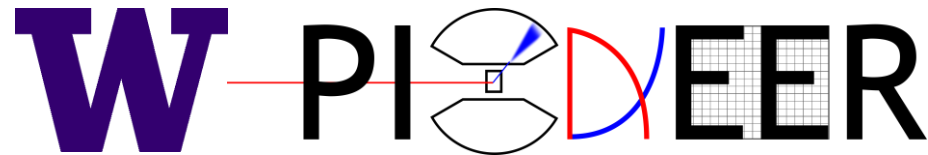


# Role of a Tracker in the PIONEER Experiment

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# What is the purpose of the tracker?

## Trigger (see [Peter's talk](#))

triggers	prescale	range	rate	CALO			ATAR digitizer			ATAR high thres	
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**TABLE III** – Main triggers: time range TR and trigger rates. For detector systems read-out island length  $\Delta T$ , average number of channels and required readout bandwidth are given.

1. PI: This is a minimum bias trigger, with the PI signal prescaled by about  $k=1000$ .
2. CaloH: Selection of high energy ( $E_{tot} \gtrsim 58$  MeV) events detected by the CALO within a time range  $TR=[-300,700]$  ns relative to PI.
3. TRACK: All events with TRACKER hit within time range TR relative to PI, prescaled by about  $k=50$ . We note that the probability to observe a  $\pi \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e$  positron in TR is 0.19, while the probably for detecting an old muon positron is 0.3, thus accidentals are a significant part of this trigger.
4. PROMPT: Selected prompt events with a TRACKER hit in time range  $[2,32]$  ns relative to PI, potentially prescaling required.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.01981>

## Physics

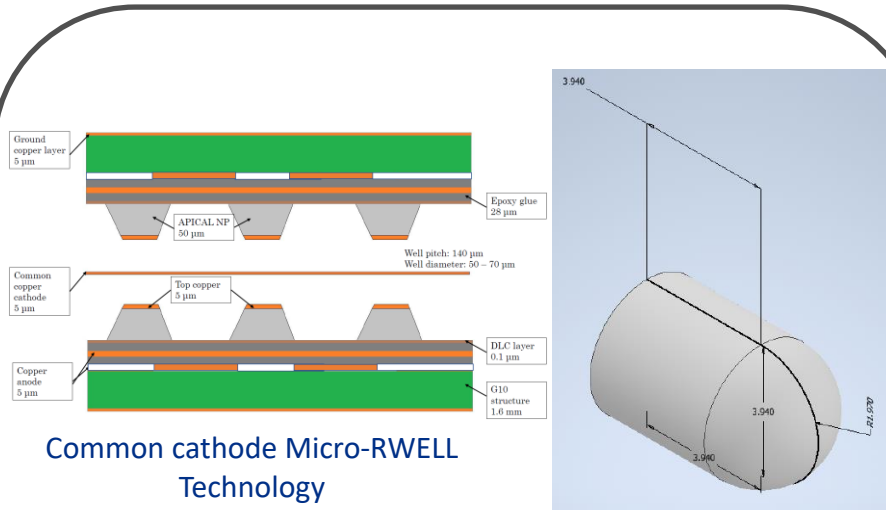
- Join ATAR information to CALO hits
- Provide information about pileup in calorimeter
  - Disambiguate multiple pulses when combined with ATAR information
- Provide information about charged particle content in an event
  - radiative decays
  - appropriate dead material energy estimation for scattering events

What does the tracker need to fulfill that purpose?

Fast response (~ns)

Good position resolution  
Good pileup resolution  
High efficiency/layer

Minimal dead material

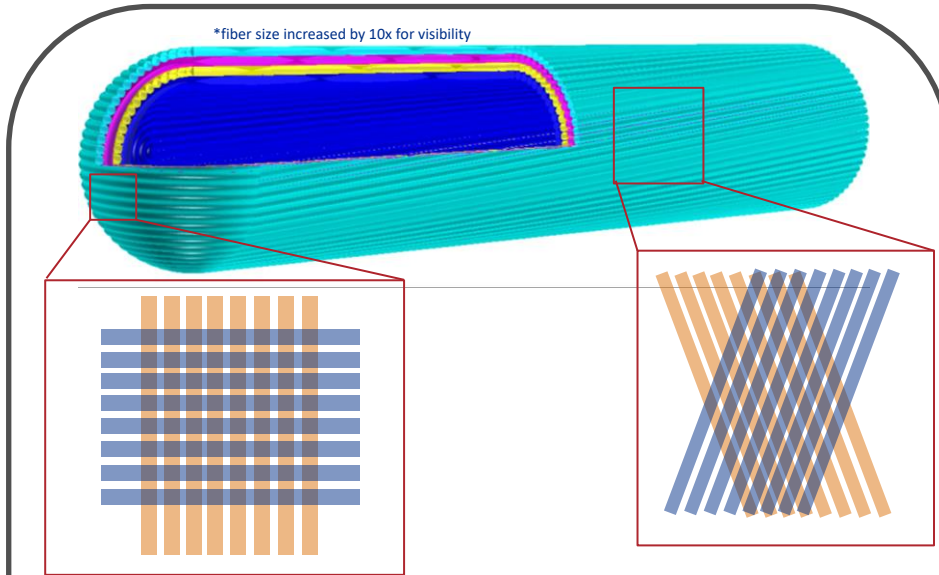


Common cathode Micro-RWELL Technology

CAD drawing

## μRWELL | Primary technology choice

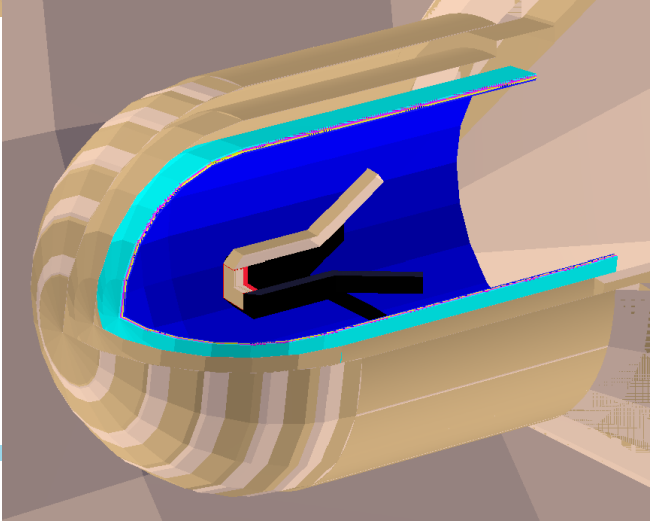
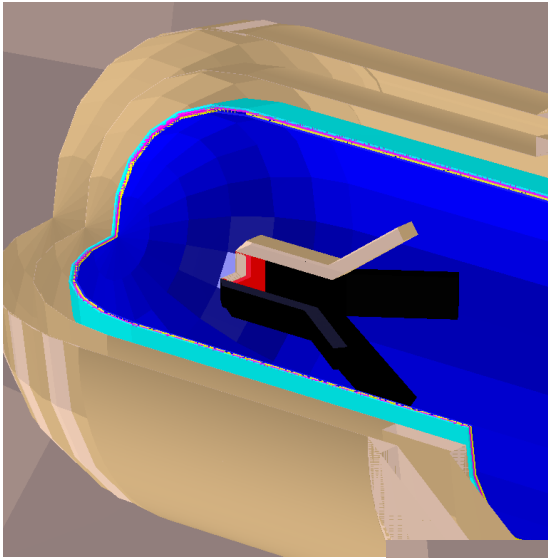
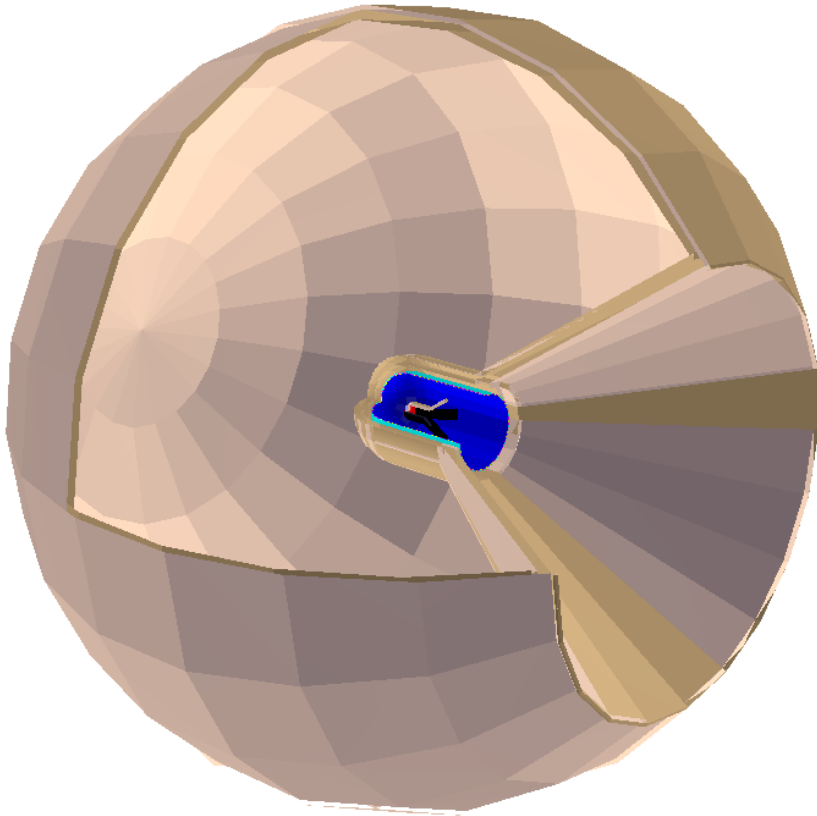
- 5.7 ns time resolution
- Spatial resolution:  $\mathcal{O}(50 \mu\text{m})$
- Efficiency  $\approx 97\%$
- More details from Jaydeep in the [sessions tomorrow](#)



## Scintillating fiber planes | Alternative technology

- 2-3 ns time resolution
- Preliminary studies suggest  $\delta\theta, \delta\phi < 0.2 \text{ rad}$
- Design challenges (fiber bending, etc.)
- Reconstructed positions challenging to disentangle

# Generic Tracker Simulation



# Some Specific Studies: Setup

## Simulation of a LXe calorimeter

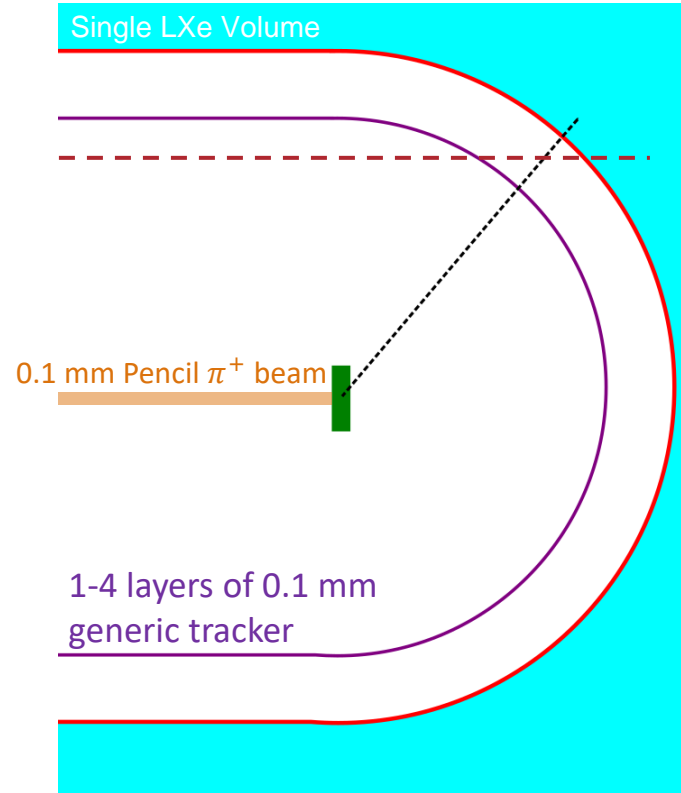
- 10ns time resolution.
- Single volume: No position resolution.
- “Worst case” pileup → Segmentation would make all these plots better (see [Omar’s talk](#))

## Implemented cuts from Patricks ‘standard analysis’:

- BOX:  $\pi^+$  stop within ATAR
- FID: Positron exits ATAR within the calorimeter fiducial volume of  $120^\circ$
- ATAR pattern and calo hits are matched

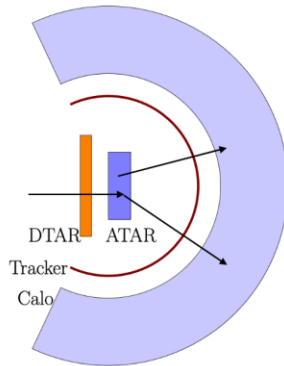
## Generating “unbiased” sample of decays to examine the effect of the tracker on the data

- Event mixing rate:  $1e6$
- Tracker event mixing optimized to not assume time ordered steps in Geant4



## Caveats piling up

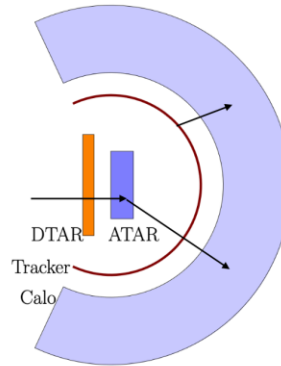
Only a fraction of possibilities has been covered so far ...



### Classic old muon:

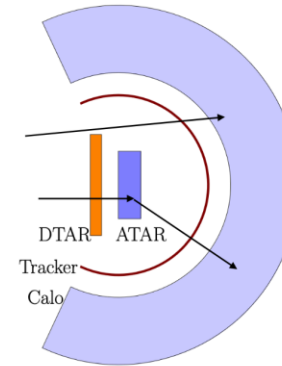
Old muon decays on target, clearly identifiable by two pattern structure. The only case where the current dataset is suitable for.

Either fit it or use ATAR for suppression



### Stray old muon:

Old muon decays somewhere in dead material. The emitted positron may be seen by tracker or calo only. Their abundance will increase with future implementation of Cables and Supporting Structures.

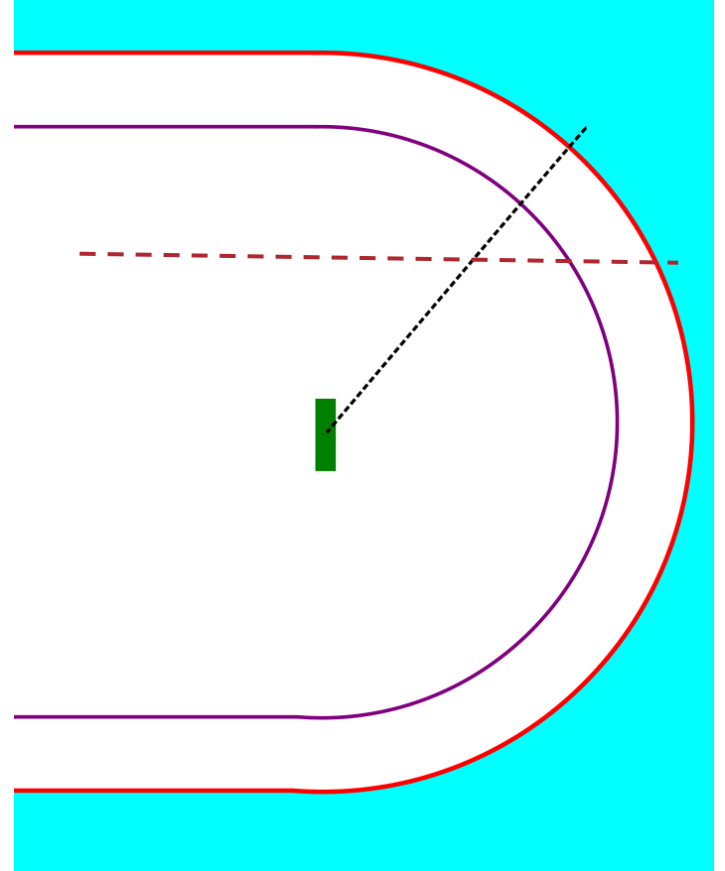
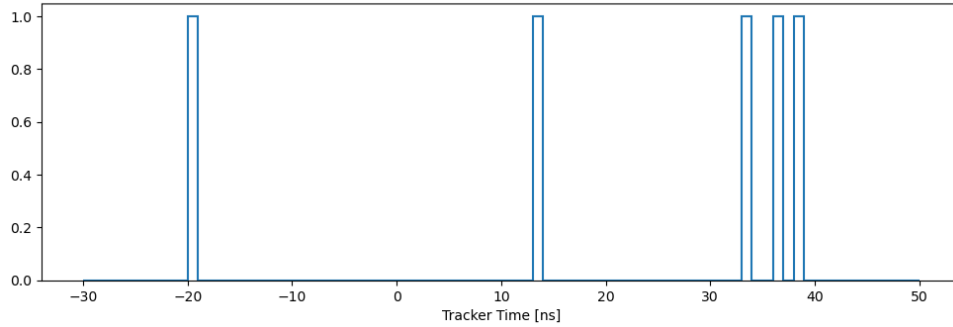
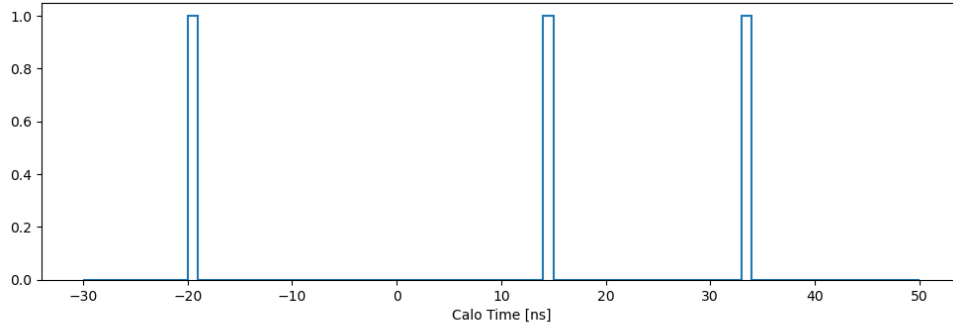


### Beam Pileup:

Some beam particles bypasses all our structures and hits the calo. Potential candidates are recent beam muons as suggested by Stefan. These require all support structures and cables as well as a dedicated simulation with a more realistic beam.

# Basic Tracker Analysis

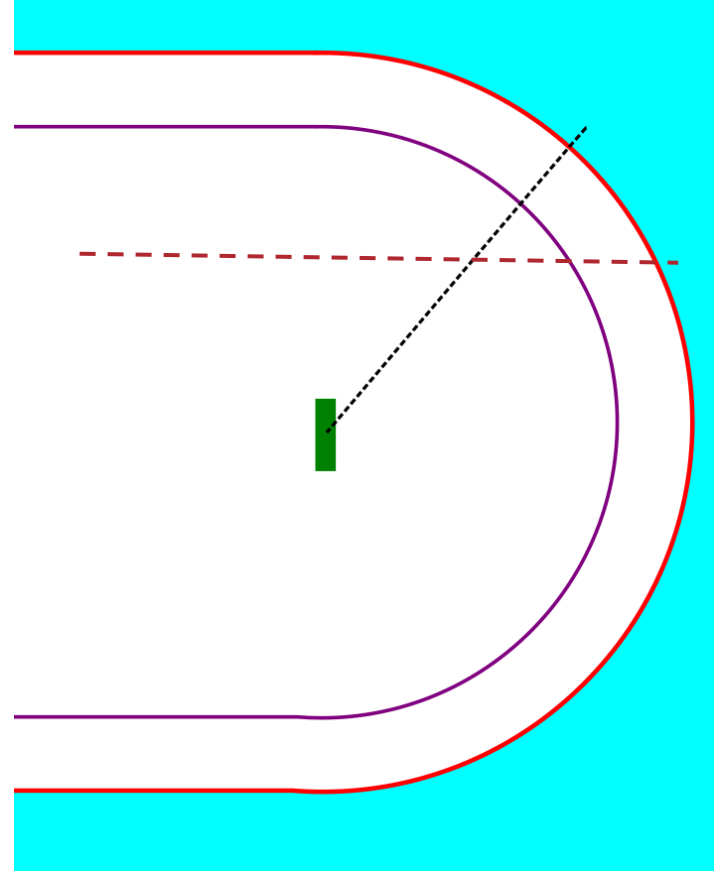
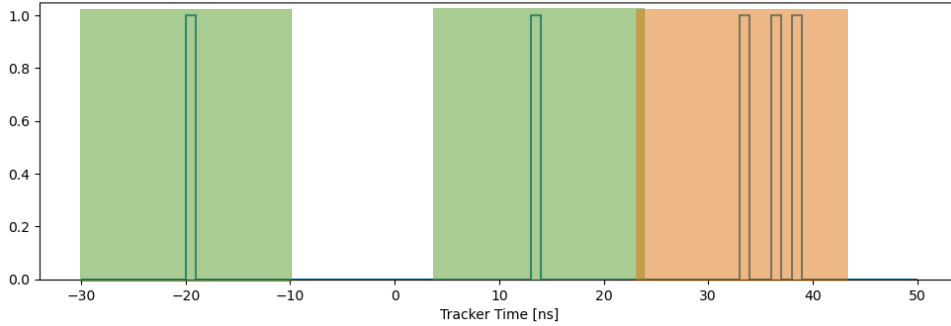
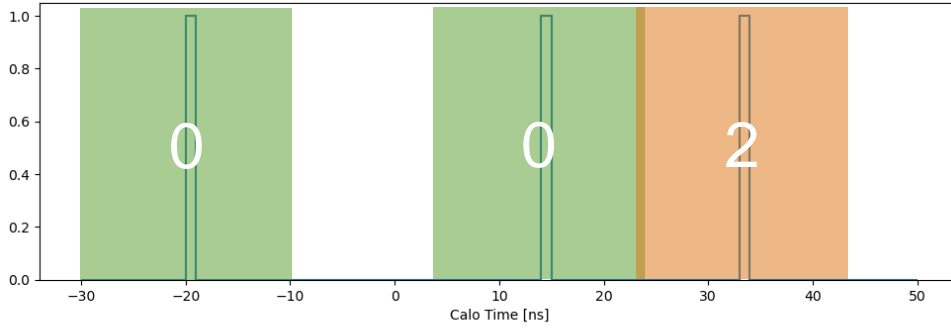
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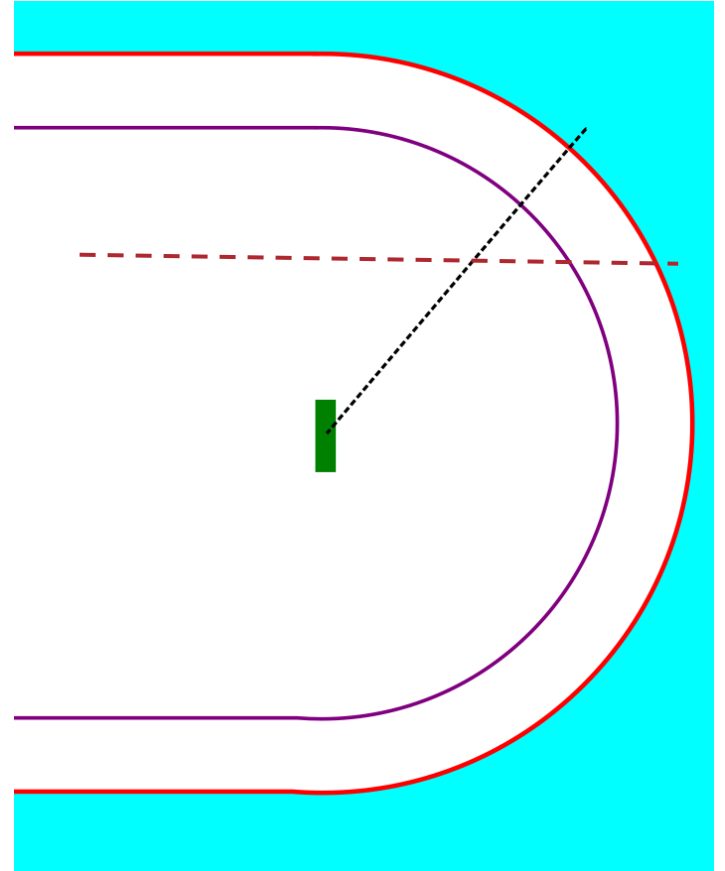
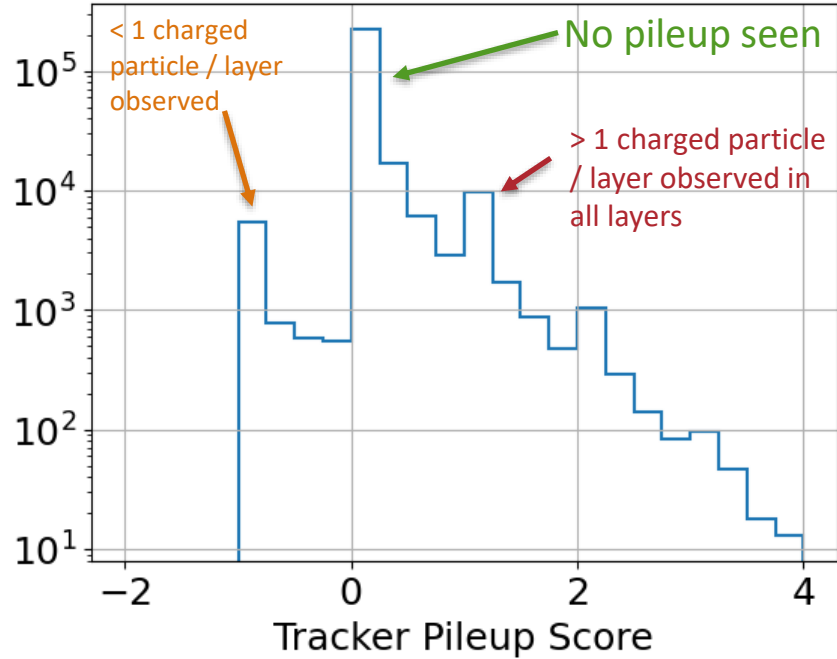
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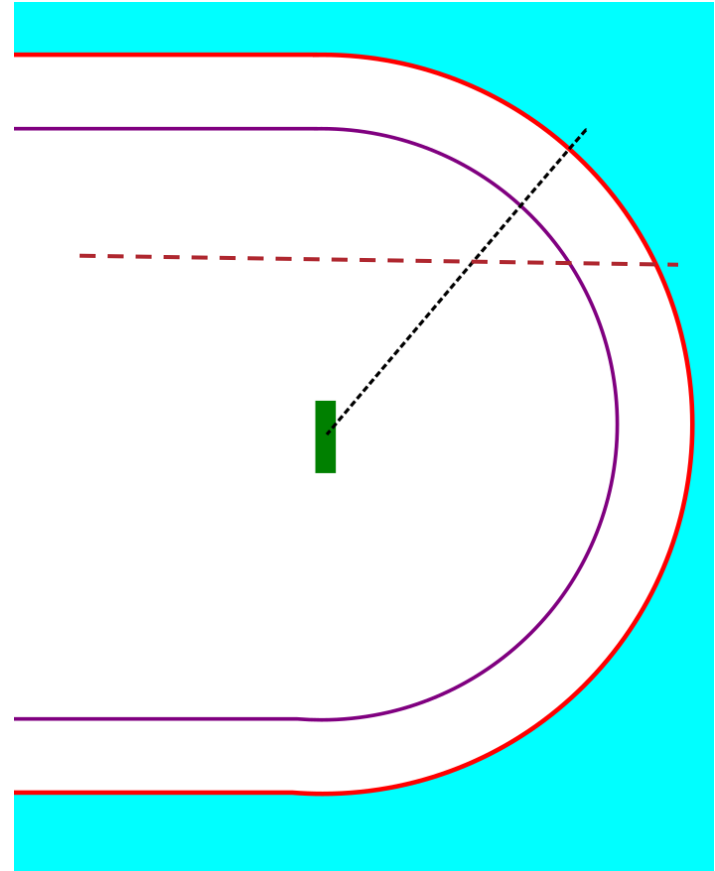
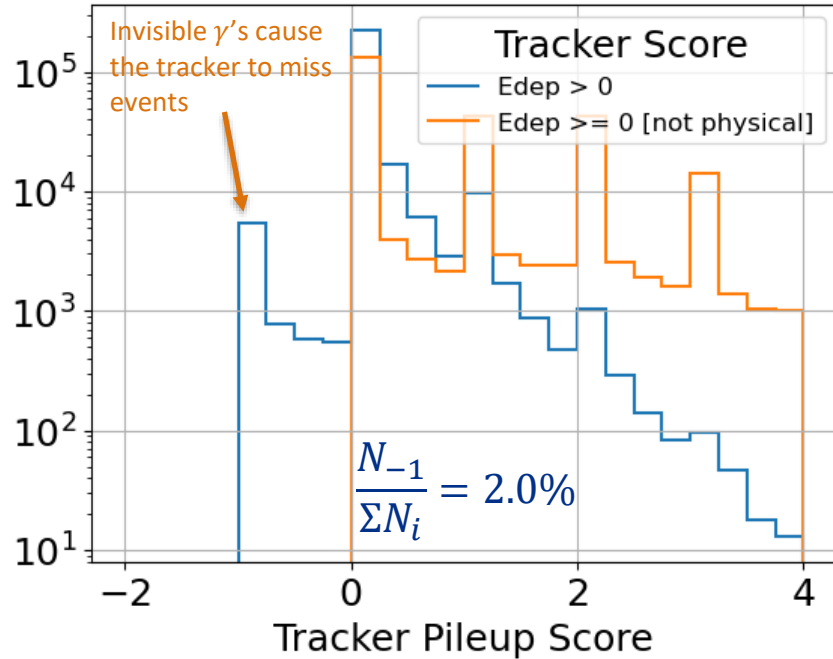
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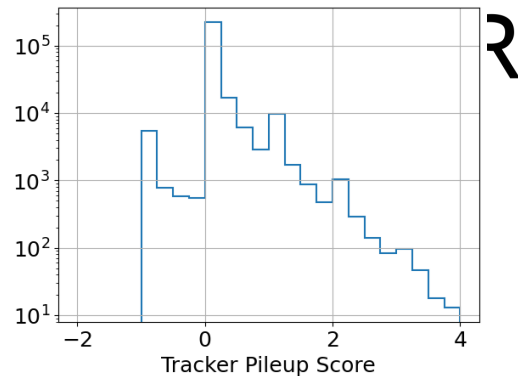
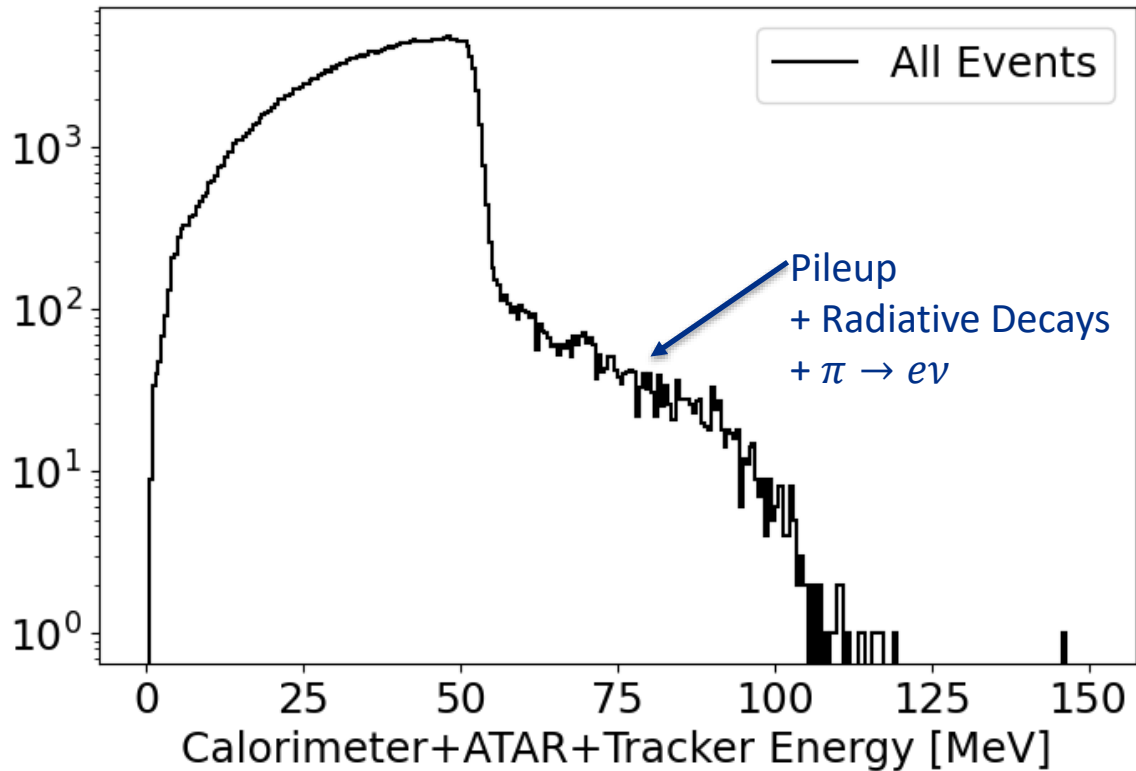


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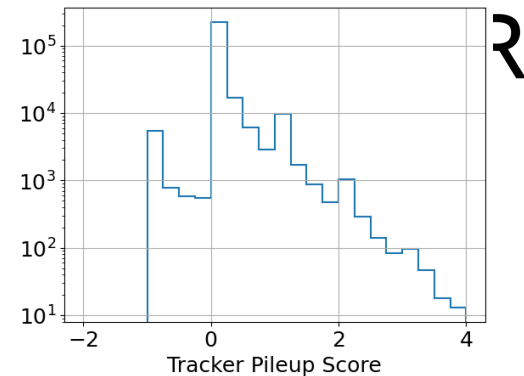
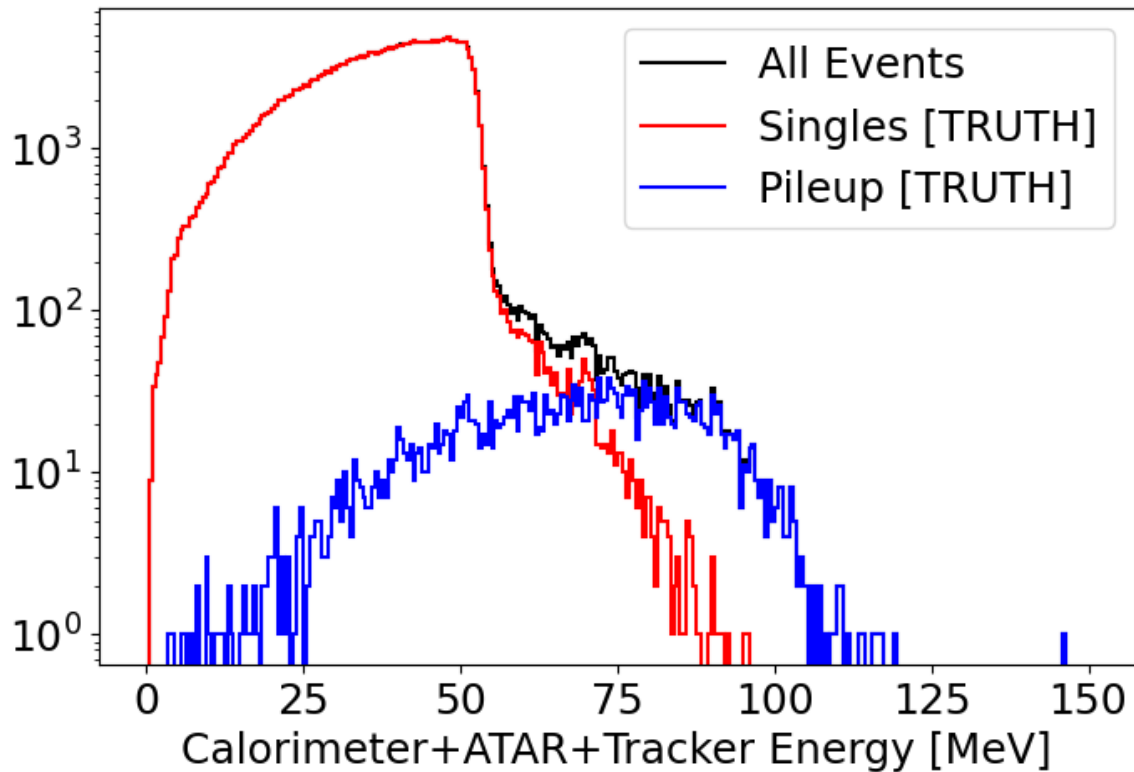
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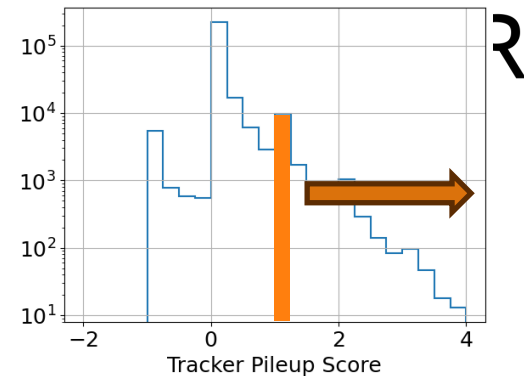
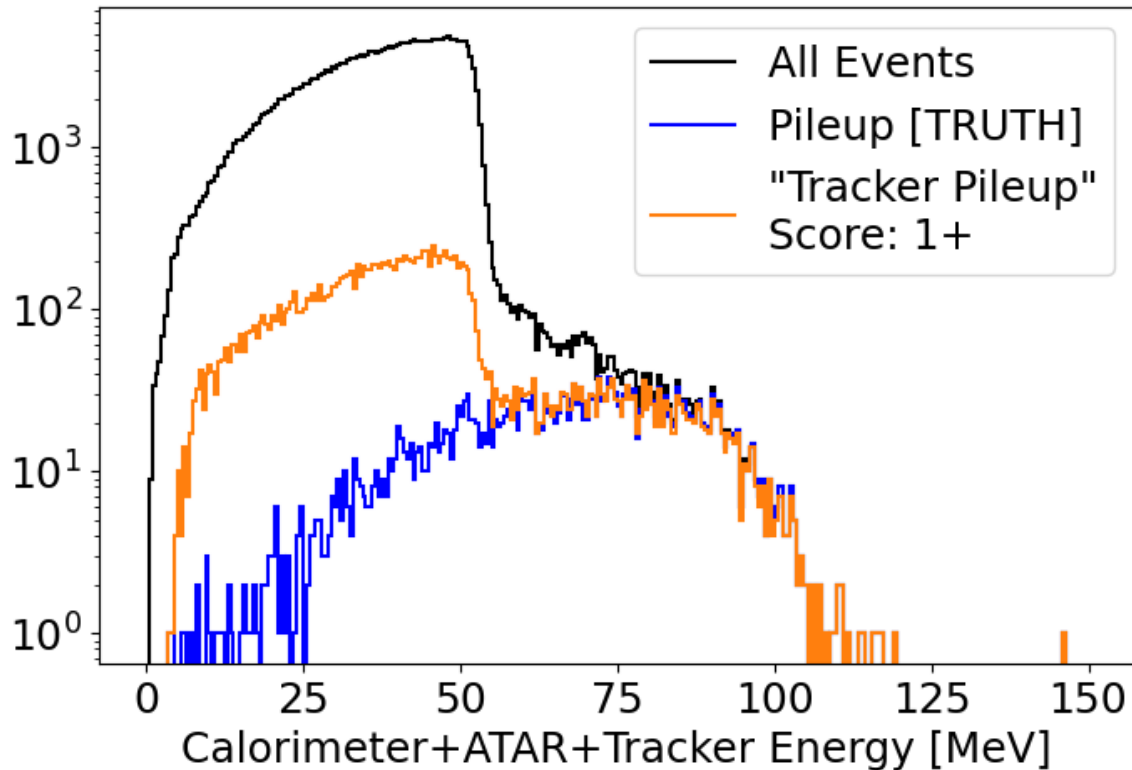


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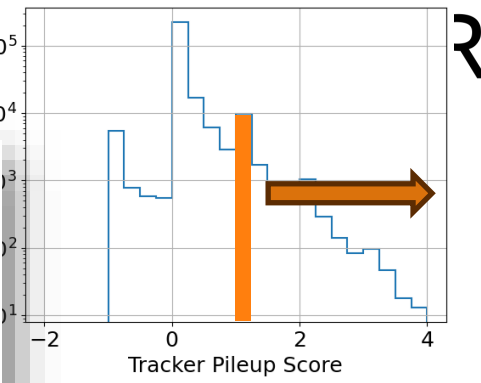
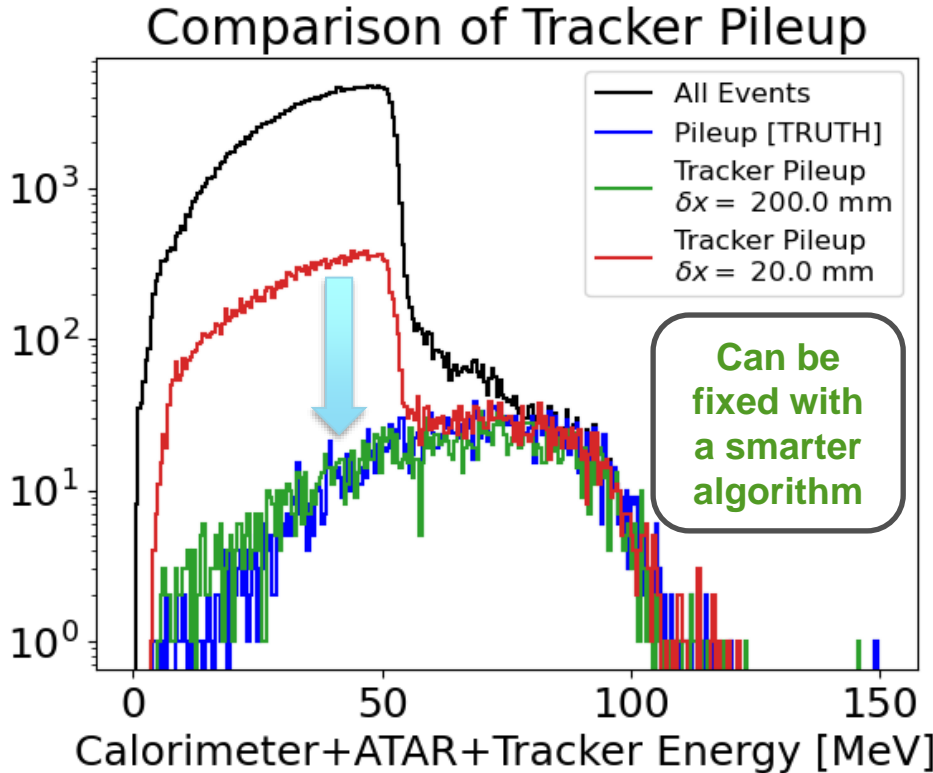
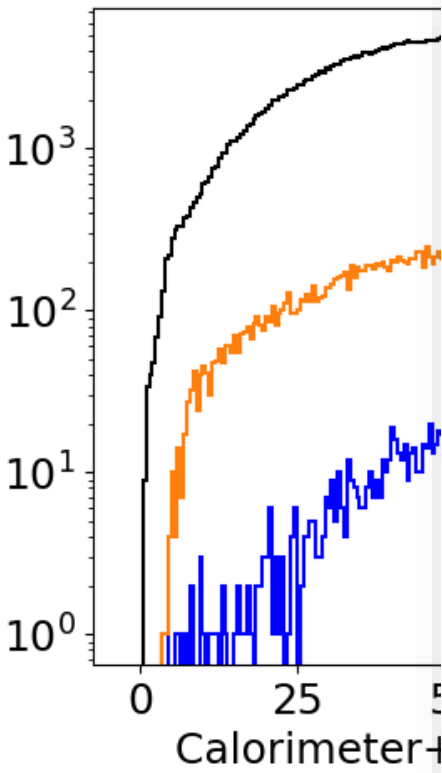


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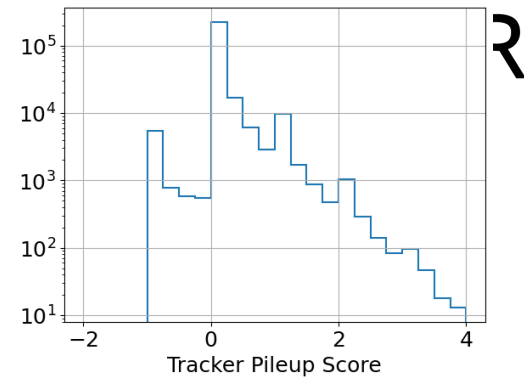
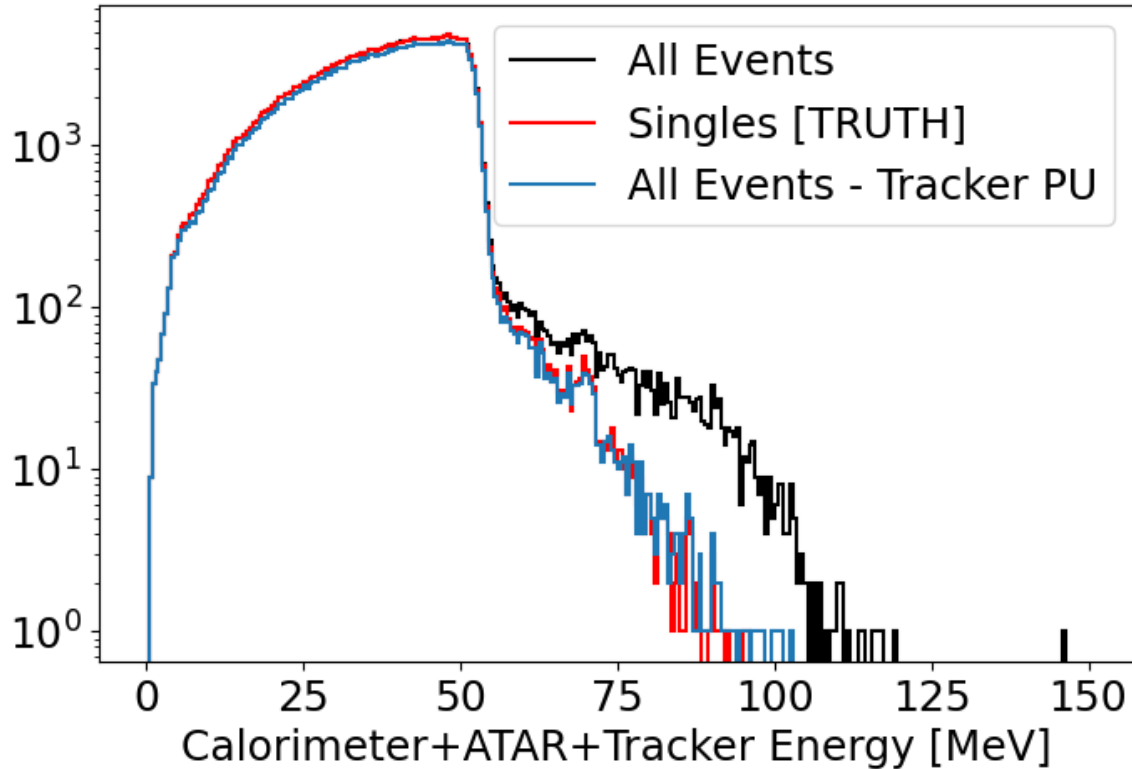


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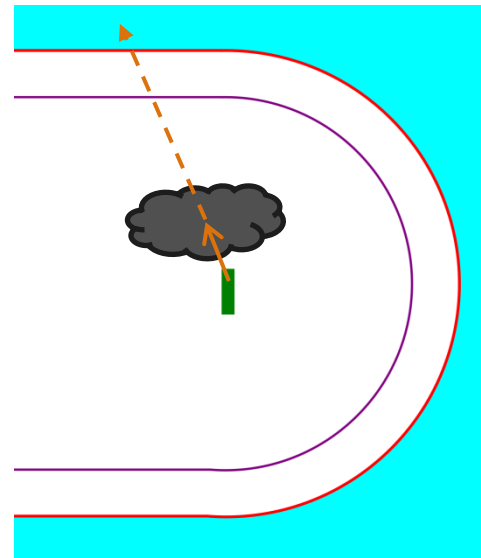
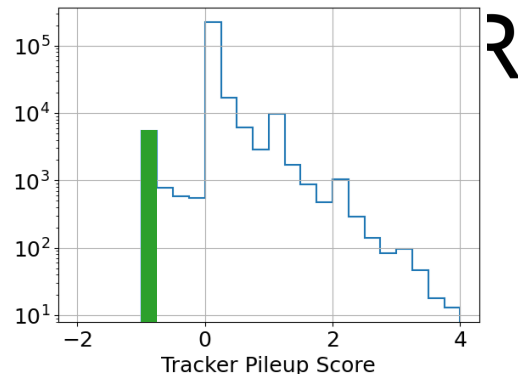
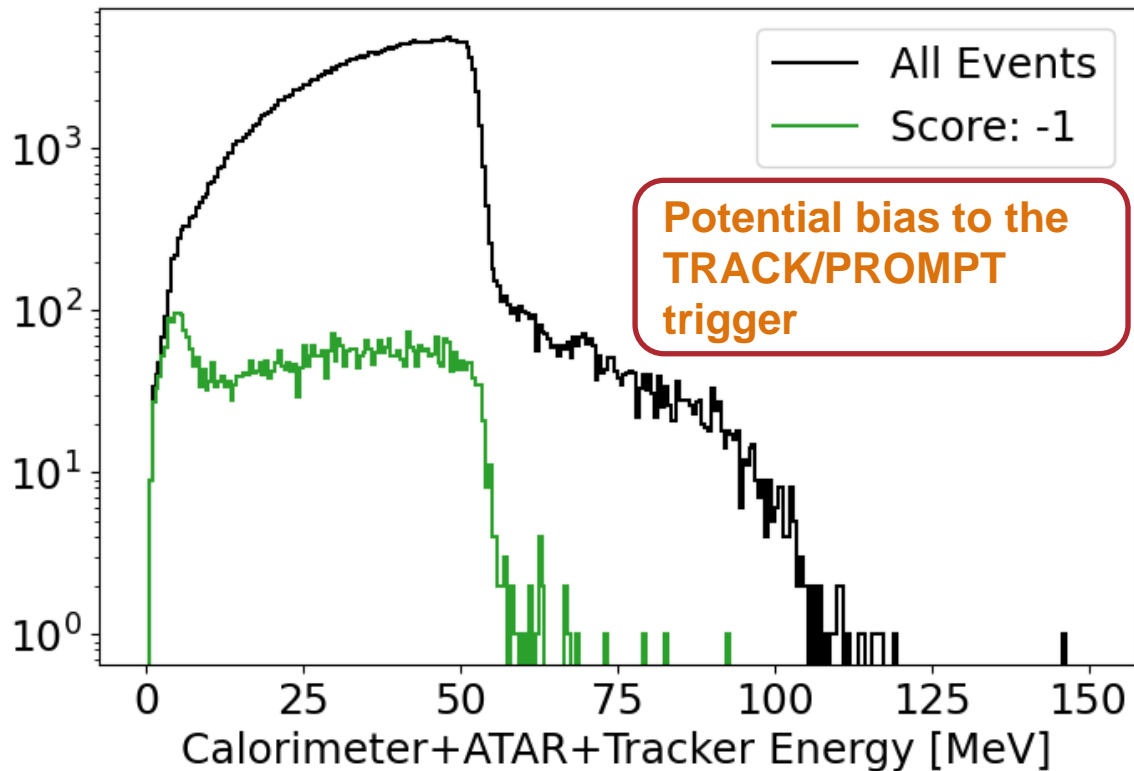
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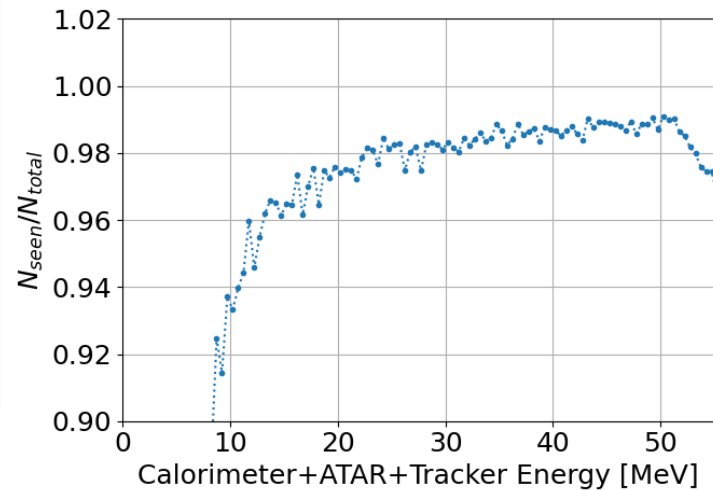
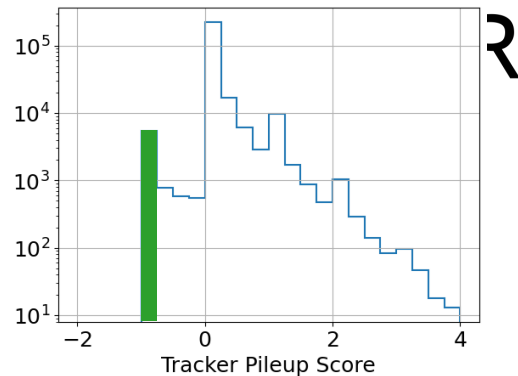
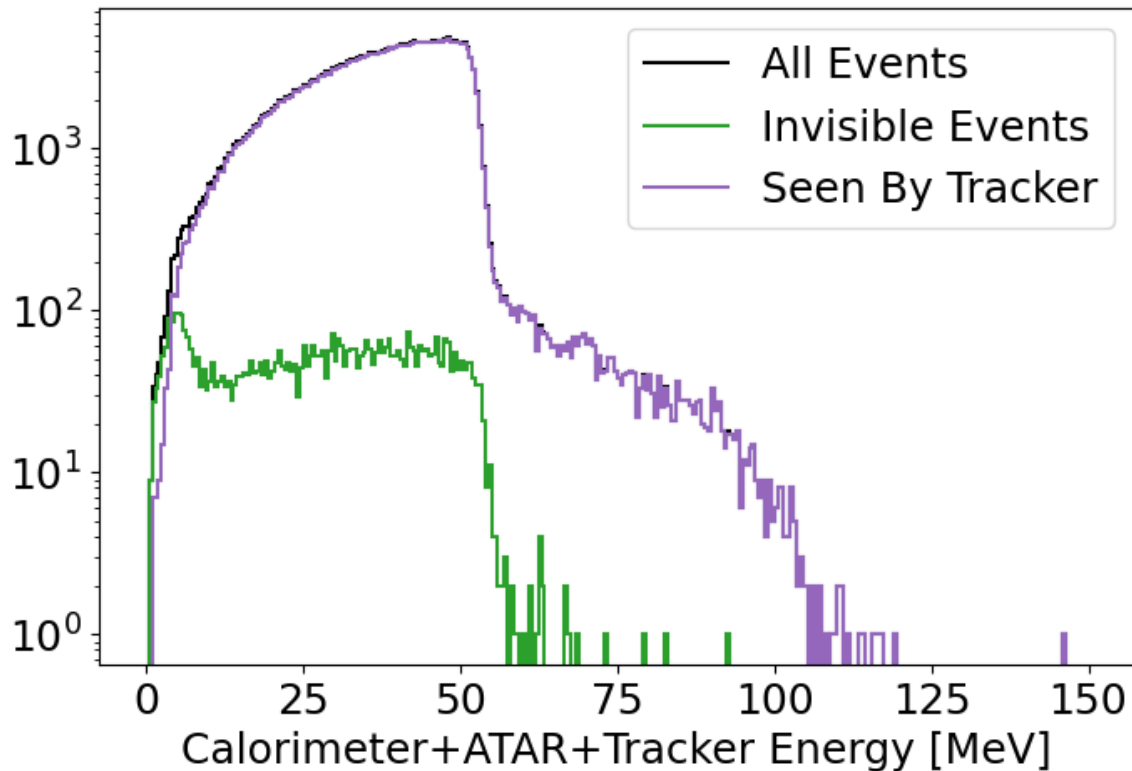
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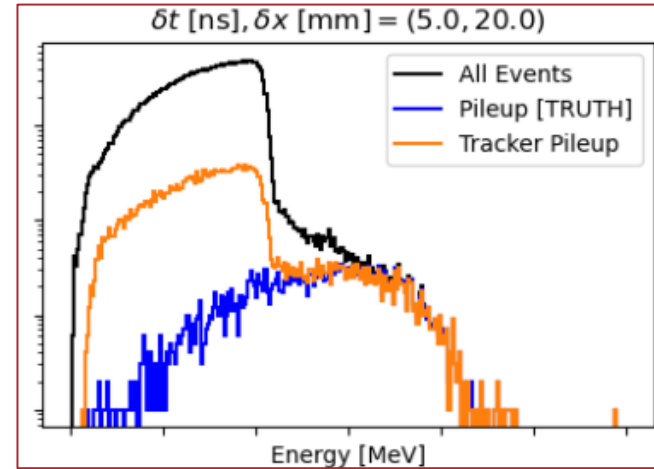
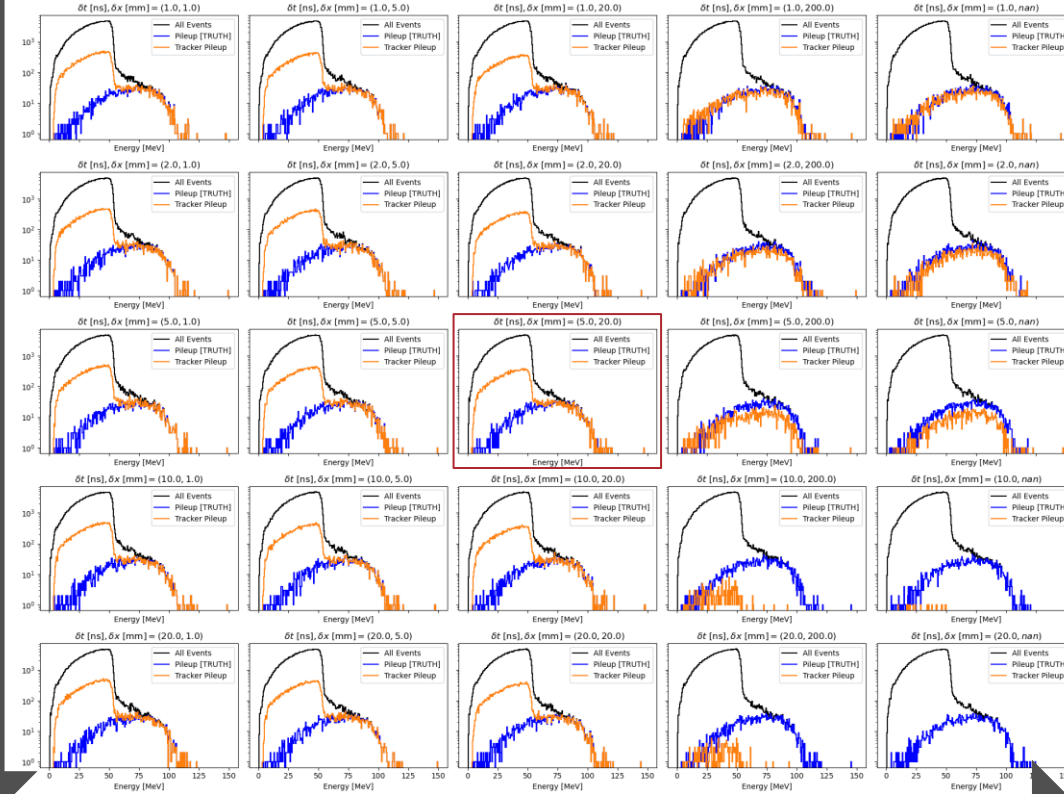
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# Pileup Tagging: Time vs. Spatial Resolution

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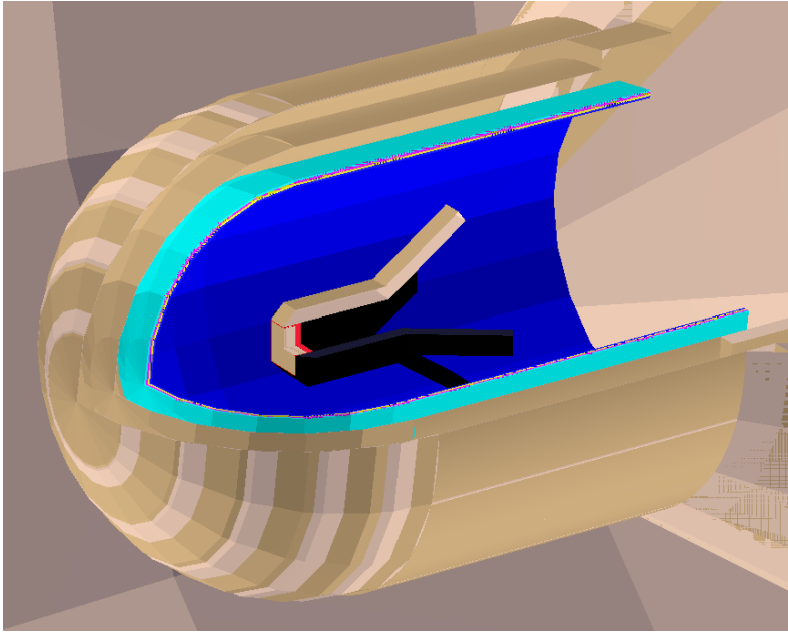
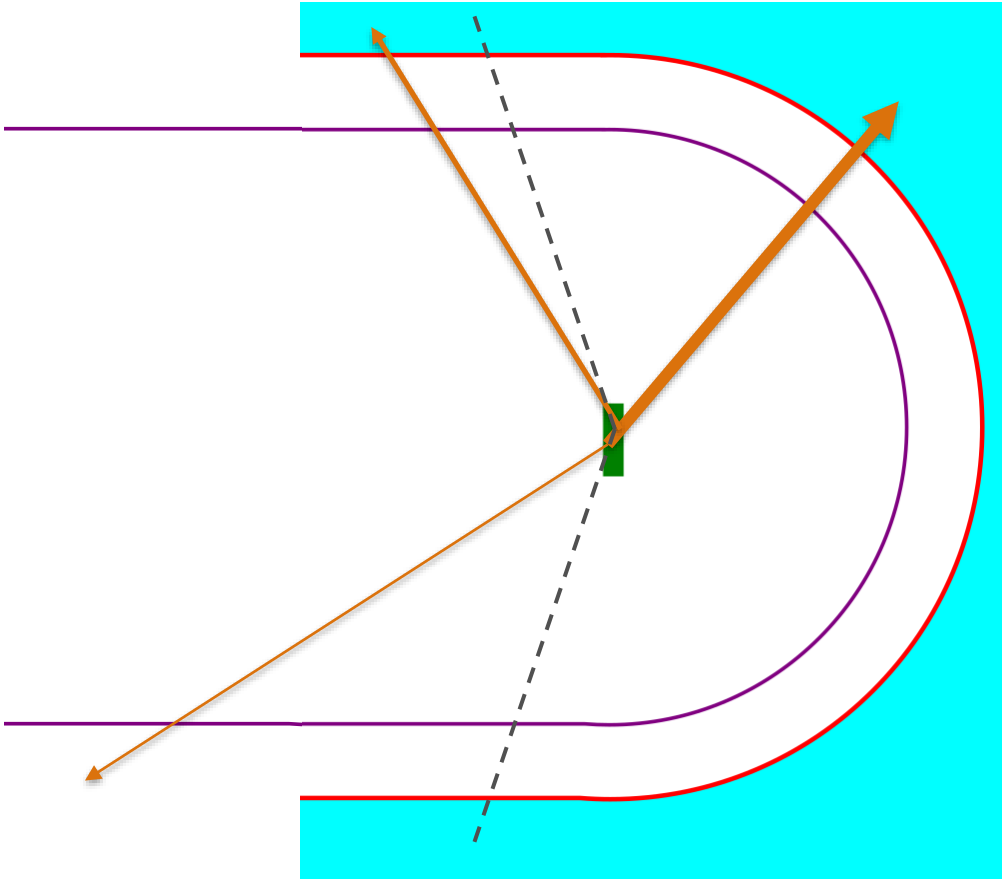


5 ns  $\delta t$  and 20 mm position resolution are sufficient to resolve Bhabha and pileup events

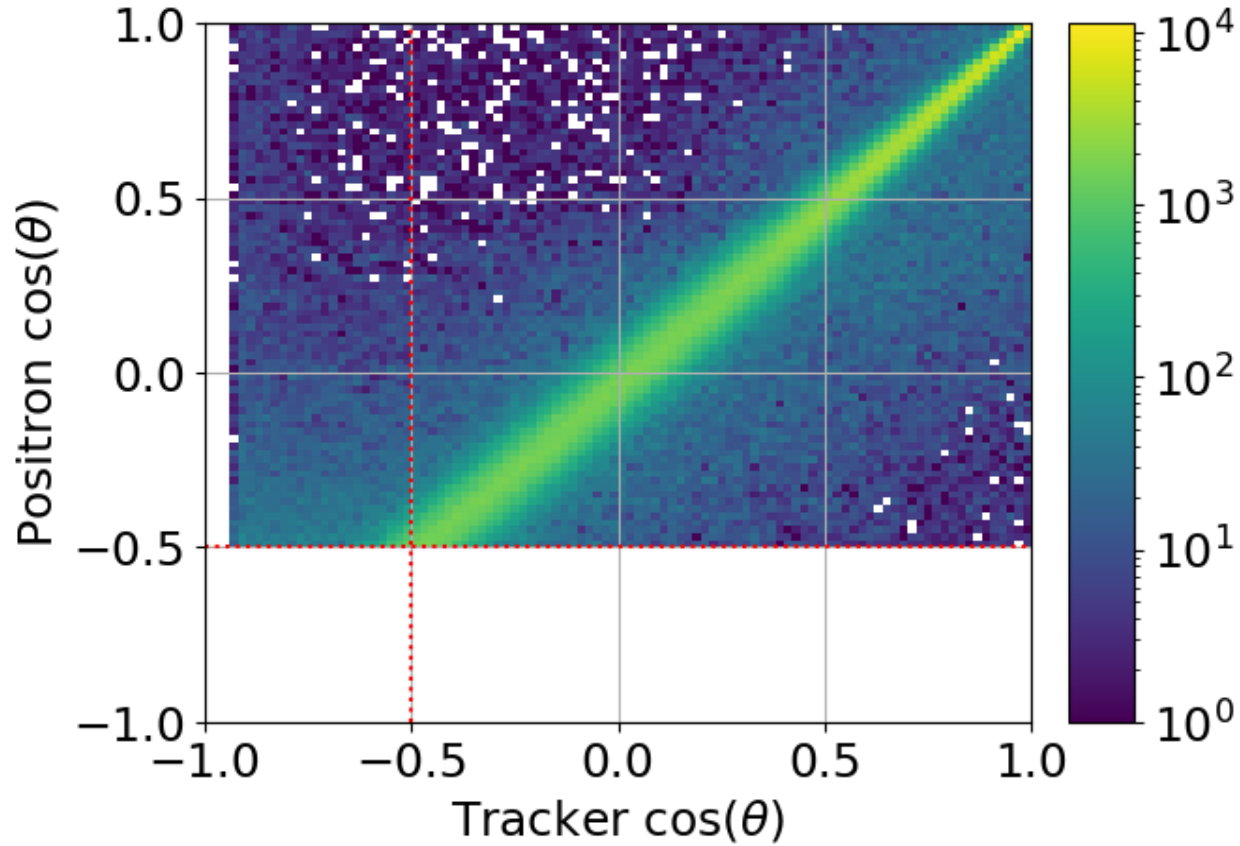
**Both technologies are viable**

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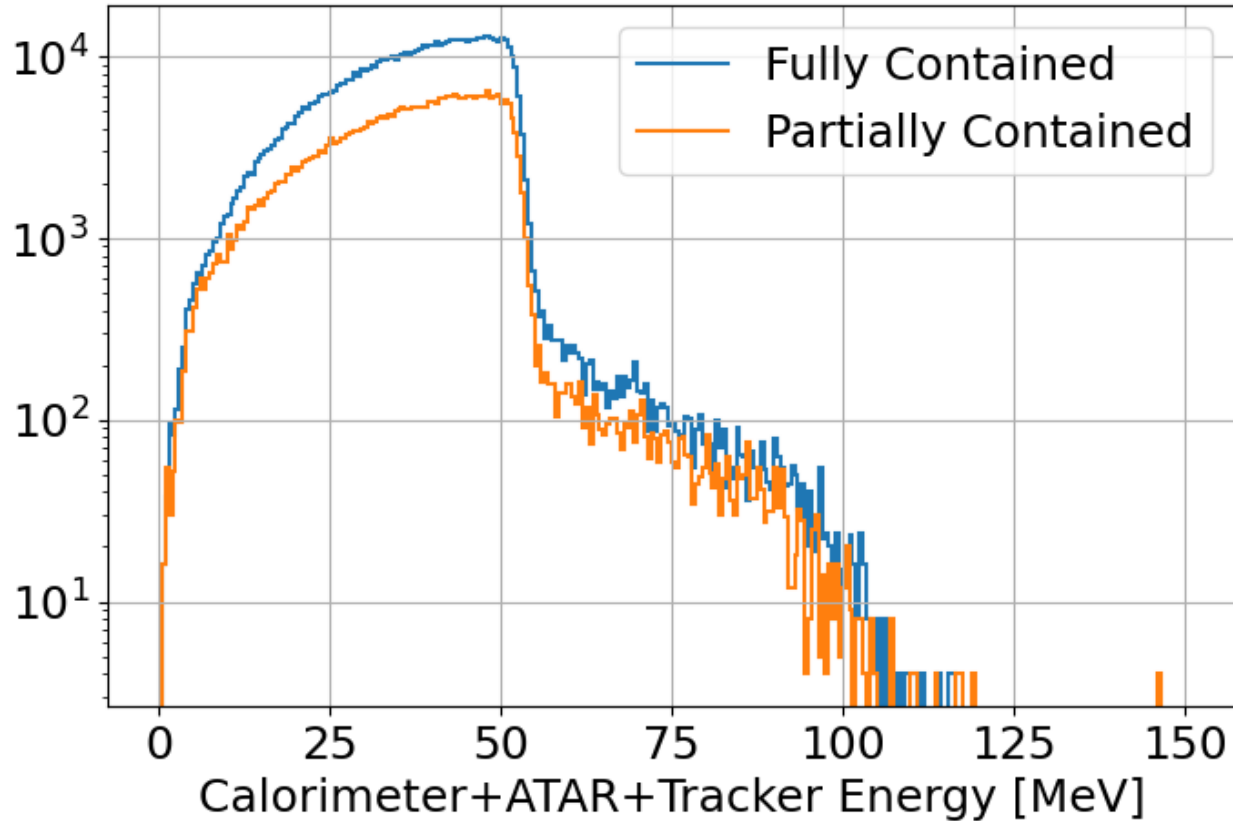
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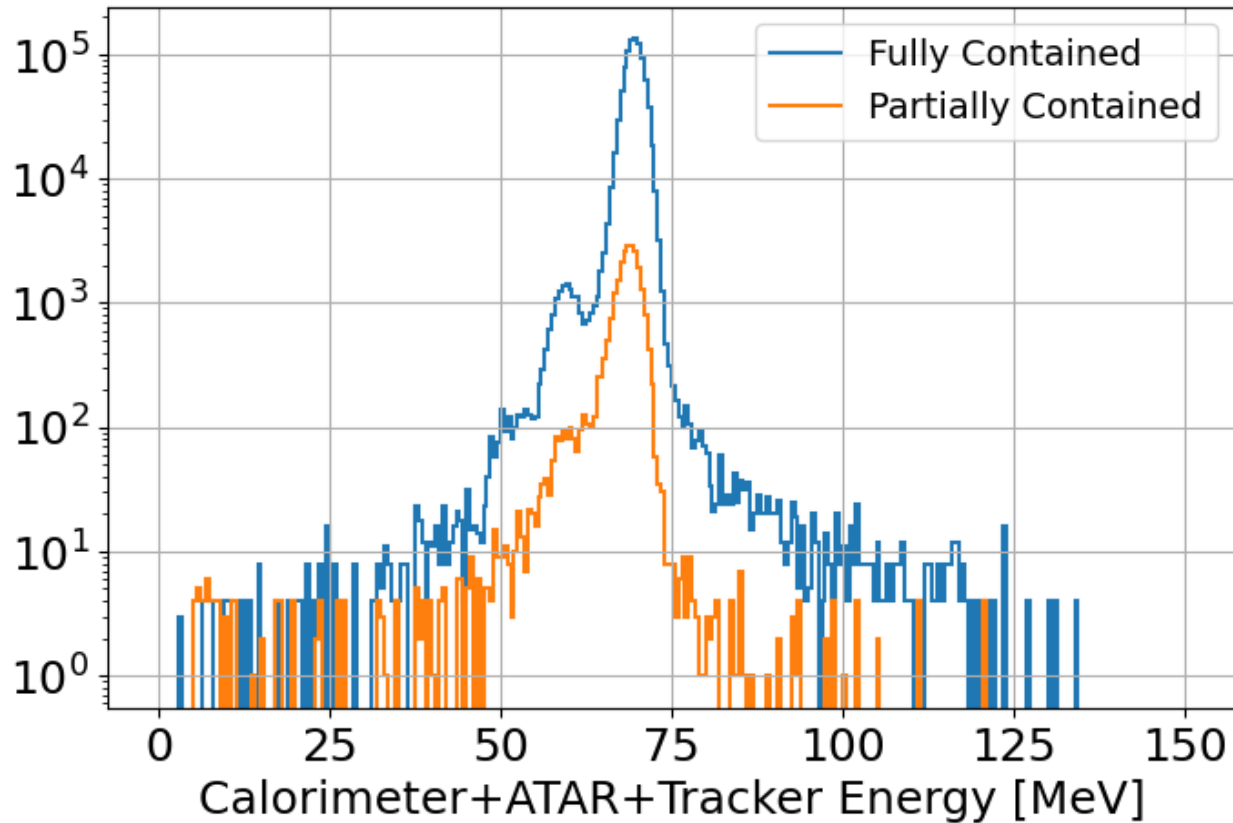
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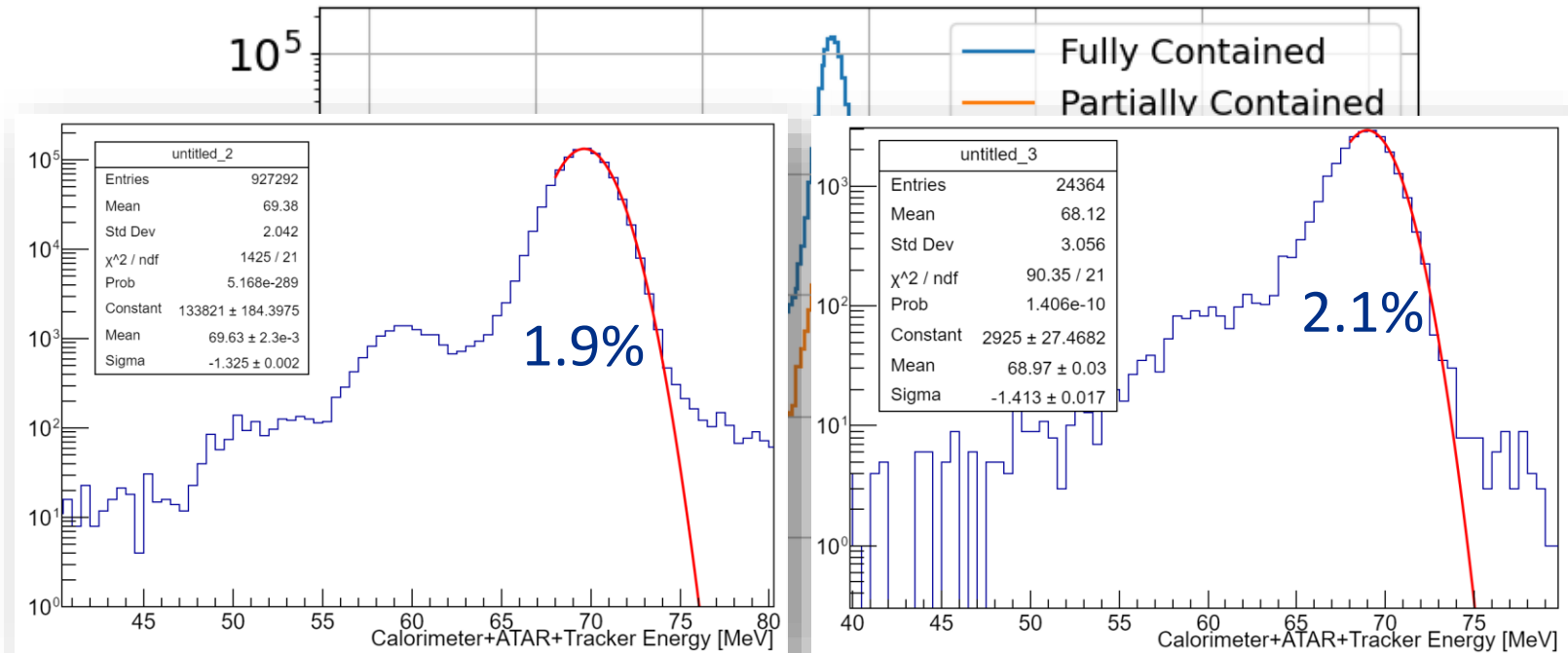
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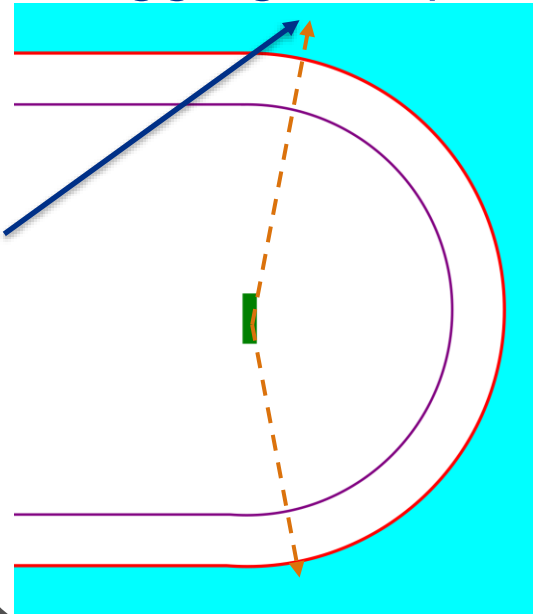
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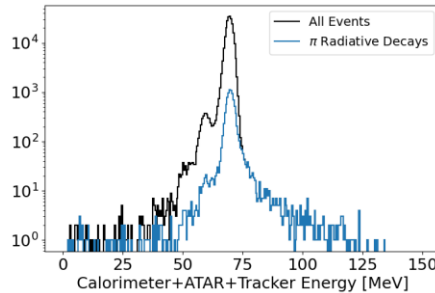
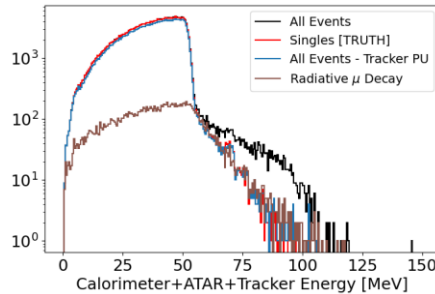
The tracker can help to provide information about energy leakage



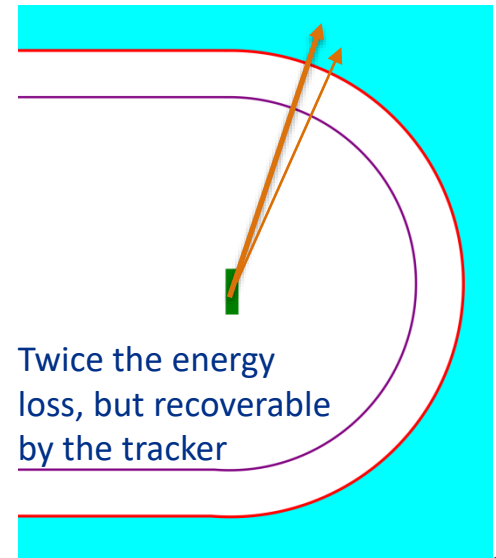
## Charged particle tagging for $\pi\beta$



## Radiative Decay Measurements

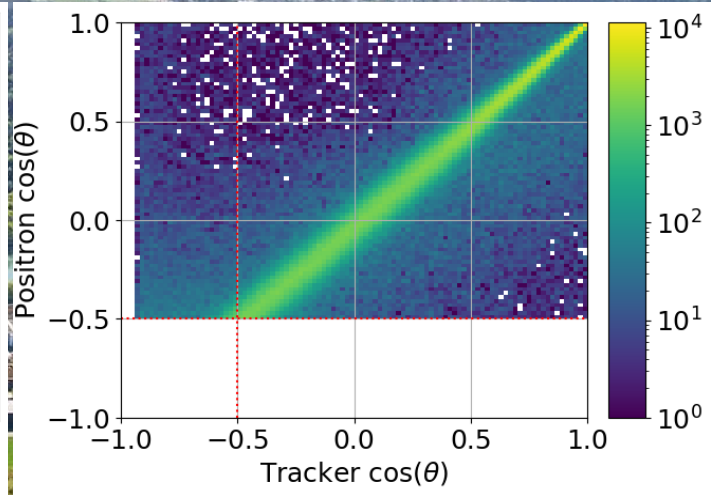
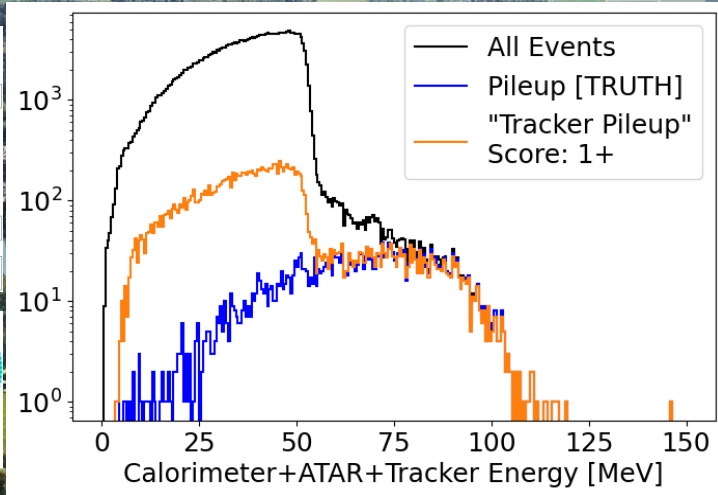
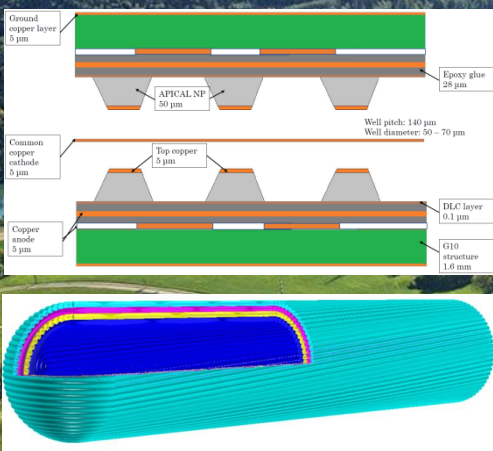


## Dead material estimation for Bhabha events



# Conclusions

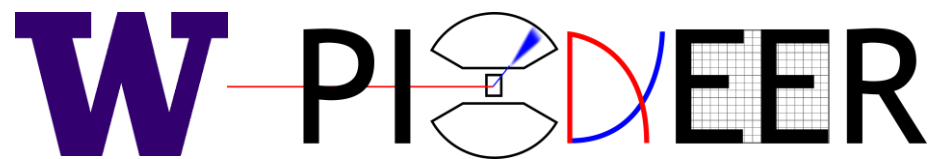
- The tracker has two important roles in the experiment:
  - Trigger
    - The bias to a potential trigger due to annihilation in flight (percent level contribution to all events) must be quantified and understood
  - Physics Analysis
    - A tracker with ‘reasonable’ timing and position resolution provides a great view into high energy pileup and scattering.
    - Studies are underway to quantify the needs of the tracker for all phases experiment
      - Timing resolution cuts may not be as stringent as imagined because of spatial resolution
- Integrating tracker information into the SPA pipeline is in its infancy, but is crucial to understanding the entire picture of the experiment.
  - Details of the hardware will be discussed in the [sessions tomorrow](#)
  - Integration of this detector into the proto-analysis chain is a goal for the software workshop
    - These studies can then be repeated with high statistics to get an understanding of higher order effects and bias to the final energy/timing spectrum



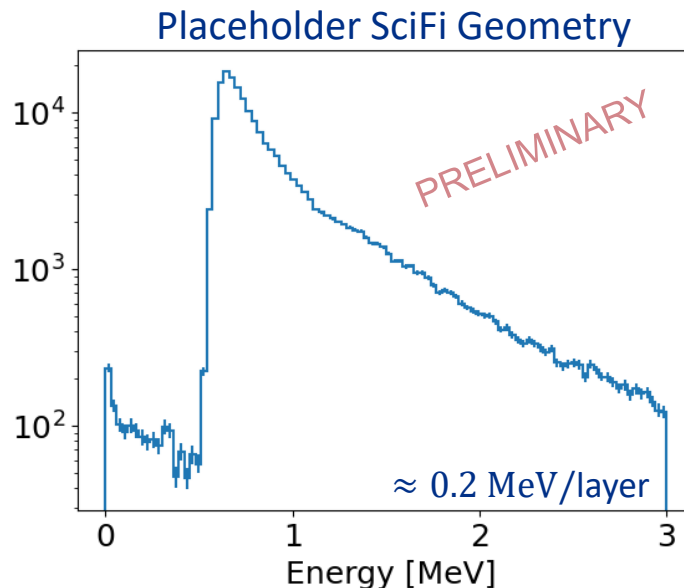
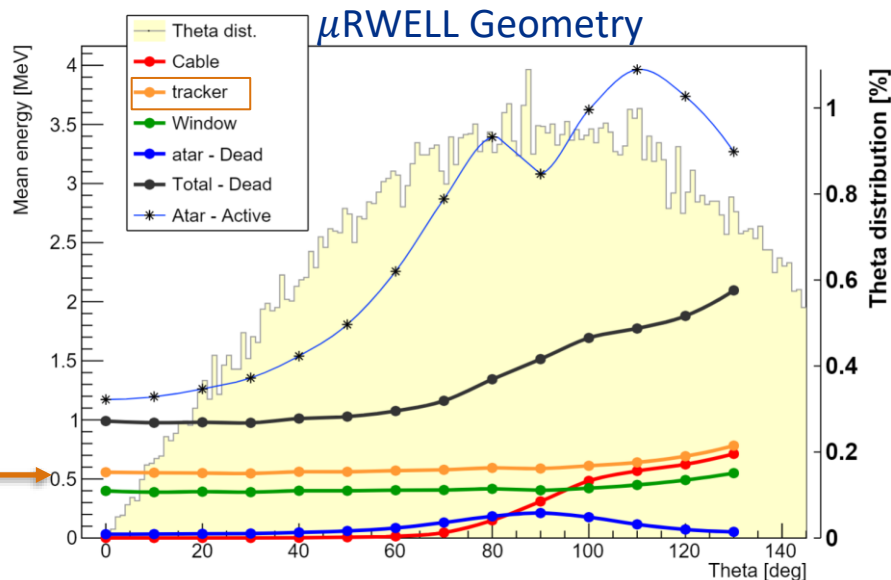
Questions?



Backup



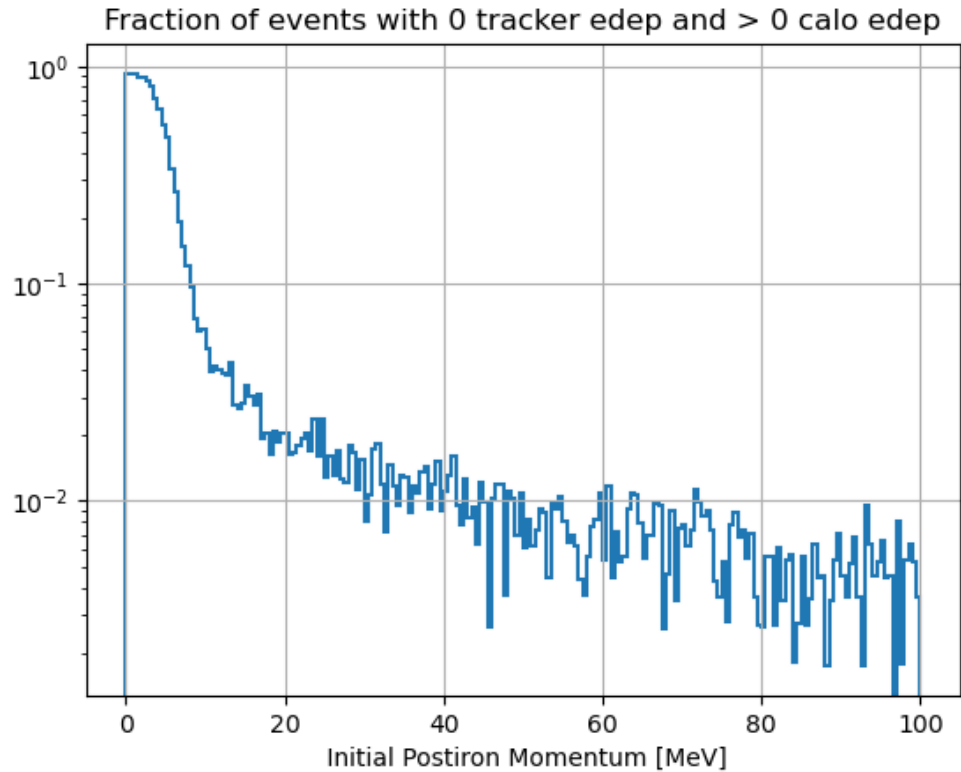
# Tracker Cost: Dead Material



Energy deposition in either set of trackers is  $\mathcal{O}(0.6 \text{ MeV})$ .  
In principle, completely recoverable with a  $\sigma \sim 0.15 \text{ MeV}$ .

Left: Jessie Yang | See more in [her talk here](#)

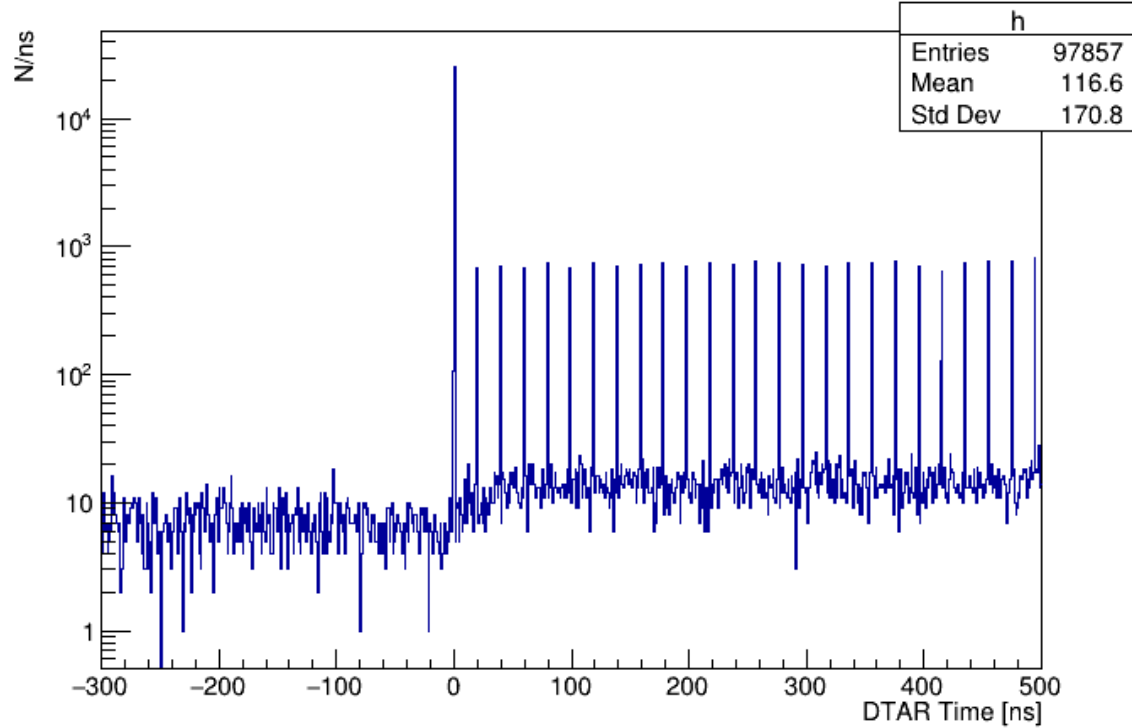
# $e^+$ Annihilation in Flight vs. Energy



Fiducial cut  
Positrons  
generated in  
center of ATAR

# Role: Pileup from Particles Outside ATAR

DTAR Trigger Hits | Phase-1 Rate



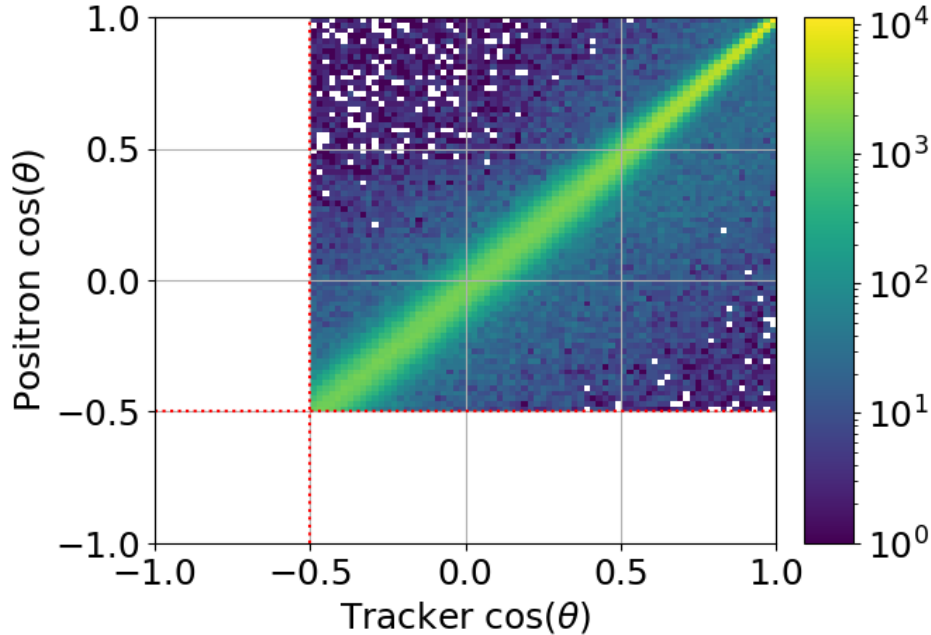
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## All Contained



## Partially Contained

