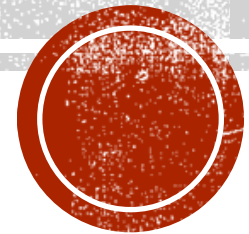


bHCAL Meeting — Acceptance Hole

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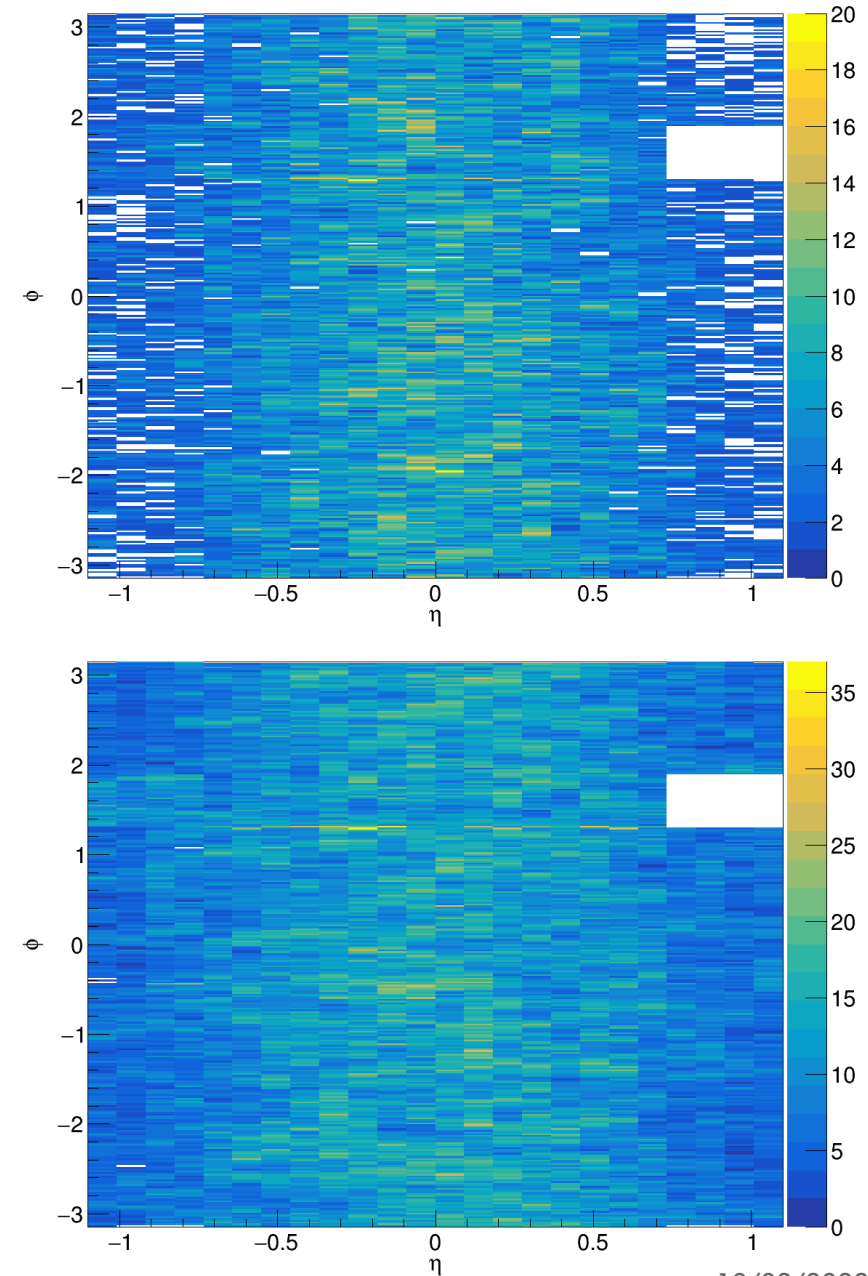
OVERVIEW

- Study to determine origin of hole in bHCAL acceptance in ePIC simulation framework

- Simulation setup:
 1. Simulate single particles using npsim and pass through ePIC
 - Generated 10k π^+ at 2 GeV for each simulation pass
 - Different kinematic distributions in η and ϕ (details in corresponding slides)
 2. Reconstruct using EICRecon
 3. Fill histograms

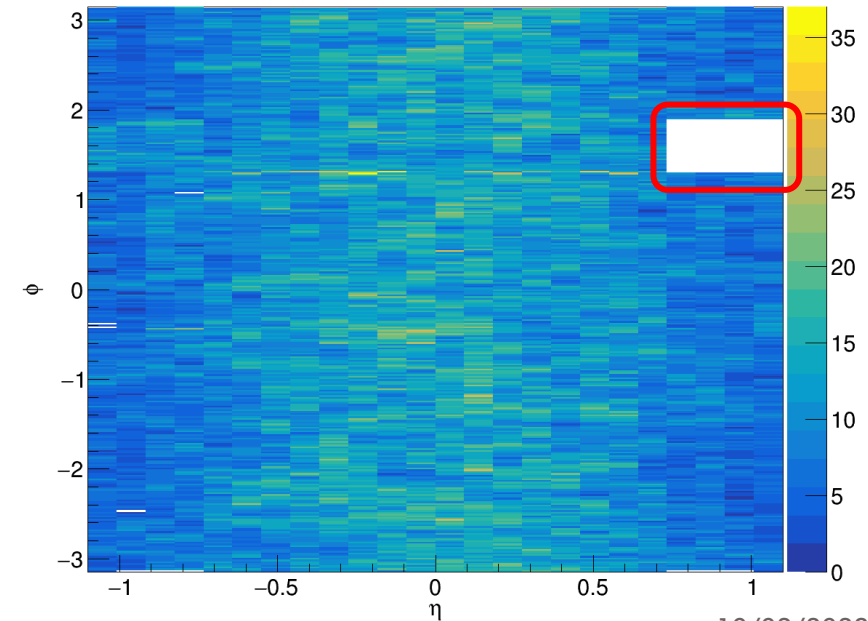
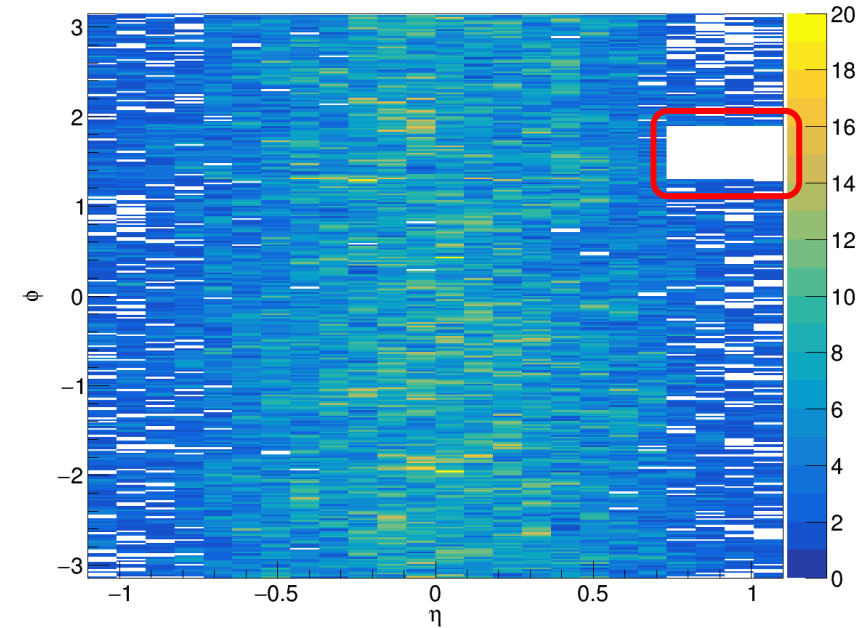
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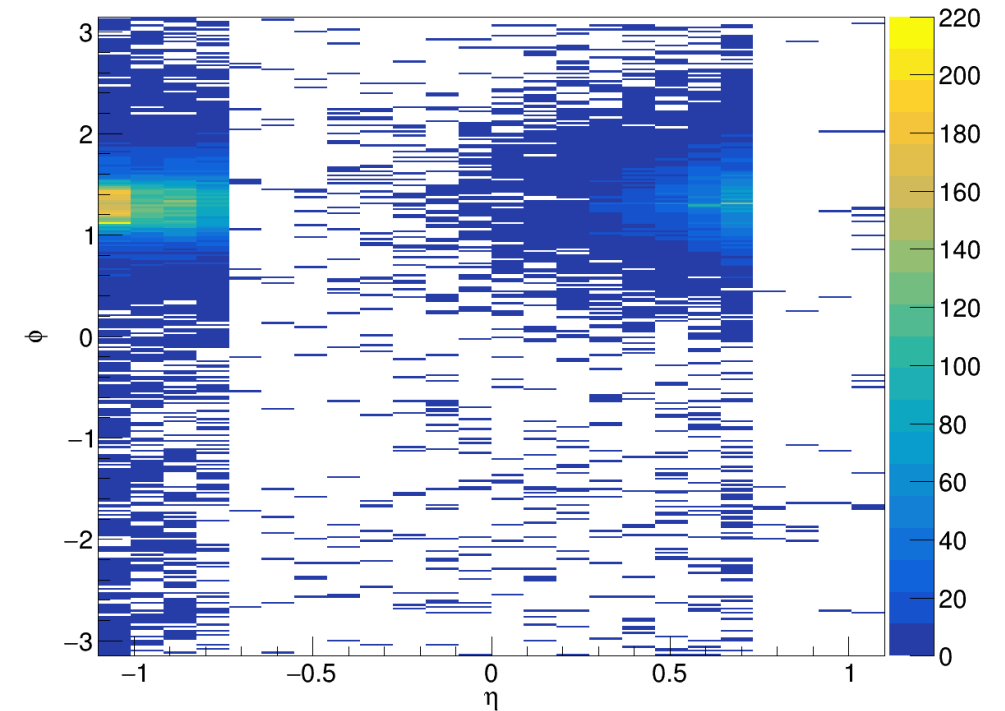
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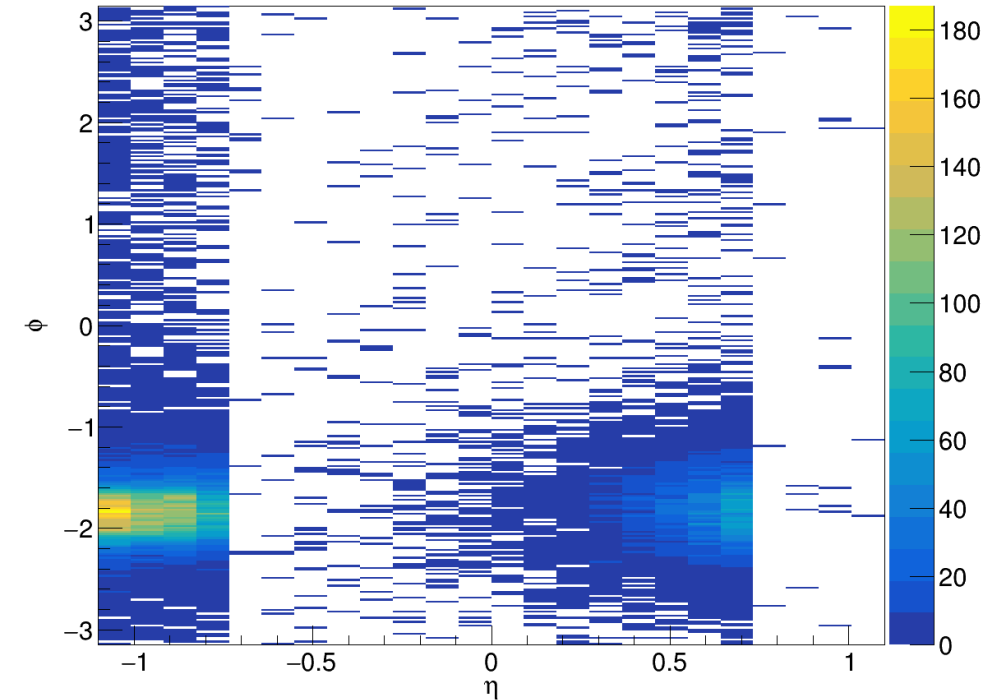
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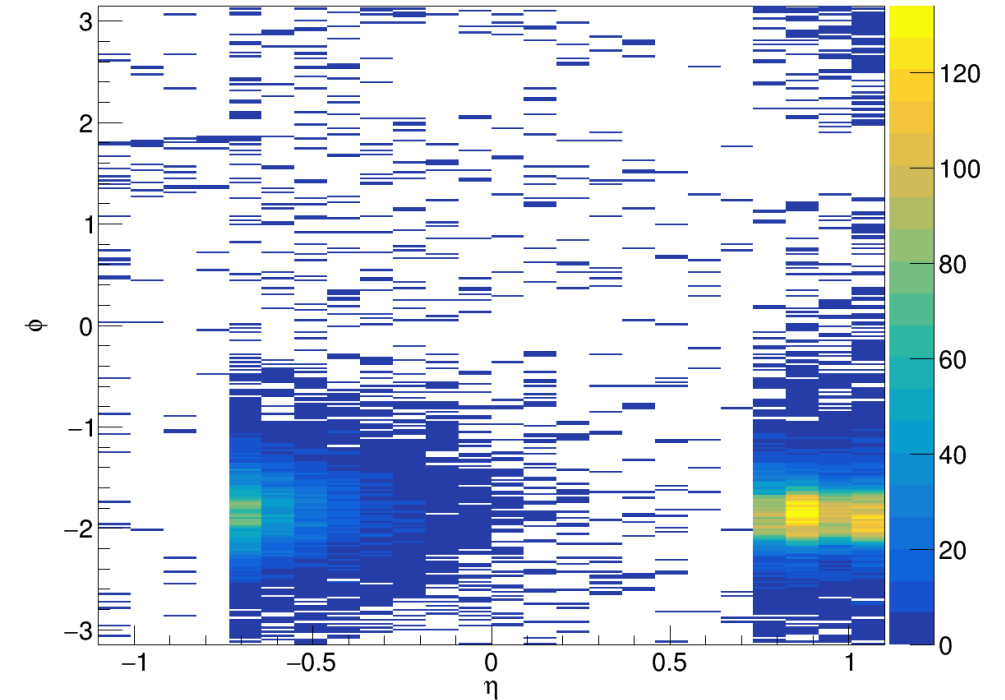
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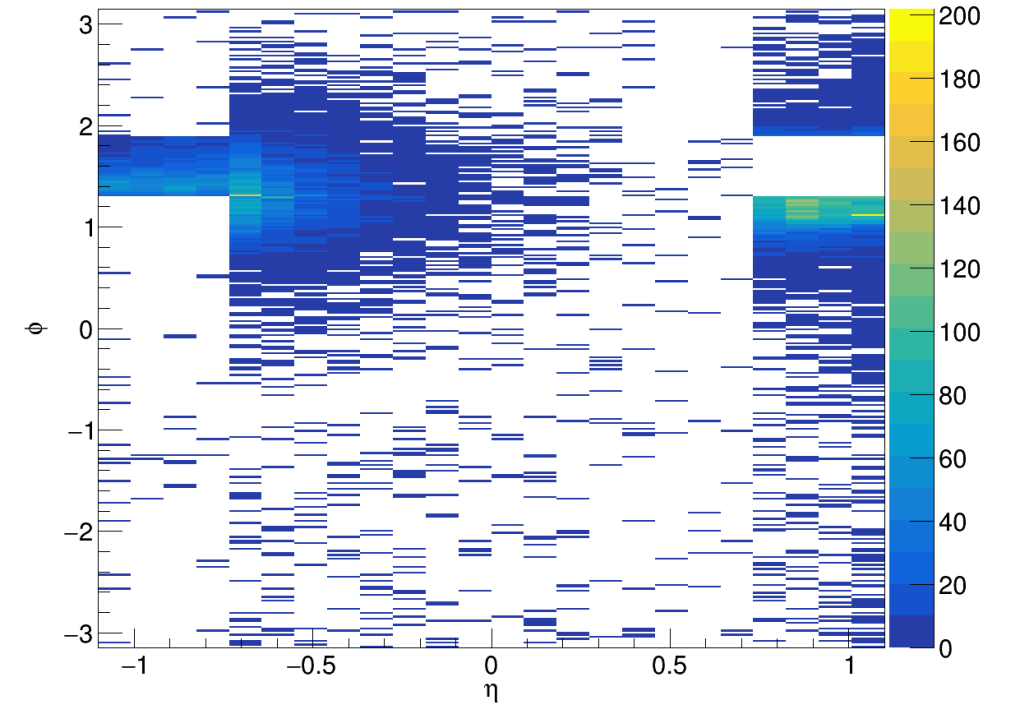
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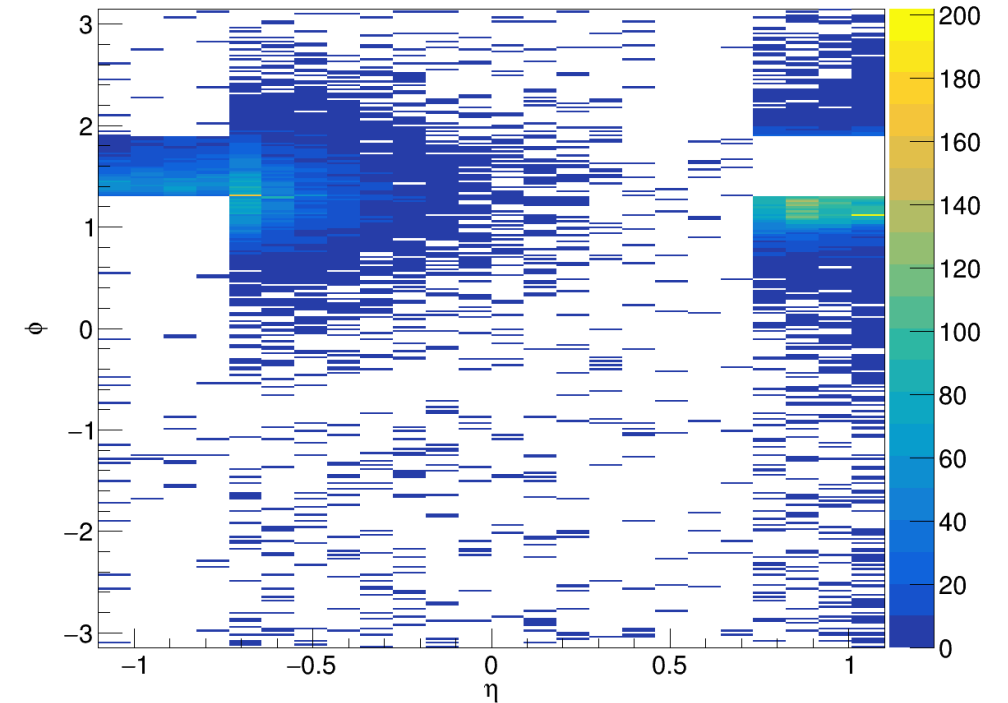
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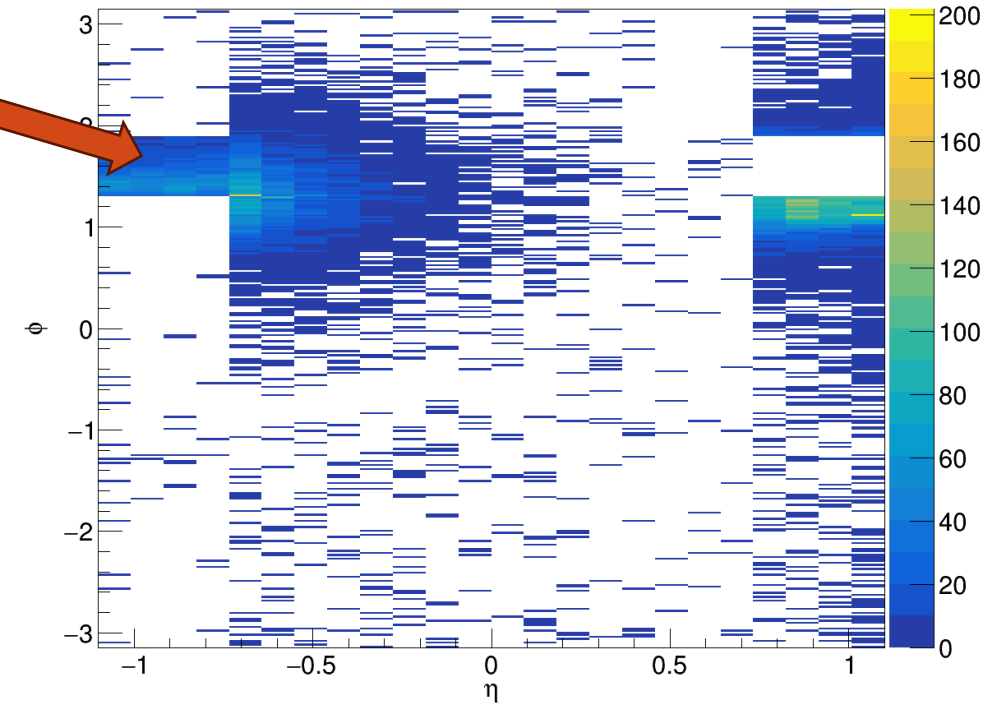
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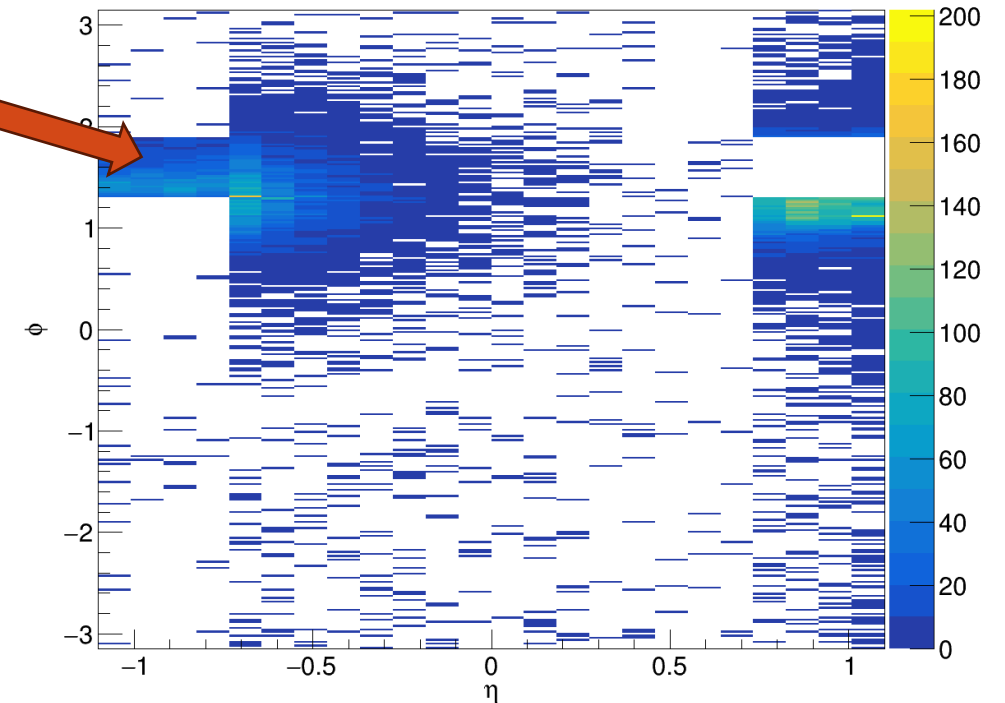
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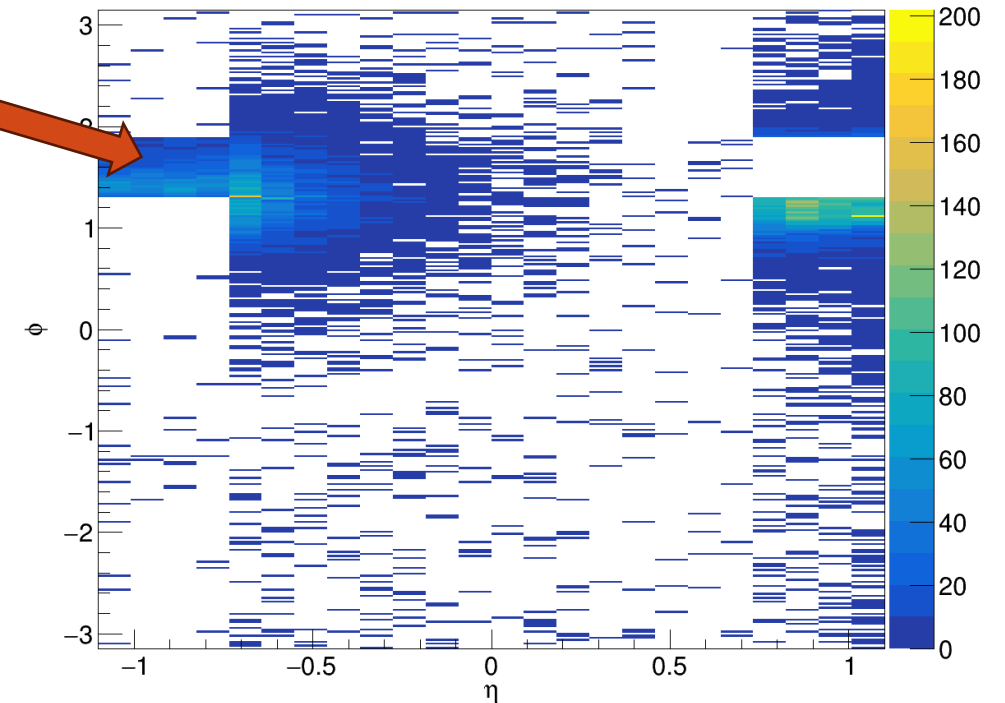
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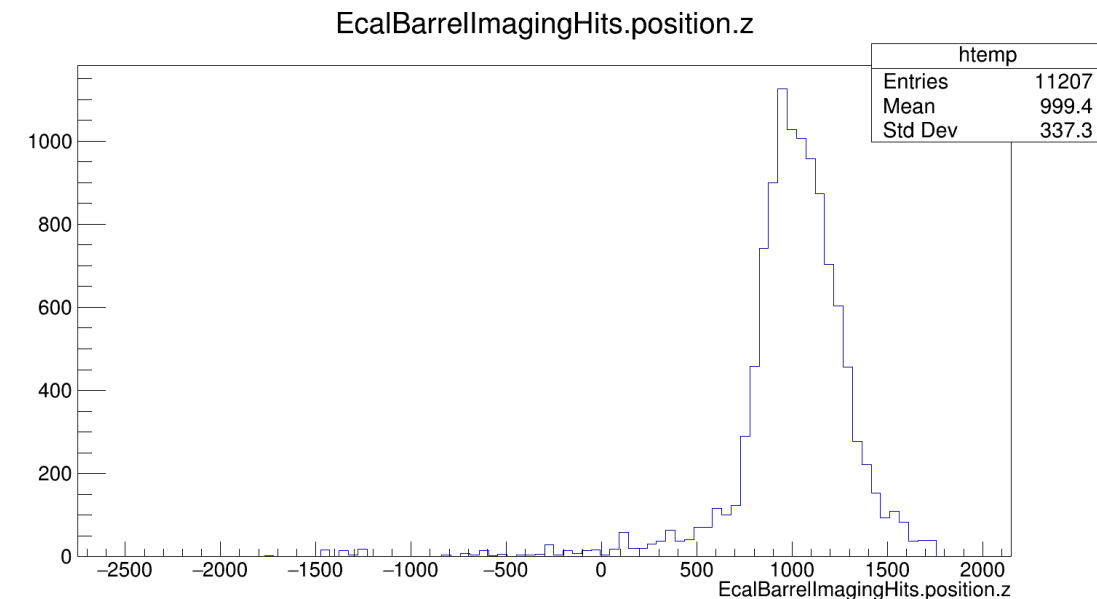
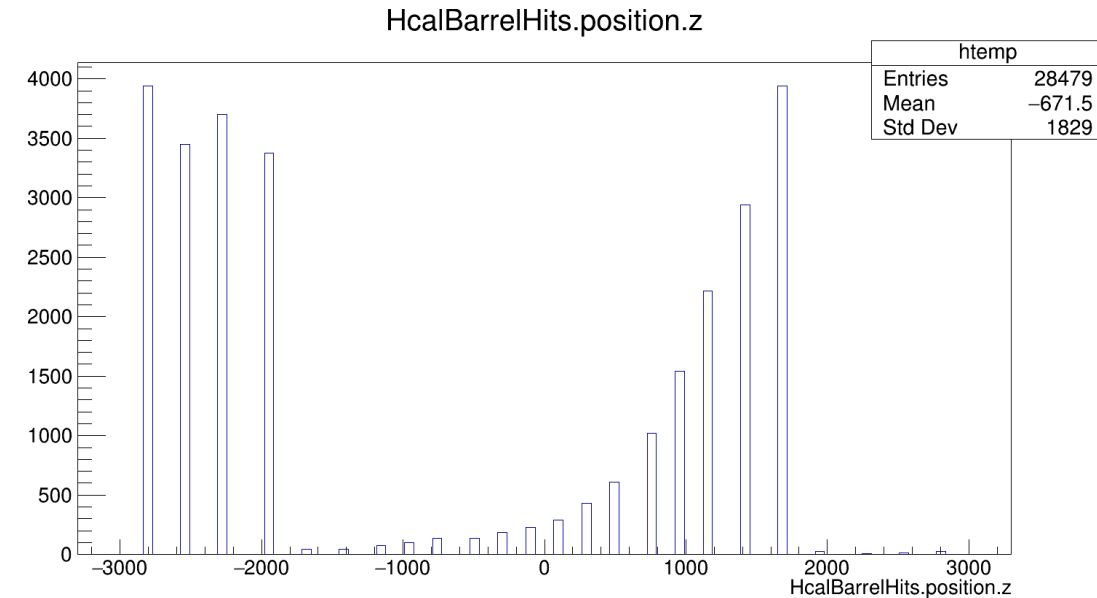
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- So, how does the hole appear?
 - If a particle hits the hole, it is wrongly recorded on the opposite side, i.e. in the chimney tiles
 - If a particle hits the chimney tile, it is recorded correctly
 - As a result, nothing gets recorded in the hole



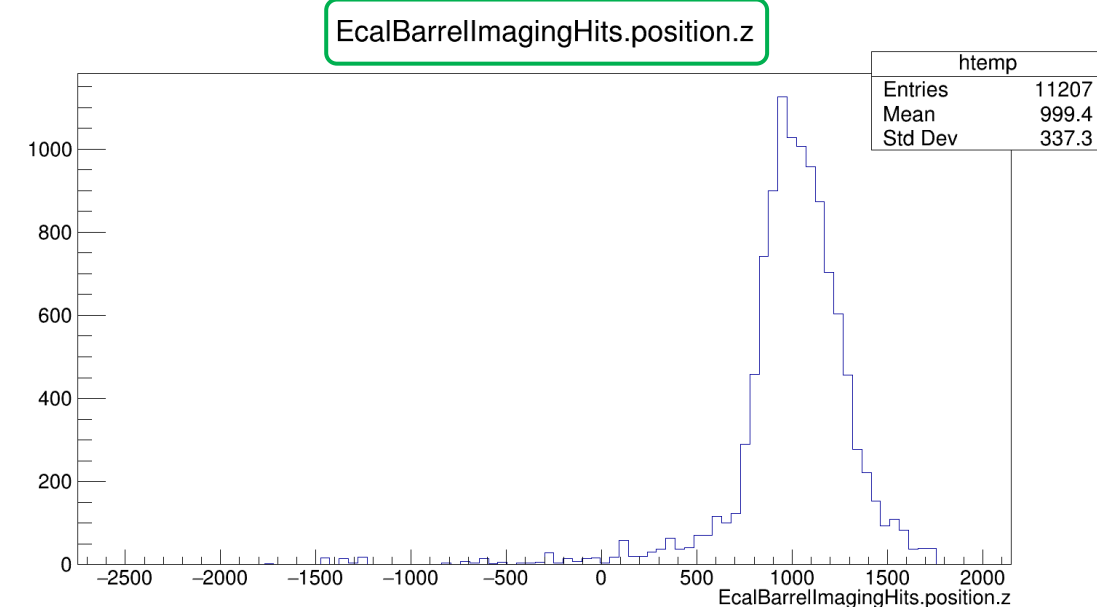
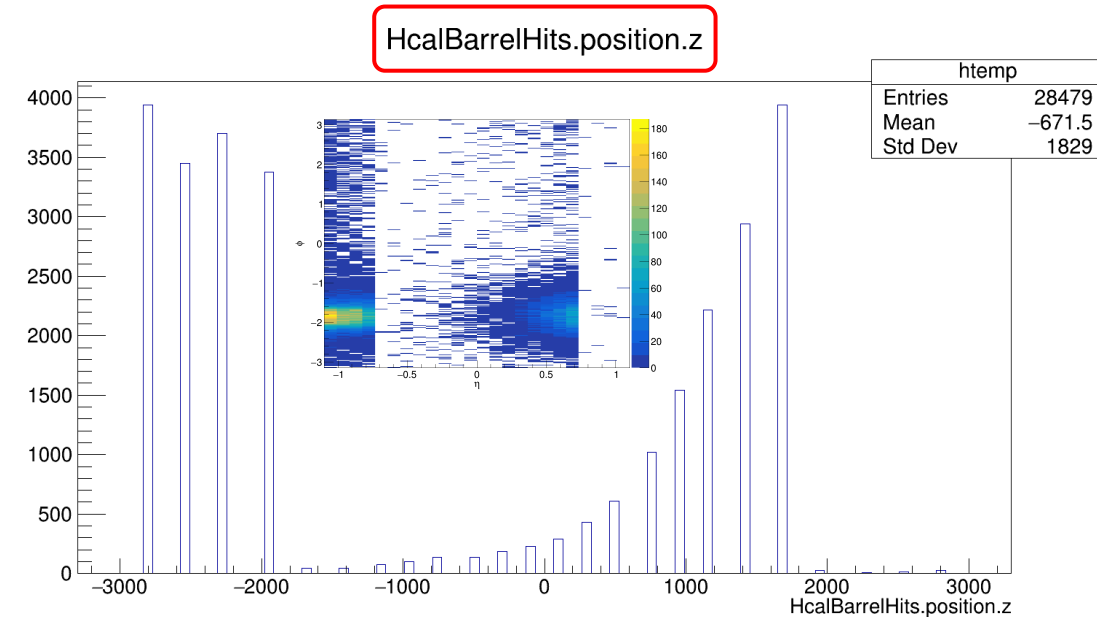
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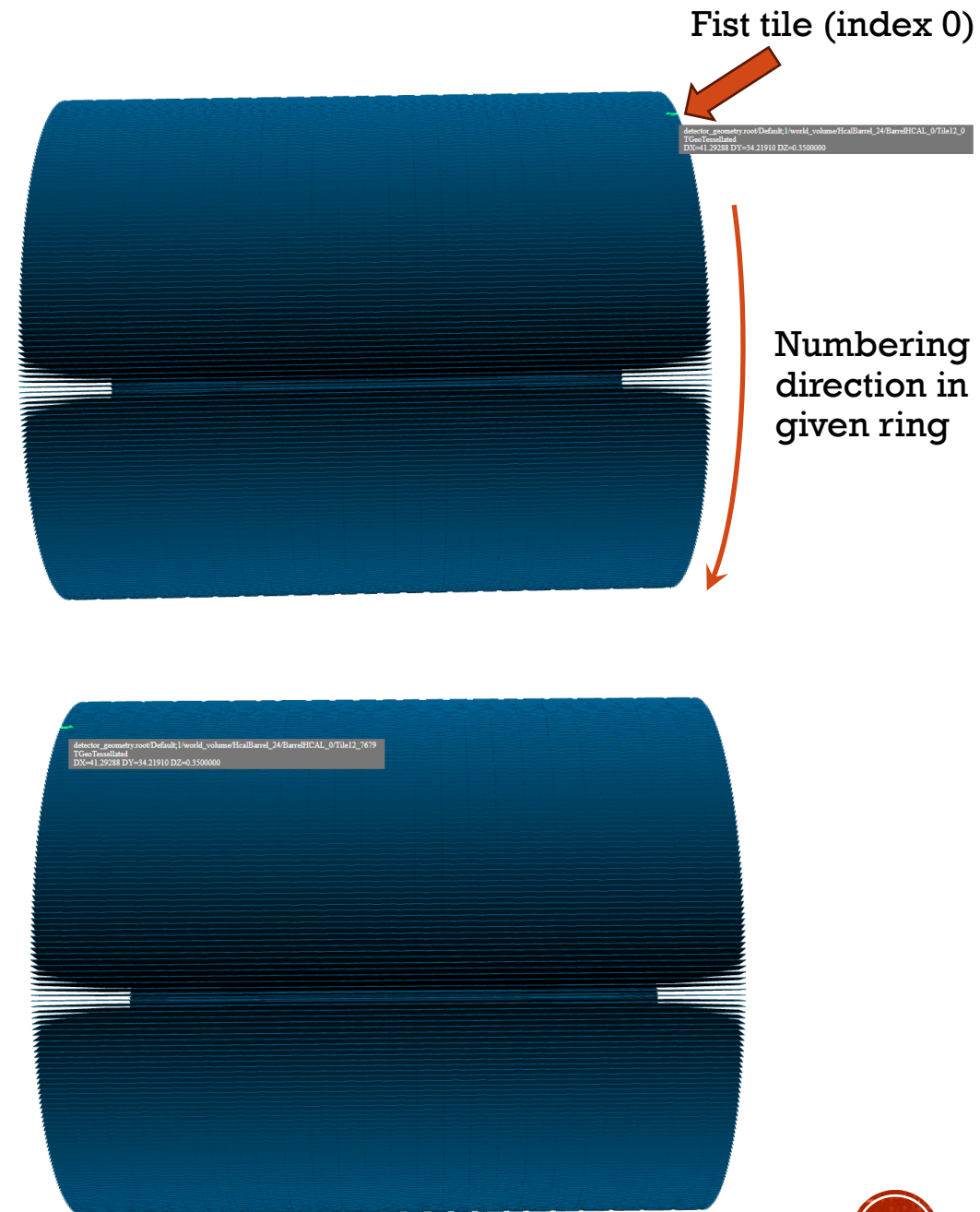
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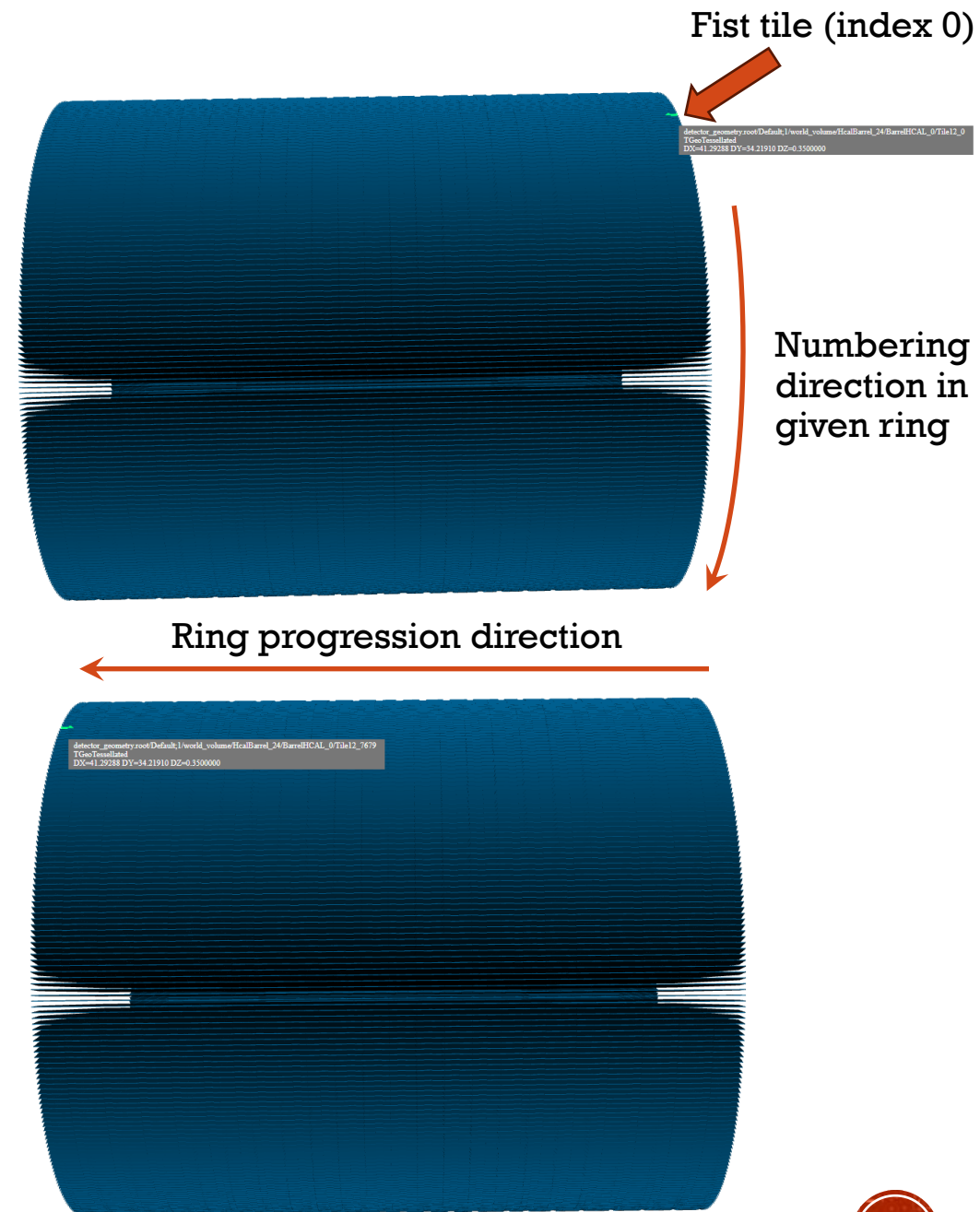
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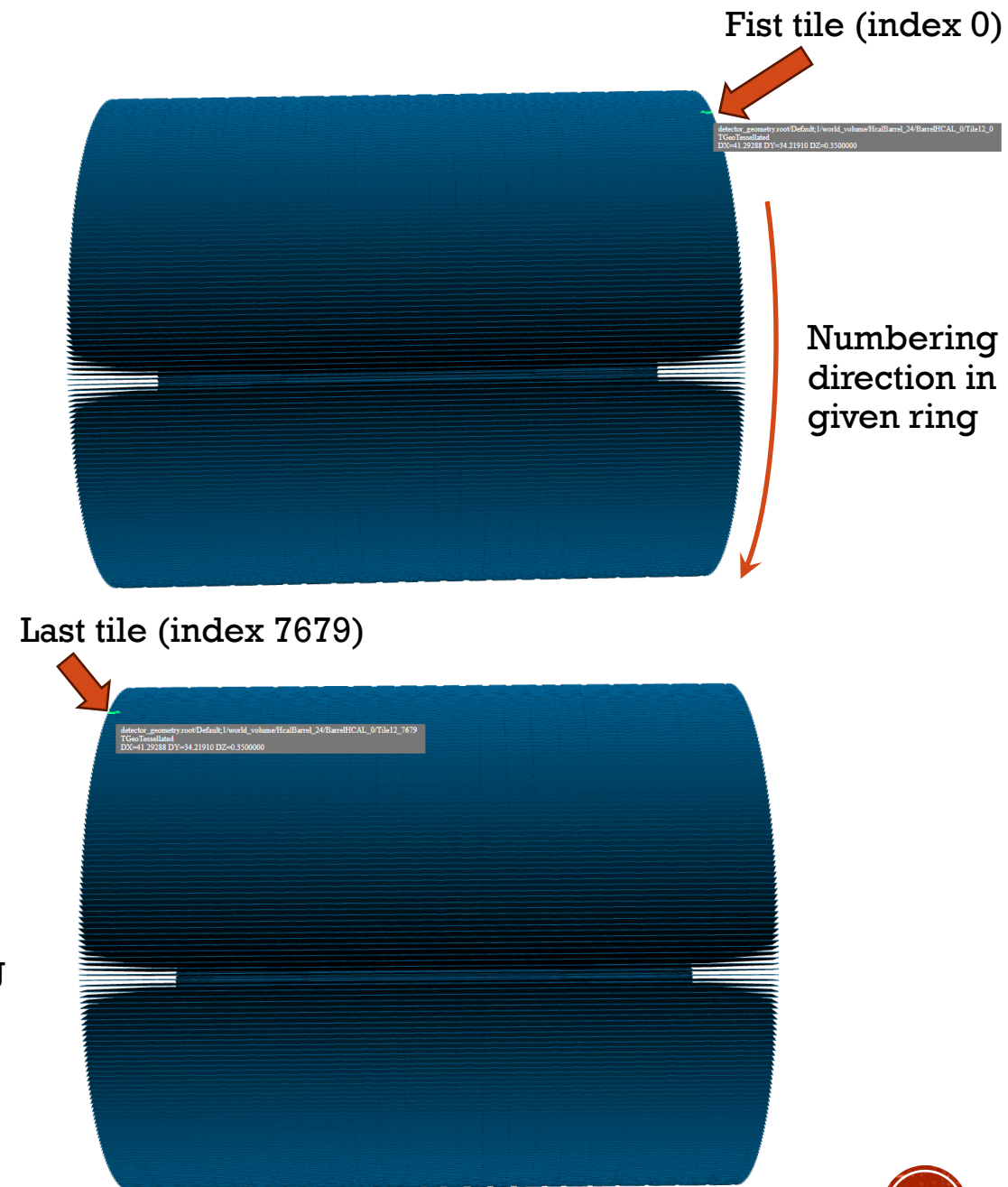
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SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

- Reproduced acceptance hole
- The hole appears to be associated with “chimney tiles” of the bHCAL
- The issue is larger than simple acceptance hole
 - Hits in 4 outside η rings are recorded on the wrong side of the detector in η
 - Exception seem to be the “chimney tiles” which record hits as expected
- The issue appears already in the first step of the simulation chain when running npsim
 - Mismatch visible in output trees from npsim
 - Seems to be exclusive to bHCAL, as hits in other detectors are OK
 - Checked with bECAL
- Tile indexing in detector model seems to be OK
 - Checked both cpp macro and exported detector model
- **To-do:**
 - Determine precise origin of the mismatching issue

THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION