

Design of the Compton polarimeter for the FCC-ee

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- ▶ The **Future Circular Collider** (FCC) is a proposed 91km accelerator ring to push the boundaries of the next century of particle physics research.
- ▶ Would follow the same programme as LEP/LHC, starting as an electron-positron collider (FCC-ee) then being replaced by a hadron collider (FCC-hh) in the same tunnel.
- ▶ The FCC-ee will be a **precision machine**, probing the standard model as broadly and deeply as possible.
- ▶ Will run at 4 modes based on particle resonances: Z , W , ZH , and $t\bar{t}$.



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$m_Z = 91.2 \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow$ Precision of $\sim 10^{-7}$ required to reach statistical uncertainty
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- ▶ As a polarised beam circles the collider, its spins will **precess** due to the bending magnetic field.
- ▶ It can be shown that the spin tune of this precession ν_0 is related to the average relativistic factor $\langle\gamma\rangle$ as:

$$\nu_0 \approx a\langle\gamma\rangle = a \frac{\langle E \rangle}{mc^2}$$

where a is a constant related to the gyromagnetic ratio of the particle.

- ▶ If we can measure the spin tune we can deduce the **average beam energy**. But how do we measure the spin tune?

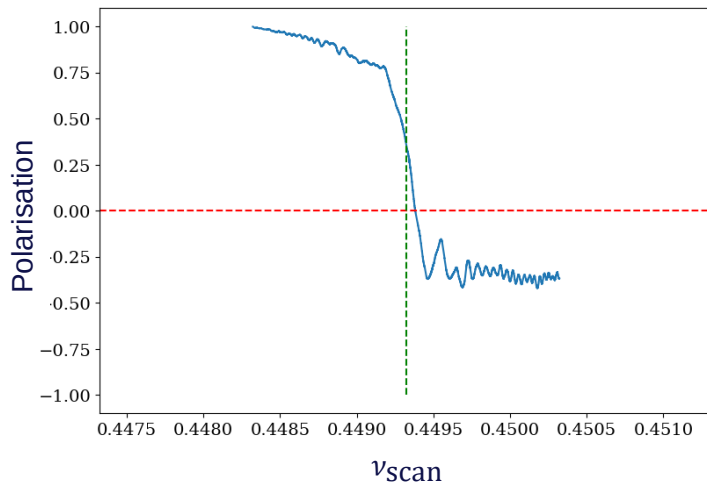
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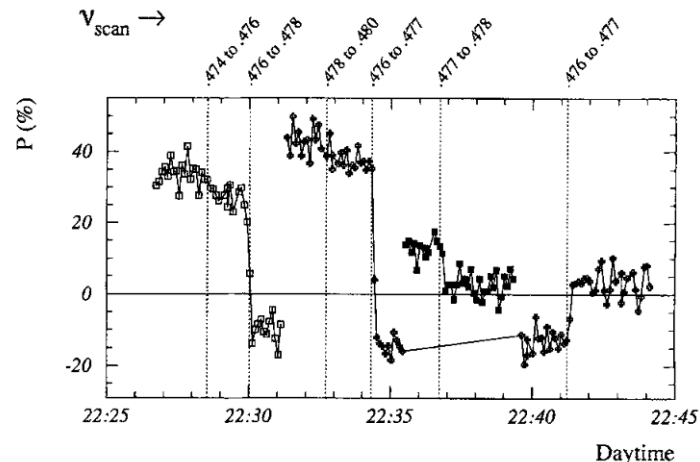
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RDP scan simulated in XSuite



G. Iadarola, et al, "Spin tracking and equilibrium polarization computation in Xsuite: implementation and benchmarks", presented at the IPAC'26, Deauville, France, May 2026, paper

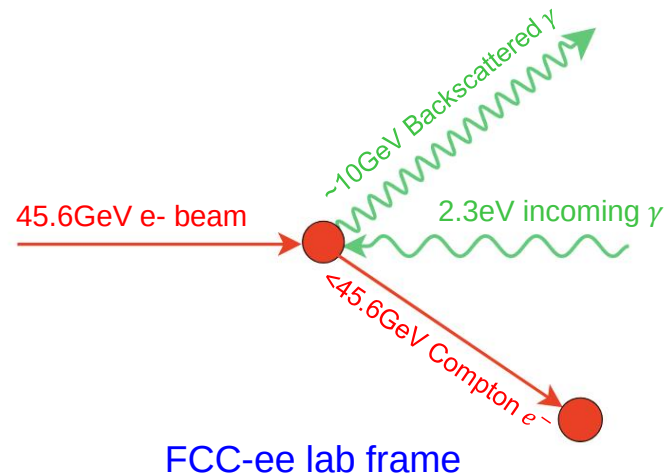
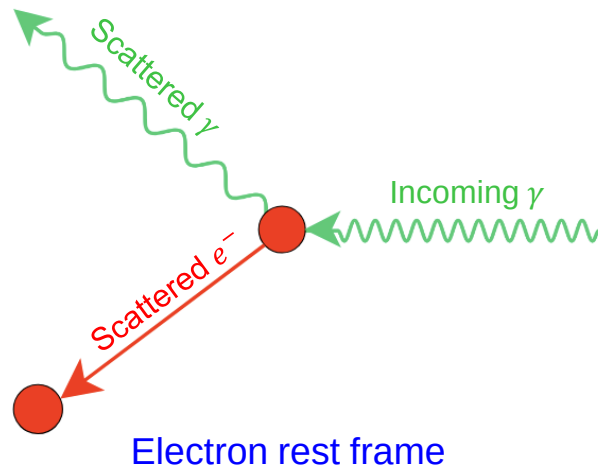
RDP scan data from LEP



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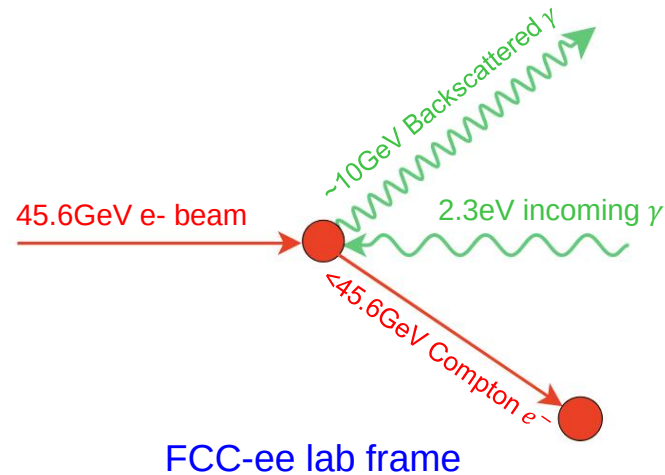
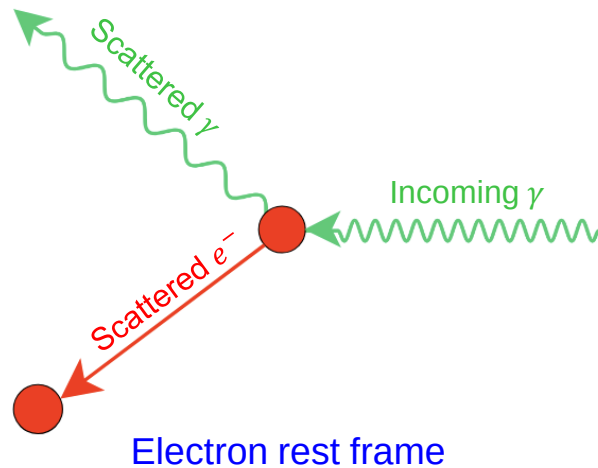
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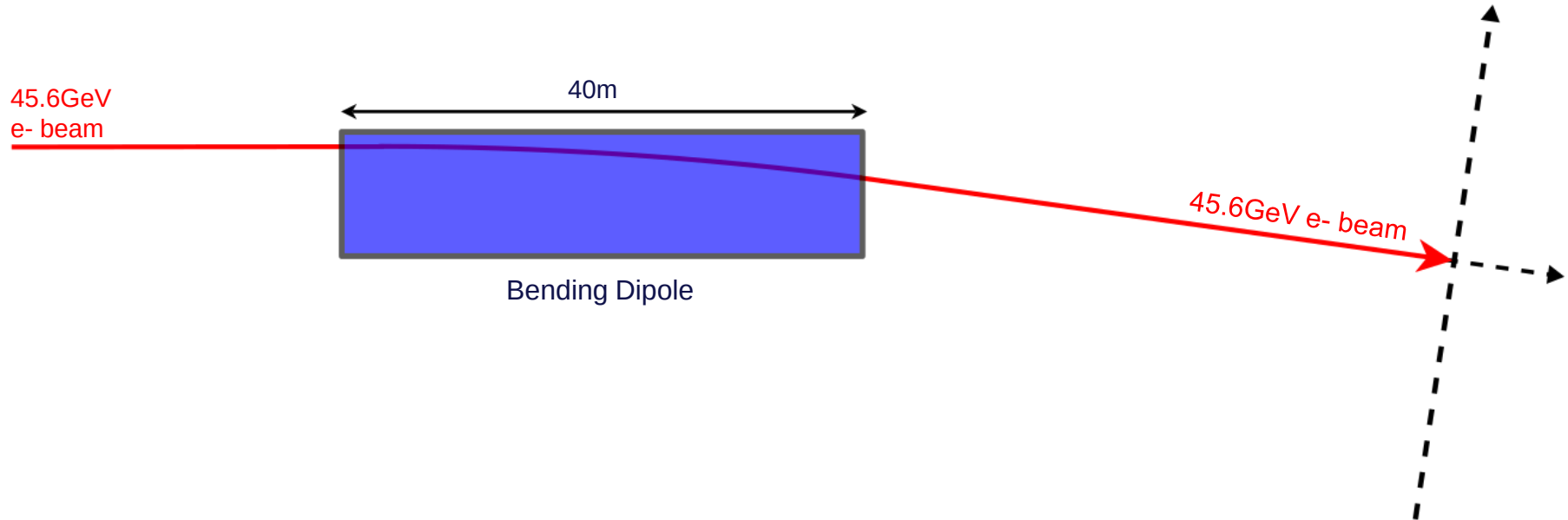
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- ▶ Can measure polarisation from the distributions of Compton products by colliding a laser with the beam.
- ▶ Colliding bunches should not be polarised $\Rightarrow$ run RDP scan on **polarised pilot bunches**.

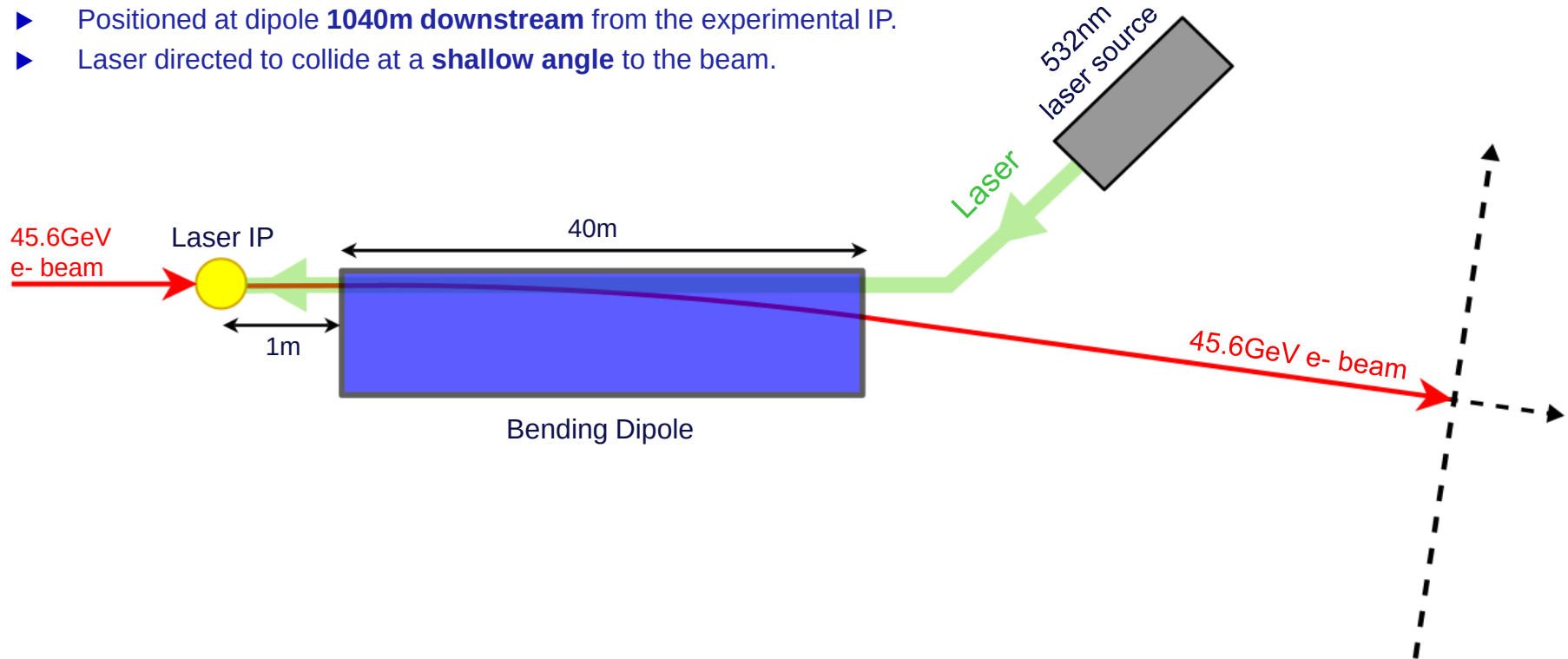
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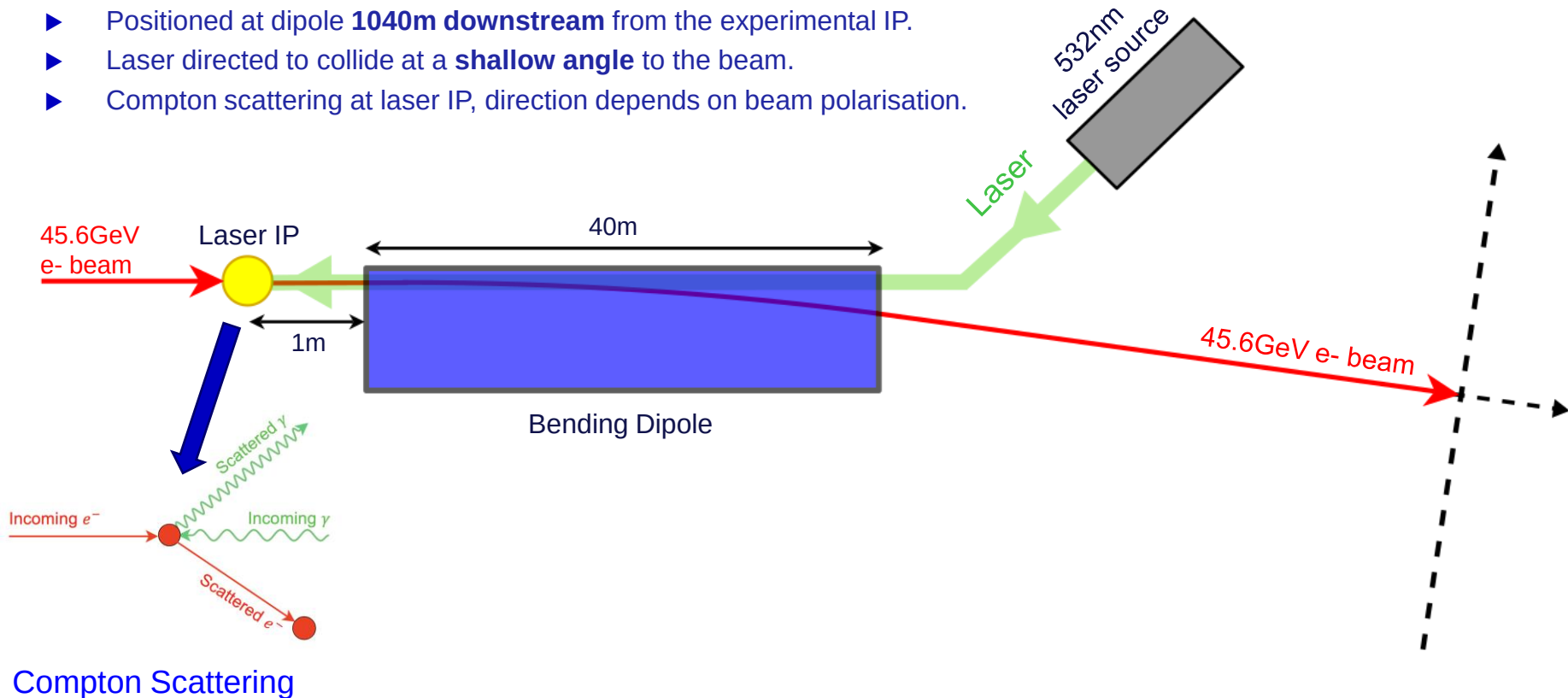
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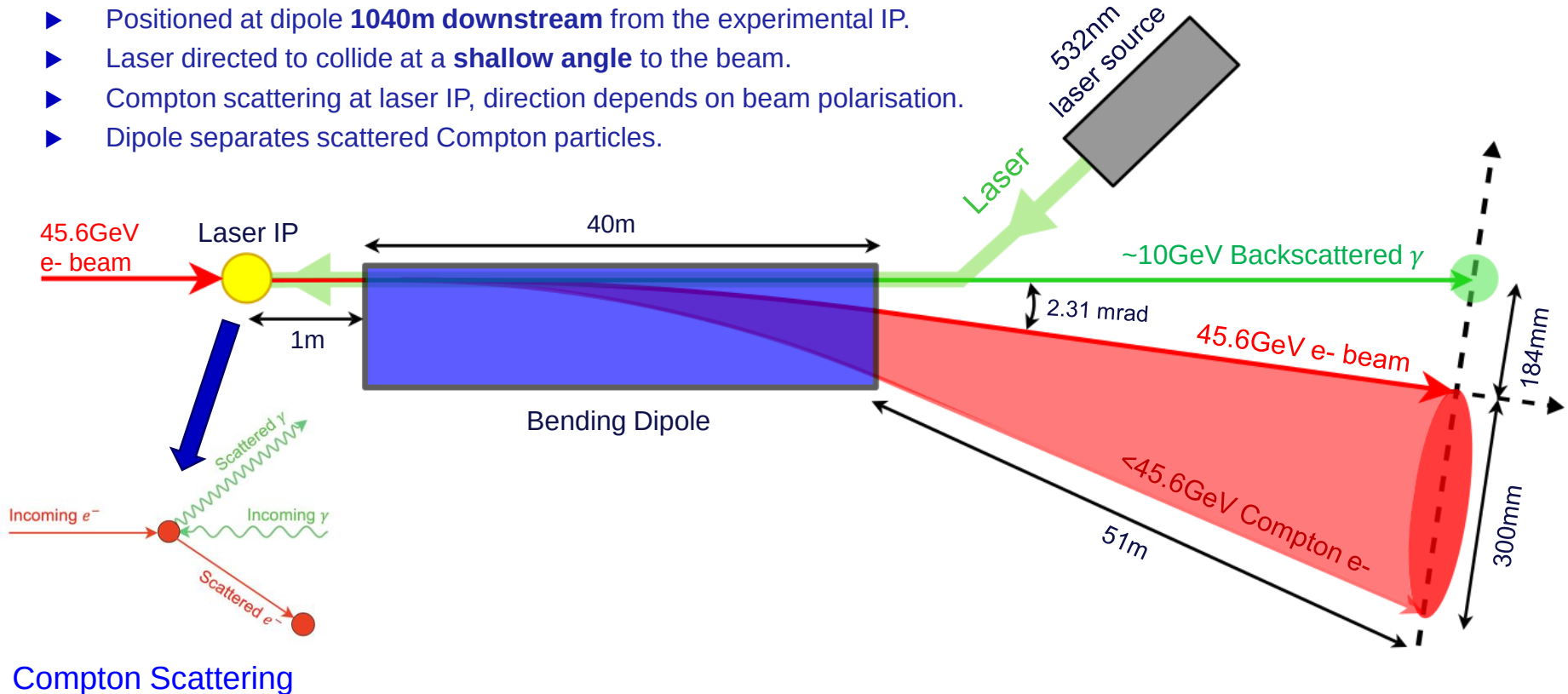
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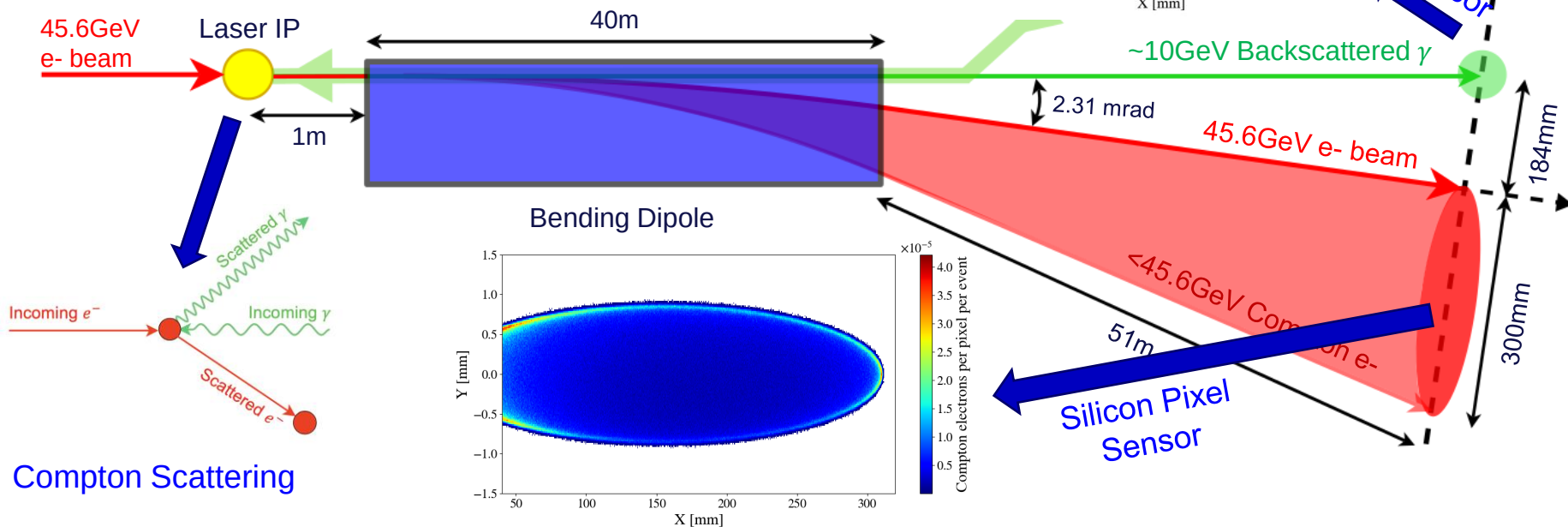
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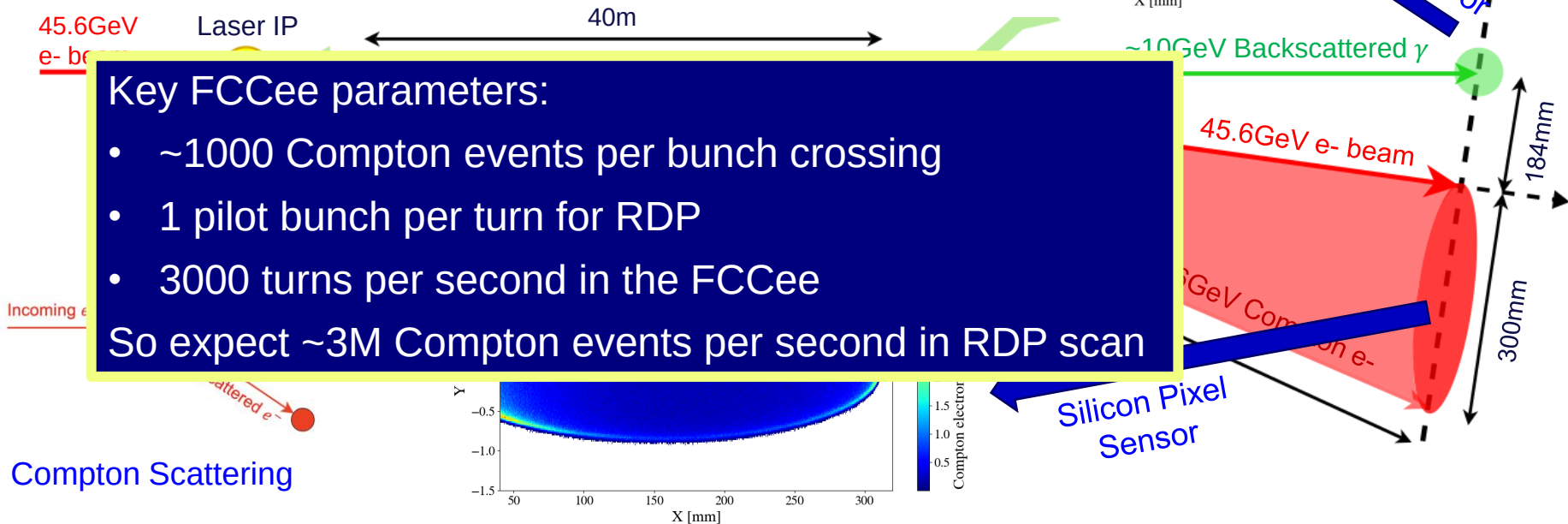
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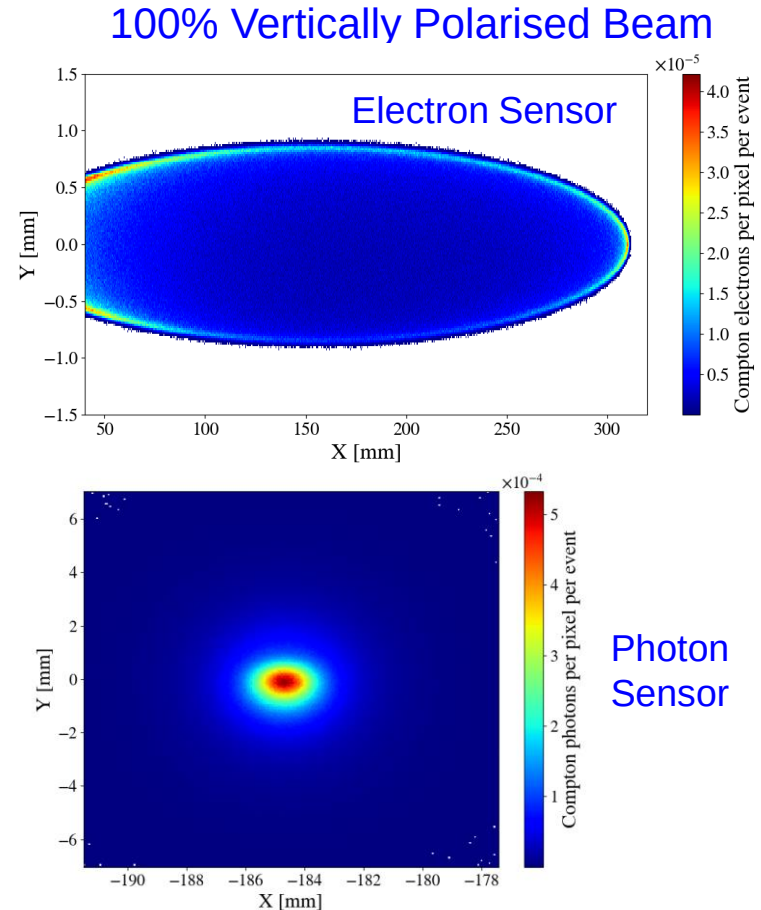
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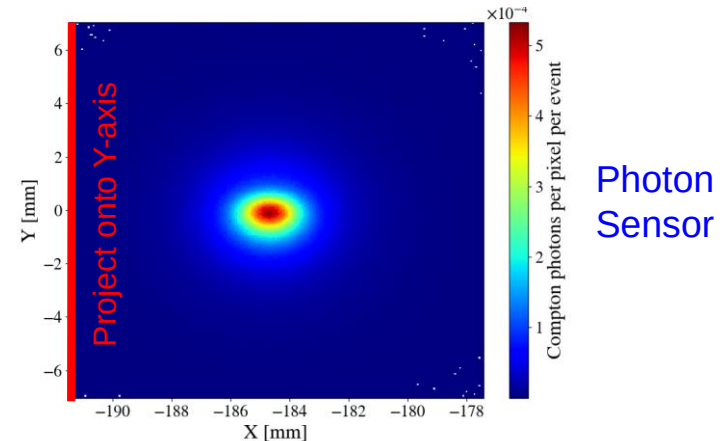
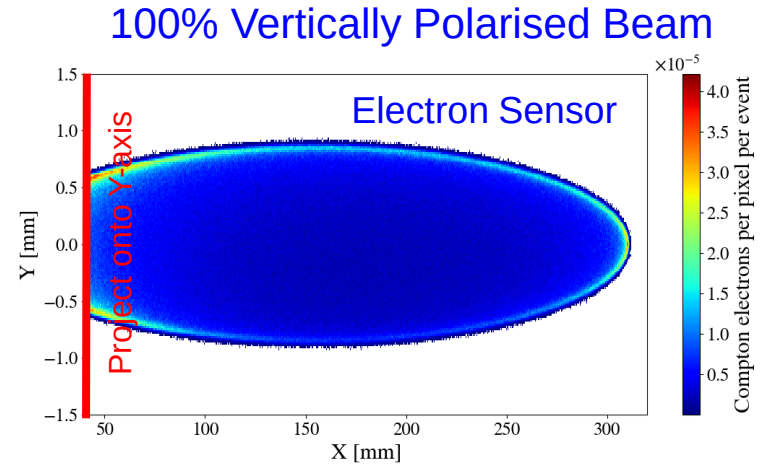
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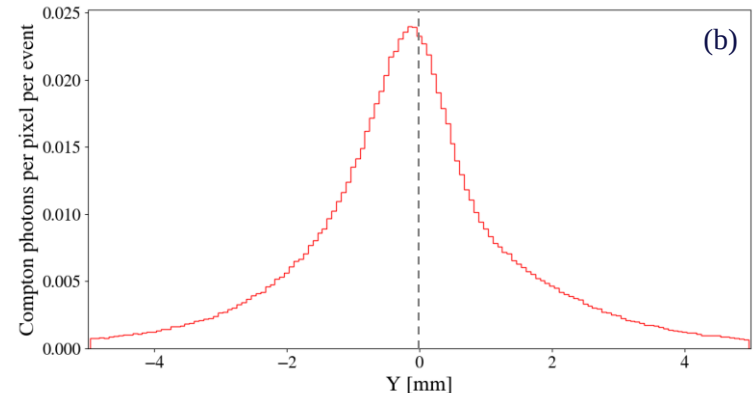
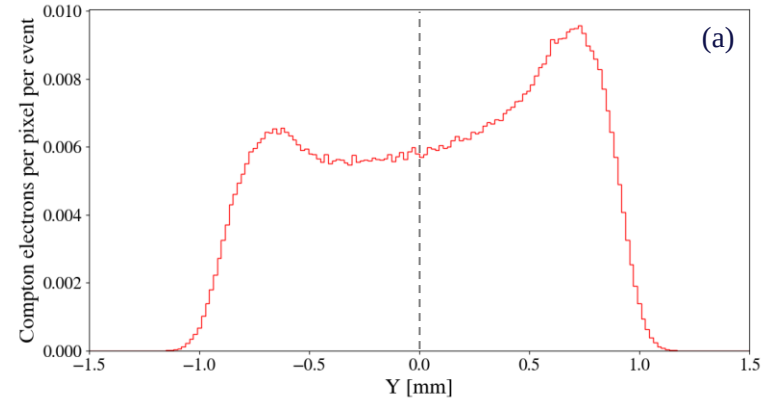
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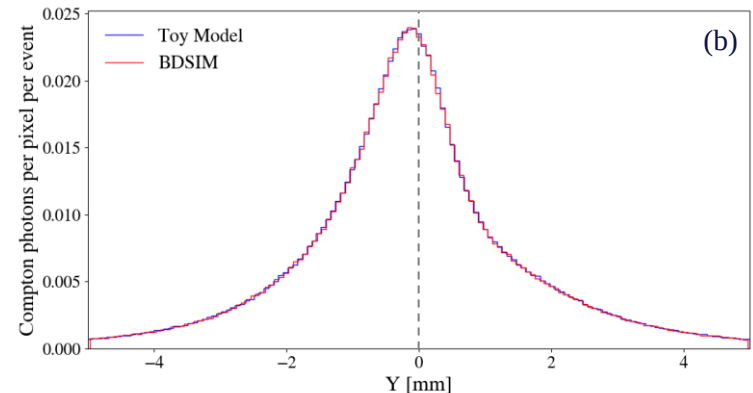
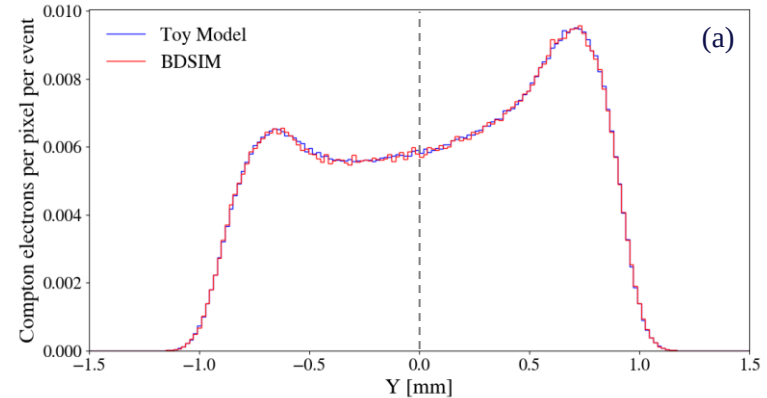


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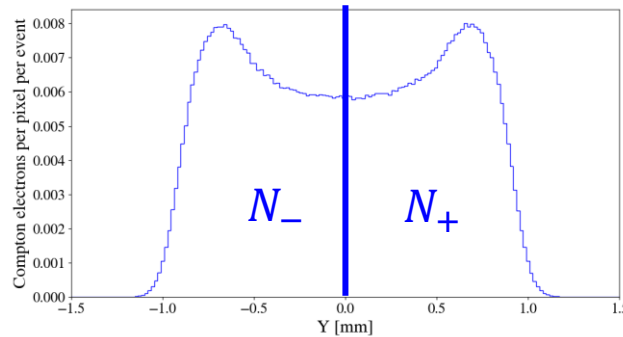
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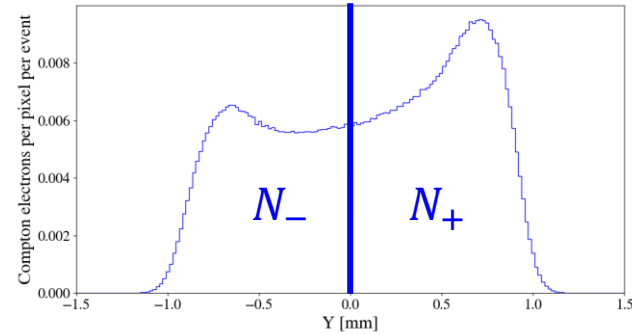
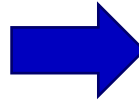
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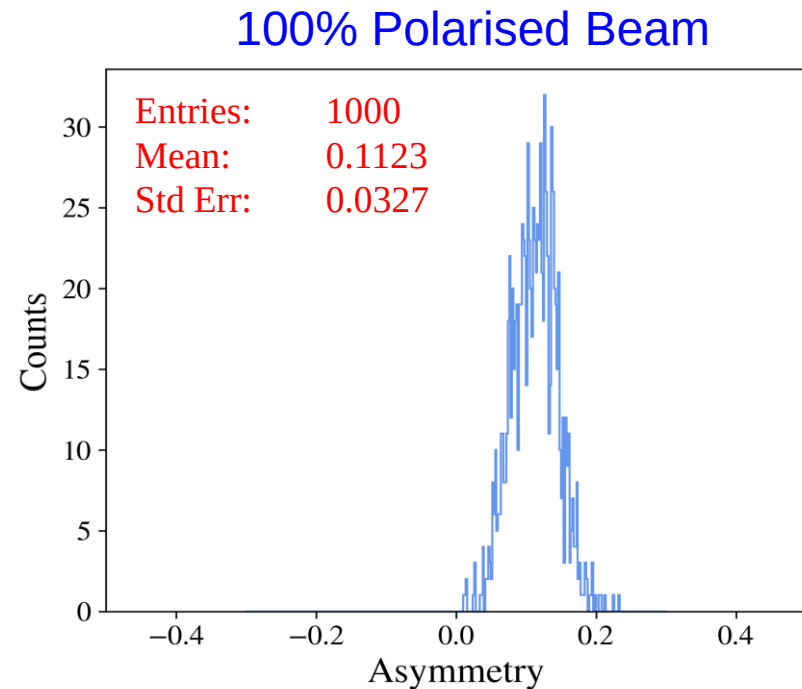


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- ▶ This is a useful measure as it is **directly proportional** to the polarisation of the beam.

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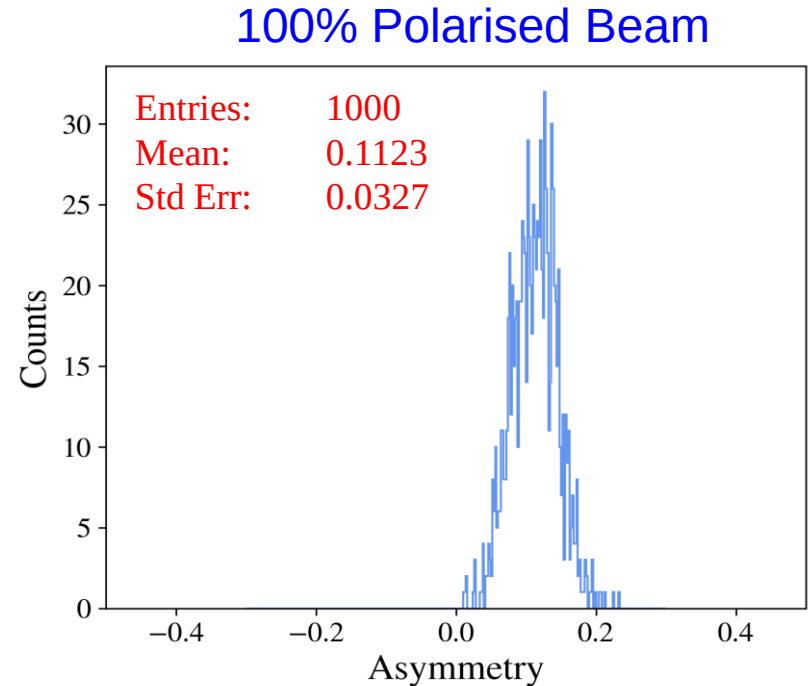
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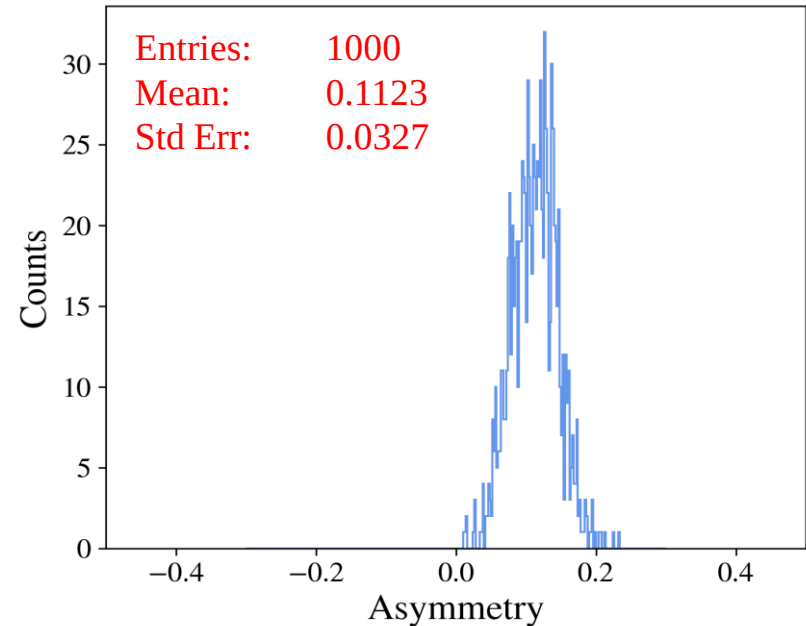


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Summary

- ▶ The FCC-ee requires a calibration of the centre-of-mass collision energy to within a relative error of $\sim 10^{-7}$.
- ▶ This can be achieved via resonant depolarisation, which in turn requires a precise measurement of the vertical beam polarisation.
- ▶ BDSIM can be used to simulate the FCCee polarimeter and predict its performance.
- ▶ Currently the electron and photon sensors yield an expected relative error of 29% and 23% respectively for a bunch-by-bunch measurement of a 100% vertically polarised beam.
- ▶ Extrapolating from this, to achieve a relative error of 1% the respective sensors would require 0.28s and 0.17s of data taking. This time increases for lower polarisations and many factors such as backgrounds have not yet been implemented in the model.

Next steps for the polarimeter design

- ▶ A careful evaluation of the expected **background** rates and their impact on the polarimeter performance needs to be made, this is likely the biggest factor impacting the uncertainties that we have not considered.
- ▶ Investigation of simulation methods to more completely model the **sensor behaviour and digitisation** is ongoing e.g. Alpex-squared. Possible benefit to having multiple layers of sensors, also to be investigated.
- ▶ First **hardware tests** with TimePix sensors are expected to be performed in the coming year.
- ▶ Investigate performance at longitudinal polarisation measurement on **colliding bunches**.
=> an even bigger challenge!



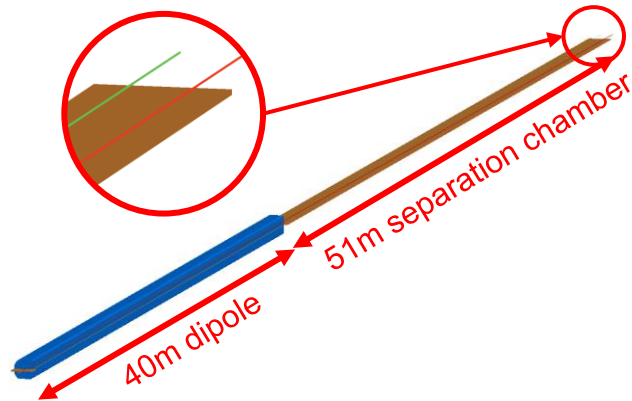
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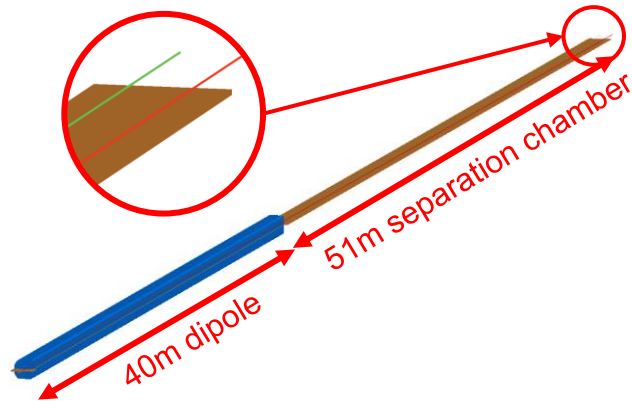
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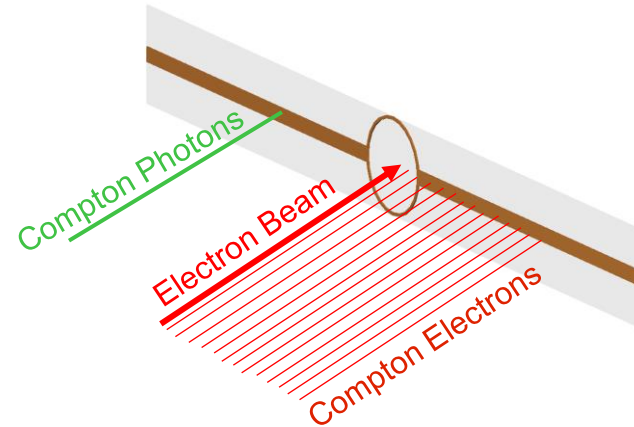
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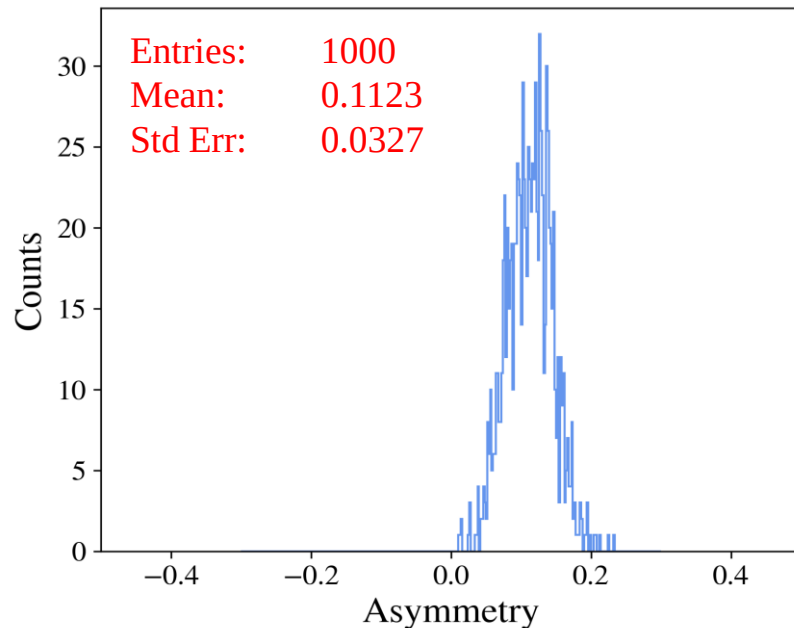
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$$\sigma_A \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

$$\text{Relative Error} = \frac{0.0327}{0.113} = 29.1\% \Rightarrow \text{To achieve 1\% error: } \frac{29.1^2}{1^2} \cdot 1000 \approx 8.5e5 \text{ evts} \Rightarrow \mathbf{0.28s} \text{ data taking}$$

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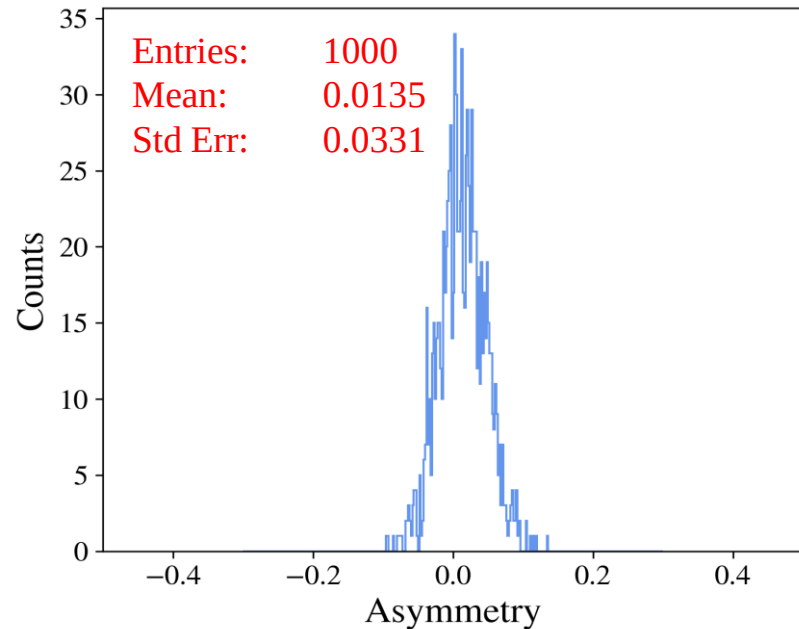


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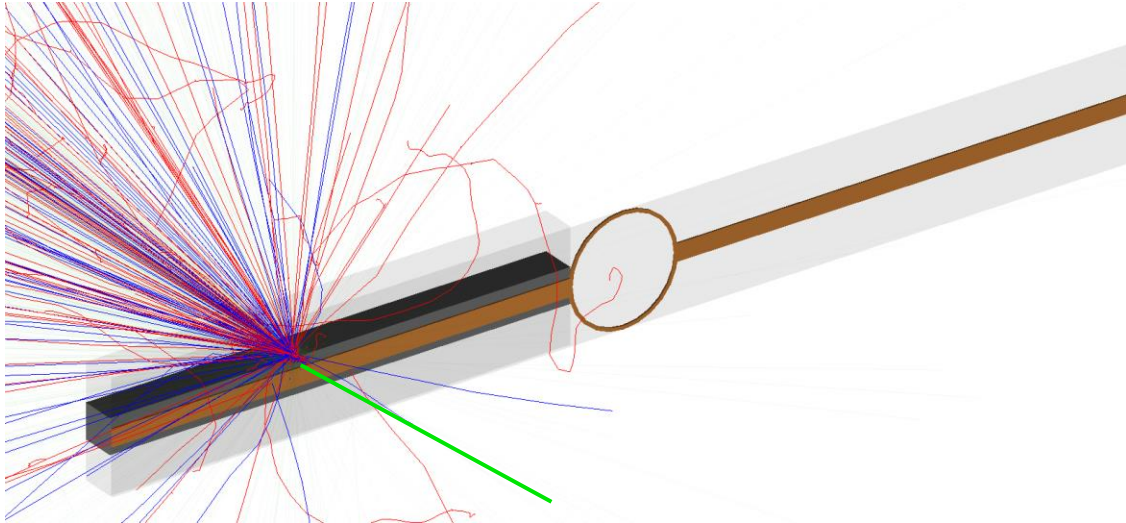
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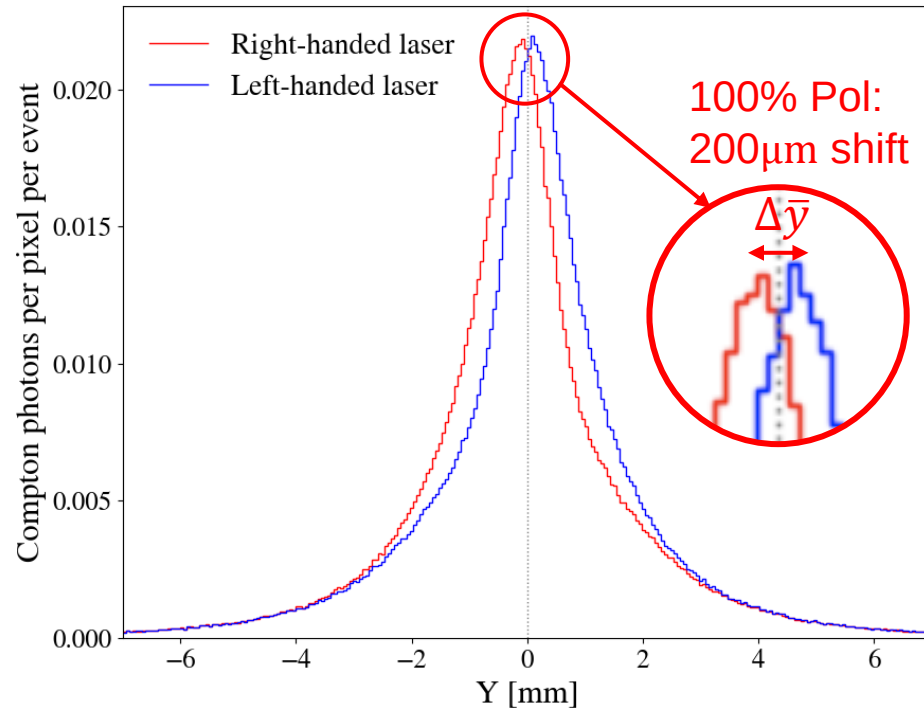
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- ▶ For the following results a 20mm layer of tungsten was used to convert the photons to charged particles.



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- ▶ How to deduce the polarisation from the on-screen photon distribution?
- ▶ Calculating asymmetry is less effective due to the conversion layer, instead find the **shift in the mean**.
- ▶ Alternate polarisation of the incident *laser*.
- ▶ Measure the shift in the mean of the profile $\Delta\bar{y}$.
- ▶ Polarisation of the electron beam is proportional to the vertical shift.



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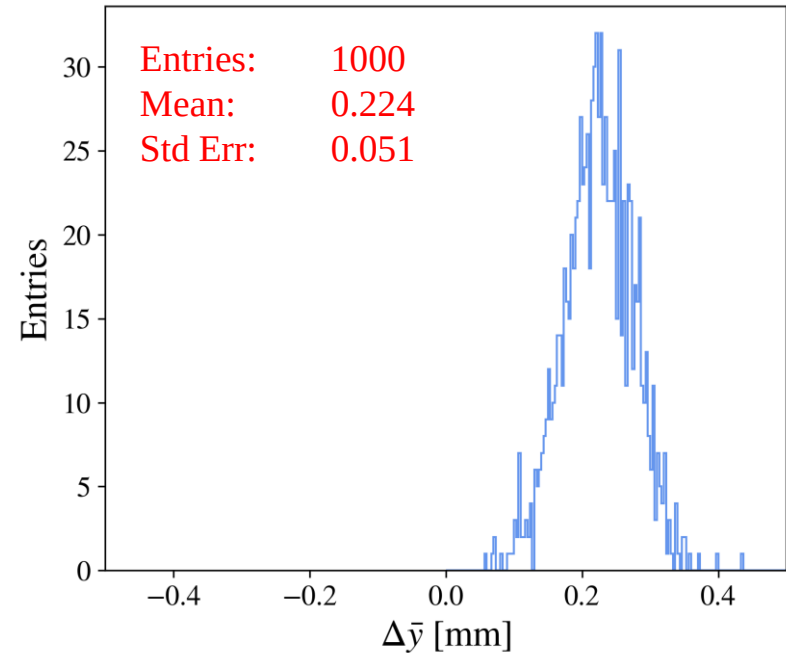
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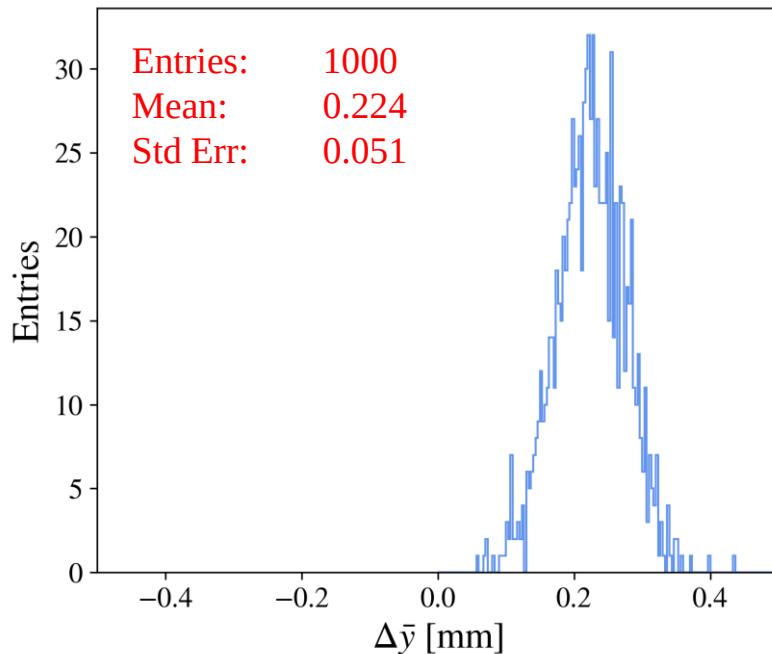
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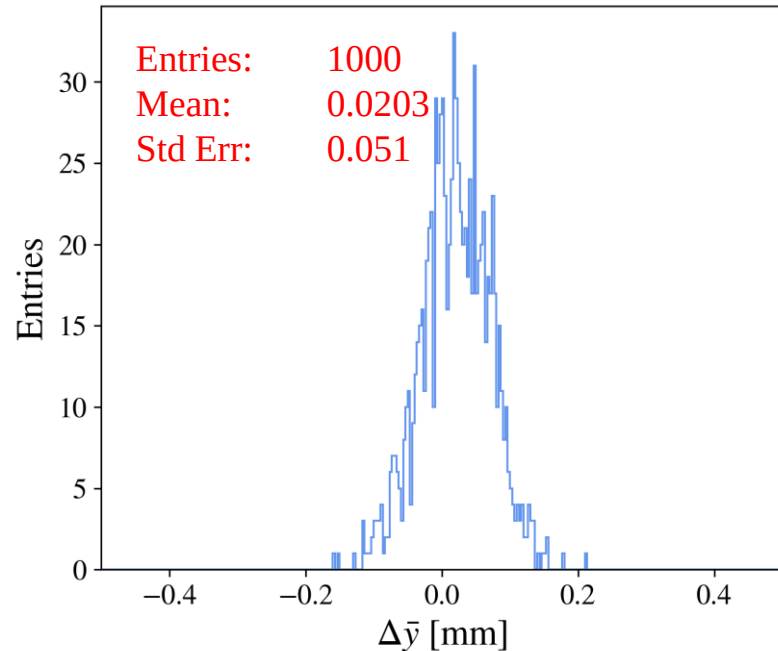
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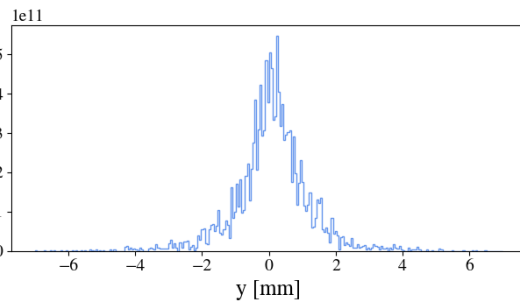
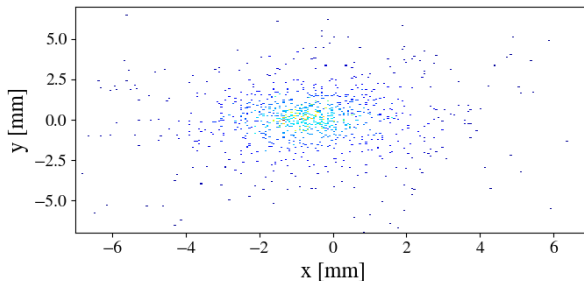
10% Polarised Beam (more realistic)



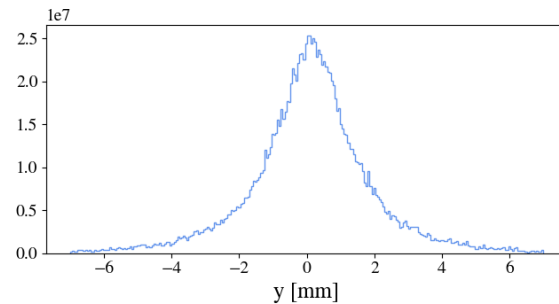
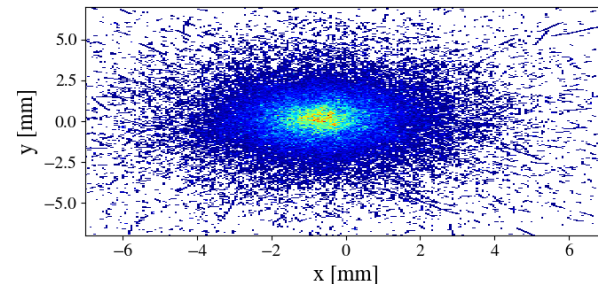
Comparison to sampler

- ▶ Placed a sampler *before* the tungsten layer to compare performance of sensor to recording the photon positions directly.
- ▶ For timepix3 layout of 256x256 pixels, observed a higher error in $\Delta\bar{y}$ with the *sampler* than with the more realistic sensor. A brief investigation revealed that it was clear this was merely a result of the sparse binning in the sampler:

Sampler
before
tungsten

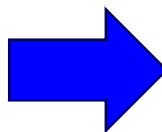
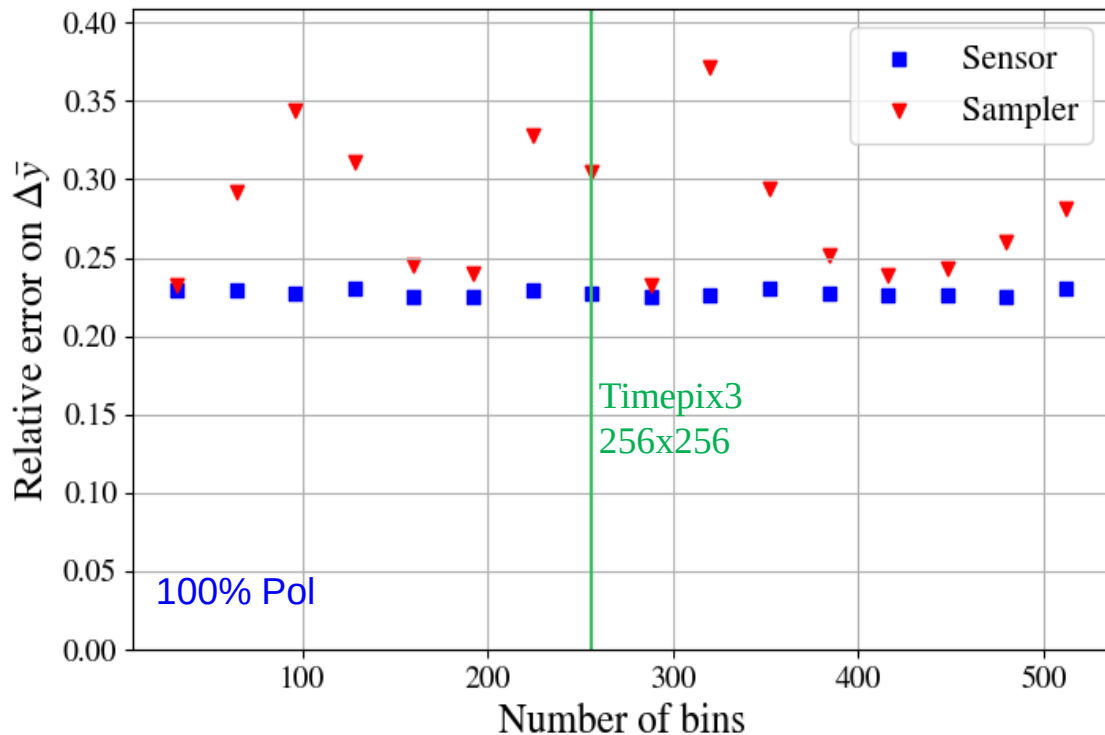


Sensor
after
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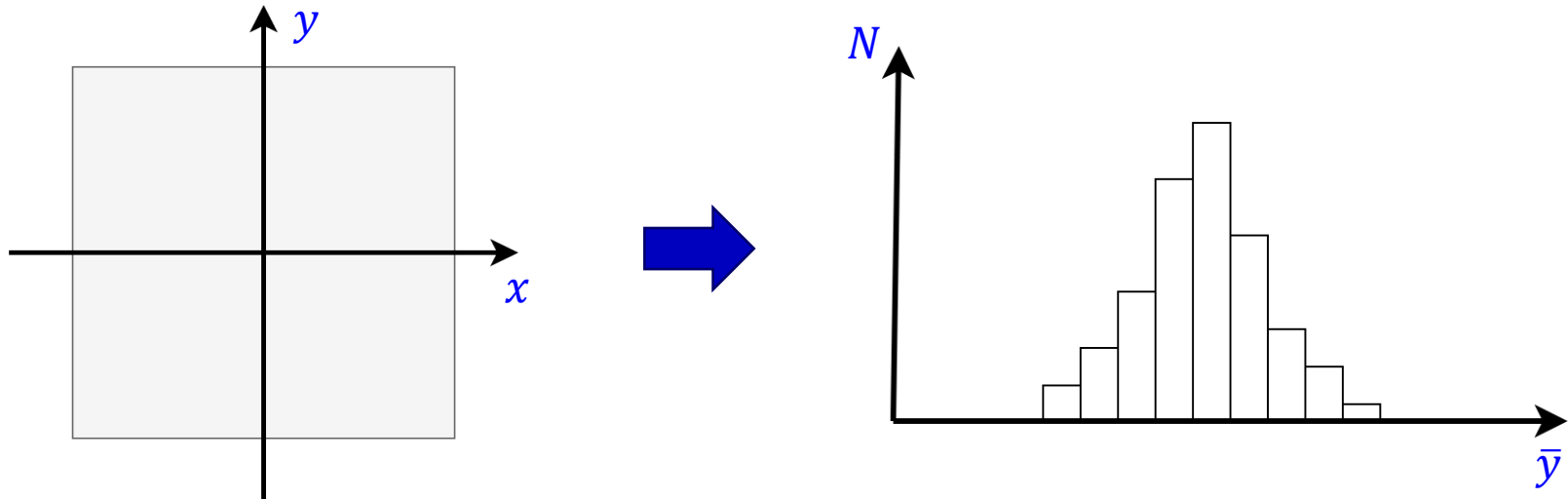
- Investigated the effect of changing the number of pixels in the sensor/sampler, looking at a range from 32x32 to 512x512:



- Pixel size not a limiting factor for *bunch-by-bunch* measurements.
- Convertor layer actually reduces error for bunch-by-bunch case due to improved statistics.

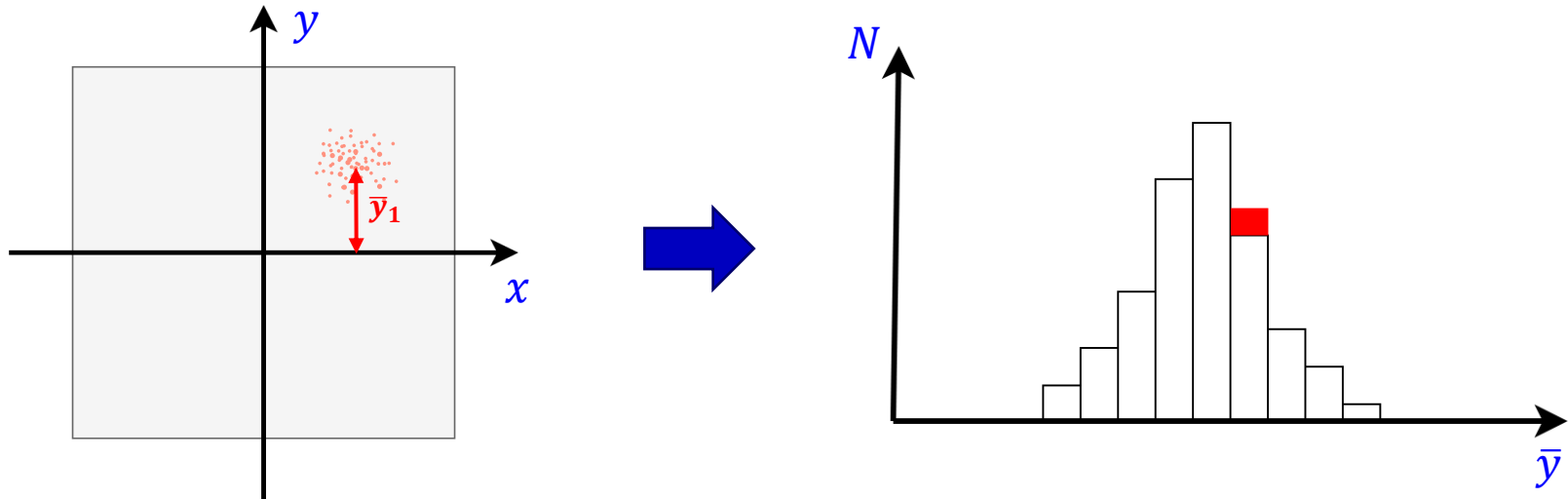
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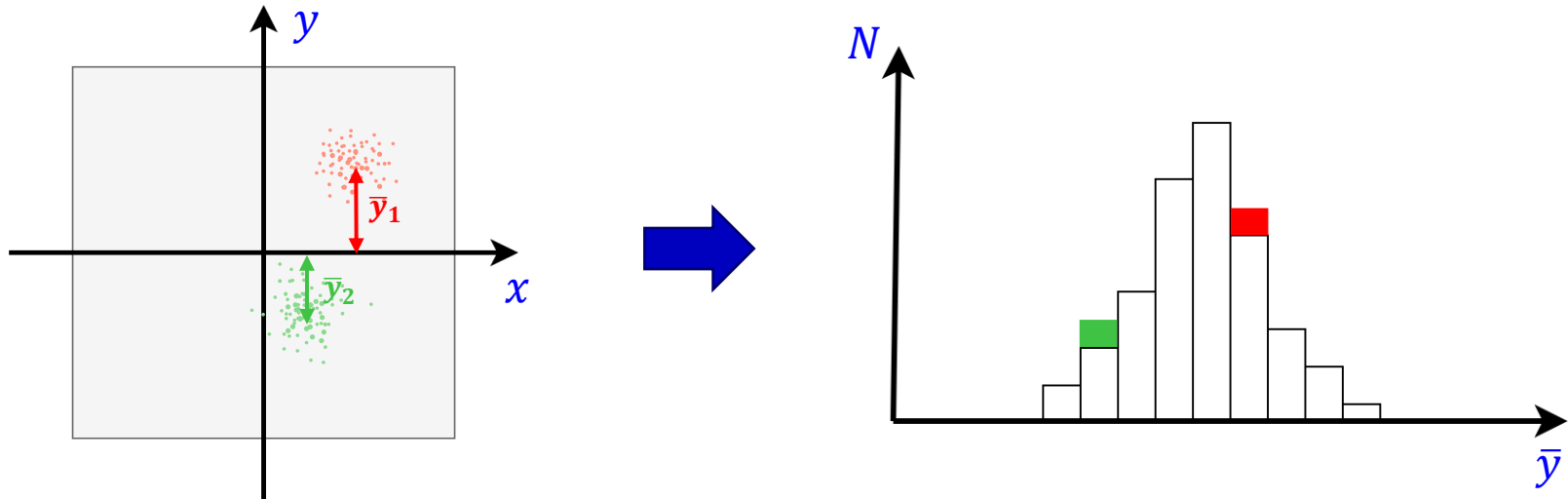
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Polarisation error assumption

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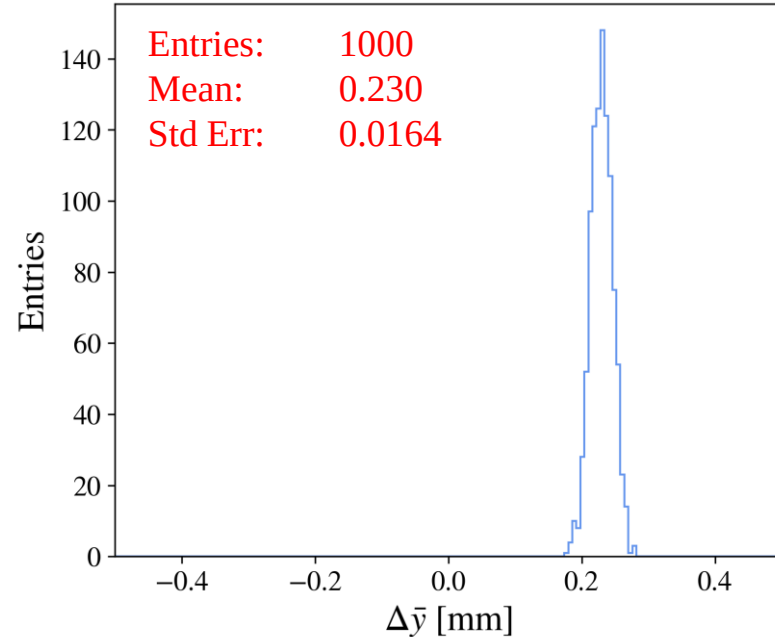
is valid.

- ▶ For measurements of 1000 Compton events at 100% polarisation we found $\sigma_{\Delta\bar{y}} = 0.051$.
- ▶ If the assumption holds then for 10000 Compton events we should get:

$$\sigma_{\Delta\bar{y}} = 0.051 \times \sqrt{\frac{1000}{10000}} = \frac{0.051}{\sqrt{10}} = 0.0161$$

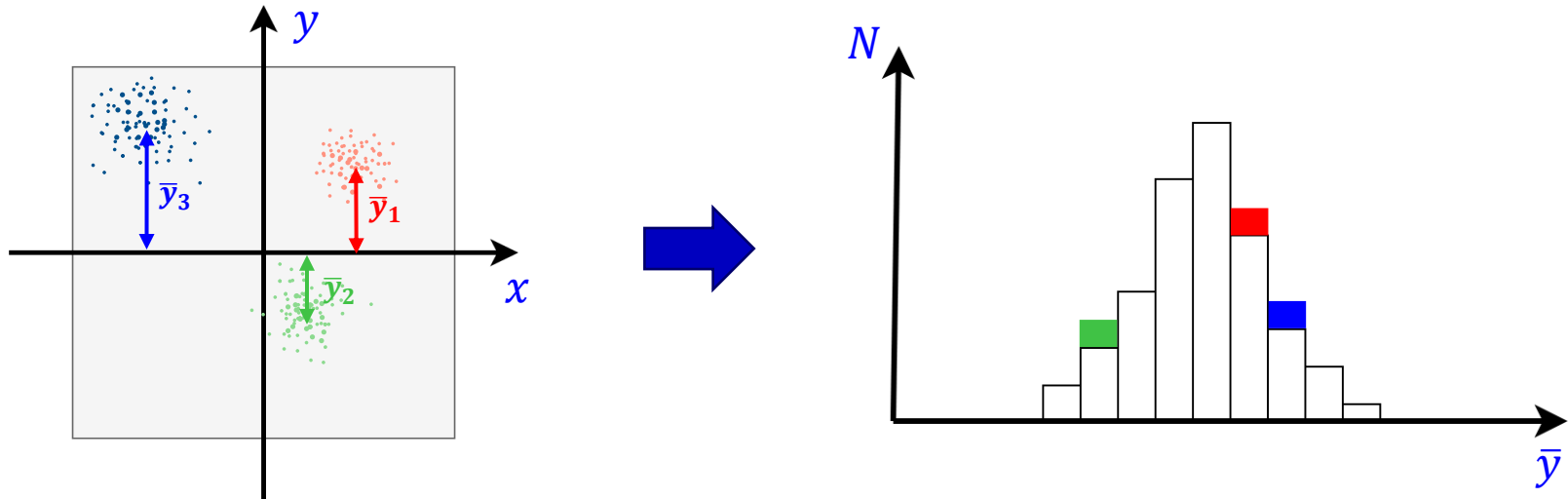
- ▶ When generating a histogram of 1000 samples of 10000 events each, we find that $\sigma_{\Delta\bar{y}} = 0.0164$
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