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Application of Machine Learning techniques to improve event reconstruction in Super-Kamiokande

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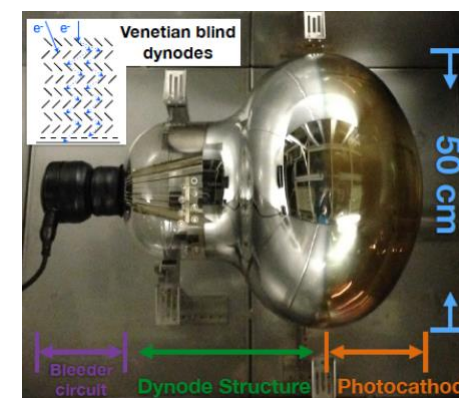
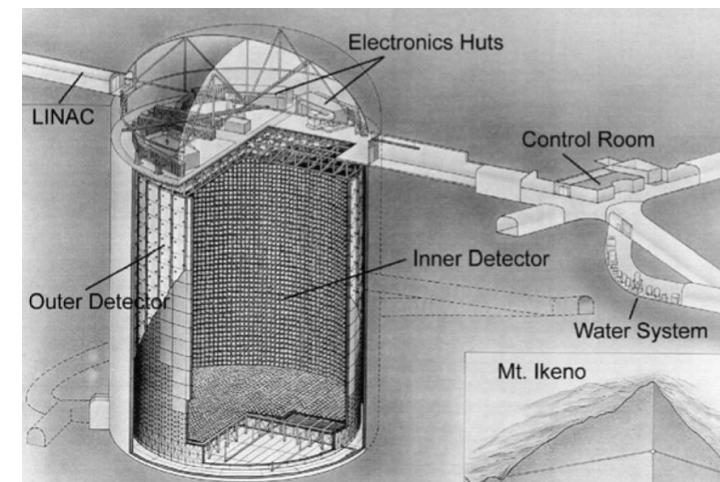
Super-Kamiokande (SK), Kamioka mine, Japan

39 m x 40 m cylindric tank filled with 50 kton of ultrapure water, of which 22.5 kton inside Fiducial Volume, divided into two optically insulated sections:

- **Inner Detector (ID):** 11k 50 cm Photomultiplier Tubes (PMTs) (40% coverage) facing inwards.
- **Outer Detector (OD):** 2k 20cm PMTs facing outwards

Some research topics in SK:

- **Proton decay**
- Neutrino oscillations (2015 Nobel Prize)
- Neutrino astrophysics



Proton decay $p \rightarrow \nu K^+$ as a case study in SK

$p \rightarrow \nu K^+$

Partial lifetime limit: 5.9×10^{33} yrs

Reference Study with APFit:

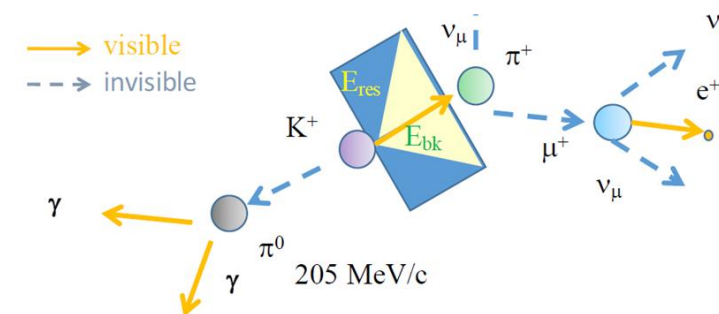
PHYSICAL REVIEW D90,072005 (2014)

«Search for proton decay via $p \rightarrow \nu K$ using 260

kiloton · year data of Super-Kamiokande»

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$: Hadronic decay channel in water

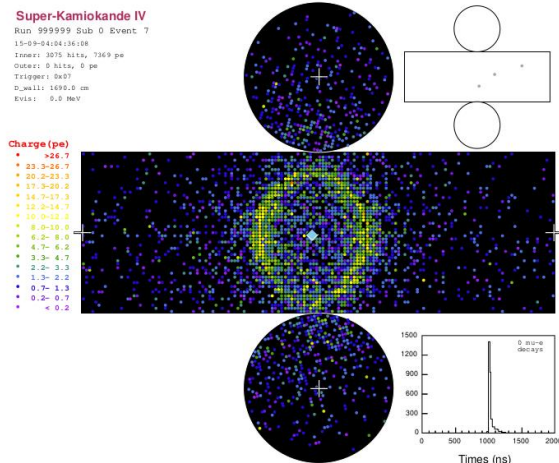
$BR_{K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0} \sim 20\%$



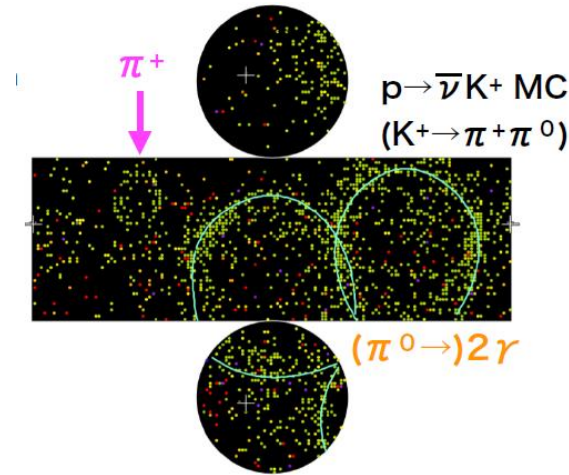
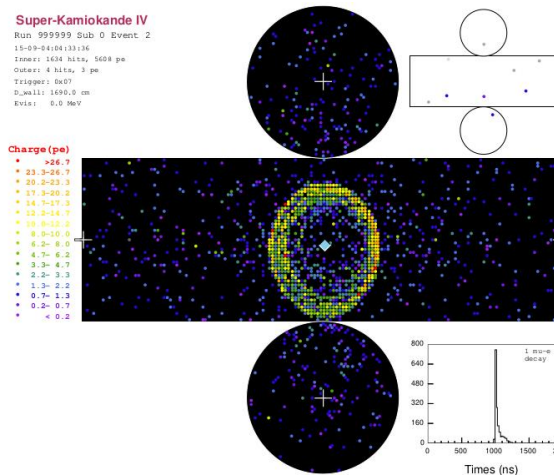
Upon trigger, for each hit PMT, charge produced and time of the hit are collected (event)

Atmospheric neutrino interaction events are background for this analysis

Showering (e-like)



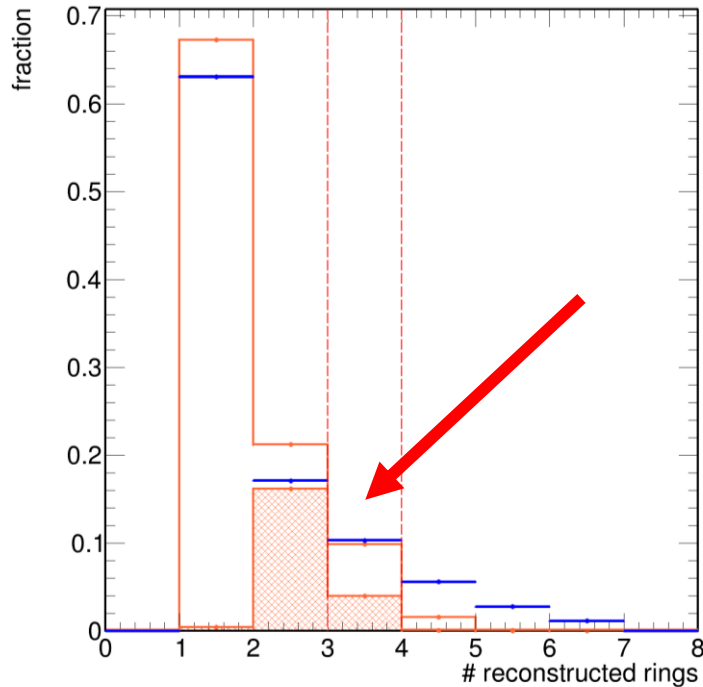
Non showering (muon-like)



Reconstruction in SK

	APfit	fiTQun
Type of fit	Sequential (vertex, ring counting, PID, michel-e tagging)	Single log-likelihood function minimization $L(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_j^{\text{unhit}} P_j(\text{unhit} \mathbf{x}) \prod_i^{\text{hit}} [1 - P_i(\text{unhit} \mathbf{x})] f_q(q_i \mathbf{x}) f_t(t_i \mathbf{x})$
Used by	Super-Kamiokande	T2K, MiniBooNE, Super-Kamiokande, Hyper-Kamiokande
Max # rings	5	6
PID	e^\pm, μ^\pm	e^\pm, μ^\pm, π^\pm
CPU time per SK event	< 1 min/event	~ 10 min/event

fiTQun makes the reconstruction of charged kaon kinematics possible (charged pion PID)



SK ATM-ν MC (background)
SK PDK MC
True $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$, $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (hatching) (signal)

Exposure (kton*yr)	#BG	BG sys. Err. (%)	Eff. (%)	Eff. Sys. Err. (%)
200	0.03 ± 0.02	50.9	2.9 ± 0.02	26.1

Low-background analysis in this proton decay channel with fiTQun is possible.

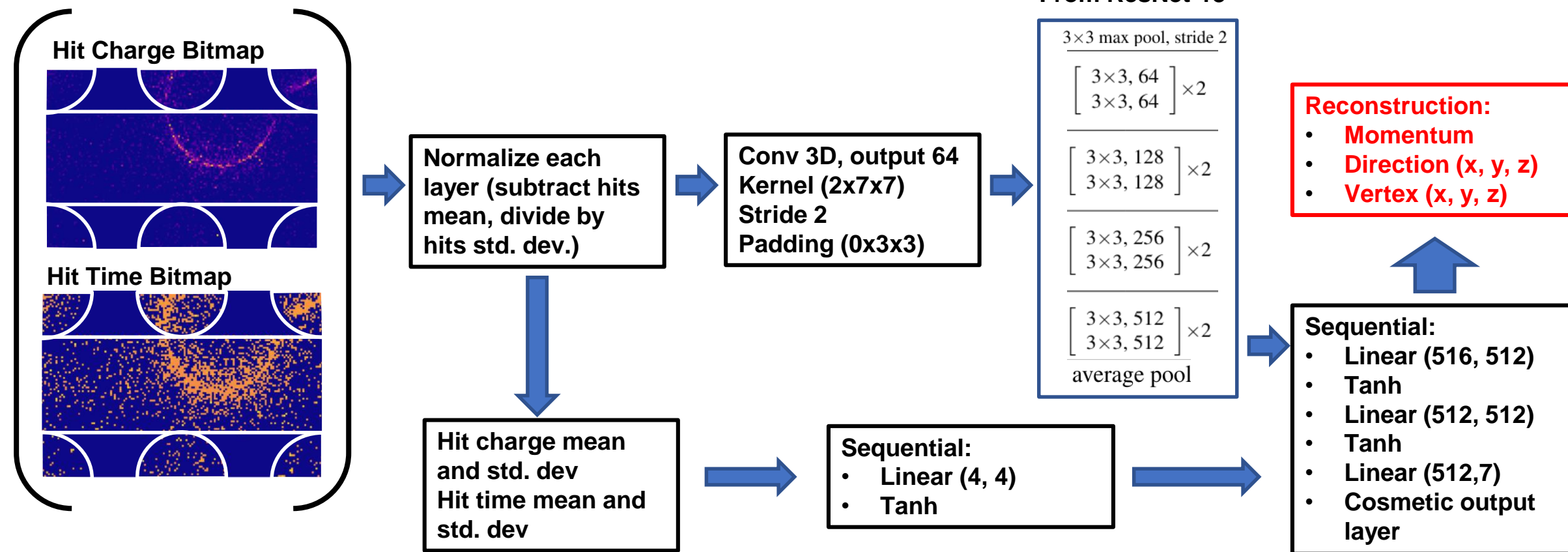
We aim to increase signal selection efficiency by improving ring detection.

Machine Learning algorithms are interesting candidates for this purpose.

Results and plot from N.F. Calabria PhD Thesis, 'Search for proton decay in Super-Kamiokande and perspectives in the Hyper-Kamiokande experiments', 2023, Università degli Studi di Napoli.

Reconstruction of electron events in Super-Kamiokande with Machine Learning

- Preliminary study using a custom ResNet-18 based Neural Network in PyTorch.



Model Training

Dataset:

4 M (Train/Validation: 80%/20%) + 1M (Test) electron events generated with SKDETSIM

Momentum: 0 – 1000 MeV/c isotropic

Vertex: uniform in ID volume with distance from wall 100 cm

Hardware:

Tesla A100 40 GB

Optimizer:

ADAM

Loss:

MSELoss

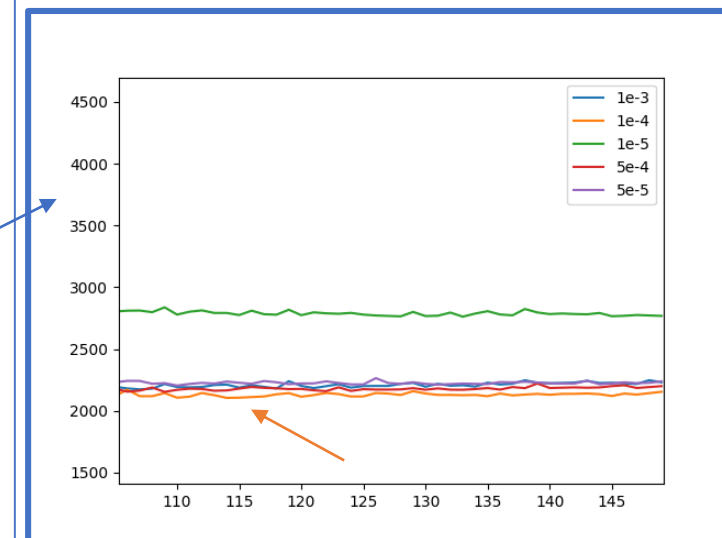
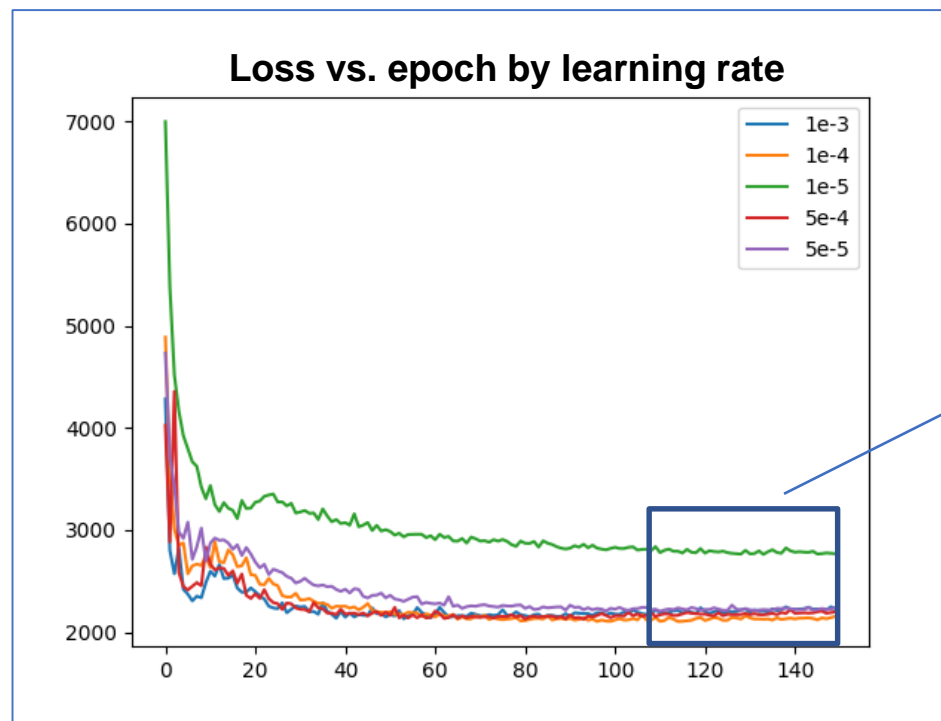
Learning rate:

Coarse grid search, 150 epochs per trial

Best candidate chosen:

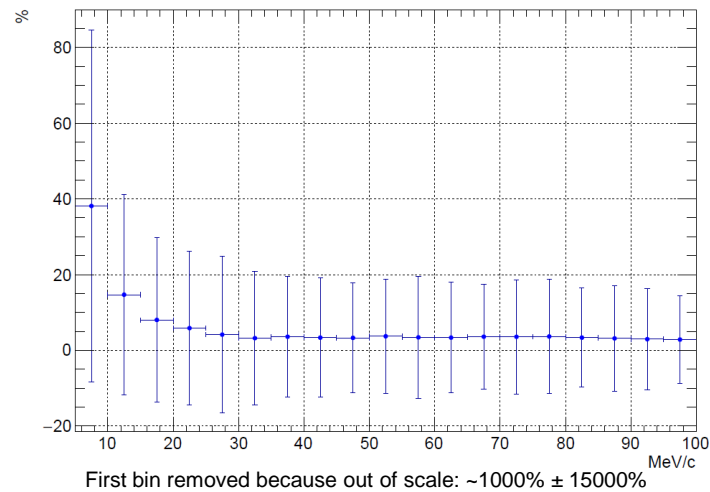
Learning rate 1×10^{-4} after 115 epochs

(~30 minutes per epoch)

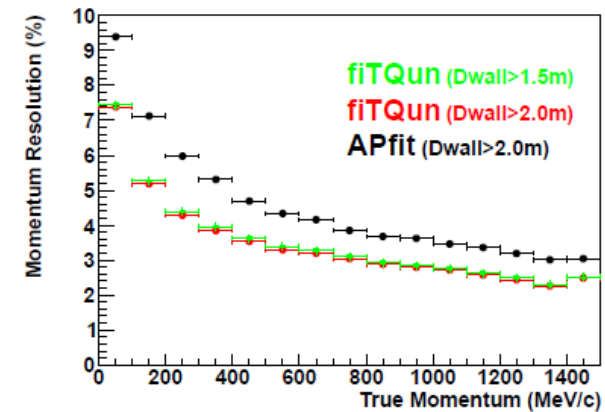
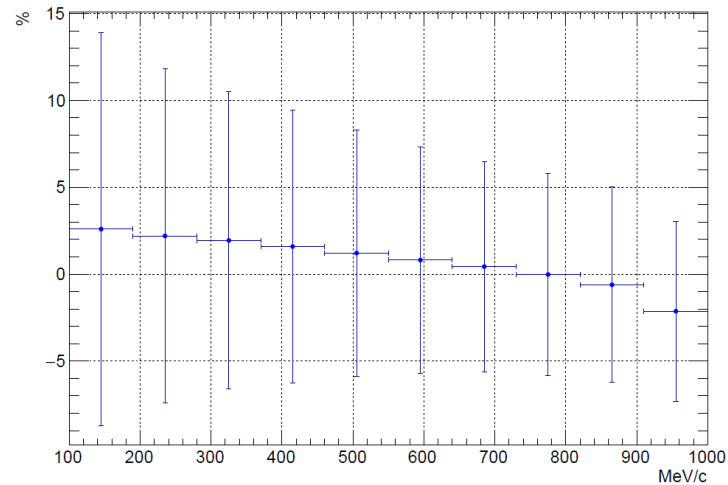




Momentum Bias vs. True Momentum



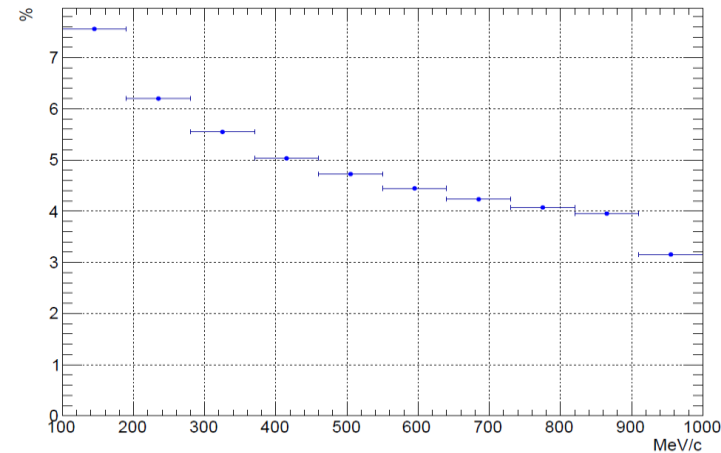
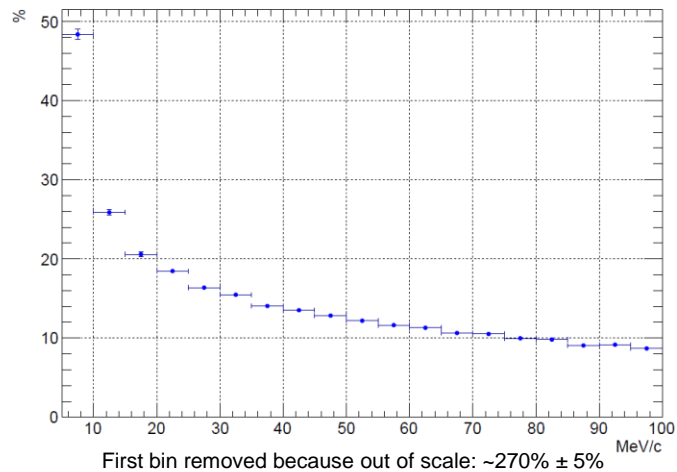
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Momentum Resolution vs. True Momentum

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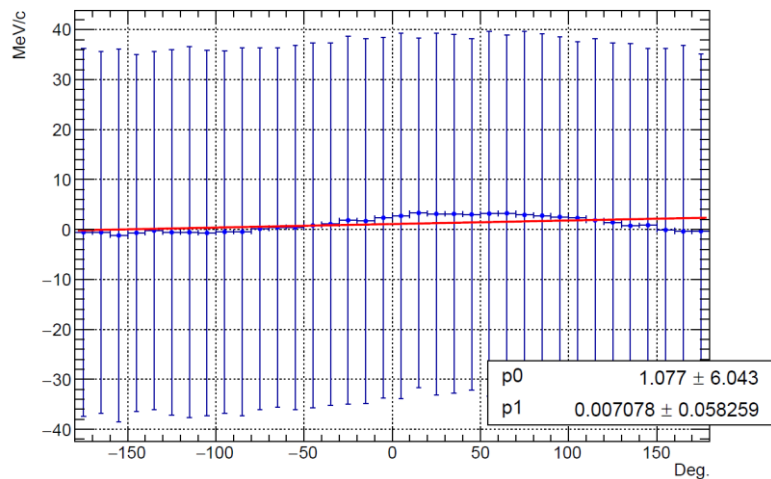
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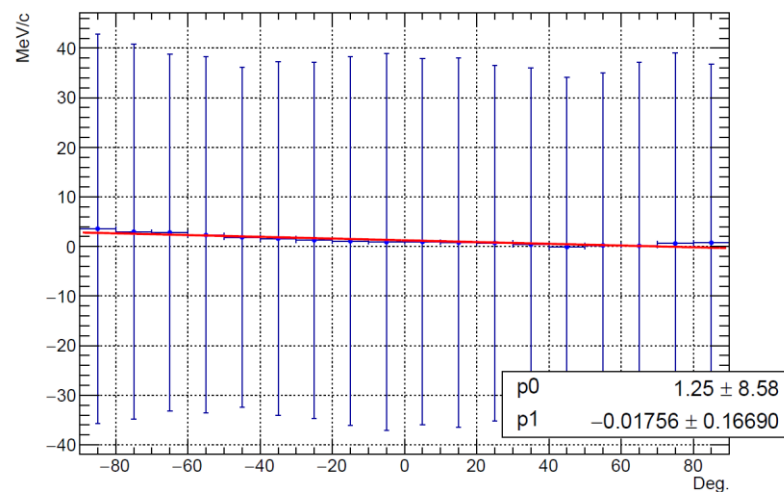
First bin removed because out of scale: $\sim 270\% \pm 5\%$

This plot and following fitQun references are from Y. Suda PhD Thesis «Search for proton decay using an improved event reconstruction algorithm in Super-Kamiokande», 2017.

Momentum Bias vs. True Azimuth

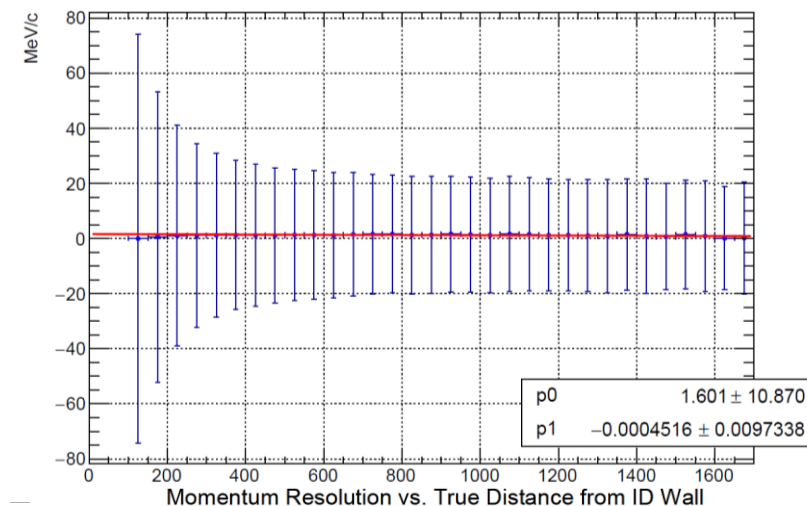


Momentum Bias vs. True Elevation

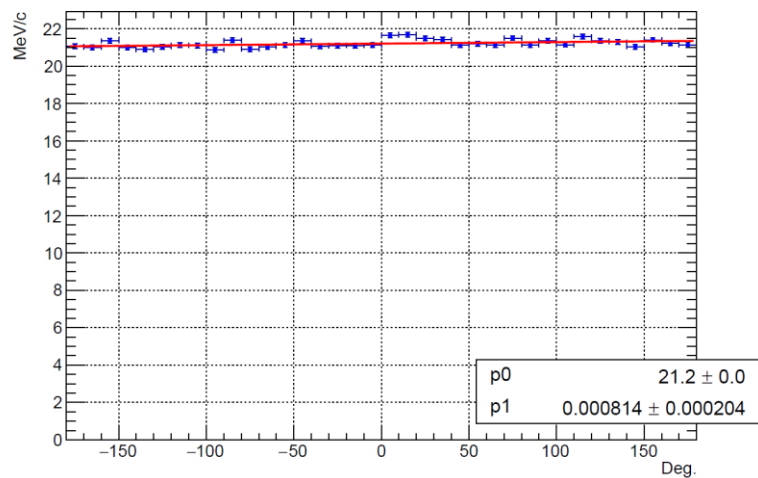


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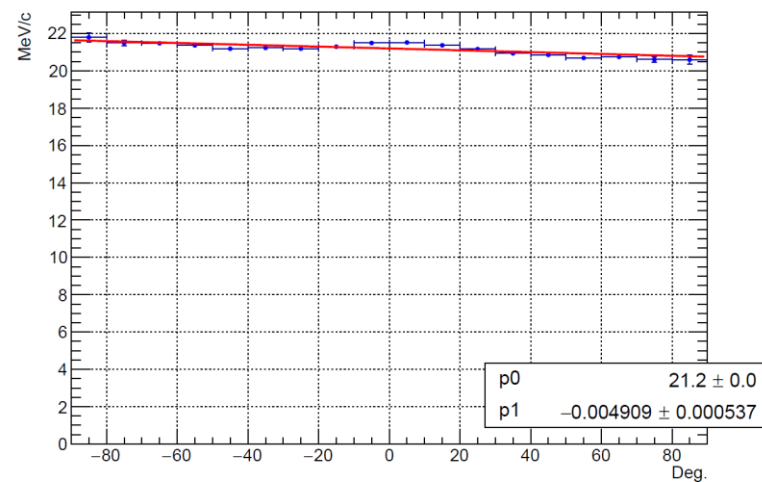
Momentum Bias vs. True Distance from ID Wall



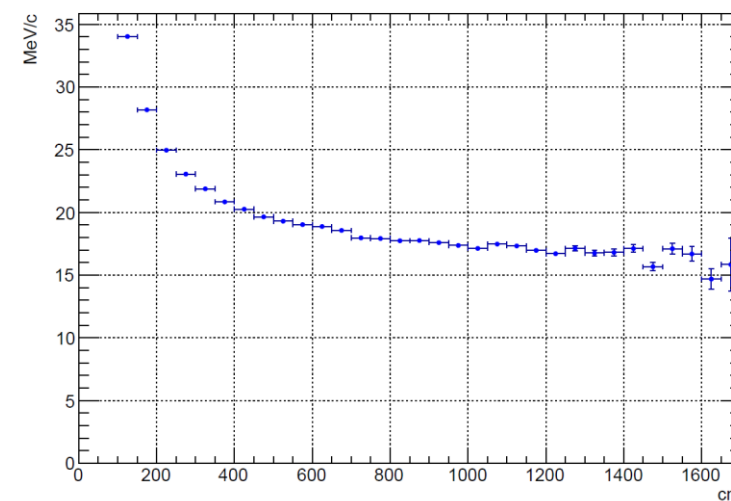
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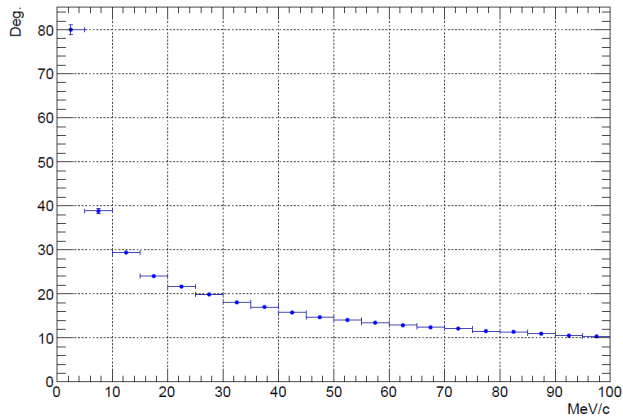


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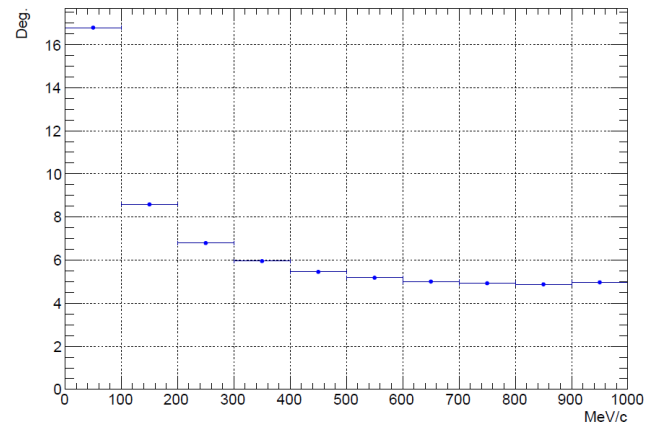




Angular Resolution vs. True Momentum

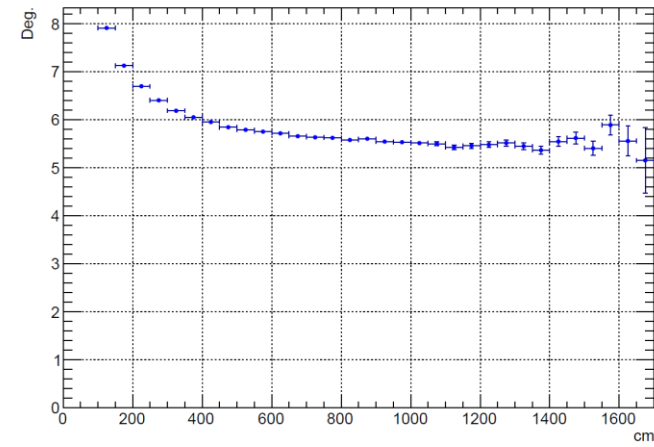


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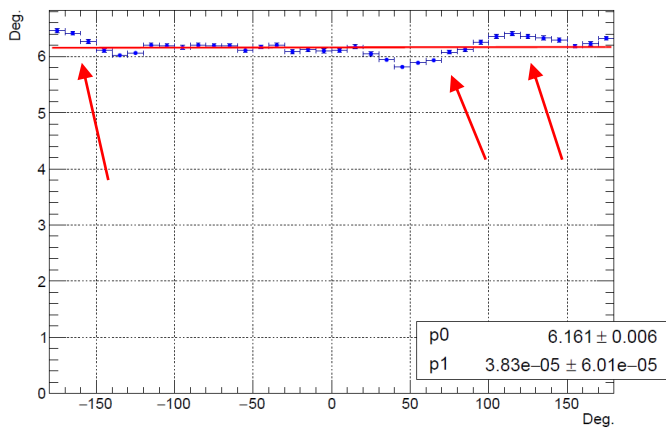


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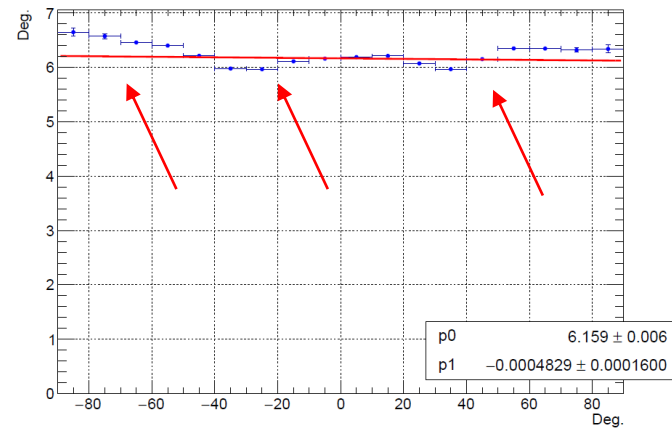
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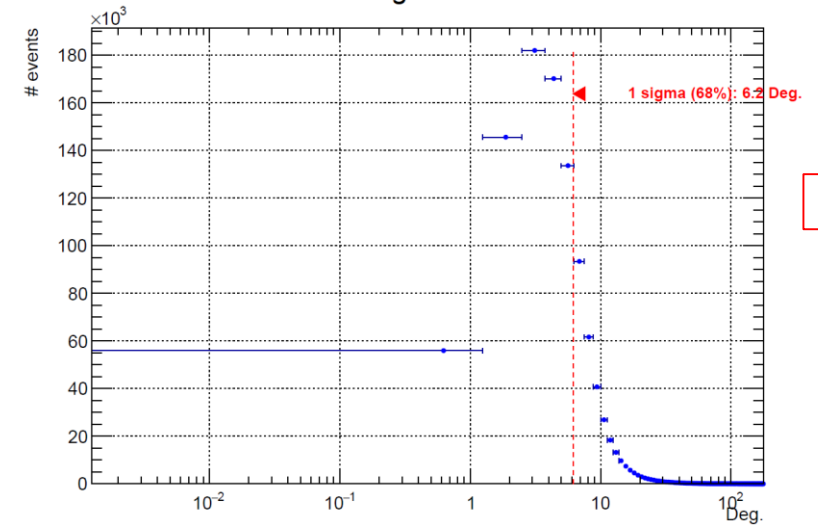
Angular Resolution vs. True Azimuth



Angular Resolution vs. True Elevation



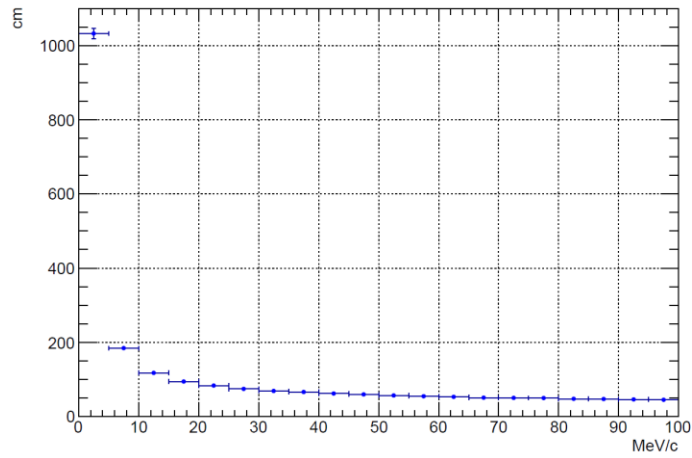
Overall Angular Resolution



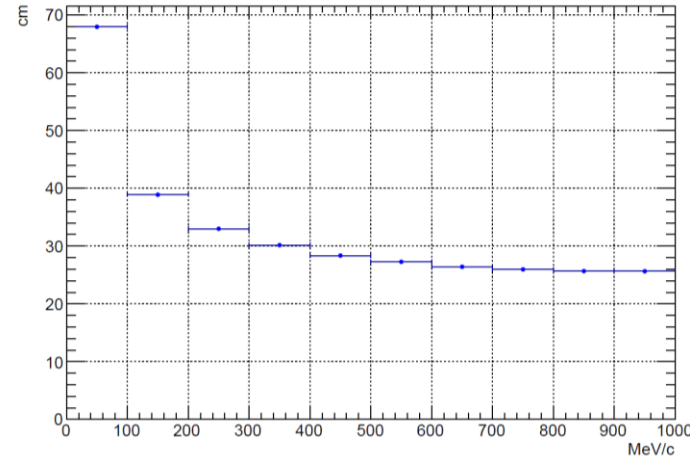
fiTQun: ~3°



Vertex Resolution vs. True Momentum

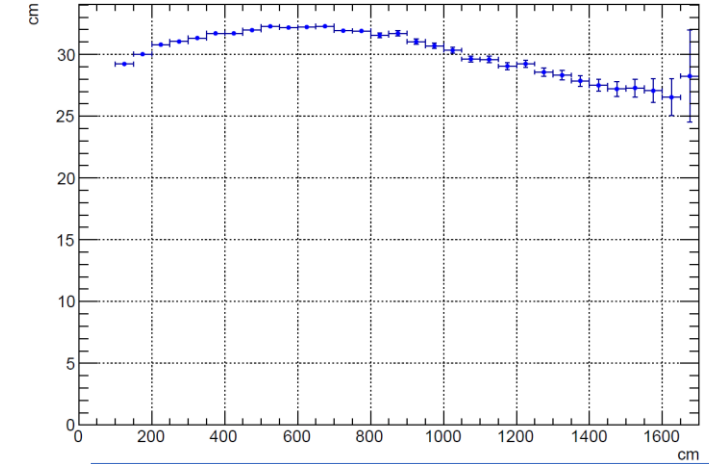


Vertex Resolution vs. True Momentum

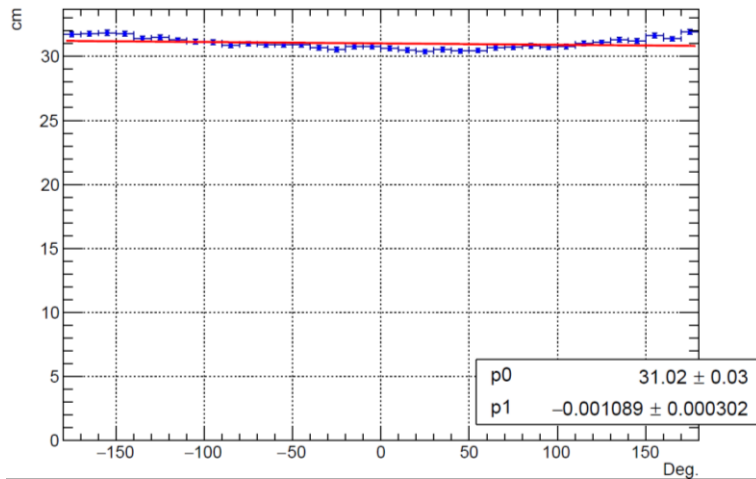


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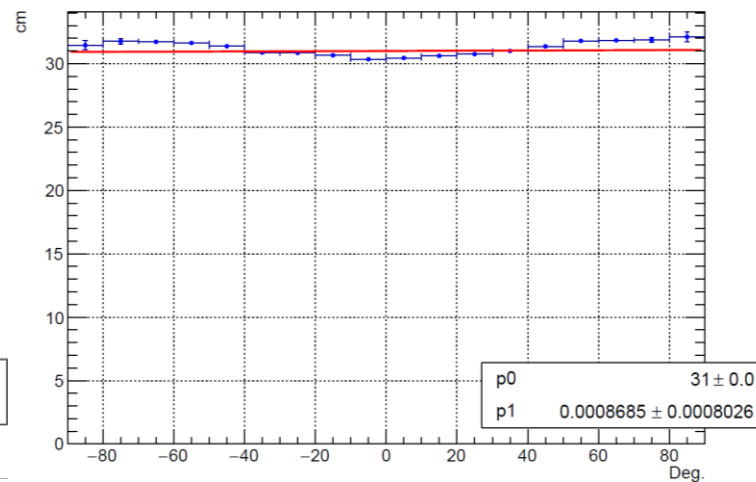
Vertex Resolution vs. True Distance from ID Wall



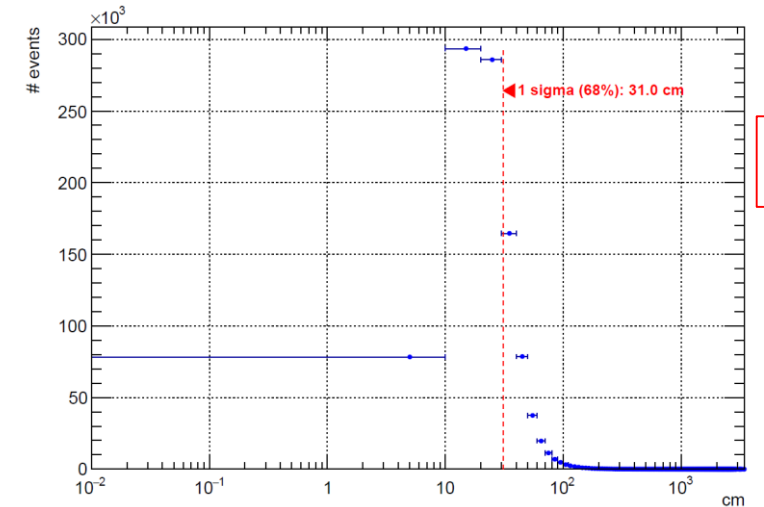
Vertex Resolution vs. True Azimuth



Vertex Resolution vs. True Elevation



Overall Vertex Resolution



fiTQun:
19.5 cm

Conclusions and plans

- I trained and tested a preliminary Machine Learning model for reconstruction in Super-Kamiokande with an electron-only dataset
- There are some features that need to be understood well
- There is much room for improvement and optimization
- Plan to extend this study to muons and charged pions
- It would be interesting to extend this study to an alternative architecture based on Graph Neural Networks

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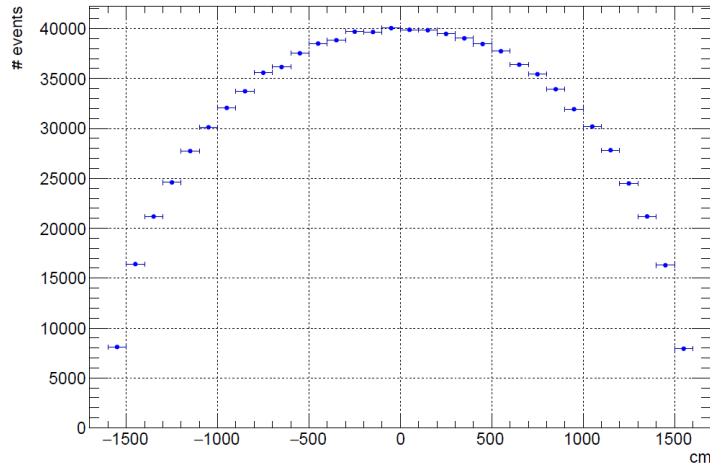


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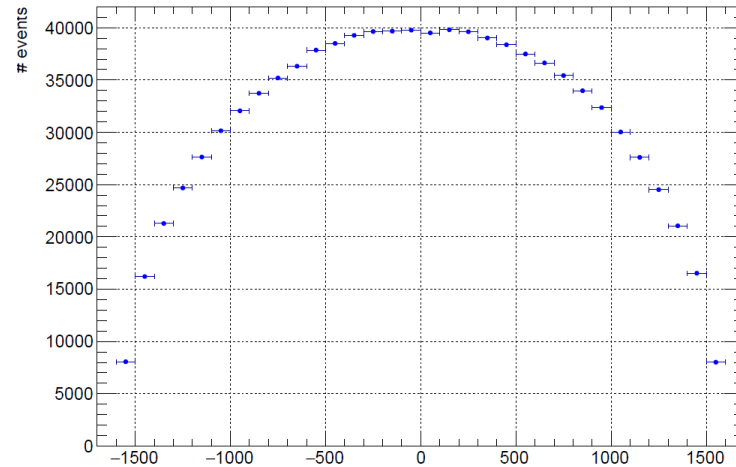


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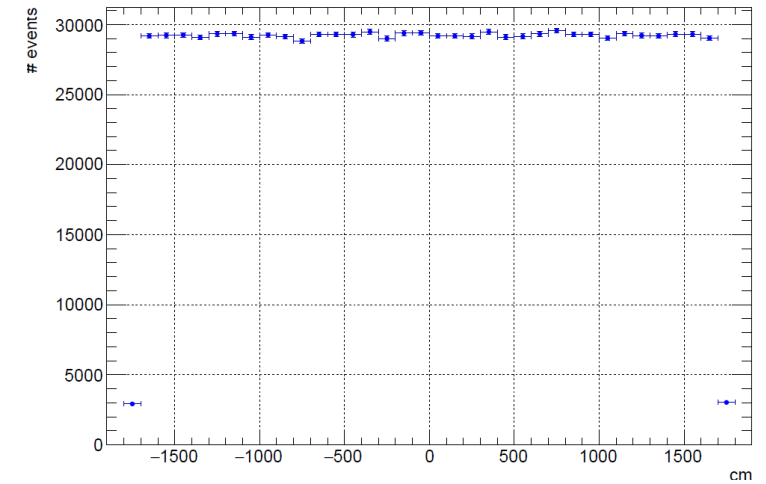
True Vertex x



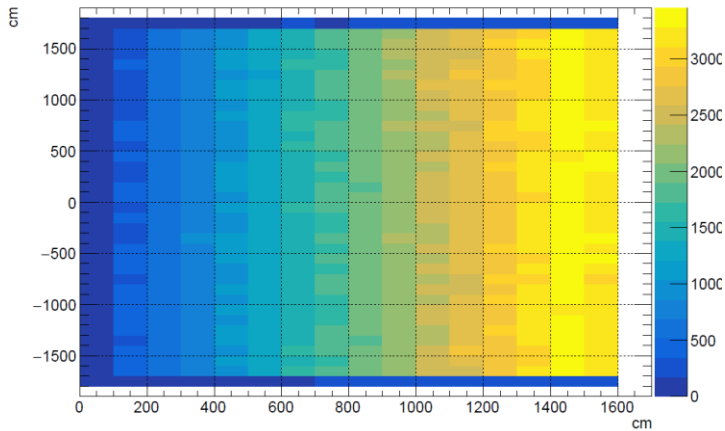
True Vertex y



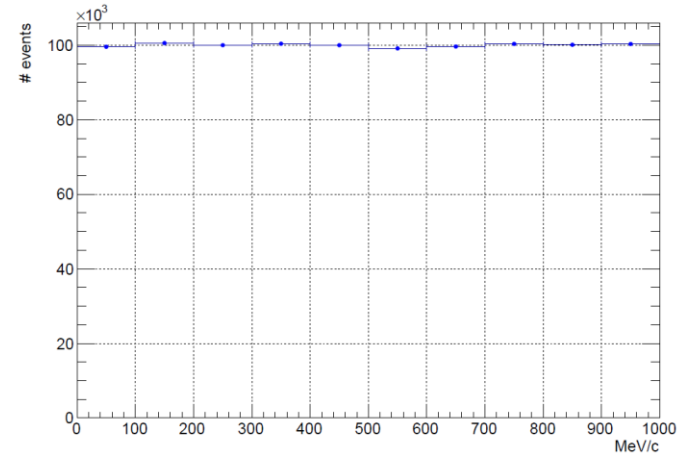
True Vertex z



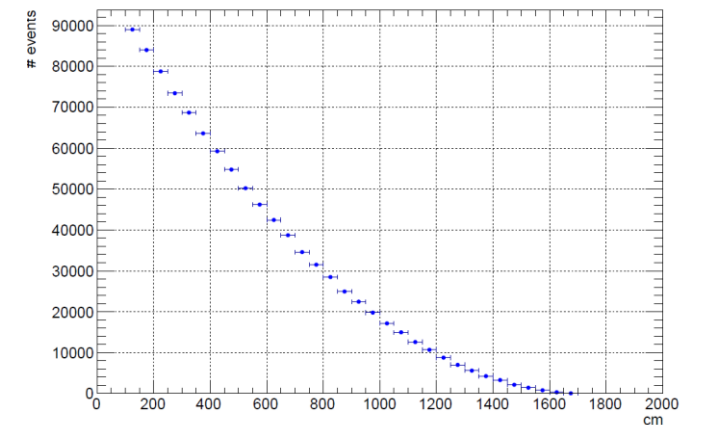
True Vertex 2D Distribution



True Momentum



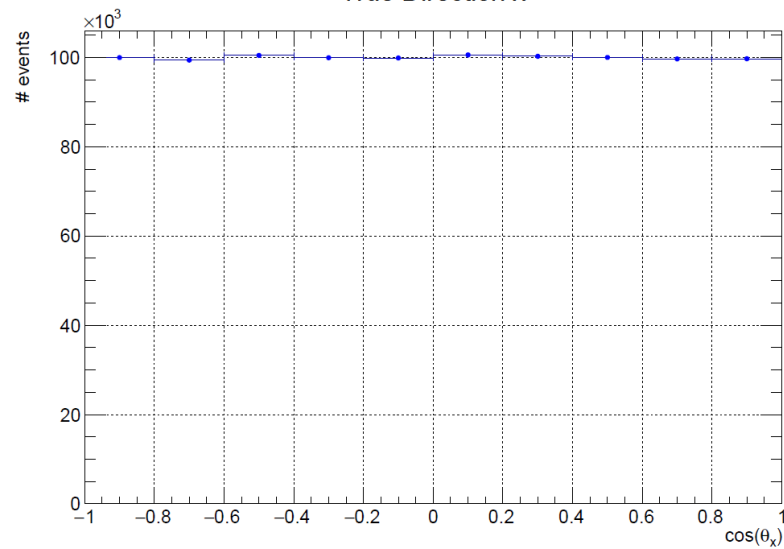
True distance of vertex from ID wall



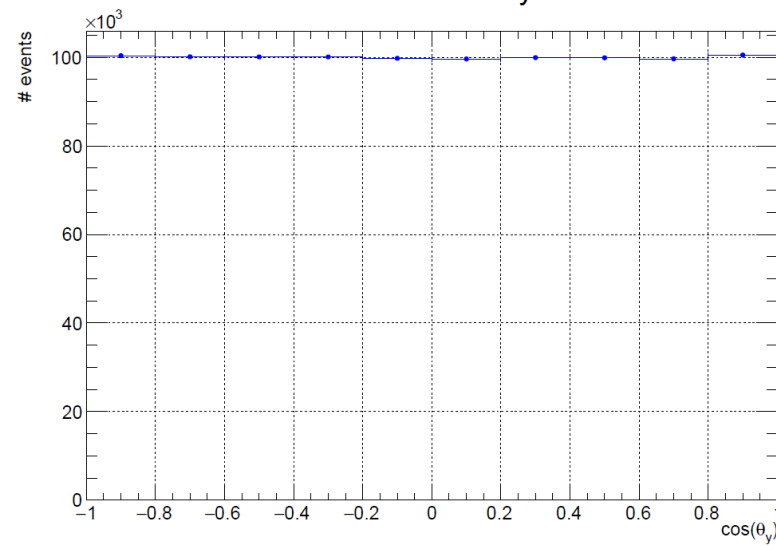


Test dataset MC truth check

True Direction x



True Direction y



True Direction z

