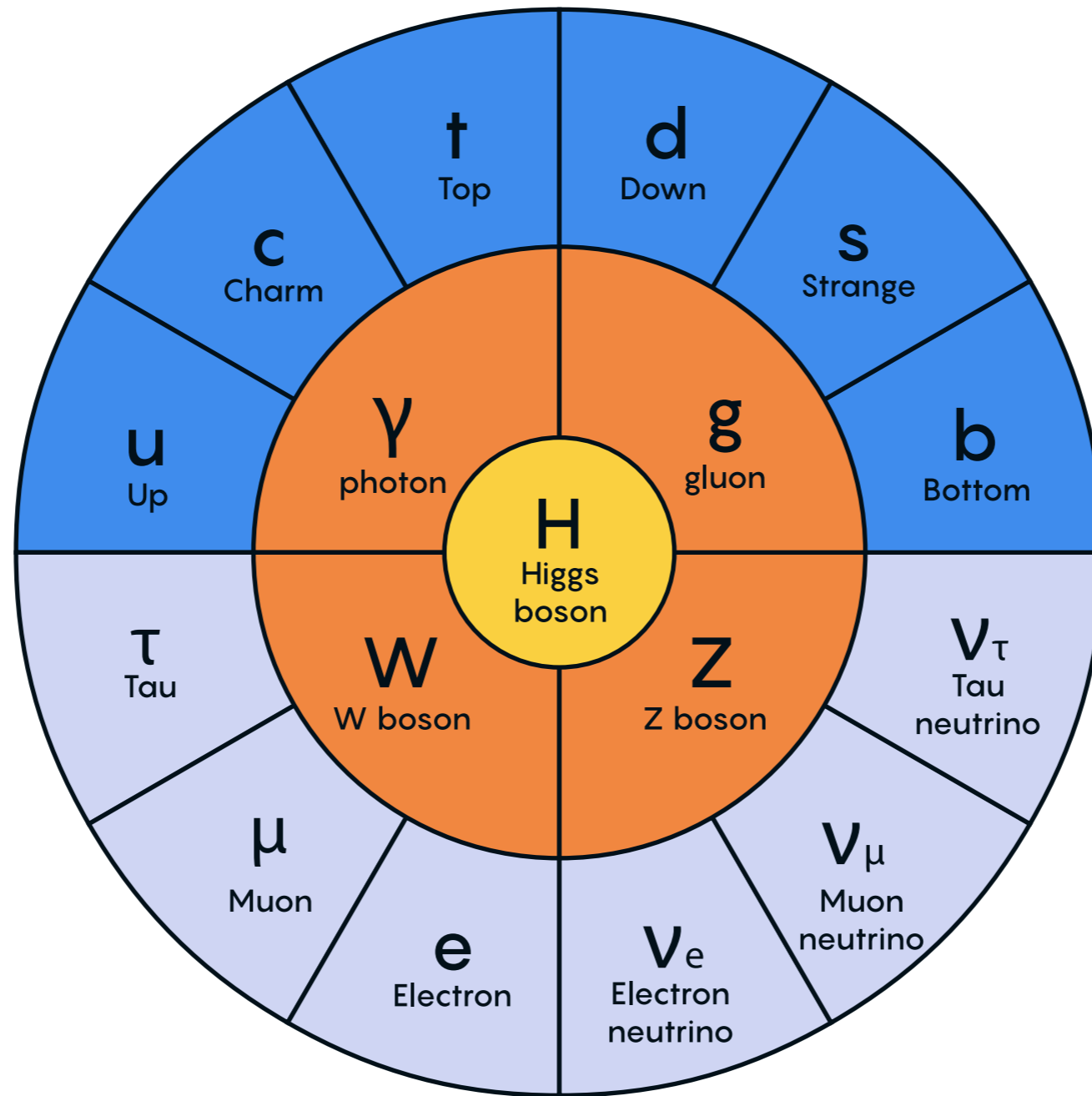


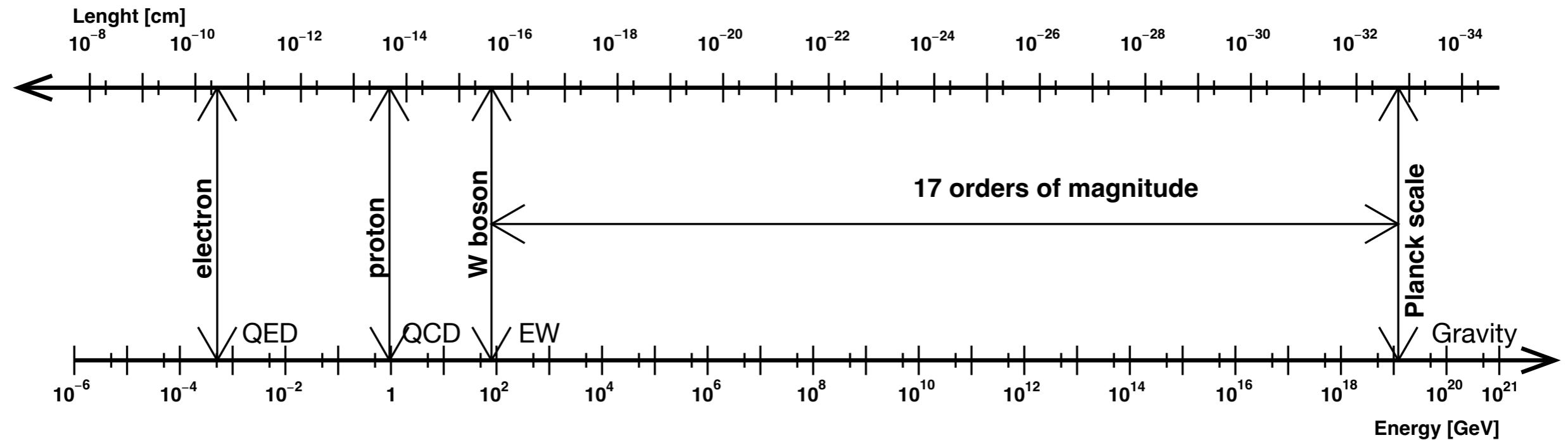
**A next generation rare pion decay experiment**

# The SM of Particle Physics



● QUARKS   ● LEPTONS   ● GAUGE BOSONS   ● HIGGS BOSON

# Fundamental interactions



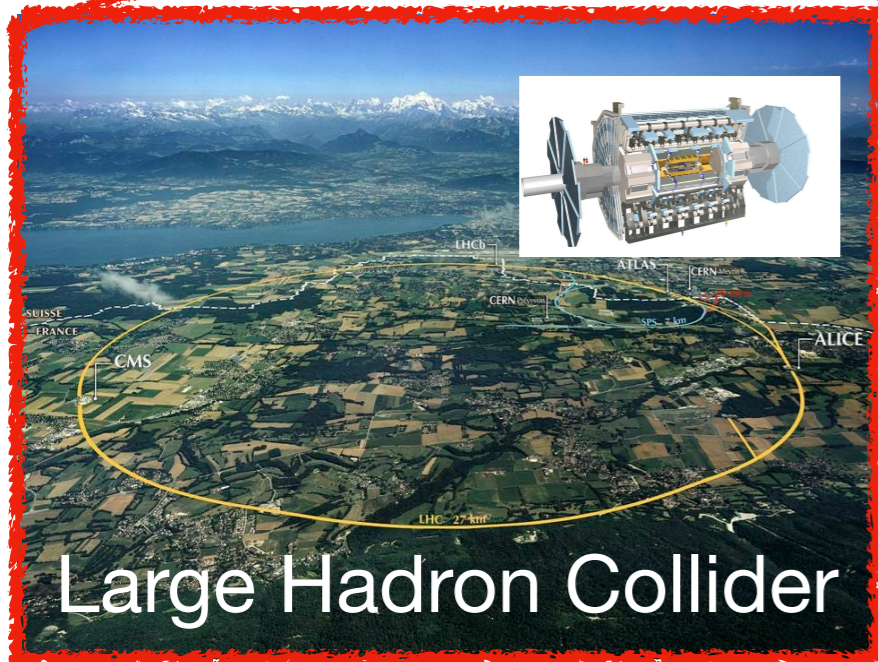
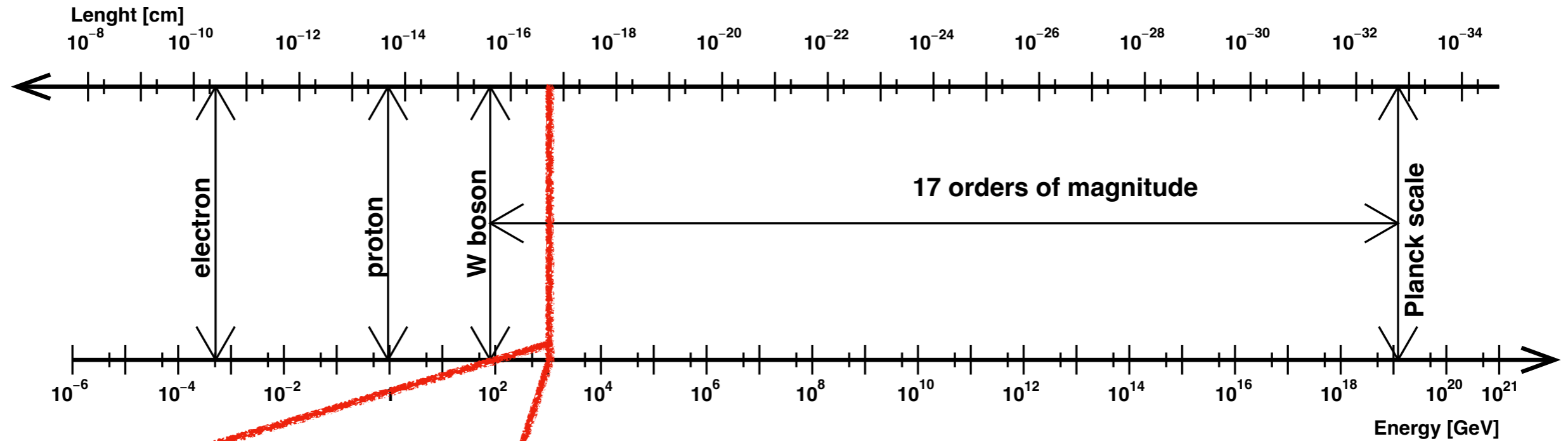
Known forces in Nature and their associated energy scale

Explore the gap between EW and Gravity scales

Look for feeble interactions below the EW scale

# The direct approach

Collide particles at the highest possible energy



Discovered the Higgs boson and deploy a comprehensive measurement program to understand the EWSB mechanism



However, no sign of deviations from the SM and no large collision energy increase foreseen anytime soon

# What else can we do?

Consider “well-defined” SM quantities and measure them very precisely

High energy particles can have an impact at lower energy through quantum effects

Precision measurements require large datasets: opportunity to discover feeble interactions

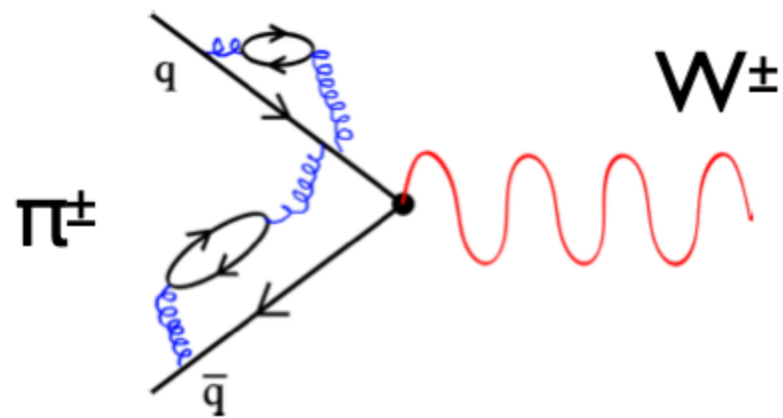
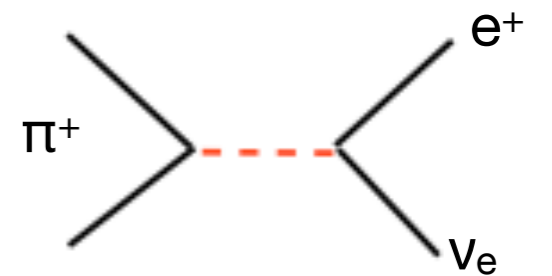


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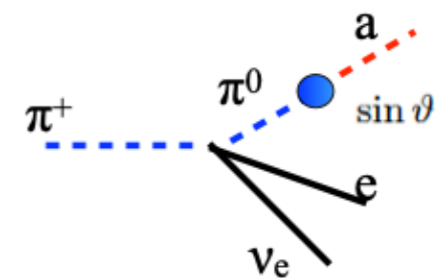
Hadronic corrections



EW corrections



Contribution from off-shell new heavy particles

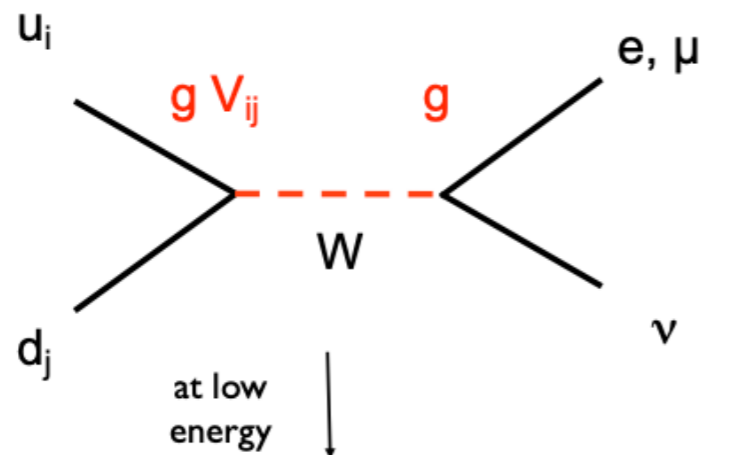


Feeble interactions with new light particles

# Rare Pion Decays

## Probing weak universality

- Charged currents in the SM are mediated by the exchange of a W boson between left-handed fermions and right-handed anti-fermions
- The coupling is the same for all fermions



$$G_F^{(\beta)} \sim g^2 V_{ij} / M_W^2 \sim G_F^{(\mu)} V_{ij}$$

Lepton Flavour Universality

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Cabbibo Universality

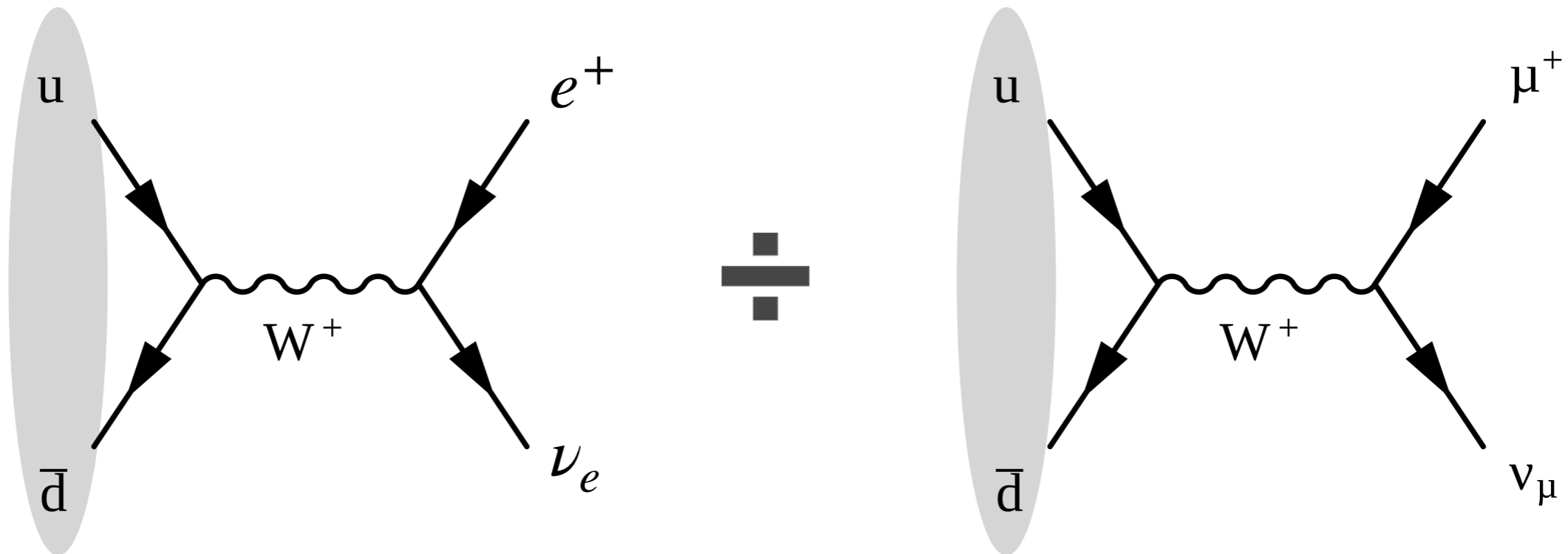
$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 1$$

PIONEER will test both!

# Rare Pion Decays

## Lepton Flavour Universality

$$R_{e/\mu} = \Gamma(\pi \rightarrow e\nu(\gamma)) \div \Gamma(\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu(\gamma))$$



$$R_{e/\mu} = \frac{m_e^2}{m_\mu^2} \times \left( \frac{m_\pi^2 - m_e^2}{m_\pi^2 - m_\mu^2} \right)^2 \times [1 + \text{EW corrections}] = 1.23524(015) \times 10^{-4}$$

‘Helicity suppression’  
term:  $\sim 2.3 \times 10^{-5}$ 
Phase space  
term:  $\sim 5.5$ 
Fully computed at NLO  
 $O(10^{-4})$  uncertainties at NNLO

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The  $\pi \rightarrow e\nu$  branching ratio is so small that for a while it was excluded  
 $BR(\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu) \approx 0.9998770$ , meaning  $\sim 1$  out of every  $10^4$  pions decay to an electron

**Lokanathan and Steinberger (1955):**

Range telescope at Columbia Nevis cyclotron:  $R_{e/\mu} < 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$  (90% CL)

**Anderson and Lattes (1957):**

Magnetic spectrometer at Chicago cyclotron:  $R_{e/\mu} < 1.3 \times 10^{-5}$  (90% CL)



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Causing a lot of confusion...

### Theory of the Fermi Interaction

R. P. FEYNMAN AND M. GELL-MANN  
*California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California*  
(Received September 16, 1957)

PR 109, 193 (1958)

In any event one would expect a decay into  $e + \bar{\nu}$  also. The ratio of the rates of the two processes can be calculated without knowledge of the character of the closed loops. It is  $(m_e/m_\mu)^2(1 - m_\mu^2/m_\pi^2)^{-2} = 13.6 \times 10^{-5}$ . Experimentally<sup>16</sup> no  $\pi \rightarrow e + \nu$  have been found, indicating that the ratio is less than  $10^{-5}$ . This is a very serious discrepancy. **The authors have no idea on how it can be resolved.**

# Rare Pion Decays

## Lepton Flavour Universality

### DISCOVERY!

At a small lab that opened 4 years prior on the outskirts of Geneva, Switzerland



CERN circa 1958

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### ELECTRON DECAY OF THE PION

T. Fazzini, G. Fidecaro, A. W. Merrison,  
H. Paul, and A. V. Tollestrup\*

CERN, Geneva, Switzerland  
(Received September 12, 1958)

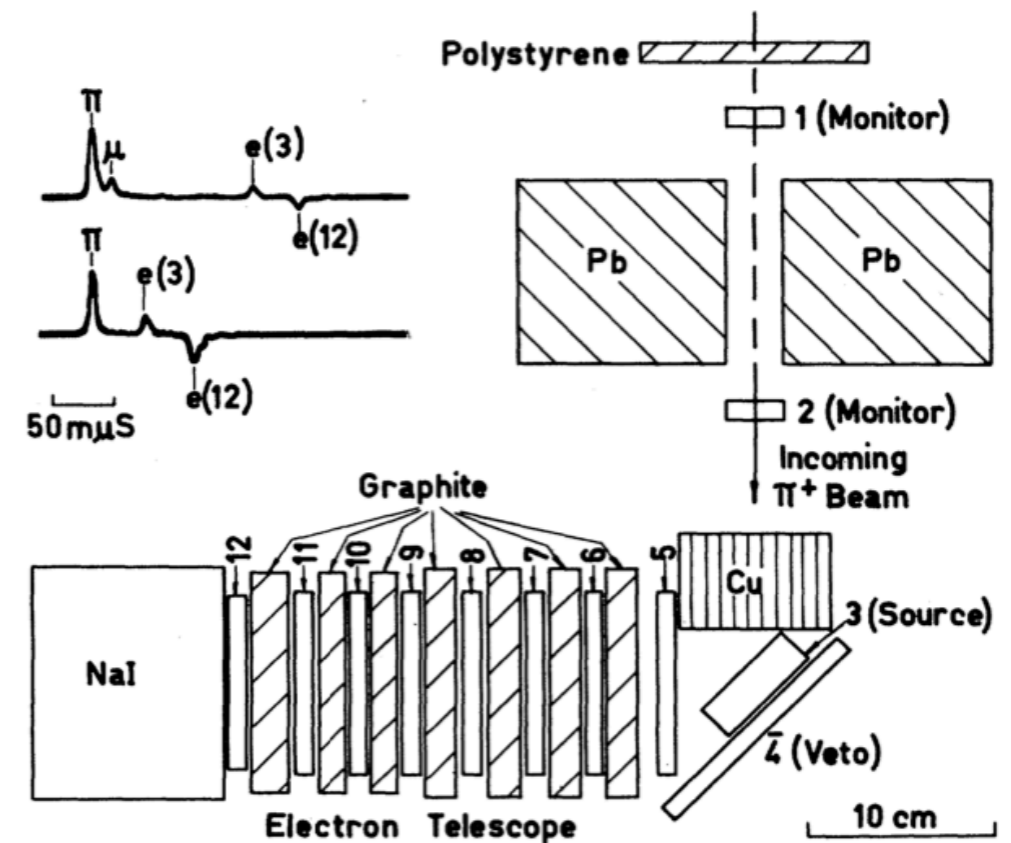


FIG. 1. Experimental layout, and (inset) typical  $\pi\text{-}\mu\text{-}e$  and  $\pi\text{-}e$  pulse.

$\sim 40 \pi \rightarrow e\nu$  events

# Rare Pion Decays

## Lepton Flavour Universality

We call this measurement  
PHASE I

Best measurement from PIENU at TRIUMF  
tested charged LFU at  $O(10^{-3})$

$$R_{e/\mu}[\text{Exp.}] = 1.23270(230) \times 10^{-4}$$

$$R_{e/\mu}[\text{SM}] = 1.23524(015) \times 10^{-4}$$

To match the precision of the SM prediction

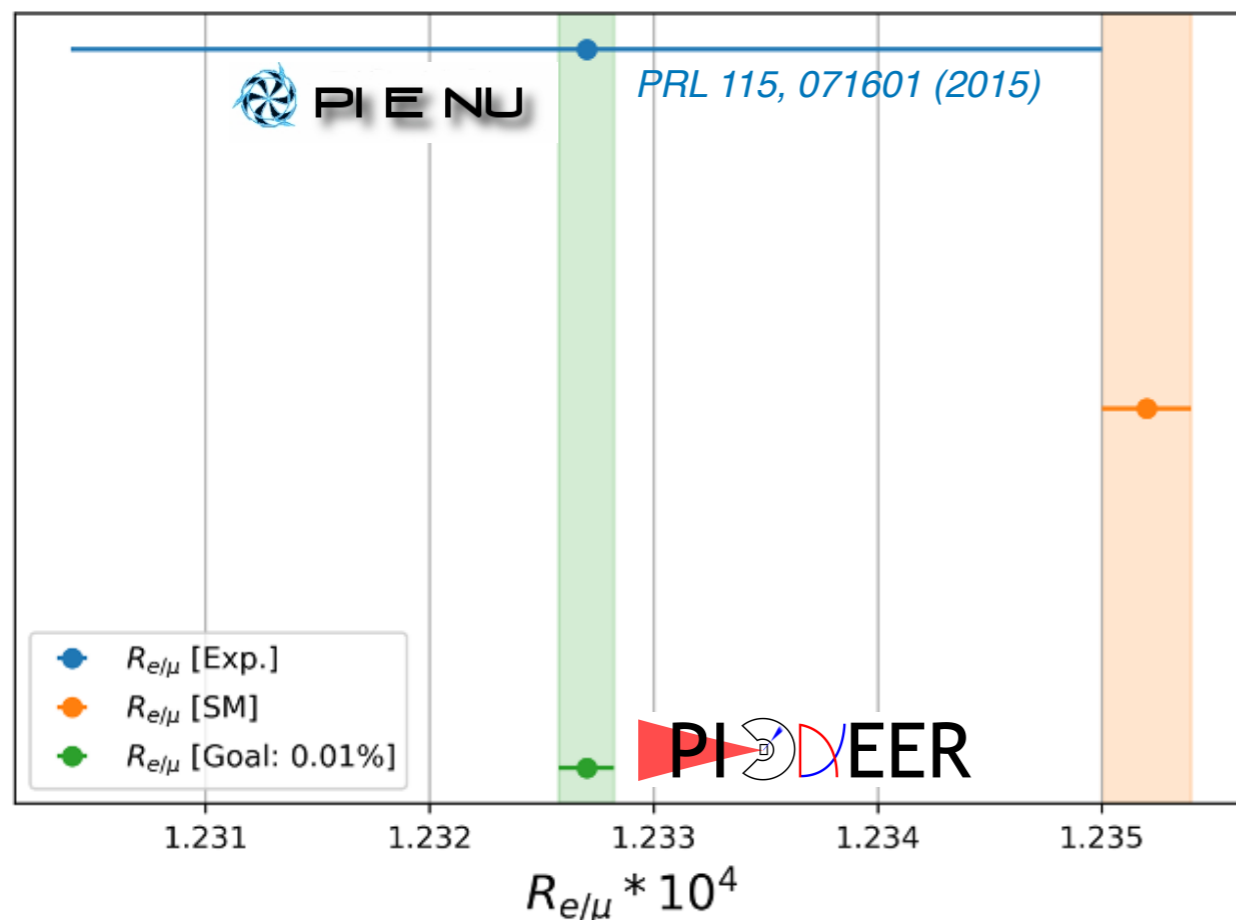
PIONEER aims to measure  
 $R_{e/\mu}$  to 0.01% precision

15-fold improvement over  
the current world best

EFT analysis (JHEP. **2013**, 46 (2013))

BSM constraints:

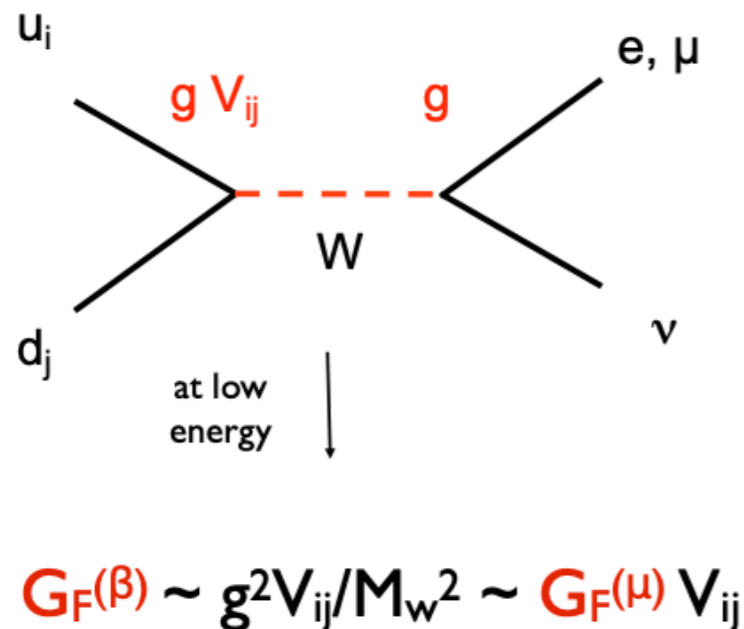
Up to  $\sim 330$  TeV (pseudo scalar)  
 $\sim 5.5$  TeV (axial currents)



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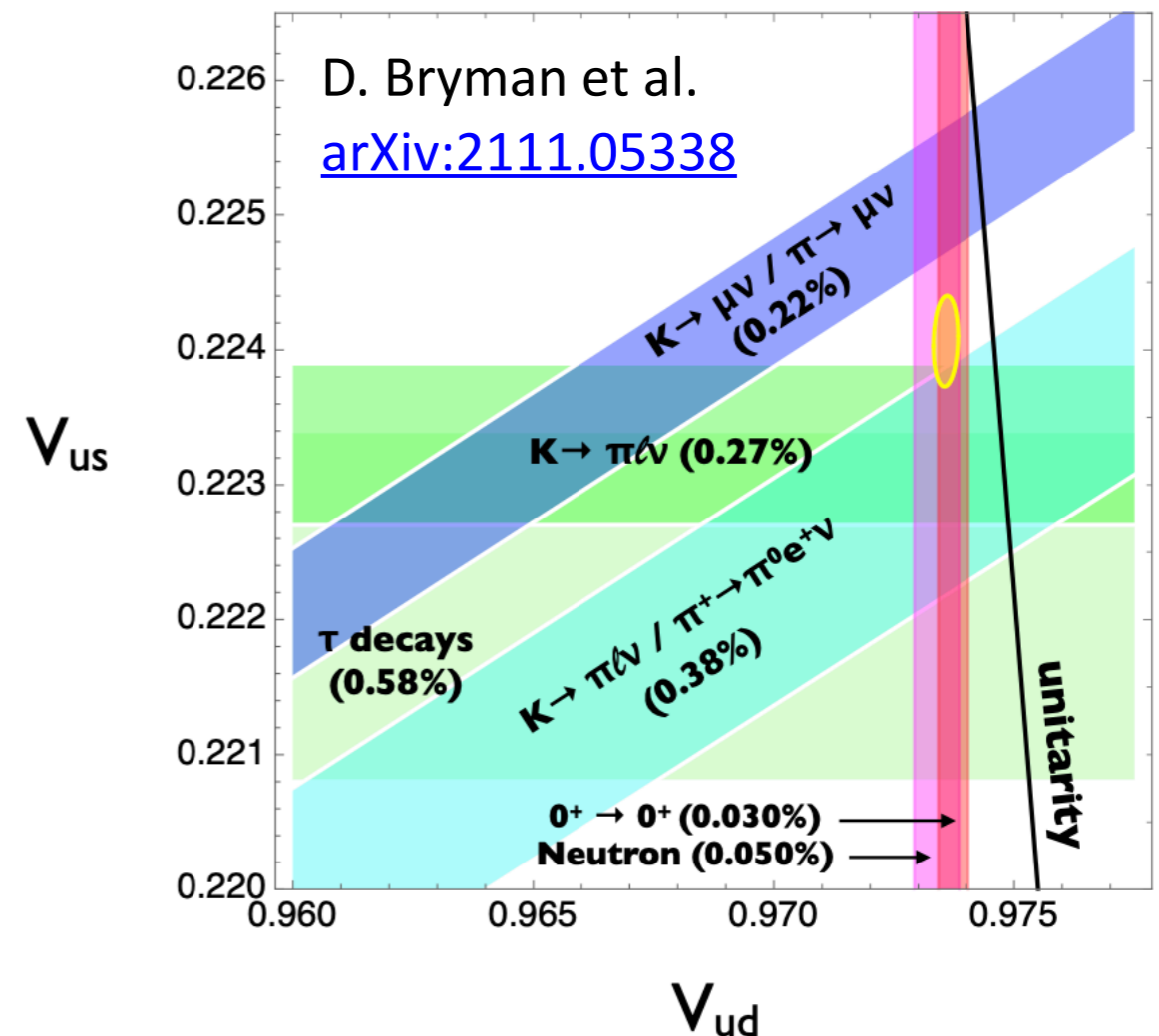
$$\begin{bmatrix} |V_{ud}| & |V_{us}| & |V_{ub}| \\ |V_{cd}| & |V_{cs}| & |V_{cb}| \\ |V_{td}| & |V_{ts}| & |V_{tb}| \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.97370 \pm 0.00014 & 0.2245 \pm 0.0008 & 0.00382 \pm 0.00024 \\ 0.221 \pm 0.004 & 0.987 \pm 0.011 & 0.0410 \pm 0.0014 \\ 0.0080 \pm 0.0003 & 0.0388 \pm 0.0011 & 1.013 \pm 0.030 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 1$$

Since  $|V_{ub}| \ll |V_{us}|$ , the third term can be neglected and the first row can be studied in a 2D plane

$\sim 3\sigma$  tension in the first-row of CKM unitarity test

Often referred to as the Cabbibo Angle Anomaly (or CAA)



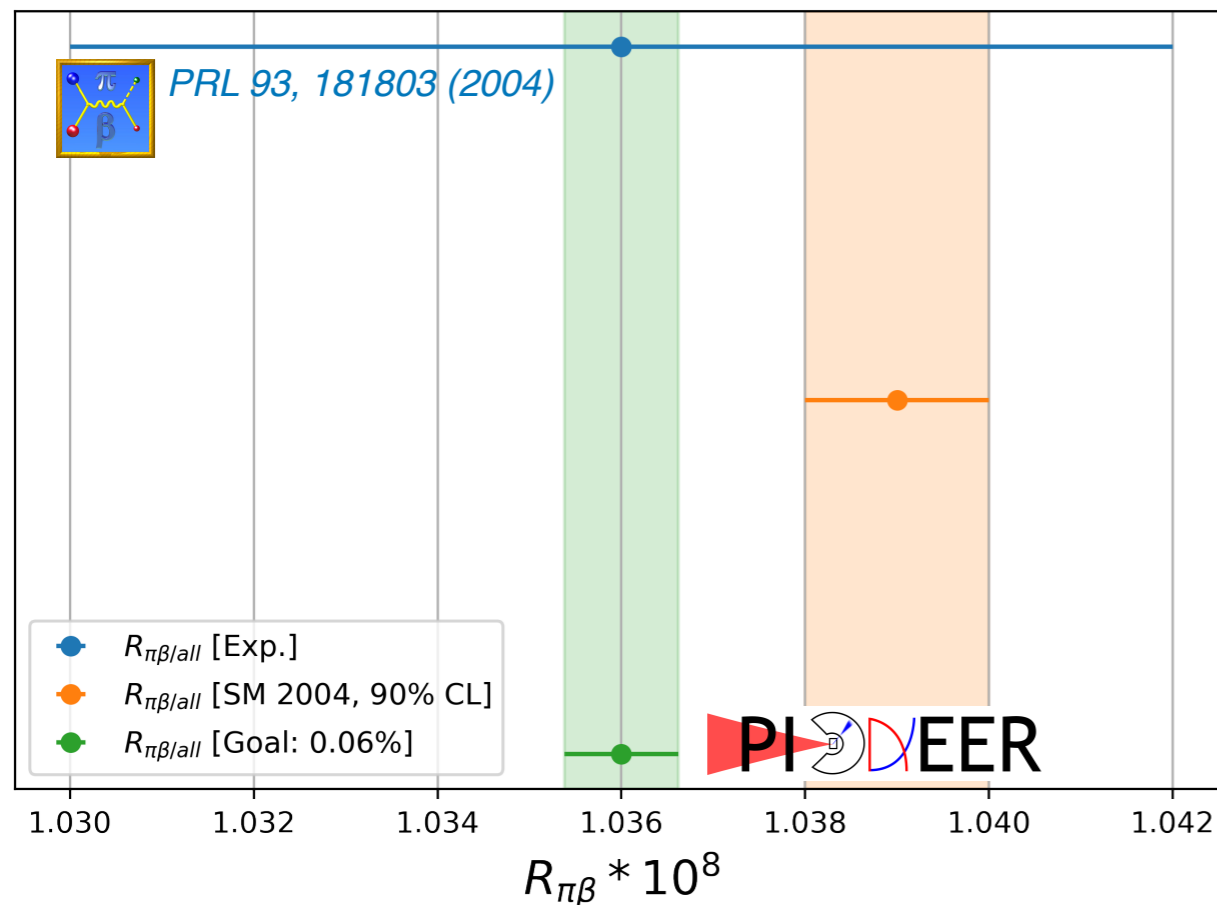
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## Testing CKM Unitarity

$$R_{\pi\beta} = \frac{\Gamma(\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu_e)}{\Gamma(\pi^+ \rightarrow \text{all})}$$

Pion beta decay provides the theoretically cleanest determination of  $|V_{ud}|$

We call this measurement  
PHASE II



Current best measurement  
from PIBETA at PSI

$$R_{\pi\beta}^{Exp} = 1.036(0.006) \times 10^{-8}$$

PIONEER aims to measure  
 $R_{\pi\beta}$  to 0.06% precision

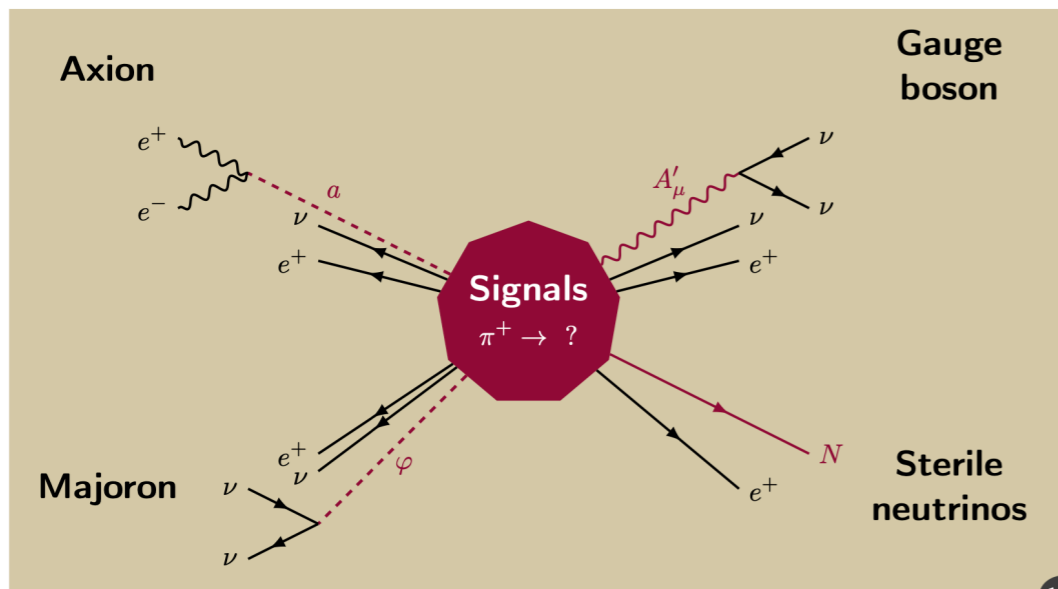
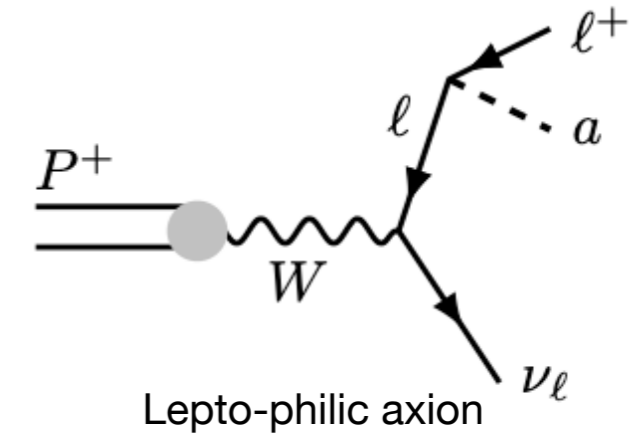
Ten-fold improvement  
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Constraint on  $|V_{ud}|$  comparable  
to super-allowed beta decay

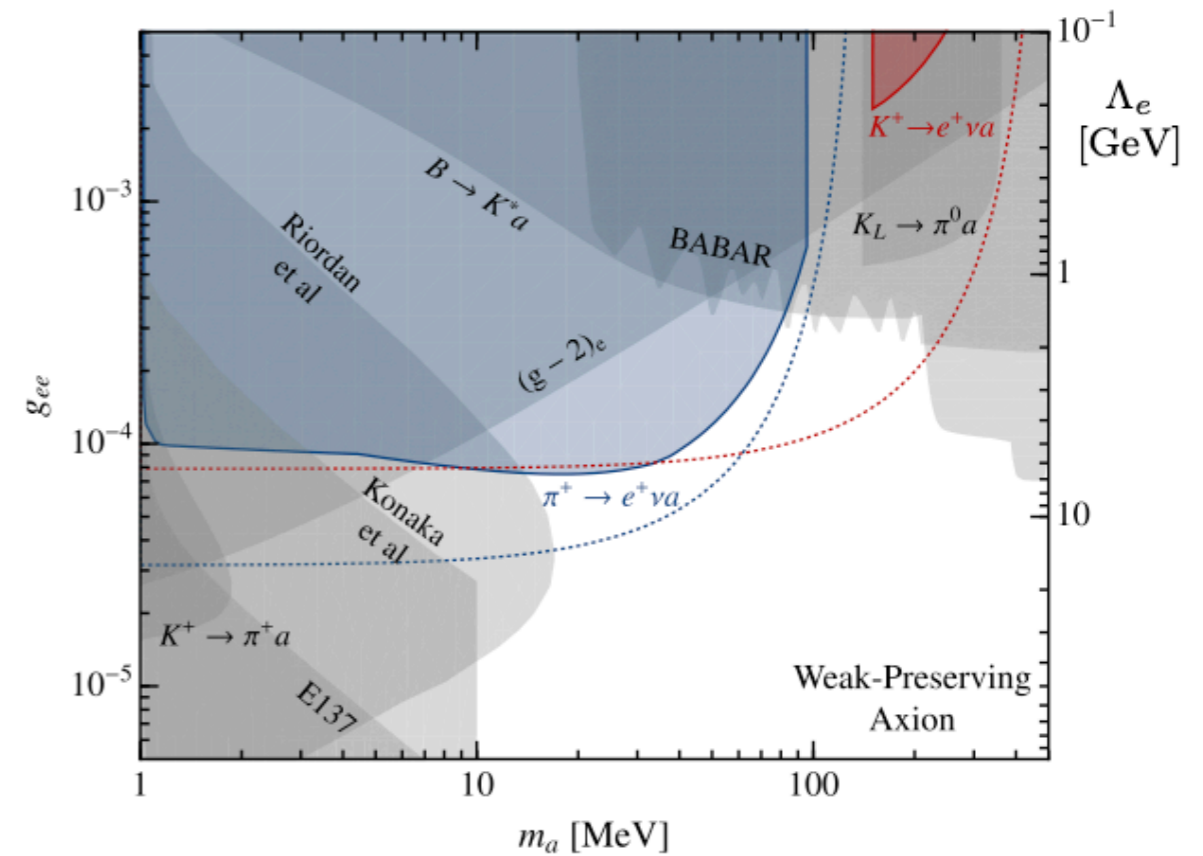
# Rare Pion Decays

## Direct searches for new physics

- Collecting very large samples of rare pion decay
  - Search for new weakly coupled particle in the MeV range
  - Popular models involve sterile neutrinos or axion-like particles



J. Dror review at 2022 Rare Pion Decays Workshop  
[indico contribution](#)

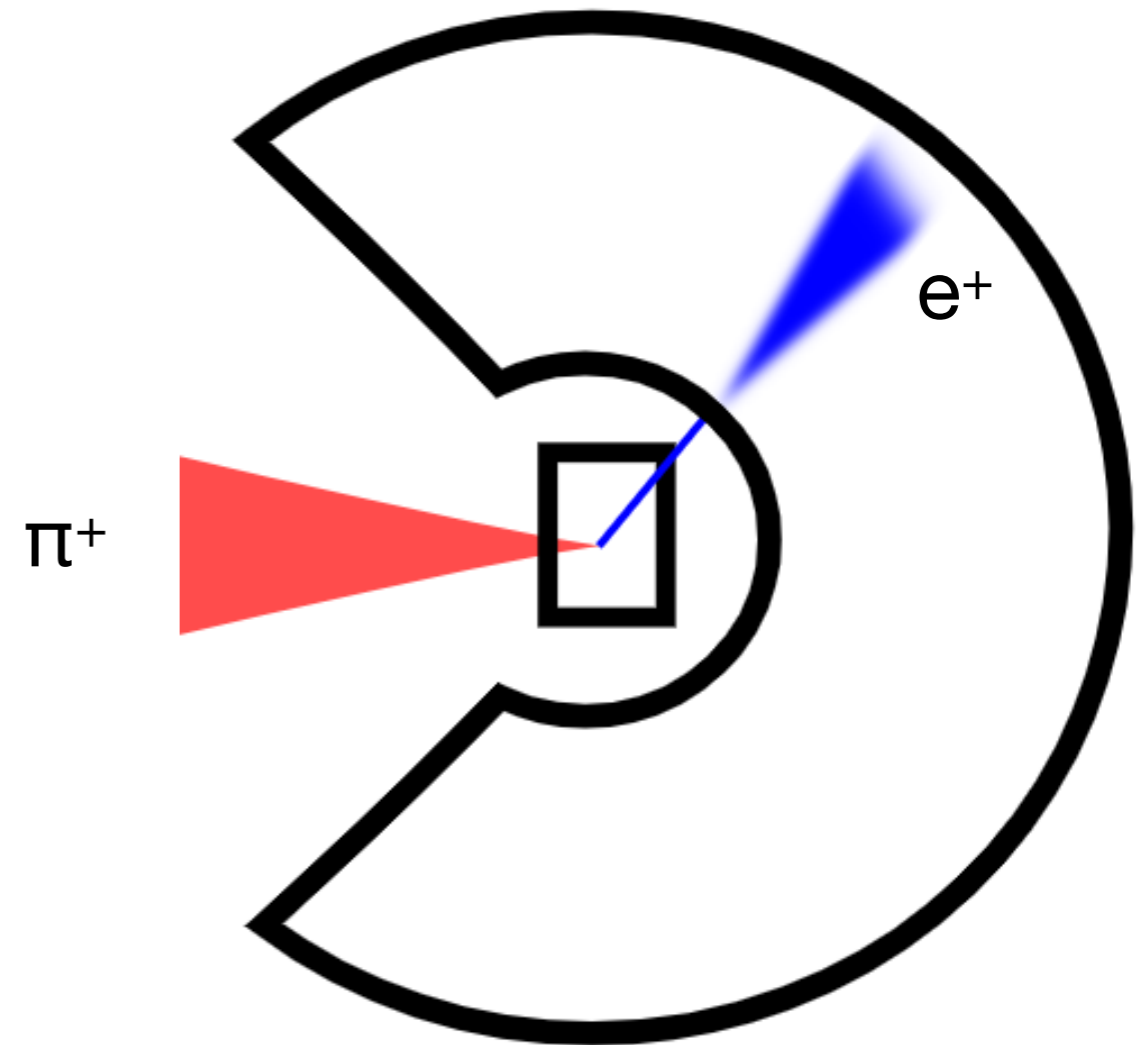


W. Altmannshofer, J. Dror, and S. Gori  
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# Introducing PIONEER

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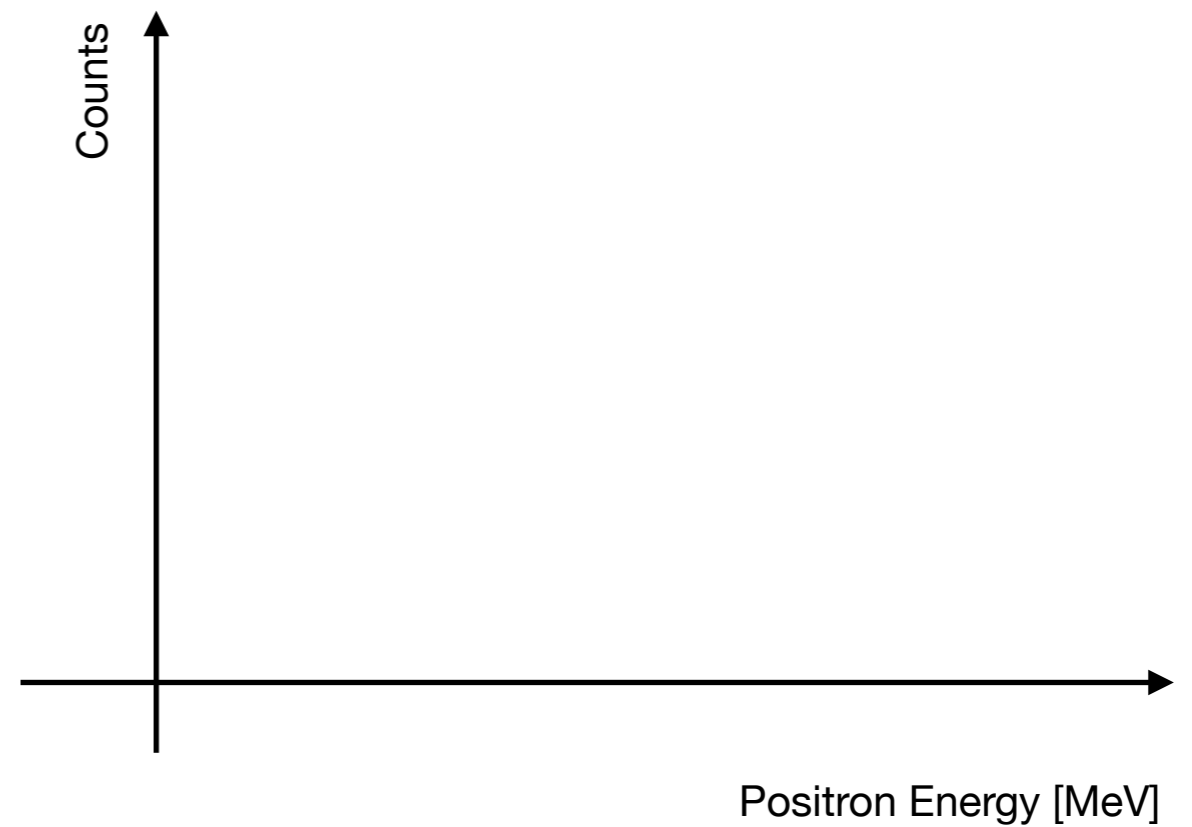
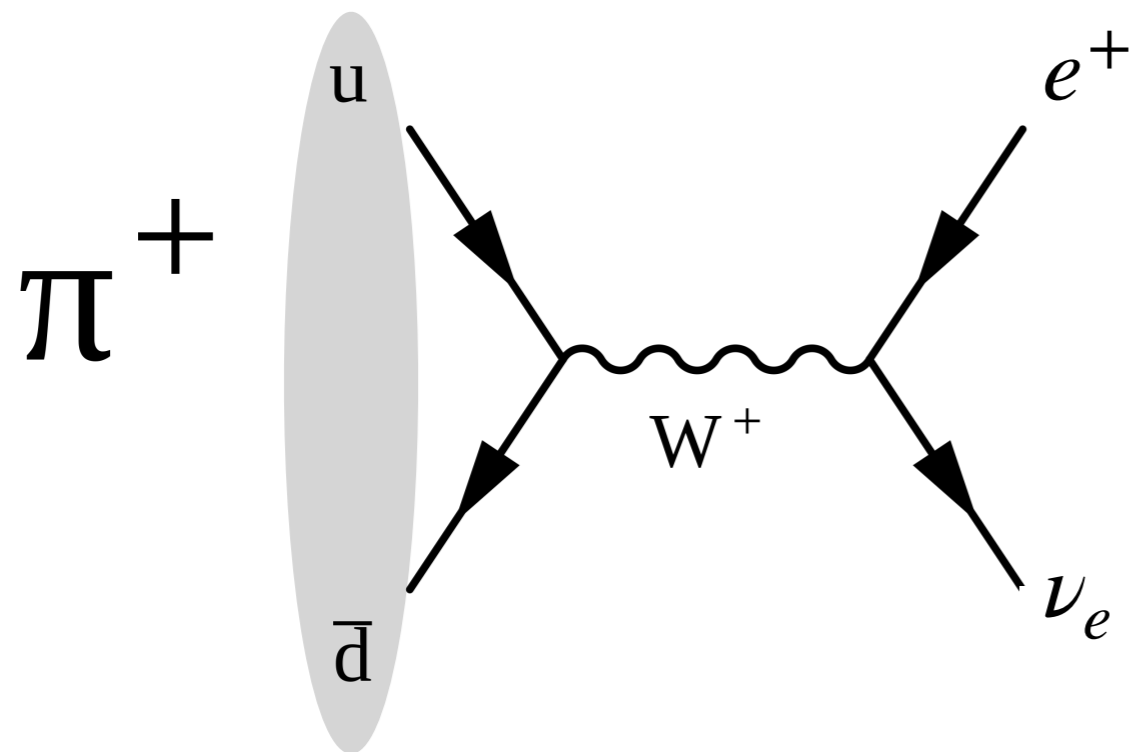
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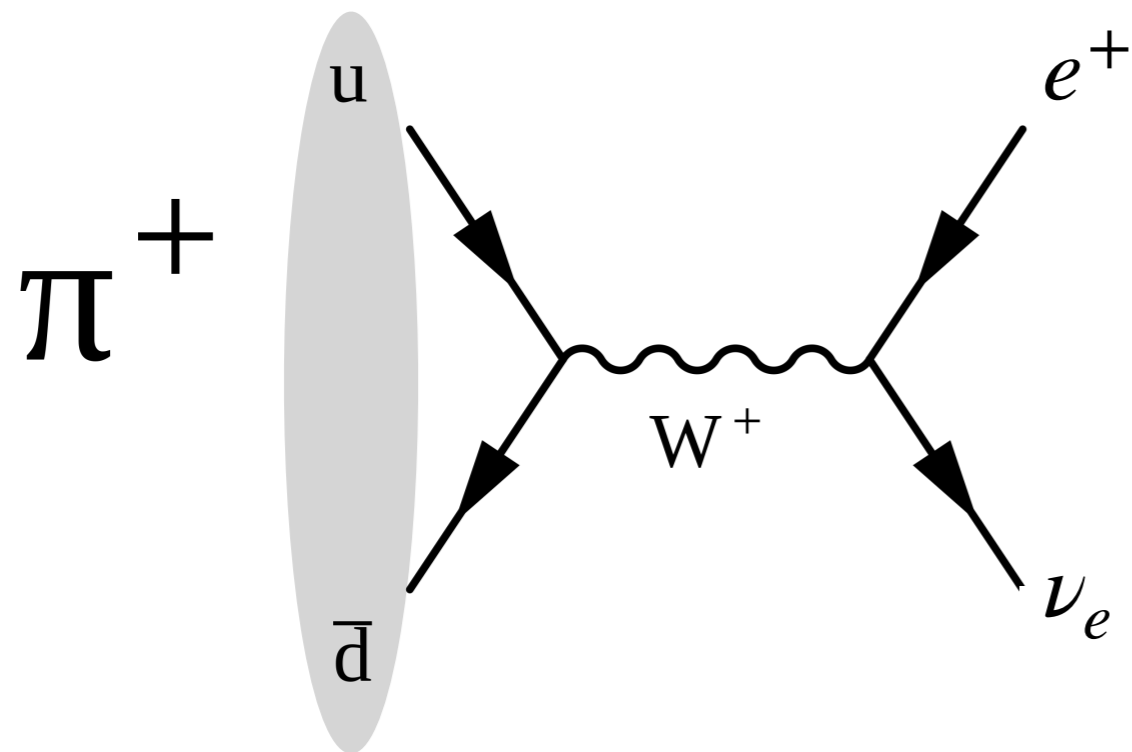


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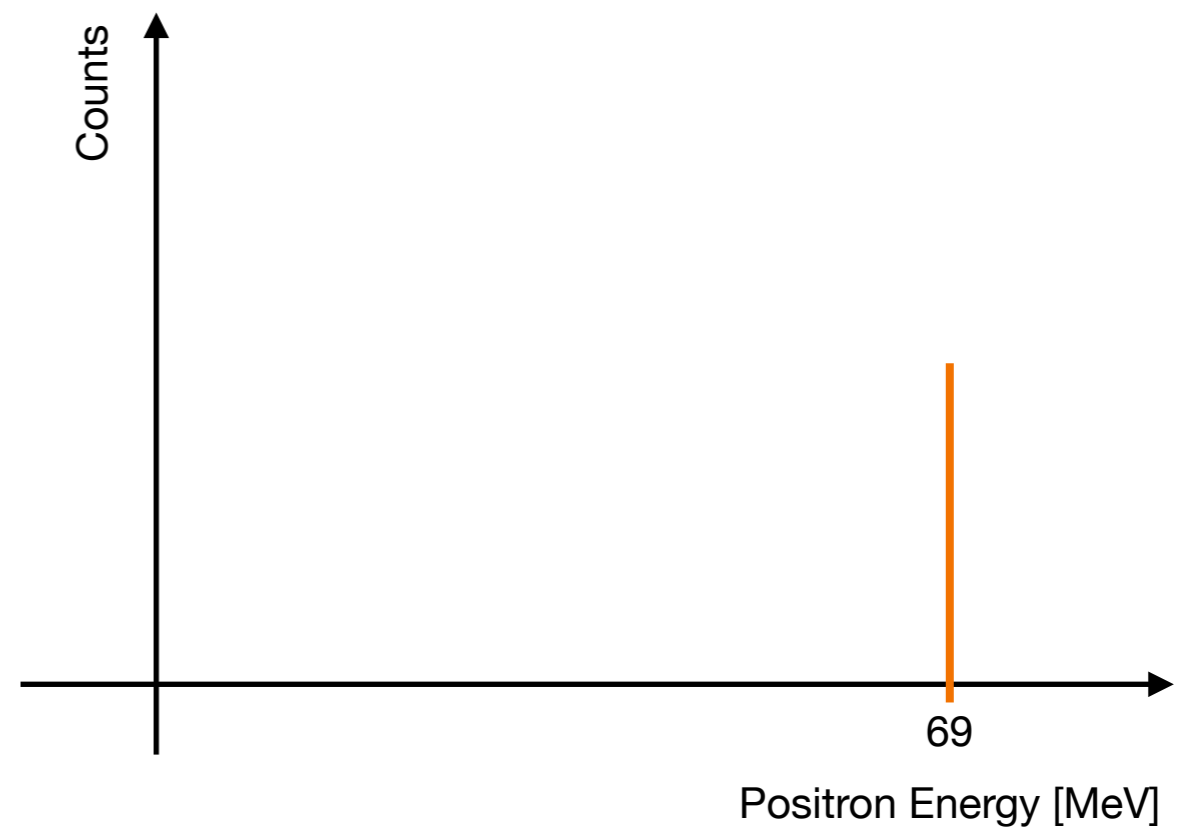
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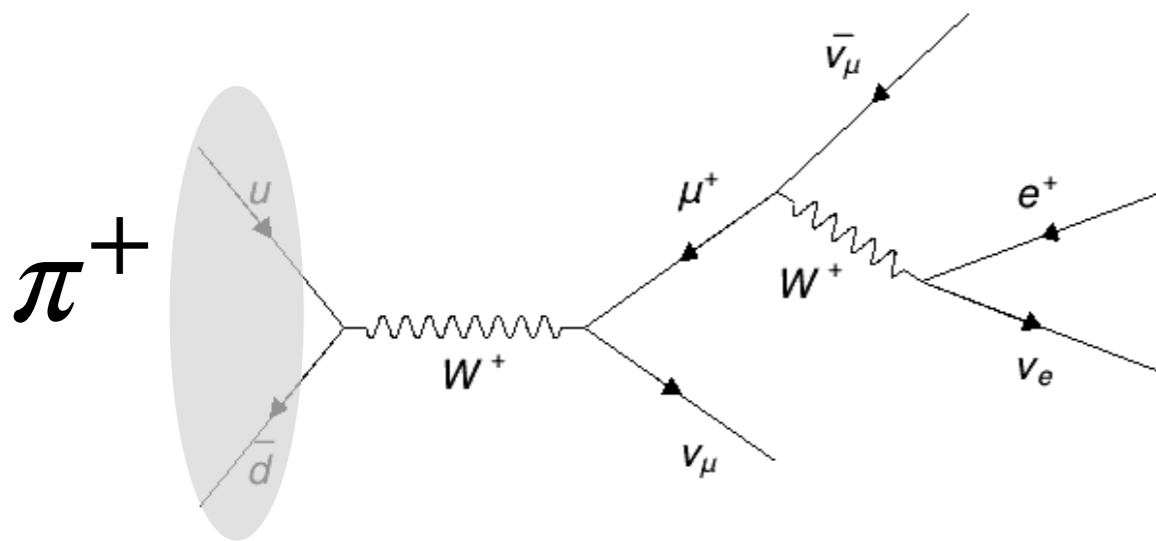
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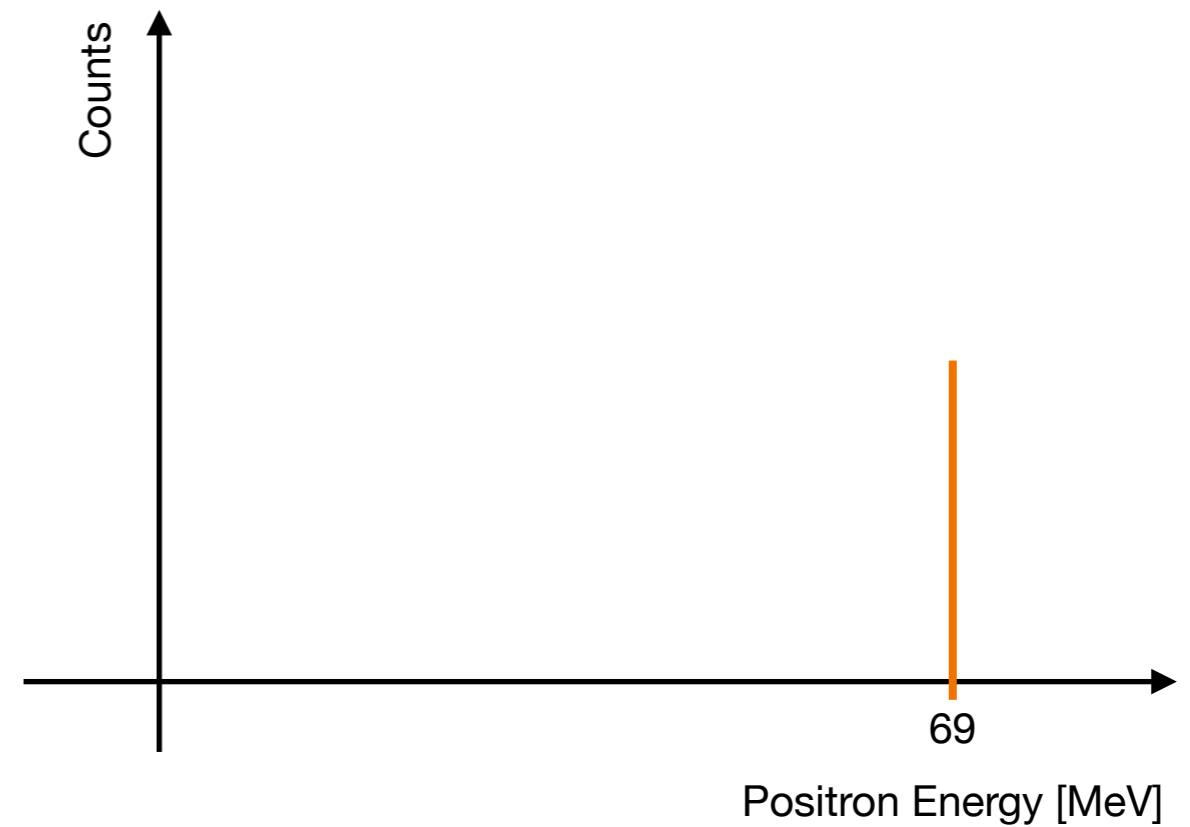


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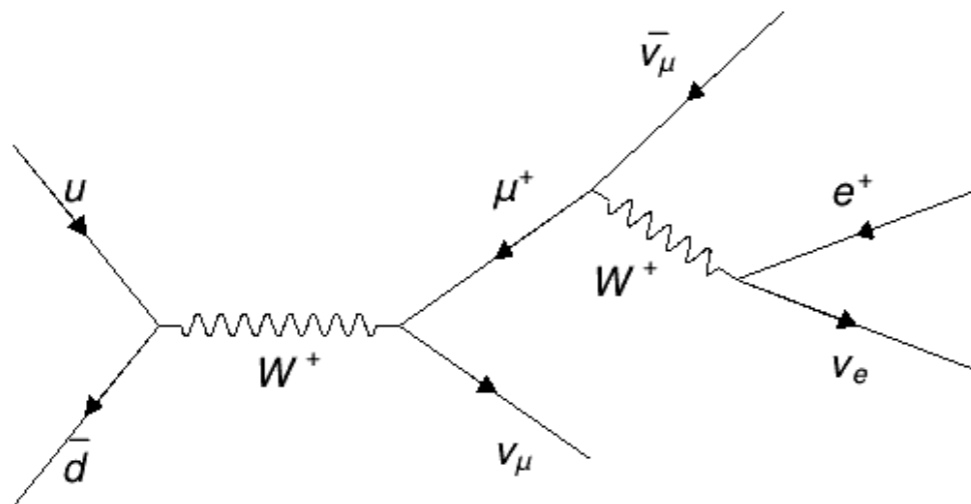
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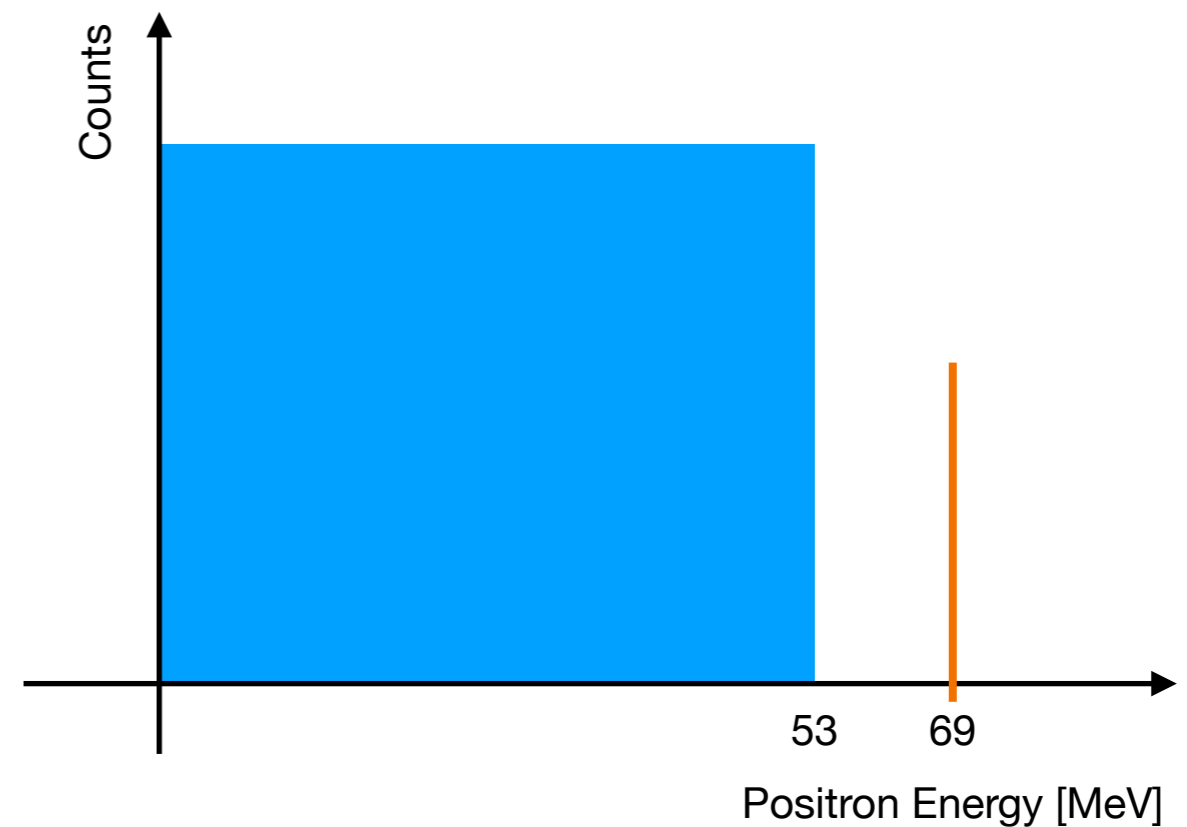


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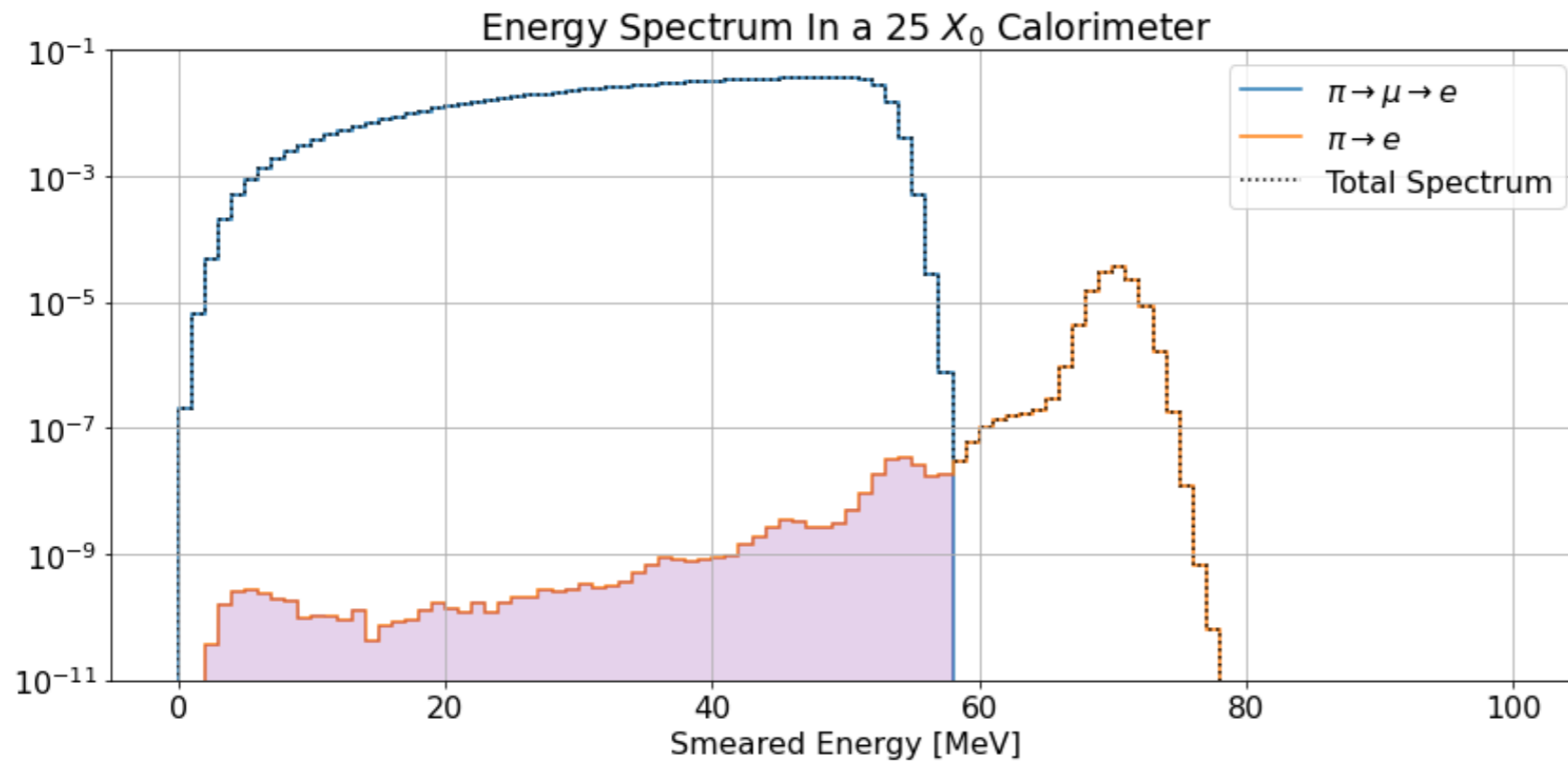
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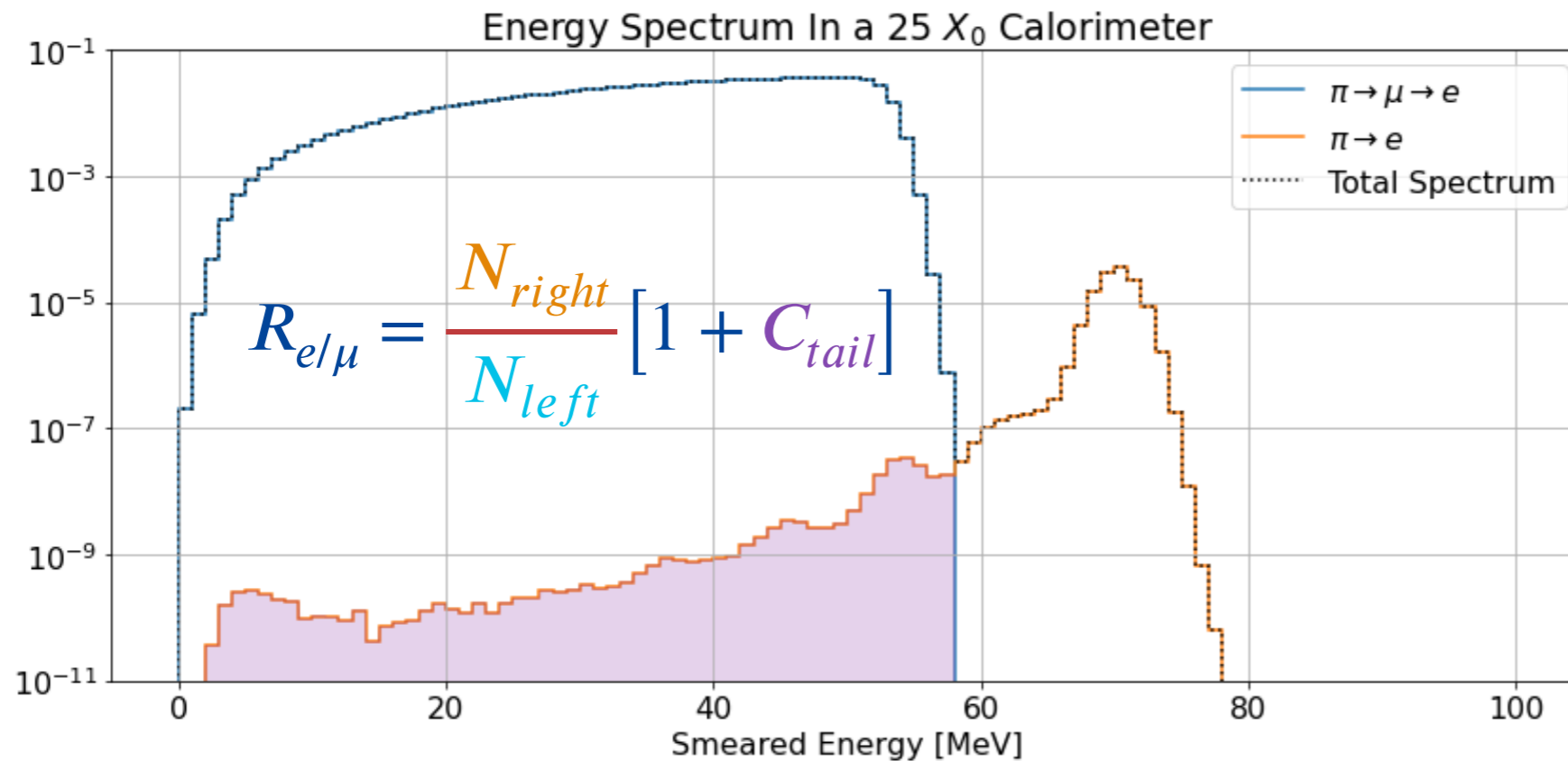
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# Facing experimental reality



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	%	%
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Tail Correction	0.12	<0.01
$t_0$ Correction	0.05	<0.01
Muon DIF	0.05	0.005
Parameter Fitting	0.05	<0.01
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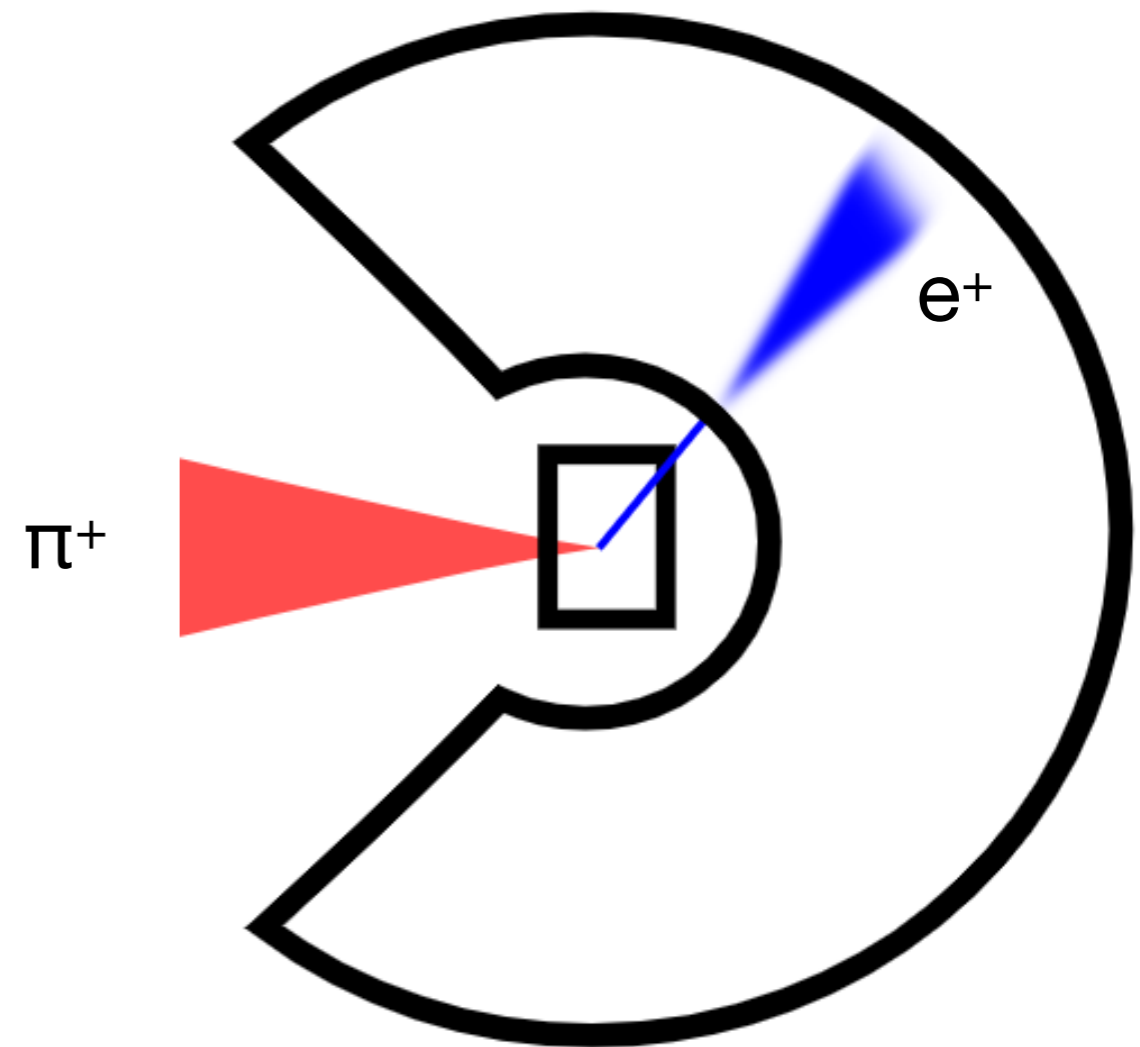
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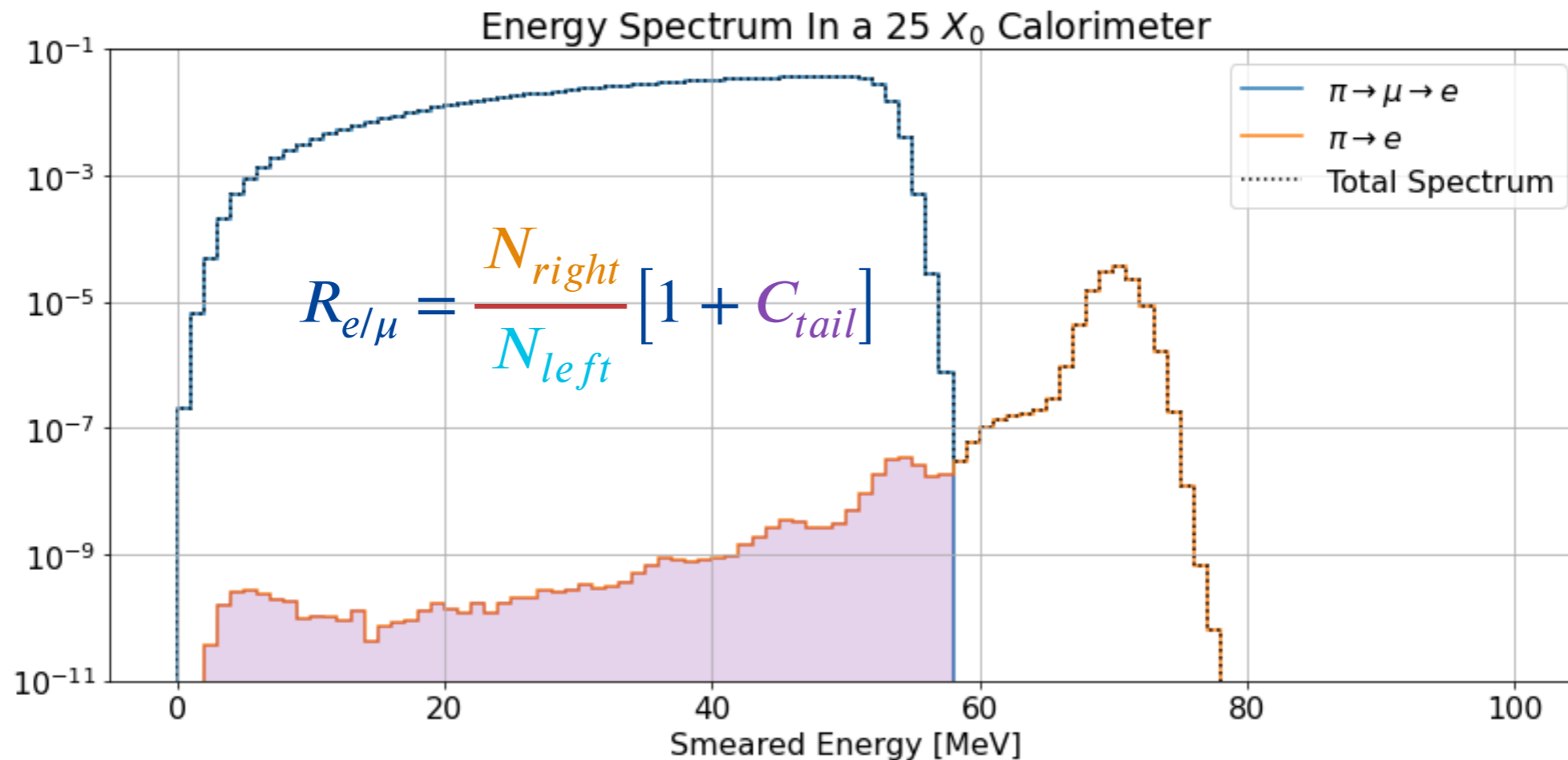
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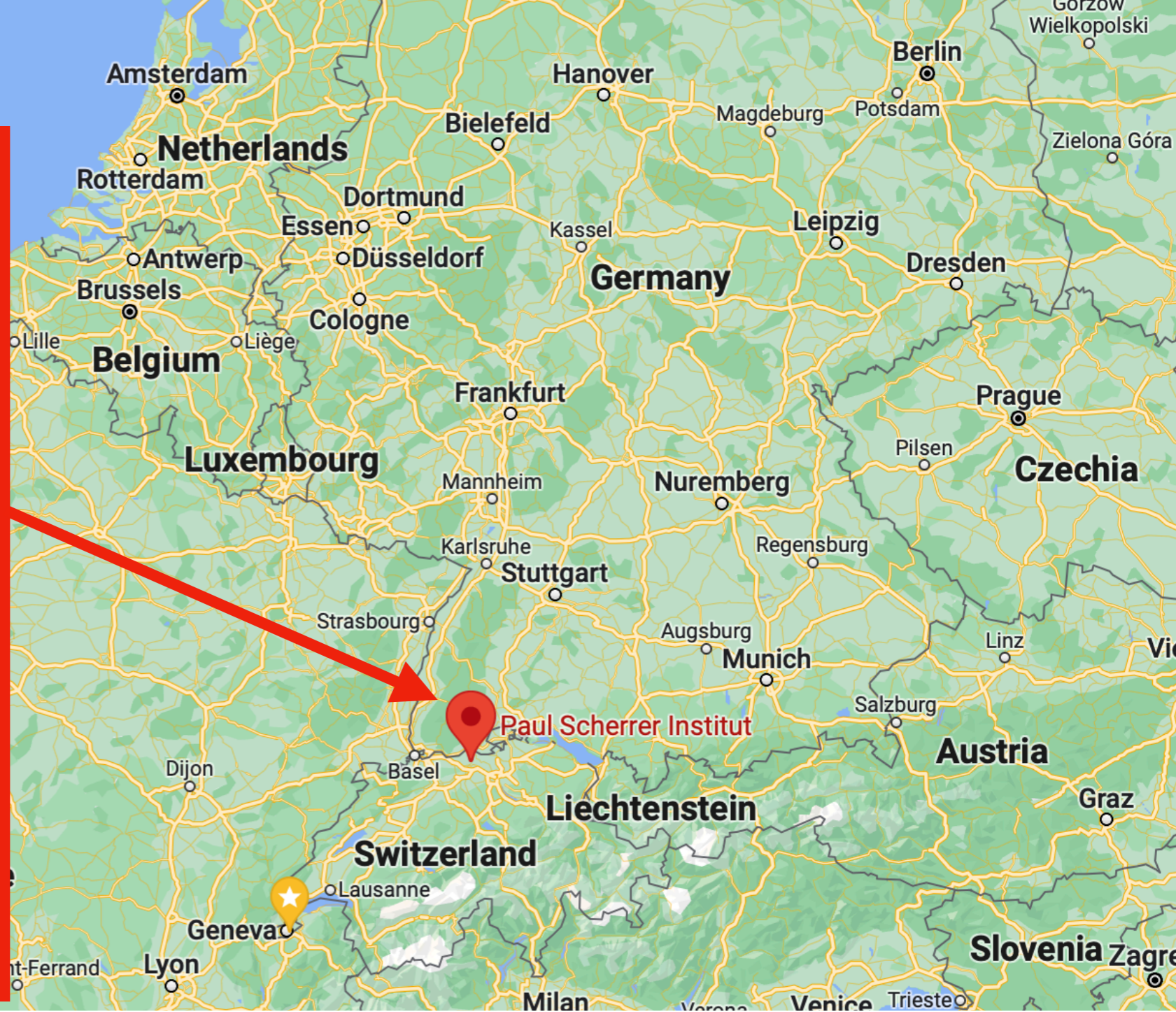
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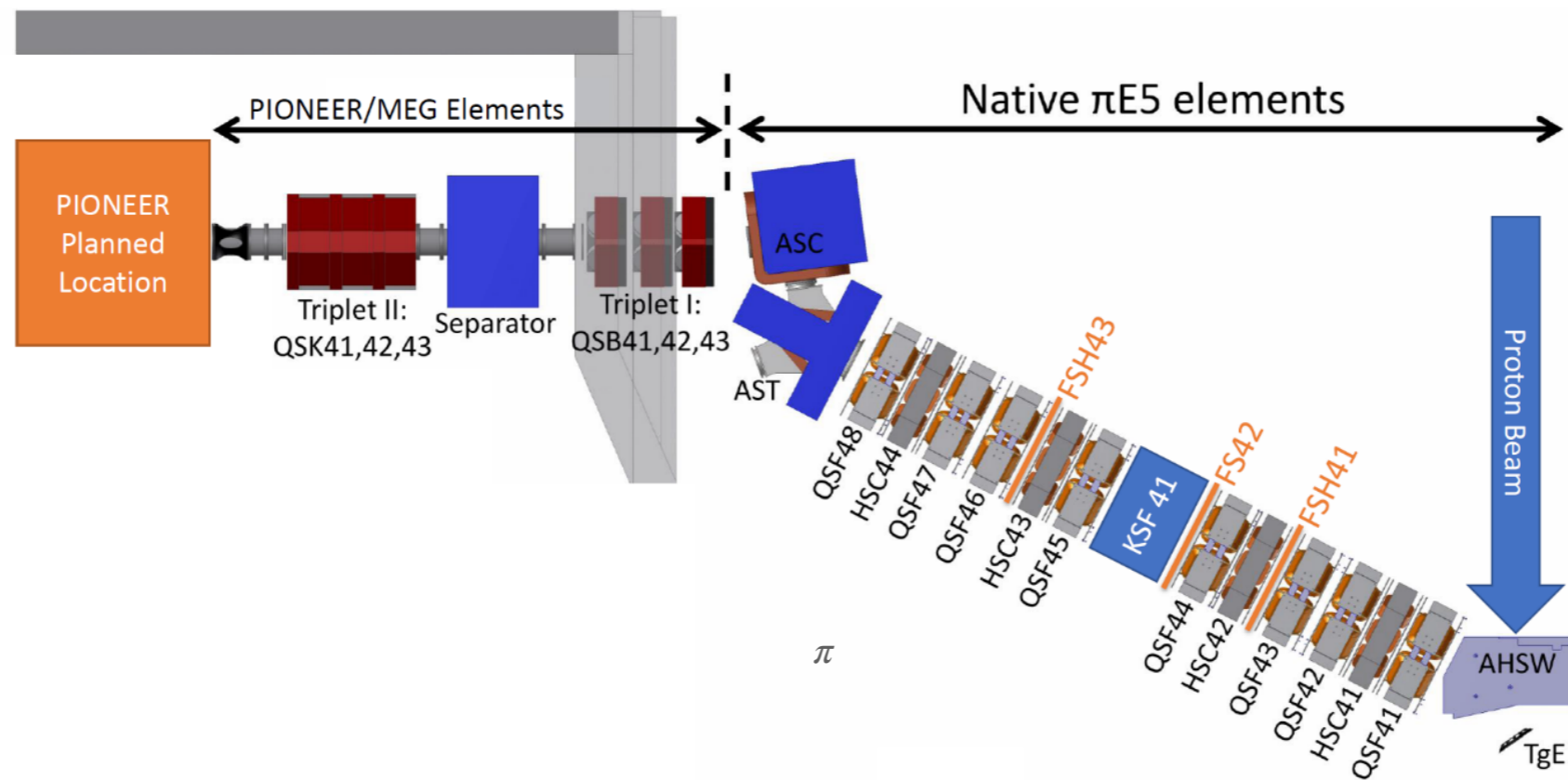
Located near Zurich, Switzerland  
World most intense low-energy pion  
beamline



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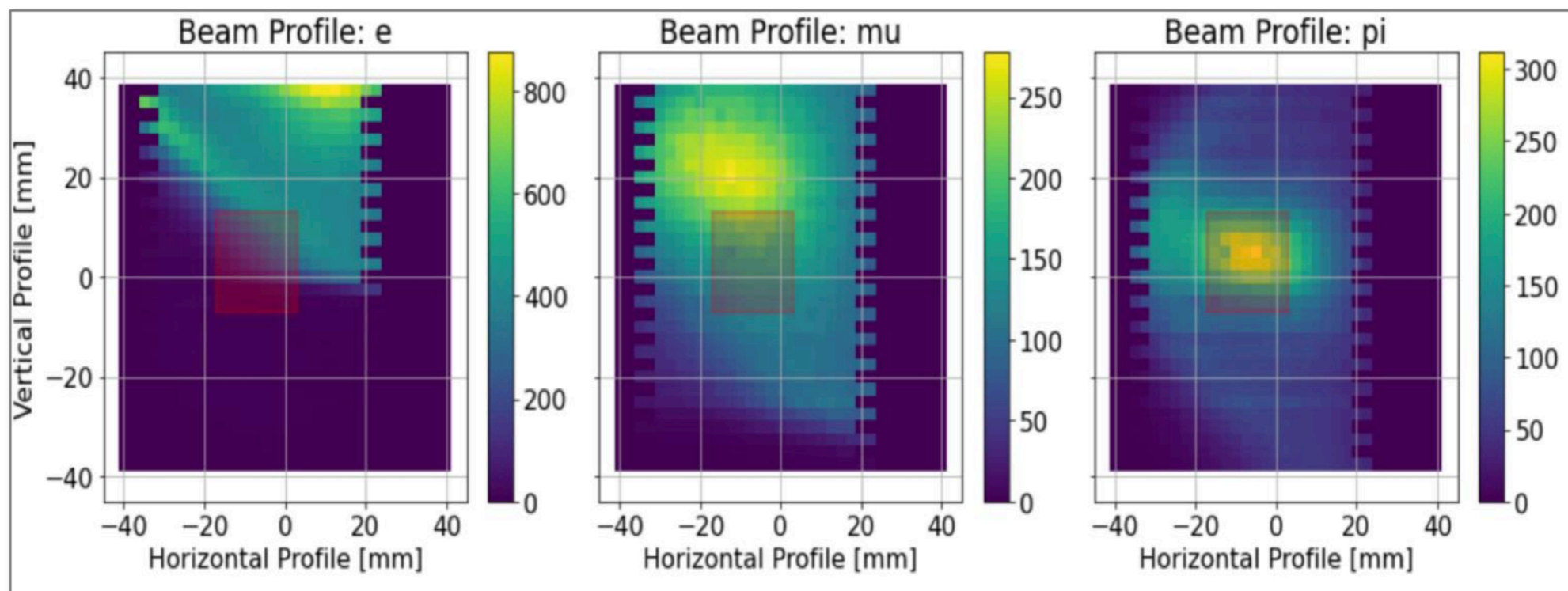
	Phase 1	Phase 2
<b>Pion Decay of Interest</b>	$\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e$	$\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ \nu_e$
<b>Rate (Hz - pion/s)</b>	$3 \cdot 10^5$	$3 \cdot 10^7$
<b>Momentum bite</b>	$dp/p=1\%$	$dp/p=3\%$
<b>Statistics/yr</b>	$10^8$	$10^6$
<b>Measurement precision</b>	0.015%	0.1%

# Pion Beamline at PSI

- Specifications:
  - Rate:  $O(10^7 \text{ Hz})$
  - Momentum  $p=55-70 \text{ MeV}/c$
  - $E \times B$  separation of  $\pi$  from  $\mu$  and  $e$
  - Tight beam spot ( $< 2 \text{ cm}^2$ ) and small divergence
  - Narrow momentum bite ( $dp/p < 2\%$ ) to stop  $\pi^+$  in  $3 \pm 0.5 \text{ mm}$  silicon target

2022 test beam study

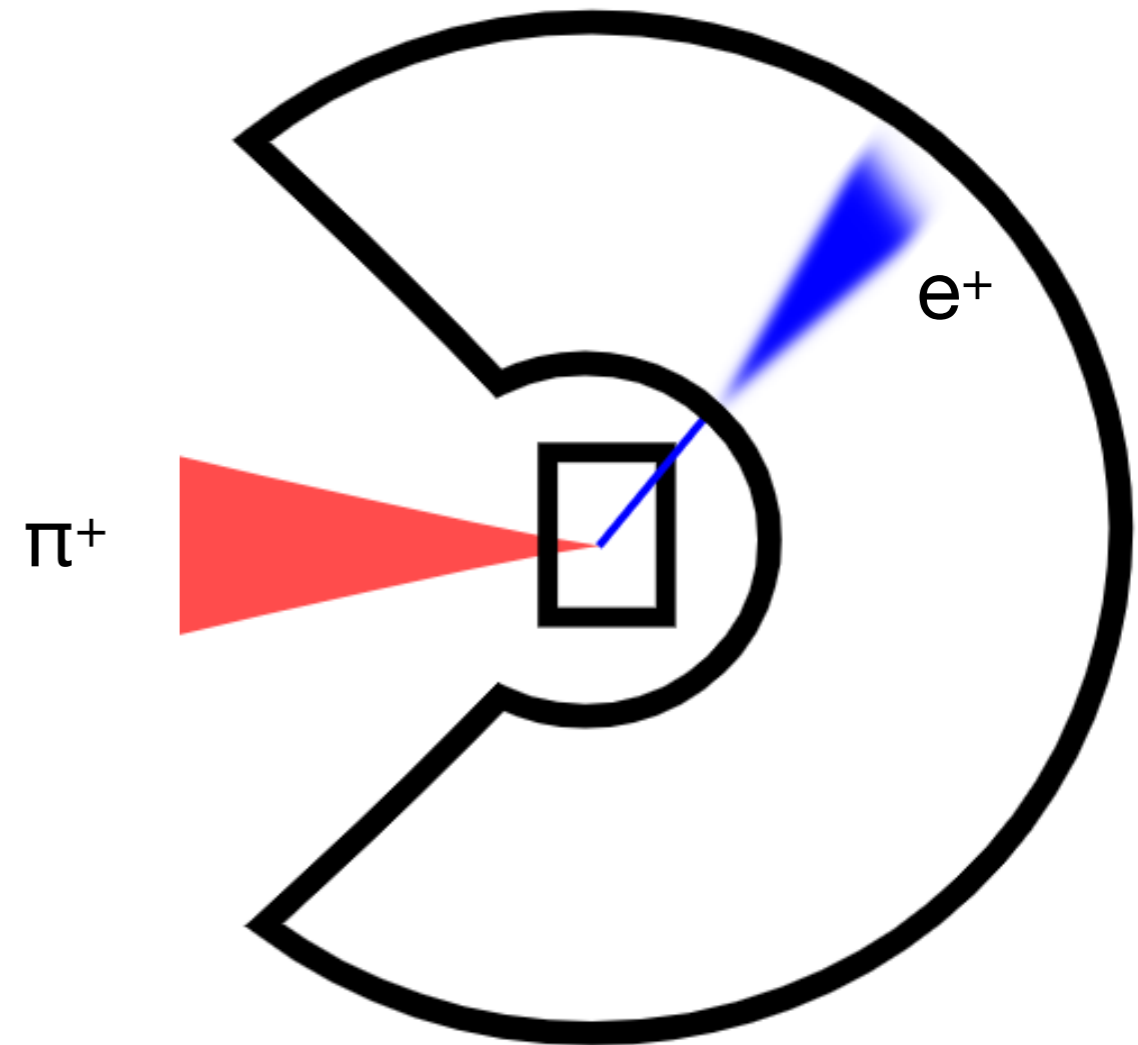
Beamline Position	$p_\pi$ (MeV/c)	$\pi^+$ Rate $\times 10^6 \text{ Hz}$
QSB43	55	6.3
CALO Center	55	1.0
QSB43	75	61.5
CALO Center	75	11.1



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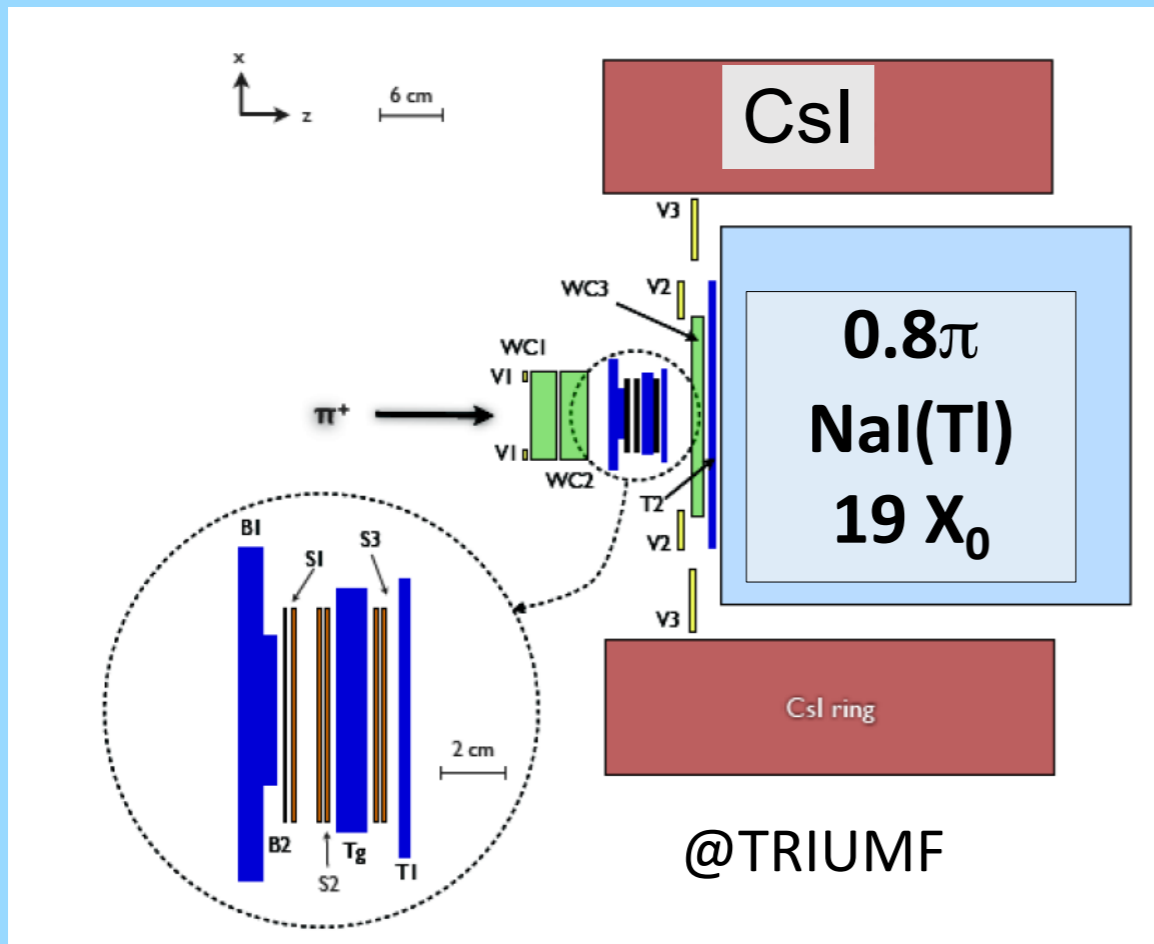
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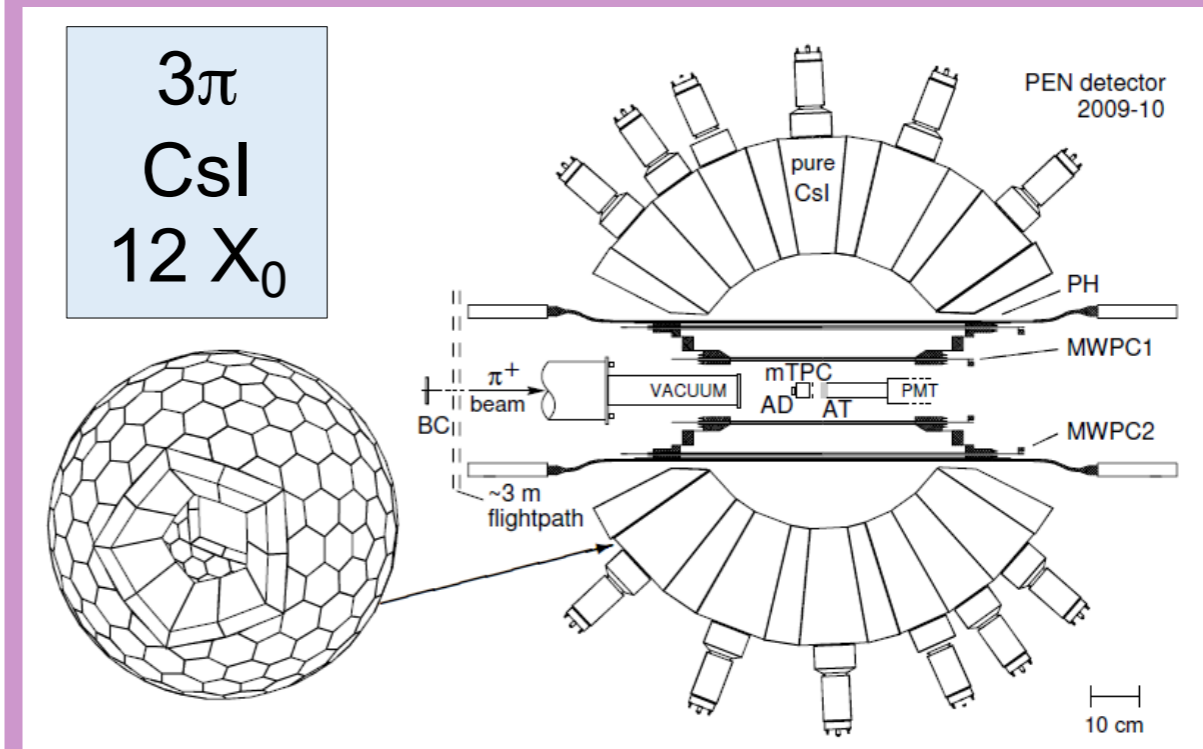
# Two recent Pion Decay Experiments

## PIENU

## PEN/PIBETA



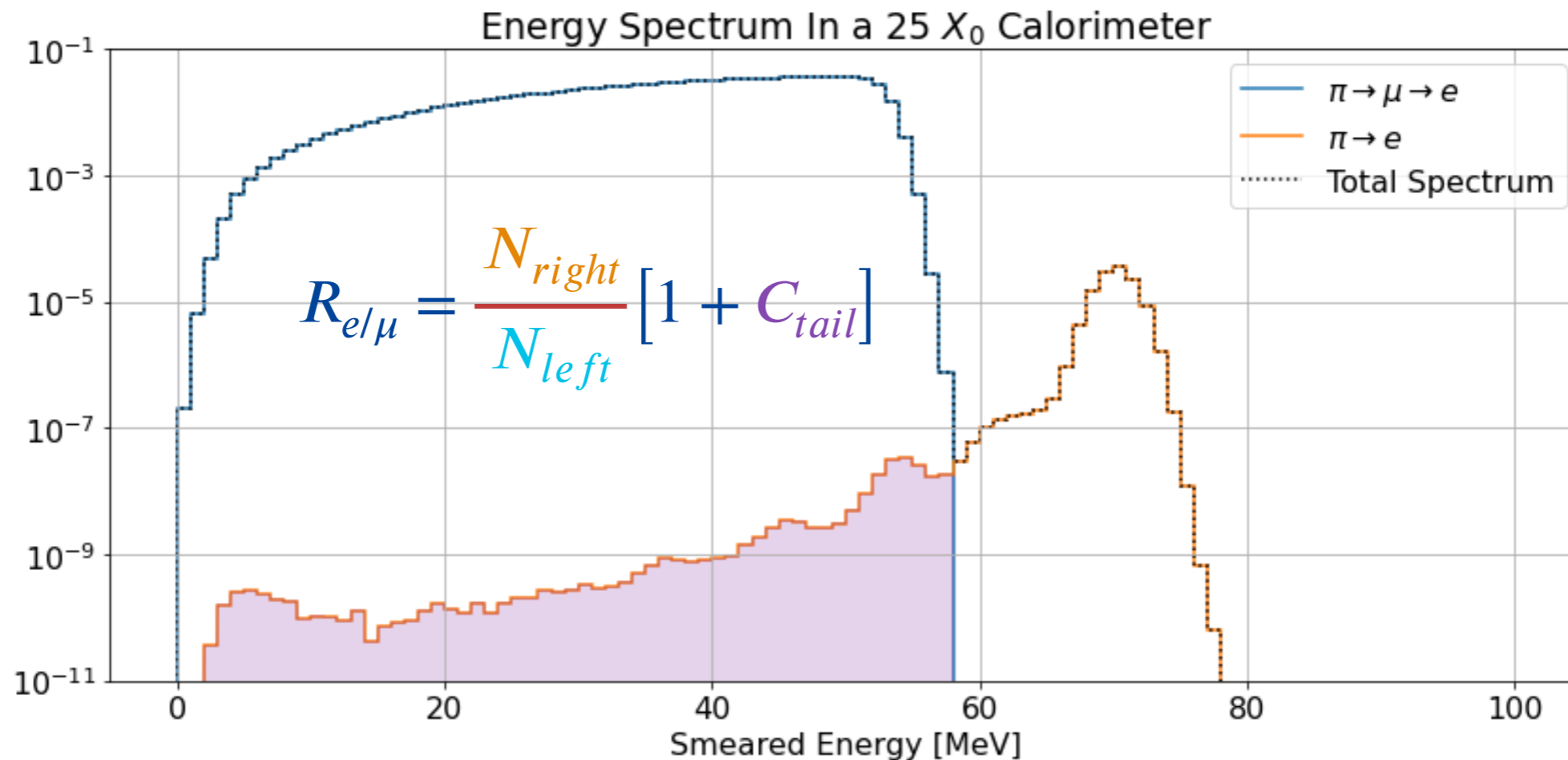
- Experiment at TRIUMF
- NaI slow, but excellent resolution
- Single large crystal not uniform enough (material and effective “depth”)
- Small solid angle



- Experiment at PSI
- Large acceptance but calorimeter depth of  $12X_0$  too small to resolve tail under the  $\pi$ - $\mu$ - $e$  spectrum.

Both experiments took data a while ago but have (known) challenges to overcome before final results

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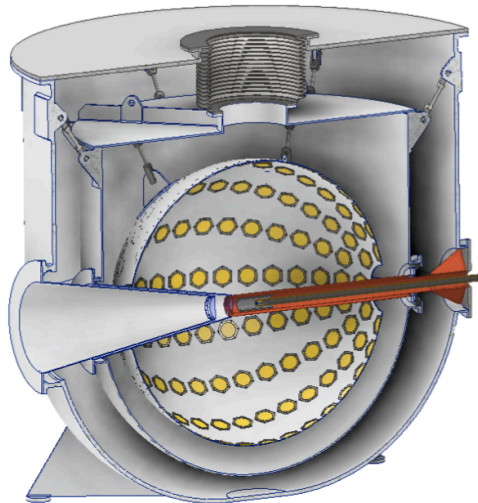


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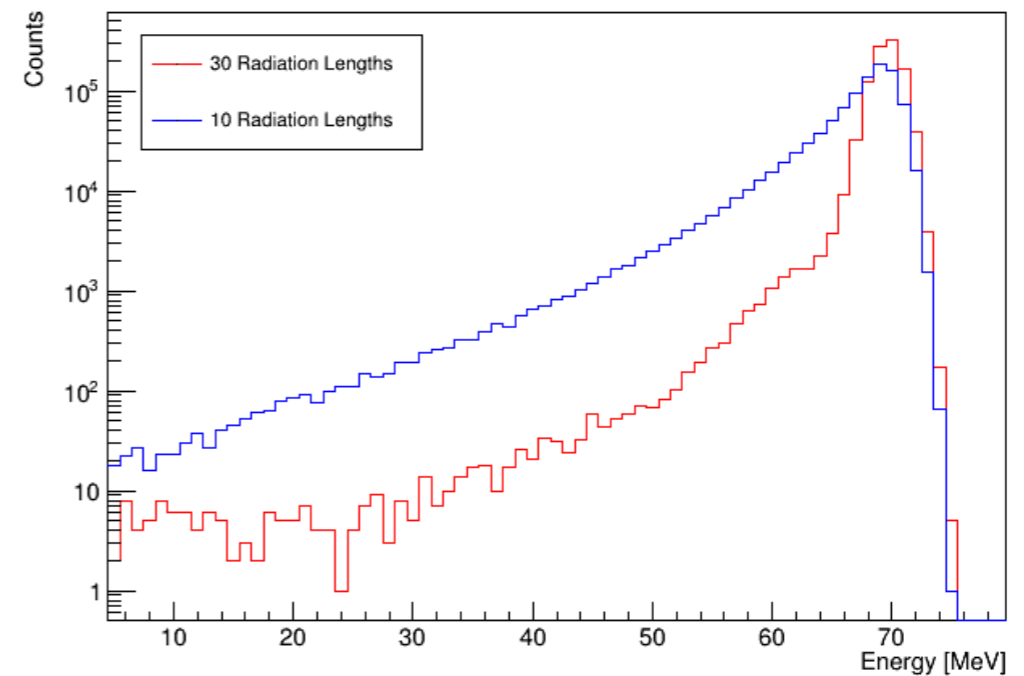


Fast response

Highly homogeneous response

Detector can be reshaped

$\pi \rightarrow e\nu$  signal



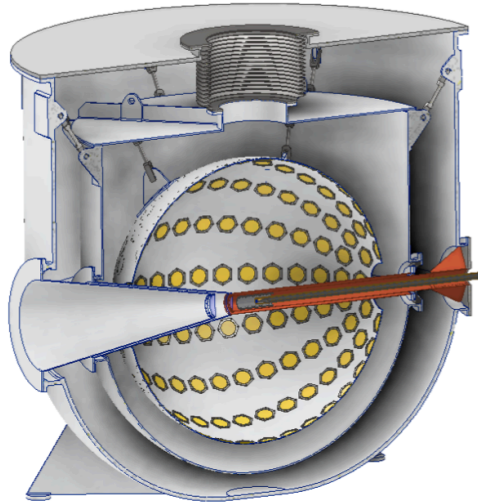
At least 25  $X_0$

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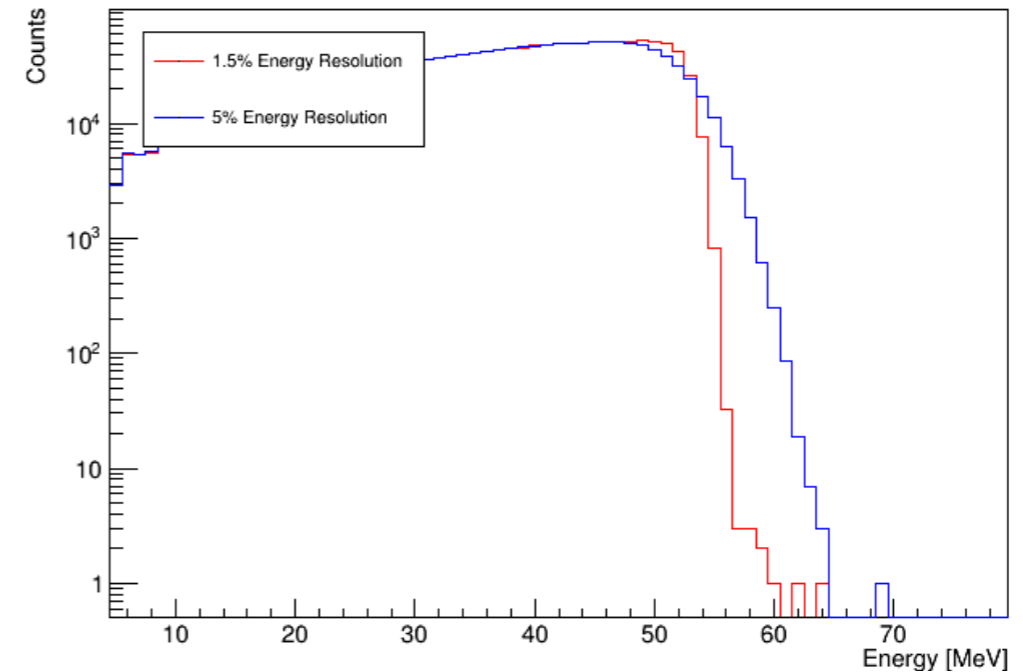


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$\pi - \mu - e$  background



Targeted resolution:  
2% for positrons with 70 MeV/c

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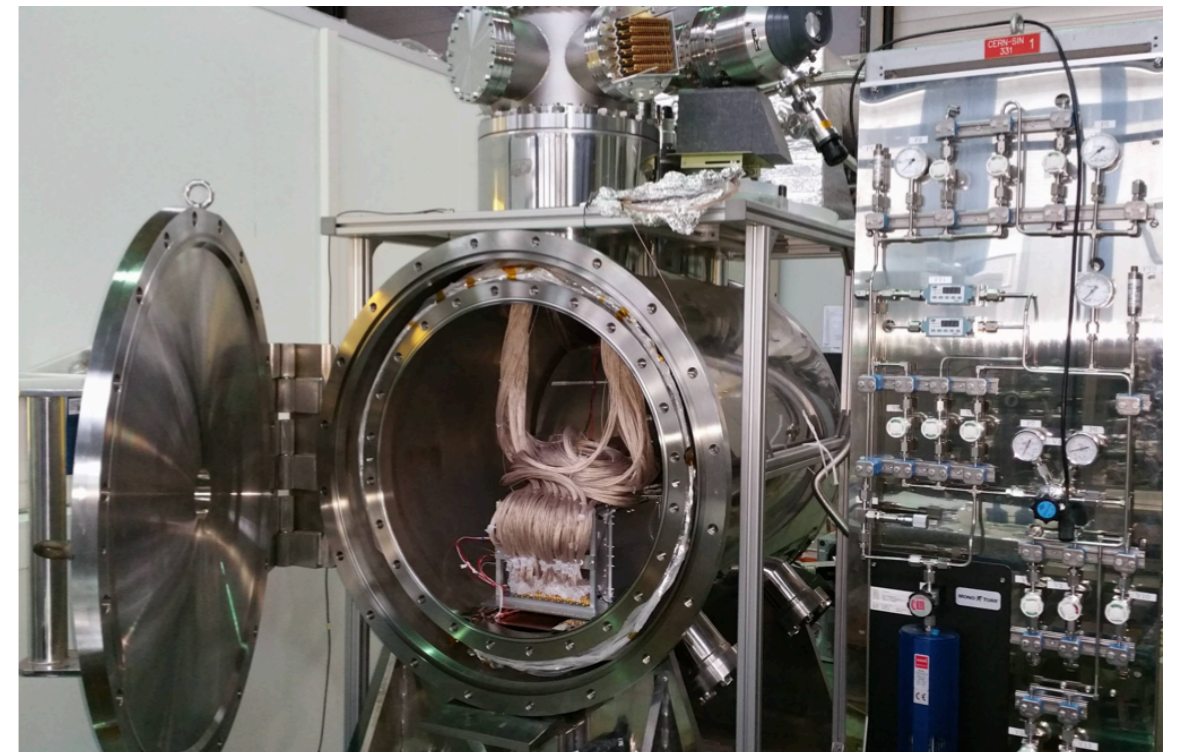
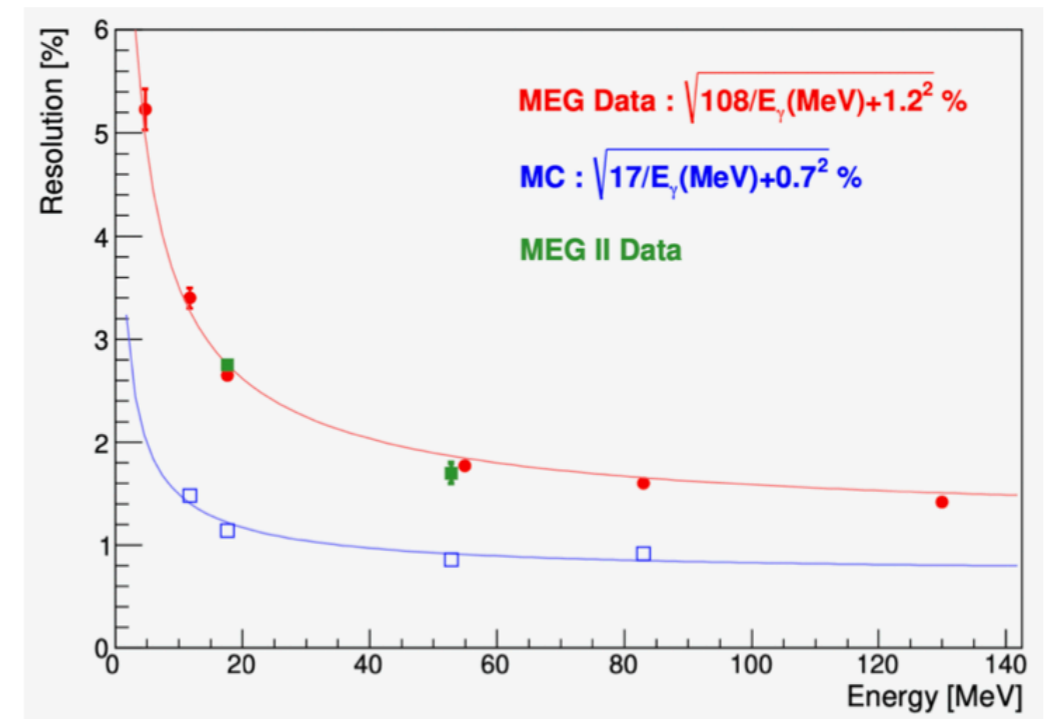
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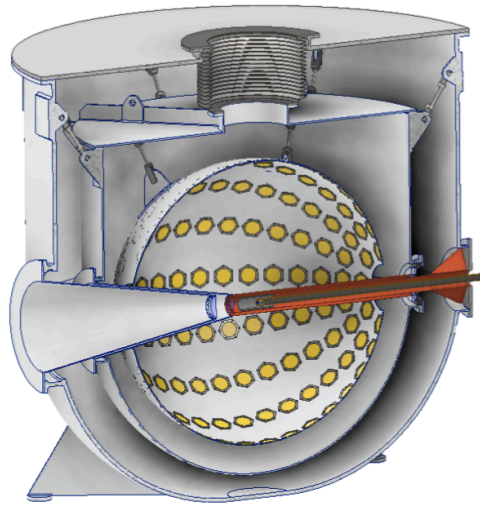
## Liquid Xenon Prototype

- Series of prototypes leading to a large 100L,  $28X_0$  cylinder
  - Measure resolution for 70 MeV positrons
  - Check and correct simulations
- Build expertise with LXe handling
- Bonus: prototype could set stringent limits on  $\mu \rightarrow e e e e e e$  ([arXiv:2306.15631](https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.15631))



# Calorimeter Alternative

Liquid Xenon

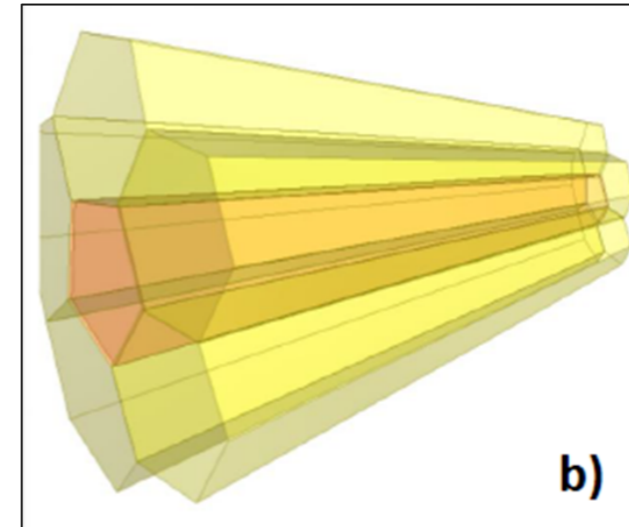


Fast response  
Highly homogeneous response  
Detector can be reshaped

BUT

Expensive?  
Unsegmented calorimeter  
impacts pileup rejection

LYSO Crystals



Fast response  
High stopping power  
Intrinsically segmented

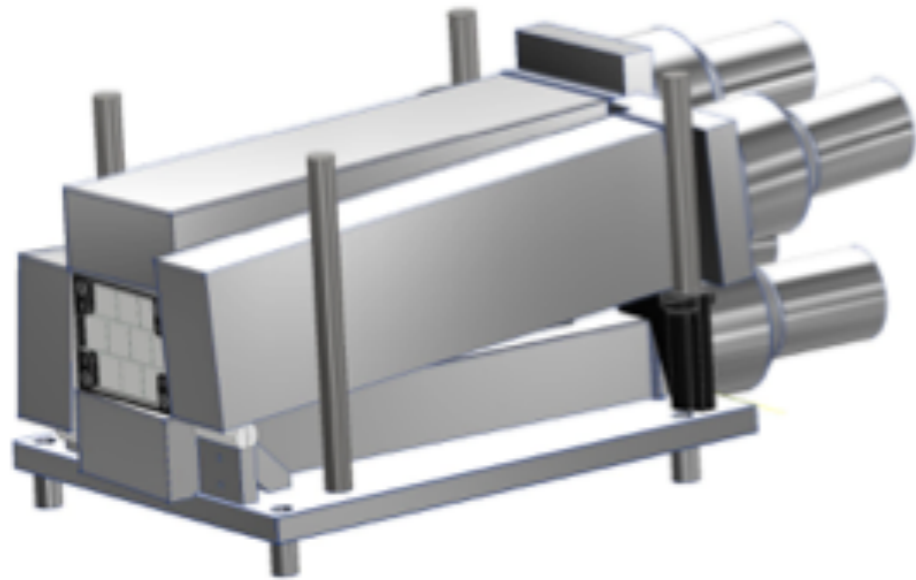
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Resolution better than 4% has not  
been demonstrated for an array of  
LYSO crystals at 70 MeV

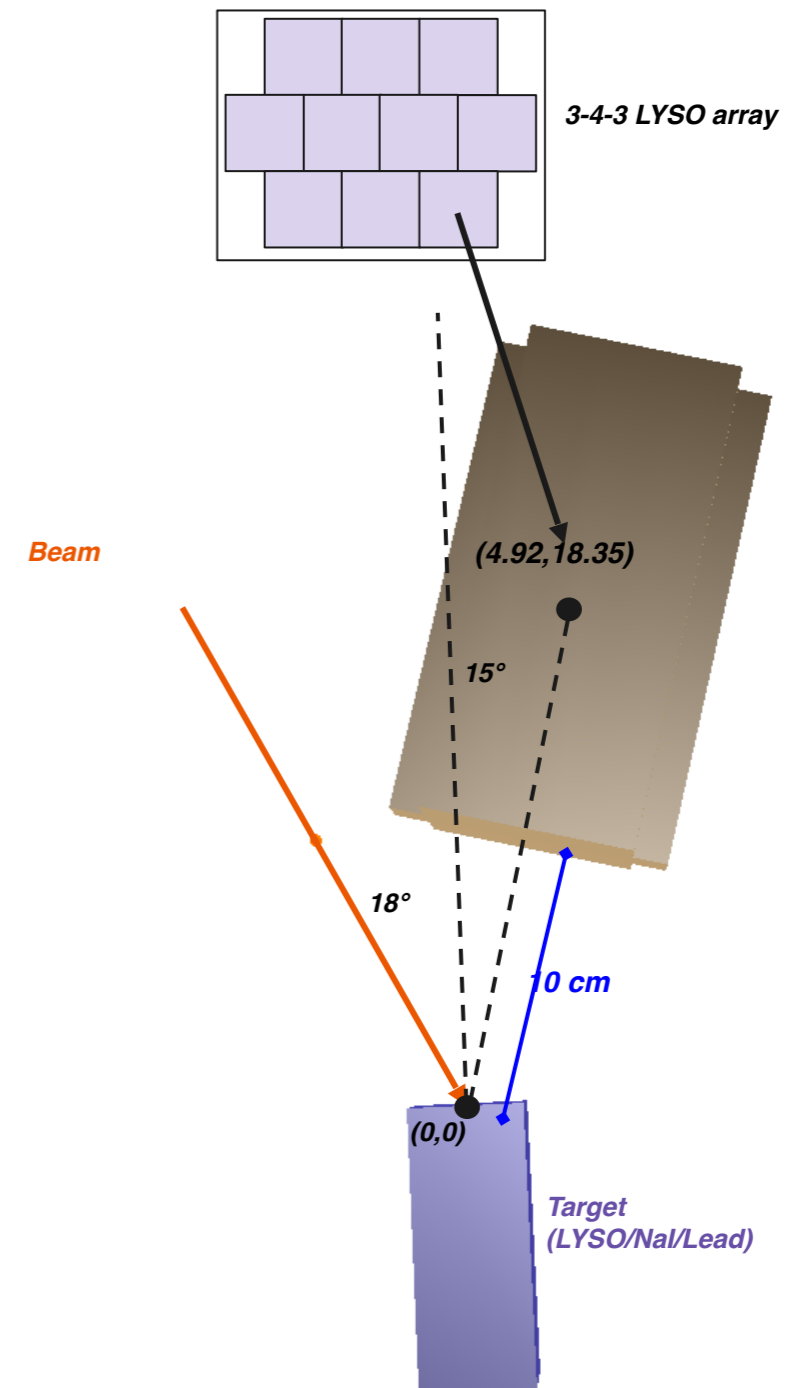
Growing long homogeneous  
crystals is a challenge

# Calorimeter Developments

## LYSO Test Beam studies

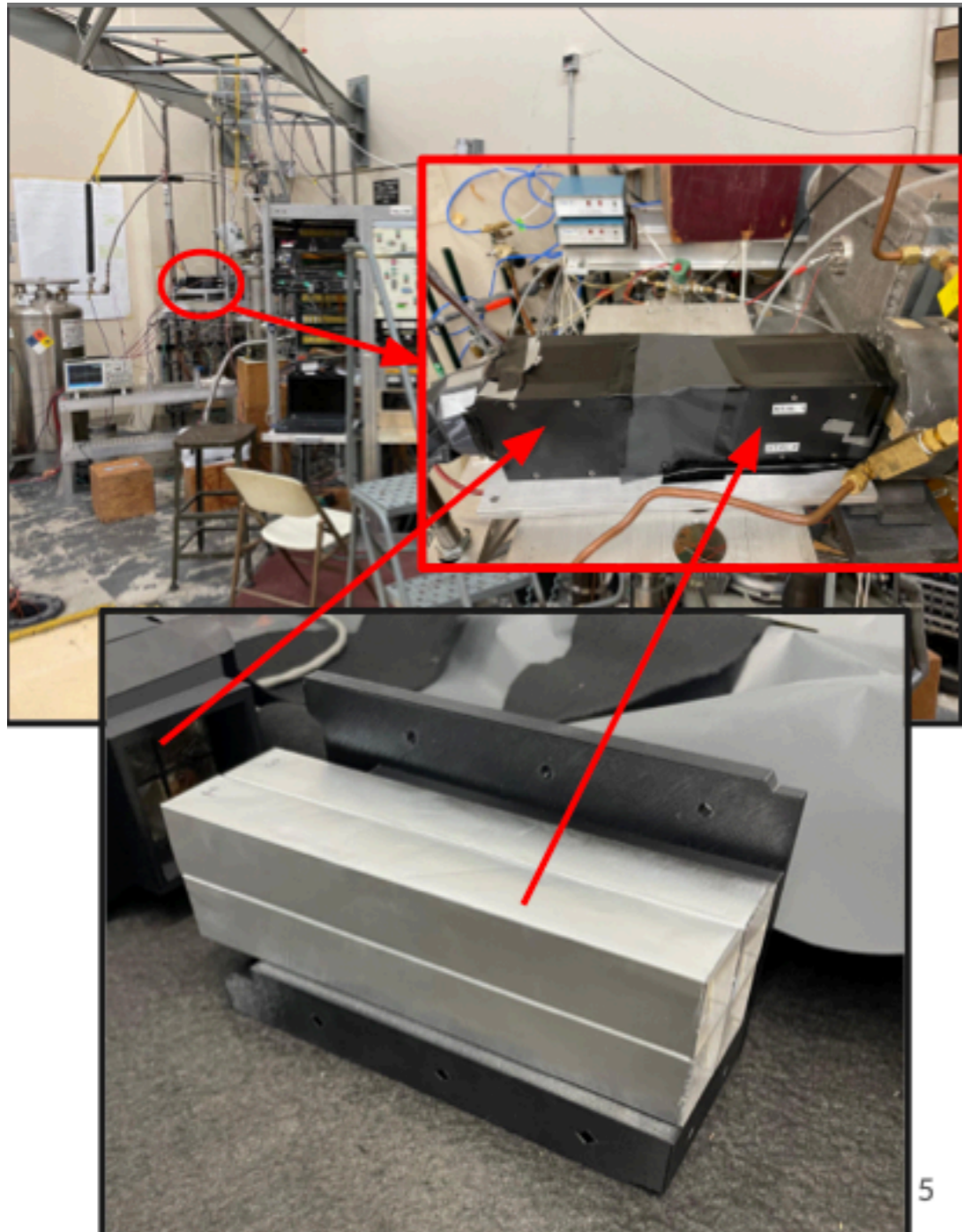


- Goals:
  - LYSO resolution for 70 MeV positrons
  - Albedo modelling validation
- Ongoing prep work at UW with the in-house accelerator
  - Testing with a sharp 17.6 MeV gamma from a Li-7 source
  - Moving setup at PSI for test beam at the end of November

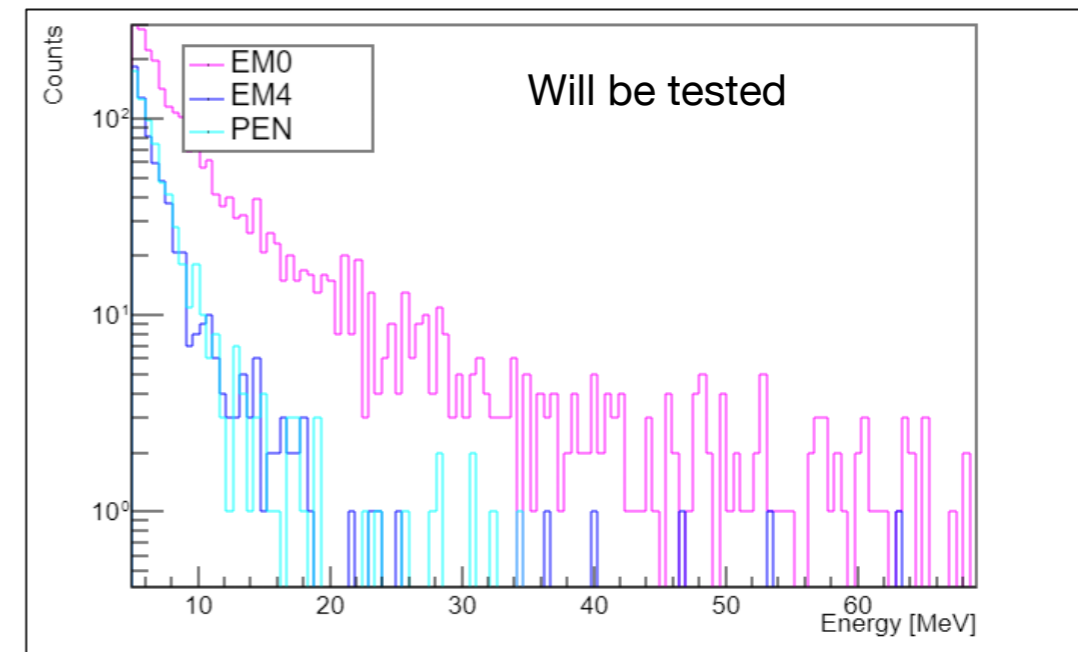


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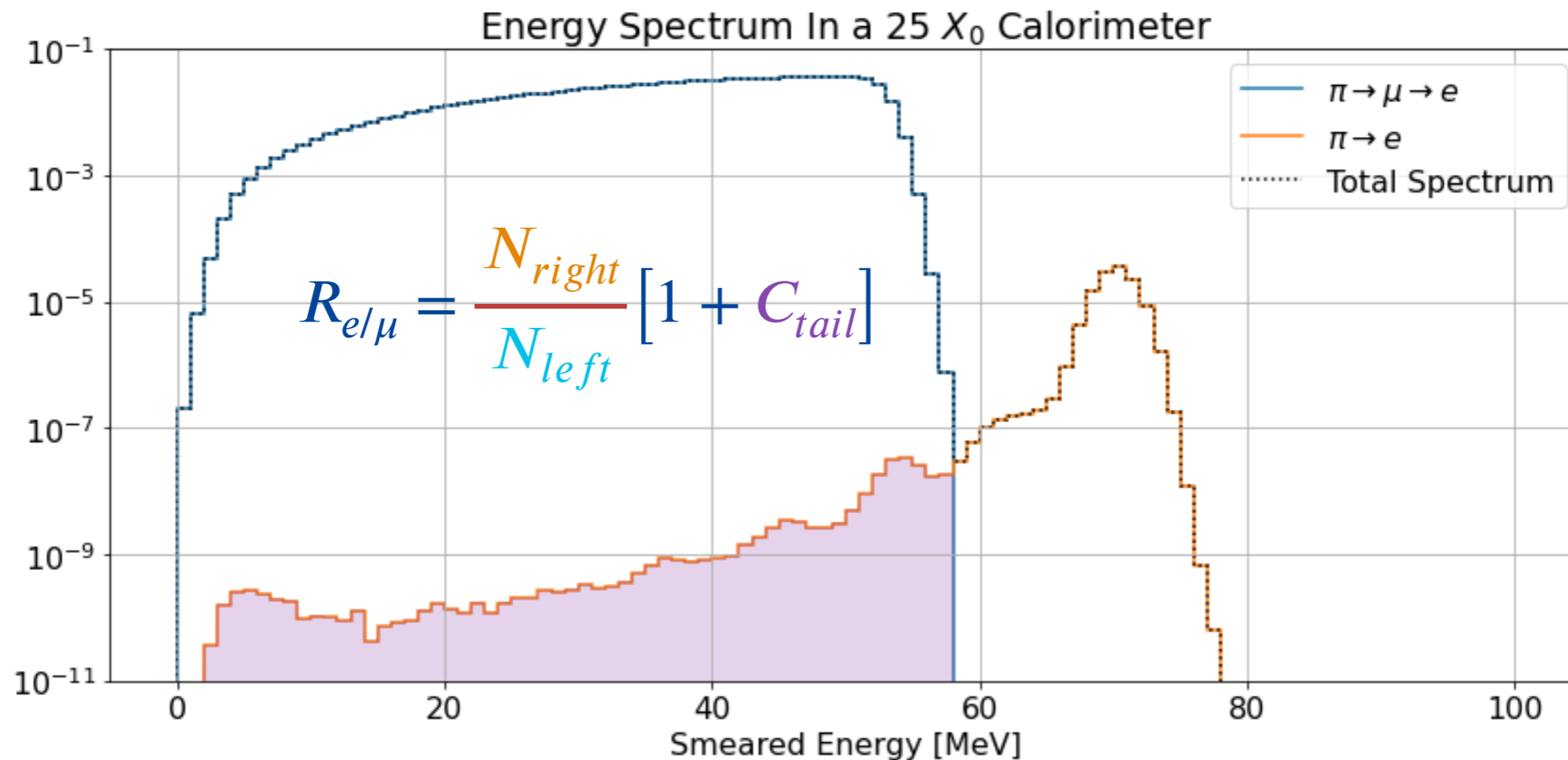
## LYSO Test Beam studies



Large discrepancies of the albedo effect between different simulation models



# Facing experimental reality



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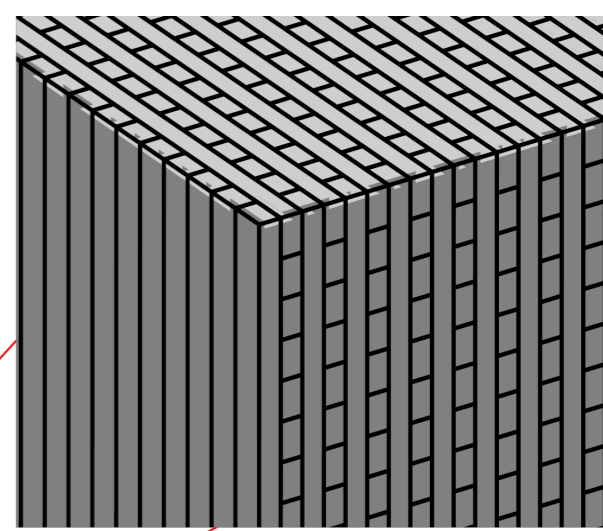
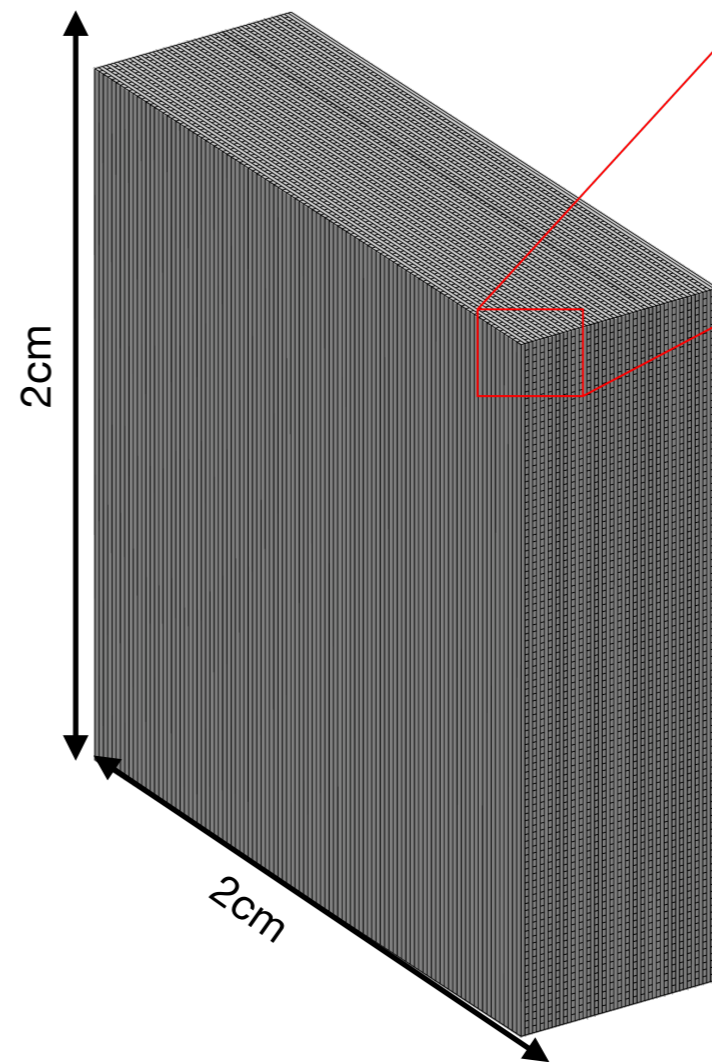
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3. **Tail must be measured with a precision of 1%  $\rightarrow$  Event identification in the active target**

# Facing experimental reality

Active target (“4D”) based on low-gain avalanche diode (LGAD) technology

## Tentative design

- 48 layers X/Y strips: 120  $\mu\text{m}$  thick
- 100 strips with 200  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch covering 2x2  $\text{cm}^2$  area
- Sensors are packed in stack of two with facing HV side and rotate 90

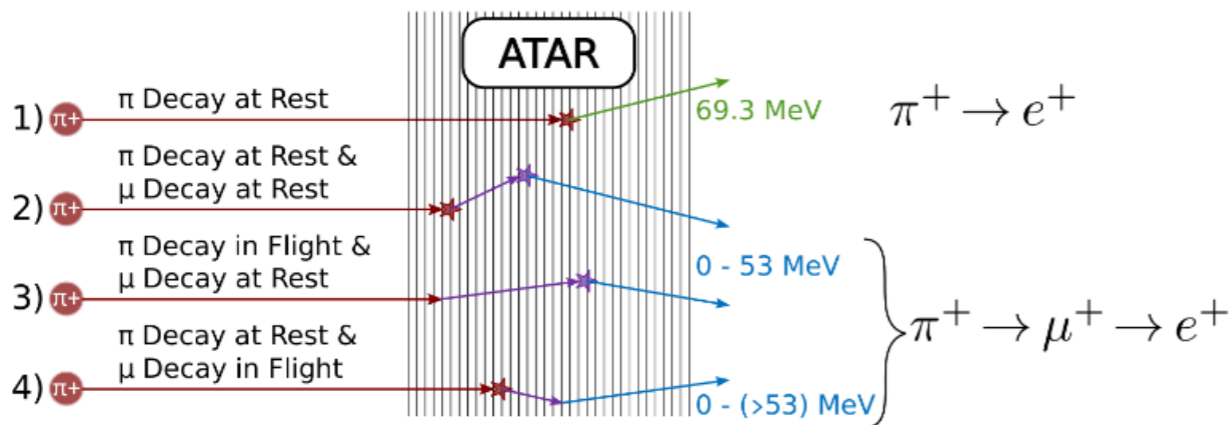


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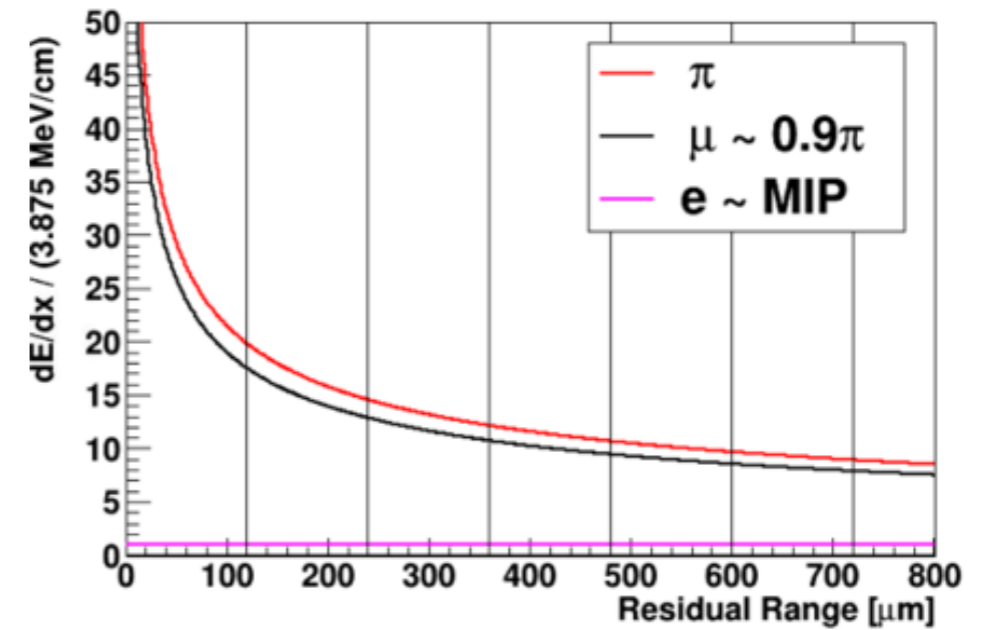
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# Active Target Requirements

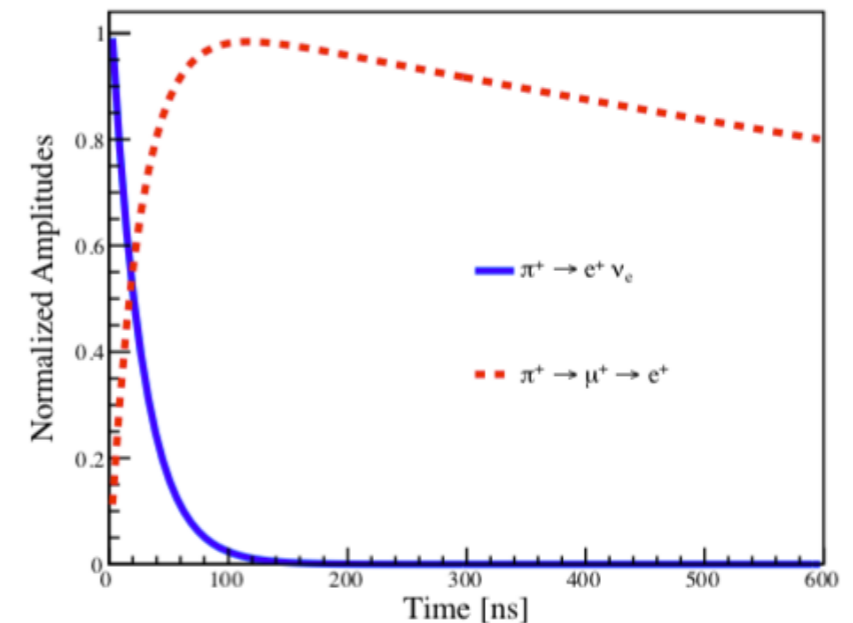
- Thick and highly segmented target to
  - stop the pion
  - tag and measure the decay chain
- Measure energy, time and position



Pattern Recognition



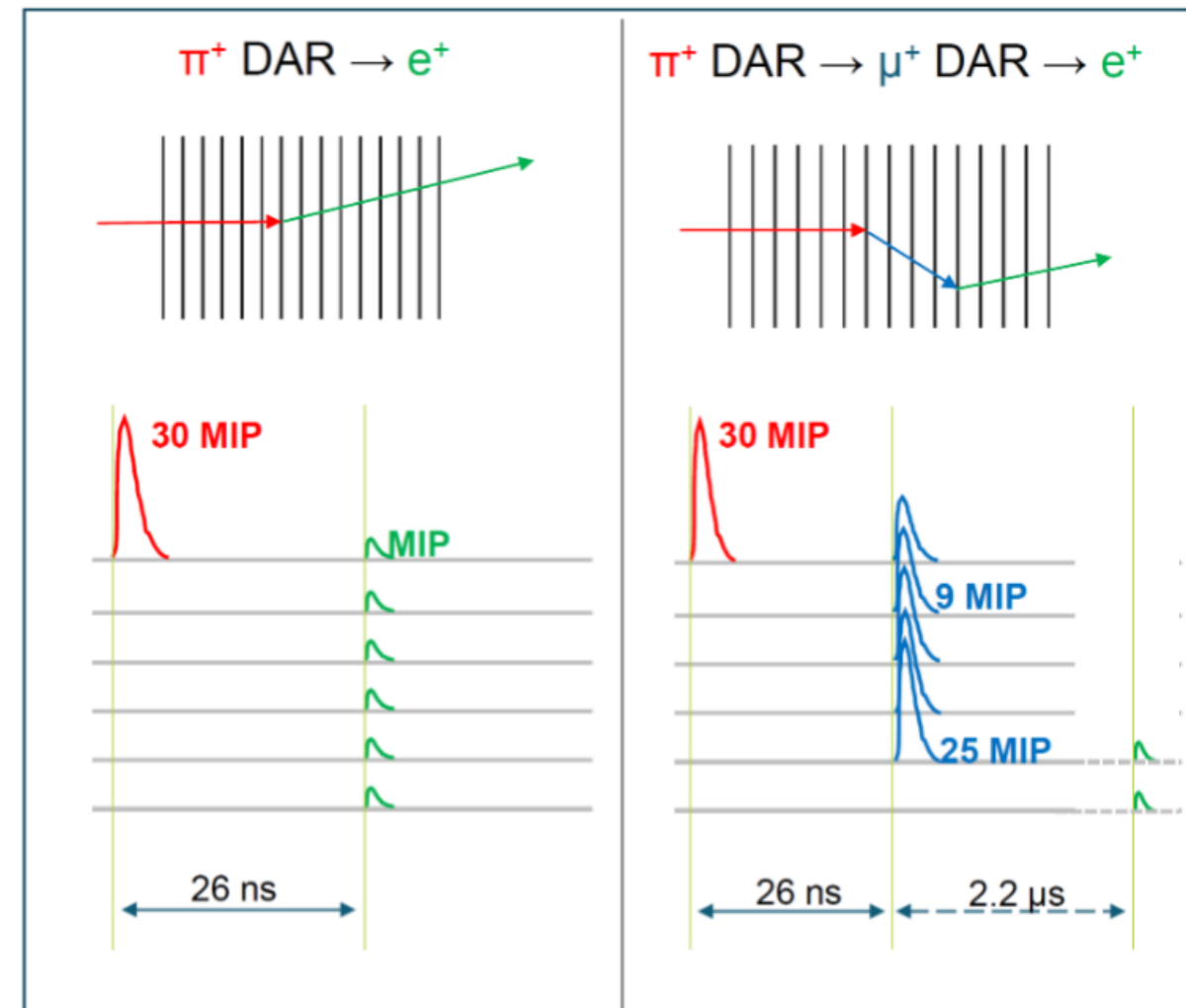
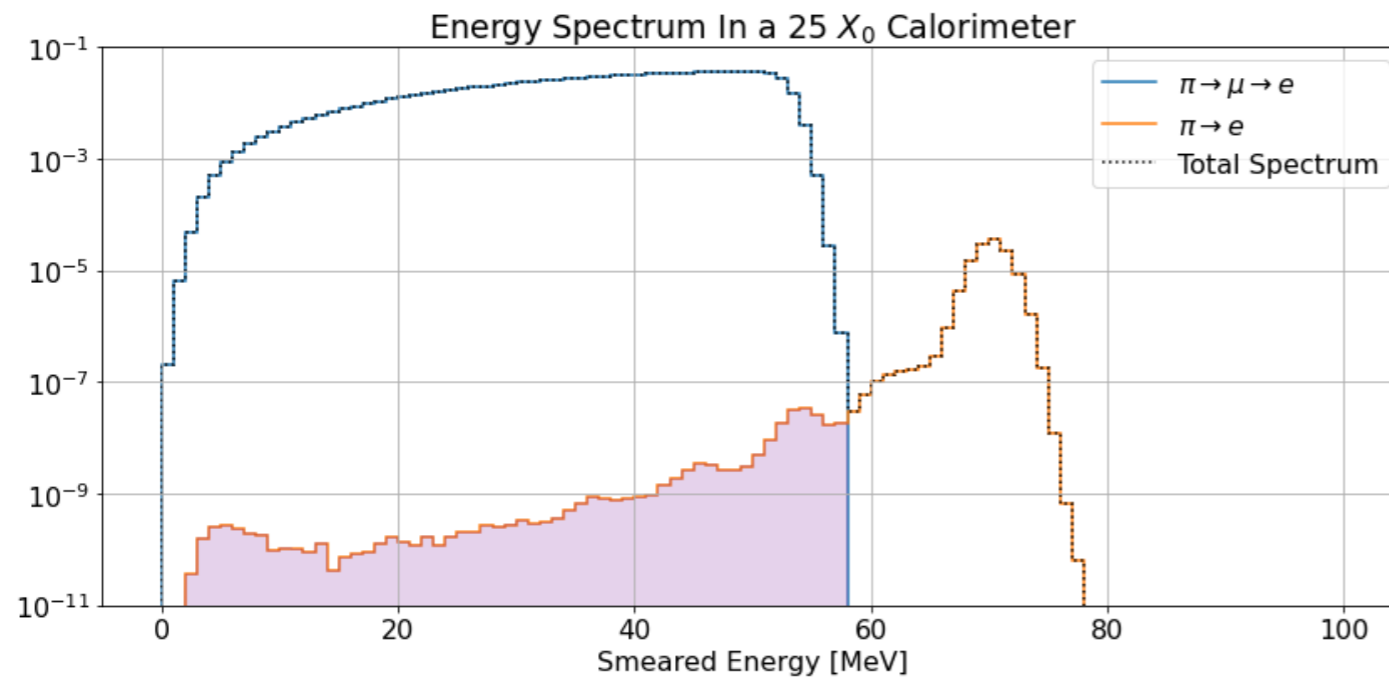
Energy loss of particles through silicon  
Device needs to accommodate large range of energy scales



Decay chain time is very different between  $\pi \rightarrow e\nu$  and  $\pi - \mu - e$  events  
Device needs to separate signal within 1 ns apart

# Active Target

## Pion Decay tagging



### Glossary:

**DAR:** Decay At Rest — particle stops in material before decaying

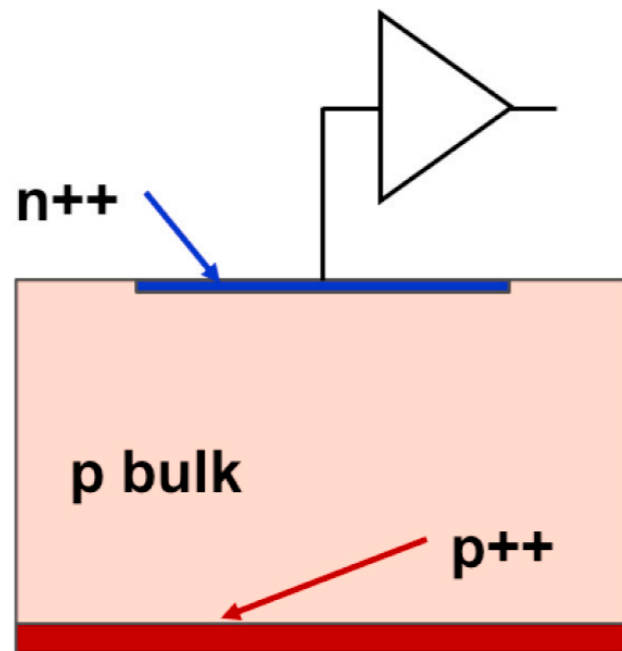
**DIF:** Decay In Flight — particle decays before depositing all its kinetic energy

**MIP:** Minimum Ionizing Particle — particle at the threshold of being detectable through ionisation (i.e. a positron through silicon)

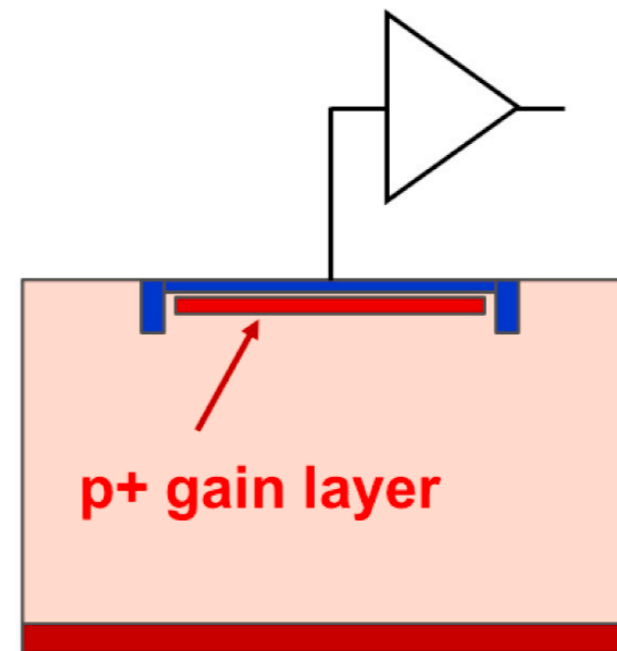


# Active Target

## Low Gain Avalanche Diodes



**Traditional silicon diode**



**Low Gain Avalanche Diode**

In silicon sensors, when applying a very large electric field (300 kV/cm), electrons (and holes) acquire kinetic energy and can generate additional e/h pairs by impact ionisation → 'avalanche' effect

Obtained by implanting an appropriate acceptor or donor layer when depleted, generate a very high field

The signal amplification allows for thin sensors and very high timing resolution

The gain mechanism saturates for large energy deposit

# Active Target

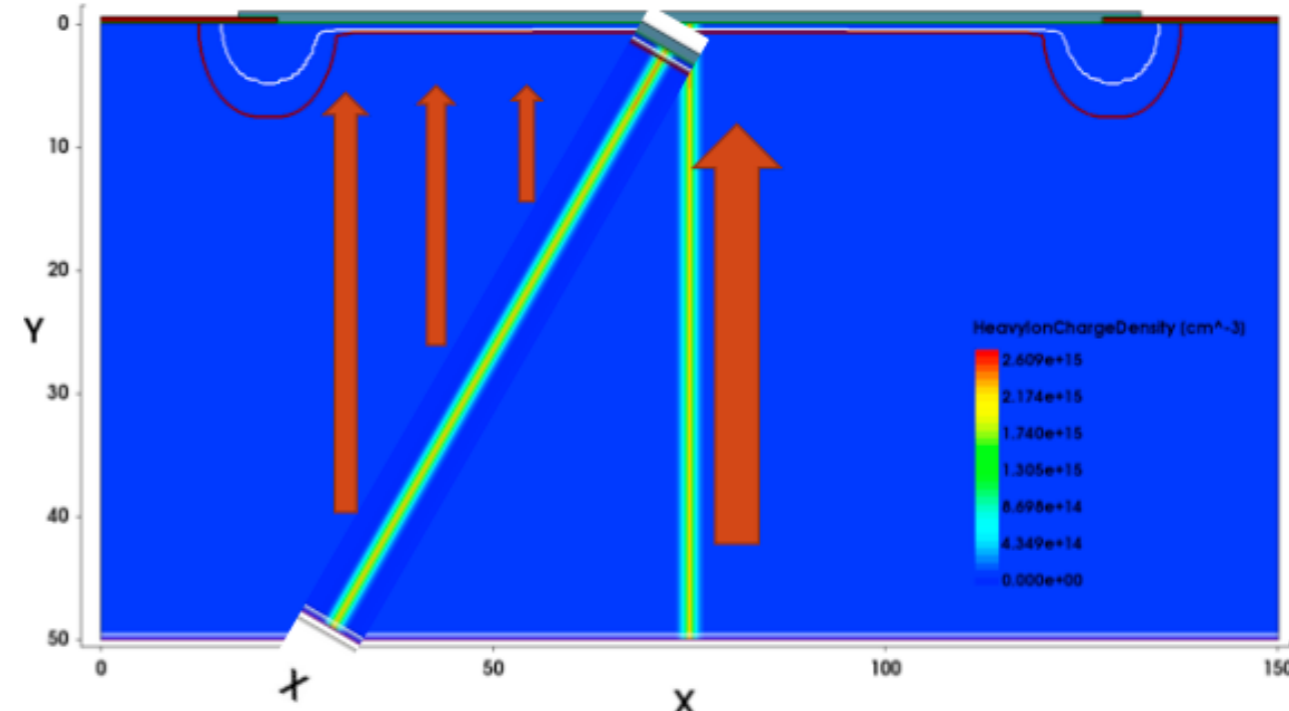
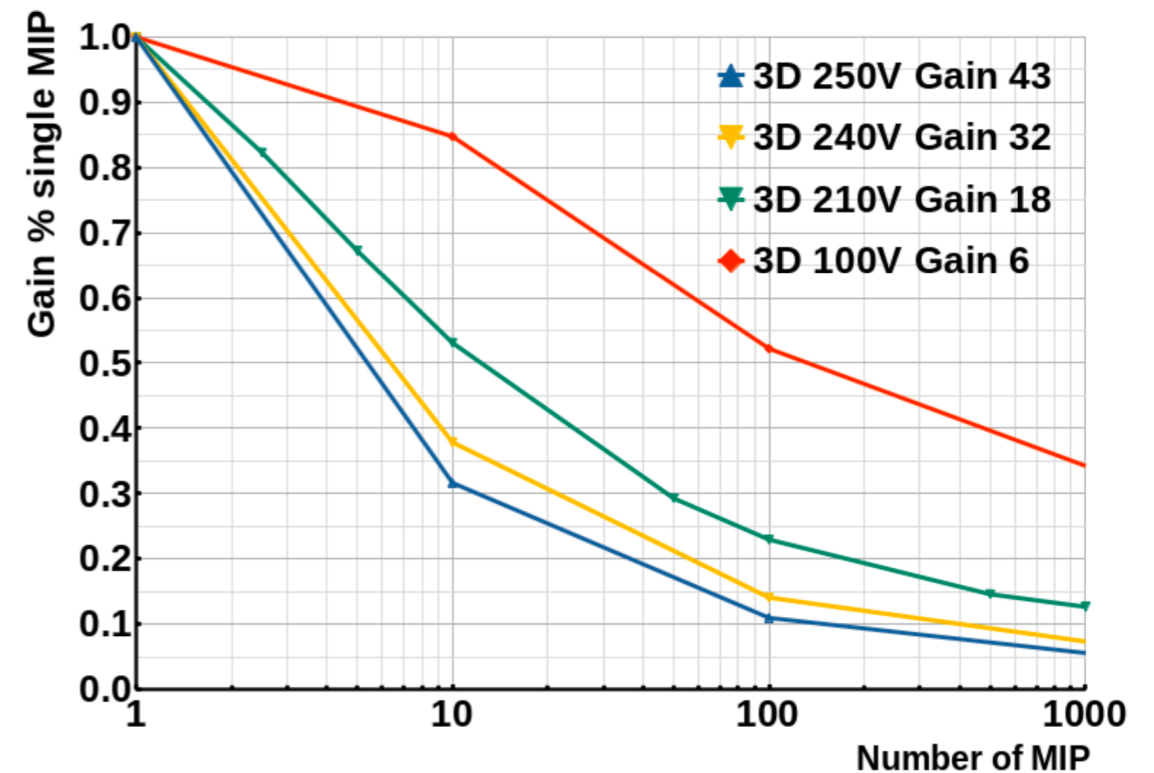
## Low Gain Avalanche Diodes

### TCAD Simulations:

- Large gain suppression effect with high input charge density
- Gain suppression reduced if input charges are spread more evenly
- Gain of LGAD produced by impact ionization in high field region of gain layer
  - Very sensitive to electric field magnitude

Critical for PIONEER's feasibility to understand the MeV-scale response of LGADs

Performing our own tests

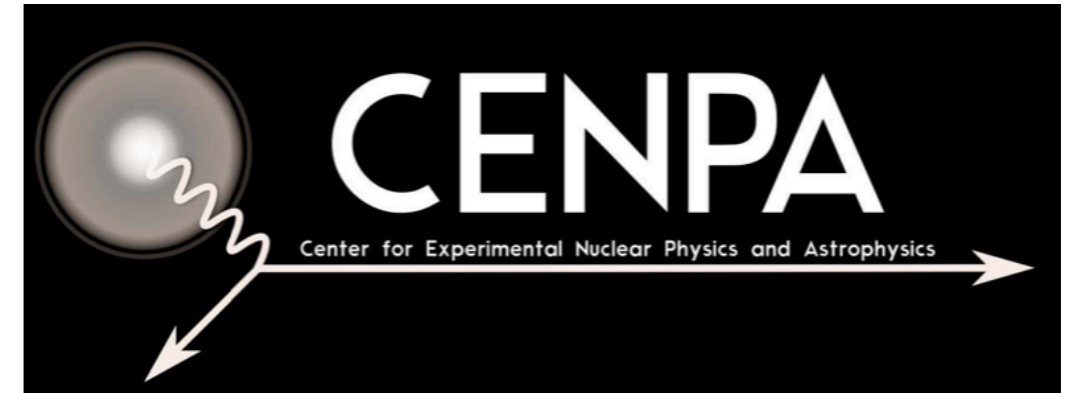


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## Tandem Accelerator at the University of Washington



Tandem Van de Graaf Accelerator

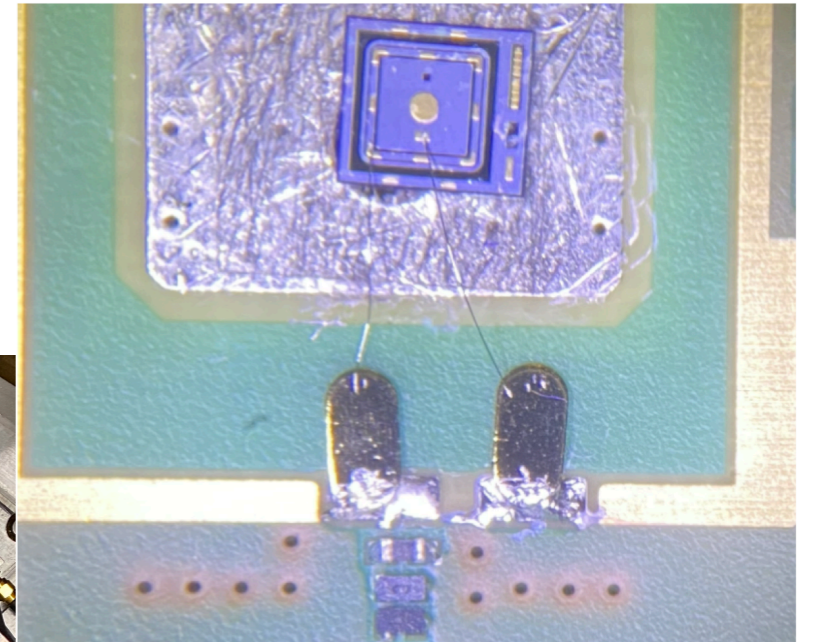


Test beam this summer at CENPA to understand LGAD response of **MeV-scale** deposit

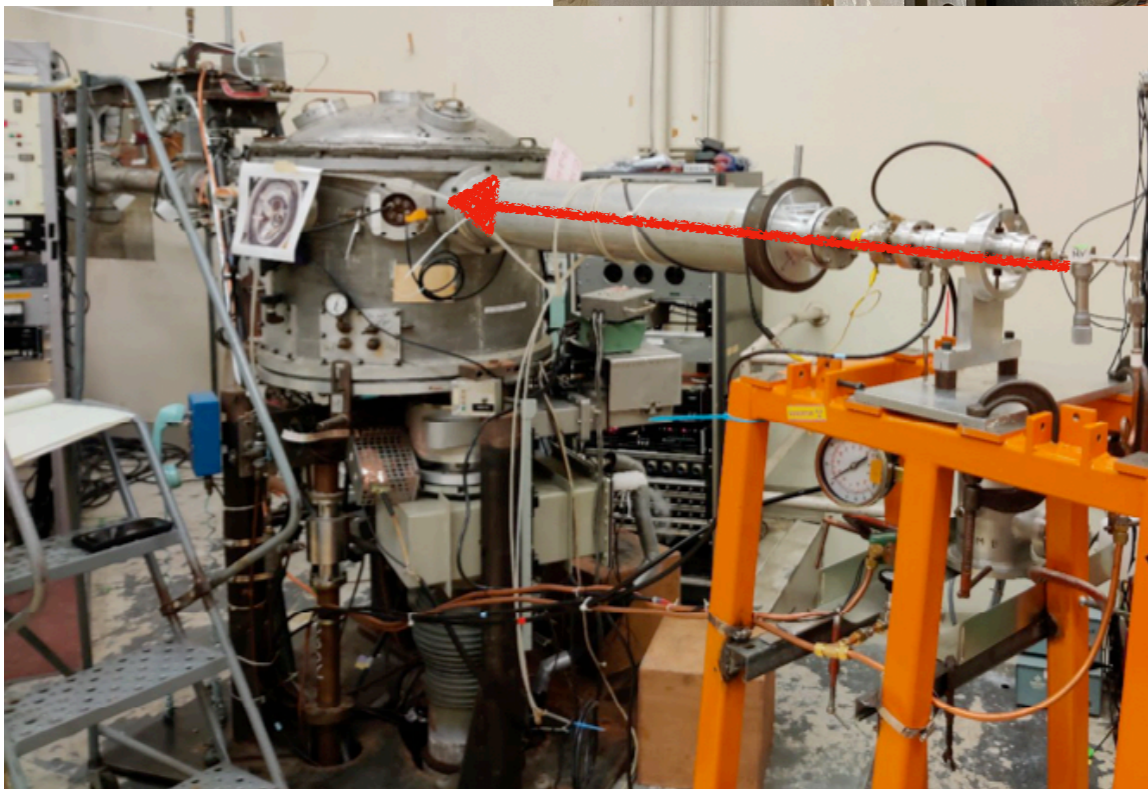
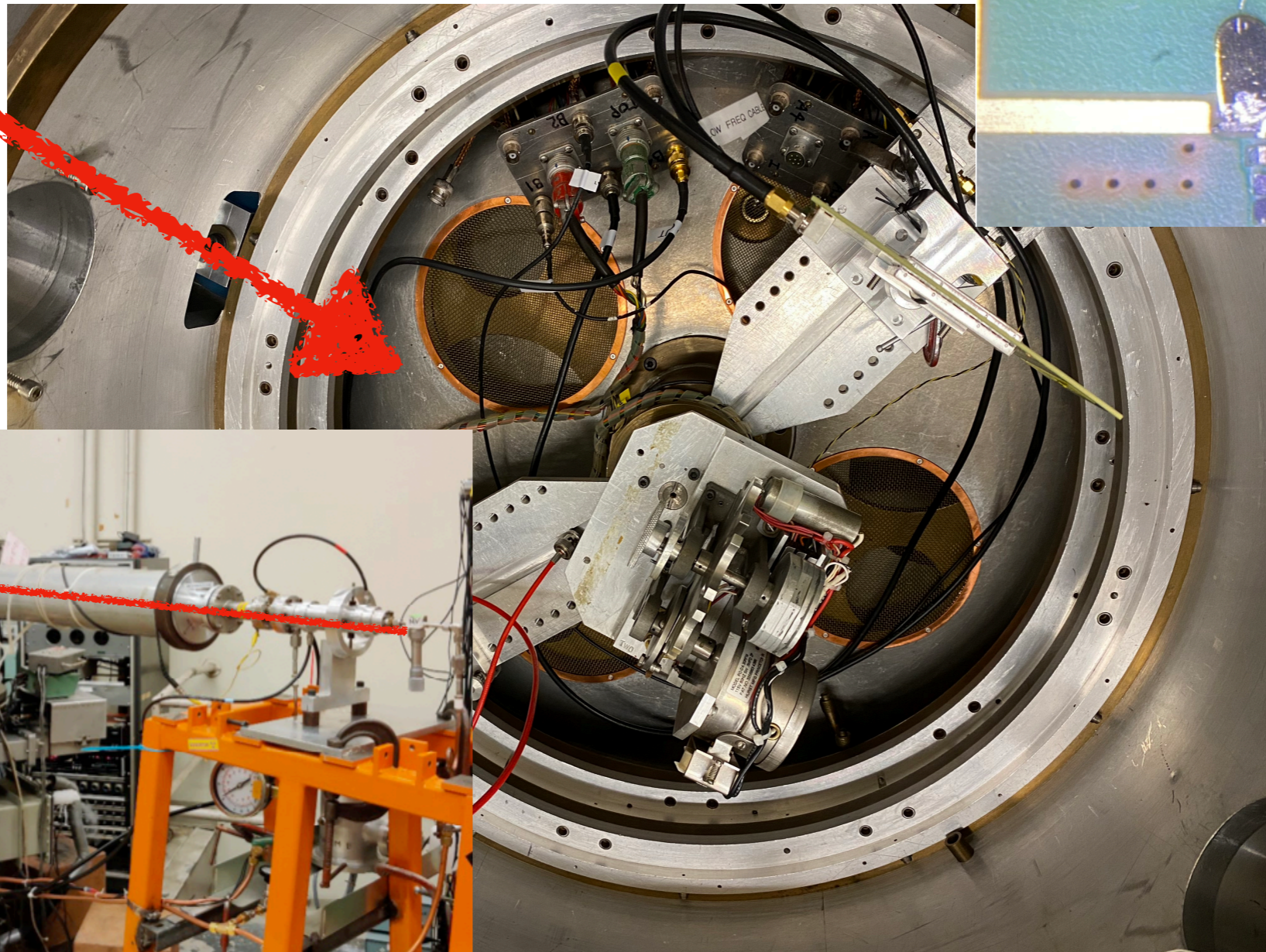
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## Test beam setup

1mmx1mm sensor with 50 $\mu$ m thickness

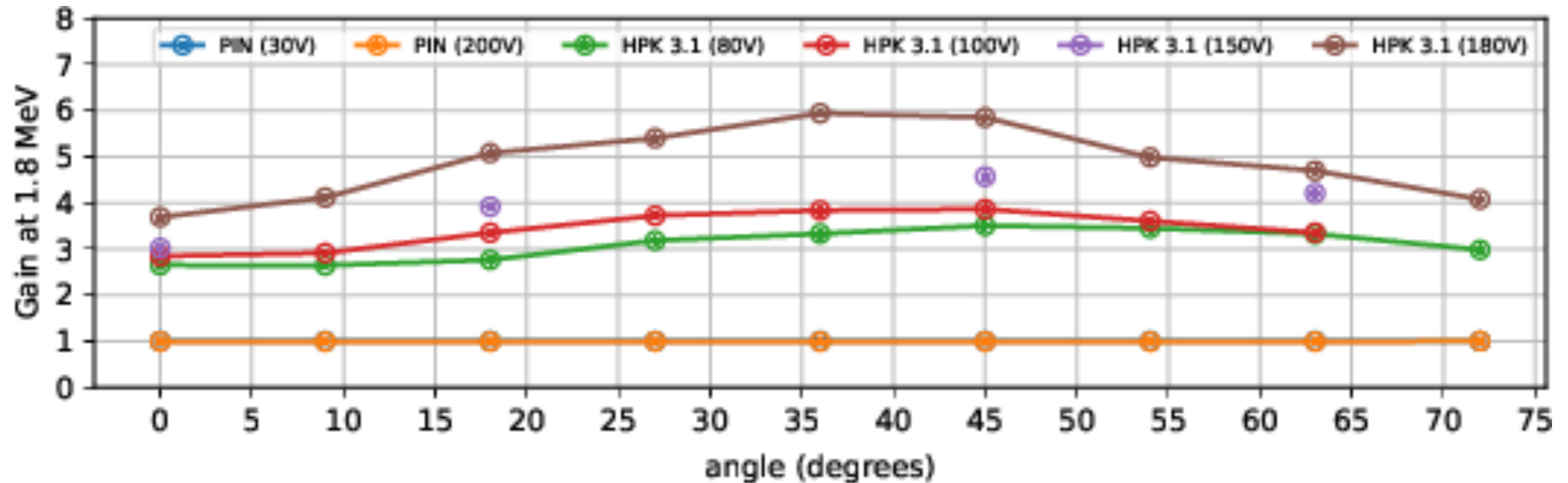


Proton beam



# Active Target

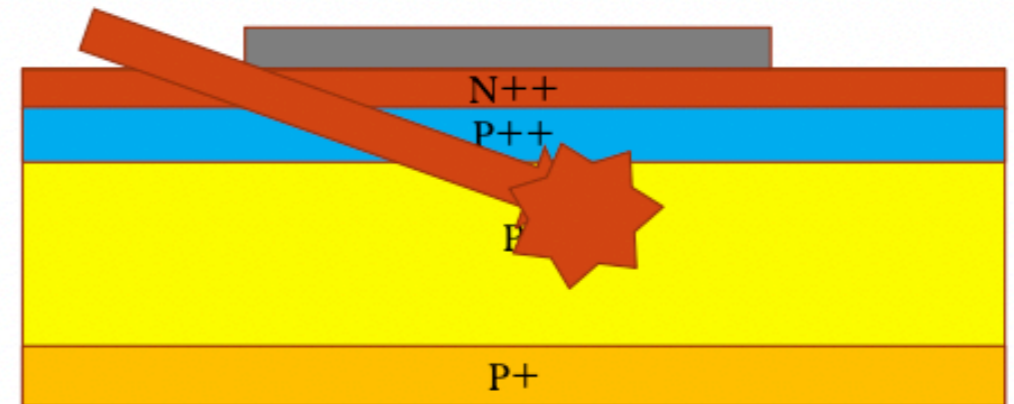
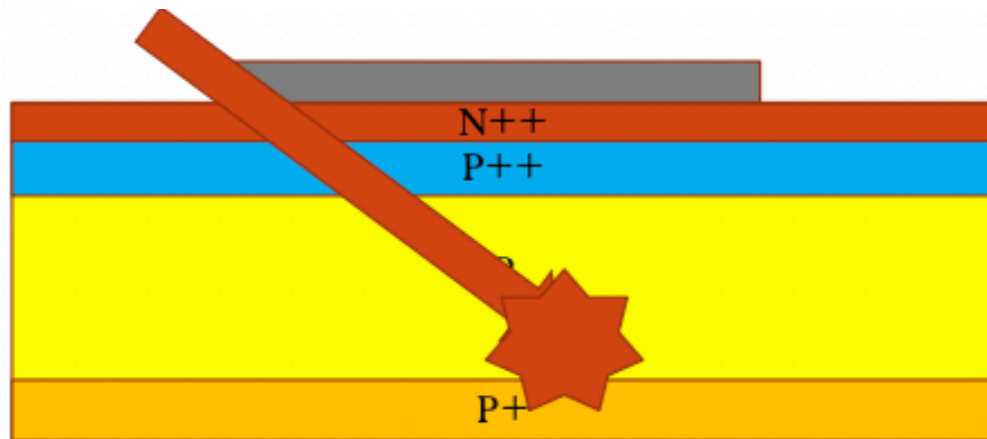
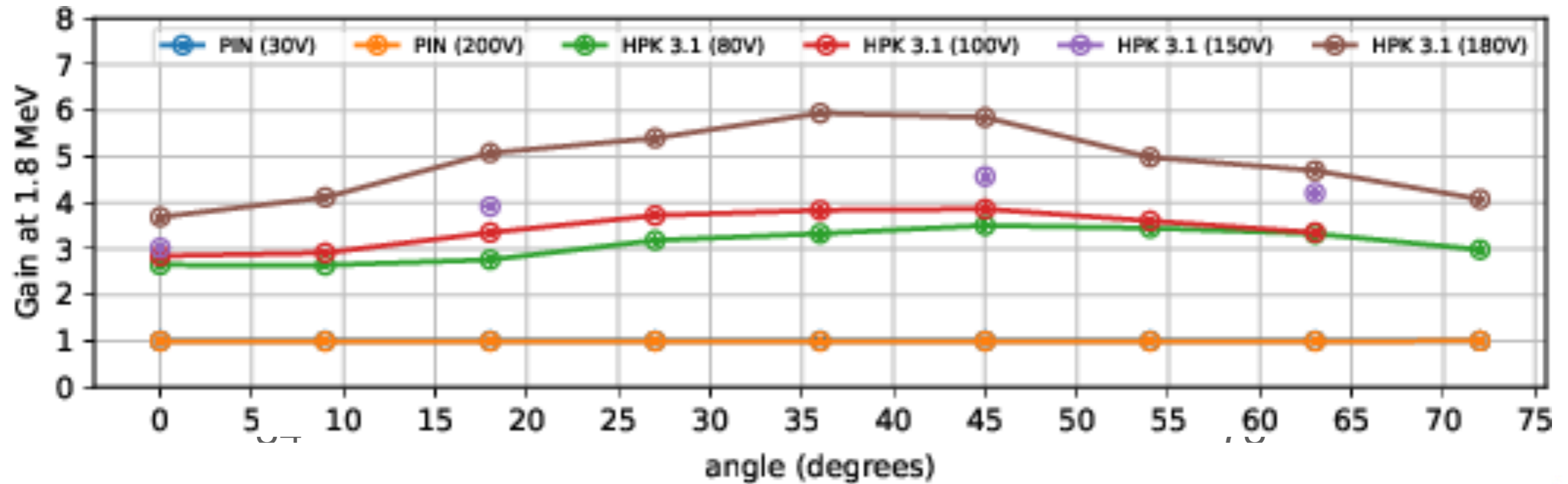
## LGAD gain saturation studies



- Studied sensor response at various energy from 1.8 to 5 MeV
- Expected gain increase with increasing bias voltage
- Observed large gain reduction compared to the response from a beta source
- Impact of charge localisation: angular dependency of the response

# Active Target

## LGAD gain saturation studies

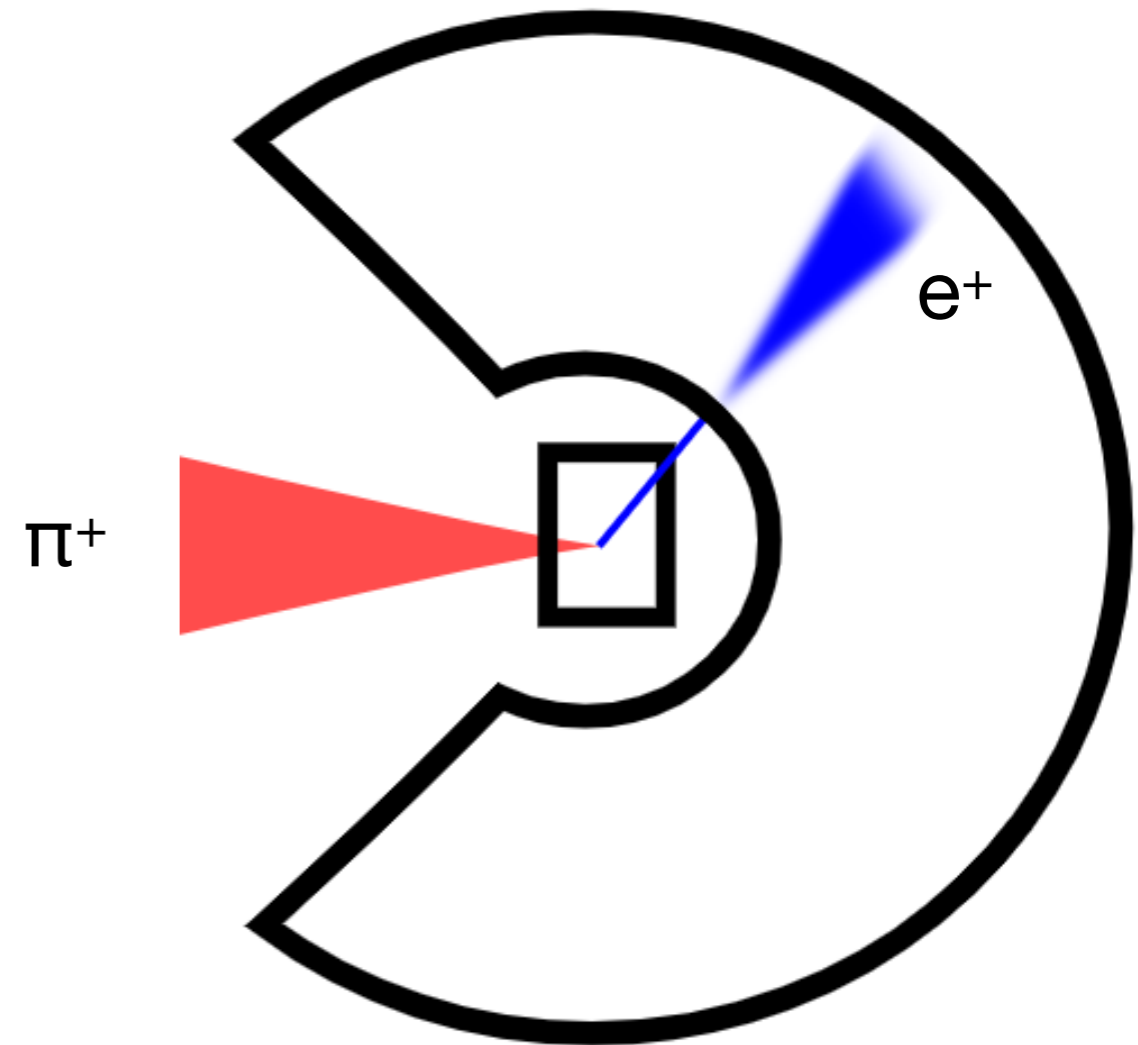


Trying to reproduce observed behaviour in simulations

# Introducing PIONEER

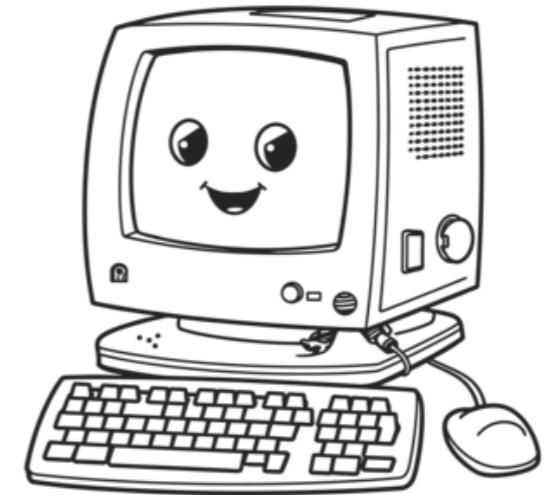
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- **Simulation studies**
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# Simulation efforts

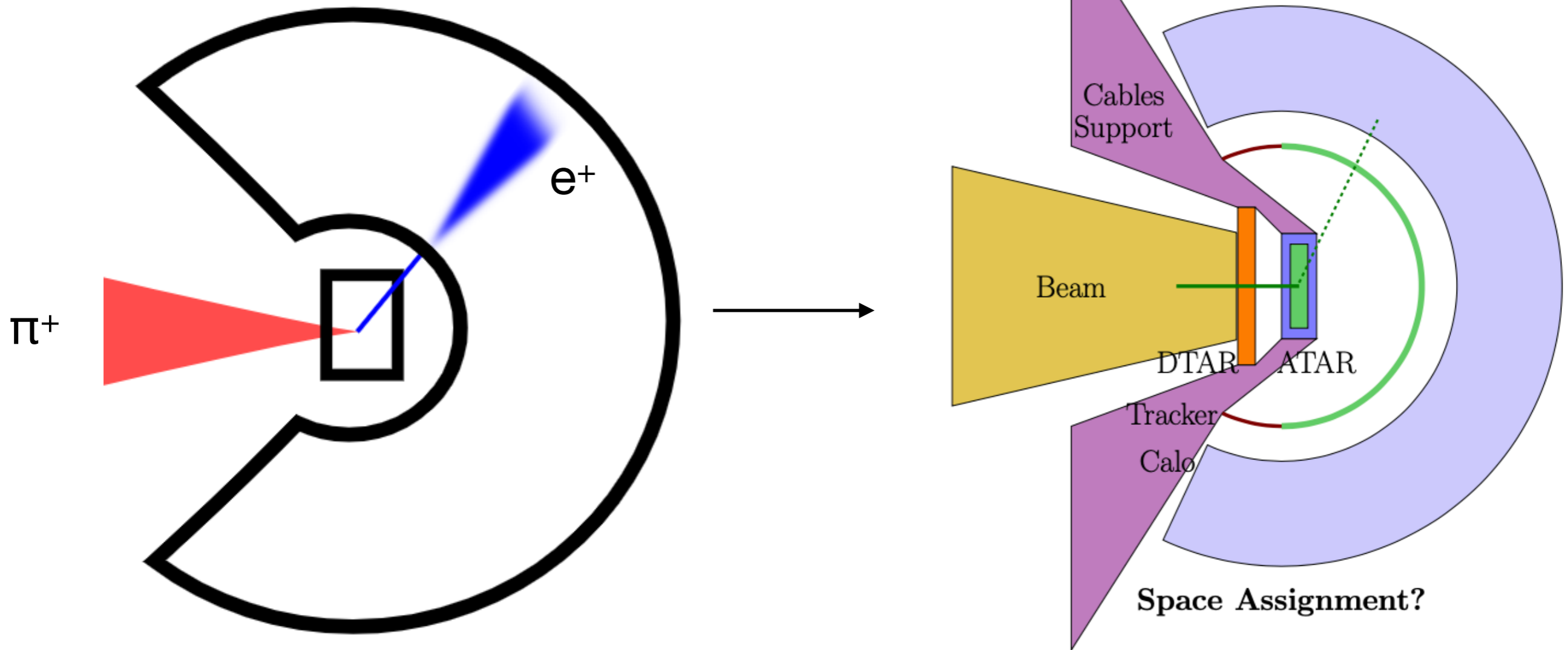
- **Geant4** simulation
  - Spec the detector
  - Study sensitivity
- Precise model of the experiment
  - Dead material, electronic response, etc
  - Critical to reach the  $10^{-4}$  level of precision!





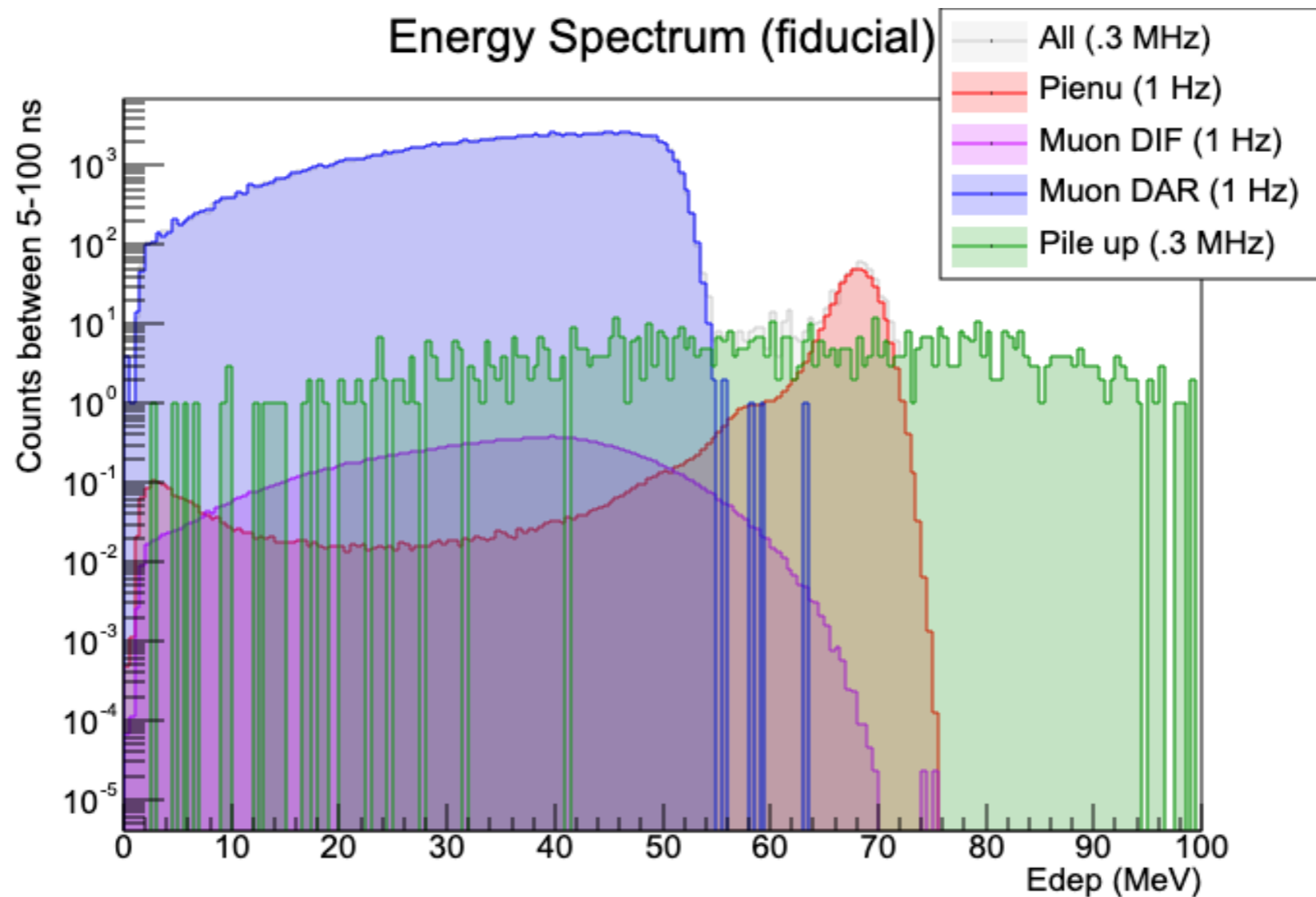
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## Realistic detector geometry



# Simulation studies

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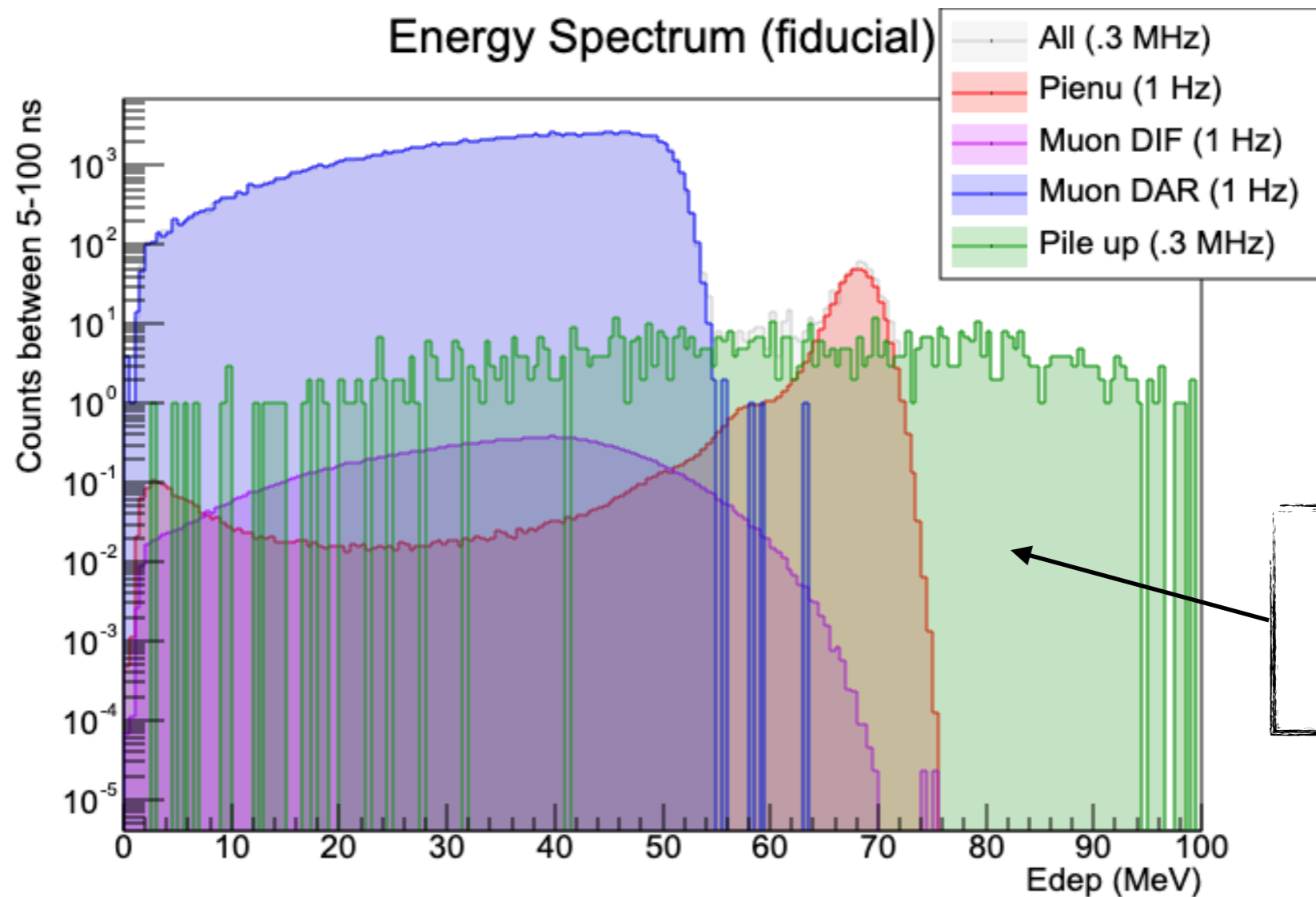


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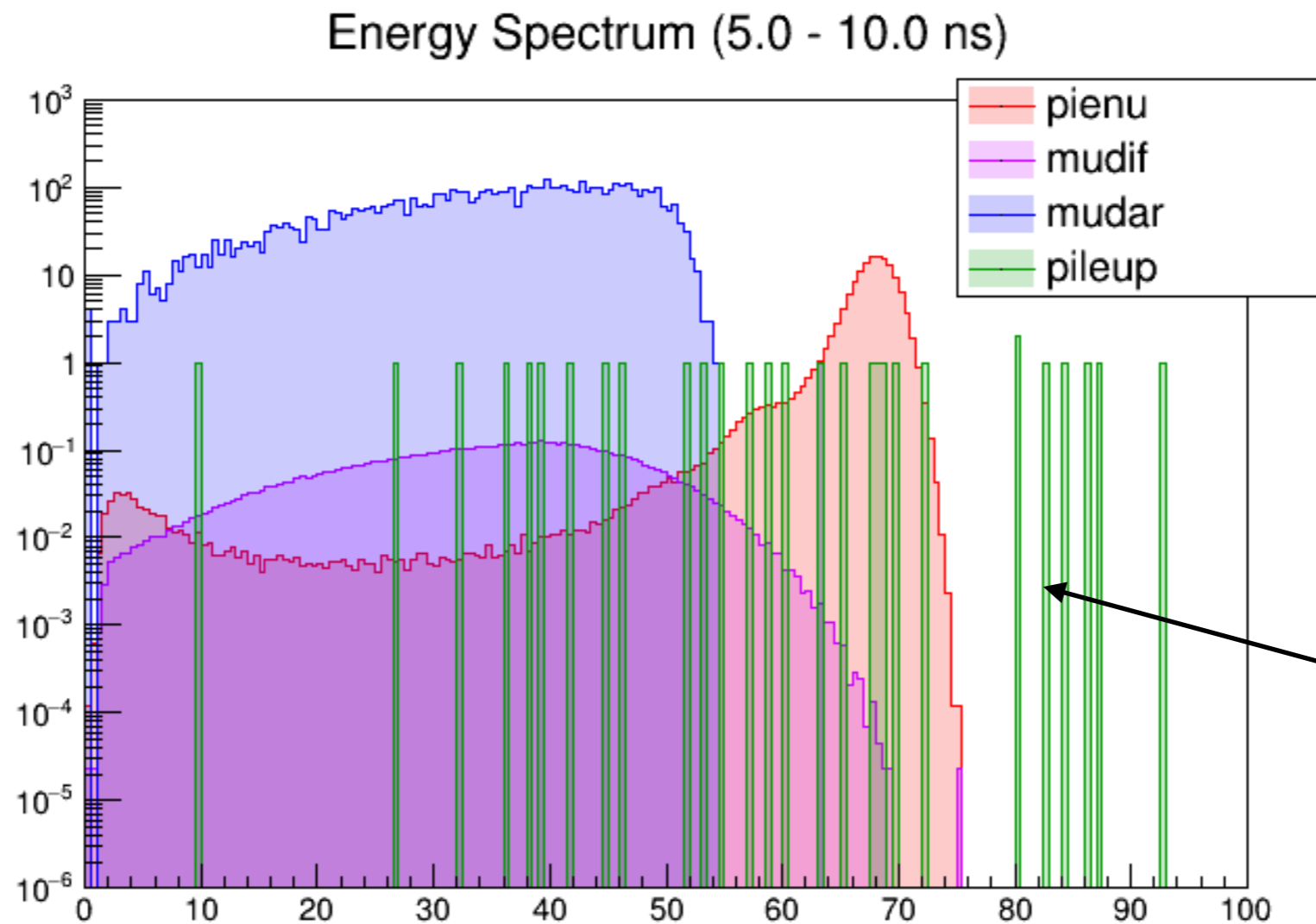


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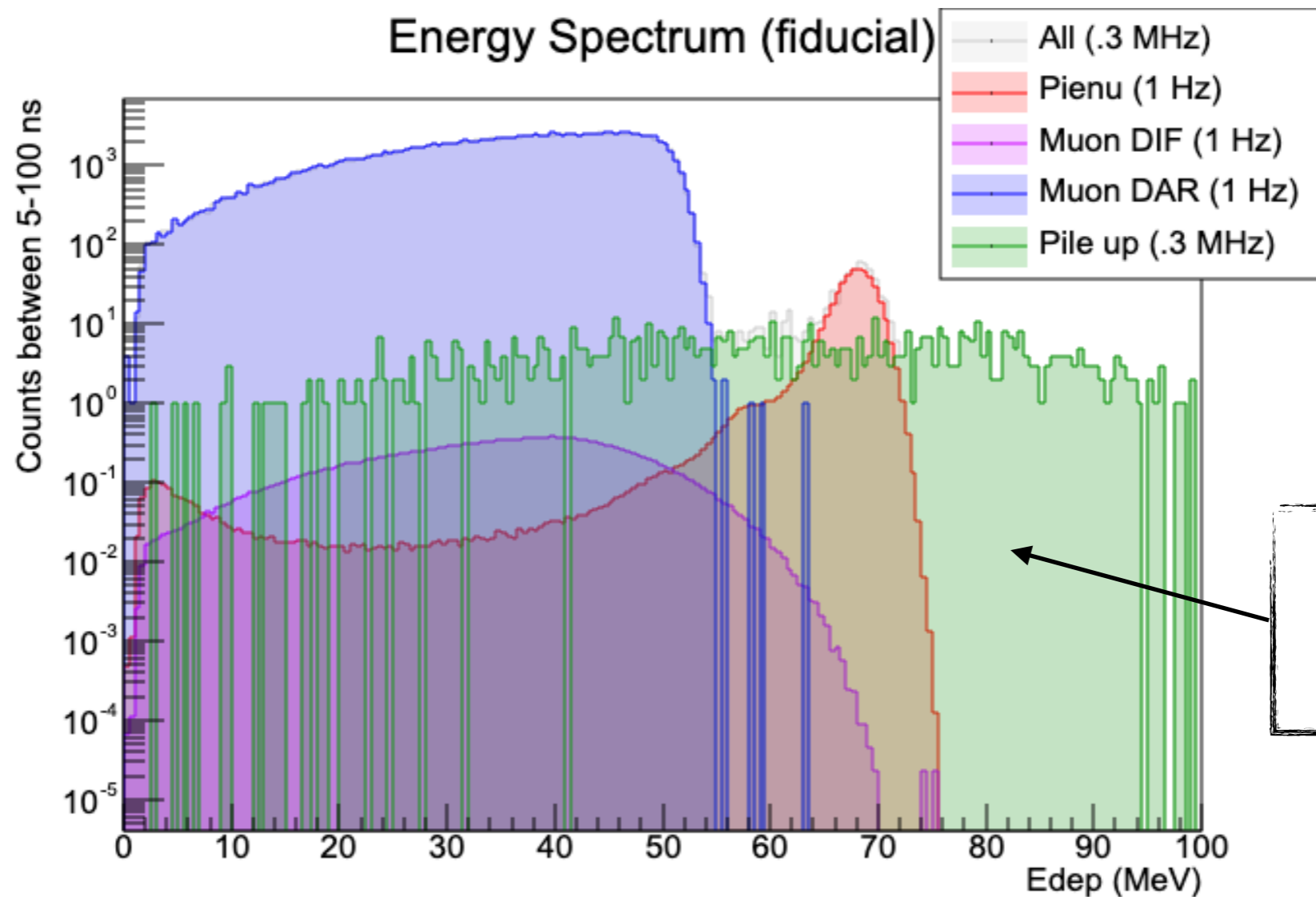


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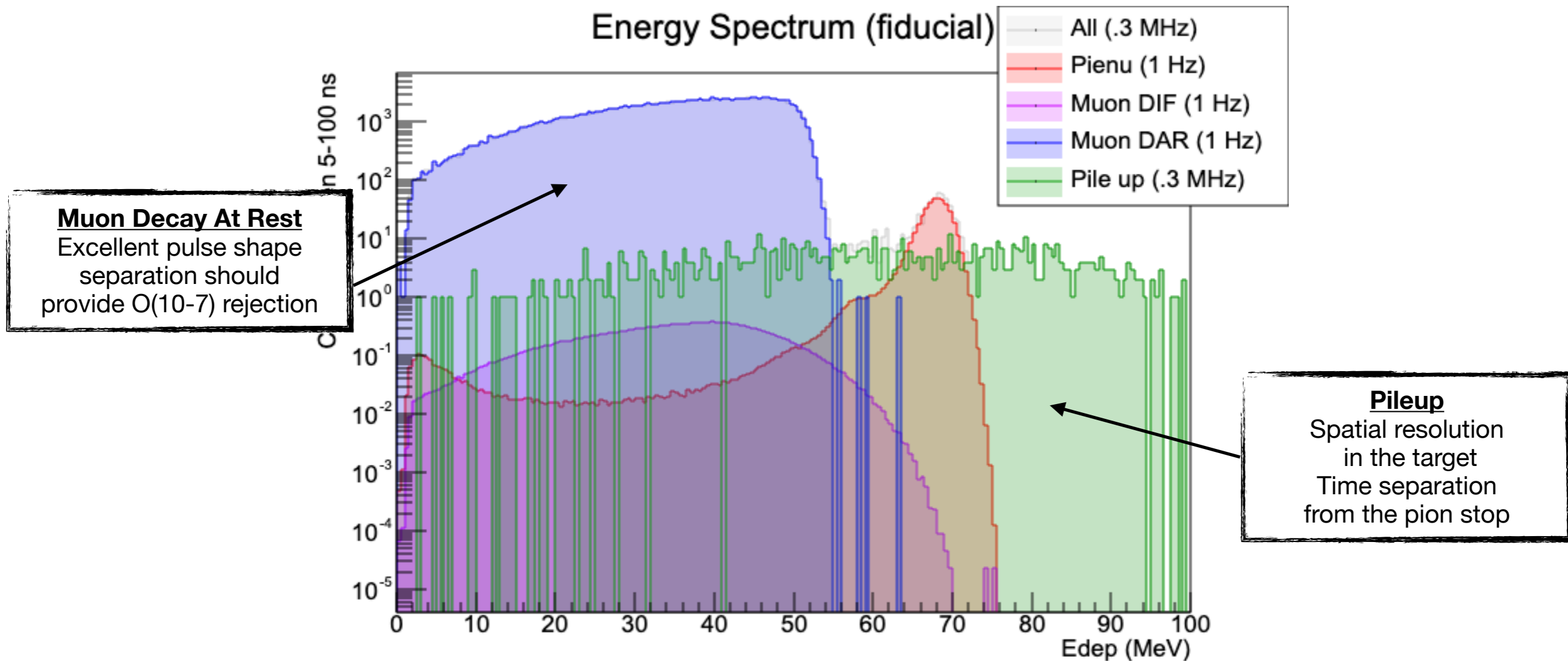
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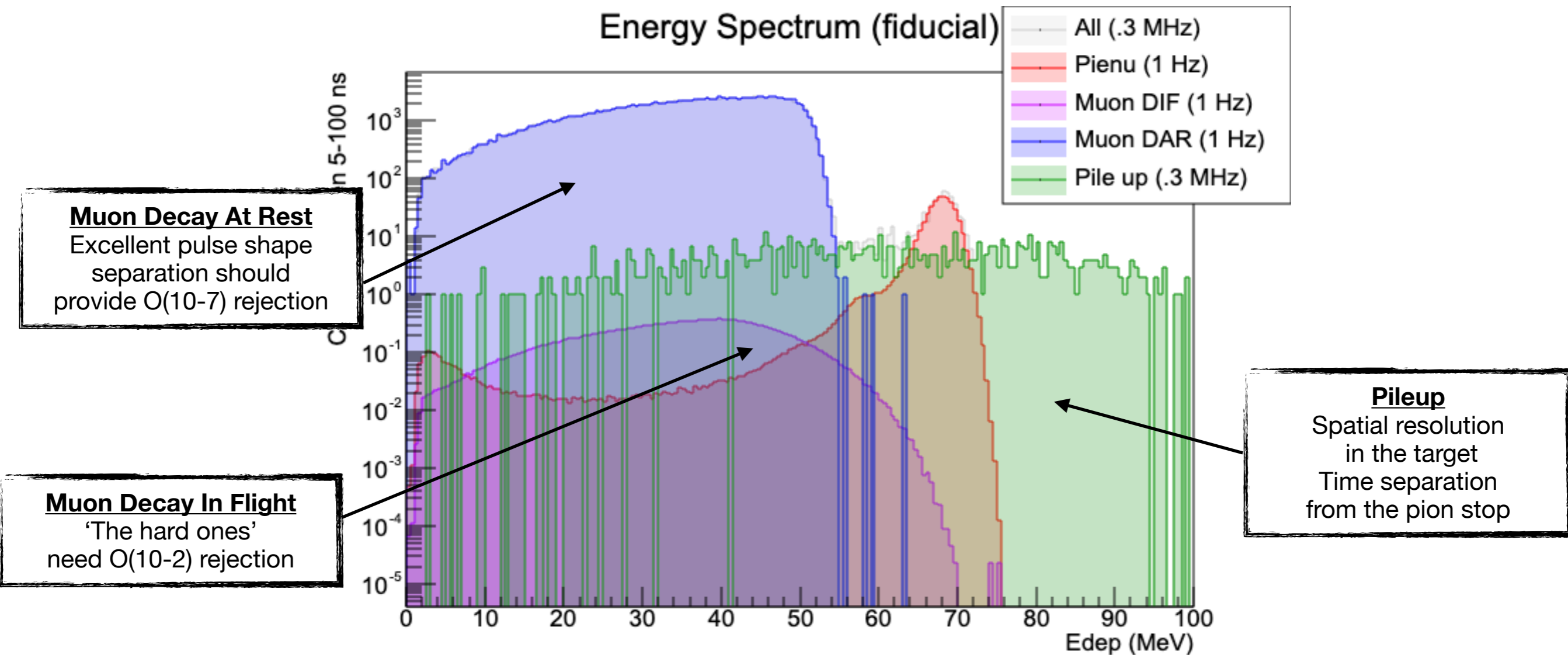
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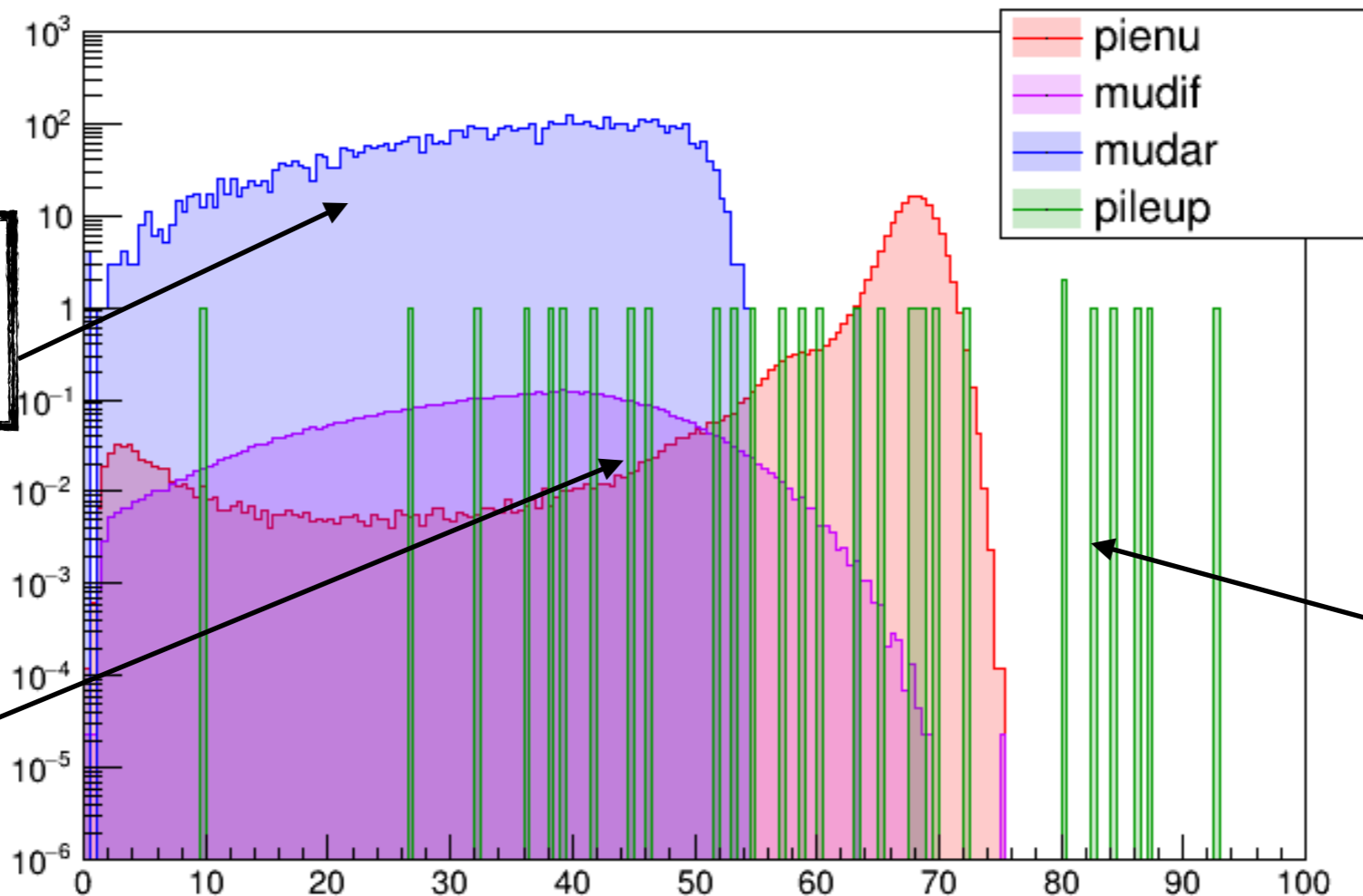


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# Simulation studies

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Energy Spectrum (5.0 - 10.0 ns)



**Muon Decay At Rest**  
Excellent pulse shape  
separation should  
provide  $O(10^{-7})$  rejection

**Muon Decay In Flight**  
Same timing  
structure as signal  
need  $O(10^{-2})$  rejection

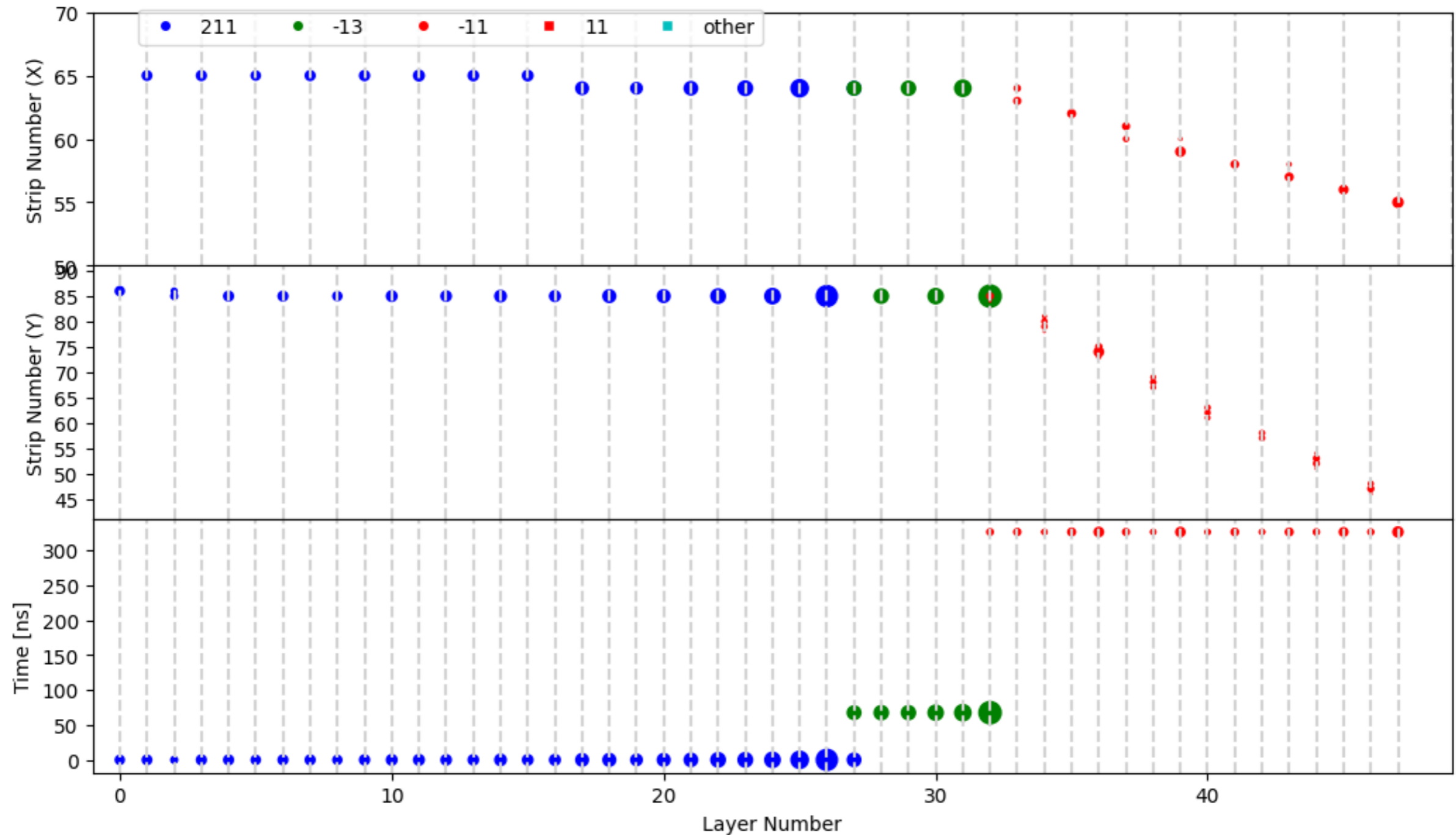
**Pileup**  
Spatial resolution  
in the target  
Time separation  
from the pion stop

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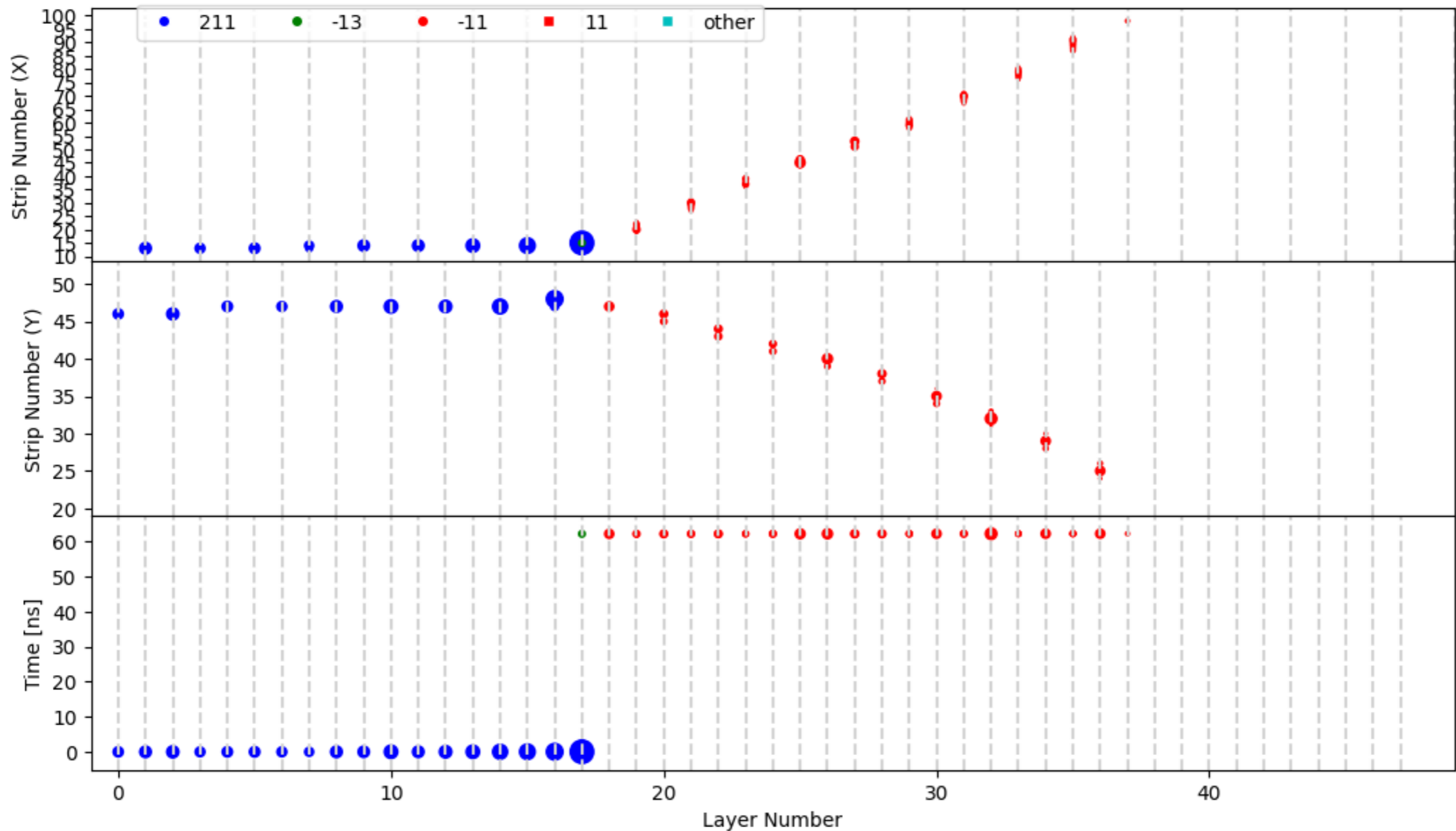
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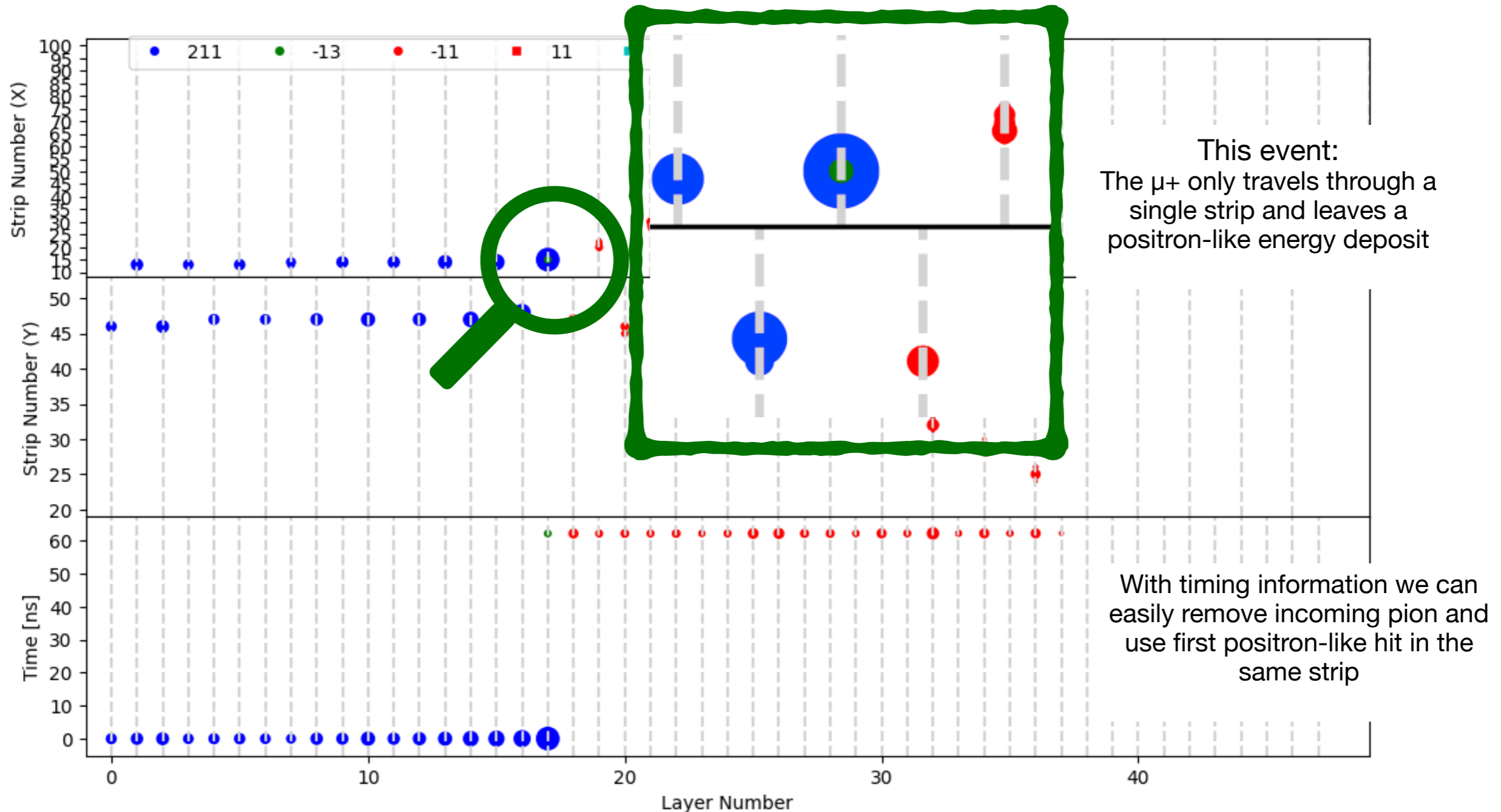
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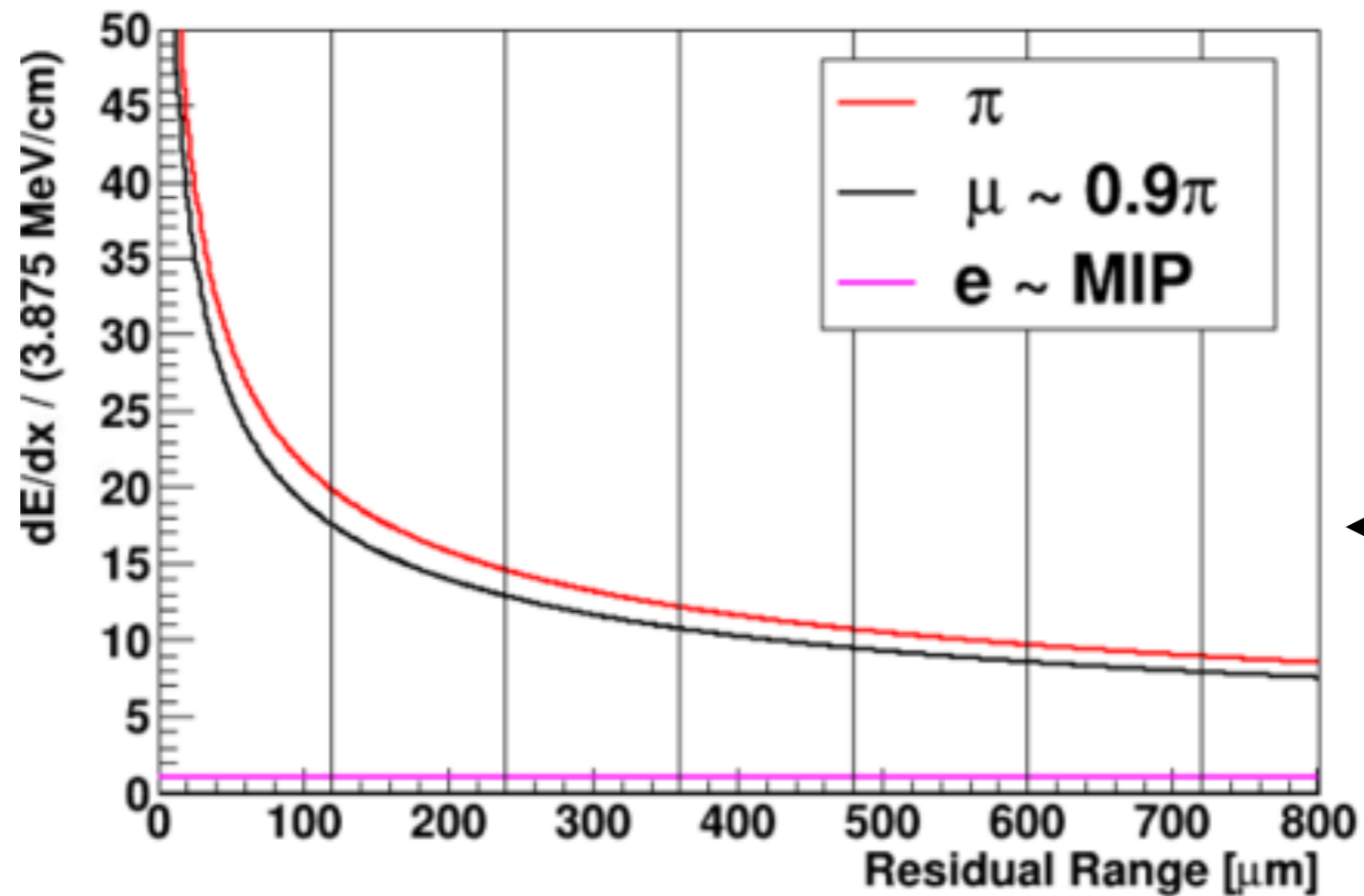
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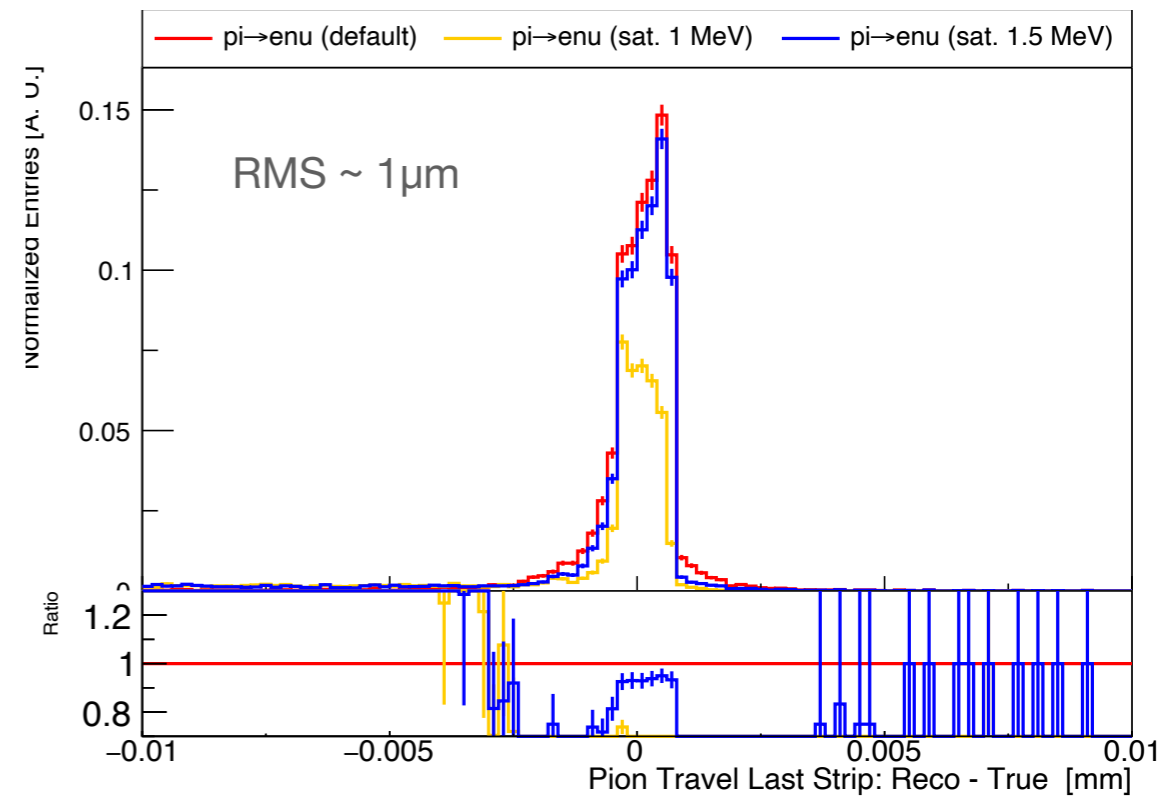
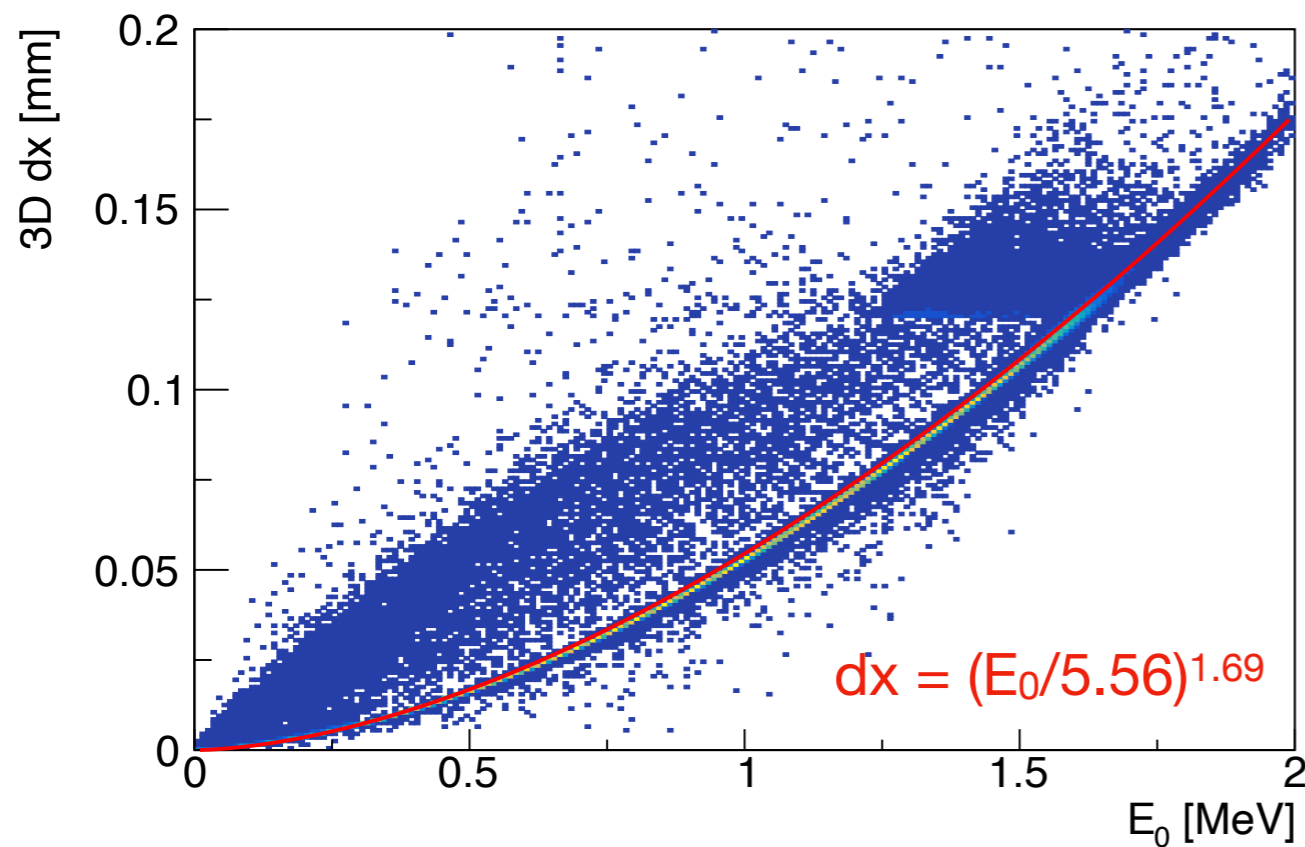


We can learn a lot about a particle travel through material from measuring its energy!

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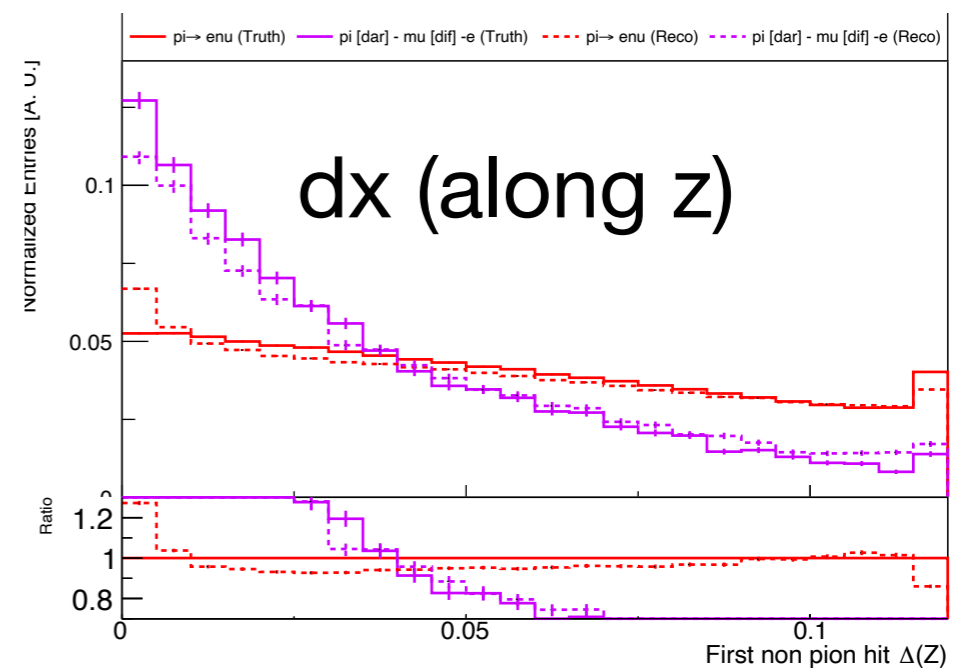
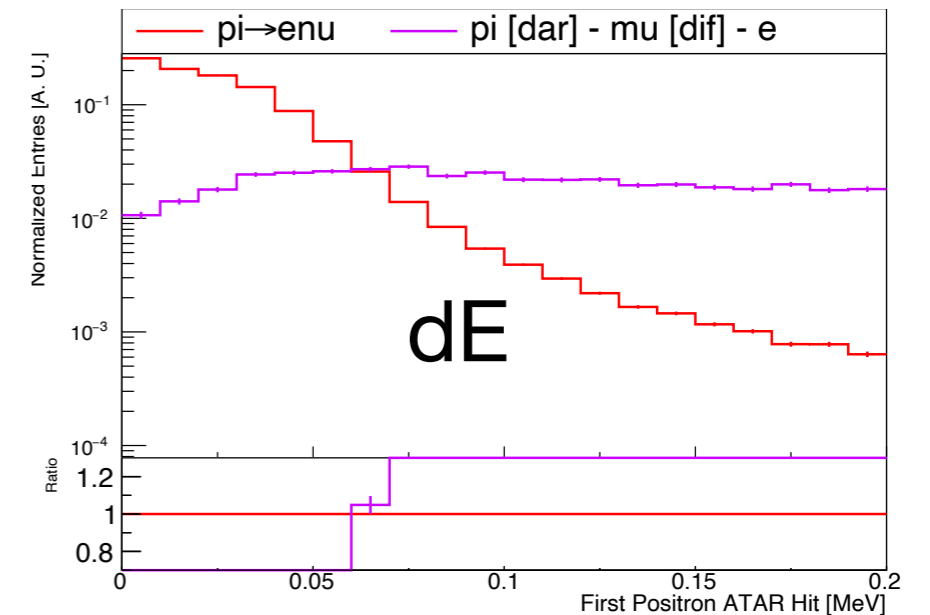
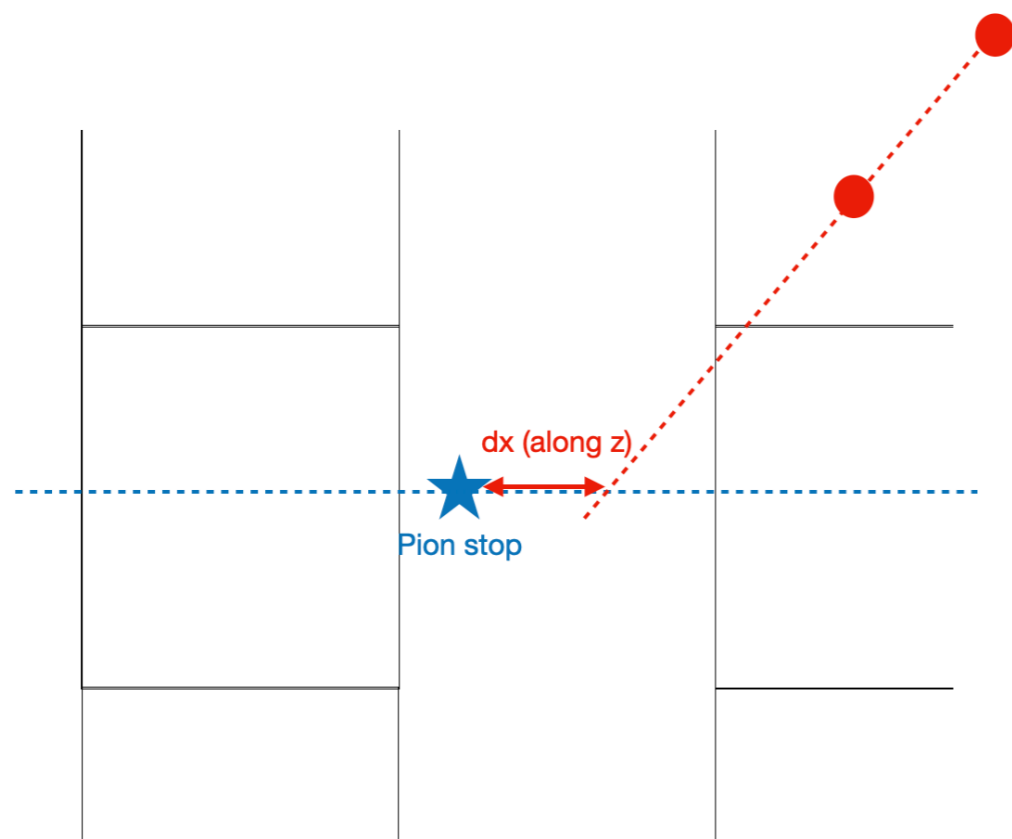
Step 1: Precisely determining the pion stopping position



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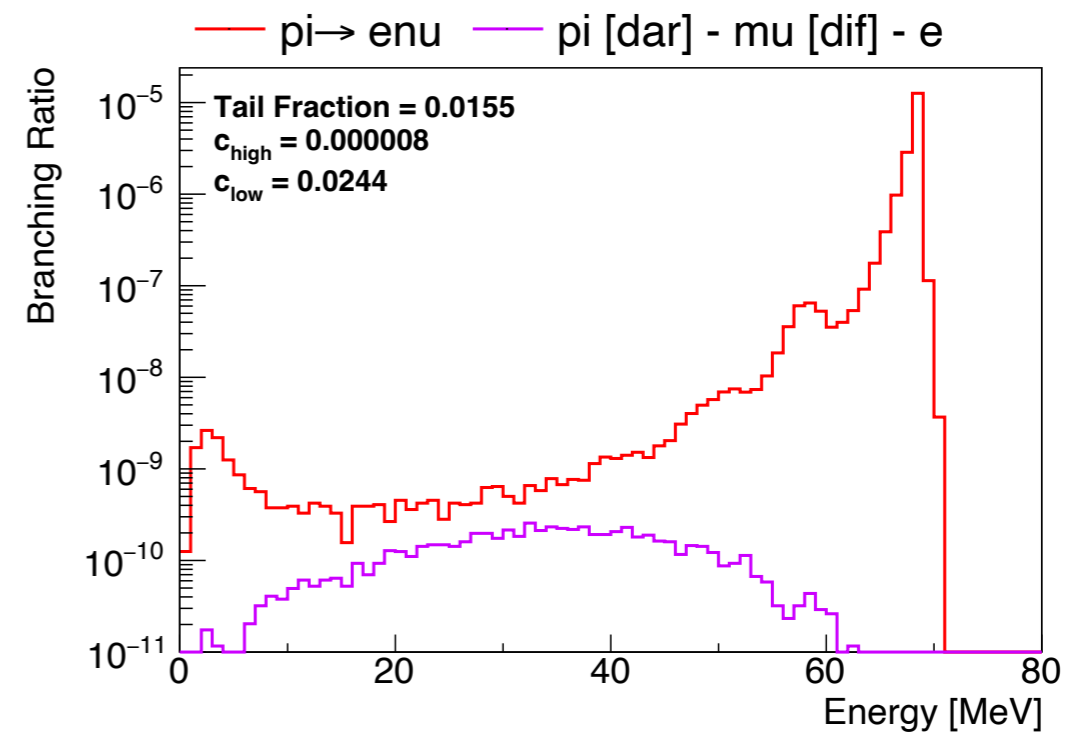
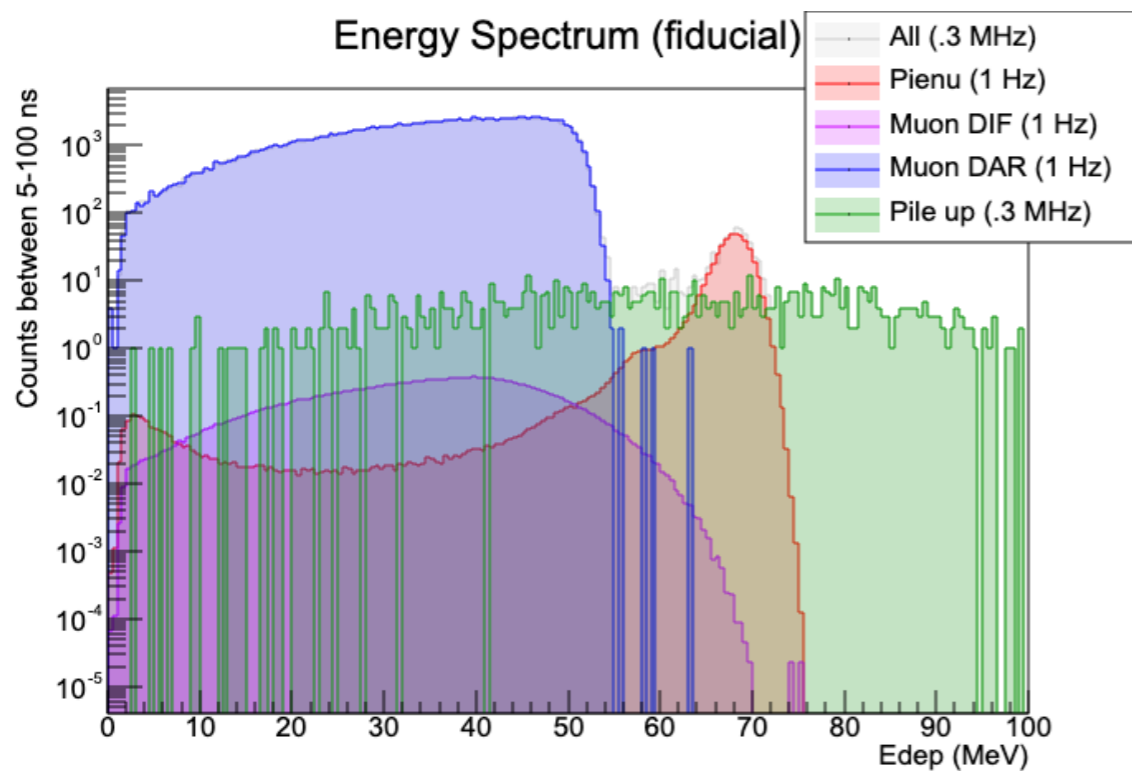
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Step 2: measuring the  $dE/dx$  of the outgoing particle



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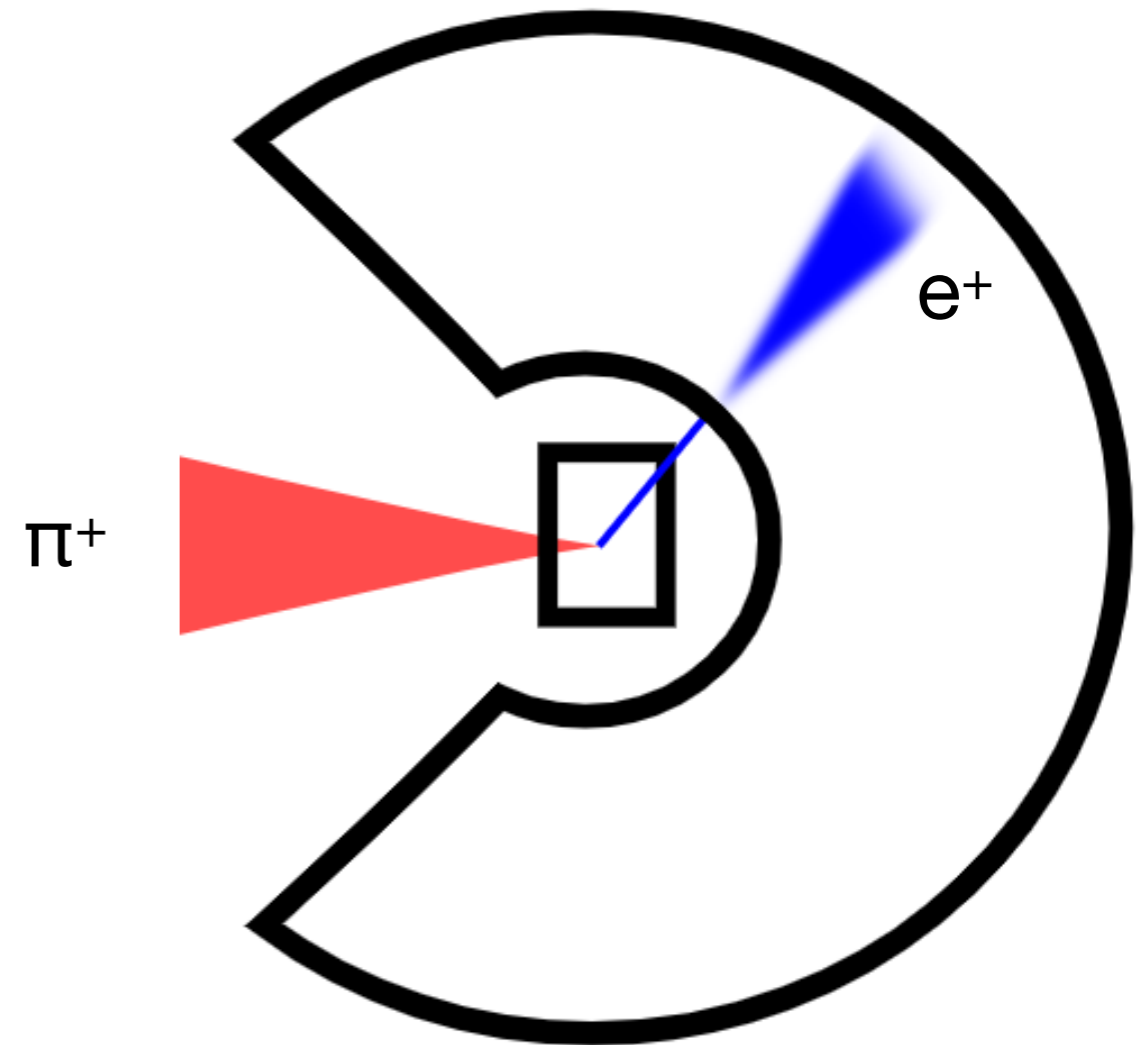


The instrumented active target is a fantastic tool to understand the backgrounds and achieve our target sensitivity

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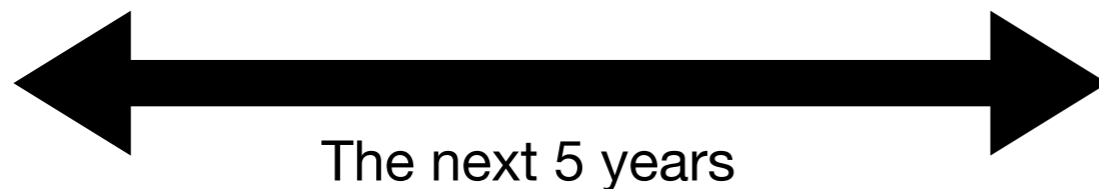
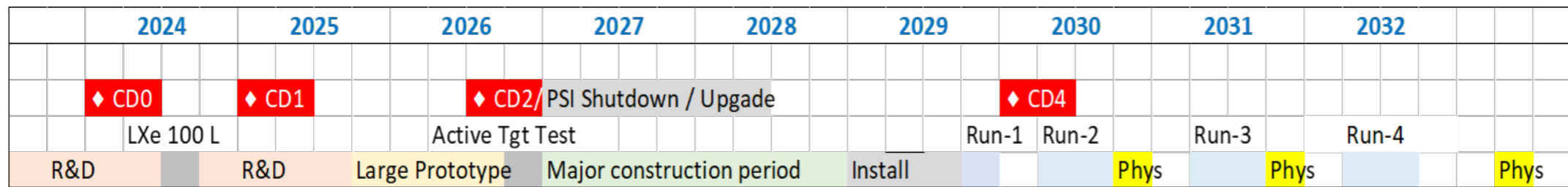
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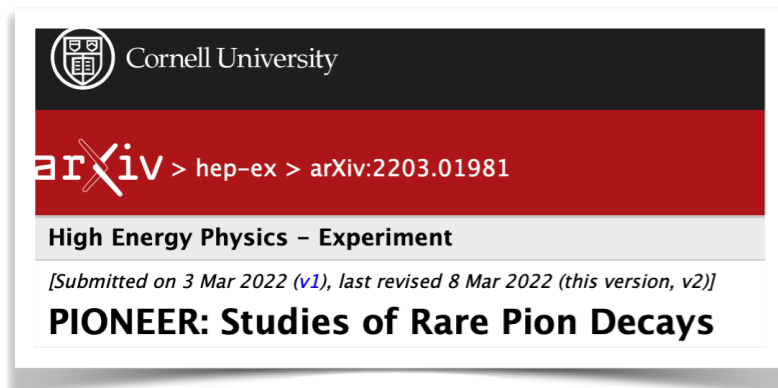


# Timeline of the project



- Detector R&D in calorimetry and tracking
- Simulation studies to model a high precision experiment
  - i.e. we need to understand  $\pi \rightarrow e\nu$  and  $\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu$  acceptance difference to  $10^{-4}$ ...
- Putting an experiment together from concept to first data:
  - Civil engineering, beam optics, detector manufacturing, LXe acquisition, electronics, ...

# A growing collaboration



Proposal submitted last year at PSI

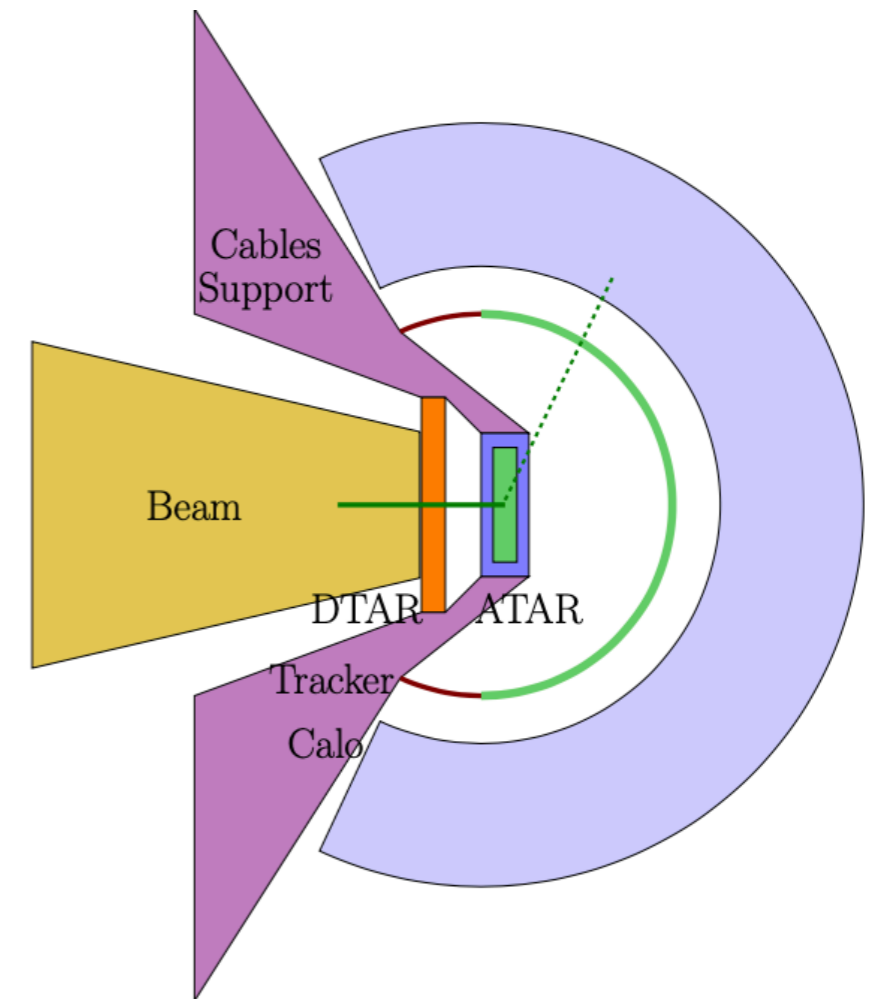
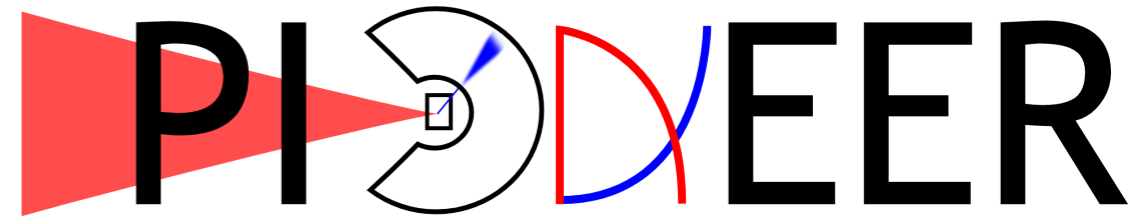


First collaboration meeting mid October at CENPA

# Conclusion

- PIONEER is a **new proposal** for a rare pion decays experiment at PSI
  - Stringent tests of flavour universality
  - Up to PeV scale sensitivity to BSM effects
- **Concept** of the experiment has been established and **is very promising**
- Ongoing effort to move from concept to serious prototype
  - Lots of opportunities for new collaborators to get involved!
  - Get in touch:  
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Unofficial logo, ongoing contest



Uncovered in this talk:

Degrader  
Tracker  
Trigger/DAQ

...

# **Additional slides**

To be verified by simulations and prototype measurements.

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	%	%	
Statistics	0.19	0.007	
Tail Correction	0.12	<0.01	(Calorimeter/ATAR)
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\*Pion lifetime uncertainty not included  
Newly proposed measurement at TRIUMF

	<b>PiBeta</b>	<b>PIONEER (Phase II)</b>	
Statistics	0.4%	0.1%	
Systematics	0.4%	<0.1%	(ATAR ( $\beta$ ), MC, Photonuclear, $\pi \rightarrow e \nu$ )
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.64%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	

# Quotes for 70 L (220kg) LXe

- Quote from CERN in June (20 kg each cylinder, 3.3m<sup>3</sup> at STP)
  - **\$2.7 per gram**, *high quality with certified content of SF<sub>6</sub> below 0.01 ppm*
- Xenon pricing from China (10 m<sup>3</sup> each cylinder, 4 pieces in total)
  - Xenon price is 10 times less than the same time last year and at a historically low level
  - Wuhan Iron and Steel Corporation can offer **\$1.8 per gram\***. They have supplied Xenon to SJTU, Columbia, and UCSD. They have sufficient Xenon in stock for shipping right now.
  - Fuhaicryo offered **\$1.62 per gram\***. They have also sold to the US previously. They have sufficient Xenon in stock for shipping right now.
  - Price slightly increased from the last time we reported to the collaboration (Wuhan \$1.62/g, Fuhaicryo \$1.38/g)
- Xenon pricing from domestic suppliers
  - Praxair/Linde (US) **\$12.35 per gram\*** 2023, **\$16.15 per gram\*** in 2024
  - Airgas/Air Liquide can't even provide a quote for Xenon due to being in Force Majeure with Xenon supply in the next 4-5 months, the previous informal quote was **\$18 per gram\***

\*Shipping and custom duties excluded. Estimated cost of shipping is in the order \$10k-20k