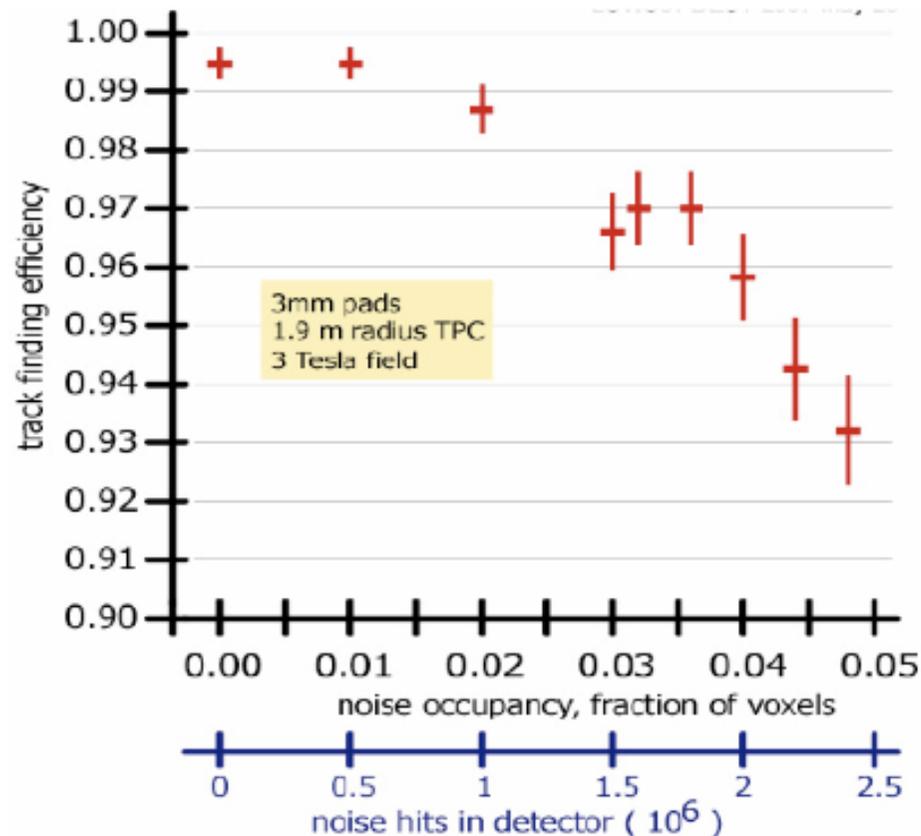


# Effects of TPC Background on ILD Tracking Performance

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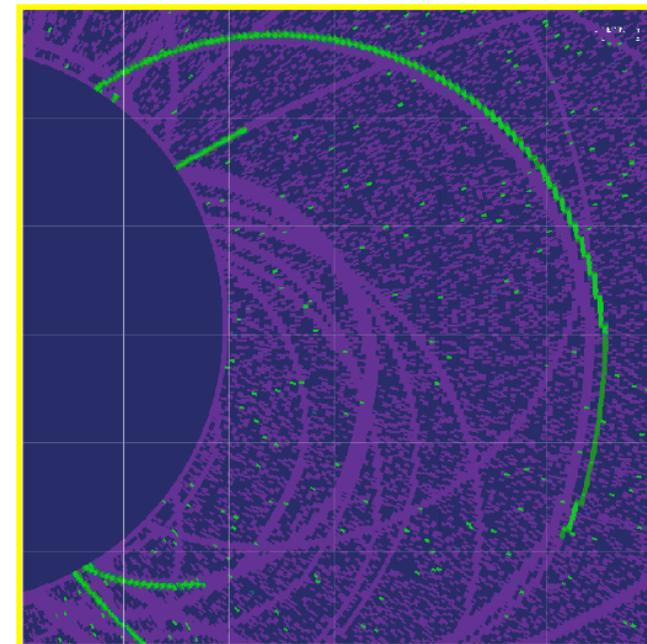
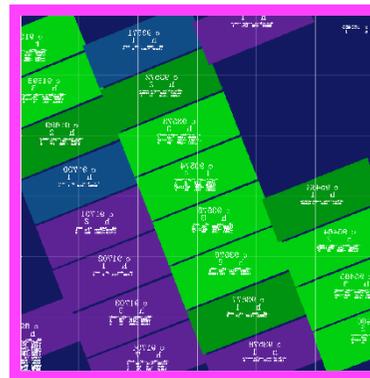
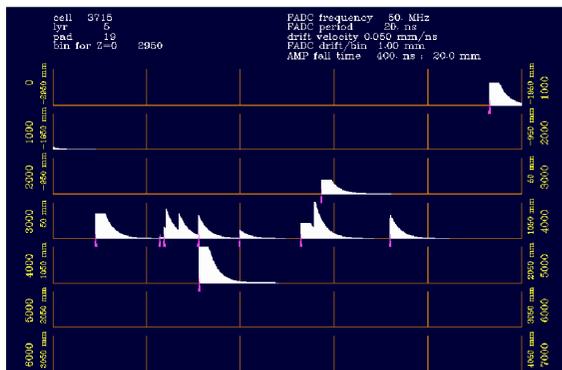
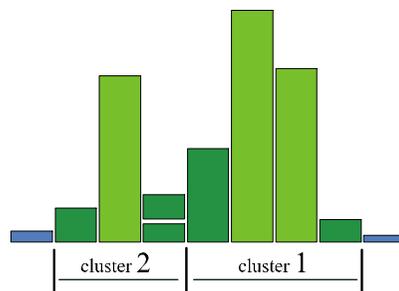
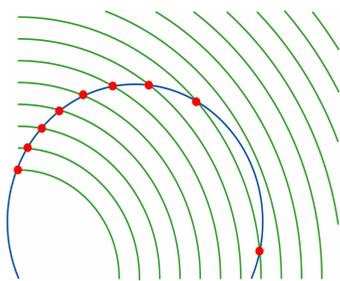
# IDAG Question



Q. Elaborate on the meaning of the information in Fig. 4.3-4. What are the plans to mitigate the loss of track efficiency with the background level? What is the sensitivity to beam halo, and at what level does it become problematic?

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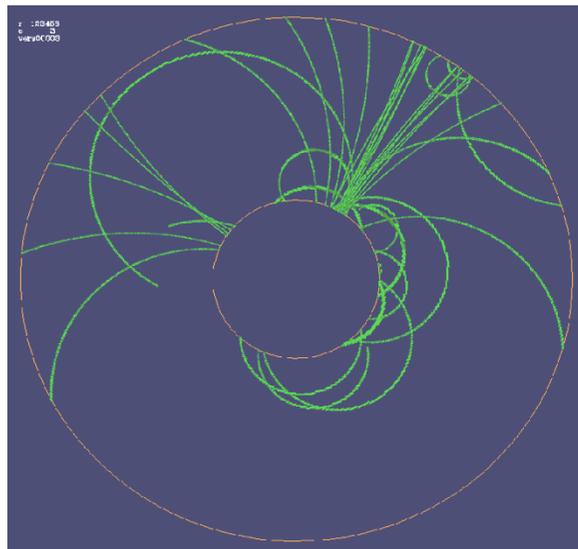
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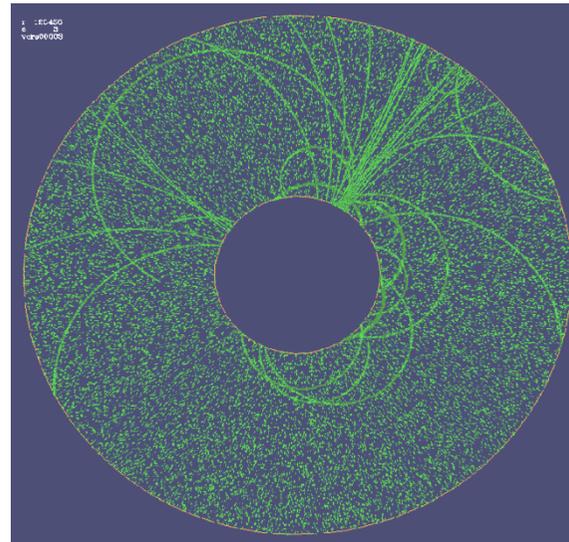
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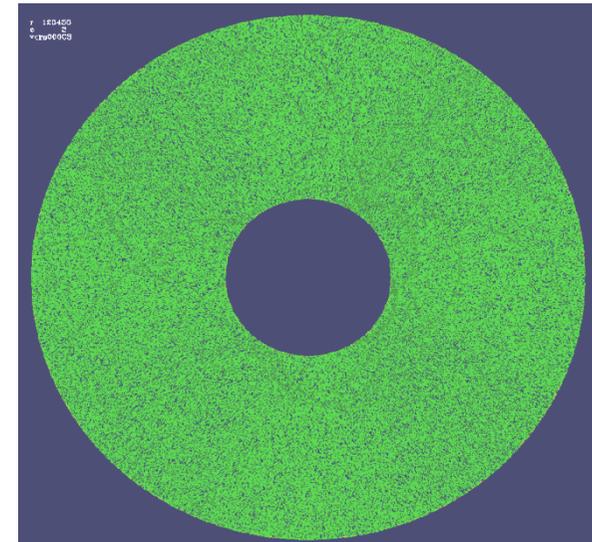
But the background was random – i.e. worst possible scenario



2 mm cells, no noise



2 mm cells, 30 K noise hits



2 mm cells, 300 K noise hits

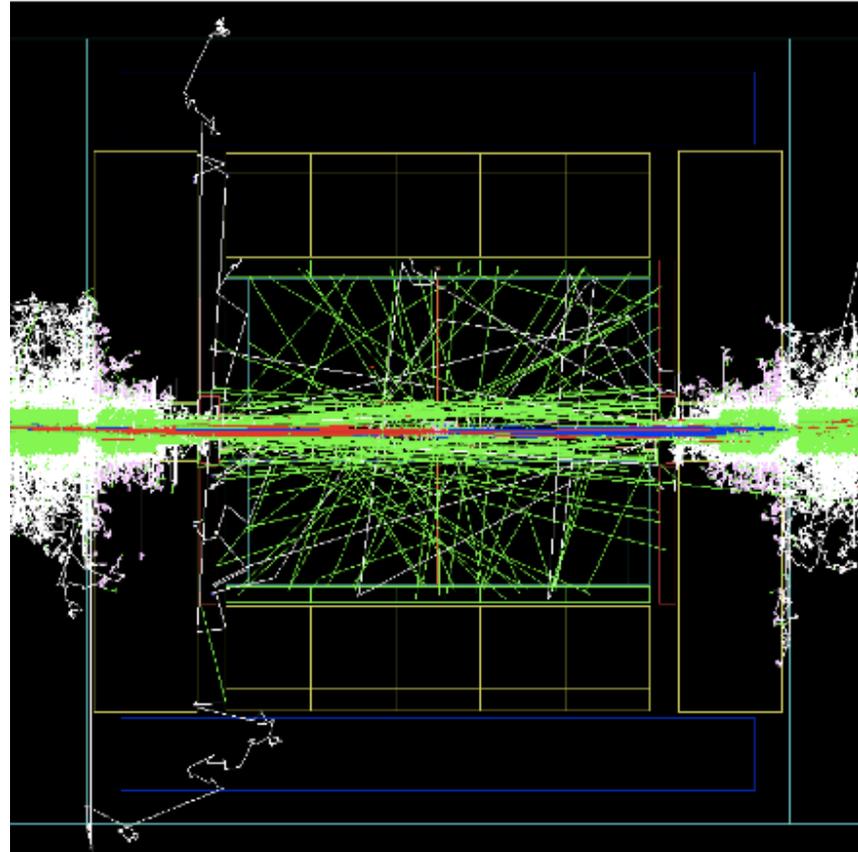
# Background – Studies

Full GEANT-4 Simulation (Mokka) of pairs background including realistic description of the forward region and the magnetic fields performed by **Adrian Vogel**.

Main background in gaseous tracker conversion of backscattering photons

Tracks from the IP, rare, but mostly low pt curlers

Recoil tracks from neutron-proton collisions (CH<sub>4</sub>)



# Background – Studies

Not included:

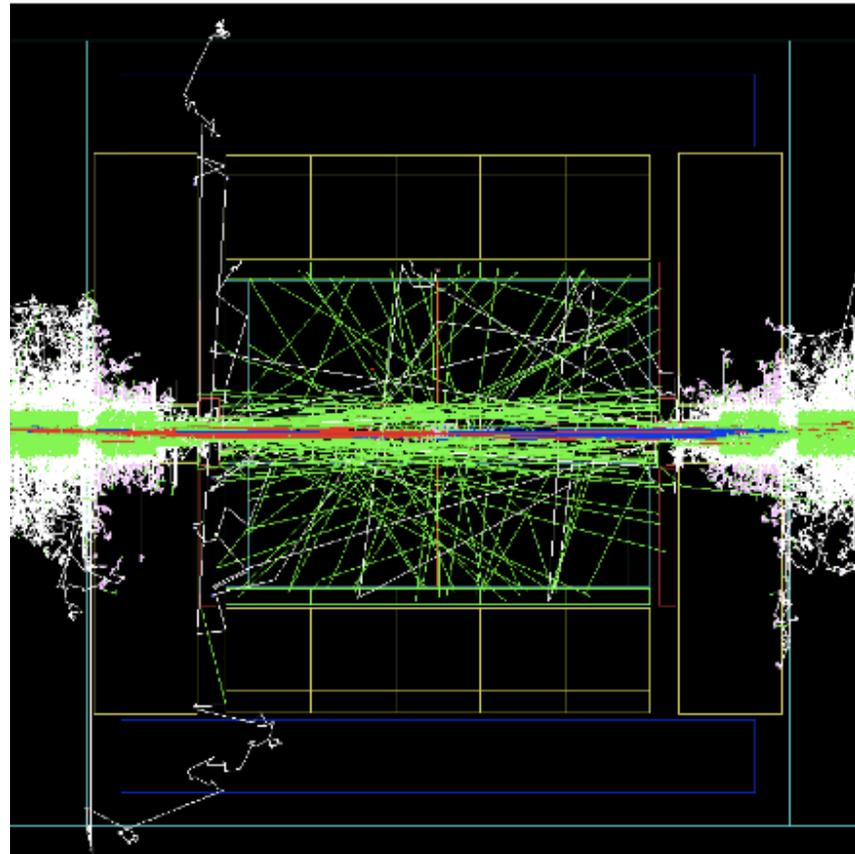
Beam Halo Muons

Beam gas interaction

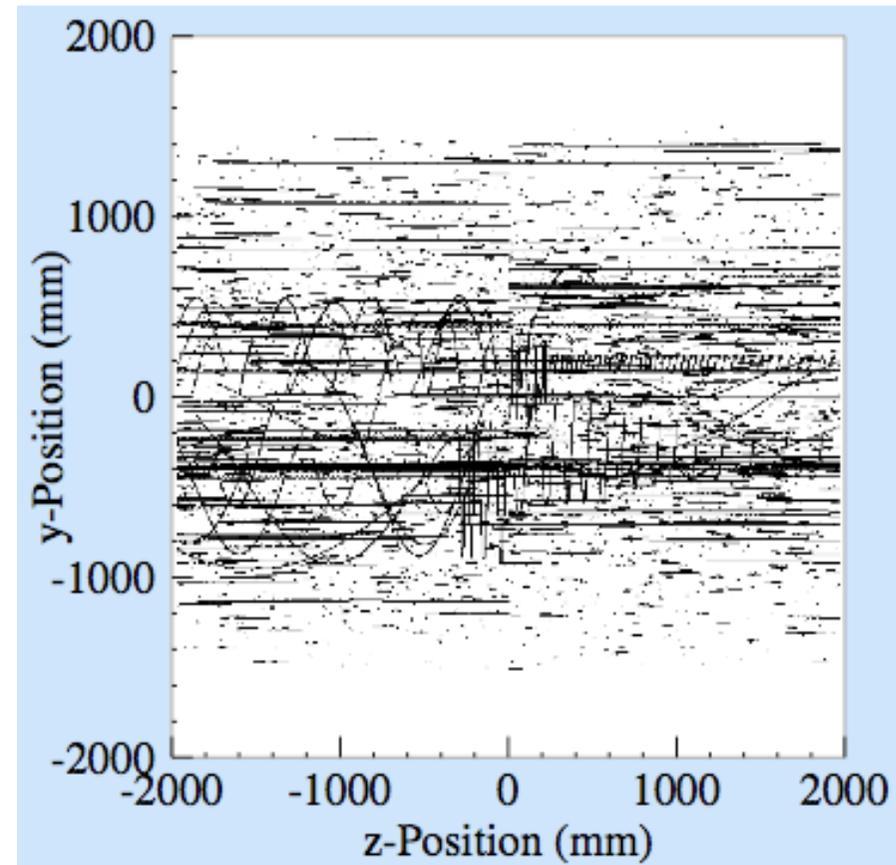
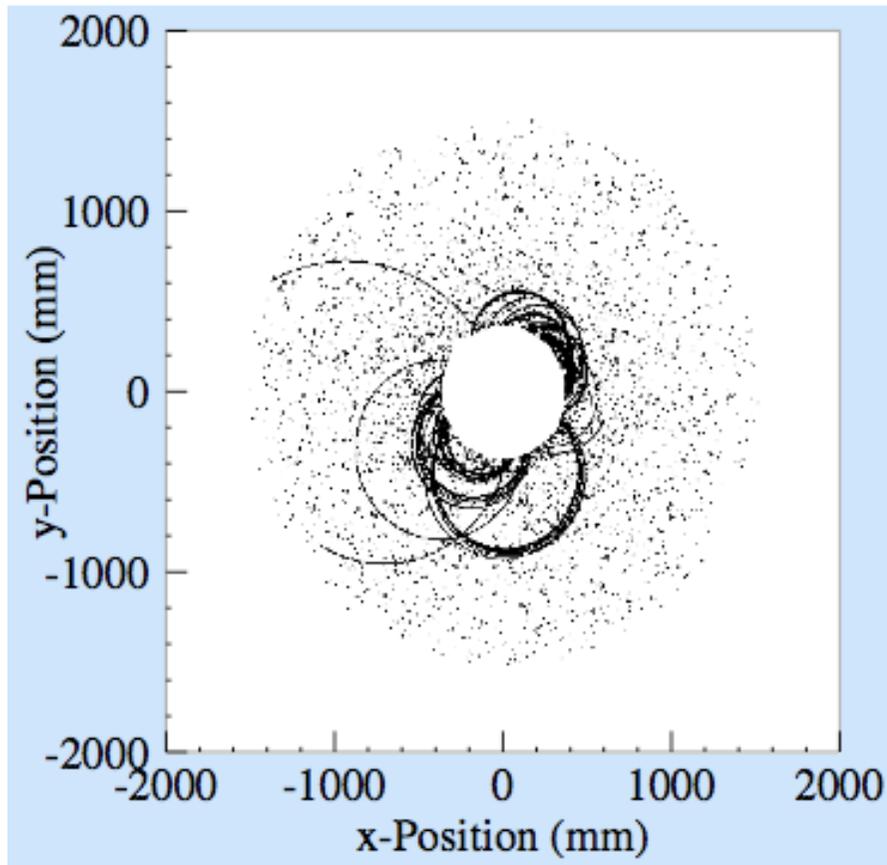
Synchrotron radiation from beam delivery

Particle losses in extraction line

Beam dumps

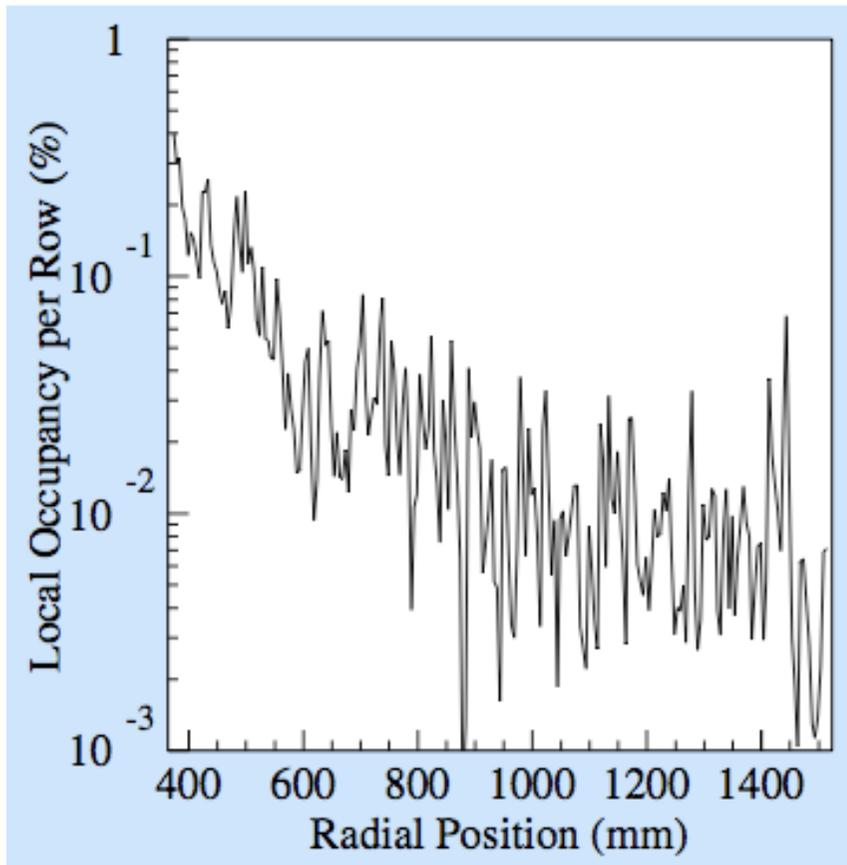


# Background – Studies



Mokka hits in the TPC (overlay of 100BX)

# Background – Studies



Overall value stays very well below 1%

n-p scattering gives negligible contribution

though modelling of neutrons is notoriously difficult

Pairs are the dominant source background

# Background – Studies

There is a very big difference between background which can be distinguished from signal, and that which can't, even if it kills a large part of your signal

e.g. filling up the TPC with 10% noise occupancy, or removing 10% of all hits from tracks, will present two very different problems to the pattern recognition

# GEANT4 Simulation – Mokka

- To properly simulate the pairs background a more complete description of the forward region was implemented in Mokka
- For physics studies a detector description was used which included a 10MeV cut made in the Tracking volume
- Non uniform Solenoid with anti-DID
- Much improved treatment of low energy particles  $p_t < 10\text{MeV}$  in the TPC – dedicated step limitation

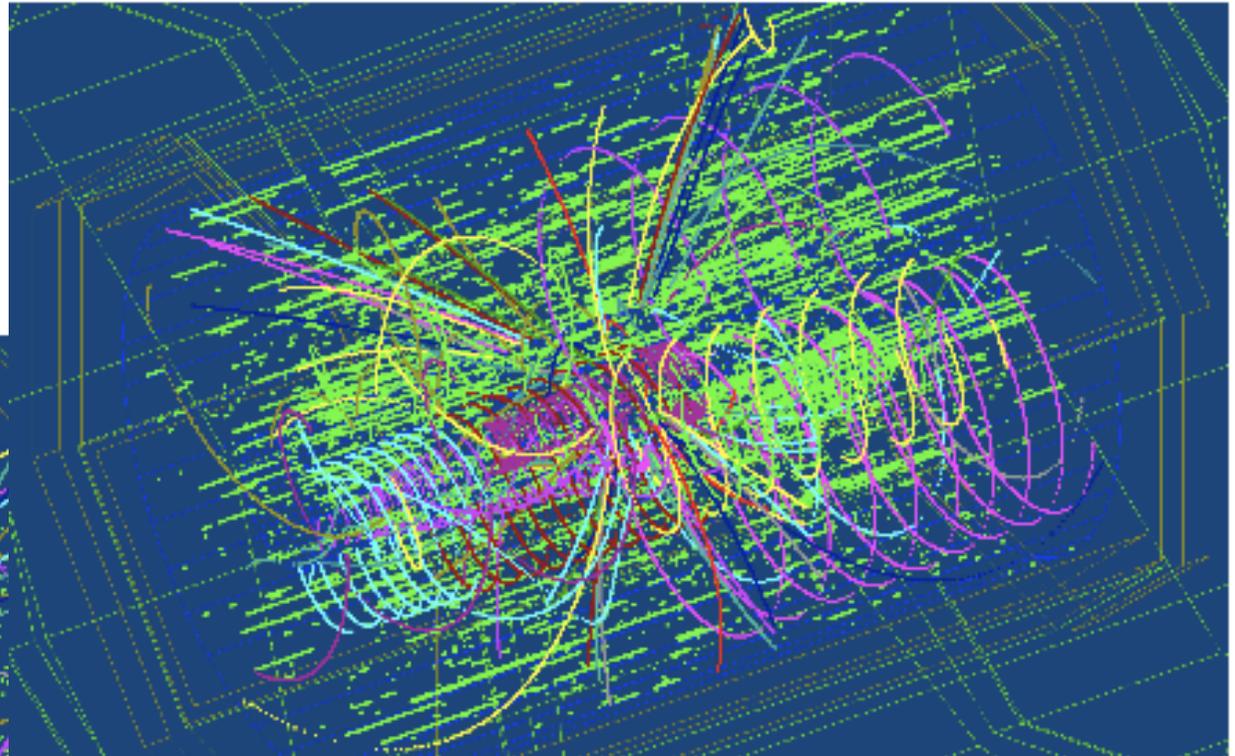
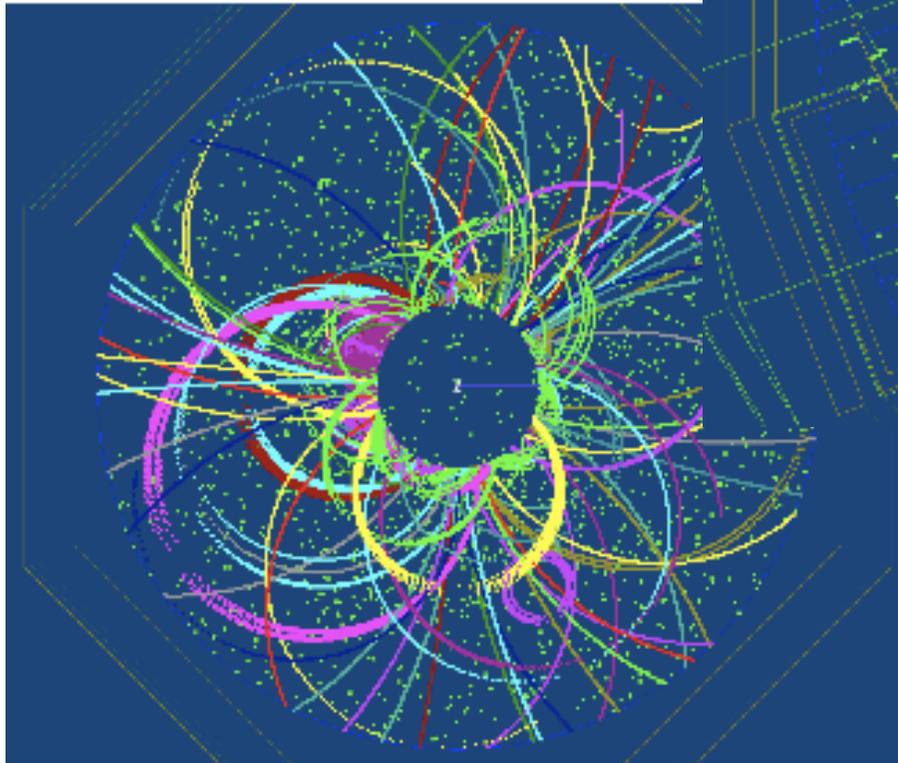


# Background Simulation

- 2000 BX of pairs background simulated using Guinea pig
- These were then simulated using Mokka to produce a set of independent bunch-crossings
- This sample is then selected from to produce the required number of bunch crossings needed to overlay with the physics event
- The correct z shifting needs to be applied according to the TPC drift velocity, conservatively estimated at  $4 \text{ cm } \mu\text{s}^{-1}$

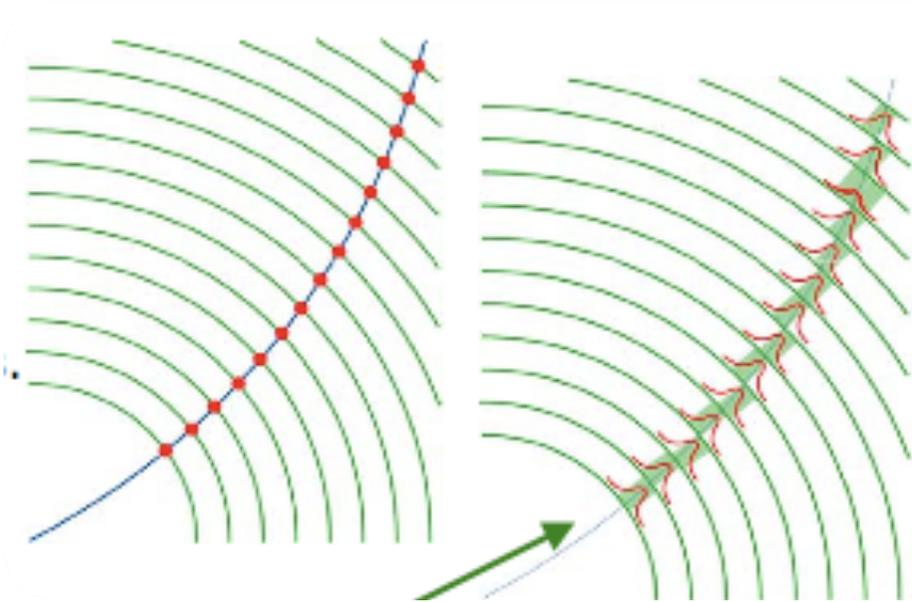
# ttbar vs Pairs Background

Overlay  
100 BX  
z shift applied



phi shifting of background added  
to help increase statistics

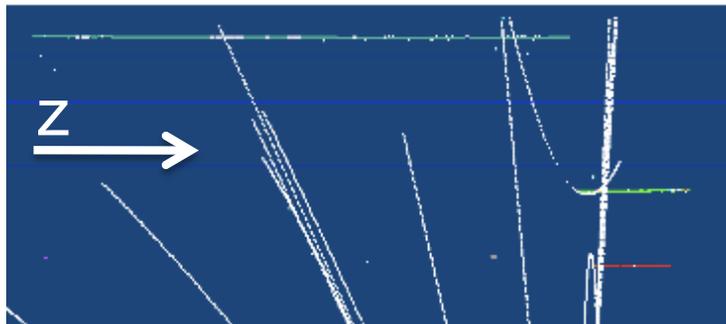
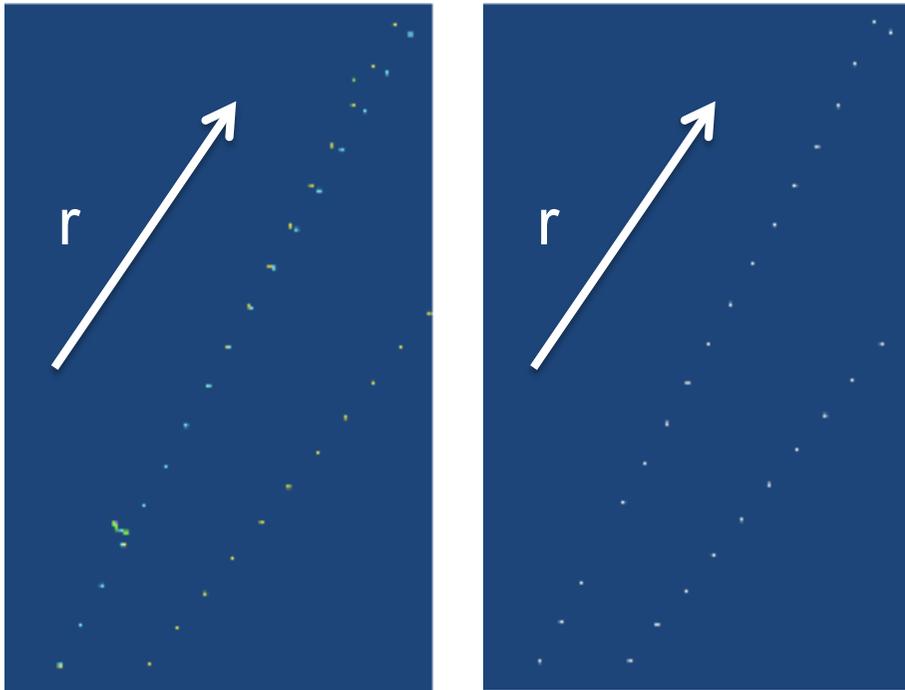
# Digitisation



- Mokka provides the space point at which a track cuts the half radii of the pad rows (Left)
- These are then smeared according to the formula below. This is used as a parameterisation of the actual creation of space points from the pad charges (Right)
- This of course is a simplified parameterisation
- Mokka has been adapted to deal with very low momentum particles < 10MeV

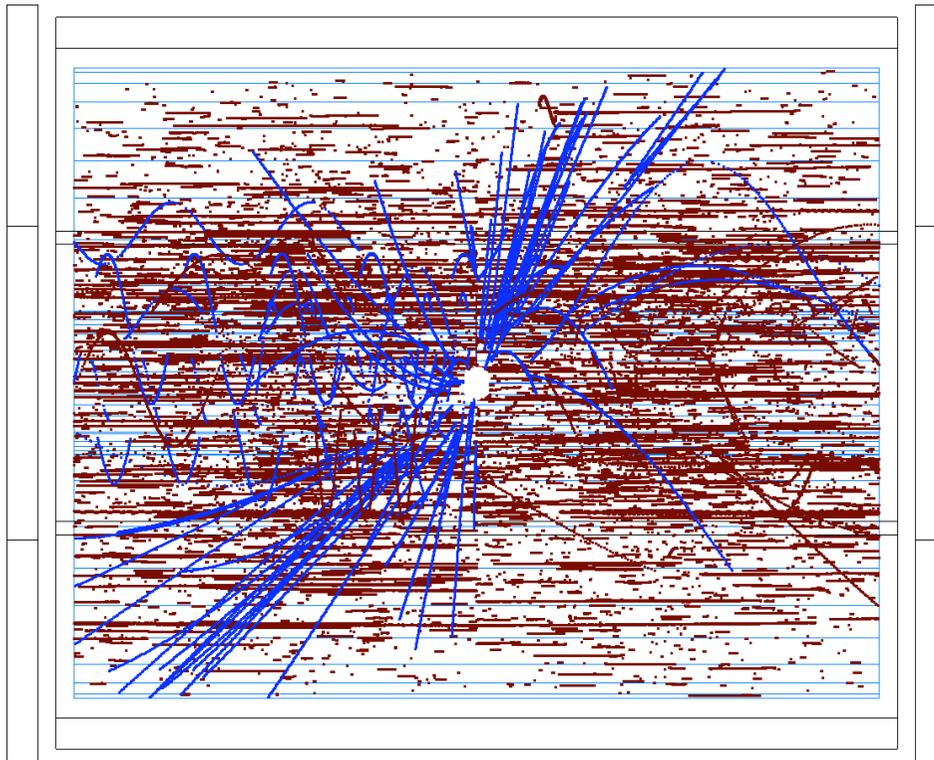
	$\sigma_{r-\phi}/\mu\text{m}$	$\sigma_z/\mu\text{m}$		$\sigma_{r-\phi}/\mu\text{m}$	$\sigma_z/\mu\text{m}$
VTX	2.8	2.8	FTD	5.8	5.8
SIT/SET	7.0	50.0	ETD	7.0	7.0
TPC	$\sigma_{r\phi}^2 = 50^2 + 900^2 \sin^2 \phi + ((25^2/22) \times (4/B)^2 \sin \theta) z \mu\text{m}^2$ $\sigma_z^2 = 40^2 + 8^2 \times z \mu\text{m}^2$				

# Digitisation



- A search is made within pad rows for hits which are within the given hit separation criteria in  $r\phi$  and  $z$  from previous studies these are presently taken as 2mm in  $r\phi$  and 6mm in  $z$
- A nearest neighbour clustering is then performed on these hits
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- Larger clusters (micro-curlers) are identified, and are removed, i.e. not presented to the track finding

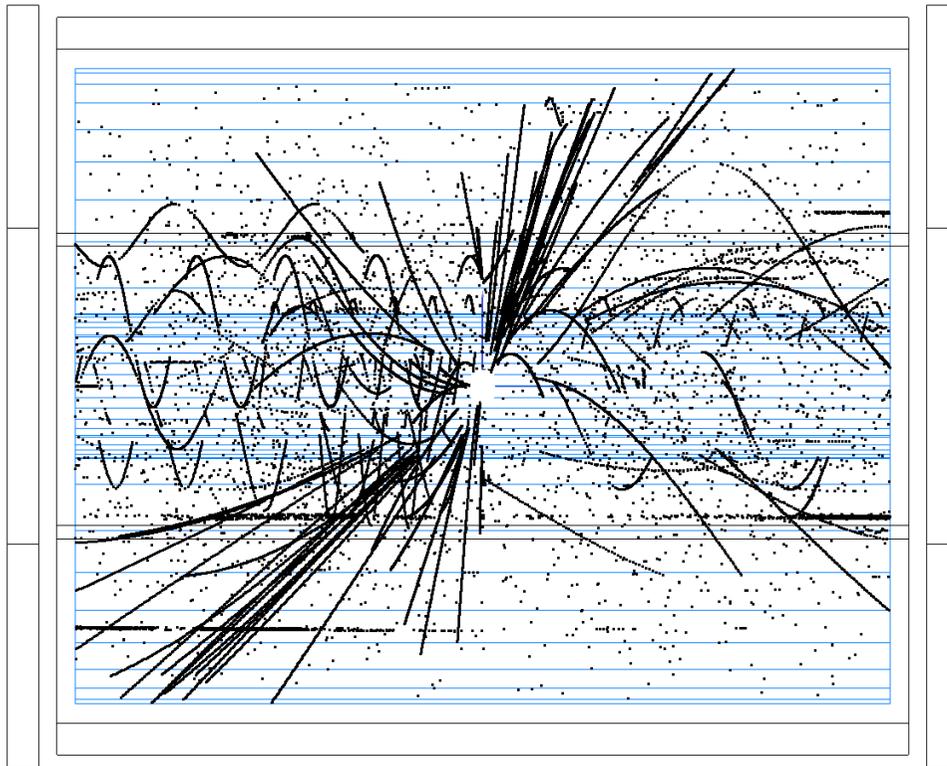
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$t\bar{t}$  event @ 500GeV overlaid with 150 BX pairs background

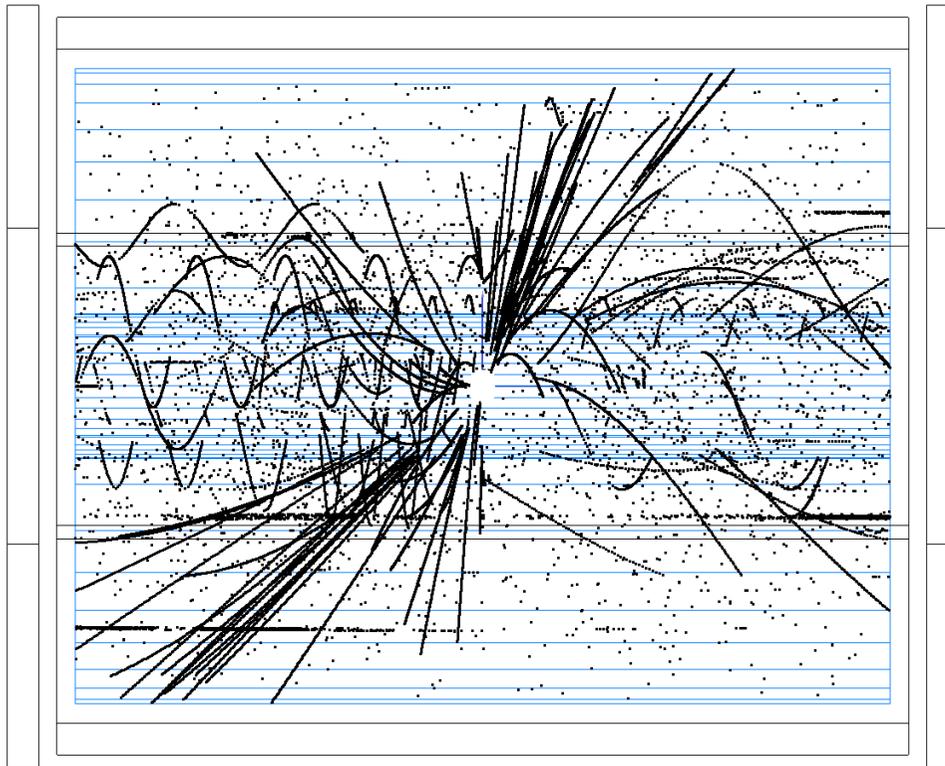
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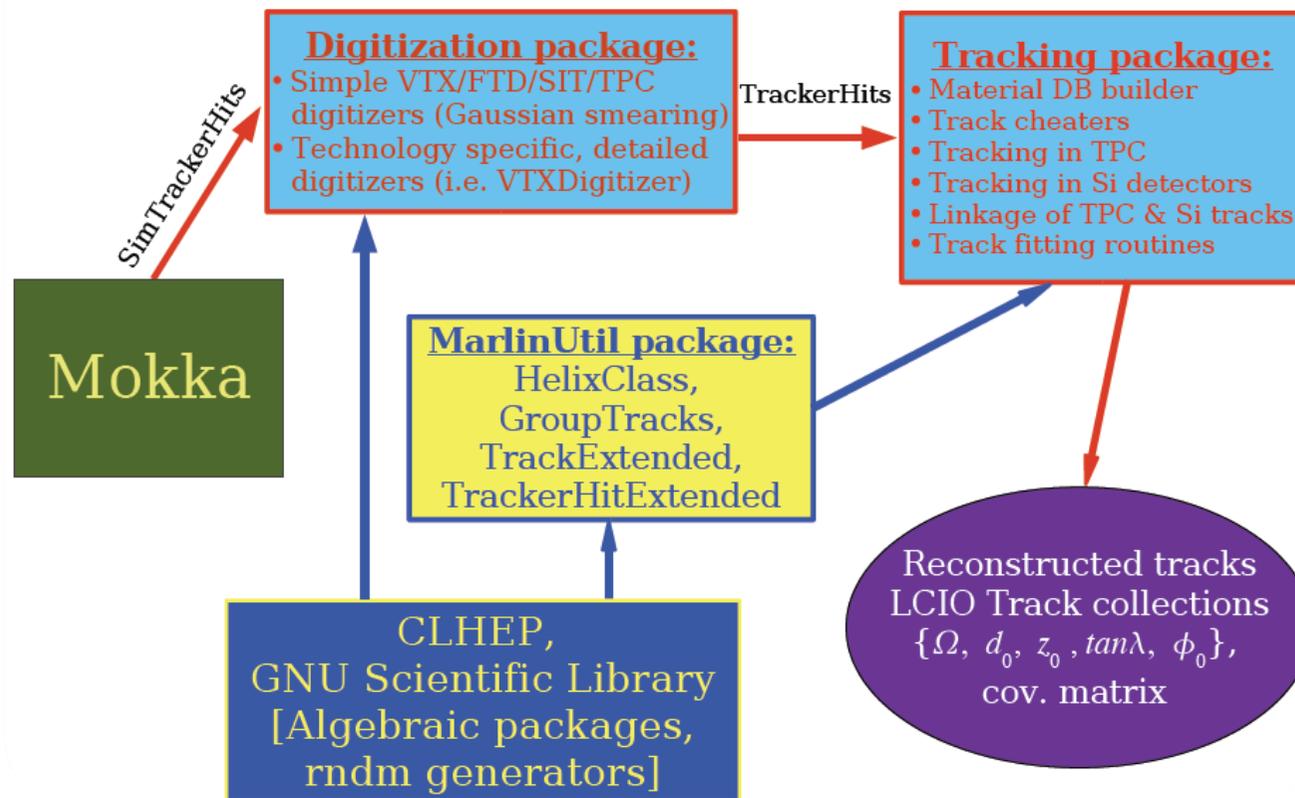


mean background hits per event	265000
mean physics hits per event	23100
mean hits removed per event	254000
mean physics hits for $pt > 0.2 \text{ GeV}$ removed per event	290
mean physics hits for $pt > 1.0 \text{ GeV}$ removed per event	90

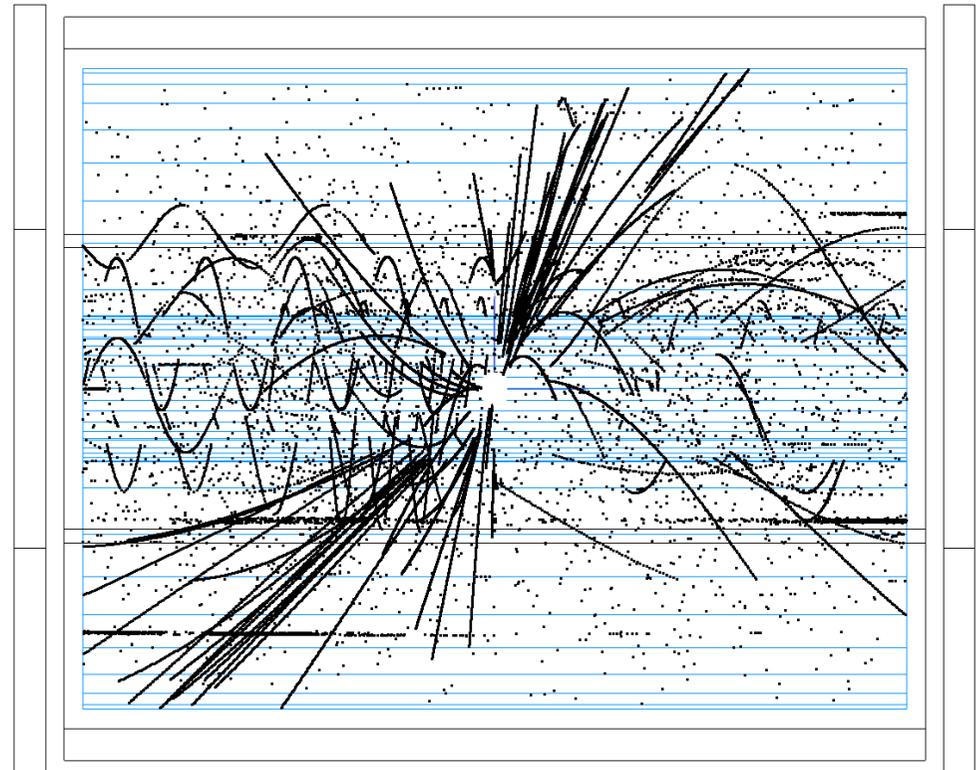
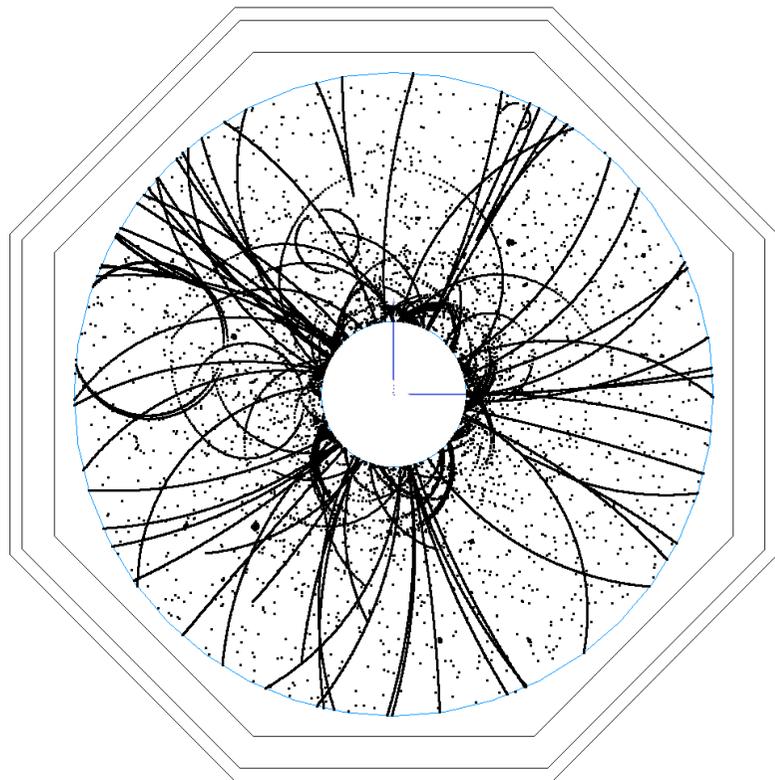
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# Tracking

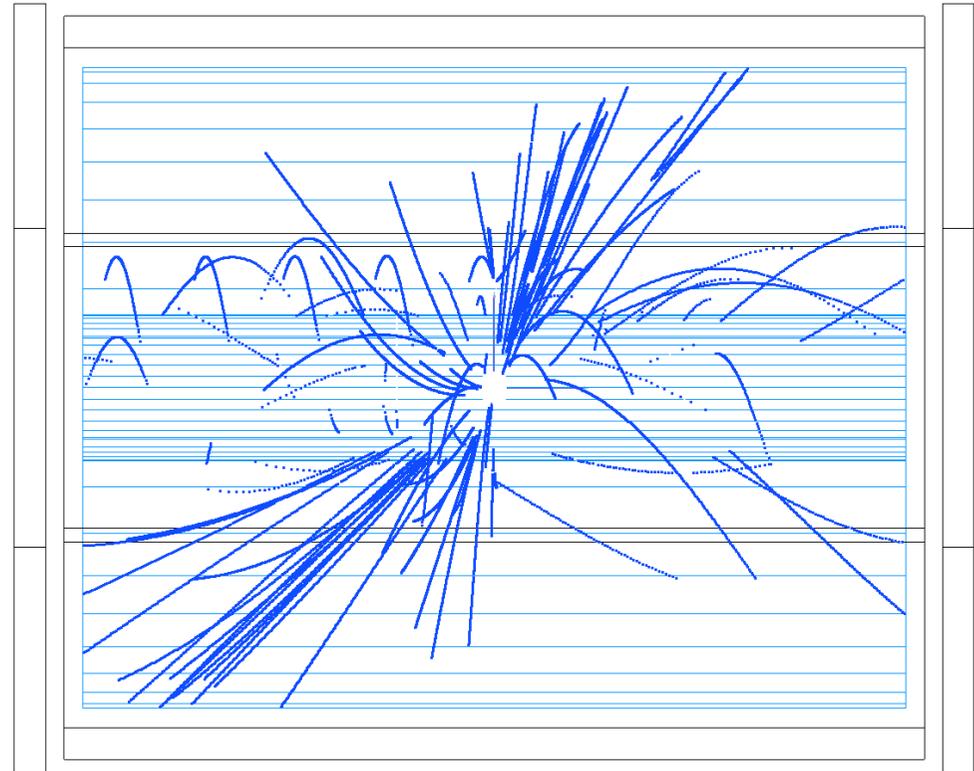
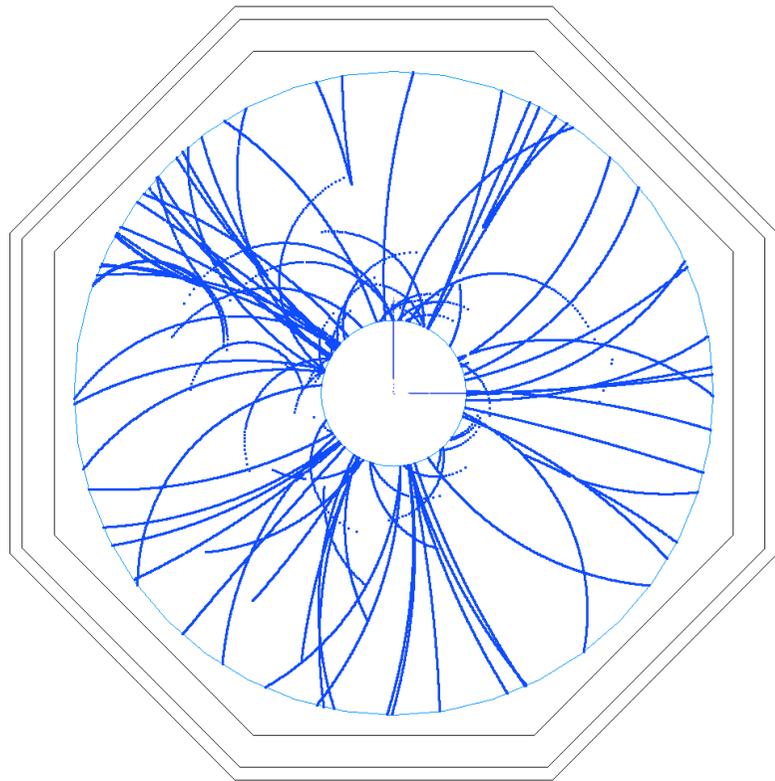
## Structure of Tracking Package



# Tracking



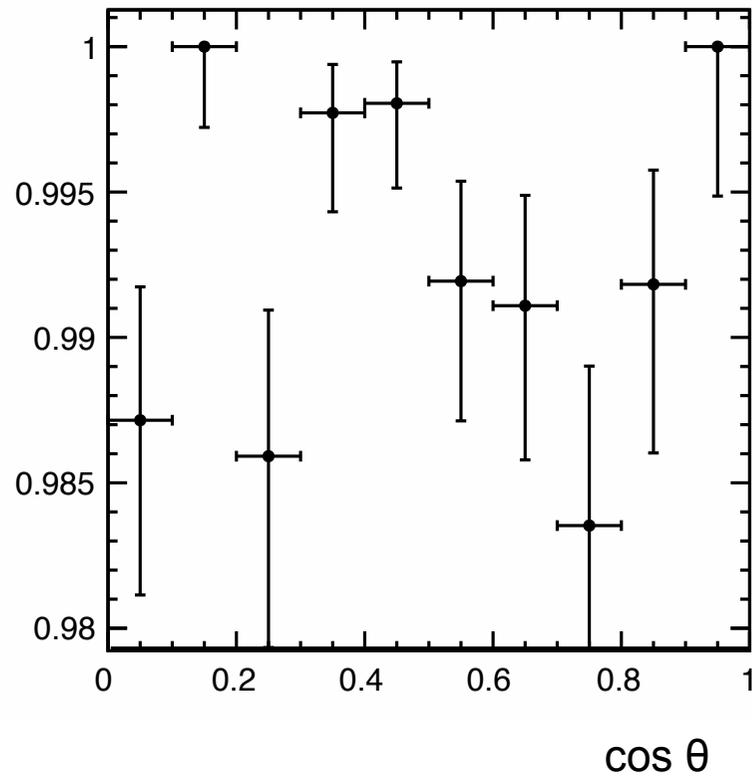
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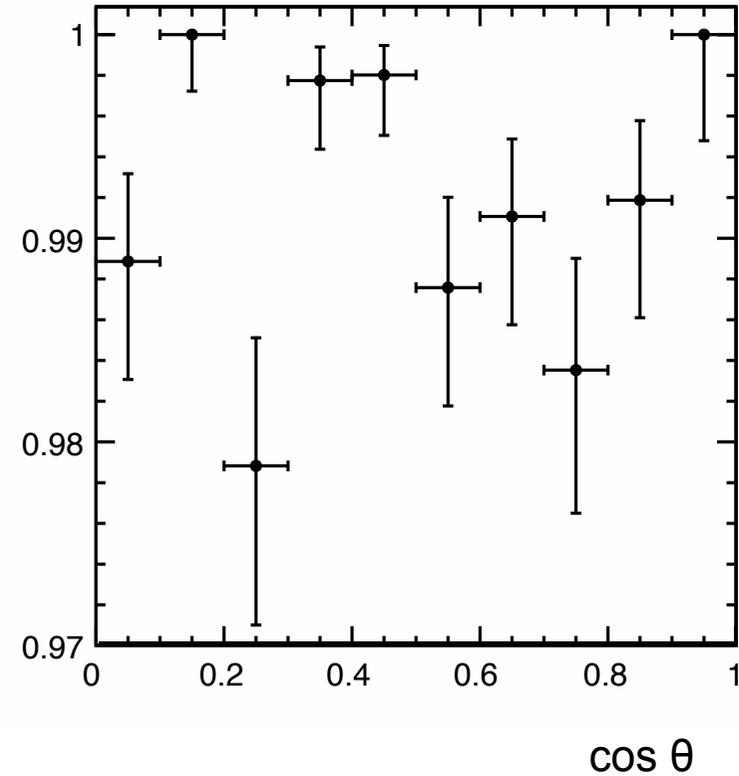
Nominal Background 150 BX

TPC Tracking Efficiency (Good Tracks) vs  $\cos\theta$  ( $p>1\text{GeV}$  and  $\text{NHits}>30$ )



$\sim 3$  x Nominal Background 500 BX

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100 ttbar events @ 500 GeV

# Summary

Simulation studies clearly demonstrate the robustness of TPC Tracking operating in ILC beam conditions

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