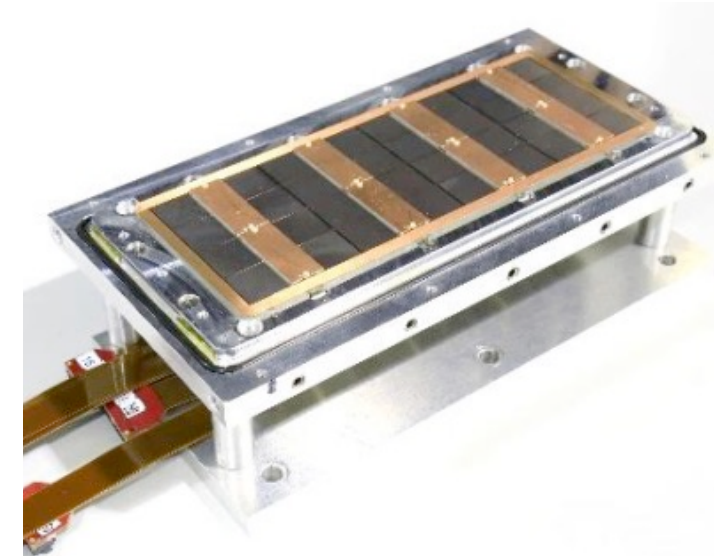
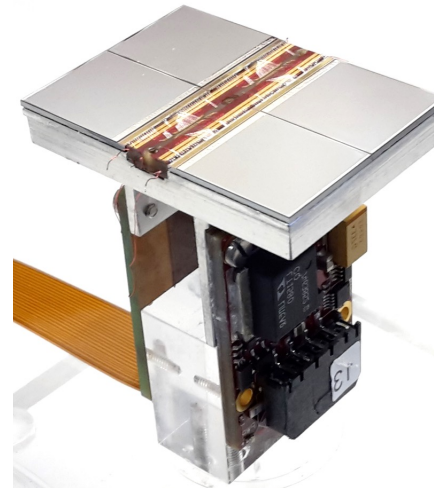


Nikhef Pixelated TPC technology for the future e^+e^- collider



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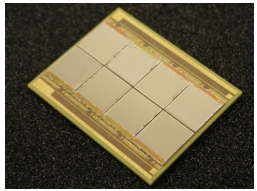


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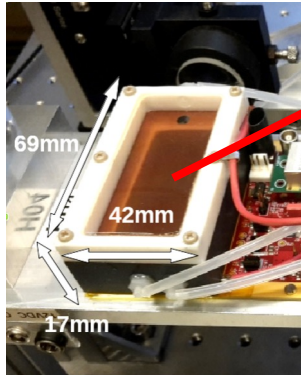
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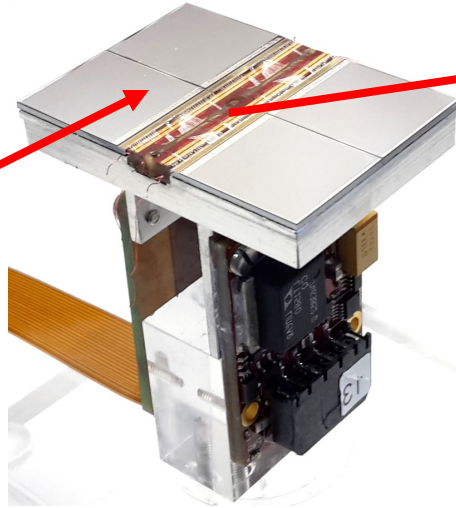


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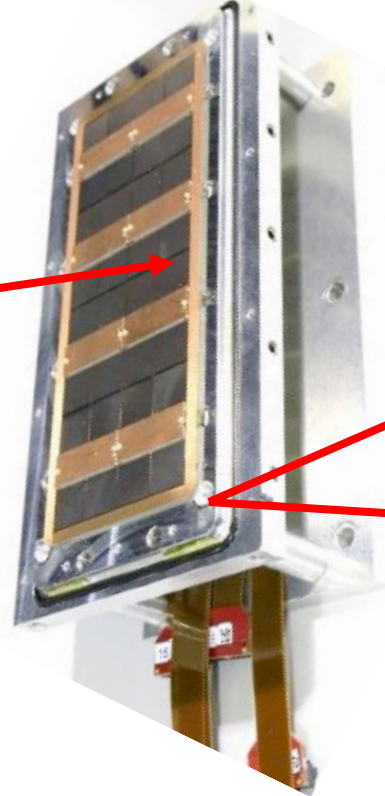
TPX3 chip

2017



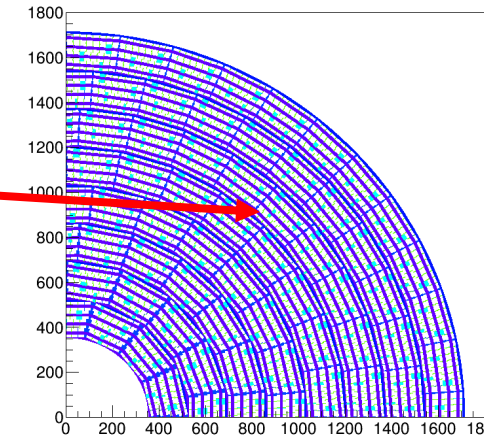
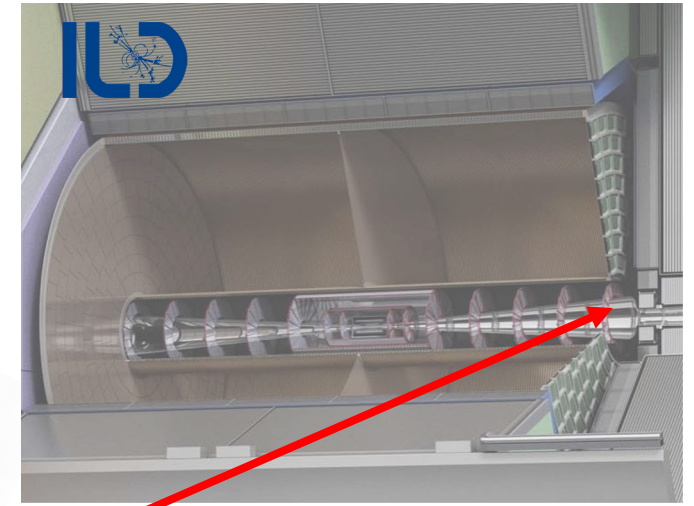
Quad

2018



Module

2019



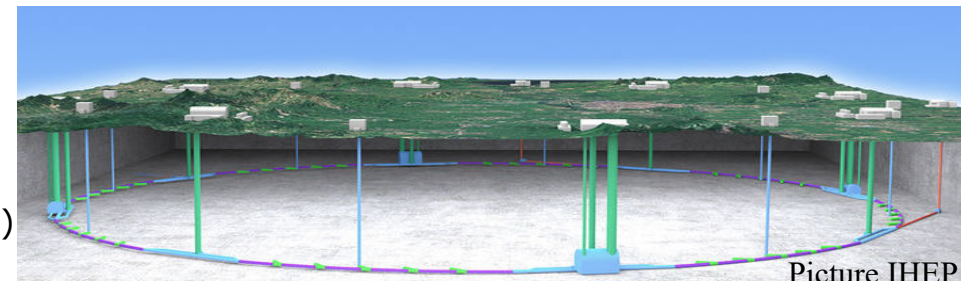
TPC plane

(TimePix1)

(2007-14)

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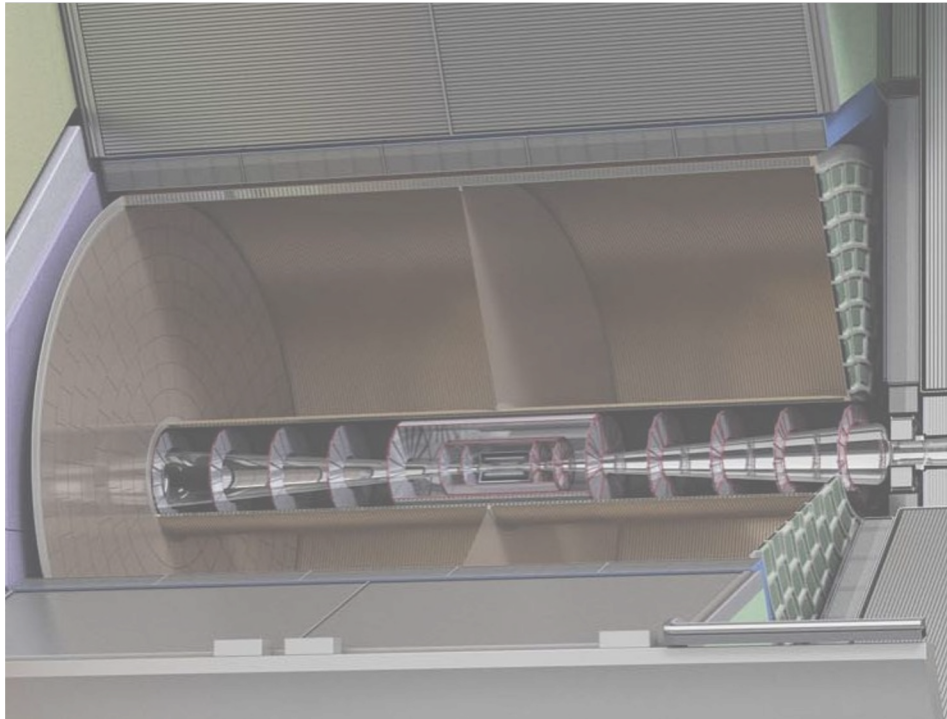
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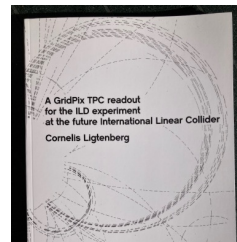
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Pixel TPC



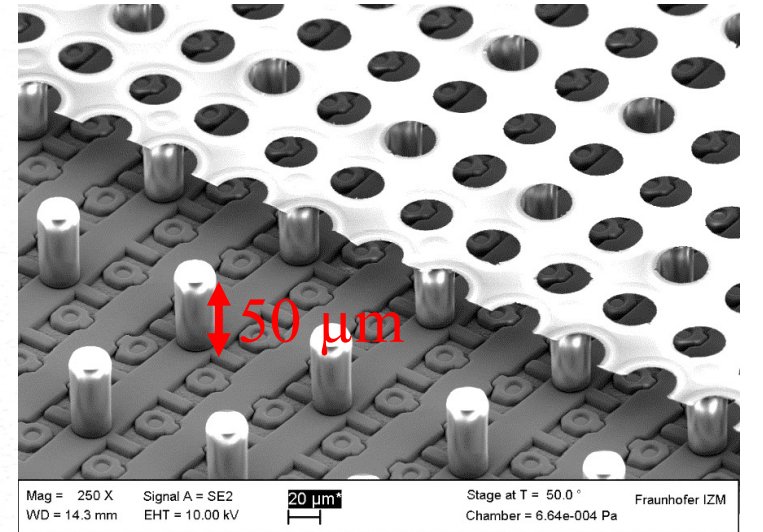
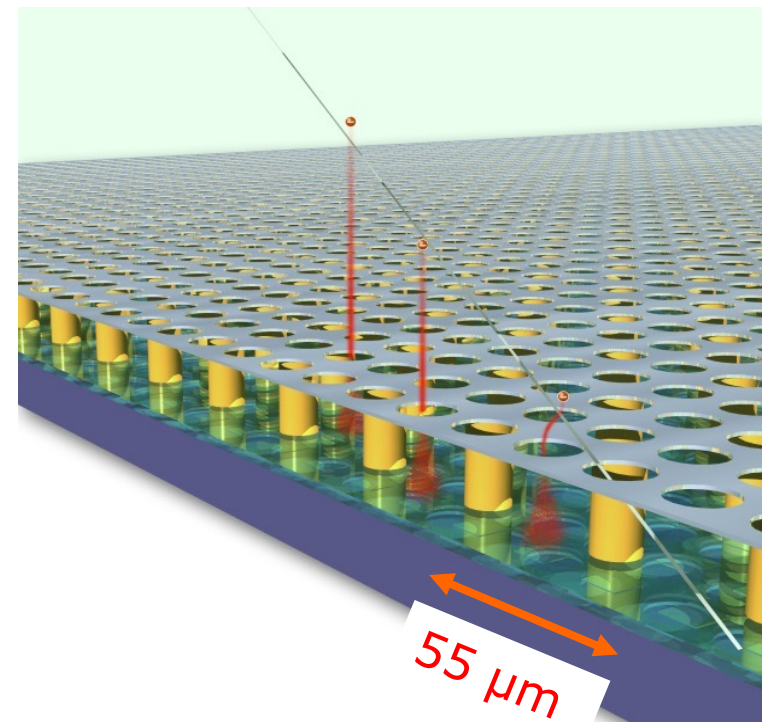
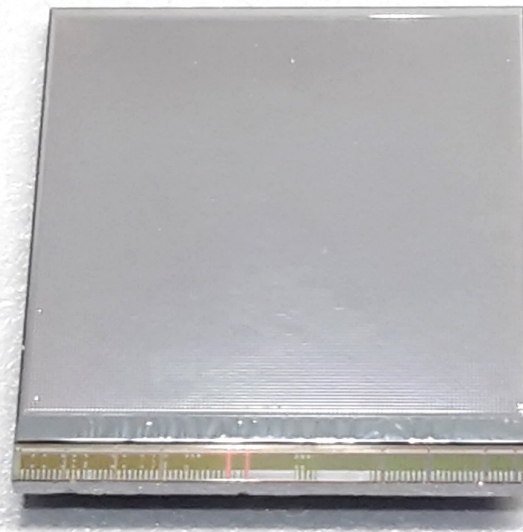
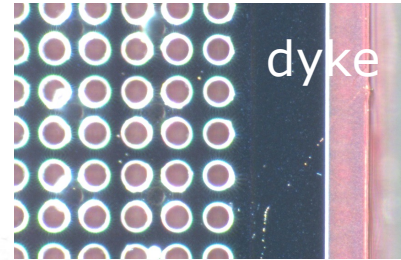
- Material budget is
 - 0.01 X_0 TPC gas
 - 0.01 X_0 inner cylinder
 - 0.03 X_0 outer cylinder
 - $< 0.25 X_0$ endplates (incl readout)
- Note the very low budget in the barrel region. Material budget can be respected by different technologies like GEM, MicroMegas and Pixels
- TPC is sliced between silicon detectors VTX, SIT and SET
- pixel readout is a serious option for the TPC readout plane @ ILC/FFC-ee/CLIC/CEPC colliders



https://www.nikhef.nl/pub/services/biblio/theses_pdf/thesis_C_Ligtenberg.pdf

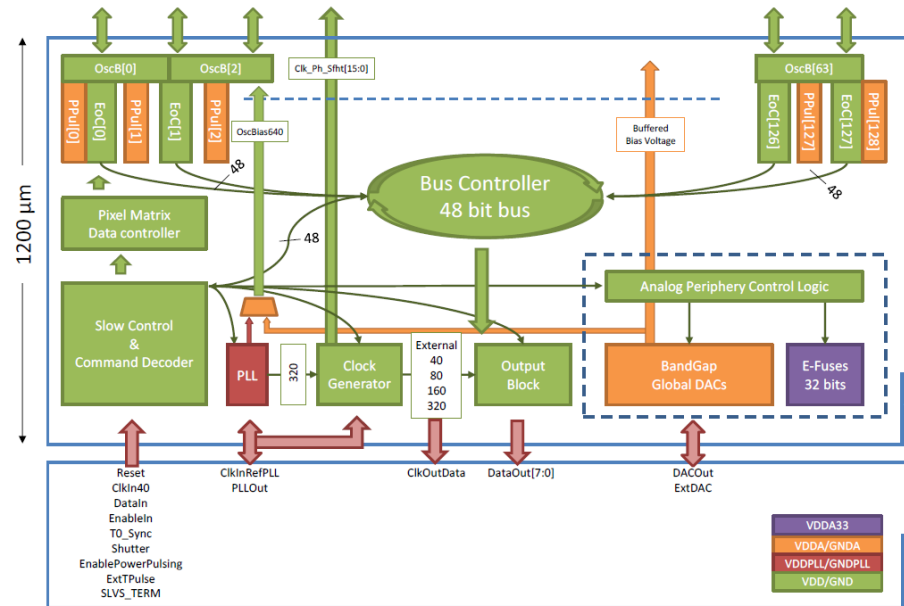
GridPix technology

- Pixel chip with integrated Grid (Micromegas-like)
 - InGrid post-processed @ IZM
 - Grid set at negative voltage (300 – 600 V) to provide gas amplification
 - Very small pixel size (55 μm)
 - detecting individual electrons
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- Aluminium grid (1 μm thick)
 - 35 μm wide holes, 55 μm pitch
 - Supported by SU8 pillars 50 μm high
 - Grid surrounded by SU8 dyke (150 μm wide solid strip) for mechanical and HV stability



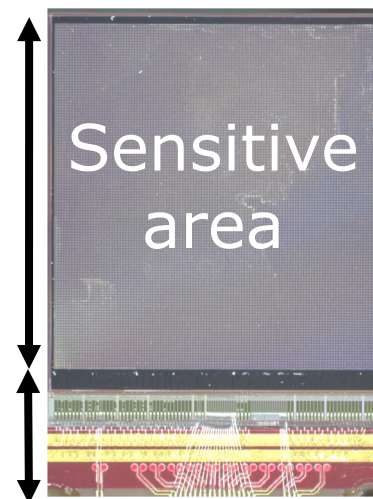
Pixel chip: TimePix3

- 256 x 256 pixels
- 55 x 55 μm pitch
- 14.1 x 14.1 mm sensitive area
- TDC with **640 MHz clock** (1.56 ns)
- Used in the data driven mode
 - Each hit consists of the **pixel address** and **time stamp** of arrival time (ToA)
 - Time over threshold (ToT) is added to register the signal amplitude
 - compensation for time walk
 - **Trigger** (for t_0) added to the data stream as an additional time stamp
- Power consumption
 - $\sim 1 \text{ A @ } 2 \text{ V}$ (2W) depending on hit rate
 - good cooling is important

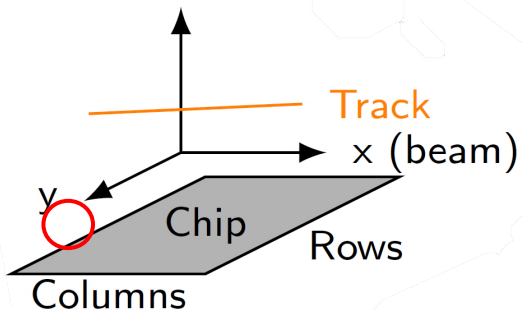
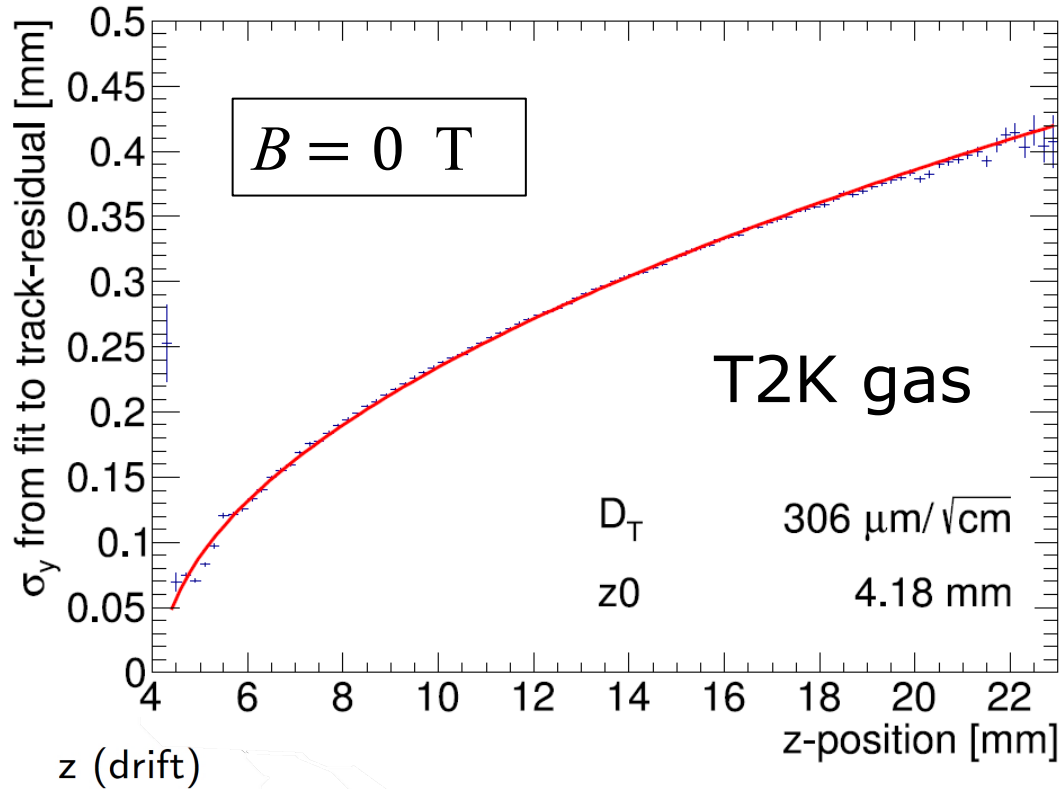


14.1 mm

2+3 mm



Single hit resolution in transverse direction



$$D_T = 306 \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{\text{cm}}$$

($318 \pm 7 \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{\text{cm}}$ expected)

Results from Bonn-Elsa testbeam in 2017
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2018.08.012>

Single hit resolution in pixel plane:

$$\sigma_y^2 = \sigma_{y0}^2 + D_T^2(z - z_0)$$

Depends on:

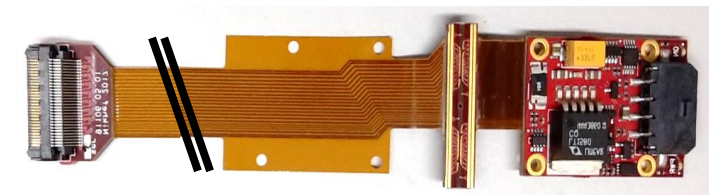
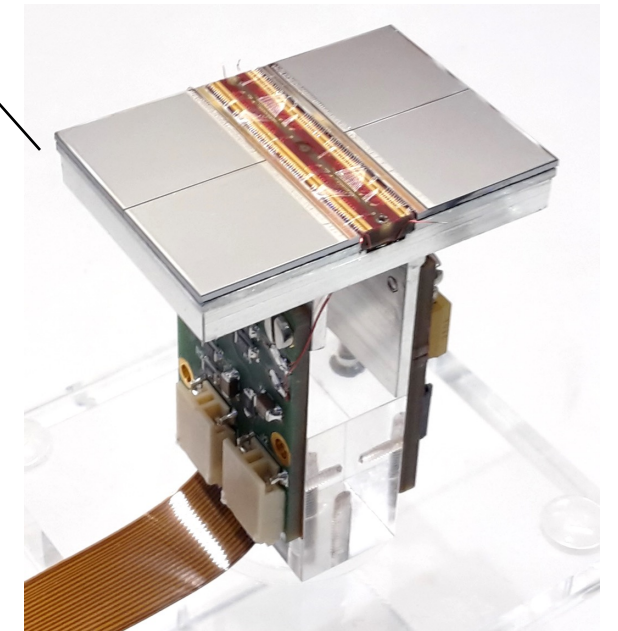
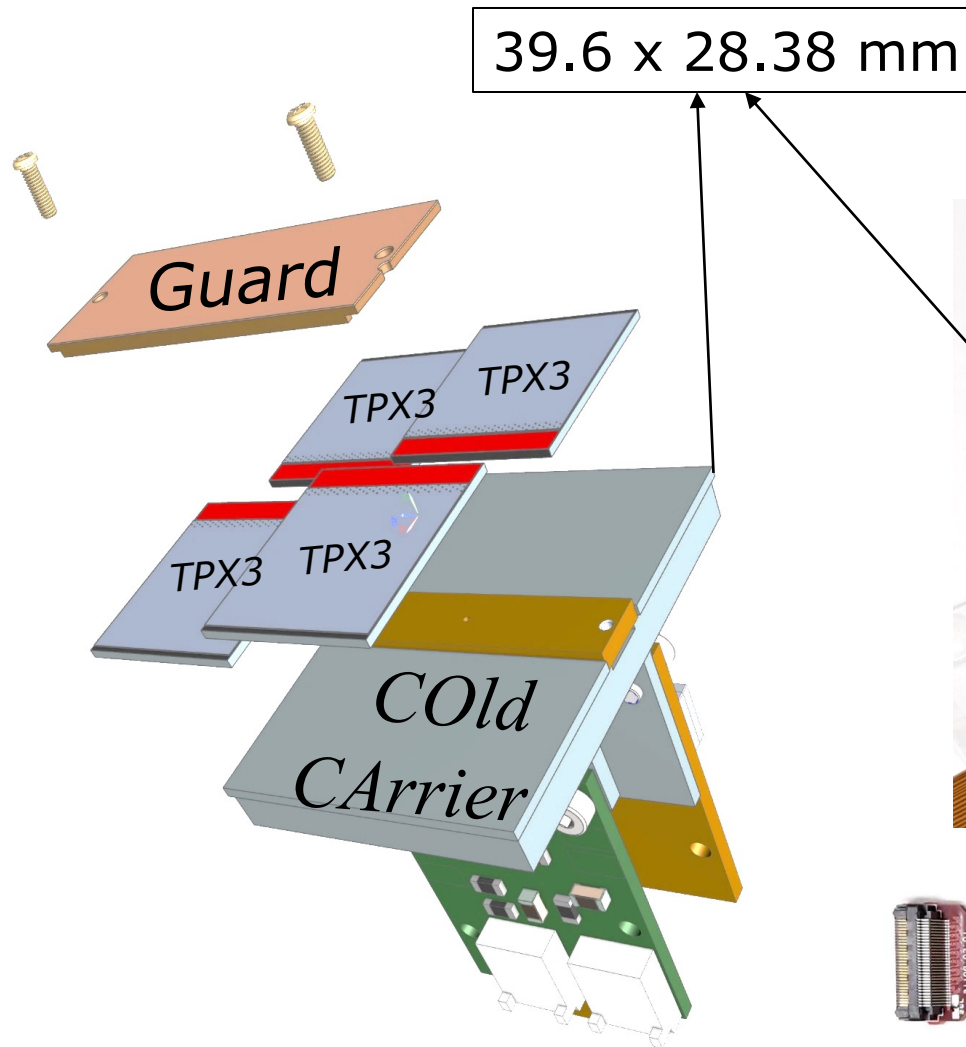
- $\sigma_{y0} = \text{pixel size} / \sqrt{12}$
- Diffusion D_T from fit

Note that:

- A hit resolution of $\sim 250 \mu\text{m}$ is $\sim 25 \mu\text{m}$ for a 100-hit track ($\sim 1 \text{ cm}$ track length)
- At $B = 4 \text{ T}$, $D_T = 25 \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{\text{cm}}$

QUAD design and realization

- Four-TimePix3 chips
- All services (signal IO, LV power) are located under the detection surface
- The area for connections was squeezed to the minimum
- Very high precision 10 μm mounting of the chips and guard
- QUAD has a sensitive area of 68.9%
- DAQ by SPIDR

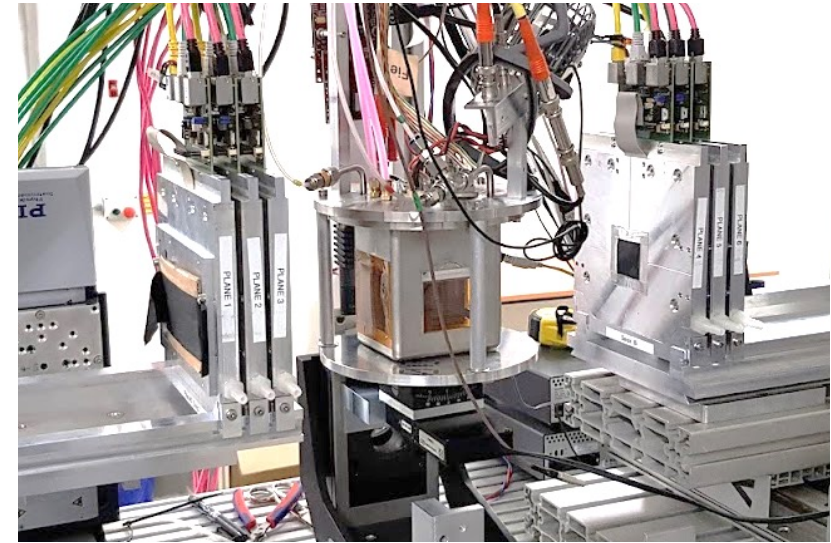
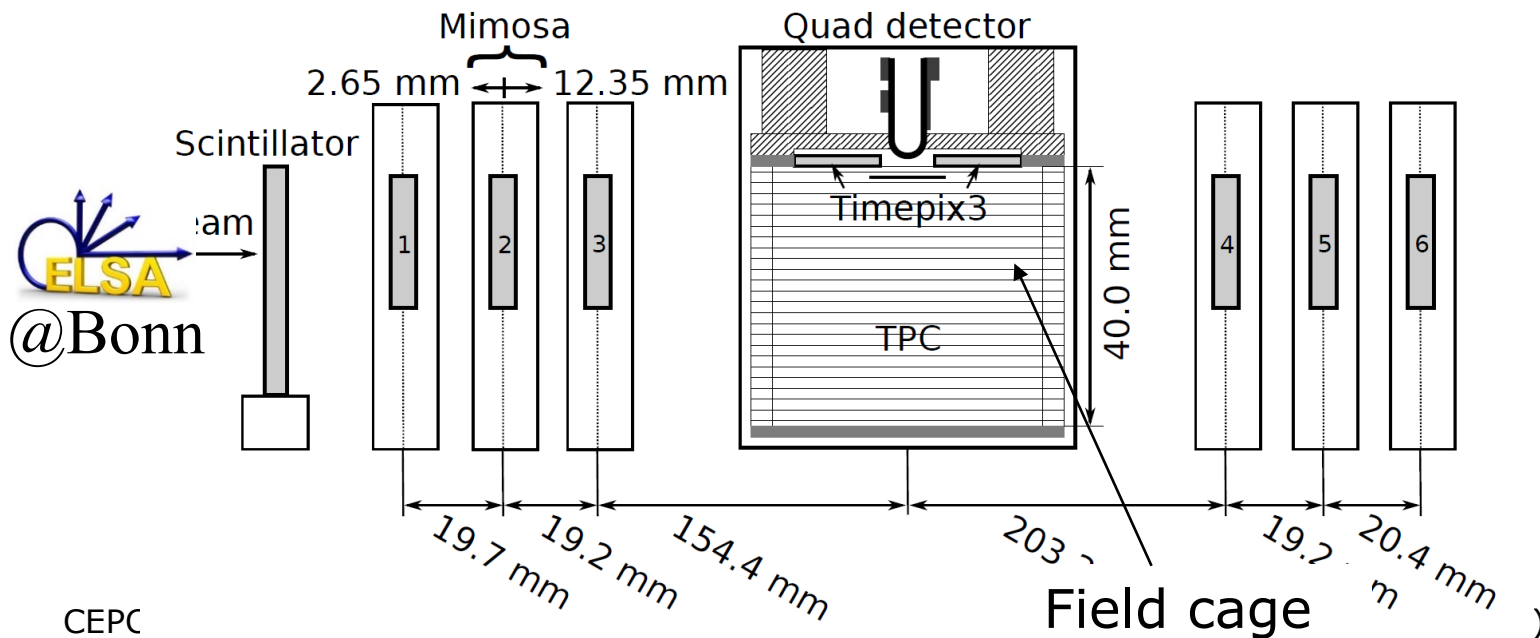


QUAD test beam in Bonn (October 2018)

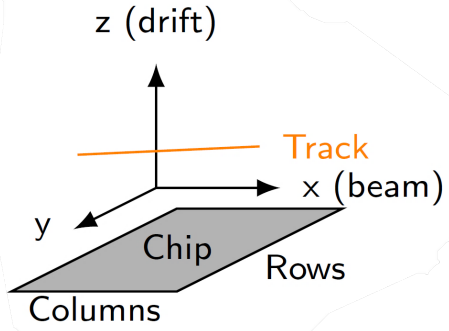
- ELSA: 2.5 GeV electrons
- Tracks referenced by Mimosa telescope
- QUAD sandwiched between Mimosa planes
 - Largely improved track definition
 - 6 planes with $18.4 \mu\text{m} \times 18.4 \mu\text{m}$ sized pixels
- Gas: Ar/CF₄/iC₄H₁₀ 95/3/2 (T2K)
- $E_d = 400 \text{ V/cm}$, $V_{\text{grid}} = -330 \text{ V}$
- Typical beam height above the chip: $\sim 1 \text{ cm}$

Published NIMA

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2019.163331>

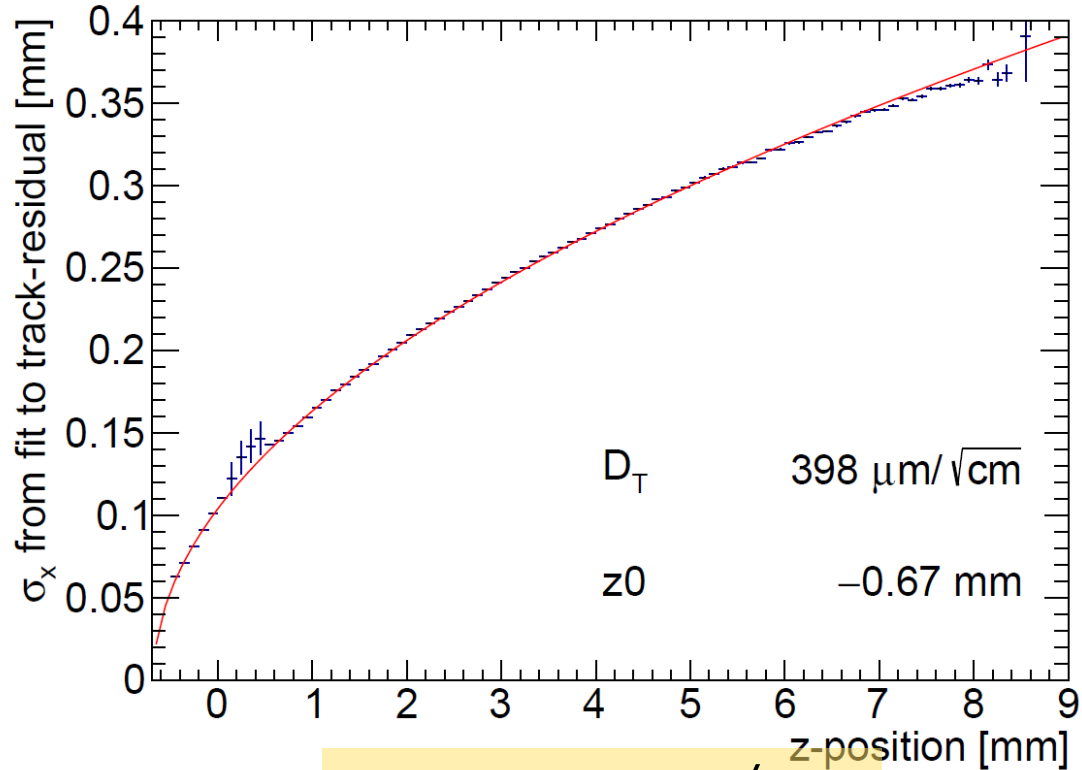


QUAD single hit resolution

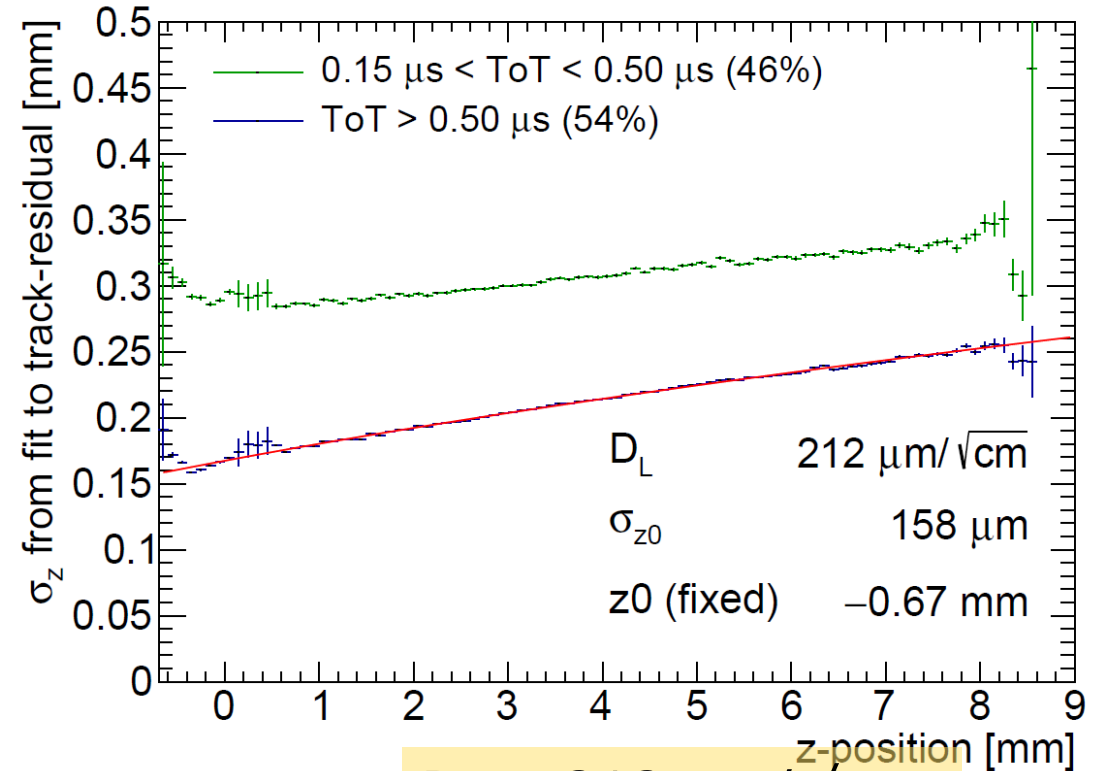


Transverse

Longitudinal



$D_T = 398 \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{\text{cm}}$

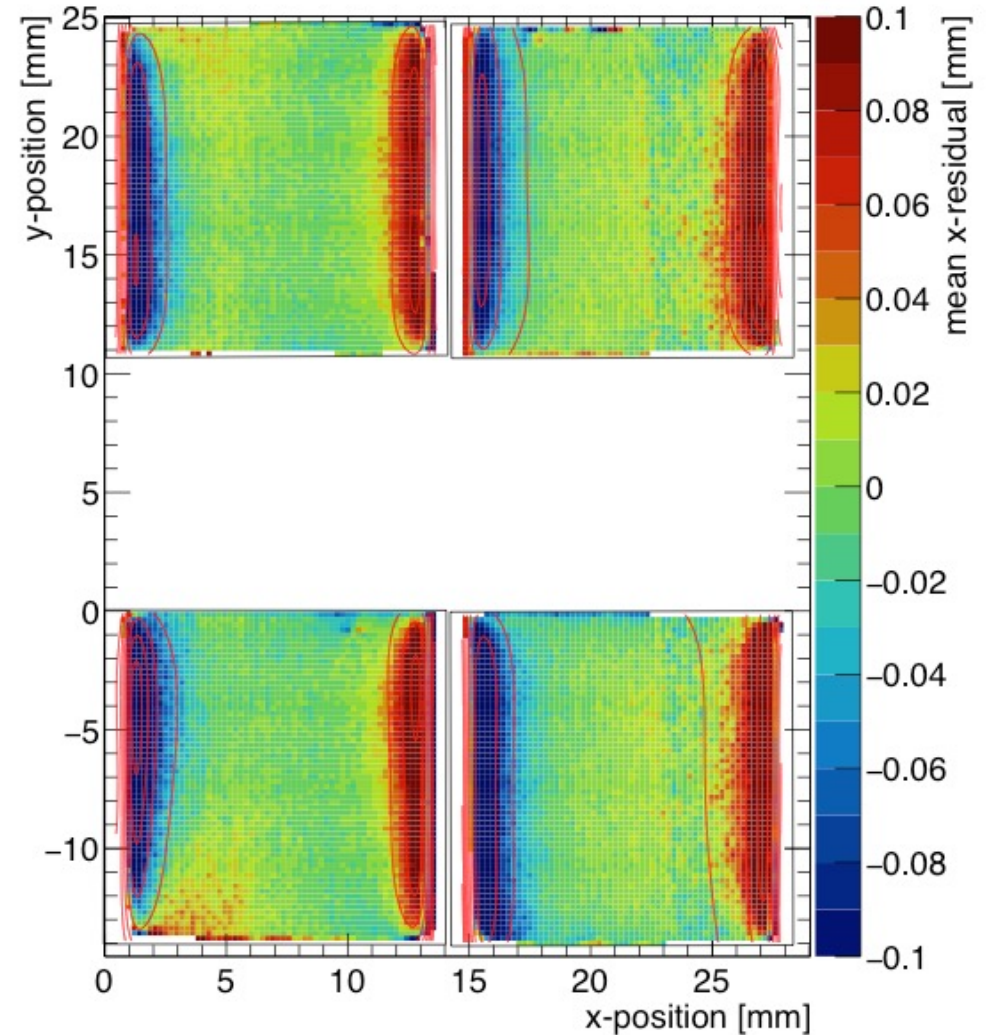
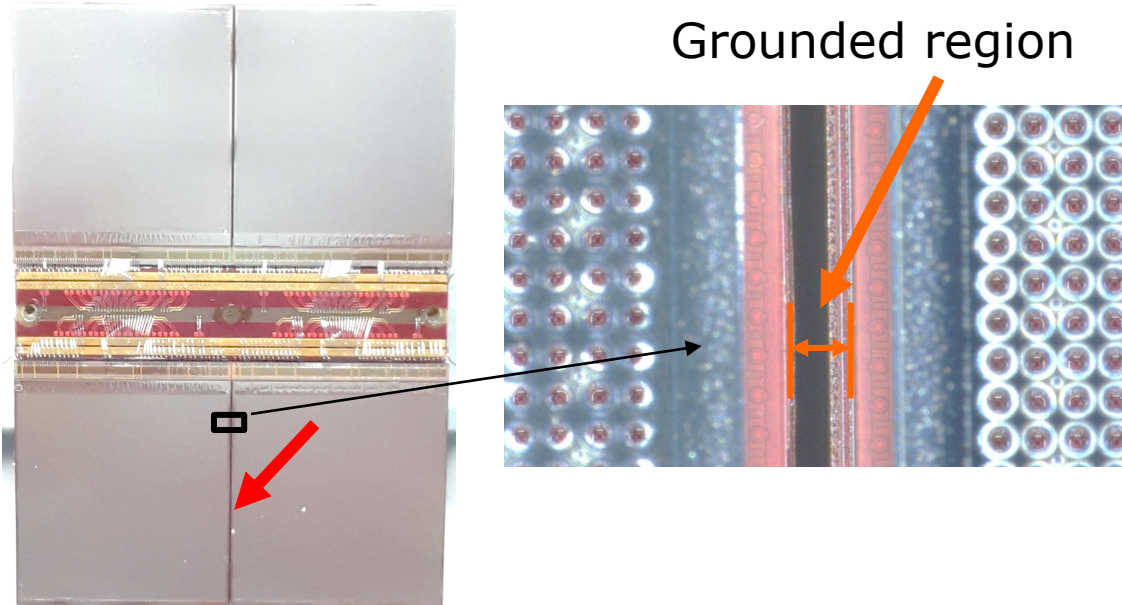


$D_L = 212 \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{\text{cm}}$

The D_T value is rather high due to an error in the gas mixing (too low CF_4)

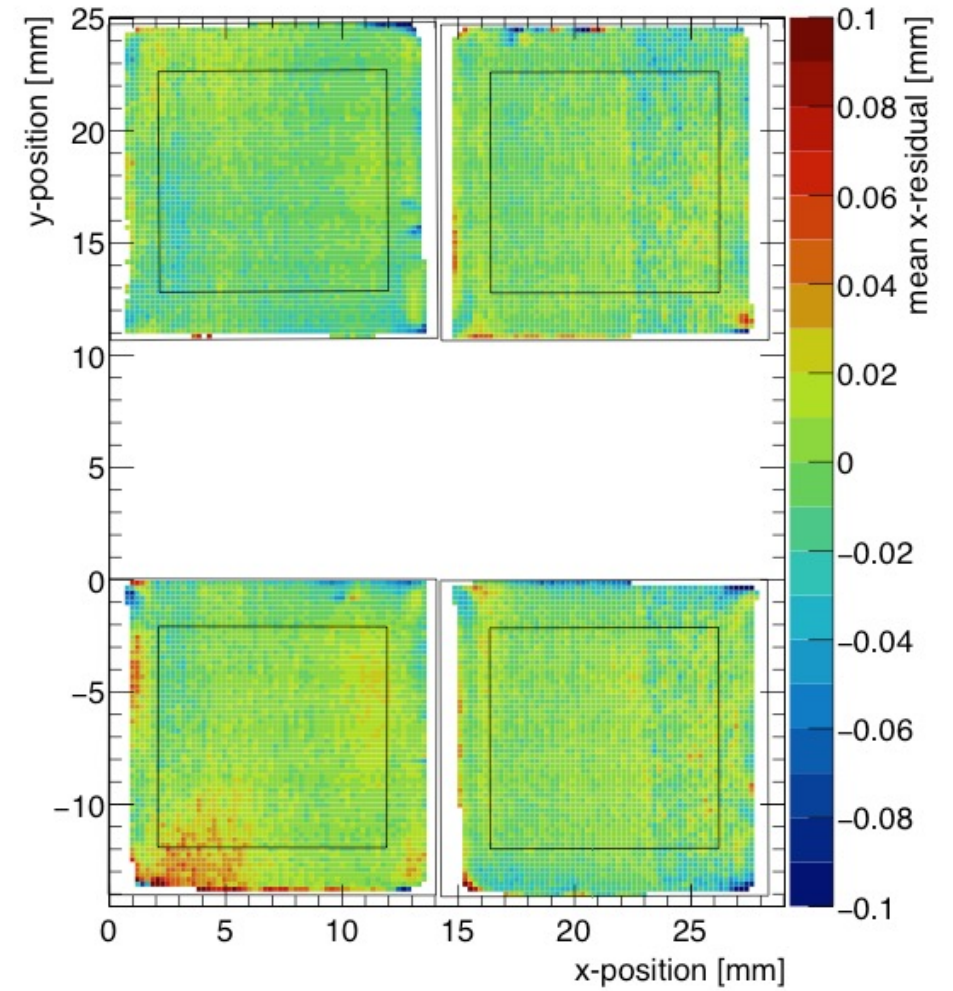
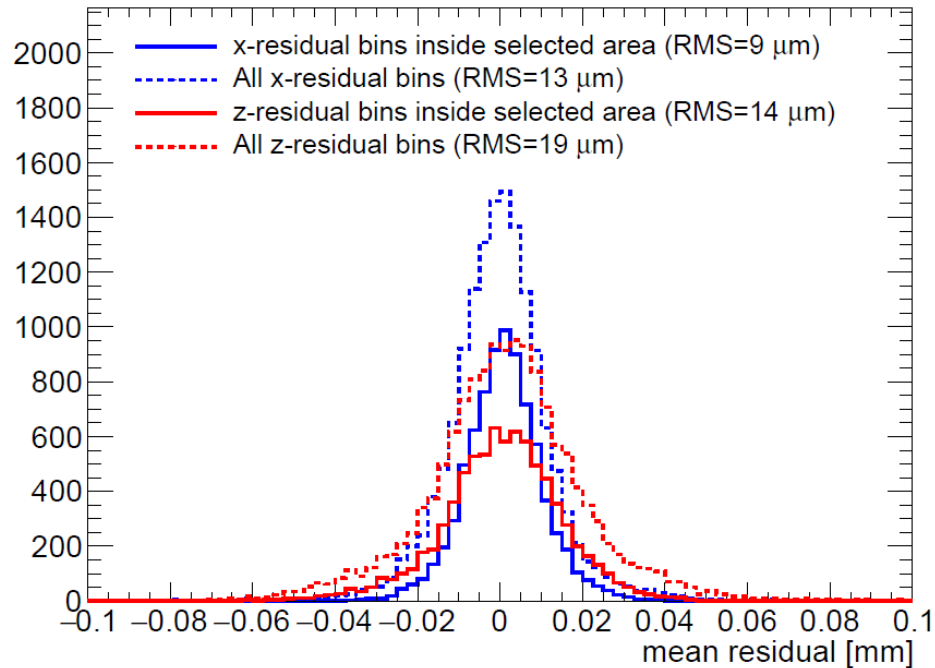
QUAD edge deformations (XY)

- Small deformations due to
 - Dead zone between chips
 - Grounded region between chips
- Are corrected by:
 - fitted correction function
 - adding proper guard wire electrode



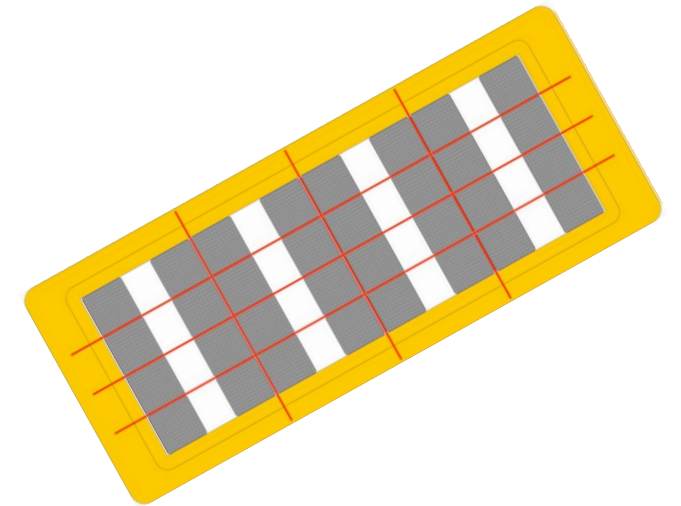
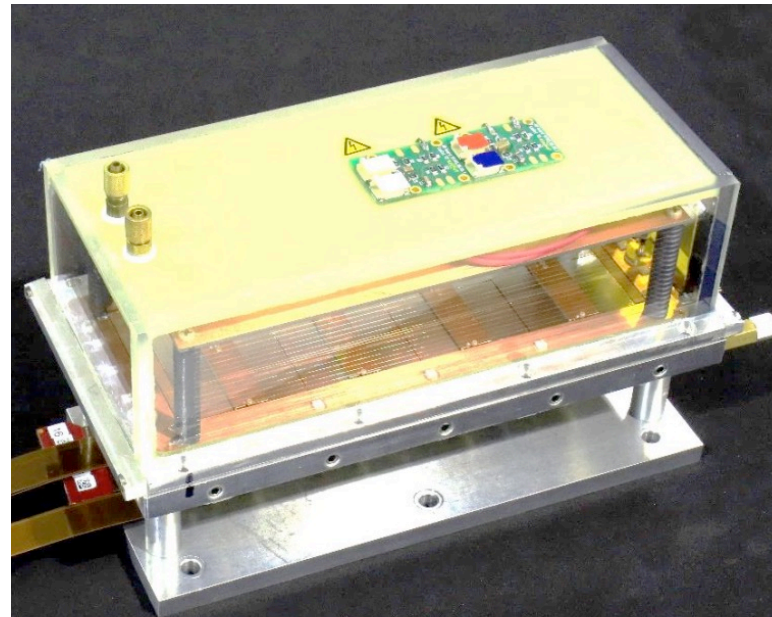
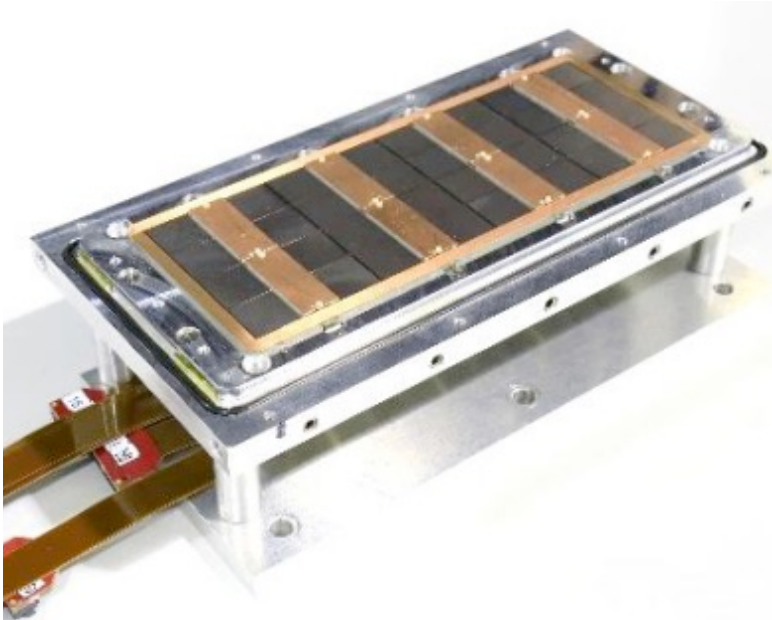
QUAD deformations in transverse plane (XY)

- After applying fitted edge corrections
- RMS of the mean residuals are $13\ \mu\text{m}$ over the whole QUAD

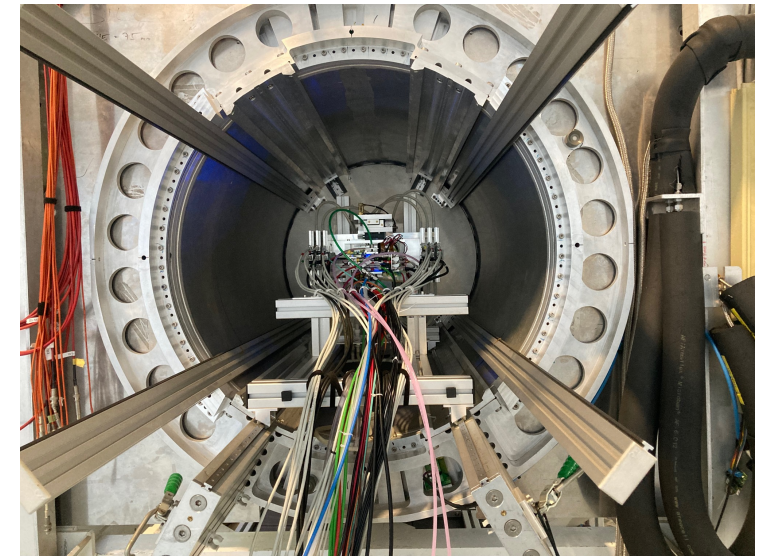
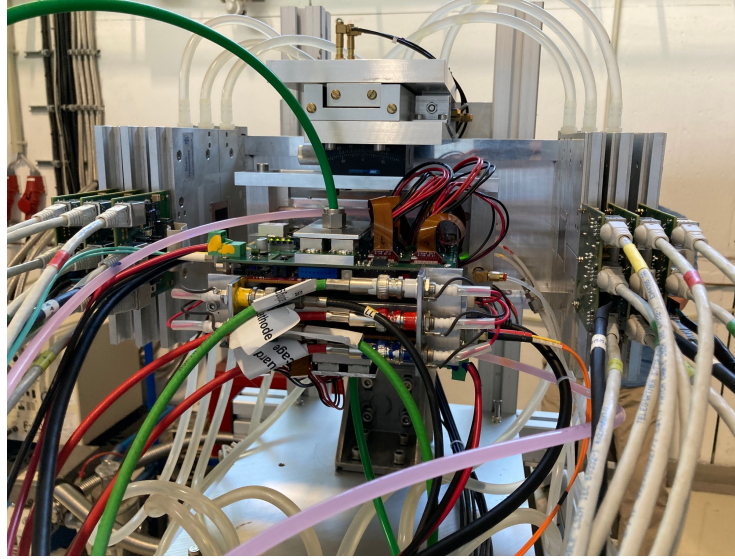
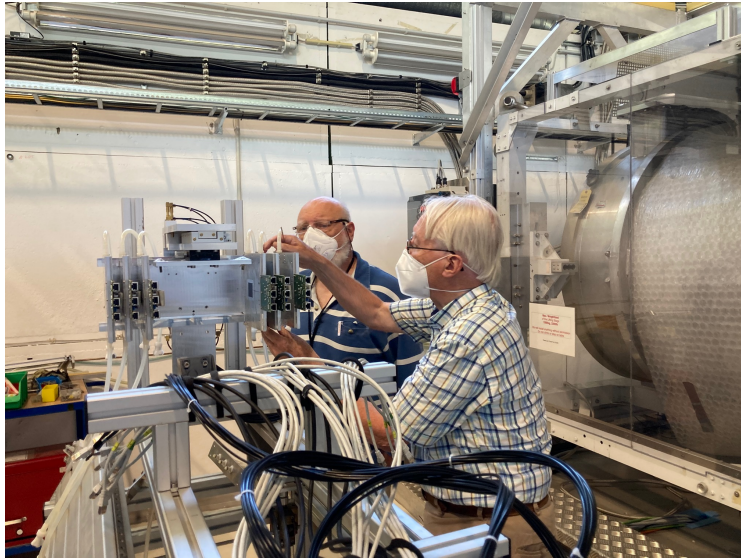


QUAD as a building block

8-QUAD module (2x4 quads) with field cage



in red guard wires

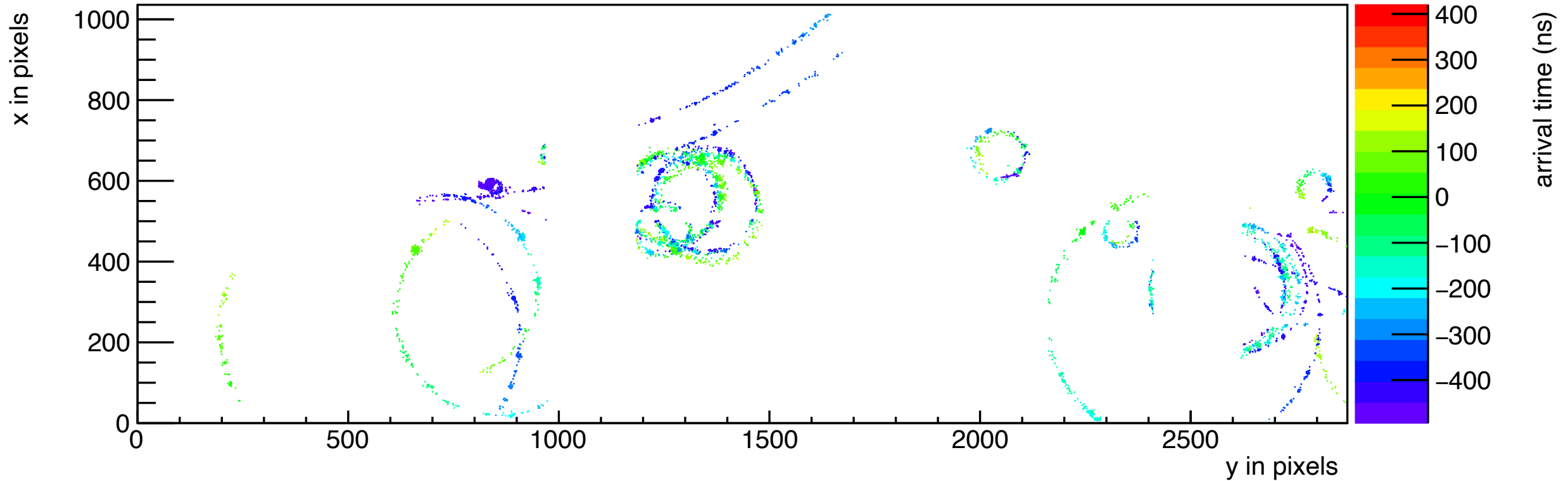


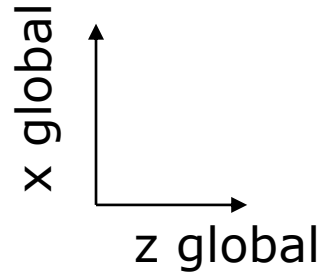
Mounting the 8 quad module between the silicon planes
sliding it into the 1 T PCMAG solenoid

DESY LCTPC-Pixel Testbeam

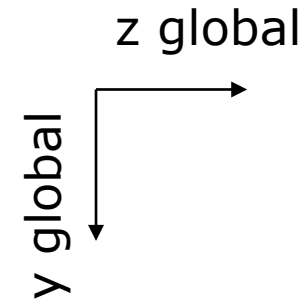
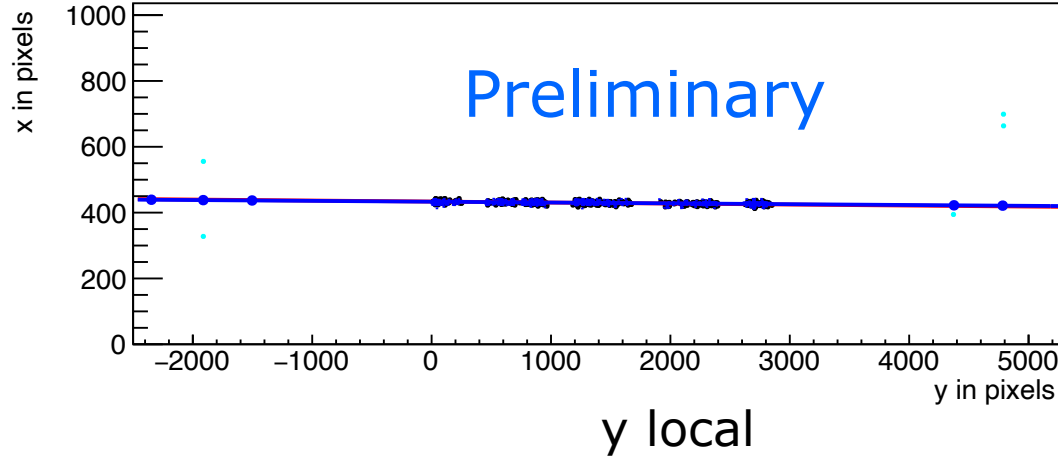
Run 6969 Event 2

Bfield 1.0 T beam momentum 6 GeV/c

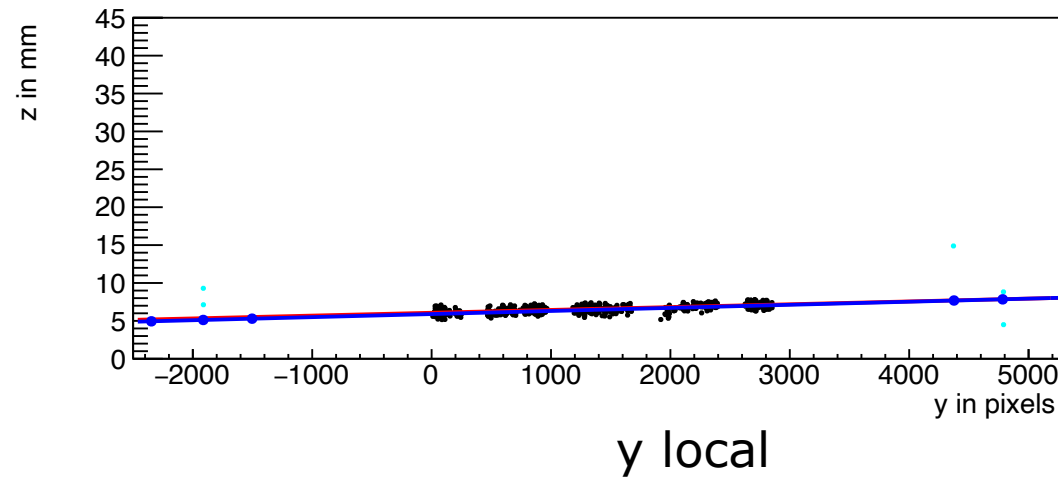




x local



z local drift



Event display with module and telescope

TPX3 track 1130 hits

$$\chi^2_{xy} = 677.5/1128$$

$$\chi^2_z = 775.9/1069$$

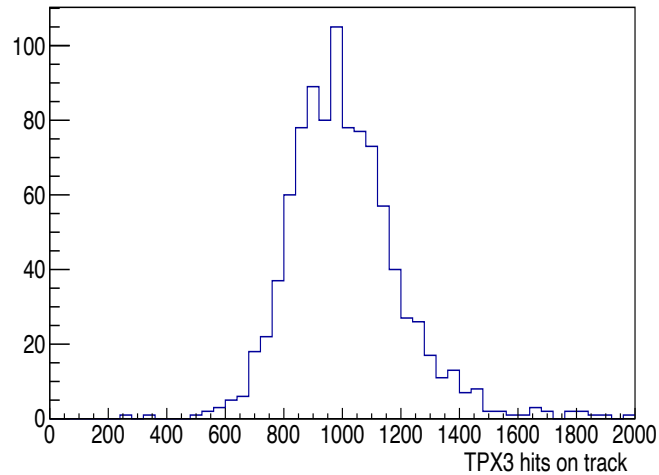
Asymmetric tail outlier removal applied 1071 hits in z kept.

TPX3 track hits

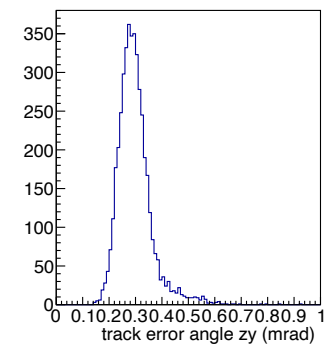
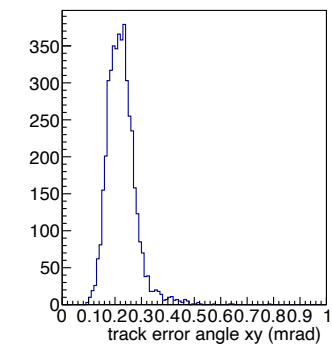
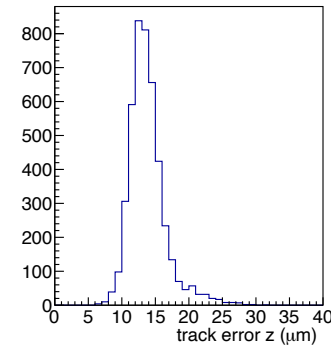
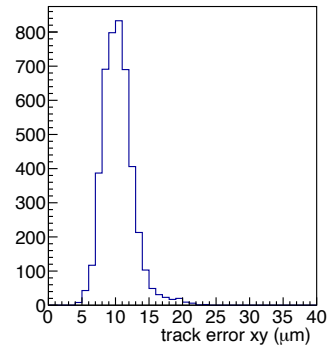
Telescope track hits (off track green)



Preliminary



964 selected tracks
Impressive 1009 hits / track



8-quad module Tracking precision:

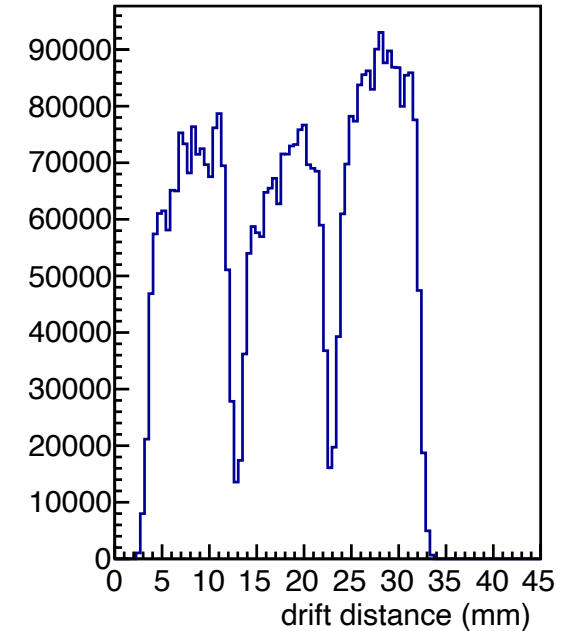
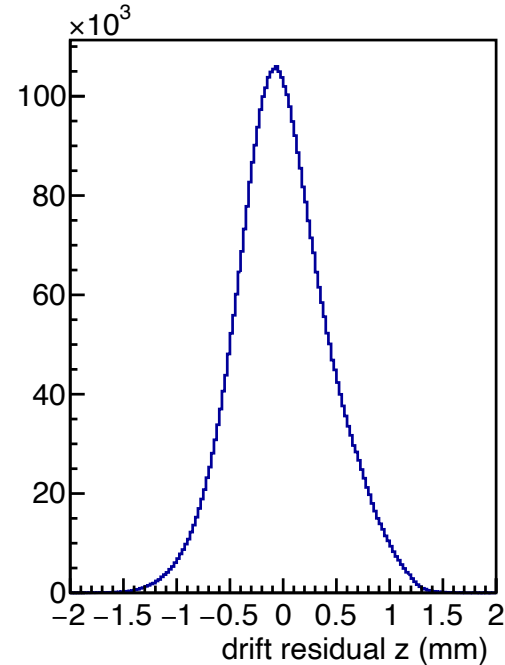
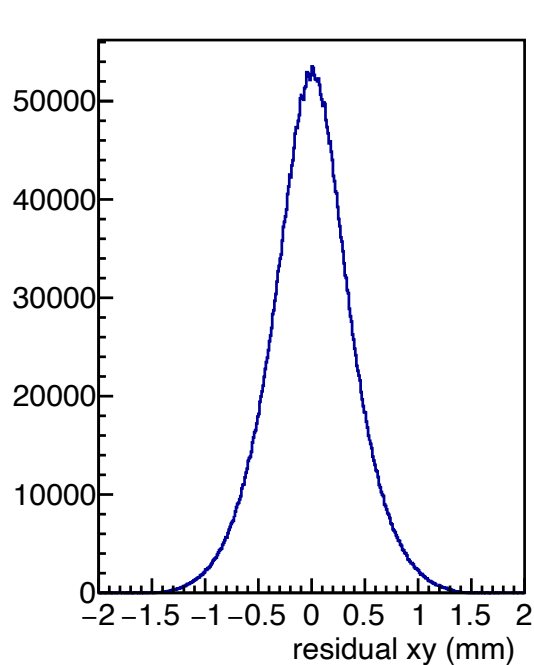
position 9 μm (xy) 13 μm (z)
angle 0.19 mrad (dx/dy) 0.25 (dz/dy) mrad
module tracklength = 157.96 mm

Note that in a B field because of the reduced diffusion the tracking precision will improve substantially

Run 6916-6918 B=0 T p=6 GeV

Three runs at different drift distances

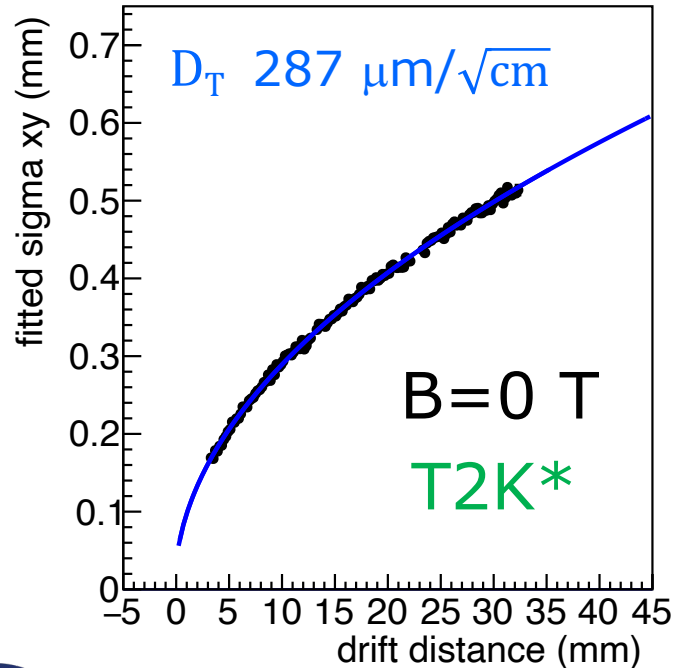
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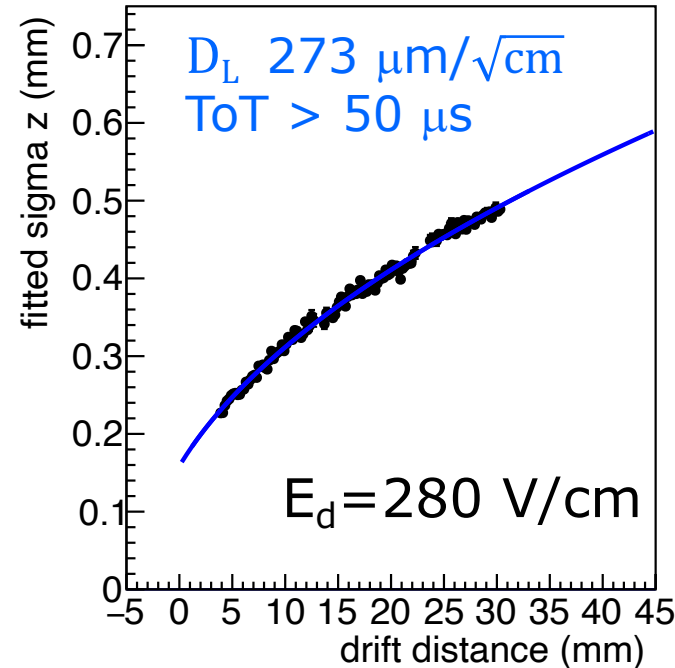
Run 6916-6918 B=0 T p=6 GeV

Fitted resolution

$$\sigma_{xy,z}^2 = \sigma_{xy0,z0}^2 + D_{xy,z}^2 (z - z_0)$$



Preliminary



$$\sigma_{xy0}^2 = \sigma_{\text{pixel}}^2 + \sigma_{xy \text{ tele}}^2$$

$$\sigma_{\text{pixel}}^2 = 55^2/12 \mu\text{m}^2$$

$$\sigma_{xy \text{ tele}} = 35 \mu\text{m}$$

Magboltz gives $D_T = 287 \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{\text{cm}}$

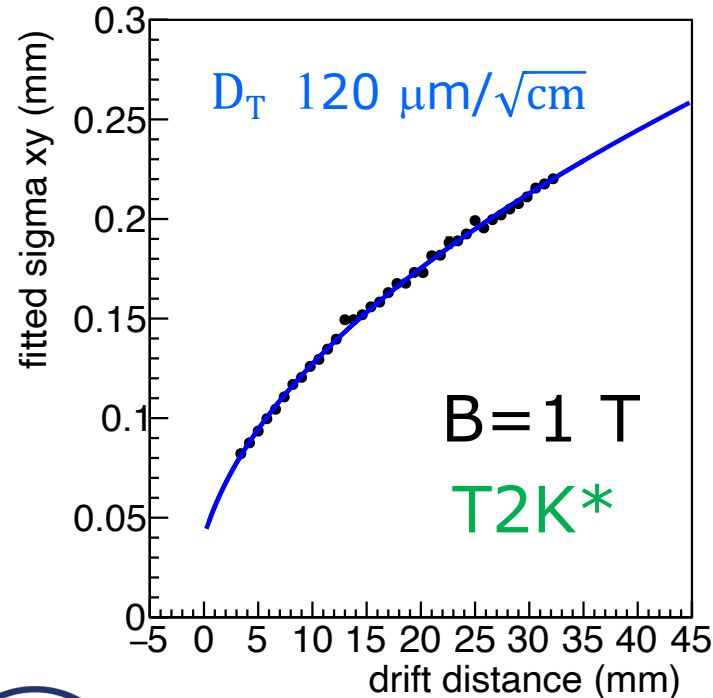
T2K* = T2K gas with O₂ and H₂O

Run 6983-6990 B=1 T p=5 and 6 GeV

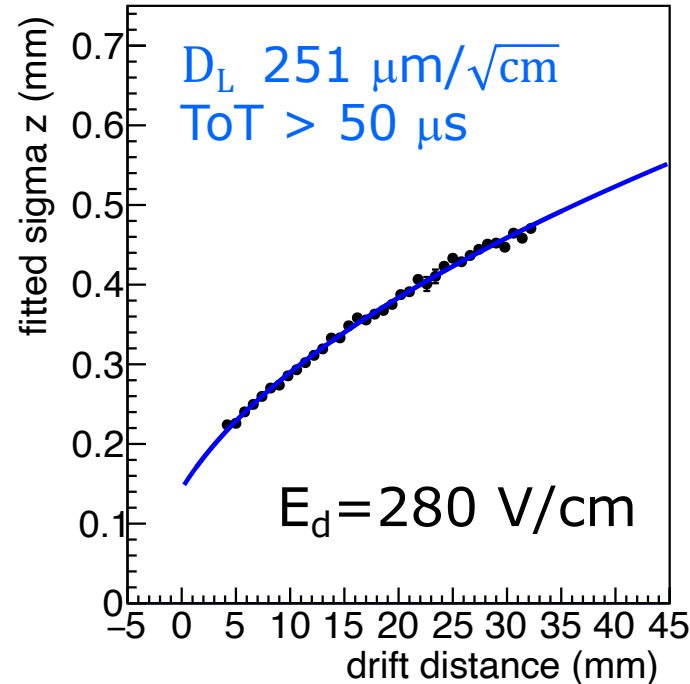
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Fitted resolution

$$\sigma_{xy,z}^2 = \sigma_{xy0,z0}^2 + D_{xy,z}^2 (z - z_0)$$



Preliminary



$$\sigma_{xy0}^2 = \sigma_{\text{pixel}}^2 + \sigma_{xy \text{ tele}}^2$$

$$\sigma_{\text{pixel}}^2 = 55^2/12 \mu\text{m}^2$$

$$\sigma_{xy \text{ tele}} = 42 \mu\text{m}$$

Magboltz gives for $D_T = 121 \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{\text{cm}}$

T2K* = T2K gas with O_2 and H_2O

Runs 6909, 6916-17, 6934-35 B=0 T p =6,5 GeV

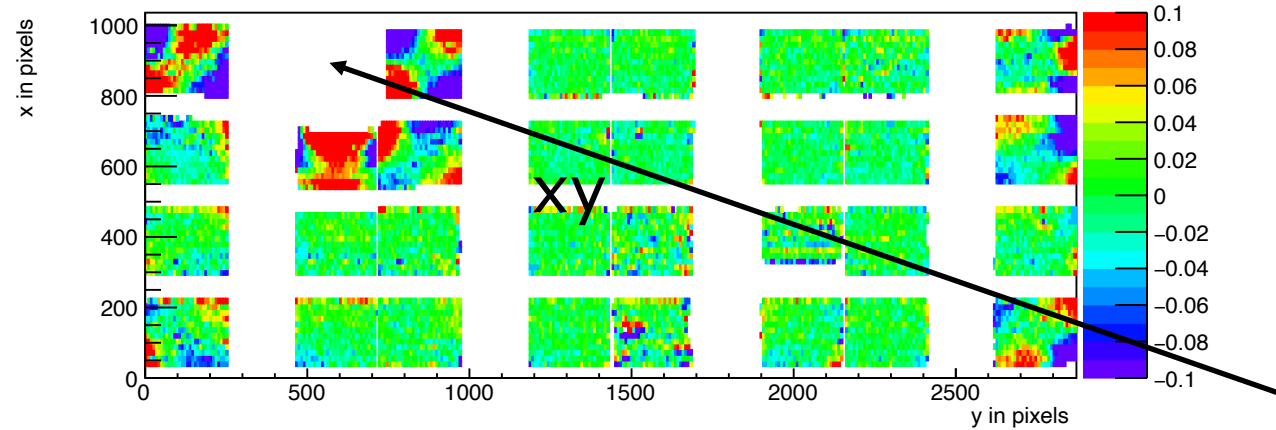
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Mean residuals in the module plane with acceptance cuts

B=0 T
situation

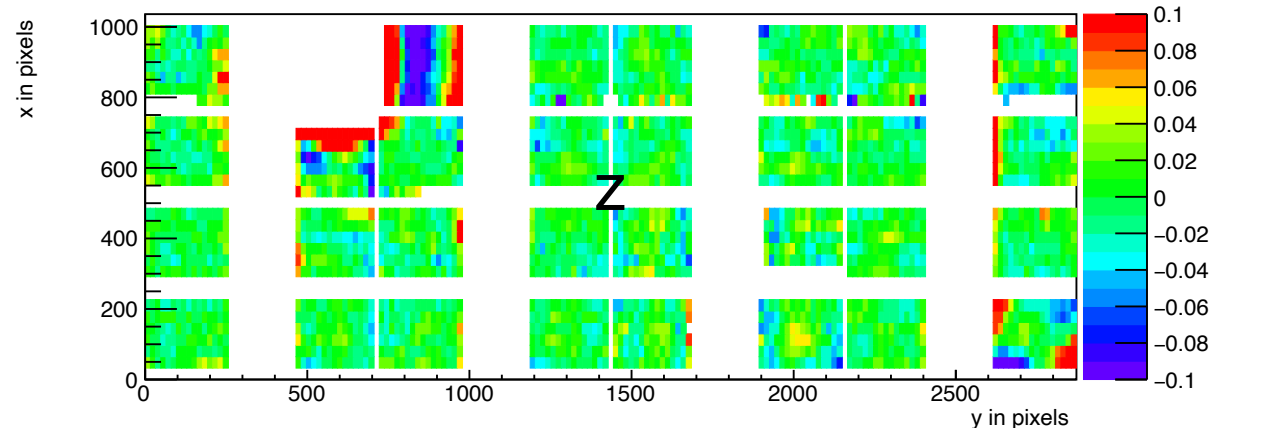
Preliminary

Vertical white
bands guards



There are clear deformations in xy for the chips in the 4 corners.

The field around chip 11 (no grid HV) is affected.



The Efield defined by the field cage is in these areas not homogenous enough

Runs 6981-6988 B=1 T p=5 GeV

Mean residuals in the module plane with acceptance cuts

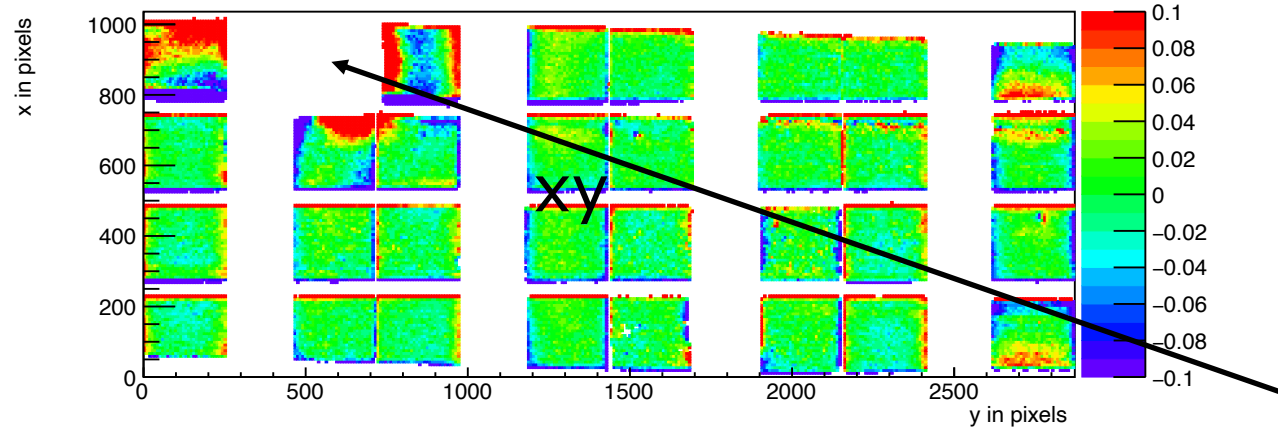
B=1 T
situation

Preliminary

Vertical white
bands guards

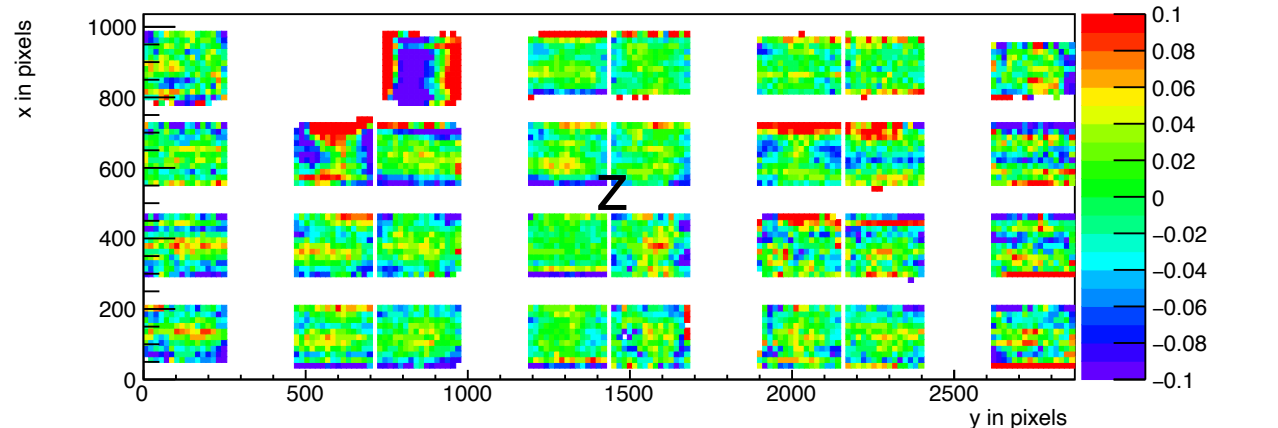


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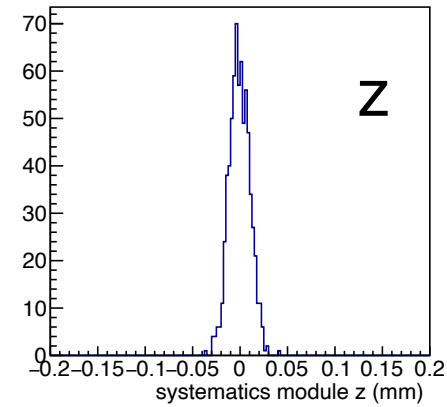
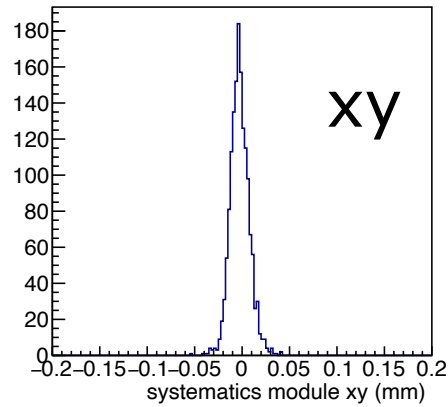
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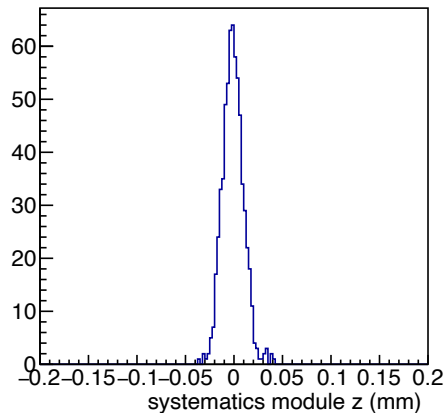
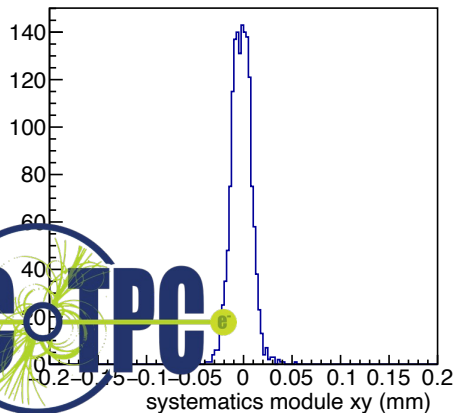
Distribution of mean residuals in the plane

Method row



See back up slide for the two methods that group the module plane

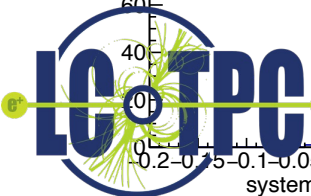
Method column



method	rms (stat) xy	bins xy	rms (stat) z	bins z
row	10 (5) μm	1280	12 (5) μm	638
column	11 (5) μm	1280	11 (5) μm	636

We did not include the 4 corner chips and (11), 14, 8, 13 and 19. These are affected by the field cage and the short in chip 11.

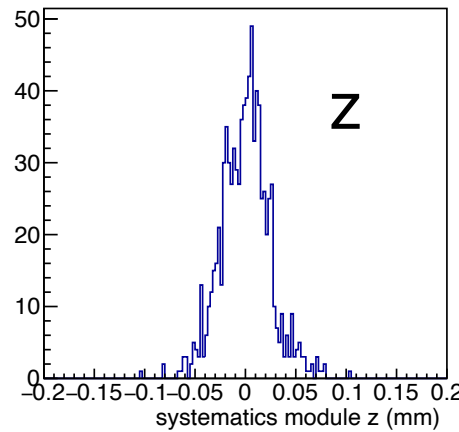
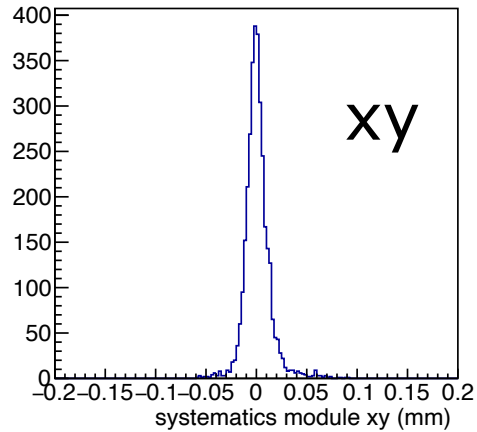
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Runs 6983-6988 B=1T p=5 GeV

Distribution of mean residuals in the plane

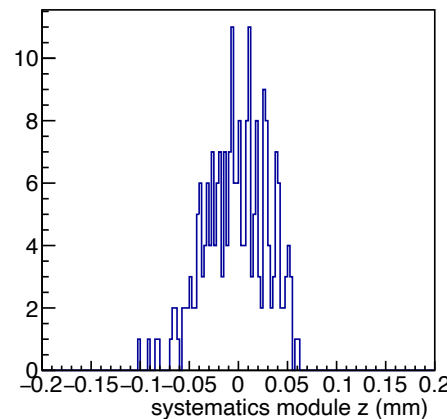
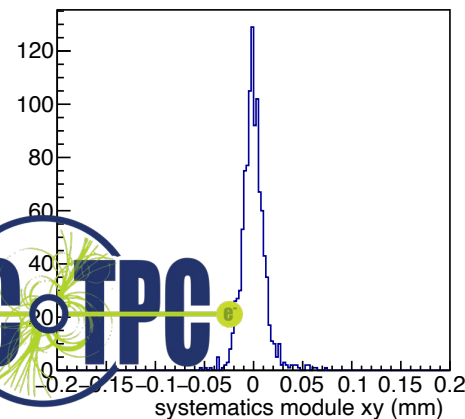
Method row



B=1 T situation

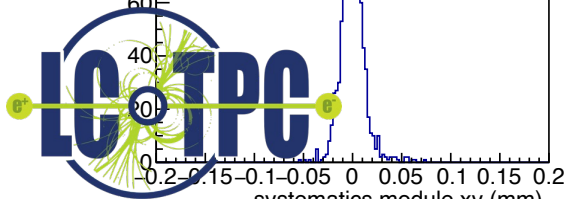
method	rms (stat) xy	bins xy	rms (stat) z	bins z
row	14 (2) μm	3322	22 (5) μm	640
column	12 (2) μm	3266	19 (5) μm	639

Method column

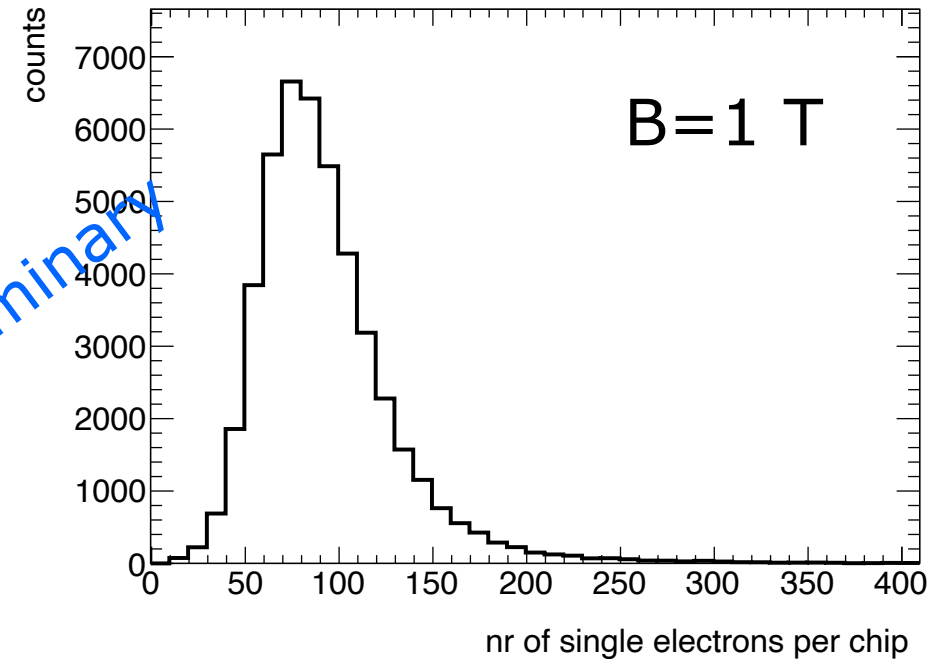
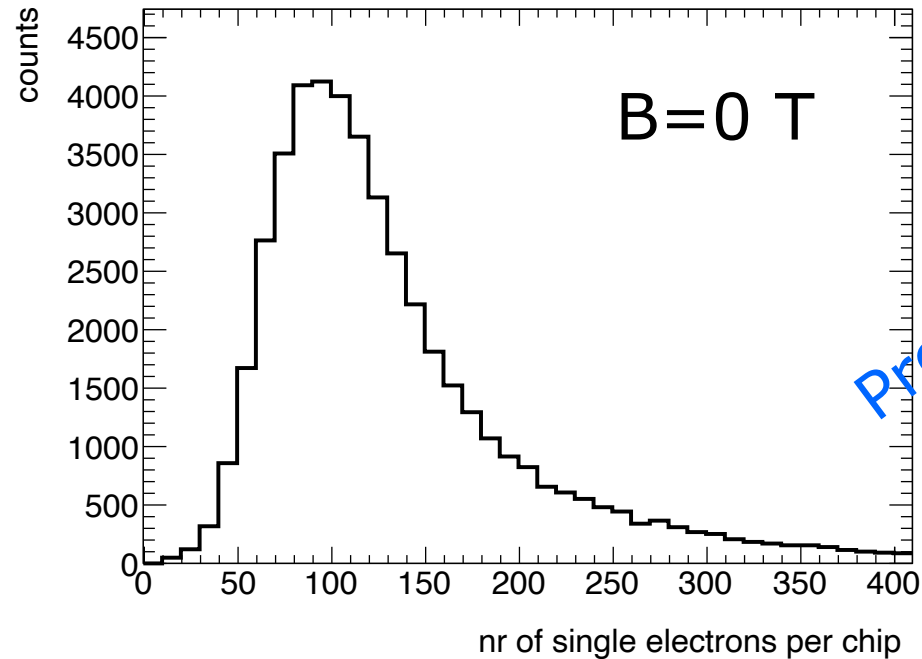


We did not include the 4 corner chips and (11), 14, 8, 13 and 19. These are affected by the field cage and the short in chip 11.

Preliminary



Performance of dEdx



- B=0 T has a large Landau tail
- B=1 T smaller Landau tail and a more gaussian distribution
- An electron crossing 8 chips in the module has about 1000 TX3 hits

The dEdx resolution for MIPs (70% of the electron dE/dx) from data by combining tracks to form a 1 m long track with realistic coverage $\sim 60\%$ coverage (corrected for the e-MIP scale).

Method	B=0 Resolution (%)	B= 1 T Resolution (%)
(1) dEdx 90	8.6	6.3
(2) dEdx 90 tail	7.7	5.4
(3) Fit amplitude	9.0	6.0
(3) Fit slope	6.7	4.0

Method (1) dEdx 90 is truncation at 90%; in (2) large clusters are scanned and removed; The “Fit slope/amplitude” method (3); where the exponential slope and amplitude of the distance between the hits is fitted. The slope gives the best resolution of 4.0%.

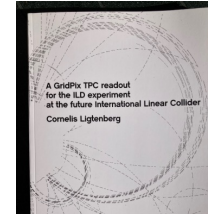
- Preliminary results of the 8 Quad Module in the DESY test beam in June 2021 have been presented
- One chip (nr 11) out of 32 was disconnected due to a short*
- In run 6916 e.g. 964 tracks were selected with 1009 hits on track
- The tracking precision: position 9 (xy) 13 μm (z) in angle 0.19 (dx/dy) 0.25 (dzdy) mrad for a module or tracklength is 157.96 mm
- The diffusion coefficients at $B=0$ T $D_{xy} = 287 \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{\text{cm}}$ $D_z = 273 \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{\text{cm}}$
- The diffusion coefficients at $B=1$ T is $D_{xy} = 120 \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{\text{cm}}$ $D_z = 251 \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{\text{cm}}$
 - In agreement with Magboltz $D_{xy} = 121 \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{\text{cm}}$

*the chip was successfully repaired in 2023 Bonn see backup slide

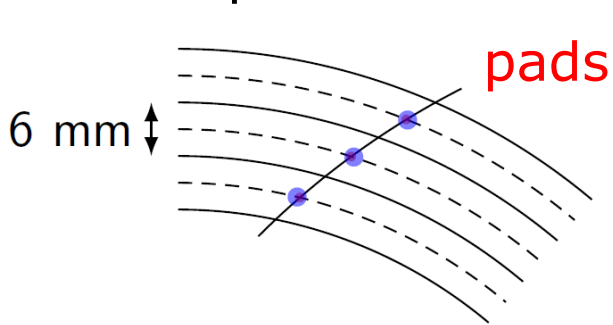
- Results for the module showed that:
 - the HV of the guard wires was well tuned
 - B=0 T rms residuals in the module plane xy 12 μm and z 14 μm
 - The results are compatible with (very) high stats quad measurement
 - B= 1T rms residuals in the plane xy 14 μm and z 22 μm ;
- High tracking precision demonstrated with small systematics
 - deformations xy stay below 12(14) μm
- Particle identification based on the numbers of hits and their distance.
 - the "Fit slope" method gives a dEdx MIP resolution of 4.0% for a 1 m track with realistic $\sim 60\%$ coverage of the readout plane in a 1 T B field
 - NB this is much better than our single chip dEdx result at B=0 T.

Simulation of ILD TPC with pixel readout

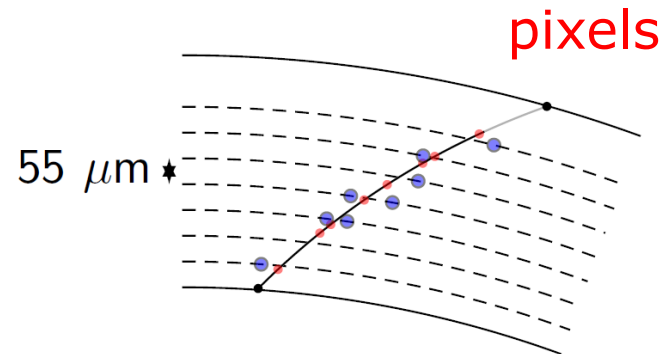
- To study the performance of a large pixelized TPC, the pixel readout was implemented in the full ILD DD4HEP (Geant4) simulation
- Changed the existing TPC pad readout to a pixel readout
- Adapted Kalman filter track reconstruction to pixels



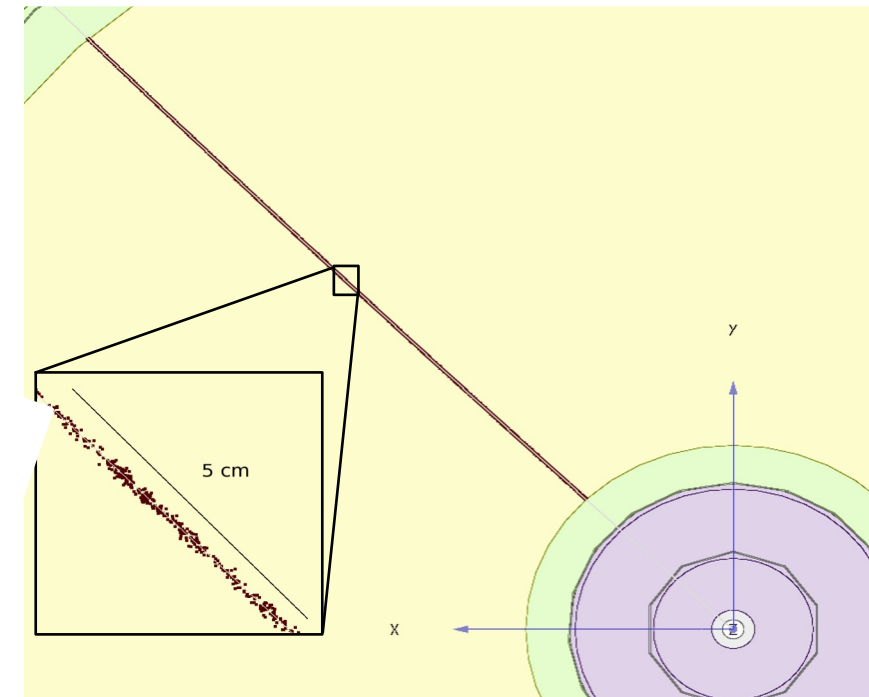
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22 electrons / hit
~ 200 hits / track



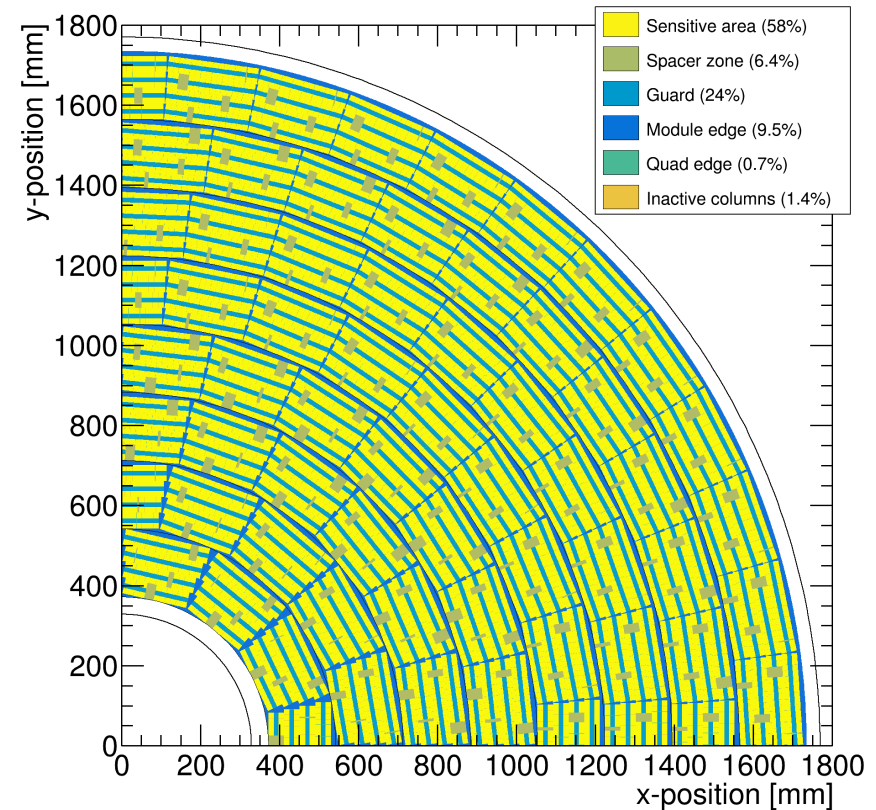
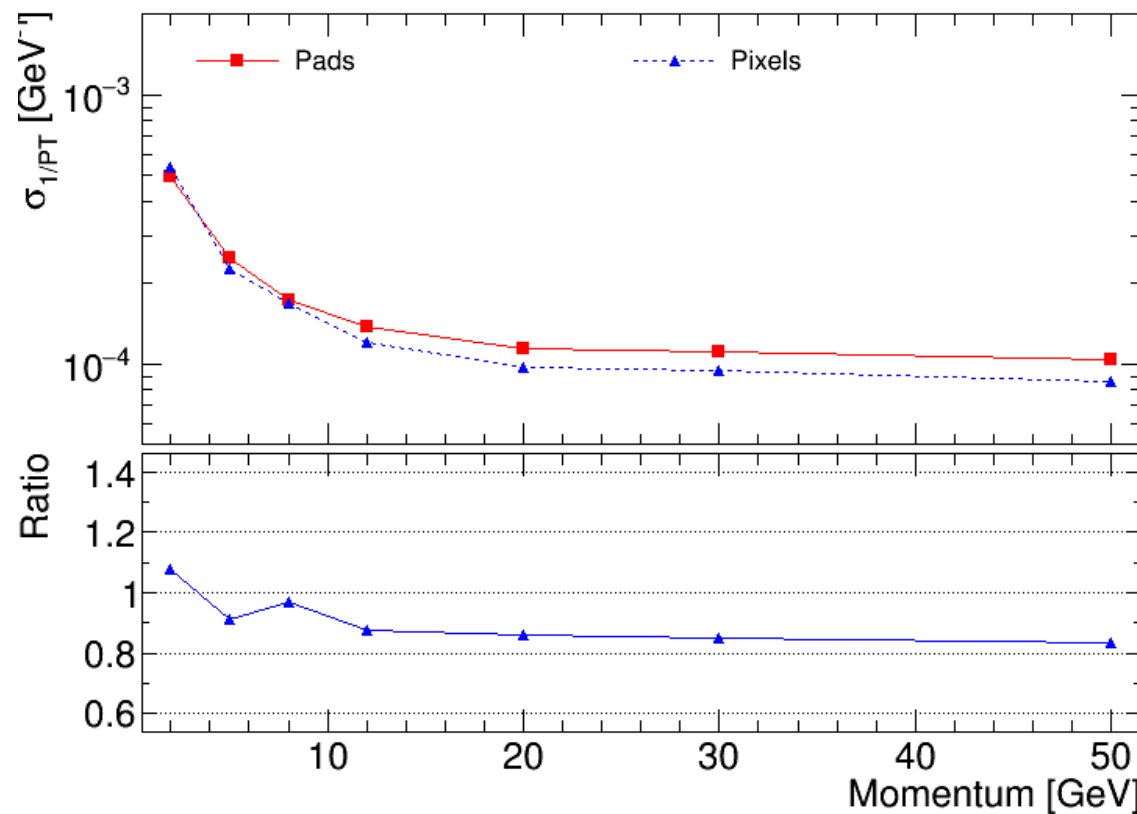
1 electron / hit
~ 10 000 hits / track



50 GeV muon track with
pixel readout

Performance of a GridPix TPC at ILC

- From full simulation the momentum resolution can be determined
- Momentum resolution is about 15% better for the pixels with realistic coverage (with the quads arranged in modules coverage 59%) and deltas.



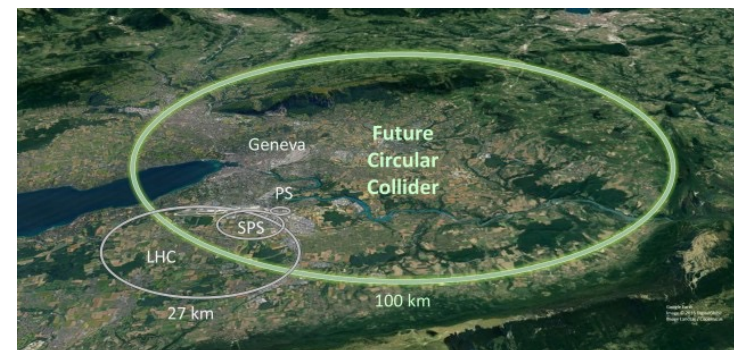
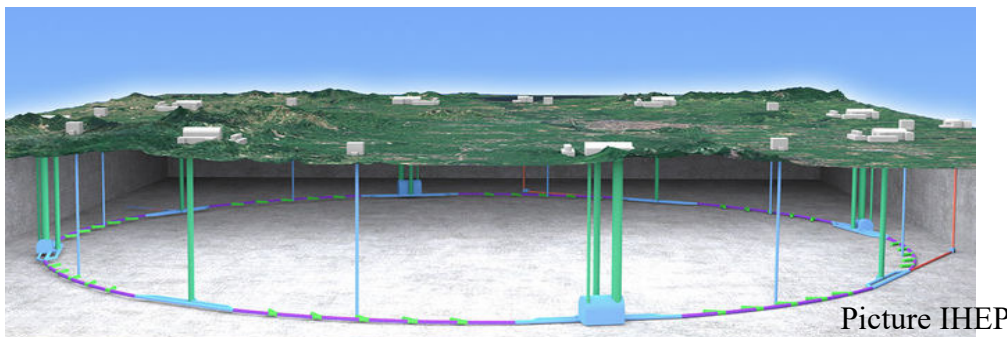
Summary of the Pixel TPC performance

- A single chip GridPix detector was reliably operated in a test beam in 2017
 - Single electron detection => the resolution is primarily limited by diffusion
 - Systematic uncertainties are low: < 10 μm in the pixel xy plane
- A Quad detector was designed and the results from the 2018 test beam shown
 - Small edge deformations at the boundary between two chips are observed
 - added guard wires to the module to obtain a homogeneous field
 - After correcting the edges, deformations in the transverse plane shown to be < 15 μm
- An 8-Quad module has been designed with guard wires
- Preliminary test beam results are excellent
 - High precision at B=1 T: $D_{xy} = 120 \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{\text{cm}}$ and deformations in xy < 15 μm
 - dE/dx resolution for a MIP 1 m track with 60% coverage is 4.1% (at 1 Tesla)
- A test beam @ FermiLab with the module in a TPC is planned (US Grant EIC)
- A pixel TPC has become a realistic viable option for experiments
 - High precision tracking like ILD@ILC in the transverse and longitudinal planes, dE/dx by electron and cluster counting, excellent two track resolution, digital readout that can deal with high rates

A Pixel TPC at CEPC or FCC-ee

The most difficult situation for a TPC is running at the Z.

At the Z pole with $L = 200 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ Z bosons will be produced at $\sim 60 \text{ kHz}$



■ Can a pixel TPC reconstruct the events?

- The TPC total drift time is about $30 \mu\text{s}$
- This means that there is on average 2 event / TPC readout cycle
- YES: The excellent time resolution: time stamping of tracks $< 1.2 \text{ ns}$ allows to resolve and reconstruct the events

■ Can the current readout deal with the rate?

- Link speed of Timepix3 (in Quad) is 80 Mbps: 2.6 MHits/s per $1.41 \times 1.41 \text{ cm}^2$
- YES: This is largely sufficient to deal with high luminosity Z running
- NB: Data size is not a show stopper as e.g. LHCb experiment shows using the VeloPix chip

A Pixel TPC at CEPC or FCC-ee

■ What is the current power consumption?

- No power pulsing possible at these colliders (at ILC power pulsing was possible)
- Current power consumption TPX3 chip $\sim 2\text{W}/\text{chip}$ per $1.41 \times 1.41 \text{ cm}^2$
- So: good cooling is important but in my opinion no show stopper
- For Silicon detectors lower consumption for the chips and cooling is an important point that needs R&D (e.g. microchannel cooling).
- Note that the TPX3/4 chips can be run in LowPowerMode

■ Can one limit the track distortions?

- There are two important sources of track distortions:
 - the distortions of the TPC drift field due to the primary ions
 - the distortions of the TPC drift field due to the ion back flow (IBF)
- At the ILC gating is possible; for CEPC or FCC-ee this is more involved

A Pixel TPC at CEPC or FCC-ee

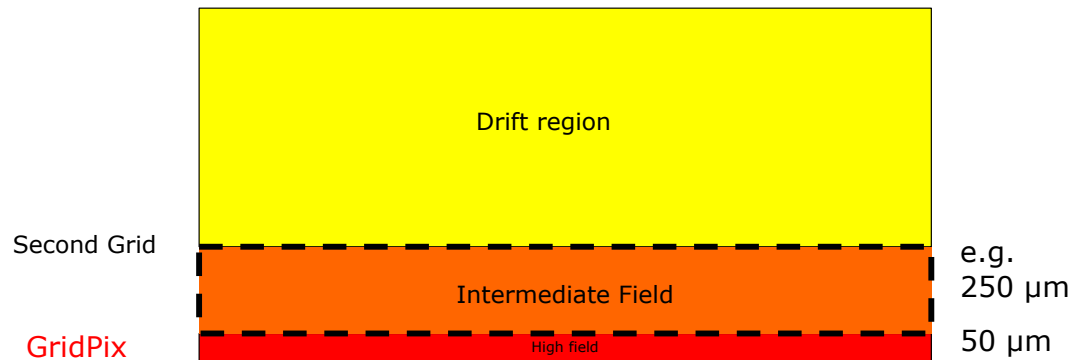
- **Is it possible to reduce the IBF for a pixel TPC?**
 - IDEA: by making chip with a double grid structure (see next slide)
 - This idea was already realized as a TWINGRID NIMA 610 (2009) 644-648
 - For GEMs for the ALICE TPC this was also the way – several GEMs on top of each other to reduce IBF
 - For the Pixel the IBF can be easily modelled and with a hole size of 25 μm an IBF of $3 \cdot 10^{-4}$ can be achieved and the value for $\text{IBF} \cdot \text{Gain} (2000)$ would be 0.6.
 - YES: the IBF can be reduced to 0.6 but this needs R&D
 - In the new detector lab in Bonn it is possible to make and study this device
- **What would be the size of the TPC distortions?**
 - Recent Tera-Z studies by Daniel Jeans and Keisuke Fuji show that for FCC-ee or CEPC this means: distortions from Z decays up to $< O(100) \mu\text{m}$
 - Beam strahlung gives (now) a factor 200 more background. Detector optimization and shielding is important for TPC and Silicon detectors to reduce pair background.
 - Recently I argued that in an ILD like detector the distortions can be mapped out using the VTX-SIT/SET detectors.

Reducing the Ion back flow in a Pixel TPC

The Ion back flow can be reduced by adding a second grid to the device.

It is important that the holes of the grids are aligned. The Ion back flow is a function of the geometry and electric fields. Detailed simulations – validated by data – have been presented in LCTPC WP #326.

With a hole size of 25 μm an IBF of $3 \cdot 10^{-4}$ can be achieved and the value for IBF*Gain (2000) would be 0.6.



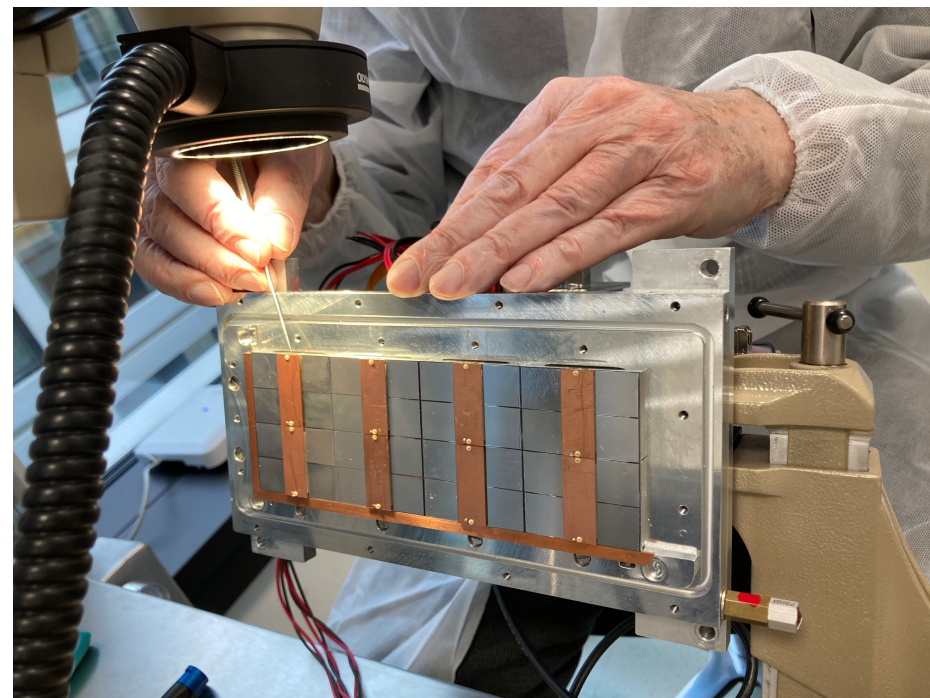
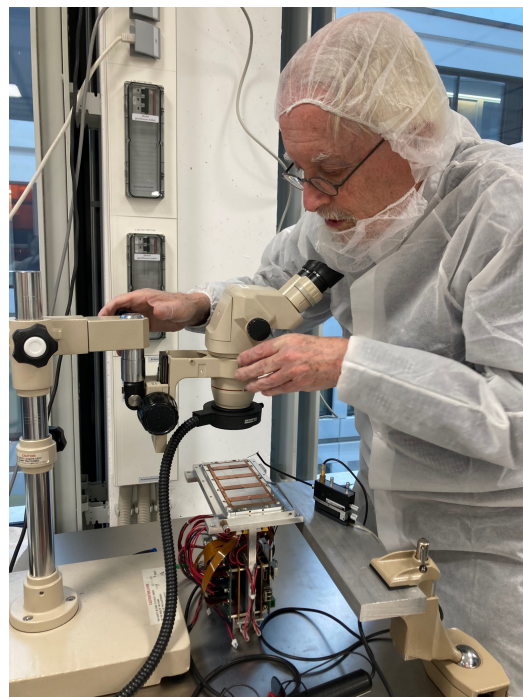
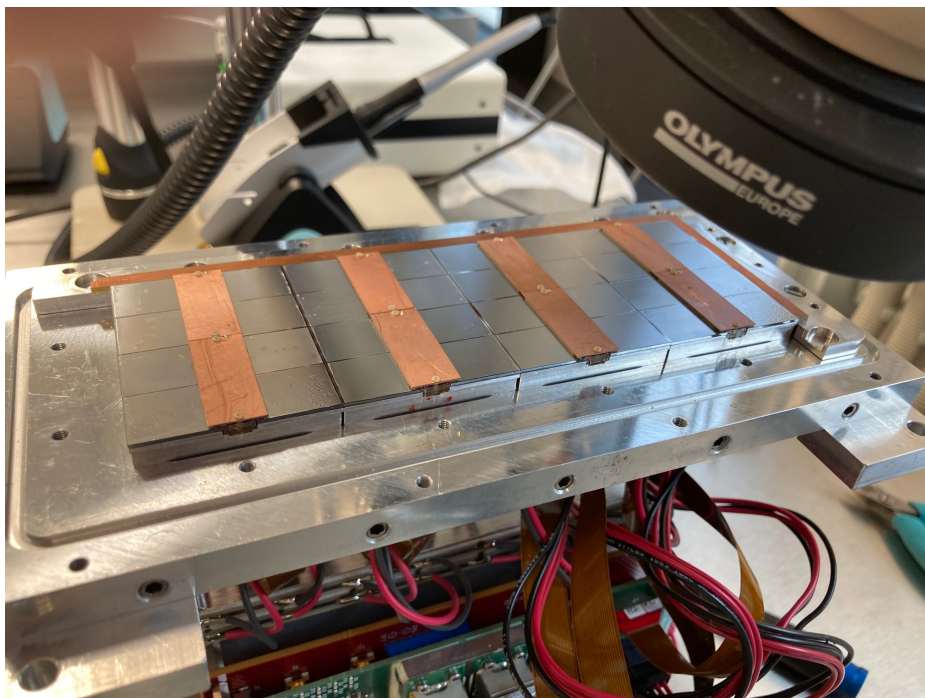
Ion backflow	Hole 30 μm	Hole 25 μm	Hole 20 μm
Top grid	2.2%	1.2%	0.7%
GridPix	5.5%	2.8%	1.7%
Total	$12 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1 \cdot 10^{-4}$
transparency	100%	99.4%	91.7%

Conclusions: Pixel TPC at CEPC

- YES: a pixel TPC can reconstruct the Z events in one readout cycle
- YES: the current **readout** of the Timepix3 chip can deal with the rate
- The current **power consumption** is $1\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$. So good **cooling** is important but in my opinion no show stopper; but needs extensive R&D.
- Track distortions in the TPC drift volume are a concern at high lumi Z running:
 - Track distortions from Z decays in TPC are $O(100)\ \mu\text{m}$
 - It is possible to reduce the IBF for a pixel TPC by making a device with a **double grid**
 - This needs dedicated R&D that can be performed in the new lab in Bonn
- The Z physics program at FCC-ee or CEPC with an ILD-like detector with a Pixel TPC (with double grid structures) sliced between two silicon trackers (VTX-SIT and SET) can be fully exploited. The reduction of beamstrahlung needs more study.
- A pixel TPC can perfectly run at WW, ZH or tt energies where track distortions are several orders of magnitude smaller

Backup

Pictures of repair work in Bonn for the EIC TPC project



The short in chip 11 was successfully repaired by Fred Hartjes

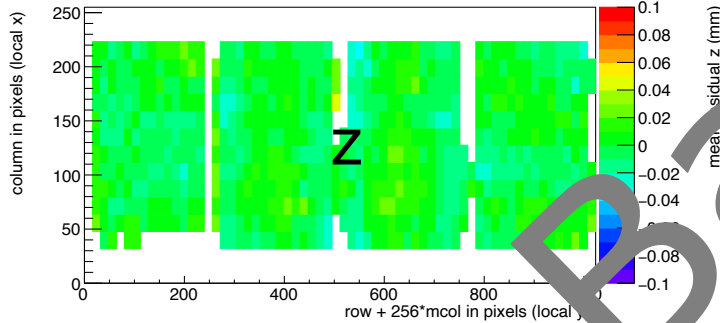
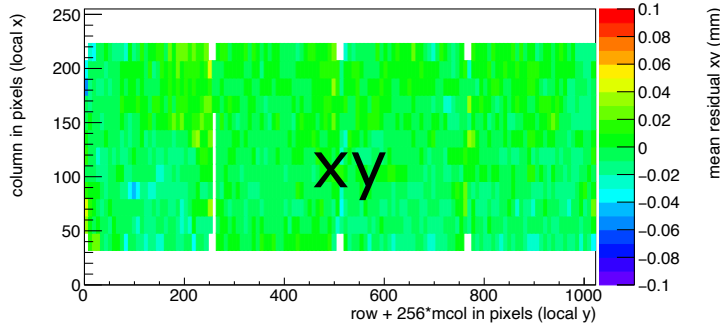
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Mean residuals (module) row

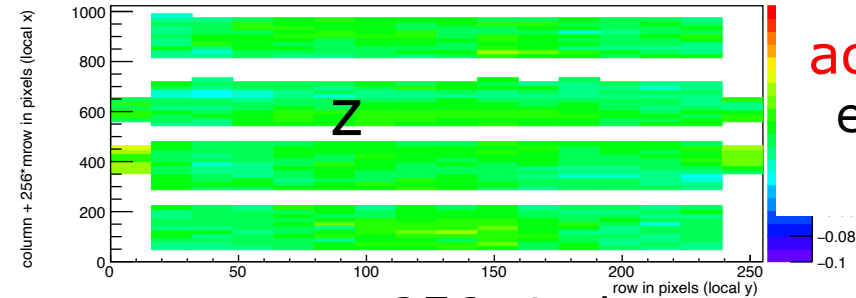
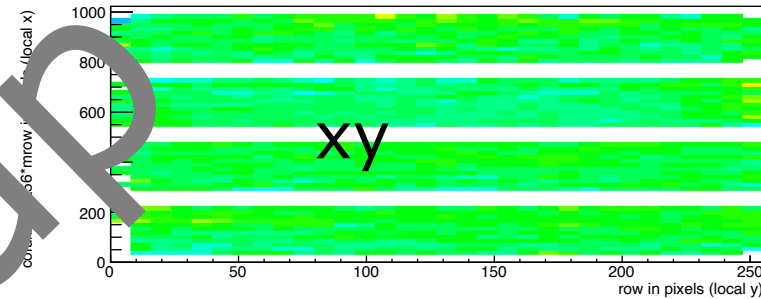
(module) column

column 256 pixels



row 4x256 pixels

column 4x256 pixels



row 256 pixel

Regrouping the module plane to increase stats

Granularity 8x8 pixels

acceptance cut entries > 1500



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For the row plot the data is projected keeping 4 bins in local y (one follows the track)

For the column plot the 4 chip rows are kept separately (that is why there are white bands)

