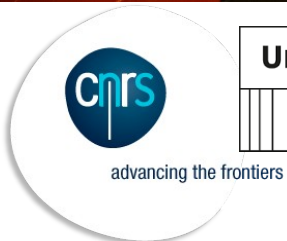
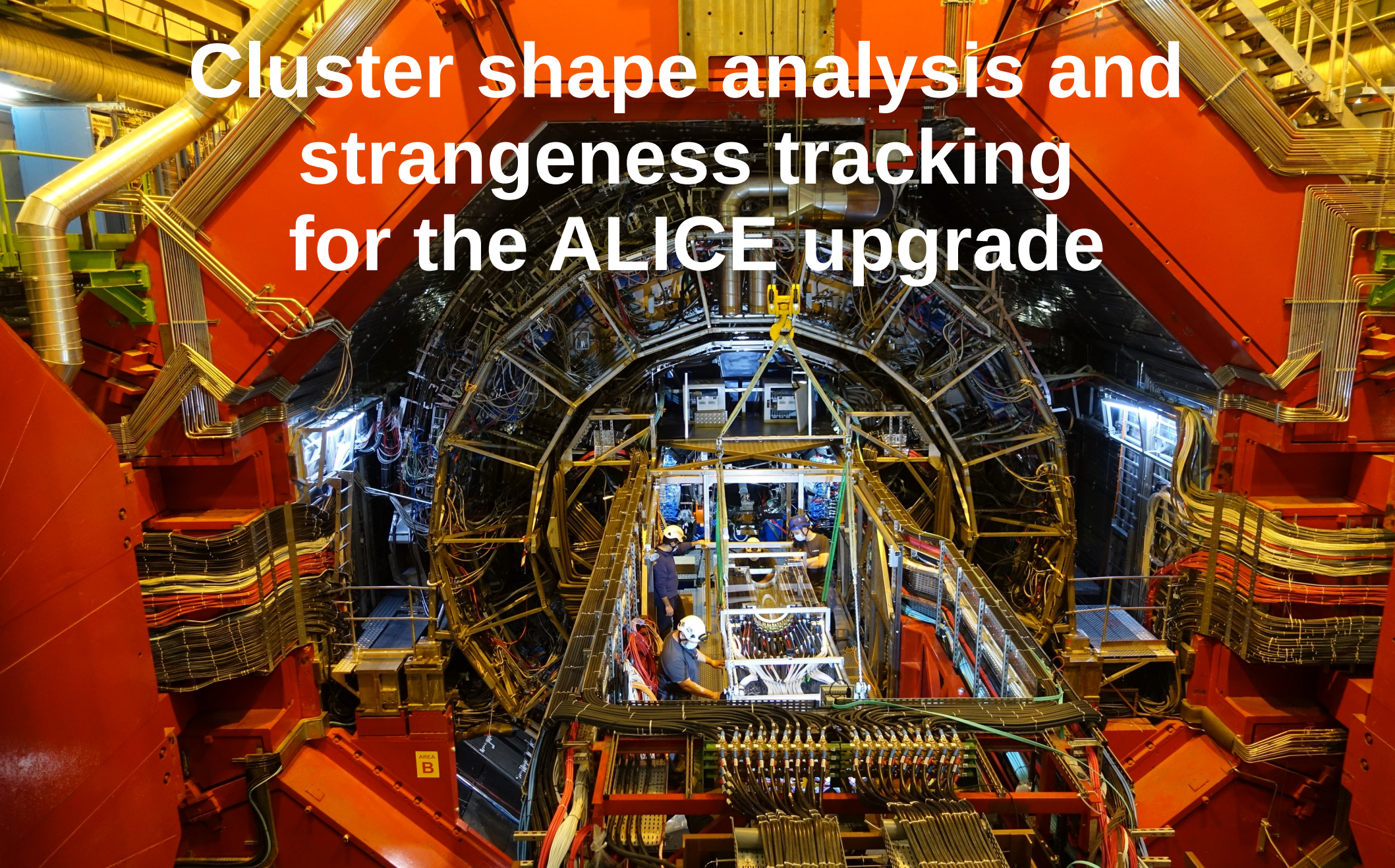


# Cluster shape analysis and strangeness tracking for the ALICE upgrade



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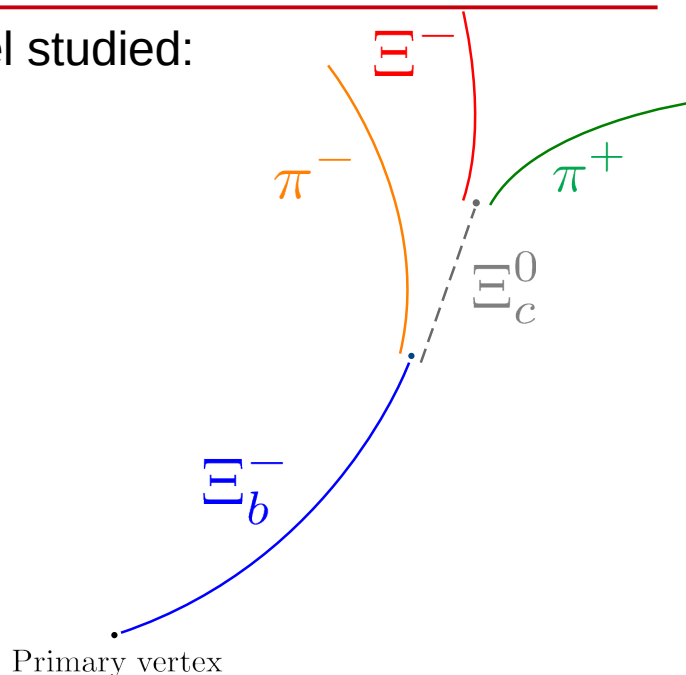
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Decay channel studied:

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in pp and Pb-Pb collisions  
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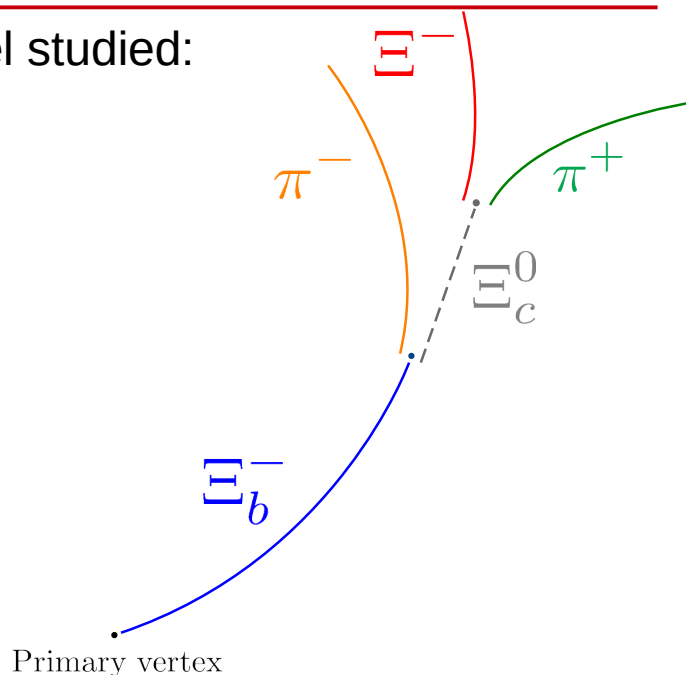
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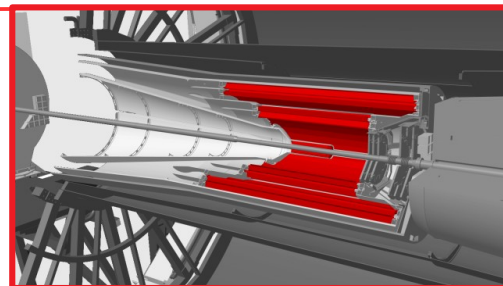
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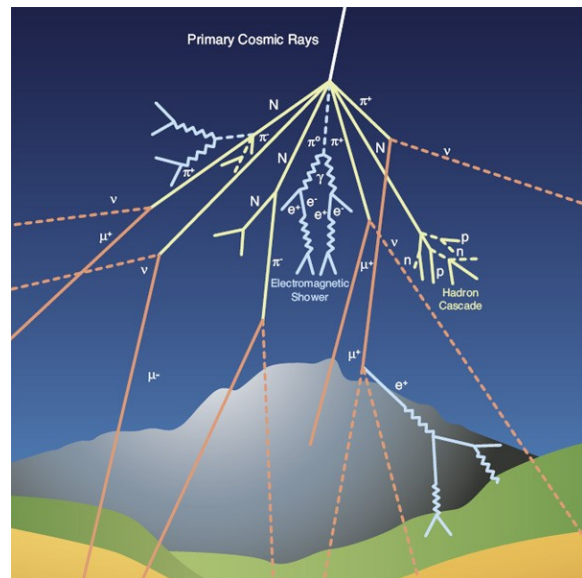
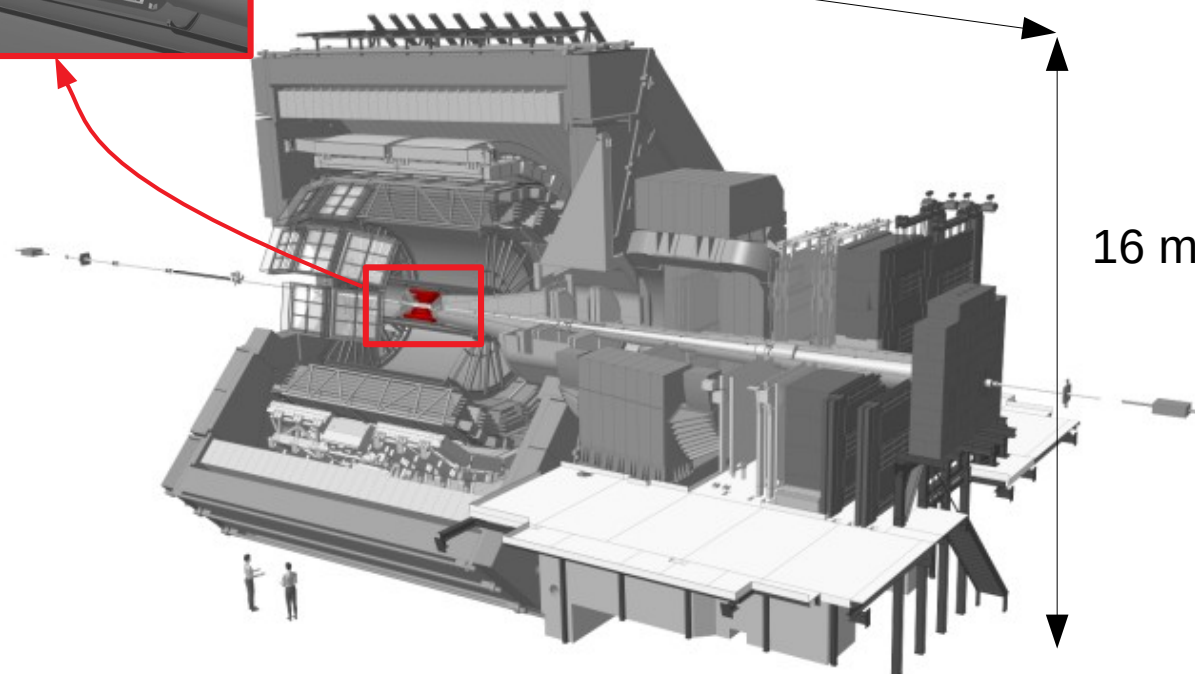


ALICE



26 m

16 m

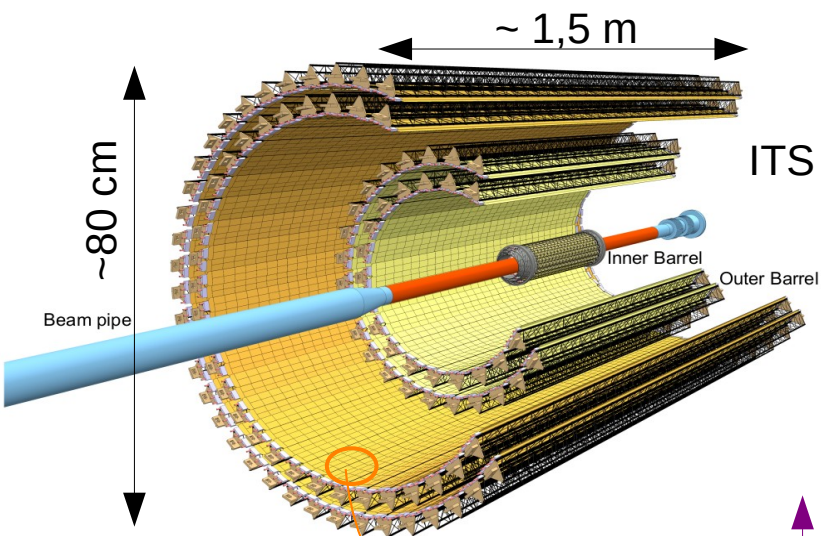


Cluster shape analysis of the **cosmic-ray data** collected during surface commissioning of the ALICE Inner Tracking System (**ITS2**)



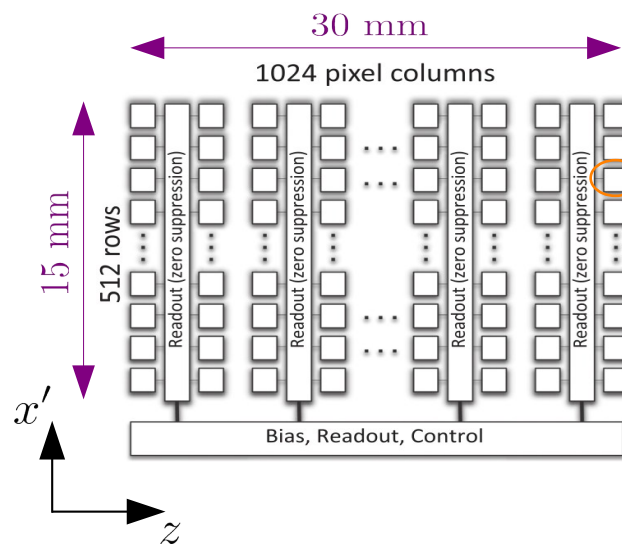
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# Inner Tracking System

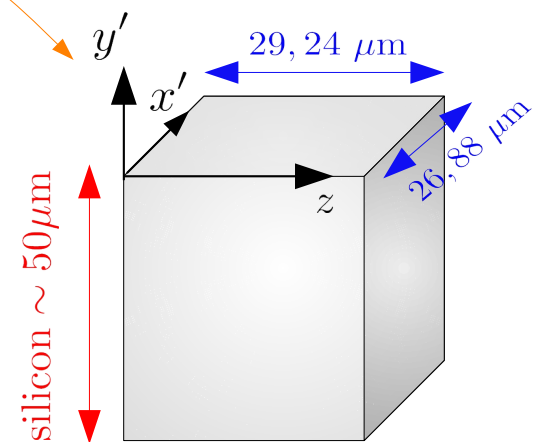


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Zoom on a chip

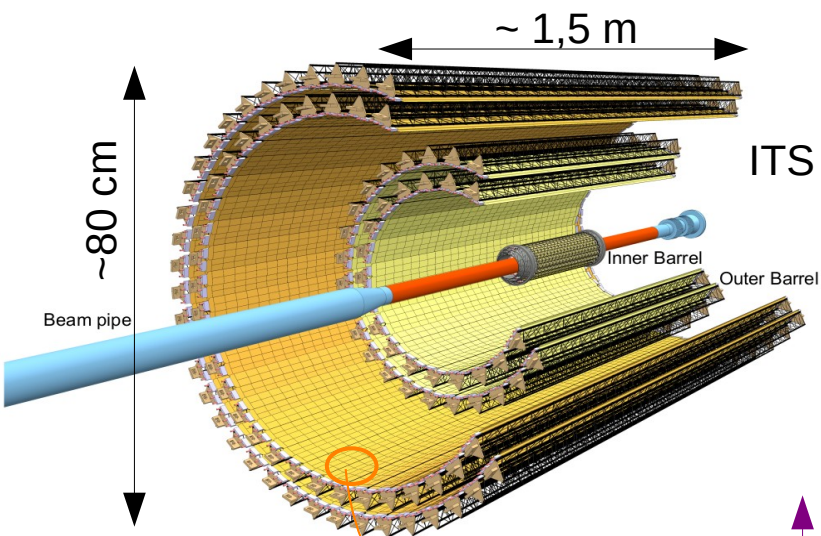


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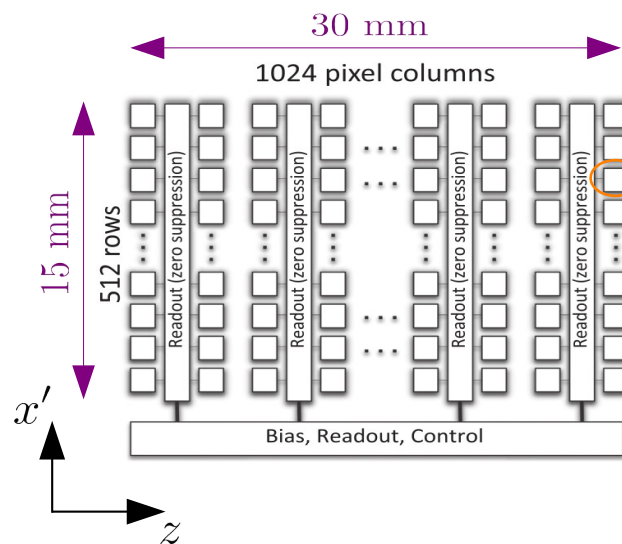
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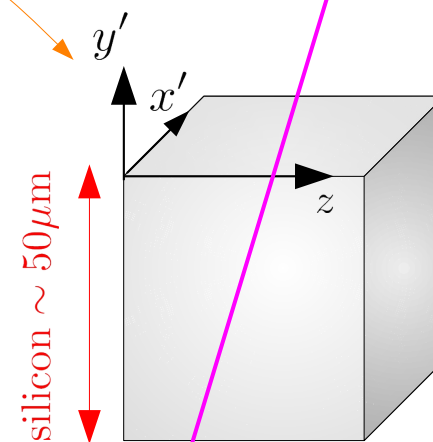


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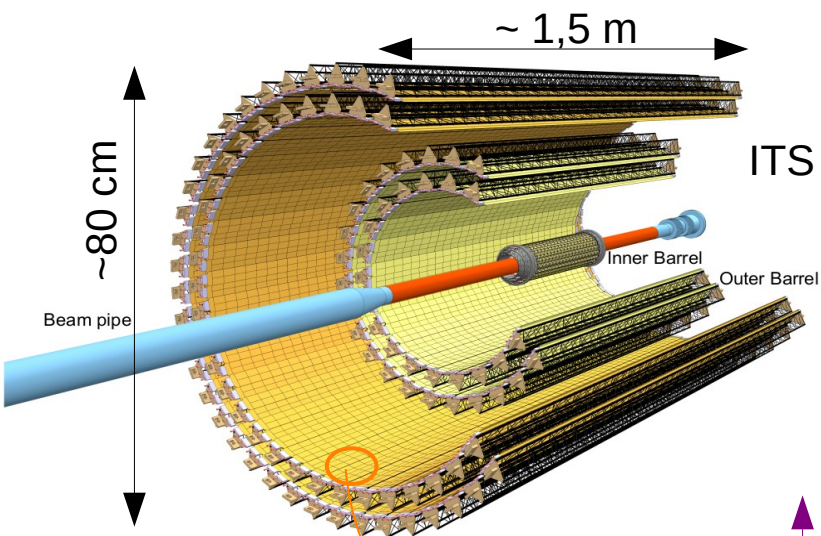
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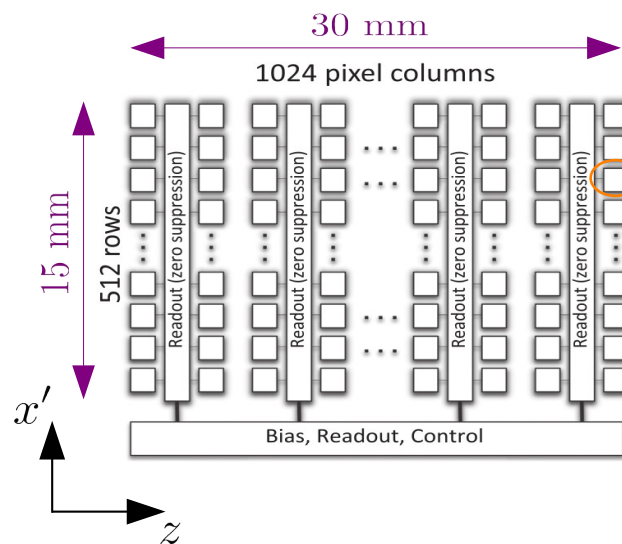
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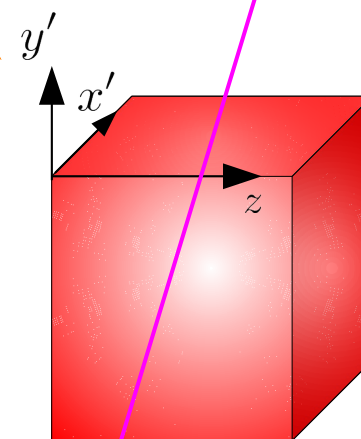


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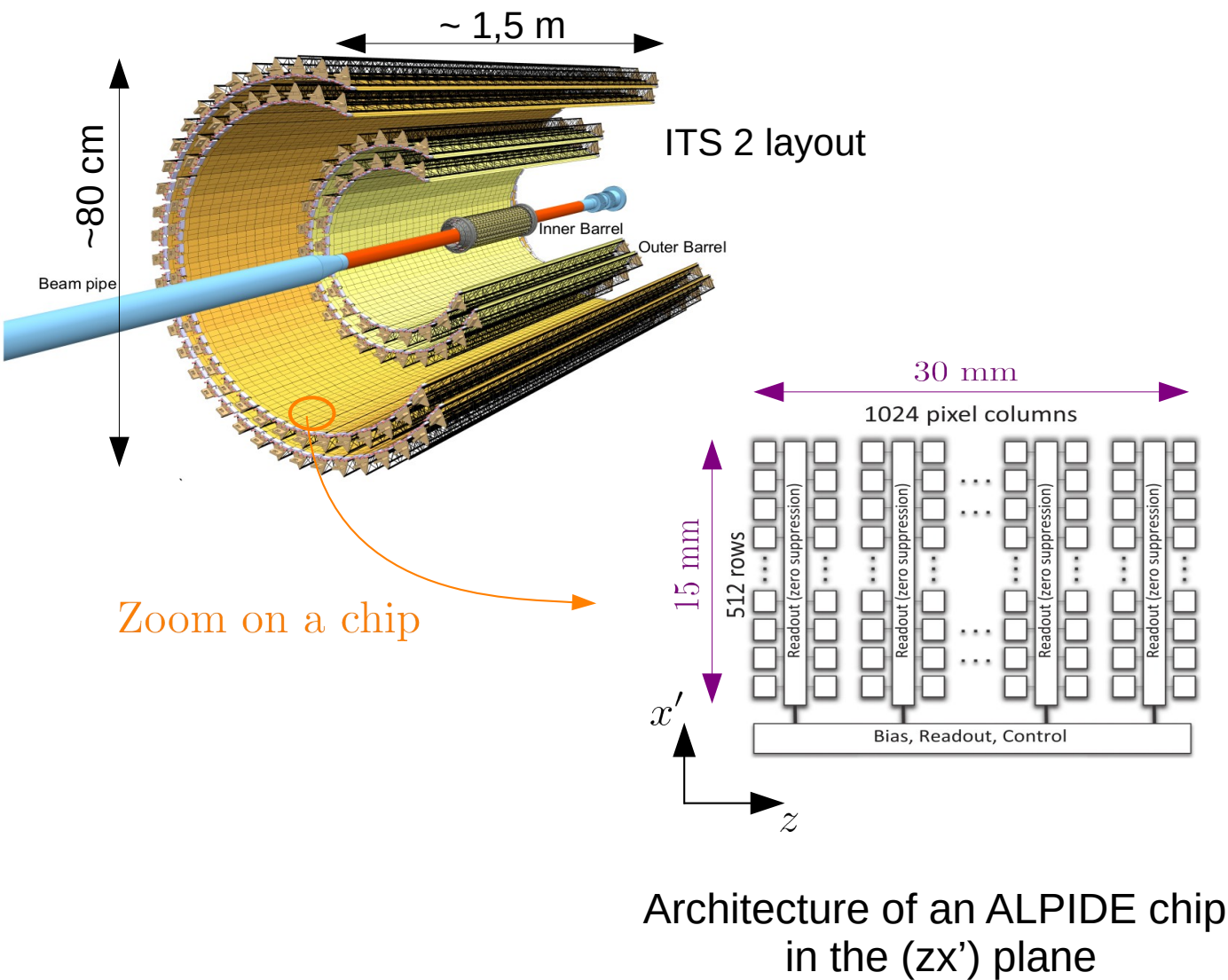


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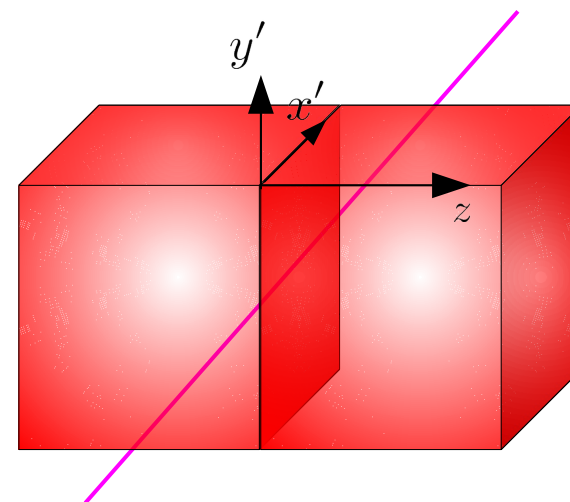
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Cluster of 2 pixels





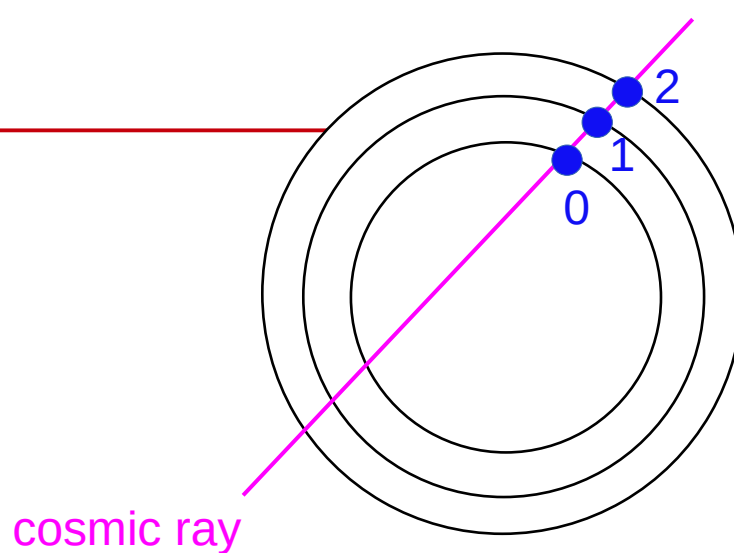
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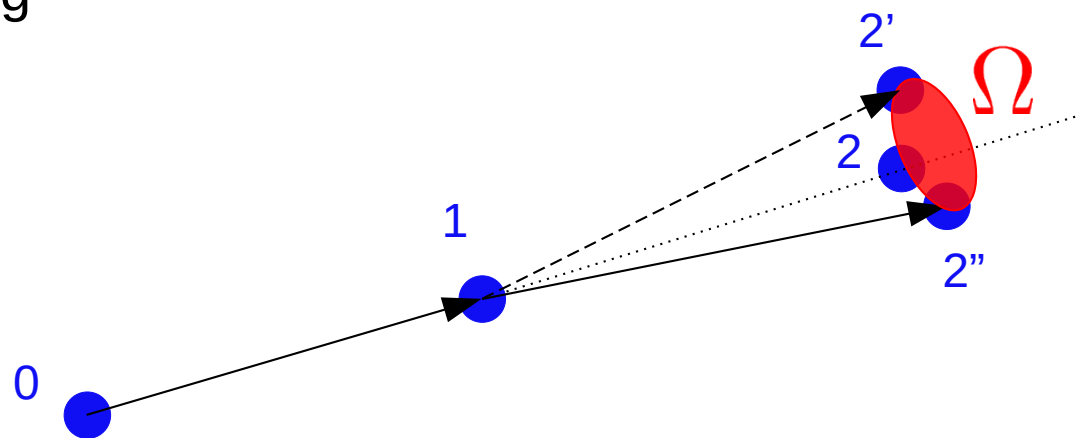
# Track candidates

$B = 0 \Rightarrow$  track = straight line



Candidate = triplet of clusters verifying

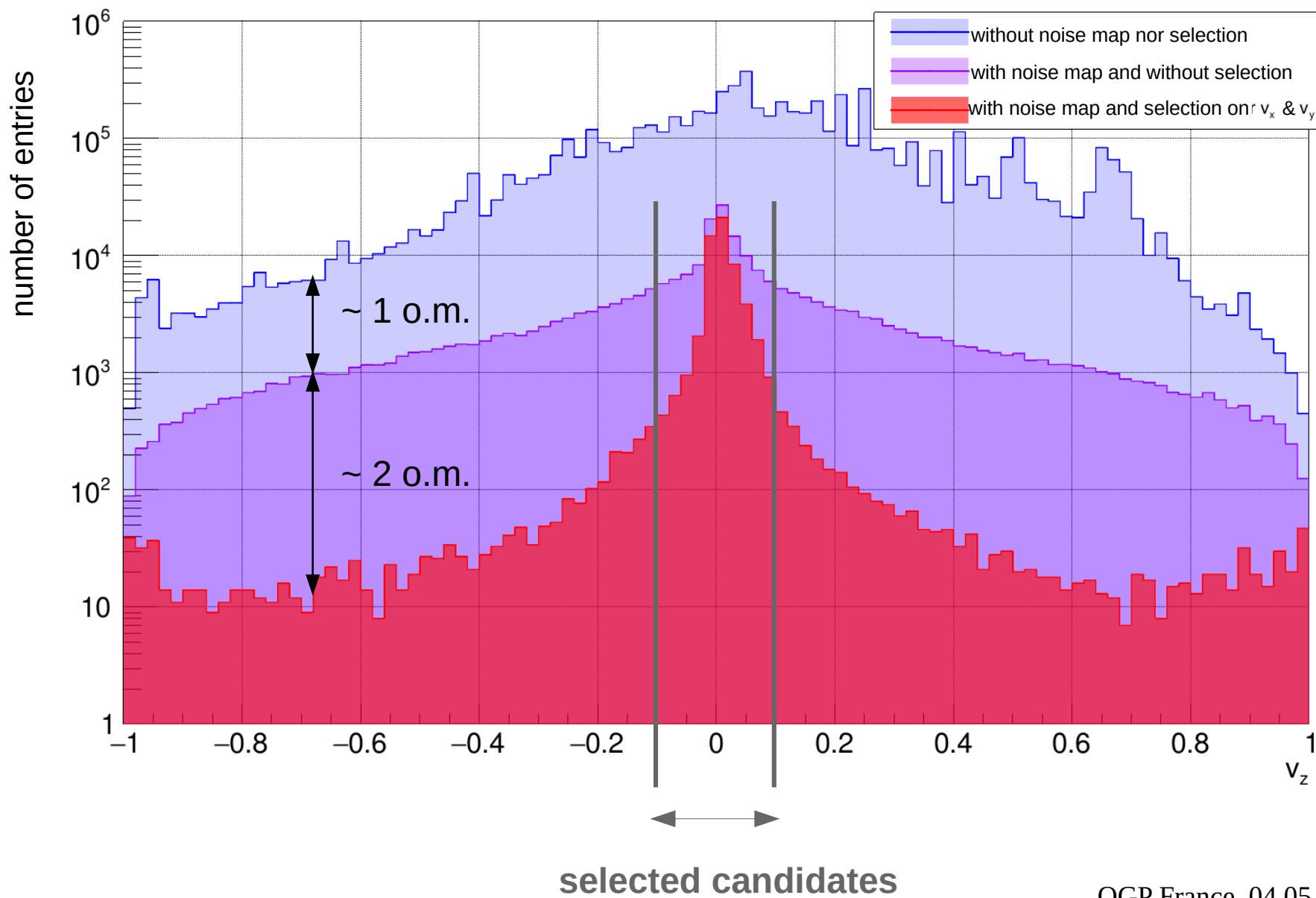
$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{v}_{01} \wedge \mathbf{v}_{12}}{\|\mathbf{v}_{01}\| \|\mathbf{v}_{12}\|} \simeq \mathbf{0}$$



$$|v_x|, |v_y|, |v_z| \leq \varepsilon \Leftrightarrow 2 \in \Omega \Rightarrow (0, 1, 2) = \text{candidate}$$

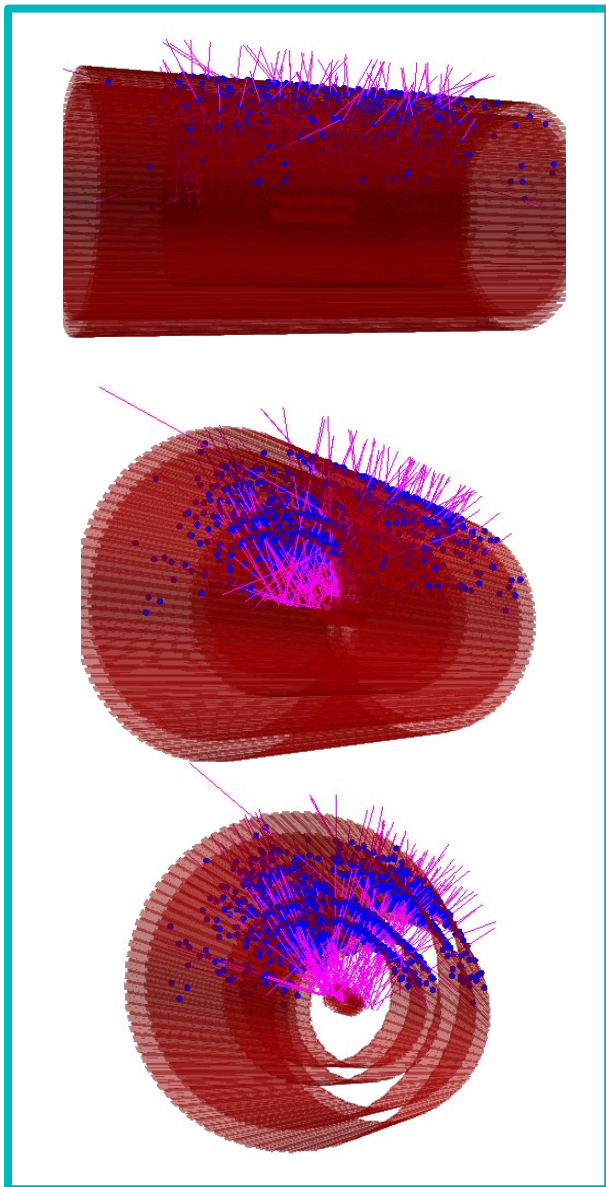
“decision value” determined graphically ( $\sim 0,1$ )

# Suppression and selection

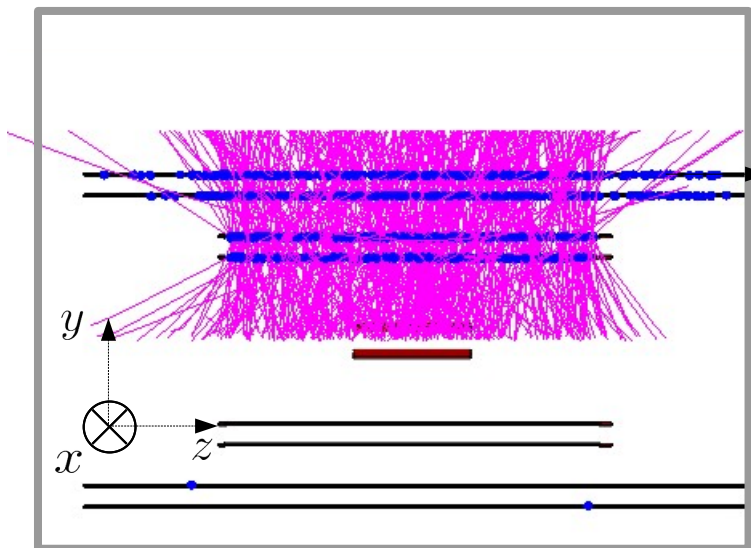
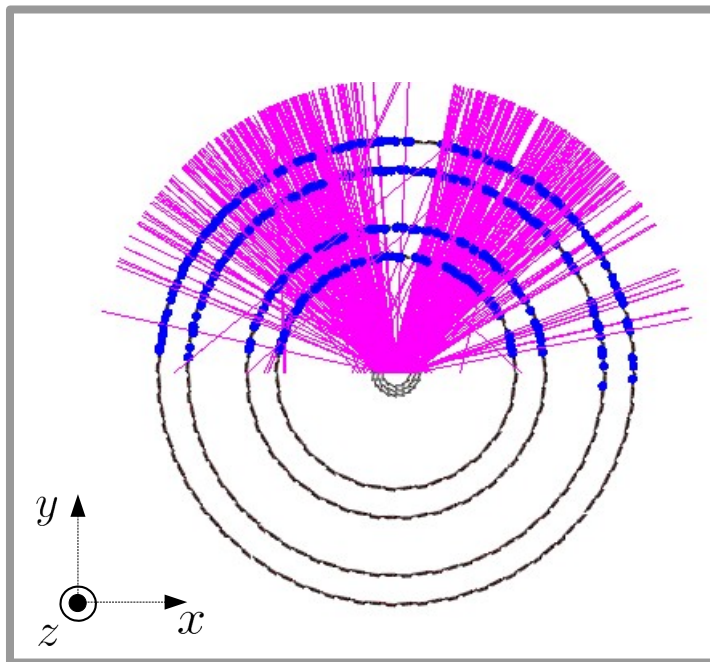


# Inclination angles

3D view



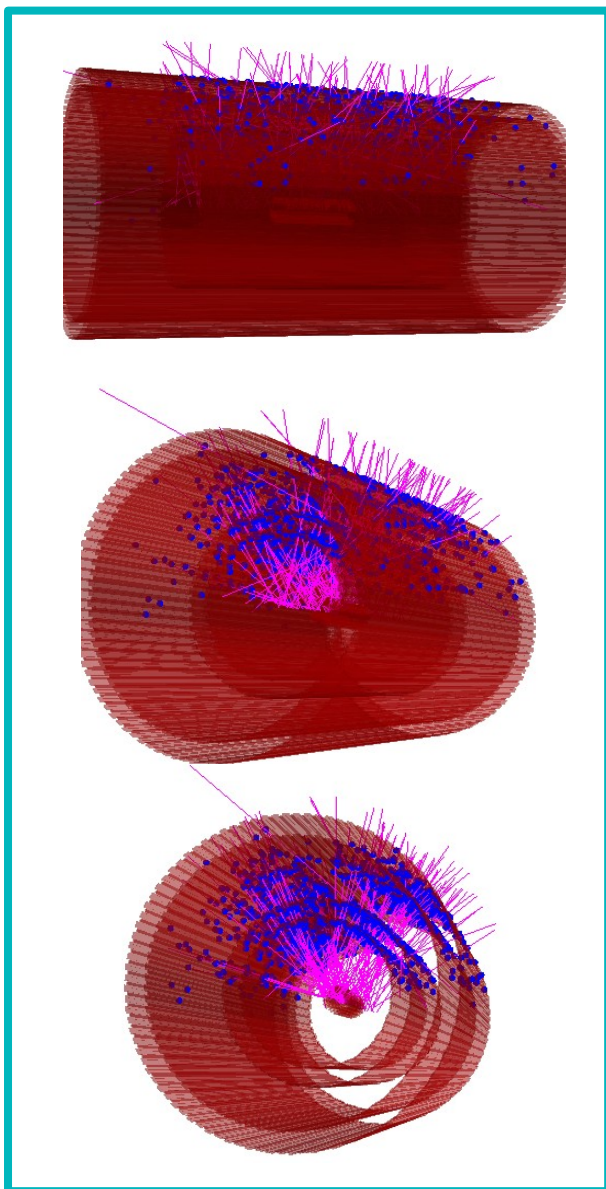
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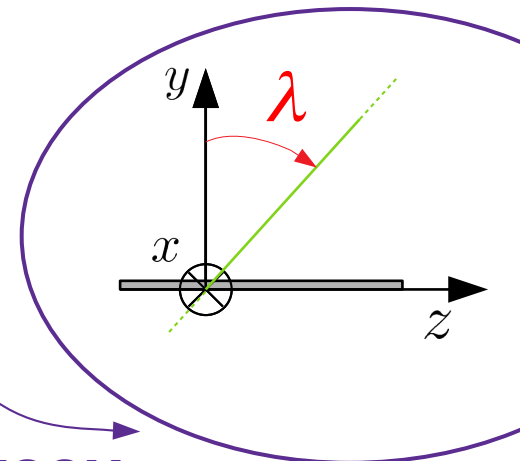
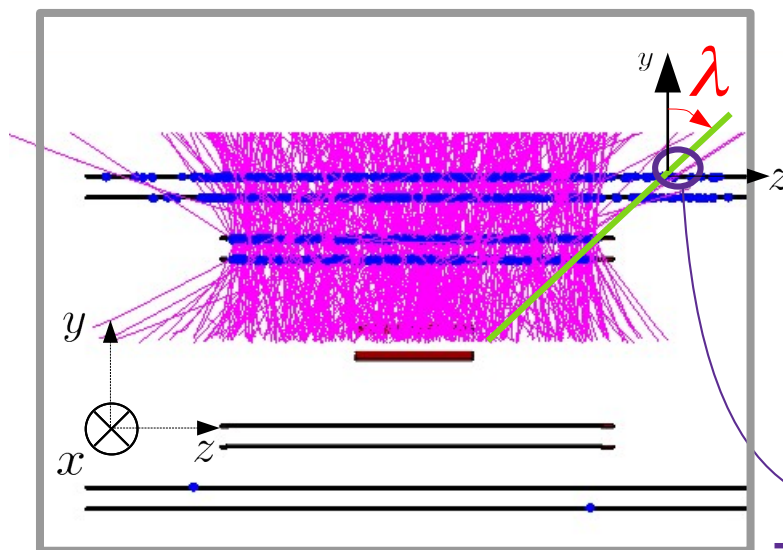
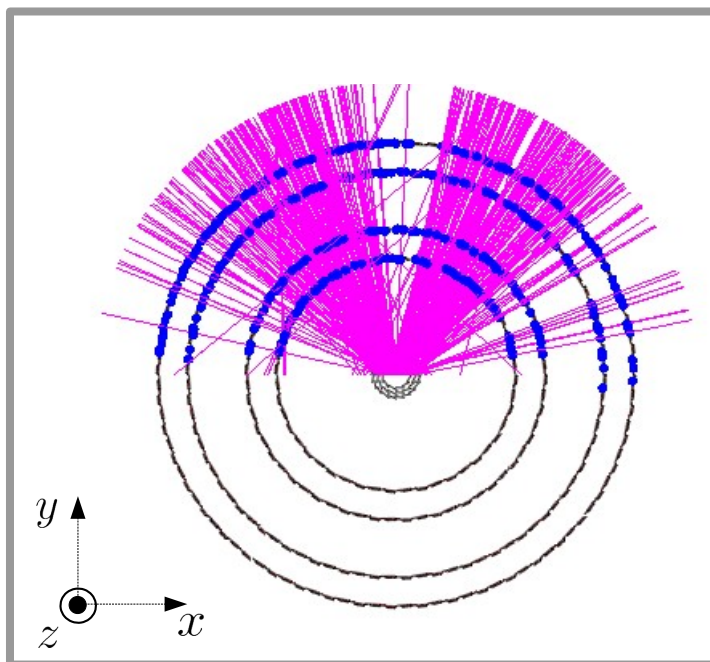
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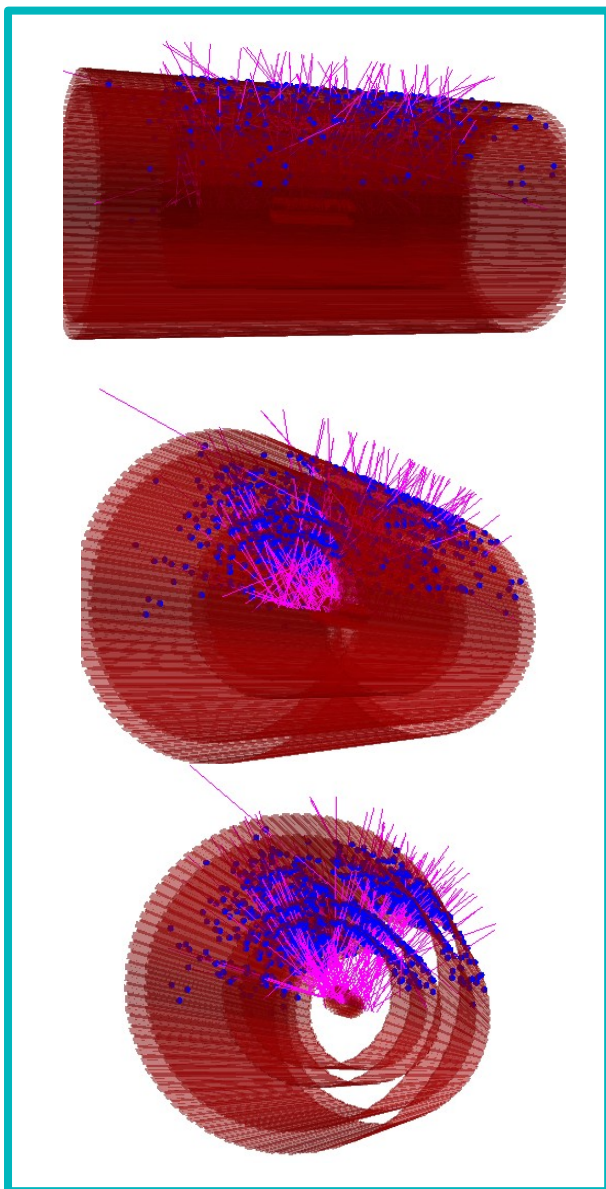


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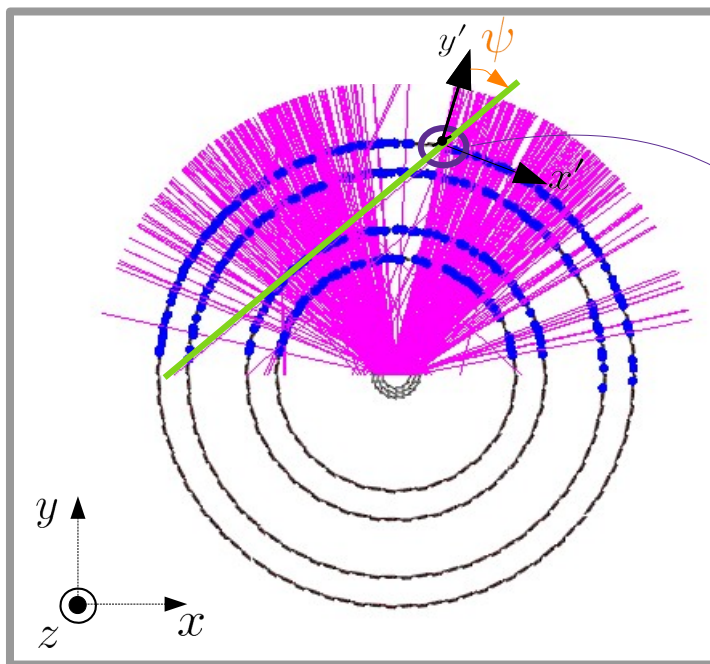
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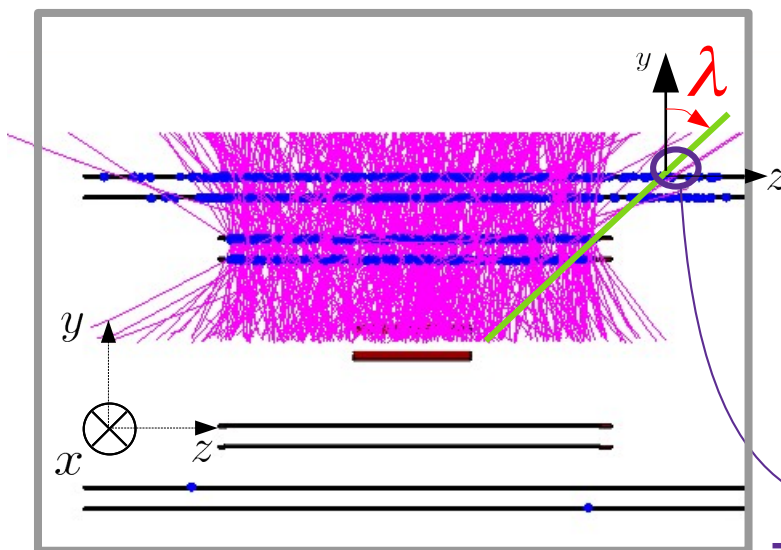
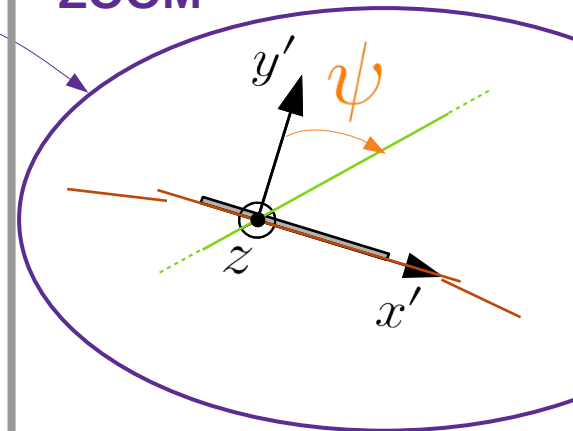
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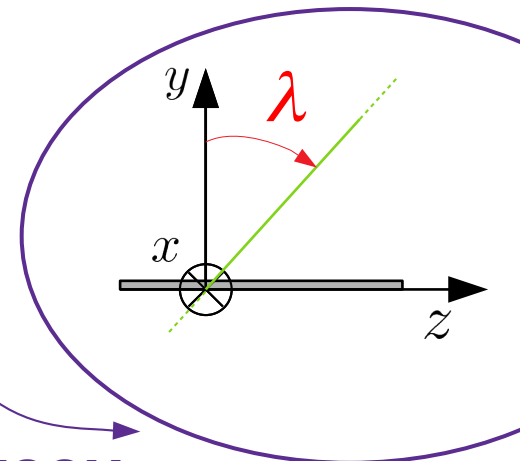
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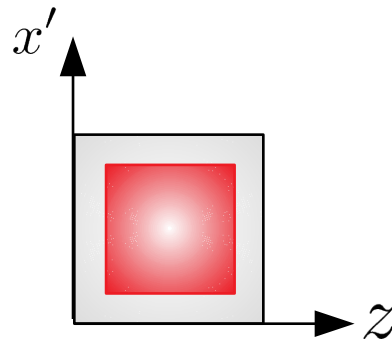
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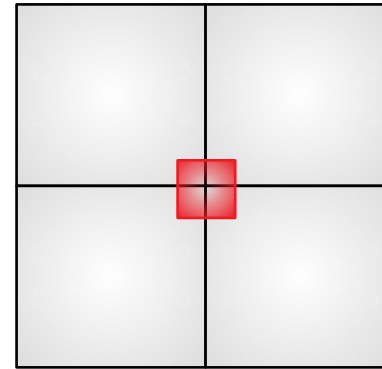
# Motivations

- ◆ Some shapes offer a better precision on position



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$$\sigma_{x'} \sim \frac{d_{x'}}{\sqrt{12}}$$



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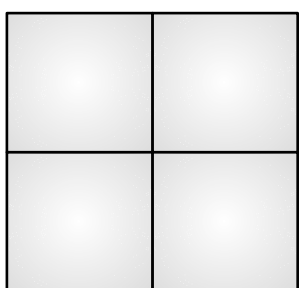
$$\sigma_{x'} \ll \frac{d_{x'}}{\sqrt{12}}$$

- ◆ It could help the tracking algorithm



# Example of cluster-track assignment

- Track reconstructed on layer 5 and the algorithm looks for the next cluster on layer 4;
- Several possible clusters:



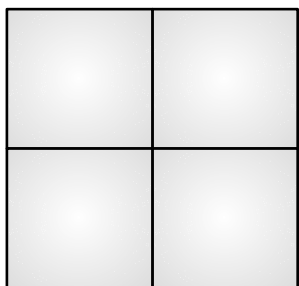
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or



- Track orthogonal to the sensor surface → **cluster shape distribution as a function of inclination angles** offers a finer selection of the next cluster:



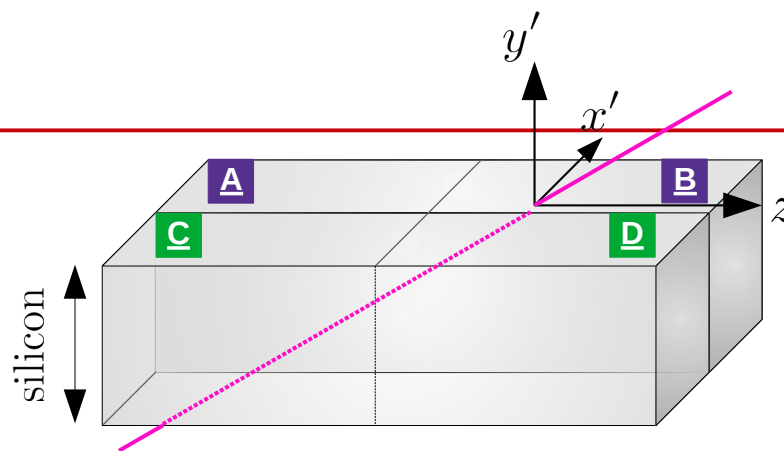
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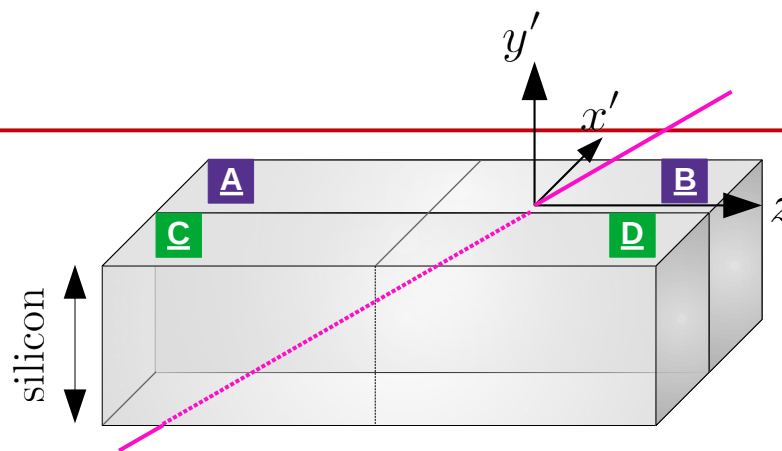
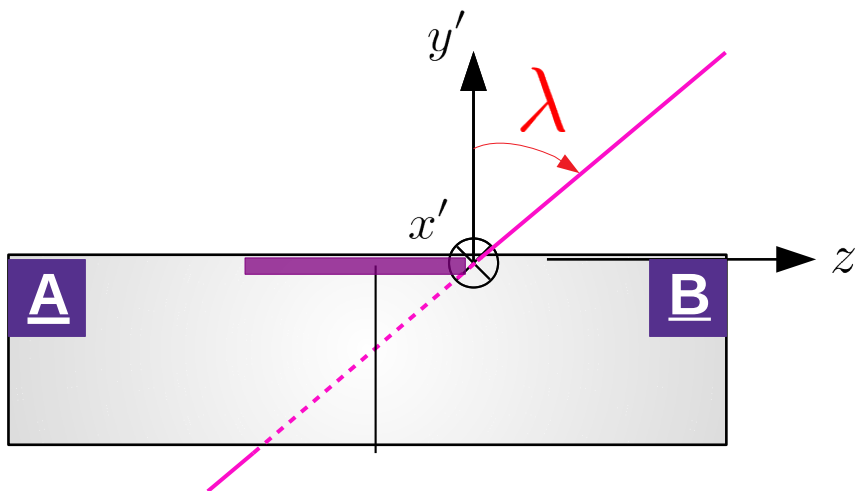
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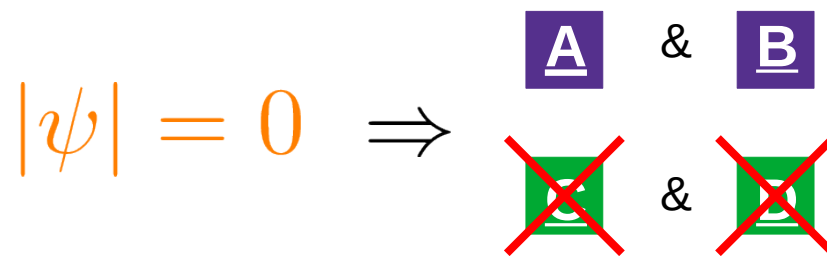
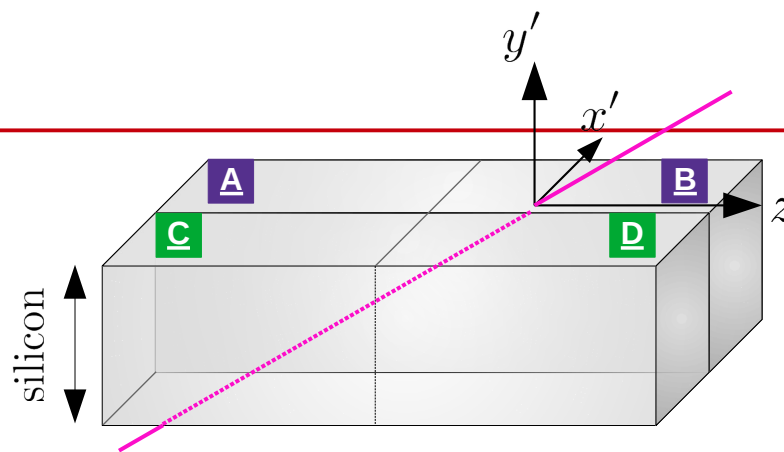
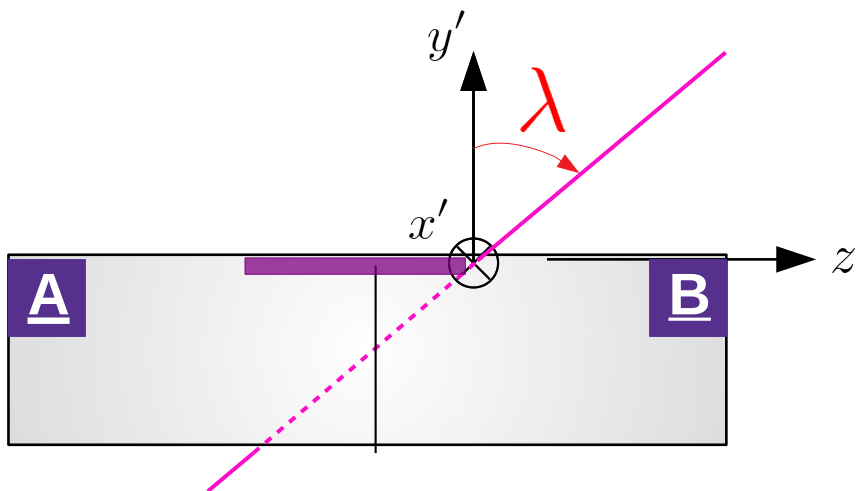


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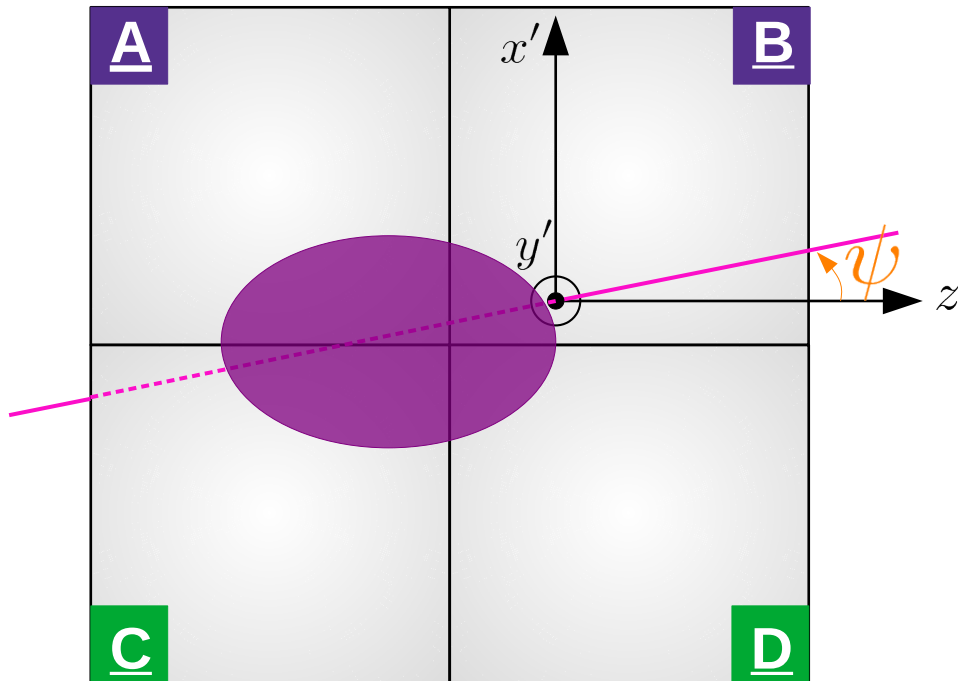
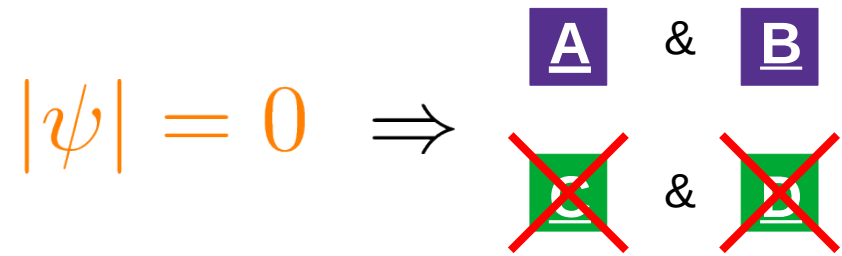
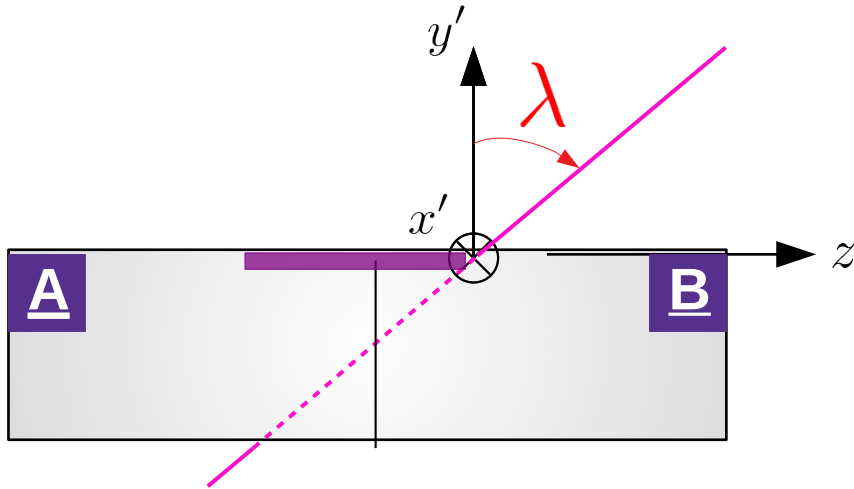
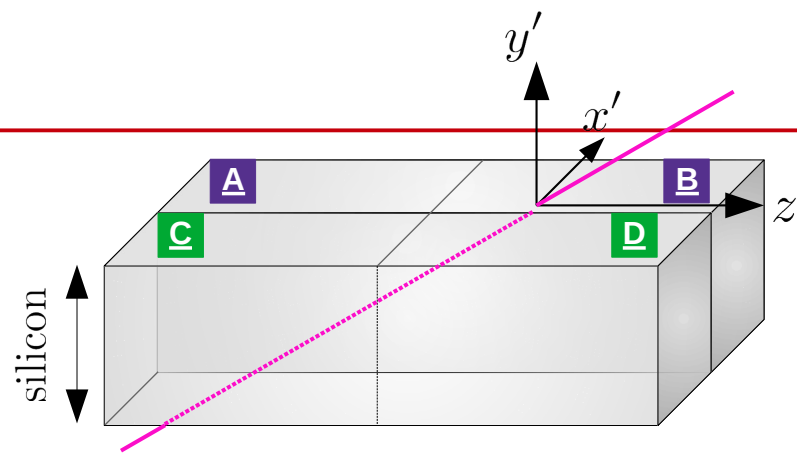


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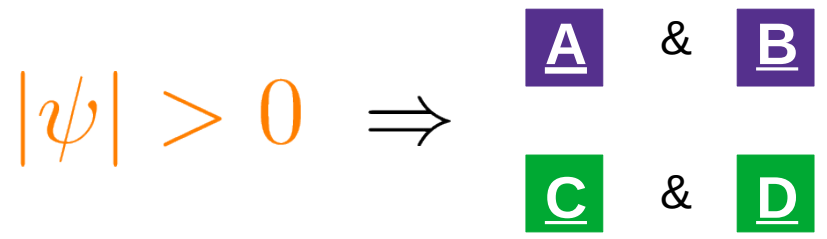
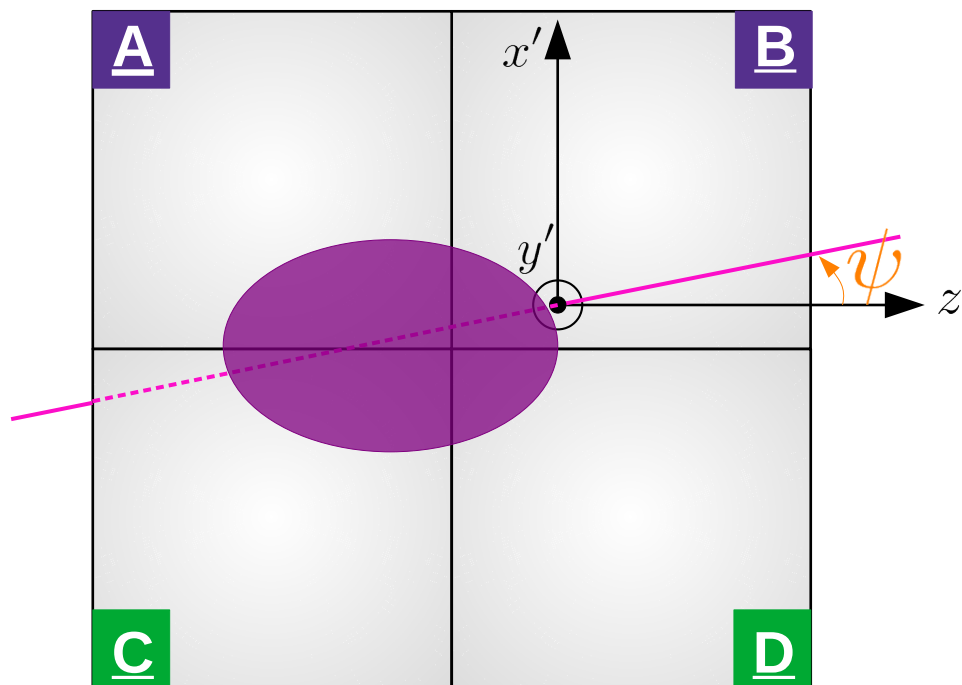
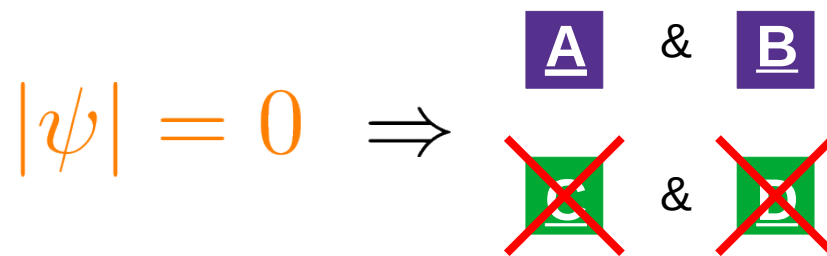
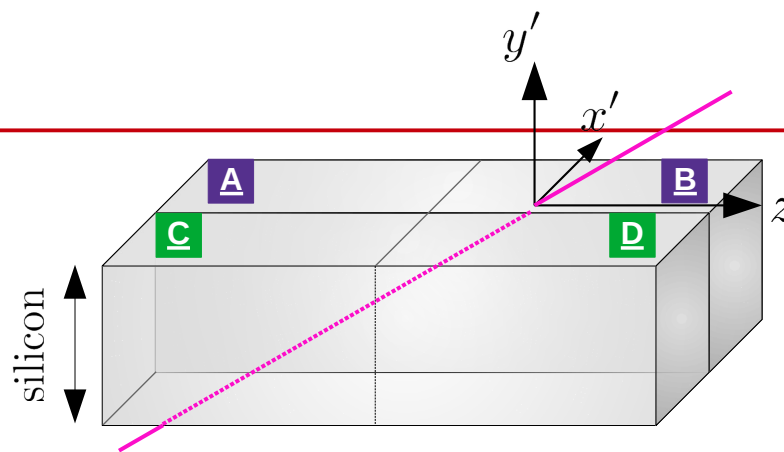
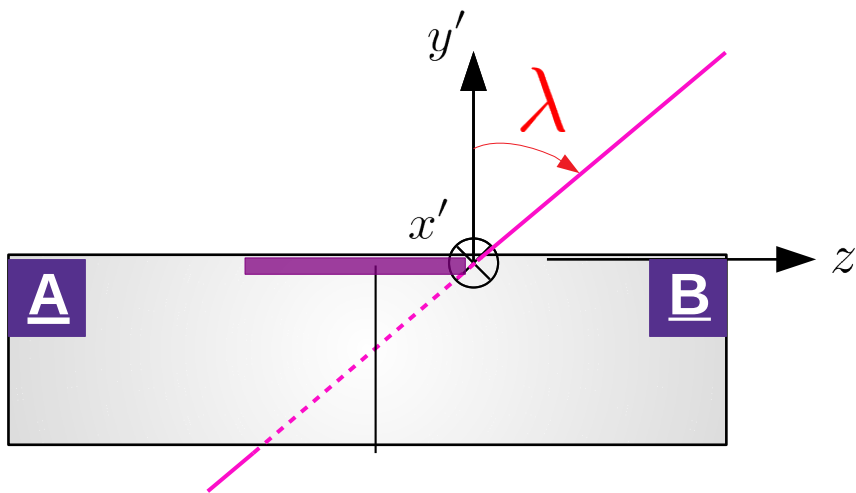
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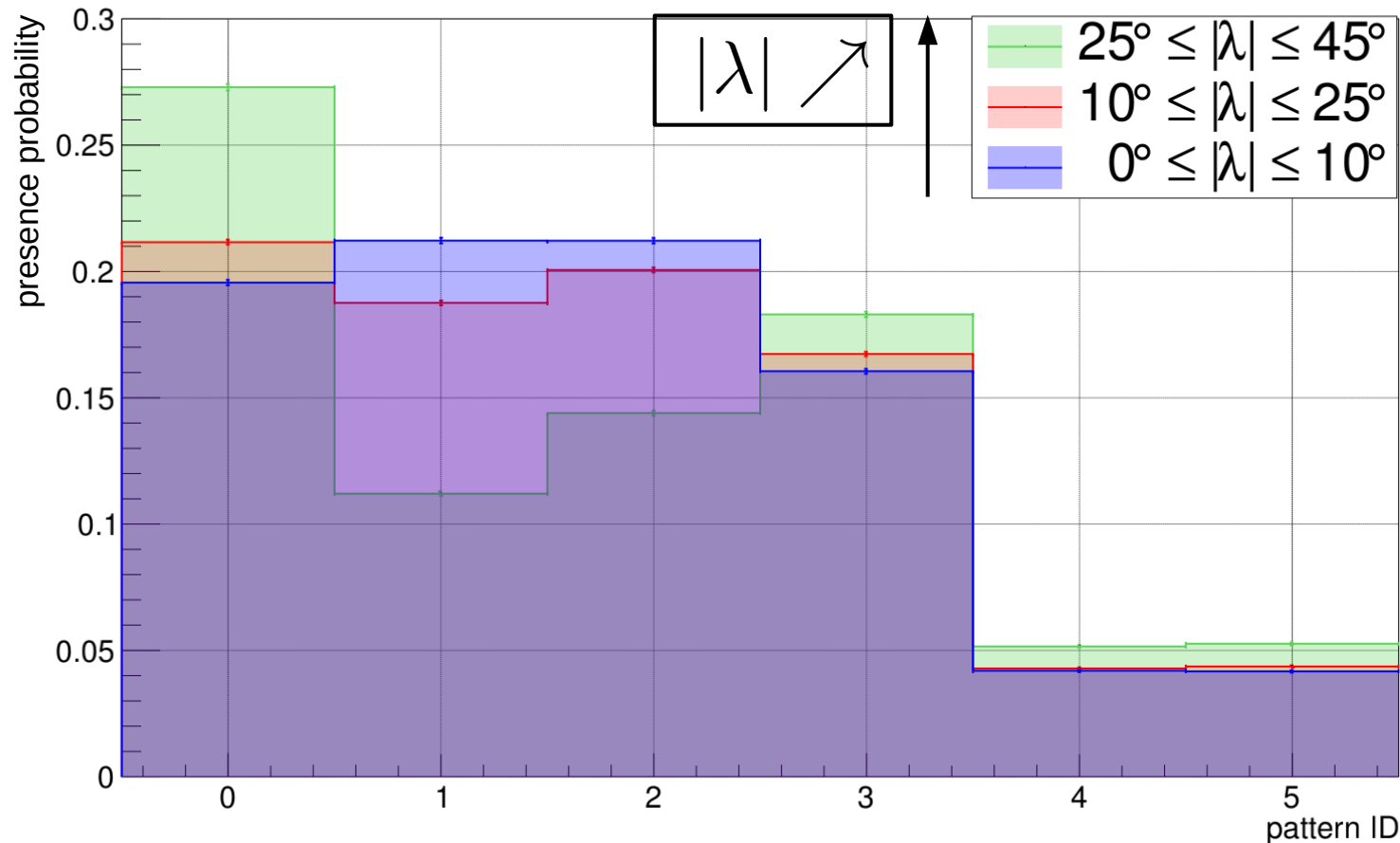
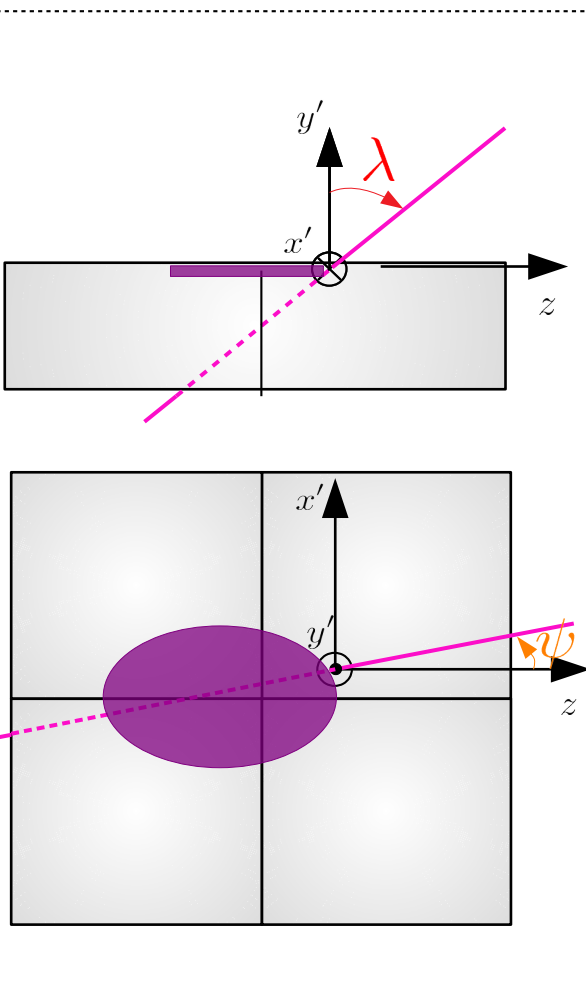
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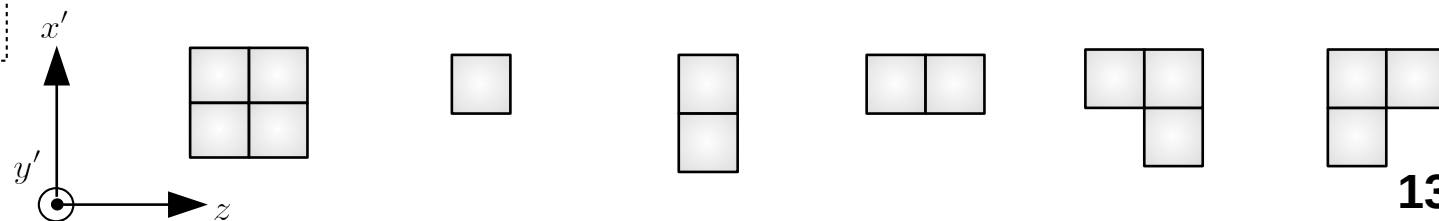
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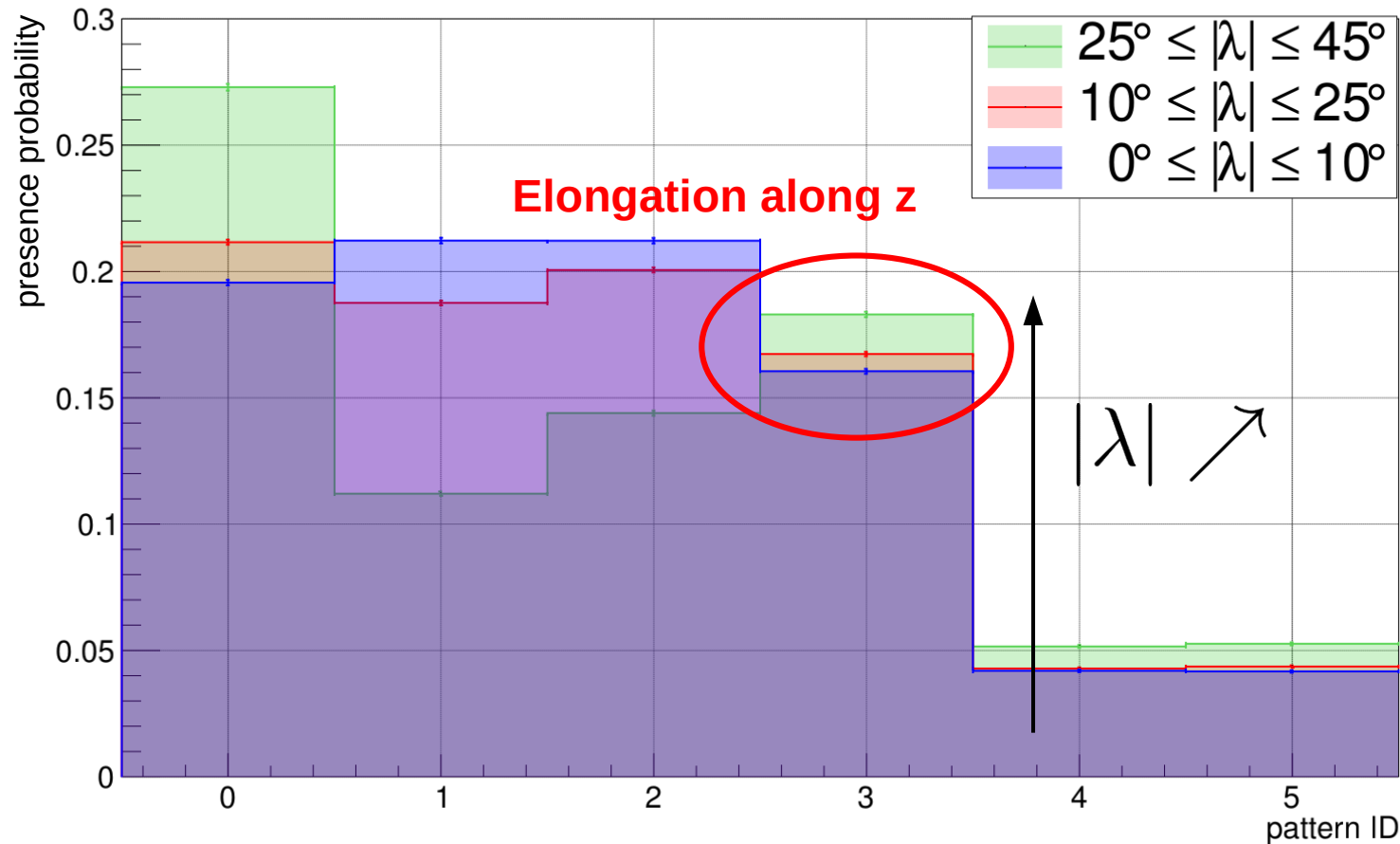
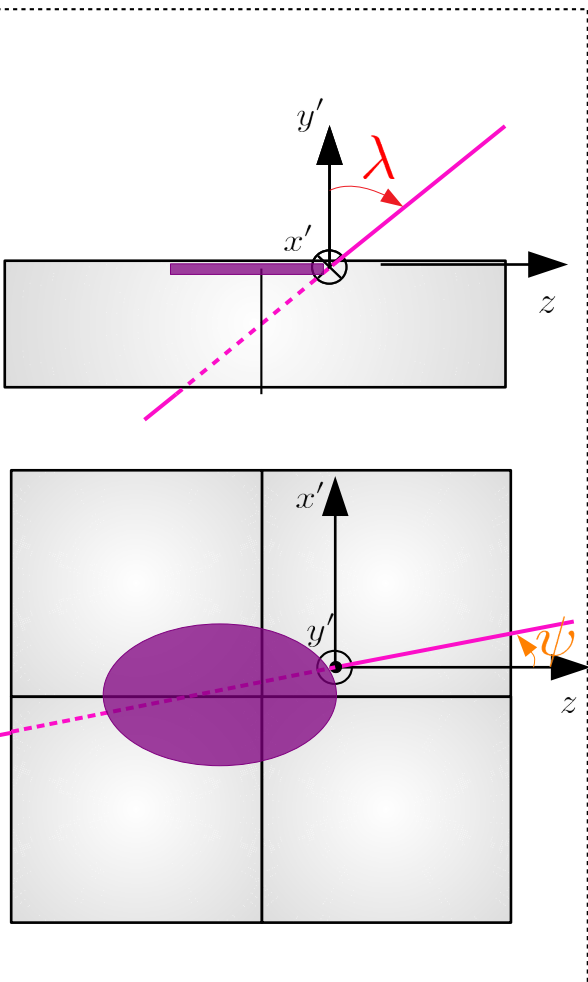
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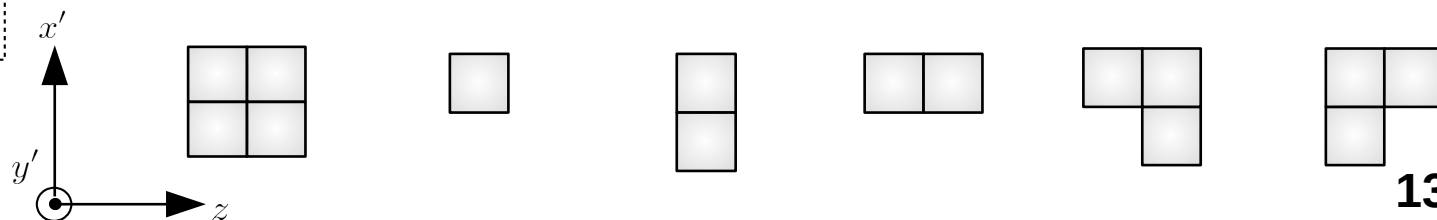
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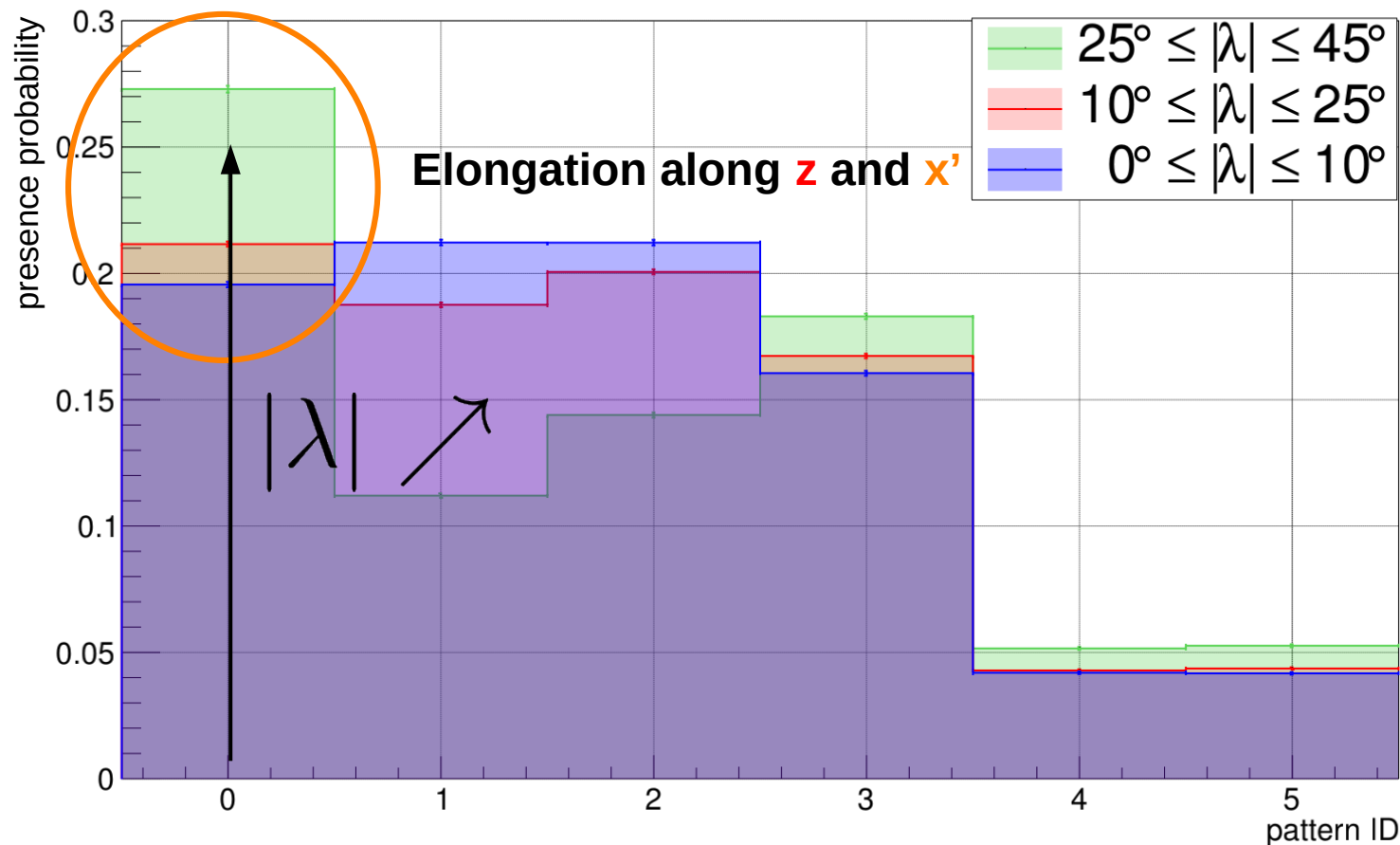
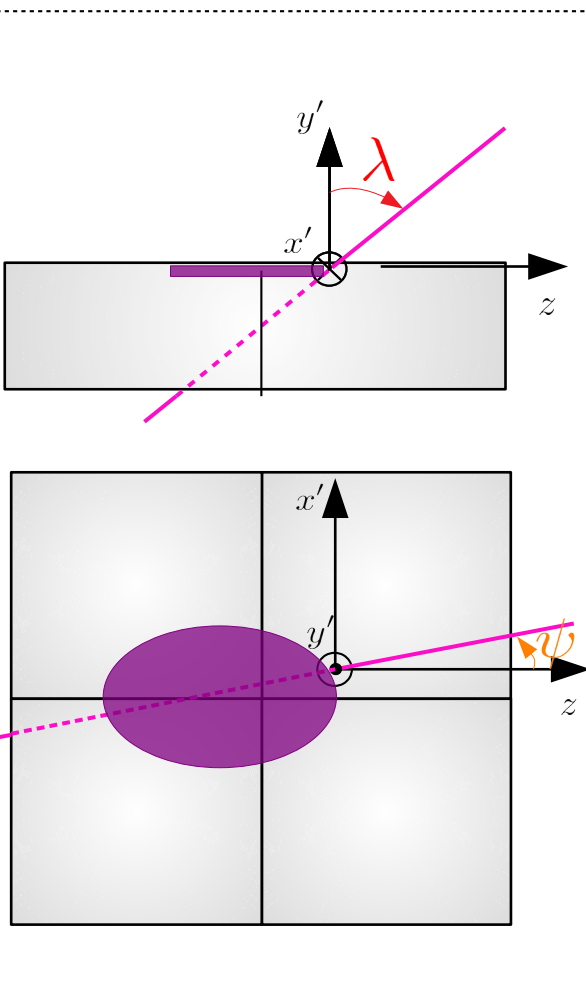


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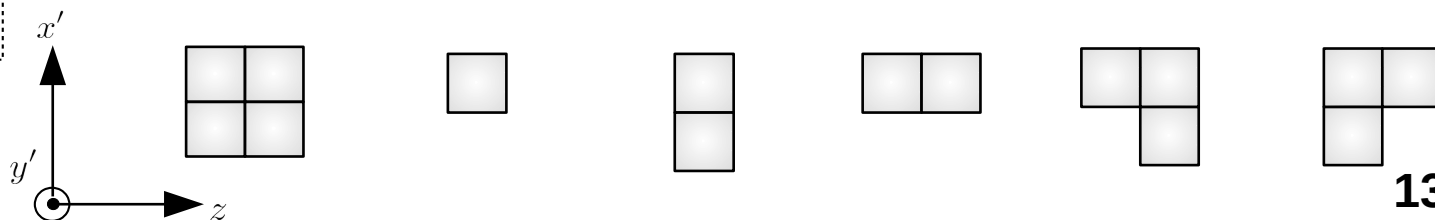




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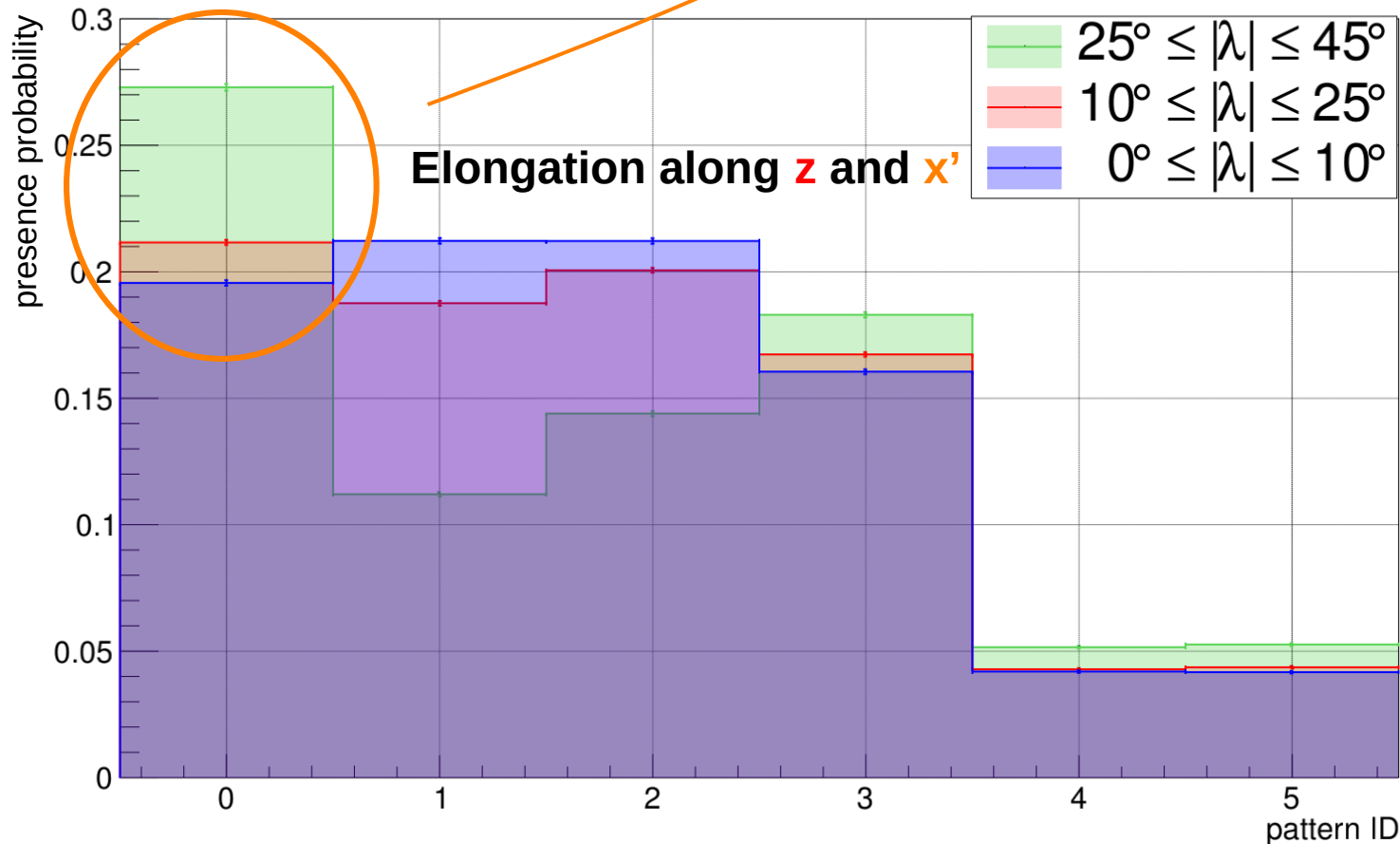
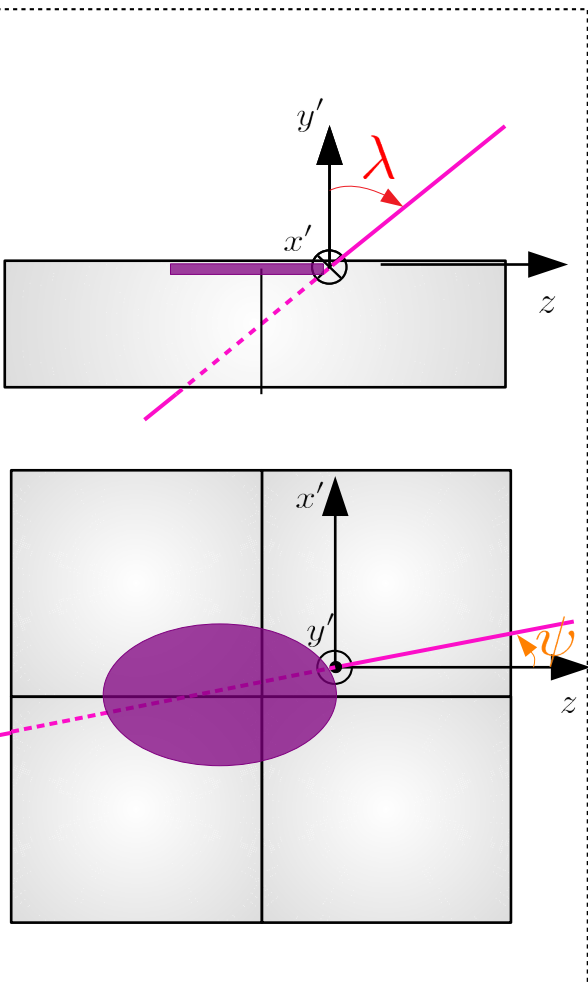


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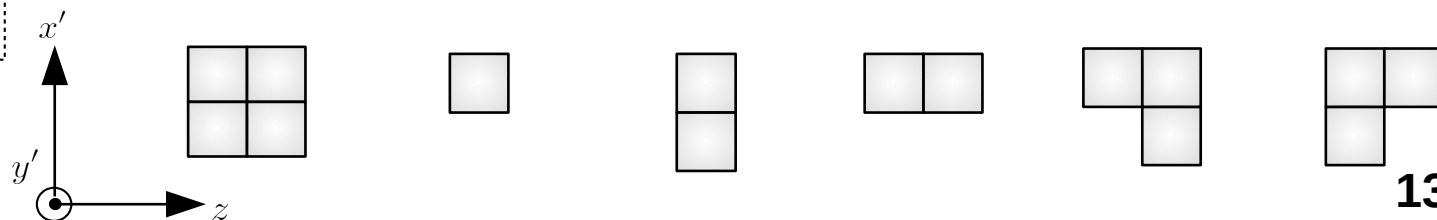


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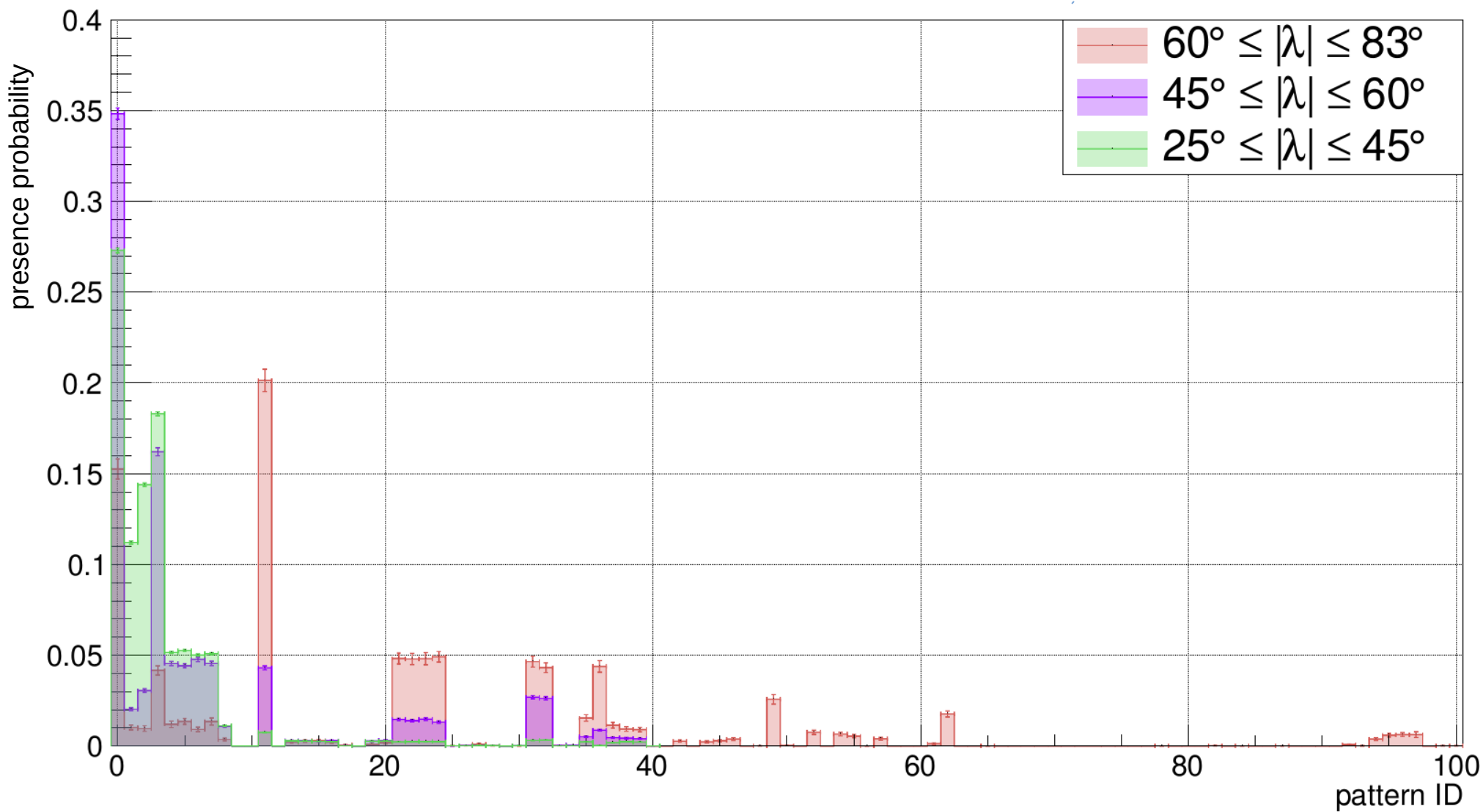
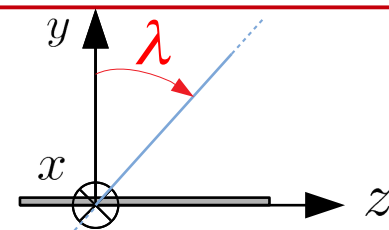


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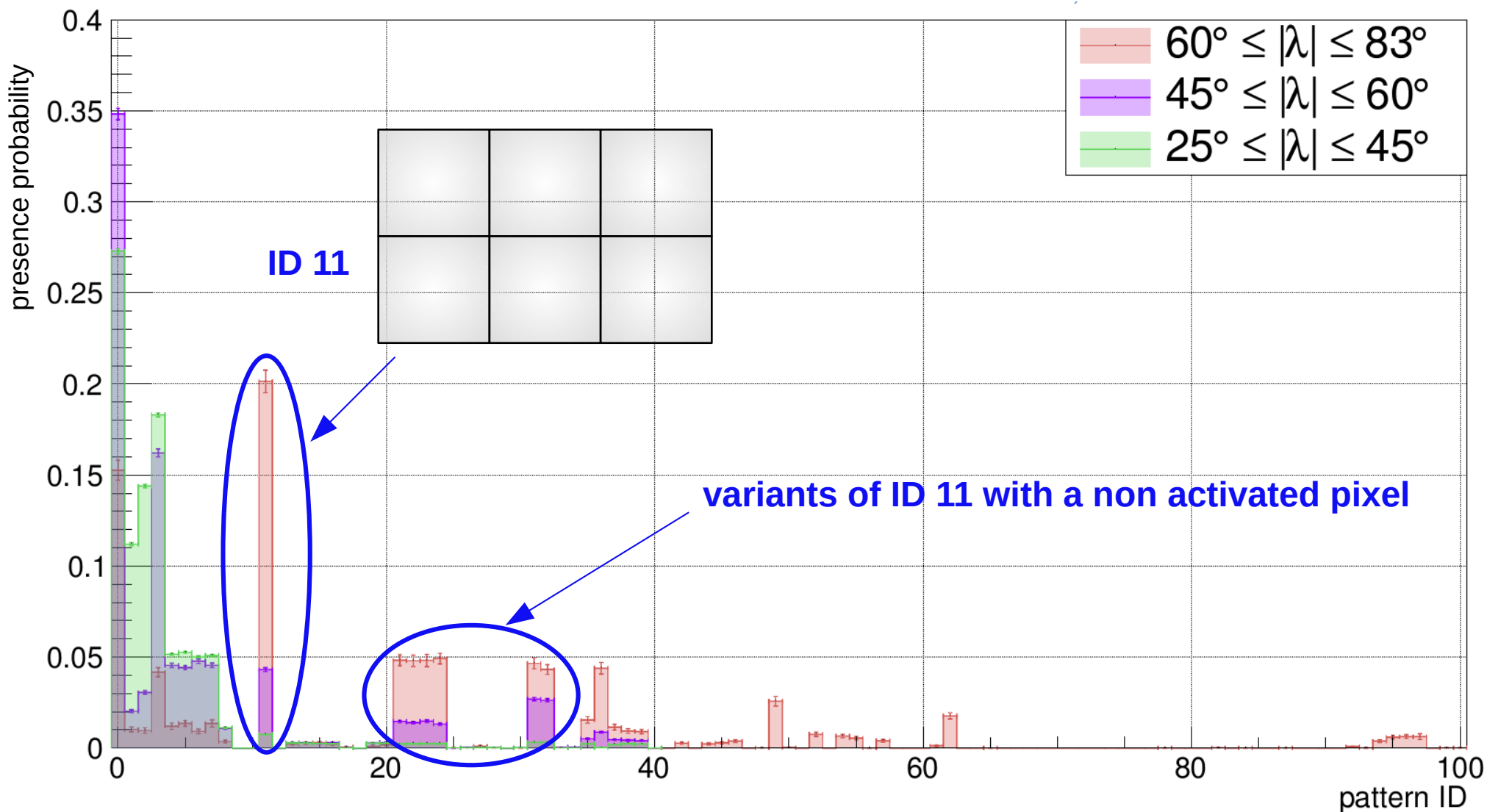
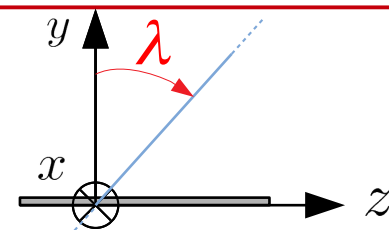
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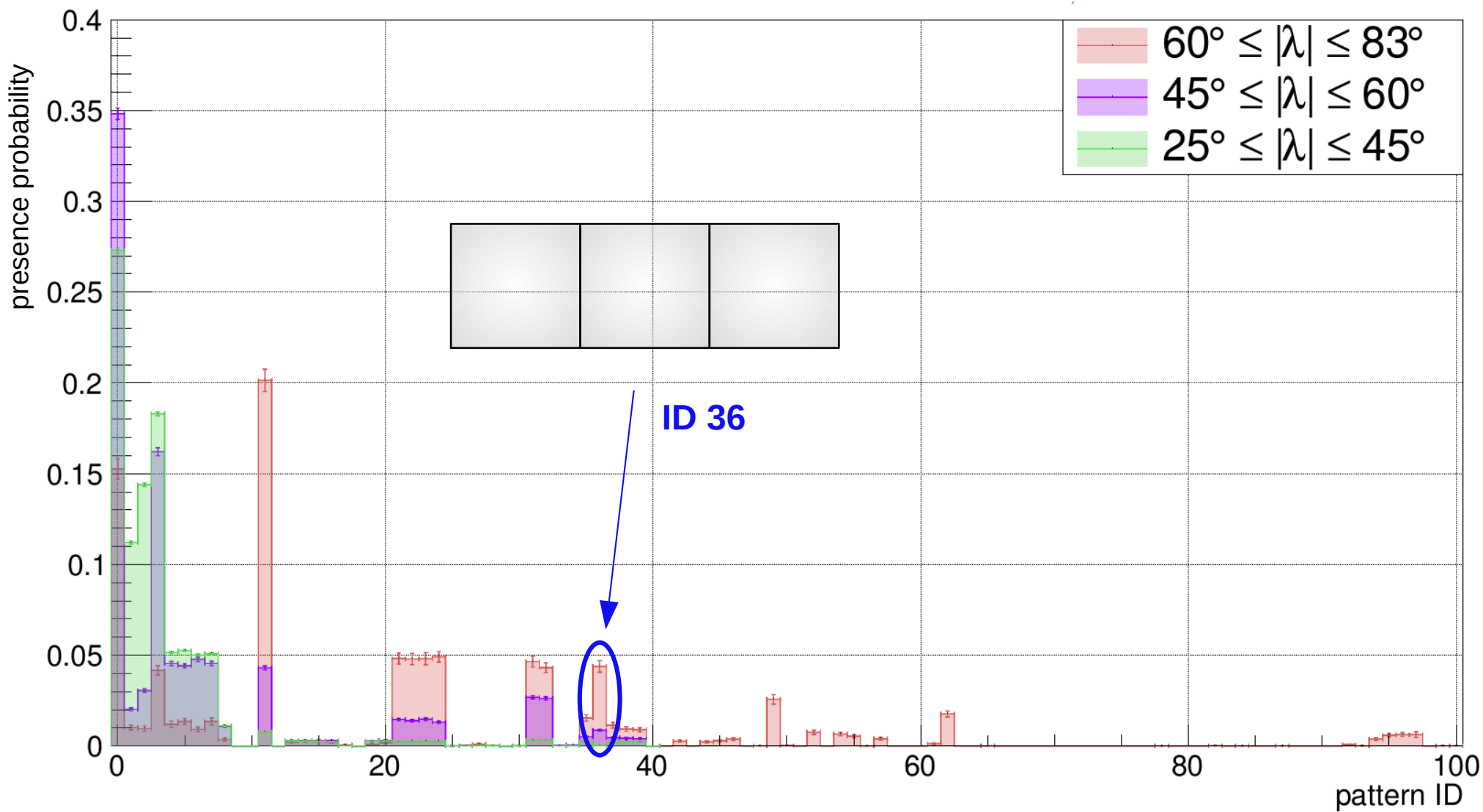
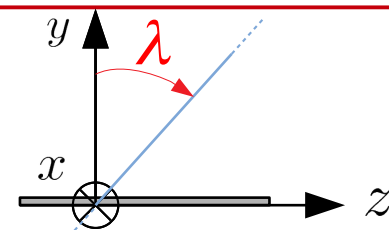
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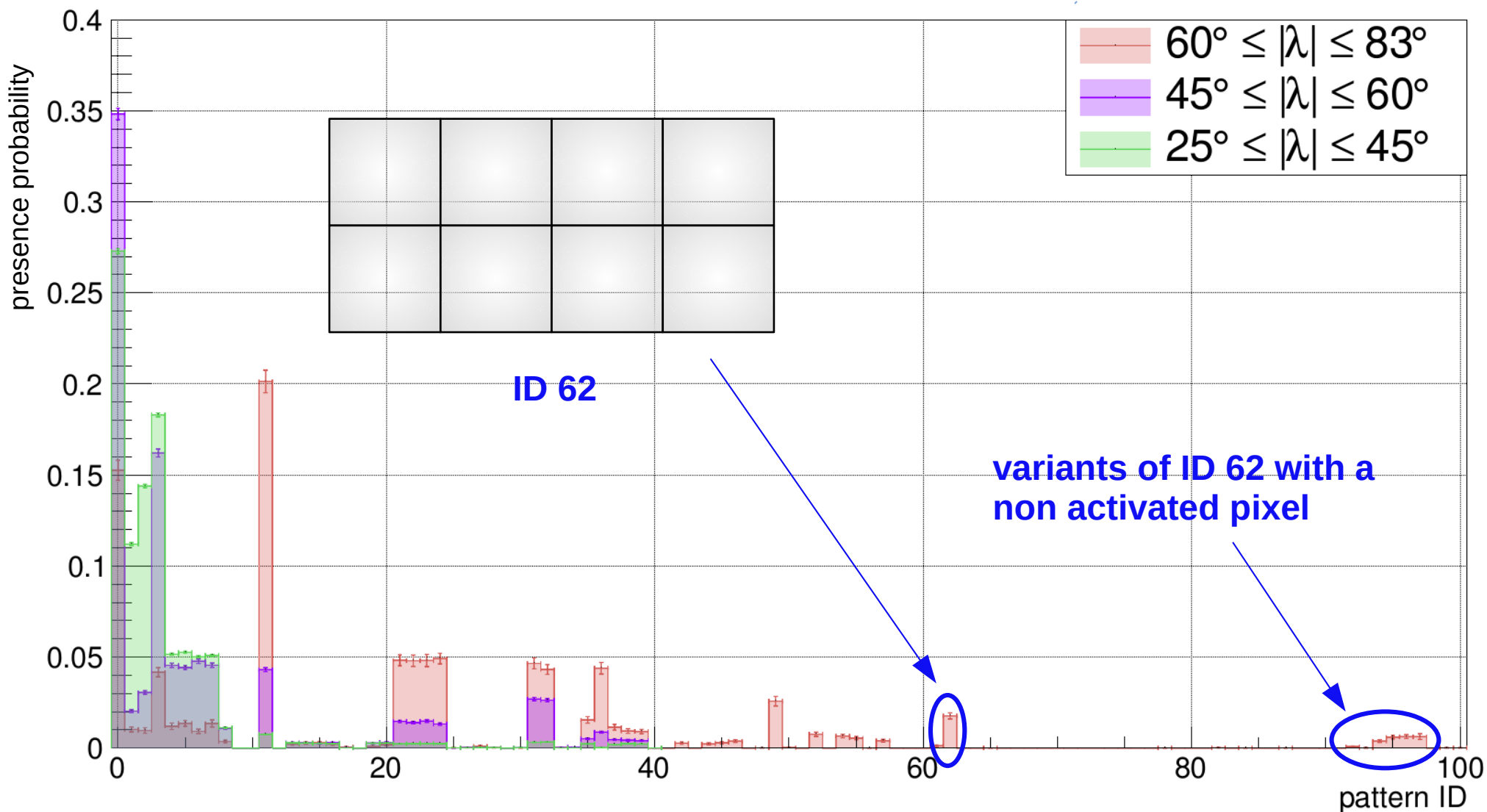
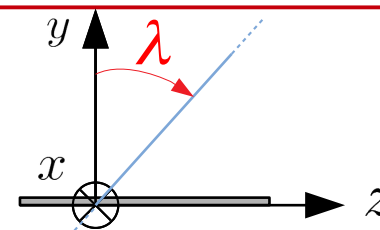
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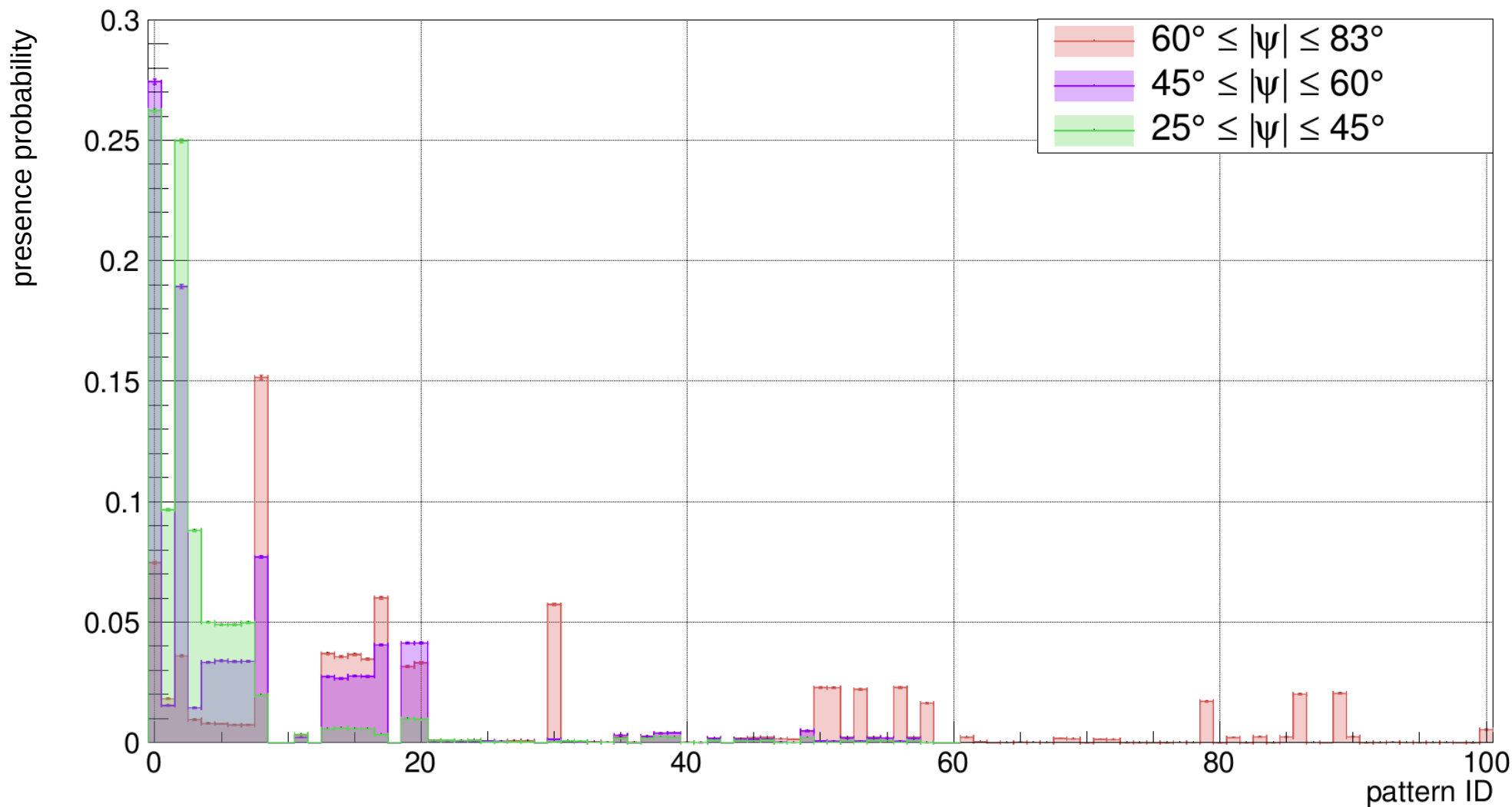
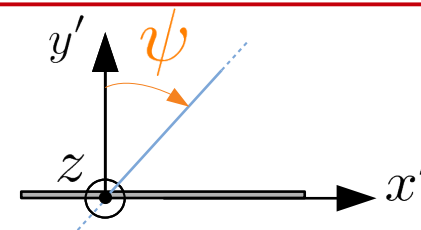


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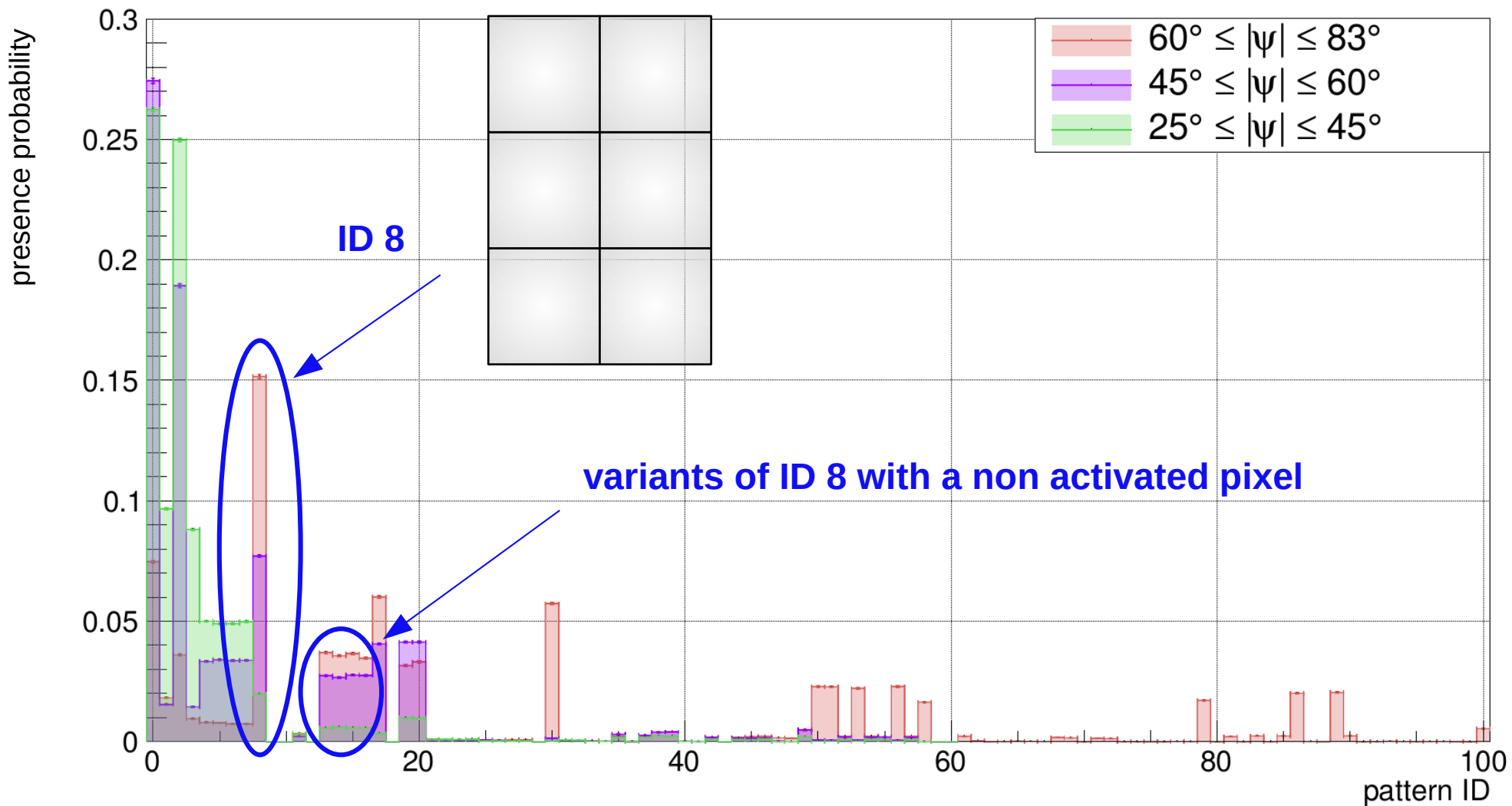
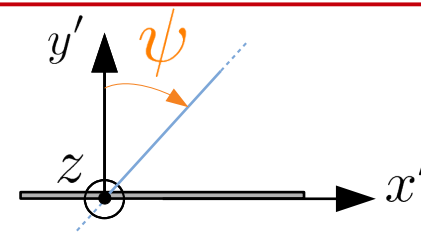
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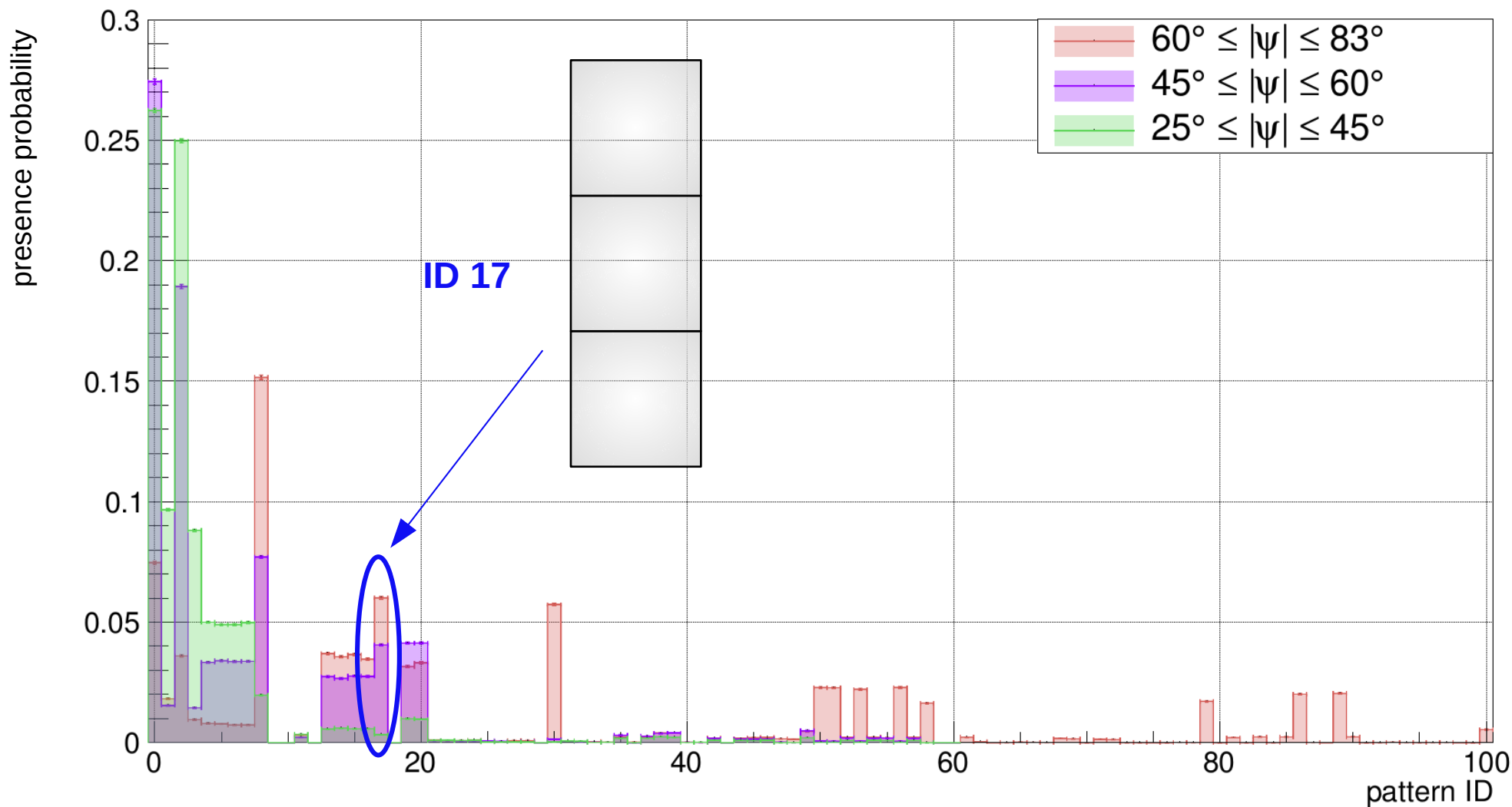
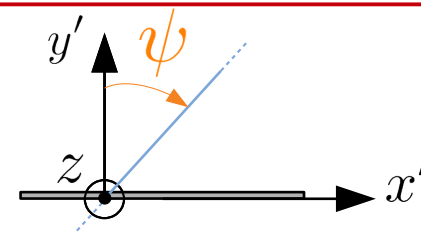


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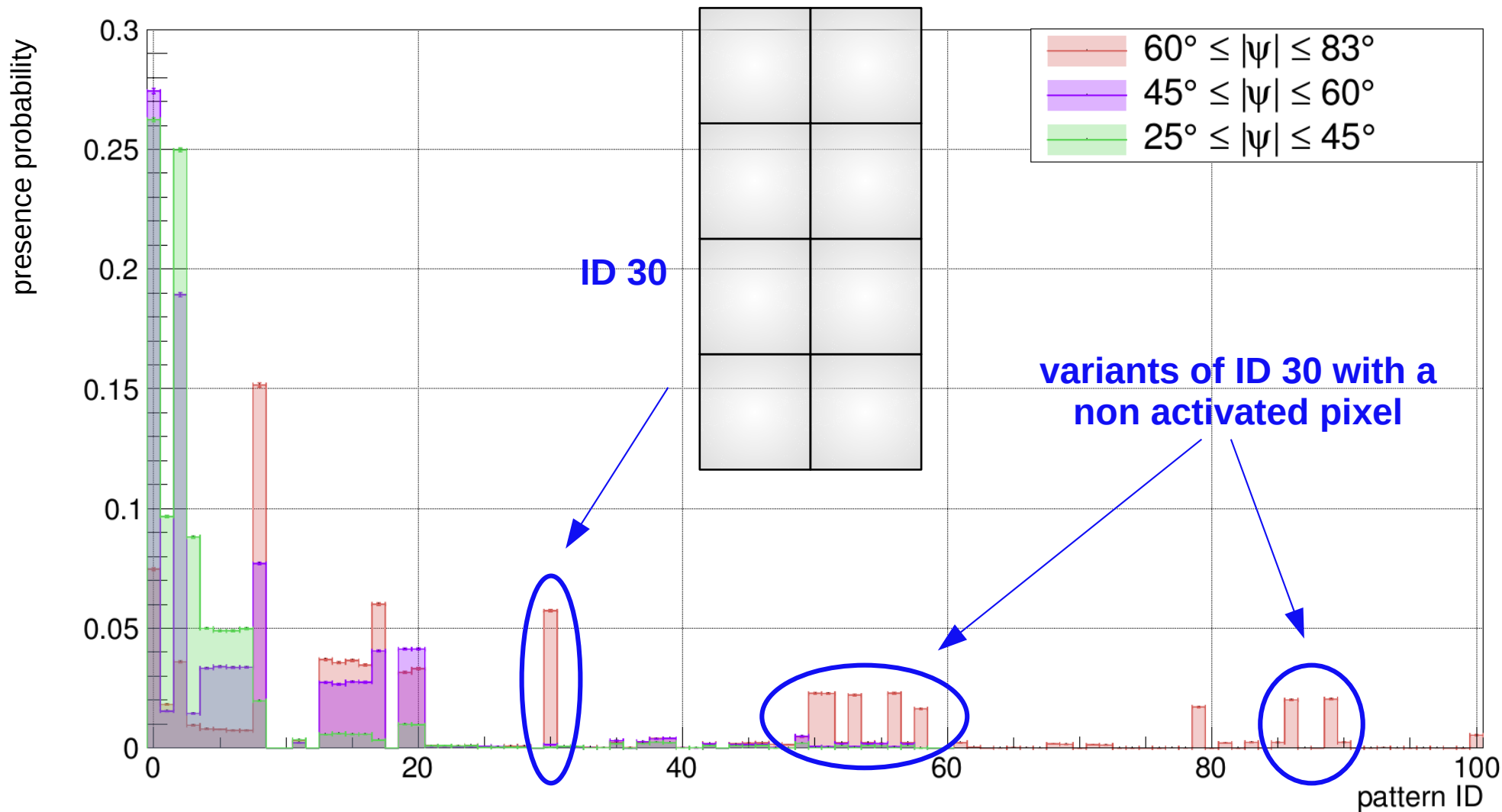
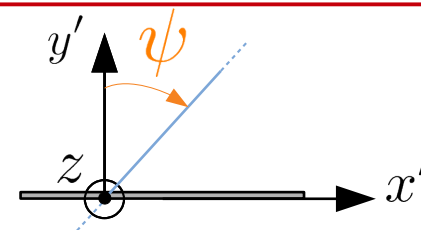




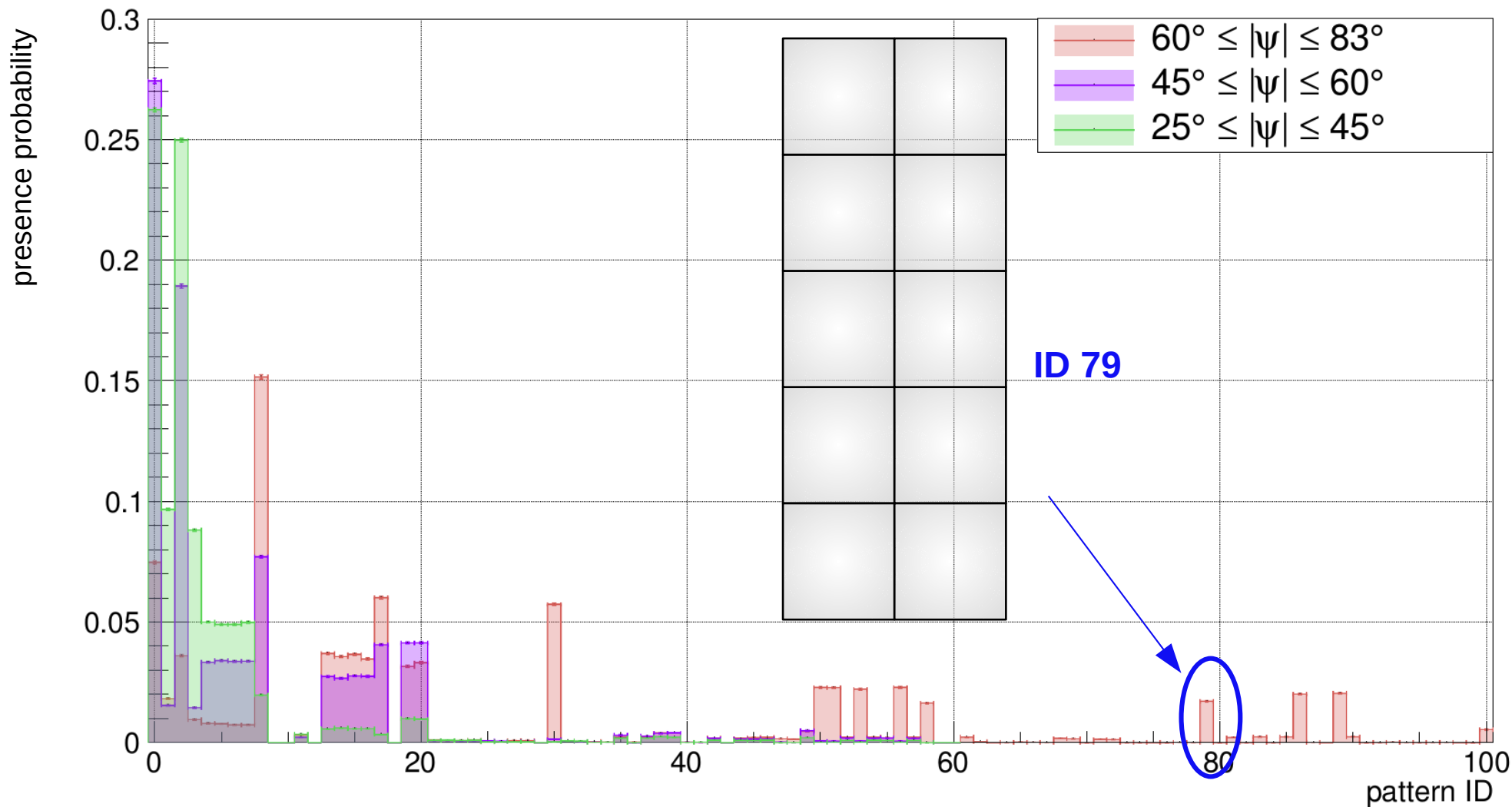
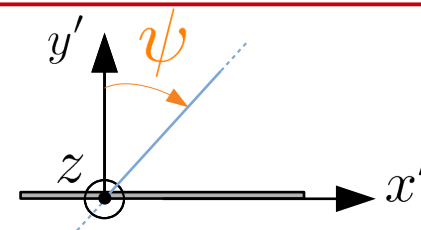
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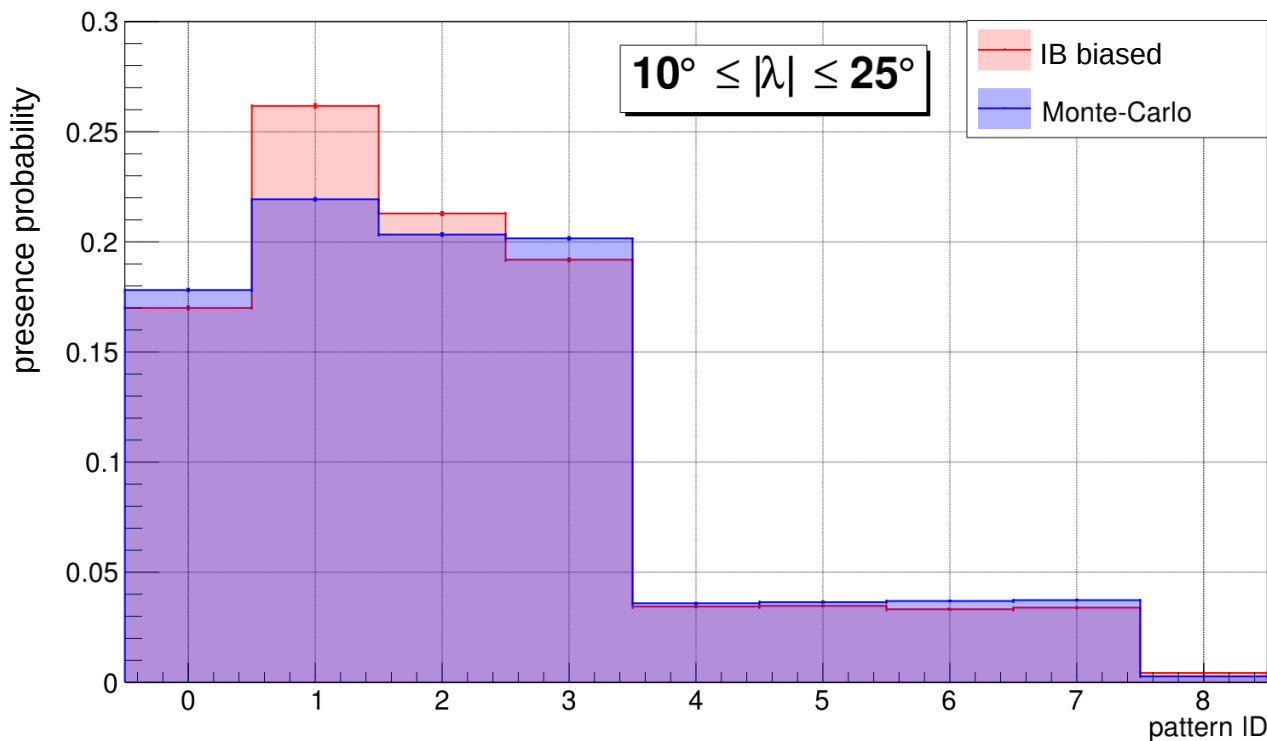
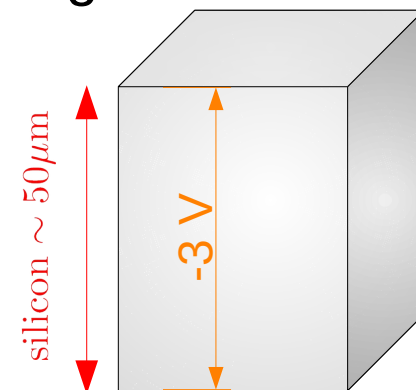
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- Bias = **potential difference** applied to the width of a chip's semiconductor to compensate the effects of radiation damage
- Inner Barrel (IB): with bias and without bias
- MC : ~ 10 M tracks generated



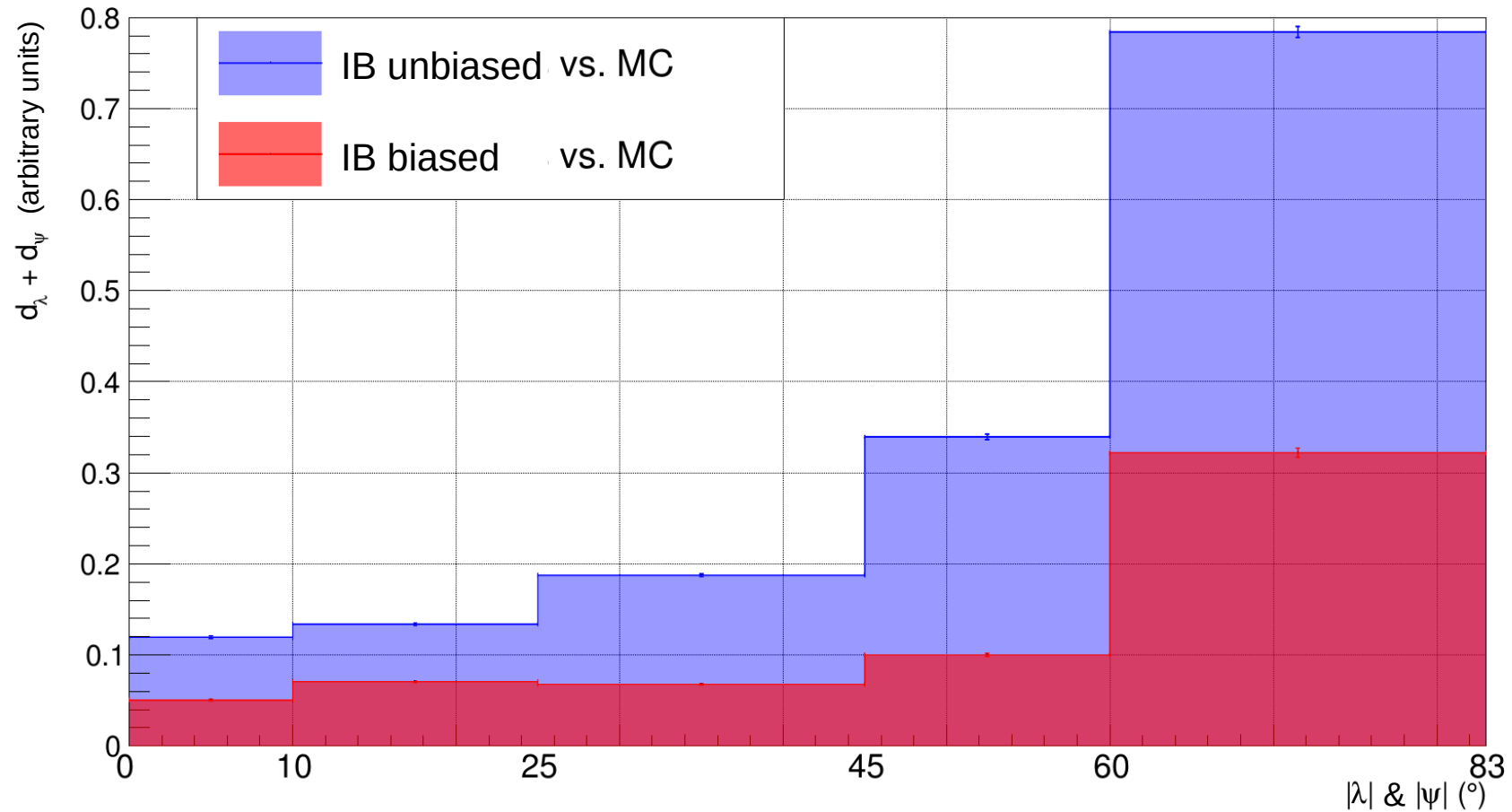
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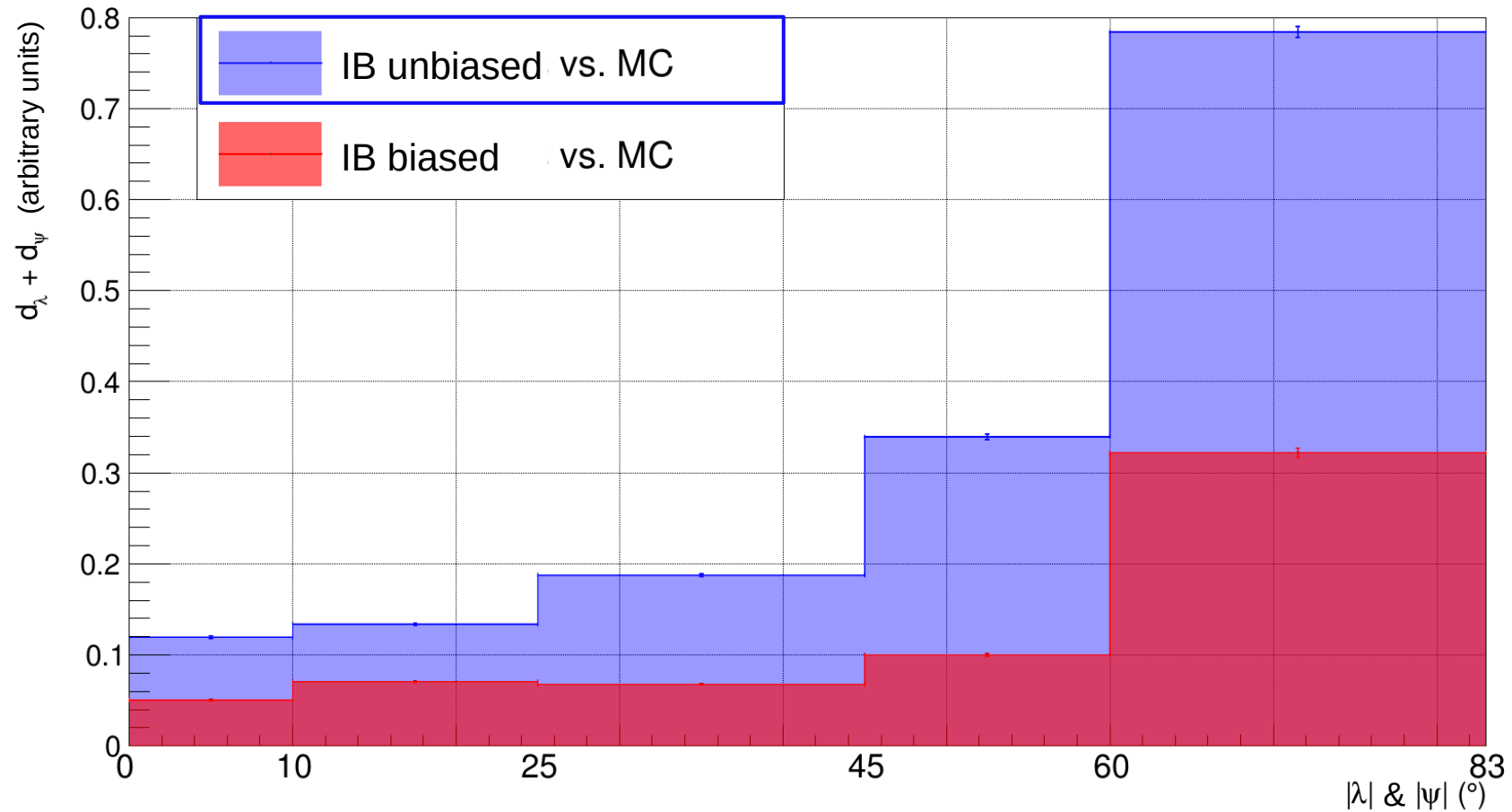
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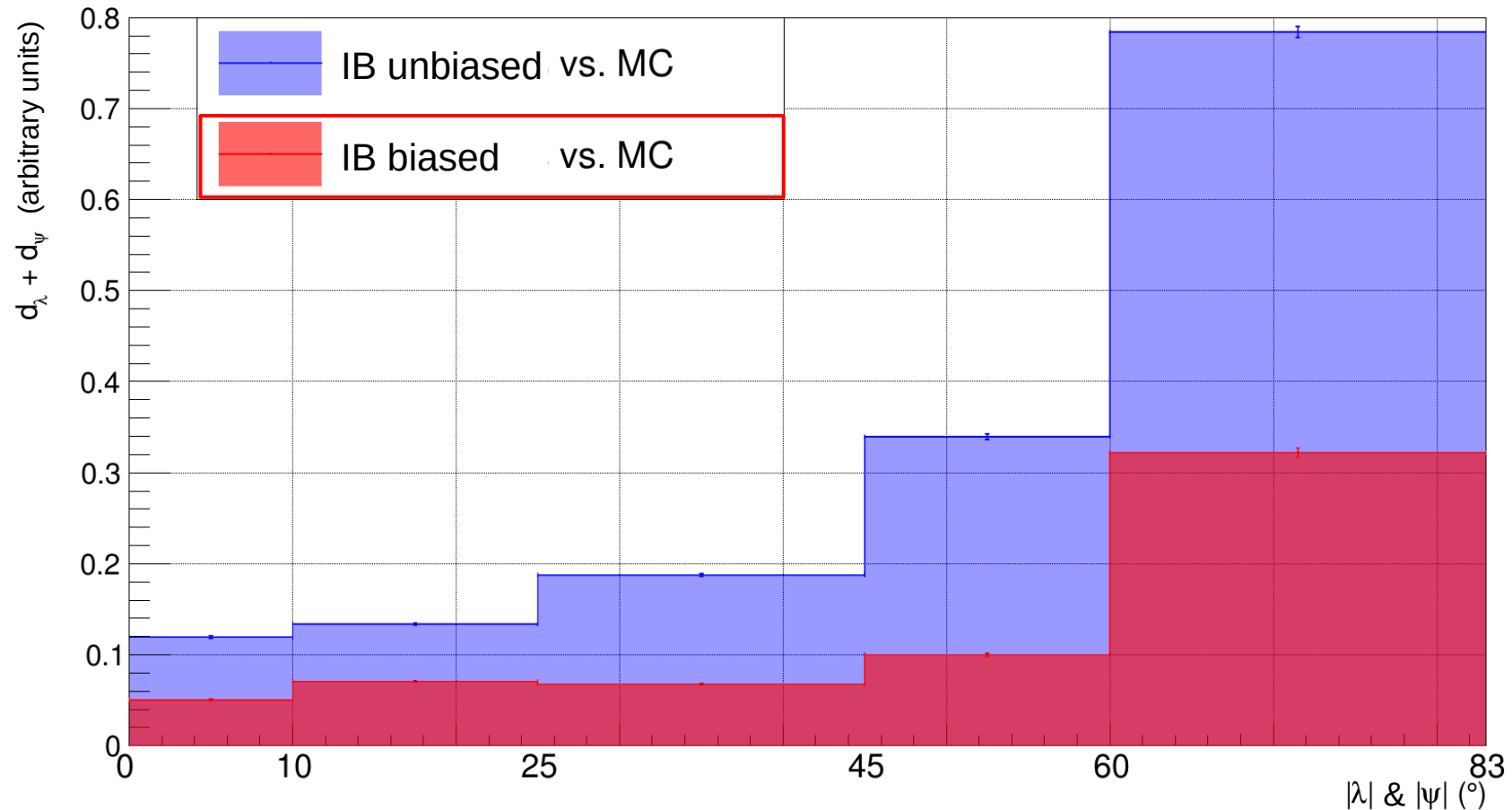
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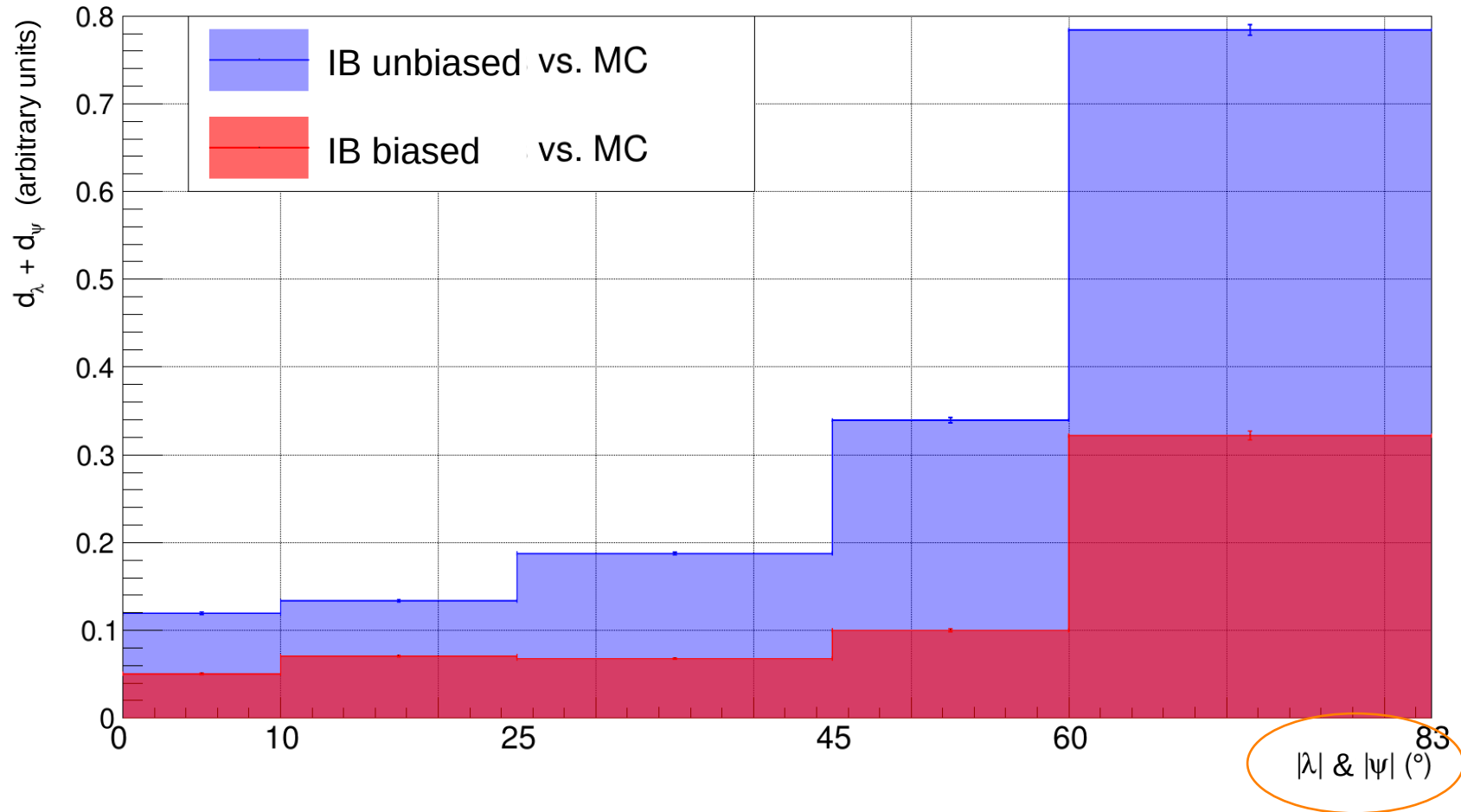






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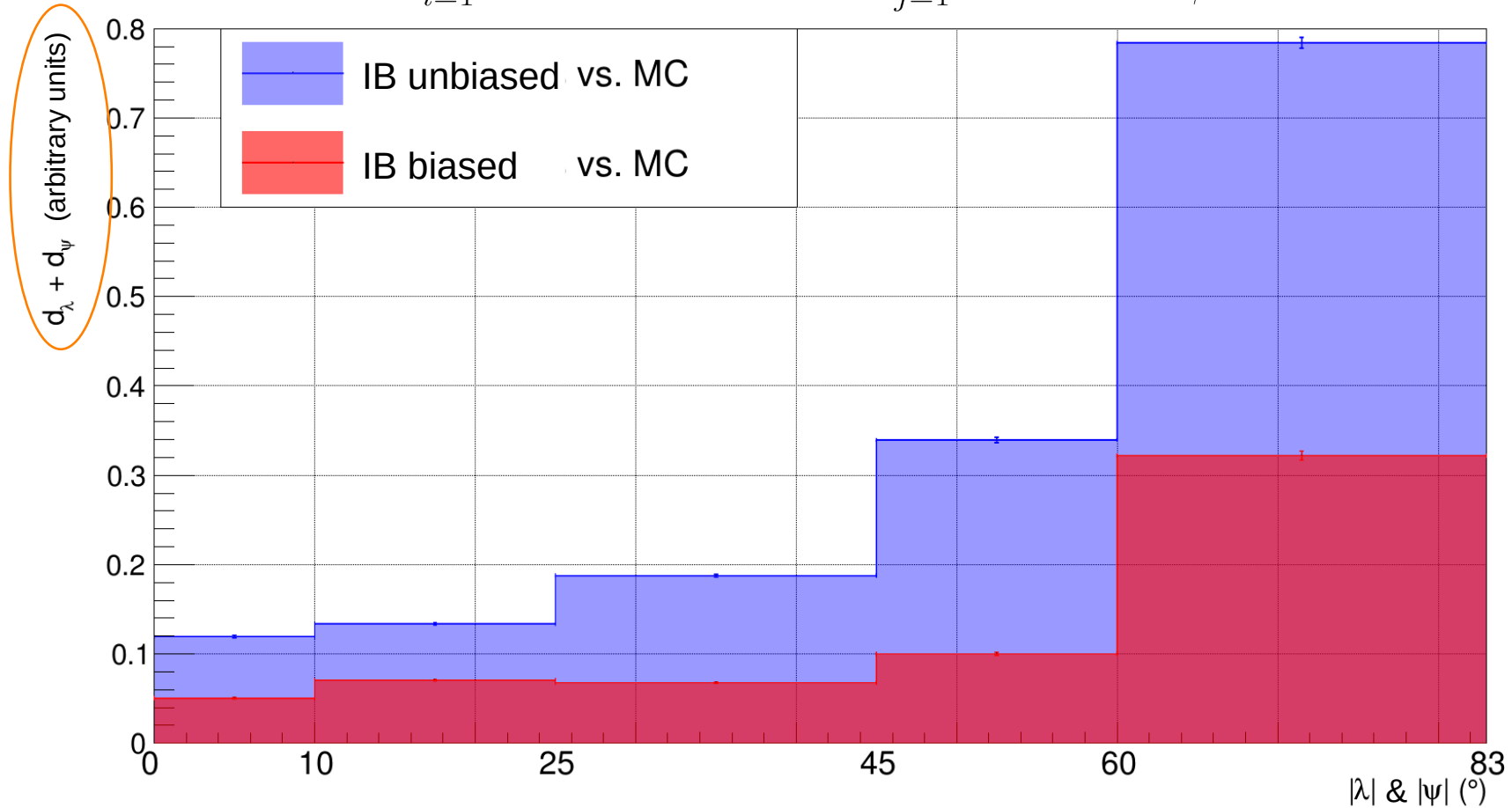
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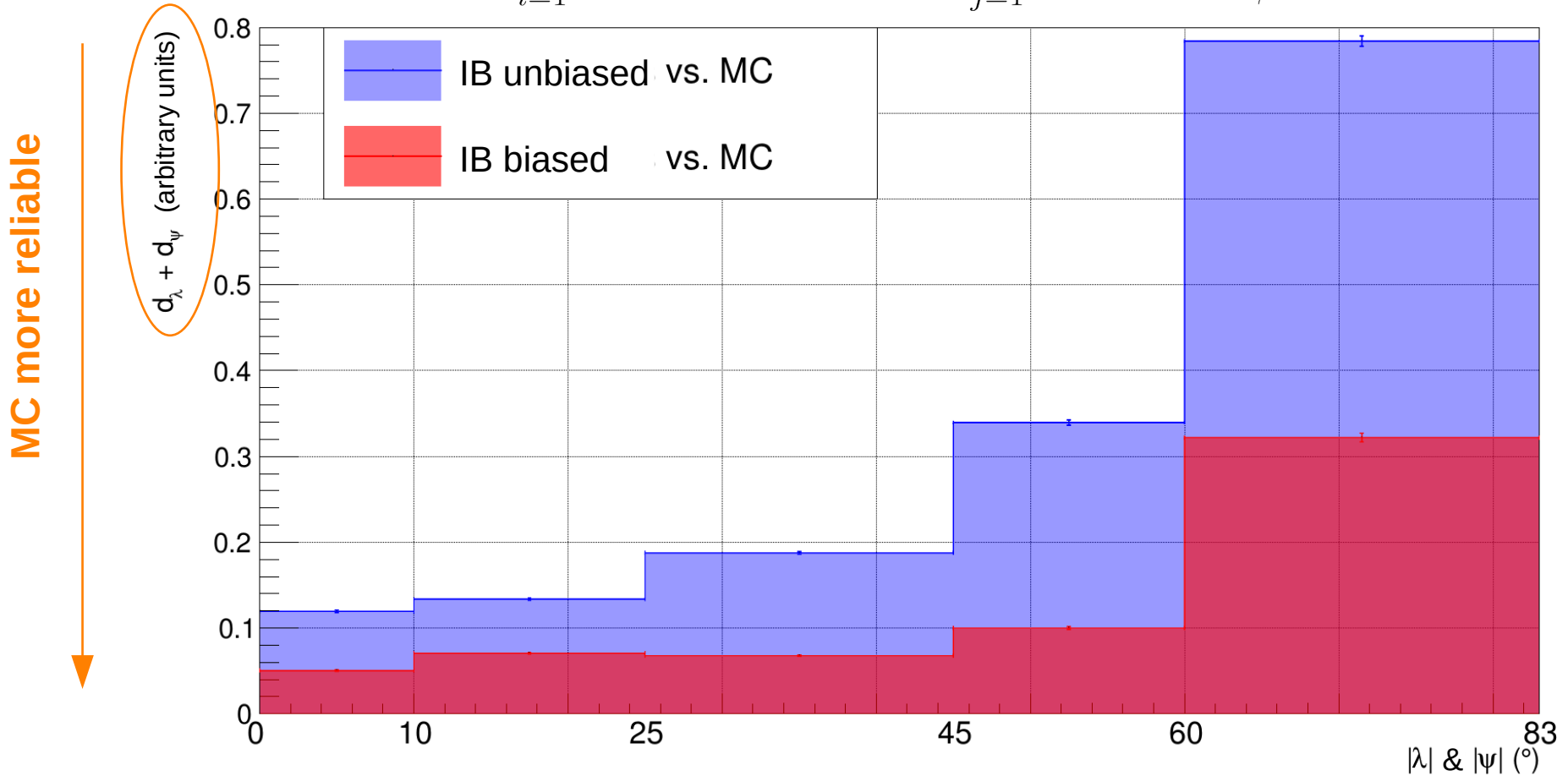
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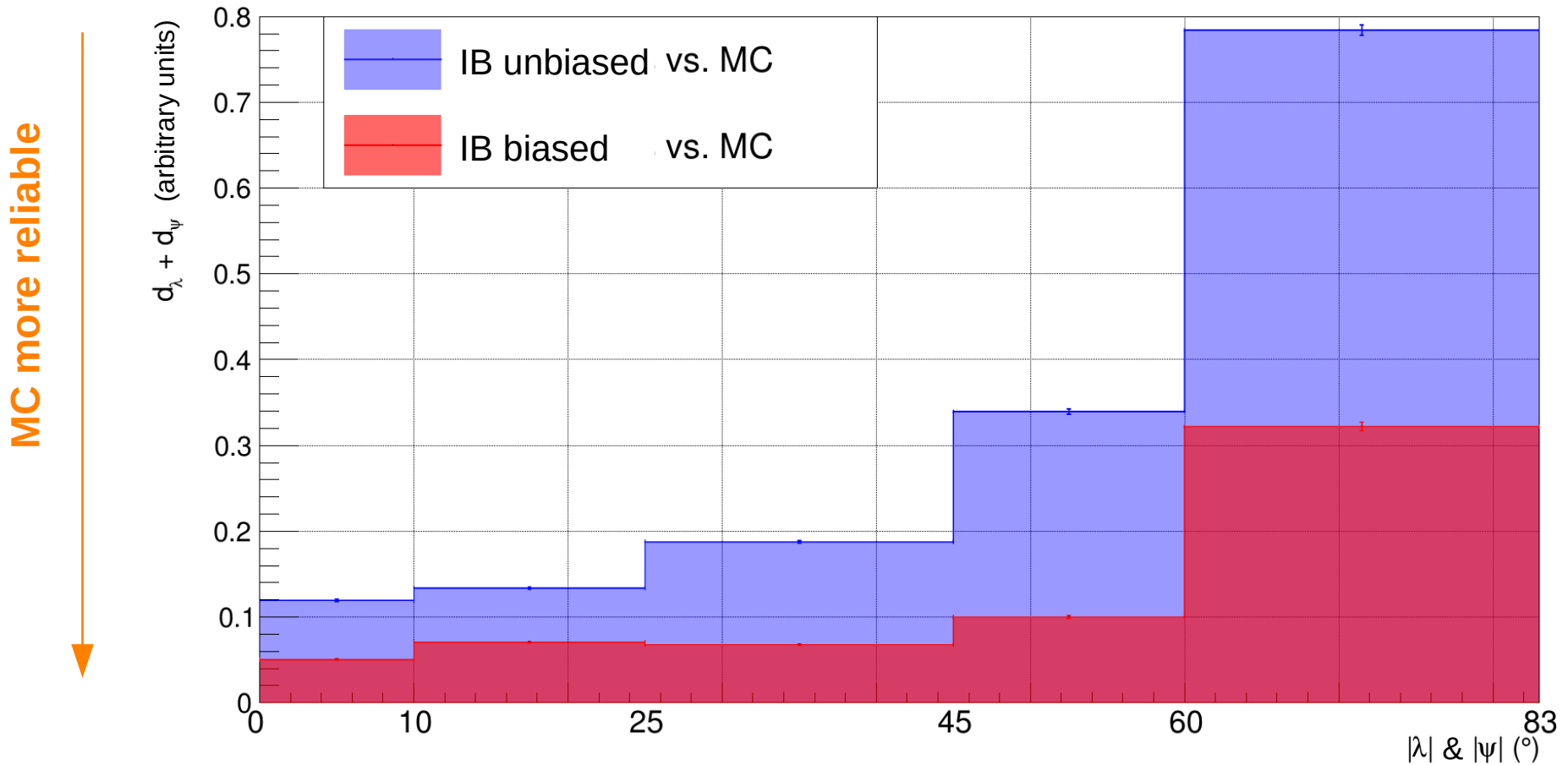
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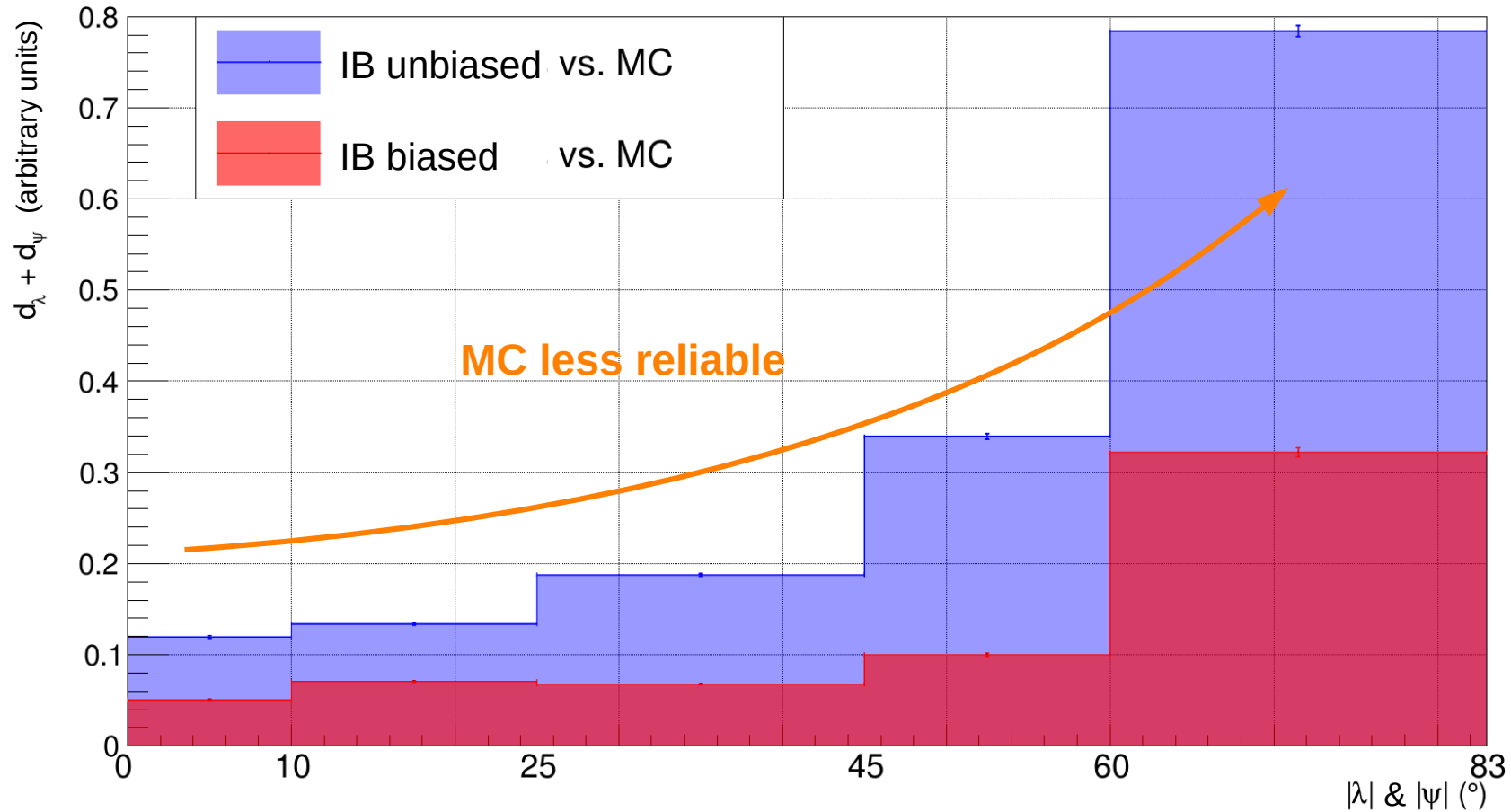


- MC better reproduces real **biased** data than real **unbiased** data



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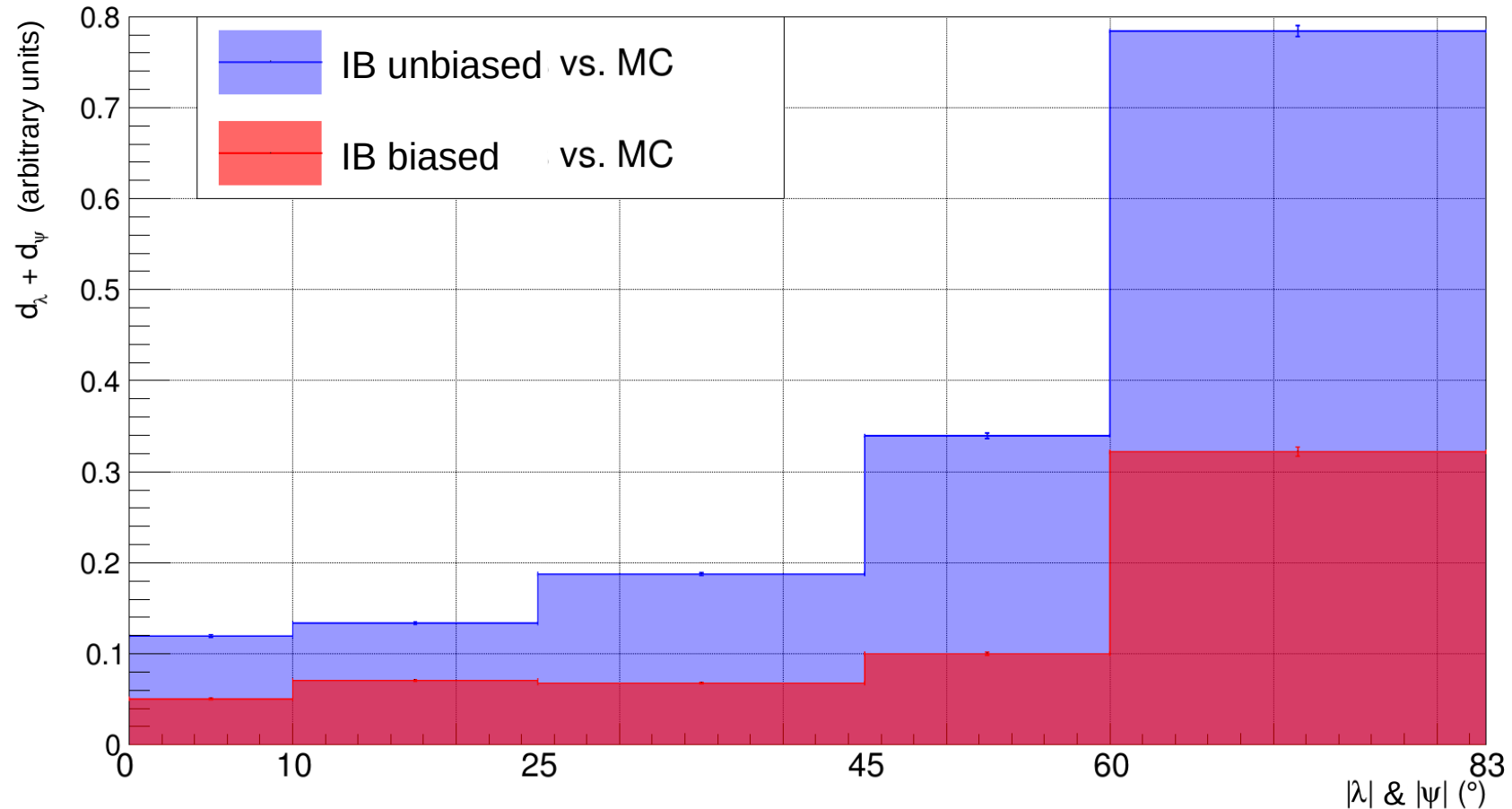


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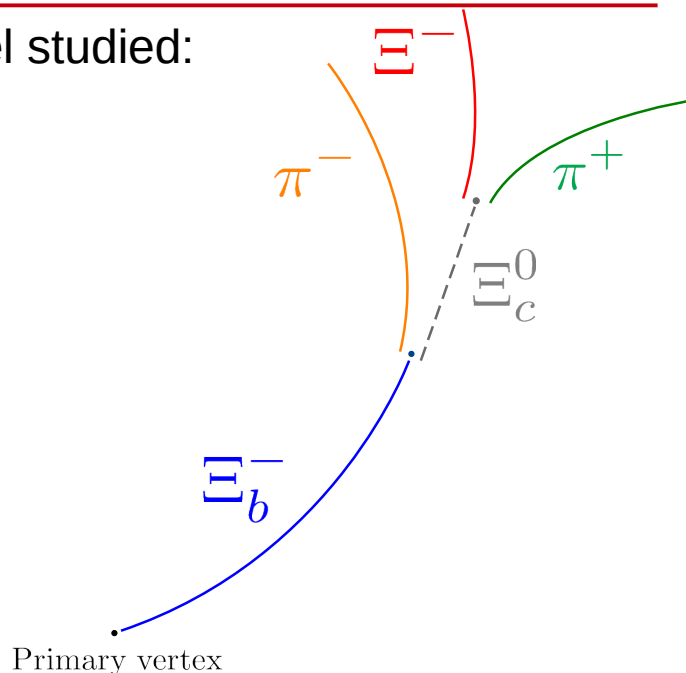


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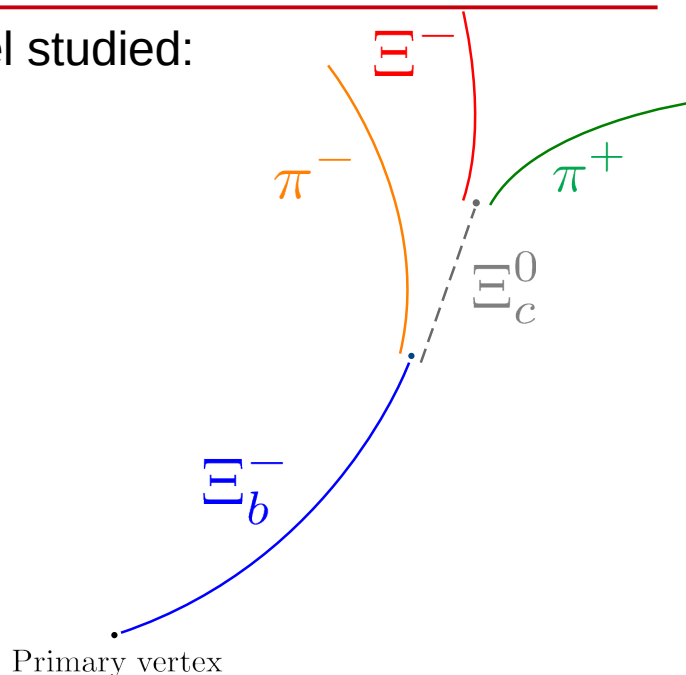
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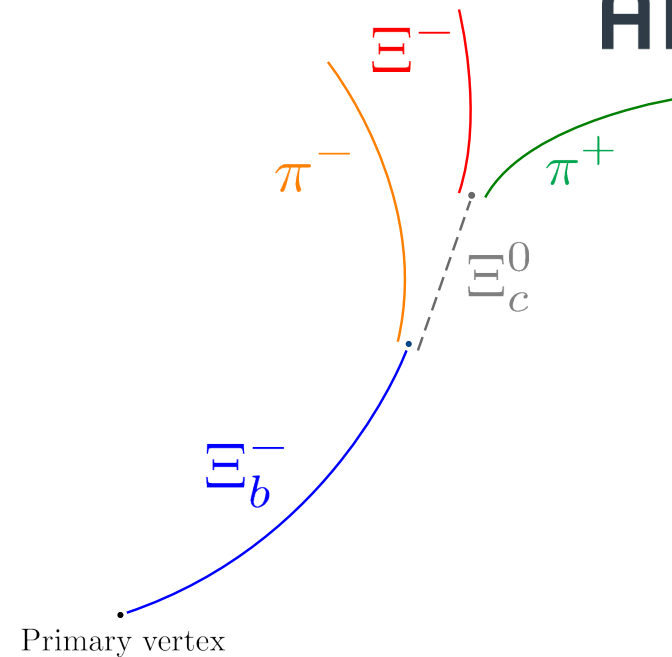
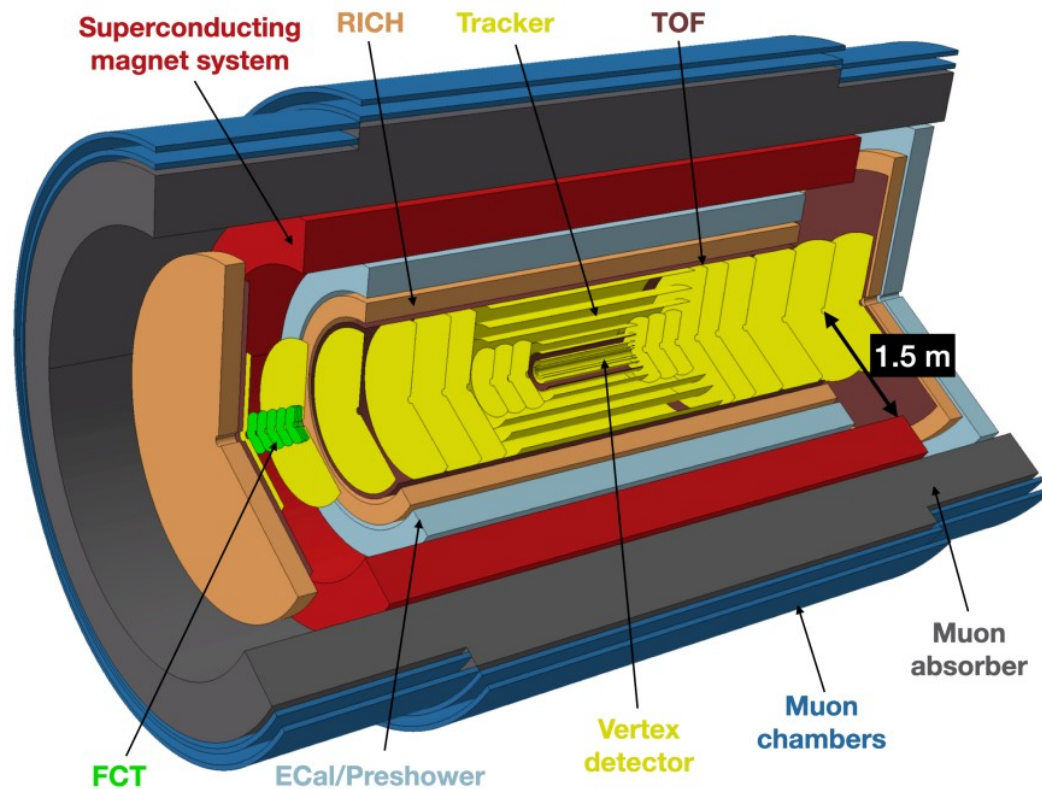
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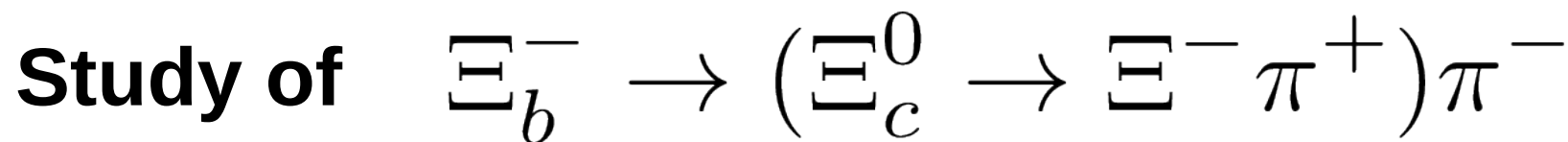
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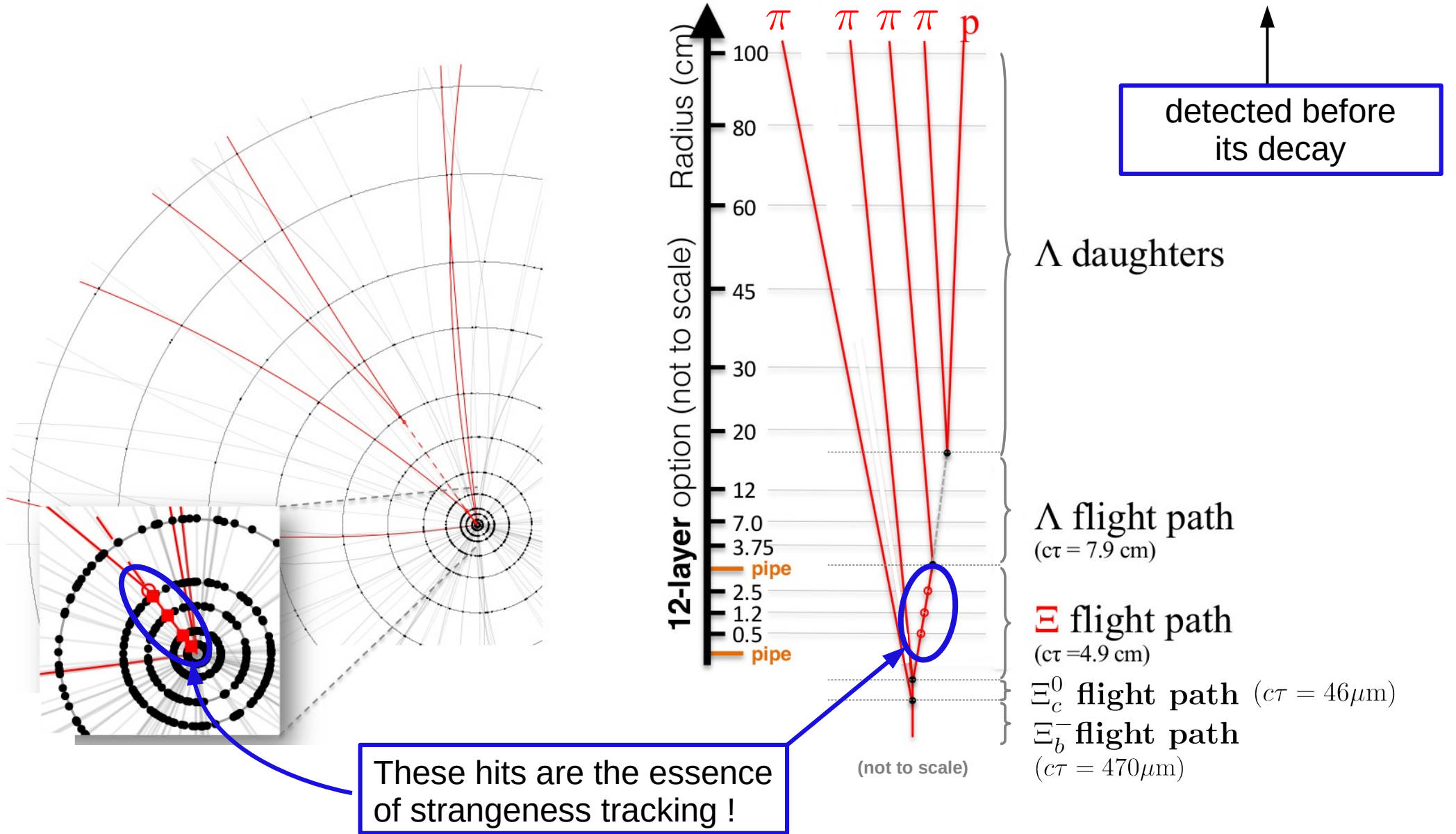
## Strangeness tracking in ALICE 3:



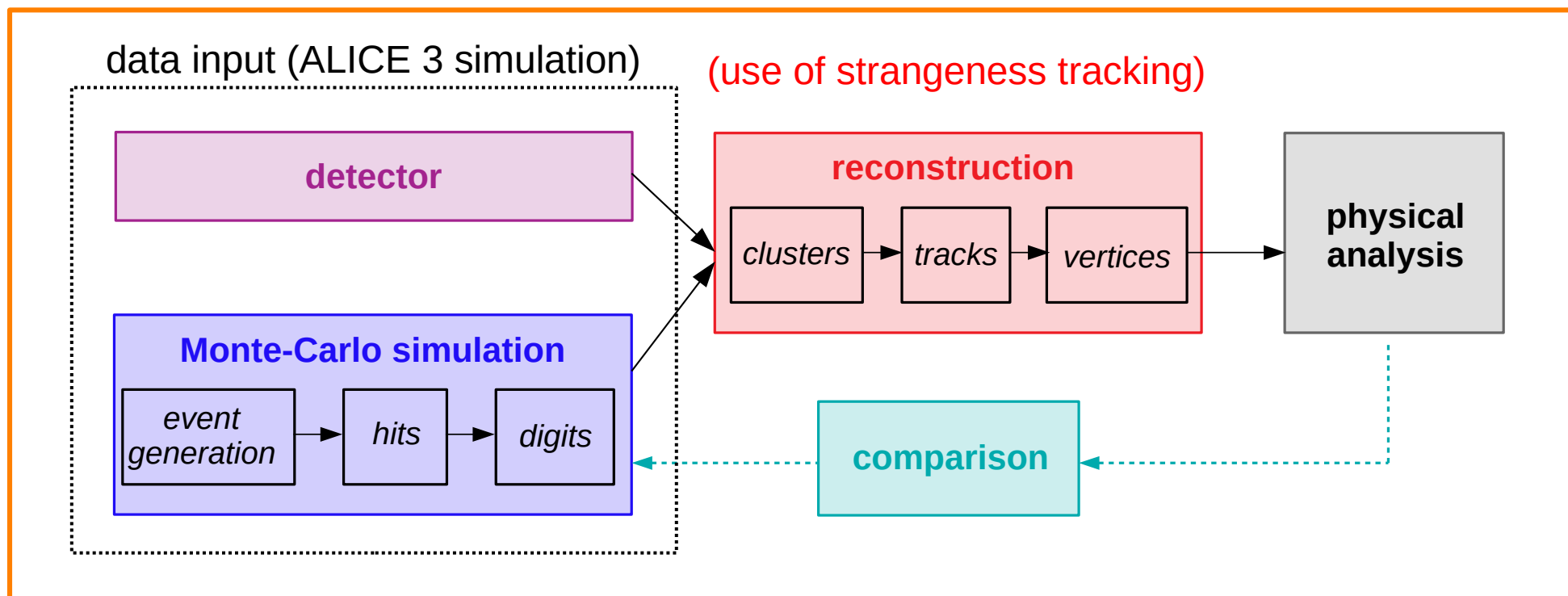
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# Strangeness tracking: example of $\Xi$



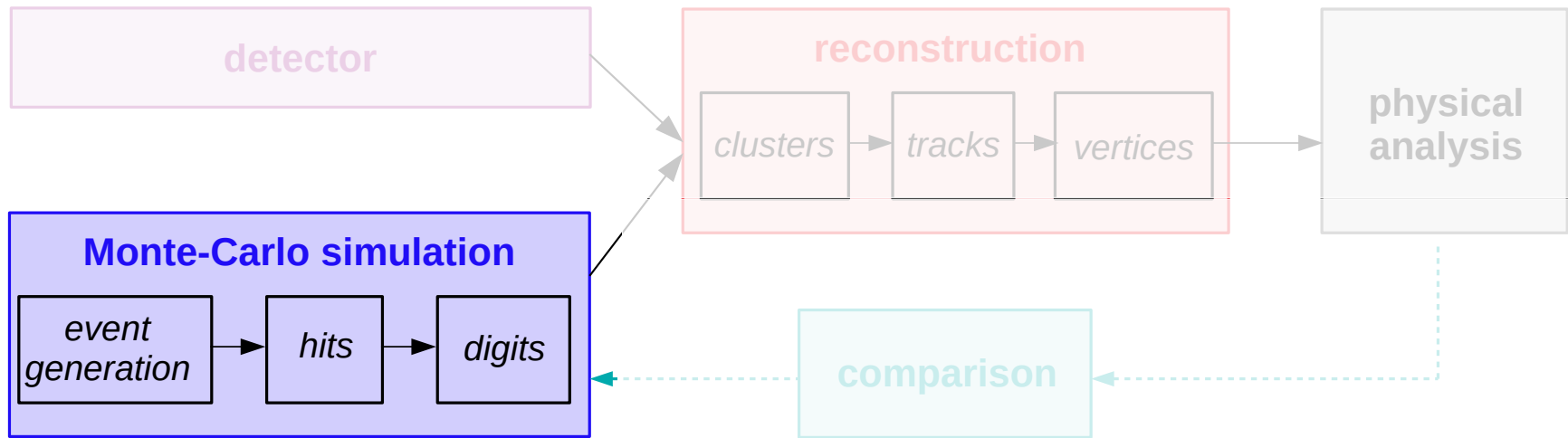
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**Goal: analysis prototype using a state-of-the-art detector (ALICE 3)**

The ultimate goal: study the evolution of the  $b$  quark through QGP

# Simulating collisions

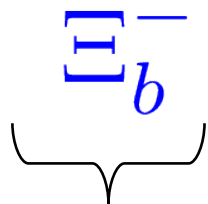
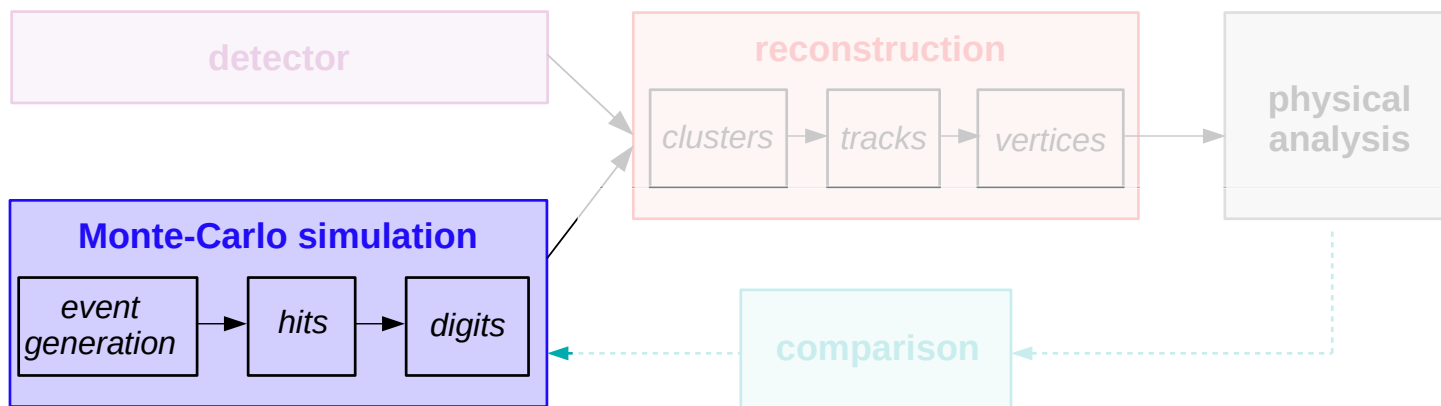


- New ALICE software: Online/Offline (O2)
- 1 minimum bias Pythia event (up to 1 particle of interest), pp collision @ 13 TeV
- GEANT3 propagator
- Simulating hits: TRK geometry (beam pipe+ALICE3)

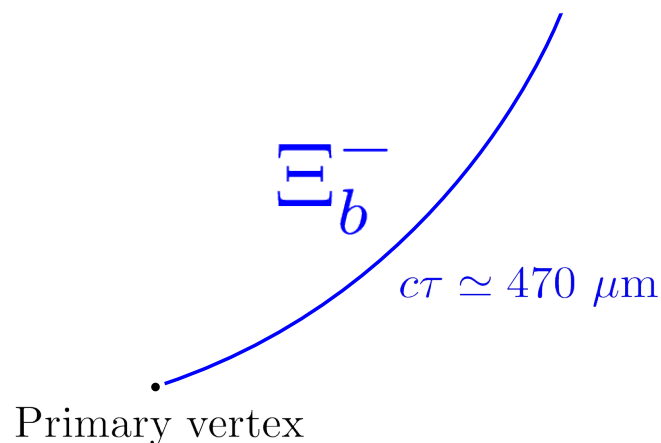


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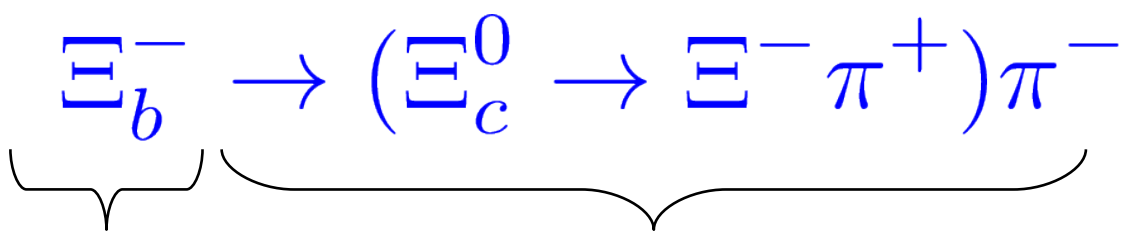
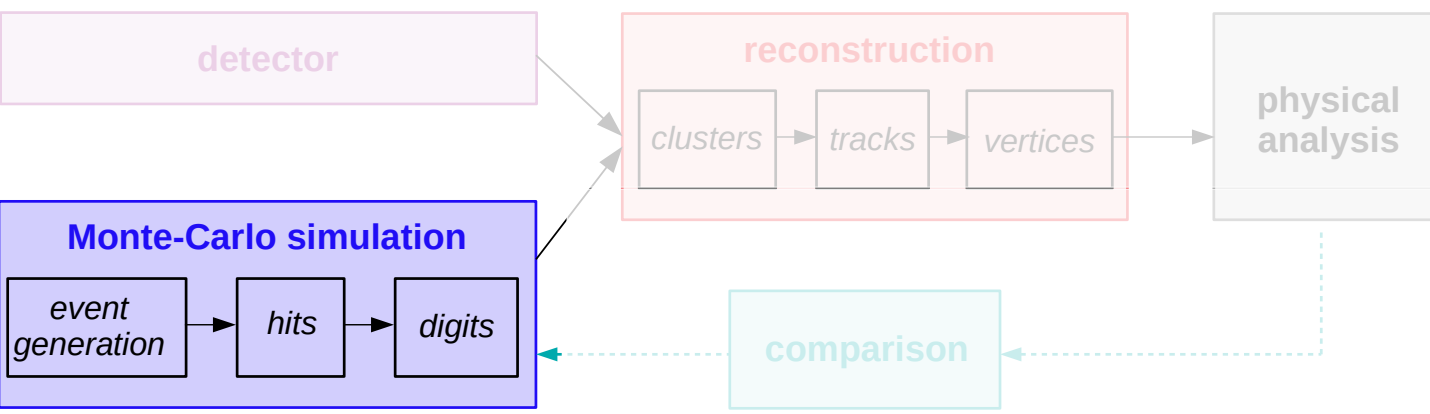
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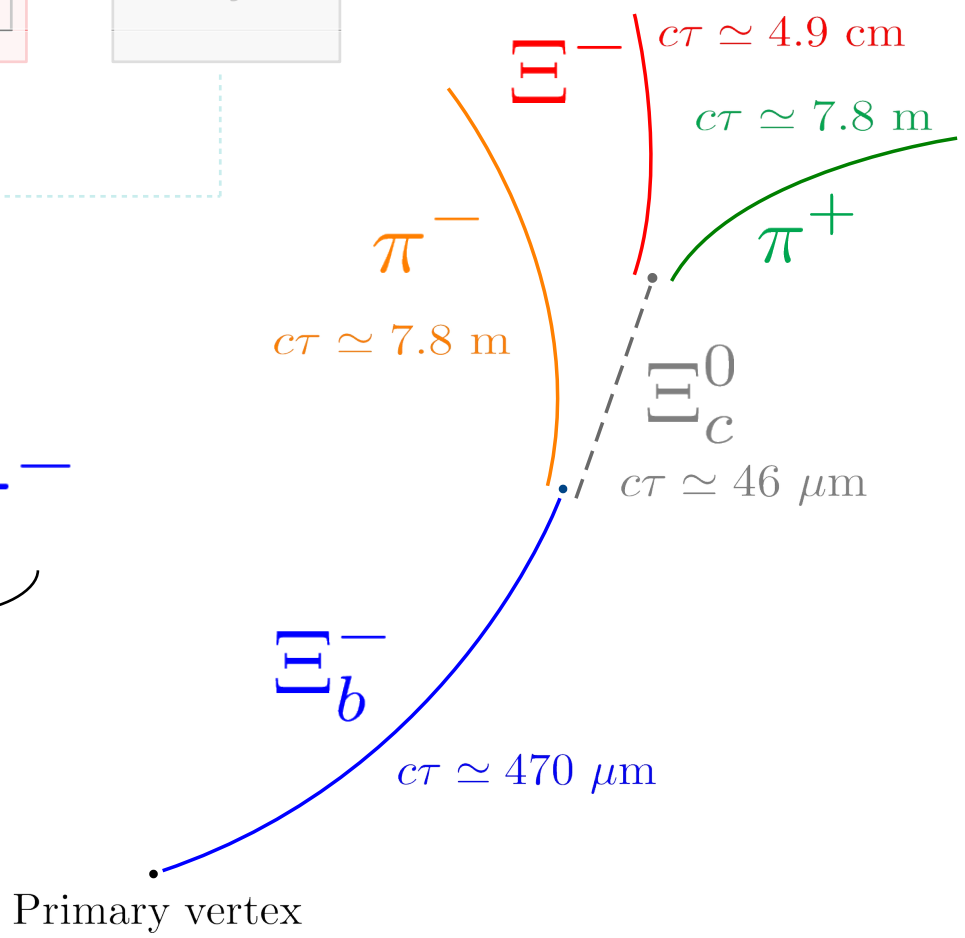
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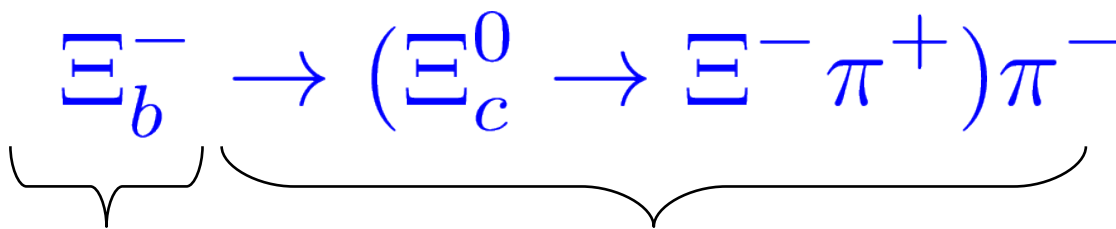
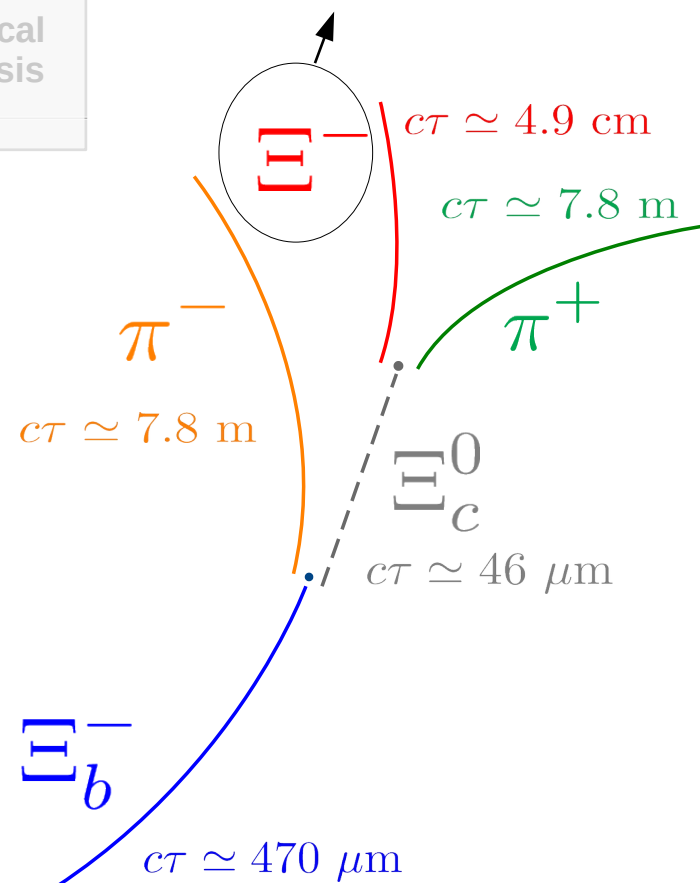
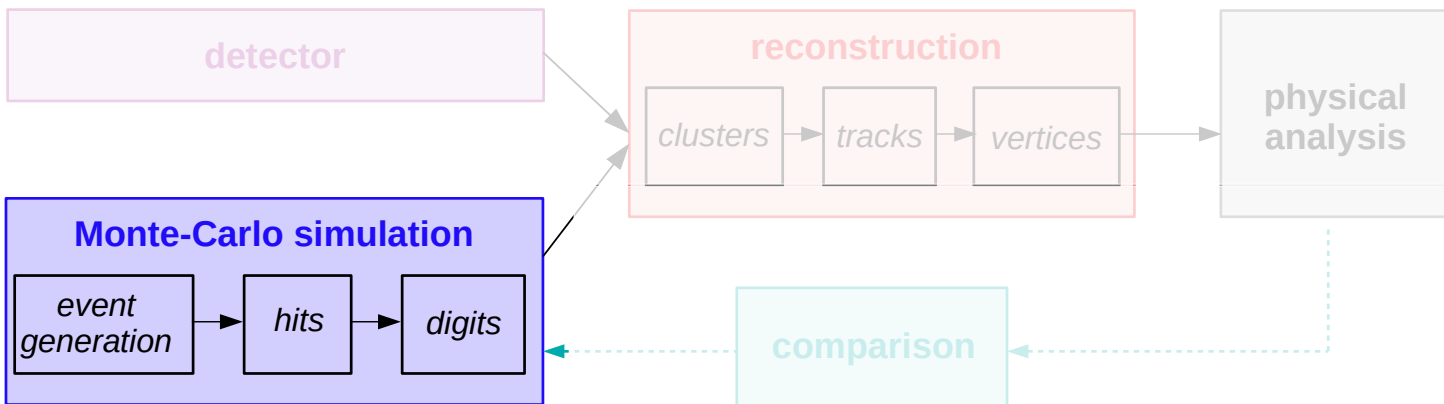




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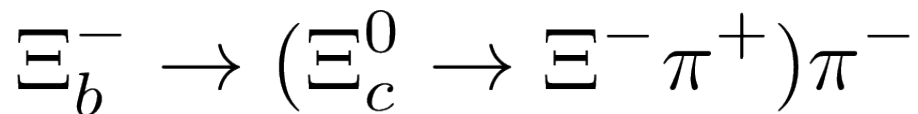
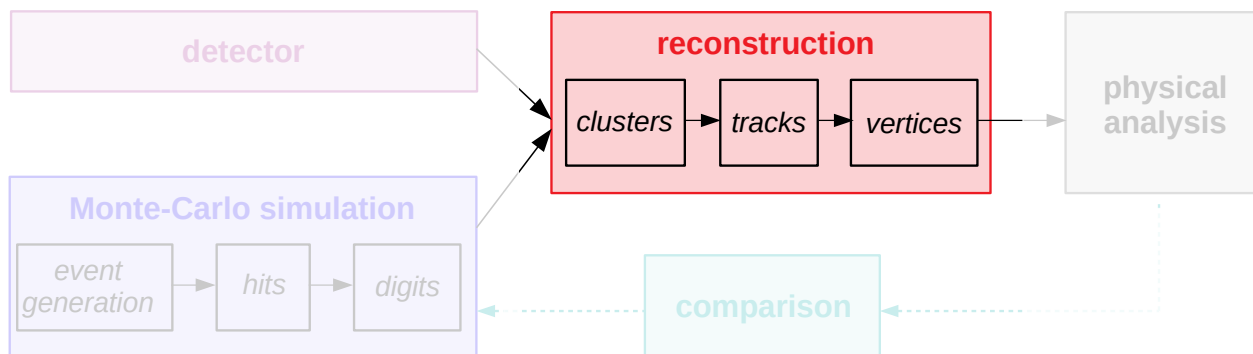


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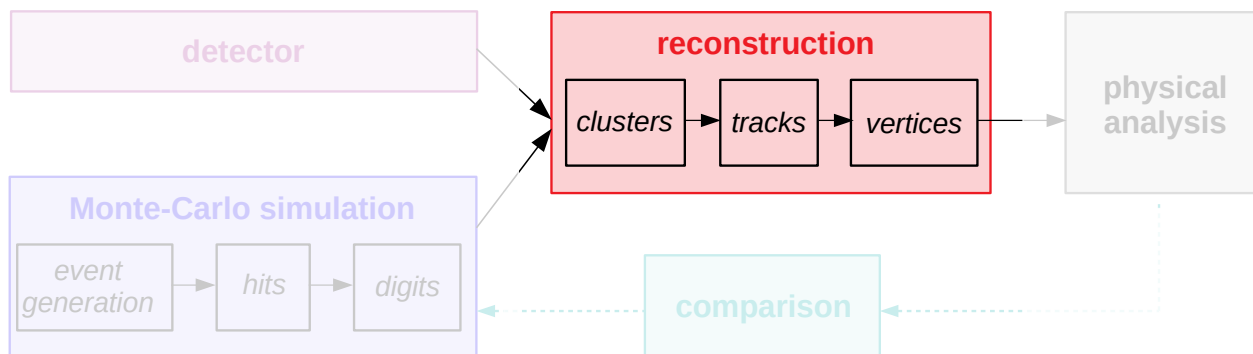
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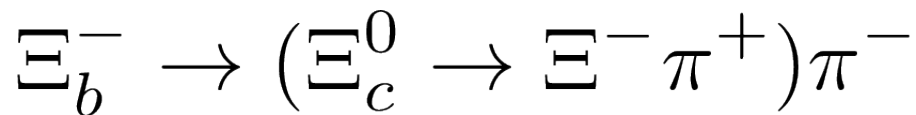
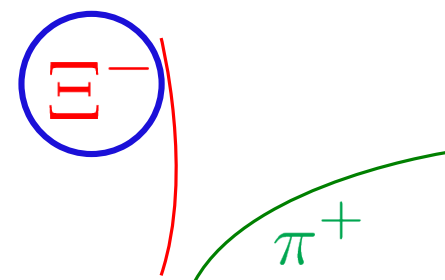


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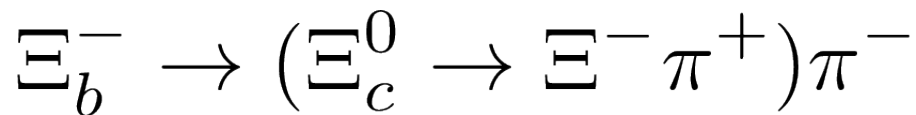
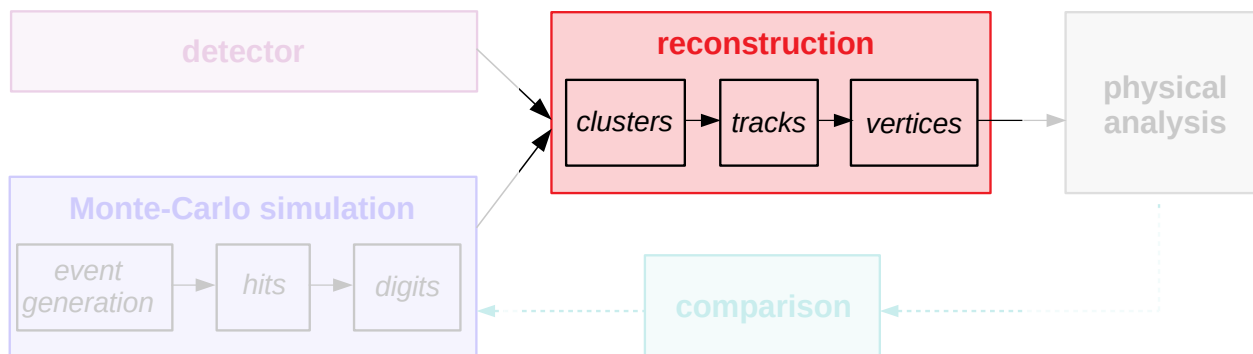
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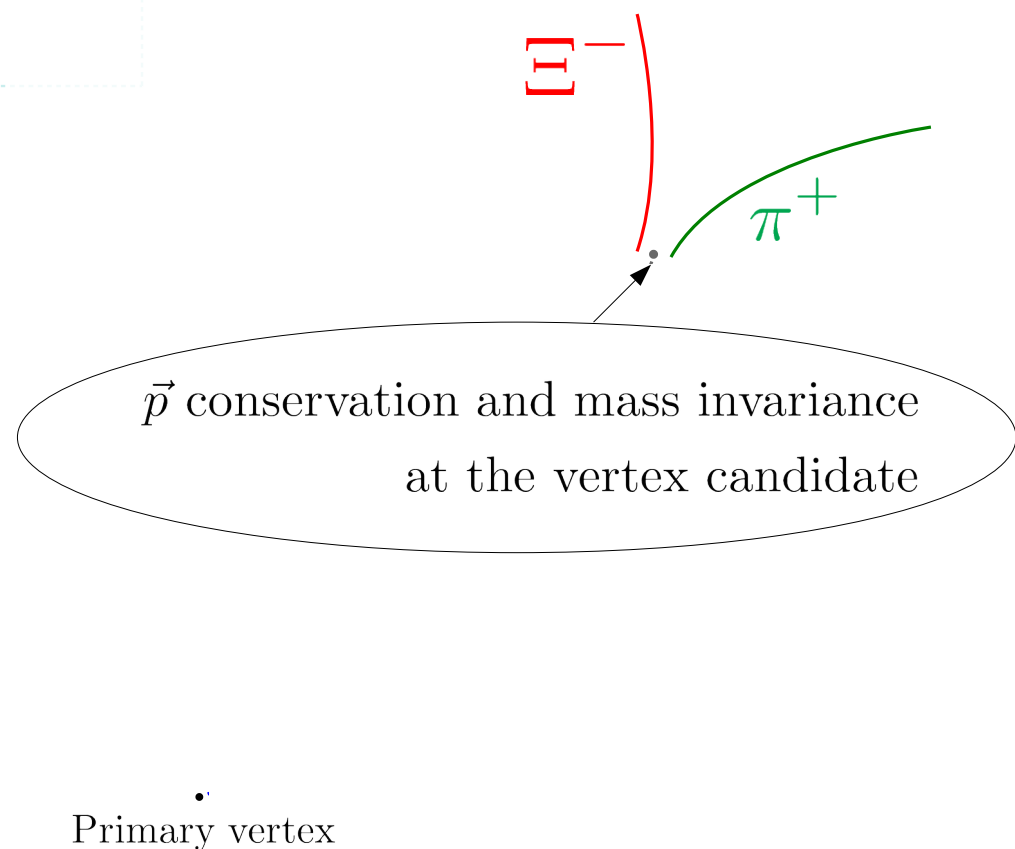
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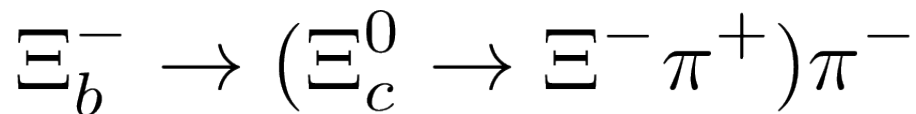
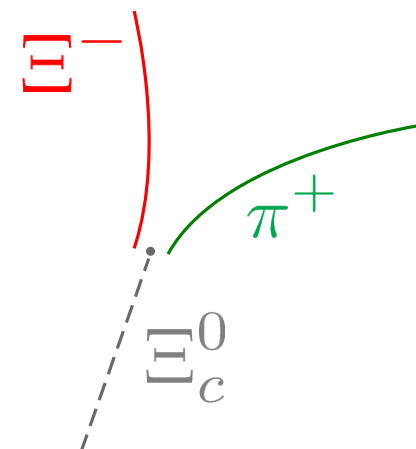
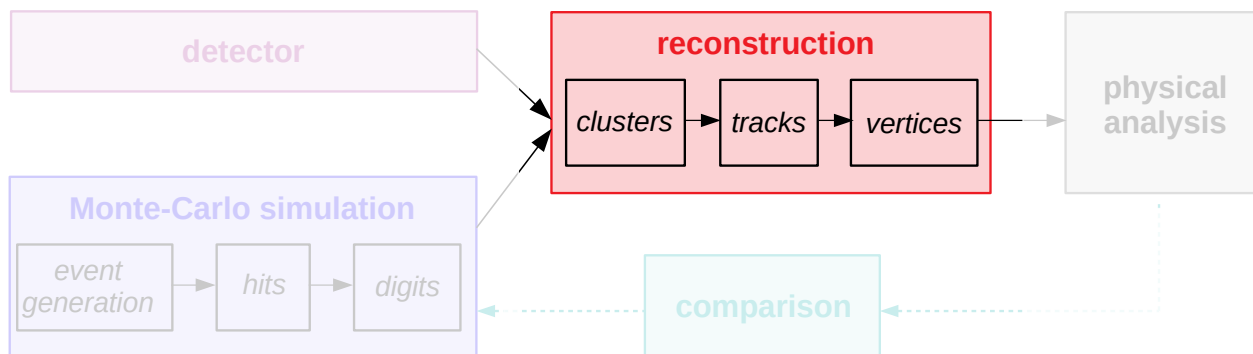
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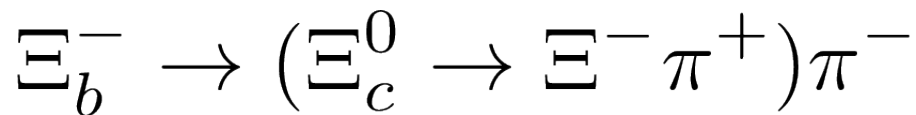
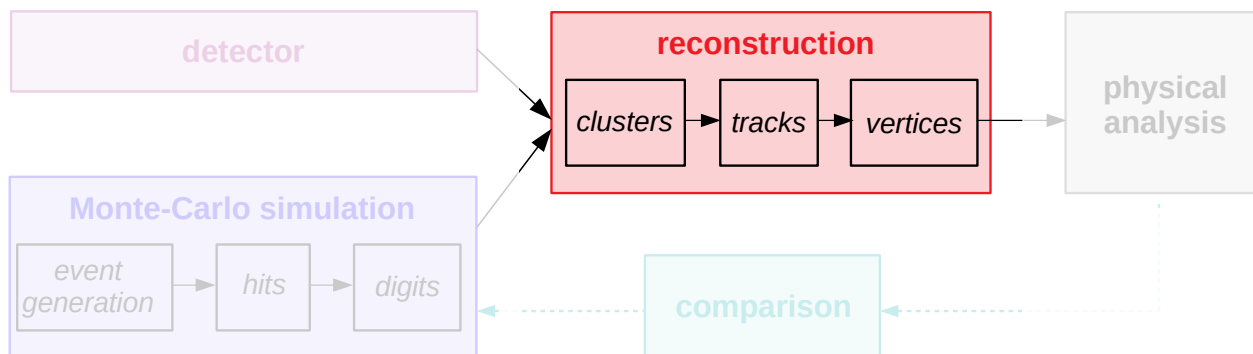
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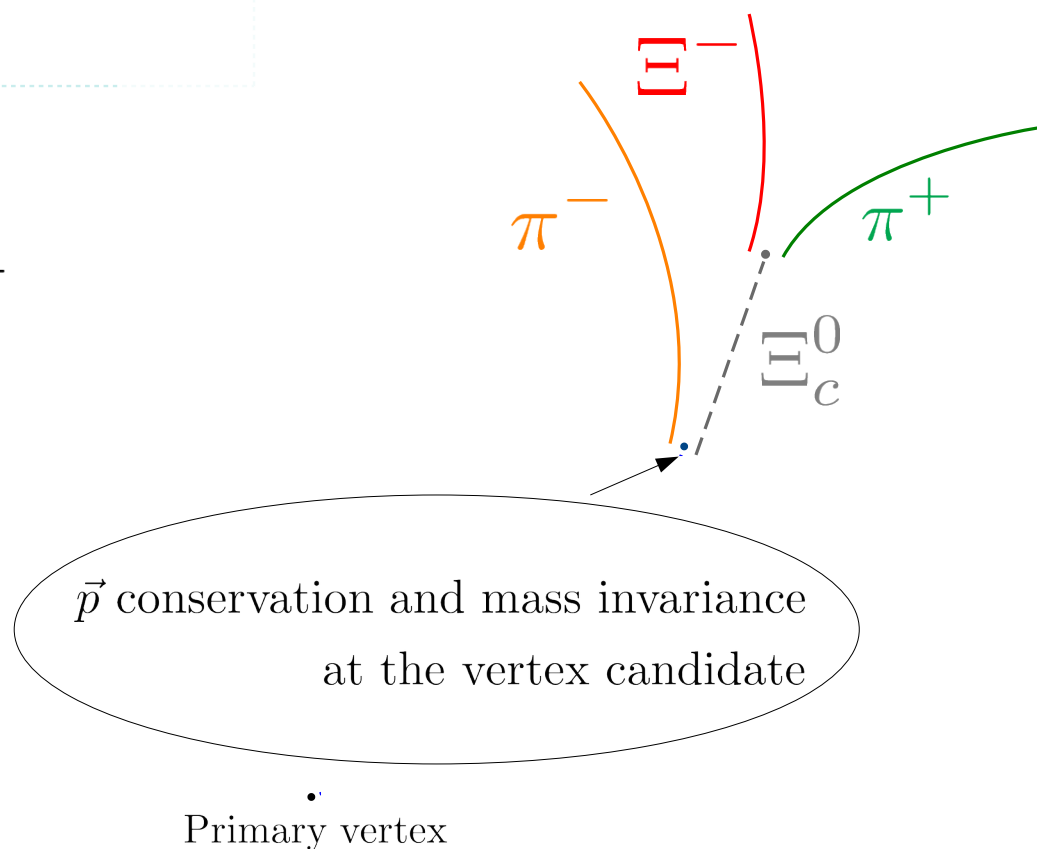
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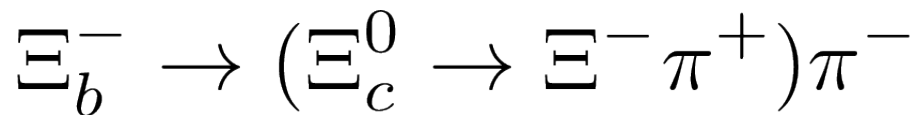
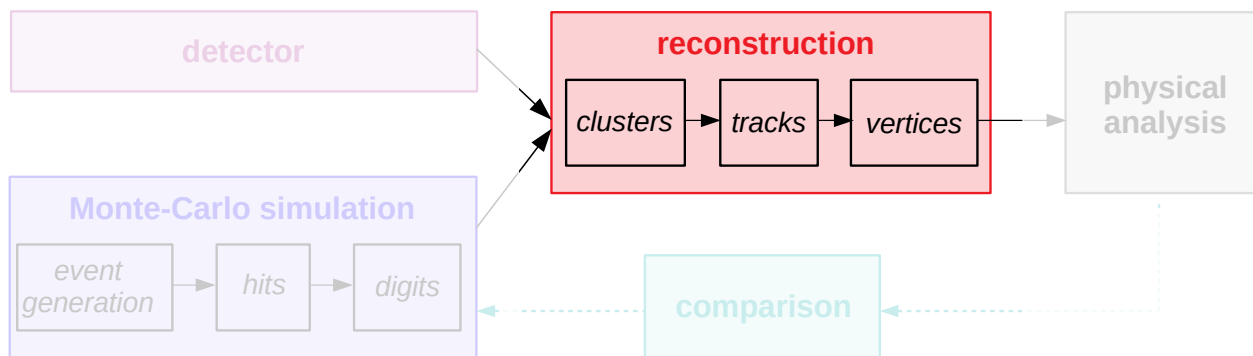
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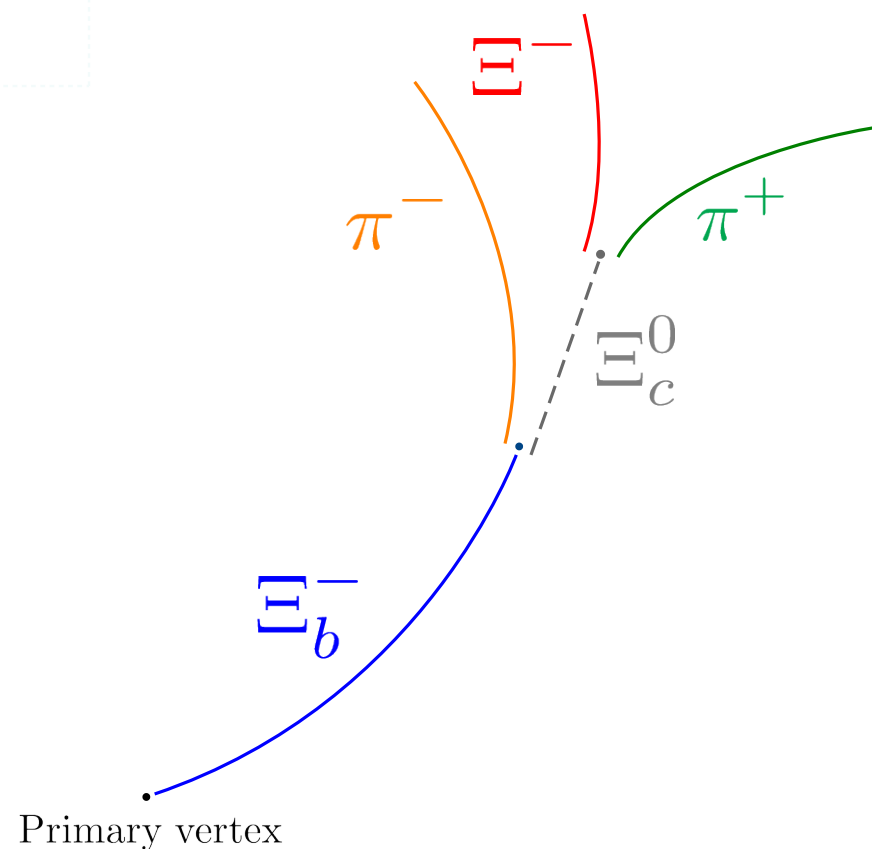
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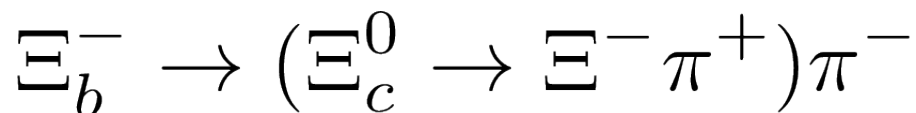
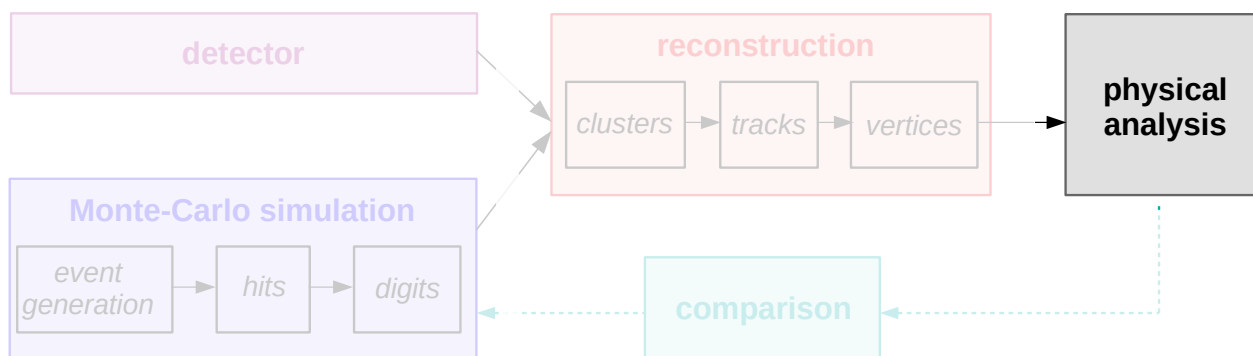


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# Topological observables



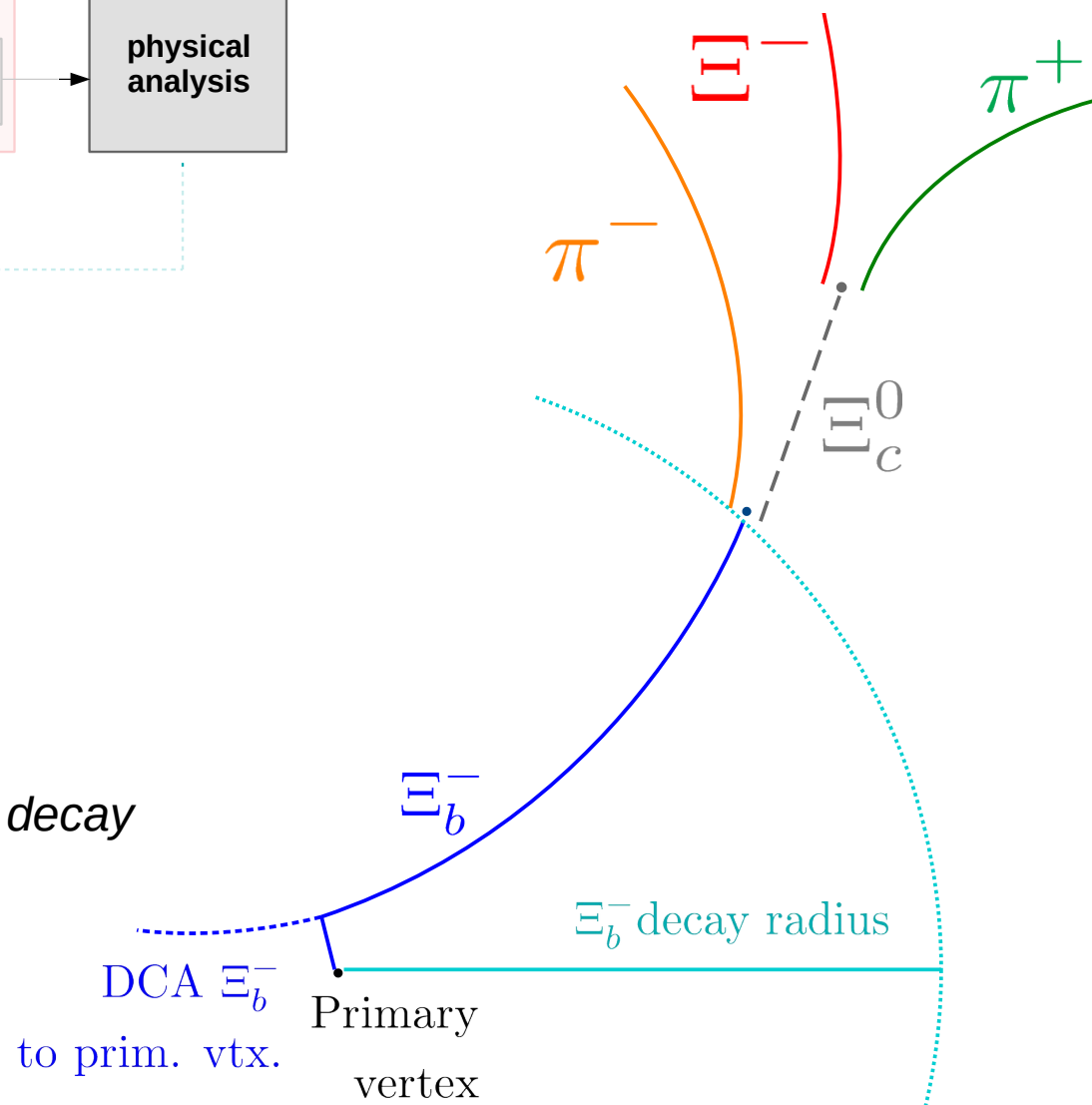
Here we study 2 observables:

- ◆ **Decay radius**

~ Distance between primary vertex and decay  
(in the transverse plane)

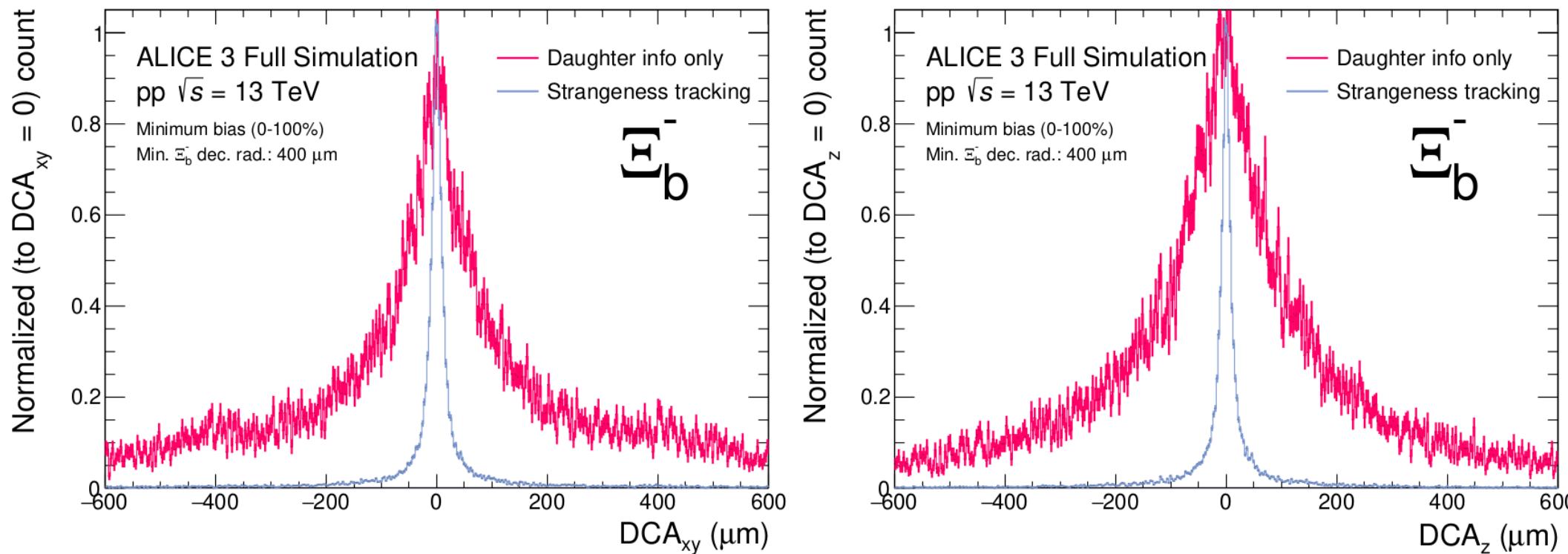
- ◆ **DCA to primary vertex**

DCA: Distance of Closest Approach





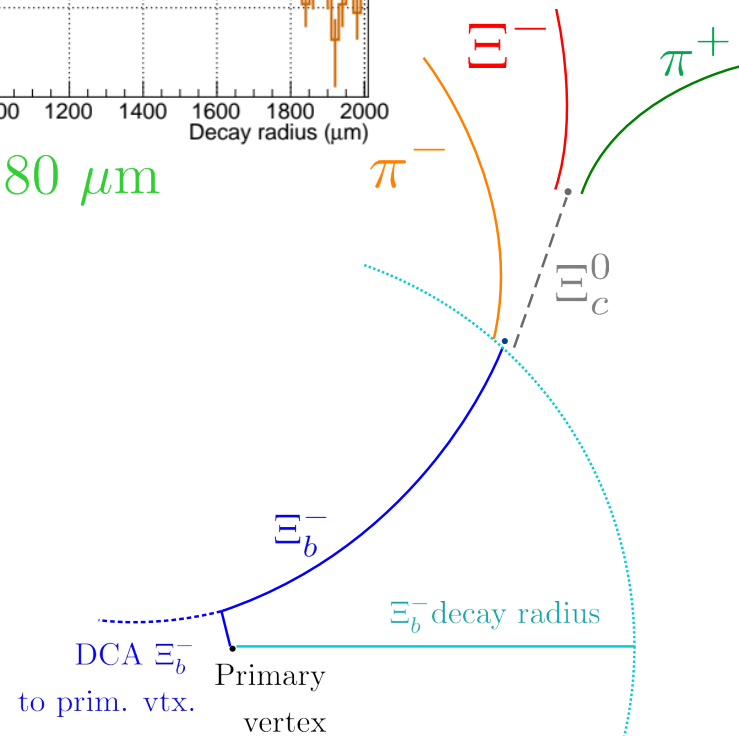
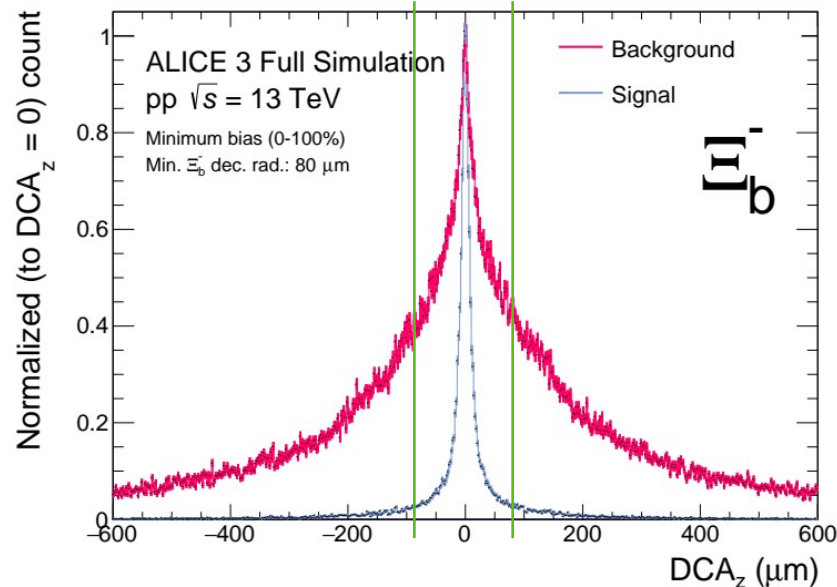
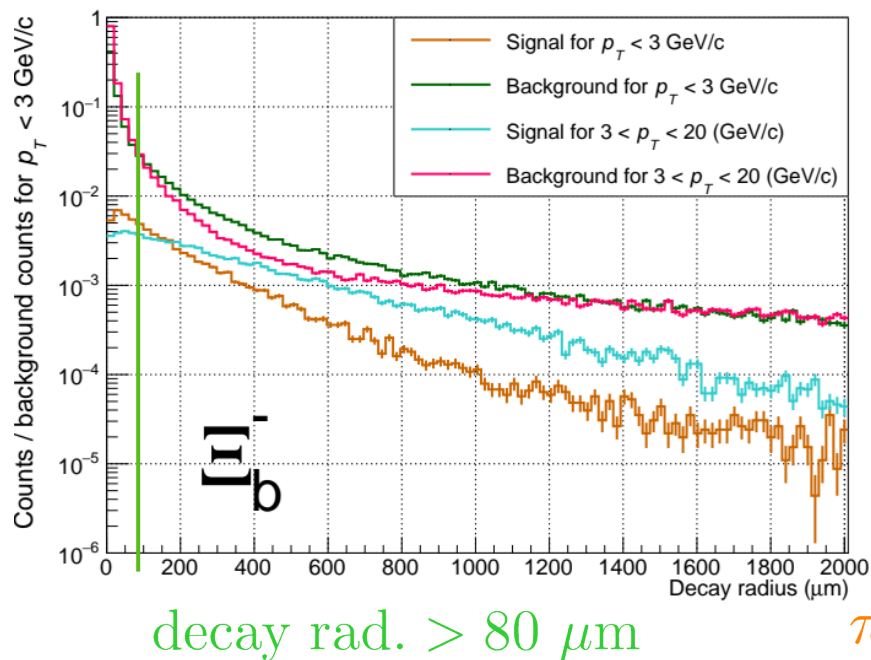
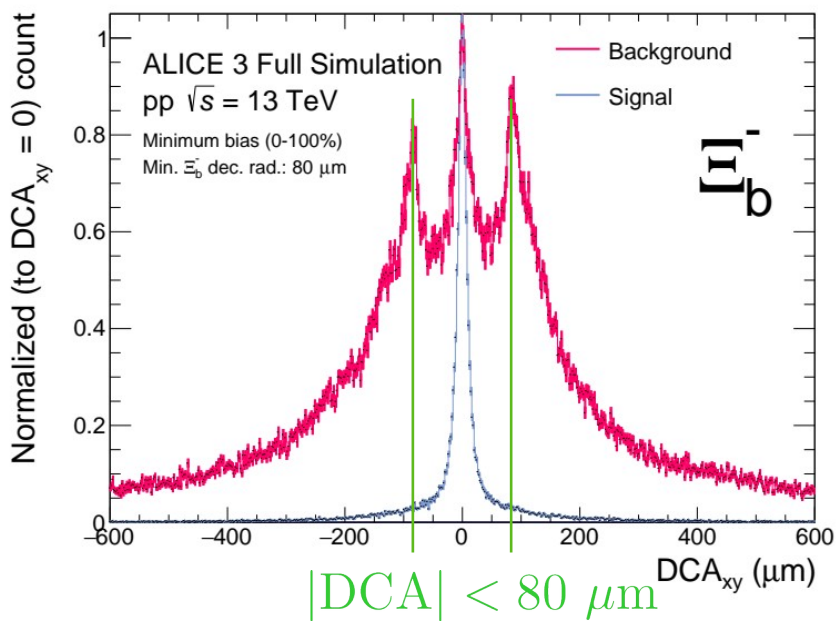
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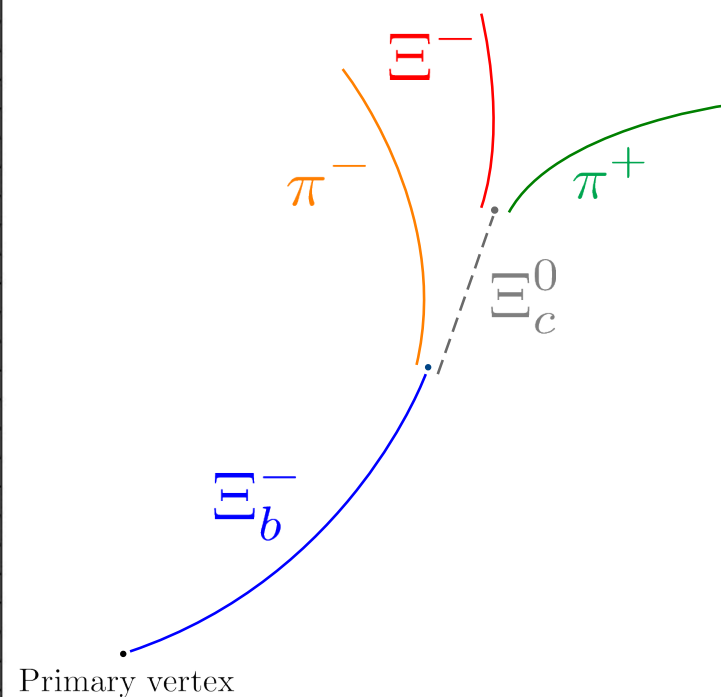
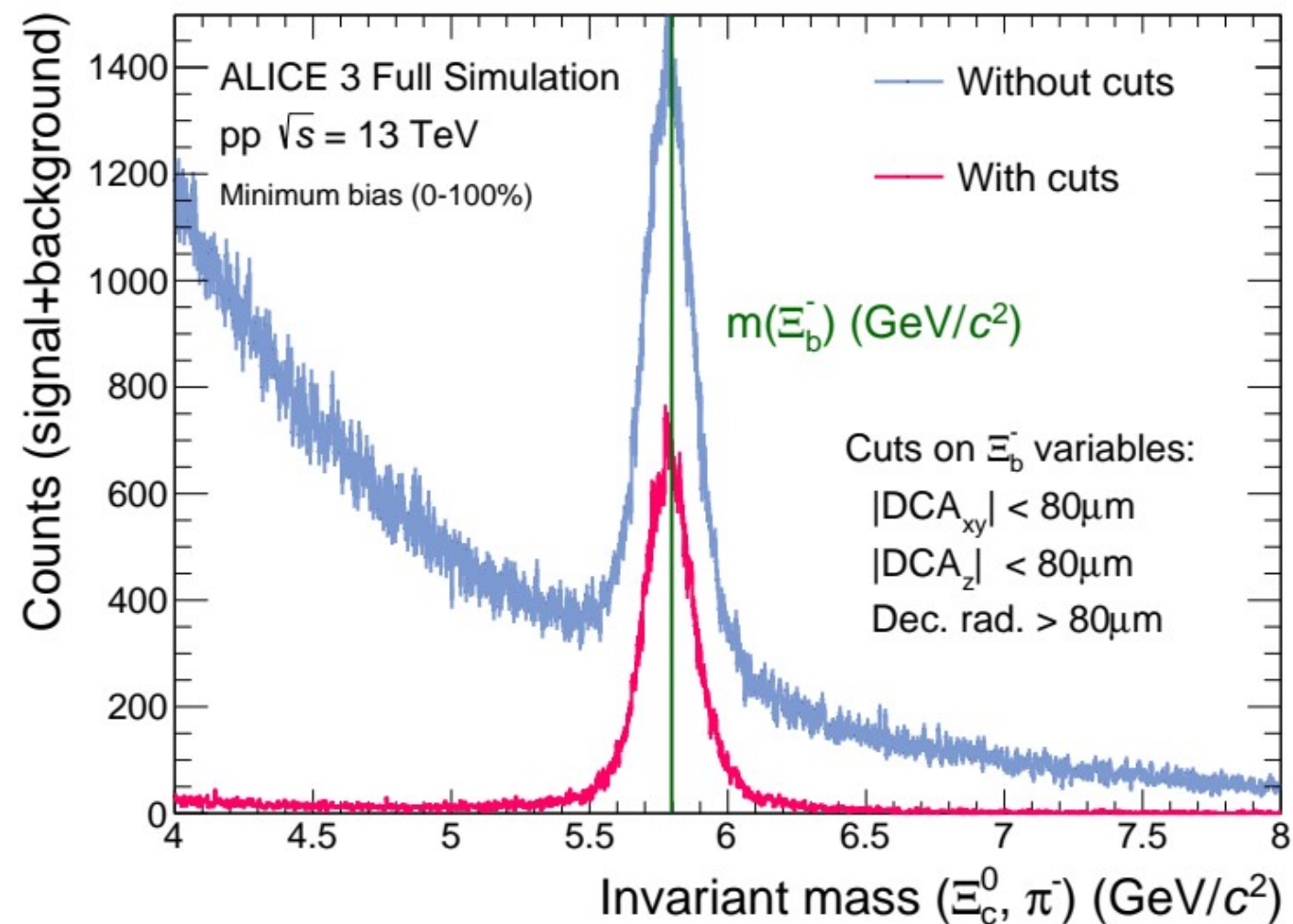
Improvement in DCA resolution by strangeness tracking

Strangeness tracking on  $B_0^- \rightarrow$  reduces combinatorial background

# Topological cuts



# Main result



Majority of background is reduced → **functional analysis prototype**

# Global conclusions

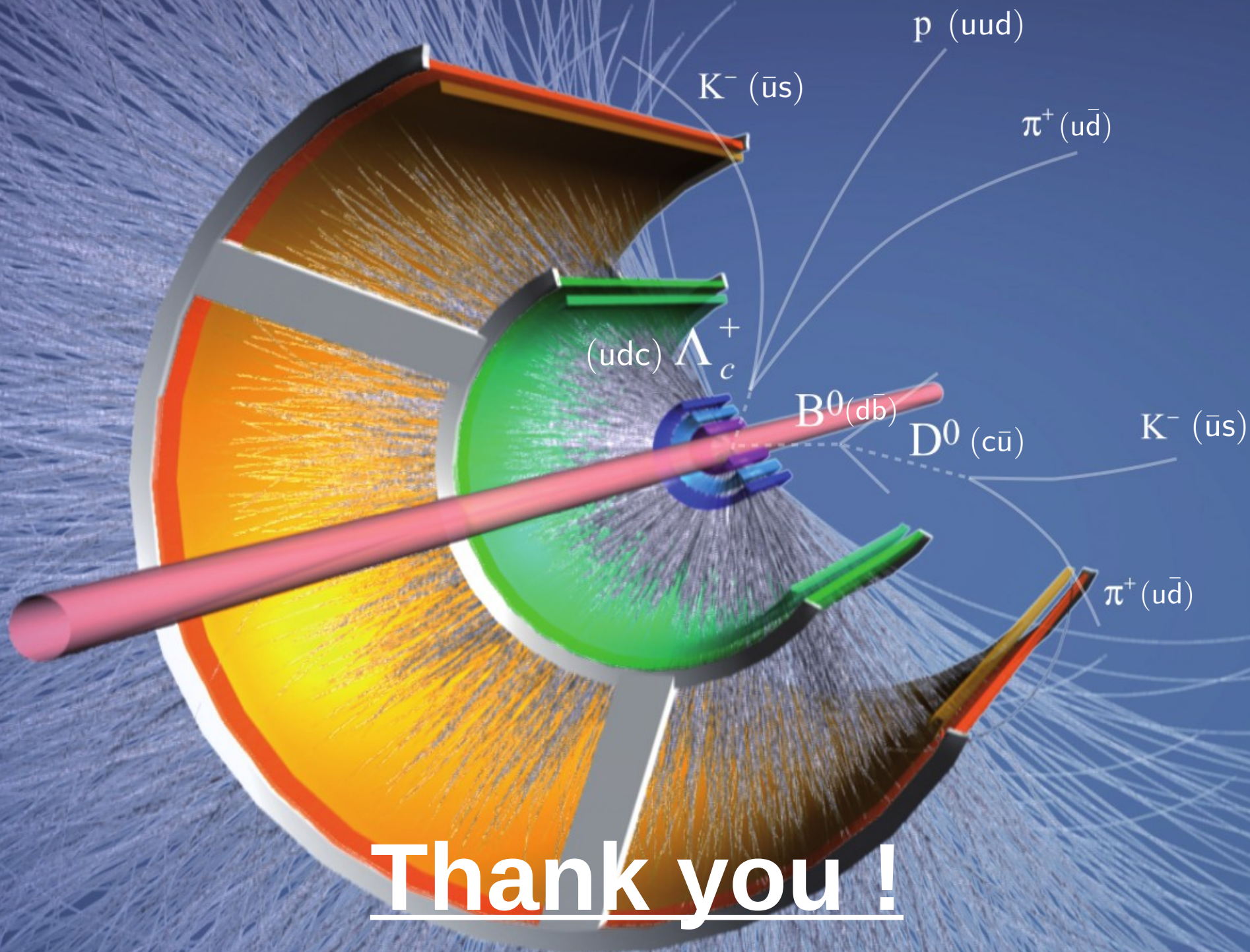
- 2 different studies:
  - ◆ Cluster shape analysis → **improvement of MC**
  - ◆ Strangeness tracking → **viable analysis prototype** offering efficiency and precision in the reconstruction procedure → **towards production cross section**

ALICE 3 Letter of Intent  
<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2803563>

- Preparing the field to study interaction of  $b$  quark with QGP  
→ future ALICE data (run 3 of LHC starting in June)

PhD subject

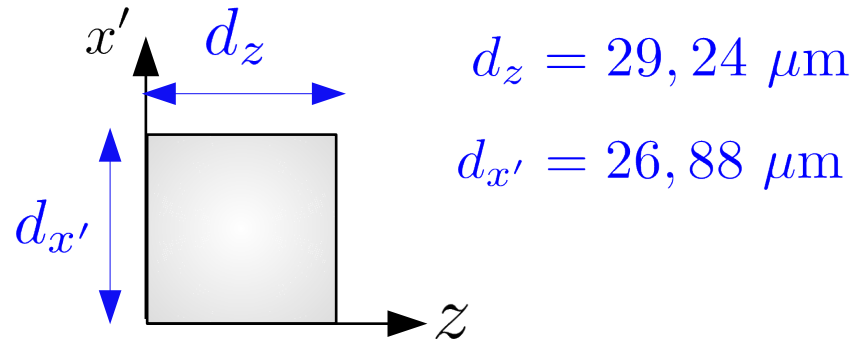
Study of **open beauty** production  
in the ALICE detector at LHC



Thank you!

# **Backup Stage Master 2**

# Elongation due to pixels geometry



$$\frac{d_{x'}}{d_z} \sim 90\%$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow} (\lambda = \psi \simeq 0^\circ)$$

$$\frac{P \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} \right)}{P \left( \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} \right)} \sim 0,9$$

# **Backup for I)**



# Some figures

- ITS:

- ◆ Active surface  $\sim 10 \text{ m}^2$  (75% on the last 2 layers)

- ◆  $\sim 12\text{G}$  pixels

- ◆ up to  $\sim 200 \text{ kHz}$



gigantic camera  
(up to 200 000 photographs per second)

- Commissioning of the ITS (Nov.2019-Dec.2020):

- ◆  $\sim 1$  day for the Outer Barrel (@11 kHz)  $\rightarrow$   $\sim 1\text{G}$  triggers

- ◆  $\sim 7$  days for the Inner Barrel (@44 kHz)  $\rightarrow$   $\sim 25\text{G}$  triggers

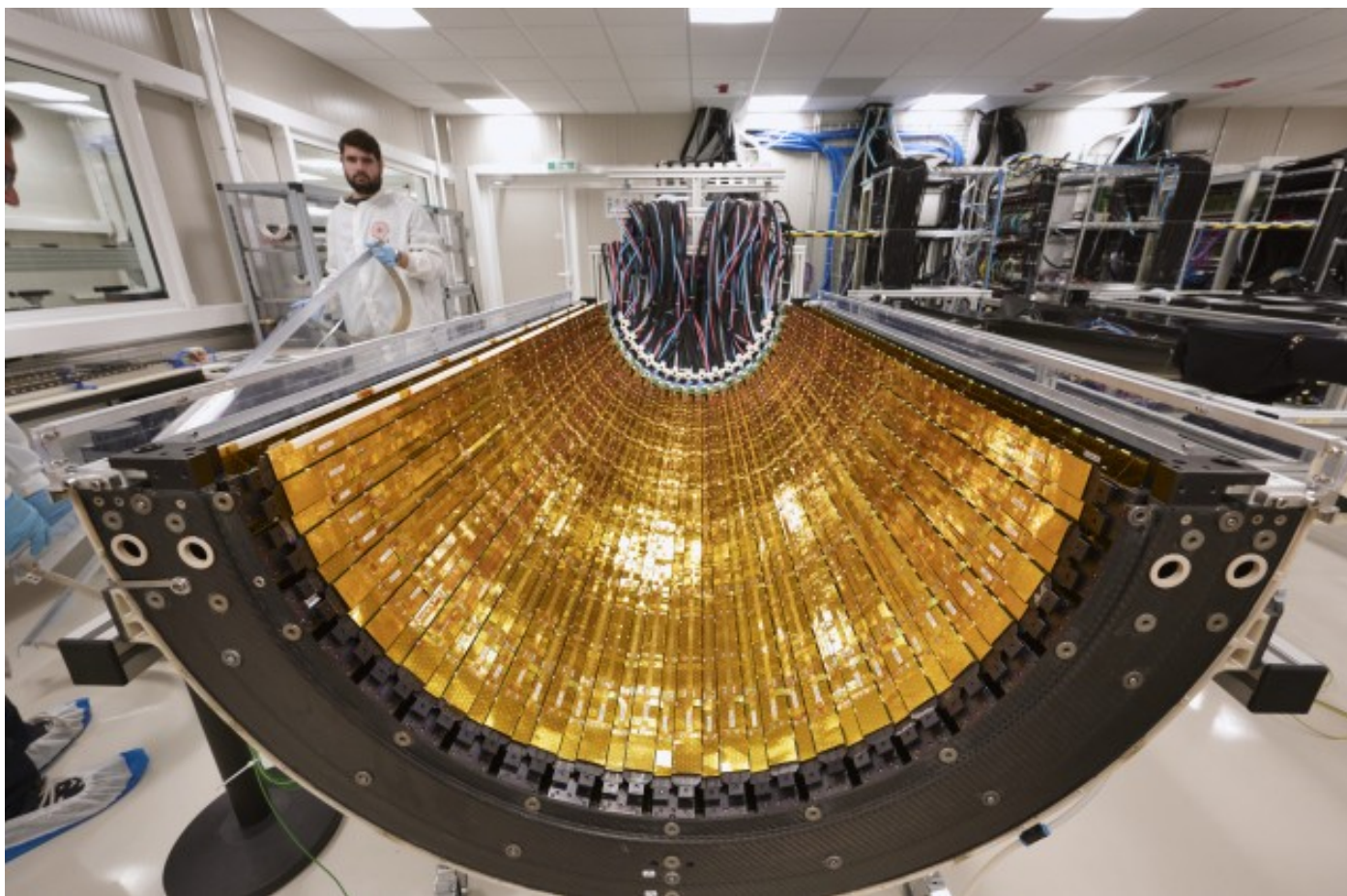
# Some figures

**Table 1.1:** Geometrical parameters of the upgraded ITS.

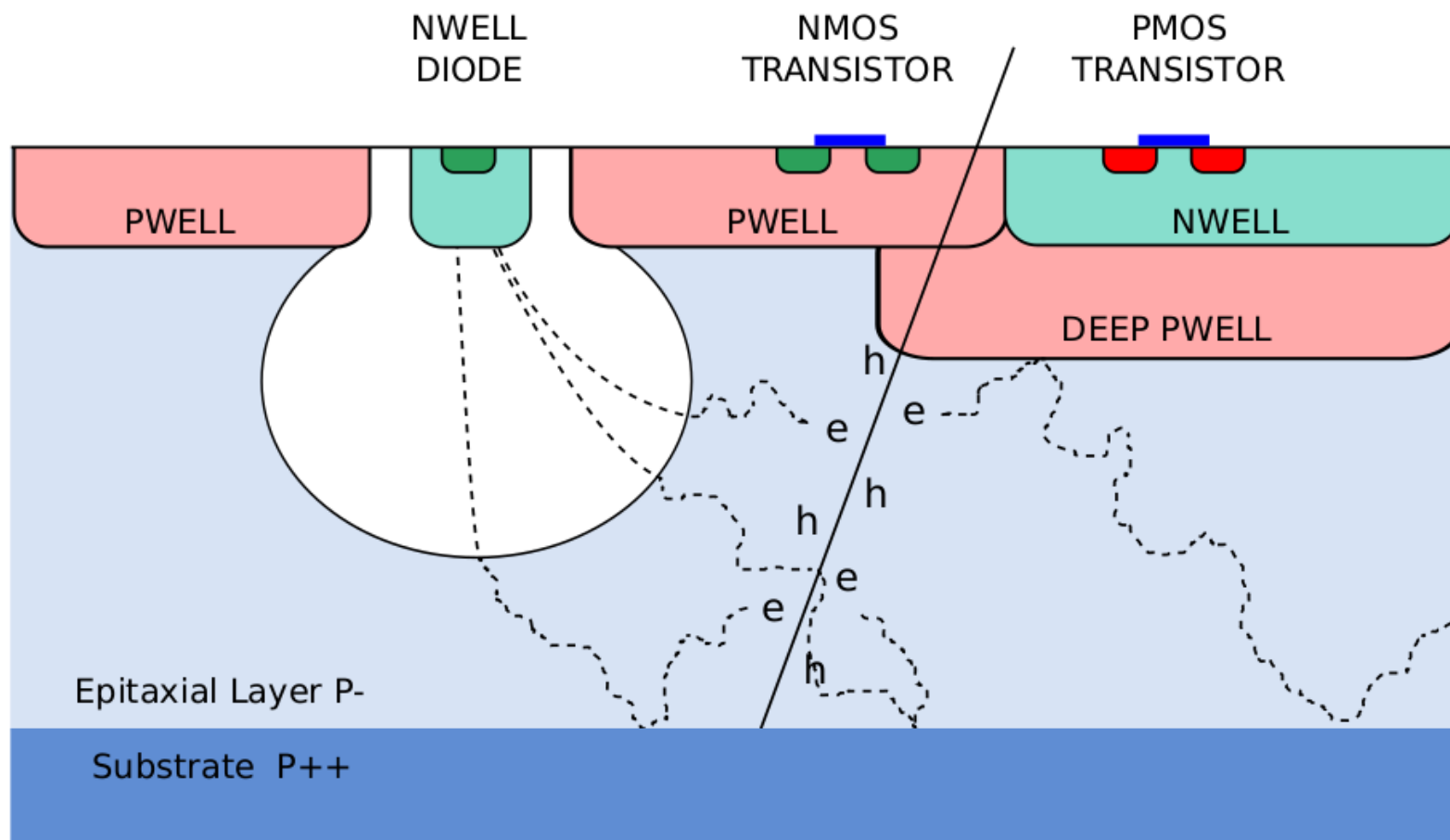
	Inner Barrel			Outer Barrel			
	Inner Layers			Middle Layers		Outer Layers	
	Layer 0	Layer 1	Layer 2	Layer 3	Layer 4	Layer 5	Layer 6
Radial position (min.) (mm)	22.4	30.1	37.8	194.4	243.9	342.3	391.8
Radial position (max.) (mm)	26.7	34.6	42.1	197.7	247.0	345.4	394.9
Length (sensitive area) (mm)	271	271	271	843	843	1475	1475
Pseudo-rapidity coverage <sup>a</sup>	$\pm 2.5$	$\pm 2.3$	$\pm 2.0$	$\pm 1.5$	$\pm 1.4$	$\pm 1.4$	$\pm 1.3$
Active area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	421	562	702	10 483	13 104	32 105	36 691
Pixel Chip dimensions (mm <sup>2</sup> )				15 × 30			
Nr. Pixel Chips	108	144	180	2688	3360	8232	9408
Nr. Staves	12	16	20	24	30	42	48
Staves overlap in $r\phi$ (mm)	2.23	2.22	2.30	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
Gap between chips in $z$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )				100			
Chip dead area in $r\phi$ (mm)				2			
Pixel size ( $\mu\text{m}^2$ )	(20 – 30) × (20 – 30)			(20 – 50) × (20 – 50)			

<sup>a</sup> The pseudorapidity coverage of the detector layers refers to tracks originating from a collision at the nominal interaction point ( $z = 0$ ).

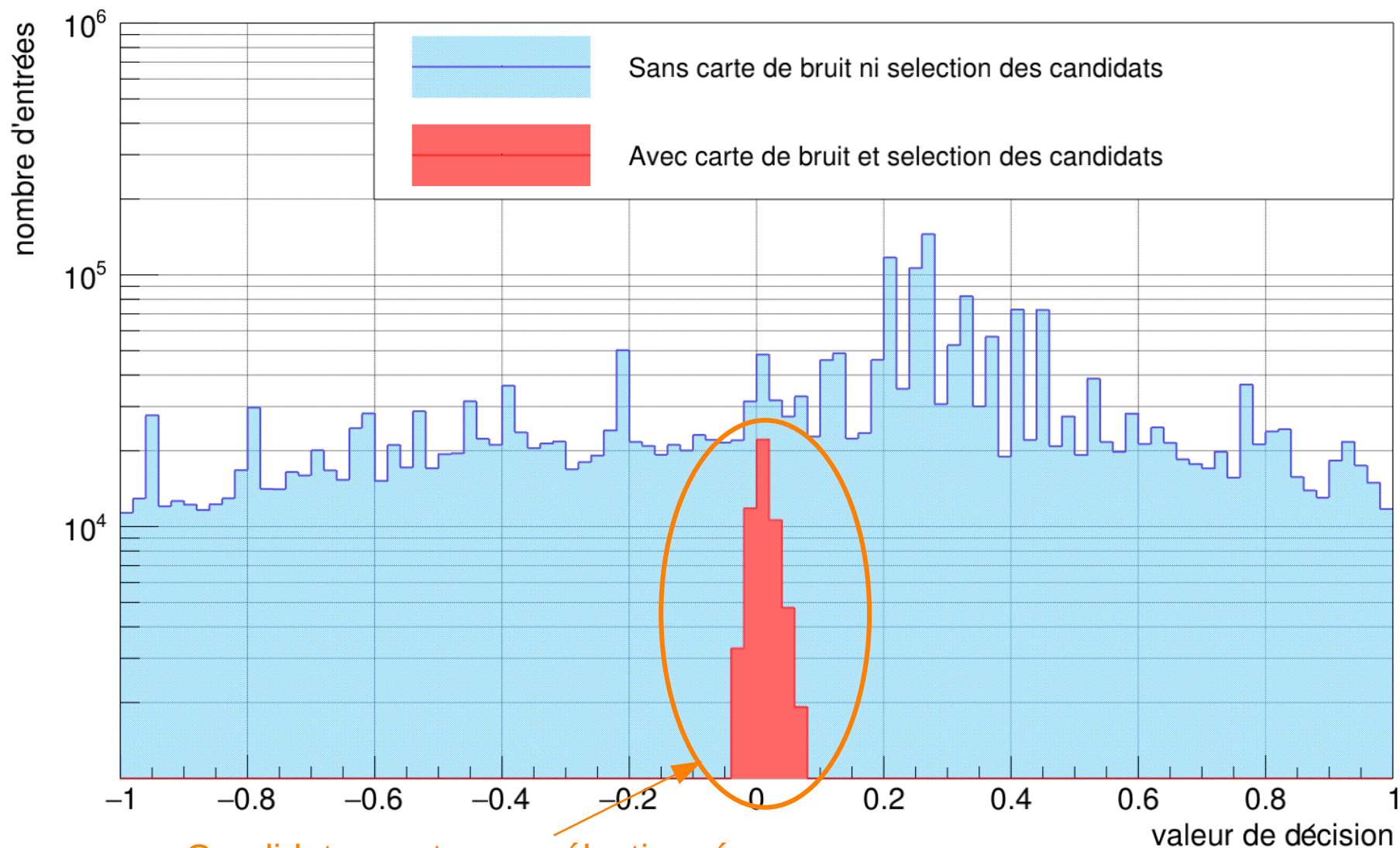
# Photo of a half barrel (during ITS commissioning)



# Cross section of a pixel



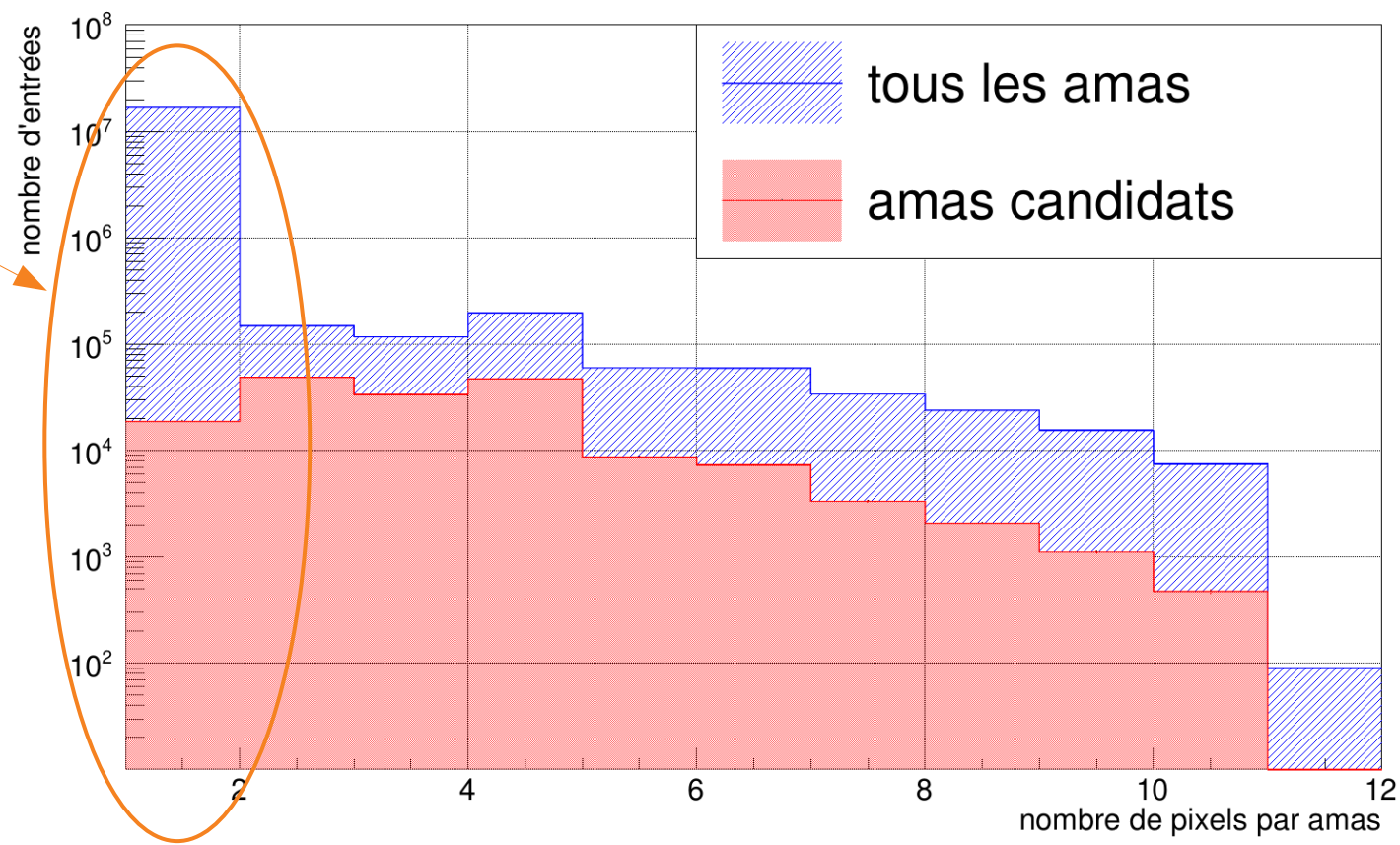
# Why calibrating ?



# Simple calibration ?

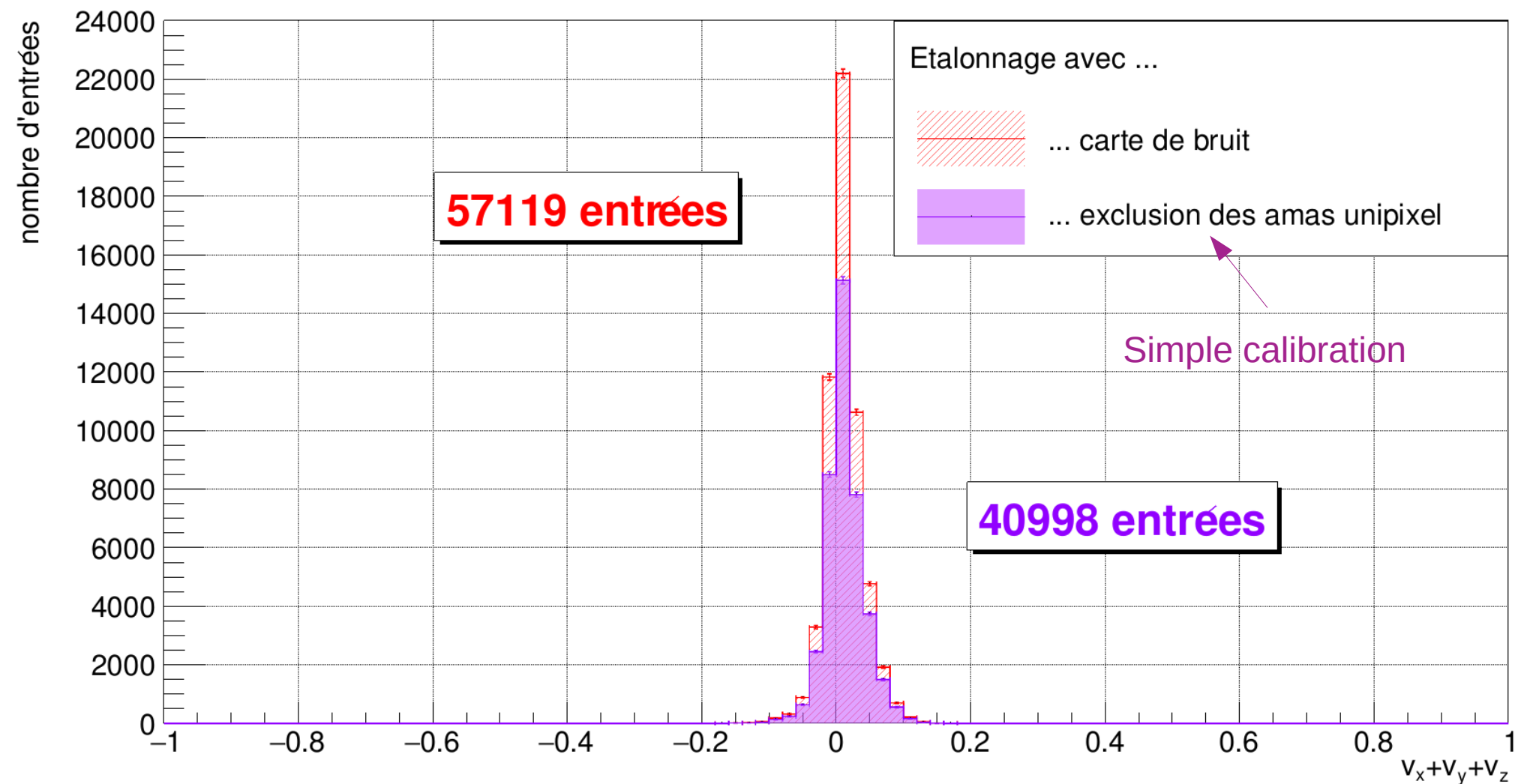
Amas de 1 pixel

Au moins  $10^3$  plus de bruit que de candidats

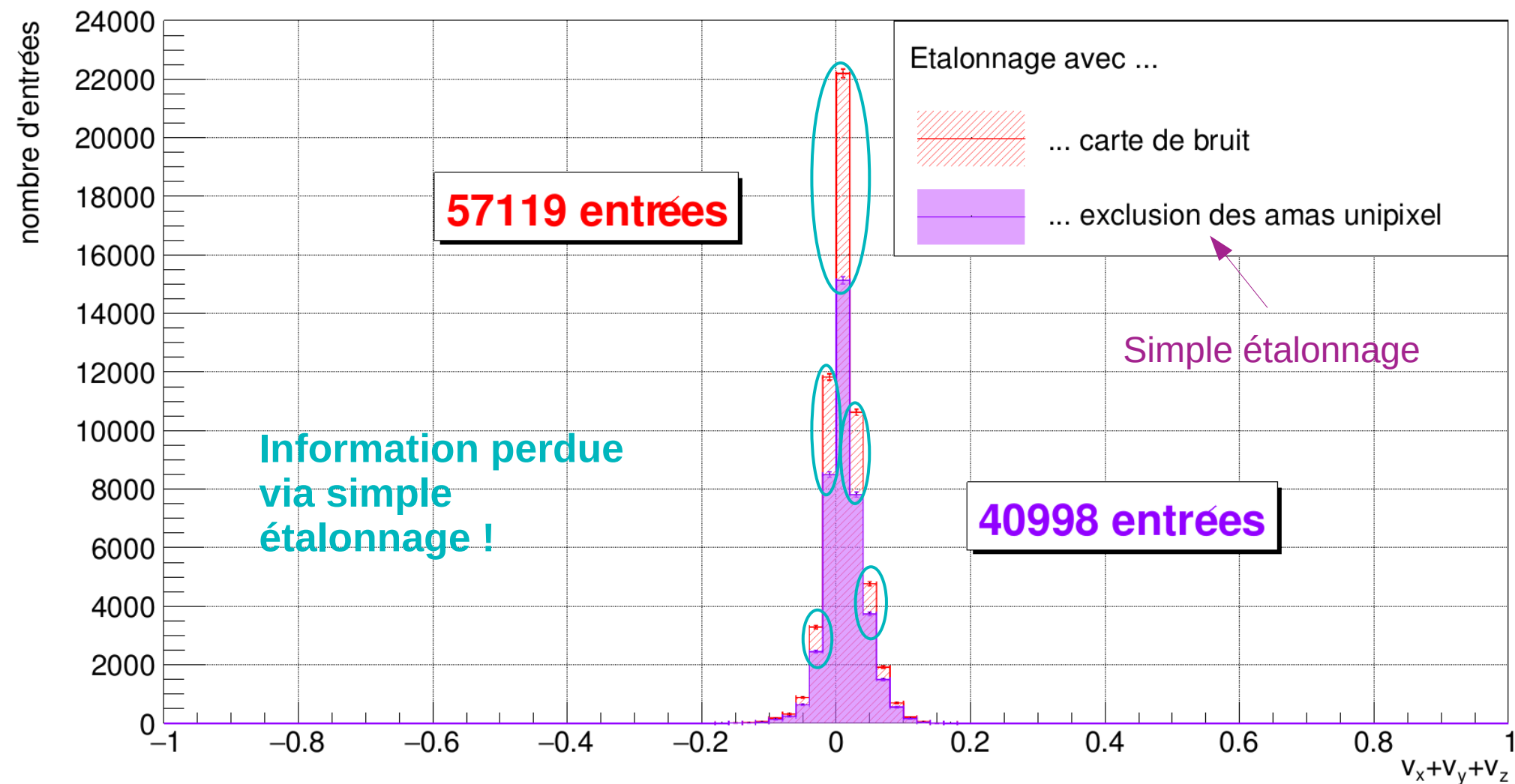


Simple étalonnage: "simplement" rejeter les amas unipixel

# Simple calibration ?

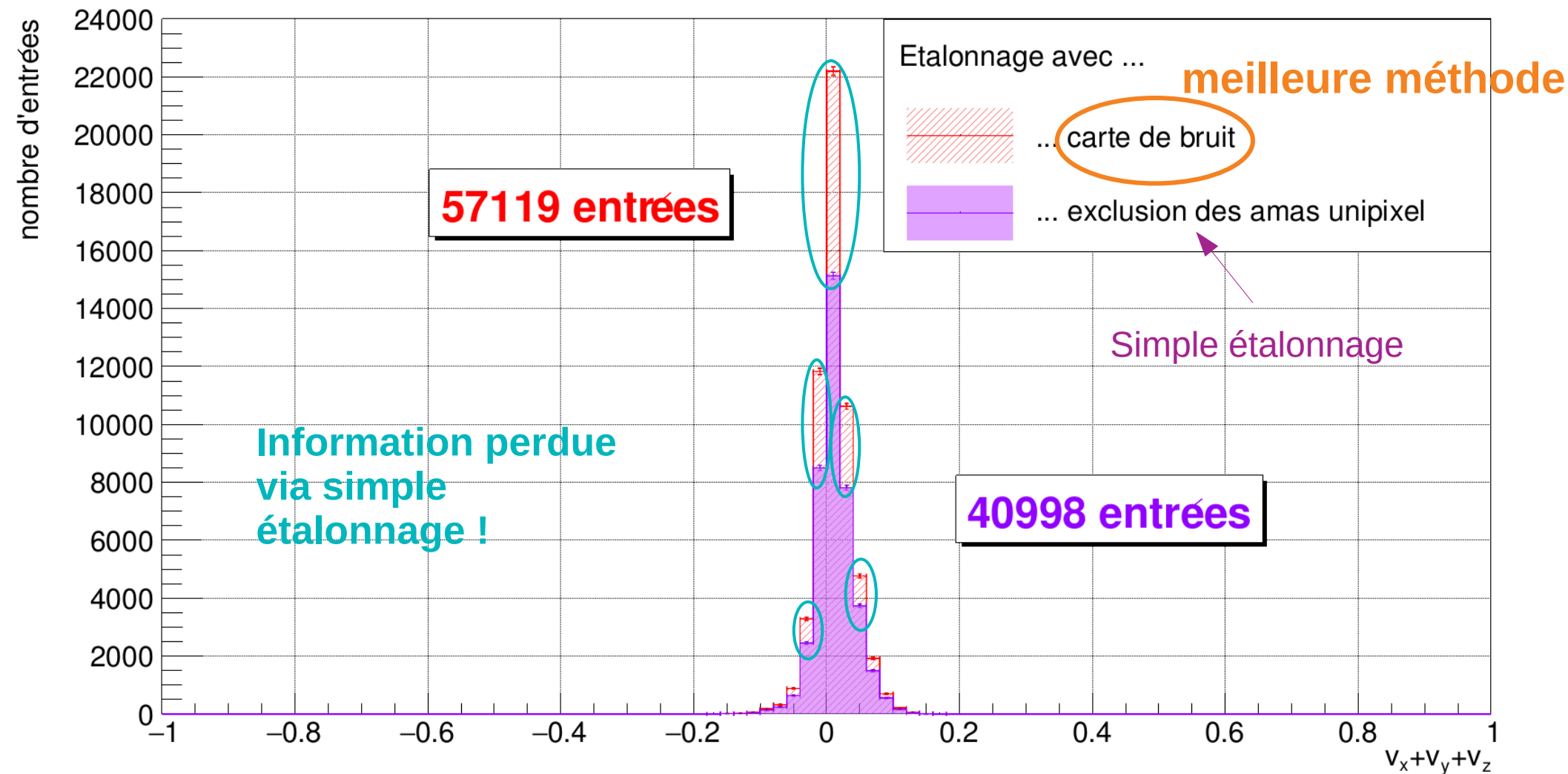


# Simple calibration ?



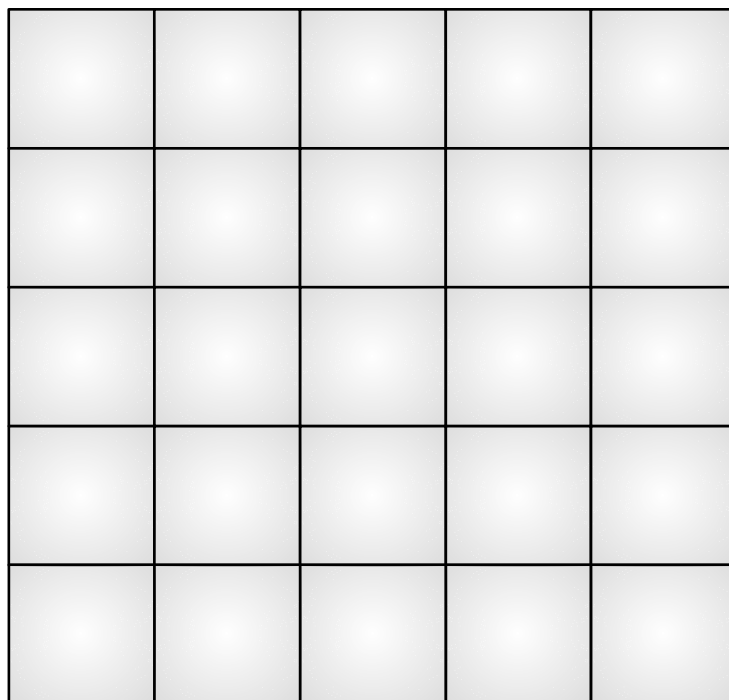


# Simple calibration ?



# Noise map

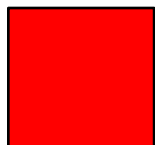
(on more than 12 billions pixels for each measurements series)



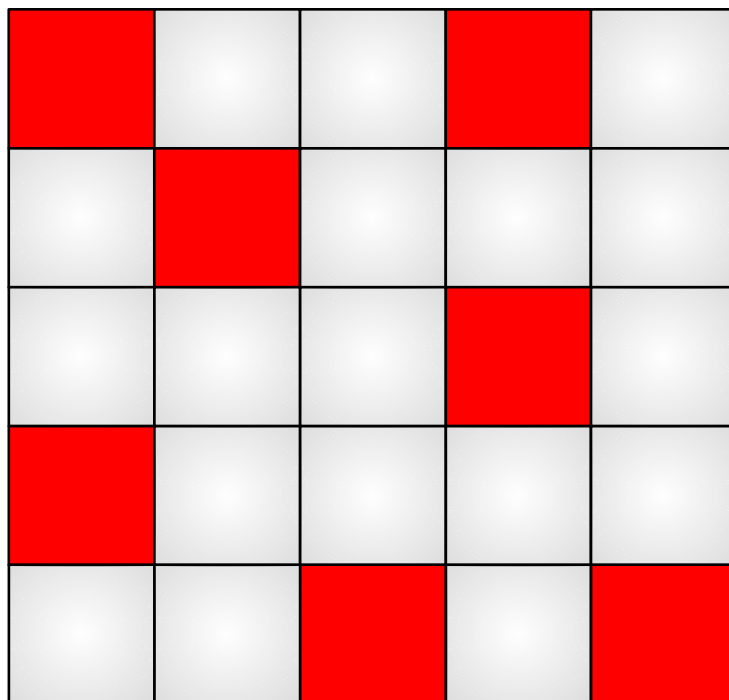
Map of pixels

# Noise map

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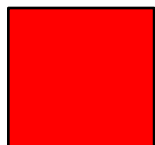
Noisy pixel = pixel **activated more than once** during a measure



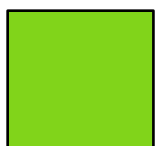
Map of pixels

# Noise map

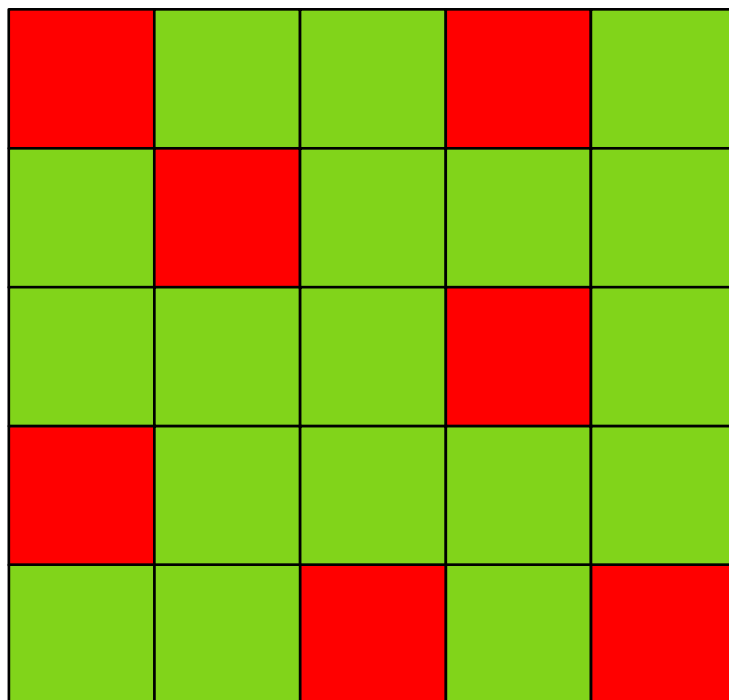
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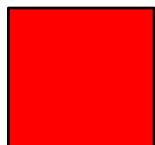
Pixel **activated once or not activated**



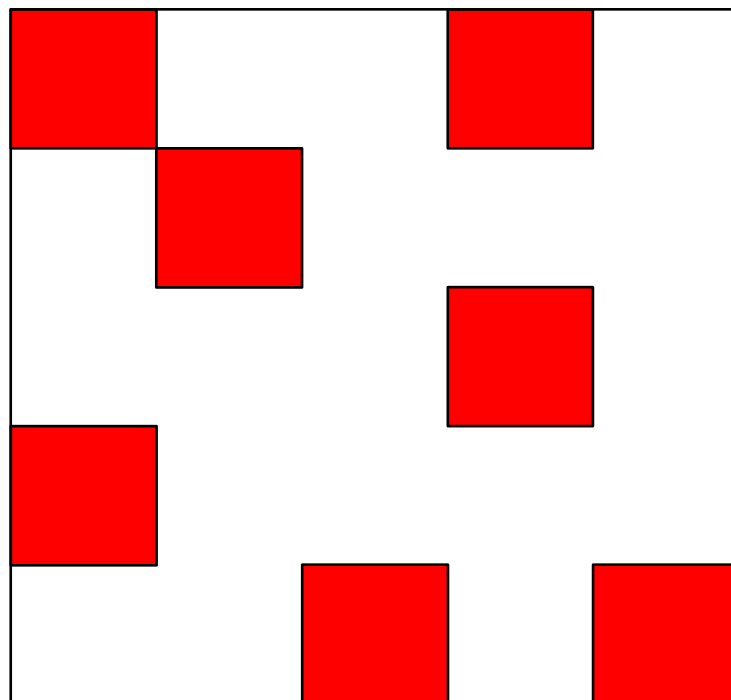
Map of pixels

# Noise map

(on more than 12 billions pixels for each measurements series)

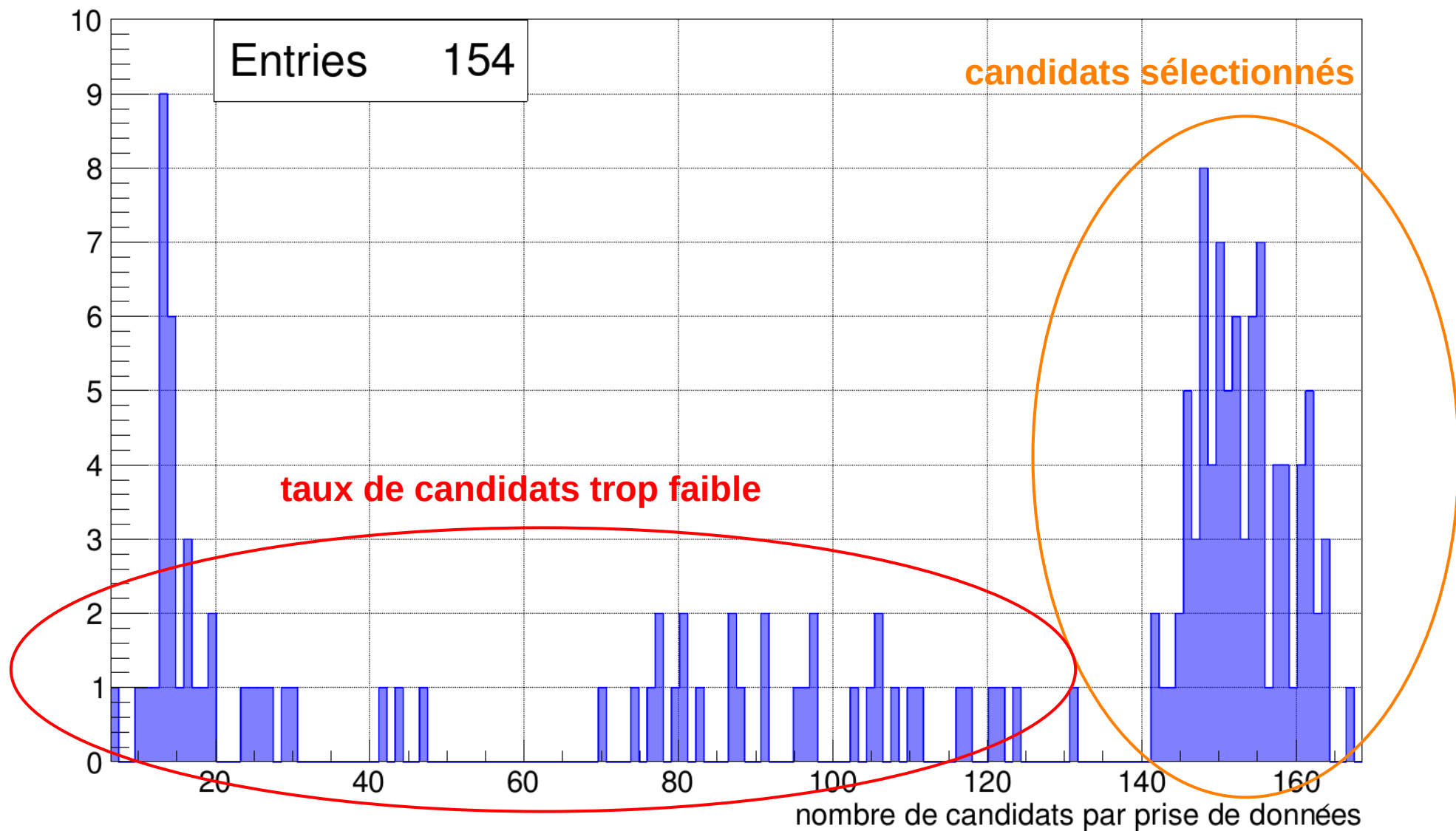


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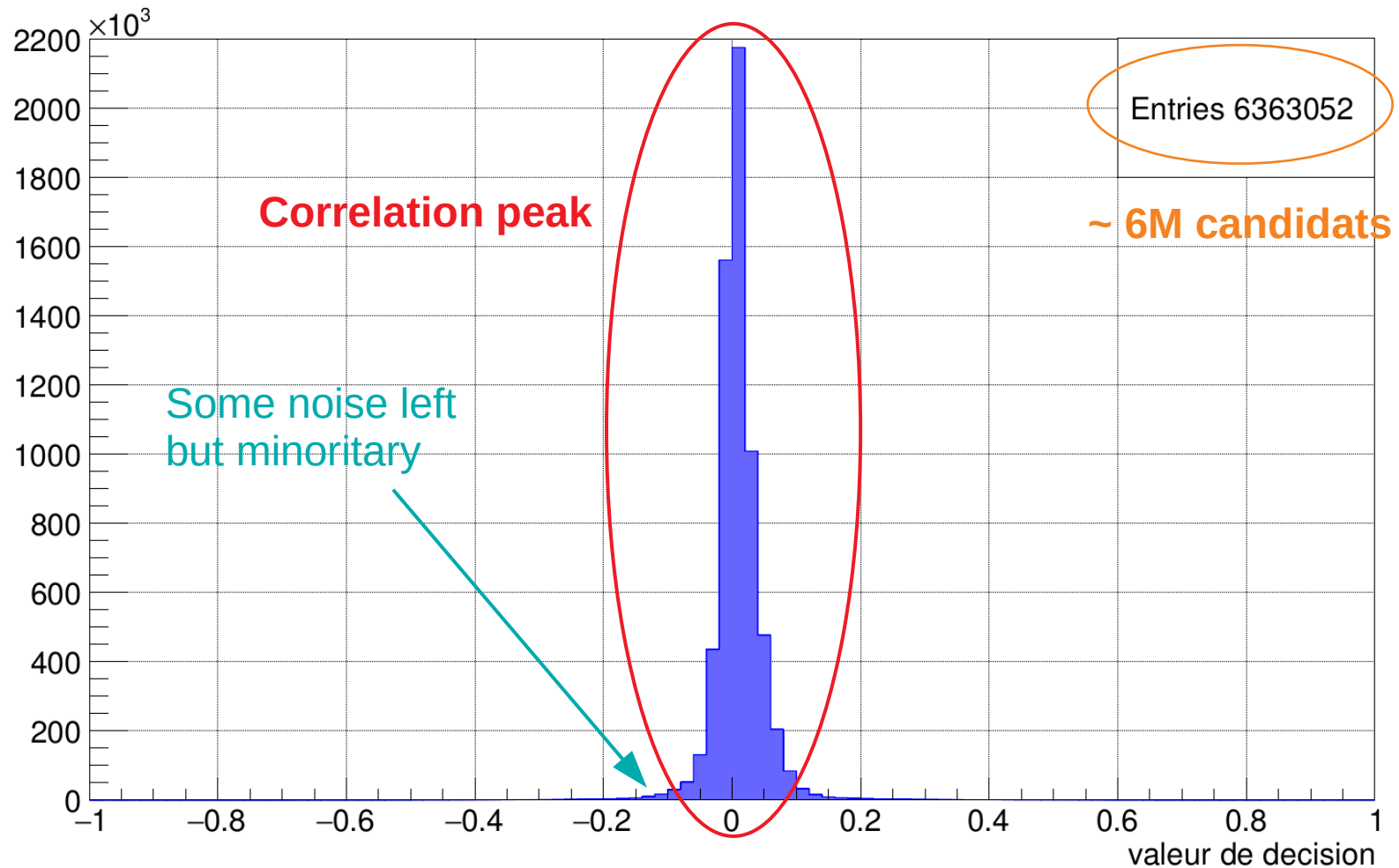
← **Noise map**  
(pixels identity)  
(pixels position)

# Selection on candidates' rate



# Correlation peak

- Noise map
- Candidates selection

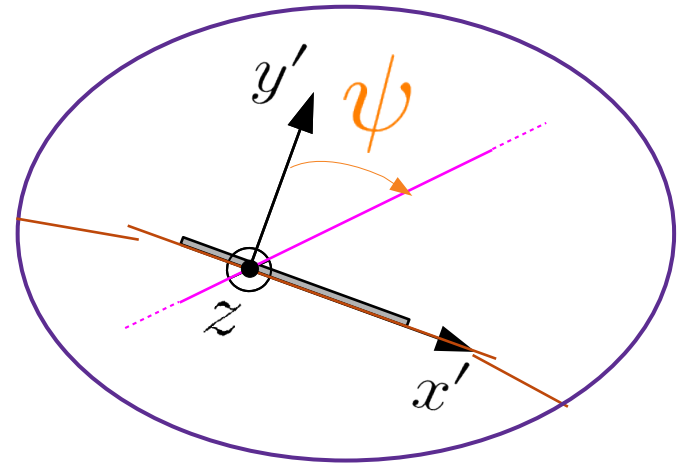
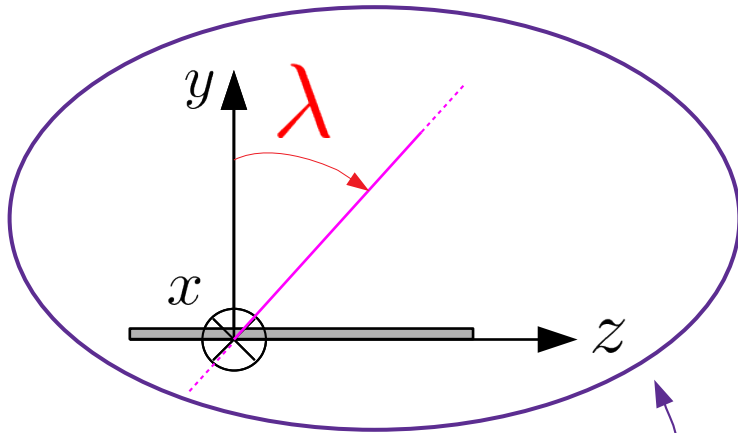


# Inclination angles



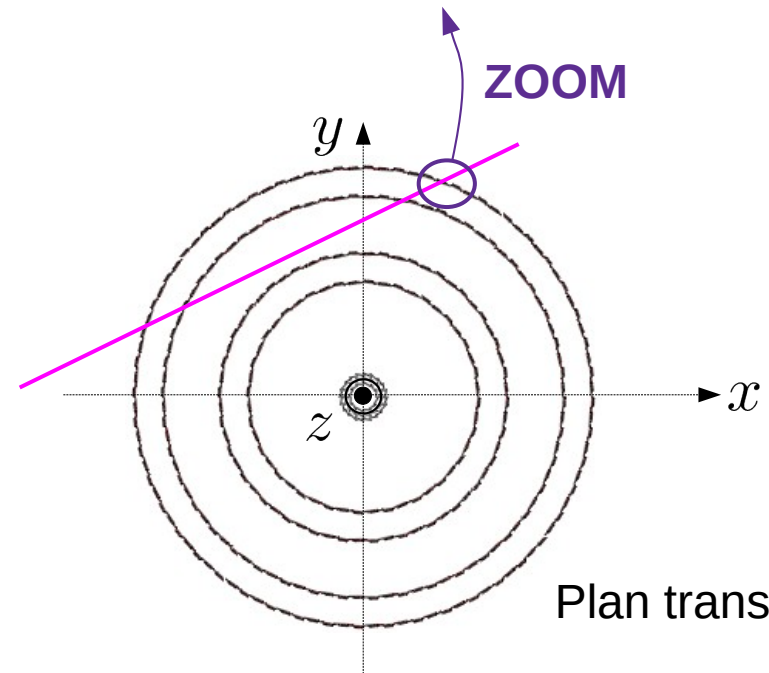
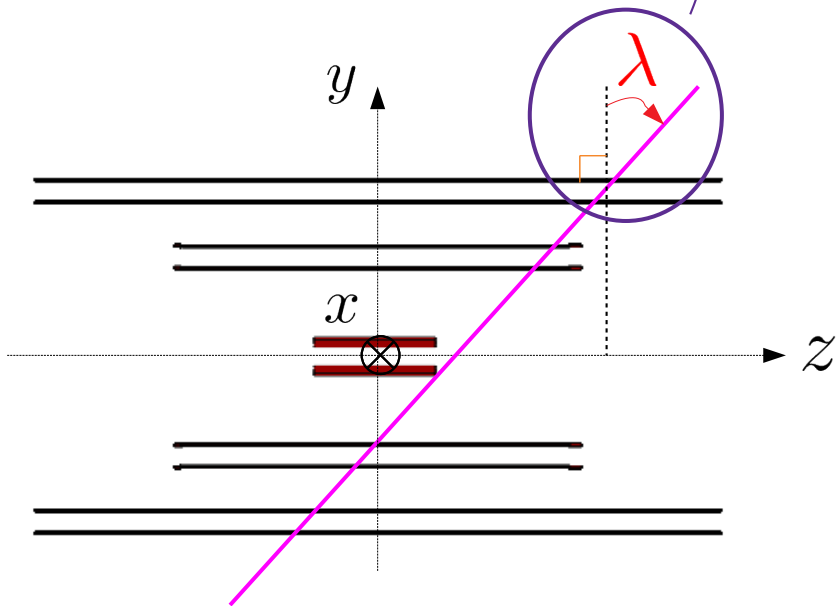
$\lambda$  défini globalement

$\psi$  défini localement



ZOOM

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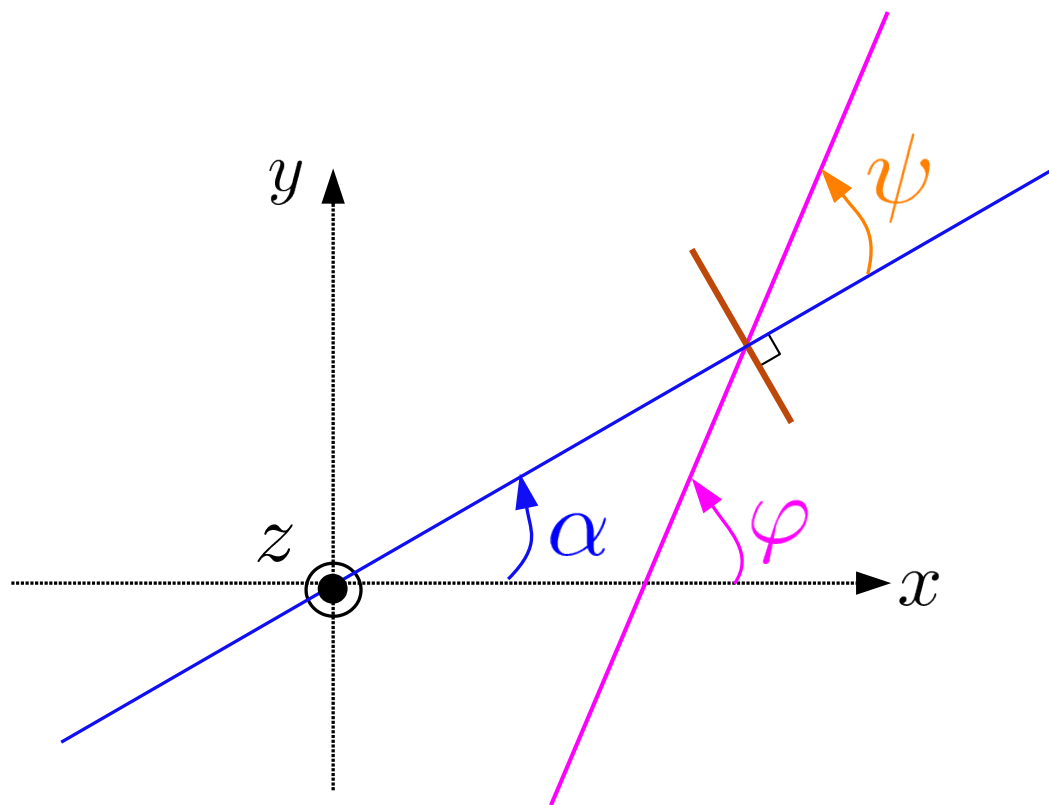


Plan transverse

Vue de côté



# Construction of the angle $\psi$



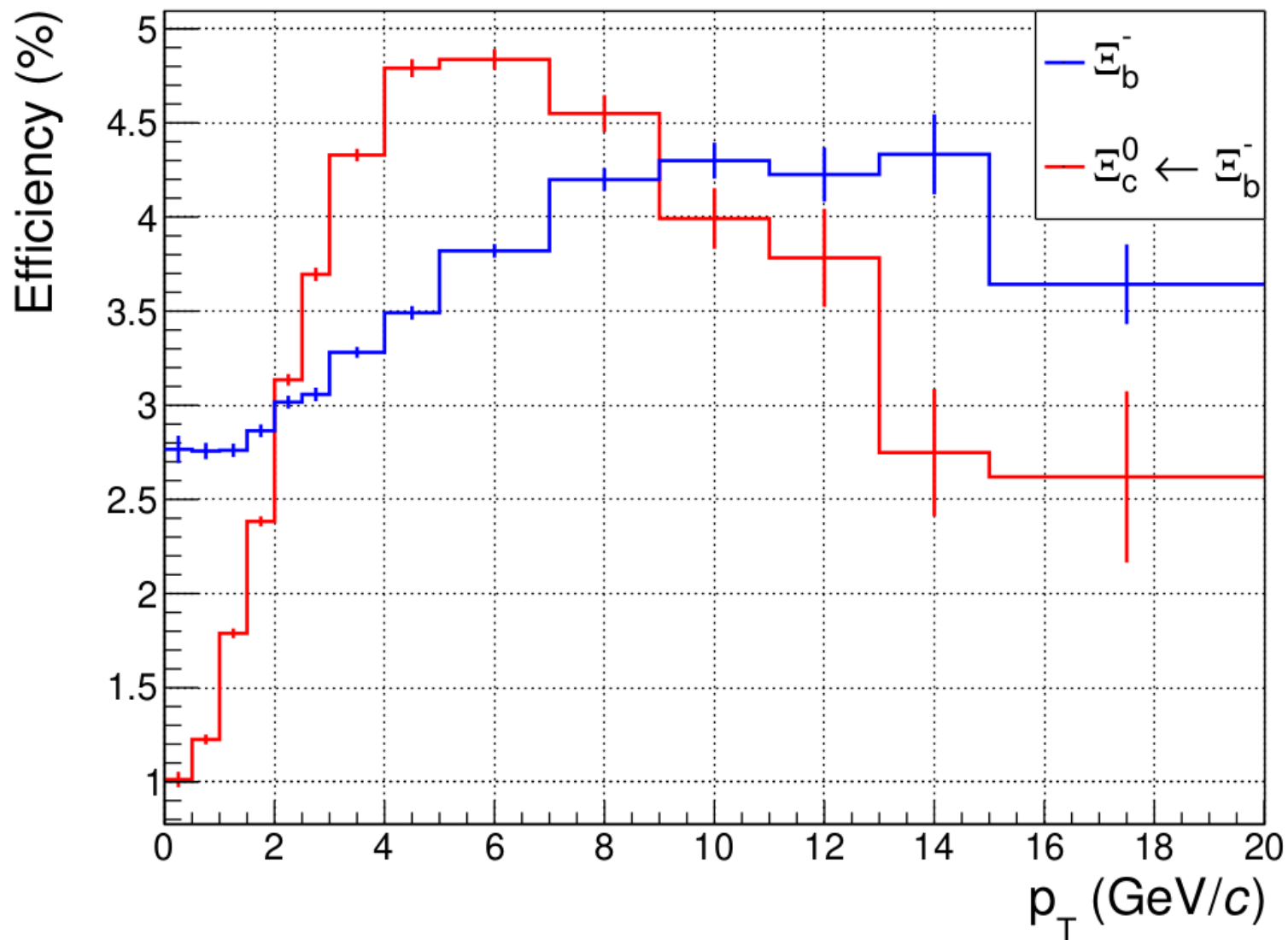
$$\psi = \varphi - \alpha$$

# **Backup for II)**

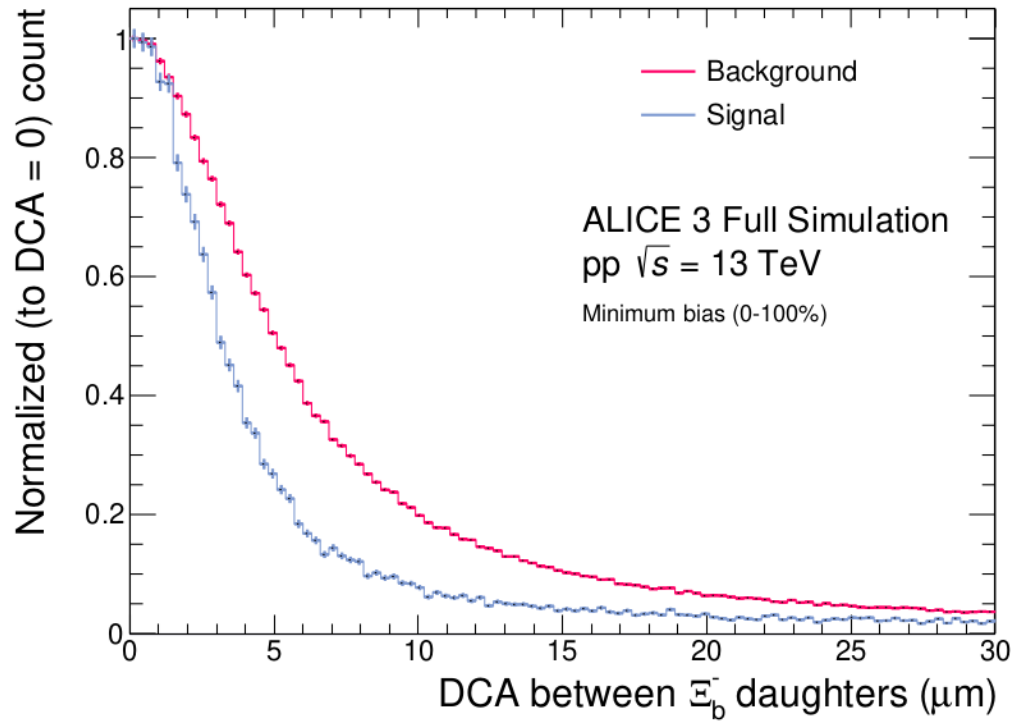
# **Backup**

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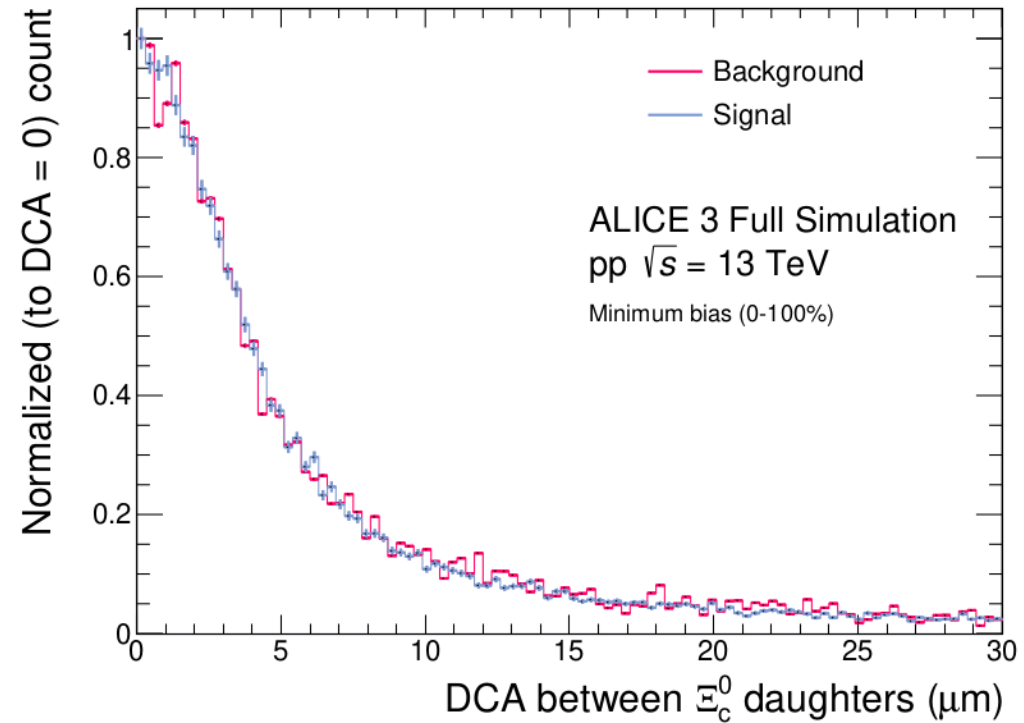
# Efficiency



# DCA between daughters



(a)



(b)

FIGURE 6 – DCA between the daughters of  $\Xi_b^-$  (6a) and  $\Xi_c^0$  (6b) for the signal (in blue) and the background (in red).

# DCA to primary vertex

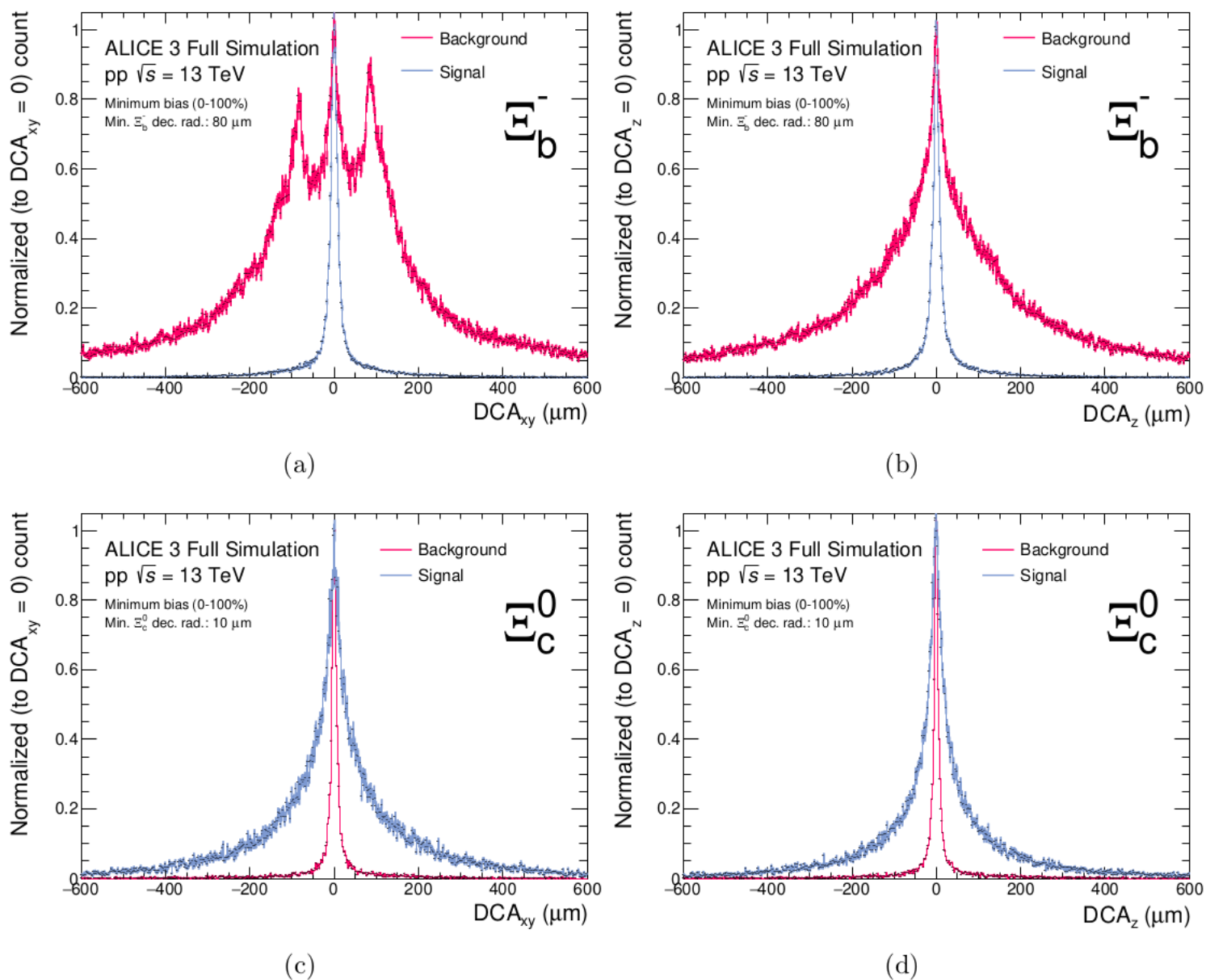
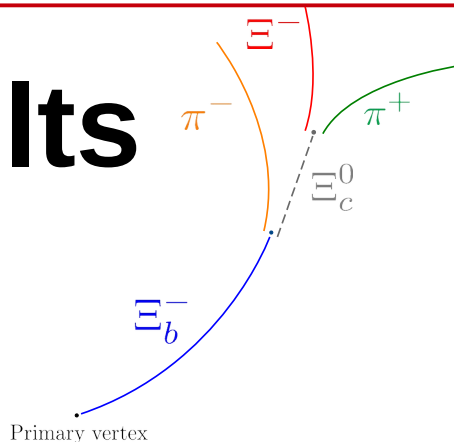


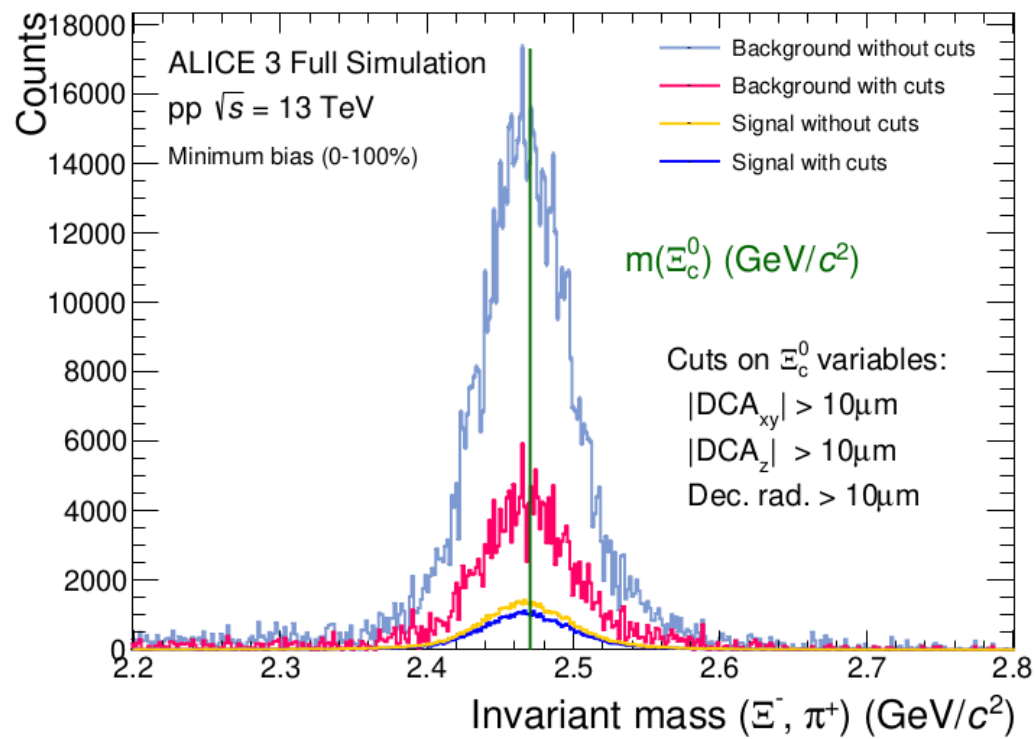
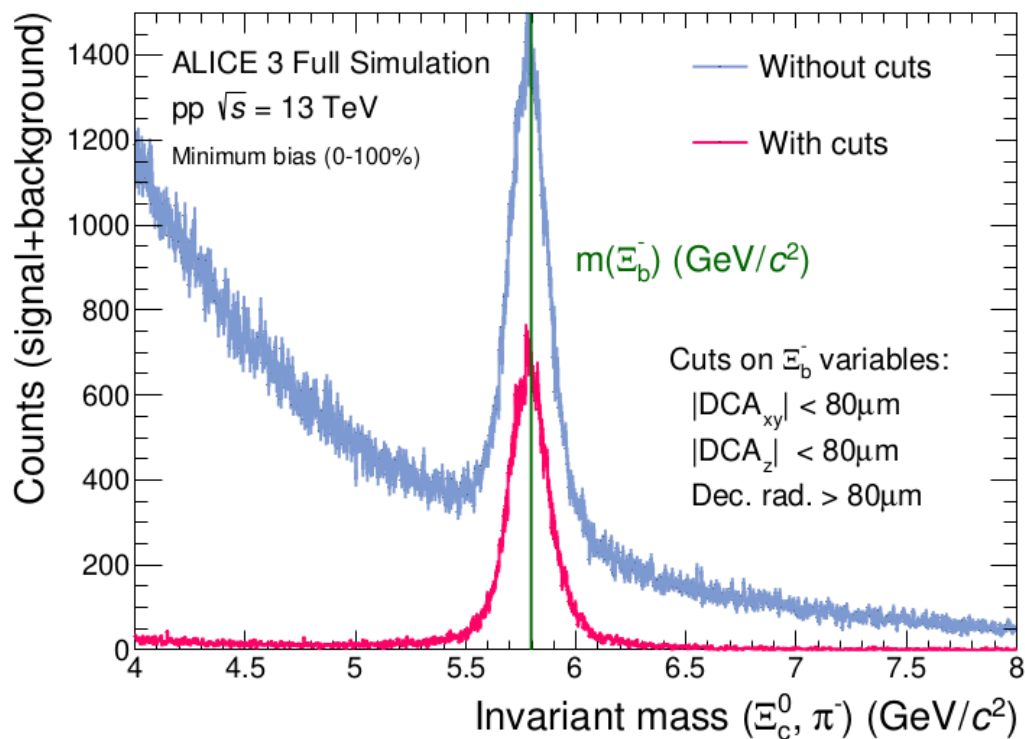
FIGURE 7 – DCA to the primary vertex of  $\Xi_b^-$  (7a and 7b) and  $\Xi_c^0$  (7c and 7d) for the signal (in blue) and the background (in red).

# Main results



Majority of  $\Xi_c^0$  peak loss comes from primary  $\Xi_c^0$  (79%) and not from  $\Xi_c^0 \leftarrow \Xi_b^-$  (34%)

Some signal is lost but significantly more background is suppressed



Majority of background noise is reduced → nice peak → **functional analysis prototype**