

# **DRD1 plans on gaseous detectors for PID**

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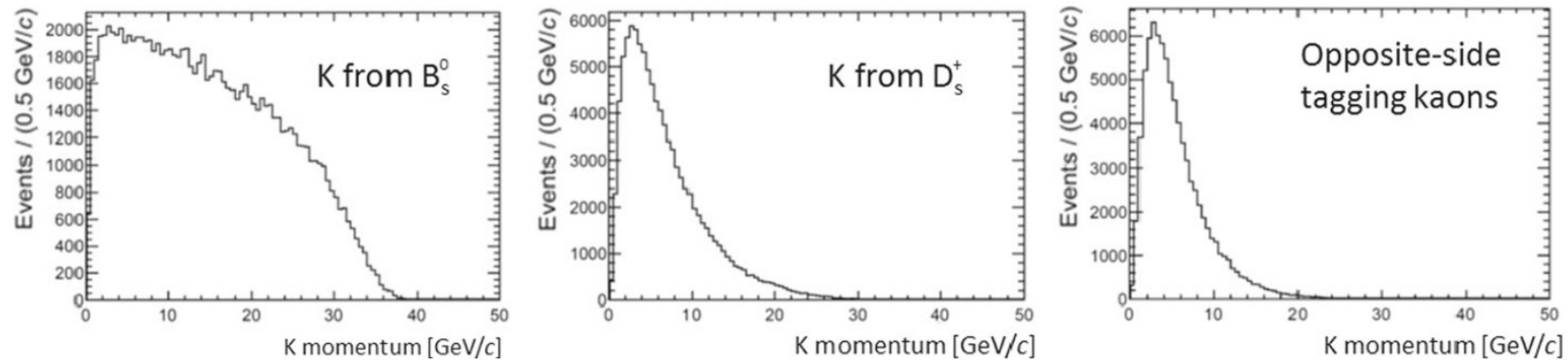
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Momentum spectra for kaons occurring in  $Z^0$  events containing a  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\pm K^\mp$  decay.

From: Guy Wilkinson - *Particle identification at FCC-ee* - Eur. Phys. J. Plus (2021) 136:835 - <https://doi.org/10.1140/epjp/s13360-021-01810-4>

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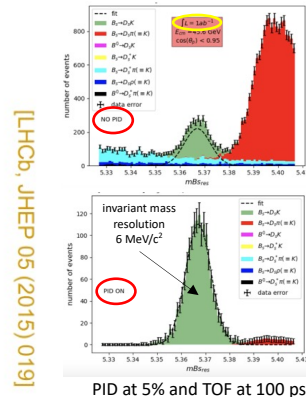
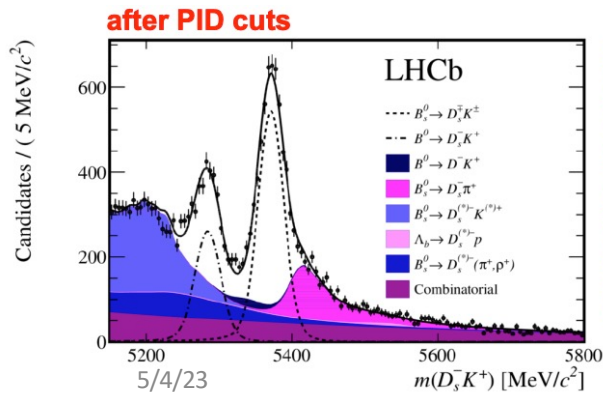
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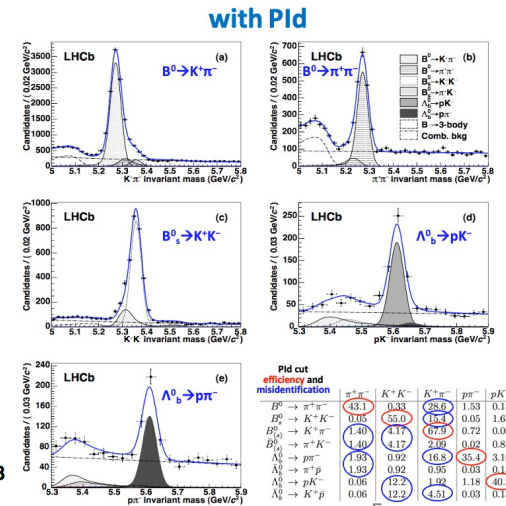
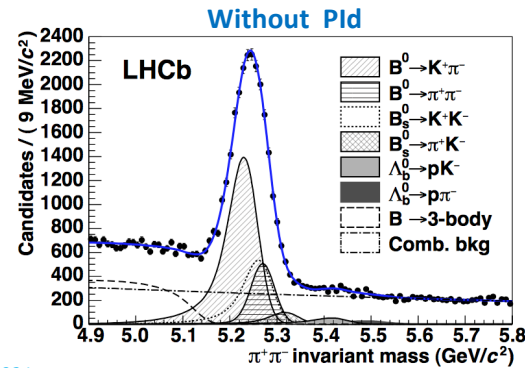
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Example:  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^{\mp} K^{\pm}$



R. Aleksan, L. Oliver and E. Perez – arXiv:2107.02002v1 [hep-ph] 5 Jul 2021

Example: 2-prongs  $B$ -decays  
LHCb - JHEP 10 (2012) 037



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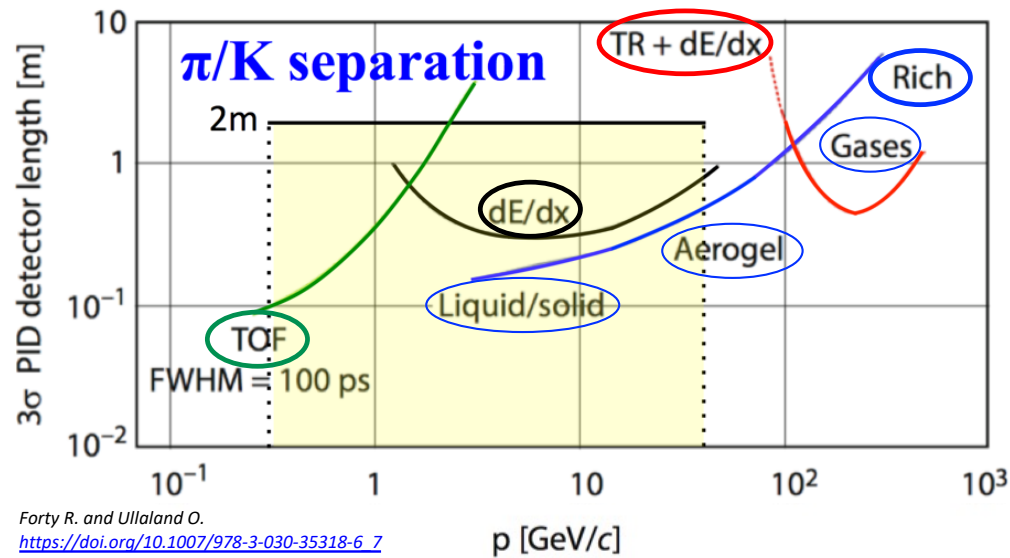
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# Particle Identification technologies

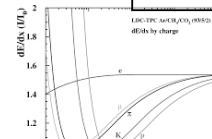
$$\frac{m^2}{p^2} = \frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} = \frac{1 - \beta^2}{\beta^2}$$



Forty R. and Ullaland O.  
[https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-35318-6\\_7](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-35318-6_7)  
 (adapted from B. Dolgoshein NIM A433 (1999) 533)

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**dE/dx**



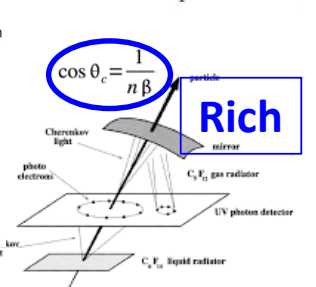
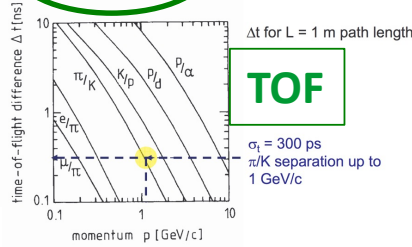
$$\frac{dE}{dx} = K z^2 \frac{Z}{A \beta^2} \left[ \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2 T_{max}}{I^2} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta(\beta\gamma)}{2} \right]$$

$$T_{max} = \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2}{1 + \frac{2\gamma m_e}{M} + \left(\frac{m_e}{M}\right)^2}$$

$$N_{cluster} = \int_0^L \frac{1}{w(x)} \frac{dE}{dx} dx$$

**dN<sub>cluster</sub>/dx**

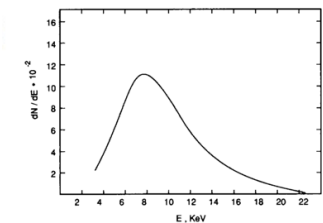
$$\Delta t = \frac{L}{c} \left( \frac{1}{\beta_1} - \frac{1}{\beta_2} \right) = \frac{L}{c} \left( \sqrt{1 + m_1^2 c^2 / p^2} - \sqrt{1 + m_2^2 c^2 / p^2} \right) \approx \frac{Lc}{2p^2} (m_1^2 - m_2^2)$$



**TR**

$$W = \frac{1}{3} \alpha \hbar \omega_p \gamma$$

$$\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{N_e e^2}{\epsilon_0 m_e}} \quad \hbar \omega_p = 20 \text{ eV}$$



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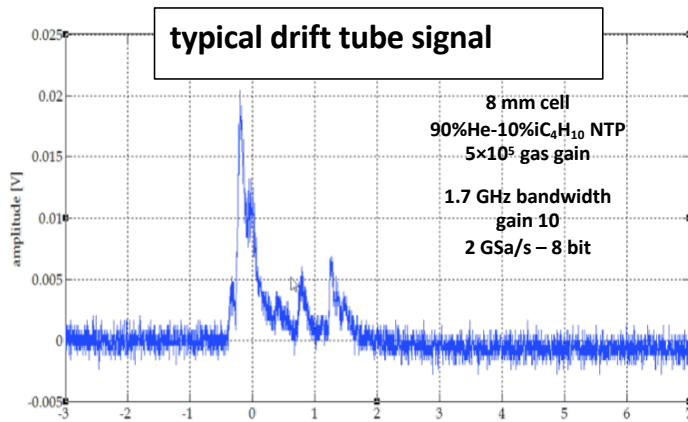
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Concentrate attention on **dE/dx** and **Cluster Counting** in **gaseous detectors**

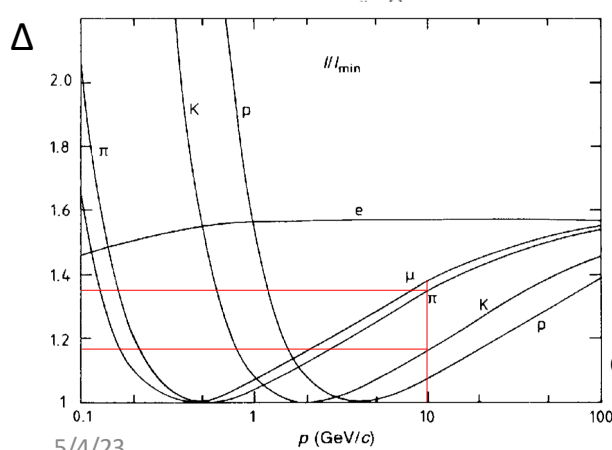


# PID with dE/dx: the task



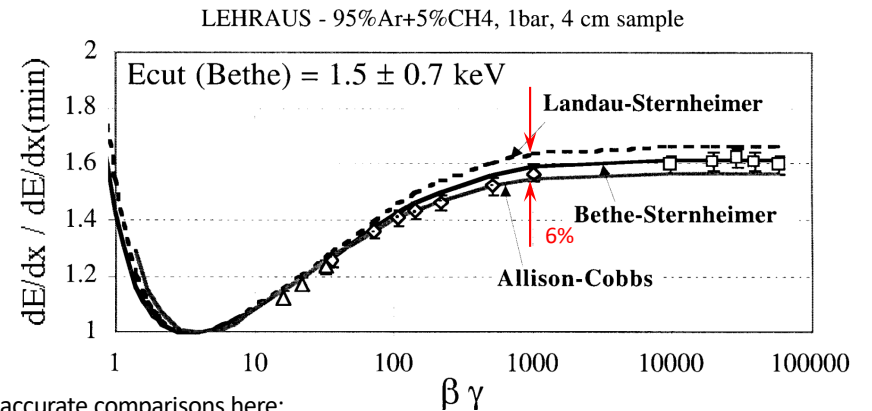
By definition, **the integral** of the drift signal is proportional to the **total number of electrons** liberated and collected in the ionization process which, in turn, is proportional to the **energy lost** by the charged particle crossing the **layer x** of gas (**-dE/dx**).  
Knowing the dependence of dE/dx from the velocity  $\beta$  of the crossing particle, given  $p$ , one can identify the particle **mass**.

Also, the **theory model description of the energy loss mechanism** needs to be accurate **at 1% level**



In the relativistic rise region:  

$$\frac{[\Delta(\pi) - \Delta(K)]}{\Delta(\pi)} \approx 10-15\%$$
 **$\pi/K$  separation** requires resolutions  $\delta\Delta/\Delta$  of better than a **few %**



more accurate comparisons here:  
[J. Va'vra Particle Identification Methods in High Energy Physics, SLAC-PUB-8356, Jan. 2000](#)

# PID with dE/dx: the straggling function

## Definitions and iterative application of convolution integral

$d\sigma(E,\beta)/dE$  collision cross section for an energy transfer  $E$  by a particle of velocity  $\beta$   
 $\lambda = \lambda(\beta) = 1/(n_e\sigma)$  mean free path between collisions ( $n_e$  = linear density of electrons)  
 $N_c = x/\lambda$  mean number of collisions over a length  $x$

$\mathcal{F}_{(1)}(E) = 1/\sigma d\sigma(E,\beta)/dE = n_e\lambda d\sigma(E,\beta)/dE$   
 probability to transfer energy  $E$  in a single collision

$\mathcal{F}_{(k)}(\Delta) = \int_0^\Delta \mathcal{F}_{(1)}(E) \mathcal{F}_{(k-1)}(\Delta-E) dE$  probability to transfer energy  $\Delta$  in  $k$  collisions  
**k-fold convolution of  $\mathcal{F}_{(1)}(E)$**

$\mathcal{P}(k, N_c) = N_c^k/k! \exp(-N_c)$  probability of  $k$  collisions with mean  $N_c$  (Poisson)

$f(\Delta, x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}(k, N_c) \mathcal{F}_{(k)}(\Delta)$  probability density function for energy loss  $\Delta$  over  $x$   
**(straggling function)**

for a rigorous treatment see:

H. Bichsel *A method to improve tracking and particle identification in TPCs and silicon detectors* NIM A562 (2006) 154

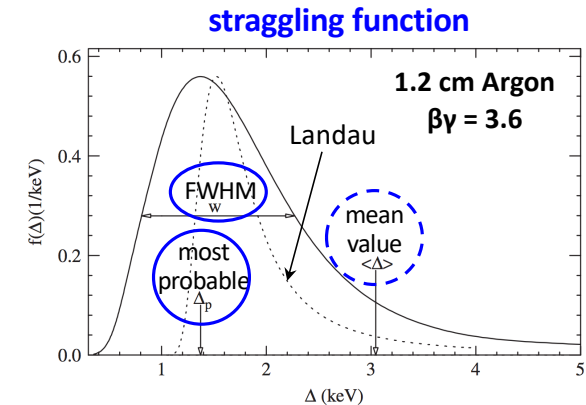


Fig. 1. The straggling function  $f(\Delta)$  for particles with  $\beta\gamma = 3.6$  traversing 1.2 cm of Ar gas is given by the solid line. It extends beyond  $E_{\max} \sim 2mc^2\beta^2\gamma^2 = 13 \text{ MeV}$ . The original Landau function [2,3] is given by the dotted line. Parameters describing  $f(\Delta)$  are the most probable energy loss  $\Delta_p(x; \beta\gamma)$ , i.e. the position of the maximum of the straggling function, at 1371 eV, and the full-width-at-half-maximum (FWHM)  $w(x; \beta\gamma) = 1463 \text{ eV}$ . The mean energy loss is  $\langle \Delta \rangle = 3044 \text{ eV}$ .

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# PID with dE/dx: maximum likelihood measurement

- There exist several different approaches to calculate the energy loss distribution (**the straggling function**) besides the **convolution method** (iterative application of convolution integral):

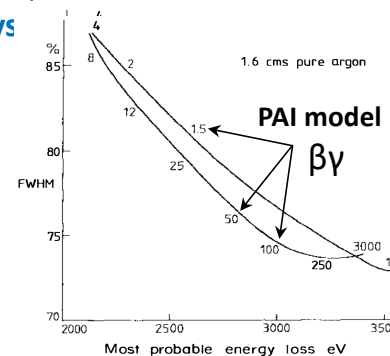
**Laplace transform method\***, **Monte Carlo method\*\***, **empirical fit to data\*\*\*** and a plethora of different models based on different parameterization of the collision cross section  $\sigma$  with *ad-hoc* corrections

\*L. Landau, J. Phys. USSR 8, 201 (1944), \*\*Cobb et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. 133, 315 (1976),

\*\*\*Blum, Riegler, Rolandi, Springer-Verlag 2008 - doi: 10.1007/978-3-540-76684-1 10

- The energy loss distribution (straggling function)  $f(\Delta)$  for a single sample is made of a **broad peak** due to low energy transfer (**soft**) collisions with the gas molecules and a **long tail** due to large energy transfer (**hard**) collisions which cause the release of **more than one electron** and/or  $\delta$  rays

- Typical **FWHM** of the energy loss distribution is in the range of **60-100%  $\Delta_p$**  (very slowly dependent from  $\beta\gamma$  – except for very small sample lengths), which makes necessary to measure many samples (**n**) along the ionizing track in order to get a good enough estimate of the energy loss.



- With the assumption that the shape of the straggling function doesn't depend on  $\beta\gamma$ , one can construct a **likelihood function**:

$$\mathcal{L}(\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(\Delta_i/\lambda).$$

The  $\lambda_0$  (with its error  $\delta(\lambda_0)$ ) which maximizes  $\mathcal{L}(\lambda)$  is normally distributed and represents **the measured value of the most probable energy loss by the track under scrutiny**.

The **mass assignment** may then be calculated by comparing the expected ionization with  $\lambda_0$  and  $\delta(\lambda_0)$  using **normal error statistics**.

From: W. Allison and J. Cobb  
Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 1980. 30: 253-98

# PID with dE/dx: truncated mean measurement

- ✧ A much simpler and more robust procedure for obtaining analogous results is the method of **truncated mean**.
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$$\langle \Delta \rangle_{\eta} = 1/m \sum_{j=1}^m \Delta_j \quad \Delta_j \leq \Delta_{j+1} \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, m-1$$

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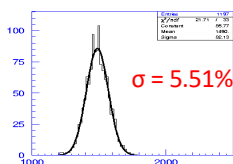
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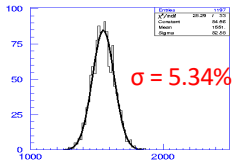
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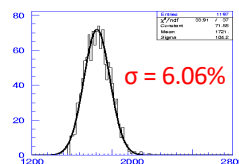
## ✧ ALTERNATIVES to arithmetic mean?



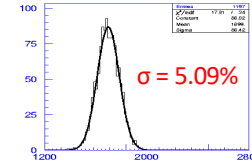
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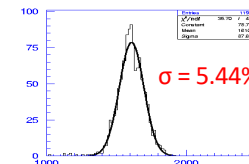
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dE/dx of median

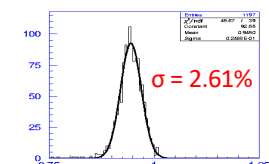


$$\langle \Delta \rangle_g = \sqrt[n]{\prod_{i=1}^n \Delta_i}$$



dE/dx of harmonic mean

$$\langle \Delta \rangle_h = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n 1/\Delta_i}$$



dE/dx of transformed mean

$$\langle \Delta \rangle_t = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta_i}} \right)^{-1}$$

(BESIII data) From: **M. Hauschild** *Progress in dE/dx techniques used for particle identification* **NIM A379(1996) 436**

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# PID with dE/dx: particle separation power

✧ The relevant quantity for discriminating between two different particle of masses **1** and **2** of momentum **p**, rather than  $\lambda_0$  and  $\delta(\lambda_0)$  for each of them, is:

$$D_{12}(p) = \frac{|\lambda_{0,1}(p) - \lambda_{0,2}(p)|}{[\sigma(\lambda_{0,1}) + \sigma(\lambda_{0,2})]/2}$$

(separation measured in numbers of sigma  $\sigma(\lambda_0) = \delta(\lambda_0)/\lambda_0$ )

✧ The number of ionization acts follows **Poisson distribution** ( $\approx 10/\text{cm}/\text{bar}$  for He based,  $\approx 30/\text{cm}/\text{bar}$  for Ar based gases)

✧ The number of electrons generated in each ionization act (**cluster size**) is subject to large fluctuations

✧ The accuracy of the ionization measurement depends on the mean free path between ionizing collisions  $\lambda = 1/(n_e \sigma)$  (i.e., on the collision cross section  $\sigma$  and on the electron number density  $n_e$ ), therefore, on

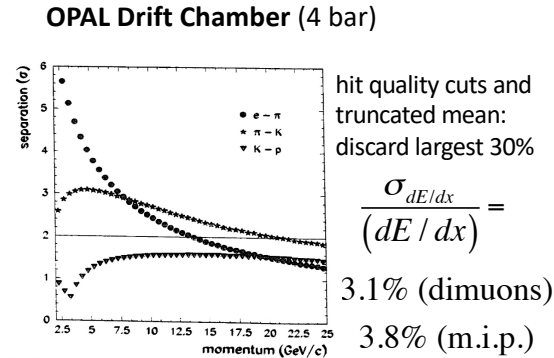
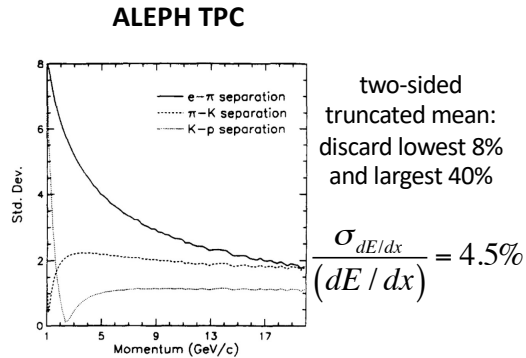
- the **gas** mixture;
- the **sample length x** and its density, or the **gas pressure p** through their product **xp**;
- the number of samples **n**, or, equivalently, the total length of the track **L = nx**.

✧ **Empirical parameterization of resolution**

$$\sigma(\lambda_0) = \delta(\lambda_0)/\lambda_0 \text{ ( [% ] xp in [ cm bar ] )}:$$

$$\sigma(\lambda_0) = 41 n^{-0.46} (xp)^{-0.32} \text{ [% ] for Argon}$$

based on max. likel.,  $-0.46 \rightarrow -0.43$  with trunc. mean  
(Allison-Cobb Walenta)



# PID with $dE/dx$ : general comments

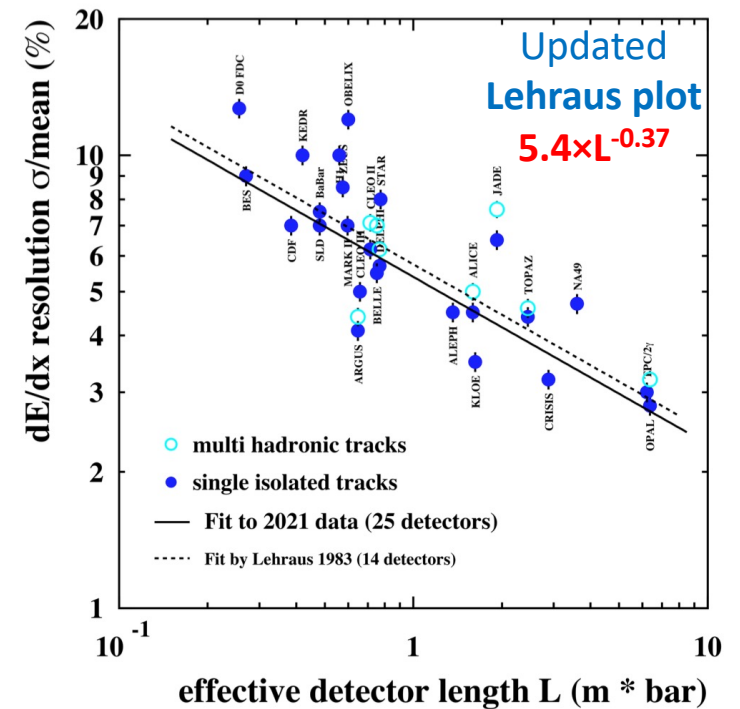
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Detector	Accelerator	Type	Size (Ø x L)	B (T)	Gas Mixture	Pressure (bar)	Number of samples	Sampling length (mm)	Effective detector length (bar * m)	dE/dx resolution (%)		Truncation (%)	Reference
										isolated tracks	dense tracks		
ALEPH	LEP	TPC	3.6 m x 4.4 m	1.5	Ar/CH <sub>4</sub> (91/9)	1	338	4	1.35	4.5		8-60	D. Buskulic et al., NIM A 360 (1995) 481
ALICE	LHC	TPC	5.0 m x 5.0 m	0.5	Ne/CO <sub>2</sub> (90/10)	1	159	7.5, 10, 15	1.60	4.5	(5.0)	0-70	W. Yu, NIM A 706 (2013) 55, J. Alme et al., NIM A 622 (2010) 316
ARGUS	DORIS	drift cells	1.7 m x 2 m	0.8	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> /Methylal	1	36	18	0.65	4.1	(4.4)	10-70	Y. Oku, PhD Thesis, Univ. of Lund (1985), LUNFD6(INFL-7024)
BaBar	PEP-II	drift cells	1.6 m x 2.8 m	1.5	He/C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> (80/20)	1	40	12	0.48	7.5		0-80	B. Aubert et al., NIM A 479 (2002) 1-116
BELLE	KEK-B	drift cells	1.9 m x 2.2 m	1.5	He/C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> (50/50)	1	47	16	0.75	5.5	(7.0)	0-80	E. Nakano, NIM A 494 (2002) 402-408
BES	BEPC	jet cells	2.3 m x 2.1 m	0.4	Ar/CO <sub>2</sub> /CH <sub>4</sub> (89/10/1)	1	54	5	0.27	9.0		0-70	J.Z. Bai et al., NIM A 344 (1994) 319
CDF	TEVATRON	jet cells	2.6 m x 3.2 m	1.5	Ar/C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> /C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O (49.6/49.6/0.8)	1	32	12	0.38	7.0		?	D. Stuart, private communications
CLEO II	CESR	drift cells	1.9 m x 1.9 m	1.5	Ar/C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> (50/50)	1	51	14	0.71	6.2	(7.1)	0-50	Y. Kubota et al., NIM A 320 (1992) 66
CLEO III	CESR	drift cells	1.6 m x 1.9 m	1.5	He/C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> (60/40)	1	47	14	0.66	5.0		0-70	D. Peterson et al., NIM A 478 (2002) 142-146
CRISIS	TEVATRON	jet cells	1 m x 1 m x 3 m	-	Ar/CO <sub>2</sub> (80/20)	1	192	15	2.88	3.2		0-75	W.S. Toothacker et al., NIM A 273 (1988) 97
DELPHI	LEP	TPC	2.4 m x 2.7 m	1.2	Ar/CH <sub>4</sub> (80/20)	1	192	4	0.77	5.7	(6.2)	0-80	P. Abreu et al., CERN-PPE/85-194, submitted to NIM
D0 FDC	TEVATRON	jet cells	1.2 m x 0.3 m	-	Ar/CH <sub>4</sub> /CO <sub>2</sub> (93/4/3)	1	32	8	0.26	12.7		0-70	S. Rajagopalan, PhD Thesis, Northwestern University (1992)
H1	HERA	jet cells	1.7 m x 2.2 m	1.13	Ar/C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> (50/50)	1	56	10	0.56	10.0		...	I. Abt et al., NIM A 386 (1997) 348-396
JADE	PETRA	jet cells	1.6 m x 2.4 m	0.48	Ar/CH <sub>4</sub> /C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> (88.7/8.5/2.8)	4	48	10	1.92	6.5	(7.2)	5-70	K. Ambrus, PhD Thesis, Univ. of Heidelberg (1986)
KEDR	VEPP-4M	jet cells	1.1 m x 1.1 m	2.0	DME (100)	1	42	10	0.42	10.0		5-70	S.E. Baru et al., NIM A 323 (1992) 151
KLOE	DAΦNE	drift cells	4 m x 3.3 m	0.6	He/C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> (90/10)	1	58	28	1.62	3.5		0-80	A. Andryakov et al., NIM A 409 (1998) 390-394 (prototype)
MARK II	SLC	drift cells	3 m x 2.3 m	0.475	Ar/CO <sub>2</sub> /CH <sub>4</sub> (69/10/1)	1	72	8.33	0.60	7.0		5-75	A. Bojarski et al., NIM A 283 (1989) 617
NA49	SPS	TPC	8 m x 3.8 m x 1.3 m	-	Ar/CH <sub>4</sub> /CO <sub>2</sub> (90/5/5)	1	90	40	3.60	4.7		10-65	B. Lasiuk, NIM A 409 (1998) 402-406
OBELIX	LEAR	jet cells	1.6 m x 1.4 m	0.5	Ar/C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> (50/50)	1	40	15	0.60	12.0		0-70	F. Balestra et al., NIM A 323 (1992) 523
OPAL	LEP	jet cells	3.6 m x 4 m	0.435	Ar/CH <sub>4</sub> /C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> (88.2/9.8/2)	4	159	10	6.36	2.8	(3.2)	0-70	M. Hauschild, NIM A 379 (1996) 436
SLD	SLC	jet cells	2 m x 2 m	0.6	CO <sub>2</sub> /Ar/C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> (75/21/4)	1	80	6	0.48	7.0		?	M. Hildreth, private communications
STAR	RHIC	TPC	4 m x 4.2 m	0.5	Ar/CH <sub>4</sub> (90/10)	1	45	17.2	0.77	8.0		0-70	M. Anderson et al., NIM A 499 (2003) 659
TOPAZ	TRISTAN	TPC	2.4 m x 2.2 m	1.0	Ar/CH <sub>4</sub> (90/10)	3.5	175	4	2.45	4.4	(4.6)	0-65	M. Iwasaki et al., NIM A 365 (1995) 143
TPC/2γ	PEP	TPC	2 m x 2 m	1.375	Ar/CH <sub>4</sub> (80/20)	8.5	183	4	6.22	3.0		0-65	G. Cowan, PhD Thesis, Lawrence Berkeley Lab. (1988), LBL-24715
ZEUS	HERA	jet cells	1.7 m x 2.4 m	1.43	Ar/CO <sub>2</sub> /C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> (90/8/2)	1	72	8	0.58	8.5		?	W. Zeuner, private communications

\* = inverse gaussian mean  $1/\sqrt{\pi} \sigma \exp(-x^2/\sigma^2)$  used

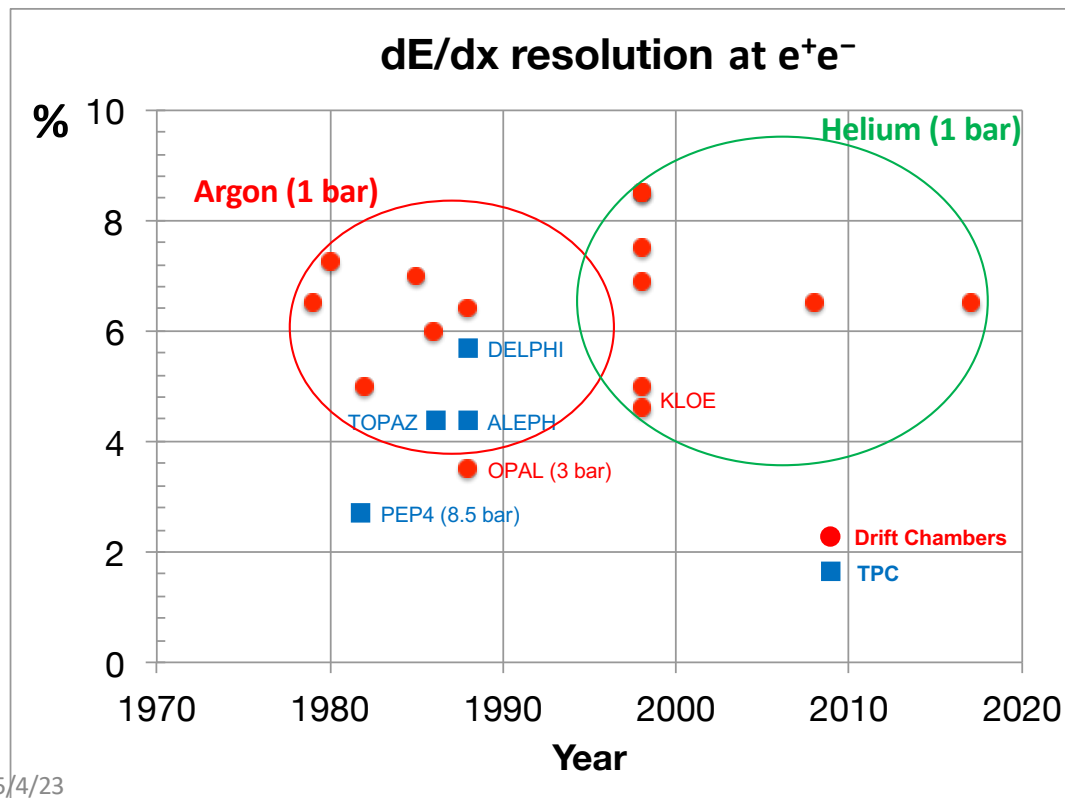


From: Michael Hauschild - RD51 Workshop on Gaseous Detector Contributions to PID – 17 February 2021



# PID with dE/dx: general comments

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**No improvements  
over >40 years  
despite:**

- Different gases
- Different technologies
- Different geometries

## PID with $dE/dx$ : general comments

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- ✧ Using the Allison-Cobb parameterization, a  **$dE/dx$  resolution** between **4.0% and 4.5%** is granted for a gaseous detector at **FCC-ee** (is it sufficient?)
- ✧ An **increase in pressure at 2 bar** improves the resolution **by 20%** without jeopardizing too much the momentum resolution (thanks to the very low He density, if it can be used).
- ✧ A further **25%** improvement may come at the expensive cost (in terms of money and stability) of a **finer ( $\times 2$ ) drift cell granularity**.
- ✧ New techniques (**ML?**) might mark the difference with respect to **maximum likelihood** and/or **truncated mean** methods (but do not expect miracles).
- ✧ Only a completely different approach, like **cluster counting**, will provide a significant step forward.

# Cluster counting/timing (CC/T)

The number of primary ions  $N_{cl}$  created along the trajectory of a charged particle is distributed according to **Poisson statistics**, as opposed to the total number of ions, proportional to the total energy deposited by ionization, which follows a **long-tailed distribution**.

## Advantages of $dN_{cl}/dx$ over $dE/dx$

### $N_{cl}$ number of primary ionizations

- independent from **cluster size fluctuations**
- insensitive to **highly ionizing  $\delta$ -rays**
- independent from **gas gain fluctuations**
- independent from **electronics gain** (calibration)
- a 2 m track in a He – mix gives  $N_{cl} > 2400$  (for a m.i.p.):

$$\sigma_{dN_{cl}/dx} / (dN_{cl}/dx) = N_{cl}^{-1/2} < 2.0\%$$

(at 100% counting efficiency)

- a **factor > 2 better** than  $dE/dx$
- resolution scales with  $L^{-0.5}$  (not  $L^{-0.37}$  as in  $dE/dx$ )

## Advantages of Helium over Argon

- lower **primary ionization density** (1/5)  
→ larger spatial separation
- lower **drift velocity** (1/2)  
→ larger time separation
- lower average **cluster size**
- lower **single electron diffusion**

### Recipe in time domain

Front end bandwidth ( $\approx 1$  GHz)  
Sampling  $> 2$  GSa/s,  $\geq 12$  bit  
S/N ratio  $> 8$

### Recipe in space domain

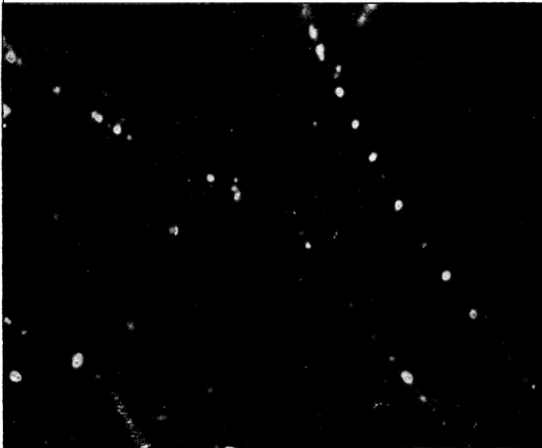
High readout granularity  
High spatial resolution  
Very low transverse diffusion

# Cluster counting: not a new idea!

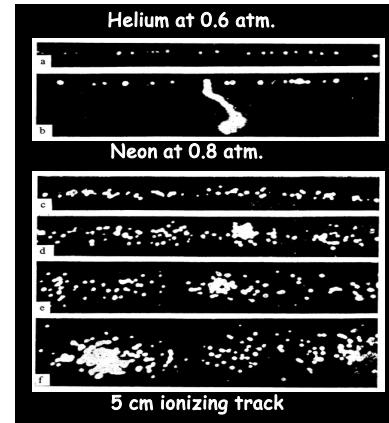
## Wilson chambers (30's)

E. J. Williams and F. R. Terroux - *Proc. R. Soc. A* 1930 126

*Observations.*—Every ion produced in the cloud chamber acts as a nucleus for the condensation of water and can be recorded on a photograph. A primary ion may be accompanied by a number of secondary electrons so that the track of a  $\beta$ -particle consists of clusters of ions, each cluster signifying the production of one primary ion. The measurement of the primary ionisation therefore consists of counting the numbers of clusters or groups produced by a  $\beta$ -particle in a given distance. The size of the clusters depends on the diffusion of the secondary ions and this depends on the nature and density of the gas in the chamber. In the present experiments the gases in the chamber



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## Streamer chambers (60's)

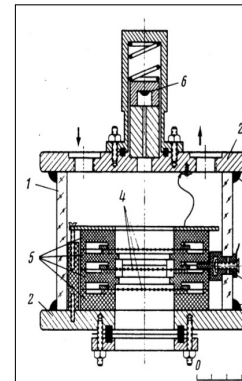
V. A. Davidenko, B. A. Dolgoshein, V. K. Semenov and S. V. Somov, *Nucl. Instrum. Meth.* 67 (1969) 325

## Low efficiency G-M (40's)

F L Hereford, *Phys. Rev.* 72, 982 (1947)

The method employed in the determination of the primary ionization in hydrogen utilizes the dependence of the efficiency of a Geiger counter upon the primary ionization. This dependence is as follows:

$$\text{Eff.} = 1 - e^{-I \cdot J \cdot p}. \quad (3)$$



## Spark chambers (70's)

V. S. Asokov, G. I. Merzon et al. *Sov. Phys. JETP* 46(1), July 1977

FIG. 1. Construction of the low pressure spark chamber: 1—glass case, 2—chamber cover, 3—vacuum cement, 4—wire electrodes, 5—teflon rings, 6—radioactive source ( $\text{Sr}^{90}$ ), 7—high-voltage lead.

# Cluster counting: not a new idea

## Time Expansion Chamber (late 70's)

A. H. Walenta, A.H. *IEEE Trans.Nucl.Sci.* 26 (1979) 73-80

(time domain)

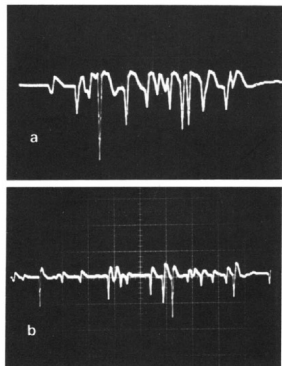
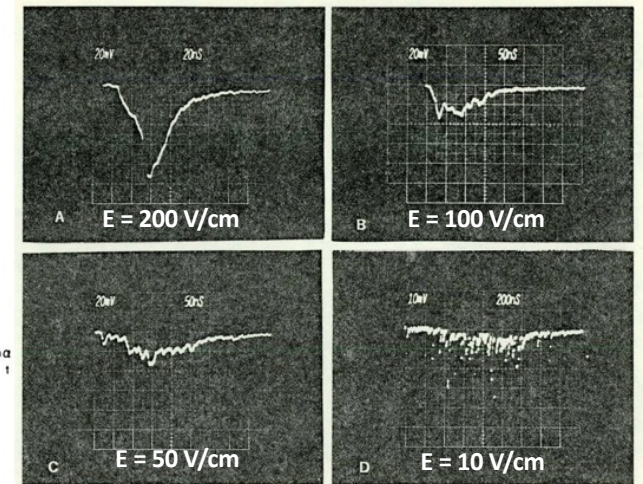
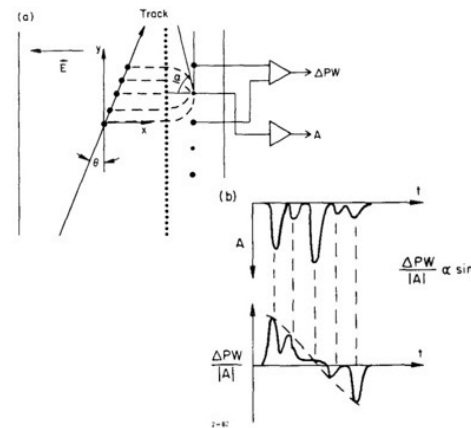
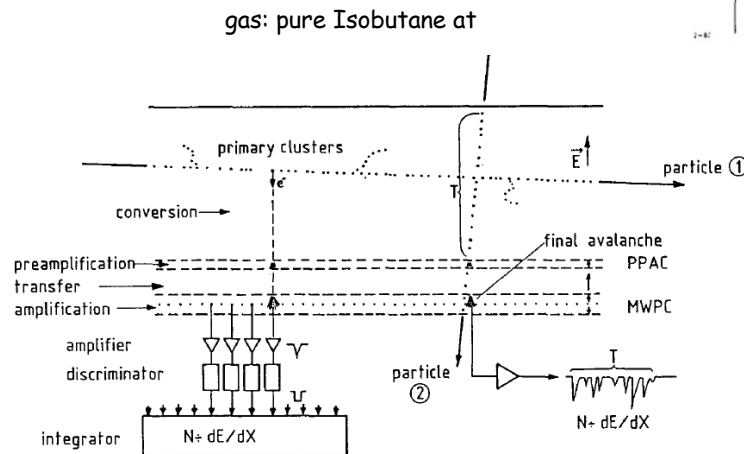


Fig. 10. Individual clusters obtained from a LPMSC irradiated with  $\beta$  particles from a  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  source, in the direction parallel to the drift field (longitudinal drift mode). The individual clusters are well separated. (a) Drift field  $E/p = 0.6$  V/cm Torr,  $0.5 \mu\text{s}$  and  $50$  mV/div. (b)  $E/p = 0.3$  V/cm Torr,  $1 \mu\text{s}$  and  $50$  mV/div. Pure isobutane, 20 Torr. Conversion gap length:

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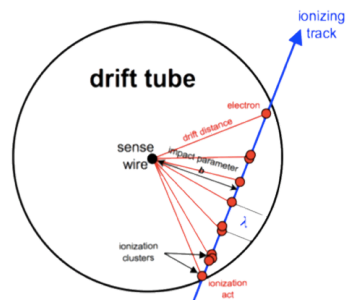


## Low-pressure multistep avalanche chambers (late 80's)

A. Breskin and R. Chechik, *Nucl.Instrum.Meth.* A252 (1986) 488-49

(space domain)

# PID with $dN_{cl}/dx$ in the time domain: the task

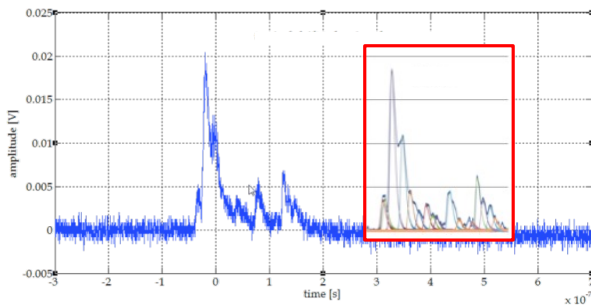


Determine, in the signal, the **ordered sequence of the electron arrival times**:

$$\{t_j^{el}\} \quad j = 1, n_{el}$$

Based on the dependence of **the average time separation between consecutive clusters** and on the **time spread due to diffusion**, as a function of the drift time, **define the probability function**, that the  $j^{th}$  electron belongs to the  $i^{th}$  cluster:

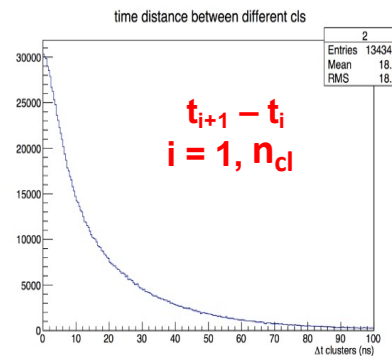
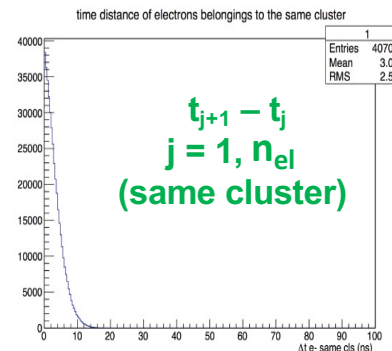
$$P(j,i) \quad j = 1, n_{el}, \quad i = 1, n_{cl}$$



from this derive the most probable **time ordered sequence of the original ionization clusters**:

$$\{t_i^{cl}\} \quad i = 1, n_{cl}$$

and the **total number of clusters**



Moreover, for any given first cluster (FC) drift time  $t_1$ , the **cluster timing technique** exploits the drift time distribution of all successive clusters to statistically (**MPS**) or using **ML techniques**, determine, hit by hit, the most probable **impact parameter**, thus reducing the **bias** and improving the average **spatial resolution** with respect to that obtainable with the FC method alone:

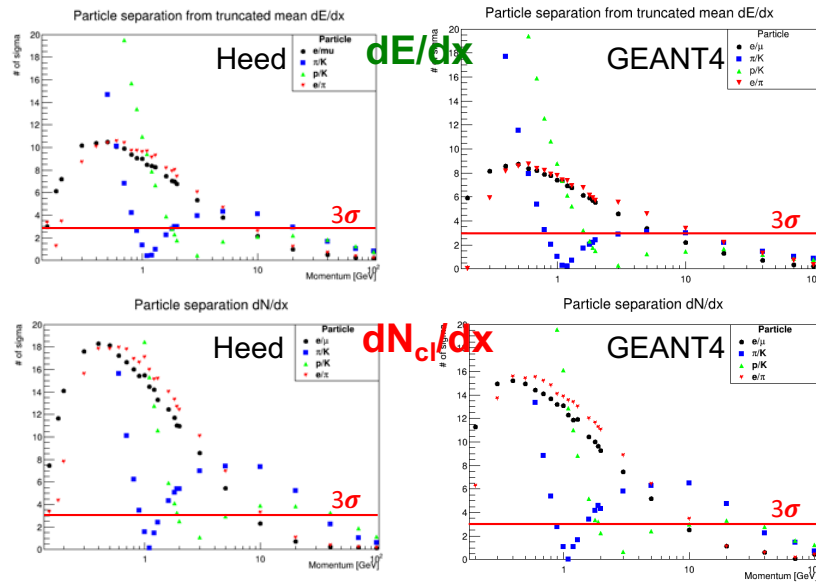
over a 1 cm drift cell, **spatial resolution** may improve by  $\geq 20\%$  **down to  $\lesssim 80 \mu\text{m}$** .

**Fringe benefits** of the cluster timing technique are:

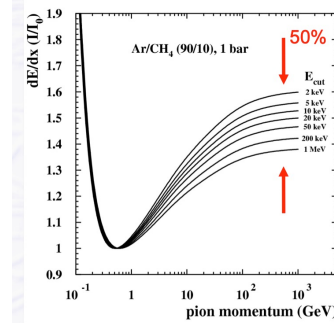
- **event time stamping** (at the level of  $\approx 1$  ns);
- **improvements on charge division**;
- **Improvements on left-right time difference**.

# PID with $dN_{cl}/dx$ in the time domain: simulations

200 × 1 cm samples in 90/10 He/iC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>  
full simulation

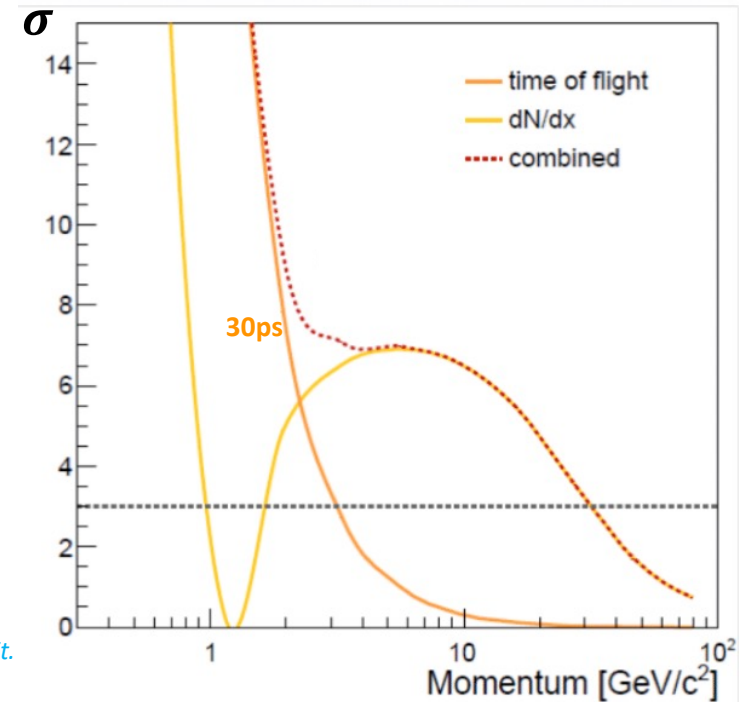


Geant4 uses the cluster density and the cluster size distributions derived from Heed, however, they disagree, most likely, due to a different choice of the  $E_{cut}$  parameter (the maximum energy of an electron still associated to a track in the simulation)



From: Michael Hauschild – *op. cit.*

IDEA drift chamber  
expected  $\pi/K$  separation



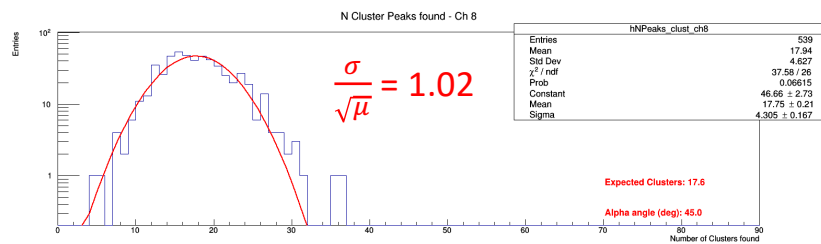
F. Cuna, N. De Filippis, F. Grancagnolo, G. Tassielli, *Simulation of particle identification with the cluster counting technique*, arXiv:2105.07064v1 [physics.ins-det] 14 May 2021

# PID with $dN_{cl}/dx$ in the time domain: measurements

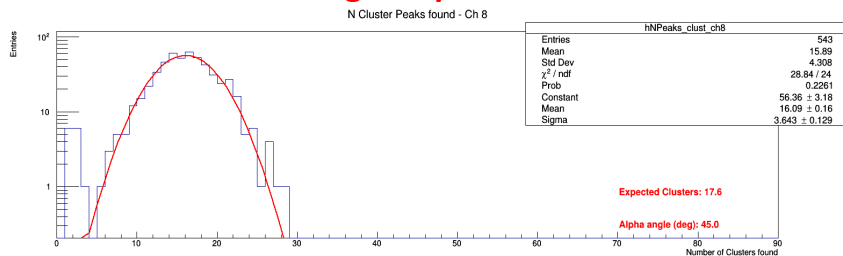
## IDEA test prototypes (square drift tubes)

- Beam test at CERN-H8 during 2021 and 2022 with Fermi plateau muons (next beam test at CERN-T10 on muons relativistic rise, next month)
- Simulations trained on data
- Peak finding algorithms trained on simulations

### Derivative method

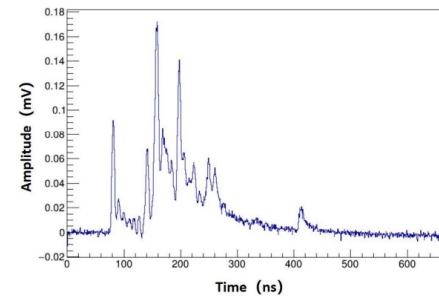


### Running template method

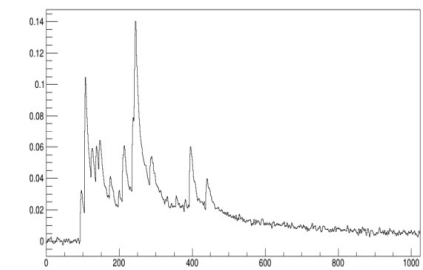


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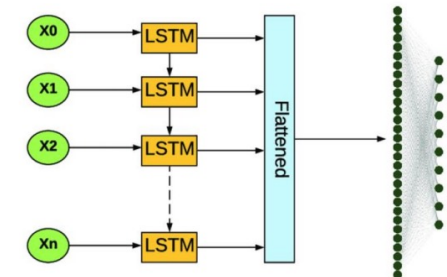
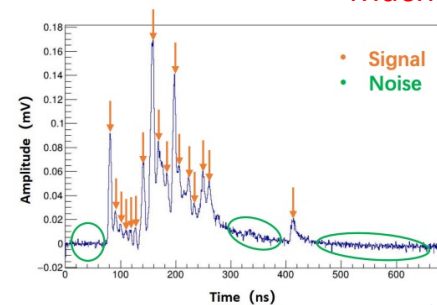
Data



Simulation



### Machine Learning

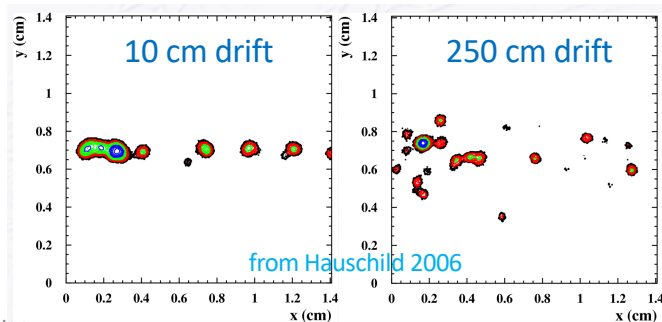
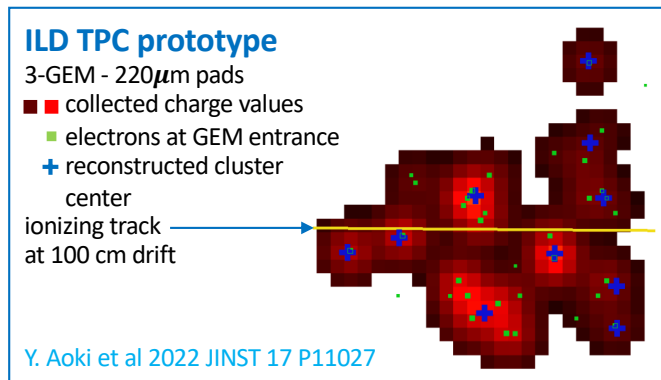


From Guang Zhao - IHEP

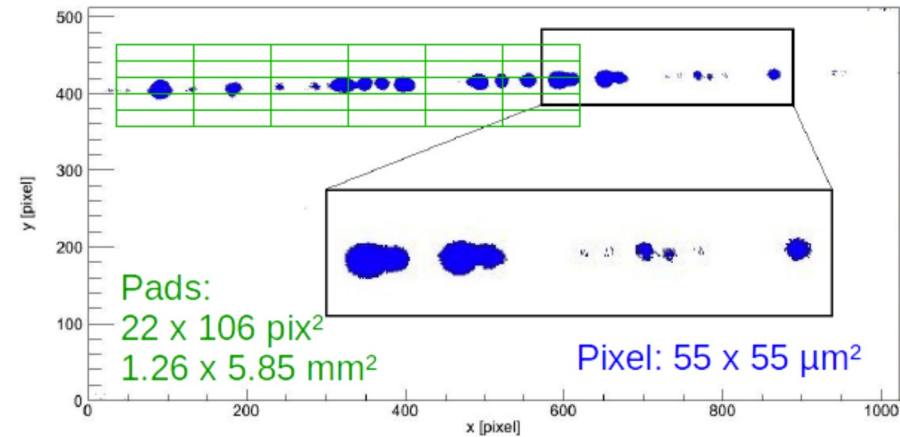


# PID with $dN_{cl}/dx$ in the space domain: the task

Most promising configuration for separating ionization clusters in space is a TPC instrumented with micro pattern devices (multi-GEMs with pad readout or TimePix and MicroMegas with TimePix)



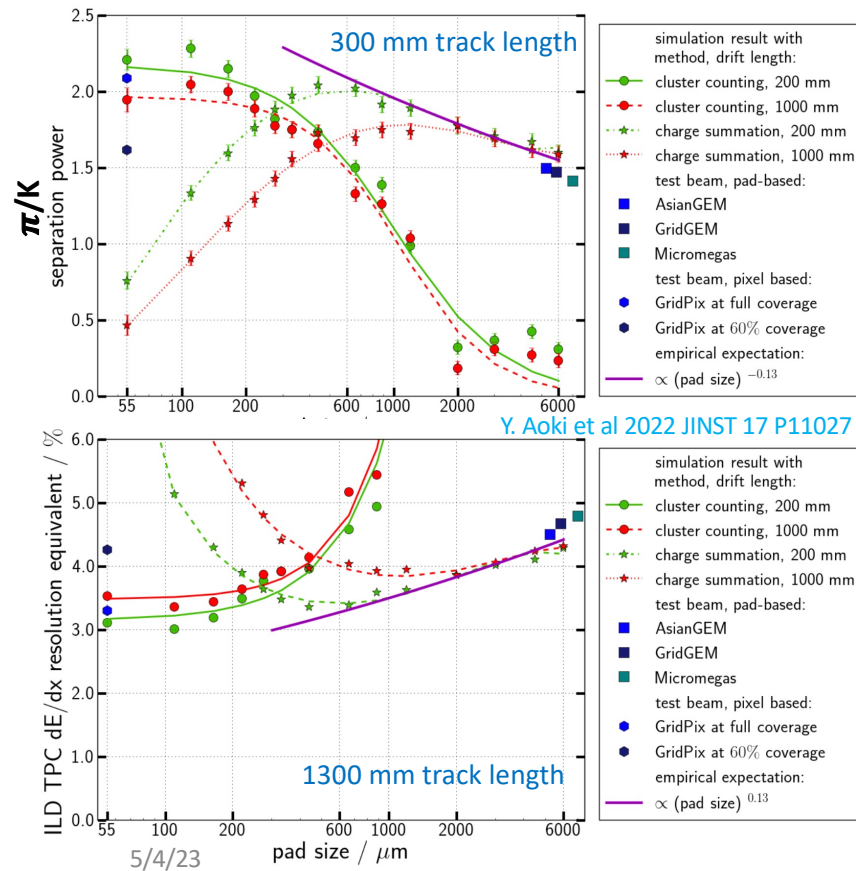
which granularity is needed?



**TimePix Octoboard readout**

Ulrich Einhaus, Jochen Kaminski and Michele Caselle  
*A TPC readout with GEMs, pads and Timepix*  
 arXiv:1801.07178v1 [physics.ins-det] 19 Jan 2018

# PID with $dN_{cl}/dx$ in the space domain: performance



## Conclusions by Ulrich Einhaus at the 4th FCC Physics and Experiments Workshop, 12.11.2020

- Pad-based TPC readout structures with 6 mm granularity achieve the ILD target  $dE/dx$  resolution of 5 % (or better).
- Pixelised readout with a 55  $\mu\text{m}$  granularity achieves a resolution of 3.5 % with  $dE/dx$ , and of 3.3 % if combined with cluster counting.  $\rightarrow$  This should improve in future analyses!
- Simulation shows: the higher the granularity, the better the performance. Cluster counting kicks in at the pixel level  $O(200\mu\text{m})$ .
- PID can contribute to high level reconstruction and a large number of physics analyses, and clear dependencies on the PID performance can be observed.

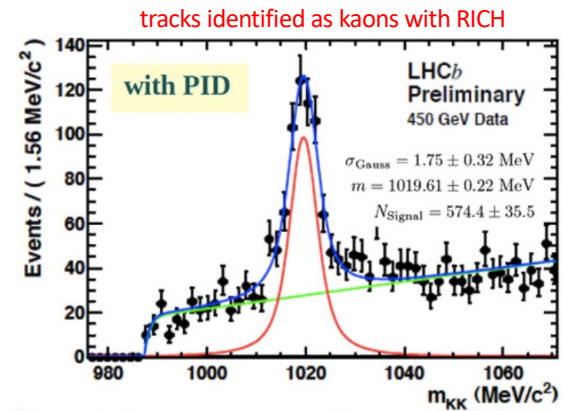
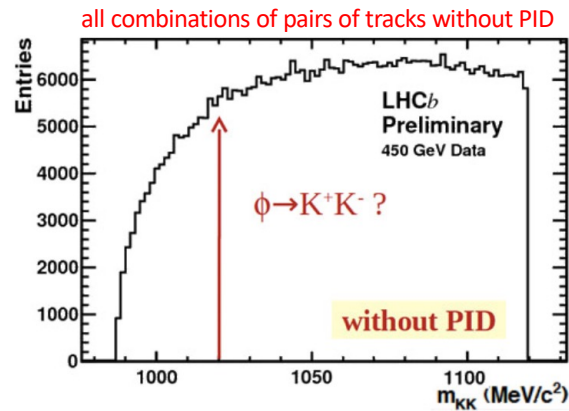
# CONCLUSIONS

- A clear set of **requirements** for **PID** must be established by defining some benchmark physics channels and by stating their relative **performance goals**.
- As far as gaseous detectors are concerned, PID is intrinsically related to tracking and constitutes a valid cheap option, without the need of introducing additional subdetectors.
- The solid traditions of the charge integration (**dE/dx**) technique guarantees a resolution below **5%**. Small improvements are possible to a very limited extent, given the intrinsic fluctuations of the process. **But is 5% sufficient?**
- **Cluster counting represents the step forward**: a **2.5%** resolution is at reach when applied in the **time domain** (from **IDEA beam tests**) and **3.3%** has already been demonstrated (from **ILD TPC studies**) in the **space domain**.
- More progress to come!

# Spares

$\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$   
LHCb RICH

(preliminary data at  
900 GeV p-p collisions)



From: Christian Lippmann - Particle Identification - arXiv:1101.3276v4 [hep-ex] 12 Jun 2011

# PId with dE/dx: the straggling function

## comparison with data

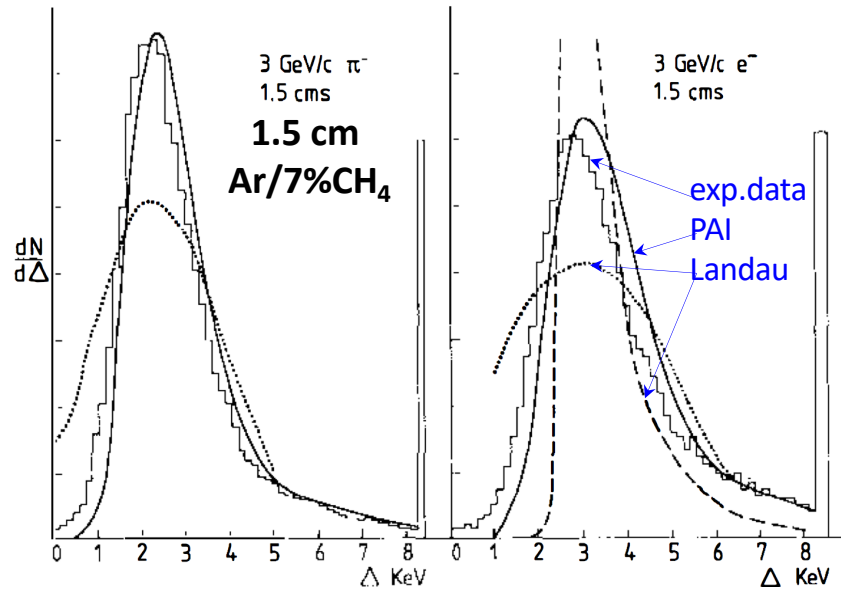


Figure 9 Experimental energy-loss distributions of Harris et al (1973) for  $\pi^-$  and  $e^-$  at 3 GeV/c in 1.5 cm of argon/7%  $\text{CH}_4$  at normal density. The dashed and dotted curves are calculations using the model of Landau (1944) with corrections of Maccabee & Papworth (1969) and Blunck & Leisegang (1950) respectively. The solid curves are the predictions of the PAI model.

W. Allison and J. Cobb  
*Relativistic charged particles identification by energy loss*  
 Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 1980. 30: 253-98

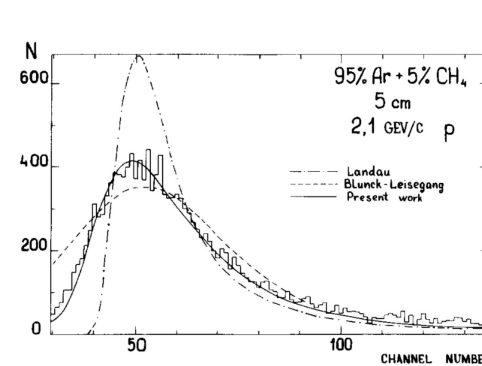


Fig. 4. The energy loss distributions for 2.1 GeV/c protons (near ionization minimum) in 5 cm of a mixture of Ar (95%) and  $\text{CH}_4$  (5%). The histogram is obtained in the experiment by Kopot et al.<sup>13</sup>. The smooth curves are calculated for 5 cm of Ar at NTP without correction for detector resolution. The dash-dotted, dashed and solid curves are Landau, Blunck-Leisegang distributions and present work results respectively. Experimental and calculated data are normalised to the same  $\Delta_{mp}$ .

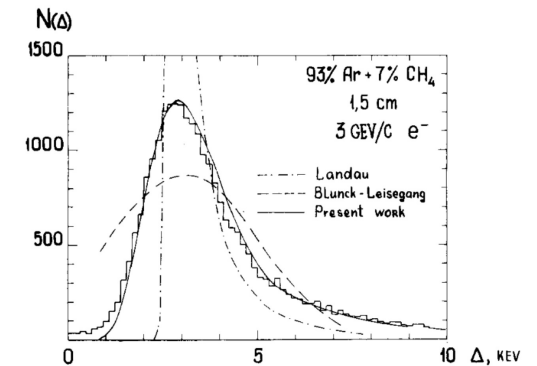
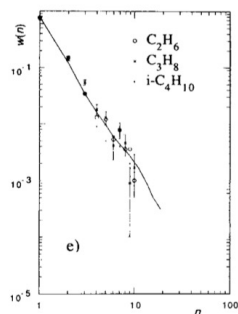
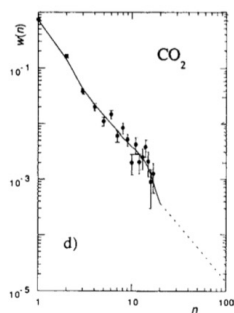
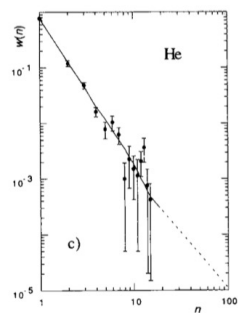
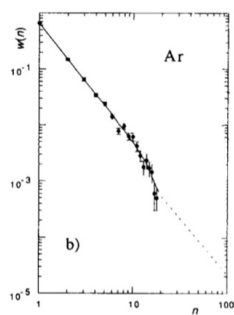
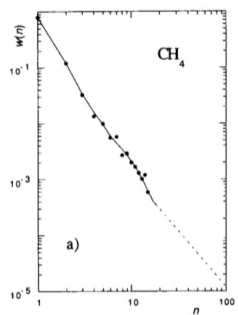


Fig. 5. The energy loss distribution for 3 GeV/c electrons (Fermi plateau region) in 1.5 cm of a mixture of Ar (93%) and  $\text{CH}_4$  (7%). The histogram is taken from a paper by Harris et al.<sup>9</sup>. The smooth curves are calculated for 1.5 cm of Ar at NTP without correction for detector resolution. The dash-dotted, dashed and solid curves are Landau, Blunck-Leisegang predictions and present work results respectively.

V. Ermilova, L. Kotenko, G. Merzon  
*Fluctuations and the most probable values of relativistic charged particle energy loss in thin gas layers*  
 NIM 145 (1977) 555

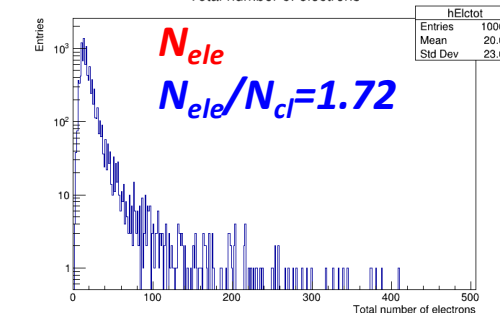
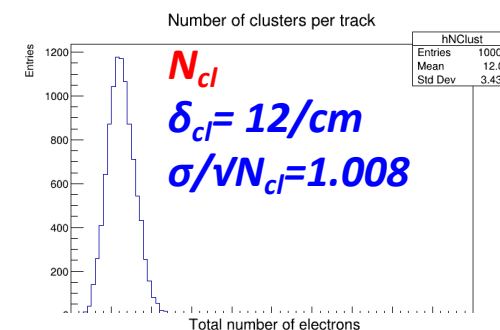
# ✧ Number of electrons generated per cluster subject to large fluctuations



H. Fischle, J. Heintze and  
B. Schmidt,  
*Experimental  
determination of  
ionization cluster size  
distributions in counting  
gases,  
NIM A 301 (1991)*

	CH <sub>4</sub>	Ar	He	CO <sub>2</sub>
$k$				
1	78.6	65.6	76.60	72.50
2	12.0	15.0	12.50	14.00
3	3.4	6.4	4.60	4.20
4	1.6	3.5	2.0	2.20
5	0.95	2.25	1.2	1.40
6	0.60	1.55	0.75	1.00
7	0.44	1.05	0.50	0.75
8	0.34	0.81	0.36	0.55
9	0.27	0.61	0.25	0.46
10	0.21	0.49	0.19	0.38
11	0.17	0.39	0.14	0.34
12	0.13	0.30	0.10	0.28
13	0.10	0.25	0.08	0.24
14	0.08	0.20	0.06	0.20
15	0.06	0.16	0.048	0.16
16	(0.050)	0.12	(0.043)	0.12
17	(0.042)	0.095	(0.038)	0.09
18	(0.037)	0.075	(0.034)	(0.064)
19	(0.033)	(0.063)	(0.030)	(0.048)
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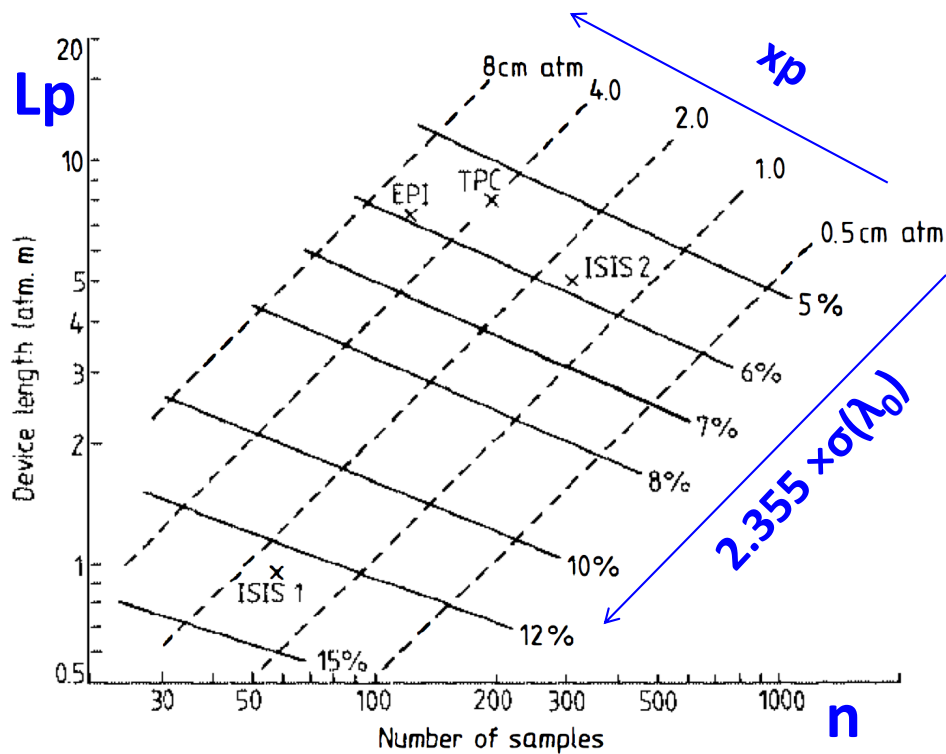
HEED simulation  
1 cm  
He/iC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub> - 90/10



F. Cuna, G. Tassielli  
*private communication*

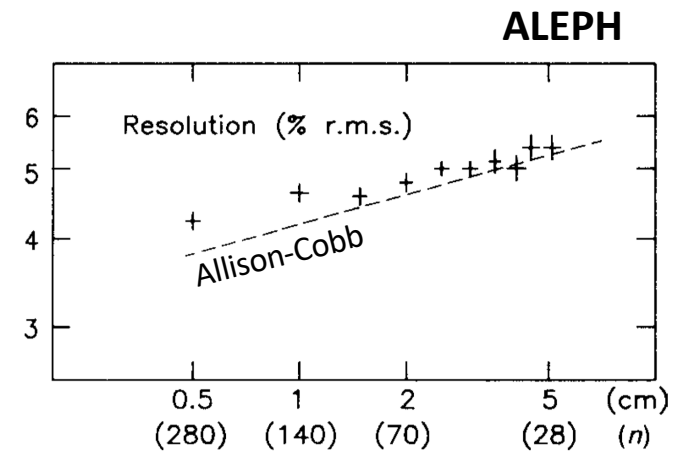
notice the steeper  
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with respect to Ar

## ✧ Parameterization of resolution $\sigma(\lambda_0)$



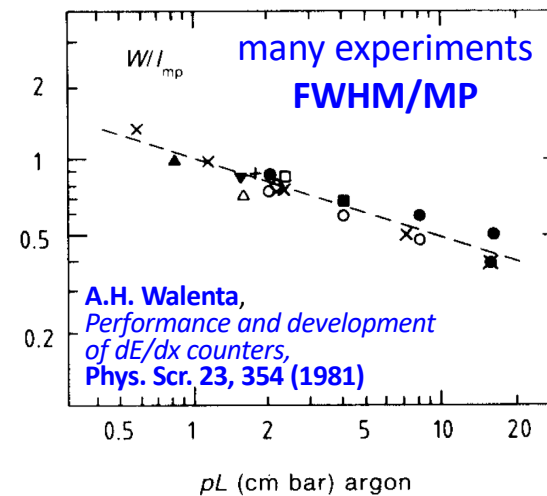
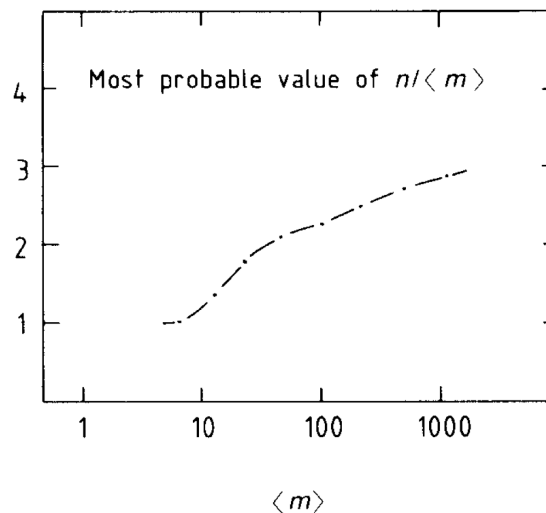
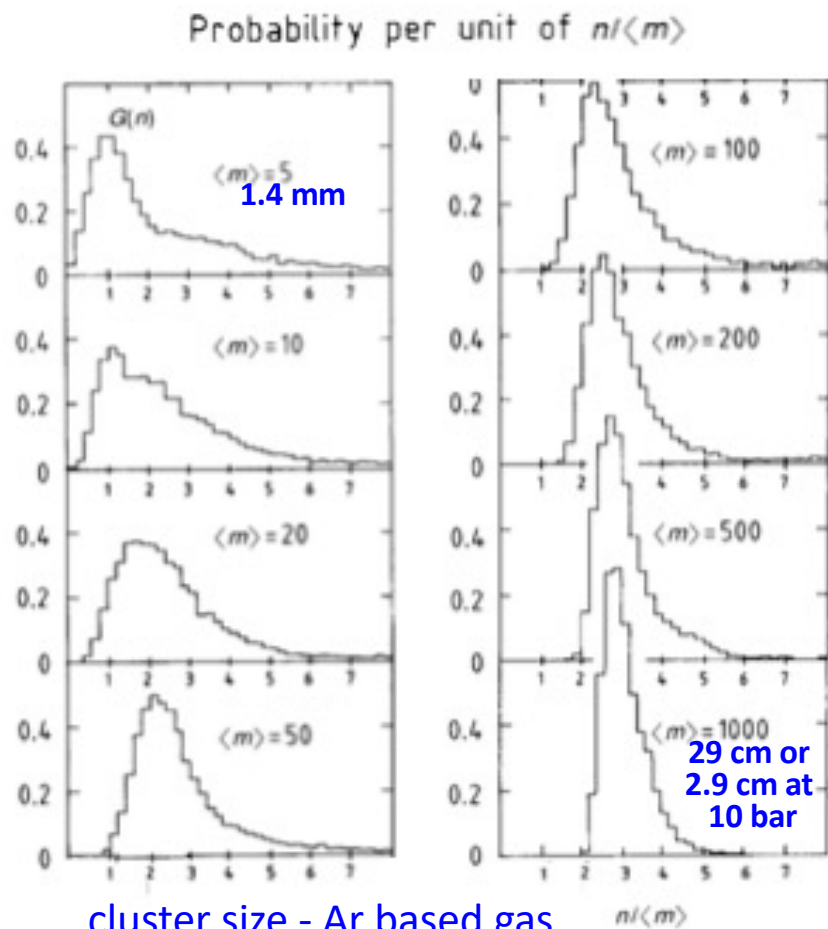
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- keeping  $x$  fixed and increasing  $n$  or  $L$  improves the resolution
- keeping  $n$  fixed and varying  $L$  and  $x$  improves the resolution (slide)
- what is the optimal sample length for a fixed total length  $L$ ?  
 the finer the better ( $n^{-0.14}$ )



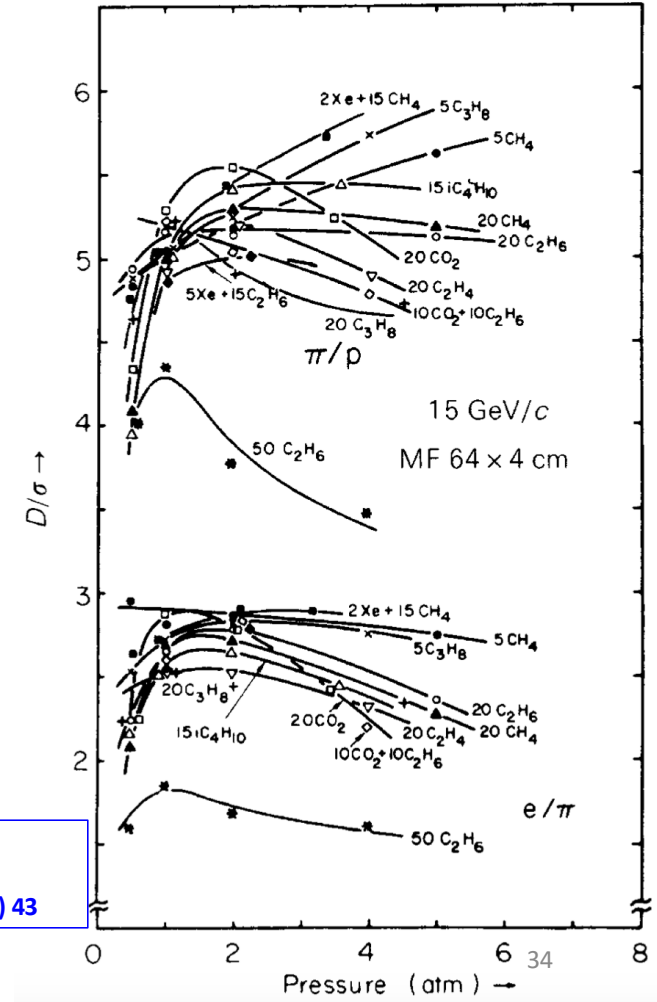
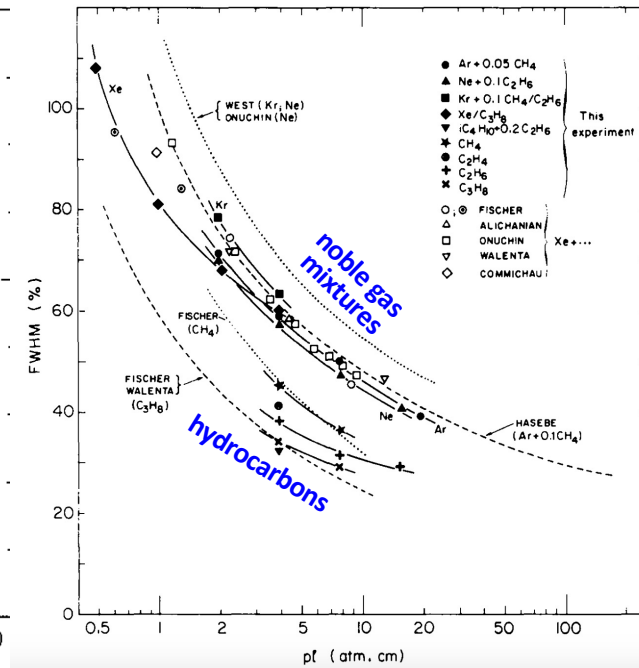
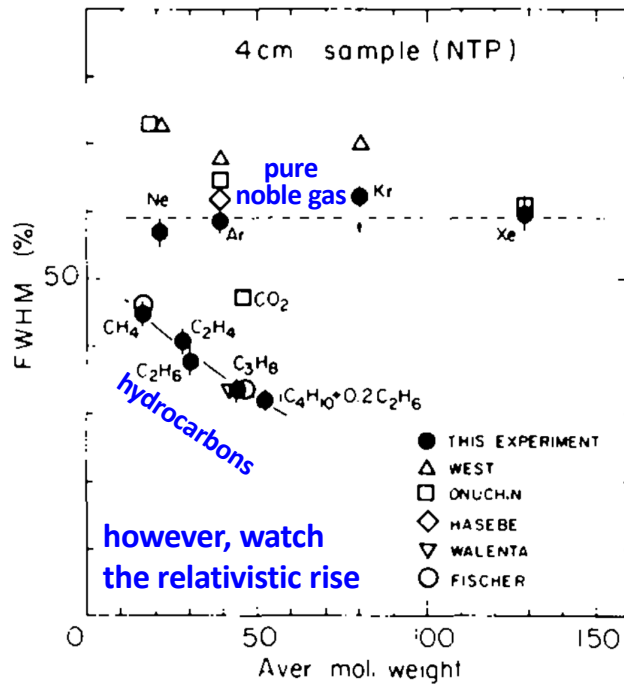


✧ Average number of electrons per cluster increases with sample length



cluster size - Ar based gas

# PId with dE/dx: gas choice



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