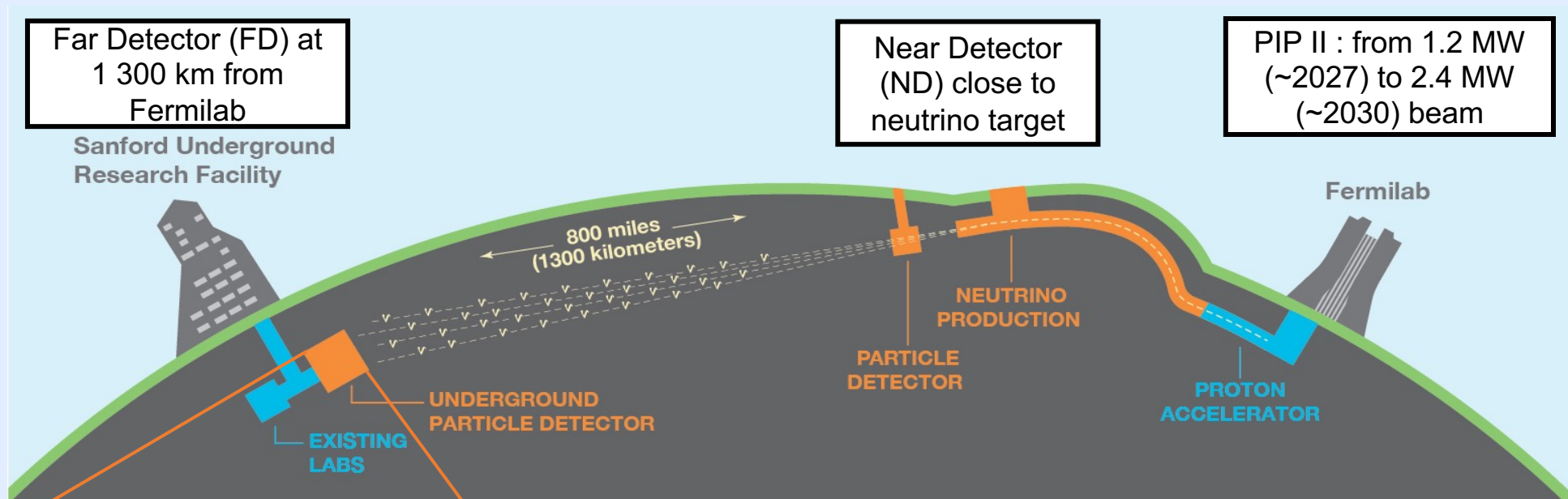
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Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment

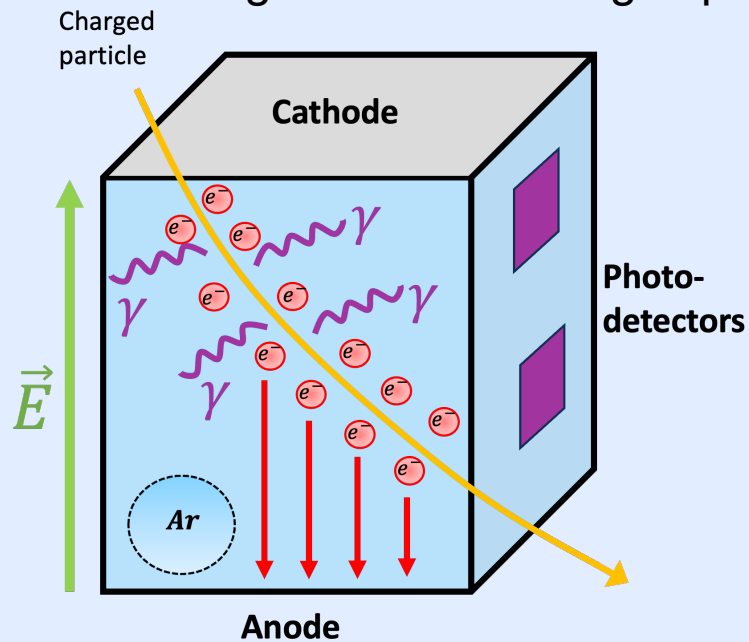


- New generation of long-baseline neutrinos experiment
- Precision measurements of neutrino oscillation parameters (δ_{CP} phase, mass ordering, θ_{23} octant etc.)
- Measurement of $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e$ and $\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$
- Far detector is made of 4 Giant LArTPCs (17 kt of liquid argon each) located at 1480 m underground

How LArTPC works?

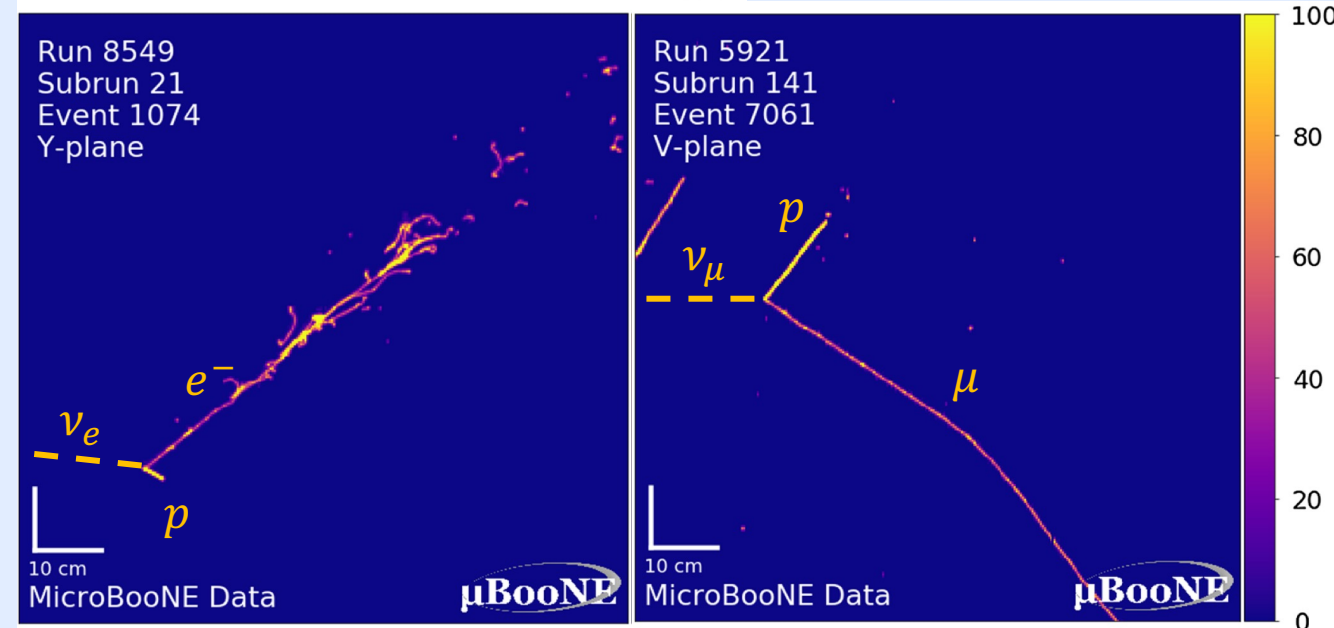
➤ Time Projection Chamber:

- Segmented anodes used to collect charge signal
- $\tau_{\text{photon}} \ll \tau_{\text{drift}} \rightarrow$ light signal trigger detection
- Enables large volume and high spatial resolution

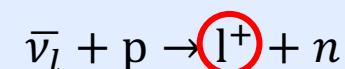
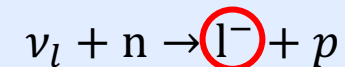


Charge signal

Light signal



- At GeV-scale (1 – 10 GeV) neutrino interactions are dominated by resonant interaction and deep inelastic scattering processes
- Charged lepton produced by charged-current interactions are used to tag the neutrino flavour



- Separate ν_e / ν_μ events by track topology identification
- Neutrino energy reconstructed using calorimetry

Vertical drift design

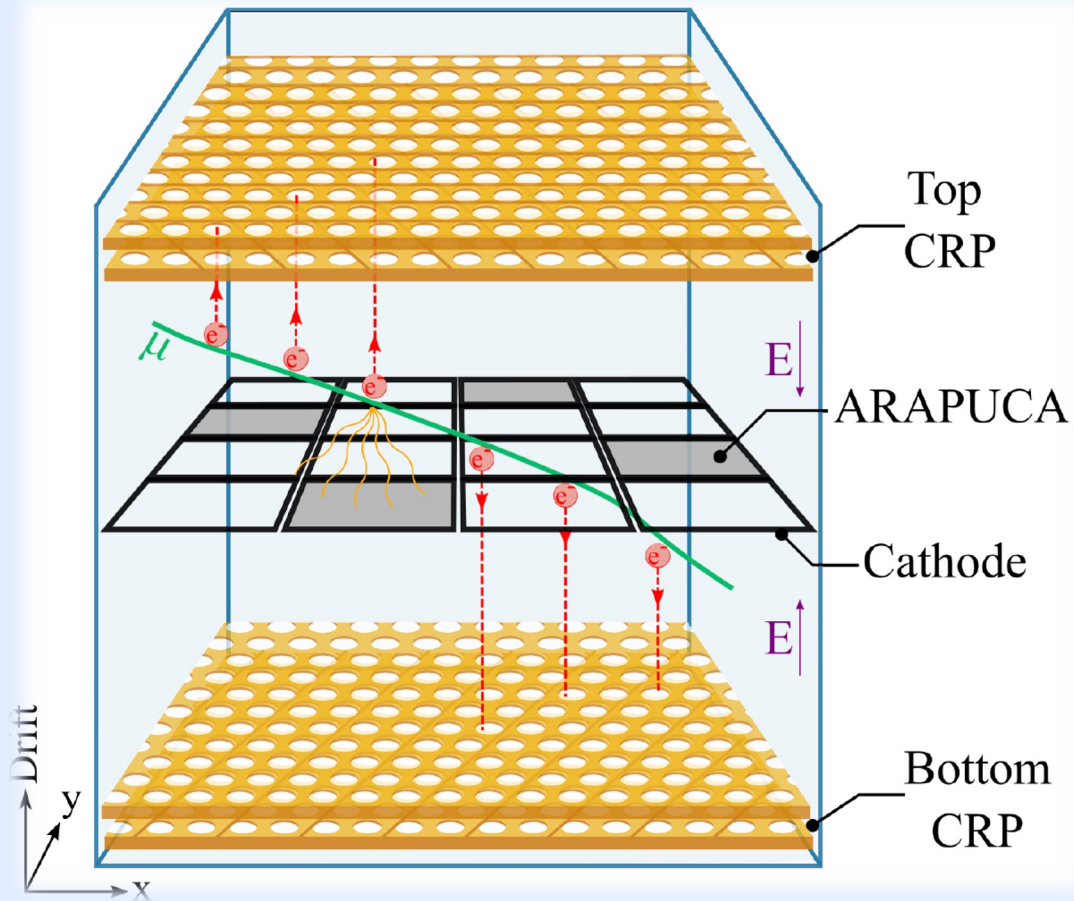


Diagram by L. Zambelli

- 2 volumes split by a cathode
 - Carried by an electric drift field: $|\vec{E}| = 0.5 \text{ kV/cm}$
- The new perforated anode technology
 - Stack of 2 perforated Printed Circuit Boards (PCB)
 - Etched copper electrode strips on each PCB face
 - Few millimeters spatial resolution
 - Module called Charge-Readout Planes (CRP) $\sim 3 \times 3 \text{ m}$
- DUNE Far detector at SURF:
 - Top and bottom anode planes made of 80 CRP modules each
 - The top CRPs will be produced at LPSC in Grenoble

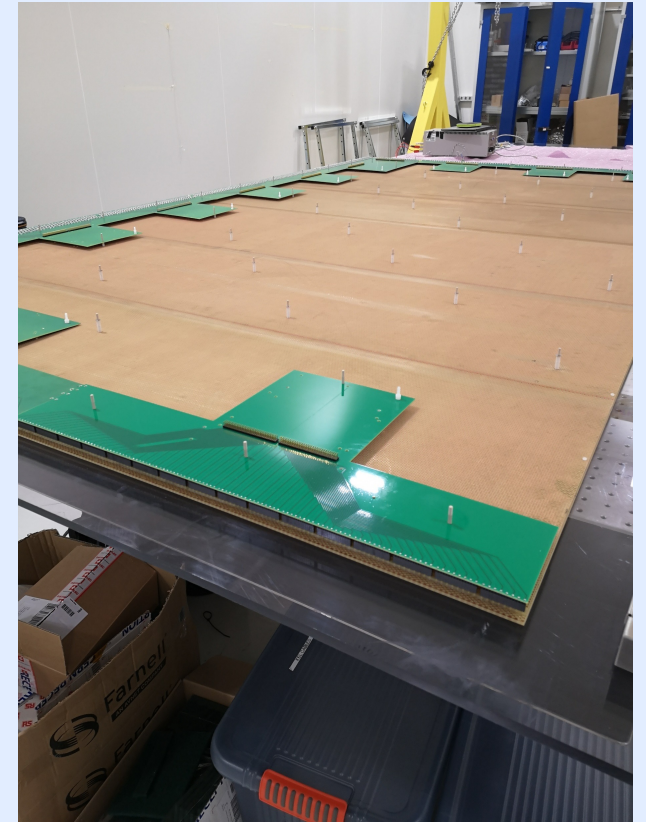
Signal formation study on anodes

- **Problematic:**

- Use of new anode technology
- Important to know the deposited energy in the detector to measure the oscillation parameters
- Improve tracks reconstruction using the shape of induction signals

- **My work:**

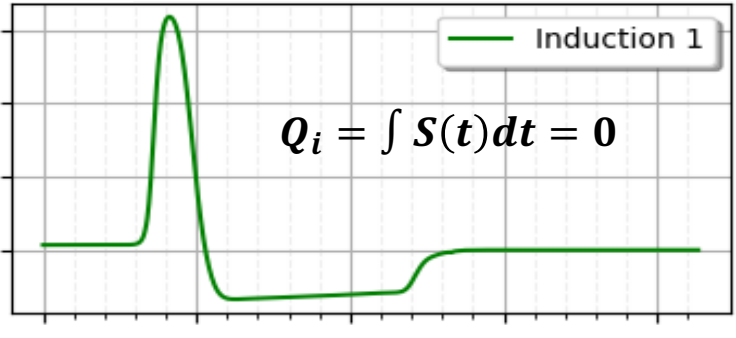
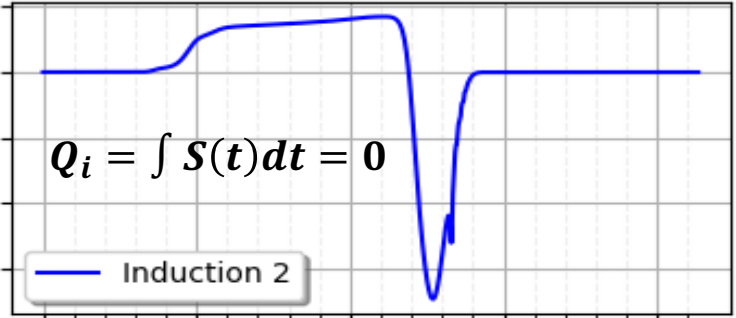
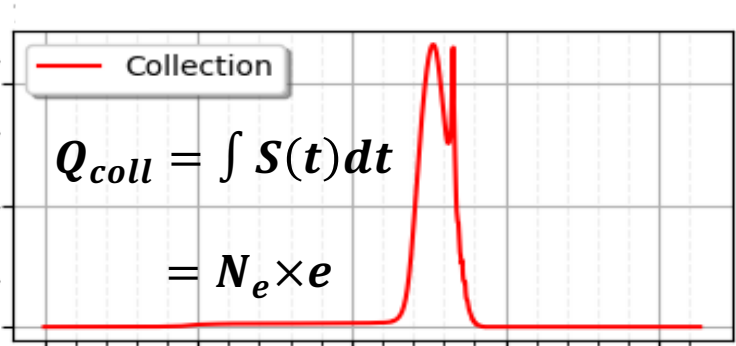
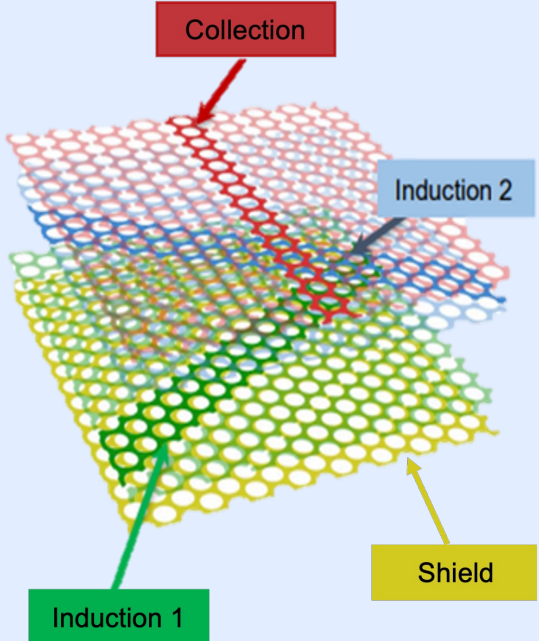
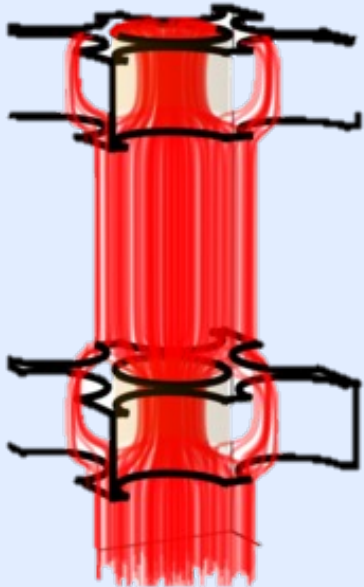
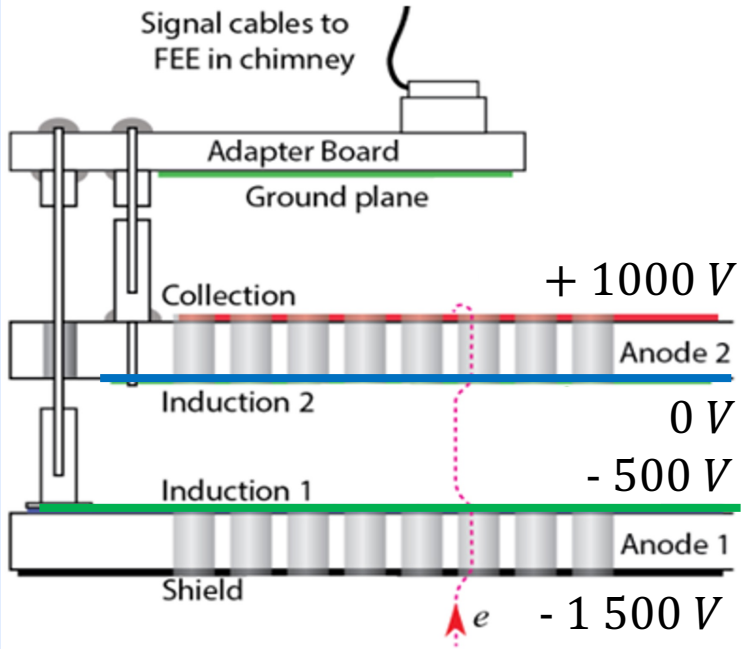
- Understand the waveforms based on energy, track angle and position
- Understand the charge lost in the anodes
- Estimate the different systematics
- **Study of induced signal formation on the anode**



CRP assembly at
CERN

The perforated anode technology

- Shield + 3 different charge readout layers:
 - Induction 1 – strip orientation -30° to beam axis
 - Induction 2 – strip orientation $+30^\circ$ to beam axis
 - Collection – strip orientation 90° to beam axis



- **Collection view:**
Unipolar signal
- **Induction views:**
Bipolar signals

Modeling signal formation

➤ Shockley-Ramo theorem:

$$i(t) = q \vec{E}_w \cdot \vec{v}_D$$

- Theorem derives from Maxwell equations

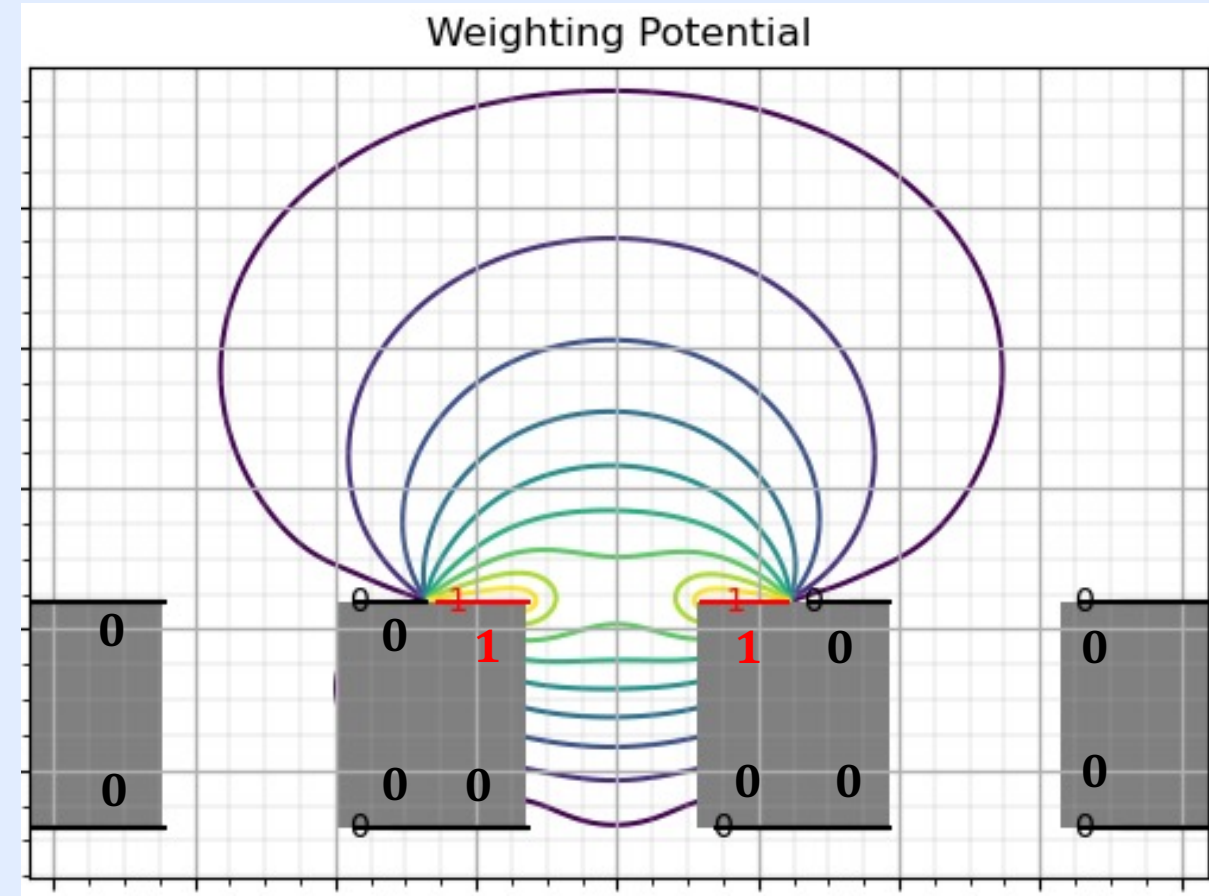
➤ Drift velocity: $\vec{v}_d = \mu \vec{E}_d$

- When $E_d > 200 \text{ V / cm}$: electron mobility depends on the electric field
- We use global model fitted on mobility measurements

➤ Weighting Field \vec{E}_w :

- Virtual field defined when the **reading strip equal 1 V** and **all others fixed to 0 V**
- Depends only on the spatial distribution of the electrodes

➤ Induced current is caused only by charge carriers motion

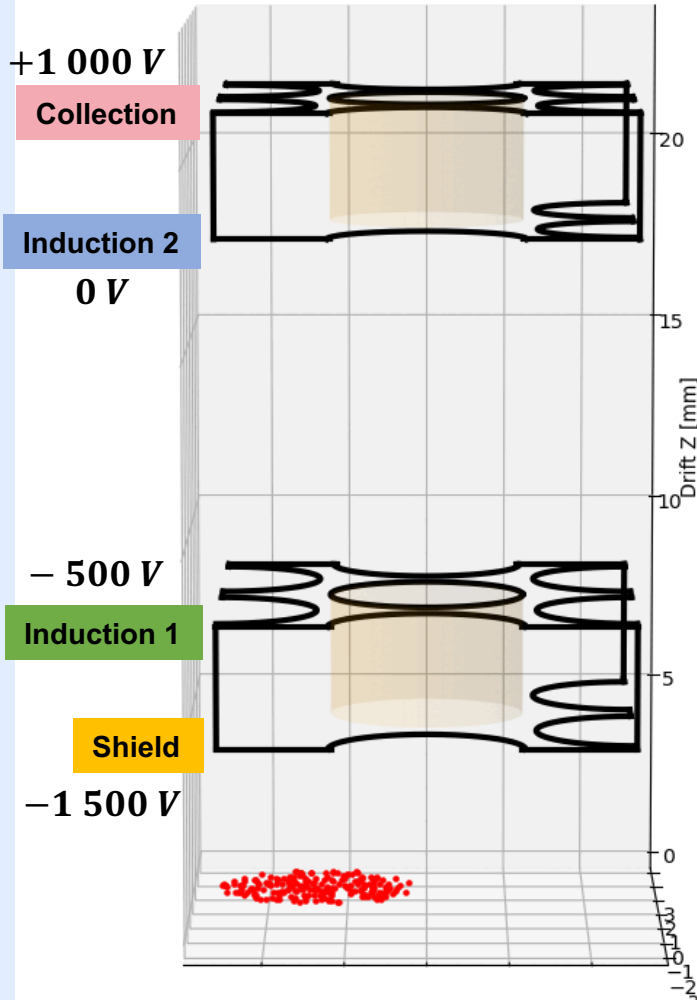


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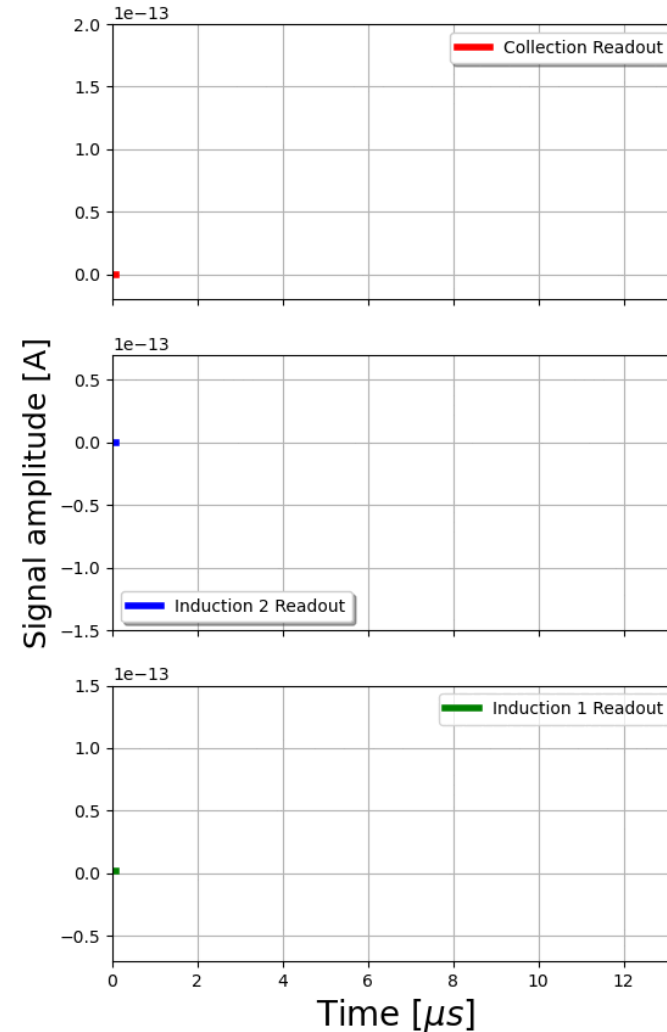
Electron cloud simulation

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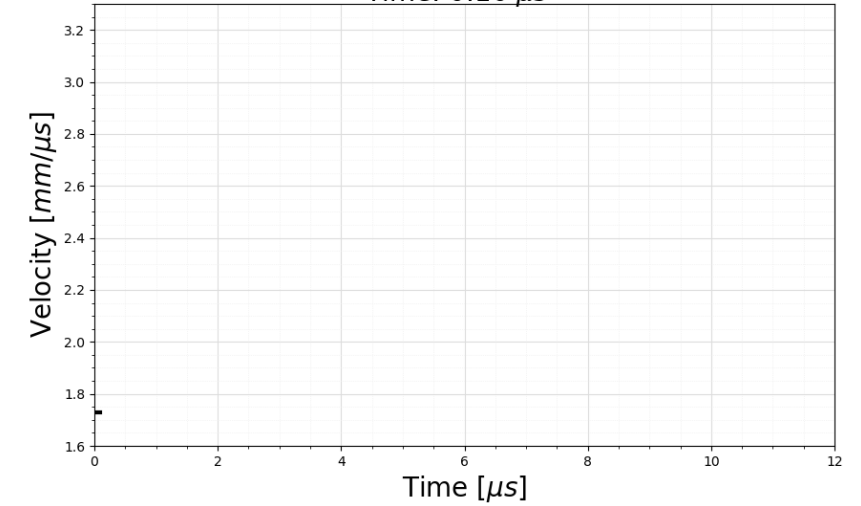
Electron cloud evolution in the anode
Time: 0.10 μs



Signal on all views
Time: 0.10 μs



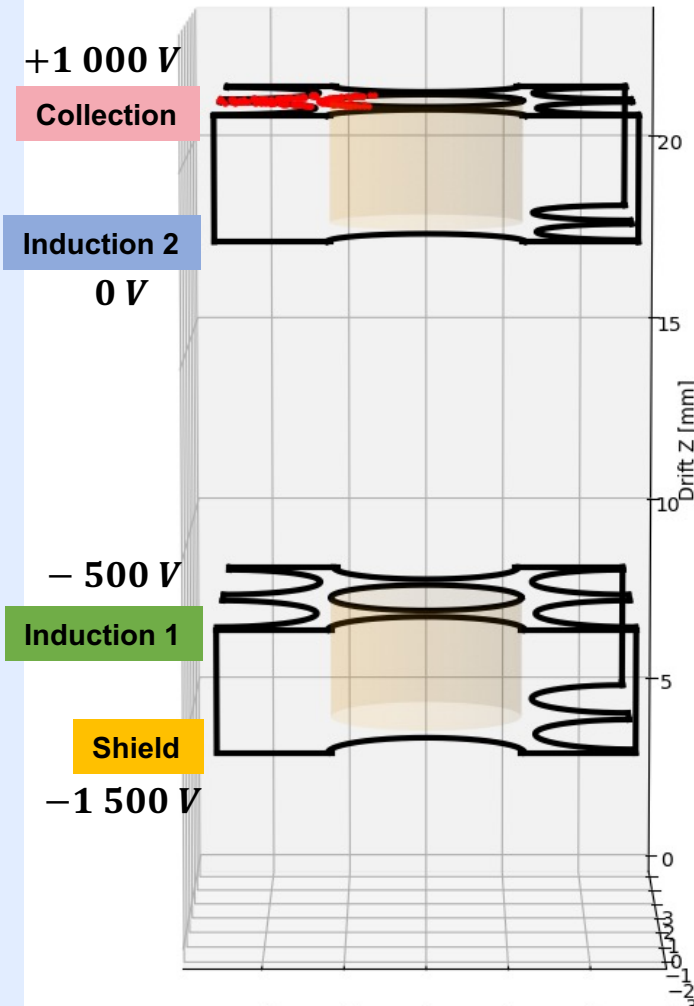
Average of cloud electron drift velocity
Time: 0.10 μs



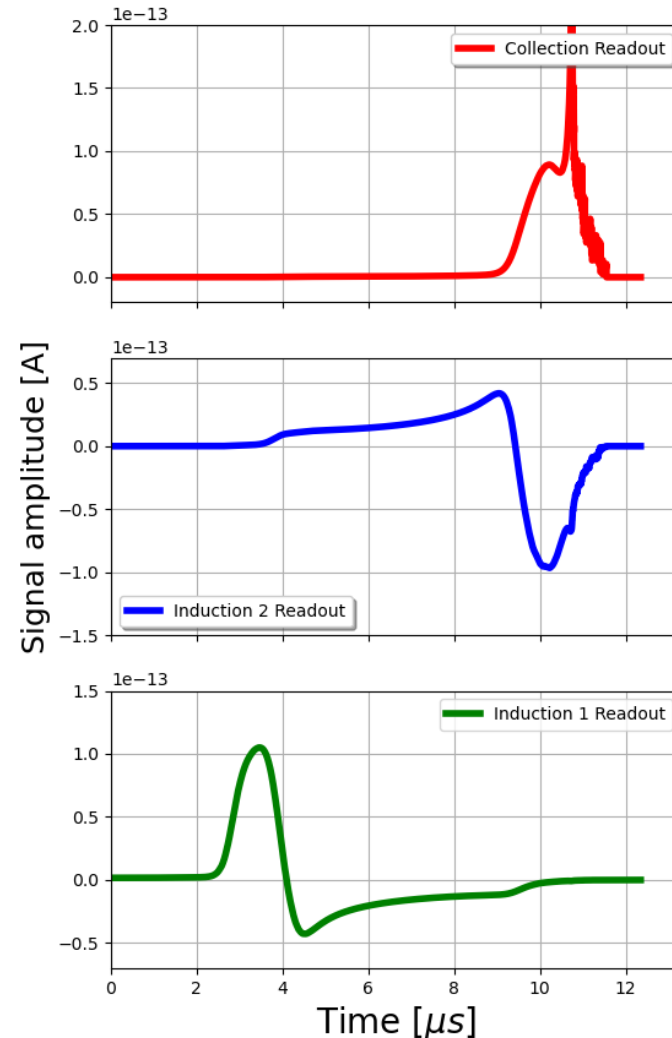
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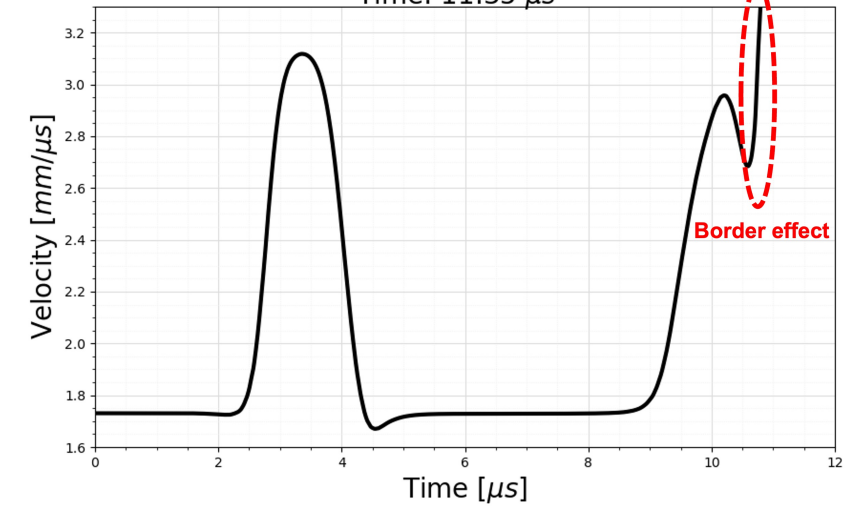
Electron cloud evolution in the anode
Time: 12.35 μs



Signal on all views
Time: 12.35 μs



Average of cloud electron drift velocity
Time: 11.35 μs



- Border effect near to the collection electrode
- The field takes $\propto 1/r^2$ dependency which will induce a high frequency signal
- Electronic response will smooth the readout induced current

Charge carriers motion in liquid argon

- Electron diffusion could cause a loss of charge in the CRP

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = D_L \frac{\partial^2 n}{\partial z^2} + D_T \left(\frac{\partial^2 n}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 n}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad \text{Fick's equation}$$

- Gaussian spatial distribution of the electrons over time
- Average diffusion length given by:

$$\sigma_{L,T} = \sqrt{2D_{L,T}t}$$

- Relationship between longitudinal and transverse diffusion coefficient:

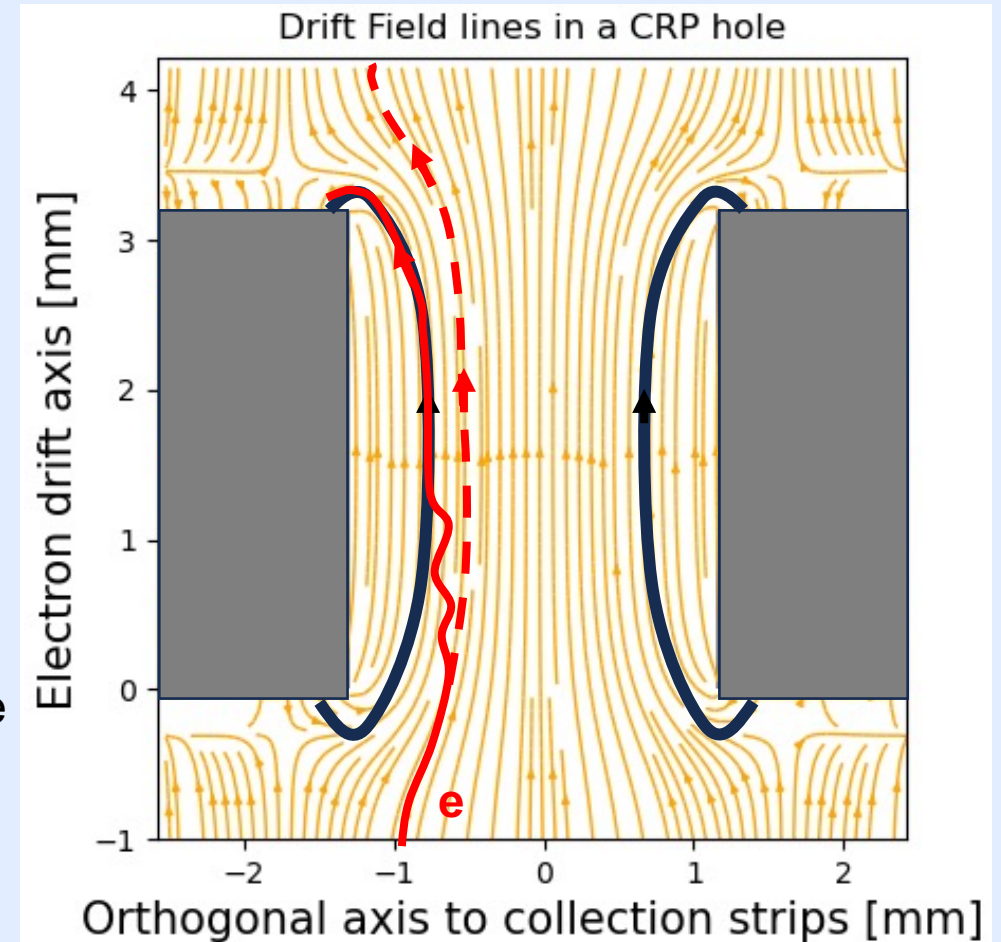
(Einstein's relation) $D_L = \frac{\epsilon_L \mu}{e}$

$$\frac{D_L}{D_T} = 1 + \frac{E}{\mu} \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial E}$$

ϵ_L : longitudinal effective electron energy

μ : electron mobility

- Electron loss on view 0 due to the diffusion

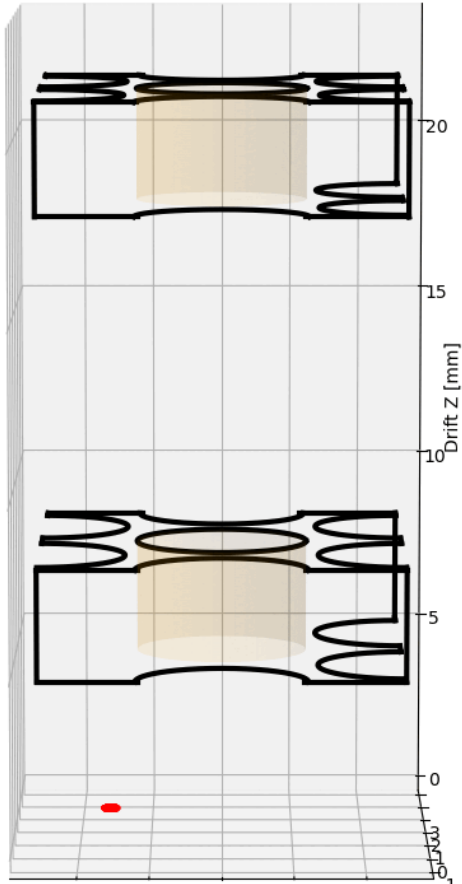


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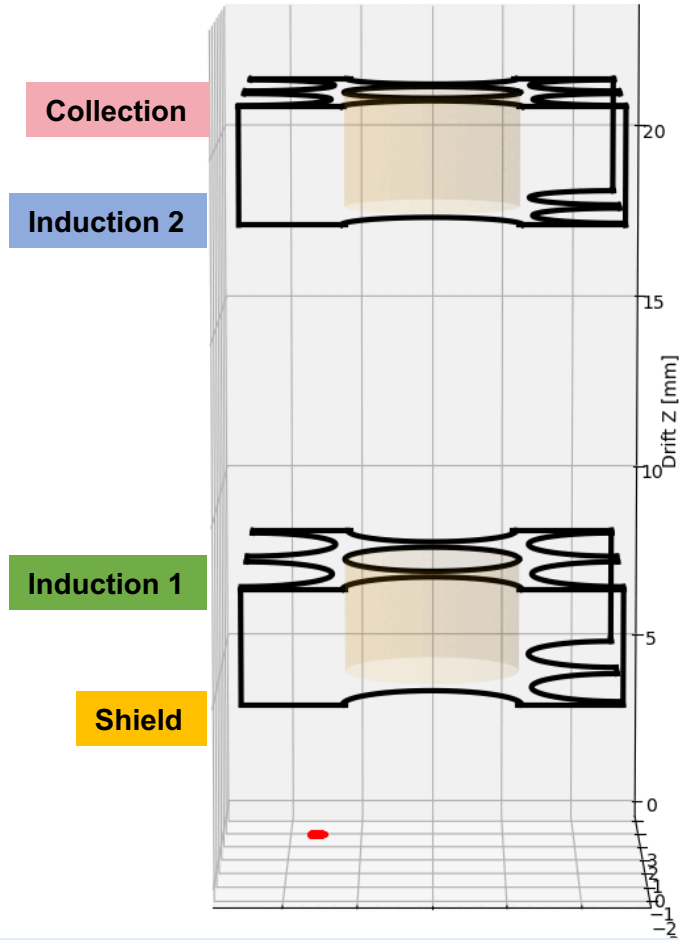
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Electron diffusions

Electron cloud evolution no diffusion
Time: 0.10 μs

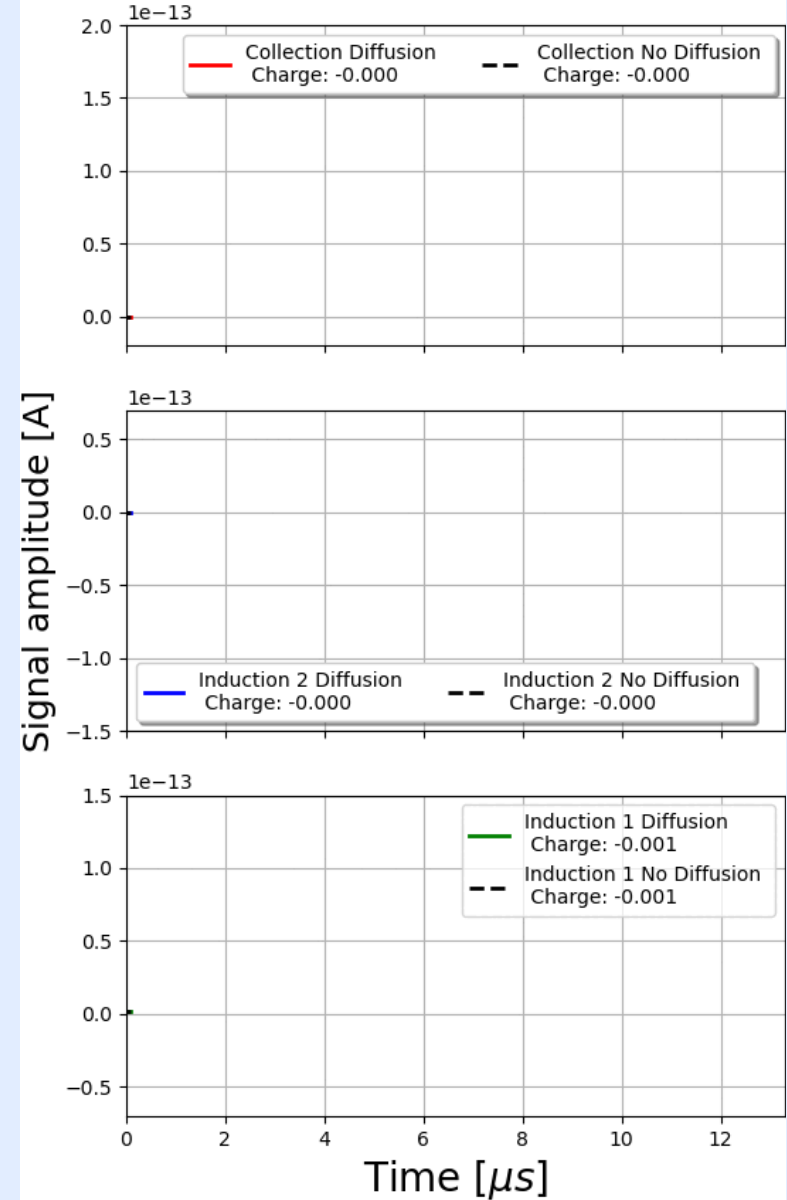


Electron cloud evolution with transverse diffusion
Time: 0.10 μs



➤ Diffusion causes 10 % of charge loss (simulation)

Signal on all views
Time: 0.10 μs

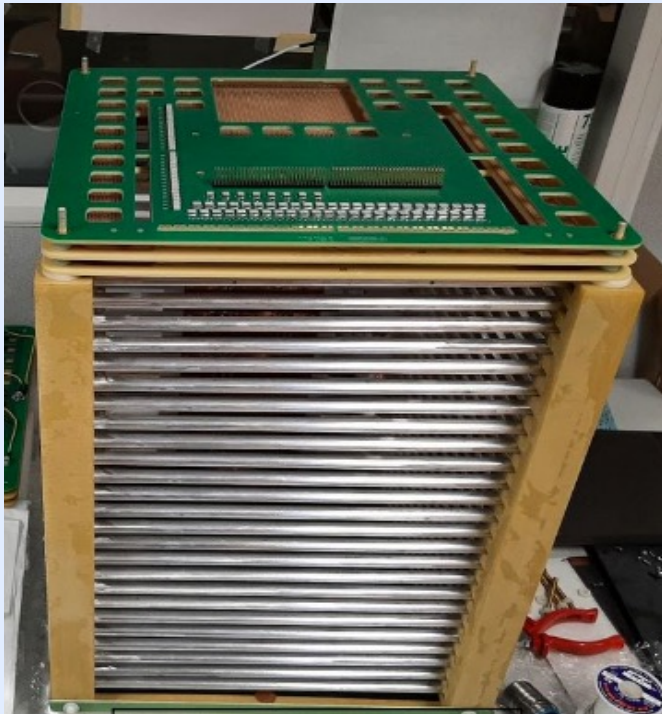


R&D TPC 50 L detector

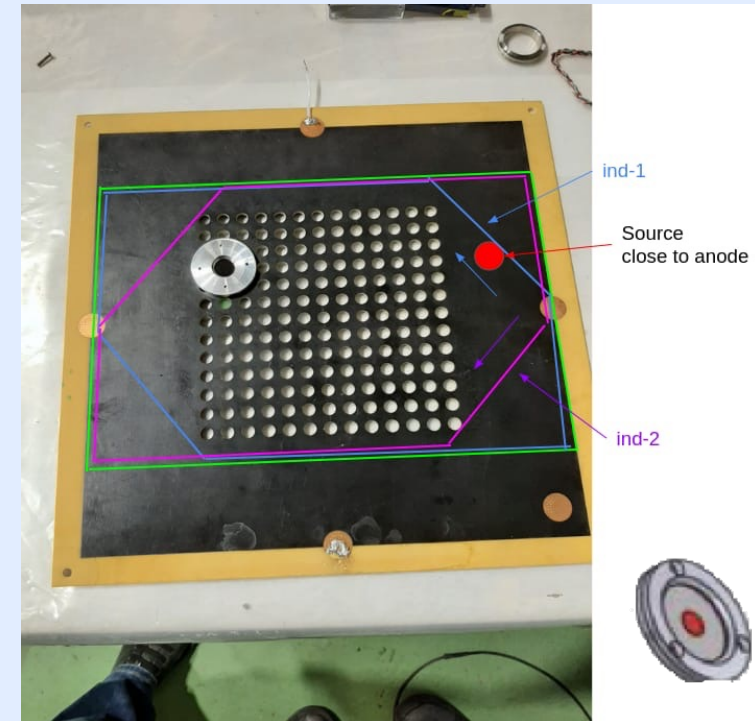
- Data-taken on R&D TPC at CERN last summer
- Need to compare with simulation

- $\sim 32 \times 32$ cm active area
- 52 cm drift
- Random trigger

➤ **Not enough cosmic ray event**



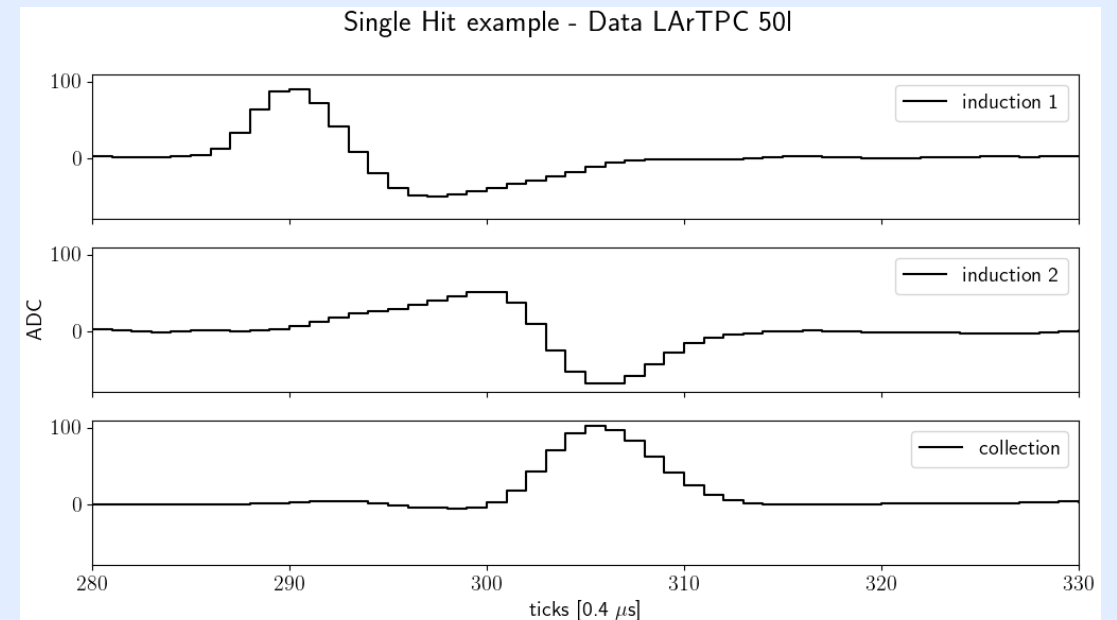
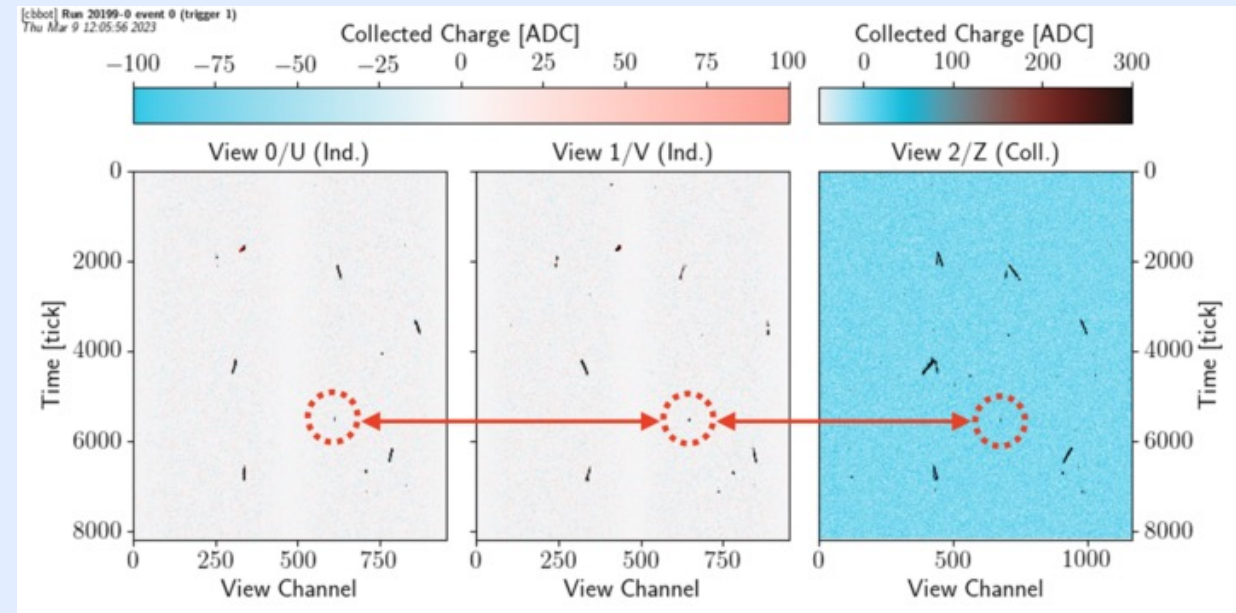
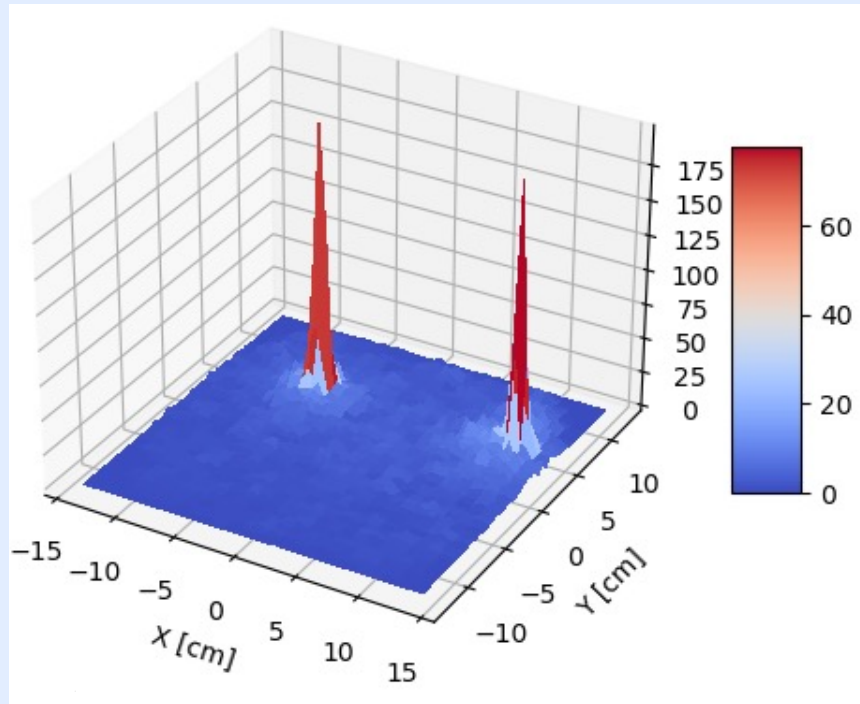
- 2 ^{207}Bi sources put inside TPC
- Activity: both at 37 kBq
- Main conversion electron rays at around 1 MeV
- Range in liquid argon: ≈ 5 mm < strip length
→ single hits



Single hits

- Reconstructed events by using Lardon developed L. Zambelli
- Isolated hit on three views correlated in time

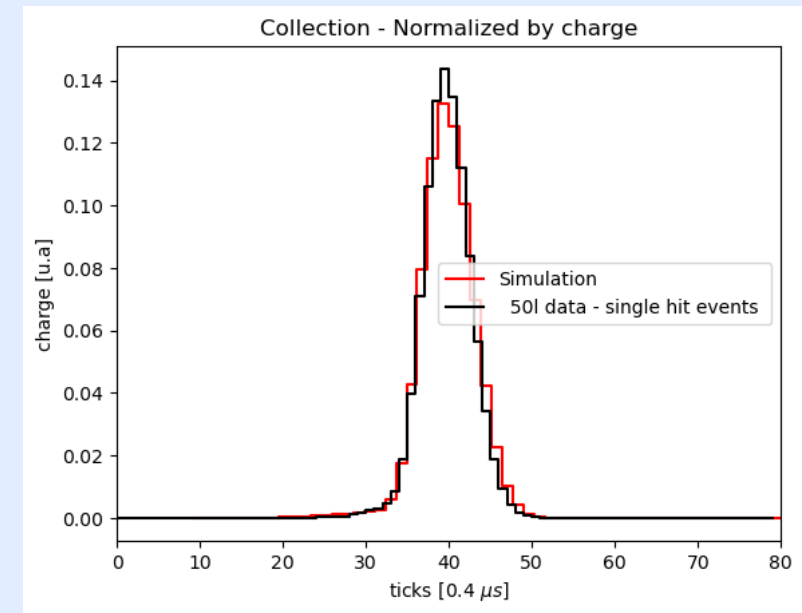
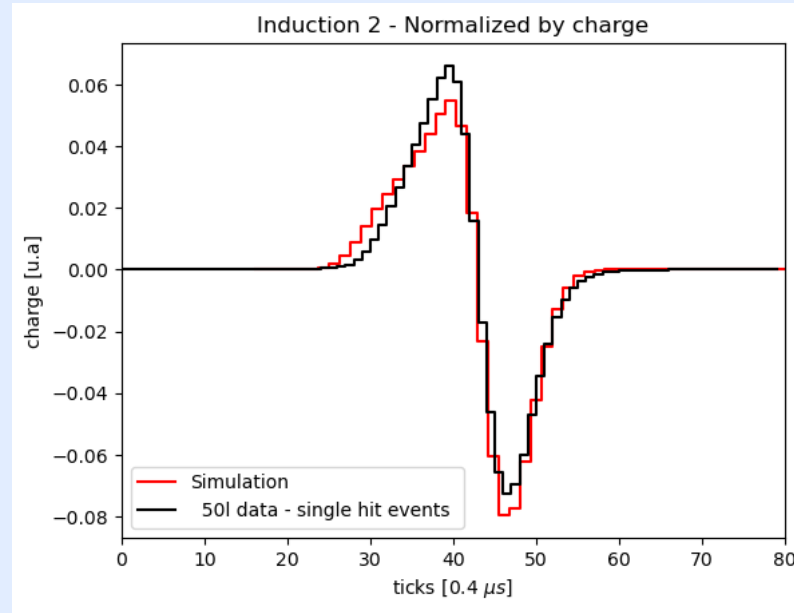
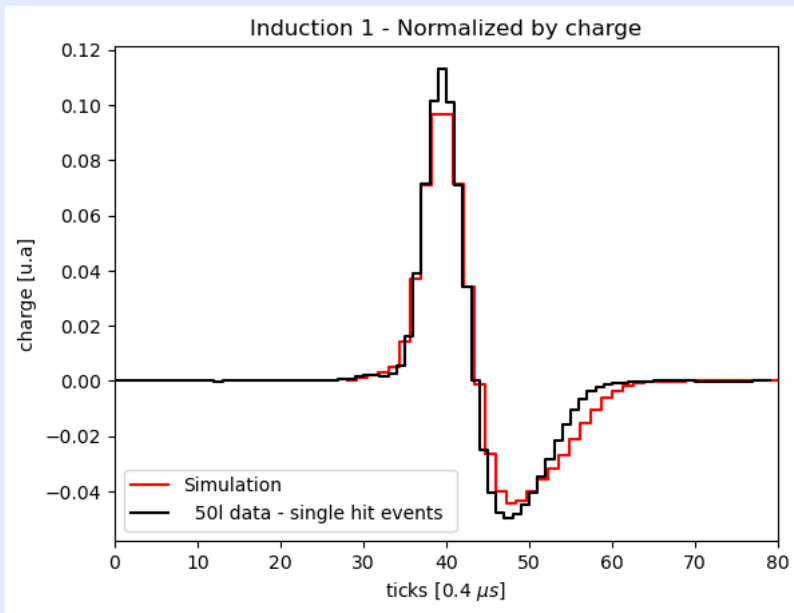
Reconstructed single hits



Results

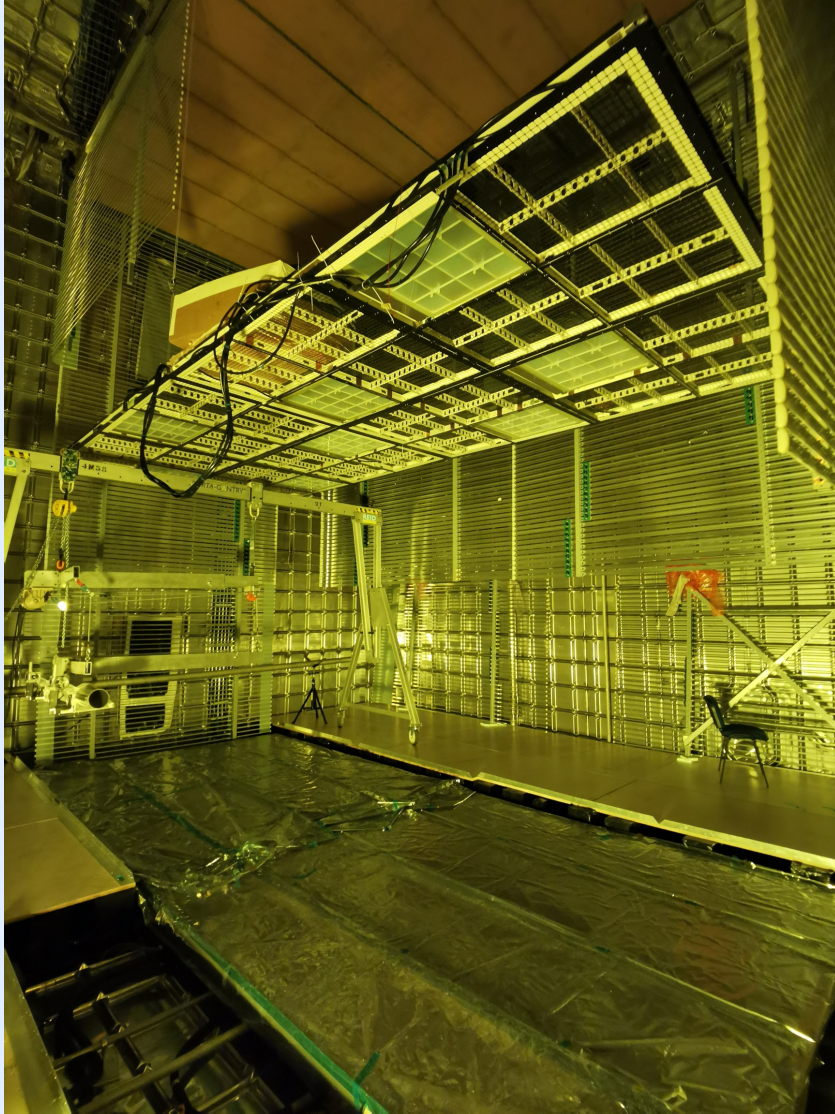
- Total reconstructed single hits: 17 334 hits → 1542 hits after cut off
- Each signal has been added to reduce the white noise
- Normalized by charge to compare the shape with simulation

$$S_{norm}(t) = \frac{S(t)}{\int |S(t)| dt} = \frac{S(t)}{Q_{ind}^+ - Q_{ind}^-}$$



- **Simulated waveforms in good agreement with data taken**
- Only single hit was considered → extend the simulation at large scale

Prototypes at CERN



➤ ProtoDUNE Vertical Drift (VD):

- A prototype built at CERN to test the Vertical Drift technology at large scale (TPC size: 3.0 m (W) × 6.8 m (L) × 6.8 m (H))
- Data-taking should start early in 2025
- Top CRPs have accessible electronics and bottom CRPs have embedded cold electronics
- Will enable to analyse some data of cosmic to show induction waveforms as a function of track angle



Summary

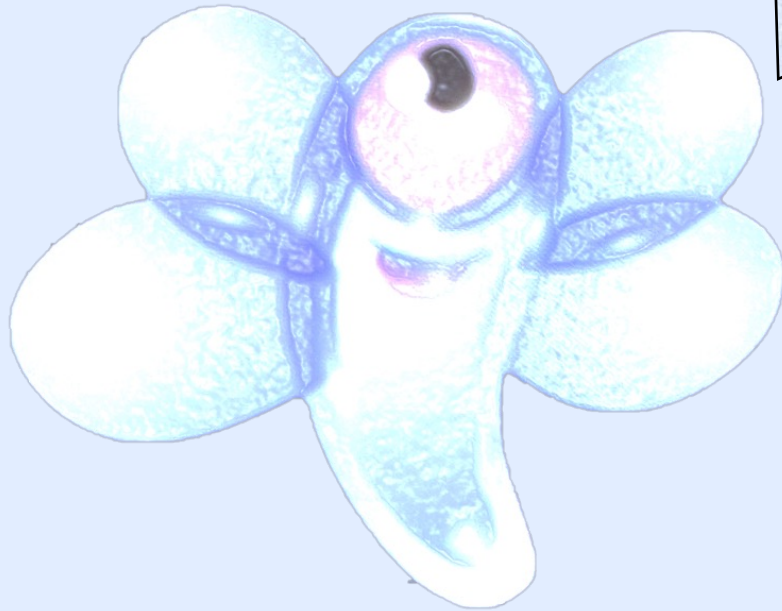
➤ Work done:

- Numerical simulation design to understand the formation of induction signals of all views
- Analyse 50L TPC data and compare with simulation → Very good agreement
- Electron diffusion seems to cause a loss of charge inside the anode

➤ What's next ?

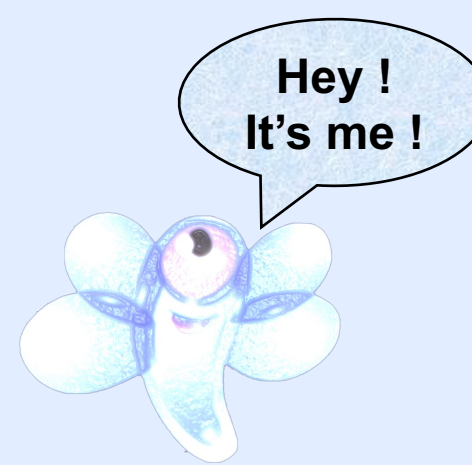
- Extend the simulation in a bigger volume → One goal of simulation is to understand the waveforms in order to improve track reconstruction.
- Data-taking at early 2025 with protoDUNE-VD
- Further study the impact of electron diffusion on the anode transparency – the charge loss in the induction 1 on data seems to be more important than simulation → Work in Progress
- (and write a thesis)

**Thanks for your
attention !!**



Backup

Neutrino oscillation



- There are three leptonic flavors ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ
- Neutrinos only interact by weak interaction → Small cross section
- **Neutrino oscillation:**
 - Assumes neutrino masses (SM predict massless for these ones)
 - Flavor eigenstates (which couple W^\pm, Z^0) are different from mass eigenstates during their propagation

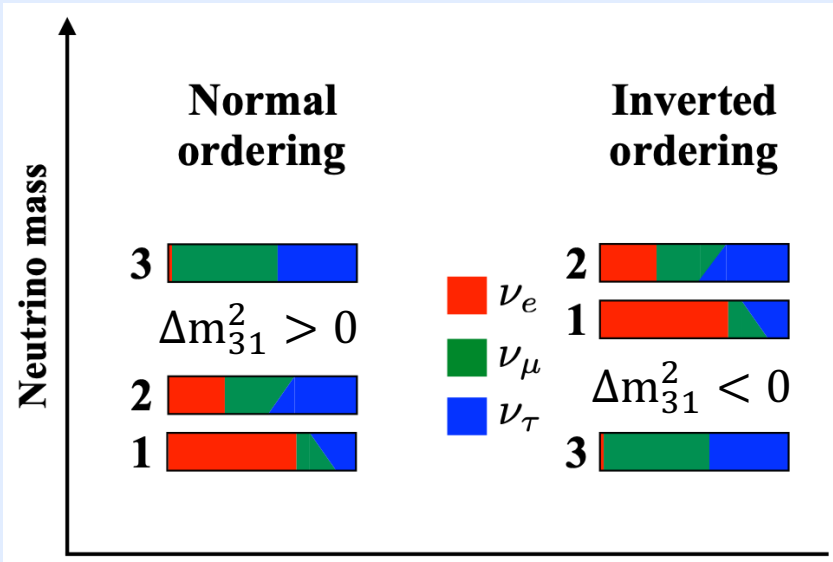
- **Flavor states** are a linear combination of mass states: $|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_i U_{\alpha i}^* |\nu_i\rangle$ avec $\begin{cases} \alpha = e, \mu, \tau \\ i = 1, 2, 3 \end{cases}$

- **PMNS mixed matrix** (Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata):

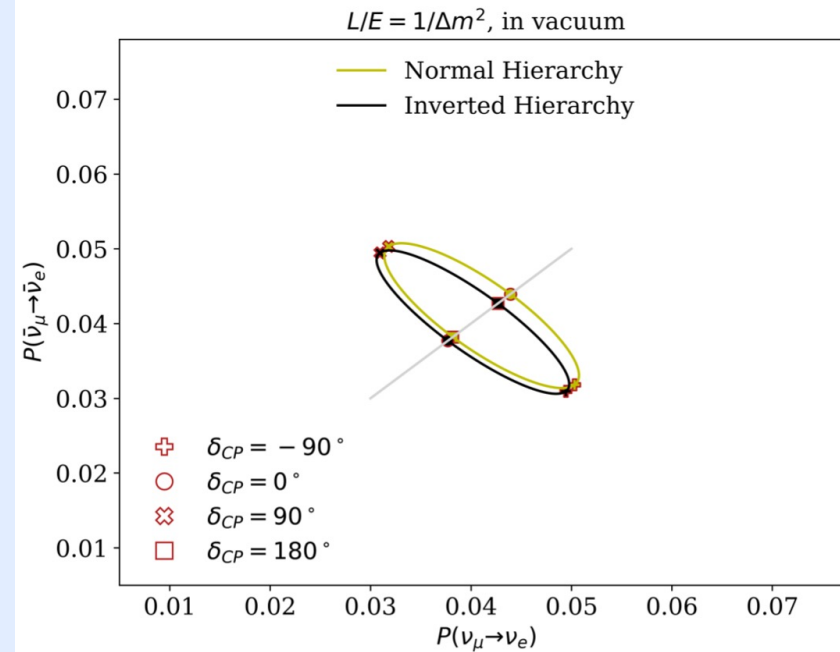
$$U_{PMNS} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_{23} & \sin \theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin \theta_{23} & \cos \theta_{23} \end{pmatrix}}_{\substack{\text{Atmospheric} \\ \nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_\tau}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{13} & 0 & \sin \theta_{13} e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{13} e^{i\delta_{CP}} & 0 & \cos \theta_{13} \end{pmatrix}}_{\substack{\text{Reactor \& accelerator} \\ \nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_e}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{12} & \sin \theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{12} & \cos \theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\substack{\text{Solar} \\ \nu_e \leftrightarrow \nu_\mu}}$$

Mass ordering

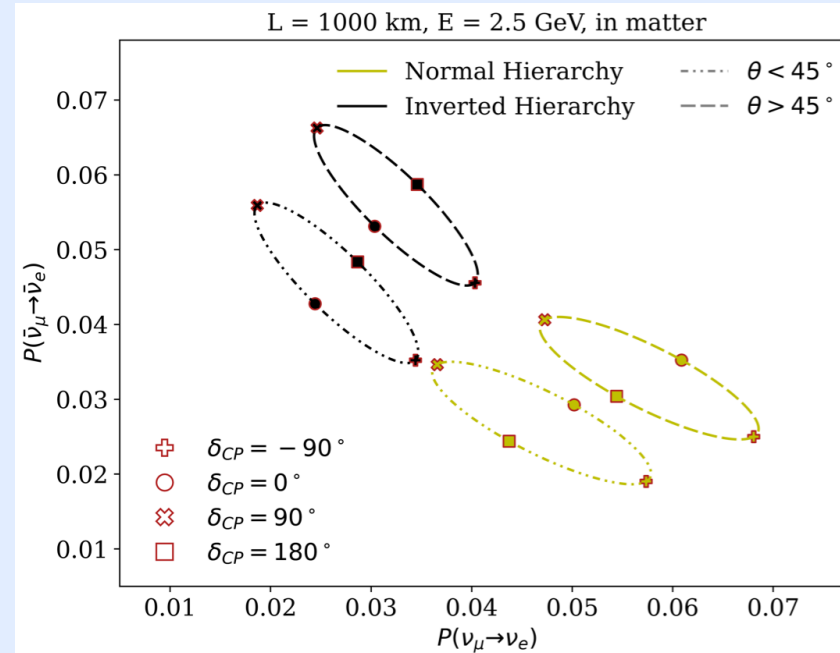
- Sign of $|\Delta m_{31}^2| \rightarrow$ Mass ordering



Vacuum



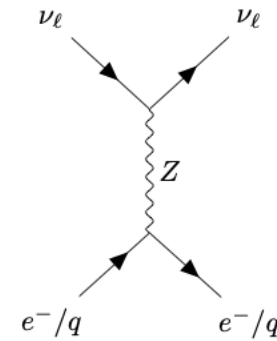
Matter



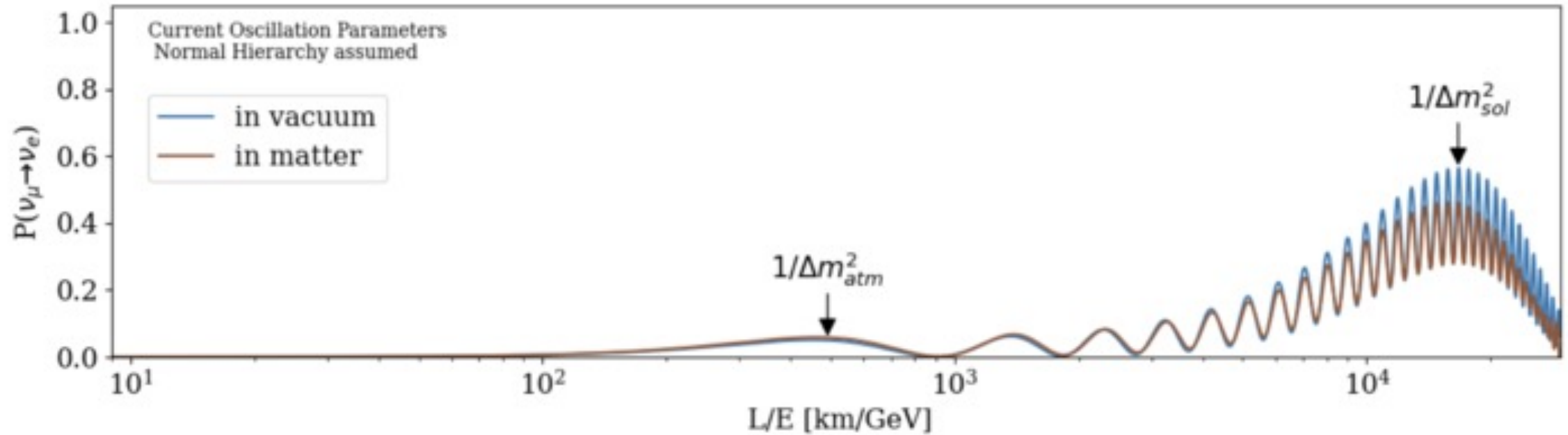
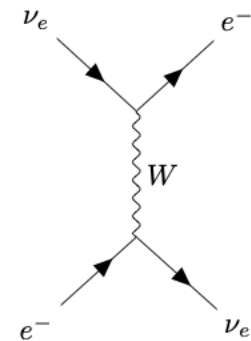
Matter effect

- Neutrino oscillations are modified by matter effect
- Add a effective potential to the Hamiltonian

All neutrinos



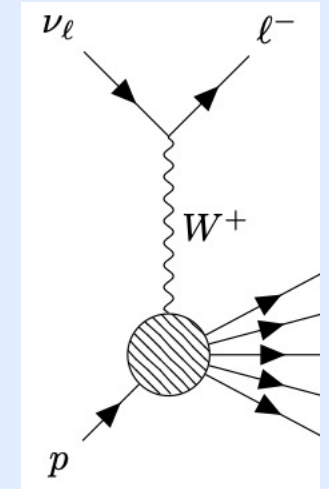
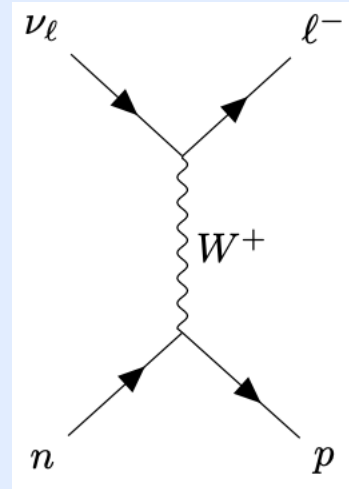
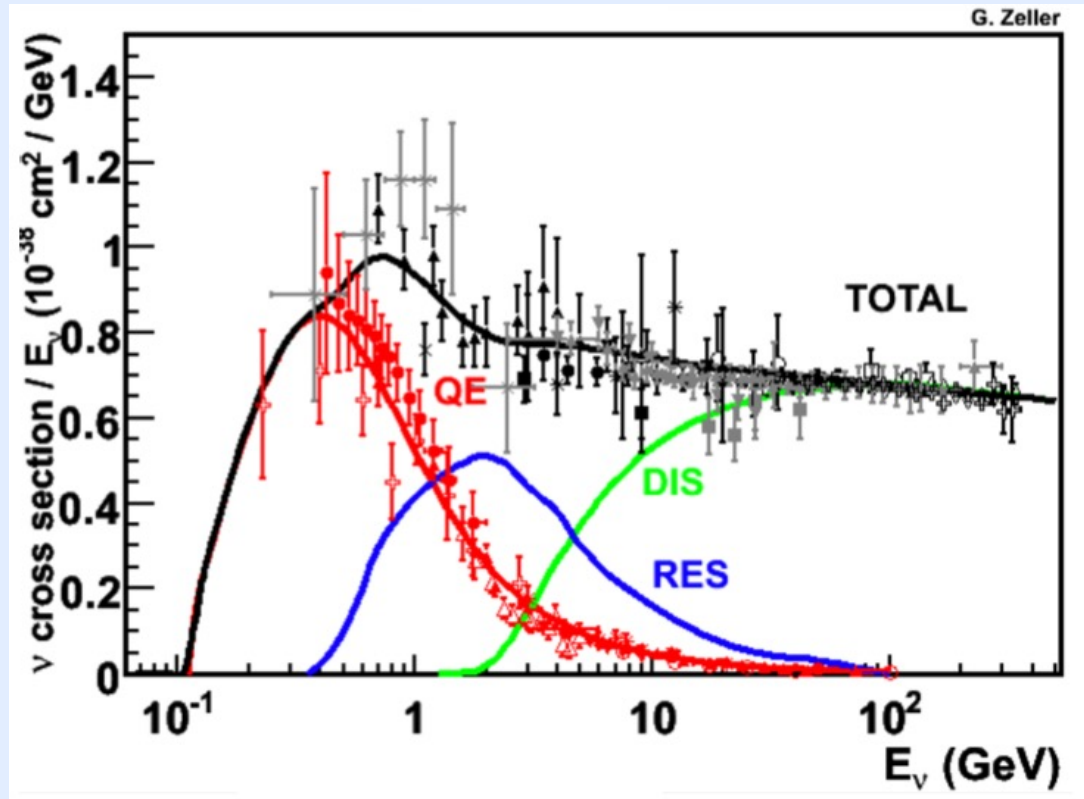
ν_e only



Charged currents cross section

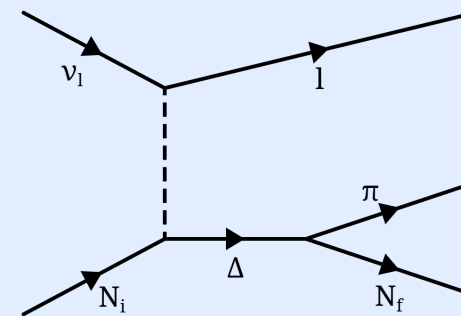
QE: Quasi elastic

DIS: Deep inelastic

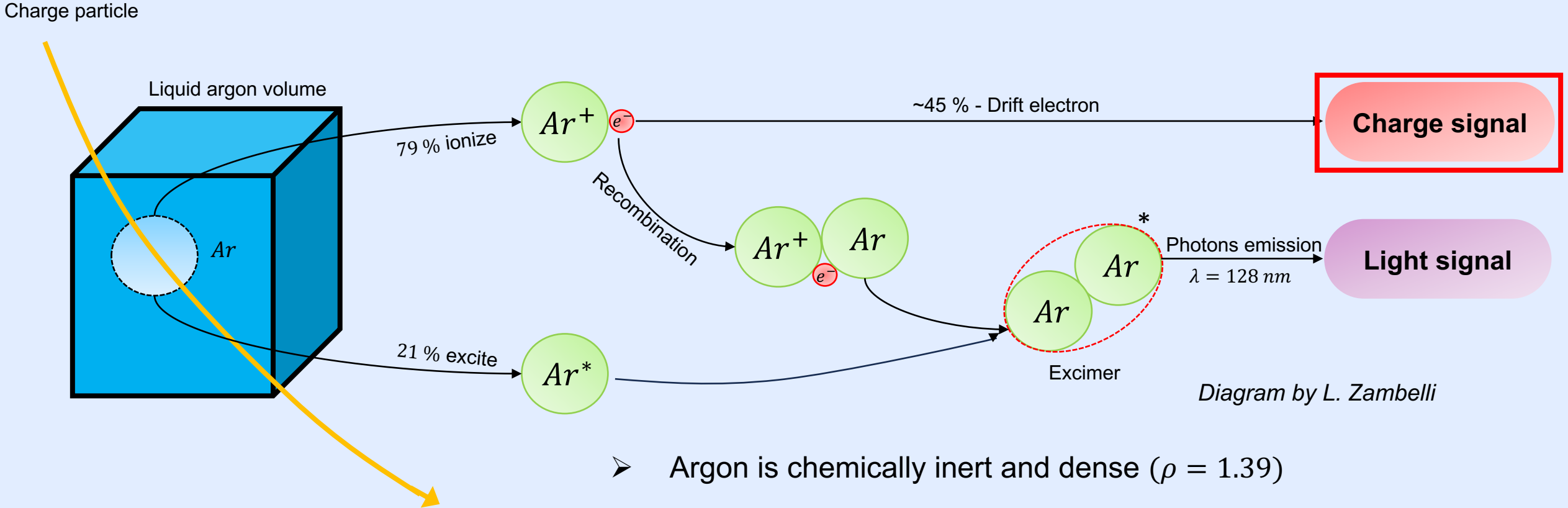


Interaction with quarks

RES: Resonant



Principle of LArTPC detection



- Argon is chemically inert and dense ($\rho = 1.39$)
- Charged particles ionize (79 %) and excite (21 %) argon atoms.
- Electrons of ionization drift to the anodes thanks to an electric field
- Scintillation light coming from argon de-excitation ($\lambda = 128 \text{ nm}$)

Drift velocity: Walkowiak Fit

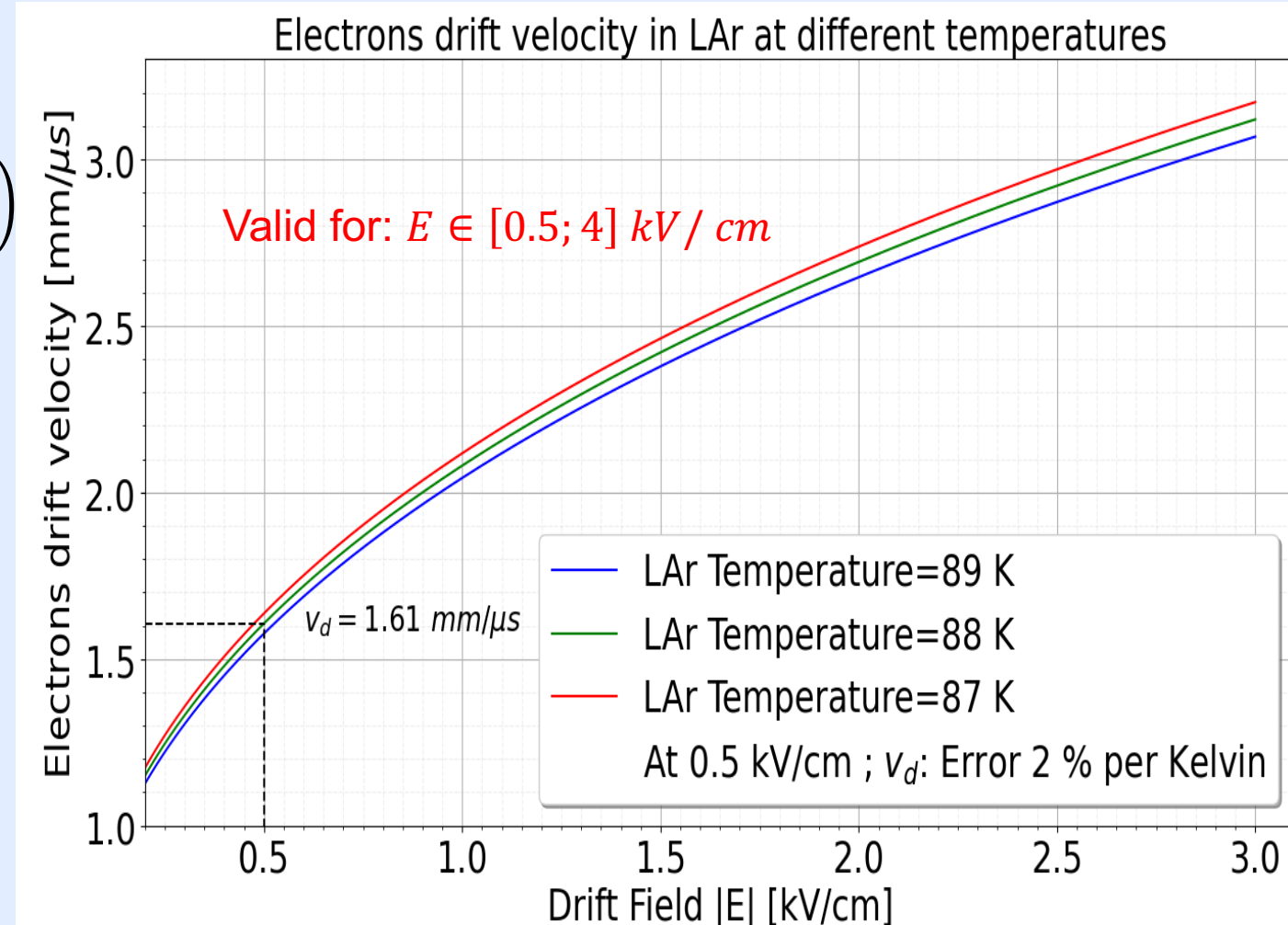
- Walkowiak fit (1999):

$$v_D \equiv v_D(|\vec{E}|, T)$$

$$= (P_1(T - T_0) + 1) \left(P_3|\vec{E}| \ln \left(1 + \frac{P_4}{|\vec{E}|} \right) + P_5|\vec{E}|^{P_6} \right) + P_2(T - T_0)$$

With P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_5 and P_6 fit parameters

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P_1 = -0.01481 \pm 0.00095 \text{ K}^{-1} \\ P_2 = 0.0075 \pm 0.0028 \text{ K}^{-1} \\ P_3 = 0.141 \pm 0.023 \left(\frac{\text{kV}}{\text{cm}} \right)^{-1} \\ P_4 = 12.4 \pm 2.7 \left(\frac{\text{kV}}{\text{cm}} \right) \\ P_5 = 1.627 \pm 0.078 \left(\frac{\text{kV}}{\text{cm}} \right)^{-P_6} \\ P_6 = 0.317 \pm 0.021 \\ T_0 = 90.371 \text{ K} \end{array} \right.$$



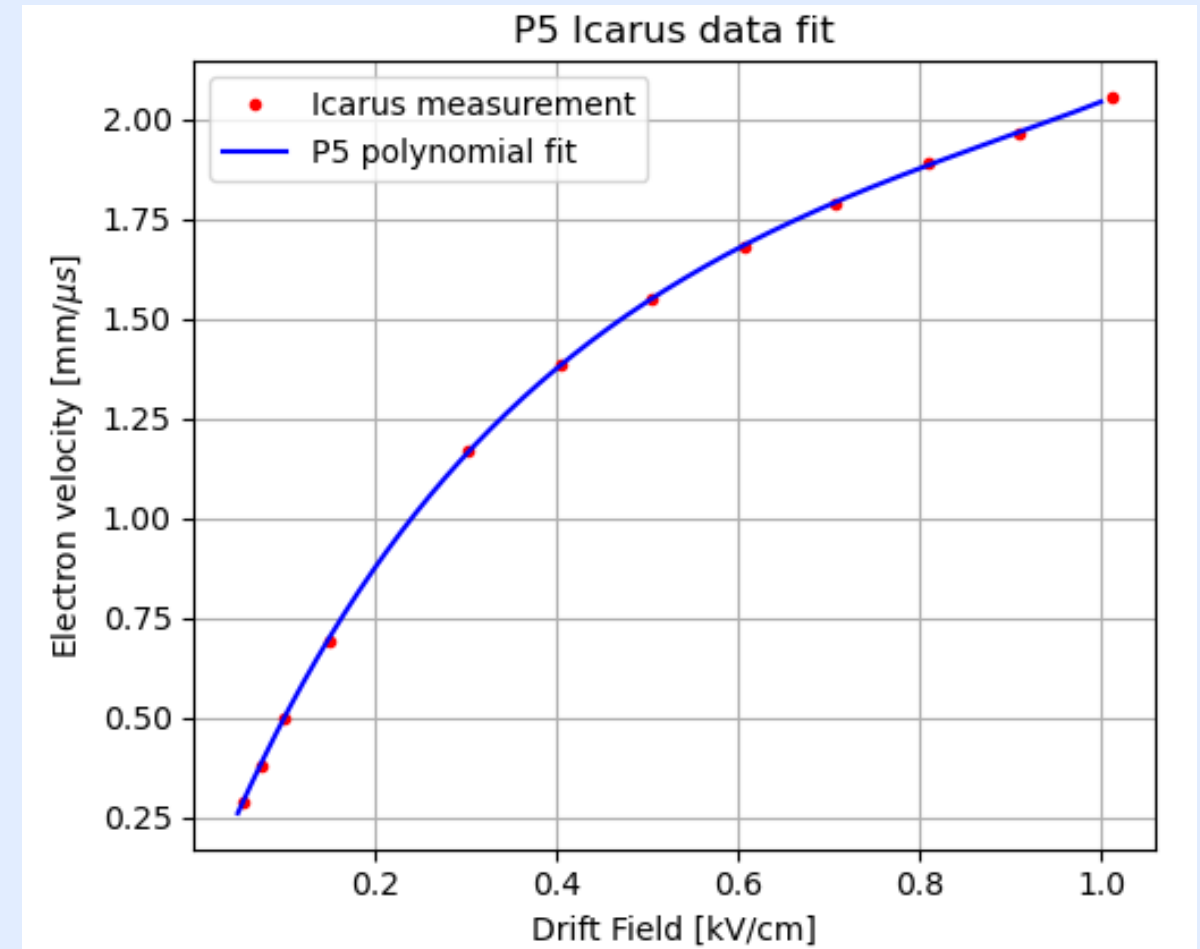
W. Walkowiak. Drift velocity of free electrons in liquid argon 1999

Drift velocity: Icarus fit

- ICARUS detector using TPC technologie (2004)
- P5 Polynomial fit:

$$v_D(E, T = 89 K) = a + bE + cE^2 + dE^3 + eE^4 + fE^5$$

- Fit valid only: $T = 89 K$



ICARUS Collaboration, Analysis of the liquid argon purity in the ICARUS T600 TPC, 2004

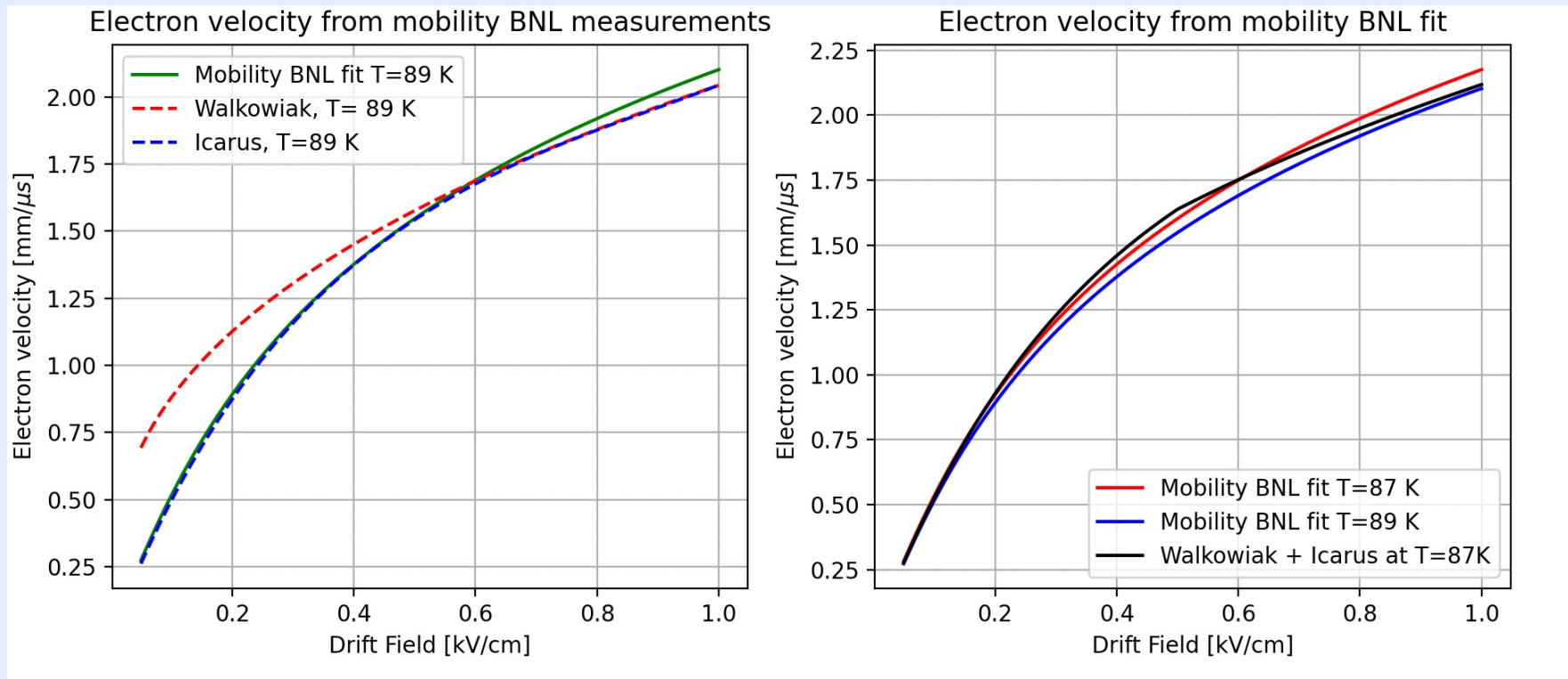
Drift velocity: Brookhaven fit

- Global data fit scaled at $T = 89 \text{ K}$

- Drift velocity: $\vec{v}_D = \mu(|\vec{E}|, T) \vec{E}$ Avec:

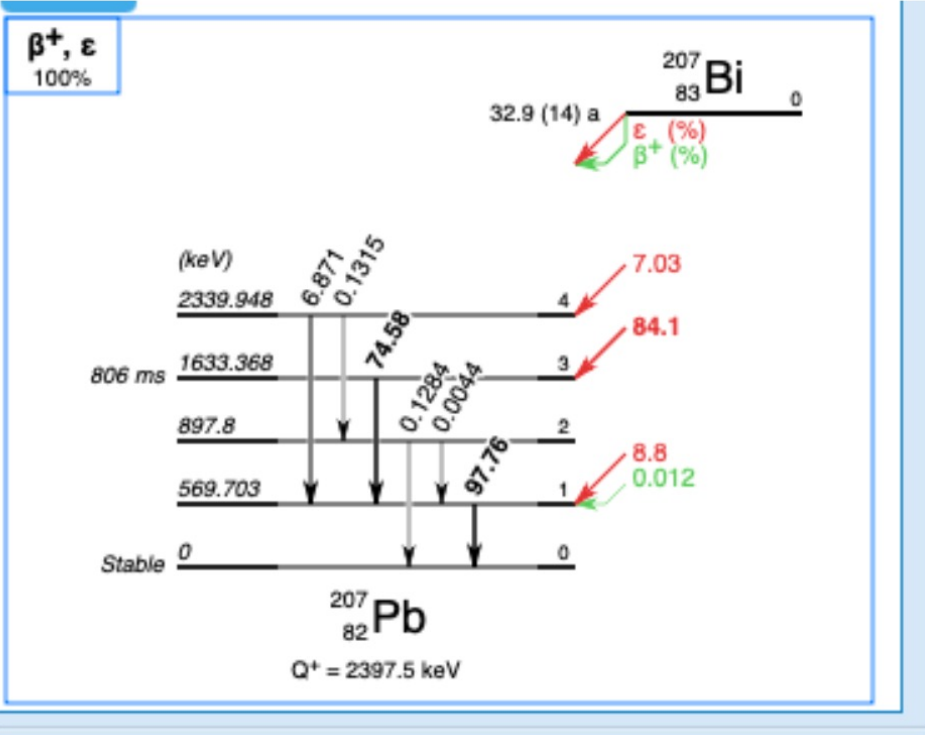
$$\mu = \frac{a_0 + a_1 E + a_2 E^{3/2} + a_3 E^{5/2}}{1 + (a_1/a_0)E + a_4 E^2 + a_5 E^3} \left(\frac{T}{T_0}\right)^{-3/2}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_0 = 551.6 \\ a_1 = 7158.3 \\ a_2 = 4440.43 \\ a_3 = 4.29 \\ a_4 = 43.63 \\ a_5 = 0.2053 \end{array} \right.$$



BI207 sources

➤ Decay by electronic capture



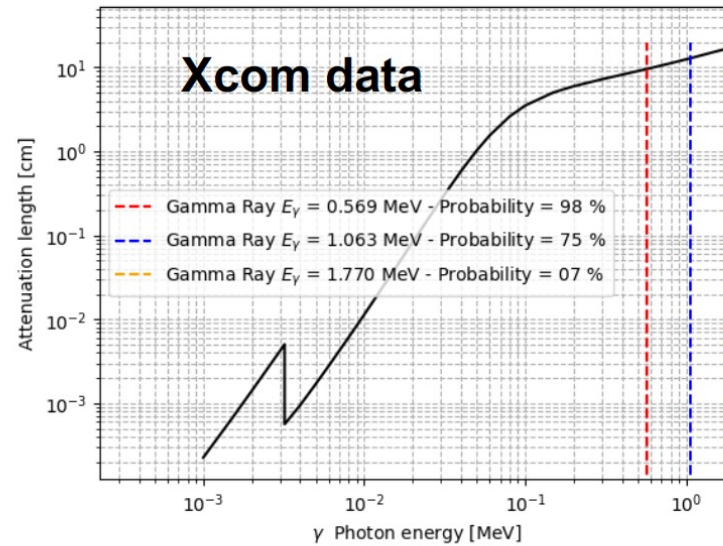
➤ Main γ rays:

- ≈ 570 keV
- ≈ 1 MeV
- ≈ 1.7 MeV

➤ More complicated:

- Conversion Electron ≈ 1 MeV

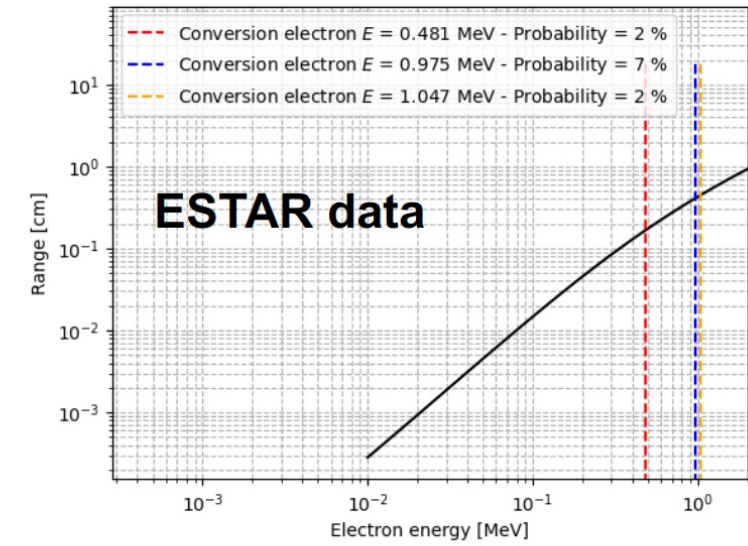
γ attenuation length in liquid argon



- γ attenuation length > 10 cm

- Conversion electron range ≈ 1 cm

Electron range in liquid argon

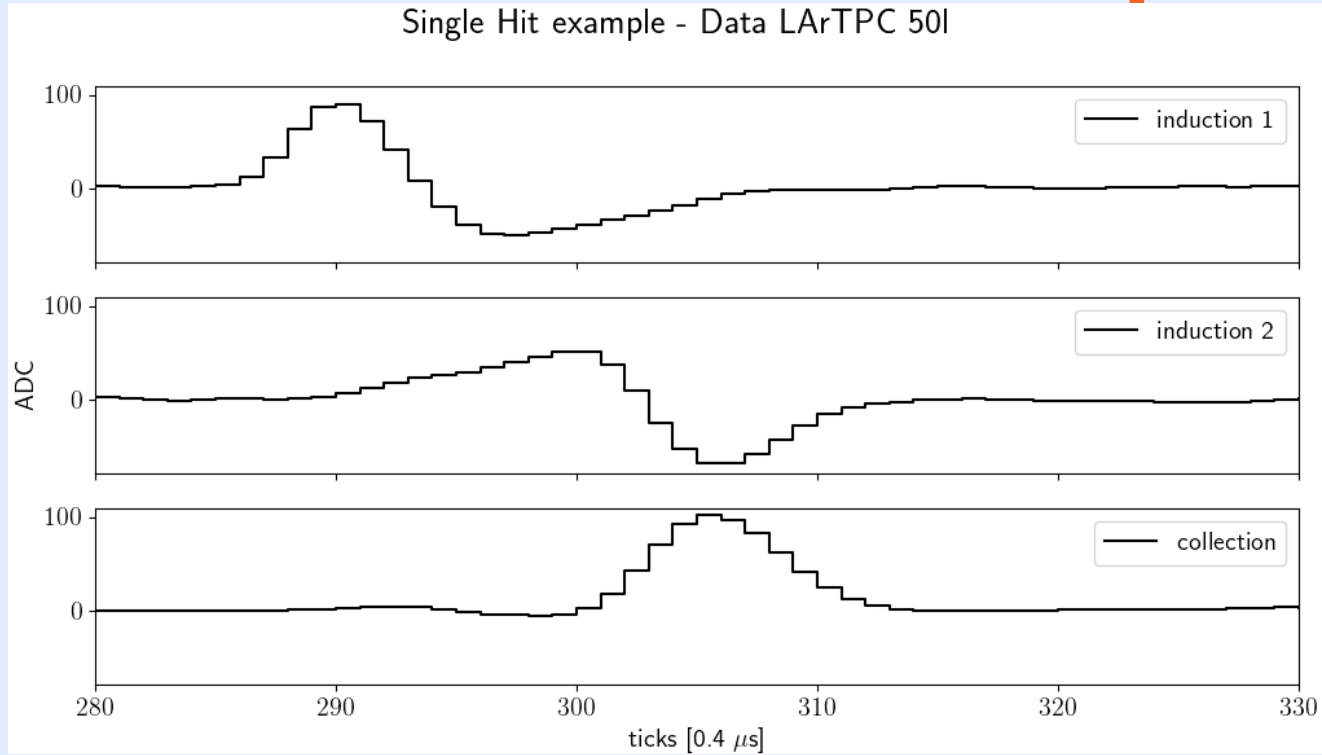


➤ Need to find Bi207 events from 50 L data

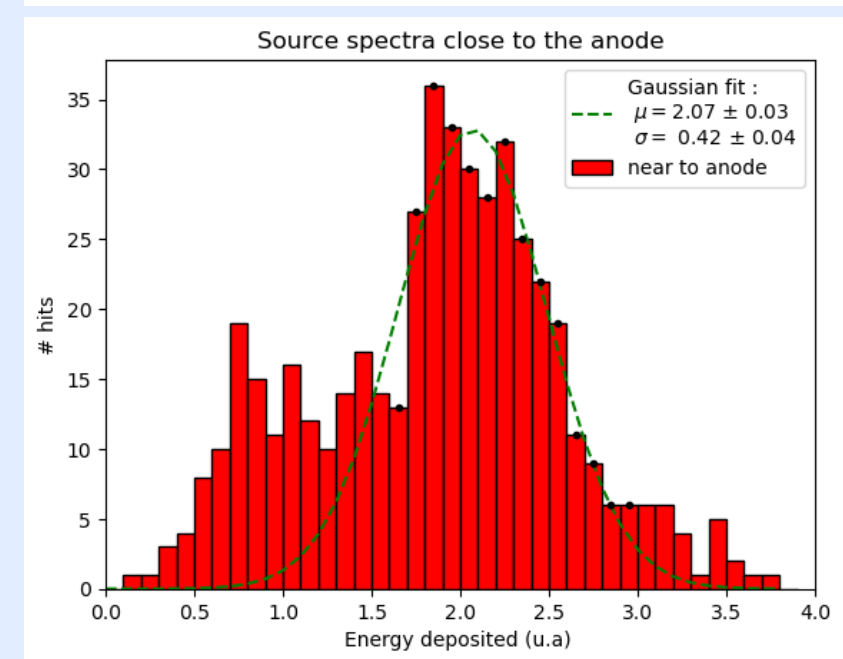
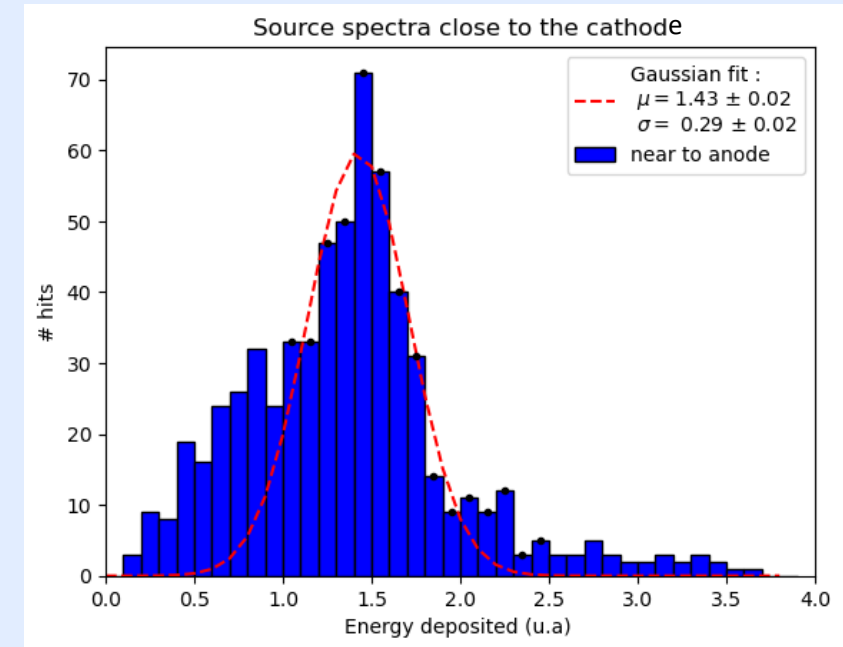
- Electron range very short

- Looking for only one signal from strips on all induction views \rightarrow called a single hits

Bi207 Reconstructed Spectra



- Cut hits at 7 mm around both sources
- Useful to calibrate detector with peak at 1 MeV
- Red is closer to the anode than blue
- Not enough single hit events - data acquisition too short (~ few hours)



Electron life time

- To reconstruct the charge, it is necessary to take into account impurities (N_2 , O_2 , etc.):

$$\tau_{life} \approx \frac{300}{\rho(\text{impurities})}$$

