

# TPC dE/dx Update

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# Calibrations

Anode and drift calibrations applied\* in:

TPCR2DClusterFind (to find/make clusters) and

TPCRHitFind (to correct hit dE, calculate hit ddE\*)

TPCRTTrackFind (hit ddE used as weight in  $\langle dE/dx \rangle$ )

What effect do they have on number/size of found  
clusters?  $dE/dx$  resolution?

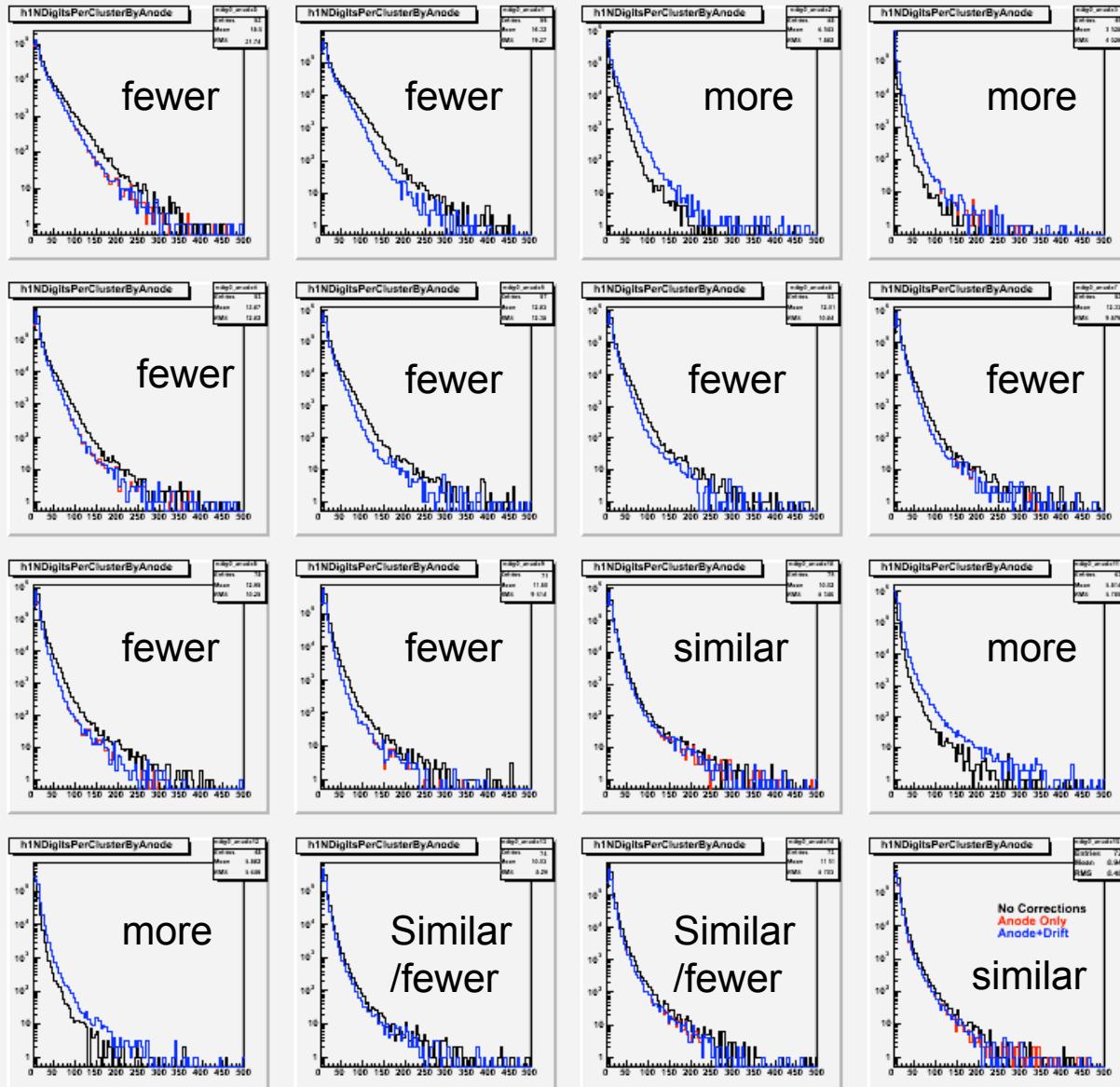
All checks shown with run 15860

\* Quadrature sum of statistical uncertainty on  
 $dE$  plus relative calibration uncertainties

\* Direct / Indirect



# Cluster effects

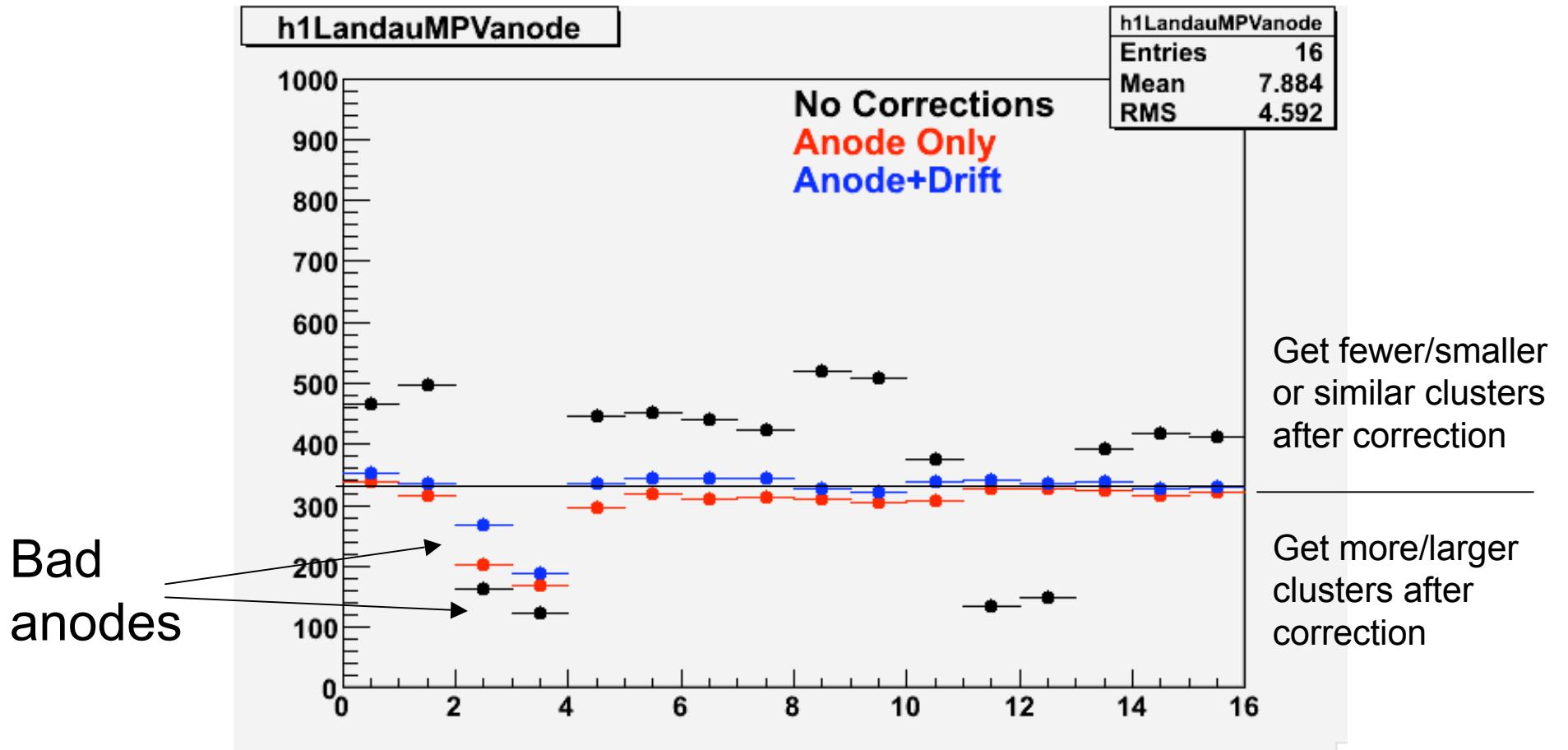


Ndigits per cluster by anode region

Changes are consistent with expectation from anode calibrations →



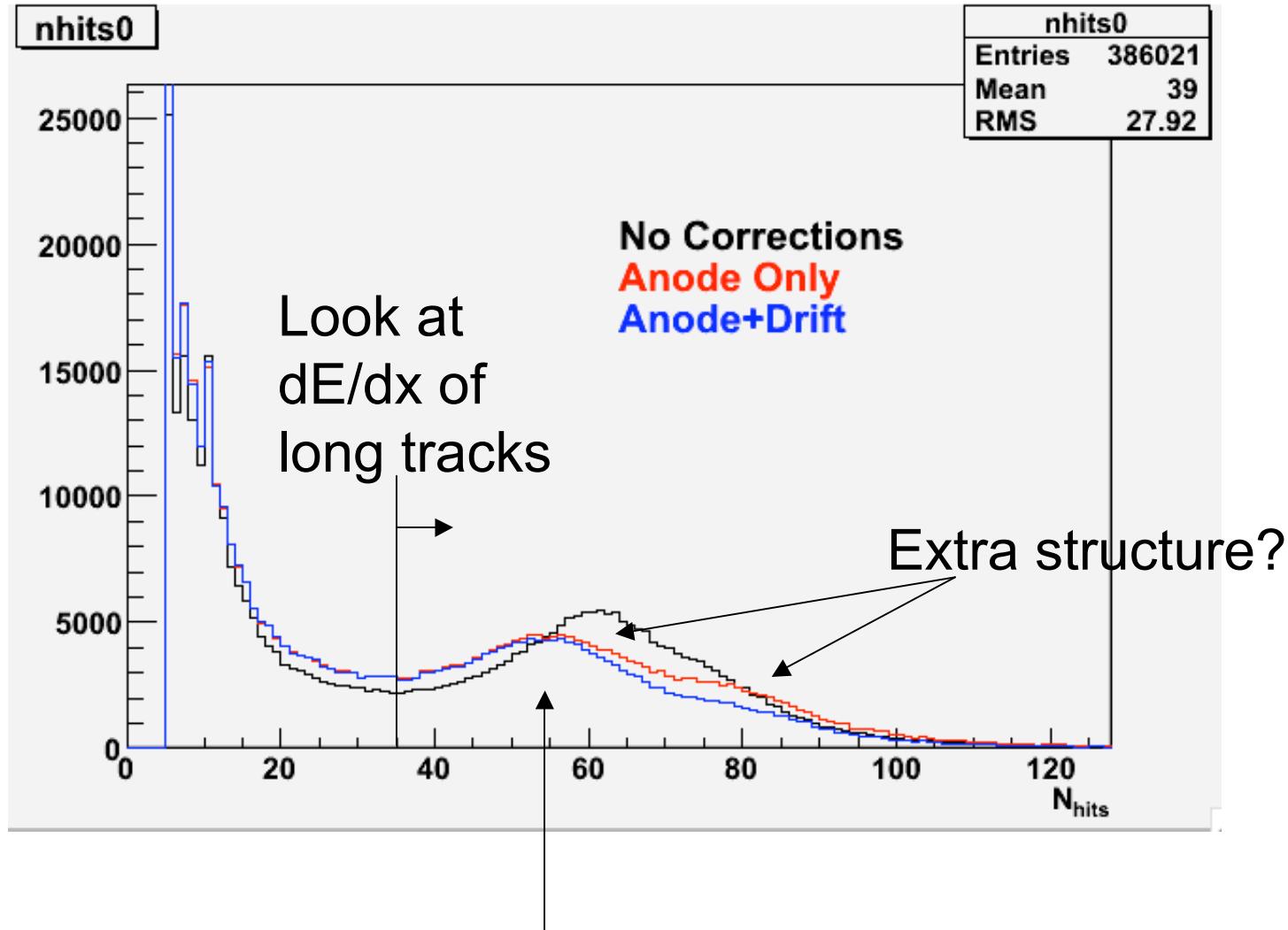
# Beam track/anode check



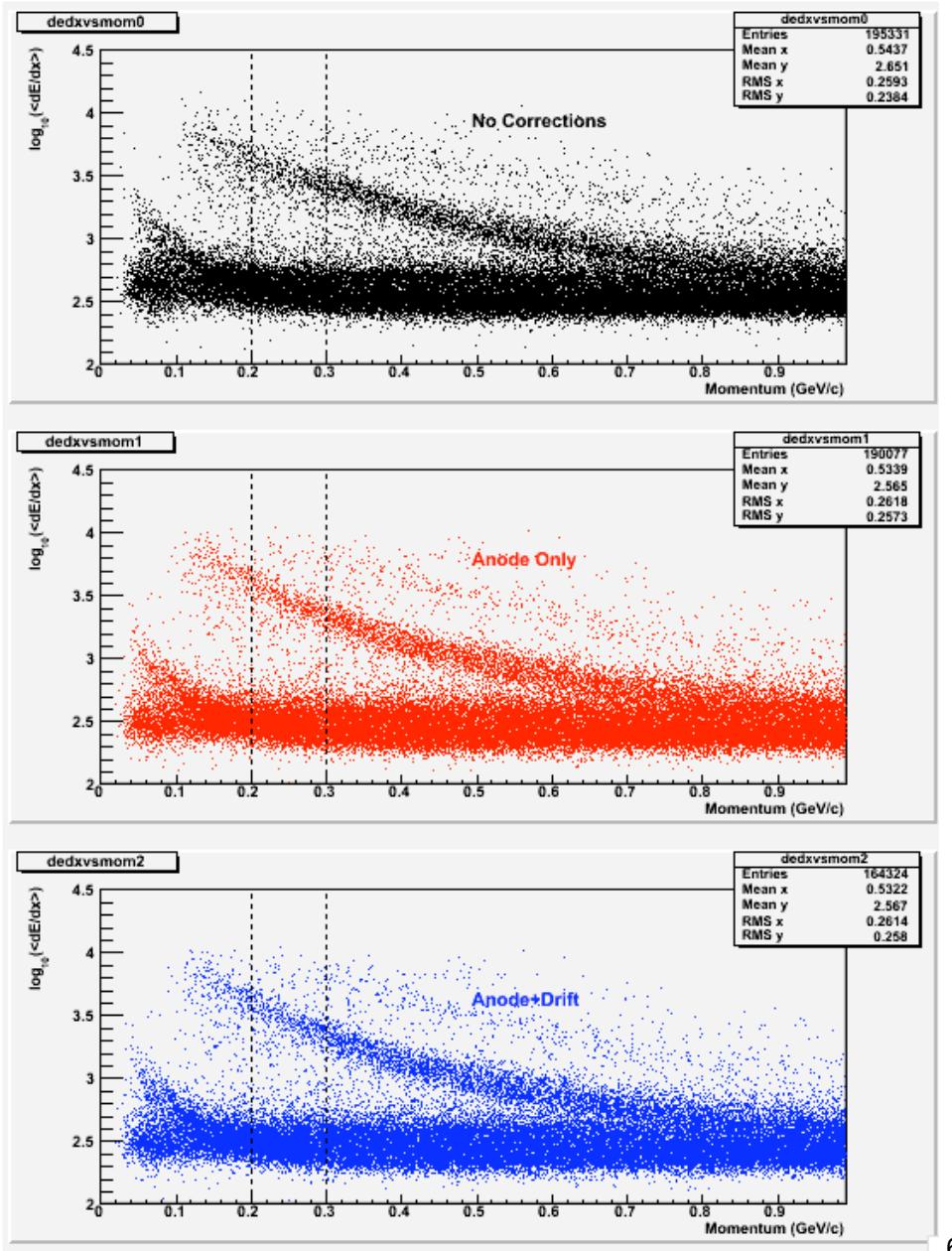
Fit to Beam track  $dE/dx$  in different anode sectors  
with/without corrections



# Nhits on tracks



# $dE/dx$ vs. momentum



Nhits > 35

Corrections expand gap  
between pions/protons  
(effect of  $\log_{10}$ ?)

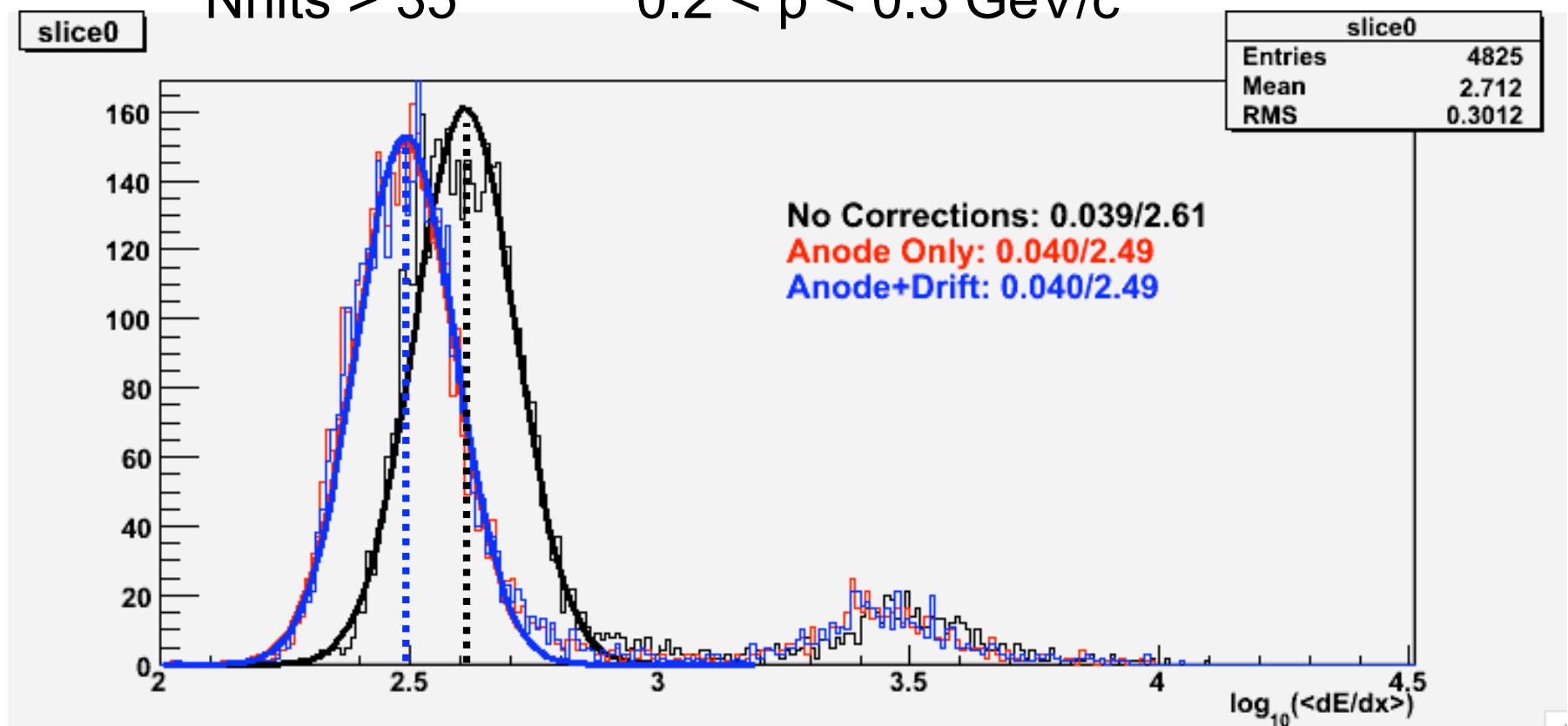
Compare  $\langle dE/dx \rangle$   
within  $0.2 < p < 0.3 \rightarrow$



# dE/dx Slices

Nhits > 35

0.2 < p < 0.3 GeV/c



Single Gaussian fit to pion band -->  
resolution worse with corrections?

May be due to shift in Nhits of tracks before/after corrections



# To-do

1.  $dE/dx$  truncation parameter optimization
2. Nhits  $\leftrightarrow$  resolution study
3. Updated  $dE/dx$  plot (need to integrate statistics over many runs to increase density of kaons)
4. PID probabilities

