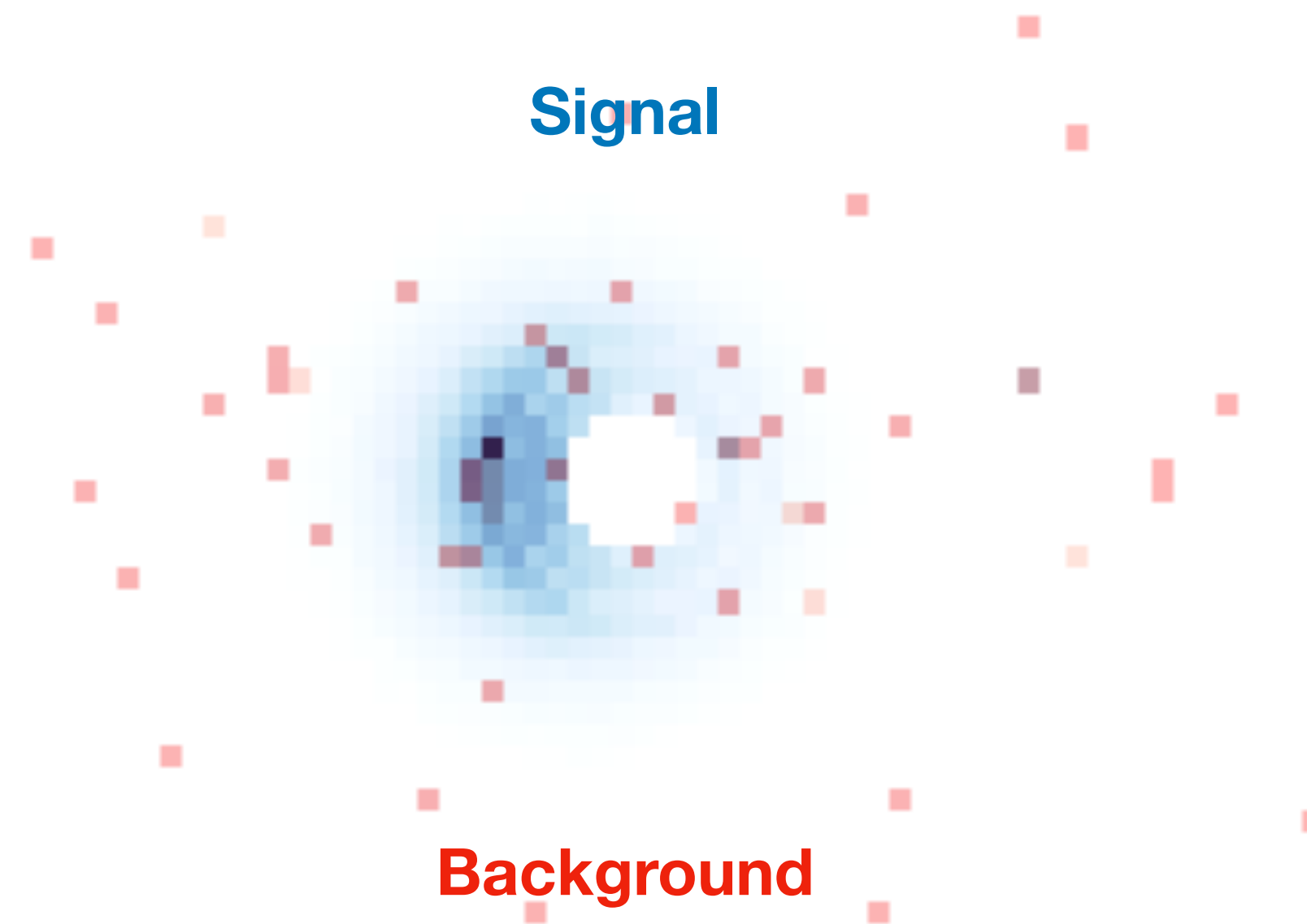


# Background and track reconstruction studies



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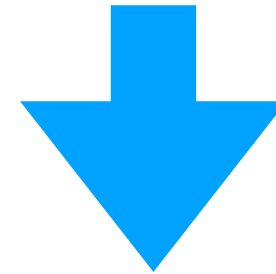
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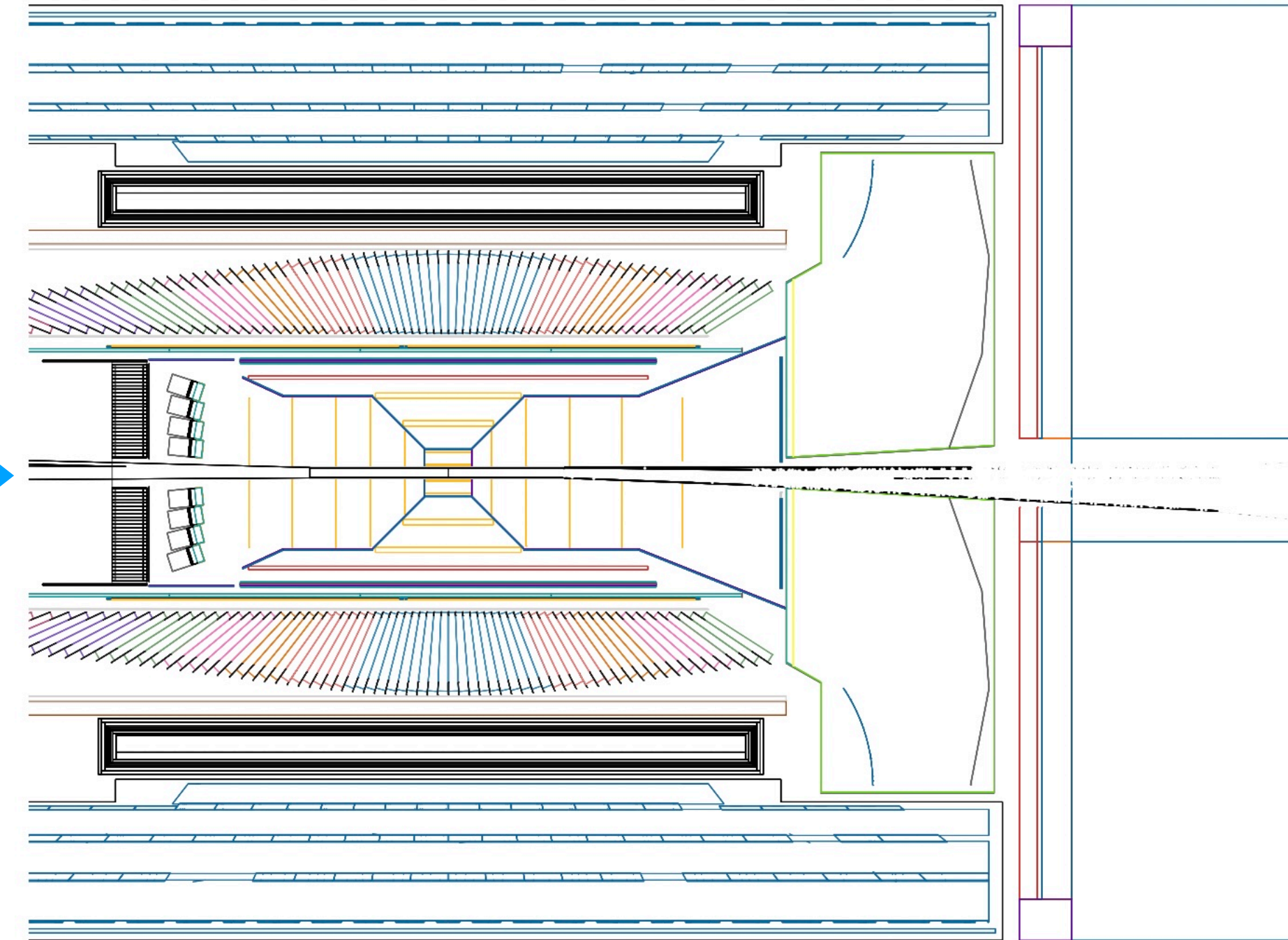
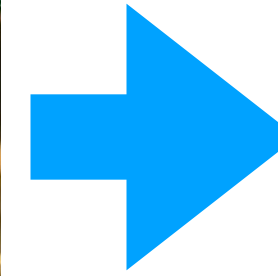
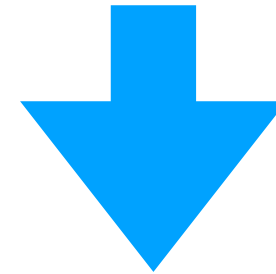
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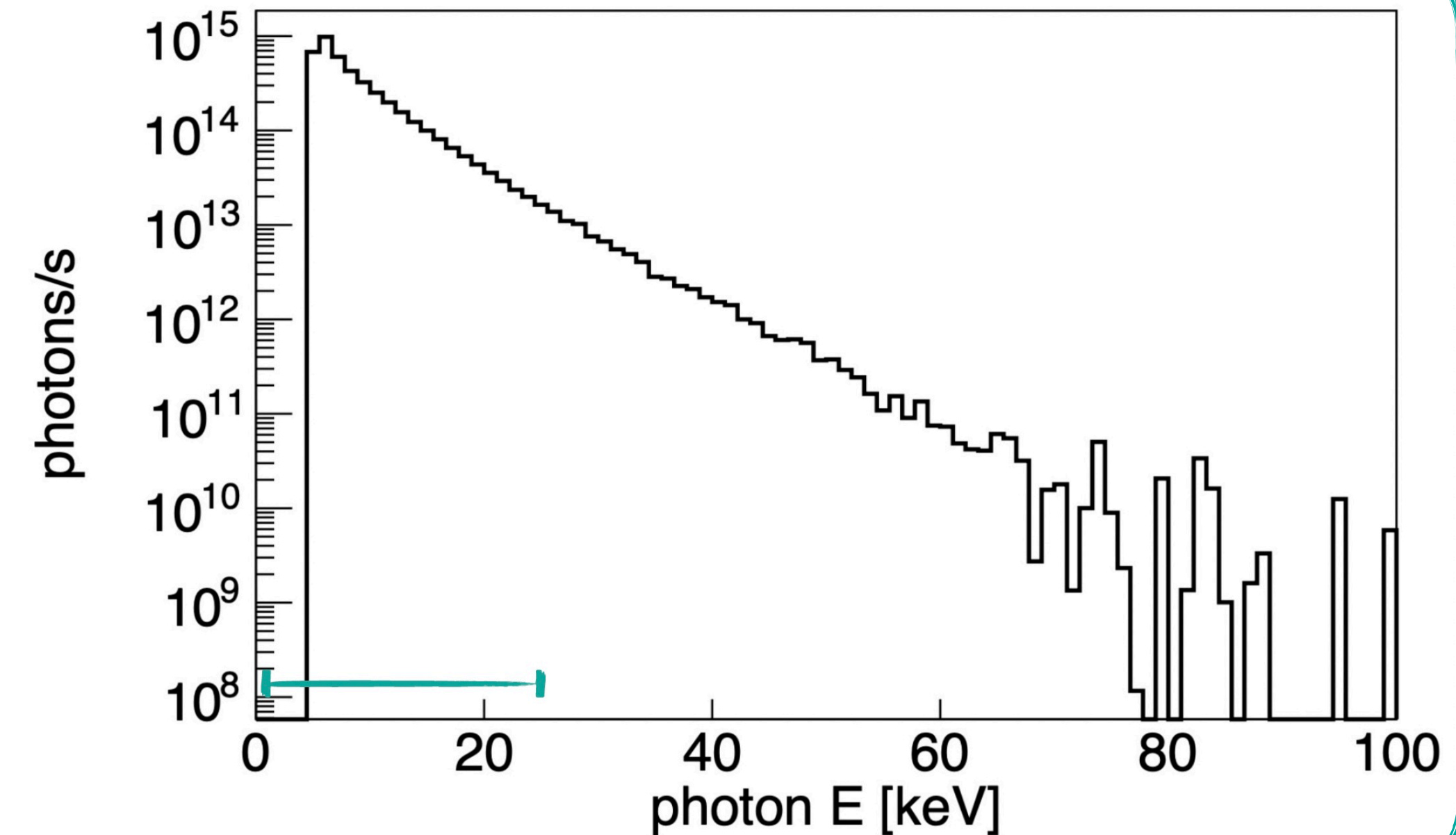
# Synchrotron radiation

- Caused by quads and bending magnet upstream of IP

## Simulations based on Synrad+ (by M. Stutzman)

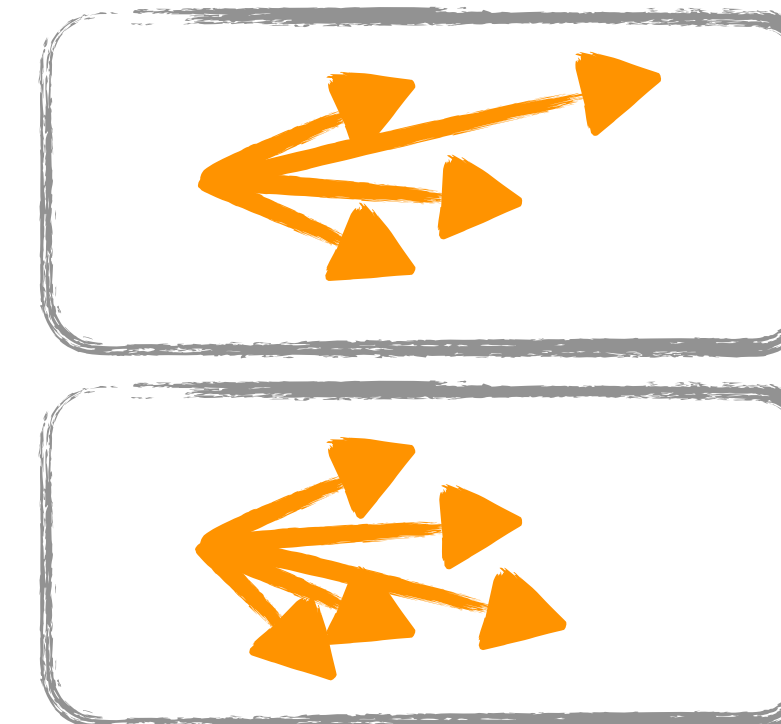
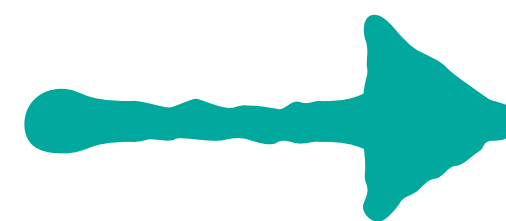
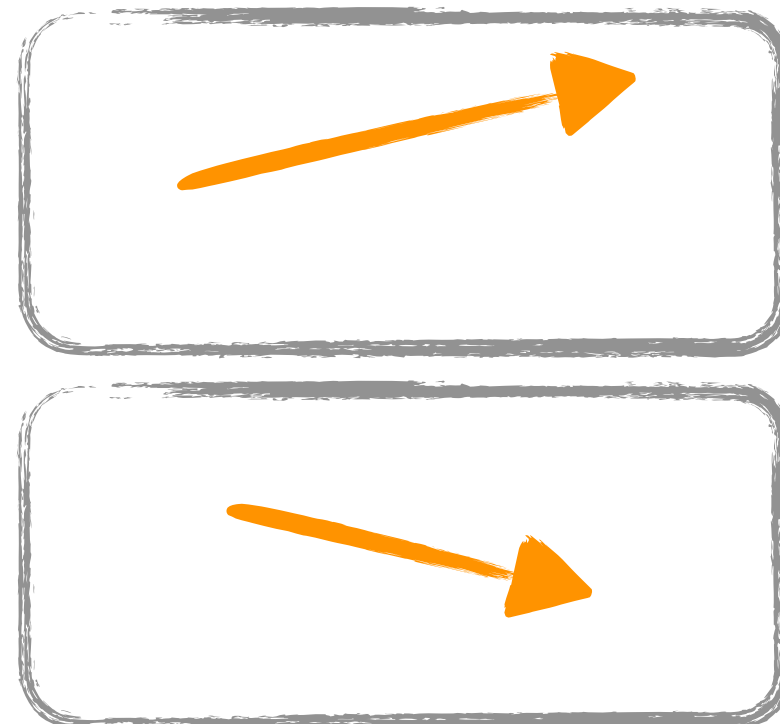
- virtual cylinder placed just inside the IR beampipe
- Electrons are propagated through B field
- resulting photons passing through cylinder are recorded

Output: hepmc file with single-photon “events” containing information related to photon vertex, momentum, and weight corresponding to equivalent photons / sec



### Have

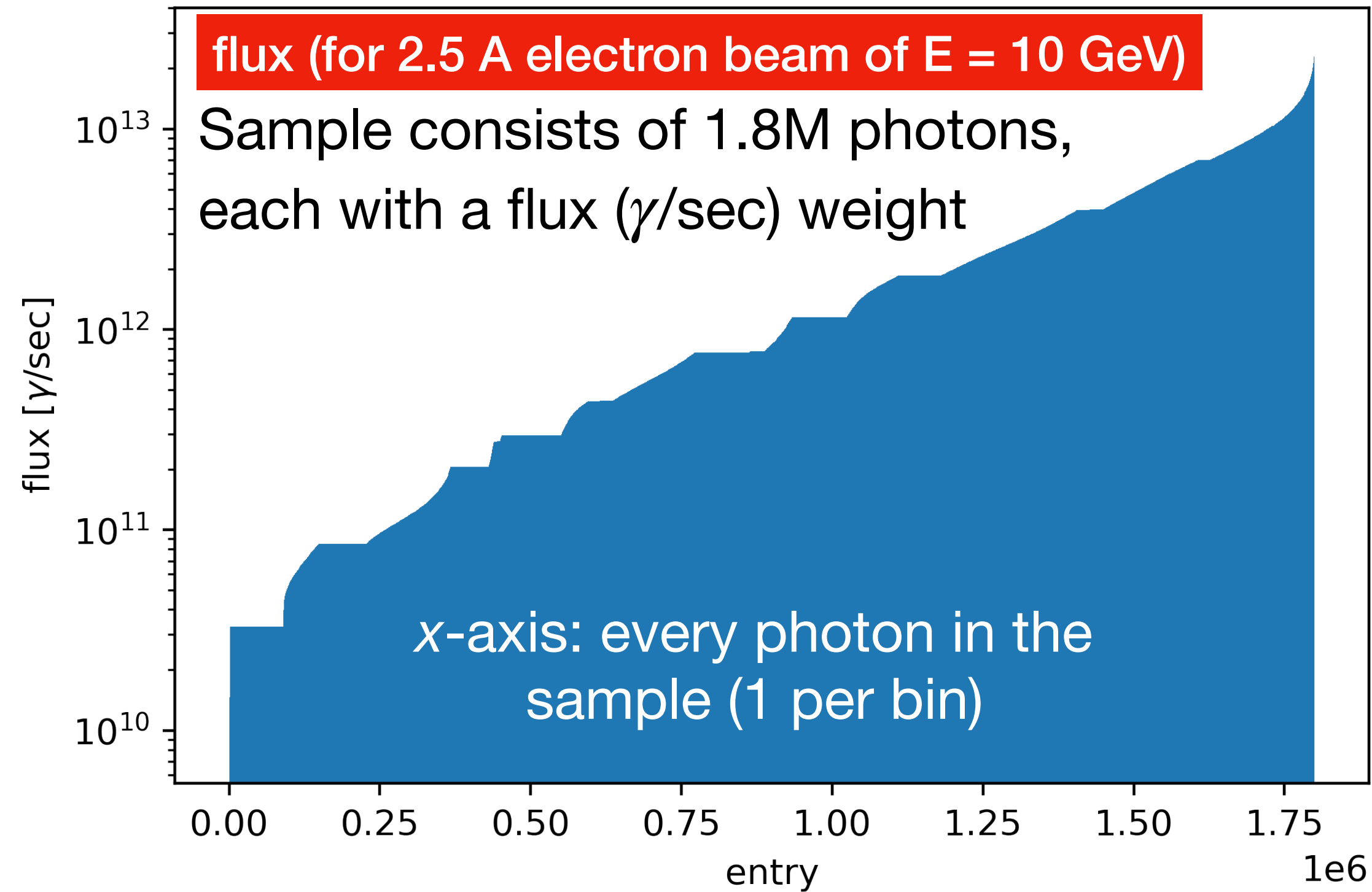
A series of single-photon events from a Synrad+ simulation.



### Need

A series of events with many photons corresponding to a time integration window.

# Synchrotron radiation event generator



Define an integration window (IW)

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integral = 0
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while integral < IW:
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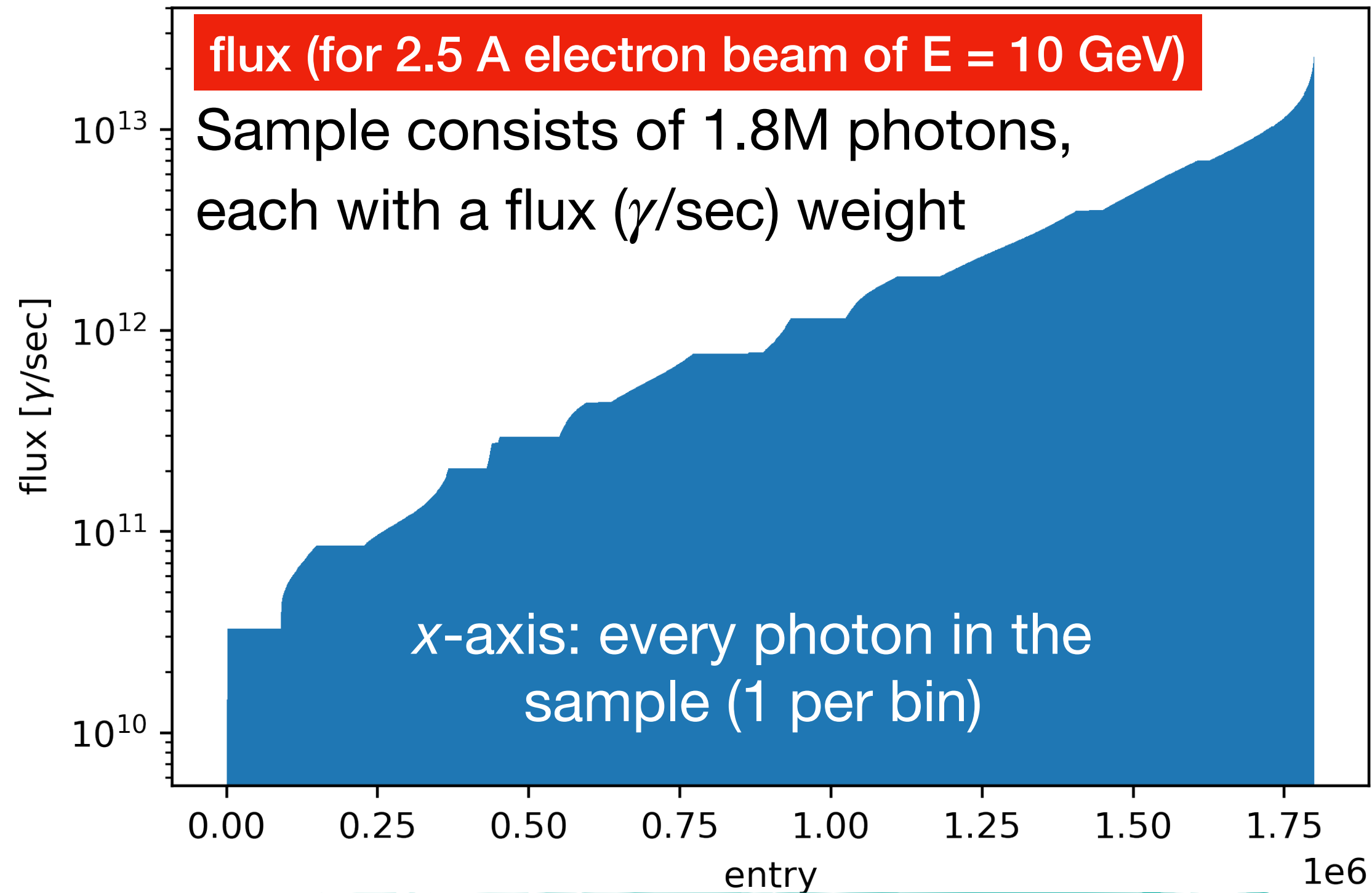
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    Randomly sample photon, add it to event
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    integral += 1/flux
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return event
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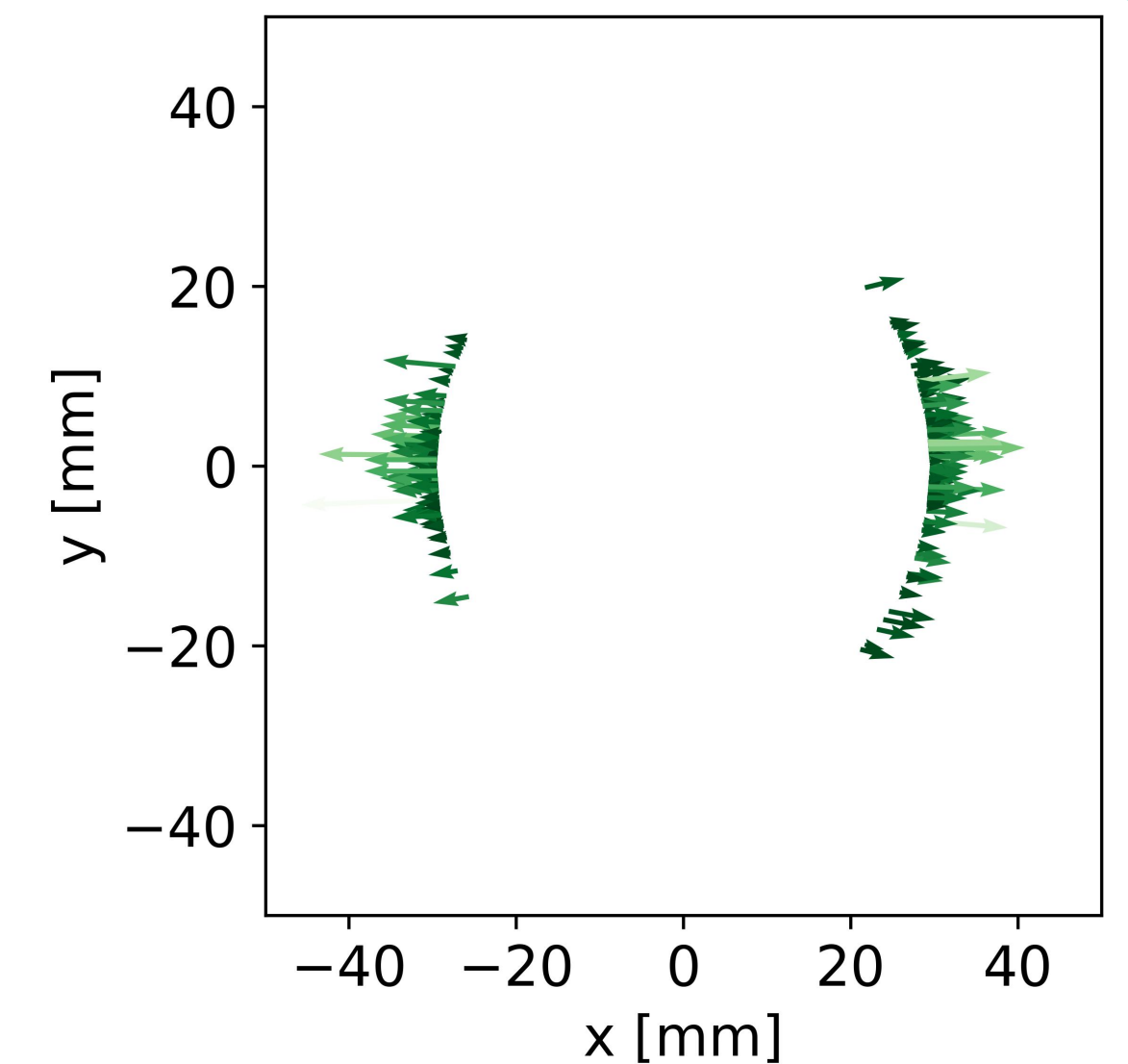
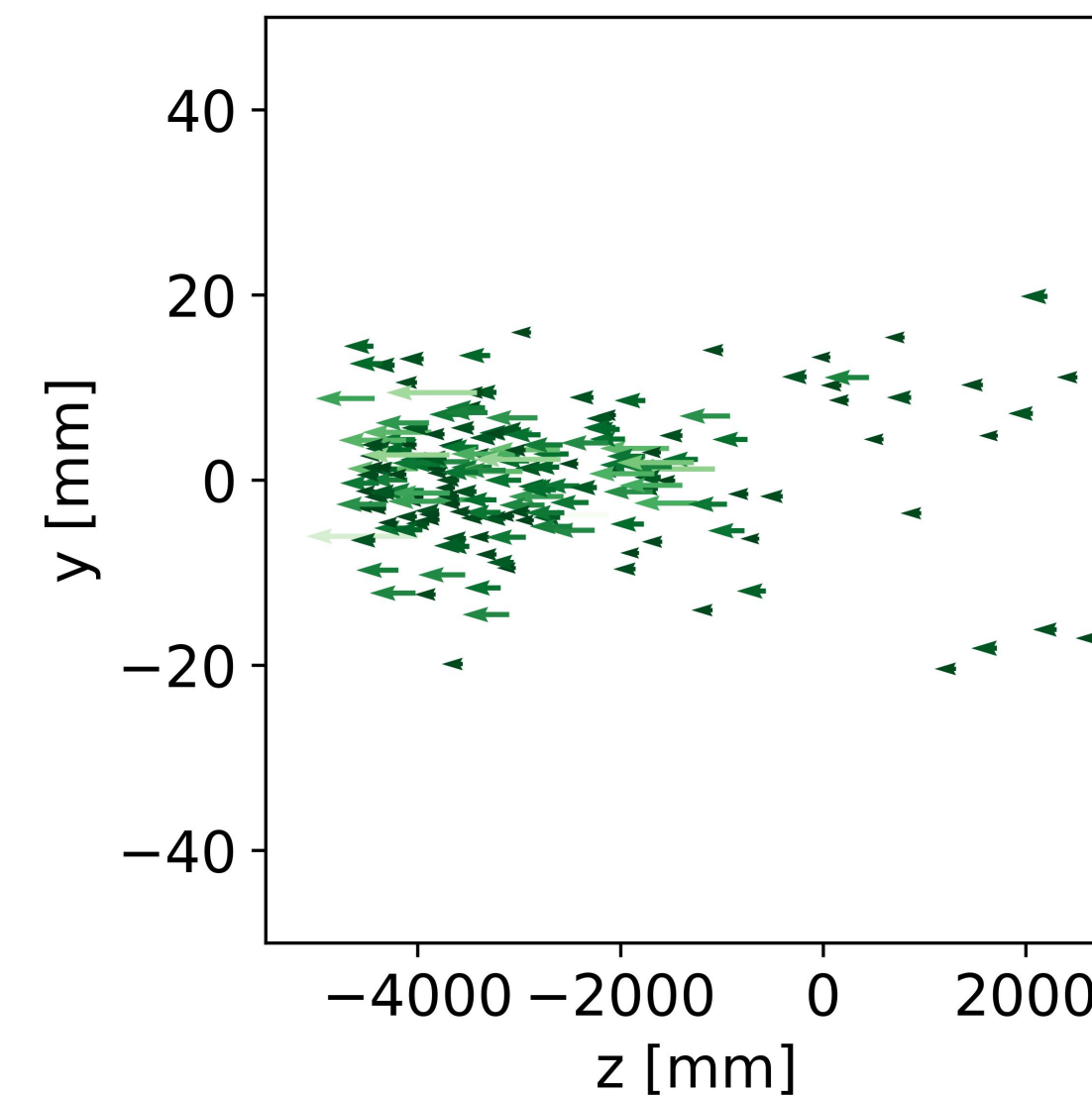
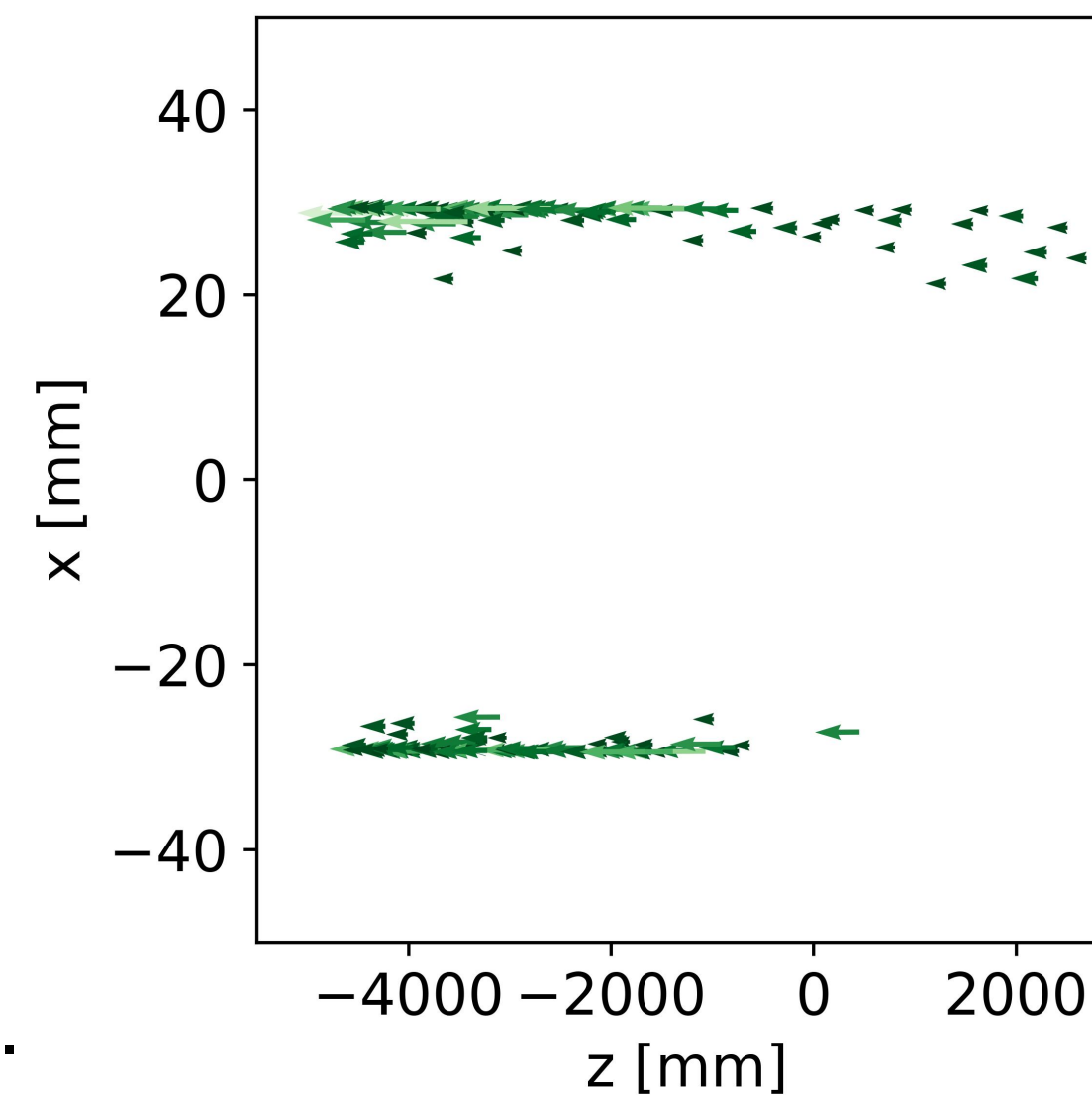
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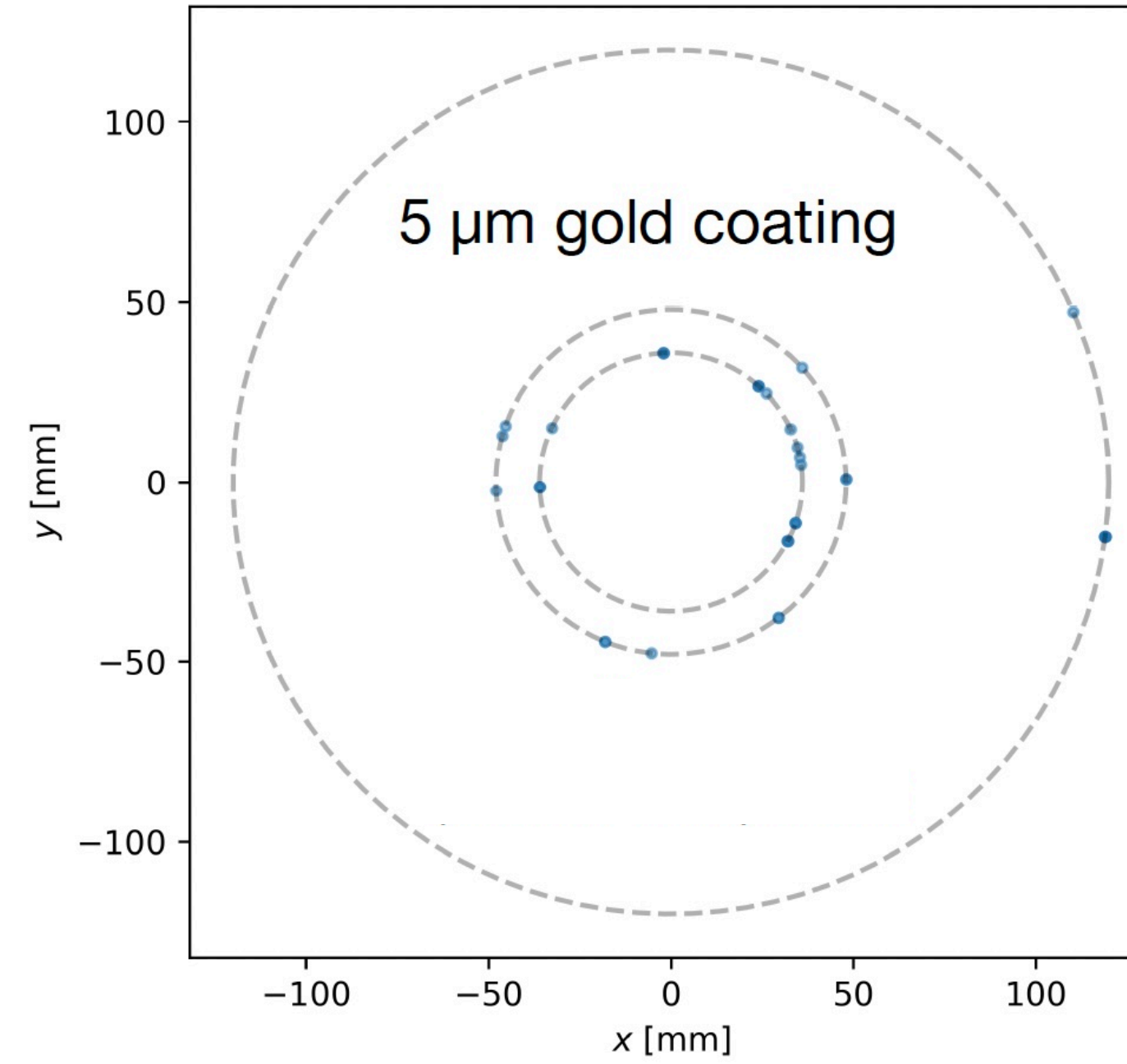
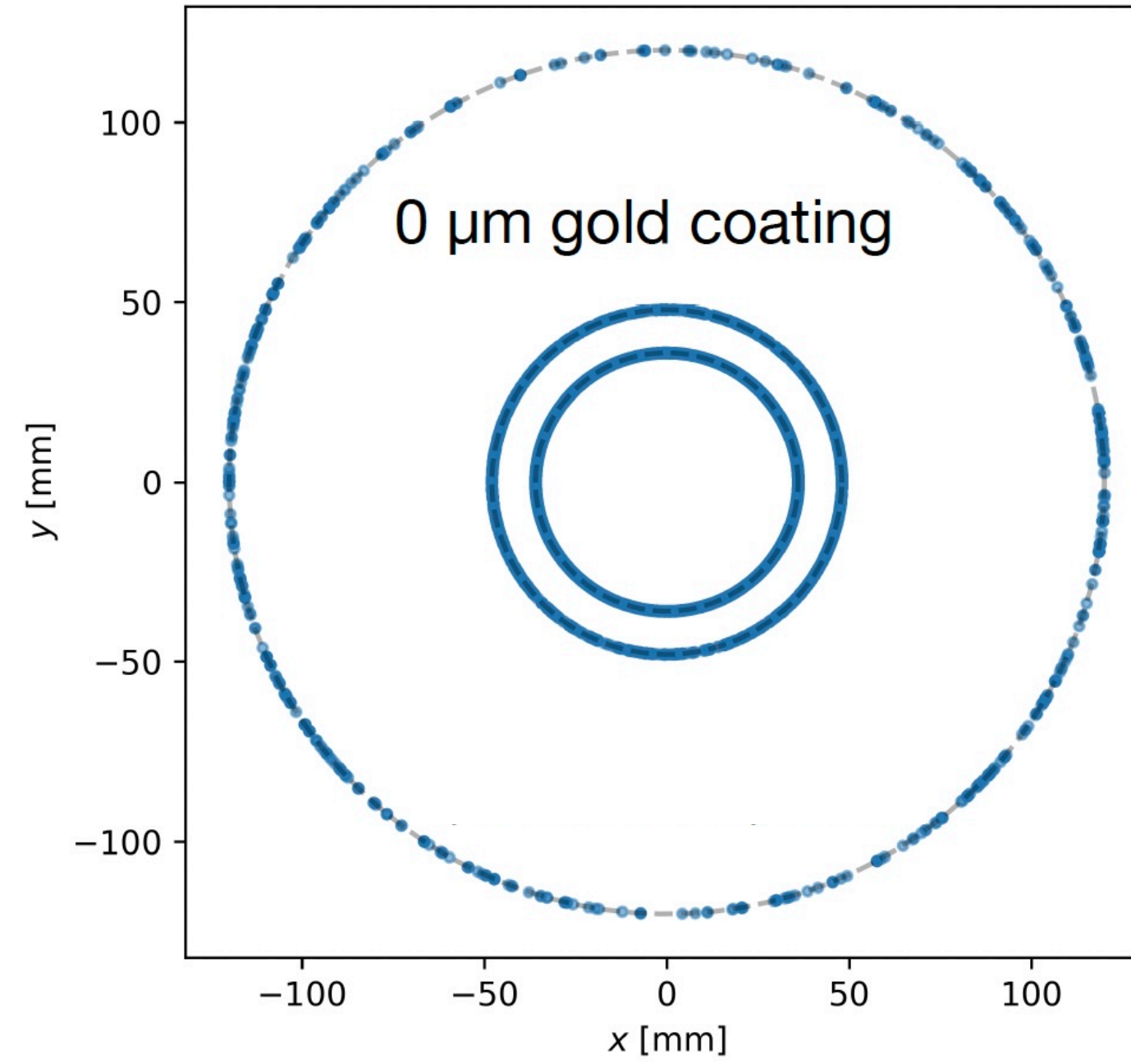
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Sample event for a 100 ns time integration window



# Synchrotron radiation results

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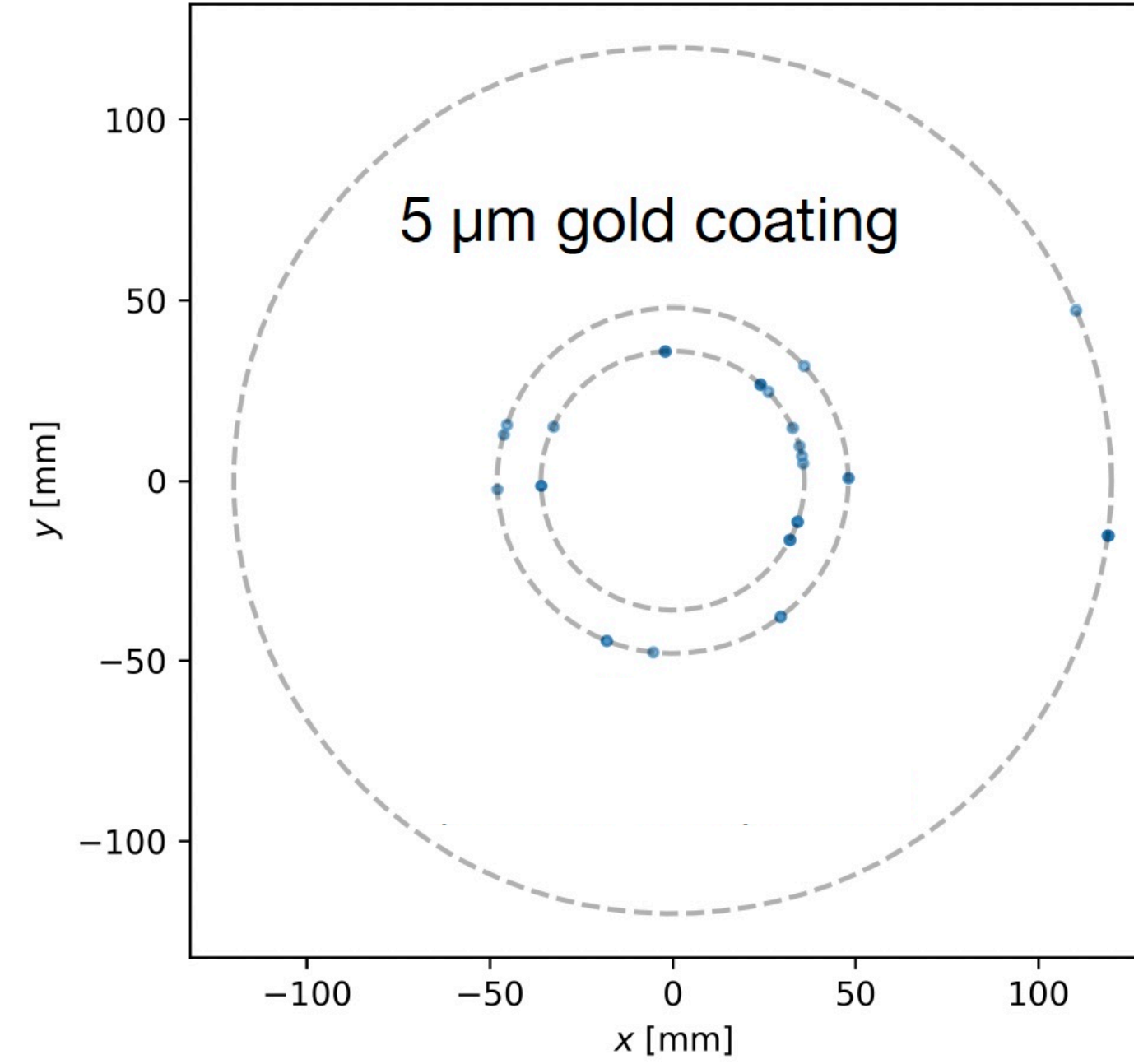
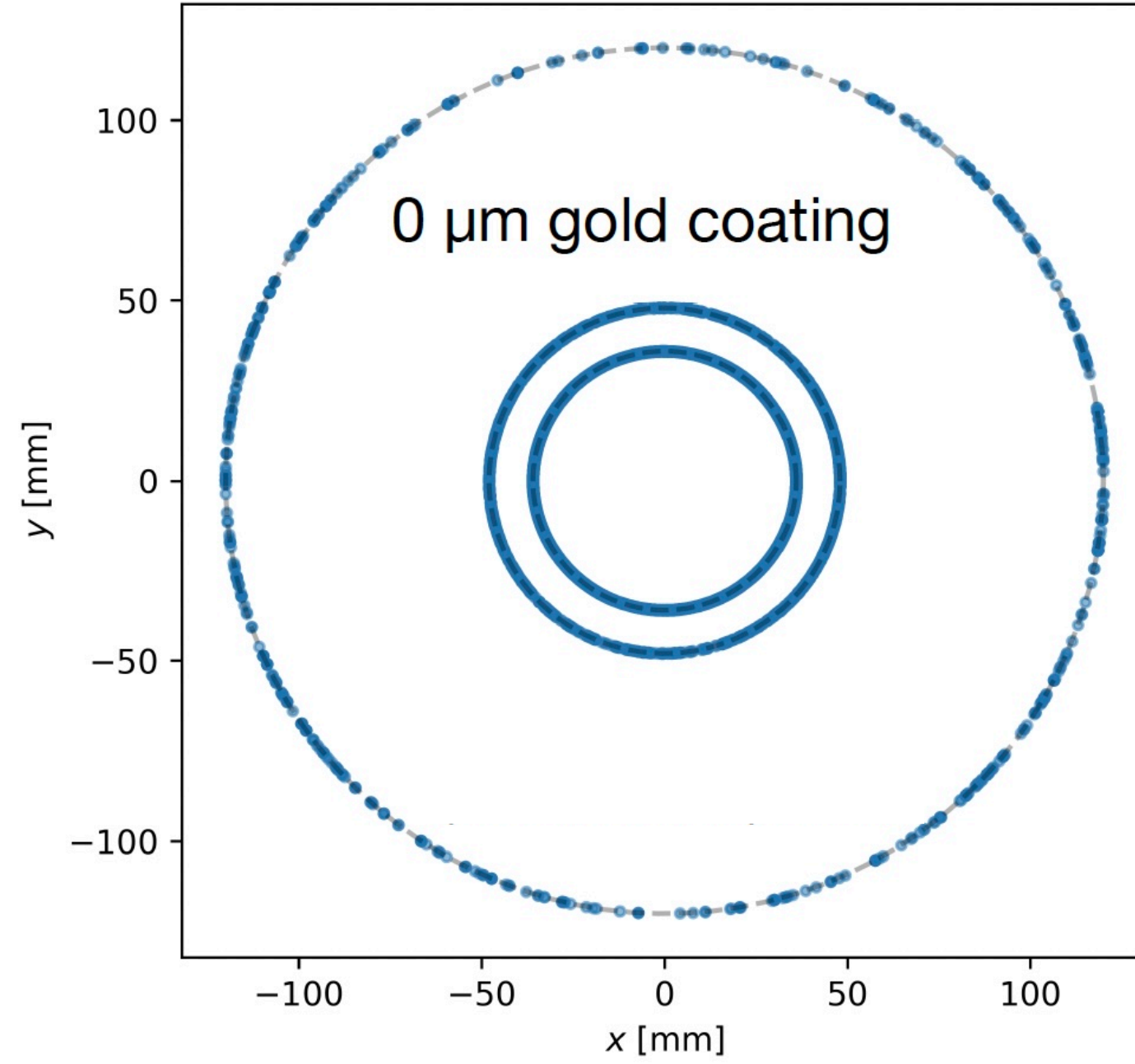
Study by Ben Sterwerf, **RCT**, et al.

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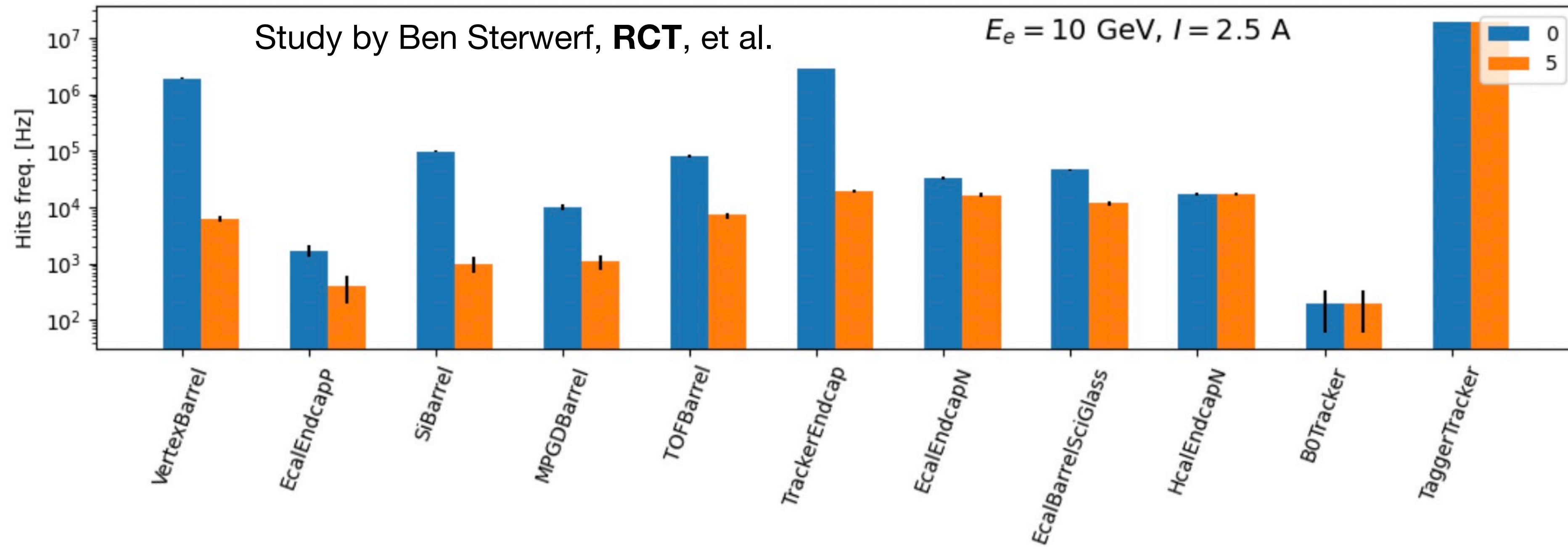


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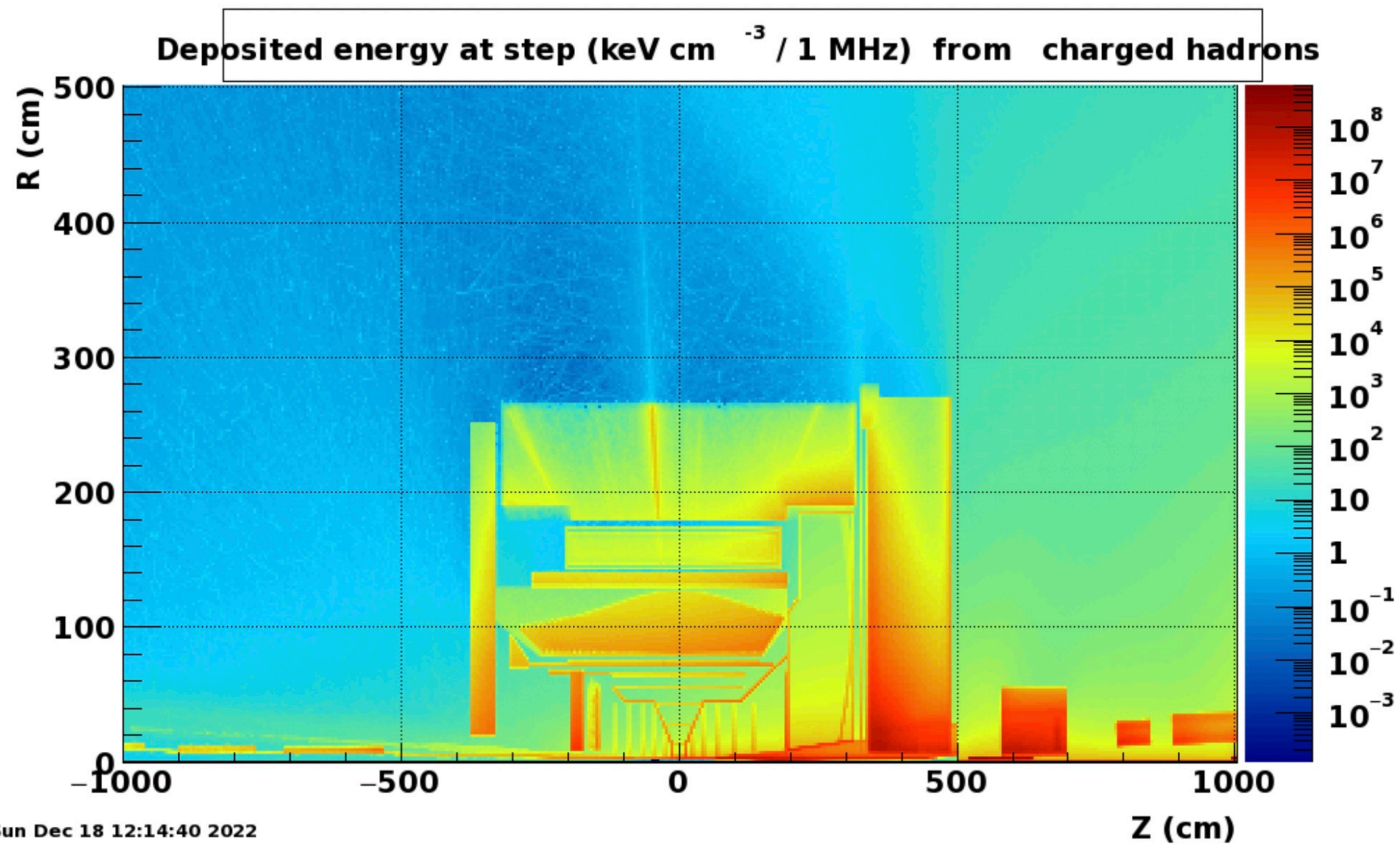
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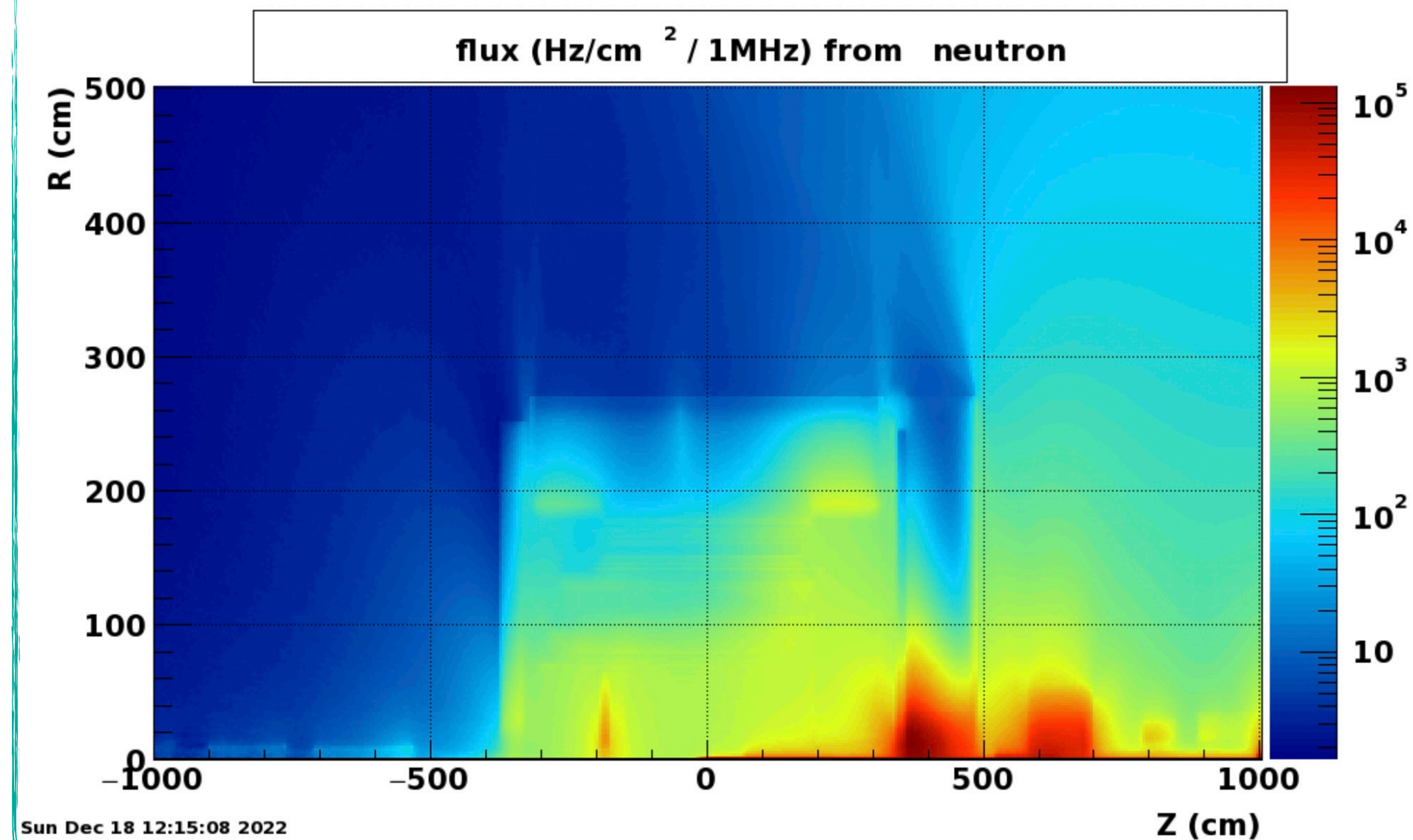
# Primary Collisions

- Primary collisions → substantial fraction of ionizing radiation and low-energy neutron flux in the hall
- Simulations based on Pythia 6 tuned to HERMES, COMPASS and HERA with  $Q^2 > 10^{-9} \text{ GeV}^2$

## ionizing radiation



## neutron flux

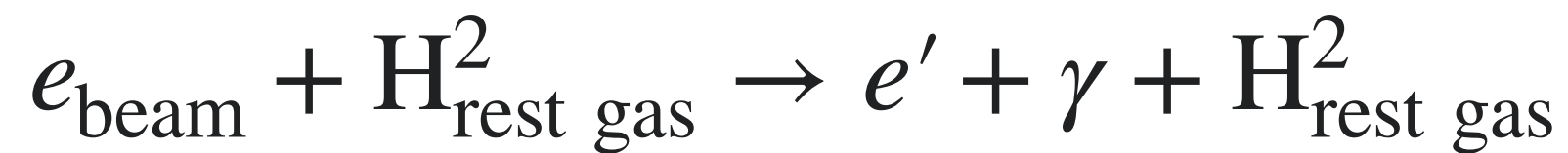


# Electron Beam-Gas interactions

vacuum after 10000 Ah (running  
of 5 month at  $10^{34} \text{ cm}^2\text{s}^{-1}$ )

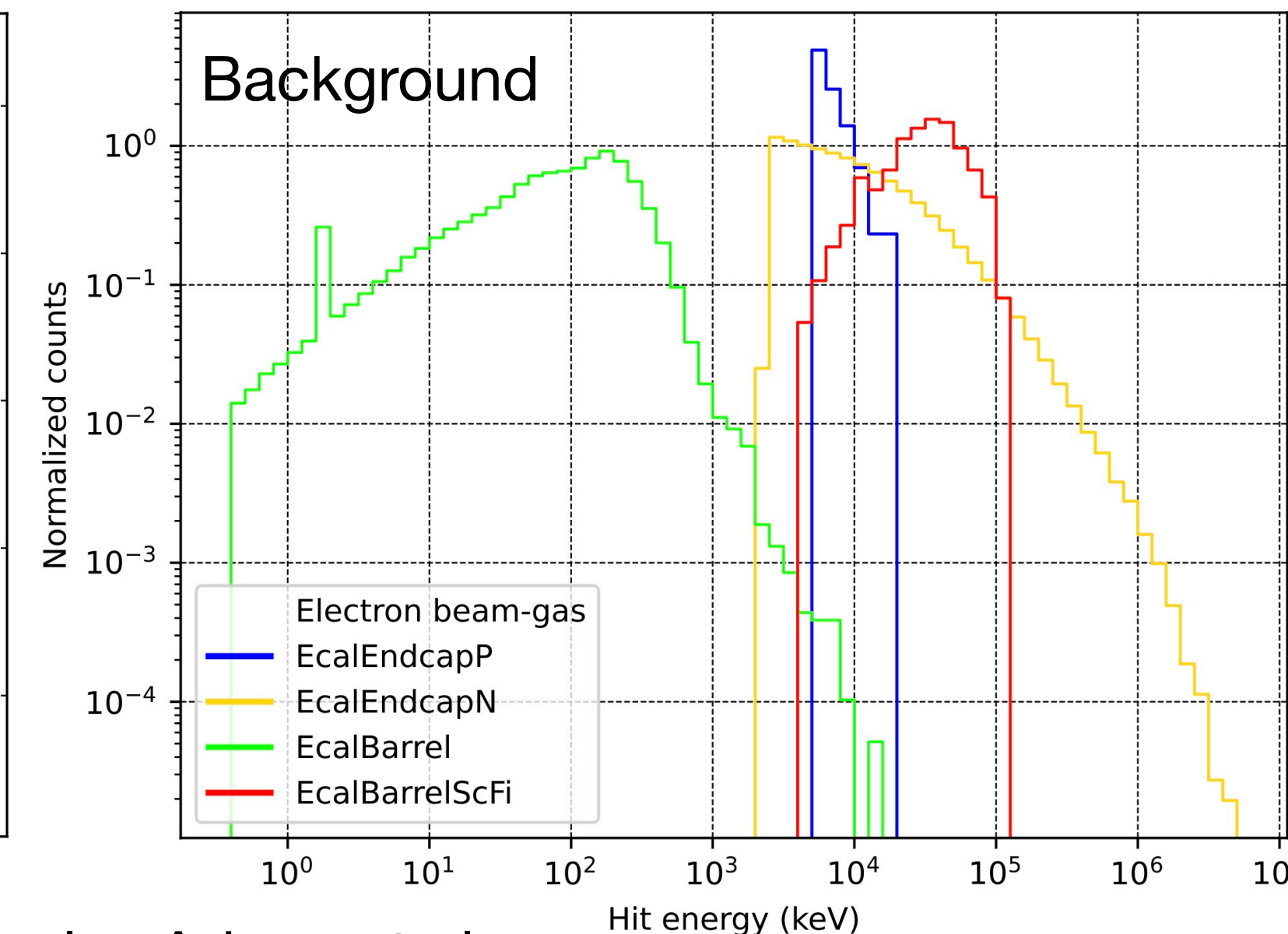
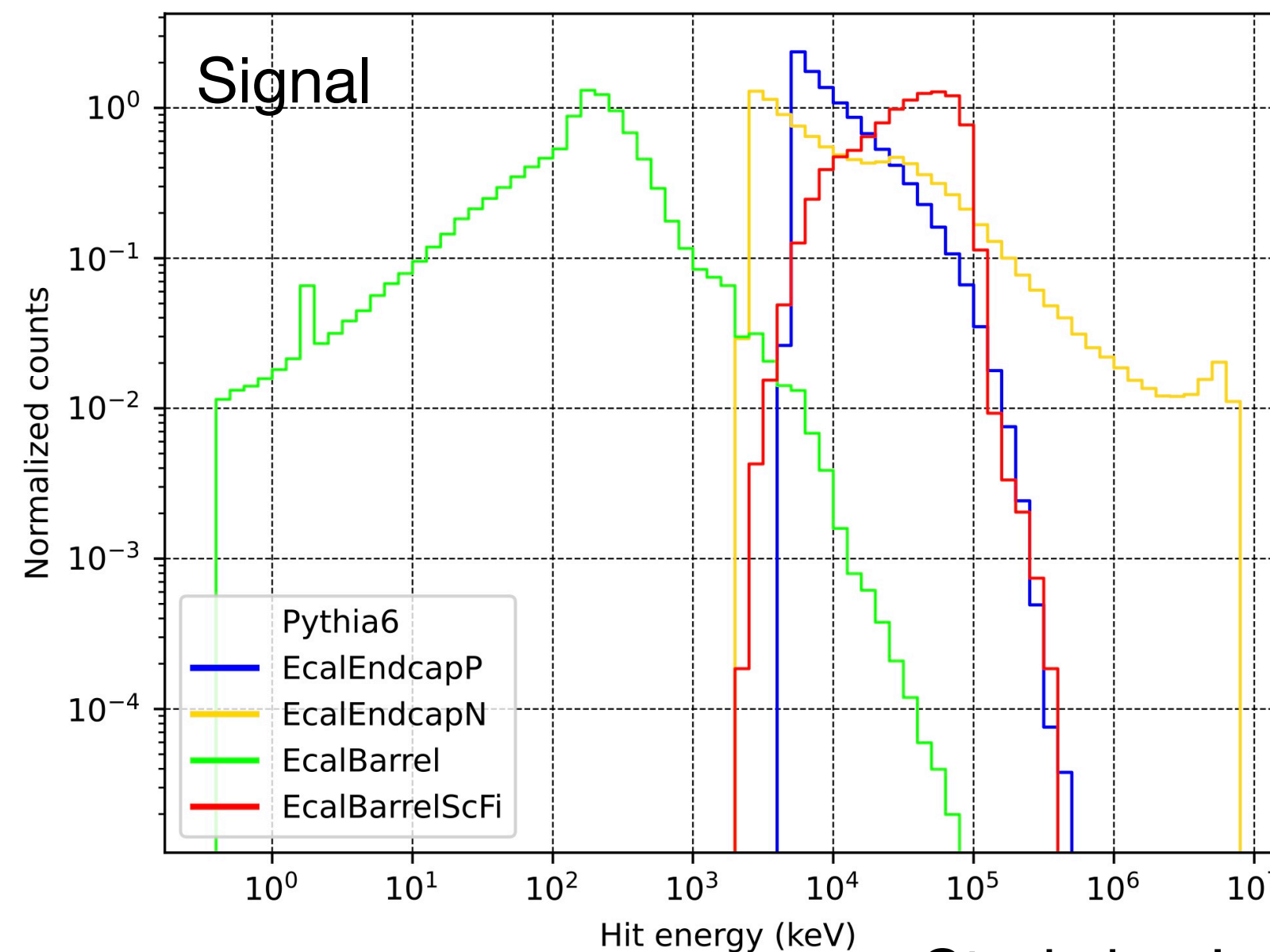
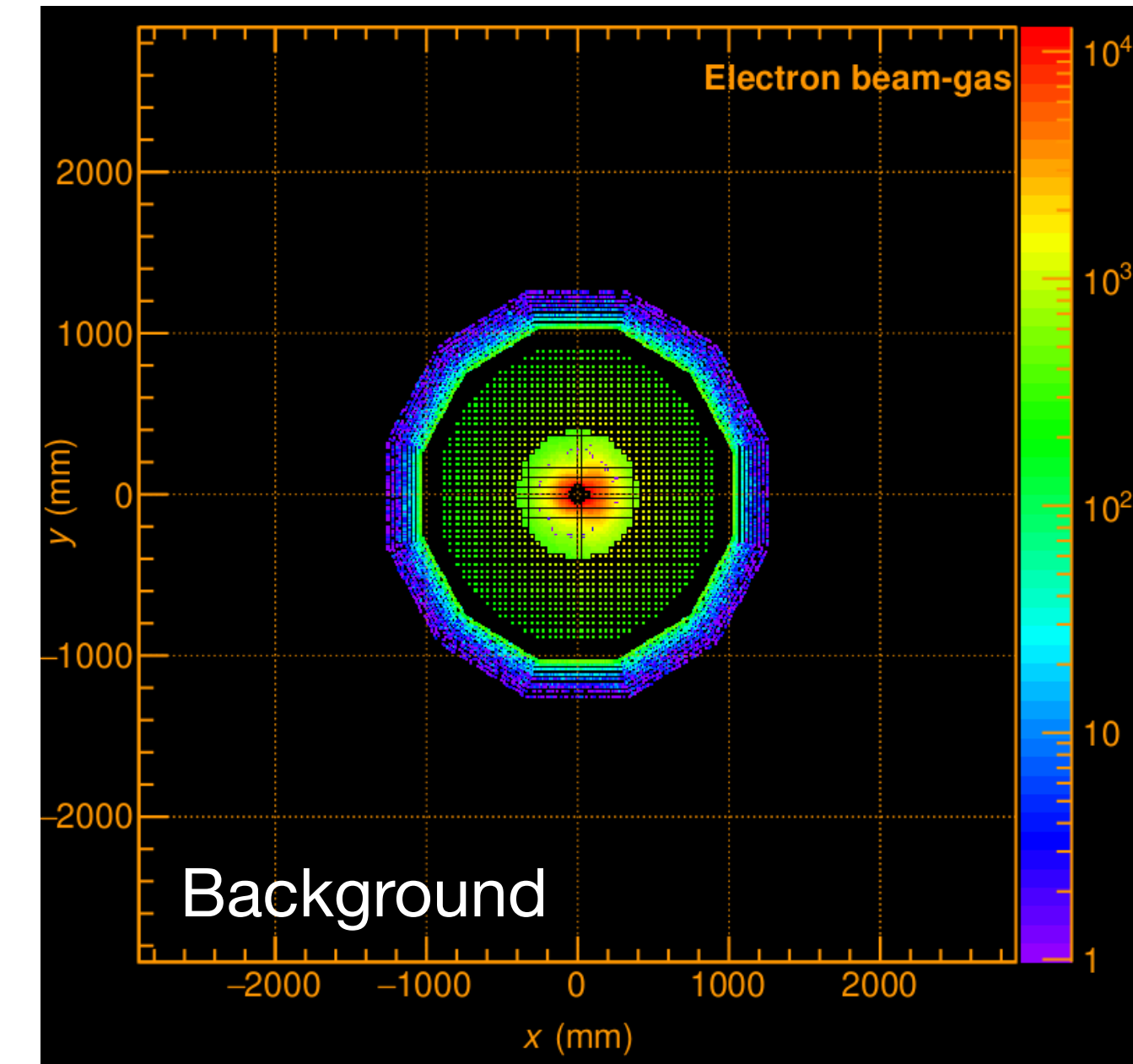
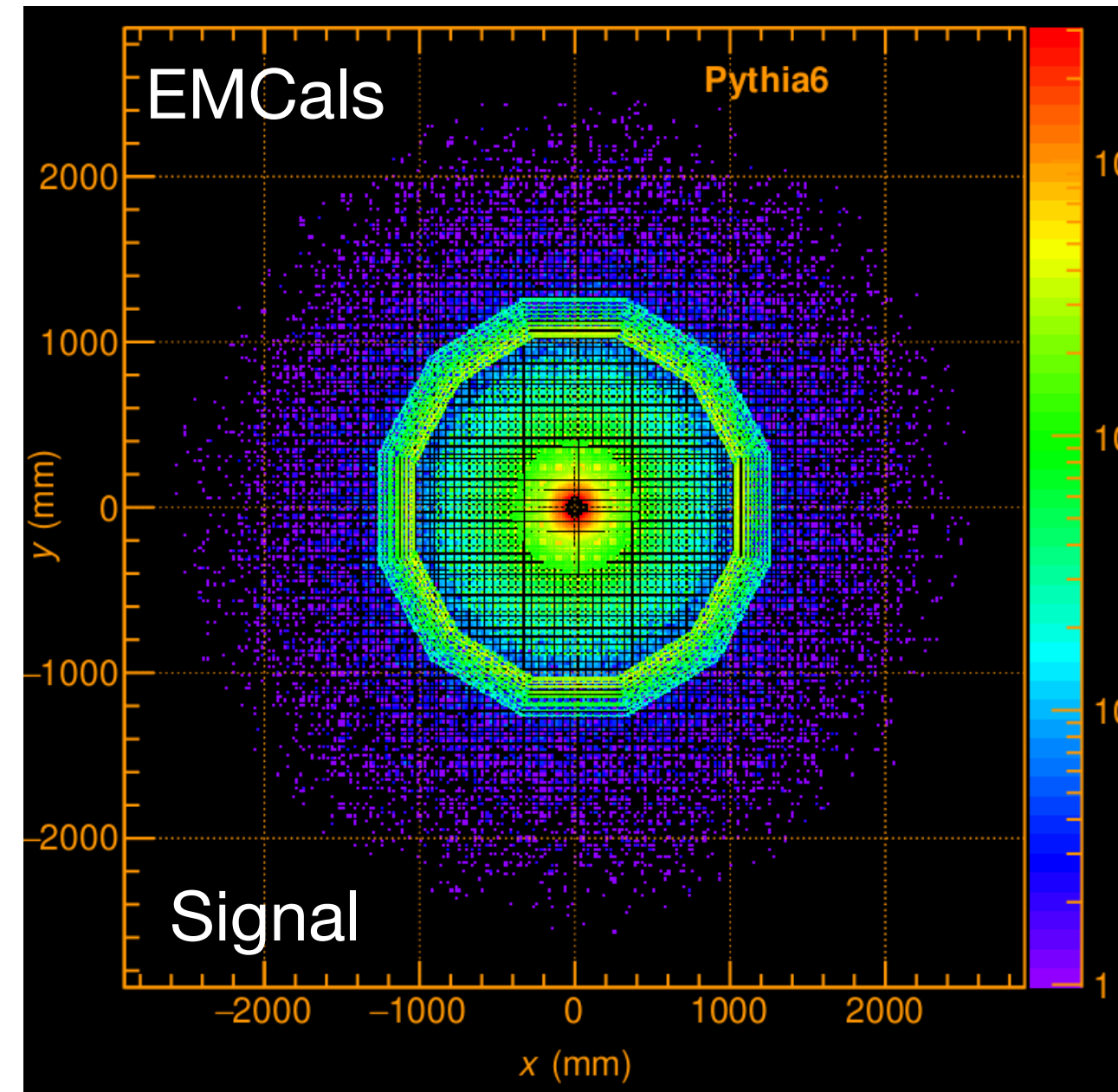
Interaction of beam particles with residual gas molecules in the beam pipe can impact detector performance and/or mimic physics signals

- main contribution to detector background are from Bethe-Heitler process:

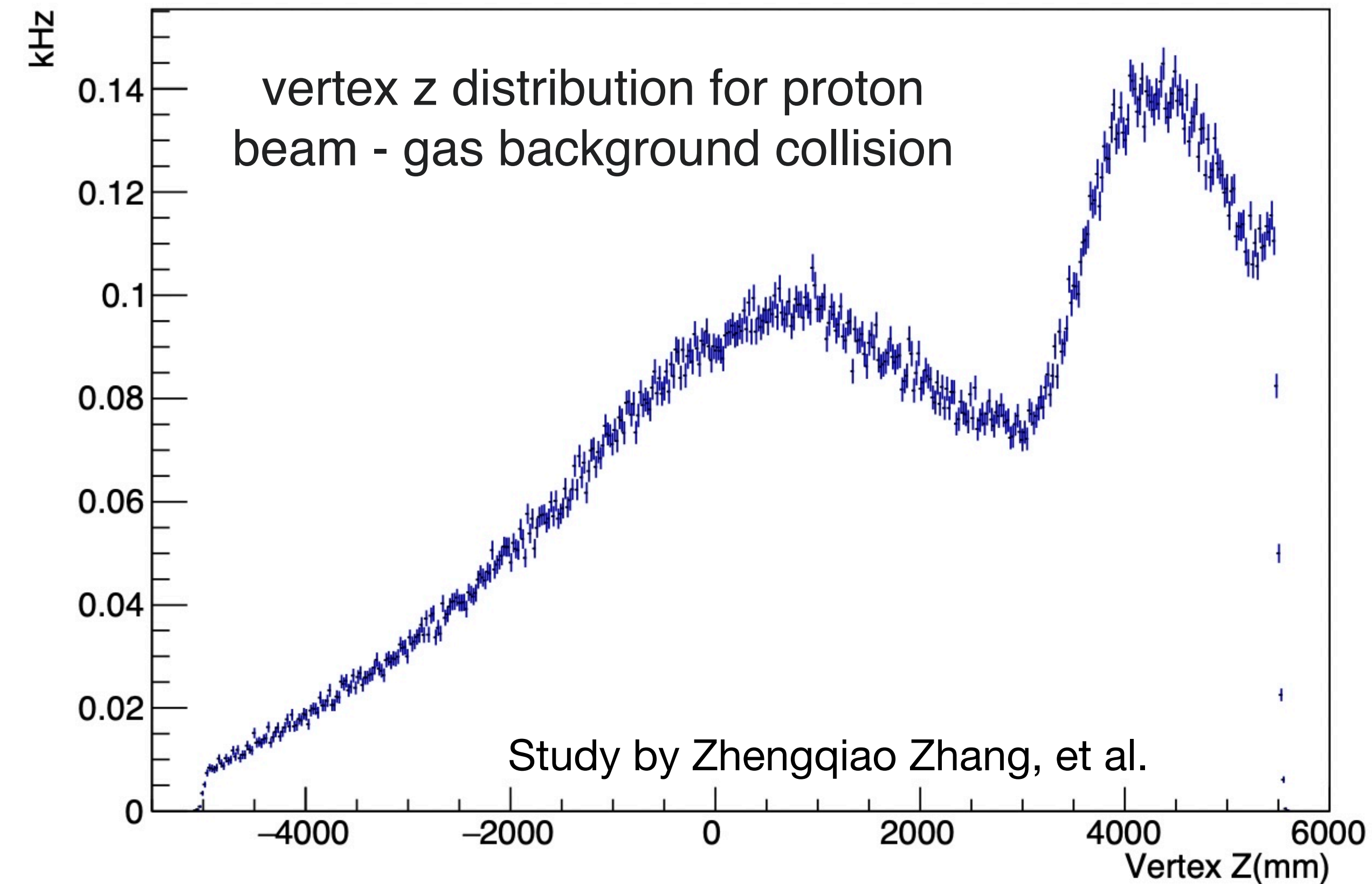


off-momentum electrons will be shielded by collimators (detailed simulations of collimation system are underway)

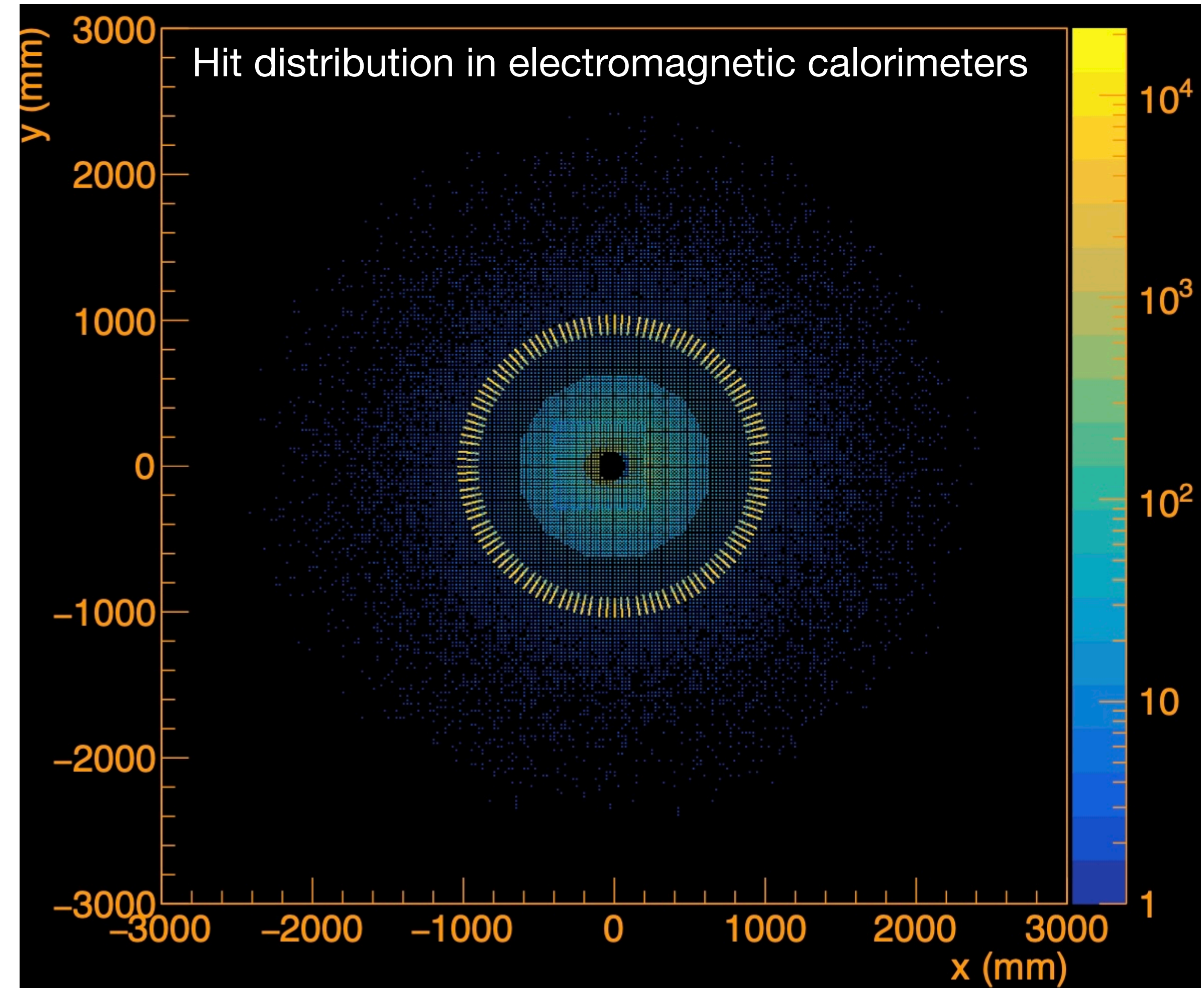
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- concerning large hadronic cross section of the  $p/A_{\text{beam}} + H_{\text{rest gas}}^2$  interactions
- Secondary interactions of produced particles with detector components is one of the main sources of neutrons that thermalize within the detector hall

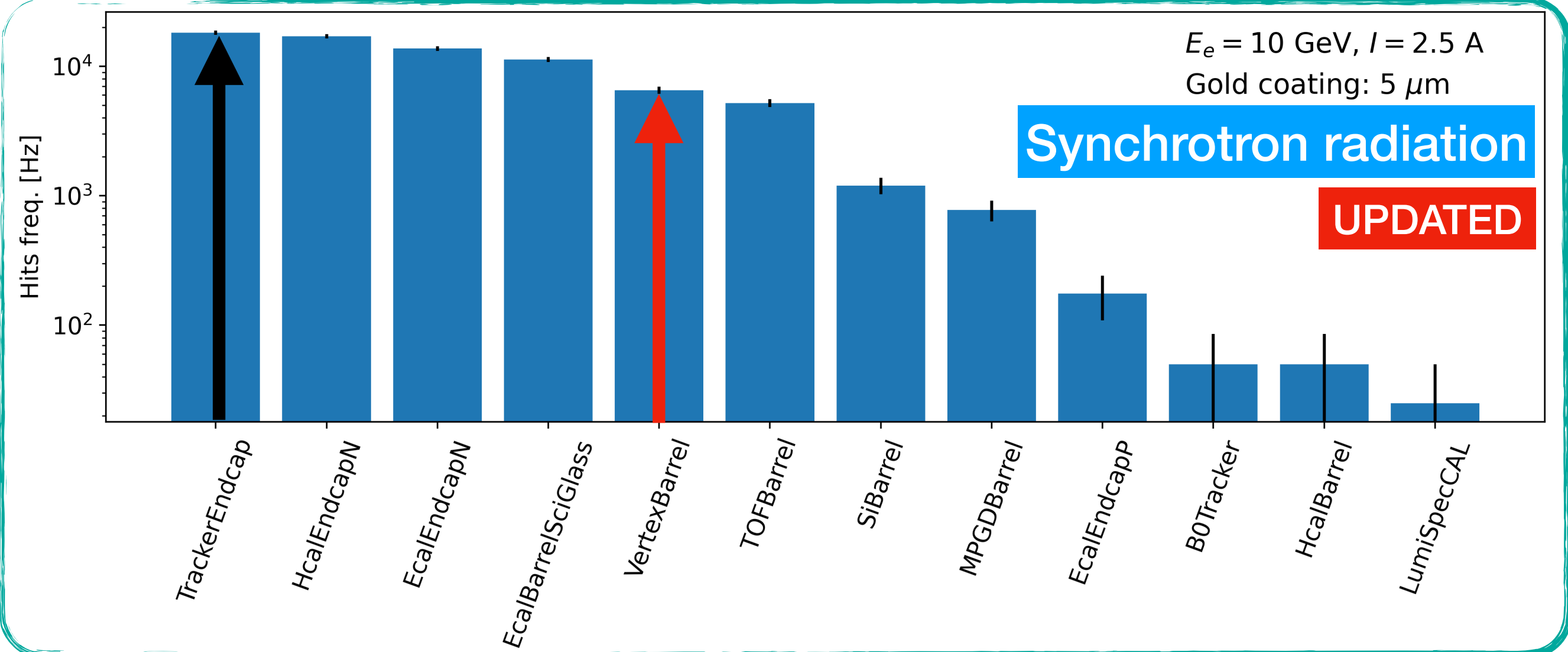
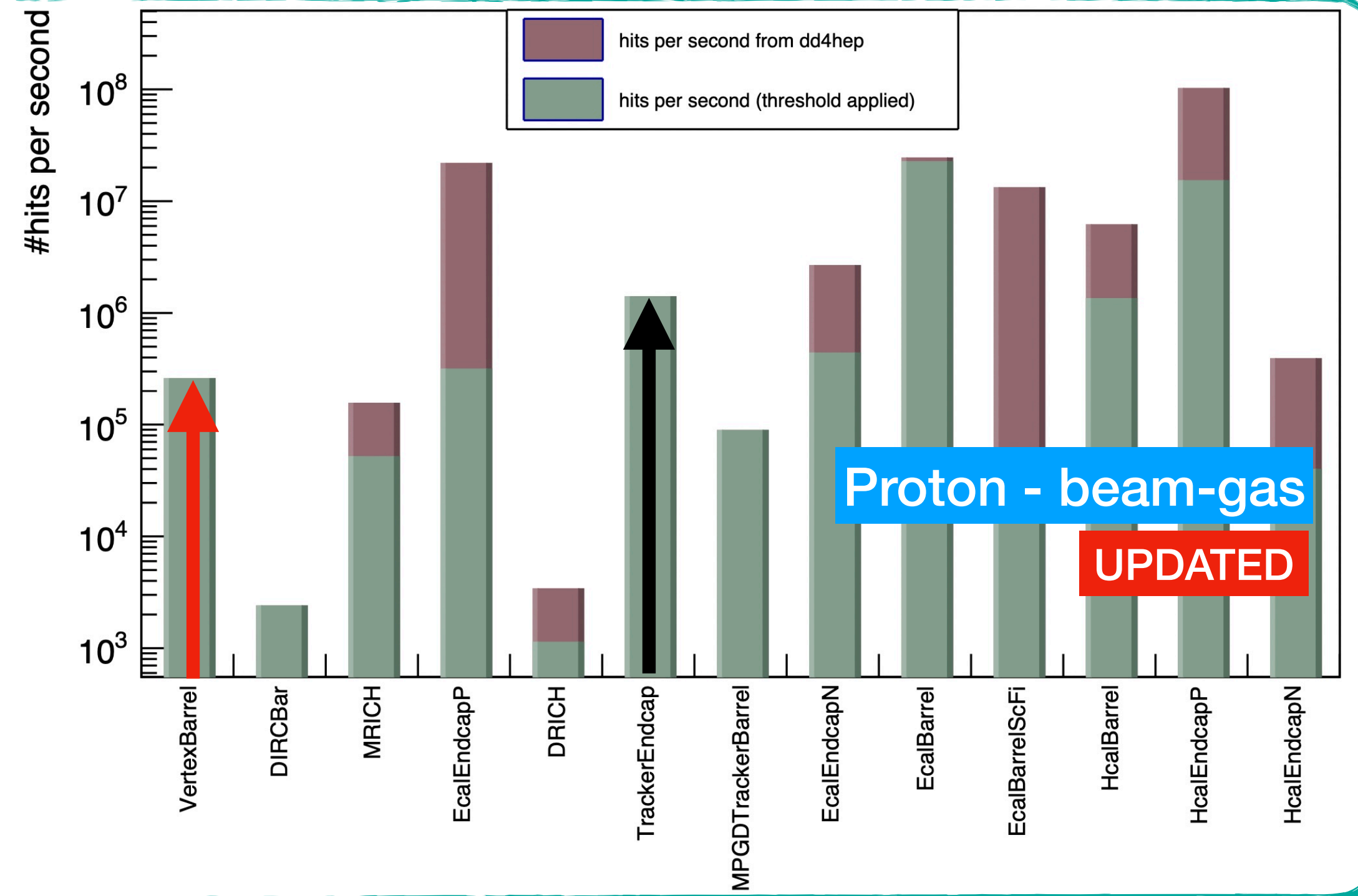
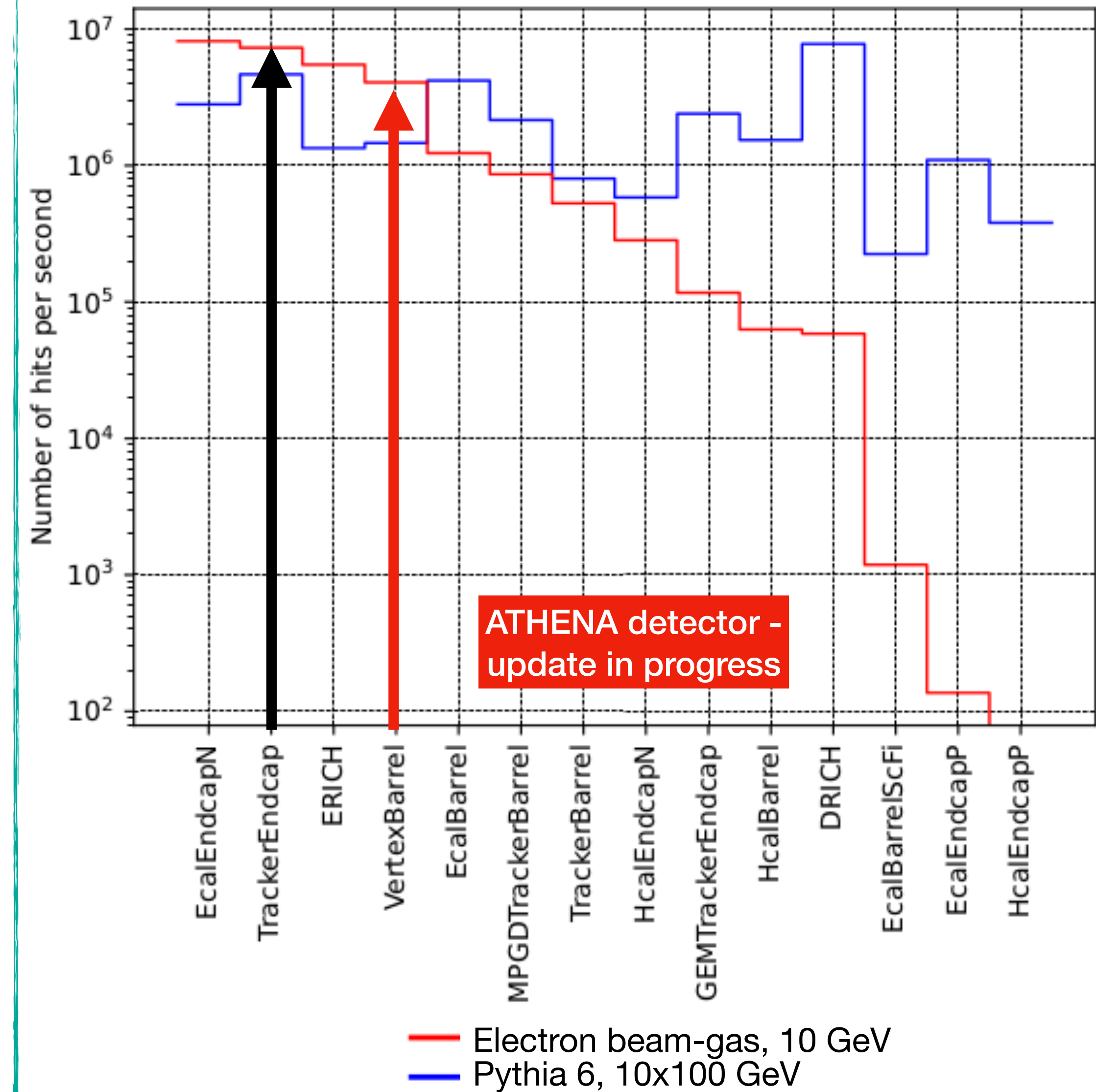


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# Background comparisons

Electron - beam-gas



# Testing background impact

Need to simulate dataset that emulates true EIC environment as precisely as possible

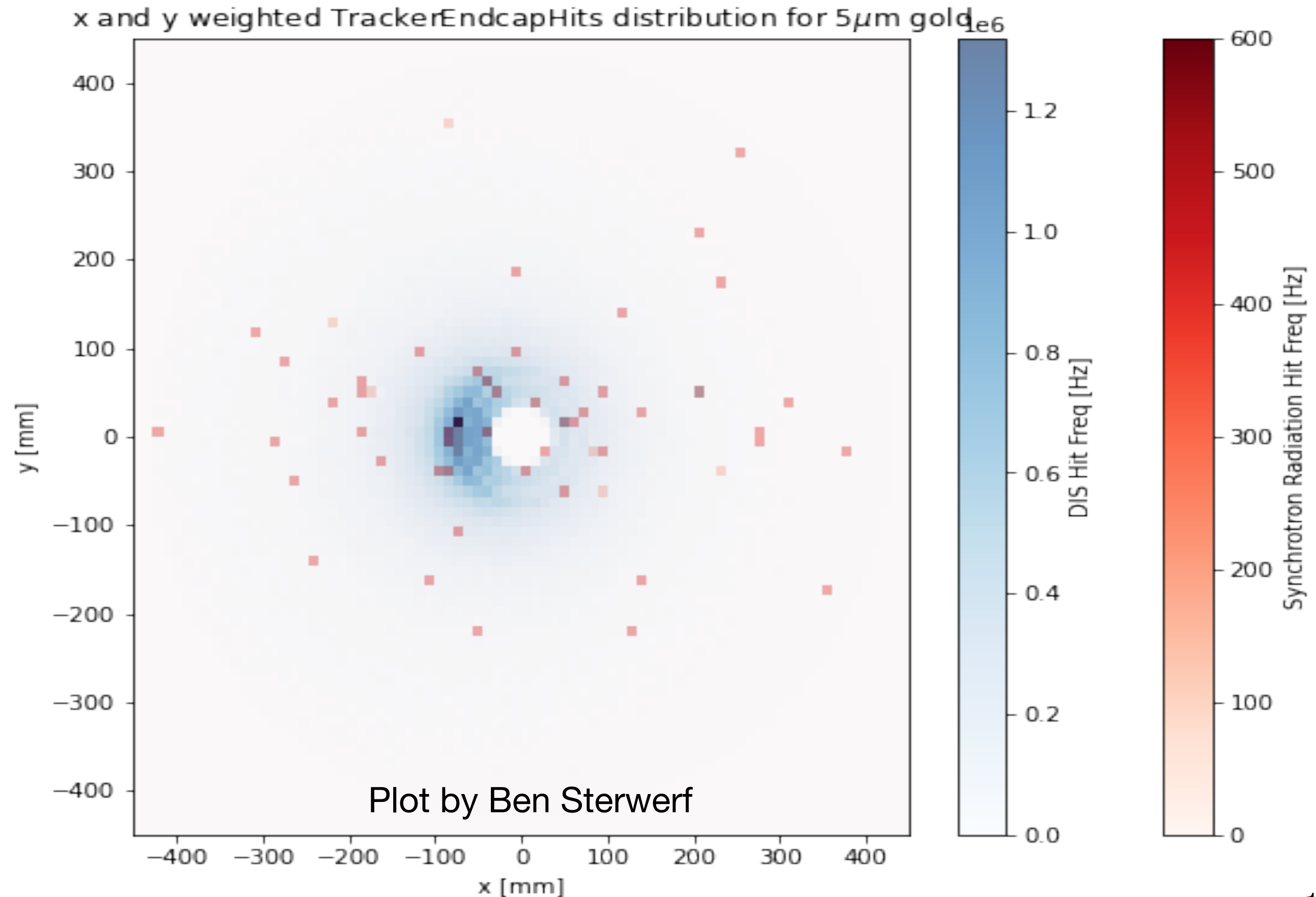
- mix signal and background sources
- propagate sample through GEANT simulation to assess impact on detector performances

Work by Kolja Kauder, David Lawrence, et al. to implement functionality to mix

$$\text{signal} + \sum_{i=1}^N \text{background}_i$$



After mixing, need realistic measurement conditions, e.g. track reconstruction not based on truth seeding



# Progress on realistic track reconstruction

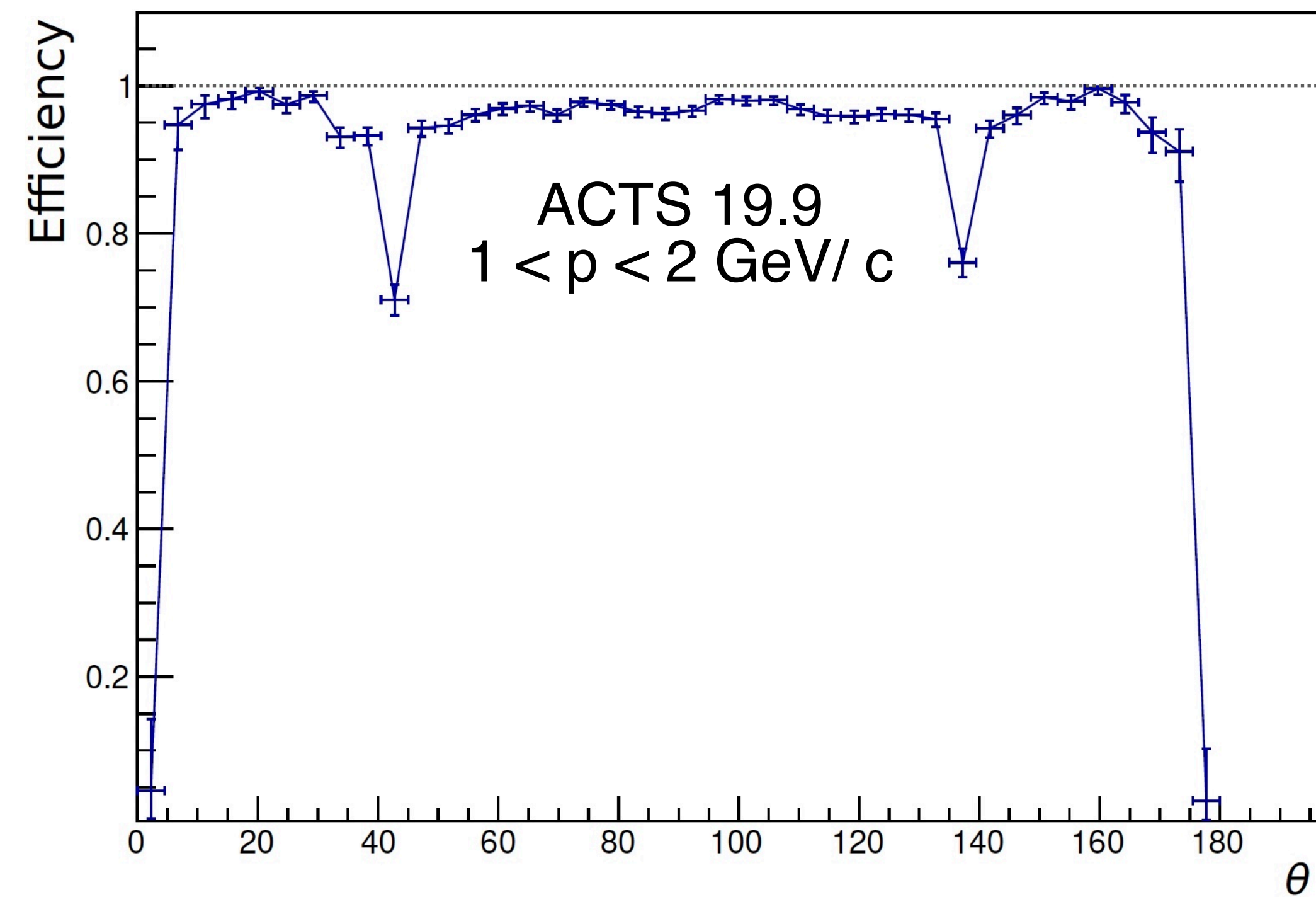
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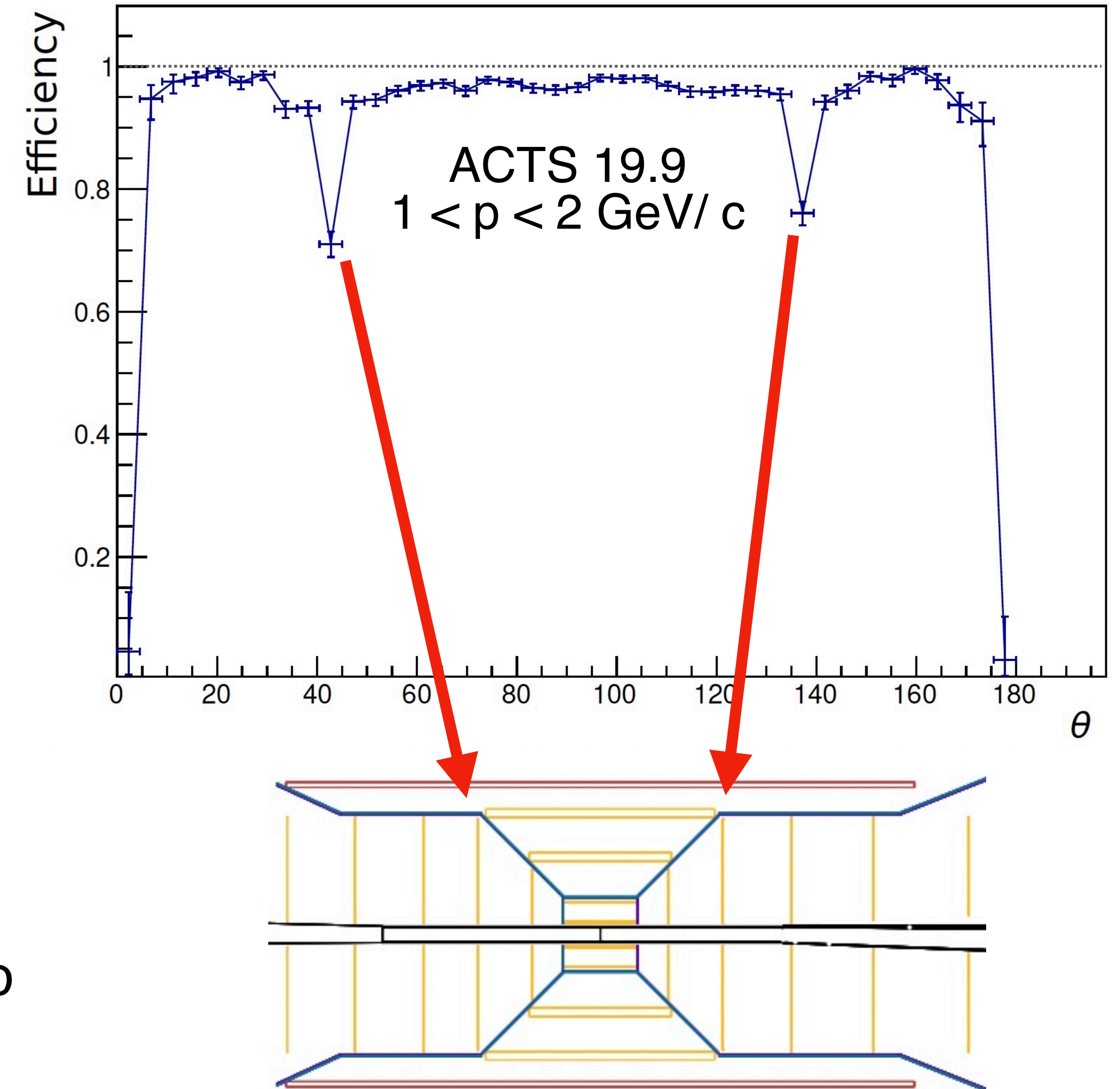
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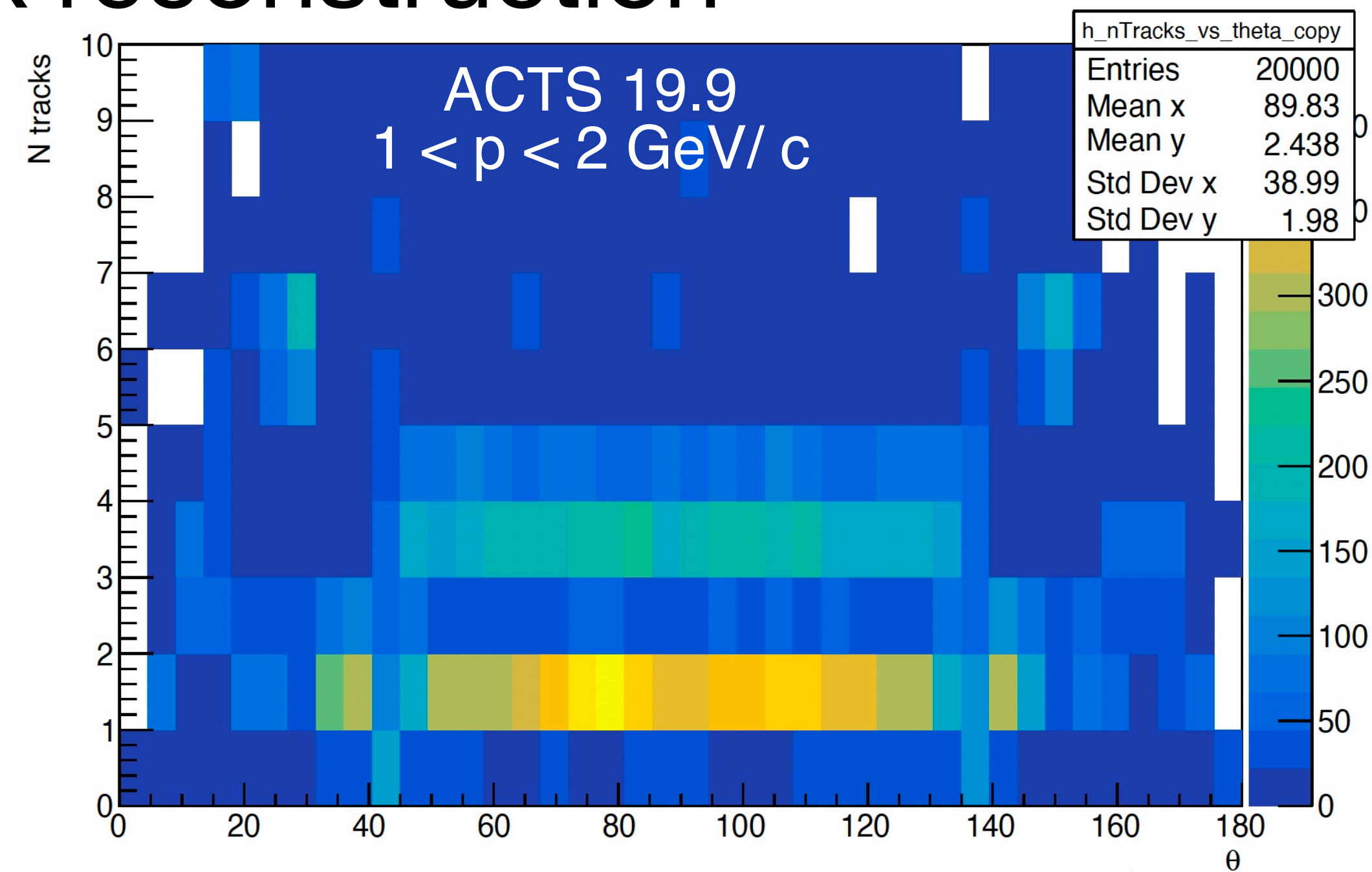


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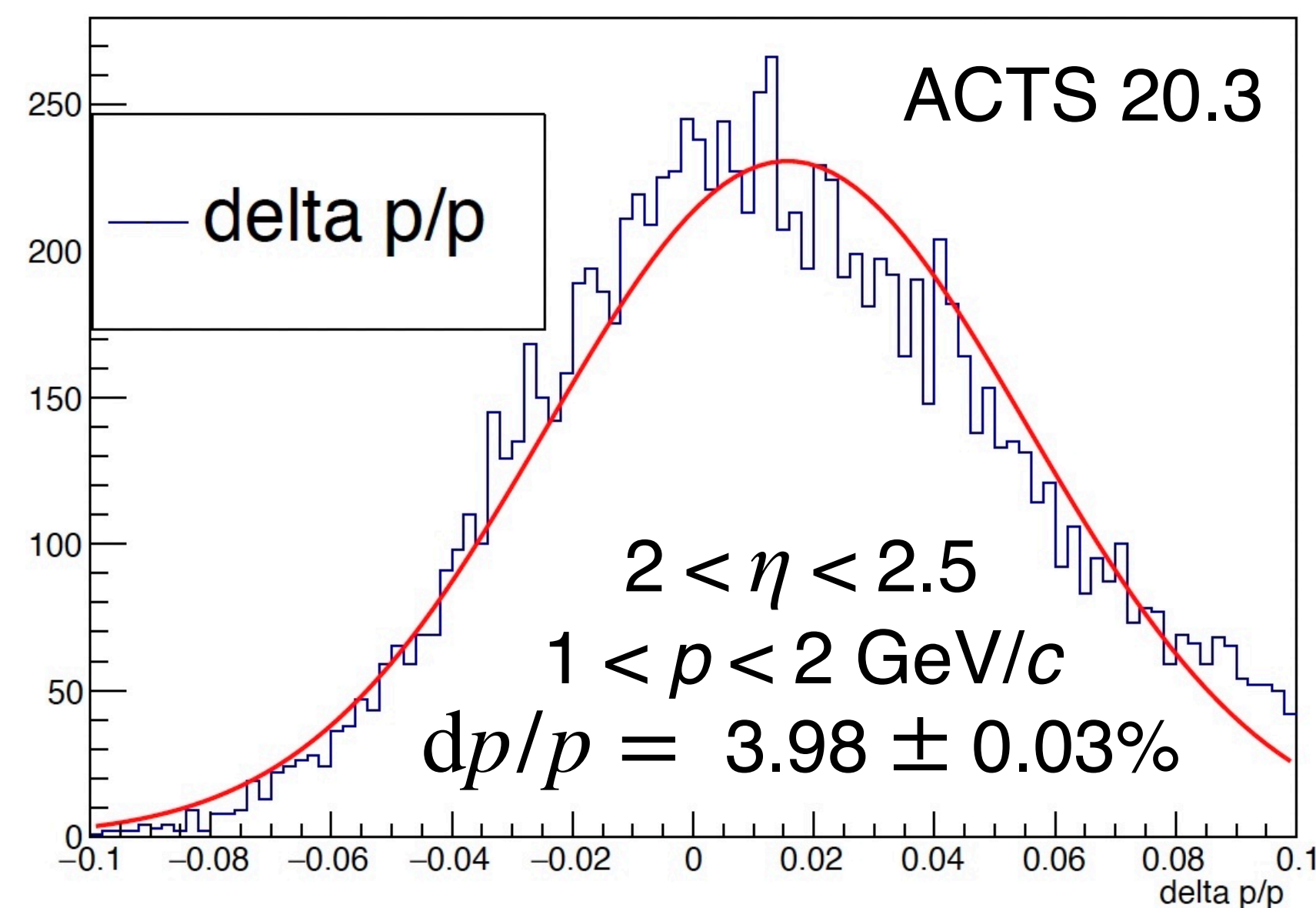
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- A functioning binned seeder exists, with some caveats (resulting from the large  $\eta$  range and low  $p$  that is unusual for hadron collider ACTS was developed for)
- A unbinned “orthogonal” seeder is being developed, which may address the issue of the binned seeder



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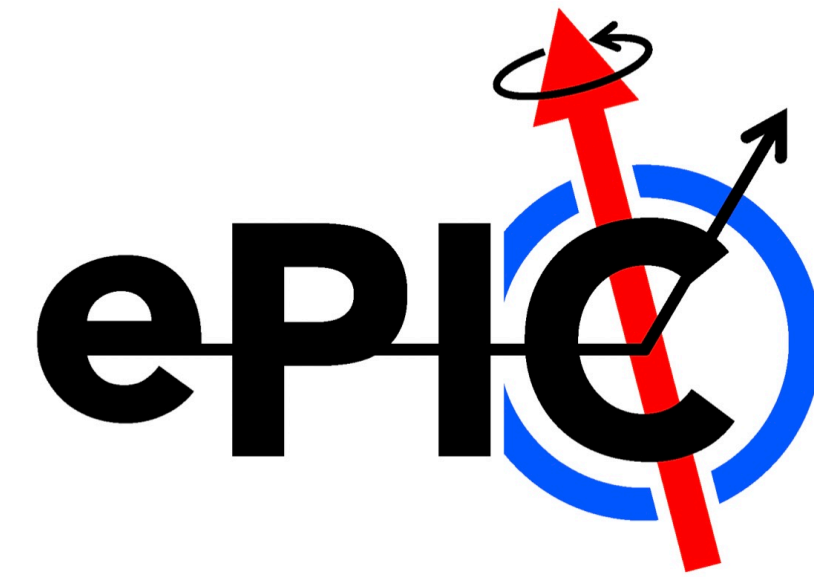
- Binned seeder, Juggler & ACTS 19.9/20.3
- Mostly 1 seed/track, but some 3 or 4 seeds/track
- $\approx 2\%$  of seeds fail due to issues with binned seeder
- Forward  $\Delta p/p$  deteriorated vs. truth seeding ( $\sim 1.5\%$ )



# Summary and Conclusions

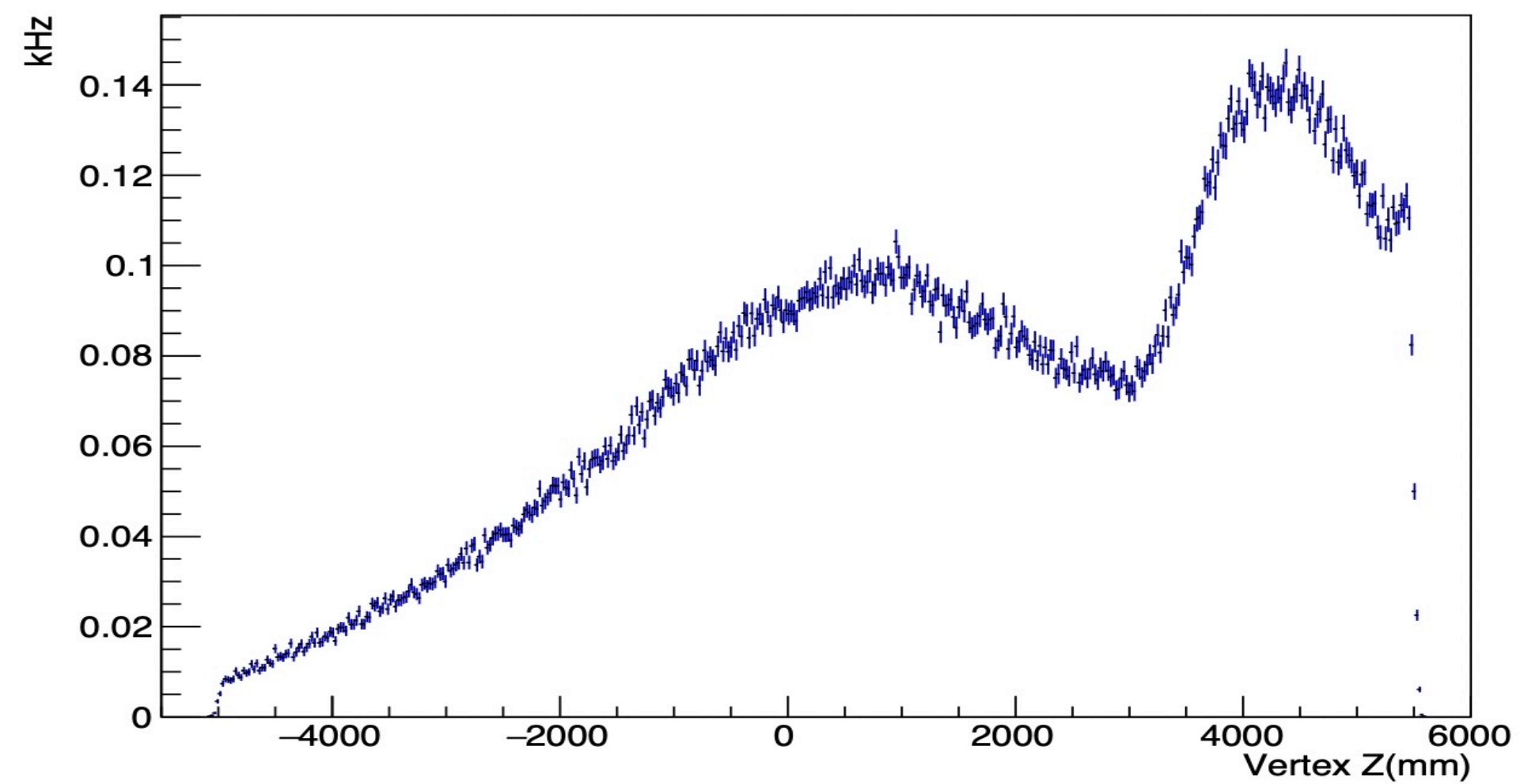
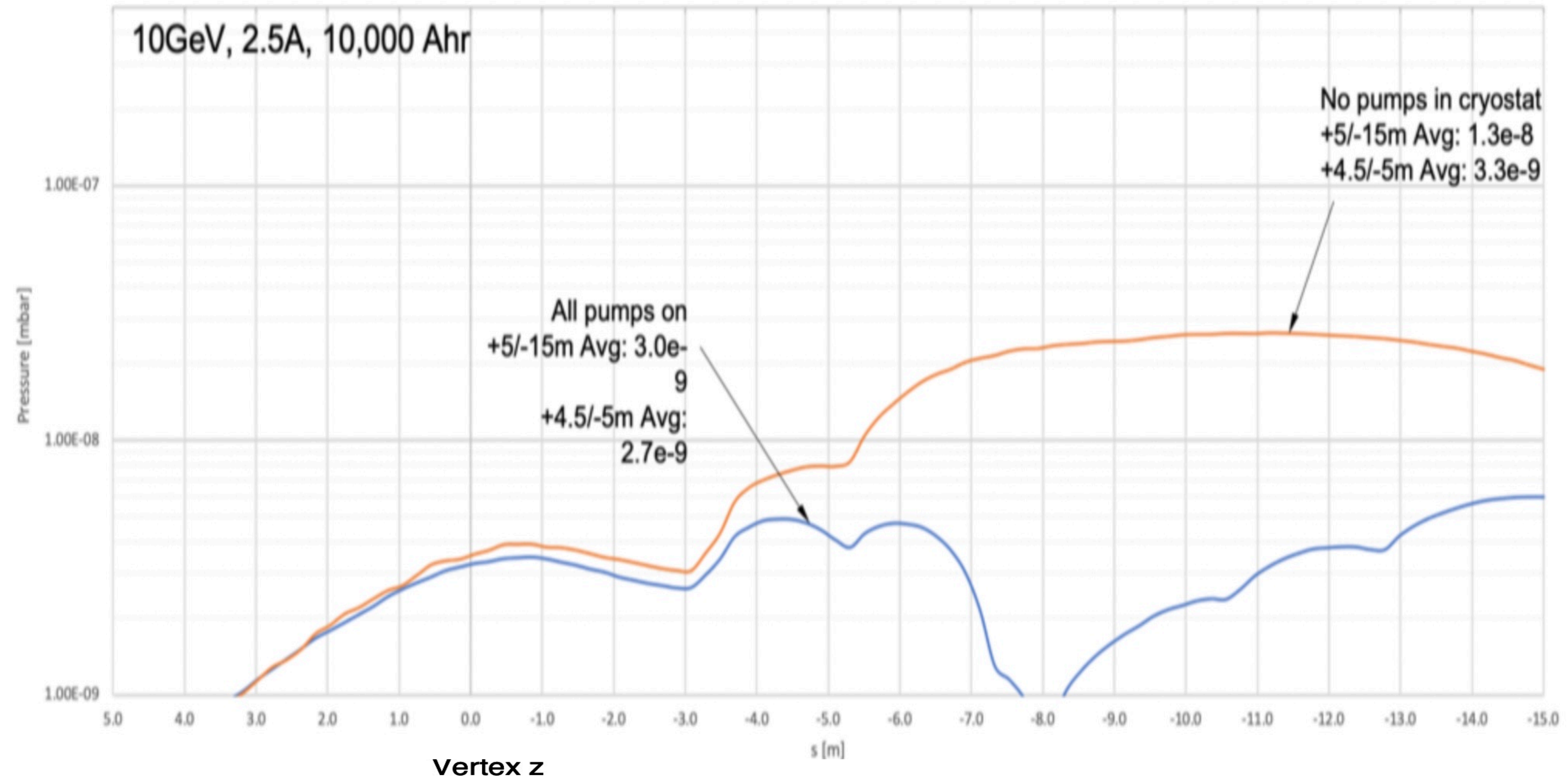
- Several background sources have been identified and studied. Recently, a background task force was formed
- Most background studies have been updated with newest EPIC detector version. Updated studies on other backgrounds are underway
- Largest background source expected to be beam - gas interactions
- Currently working on functionality to combine backgrounds and signal
- Next step will be to study background impact on detector performance and physics, e.g. impact on track reconstruction
- Realistic track reconstruction is underway

Thanks for your attention

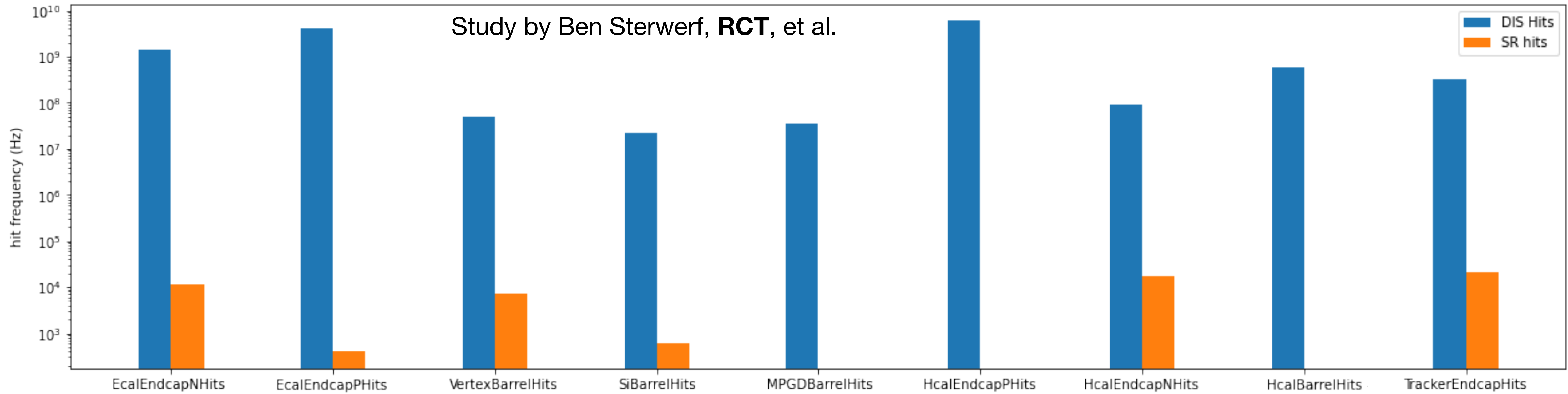


Backup

# Vertex z distribution in hadron beam gas



# Synchrotron radiation results



# Synchrotron event generator code

[https://github.com/reynier0611/SR\\_event\\_generator](https://github.com/reynier0611/SR_event_generator)

1. Download csv file stored [here](#). You can get this file following one of the two methods below:

```
wget -O combined_data.csv 'https://drive.google.com/uc?export=download&id=1XX78_qeuoMK8xhu0B5QgbU
```

or

```
curl -L 'https://drive.google.com/uc?export=download&id=1XX78_qeuoMK8xhu0B5QgbUy7Lv_xPg&confirm
```

2. Create a yaml configuration file (e.g. `config.yaml`) with the following information:

- `input_single_photons` : path to csv file downloaded in step 1.
- `n_events` : number of events to be generated.
- `integration_window` : time window that will define one event.
- `seed` : random seed for reproducibility. Set to 0 to leave the seed unconstrained.

3. Run the generator as:

```
python3 sr_generator.py --configFile config.yaml
```

# Links to previous studies

[Jin Huang - Beam gas, neutron flux, radiation does at EIC](#)

[Elke Aschenauer - EIC Physics and Detector](#)

[Wiki - ePIC Background](#)

[Wiki - ATHENA Background](#)

[Wiki - beam backgrounds](#)