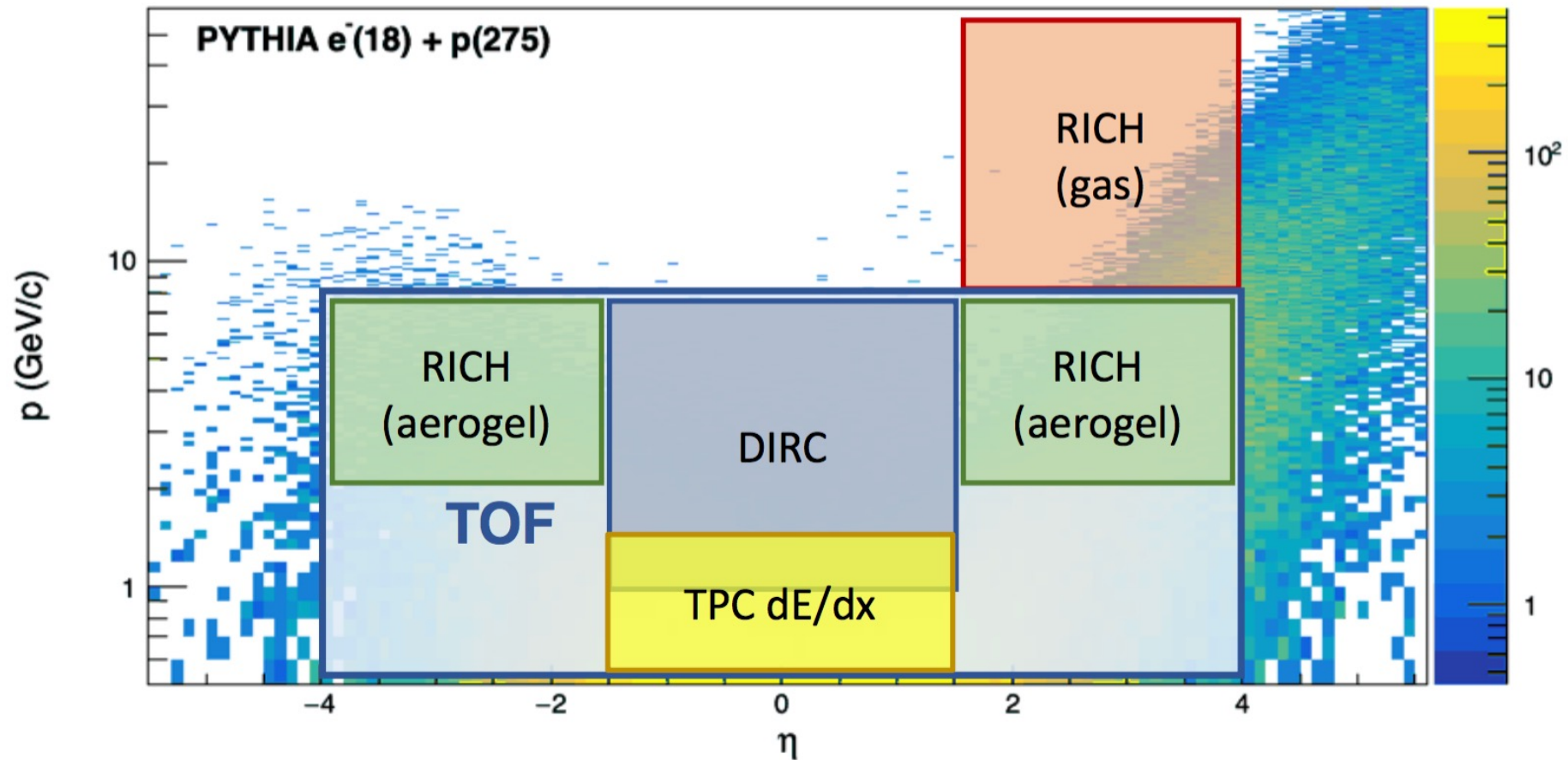


AC-LGAD TOF for ATHENA

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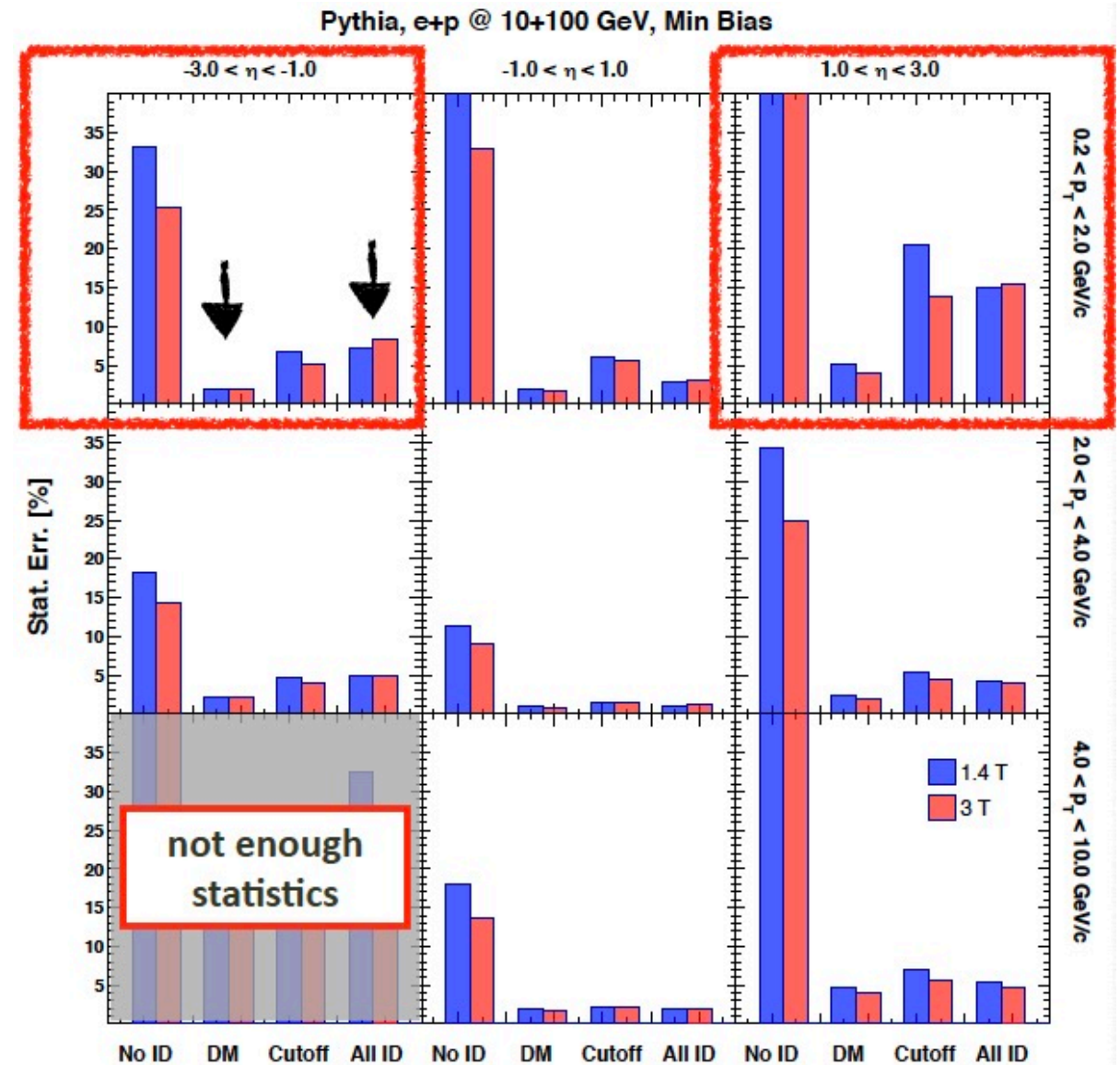
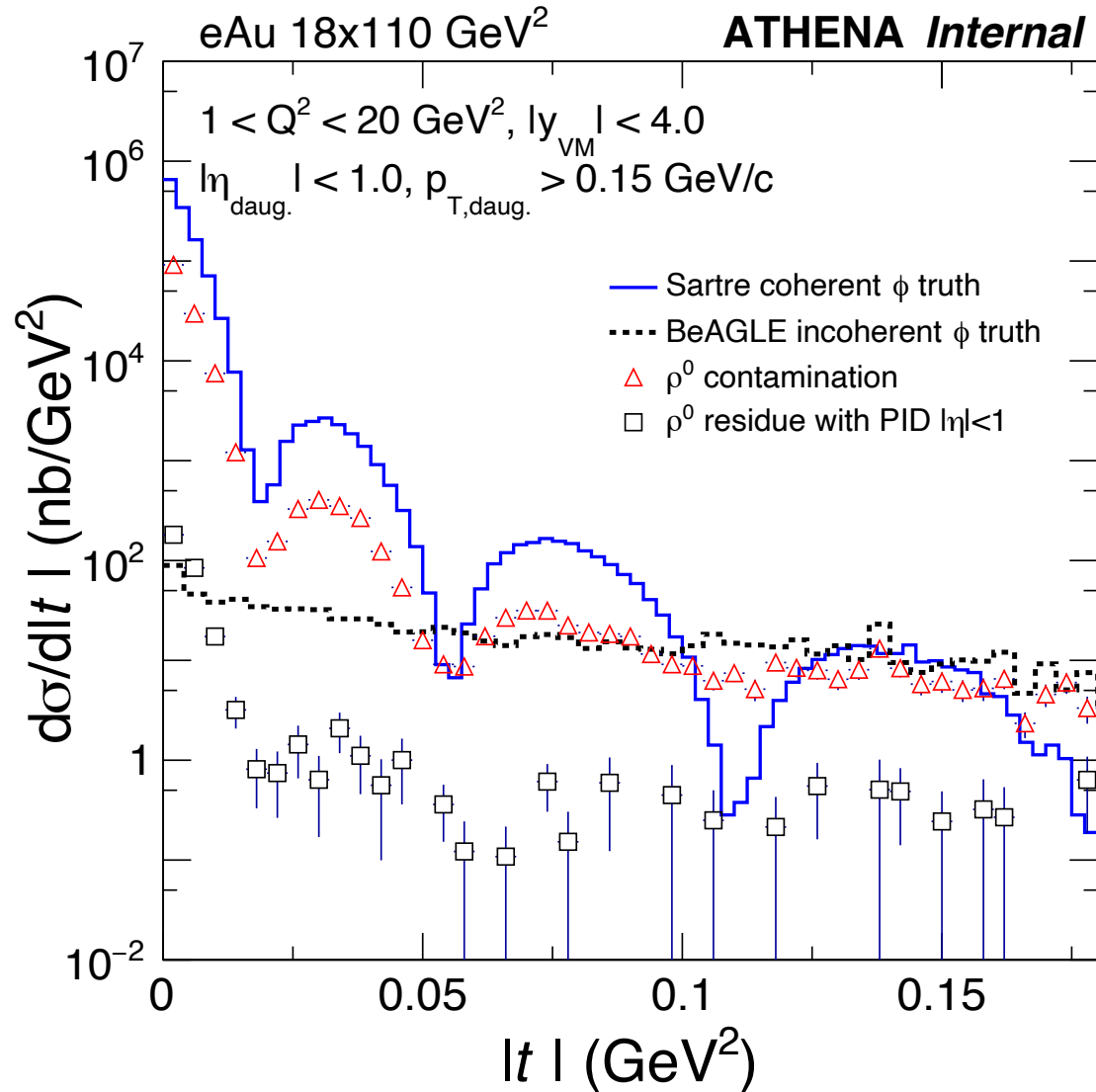
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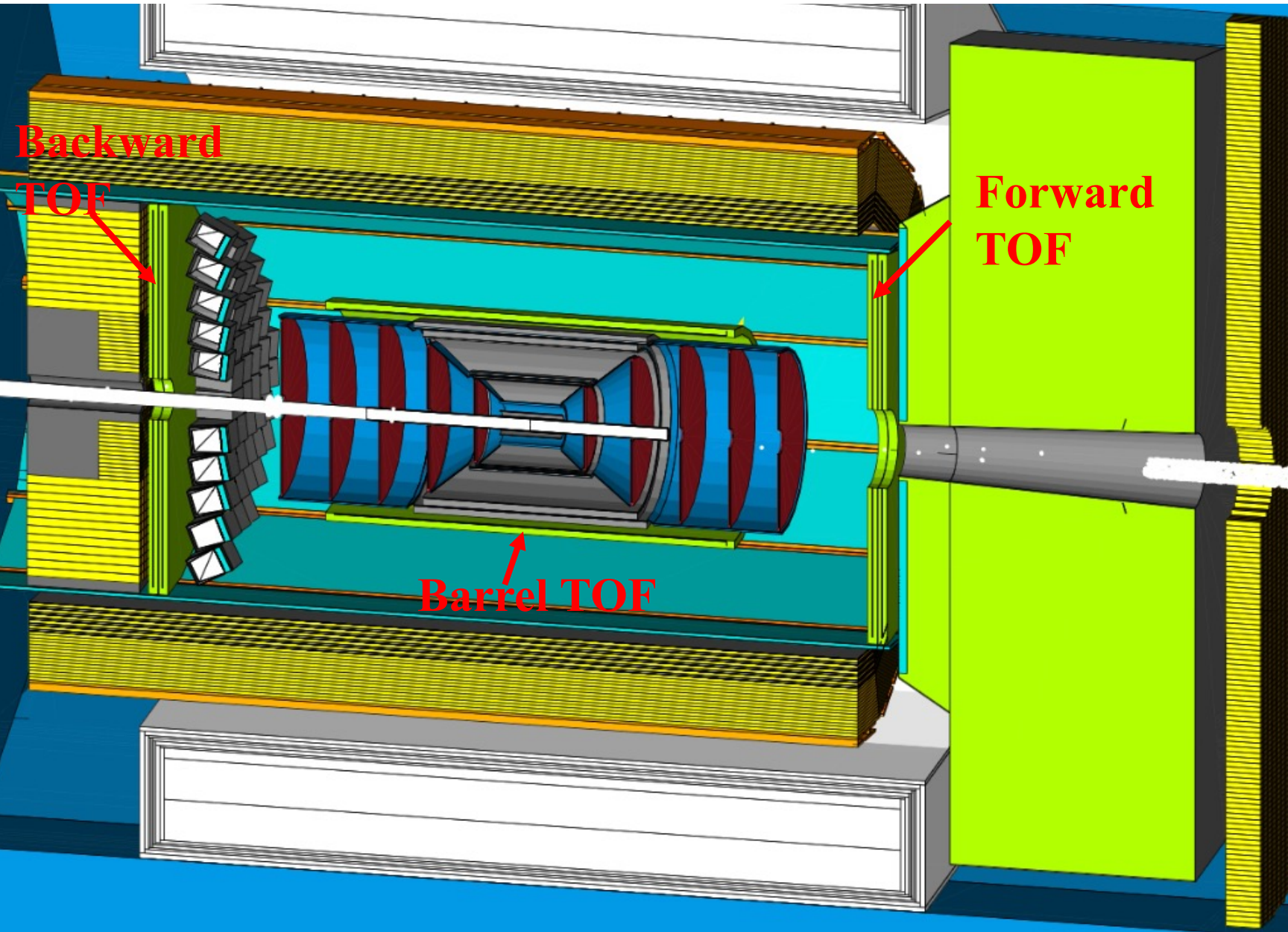
Low pT PID for Physics Measurements at EIC

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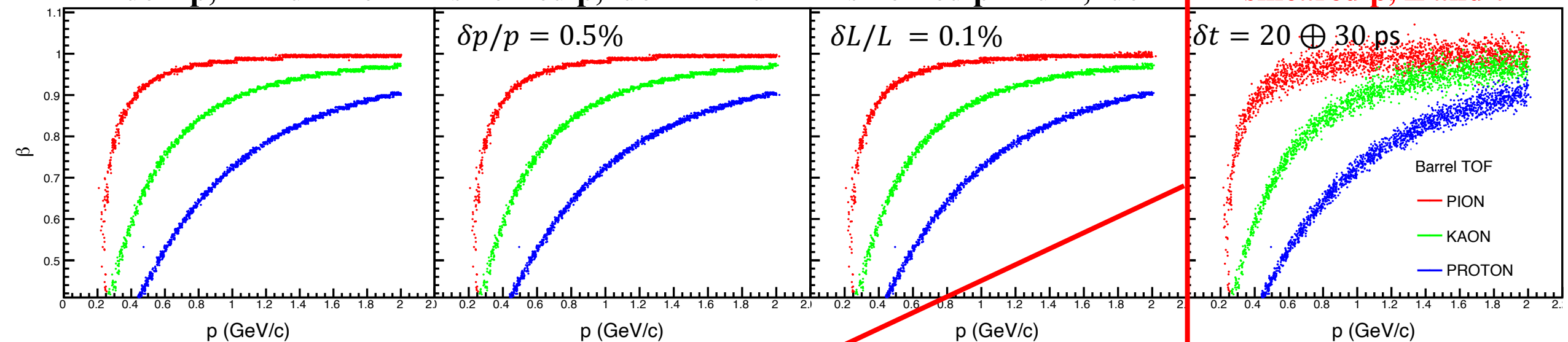
Barrel TOF ($\eta=0$) in ATHENA DD4HEP

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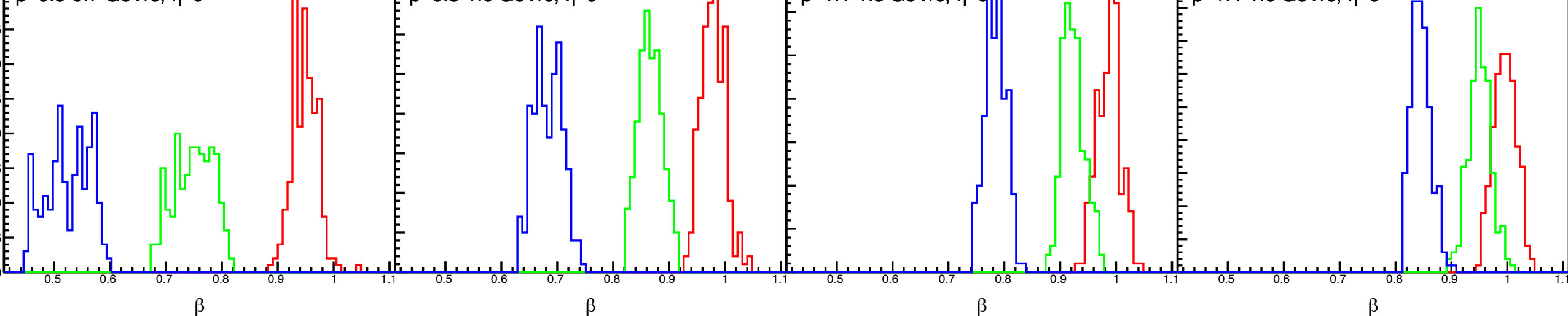


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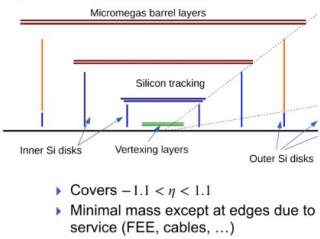
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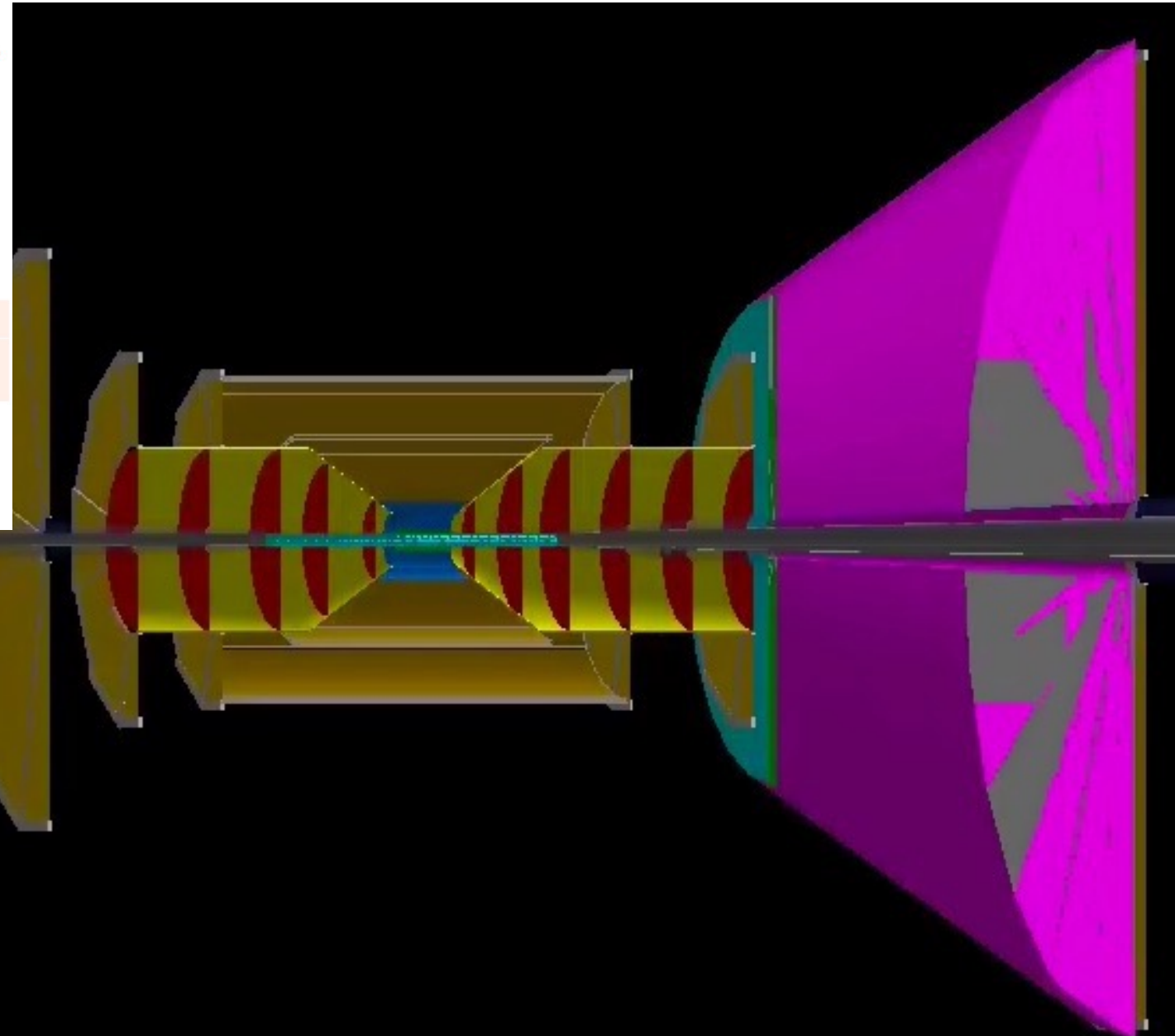
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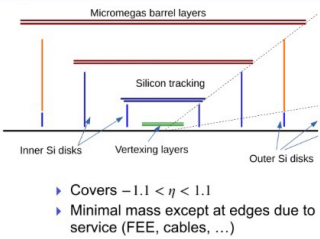
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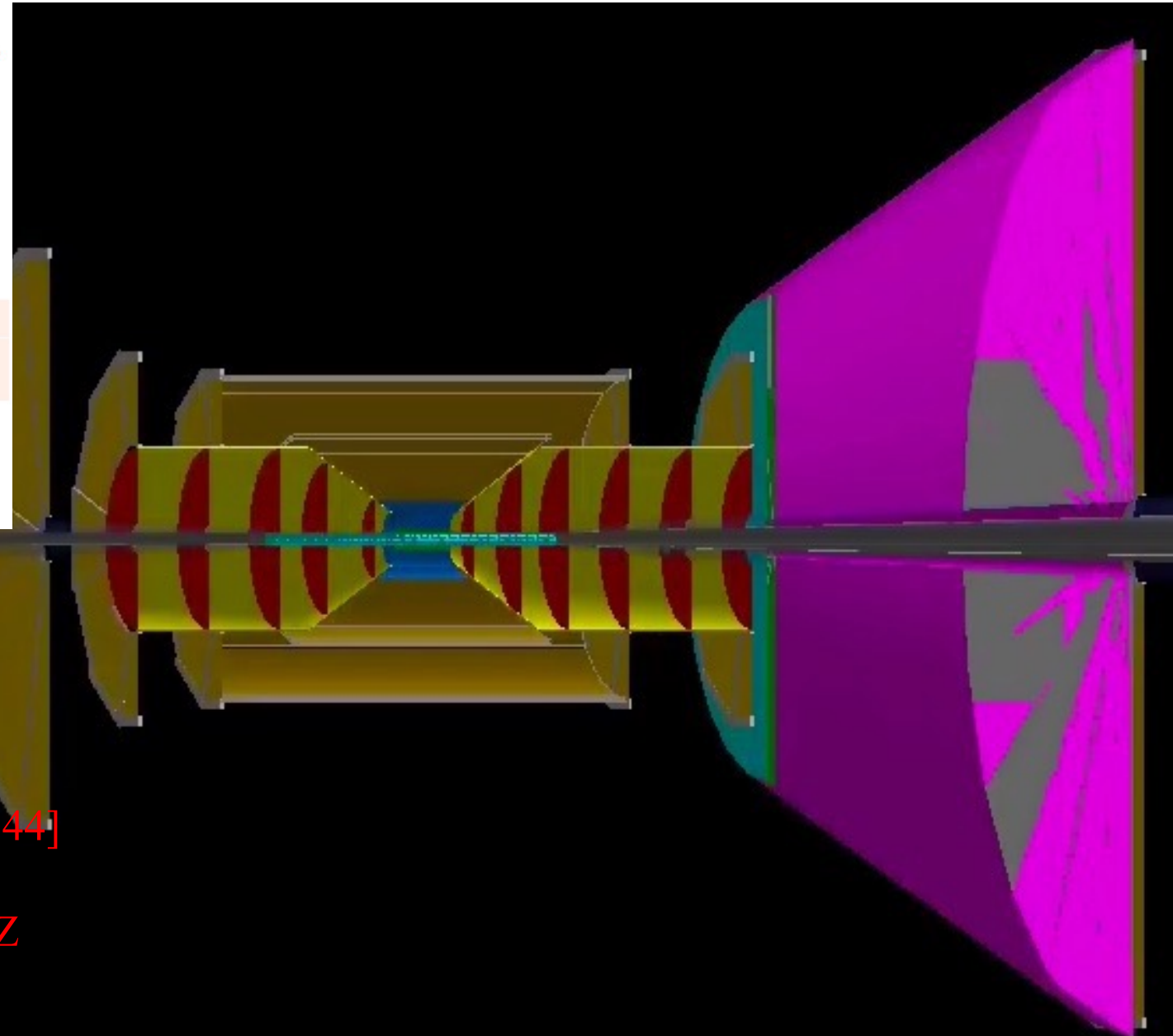
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Additional Barrel Single Layer AC-LGAD

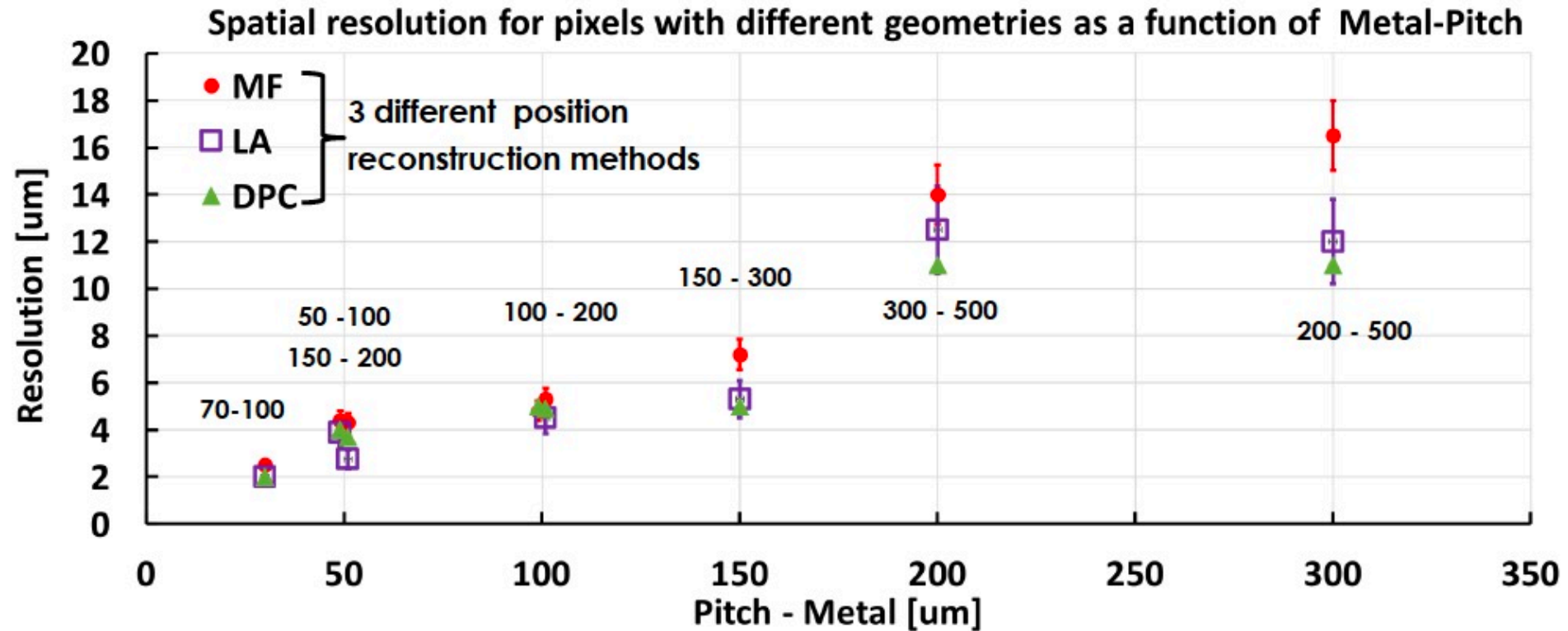
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Strip pitch: 500 um in $R\phi$, 2.5 cm in Z

Spatial resolution: 15 um in $R\phi$, $2.5/\text{sqrt}(12)$ cm in Z

Material budget: 1.1% X_0

Laser study: position resolution as a function of pixel geometry

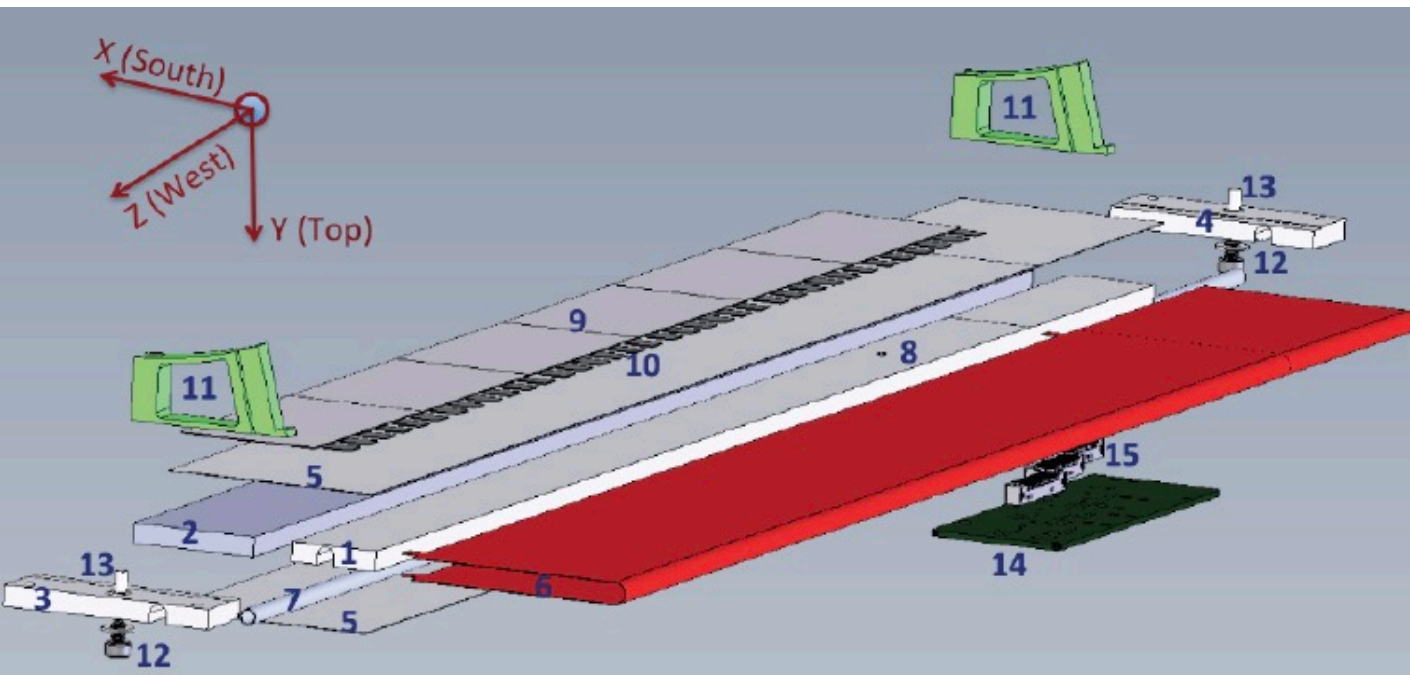
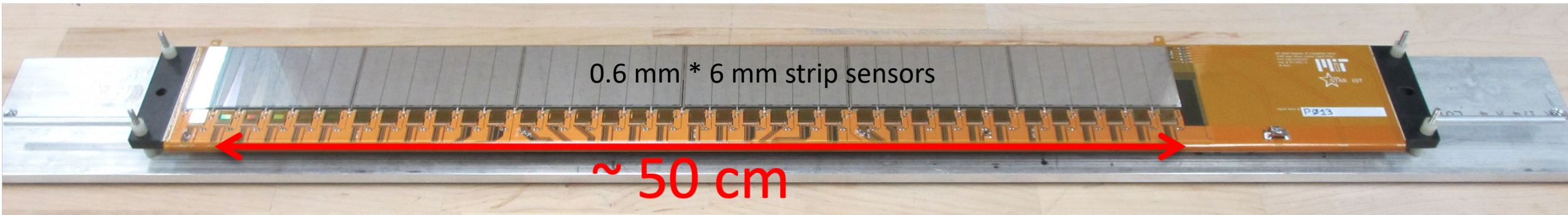


RSDs reach a spatial resolution that is about 5% of the inter-pad distance

→ ~ 5 μm resolution with 150 μm pitch

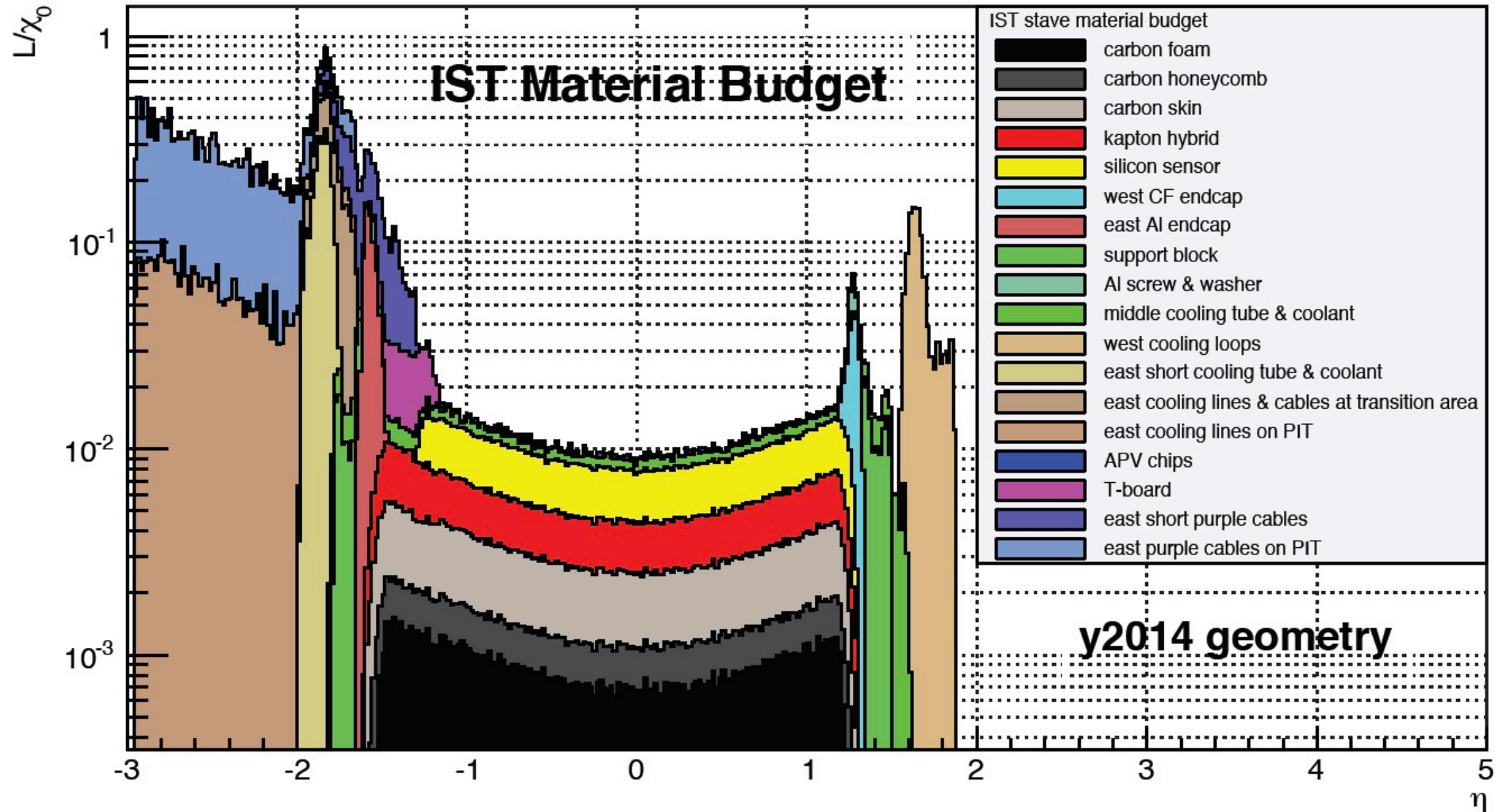
RSDs have the “usual” UFSD temporal resolution of 30-40 ps

AC-LGAD Barrel TOF Detector for EIC – STAR IST

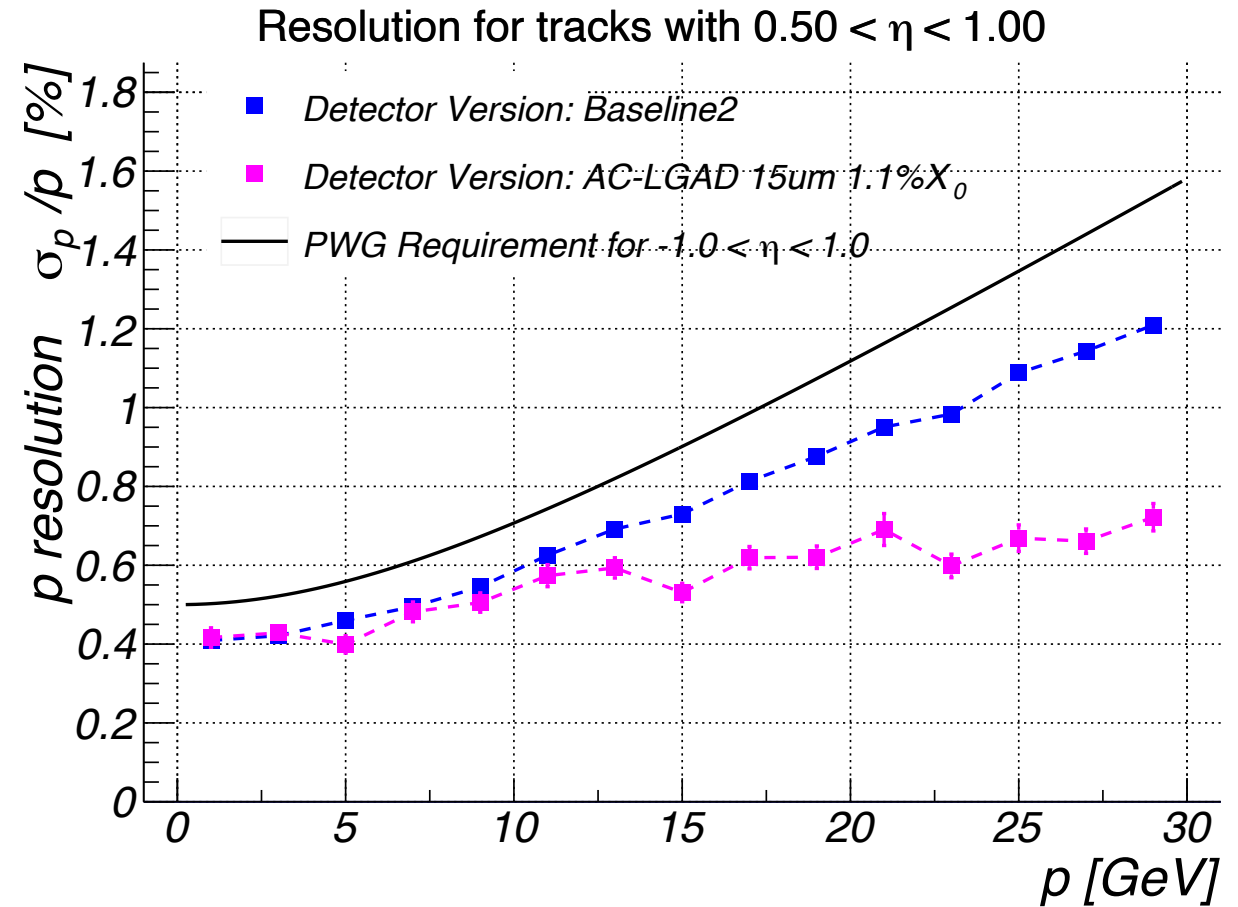
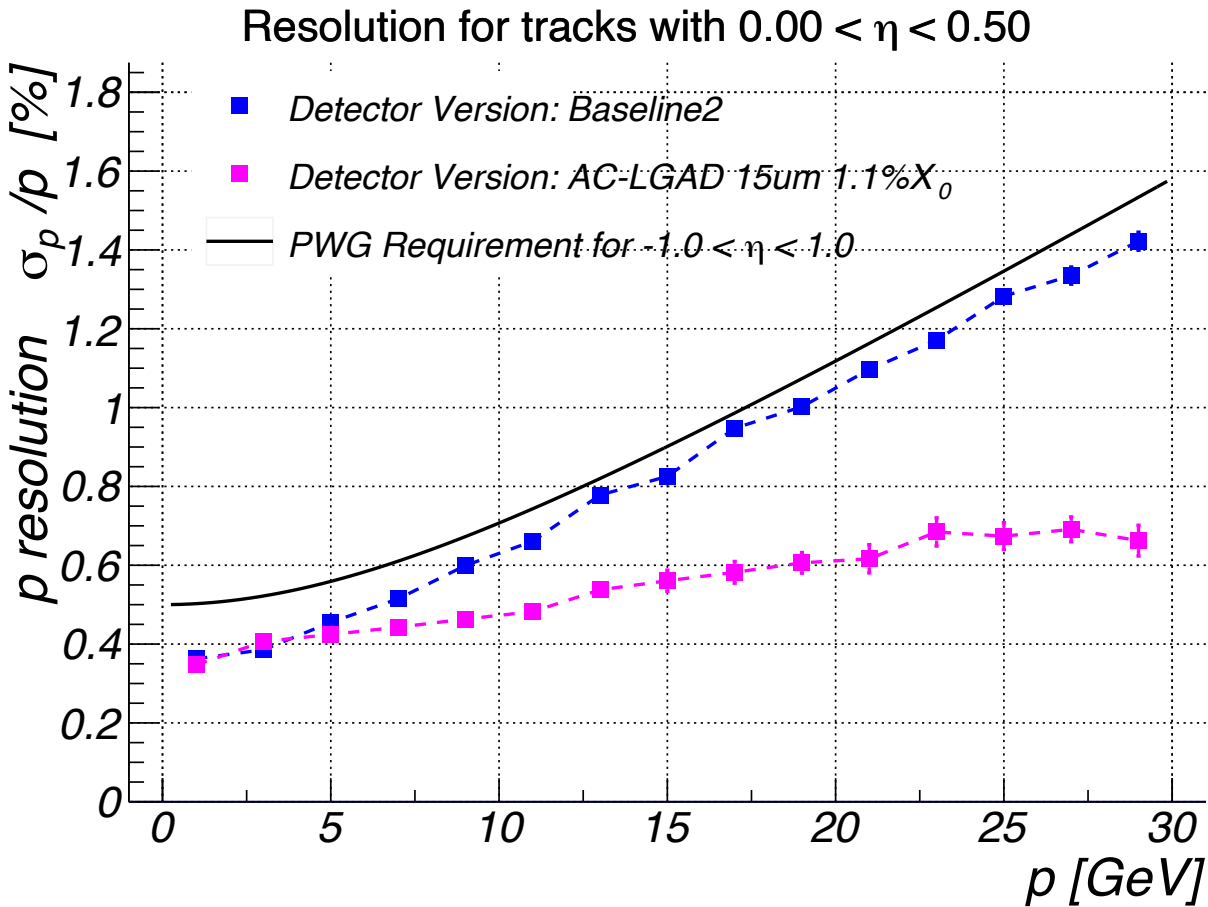


- 1) carbon foam
- 2) carbon honeycomb
- 3) west carbon end-cap
- 4) east Al end-cap
- 5) carbon fiber skins
- 6) Kapton hybrid
- 7) Al cooling tube with cooling liquid inside
- 8) thermal sensor
- 9) silicon sensors
- 10) APV chips
- 11) support blocks
- 12) screws with washers
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- 14) transition board
- 15) readout connectors.

AC-LGAD Endcap TOF Detectors for EIC – STAR IST

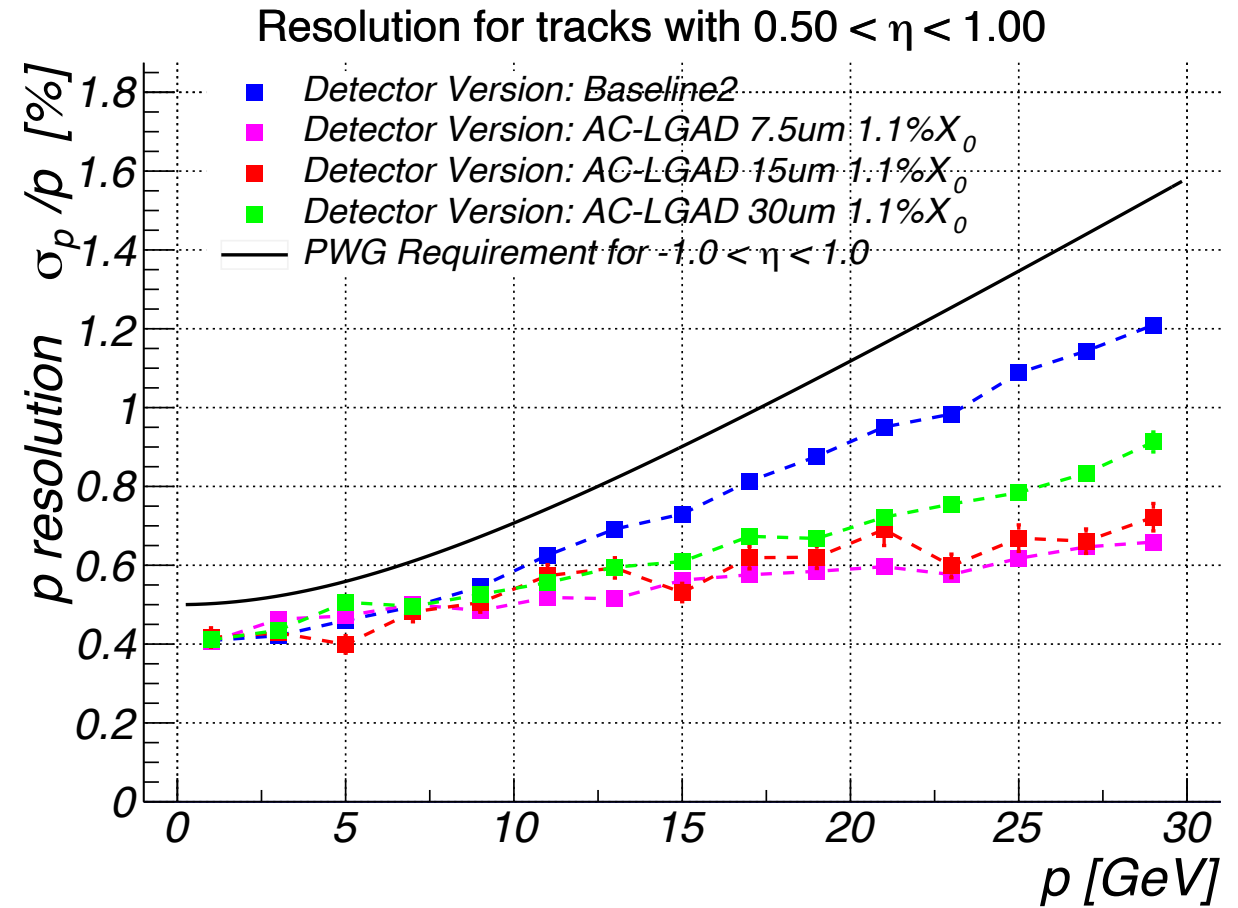
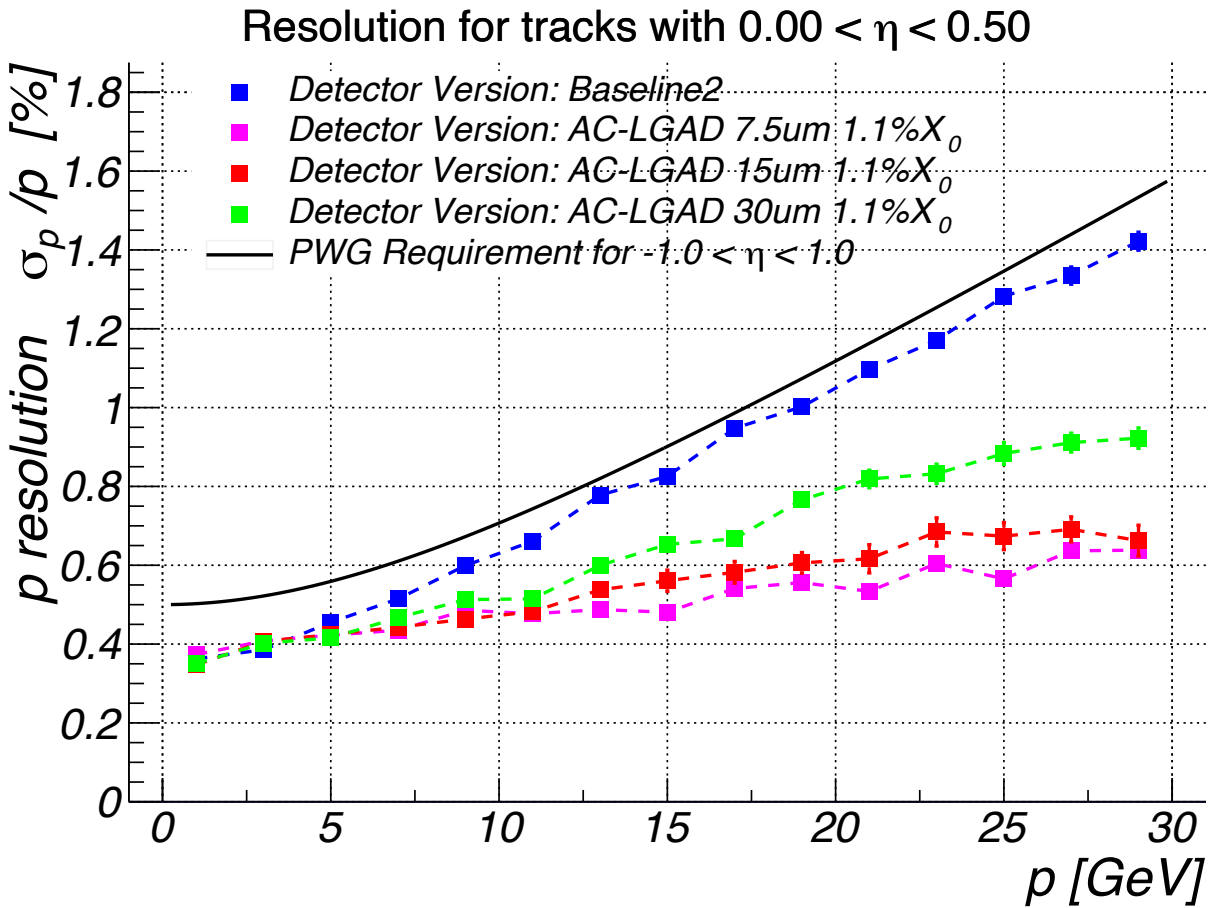


ATHENA Baseline 2.0 Tracker + Barrel AC-LGAD

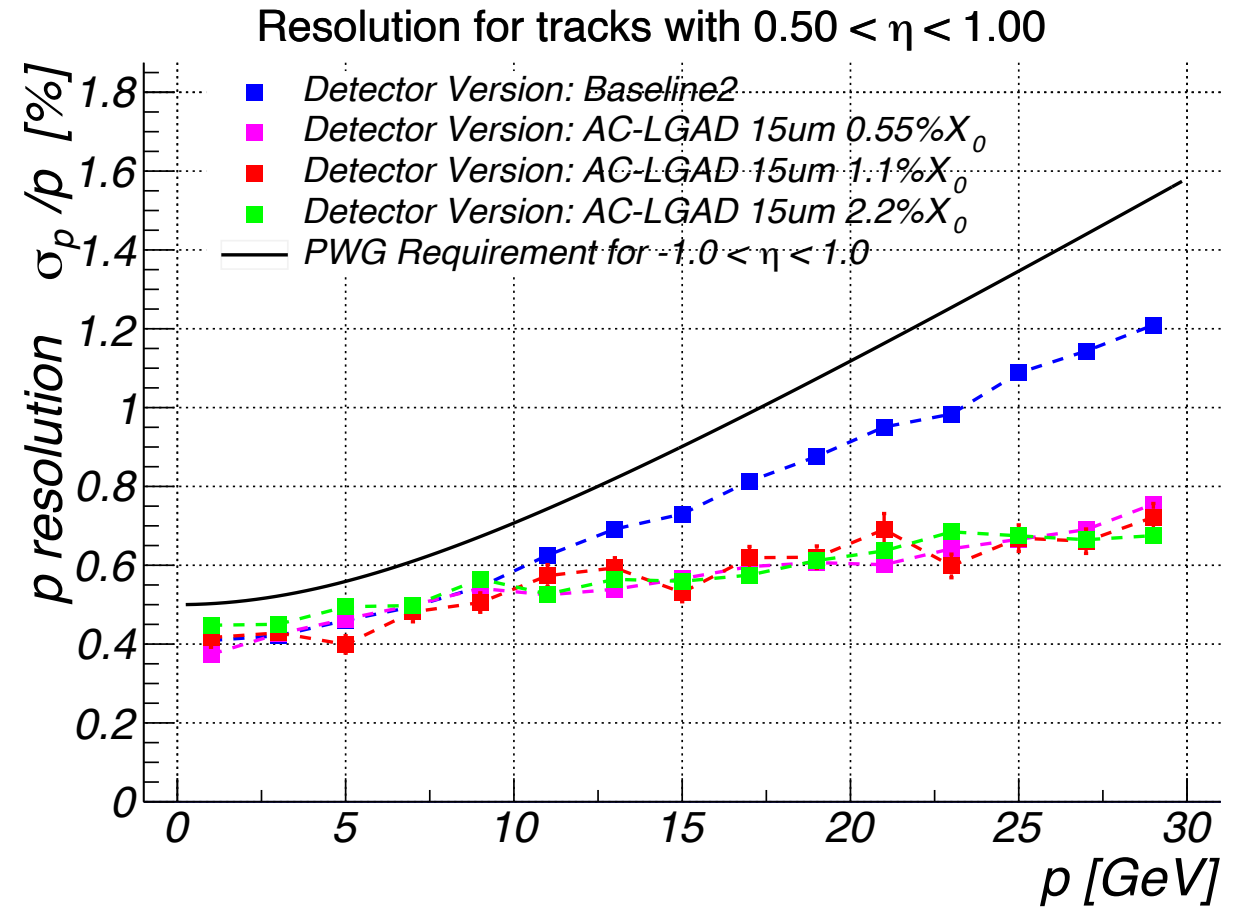
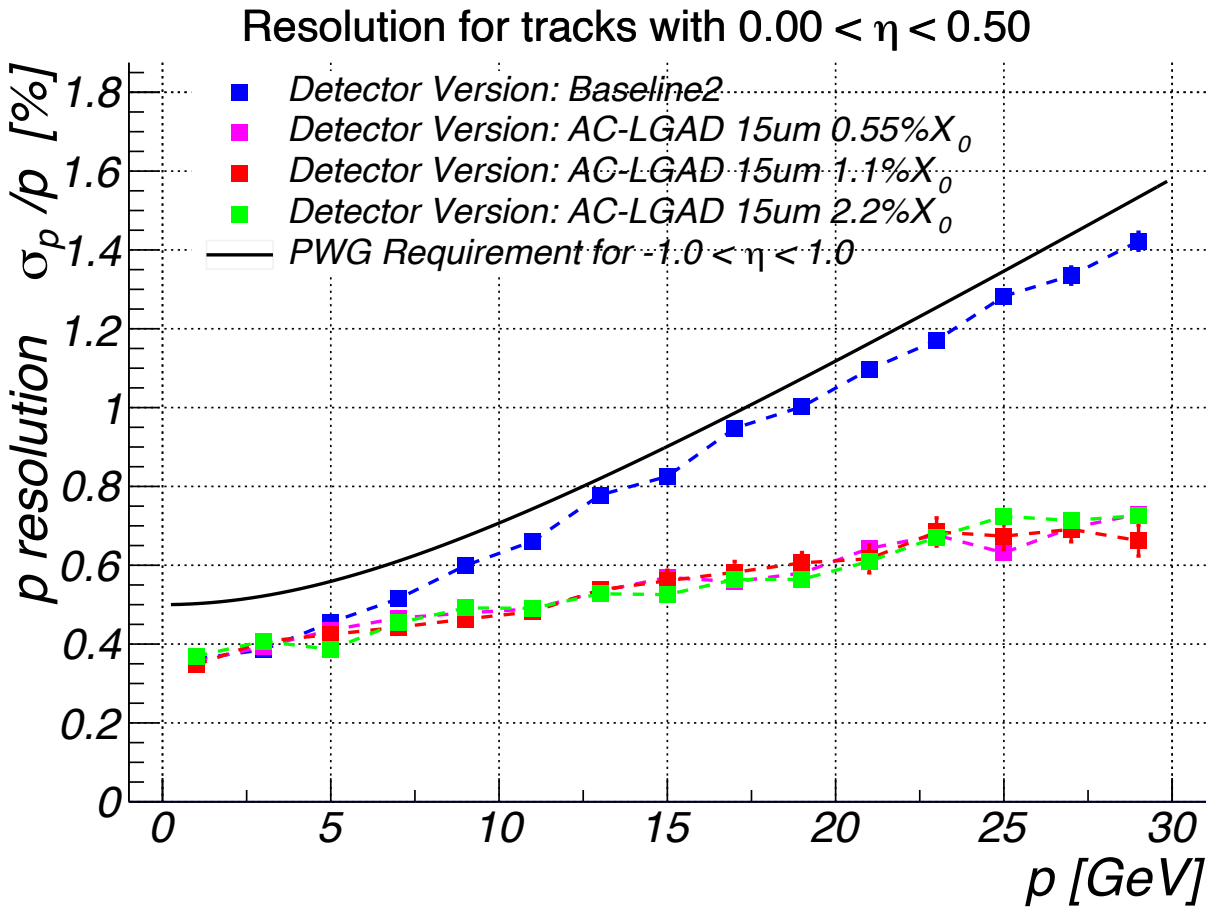


Adding the proposed Barrel AC-LGAD layer (e.g. 500 microns pitch perpendicular to the beam direction and $\sim 1\%X_0$) can improve high momentum resolution

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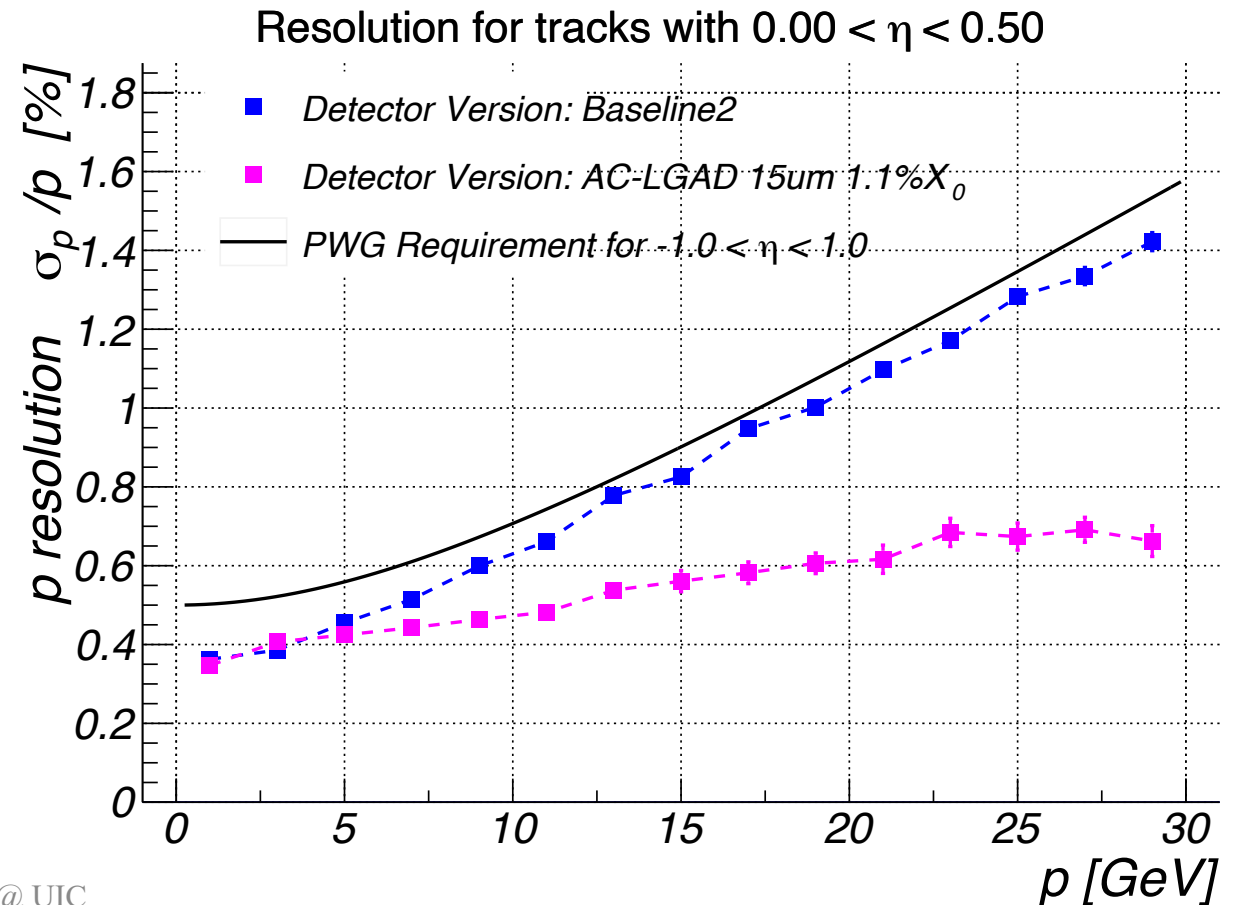
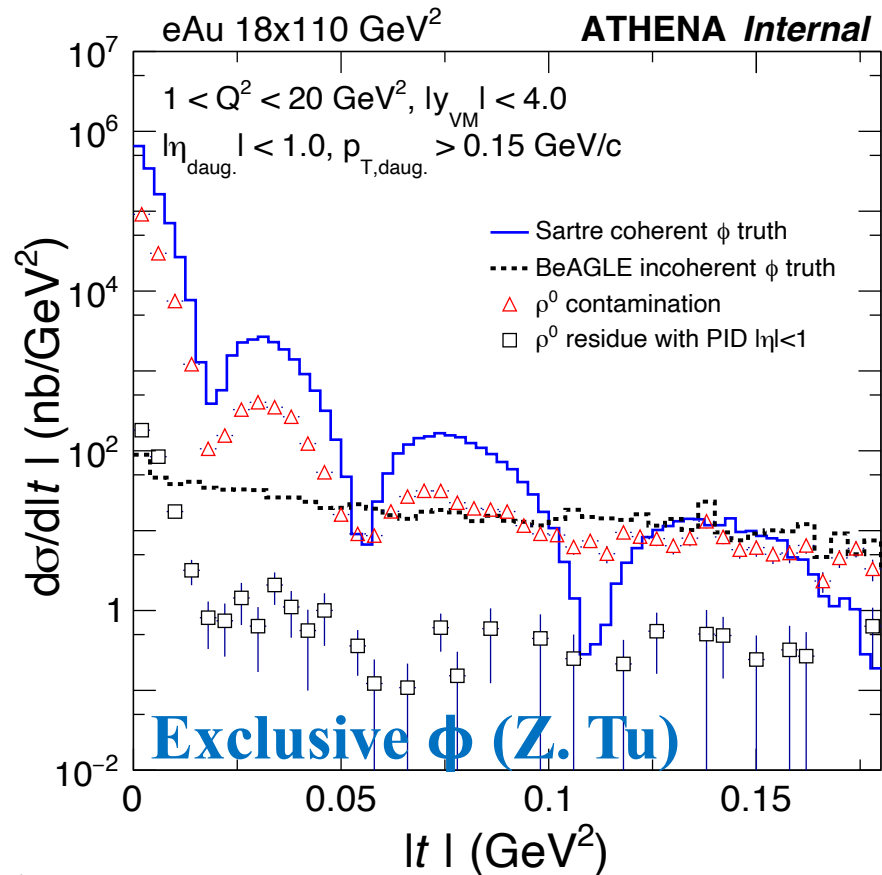


Conclusion

Adding an AC-LGAD TOF/Tracker layer in the Barrel region at R~50cm can

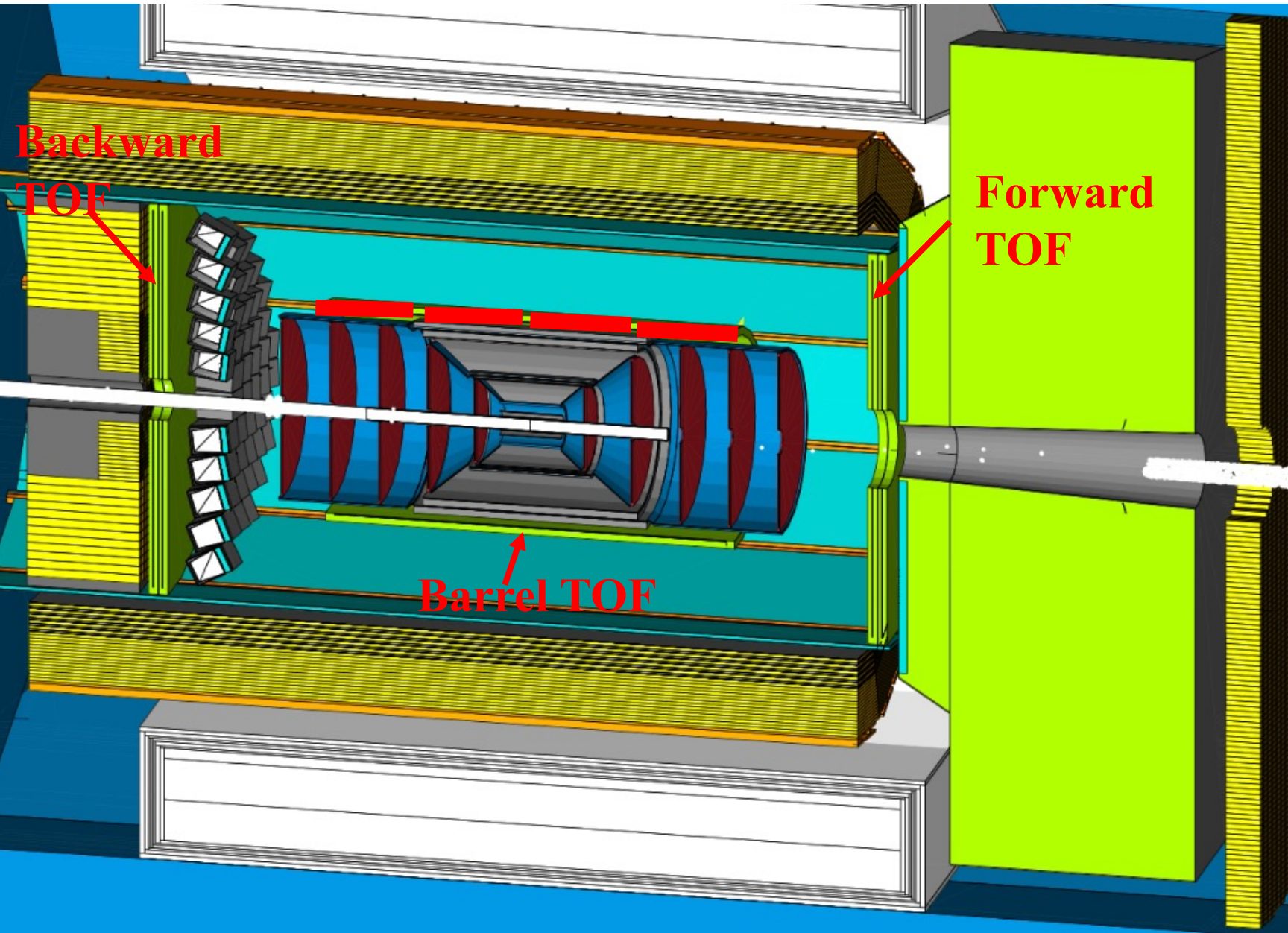
- **Provide low-p PID below DIRC threshold at small R** (necessary in removing ρ contamination for exclusive ϕ)
- **Significantly improve the momentum resolution at high momentum** (based on Baseline2.0 tracker design)

Therefore, we strongly urge the collaboration to consider adding it in the proposed baseline design



Backup

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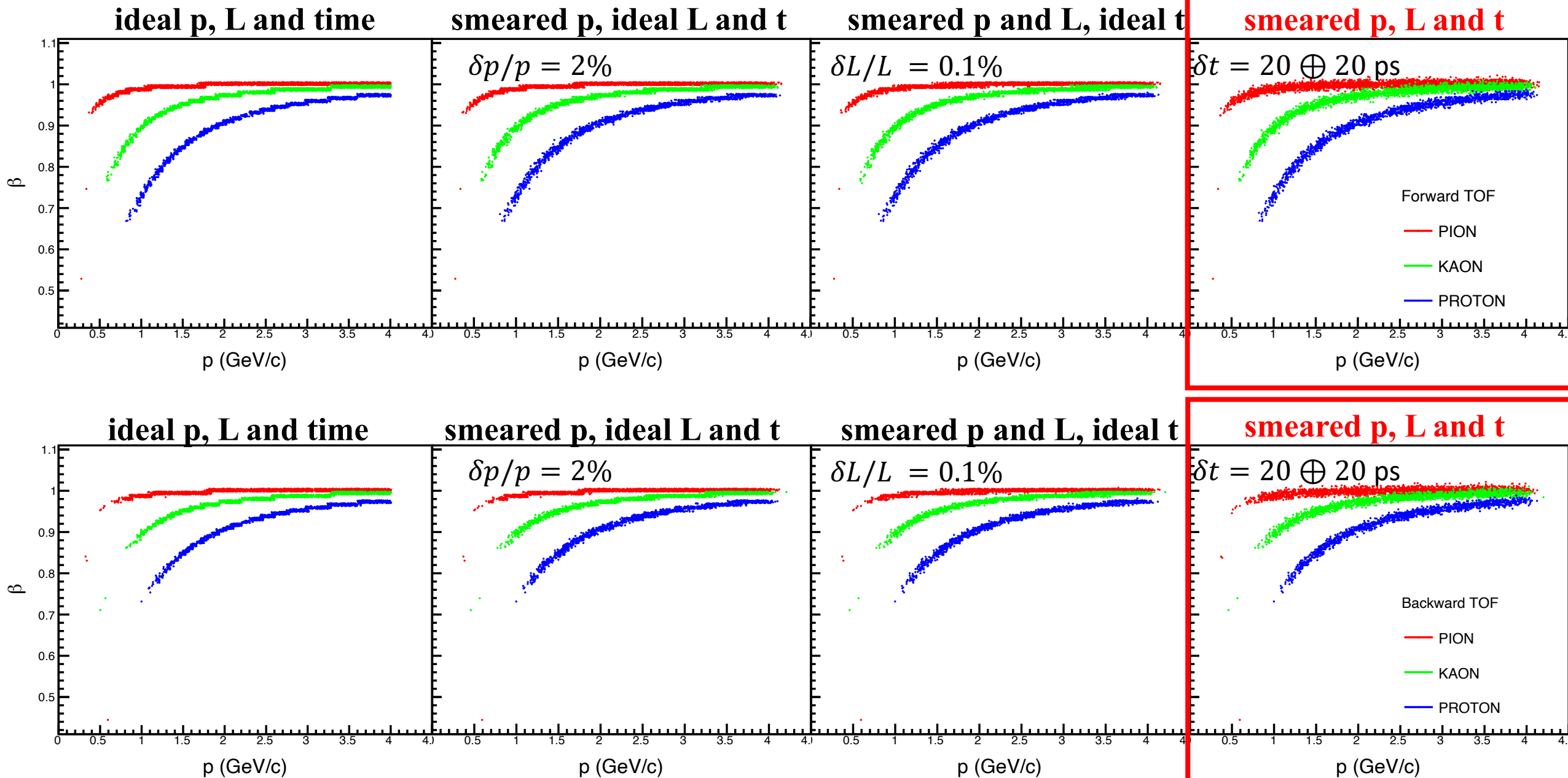


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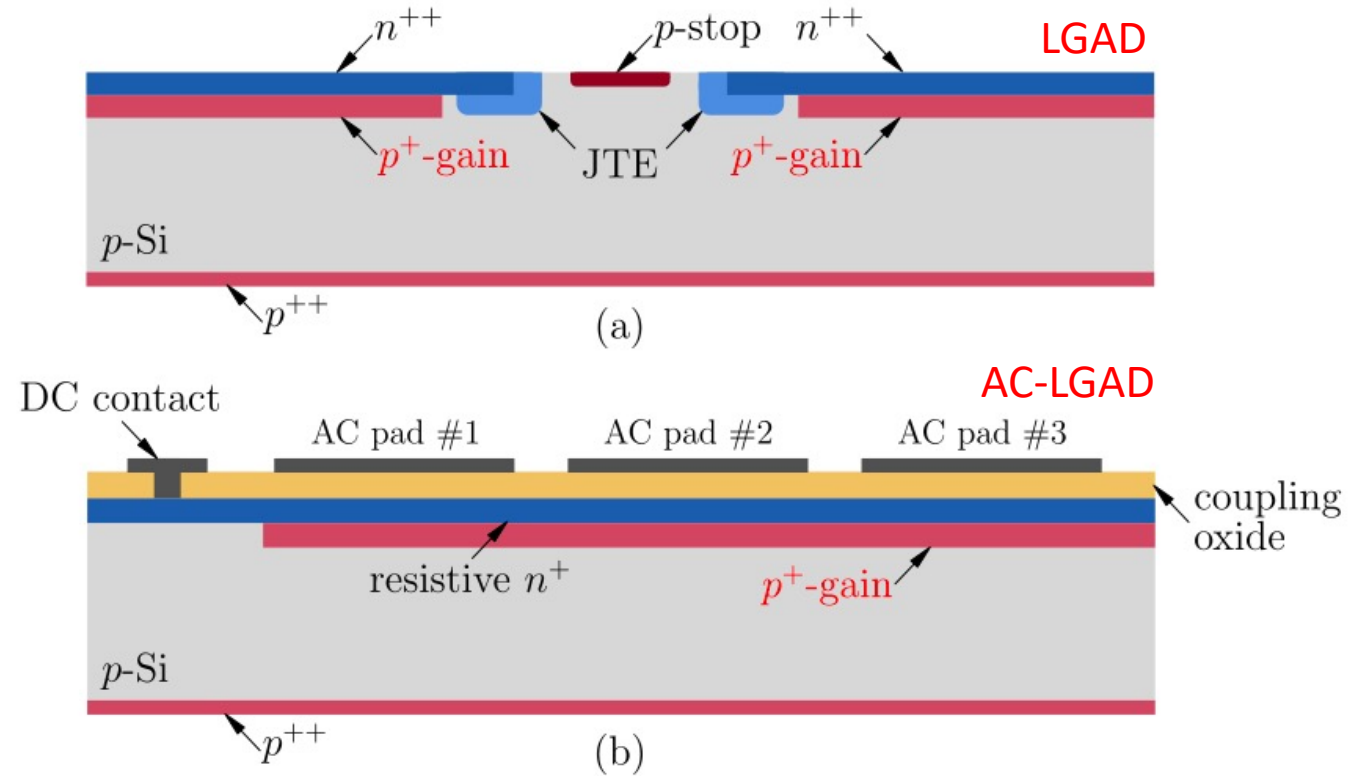
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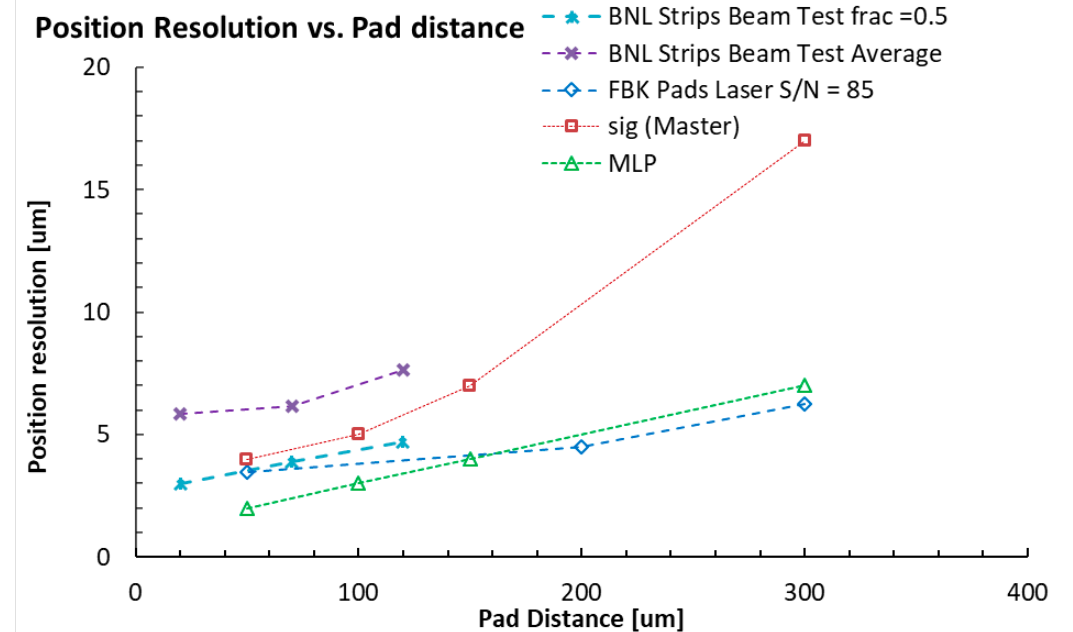
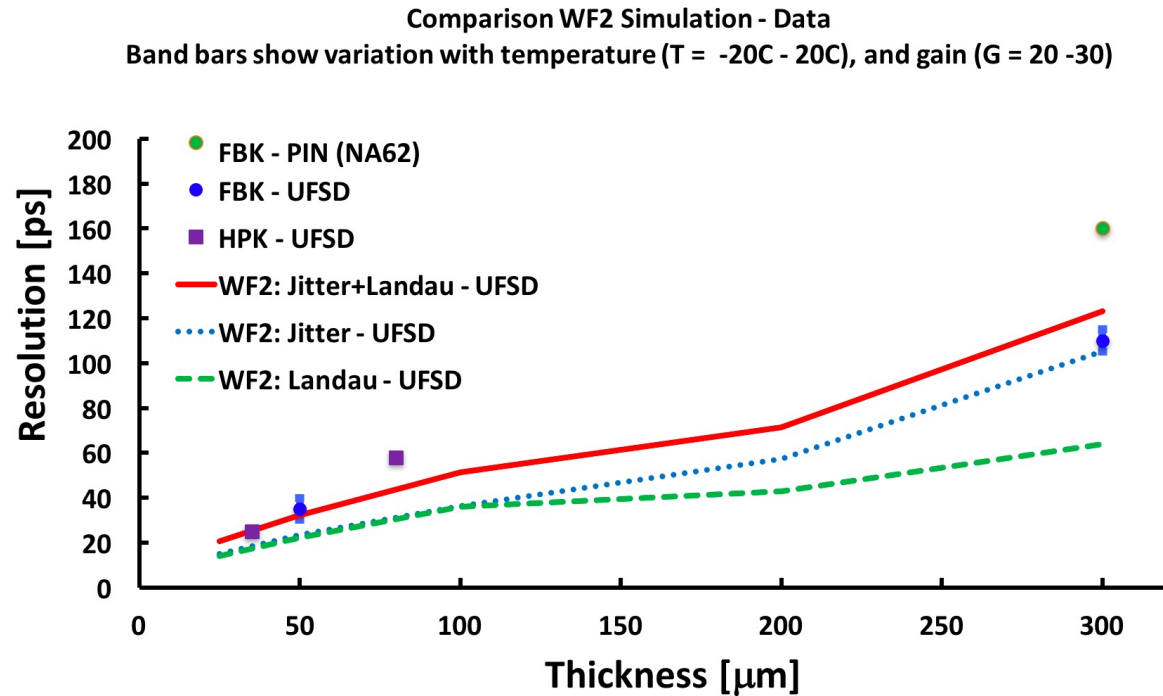
AC-LGAD for EIC

- Large area LGAD detectors are being built by ATLAS (6.4 m²) and CMS (14 m²) for data taking starting in 2026.
- AC LGAD detectors proposed for EIC
 - Roman Pots and B0
 - TOF for PID (and tracking)
- Have common designs in sensor, ASIC etc. when possible, combine R&D efforts



	Time resolution / hit	Position resolution / hit	Material budget / layer
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B0	<50 ps	$O(50)$ μm	< 0.01 X_0

Sensor R&D



- **R&D Goals**

- 15-20 ps timing resolution, $O(3-50\mu m)$ position resolution where needed
- Minimal readout channel density (long strip, rectangular pixel) for reduced power and thus material and cost

- **Plan**

- Produce and test sensors with thinner active volume to achieve the desired timing resolution
- Optimize implantation parameters and AC-pad segmentation through simulation and real device studies
- Engage commercial vendors to improve fabrication process and yield

ATHENA Tracker Baseline 2.0 - Material Scan

