Geant4 Simulation Studies

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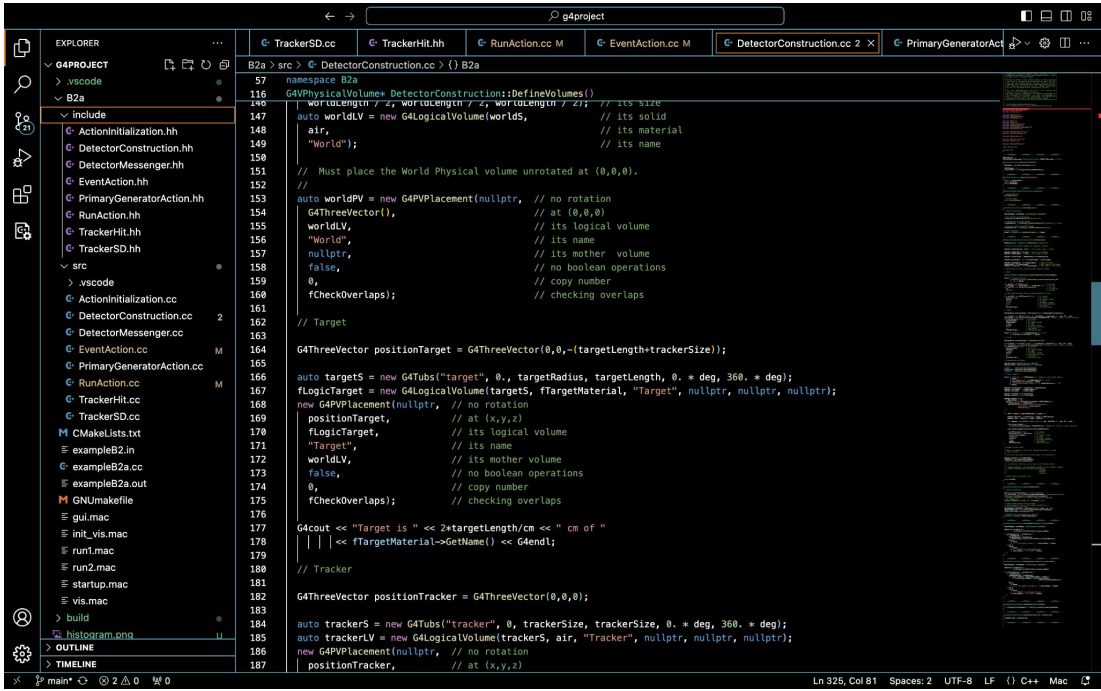
Overview

- Intro to our Code
  - How it works
  - What’s the geometry
- Applications
  - Simulating a tracking detector (Jacob)
  - Energy deposition by varying different materials and particle energies (Claire)
  - Track Momentum analysis? (Xiang)

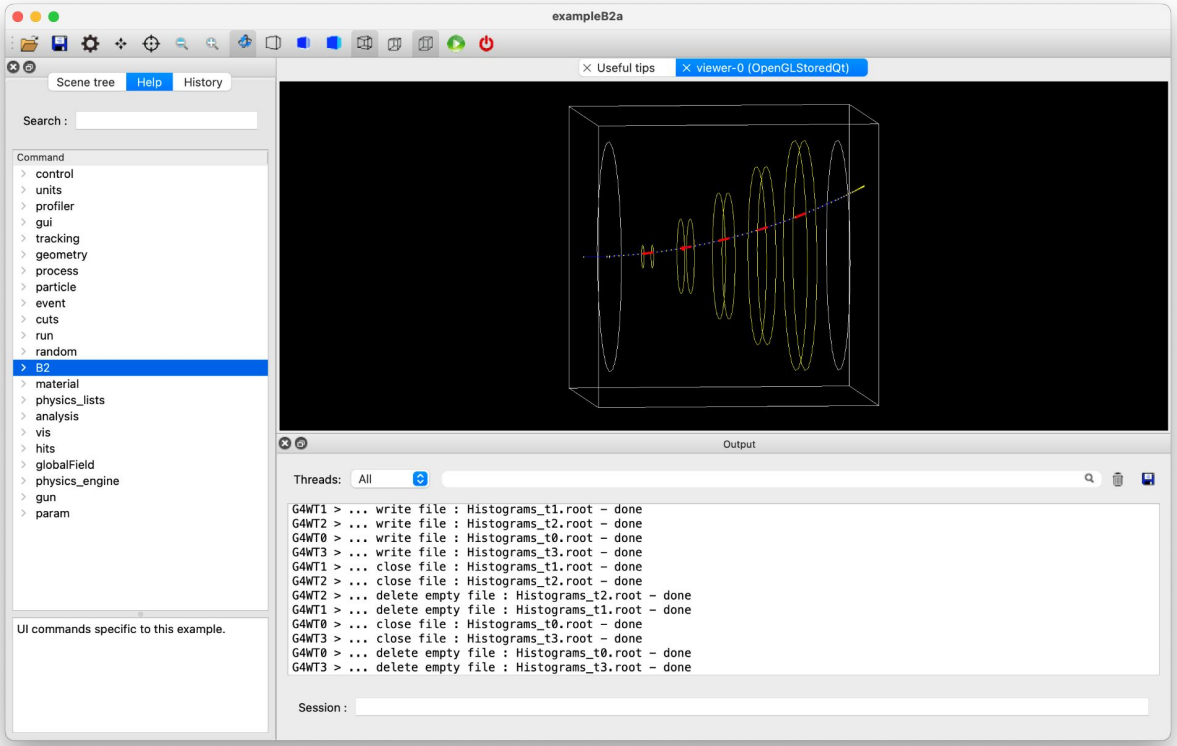
Intro (Setting up our simulations):

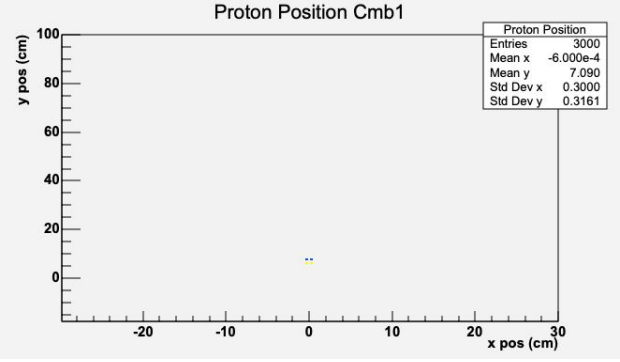
- Geant4 has a lot of moving parts
- Based our code on example B2a in the Geant4 library
  - Changes to detector operations occurred in TrackerSD and TrackerHit files
  - Changes to root file creation for data storage in RunAction and Event Action Files
  - Changes to physical geometries in DetectorConstruction file
  - Changes to incident beam in PrimaryActionGenerator File

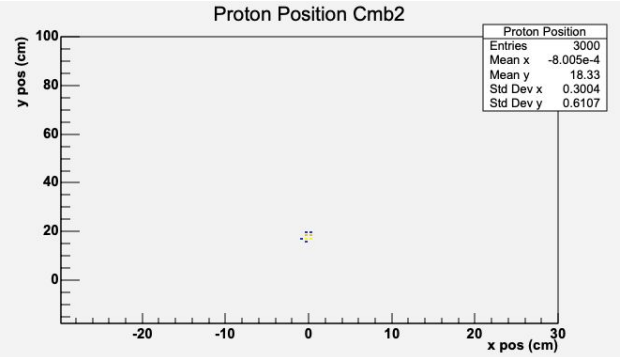


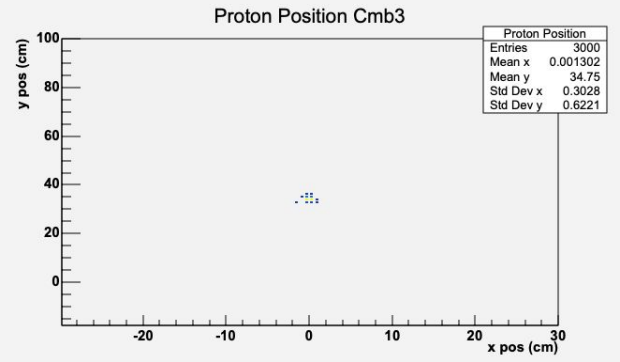
Simulating a Tracking Detector:

- Series of 5 “SensitiveDetectors”, regions filled with Xenon gas
- Spaced 80 cm apart (center to center)
- 20 cm thick
- Radius starts at 24 cm and increases by 54 cm each chamber

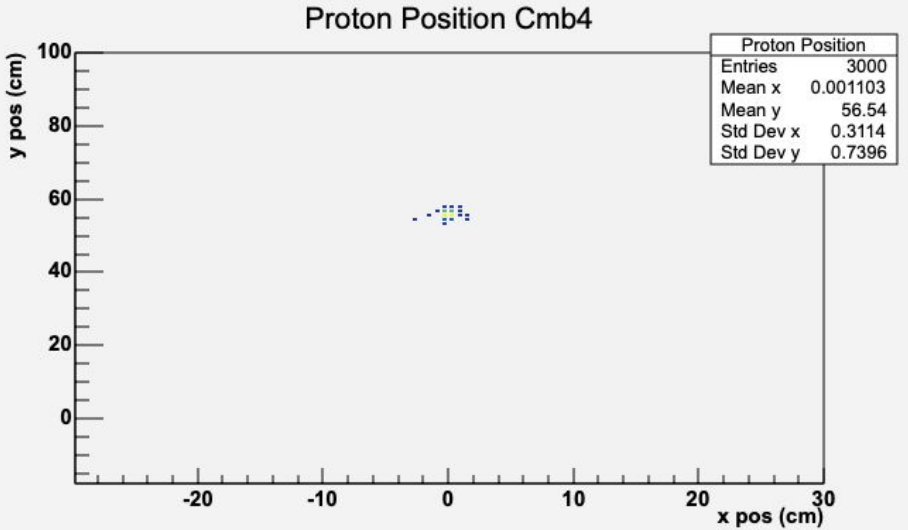


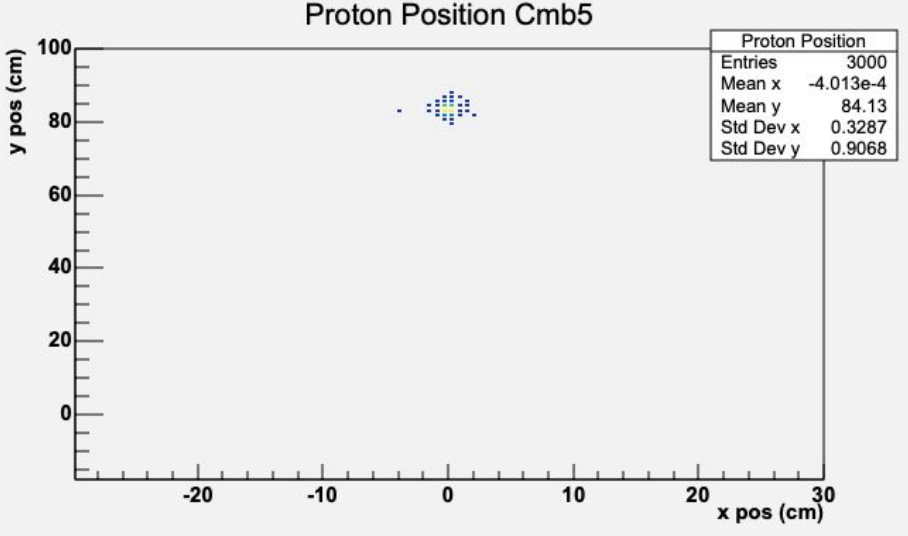


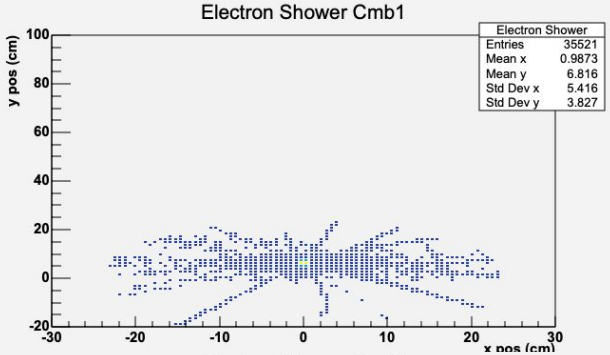


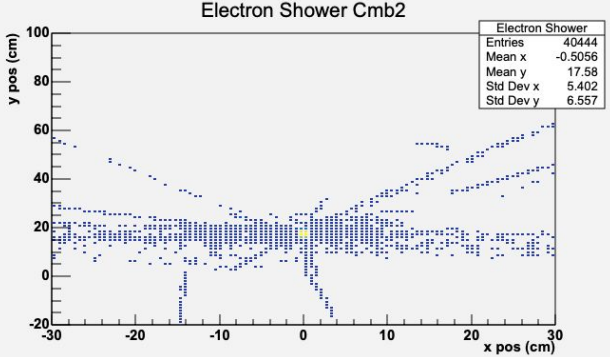


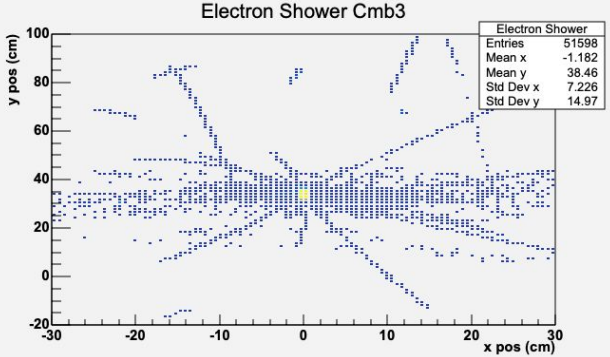
Using a 1 T magnetic field in the x direction (thus causing our protons to bend upwards), where does the initial proton hit?



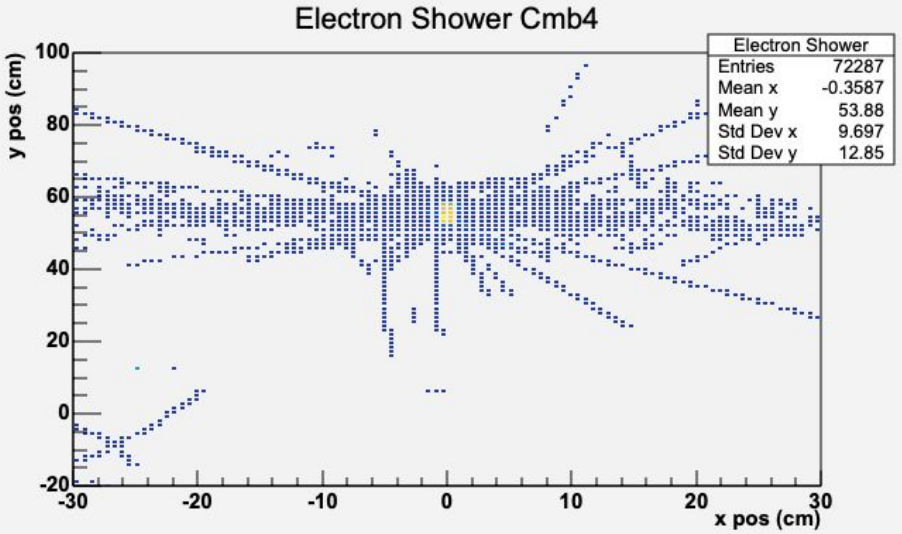


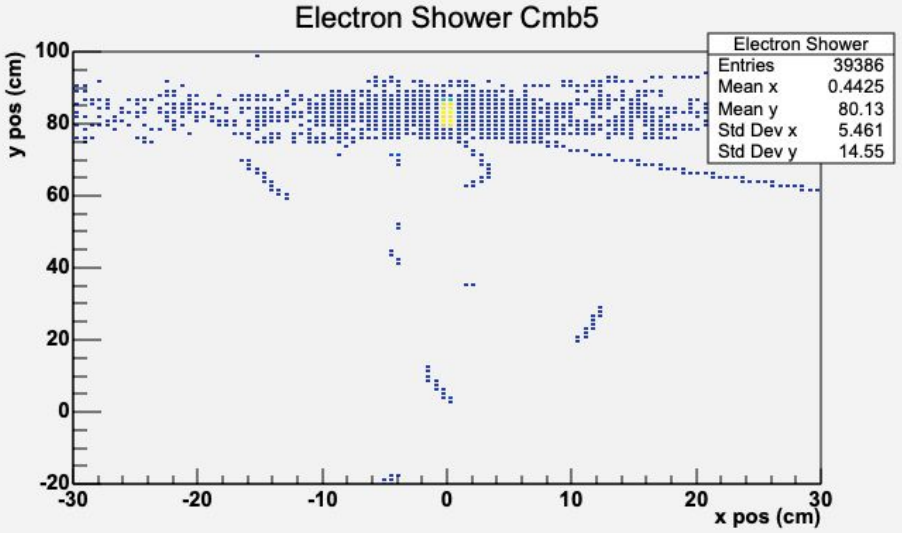






Compare this to the electron shower caused by the proton ionizing gas in our detector.





Actual Tracks vs. Electron showers

Chamber	Proton Track (cm)	Electron Shower (cm)	Predicted (cm)
1	7.09	6.823	~5.38
2	18.33	17.57	~17.5
3	34.75	38.47	~37
4	56.54	53.88	~72.3
5	84.13	80.38	~100

Why the discrepancy?

- Rounding errors
- Electrons bending in the opposite direction
- Energy loss on each detector

$$\frac{mv^2}{r} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

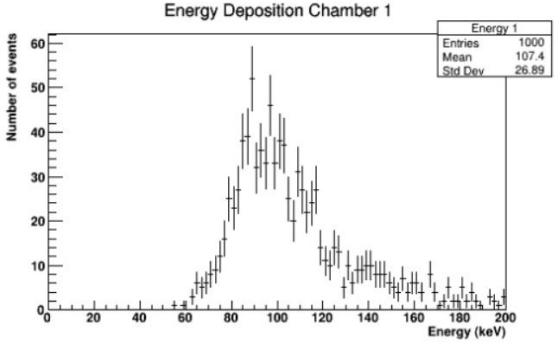
$$h = \frac{mv}{qB} - \sqrt{(\frac{mv}{qB})^2 - x^2}$$

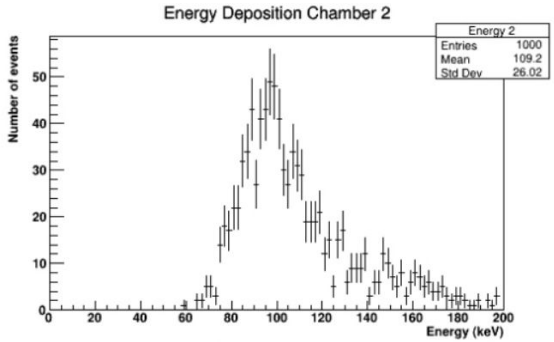
Magnetic field: 0

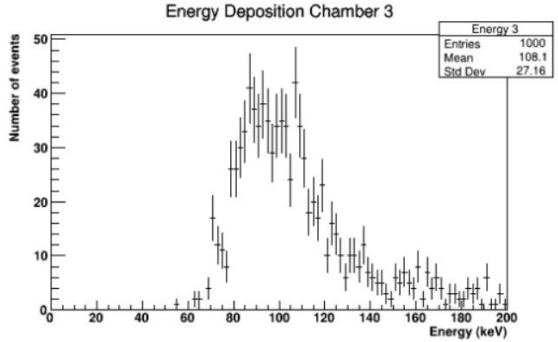
Energy of proton: 3GeV

Varying materials within the chambers

Xenon energy deposition:







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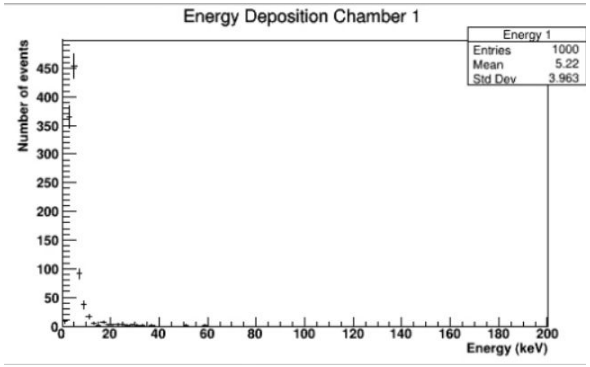

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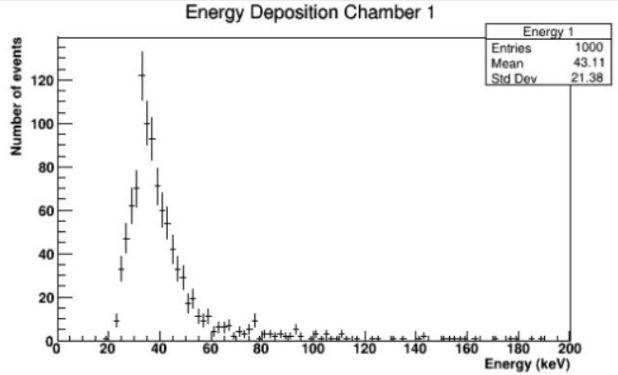

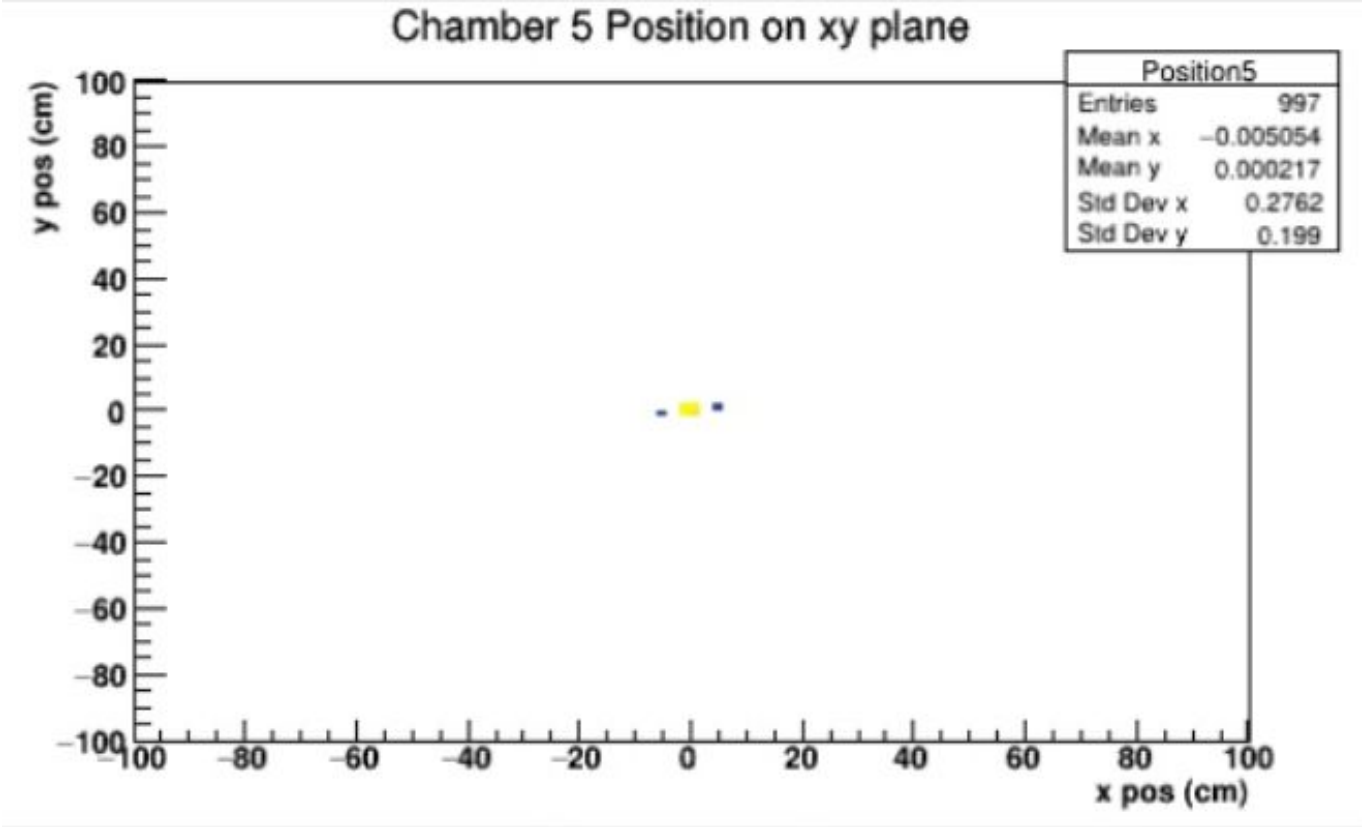
Chamber 5 Position on xy plane
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Std Dev y 0.199
y pos (cm)
x pos (cm)
100
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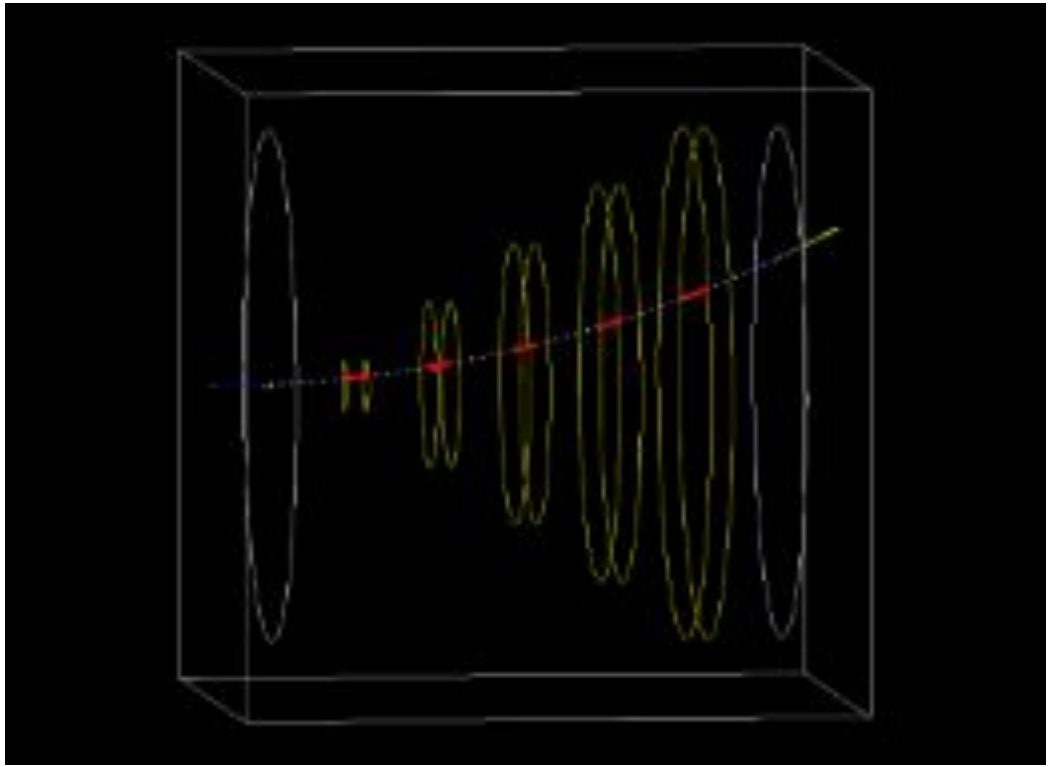
Adding a target

- Target radius of 2.5 cm
- Depth of 5cm
- 85 cm between target and first chamber
- Placed right in front of particle gun



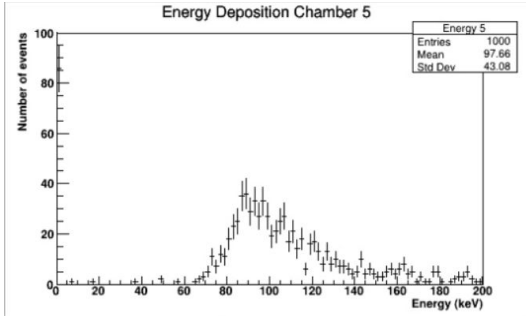
Adding a target and varying the target material

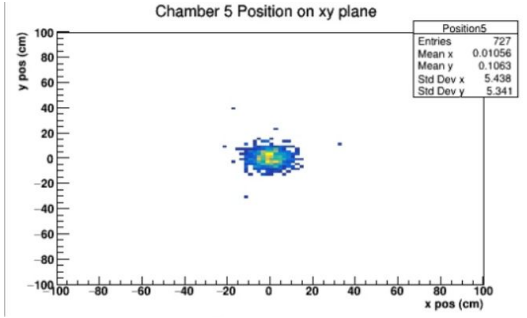
Magnetic field: 0

Energy of proton: 3GeV

Chamber: Xe

Pb target:





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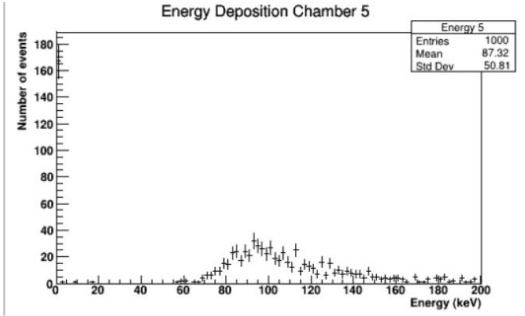
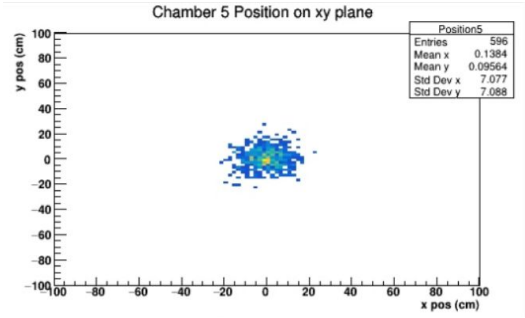
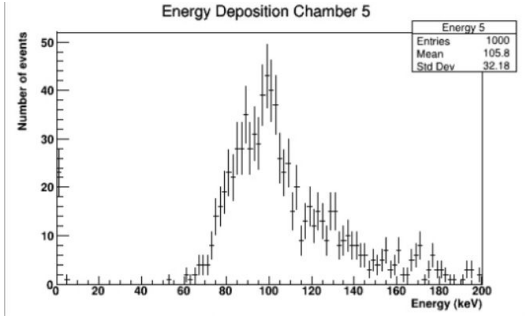
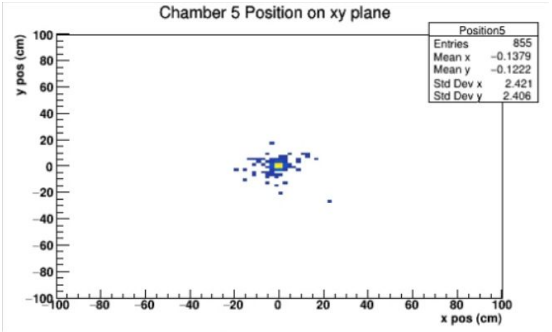




Al target:





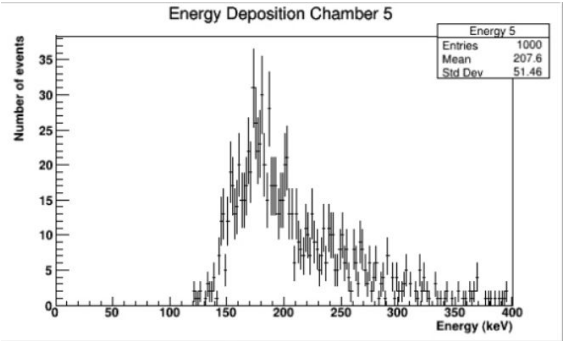
Varying the energy of the proton beam

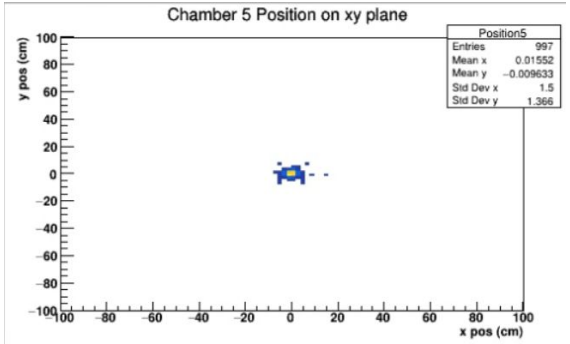
Magnetic field: 0

Energy of proton: 3GeV

Chamber: Xe

0.3GeV:





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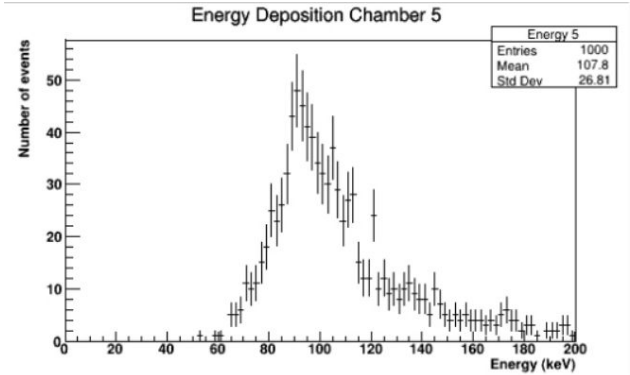
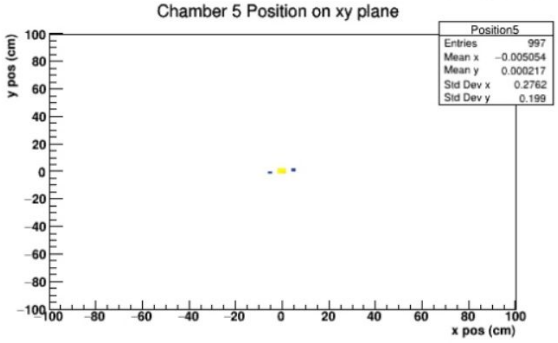
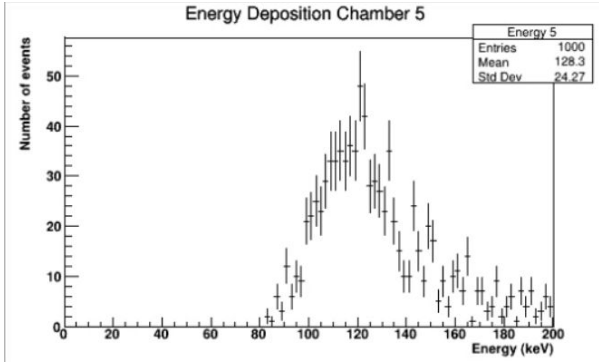
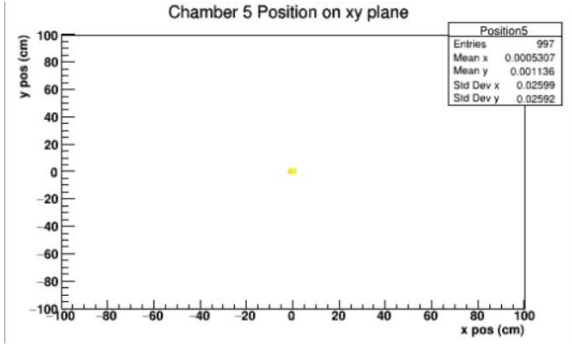




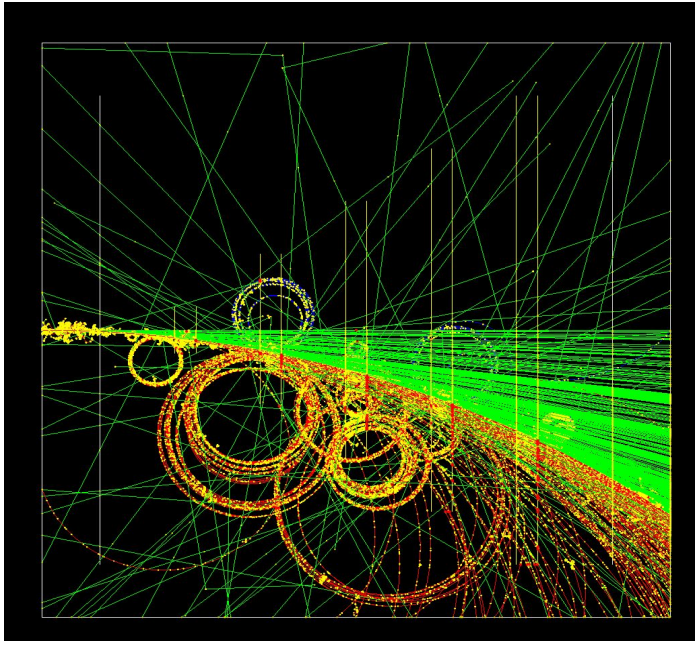
30GeV:

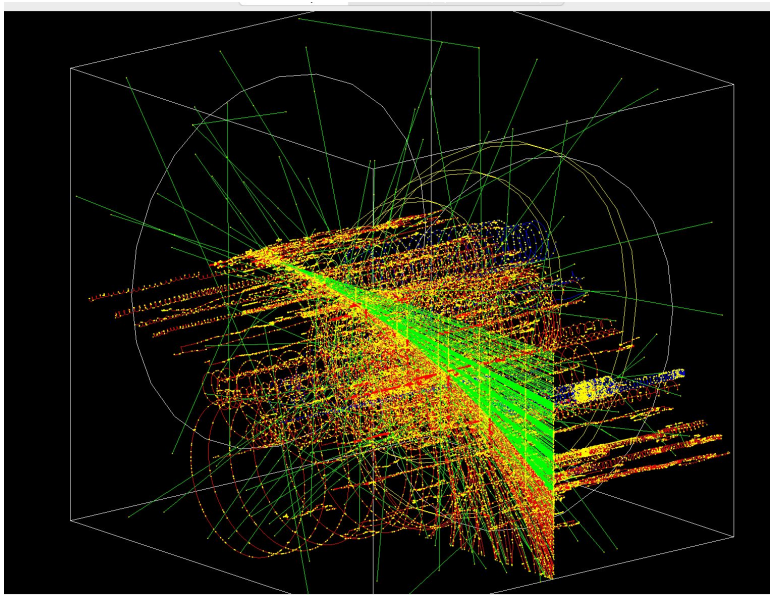




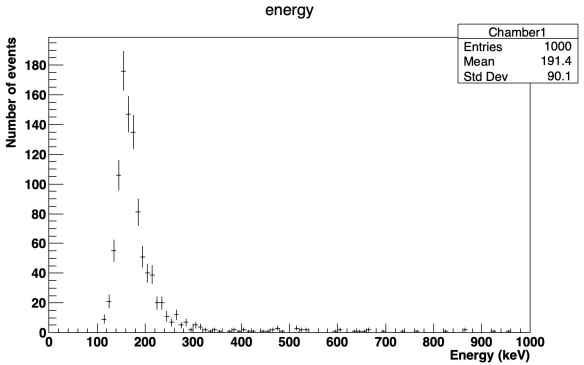
Ep and Moller scattering simulation

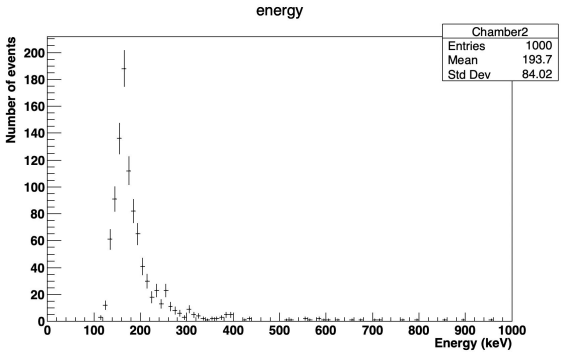
I use e- beam to hit fixed Hydrogen target. Here is the result for 1000 e- shooting to the target. The magnetic field is 1 tesla in positive x position.

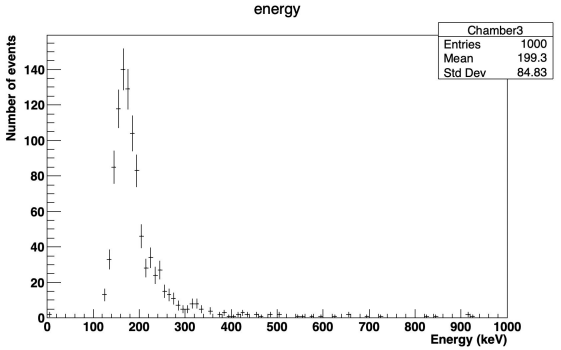


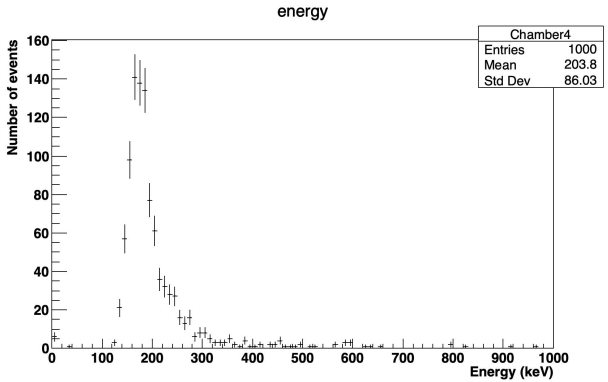


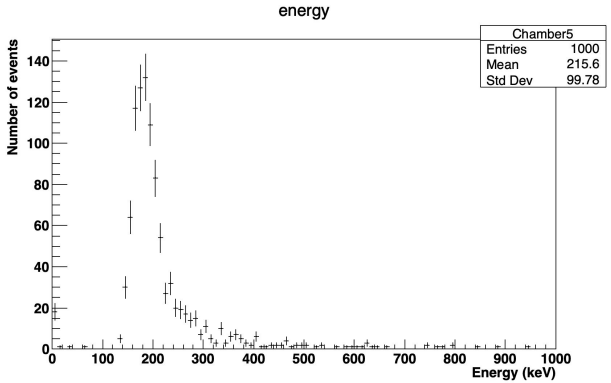
Results energy for electrons of my detectors



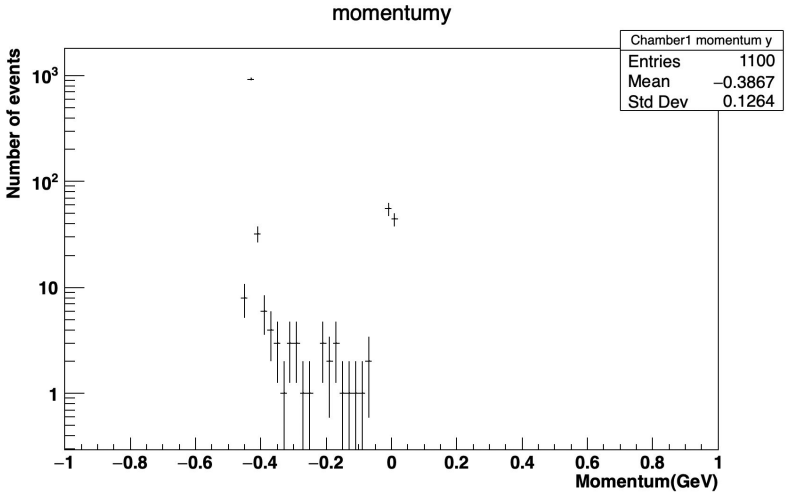


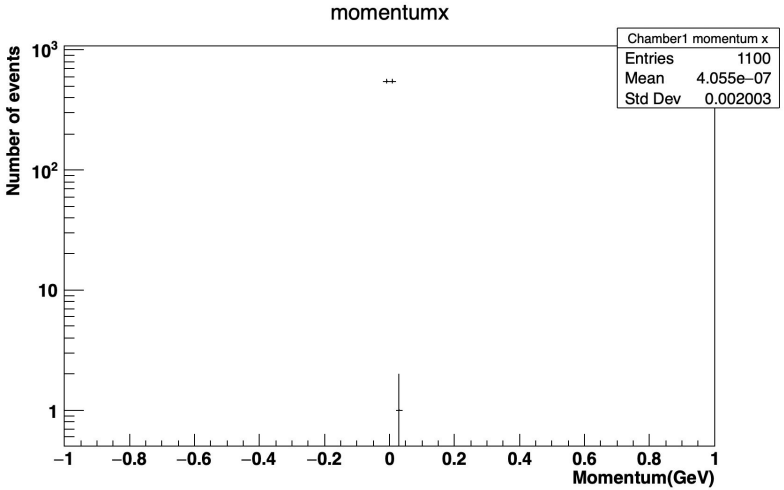


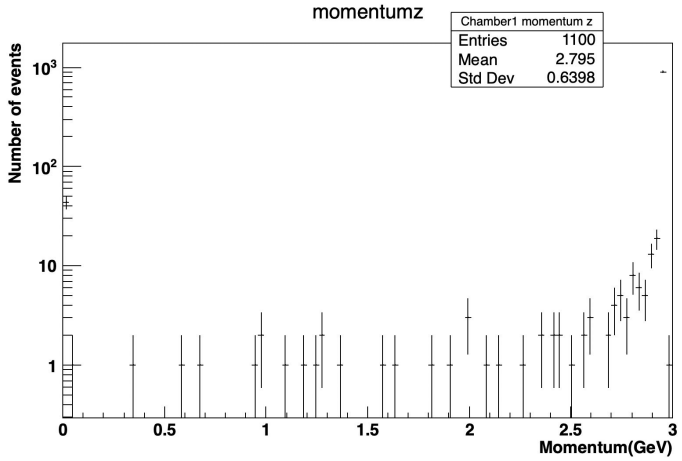




Momentum distribution for electrons on the back edges in Chamber 1







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