

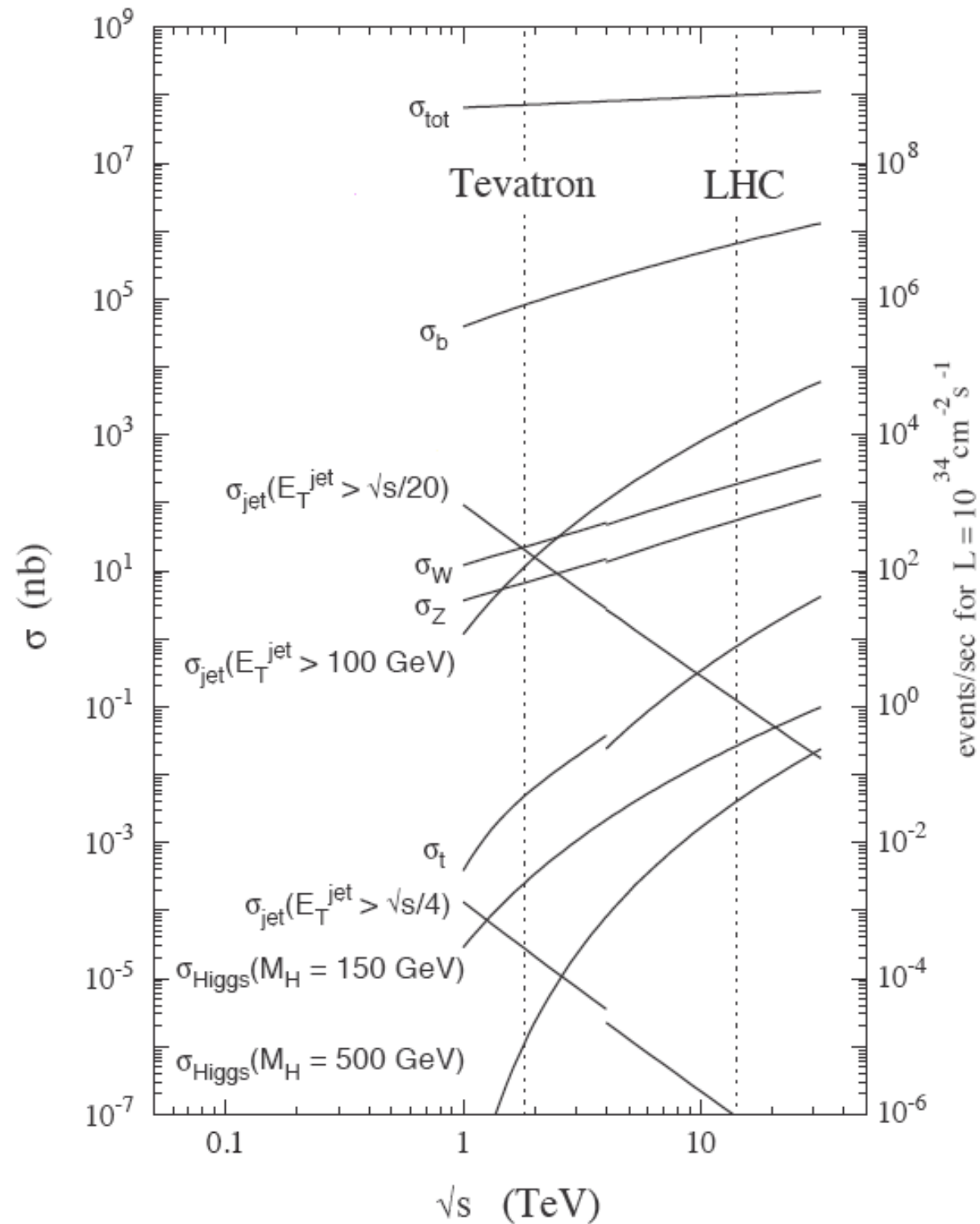
# Particle identification

G.Unal (CERN)

# Why particle identification ?

- *Is particle X decaying to electrons or muons ? Which are the corresponding branching ratio ?*
  - Understand properties (couplings) of this particle
- *Use particle Identification to separate signal and backgrounds*
  - To search for  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  at LHC identify photons in the final state
- *Use particle Identification to optimize measurement of complicated final state*
  - «particle flow» event reconstruction in collider experiments

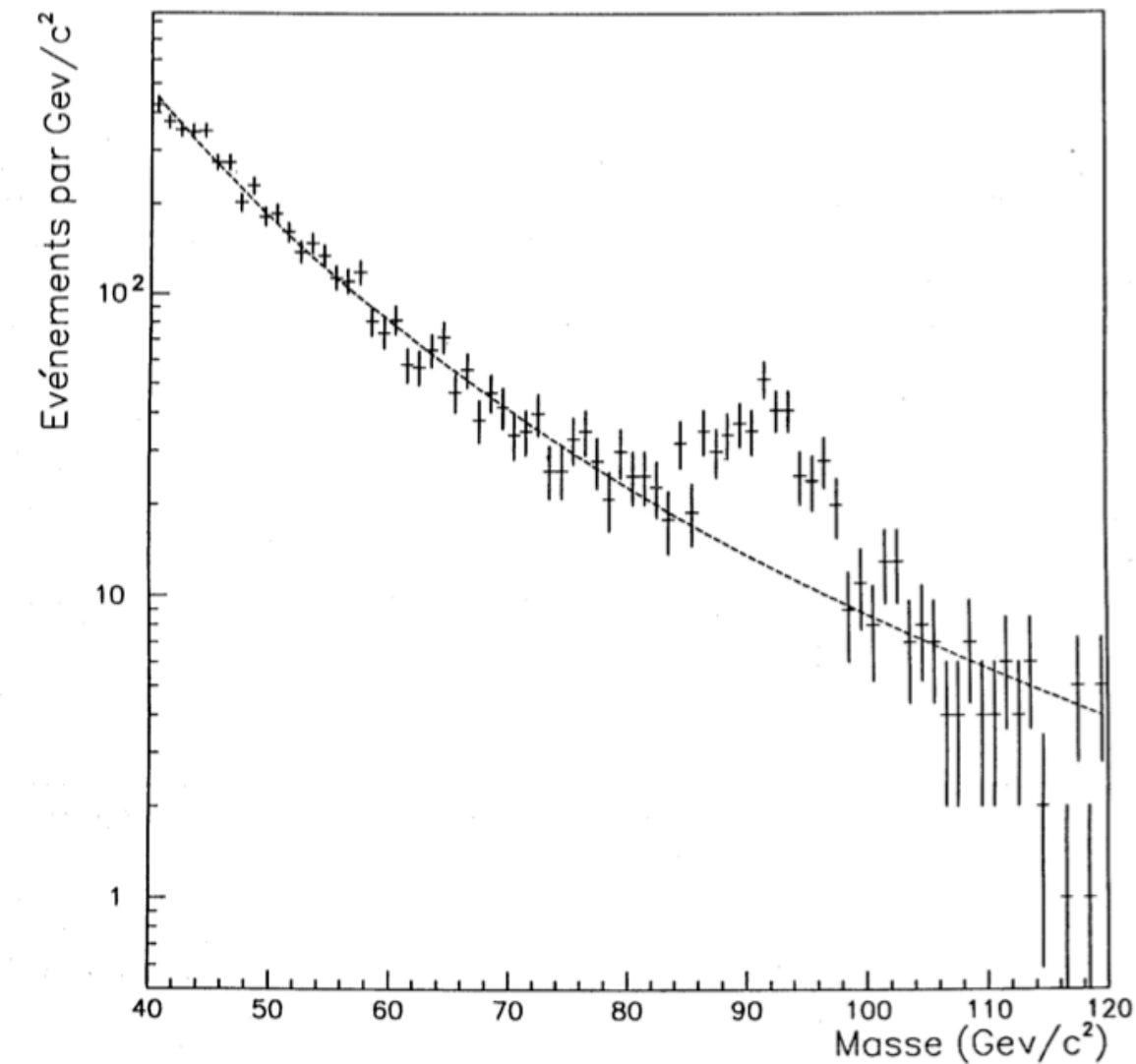
# Cross-sections in hadron collider



High energy leptons give access to interesting physics processes

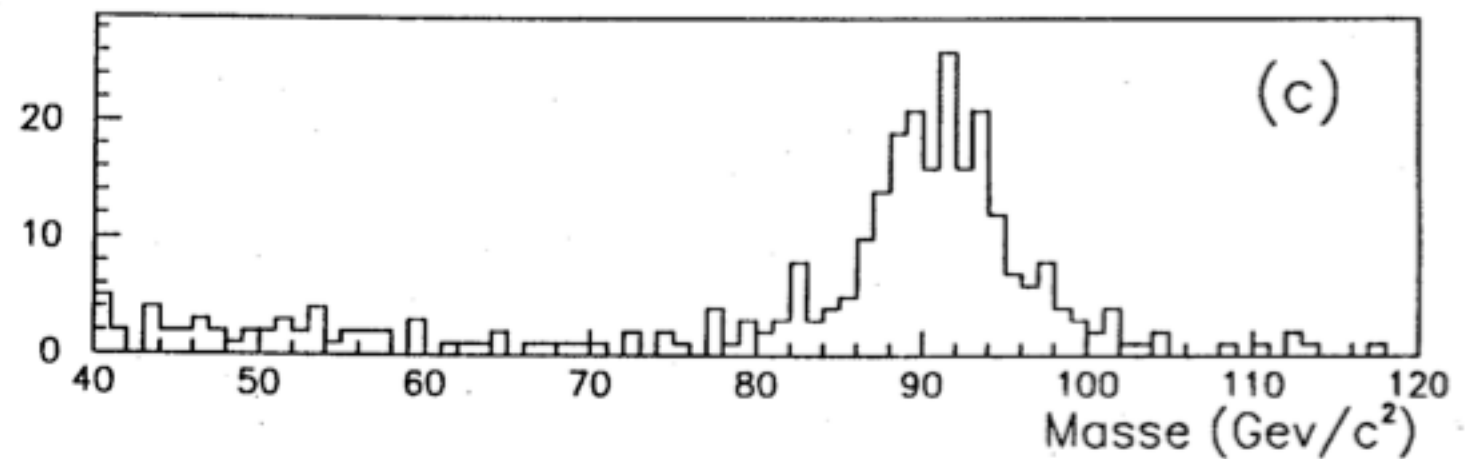
Some of these selections have to be done in real time (trigger) to reduce data rate to an acceptable level

# Example of $Z \rightarrow e\bar{e}$ sample in UA2 experiment (1988-1990 data)



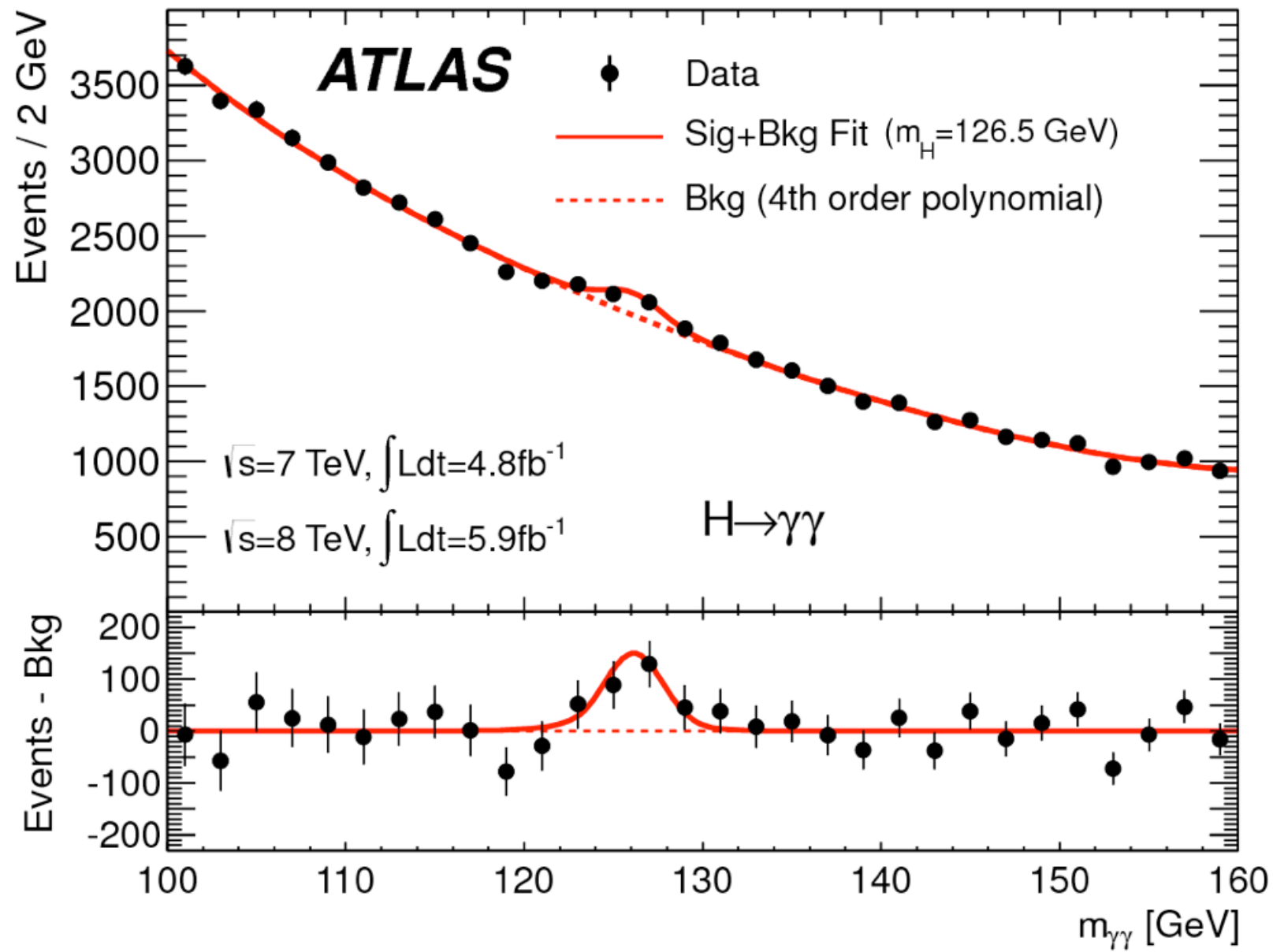
only calorimeter information  
 $S/B \sim 1/1$

Adding matching to reconstructed  
track for electron identification

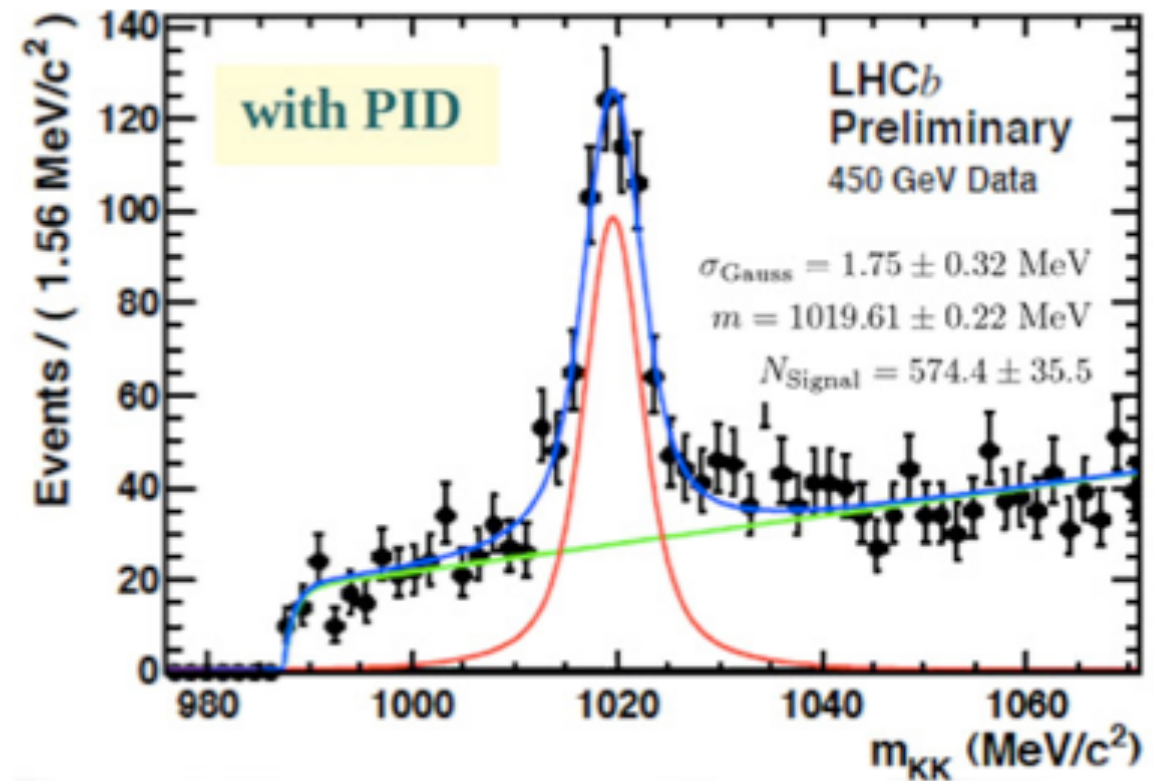
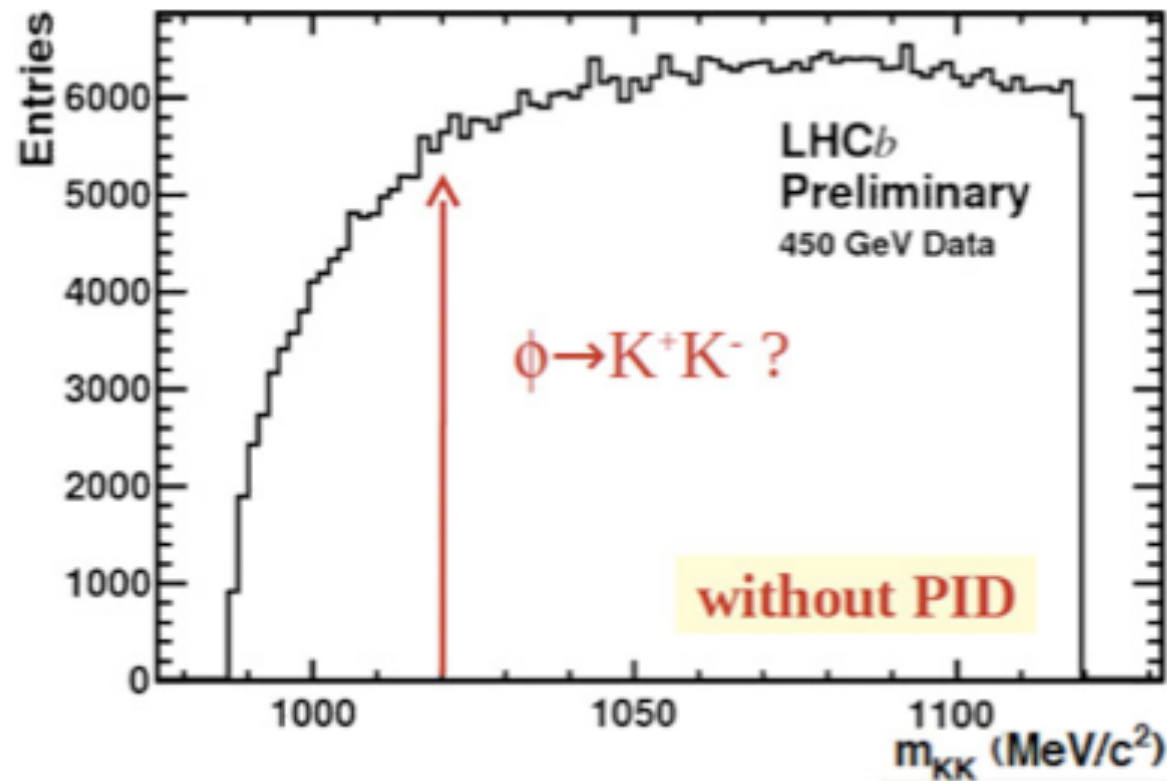




# Detect Higgs boson through its decay to photons



# Example of particle ID in flavor physics



many more examples where K/pion  
discrimination is important to study beauty  
and charm decays

# Particle identification covers a wide range of techniques

- **Exploit very different interaction of particles with matter** (for instance calorimeter)
  - electron/photon/muon/hadron discrimination, neutrinos
- **Measure mass of particle**
  - Mass and charge enough to identify a particle
  - Once energy or momentum are measured, mass can be measured through measurement of beta (velocity) or gamma
  - mass from beta measurement works better a low energy
- **Reconstruct decay of a particle to identify it**
  - «identify» H by mass peak in  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$
  - identify «long lived» particles by displaced decay vertex reconstruction

# What is a «stable» particle ?

- Only few known particles are stable: photon, electron, proton, neutron(in nuclei), neutrinos
- Everything else decays but sometime are stable «enough» at the scale of the detector
- $L = \beta \gamma c \tau$
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  - $\Rightarrow \gamma = E / M \sim 40 / 0.105 \sim 380$      $\beta \sim 1$
  - $\Rightarrow L \beta \gamma c \tau \sim 380 \cdot 3 \cdot 10^8 \cdot 2.2 \cdot 10^{-6} \sim 2500 \cdot 10^2 \text{ m} \sim 250 \text{ km}$

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  - $\Rightarrow \gamma \sim 2, L \sim 5 \text{ cm}$  for  $K^0_s, L \sim 30 \text{ m}$  ( $K^0_L$ )
  - $K_s \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$  or  $\pi^0 \pi^0$
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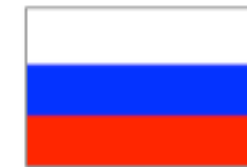
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  - *$L > \sim m$  if  $\beta > \sim 0.1$  for charged pions.  $\pi^0$  lifetime  $8 \cdot 10^{-17} \text{s} \Rightarrow \sim \text{never «stable»}$*

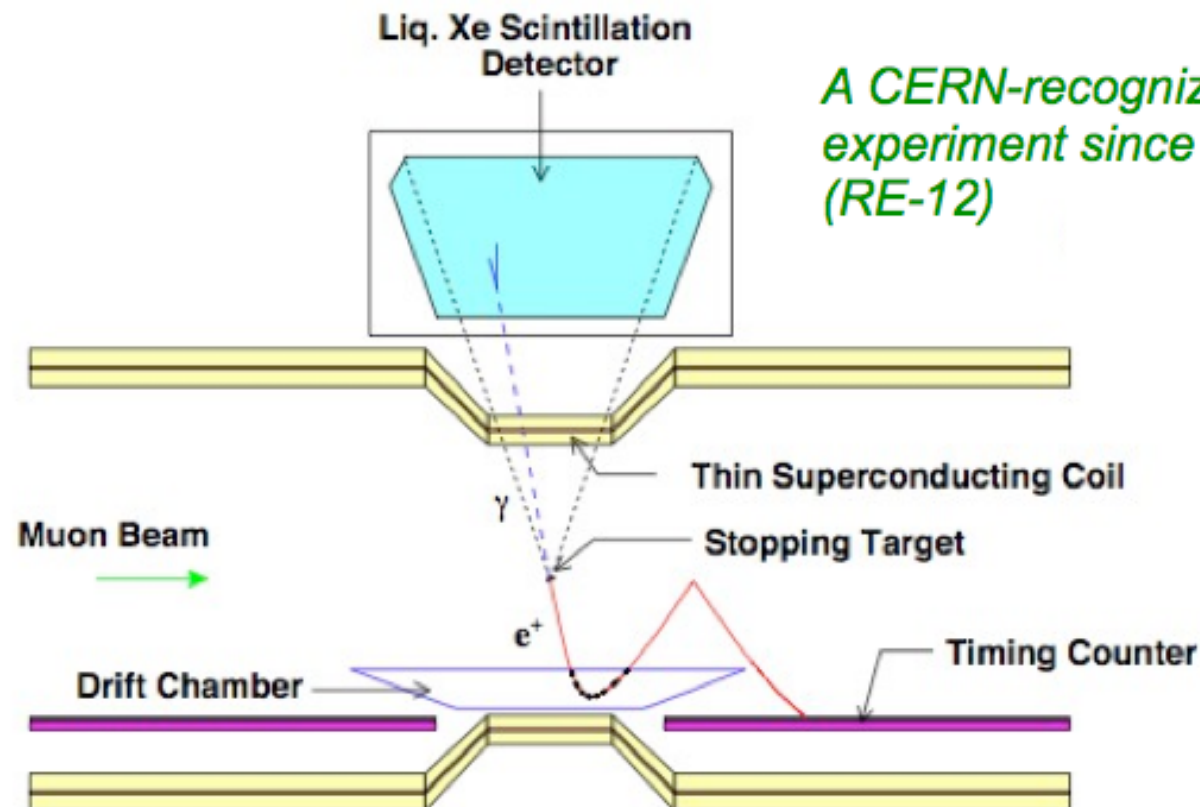
# Example of an experiment looking for new ultra rare muon decay

## The MEG experiment (arXiv:1303.2348)

- A search for  $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$  with the most intense DC muon beam of the world ( $3 \times 10^7 \mu/s$  @ PSI, Switzerland);
- Running since 2008.



*A CERN-recognized experiment since 2005 (RE-12)*



*LXe calorimeter for photon detection*

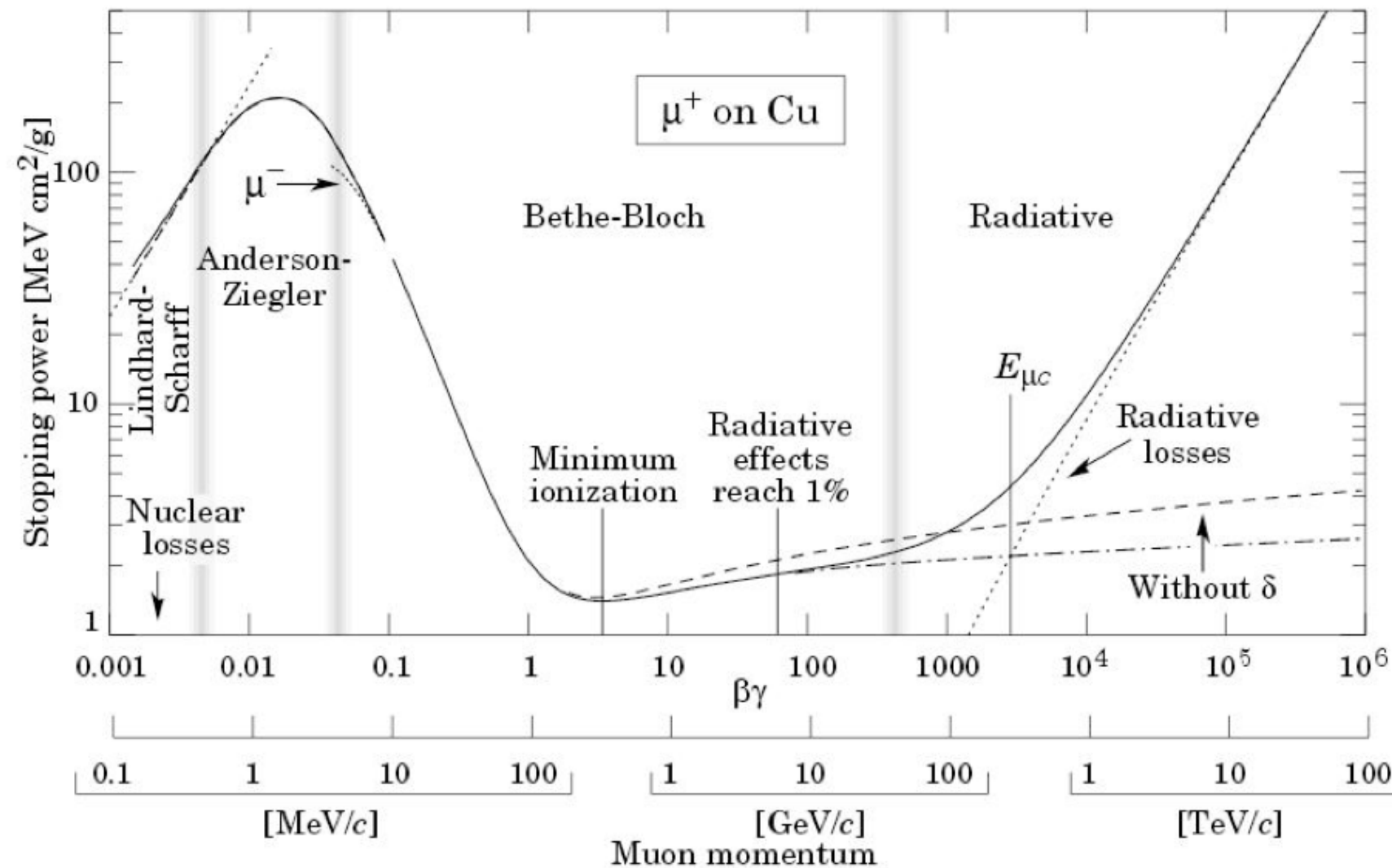
*16 drift chambers for positron tracking*

*30 scintillating bars for positron timing and trigger (Timing Counter, TC)*

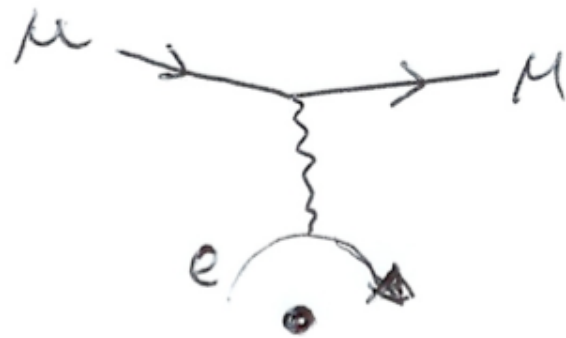
# Exploiting different interactions with matter

- Mostly useful for  $e$  / muon / «hadron» discrimination
- In collider, high energy hadrons are not isolated but produced in «jets» from high energy quark and gluons
- Neutrinos are a special case

# Muon energy loss



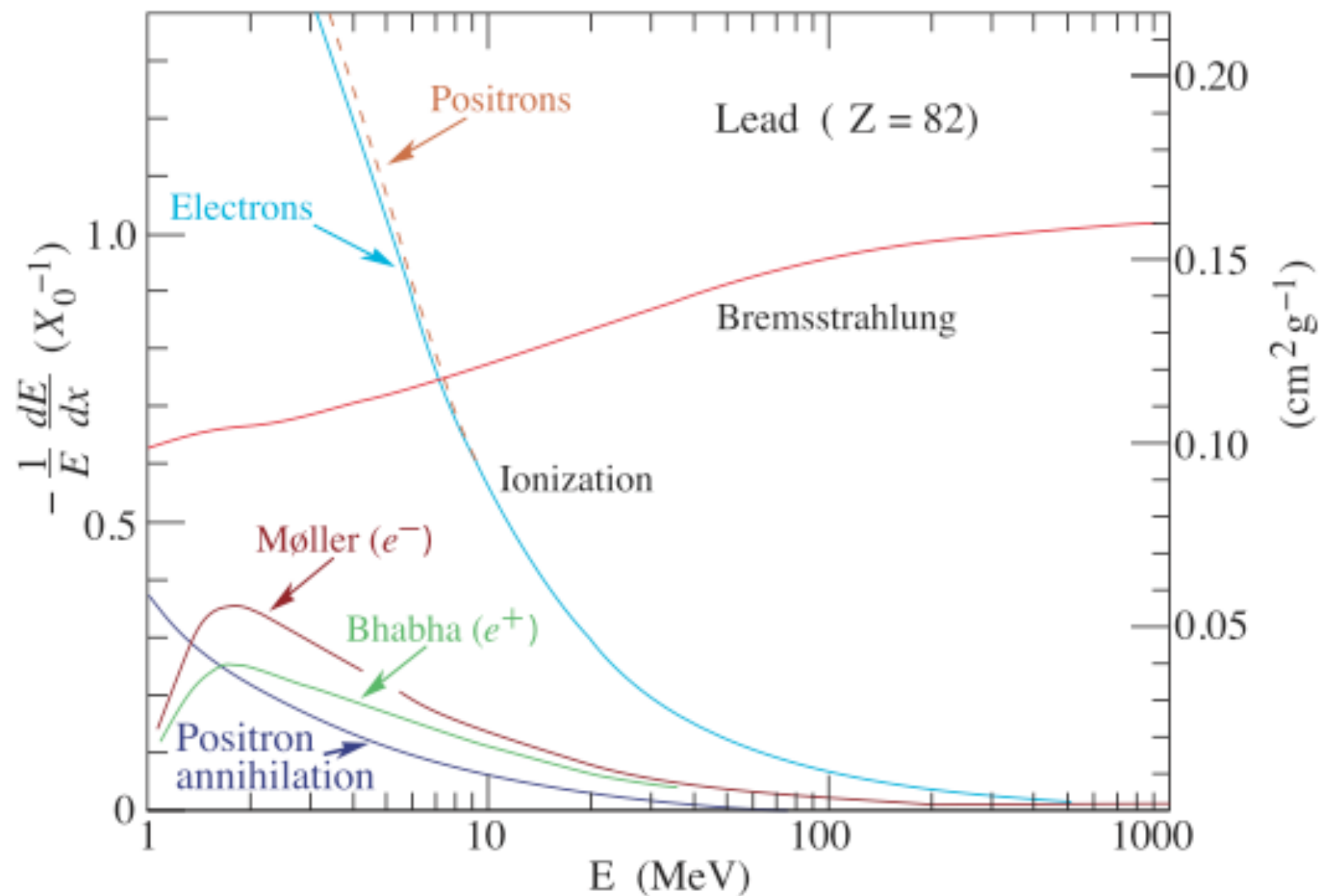
## Ionization



## Bremsstrahlung

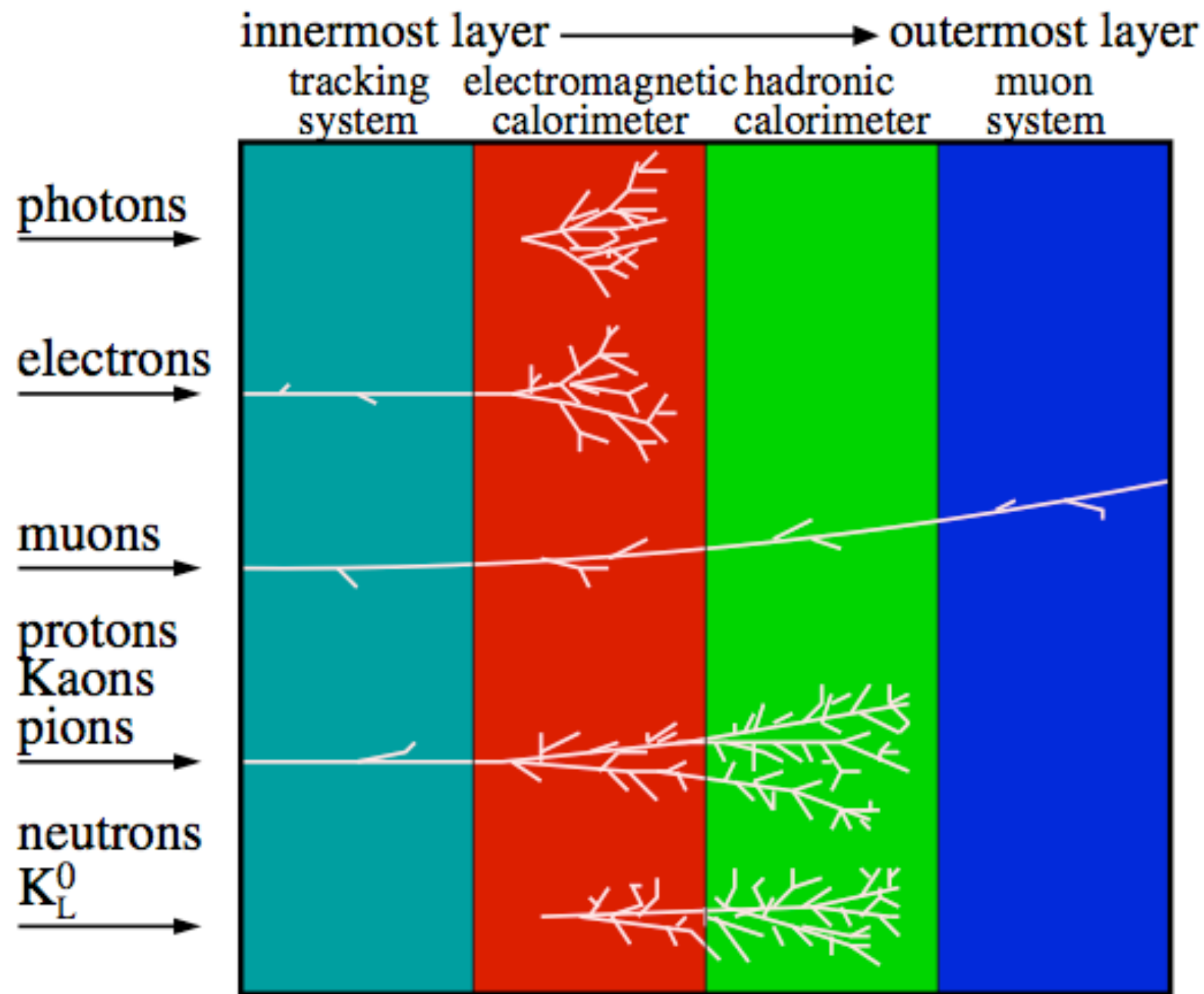


# Electron energy loss



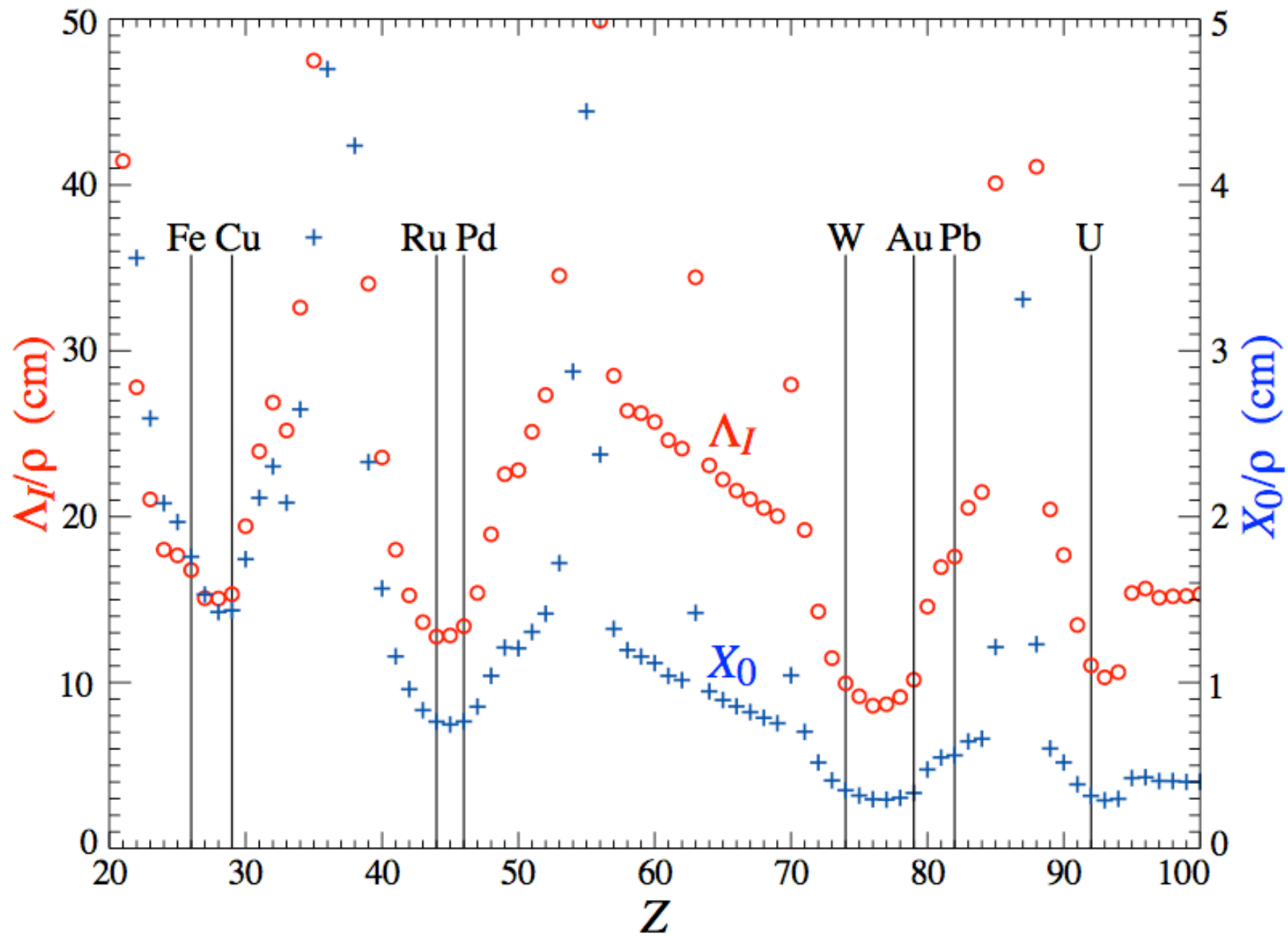
What is the most striking difference compared to the muon case ?

# Sketch of particle interactions in detector



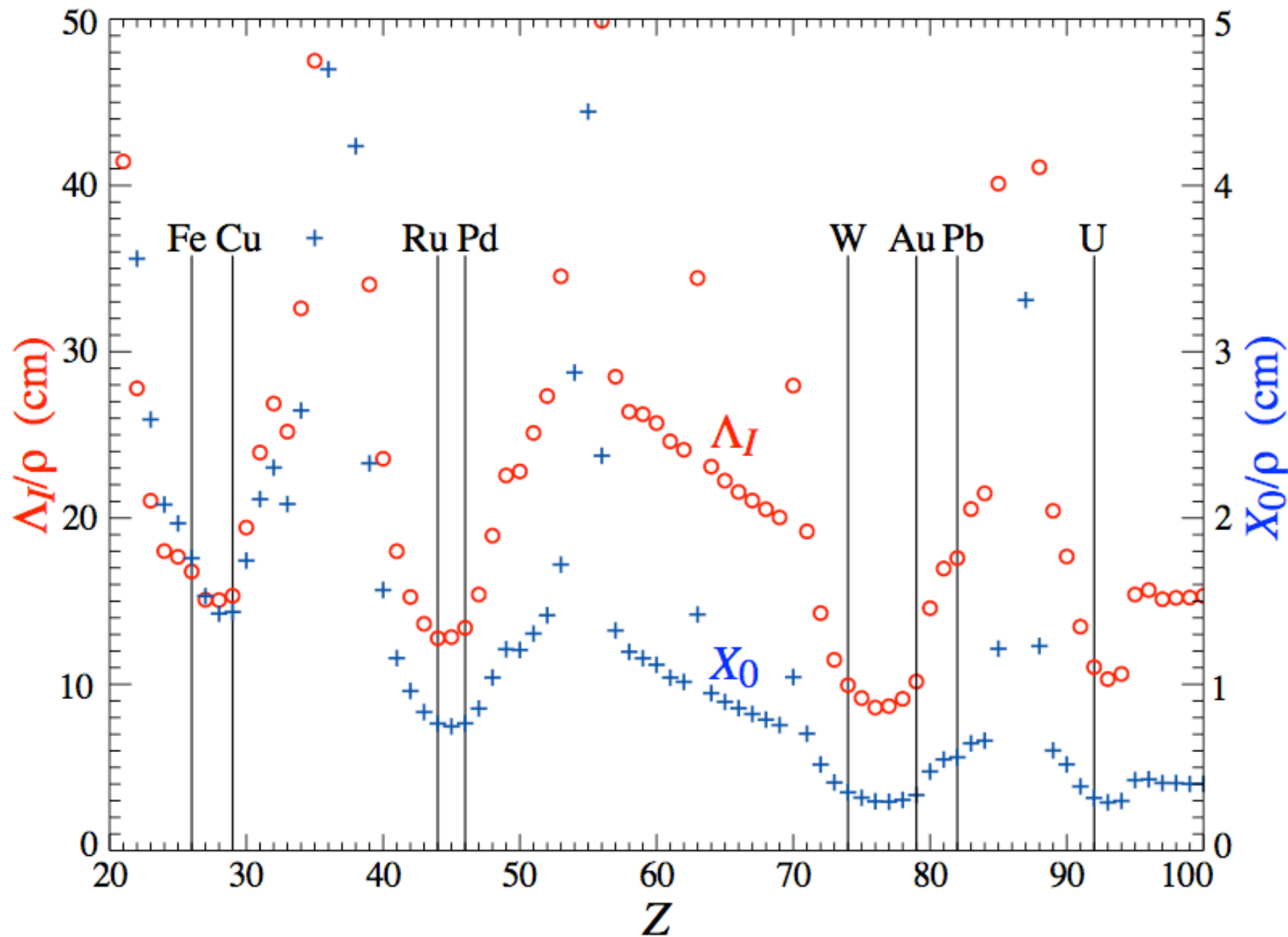
C. Lippmann – 2003

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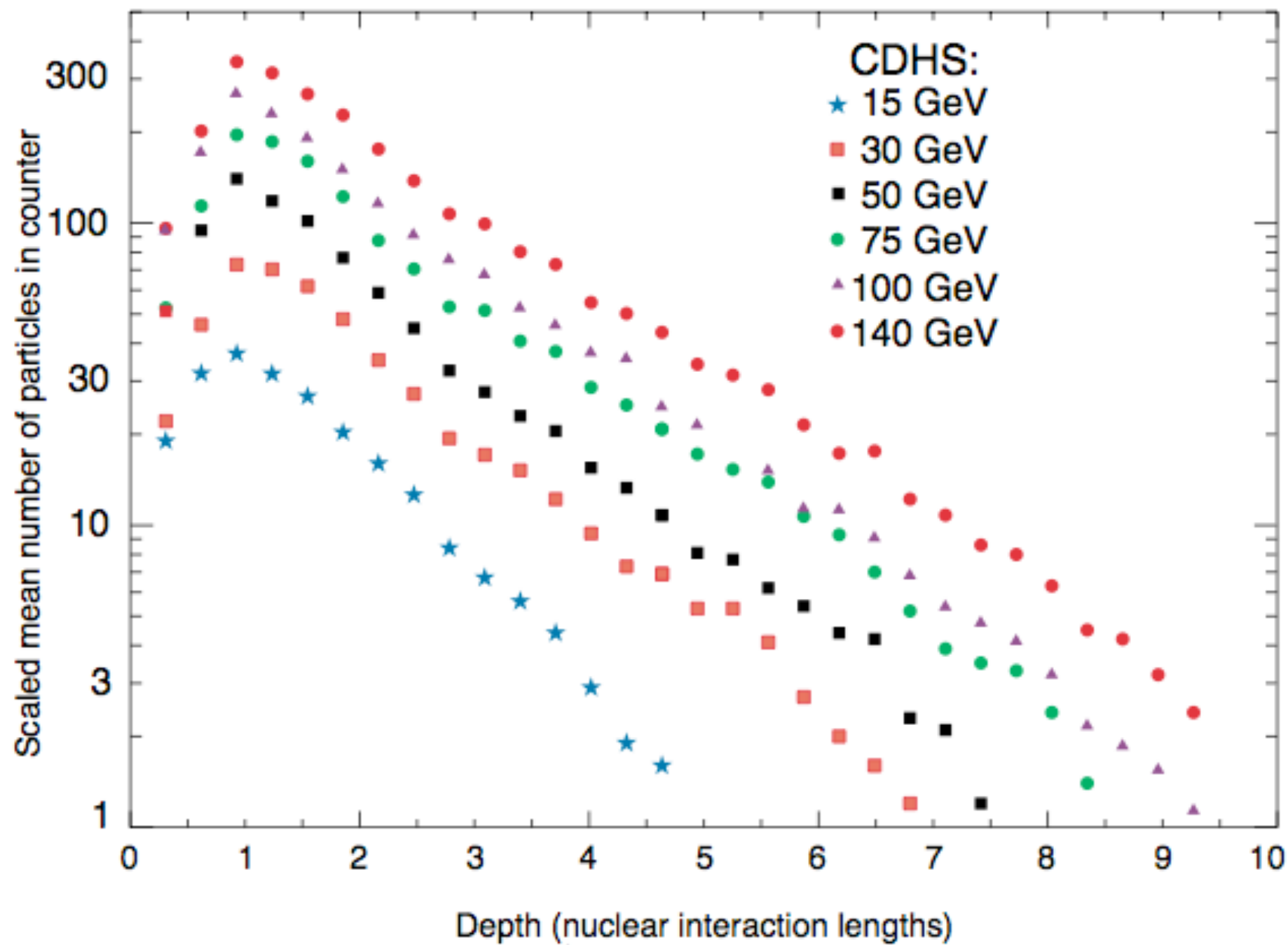
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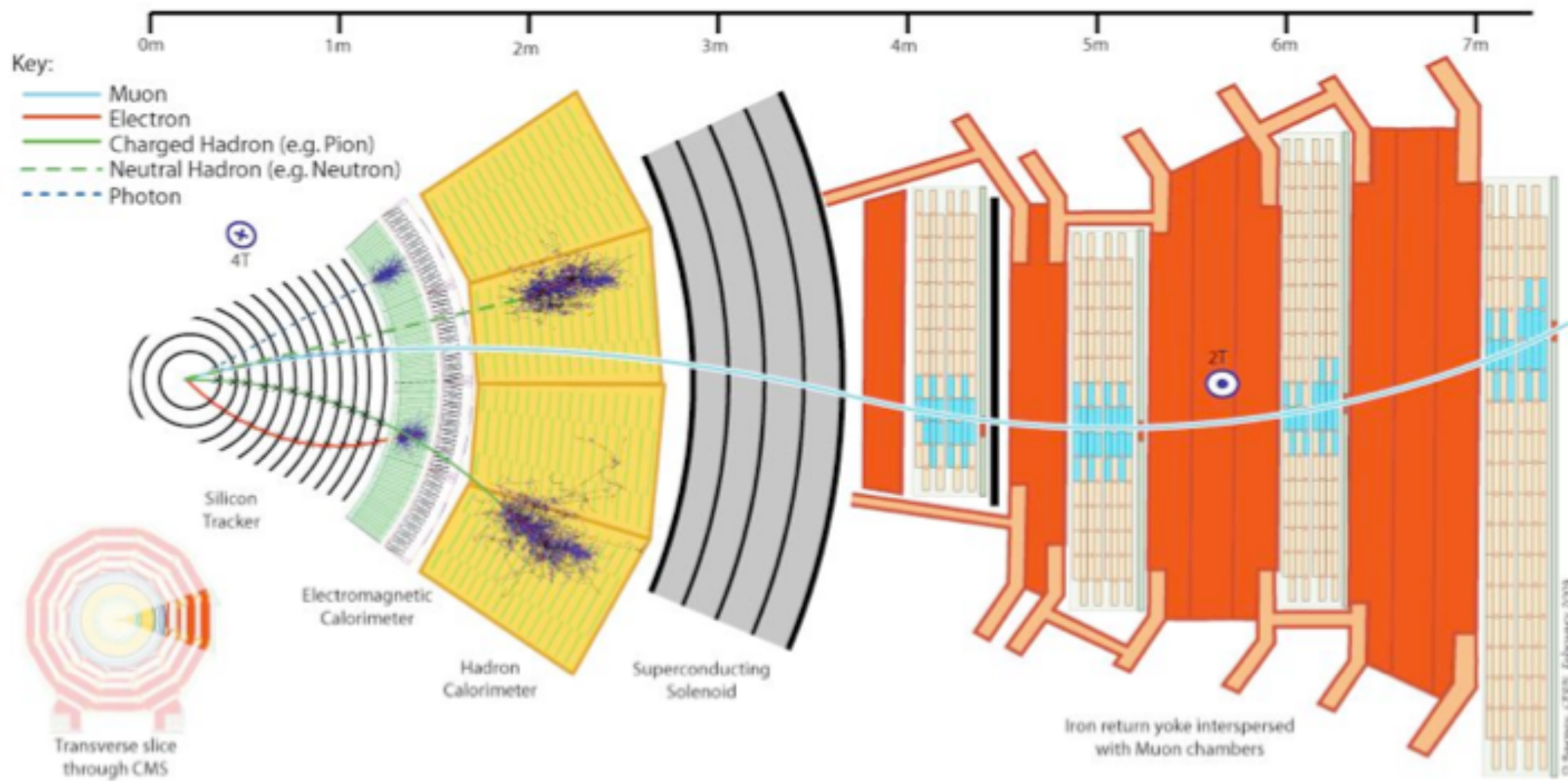
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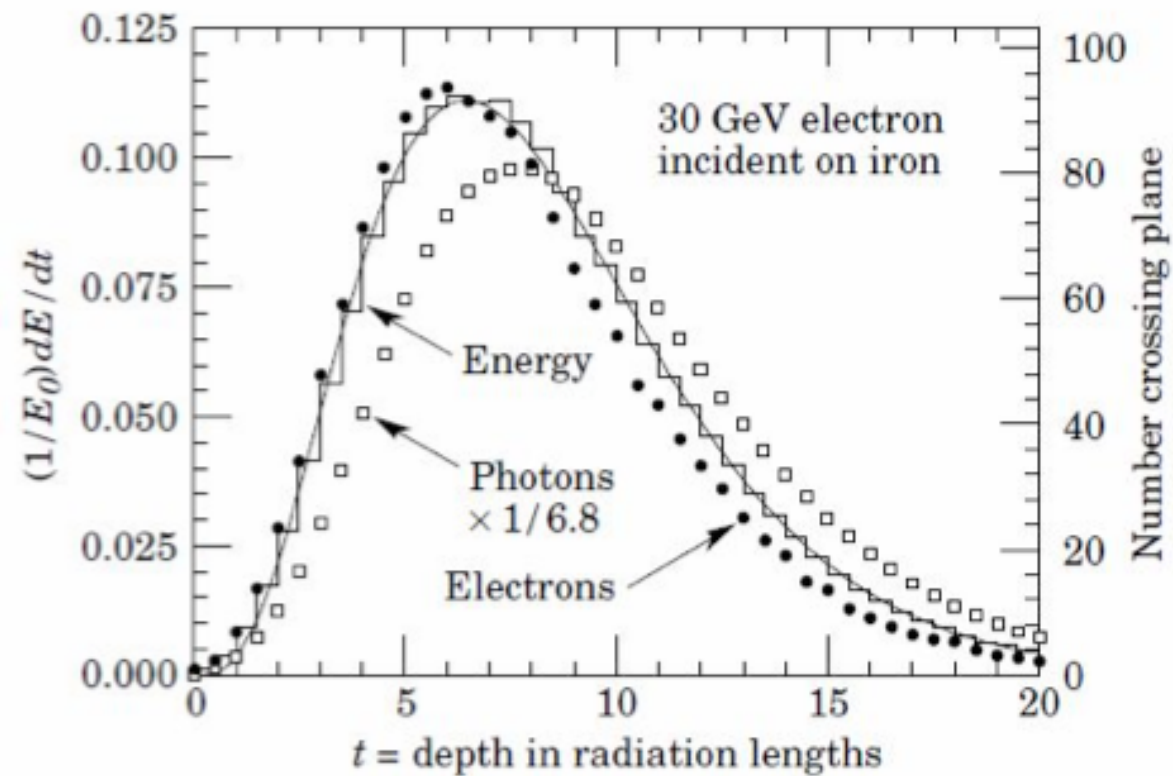
# How thick should a hadron calorimeter be ?





# Calorimeter showers initiated by e / photon

longitudinal



lateral

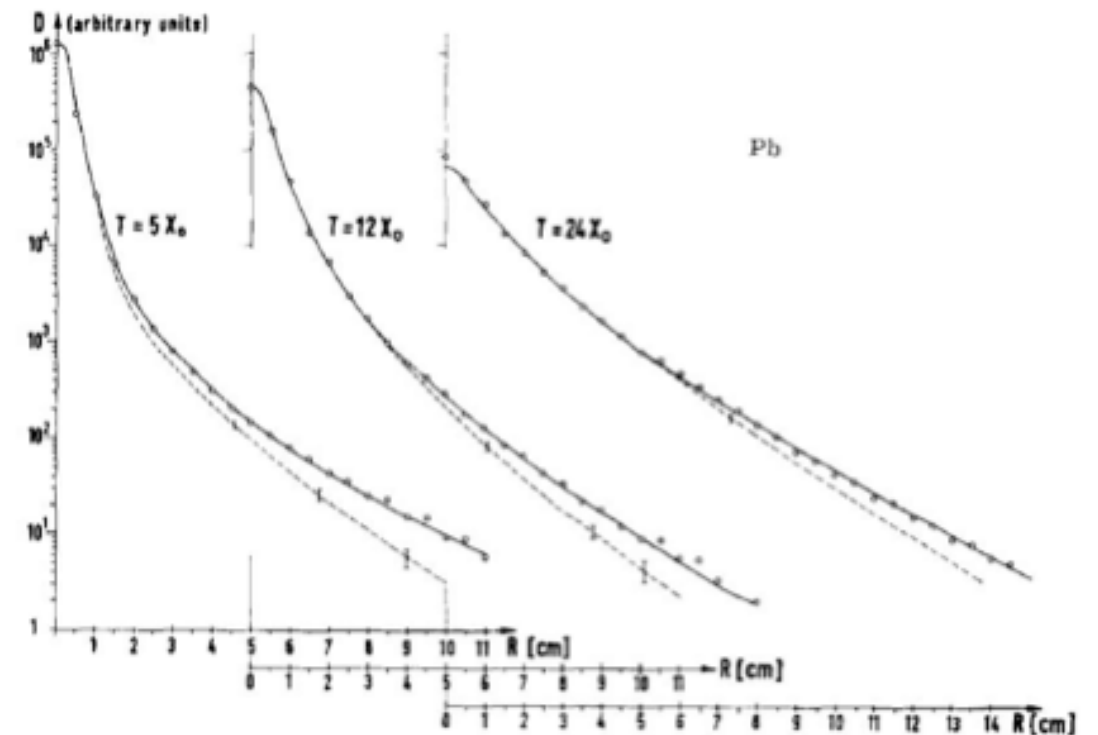


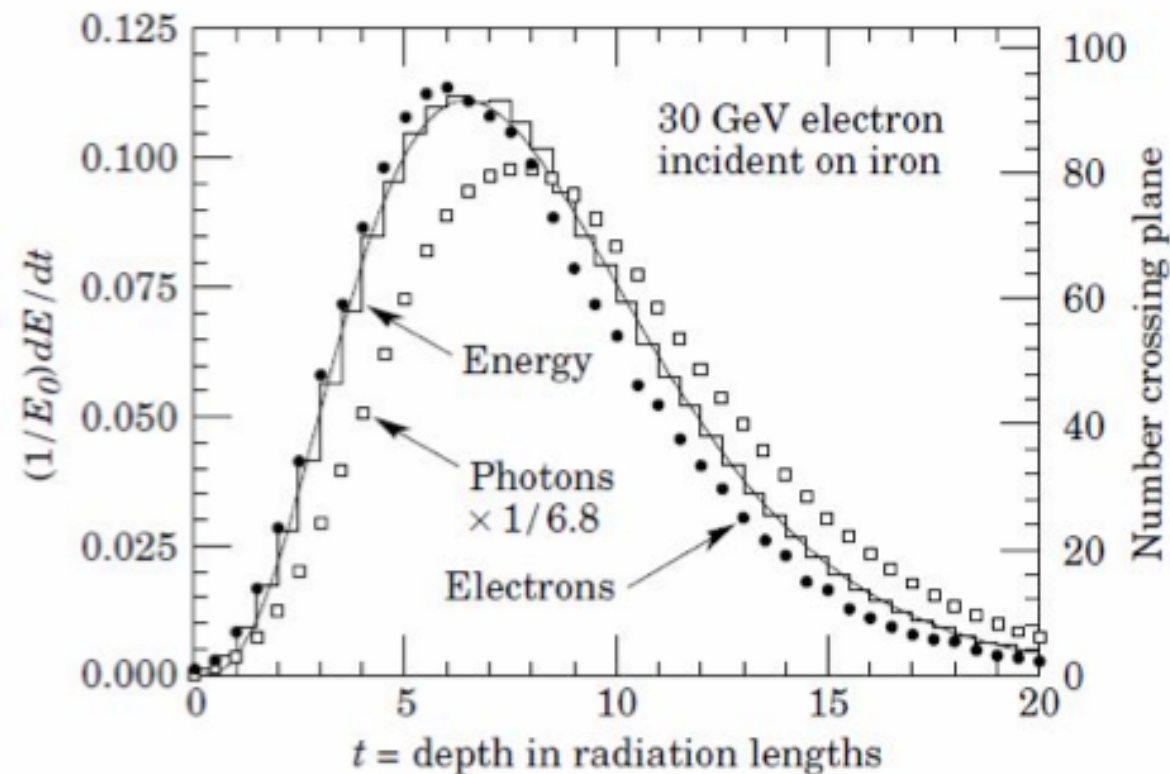
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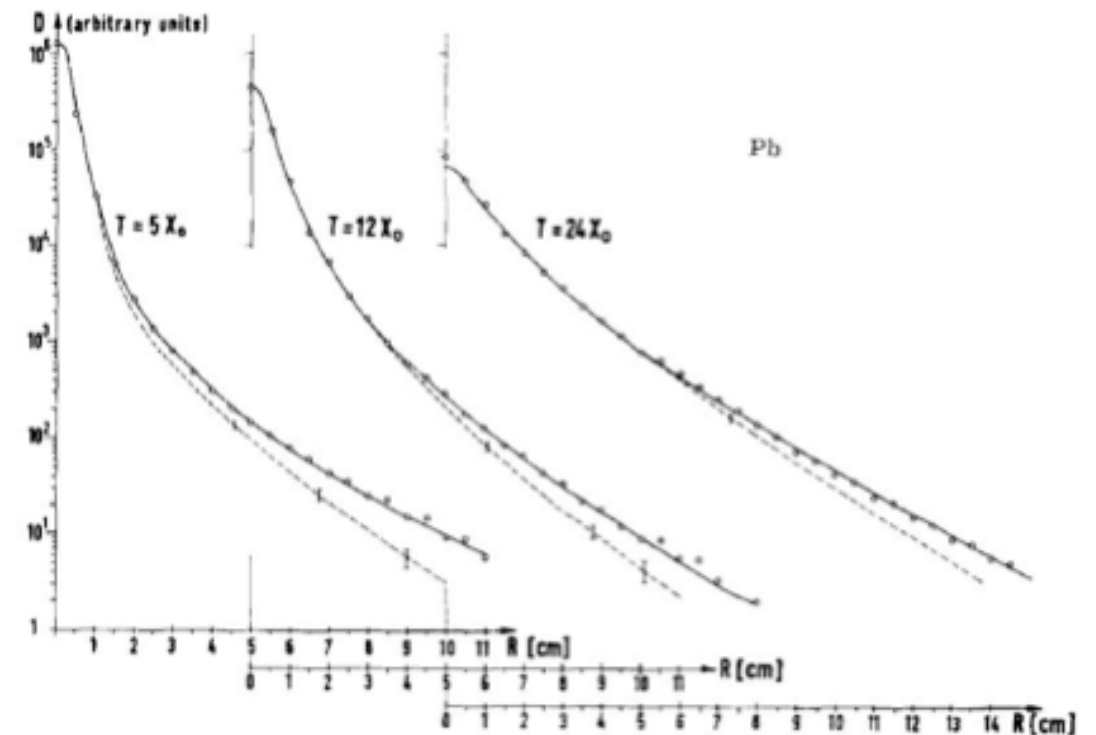


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Photon has to convert first  
 $P(\text{not convert}) \sim \exp(-7/9 * x/x_0)$

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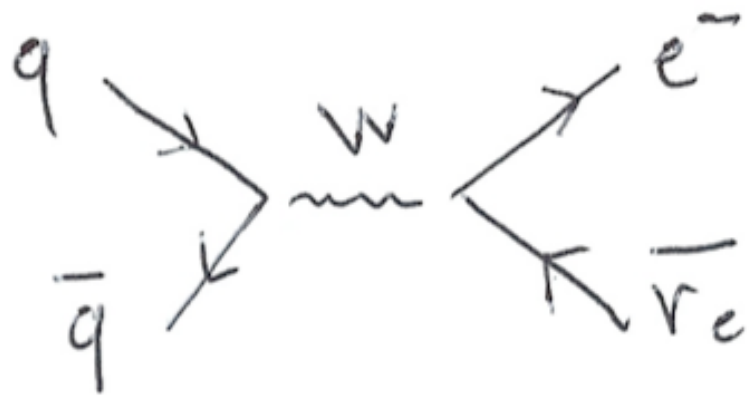
Powerful discriminant to separate  
 e/photon induced showers from  
 hadron showers

# Electron identification in hadron colliders

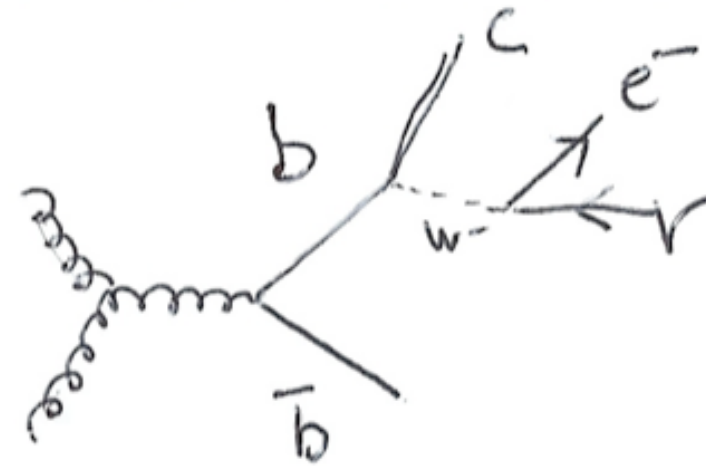
- High energy charged leptons are usually indication of «interesting» physics events, for instance decays of  $W$  or  $Z$  boson
- What are the backgrounds ?
- How to distinguish «good» electrons from them ?

# Description of different type of electron backgrounds

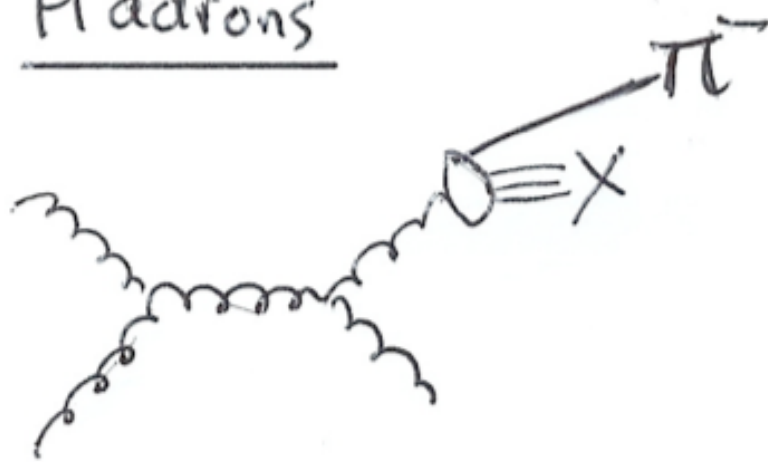
Isolated electron



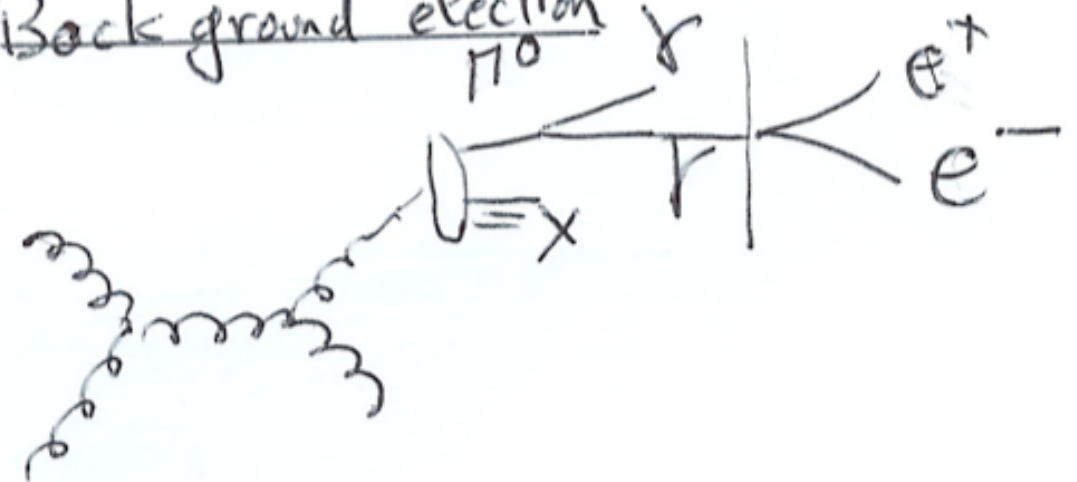
Non-Isolated electron



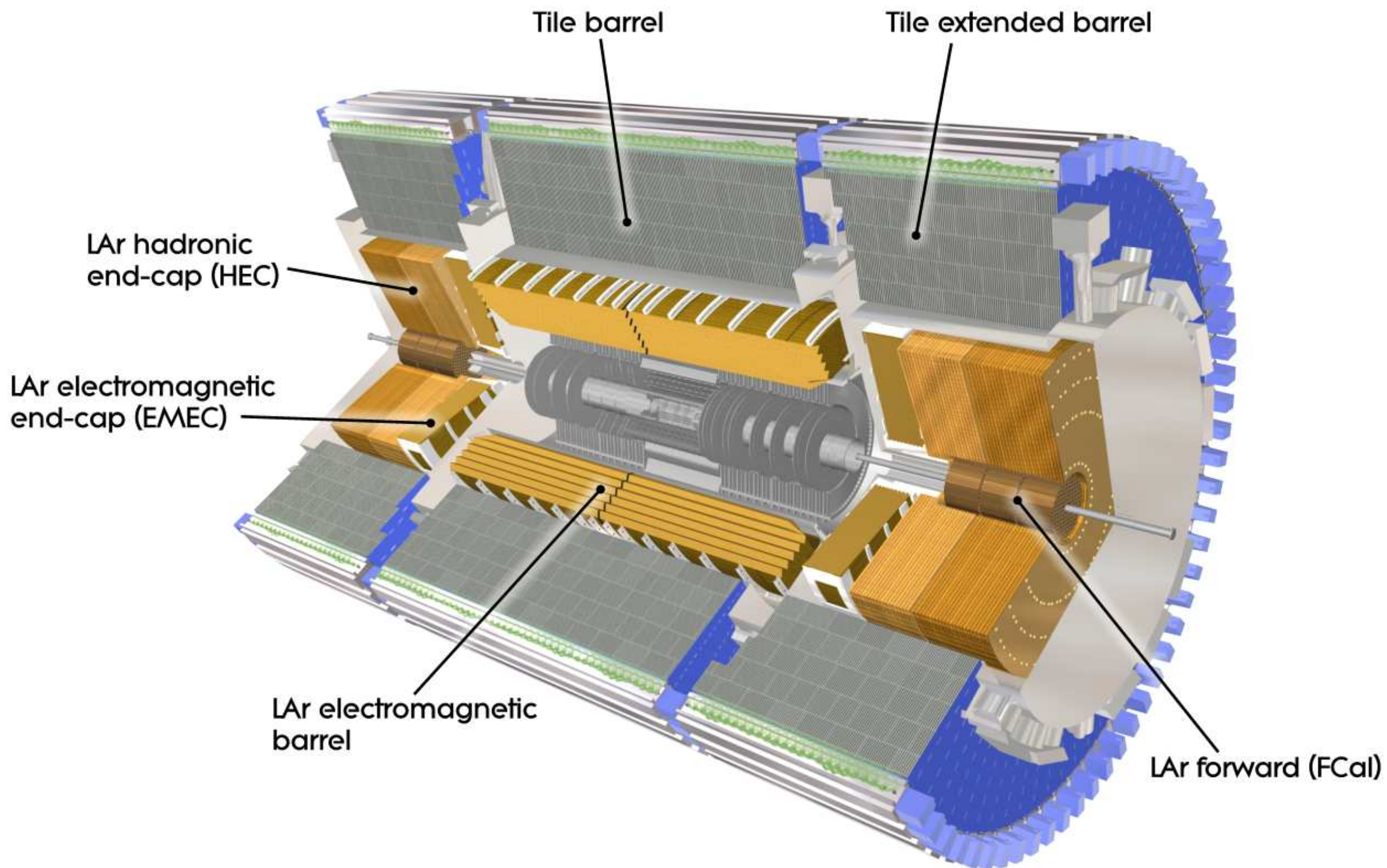
Hadrons



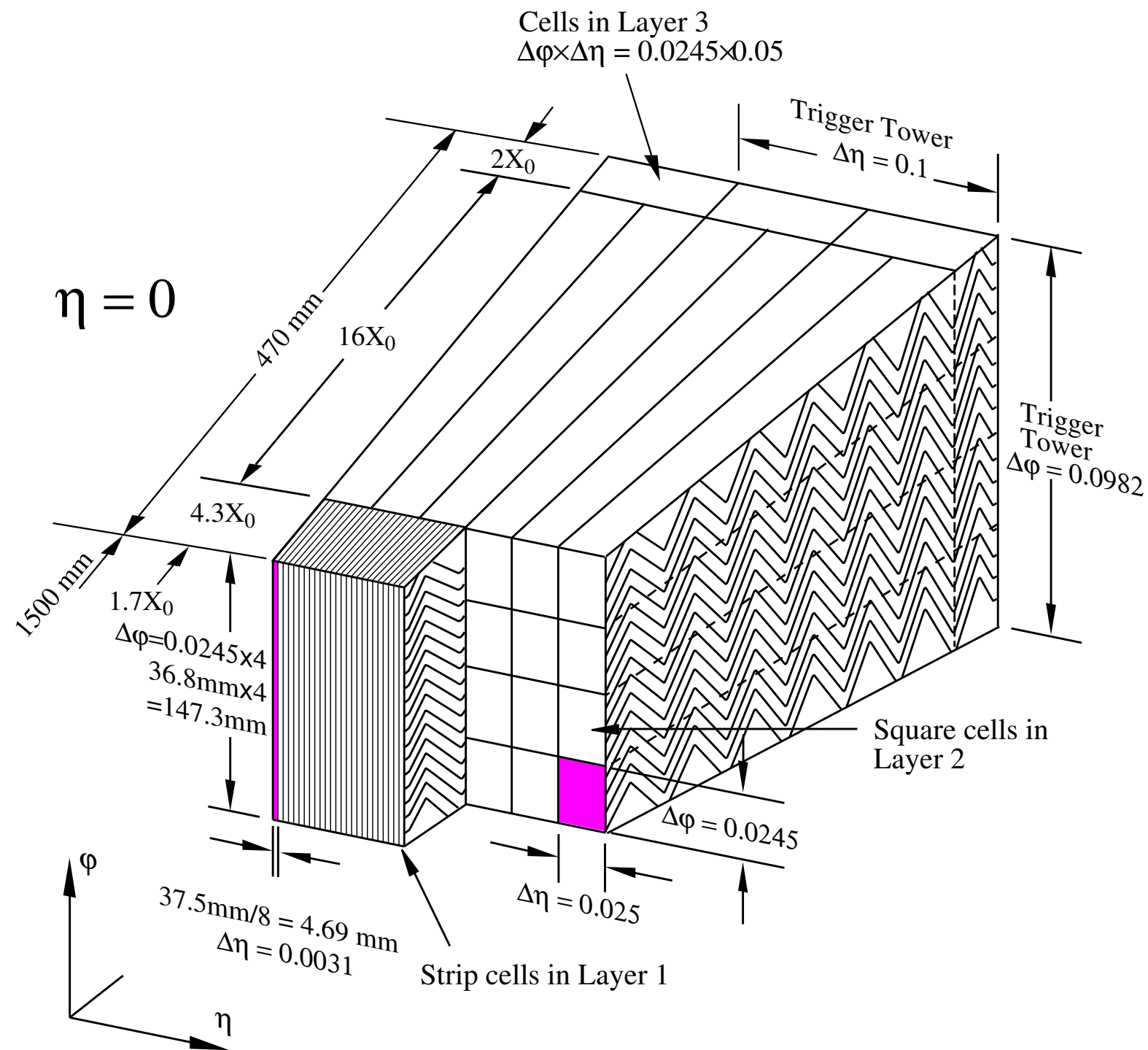
Background electron



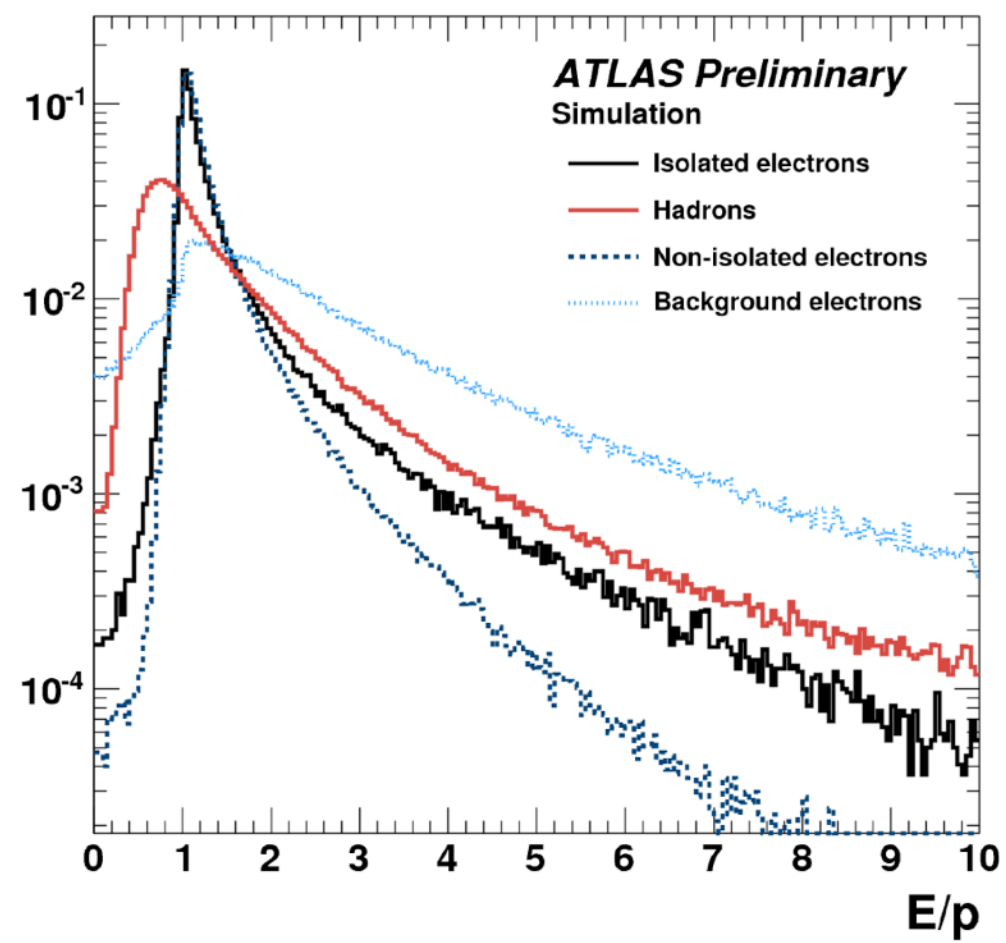
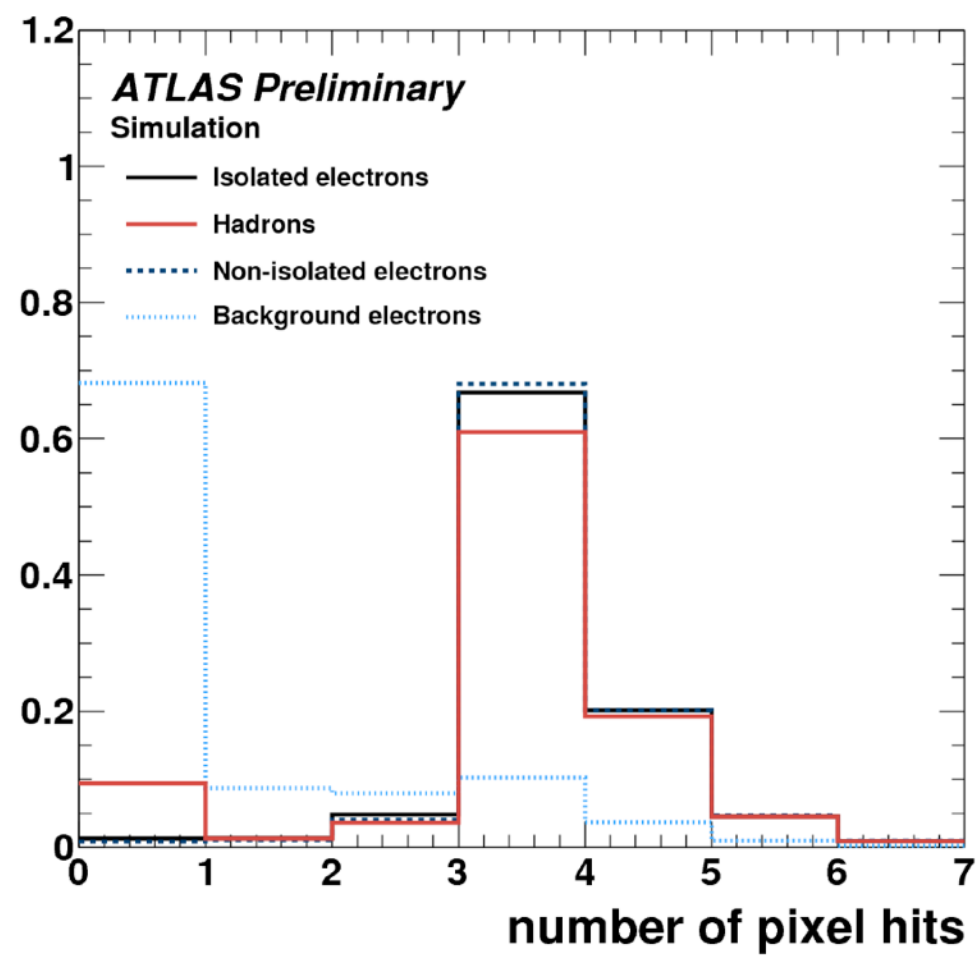
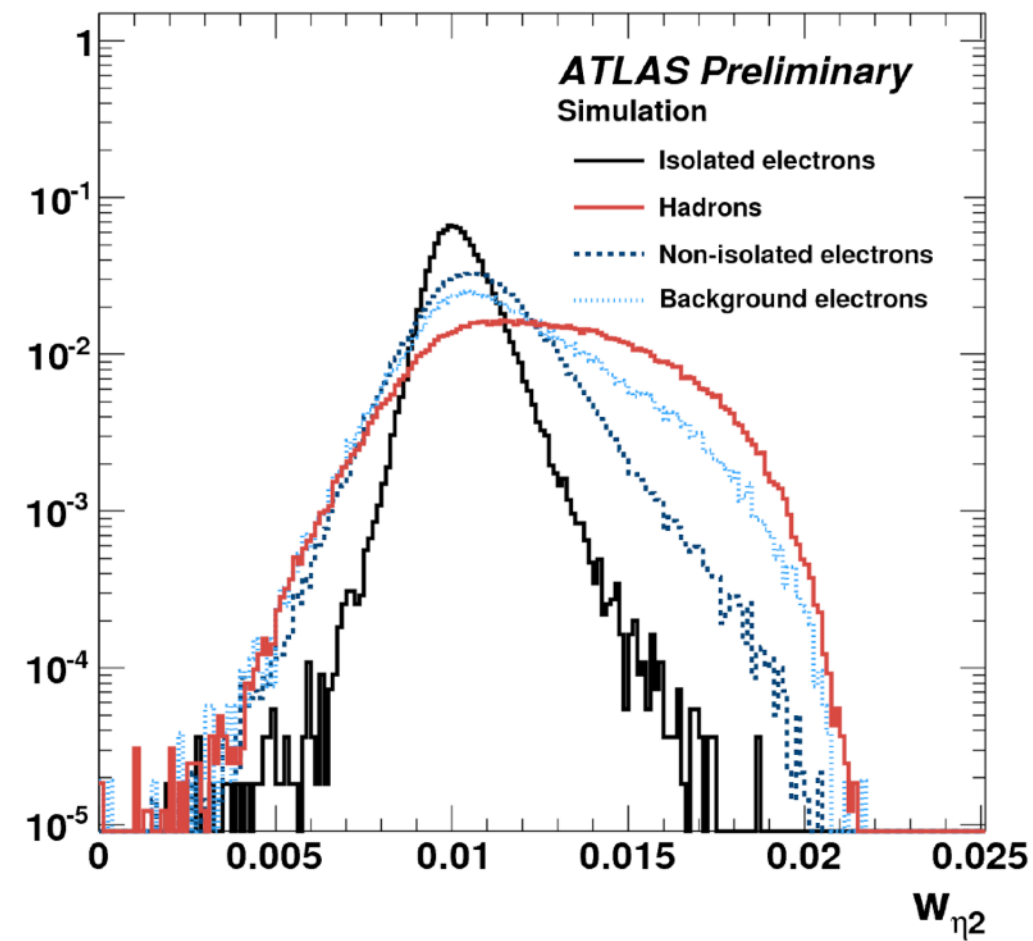
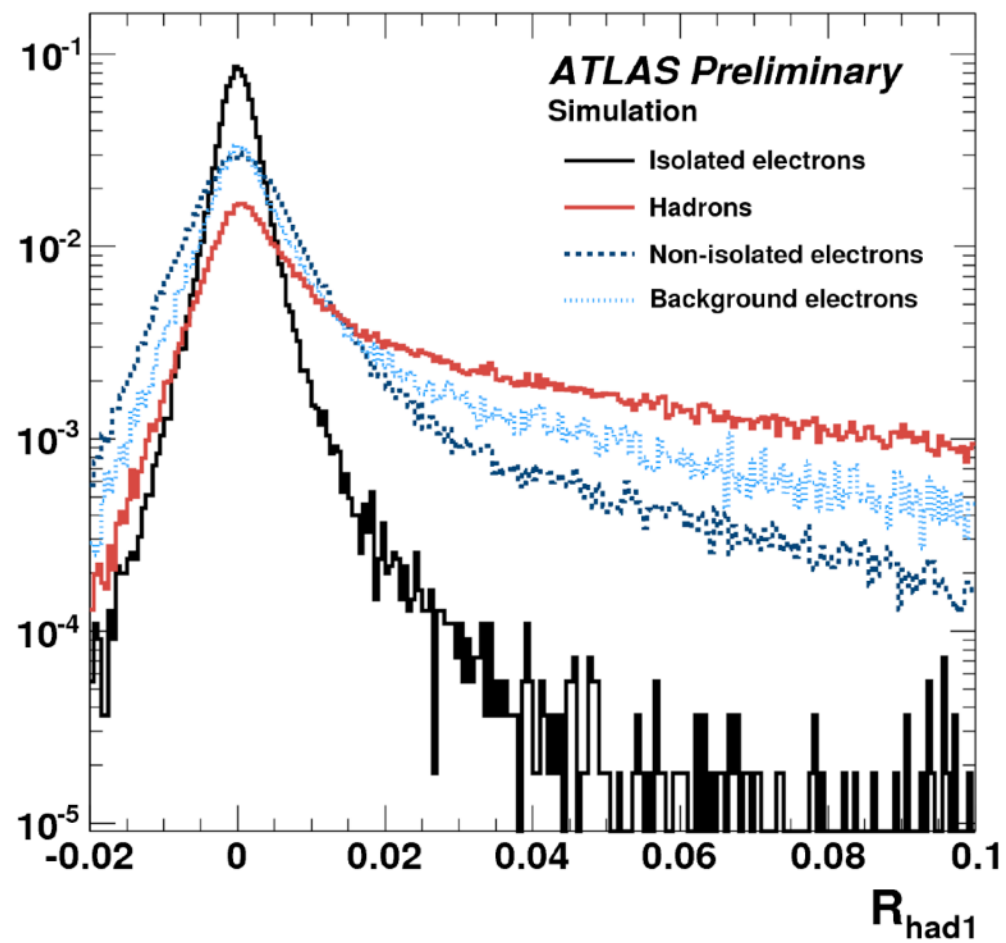


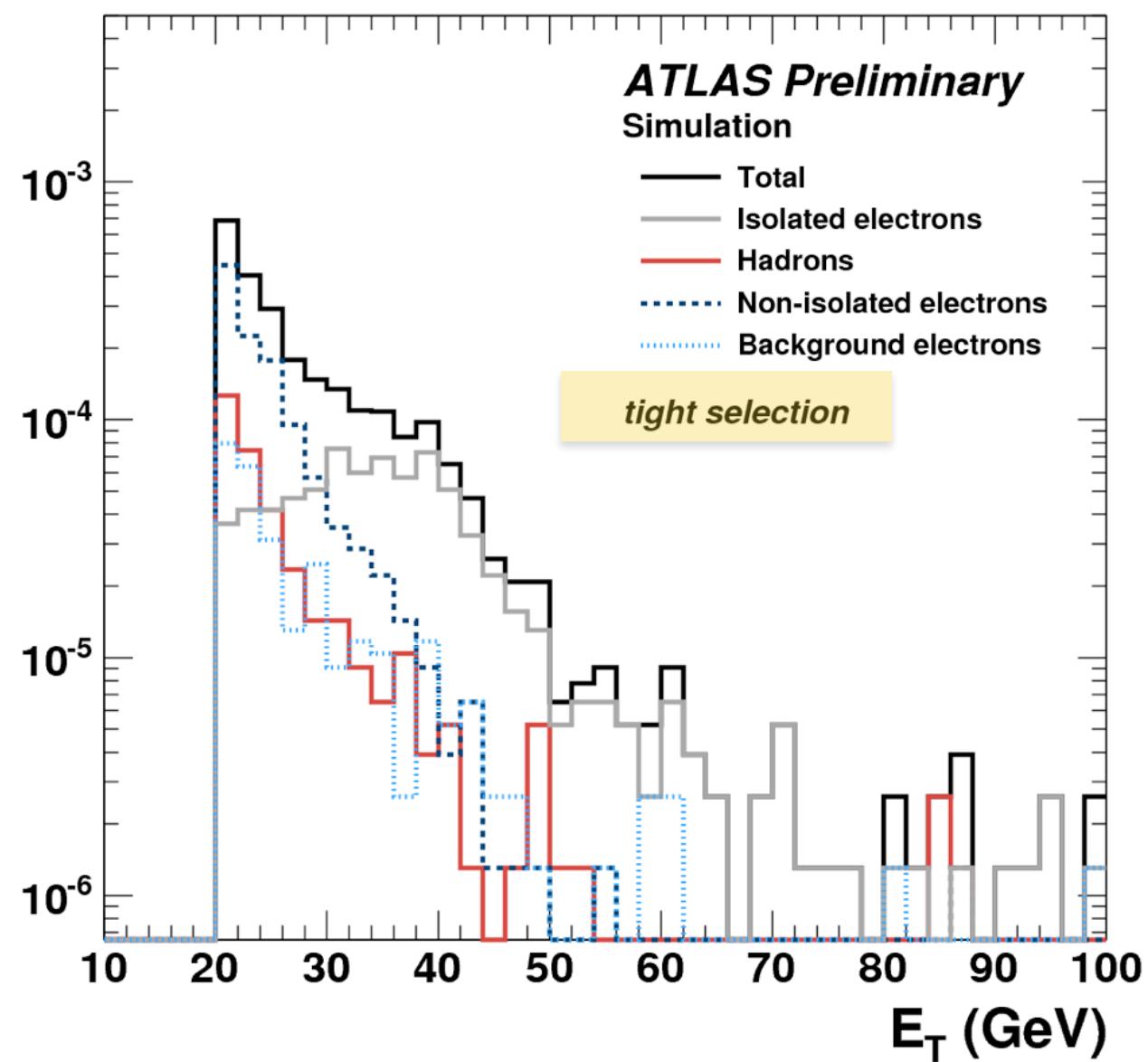
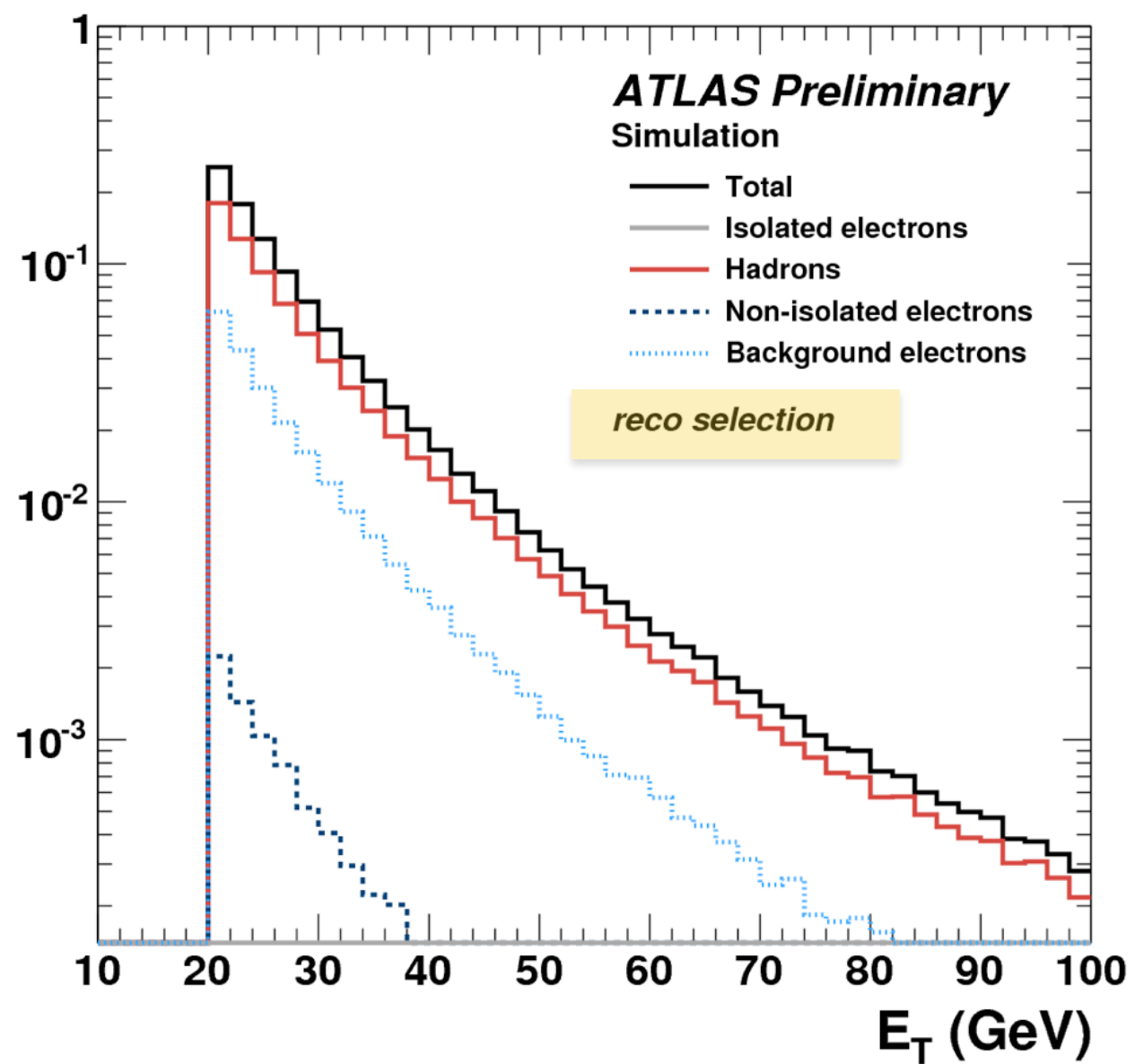


# Granularity of EM calorimeter to measure shower development



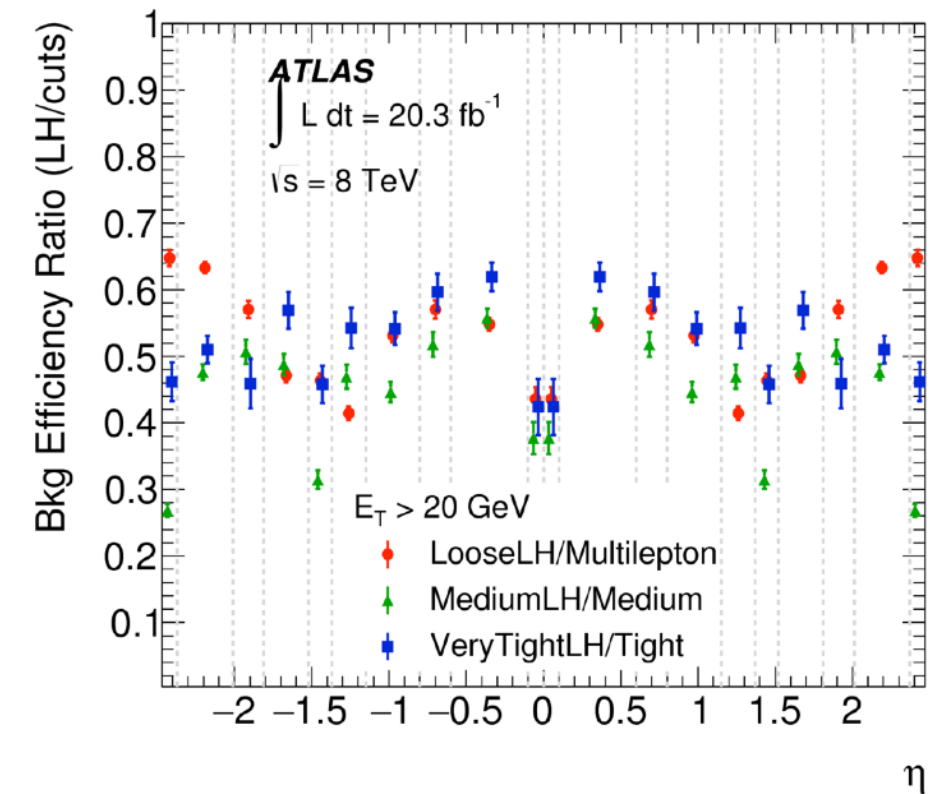




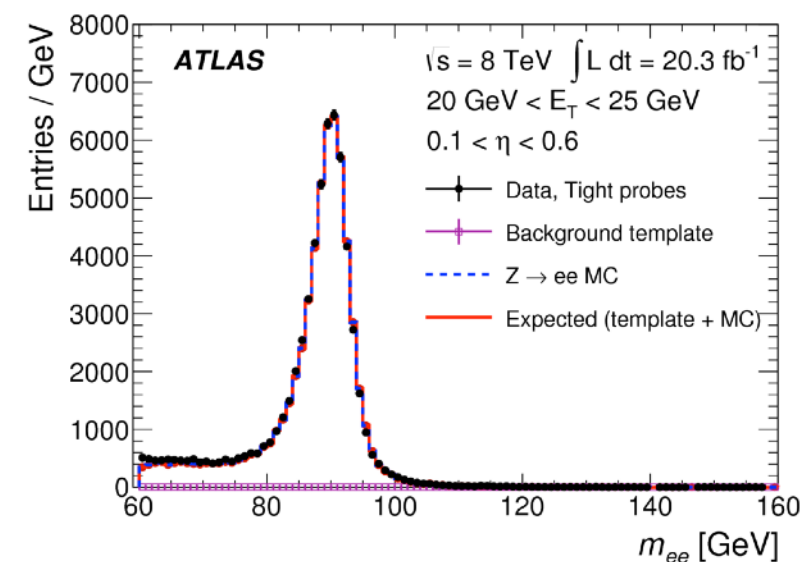
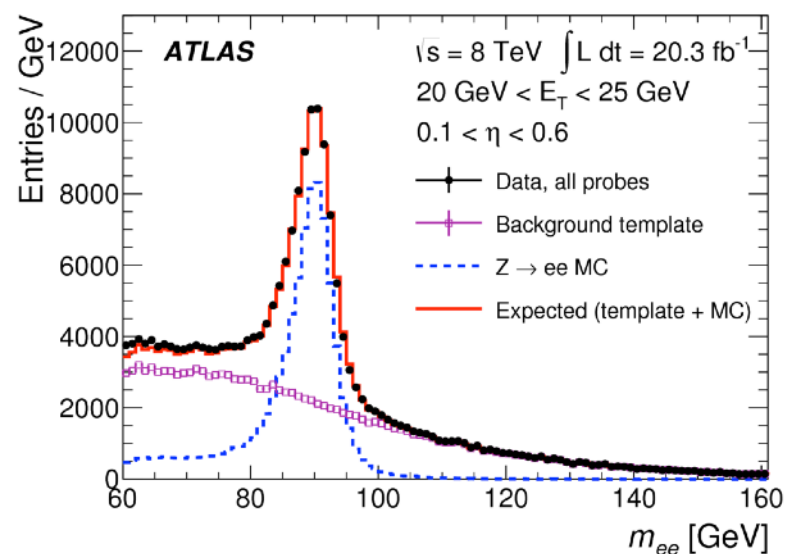


Combine different variables in a multivariate discriminant (likelihood, boosted decision tree, neural network. etc..)

$$d_{\mathcal{L}} = \frac{\mathcal{L}_S}{\mathcal{L}_S + \mathcal{L}_B}, \quad \mathcal{L}_{S(B)}(\vec{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n P_{S(B),i}(x_i)$$



Need data-driven measurement for precise knowledge of identification efficiency => Possible in LHC experiments thanks to large statistics of  $Z \rightarrow ee$  decays

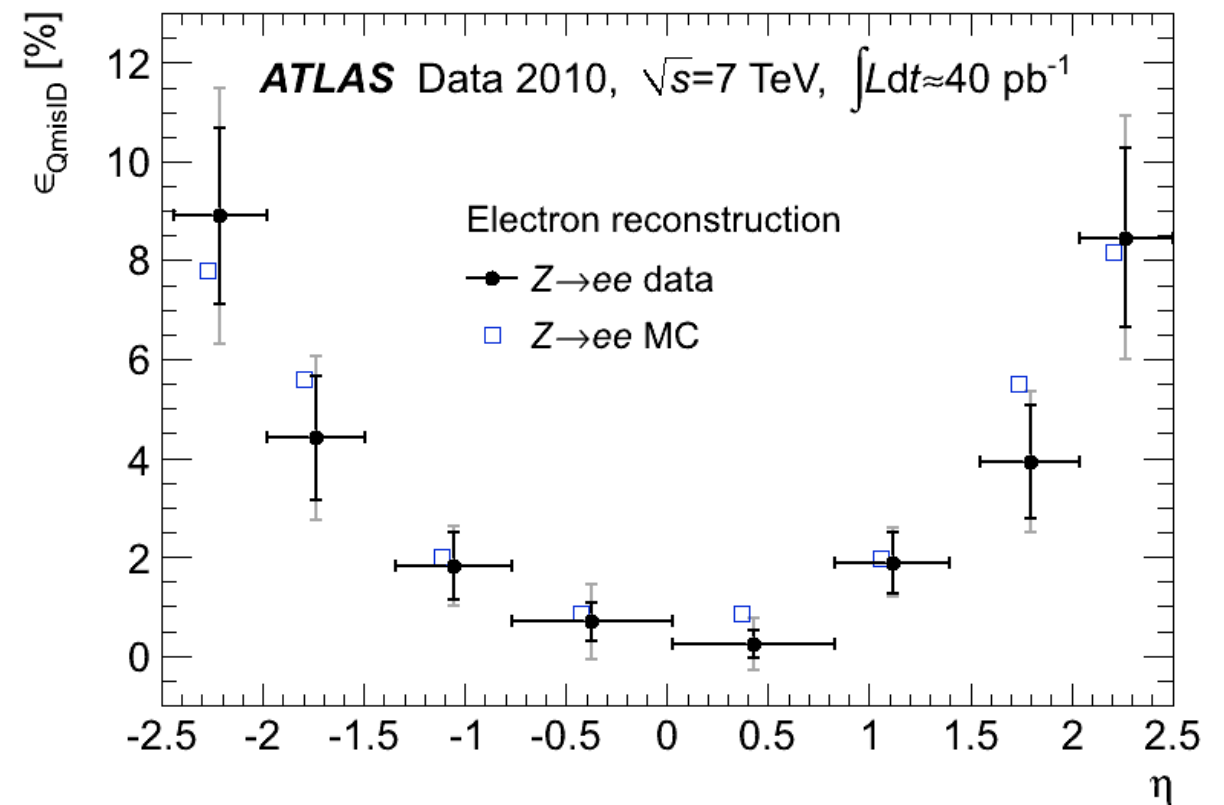
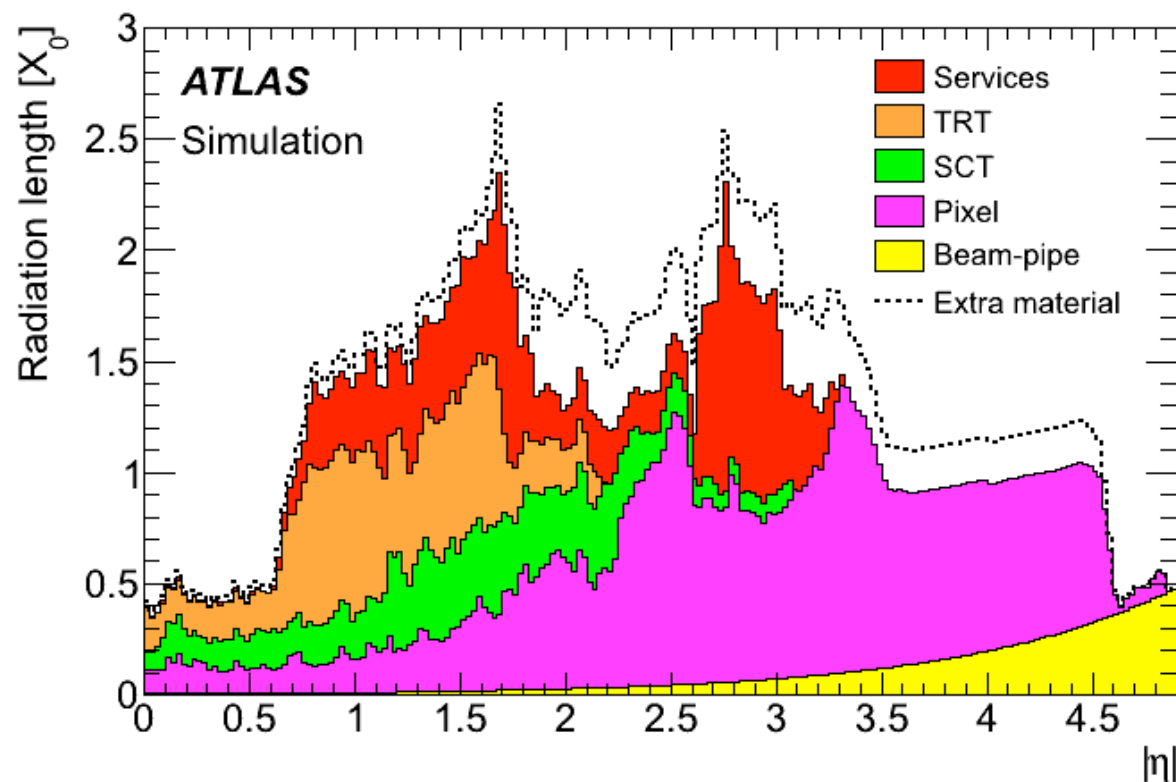
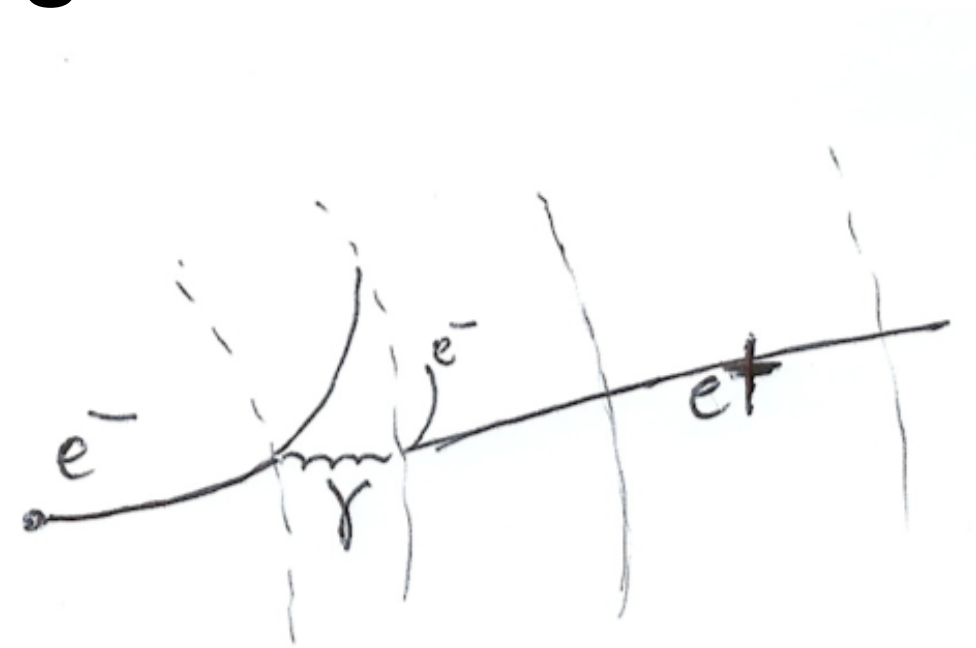


# Electron charge

Calorimeter does not measure electron charge

Use track curvature in magnetic field for that

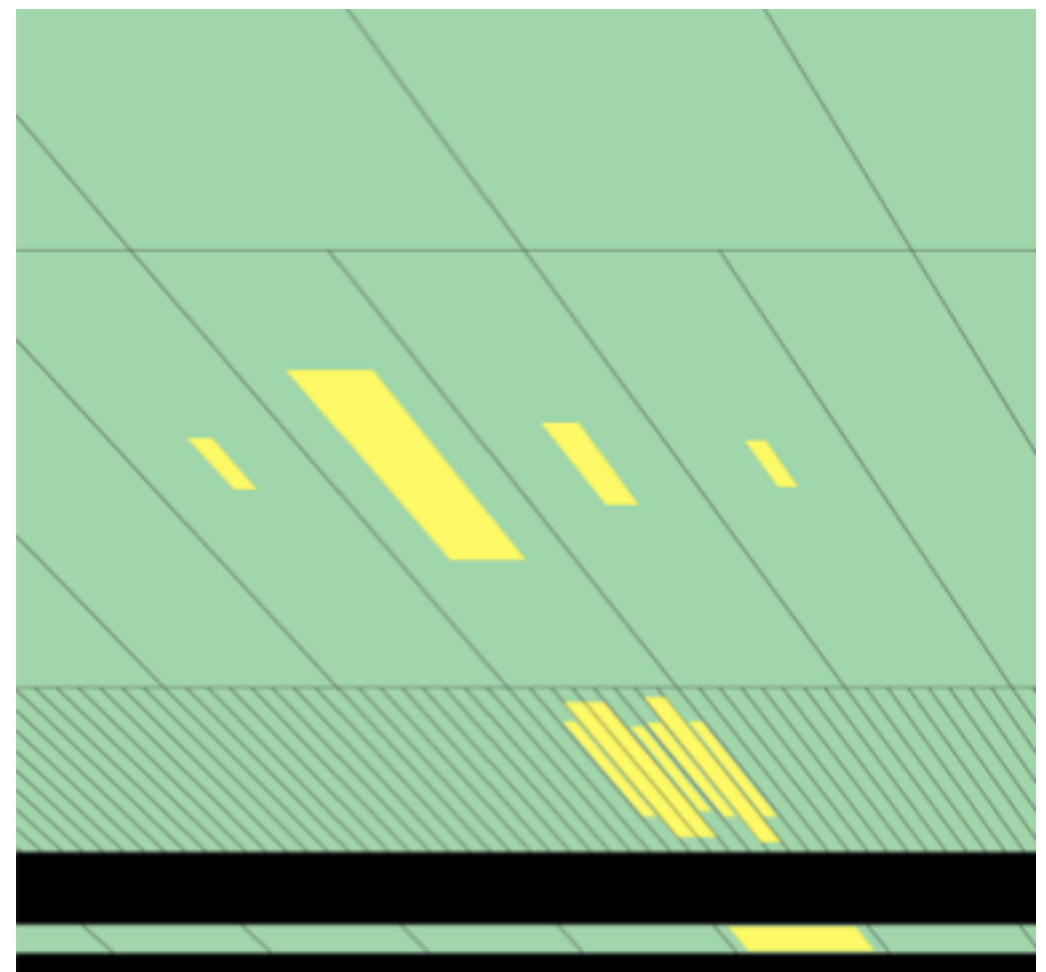
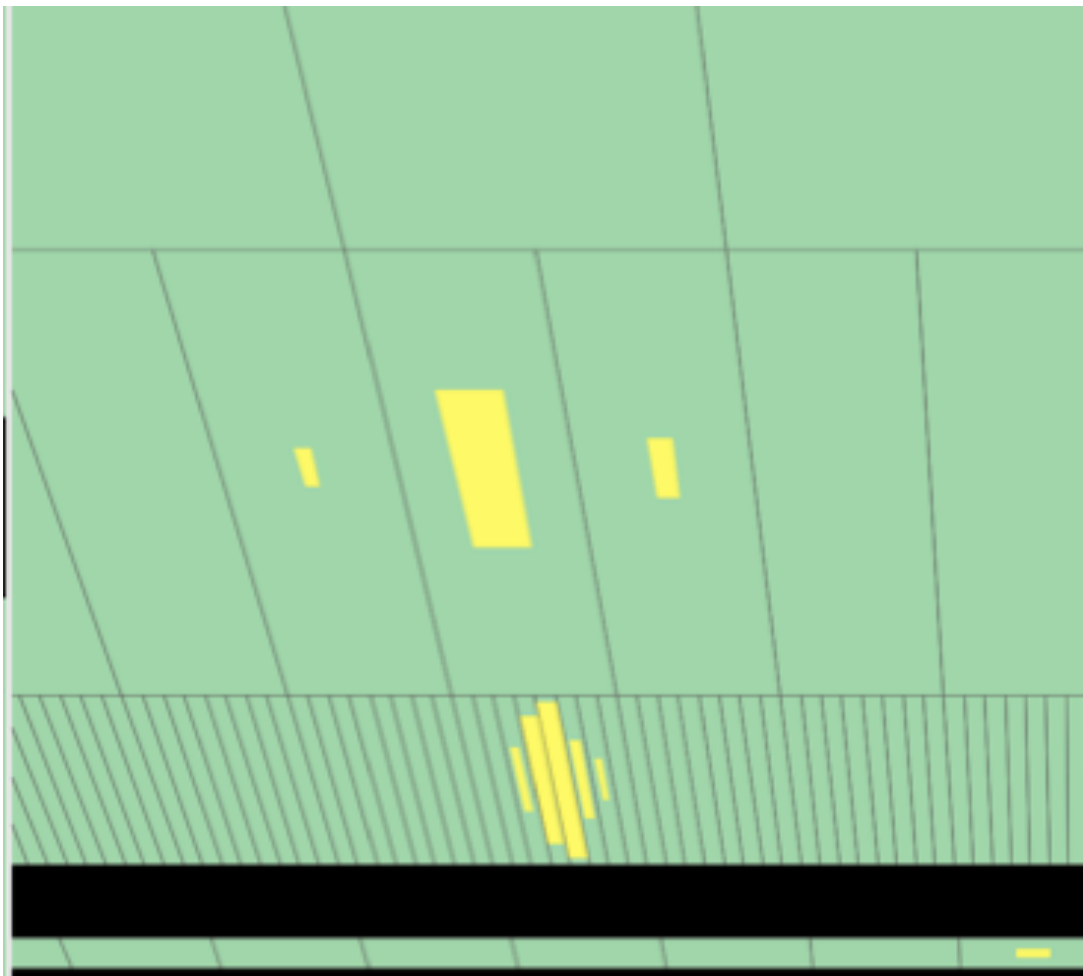
Main possibility of mistake for electron: Interaction with the inner detector material giving rise to bremsstrahlung and conversions and not getting the «right» track



# Photon identification in collider experiment

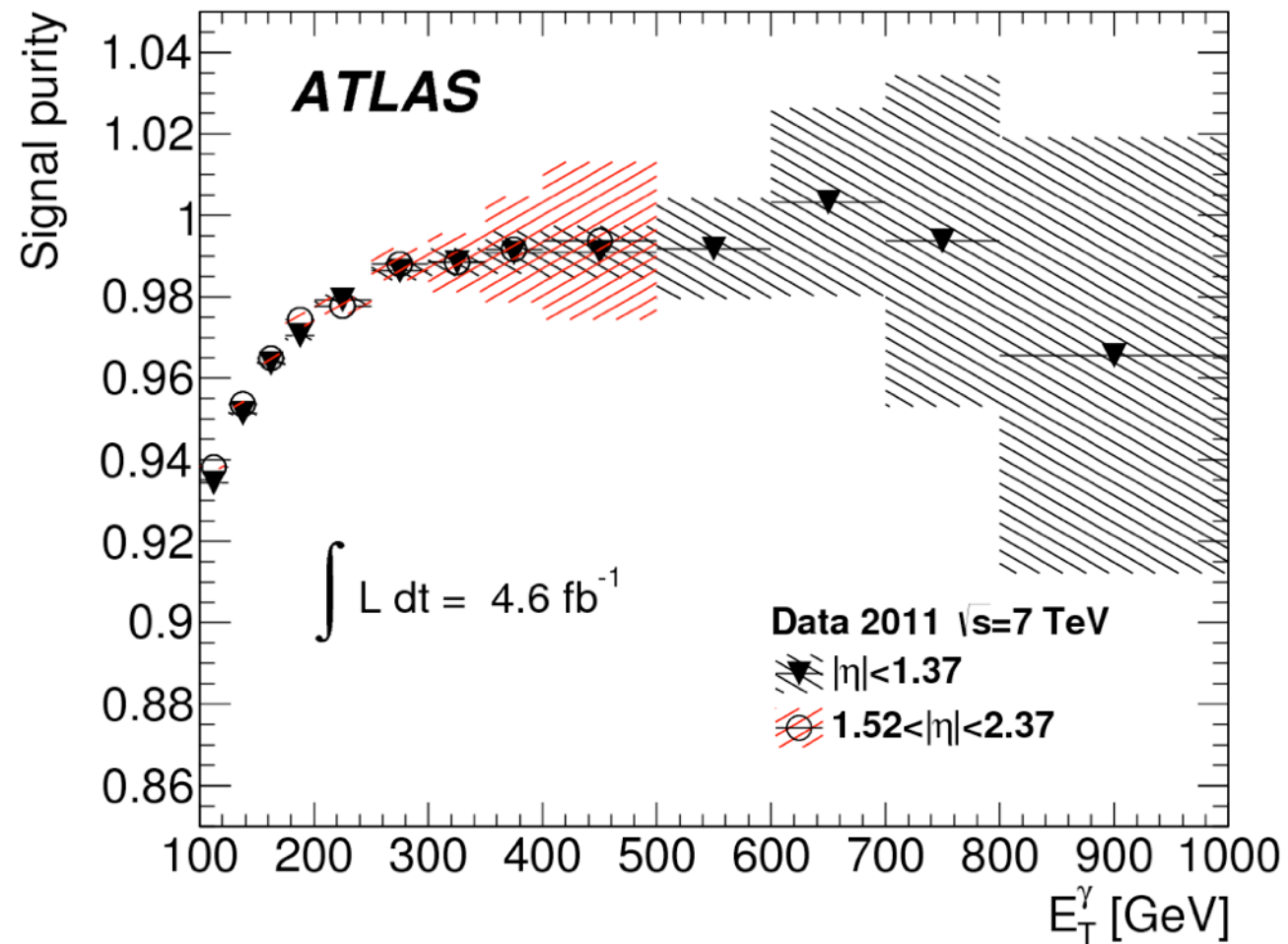
Background from high energy  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$   
What is the separation between the photons ?  
What information can be exploited ?

$\theta_{\min} \sim 2/\gamma$   
 $\sim 0.0067$  at  $E=40$  GeV  
 $\Rightarrow 1\text{ cm @ } R=150\text{ cm}$

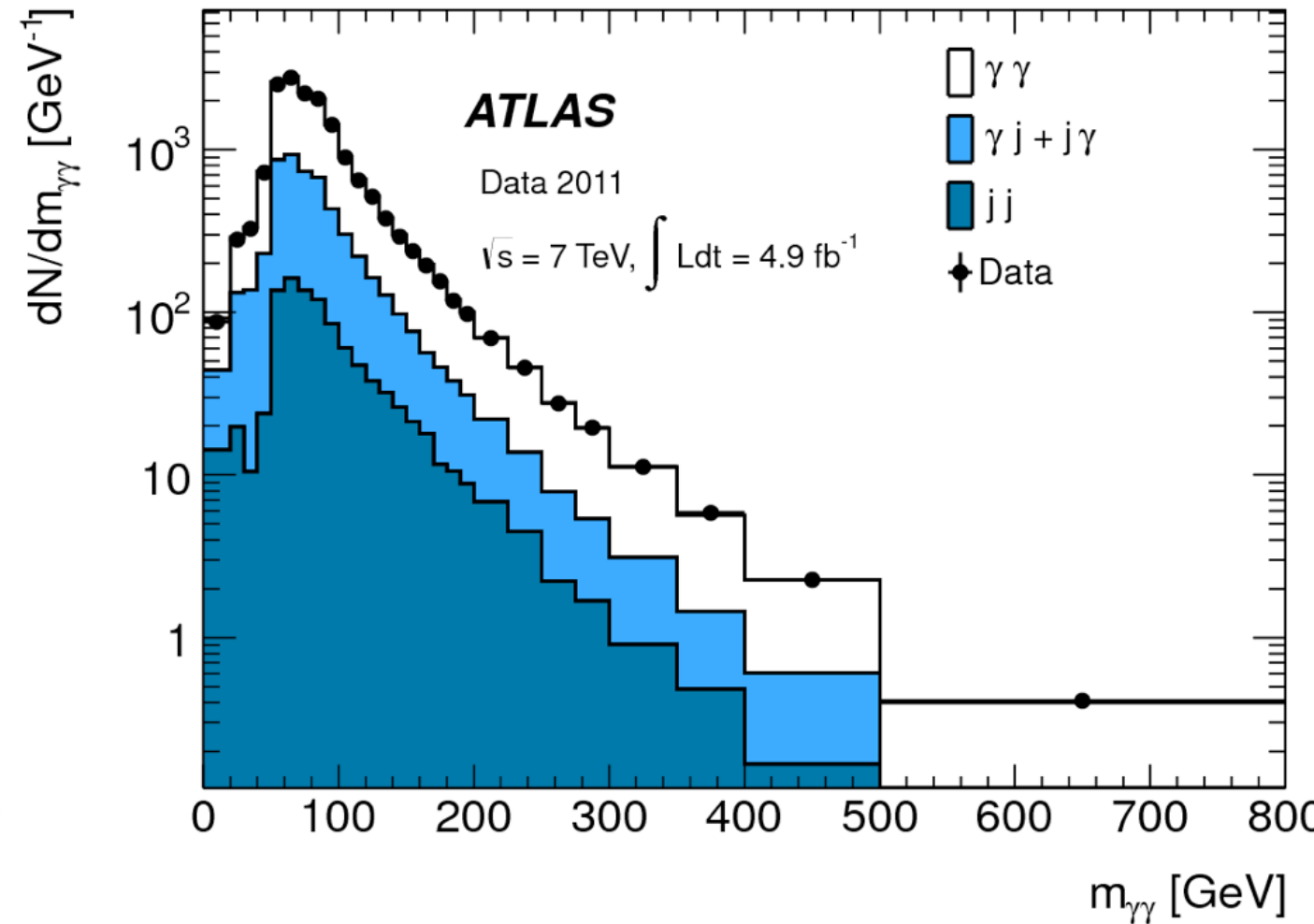


*Which one is the single photon shower ?*

# Example of photon identification performance in ATLAS



High energy inclusive  
photon  
Purity >95%



Di photon events at intermediate mass  
Purity ~70-80%



# Some of these techniques are also used in Space

- Fermi LAT : identify and measure  $\sim 50$  MeV to  $\sim 300$  GeV gamma rays with good angular resolution
- AMS : look for antimatter in space  $\Rightarrow$  particle identification and charge measurement

# Fermi LAT

**4x4 array** of identical towers (tracker + calorimeter)  
surrounded by an Anti-Coincidence Detector

## Tracker

- 18 layers (x-y) with silicon strip detectors + tungsten conversion foil
- 2 sections (depending on W thickness):
  - Thin (front) :  $12 \times 0.03 X_0$
  - Thick (back) :  $4 \times 0.18 X_0$
  - No W in the 2 bottom layers
- $1.4 X_0$  on axis

## Calorimeter

- $8.6 X_0$
- 96 CsI crystals per module

## Anti-Coincidence Detector

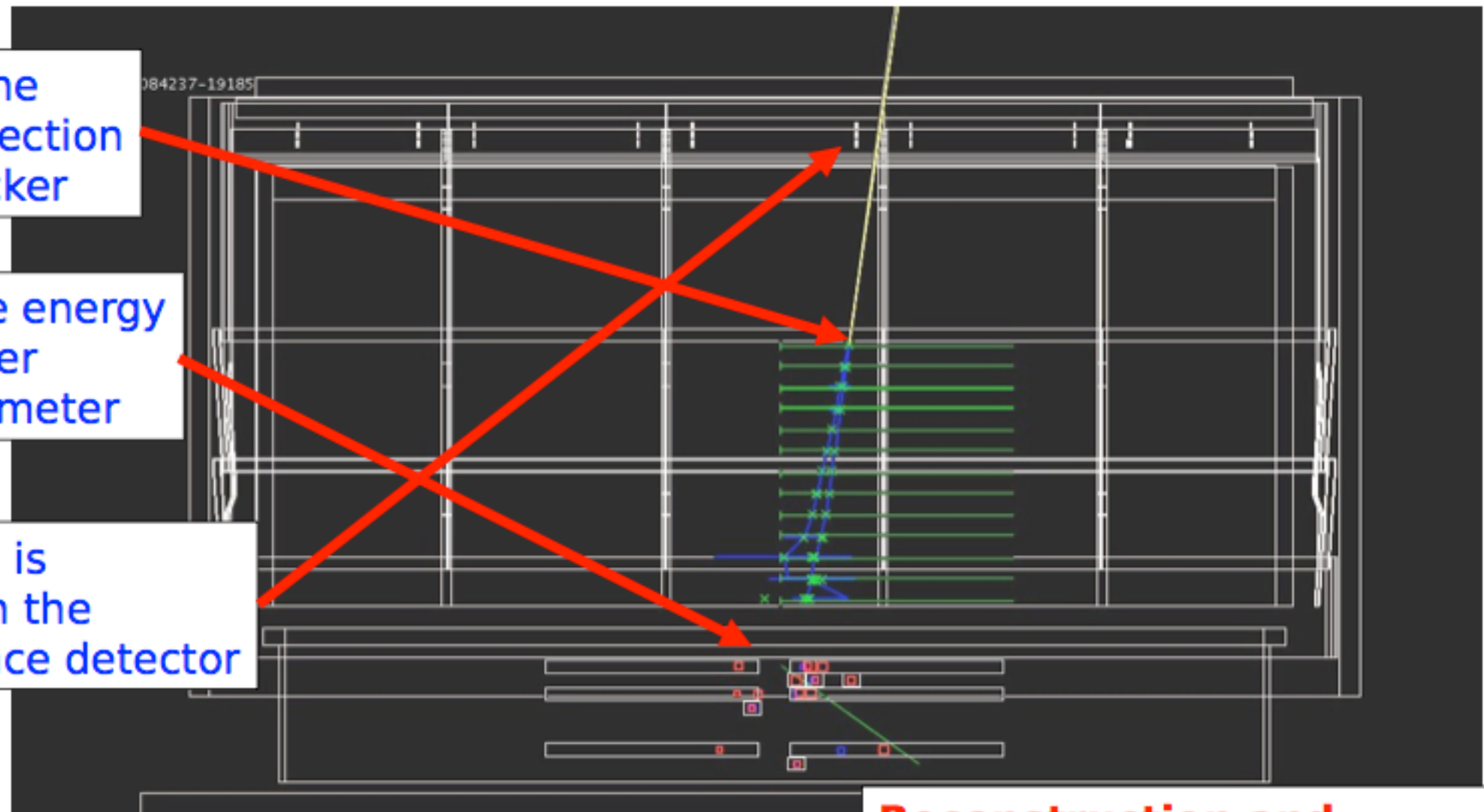
- 89 plastic scintillator tiles
- 0.9997 detection efficiency for minimum-ionizing particles



Determine the  
incoming direction  
with the tracker

Determine the energy  
with the tracker  
and the calorimeter

Check if there is  
some signal in the  
anti-coincidence detector

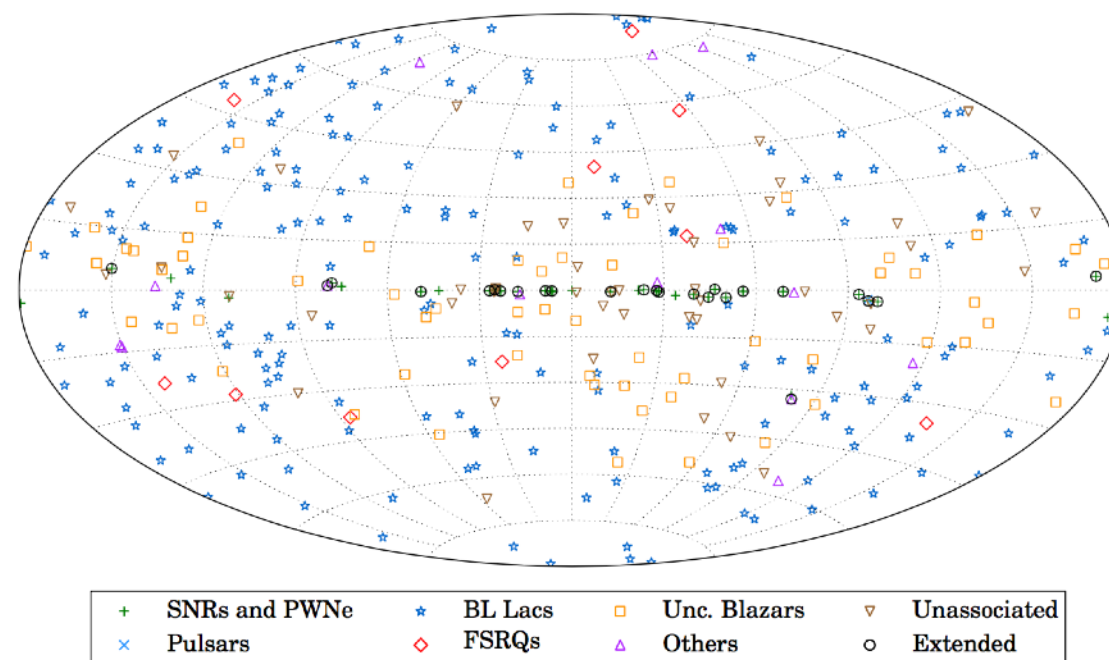
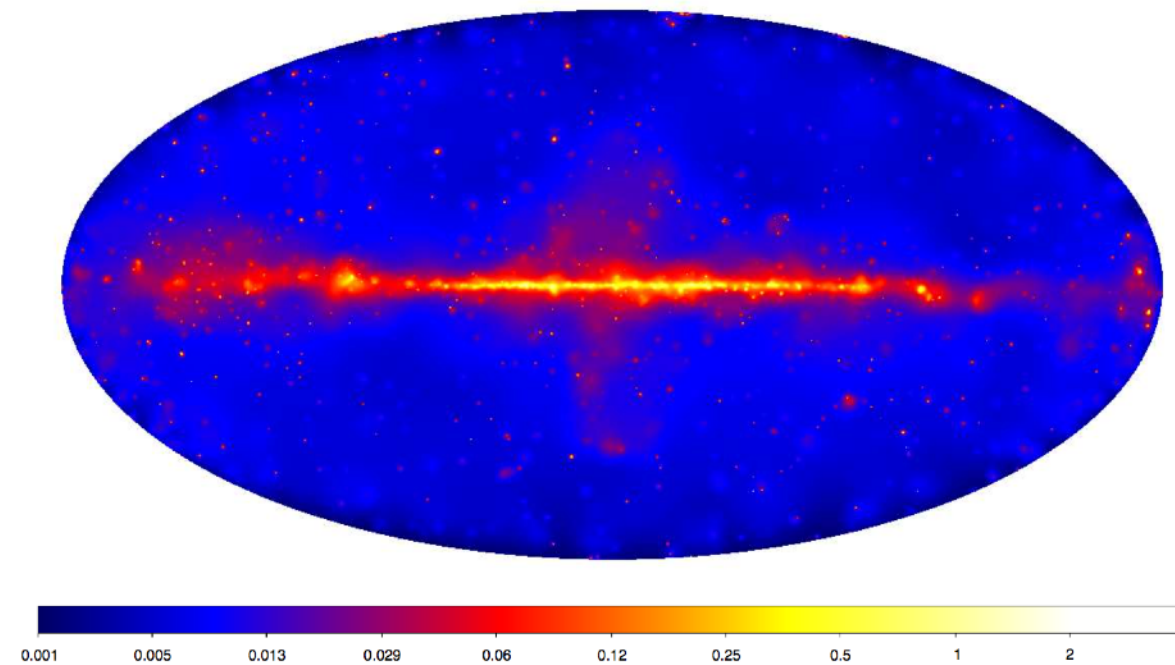


The calorimeter is used in the event selection :  
match between the track and the cluster  
(position, angle), cluster transverse size.

**Reconstruction and  
selection are optimized  
using classification trees.**

# FERMI-LAT map of gamma-ray sources with $E > 50$ GeV

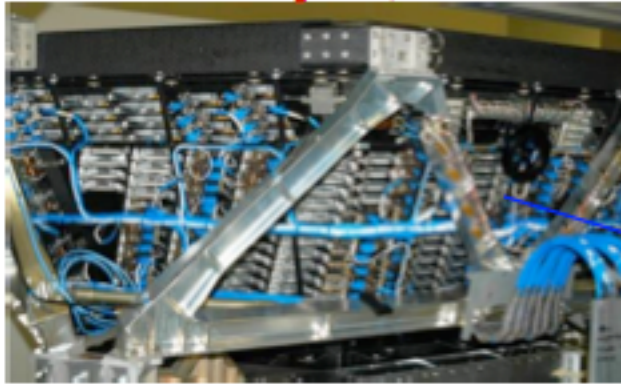
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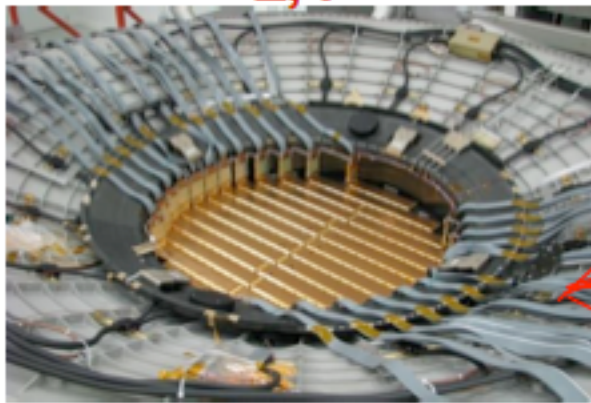


# AMS: A TeV precision, multipurpose spectrometer

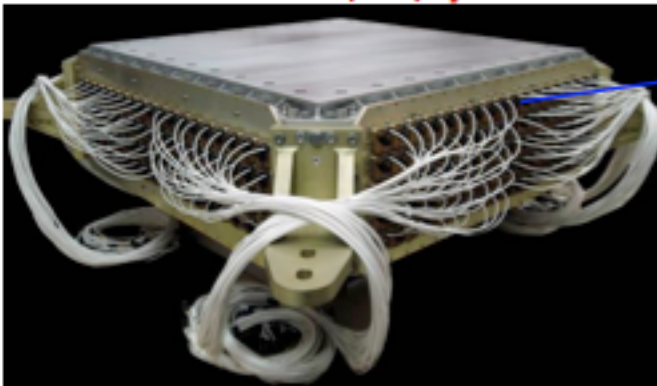
TRD  
Identify  $e^+$ ,  $e^-$



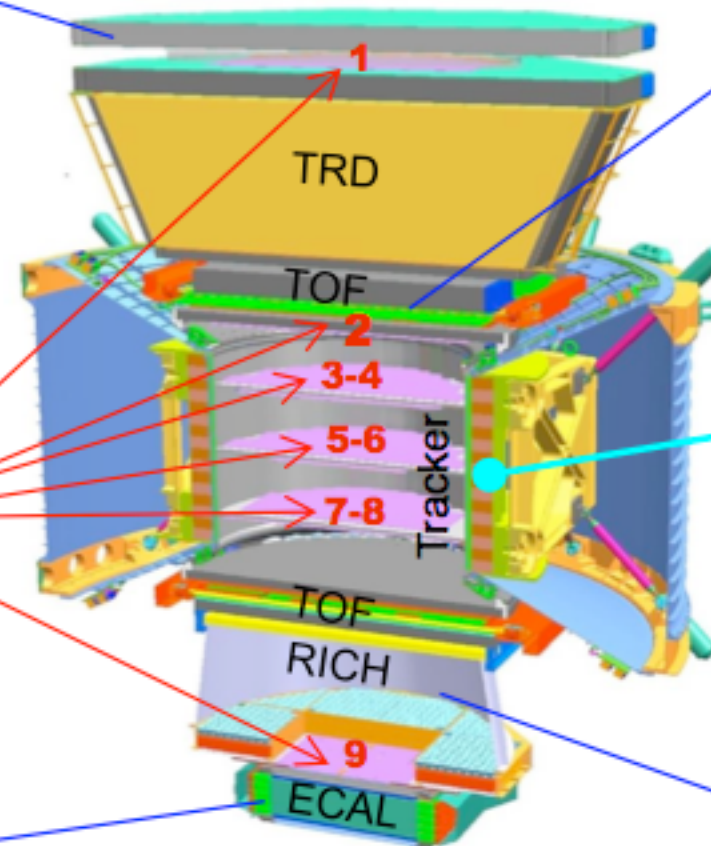
Silicon Tracker  
 $Z, P$



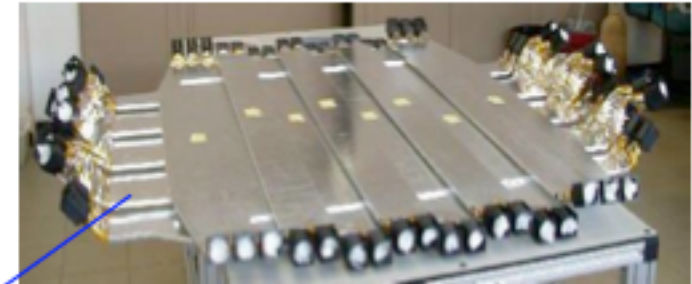
ECAL  
 $E$  of  $e^+$ ,  $e^-$ ,  $\gamma$



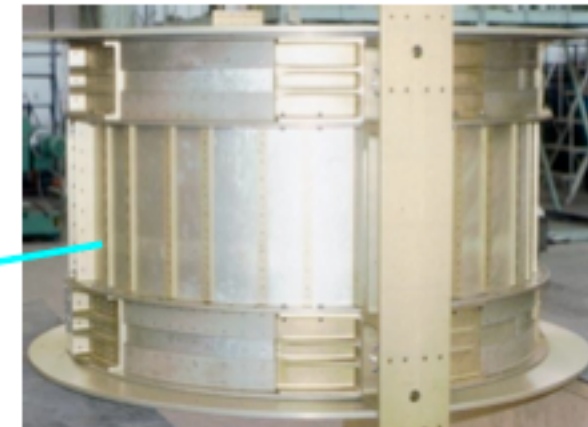
Particles and nuclei are defined by their  
charge ( $Z$ ) and energy ( $E \sim P$ )



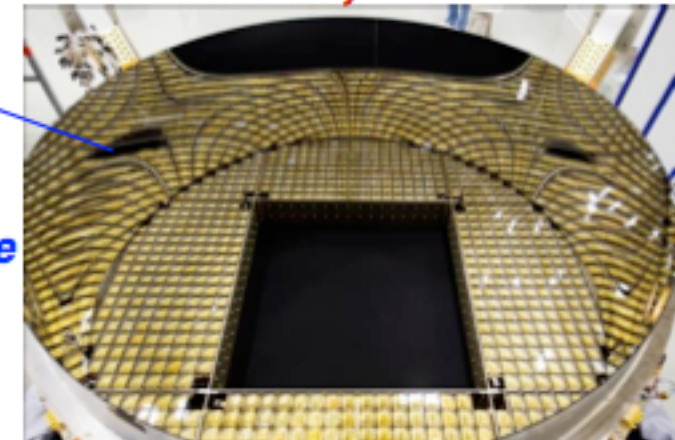
TOF  
 $Z, E$



Magnet  
 $\pm Z$



RICH  
 $Z, E$

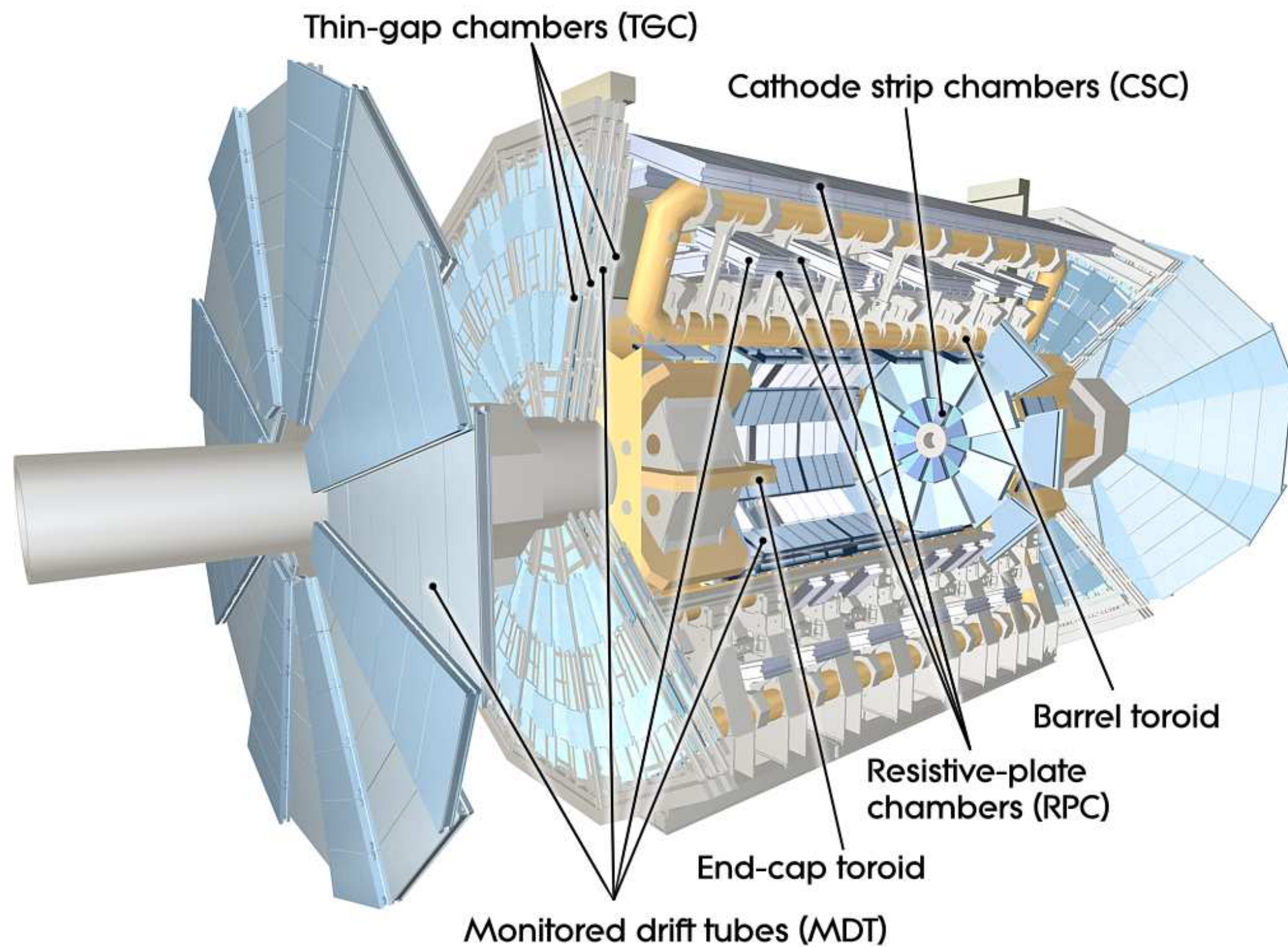


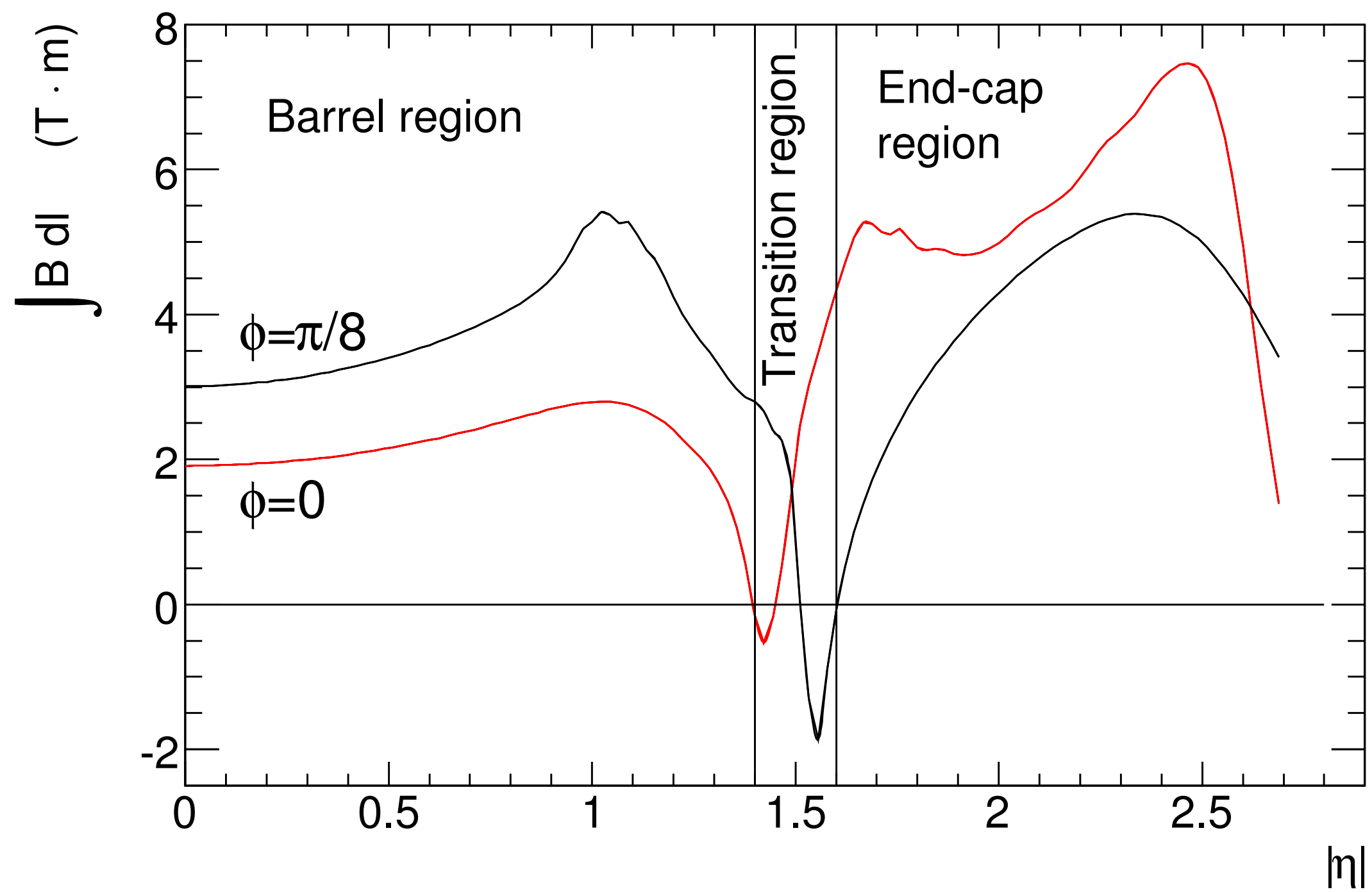
$Z, P$  are measured independently by the  
Tracker, RICH, TOF and ECAL

# Muon identification in hadron colliders

- Muons are usually clean signatures, less background than electrons
- Main sources of «muons»
  - punch through of hadronic showers
  - $\pi/k$  decays in the inner detector
  - Semileptonic B-hadron decays  $\Rightarrow$  «true» non-isolated muons
    - Usually main background at high energy in collider experiments
- Precise measurement of muons requires large magnetic detectors

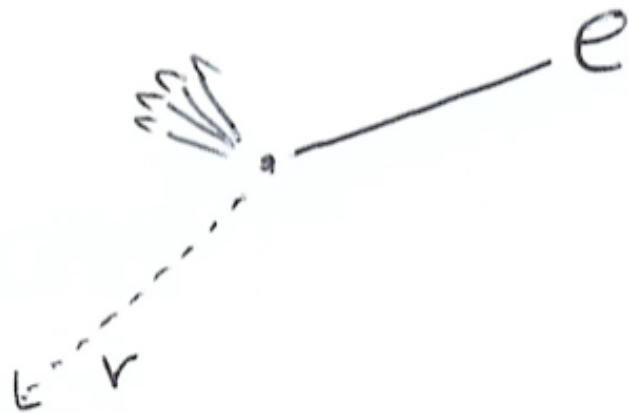






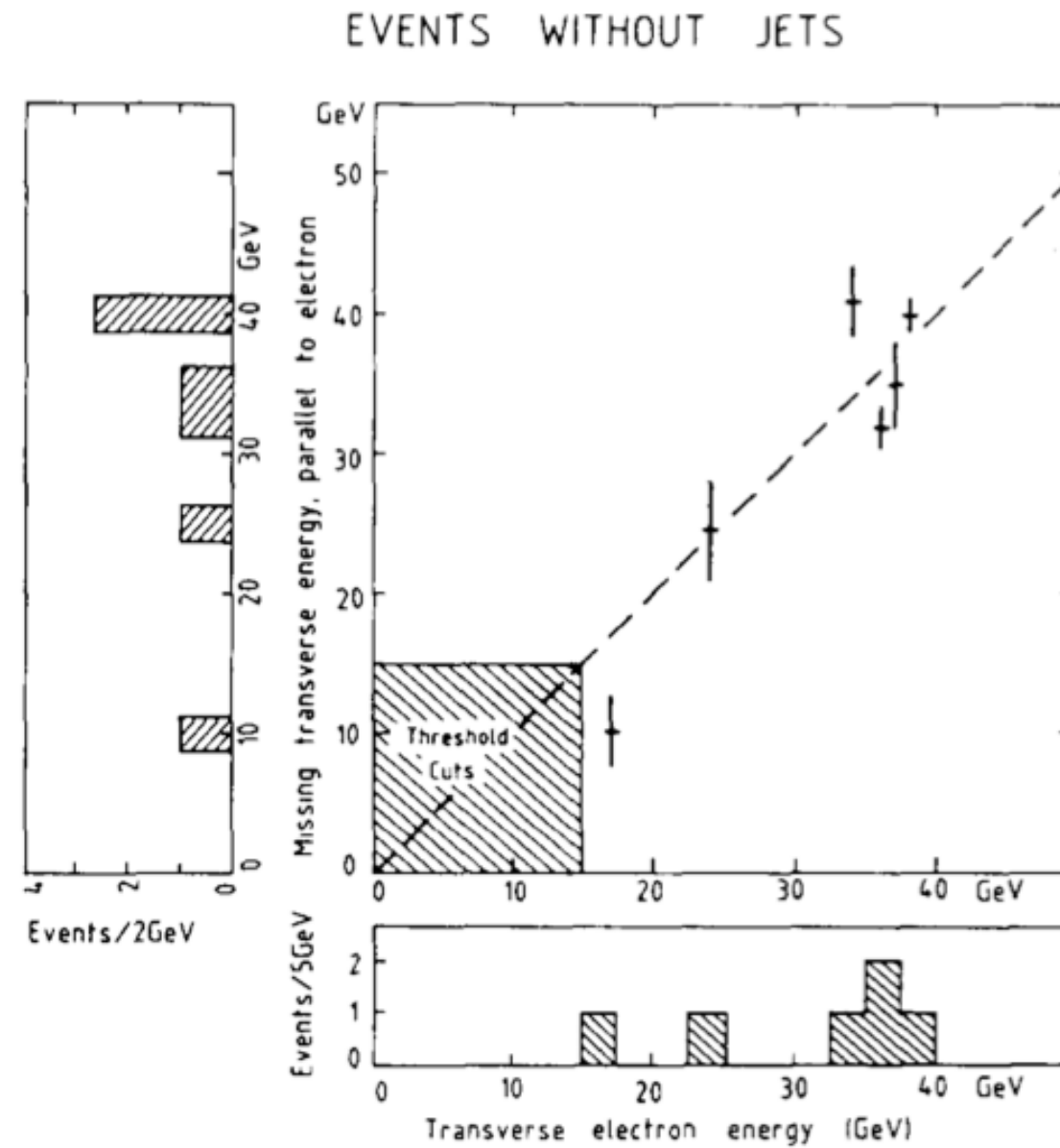
# Neutrino «identification» in hadron colliders

- The probability of neutrino interaction in a collider experiment is  $\sim$ null
- How to measure something that one does not detect ?



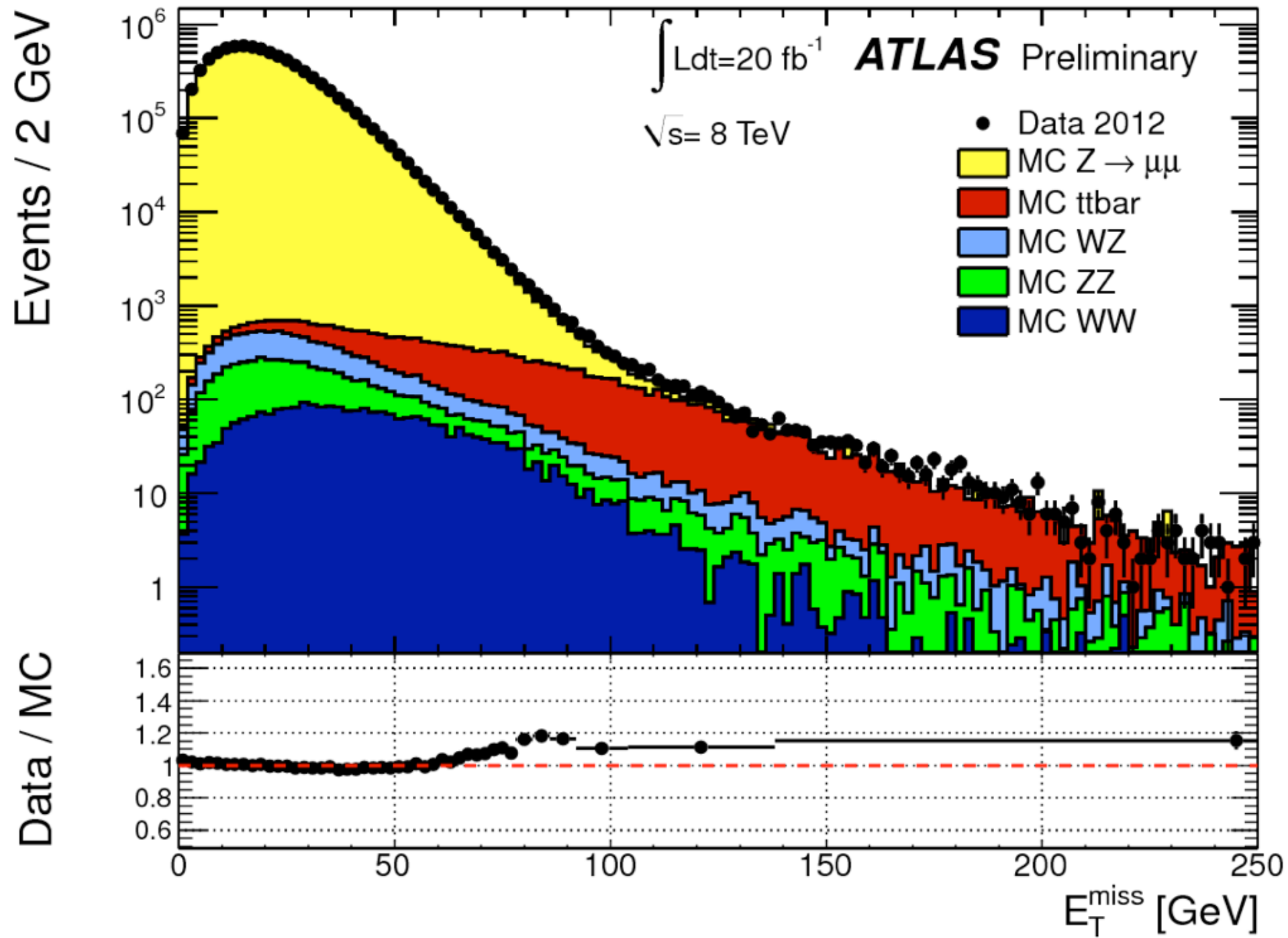
$$\vec{p}_T(\nu) = - \sum_i \vec{p}_T(\text{seen})$$

# Missing transverse momentum for W boson discovery (1983)





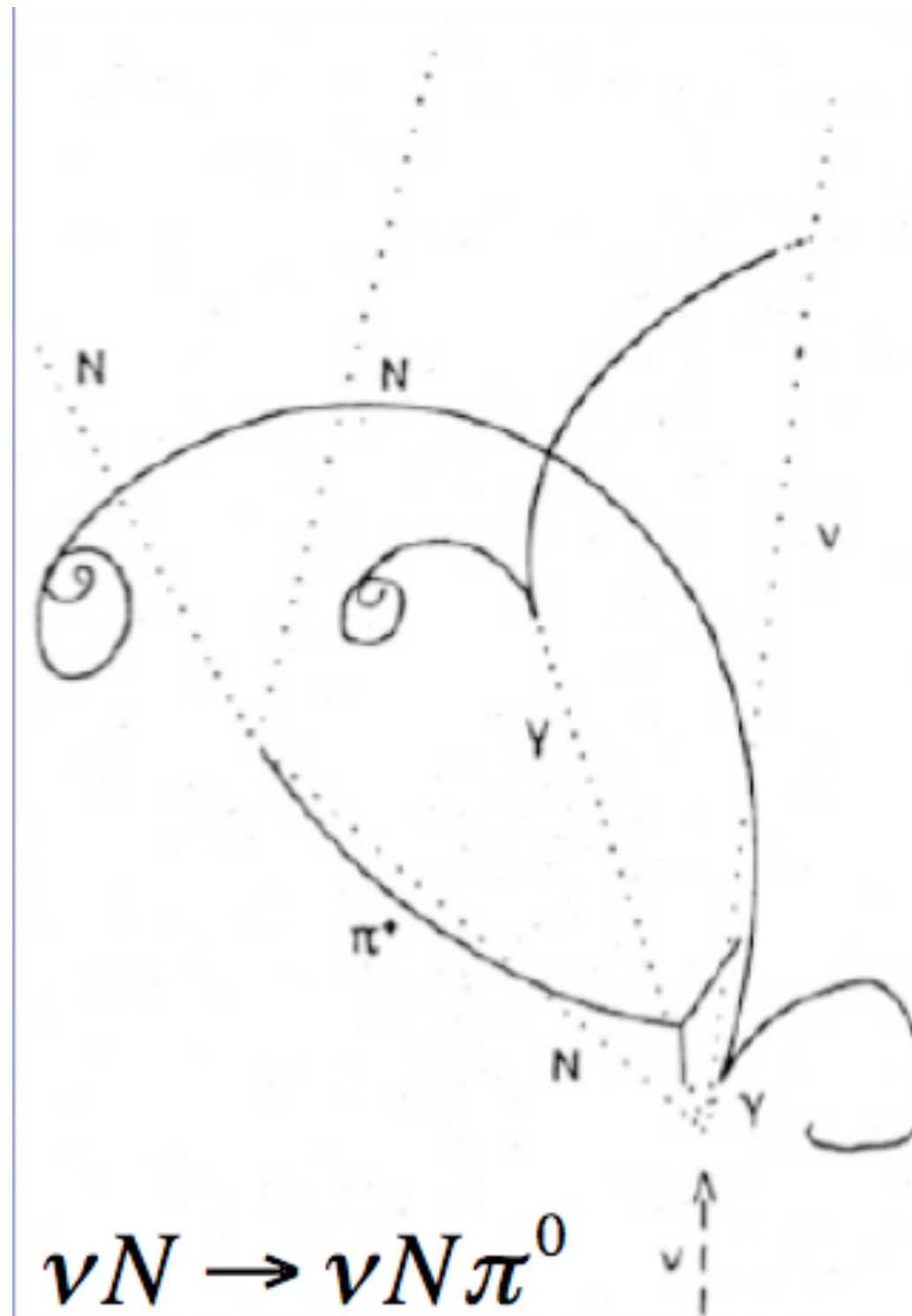
# Missing transverse momentum in LHC under high pileup conditions



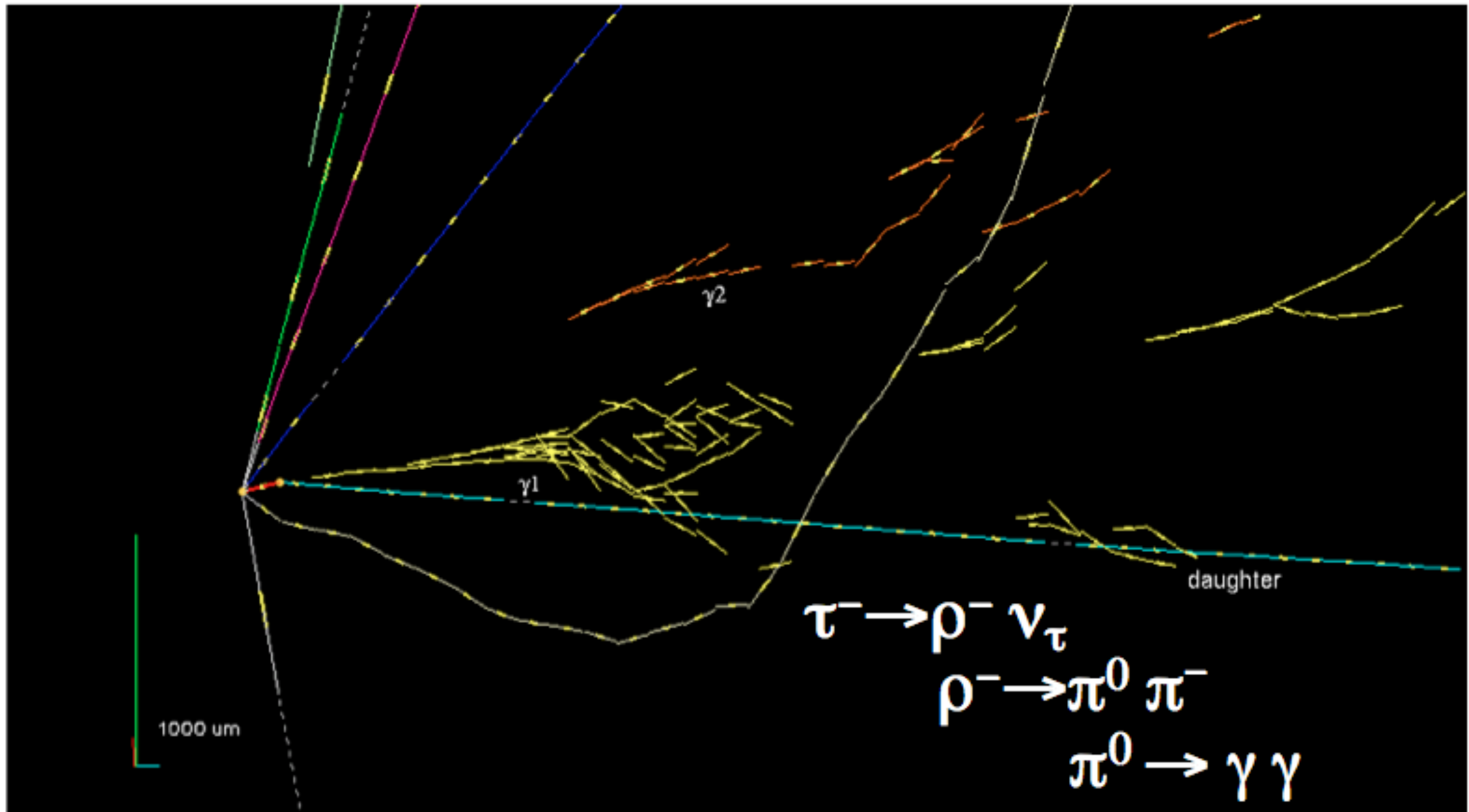
# Direct detection of neutrinos

- High flux of incoming neutrinos (for instance neutrino beams)
- High mass detector
- $\Rightarrow$  can observe neutrino interactions
  - Charged currents: produce e,  $\mu$  or  $\tau$  depending on neutrino flavor at the interaction
  - Neutral currents:  $\sim$ universal for all (non-sterile) neutrinos
- Neutrino cross-section increases with energy
  - at  $O(> \text{PeV})$  energy, earth becomes opaque to neutrinos

What is this event ?

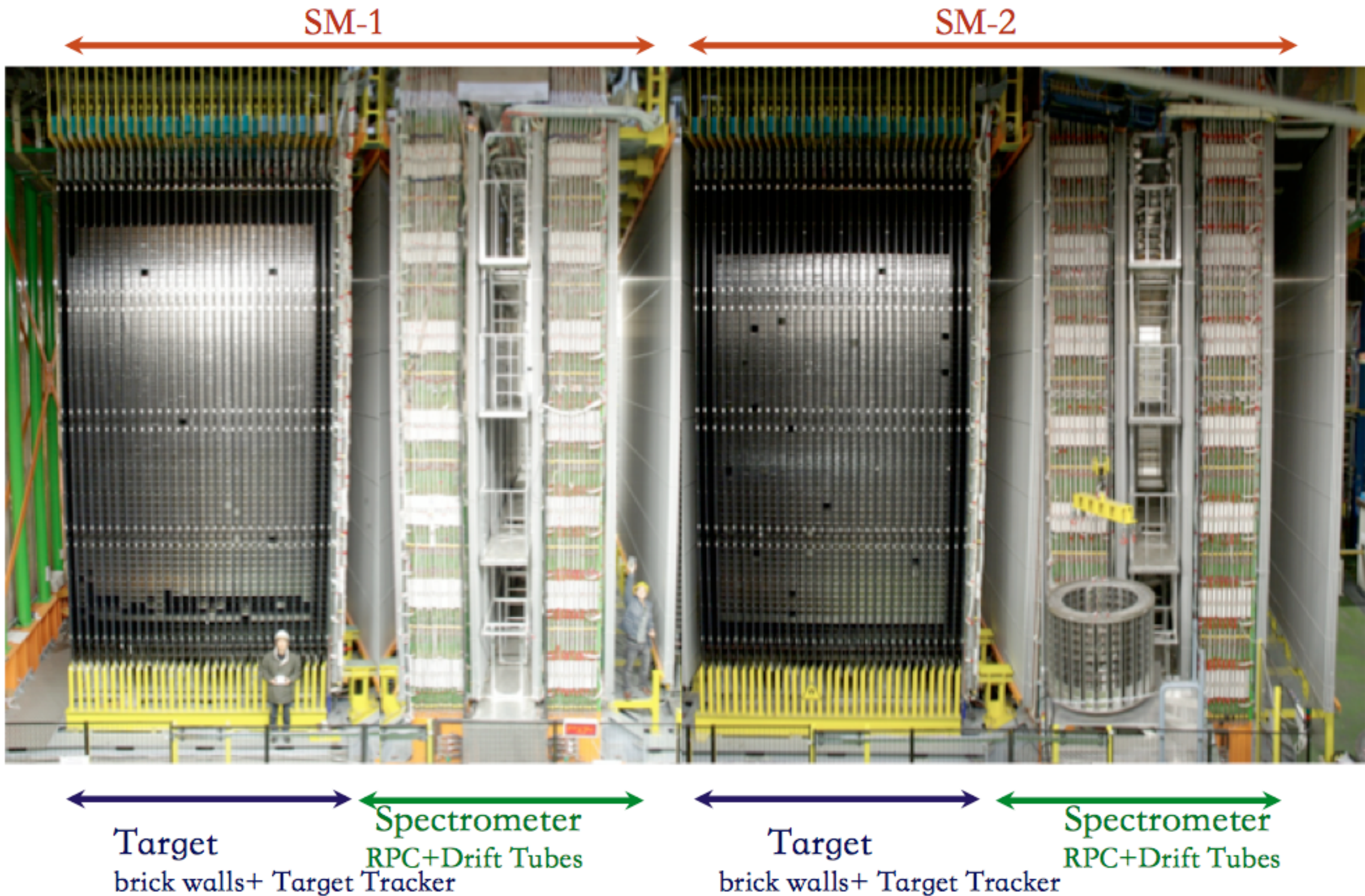


and this one ?

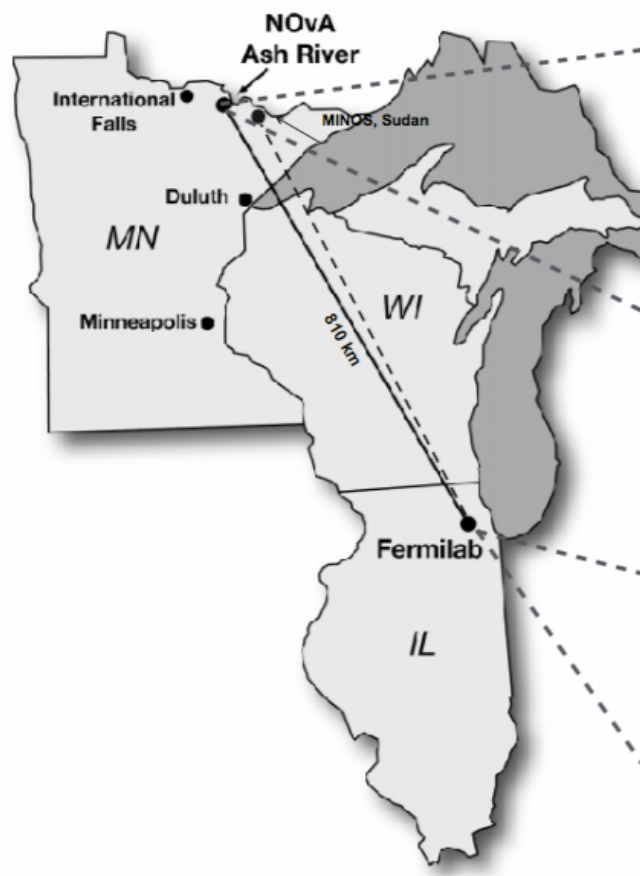




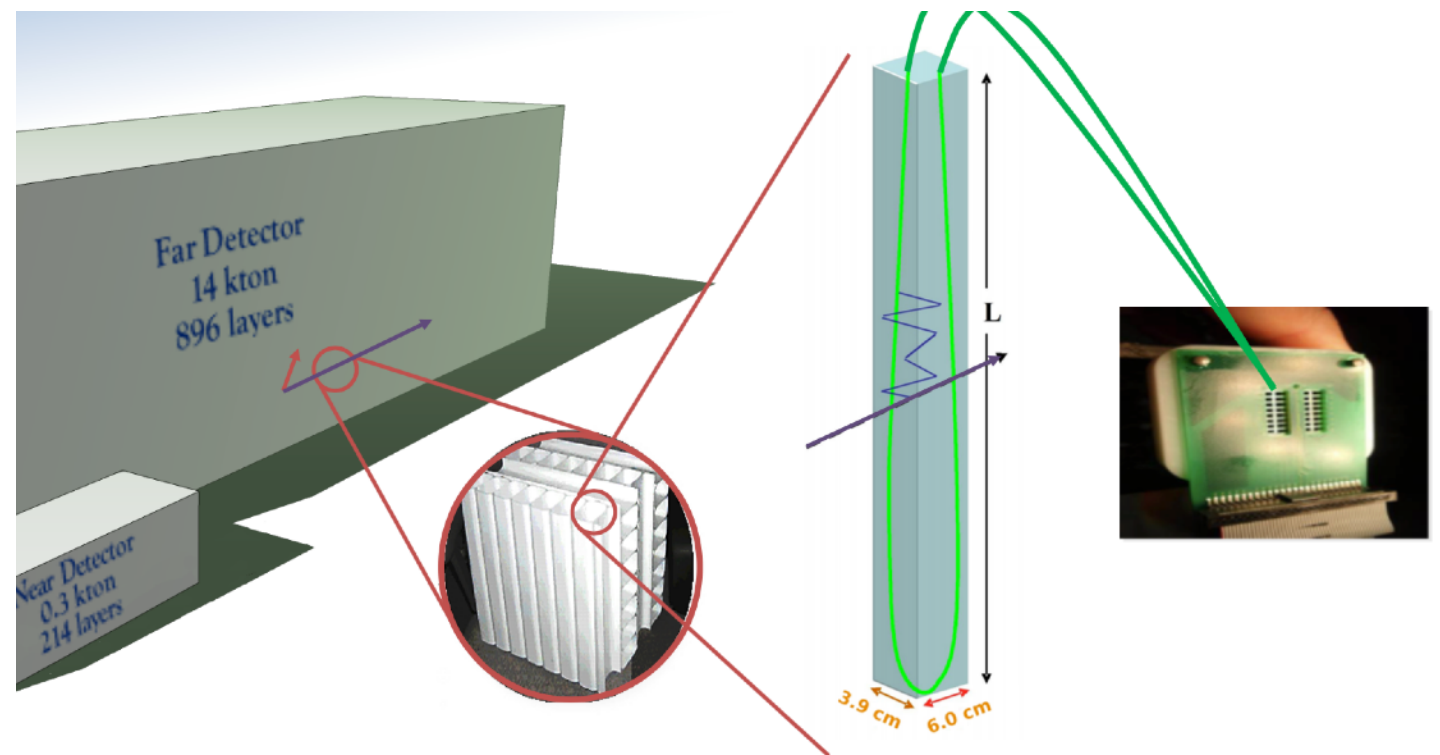
# Opera experiment



# NOVA neutrino experiment



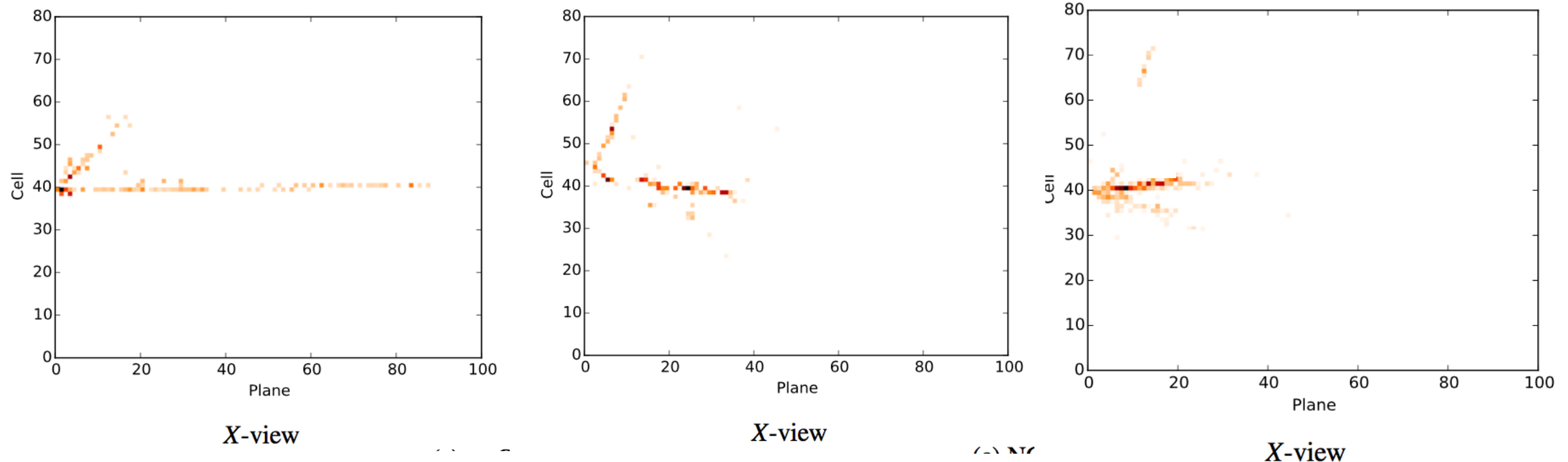
Start with muon neutrino beam  
and look at rate of remaining muon neutrino  
and appearing electron neutrino at a long distance



Charged current reaction used to identify flavor of interacting neutrino  
=> need good identification of electrons and muons induced by neutrinos  
(+ rejection of cosmic background)

# Use algorithm inspired by computer vision to optimize particle identification

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1604.01444>



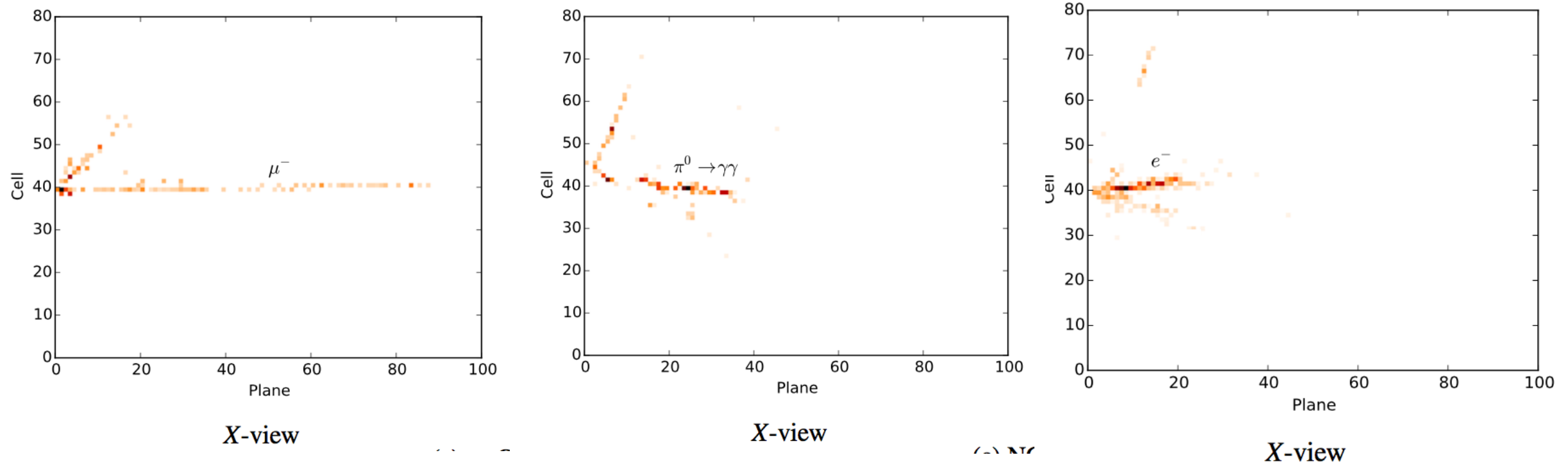
Which ones is a

- Charge current interaction of a muon type neutrino ?
- Charge current interaction of a electron type neutrino ?
- Neutral current interaction ?



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many other examples of this kind of application  
need good reference samples to "train"

# Measure beta or gamma of particle

- Direct measurement of velocity («time of flight»
  - $v = d/t$
- Measurement of beta.gamma through ionization energy loss
- Measurement of beta through Cherenkov radiation
- Measurement of gamma through Transition radiation

# time of flight

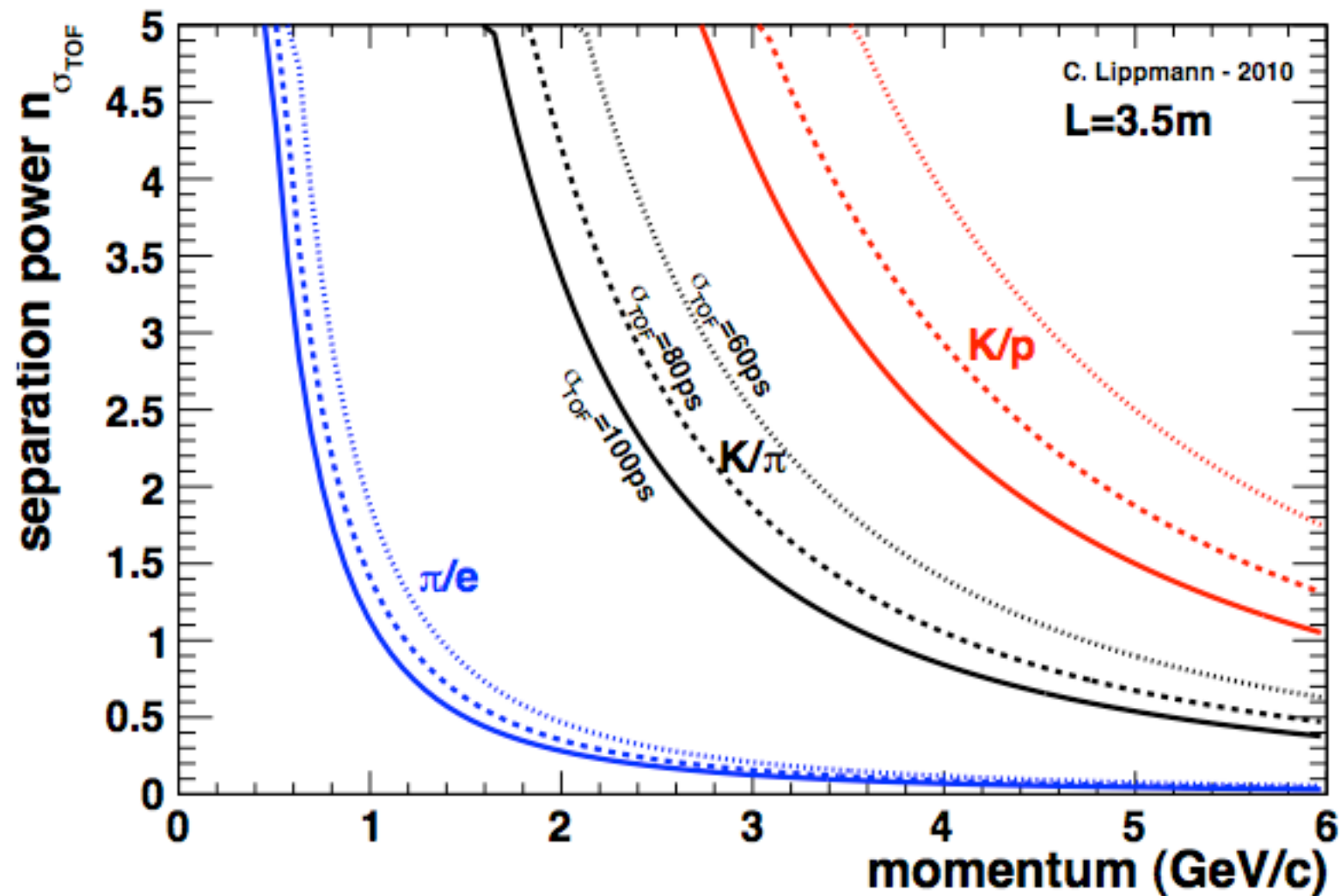
$$\beta = \frac{v}{c} = \frac{L}{t \cdot c}$$

$$m = \frac{p}{c} \sqrt{\frac{c^2 t^2}{L^2} - 1}$$

$$\frac{dm}{m} = \frac{dp}{p} + \gamma^2 \left( \frac{dt}{t} + \frac{dL}{L} \right)$$

For 2 hypothesis  $m_A, m_B$ :

$$|t_A - t_B| = \frac{L c}{2p^2} |m_A^2 - m_B^2|$$



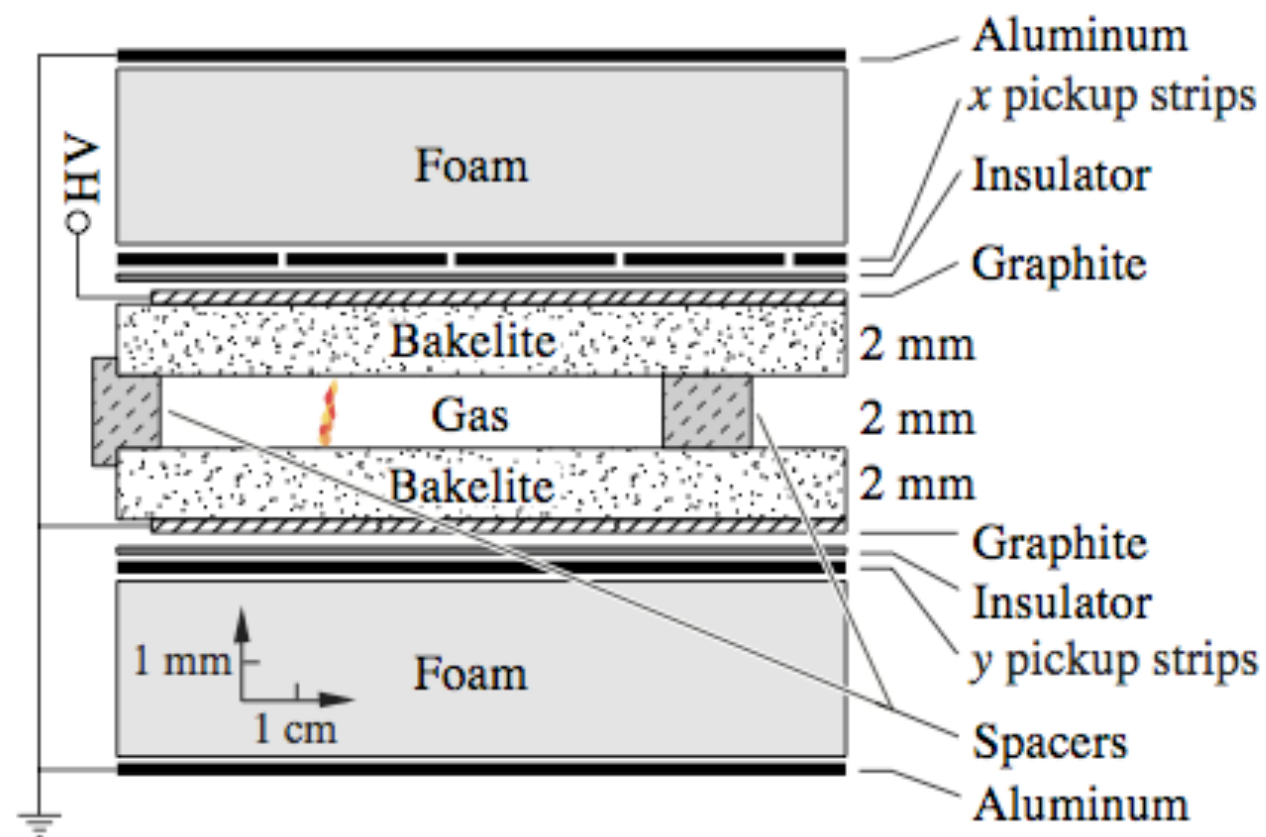
Dedicated detectors for time measurement can reach  $< 100$  ps accuracy even on large system

At LHC, the collision time has an intrinsic jitter of  $\sim 140$  ps (bunch length)

Need dedicated measurement to remove this contribution from time resolution

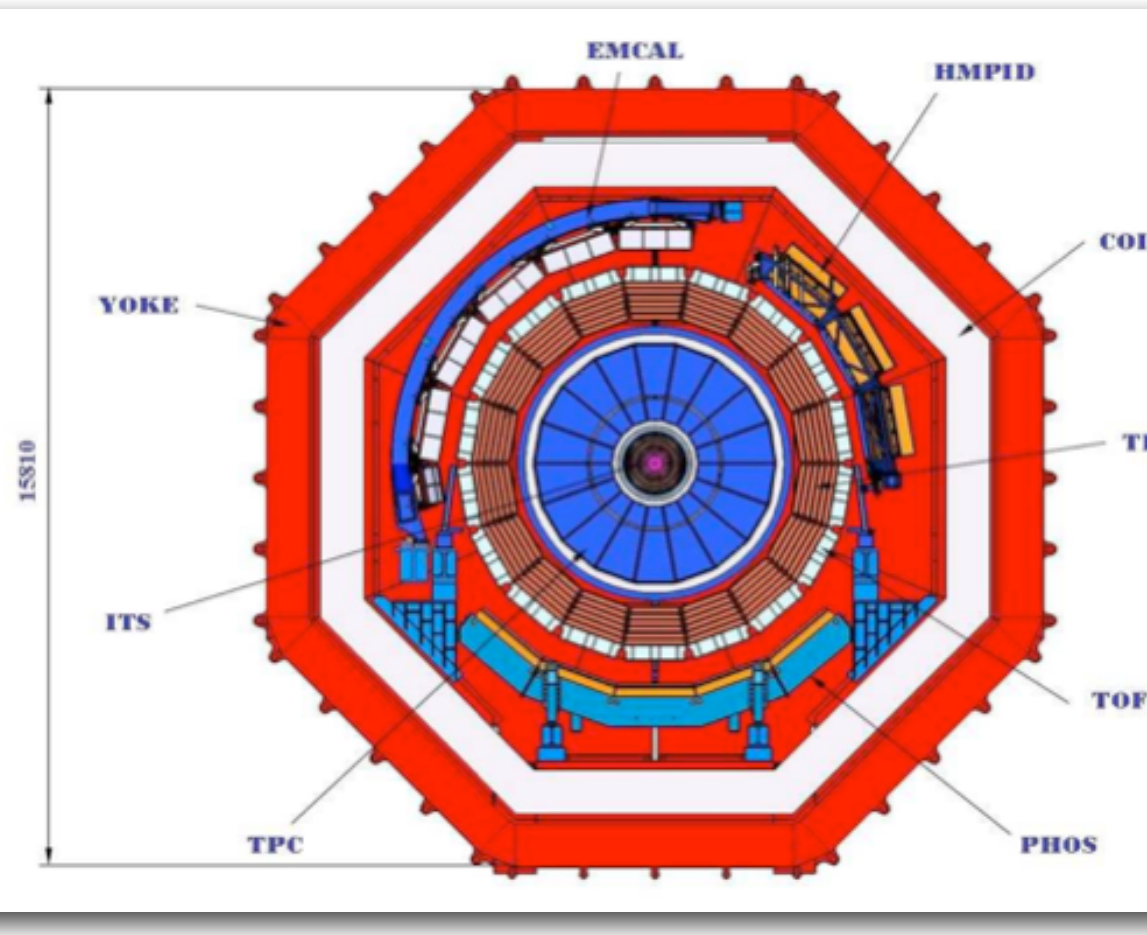
Most commonly used detectors for timing were based on scintillation  
(can also use other techniques like calorimetry, etc..)

Gaseous ionization detectors like RPC developed to cover large area in a  
cost-effective way

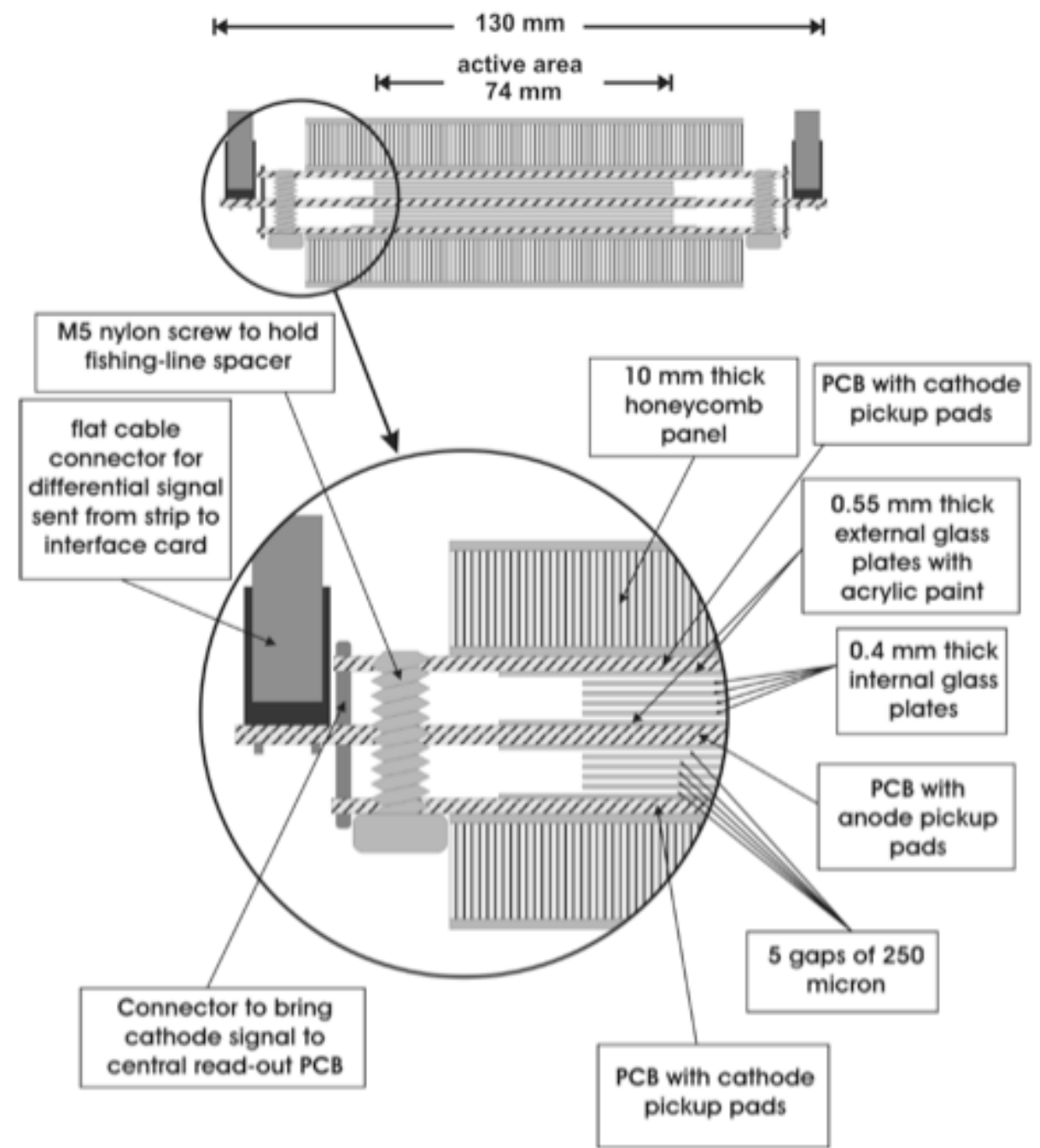


Strong uniform electric field => avalanche starts immediately after primary ionization  
Can reach intrinsic time resolution of  $\sim 50$  ps for multigap RPC  
Rate limitation  $O(\text{kHz}/\text{cm}^2)$

# ALICE time of flight based on MRPC $\sim 10^5$ channels

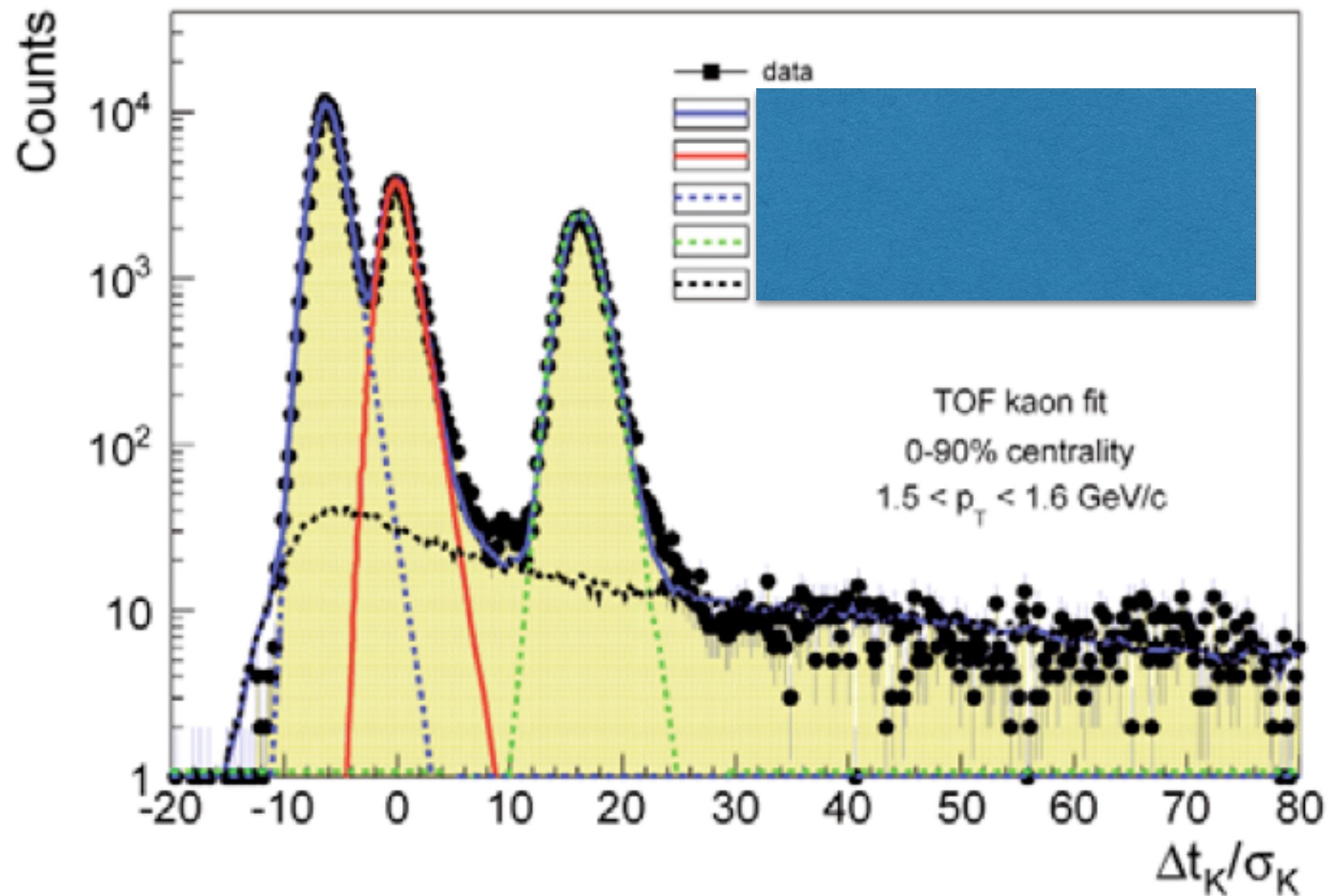


TOF @R=3.7m from interaction  
point





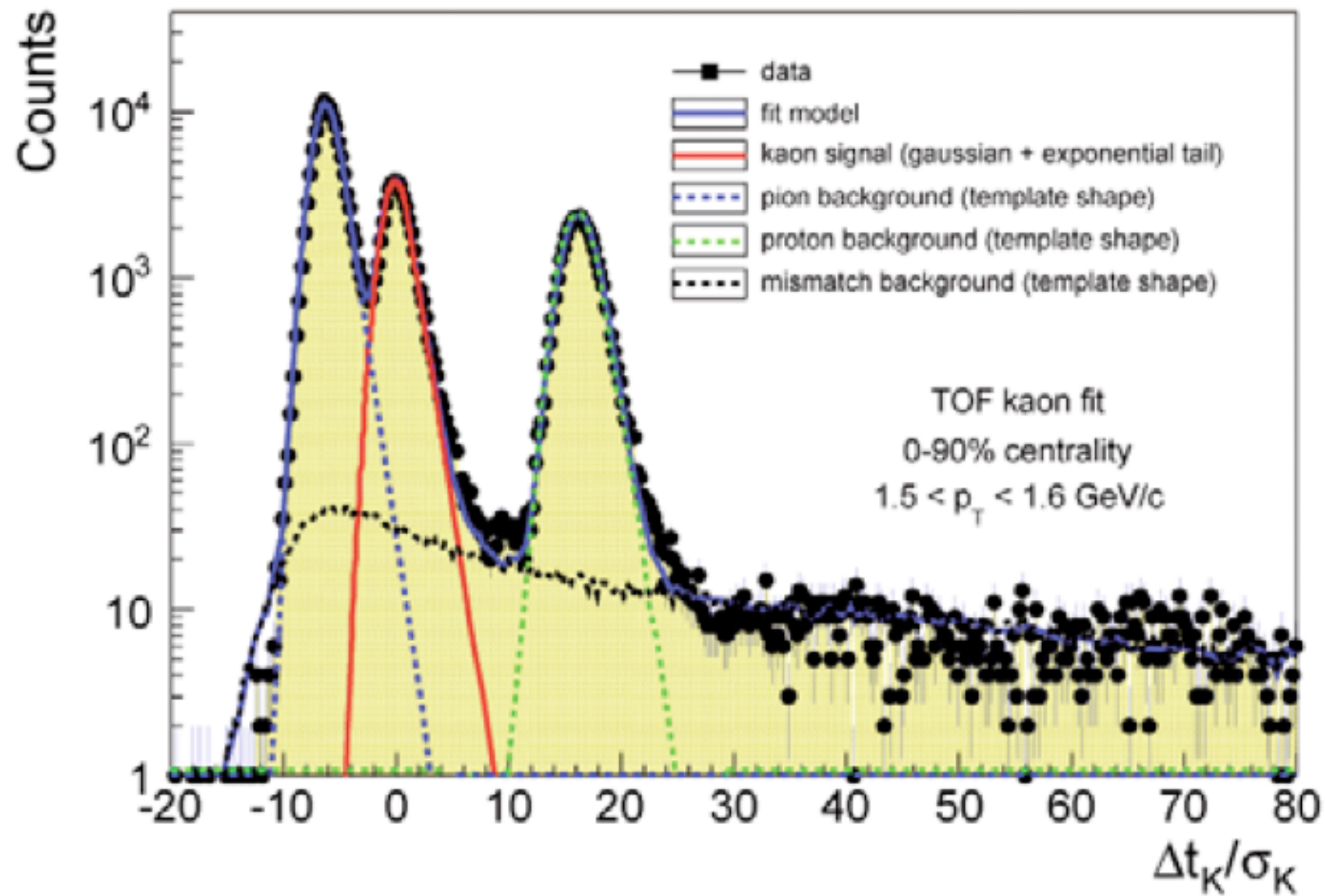
- measure time of flight over 3.7 m distance
- measure momentum
- compare time of flight to predicted time
- of flight assuming  $M = M(K^+)$



Which peaks correspond to which particles ?

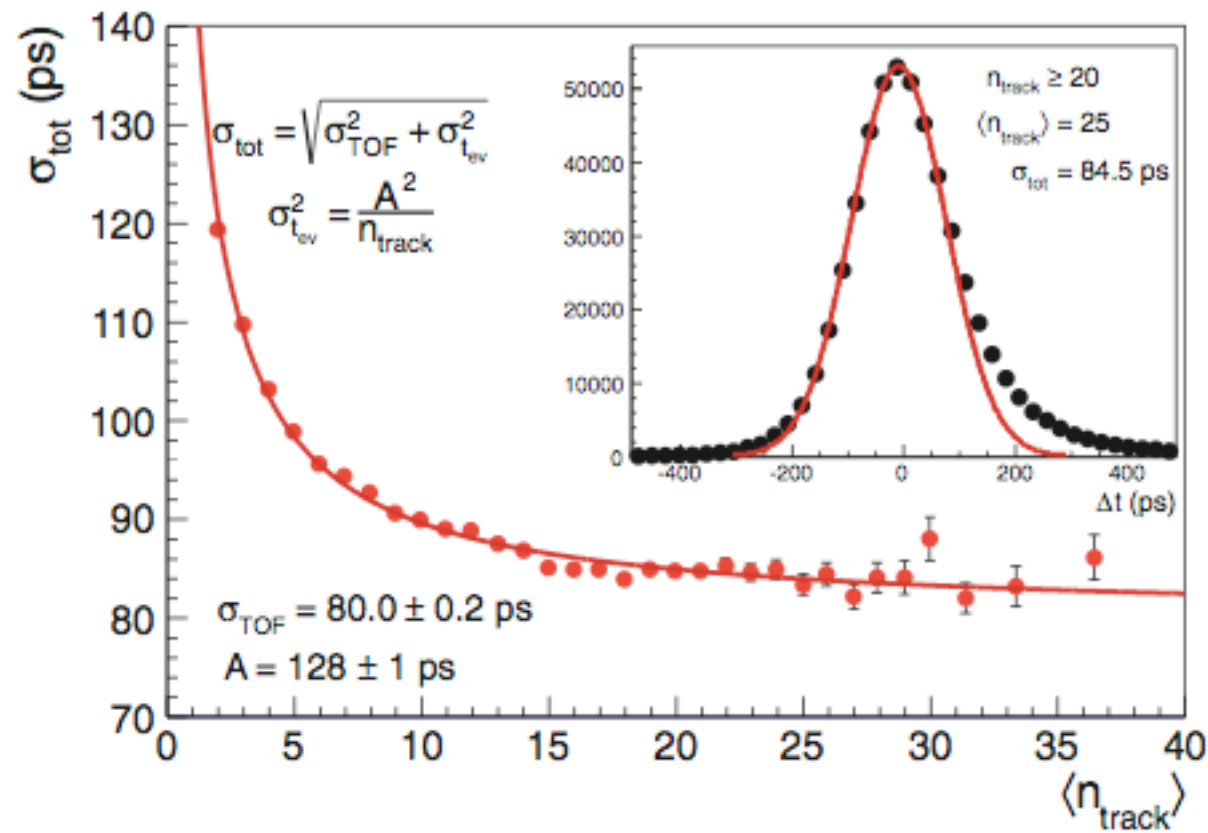


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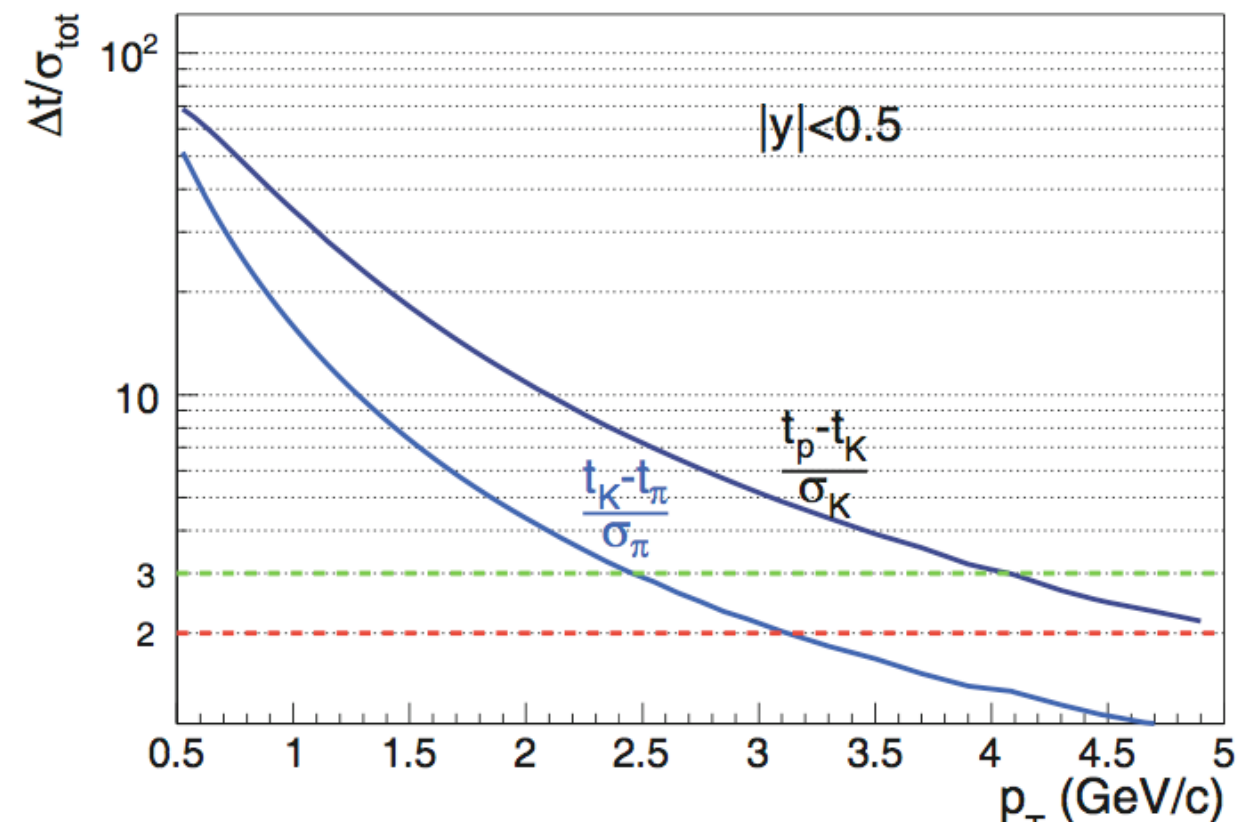
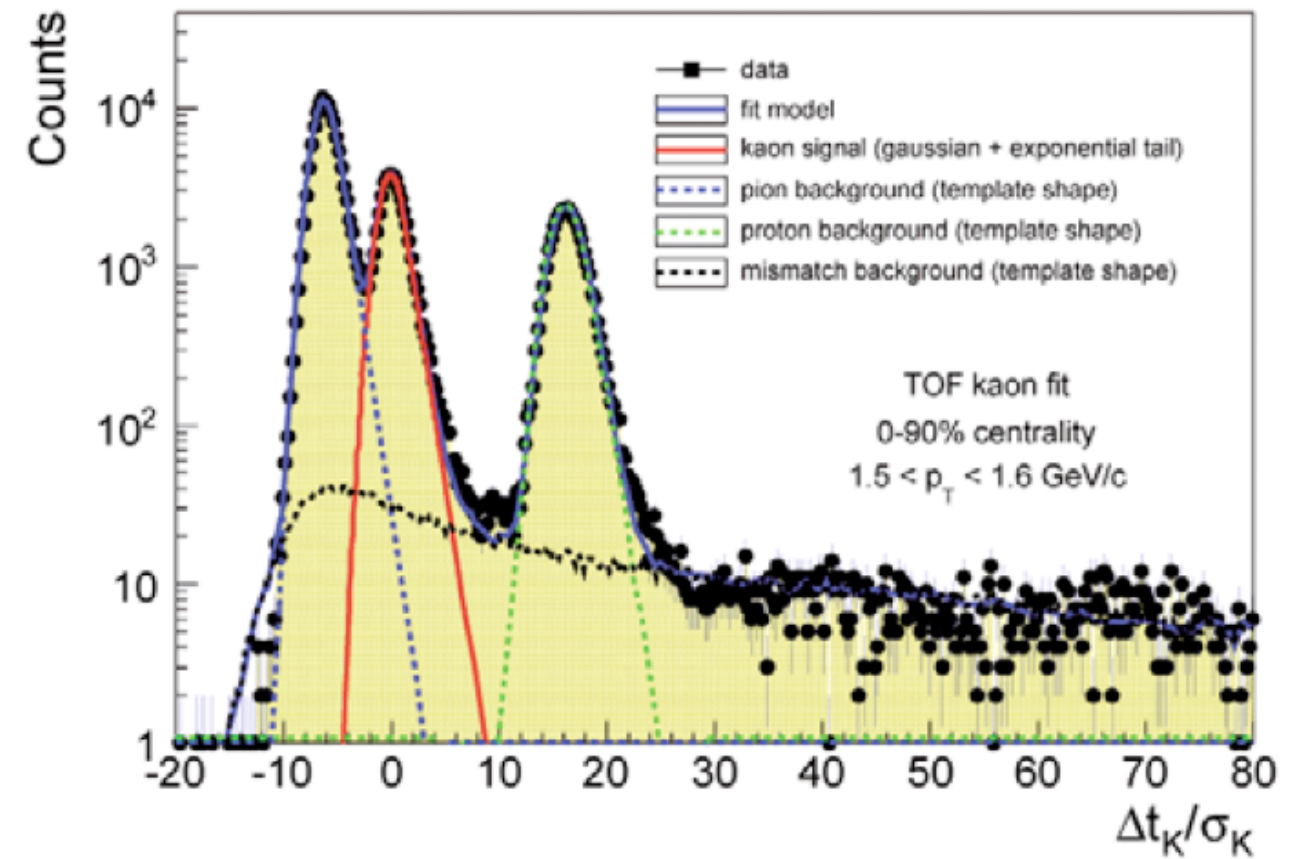


pion, kaon, proton

## Measured time resolution in ALICE

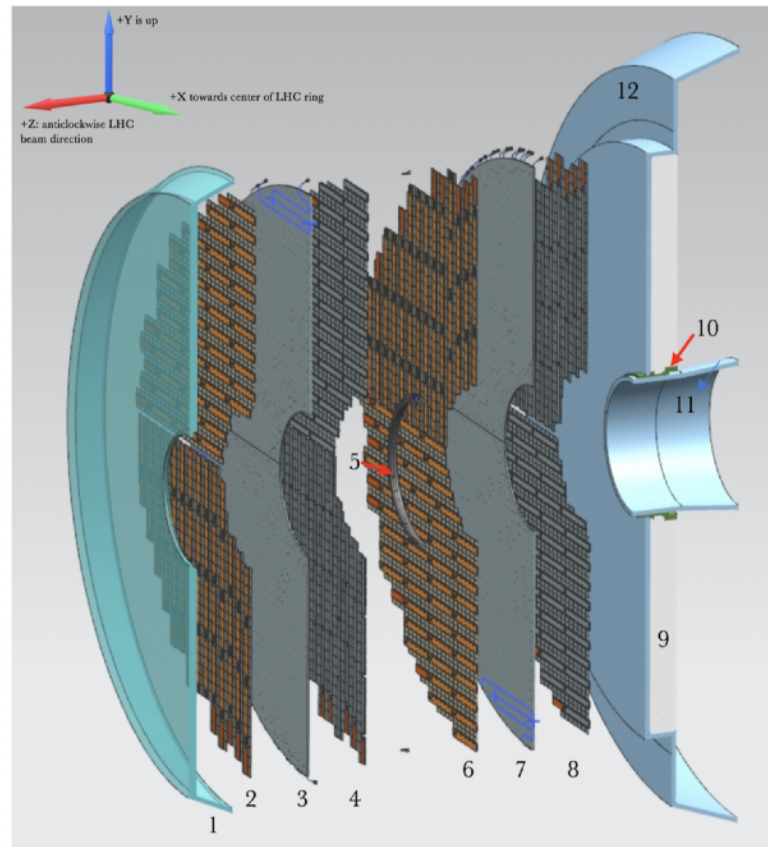


Intrinsic resolution +  
time jitters (electronics,  
clock)+ channel to  
channel variation +  
residual time slewing  
effects



# another application of timing detectors

Si based timing detector in LHC experiment (CMS)  
to measure time of tracks with  $\sim 30$  ps accuracy



- 1: ETL Thermal Screen
- 2: Disk 1, Face 1
- 3: Disk 1 Support Plate
- 4: Disk 1, Face 2
- 5: ETL Mounting Bracket
- 6: Disk 2, Face 1
- 7: Disk 2 Support Plate
- 8: Disk 2, Face 2
- 9: HGCAL Neutron Moderator
- 10: ETL Support Cone
- 11: Support cone insulation
- 12: HGCAL Thermal Screen

and perform 4-D pp vertex  
reconstruction in high pileup  
conditions

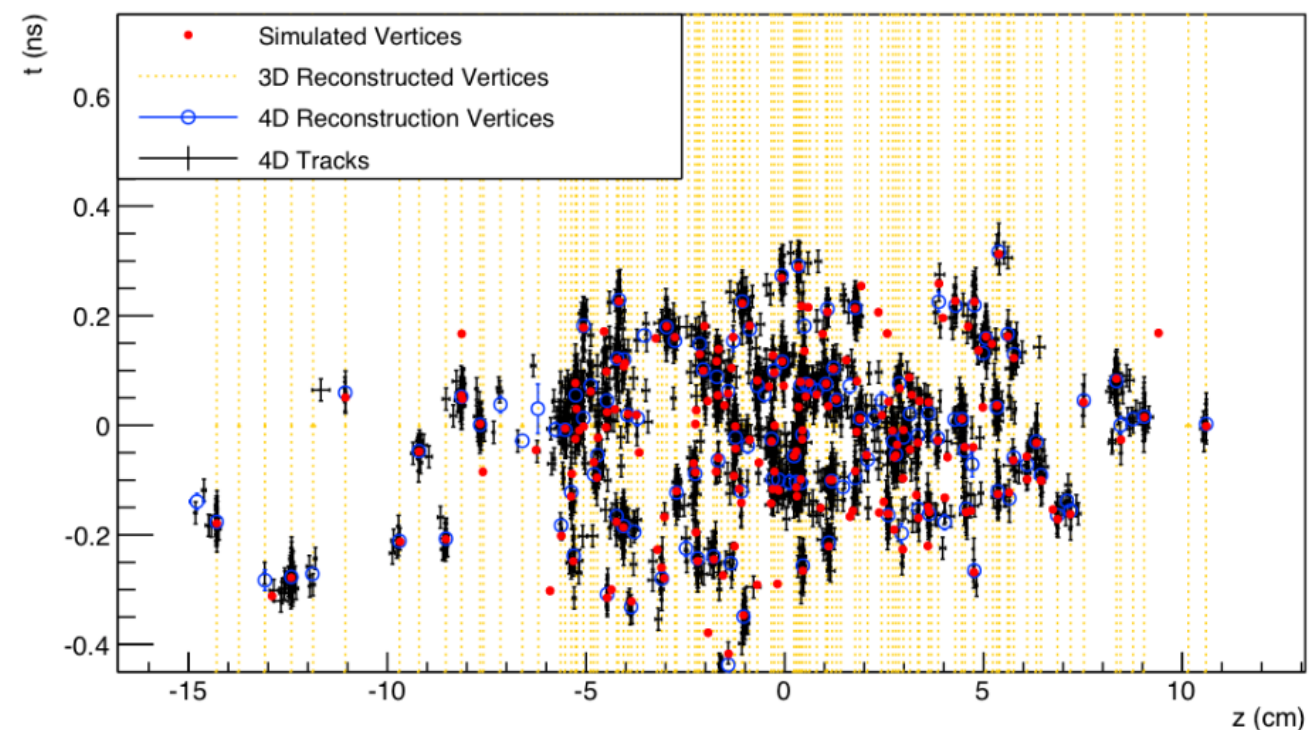
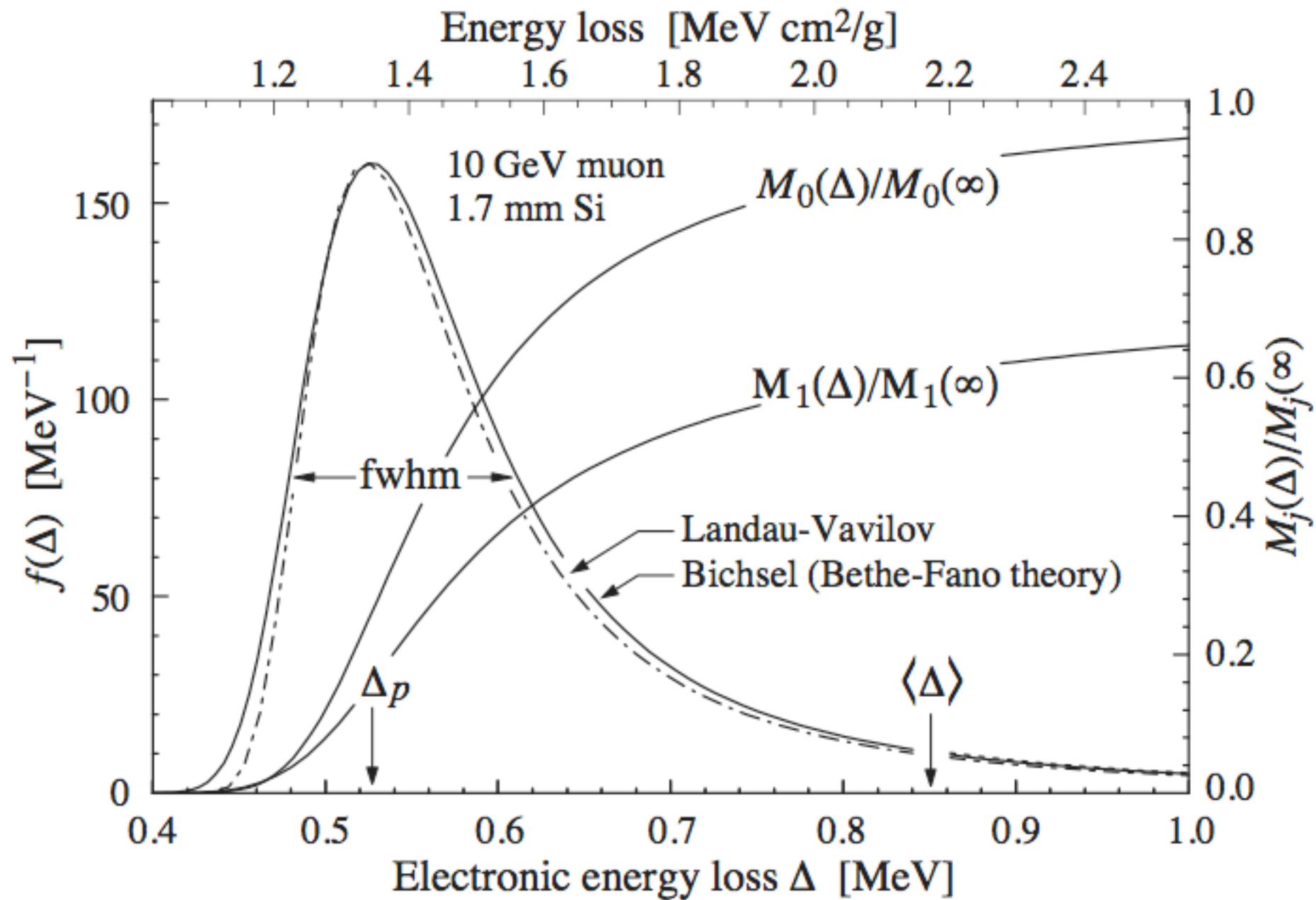


Figure 1.9: Cross sectional view of the endcap timing layer (ETL) along the z



# Ionization measurement



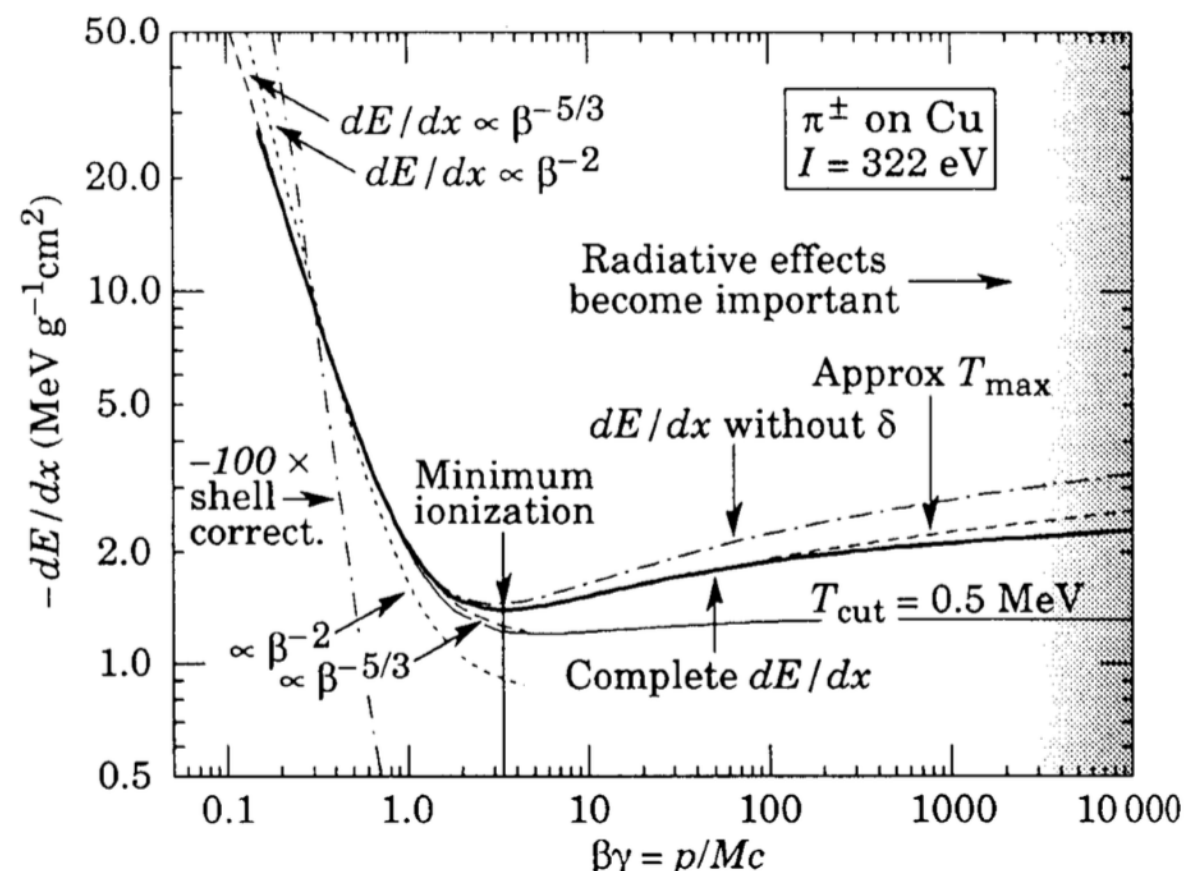
# Formula for restricted energy loss

$$\left\langle \frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle \propto \frac{Z^2}{\beta^2} \left( \log \frac{\sqrt{2m_e c^2 E_{\text{cut}}} \beta \gamma}{I} - \frac{\beta^2}{2} - \frac{\delta}{2} \right)$$

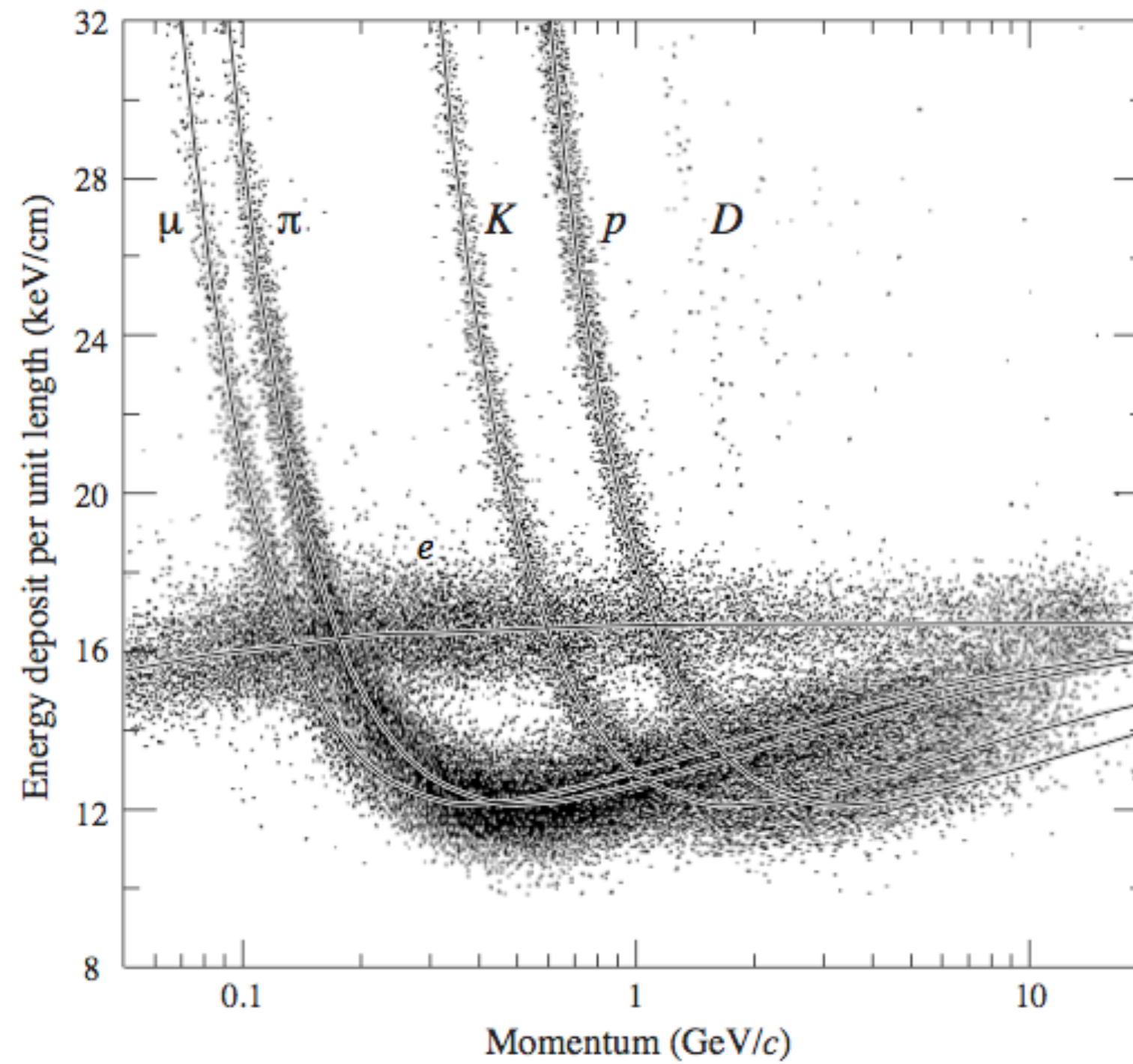
$I$  = effective excitation energy

$\delta$  = density correction effect

$E_{\text{cut}}$  = upper limit for energy transfer in single collision



# Ionisation measurement in a TPC



Can use gaseous or solid state counter to measure ionisation

Provide signal pulse height  $\sim N$ (electrons liberated in ionization) and measurement of track length  
 $\Rightarrow$  allows one to compute  $dE/dx$

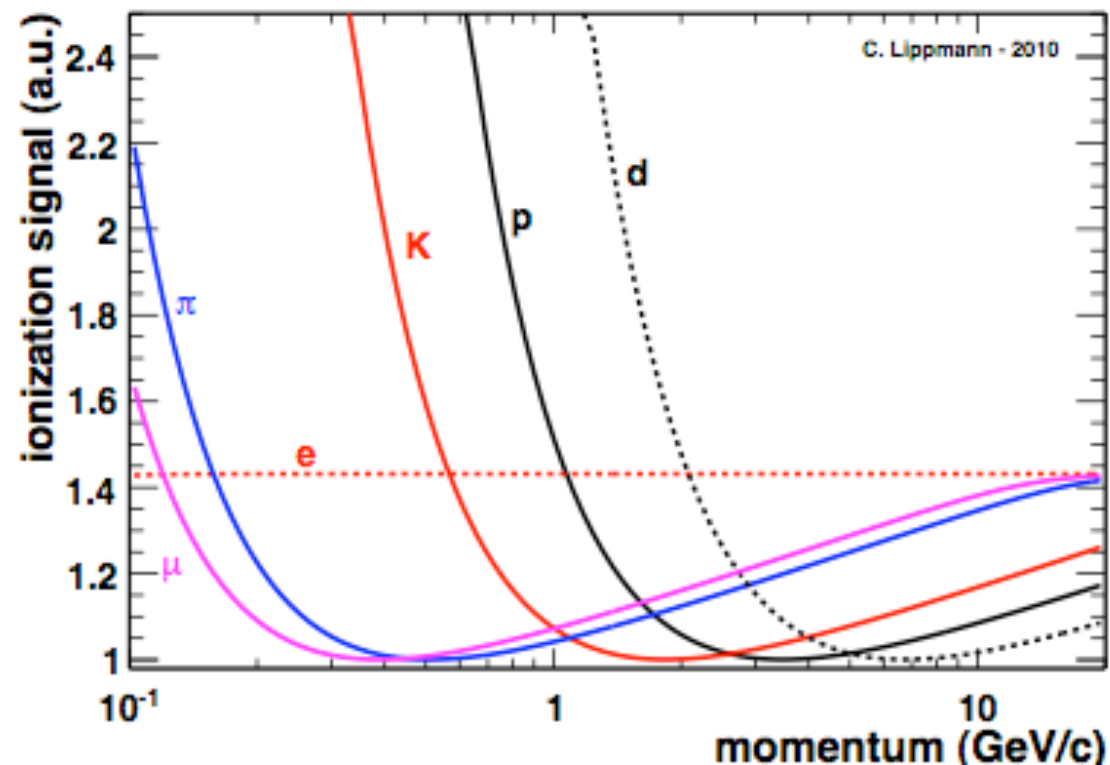
Average several measurements with a truncated mean to reduce tail impact

Typical other errors affecting measurement:

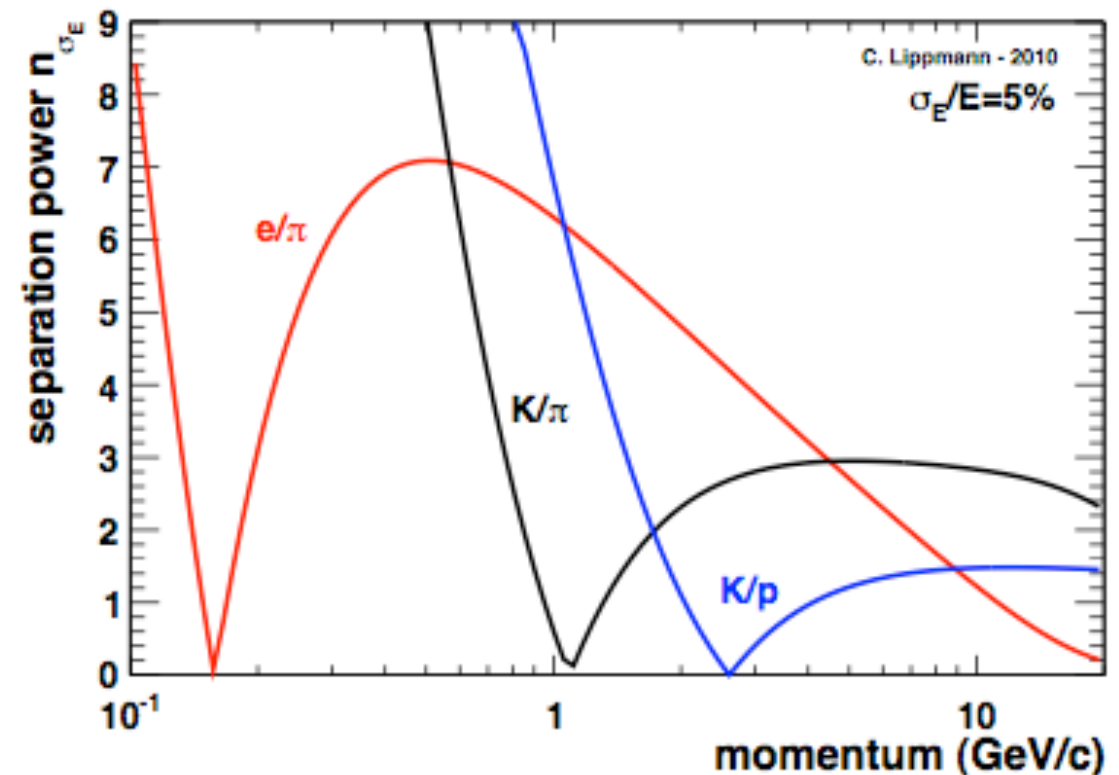
- energy calibration of the detector
- detector conditions (for instance gas pressure)
- detector geometry and track orientation (affects track length)
- overlapping tracks in dense environment
- etc..



Typical ionization signals vs p (gaseous detector)  
 (for Si detector, plateau only slightly above  
 minimum => less separation at high energy)



Separation assuming 5% resolution

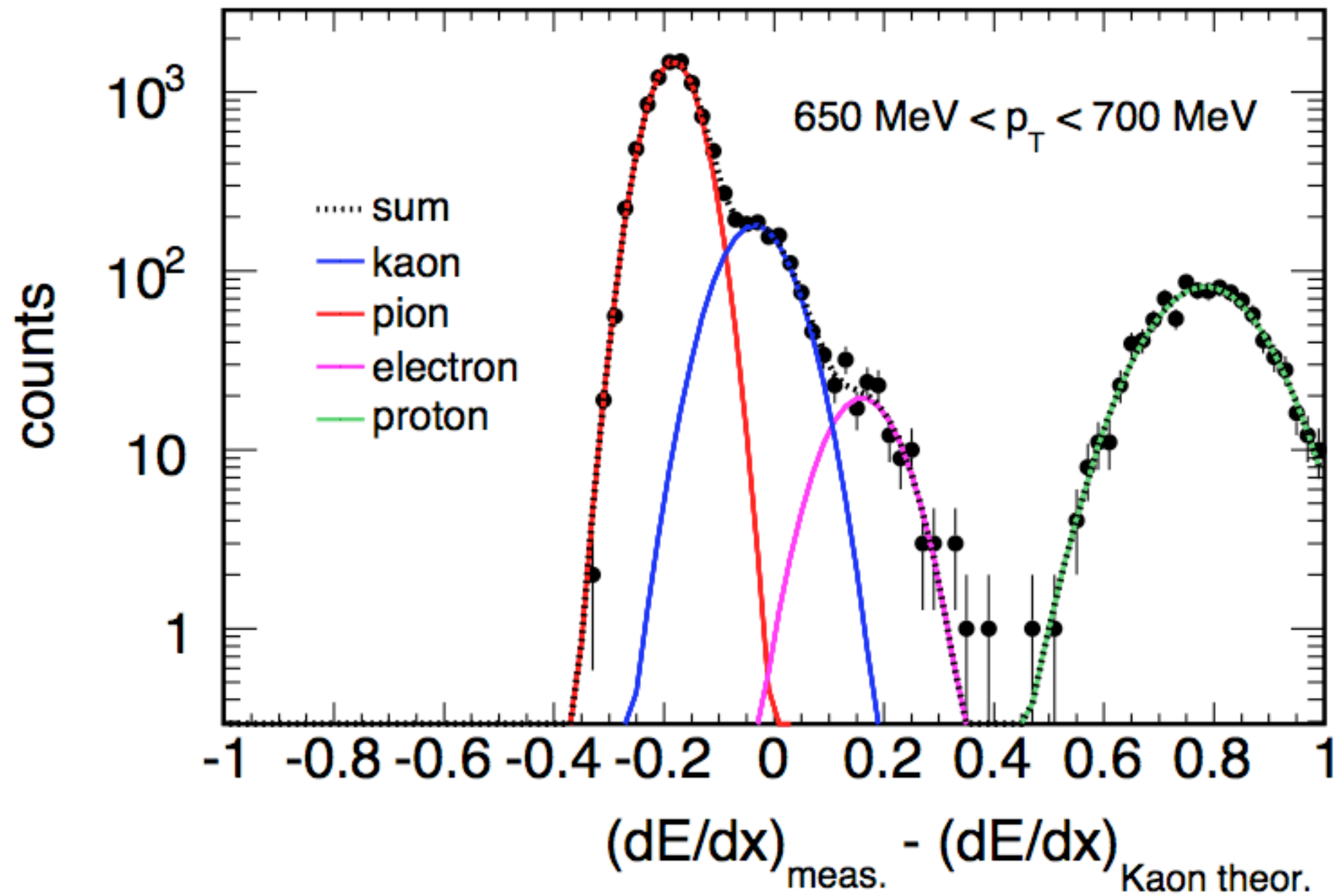


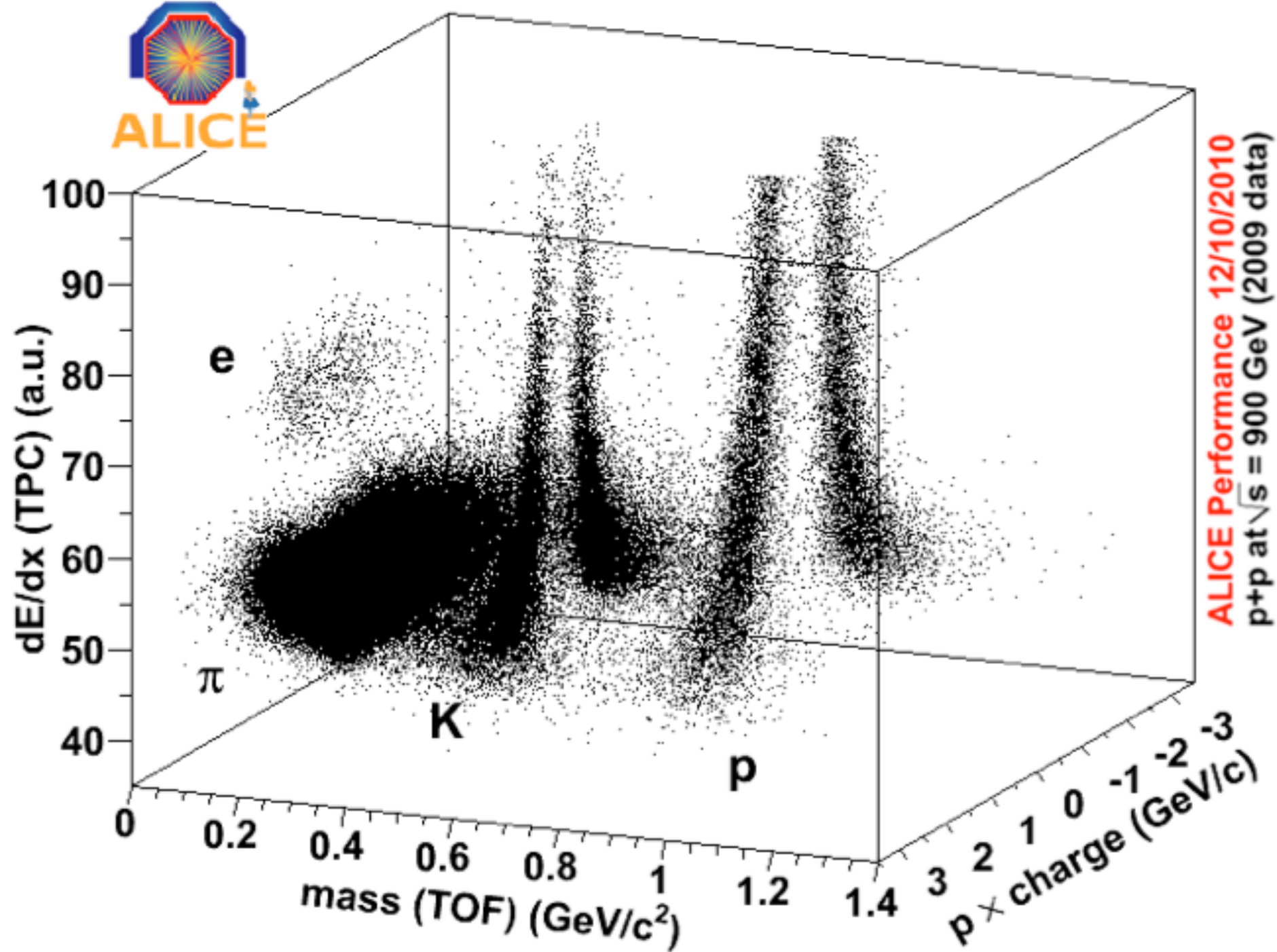
Empirical scaling formula for resolution in gaseous detector:

$$\sigma_E = 0.41 N_R^{-0.43} (xP)^{-0.32} .$$

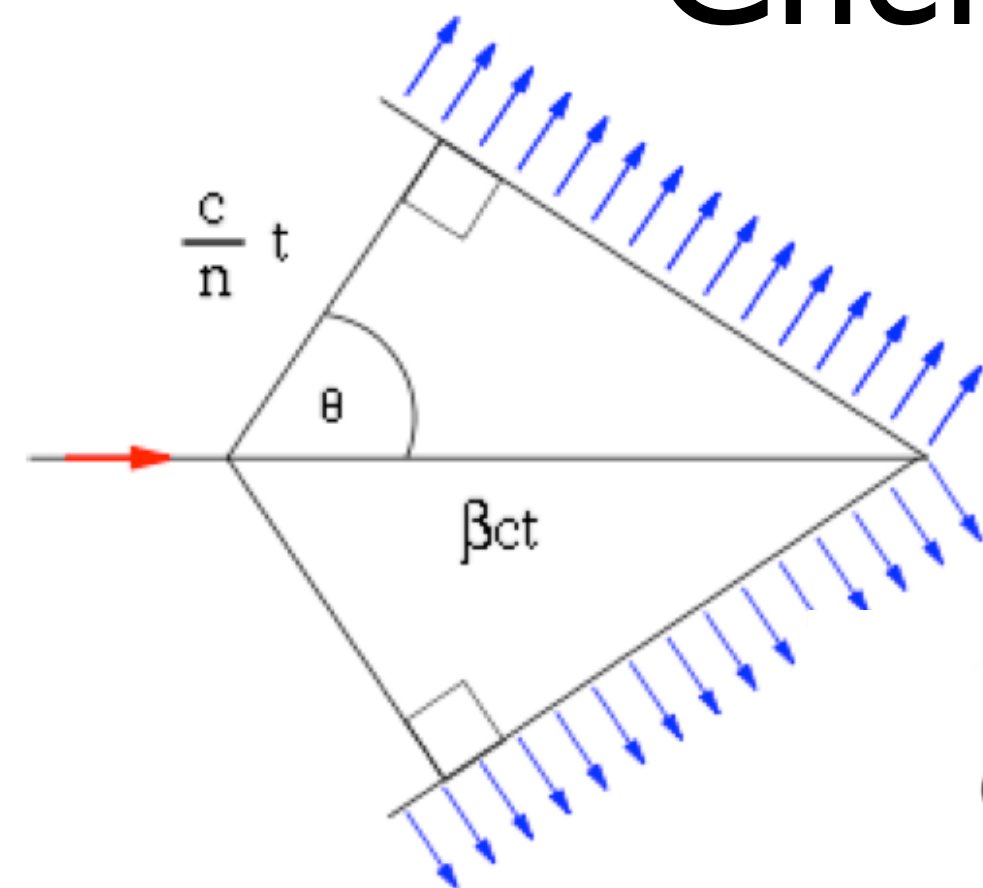
Nr = number of measurements  
 x = thickness of sampling layers  
 (x.Nr = total detector thickness)  
 P = pressure

# ALICE TPC detector reaches $\sim 5\%$ dEdx resolution





# Cherenkov radiation



$$\cos \theta_c = \frac{1}{\beta n} \quad (n = n(E_{\text{photon}}))$$

$$\text{Threshold velocity} \quad \beta_t = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\frac{d^2 N_\gamma}{dE dx} = \frac{\alpha z^2}{\hbar c} \sin^2 \theta_c \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d^2 N}{d\lambda dx} \propto \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

$$\approx 370 \sin^2 \theta_c(E) \text{ eV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1} \quad \text{for } z=1$$

# different type of Cherenkov detectors

- threshold Cherenkov detectors: yes/no decision depending if particle is above/below threshold  $\beta = 1/n$ 
  - main issue is optimising photon detection and minimising noise
- Imaging Cherenkov detectors

$$\frac{\sigma_\beta}{\beta} = \tan \theta_c \sigma(\theta_c)$$

$$\text{with } \sigma(\theta_c) = \frac{\langle \sigma(\theta_c) \rangle}{\sqrt{N_{p.e}}} \oplus C$$

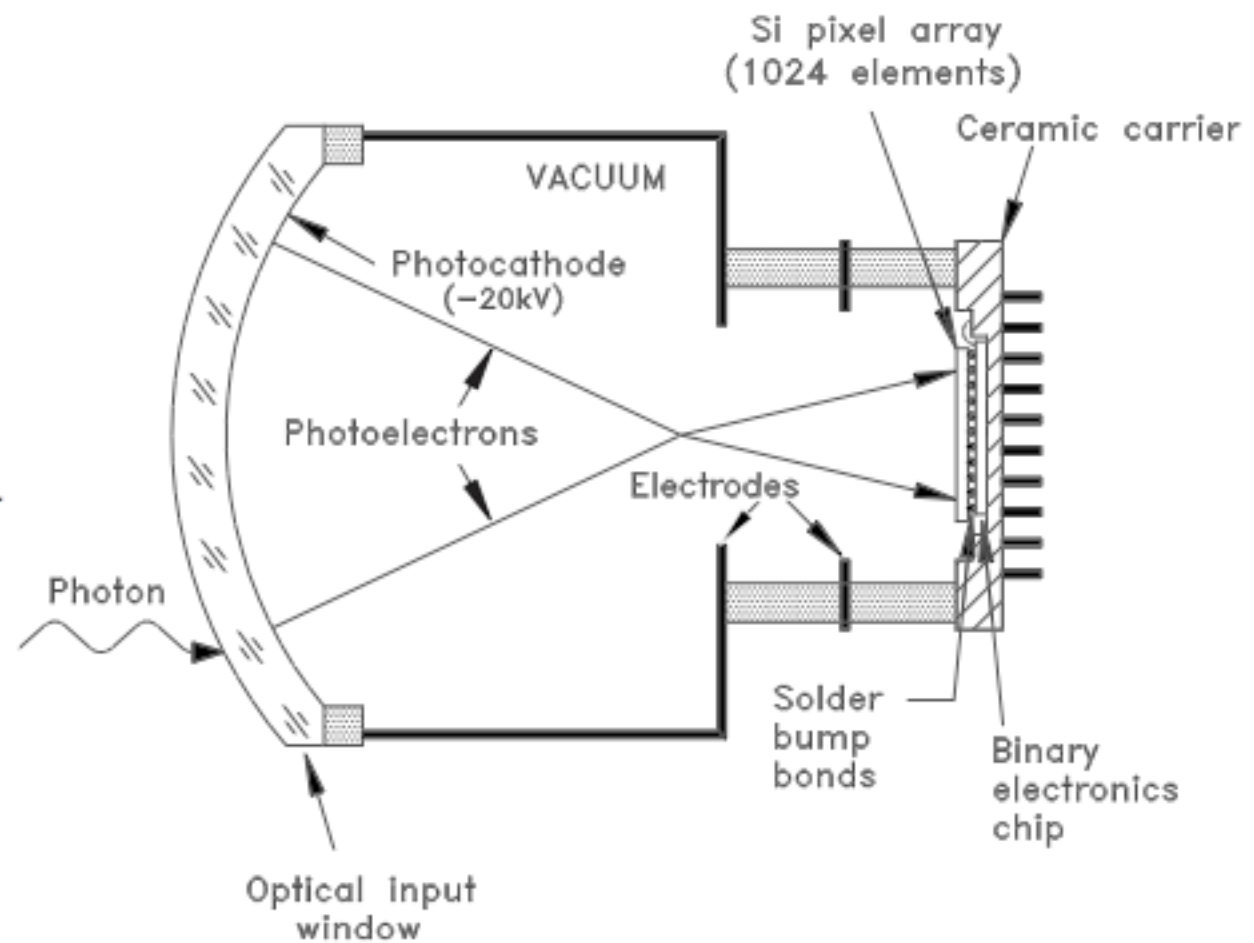
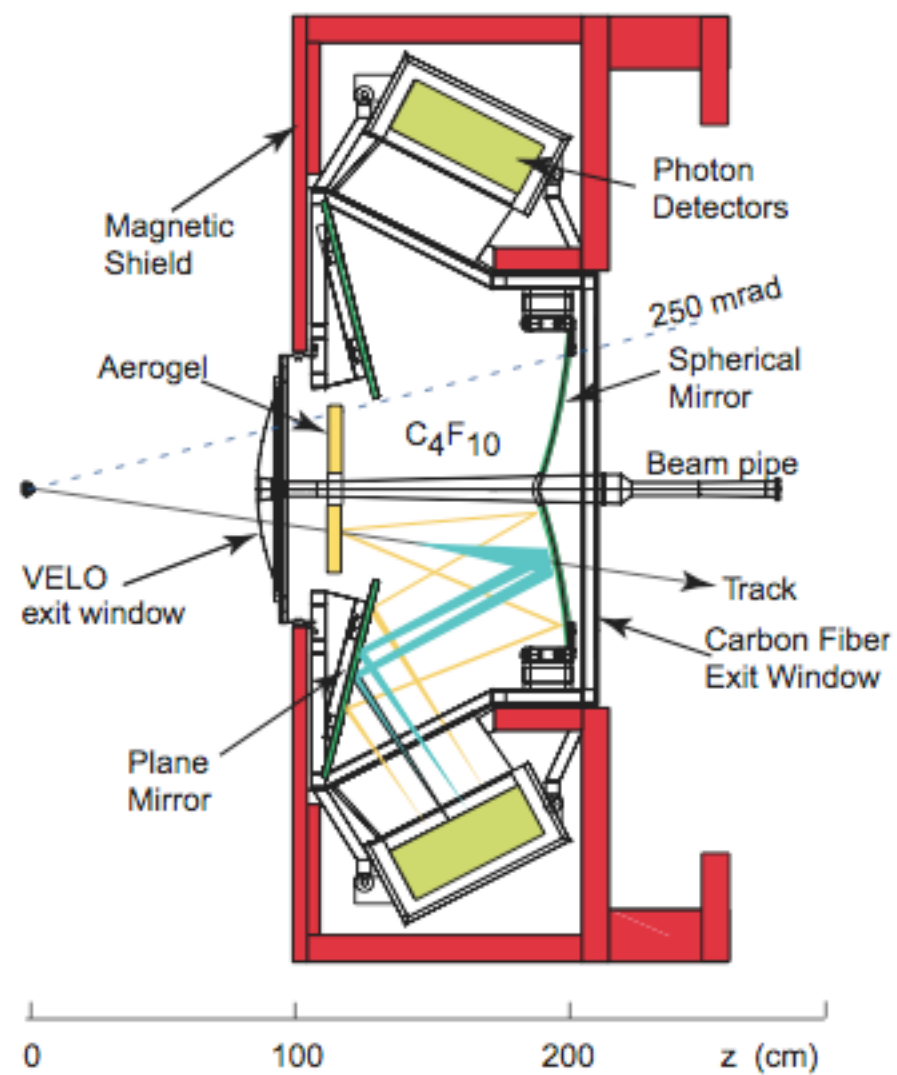
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \sigma(\theta_c) \rangle = \text{average single photoelectron resolution} \\ \quad (\text{optics, detector geometry, ...}) \\ N_{p.e} = \text{number of photoelectron detected} \\ C = \text{alignment, multiple scattering, ambiguities} \\ \quad \text{background, etc...} \end{array} \right.$$

$$N_{\text{sigma}} \approx \frac{|m_1^2 - m_2^2|}{2 p^2 \sigma(\theta_c) \sqrt{n^2 - 1}}$$

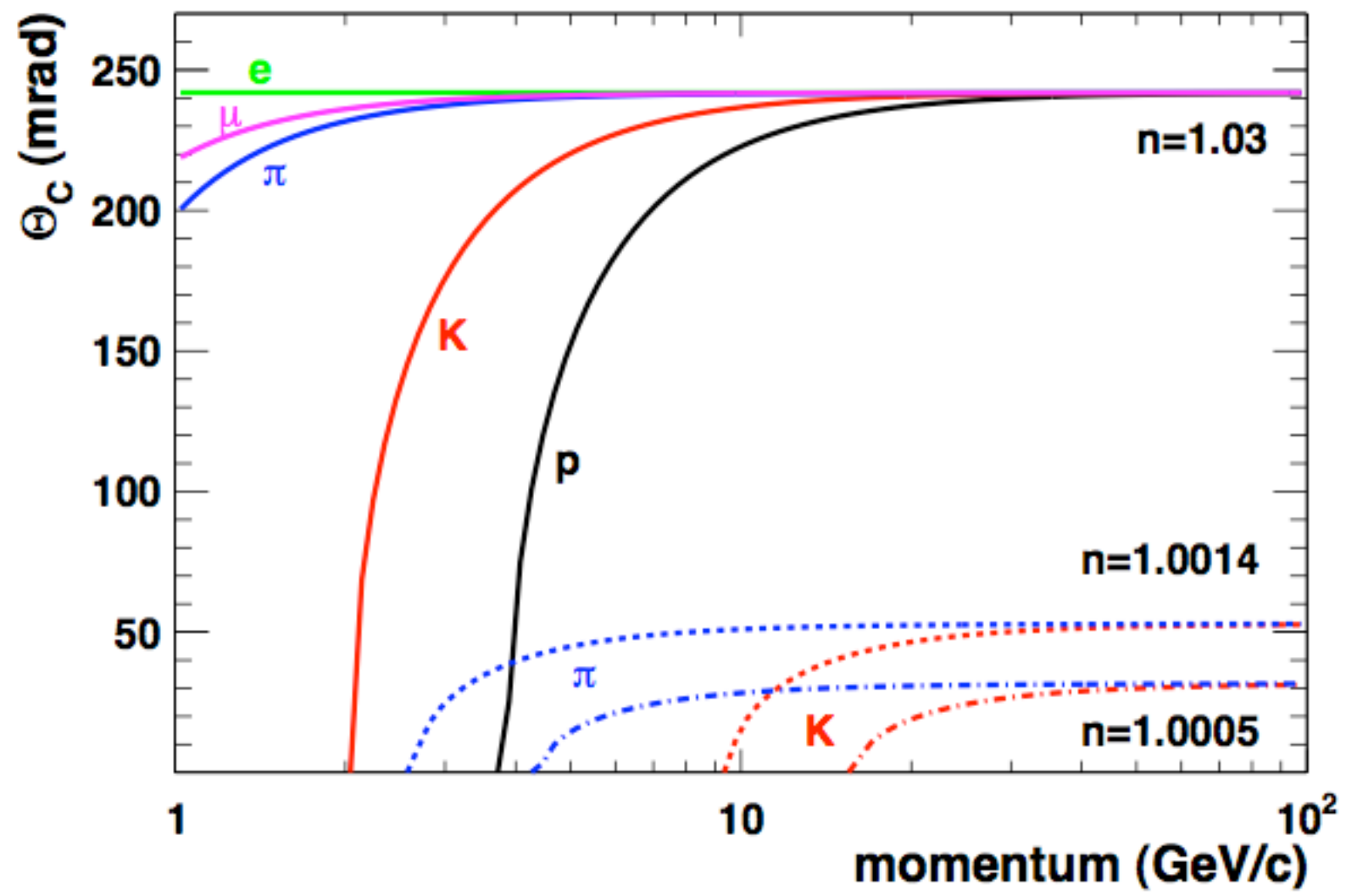


# Cherenkov imaging detector

## LHCb example







in real life:

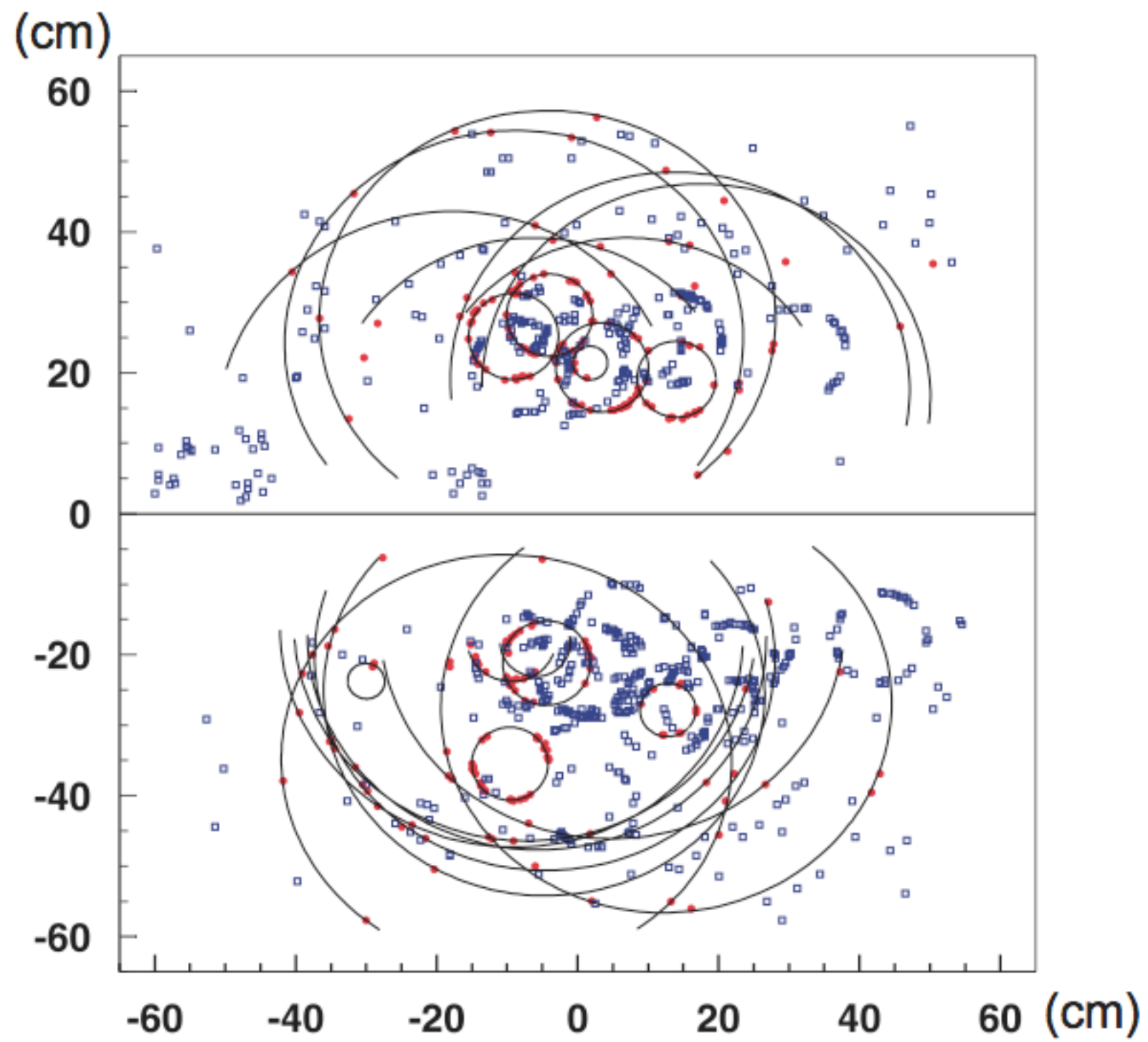
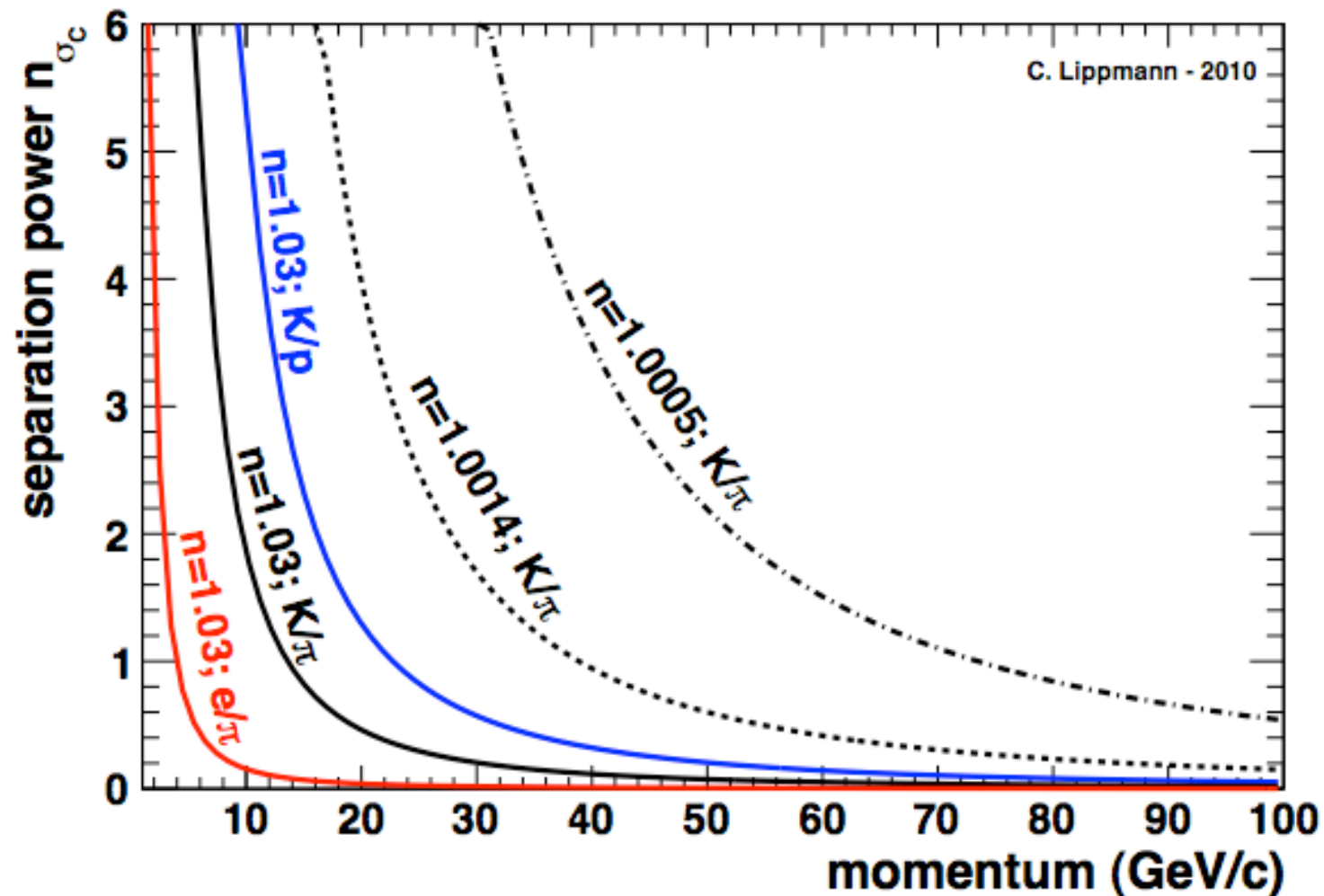
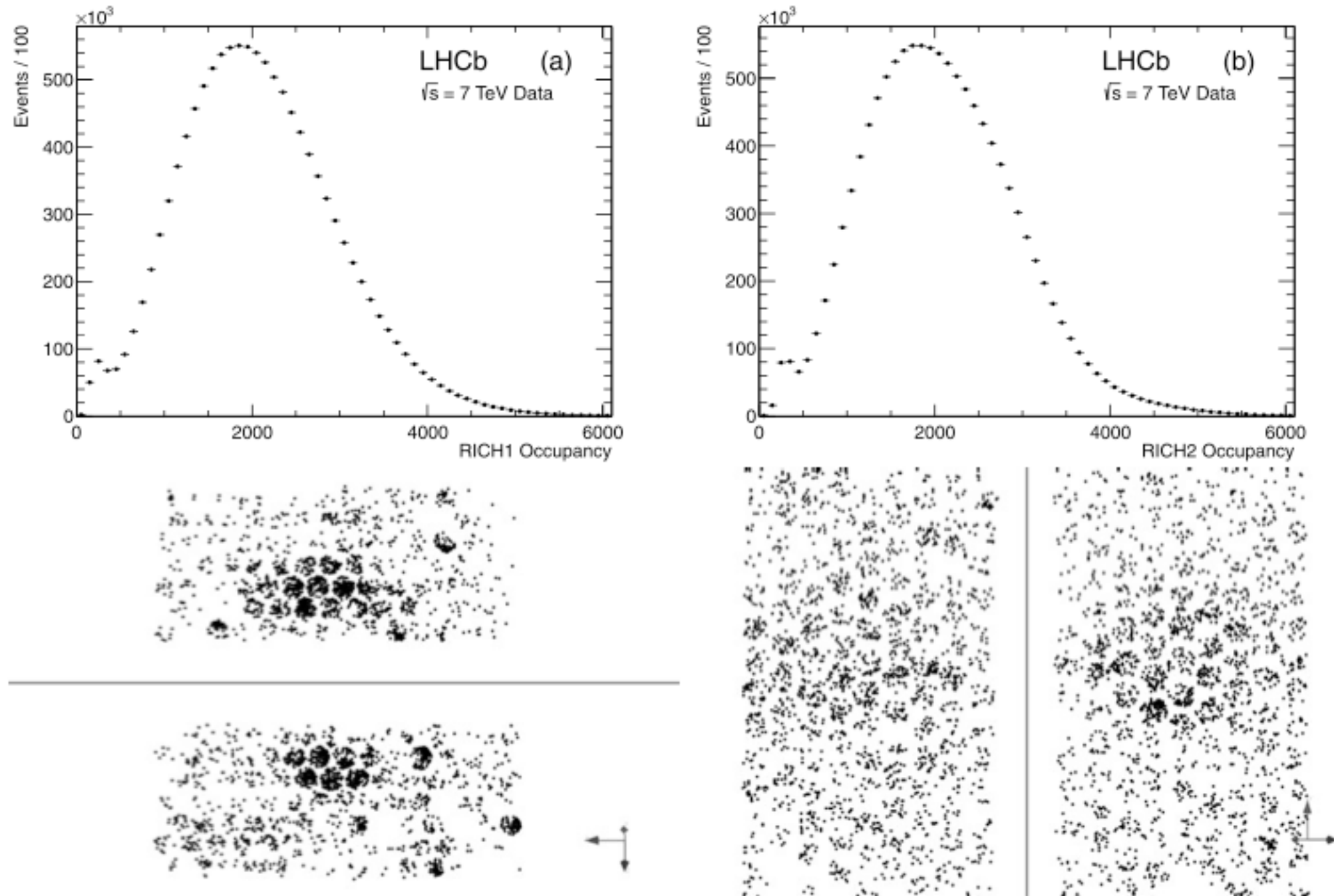


Table 3: Some parameters of the LHCb RICH detectors. The measured single photoelectron angular resolutions [87] are for the preliminary alignment available from the first data sample with p-p collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV.

		RICH1		RICH2
		Silica aerogel	C <sub>4</sub> F <sub>10</sub>	CF <sub>4</sub>
Momentum range [GeV/c]		$\leq 10$	$10 \lesssim p \lesssim 60$	$16 \lesssim p \lesssim 100$
Angular acceptance [mrad]	vertical	$\pm 25$ to $\pm 250$		$\pm 15$ to $\pm 100$
	horizontal	$\pm 25$ to $\pm 300$		$\pm 15$ to $\pm 120$
Radiator length [cm]		5	95	180
Refractive index $n$		1.03 (1.037)	1.0014	1.0005
Maximum Cherenkov angle [mrad]		242 (268)	53	32
Expected photon yield at $\beta \approx 1$		6.7	30.3	21.9
$\sigma_{\Theta_i}$ [mrad]	expected	2.6	1.57	0.67
	measured	$\sim 7.5$	2.18	0.91

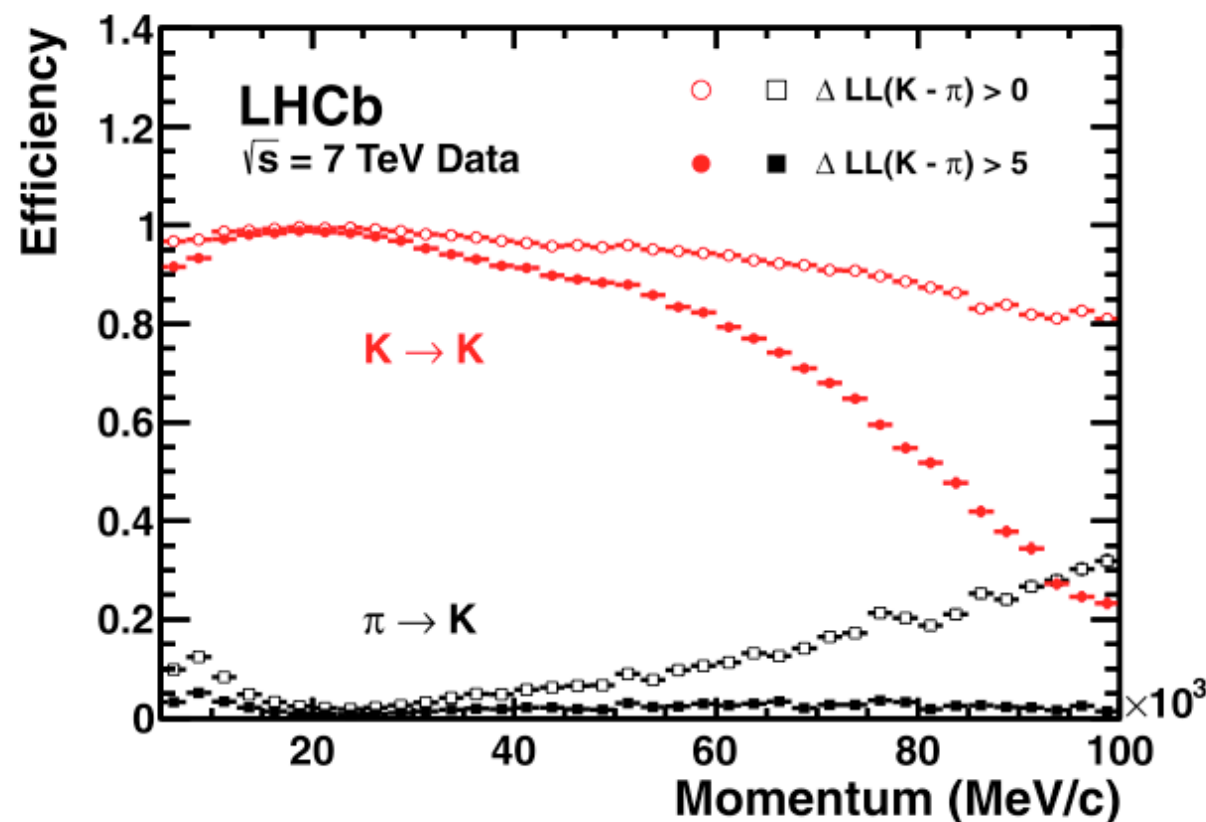


# Need good software to reconstruct the Cherenkov cones for each charged particle

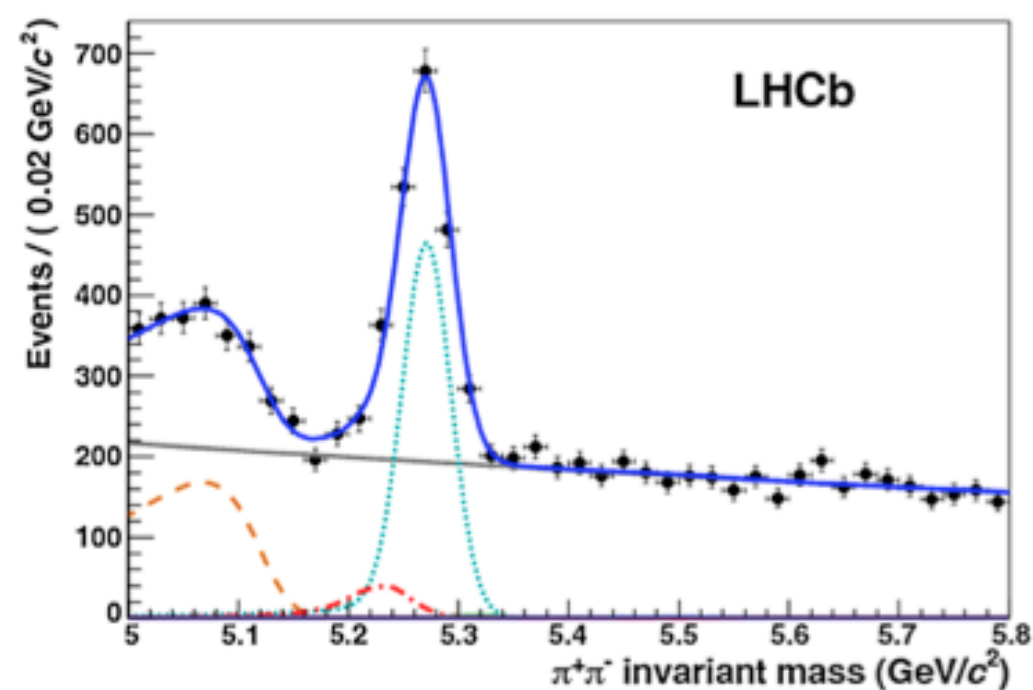
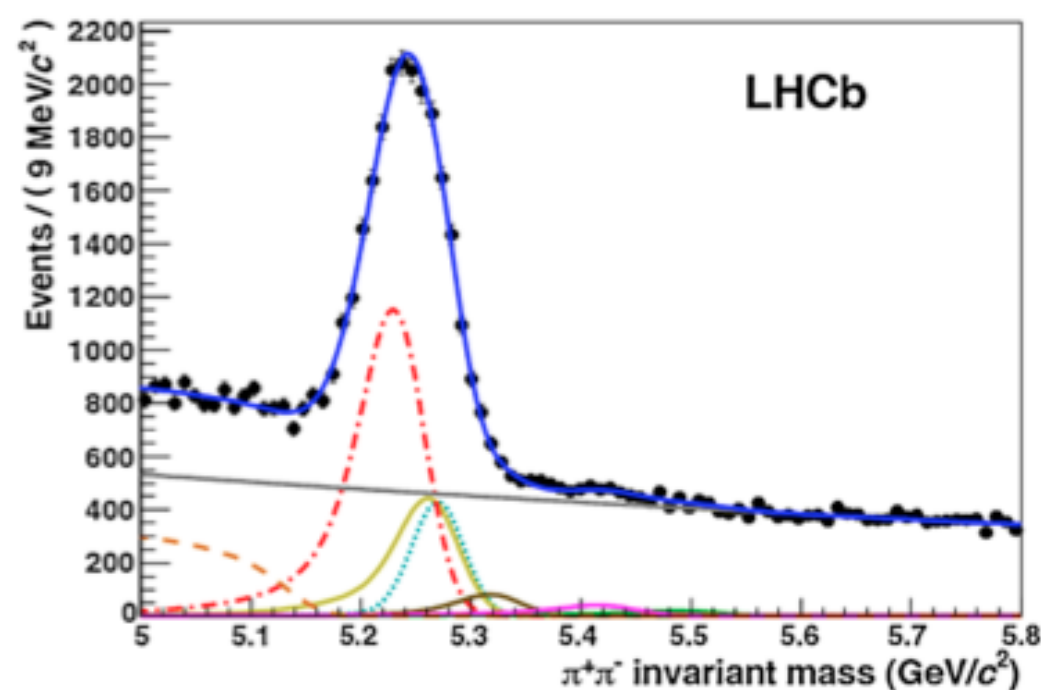


**Fig. 13** Distribution of the number of pixel hits per event in (a) RICH 1 and (b) RICH 2. An example of a typical LHCb event as seen by the RICH detectors, is shown below the distributions. The *upper/lower* HPD panels in RICH 1 and the *left/right* panels in RICH 2 are shown separately





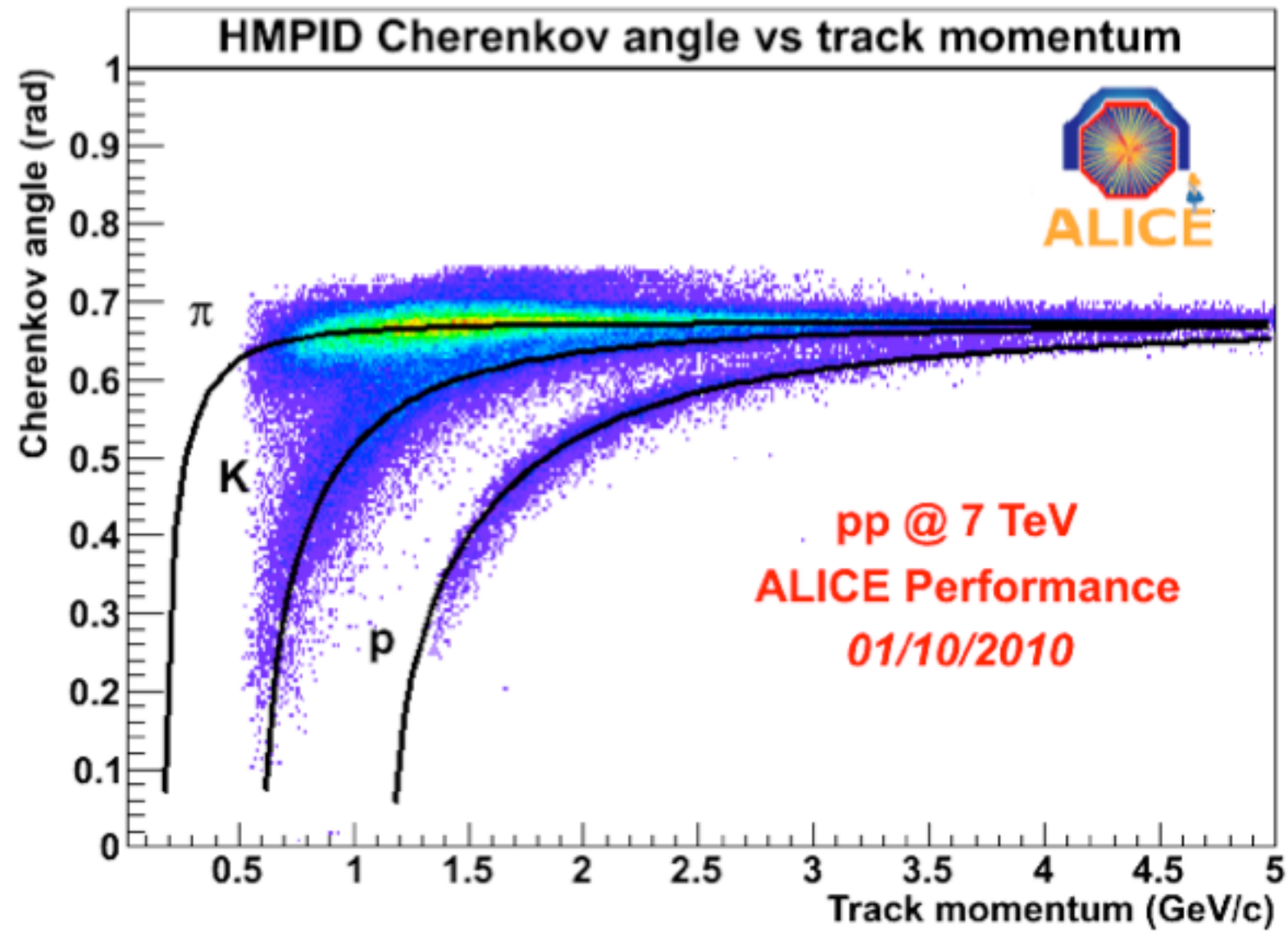
pi/kaon separation using RICH  
in LHCb



**Fig. 2** Invariant mass distribution for  $B \rightarrow h^+h^-$  decays [6] in the LHCb data before the use of the RICH information (*left*), and after applying RICH particle identification (*right*). The signal under study is the decay  $B^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ , represented by the turquoise *dotted* line. The contributions from different  $b$ -hadron decay modes ( $B^0 \rightarrow K\pi$  *red dashed-dotted* line,  $B^0 \rightarrow 3\text{-body}$  *orange dashed-dashed* line,

$B_s \rightarrow KK$  *yellow* line,  $B_s \rightarrow K\pi$  *brown* line,  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK$  *purple* line,  $\Lambda_b \rightarrow p\pi$  *green* line), are eliminated by positive identification of pions, kaons and protons and only the signal and two background contributions remain visible in the plot on the right. The *grey solid* line is the combinatorial background (Color figure online)

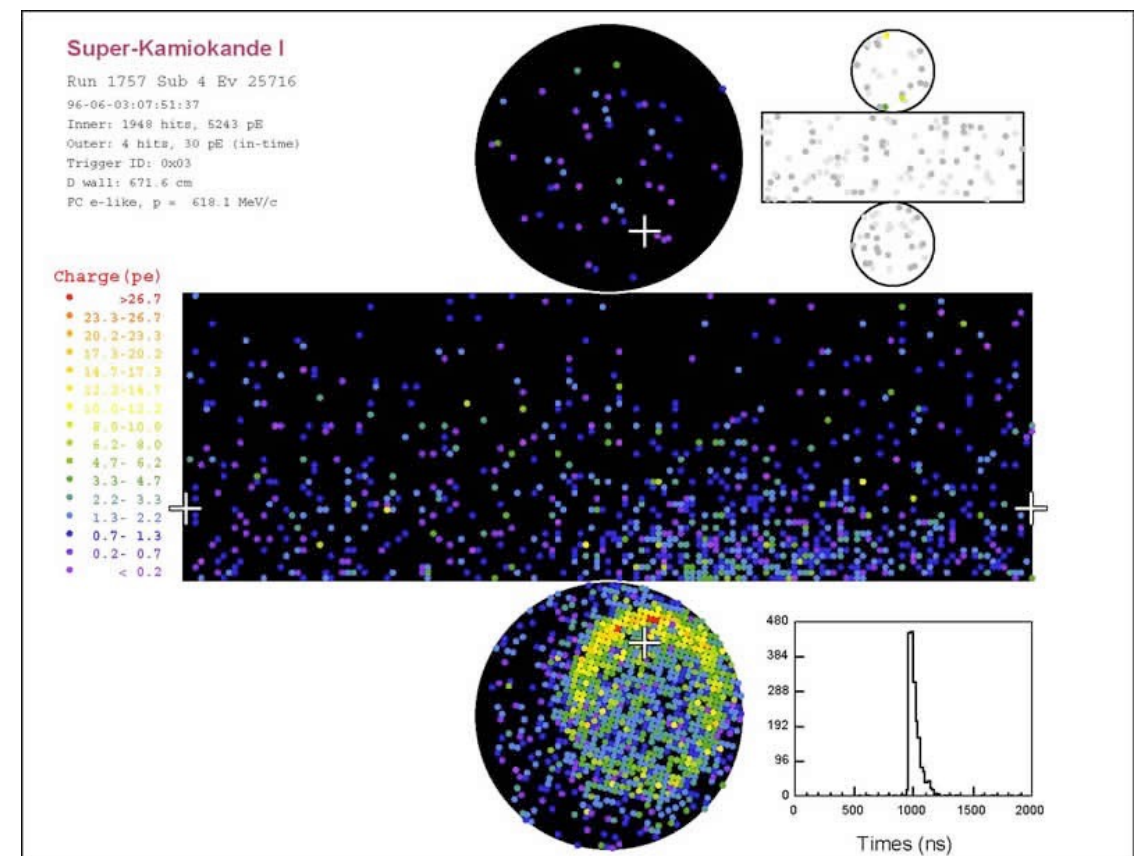
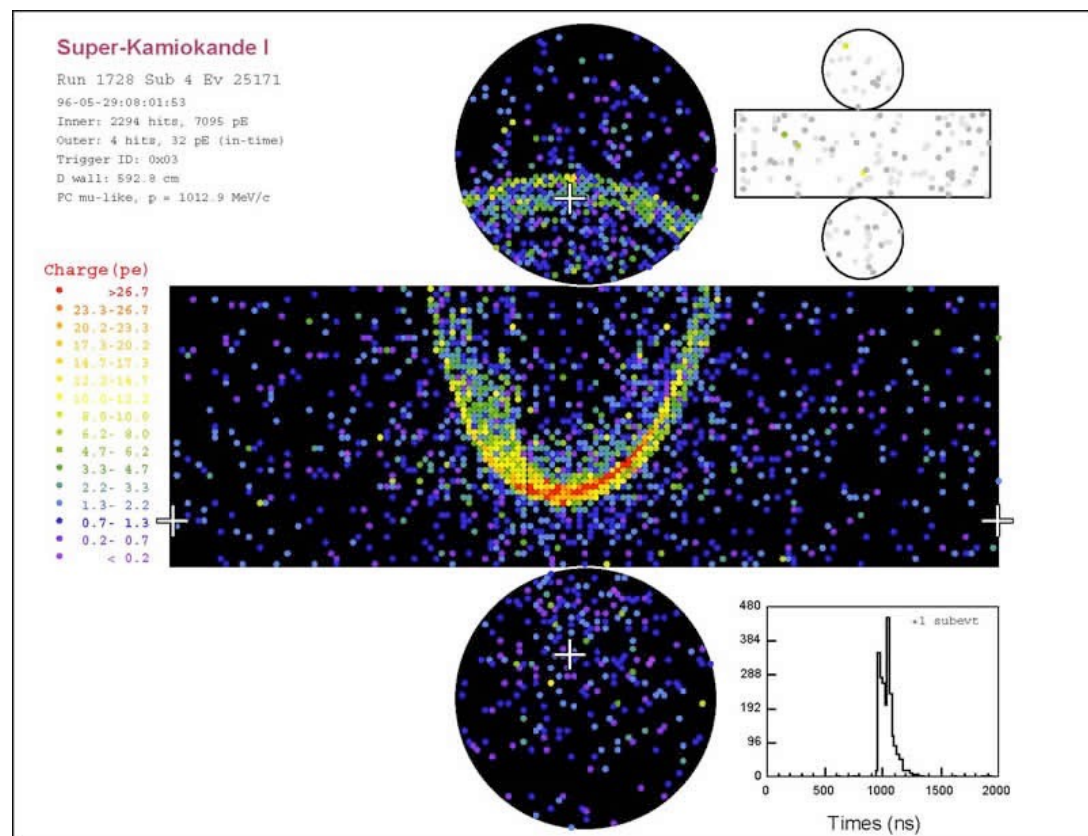
# Cherenkov detector in ALICE





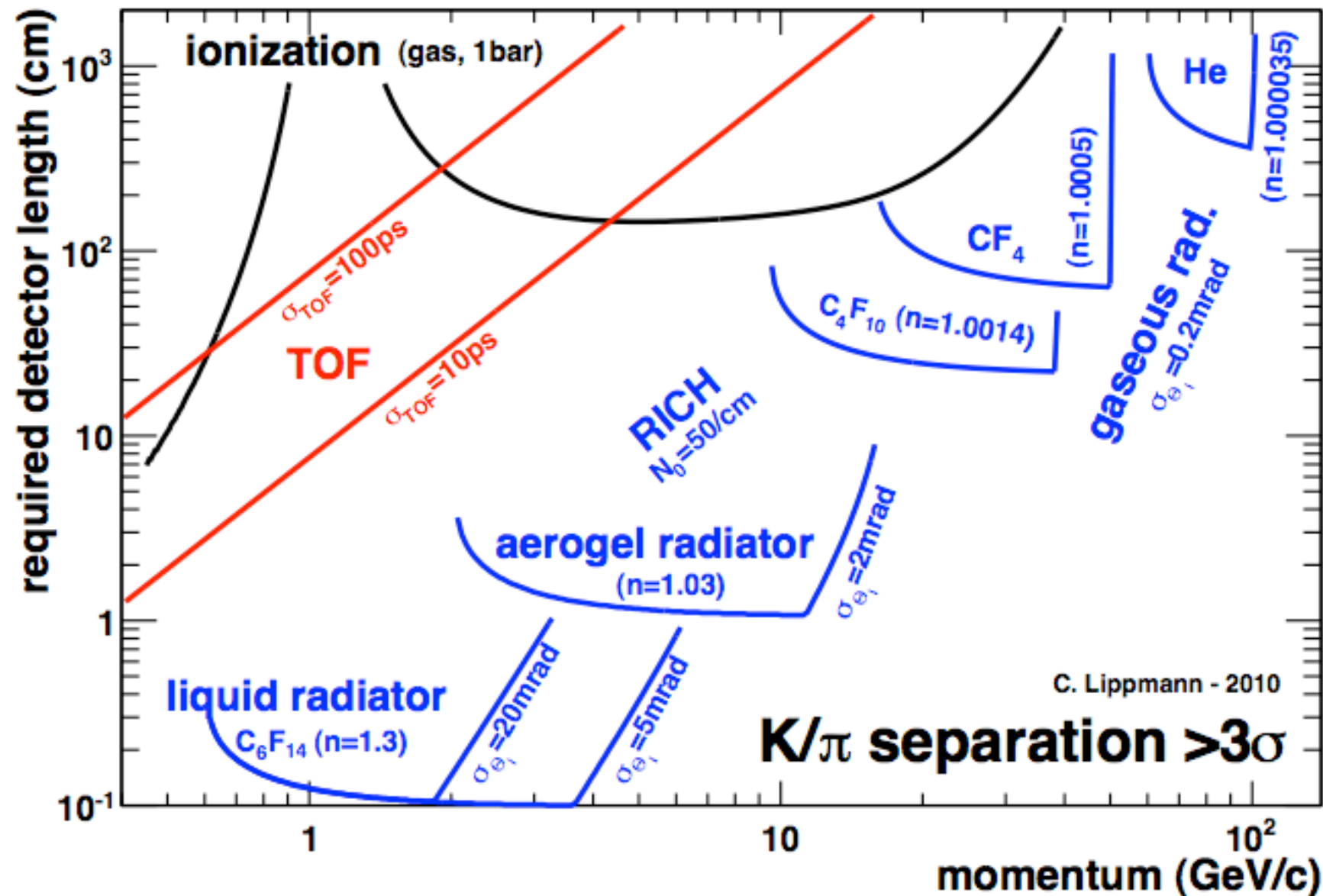
# Application of Cherenkov for neutrino detector

neutrino interaction in water produces muon or electron  
which are above Cherenkov threshold  
Light is detected by photo multipliers around the water tank



Which one is an electron and which one is a muon ?

# Comparison of different techniques



What is the best technique for K/pi separation @0.5 GeV with a 2m detector ?

and @ 10 GeV with a 2 m detector ?

# Transition radiation

When charge  $ze$  crosses boundary vacuum/medium

$$I = \frac{1}{3} \alpha z^2 \gamma \hbar \omega_p$$

$$\hbar \omega_p = \sqrt{4\pi N e^2} \frac{m_e c^2}{\alpha} = \sqrt{\rho / (\text{g/cm}^3) \langle \frac{Z}{A} \rangle} \times 28.81 \text{ eV}$$

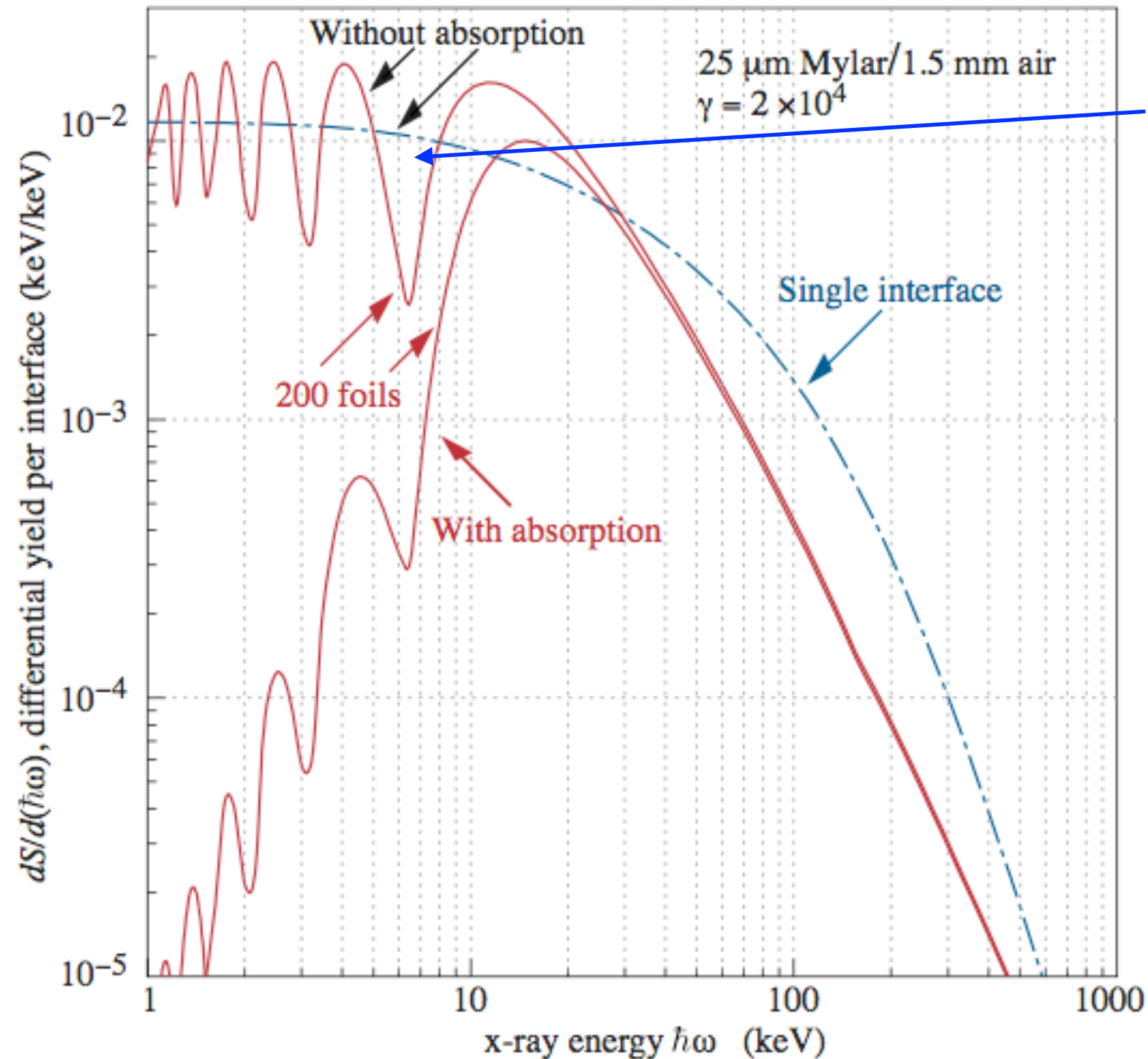
Typical values  $\hbar \omega_p \sim 20 \text{ eV}$  (0.7 for air)

Half energy between 0.1 and 1,  $\gamma \hbar \omega_p$

Typically  $\sim 0.005 \gamma$  with  $\hbar \omega > 0.1 \gamma \hbar \omega_p$

Formation length  $\sim$  tens of  $\mu\text{m}$

# Needs many interfaces to increase photon yield

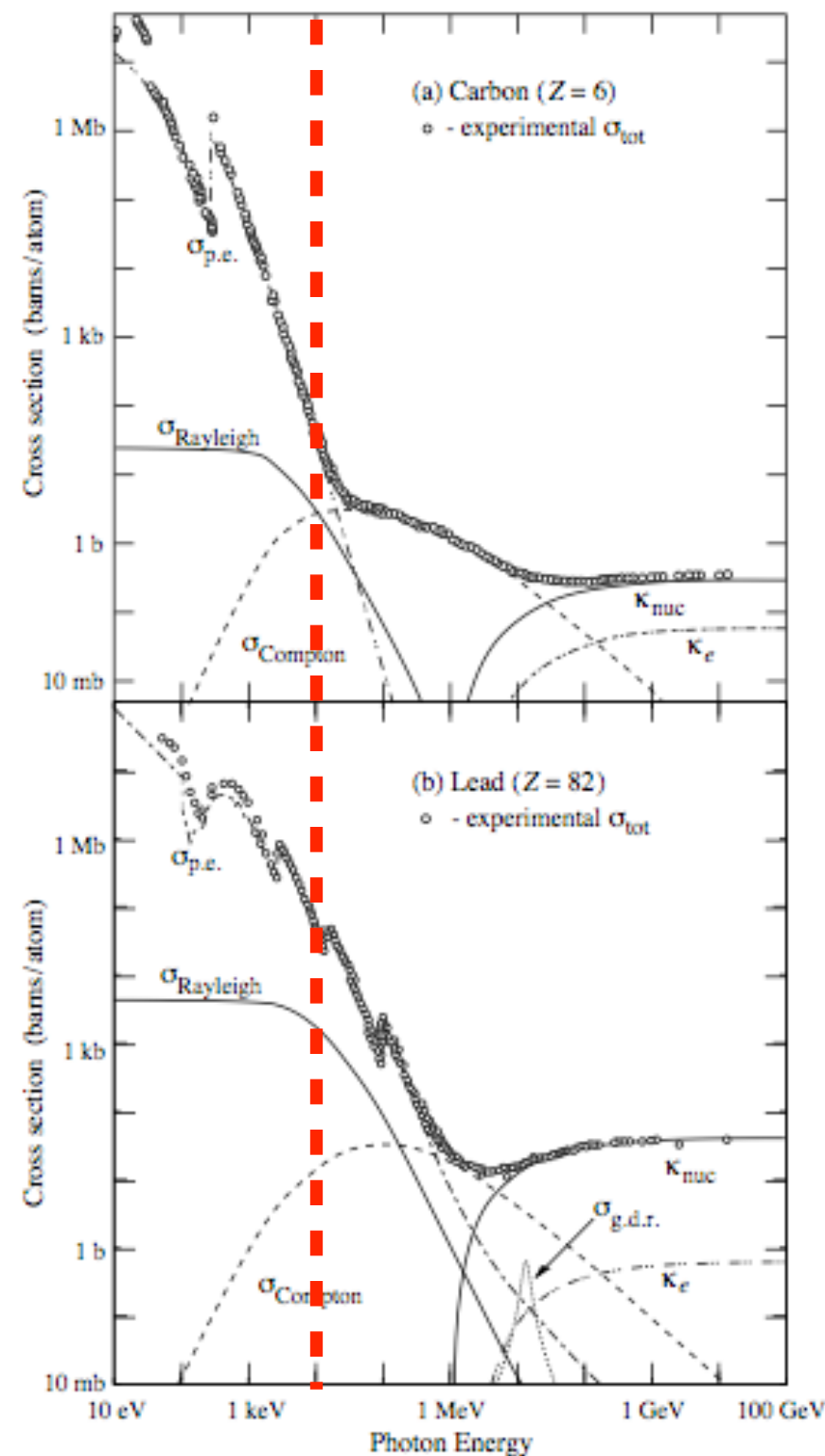


What could  
be this  
pattern ?

X-rays detected for instance by photo-electric effect in high  
Z material like Xenon gas  
=> Detector consists of radiator + photon detector



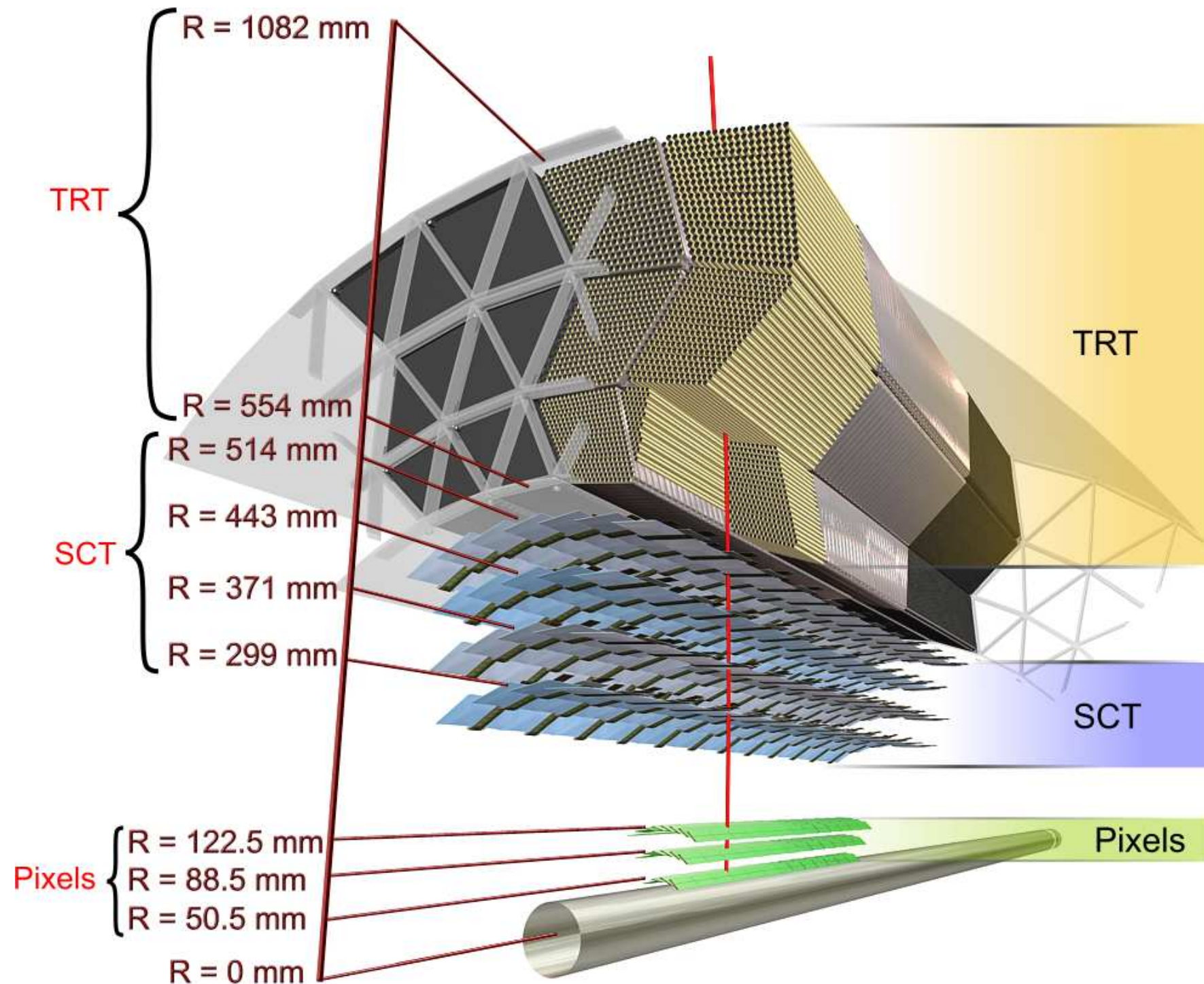
# Photon interaction in matter



**Figure 31.15:** Photon total cross sections as a function of energy in carbon and lead, showing the contributions of different processes [51]:

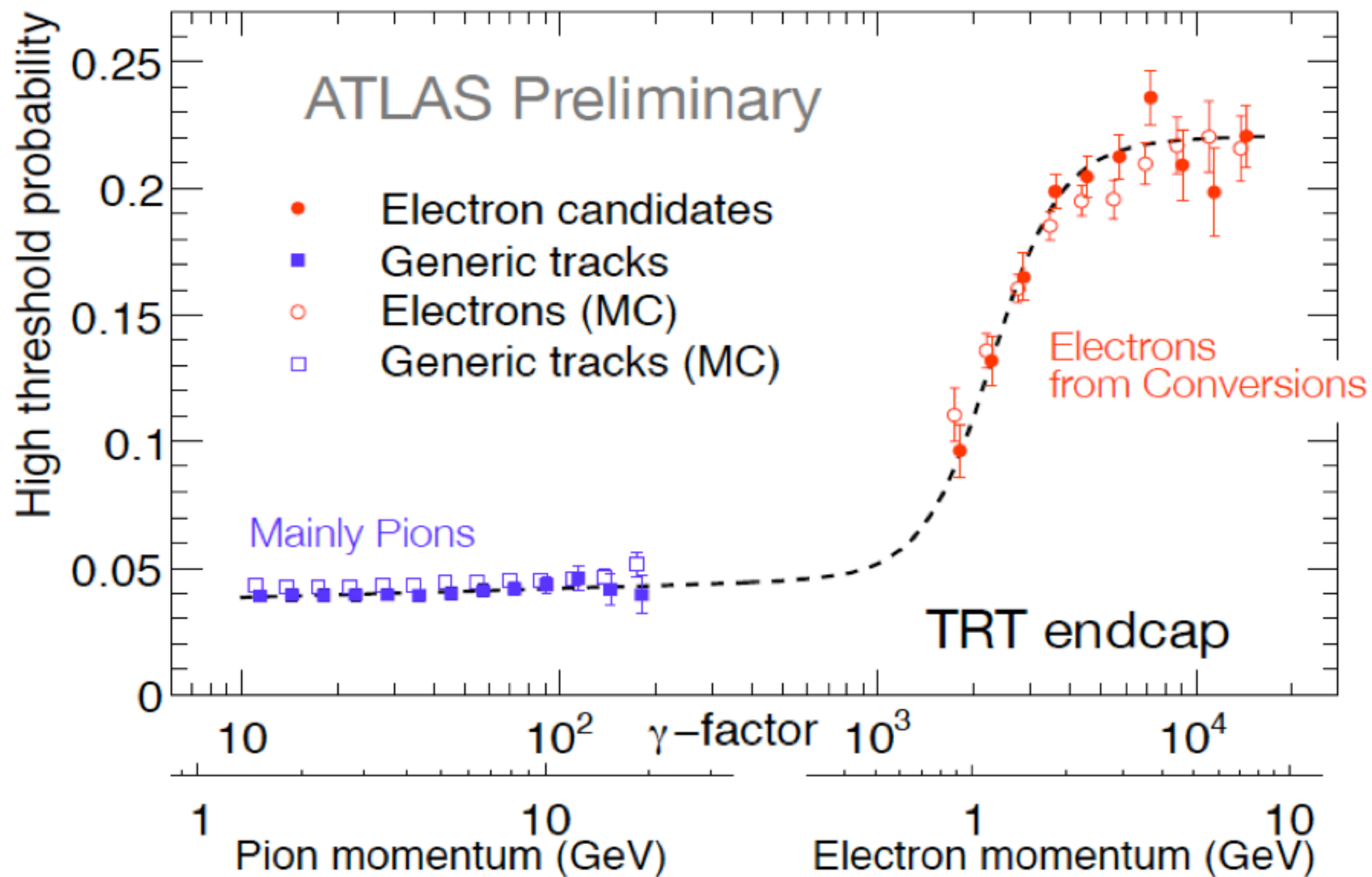
- $\sigma_{\text{p.e.}}$  = Atomic photoelectric effect (electron ejection, photon absorption)
- $\sigma_{\text{Rayleigh}}$  = Rayleigh (coherent) scattering—atom neither ionized nor excited
- $\sigma_{\text{Compton}}$  = Incoherent scattering (Compton scattering off an electron)
- $\kappa_{\text{nuc}}$  = Pair production, nuclear field
- $\kappa_e$  = Pair production, electron field
- $\sigma_{\text{g.d.r.}}$  = Photonuclear interactions, most notably the Giant Dipole Resonance [52].  
In these interactions, the target nucleus is broken up.

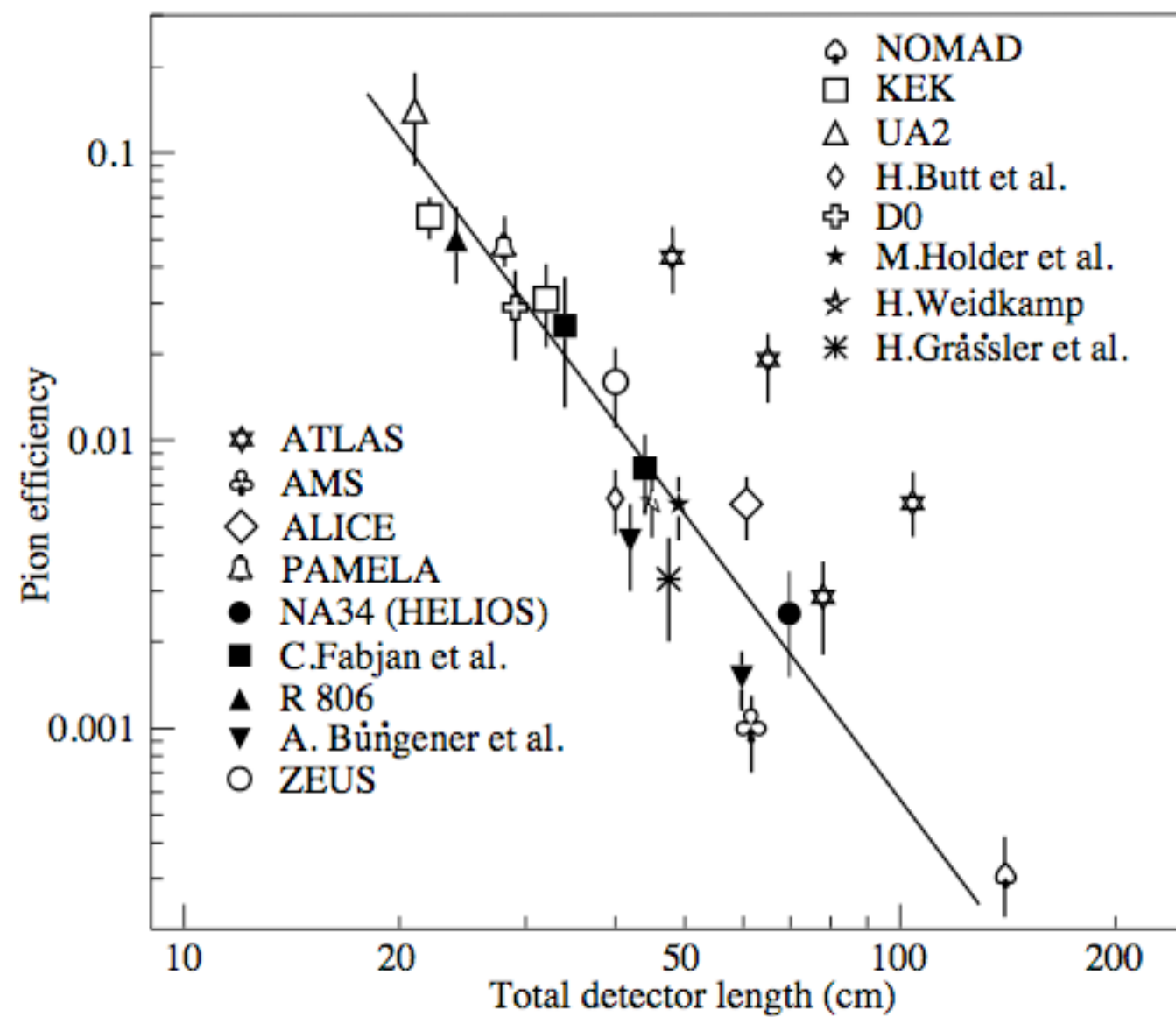
Radiator = polypropylene foils  
Detector = Straws with wire in the middle containing Xe  
(to absorb X-rays)  
Edeposited  $\sim 2$  keV from ionization,  $\sim 8$ - $10$  KeV from TR photons



What would happen if one replace Xe gas by Ar gas ?



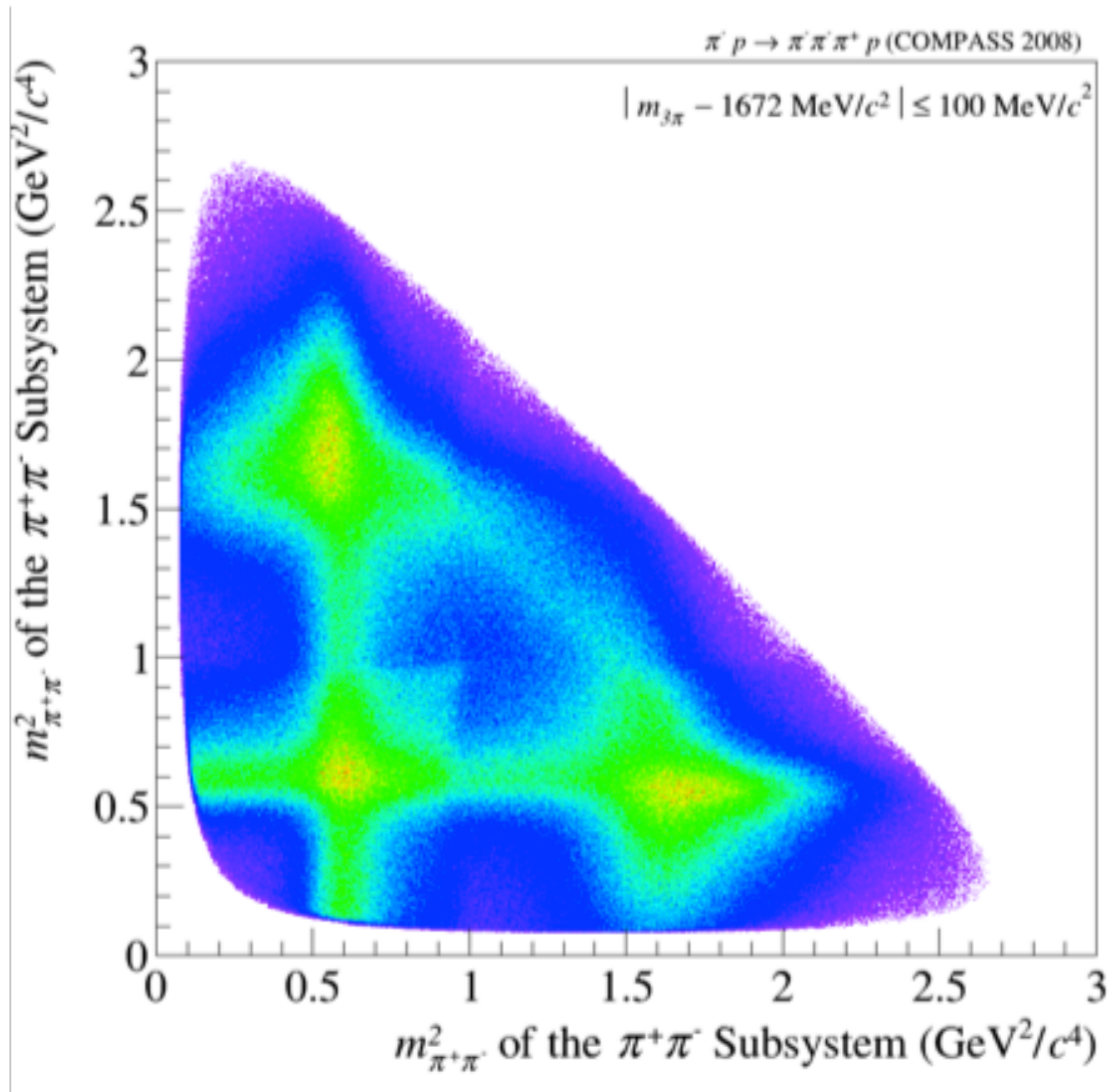


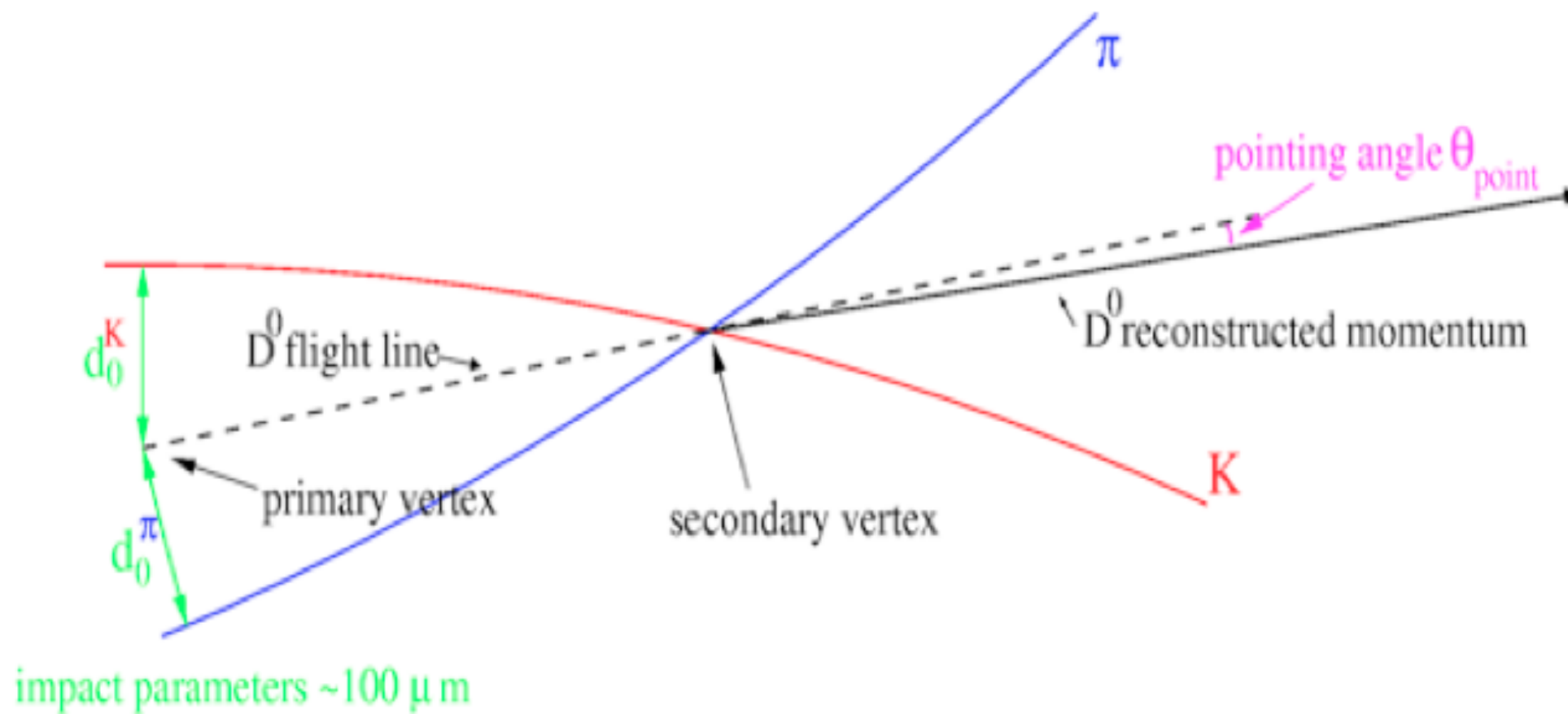


# Reconstruction of particle decay

- Useful for short lived particles
  - very short lived => use invariant mass of daughter particles
    - Examples are  $K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ ,  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $W, Z$  decays, etc..
  - not so short lived => can measure distance between production and decay positions:
    - tau lepton
    - B-hadron

# Exploiting kinematic information from Dalitz plots





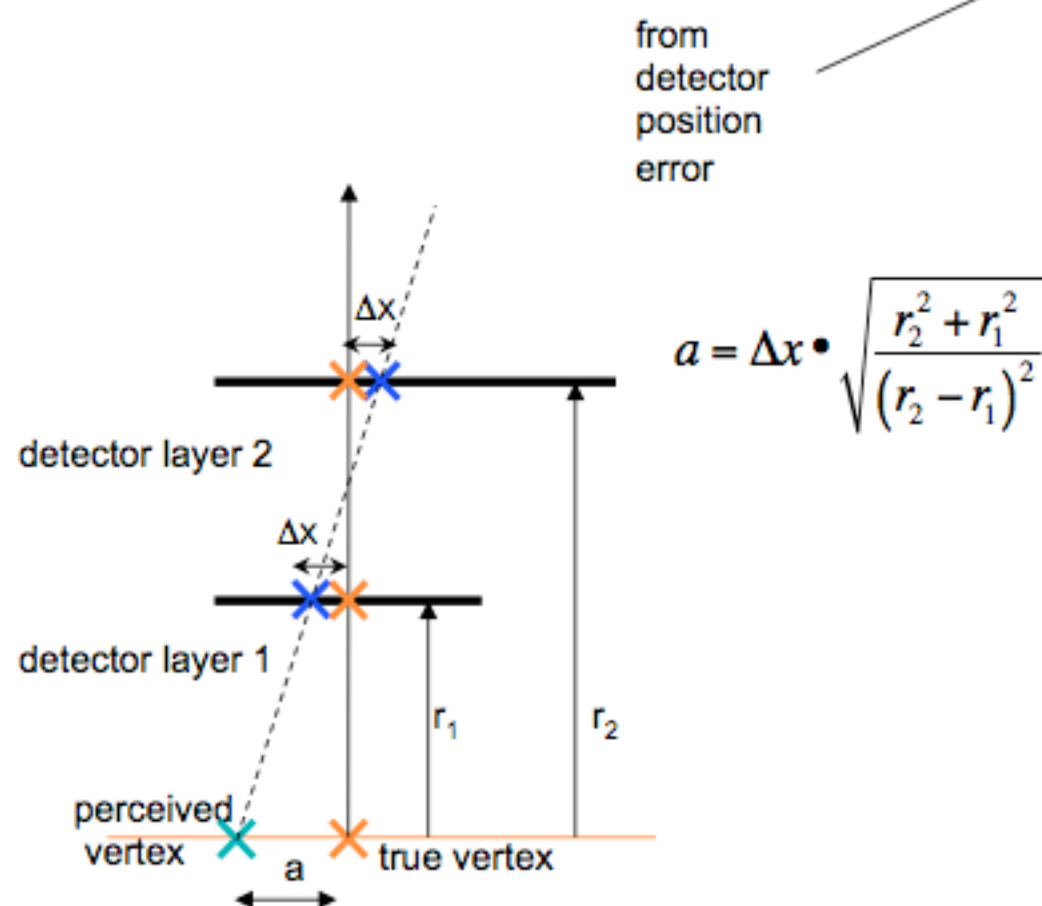
lifetimes:  $D^0: 4 \cdot 10^{-13}\text{s}$ ,  $B^0_d: 1.5 \cdot 10^{-12}\text{s}$ ,  $\tau: 2.9 \cdot 10^{-13}\text{s}$

Decay length  $\beta \cdot \gamma \cdot c \cdot \tau \Rightarrow \beta \cdot \gamma \cdot 450 \text{ microns}$  for  $B^0_d$

Impact parameter  $\sim (c \cdot \tau)$

## Vertex projection from two points: a simplified approach (telescope equation)

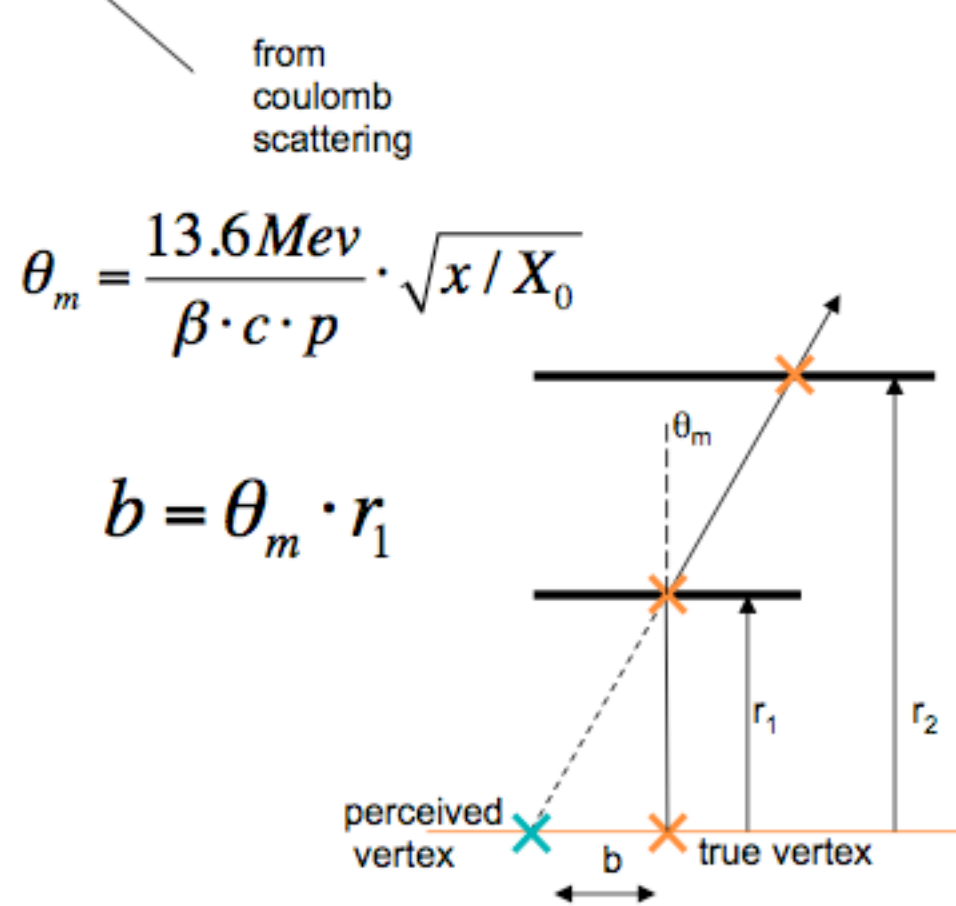
$$\text{pointing resolution} = (a \oplus b) \mu\text{m}$$



**Detector Granularity, minimize  $\Delta x$ :**

e.g. 50 $\mu\text{m}$  pixel and  $r_2$  very large compared to  $r_1$

$$\rightarrow a = \Delta x = 50 / \sqrt{12} = 15 \mu\text{m}$$



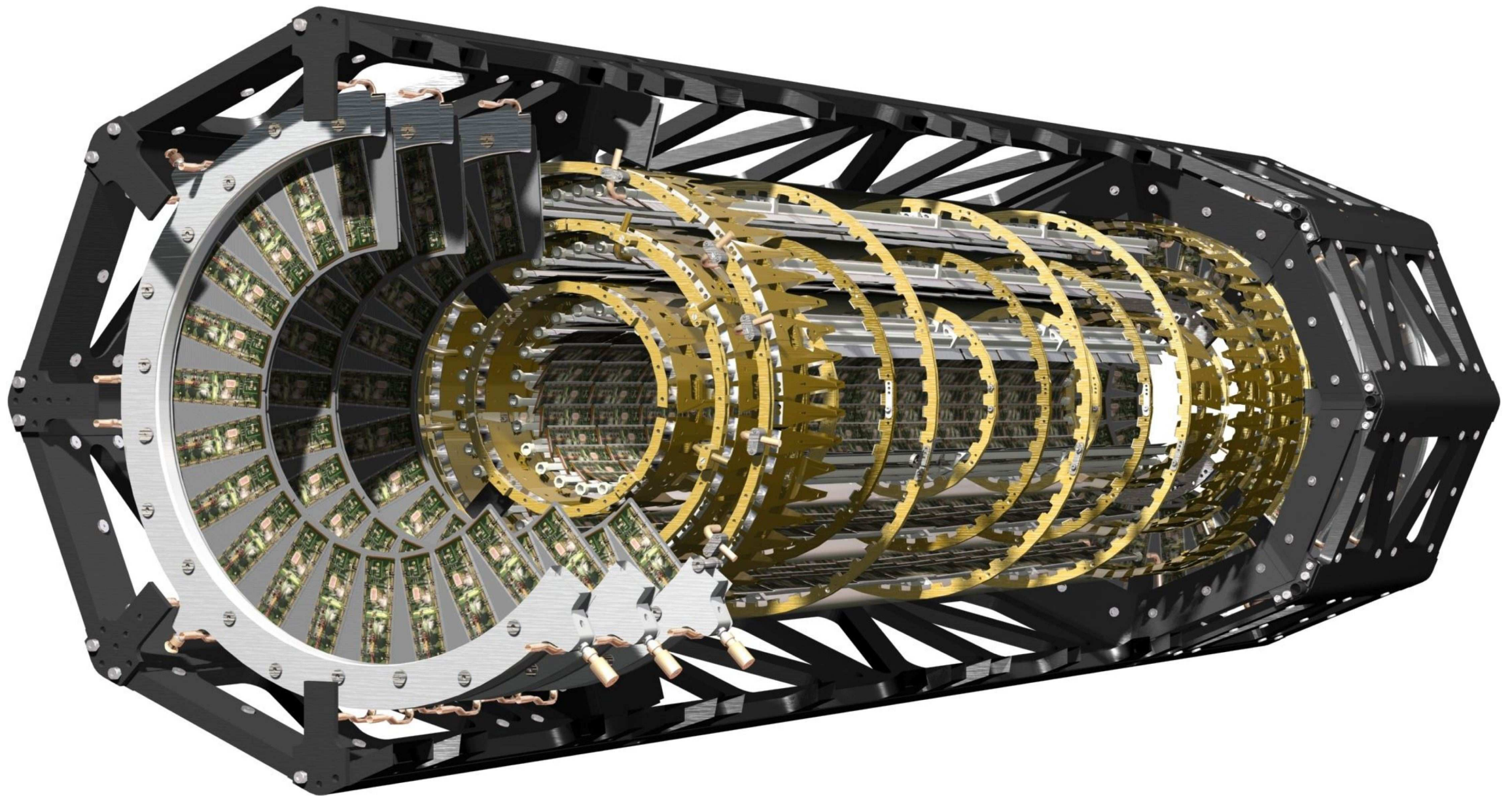
**First layer as close as possible to the vertex and First layer with minimal amount of material.**

e.g.  $x/X_0 = 0.0114$ ,  $r_1 = 39 \text{ mm}$

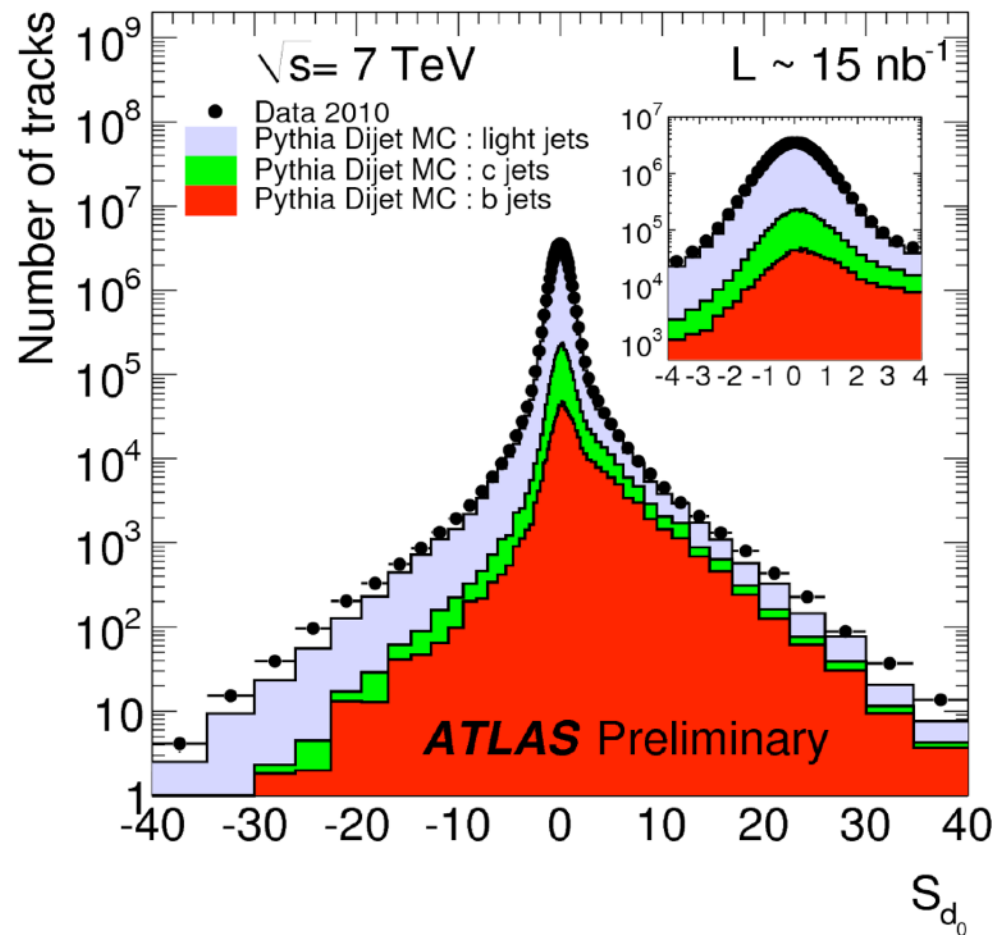
$$\rightarrow b = 57 \mu\text{m} \text{ for } p = 1 \text{ GeV}/c$$



# Example of ATLAS pixel silicon detector

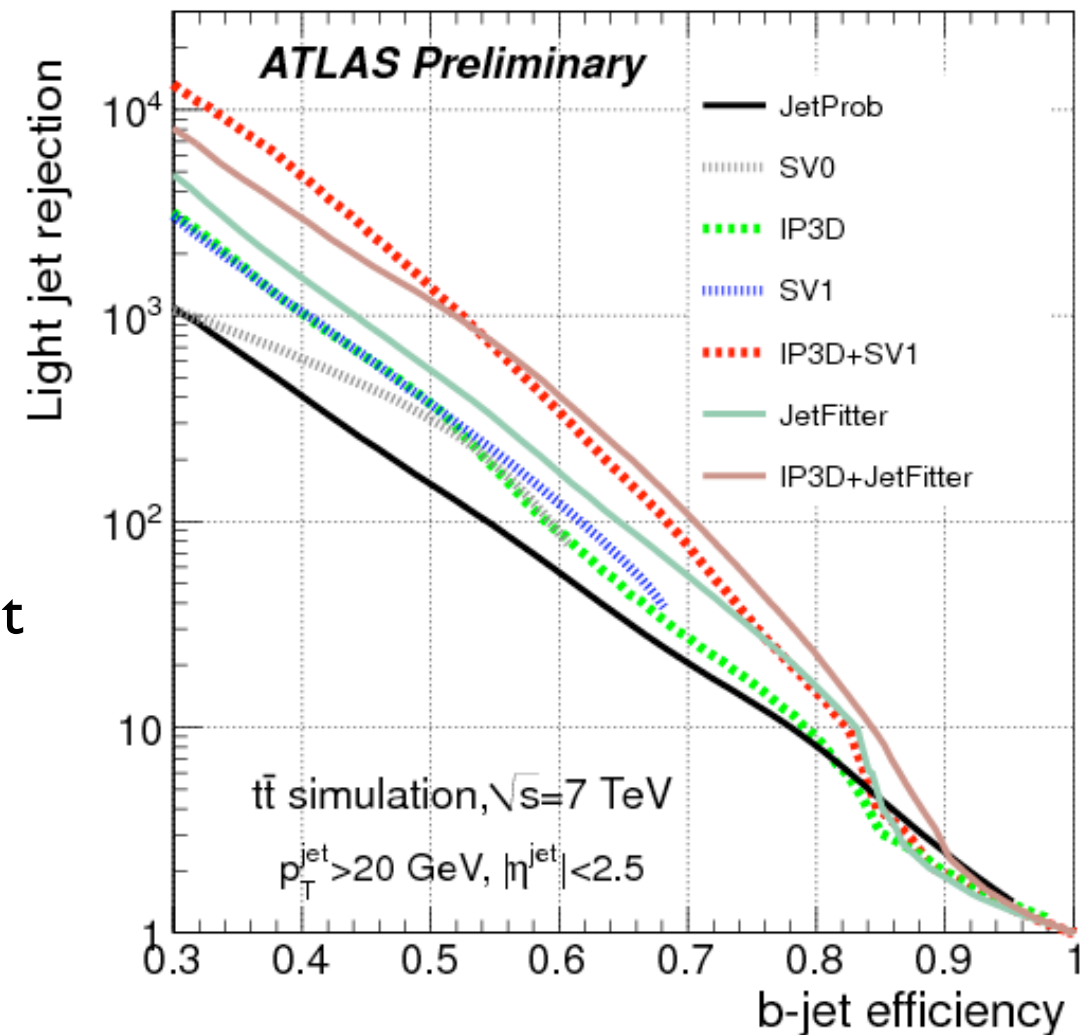


# b-tagging performances



Track impact parameter/error

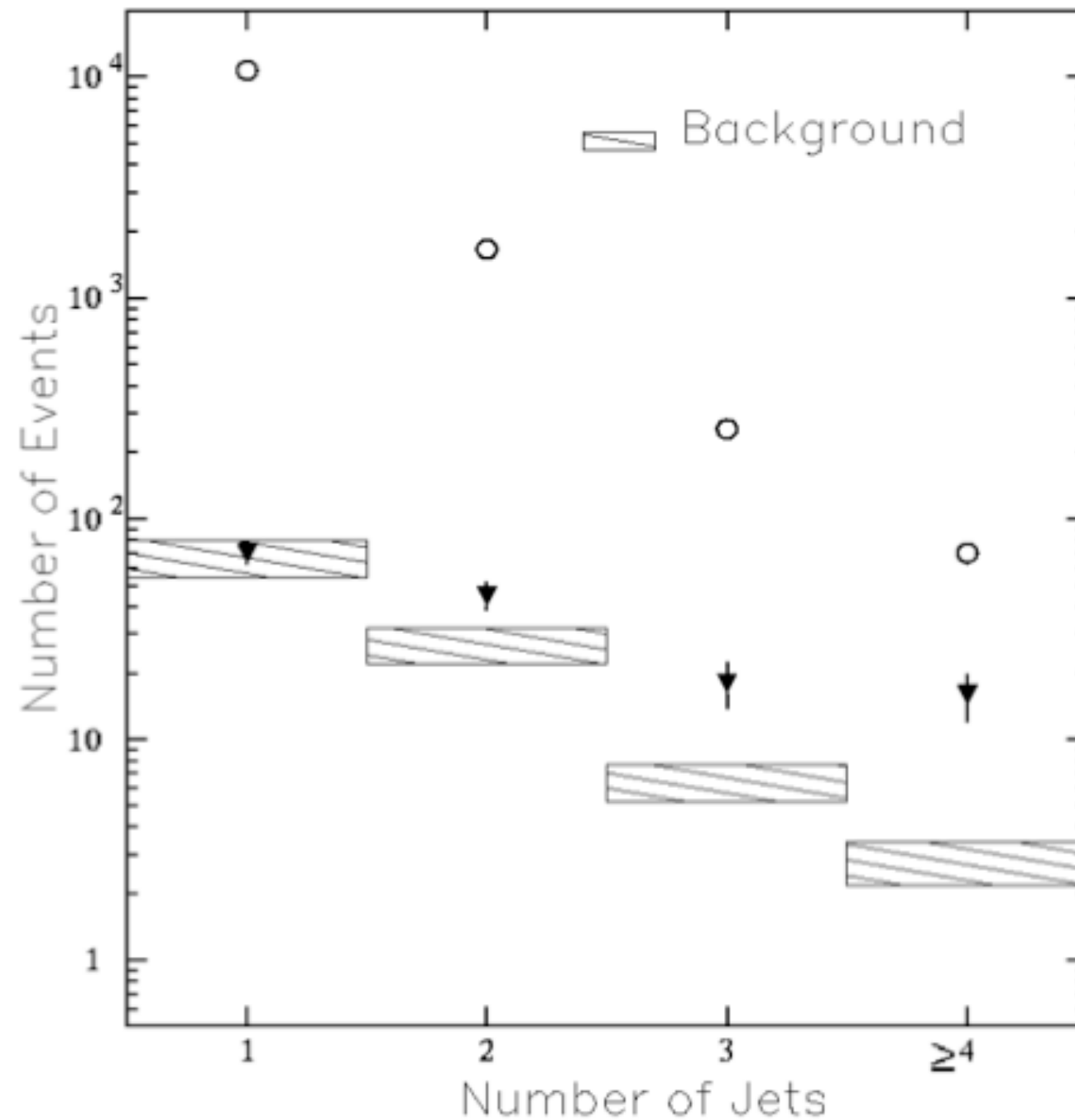
Algorithms combining impact parameter information + secondary vertex reconstruction



# Example of b-tagging usage for top quark discovery

Signal  $t \bar{t} \rightarrow W W b \bar{b}$ ,  
one  $W \rightarrow \text{lepton}$ , one  $W \rightarrow \text{jets}$

Background:  $W(-\rightarrow \text{lepton}) + \text{jet}$   
Only a small amount of these  
jets have b quarks.





# e + 4 jet event

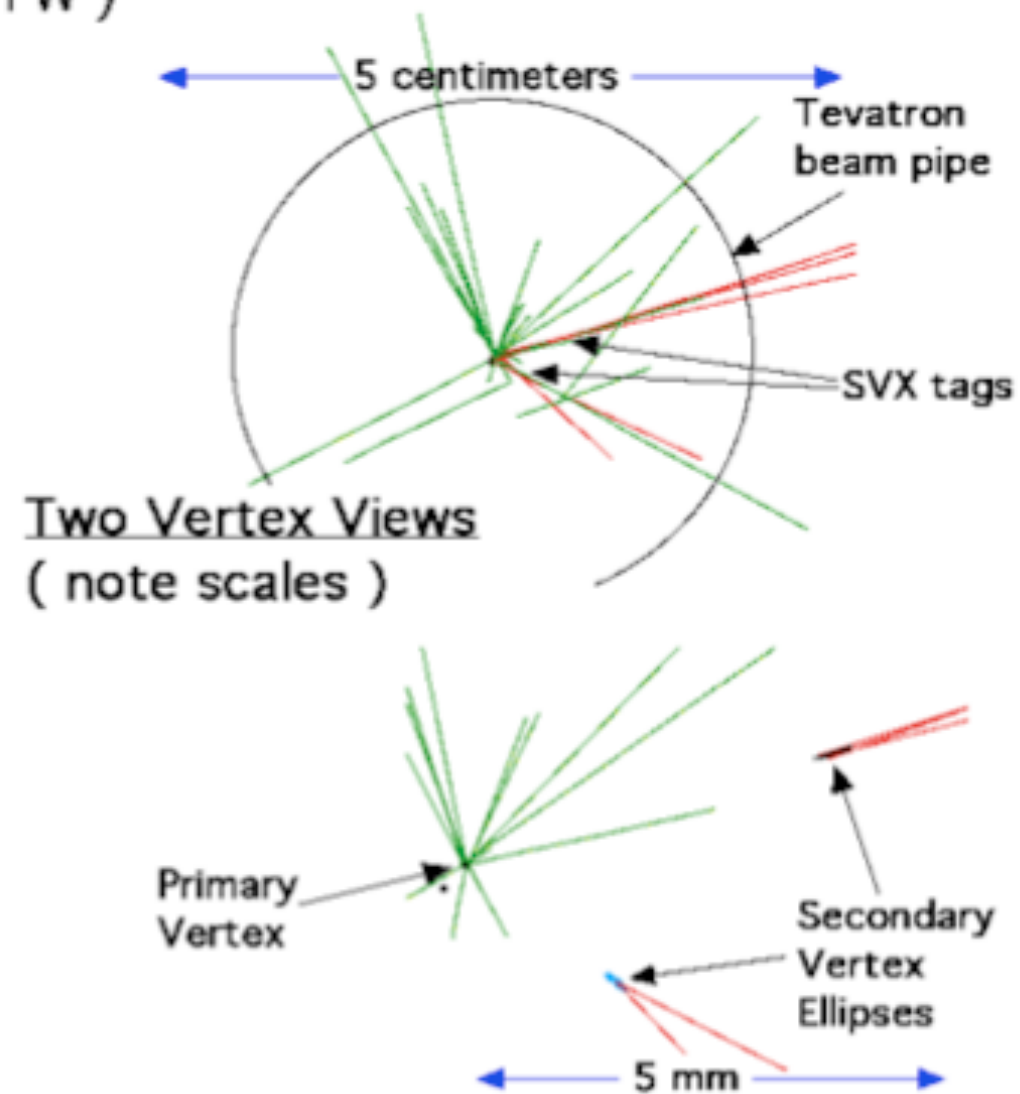
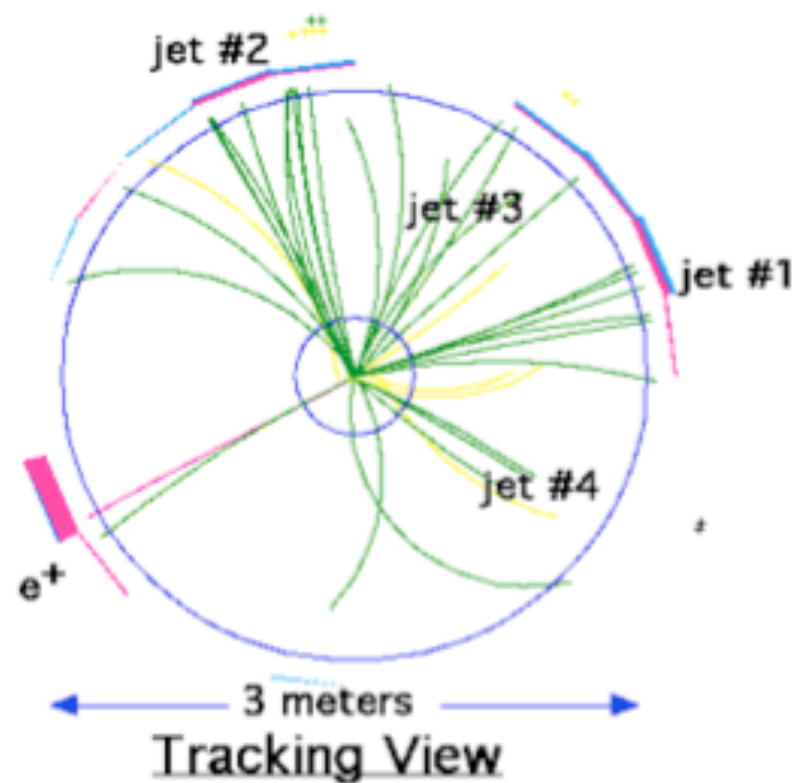
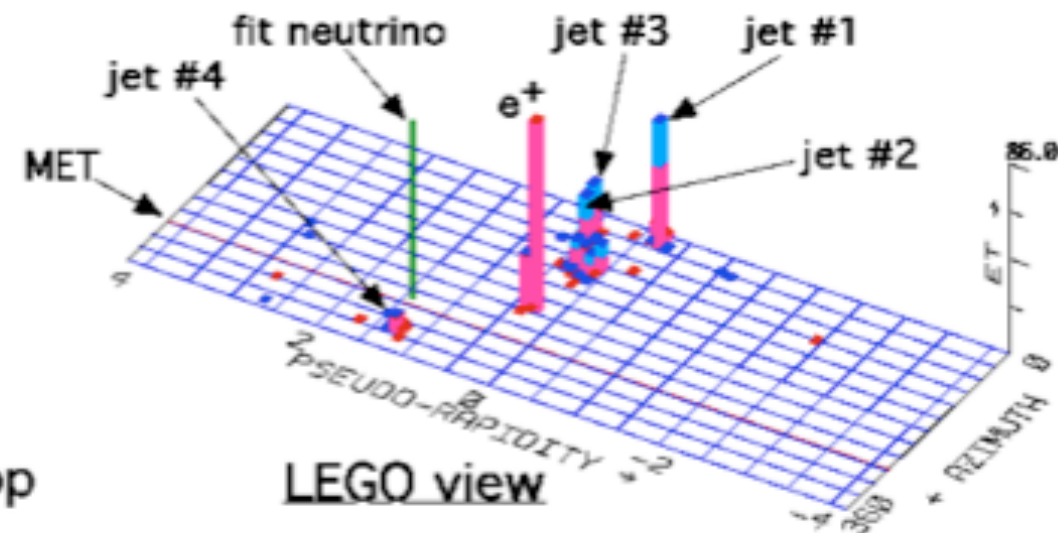
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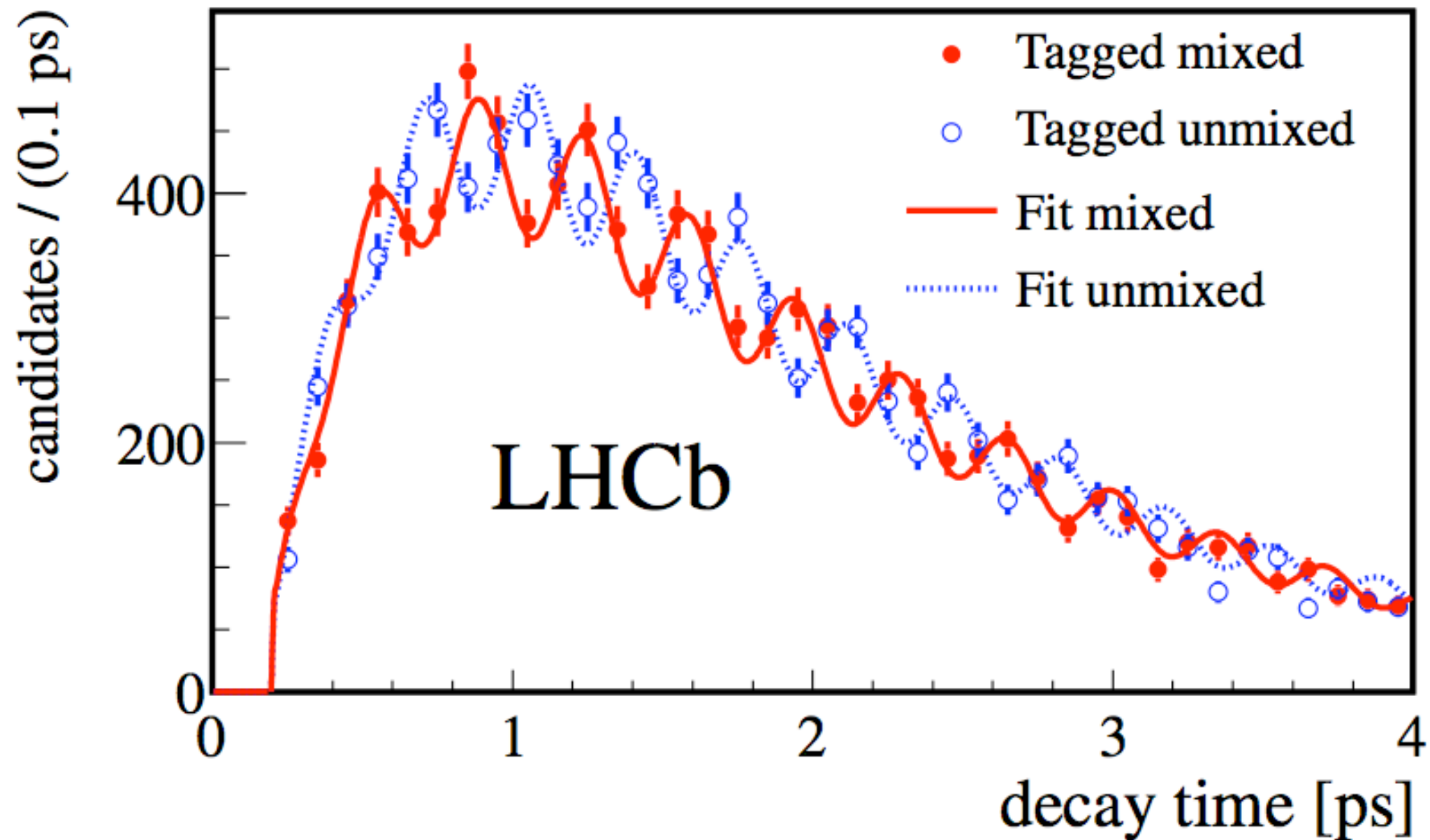
TWO jets tagged by SVX

fit top mass is  $170 \pm 10$  GeV

$e^+$ , Missing  $E_t$ , jet #4 from top  
jets 1,2,3 from top ( 2&3 from W )



# Example of application of particle ID and secondary vertex : Bs mixing measurement



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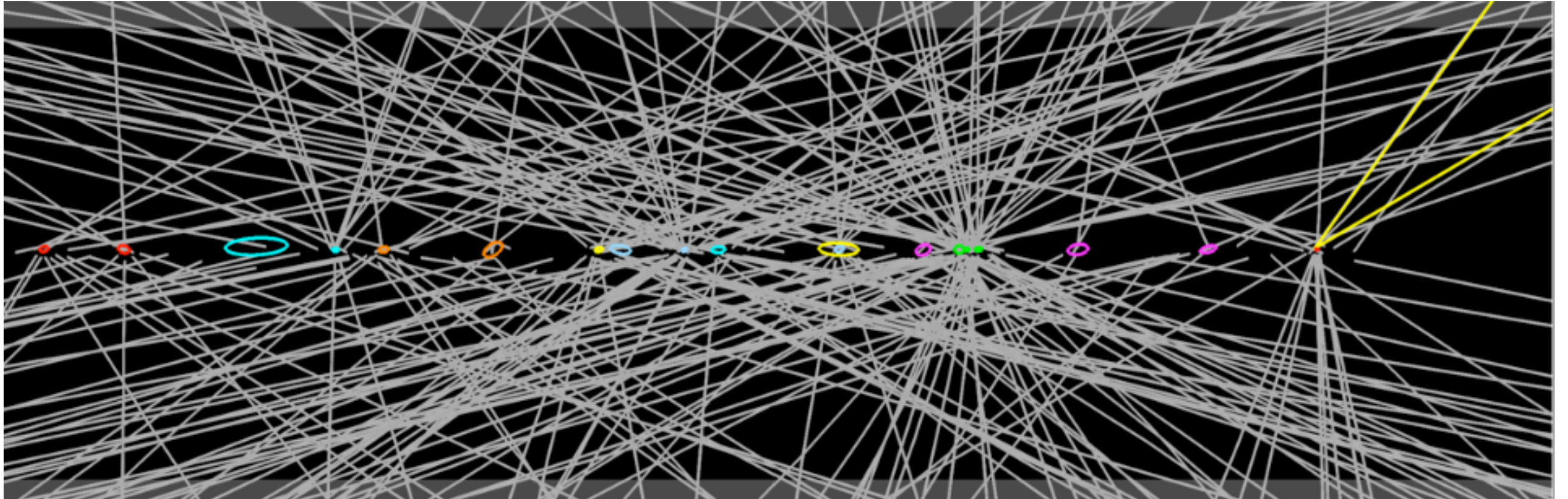
# Charged particle momentum measurement

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Detector resolution} \quad \sigma\left(\frac{1}{p_T}\right) = c_{te} \Rightarrow \frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T} = a \cdot p_T \quad a \propto \frac{1}{B L^2} \\ \text{Multiple scattering} \quad \sigma_\theta \propto \frac{13.6 \text{ MeV}}{p} \sqrt{\frac{x}{X_0}} \\ \sigma\left(\frac{1}{p_T}\right) \propto \sigma_\theta \Rightarrow \frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T} = b \quad (b \propto \frac{1}{B}) \end{array} \right.$$

# Calorimeter energy measurement

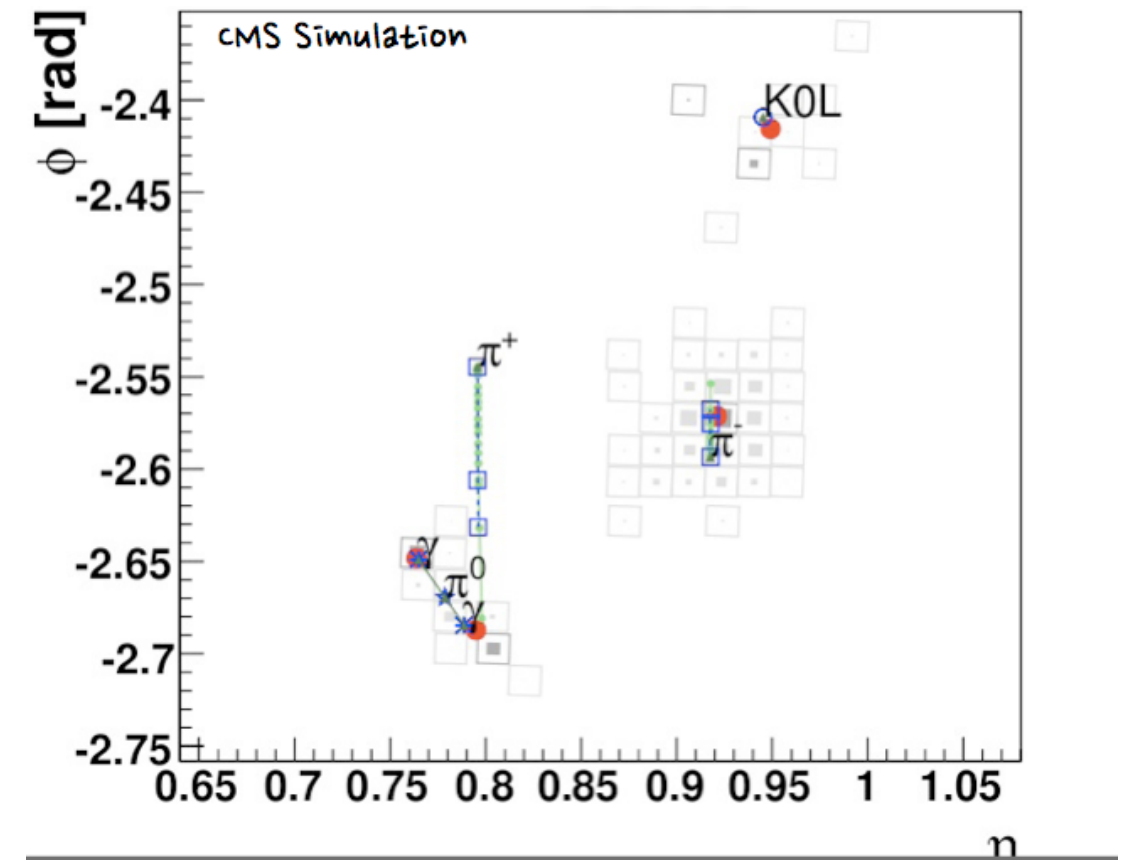
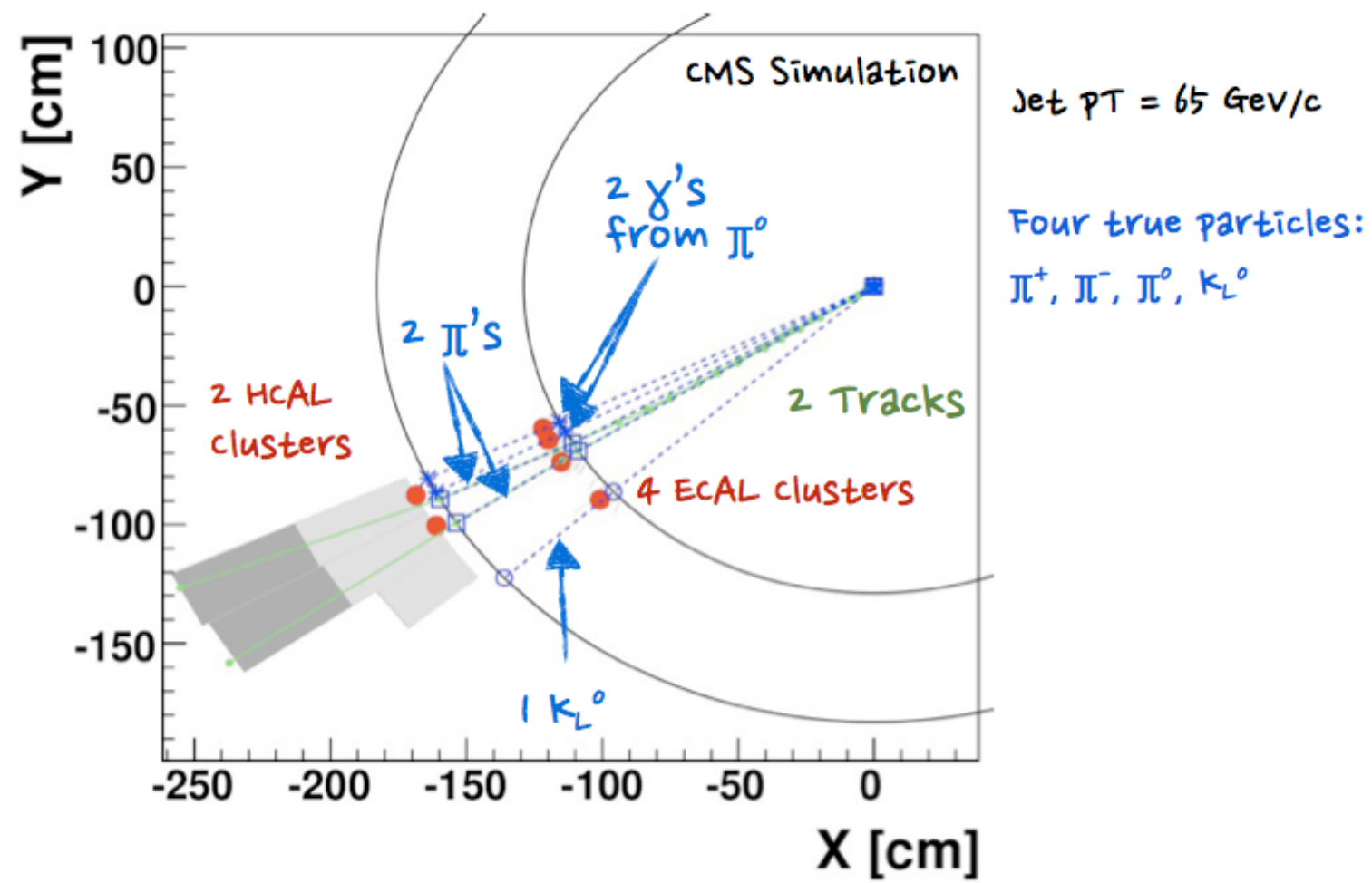
$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus \frac{b}{E} \oplus c$$

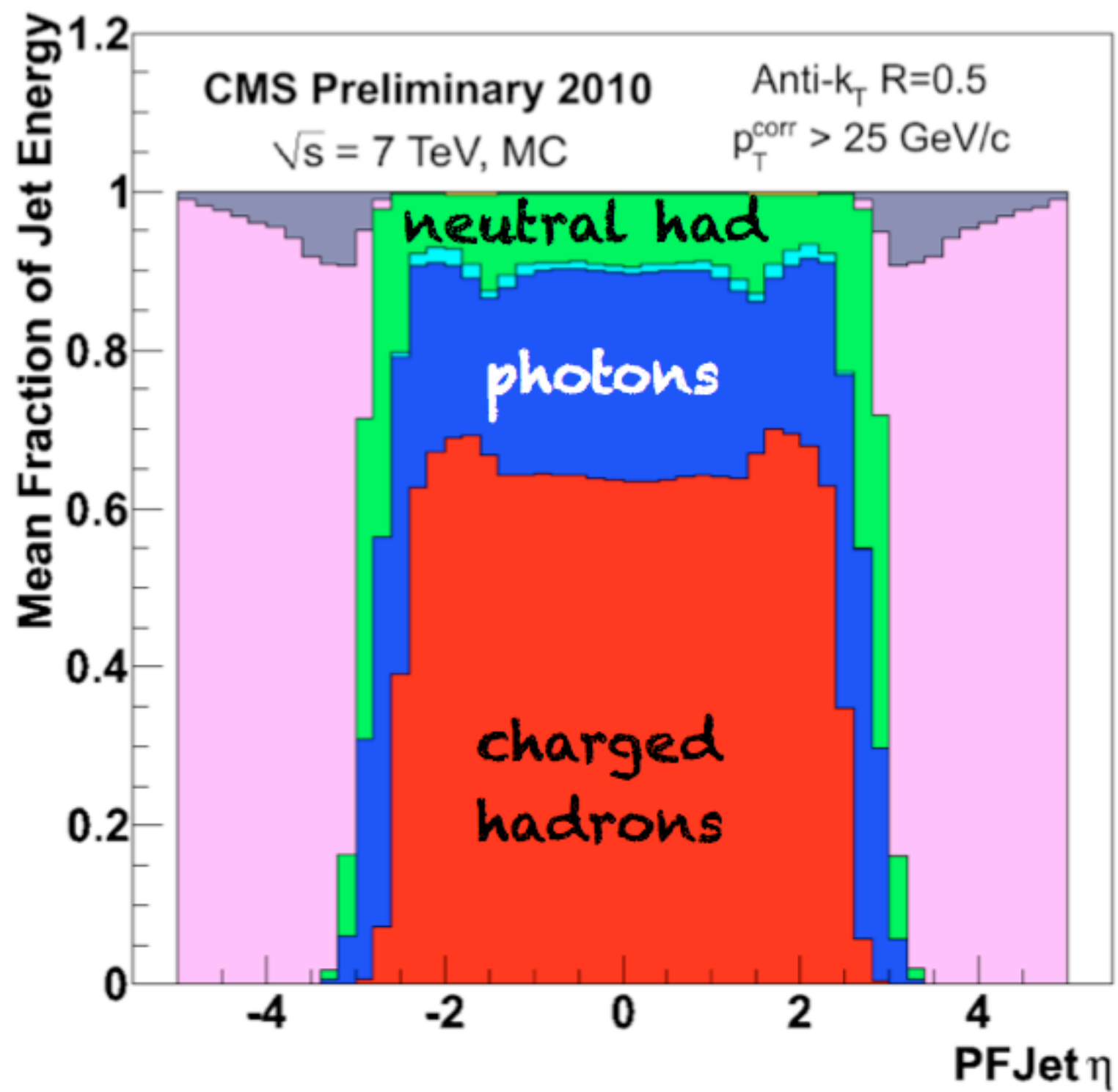
# Also have to deal with pileup interactions



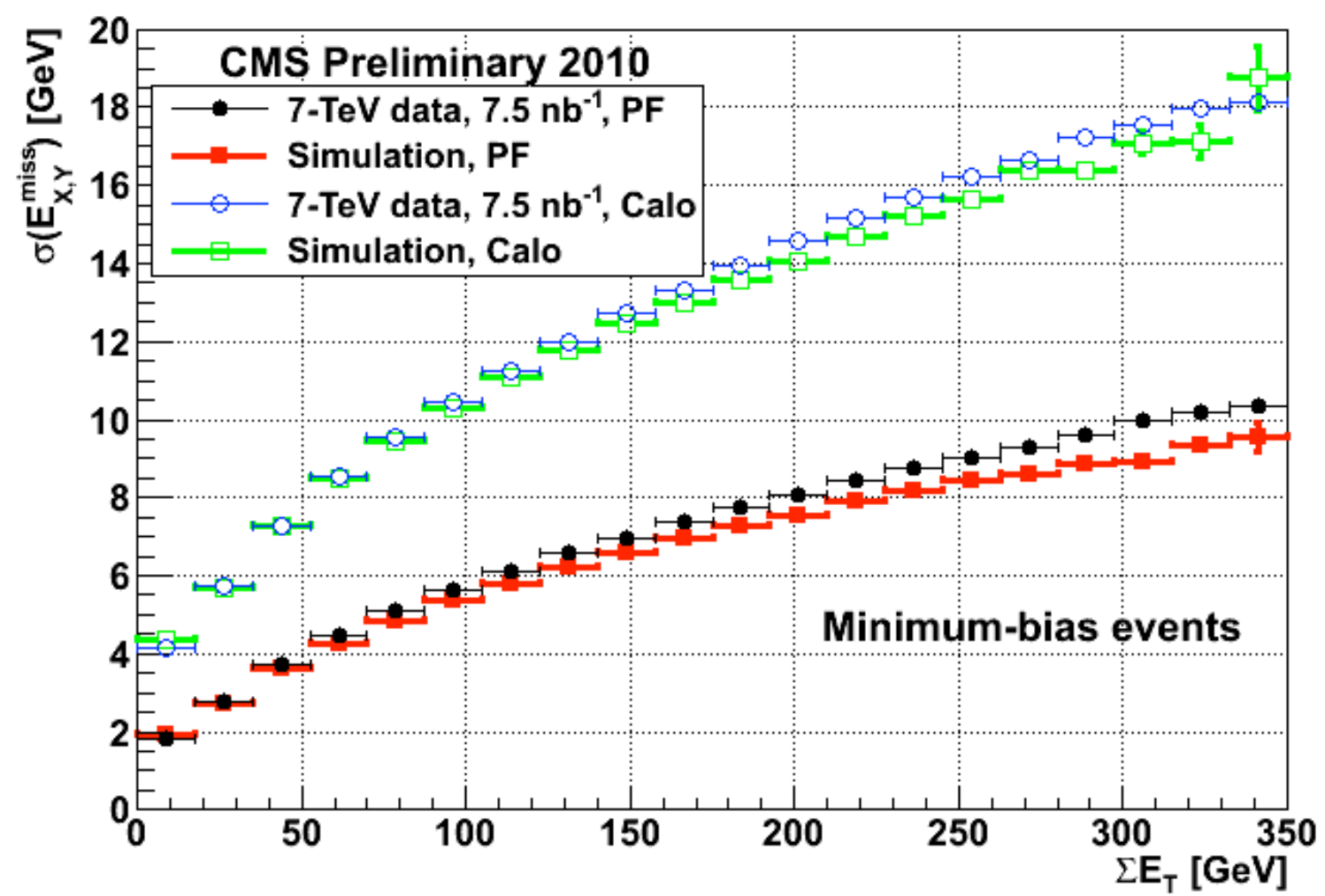
Can be distinguished for charged tracks  
but not easily for calorimeter energy deposits

# Particle flow principle









## some references/links

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- C.Lippmann, hep-ex arXiv:1101.3276
- ATLAS, CMS, LHCb, ALICE performance papers
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# questions on particle Id from last year MF examen

## Questions on particle identification

1) *What is the best identification technique to separate pions and charged Kaons of 50 GeV momentum with a detector of O(m) size ? And to separate charged pions and electrons of 5 GeV momentum ?*

- **Cherenkov technique** is the best identification technique to separate 50 GeV pions and Kaons
- Electrons / charged pion separation can be done using **calorimeter** based identification techniques. **Transition radiation** is also another possibility

2) *A calorimeter capable to measure time of deposited energies (including from minimum ionizing particles) is located 3m from the interaction point of proton-proton collisions. Using muons from Z boson decays (muon energy ~40 GeV), the velocity beta is measured with a resolution of 9%.*

- *What is the time resolution of the detector ?*
- *This detector is used to search for heavy new hypothetic long-lived charged particles (which only leave energy by ionization in the calorimeter) . Would it be able to separate particles of mass 800 GeV produced with 400 GeV momentum from the muon background with the time of flight measurement ?*
- $\beta = v/c = d/(t \cdot c)$  with  $d=3\text{m}$  and  $c=\text{speed of light} = 0.3 \text{ m.ns}^{-1}$   
 $\Delta t / t = \Delta \beta / \beta$   
 $\Delta t = \Delta \beta / \beta * t$  for muons with energy =40 GeV  $\beta \sim 1$  and  $t = 3\text{m}/0.3 \text{ m.ns}^{-1} = 10 \text{ ns}$   $\Rightarrow \Delta t = 0.09 * 10 \text{ ns} \Rightarrow$  **time resolution  $\Delta t = 0.9 \text{ ns}$**
- for  $p=400 \text{ GeV}$  and  $\text{mass}=800 \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow \text{energy}=\sqrt{p^2+\text{mass}^2} = 894 \text{ GeV}$   
 $p = \beta \cdot E \Rightarrow \beta = p/E = 0.45$   
 $\text{time} = d/v = d/(\beta \cdot c) = 3\text{m} / (0.45 \cdot 0.3 \text{ m.ns}^{-1}) = 22.2 \text{ ns}$   
Compared to the muon hypothesis ( $\beta=1$ ), the time difference is  $22.2 - 10 \text{ ns} = 12.2 \text{ ns}$   
**The separation between the signal and the muon background is  $12.2/0.9 \sim 13$  standard deviations, a very strong separation is possible**