



Particle Detectors

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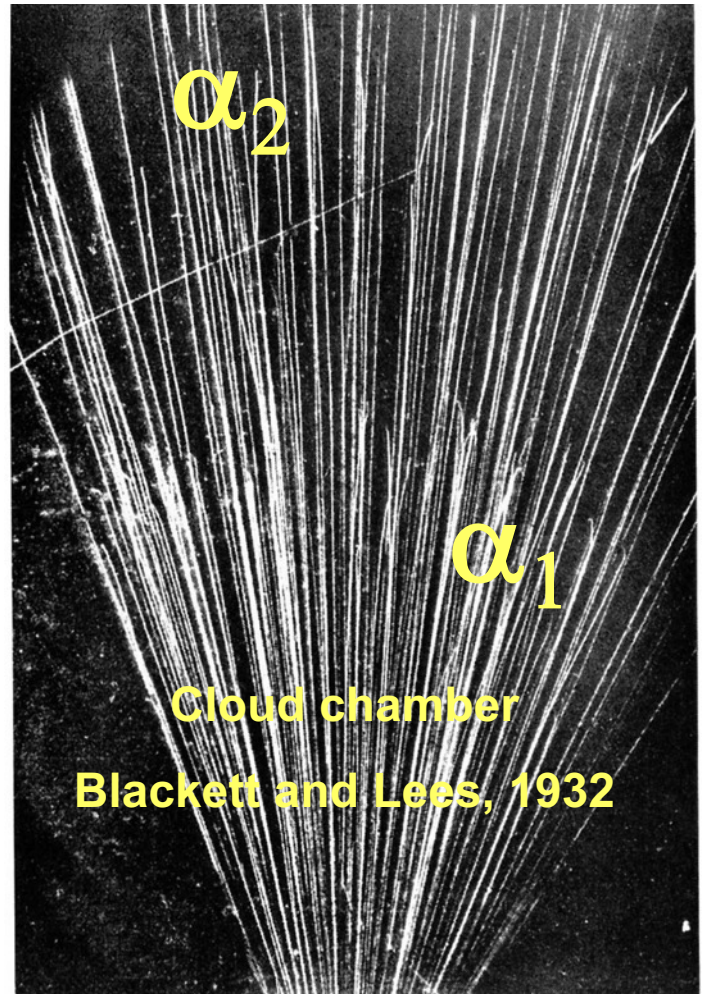
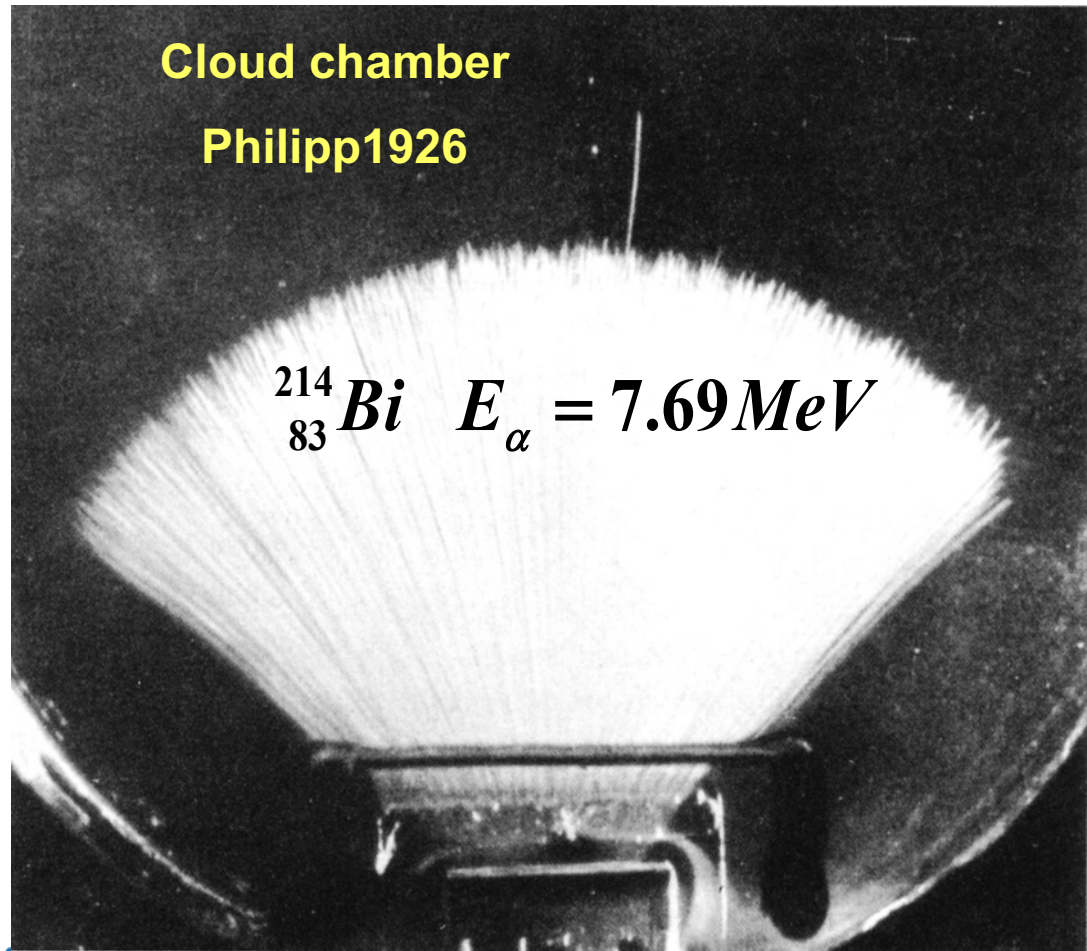
Lecture I

Interaction of radiation and particles with matter

$$H^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$$

CMS at the LHC

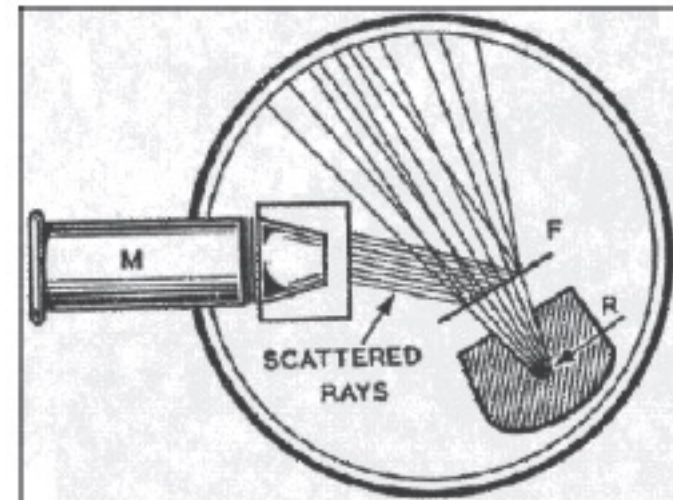
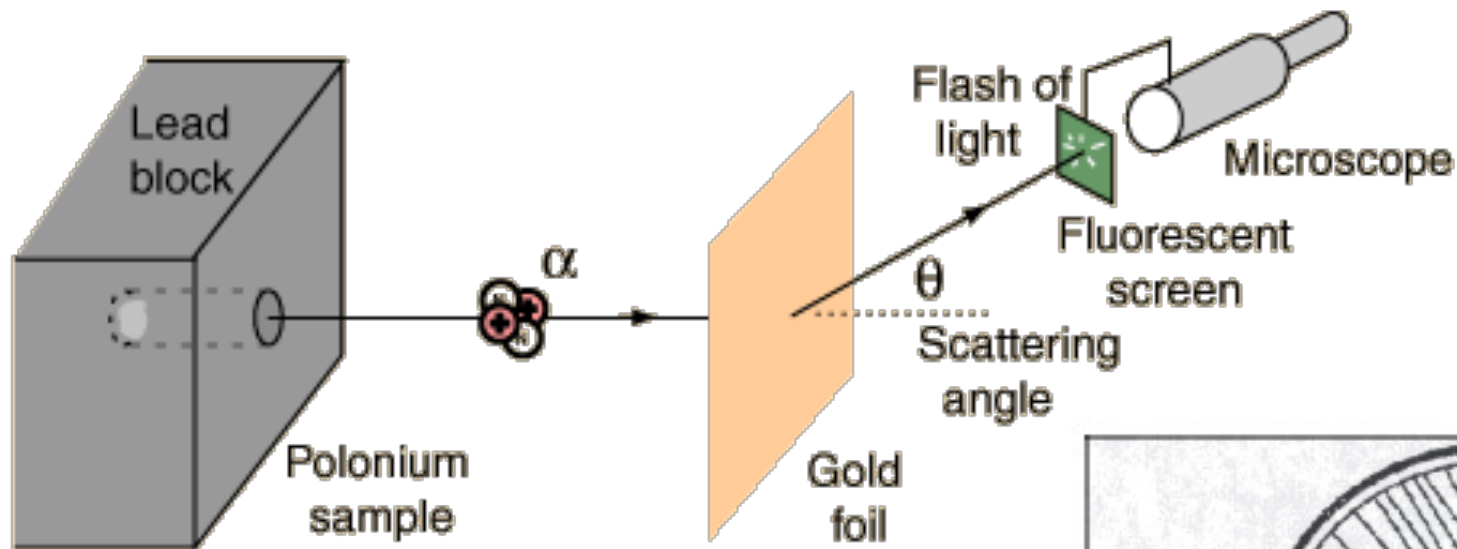
Cloud Chamber



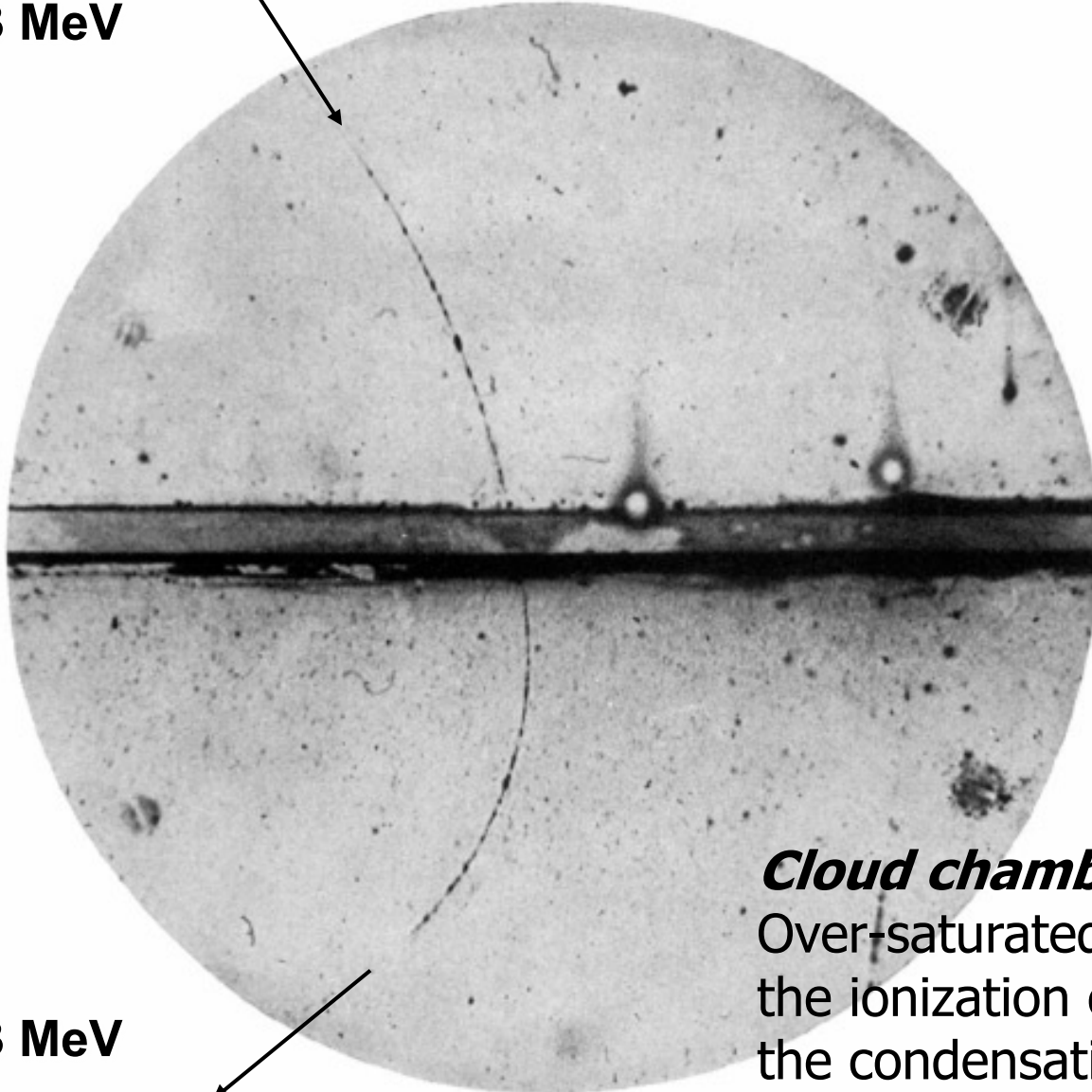
Seeing particles:

Rutherford scattering

Experiment by Hans Geiger and Ernest Marsden 1909



e^+ 63 MeV

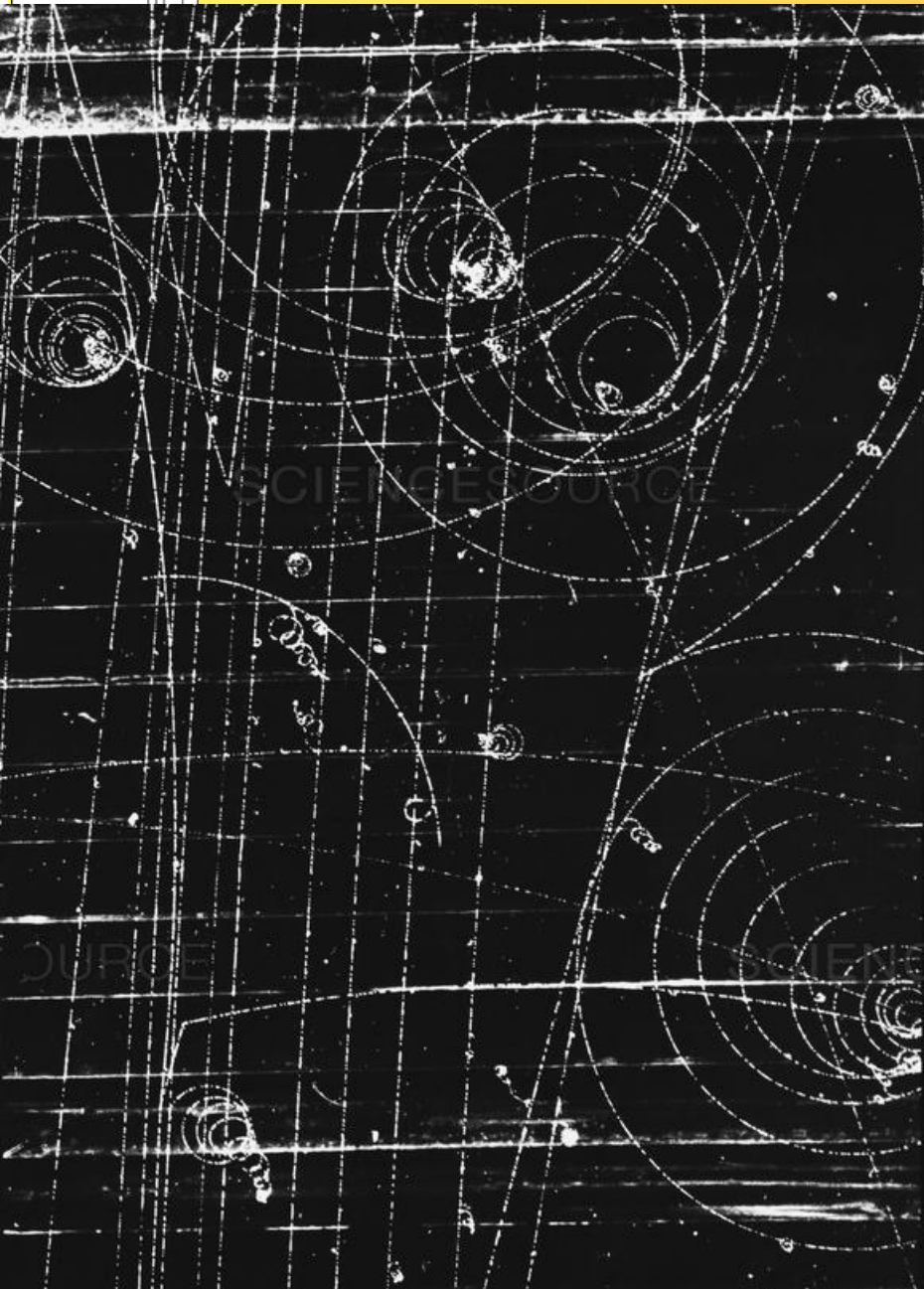


1932
Discovery of
the positron by
C.D.Anderson

6 mm Pb

e^+ 23 MeV

Cloud chamber (C.T.R. Wilson)
Over-saturated vapour :
the ionization clusters become
the condensation nuclei

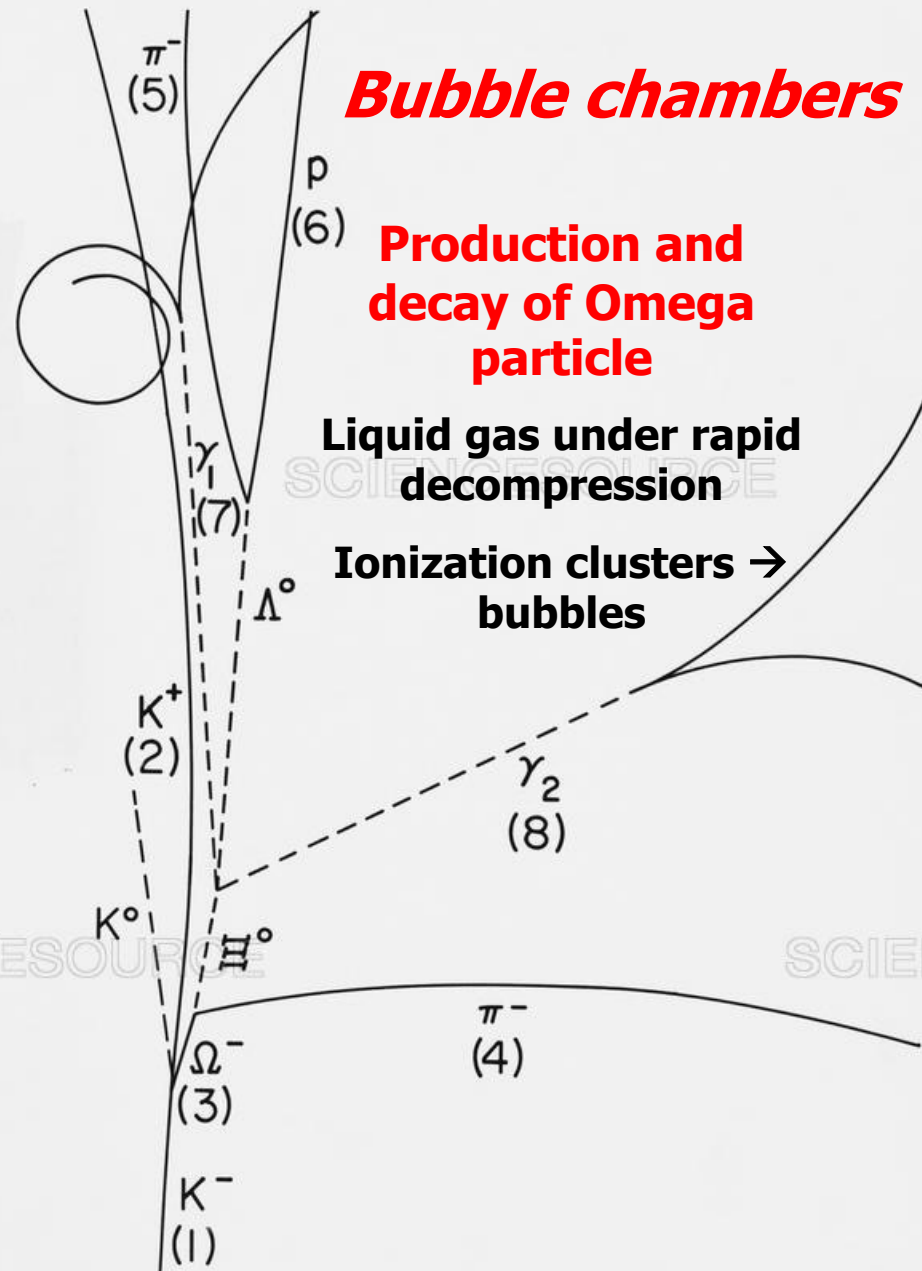


Bubble chambers

Production and decay of Omega particle

Liquid gas under rapid decompression

Ionization clusters → bubbles



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Goal of these lectures:

to understand how nuclear and particle physics detectors work

Lecture I

- Introduction
- Interaction of radiation and particles with matter

Lecture II + III. Given by Sally Seidel

- The basics of detectors

Lecture IV (tentative programme)

- High purity segmented Ge-detectors for Nuclear physics
- Recent developments of CMOS pixel detectors
- Fast detectors for time of flight measurements
- High granularity calorimeters
- Dark Matter detectors and other Exotics

Particle Detectors

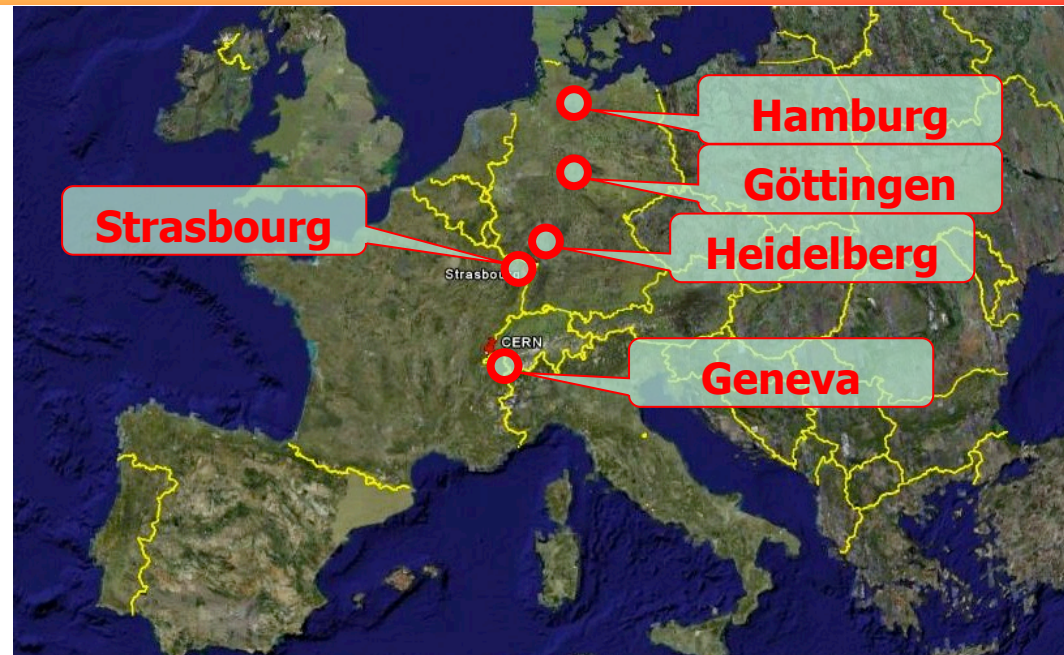
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1st Lecture

- **Introduction**
 - The goal: measuring subatomic particles (E, p, charge,, mass,
 - Detection of particles, how do they interact with matter, what does the interaction depend on (E, p, charge,, mass, beta, gamma
- **Interaction of particles and radiation with matter**
 - Photons: PE, Compton, Pair creation
 - Ionization/excitation, Bethe Bloch formula, range of particles, Bragg peak
 - Electrons, Bremsstrahlung, critical energy, radiation length
 - Electromagnetic showers of electrons and photons, (muons)
 - Hadronic interactions → showers, interaction length, solid and atmospheric absorbers
 - Multiple scattering
 - Cerenkov, Transition radiation
- ***Exercises for the evening !!!!!***

Who am I?

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- Born in Göttingen, Germany
- Physics (and Math) studies at the Universities Göttingen and Heidelberg
- Diploma (now Master) and PhD at the Max Planck Institute for Nuclear Physics in Heidelberg
- Post-doc (particle physics) at CERN, Geneva
- Researcher at University Heidelberg
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- Researcher(staff) at DESY, Hamburg
- University Professor at the Unistra, (Université de Strasbourg)
- Professor émérité since 01/09/2022

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- Instrumentation in High Energy Physics, F. Sauli (editor), World Scientific, 1992.
- Many excellent articles can be found in Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci.
- ...
- CERN-Summer student lectures and academic training...

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- **I tried to quote the authorship of the slides I took from theses lectures and I apologize for the cases in which I forgot or could not trace them anymore**

Photons at low energy

Interaction of photons with matter

- **Photo-electric effect** Absorption of γ ; dominant for $E_\gamma \leq 0.1-1$ MeV
- **Compton effect** Diffusion $\gamma \rightarrow \gamma'$ Dominant for $0.1 \leq E_\gamma \leq 10$ MeV
- **Creation of (e⁺e⁻)-pairs** Absorption de γ $E_\gamma \geq 1.022$ MeV
- **Nuclear photo-electric and photo-nuclear reaction are very rare!**

Statistical processes governed by a cross section:

(reaction rate per unit of flux) σ_i (1 barn = 10^{-24} cm²):

Intensity (number of γ behind an absorber of depth x , $[x]=\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$)

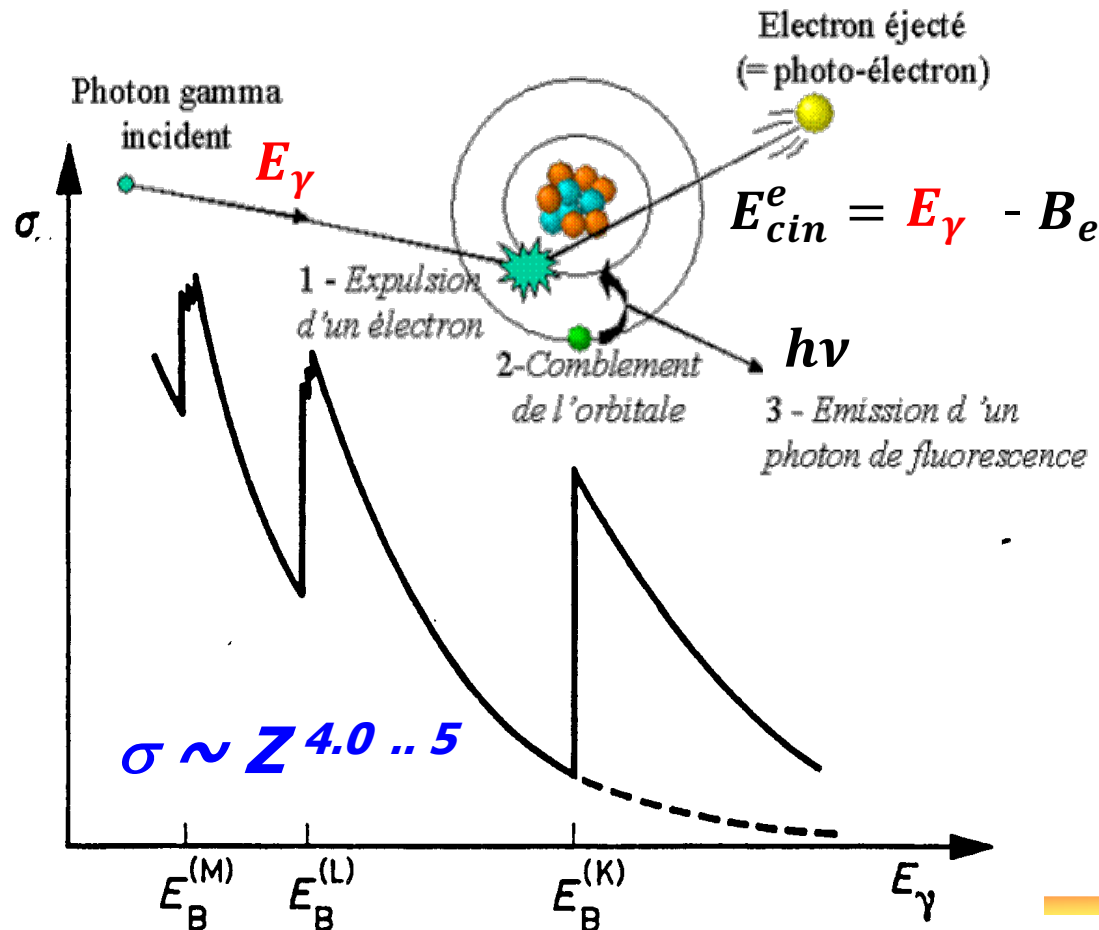
$$I = I_0 \exp(-\mu x) \quad (dI = -I \mu dx)$$

μ = Attenuation or/and absorption coefficient; $[\mu]=\text{cm}^2/\text{g}$

$\mu = N_A/A(\text{g}) \cdot \sum_i \sigma_i$; N_A Avogadro's number, A =atomic weight in gramme

Photo-electric effect

$$\sigma_{p.e.}^K |_{atom} = \sqrt{\frac{32}{\left(E_\gamma / m_e c^2\right)^7}} \cdot Z^5 \alpha^4 \times \underbrace{\left(\frac{8}{3} \pi r_e^2\right)}_{r_e = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m_e c^2}} \times \text{corrections}$$

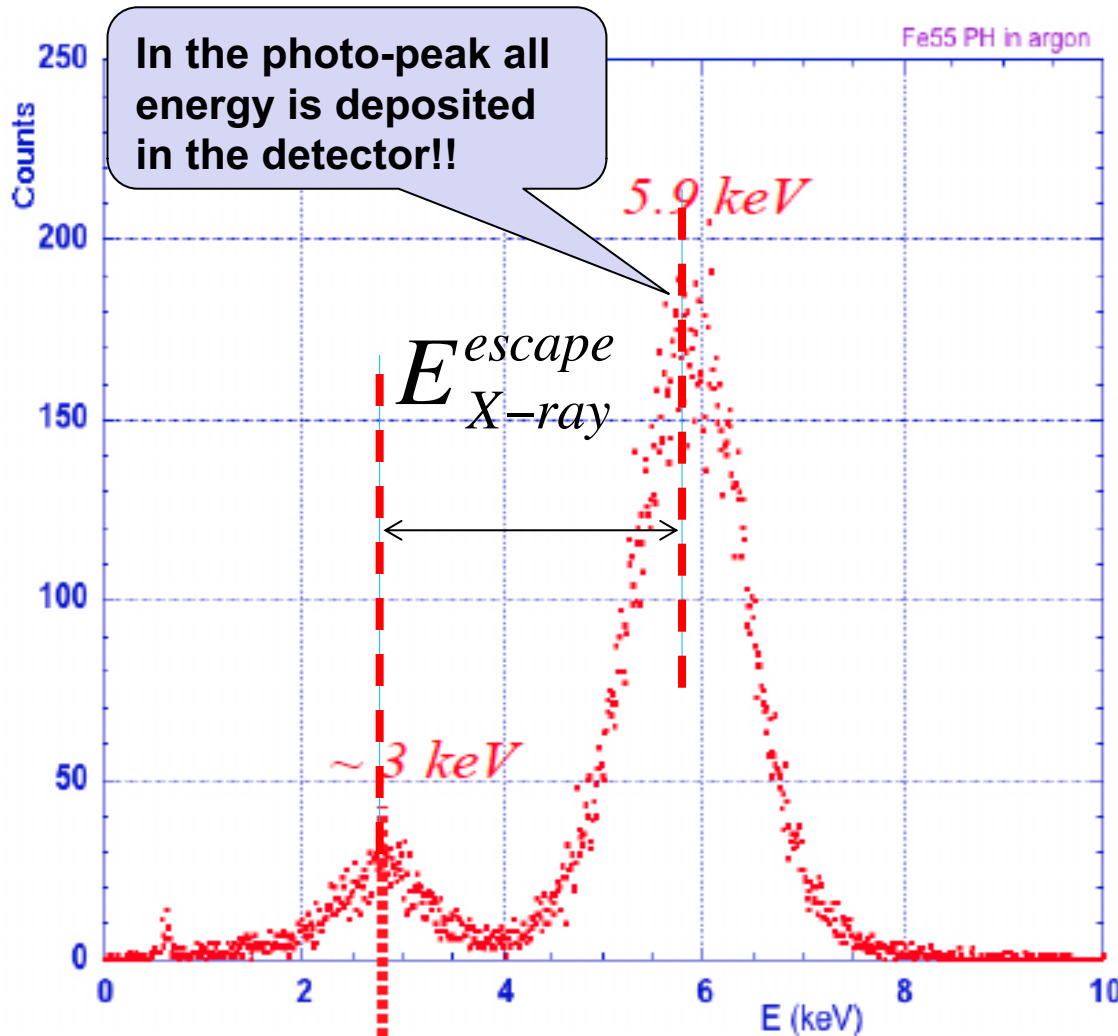


At high Z , the hole in the K-shell is filled by an electron under the emission of a fluorescence x-ray of energy $E_{h\nu} = E_K - E_{L,M,N}$

At low Z , Auger electrons occur: electrons of higher shells (L) are ejected with energy

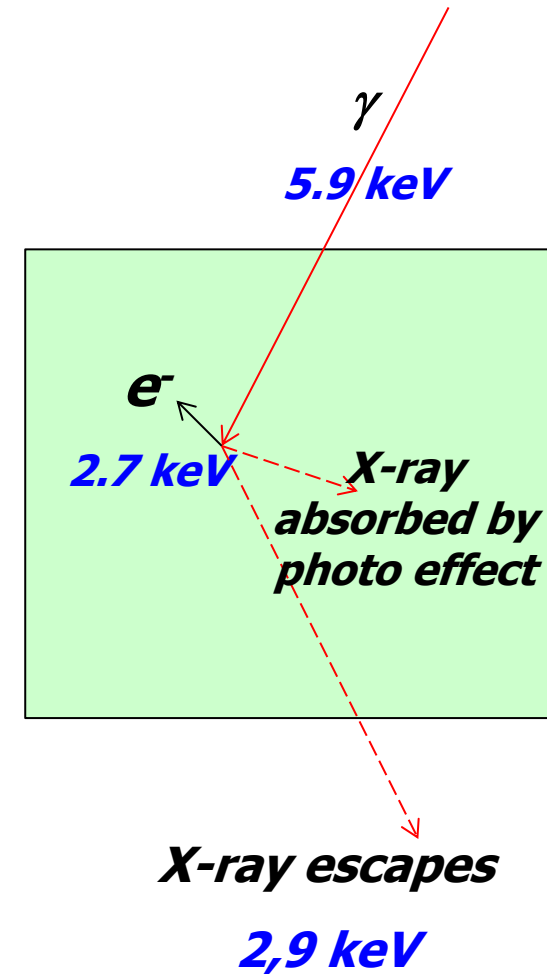
$$E_{Auger} = E_K - 2E_L$$

X-RAY ABSORPTION SPECTRUM

 ^{55}Fe X-Rays (5.9 keV) in Argon:

Escape of the fluorescence x-ray of energy

$$E_X = E_K - E_{L,M,N} = 3.2 - 0.3 = 2.9 \text{ keV}$$



$$E_K = 3,2 \text{ keV}$$

$$E_L \approx 0.3 \text{ keV}$$

Compton-effect

Scattering of a gamma on a "free" electron

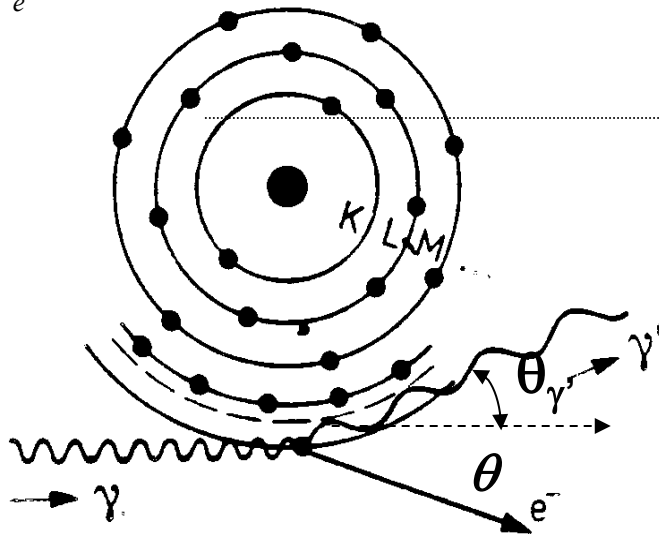
$$h\nu' = \frac{h\nu}{1 + \varepsilon(1 - \cos\theta_{\gamma'})};$$

$$\varepsilon = h\nu / m_e c^2$$

$$T_e = h\nu - h\nu'$$

$$\Delta\lambda = \lambda' - \lambda = \frac{hc}{m_e c^2} (1 - \cos\theta_{\gamma'})$$

$$\tilde{\lambda}_c = \frac{\hbar c}{m_e c^2} \quad \text{Compton wave length of an electron}$$

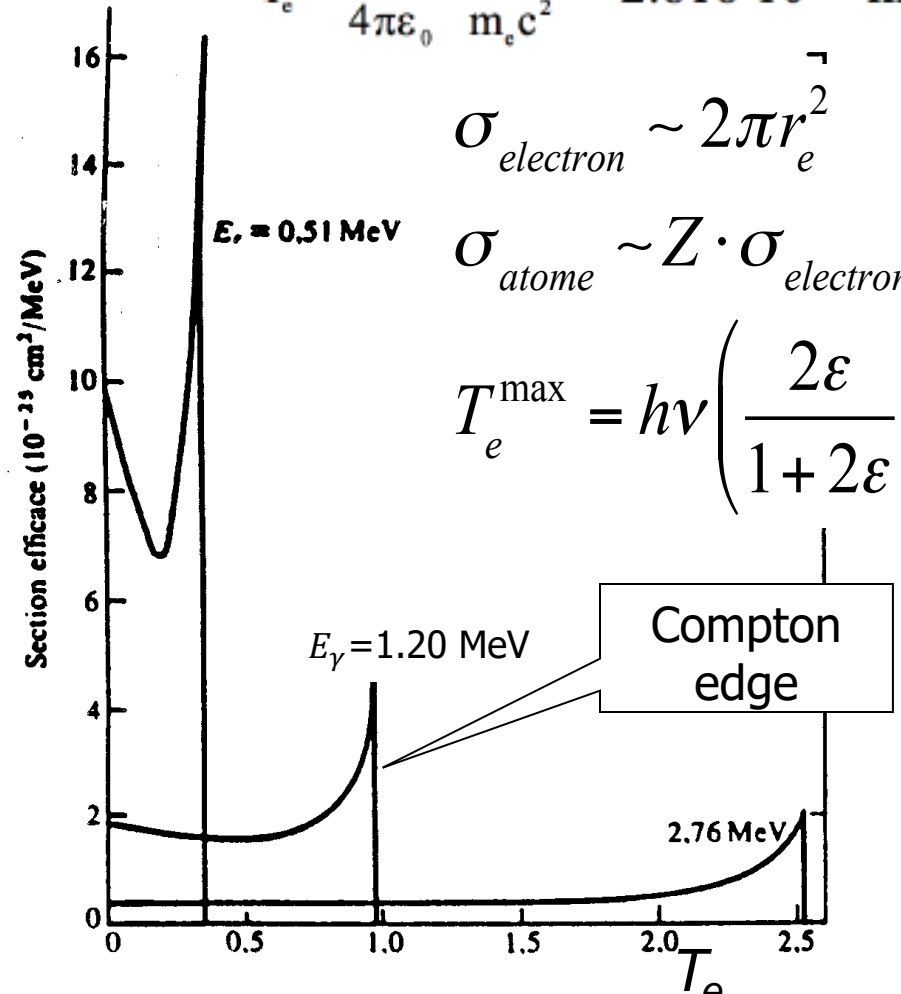


$$r_e = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \cdot \frac{e^2}{m_e c^2} = 2.818 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ m}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{electron}} \sim 2\pi r_e^2$$

$$\sigma_{\text{atome}} \sim Z \cdot \sigma_{\text{electron}}$$

$$T_e^{\text{max}} = h\nu \left(\frac{2\varepsilon}{1 + 2\varepsilon} \right)$$



Kinematics of Compton scattering exercise !!

longitudinal momentum conservation :

$$p_\gamma = \frac{h\nu}{c} = \frac{h\nu'}{c} \cos \theta_{\gamma'} + |\vec{p}_e| \cos \theta_{e'}$$

transversal momentum conservation ::

$$0 = \frac{h\nu'}{c} \sin \theta_{\gamma'} - |\vec{p}_e| \sin \theta_{e'}$$

Energy conservation : $T_e = h\nu - h\nu'$

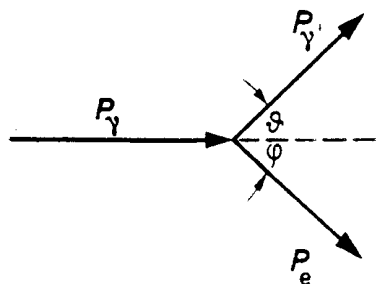
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$$\varepsilon = h\nu / m_e c^2$$

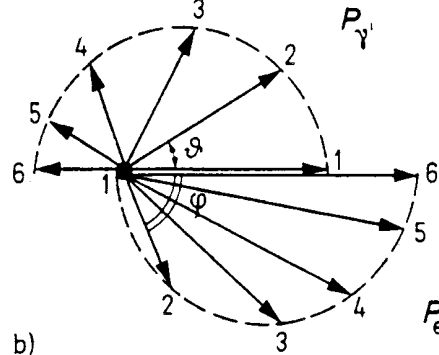
$$\Delta\lambda = \lambda' - \lambda = \frac{hc}{m_e c^2} (1 - \cos \theta_{\gamma'})$$

$$\lambda_c = \frac{\hbar c}{m_e c^2} \text{ longueur d'onde de Compton}$$

d'un électron



a)



b)

The Klein-Nishina formula

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\omega} = Zr_0^2 \left(\frac{1}{1 + \alpha(1 - \cos\theta)} \right)^2 \left(\frac{1 + \cos^2\theta}{2} \right) \left(1 + \frac{\alpha^2(1 - \cos\theta)^2}{(1 + \cos^2\theta)[1 + \alpha(1 - \cos\theta)]} \right)$$

$$h\nu' = \frac{h\nu_0}{1 + \alpha(1 - \cos\theta)} \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha = \frac{h\nu_0}{m_0c^2}$$

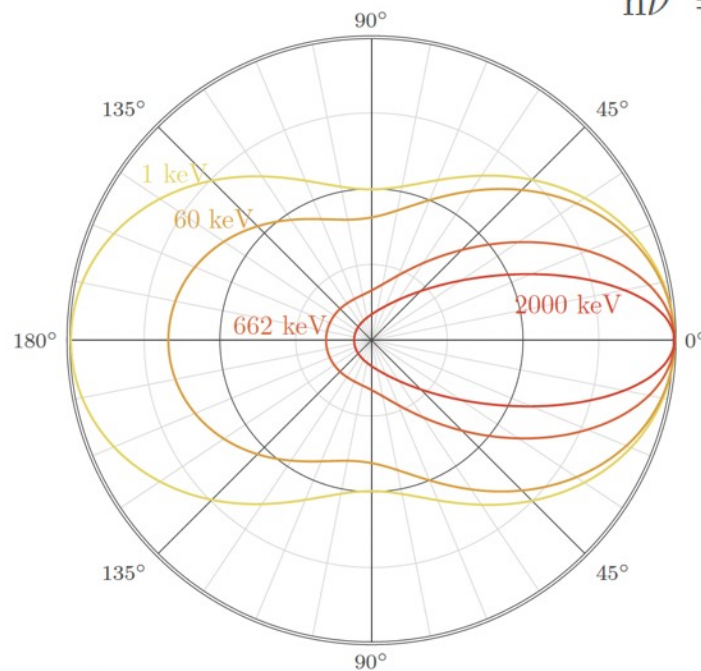
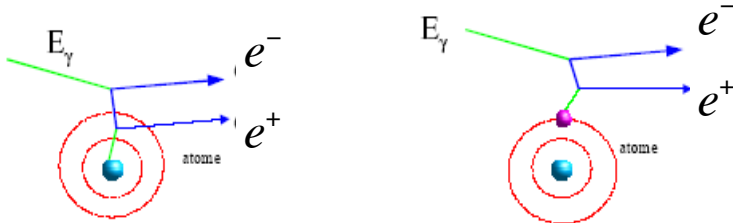


Figure 1.2: Probability of Compton scattering as a function of the scattering angle θ for an incident γ -ray coming from the left. The different curves correspond to various initial energies.

Creation of electron positron pairs



In the field of a nucleus

In the field of an electron

$$E_\gamma \geq 2m_e + \frac{2m_e^2}{m_N}$$

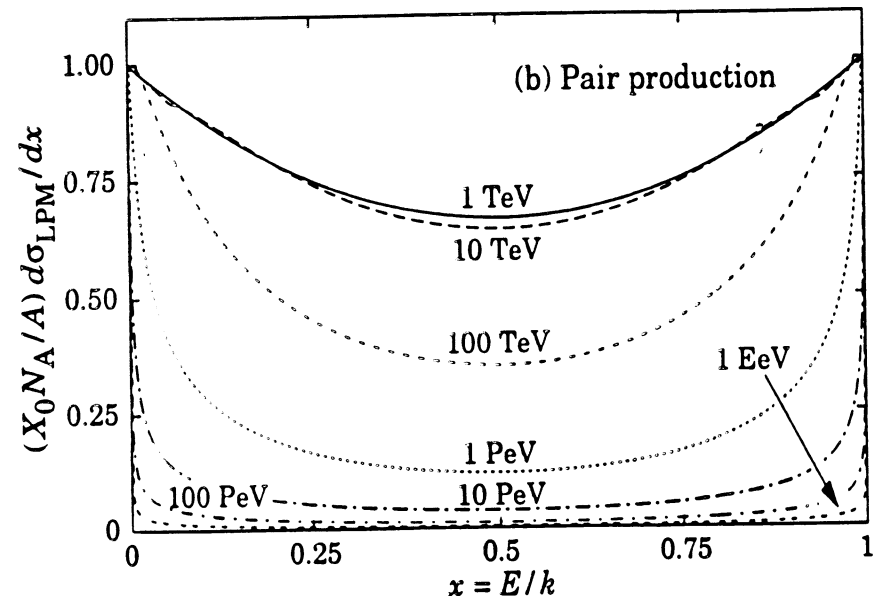
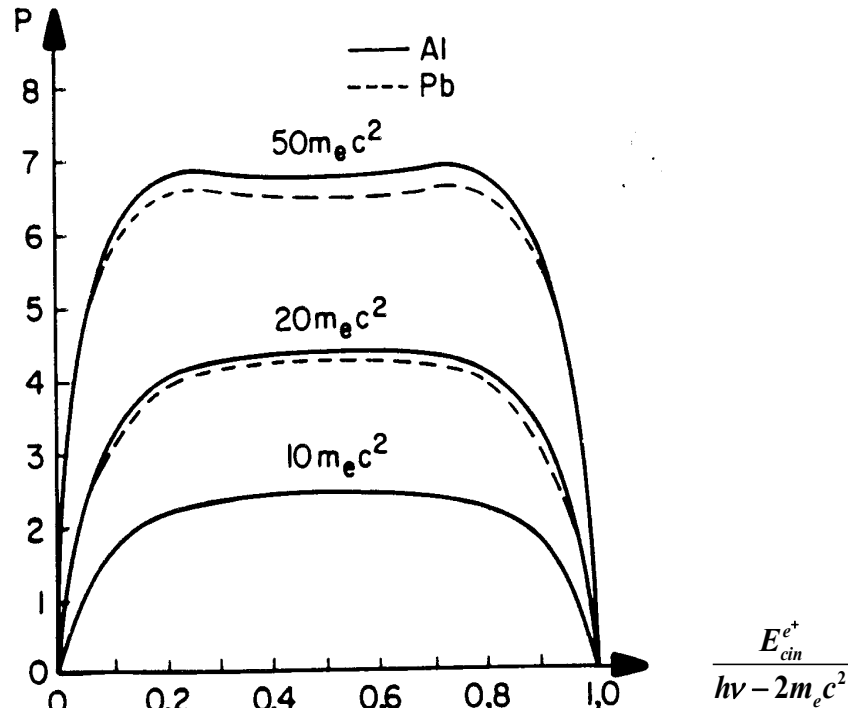
$$E_\gamma \geq 4m_e$$

$$m_N \gg m_e \Rightarrow E_\gamma \geq 2m_e$$

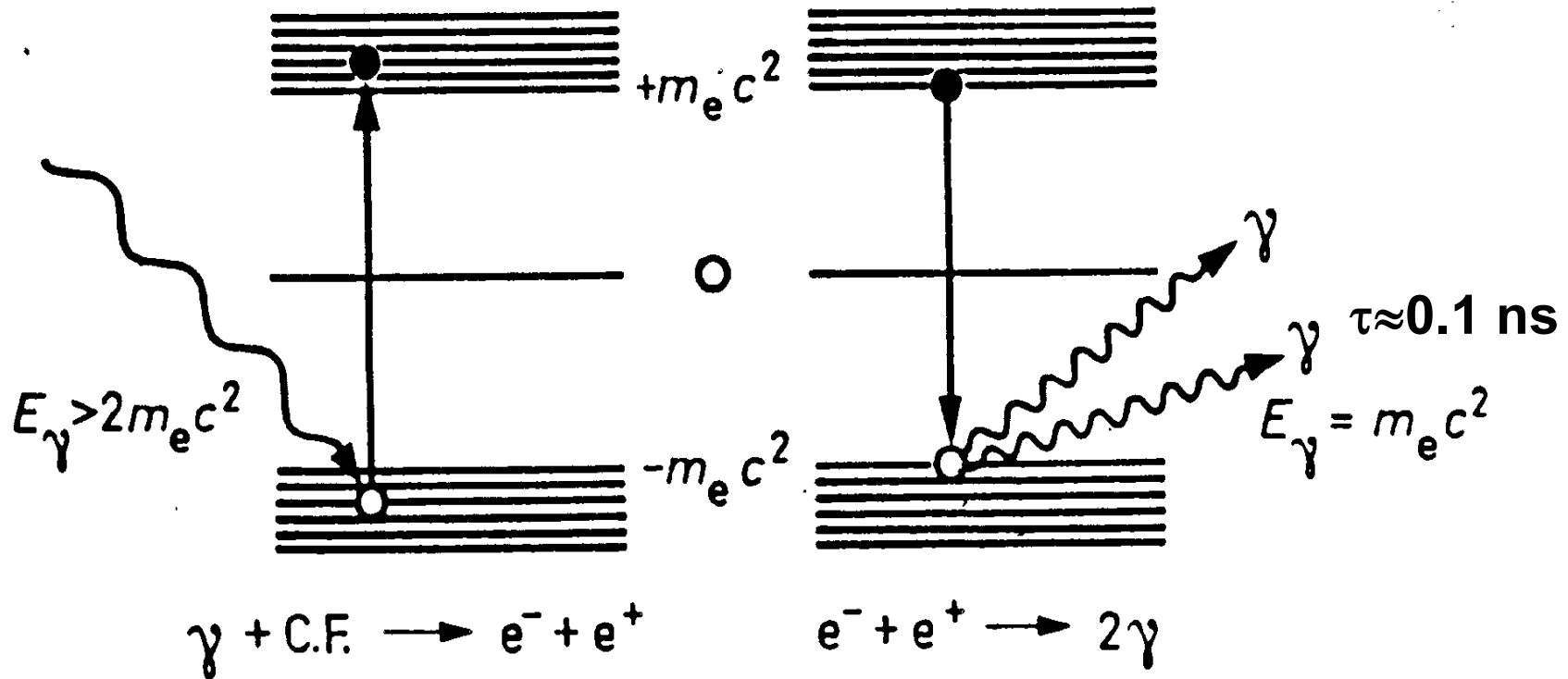
$$\sigma_{pair} \approx \frac{7}{9} \frac{A(g)}{N_A} \cdot \frac{1}{X_0} \sim Z(Z+1)$$

$$\mu_{pair} = \frac{N_A}{A} \sigma_{pair} \approx \frac{7}{9} \frac{1}{X_0}; \quad \lambda_{pair} = \frac{1}{\mu_{pair}} = \frac{9}{7} X_0$$

X_0 = radiation length



Creation and annihilation of electron positron pairs



Only in the presence of a nucleus, cannot occur in free space !

!!!! $\gamma \rightleftharpoons (e^+e^-)$: photon ($E_\gamma = h\nu, P_\gamma = h\nu / c$); $E_\gamma = E_{ee}$!

electron - pair : $E_{ee} = 2\gamma m_e c^2$, $P_{ee} = 2\gamma m_e v_e = \frac{h\nu}{c} \frac{v}{c} = \frac{h\nu}{c} \beta \neq P_\gamma$

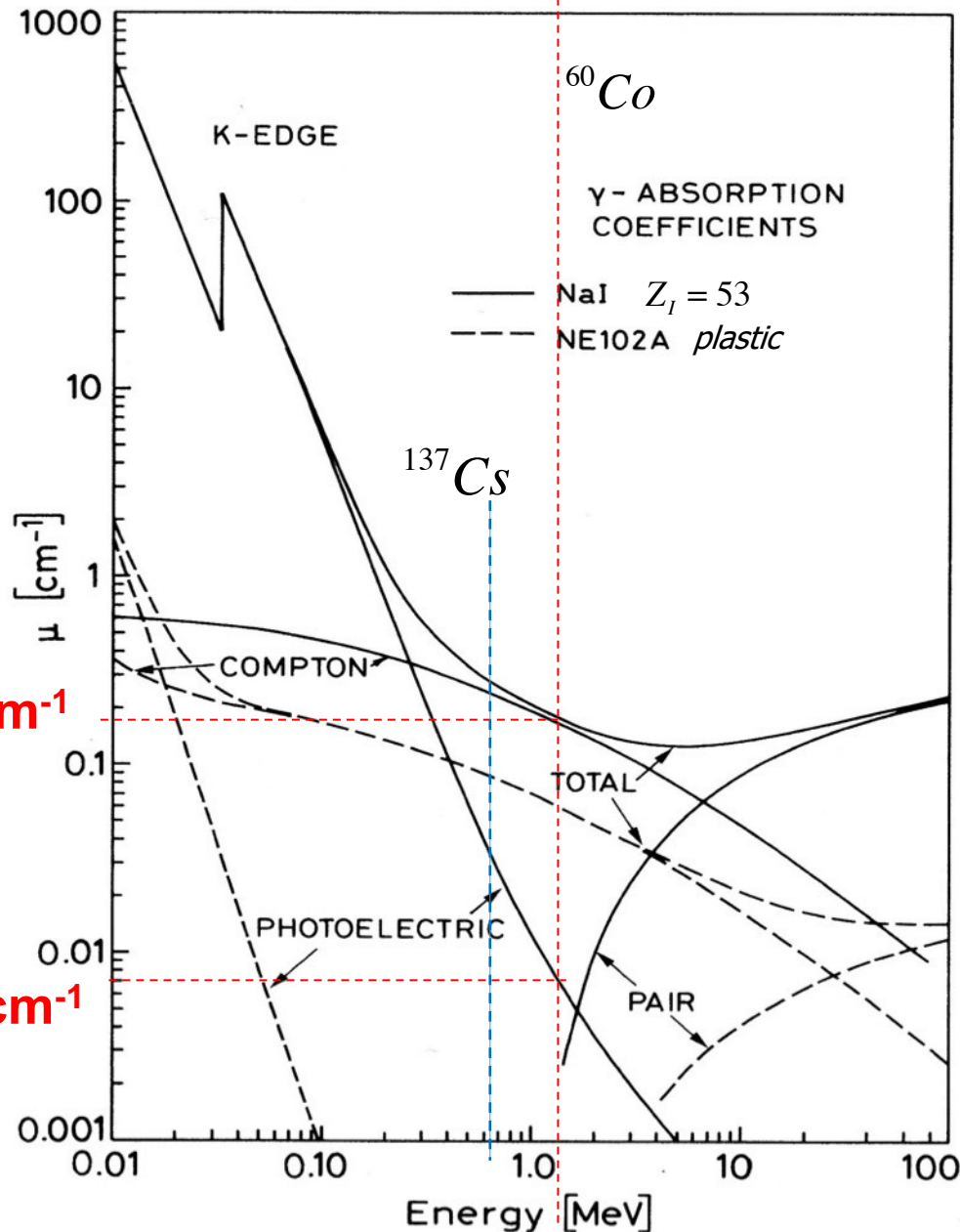


Photo-electric effect

Absorption of γ

Compton scattering

scattering $\gamma \rightarrow \gamma'$

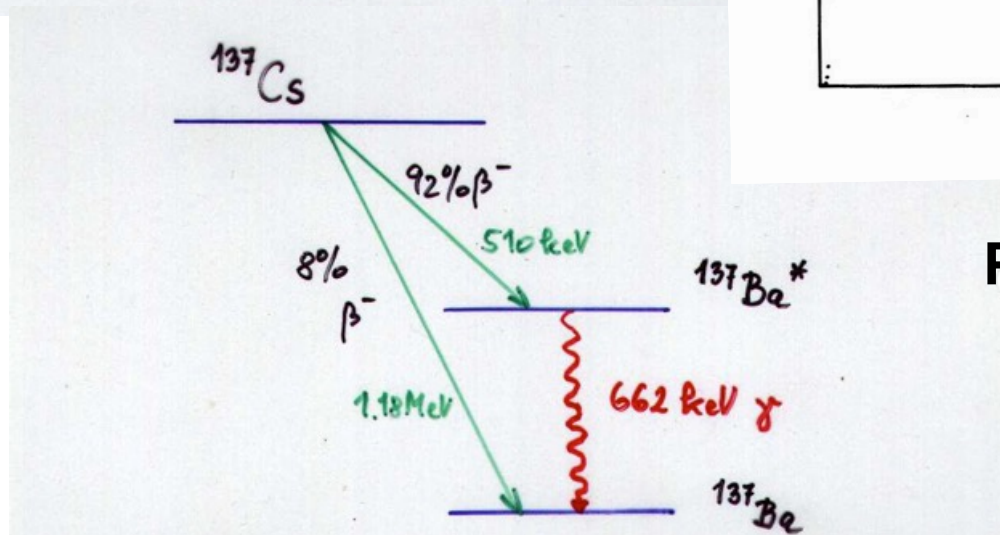
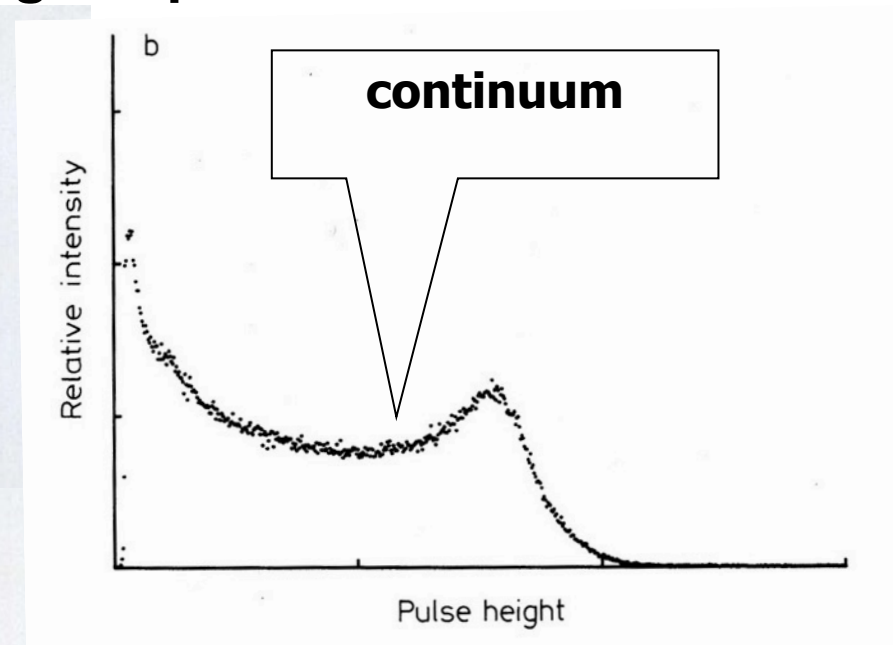
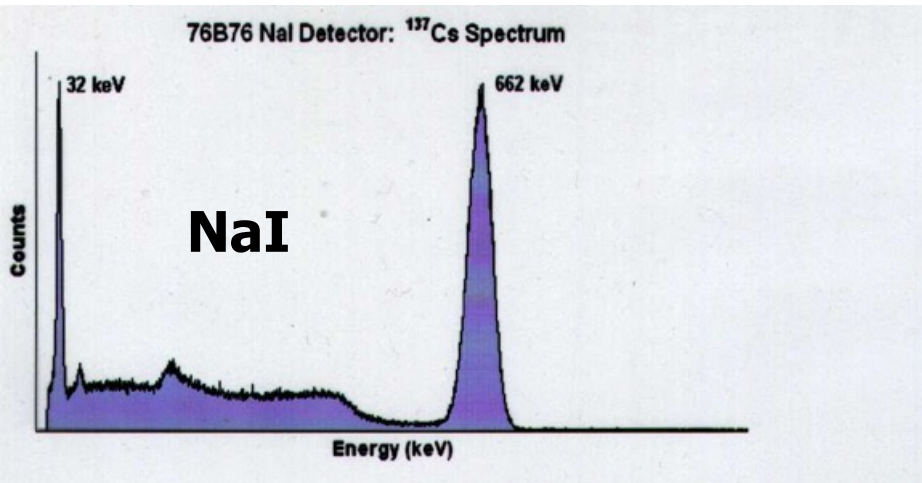
Creation of (e^+e^-)

pairs

Absorption of γ

Response function of a Scintillator

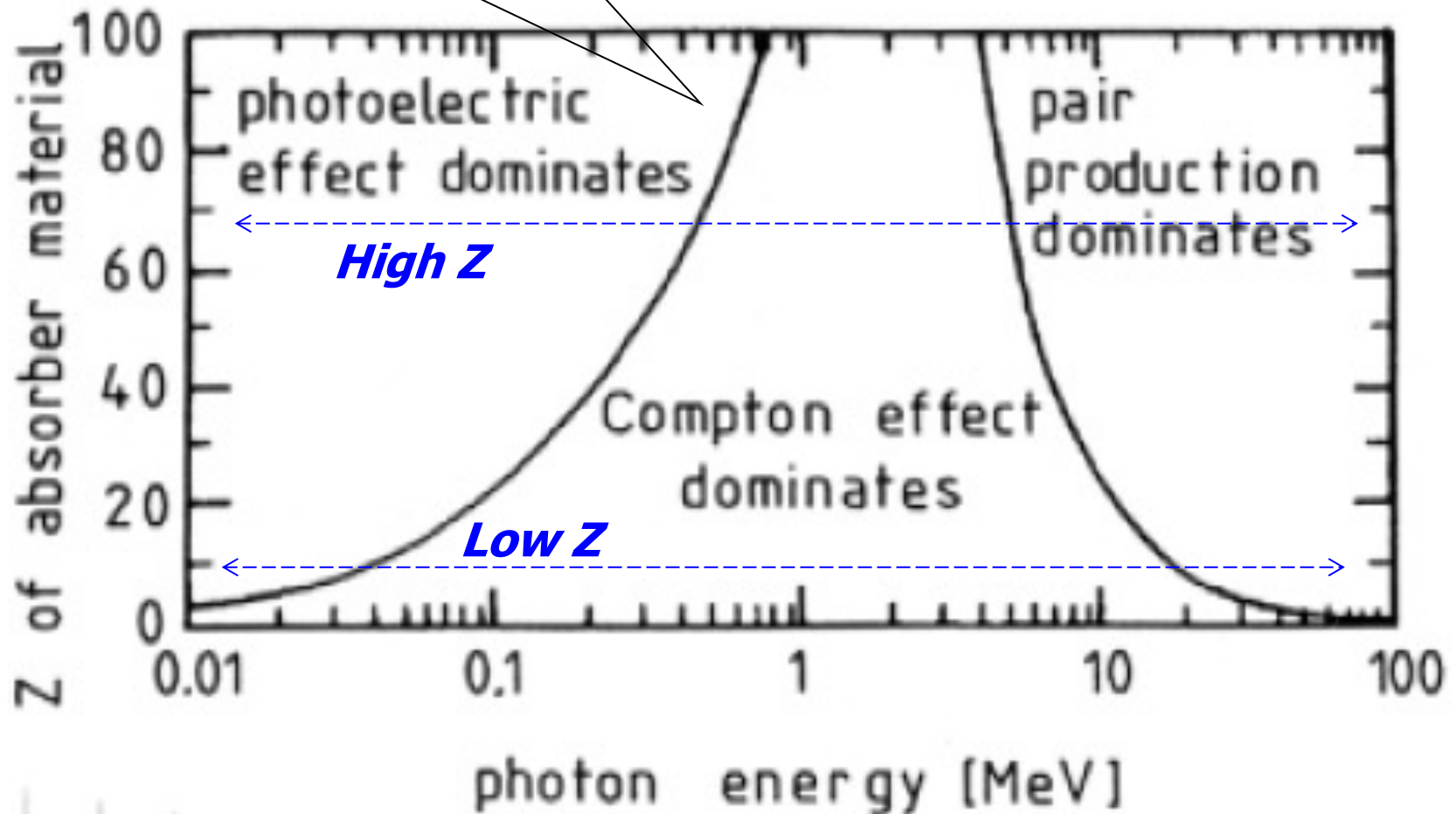
Two examples of how a scintillator responds to mono-energetic photons



Plastic Scintillator

Regions where one process is dominant, not exclusive !

Interaction of photons with matter



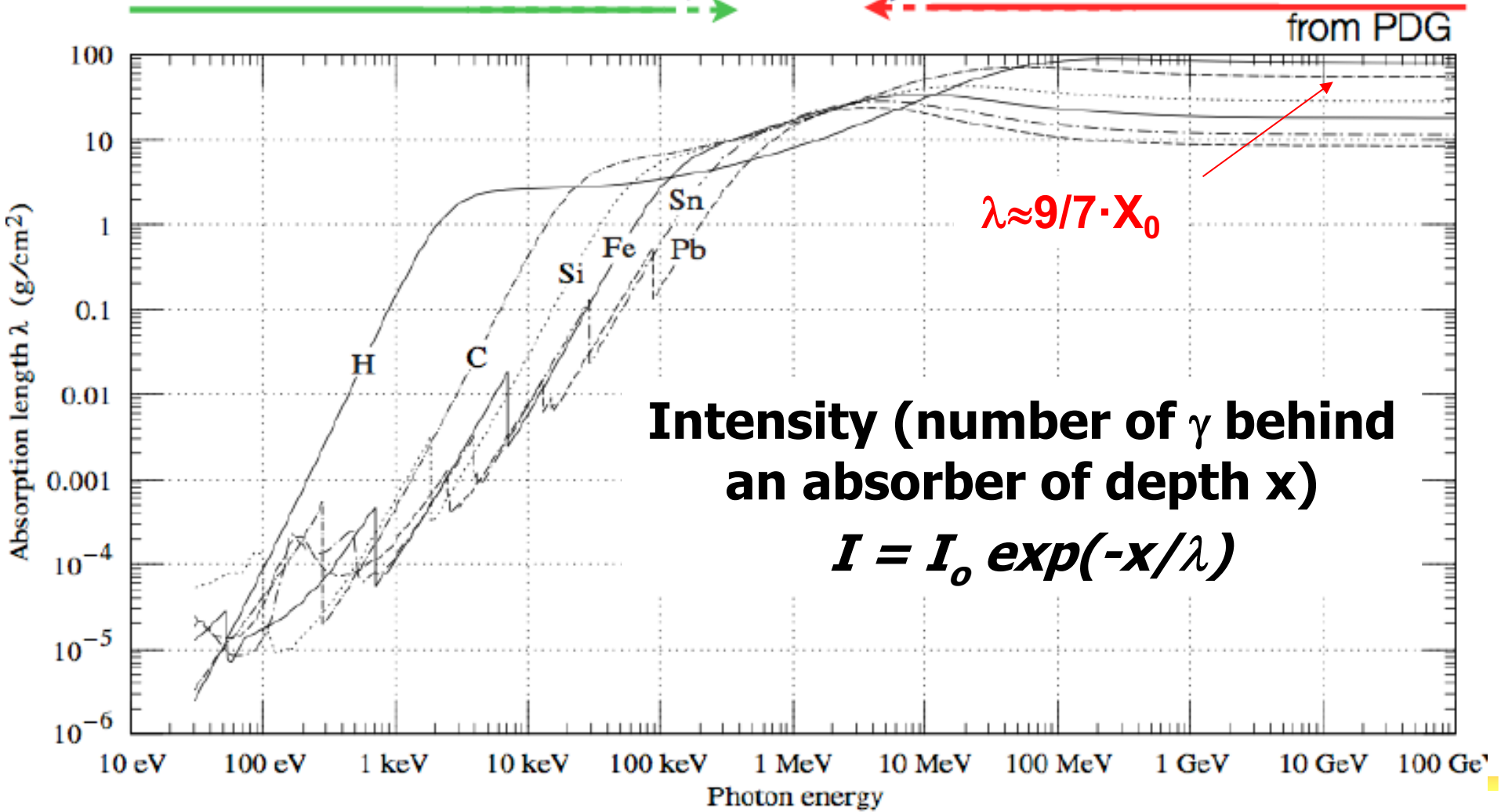
Attenuation length of photons

Mass absorption coefficient $\lambda = 1/(\mu/\rho)$ [g.cm²] with $\mu = N_A \cdot \sigma/A$

$$\sigma_{Ph} \propto \frac{Z^5}{E^{3.5}}$$

$$\sigma_{Compton} \propto \frac{\ln E}{E} \cdot Z$$

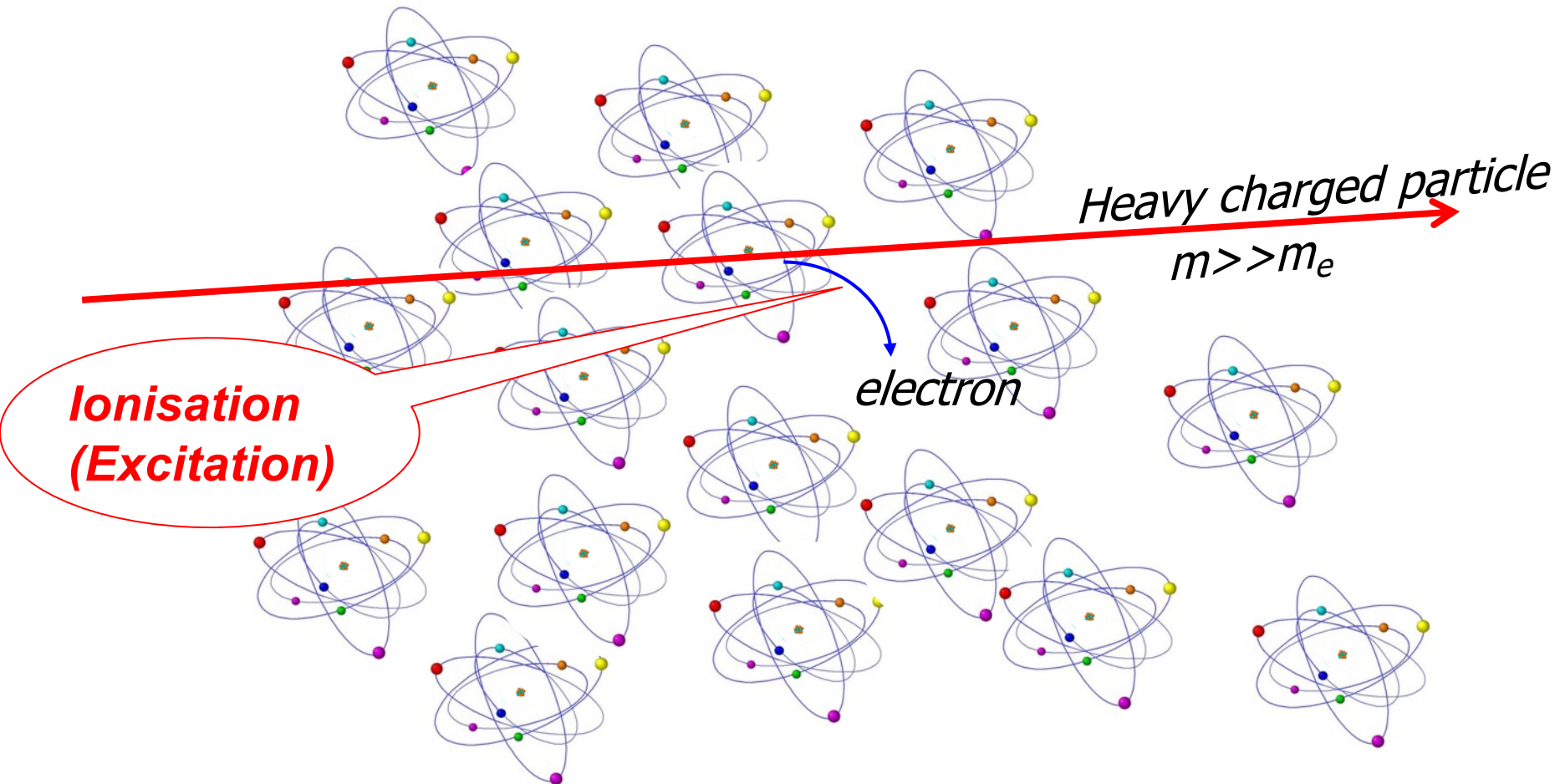
$$\sigma_{Pair} \propto Z^2$$



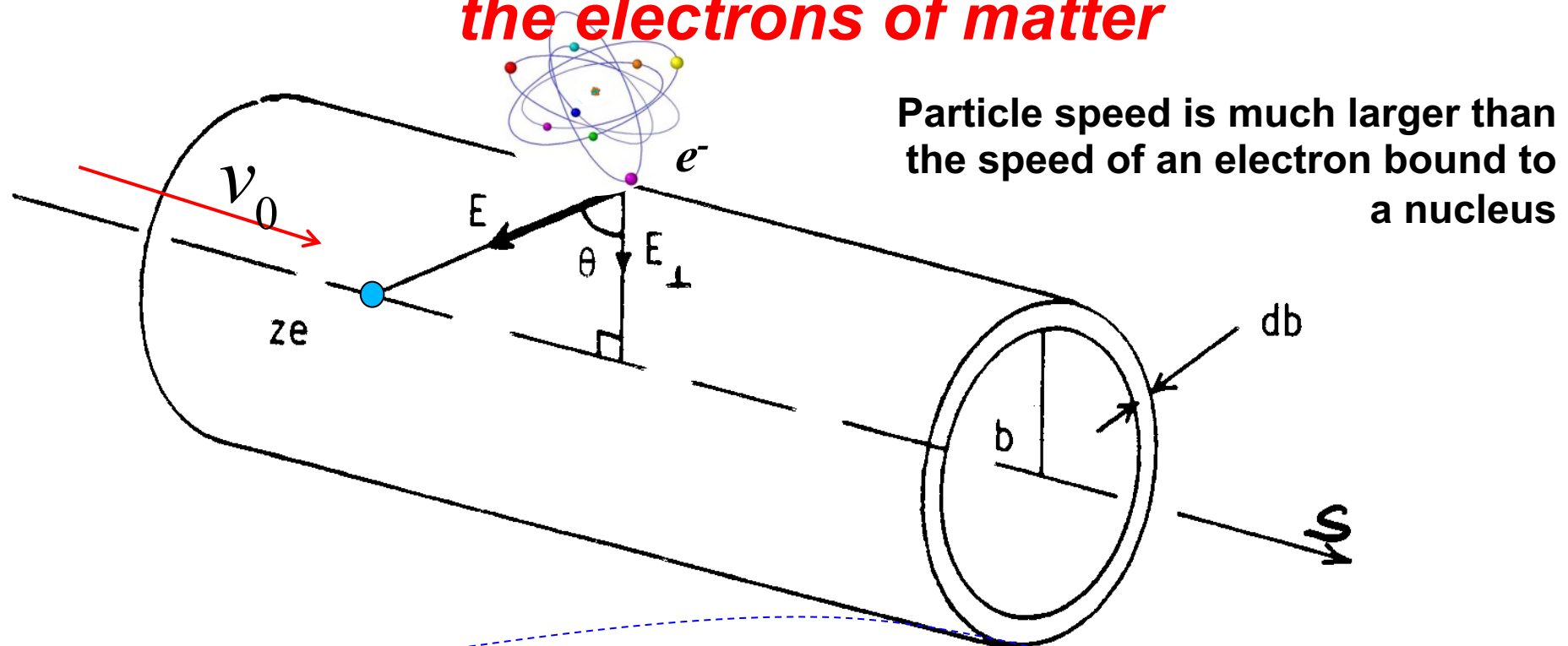
Questions ???

Charged « heavy particles »

Coulomb interaction



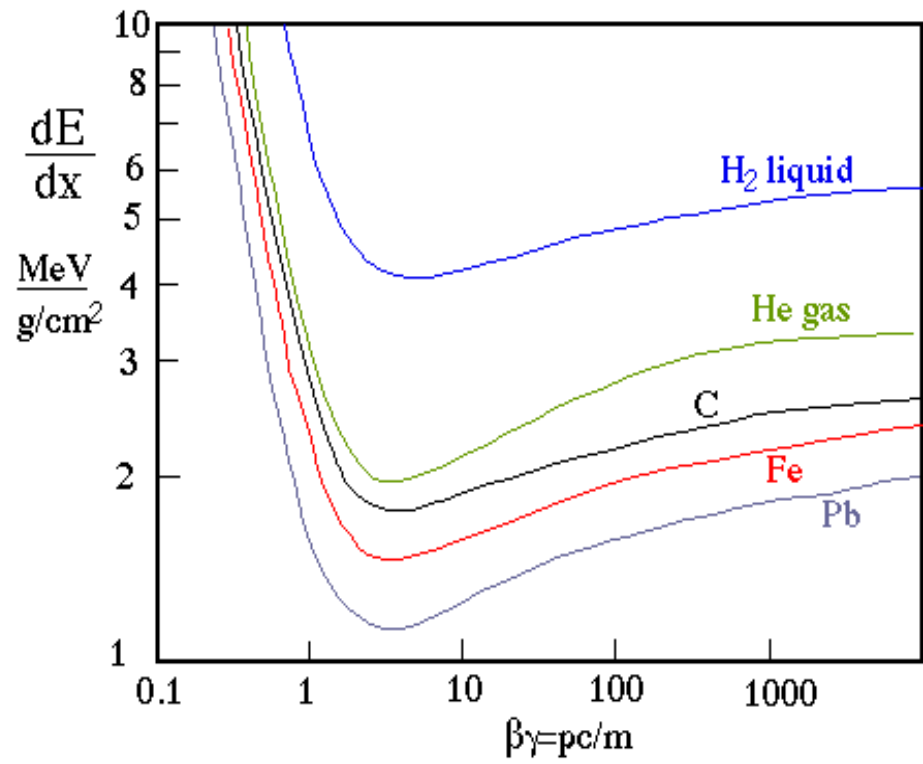
Interaction of charged “heavy” particles with the electrons of matter



$$-\frac{dE}{ds} = -\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dE}{db} db = \frac{4\pi z^2 e^4 k^2}{m_e v_0^2} n_e \ln \frac{b_{\max}}{b_{\min}}$$

$$k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

Bethe – Bloch formula



$x = \text{surface density}$

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dE}{ds}$$

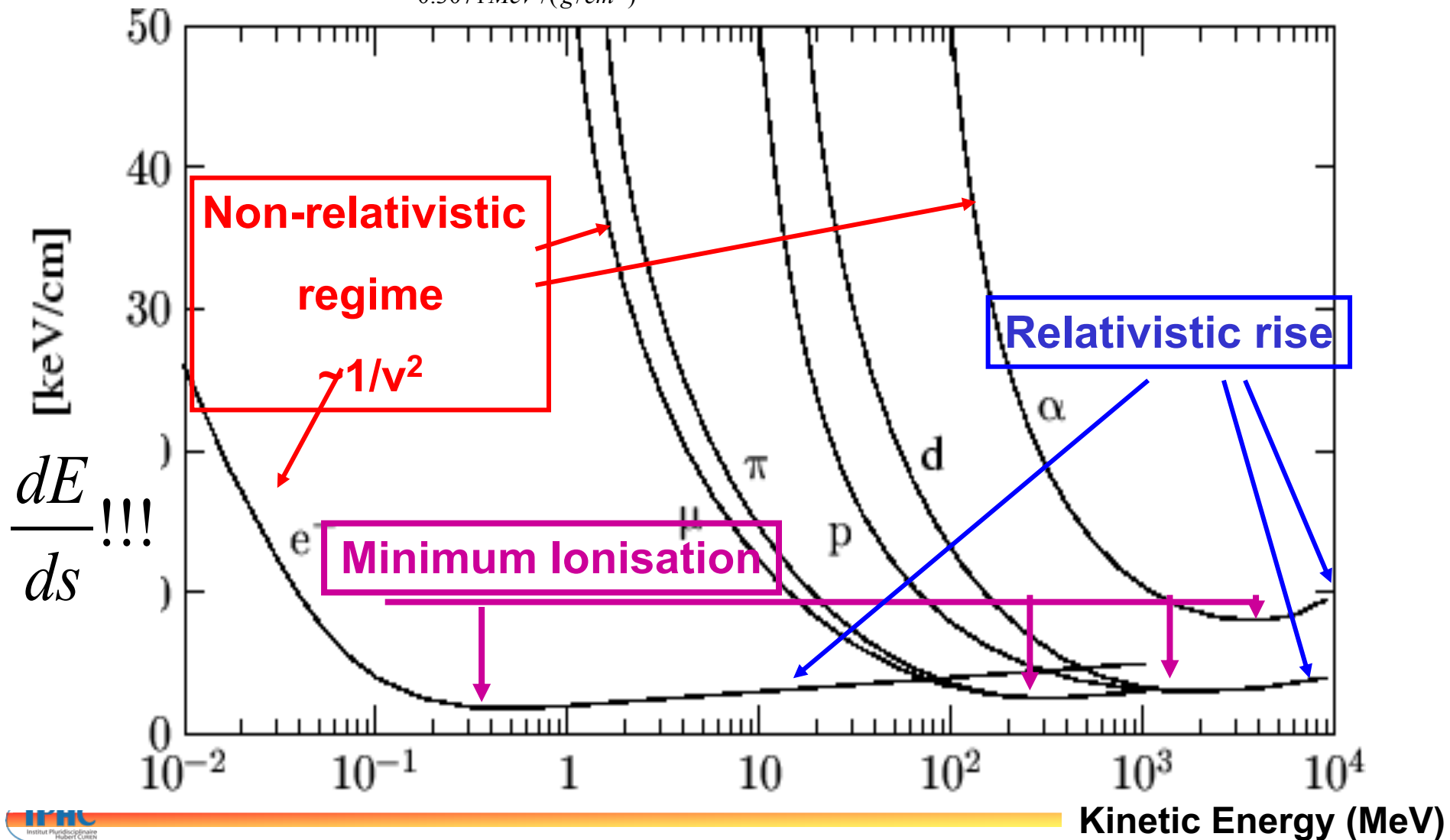
$$n_e = N_A \cdot \rho \cdot \frac{Z}{A}$$

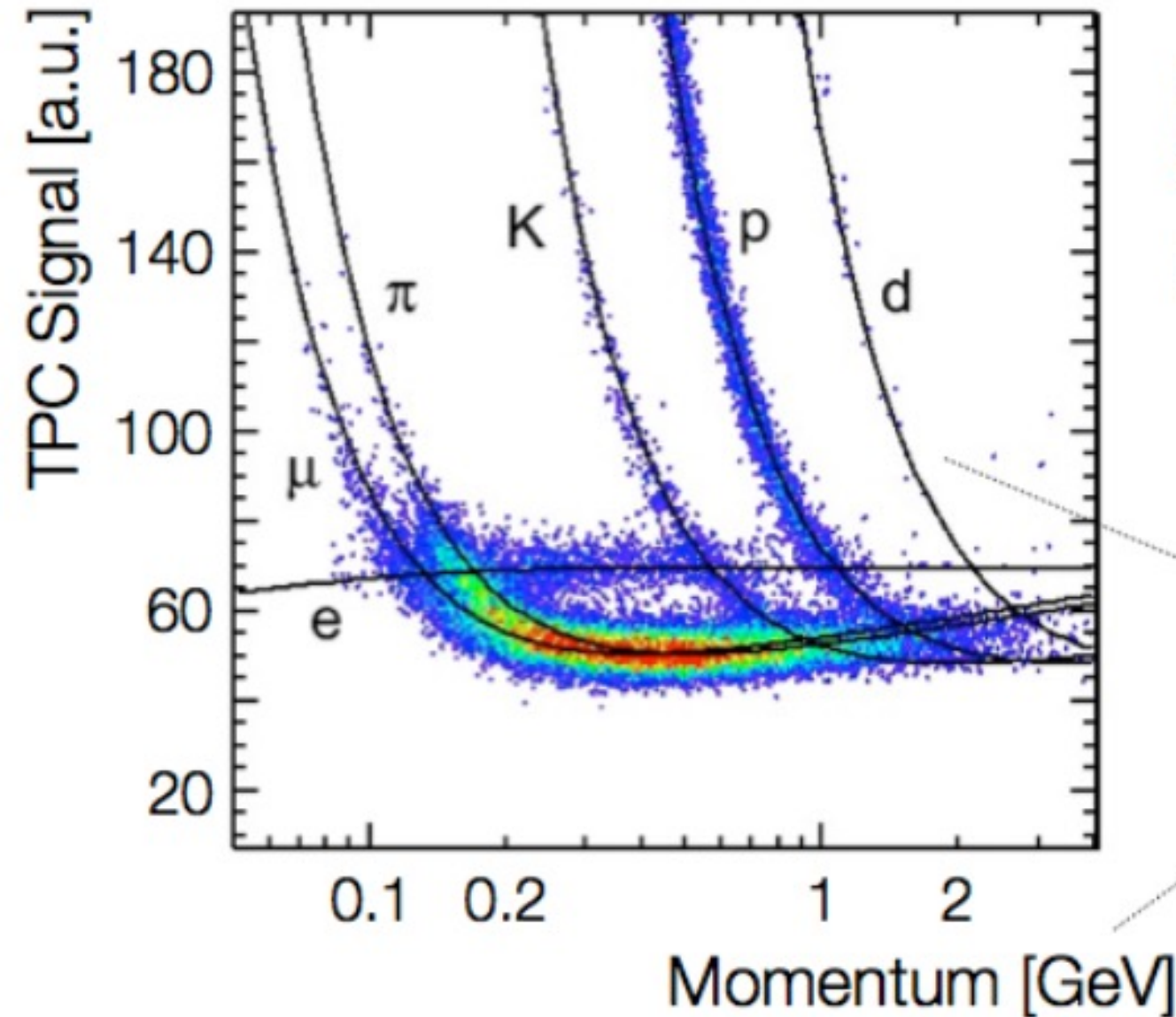
$$r_e = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m_e c^2} = \frac{\alpha\hbar c}{m_e c^2}$$

$$-\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dE}{ds} = -\frac{dE}{dx} = \underbrace{4\pi N_A r_e^2 m_e c^2}_{0.3071 \text{ MeV}/(\text{g}/\text{cm}^2)} \frac{Z}{A} z^2 \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \gamma^2 \beta^2 \cdot T_e^{\text{max}}}{I^2} - \beta^2 \frac{\delta}{2} - \frac{C}{Z} \right]$$

Density- shell correction

$$-\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dE}{ds} = -\frac{dE}{dx} = \underbrace{4\pi N_A r_e^2 m_e c^2}_{0.3071 \text{ MeV}/(\text{g}/\text{cm}^2)} \frac{Z}{A} z^2 \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \gamma^2 \beta^2 \cdot T_e^{\max}}{I^2} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta}{2} - \frac{C}{Z} \right]$$





Measured
energy loss

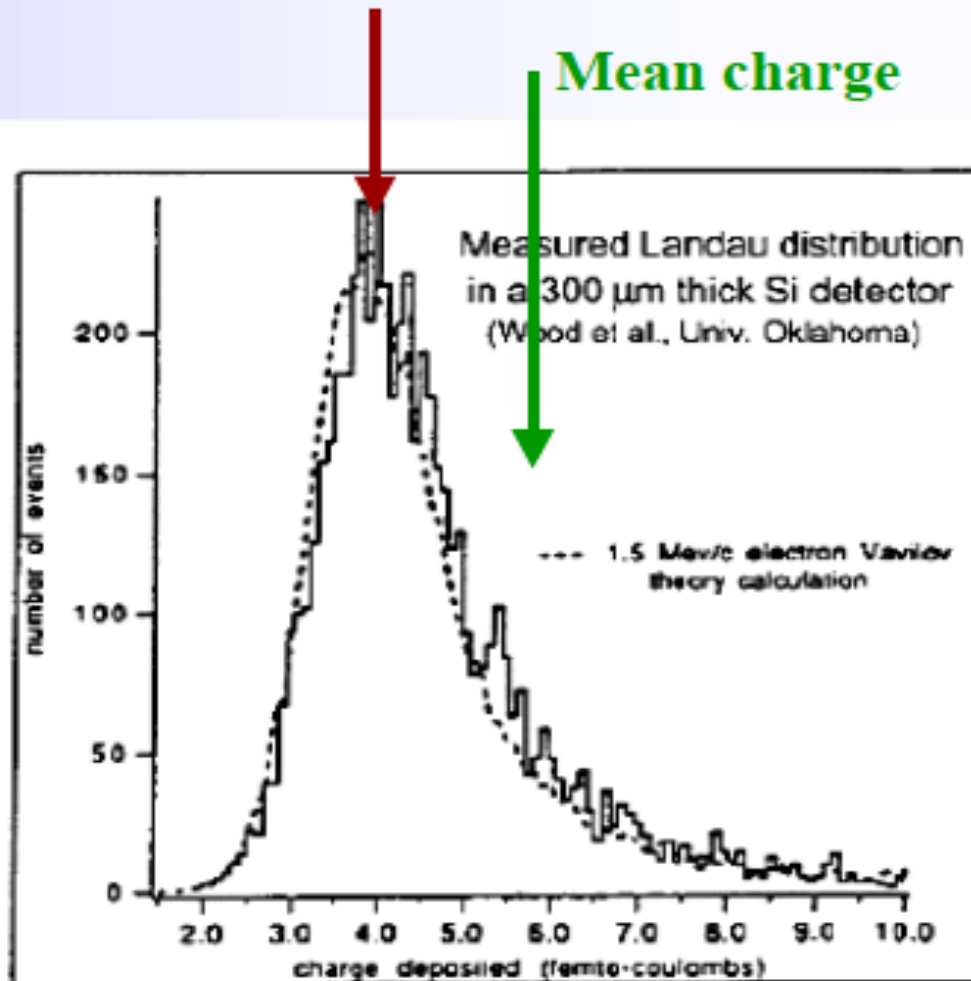
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Bethe-Bloch

Remember:
 dE/dx depends on β !

Fluctuations of energy loss by charged particles

Most probable charge $\approx 0.7 \times$ mean.

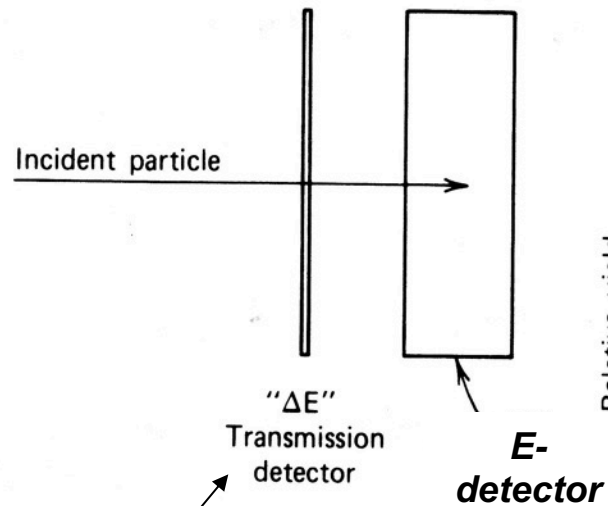


- Large fluctuations of energy loss, specially in thin layers
- Results from the stochastic nature of collisions.
- Large transfer of energy can occur in a single collision
- If the number of collisions becomes very large the distribution approaches a Gaussian (Central Limit Theorem).

CMS silicon detector

Mean / average energy loss is predicted by Bethe-Bloch formula

Identification of masses for non relativistic particles



$$\frac{dE}{dx} \propto \frac{1}{v^2}; \quad E_{cin} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

 \Rightarrow

$$\frac{dE}{dx} \times E_{cin} \propto m$$

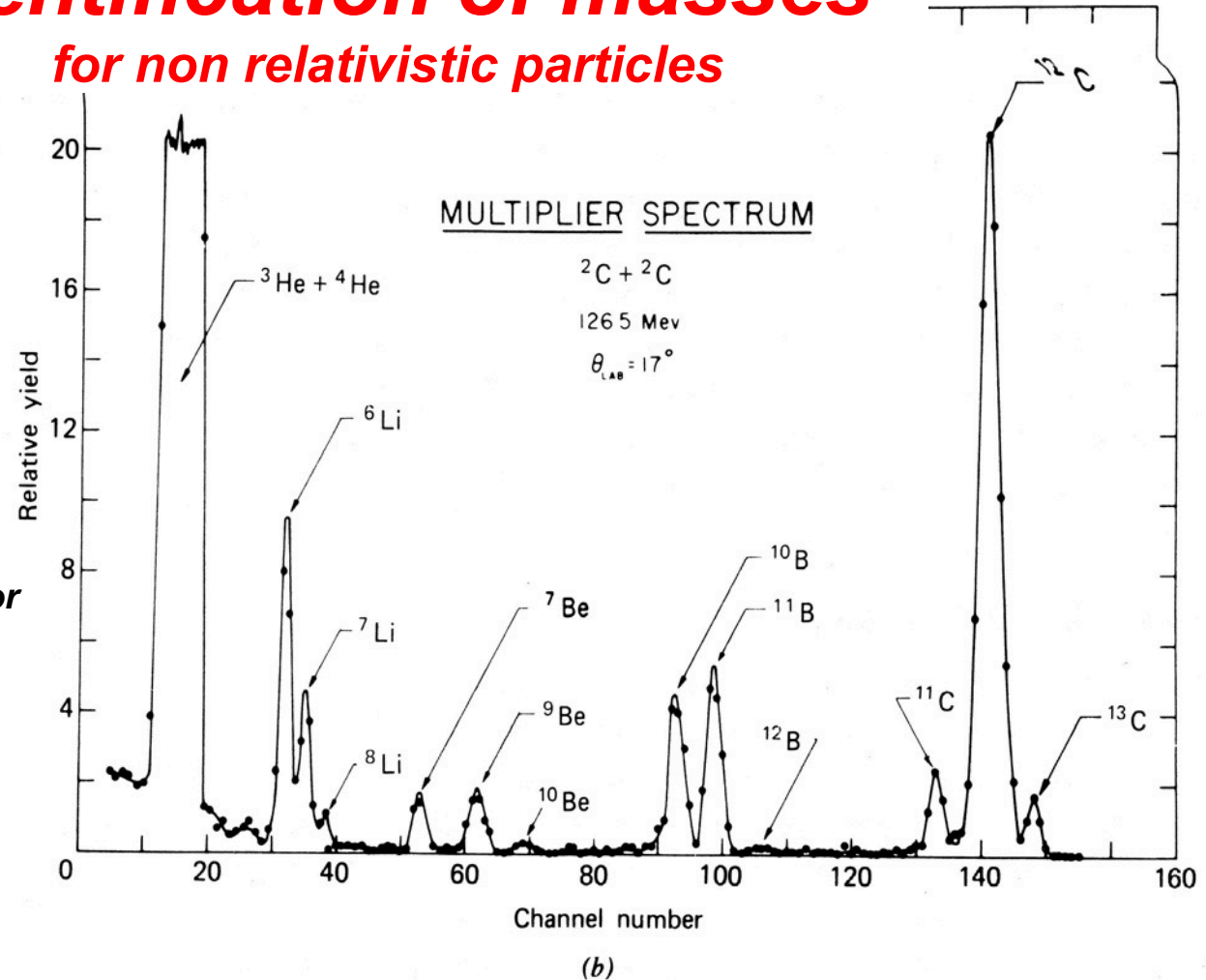
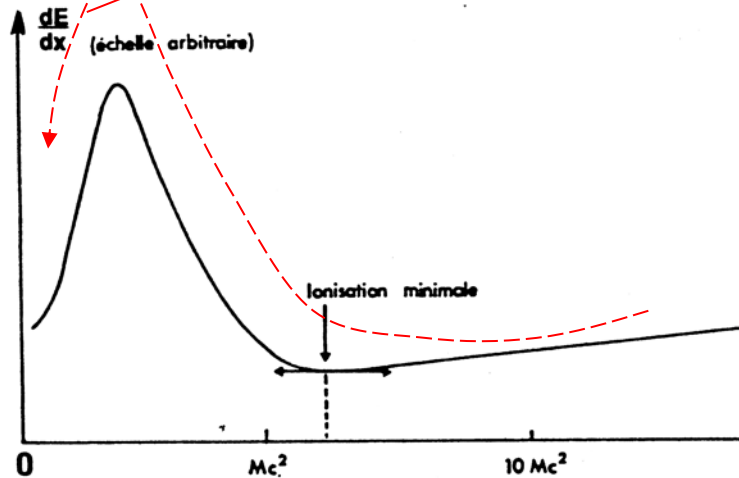


Figure 11-16 (a) A particle identifier arrangement consisting of tandem ΔE and E detectors operated in coincidence. (b) Experimental spectrum obtained for the $\Delta E \cdot E$ signal product for a mixture of different ions. (From Bromley.⁹⁰)

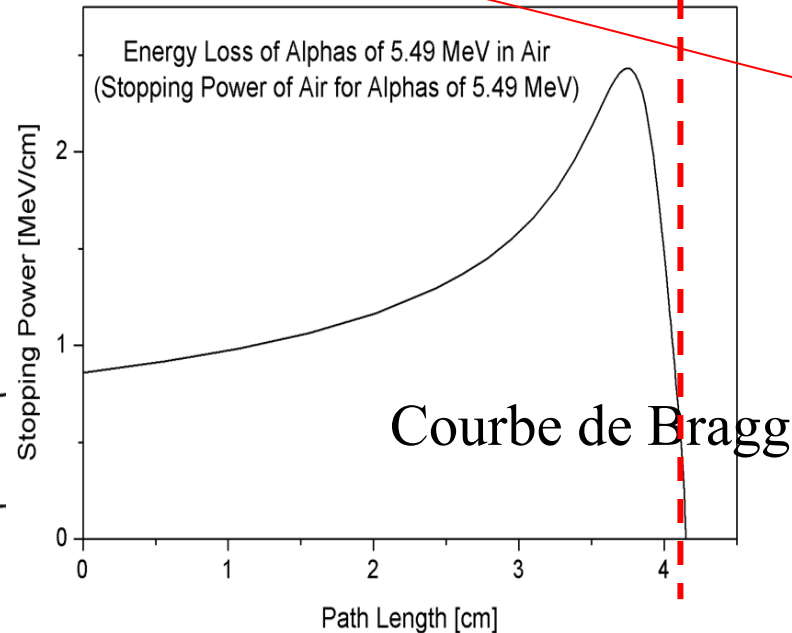
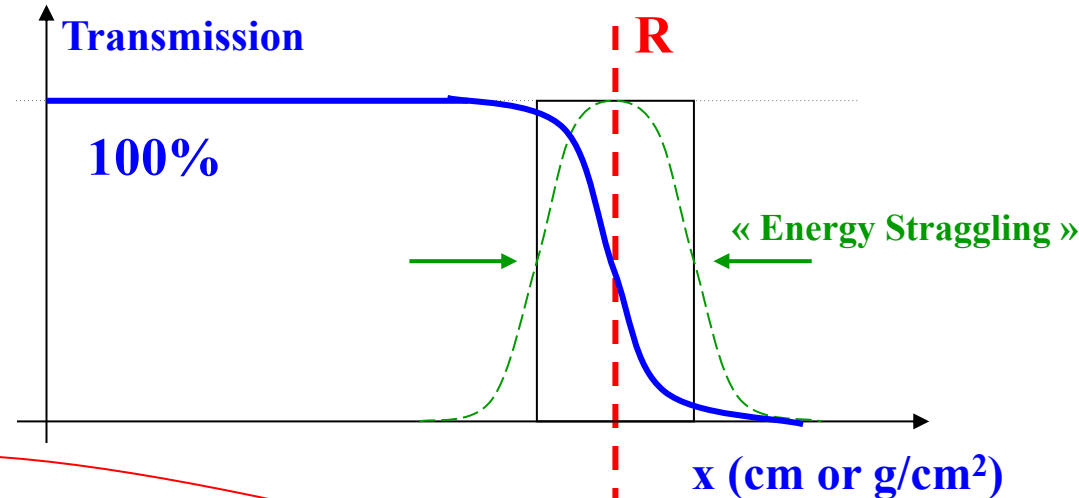
Range of charged particles is a very well defined quantity

$$\langle R \rangle = \int_{E_0}^0 \left(\frac{dE}{dx} \right)^{-1} dE$$

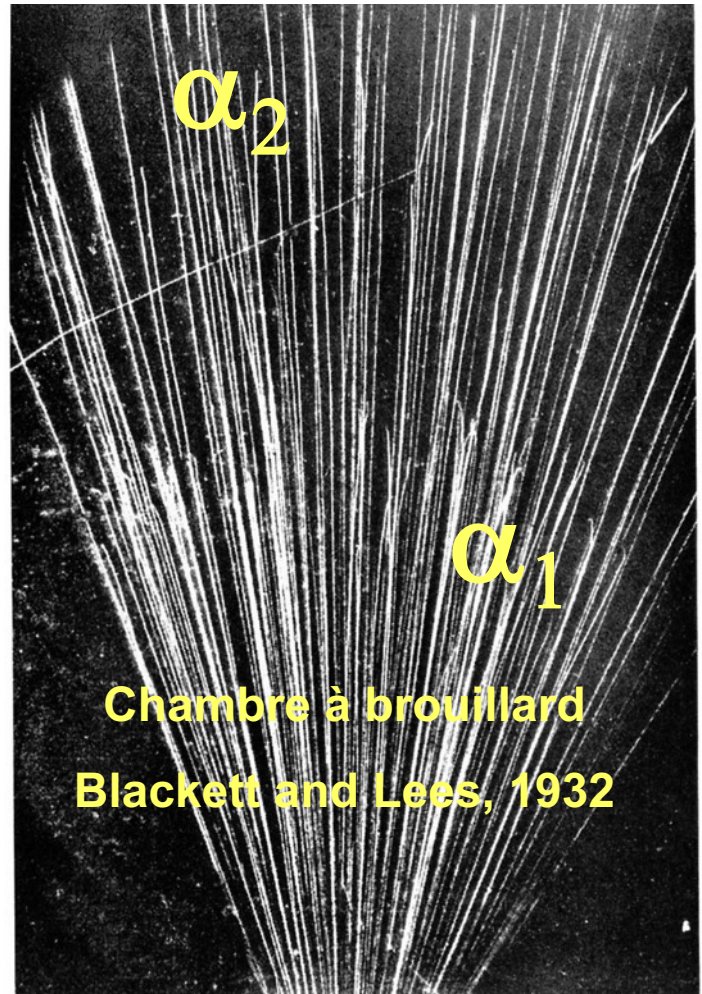
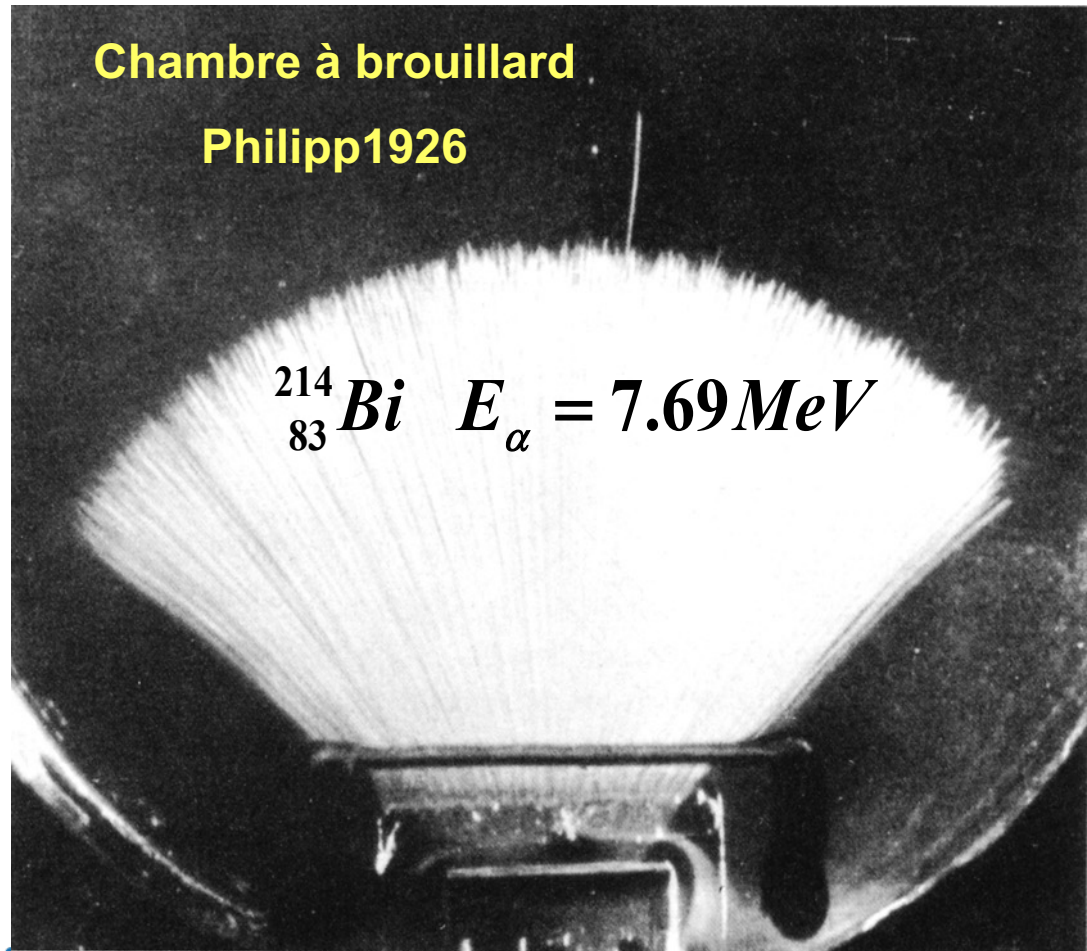
$$\frac{\langle R \rangle \rho}{Mc^2} \sim \frac{1}{z_0^2} \frac{A}{Z} f(\beta_0 \gamma_0)$$



Range of heavy charged particle



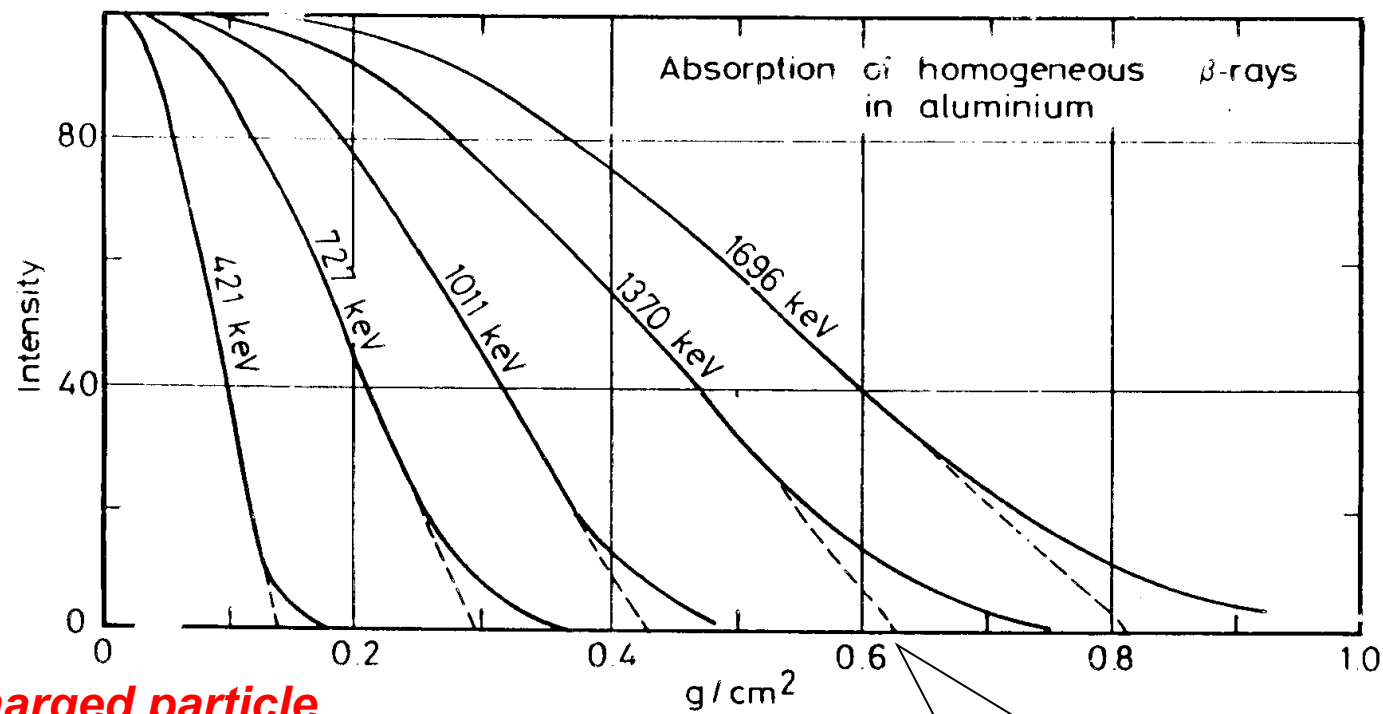
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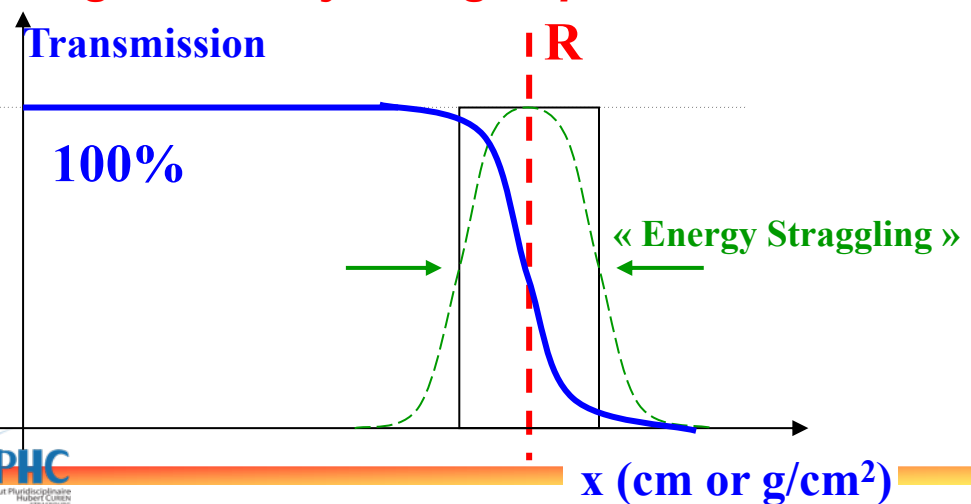
Electrons

- **Electron – electron collisions**
- **Identical particles / equal masses**
- **Higher energy transfer**
- **Larger directional changes**
- **Badly defined trajectory**

Low energy electrons



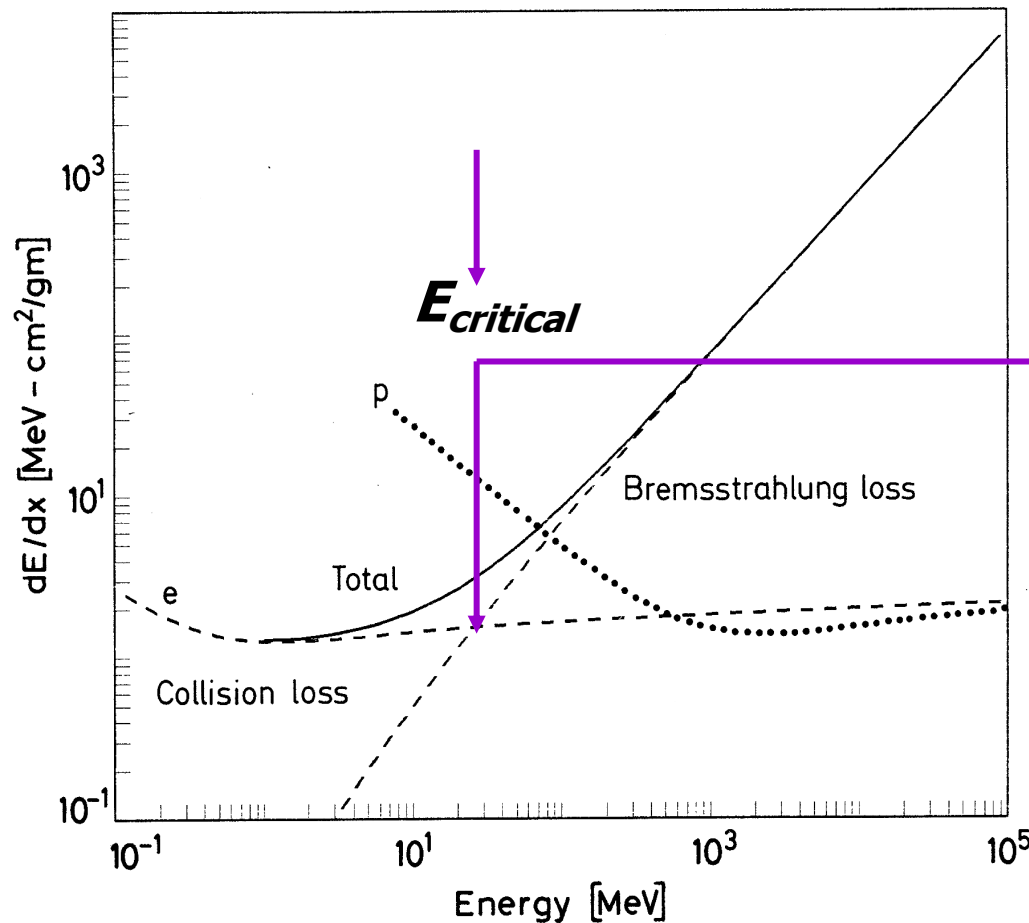
Range of heavy charged particle



Definition of an effective range

High energy electrons: Bremsstrahlung

$$\frac{dE^{rad}}{dx} = -\frac{dE^{e^-}}{dx} = \frac{E^{e^-}}{X_0} \Rightarrow E^e(x) = E_0^e \exp(-x/X_0) \quad X_0 = \text{radiation length}$$



$$\frac{dE^{rad}}{dx} = 4\alpha N \frac{Z^2}{A} z^2 r_e^2 E \ln\left(\frac{183}{Z^{1/3}}\right)$$

$$r_e = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m_e c^2}$$

$$E_{critical} \sim \left(\frac{m_{particle}}{m_{electron}}\right)^2 \frac{1}{Z}$$

For muons the critical energy is about 200 GeV !

$$E_c = \frac{610 \text{ MeV}}{Z+1,24}$$

Liquids
and solids

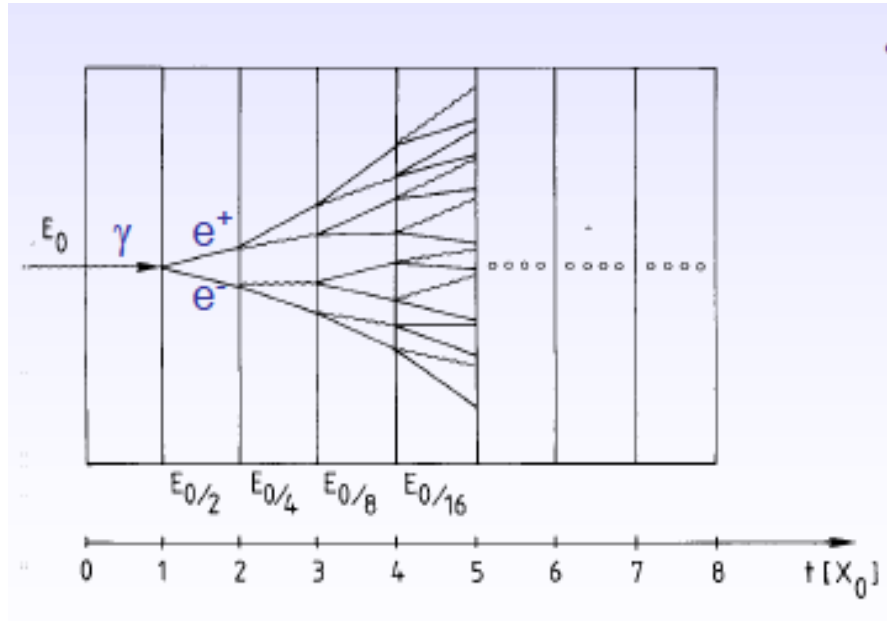
$$E_c = \frac{710 \text{ MeV}}{Z+0,92}$$

Gas

Interaction of electrons: radiation length and critical energy

<i>milieu</i>	<i>Z</i>	<i>A</i>	X_0 (g/cm ²)	X_0 (cm)	E_c (MeV)
hydrogène	1	1.01	63	700000	350
hélium	2	4	94	530000	250
lithium	3	6.94	83	156	180
carbone	6	12.01	43	18.8	90
azote	7	14.01	38	30500	85
oxygène	8	16	34	24000	75
aluminium	13	26.98	24	8.9	40
silicium	14	28.09	22	9.4	39
fer	26	55.85	13.9	1.76	20.7
cuivre	29	63.55	12.9	1.43	18.8
argent	47	109.9	9.3	0.89	11.9
tungstène	74	183.9	6.8	0.35	8
plomb	82	207.2	6.4	0.56	7.4
air	7.3	14.4	37	30000	84
silice (SiO ₂)	11.2	21.7	27	12	57
eau	7.5	14.2	36	36	83

Electromagnetic shower



$$N(t) = 2^t \quad E(t) / \text{particle} = E_0 \cdot 2^{-t}$$

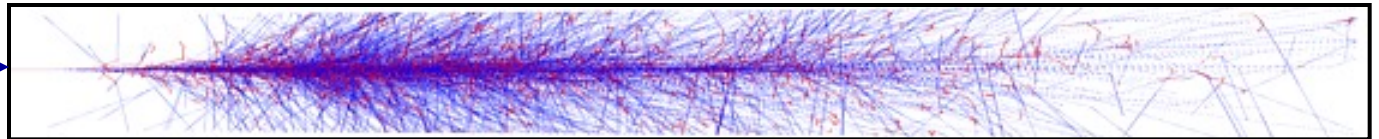
Process continues until $E(t) < E_c$

$$N^{\text{total}} = \sum_{t=0}^{t_{\text{max}}} 2^t = 2^{(t_{\text{max}}+1)} - 1 \approx 2 \cdot 2^{t_{\text{max}}} = 2 \frac{E_0}{E_c}$$

$$t_{\text{max}} = \frac{\ln E_0 / E_c}{\ln 2}$$

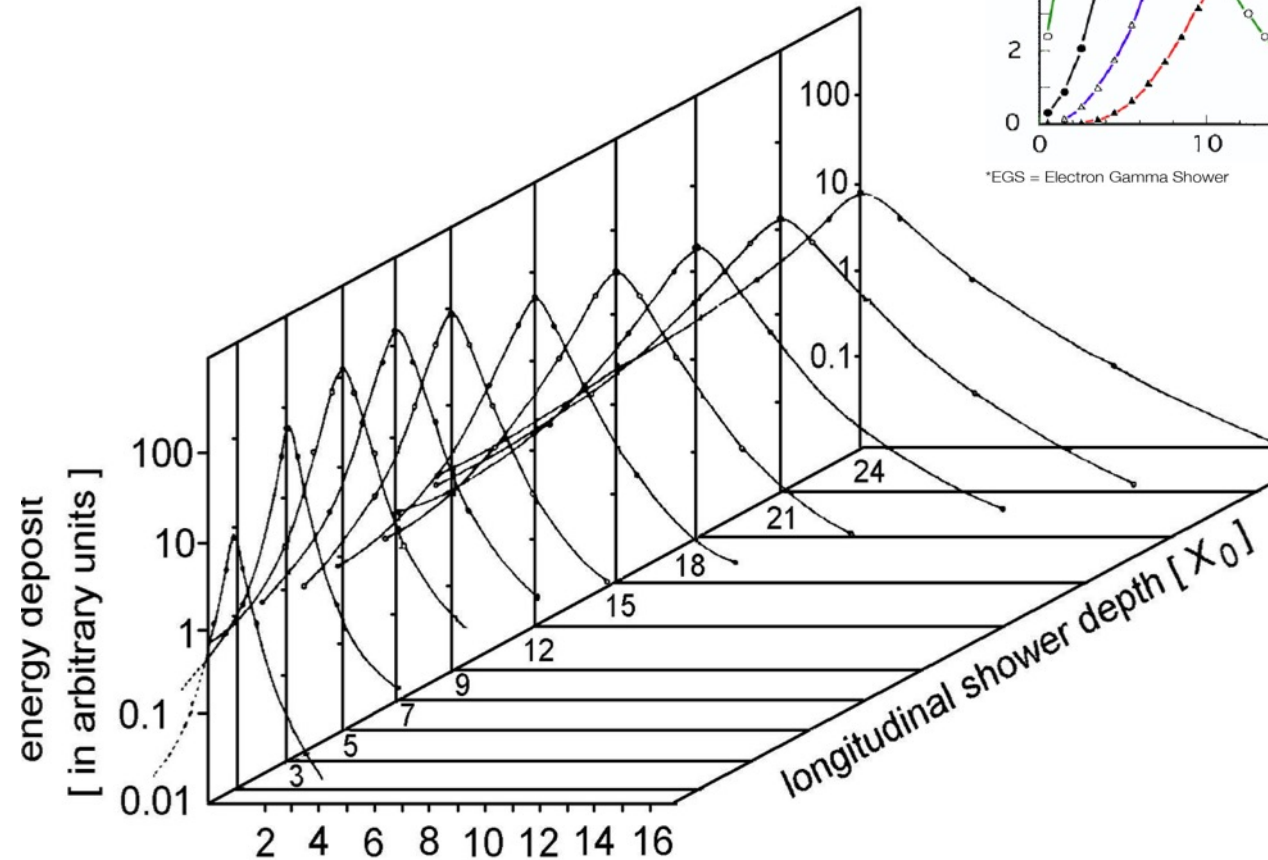
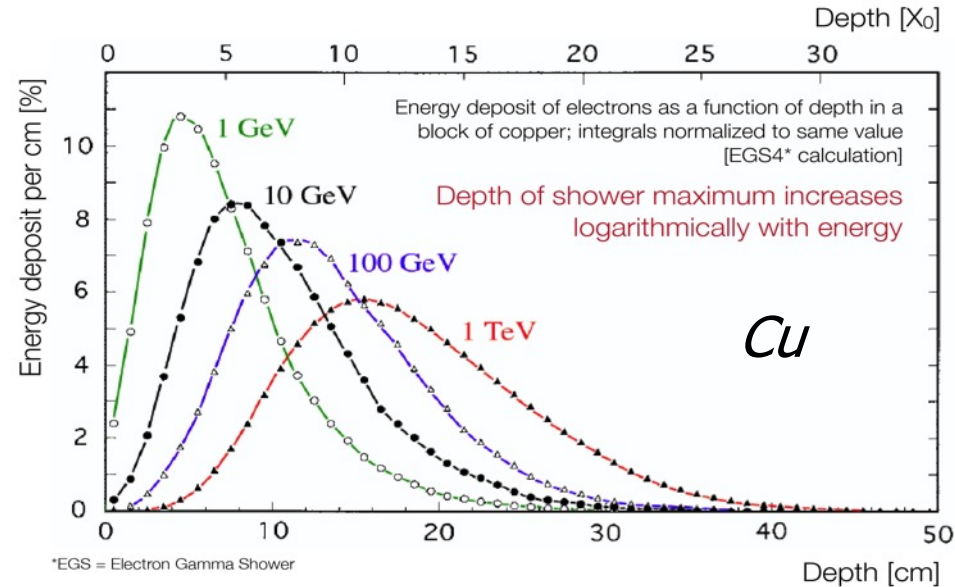
PbW0₄ CMS, X₀=0.89 cm

e, γ



95% in a cylinder of R_M

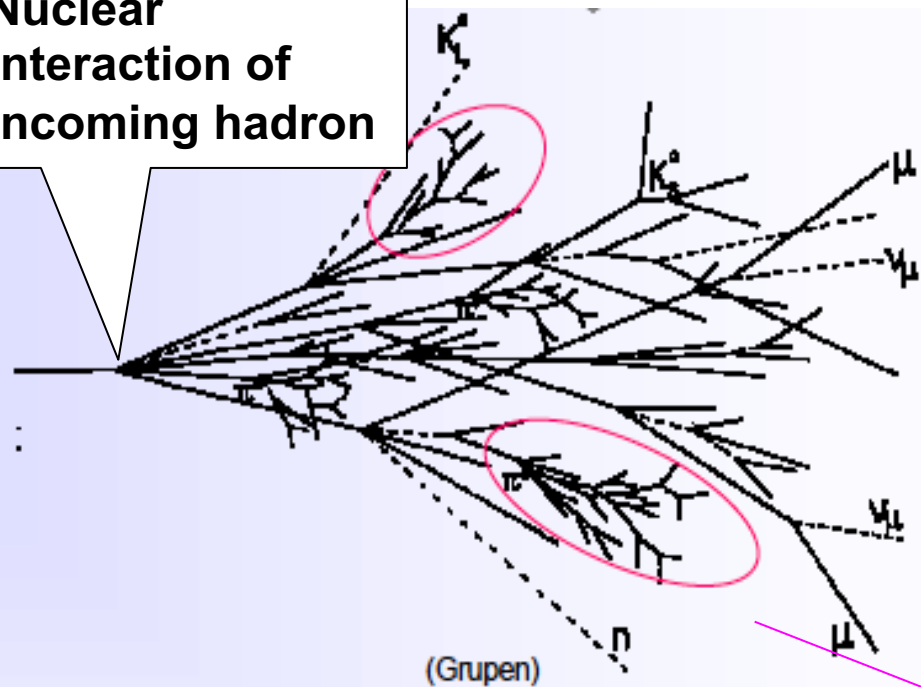
$$R_M = \frac{21 \text{ MeV}}{E_c} X_0 \quad [\text{g/cm}^2]$$



$$t_{\max} = \ln \frac{E_0}{E_c} \frac{1}{\ln 2}$$

Hadronic showers

This is **NOT(!)**
a parton shower !!!



hadronic

$$\downarrow N(x) = N_0 \exp(-x / \Lambda) ; \quad \frac{1}{\Lambda} = \sigma_{\text{int}} \cdot n_b$$

- charged hadrons p, π^\pm, K^\pm
- nuclear fragments
- breaking up of nuclei (binding energy)
- neutrons, neutrinos, soft γ 's, muons

$\Lambda =$ nuclear interaction length

invisible energy \rightarrow large energy fluctuations \rightarrow limited energy resolution

electromagnetic

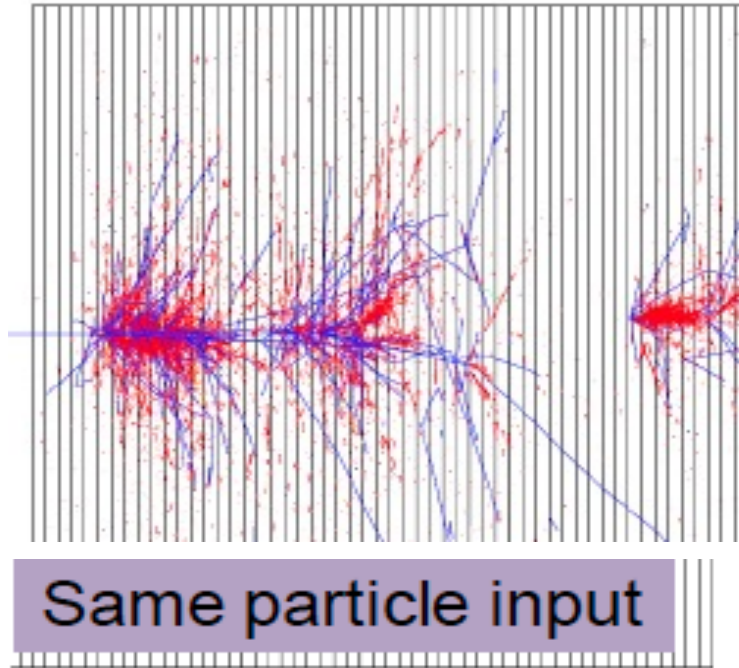
neutral pions $\rightarrow 2\gamma$

\rightarrow electromagnetic cascades

$$n(\pi^0) \approx \ln E(\text{GeV}) - 4.6$$

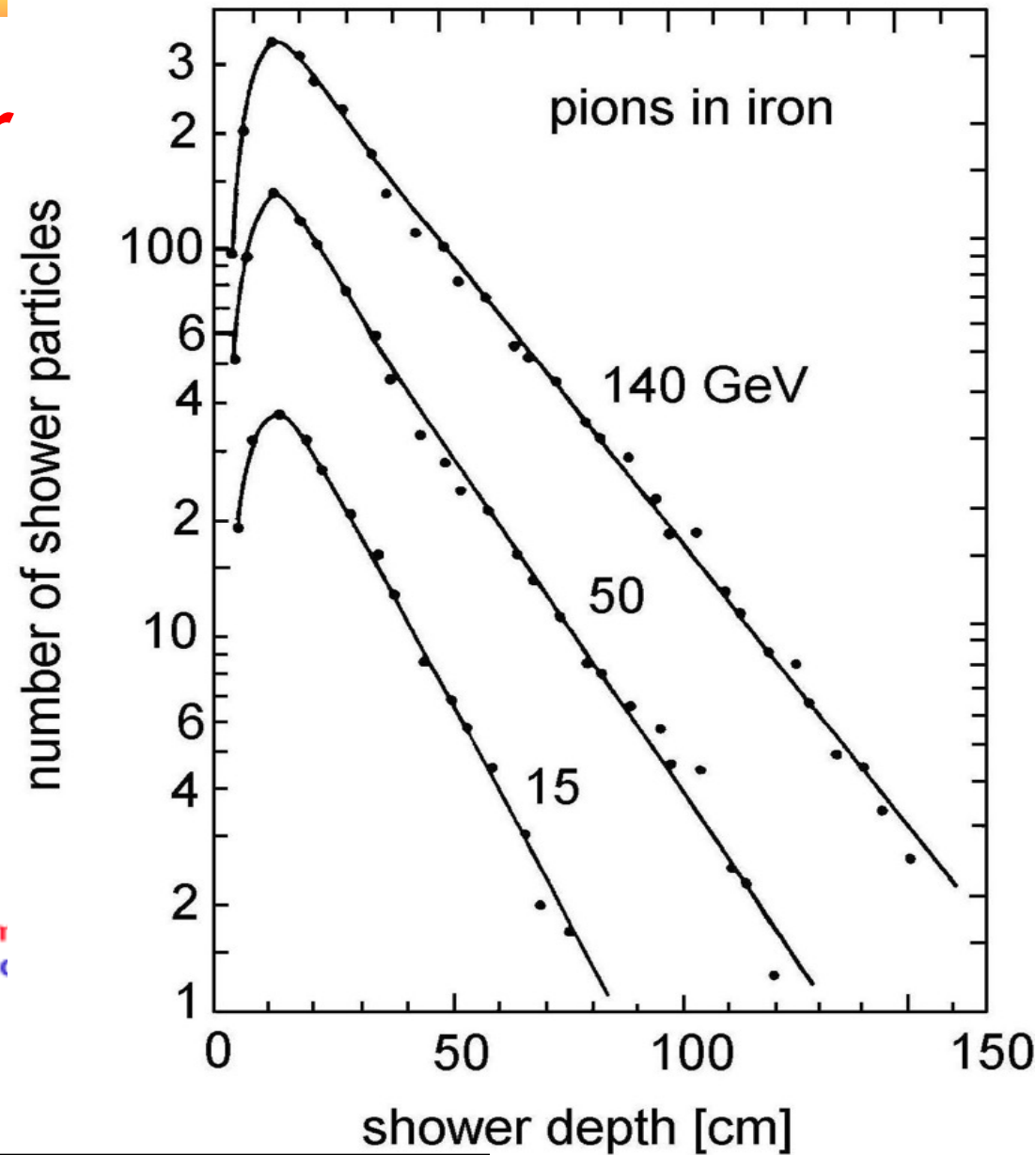
example $E = 100 \text{ GeV}$: $n(\pi^0) \approx 18$

Hadronic shower

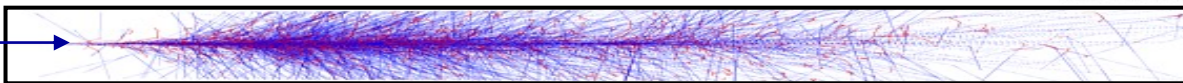


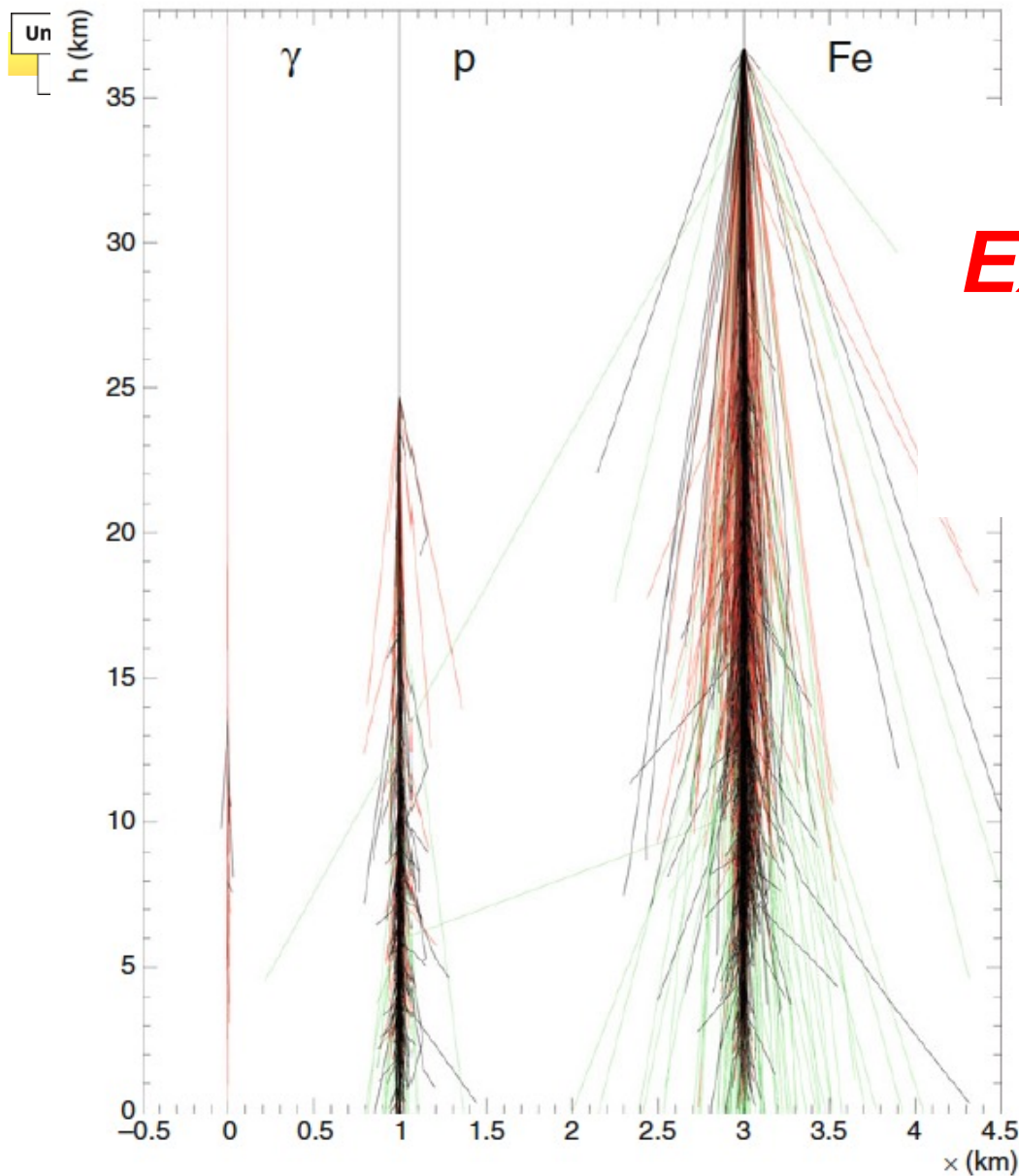
$$\Lambda \gg X_0$$

red - e.m. com
blue - charged



Comparison elm shower:





Extensive Air shower 10^{14} eV

The atmosphere as a big
calorimeter

See lecture on
astroparticles

Fig. 1.11 Side view of trajectories of particles of energy ≥ 10 GeV of a photon, a proton and an iron nucleus initiated shower having a total primary energy of 10^5 GeV each. The electromagnetic component is shown in *red*, hadrons are *black* and muons *green*. The widely spread particles in the lower region of the atmosphere in the hadron showers are mostly muons (courtesy of KASCADE

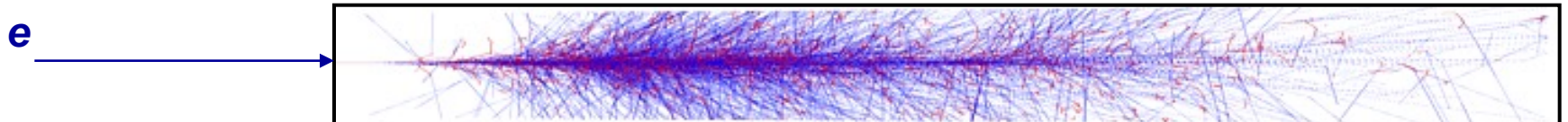
Summary(II)

Particle interaction with matter

Electrons

- also loose their energy by **ionization** but with much larger fluctuations in the energy loss and deflections leading to a badly defined range in matter.
- At energies higher than a critical energy **Bremsstrahlung** is emitted. This process becomes rapidly dominant.
- Multiple pair creation and Bremsstrahlung will lead to **extended electromagnetic showers** characterized by the “**radiation length X_0** ”
- The **energy** of the incoming electron (not the number !) decreases exponentially with the path length.

$$E^e(x) = E_0^e \exp(-x / X_0)$$



Summary (III)

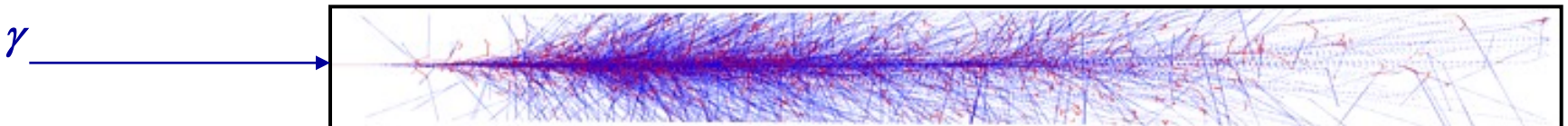
Particle interaction with matter

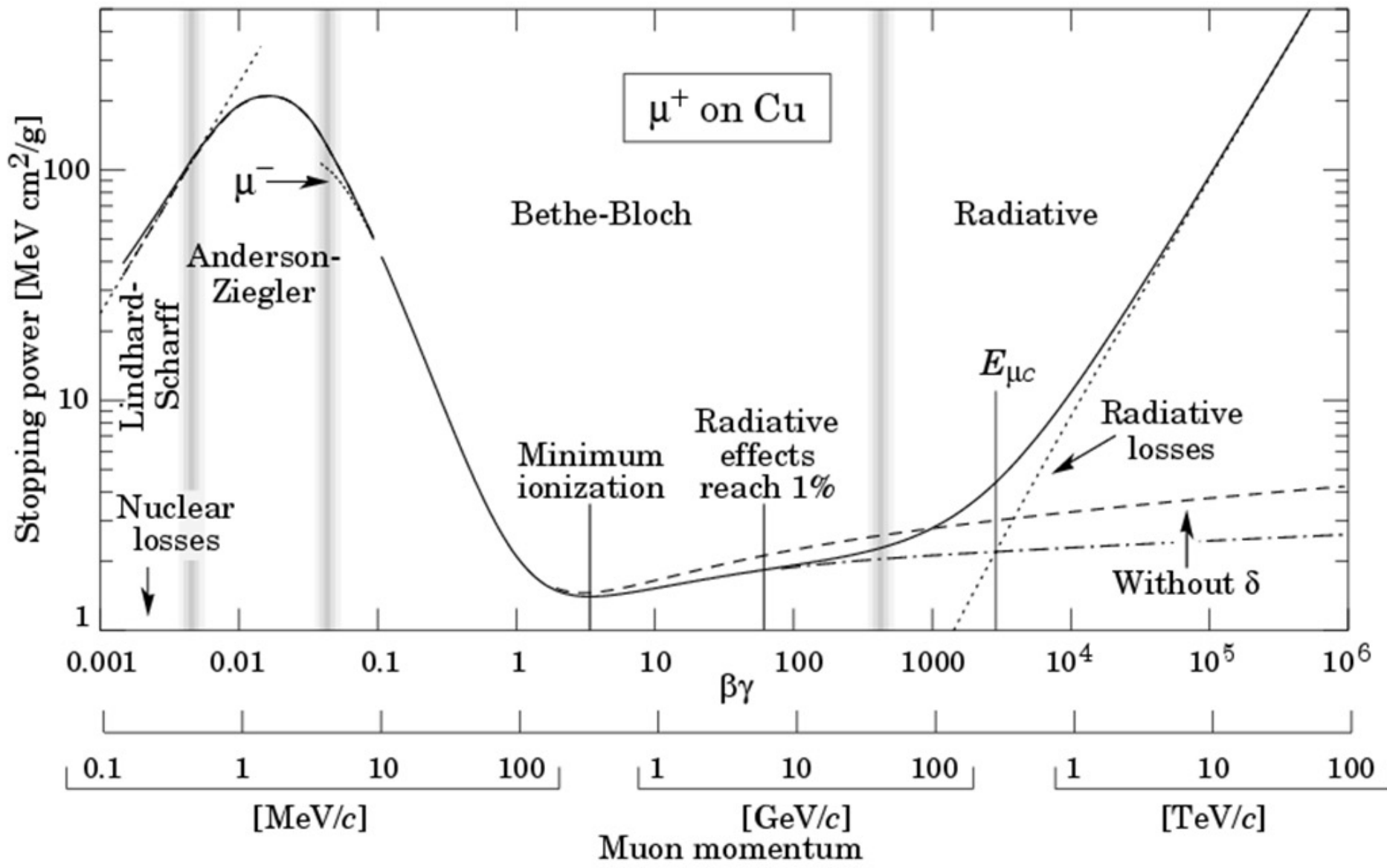
Photons :

- At **low energy** (< 10 MeV) photons are absorbed by a single interaction (**photoelectric, Compton effect or pair creation**). The **number of photons is attenuated exponentially**, the energy of the remaining photons is not changed, however by the Compton effect lower energy photons are created.

$$N(x) = N_0 \exp(-x / \lambda) ; \quad \frac{1}{\mu} = \lambda_{\text{specific process}} = \text{attenuation length}; \quad x = \text{thickness}$$

- At **high energy** ($E \gg 10$ MeV) successive pair creation followed by **electron Bremsstrahlung** will lead to extended **elm showers** characterized by the “**radiation length X_0** ”





Other processes

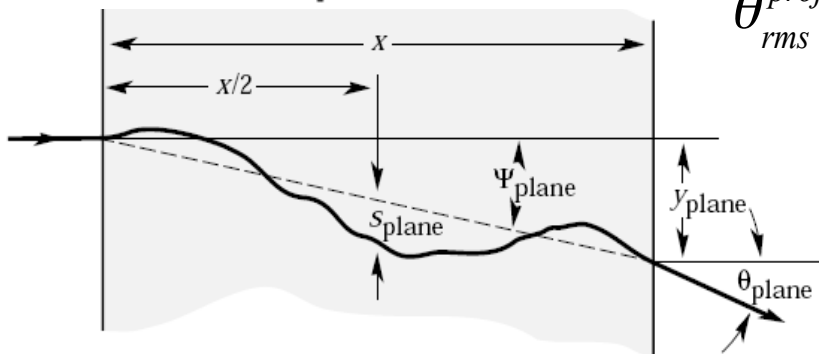
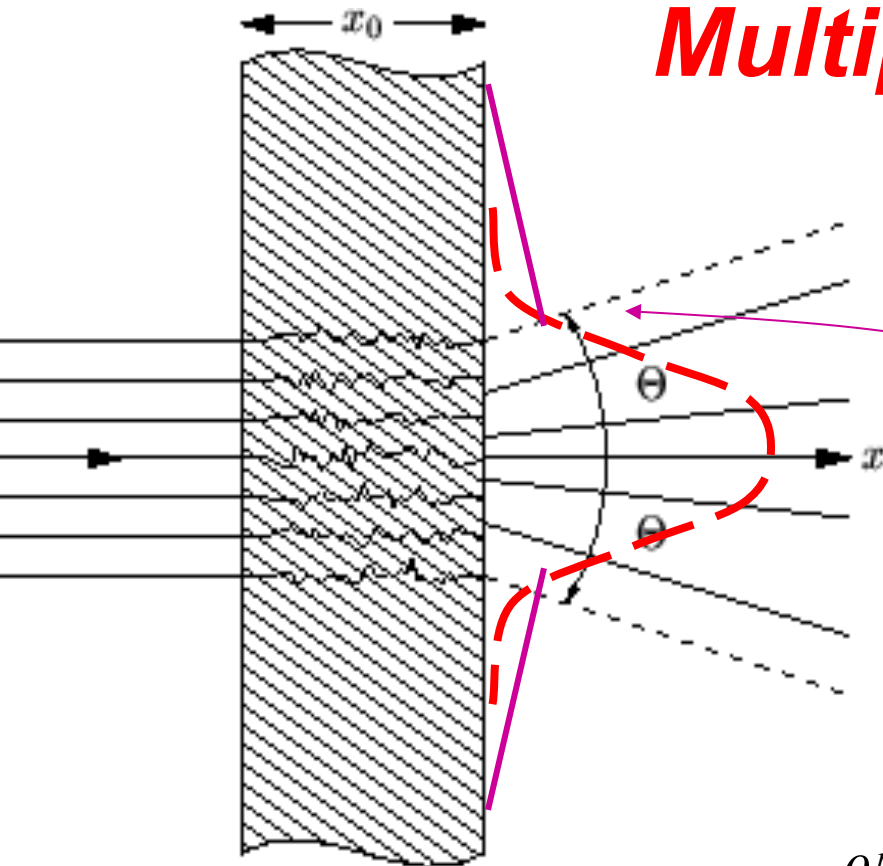
- **Multiple scattering**
- **Cerenkov radiation**
- **Transition radiation**
- **Neutrons**
- **Neutrinos**
- **Direct dark matter detection**

Multiple scattering

Scattering in the coulomb field of
the nucleus (Rutherford)

Gaussian (θ) distribution for
small angles θ ,

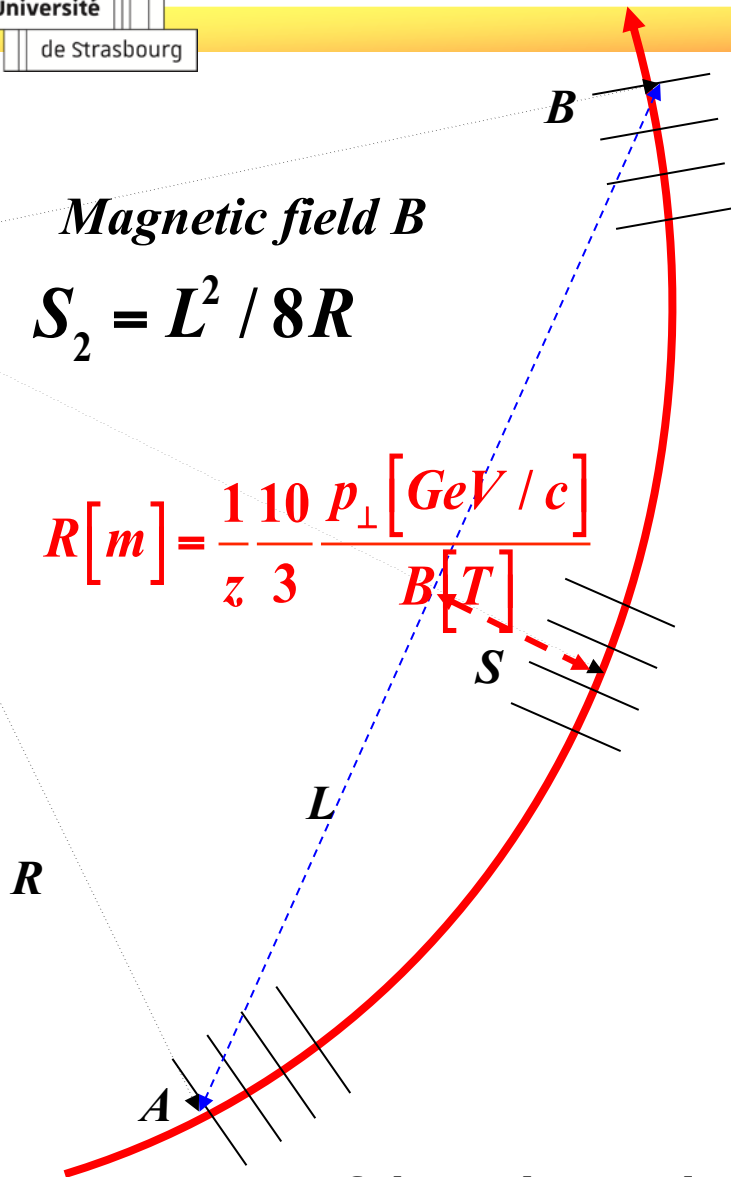
Violant scatters can lead to large
values of θ



$$\theta_{rms}^{proj} = \frac{13.6 \text{ MeV} / c}{p \cdot \beta} z \sqrt{\frac{x}{X_0}} (1 + 0.038 \ln(x / X_0))$$

z of charged particle

X_0 = radiation length



Magnetic field B

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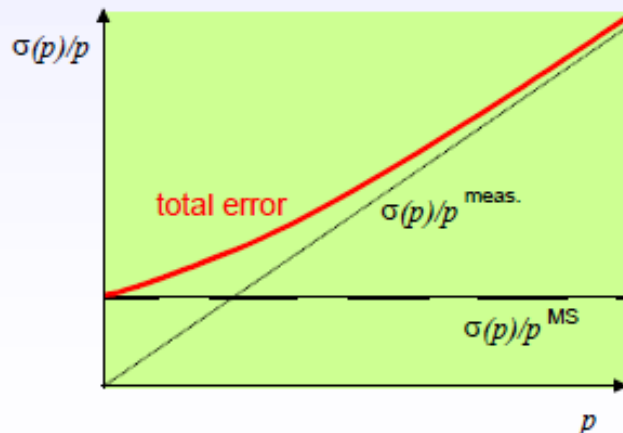
Resolution and multiple scattering

$$\left. \frac{\sigma(p_T)}{p_T} \right|^{meas.} = \frac{\sigma(x) \cdot p_T}{0.3 \cdot BL^2} \sqrt{720/(N+4)} \quad (\text{for } N \geq \sim 10)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{\sigma(p)}{p_T} \propto \sigma(x) \cdot p_T \\ \sigma(x)^{MS} \propto \theta_0 \propto \frac{1}{p} \end{array} \right\} \frac{\sigma(p)}{p_T} \Big|^{MS}$$

= constant, i.e. independent of p !

More precisely: $\left. \frac{\sigma(p)}{p_T} \right|^{MS} = 0.045 \frac{1}{B\sqrt{LX_0}}$



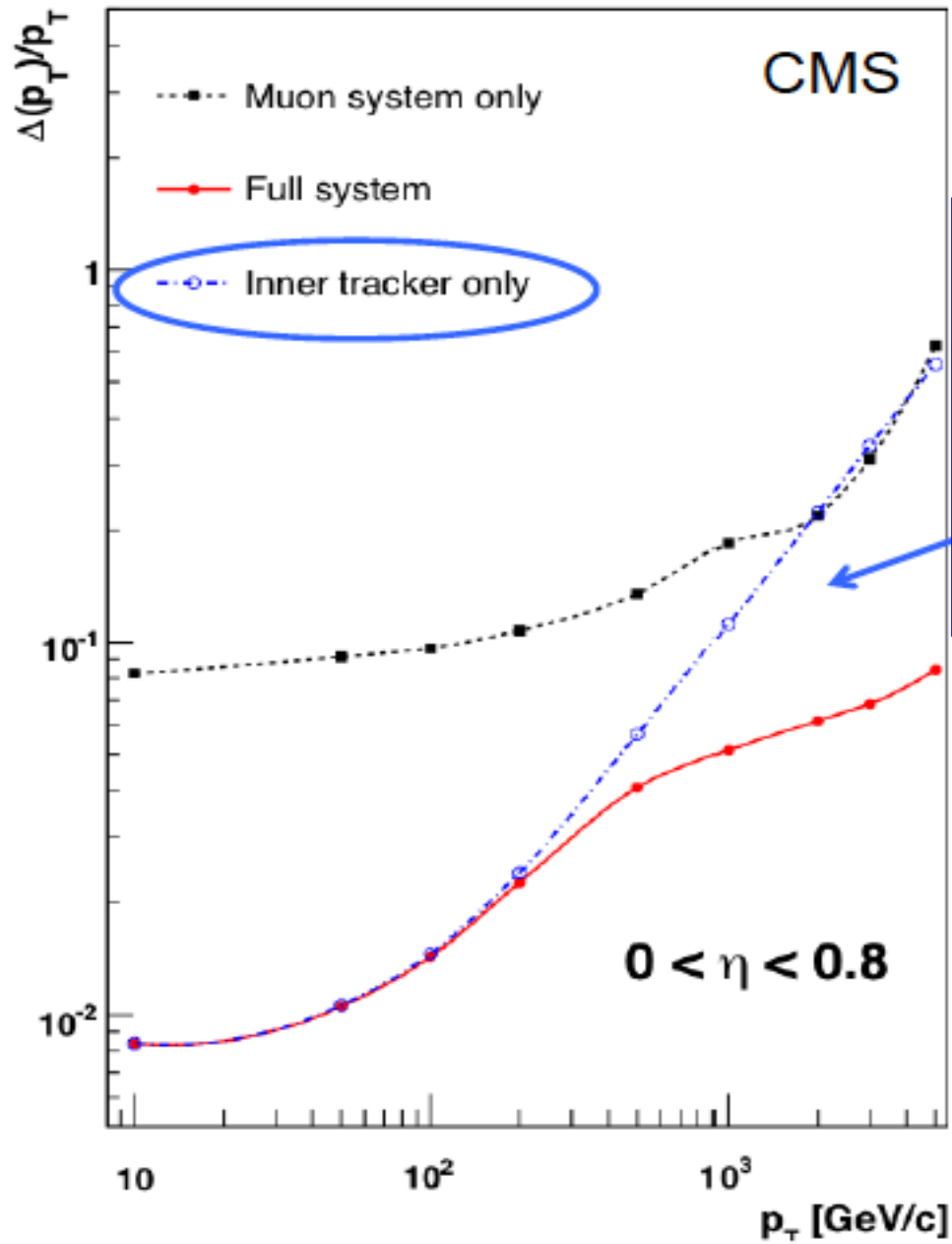
Example:

$$p_t = 1 \text{ GeV}/c, L = 1 \text{ m}, B = 1 \text{ T}, N = 10$$

$$\sigma(x) = 200 \text{ } \mu\text{m}: \quad \left. \frac{\sigma(p_T)}{p_T} \right|^{meas.} \approx 0.5\%$$

Assume detector ($L = 1 \text{ m}$) to be filled with 1 atm. Argon gas ($X_0 = 110 \text{ m}$),

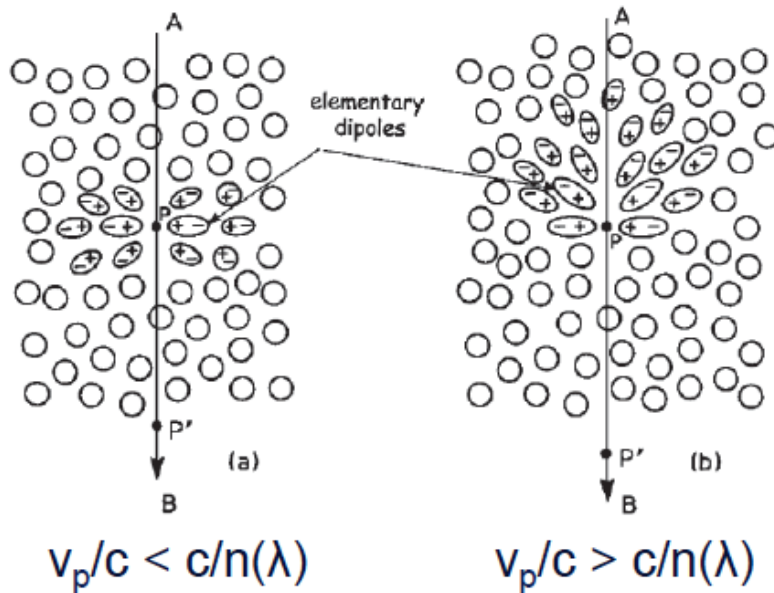
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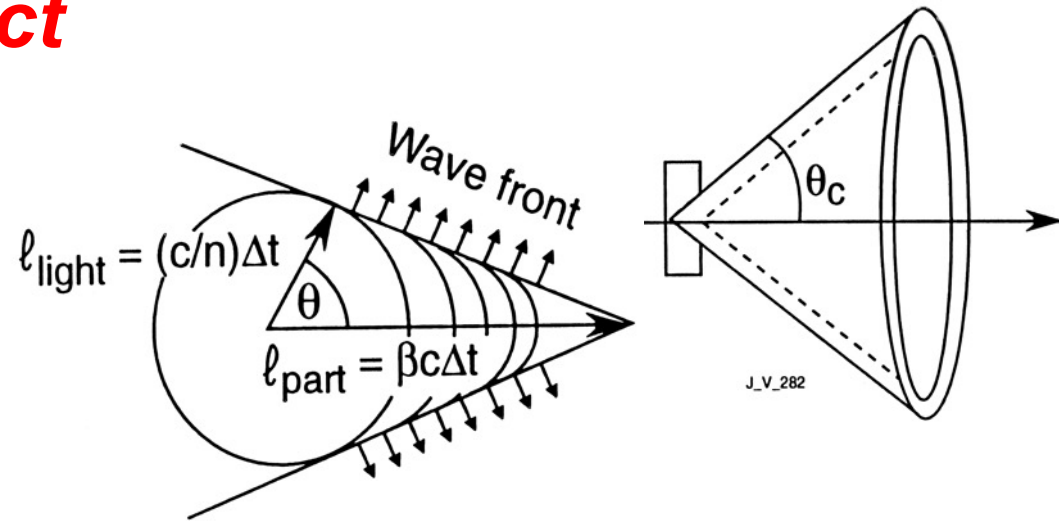
$$\frac{dp_{\perp}}{p_{\perp}} = \alpha \times p_{\perp} dS$$

⊕ (Multiple scattering constant)

Cerenkov effect



- Coherent superposition of the radiation of the atoms
- Mainly blue light
- Very few photons
- Very small energy loss
- **Identification of particles!**



$$v = \beta c > c/n$$

$$\cos \theta_c = \frac{c \cdot \Delta t / n}{\beta c \cdot \Delta t} = \frac{1}{\beta n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta > \frac{1}{n}; \cos \theta_c^{\text{max}} = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{photons}} \approx 200 - 700 \text{ nm}$$

$$\frac{d^2 N_{h\nu}}{dE_{h\nu} dx} \approx 370 \sin^2 \theta_c \text{ eV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

Exercise

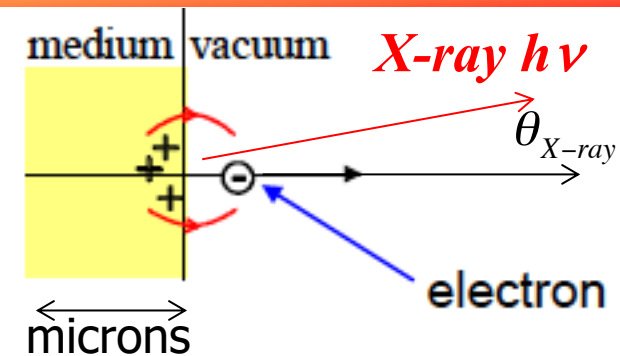
Blue light in a reactor

1. What produces the light?
2. Water $n=1.333$. calculate the minimal energy of an electron to produce Cerenkov light



Transition radiation

- Elm. radiation is emitted when a charged particle traverses a discontinuity of refractive index, e.g. the boundary between vacuum and a dielectric layer.



- Radiated energy W / boundary:

$$W = \frac{1}{3} \alpha \hbar \omega_{pl} \gamma \approx \gamma \quad !!$$

- Plasma frequency

$$\omega_{pl} = \sqrt{\frac{N_e e^2}{\epsilon_0 m_e}} ; \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{plasma} \\ \text{frequency} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\hbar \omega_{pl} \approx 20 - 30 \text{ eV}$$

- Energy of emitted photons (X-rays) $h\nu = \hbar \omega \approx \frac{1}{4} \hbar \omega_{pl} \gamma \rightarrow \text{keV range}$

Proportionally to rel. gamma factor!

- Number of emitted photons:

$$N_{ph} \approx \frac{W}{\hbar \omega} \sim \alpha \approx \frac{1}{137}; \Rightarrow \text{many layers}$$

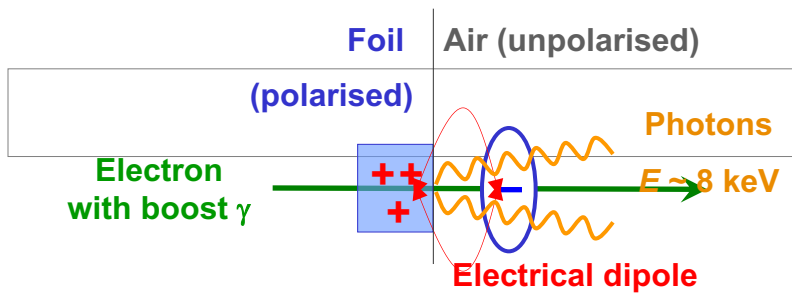
- X-rays are emitted at small angle

$$\theta_{X-ray} \sim 1/\gamma$$

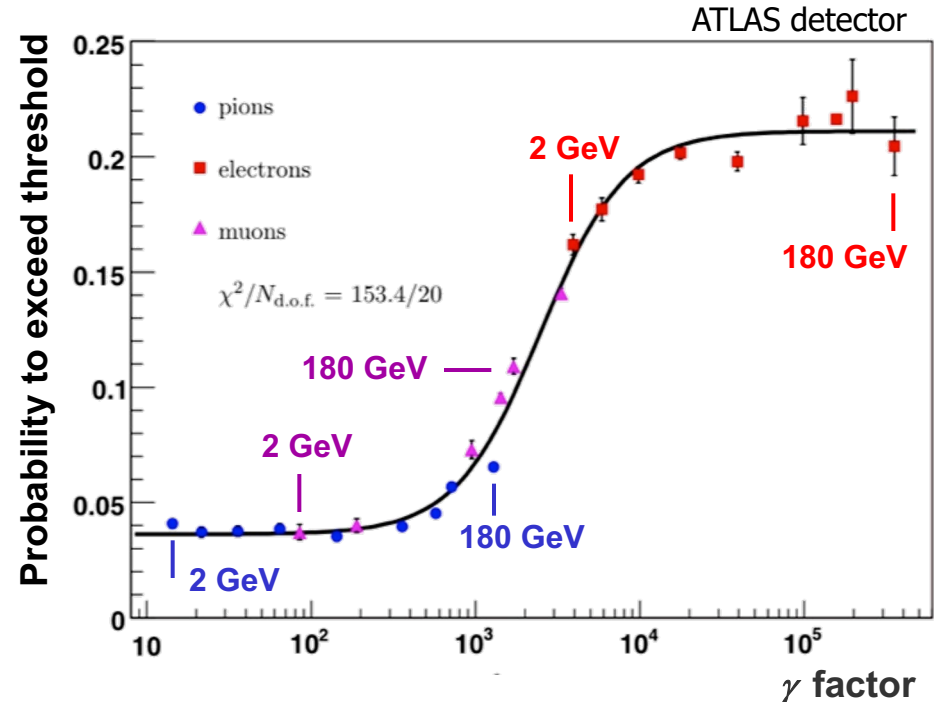
Transition radiation

- Effect can be explained by re-arrangement of electric field
- A charged particle approaching a boundary creates a electric dipole with its mirror charge
- The time-dependent dipole field causes the emission of electromagnetic radiation

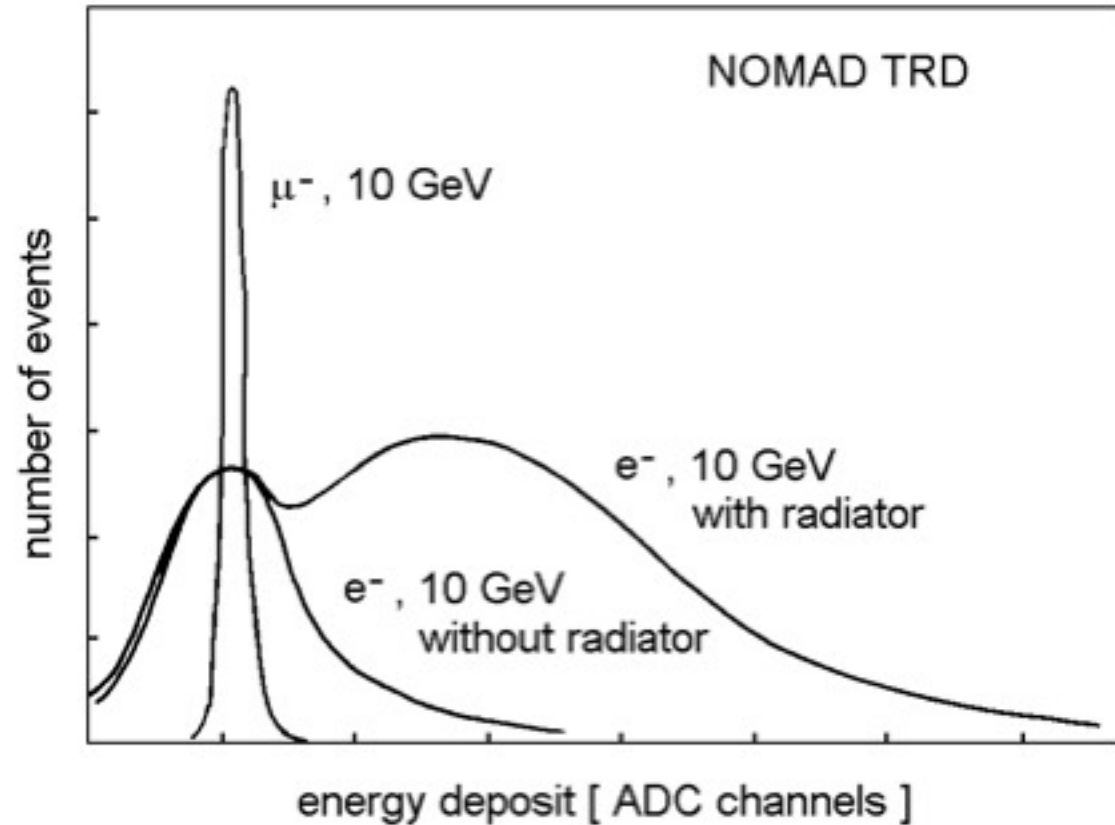
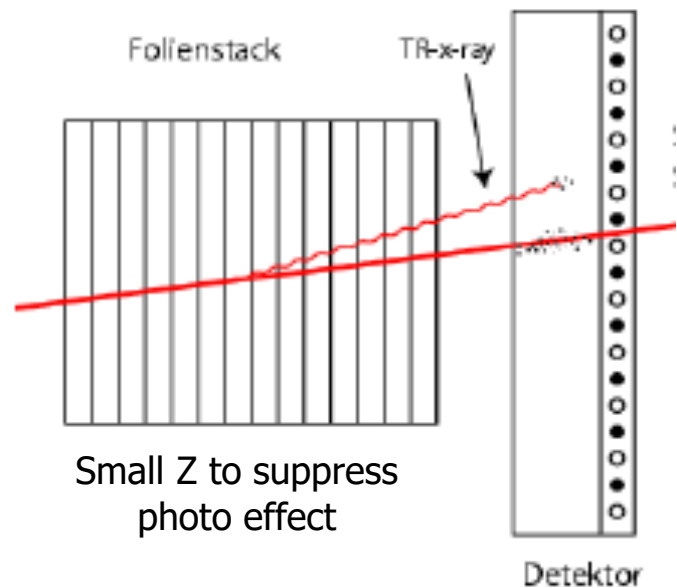
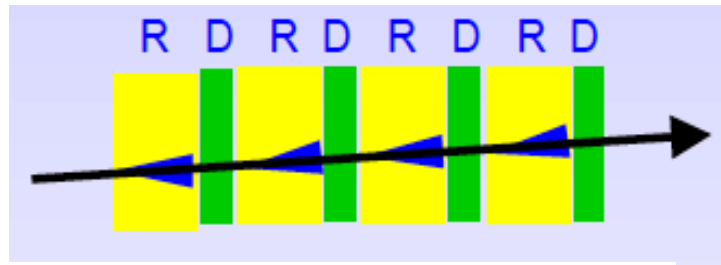
Photon radiation when charged ultra-relativistic particles traverse the boundary of two different dielectric media (foil & air)



- ➔ Significant radiation for $\gamma > 1000$
and > 100 boundaries



Transition Radiation Detectors



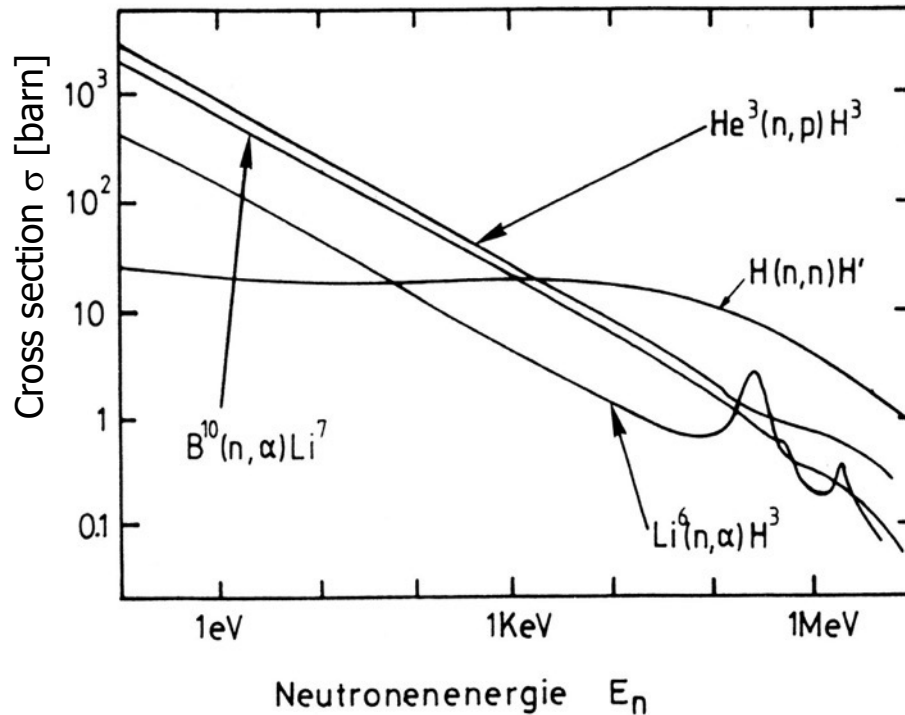
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Neutrons

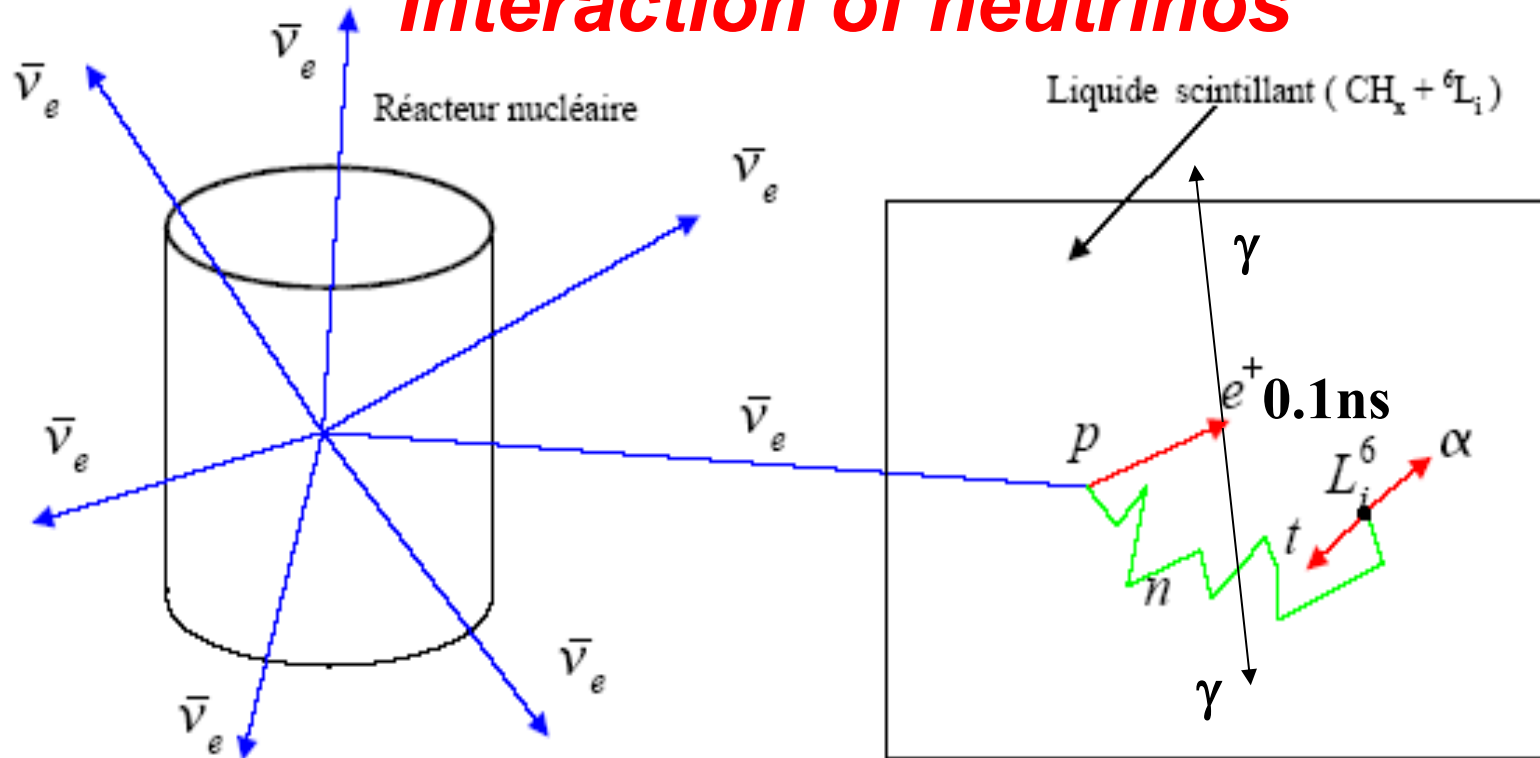


$$N = N_0 \exp(-x / \lambda);$$

$$\lambda^{-1} = N \sigma_{tot}$$

- Elastic scattering off a nucleus $E_{\text{neutron}} \approx \text{MeV}$
- Inelastic scattering $E_{\text{neutron}} > \text{MeV}$
- Radiative capture $\sigma \sim 1 / \text{velocity}$
- Nuclear reactions, fission

Interaction of neutrinos



**Reines & Cowan
1959**

$$\epsilon_{\nu} \sim 0$$

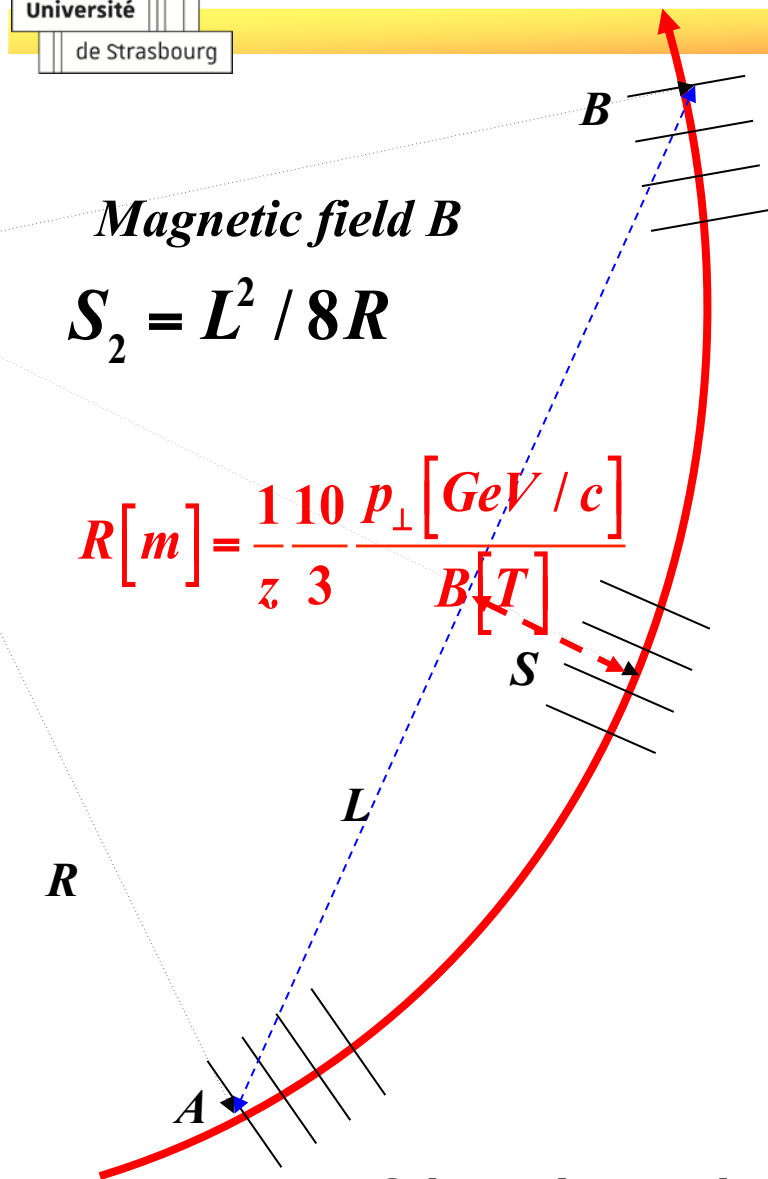
La réaction de détection est : $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+$, qui est rapidement (100 μs) suivie de la capture du neutron sur un noyau de L_i^6 selon la réaction : $n_{th} + L_i^6 \rightarrow \alpha + t + 4,8 \text{ MeV}$. Les particules chargées produisent des impulsions de scintillation en coïncidence . La signature de détection d'un neutrino correspond à l'enregistrement de deux impulsions lumineuses induites par le positon et la paire $\alpha - t$.

Conclusions

- All particle detectors in nuclear, particle and astroparticle physics are based on the physics of the interaction of particles and radiation with matter
- The interactions produce free electrical charges (ionization, excitations of the medium) or sometime light (Cerenkov)
- These products of the interactions can be used to derive (electronic) signals to indicate the presence of an invisible particle
- We will see in the next lectures, how we can do this

Some recommended exercises

- 1 Look at the classical derivation of the the Bethe-Bloch formula
 - 2 Kinematics of Compton scattering and (e+e-)-pair creation
 - 3 Cerenkov threshold for electrons in water
 - 4 Find the decay scheme of the ^{55}Fe source: where do the 5.9 keV gammas come from?
 - 5 Estimate the nuclear interaction length in Iron
(Fe, $A=56$; $\rho=7.8 \text{ g/cm}^3$)
- 1 The number of particles in a elm shower is proportional to the Energy. If we can measure the number of particles in a shower, how will the energy resolution scale with energy ?
 - 2 Movement of a charged particle in a magnetic field. If the curvature is measured, how well can we measure the momentum of the charged particle ?



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$$R^2 = (L/2)^2 + (R-S)^2$$

$$0 = S^2 - 2RS + L^2/4$$

$$S_{1,2} = R \left(1 \pm \sqrt{1 - (L/2R)^2} \right)$$

$$p_{\perp} \text{ grand } R \gg L; (1-x)^{1/2} \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 \dots$$

$$S_1 = 2R - L^2/8R$$

$$S_2 = L^2/8R$$

$$p_{\perp} = p \cdot \sin \theta;$$

$$\theta = \sphericalangle(\vec{p}, \vec{B})$$

R

L

S

Momentum reconstruction in a uniform magnetic field

$$\vec{F} = q \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) = m \vec{a}_R = m \frac{v^2}{R}; \vec{v} \perp \vec{B}$$

$$R = \frac{m v}{q B} = \frac{p_{\perp}}{q \cdot B}$$

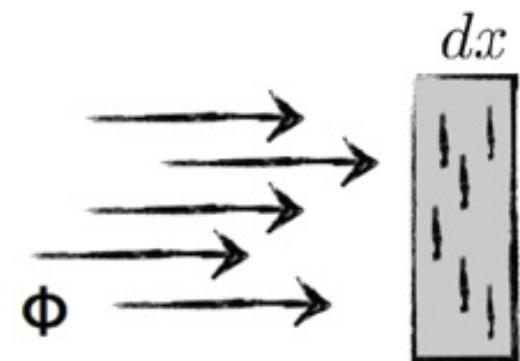
$$[p_{\perp}] = \text{GeV} / c; [q] = e \cdot z; [B] = T_{\text{esla}} = \text{Vs} / m^2$$

$$R = \frac{1}{z \cdot e} \frac{10^9 \text{ eV}}{c} \frac{1}{\text{Vs} / m^2}; c = 3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m} / \text{s}$$

$$R[m] = \frac{1}{z} \frac{10}{3} \frac{p_{\perp} [\text{GeV} / c]}{B[T]}$$

INTERACTION CROSS-SECTION

Flux $\Phi = \frac{1}{S} \frac{dN_i}{dt}$ $[L^{-2} t^{-1}]$



Reactions per unit of time $\frac{dN_{\text{reac}}}{dt} = \Phi \overbrace{\sigma N_{\text{target}} dx}^{\text{area obscured by target particle}}$ $[t^{-1}]$

$[L^{-2} t^{-1}]$ $[?]$ $[L^{-1}]$ $[L]$

Reaction rate per target particle $W_{if} = \Phi \sigma$ $[t^{-1}]$

Cross section per target particle $\sigma = \frac{W_{if}}{\Phi}$ $[L^2]$ = reaction rate per unit of flux

$1b = 10^{-28} \text{ m}^2$ (roughly the area of a nucleus with $A = 100$)

CROSS-SECTION: ORDER OF MAGNITUDE

Standard

cross section unit:

$$[\sigma] = \text{mb}$$

with $1 \text{ mb} = 10^{-27} \text{ cm}^2$

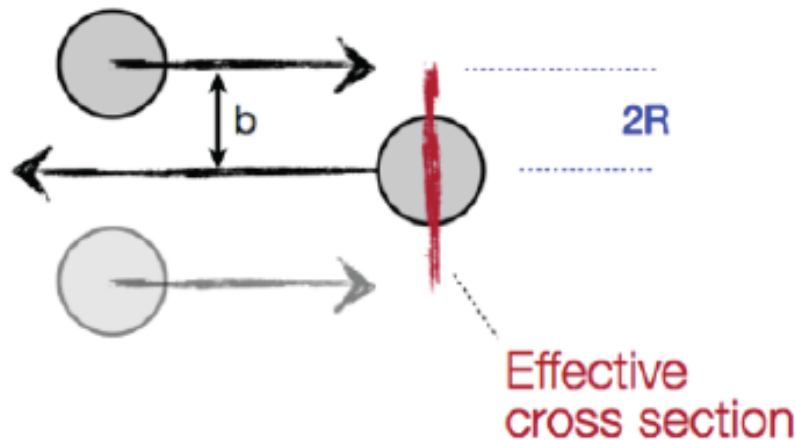
or in

natural units:

$$[\sigma] = \text{GeV}^{-2}$$

with $1 \text{ GeV}^{-2} = 0.389 \text{ mb}$
 $1 \text{ mb} = 2.57 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$

Estimating the
proton-proton cross section:



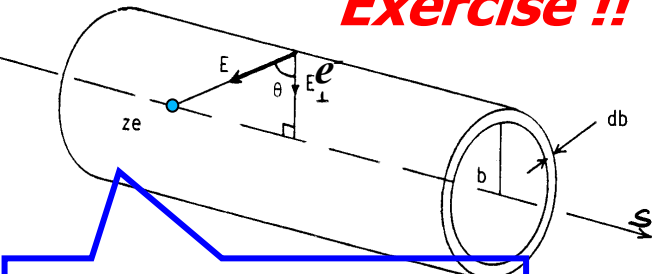
using: $\hbar c = 0.1973 \text{ GeV fm}$
 $(\hbar c)^2 = 0.389 \text{ GeV}^2 \text{ mb}$

Proton radius: $R = 0.8 \text{ fm}$

Strong interactions happens up to $b = 2R$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= \pi (2R)^2 = \pi \cdot 1.6^2 \text{ fm}^2 \\ &= \pi \cdot 1.6^2 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^2 \\ &= \pi \cdot 1.6^2 \cdot 10 \text{ mb} \\ &= 80 \text{ mb}\end{aligned}$$

Exercise !!



Cylinder of surface A and volume V

$$\Delta p_e = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F dt = e \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}_{\perp} dt = \frac{e}{v_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}_{\perp} ds; \quad \mathcal{E}_{\perp} = \text{electric field}$$

$$\text{GAUSS : } \iiint_V \text{div } \vec{\psi} dx dy dz = \oint_A \vec{\psi} d\vec{a}; \quad \vec{\psi} = \text{vector field}$$

$$\iint_A \mathcal{E}_{\perp} da = \iiint_V \text{div } \vec{\mathcal{E}} dx dy dz = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \iiint_V \rho dx dy dz = \frac{ze}{\epsilon_0}; \quad \text{div } \vec{\mathcal{E}} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$da = 2\pi b ds; \quad 2\pi b \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}_{\perp} ds = \frac{ze}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Delta p_e = \frac{2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{ze^2}{bv_0} = 2k \frac{ze^2}{bv_0}; \quad k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

$$\Delta E = -\Delta E_e = -\frac{(\Delta p_e)^2}{2m_e} = -2 \frac{z^2 e^4}{b^2 m_e} \left(\frac{k}{v_0}\right)^2$$

$$-dE(b) = \Delta E(b) n_e dV = 4\pi n_e \frac{z^2 e^4}{m_e} \left(\frac{k}{v_0}\right)^2 \frac{db}{b} ds; \quad (dV = 2\pi b db ds)$$

$$-\frac{dE}{ds} = -\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dE}{db} db = 4\pi n_e \frac{z^2 e^4}{m_e} \left(\frac{k}{v_0}\right)^2 \ln\left(\frac{b_{\max}}{b_{\min}}\right)$$

Classical calculation by Bohr:

Momentum transfer Δp to the electron;

Energyloss of particle = - energy transfer to electron ΔE ;

n_e = electron density

Classical calculation by Bohr, b_{\min} and b_{\max}

b_{\min} : Maximal energy transfer to electron

$$T_e^{\max} = 2m_e v_0^2 \gamma^2 = 2 \frac{z^2 e^4}{b_{\min}^2 m_e} \left(\frac{k}{v_0} \right)^2$$

$$b_{\min} = \frac{z \cdot e^2 k^2}{\gamma m_e v_0^2}; \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}; \quad \beta = \frac{v_0}{c}; \quad v_0 = \text{particle speed !}$$

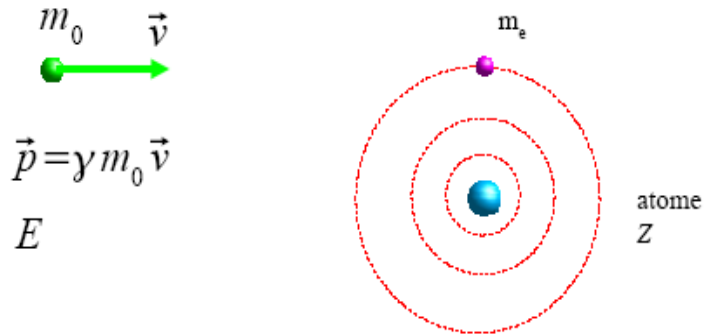
b_{\max} : interaction time \cong Orbit time \bar{T}

$$\frac{b_{\max}}{\gamma v_0} \ll \bar{T}$$

$$b_{\max} = \gamma v_0 \bar{T}$$

$$-\frac{dE}{ds} = -\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dE}{db} db = \frac{4\pi z^2 e^4 k^2}{m_e v_0^2} n_e \ln \frac{\gamma^2 m_e v_0^3 \bar{T}}{z^2 e^2 k^2}$$

Maximal energy transfer of charged “heavy” particles to the electrons of matter



$$T_e^{\max} = E_e^{\max} - m_e c^2 = \frac{2m_e^2 c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2}{\left(E_{CM} / m_0 c^2\right)^2}$$

$$v \gg v_e \approx Z\alpha c$$

$$E_{CM} = \left(m_0^2 c^4 + m_e^2 c^4 + 2m_e c^2 E\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$p_e^{CM} = p \frac{m_e c^2}{E_{CM}}$$

$$E_e^{CM} = (E + m_e c^2) \frac{m_e c^2}{E_{CM}}$$

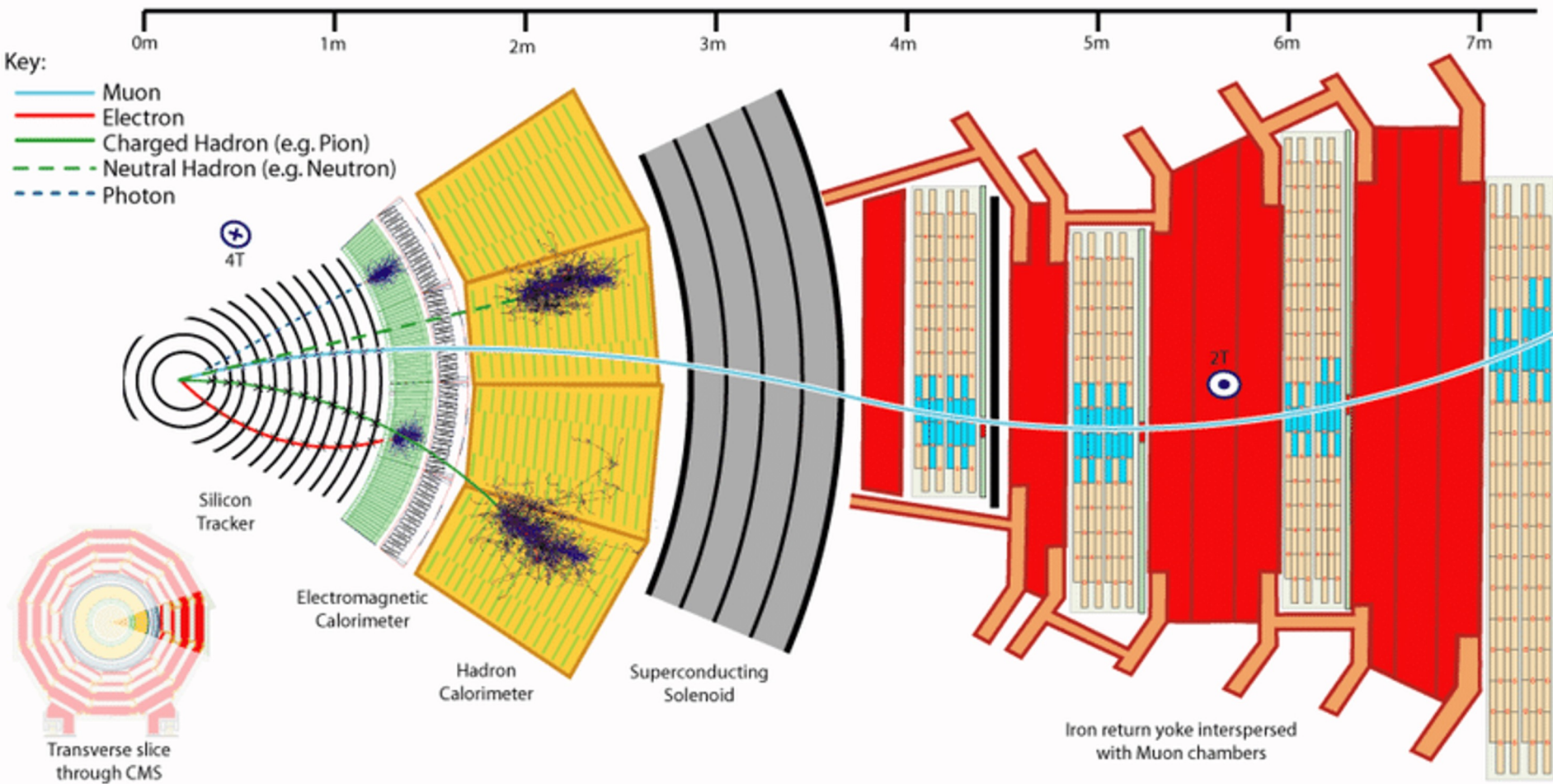
$$\gamma^{CM} = \frac{E + m_e c^2}{E_{CM}}; \quad \beta^{CM} = \frac{pc}{E + m_e c^2}$$

$$m_0 \gg m_e; \quad 2\gamma m_e / m_0 \ll 1$$

$$T_e^{\max} = 2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2$$

$$m_0 = m_e$$

$$T_e^{\max} = \frac{E^2 - m_e^2 c^4}{m_e c^2 + E} = E - m_e c^2 = T_e = T_0$$



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