

# ePIC hpDIRC

## TRACKING RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS

Updated version of [Roman's talk](#) at Argonne meeting this January

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### Impact of current tracking estimates on DIRC performance

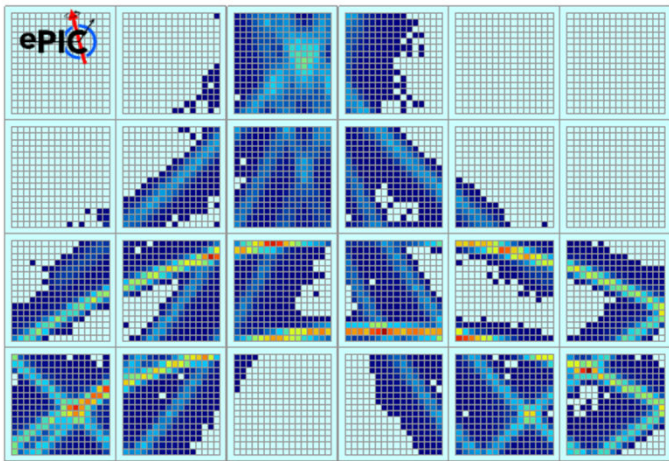
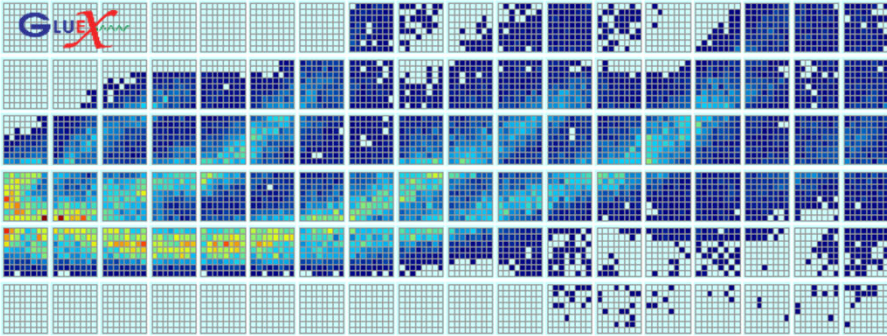


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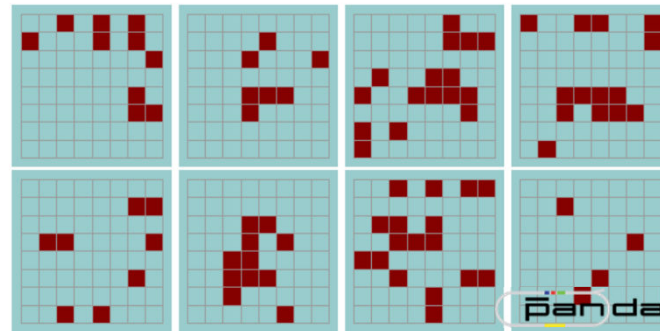


# DIRC RECONSTRUCTION/PID

Accumulated hit pattern, 3.5 GeV/c pions,  
GlueX DIRC beam data



Accumulated hit pattern, 6 GeV/c pions,  
ePIC hpDIRC Geant



Single 3.5 GeV/c pion event,  
PANDA Barrel DIRC prototype beam data

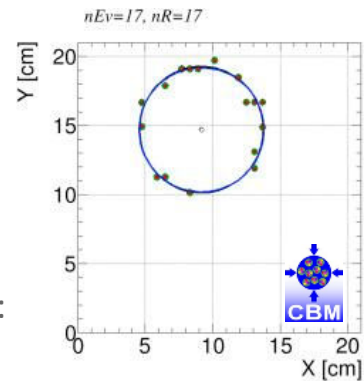
DIRC hit patterns do not look like your typical RICH “rings”

Patterns complicated by internal reflections inside bar/plate,  
mirror, expansion volume, shape of sensor plane

Detector space is often not the best space for DIRC reconstruction,  
no “simple” ring fits

Performing reconstruction and PID in Cherenkov space instead

Reconstruction/PID requires particle momentum vector and location  
at DIRC bar position as input



For comparison:  
Single event in  
CMB RICH (CO<sub>2</sub>) prototype

## Intuitive example: geometric reconstruction

Developed for BABAR DIRC, approximates Cherenkov photon direction

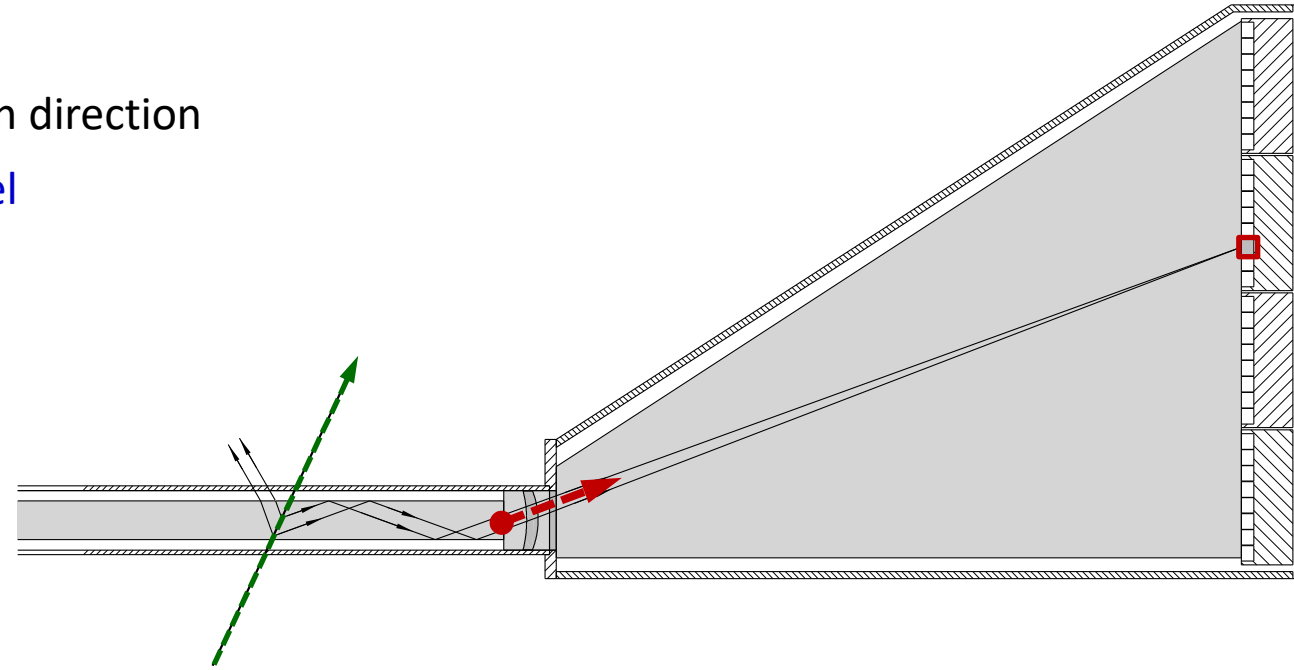
as **3D vector** from **center of end of bar** to **center of pixel**

(including all possible reflections in bar/prism)

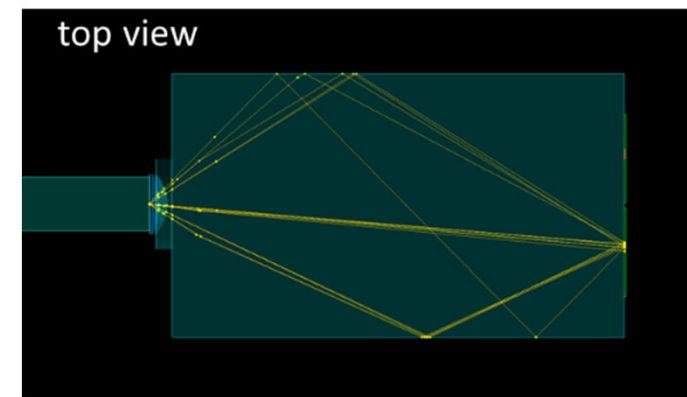
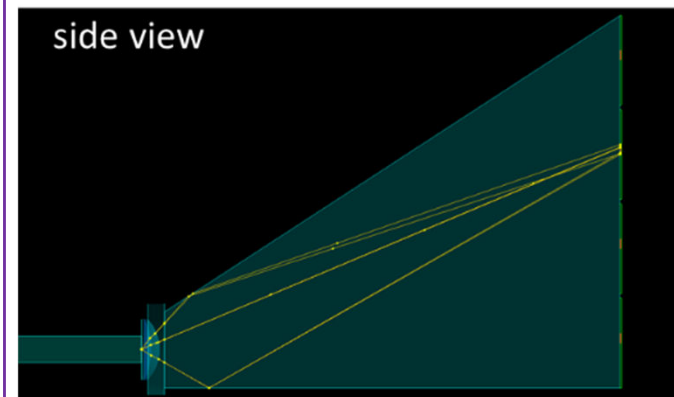
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Fast method, one LUT for all particle tracks



Geant4 photon paths for example pixel



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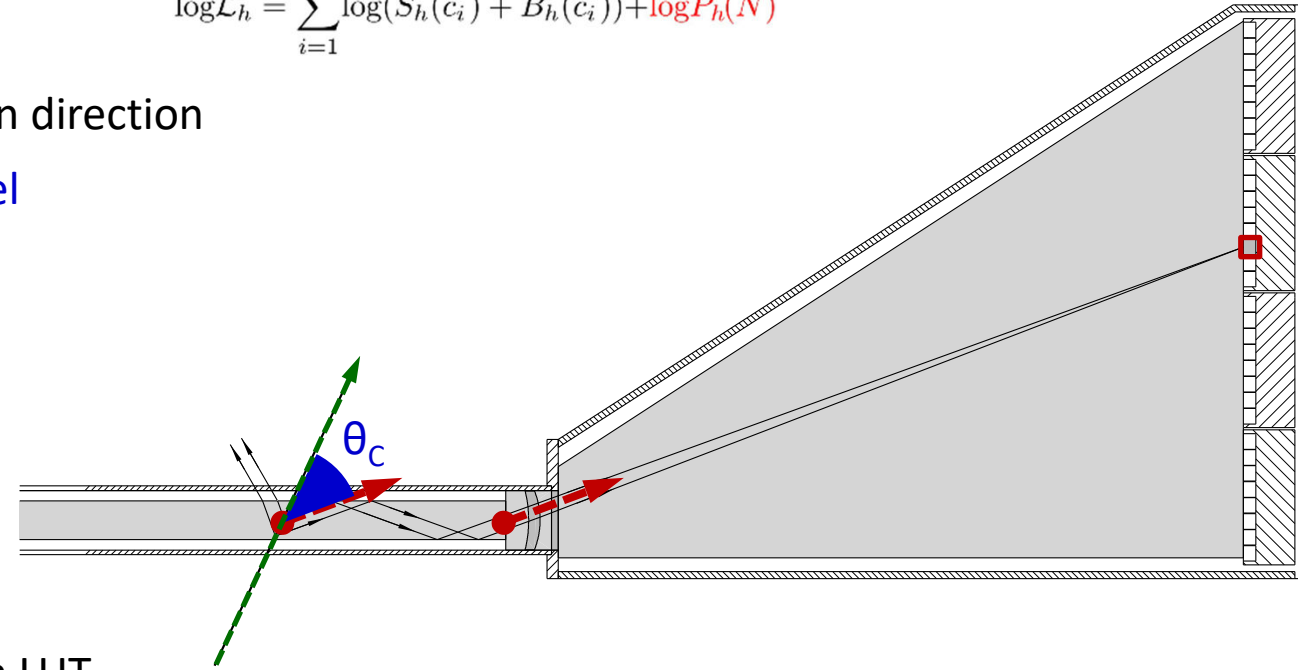
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Pixel with hit → retrieve 3D direction vector collection from LUT

Combine each **direction vector** with **particle direction vector** from tracker → obtain **Cherenkov angle per photon** ( $\theta_c, \varphi_c$ )

Consider all possible reflections in bar (up/down, left/right, forward/backward) and in prism as ambiguities

**Time-based reconstruction requires same info**, additionally needs **track position** ( $x_{\text{bar}}, z_{\text{bar}}$ ) at DIRC with few mm precision

Method has better performance, separation power results shown today were obtained with this method

# CHERENKOV ANGLE RESOLUTION

Most challenging ePIC hpDIRC PID goals:

- $\pi/K$  separation up to at least 6 GeV/c  $\rightarrow \Delta\theta_c \approx 2.9$  mrad
  - 3 s.d. requires  $\sigma_{\theta_c}(particle) \leq 1$  mrad @ 6 GeV/c
- $e/\pi$  separation up to 1–1.2 GeV/c  $\rightarrow \Delta\theta_c \approx 6 - 9$  mrad
  - 3 s.d. requires  $\sigma_{\theta_c}(particle) \leq 3$  mrad @ 1 GeV/c (2 mrad @ 1.2 GeV/c)

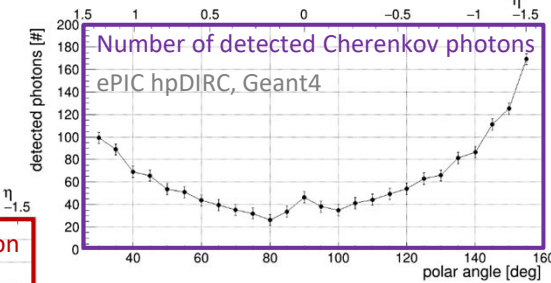
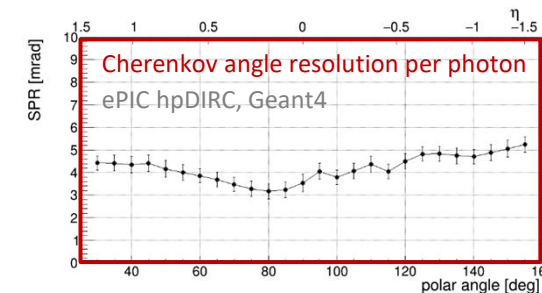
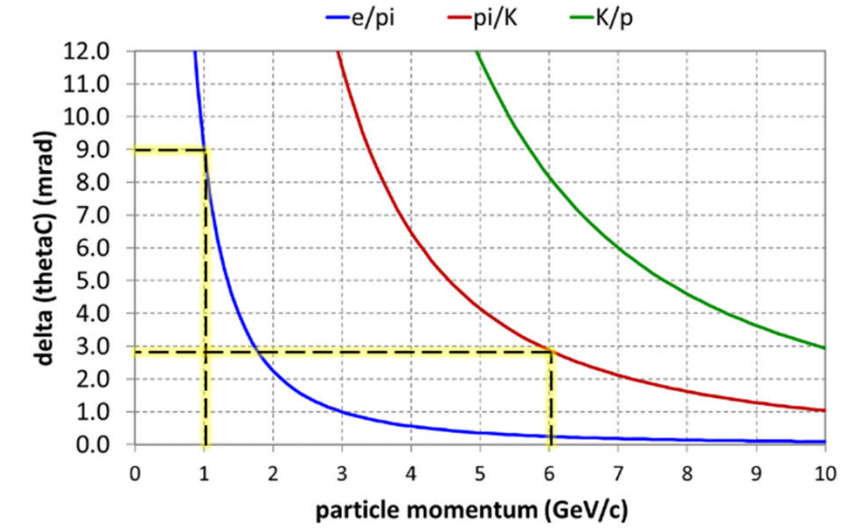
Cherenkov angle resolution per particle can be written as

$$\sigma_{\theta_c}(particle) \approx \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_{\theta_c}(photon)}{\sqrt{N_\gamma}}\right)^2 + \sigma_{correlated}^2} \quad \sigma_{correlated} = \sqrt{\sigma_{tracking}^2 + \sigma_{m.s.}^2 + \dots}$$

**Correlated term:** quadr. sum of angular resolution from tracking system and multiple scattering inside DIRC bar (plus alignment, etc)

For ePIC hpDIRC:  $\sigma_{\theta_c}(photon) = 3 - 5$  mrad,  $N_\gamma = 30 - 170$

Cherenkov angle difference in fused silica





# CHERENKOV ANGLE RESOLUTION

What does this mean for the correlated term  
and for the tracking angular precision requirement?

Yellow report hpDIRC requirement:

$$\sigma_{\text{tracking}} \leq 0.5 \text{ mrad at } 6 \text{ GeV/c}$$

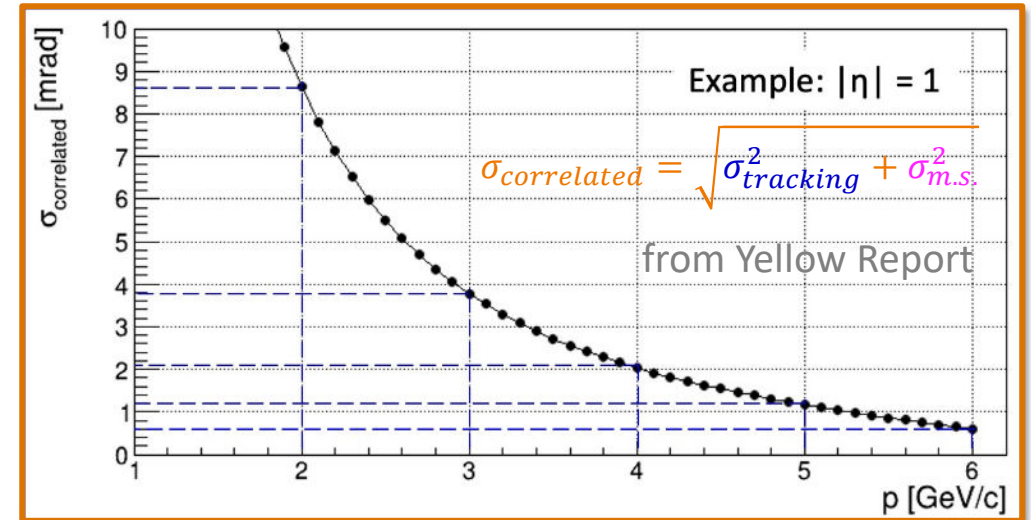
(Note that this resolution is for polar angle and azimuthal angle)

Tracking requirement less strict for lower momenta

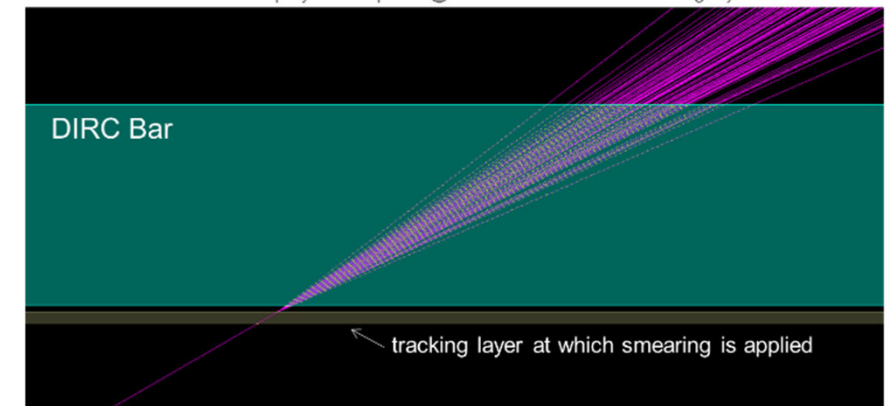
Tracking angular precision implemented as Gaussian smearing  
of polar and azimuth angles of particle momentum at a  
special *ad hoc* “tracking layer” in standalone hpDIRC simulation

Multiple scattering inside DIRC bar depends on polar angle,  
momentum, particle type, included in standalone  
hpDIRC Geant4 simulation

Example: maximum allowed contribution from **correlated term**  
while keeping hpDIRC  $\pi/K$  separation power at 3 s.d.



For illustration. Event display of 100 pions @ 6 GeV/c smeared at tracking layer with 50 mrad



# EXPECTED HPDIRC PERFORMANCE

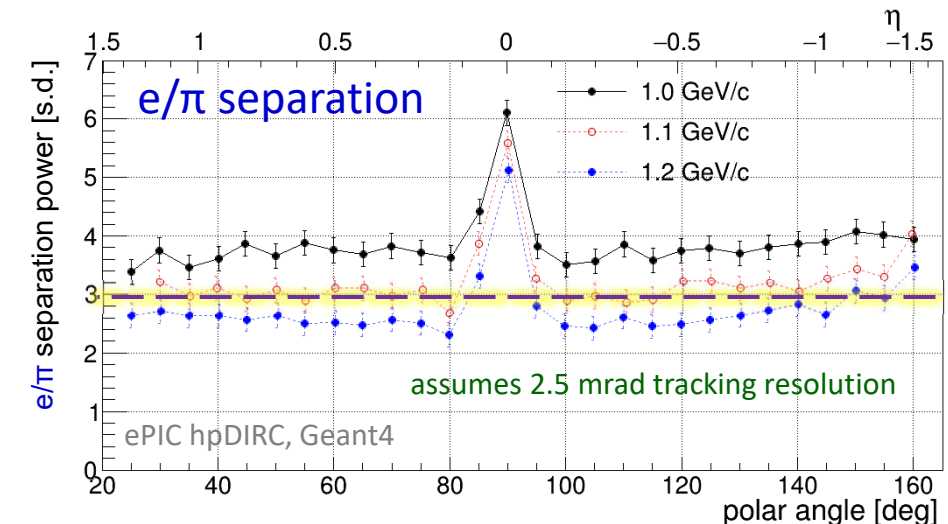
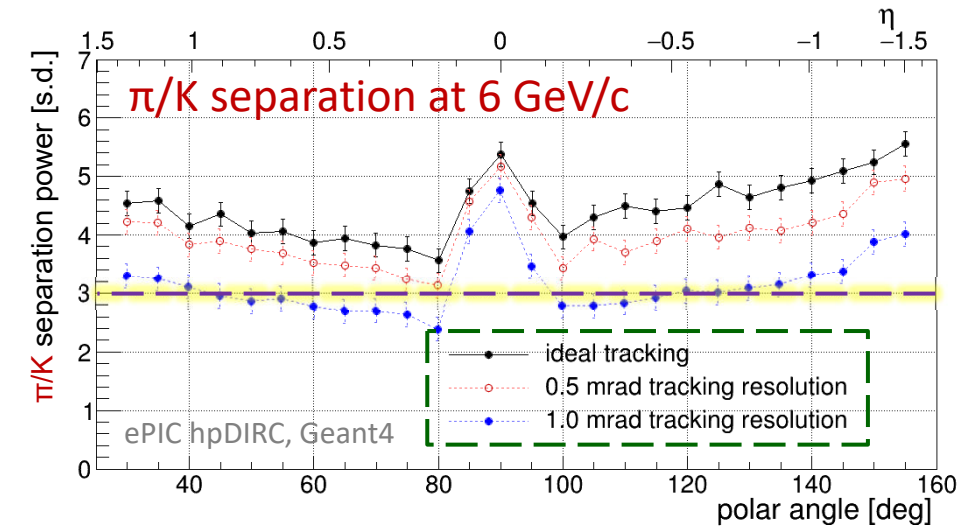
During YR/DPAP times, tracking experts suggested expected tracking angular precision values of 0.5 mrad at 6 GeV/c and 2.5 mrad at 1.2 GeV/c

Implemented these resolutions in hpDIRC standalone simulation

$\pi/K$  separation at 6 GeV/c reaches 3 s.d. goal for 0.5 mrad tracking resolution

$e/\pi$  separation with 3 s.d. in reach at 1.1 GeV/c for 2.5 mrad tracking resolution

(Caveat: non-Gaussian tails from multiple scattering, 3 s.d. value for core of log-likelihood difference distribution)



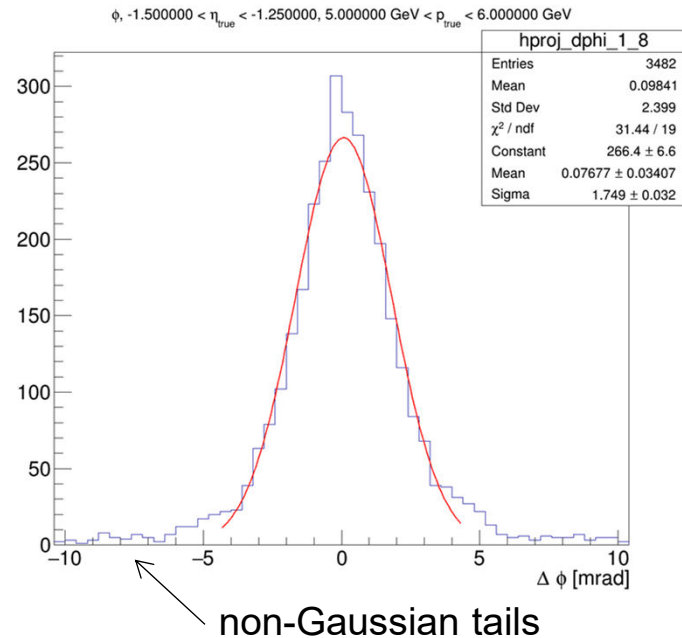
Caveat for all shown results: standalone Geant4, particle gun, no magnetic field, track hits center of bar, no backgrounds, 100 ps photon timing

Nov 2023: Matt Posik shows study of realistic tracking resolution at hpDIRC barrel in tracking/PID meeting

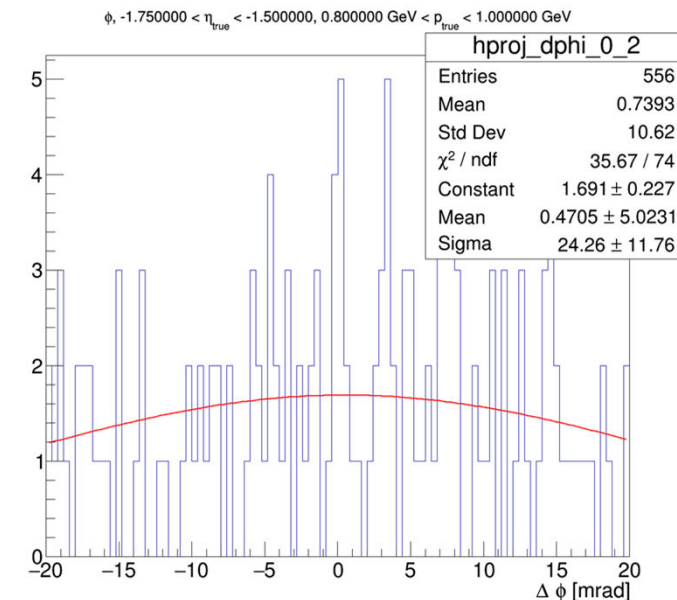
Matt shared root files with us

Examples of two bins (total of 13 bins in momentum [0.3, 10] and 14 bins in eta [-1.75, 1.75])

typical bin:



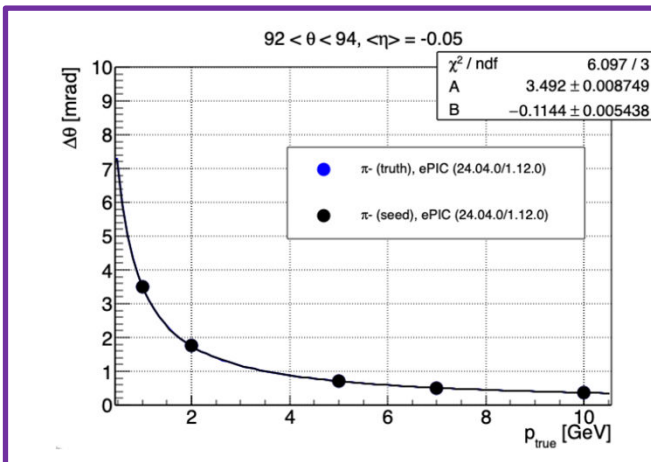
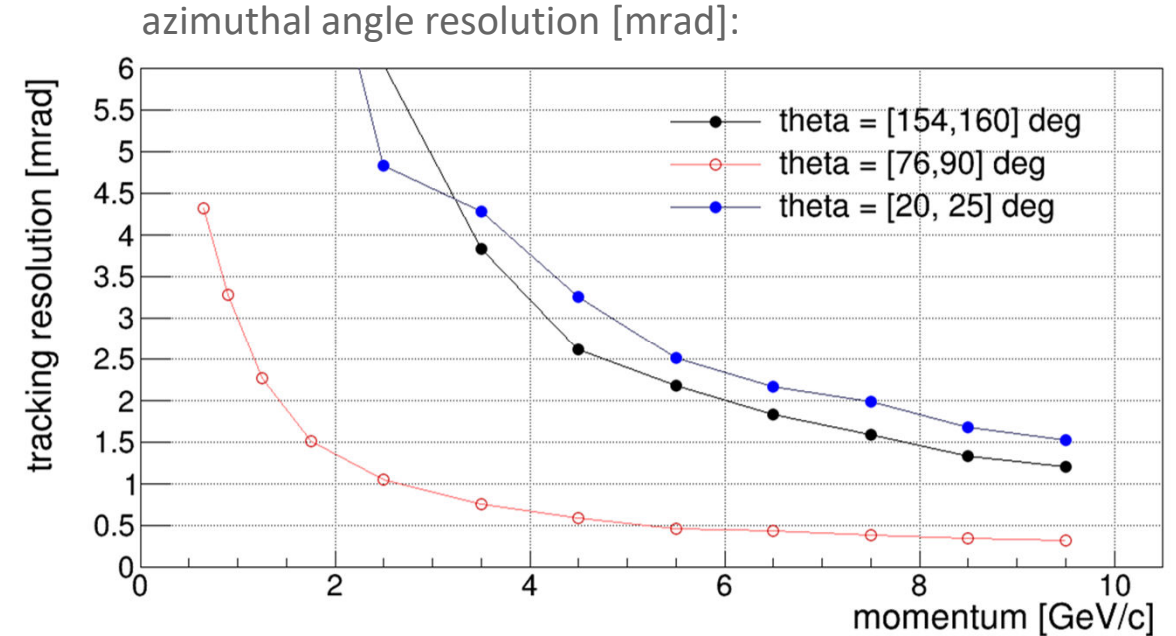
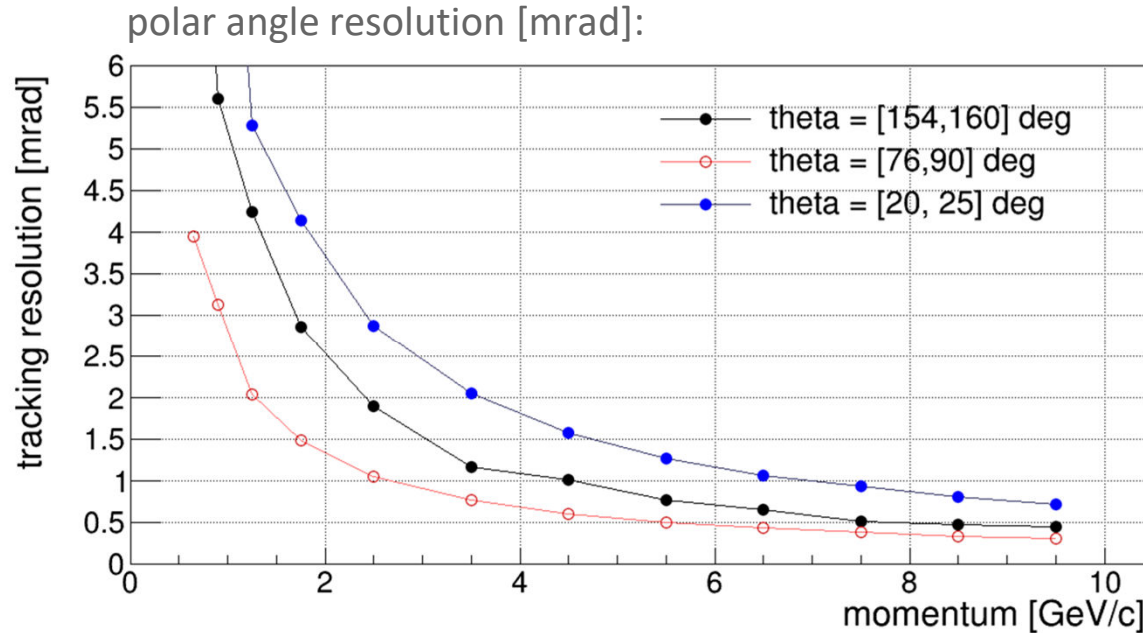
bin with low stat (@ low momentum):



*Note that use of Gaussian sigma ignores tails in residual distributions*



Resolution (sigma of the Gaussian fit) as a function of momentum

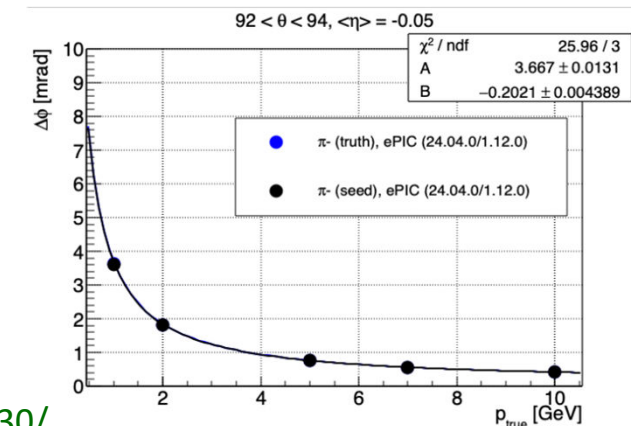


For comparison:

Matt's updated results  
from May 30, 2024  
( $\sigma \approx 0.6$  mrad for  $\eta \approx 0$ )

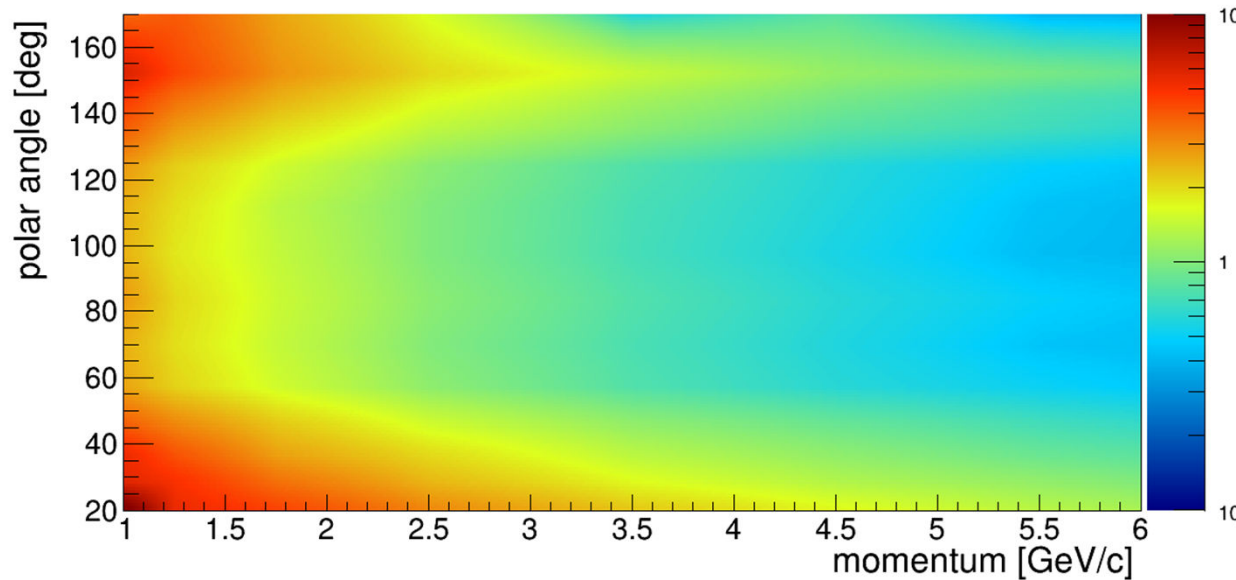
→ consistent to 1<sup>st</sup> order

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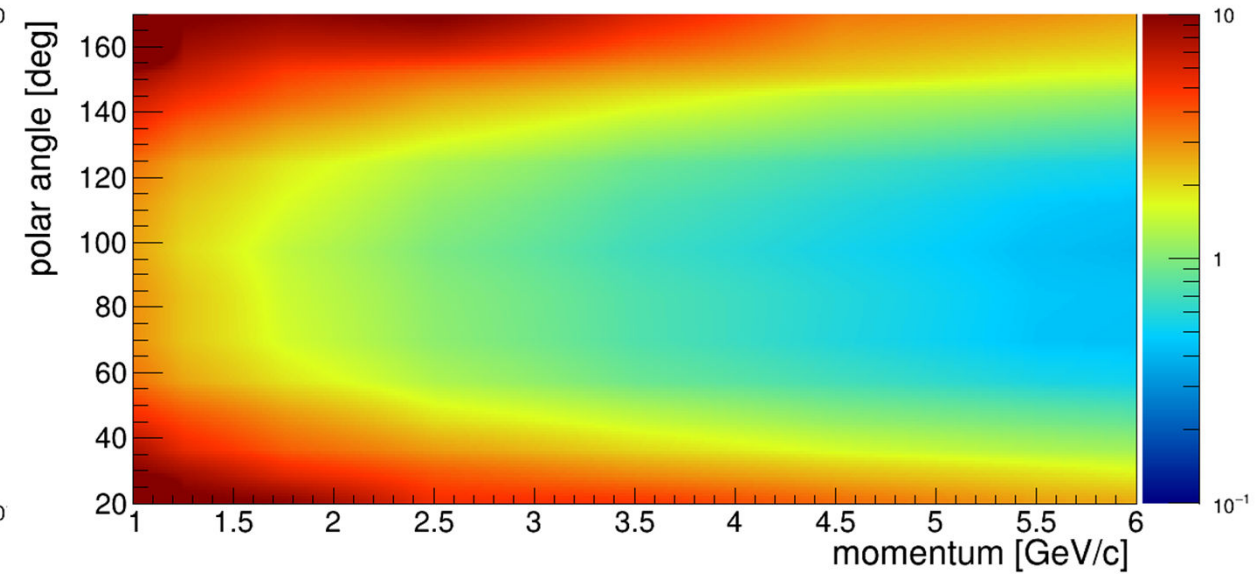


Implemented Matt's Nov 2023 resolution values in hpDIRC stand-alone simulation test  
as 2D resolution maps after interpolating between bins

polar angle resolution [mrad]:



azimuthal angle resolution [mrad]:

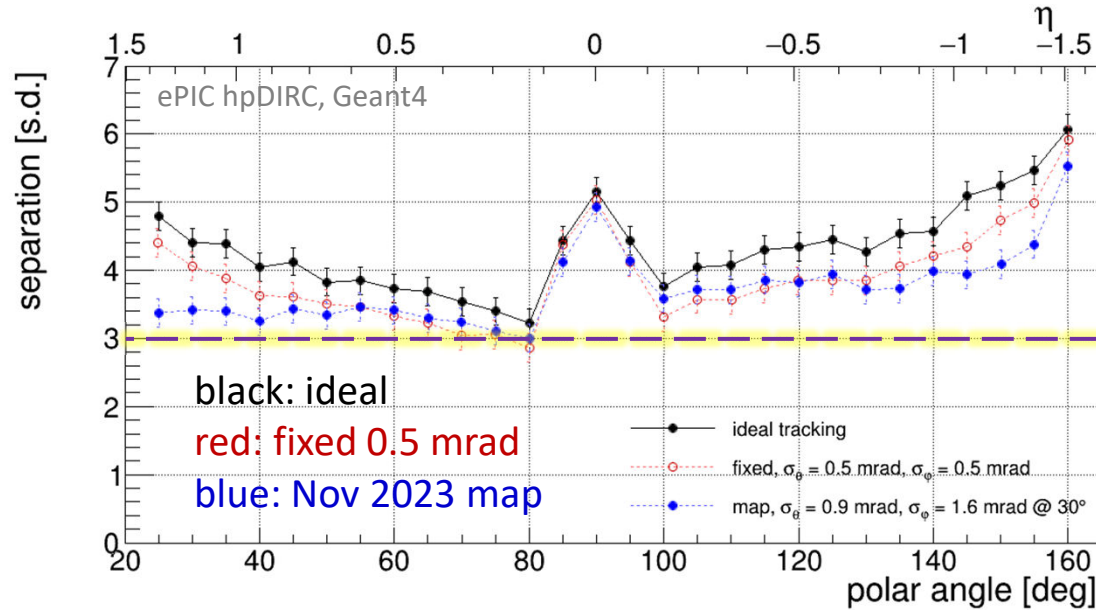


*Note that flat 0.5 mrad tracking angular resolution for polar and azimuthal angle is used in PID look-up tables (decision in 2/8/24 PID meeting)*

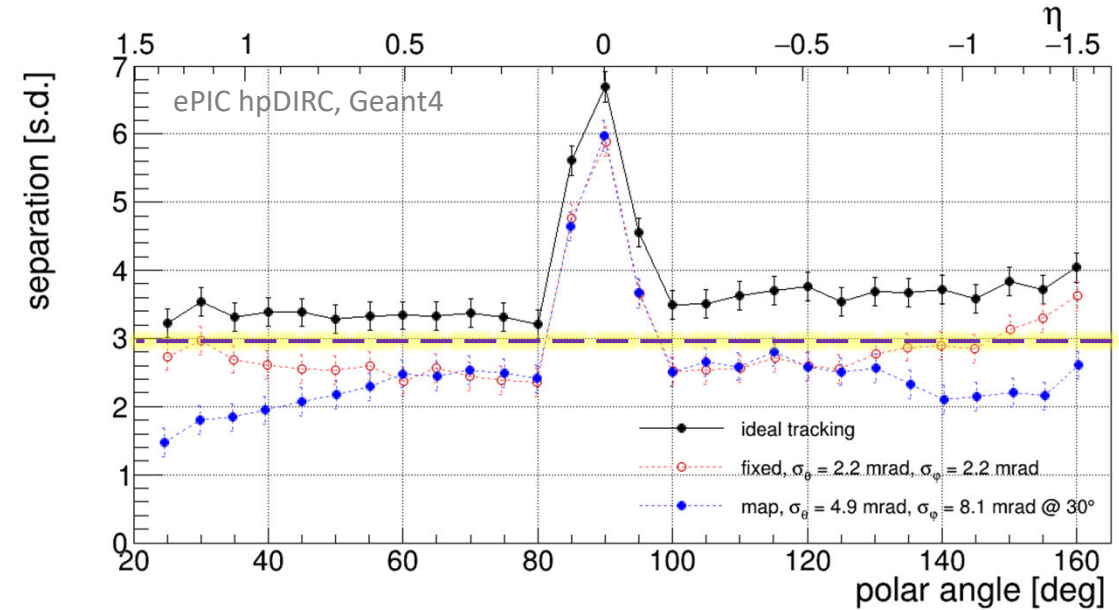
*Mechanism ready for producing another hpDIRC PID LUT as soon as reliable, realistic tracking resolution maps are available*

## Comparison of results for fixed tracking resolution to Nov. 2023 map resolutions

$\pi/K$  separation at 6 GeV/c



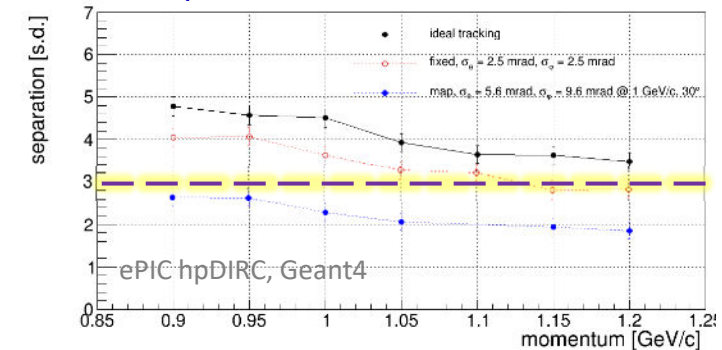
$e/\pi$  separation at 1.2 GeV/c



## Significant performance loss when using Nov 2023 resolution map

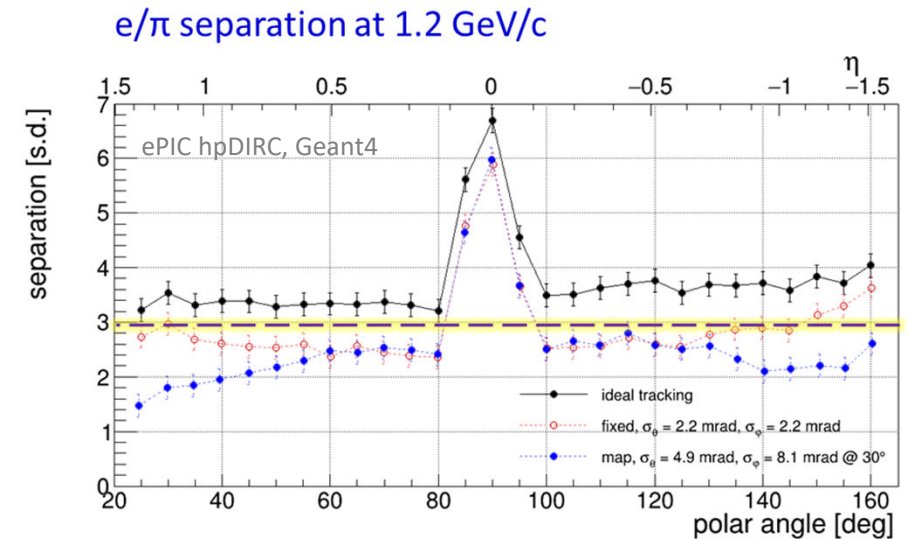
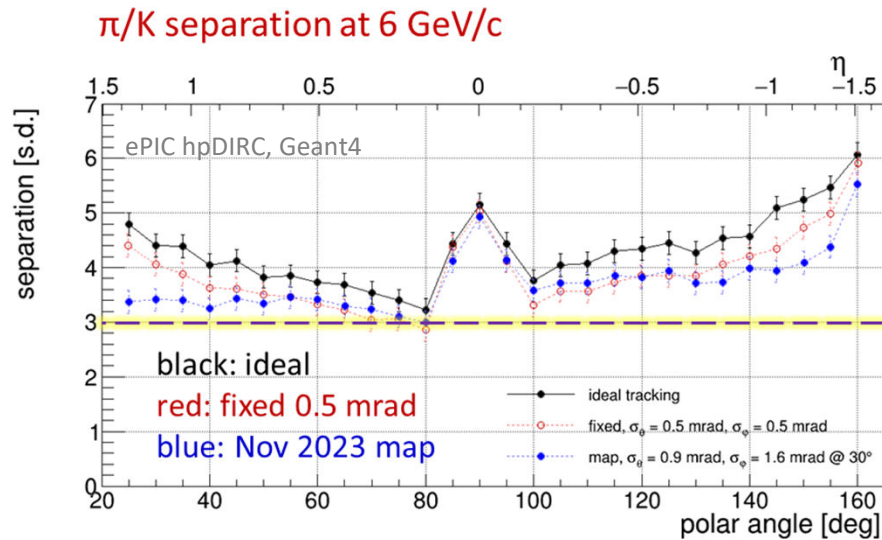
- $\pi/K$  separation drops by up to 1 s.d., still reaching 3 s.d.
- $e/\pi$  separation drops below 2 s.d. for  $|\eta| > 1$

$e/\pi$  separation at  $30^\circ$  vs momentum





- hpDIRC reconstruction/PID requires momentum and position of particle at the DIRC bar as input
- Angular resolution has a direct impact on hpDIRC PID; Yellow Repost requirement: 0.5 mrad at 6 GeV/c
- PID LUT for hpDIRC use 0.5 mrad as tracking angular precision, prepared to update with new values/maps when needed
- Latest tracking angular resolution (May 2024) is worse than expected (up to  $\times 2$ -2.5 in polar angle,  $\times 3$ -5 in azimuthal angle)
- 3 s.d. hpDIRC PID goal for  $\pi/K$  @ 6 GeV/c is barely reached with latest tracking and not reached for  $e/\pi$  @ 1.2 GeV/c



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION