

Material map update

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Known Issues:

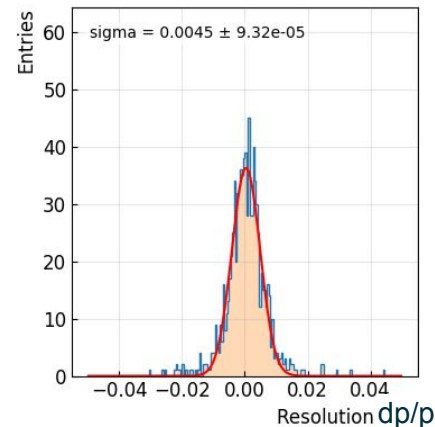
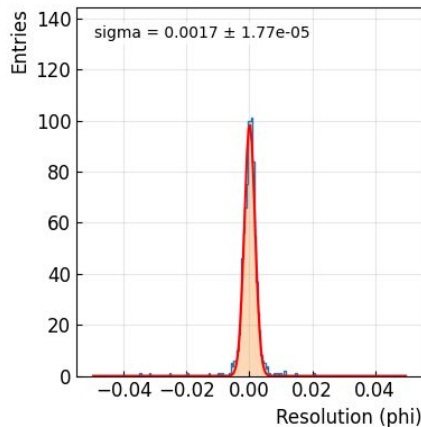
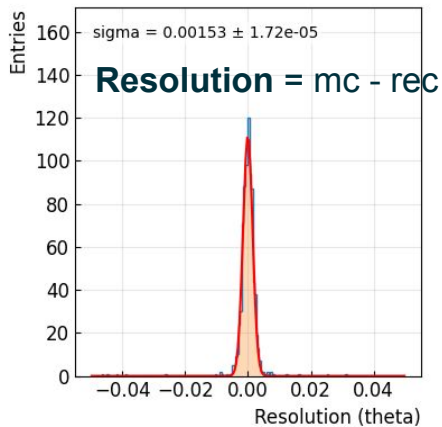
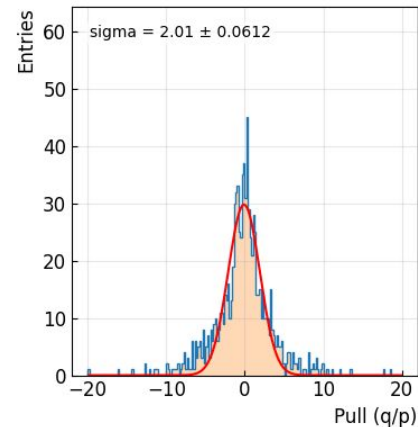
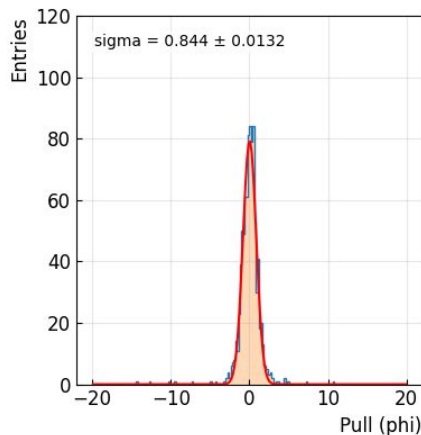
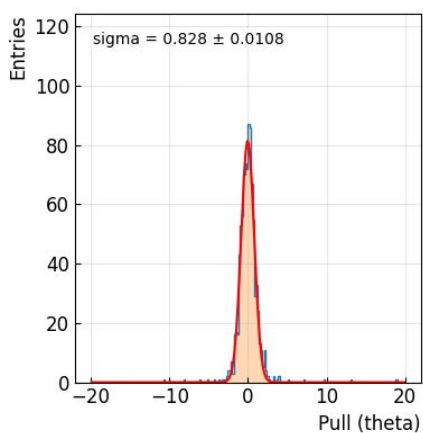
- Material map script broken since ACTS 39.3 update, and later ACTS44.4
 - Propagation error ([fixed](#) by Dmitry)
 - Validation script not writing out materials ([fixed](#) by Dmitry)
- Inconsistent tracking performance with official/local map
 - Pull distribution (see Shyam's [talk](#))
 - # of outliers on OB (see Athavan's [talk](#))

Test Detector Configurations

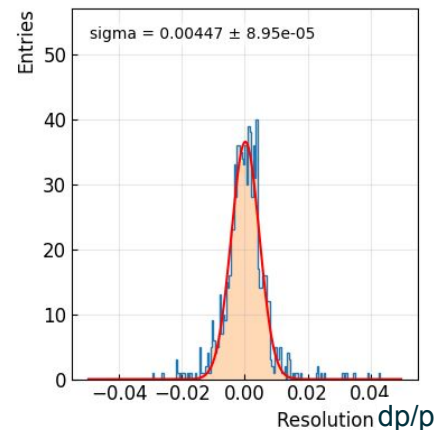
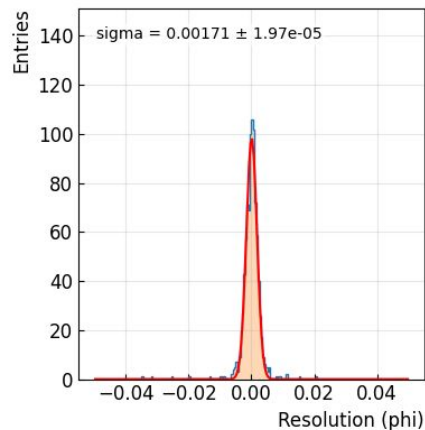
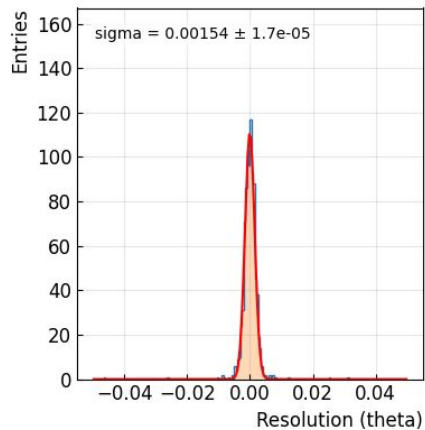
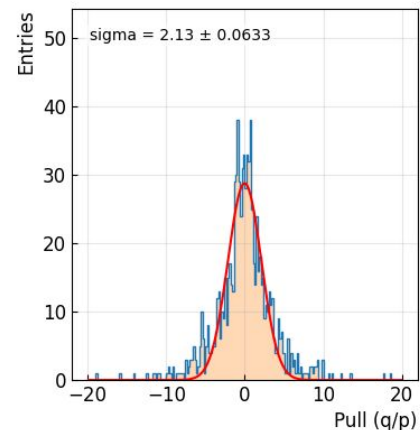
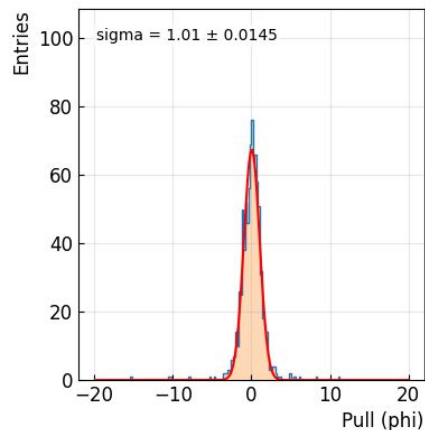
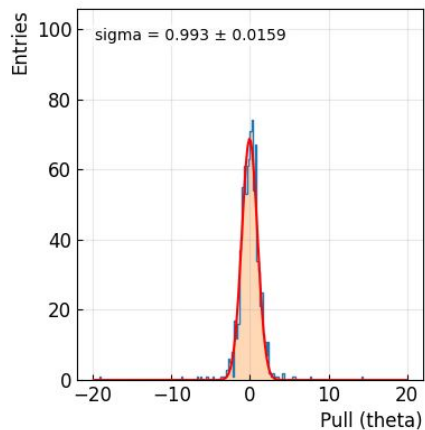
- Material map generation:
 - eic-shell 26.01.0-stable
 - epic [PR1014](#) (updated MPGD)
 - craterlake_maternal_map.yml
 - i. NO solenoid/field
 - ii. BIC and FF were not included until epic [PR1008](#))
- Simulation:
 - 1000 single pi+ events
 - $-0.8 < \eta < 0.8$, $p = 0.5 \text{ GeV}$
 - craterlake_tracking_only.yml
- Reconstruction:
 - The same local map with the following detector config file:
 - i. epic.xml:
 - full geometry, trackers seen by ACTS:
= SVT+MPGD+TOF+BIC+FF+FB ← Athavan used this
 - ii. Full - FF - FB
 - iii. Full - BIC ← many tracking studies used this
 - iv. Full - BIC - FF - FB ← the test map was generated with this

Full

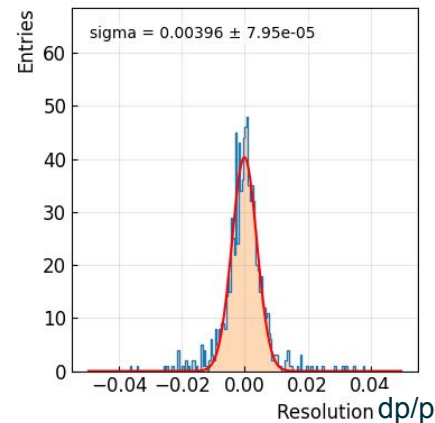
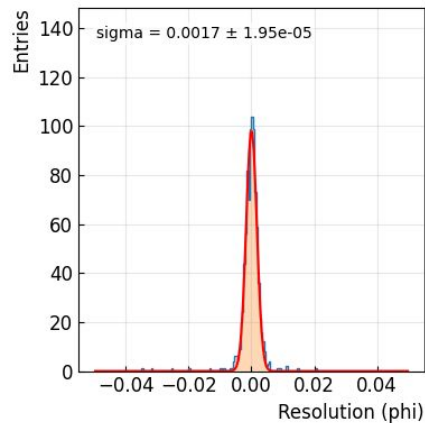
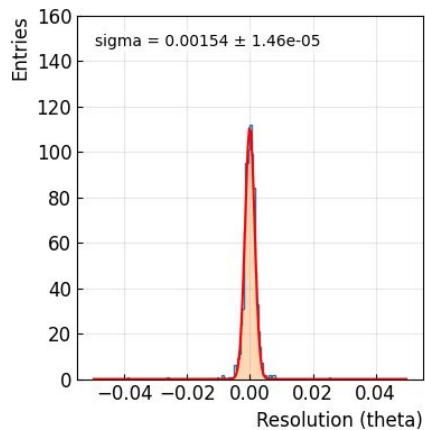
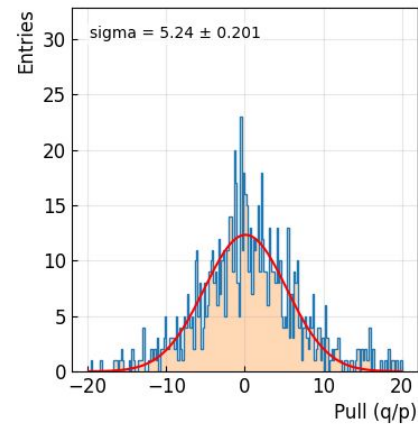
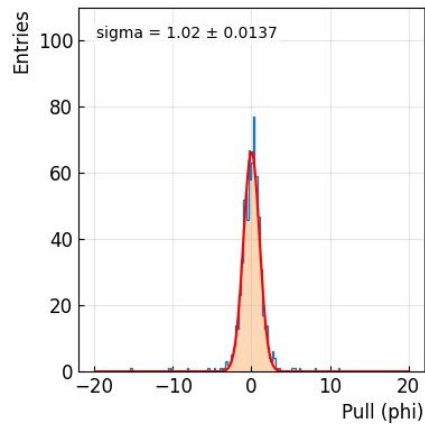
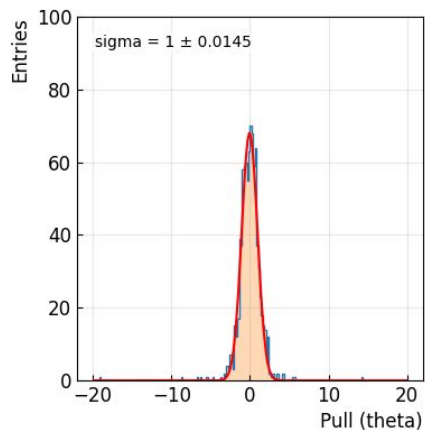
Pull distribution = $(mc - rec) / \text{error}$, where error includes material effects and propagation uncertainties.



Full - FF - FB

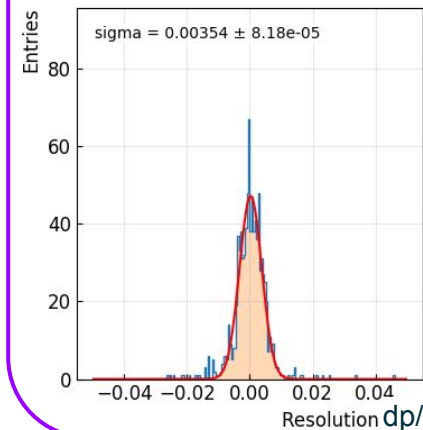
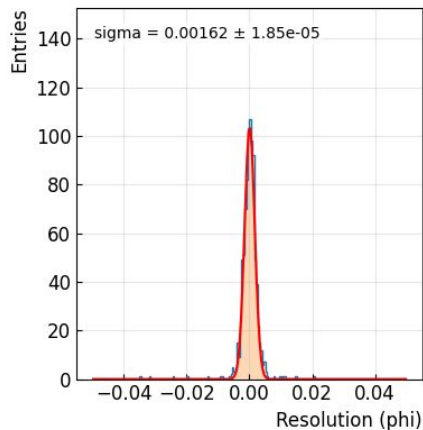
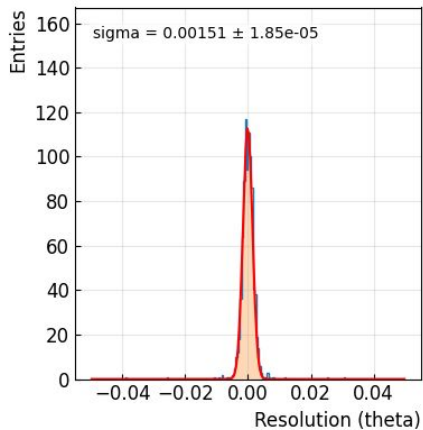
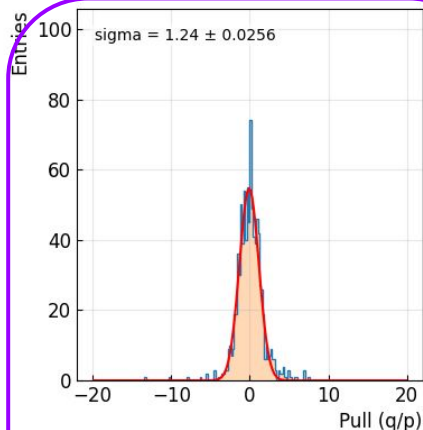
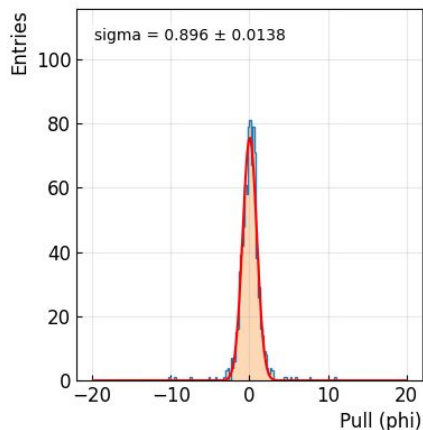
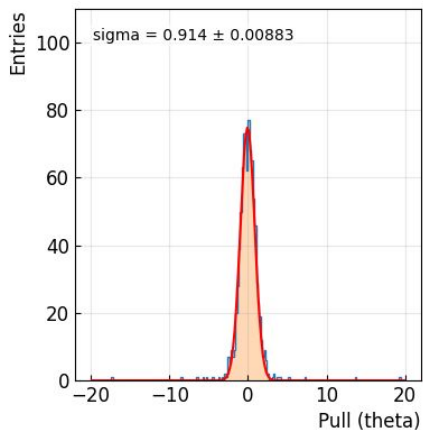


Full - BIC



Full - BIC - FF - FB

Best performance when detector config in EICrecon
matches detector config material map production



Example of mis-matched ACTS volume ID (auto-generated)

full:

Volume ID	Name	Approaches
2	acts_beampipe_central::Barrel	1, 2
2	acts_beampipe_central::Barrel	X
17	EndcapMPGDSUBAssembly::NegativeEndcap	1, 2
19	OuterSiEndcapSubAssembly::NegativeEndcap	1, 2
21	MiddleSiEndcapSubAssembly::NegativeEndcap	1, 2
29	InnerSiTrackerSubAssembly::NegativeEndcap	1, 2
32	VertexBarrelSubAssembly::Barrel	1, 2
34	InnerSiTrackerSubAssembly::PositiveEndcap	1, 2
36	MiddleSiBarrelSubAssembly::Barrel	1, 2
38	OuterSiBarrelSubAssembly::Barrel	1, 2
39	MiddleSiEndcapSubAssembly::PositiveEndcap	1, 2
40	OuterSiEndcapSubAssembly::PositiveEndcap	1, 2
41	EndcapMPGDSUBAssembly::PositiveEndcap	1, 2
42	InnerMPGDBarrelSubAssembly::Barrel	1, 2
44	EndcapTOFSubAssembly::PositiveEndcap	1, 2
45	BarrelTOFSubAssembly::Barrel	1, 2
46	OuterBarrelMPGDSUBAssembly::Barrel	1, 2
47	EcalBarrelTrackerSubAssembly::Barrel	1, 2
48	B0TrackerSubAssembly::PositiveEndcap	1, 2

NO BIC:

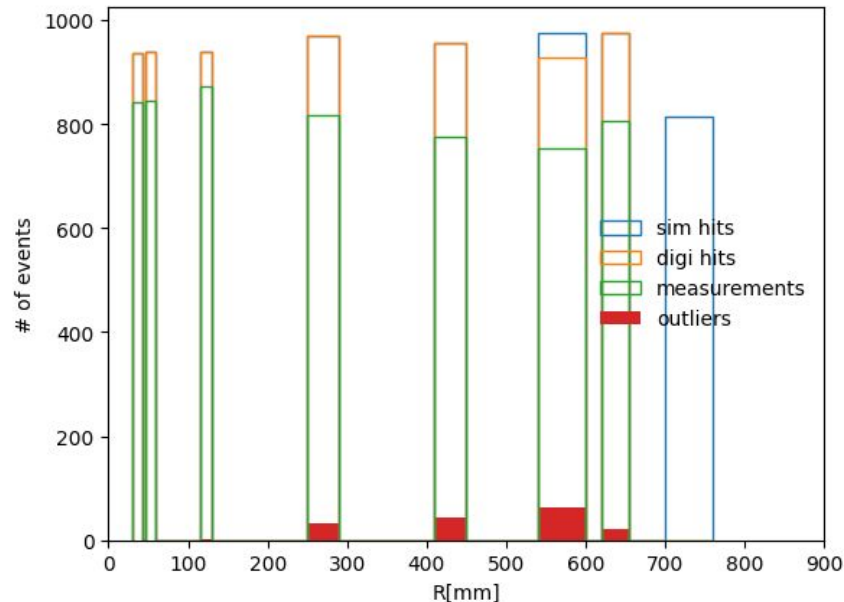
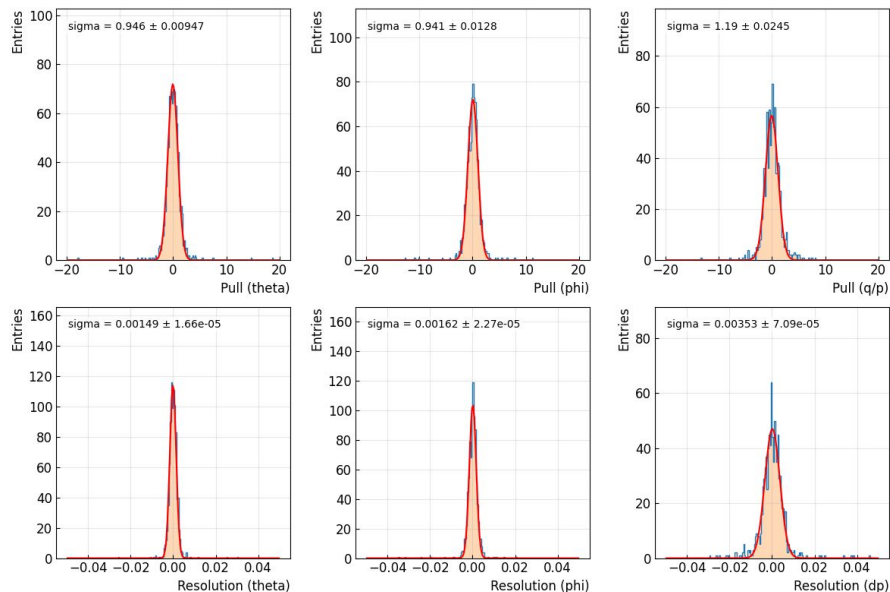
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Adding a new tracker (BIC) introduced index changes almost everywhere:

Mismatch vol ID (comparing to the material map) → **ElCrecon** loaded the material info incorrectly

The Fix:

- A new map is created with all trackers (SVT+MPGD+TOF+BIC+FF/FB) and any materials sit in that envelope ([PR1038](#), under review)
- The craterlake_tracking_only.yml is updated to include BIC i.e. now it has all trackers
- Improved performance (dp, # of outliers) at central region, 0.5 GeV:



Lesson Learned

When running simulations, make sure

- the detector configuration contains **EXACTLY THE SAME materials/detectors** within the craterlake_material_map.yml envelope
- Don't add **tracking detectors outside** of the above envelope without consulting the experts
- It's in generally OK to add **non-tracking detectors and materials outside** of the envelope

Next step:

- Enable index checks when loading map in EICrecon
- Make volume IDs stable (??)