Building a Tracking Detector for the P2 Experiment

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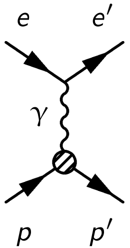
The Weak Mixing Angle θ_W in the Standard Model (SM)

Definition

$\tan\theta_W = \frac{g}{g'}$ with $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ gauge couplings g, g'



Proton electric charge

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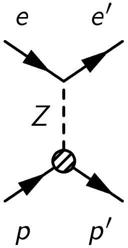

Proton weak charge

$1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W$

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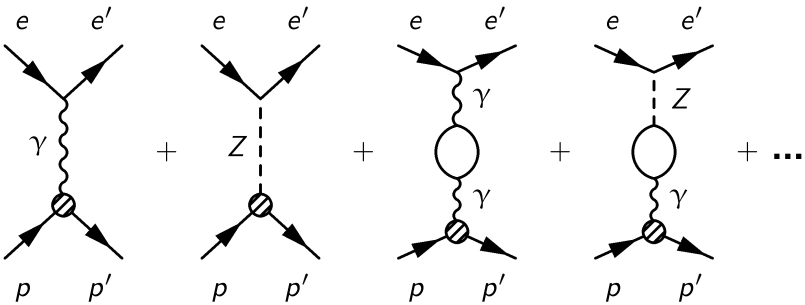

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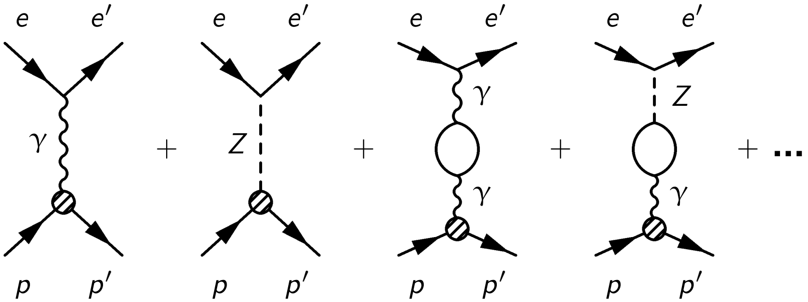

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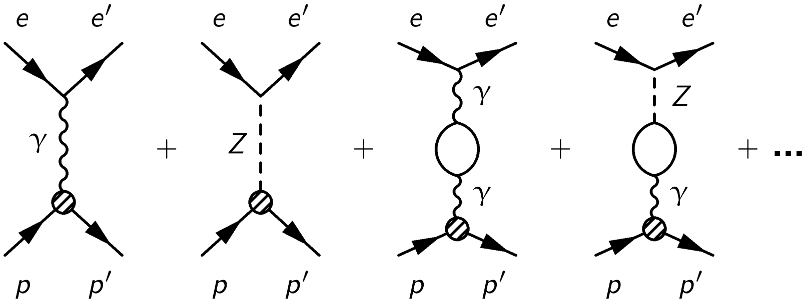

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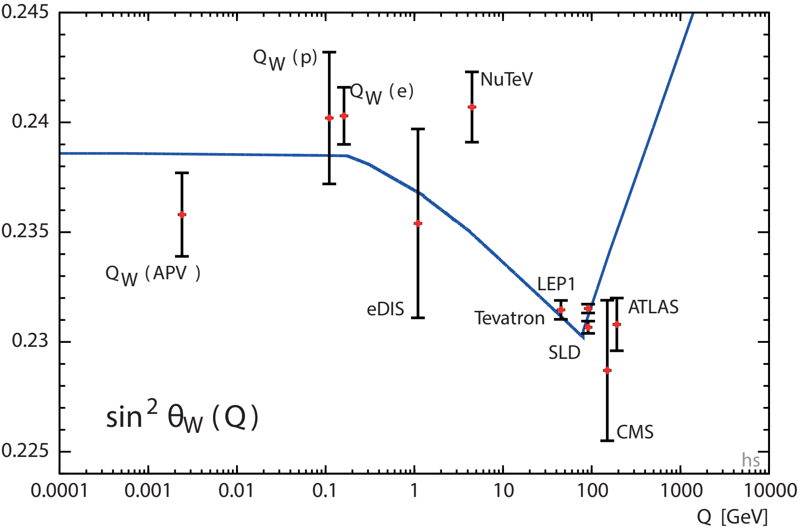

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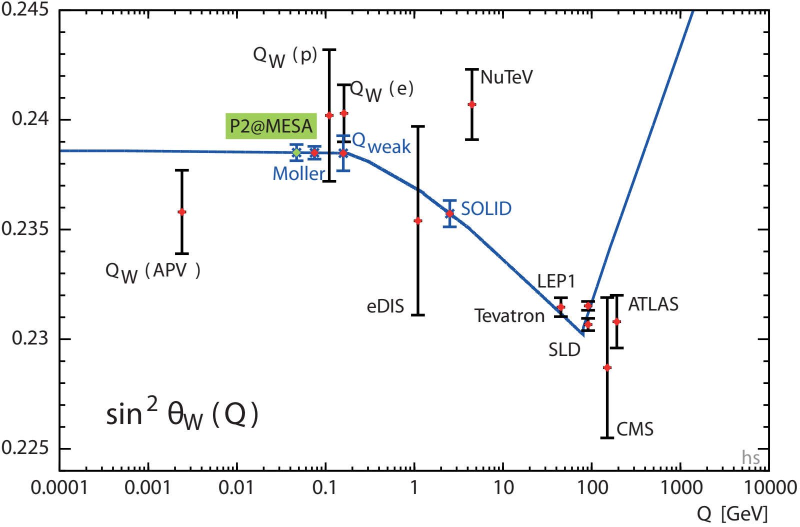

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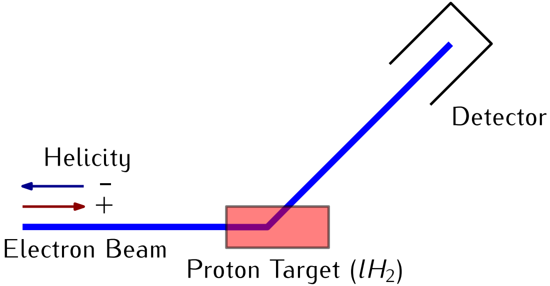

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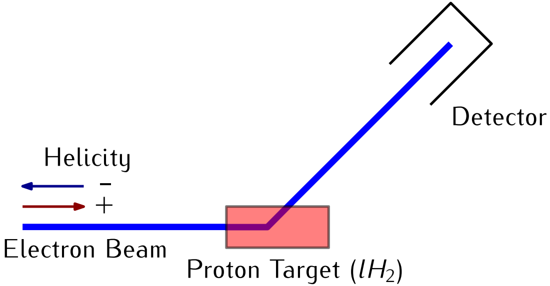
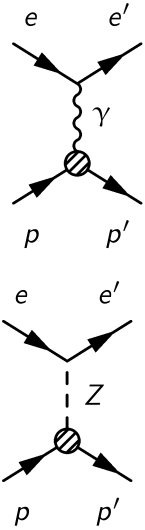
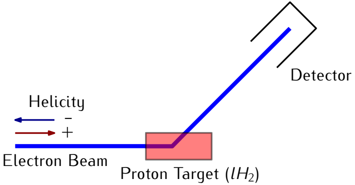




Parity violating asymmetry

- Photon exchange parity invariant
- Z-boson exchange violates parity!
- $A_{\text{PV}} \equiv \frac{N_{-} - N_{+}}{N_{-} + N_{+}}$
- Flip helicity and count!

Measure A_{PV} in ep-Scattering



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  - 150 μA beam current, 10 000 h measuring time
  - 60 cm liquid hydrogen target for high luminosity
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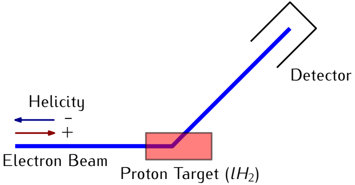

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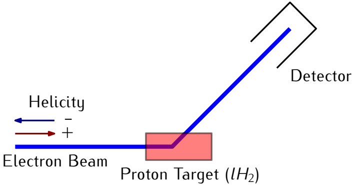

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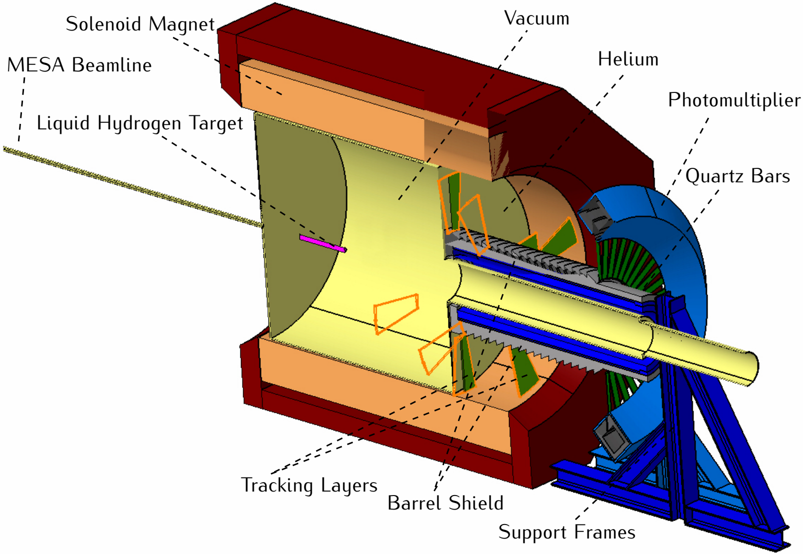
$$\frac{\Delta \sin^2\theta_W}{\sin^2\theta_W} \sim 0.13\,\%$$

P2 Detector Layout



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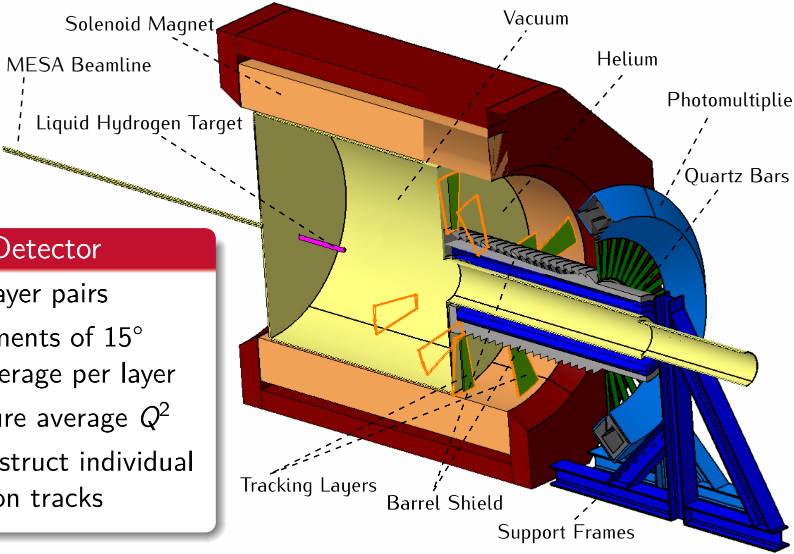
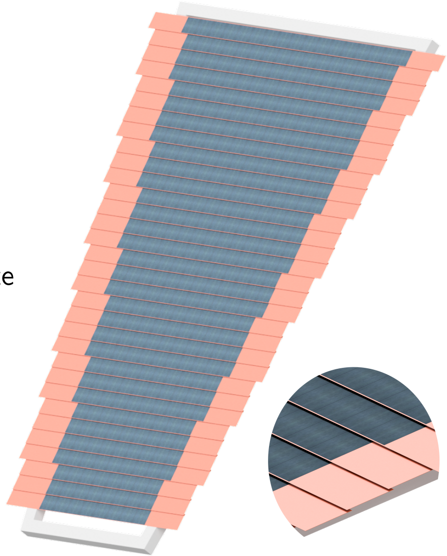


Tracking Detector

- Two layer pairs
- 4 segments of 15° φ-coverage per layer
- Measure average Q^2
- Reconstruct individual electron tracks

Tracking Detector Layout

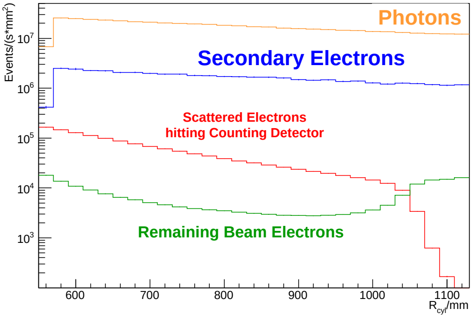
- 50 μm thin silicon High Voltage Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors (HV-MAPS)
- $\sim$ 50 μm thin Kapton layer
- Overlapping strips to maximize active area
- Less than 1 ‰ of a radiation length per tracker layer
- $\sim$ 350 chips with size $2 \times 2\,cm^2$ per segment

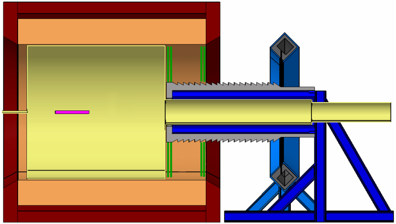


Challenges for the Tracking Detector

- Very high particle rates at full beam intensity
  - $\mathcal{O}(10^{15})$ beam electrons per second
  - Large amount of background, mostly bremsstrahlung photons
- Geometry
  - Limited magnet length
  - Inhomogeneous field
  - Extended target

MC Particle Rates on 1st Tracker Plane

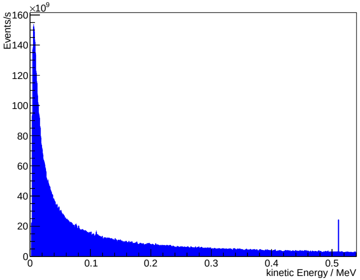




Test the Detector Response to Photons

Photon Background

- Continuous bremsstrahlung energy spectrum
- Photoelectric Effect
- Compton Scattering
- Pair Creation



- Radioactive Sources
- X-ray Tube
- Upcoming photon beamtest at the existing Mainzer Miktroton (MAMI) beam facility

Summary and Conclusions

- P2 Experiment
  - Measure $\sin^2\theta_W$ at low Q^2 in parity violating ep-scattering
  - Start data taking around 2020
  - A_{PV} measurement with integrating Cherenkov detectors
- Tracking Detector
  - Q^2 Measurement and systematic studies
  - Low material budget
  - Very high (background) particle rates
  - Detailed track finding and reconstruction studies ongoing
  - Development of mechanical layout started

Thank you for your attention.

Backup

Sensitivity to New Physics

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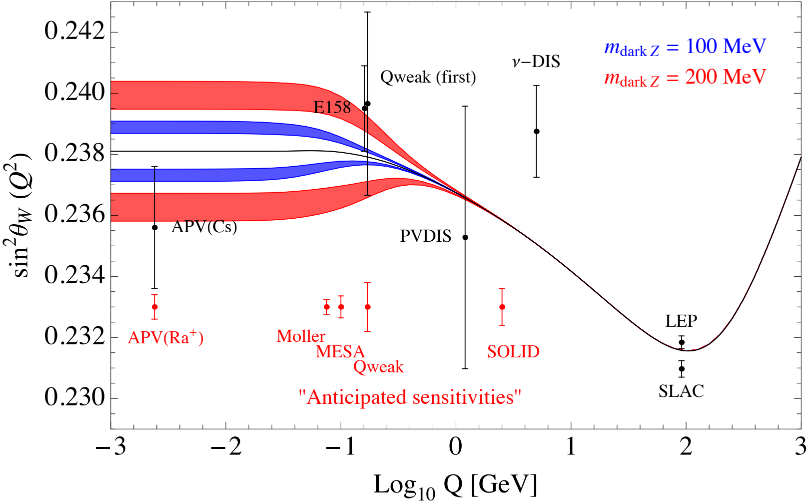

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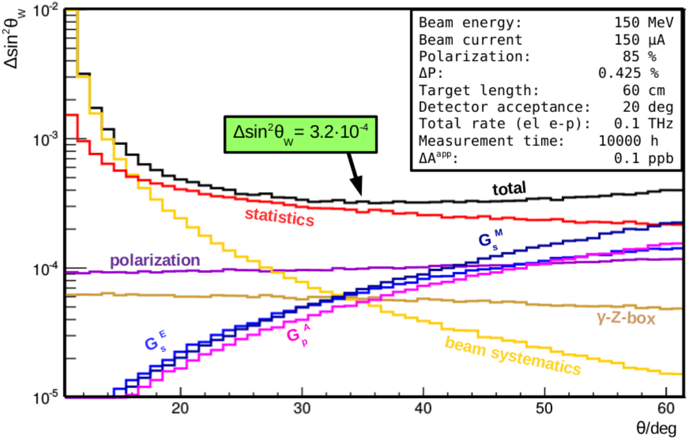
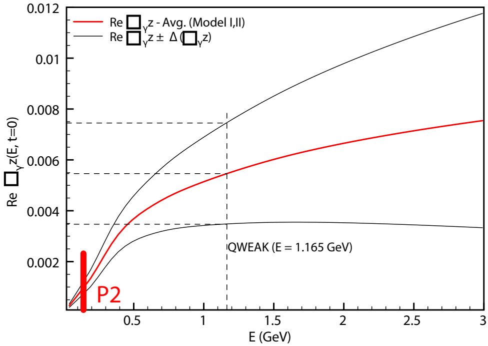
Beam Stability Requirements

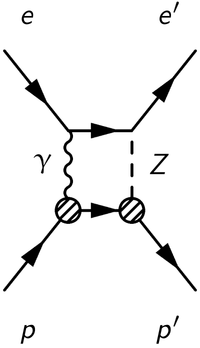
	Achieved at MAMI	A_{PV} uncertainty	requirement
Energy fluctuation	$0.04\,eV$	$< 0.1\,\mathrm{ppb}$	ok!
Position fluctuation	$3\,\mathrm{nm}$	$5\,\mathrm{ppb}$	$0.13\,\mathrm{nm}$
Angle fluctuation	$0.5\,\mathrm{nrad}$	$3\,\mathrm{ppb}$	$0.06\,\mathrm{nrad}$
Intensity fluctuation	$14\,\mathrm{ppb}$	$4\,\mathrm{ppb}$	$0.36\,\mathrm{ppb}$

Systematic Uncertainties

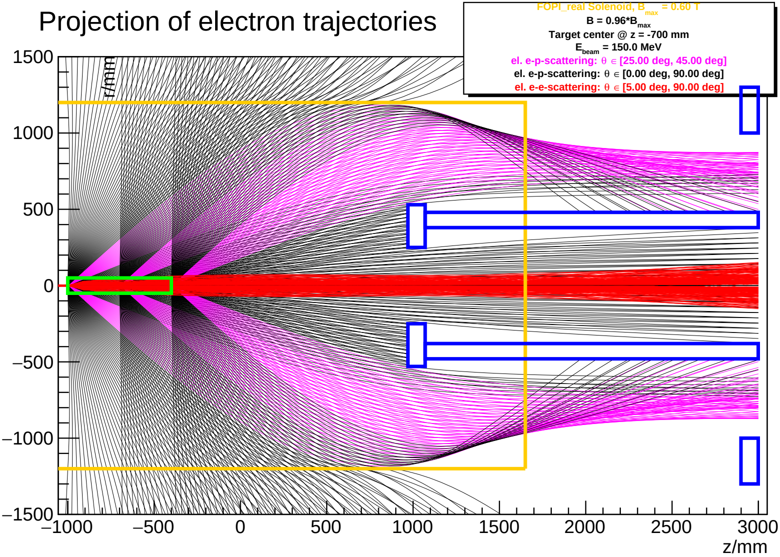


γ/Z-box processes uncertainty contribution

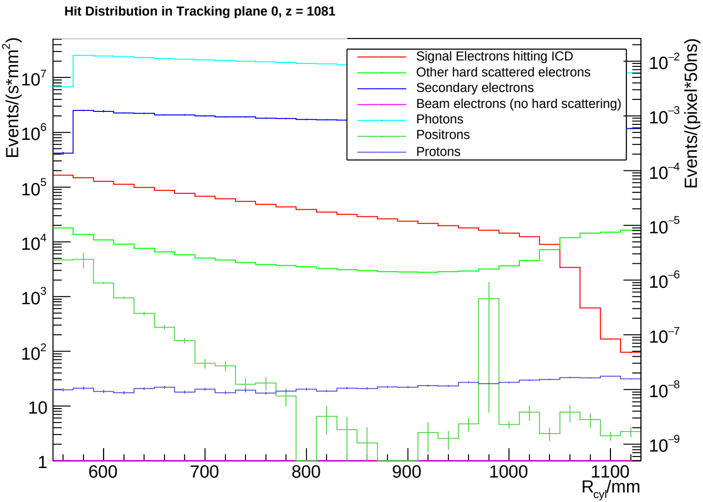




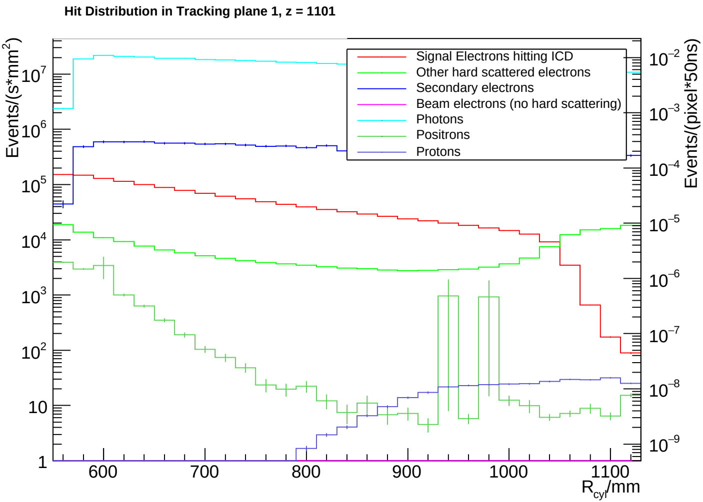
Projection of Expected Electron Trajectories



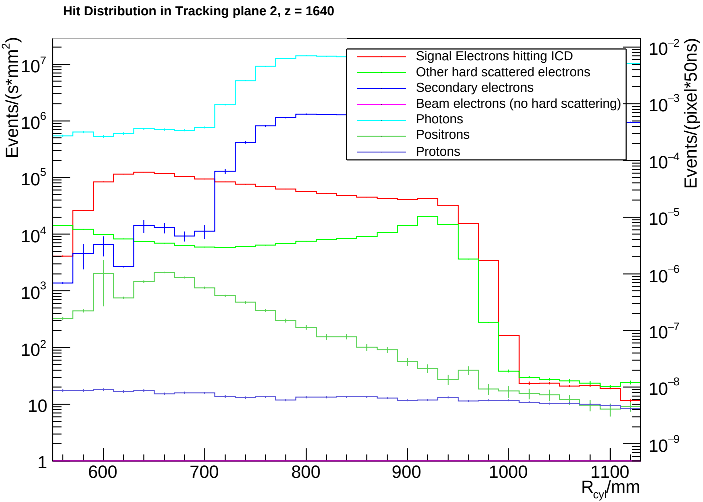
Expected Particle Rates on First Plane



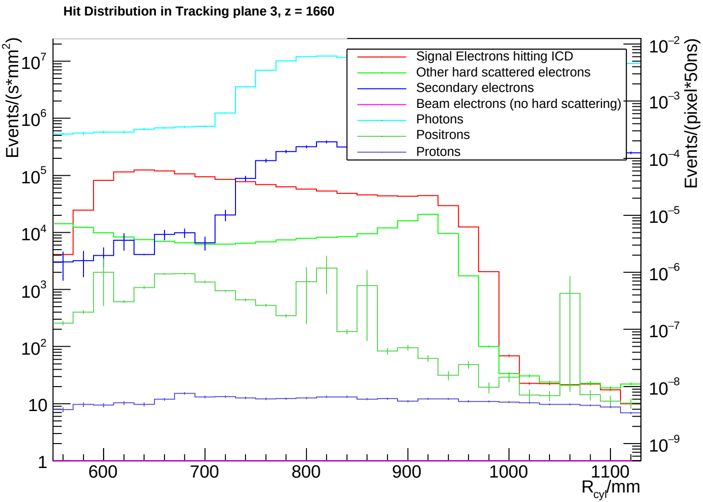
Expected Particle Rates on Second Plane



Expected Particle Rates on Third Plane



Expected Particle Rates on Fourth Plane



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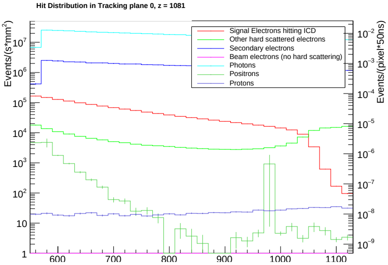

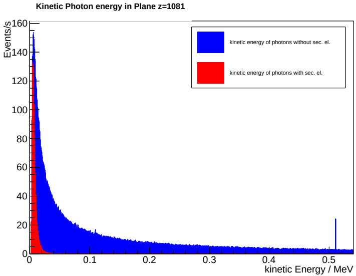

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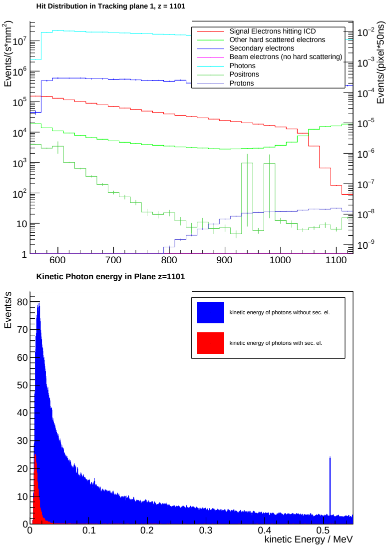
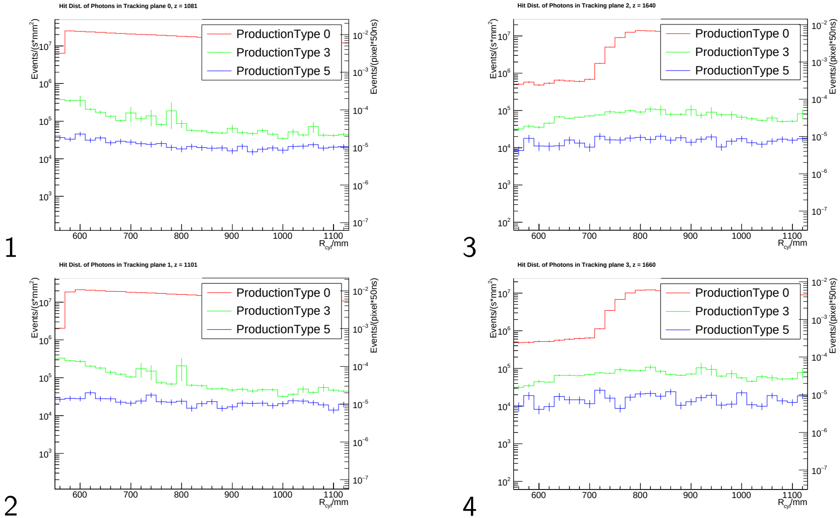
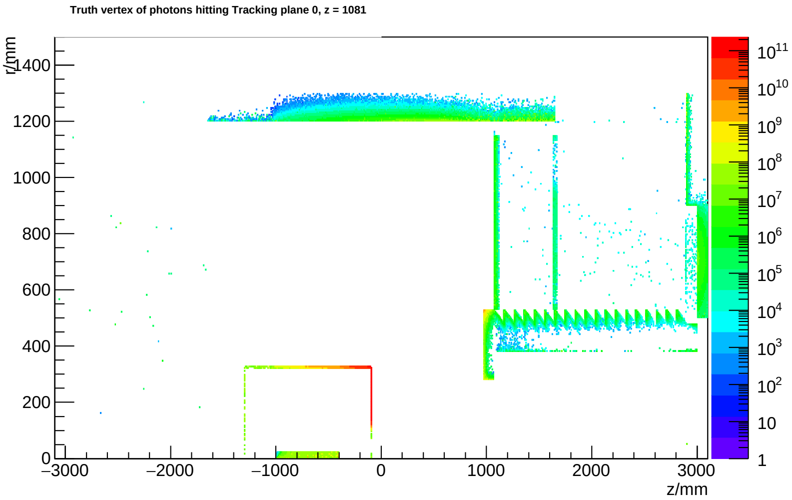


Photon Production Processes



process encoding: 0 = bremsstrahlung in the target, 3 = bremsstrahlung in other detector parts, 5 = pair annihilation

Photon Vertices



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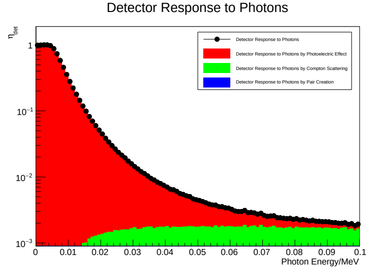
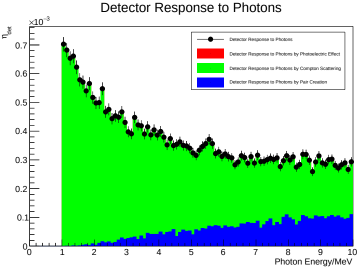
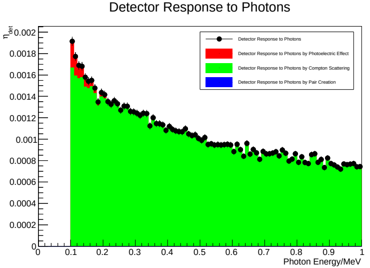
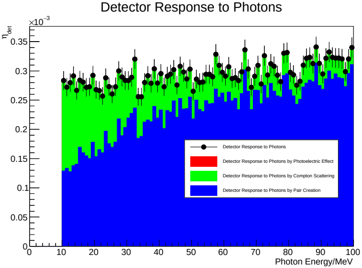
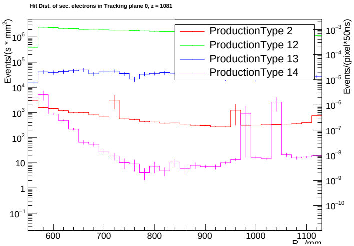








Secondary Electrons Production Processes



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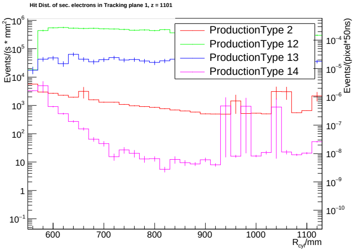

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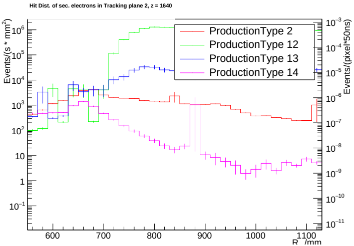

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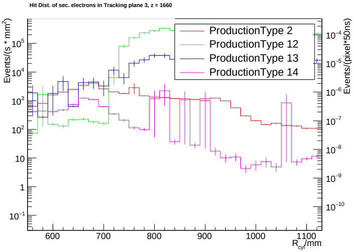

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Background Electrons Hitting Integrating Cherenkov Detector

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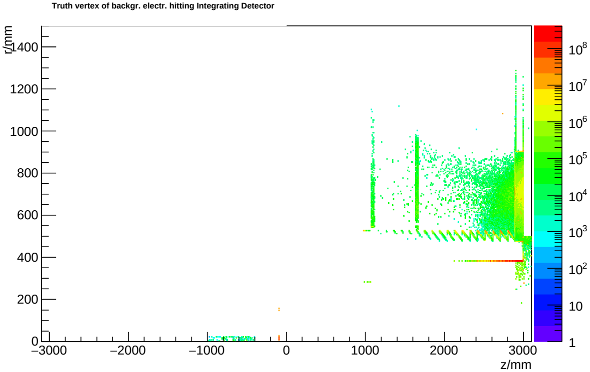

Additional Electron Loss due to Segmented Tracker Layers