

Background Study Update

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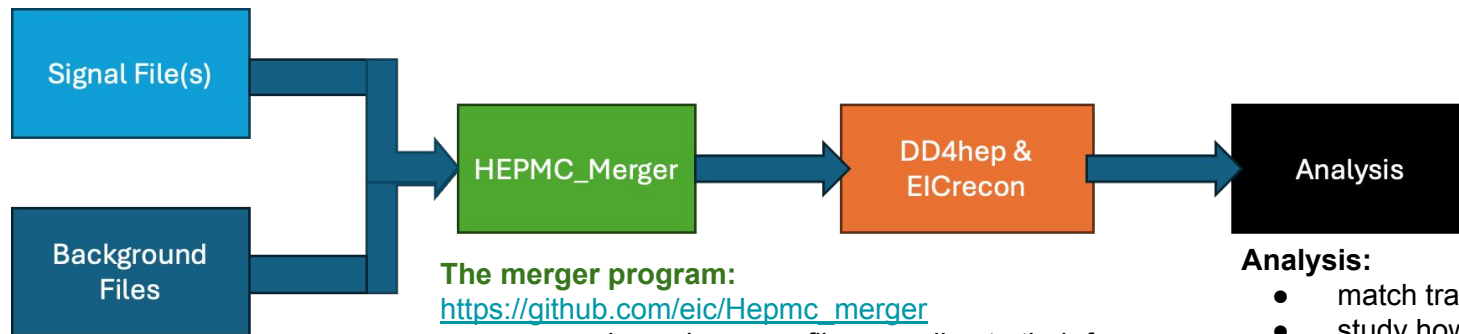
ePIC tracking++ meeting

Note: the background event sample used in this study significantly underestimated the synchrotron radiation rates. See <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/26993/>

Please don't quote the efficiency and purity from this particular presentation.

DIS+Background Sample

- New Hepmc merger and background samples described [here](#), See also [discussion](#) at the ePIC TIC meeting
- Reconstructed events from merged sample will be available in next simulation campaign



The merger program:

https://github.com/eic/Hepmc_merger

- sample each source file according to their frequency within a fixed-length (2us) time window
- label each source particle with custom generator code

Analysis:

- match track to particles
- study how well we can reconstruct signal particles

Event = one collision **merged** → Event = one 2us time slice

DIS+Background Sample

Two scenarios:

1. In the presence of DIS events, check the impact of background. (1k merged events/ time slices)

Signal events file and frequency:

- pythia8NCDIS_18x275_minQ2=1_beamEffects_xAngle=-0.025_hiDiv_1.hepmc (one event per time slice)

SR +

electron beam gas
(Bremsstrahlung,
Coulomb, Touschek) +

proton beam gas

Background files and their respective frequencies:

- dataprod_rel_1.0.0_synrad_18x275_run001.hepmc3.tree.root 14000.000000 kHz

Shifting all particle status codes from this source by 2000

- GETaLM1.0-1.1_ElectronBeamGas_18GeV_emin10keV_run001.hepmc3.tree.root 316.940000 kHz

Shifting all particle status codes from this source by 3000

- dataprod_rel_1.0.0_electron_coulomb_18x275_10000Ahr.hepmc3.tree.root 1.300000 kHz

Shifting all particle status codes from this source by 4000

- dataprod_rel_1.0.0_electron_touschek_18x275_10000Ahr.hepmc3.tree.root 0.720000 kHz

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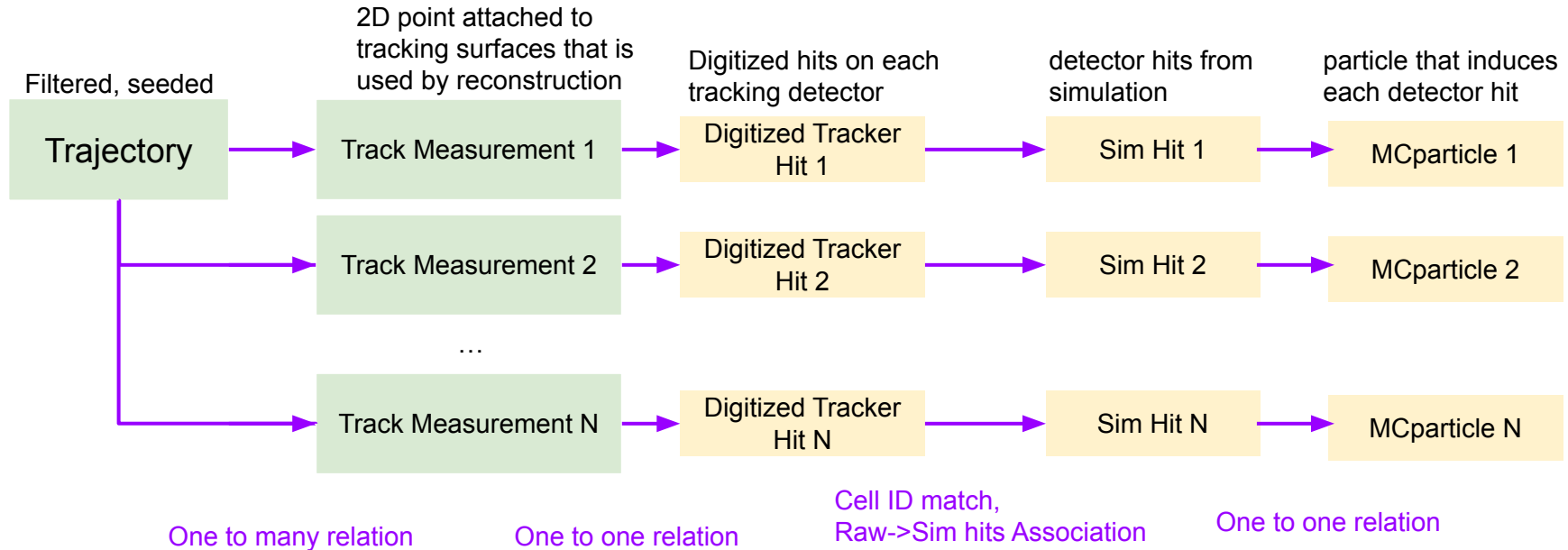
- pythia8.306-1.0_ProtonBeamGas_275GeV_run001.hepmc3.tree.root 22.500000 kHz

Shifting all particle status codes from this source by 6000

2. Minbias SIDIS + background (not in the presentation)

Background Study Workflow

- Match trajectory to simulated particles



Efficiency: fraction of primary particles that are associated with tracks.

Purity: for a given track, fraction of hits from one particle.

Background Study Workflow

- **Identify track measurements**

By definition, the measurement and outlier flags (bitset) are not mutually exclusive. Was assumed to be until recent ACTS upgrade in EICrecon

```
/// @enum TrackStateFlag
///
/// This enum describes the type of TrackState
enum TrackStateFlag {
    MeasurementFlag = 0,
    ParameterFlag = 1,
    OutlierFlag = 2,
    HoleFlag = 3,
    MaterialFlag = 4,
    SharedHitFlag = 5,
    NoExpectedHitFlag = 6,
    NumTrackStateFlags = 7
};

void set(std::size_t pos, bool value = true) {
    std::bitset<kRawBits> bs{*m_raw};
    bs.set(pos, value);
    *m_raw = bs.to_ullong();
}
```

Change in ACTS 36.1

```
auto typeFlags = trackState.typeFlags();
typeFlags.set(TrackStateFlag::ParameterFlag);
typeFlags.set(TrackStateFlag::MeasurementFlag);
if (trackState.referenceSurface().surfaceMaterial() != nullptr) {
    typeFlags.set(TrackStateFlag::MaterialFlag);
}
if (isOutlier) {
    // propagate information that this is an outlier state
    ACTS_VERBOSE(
        "Creating outlier track state with tip = " << trackState.index());
    typeFlags.set(TrackStateFlag::OutlierFlag);
}
```

- Previously:
 - MeasurementFlag: points used in tracking
 - OutlierFlags: points on surface but not used in tracking
- Now:
 - MeasurementFlag: all candidate points on tracking surface
 - OutlierFlags: points on surface but not used in tracking

Solution:

- [Workaround in EICrecon](#)
- [Discussion with ACTS developers](#)

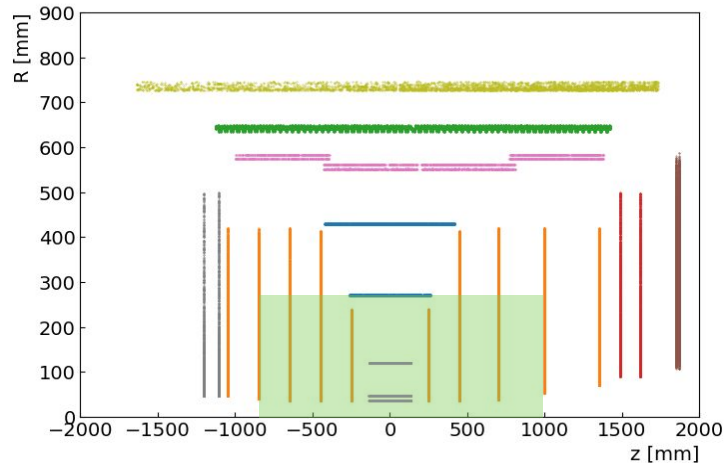
DIS sample inspection

1k events from pythia8NCDIS_18x275_minQ2=1_beamEffects_xAngle=-0.025_hiDiv_1.hepmc

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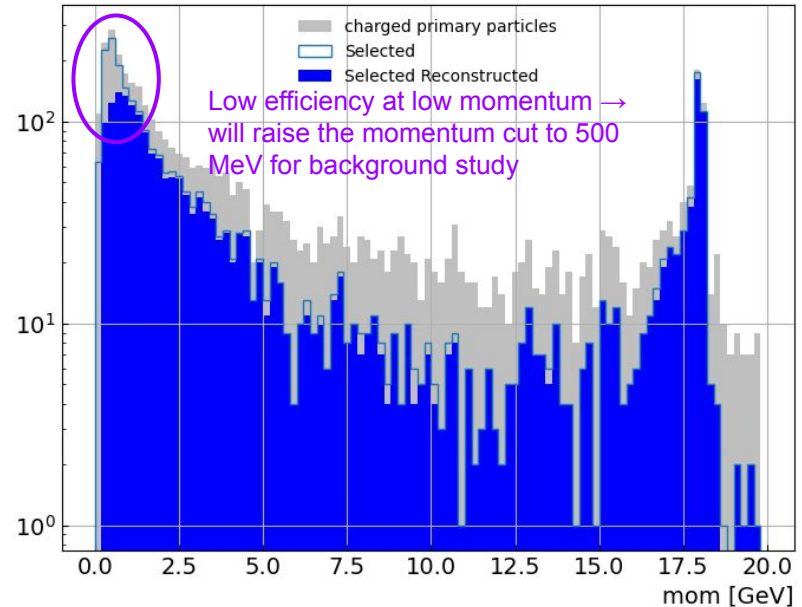
- Primary (un)decayed particle:
 - generatorStatus==xxx1 or xxx2
 - charged
- Particle endpoint **outside** of a barrel with
 - $-850 < z < 1000\text{mm}$
 - $r < 270\text{mm}$

So that it has high chance to go through 4 layers



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- Define cuts where the DIS only events can be reasonably reconstructed



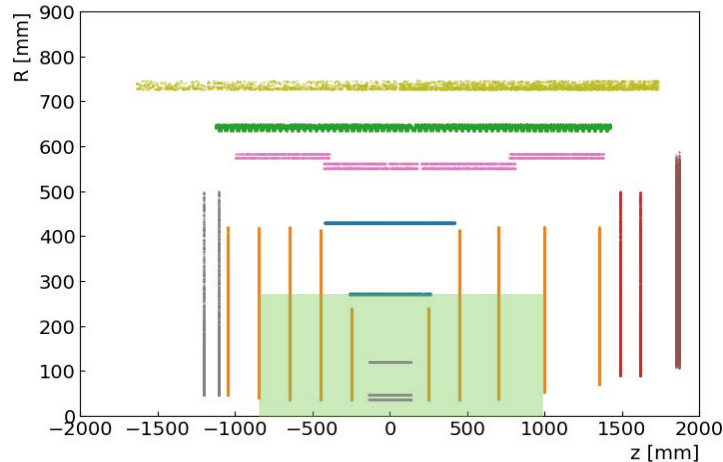
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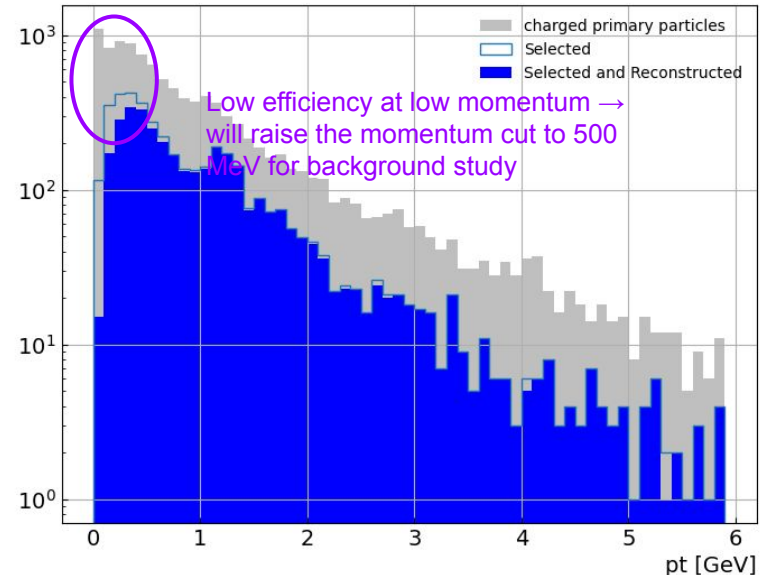
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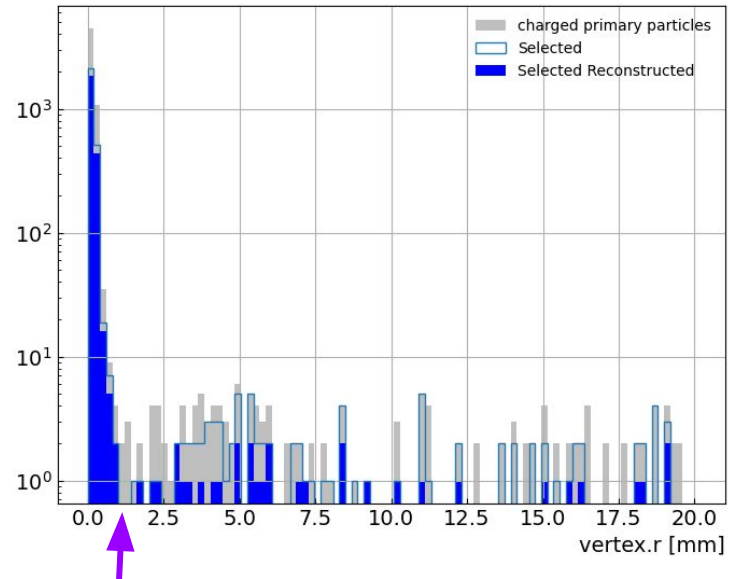
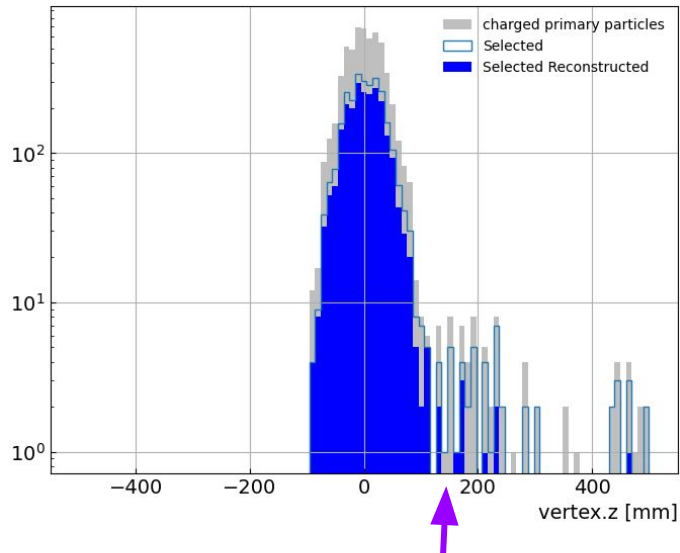
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+ momentum $> 0.5\text{GeV}$

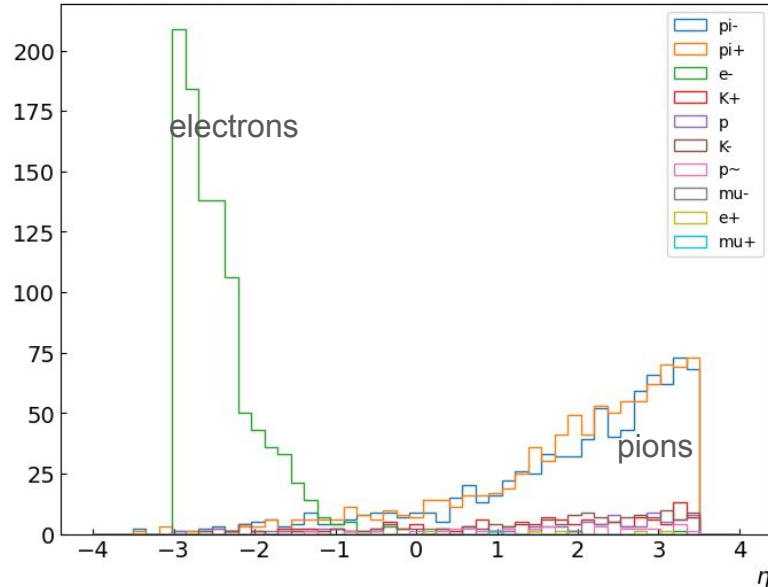
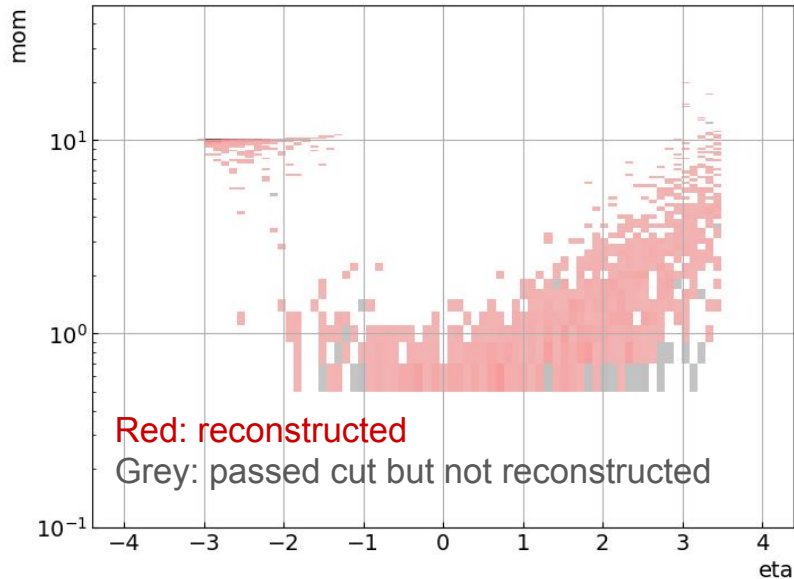
+ **New vertex cut: $r < 1\text{mm}$, $\text{abs}(z) < 100\text{mm}$**



DIS sample inspection

- **Basic particle selection:**
 - Primary (un)decayed particle:
 - generatorStatus==xxx1 or xxx2
 - Charged
 - Momentum > 0.5 GeV
 - Vertex.r<1mm, abs(Vertex.z)<100mm
 - Particle endpoint **outside** of a barrel with
 - -850<z<1000mm (4th endcap disk)
 - r<270mm (L3 barrel)

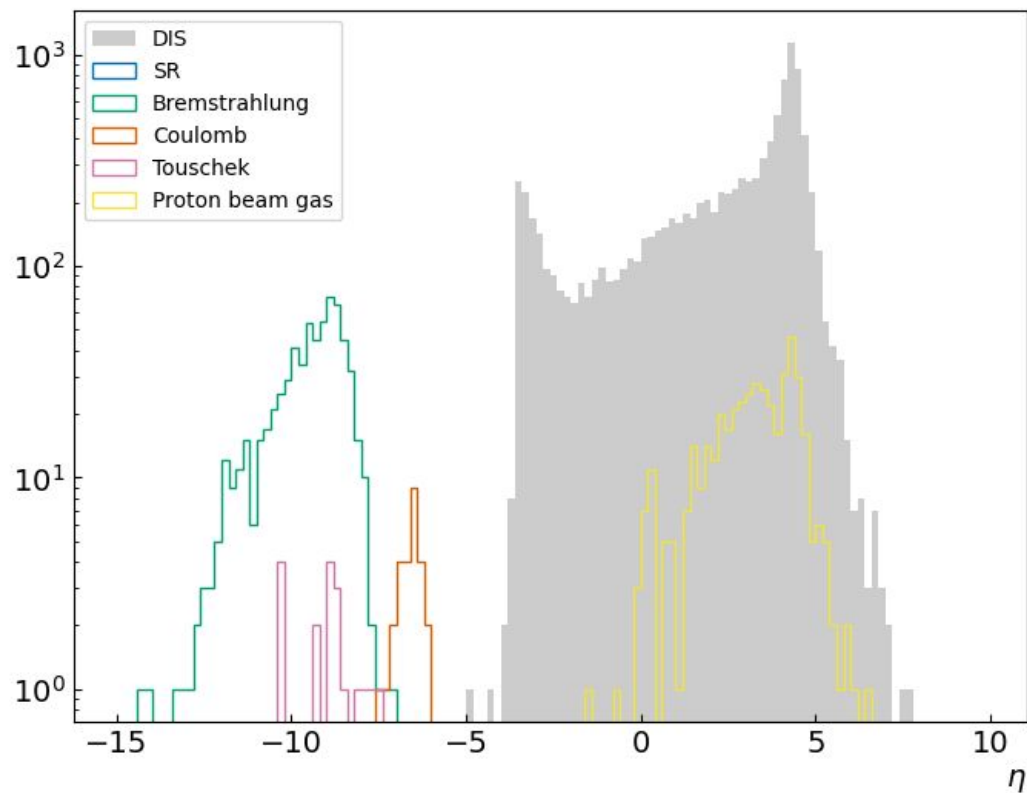
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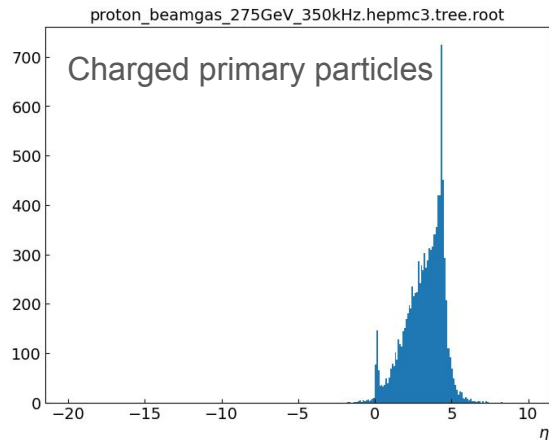
Background samples Inspection:

Fake tracks, noise hits

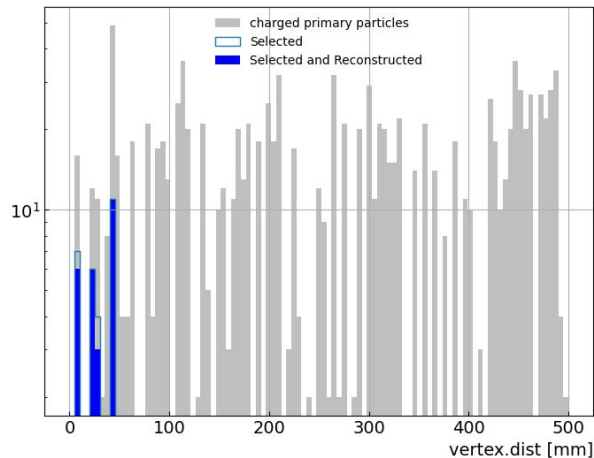
All charged primary particles from 18x275 DIS (forced) + background, no cuts



Proton beam gas

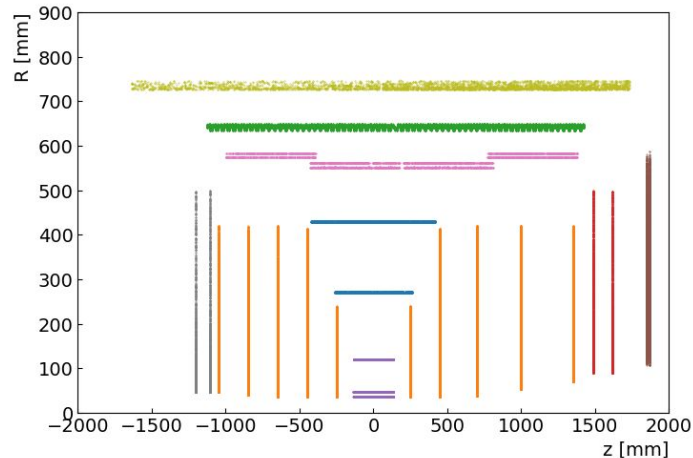


Most particles won't pass vertex cuts



of digitized hits from 1k DIS (forced) + proton beam gas merged sample:

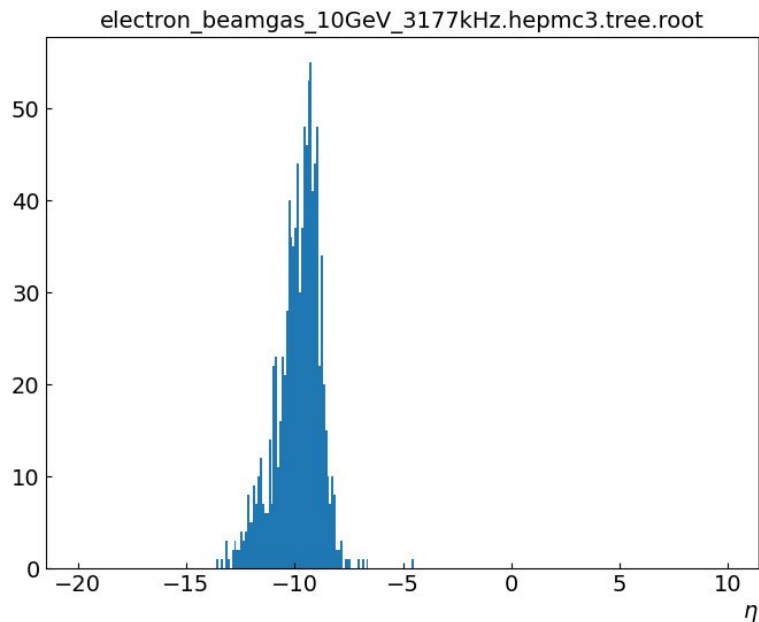
	DIS	Proton beam gas
SiBarrelTrackerRecHits	2203	1542
SiEndcapTrackerRecHits	26761	18733
TOFBarrelRecHits	7451	5216
ForwardMPGDEndcapRecHits	3656	2559
SiBarrelVertexRecHits	5893	4125
TOFEndcapRecHits	5905	4134
MPGDBarrelRecHits	2027	1419
BackwardMPGDEndcapRecHits	797	558
OuterMPGDBarrelRecHits	2175	1523



Proton beam gas will introduce many “noise” hits but not tracks to tracker

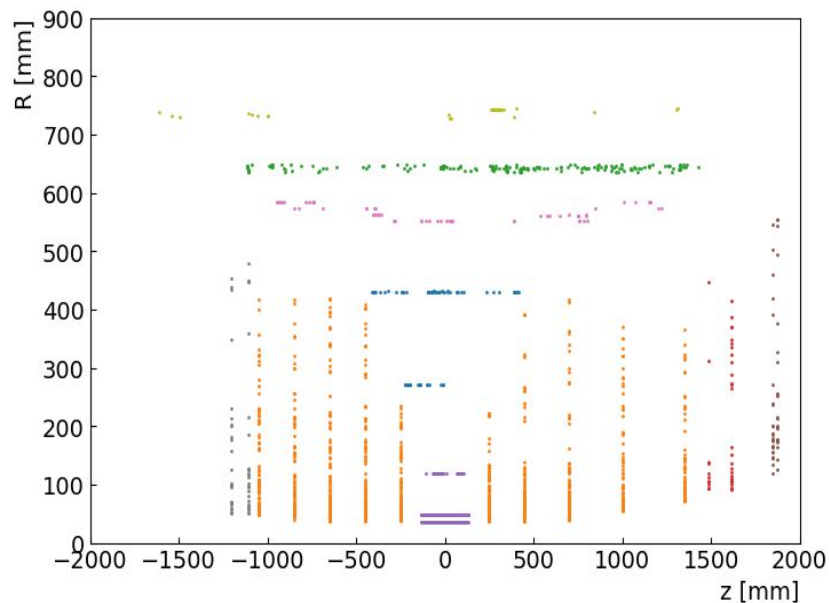
Electron beam gas

- All primary particles out of eta range.
- Induced a small amount of detector hits



of digitized hits:

```
SiBarrelTrackerRecHits 79
SiEndcapTrackerRecHits 972
TOFBarrelRecHits 176
ForwardMPGDEndcapRecHits 38
SiBarrelVertexRecHits 507
TOFEndcapRecHits 48
MPGDBarrelRecHits 60
BackwardMPGDEndcapRecHits 54
OuterMPGDBarrelRecHits 35
```



SR

in 1k SR-only merged sample:

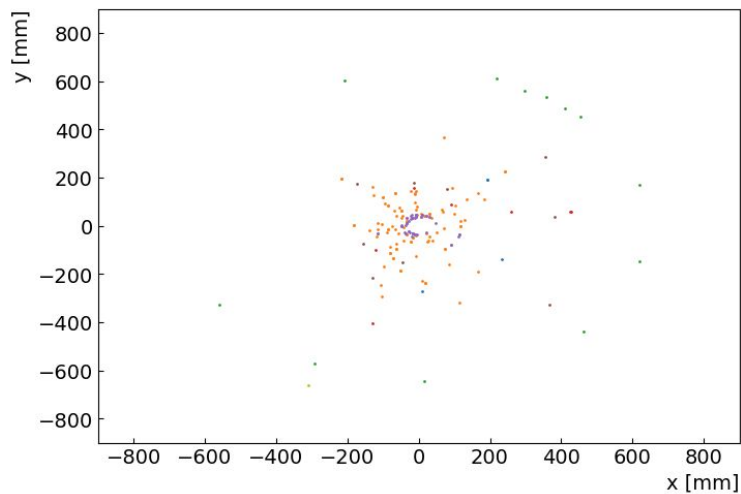
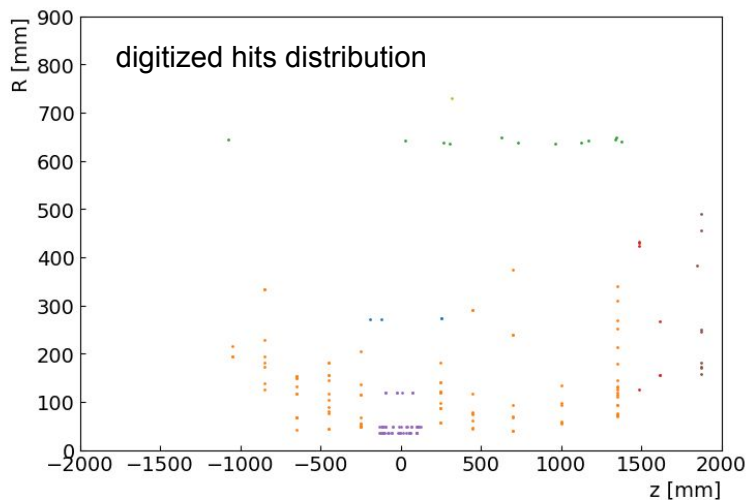
of primary particles

gamma	28024
pi0	5
pi+	4
pi-	3

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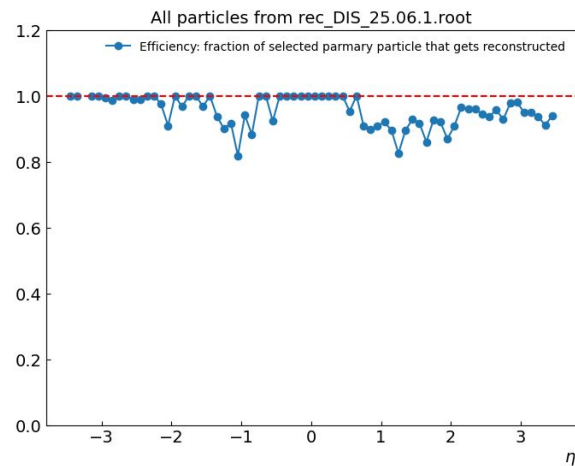
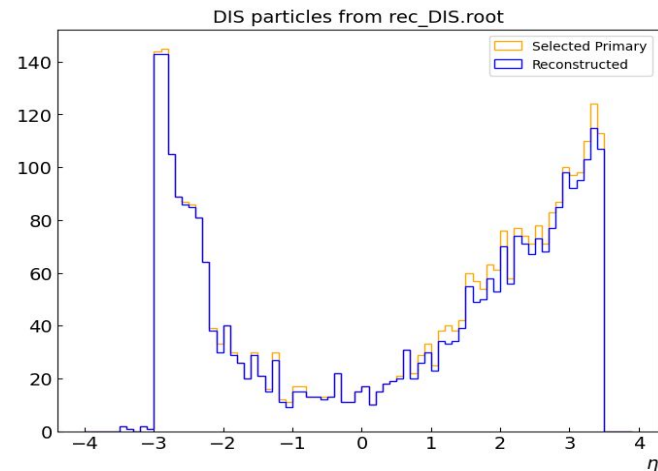
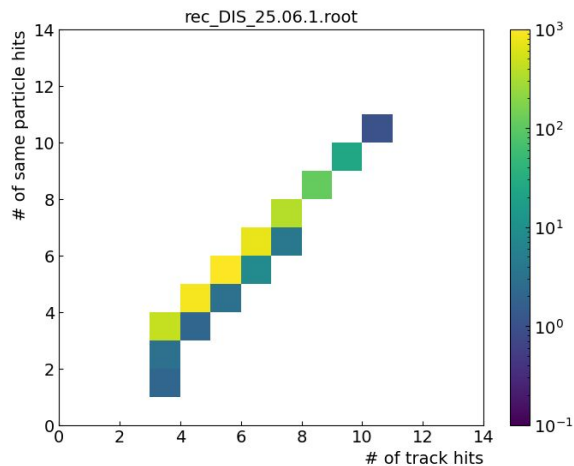
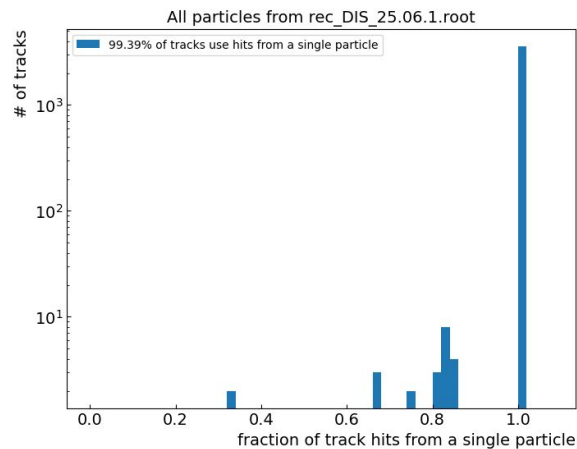
SiBarrelTrackerRecHits	4
SiEndcapTrackerRecHits	99
TOFBarrelRecHits	12
ForwardMPGDEndcapRecHits	7
SiBarrelVertexRecHits	55
TOFEndcapRecHits	9
MPGDBarrelRecHits	0
BackwardMPGDEndcapRecHits	0
OuterMPGDBarrelRecHits	1

of reconstructed track: 0.



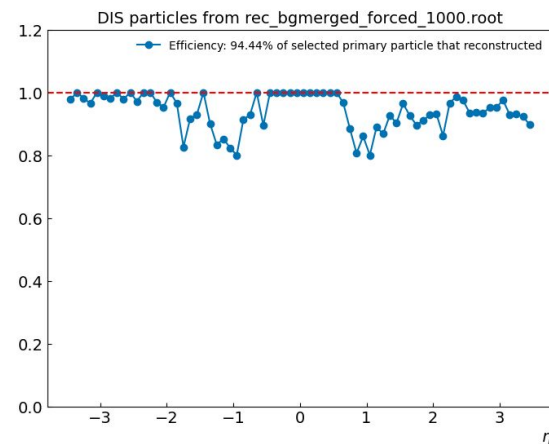
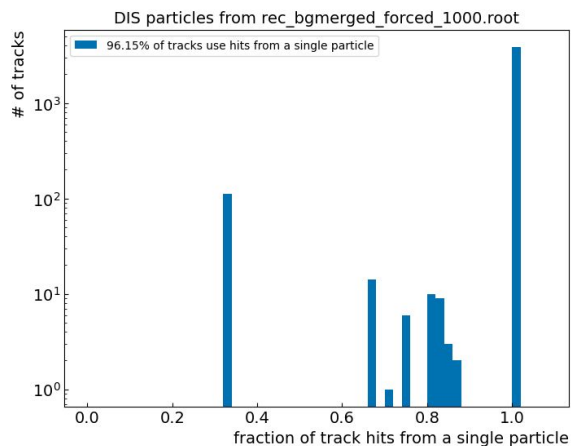
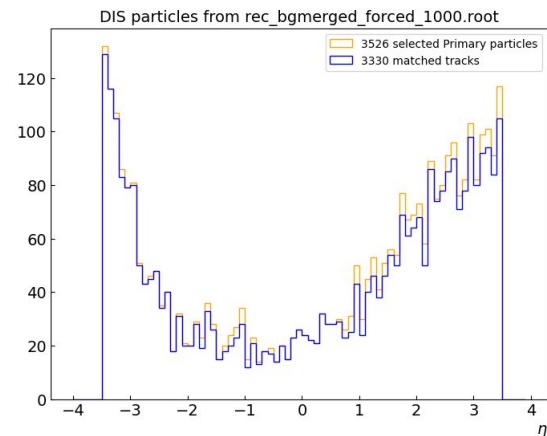
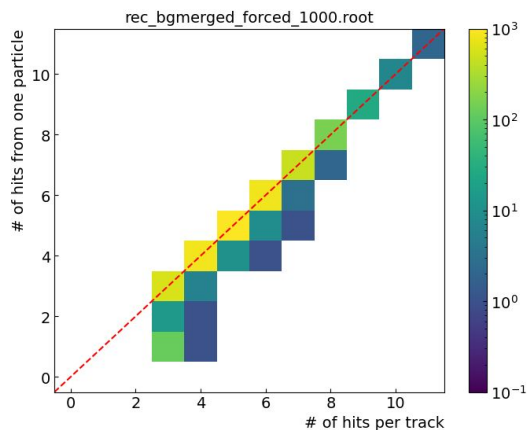
Efficiency and Purity: DIS only sample

18x275



Efficiency and Purity: DIS (forced) + background sample

18x275



Next step:

1. Minbias sample
2. Outer beam configuration
3. More stats

Thanks!