

DIRECT TESTS OF A PIXELATED  
MICROCHANNEL PLATE AS THE ACTIVE  
ELEMENT OF A SHOWER MAXIMUM DETECTOR

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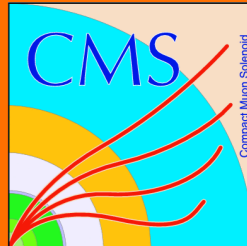


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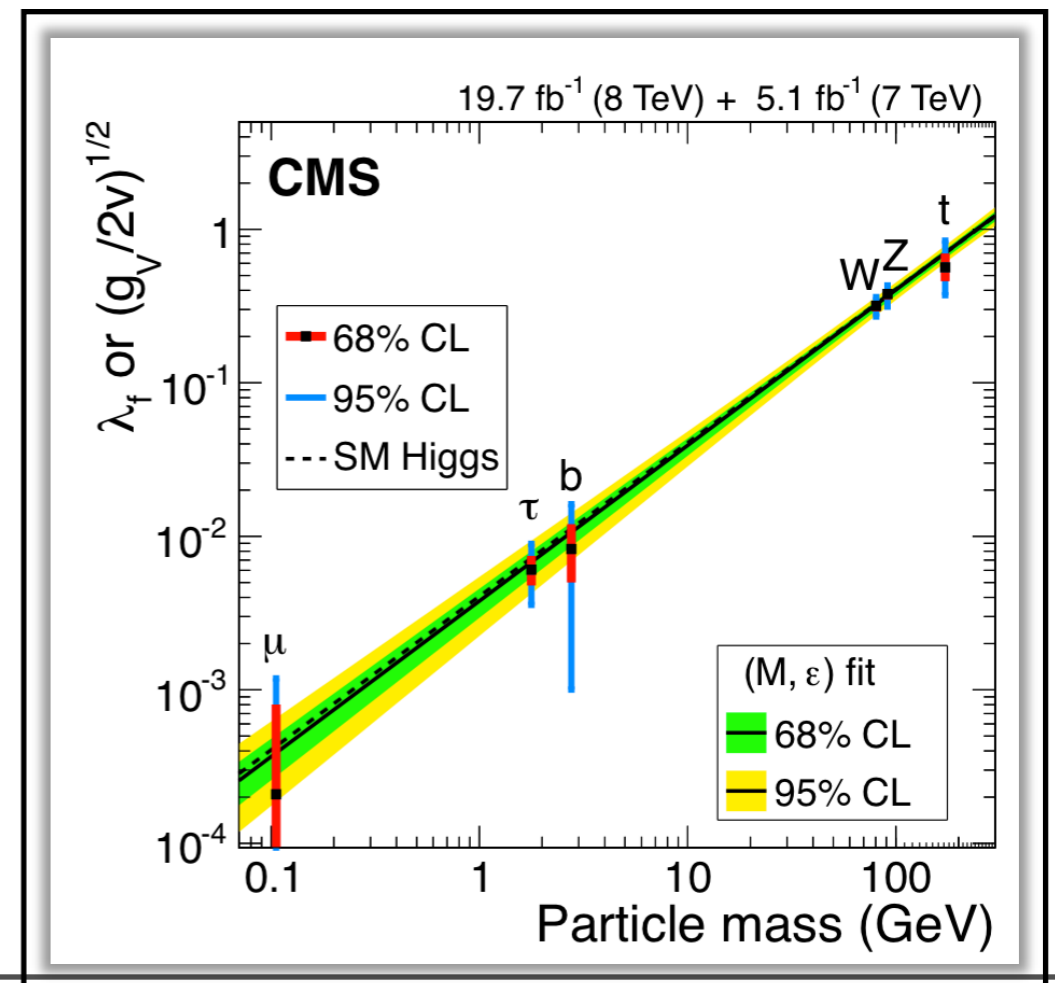
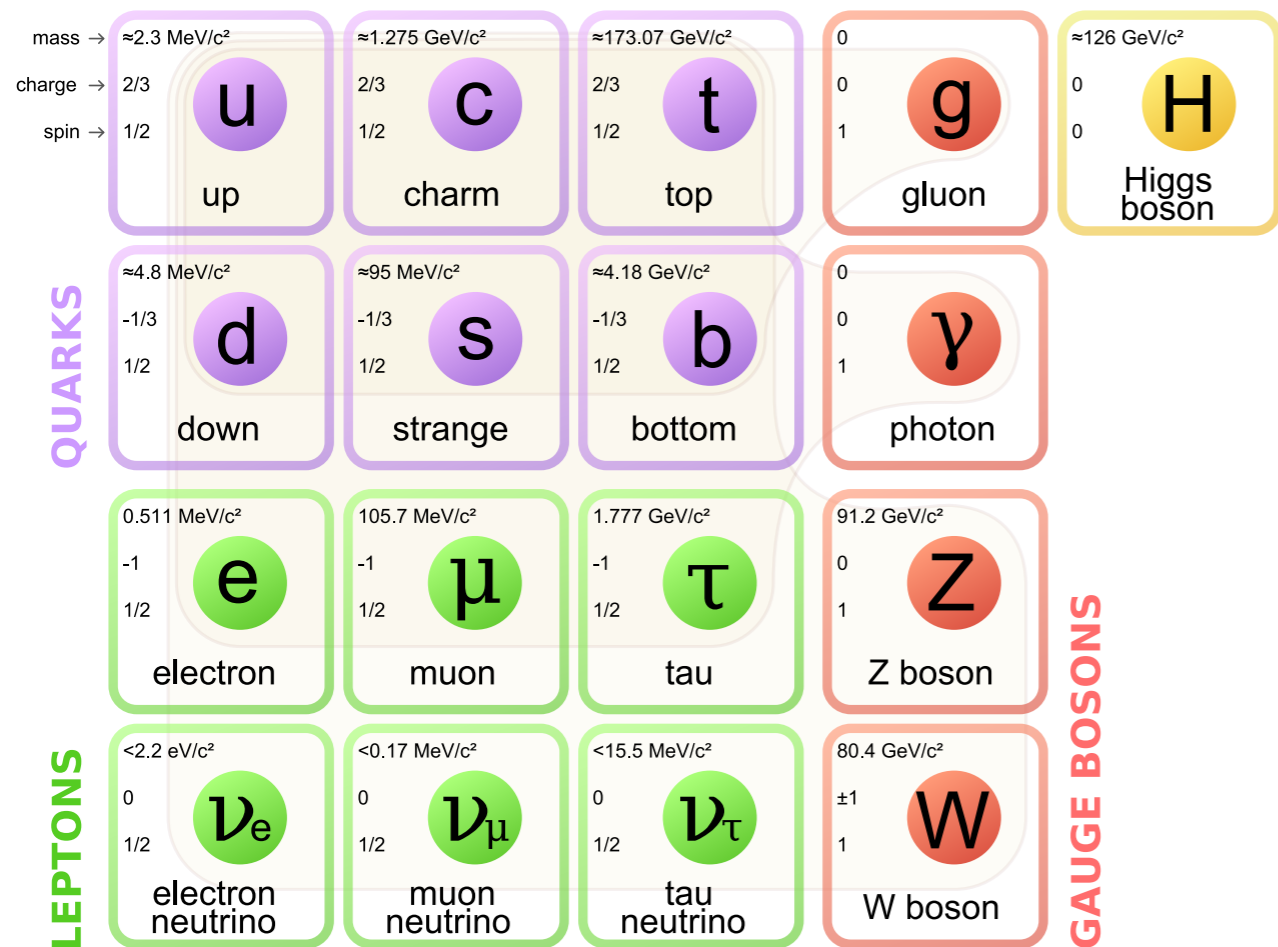
- Introduction
  - High luminosity particle colliders challenges
  - Precision timing as an option to overcome them
- MCP-based secondary emission calorimeter challenges
- Results using a pixelated MCP-base secondary emission calorimeter
  - Position resolution
  - Time resolution
- Summary and Conclusions



# PARTICLE PHYSIC TODAY

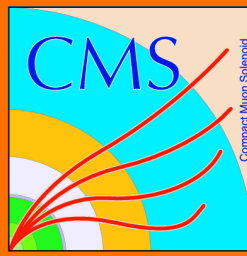


- One missing piece of the puzzle, the Higgs boson
- Higgs mechanism spontaneously breaks the electroweak symmetry  
⇒ W and Z bosons become massive
- Recently discovered at the LHC,  $m_H = 125 \pm 0.24 \text{ GeV}$
- Measured properties are compatible to that of SM Higgs.

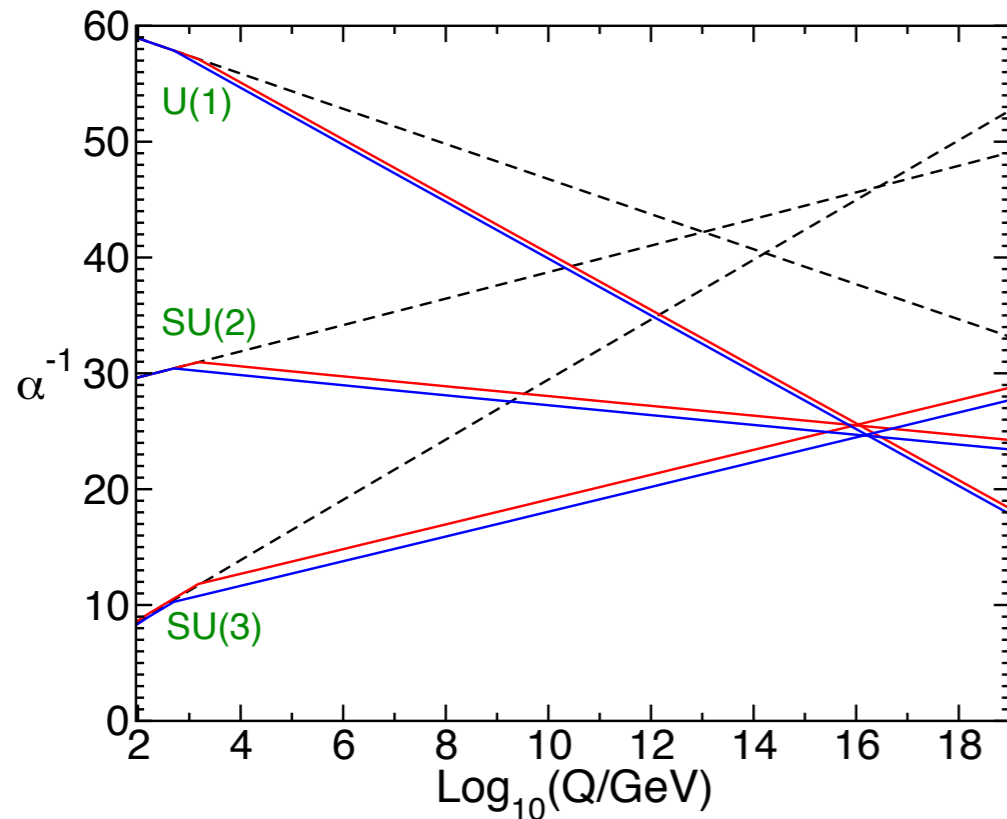




# WHAT IS MISSING?



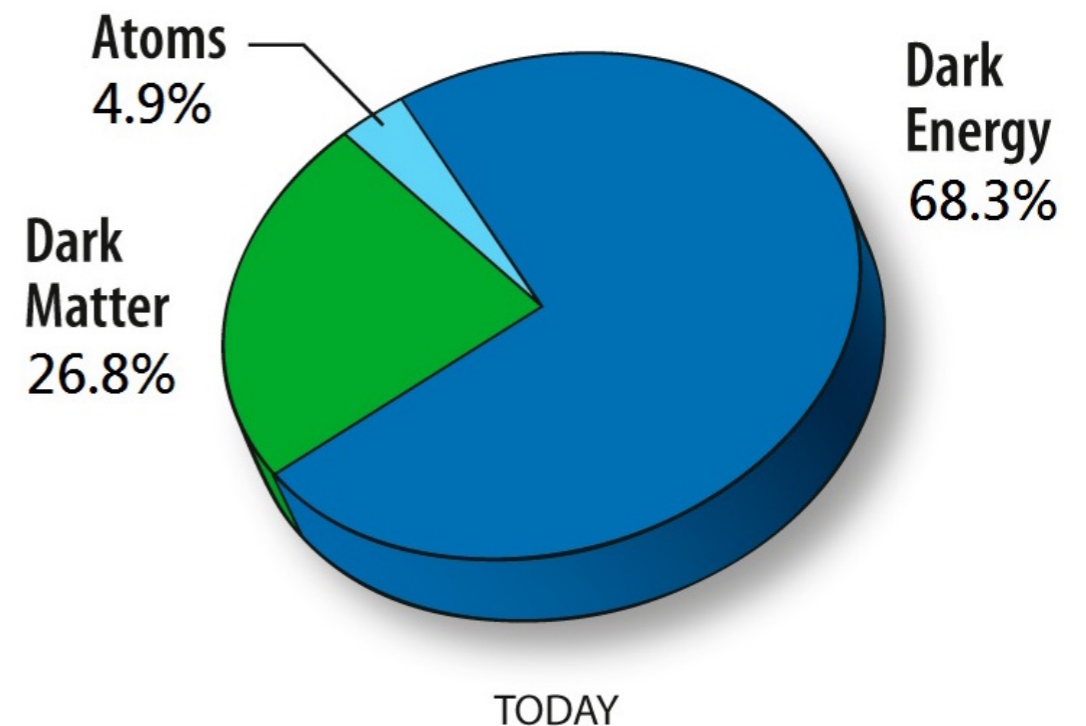
Unification of coupling constants @  $M_{pl}$



Very crucial questions remain unanswered

Dark matter candidate

Dark matter accounts for 27% of the total energy budget of the universe





# HIGH LUMINOSITY ENVIRONMENTS

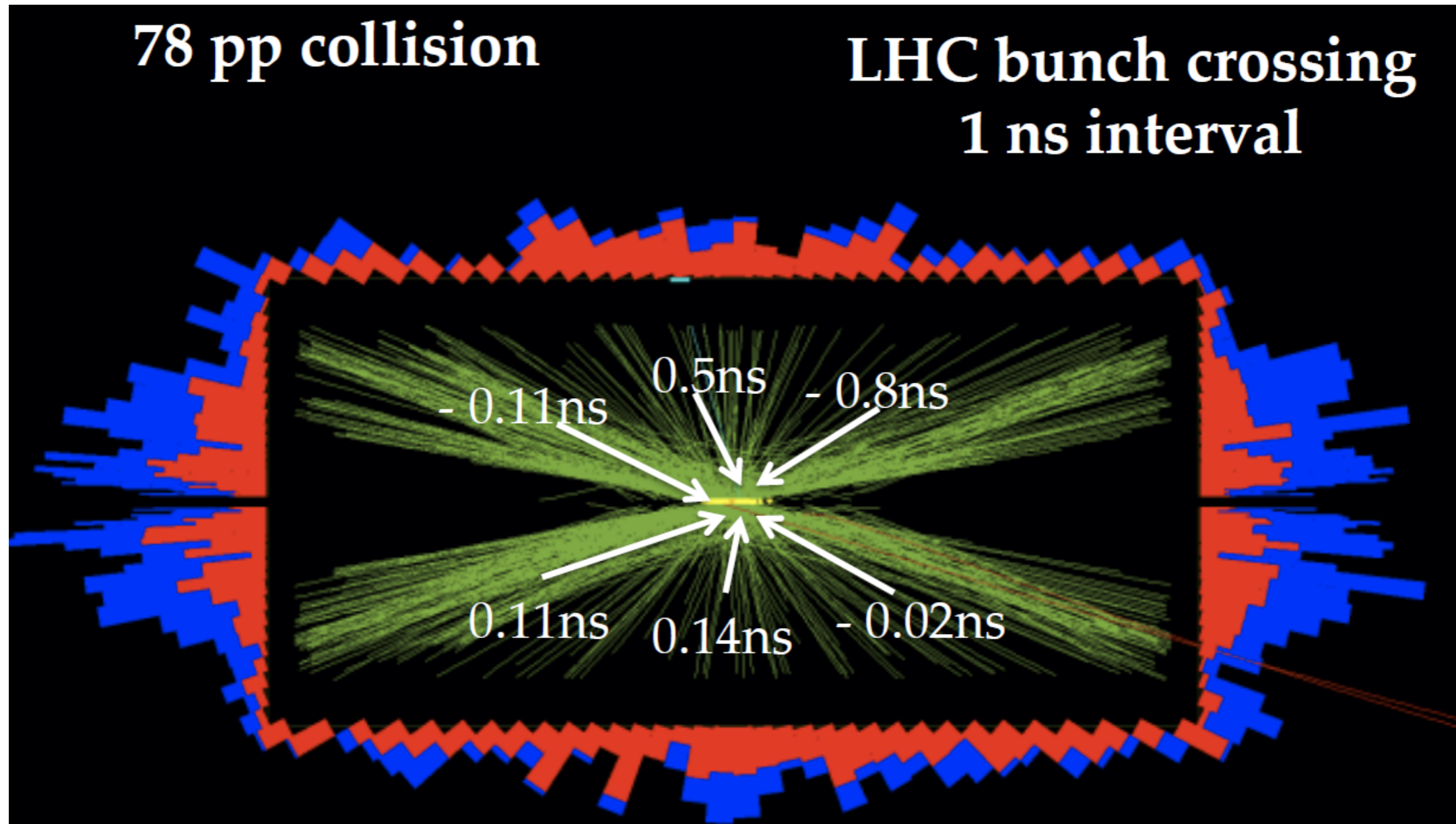
- The LHC and possible future colliders will play a key role in answering those questions
- In all cases high instantaneous luminosities (larger than  $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ )
  - HL-LHC: aiming at  $10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
  - Future collider: even higher in order to probe rare processes





# HIGH LUMINOSITY ENVIRONMENTS

High Luminosity  $\Rightarrow$  High pileup



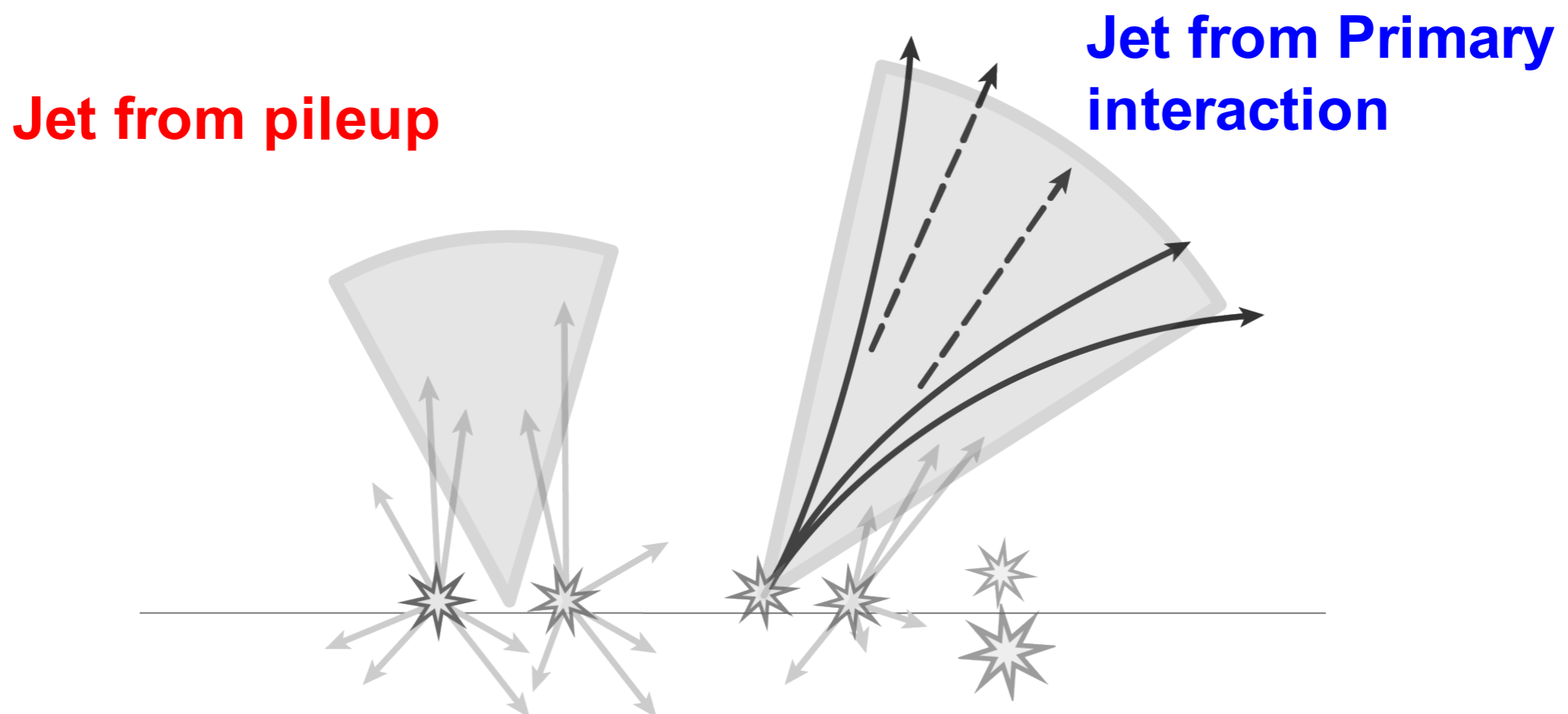
Multiple pp collisions close to each other: deteriorate physics performance.

Up to 140 pileup interactions at the HL-LHC



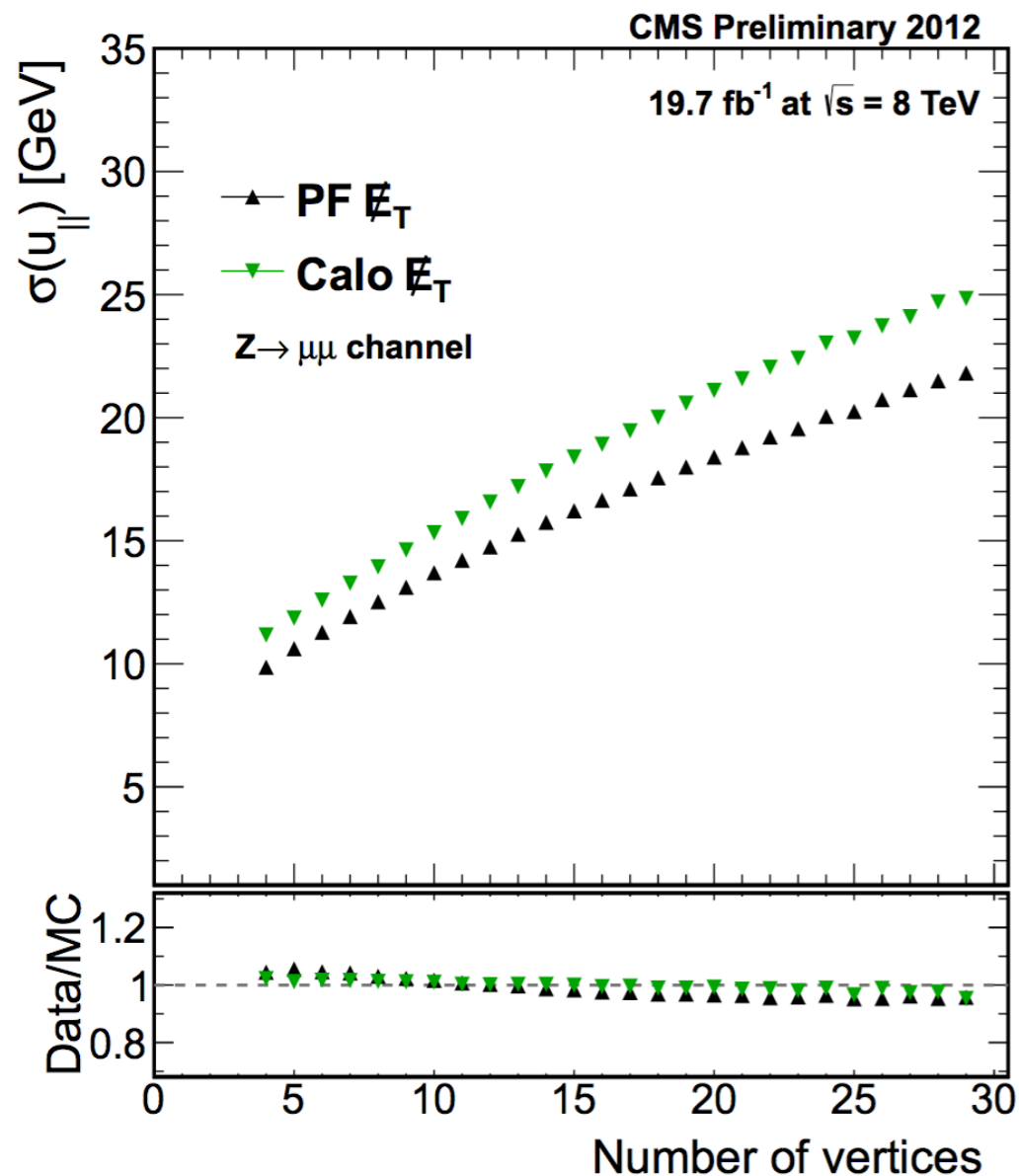
Many challenges come with high pileup:

- Jets from pileup could be associated with the main interaction
- Pileup particle merging with particles coming from main interaction
- Vertices could overlap in the longitudinal direction





## Missing transverse energy is very important for many BSM physics searches



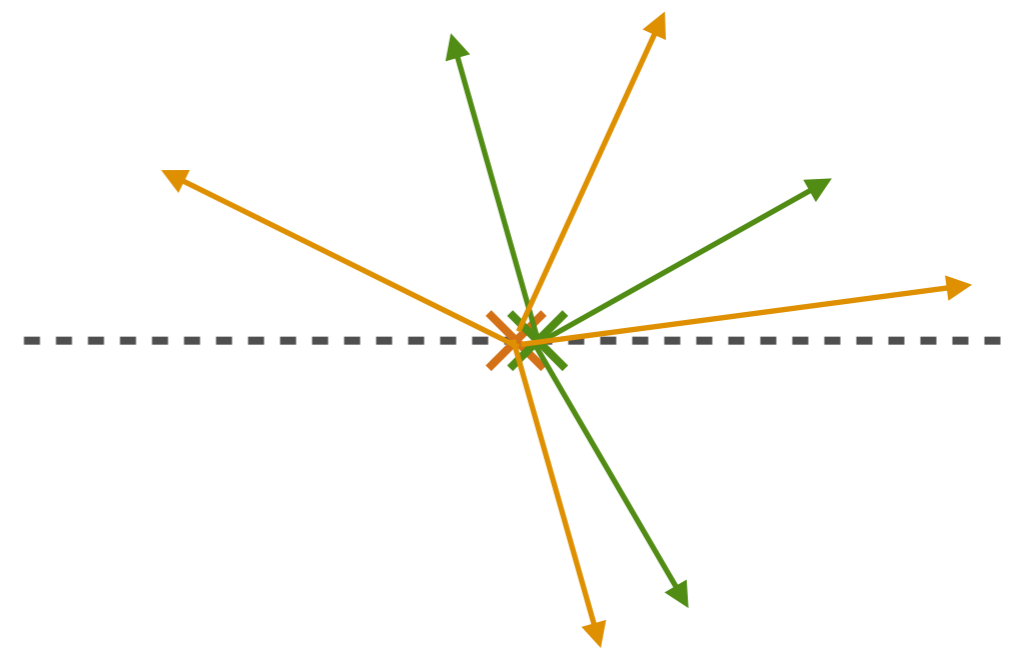
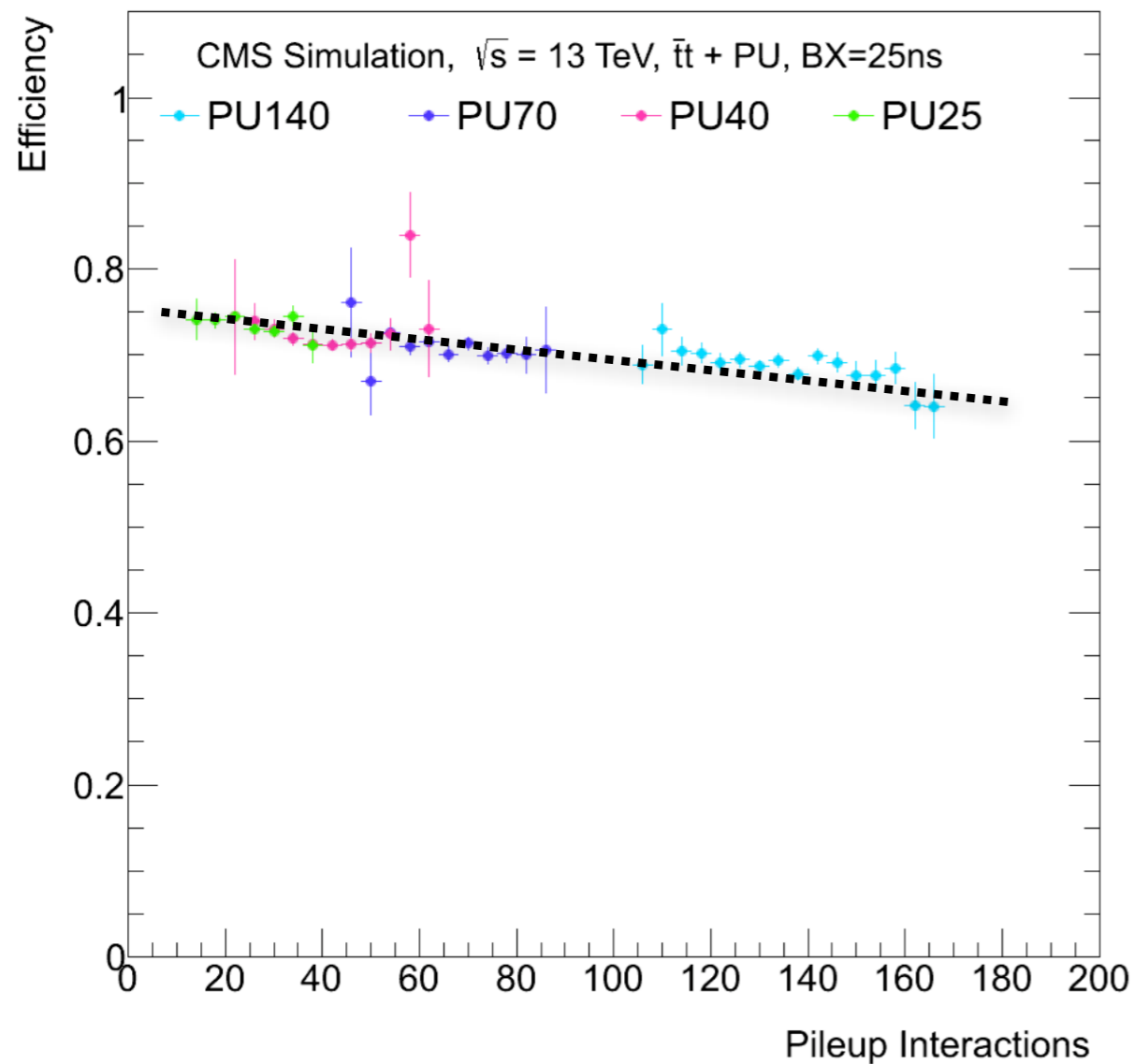
- Every pileup interaction contributes  $\sim 3$  GeV to the missing  $E_T$  resolution
- At 140 pileup interactions, the missing  $E_T$  resolution due to pileup will be  $\sim 40$  GeV

pileup particles significantly contribute to the missing  $E_T$  resolution





Tracking based vertexing also starts to suffer at such high pileup conditions



start to have overlapping vertices



# PRECISION TIMING AS A SOLUTION

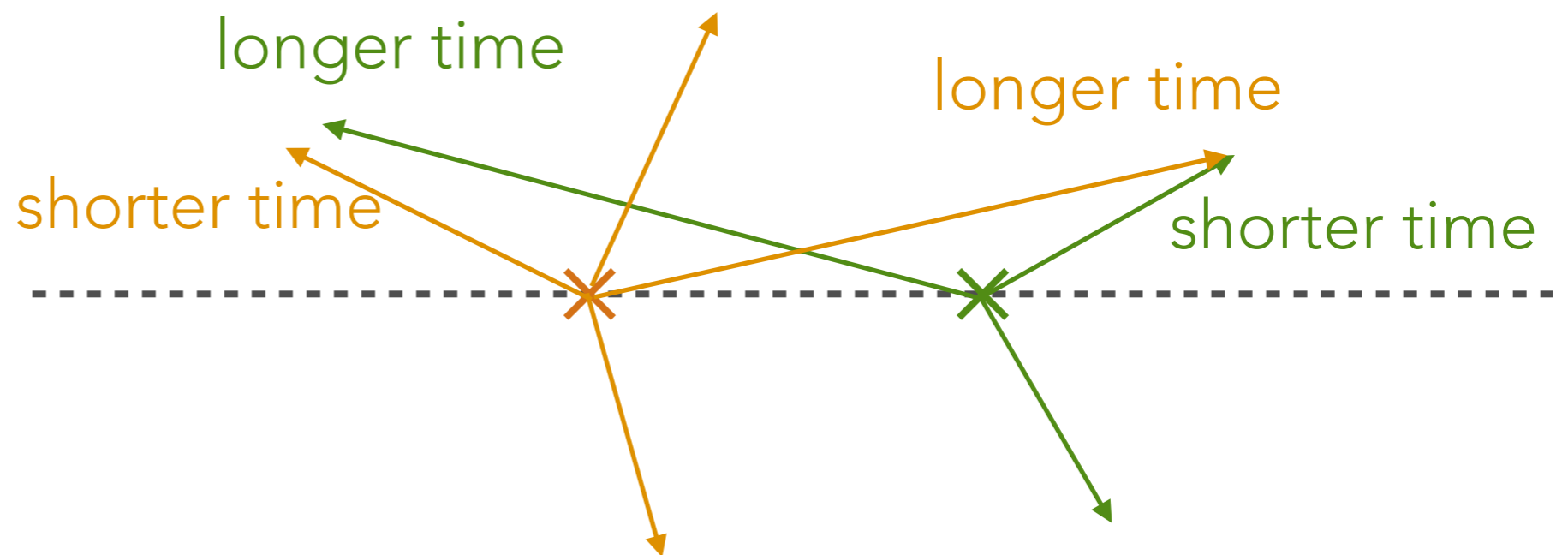
A possible solution is to use precision timing

measure time stamp of a particle at the detector

then →

Identify from what vertex it was produced

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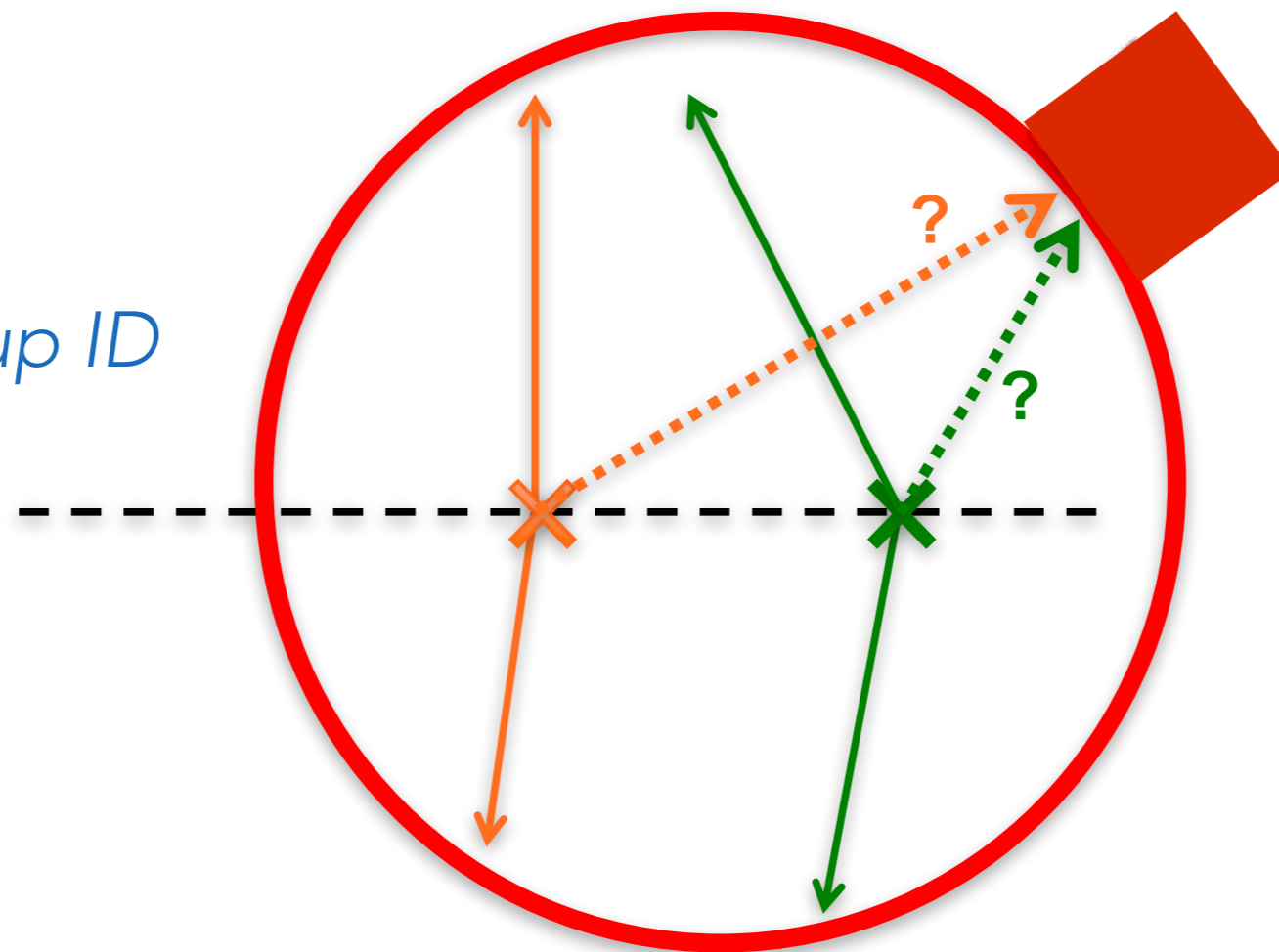




# I: PRECISION TIMING APPLICATIONS

Precision timing information could be use to identify pileup particles (pileup ID)

*I: object level pileup ID*



record charged particle, photon, and jet time stamps

check time stamp consistency with primary vertex



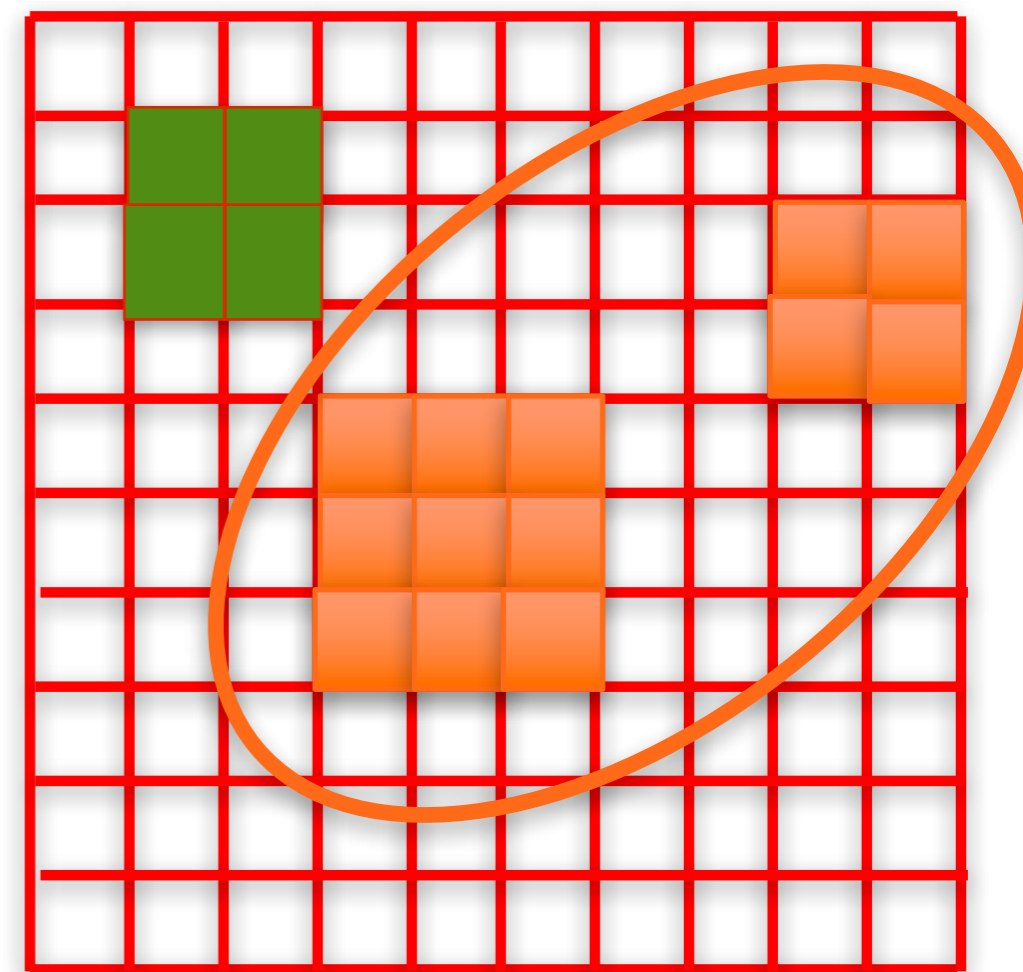
## II: PRECISION TIMING APPLICATIONS

Precision timing information could be used when clustering single hits in the calorimeter

outside clustering  
time window

*II: single hit pileup ID*

at 140 pileup, neutral particle  
contribute up to 100% of the  
energy in a 50 GeV jet



inside clustering  
time window



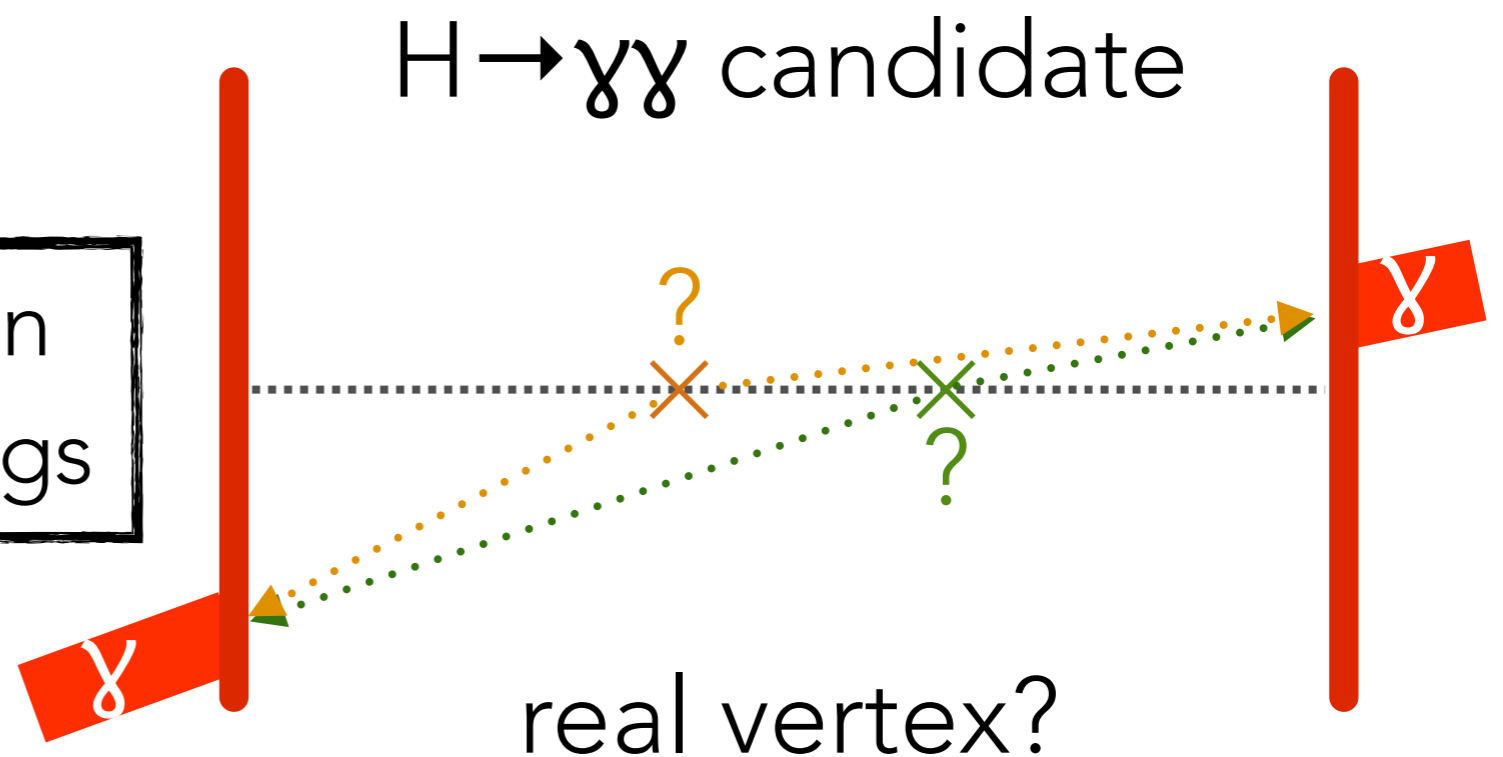
# III: PRECISION TIMING APPLICATIONS

Precision timing could be used to reconstruct the primary vertex when only neutral particles are present

*III: event level vertexing*

fundamental for precision measurements of the Higgs

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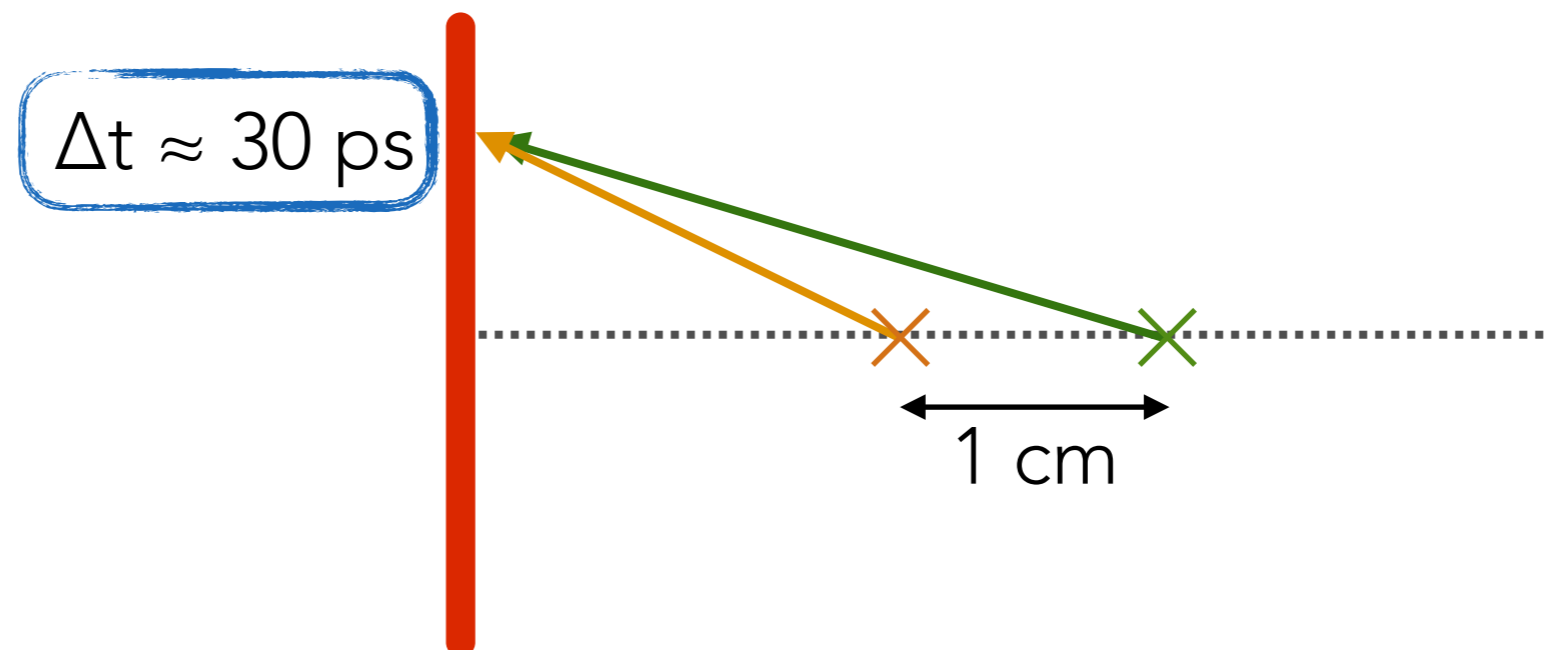




# PRECISION TIMING GOALS

How precise does the timing measurement need to be?

- Particles travel at near the speed of light
- 1 cm is equivalent to  $\sim 33$  ps
- To distinguish pileup interactions separated by 1 cm requires a time resolution of  $\sim 30$  ps
- Typical collider beam-spots are  $\sim 10$  cm  $\Rightarrow$  rejection factor of 10



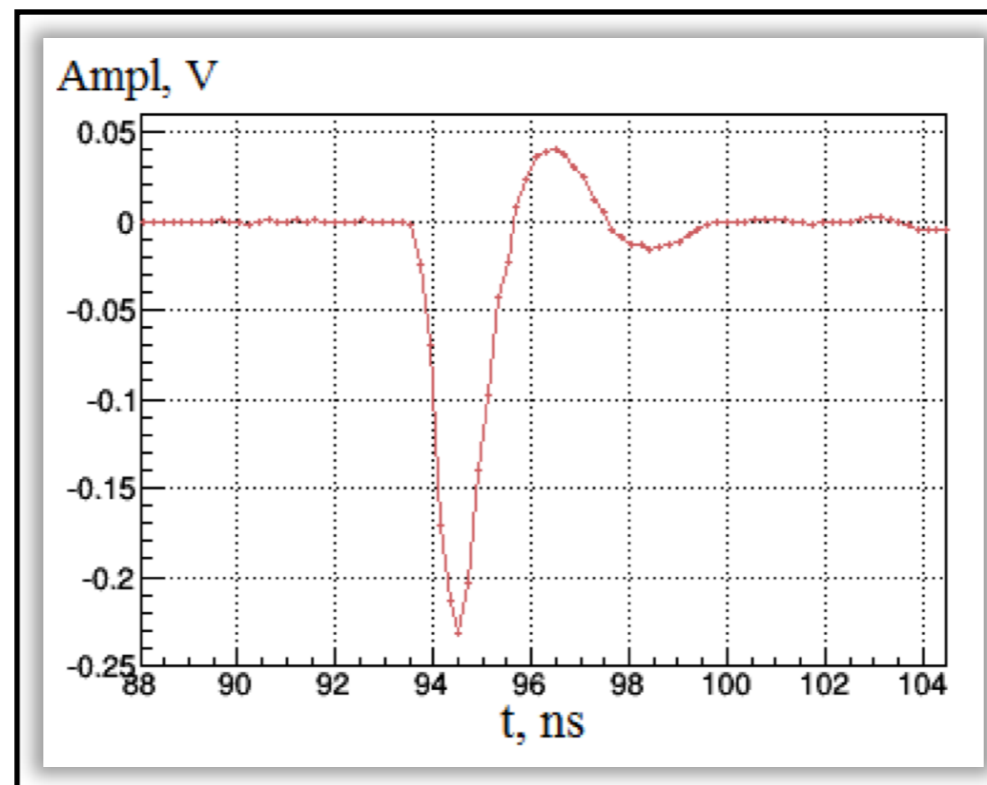
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# SECONDARY EMISSION CALORIMETER

Secondary emission calorimeters provide some intrinsic advantages:

- MCP are radiation hard
- No optical transparency issues
- No optical transport issues
- Intrinsically fast:
  - Signal formation and decay are fast (full pulse in a few ns)
  - Major advantage for future colliders (enables higher bunch crossing rate)

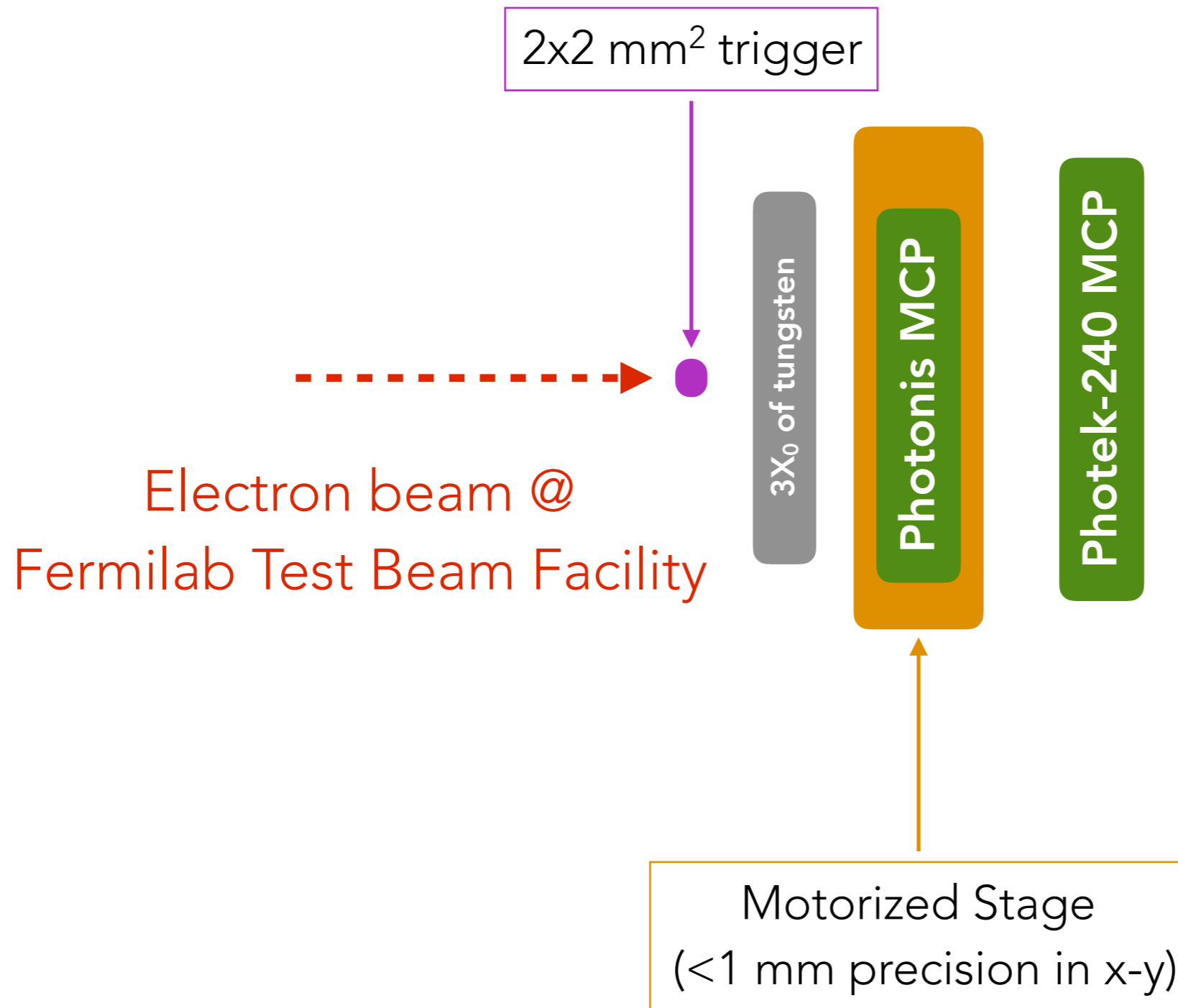


MCP example pulse:  
2 ns pulse width





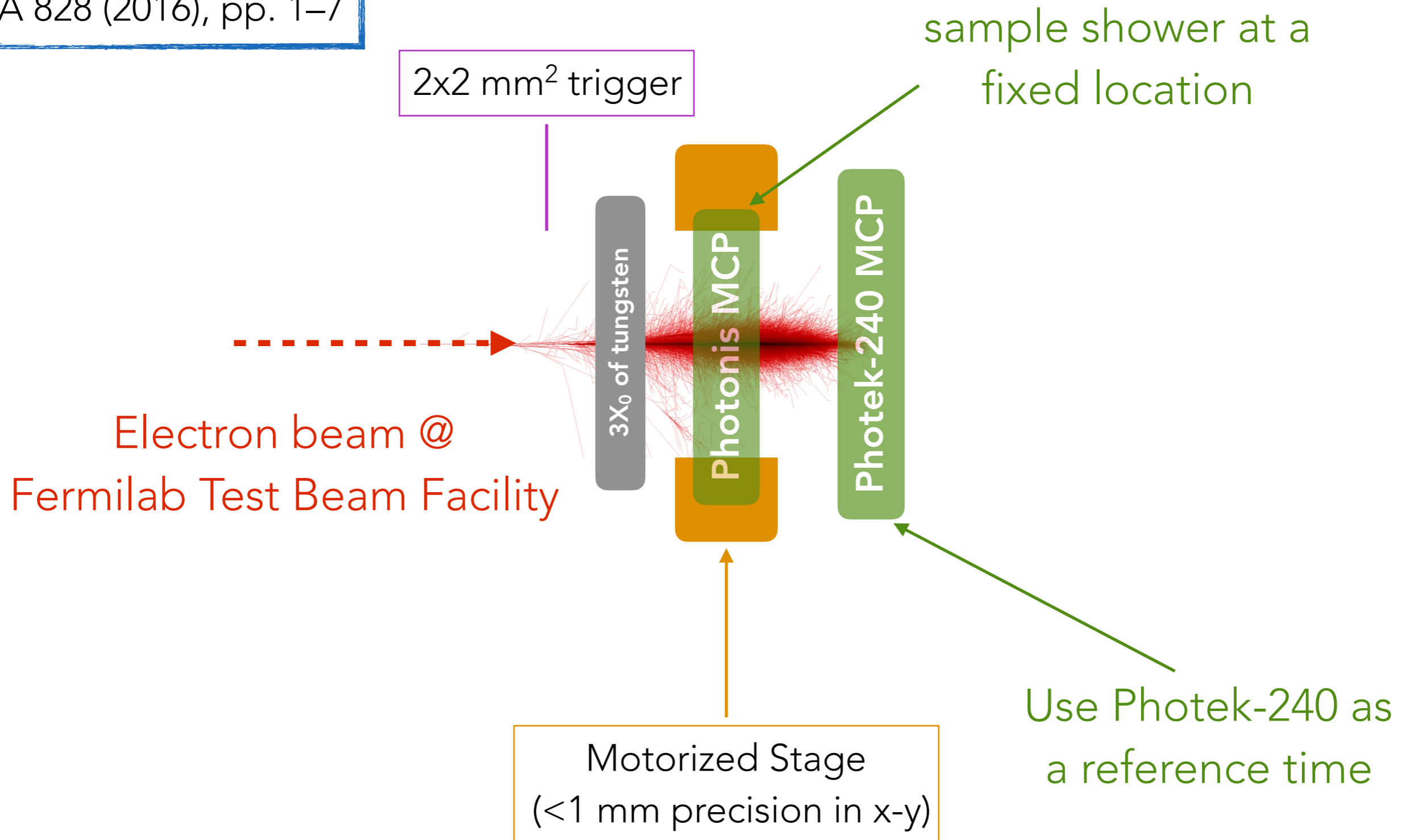
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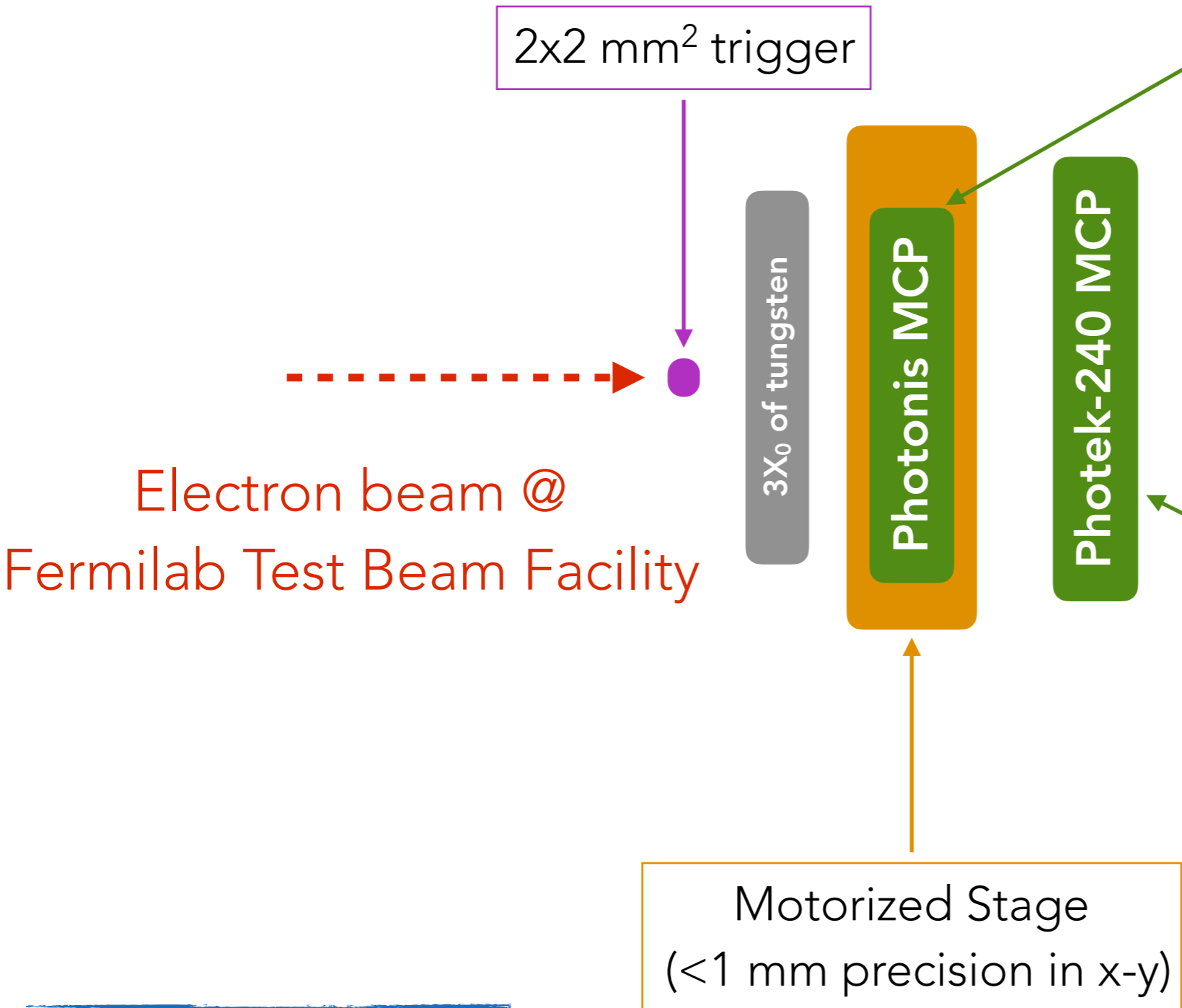
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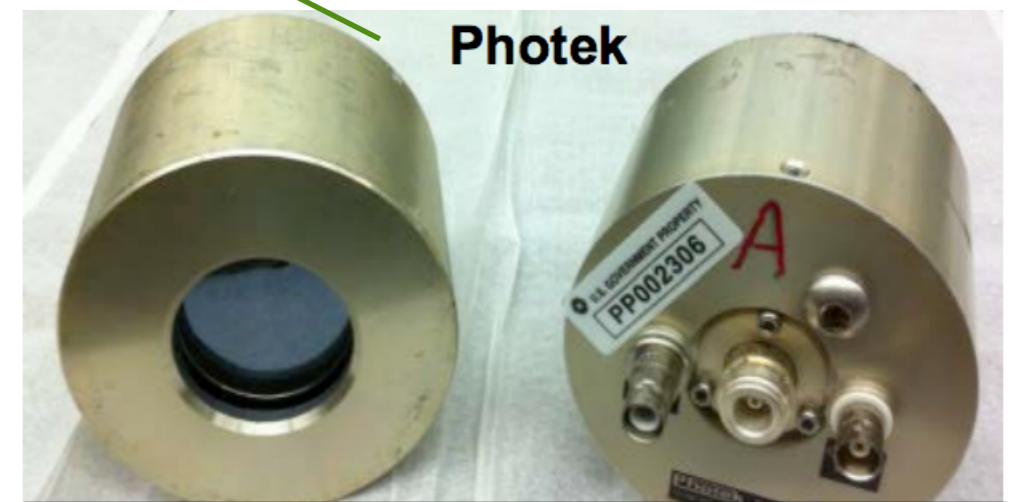




# MCP DETECTORS



25  $\mu\text{m}$  pore size; 5.3x5.3 cm<sup>2</sup> active area; 64 pixels (8x8), 6.5 mm pitch per pixel; rise time  $\sim$ 0.6 ns, pulse width  $\sim$ 1.8 ns.



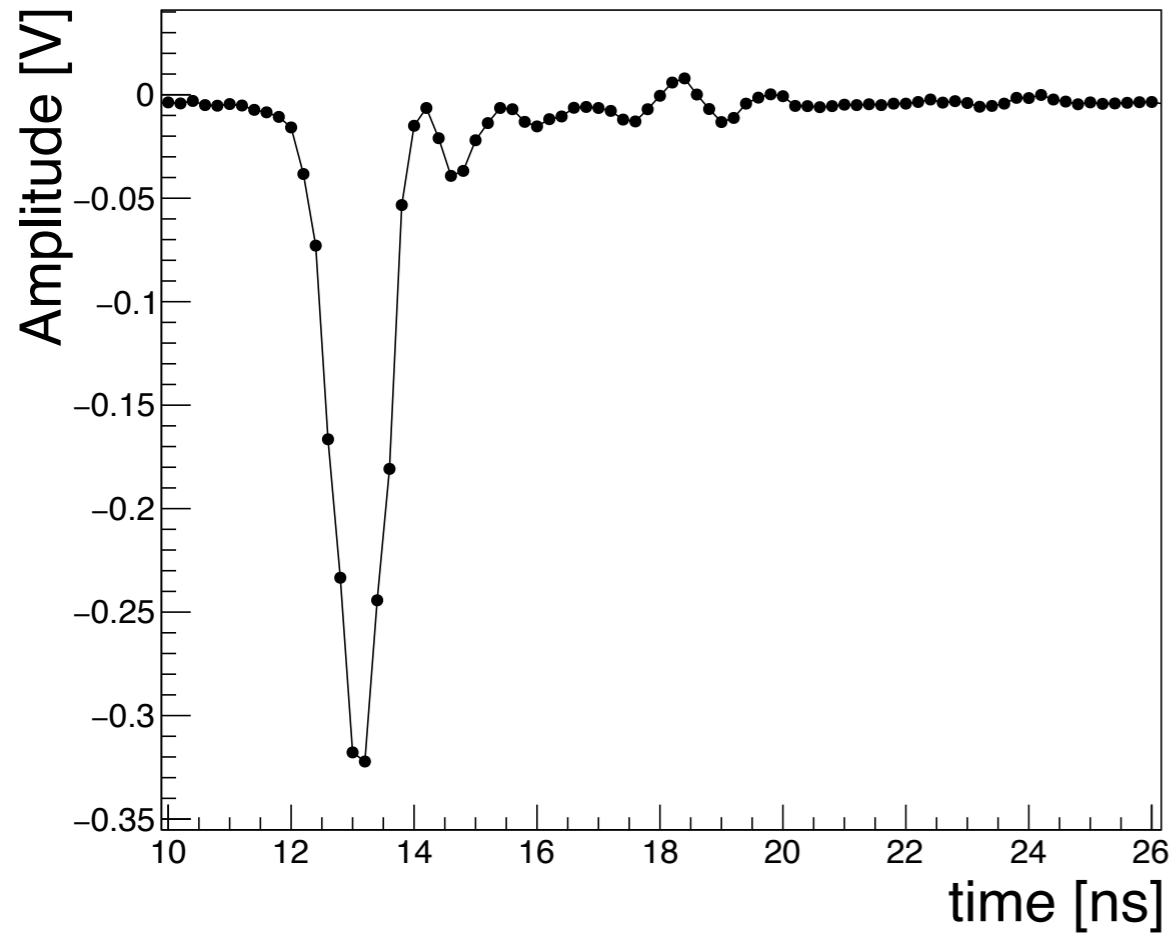
10  $\mu\text{m}$  pore size, 41mm aperture, PC-MCP distance  $\sim$ 5mm, rise time  $\sim$ 60 ps, SPTR  $\sim$ 40 ps

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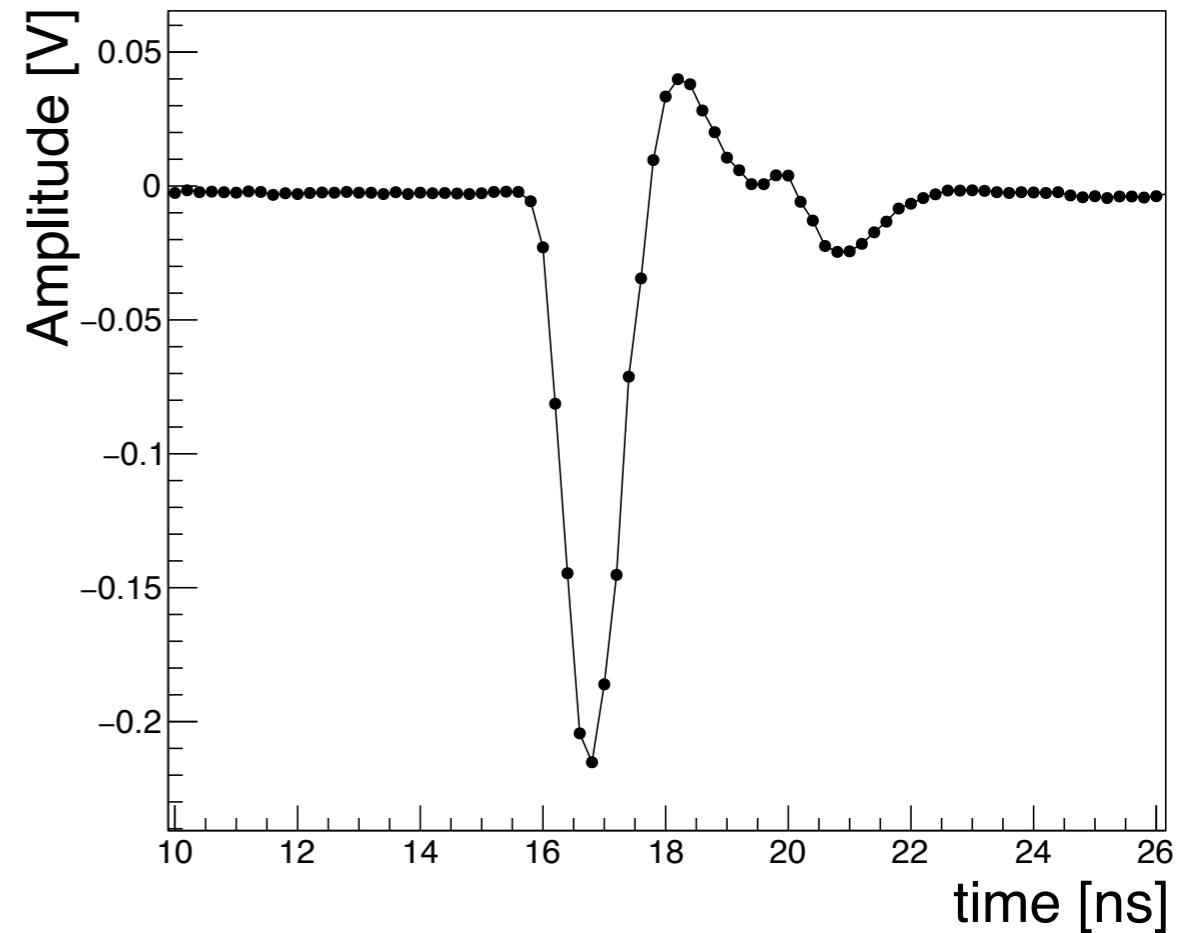


# MCP SIGNAL

MCP signal pulses in this setup



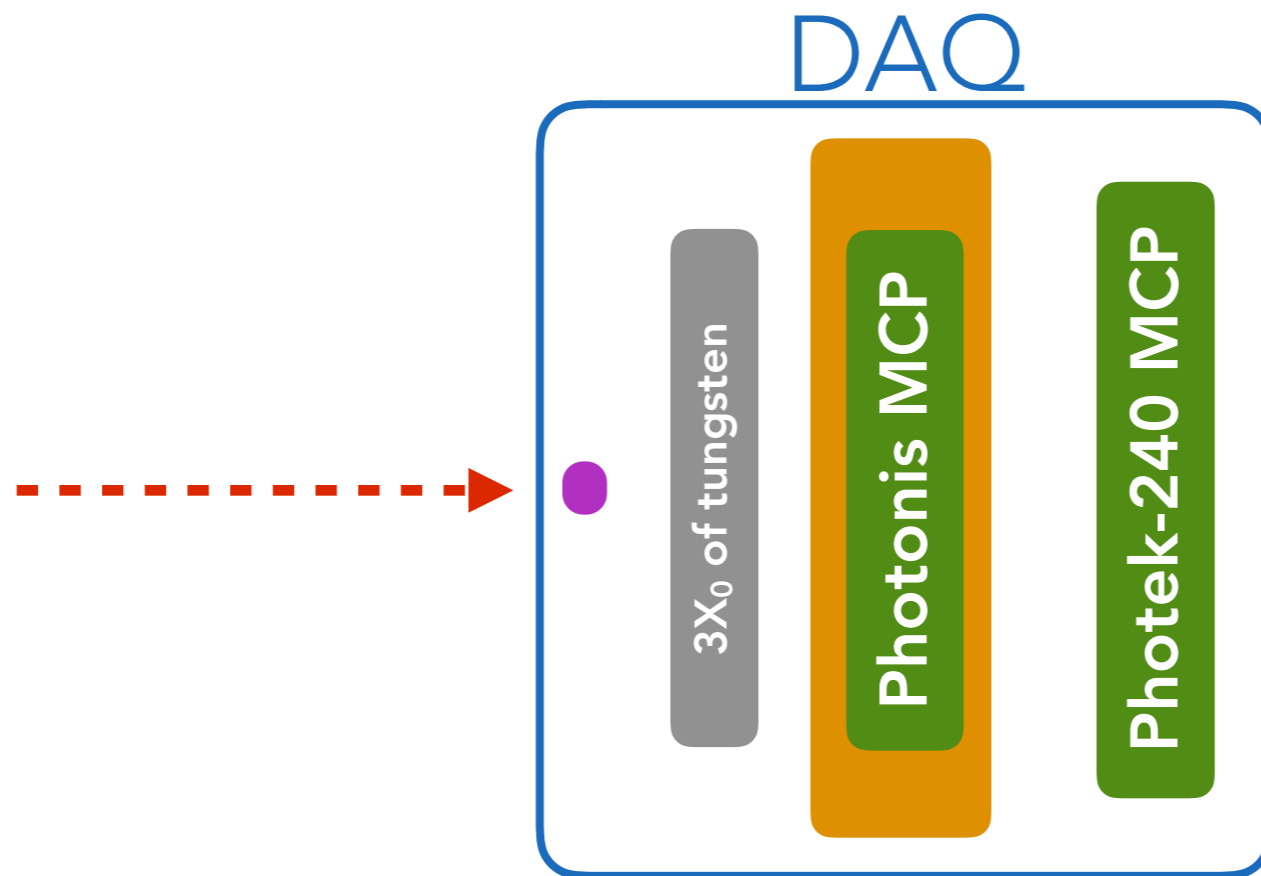
Photonis MCP  
pixel



Photech-240 MCP



Different sources contribute to the time resolution



relevant source

II: Photonis MCP + Shower

other sources

I: shower fluctuations

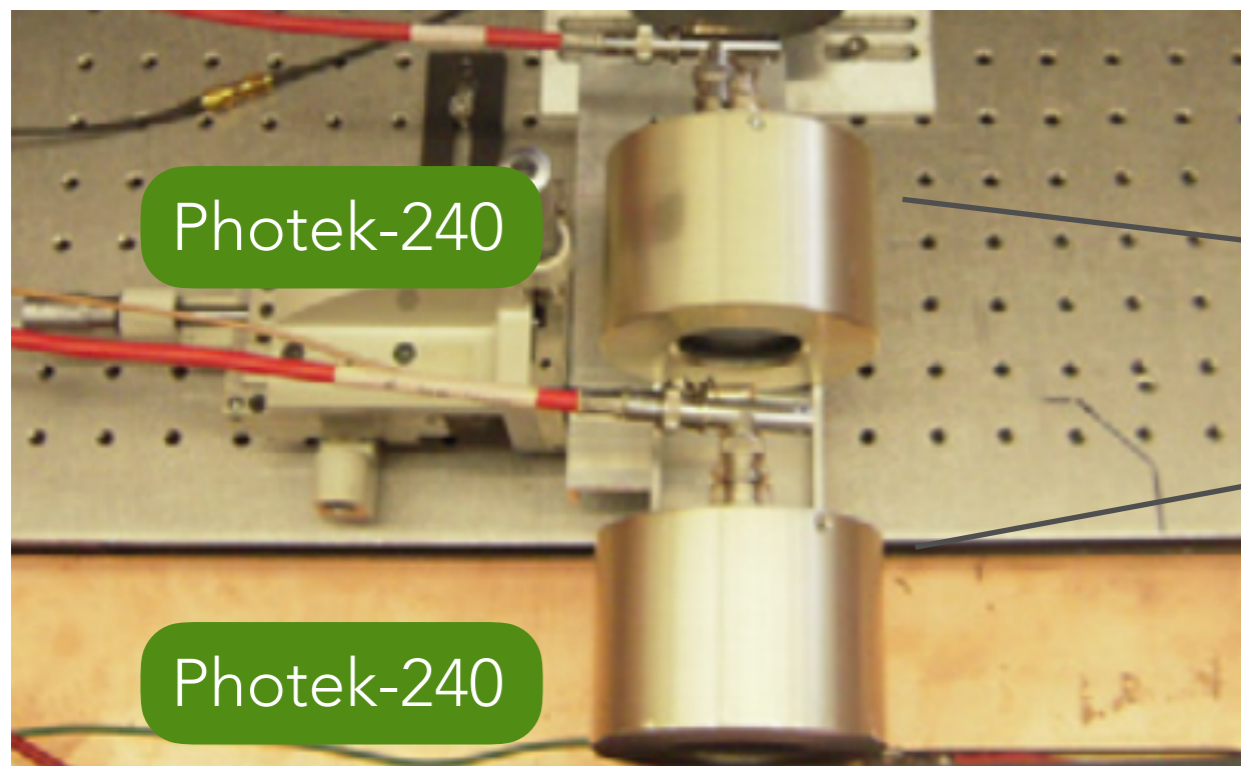
II: Reference Timer

III: Digitization/DAQ



# REFERENCE TIMER

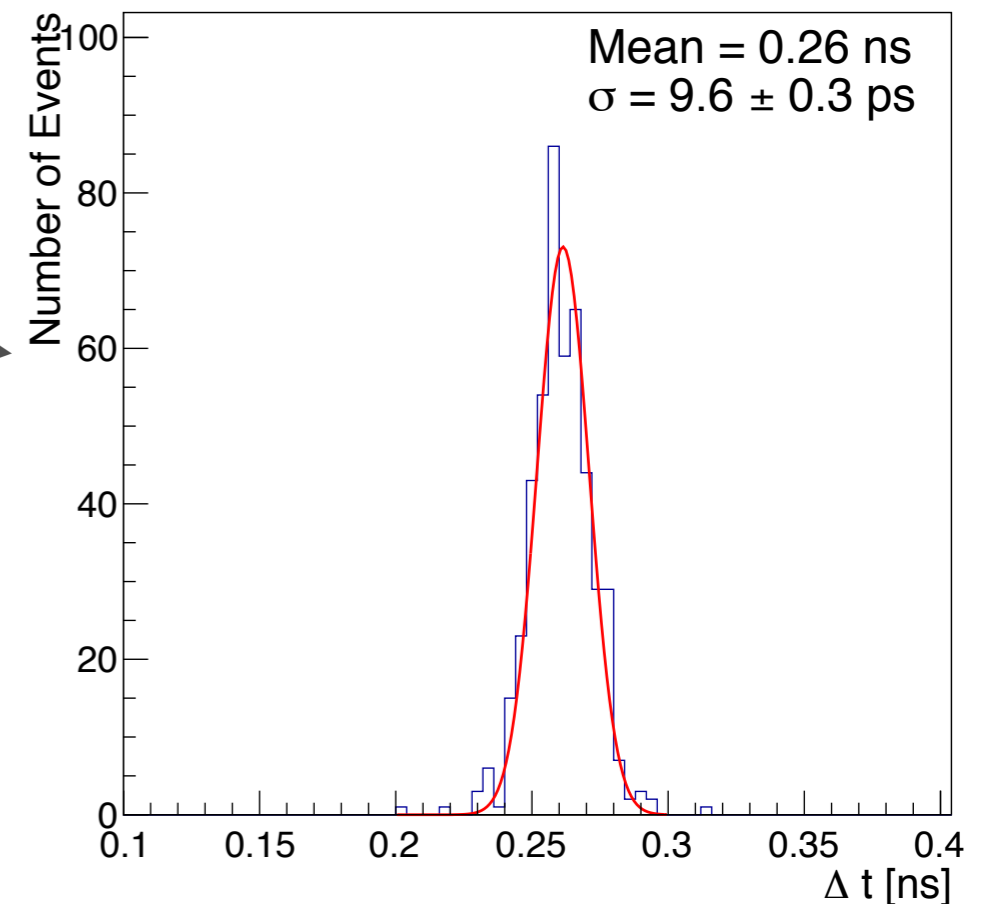
- Measure  $\sim 10$  ps time-of-flight resolution
- Single device time resolution  $\sim 6$  ps
- Excellent reference timer for subsequent measurement



Photek-240

Photek-240

Beam direction  
(120 GeV protons)

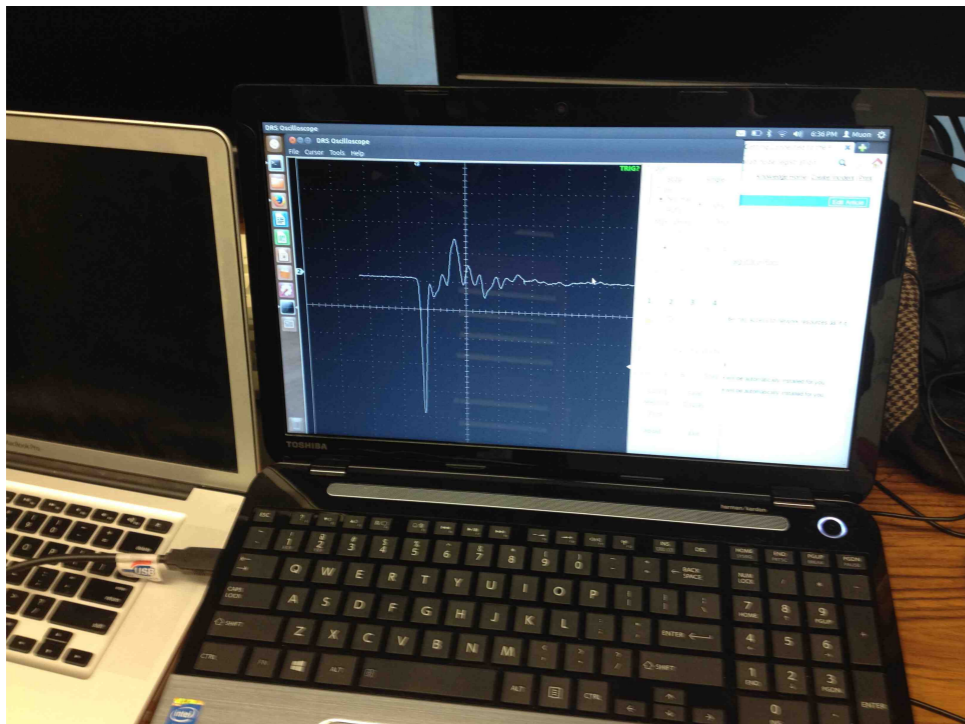


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# DIGITIZATION AND DAQ

- Use DRS4 (Domino-Ring-Sampler) Evaluation Board developed by Stefan Ritt at PSI for MEG2 experiment
- 750 MHz of analog bandwidth
- 5 Gsamples/s (i.e. 200 ps per sample)
- Well validated software and scope applications
- Measured electronic time resolution to be about 5 ps



scope application

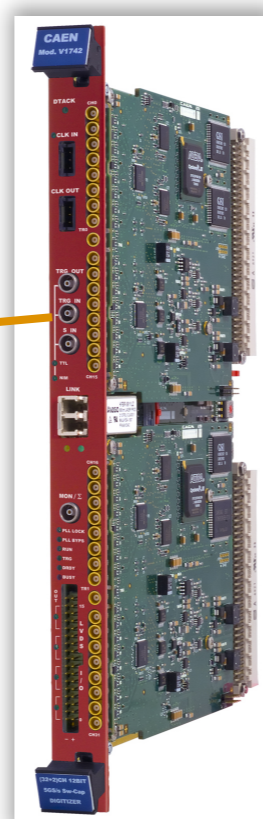
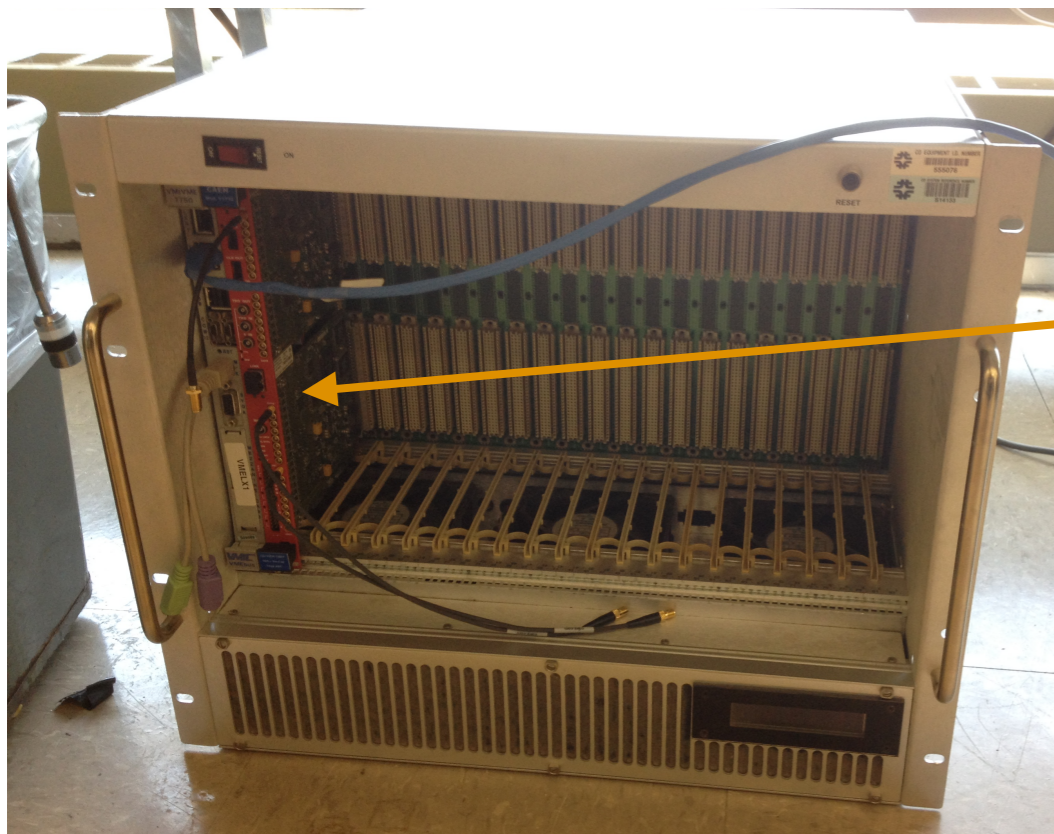


DRS4 Units



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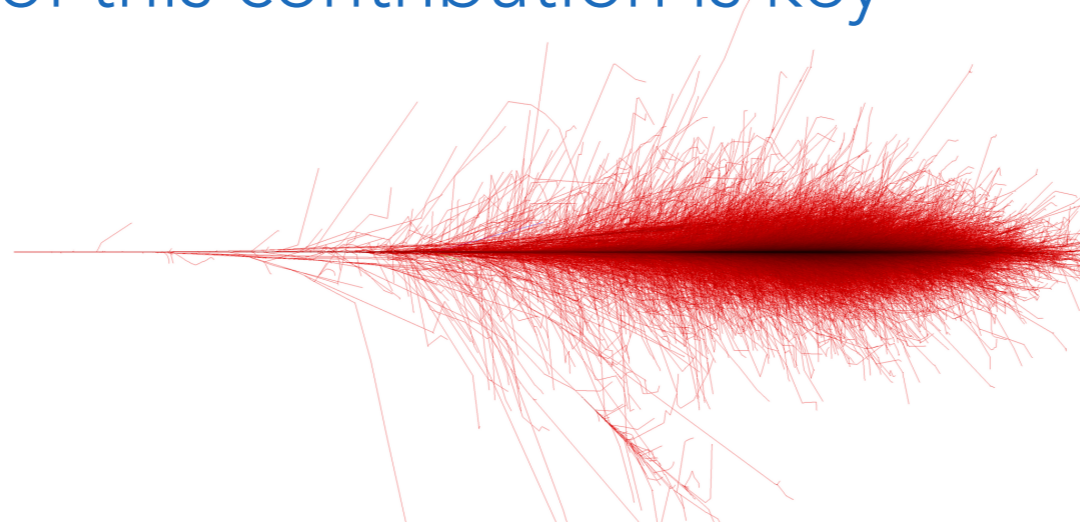
Also available as a crate module: 32+4 channels





# SHOWER FLUCTUATIONS

- Shower fluctuation may result in time jitter on the signal pulses
- Quantification of this contribution is key



**Beam Direction**

2x2 mm<sup>2</sup>  
Trigger

Start Counter  
Photek 240  
MCP-PMT

Stop Counter  
Photek 240  
MCP-PMT

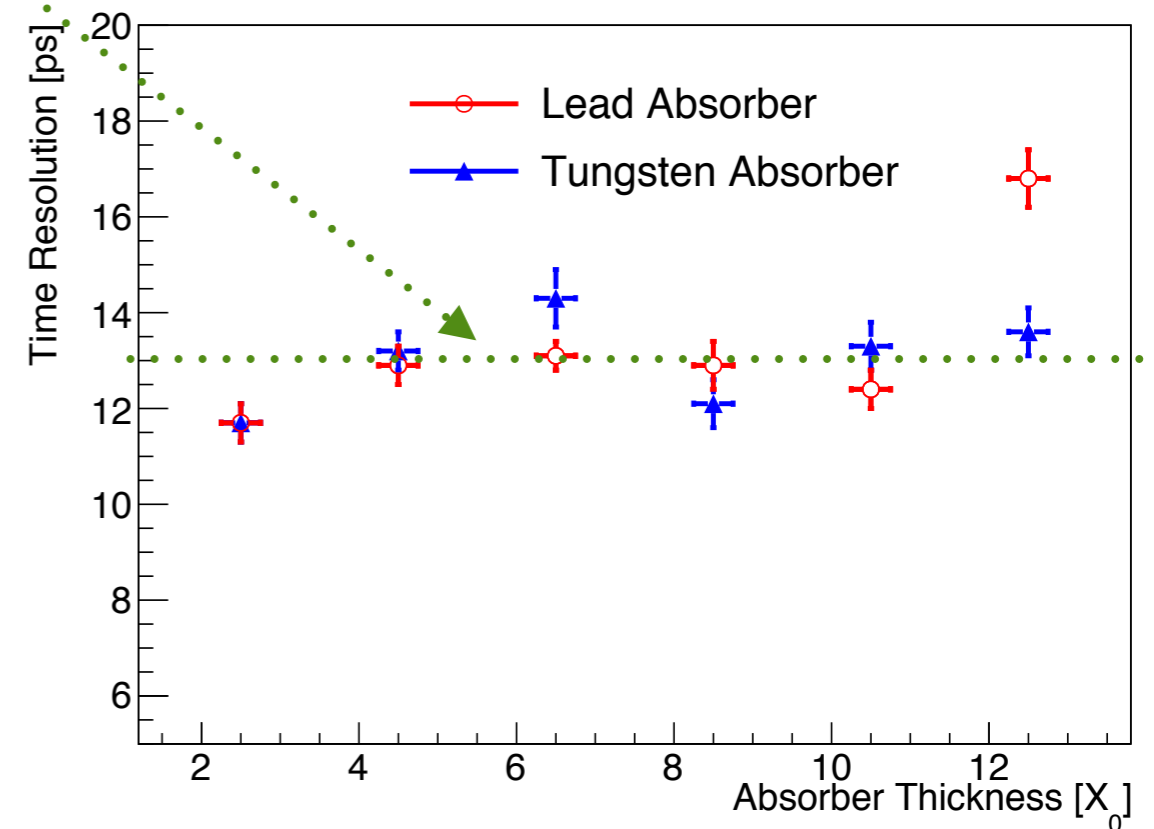
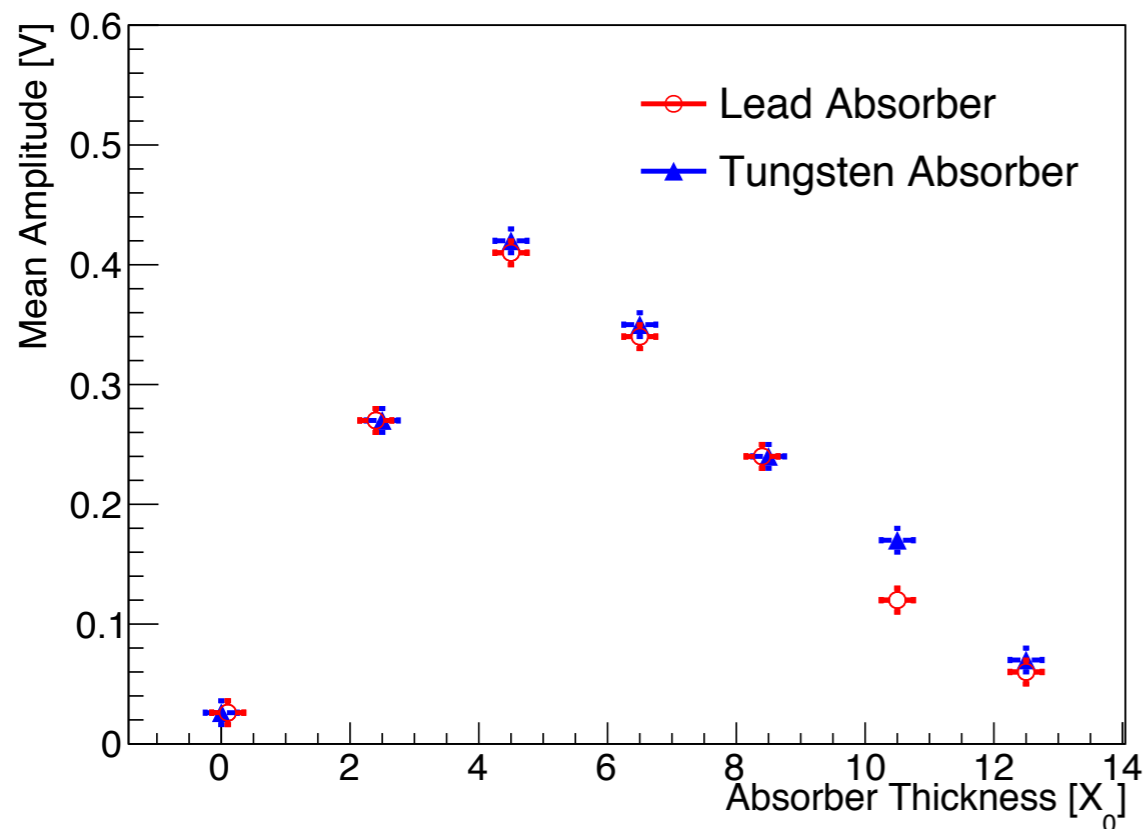
Lead or  
Tungsten  
Absorber

- Measure time jitter for a prototype sampling calorimeter with precision time capability
- Use Photek-240 as reference
- Use Photek-240 to detect shower secondaries



# SHOWER FLUCTUATIONS

- We measured the time resolution throughout the shower at  $\sim 13$  ps
- Suggest that shower fluctuations contribute less than 10 ps to the time jitter — taking into account the detector jitter.

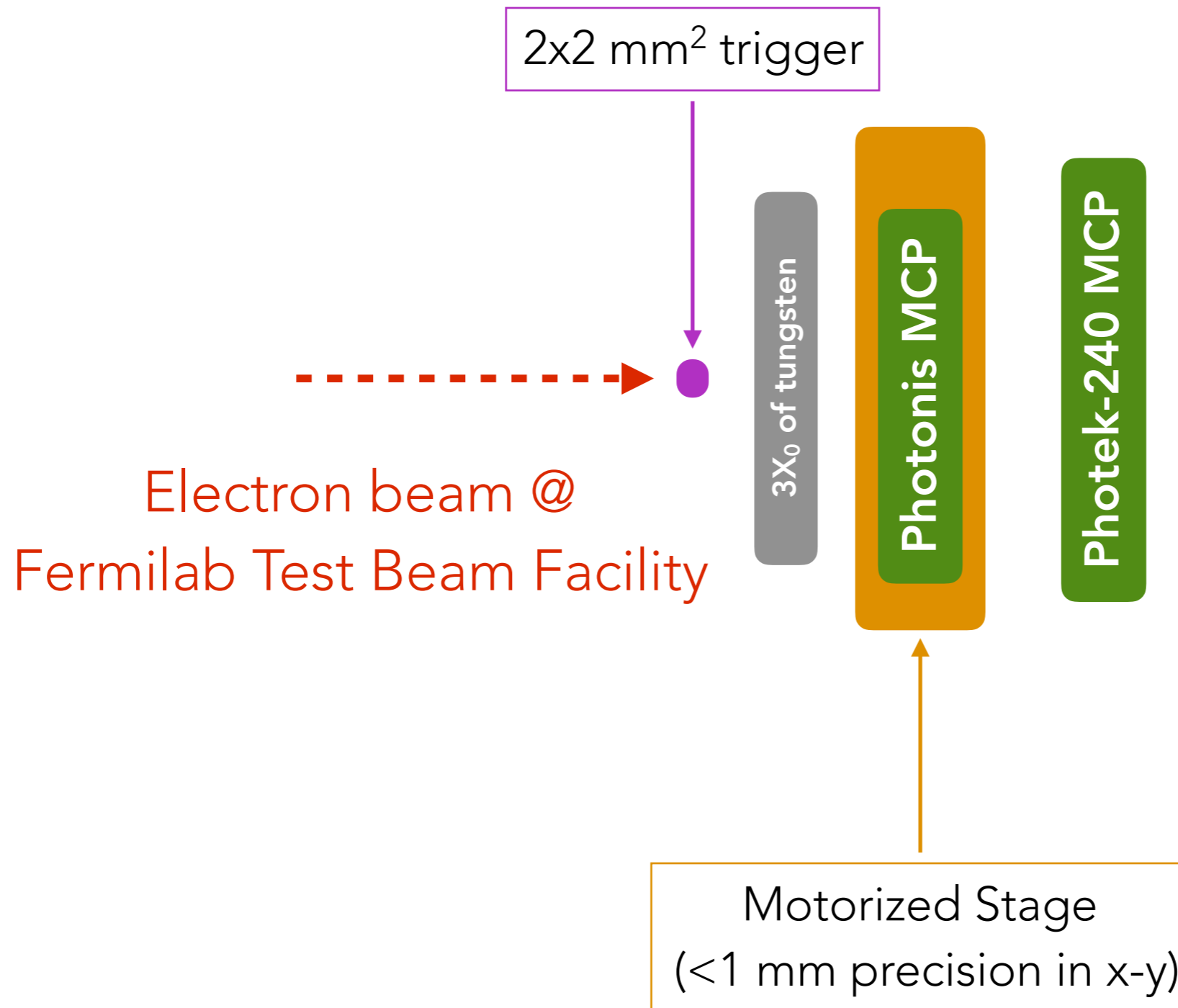


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# MCP-BASED SECONDARY EMISSION CALORIMETER

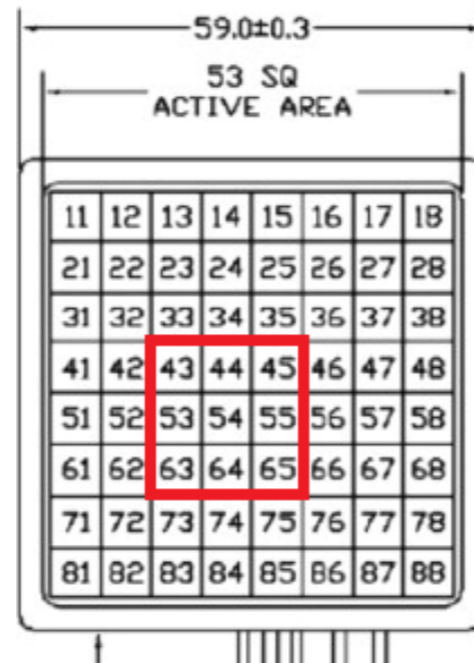




# SHOWER POSITION RECONSTRUCTION

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Use only 9 pixels of the 8x8 matrix

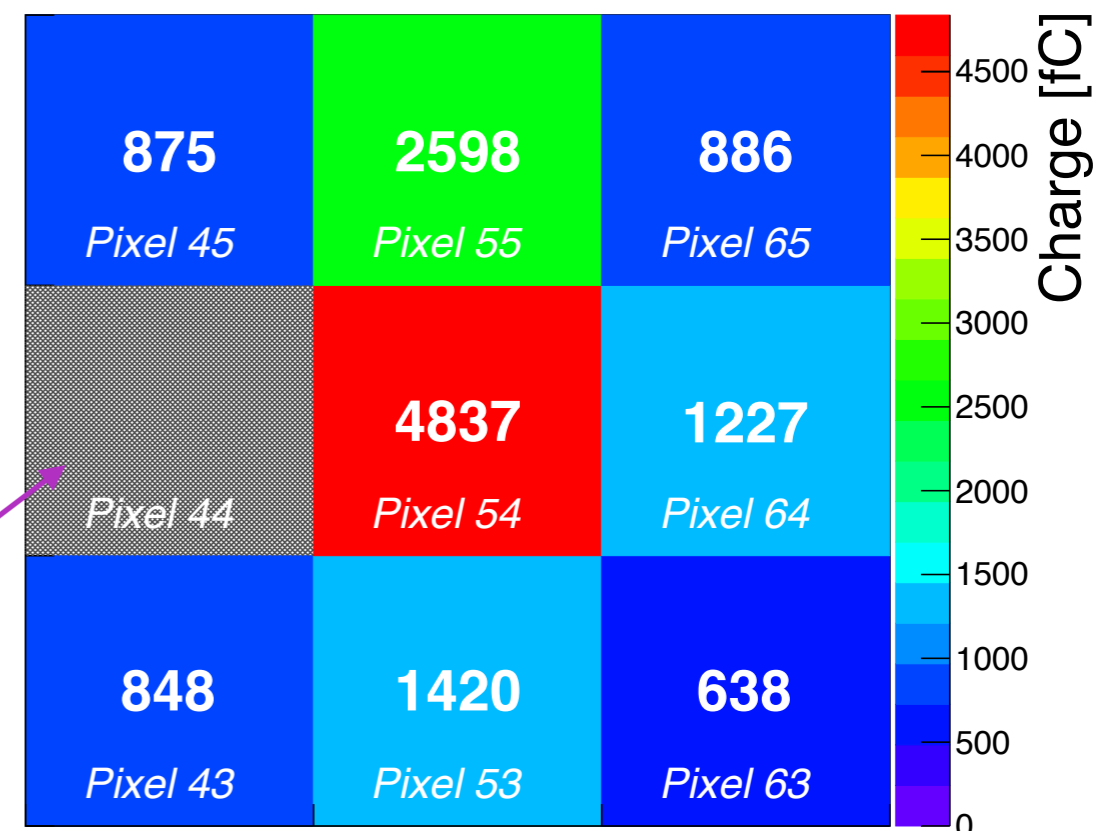


$$\vec{p} = \frac{\sum_{i \in \text{pixels}} Q_i \vec{p}_i}{\sum_{i \in \text{pixels}} Q_i}$$

event-by-event shower mean position reconstruction

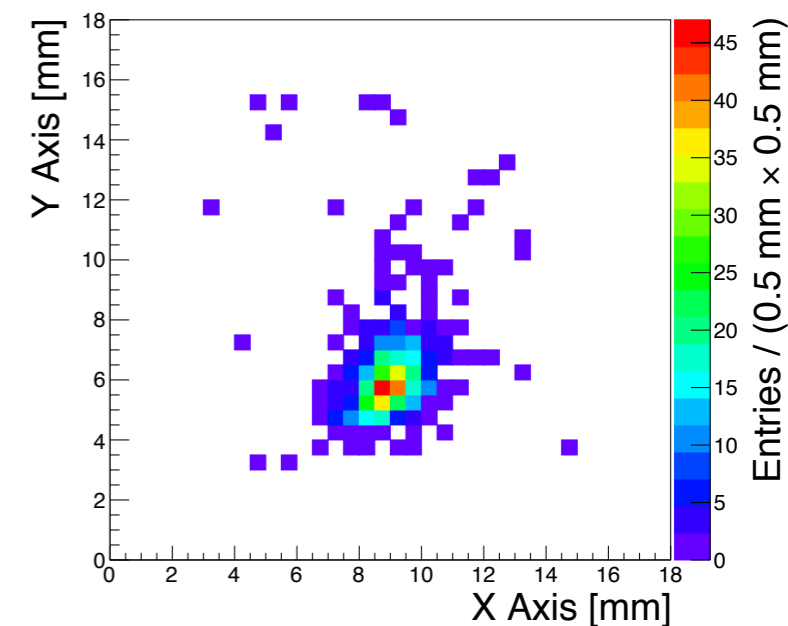
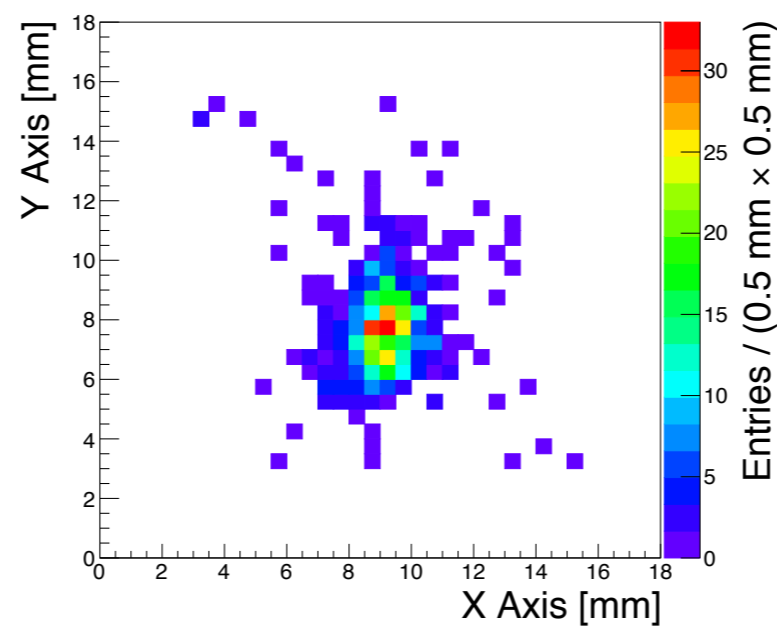
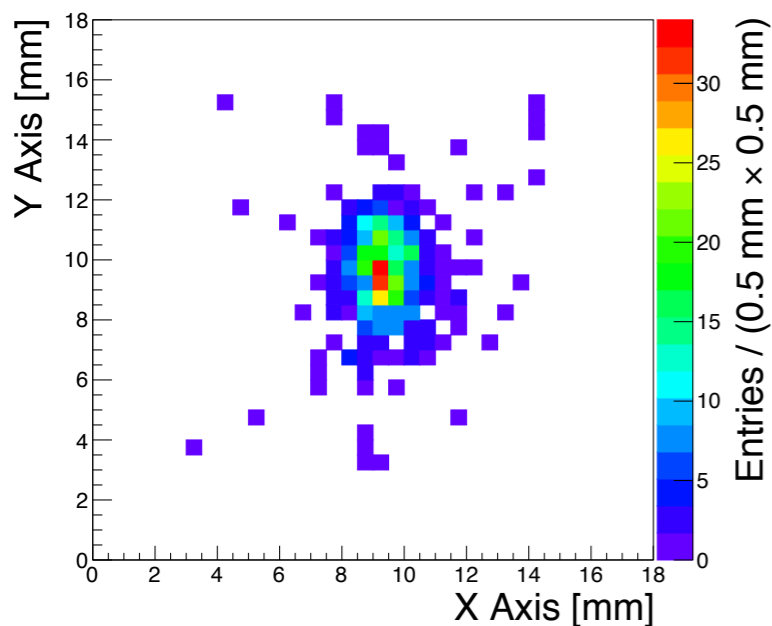
Unfortunately one pixel was dead

Mean Charge Distribution





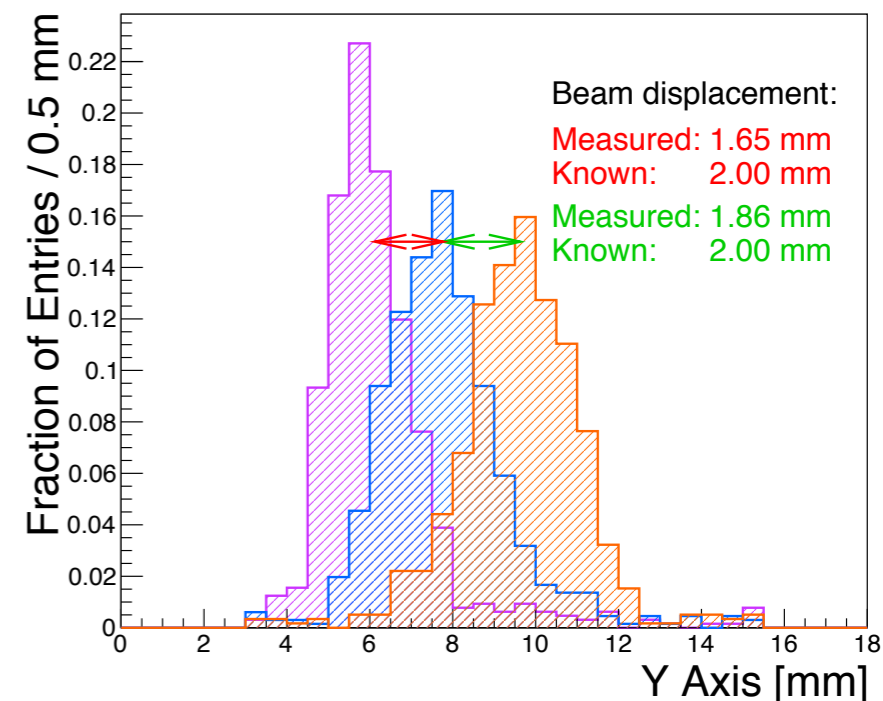
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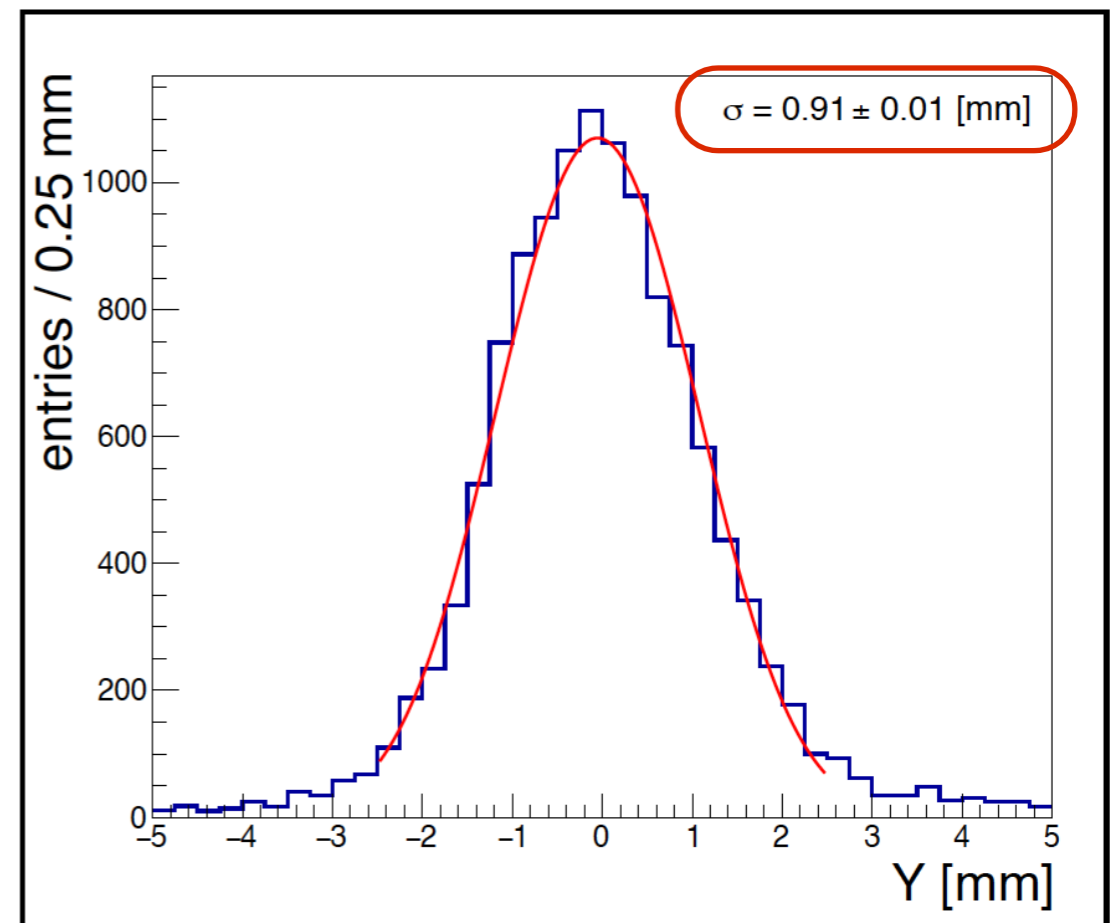
Shower positions are on  
average well reconstructed





# SHOWER POSITION RESOLUTION

- Model the shower position as the convolution of the beam profile with a Gaussian (resolution)
- We fit the data to extract the resolution (width of the Gaussian)
  - Obtain a position resolution of  $\sim 1$  mm
  - Recall that each pixels is 5.9 mm in size



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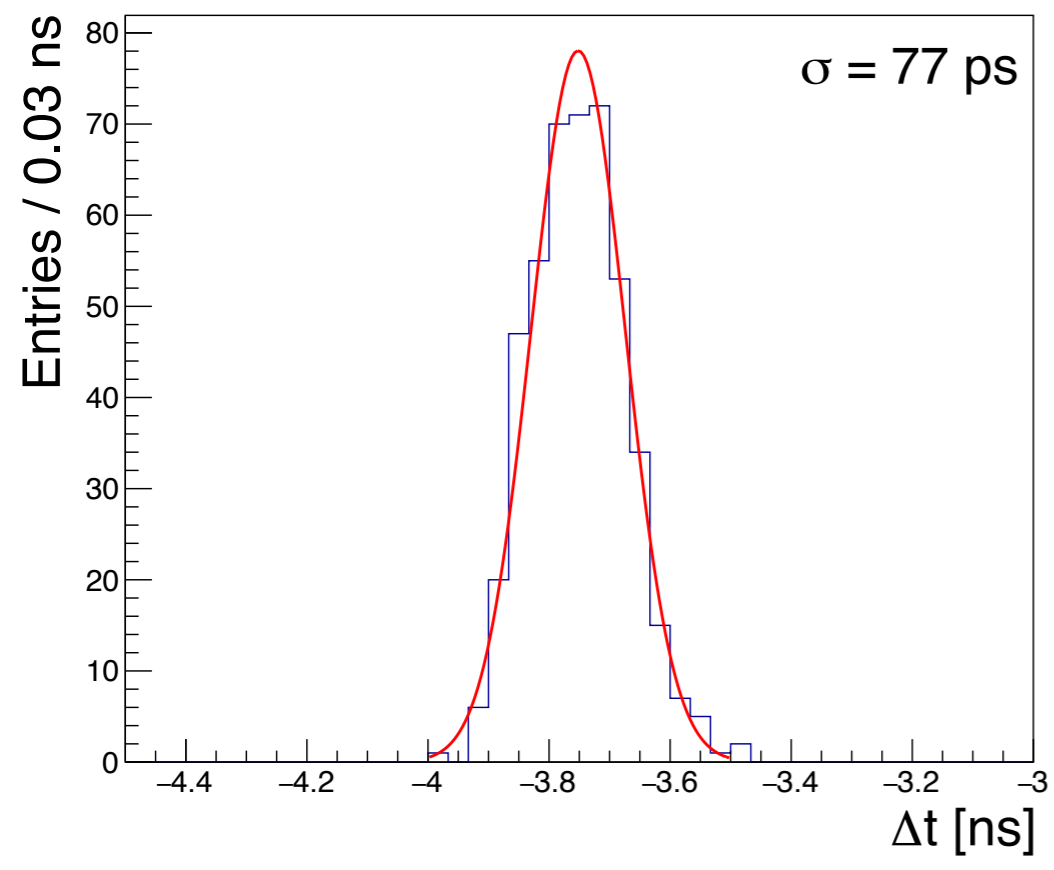
# TIME RESOLUTION

Look at individual and combined time resolution

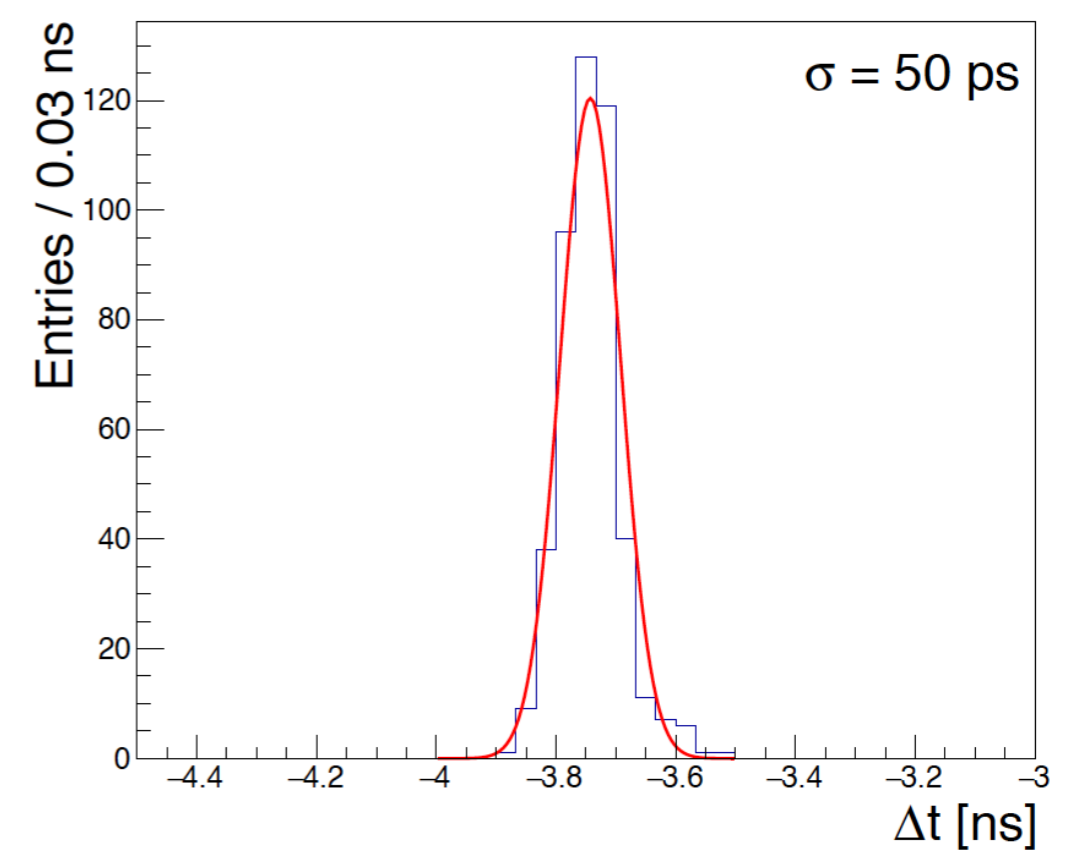
single pixel time resolution

combined time resolution

$$t = \frac{\sum_{i \in \text{pixels}} Q_i t_i}{\sum_{i \in \text{pixels}} Q_i}$$



combine  
all pixels  
→

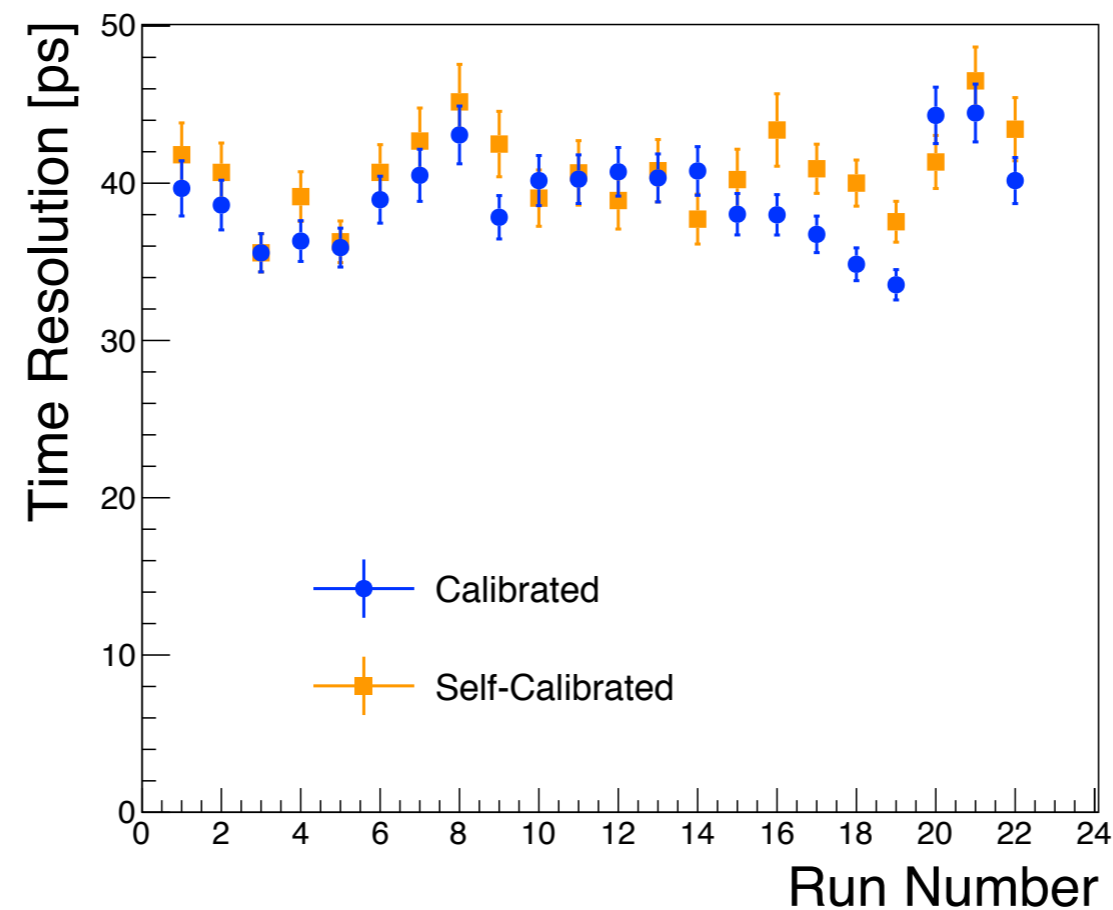






# TIME RESOLUTION

Combined time resolution at the level of 35-40 ps  
when using pixelated information

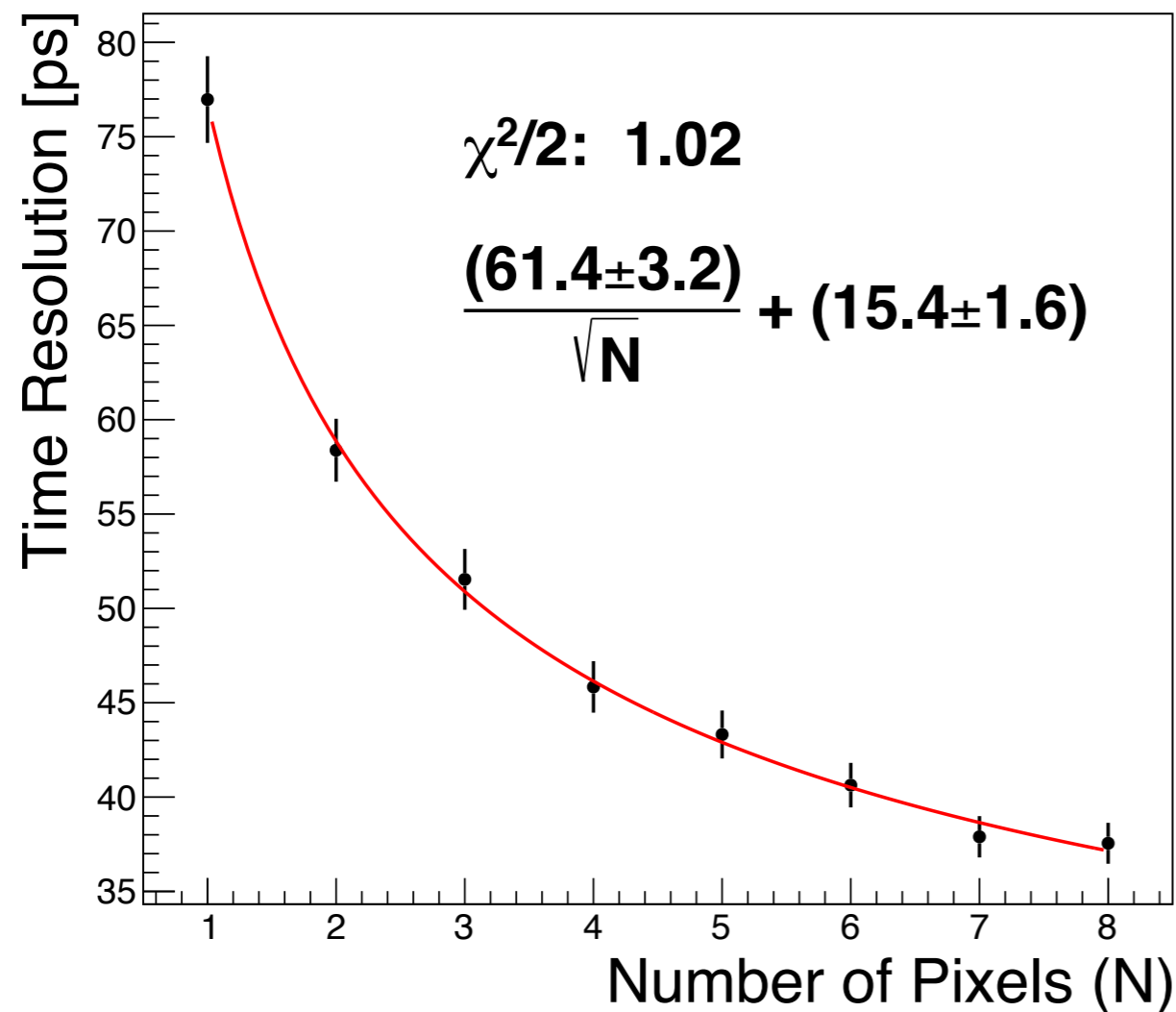


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# TIME RESOLUTION

We look at the effect of combining the pixels



- Each additional pixel improves the time resolution
- Time resolution is consistent with a  $A/\sqrt{N} + B$  distribution

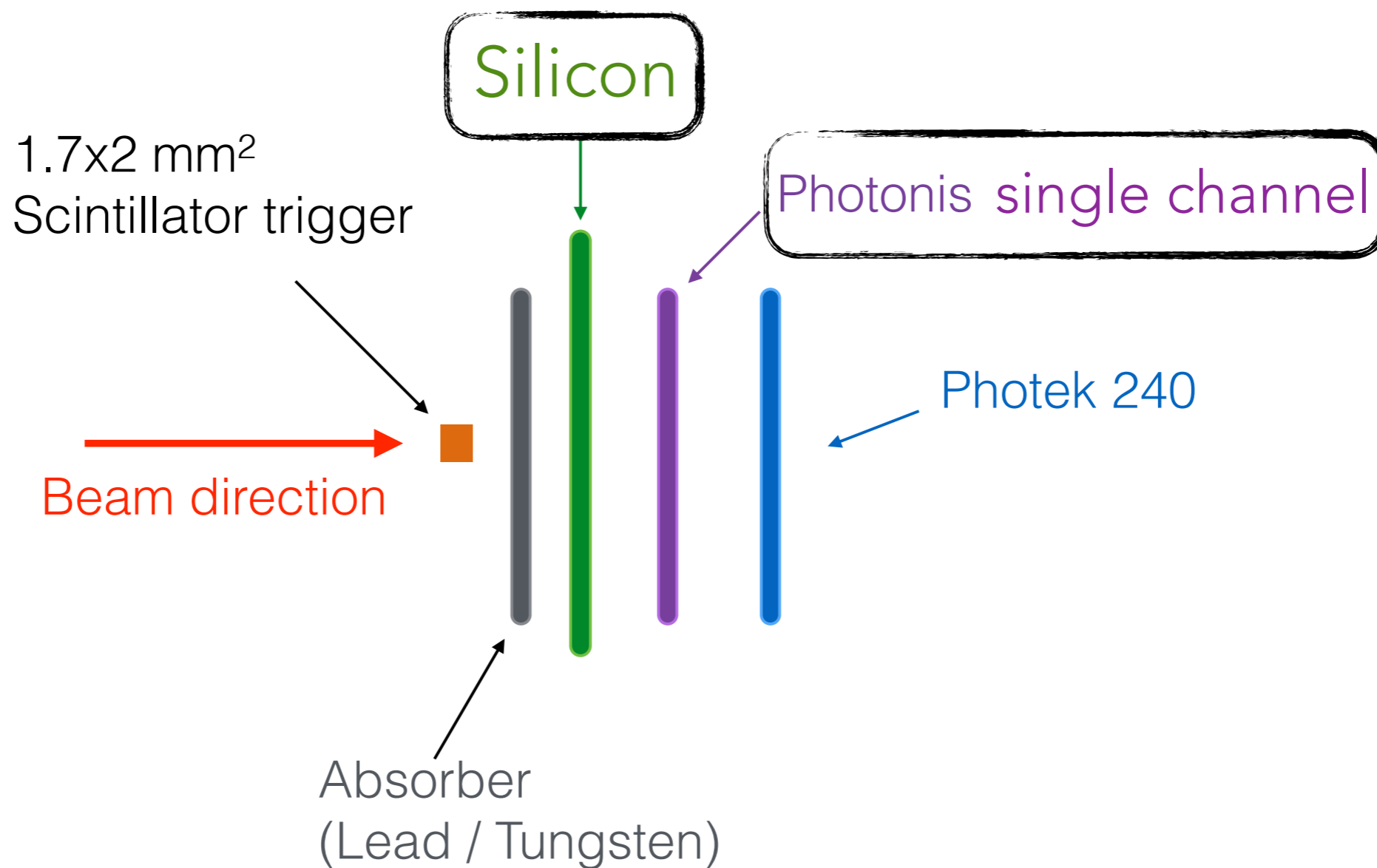
Important to add transverse information in calorimetric device



# BONUS: MULTIPLE TIMING LAYERS

Combine two timing layer to improve time resolution

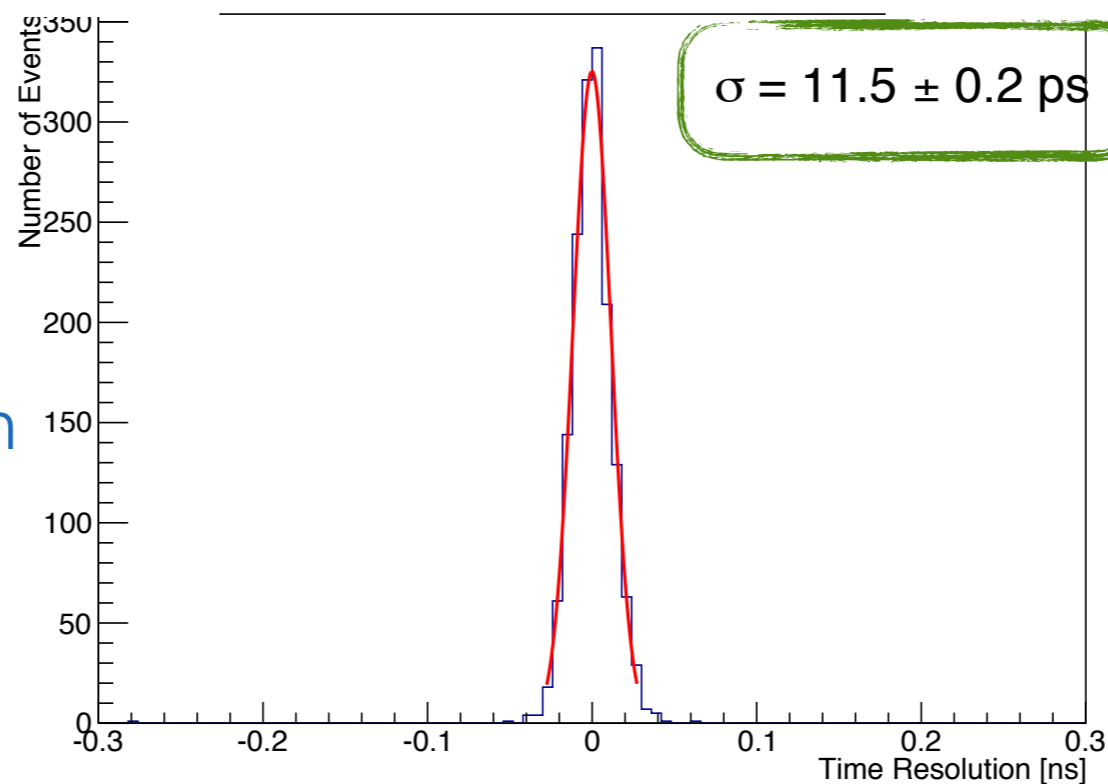
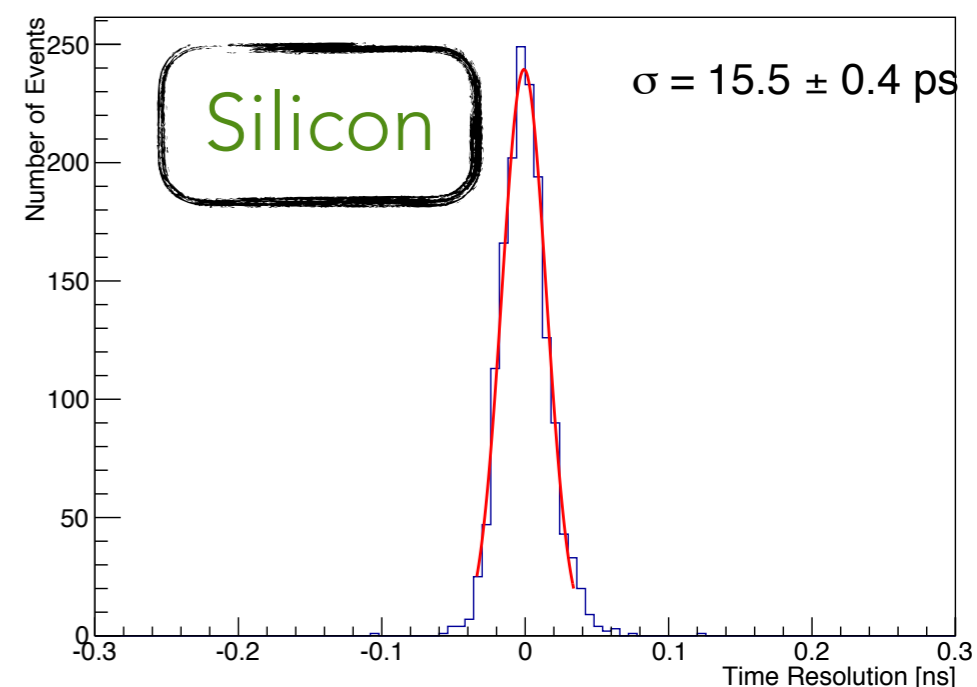
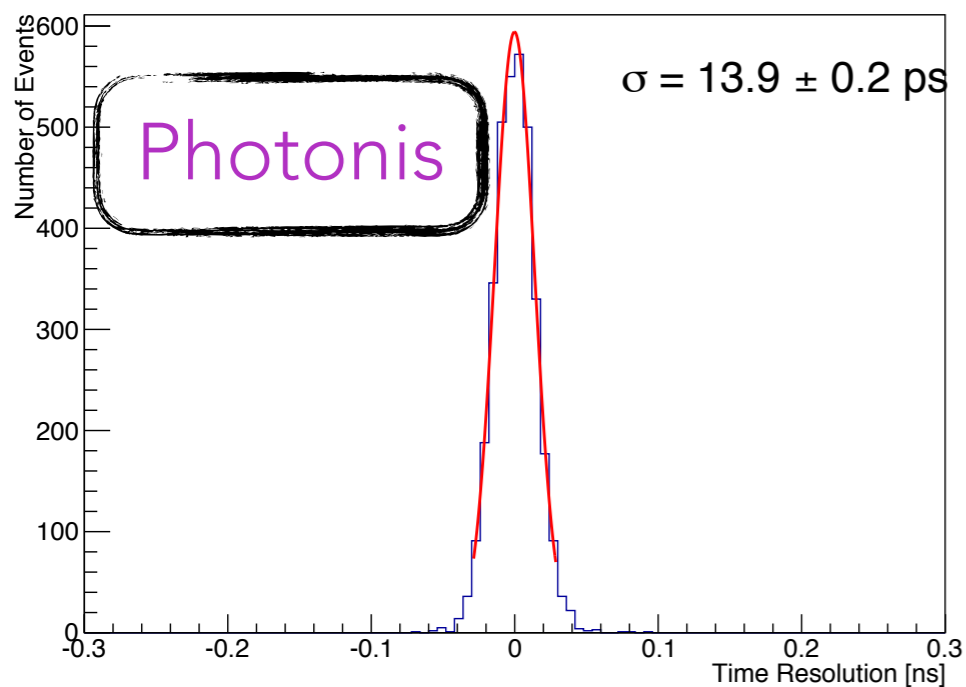
see A. Apresyan talk





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Two layer combination improves time resolution

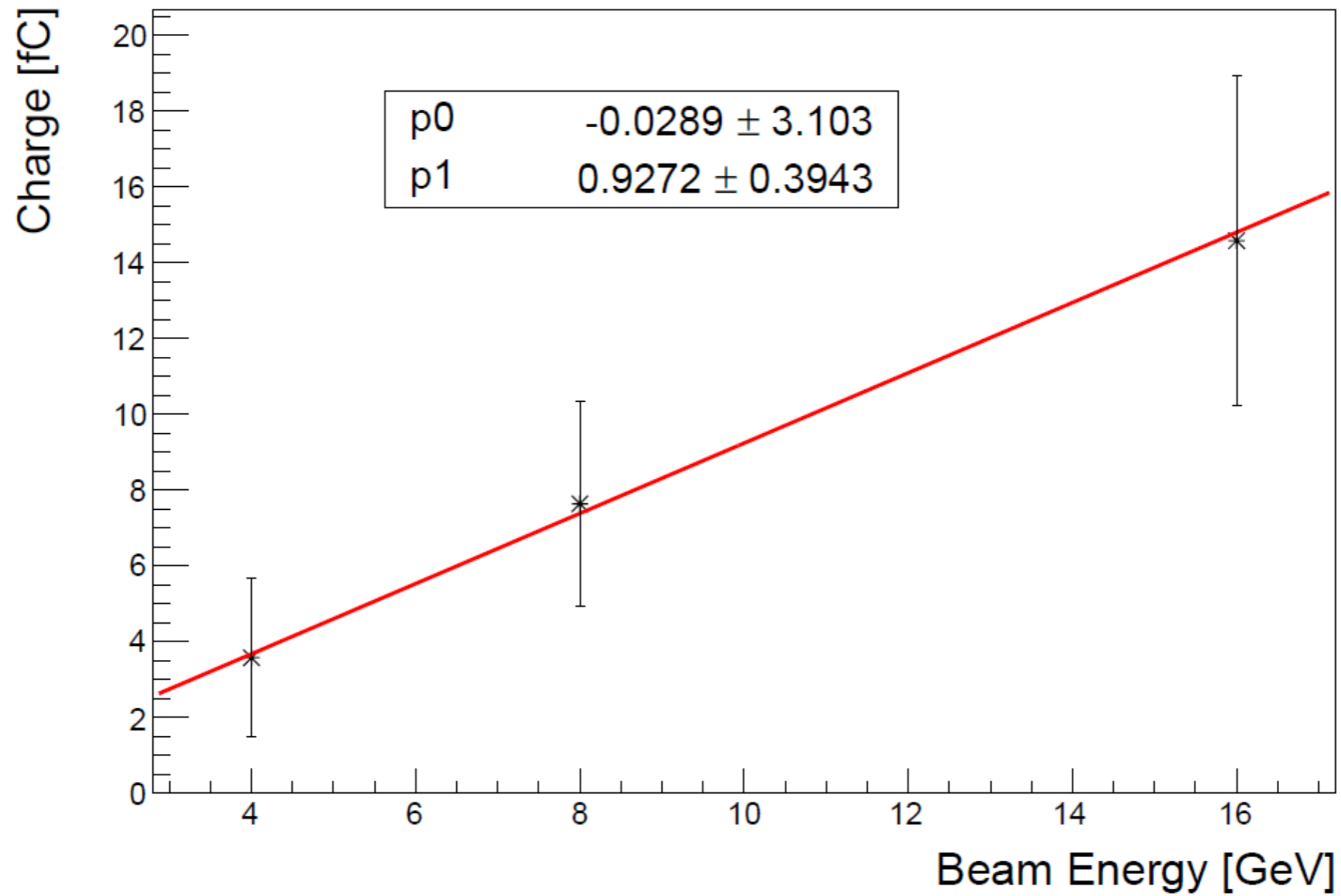


# SUMMARY

- MCP-based secondary emission calorimeters are a real possibility
- They open a new window into precision timing calorimetry
- Beam test of pixelated of Photonis MCP shows good position resolution
- Transverse information improves the time resolution
- Final time resolution is  $\sim 35\text{-}40$  ps; the 30 ps goal for HL-LHC is around the corner



# CHARGE VS BEAM ENERGY





# CHARGE CORRECTION

charge correction

