

# Search for neutrino interactions in the SND@LHC emulsion target

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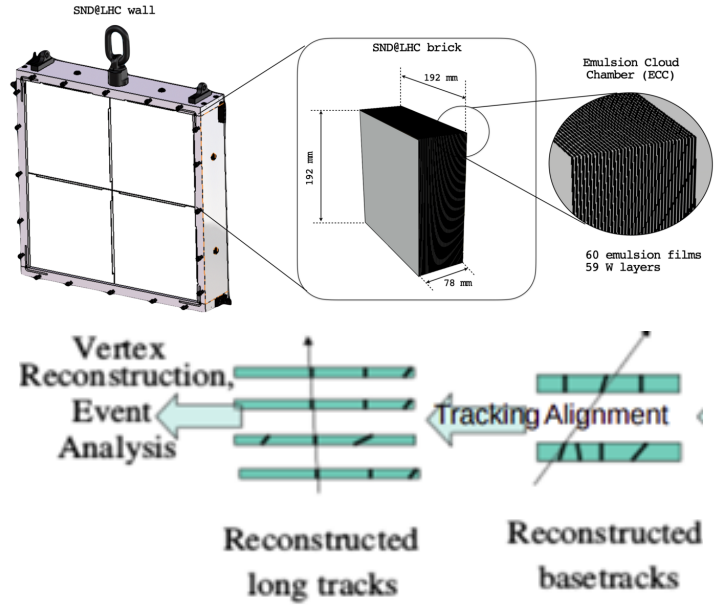
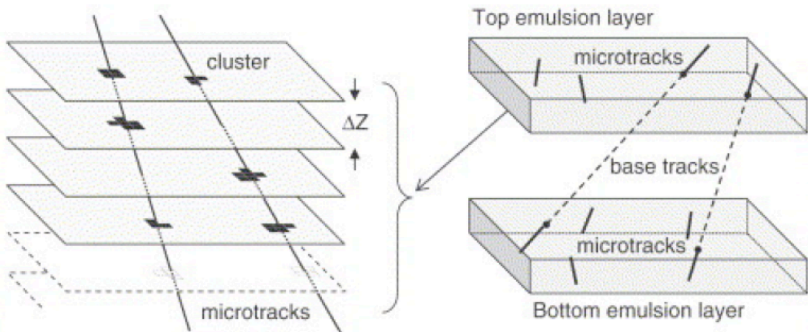
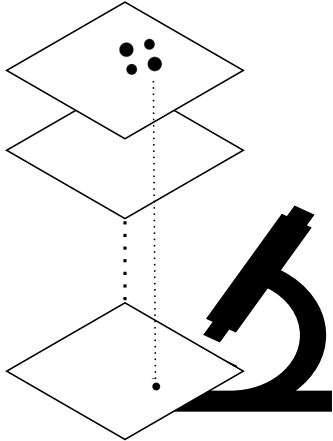
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# Emulsion Data reconstruction in SND@LHC

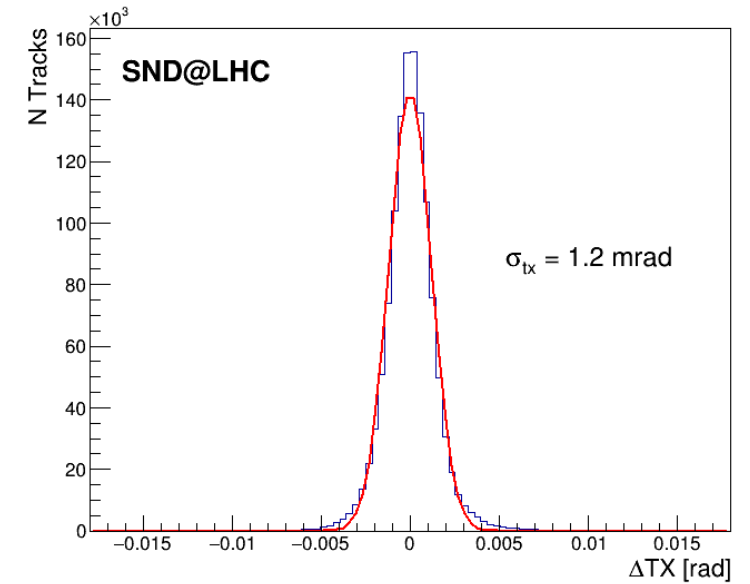
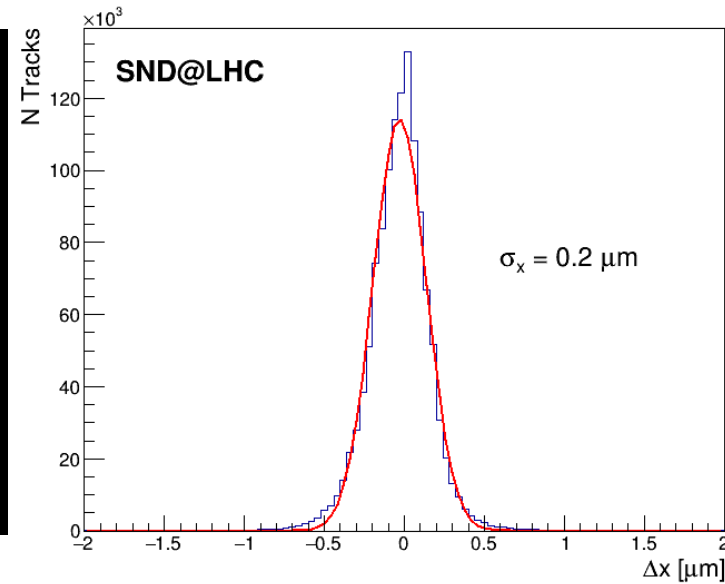
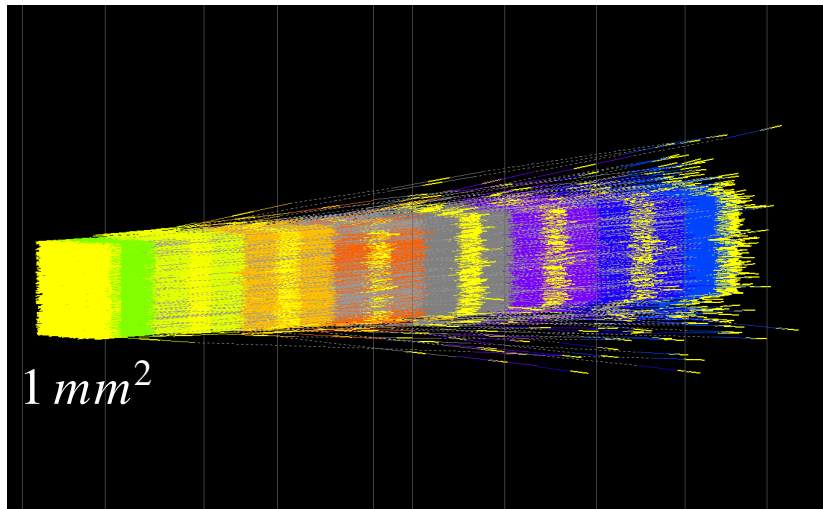
- 1. Emulsion films scanning (online cluster processing).
- 2. Correct microscope stage effects.
- 3. Link two layers of each emulsion film.
- 4. Align consecutive films.
- 5. Reconstruct tracks and vertices.

Local effects and corrections!

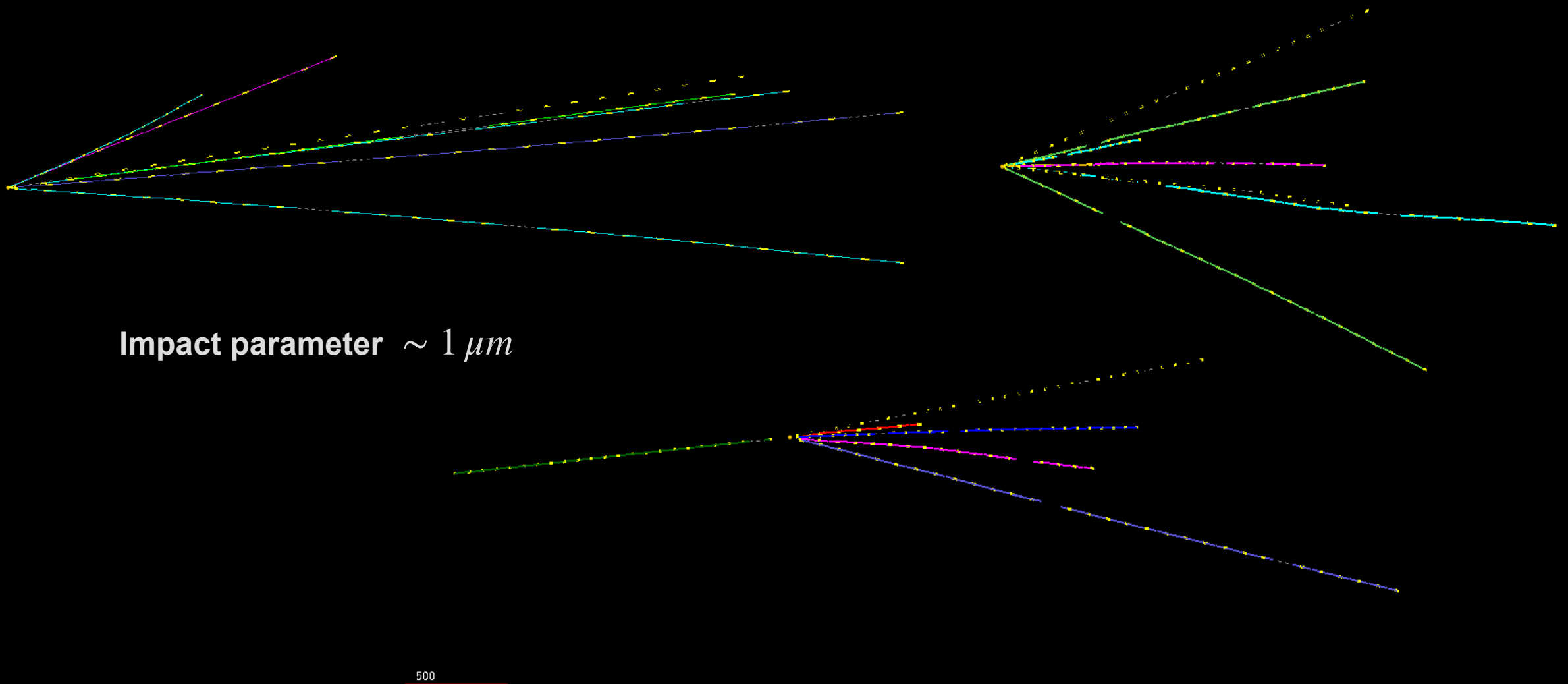
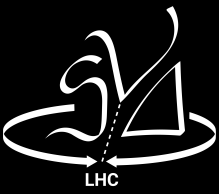


# Track reconstruction

- High track-density environment:  $2 \div 4 \times 10^5$  tracks/cm<sup>2</sup>.
- Long-track reconstruction efficiency  $\geq 90\%$ .
- Position resolution of  $200\text{ nm}$ . Angular resolution of  $1.2\text{ mrad}$ .

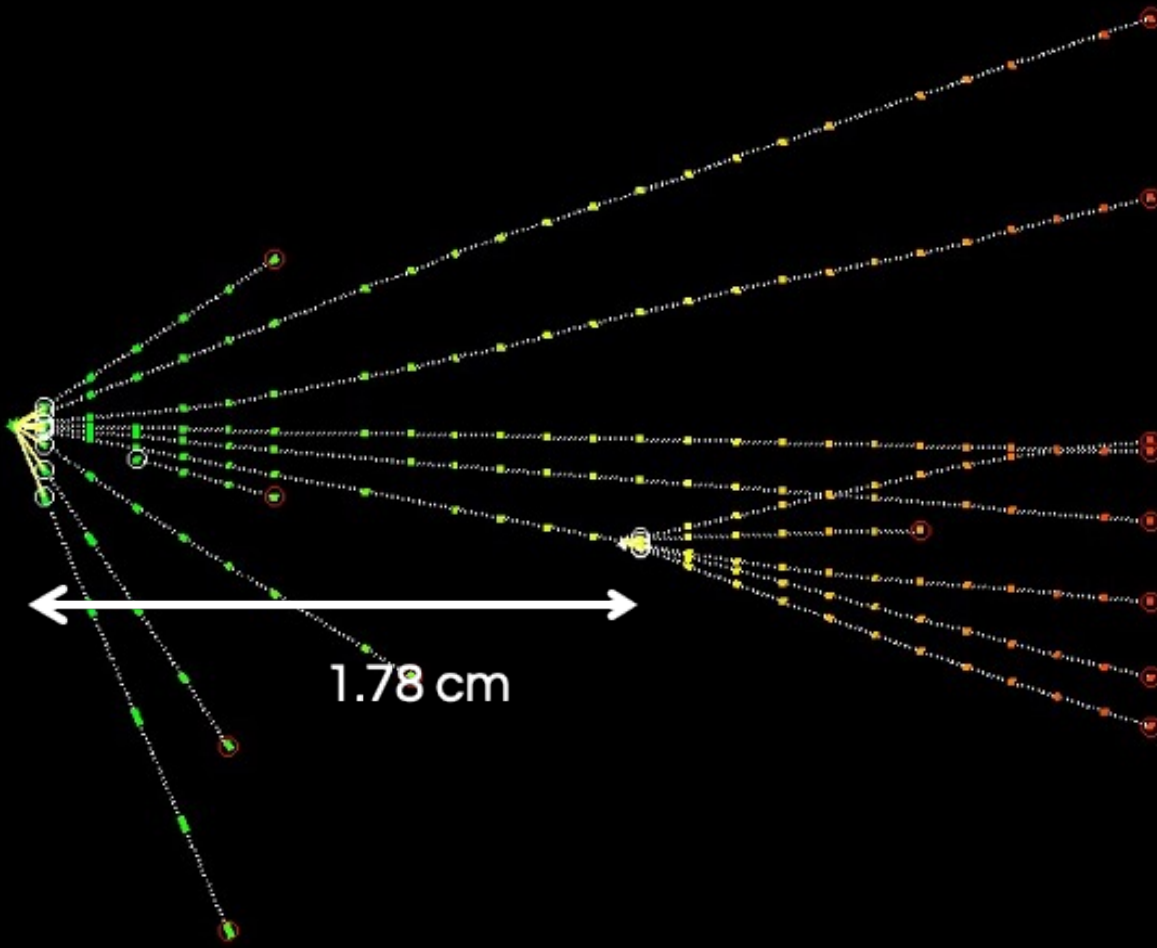


# Vertex reconstruction





# Interaction with secondary vertex



Sub-micron impact parameter of track at 1ry and 2ry vertices

Primary vertex	Secondary Vertex
Impact parameters ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	
0.58	0.04
0.79	0.12
1.06	0.17
0.33	0.29
0.05	
0.46	
1.77	
1.00	
0.29	

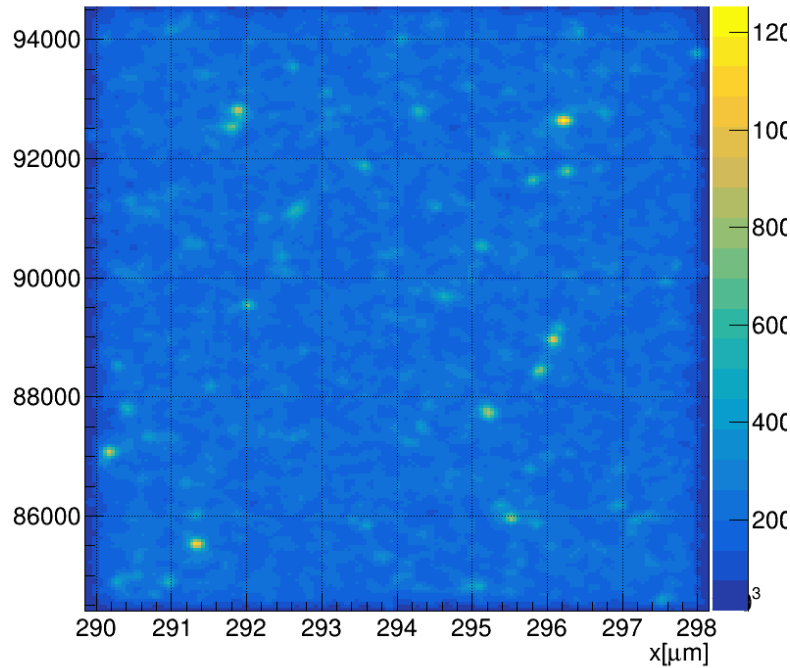
# Shower tagging

Find highest bins in the cumulative base-tracks distribution.

Bins are enhanced for 0 angle showers (muon bremsstrahlung).

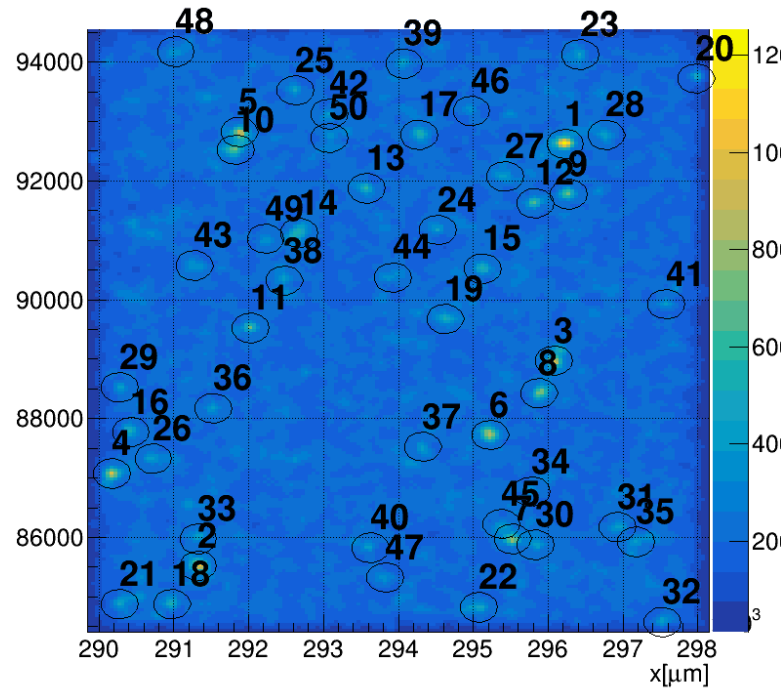
Cumulative base-tracks  
(Muon MC)

XYseg



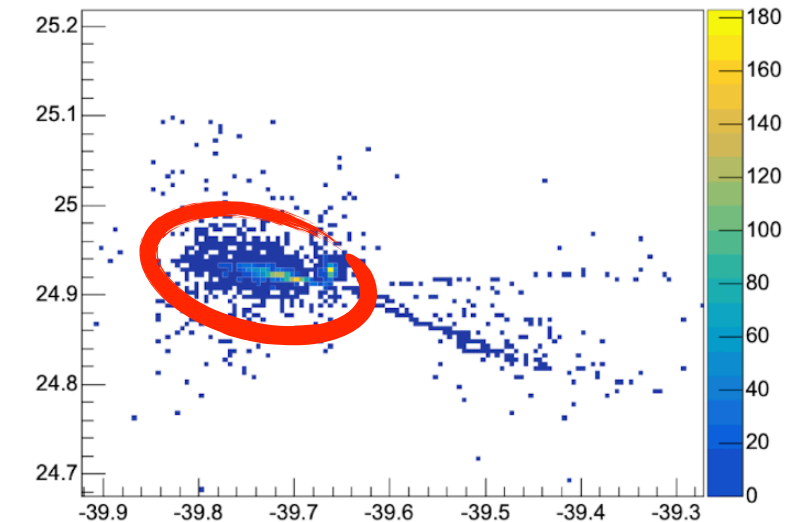
Tag  
(Muon MC)

XYseg



High-Pt shower  
(Nue MC)

Event 958

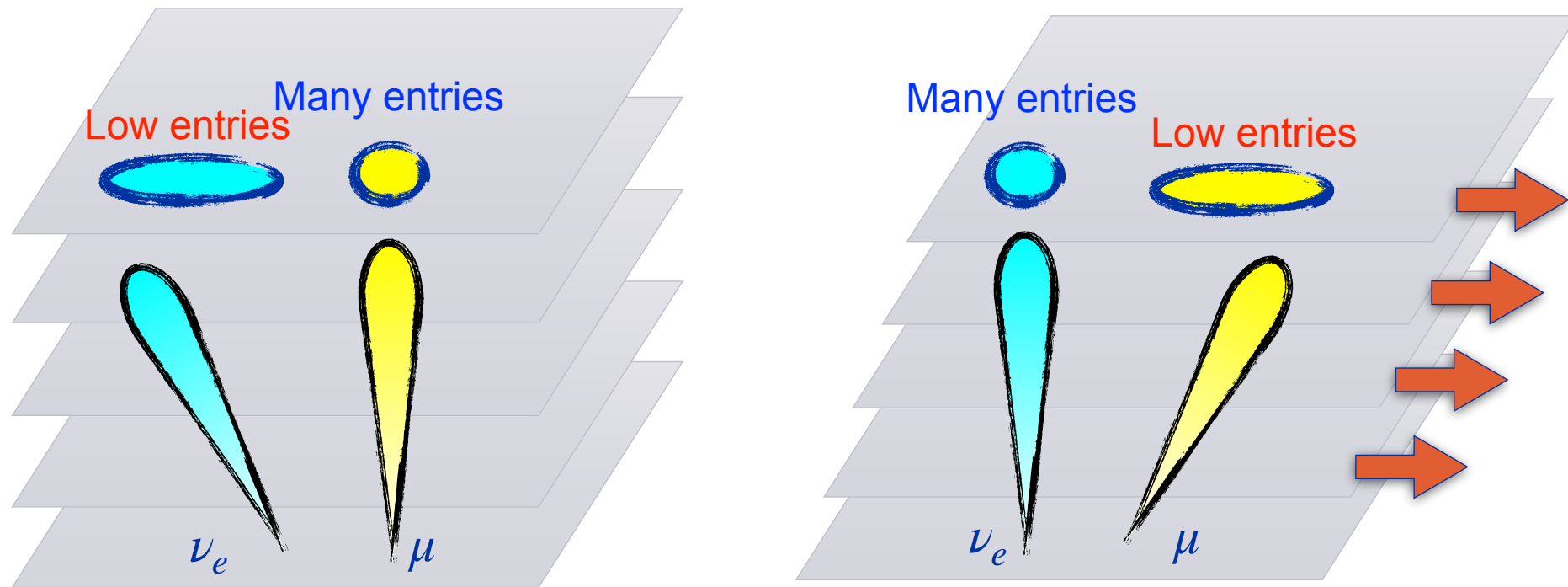


# Shifting strategy

In order to find **(TX, TY) inclined shower**, shifts on x and y are applied on the emulsion plates.

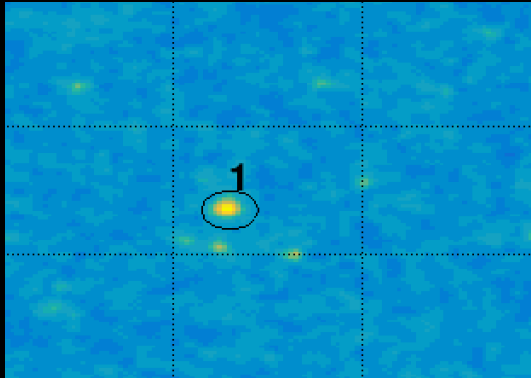
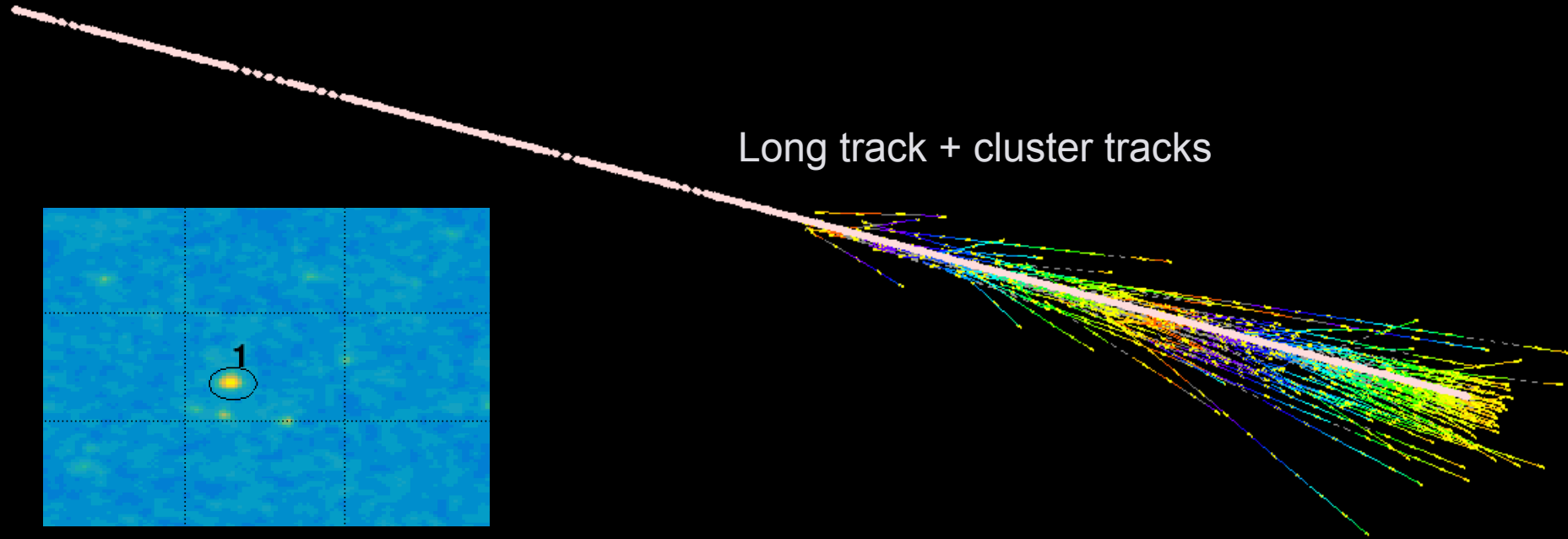
$$SX(pl) = (1000+350) * pl * TX, \quad SY(pl) = (1000+350) * pl * TY.$$

Loop over TX and TY for given step. Find highest peak at some TX and TY combination.



# Tagged shower I

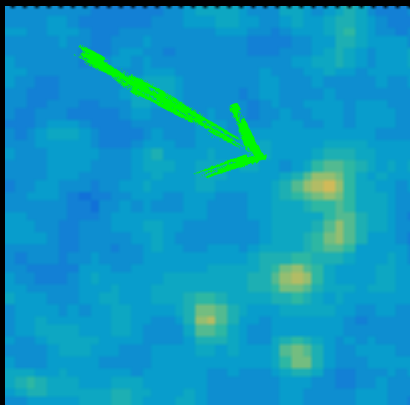
Shower tagged with low angle



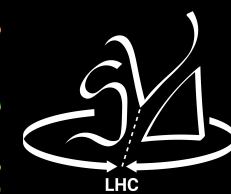
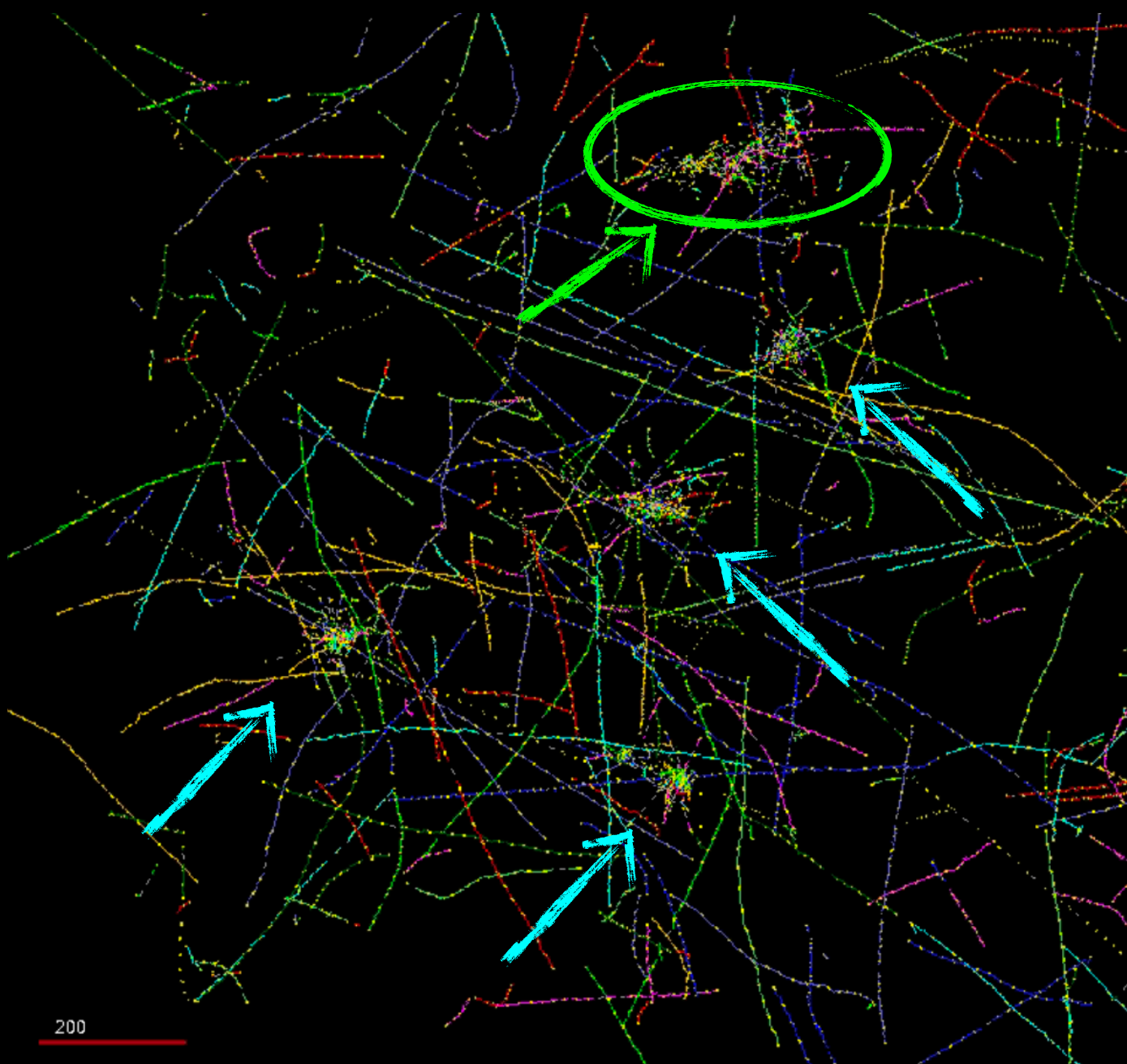
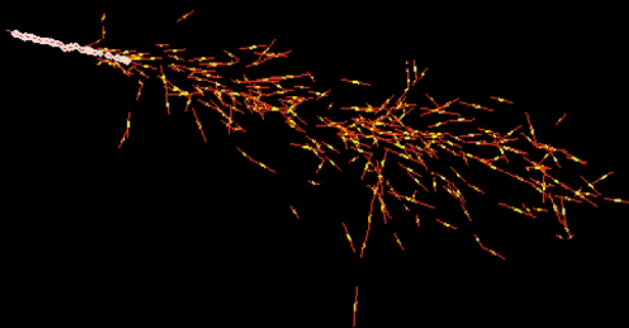
1000

# Tagged shower II

Shower tagged with 8 mrad



315 segments



100

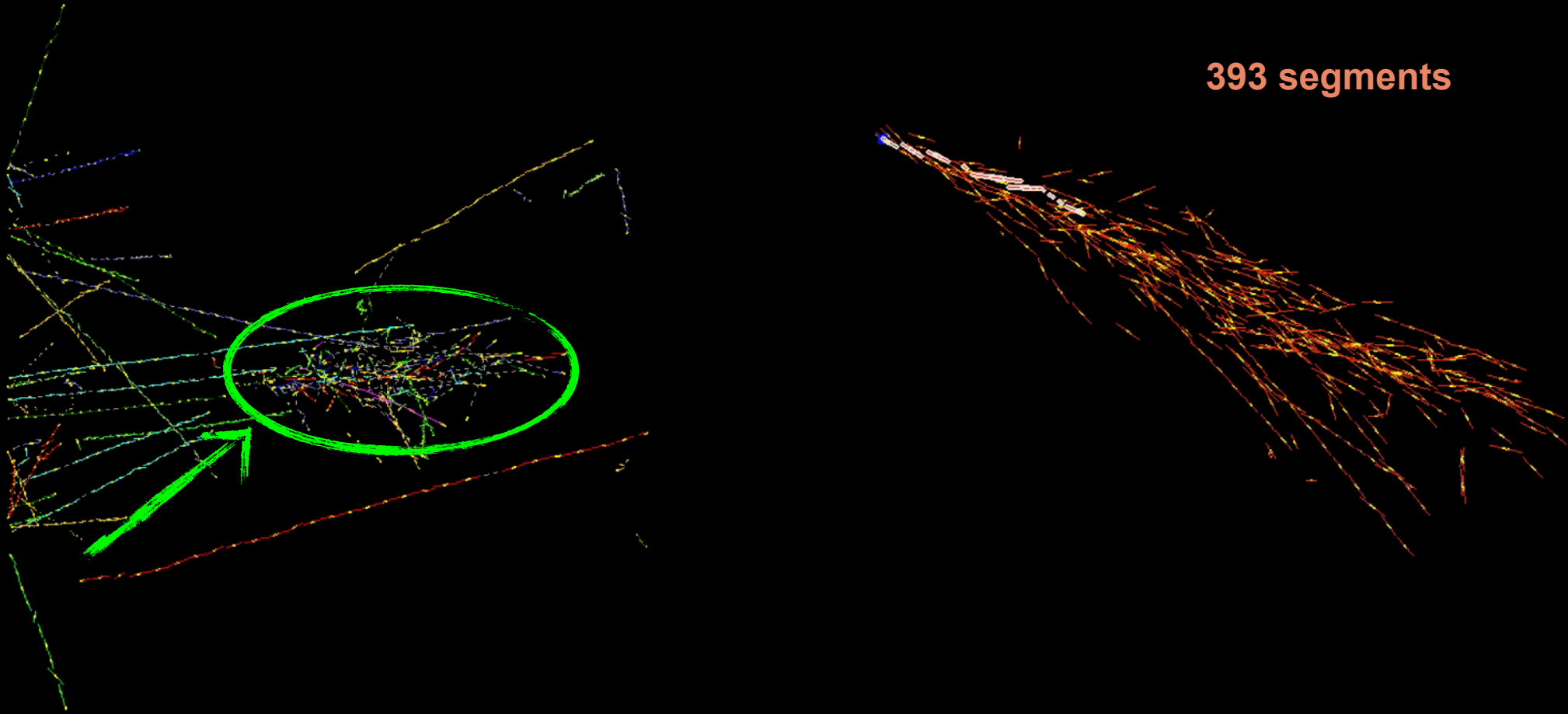
200



# Tagged shower III

Shower tagged with 8 mrad

393 segments





# Conclusions and next step

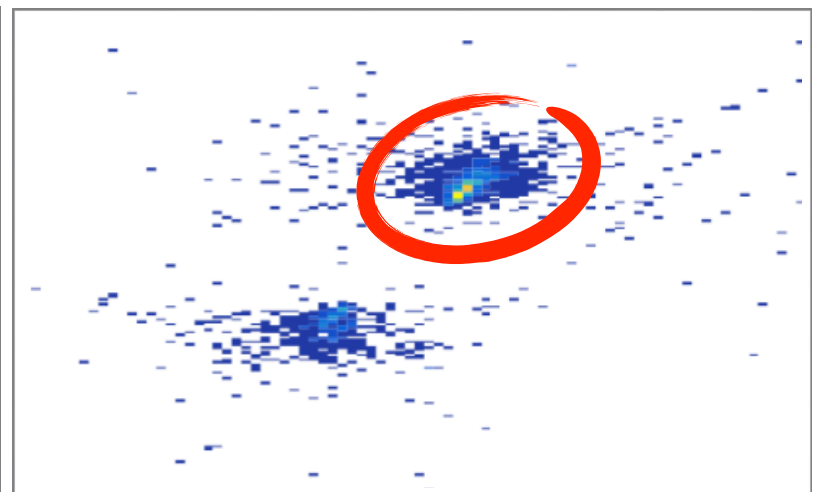
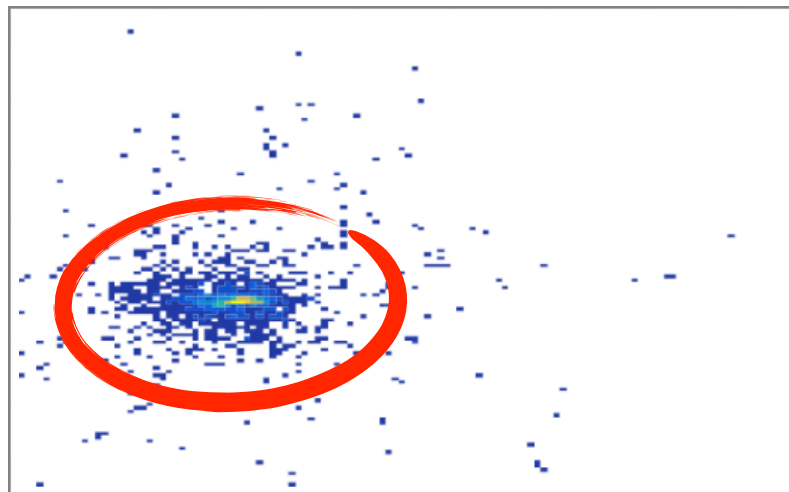
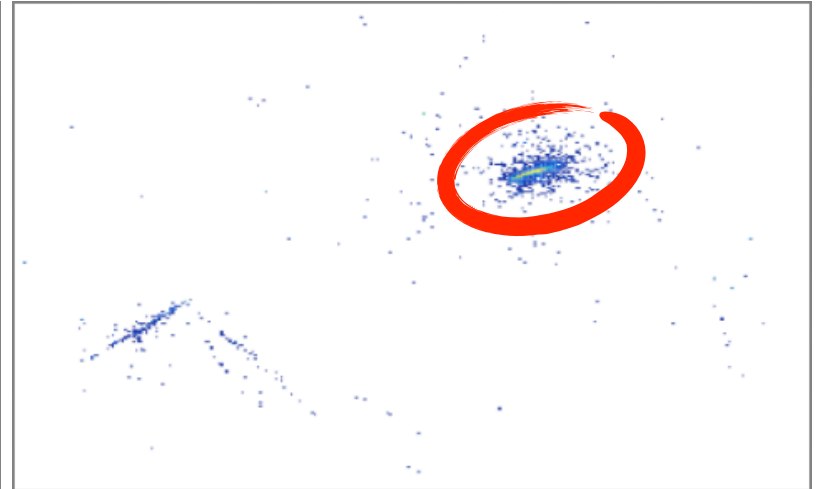
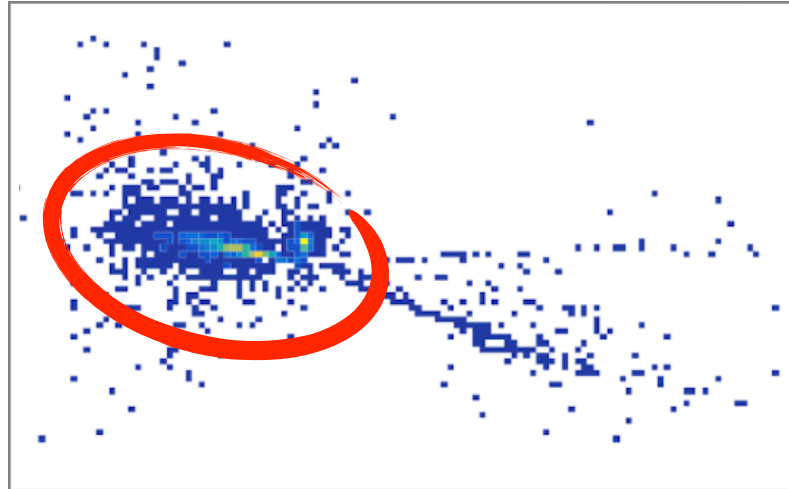
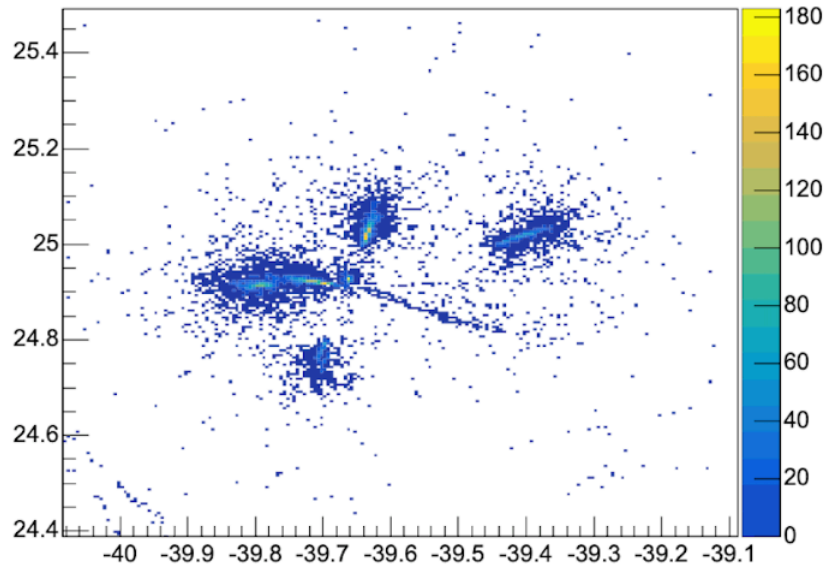
- ✓ High efficiency and resolution achieved in SND@LHC emulsion detector.
- ✓ Clean and genuine vertices reconstructed.
- ✓ Electromagnetic showers easily tagged exploiting the emulsion granularity.
- ✓ High-Pt shower tagging strategy proved to work.
- Grasp the  $\nu_e$  showers distinguishing features from Monte Carlo simulations.
- Increase data reconstruction and shower-vertex hunting.

# Back-up slides



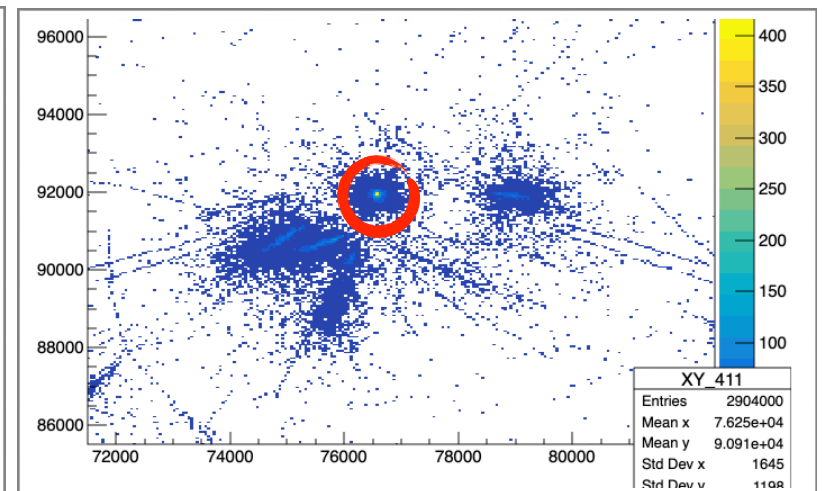
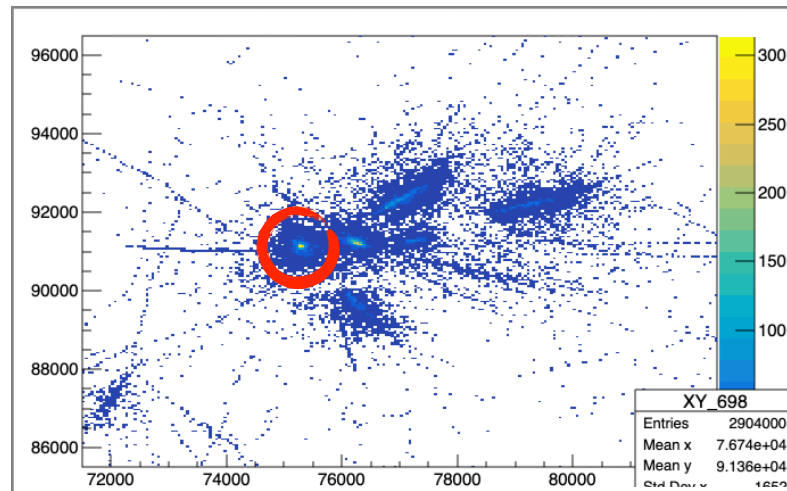
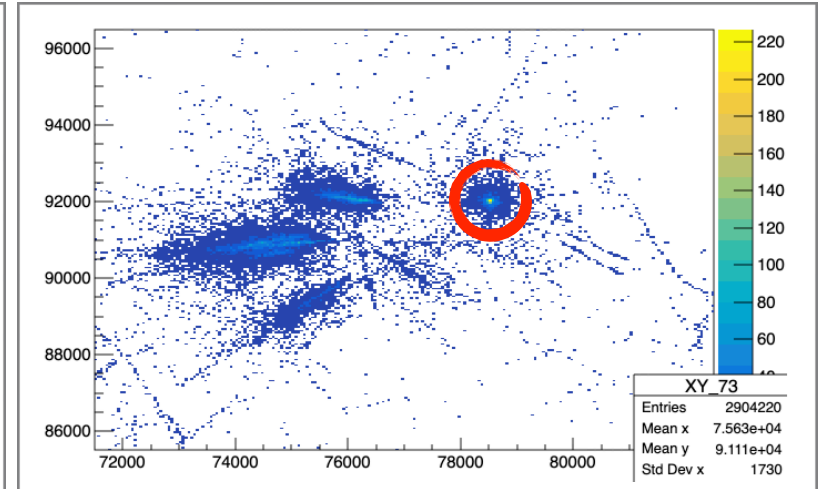
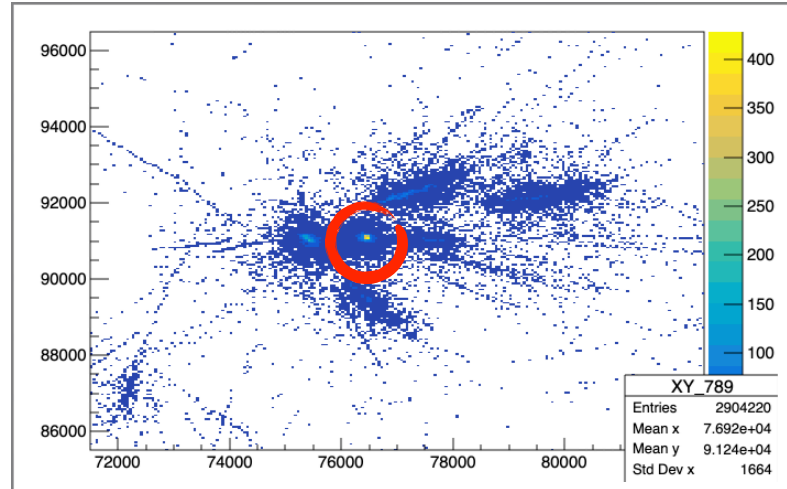
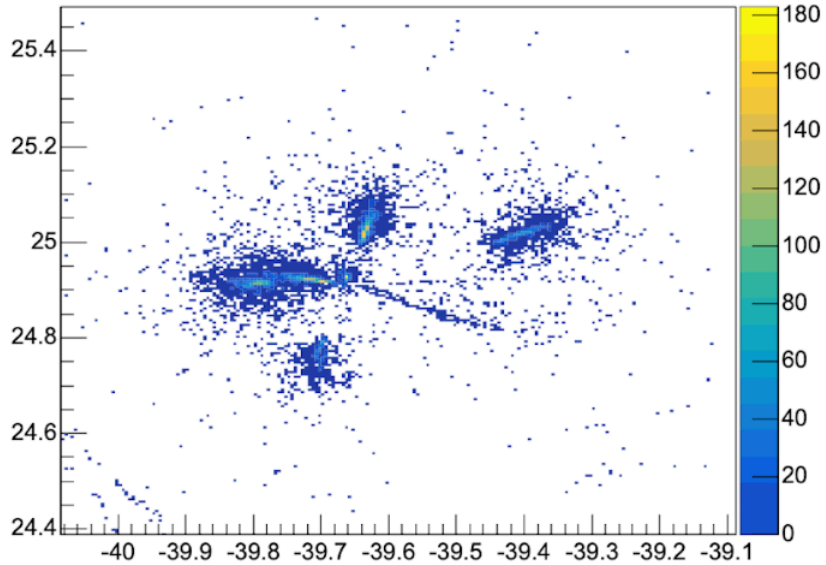
# Feasibility study

4 MC  $\nu_e CC$  interactions (with different electron slope) in 1cm<sup>2</sup>.



# Applying manual shifts

Tagged bin is enhanced, other showers are spread out.

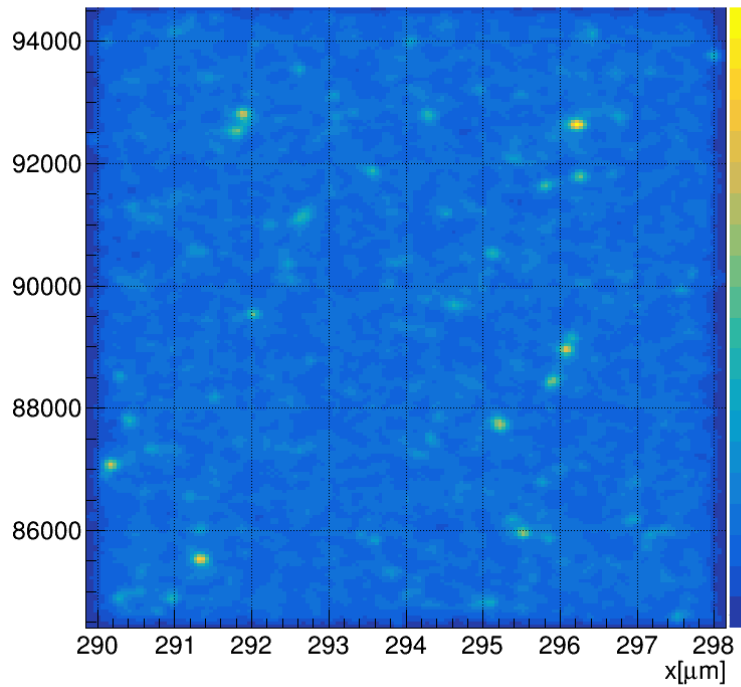


# Muon MC shift

For every shifted cumulative plot, shower tagging is performed (one bin in the Tmap).

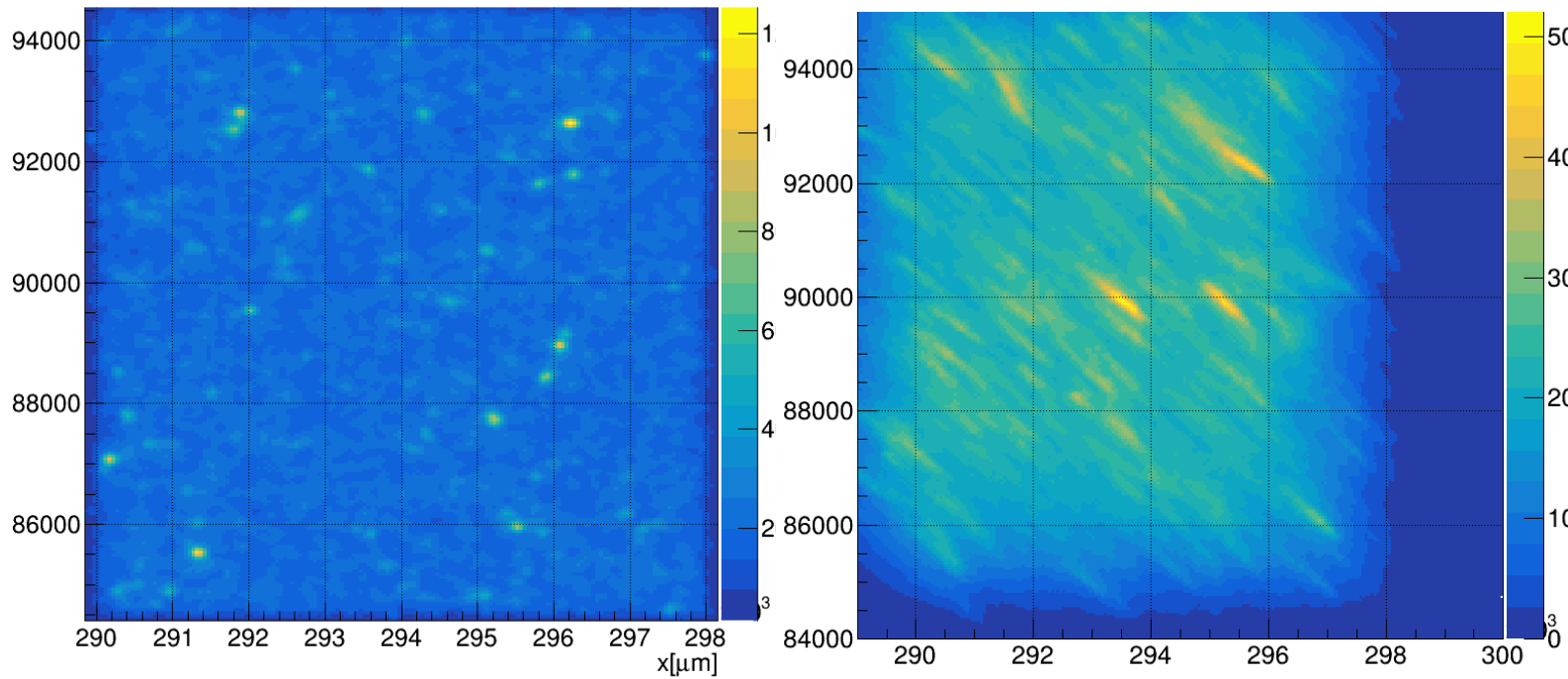
Original plot

XYseg



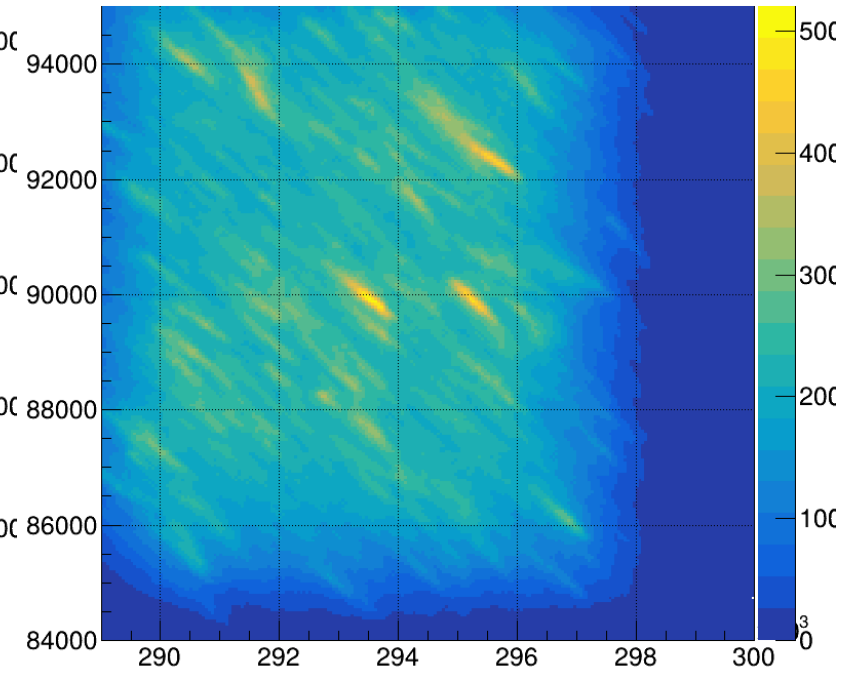
(-22, 26) shift plot

XYseg



(-22, 26) shift plot

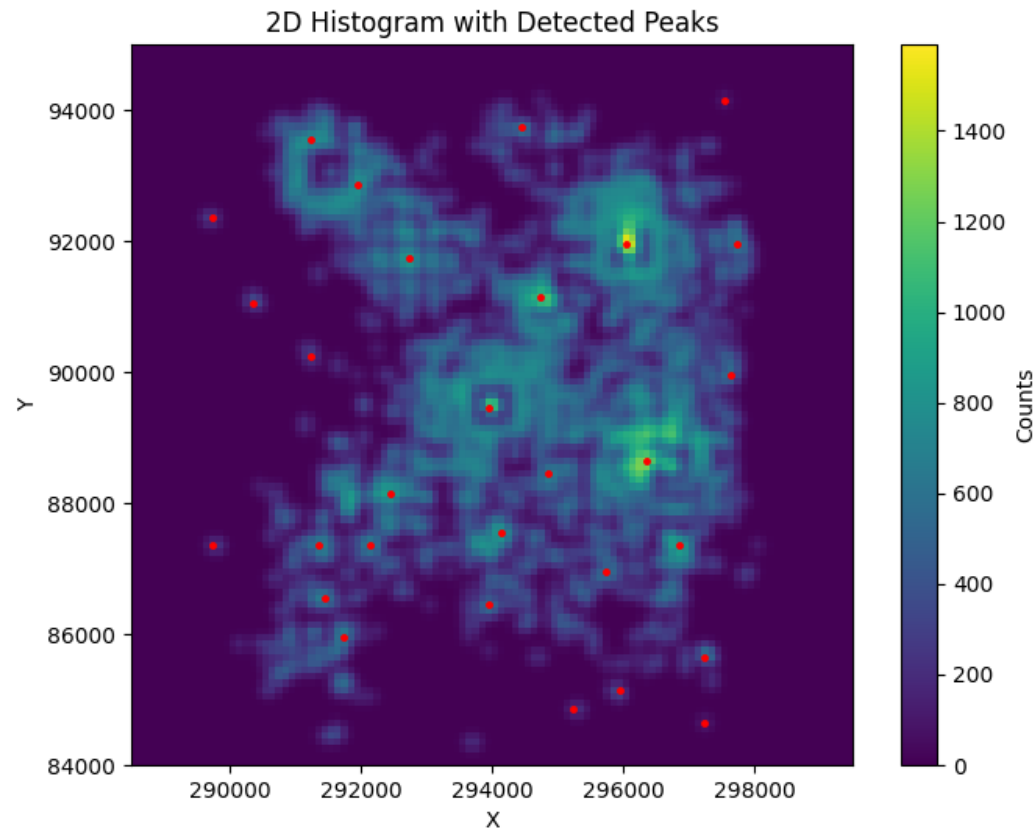
XYseg



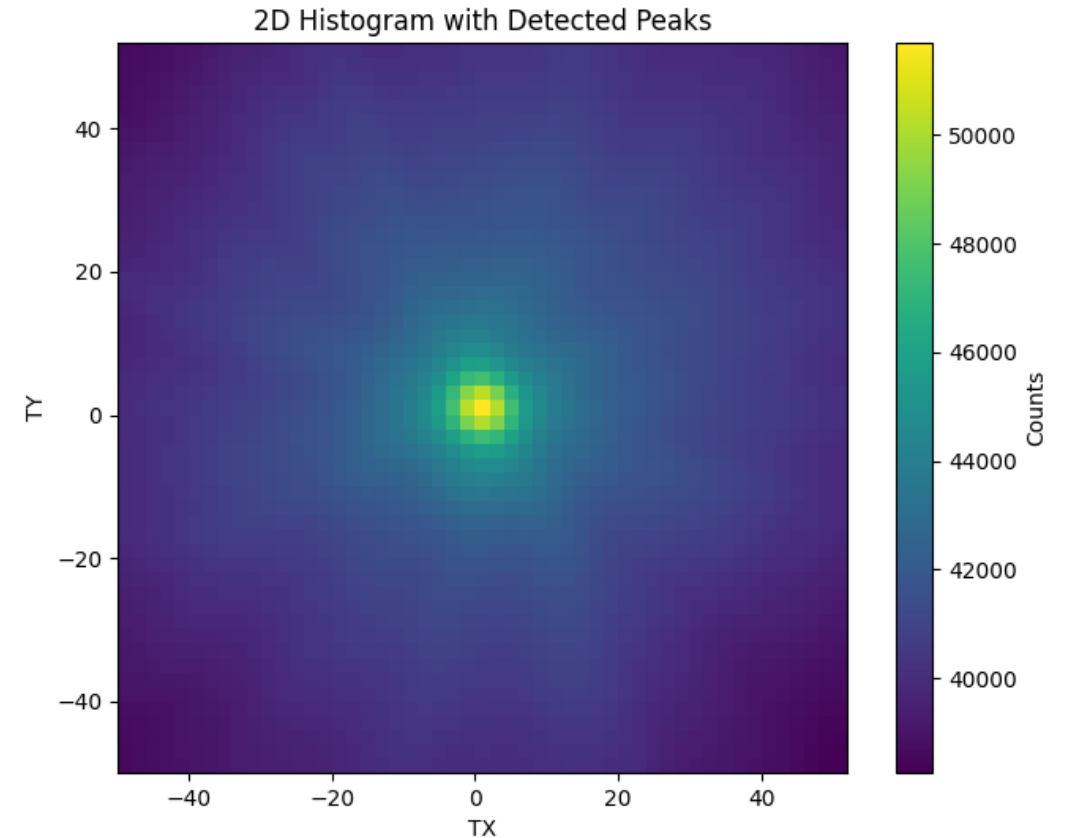
# Muon simulation shift map

Computing all the TX, TY combinations. Z axis are the entries in the tagged bin.

X0, Y0 tagged showers



TX, TY tagged showers

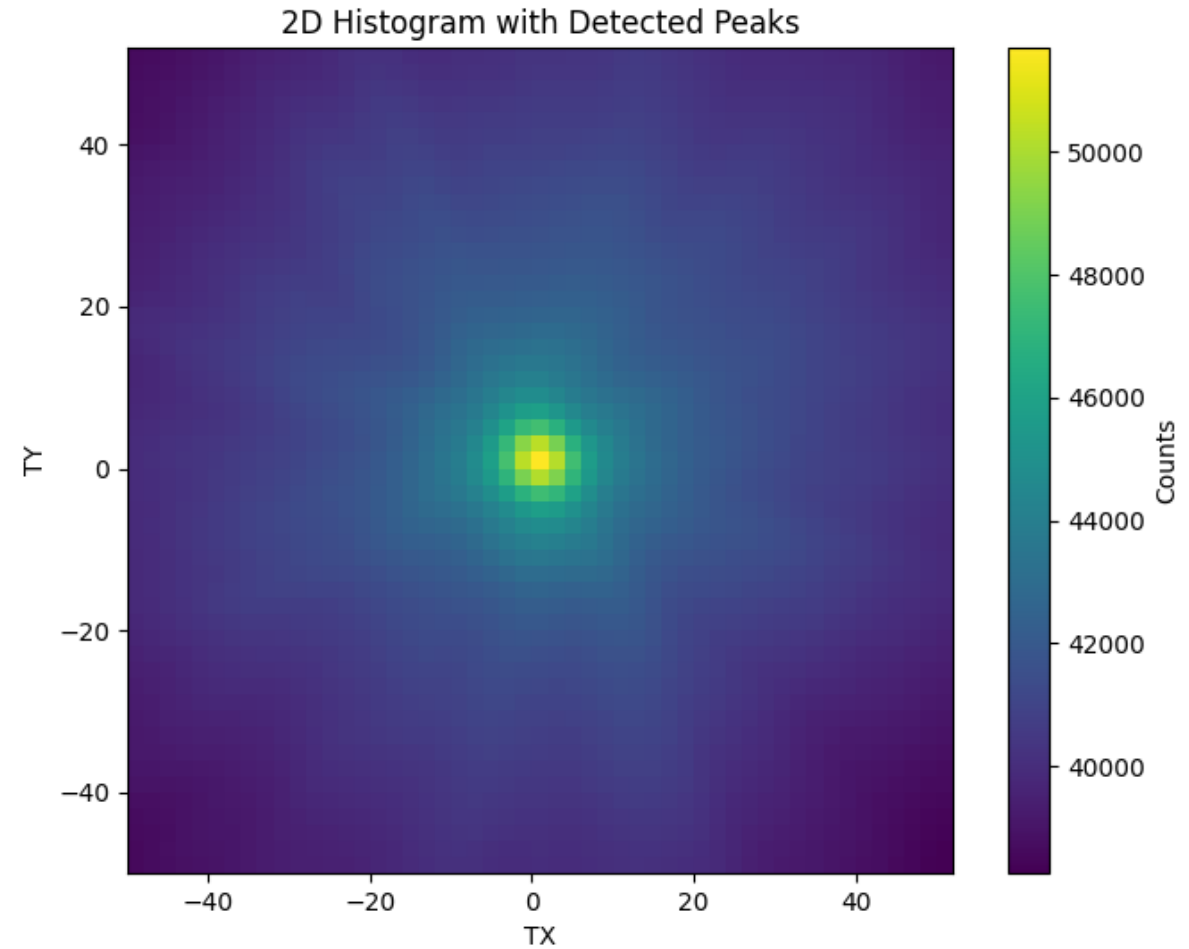


# Background rejection



If we discard the combinations with  $\sim 0$  shift  
Primary electron slope from  $\nu_e$  interactions:

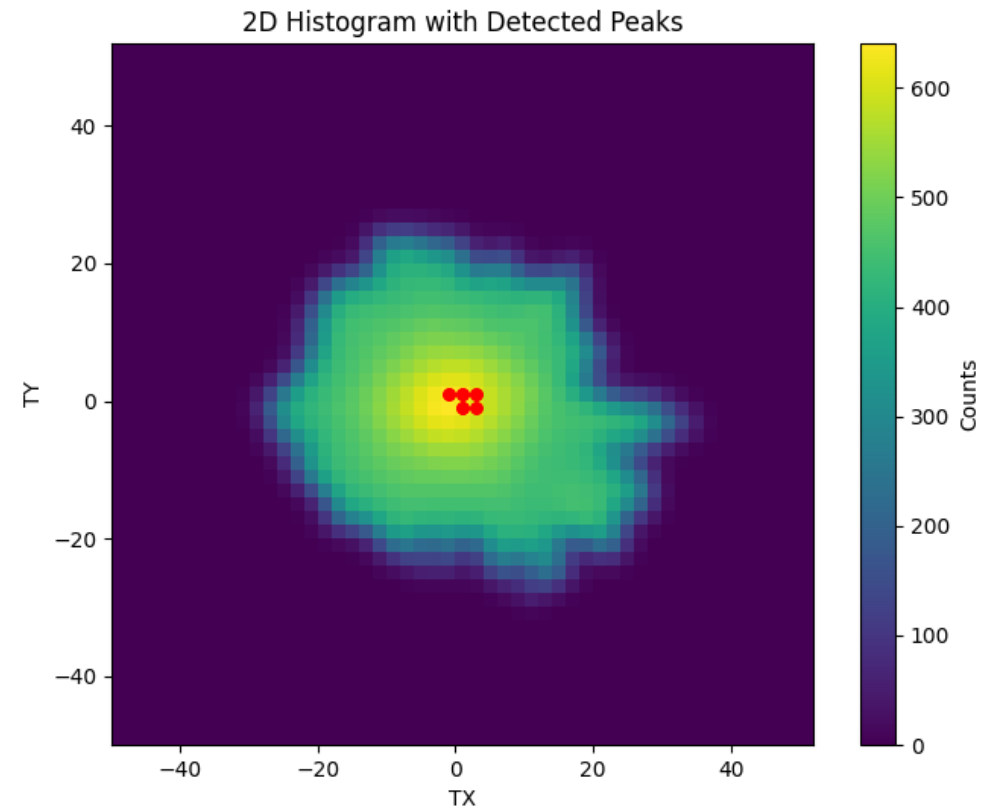
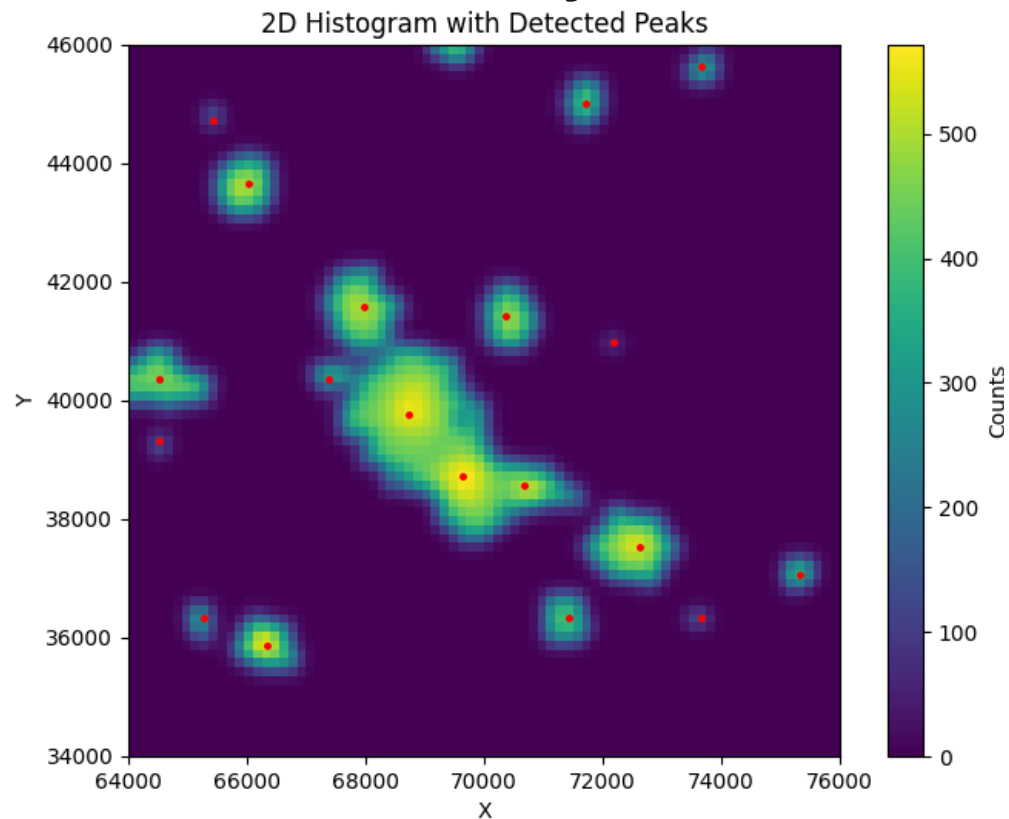
Angle	% e
$\pm 2$	94
$\pm 4$	82
$\pm 6$	72
$\pm 8$	62
$\pm 10$	55



# Data shift map

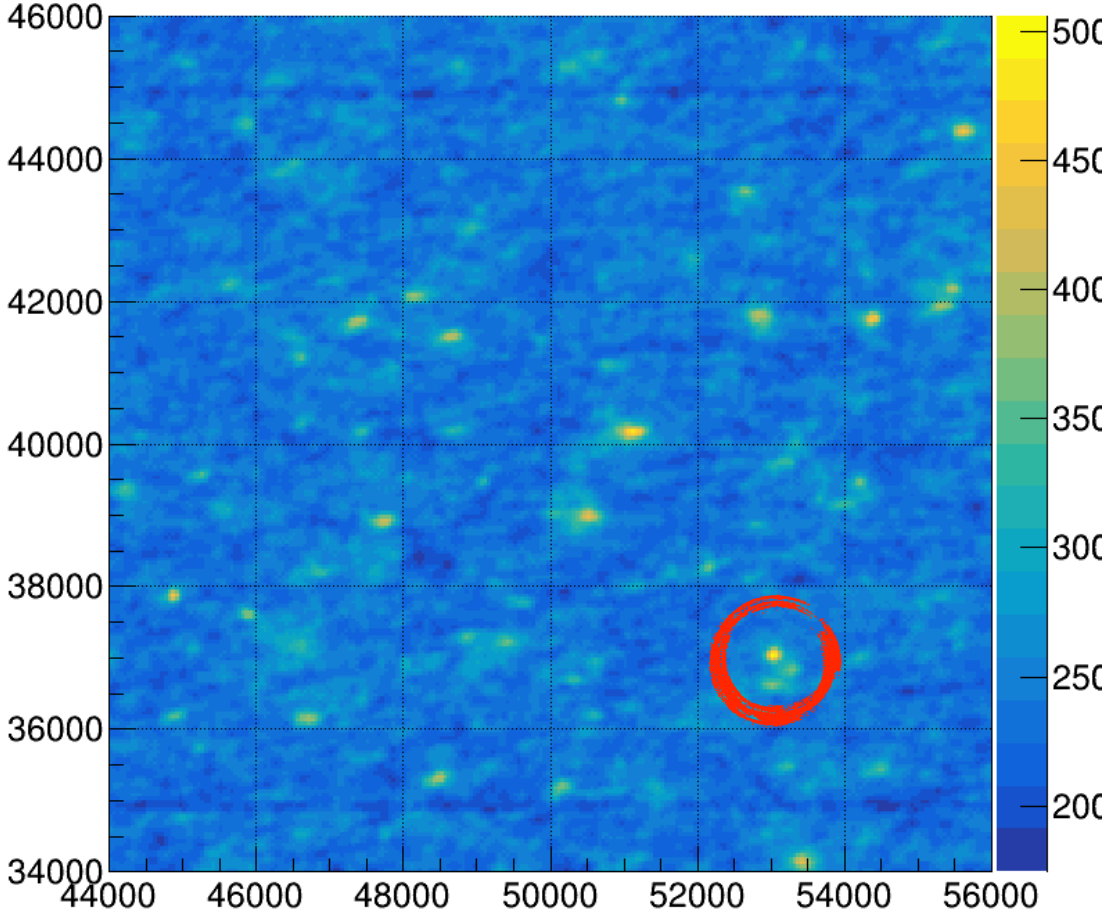
Peak finding is performed on the XY shift map after applying `scipy.ndimage.gaussian_filter`.  
With `skimage.feature.peak_local_max` the TX TY that maximized the XY peak is found.

34 cm<sup>2</sup> of RUN1 W2 B1 analyzed

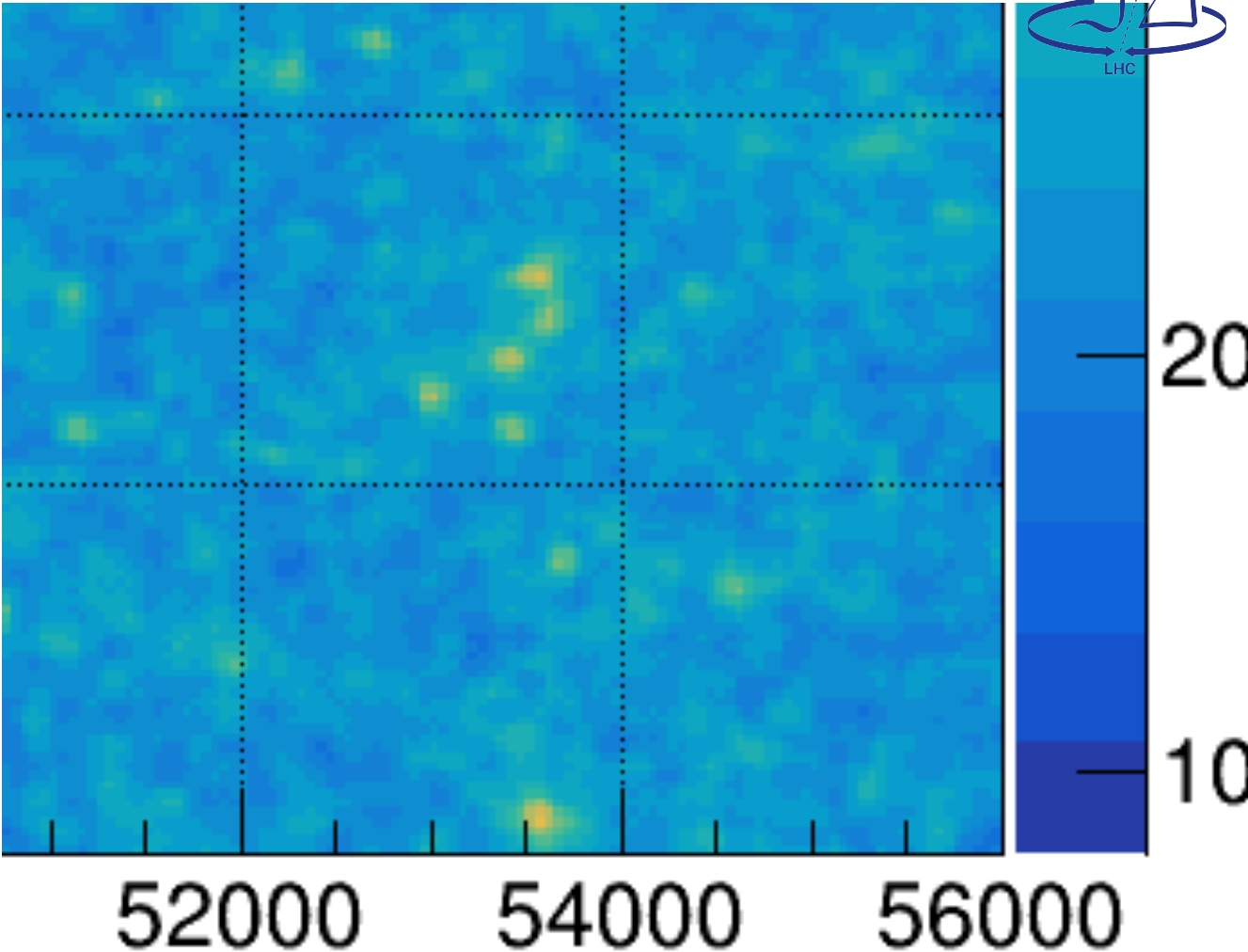


# Candidate I

Shifted plot



Original plot





# Neutrino expectations

- Data considered is from emulsion run1 wall 2 brick 1
- Exposure of  $9.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , closest brick to beam axis
- Neutrino interactions expected in this brick:

$\nu$   
4.3

$\nu_e CC$   
0.7

$\nu_\mu CC$   
2.6



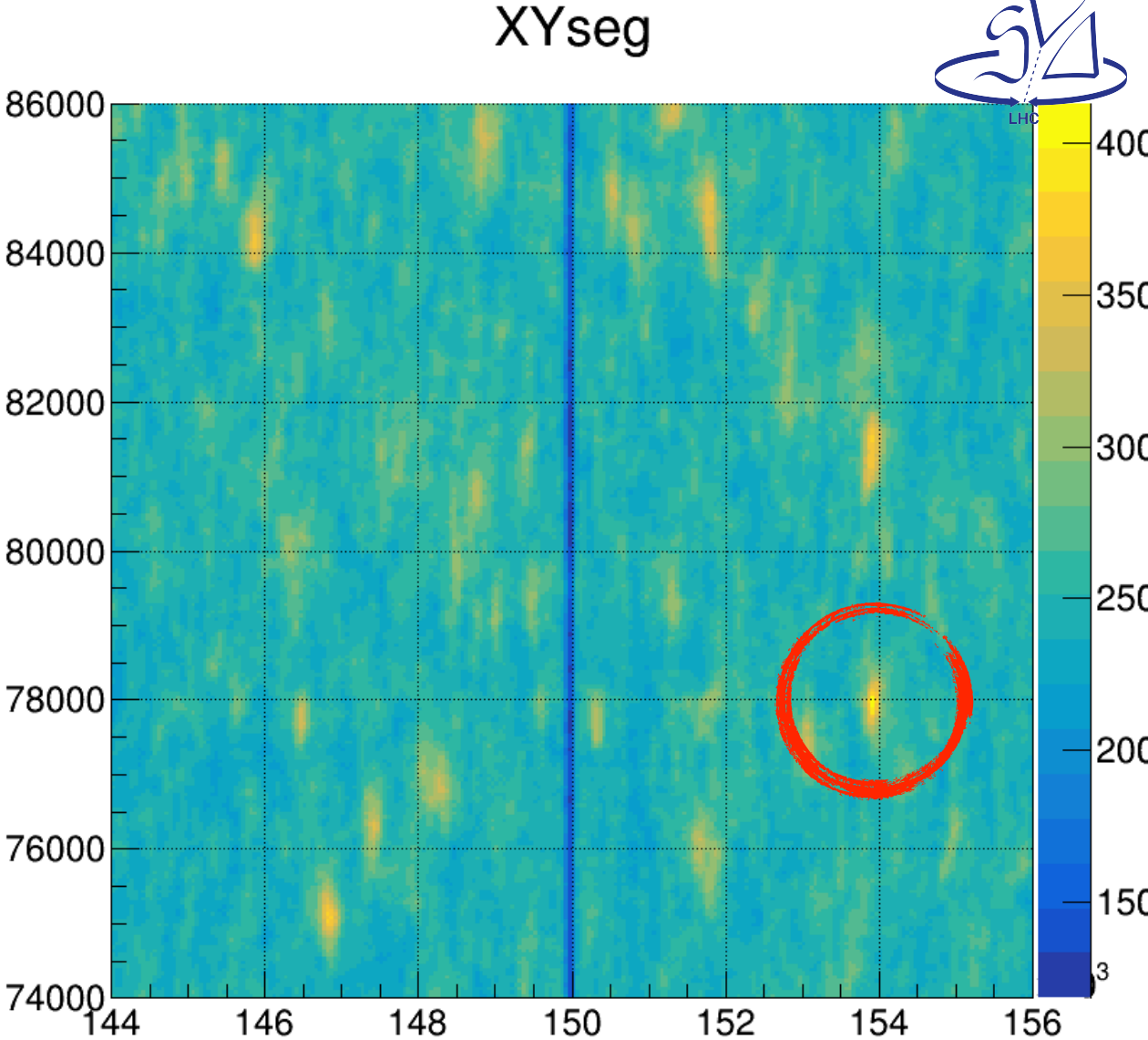
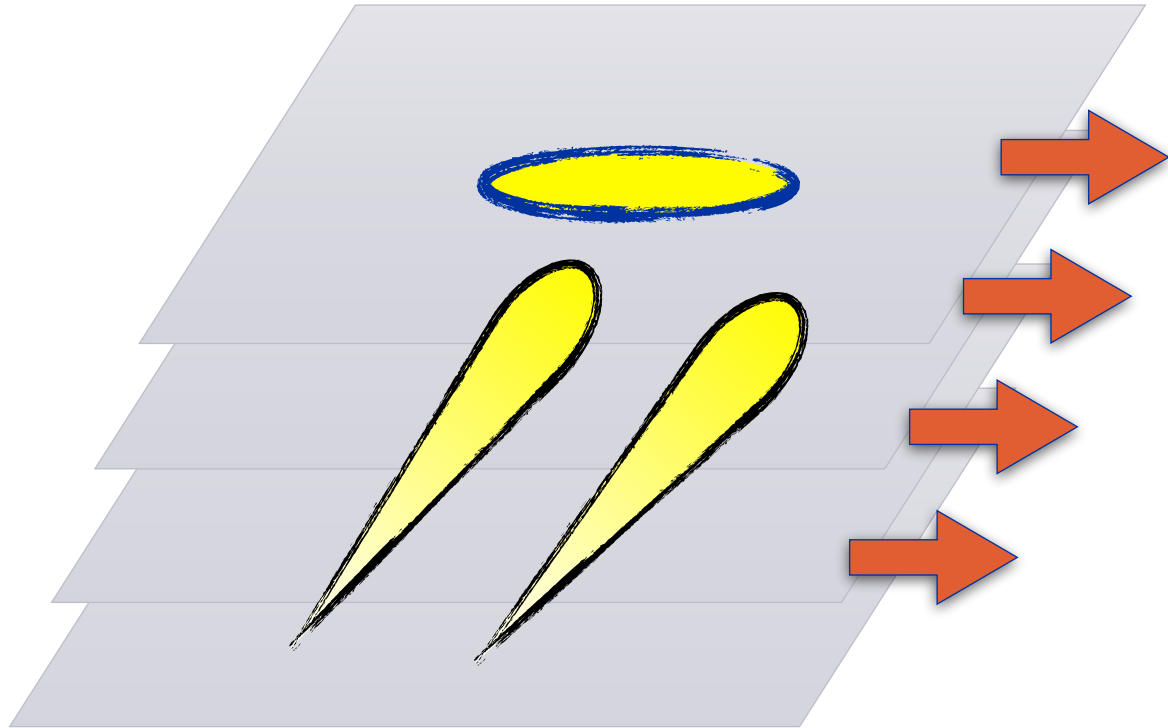
# Peaks found

Angle	#peaks	True showers
$> \pm 10$	17	0
$\pm 10$	5	1
$\pm 8$	16	8
	38	9

(TX, TY):  
(-10, 0),  
(-8, 0),  
(-8, 0),  
(-8, -2),  
(-8, 0),  
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(-8, -2)

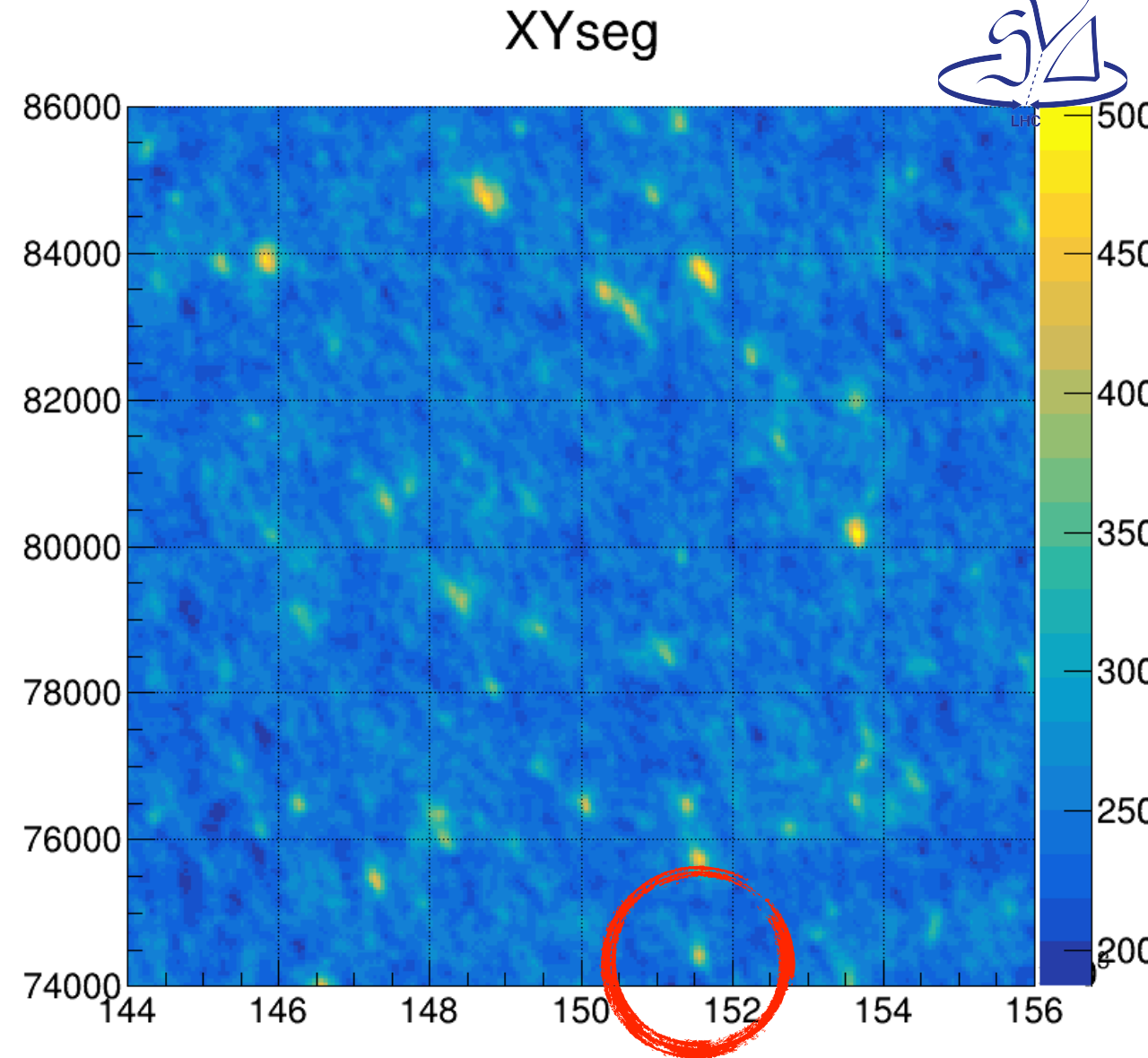
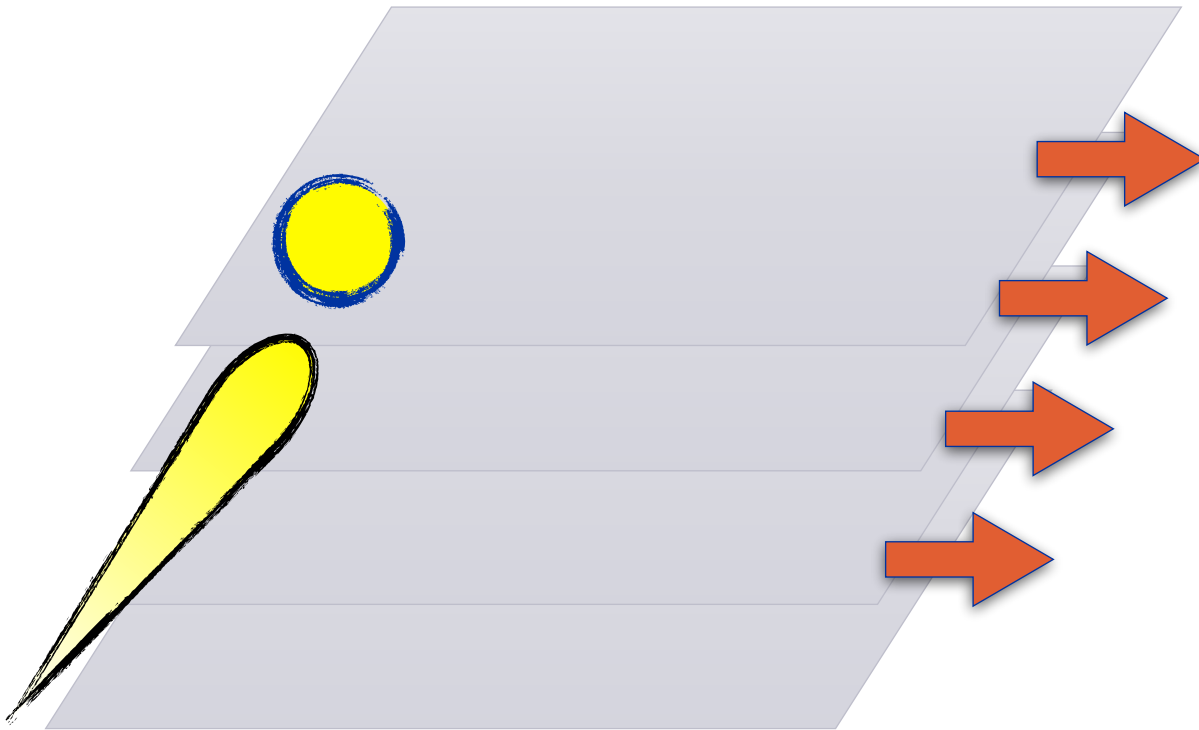
# Pathologic peaks I

Multiple zero angle showers crossing the same tagged circle.



# Pathologic peaks II

Zero angle shower entering from the side.  
Extra peak, not tagged in (0, 0) shift.



# Longitudinal profile

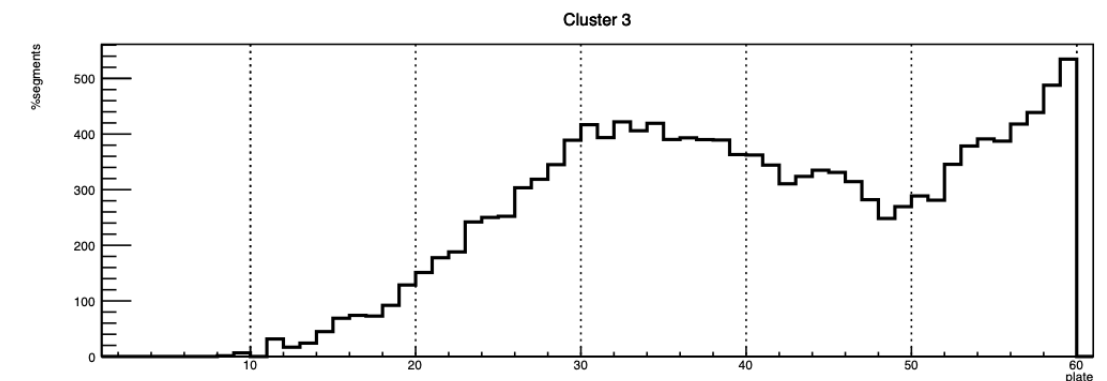
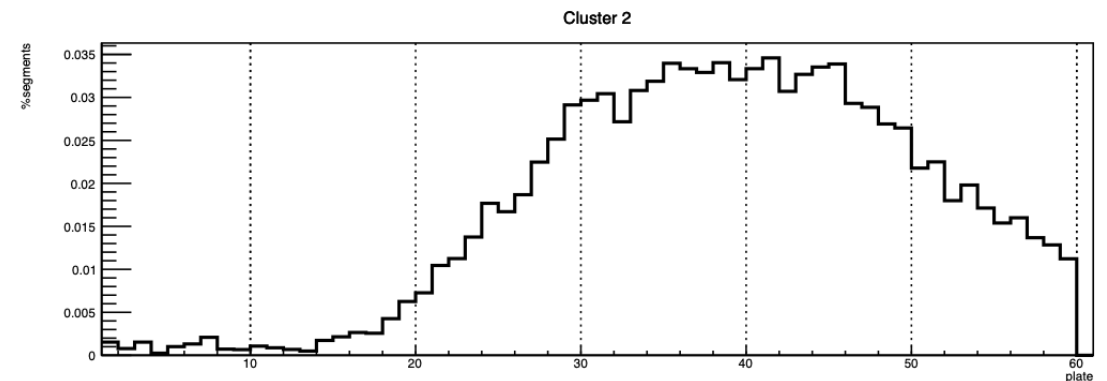
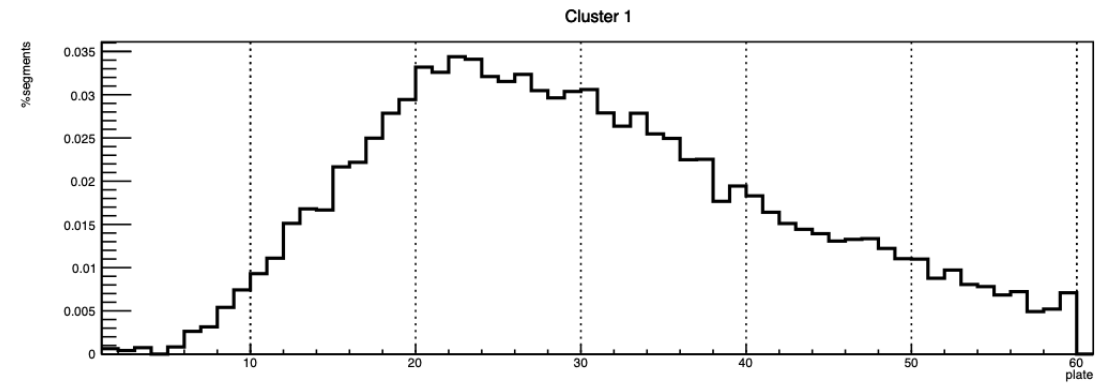
Position, maximum plate, starting and ending plate, nseg are saved

Background subtraction is considered

First and Last bin above 10% of total segments

3<sup>rd</sup> stage: base-tracks in 300 $\mu$ m tagged cylinders are analyzed

Some variables can be evaluated and studied for signal, background and data

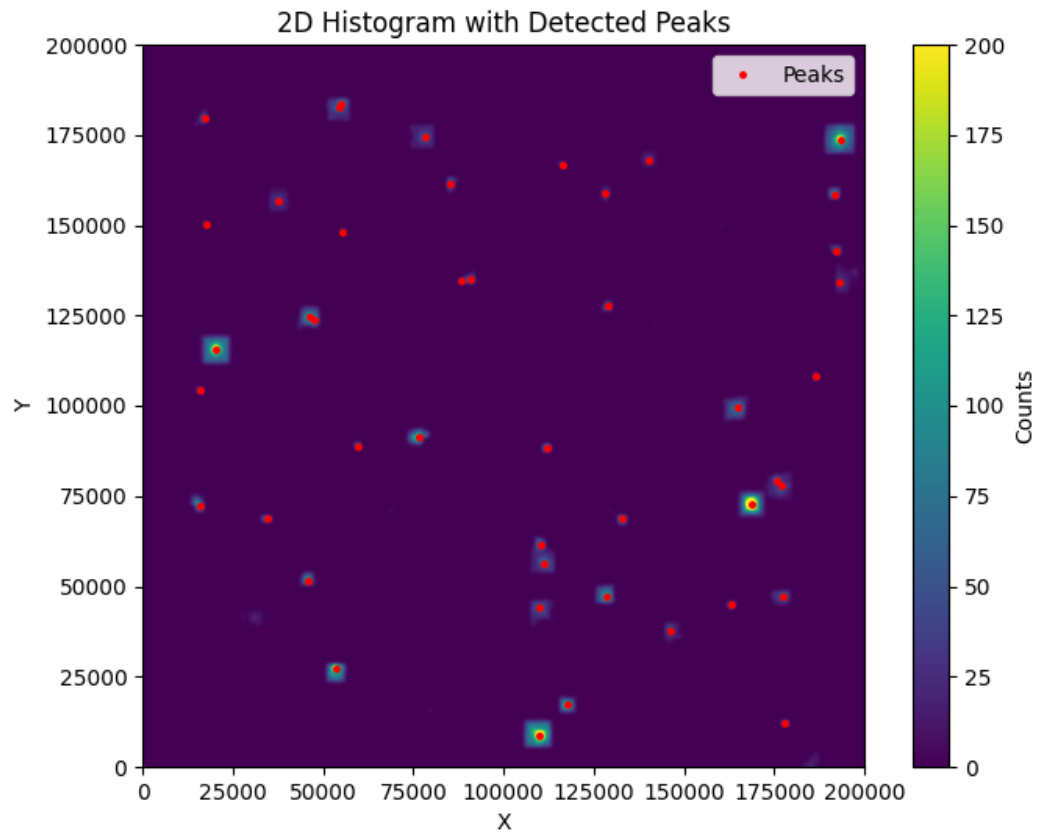


# Nuecc simulation

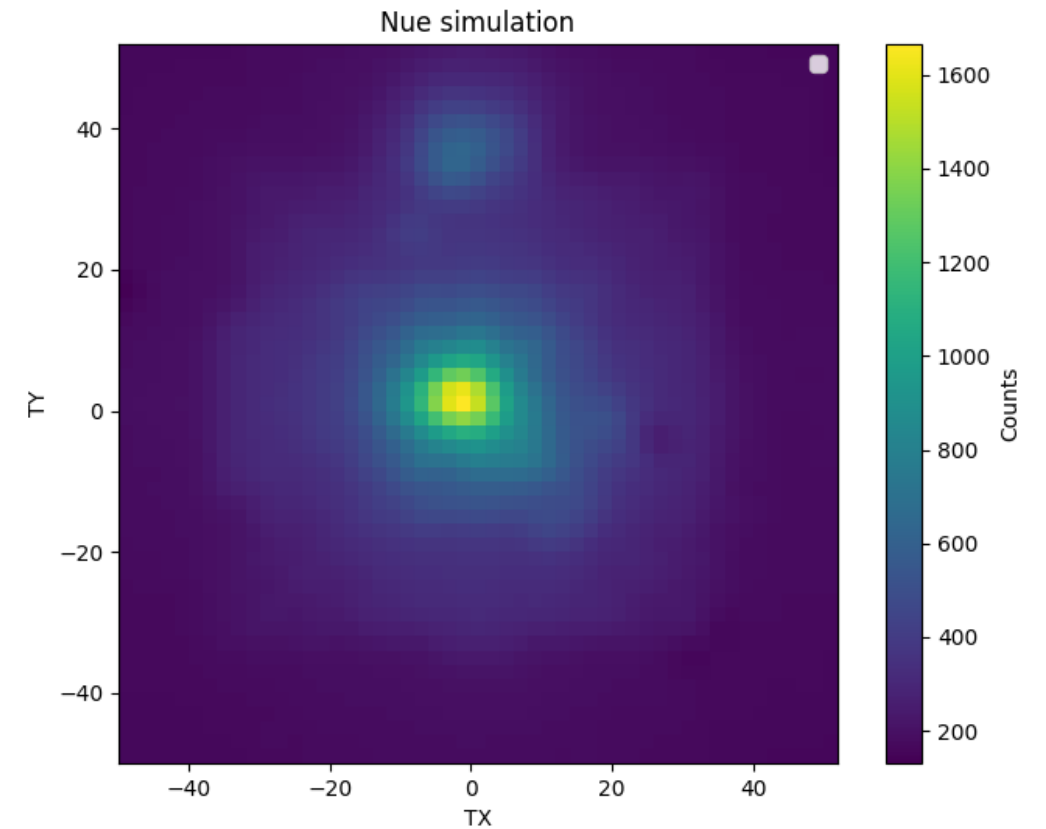


Complete efficiency study ongoing...

## X0, Y0 tagged showers



## TX, TY tagged showers



# Rank bin

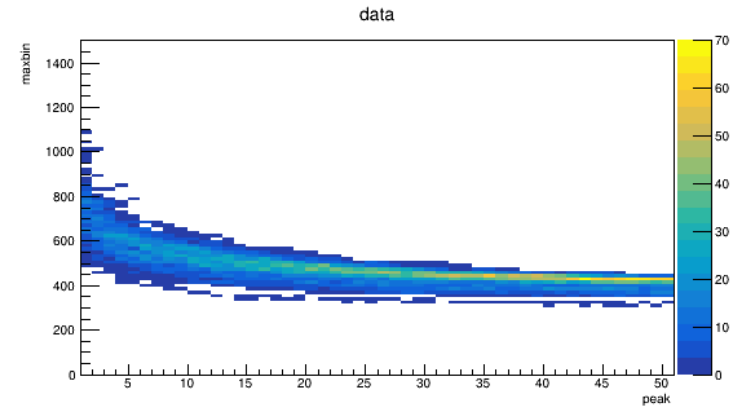
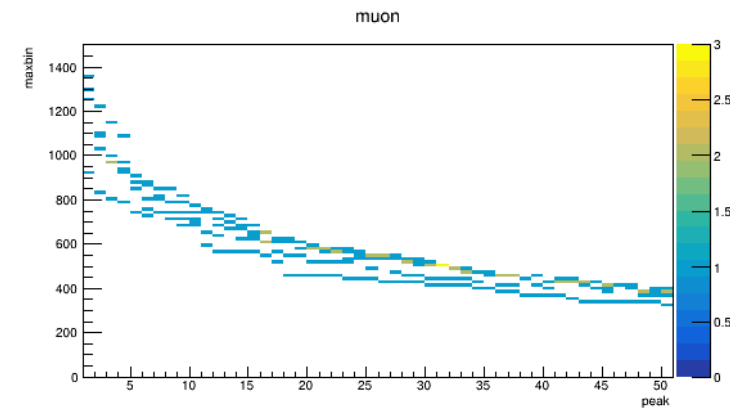
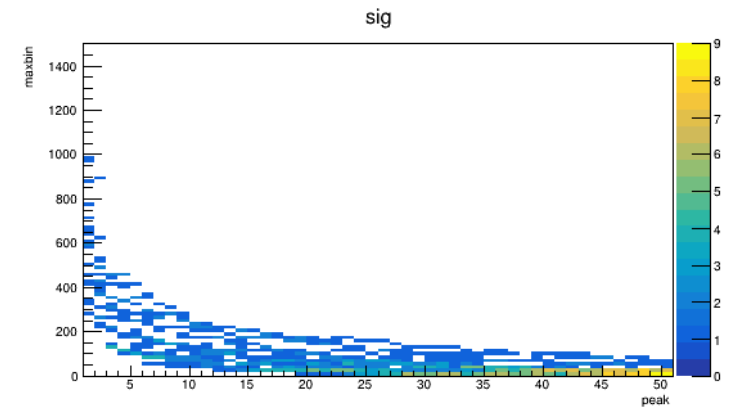
Number of entries in the bin tagged.

Search is done with  $50\mu m$  bins in  $300\mu m$  radius.

50 highest bins in the nue MC are lower than muon MC and data.

This method is efficient to tag small angle showers:

- cumulative plot enhances bin population.





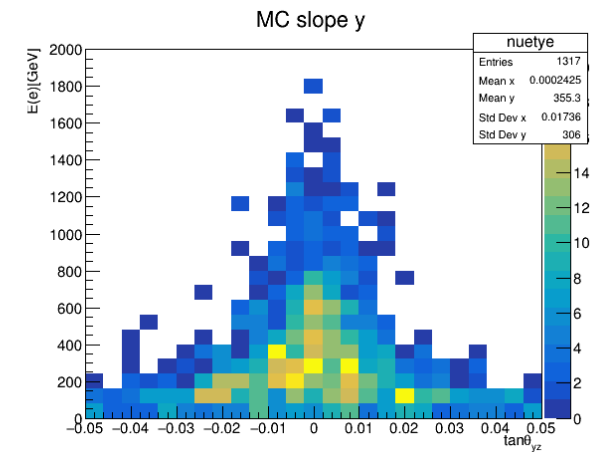
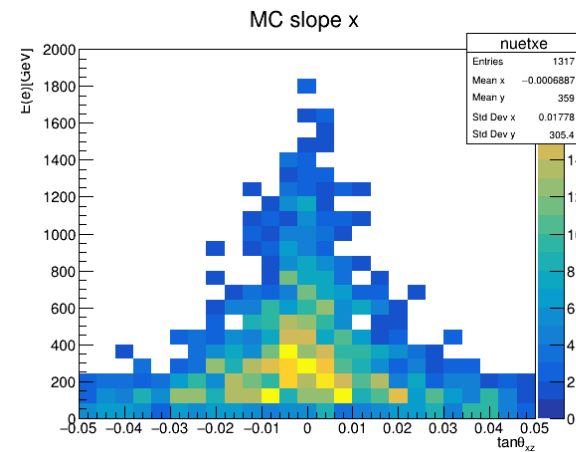
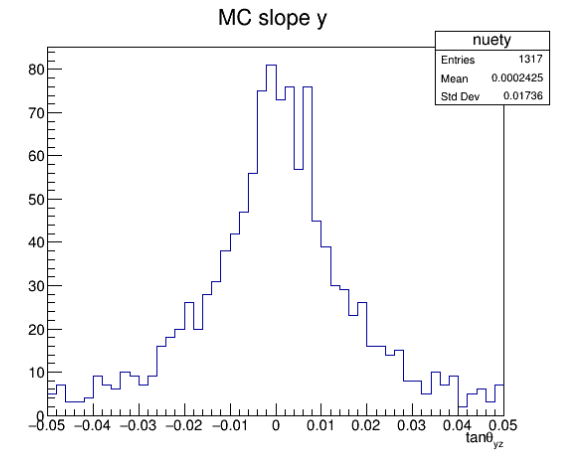
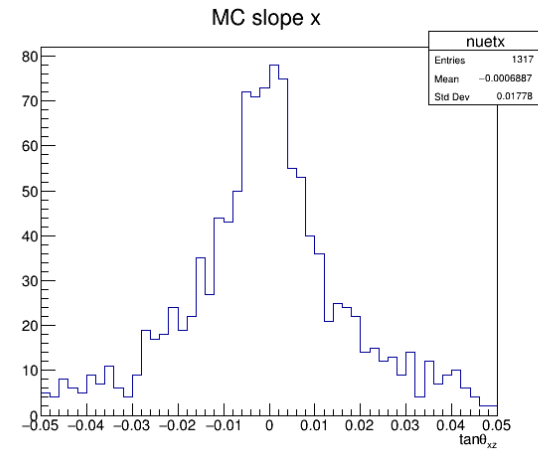
# MC electron slope

Primary electron slope from  $\nu_e$  interactions.

90 % within  $\pm 50 \text{ mrad}$

Slope vs Energy correlation:  
higher energy electrons have smaller slope.

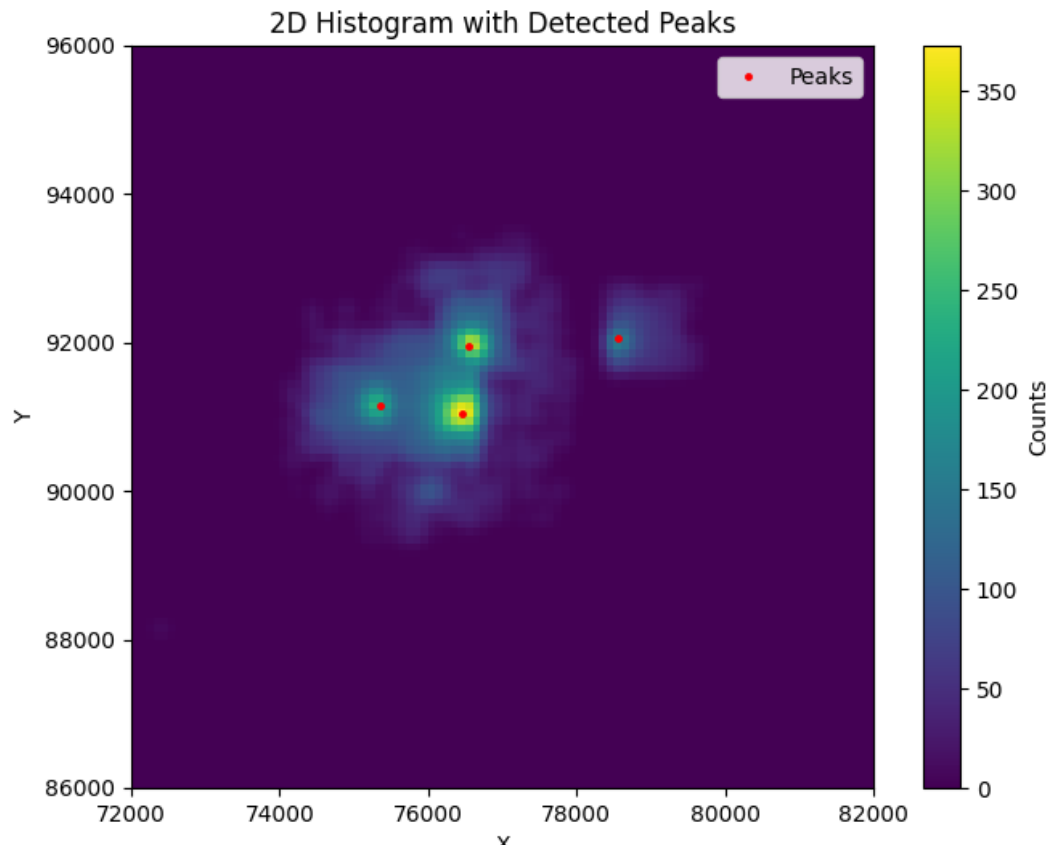
Shift in  $\pm 50 \text{ mrad}$  range with  $2 \text{ mrad}$  step:  
2601 combinations!



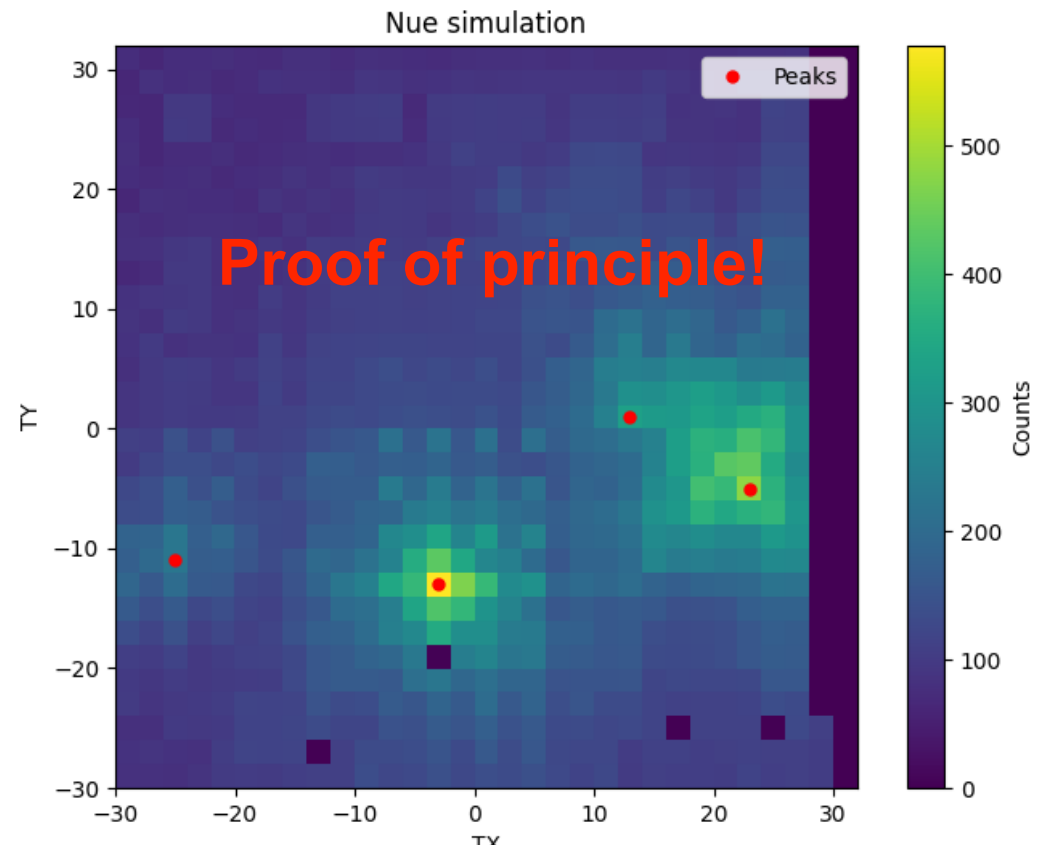
# Shift map

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X0, Y0 tagged showers



TX, TY tagged showers

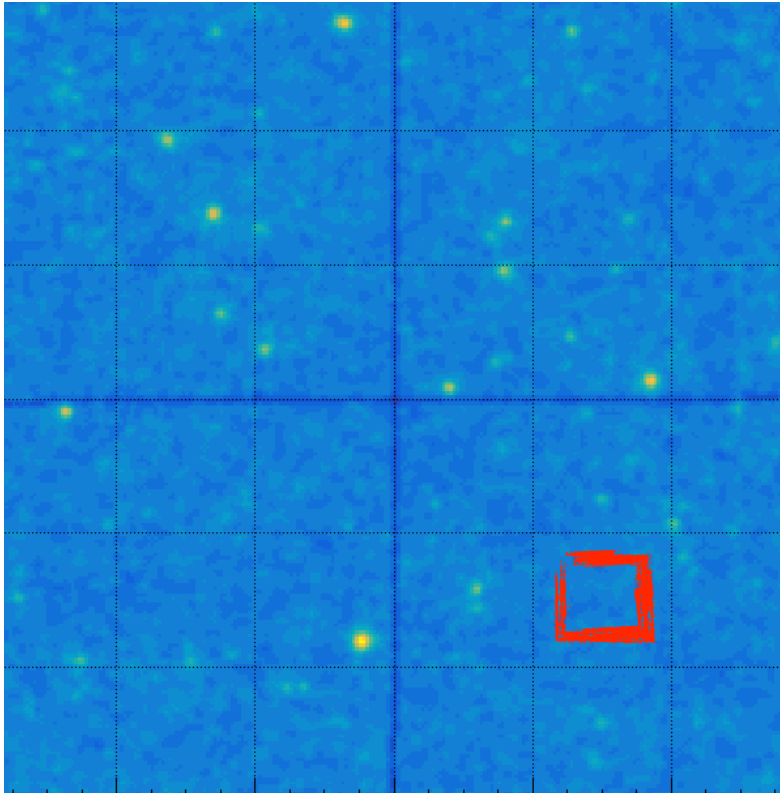




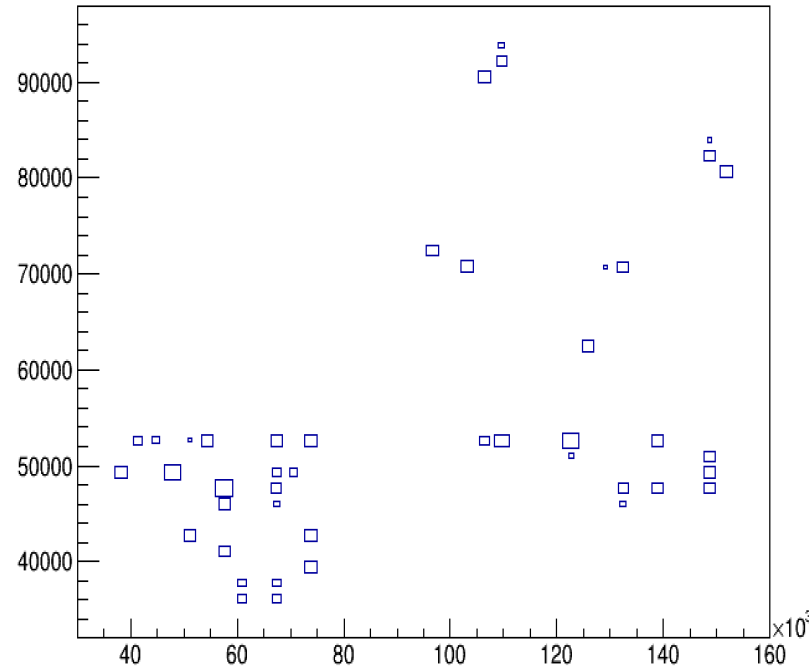
# Base-tracks background evaluation



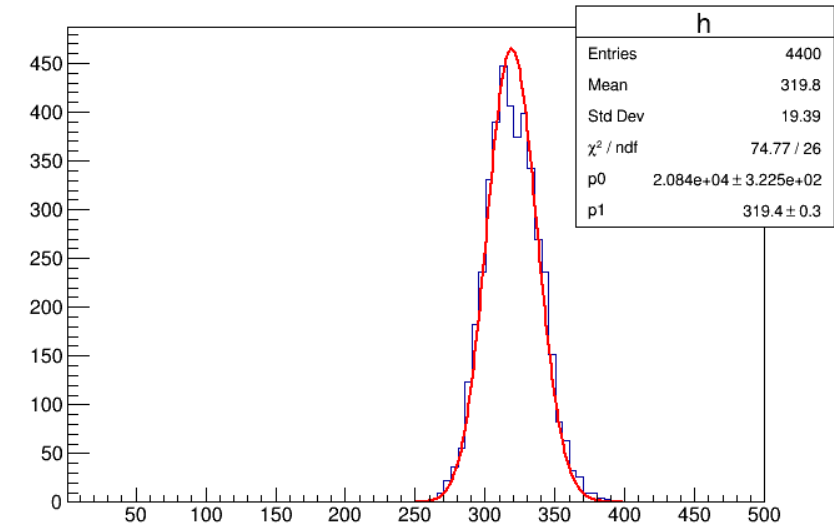
## A. Counting base-tracks in no-shower regions



## B. Sparse measurements



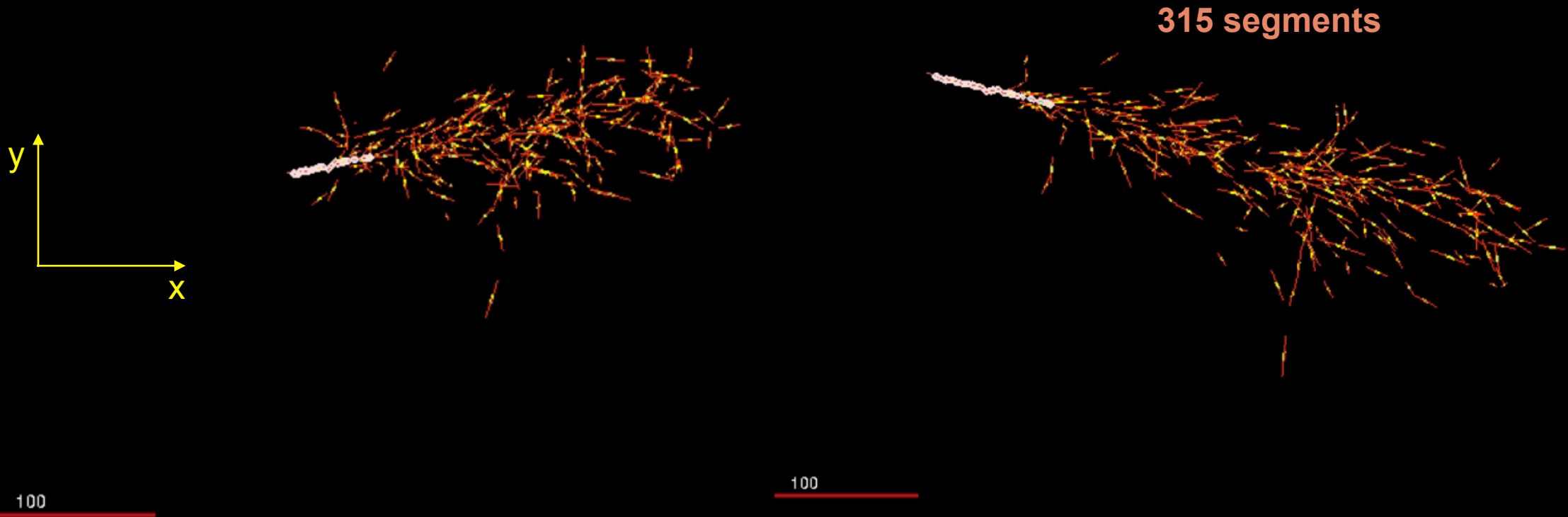
## C. Poisson-like evaluation



# Candidate III

Shower is reconstructed with an injector and parameters:

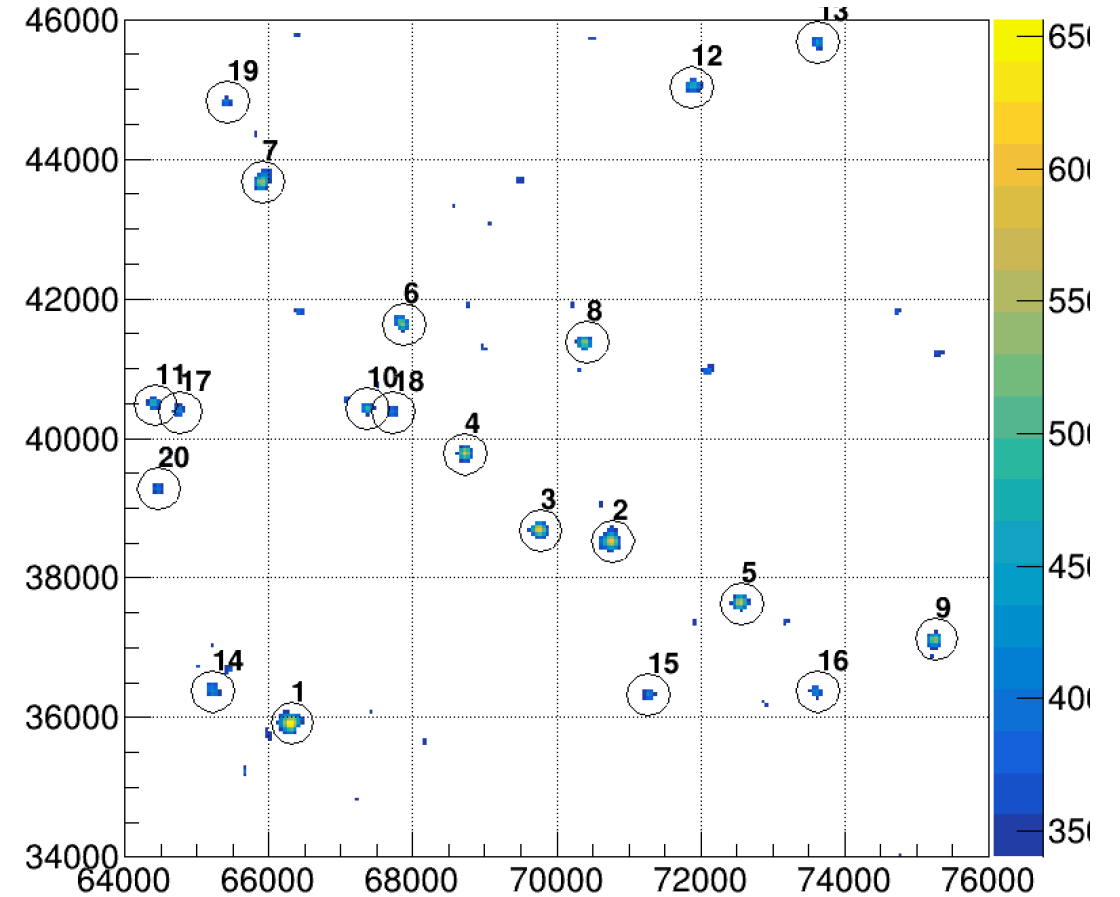
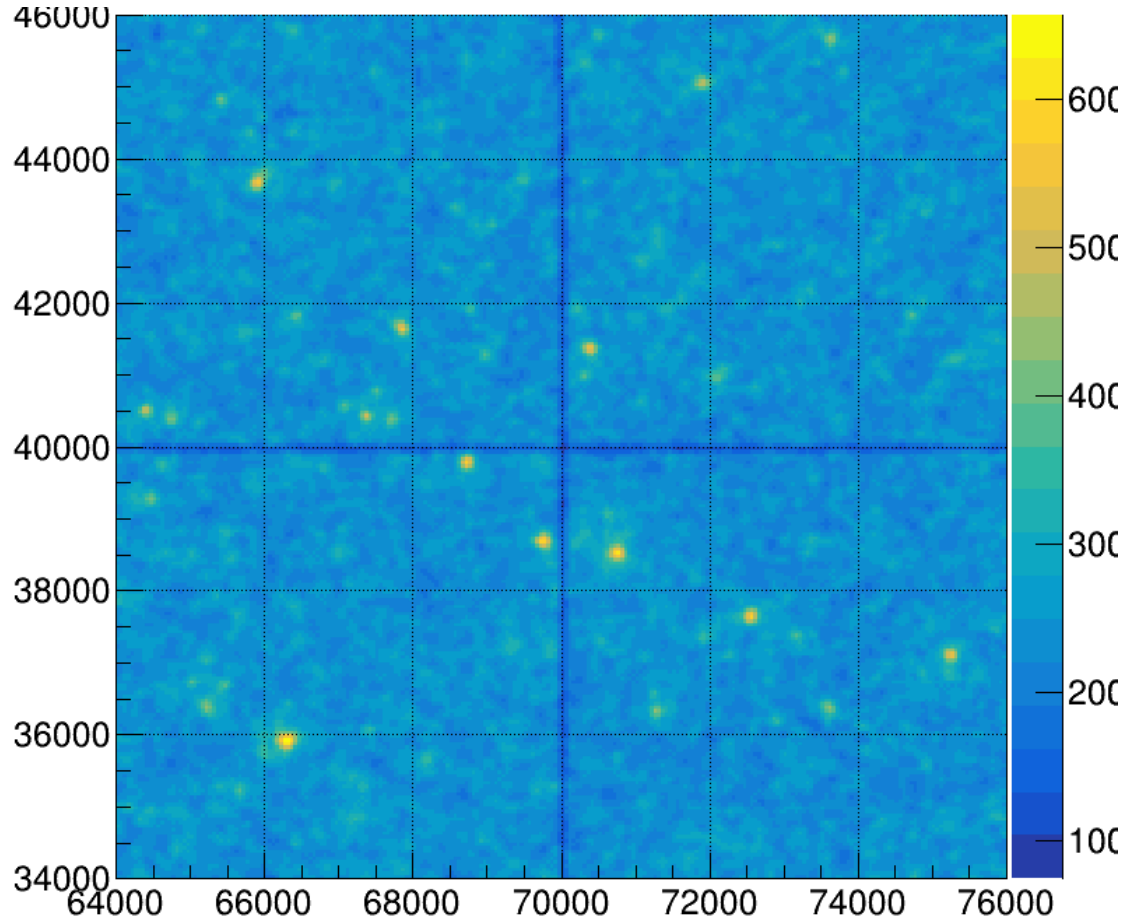
cylinder radius =  $100 \mu m$ , max d =  $50 \mu m$ , max dt = 0.03



# Noise-free showers

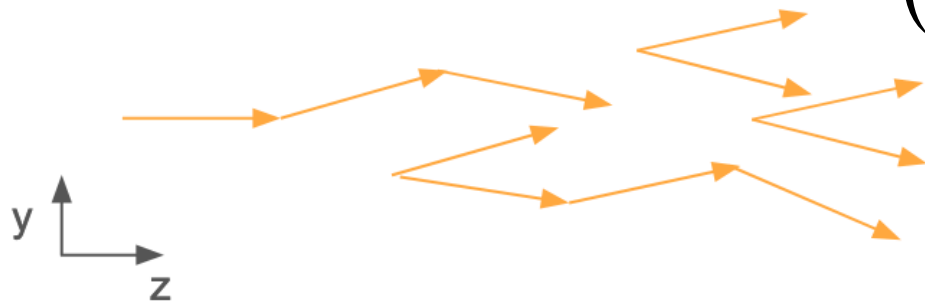


Tagging only clusters above  $5\sigma$  of the Poisson fit.

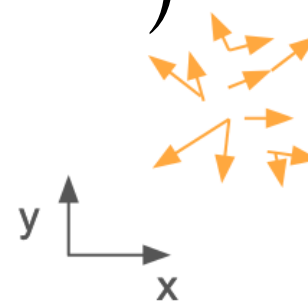


# Sphericity

Low pt shower

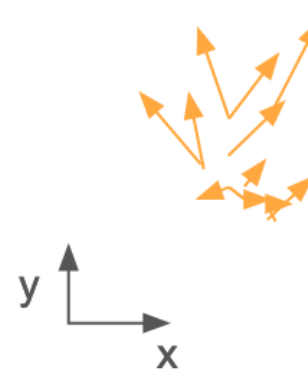
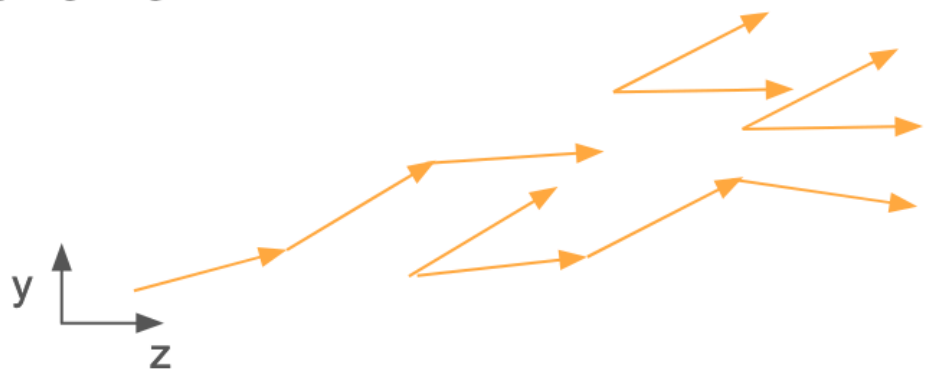


$$S = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \left( \frac{\sum_i \left| \vec{p}_{Ti} \times \hat{n} \right|}{\sum_i p_{Ti}} \right)^2$$



Isotropic, high sphericity

High pt shower



Less isotropic, lower sphericity

# Sphericity

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Sphericity

The variable well discriminates sig and bkg

Data behaves as background

Some events are in the tail

Evaluation of TPR and FPR:

- Signal efficiency
- Bkg misclassified as sig

