

Measurement of the spatial and energy-loss resolution with a prototype Straw Tube Tracker (STT) for the $\bar{\text{P}}\text{ANDA}$ experiment

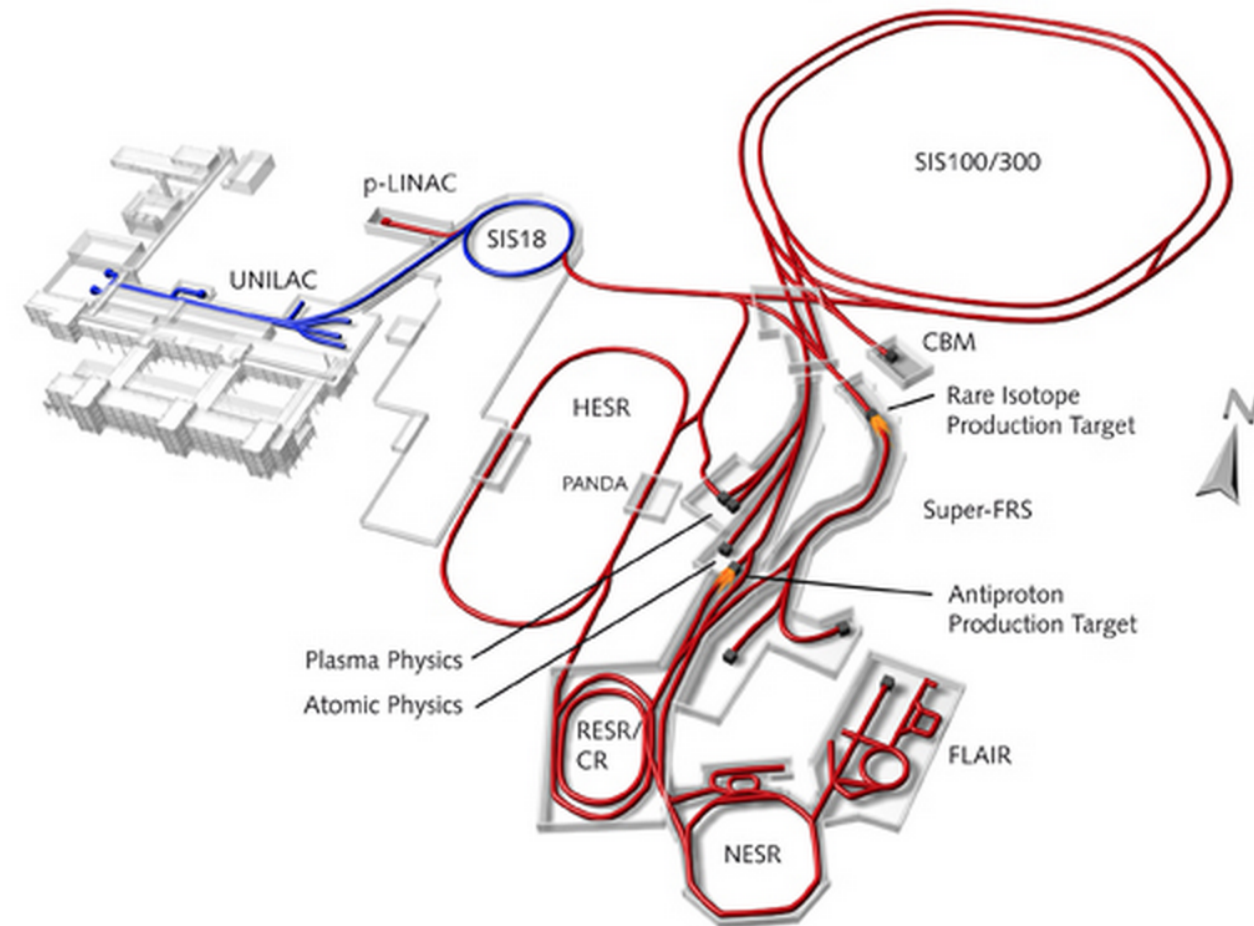
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PANDA experiment

$\bar{\text{P}}\text{ANDA}$ (antiProton ANnihilation at DArmstadt)

Study of the non-perturbative regime and understanding of the QCD spectrum and hadron structure

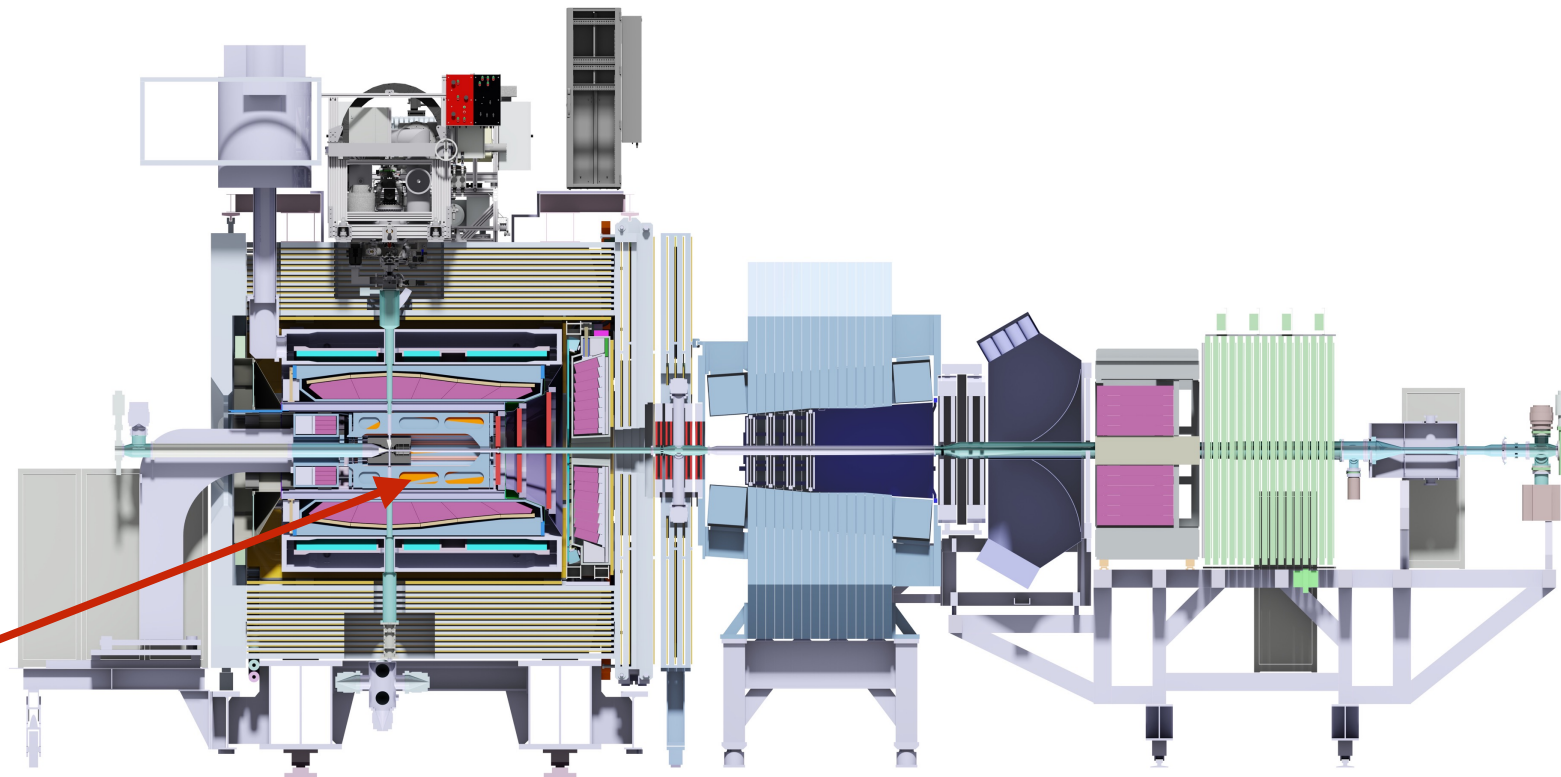
- One of the key projects at the future Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research (FAIR)
- State-of-the-art general purpose detector
- Precise studies of antiproton-proton annihilations and reactions of antiprotons with heavy nuclear targets
- Centre-of-mass energy between 2.3 GeV and 5.5 GeV



HESR (High Energy Storage Ring)

- Luminosity: $10^{31} - 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- $\Delta p/p$: $4 \cdot 10^{-5} - 10^{-4}$

- 4π acceptance
- High resolution for tracking and particle identification
- High event rate capabilities
- Flexible readout and event selection



Several sub-systems

Tracking detectors (**STT**, MVD , GEM)

Electromagnetic calorimeters (EMC)

Muon detectors

Cherenkov detectors (DIRC and RICH)

Time-of-flight (TOF) detectors

STT specifications

4636 aluminised Mylar tubes

≥ 27 layers of which the 8 central ones are skewed

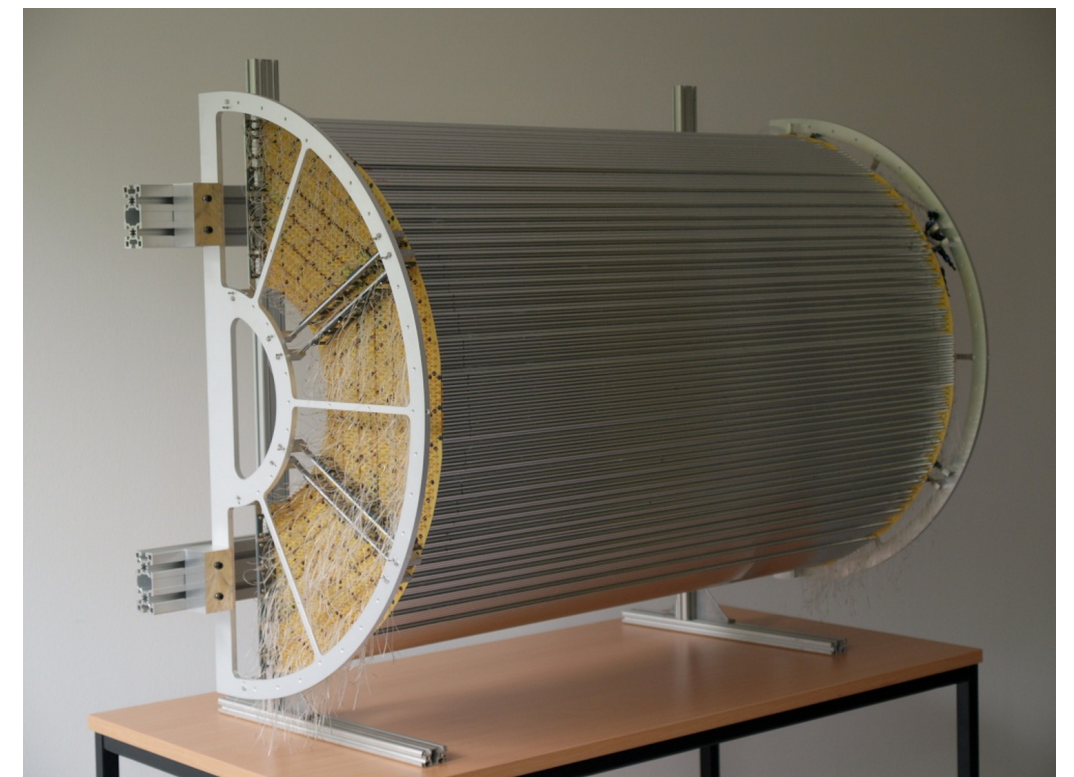
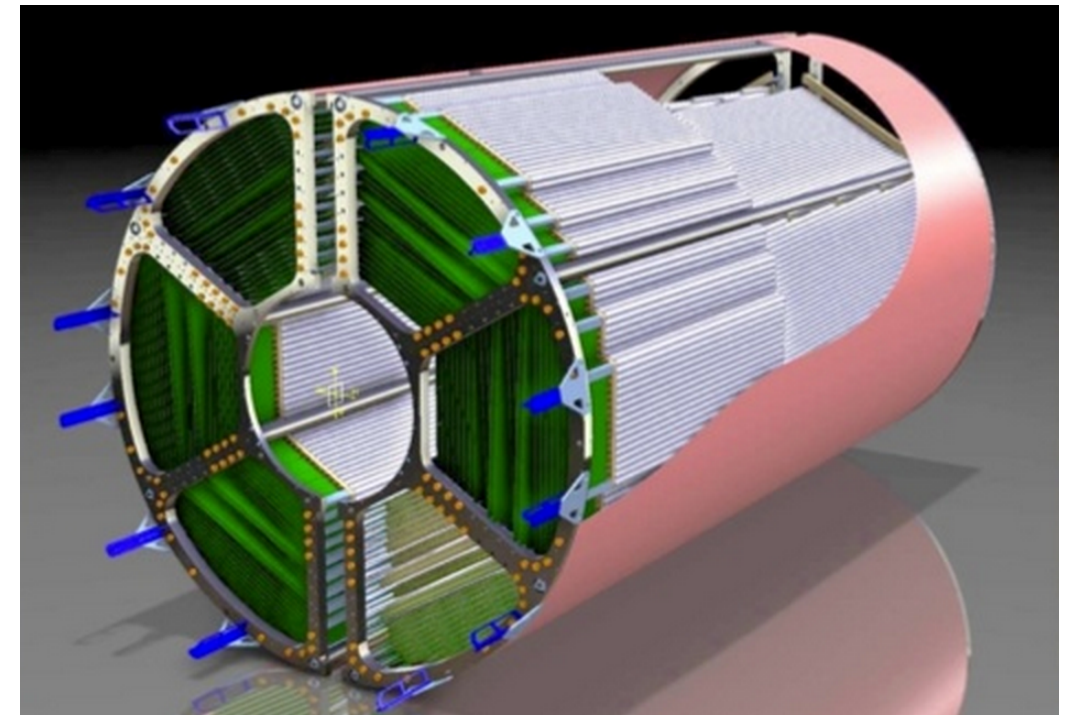
Single anode wire in the centre made of 20 μm thick gold plated tungsten

90% Ar and 10% CO₂ as quencher

Tasks of STT:

Precise spatial reconstruction of helical trajectories of particles with few 100 MeV/c up to 8 GeV/c

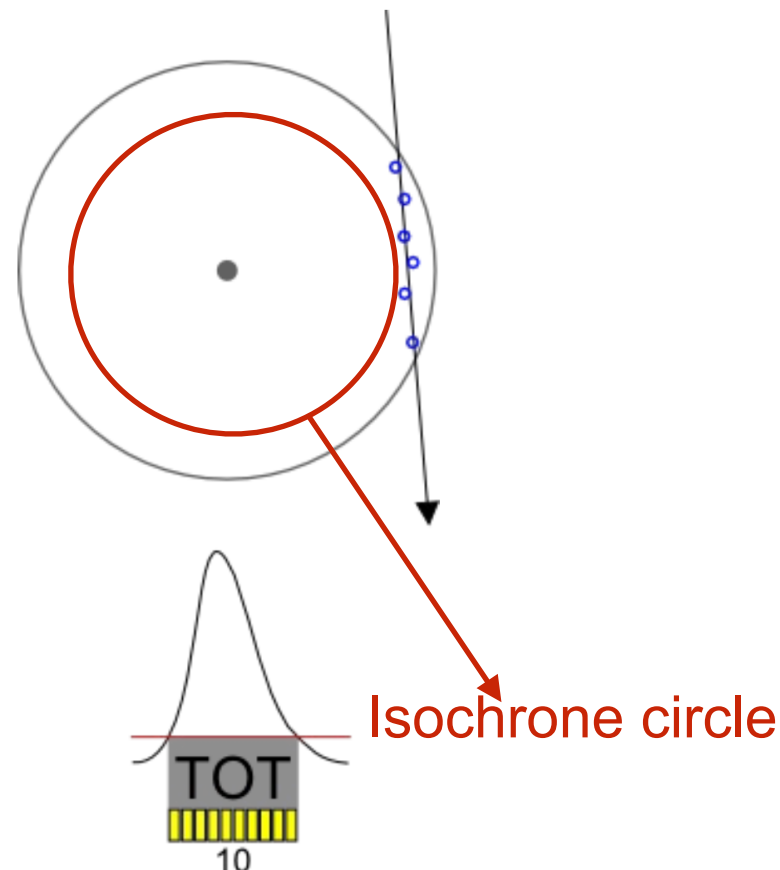
Measurement of the specific energy-loss (dE/dx) for particle identification (separation of protons, kaons and pions in the momentum region below 1 GeV/c)



An Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC) is being developed to read out the straw tube pulses.

Two concepts to measure drift time + signal amplitude (for dE/dx):

- Sampling: Leading Edge Time, Q (for PID)
 - Amplifier-shaper boards front-end at detector
 - Pulse analysis and readout by FPGA
- Time Over Threshold (TOT): Leading Edge Time + Trailing Edge Time, TOT (for PID)
 - Amplifier-Shaper-Discriminator front-end at detector
 - Time Readout Boards (TRB), Time to Digital Converter in FPGA



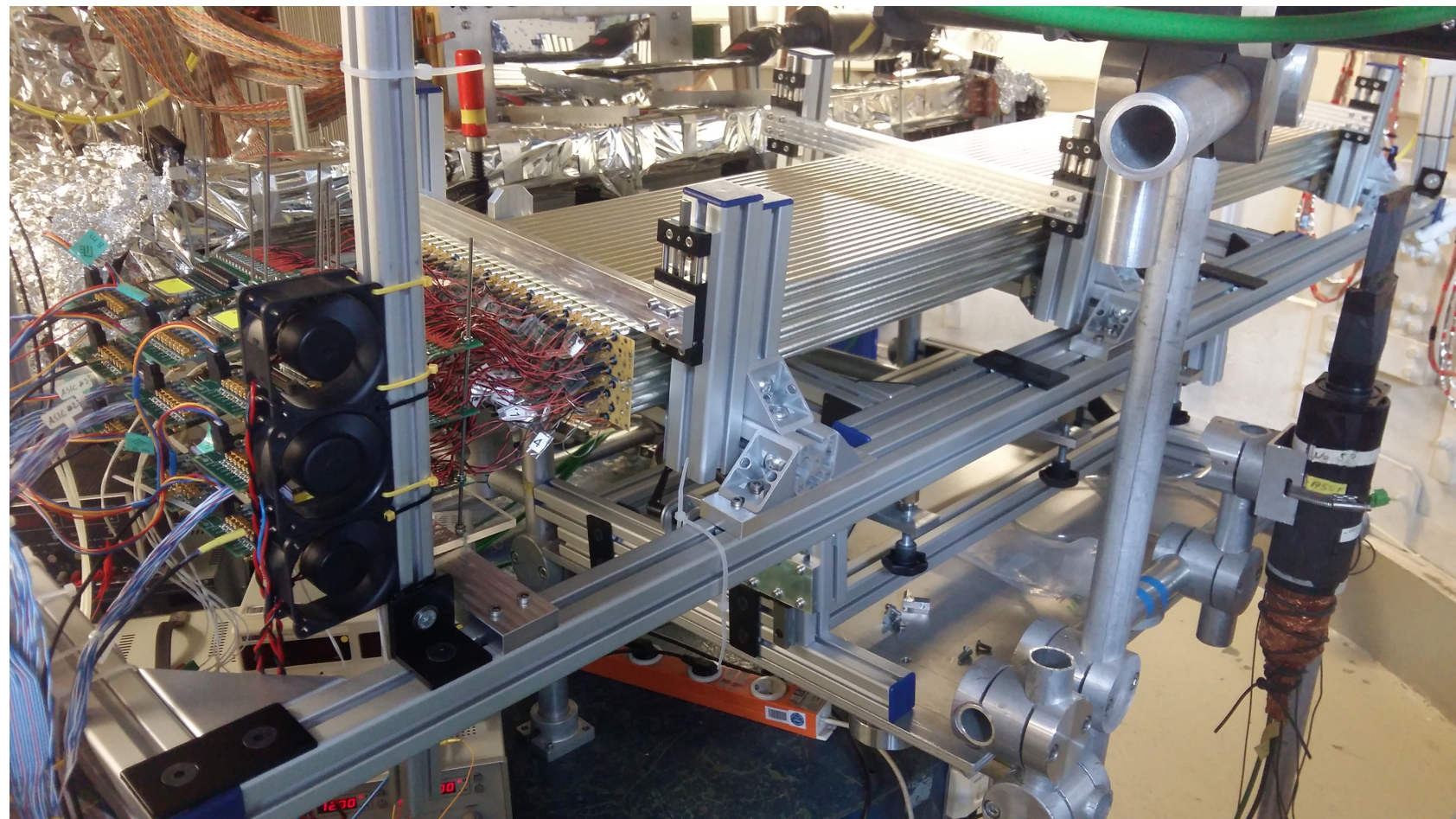
Test beam measurements

Proton beam with 0.8, 1.0, 1.3, 2.0 GeV/c momenta

Beam intensity ranging from 80 kHz to 200kHz

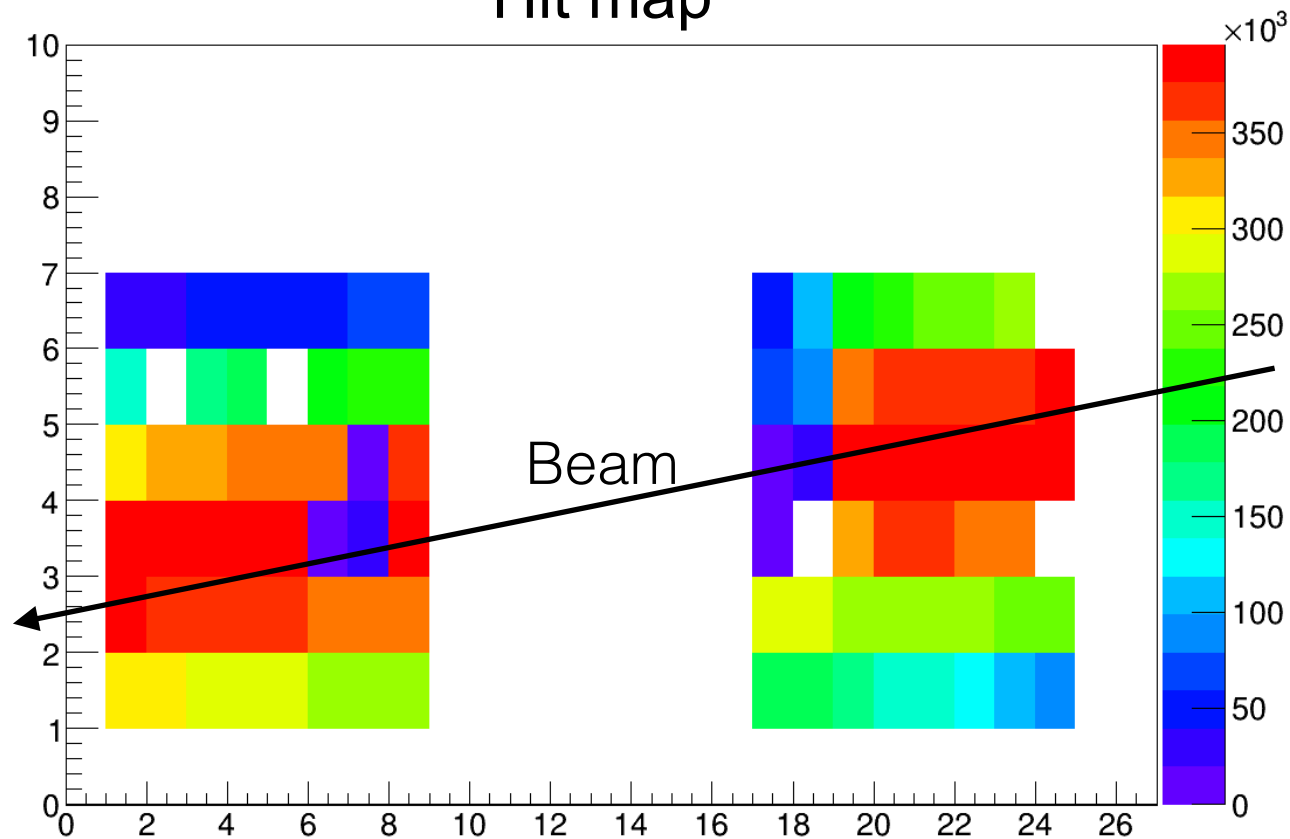
96 channels readout

Voltages: 1700, 1750, 1800, 1850, 1900 V



2 GeV/c data

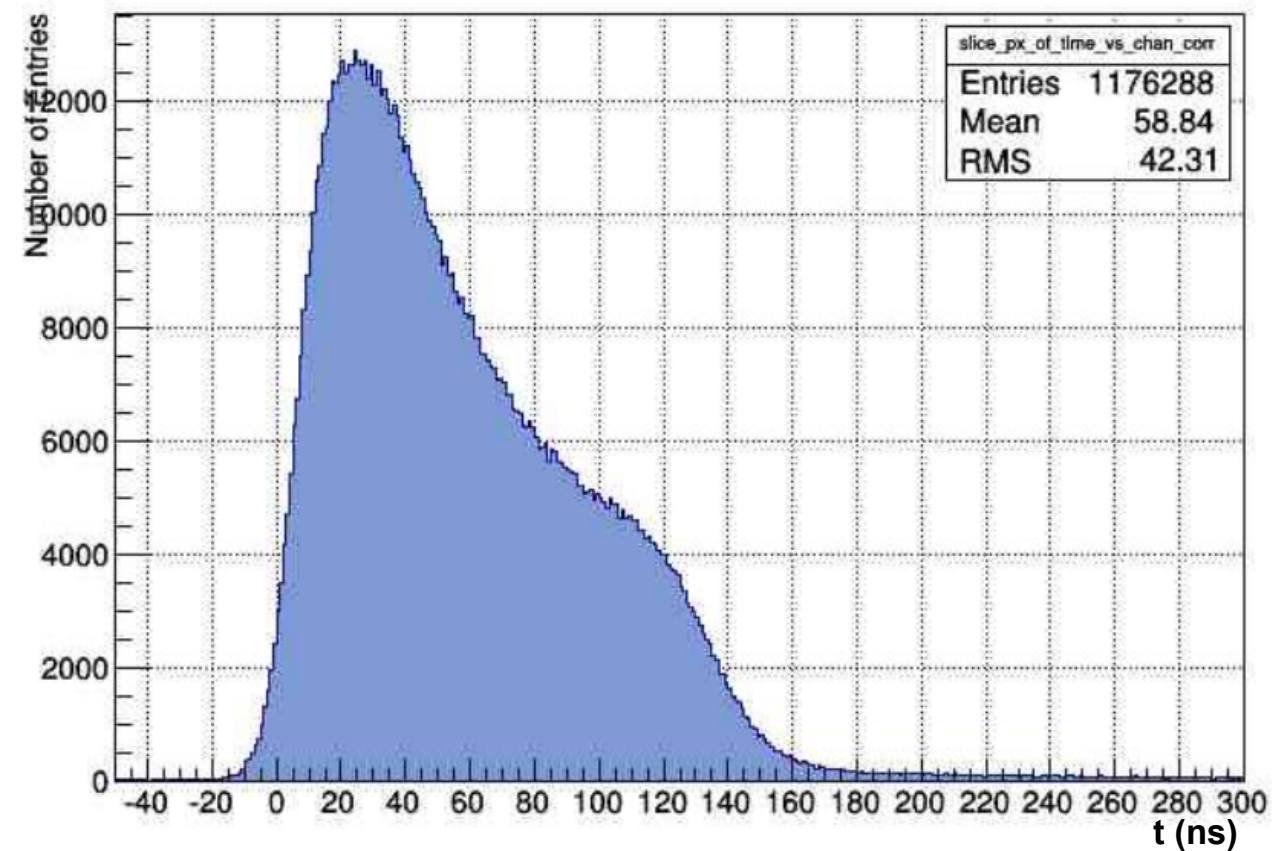
Hit map



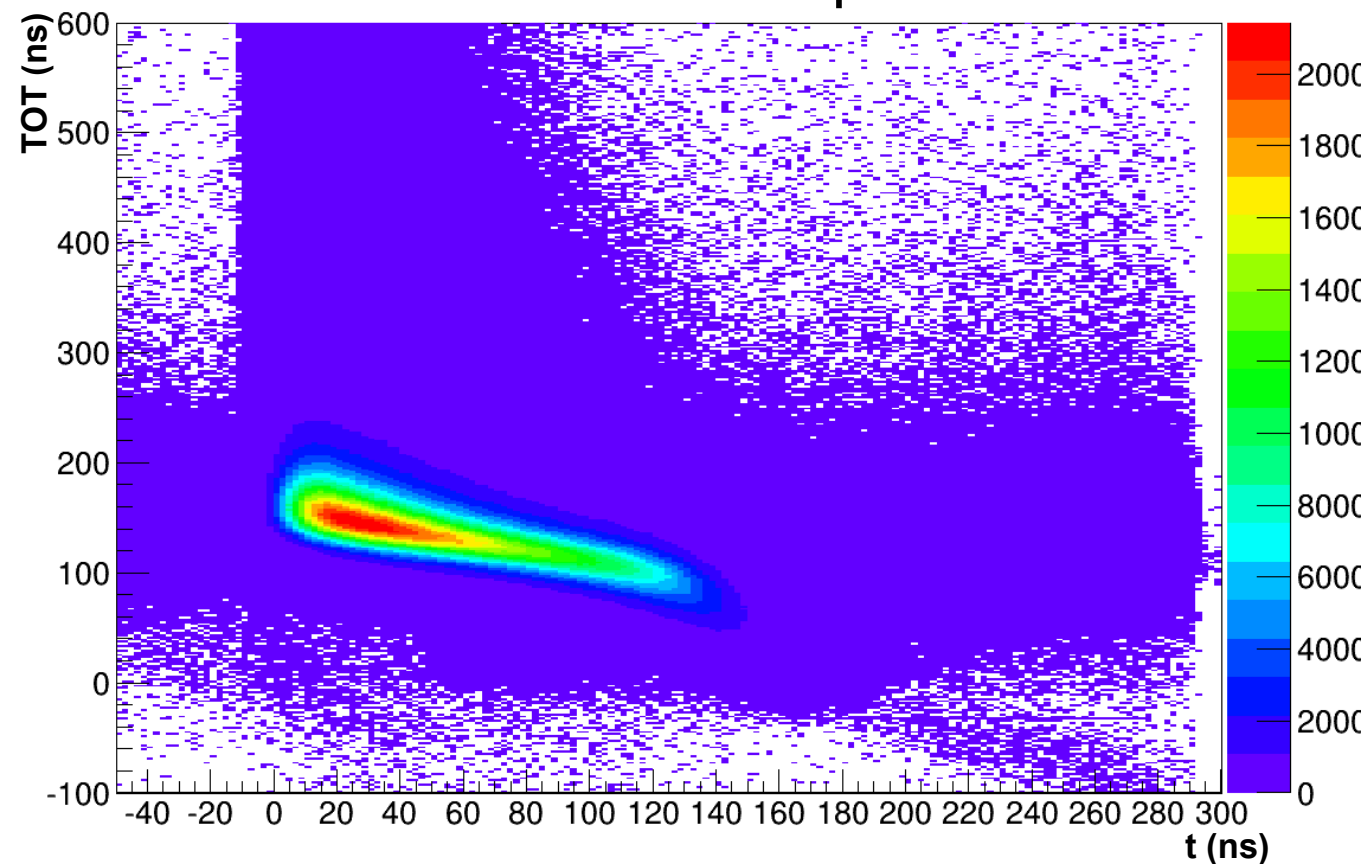
Typically 12 hits per event

Drift times: ~ 160 nsec

Drift time spectrum



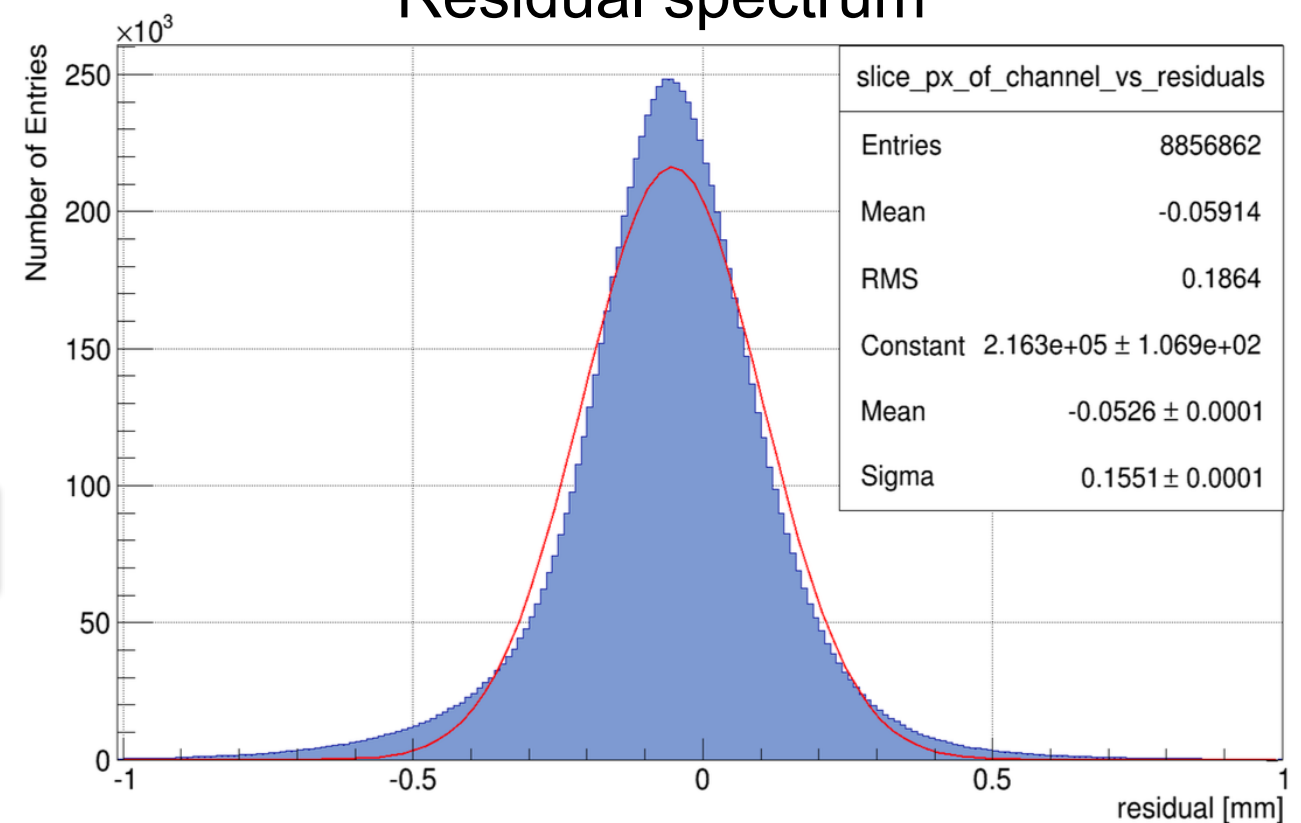
TOT vs drift time spectrum

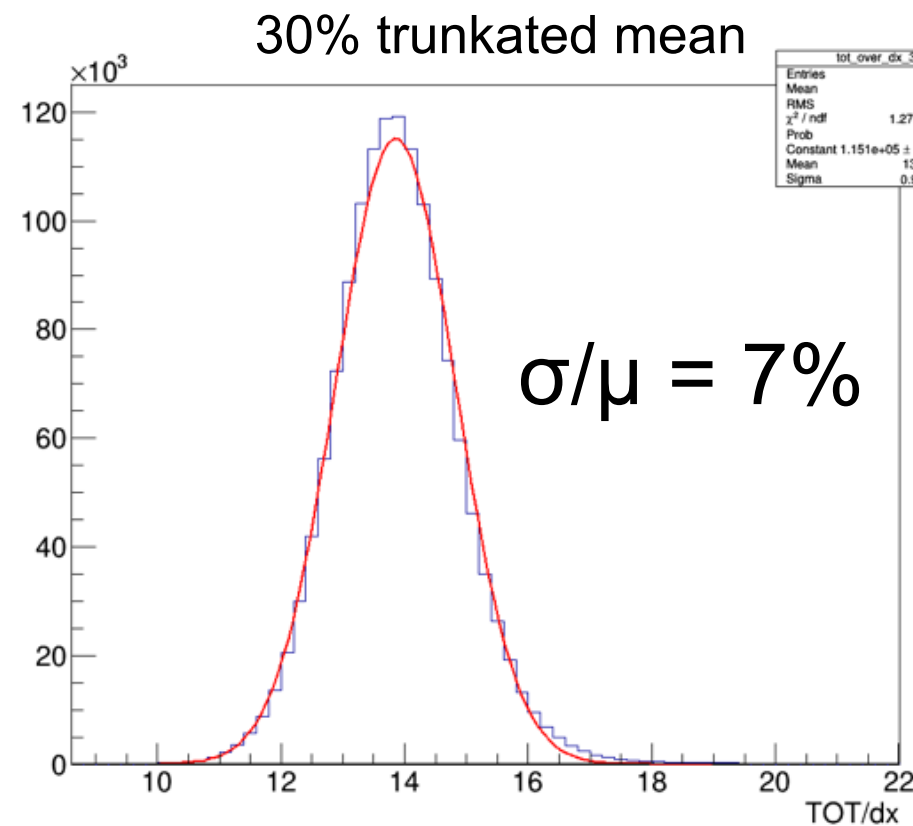
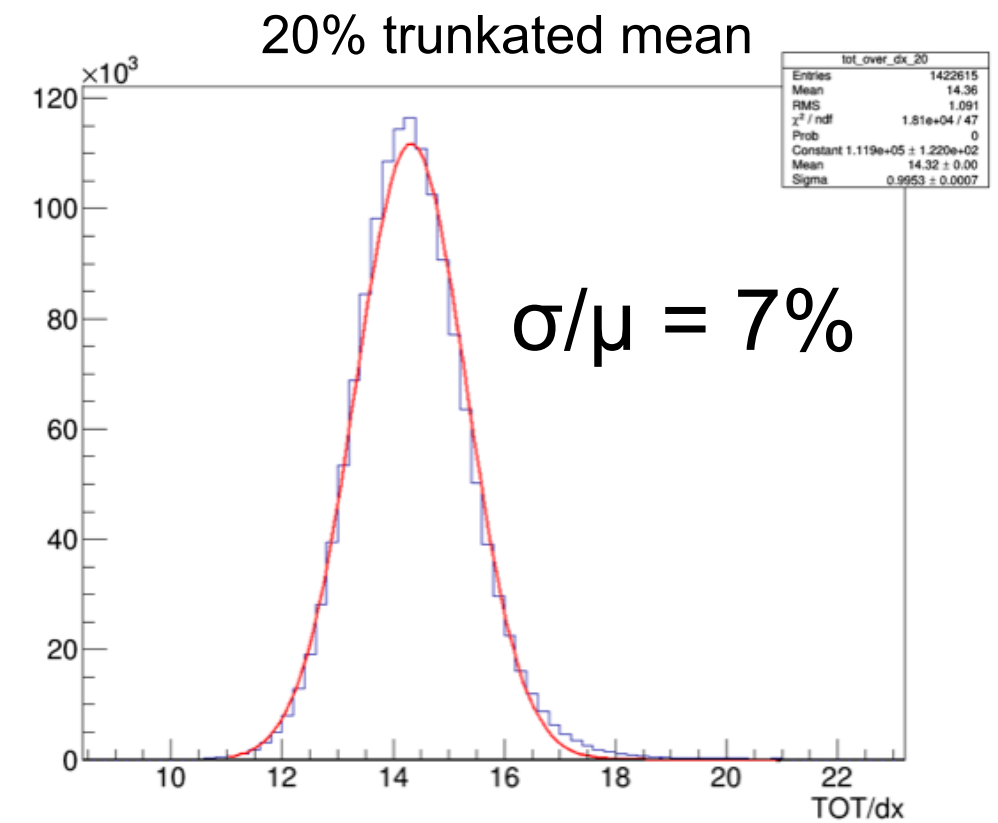
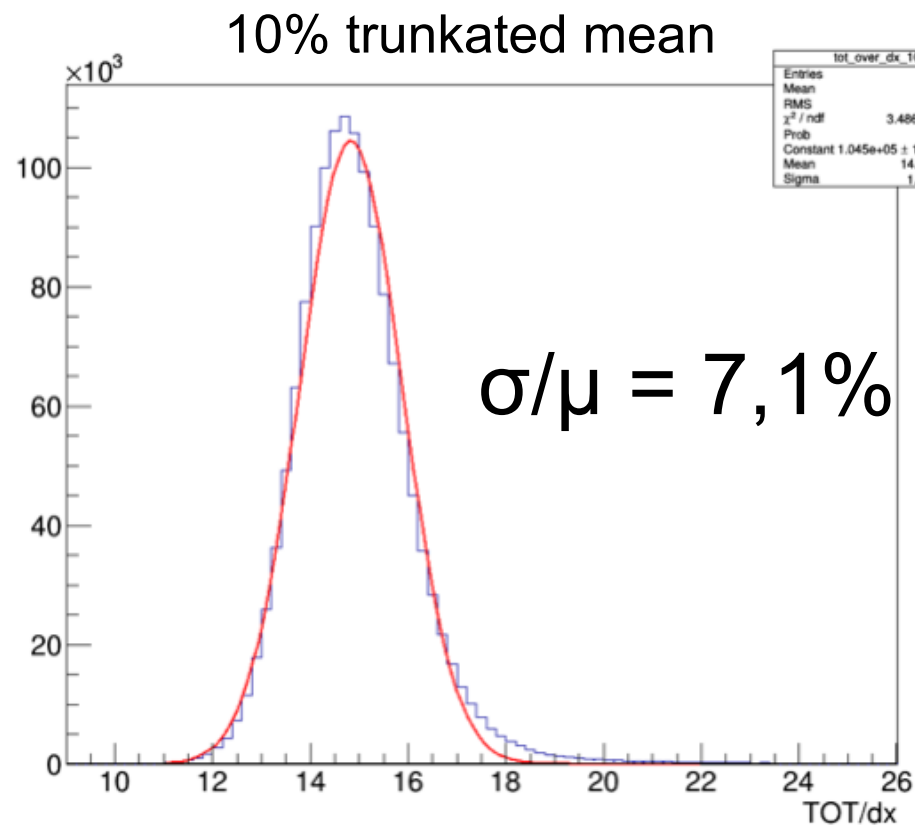


Clean TOT and drift time spectra
Few background hits

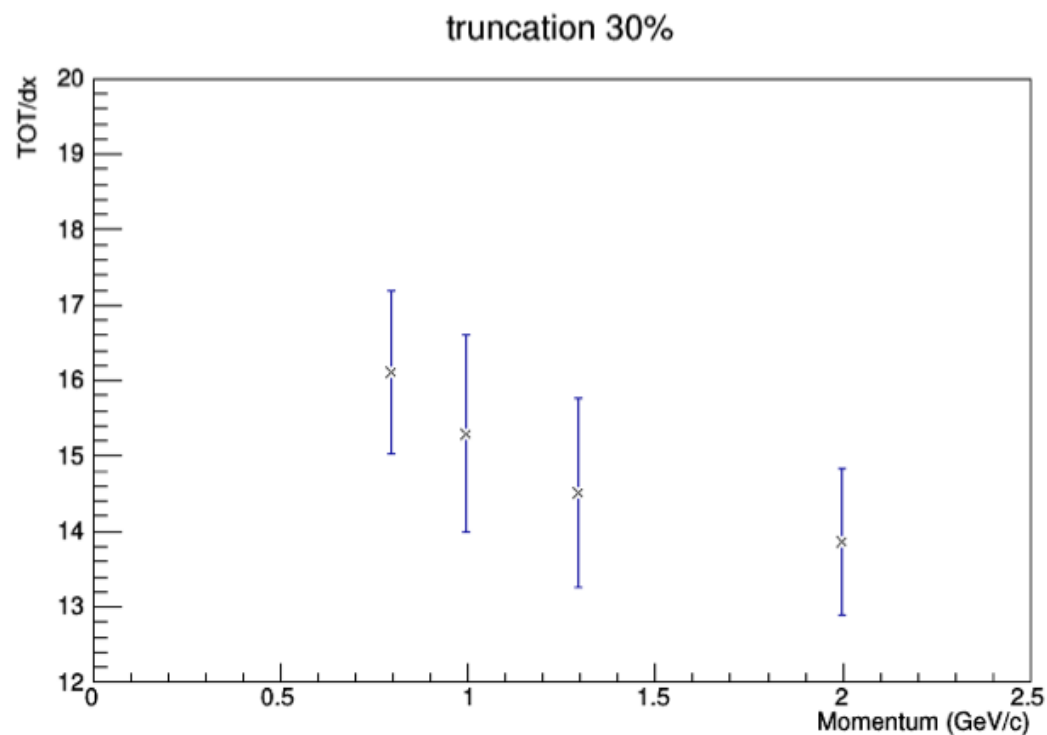
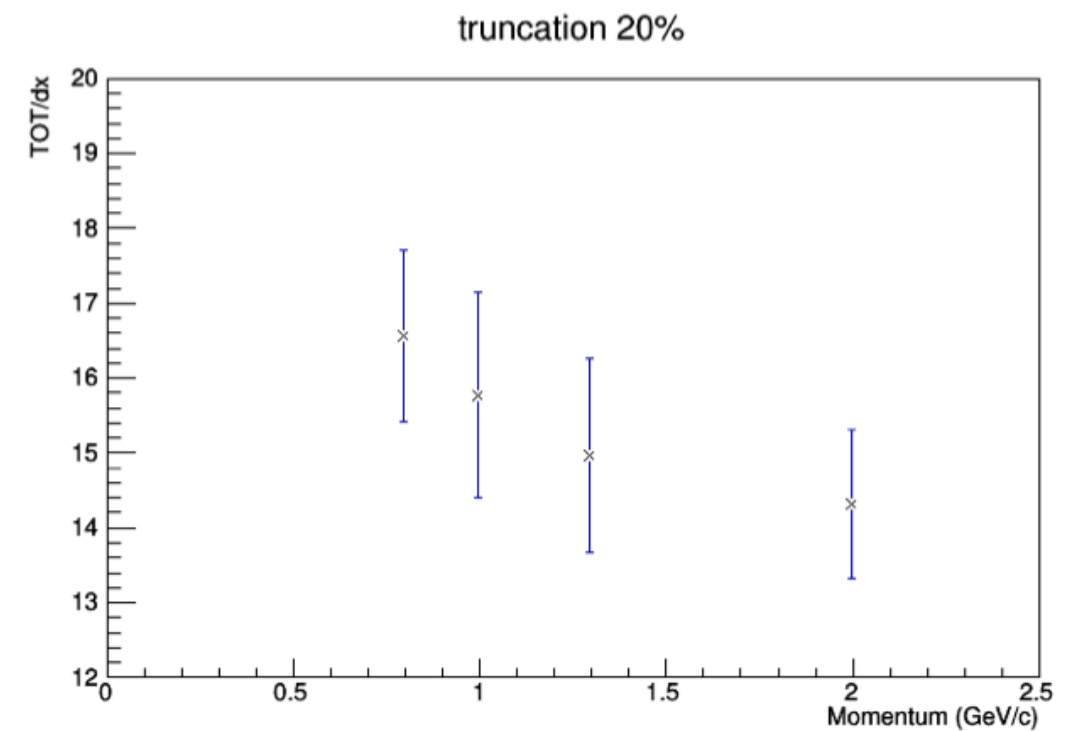
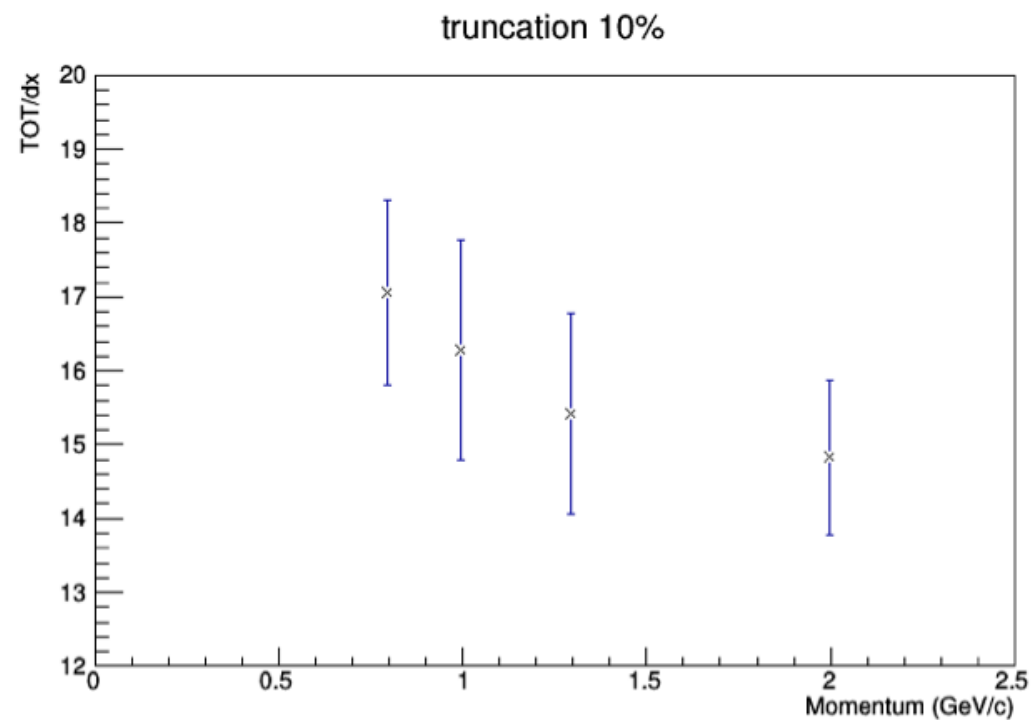
Spatial resolution: $\sim 155 \mu\text{m}$

Residual spectrum





Separation power



- Difference between 0.8 and 2 GeV/c at the order of 15%
- Minor changes for the different truncated mean cuts

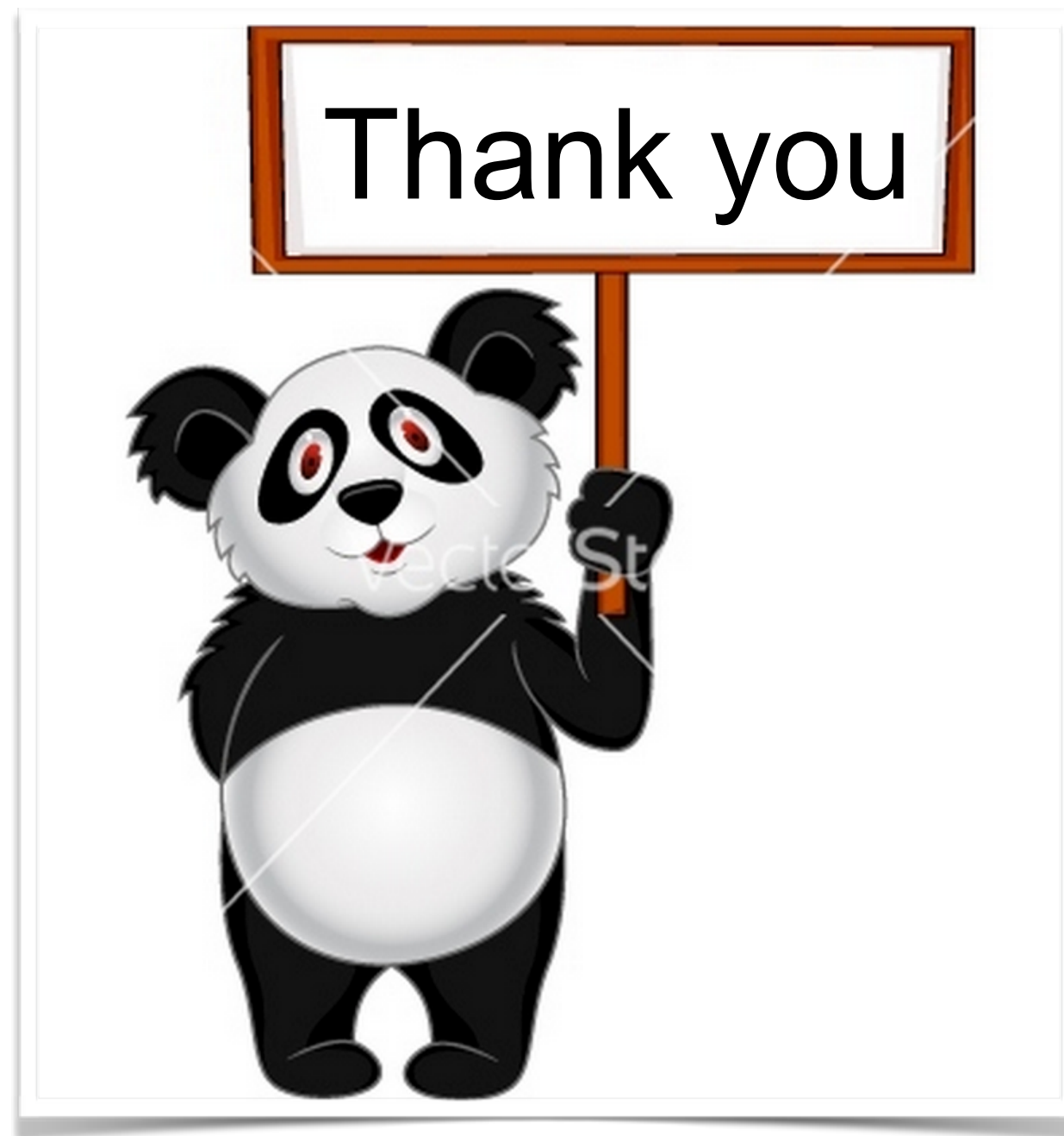
Conclusions

- Spatial resolution (155 μm) achieves specifications
- TOT/dx resolution is better than expected: $\sim 7\%$
- Correlation of $\langle \text{TOT/dx} \rangle$ versus momentum measured
- Results based on about half of the number of channels per track that expected for the final STT

Future plans

Tests are planned with a larger prototype

New ASIC and TRB electronics will be used



Back up slides

Study of the non-perturbative regime and understanding of the QCD spectrum and hadron structure

Charmonium Spectroscopy

- Precise measurement of all states below and above the open charm threshold with mass and widths resolutions better than 100 keV for narrow states

Gluonic Excitations

- Two main categories: glueballs (states of pure glue), hybrids ($q\bar{q}$ pair and excited glue)

Open Charm Spectroscopy

- Production of a large number of D meson pairs in combination with the well defined production kinematics $\longrightarrow$ significant charmed meson spectroscopy program

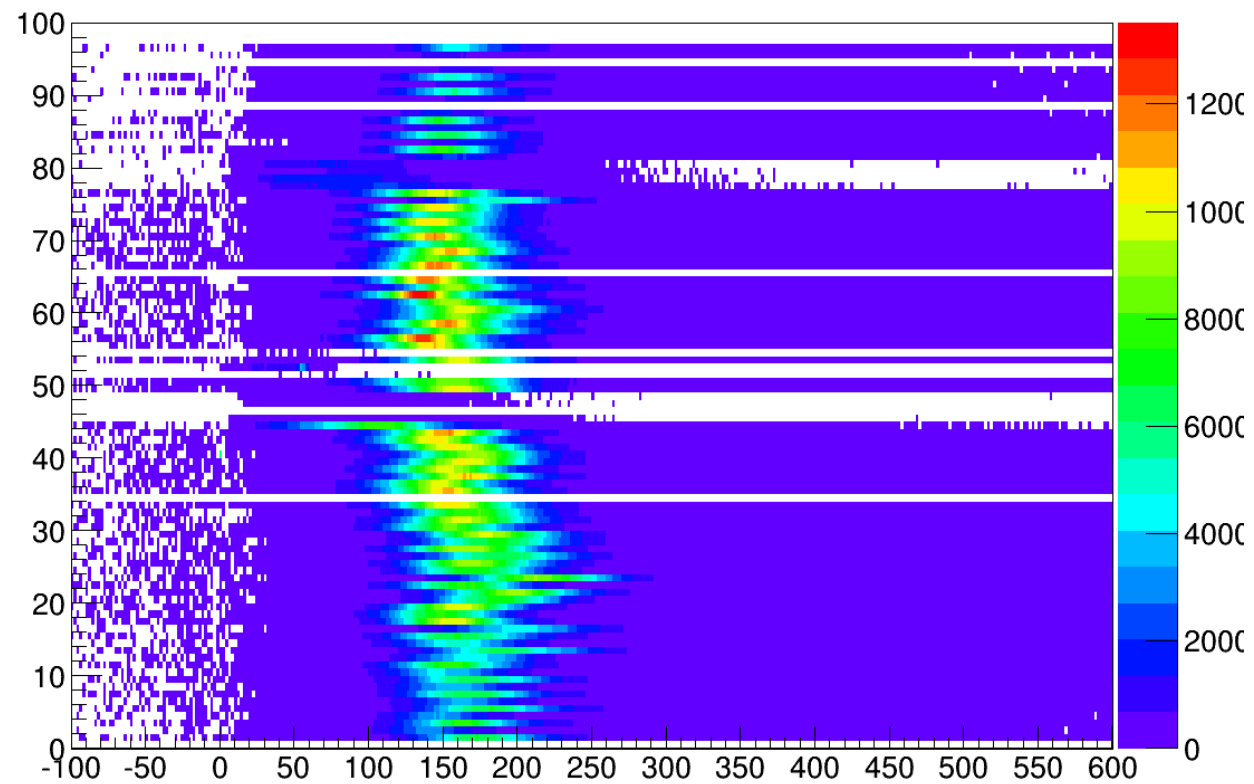
Hyperon Physics

- Spectroscopy of double and triple states, as well as charm hyperons
- Nuclei in which neutrons or protons are replaced by one or two hyperons

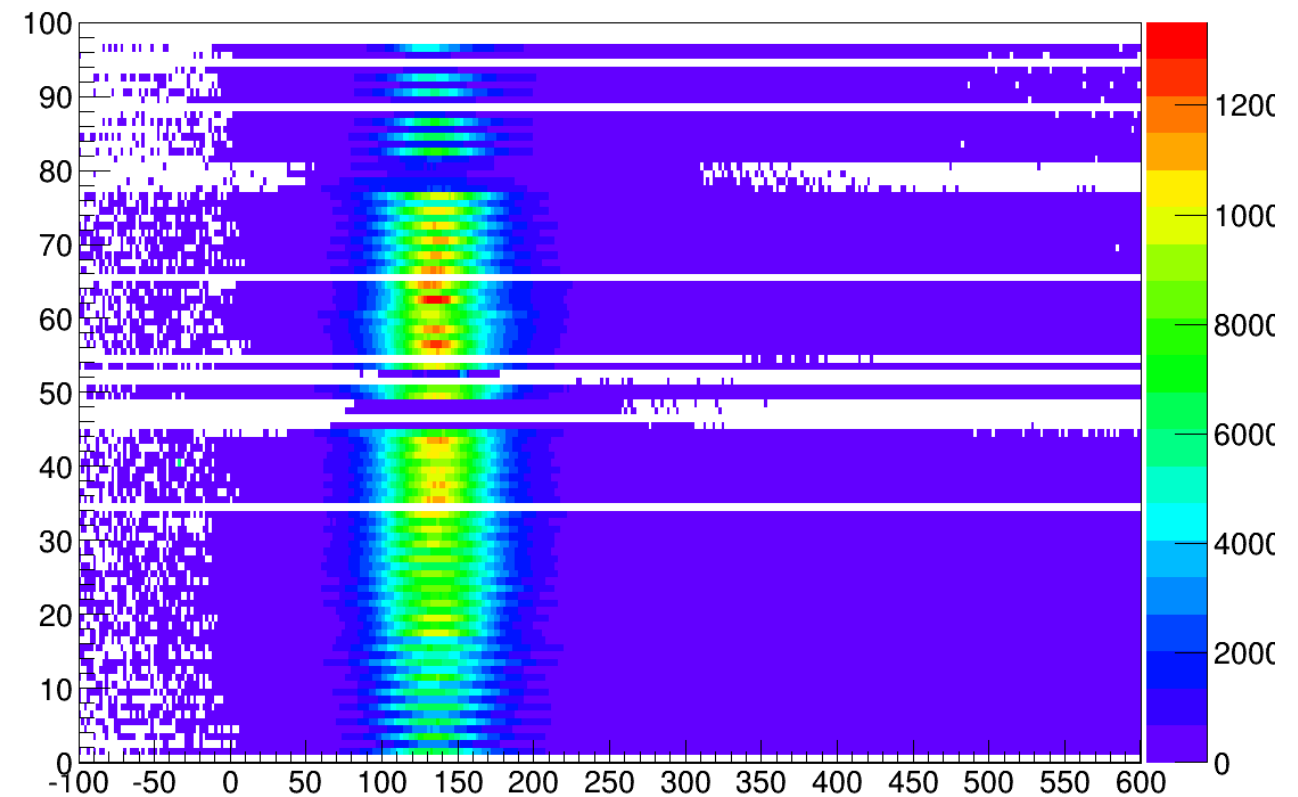
Electromagnetic processes

- Investigation of the structure of the nucleon using electromagnetic processes
- Determination of the electromagnetic form factors of the proton

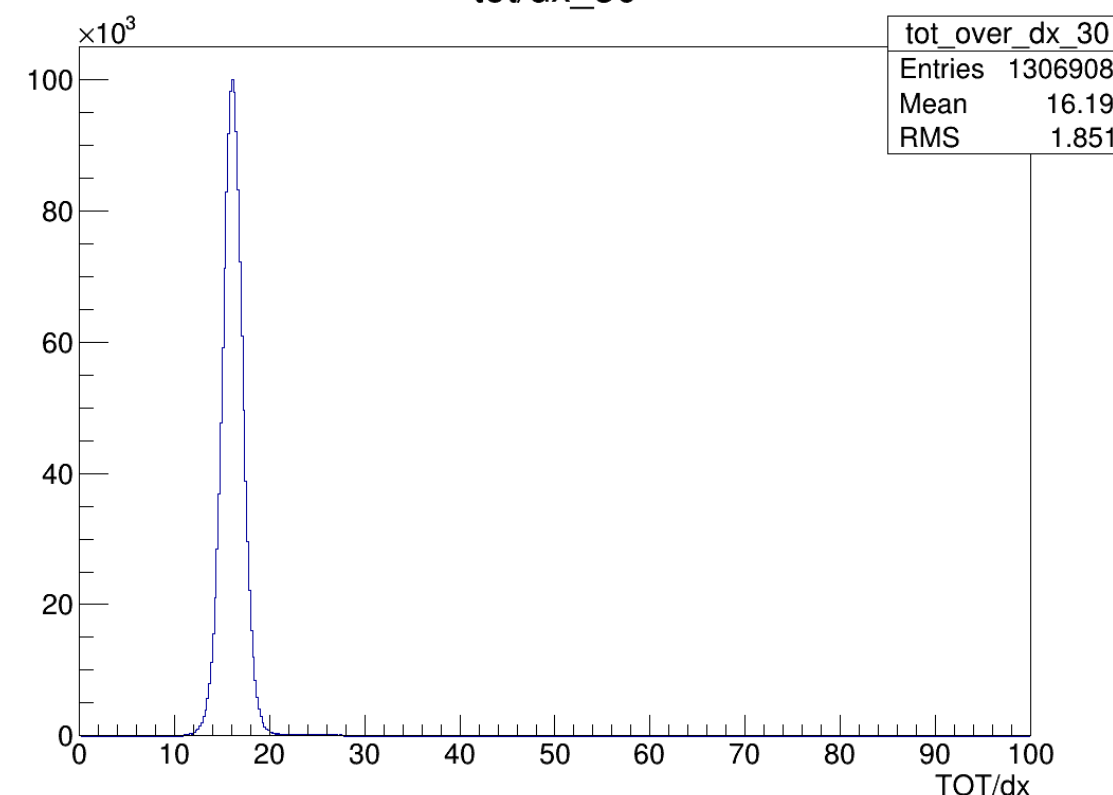
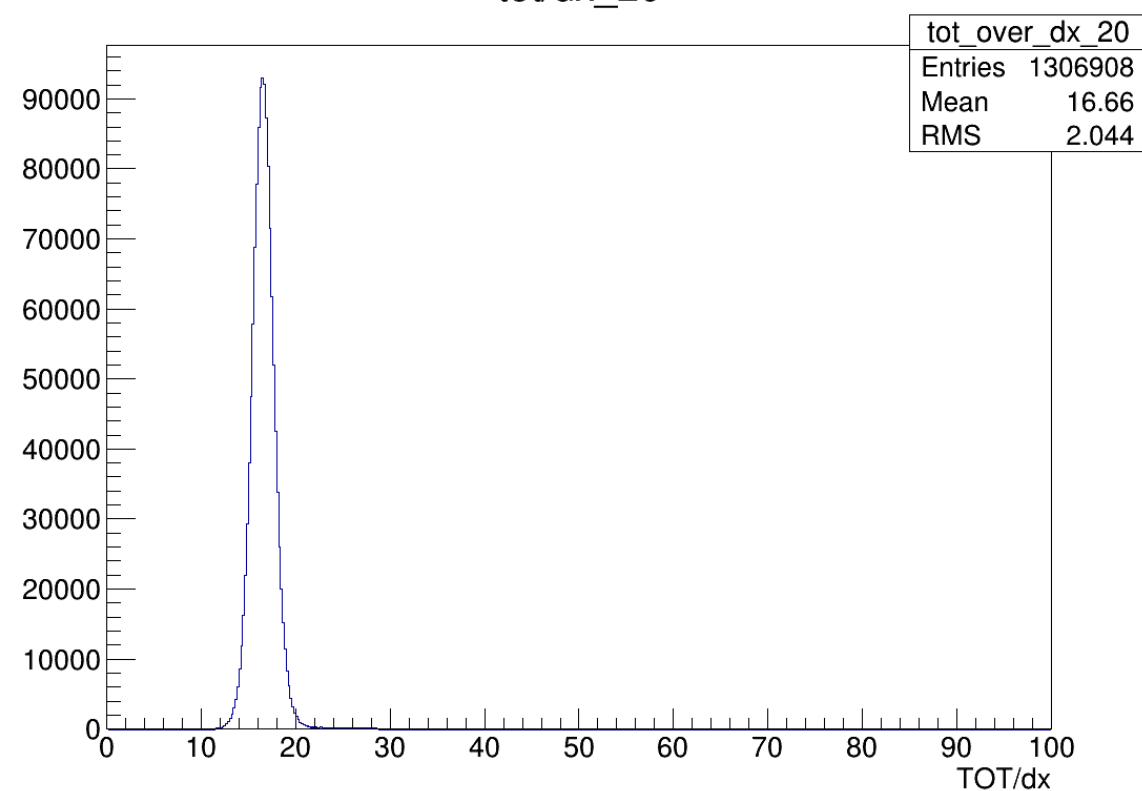
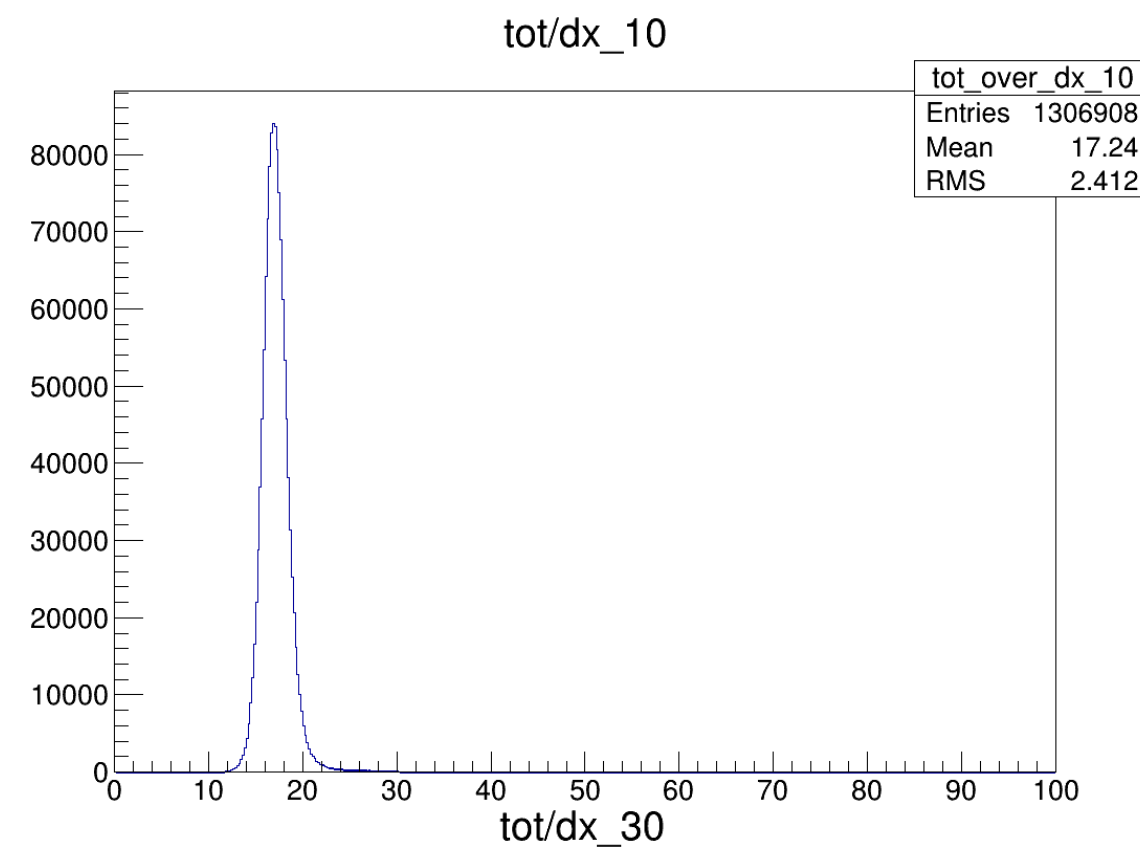
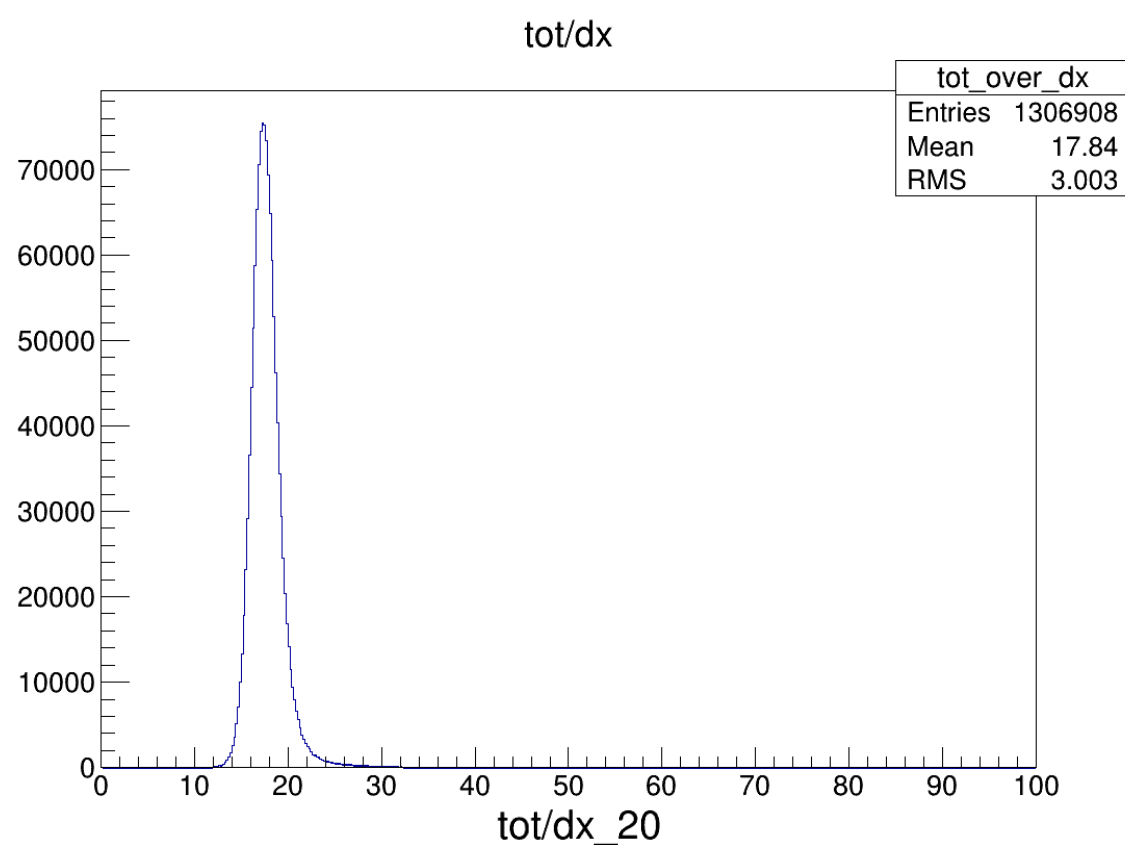
TOT time vs channel /wo correction



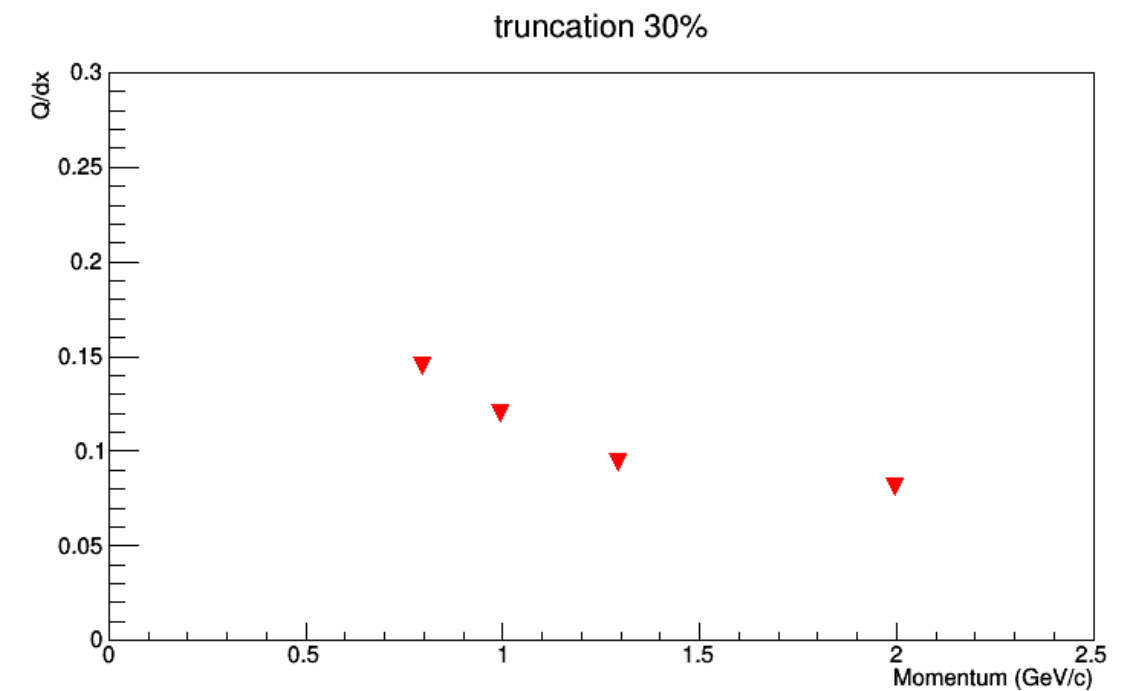
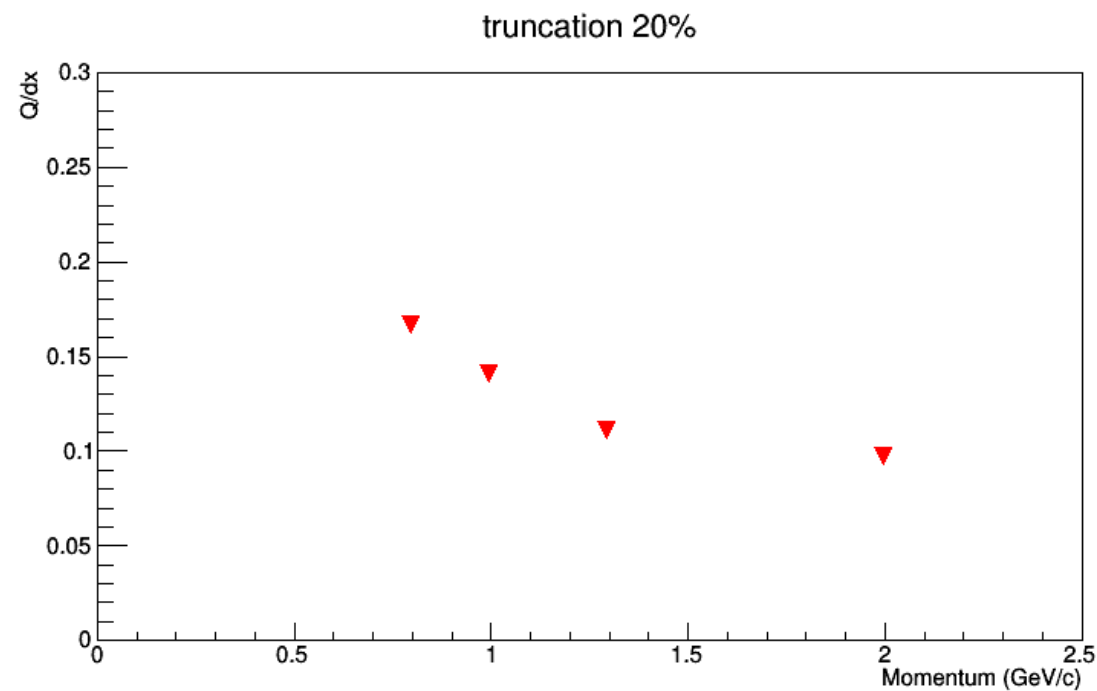
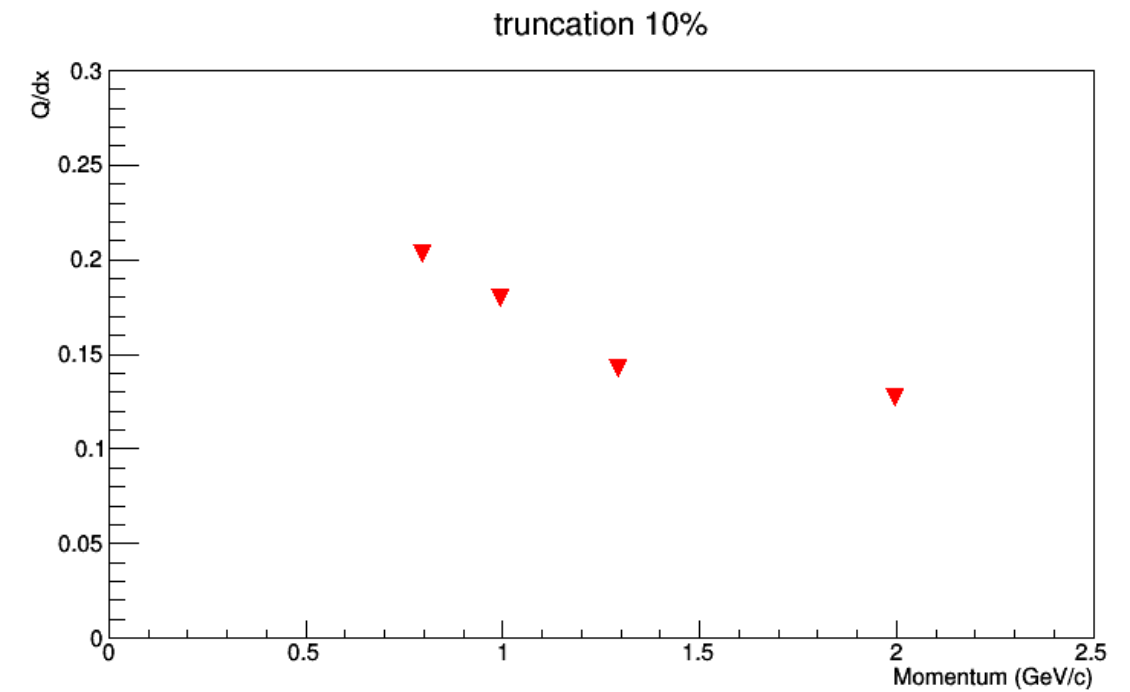
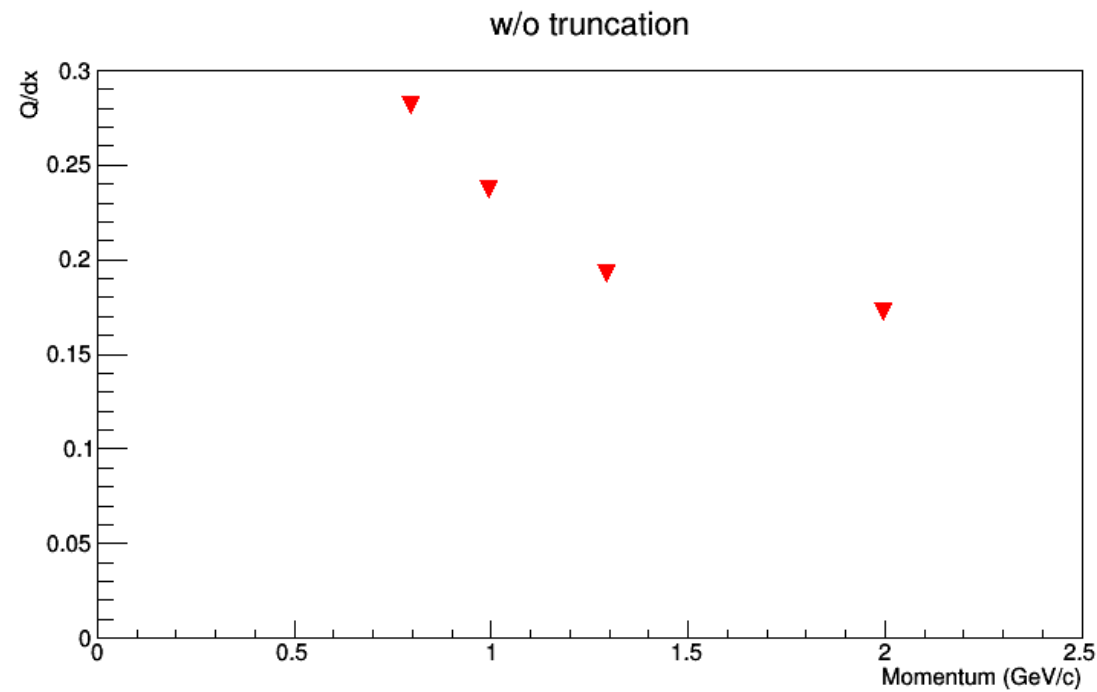
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800 MeV/c



$\langle Q/dx \rangle$ vs momentum



MIPs: ~ 200 electrons/cm for Ar+CO₂ @ 2 bar

Charge/distance: $\sim (200 \text{ e/cm}) \cdot (5 \cdot 10^4) \cdot (1,6 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C/e}) \longrightarrow$
 $1,6 \text{ pC/cm}$

$1,6 \text{ pC/cm}$ corresponds to 5 KeV/cm for the MIPs

$\langle Q/dx \rangle$ vs momentum

