

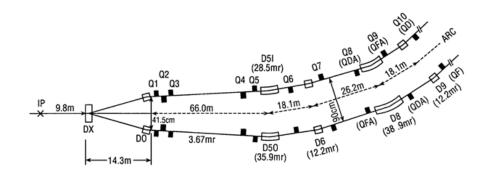
## Backgrounds at sPHENIX

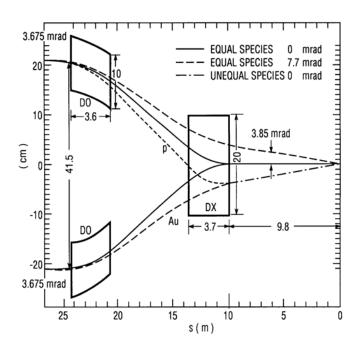
John Haggerty\*

\*with information from many others, including Cameron Dean, Charles Hughes, Evgeny Shulga, Tom Hemmick, Joe Osborn, Kin Yip, Jamie Nagle

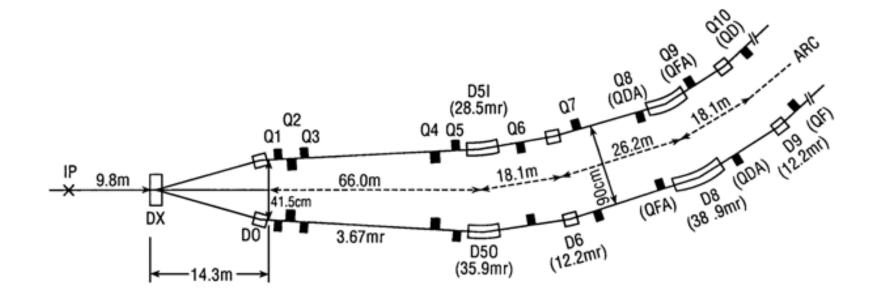


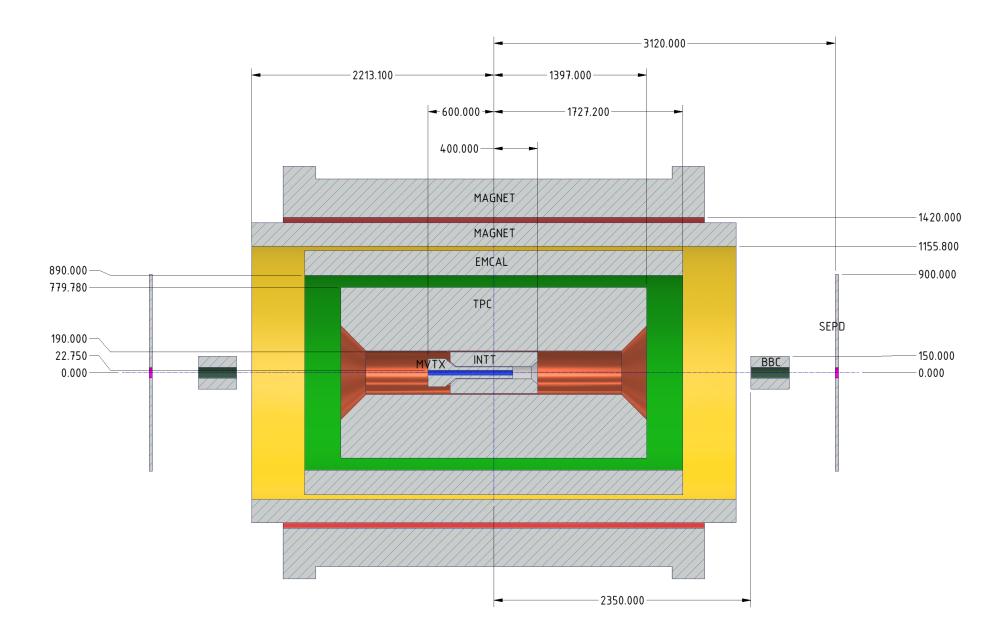
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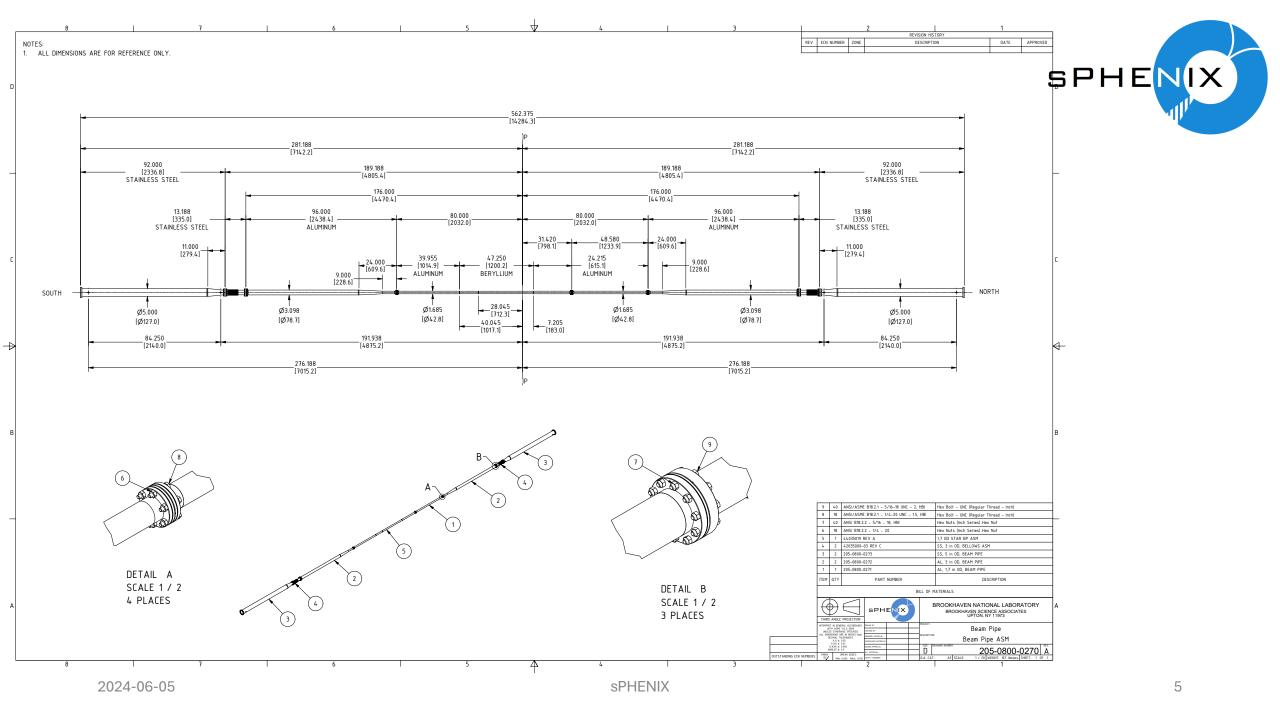








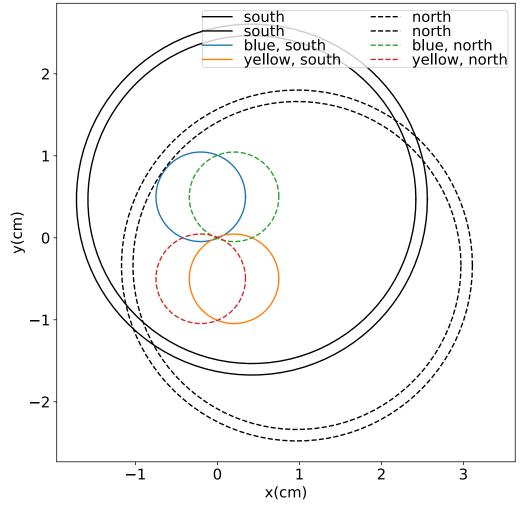




#### Aperture at 1008



- In addition to the crossing angle, we were unable to align the beam pipe perfectly
- Kiel's drawing of aperture limits shows the beam at injection



#### EMCAL radiation damage to SiPM's

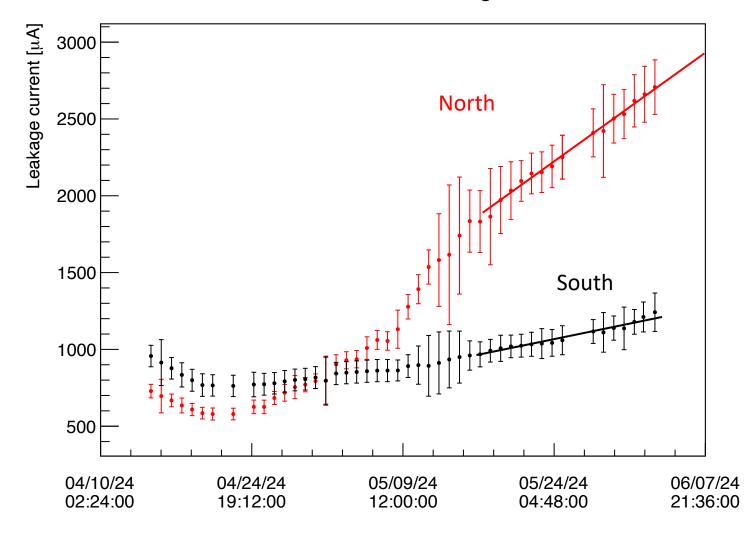


- The photodetectors on the calorimeters are little dosimeters (3mm x 3mm)
  - 100k in a cylinder about 90 cm in radius
  - Increased leakage current with rad damage, making them noisier
  - Damage known to be mainly from ~1 MeV neutrons
  - We supply 64 towers (256 SiPM's) with a supply up to 100 mA
  - Initial currents were 0.1 mA before 2023, 1 mA at the beginning of 2024

## EMCAL rad damage



#### sPHENIX EMCAL SiPM leakage currents IB5

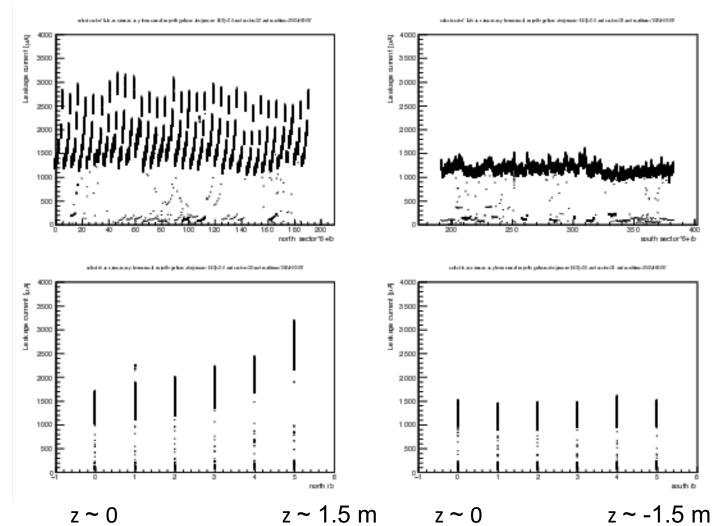


## EMCAL rad damage

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North South



## EMCAL rad damge



- The northernmost SiPM's are being damaged at 3-4 times the rate of the south
- North and south started to diverge during scrubbing, but never went back to their earlier rate of increase

#### MBD sees background in the vertex distribution



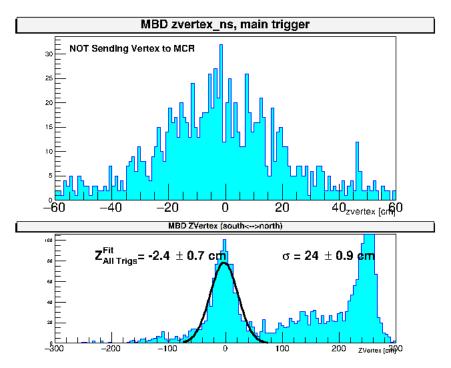
- The MBD is small (30 cm diameter with a 10 cm hole) and right outside the beam pipe
- We sometimes see a spurious vertex distribution which comes from particles parallel to the beam pipe which go through both MBD's
- More aggressive collimation generally eliminates them
  - ...but Angelika can tell you more





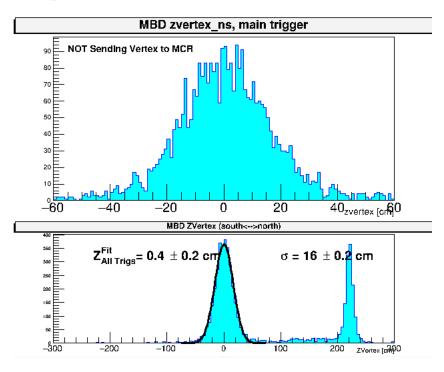
#### **MBD ONLINE MONITOR**

Run #44622 Events: 5394 Date:Tue Jun 4 06:00:11 2024



#### MBD ONLINE MONITOR

Run #44630 Events: 6000 Date:Tue Jun 4 07:08:38 2024

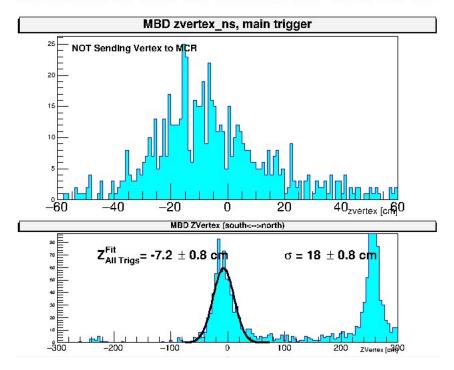


#### June 5: Before and After MCR intervention

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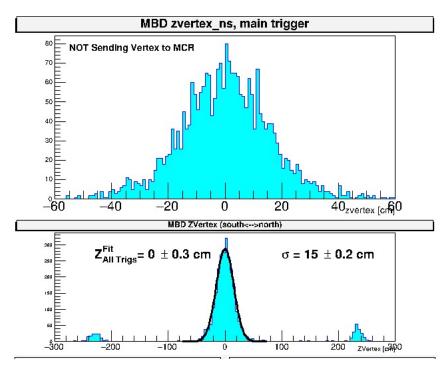
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#### **MBD ONLINE MONITOR**

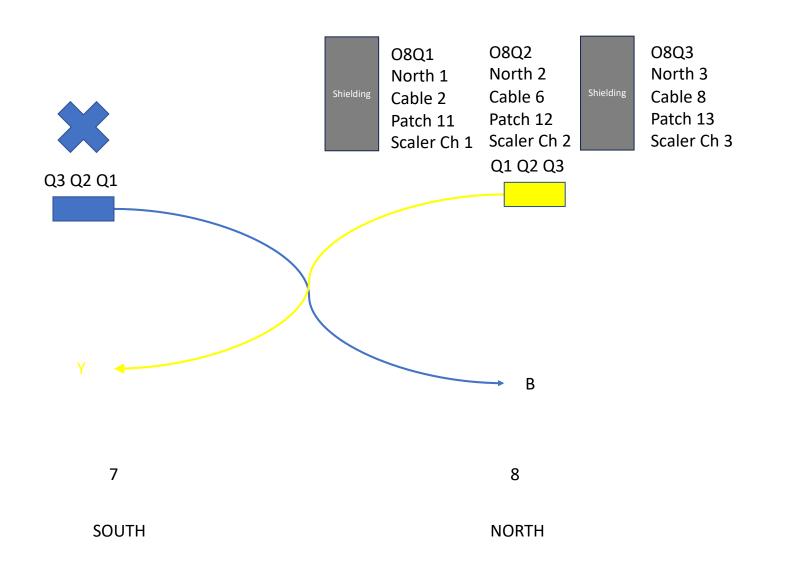
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## Backgrounds from one beam



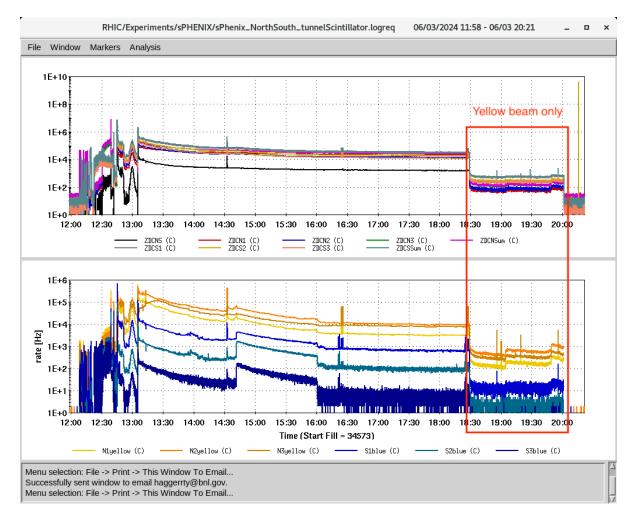
- Drop blue, leave yellow
  - Monday June 3 19:30 fill 34573
  - ~1 kHz ZDCNS before the dump
- Drop yellow, leave blue
  - Tuesday June 4 11:00 fill 34575
  - ~1 kHz ZDCNS before the dump

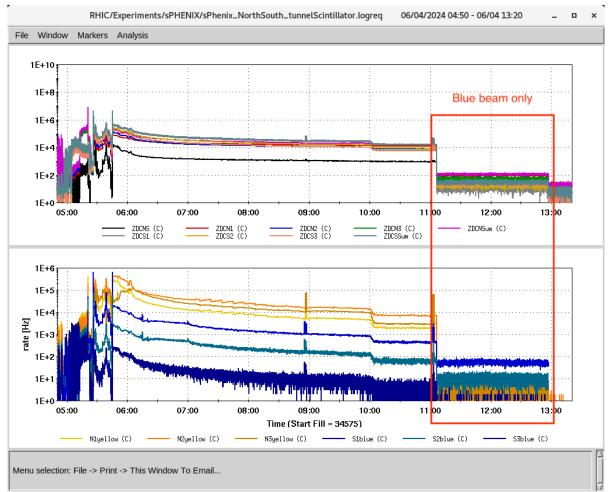


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#### One beam

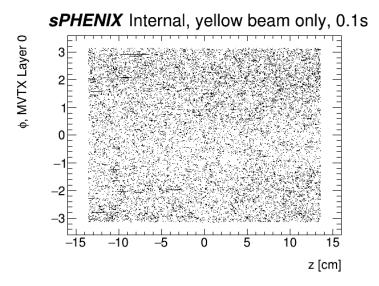


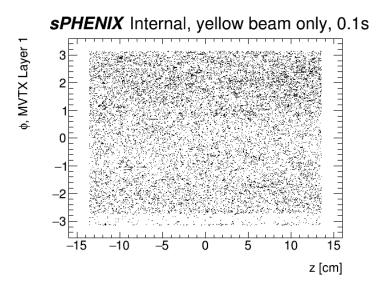


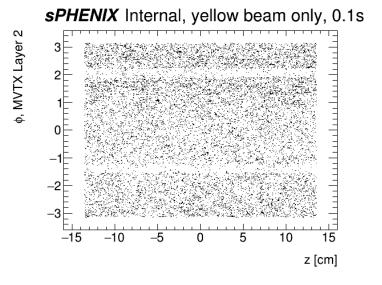


## MVTX yellow beam only



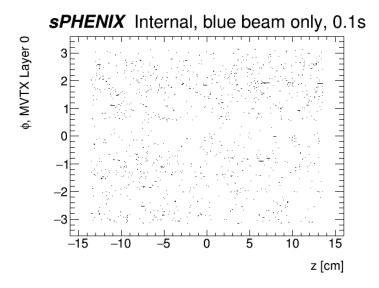


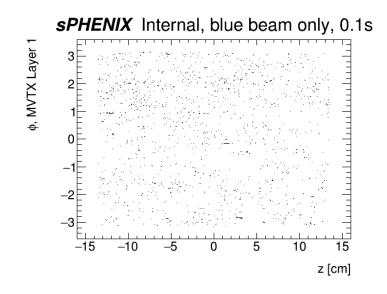


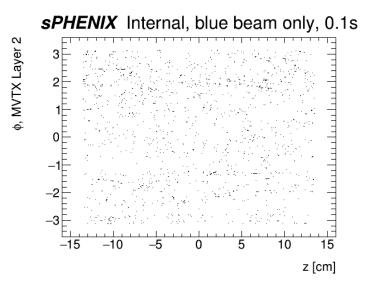


## MVTX blue beam only









#### The TPC problem



- After rebuilding the HV distribution for the TPC GEM's (Nov-Feb), we were able to go to full operating voltage (4350V) for hours at a time with minimal sparking and little damage [can we quantify this?]
- With the beam on, we have never been able to keep the TPC GEM's at full operating voltage without destructive damage which causes a loss of acceptance

Sparks detected without beam



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- Few sparks detected during testing Feb-April
- Still true now without beam (this was 10 minutes with 1 spark on Tuesday)

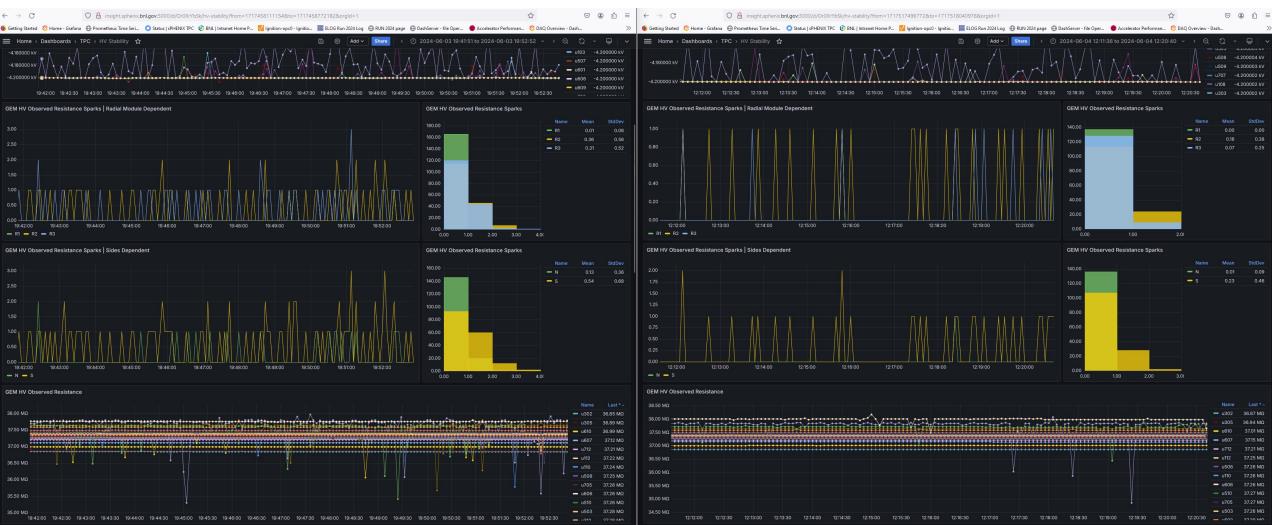
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#### **TPC**

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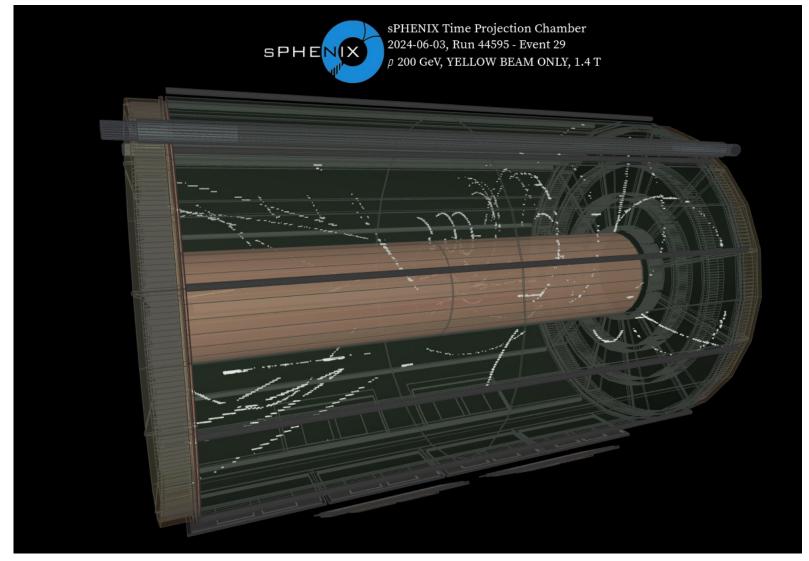
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#### yellow beam only



## What a background event looks like in the TPC





## Highly ionization in the TPC with one beam

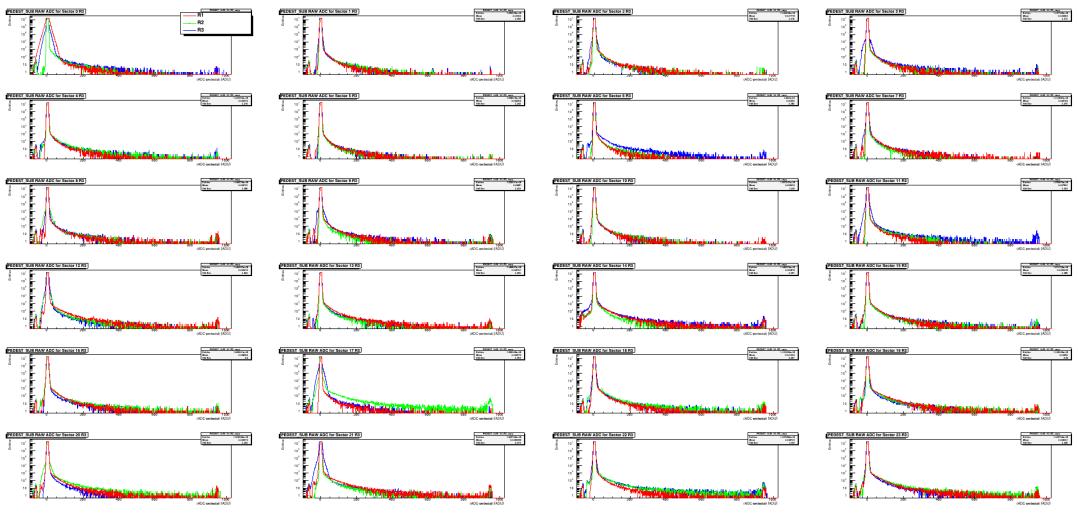


- Even with one beam, we see a lot of ionization in the TPC GEM's
- Concentrations of ionization in the GEM's is the seed for sparks

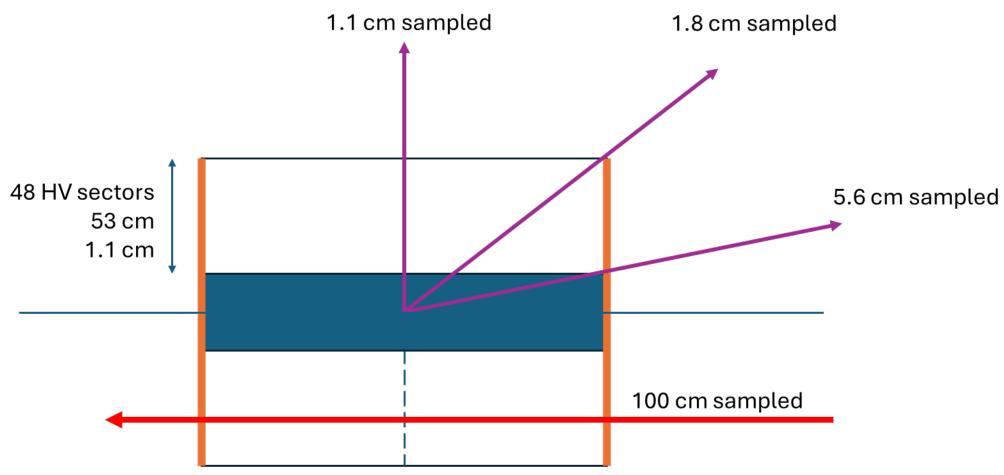
#### 4.1 kV yellow beam only clock triggers



#### TPCMONDRAW\_PEDESTSUBADC Run 44592, Time: Mon Jun 3 18:55:27 2024

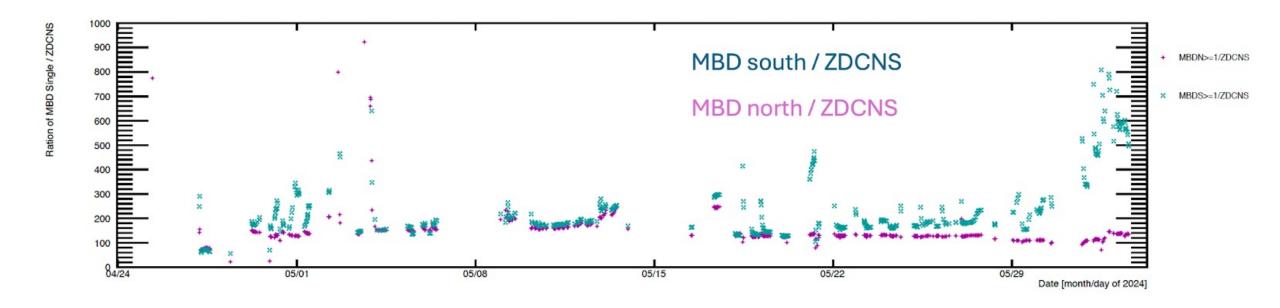






## Change around May 29?





There is a lot of background at the start of the last few days of stores... Jamie Nagle (SCM 2024-06-04)