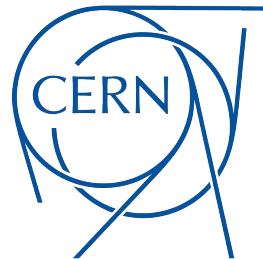


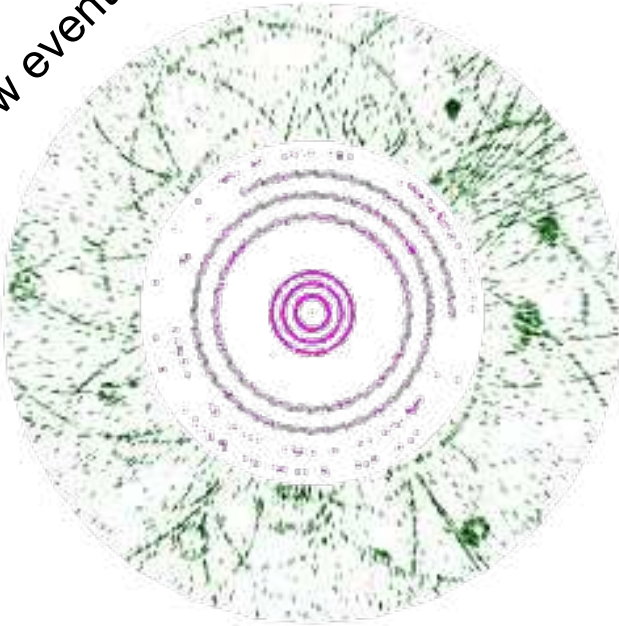
# Kalman filter for gas detectors

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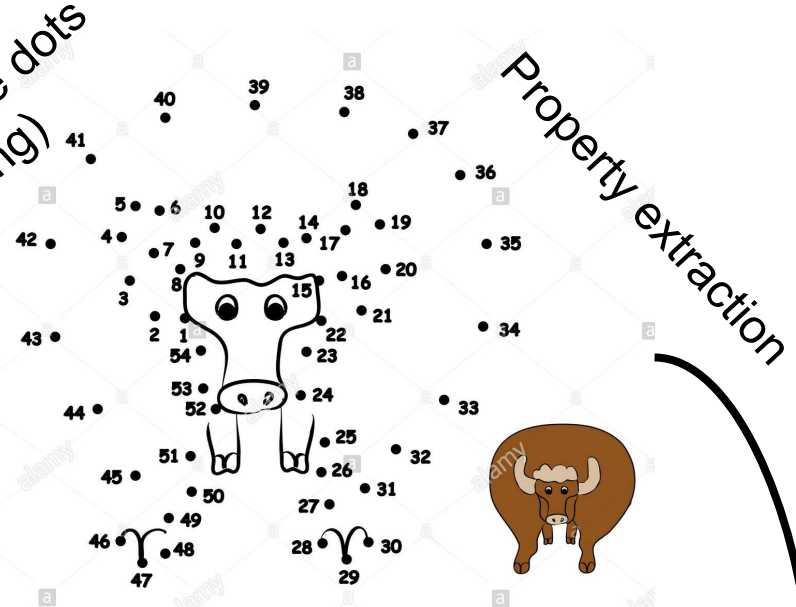


# Tracking in a nutshell

Raw event

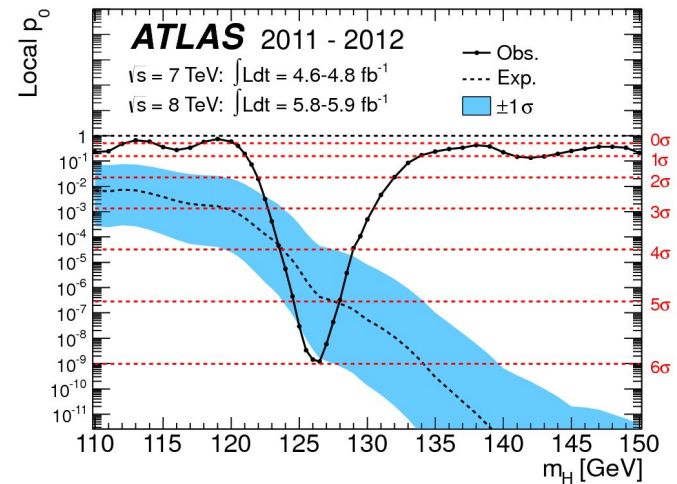


Connecting the dots  
(Tracking)



Property extraction

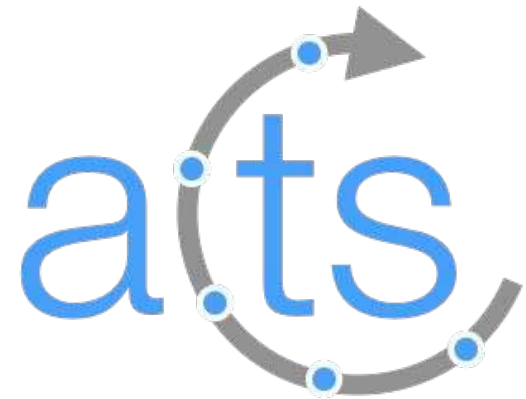
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# Tracking software: Acts

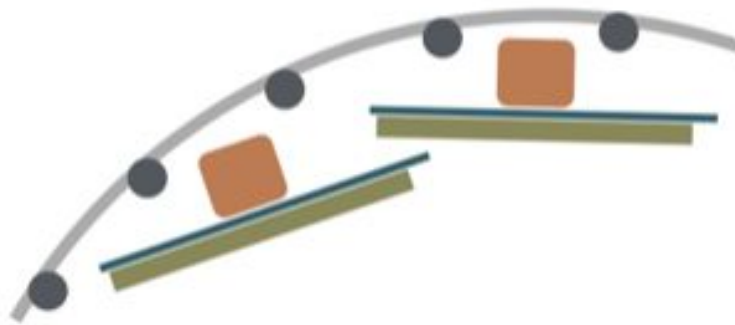
A project providing all required tracking components is Acts  
(**A Common Tracking Software**)

- Detector independent tracking software
- Development ongoing since ~6 years
- Guidelines:
  - Minimal external dependencies
  - Optimised hardware usage
  - Workload at compile-time
  - Provide long time maintainability
- Based on rewritten tracking algorithms
  - Modular design
  - Allows comparing, testing and improving the code
- Reasonable R&D platform

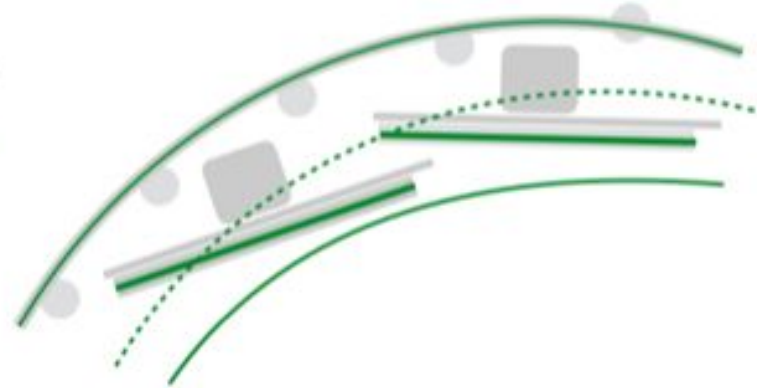


# Detector geometry

- Detector approximated as set of **volumes & surfaces**
- **Material is mapped** from Geant4 onto the surfaces/volumes
- Surface either active (= detector module) or passive (= pure material)



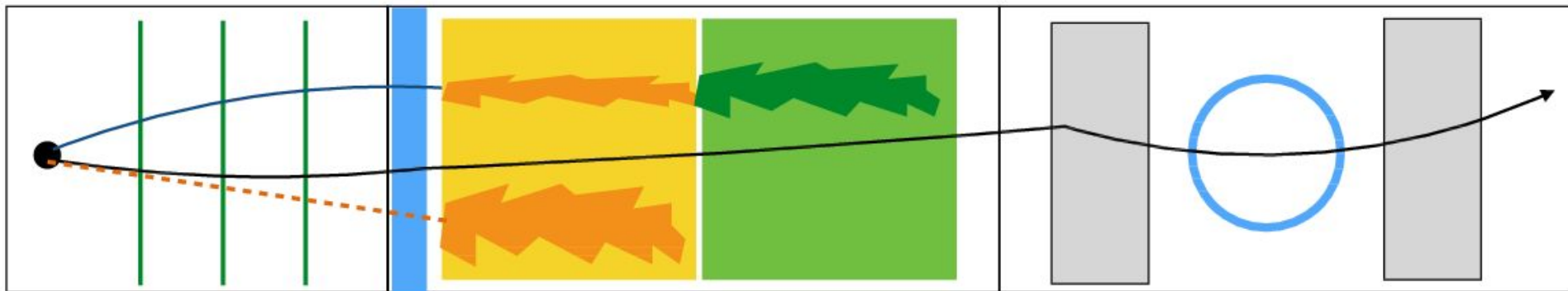
Detailed description



Approximated by surfaces

Solenoid

Toroid

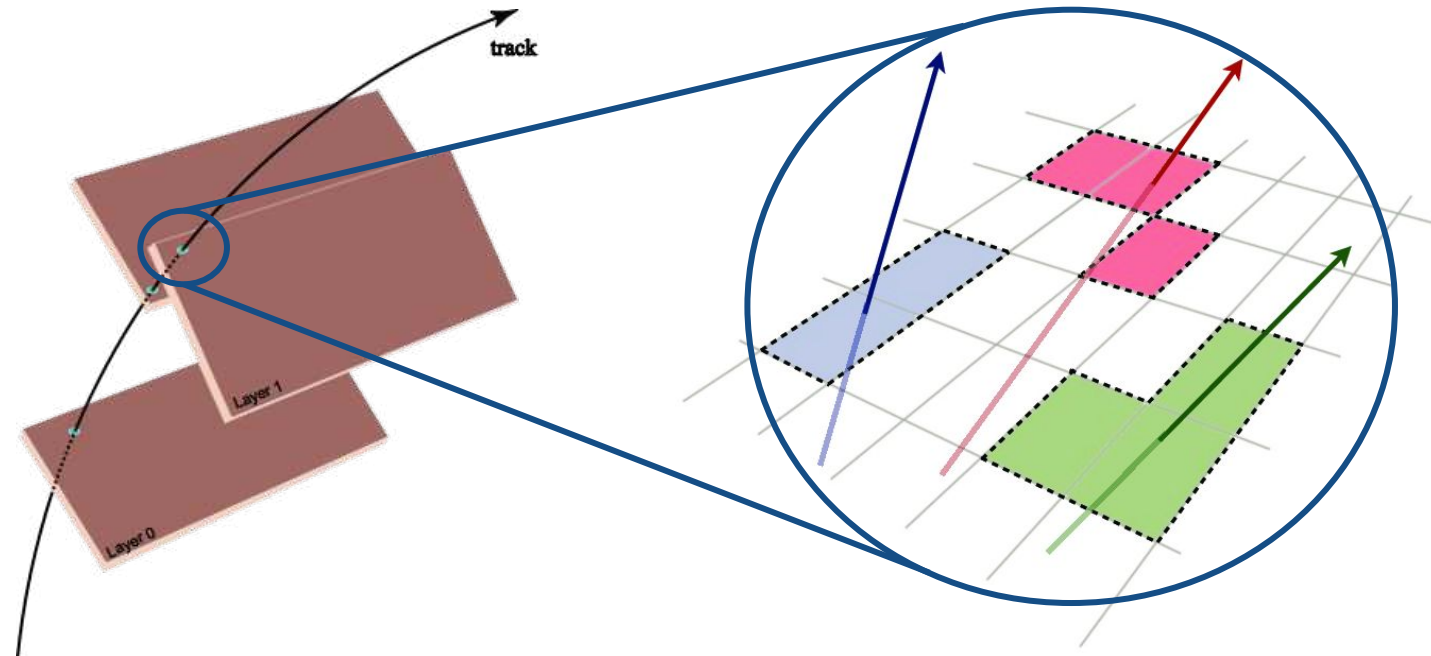


Inner Detector

Calorimeter

Muon System

# Measurements



- Particles traverse active surfaces
- Active surfaces measure particle properties
- (Subset of) Parameters  $(x, y, \phi, \theta, q/p)$  measured
- Parametrized as (multivariate) normal distribution
- Associated with the surface

Goal:  
Utilise data to learn about the particle

# Kalman filter

Kalman filter = progressive parameter update

- ▶ Initially developed by R. Kalman to track missiles
- ▶ **Bayes filter** for normal distributed data and conjugate prior
- ▶ For HEP pioneered by P. Billoir and R. Frühwirth

see here:

[Kalman](#)

[Billoir](#)

[Frühwirth](#)

Transport of track parameters allow **prediction**

**Measurements** used to update **prediction**

→ **Filtered state**

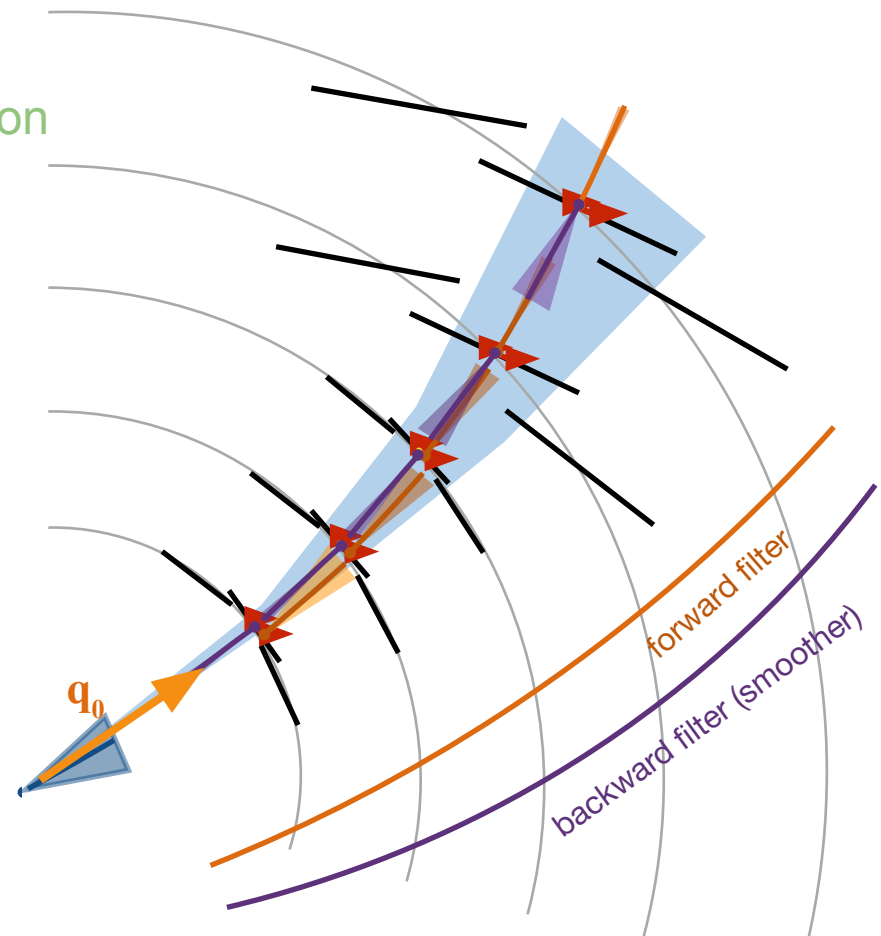
**Filtered state** allows next **prediction** etc.

At outermost surface:

**Filtered state** carries all data

→ Also **applied onto inner** surfaces

→ Predicting parameters at **vertex**



# Track extrapolation

- Step-wise extrapolation of global mean

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{ds^2} = \frac{q}{p} \left( \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} \times \vec{B}(\vec{r}) \right)$$

- Free (global) parametrisation:

$$(x, y, z, T^x, T^y, T^z, q/p)$$

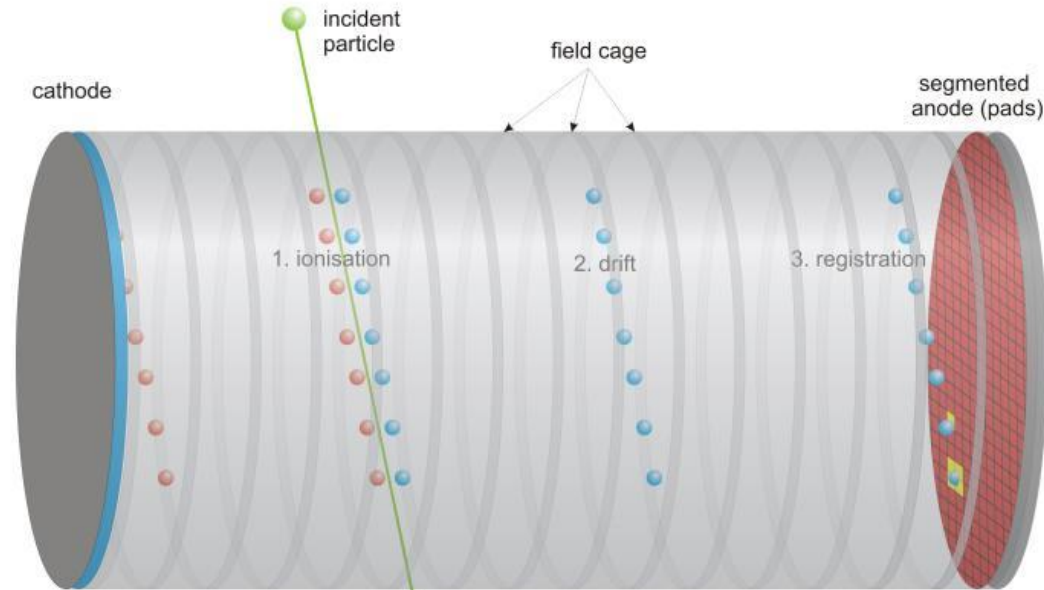
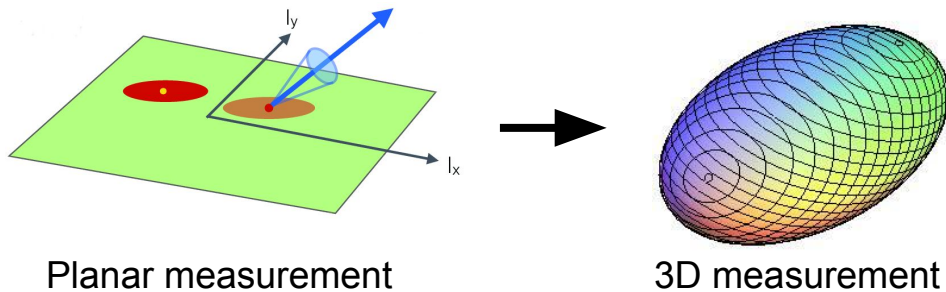
- Coordinate transformation at surface
- Covariance transport:

$$\underbrace{\Sigma_n^{local} = J \cdot \Sigma_0^{local} \cdot J^T}_{J_{g2l} \cdot J_{transport} \cdot J_{l2g}} = \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^n J_{transport,i}}$$



# TPC/DC measurements

- Gas detectors measure particle not at origin of measurement
  - Displacement
- 3D measurement from pad data
  - Back projection to origin
  - **No surface** constraint
  - Measurement in **volume**
- Underlying problem becomes:



Planar measurement at pad

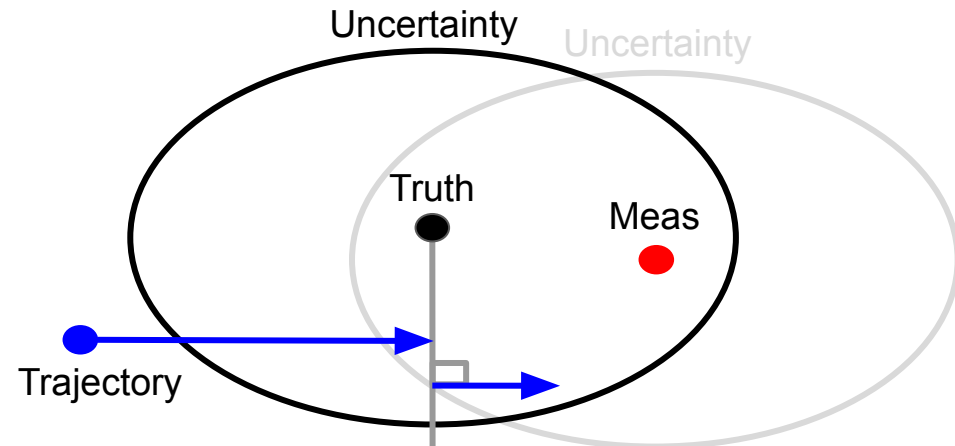
3D measurement in TPC/DC

- But: Kalman filter updates parameters at one point
  - Planar measurement: At surface
  - What's the point in a volume?



# Free Kalman filter

- Unbiased update
  - Update as close to truth as possible
  - Planar: Truth & trajectory at surface
  - 3D: **True position unknown**
    - Unbiased update position unknown
    - Measurement position utilised

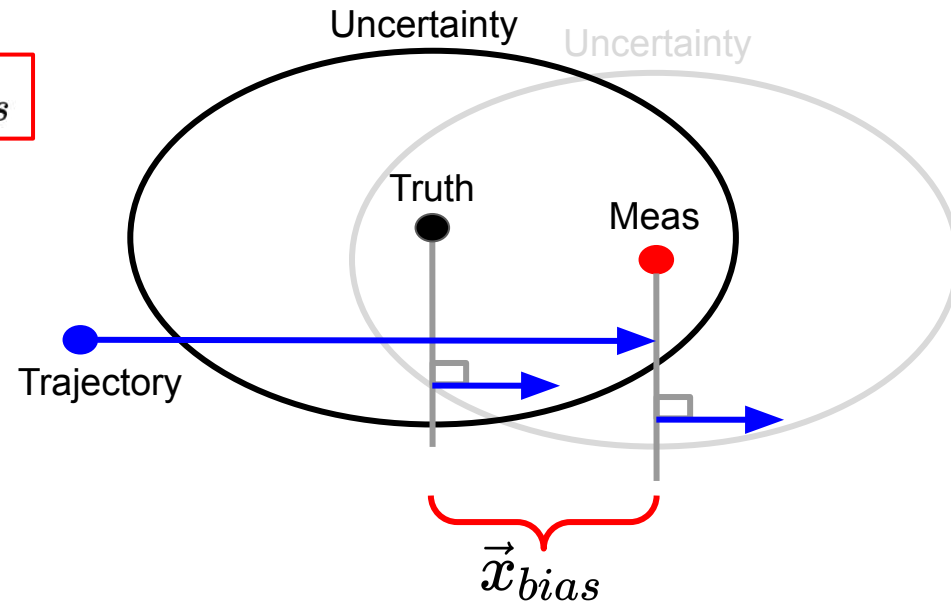


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Zero mean contributions

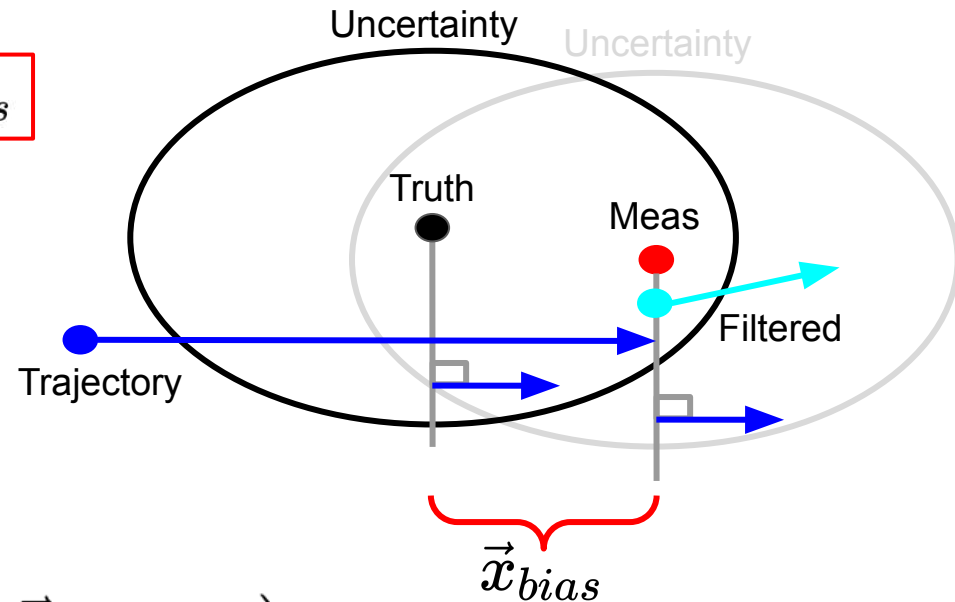


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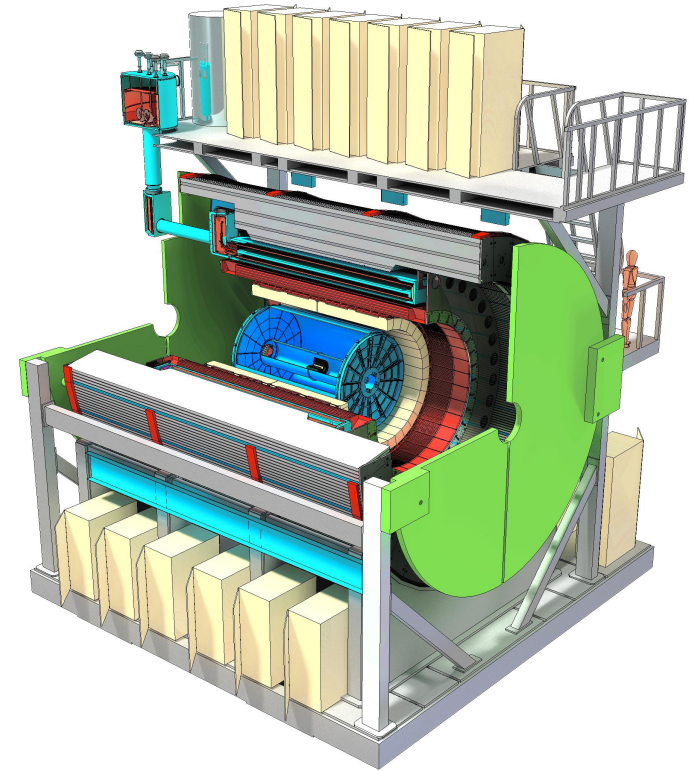
→ Re-derivation of formalism  
→ **Modified** and **additional** terms

$$\vec{x}_{filtered} = \vec{x}_{predicted} + \mathbf{K}' (\vec{x}_m - \vec{x}_{predicted})$$

$$\Sigma_{filtered} = (1 - \mathbf{K}') \Sigma_{predicted} + \Sigma_{bias} \mathbf{K}'^T$$

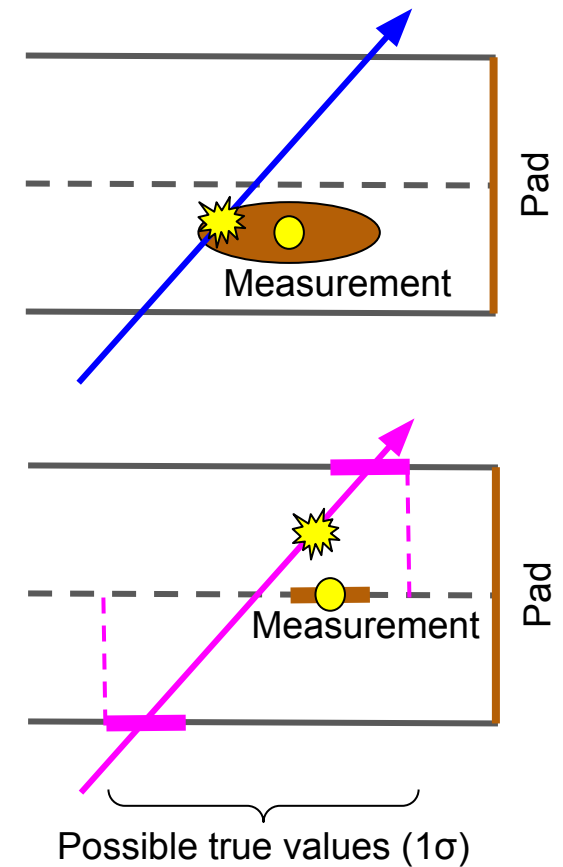
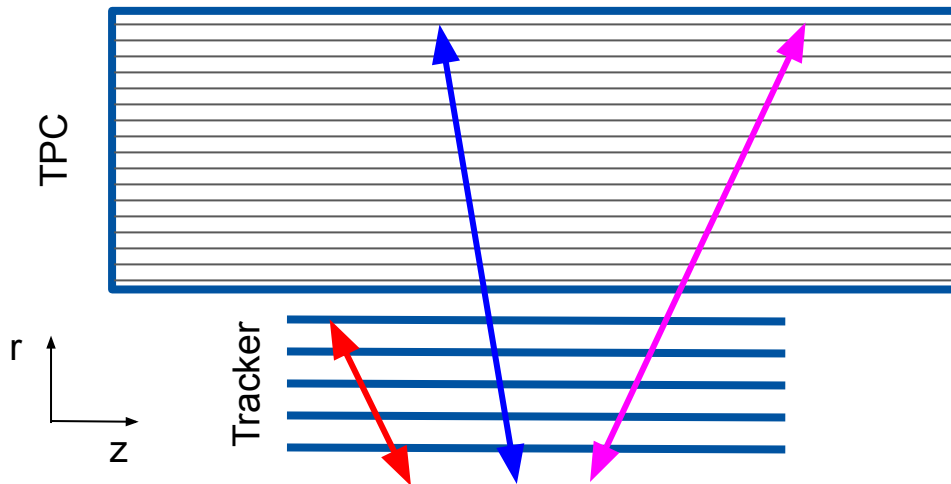
# Toy Simulation

- sPhenix Tracker + TPC
  - 5 layer pixel tracker
  - 48 read-out pads in TPC
  - 1.4 T solenoid magnet
  - **No material**
- Measurement creation
  - Particle gun
    - 10 GeV  $\mu$
    - $|\eta| < 1$ , full  $\varphi$  coverage
  - Record parameters at sensitive components
  - Gaussian parameter smearing
  - Surface parameters  $(x,y)$
  - Volume parameters  $(x,y,z)$
- Track fitting only
  - Event contains a single particle
  - Perfect measurement-track association



# Track fitting

- 3 configurations for track fitting
  - Tracker only (**Baseline**)
  - Tracker + TPC with 3D measurements (**Free Kalman filter**)
  - Tracker + TPC with 2D measurements (**Projected Kalman filter**)



# Learning from measurements

**Free** parametrisation (Everywhere)

$$(x, y, z, T^x, T^y, T^z, q/p)$$

Information from volume measurement

$$(\mu_x, \mu_y, \mu_z) \quad (\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z)$$

$$\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$$

$$(T^x, T^y, T^z) = \frac{d\vec{r}/ds}{|d\vec{r}/ds|}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T^x &= \cos(\phi) \sin(\theta) \\ T^y &= \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta) \\ T^z &= \cos(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

**Bound** parametrisation (At surfaces)

$$(x, y, \phi, \theta, q/p)$$

Information from surface measurement

$$(\mu_x, \mu_y) \quad (\sigma_x, \sigma_y)$$

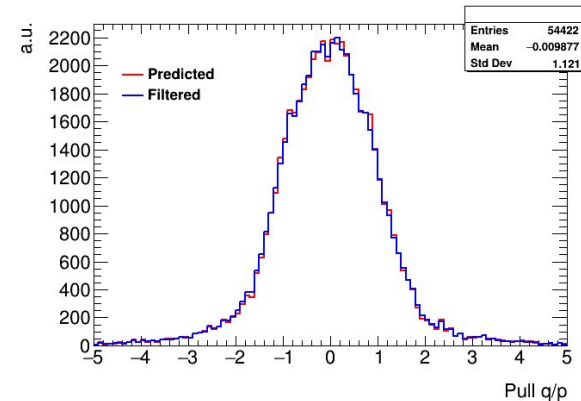
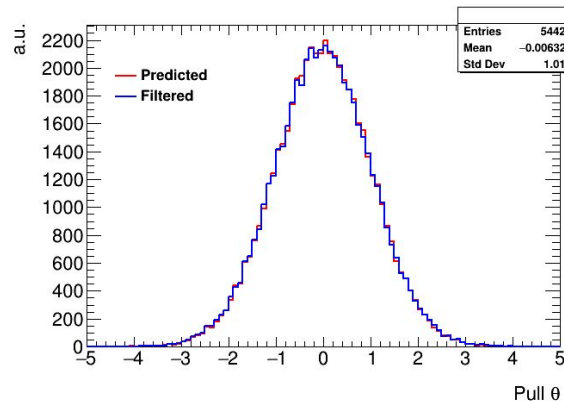
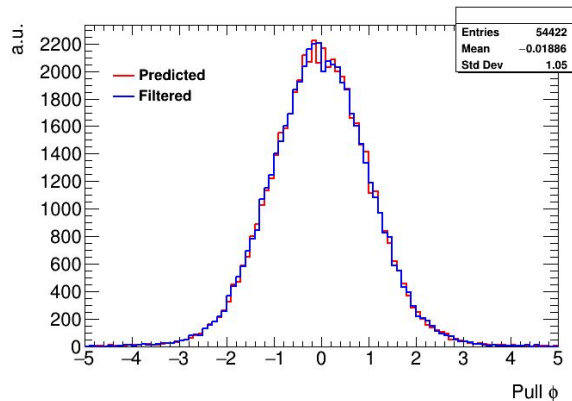
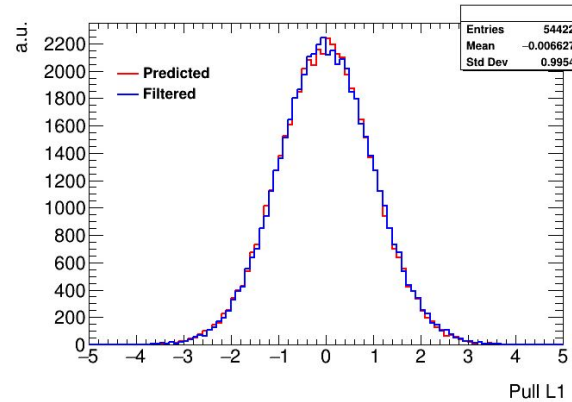
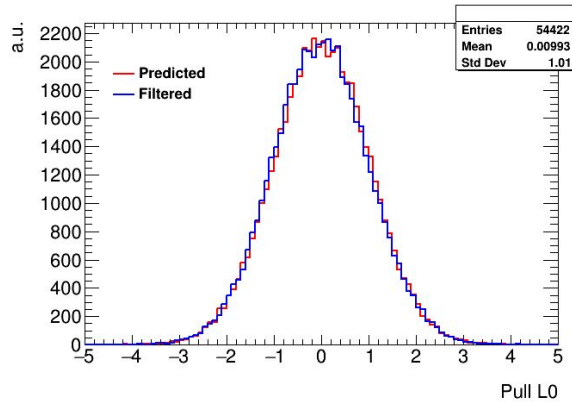
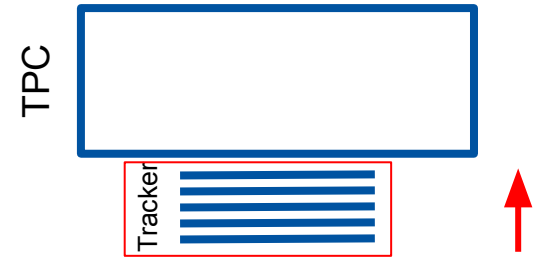
$$\vec{r}_{local} = (x, y) = f(\vec{r})$$

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Knowledge gain although parameters not measured

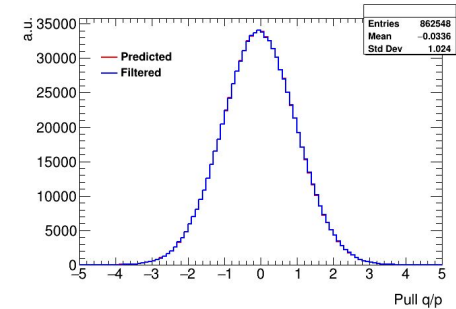
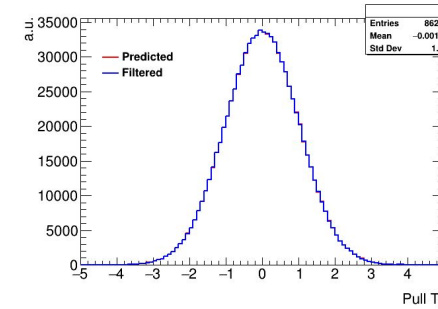
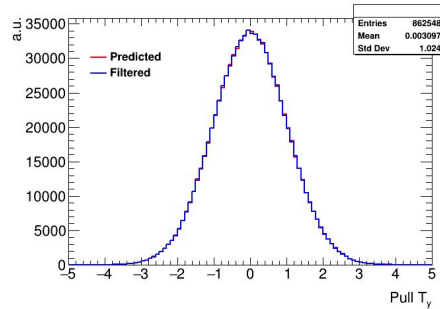
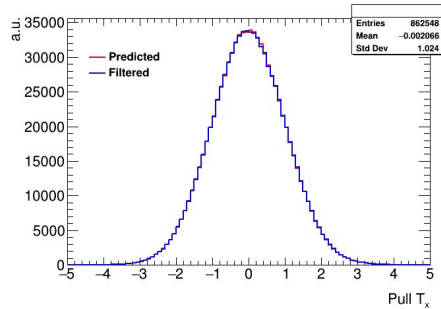
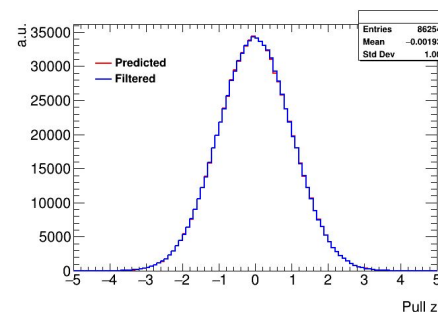
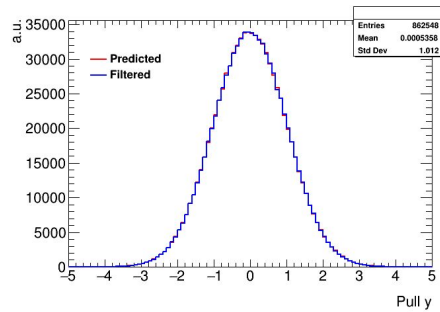
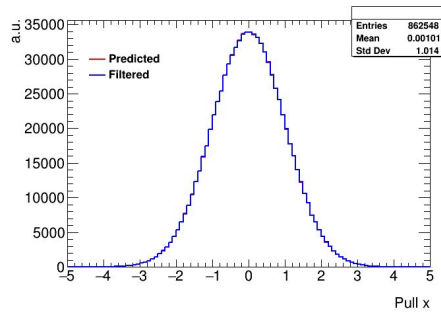
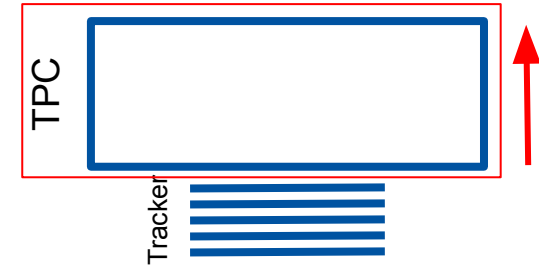
# Filtering in Tracker

- Filtering identical for all scenarios
- Pull distributions show
  - Unbiased extrapolation (Predicted)
  - Unbiased update (Filtered)



# Filtering in TPC

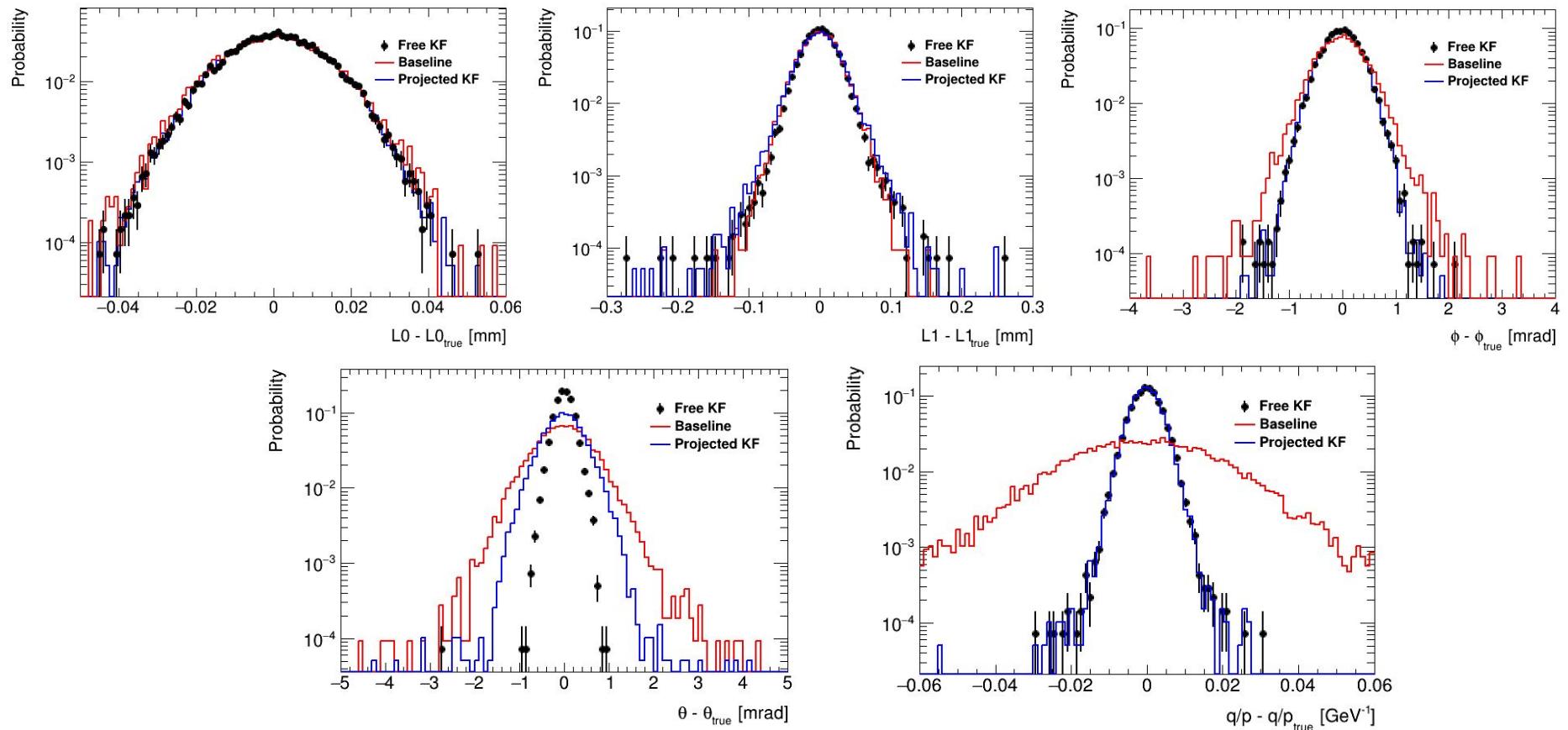
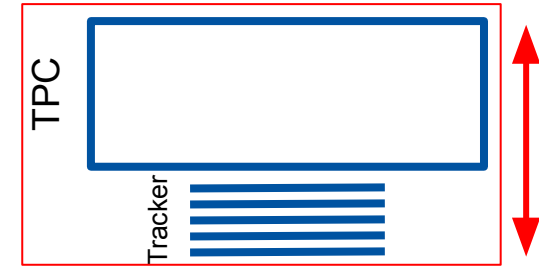
- No issues in free Kalman filter observed
- Too broad for projected Kalman filter pulls
  - Due to error underestimation





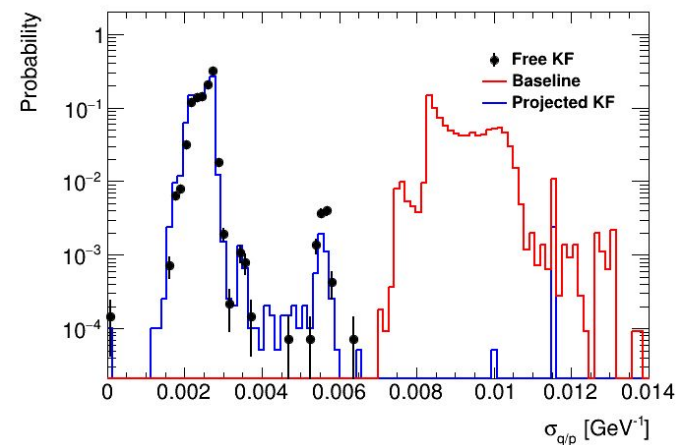
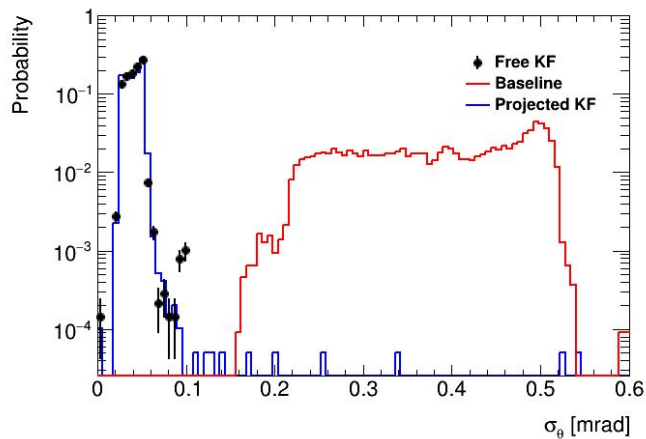
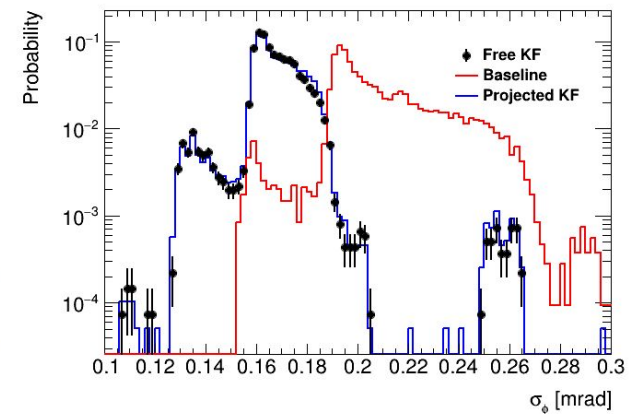
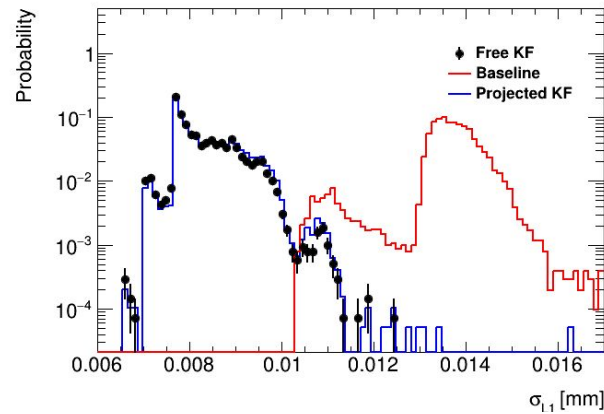
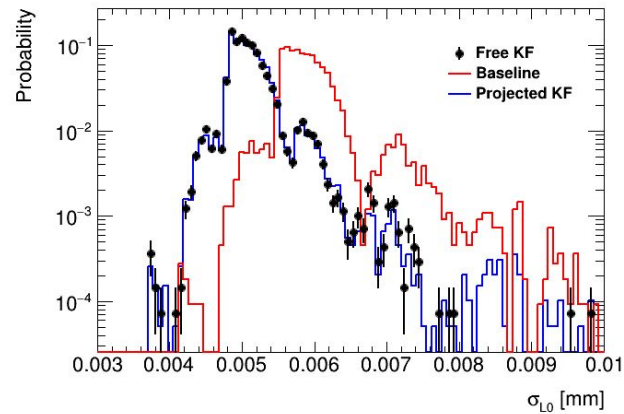
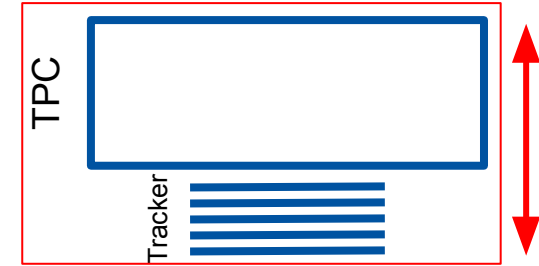
# Parameters on innermost layer

- Spatial resolution dominated by tracker
- Angular and q/p resolution improved
- Projected  $\theta$ -resolution worse due to
  - Projection approximation
  - Tracker y-resolution



# Parameters on innermost layer

- Uncertainty reduced due to TPC data
- Almost identical result from both TPC scenarios



# Summary

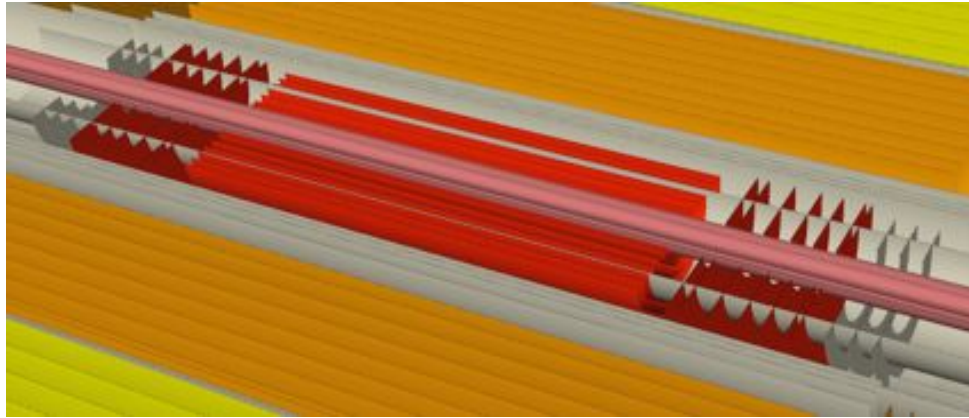
- Simplified detector and measurements
- Kalman filter
  - Progressive learning
  - Formulated for surface measurements
- TPC/DC
  - 3D measurements in **volume**
  - Kalman filter update position biased
  - **Re-deriving** of expression mandatory
    - If position bias vanishes → “classical” Kalman filter
    - Considerable as generalised Kalman filter
- Toy comparison
  - Filter with 3D measurements **possible**
  - 2D and 3D TPC measurements comparable similar results
    - Uncertainties almost identical
    - Angular resolution improved
- For now: **Conceptual study** rather than real application



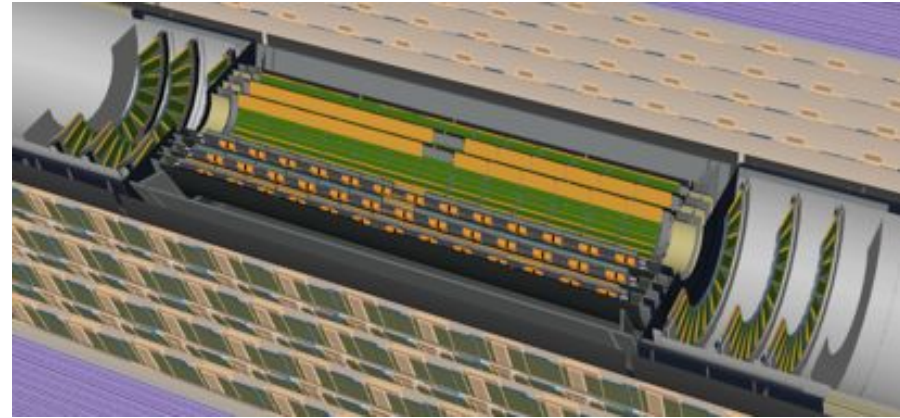
# Backup

# Detector representations

FastSim: Coarse granularity



Geant4: Fine granularity



ATLAS ttbar event in kSI2k sec:

FastSim: 7.4

Geant4: 1990

# Combinatorial Kalman filter

## Scenario:

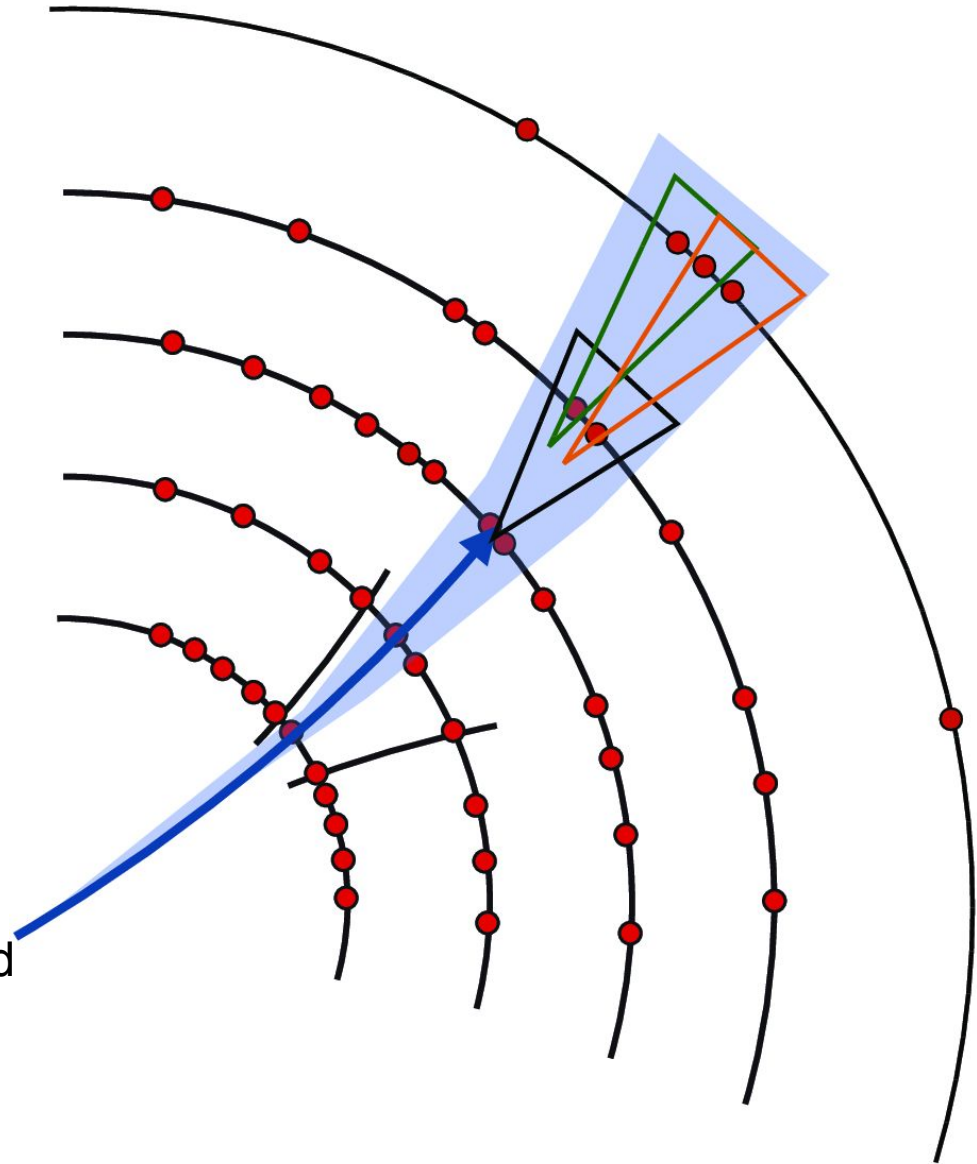
KF encounters multiple hits that may fit

KF can only treat one hit

- Split the state (Forking)
- Each state treats single hit
- Propagate each independently

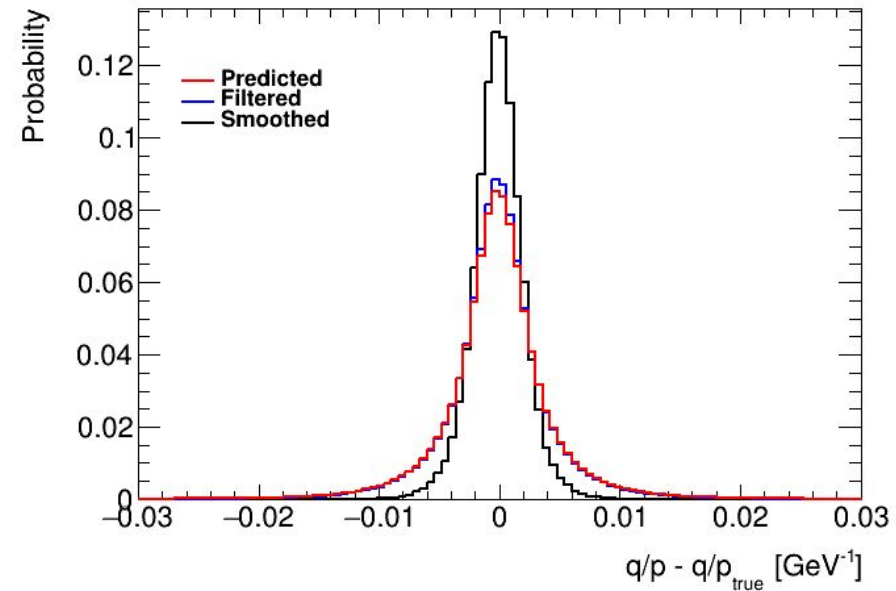
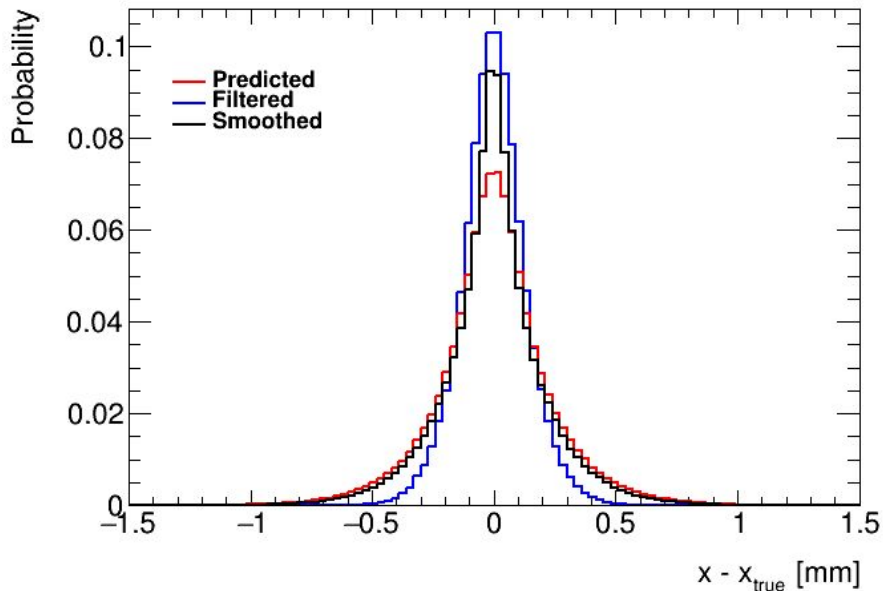
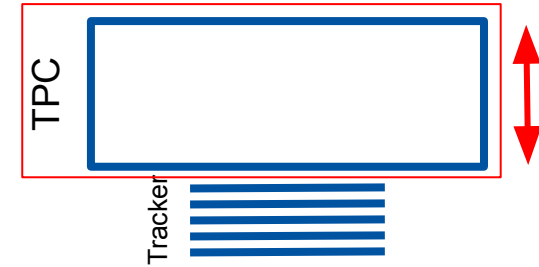
Right track should provide fitting hits

- Further hits will show which one
- Decision postponed to future layers
- Data will show which one is dropped



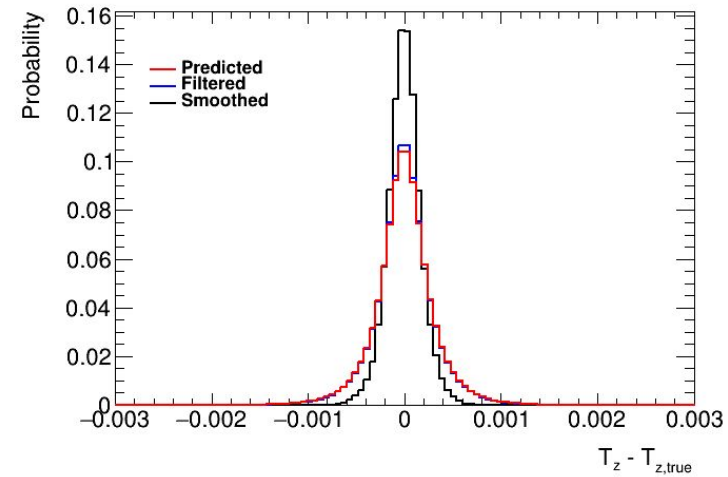
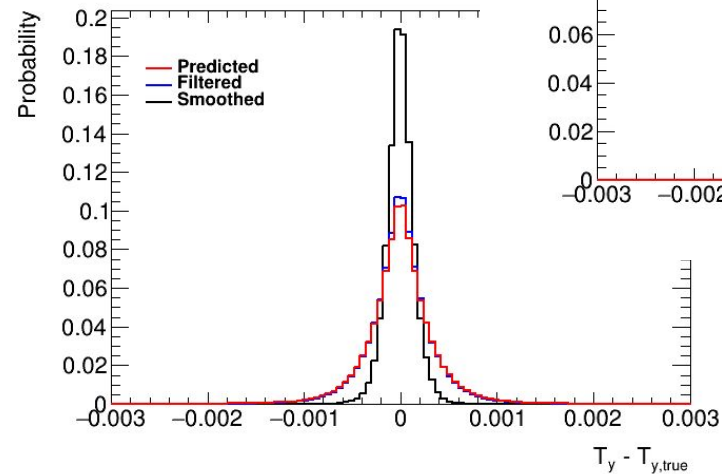
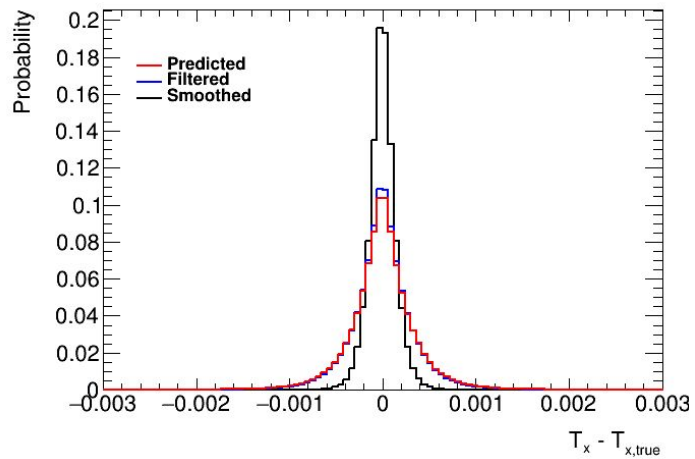
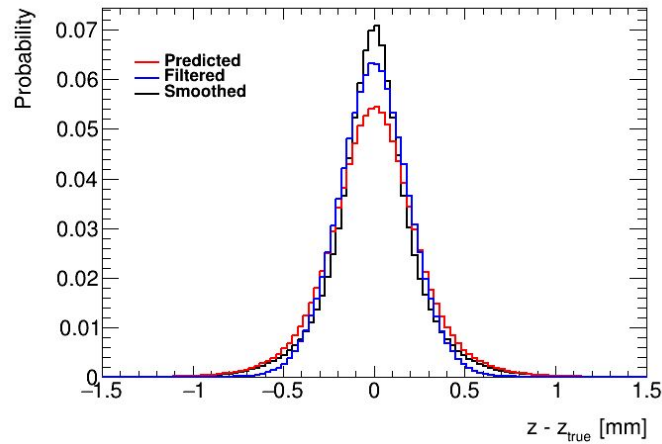
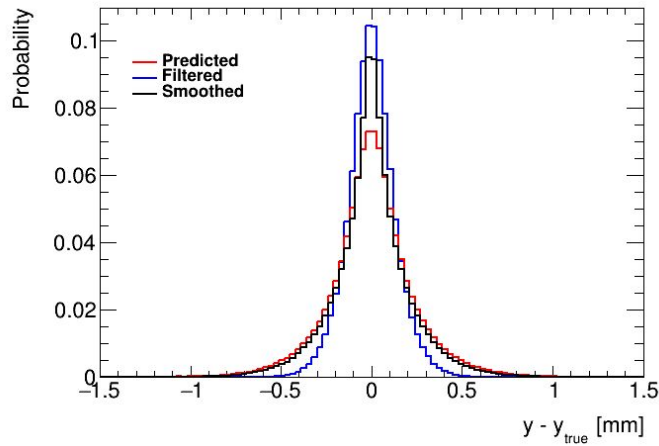
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- Overview of all updates
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- Steady q/p resolution improvement



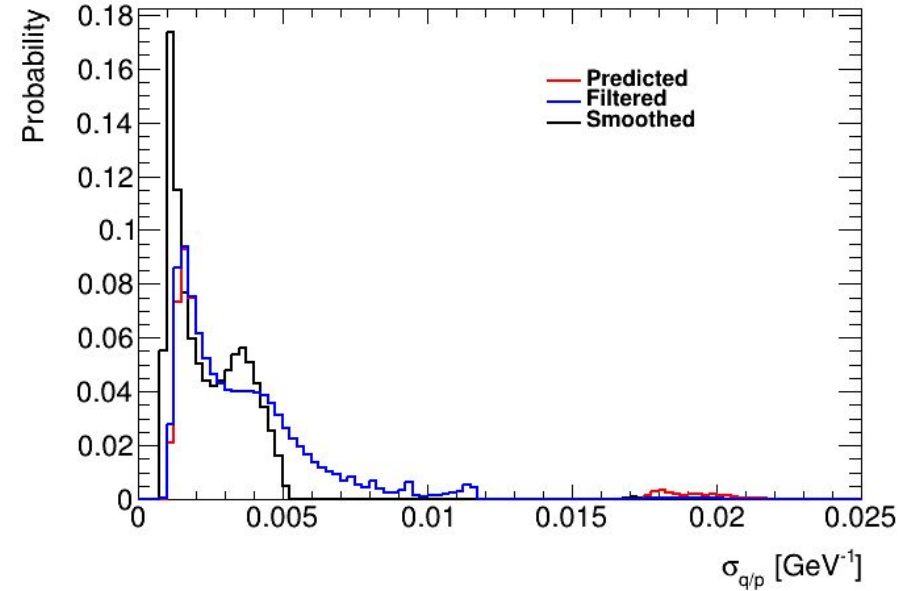
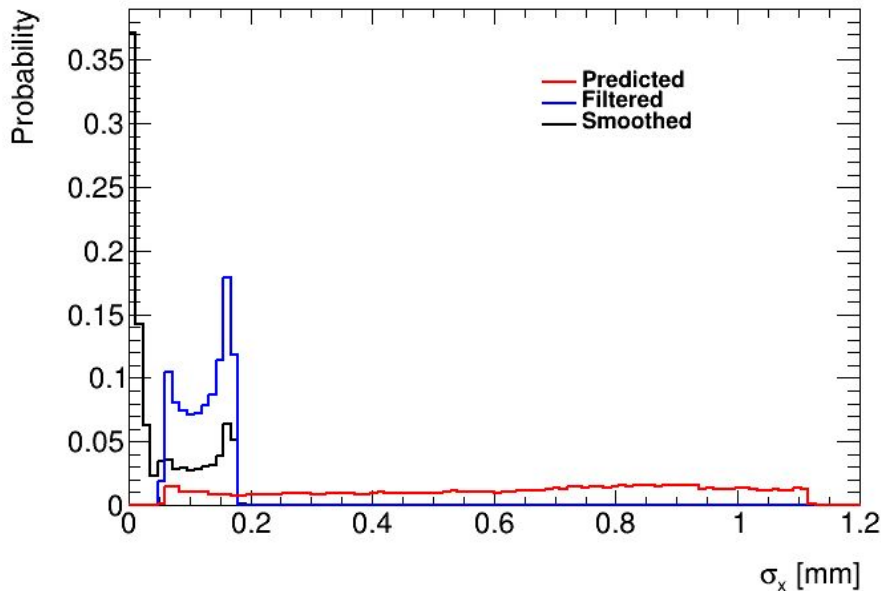
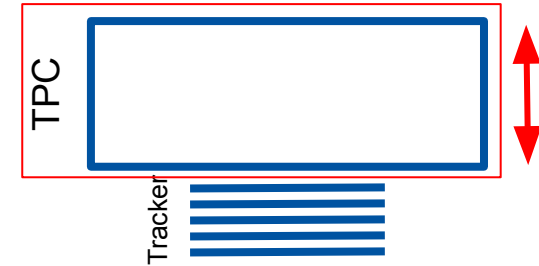


# TPC resolutions



# TPC parameters of free Kalman filter

- Overview of all updates
- Means converge to truth trajectory
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- Steady q/p resolution improvement
- Data utilisation reduces errors correctly
  - Major absolute impact for spatial parameters from filtering



# TPC errors

