

Study of Michel electron signals in ProtoDUNE-SP photon detectors

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Introduction

- I gave a [talk](#) at the January collaboration meeting on reconstructing PD signals in ProtoDUNE-SP.
- I would like to understand the expected PEs produced by the Michel electrons from beam muon/pion decay.
 - Average photons produced by Michel electrons.
 - Expected PEs using photon library.

Expected photons from Michel

- $Q = N_e = N_i R$
- $L = N_\gamma = N_{ex} + N_i(1 - R)$
- $Q + L = N_{ex} + N_i = \frac{\Delta E}{W_{ph}}$
- $\alpha = \frac{N_{ex}}{N_i} = 0.21$
- $\Delta E = 36.7 \text{ MeV}$
- $R = 0.625$ (recombination factor)
- $W_{ph} = 19.5$
- $L = 9.1 \times 10^5$

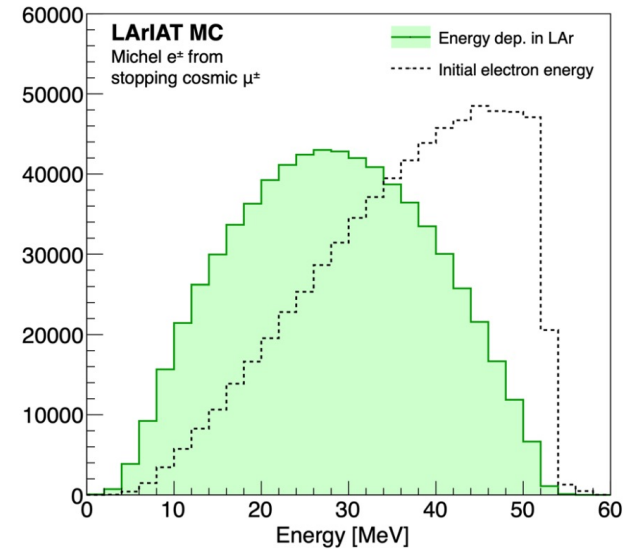
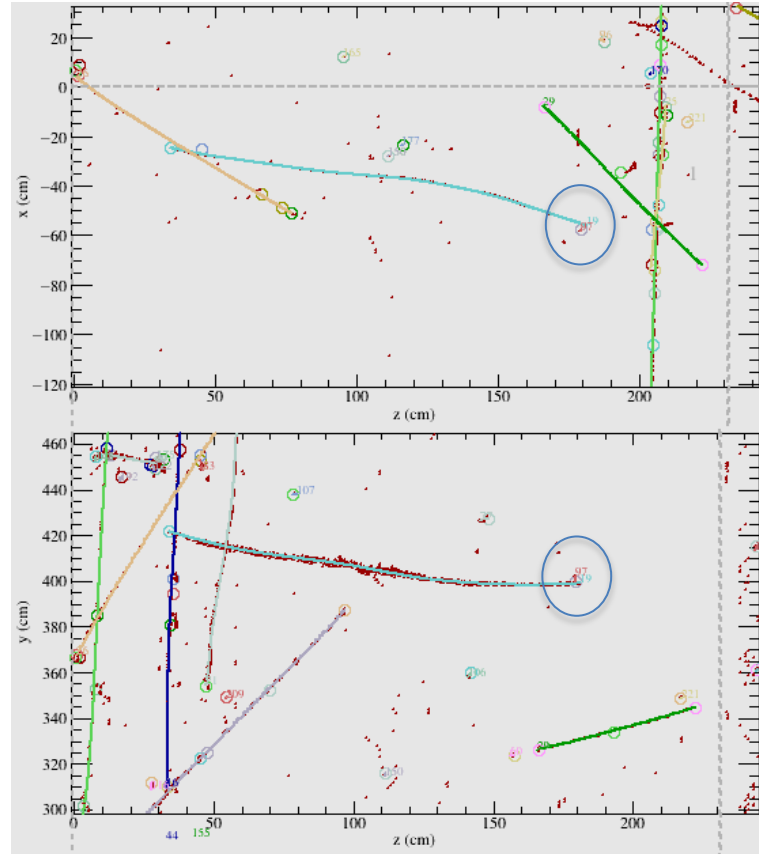
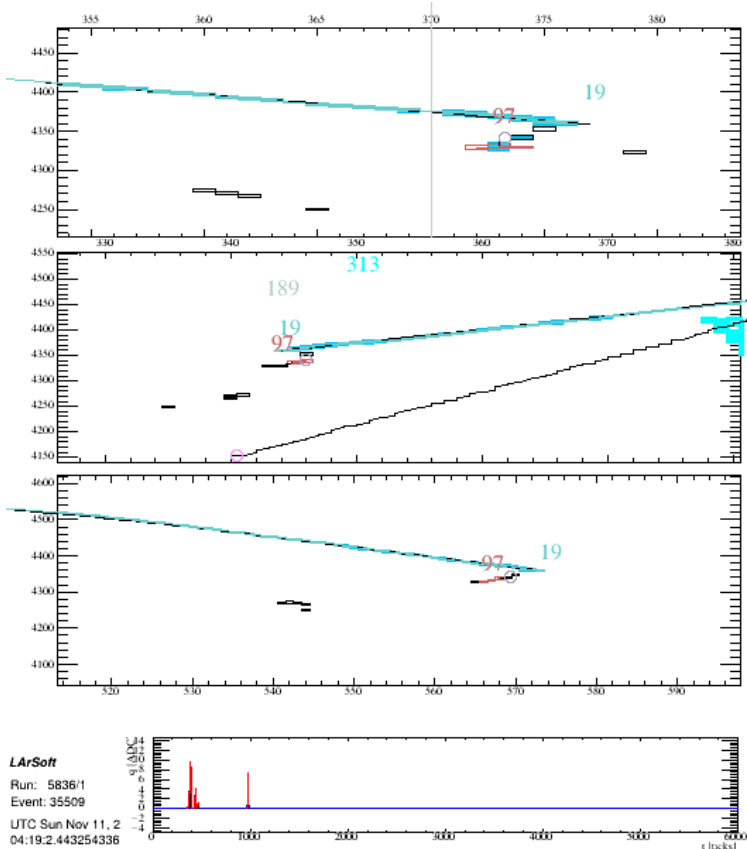


FIG. 9. Simulated distribution of the initial Michel electron energy ($\langle E \rangle = 36.7 \text{ MeV}$) compared to the visible energy deposited in the LArIAT active volume ($\langle E_{\text{dep}} \rangle = 28.2 \text{ MeV}$).

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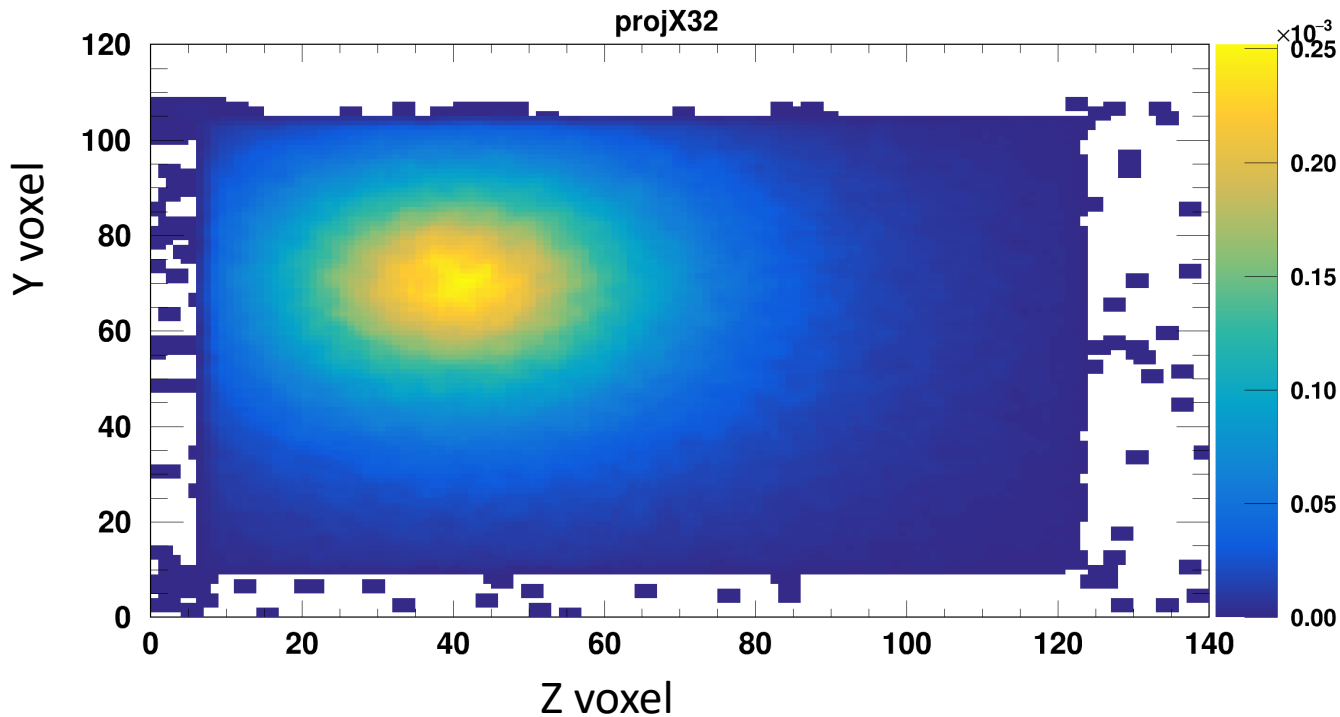
A 0.5 GeV/c stopping pion/muon



- The Michel electron was produced at (-55, 400, 180) cm.

Photon library

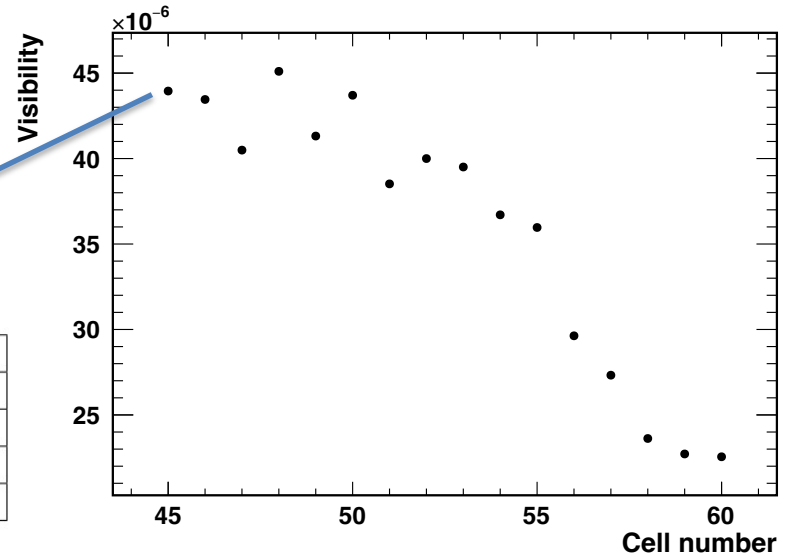
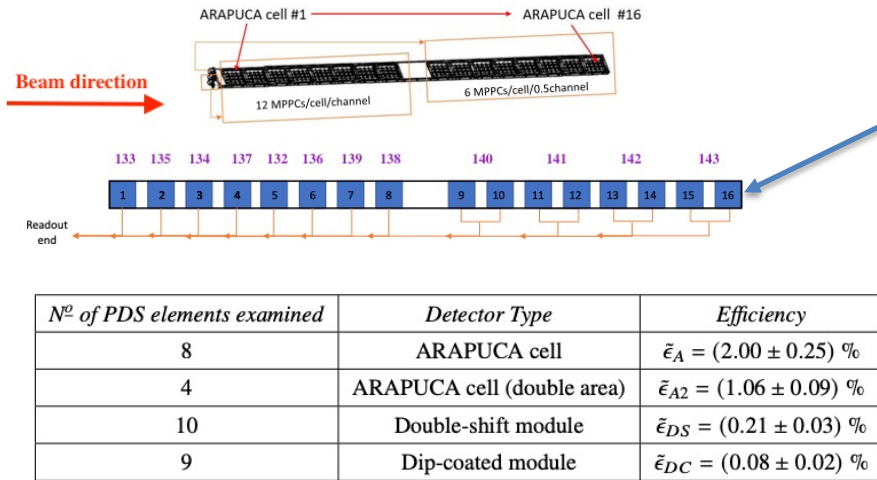
- Photon library gives the probability for a photon at a location in the TPC to reach a particular photon detector.
 - Also called visibility
 - lib_ProtoDunev7_merged_avg.root



Visibility for one Arapuca cell at fixed x

Visibility for one Michel electron

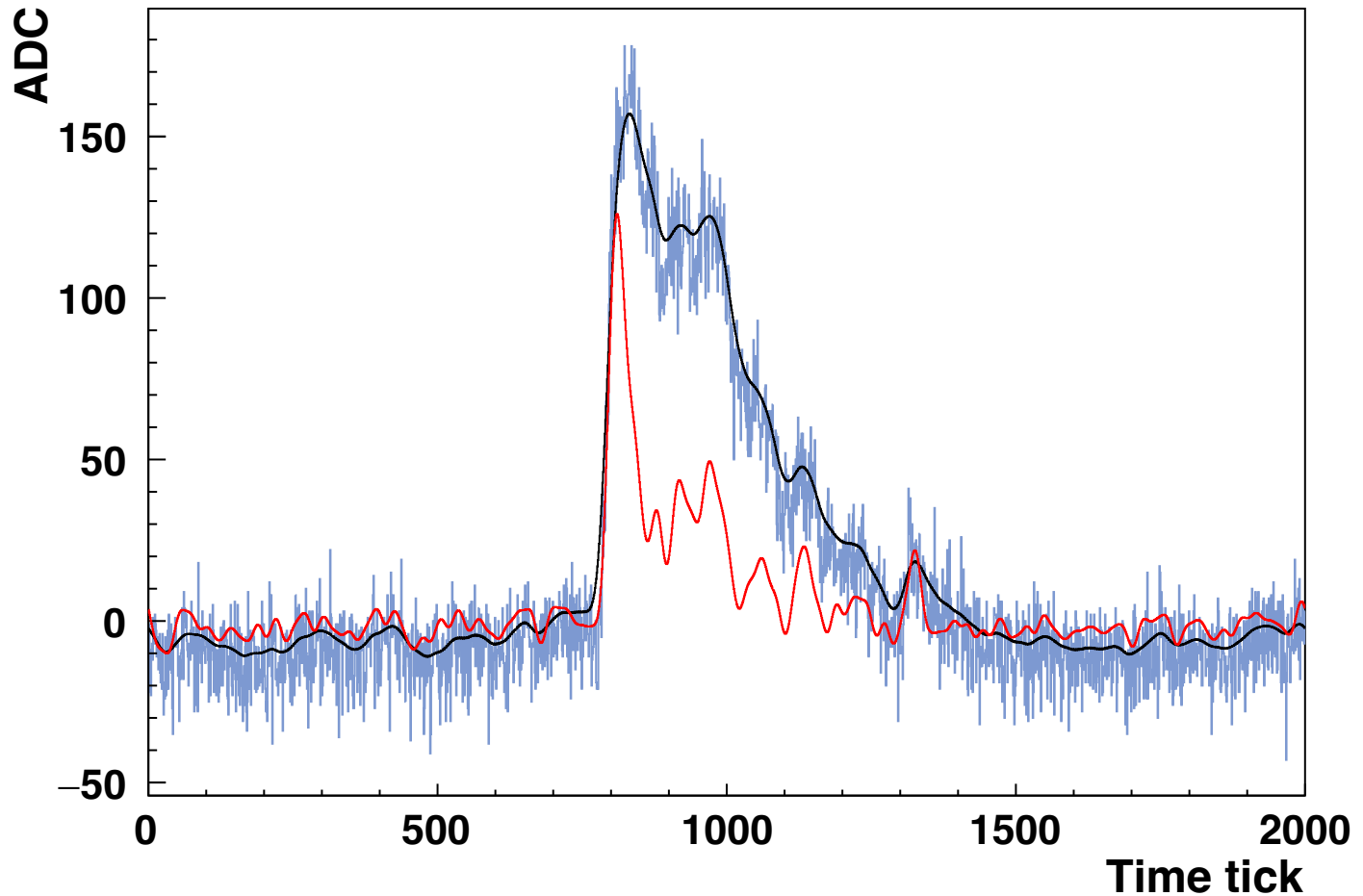
ARAPUCA ProtoDUNE Mapping



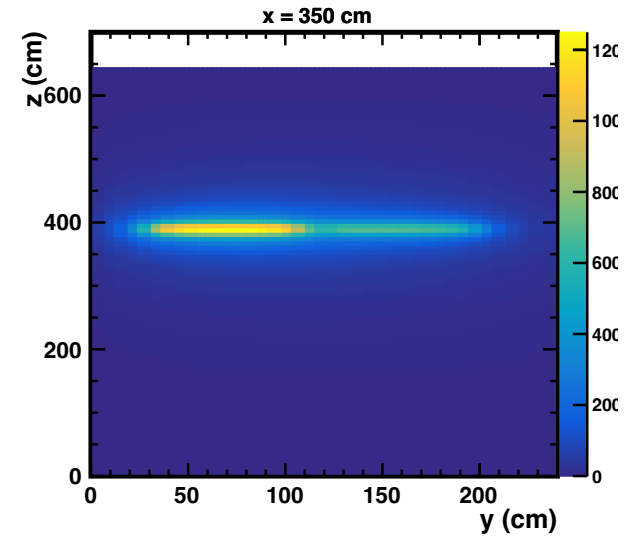
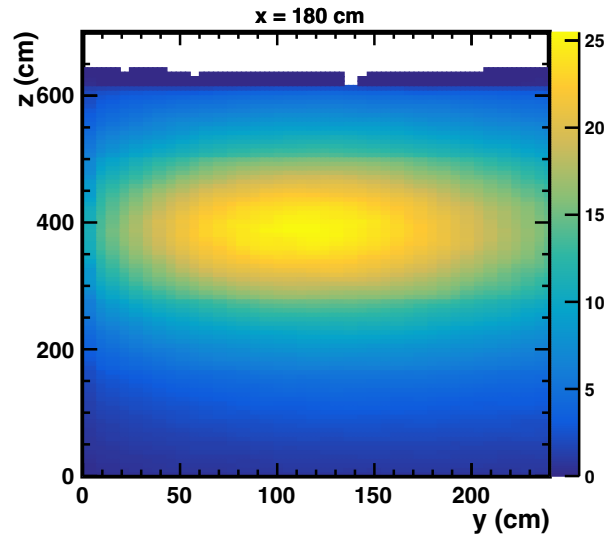
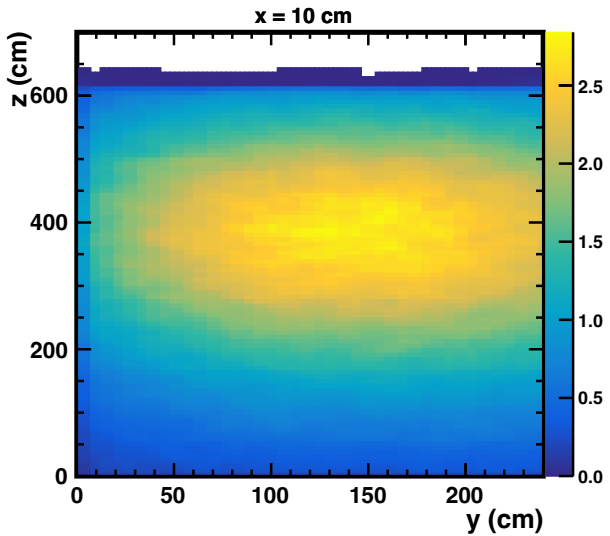
- Transmission coefficient ($\sim 68\%$).
- ARAPUCA efficiency: 2% or 1.06%.
- Total expected PEs for 9.1×10^5 photons produced at (-55, 400, 180): 5.2.

Sum all ARAPUCA waveforms

ARAPUCA



Expected PEs for different locations



X = 0: cathode
X = 360: anode

Conclusions

- Michel electrons from beam muon decays are expected to only produce a few PEs in the ARAPUCA photon detectors.
- Cosmic muon decays close to the anode can produce sizable photon detector signals.
 - Erin looked at this before. See her [talk](#).
- I would like to thank Laura Paulucci for helping me understand the photon library.