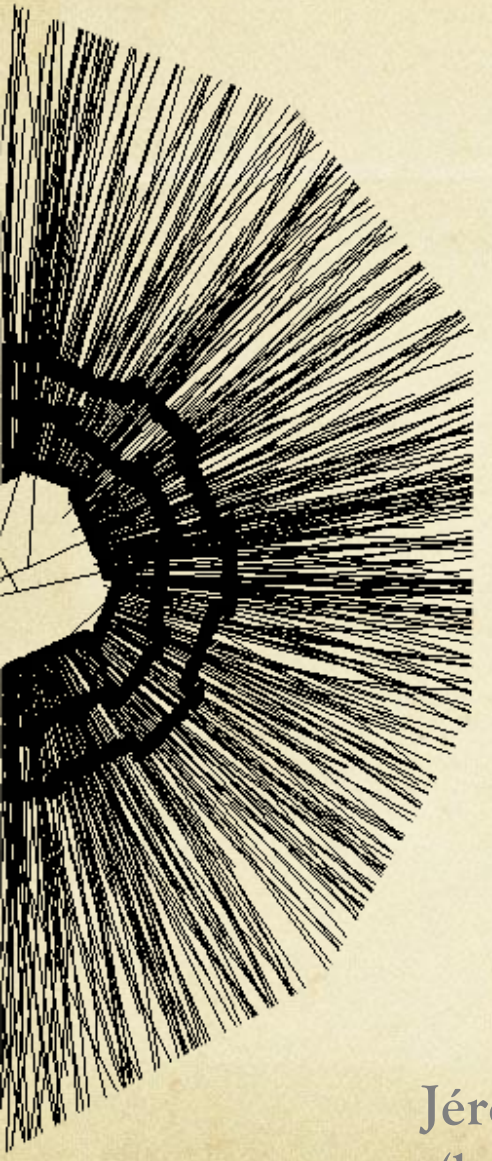

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Tracking

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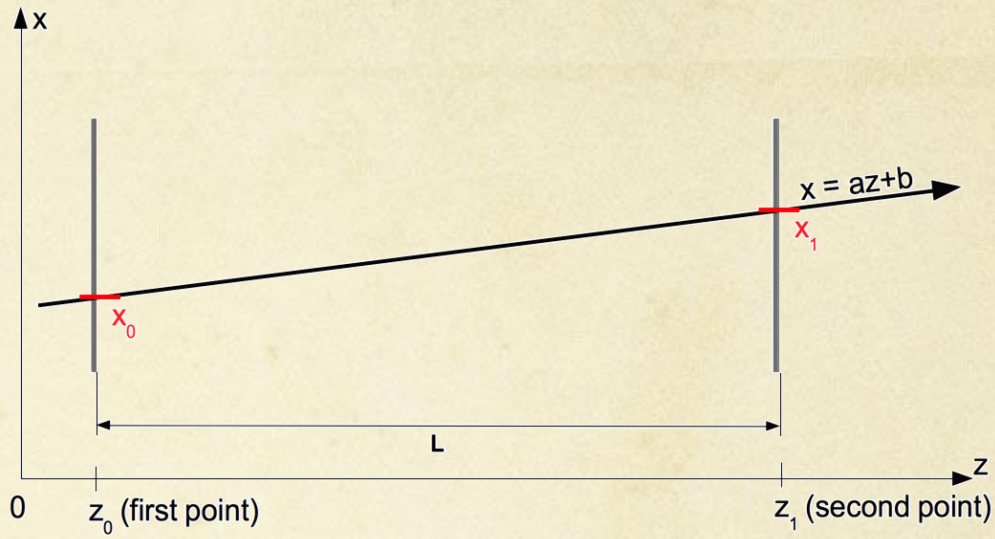
Tracking version 0.0

Hypothesis:

- Two sensors
  - perfect positions
  - Infinitely thin
- 1 straight tracks
  - 2 parameters (a,b)



Estimation of track parameters

- Assuming track model is straight

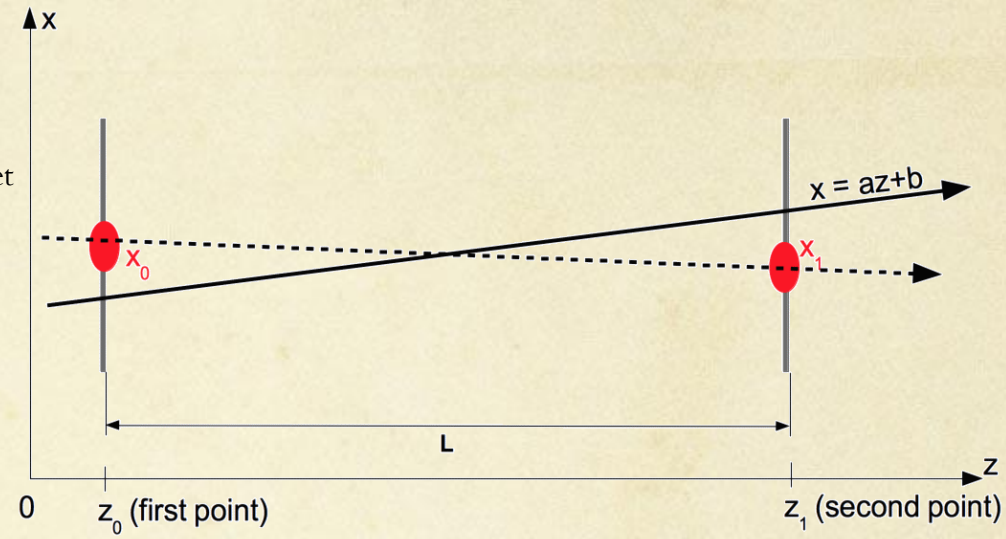
$$a = \frac{x_1 - x_0}{z_1 - z_0}, \quad b = \frac{x_0 z_1 - x_1 z_0}{z_1 - z_0}$$

- No uncertainty !

Tracking version 1.0

Hypothesis:

- Two sensors
  - Positions with UNCERTAINTY σ_{det}
  - Infinitely thin
- 1 straight tracks
  - 2 parameters (a,b)



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$$a = \frac{x_1 - x_0}{z_1 - z_0}, \quad b = \frac{x_0 z_1 - x_1 z_0}{z_1 - z_0}$$

- Uncertainties from error propagation

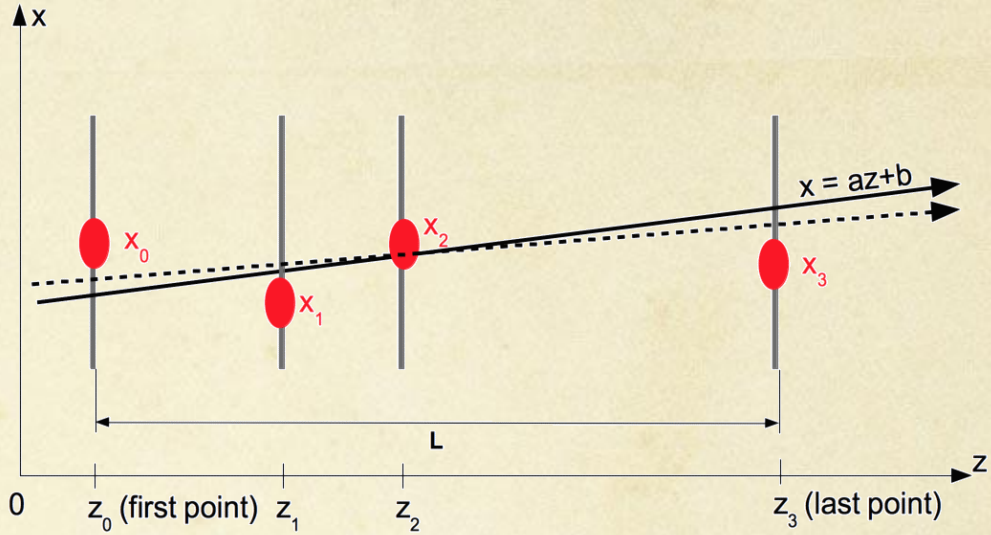
$$s_a = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{z_1 - z_0} s_{det}, \quad s_b = \frac{\sqrt{z_1^2 + z_0^2}}{z_1 - z_0} s_{det}$$

$$\mathrm{cov}_{a,b} = -\frac{\sqrt{z_1 + z_0}}{z_1 - z_0} s_{det}$$

Tracking version 1.1

Hypothesis:

- More than two sensors
  - Positions with uncertainty σ_{det}
  - Infinitely thin
- 1 straight tracks
  - 2 parameters (a,b)



Estimation of track parameters

- Assuming track model is straight
  - Need FITTING PROCEDURE least square
  - Need covariance matrix of measurements (here diagonal)
- Uncertainties from error propagation
  - Detail depends on geometry

→ Both estimation & uncertainties improve

$$a = \frac{S_1 S_{xz} - S_x S_z}{S_1 S_{z^2} - (S_z)^2}, \quad b = \frac{S_x S_{z^2} - S_z S_{xz}}{S_1 S_{z^2} - (S_z)^2}$$

$$s_a^2 = \frac{S_1}{S_1 S_{z^2} - (S_z)^2}, \quad s_b^2 = \frac{S_{z^2}}{S_1 S_{z^2} - (S_z)^2}$$

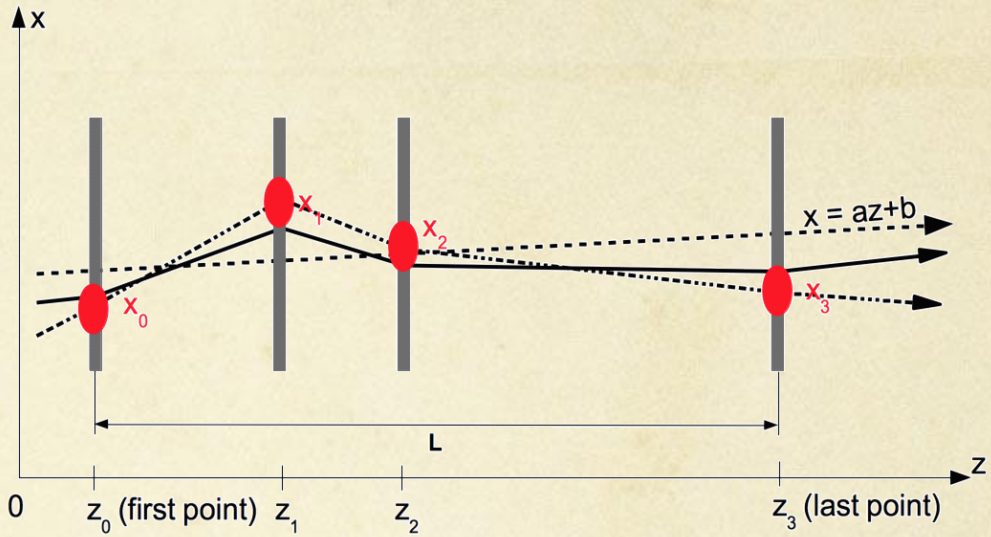
$$\mathrm{cov}_{a,b} = \frac{-S_z}{S_1 S_{z^2} - (S_z)^2}$$

See LSM on straight tracks later

Tracking version 2.0

Hypothesis:

- More than two sensors
  - Positions with uncertainty σ_{det}
  - With some THICKNESS
    → physics effect
- 1 straight tracks
  - 2 parameters (a,b)



Estimation of track parameters

- Assuming track model is straight
  - Need fitting procedure least square
  - Need covariance matrix of measurements
    physics effect → NON DIAGONAL terms
- Uncertainties from error propagation

→ same estimators but increased uncertainties

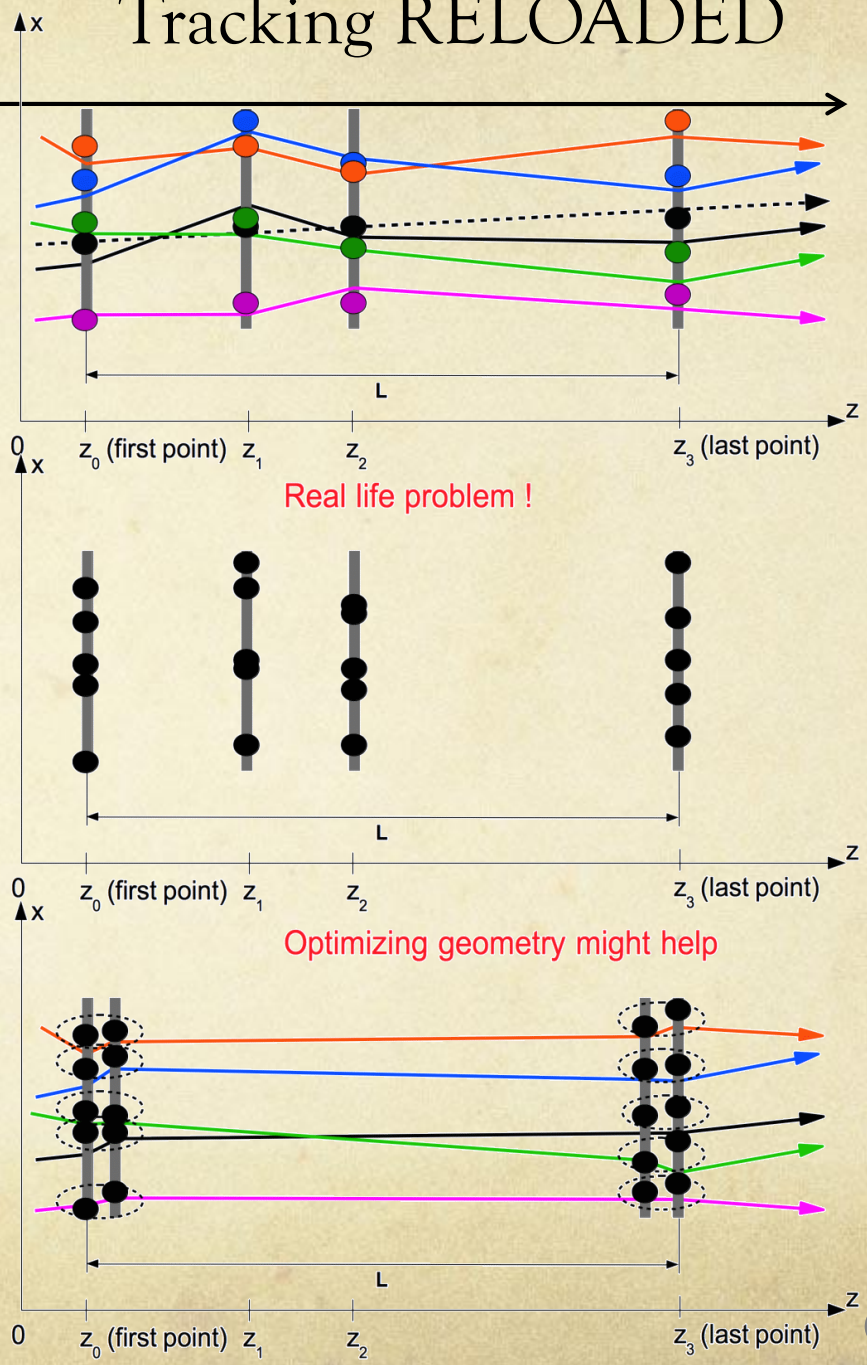
$$a = \frac{S_1 S_{xz} - S_x S_z}{S_1 S_{z^2} - (S_z)^2}, \quad b = \frac{S_x S_{z^2} - S_z S_{xz}}{S_1 S_{z^2} - (S_z)^2}$$

Complex covariant matrix expression

- correlation between sensors
- Various implemetations possible

Tracking RELOADED

- **Hypothesis:**
  - More than two sensors
    - Positions with uncertainty σ_{det}
    - With some thickness
  - MANY straight tracks
    - Still 2 parameters (a,b)...per track!
    - But may change along track path
- **New step = FINDING**
  - Which hits to which tracks ?
  - Strongly depends on geometry
- **Estimation of track parameters**
  - Happens after finder
  - Uncertainties involve correlation



Lecture outline

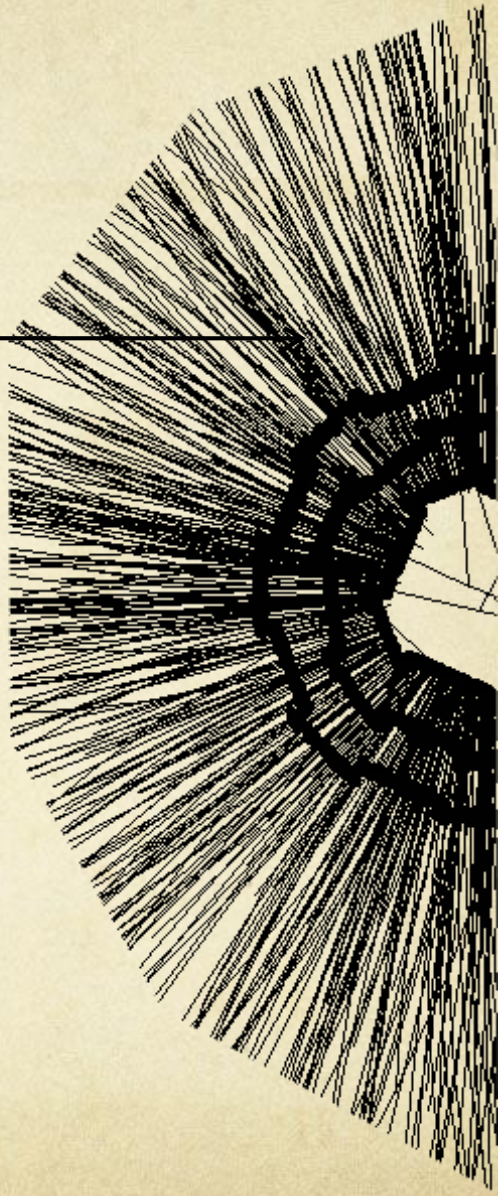
1. Basic concepts
2. Position sensitive detectors
3. Standard algorithms
4. Advanced algorithms
5. Optimizing a tracking system
6. References

first lecture

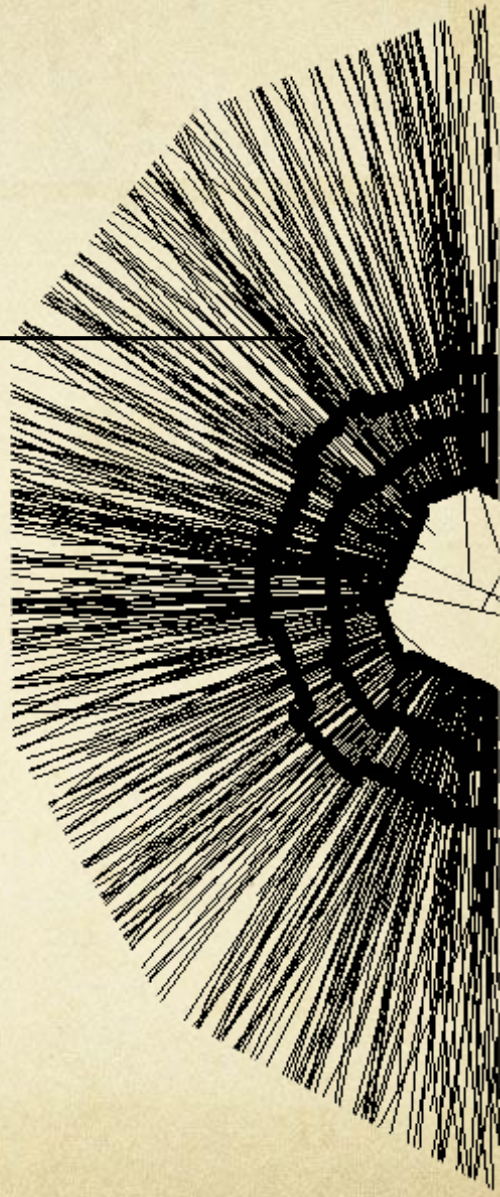
second lecture

third lecture

practice



1. Motivations & basic concepts



- Motivations
- Types of measurements
- The 2 main tasks
- Environmental considerations
- Figures of merit

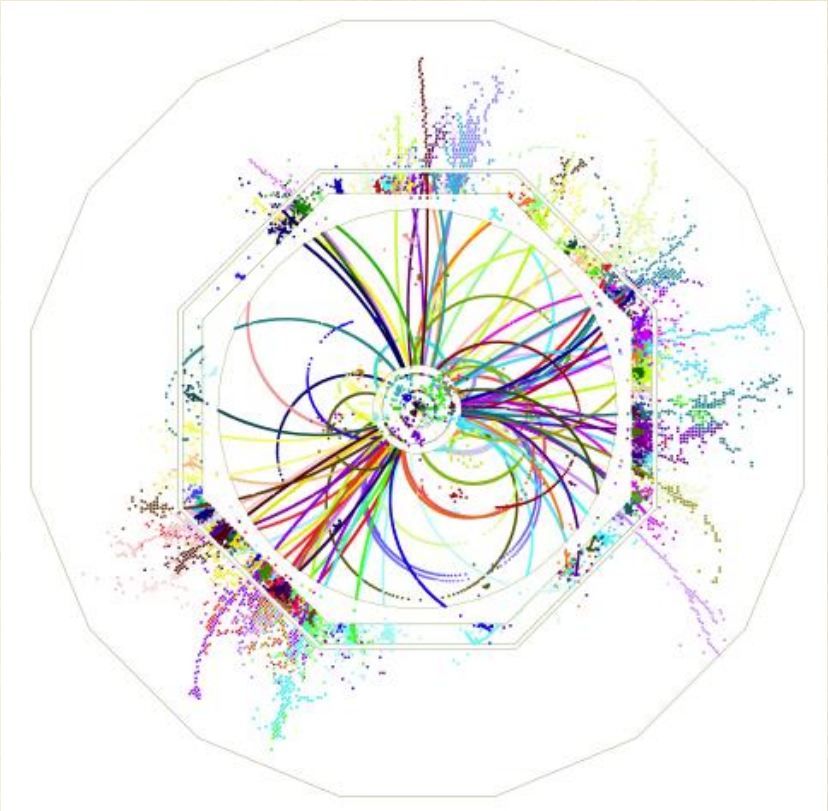
Motivations

Understanding an event

- Individualize tracks ≃ particles
- Measure their properties
- LHC: ~1000 particles per 25 ns "event"

Track properties

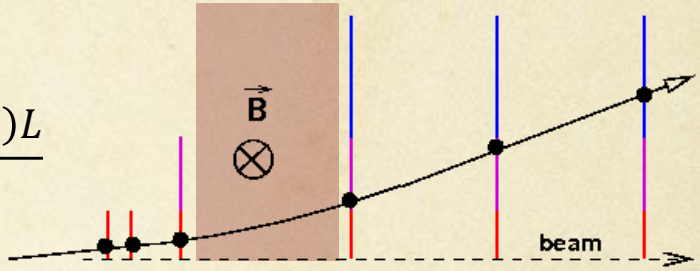
- Momentum ⇔ curvature in B field
  - Reconstruct invariant masses
  - Contribute to jet energy estimation
- Energy ⇔ range measurement
  - Limited to low penetrating particle
- Mass ⇔ dE/dx measurement
- Origin ⇔ vertexing (connecting track)
  - Identify decays
  - Measure flight distance
- Extension ⇔ particle flow algorithm (pfa)
  - Association with calorimetric shower



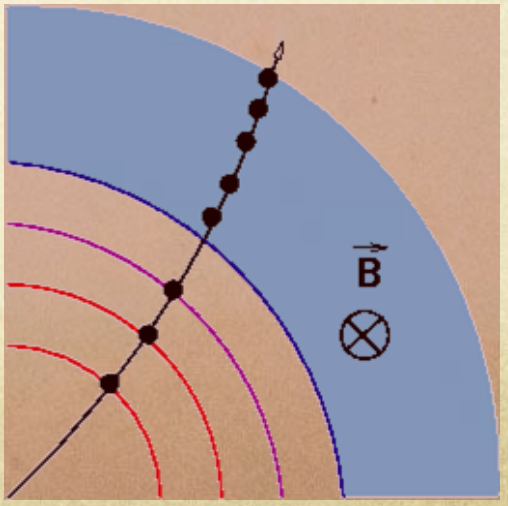
8 jets event (tt-bar h) @ 1 TeV ILC

Momentum measurement

- Magnetic field curves trajectories $\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = q\vec{v} \wedge \vec{B}$
  - Rewritten with position (x) and path length (l) → basic equation: $\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dl^2} \mu \frac{q\vec{B}(\vec{x})}{\|\vec{p}\|}\frac{d\vec{r}}{dl}$
  - In B=4T a 10 GeV/c particle will get a sagitta of 1.5 cm @ 1m
- Fixed-target experiments
  - Dipole magnet on a restricted path segment
  - Measurement of deflection (angle variation) $\frac{p_T}{q} = \frac{0.3\,.\,B(T)L}{\Delta\alpha}$

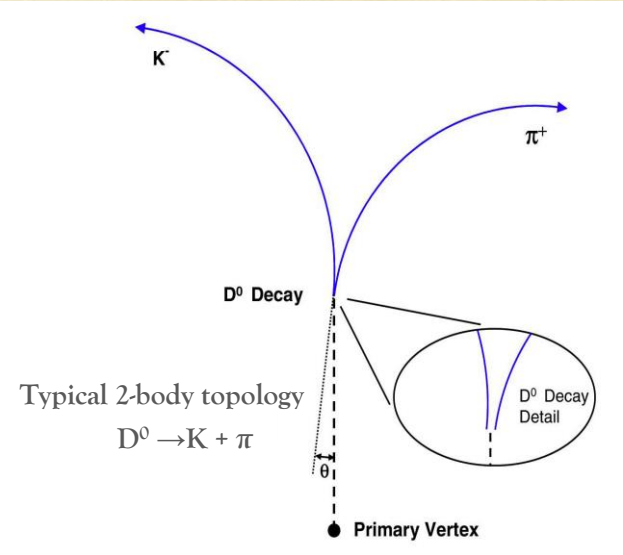


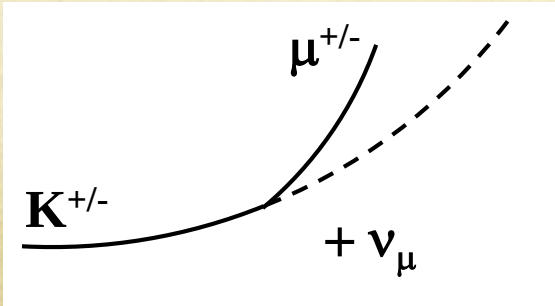
- Collider experiment
  - Barrel-type with axial B over the whole path
  - Measurement of curvature (sagitta) $\frac{p_T(\text{GeV/c})}{q} = 0.3 \times B(\text{T}) \times R(\text{m})$
- Other arrangements
  - Toroidal B… not covered
- Two consequences
  - Position sensitive detectors needed
  - Perturbation effects on trajectories limit precision on track parameters

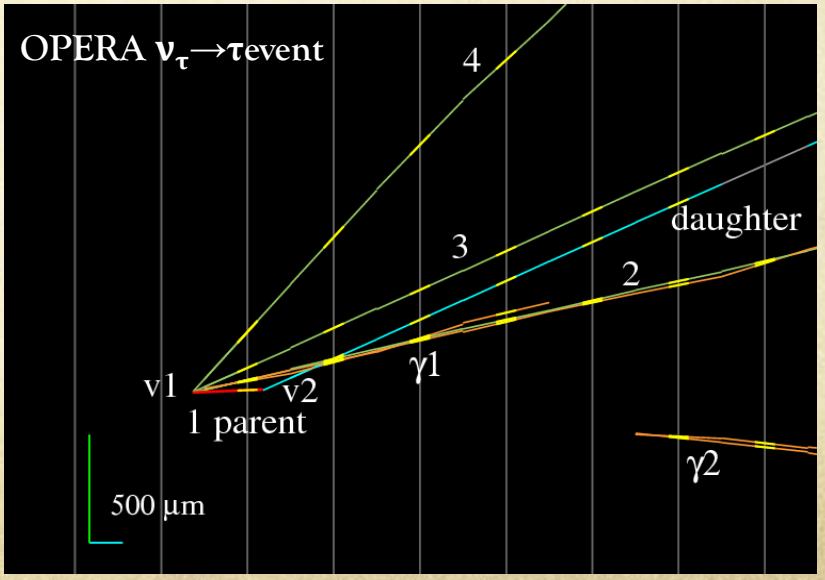


Vertex measurements 1/3

- Identifying through topology
  - Short-lived weakly decaying particles
    - Charm $c\tau \sim 120\ \mu m$
    - Beauty $c\tau \sim 470\ \mu m$
    - tau, strange/charmed/beauty particle
- Exclusive reconstruction
  - Decay topology with secondary vertex
  - Exclusive = all particles associated
- Inclusive "kink" reconstruction
  - Some particles are invisible (ν)



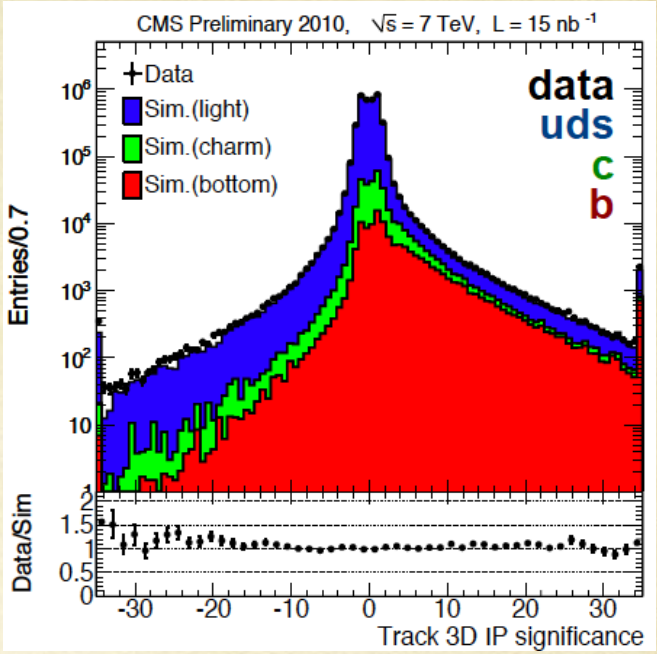




Vertex measurements 2/3

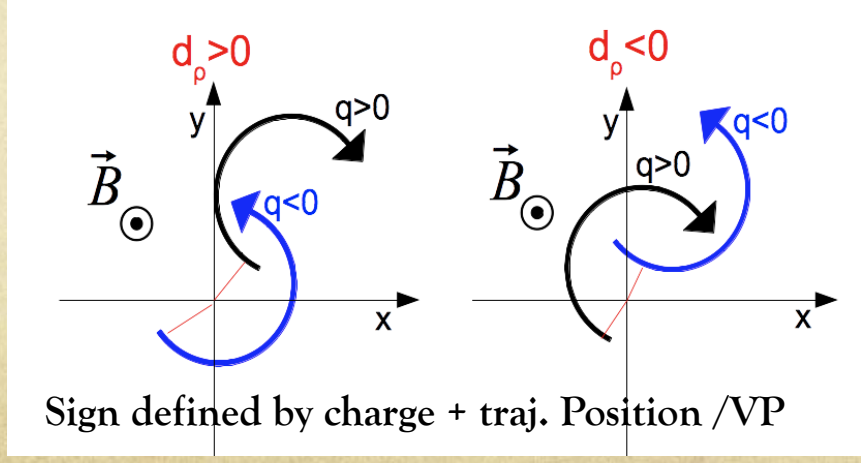
Inclusive reconstruction

- Selecting parts of the daughter particles = flavor tagging
- based on impact parameter (IP)
- $\sigma_{IP} \sim$ 20-100 µm requested

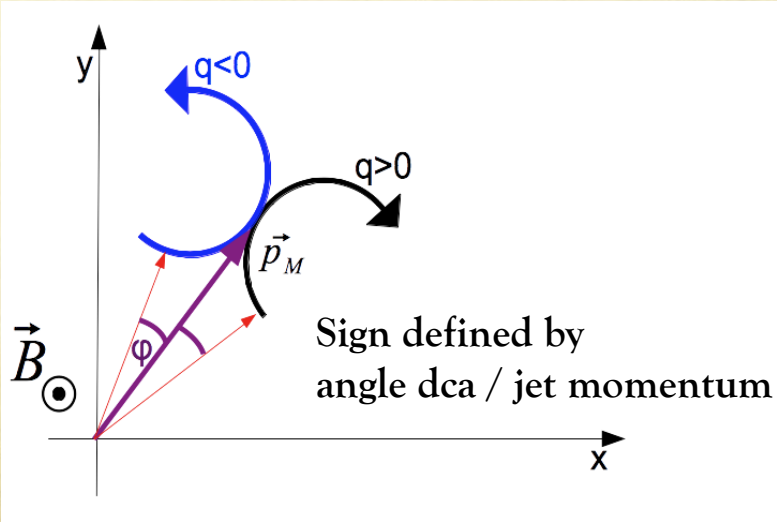


Definition of impact parameter (IP)

- Also DCA = distance of closest approach from the trajectory to the primary vertex
- Full 3D or 2D (transverse plane d_ρ) +1D (beam axis)
- Sign extremely useful for flavor-tagging



Sign defined by charge + traj. Position /VP



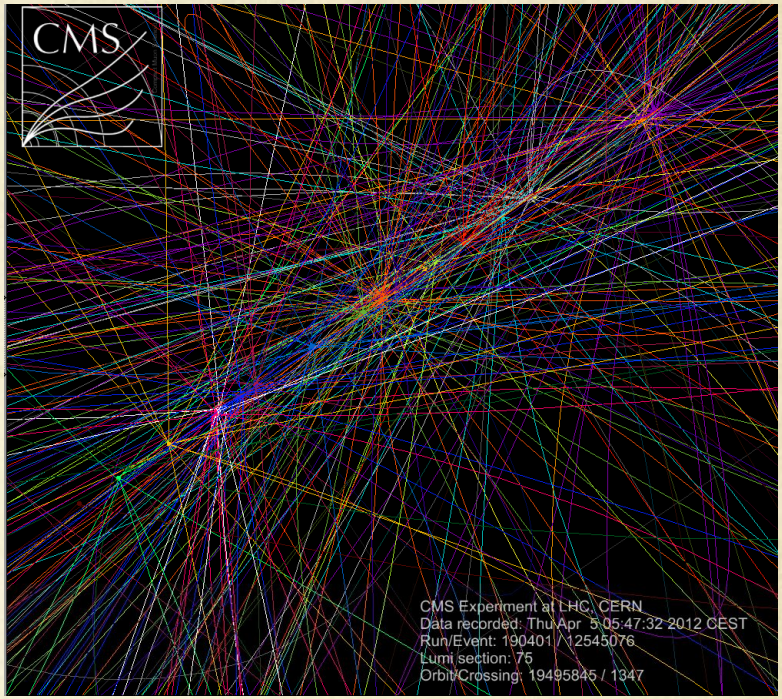
Sign defined by angle dca / jet momentum

Vertex measurements 3/3

Finding the event origin

- Where did the collision did occur?

  = Primary vertex
- (life)Time dependent measurements
  - CP-asymmetries @ B factories ($\Delta z \simeq 60\text{-}120\ \mu m$)
- Case of multiple collisions / event
  - >> 10 vertex @ LHC



Remarks for collider

- Usually no measurement below 1-2 cm / primary vertex
  - Due to beam-pipe maintaining vacuum
- Requires extrapolation → expect "unreducible" uncertainties

Energy measurement

- Usually not a tracker task
  - CALORIMETERs (see lecture by Isabelle)
  - Indeed calorimeters gather material to stop particles while trackers try to avoid material (multiple scattering)
  - however...calorimetry tries to improve granularity
- Particle flow algorithm
  - Colliders (pp and ee)
- Energy evaluation by counting particles
  - Clearly heretic for calorimetry experts
  - Requires to separate $E_{deposit}$ in dense environment
- Range measurement for low energy particles
  - Stack of tracking layers
  - Modern version of nuclear emulsion

NOT COVERED

Multiple scattering - 1/4

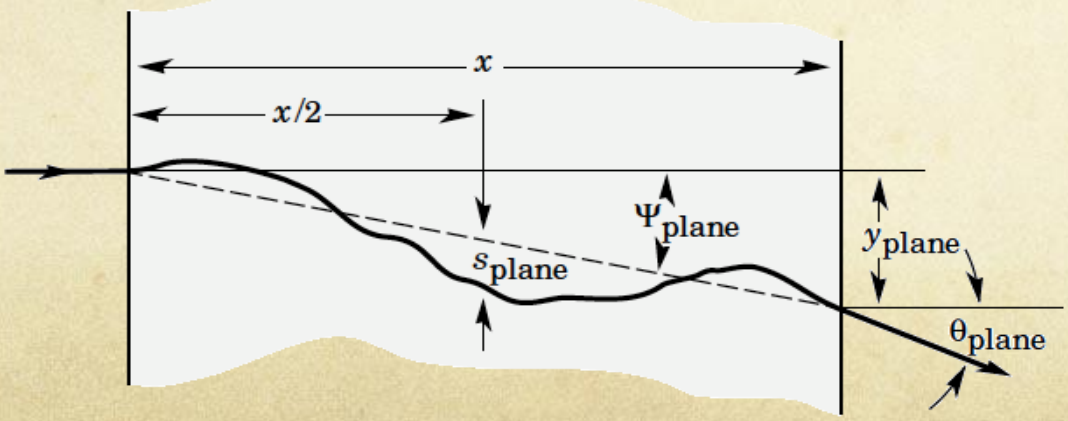
- Reminder on the physics (see other courses)
  - Coulomb scattering mostly on nuclei
  - Molière theory description as a **centered** gaussian process
    - the thinner the material, the less true ➛ large tails

- <u>In-plane</u> description (defined by vectors p_{in}, p_{out})
  - Corresponds to $(\varphi,\boldsymbol{\theta})$ with $\mathbf{p}_{in} = \mathbf{p}_z$ and

$$p_{out}^2 = p_{out,z}^2 + p_{out,T}^2 \quad \begin{cases} p_{out}\cos\theta \approx p_{out,z} \\ p_{out,T} = p_{out}\sin\theta \approx p_{out}\theta \end{cases}$$

$$s_q = \frac{13.6\ (\text{MeV/c})}{bp} \cdot z \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\text{thickness}}{X_0}} \cdot \left[1 + 0.038\ \ln\left(\frac{\text{thickness}}{X_0}\right)\right] \qquad (\text{note}: f \hat{\imath}\ [0,2p] \text{ uniform})$$

x = thickness



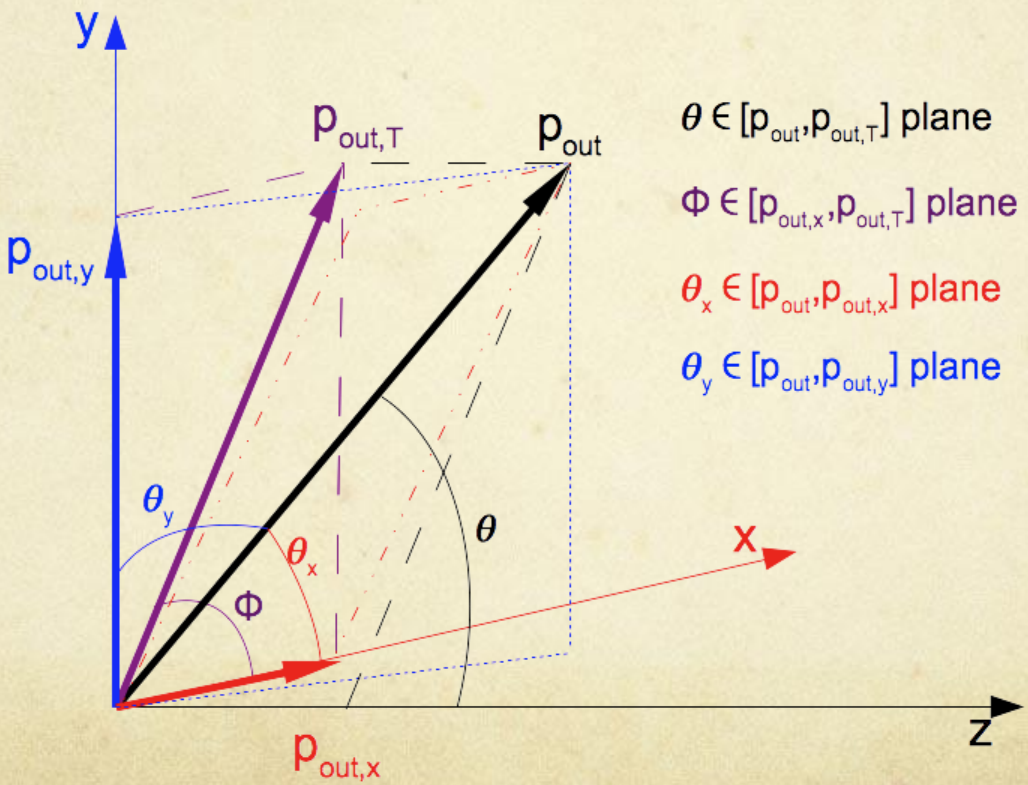
<u>Xo = radiation length</u>

Same definition as in calorimetry

... though this is accidental

Multiple scattering – 2/4

- <u>In-space</u> description (defined by fixed x/y axes)
  - Corresponds to $(\boldsymbol{\theta}_x,\boldsymbol{\theta}_y)$ with $p_{out,T}^2 = p_{out,x}^2 + p_{out,y}^2 \begin{cases} p_{out}\ \sin\theta_x \approx p_{out}\theta_x \\ p_{out}\ \sin\theta_y \approx p_{out}\theta_y \end{cases}$ $\quad q^2 = q_x^2 + q_y^2$
  - $\boldsymbol{\theta}$x and $\boldsymbol{\theta}$y are independent gaussian processes $\quad s_q^2 = s_{qx}^2 + s_{qy}^2$ and $s_{qx} = s_{qy} = \frac{s_q}{\sqrt{2}}$



Multiple scattering – 3/4

- **Important remark when combining materials**
  - Total thickness $T = \Sigma T_i$, each material (i) with $X_0(i)$
  - Definition of effective radiation length ➡ $$X_{0,eff} = \frac{\sum T_i \times X_0(i)}{T}$$
  - Consider single gaussian process $$\sigma_{eff} \propto \sqrt{\frac{T}{X_{0,eff}}}$$

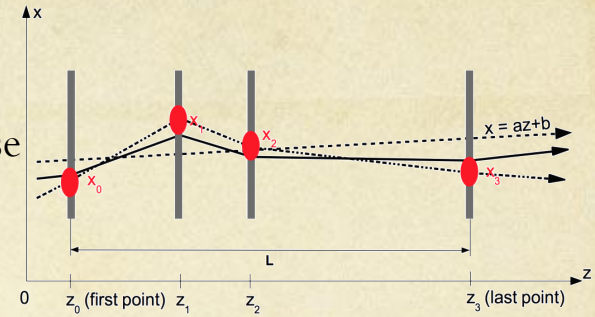
    and never do variance addition (which minimize deviation) $$\cancel{\sigma_{eff} = \sqrt{\sum \frac{T_i}{X_0(i)}}}$$

Multiple scattering – 4/4

Impact on tracking algorithm

- The track parameters evolves along the track !
- May drive choice of reconstruction method

Remember this simple case

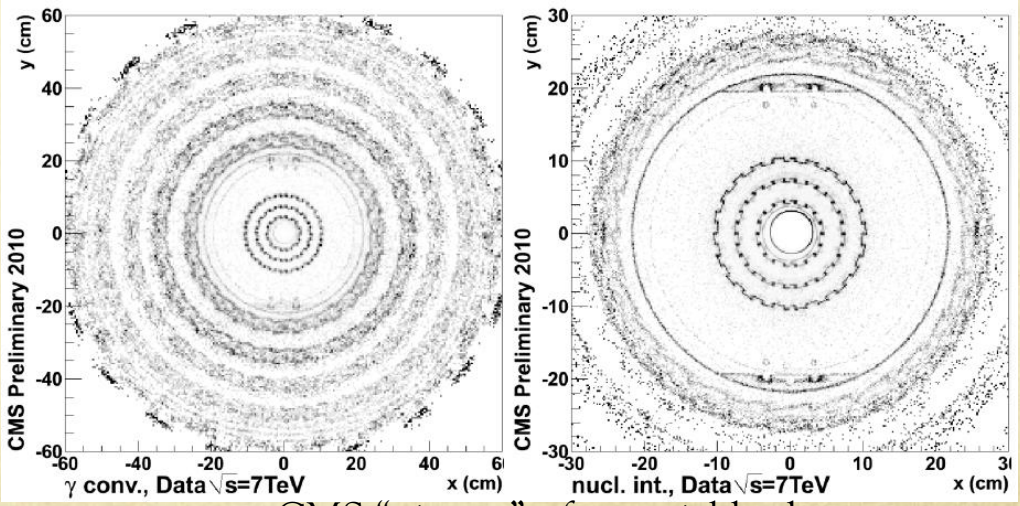


Photon conversion

- Alternative definition of radiation length
  probability for a high-energy photon to generate a pair over a path dx:

$$\text{Prob} = \frac{dx}{\frac{9}{7}X_0}$$

- $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$ = conversion vertex
- Generate troubles :
  - Additional unwanted tracks
  - Decrease statistics for electromagnetic calorimeter

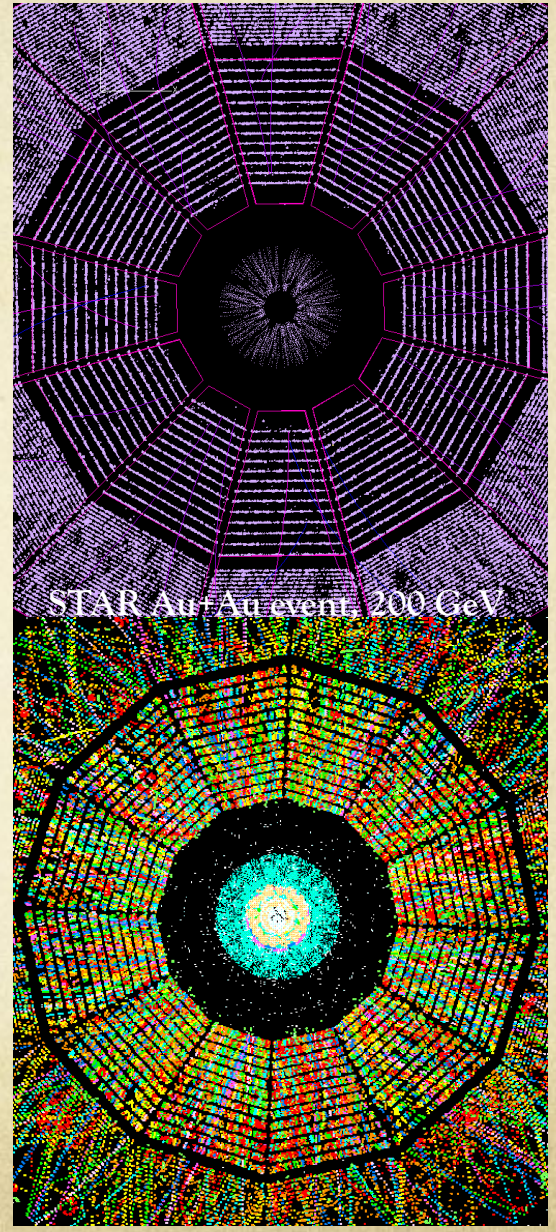


CMS "picture" of material budget through photon conversion vertices (silicon tracker only)

The two main tasks - 1/2

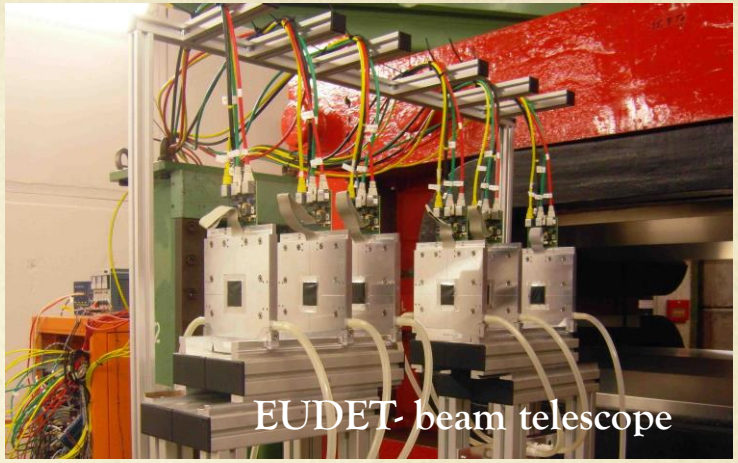
The collider paradigm

- Basic inputs from detectors
  - Succession of 2D or 3D points (or track segments)
    - ➞ Who's who ?
- 2 steps process
  - Step 1: track identification = **finding** = pattern recognition
    - Associating a set of points to a track
  - Step 2: track **fitting**
    - Estimating trajectory parameters ➞ momentum
- Both steps require
  - Track model (signal, background)
  - Knowledge of measurement uncertainties
  - Knowledge of materials traversed (Eloss, mult. scattering)
- Vertexing needs same 2 steps
  - Identifying tracks belonging to same vertex
  - Estimating vertex properties (position + 4-vector)

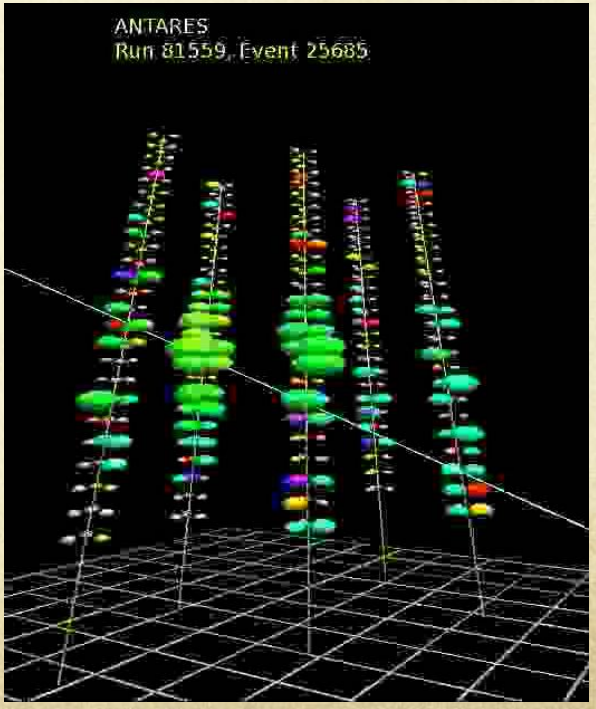


The two main tasks - 2/2

- Telescope mode
  - Single particle at a time
    - Sole nuisance = noise
  - Trigger from beam
    - Often synchronous
  - Goal = get the incoming direction



- The astroparticle way
  - Similar to telescope mode
  - No synchronous timing
  - Ex: deep-water ν telescopes



=> For 2 last cases: mostly a fitting problem
  - Usually with straight track model

Environmental conditions – 1/2

- Life in a real experiment is tough (for detectors of course)
  - Chasing small cross-sections → large luminosity and/or energy
  - Short interval between beam crossing
    - LHC: 25 ns (and >10 collisions / crossing)
    - CLIC: 5 ns (but not continuous)
  - Large amount of particles (could be > 10^7 part/cm^2/s) → background, radiation
    - makes the finding more complicated
  - Vacuum could be required (space, very low momentum particles (CBM, LHCb))

- Radiation tolerance
  - Two types of energy loss
    - Ionizing (generate charges): dose in Gy = 100 Rad
    - Non-ionizing (generate defects in solid): fluence in n_{eq}(1MeV)/cm^2
  - The more inner the detection layer, the harder the radiation (radius^2 effect)
  - Examples for most inner layers:
    - LHC: 10^{15} to <10^{17} n_{eq}(1MeV)/cm^2 with 50 to 1 MGy
    - ILC: <10^{12} n_{eq}(1MeV)/cm^2 with 5 kGy

Environmental conditions – 2/2

Timing consideration

- Integration time drives occupancy level (important for finding algorithm)
- Time resolution offers time-stamping of tracks
  - Tracks in one "acquisition event" could be associated to their proper collision event if several have piled-up
- Key question = triggered or not-triggered experiment?

Heat concerns

- Spatial resolution → segmentation → many channels
  Readout speed → power dissipation/channel
  } Hot cocktail!
- Efficient cooling techniques exist BUT
  add material budget and may not work everywhere (space)

Summary

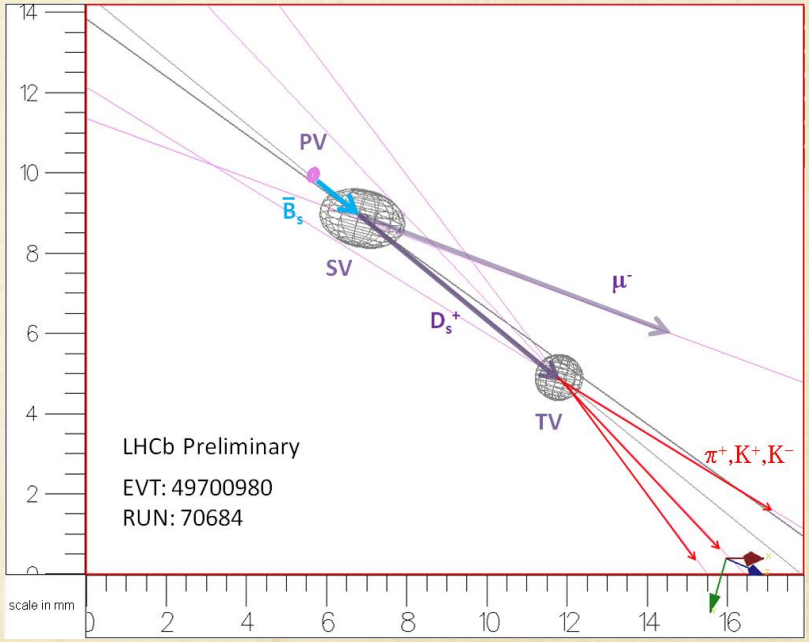
→ Tracker technology driven by environmental conditions: hadron colliders (LHC)

→ Tracker technology driven by physics performances: lepton colliders (B factories, ILC), heavy-ion colliders (RHIC, LHC)

→ Of course, some intermediate cases: superB factories, CLIC

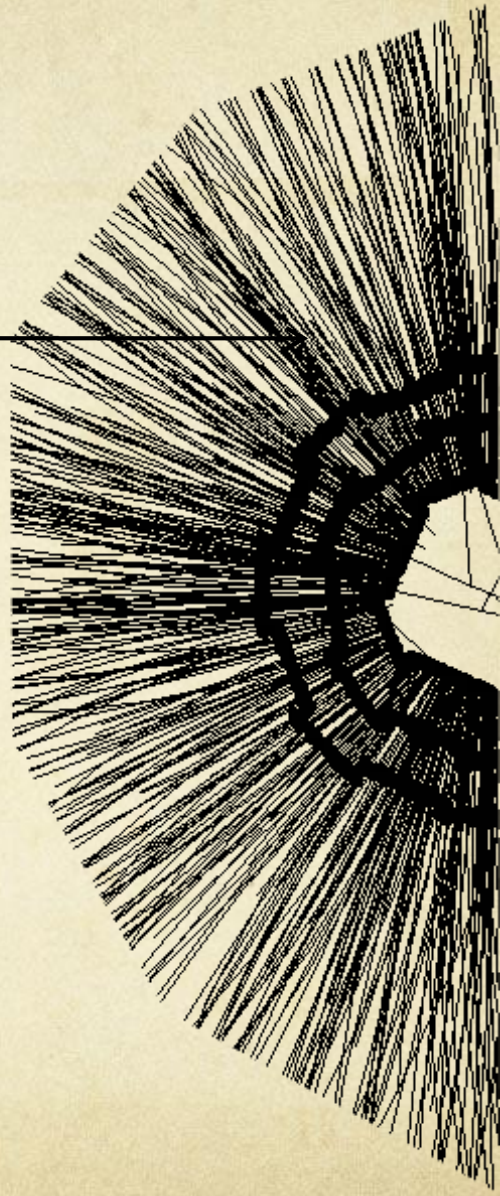
Figures of Merit

- For detection layer
  - Detection efficiency
    - Mostly driven by Signal/Noise
    - Note: Noise = signal fluctuation $\oplus$ readout (electronic) noise
  - Intrinsic spatial resolution
    - Driven by segmentation (not only)
    - Useful tracking domain $\sigma < 1$mm
  - Linearity and resolution on dE/dx
  - Material budget
  - "Speed" (integration time, time resolution, ...)



- For detection systems (multi-layers)
  - Track finding & purity
  - Two-track resolution
    - Ability to distinguish two nearby trajectories
    - Mostly governed by signal spread / segments
  - Momentum resolution $\frac{s(p)}{p}$
  - Impact parameter resolution
    - Sometimes called "distance of closest approach" to a vertex

2. Detection technologies

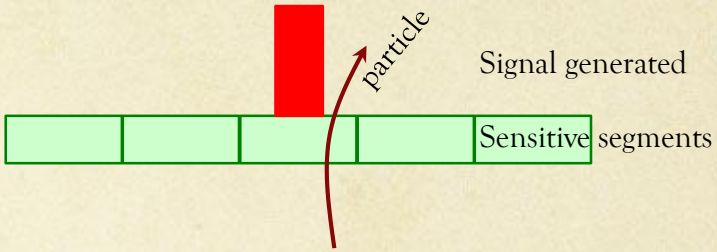


- Intrinsic resolution
- Single layer systems
  - Silicon, gas sensors, scintillator
- Multi-layer systems
  - Drift chamber and TPC
- Tentative simplistic comparison
- Magnets
- Practical considerations
- Leftovers

Intrinsic resolution

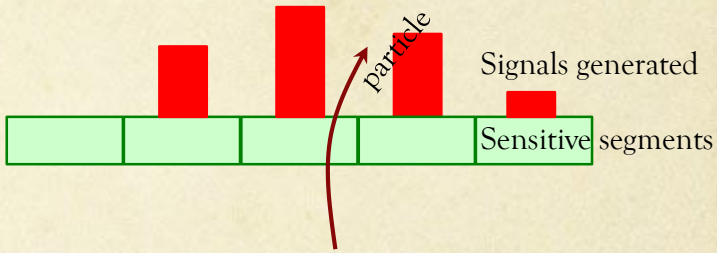
- Position measurement comes from segmentation
  - Pitch
- Digital resolution

$$s = \frac{\text{pitch}}{\sqrt{12}}$$

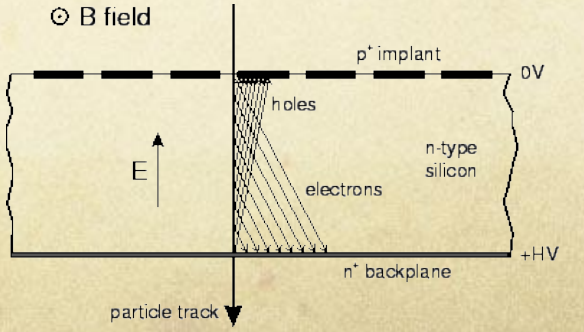


- Improvement from signal sharing
  - Position = charge center of gravity

$$s \,\mu\, \frac{\text{pitch}}{\text{signal/noise}}$$



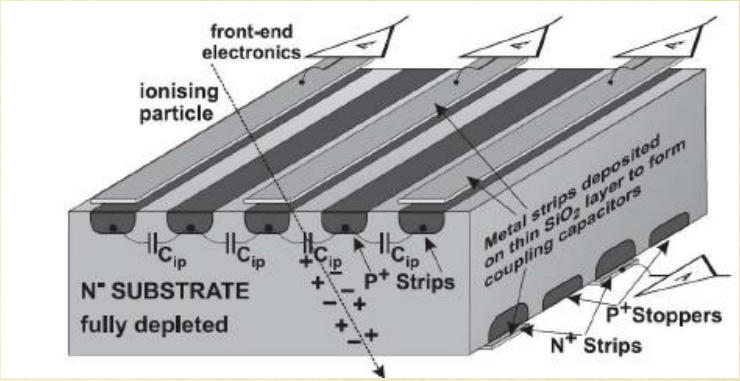
  - Effects generated by
    - Secondary charges spread inside volume
    - Inclined tracks (however, resol. limited at large angles)
  - Potential optimization of segmentation / sharing
    - Work like signal sampling theory (Fourier transform)
  - Warnings:
    - Lorentz force from B mimic the effect
    - counterproductive / 2-track resolution

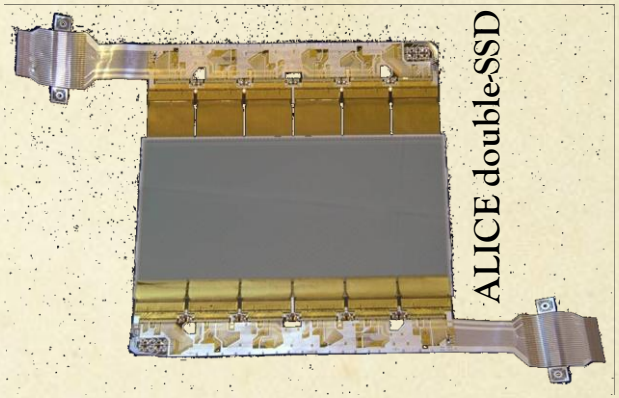


Silicon sensors: strips

Basic sensitive element

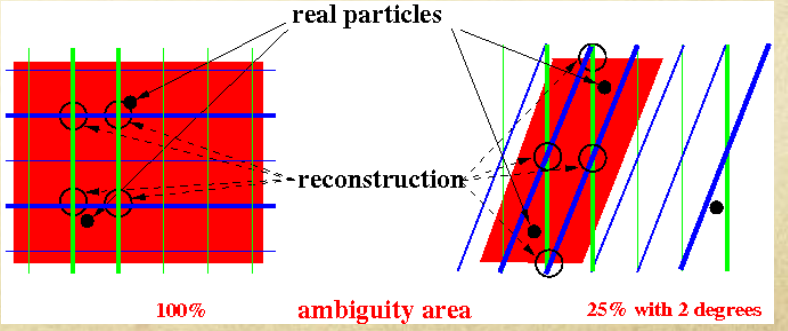
- E-h pairs are generated by ionization in silicon
  - 3.6 eV needed
  - 300 µm thick Si generates ~22000 charges for MIP BUT beware of Landau fluctuation
- Collection: P-N junction = diode
  - Full depletion (10 to 0.5 kV) generates a drift field (10^4 V/cm)
  - Collect time ~ 15 ps/µm





Silicon strip detectors

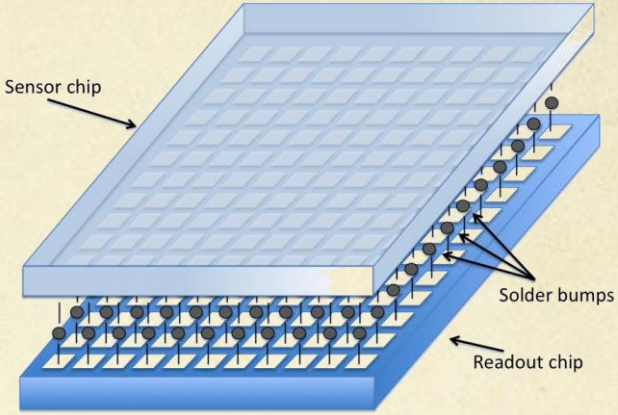
- sensor"easily" manufactured with pitch down to ~25 µm
- 1D if single sided
- Pseudo-2D if double-sided
  - Stereo-angle useful against ambiguities
- Difficult to go below 100 µm thickness
- Speed and radiation hardness: LHC-grade

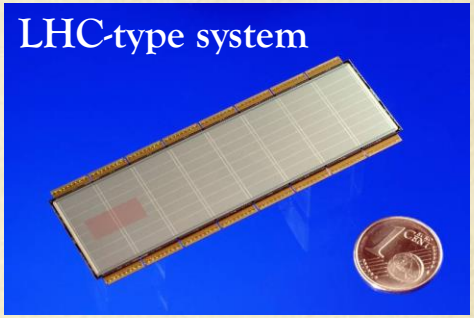


Silicon sensors: hybrid-pixels

Concept

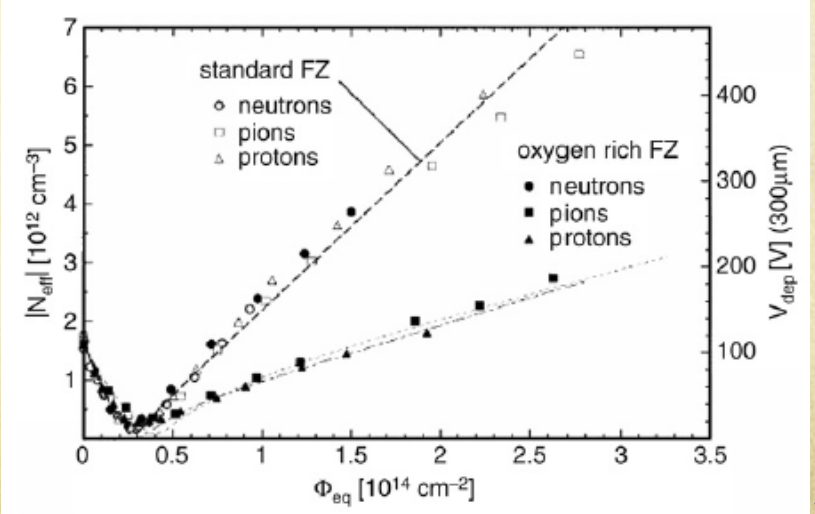
- Strips → pixels on sensor
- One to one connection from electronic channels to pixels



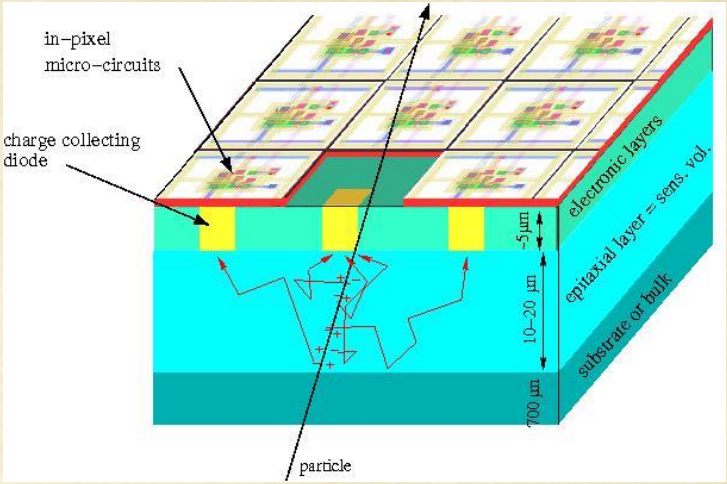


Performances

- Real 2D detector & keep performances of strips
  - Can cope with LHC rate (speed & radiation)
- Pitch size limited by physical connection and #transistors for treatment
  - minimal (today): 50x50 μm^2
    typical: 100x150/400 μm^2
  - spatial resolution about10 µm
- Material budget
  - Minimal(today): 100(sensor)+100(elec.) µm
- Power budget: 10 µW/pixel



CMOS Pixel Sensor (CPS)



Concept

- Use industrial CMOS process
  - Implement an array of sensing diode
  - Amplify the signal with transistors near the diode
- Benefit to
  - granularity: pixel pitch down to ~10 µm
  - material: sensitive layer thickness as low as 10-20 µm
- Known as Monolitic Active Pixel Sensors (MAPS)

Sensitive layer

- If undepleted & thin (10-20 µm)
  - Slow (100 ns) thermal drift of charges
  - non-ionizing rad. tolerance $\lesssim 10^{13}\ n_{eq(1MeV)}/cm^2$
- If fully depleted (from 10 to 100 µm)
  - Fast (few ns) field-driven drift of charges
  - non-ionizing rad. tolerance $> 10^{15}\ n_{eq(1MeV)}/cm^2$

CMOS Pixel Sensor

Concept

- Use industrial CMOS process
  - Implement an array of sensing diode
  - Amplify the signal with transistors near the diode
- Gain in granularity: pitch down to ~10 µm
- Gain in sensitive layer thickness ~ 10-20 µm
- For undepleted thin sensitive layer
  - Slow (100 ns) thermal drift of charges
  - non-ionizing rad. tolerance $\lesssim 10^{13}$ $n_{eq(1MeV)}/cm^2$
- For fully depleted thin to thick sensitive layer
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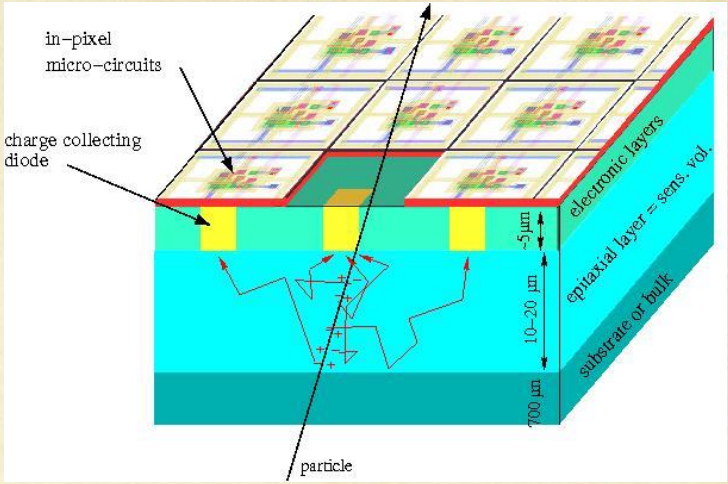
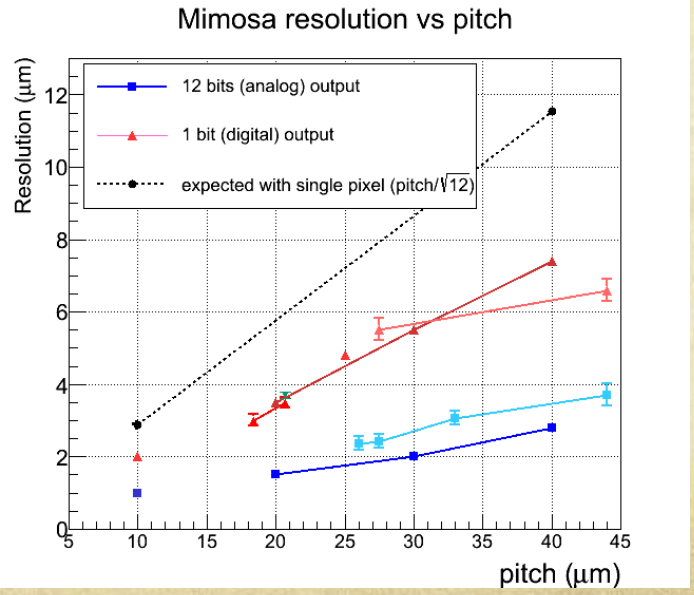


Performances

- Spatial resolution 1-10 µm (in 2 dimensions)
- Material budget: $\lesssim$ 50 µm
- Power budget: < µW/pixel
- Integration time ≃5-100 µs demonstrated
  - ~1 µs in development
- Timestamping @ ns level in development



Other active pixel sensors

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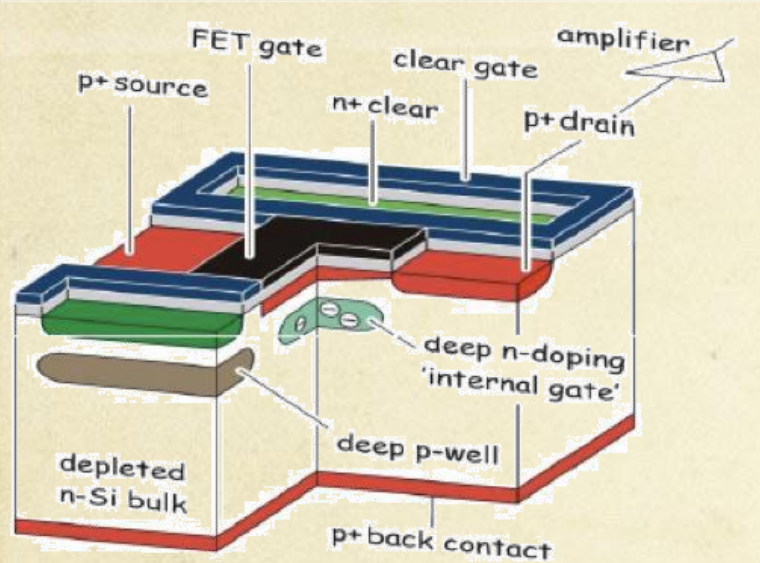
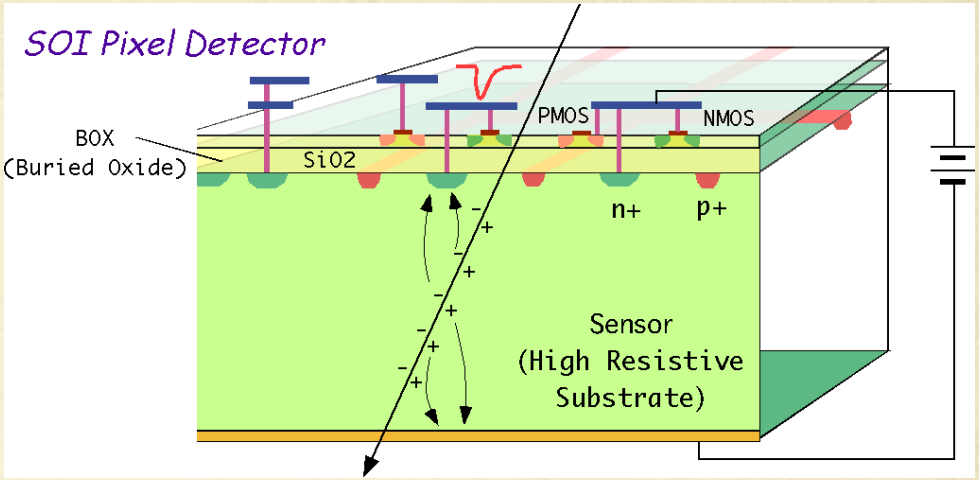


- Fully depleted sensitive layer
- Large amplification
- Still require some read-out circuits
  - Not fully monolithic
  - Possibly limited in read-out speed

Silicon On Insulator (SOI)

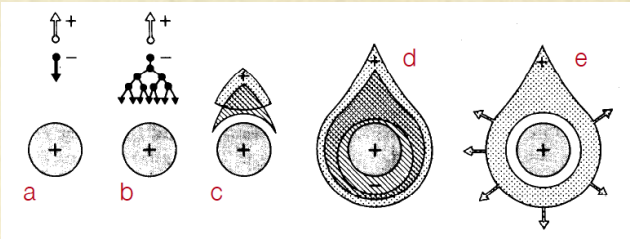


- Fully depleted sensitive layer
- Fully monolithic
- Electronics similar to MAPS

Wire chambers

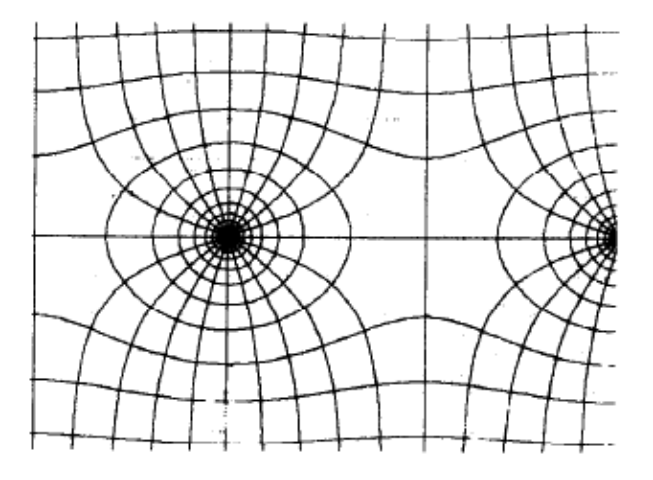
Basic sensitive element

- Metallic wire, 1/r effect generated an avalanche
- Signal depends on gain (proportional mode) typically 10^4
- Signal is fast, a few ns



Gas proportional counters

- Multi-Wire Proportional Chamber
  - Array of wires
  - 1 or 2D positioning depending on readout
  - Wire spacing (pitch) limited to 1-2 mm
- Straw or drift tube
  - One wire in One tube
  - Extremely fast (compared to Drift Chamber)
  - Handle high rate
  - Spatial resolution <200 µm
  - Left/right ambiguity

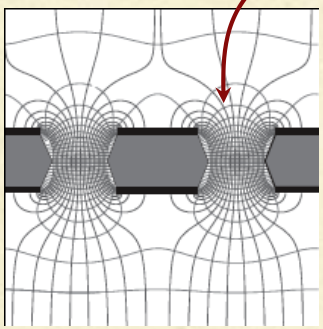


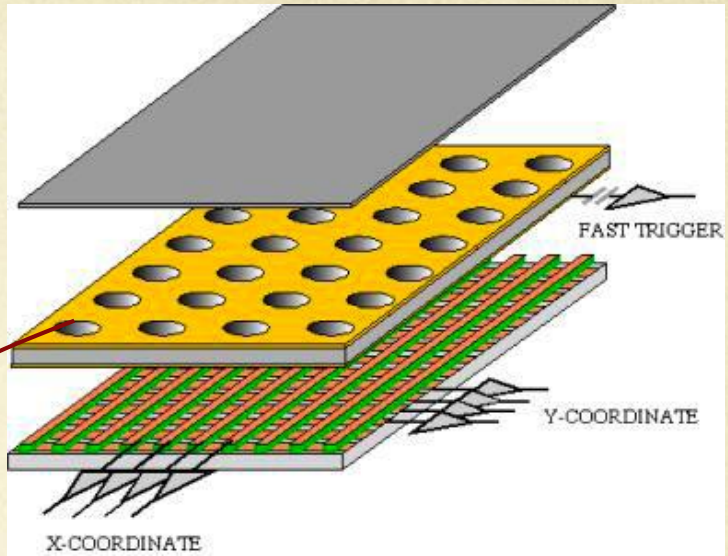
Electric fields line around anode wires

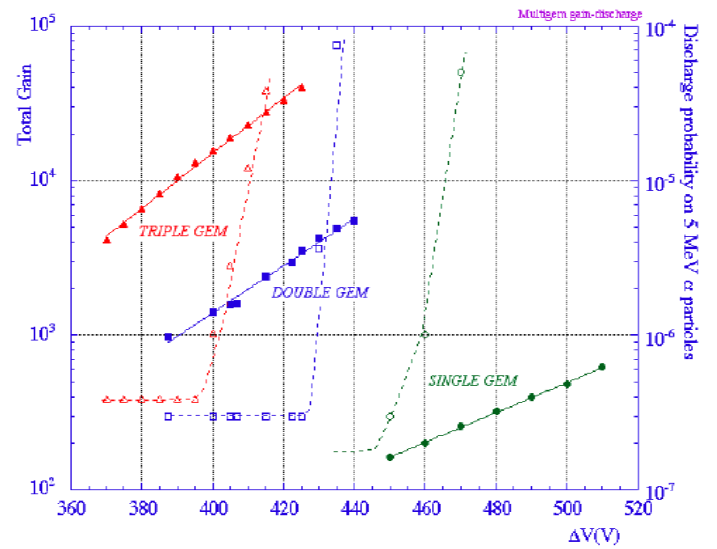
Wire chambers "advanced"

Micro-pattern gas multipliers

- MSGC
  - Replace wires with lithography micro-structures
  - Smaller anodes pitch 100-200 µm
  - BUT Ageing difficulties due to high voltage and manufacturing not so easy
- GEM
  - Gain 10^5
  - Hit rate 10^6 Hz/cm2







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- GEM
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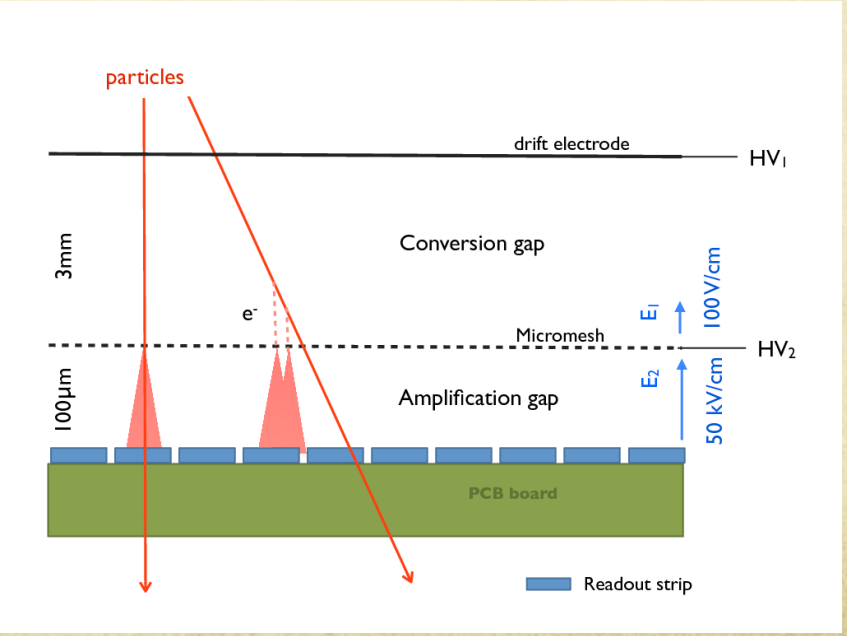
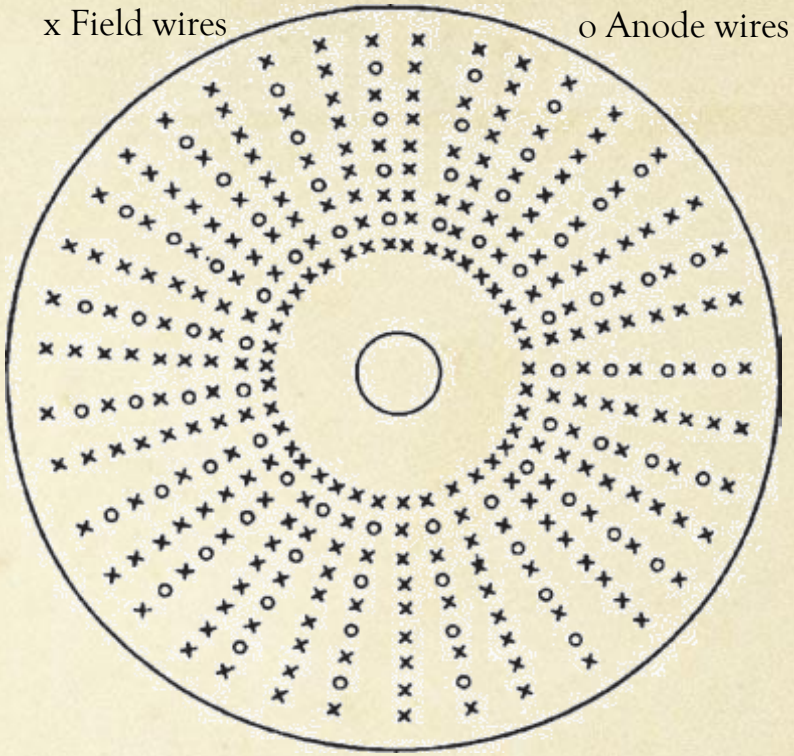
  - Hit rate 10^6 Hz/cm2
- MICROMEGAS
  - Even smaller distance anode-grid
  - Hit rate 10^9 Hz/cm2
- More development
  - Electron emitting foil working in vacuum!



Drift chambers

Basic principle

- Mix field and anode wires
  - Generate a drift
- Pressurize gas to increase charge velocity (few atm)
- 3D detector
  - 2D from wire position
  - 1D from charge sharing at both ends



Spatial Resolution

- Related to drift path

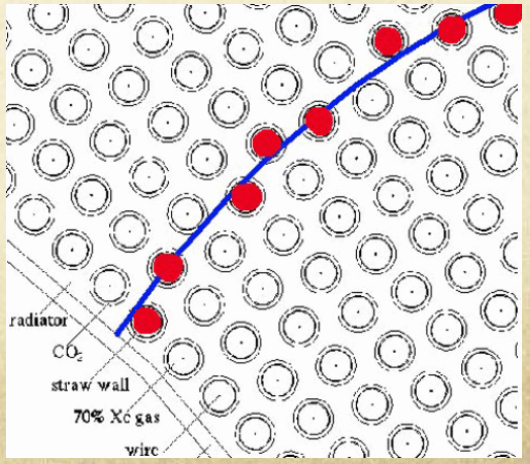
$$s \mu \sqrt{\text{drift length}}$$

- Typically 100-200 µm

Remarks

- Could not go to very small radius

Same principle with straw tubes



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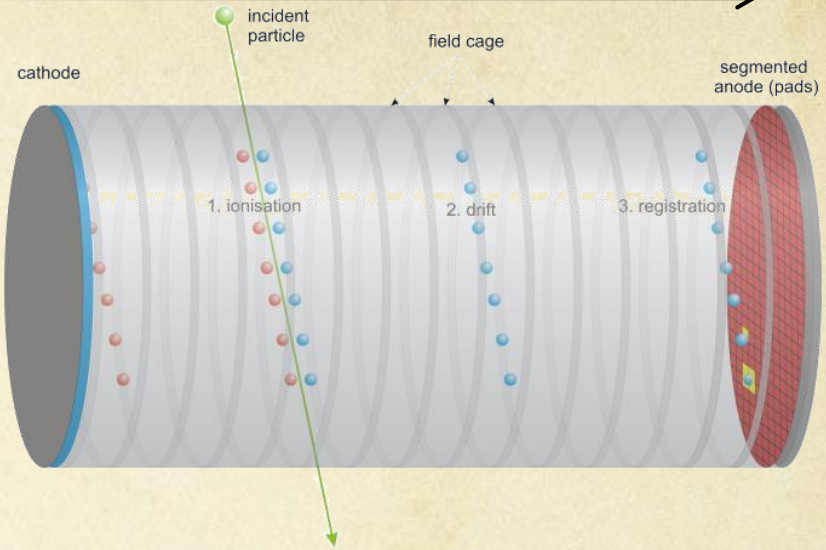
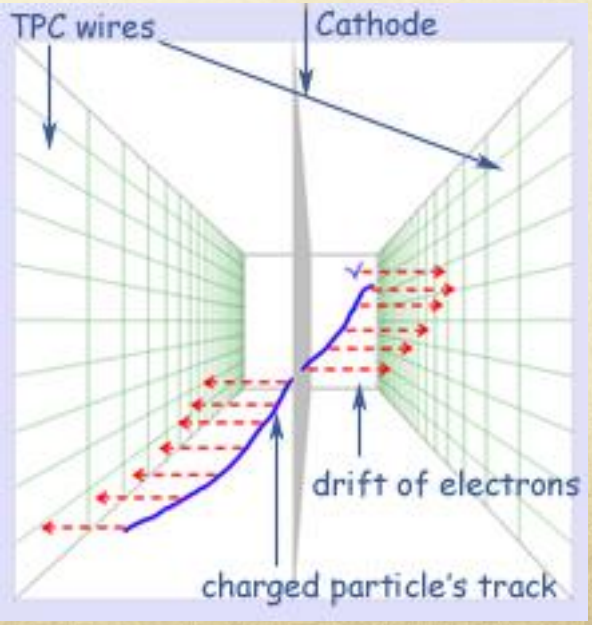


Benefits

- Large volume available
- Multi-task: tracking + Part. Identification

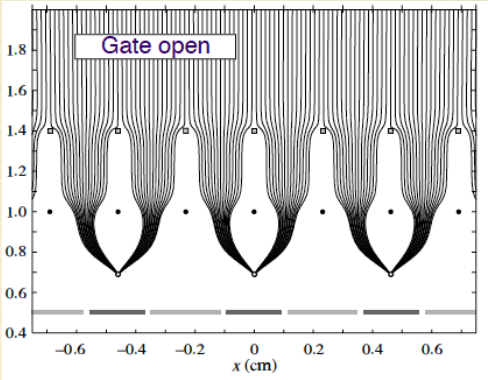
Basic operation principle

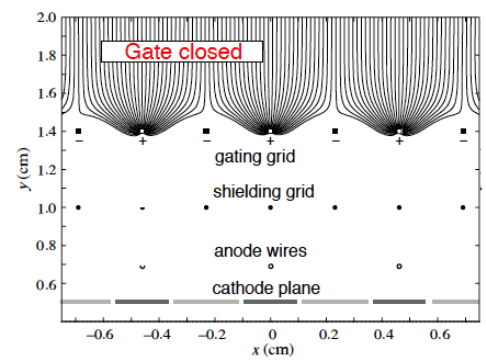
- Gas ionization → charges
- Electric field → charge drift along straight path
- Information collected
  - 2D position of charges at end-cap
  - 3rd dimension from drift time
  - Energy deposited from #charges
- Different shapes:
  - rectangles (ICARUS)
  - Cylinders (colliders)
  - Volumes can be small or very large



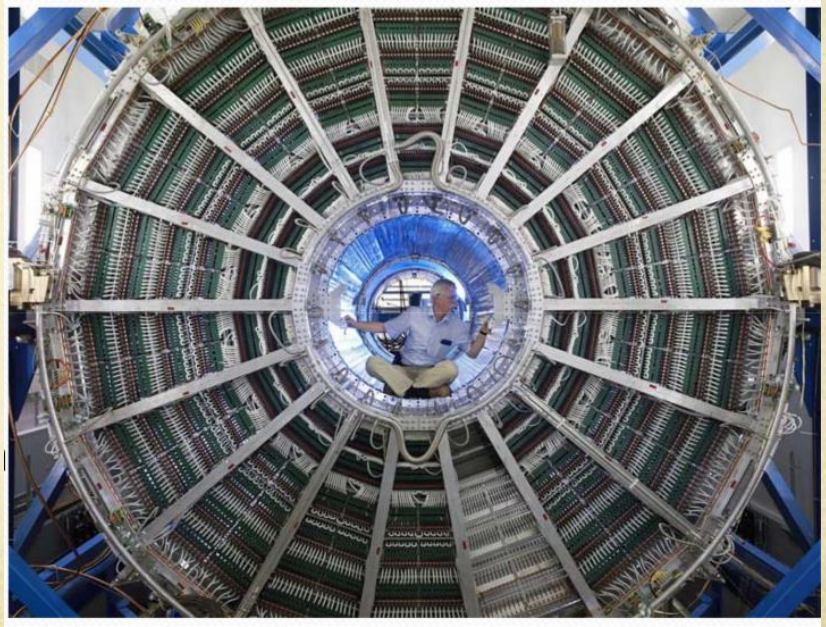
Time Projection Chambers 2/2

- End cap readout
  - Gas proportional counters
    - Wires+pads, GEM, Micromegas



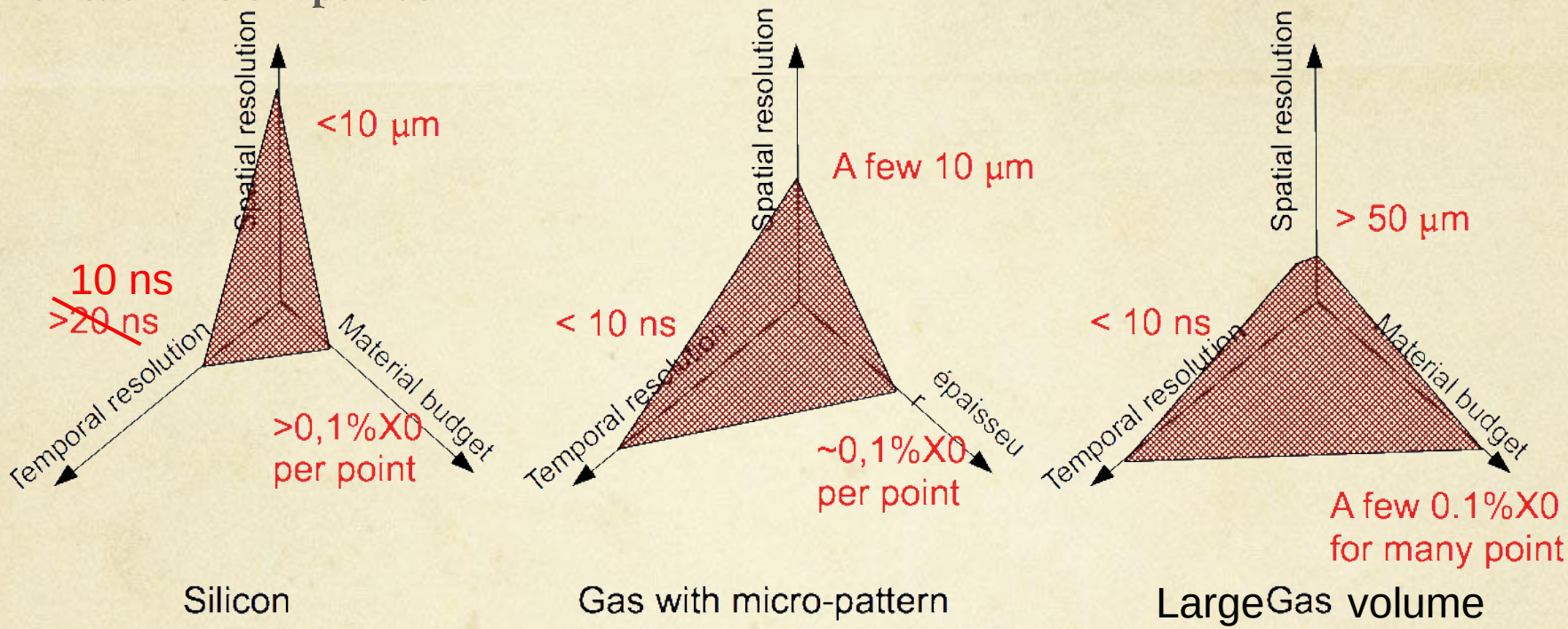


- Performances
  - Two-track resolution ~ 1cm
  - Transverse spatial resolution ~ 100 - 200 µm
  - Longitudinal spatial resolution ~0.2 - 1 mm
  - Longitudinal drift velocity: 5 to 7 cm/µs
    - ALICE TPC (5m long): 92 µs drift time
  - Pro
    - Nice continuously spaced points along trajectory
    - Minimal multiple scattering (inside the vessel)
  - Cons
    - Limiting usage with respect to collision rate



Conclusion on technologies

Tentative Comparison



Trend

- Faster collision rates and higher particle multiplicities favour
  - Fast silicon sensors and micro-pattern gas chambers
  - pixelisation
  - Still large gas ensemble for
    BelleII (SuperKEKB) -> CDC and ILD (ILC) -> TPC

Magnets

Solenoid

- Field depends on current I, length L, # turns N
  - on the axis $$B = \frac{\mu_0 N I}{\sqrt{L^2 + 4R^2}}$$
  - Typically: 1 T needs 4 to 8 kA
    ➤ superconducting metal to limit heat
- Field uniformity needs flux return (iron structure)
  - Mapping is required for fitting (remember B(**x**)?)
  - Usually performed with numerical integration
- Calorimetry outside ➤ limited material ➤ superconducting
- Fringe field calls for compensation

	Field (T)	Radius (m)	Length (m)	Energy (MJ)
ALICE	0.5	6		150
ATLAS	2	2.5	5.3	700
CMS	4	5.9	12.5	2700
ILC	4	3.5	7.5	2000

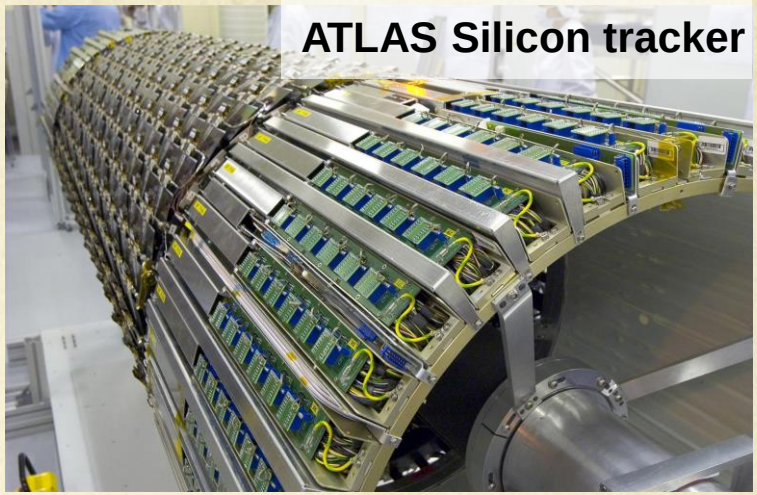
Supercondiction

- cryo-operation ➤ quenching possible !
- Magnetic field induces energy: $E \propto B^2 R^2 L$
  - Cold mass necessary to dissipate heat in case of quench

Practical considerations

From a detection principle to a detector

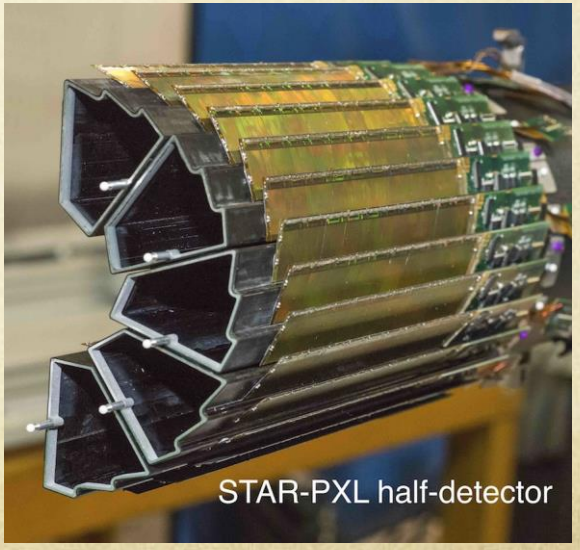
- Build large size or many elements
  - Manufacture infrastructures
  - Characterization capabilities
  - Production monitoring
  - New monolithic silicon pixel detector tend to replace silicon strip technology



- Integration in the experiment
  - Mechanical support
  - Electrical services (powering & data transmission)
  - Cooling (signal treatment dissipates power)

- Specific to trackers
  - Internal parts of multi-detectors experiment → limited space
  - Material budget is ALWAYS a concern
  - ⇨ trade-offs required

400x10^6 pixels over 16 cm

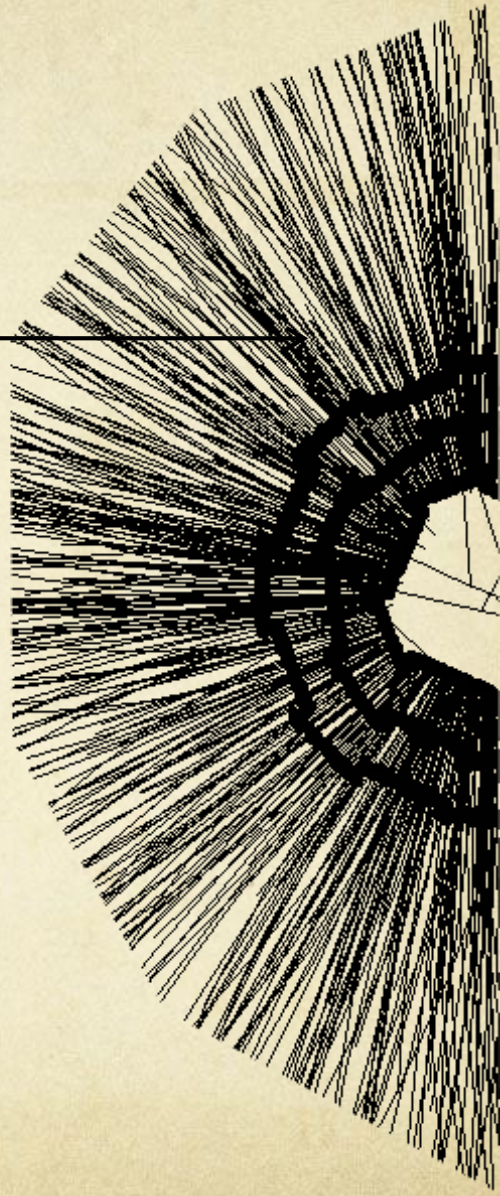


Leftovers

- Silicon drift detectors
  - Real 2D detectors made of strips
  - 1D is given by drift time
- Diamond detectors
  - Could replace silicon for hybrid pixel detectors
  - Very interesting for radiation tolerance
- Plasma sensor panels
  - Derived from flat television screen
  - Still in development
- Charge Coupled Devices (CCD)
  - Fragile/ radiation tolerance
- Signal generation
  - ➤ see Ramo's theorem
- Nuclear emulsions
  - One of the most precise ~ 1μm
  - No timing information → very specific applications
- Scintillators
  - Extremely fast (100 ps)
  - Could be arranged like straw tubes
  - But quite thick (X_0 ~ 2 cm)

3. Standard algorithms

- Finders
- First evaluation of momentum resolution
- Fitters
- Alignment



FINDING : 2 strategies

Global methods

- Transform the coordinate space into pattern space
  - "pattern" = parameters used in track model
- Identify the "best" solutions in the new phase space
- Use all points at a time
  - No history effect
- Well adapted to evenly distributed points with same accuracy

Local methods

- Start with a track seed = restricted set of points
  - Could require good accuracy from the beginning
- Then extrapolate to next layer-point
  - And so on…iterative procedure
- "Wrong" solutions discarded at each iteration
- Possibly sensitive to "starting point"
- Well adapted to redundant information

FINDING drives
tracking efficiency
fake track rate

Track model

A simple example

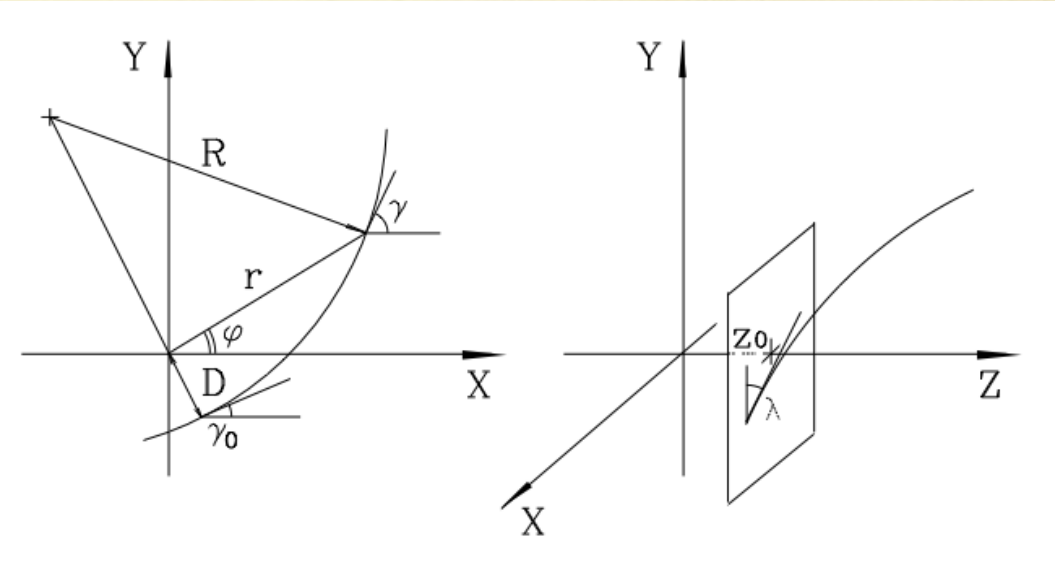
- Straight line in 2D: model is x = a*z + b
- Track parameters (a,b); N measurements x_i at z_i (i=1..N)

A more complex example

- Helix in 3D with magnetic field
- Track parameters (γ_0, z_0, D, $tan\lambda$, C=R)
- Measurements (r, φ, z)

$$\varphi(r) = \gamma_0 + asin\frac{C\,r\,(1+CD)D/r}{1+2CD}$$

$$z(r) = z_0 + \frac{\tan\lambda}{C}\,asin\left(C\sqrt{\frac{r^2-D^2}{1+2CD}}\right)$$



Generalization

- Parameters: P-vector **p**
- Measurements: N-vector **c**
- Model: function f ($\mathscr{R}^P \rightarrow \mathscr{R}^N$)

f(**p**) = **c** ↔ propagation

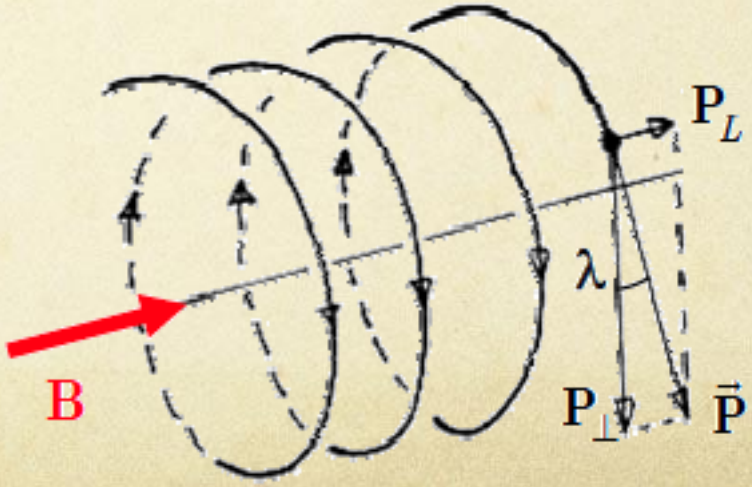
Another view of the helix

- s = track length
- h = sense of rotation
- λ= dip angle
- Pivot point (s=0):
  - position (x_0, y_0, z_0)
  - orientation φ_0

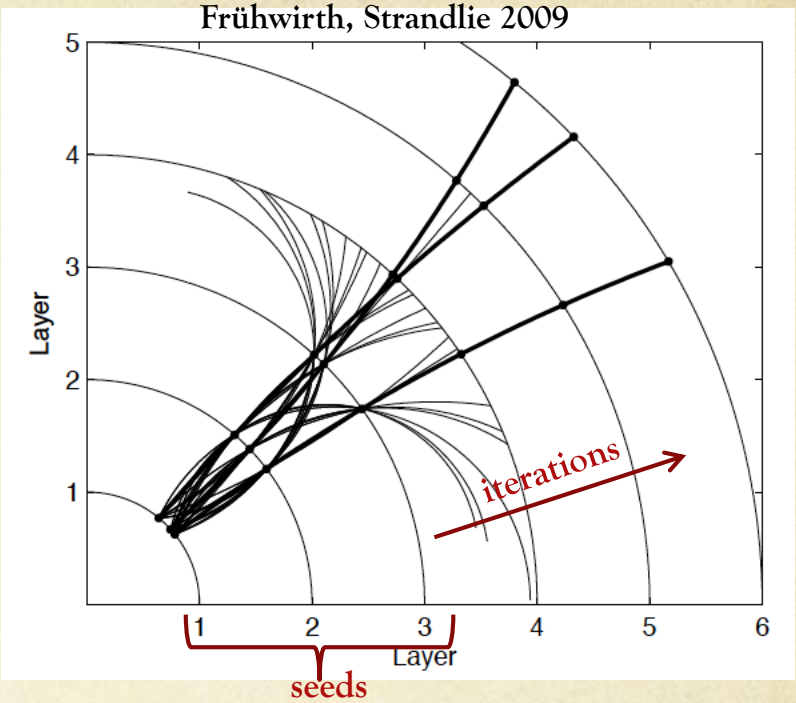
$$x(s) = x_o + R\left[\cos\left(\Phi_o + \frac{hs\cos\lambda}{R}\right) - \cos\Phi_o\right]$$

$$y(s) = y_o + R\left[\sin\left(\Phi_o + \frac{hs\cos\lambda}{R}\right) - \sin\Phi_o\right]$$

$$z(s) = z_o + s\sin\lambda$$



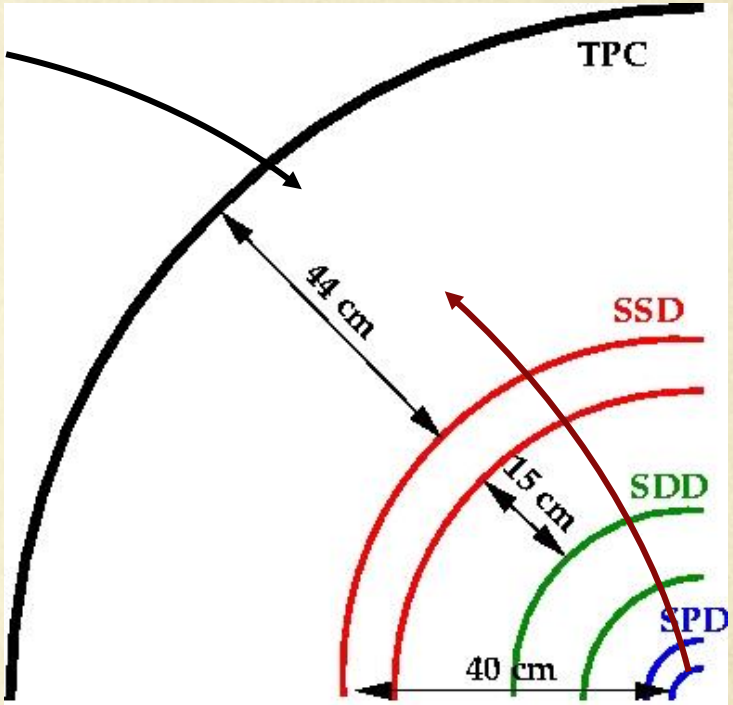
Local method 1/2



- Track seed = initial segment
  - Made of few (2 to 4) points
    - One point could be the expected primary vtx
  - Allows to initialize parameter for track model
  - Choose <u>most precise</u> layers first
    - usually inner layers
  - But if high hit density
    - Start farther from primary interaction @ <u>lowest density</u>
    - Limit mixing points from different tracks
- Extrapolation step
  - Out or inward (=toward primary vtx) onto the next layer
  - Not necessarily very precise, especially **only local model** needed
    - Extrapolation uncertainty $\lesssim$ layer point uncertainty
    - Computation speed important
  - Match (associate) nearest point on the new layer
    - Might skip the layer if point missing
    - Might reject a point: if worst track-fit or if fits better with another track

Local method 2/2

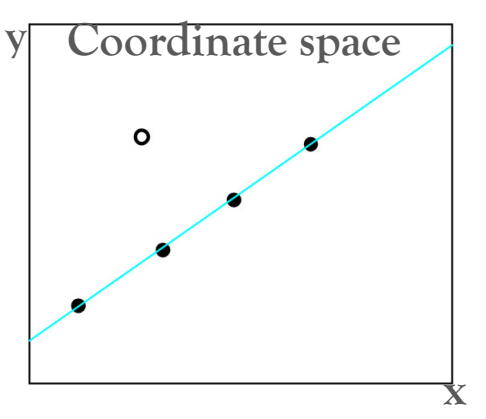
- **Variant with track segments**
  - First build "tracklets" on natural segments
    - Sub-detectors, or subparts with same resolution
  - Then match segments together
  - Typical application:
    - Segments large tracker (TPC) with vertex detector (Si)
      - layers dedicated to matching



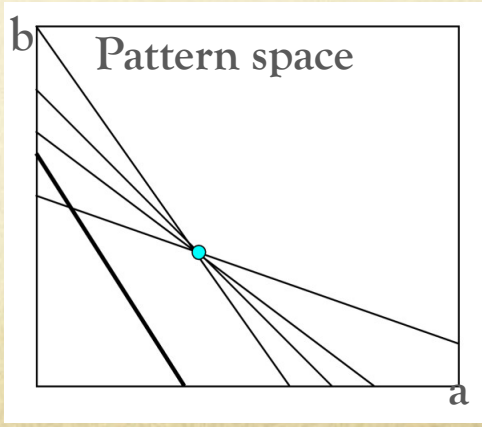
- **Variant with track roads**
  - Full track model used from start
- **Variant with Kalman filter**
  - See later
- **Figure of merit** $s_{eff,f} \times s_{eff,z} \times r_{bckgrnd}$
  - $\sigma_{eff} = \sigma(\text{sensor}) \oplus \sigma(\text{track extrapolation})$ = effective spatial resolution
  - ρ = background hit density

Global methods 1/2

- **Brute force = combinatorial way**
  - Consider all possible combination of points to make a track
  - Keep only those compatible with model
  - Usually too time consuming…

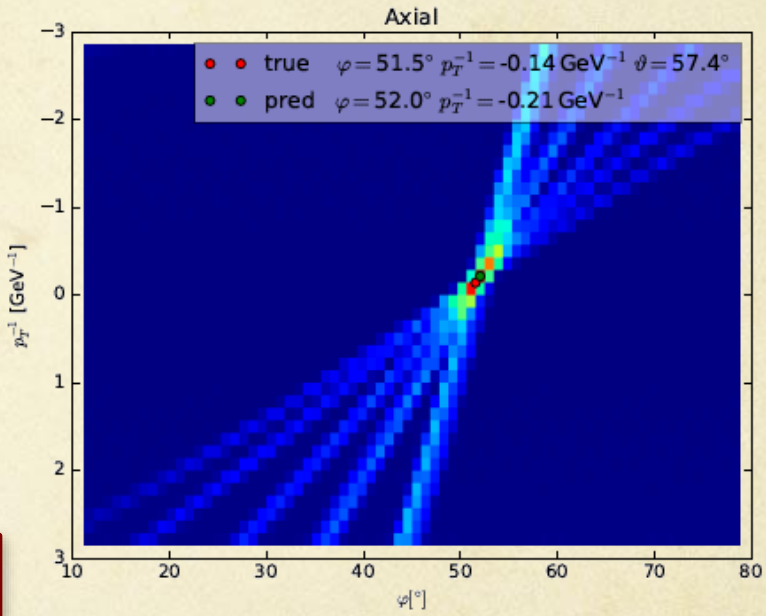


- **Hough transform**
  - Example straight track:
    - Coord. space y = a*x + b ⇔ pattern space b = y - x*a
    - Each point (y,x) defines a line in pattern space
    - All lines, from points belonging to same straight-track, cross at same point (a,b)
    - In practice: discretize pattern space and search for maximum
  - Applicable to circle finder
    - needs two parameters as well (r,φ of center) if track is assumed to originate from (0,0)
  - More difficult for more than 2 parameters…



Global methods 2/2

- Conformal mapping
  - Helix transverse projection = Circle
    - $(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 = r^2$
    - Transform to $u = x/(x^2+y^2)$, $v = y/(x^2+y^2)$
    - Then: $v = -(a/b)\,u + (1/2b)$



- Figure of merit

$$s_f(sensor)' \; s_z(sensor)' \; r_{bckgrnd}$$

FITTING

- Why do we need to fit?
  - Measurement error
  - Multiple scattering error
- Global fit
  - Assume knowledge of:
    - all track points
    - full correlation matrix
      → difficult if $\sigma_{\text{mult. scatt.}} \gtrsim \sigma_{\text{meas.}}$
  - Least square method
- Iterative fit
  - Iterative process:
    - points included in the fit one by one
    - could be merged with finder step
  - Kalman filter

FITTING drives track extrapolation & momentum res.

Least Square Method (LSM)

- **Linear model hypothesis**
  - P track parameters **p**, with N measurements **c**

$$\vec{c} = \vec{c}_s + A(\vec{p} - \vec{p}_s) + \vec{\varepsilon}$$

  - $\mathbf{p_s}$ = known starting point (pivot), **A** = track model NxP matrix, **ε** = error vector corresponding to **V** = covariance NxN matrix

"N measurements" means:
- K points (or layers)
- D coordinates at each point
- N = KxD

- **Sum of squares:**

$$\sum \frac{(\text{model - measure})^2}{\text{uncertainty}^2} \Rightarrow S(\vec{p}) = \left(\vec{c}_s + A(\vec{p} - \vec{p}_s) - \vec{c}\right)^T V^{-1}\left(\vec{c}_s + A(\vec{p} - \vec{p}_s) - \vec{c}\right)$$

- **Best estimator (minimizing variance)**

$$\frac{dS}{d\vec{p}}(\underline{\vec{p}}) = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\vec{p}} = \vec{p}_s + \left(A^T V^{-1} A\right)^{-1} A^T V^{-1}\left(\vec{c} - \vec{c}_s\right)$$

  - Variance (= uncertainty) of the estimator:

$$\underline{V_{\vec{p}}} = \left(A^T V^{-1} A\right)^{-1}$$

  - Estimator p follows a χ^2 law with N-P degrees of freedom

- **Problem ⇔ inversion of a PxP matrix** ($A^T V^{-1} A$)
  - But real difficulty could be computing **V** (NxN matrix)
    ← layer correlations if multiple scattering non-negligible if $\sigma_{\text{mult. scatt.}} \gtrsim \sigma_{\text{meas}}$

LSM on straight tracks

Straight line model

- 2D case → D=2 coordinates (z,x)
- 2 parameters: a = slobe, b = intercept at z=0

General case

- K+1 detection planes (i=0...k)
  - located at z_i
  - Spatial resolution σ_i
- Useful definitions

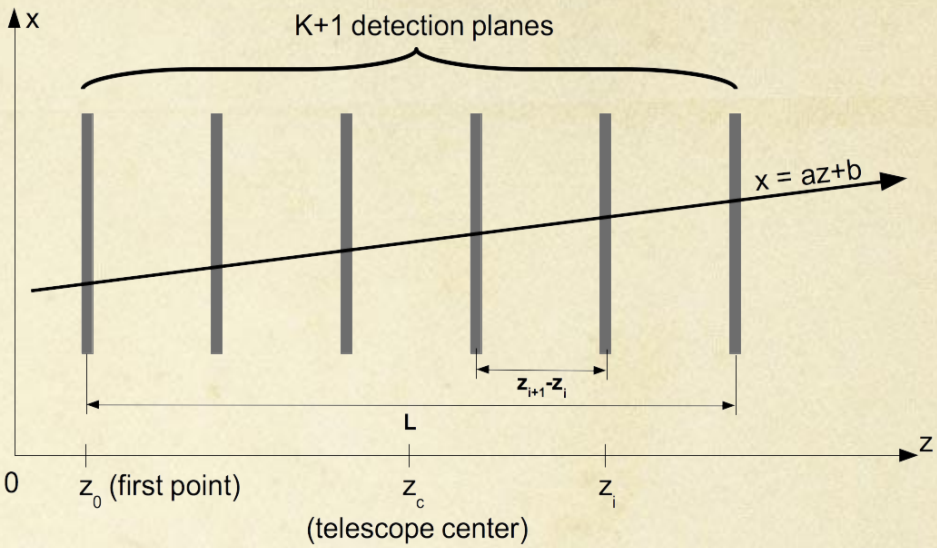
$$S_1 = \sum_{i=0}^{K} \frac{1}{s_i^2}\ ,\ S_z = \sum_{i=0}^{K} \frac{z_i}{s_i^2}\ ,\ S_{xz} = \sum_{i=0}^{K} \frac{x_i z_i}{s_i^2}\ ,\ S_{z^2} = \sum_{i=0}^{K} \frac{z_i^2}{s_i^2}$$

- Solutions $a = \dfrac{S_1 S_{xz} - S_x S_z}{S_1 S_{z^2} - (S_z)^2}$, $b = \dfrac{S_x S_{z^2} - S_z S_{xz}}{S_1 S_{z^2} - (S_z)^2}$

- Uncertainties

$$s_a^2 = \frac{S_1}{S_1 S_{z^2} - (S_z)^2}\ ,\ s_b^2 = \frac{S_{z^2}}{S_1 S_{z^2} - (S_z)^2}$$

! correlation $\mathrm{cov}_{a,b} = \dfrac{-S_z}{S_1 S_{z^2} - (S_z)^2}$



Case of uniformly distributed (K+1) planes

- $z_{i+1} - z_i = L/K$ et $\sigma_i = \sigma \quad \forall i$
- $S_z = 0$ → a,b uncorrelated

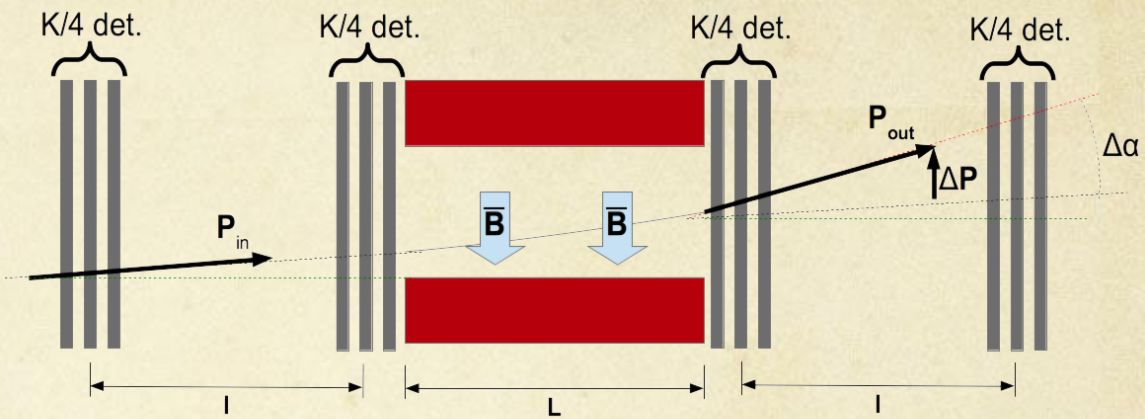
$$s_a^2 = \frac{12K}{(K+2)L^2}\frac{s^2}{K+1}\ ,\ s_b^2 = \left(1 + 12\frac{K}{K+2}\frac{z_c^2}{L^2}\right)\frac{s^2}{K+1}$$

- Uncertainties :
  - σ_a and σ_b improve with $1/\sqrt{(K+1)}$
  - σ_a and σ_b improve with 1/L
  - σ_b improve with z_c

LSM on fixed target geometry

Hypothesis

- K detectors, each with σ single point accuracy
- Uniform field over L from dipole
  - Trajectory: $\Delta\alpha = \left|\frac{0.3qBL}{p}\right|$
  - Bending: $\Delta p = p\,\Delta\alpha$



- Geometrical arrangement optimized for resolution
  - Angular determination on input and output angle: $s_a^2 = \frac{16\, s^2}{K\, l^2}$

Without multiple scattering

- Uncertainty on momentum

$$\frac{s_p}{p} = \frac{8}{0.3q}\frac{1}{BL}\frac{s}{l\sqrt{K}}\,p$$

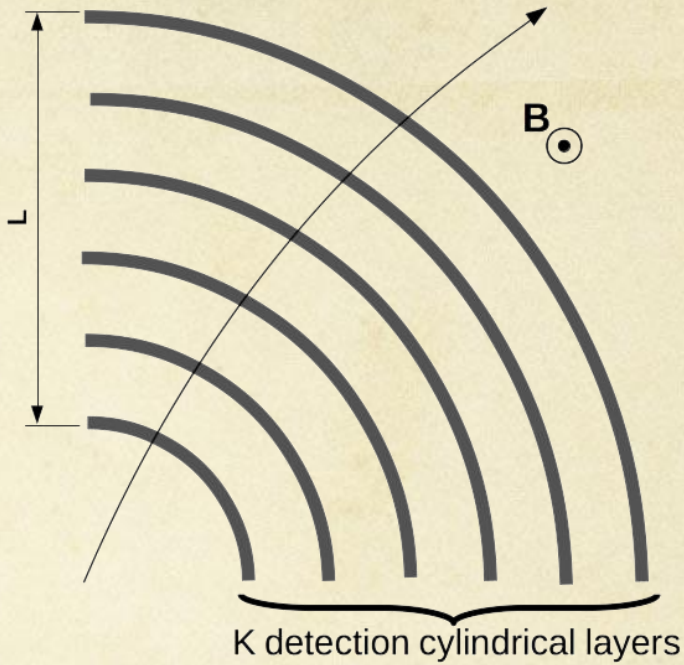
- Note proportionality to p!

Multiple scattering contribution

- Additional term on σ_α almost directly from smult.scatt $s_q = \frac{13.6\ (\mathrm{MeV/c})}{bp}\,z$

LSM on collider geometry

- Hypothesis
  - K detectors uniformly distributed each with σ single point accuracy
  - Uniform field over path length L



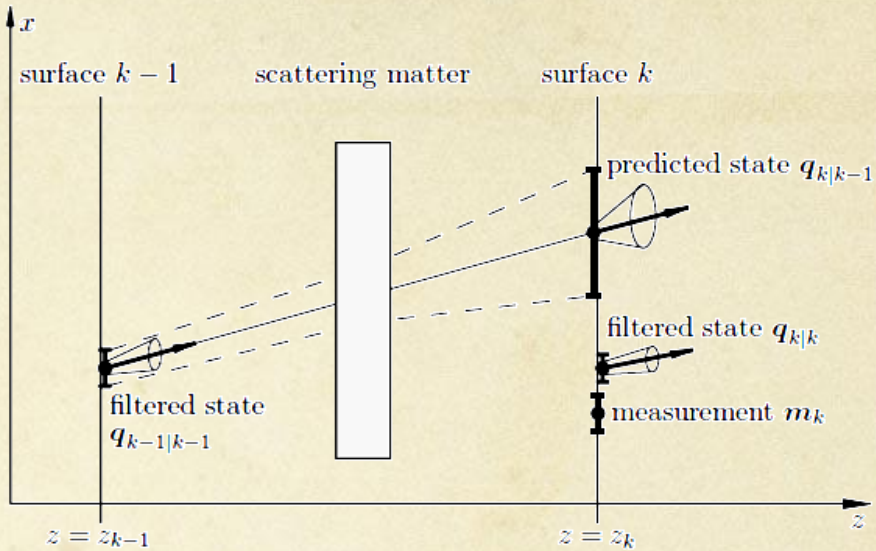
- Without multiple scattering
  - Uncertainty on transverse momentum (Glückstern formula)

$$\frac{s_{p_T}}{p_T} = \frac{\sqrt{720}}{0.3q}\frac{1}{BL^2}\frac{s}{\sqrt{K+6}}p_T$$

  - Works well with large K > 20

Kalman filter 1/2

- Dimensions
  - P parameters for track model
  - D "coordinates" measured at each point (usually D<P)
  - K measurement points (# total measures: N = KxD)



- Starting point
  - Initial set of parameters: first measurements
  - With large uncertainties if unknowns

- Iterative method
  - Propagate to next layer = prediction
    - Using the system equation $\vec{p}_k = G\,\vec{p}_{k-1} + \vec{\omega}_k$
    - G = PxP matrix, ω = perturbation associated with covariance PxP matrix V_ω
    - Update the covariance matrix with additional uncertainties (ex: material budget between layers) $V_{k|k-1} = V_{k-1} + V_{w_k}$
  - Add new point to update parameters and covariance, using the measure equation $\vec{m}_k = H\,\vec{p}_k + \vec{\varepsilon}_k$
    - H=DxP matrix, ε= measure error associated with diagonal covariance DxD matrix V_m
    - Weighted means of prediction and measurement using variance ⇔χ^2 fit
  - Iterate…

$$\vec{p}_k = \left(V_{k|k-1}^{-1}\vec{p}_{k|k-1} + H^T V_{m_k}^{-1}\vec{m}_k\right)\cdot\left(V_{k|k-1}^{-1} + H^T V_{m_k}^{-1} H\right)^{-1}$$

Kalman filter 2/2

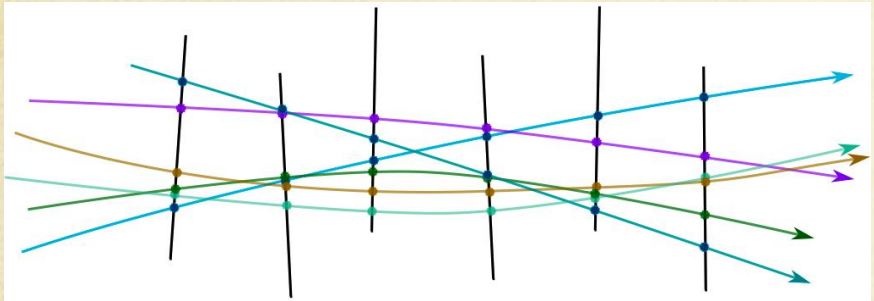
- **Forward and backward filters**
  - Forward estimate of $\boldsymbol{p_k}$: from 1➛k-1 measurements
  - Backward estimate of $\boldsymbol{p_k}$: from k+1➛K measurements
  - Independent estimates ➞combination with weighted mean = smoother step
- **Computation complexity**
  - only PxP, DxP or DxD matrices computation (≪NxN)
- **Mixing with finder**
  - After propagation step: local finder
  - Some points can be discarded if considered as outliers in the fit (use χ^2 value)
- **Include exogenous measurements**
  - Like dE/dx, correlated to momentum
  - Additional measurement equation $\vec{m}'_k = H' \vec{p}_k + \vec{\varepsilon}'_k$

$$\vec{p}_k = \left(V_{k|k-1}^{-1}\vec{p}_{k|k-1} + H^T V_{m_k}^{-1}\vec{m}_k + H'^T V_{m'_k}^{-1}\vec{m}'_k\right)\cdot\left(V_{k|k-1}^{-1} + H^T V_{m_k}^{-1} H + H'^T V_{m'_k}^{-1} H'\right)^{-1}$$

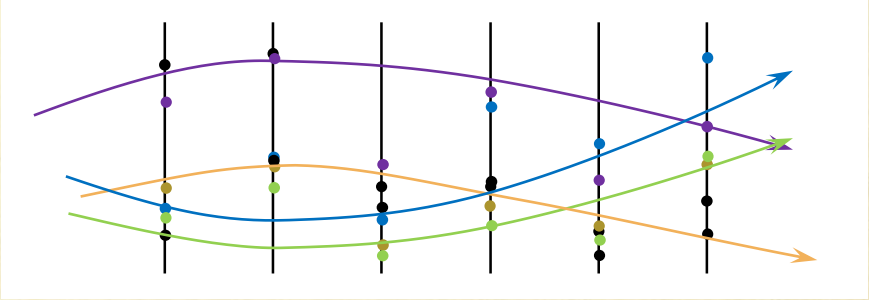
Need for Alignment

- Let's come back to one initial & implicit hypothesis
  - "We know were the point are located."
  - True to the extent we know were the detector is!
  - BUT, mechanical instability (magnetic field, temperature, air flow...) and also drift speed variation (temperature, pressure, field inhomogeneity...) limit our knowledge
  - Periodic determination of positions and deformations needed = alignment

True tracks & True detector posistions



Initial assumption for detector posisitions & tracks built from these assumptions



Note hit position relative to detector <u>are the same</u>
tracks reconstructed are not even close to reality...

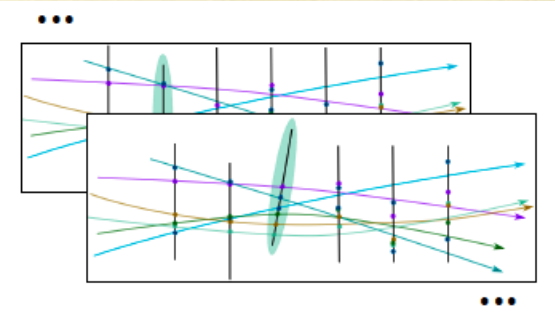
Alignment strategy

Alignment parameters

- Track model depends on additional "free" parameters, i.e. the sensor positions

Methods

- Global alignment:
  - Fit the new params. to minimize the overall χ^2 of a set of tracks (Millepede algo.)
  - Beware: many parameters could be involved (few 10^3 can easily be reached)
- Local alignment:
  - Use tracks reconstructed with reference detectors
  - Align other detectors by minimizing the "residual" (track-hit distance) width

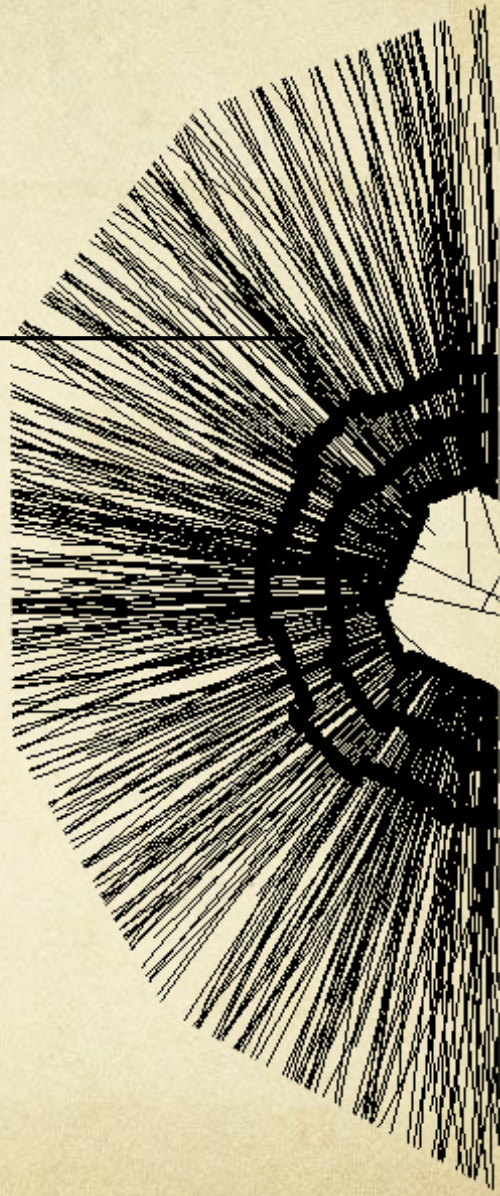


For both cases

- Use a set of well know tracks and tracking-"friendly" environment to avoid bias
  - Muons (very traversing) and no magnetic field
  - Low multiplicity events

4. Advanced methods

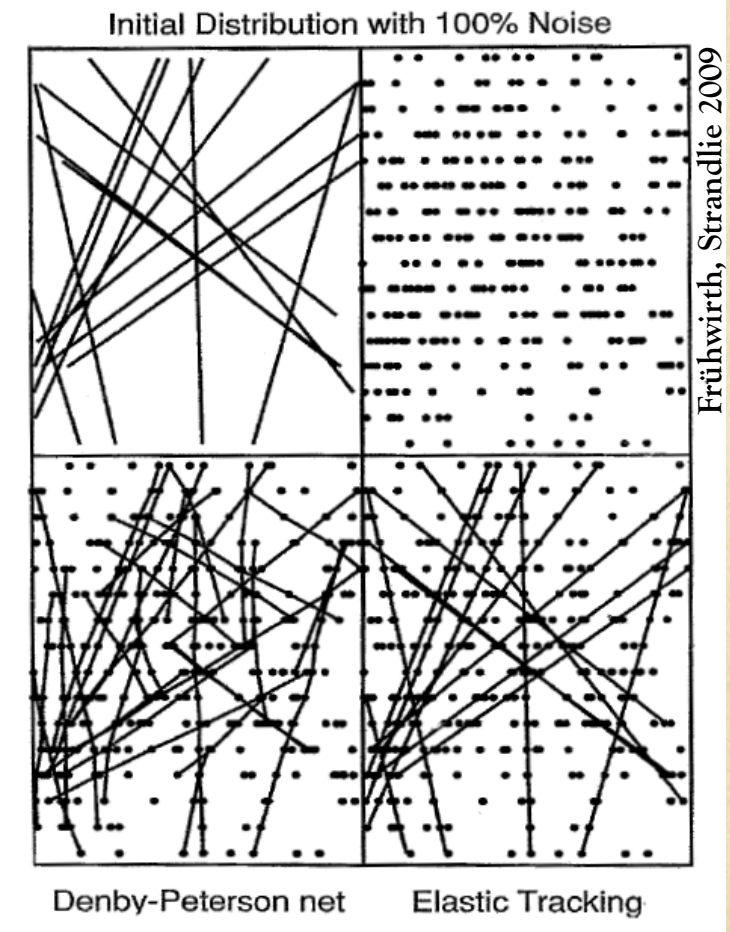
(brief illustrations)



- Why ?
- Neural network
- Cellular automaton

Adaptive methods

- Shall we do better?
  - Higher track/vertex density, less efficient the classical method
  - Allows for many options and best choice
- Adaptive features
  - Dynamic change of track parameters during finding/fitting
  - Measurements are weighted according to their uncertainty
    - Allows to take into account several "normally excluded" info
  - Many hypothesis are handled simultaneously
    - But their number decrease with iterations (annealing like behavior)
  - Non-linearity
  - Often CPU-time costly (is that still a problem?)



Frühwirth, Strandlie 2009

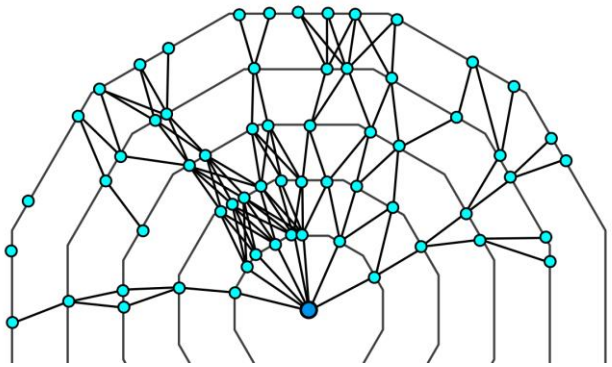
- Examples
  - Neural network, Elastic nets, Gaussian-sum filters, Deterministic annealing, Cellular automaton

Cellular automaton

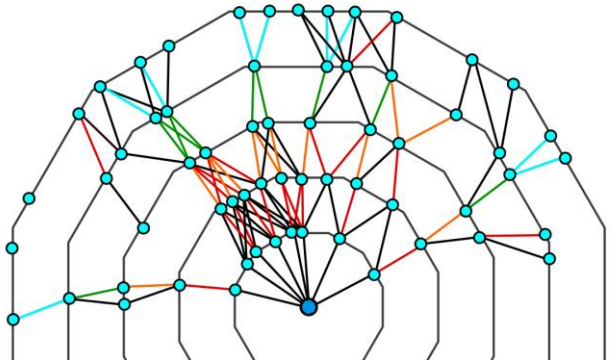
Cellular automaton

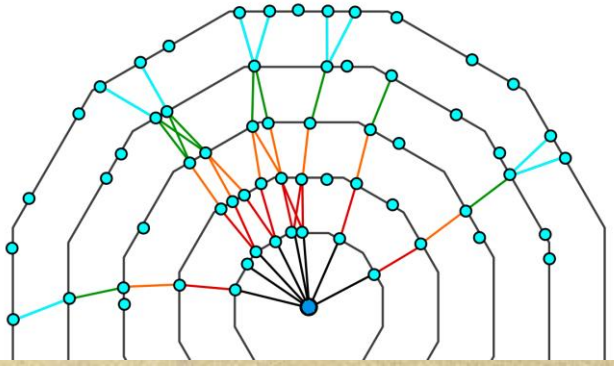
- Initialization
  - built any cell (= segment of 2 points)
- Iterative step
  - associate neighbour cells (more inner)
  - Raise “state” with associated cells
  - Kill lowest state cells

J. Lettenbichler *et al.*, 2013



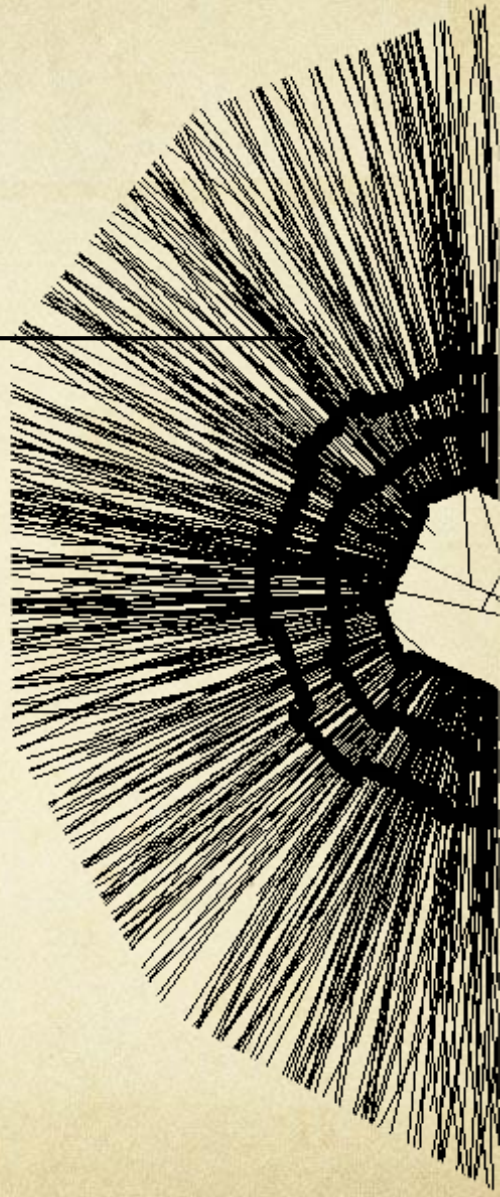
0 (black), 1 (red), 2 (orange), 3 (green), 4 (cyan)



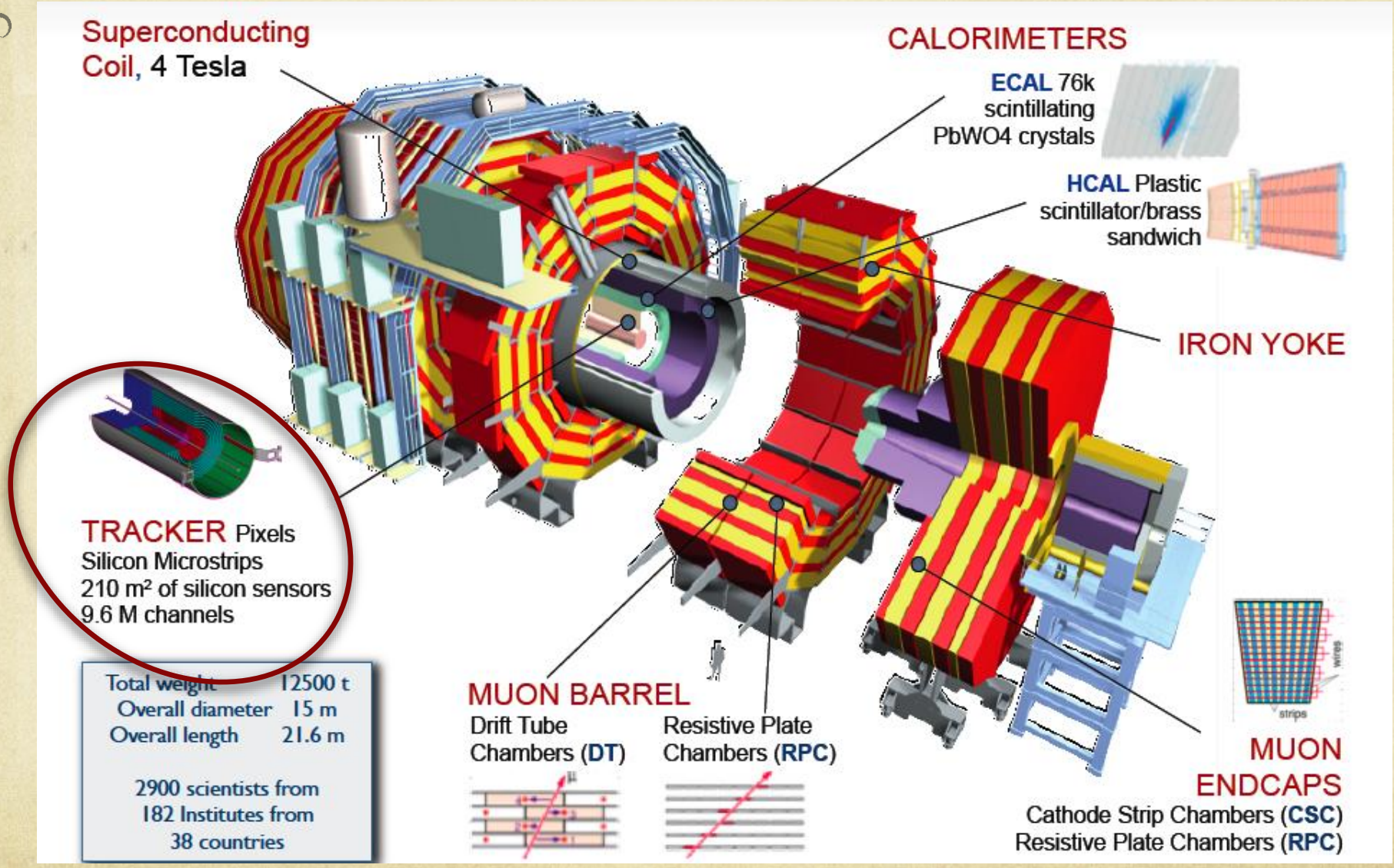


5. Deconstructing some tracking systems

- CMS (colliders)
- AMS, ANTARES (telescopes)



CMS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CALORIMETERS
ECAL 76k scintillating PbWO4 crystals
HCAL Plastic scintillator/brass sandwich
IRON YOKE
TRACKER Pixels
Silicon Microstrips
210 m² of silicon sensors
9.6 M channels
Total weight 12500 t
Overall diameter 15 m
Overall length 21.6 m
2900 scientists from
182 Institutes from
38 countries
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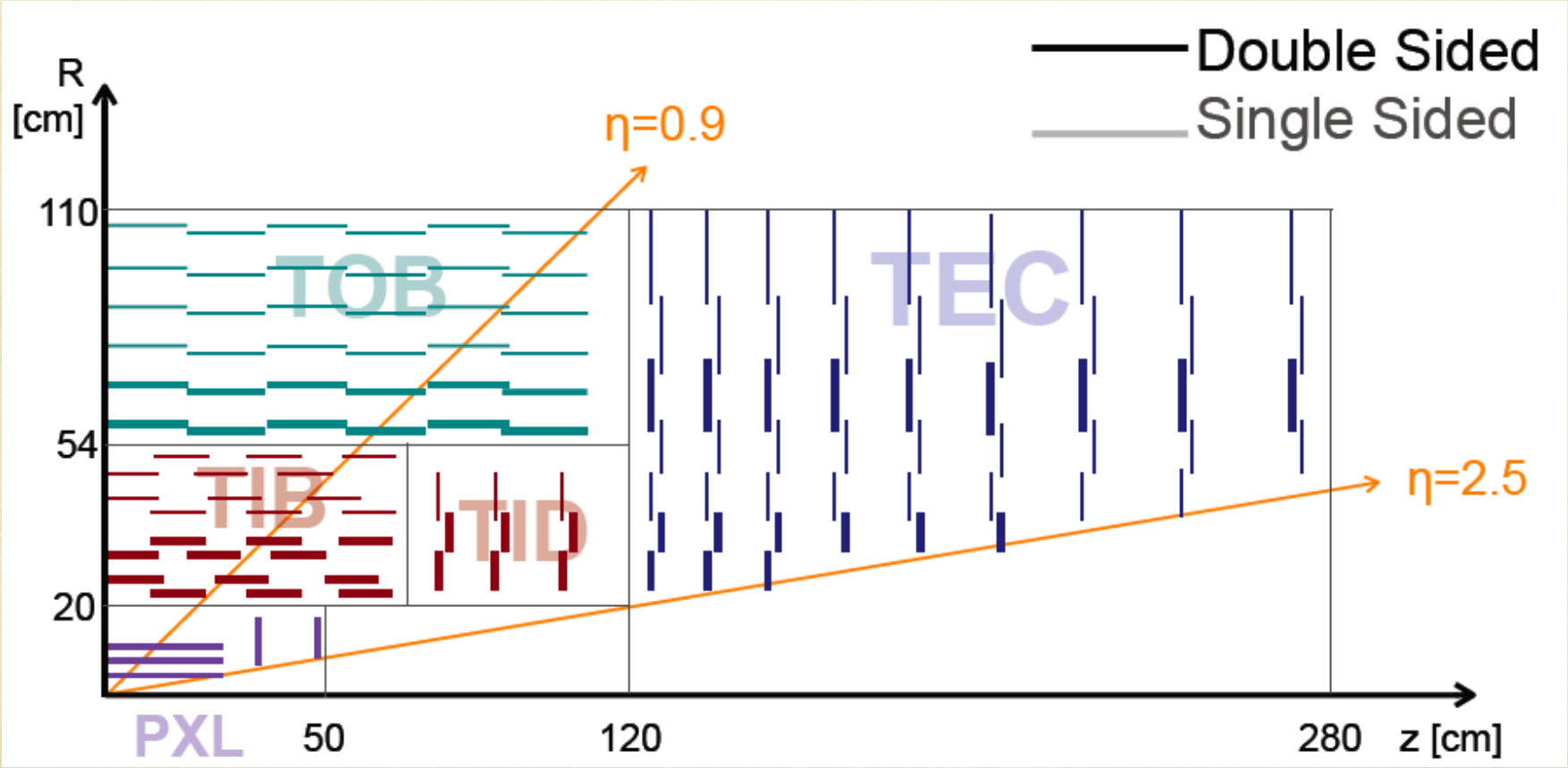
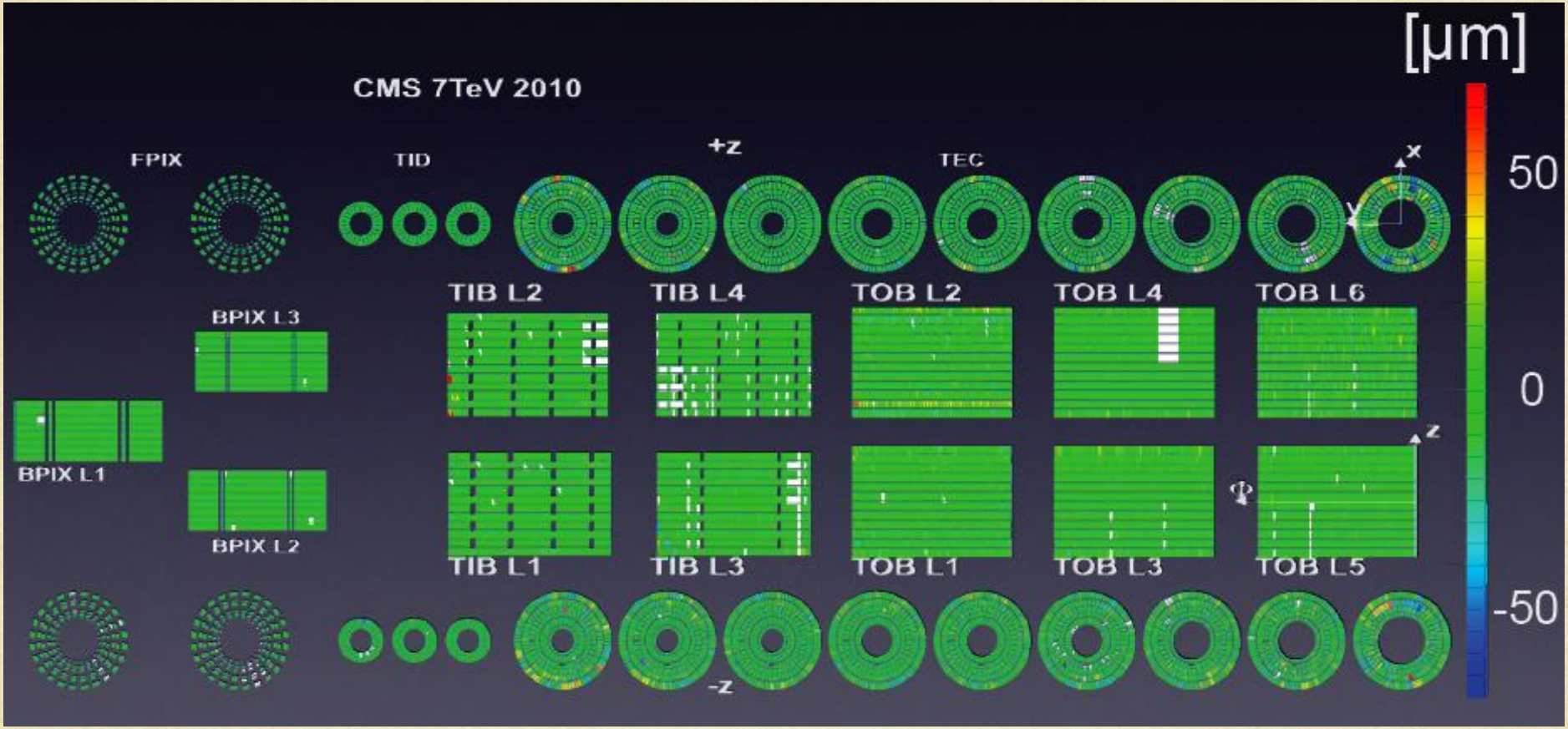
CMS

- The trackerS



CMS

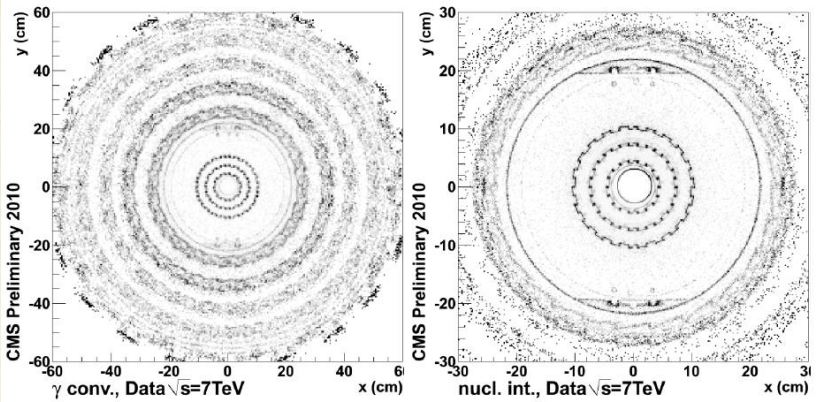
- Alignment residual width



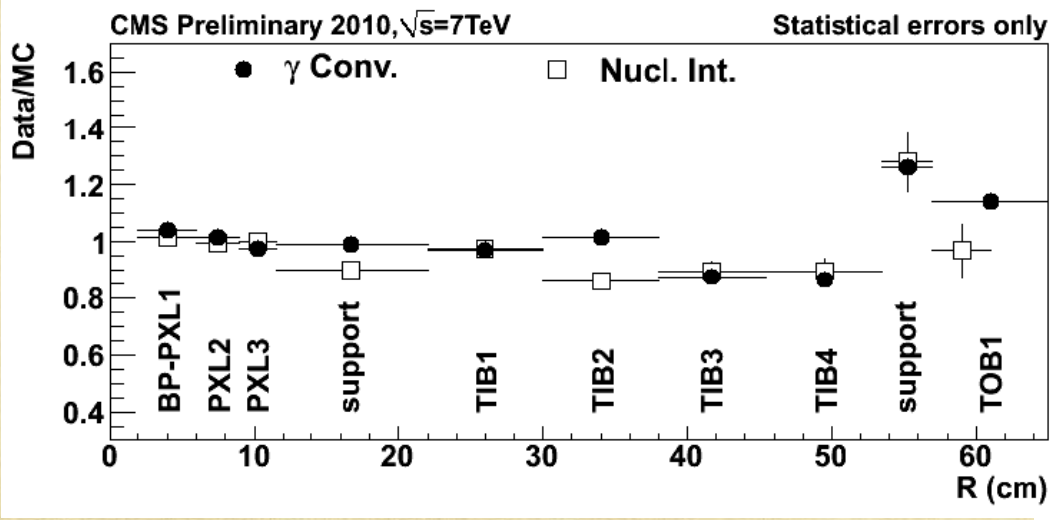
5. Some tracking systems:

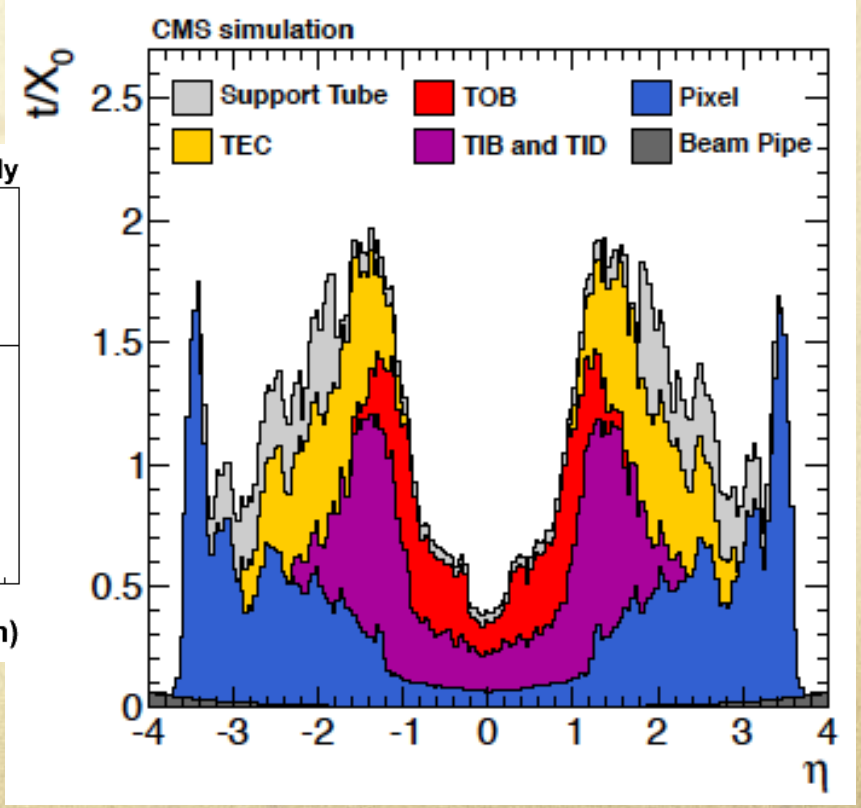
CMS

- Taking a picture of the material budget
  - Using secondary vertices from $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$



- Measuring it by data/simulation comparison





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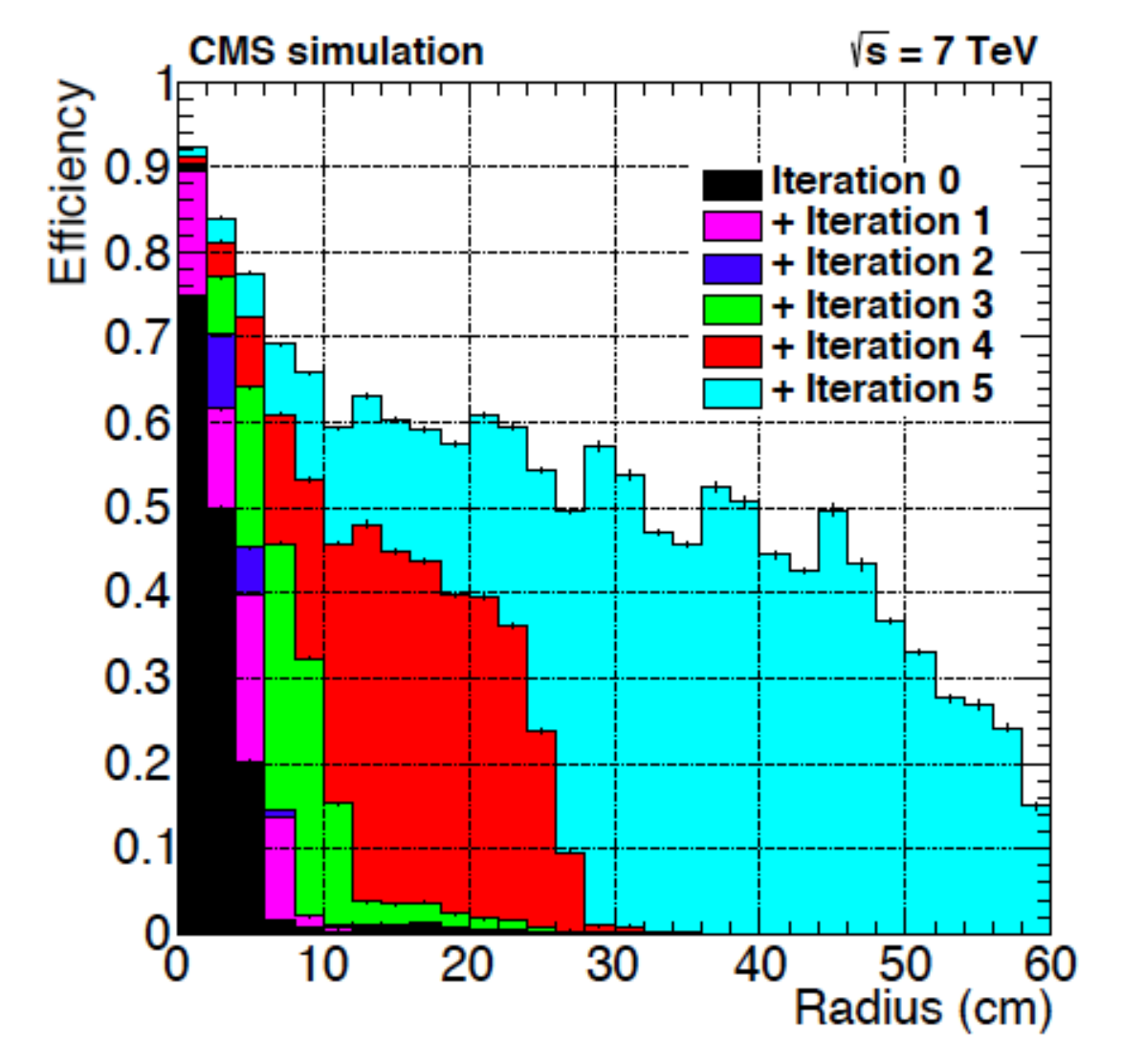
- Tracking algorithm = multi-iteration process



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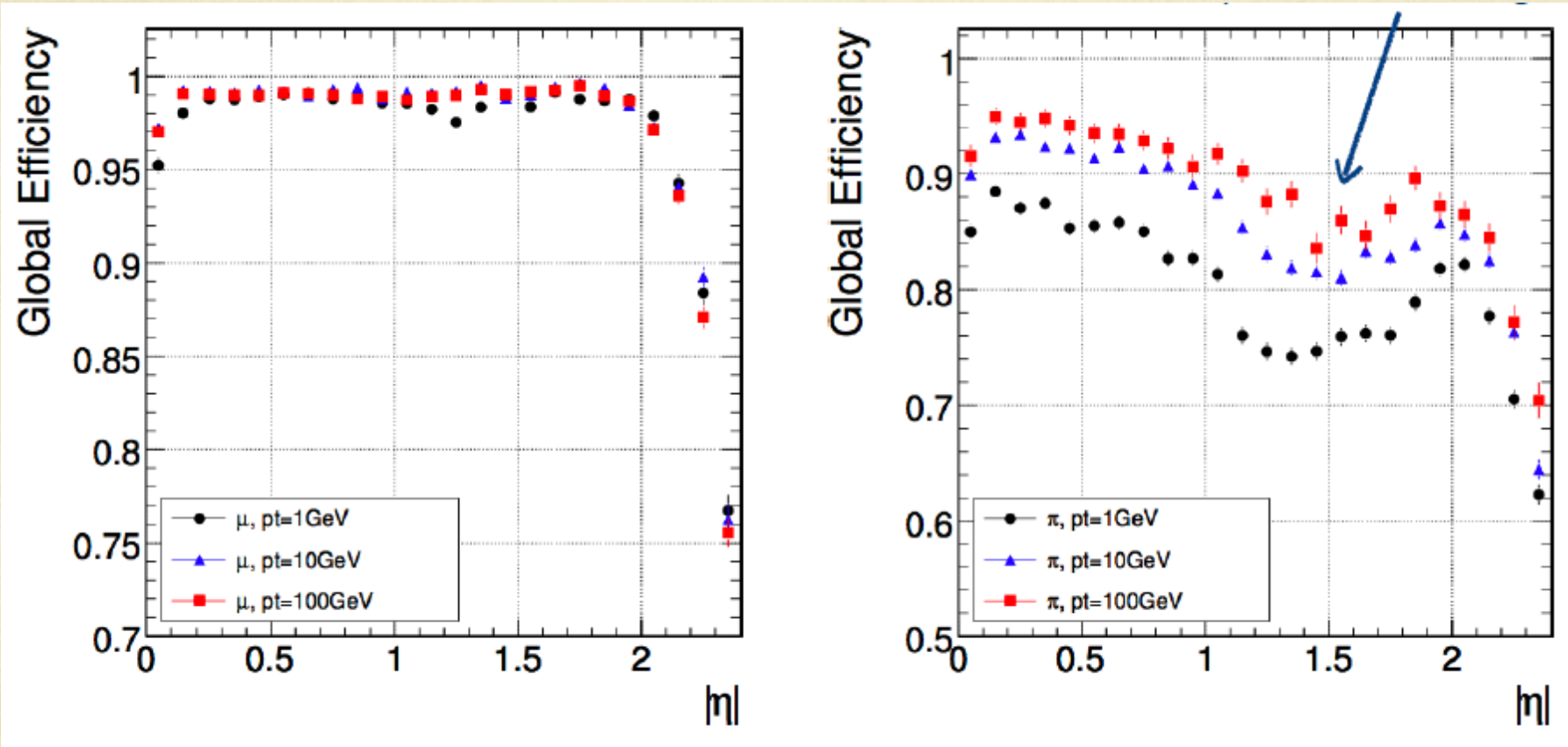
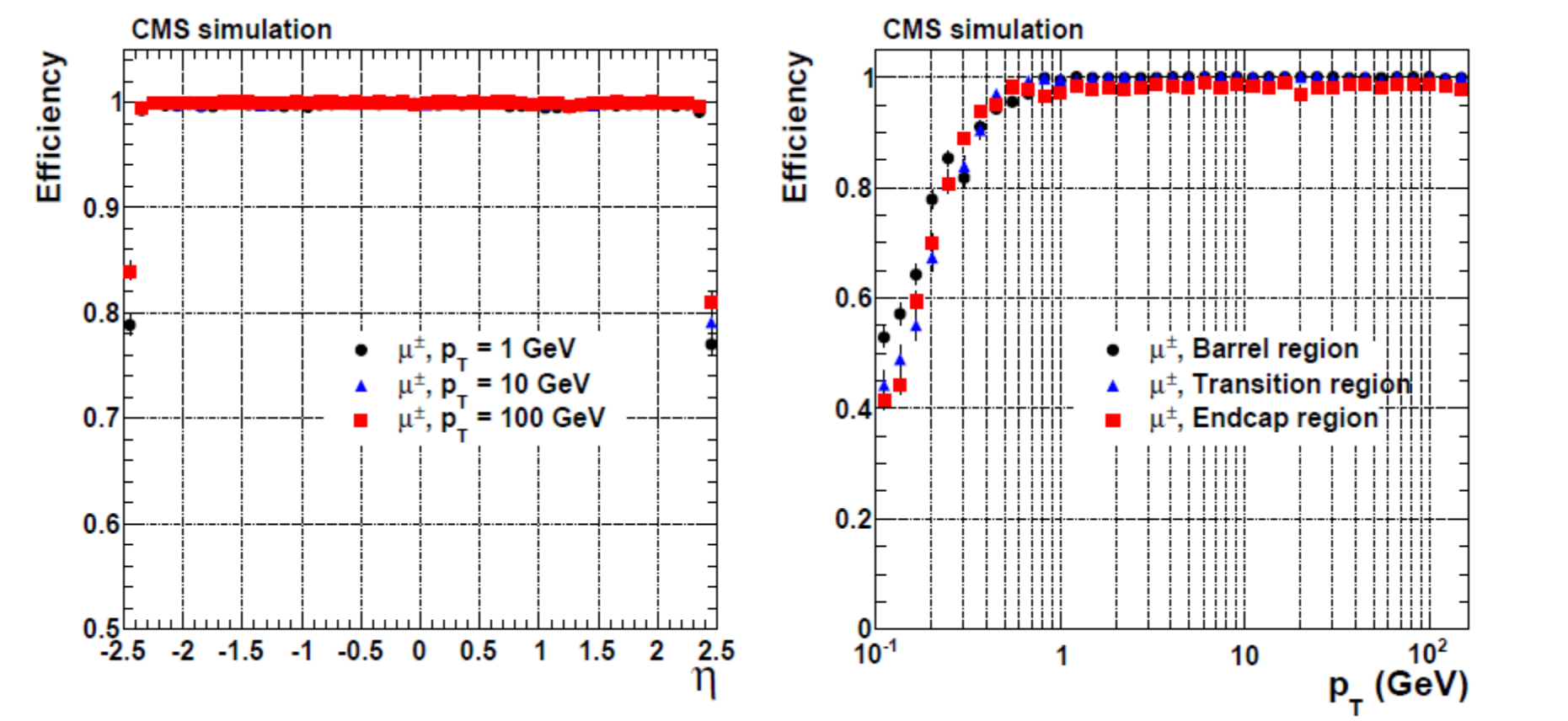
- Tracking efficiency



CMS

- Tracking efficiency
  - Sinlge, isolated muons



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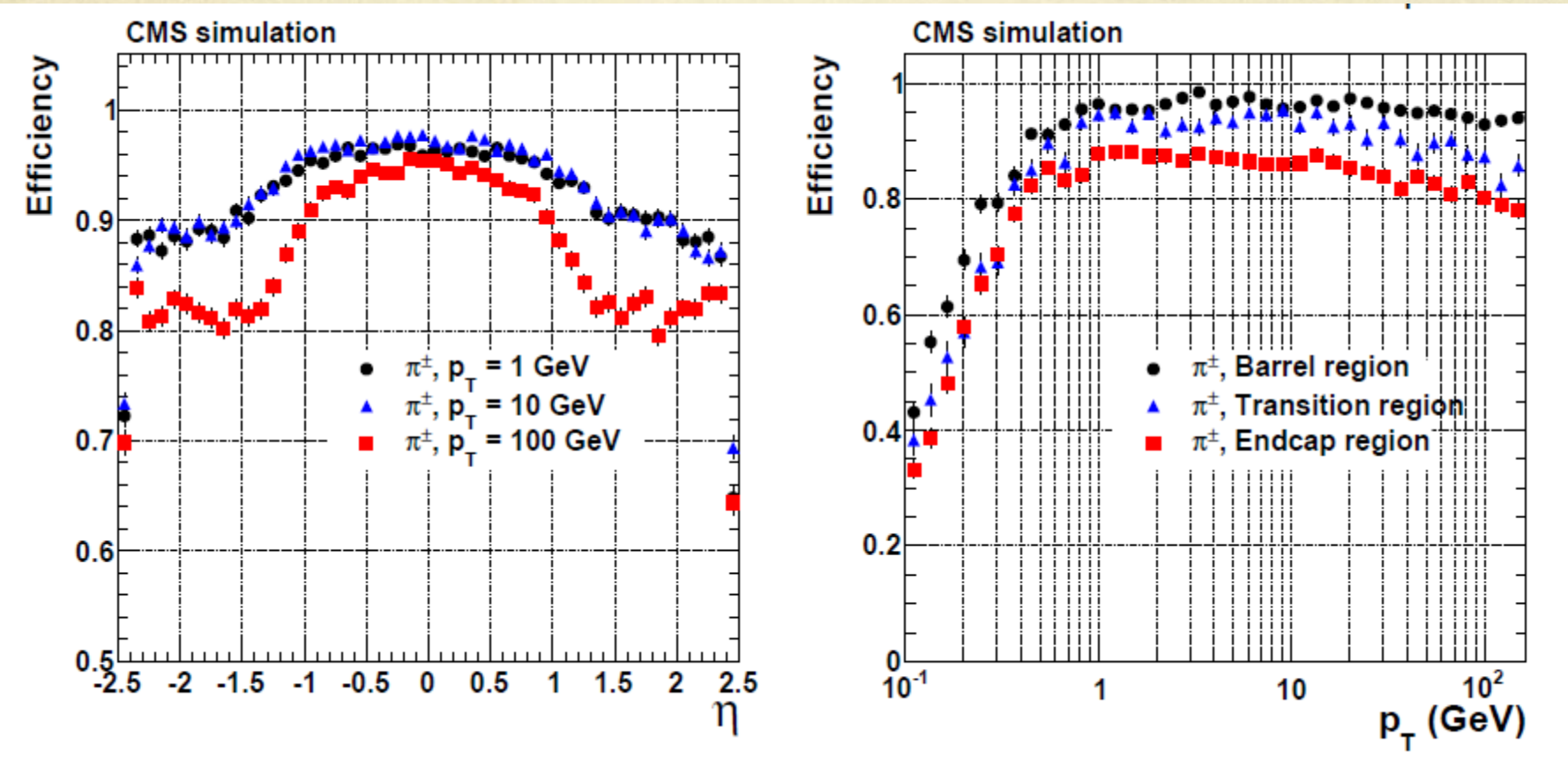
- Tracking efficiency
  - All pions



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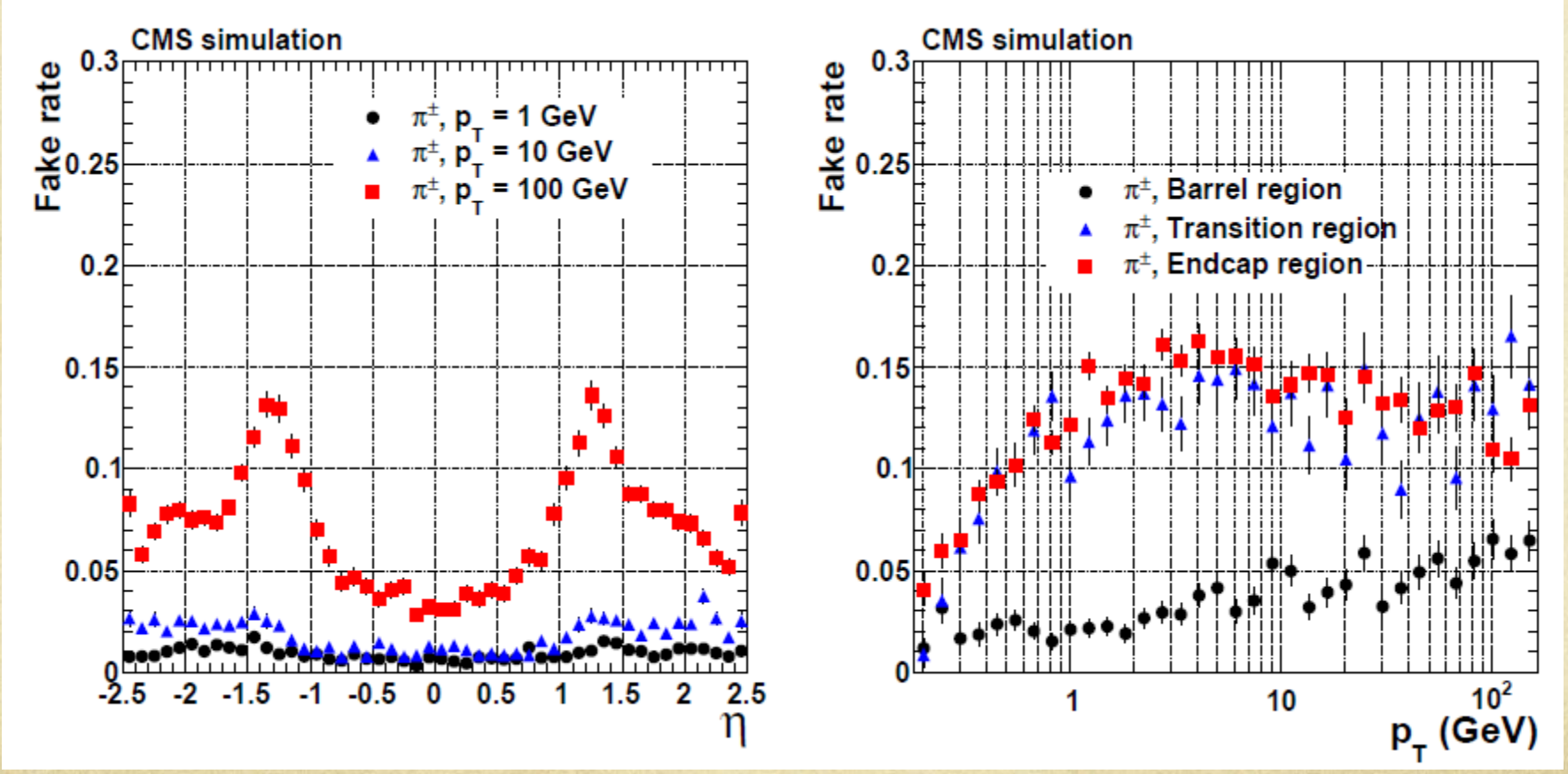

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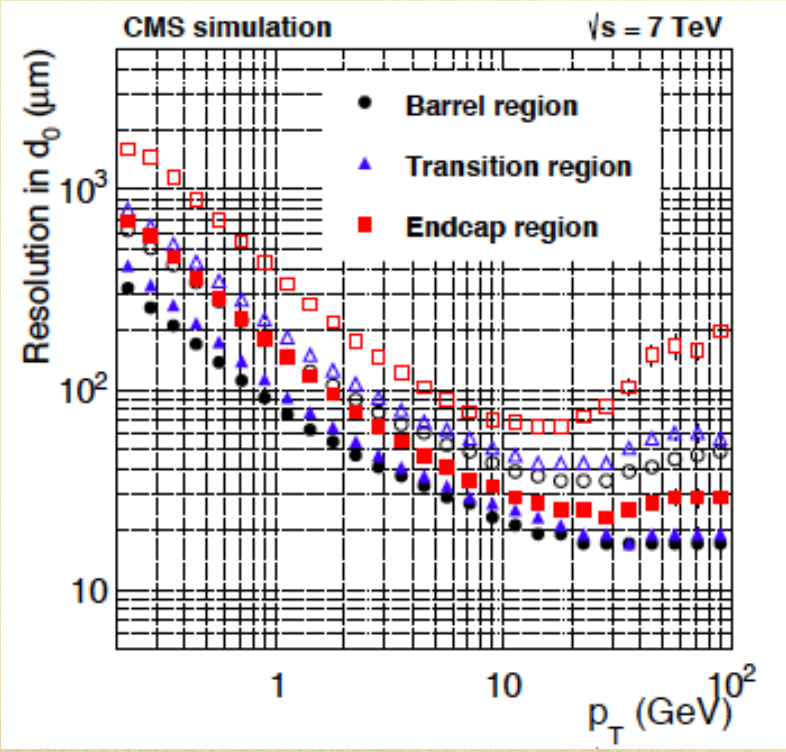
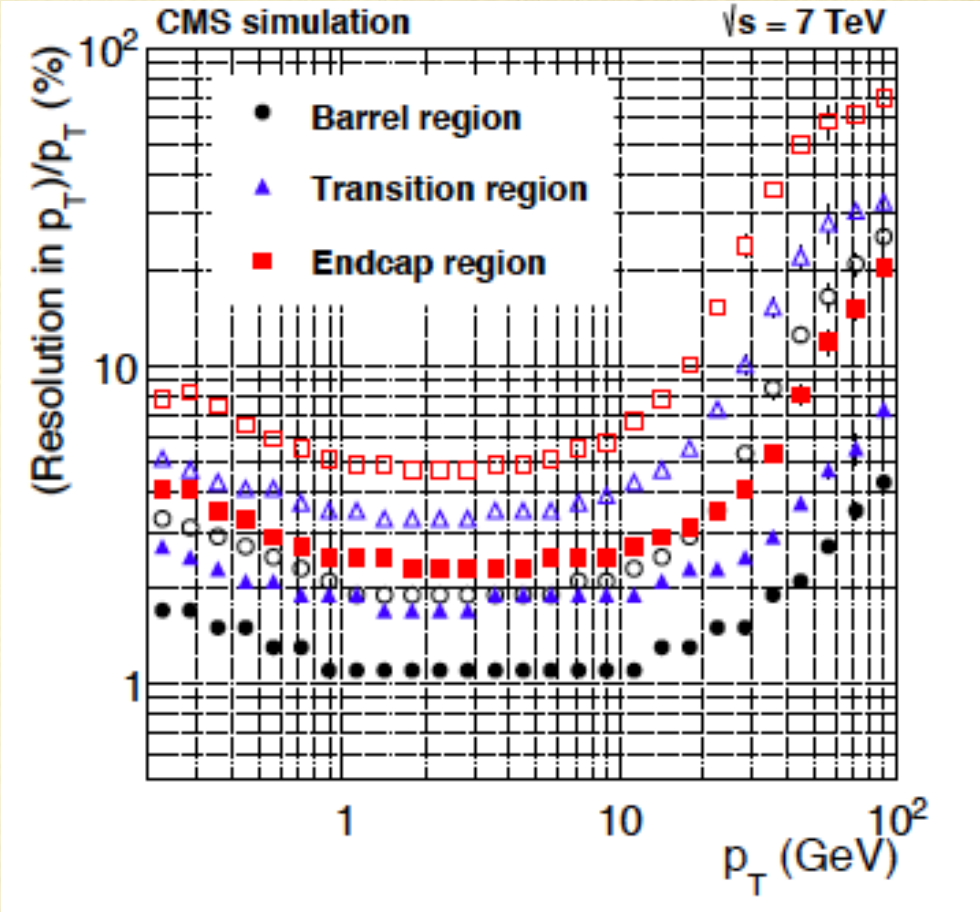
- Tracking resolution

d0 = transverse impact parameter





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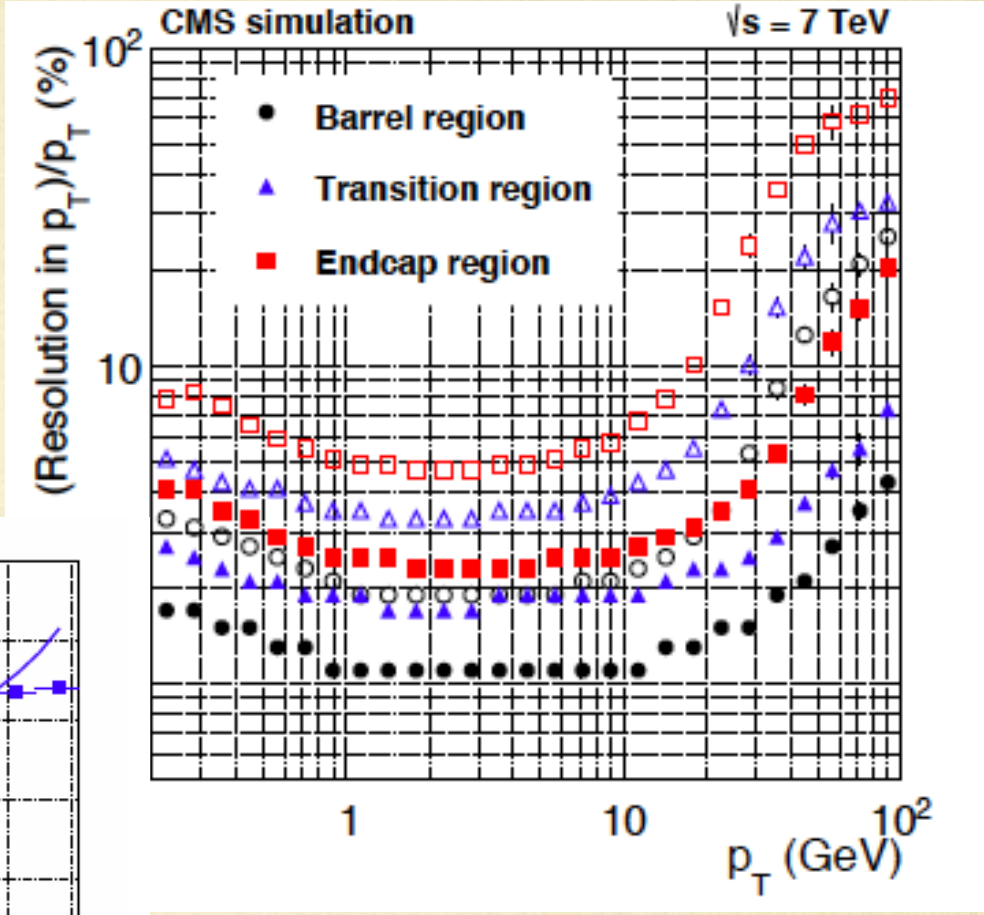

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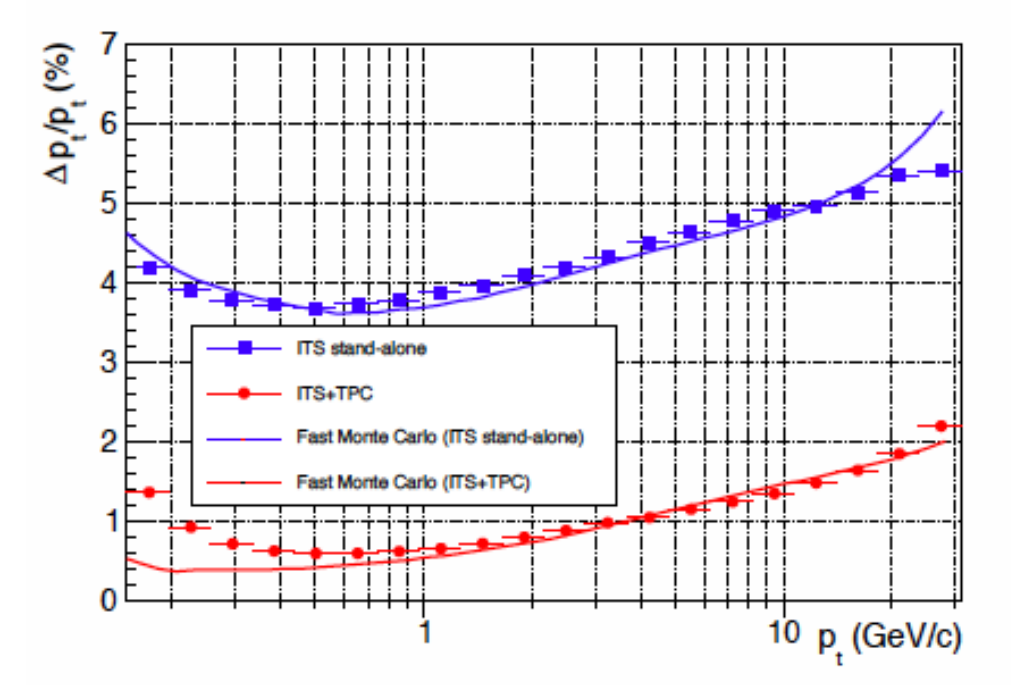
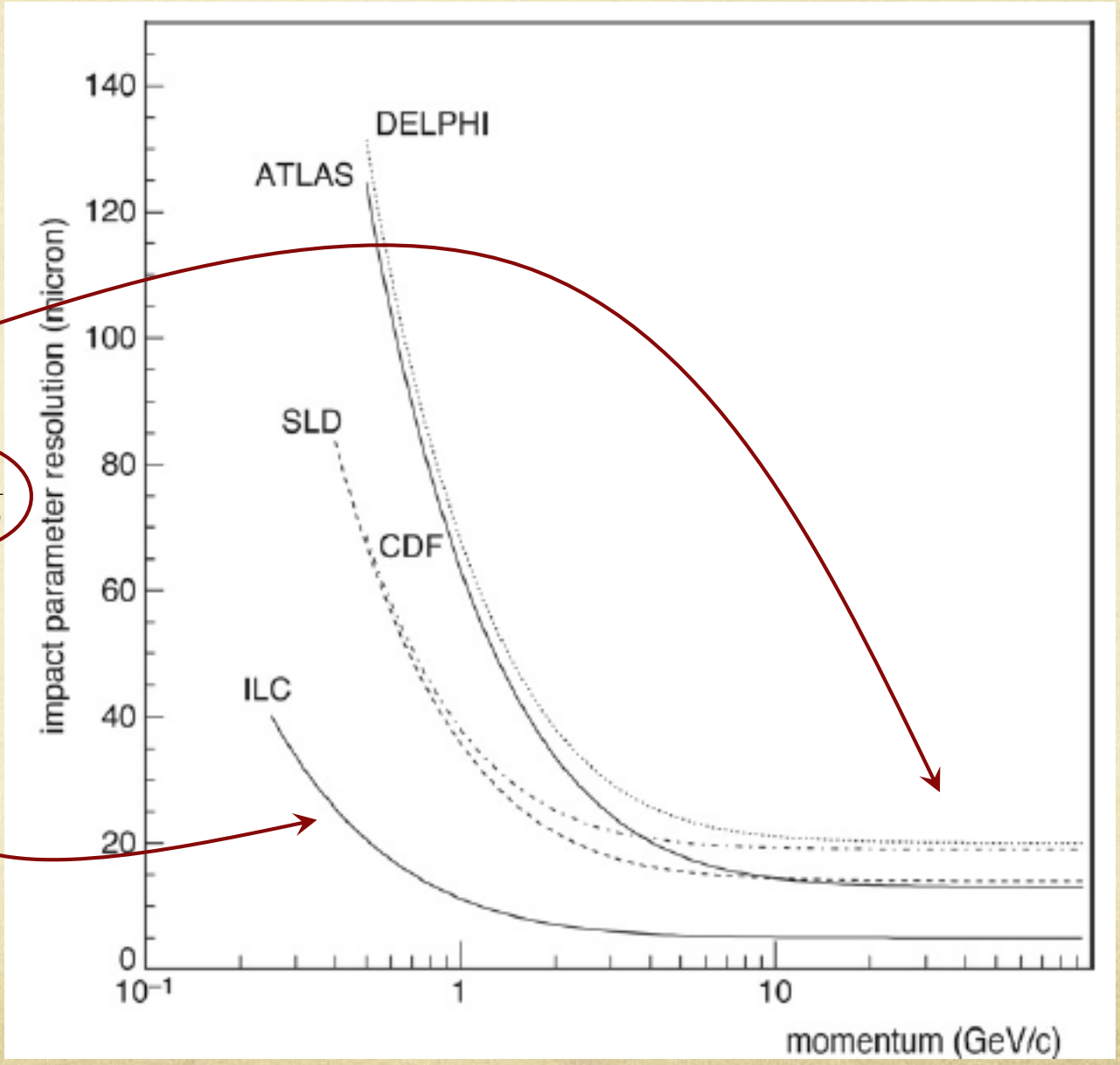


Impact parameter resolution

$$\sigma_{IP} \propto \frac{\sqrt{R_{\text{ext}}^2\sigma_{\text{int}}^2 + R_{\text{int}}^2\sigma_{\text{ext}}^2}}{R_{\text{ext}} - R_{\text{int}}} \oplus \frac{R_{\text{int}}\sigma_{\theta(\text{ms})}}{p\sin^{3/2}(\theta)}$$



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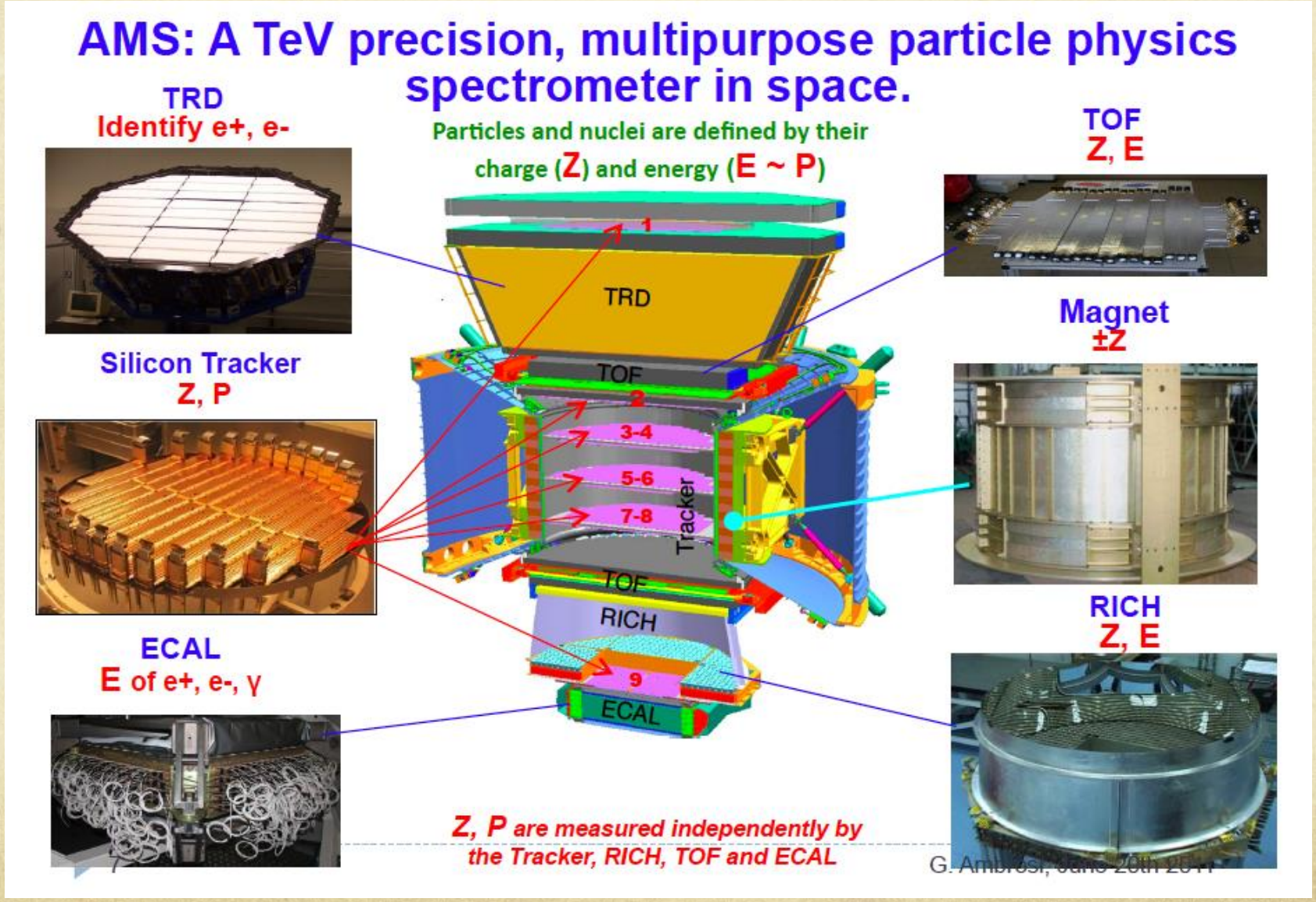
AMS: A TeV precision, multipurpose particle physics spectrometer in space.
Particles and nuclei are defined by their charge (Z) and energy (E ~ P)
TRD
Identify e+, e-
Silicon Tracker
Z, P
ECAL
E of e+, e-, γ
TOF
Z, E
Magnet
±Z
RICH
Z, E
1
TRD
TOF
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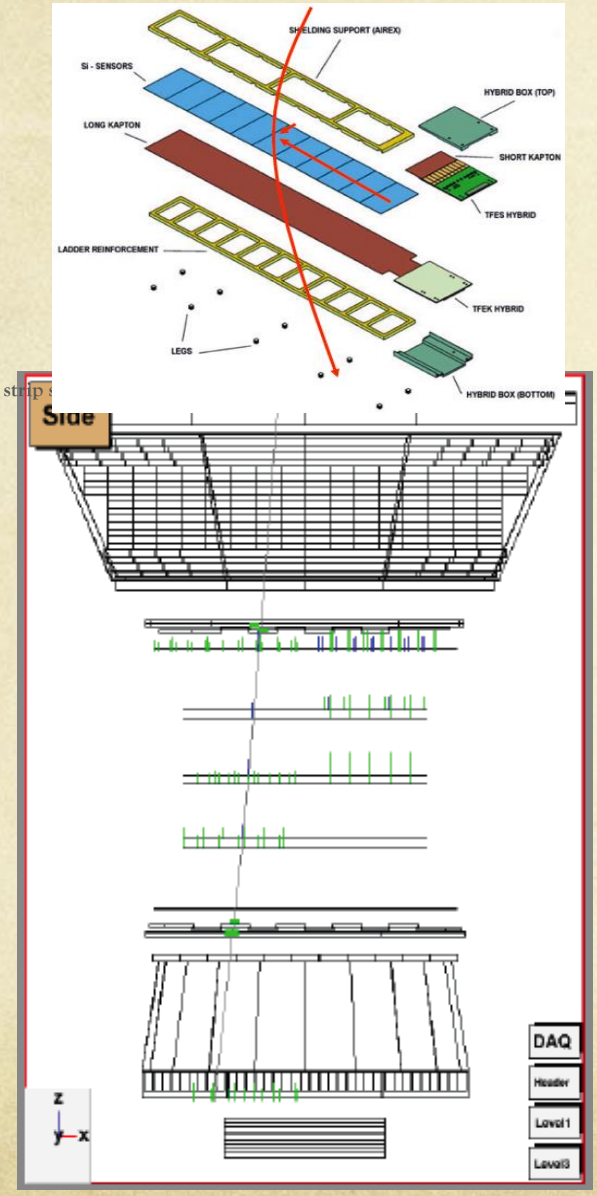

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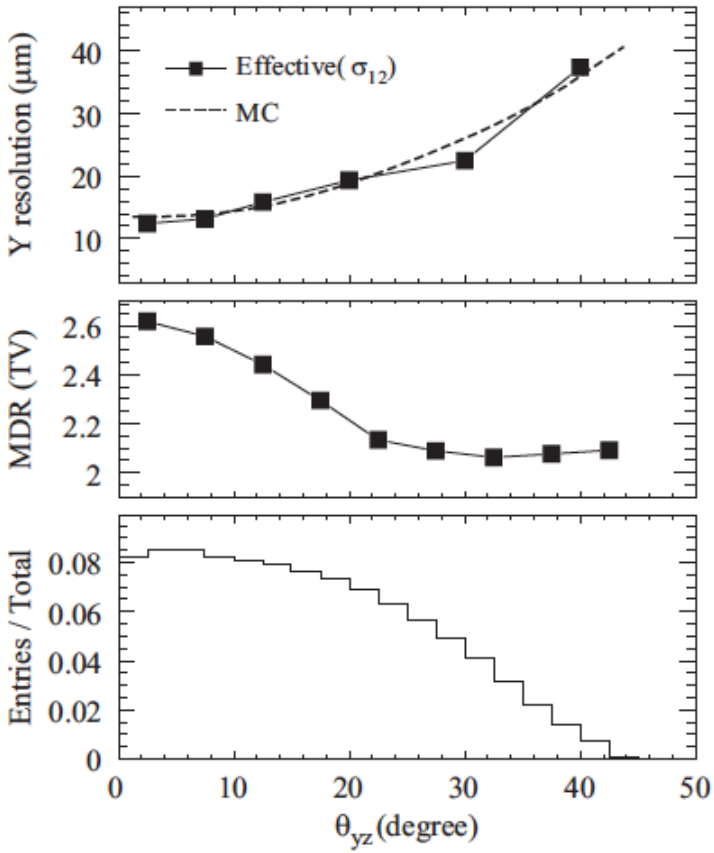

Fig. 5. The effective position resolution (weighted average of two Gaussian widths) in the *y*-coordinate for different inclination angles (top), the Maximum Detectable Rigidity (MDR, 100% rigidity measurement error) as a function of the inclination angle estimated for 1 TV proton incidence with the simulation (middle), and the inclination angle distribution in the geometric acceptance of the tracker (bottom).

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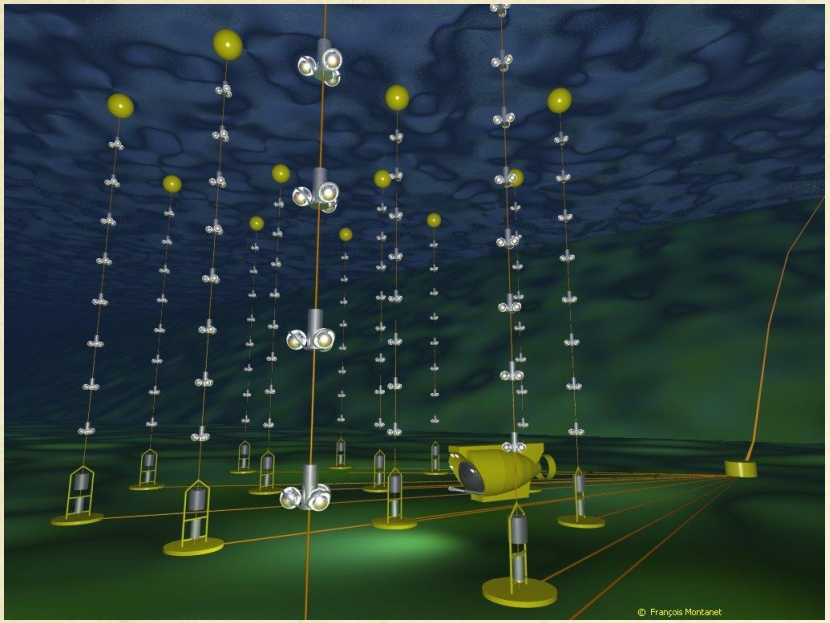
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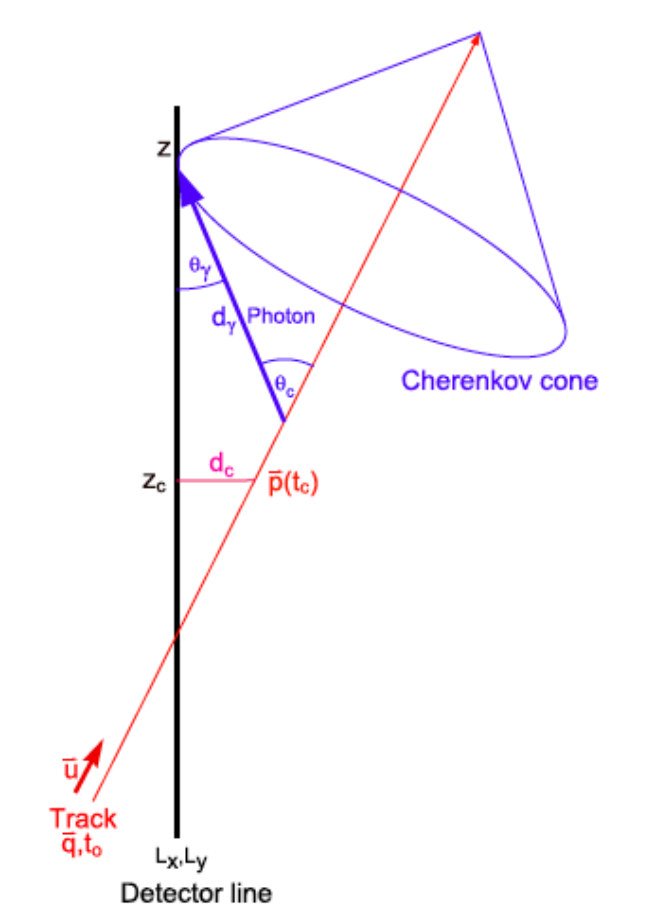
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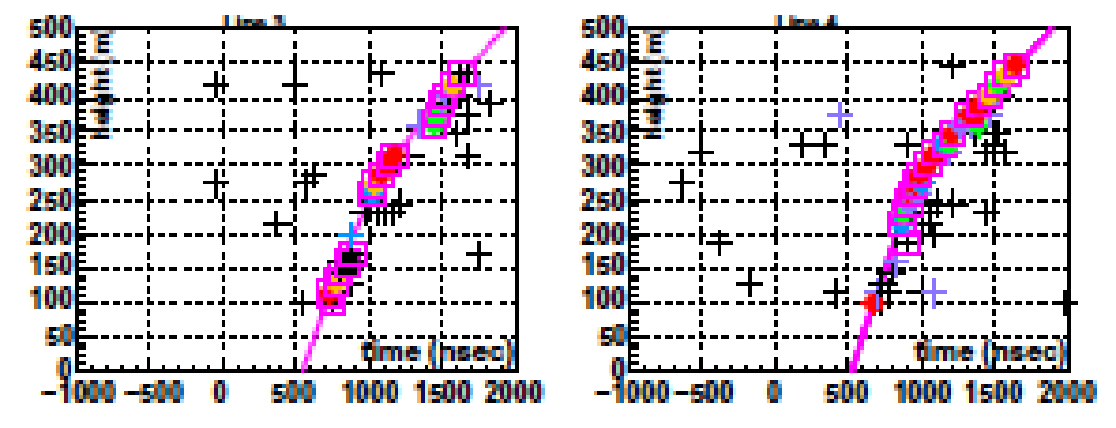
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Summary

- **Fundamental characteristics of any tracking & vertexing device:**
  - (efficiency), granularity, material budget, power dissipation, “timing”, radiation tolerance
  - All those figures are intricated: each technology has its own limits
- **Many technologies available**
  - None is adapted to all projects (physics + environment choose, in principle)
  - Developments are ongoing for upgrades & future experiments
    - Goal is to extent limits of each techno. → convergence to a single one?
- **Reconstruction algorithms**
  - Enormous boost (variety and performances) in the last 10 years
  - Each tracking system has its optimal algorithm
- **Development trend**
  - Always higher hit rates call for more data reduction
  - Tracking info in trigger → high quality online tracking/vertexing
- **Link with:**
  - PID: obvious with TPC, TRD, topological reco.
  - Calorimetry: Particle flow algorithm, granular calo. using position sensors

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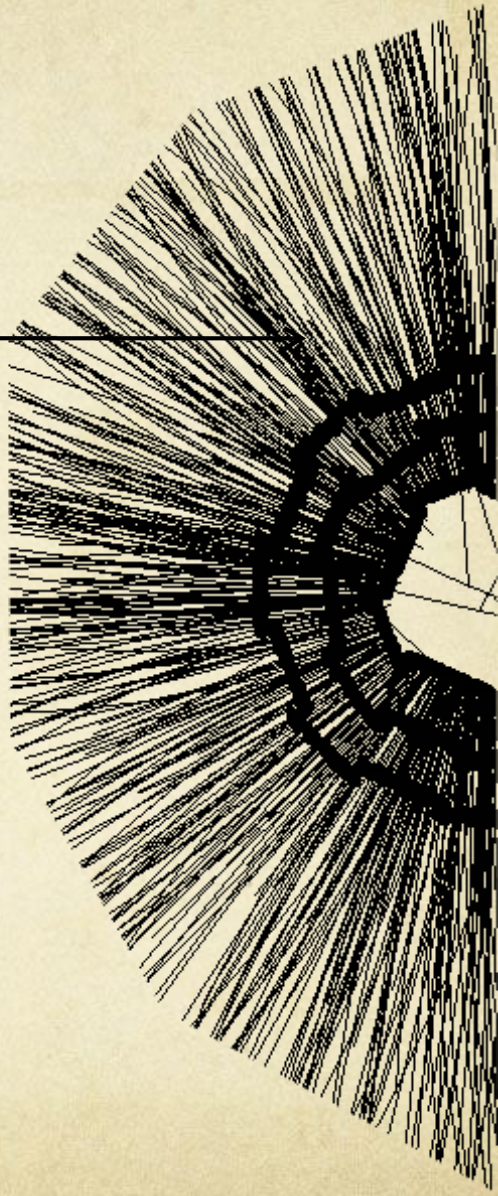

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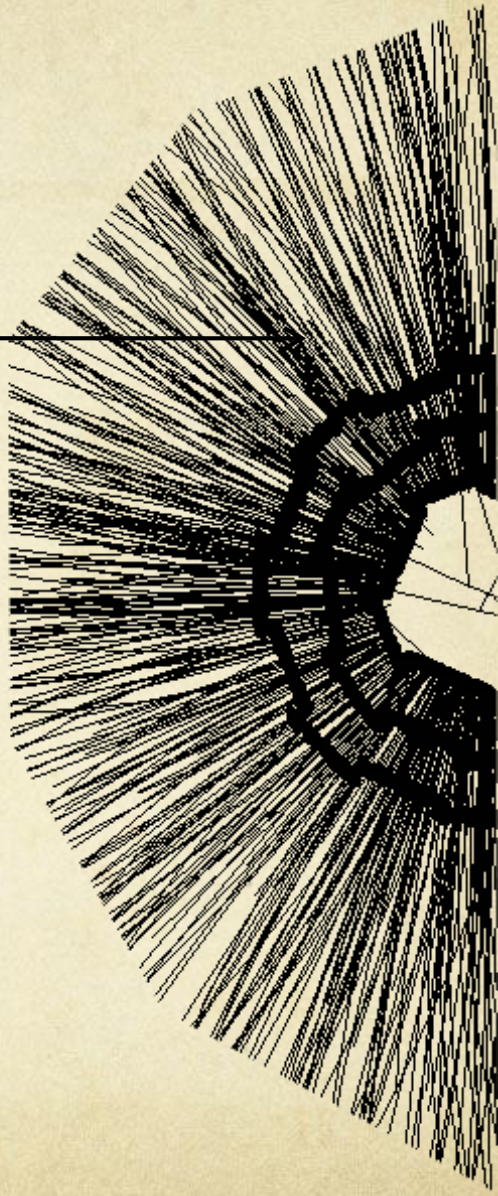

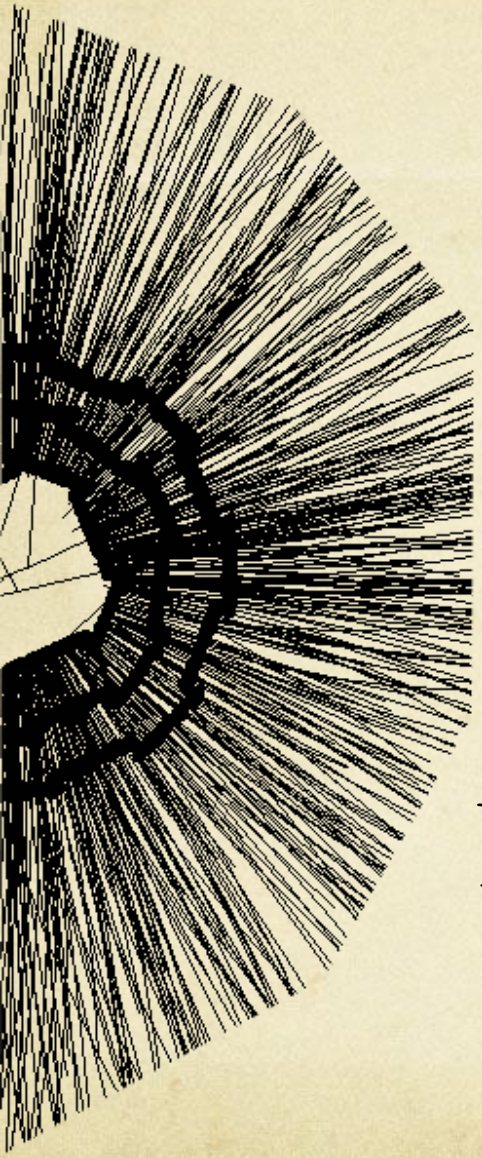

Backups

OPAL drift chamber

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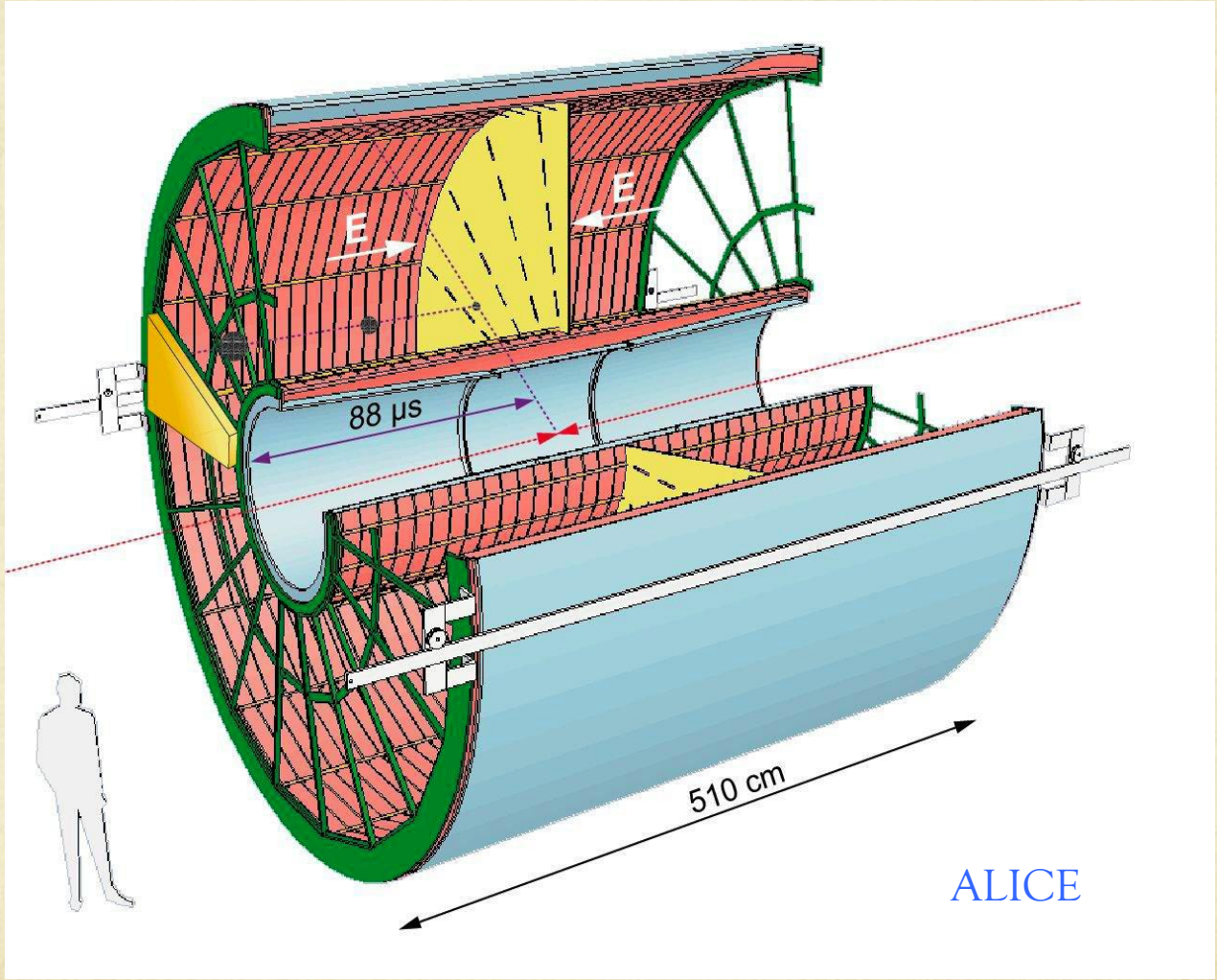

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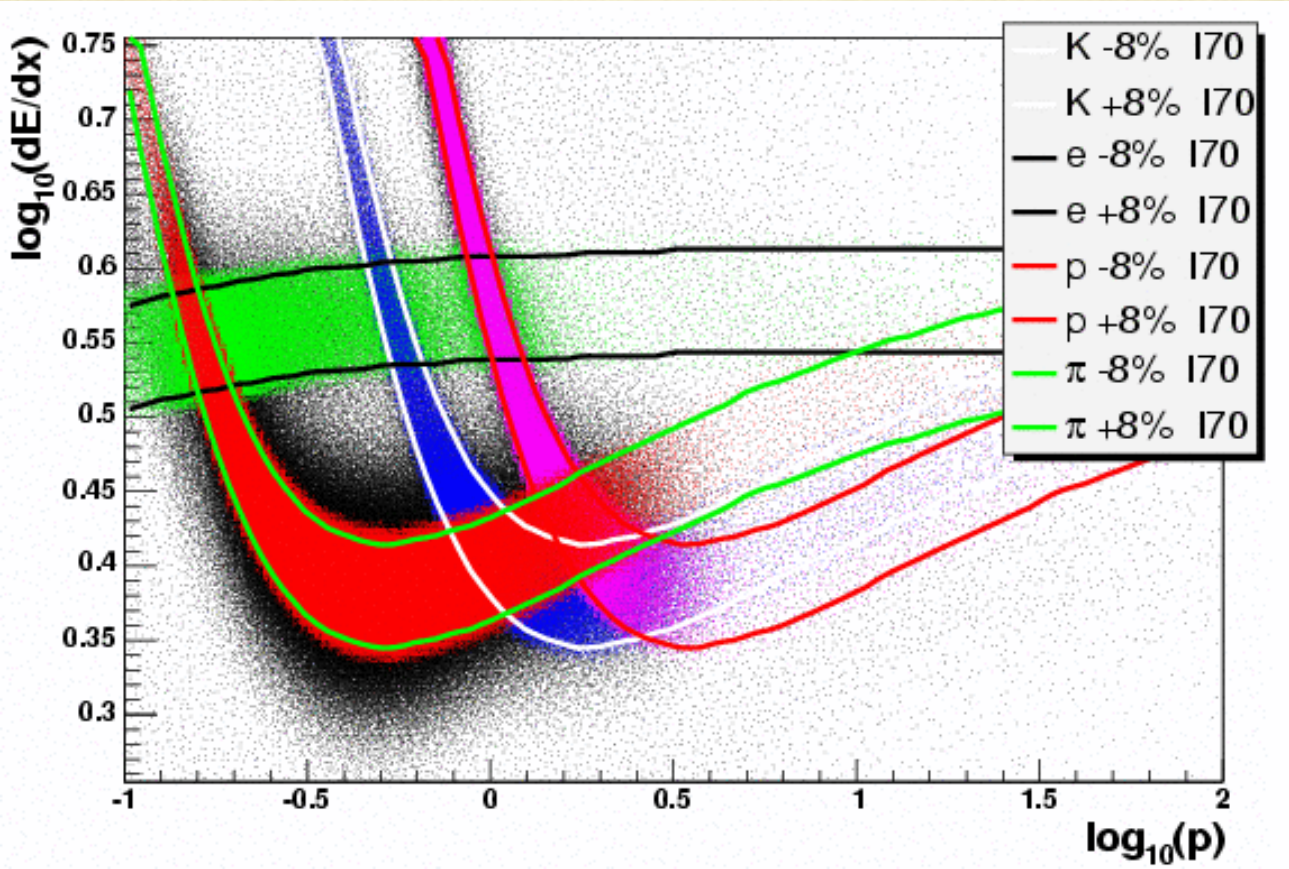

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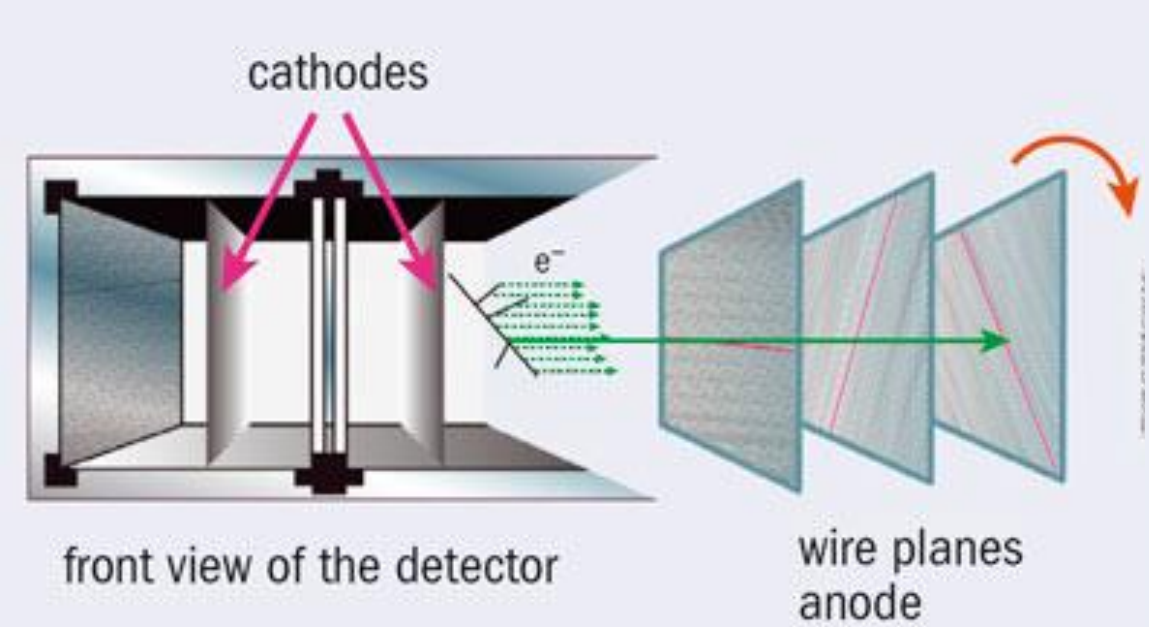
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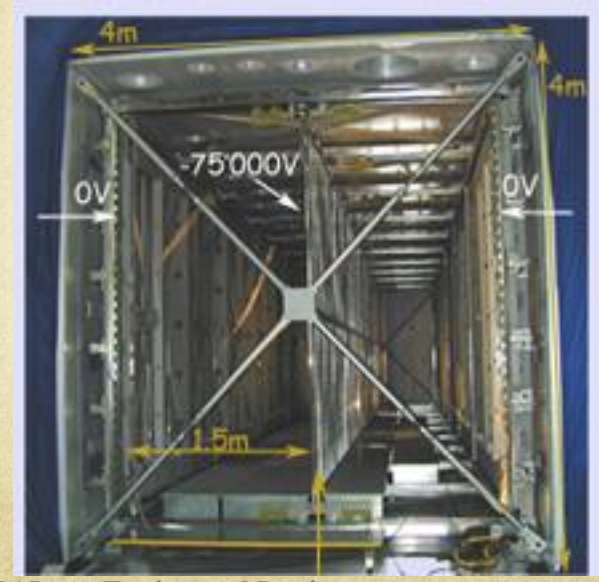
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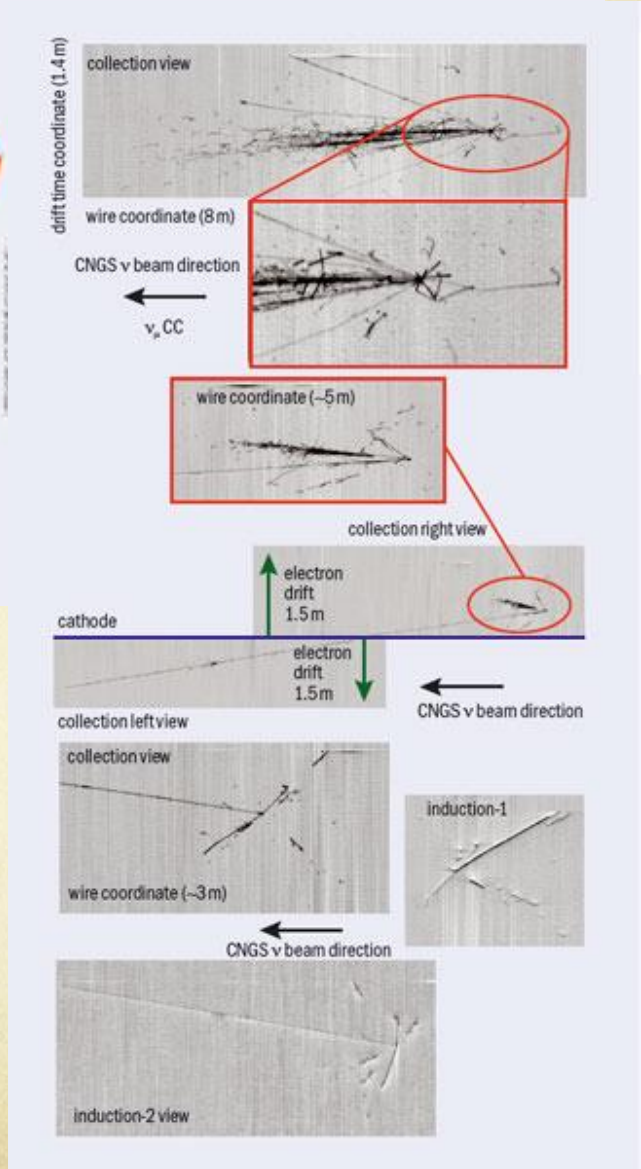
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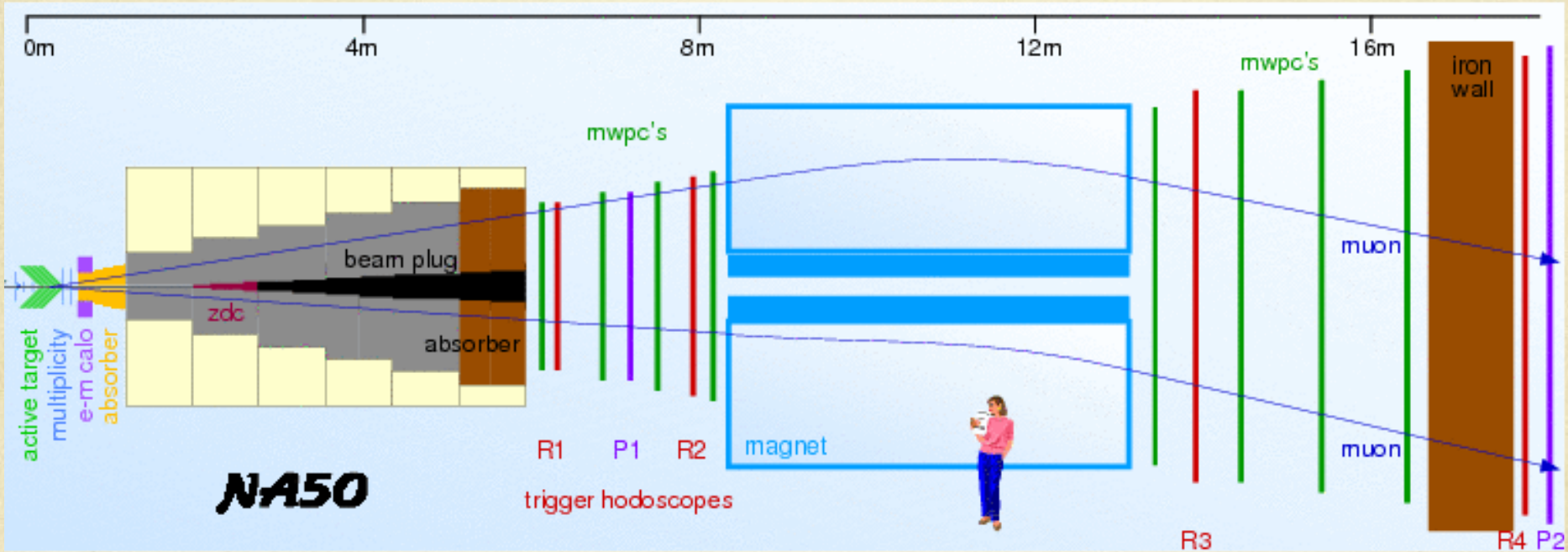

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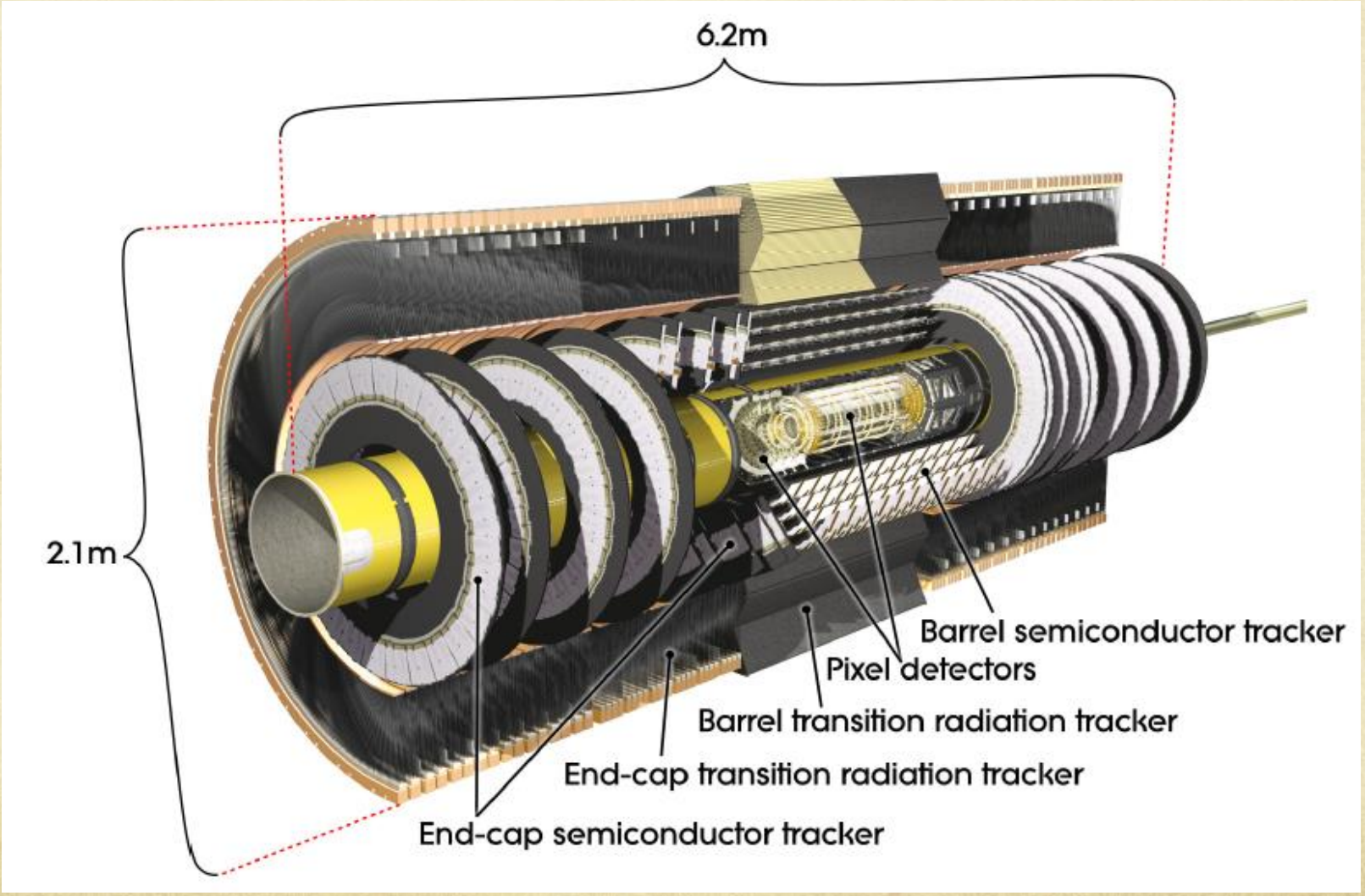

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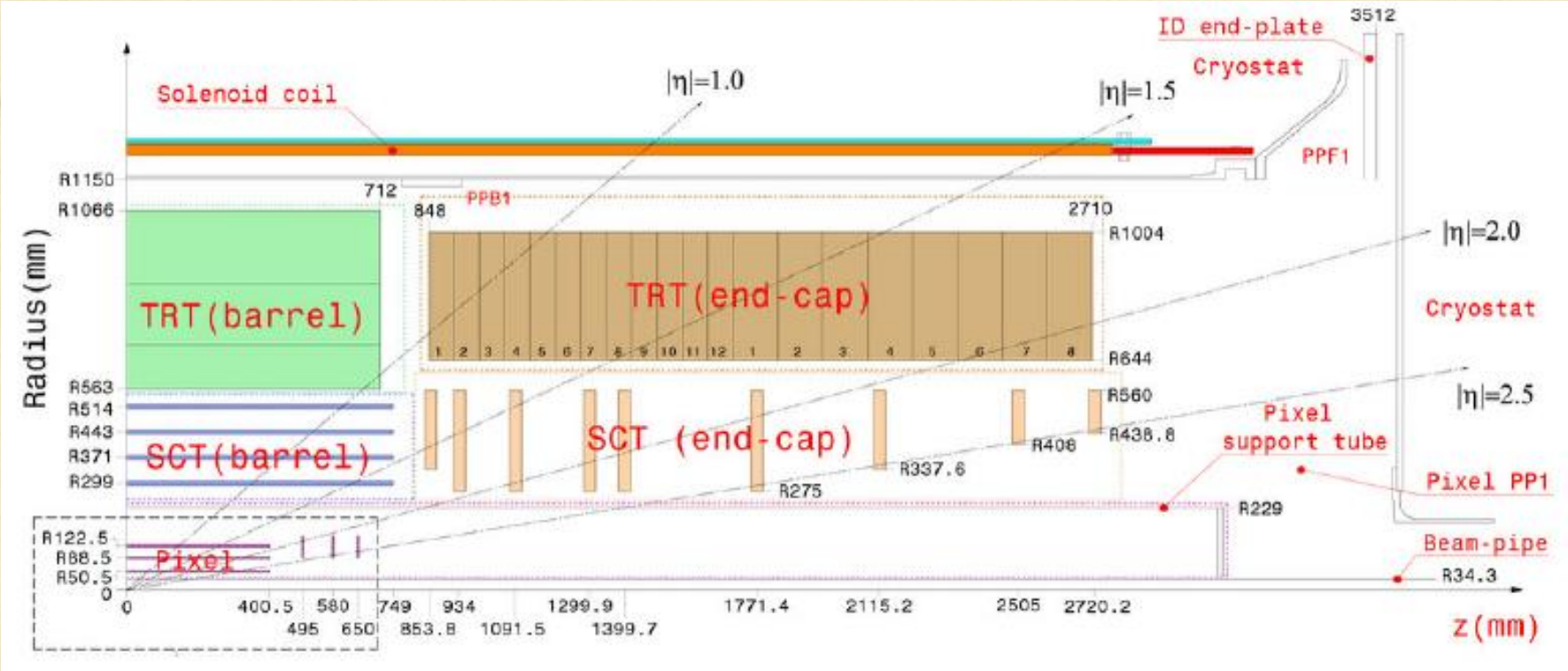

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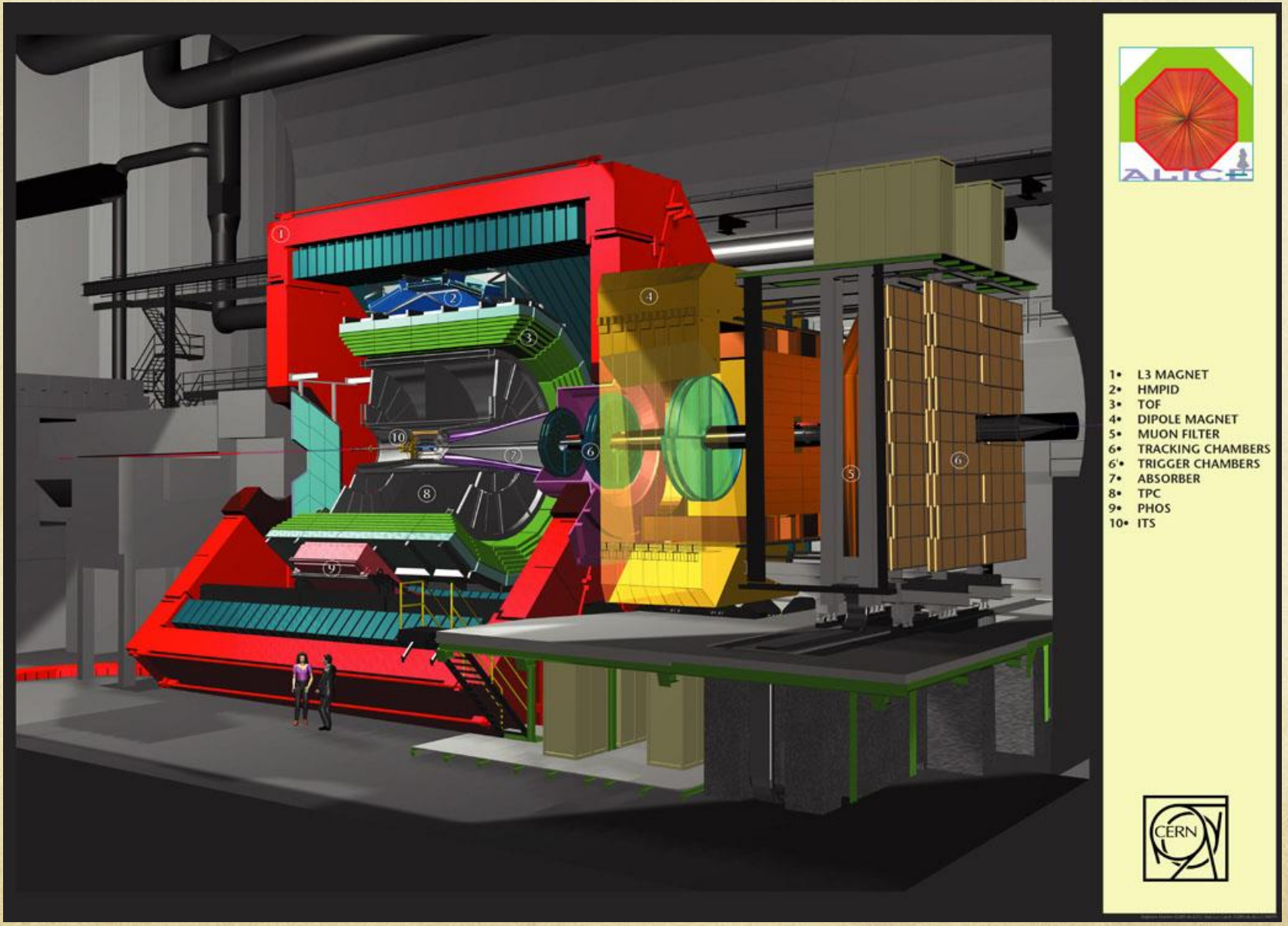
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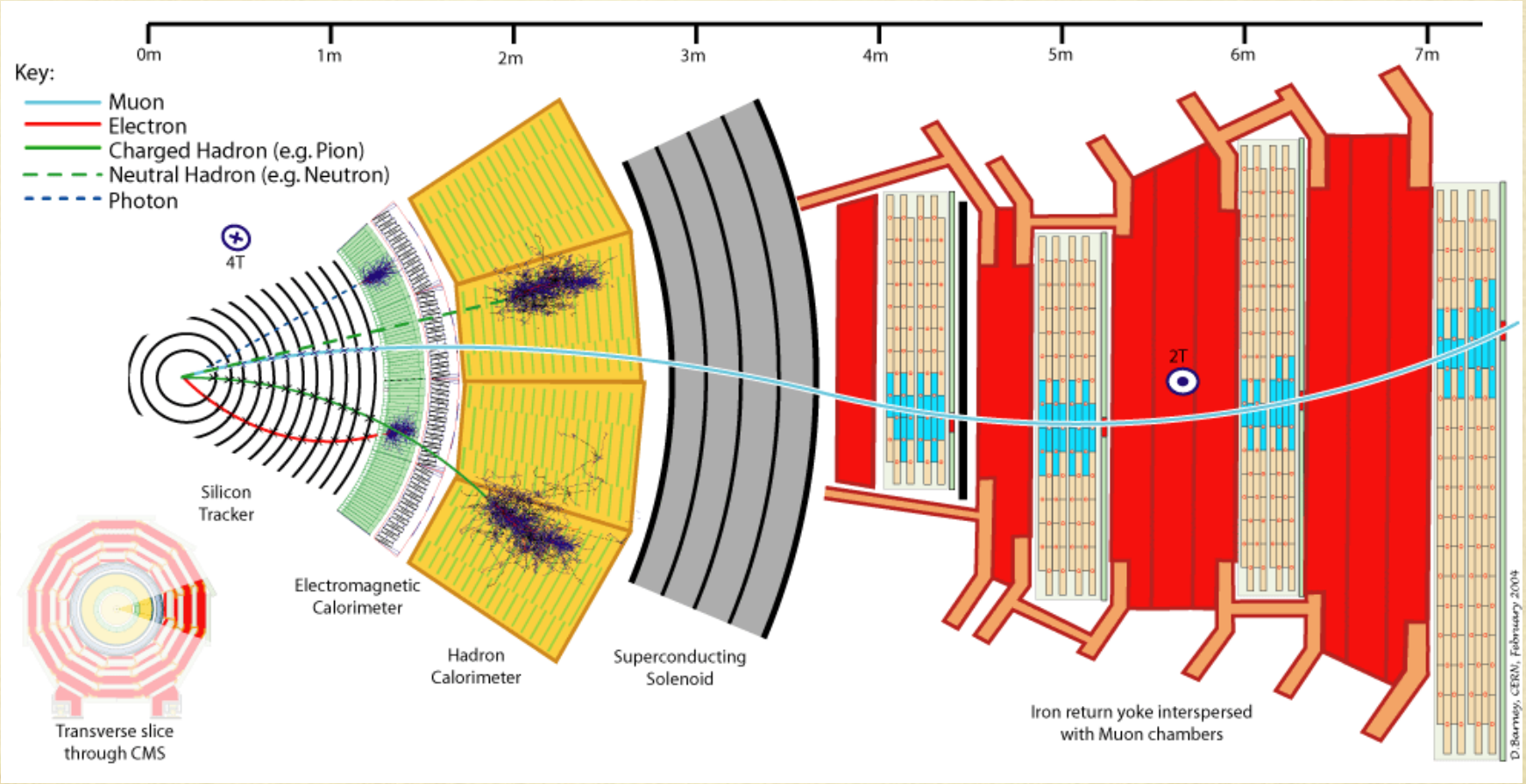
10• ITS
ALICE
CERN

CMS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Silicon Tracker
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Transverse slice through CMS
D.Barney, CERN, February 2004

More position sensitive detectors

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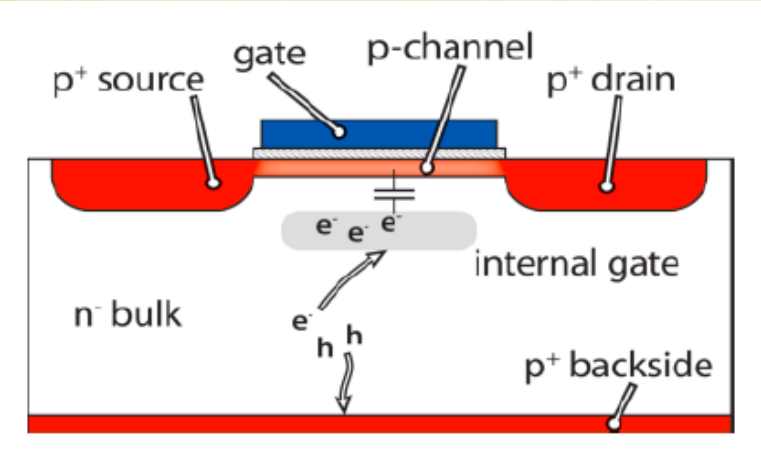

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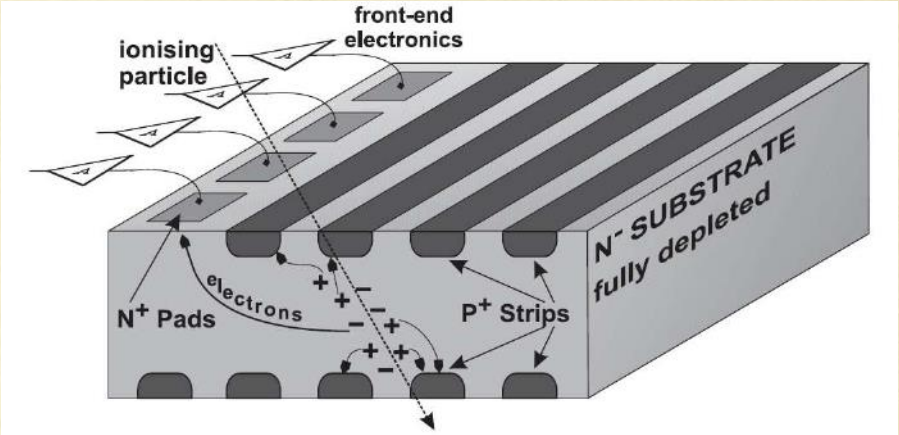

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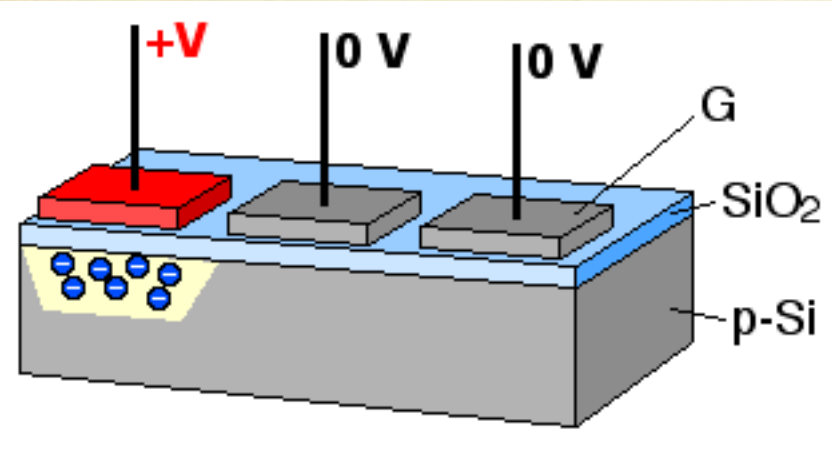

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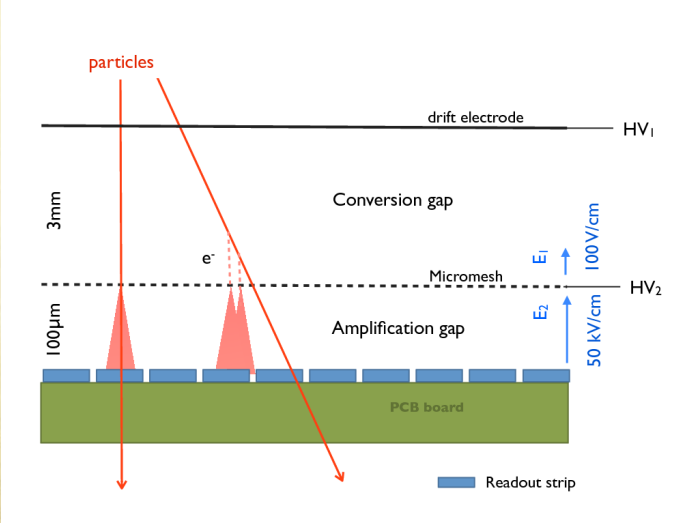

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