

# DC Updates: Software and Firmware

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# Overview

- **DC version 2 calibration and reconstruction updates**
- **DC Readout updates**

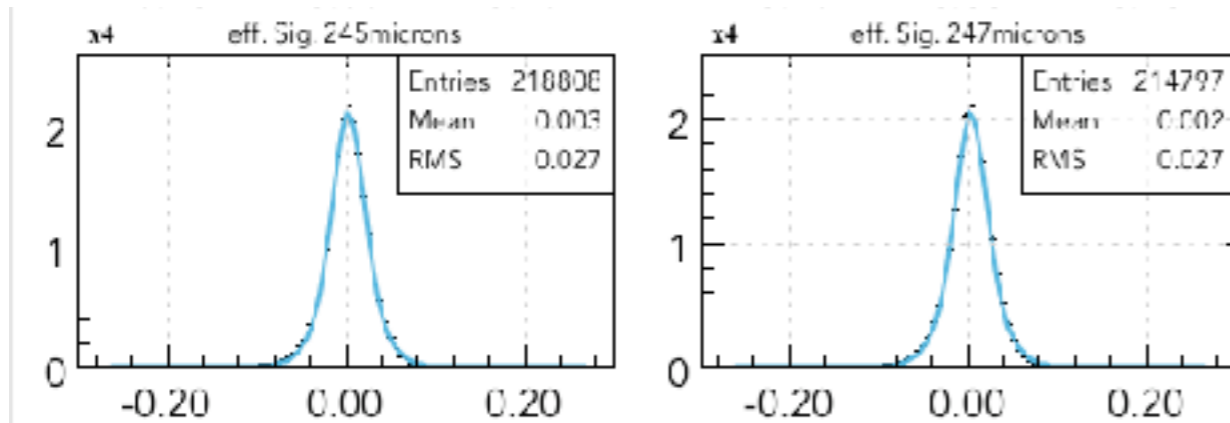
Not covered here:

- **GEMC matching improvements**
- **General tracking improvements by Tongtong**

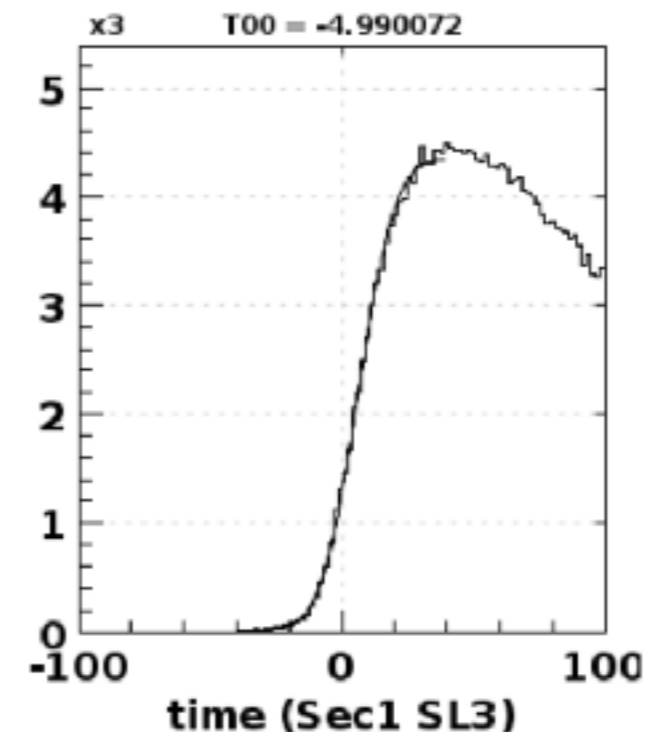
**DC V2**

# What does DC calibration mean

- **Time to distance calibration (T2D)**
  - various parameters, calibration follows specific protocol
  - done per superlayer (6 total)
  - control observable: time residuals = doca difference (track - hit)



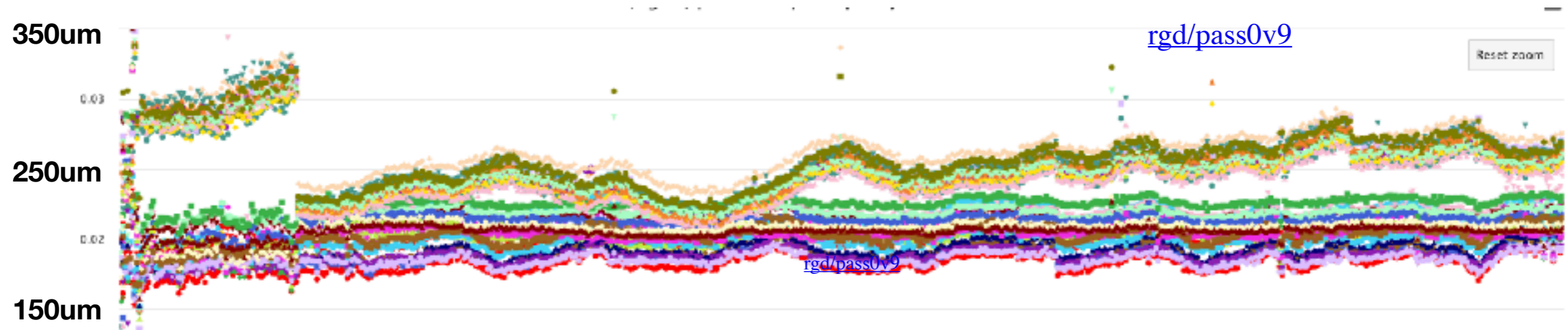
- **$T_0/T_{00}$  calibration:**
  - start point of time spectra
  - account for shifts of wires ( $T_0$ )
  - shift of sectors/superlayers ( $T_{00}$ )



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- ToF correction calculation for DC hits with a bug (shifted T0)
- Non-monotonic T2D behavior for R2 at large docas due to B-field dependent term
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RGD residuals



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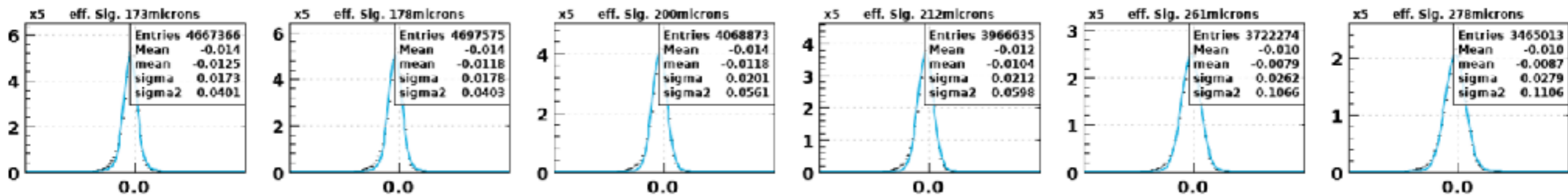
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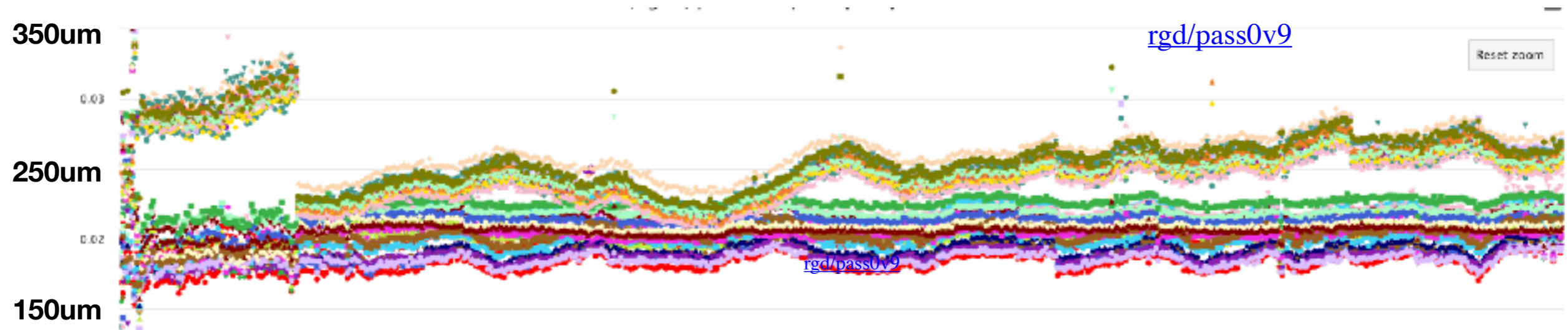
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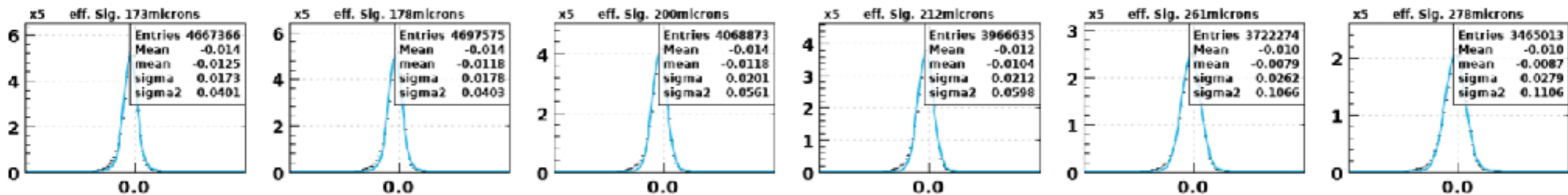
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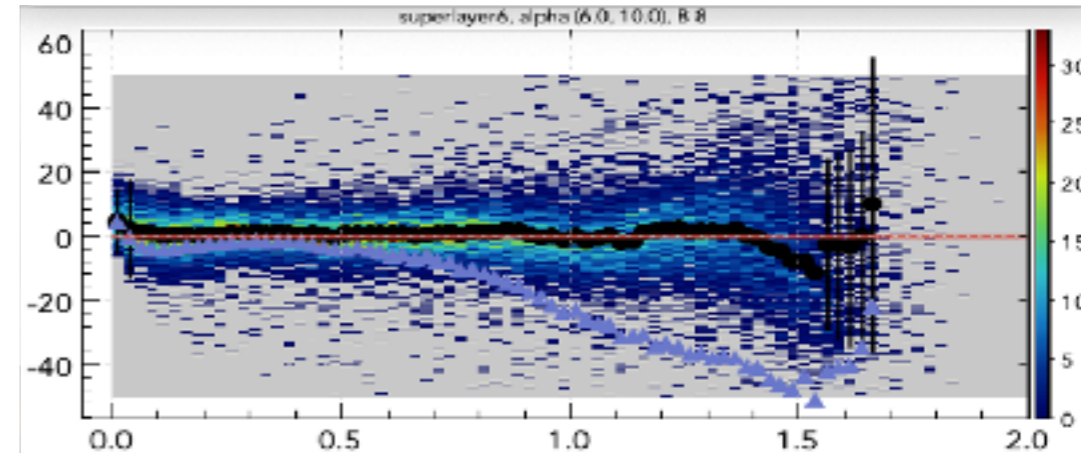
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—> Updates to calibration software and methods which break backward compatibility!!!!

# Calibration Code Updates (Veronique)

- **Code refactoring**
  - **utility classes for various tasks**
  - **cleanup and optimization**
- **Better debug functionalities**
- **New plots for visualization of fit quality**
- **Bug fixes (LR ambiguity failures)**
- **B-field parameters fit functionality**
- **Beta dependent correction term part of the T2D function (no adhoc correction anymore) —> this requires also changes to reconstruction!**
- **New features (still more testing to do)**
  - **Sector-dependent T2D calibration (will be done first for RGK)**
  - **Automated calibration**



# T2D Calibration Features

DC4 new features

Sector-by-sector calibration parameters displays

- Each calibration procedure (scan, segment fits, parameter fits) run for each sector
- Scan, fits for each sector run on a separate thread

The screenshot shows a 'fit panel' window with tabs for Sector 1 through Sector 6. Below the tabs is a table of parameters for Superlayer 1 through Superlayer 6. Each parameter has a numerical value and a 'Fix' checkbox. A blue box highlights the parameters for Superlayer 3. Below the table is a progress bar with buttons: INITIAL PARAMETER SCAN, FIT TIME TO DISTANCE, FIT B PARAMETERS, REDO SEGMENT FITS, PLOT RESIDUALS, RESET PARAMETERS, SAVE PARAMETERS, and AUTO CALIBRATION. There are also checkboxes for 'Fit range min', 'Fit range max', 'Use B>0 prof...', 'Fit by sector', 'Print', and 'Vocal mode'.

Sector-by-sector calibration (scan, fit)

Prints fit results and status to screen

Vocal mode reports calibration status and fit failures

**INITIAL PARAMETER SCAN**  
Runs initial parameter scan over fixed values of R and distbeta parameters to improve fit stability and handle parameter correlations

**FIT TIME TO DISTANCE**  
Parameter fits for fixed values of R and distbeta parameters

**FIT B PARAMETERS**  
Fit B-field-dependent Parameters (refits only for R2, fitting one B-field parameter at a time)

**REDO SEGMENT FITS**  
Reprocesses the segment fits with option to include R2 profiles with all B-field values

**PLOT RESIDUALS**  
Plots time residuals after the segments fits have been done

**RESET PARAMETERS**  
Resets parameters to cddb values

**SAVE PARAMETERS**  
Saves parameters to file

- Opens panel with view of parameters for all sectors (in development)

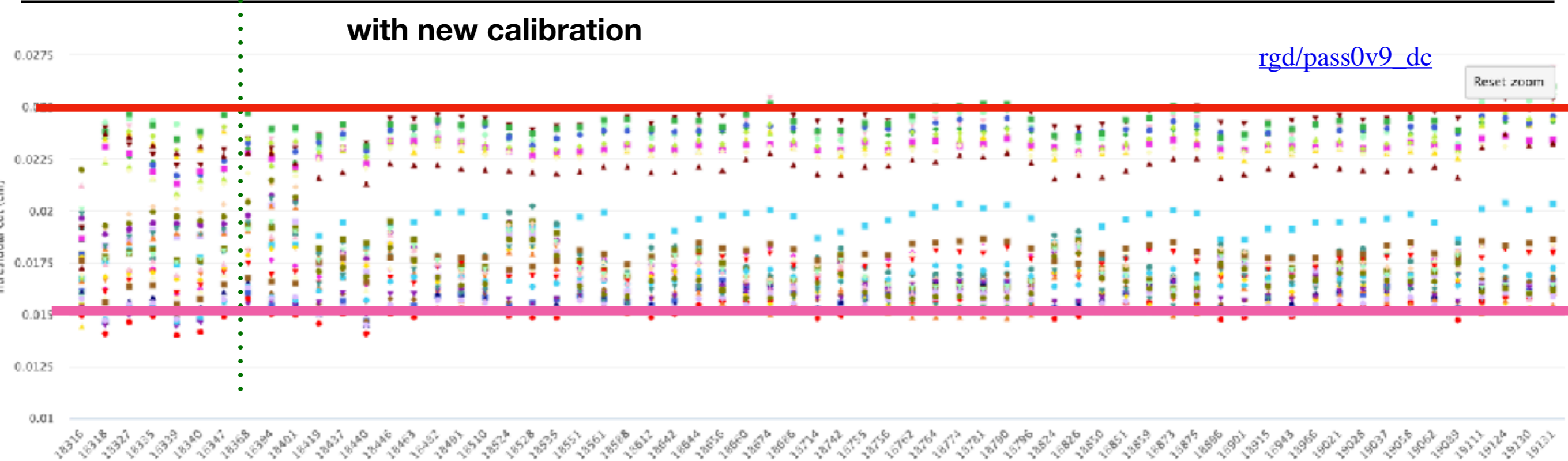
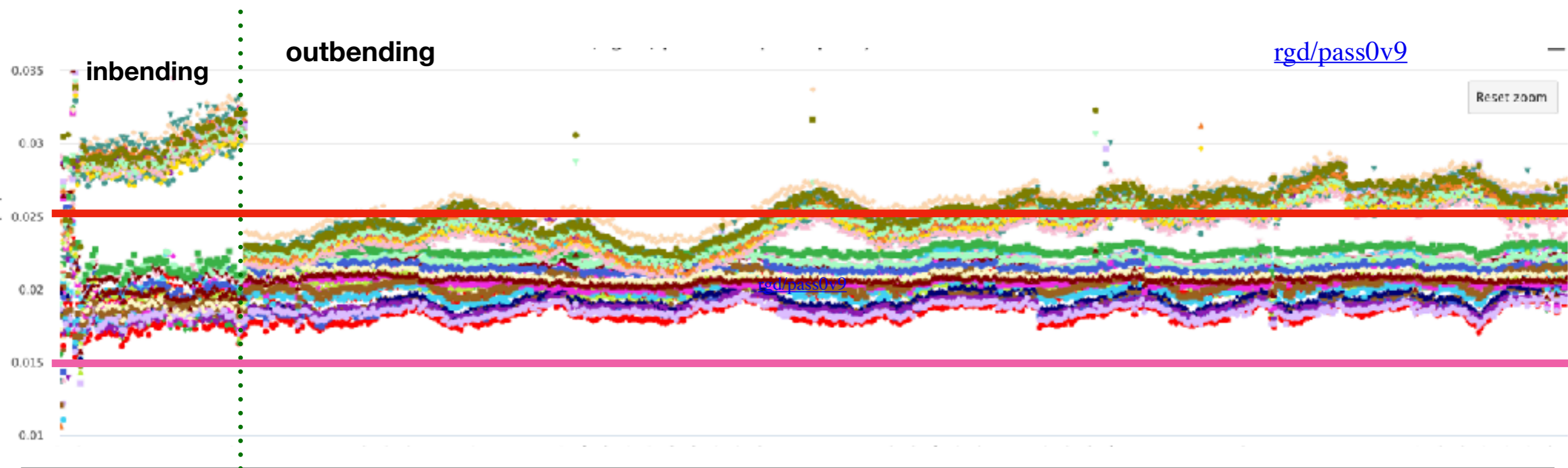
**AUTO CALIBRATION**  
Runs all calibration steps

- Initial parameter scan
- Segment fits
- Parameter fits
- B-f parameter fits

from Veronique's CALCOM slides Jan 09, 2025 3



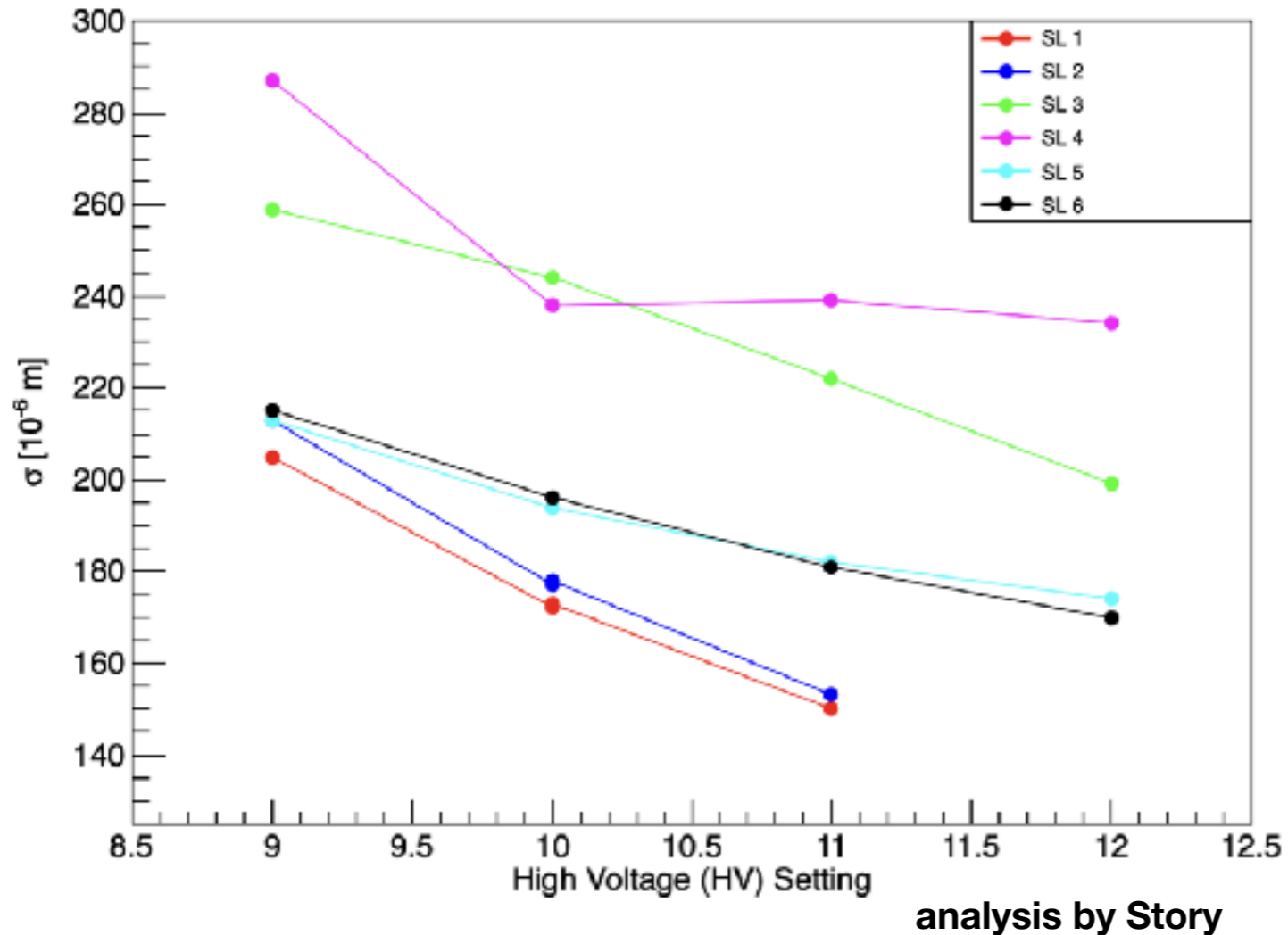
# Results of new calibration (w/o sector dependence) for RGD



- R1 and R3 under 200um, R2 around 250um
- Calibration works very well!

# Residuals: Dependence on HV

RGD HV scans



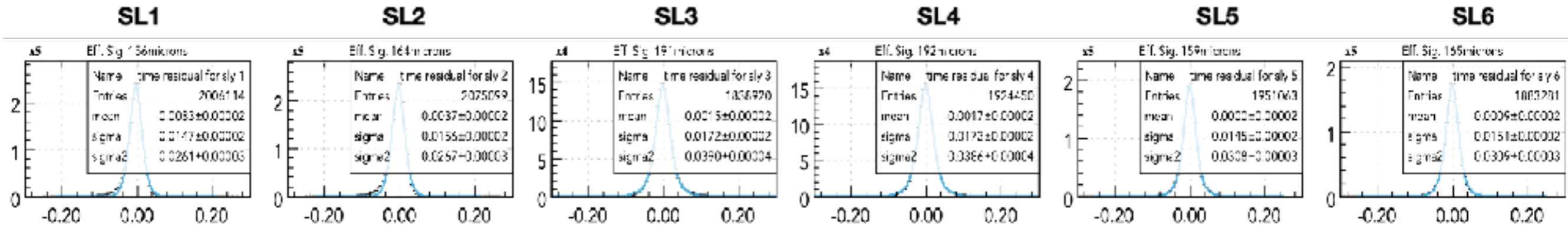
- Each run separately calibrated
- Results averaged over sectors
- Decrease of residuals for each SL as expected
- Lower sigma for R1/R3 compared to R2

- More studies with RGK 2023/24 runs soon

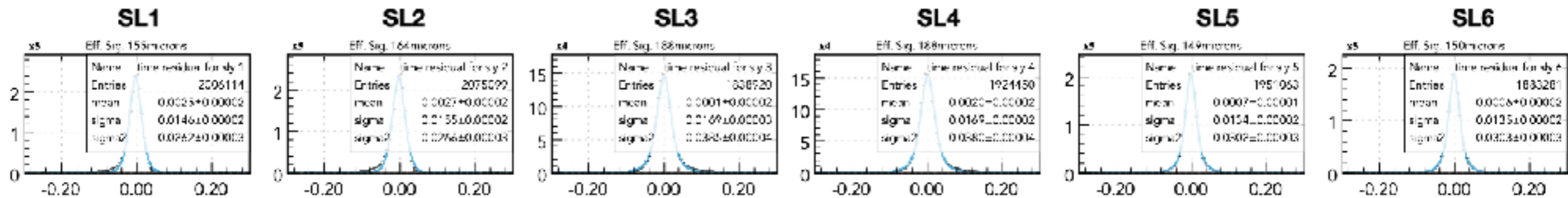
# Sector-Dependent Tests (Veronique)

- Test with RGK run 19220 (HV Setting 10,11,11 - same as RGD/E)

## Sector averaged



## Sectors separately



- Small improvements in SL5 and SL6 on residuals
- Consistent with older studies which showed ~ 15-20% sector dependence of parameters

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## **Main Caveat: No Backward Compatibility!!!!**

- New calibration requires new coatjava version and vice versa
- New coatjava release with v2 soon (final tests in progress)
- New coatjava used for RGD/K/E/L calibration/cooking
- For older run groups, we need to redo DC calibration! The v2 release will fail with runs < 18000 (besides runs 0-1000)

# DC Readout Updates

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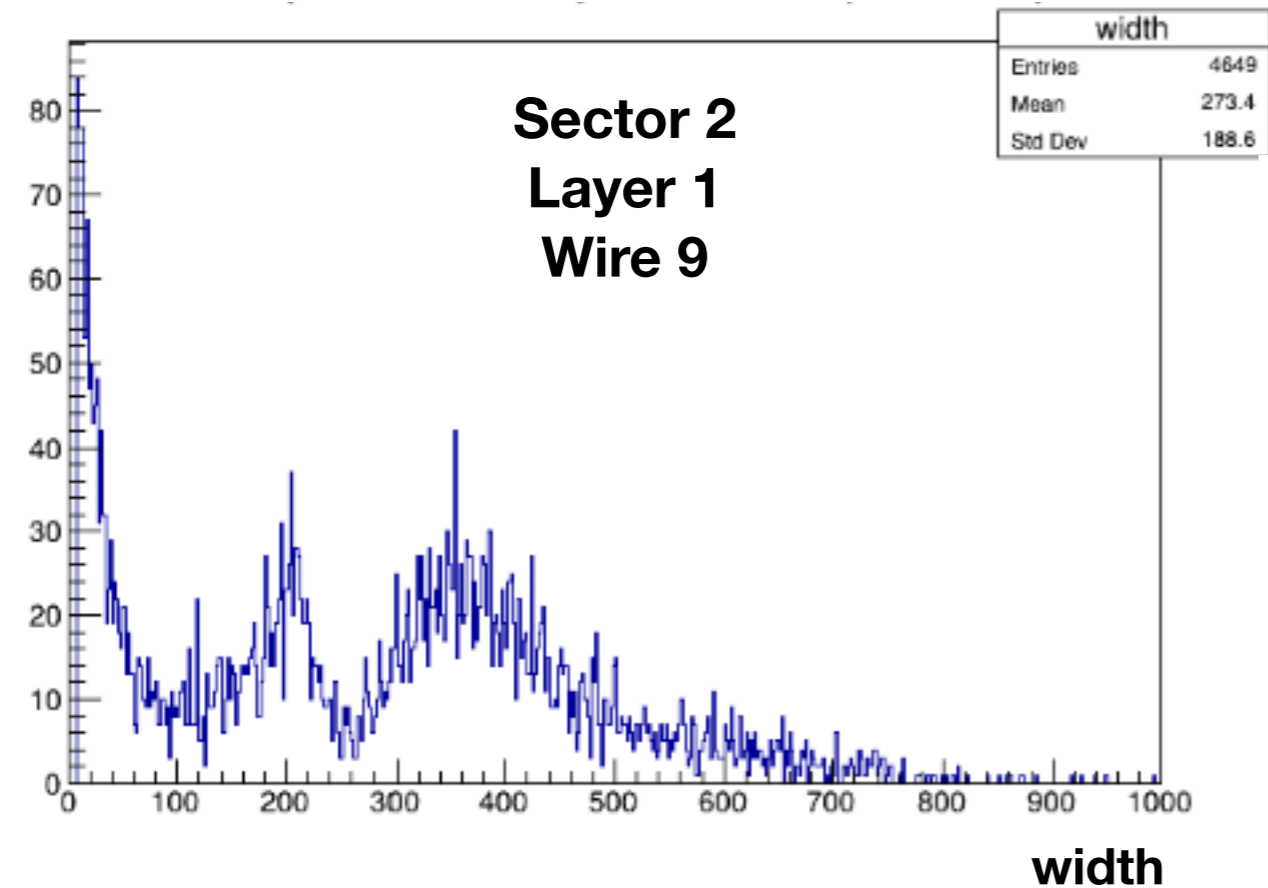
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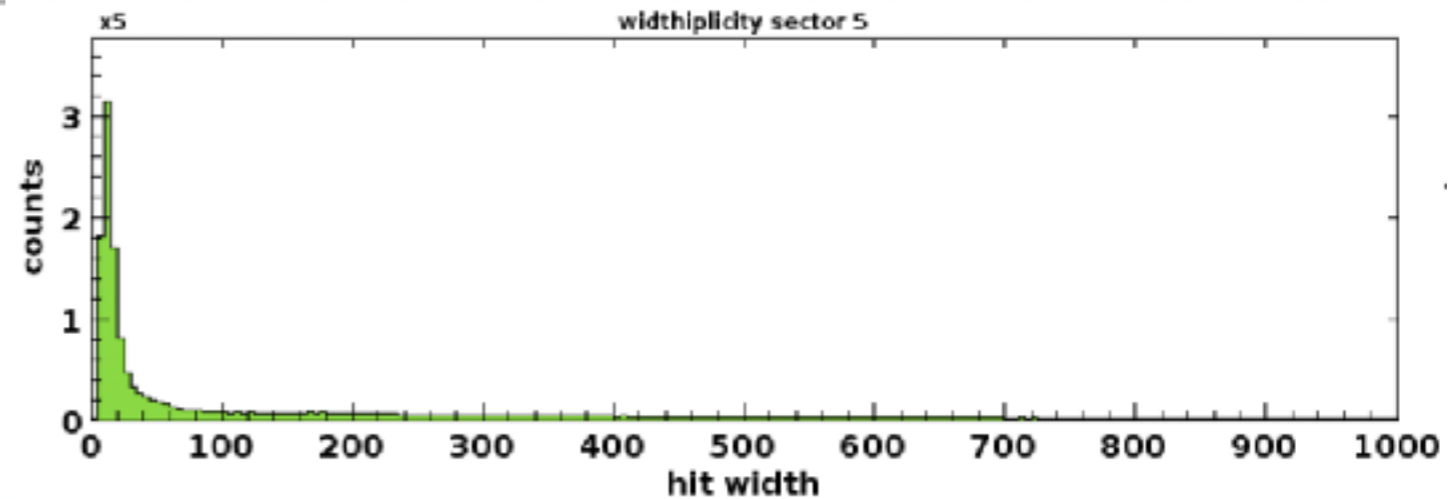
- RGE test runs: <https://logbooks.jlab.org/entry/4288837>
  - runs with different thresholds (make DC more noisy)
  - runs with different beam currents (check under different backgrounds)
  - tests done only with Sector 2 and 5
- Analysis and studies in progress



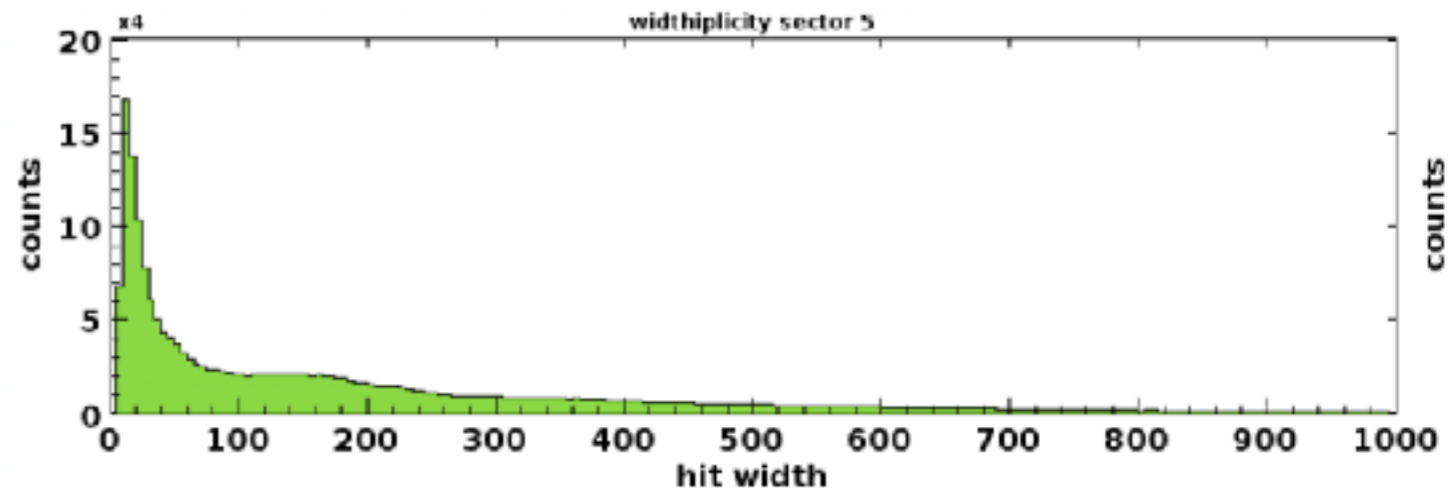
# How Does a Width Spectrum looks like?



Run 20285 (low DCRB threshold)



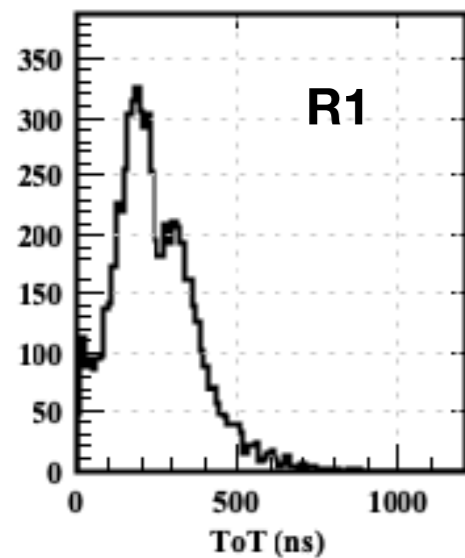
Run 20284 (high DCRB thresholds)



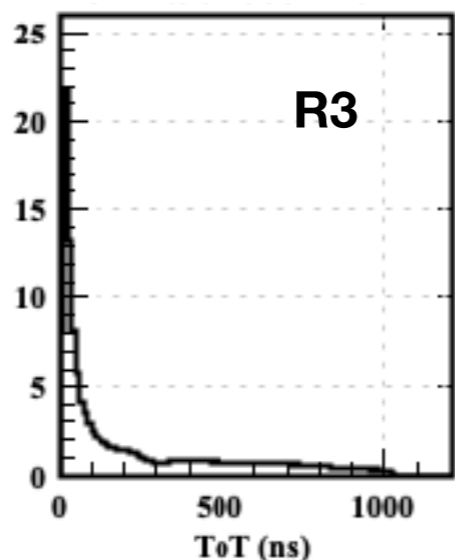
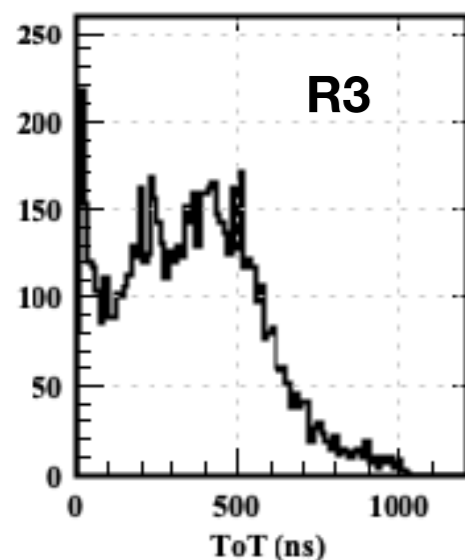
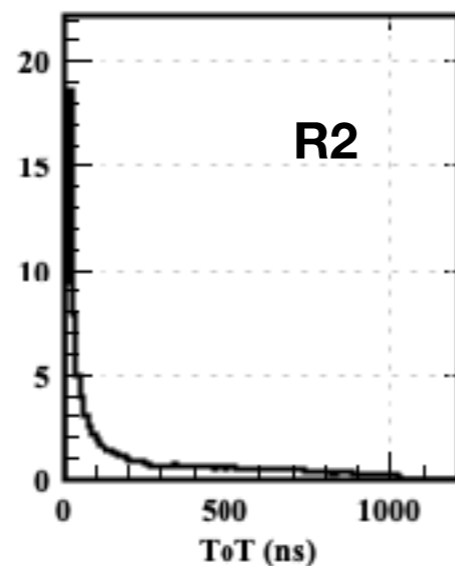
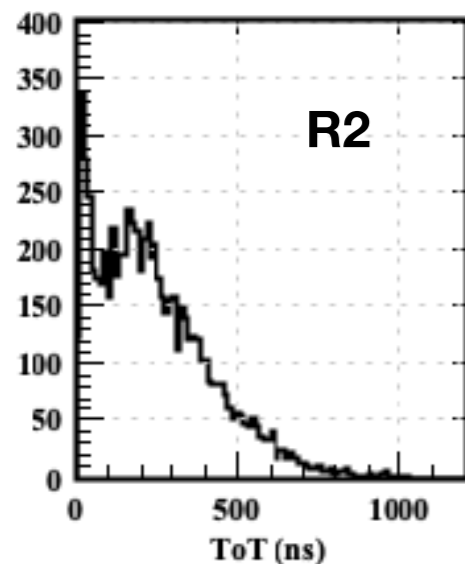
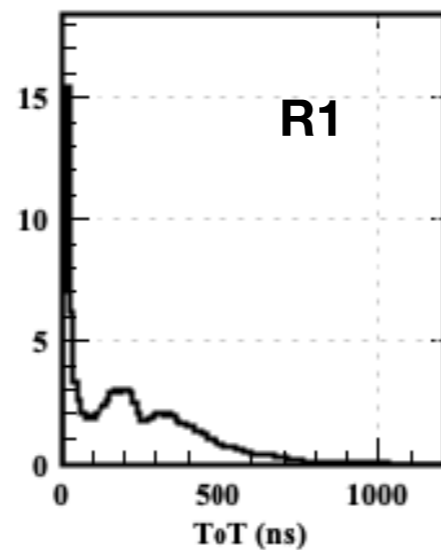
- Low width correlated with noisy hits
- More noisy hits with lower thresholds as expected

# ToT for Reconstructed Hits (Raffaella)

hits on tracks

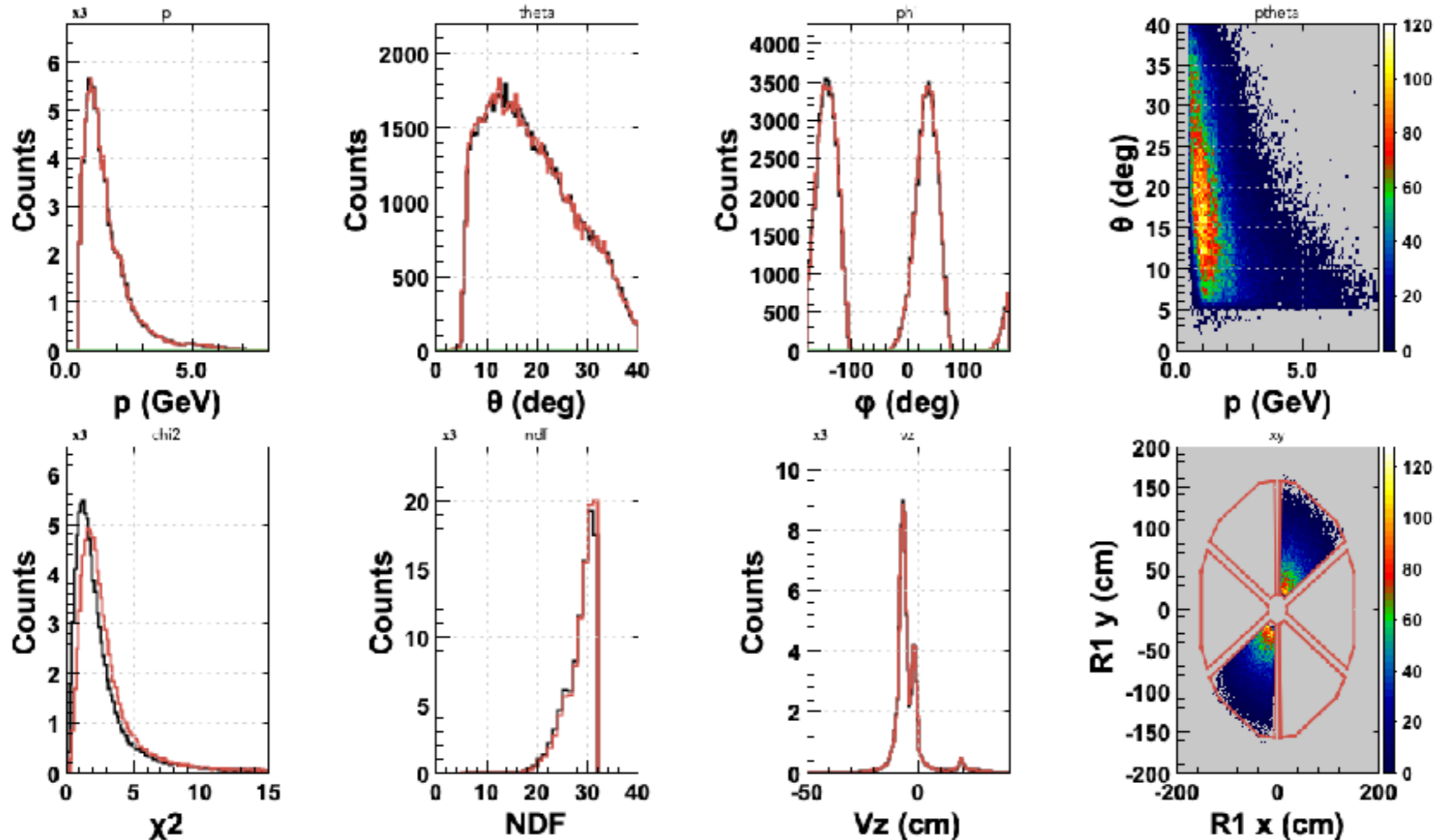


hits not on tracks



- Analysis done for run 20287 (35nA, LD2+Pb target), Sector 2 and 5 with new firmware
- Modified coatjava version to handle ToT and multiple hits per wire
- Kept first hit in time window (no ToT cut)

# Test of Reconstruction with ToT cuts



- Black - Run 20288, old firmware, 70nA, LD2+Pb
- Red - Run 20283, new firmware, 70nA, LD2+Pb, ToT > 50 cut for first hit
- Electron kinematic observables and vertex distribution similar
- Small difference in  $\chi^2$

# Test of reconstruction with ToT cuts

charge	n. sl	run 20288	run 20283	gain
pos	any	97664	97825	1.0016
pos	6	88856	90580	1.0194
pos	5	8673	7125	0.8215

- **Indication of more 6-superlayer tracks with new firmware and ToT cuts → might indicate regain of hits in new firmware due to multi-hit capabilities**
- **However, decrease of 5-superlayer tracks**
- **More studies underway**

# Summary/Outlook: Readout Updates

- **New DCRB firmware gives access to more information from DC during data taking**
- **Initial tests with RGE did not indicate issues with the new firmware**
- **More studies needed to understand possible improvements in reconstruction**
  - **noise suppression**
  - **improvement of efficiency/resolution by recovery of hits blocked currently by noise in readout window**
- **Plan to use the new firmware for RGL**
  
- **Next steps:**
  - **Add 2D histograms with ToT and hit multiplicity to monitoring plots**
  - **Check again data rates from DC crates (seemed to be okay during RGE)**
  - **Check reconstruction in noisy area of DC (e.g Sec 5, Region 2)**
  - **Dependence on number of hits/tracks on ToT cut**

# Backup

# Hit Multiplicities

Run 20283, 70nA current, LD2+Pb target

