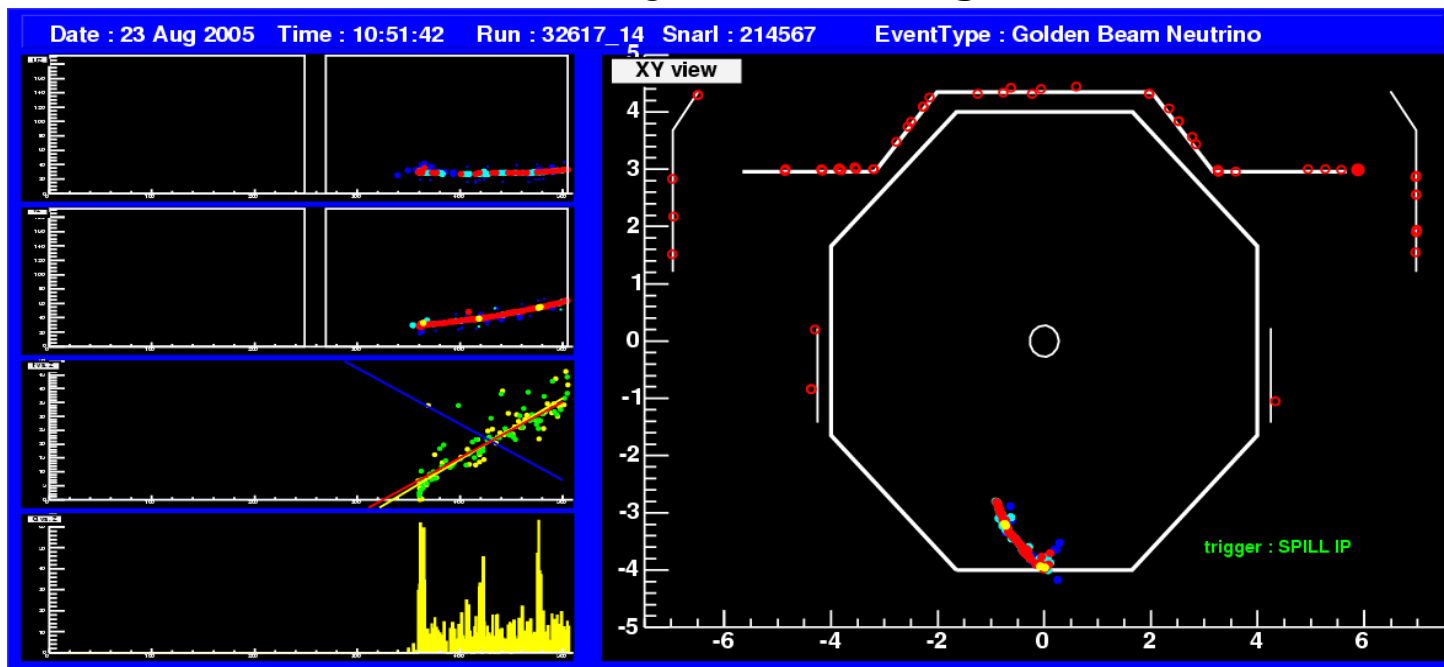




# MINOS Technology for the ILC Muon Chambers ?

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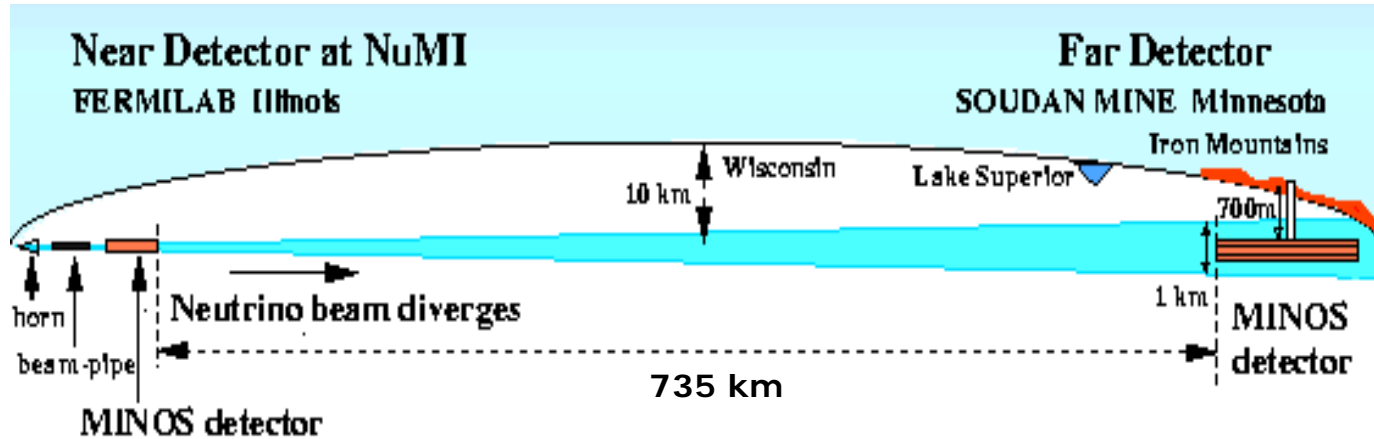


## THIS TALK:

- The MINOS detector
- MINOS scintillator system
- Performance
- Conclusion



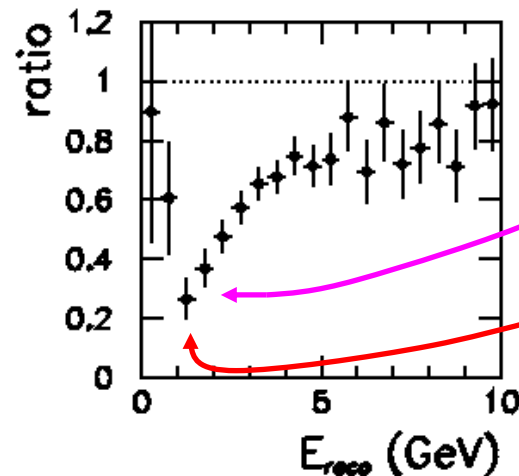
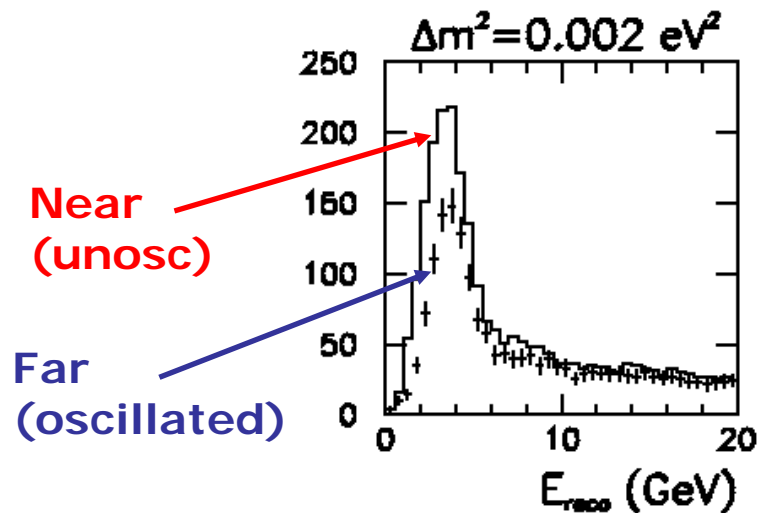
# MINOS : Basic Idea



Measure ratio of neutrino energy spectrum in far detector (**oscillated**) to that in the near detector (**unoscillated**)



Partial cancellation of systematics



Depth of minimum

→  $\sin^2 2\theta$

Position of minimum

→  $\Delta m^2$



# MINOS Far Detector

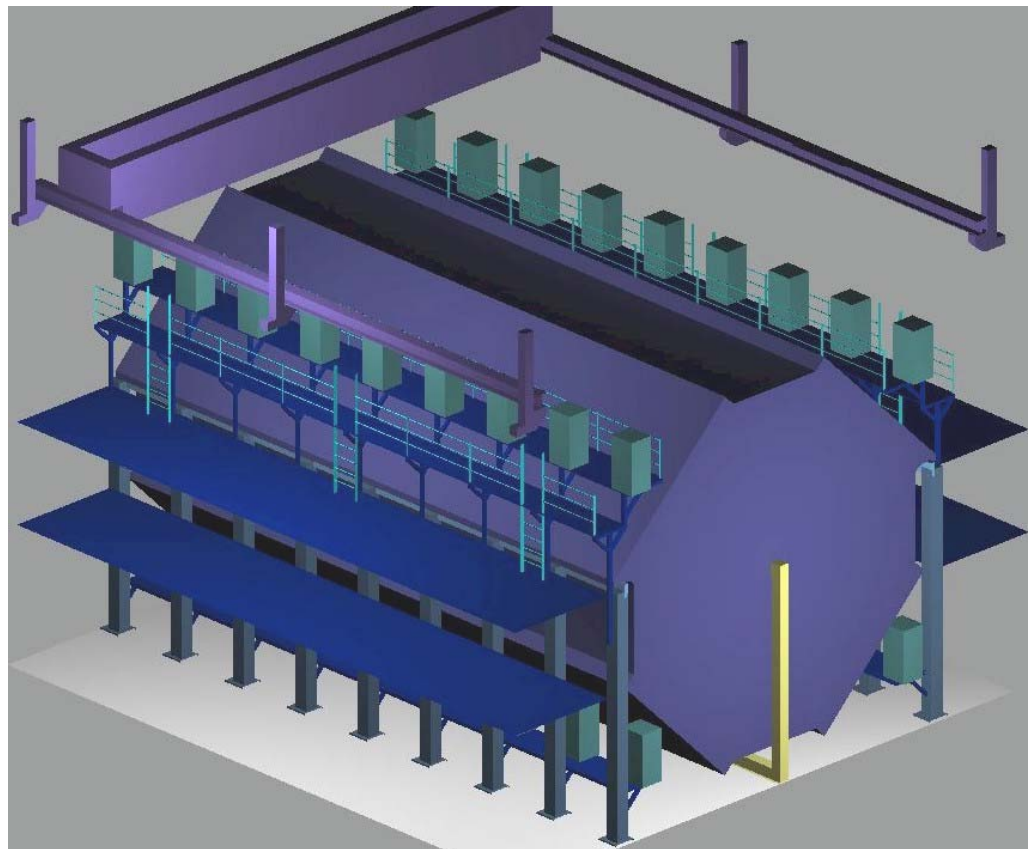
(will only describe Far Detector in this short talk)

8m octagonal steel & scintillator tracking calorimeter

- 2 sections, 15m each
- 5.4 kton total mass
- $55\%/\sqrt{E}$  for hadrons
- $23\%/\sqrt{E}$  for electrons

Magnetized Iron ( $B \sim 1.5\text{T}$ )

484 planes of scintillator

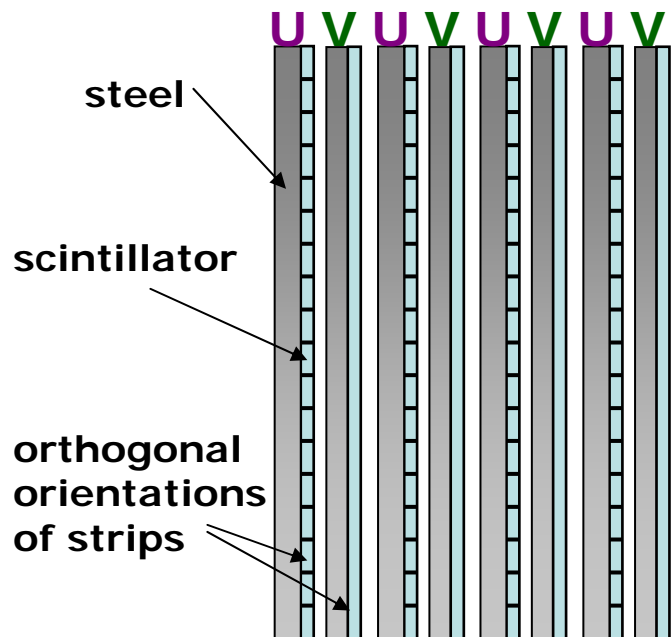


One Supermodule of the Far Detector...  
Two Supermodules total.

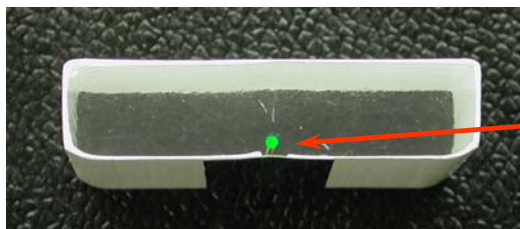
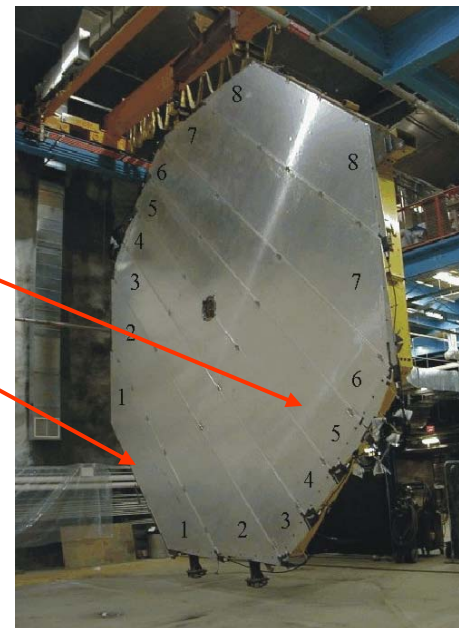


# Detector Elements

- ★ **Steel-Scintillator sandwich : SAMPLING CALORIMETER**
- ★ **Each plane consists of a 2.54 cm steel + 1 cm scintillator**
- ★ **Each scintillator plane divided into 192 x 4.1cm wide strips**
- ★ **Alternate planes have orthogonal strip orientations (U and V)**



Scintillator Length:  
4m - 8m



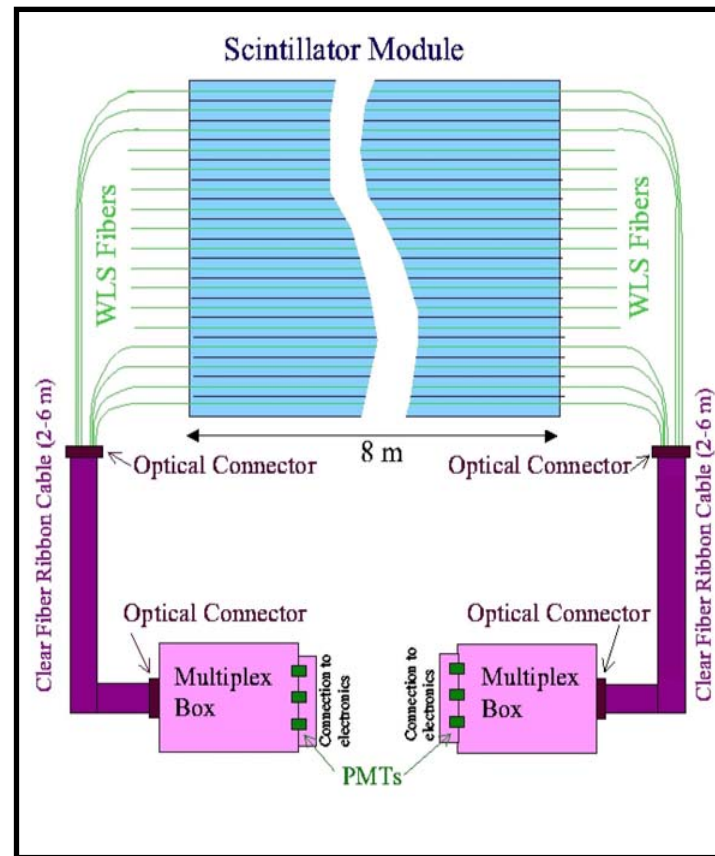
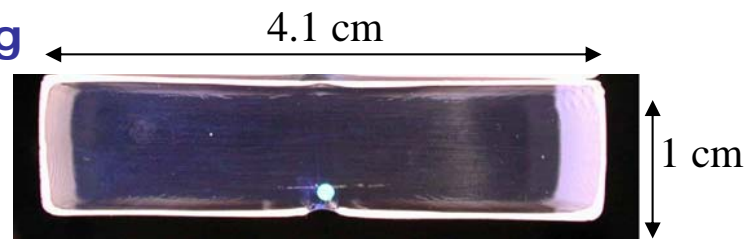
- ★ **Scintillation light collected by**
- WLS fibre glued into groove**
- ★ **Readout by multi-pixel PMTs**



# Scintillator/Fibres



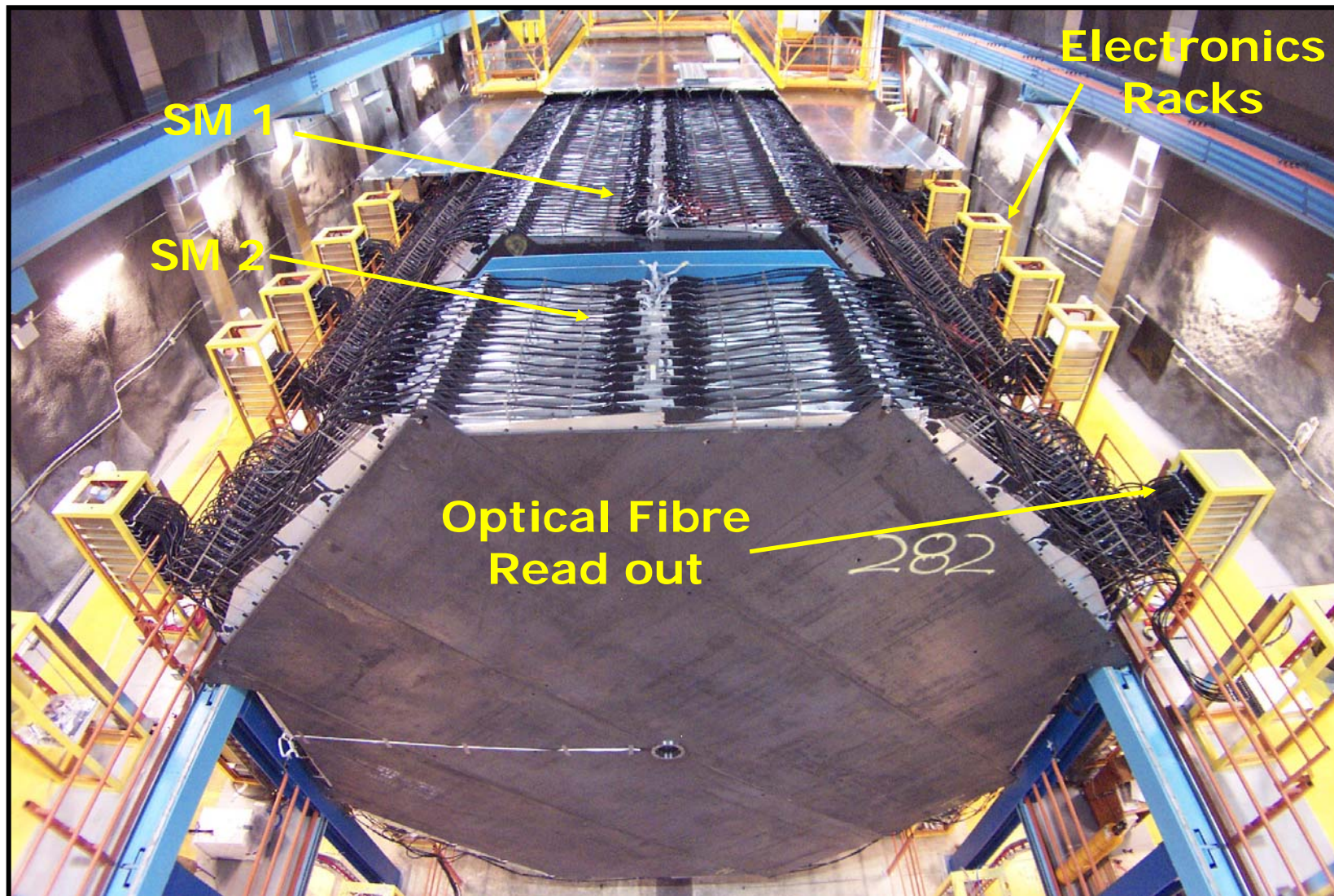
- ★ **4.1 x 1cm scintillator strips, up to 8m long**
  - ◆ Extruded polystyrene (co-extruded  $\text{TiO}_2$  coating)
  - ◆ PPO (1%), POPOP (0.03%) fluors
- ★ **Readout via wavelength shifting fibres**
  - ◆ Kuraray 1.2mm fibre (Y-11 fluor, 175 ppm)
- ★ **Optical connection via clear fibres**







# MINOS FarDet during installation





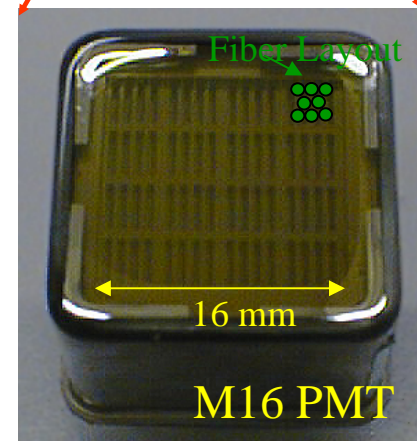
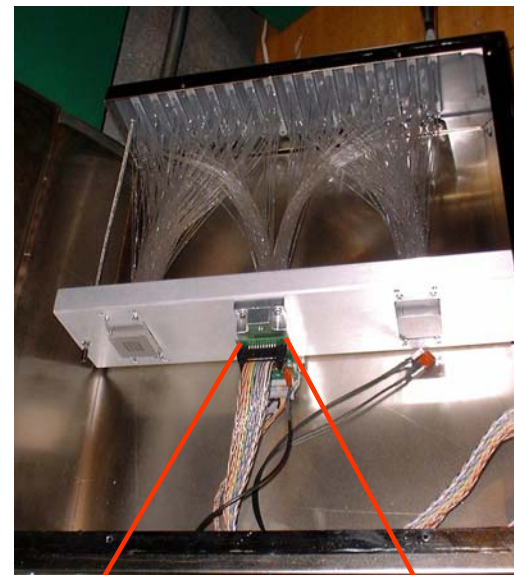
# Readout/Multiplexing

## Light Detection:

- ★ Hamamatsu 16 pixel PMTs  
R5900-00-M16
- ★ QE ~ 15 %
- ★ Strips read out at both ends
- ★ Readout by VA chip (IDEAS ASA)

## Optical Multiplexing:

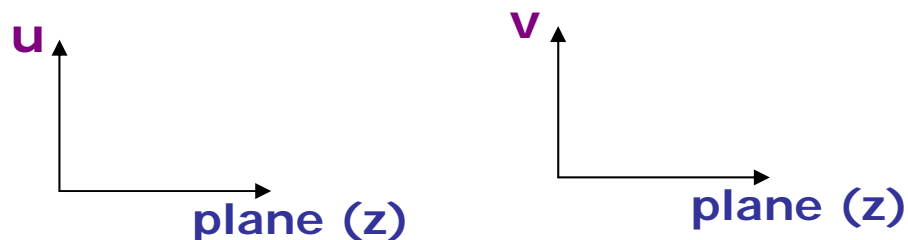
- ★ 8 fibres connected to each pixel
- ★ Different multiplexing pattern for both detector sides
- ★ Ambiguities removed in software



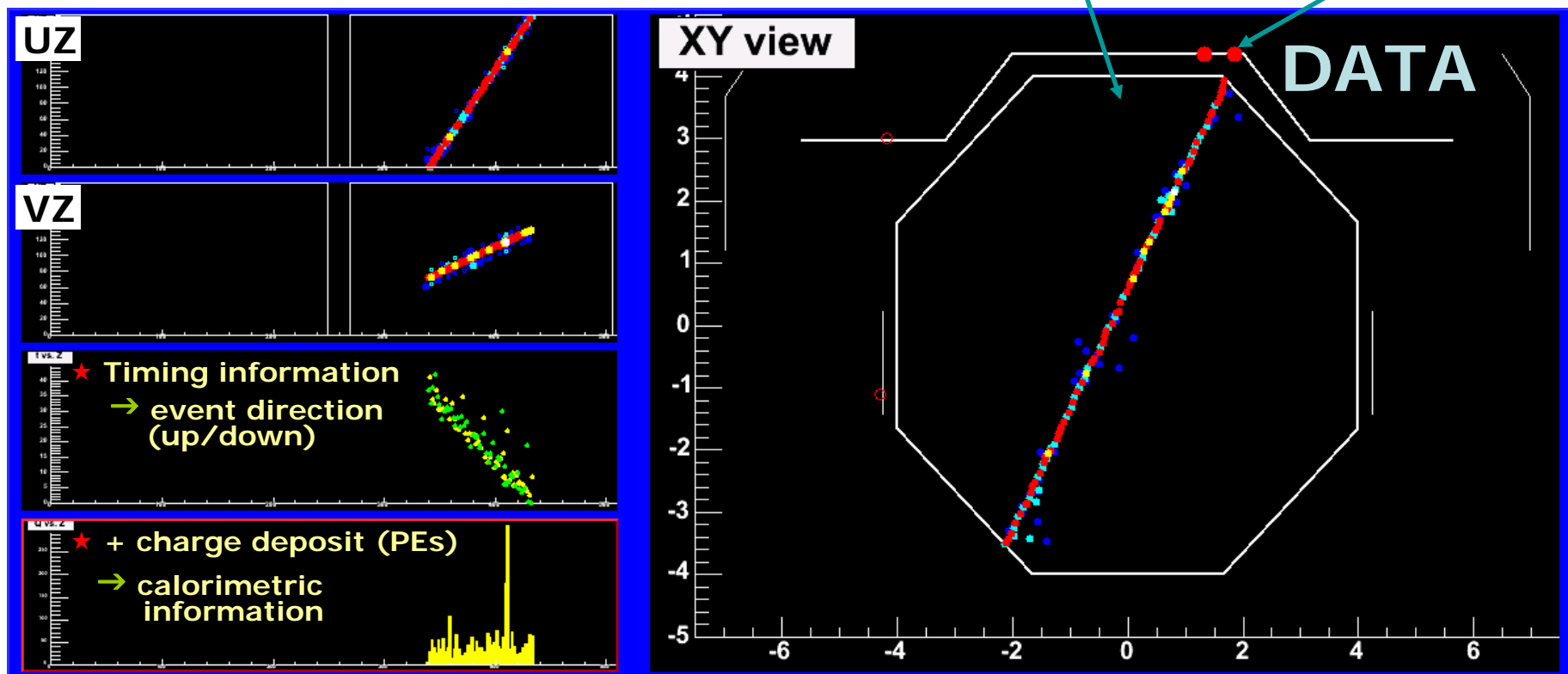


# Event Information (typical muon)

- ★ Two 2D views of event



- ★ Software combination to get '3D' event







# Performance

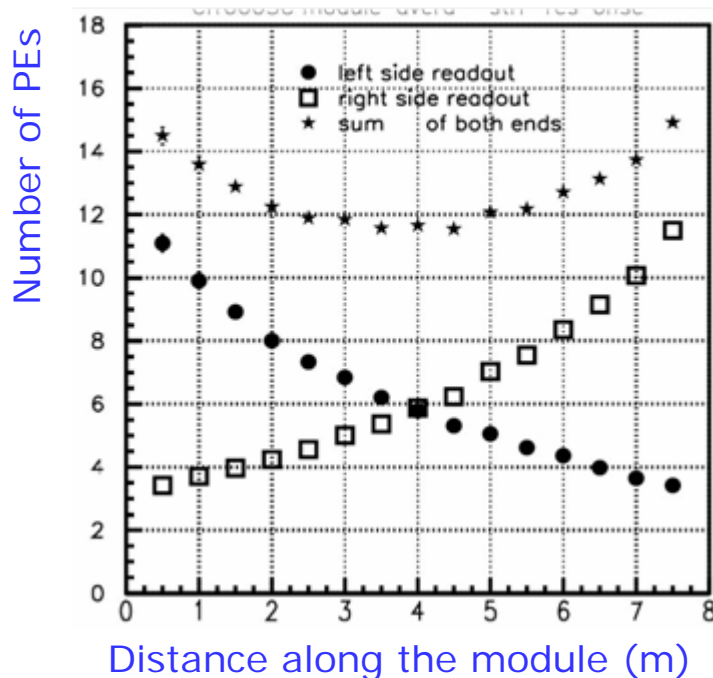
**Light Output**  
**Efficiency**  
**Cross-talk**  
**Noise**  
**Timing/Timing Calibration**  
**Detector Calibration**  
**Detector Performance**



# Light Output

## Light at PMT depends on:

- ✦ Path-length in strip
- ✦ Attenuation in WLS fibre
  - ✦ 30 % self-absorption of green light  $\lambda \sim 1\text{m}$
  - ✦ Most important component : 70 %  $\lambda \sim 7\text{m}$
- ✦ Attenuation in clear fibres :  $\lambda \sim 10\text{m}$
- ✦ Optical connection efficiency
- ✦ Typically 8-10 PEs/strip for a normal incidence MIP



Note: in addition to WLS in strip, on average  $\sim 0.8\text{m}$  WLS in pigtail and  $\sim 3\text{m}$  Clear fibre



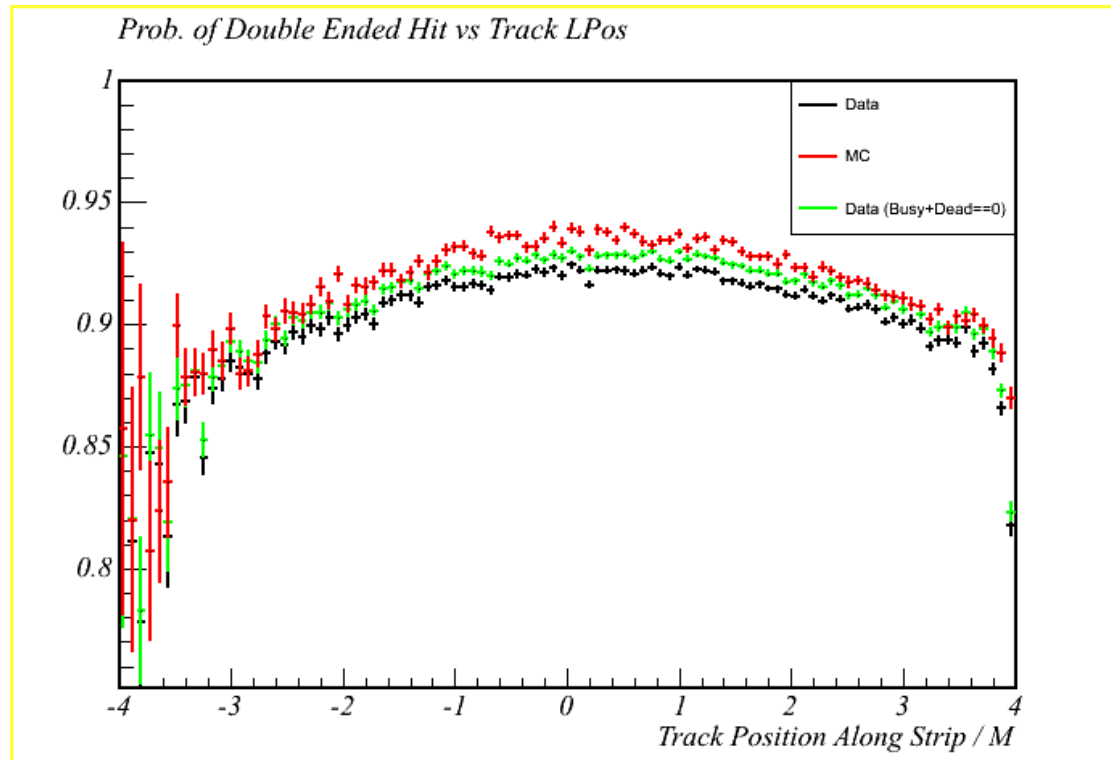
# Efficiency

Achieve very high efficiency ( $>99\%$ )

- biggest loss due to readout deadtime

Efficiency for double-ended hit  $\sim 90\%$

- PE statistics

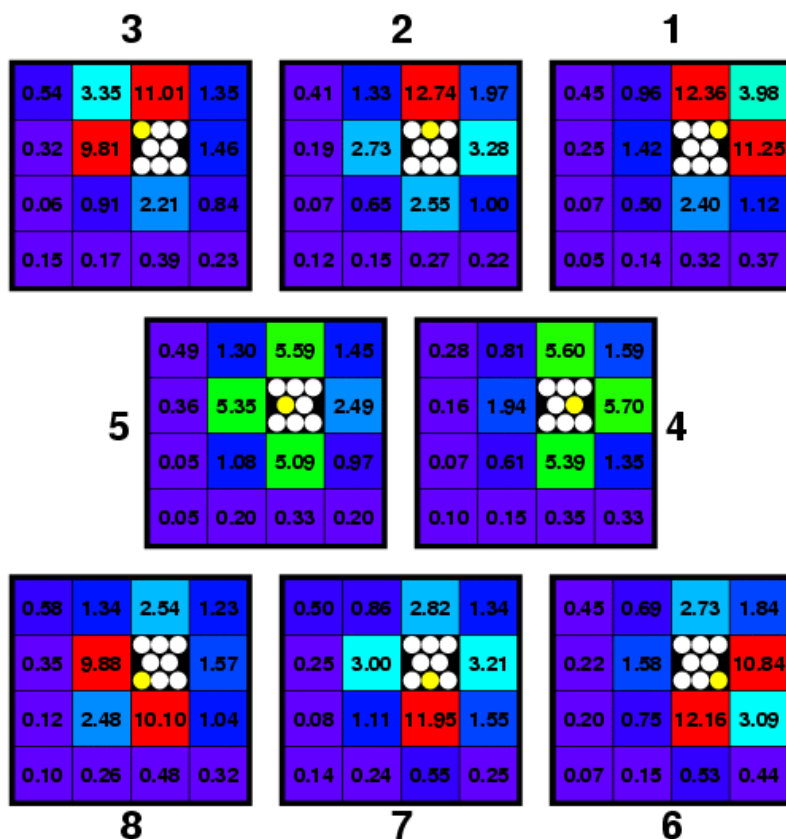




# Cross-talk

- ★ Optical cross-talk measured in test setup and in data
- ★ Depends on PMT pixel and fibre in bundle of 8

## Cross-talk fractions ( $\times 10^{-3}$ )



“For a typical cosmic muon  
approx 25 % chance of  
cross-talk hit”





# Noise



## Noise some numbers:

Radioactivity : 6 Hz (per stripend)

PMT Dark count rate : ~350 Hz per PMT

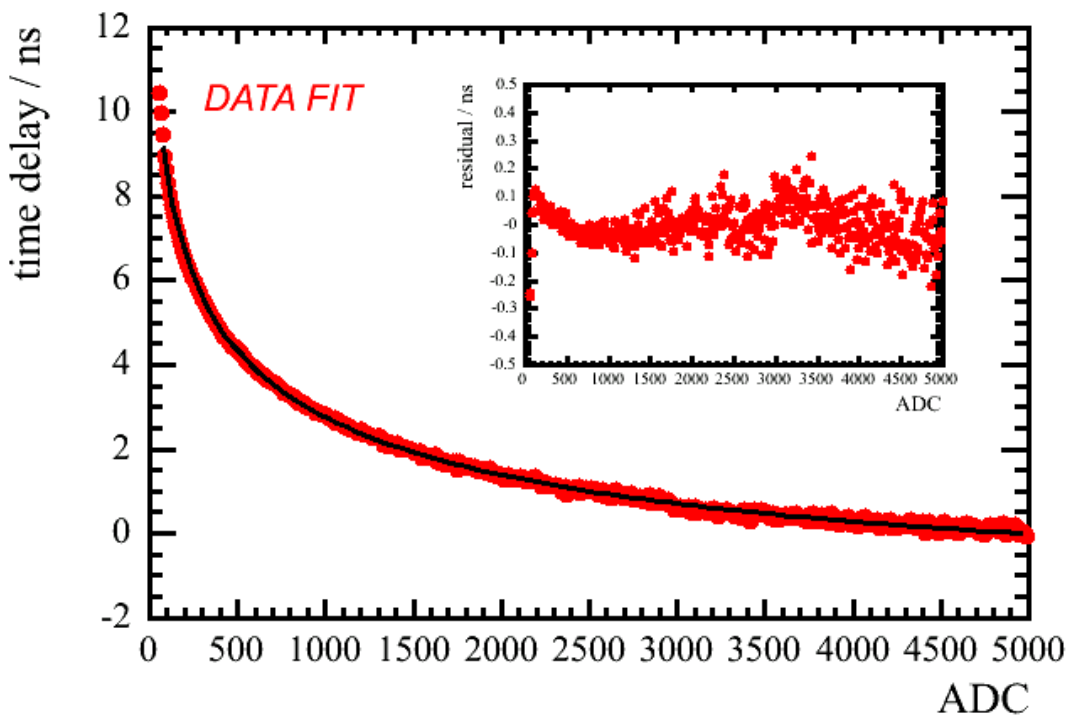
Spontaneous emission from WLS fibres : ~ 50 Hz (stripend)  
~ 1-5 Hz per meter of WLS

For more info : NIMA 545 (2005) 145-155



# Timing Resolution

- ★ Timing resolution determined by decay time of Y-11 fluor in WLS fibre  $\sim 8$  ns
- ★ Resolution of 2.4 ns achieved for data cosmics
- ★ Limited by convolution of exponential decay, PE statistics and electronics threshold

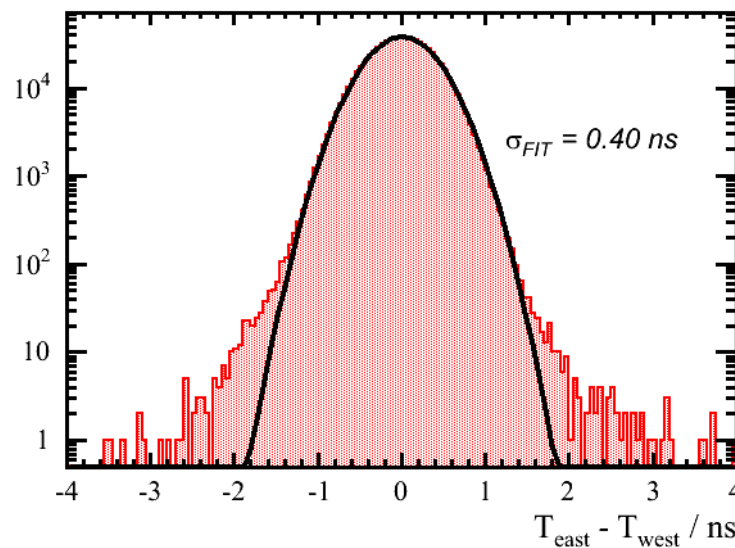
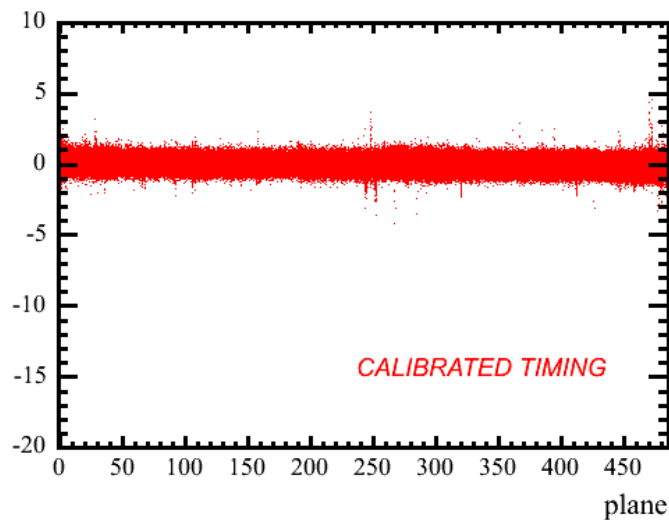
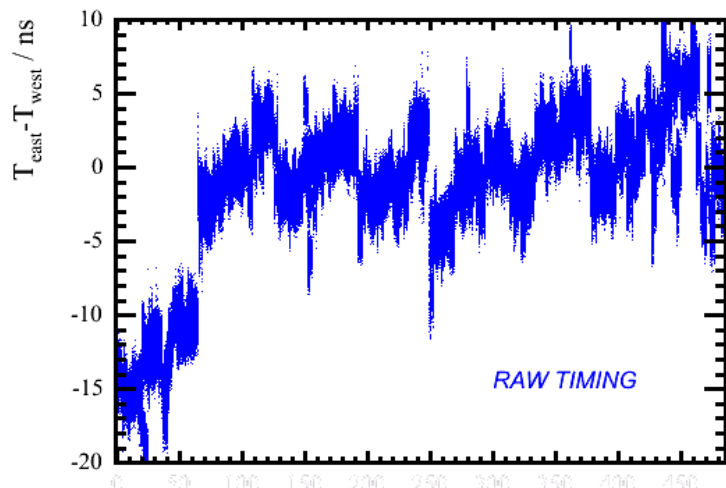




# Timing Calibration

## Use cosmic muons:

- ★ Remove electronics and fibre length offsets

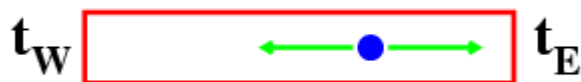




# One use of timing

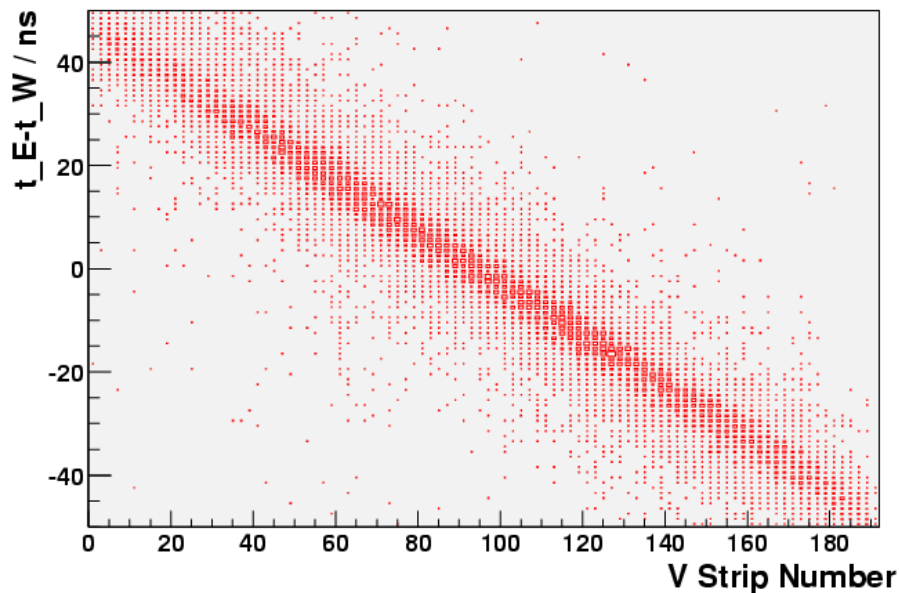
★ Use times at the two end of strip to find distance along strip

e.g. U Strip



$$t_W - t_E \rightarrow V$$

$\delta t$  vs strip



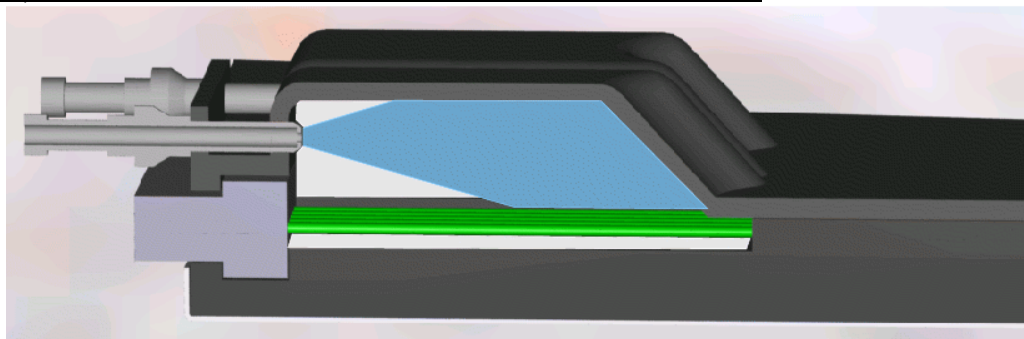
★  $\Delta t$  resolution  $\sim 4$  ns  
- corresponds to  $\sim 30$  cm





# Calibration I

## I) LED LIGHT INJECTION:



Light from calibration fibers illuminating ends of fibers from the scintillator where they are bundled

- ✦ Linearity of electronics
- ✦ Short-term drift of calibration
- ✦ PMT gains (low led light level : 1 PE)
- ✦ Check optical integrity

## II) Cosmic Muons (VERY POWERFUL):

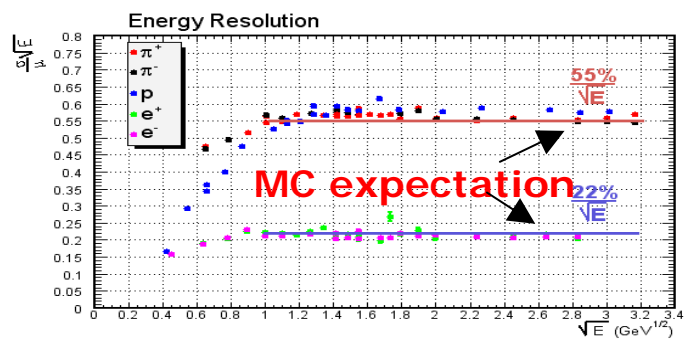
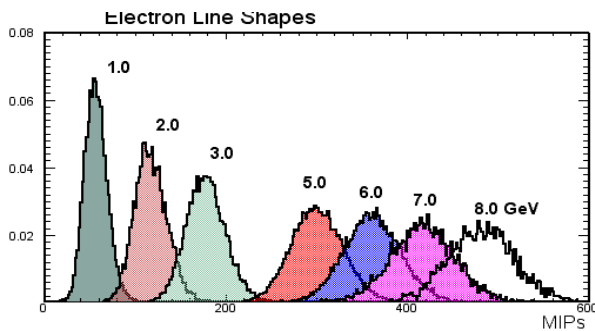
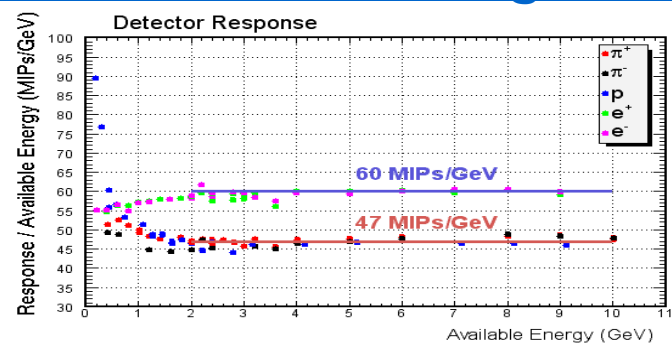
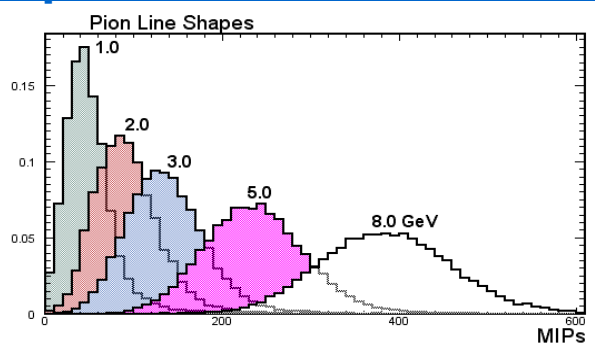
- ✦ 1000 muons/strip/month [half mile underground]
- ✦ Determine strip-to-strip MIP response
- ✦ Determine overall calibration

★ Confident that we will achieve MINOS goal of 2 %



# Calibration II : Test Beam

## Response measured in CERN test beam using a MINI-MINOS



	Response	Resolution
Hadrons	47 MIPs/GeV	55%/√E
Electrons	60 MIPs/GeV	22%/√E

- ★ Provides calibration information
- ★ Test of MC simulation of low energy hadronic interactions



# Concluding Comments

- ★ MINOS detectors are performing very well
- ★ Extremely robust detector operation

## MINOS style muon chambers for ILC ?

- ★ Even with relatively thin scintillator (1cm) + modest QE get very high MIP efficiency
- ★ what about timing requirements ?
- ★ what about aging ? (no evidence yet)
- ★ other issues ?
- ★ **Looks like a very promising technological choice...**

