

# Towards TPC Signal Simulation in Single Phase LArTPC

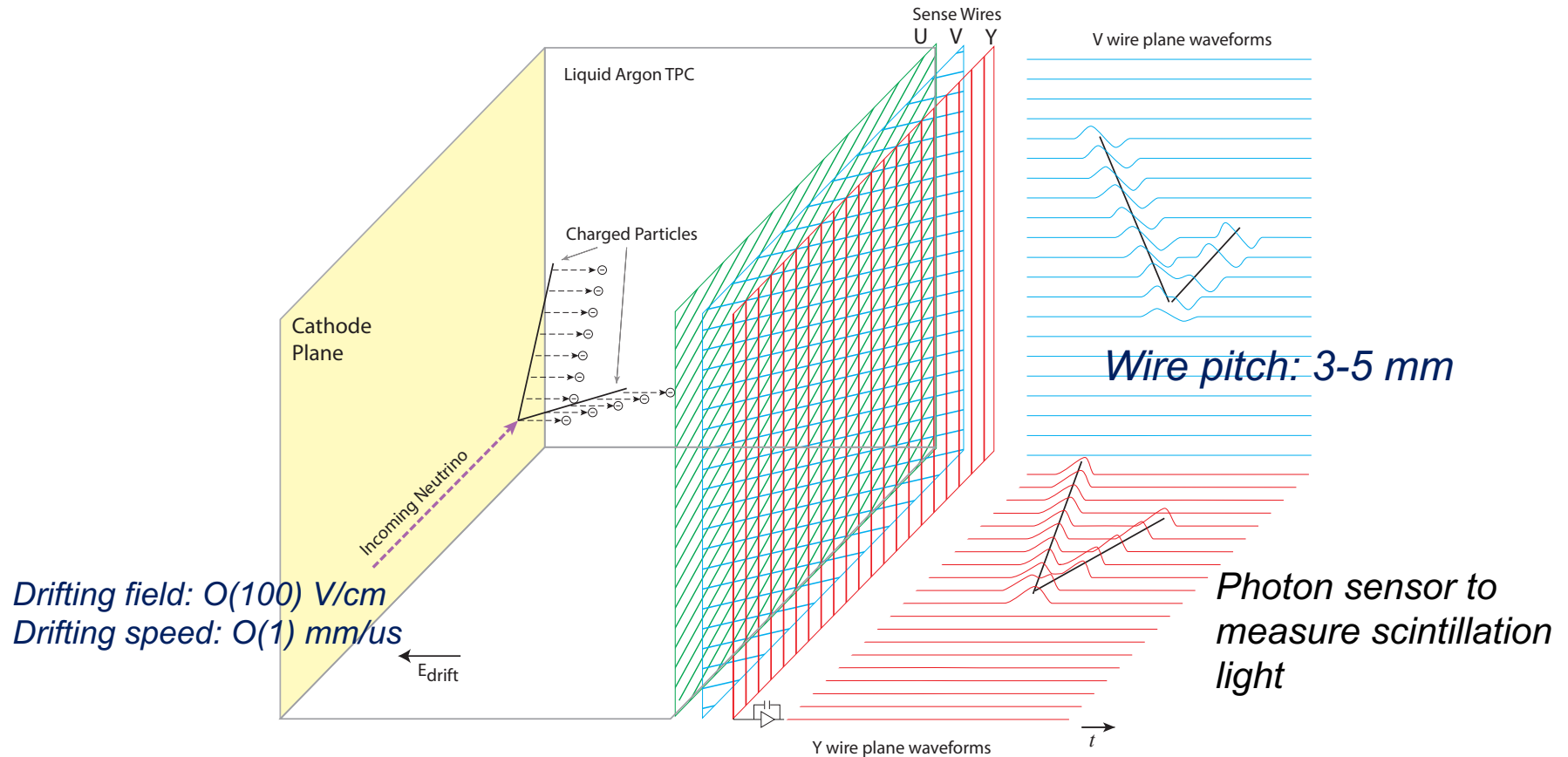
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# Single phase LArTPC



- ✓ Wire readout instead of pixel readout
- ✓ Three wire planes in general design sense the induced current signal

# DUNE Far Detector Simulation

- Generation

- Beam, atmospheric neutrinos
- Supernova neutrinos
- Cosmogenic events

Neutrino flux + interaction

- Geant4 tracking

- Detector geometry
- Primary particle traversing liquid argon
- Scintillation photon + transport
- Ionization electron + transport

Primary particle

- Wire signal

Wire induced current

- Electronics

ASIC → ADC Waveforms

Ionization electron

Scintillation photon

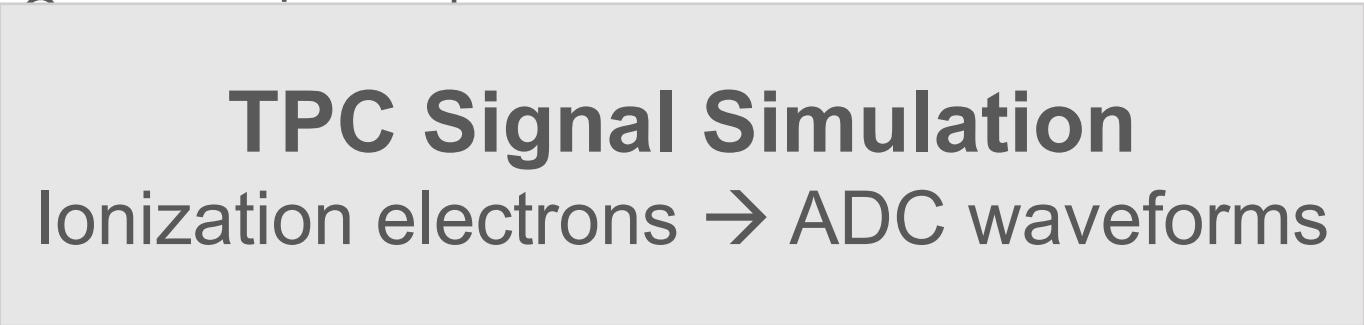
PMT Waveforms

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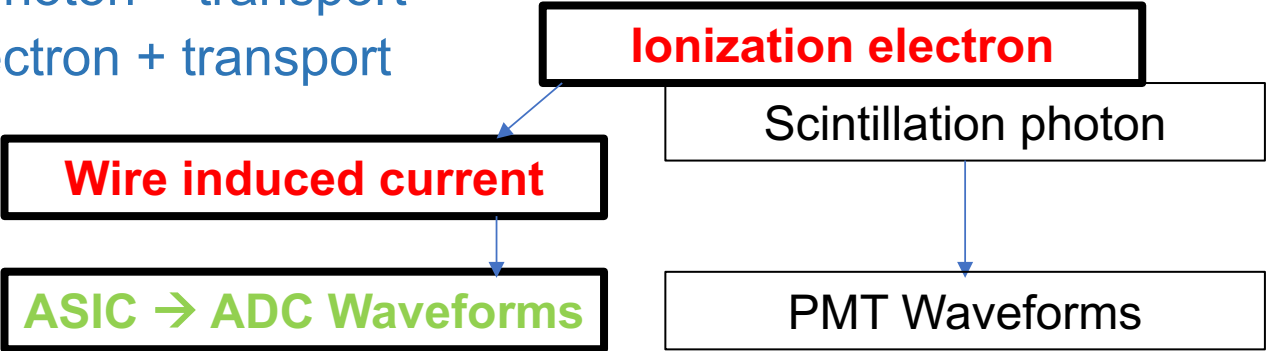
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Wire induced current  
(field response)

## Short-range effect

- ✓ Time dimension
- ✓ Closest wire
- ✓ Average response

Integrated charge

+

One closet wire

Electronics

## Cold electronics

- ✓ Preamplifier
- ✓ RC filter
- ✓ ADC

- ✓ Nominal TPC signal simulation in LArSoft (many LArTPC experiments share the core algorithms)
- ✓ Wrapped wire case in APA (either side: grid wire plane, 2 induction plane + 1 collection plane)

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- ✓ Integration to LArSoft/local testing is on-going

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- ([http](#))
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**Field response ← input by  
external configuration +  
calculation (e.g. Garfield)**

# Signal formation in drifting

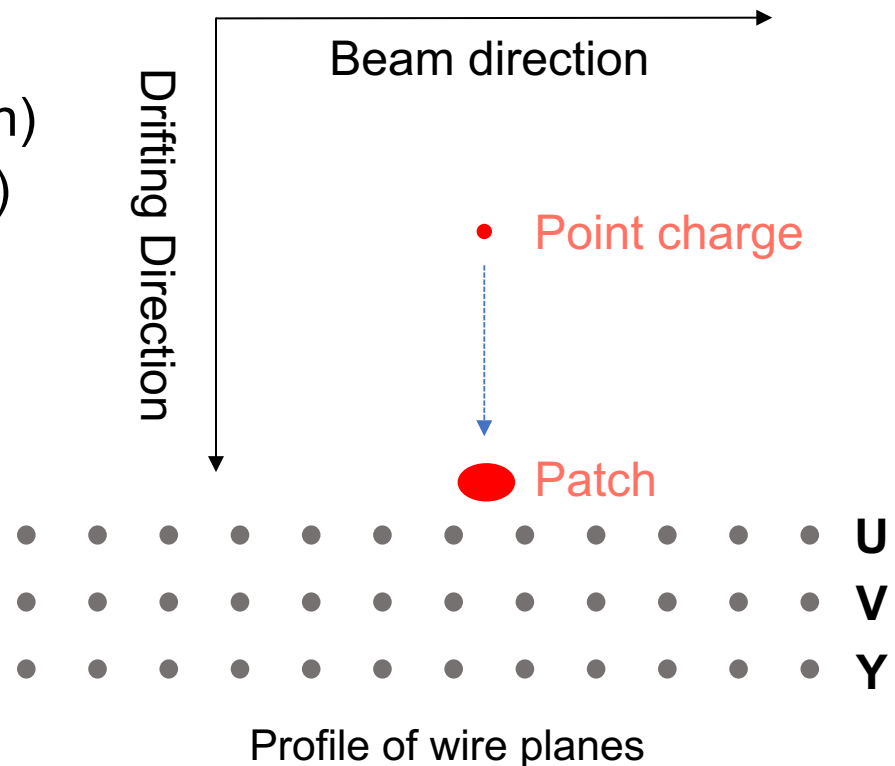
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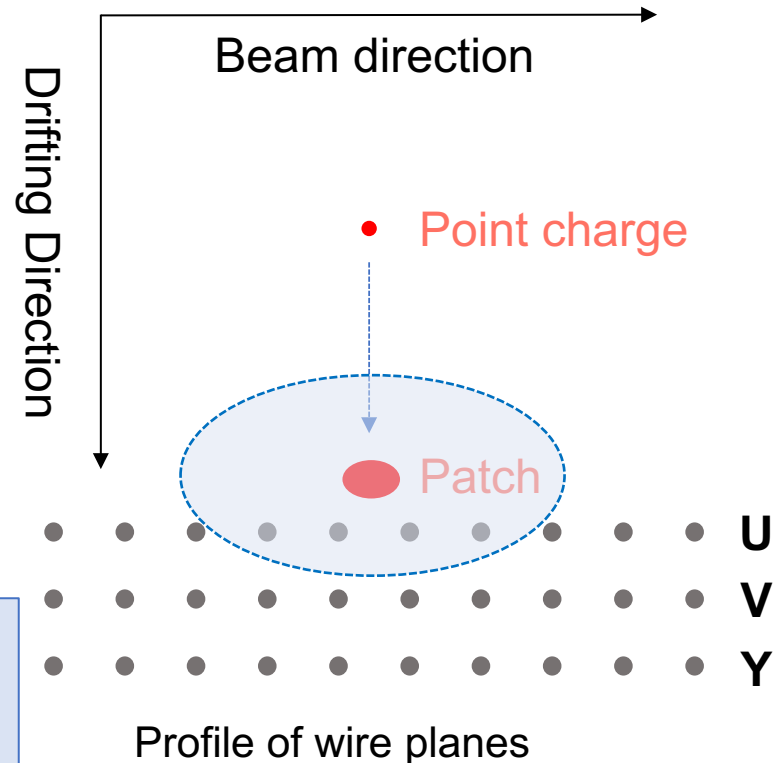
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Insignificant in comparison  
with long-range wire induction  
field response



# Field Response

- Input to wire induced current signal
- Demonstrated using MicroBooNE anode plane design

# Field response

- **Electrostatic induction on wires**
- **End by electron collection**

## Shockley–Ramo theorem

$$i = -q \cdot \vec{E}_w \cdot \vec{v}_q$$
$$\int i dt = q \cdot (V_w^{end} - V_w^{start})$$

$E_w/V_w$ : weighting electric field/potential

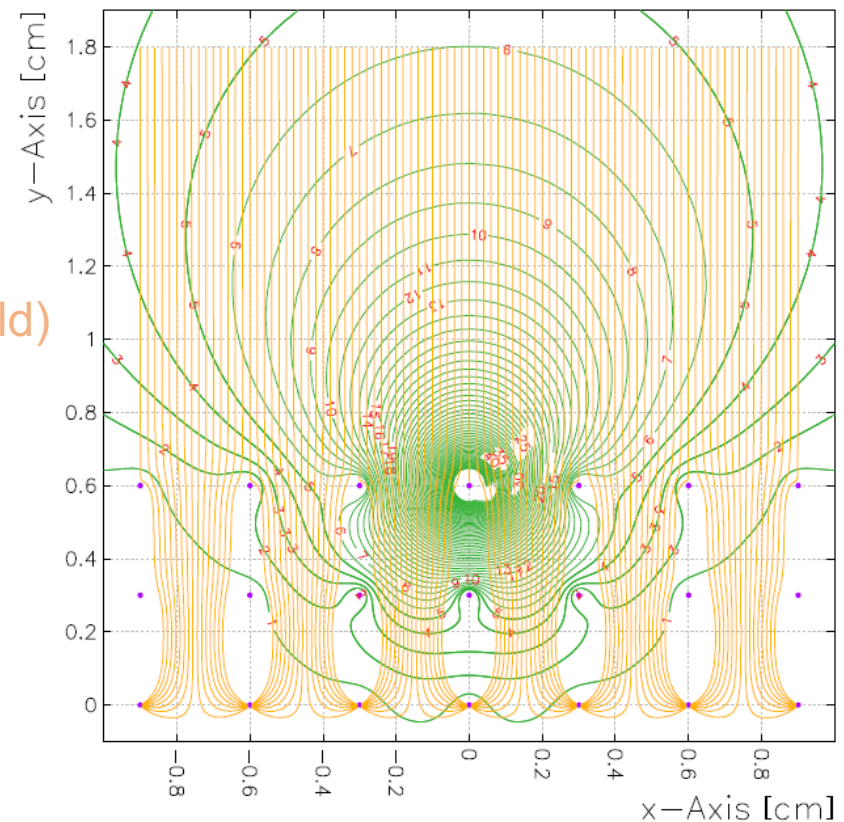
- *placing the target wire to the unity potential, and the rest to zero*
- *Long range effect*

Electron  
track (E field)

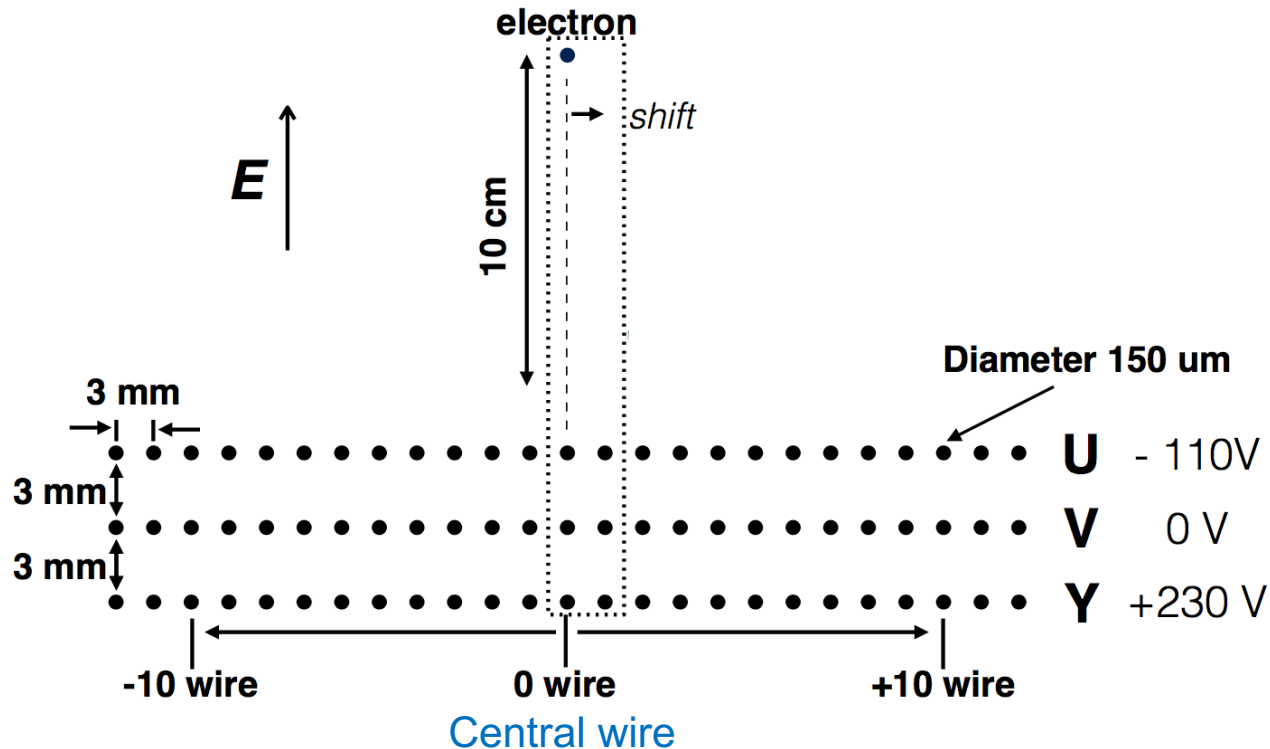
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Weighting  
potential

Weighting Field of a U Wire

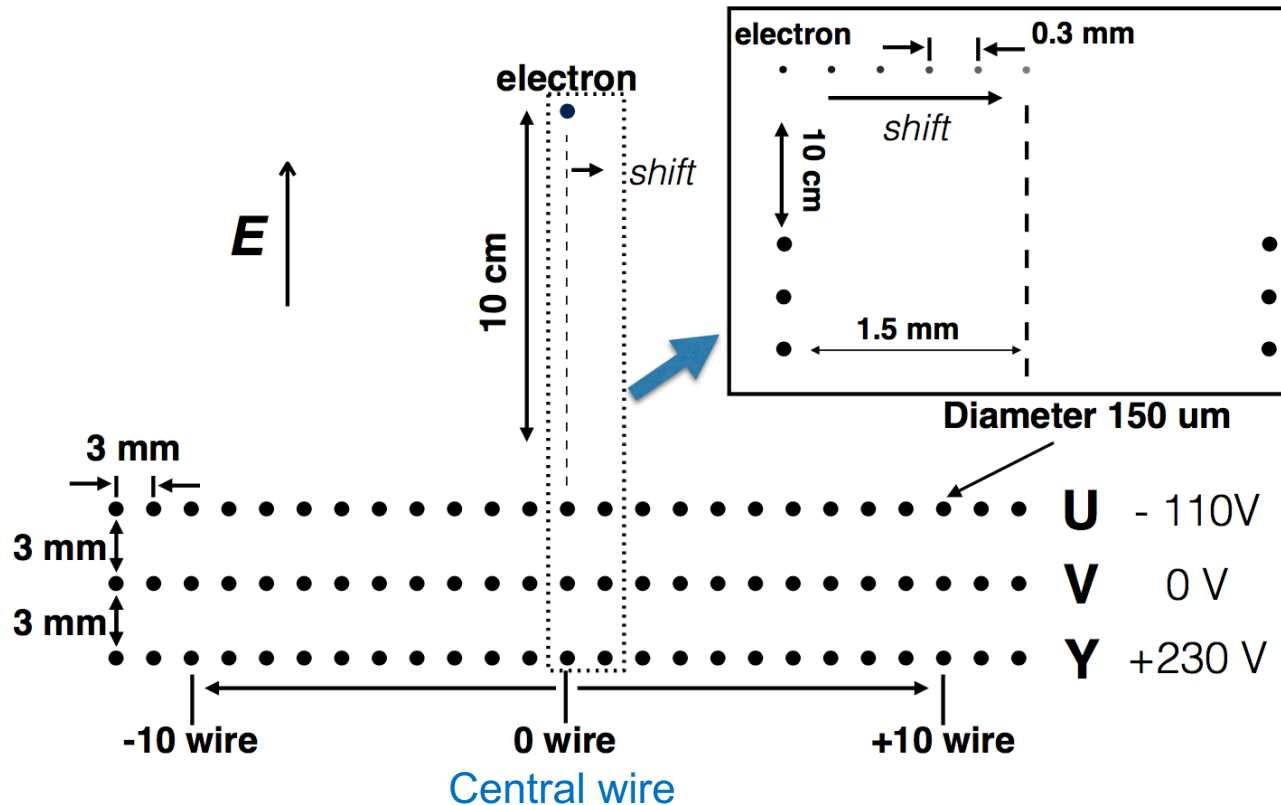


# Field response -- 2D Garfield calculation



- ✓ A 2D configuration for **MicroBooNE anode plane**
- ✓ Average profile along wire orientation (ignore the dependency  $\rightarrow$  residual 3D effect)

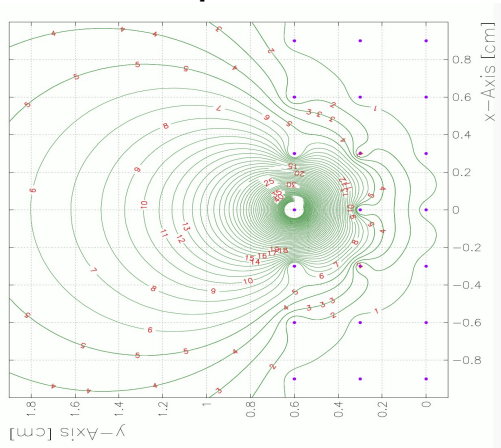
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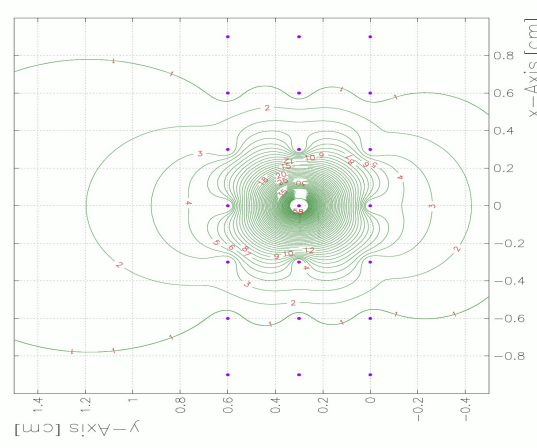
- ✓ 6 drifting paths (per 0.3 mm) for half wire pitch, the other half symmetrical
- ✓  $0 \pm 10$  wires
- ✓ 126 field responses are calculated

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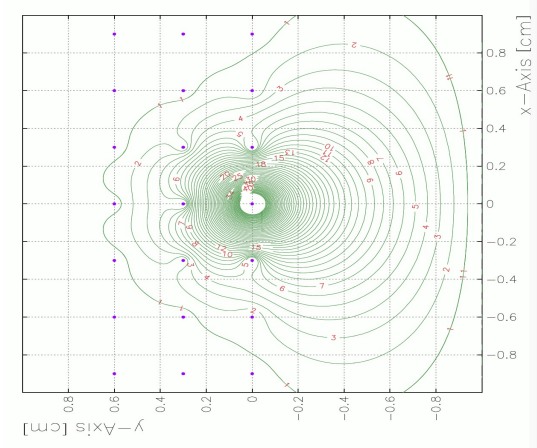
Weighting potential  
U plane



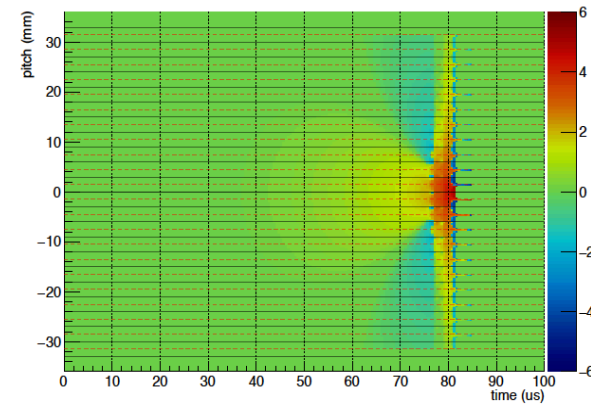
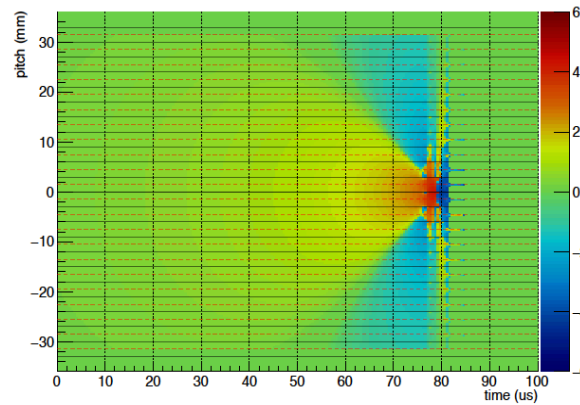
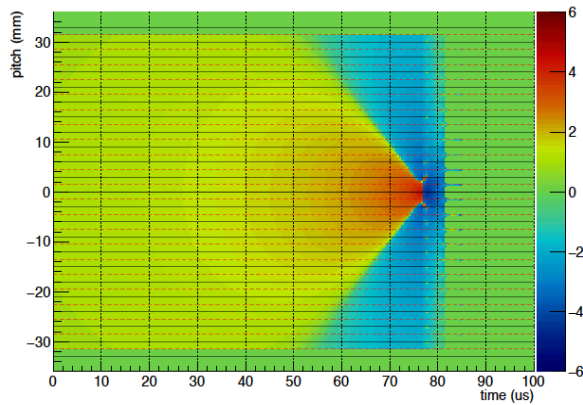
V plane



Y plane

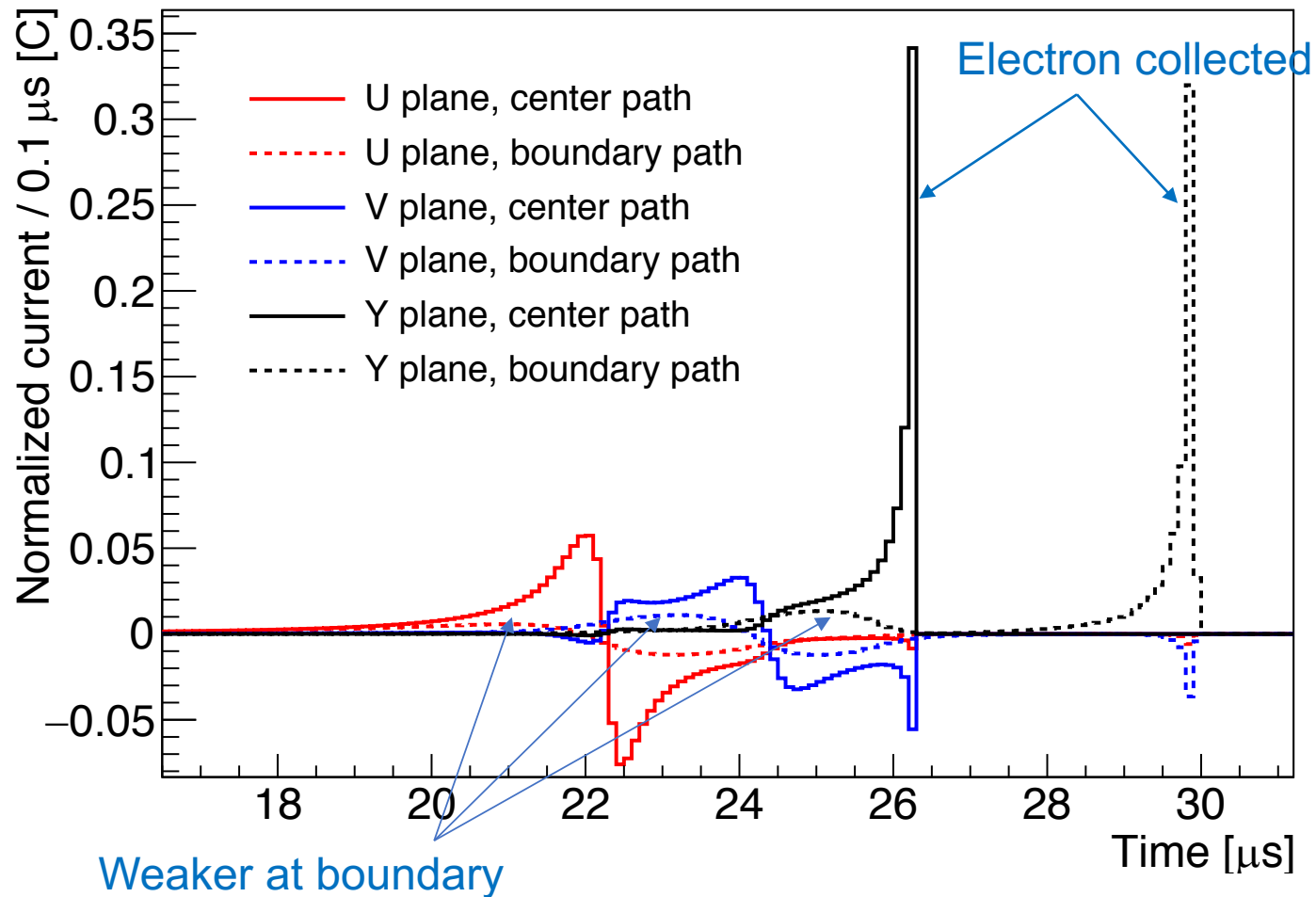


Field response (Plot in log scale, arbitrary unit)



# Field response shape

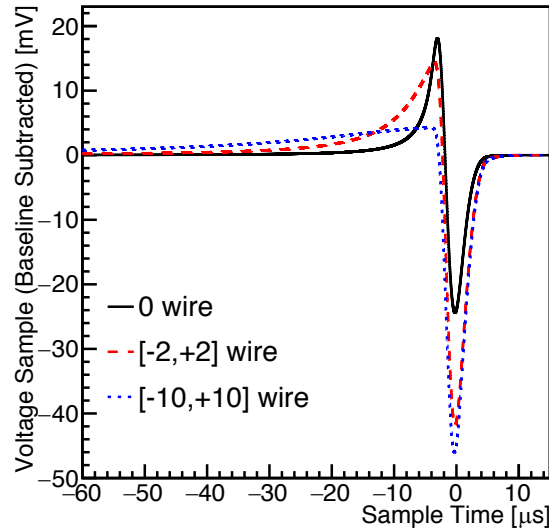
## Central Wire Field Response



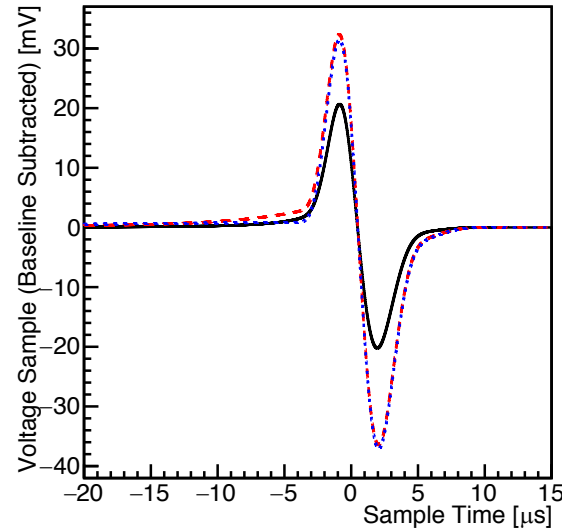
# Responses over wires

Field response + Pre-amp response

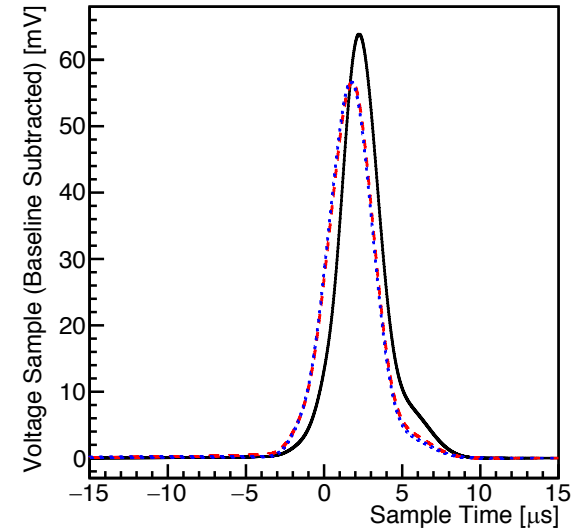
U Plane



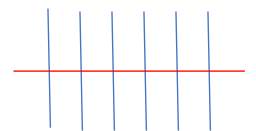
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- ✓ Significant contribution from adjacent wires
  - ✓ [-10, 10] (21) wires for U plane (mitigated in DUNE design by a grid plane in front of U plane)
  - ✓ [-2, 2] (5) wires for V, Y planes (shield by U plane)
- ✓ Equivalent to an isochronous track (parallel to wire plane) and perpendicular to wire orientation (along wire pitch direction)

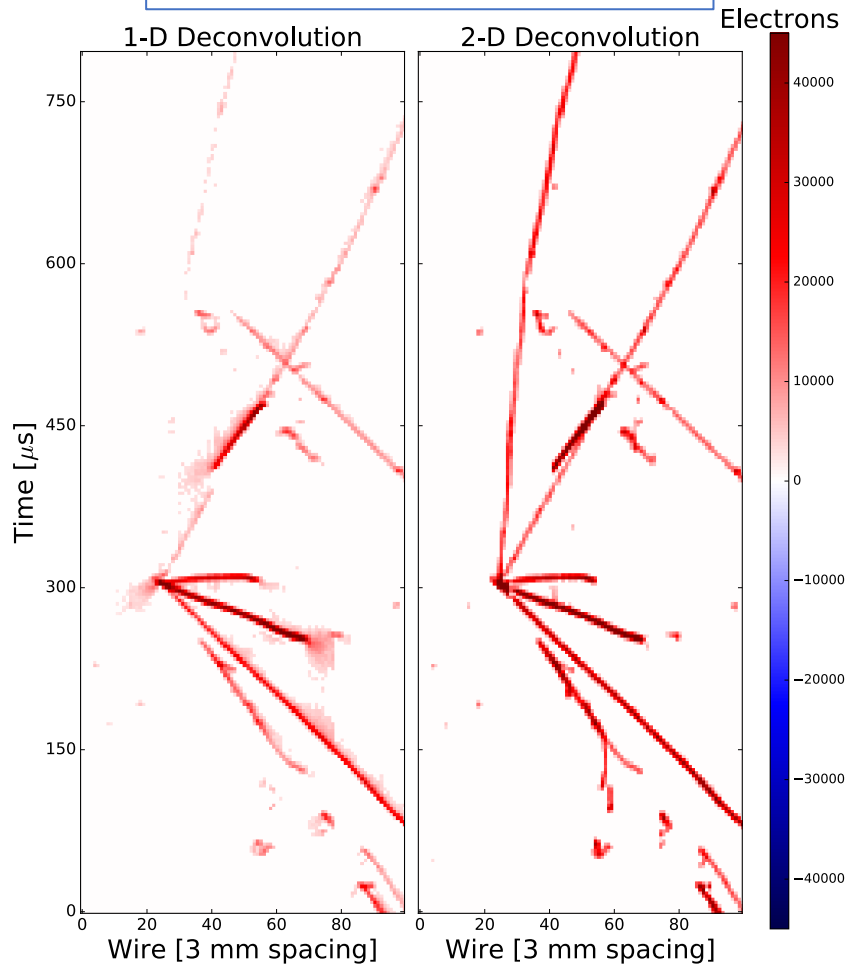




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MicroBooNE event 41075, Run 3493



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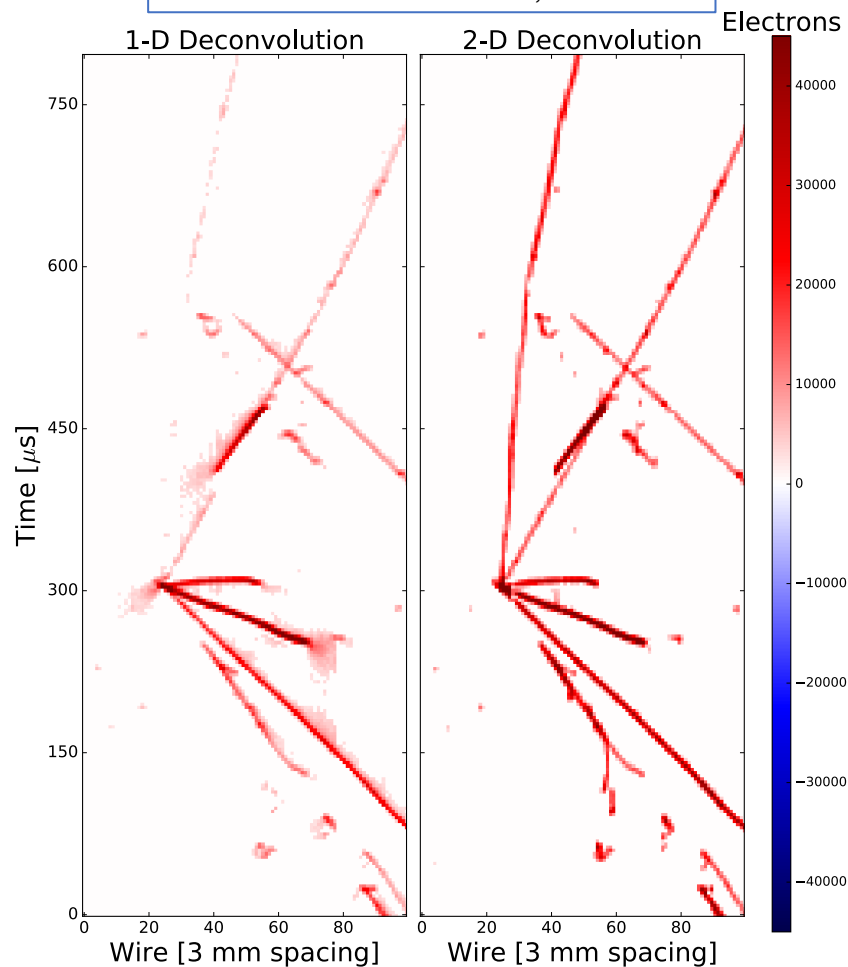
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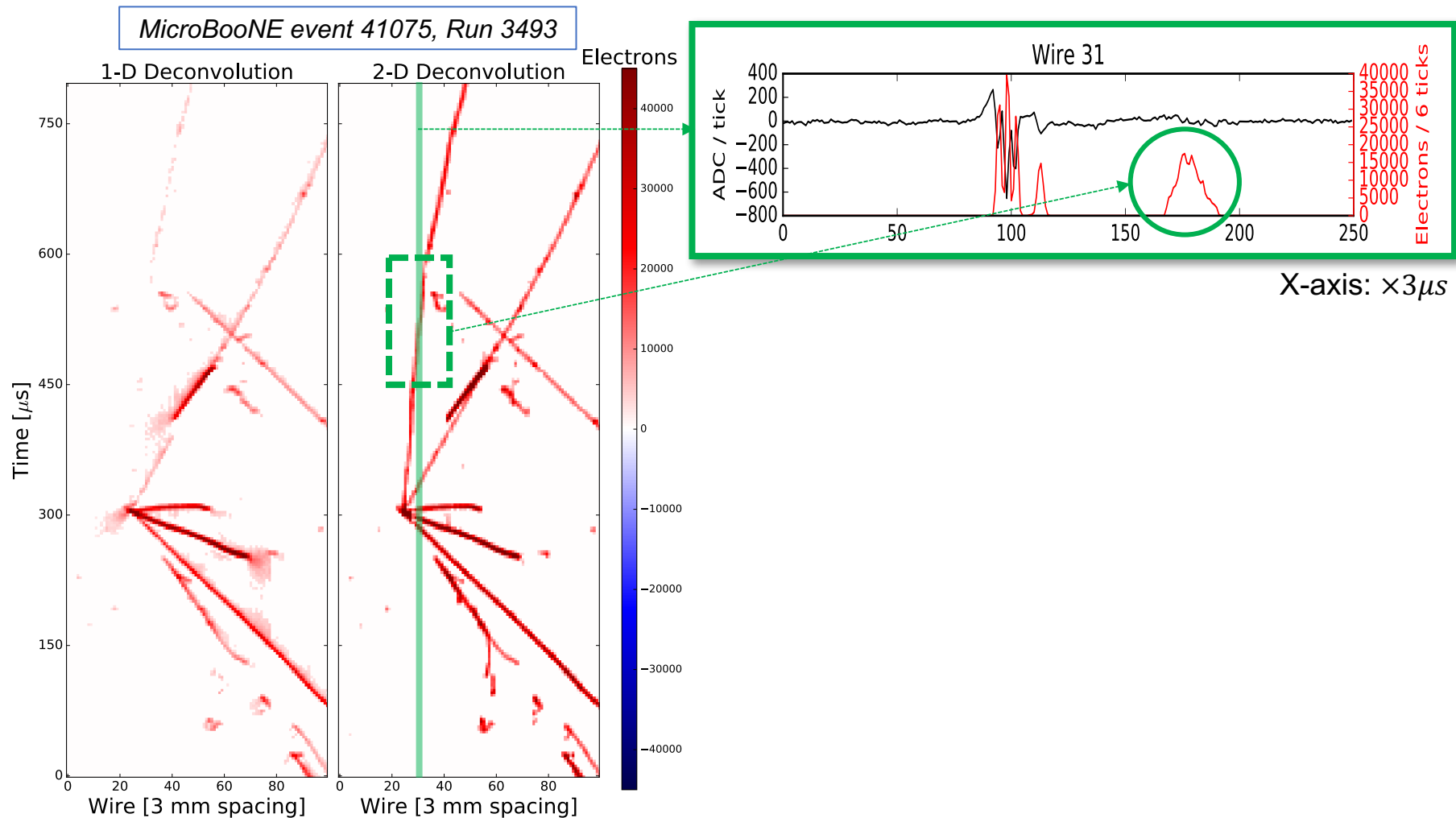
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**Validation of Inter-wire effect**

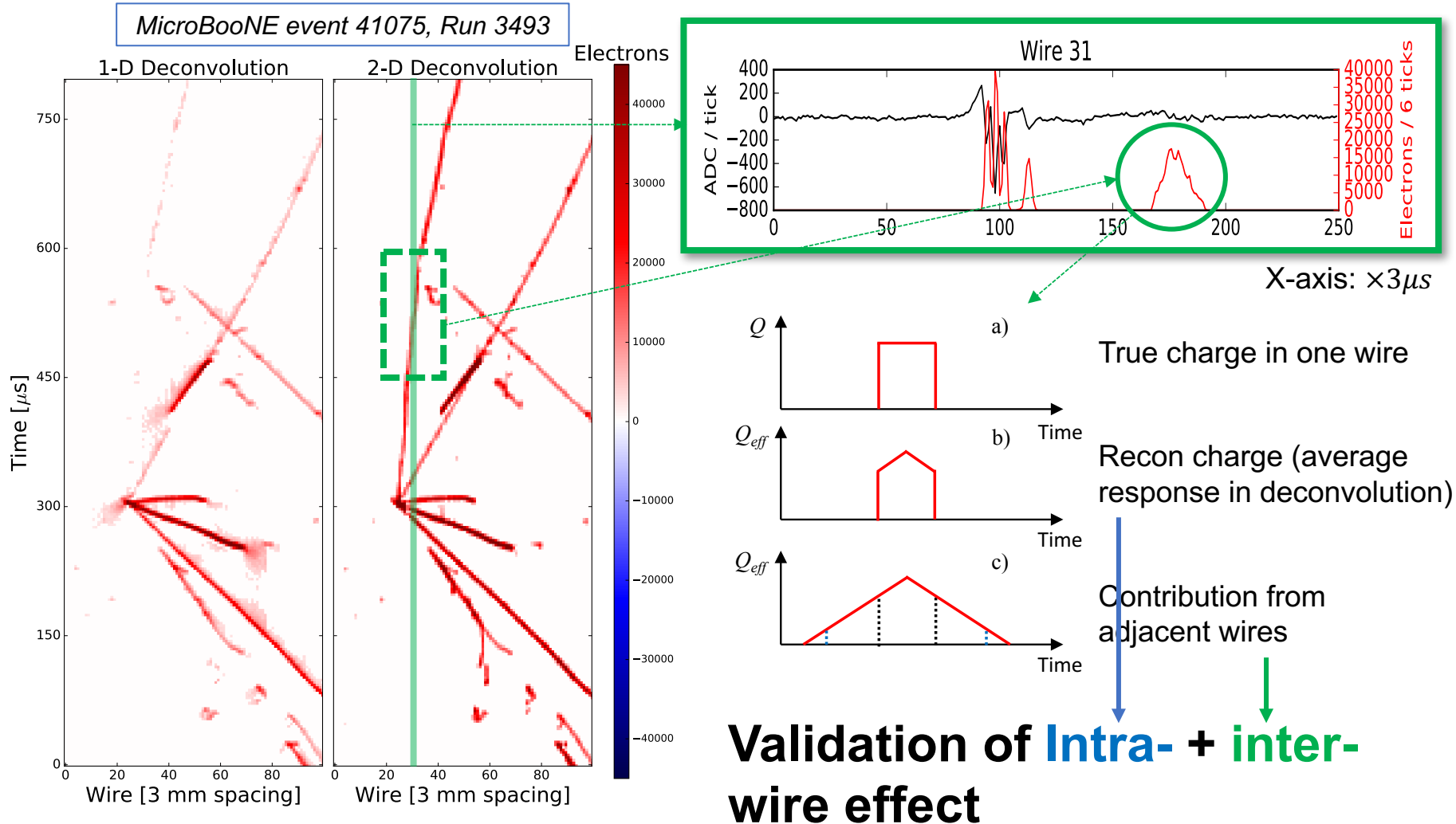
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# TPC signal simulation

- Consist with abovementioned 2D signal formation

# Overview of full TPC simulation

$$Wave = (Depo \otimes \text{Drift} \otimes \text{Duct} + Noise) \odot Digit$$

**INPUT:**

- ✓ Geant4-based charge deposition
- ✓ Simple point/track of charge deposition

Analytic method  
(shown at last)

Blue: input

- ✓ Field response (2D garfield calculation)
- ✓ Pre-amplifier electronic response (gain, peaking time)
- ✓ Additional two independent RC filter response (RC constant)

**Key convolution (signal shape):**

$$[Gaus(t) \cdot Gaus(x)] \otimes Field(x, t) \otimes Preamp(t) \otimes RC(t) \otimes RC(t)$$

- ✓ Ionization (*W*-value, fano factor)
- ✓ Recombination (Birks & Modified box models)
- ✓ Ionizing electron attachment (electron lifetime in LAr)
- ✓ Gaussian diffusion (longitudinal / transverse)
- ✓ Fluctuation (each step)

# Interpolation of field response

$Diffusion[Gaus(t) \cdot Gaus(x)]$

$\otimes Field(x, t)$



$\otimes Preamp(t) \otimes RC(t) \otimes RC(t)$

Input (126 paths):

$0 \pm 10$  wires (63 mm)

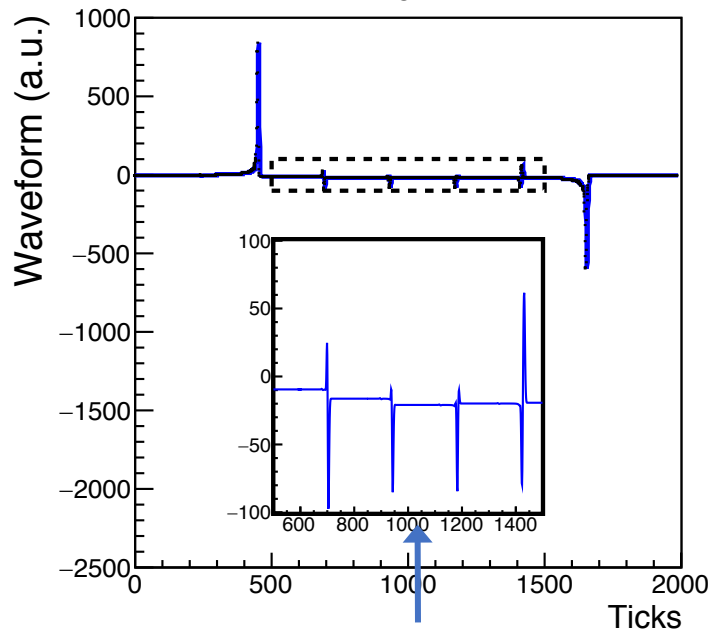
Fine-grained calculation (per 0.3 mm)



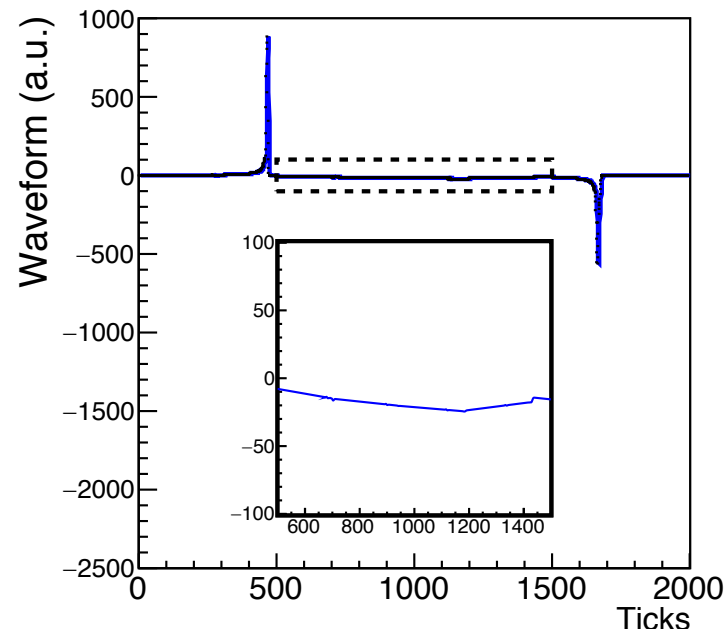
Linear interpolation performed

*A large angle (to wire plane) track*

Average



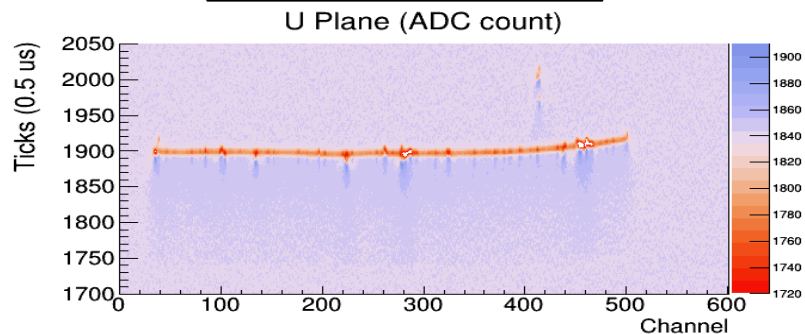
Linear



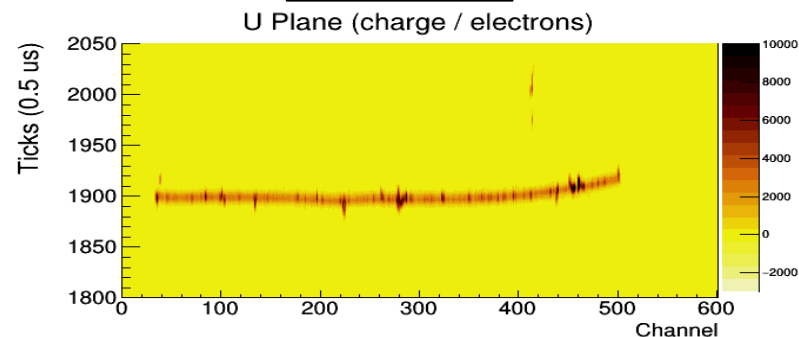
Non-proper bipolar cancellation at boundary of 0.3 mm sub-pitch

# A simulation of 5-GeV muon

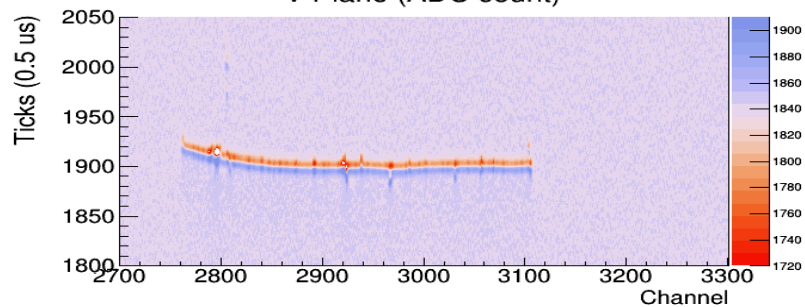
ADC Waveform



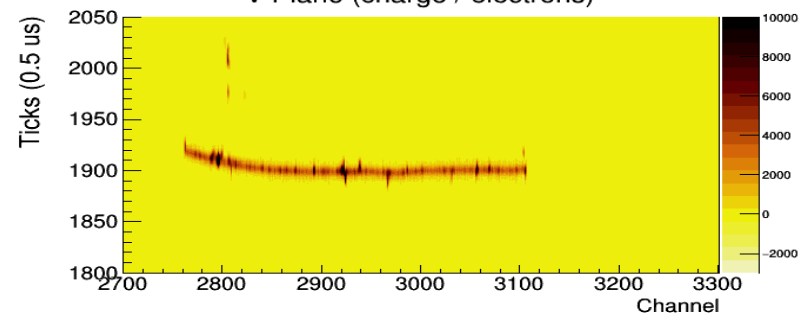
Charge



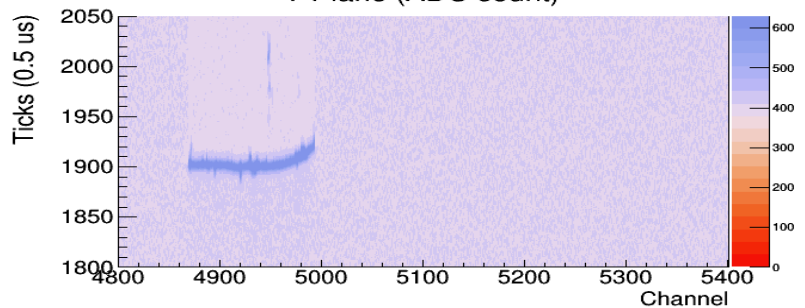
V Plane (ADC count)



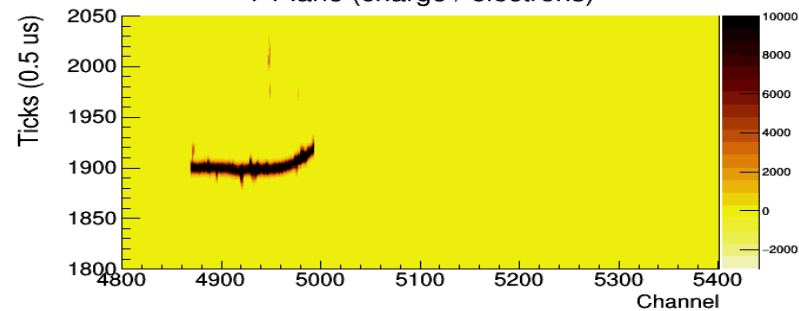
V Plane (charge / electrons)



Y Plane (ADC count)



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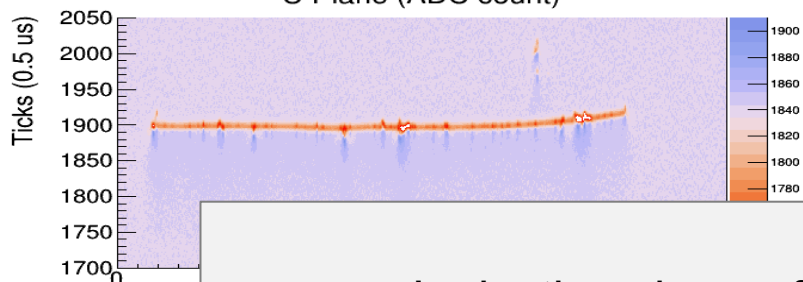




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ADC Waveform

U Plane (ADC count)



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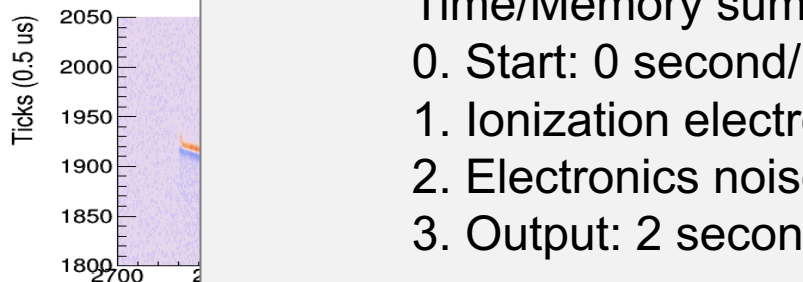
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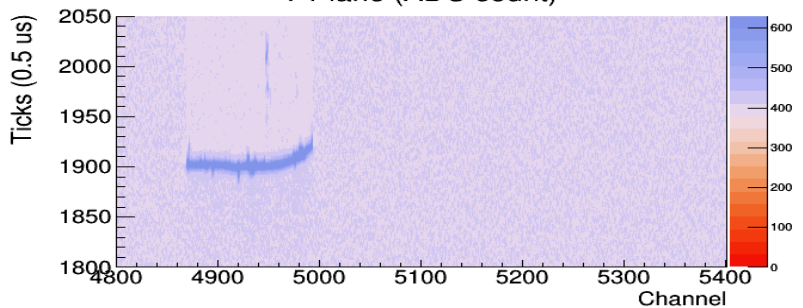
Ionization charge from a ~2m muon track

Time/Memory summary (local machine):

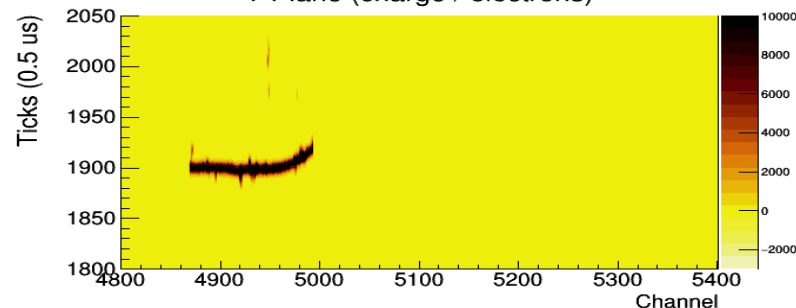
0. Start: 0 second/+230 MB
1. Ionization electron signal: 42 seconds/+60 MB
2. Electronics noise: 11 seconds/+600 MB
3. Output: 2 seconds



Y Plane (ADC count)



Y Plane (charge / electrons)



# Noise simulation

- Inevitable in the electronics
- Critical to the signal processing (ADC waveforms to ionization charge)

# Pre-amplifier inherent noise

“Noise Characterization and Filtering in the MicroBooNE Liquid Argon TPC”, JINST 12 (2017) P08003

noise type	also called	normalization	Time Domain pulse	s domain
Thermal 1	series white	$\sqrt{2k_B T_{temp} R_S} \times C_{det}$	$\times G \cdot \delta(t - t_j)$	$\times G \cdot e^{-st_j}$
Thermal 2	parallel white	$\sqrt{2k_B T_{temp} / R_F}$	$\times G \cdot u(t - t_j)$	$\times \frac{G}{S} \cdot e^{-st_j}$
Shot noise	parallel white	$\sqrt{qI_{leakage}}$	$\times G \cdot u(t - t_j)$	$\times \frac{G}{S} \cdot e^{-st_j}$
Flicker noise (1/f or pink)	series 1/f	$C_{det} \sqrt{2\pi a_F}$	$\times \frac{G}{\sqrt{\pi \cdot (t - t_j)}}$	$\times \frac{G}{\sqrt{s}} e^{-st_j}$
Man made noise	Various couplings	Usually has discrete frequency spectrum. Ignored here, could be modeled.		

Thermal fluctuation in the input transistor

Transistor bias current and resistors providing the bias voltage

Charge trapping and de-trapping in the input transistor

- ❖ Noise occurring time  $t_j$  is uniformly distributed (origin of the fluctuations)
- ❖ In frequency domain, given a  $\omega_0$ , the stochastic effect just in phase term  $e^{-i\omega_0 t_j}$  (delta function at  $t_j$  in time domain)

# Noise -- Random Walk

Noise in frequency domain:

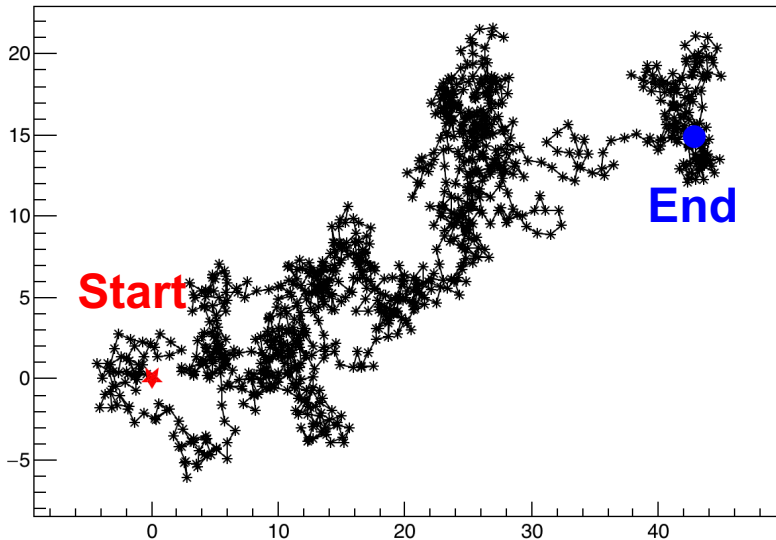
$$F(\omega) \propto \sum_{i=1}^N q_i(\omega) \cdot e^{-i\omega t_i} = \sum_{i=1}^N L(\omega) \cdot e^{-i \cdot \alpha}$$

Sign of  $q_i$  (Bernoulli variable)

- unnecessary to be 50% + (-)
- absorbed into phase term

$\alpha$  is uniformly distributed in  $[0, 2\pi)$

- $N$  needs to be large enough



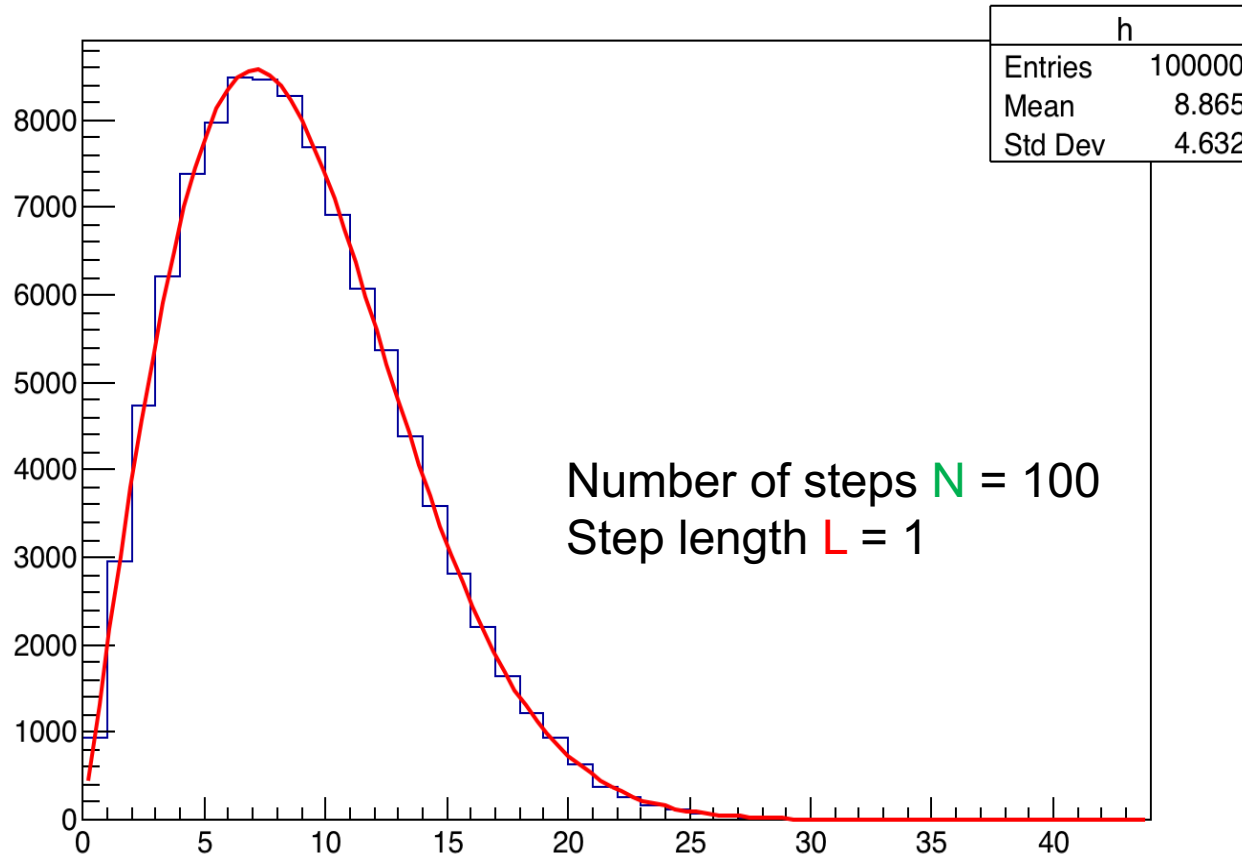
$F(\omega)$  follows a random walk in the complex plane with the step length  $L(\omega)$

How to describe vector 'End - Start'?

**Amplitude: Rayleigh distribution**

**Phase: uniform**

# Rayleigh distribution



$$f(x; \sigma) = \frac{x}{\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\text{Mean} = \sigma\sqrt{\pi/2}, \text{ Mode} = \sigma$$

Only one  
parameter  $\sigma$

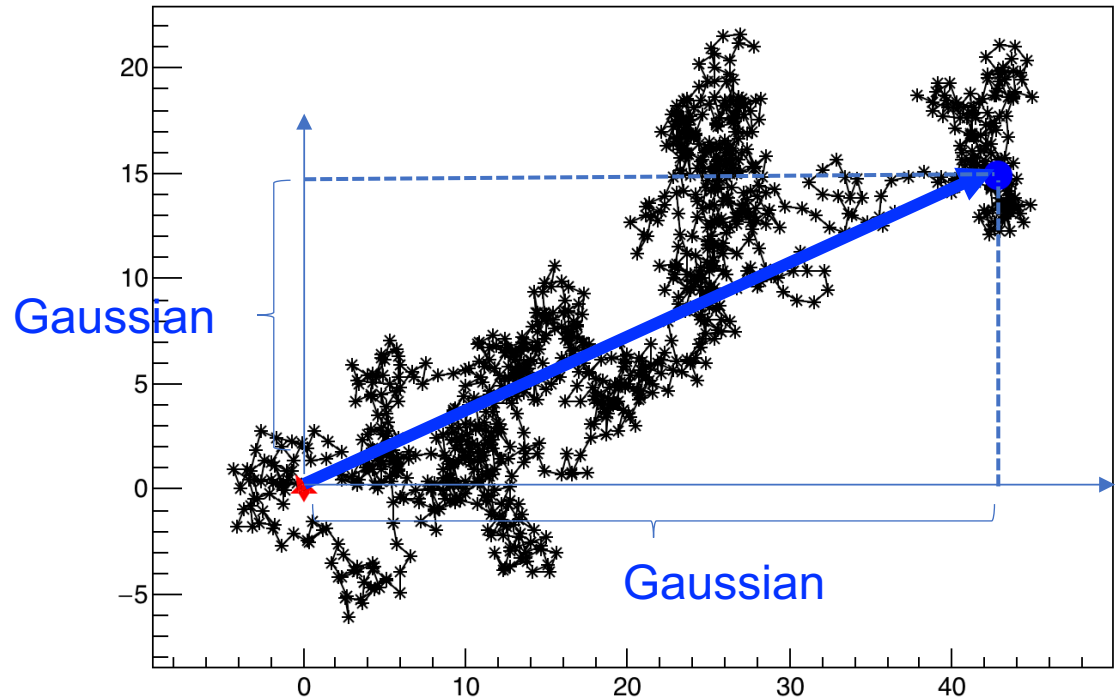
# A simpler view

Random Walk (Rayleigh distribution + uniform phase):  
Two independent Gaussian distributions with same deviation (the only parameter  $\sigma$  in Rayleigh distribution)

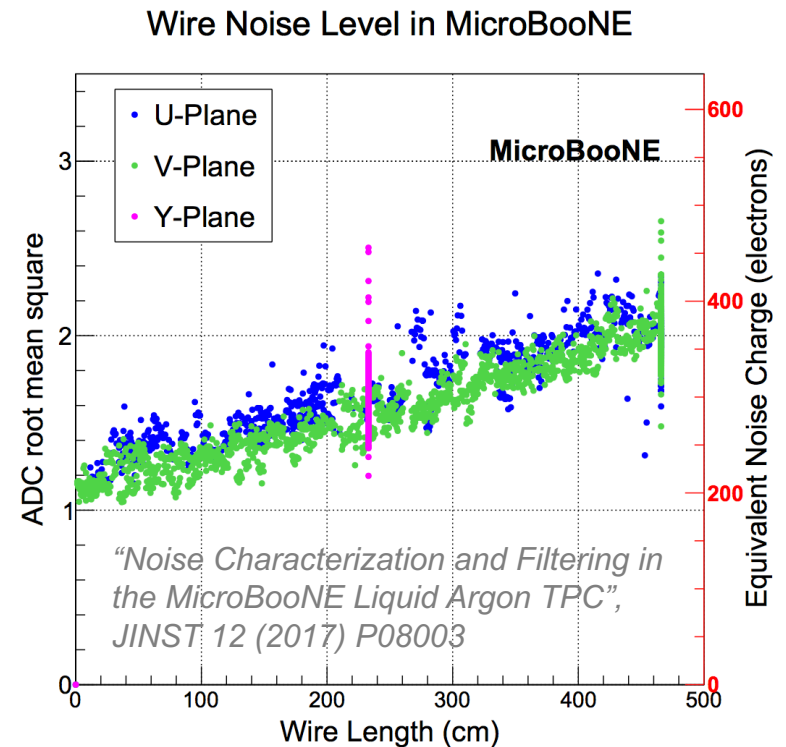
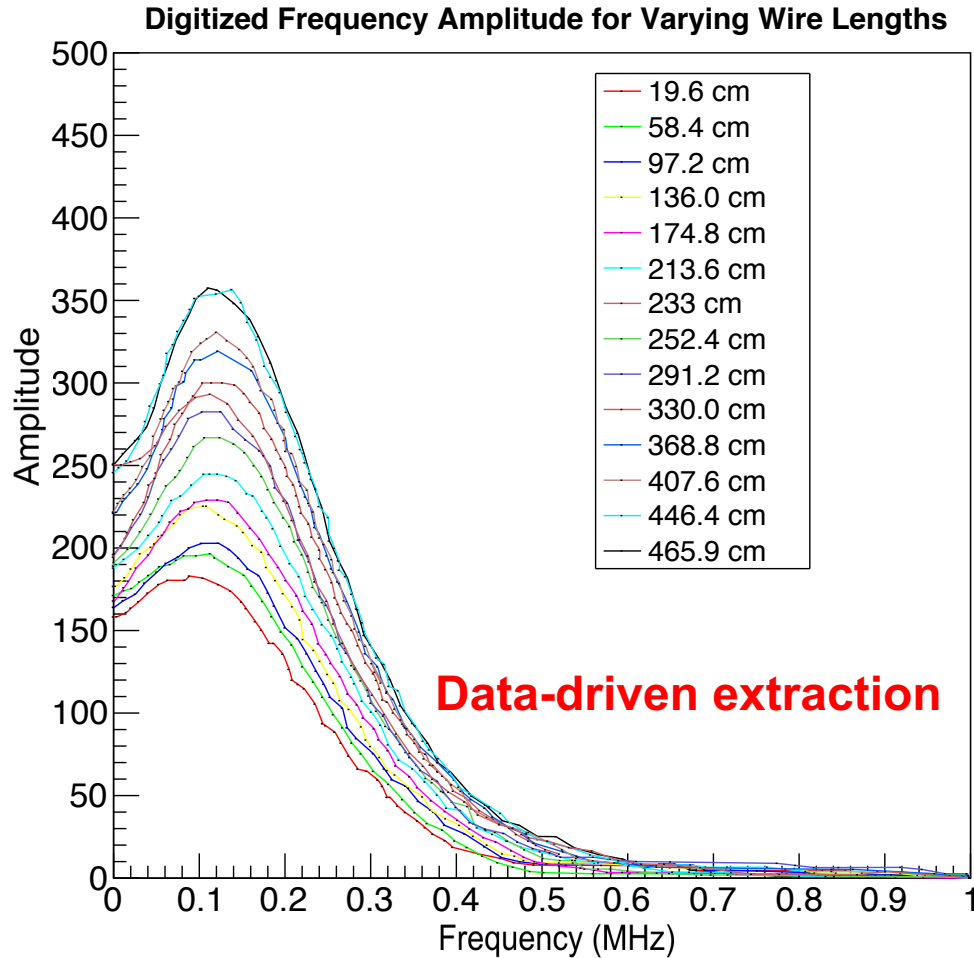
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Additivity property of Gaussian distribution

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Summation of all sources of noise still can be described by only one parameter  $\sigma$  (the deviation of the two Gaussian distributions)

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Only the mean amplitude of  $F(\omega) = \sqrt{\pi/2} \cdot \sigma$  is needed



# Mean frequency amplitude



# Summary

- The single phase LArTPC signal formation has been presented.
- 2D (time & wire) response is demonstrated.
- A corresponding/consistent signal simulation is introduced.
- A new analytic method of noise simulation is introduced.
  
- Special region response (e.g. shorted wire in MicroBooNE) stays tuned by data-driven result.
- An attempt on 3D calculation (boundary element method) is on-going.



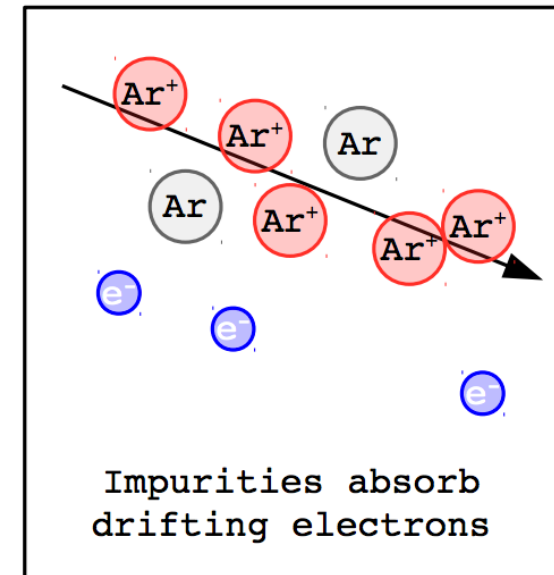
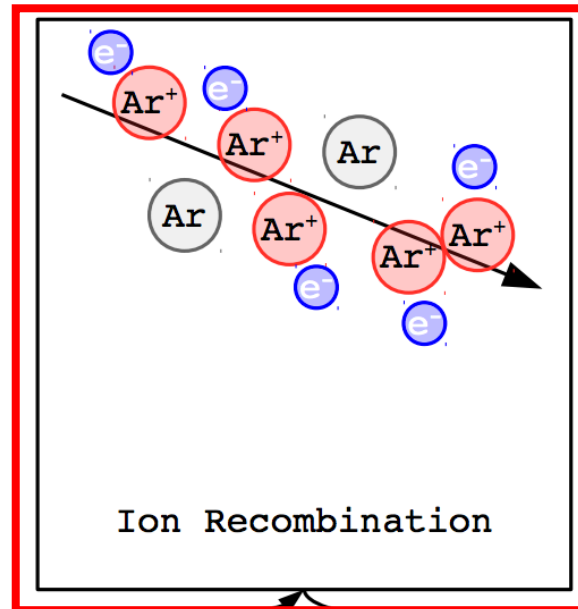
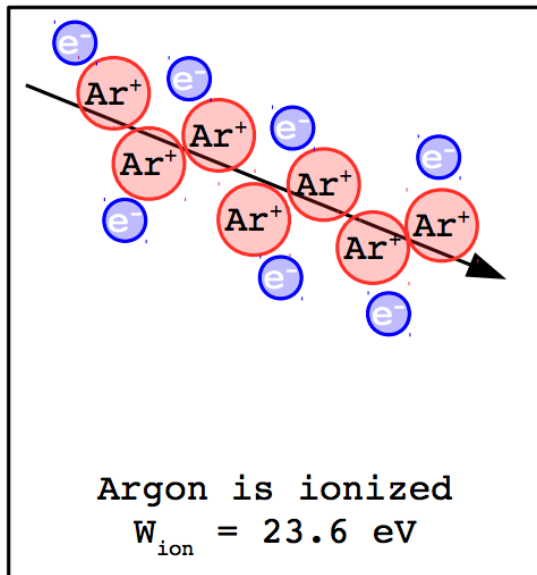
# Two MicroBooNE papers

- Ionization signal analysis and processing in single phase LArTPCs
  - Paper 1: signal formation, simulation, extraction (signal processing)  
**Starting review.**  
**B. Russell will give a talk about the signal processing and evaluation with simulation.**
  - Paper 2: data/MC comparison and performance in MicroBooNE  
**Be ready soon.**

# BACKUP

# Signal loss in LAr -- recombination

*uBooNE DocDB 6866*



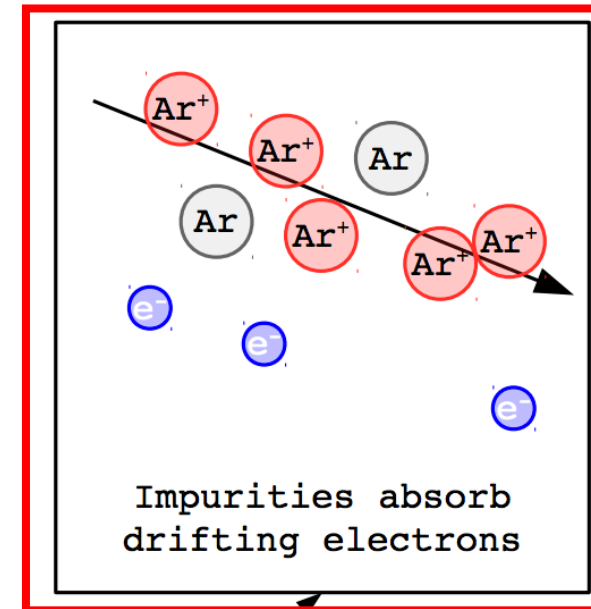
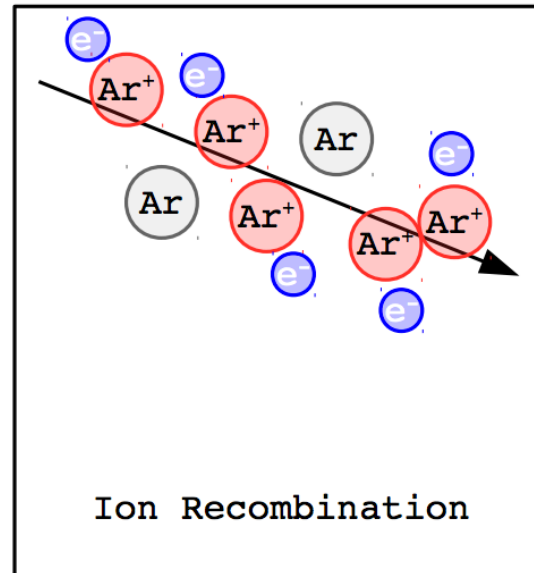
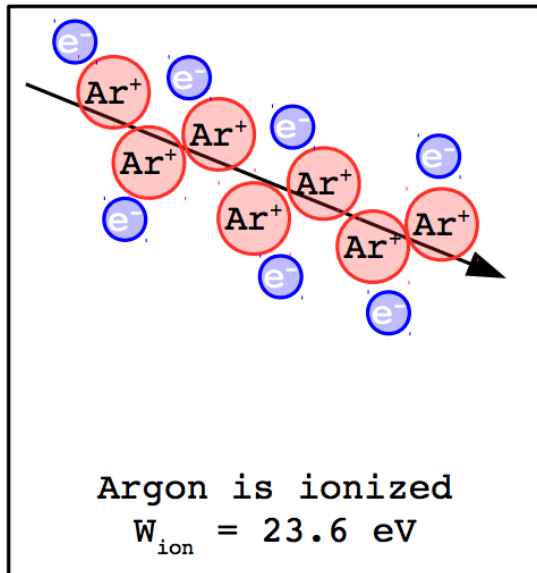
$$R = \frac{dQ/dx}{dE/dx}$$

$$R \cong 60\% \text{ @87K, } 273\text{V/cm}$$

$$R \cong 70\% \text{ @87K, } 500\text{V/cm}$$

# Signal loss in LAr -- absorption

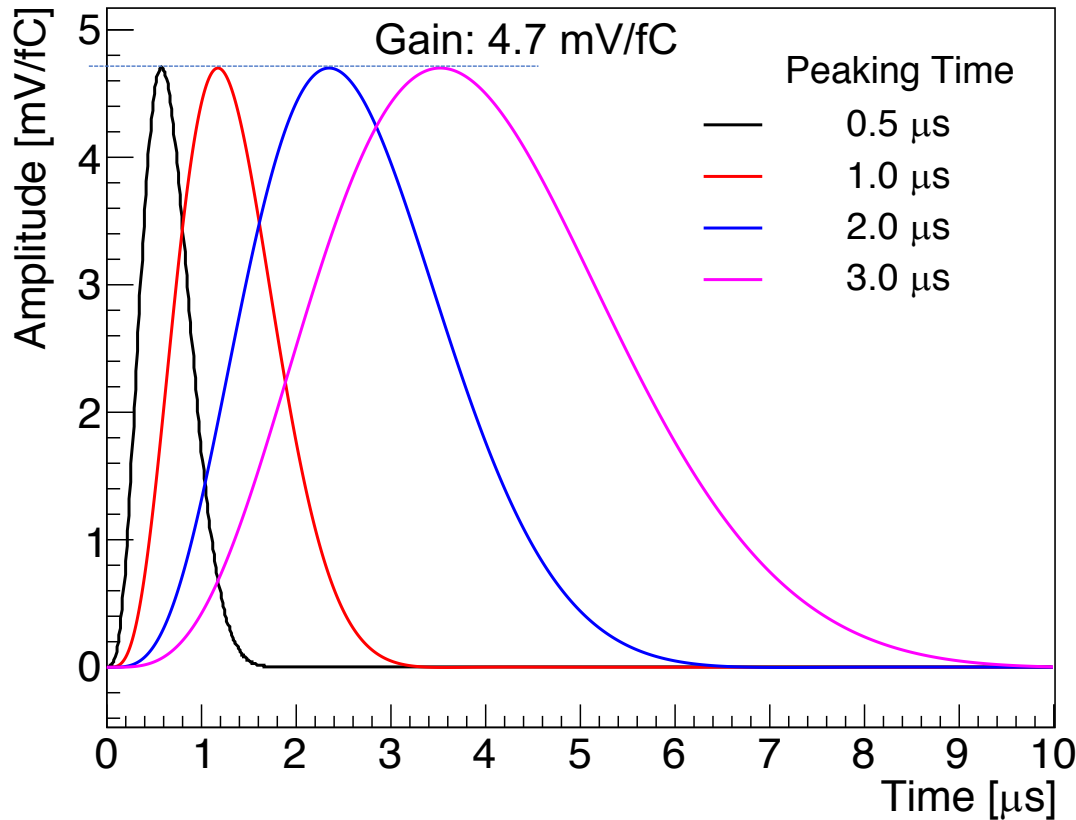
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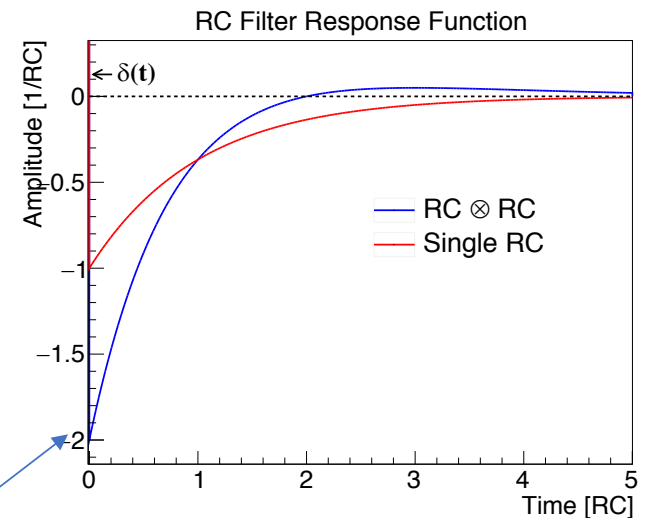
$L = e^{-t_{drift}/\tau}$ ,  $\tau$  is defined as electron lifetime,  
 $\tau > 18.5 \text{ ms}$  (normal MicroBooNE operation,  $O_2$   
equivalent contamination  $< 16 \text{ ppt}$ )  
Maximum signal loss  $< 12\%$  at MicroBooNE (2.3 ms  
drift from anode to cathode).

# Electronics responses

Preamplifier Response Function



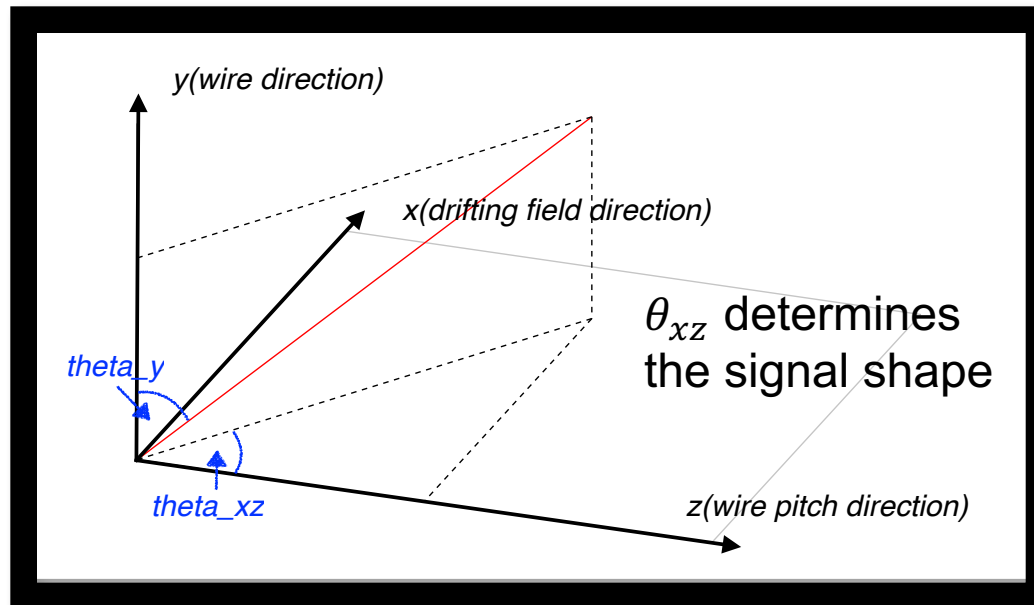
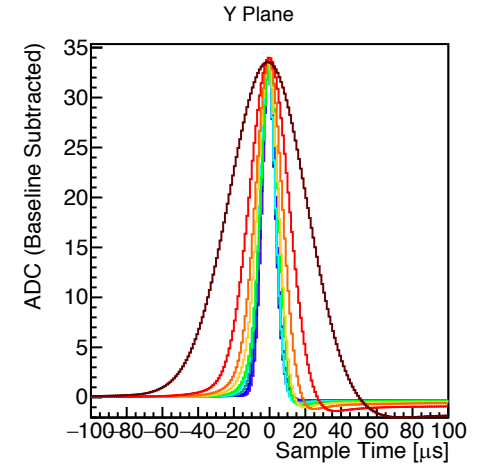
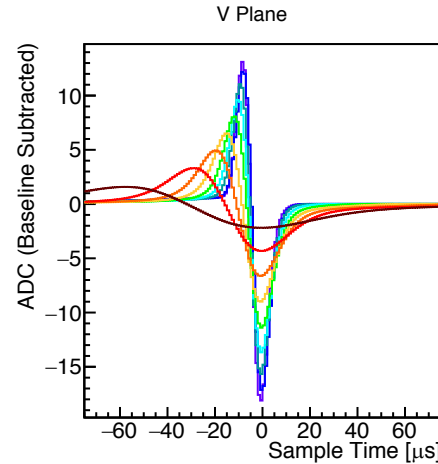
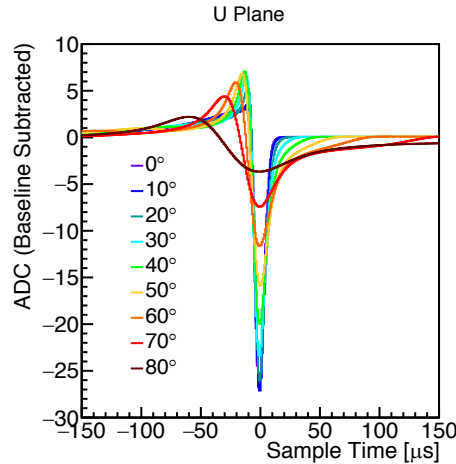
In MicroBooNE, two additional RC filters ( $RC = 1$  ms, remove baselines)



- ✓ Significant if long or large signal
- ✓ In general,  $<1\%$  of the signal peak

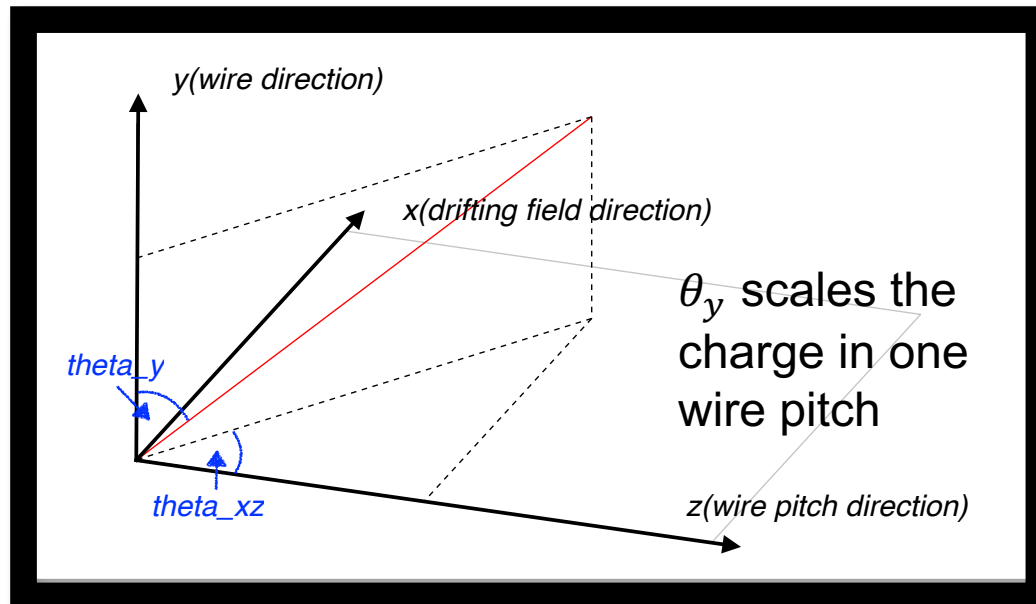
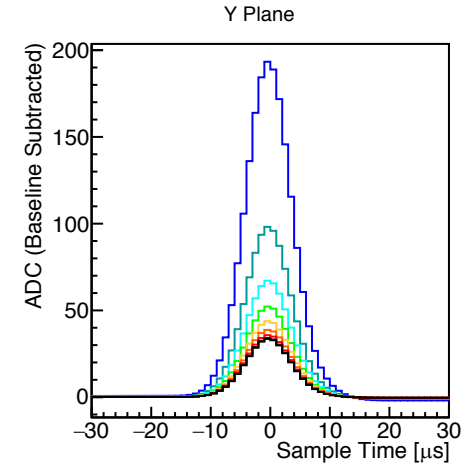
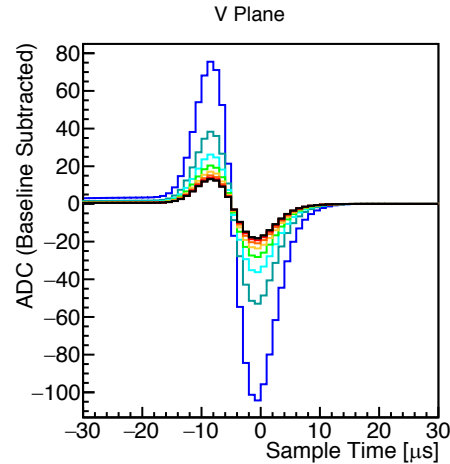
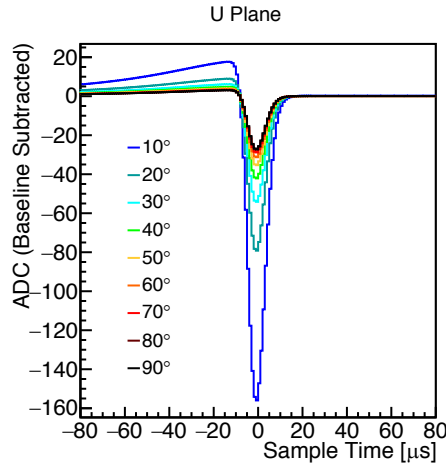
# Topology-dependent event

Varying  $\theta_{xz}$   
given  $\theta_y = 90^\circ$   
(perpendicular  
to wire  
orientation)



# Topology-dependent event

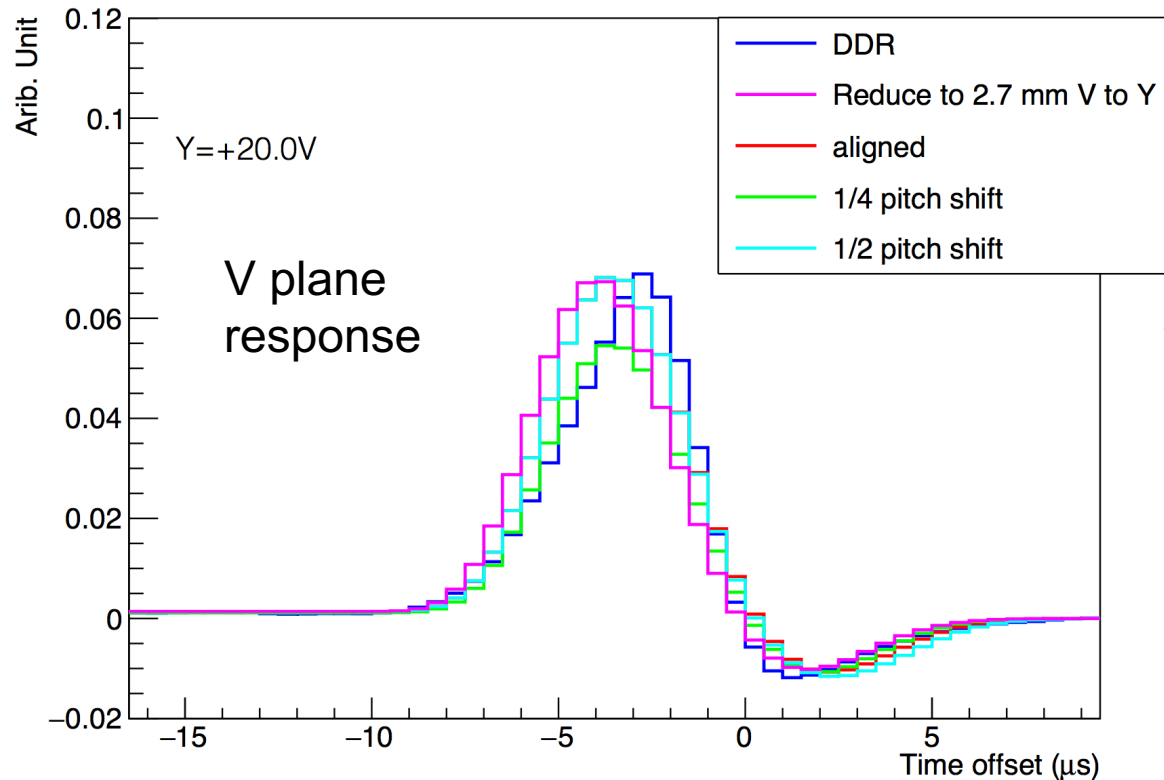
Varying  $\theta_y$   
given  $\theta_{xz} = 0^\circ$   
(isochronous)



# Shorted wire region

- Some special field response, e.g. shorted wire region of MicroBooNE detector, stays tuned by data-driven result.

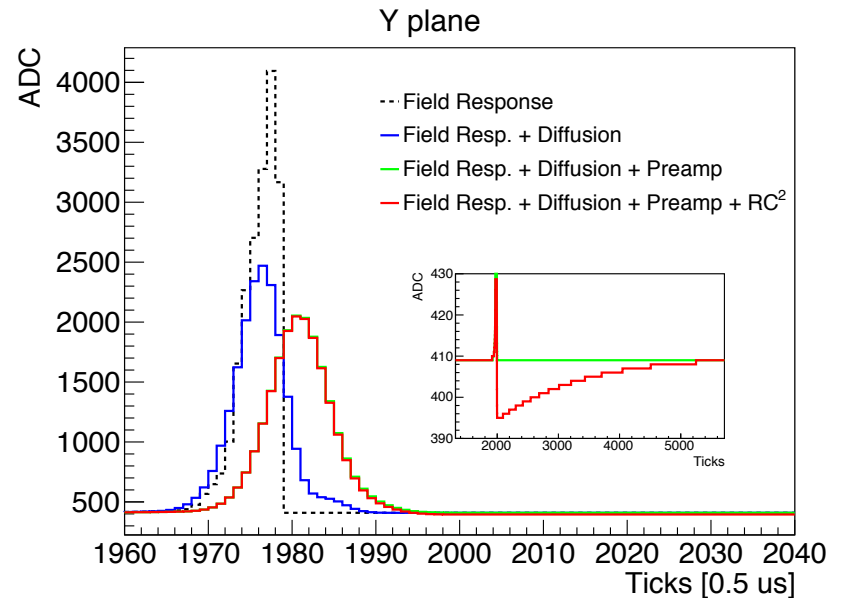
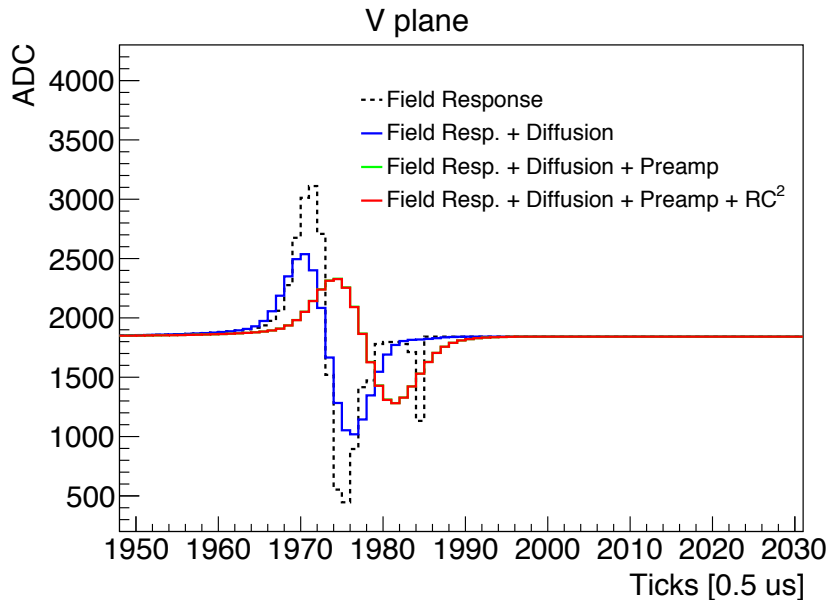
DDR Vs. Garfield V plane Y-short Comparison



Y shorted by V wire  
✓ V plane has bipolar (electron bypass) + unipolar response (electron collected)



# Overall TPC Response



- ✓ Effects/Responses changing the signal shape
- ✓ In time dimension

**Do not forget about signal shape changes/smearing in wire dimension**

- Diffusion
- Field response