

STAR Forward Tracking Update

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FST Outer Sensor Gap Offset

<https://www.star.bnl.gov/protected/spin/akio/fcs/fstgap/index.html>

A FST wedge covers 30 degree in phi (12 wedges per disk)

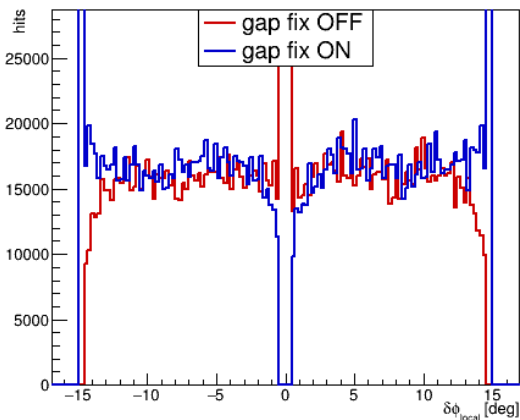
1 inner sensor

2 outer sensors with 1 degree gap

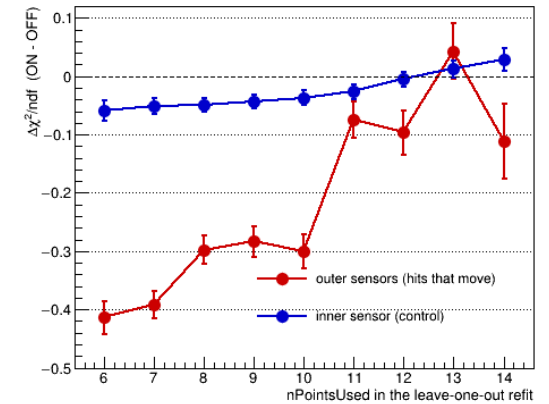
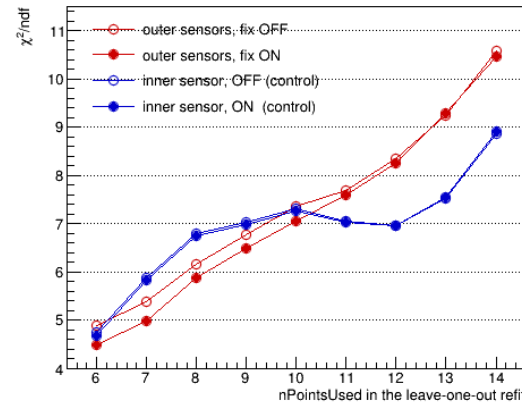
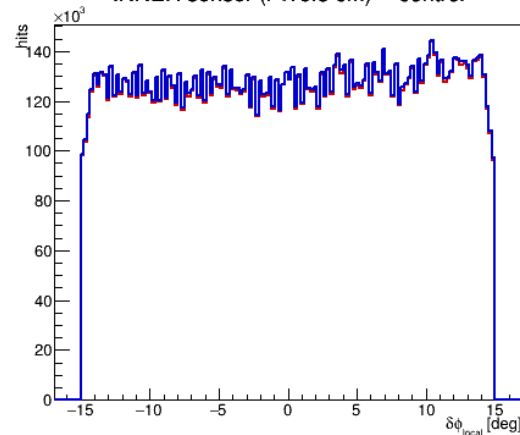
→ Code had 1 degree offsets sign reversed and 2 sensors were overlapping

→ Track quality improves after fix

OUTER sensors ($r > 16.5$ cm)



INNER sensor ($r < 16.5$ cm) -- control



Are there overlaps of strips at outer sensors at edge of wedges to next wedge?

→ Should we have 2 hits for a track from the same disk? Are we seeing that at edge?

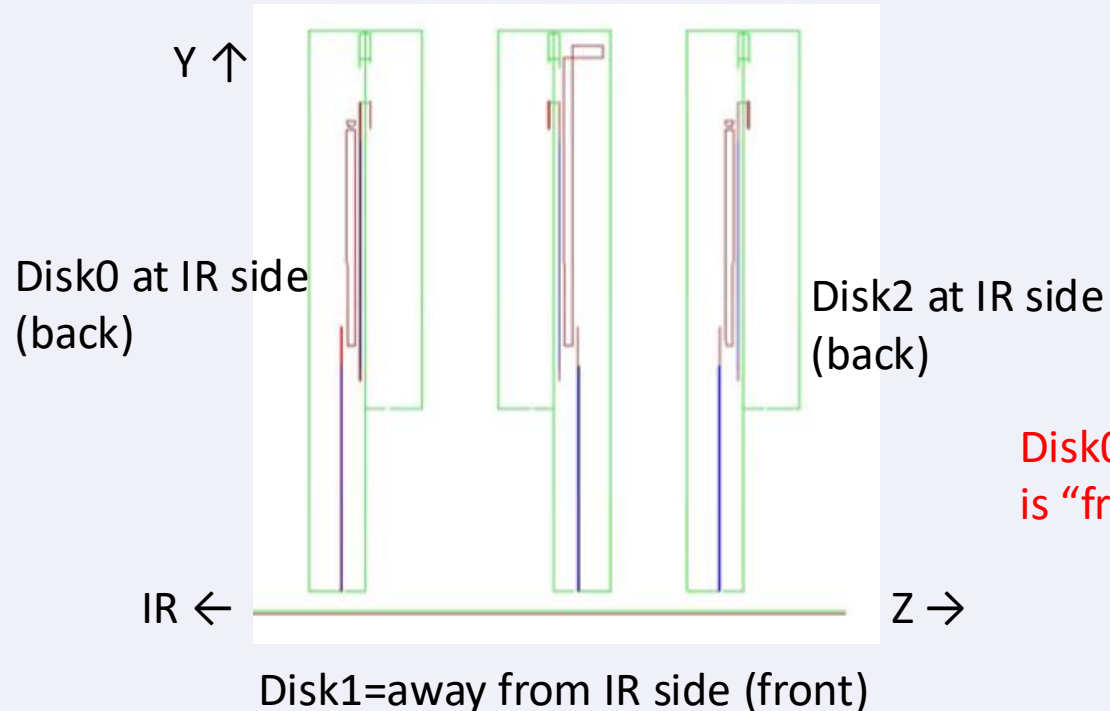
→ Do we add that to tracking?

FST Wedges reversed/flipped?

https://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/system/files/FST_Wedge%20issues_ver_2.pdf

- FST wedges are placed at “front” (away from IR)/“back” (facing IR) for even/odd (disk0 & disk2) and odd/even (disk1) wedges
- GEANT geometry (xml file) has wedge#0 ($\phi=60-90$ degree=near top & south/ $x>0$) are at back (disk0 & disk2) and front (disk1)
- Offline code is consistent with GEANT geometry
- Flemming thinks both GEANT and Offline geometry got it wrong based on photos of the detector before installation
- If this is indeed true, **hits near edge of wedges move up to ~ 30 degree in ϕ** , while hits at middle of wedge does not move as much
 - But ALL wedges does ϕ mirroring at the same time $\rightarrow$ **FST only tracks still looks good** (unless it goes over to next wedge within a track)
- It also moves hits in Z, especially for inner sensors (much less for outer sensors)

GEANT Drawing at $x=+0.5\text{cm}$ (wedge=0)



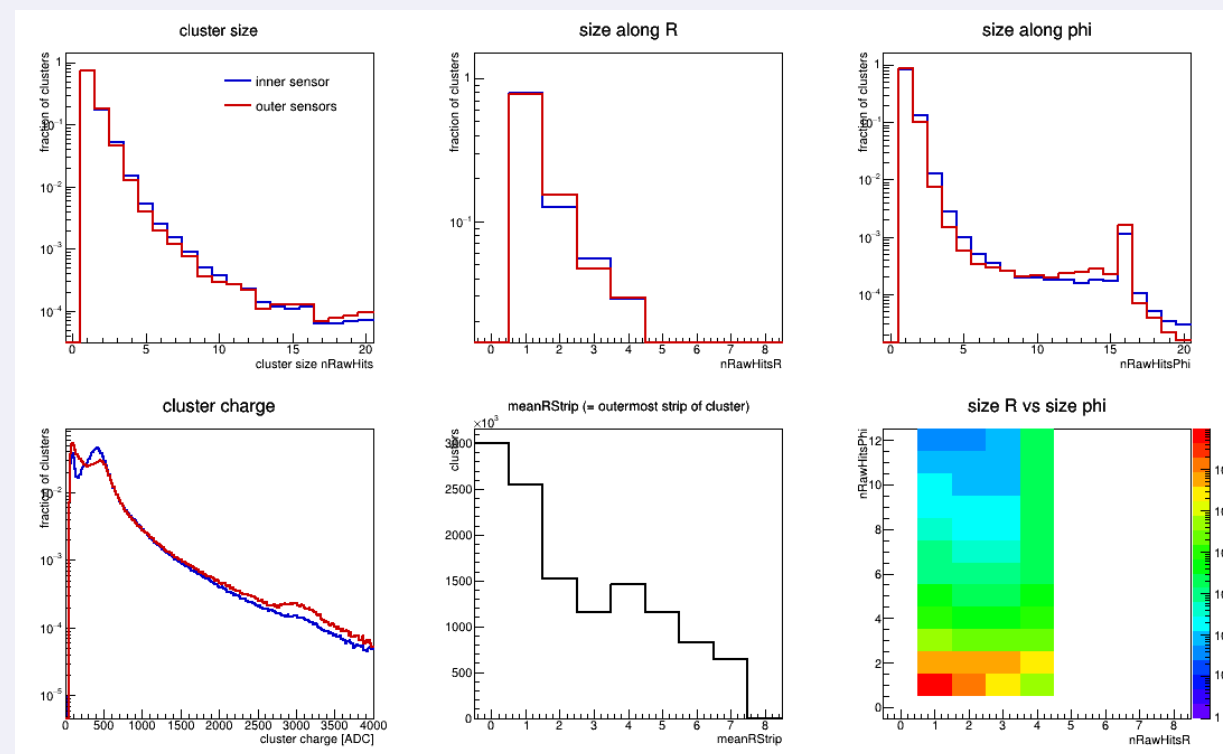
Disk0 Wedge0
is “front”



FST Clusters in Real data

- <https://www.star.bnl.gov/protected/spin/akio/fcs/FstSlowSim/fstclus/index.html>

- Analysis on MuDst for run23081008, 13 files, 128,749 events, 12,302,393 clusters
- ~85% single phi strip clusters
- ~80% single R strip clusters
- Same phi & multi R strips clusters
 - Up to 4 R strips in a sensor and **NOT needed to be r-adjacent!** (hits in R=0 and R=3 with no hits in R=1 & 2 will be clustered)
 - Intended to kill cross talks in same phi strips?
 - Hit position is assigned from the largest R hit (and not mean R, not smallest R, not biggest charge hit's R)... Why?
 - This need careful look & help from experts
- Small peak (0.13%) at clusters with 16 phi strips
 - Aligned to fixed 16-strip boundaries in APV
 - Exist on all APVs
 - No cut on this... We are feeding them to tracking

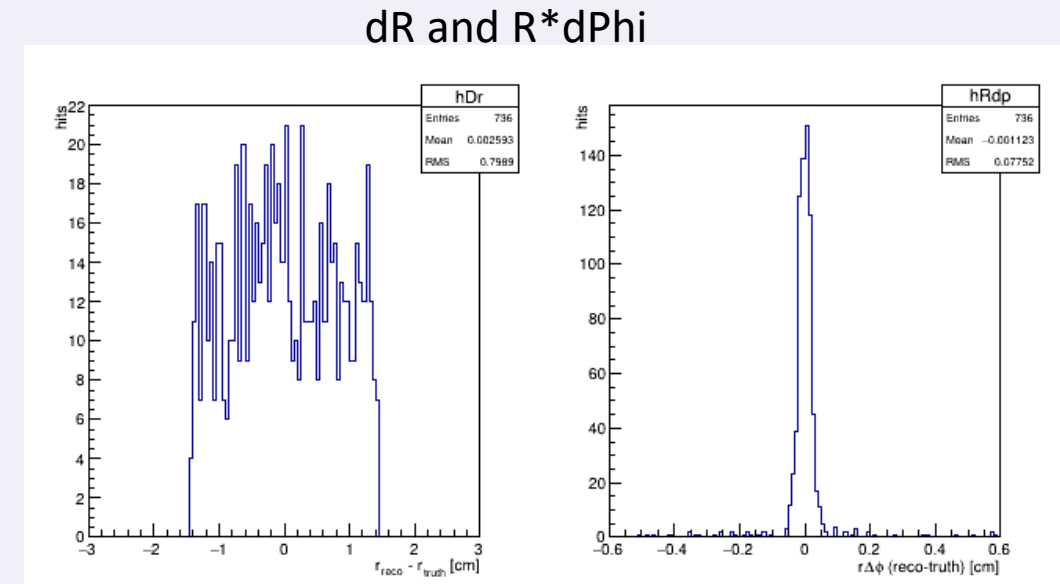
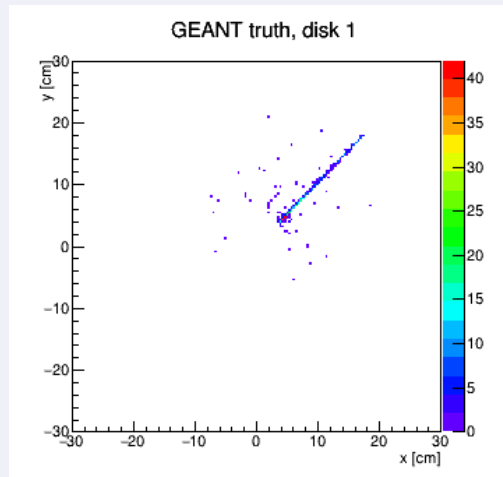


FST Slow Sim Maker

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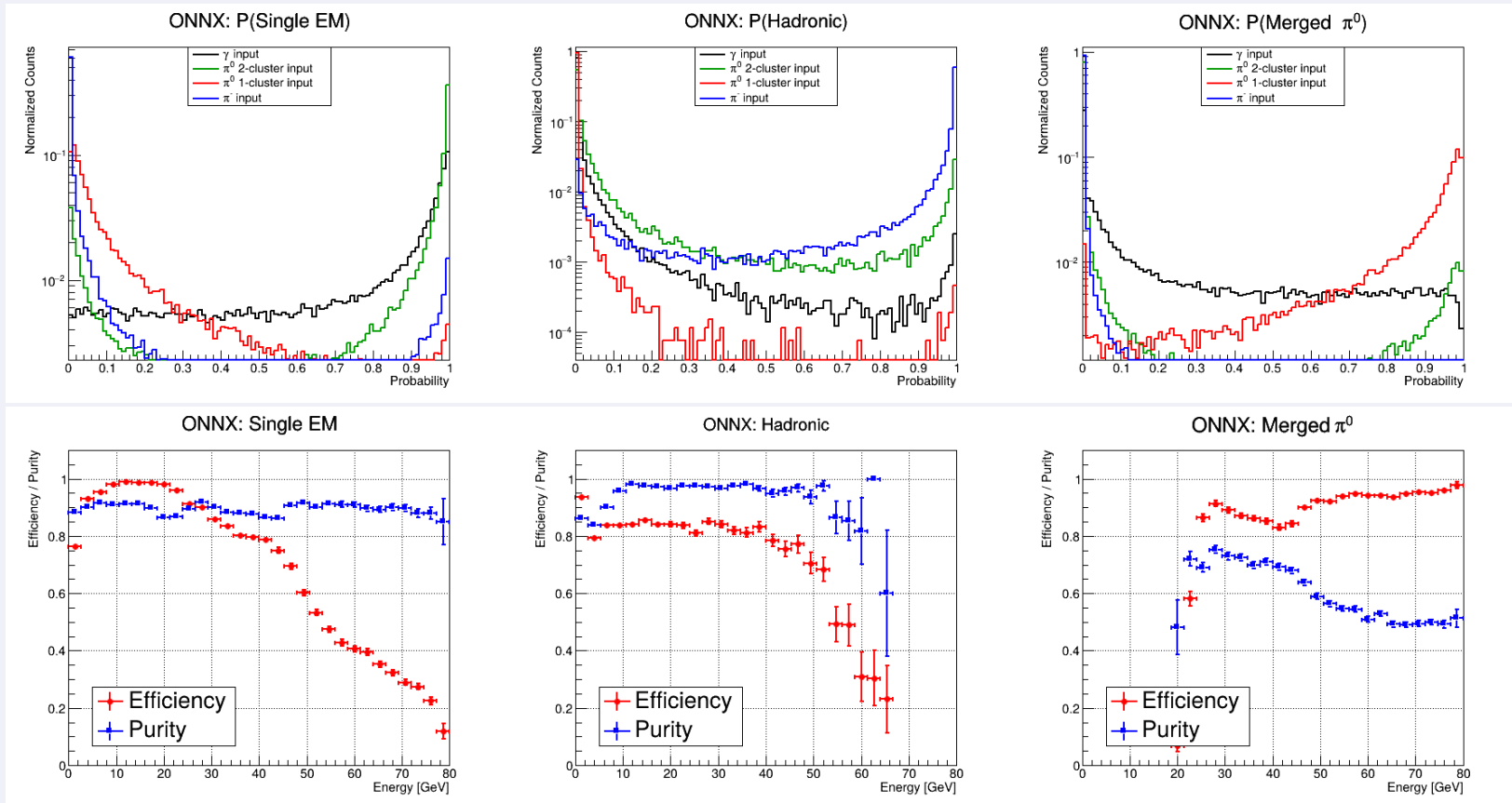
- StFstFastSimMaker skips clustering & geometry & mapping by producing xyz hit points from GEANT hits
- Copy from StIstSlowSimMaker to make StFstSlowSimMaker
- MC chain will run (almost) identical makers as real data chain
g2t_fsi_hit -> StFstSlowSimMaker -> "fstRawAdcSimu" -> StFstRawHitMaker -> StFstClusterMaker -> StFstHitMaker
- FST clusters in real data (see previous page)
 - <https://www.star.bnl.gov/protected/spin/akio/fcs/FstSlowSim/fstclus/index.html>
 - Most of hits (~85%) are single phi strip clusters
- For now, StFstSlowSimMaker creates
 - Single strip hit per GEANT hit (not making ~10% of ≥ 2 strips clusters)
 - Charge model is from IST $\rightarrow 3.87$ MeV/cm and MIP = 441 ADC
 - No noise
- Expected R and Phi residuals with small test single particle MC samples
- Need full test with PYTHIA MC

Hits from
45 degree electrons



Ecal Cluster Categorization using ML for EPIC forward ECAL

- Started with ROOT TMVA but it was suggested to use ONNX for parallel processing (and better ML options?)
- Now using ONNX + Catboost (needs library and python modules... I've struggled a bit on matching versions)
- 3 way categorization : Single EM shower, Merged π^0 , Hadron
- 34 input variables : Cluster Energy, x, y, # of hits, Radius, Dispersion, SigmaMin, SigmaMax, 5x5 tower energies, energy outside 5x5



Trained to equal sample of gamma, π^0 , π^- MC samples of 0-80 GeV

Pi0 samples at low energy with 2 clusters
→ single EM shower (training) sample

Purity is for this (unrealistic) MC sample mix

Naturally, it gets very hard to tell single gamma (or electron) from merged π^0 at high energy. It requires careful studies to quote efficiency & purity numbers

→ Still need to reconcile with old study of
“~5% π^0 contamination @ 50 GeV π^0 ”

A student (Xilin) is interested in porting this to STAR FCS (EPIC forward Ecal codes with both TMVA and ONNX available)

1. Pico DST analysis code? MuDst→Pico DST afterburner? Or StEvent Maker for future BFC option?
2. TMVA or ONNX?