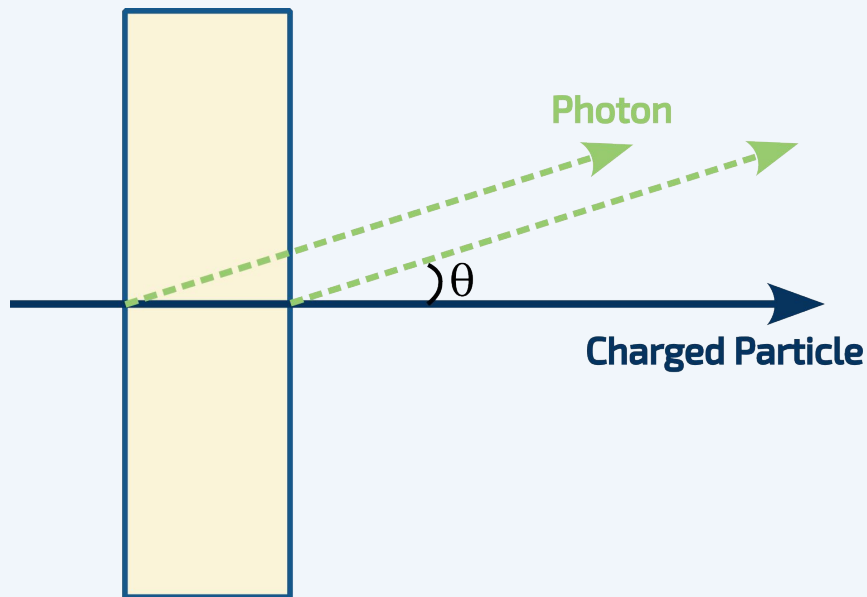


Transition Radiation in Multi-Layered Dielectric–Metallic Targets for Soft X-Ray Generation and Beam Diagnostics

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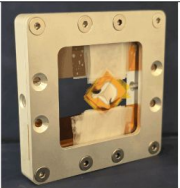
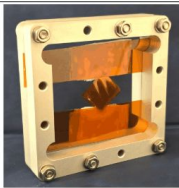
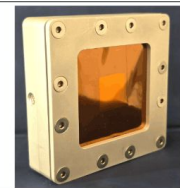
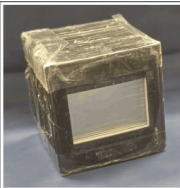
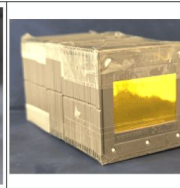
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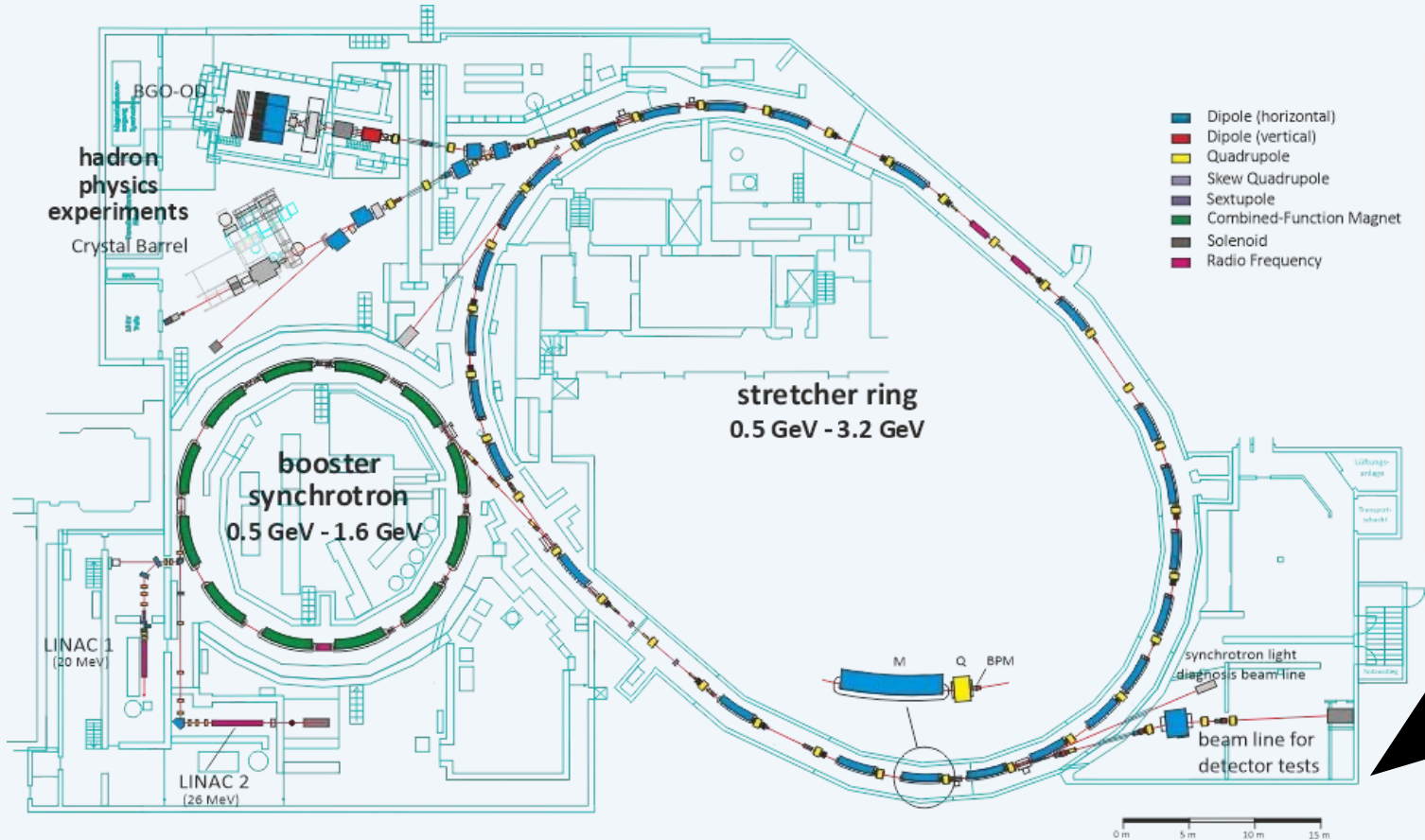
TR: emitted when charged particles traverses boundary between two materials with different dielectric constants

Angle of TR Emission dependent on particle energy ($\theta = \sim 1/\gamma$), target material, and target structure

Transition Radiation Targets

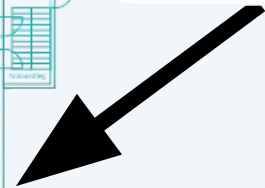
						
	Layered Dielectric	Control-LD	Kapton	Polyethylene Multi Layer	Polyethylene Control	Space Blanket
EACH LAYER	8 x (Ta ₂ O ₅ -SiO) on kapton	Kapton	Kapton	LDPE (cling wrap)	LDPE (shampoo bottle)	Aluminized mylar
LAYER THICKNESS	25µm	25µm	55µm	7-10µm	650µm	10µm
# of LAYERS	20	20	51	51	1	51
LAYER SEPERATION	~0µm	~0µm	125µm	955µm	-	1800µm

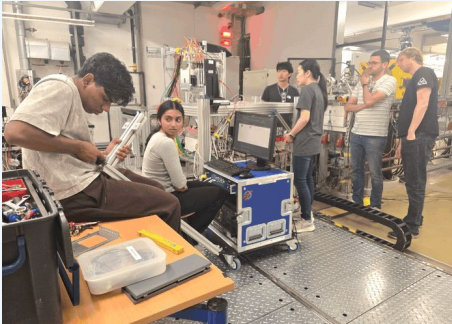
Goal: Investigate TR photon production of different materials and multilayer structures



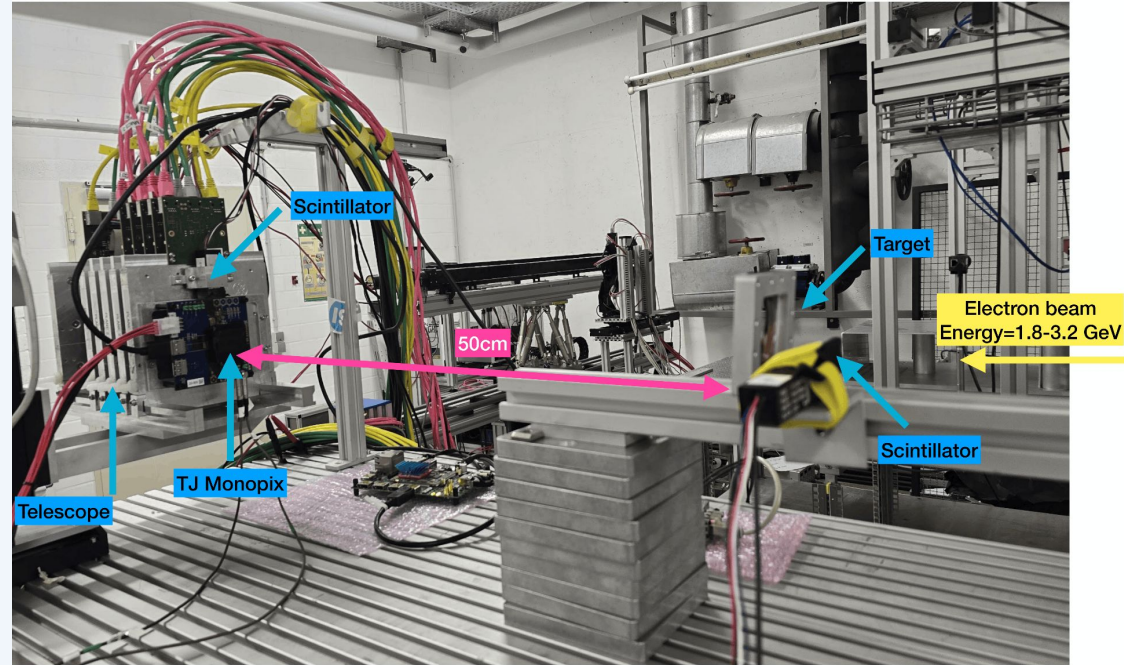
40 runs across 3
energies and 6
targets

10 million total
events recorded

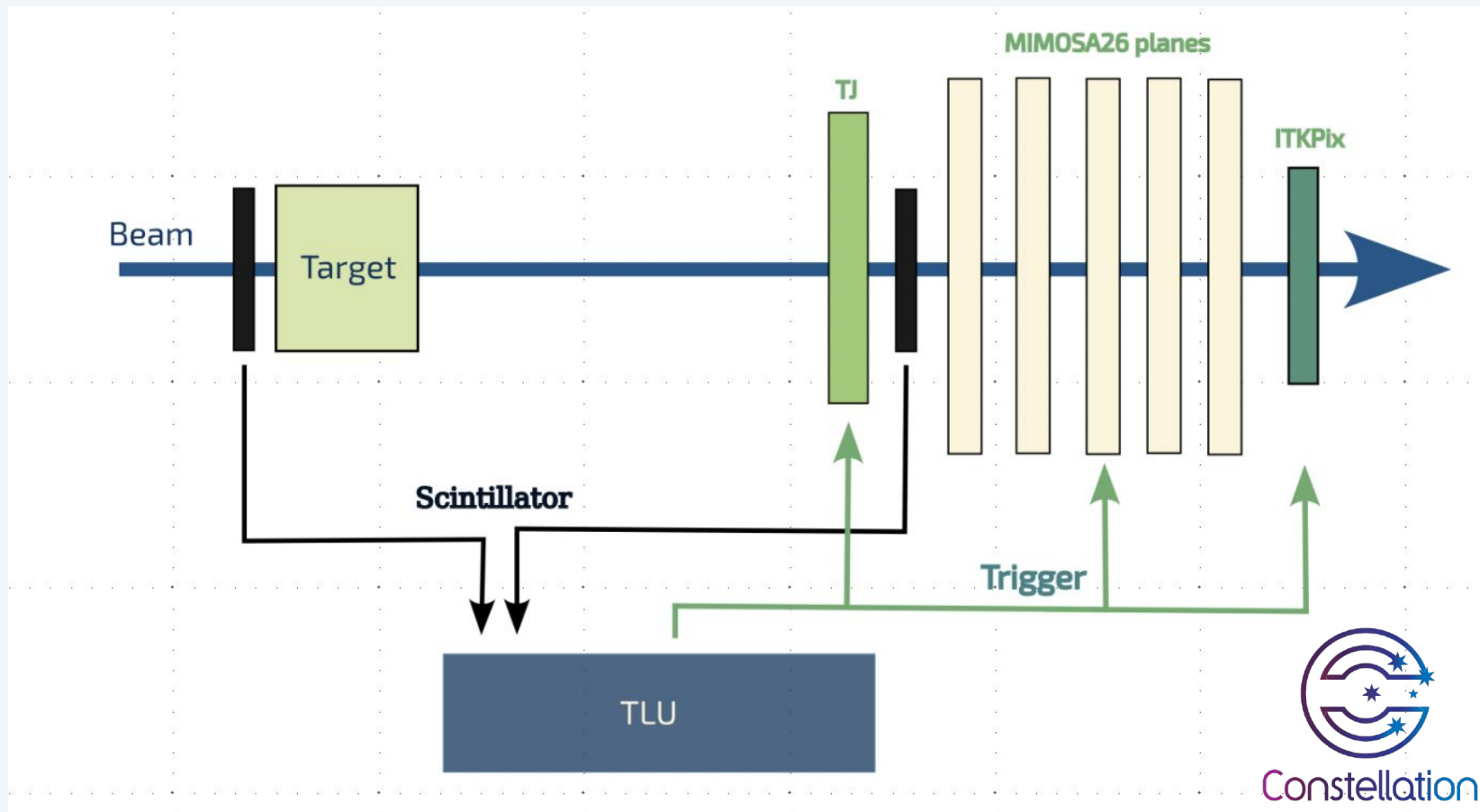




+ Avin participating
virtually!



Test Beam Setup



Approach #1 Spatial Distribution (Cluster Position)

- Different trajectories from photons/electrons
- Spatial paths can also differentiate photon versus electron hit

Approach #2 Energy Distribution (Cluster Charge)

- Different energy deposition from photons and electrons
- Charge can differentiate photon versus electron hit

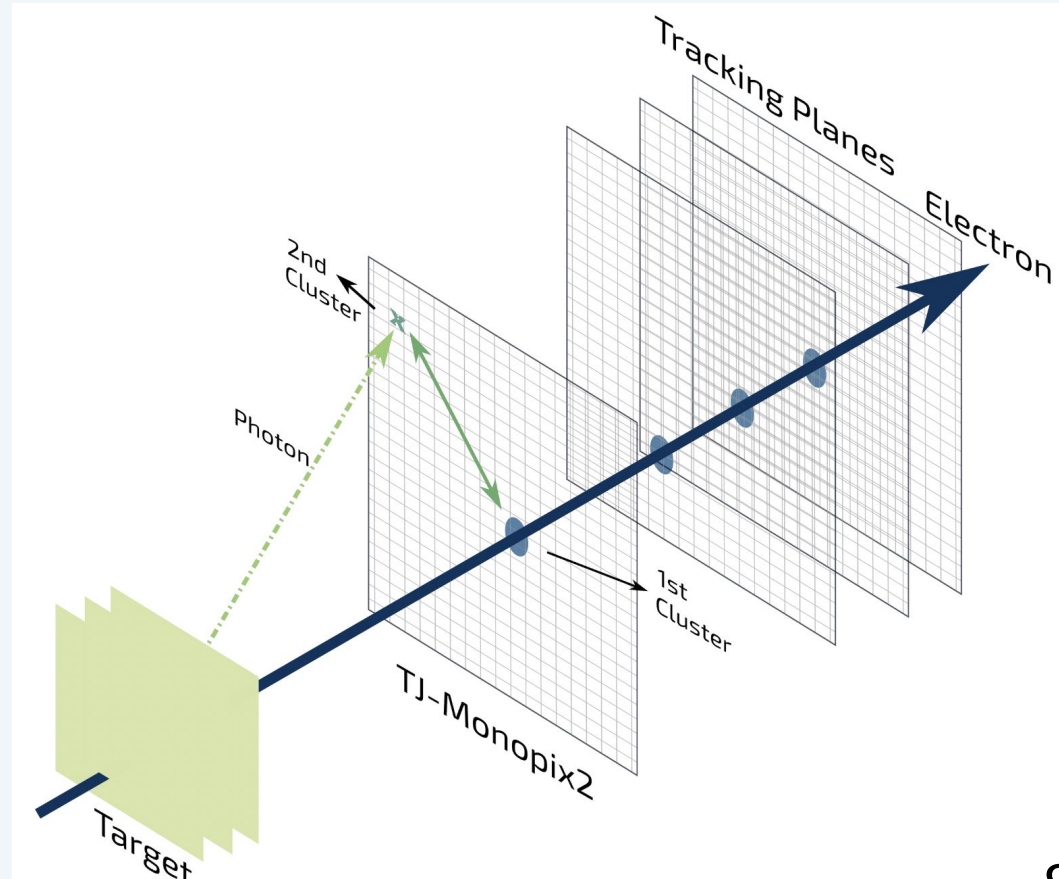


Data analysis
performed
using
Corryvreckan

Track Interpolation onto TJ (larger distance - 50 cm)

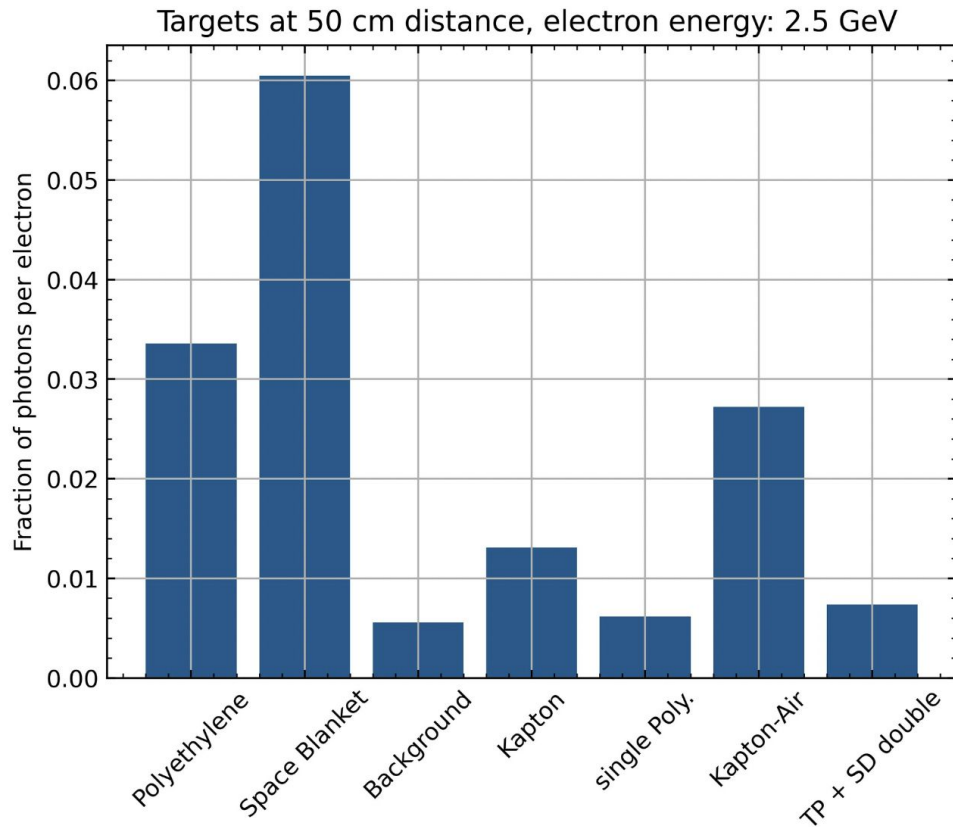
Discard closest (electron) cluster to track, left with photon candidates

1st track belongs to electron, 2nd track is photon candidates



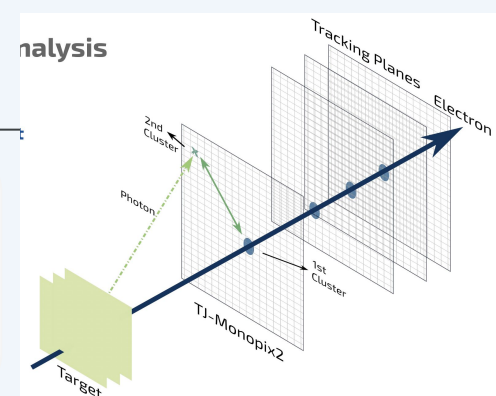
**1 Cluster Events =
electrons**

**2 Cluster Events =
electrons + photons**



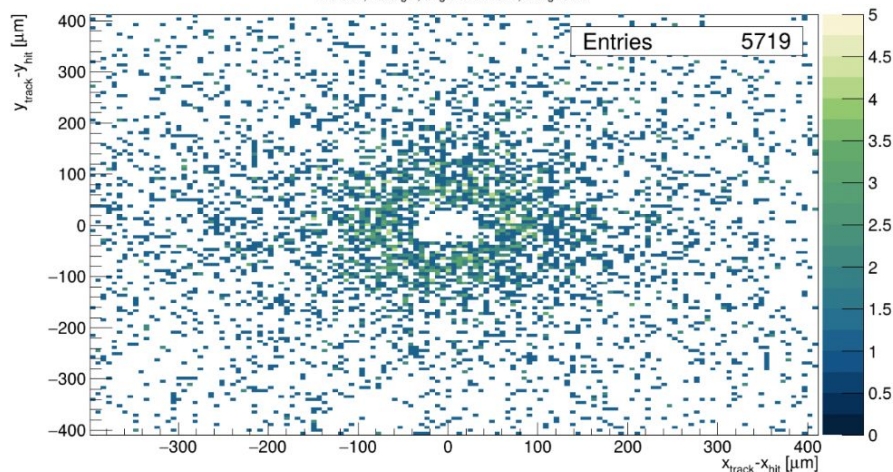
2D Residual Analysis

Filtering: Nearest track to cluster is removed, only clusters with size 1 and charge > 20 selected



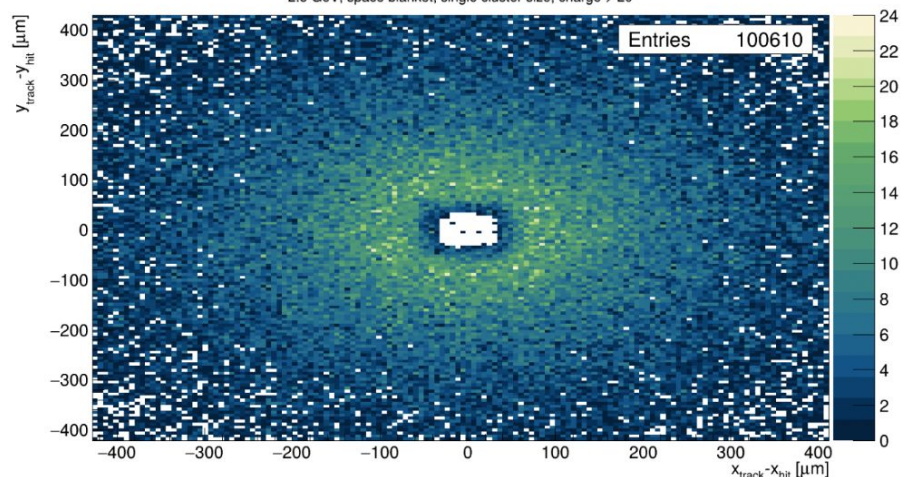
Background run: no target

W05R09 2D Residuals
2.5 GeV, no target, single cluster size, charge > 20

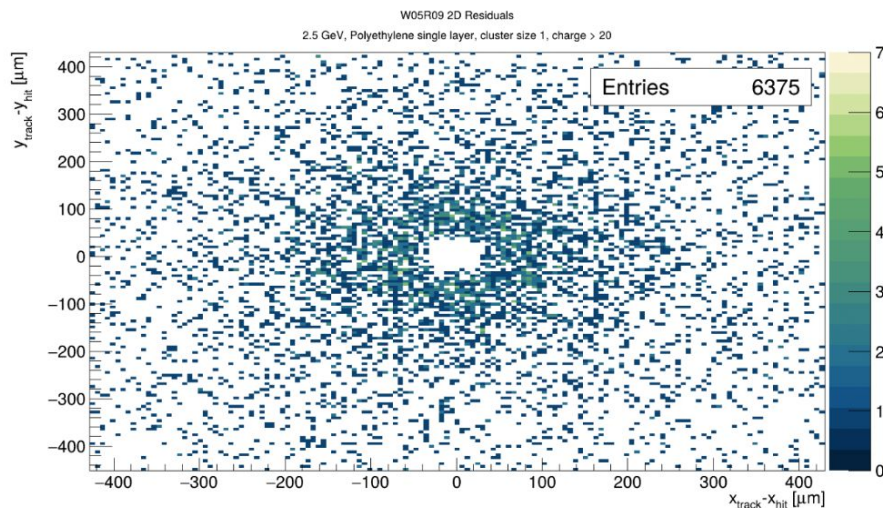


Space blanket target

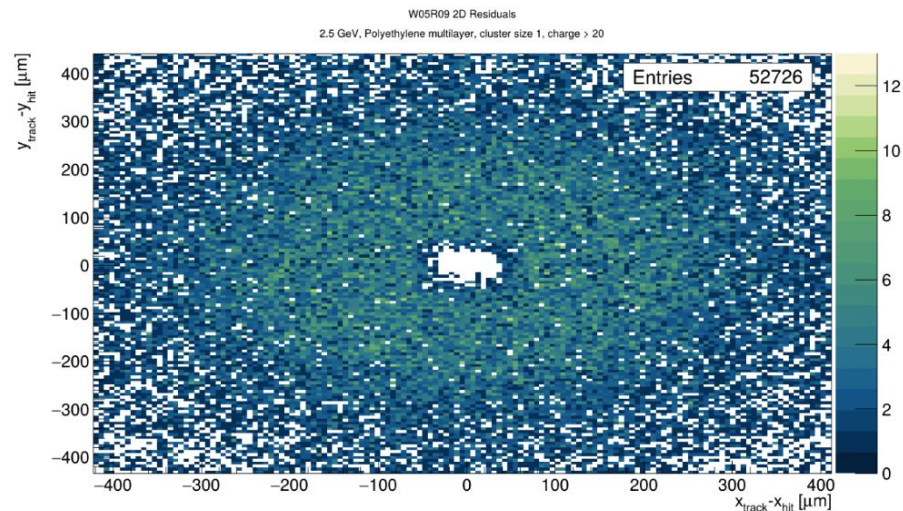
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Single layer Polyethylene control target

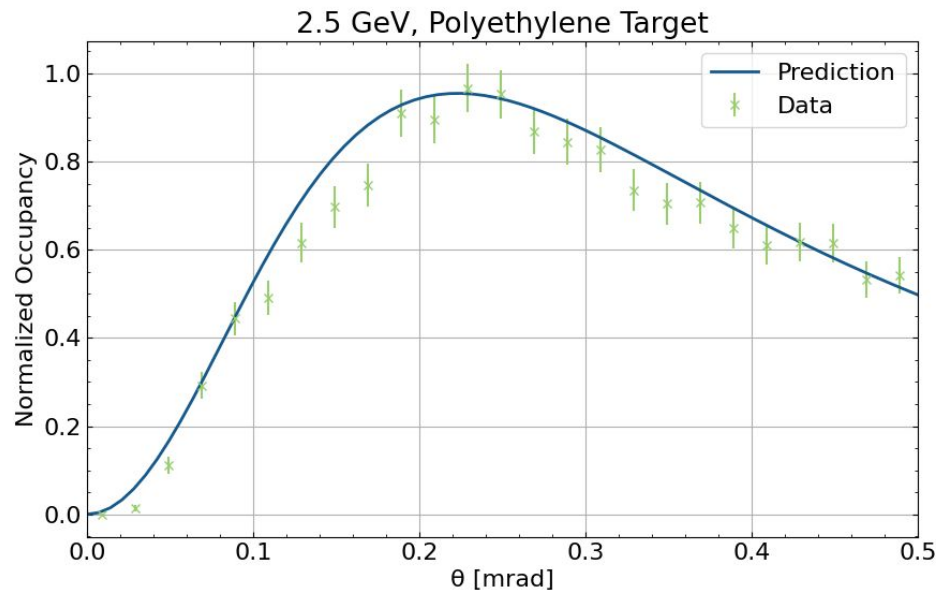


Multi layer Polyethylene target



**Target
reproduces
theoretical peak
and reduction
at larger angles**

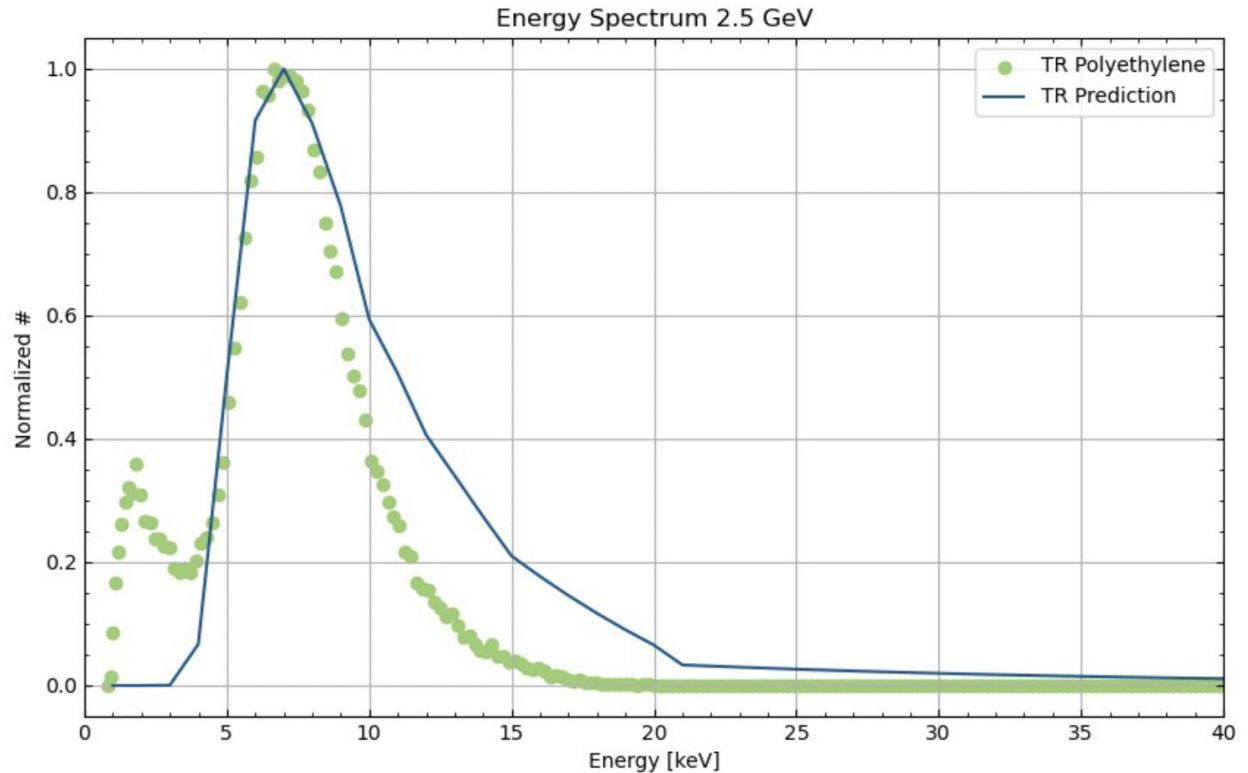
**Collected data
consistent with
TR model**



$$\frac{d^2W}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{e^2}{\pi^2 c} \cdot \frac{\beta^2 \sin^2 \theta}{(1 - \beta^2 \cos^2 \theta)^2} \cdot \left| \frac{\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2 + \epsilon_1} \right|^2$$

Good agreement of peak position and shape, factoring in absorption from silicon/air

Difference at higher photon energies possibly due to absorption of photons in target



- **Estimation of rate of production of photons for different low-cost targets**
- **~A few percent of TR photons for electron track, highest efficiency achieved by Polyethylene and Space Blanket**
- **Comparison of angular and energy distributions with models, showed good agreement, exhibited measurable production of TR with our targets**
- **Paper currently in progress!**



Thank You!

QUESTIONS?



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