Particle identification

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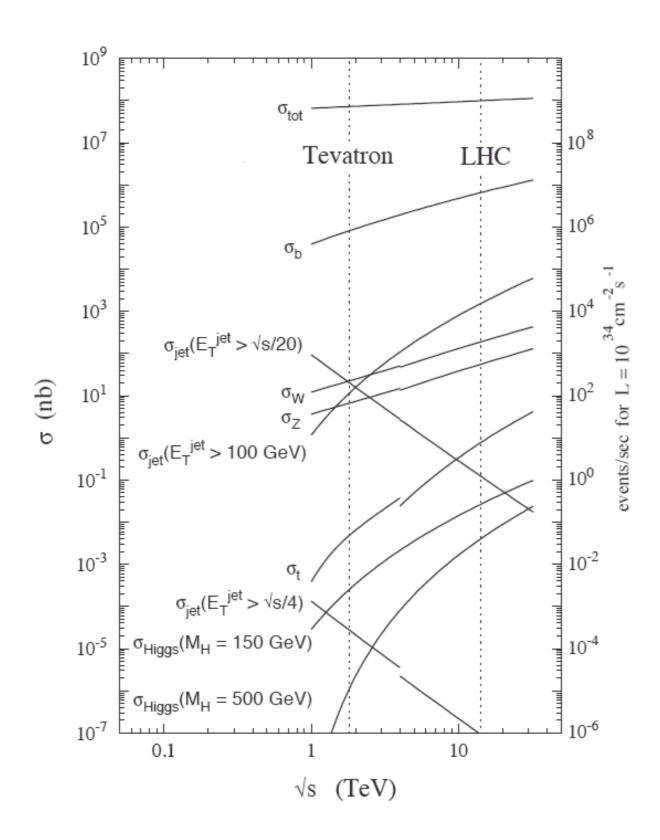




Why particle identification?

- Is particle X decaying to electrons or muons? Which are the corresponding branching ratio?
 - Understand properties (couplings) of this particle
- Use particle Identification to separate signal and backgrounds
 - To search for H->gamma gamma at LHC identify photons in the final state
- Use particle Identification to optimize measurement of complicated final state
 - «particle flow» event reconstruction in collider experiments

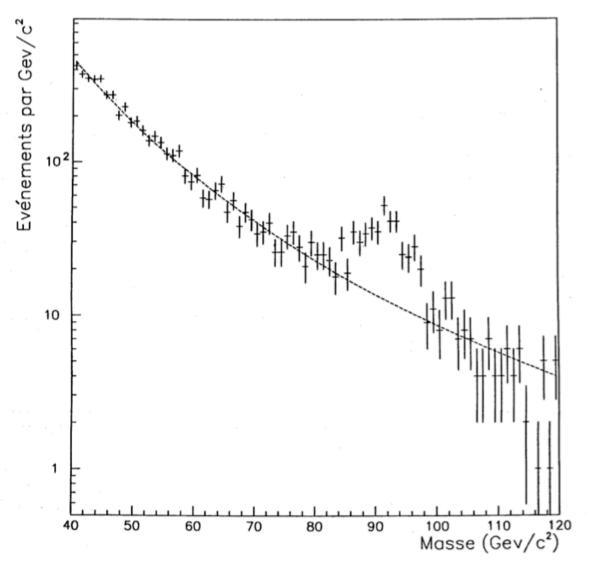
Cross-sections in hadron collider



High energy leptons give access to interesting physics processes

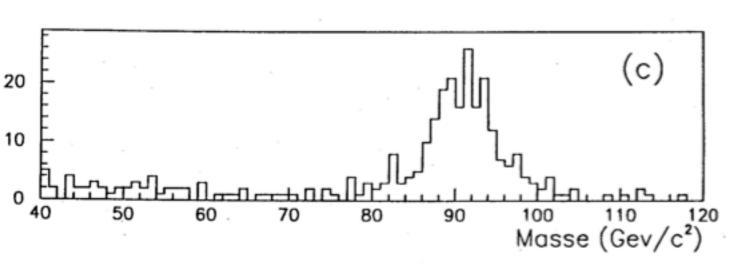
Some of these selections have to be done in real time (trigger) to reduce data rate to an acceptable level

Example of Z->ee sample in UA2 experiment (1988-1990 data)

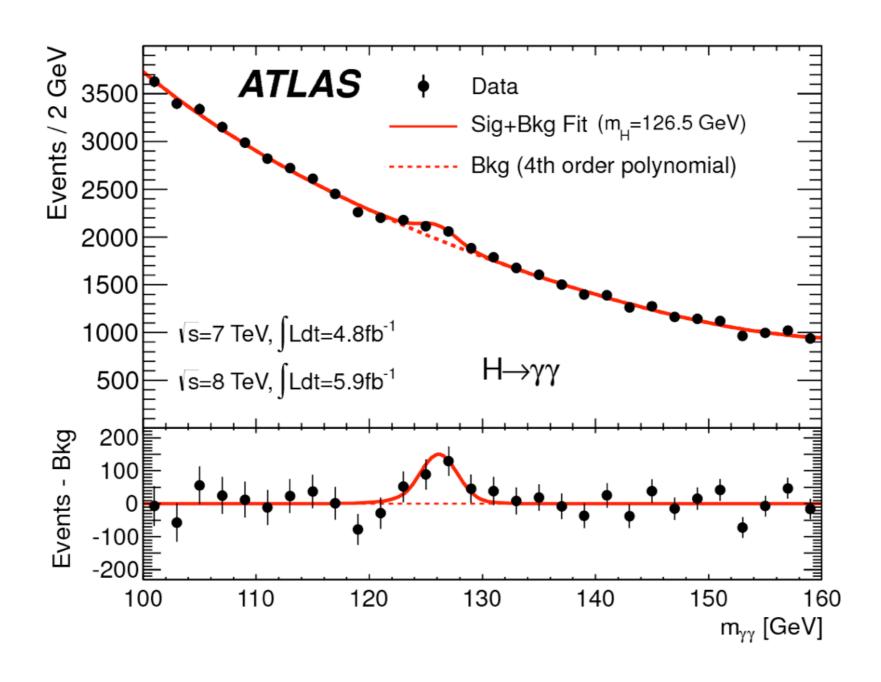


only calorimeter information S/B ~I/I

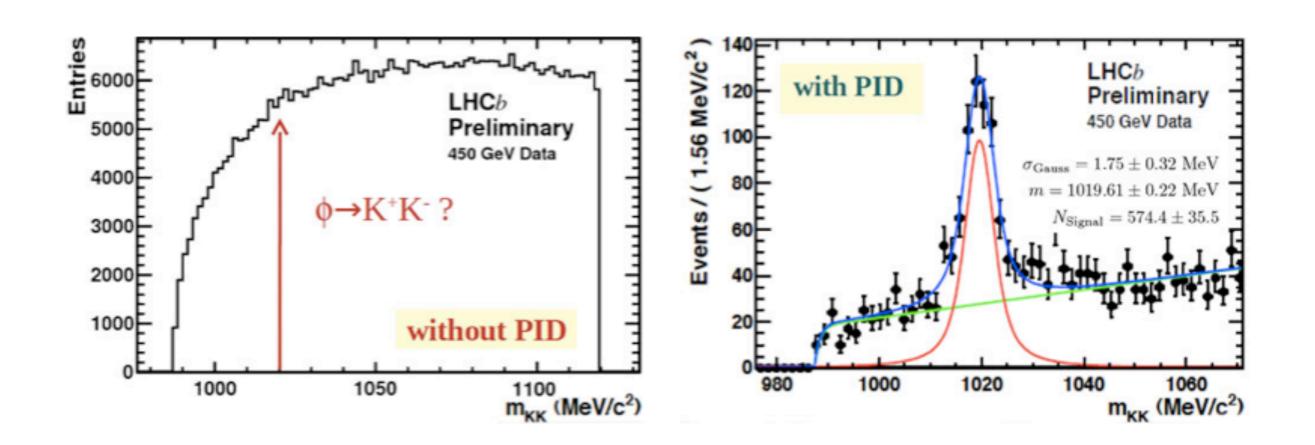
Adding matching to reconstructed track for electron identification



Detect Higgs boson through its decay to photons



Example of particle ID in flavor physics



many more examples where K/pion discrimination is important to study beauty and charm decays

Particle identification covers a wide range of techniques

- Exploit very different interaction of particles with matter (for instance calorimeter)
 - electron/photon/muon/hadron discrimination, neutrinos
- Measure mass of particle
 - Mass and charge enough to identify a particle
 - Once energy or momentum are measured, mass can be measured through measurement of beta (velocity) or gamma
 - mass from beta measurement works better a low energy
- Reconstruct decay of a particle to identify it
 - «identify» H by mass peak in H->gamma gamma
 - identify «long lived» particles by displaced decay vertex reconstruction

What is a «stable» particle?

- Only few known particles are stable: photon, electron, proton, neutron(in nuclei), neutrinos
- Everything else decays but sometime are stable «enough» at the scale of the detector
- L = beta.gamma.c.tau
- Can a E=40 GeV muons (tau=2.2 10⁻⁶s) in a collider experiment (size ~20m) be considered stable?
- Can a E=I GeV K0s (tau=8.9 10-11s) in a LHC experiment be considered stable? And a K0l (tau=5.10-8 s)?
- In which cases can a charged pion (tau=2.6 10⁻⁸s) be considered stable? And a neutral pion?

 Particle Identification depends on the experimental context and which particles are «directly» detected and which particle are «indirectly» detected (through their decay products)

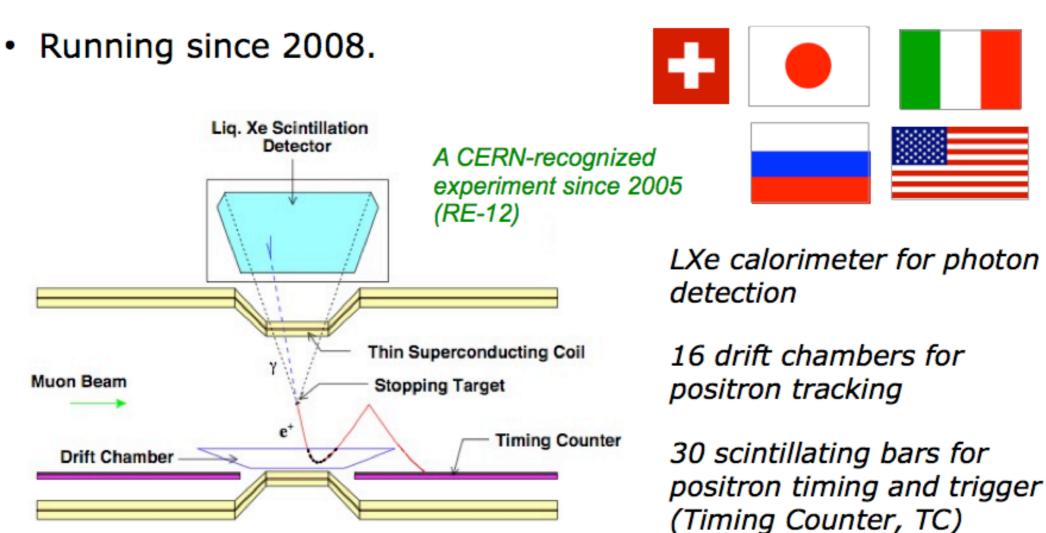
What is a «stable» particle?

- Mean path length = beta.gamma.c.tau
- Can a E=40 GeV muons (tau=2.2 10⁻⁶s) in a collider experiment (size ~20m) be considered stable ?
 - => gamma ~380, L ~250 km
- Can a E=I GeV K0s (tau=8.9 10-11s) in a LHC experiment be considered stable? And a K0l (tau=5.10-8 s)?
 - => gamma \sim 2, L \sim 5cm for K0s, L \sim 30m (K0L)
 - Ks -> pi+pi- or pi0 pi0
- In which cases can a charged pion (tau=2.6 10⁻⁸s) be considered stable? And a neutral pion?
 - L>~m if beta>~0.1 for charged pions. pi0 lifetime 8.10^{-17} s => ~never «stable»

Example of an experiment looking for new ultra rare muon decay

The MEG experiment (arXiv:1303.2348)

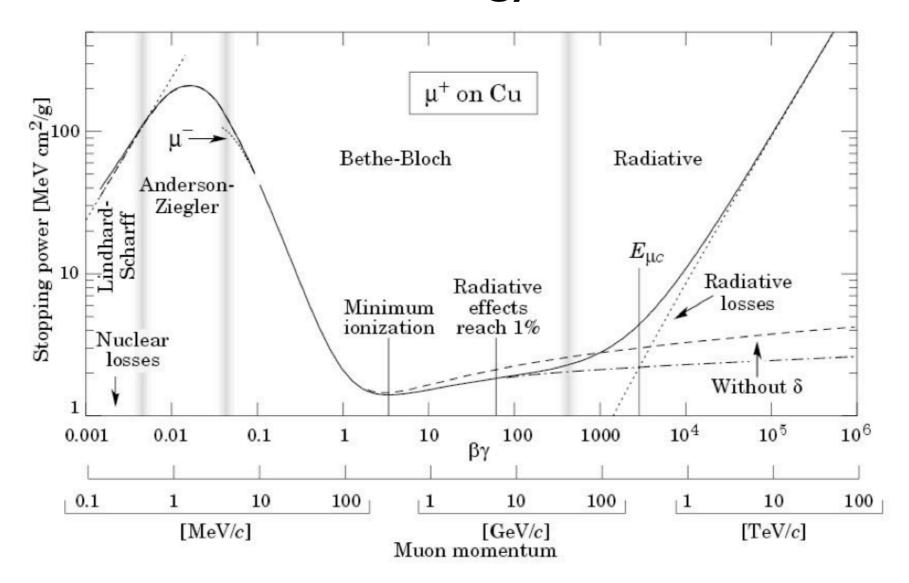
 A search for μ → e γ with the most intense DC muon beam of the world (3 x 10⁷ μ/s @ PSI, Switzerland);



Exploiting different interactions with matter

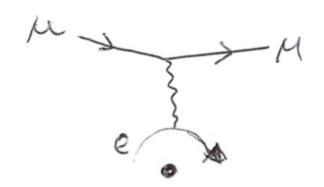
- Mostly useful for e / muon / «hadron» discrimination
- In collider, high energy hadrons are not isolated but produced in «jets» from high energy quark and gluons
- Neutrinos are a special case

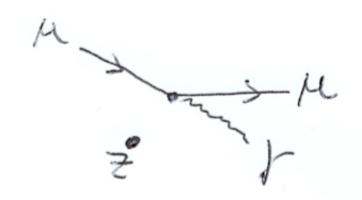
Muon energy loss



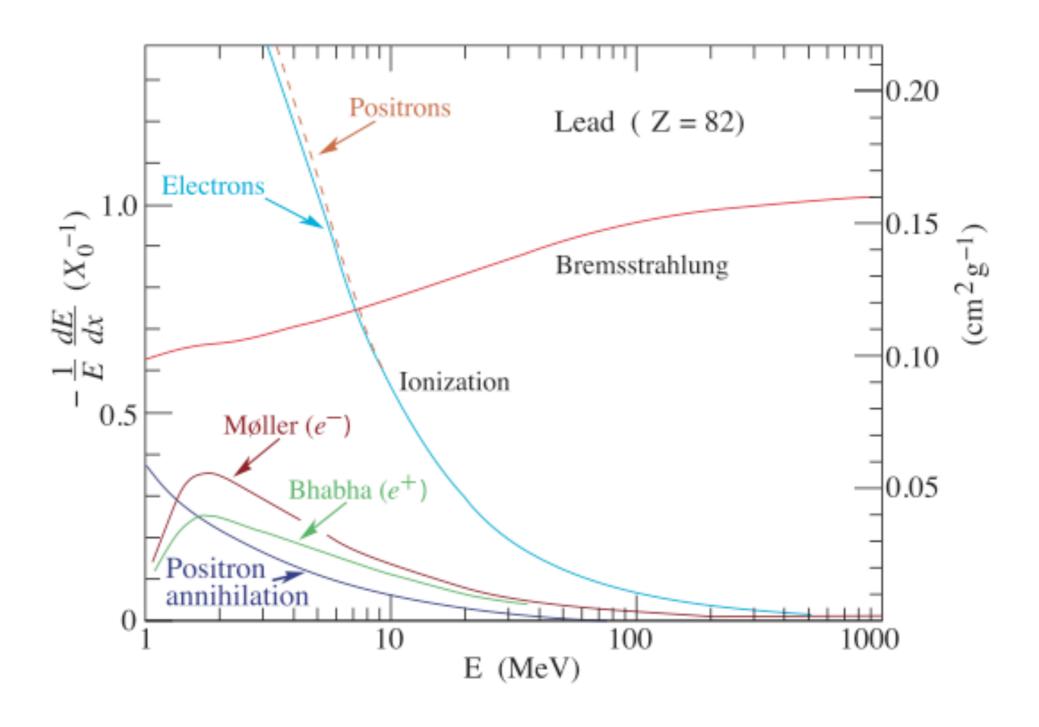
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Bremsstrahlung

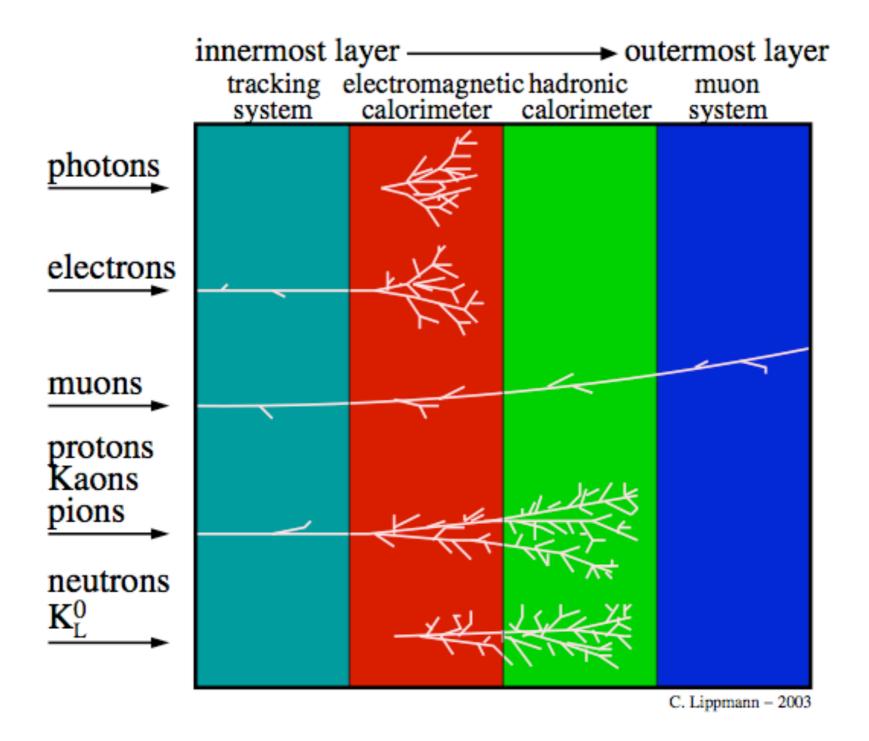




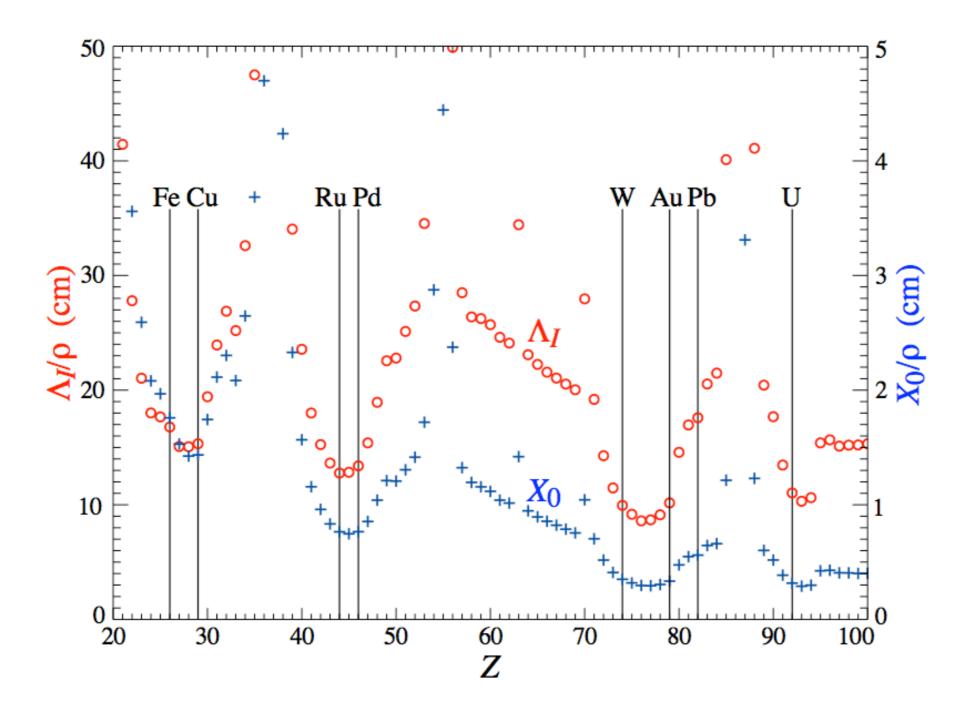
Electron energy loss



Sketch of particle interactions in detector

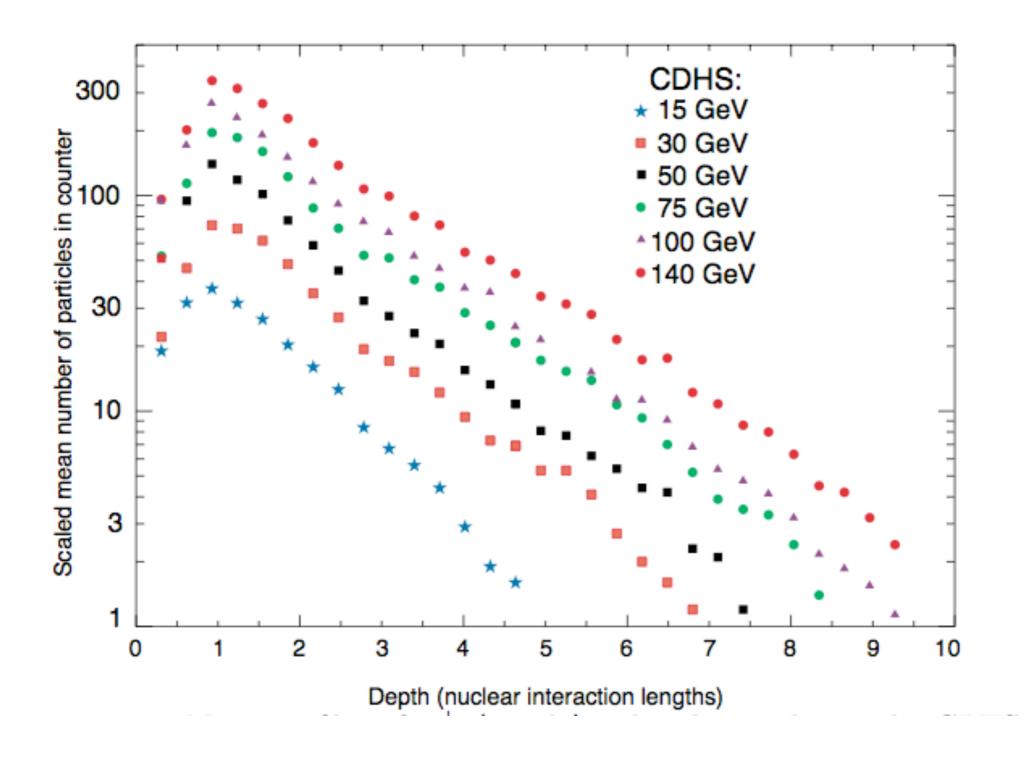


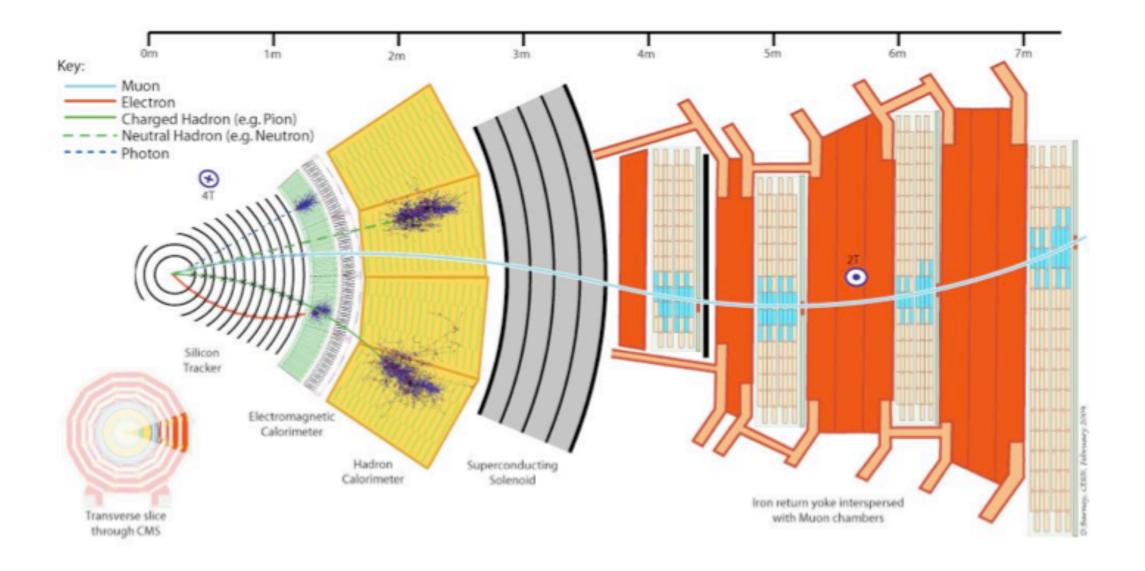
X0 = distance in which electron energy is reduced by I/e by bremsstrahlung Lambda_I = interaction length for hadronic interaction



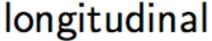
$$X_0 = \frac{716.4 \cdot A}{Z(Z+1) \ln \frac{287}{\sqrt{Z}}} \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$$

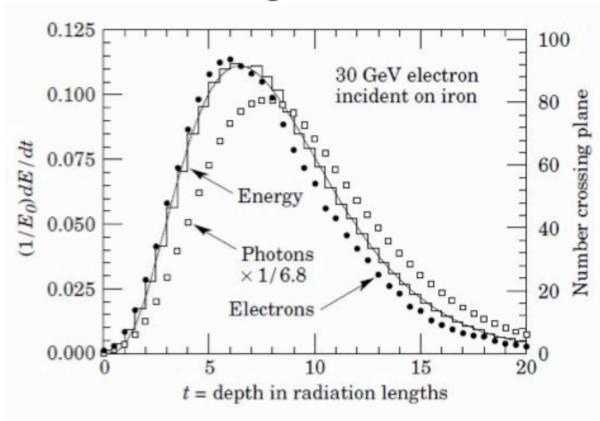
How thick should a hadron calorimeter be ?





Calorimeter showers initiated by e / photon





Difference electron-photon?

Photon has to convert first $P(\text{not convert}) \sim \exp(-7/9*x/x0)$

lateral

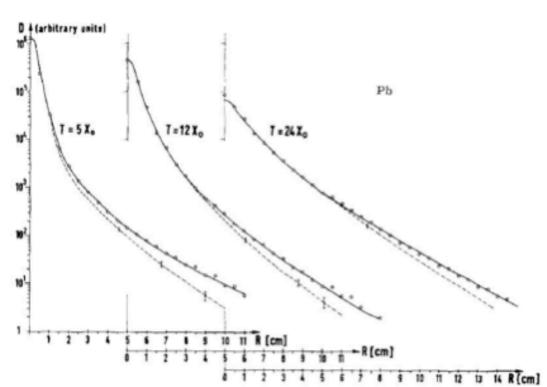


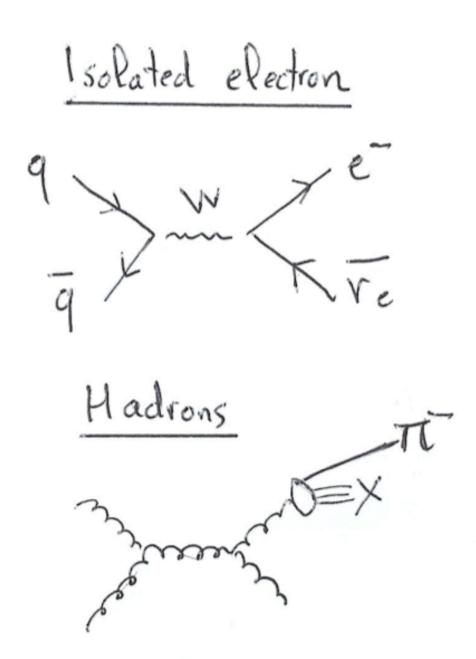
Fig. 4. Measured lateral distribution for lead (circles) in comparison with Monte-Carlo results (dotted line with error bars).

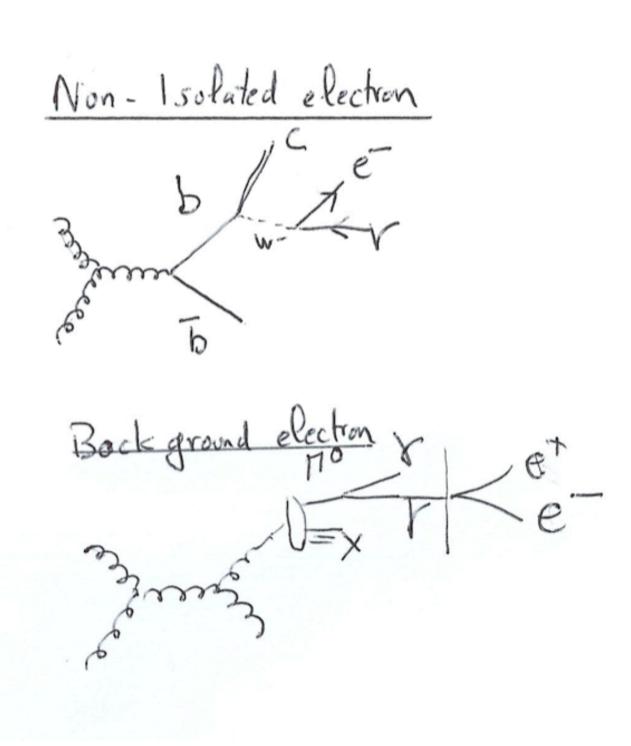
Moliere radius ~X0.(21MeV/Ec) cylinder of ~2 Rm contains ~ 95% of energy

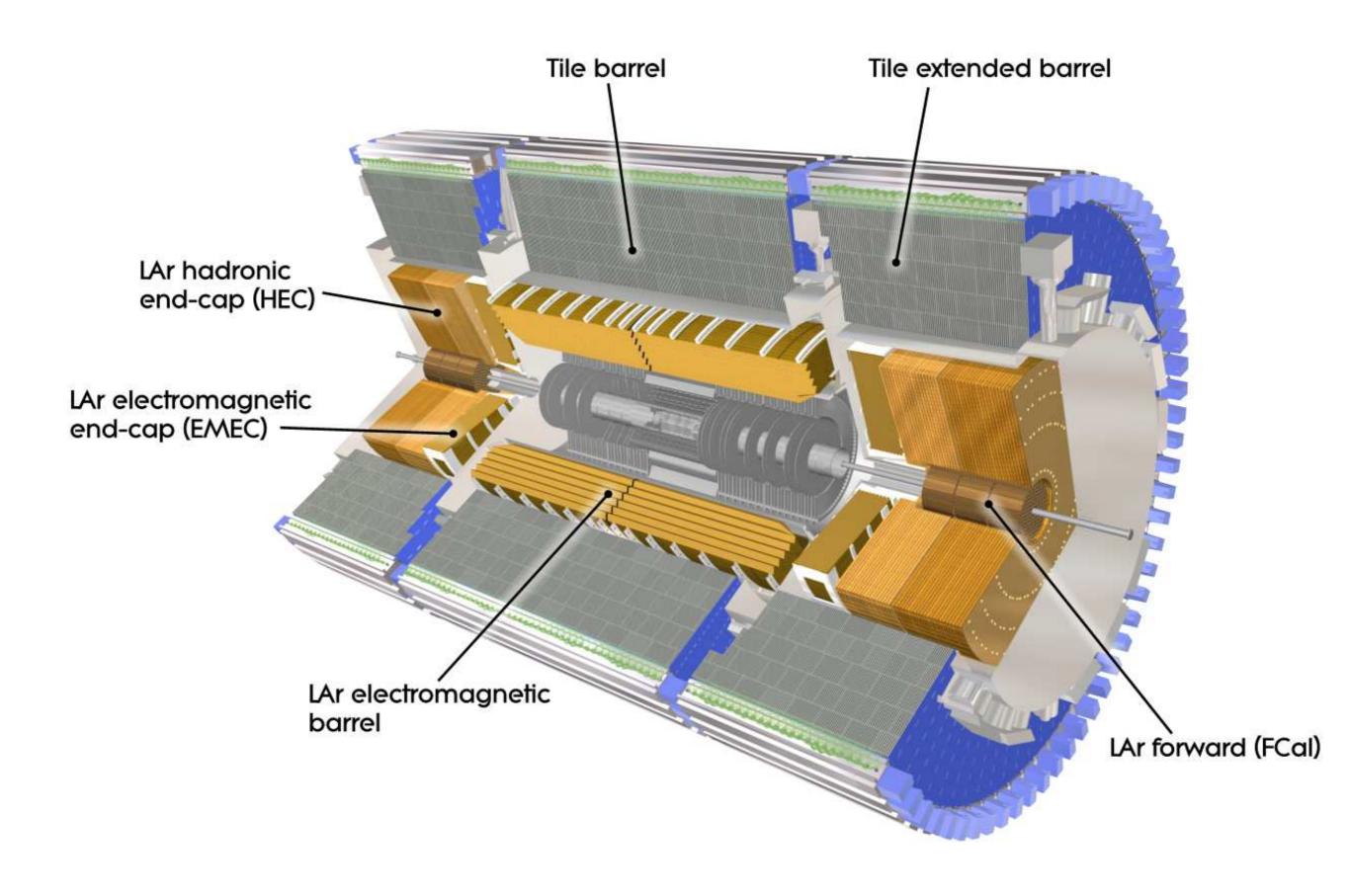
Electron identification in hadron colliders

- High energy charged leptons are usually indication of «interesting» physics events, for instance decays of W or Z boson
- What are the backgrounds?
- How to distinguish «good» electrons from them?

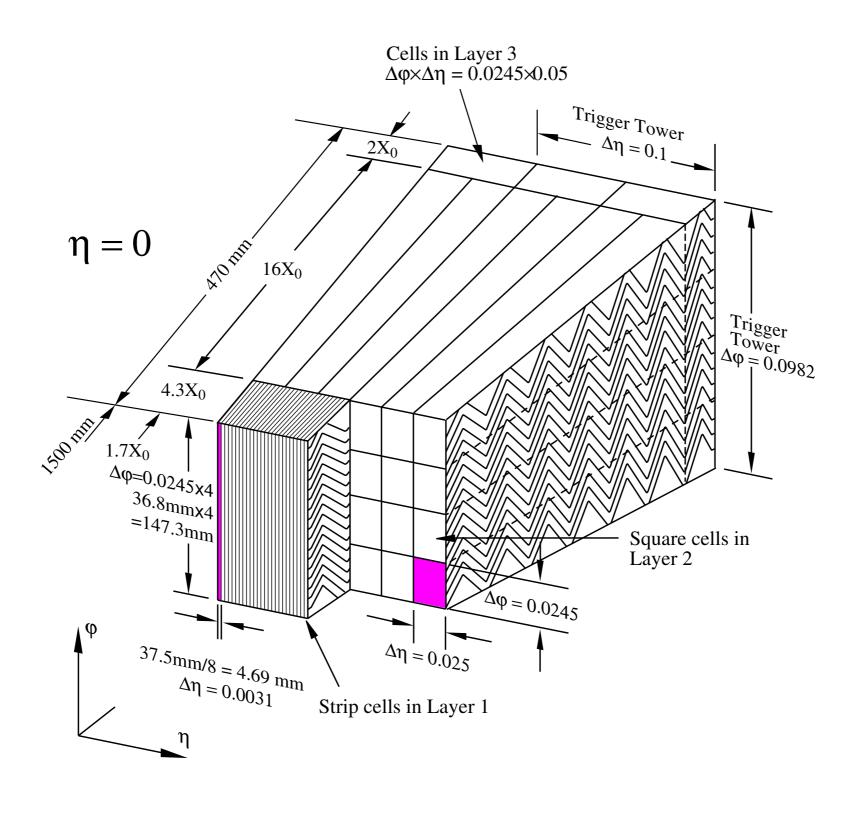
Description of different type of electron backgrounds

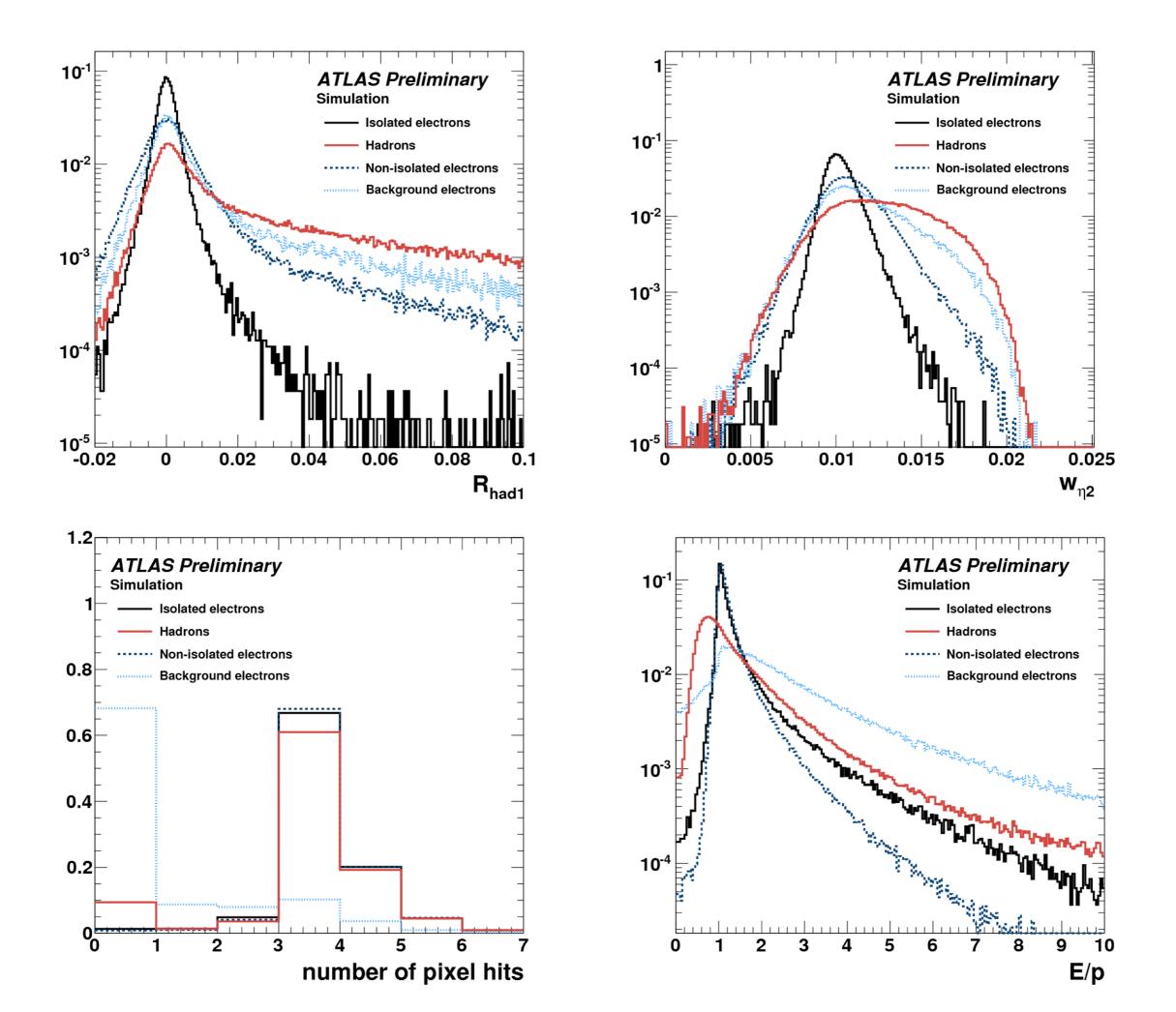


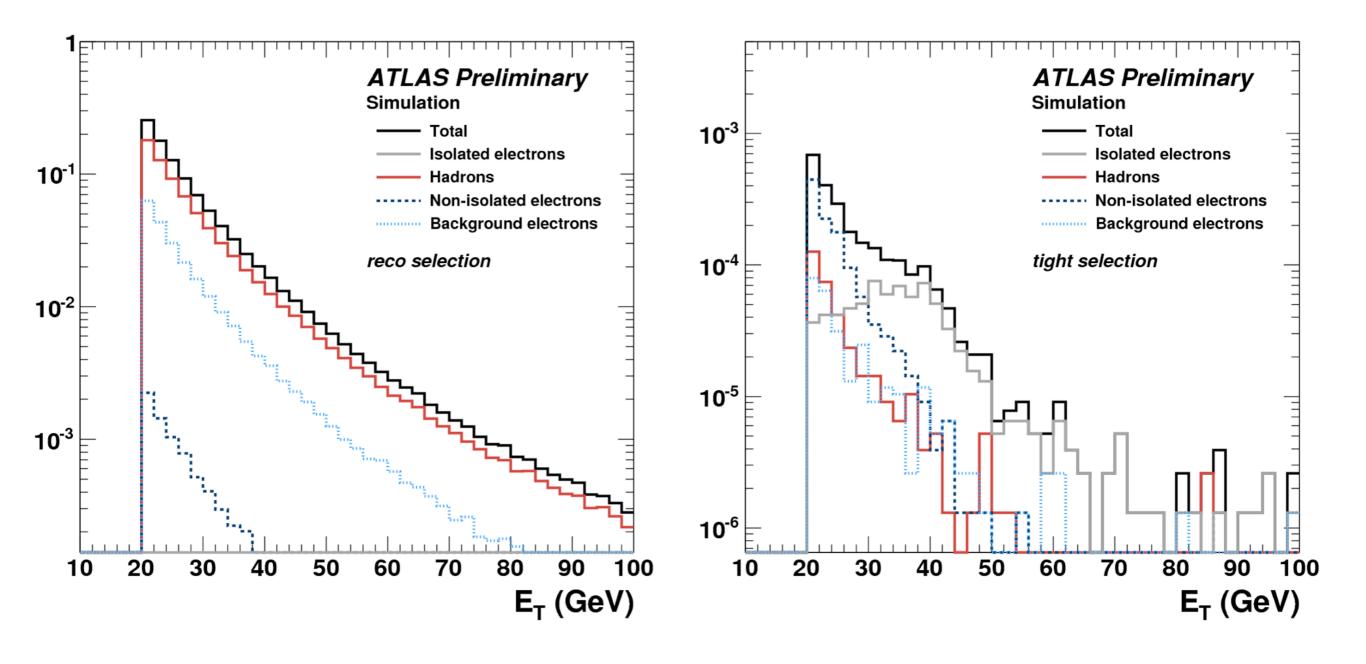




Granularity of EM calorimeter to measure shower development

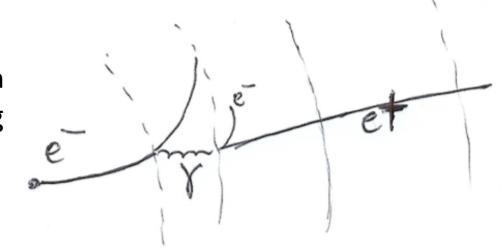


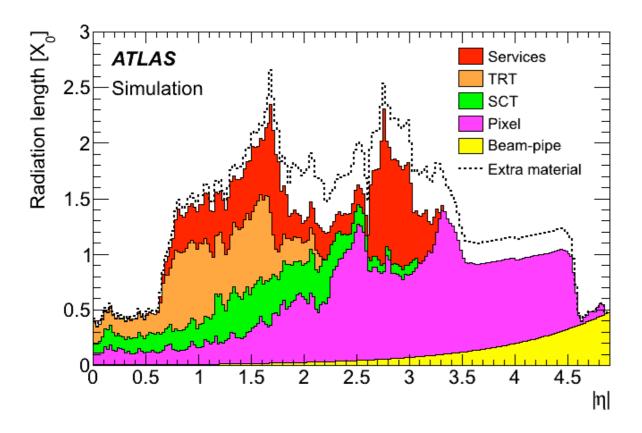


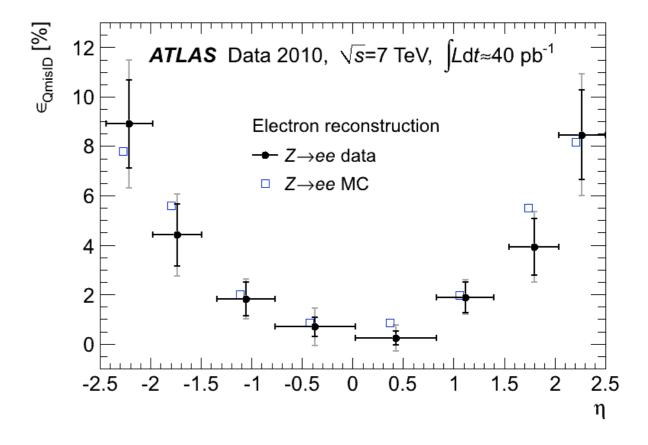


Electron charge

Calorimeter does not measure electron charge
Use track curvature in magnetic field for that
Main possibility of mistake for electron: Interaction with
the inner detector material giving rise to bremstrahlung
and conversions and not getting the «right» track





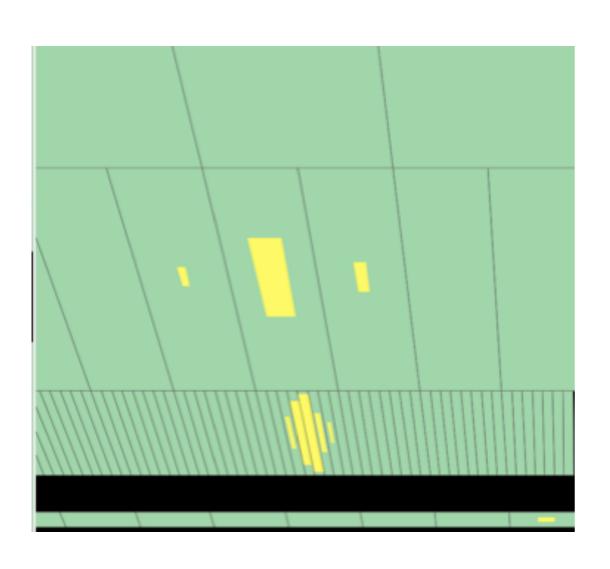


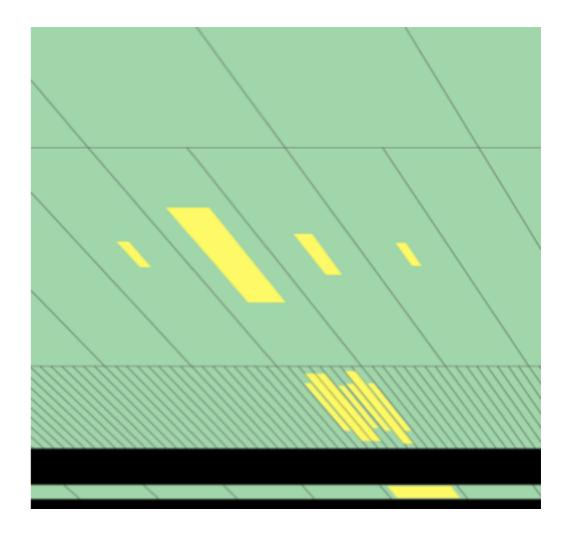
Photon identification in collider experiment

Background from high energy pi0->gamma gamma What is the separation between the photons?

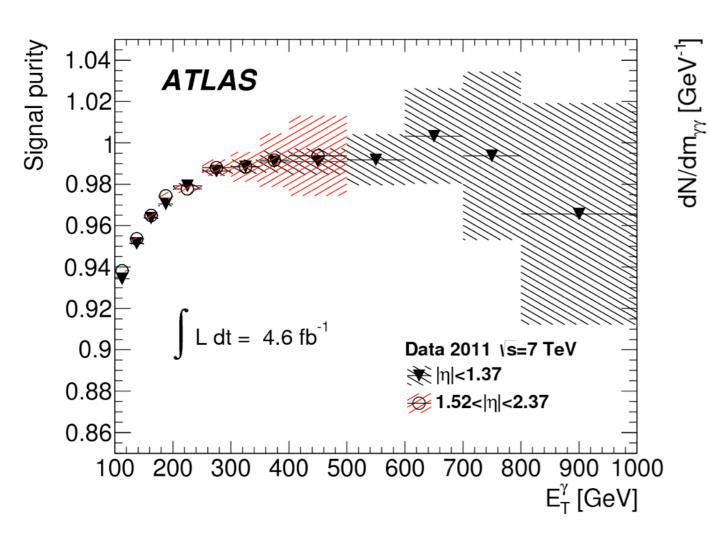
What information can be exploited?

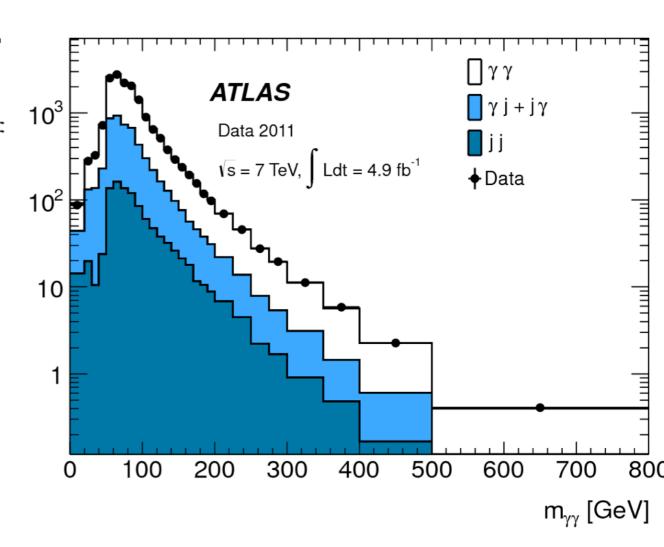
theta_min ~2/gamma ~0.0067 at E=40 GeV => Icm @ R=150cm





Example of photon identification performance in ATLAS





High energy inclusive photon Purity >95%

Di photon events at intermediate mass Purity ~70-80%

Some of these techniques are also used in Space

- Fermi LAT: identify and measure ~50 MeV to ~300 GeV gamma rays with good angular resolution
- AMS: look for antimatter in space => particle identification and charge measurement

Fermi LAT

4x4 array of identical towers (tracker + calorimeter) surrounded by an Anti-Coincidence Detector

Tracker-

 18 layers (x-y) with silicon strip detectors + tungsten conversion foil

· 2 sections (depending on W thickness):

Thin (front): 12x0.03X

Thick (back): 4x0.18X

· No W in the 2 bottom layers

• 1.4 X_o on axis

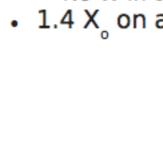
Calorimeter

• 8.6 X

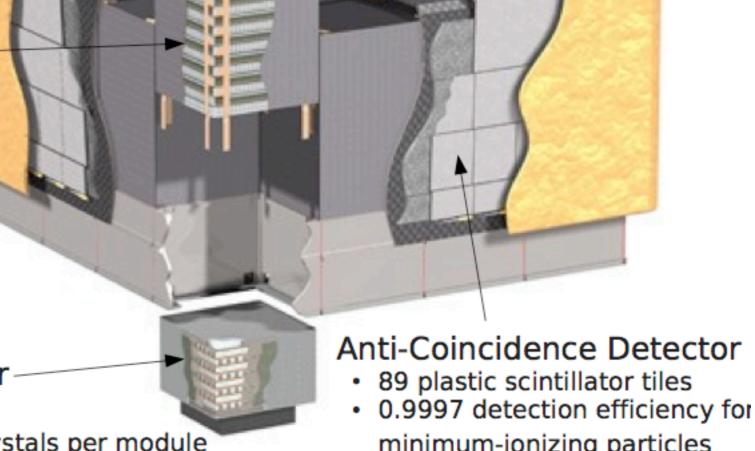
96 Csl crystals per module

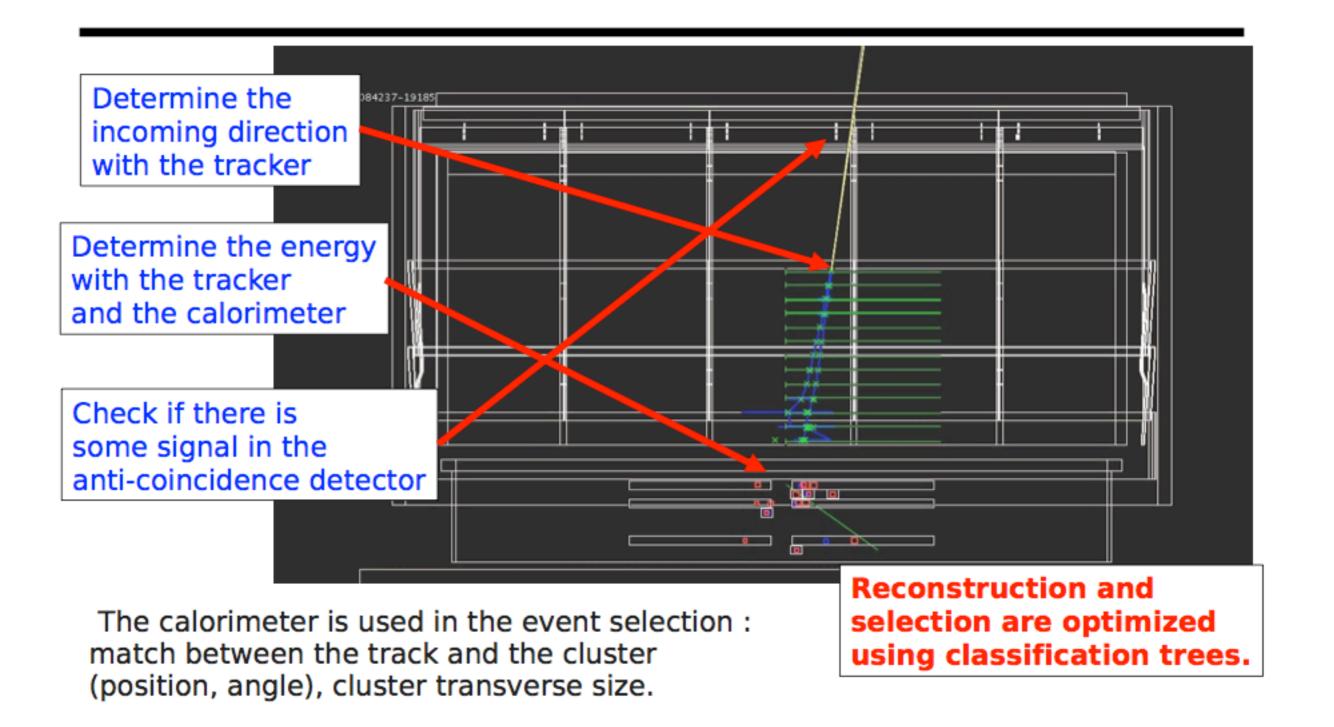
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minimum-ionizing particles

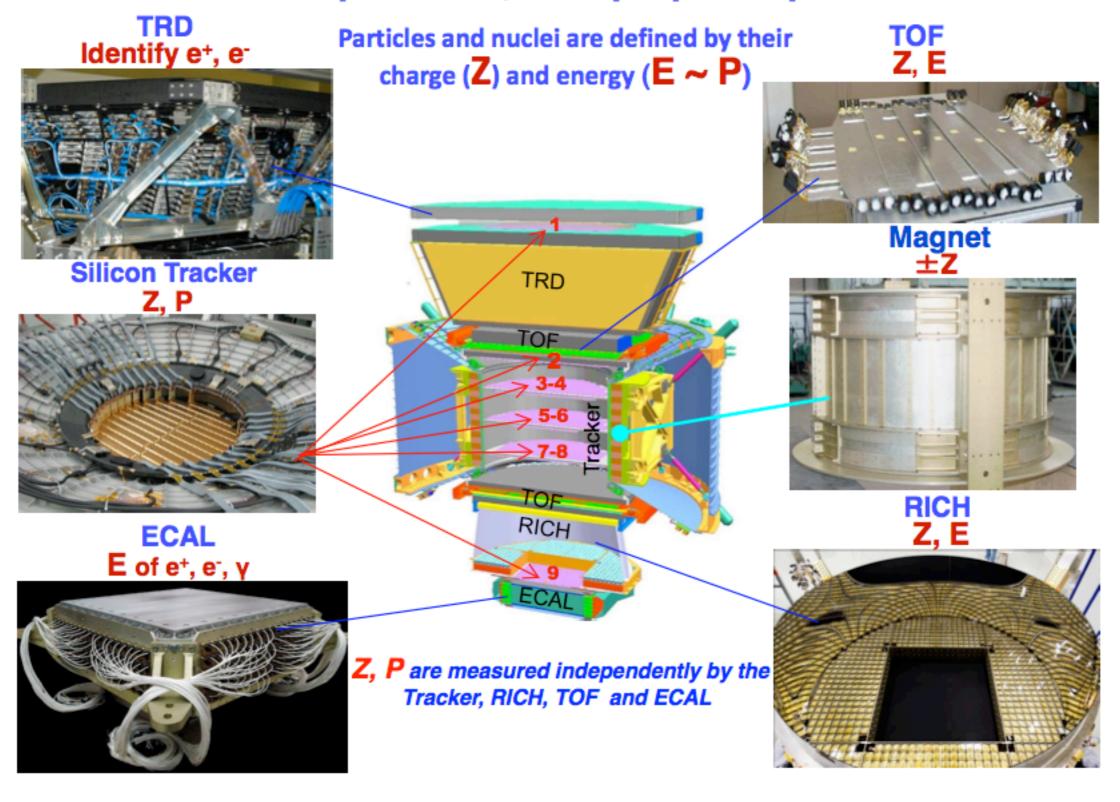






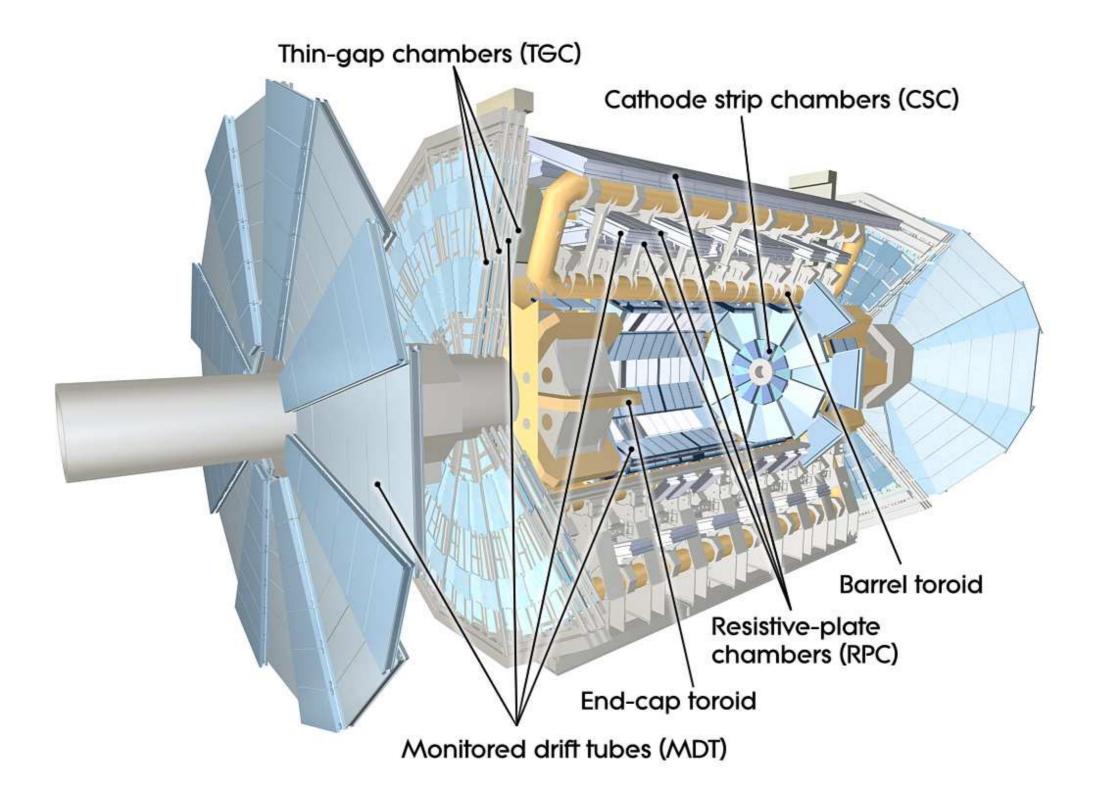


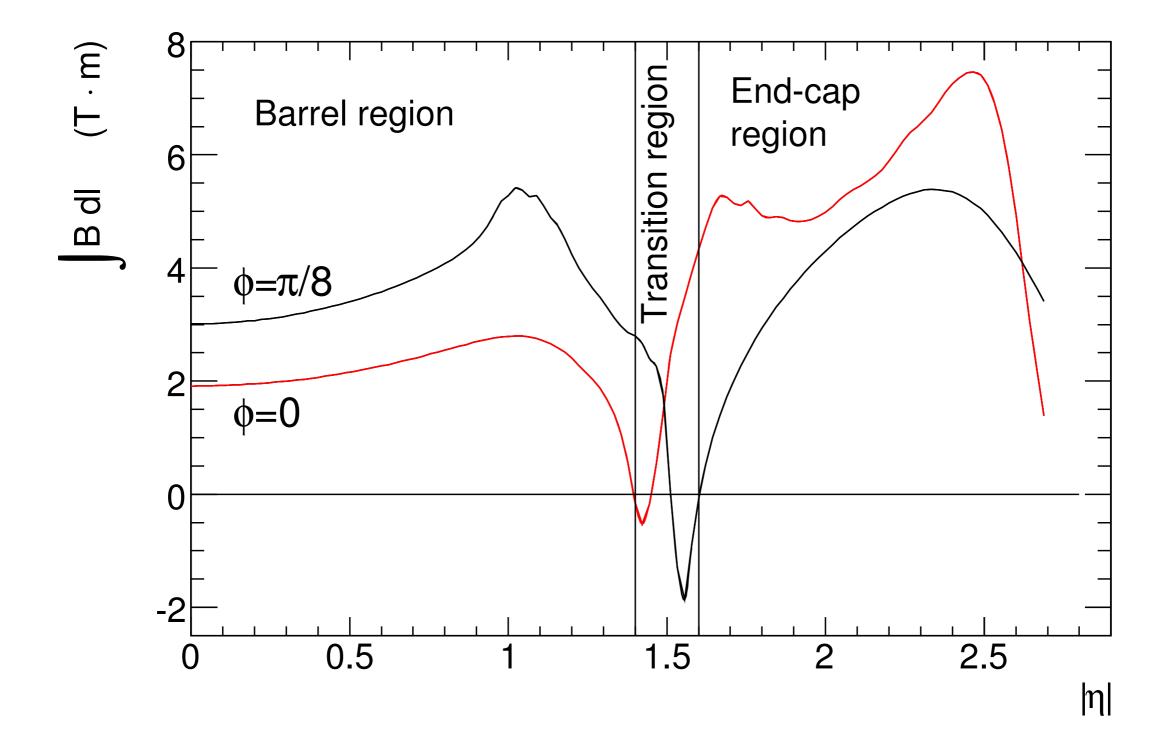
AMS: A TeV precision, multipurpose spectrometer



Muon identification in hadron colliders

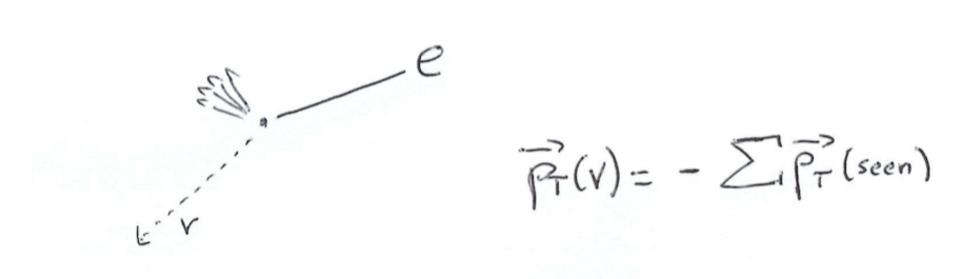
- Muons are usually clean signatures, less background than electrons
- Main sources of «muons»
 - punch through of hadronic showers
 - pi/k decays in the inner detector
 - Semileptonic B-hadron decays => «true» non-isolated muons
- Precise measurement of muons requires large magnetic detectors



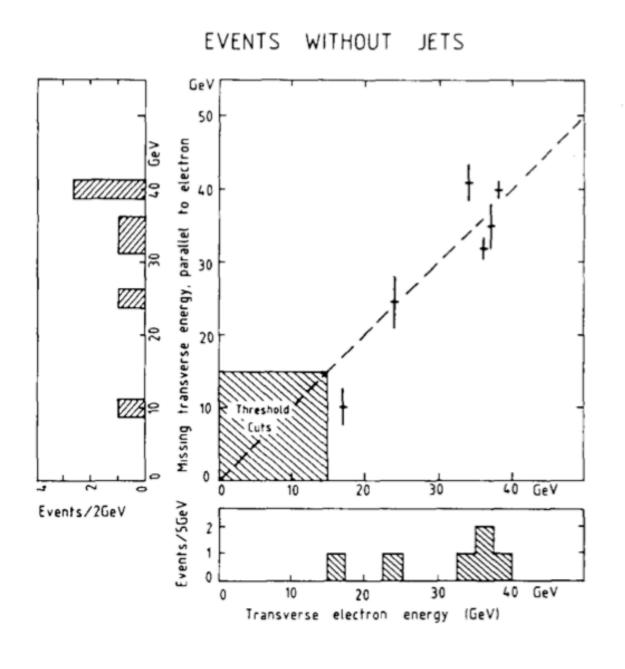


Neutrino «identification» in hadron colliders

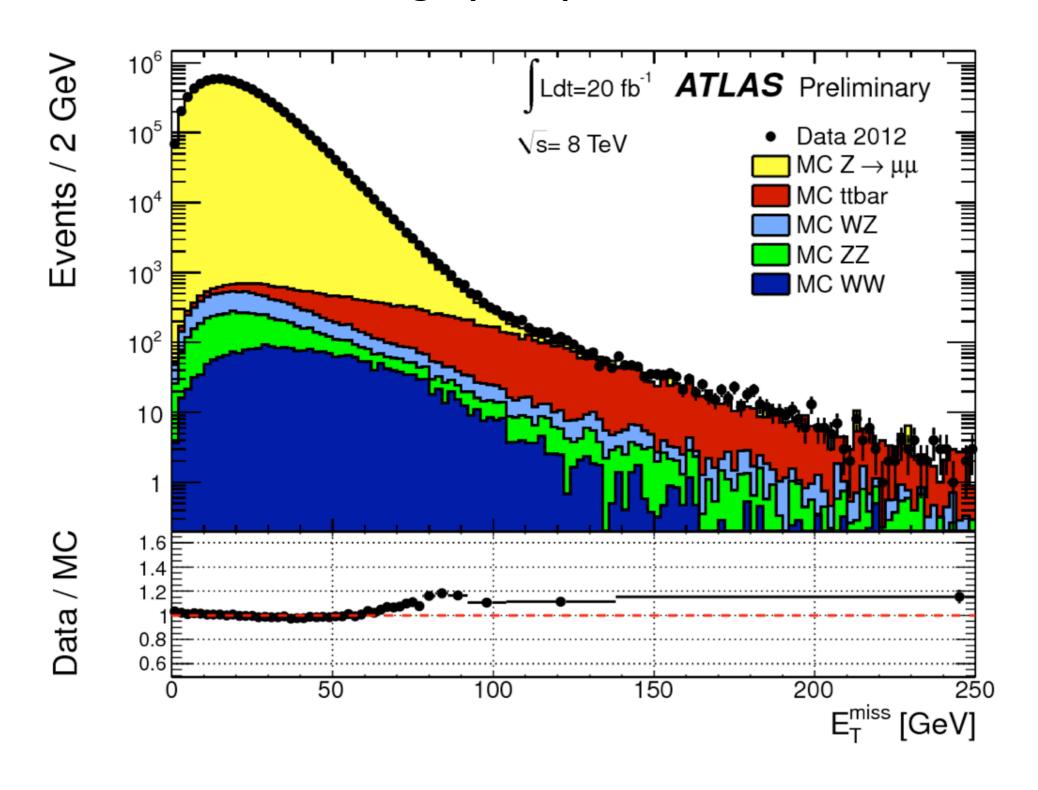
- The probability of neutrino interaction in a collider experiment is ~null
- How to measure something that one does not detect?



Missing transverse momentum for W boson discovery (1983)



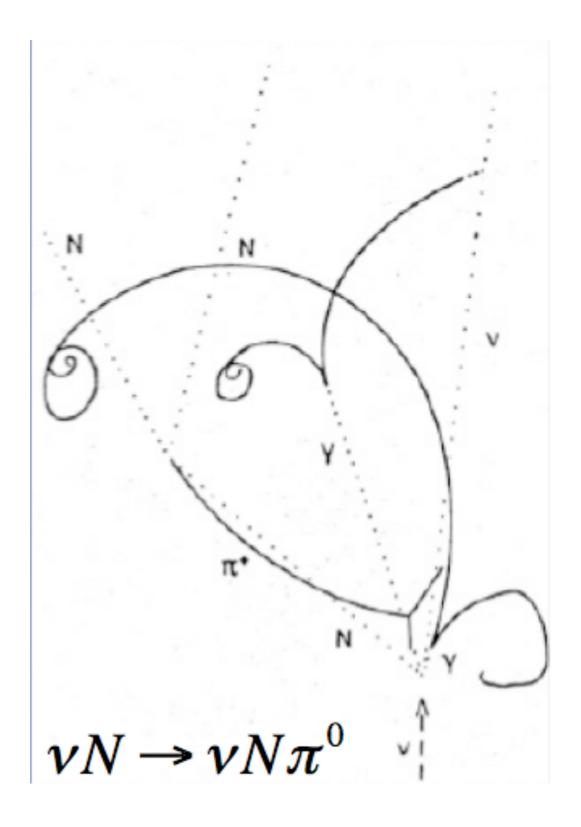
Missing transverse momentum in LHC under high pileup conditions



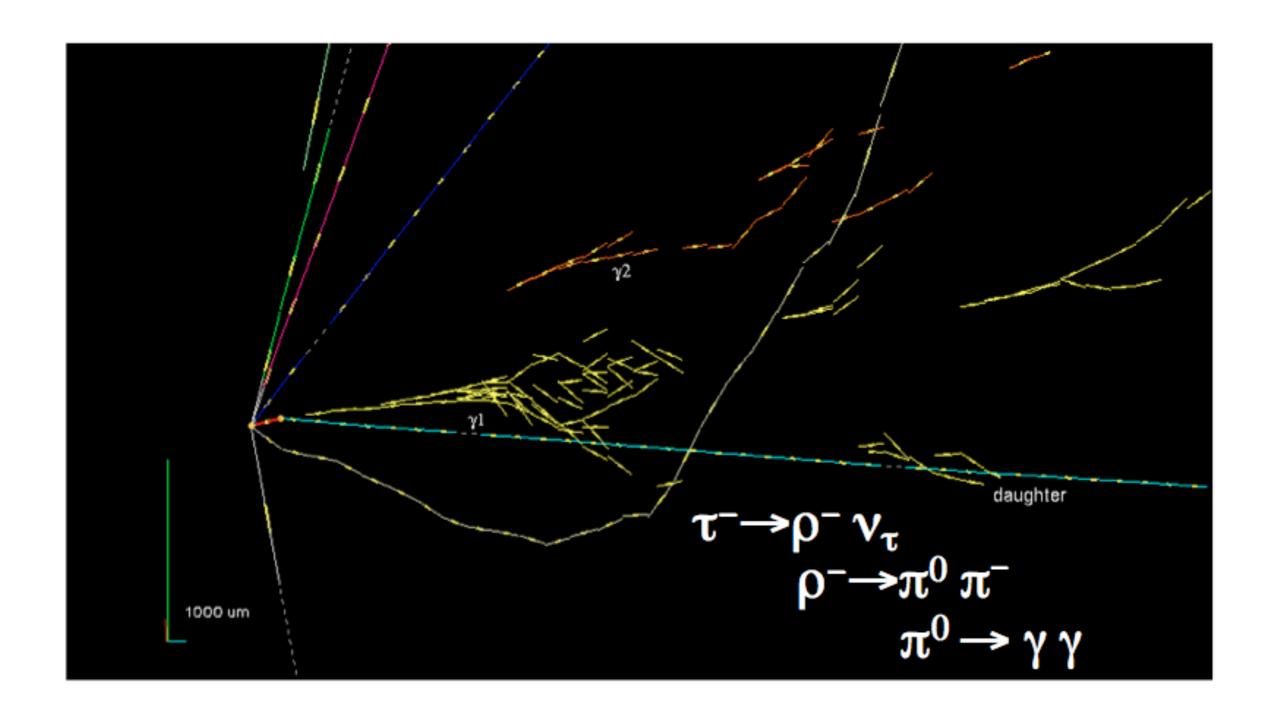
Direct detection of neutrinos

- High flux of incoming neutrinos (for instance neutrino beams)
- High mass detector
- => can observed neutrino interactions
 - Charged currents: produce e,mu or tau depending on neutrino flavor at the interaction
 - Neutral currents: ~universal for all (non-sterile) neutrinos
- Neutrino cross-section increases with energy
 - at O(> PeV) energy, earth becomes opaque to neutrinos

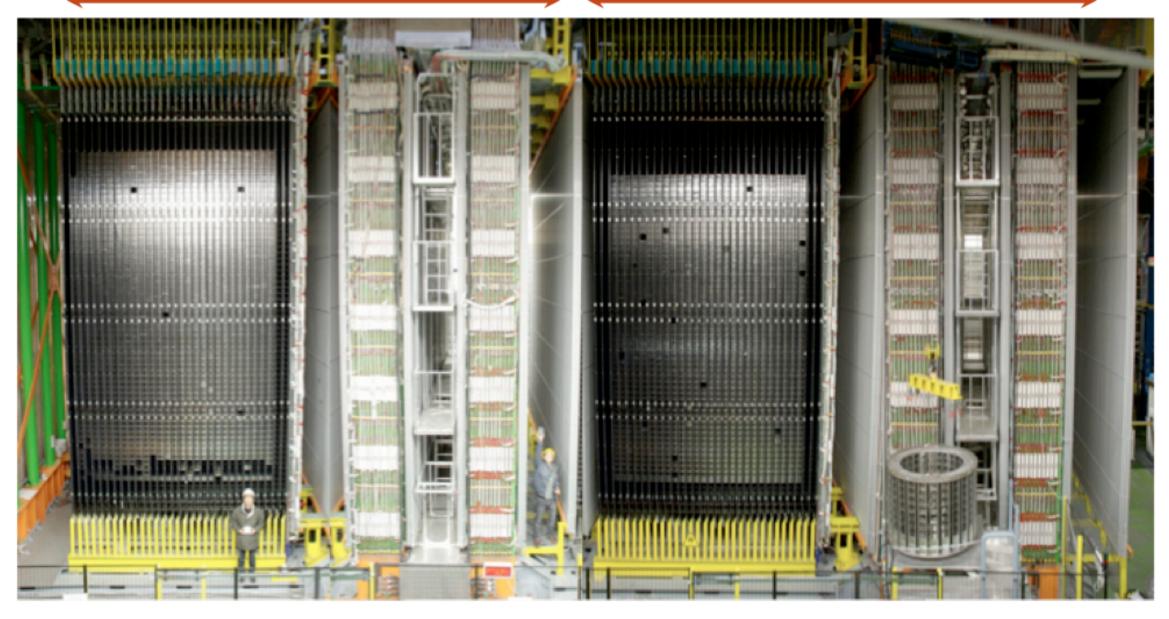
What is this event?



and this one?



SM-1



Target Spectrometer RPC+Drift Tubes brick walls+ Target Tracker

Target Spectrometer
RPC+Drift Tubes
brick walls+ Target Tracker

Measure beta or gamma of particle

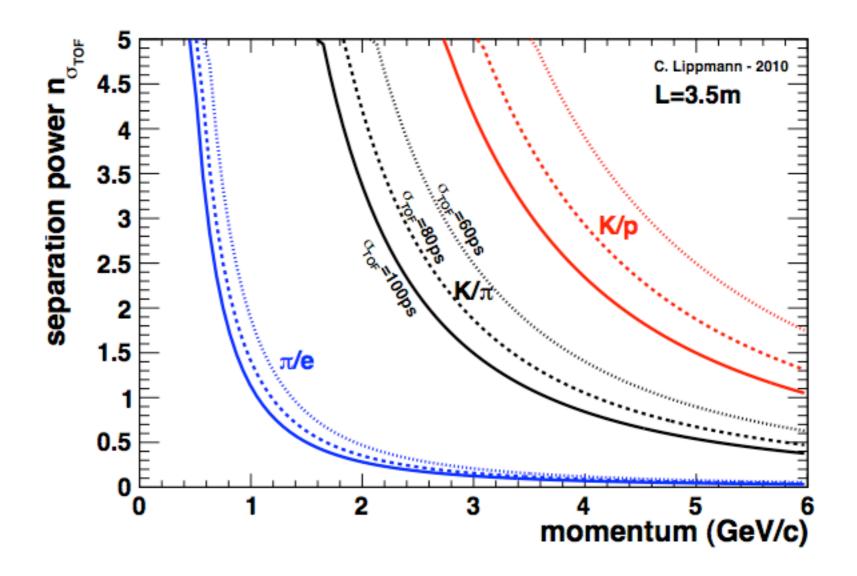
- Direct measurement of velocity («time of flight»
 - v = d/t
- Measurement of beta.gamma through ionization energy loss
- Measurement of beta through Cherenkov radiation
- Measurement of gamma through Transition radiation

time of flight

$$B = \frac{V}{C} = \frac{L}{t.c}$$

$$M = \frac{P}{C} \cdot \left(\frac{c^2 L^2}{L^2} - 1 \right)$$

$$\frac{dm}{m} = \frac{dp}{p} + \gamma^2 \left(\frac{dt}{L} + \frac{dL}{L} \right)$$

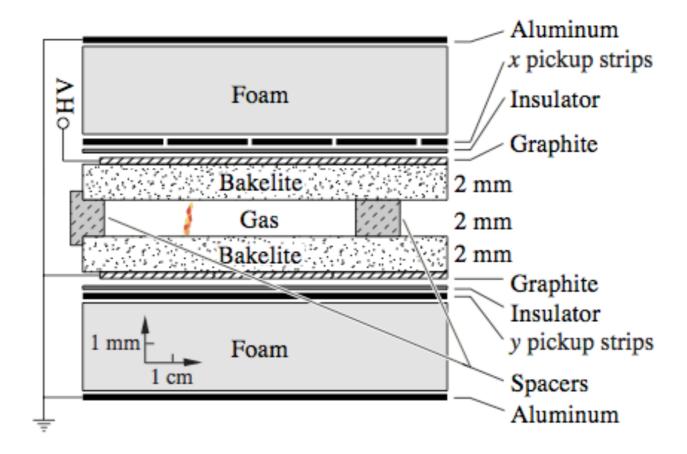


Dedicated detectors for time measurement can reach < 100 ps accuracy even on large system

At LHC, the collision time has an intrinsic jitter of ~140 ps (bunch length) Need dedicated measurement to remove this contribution from time resolution

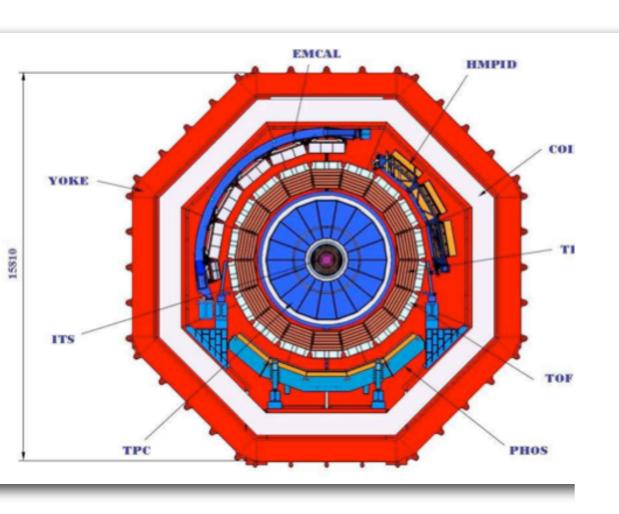
Most commonly used detectors for timing were based on scintillation (can also use other techniques like calorimetry, etc..)

Gaseous ionization detectors like RPC developed to cover large area in a cost-effective way

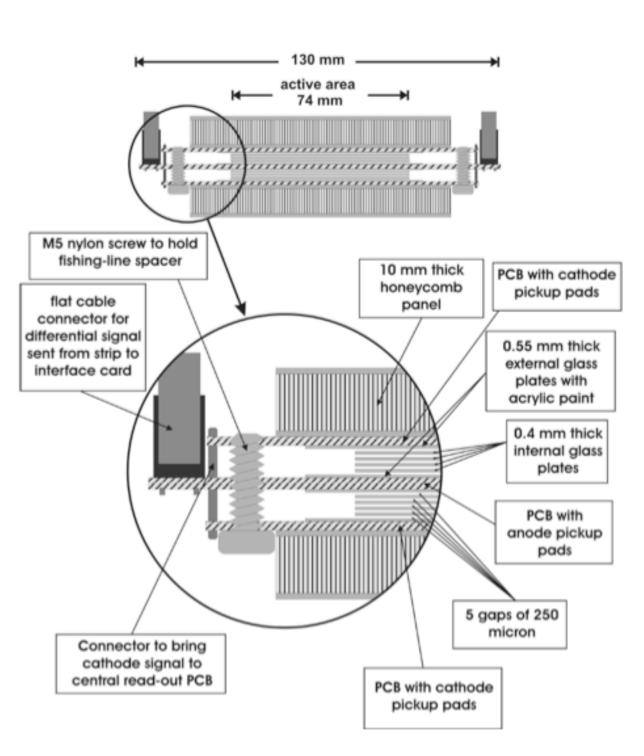


Strong uniform electric field => avalanche starts immediately after primary ionization Can reach intrinsic time resolution of ~ 50 ps for multigap RPC Rate limitation O(kHz/cm2)

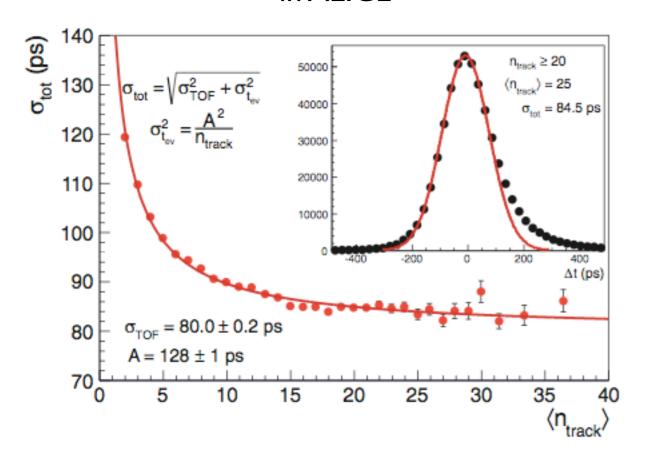
ALICE time of flight based on MRPC ~10⁵ channels



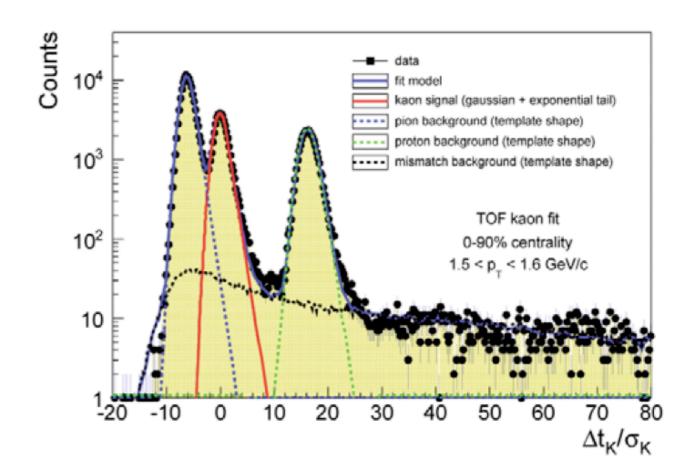
TOF @R=3.7m from interaction point

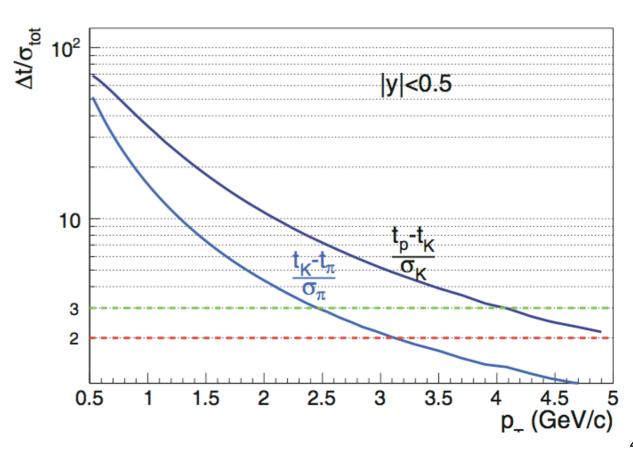


Measured time resolution in ALICE

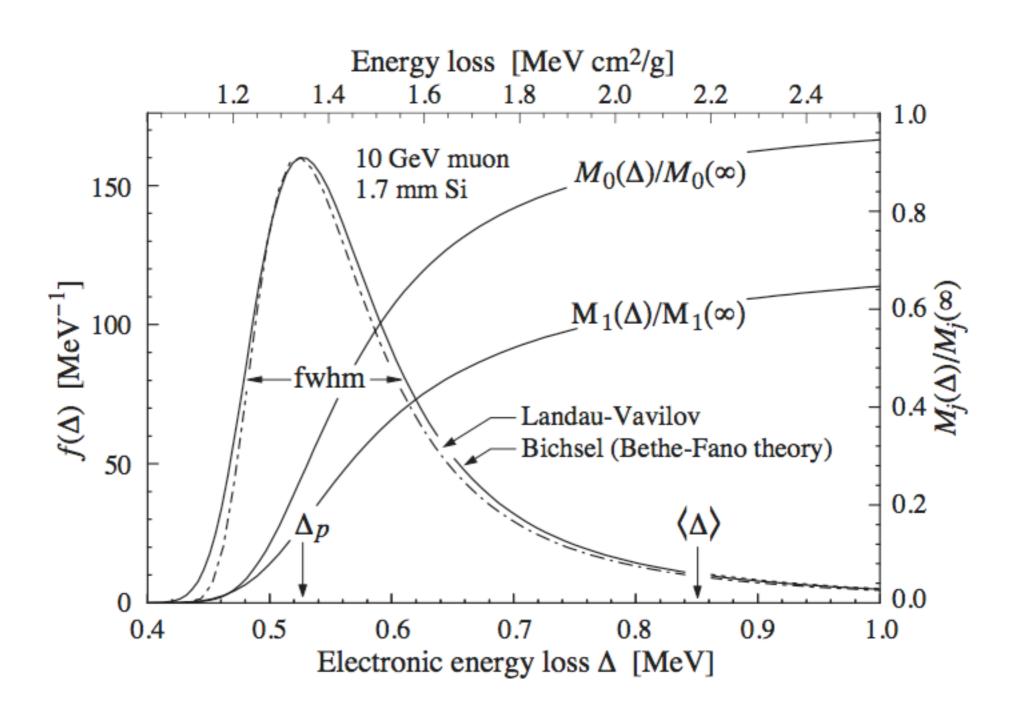


Intrinsic resolution + time jitters (electronics, clock)+ channel to channel variation + residual time slewing effects





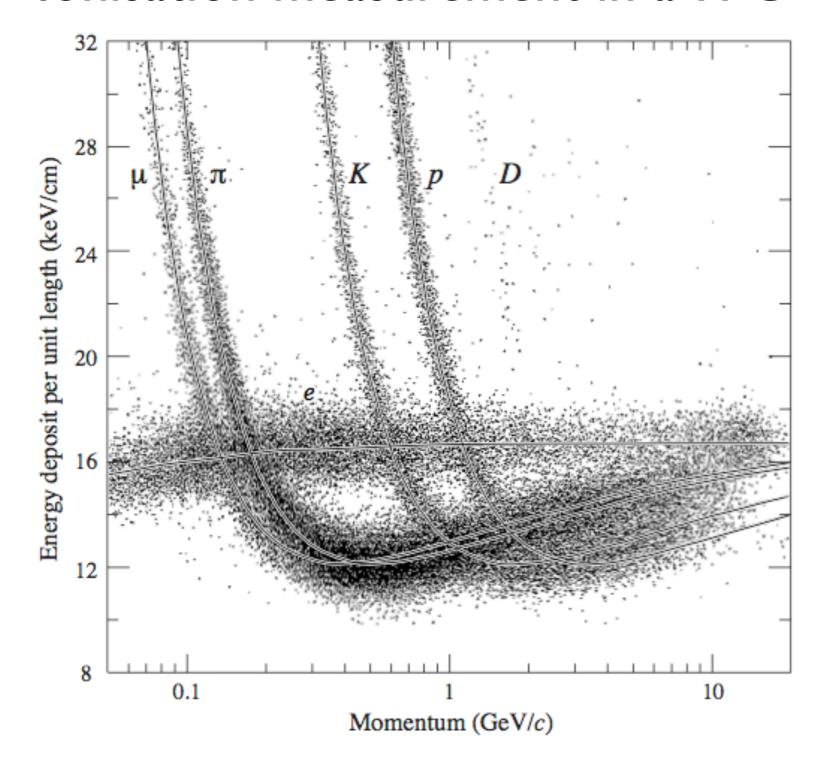
Ionization measurement



Formula for restricted energy loss

$$\langle \frac{dE}{dx} \rangle \propto \frac{z^2}{\beta^2} \left(log \sqrt{2m_cc^2 E_{cut}} \beta_{t} - \frac{\beta^2}{2} - \frac{\delta}{2} \right)$$
 $I = effective excitation energy$
 $\delta = density correction effect$
 $E_{cut} = upper limit for energy transfer = single collision$

Ionisation measurement in a TPC



Can use gaseous or solid state counter to measure ionisation

Provide signal pulse height ~ N(electrons liberated in ionization) and measurement of track length => allows one to compute dE/dx

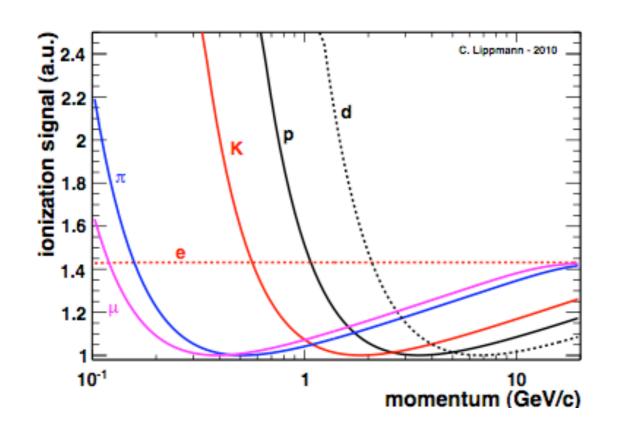
Average several measurements with a truncated mean to reduce tail impact

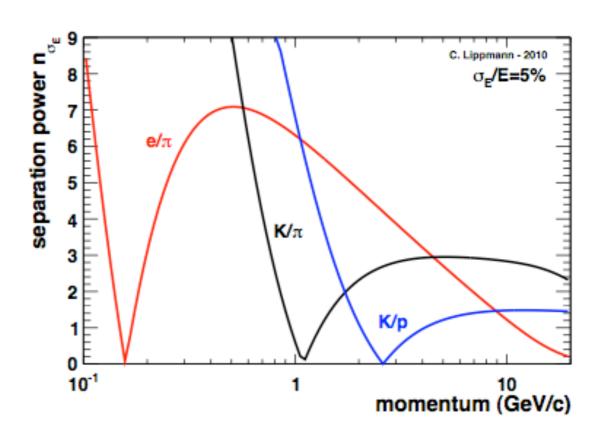
Typical other errors affecting measurement:

- energy calibration of the detector
- detector conditions (for instance gas pressure)
- detector geometry and track orientation (affects track length)
- overlapping tracks in dense environment
- etc..

Typical ionization signals vs p (gaseous detector) (for Si detector, plateau only slightly above minimum => less separation at high energy)

Separation assuming 5% resolution



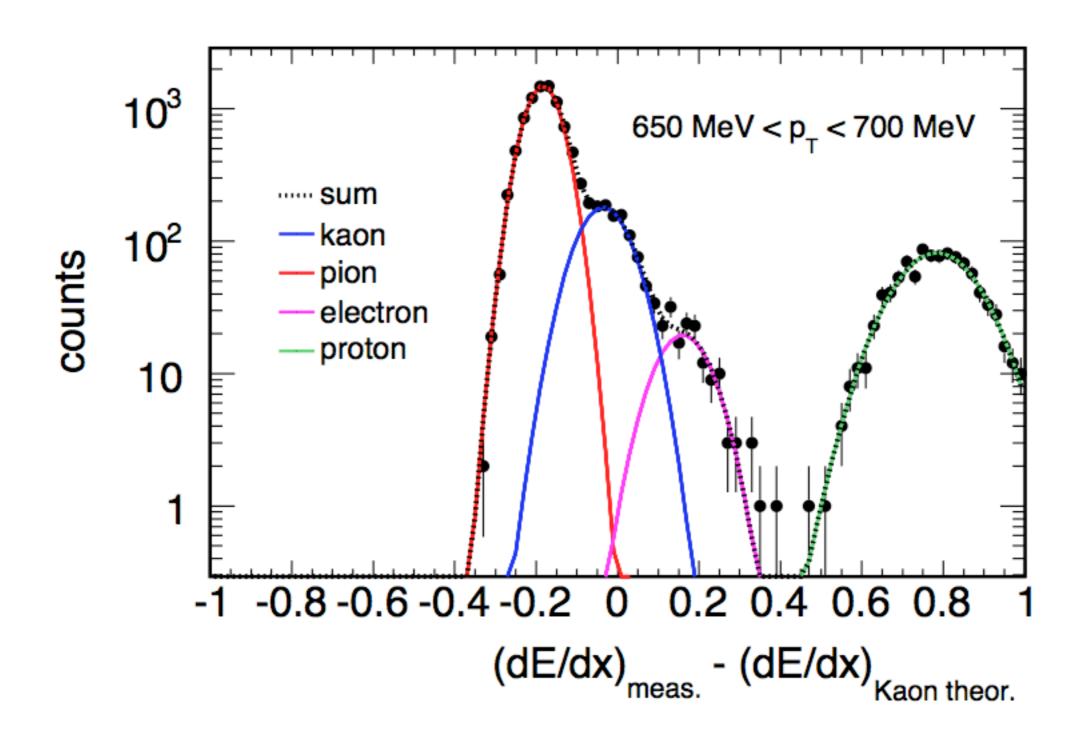


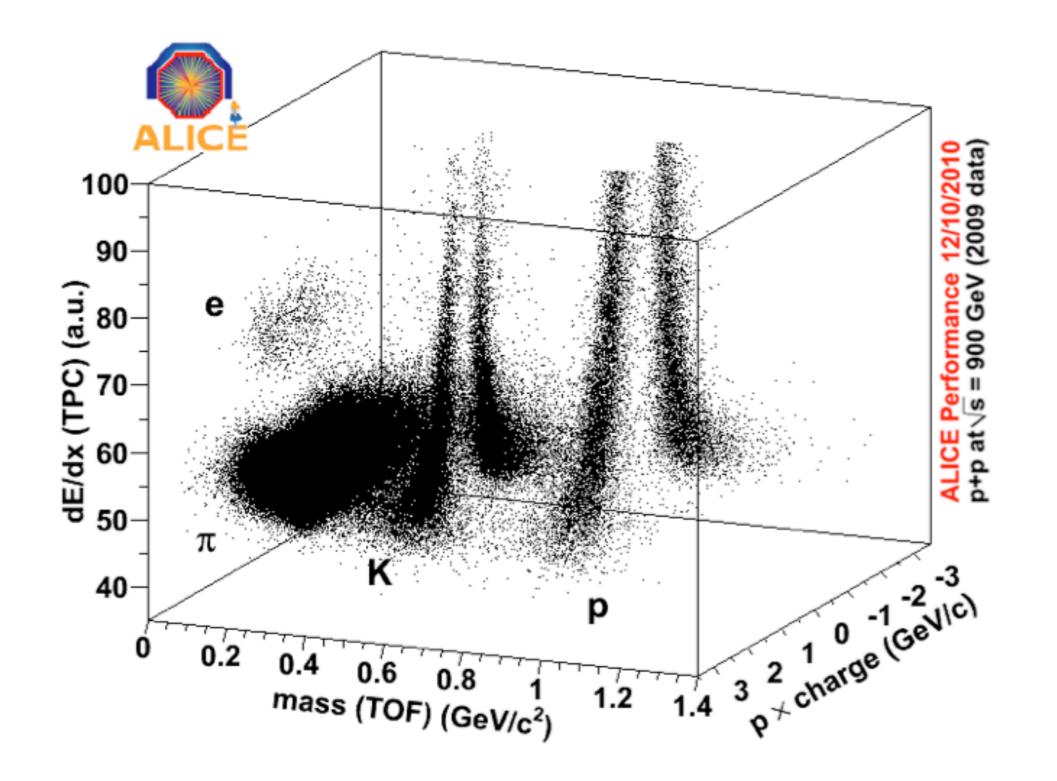
Empirical scaling formula for resolution in gaseous detector:

$$\sigma_E = 0.41 N_R^{-0.43} (xP)^{-0.32}$$
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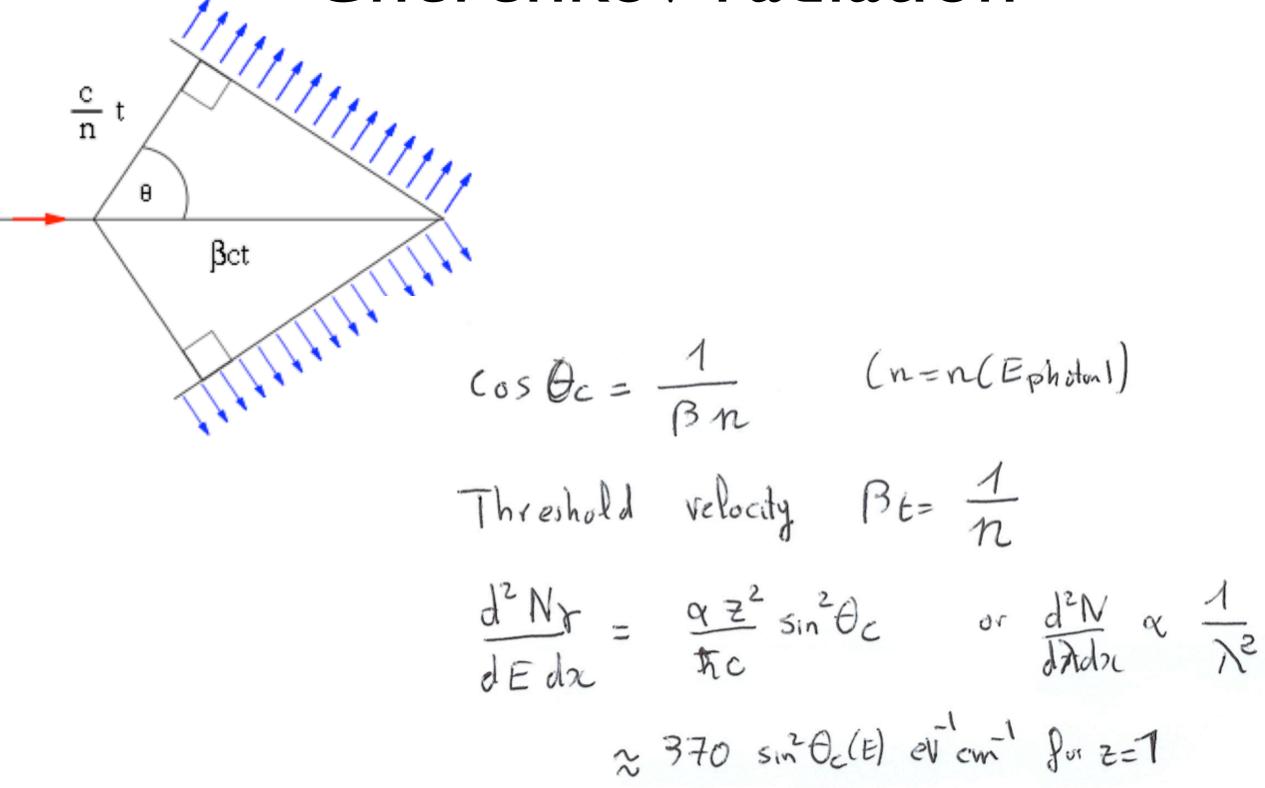
Nr = number of measurements x = thickness of sampling layers (x.Nr = total detector thickness) P = pressure

ALICETPC detector reaches ~5% dEdx resolution





Cherenkov radiation

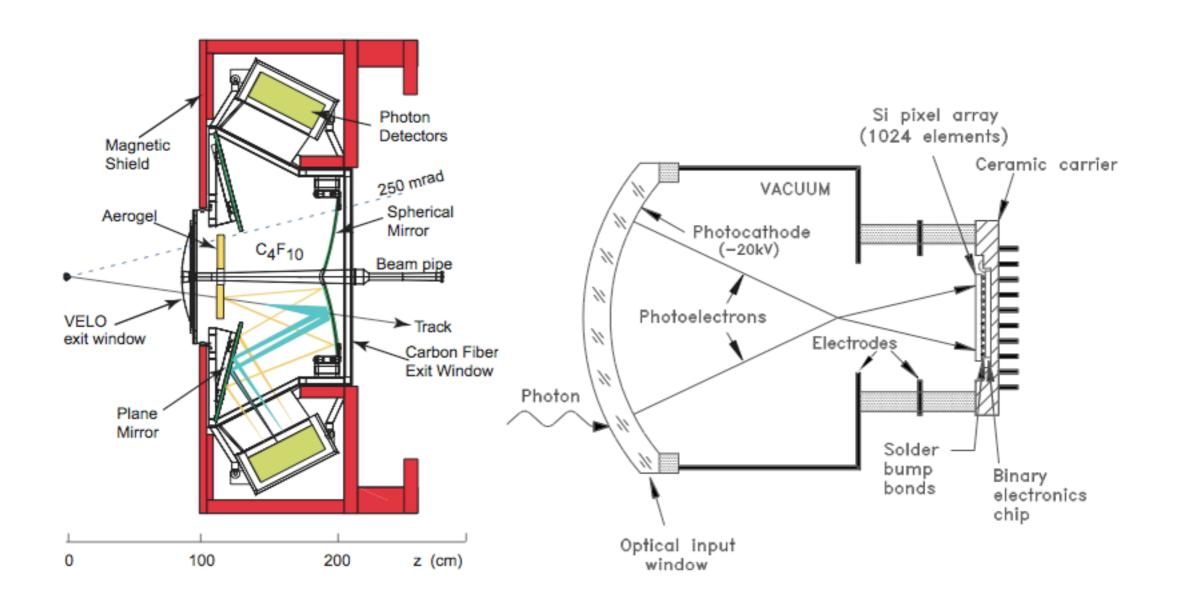


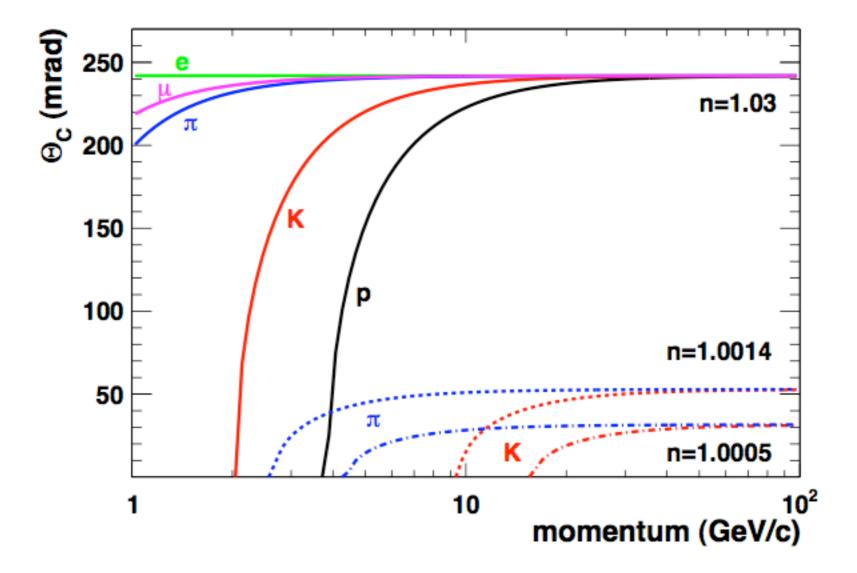
different type of Cherenkov detectors

- threshold Cherenkov detectors: yes/no decision depending if particle is above/below threshold beta=I/n
 - main issue is optimising photon detection and minimising noise
- Imaging Cherenkov detectors

with
$$60c) = \frac{\langle 6(0i) \rangle}{\sqrt{Np.e}}$$
 \oplus \subset
 $\langle 6(0i) \rangle = \text{average single photoelectron roulation}$
 $(\text{optics, detector geometry, ---})$
 $Np-e = \text{number of photoelectron detected}$
 $C = \text{alignement, meltiple scattering, ambiguities}$
 background, etc.

Cherenkov imaging detector LHCb example





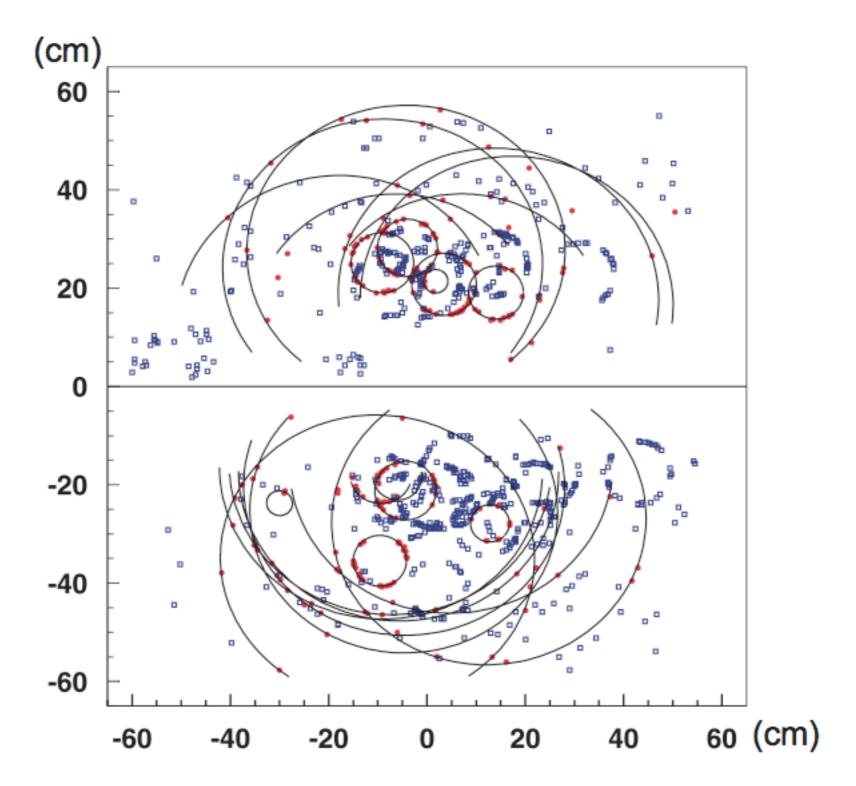
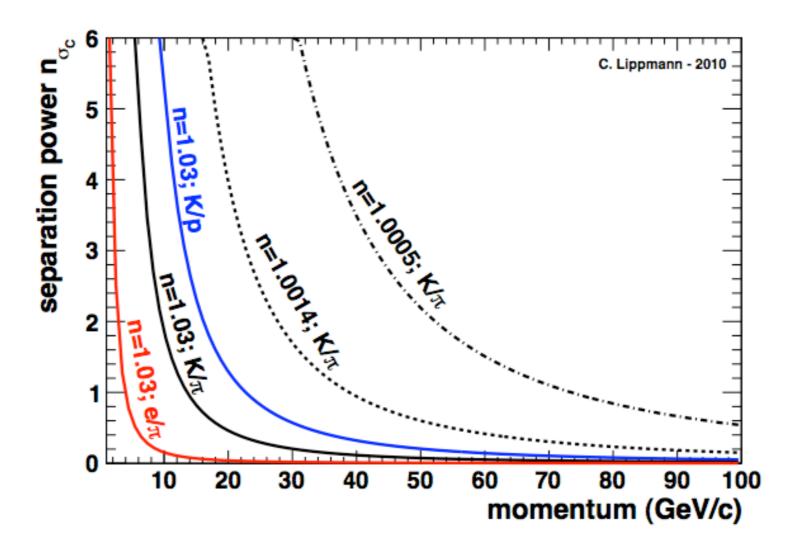


Table 3: Some parameters of the LHCb RICH detectors. The measured single photoelectron angular resolutions [87] are for the preliminary alignment available from the first data sample with p-p collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7 \, \text{TeV}$.

| | | RICH1 | | RICH2 |
|--|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | Silica aerogel | C_4F_{10} | CF ₄ |
| Momentum range [GeV/c] | | ≤10 | $10 \lesssim p \lesssim 60$ | $16 \lesssim p \lesssim 100$ |
| Angular acceptance [mrad] | vertical | ± 25 to ± 250 | | ± 15 to ± 100 |
| | horizontal | ± 25 to ± 300 | | ± 15 to ± 120 |
| Radiator length [cm] | | 5 | 95 | 180 |
| Refractive index n | | 1.03 (1.037) | 1.0014 | 1.0005 |
| Maximum Cherenkov angle [mrad] | | 242 (268) | 53 | 32 |
| Expected photon yield at $\beta \approx 1$ | | 6.7 | 30.3 | 21.9 |
| σ_{Θ_i} [mrad] | expected | 2.6 | 1.57 | 0.67 |
| | measured | ~7.5 | 2.18 | 0.91 |



Need good software to reconstruct the Cherenkov cones for each charged particle

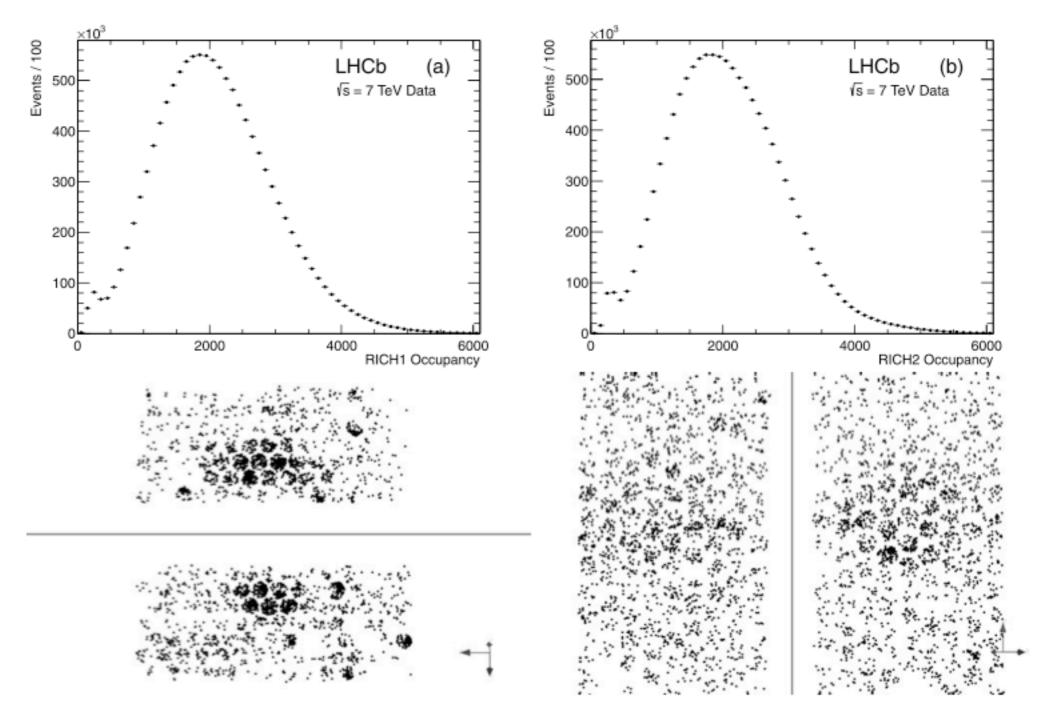
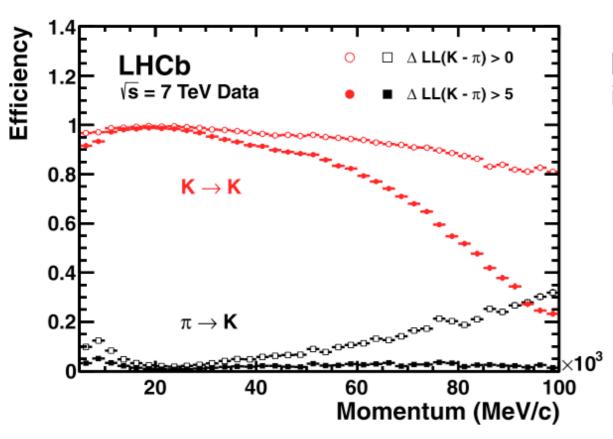


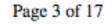
Fig. 13 Distribution of the number of pixel hits per event in (a) RICH 1 and (b) RICH 2. An example of a typical LHCb event as seen by the RICH detectors, is shown below the distributions. The upper/lower HPD panels in RICH 1 and the left/right panels in RICH 2 are shown separately

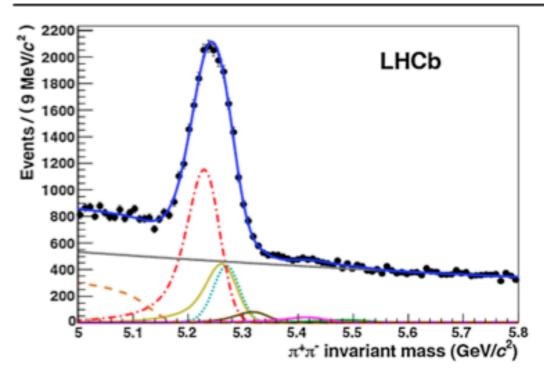


pi/kaon separation using RICH in LHCb

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Impact on physics analysis





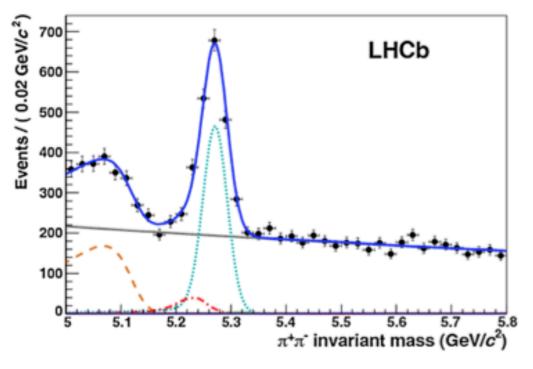
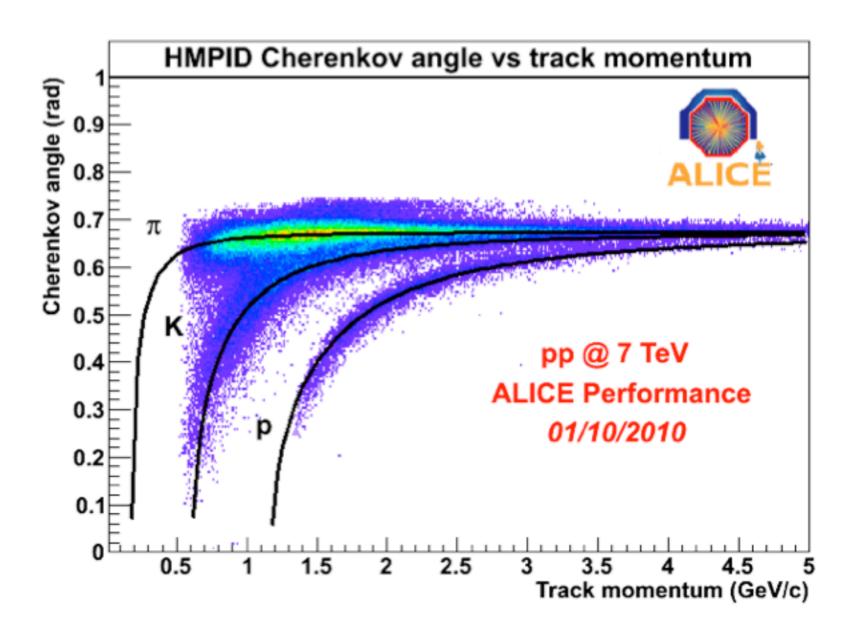


Fig. 2 Invariant mass distribution for $B \to h^+h^-$ decays [6] in the LHCb data before the use of the RICH information (left), and after applying RICH particle identification (right). The signal under study is the decay $B^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-$, represented by the turquoise dotted line. The contributions from different b-hadron decay modes ($B^0 \to K\pi$ red dashed-dotted line, $B^0 \to 3$ -body orange dashed-dashed line,

 $B_s \rightarrow KK$ yellow line, $B_s \rightarrow K\pi$ brown line, $\Lambda_b \rightarrow pK$ purple line, $\Lambda_b \rightarrow p\pi$ green line), are eliminated by positive identification of pions, kaons and protons and only the signal and two background contributions remain visible in the plot on the right. The grey solid line is the combinatorial background (Color figure online)

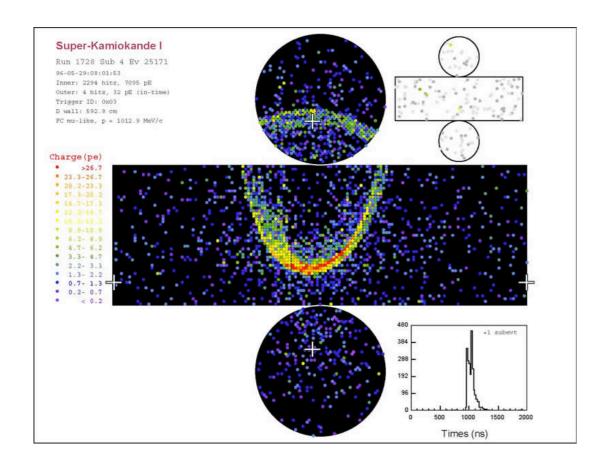
Cherenkov detector in ALICE

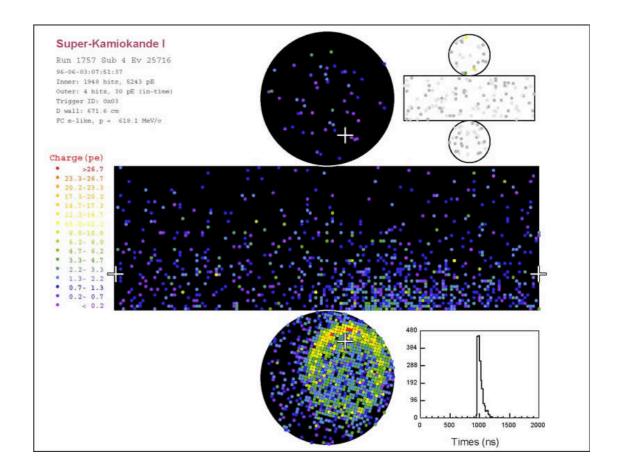


Application of Cherenkov for neutrino detector

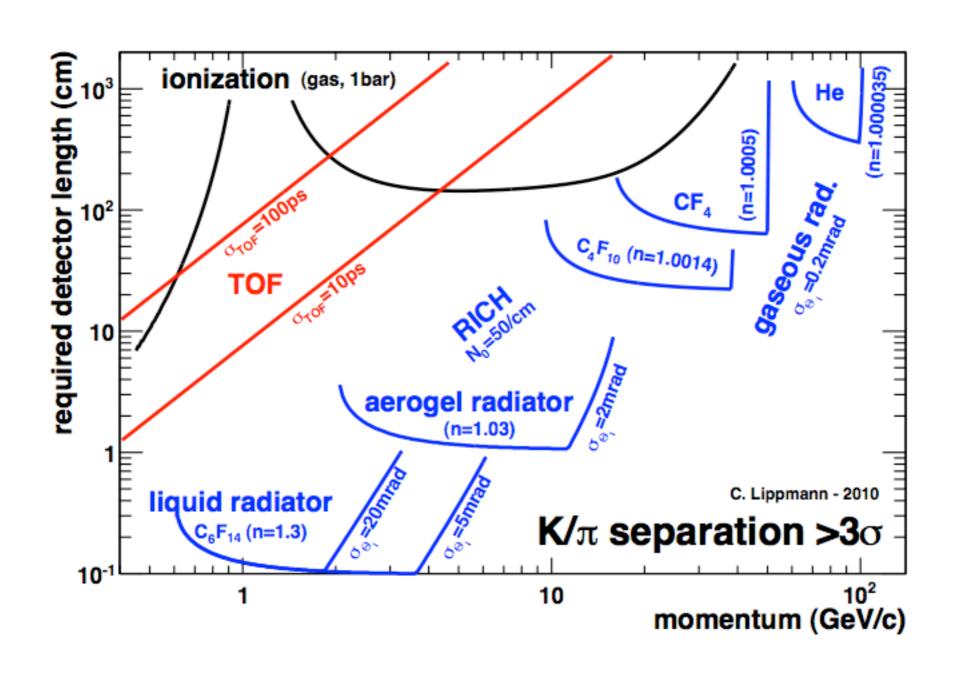
neutrino interaction in water produces muon or electron which are above Cherenkov threshold

Light is detected by photo multipliers around the water tank





Comparison of different techniques



Transition radiation

When charge ze crosses boundary vacuum/medium

$$I = \frac{1}{3} \propto z^2 \gamma \hbar \omega \rho$$

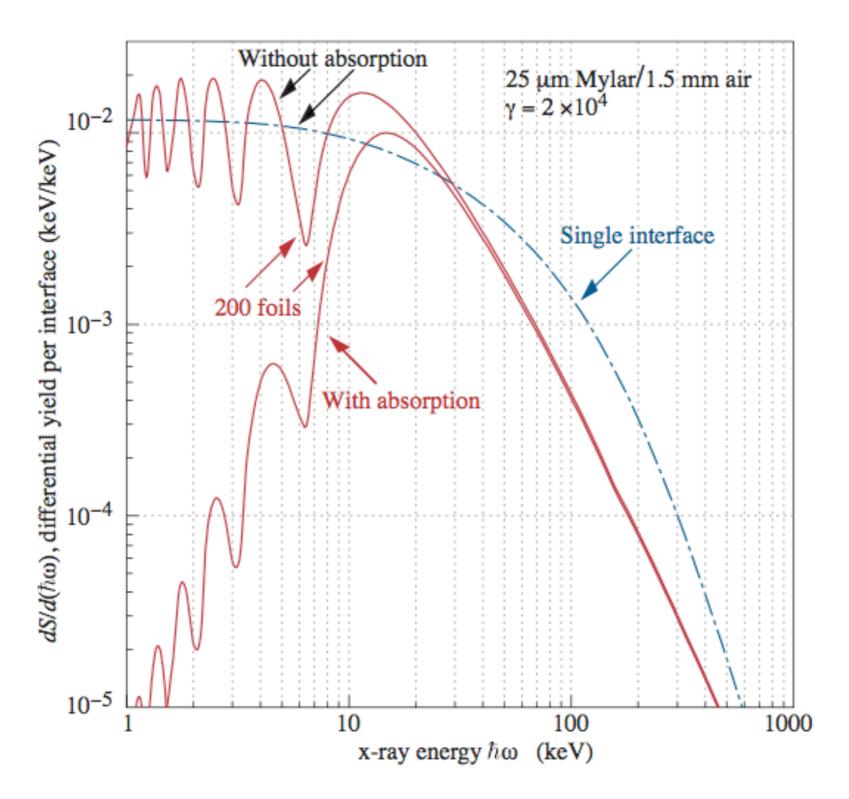
$$\hbar \omega \rho = \sqrt{4\pi Ne} re^3 \frac{mec^2}{\alpha} = \sqrt{9/(g/cm^3)} \langle \frac{z}{A} \rangle \times 28.81eV$$
Typical value $\hbar \omega \rho \approx 20 eV$ (0.7 for air)

Half energy between 0.1 and 1. $\gamma \hbar \omega \rho$

Typically $\sim 0.005 \gamma$ with $\hbar \omega > 0.1 \gamma \hbar \omega \rho$

Formation longth $\sim tens$ of μm

Needs many interfaces to increase photon yield



X-rays detected for instance by photo-electric effect in high Z material like Xenon gas => Detector consists of radiator + photon detector

Photon interaction in matter

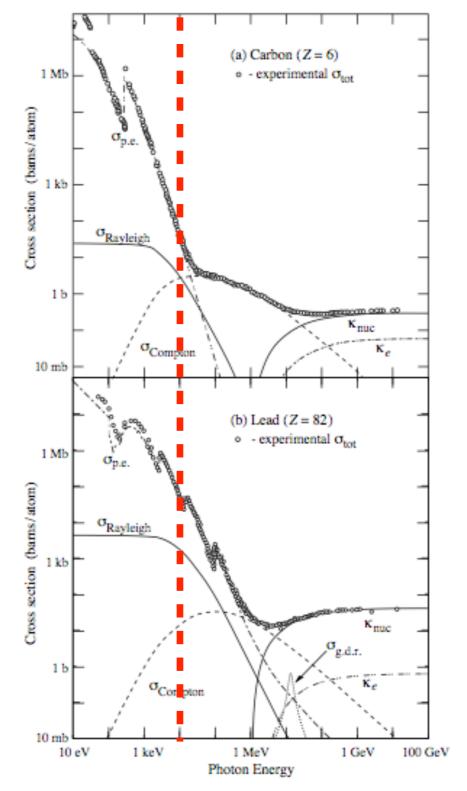


Figure 31.15: Photon total cross sections as a function of energy in carbon and lead, showing the contributions of different processes [51]:

 $\sigma_{p.e.}$ = Atomic photoelectric effect (electron ejection, photon absorption)

 $\sigma_{\text{Rayleigh}} = \text{Rayleigh}$ (coherent) scattering-atom neither ionized nor excited

 $\sigma_{\text{Compton}} = \text{Incoherent scattering (Compton scattering off an electron)}$

 $\kappa_{\rm nuc}$ = Pair production, nuclear field

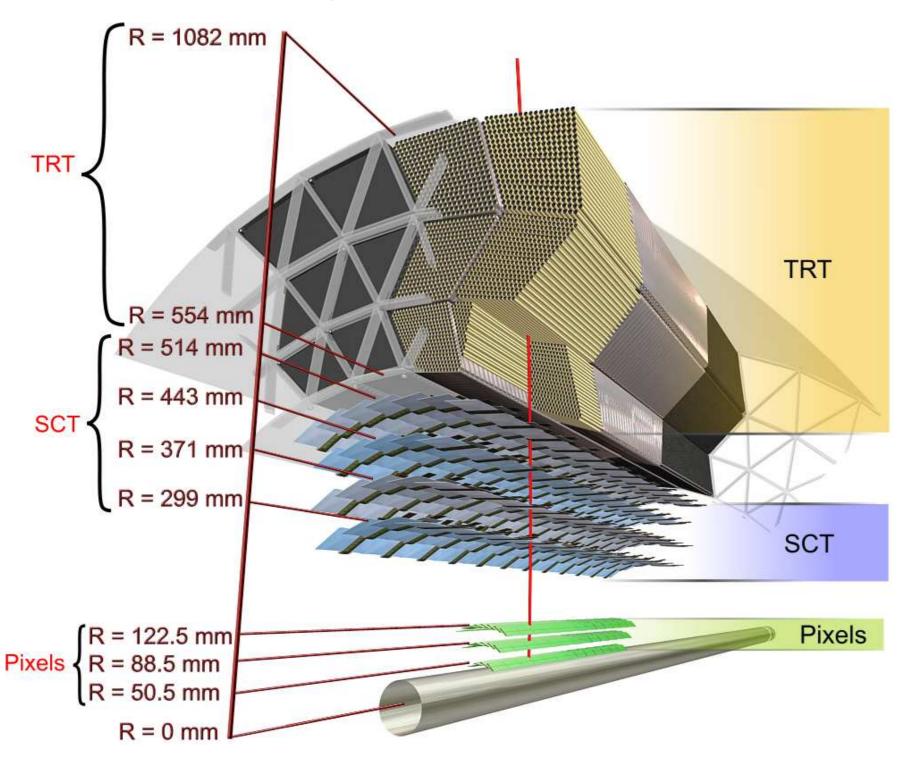
 κ_e = Pair production, electron field

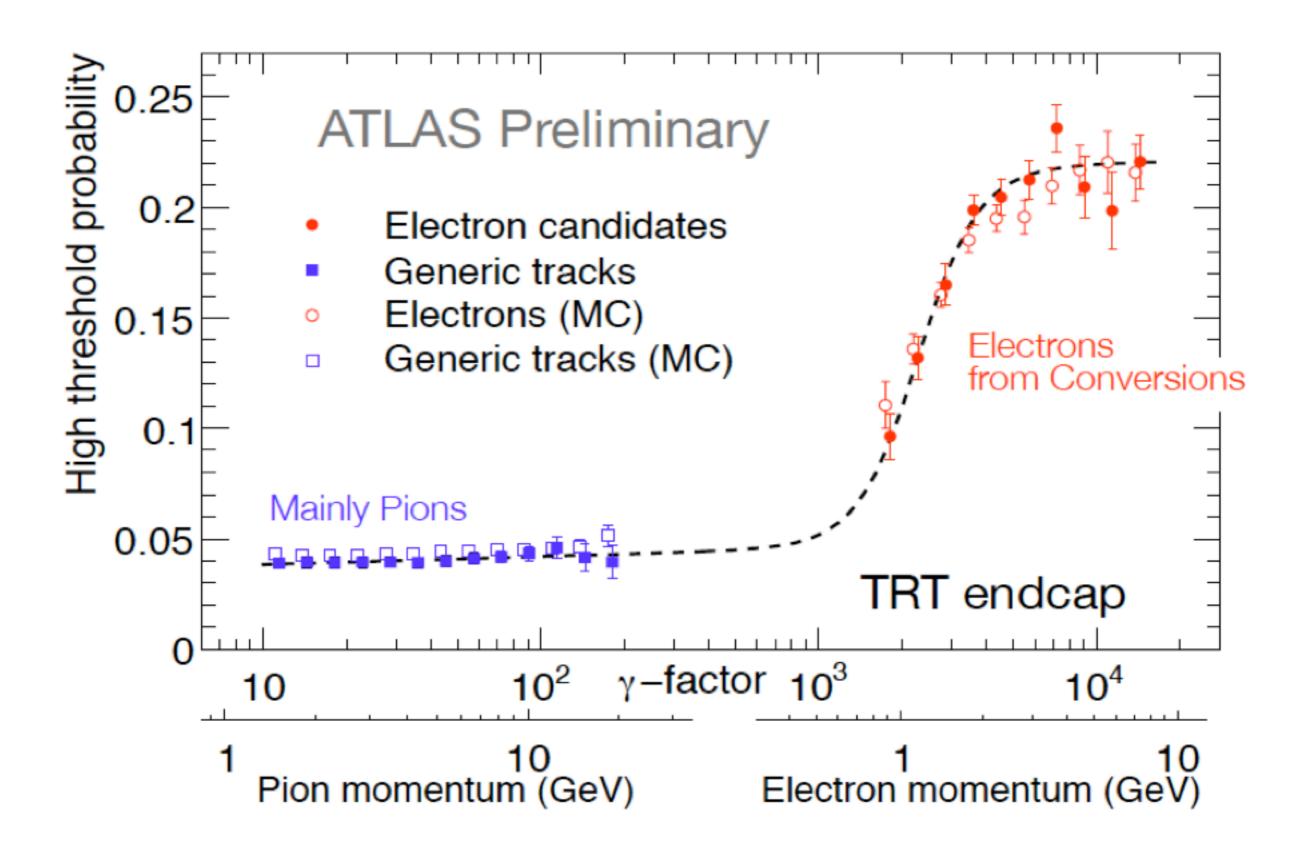
 $\sigma_{g.d.r.}$ = Photonuclear interactions, most notably the Giant Dipole Resonance [52].

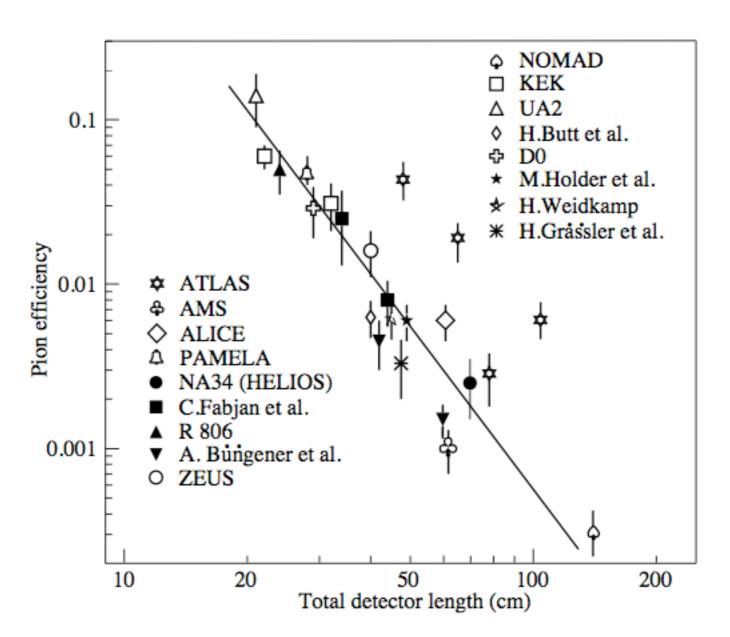
In these interactions, the target nucleus is broken up.

Radiator = polypropylene foils Detector = Straws with wire in the middle containing Xe (to absorb X-rays)

Edeposited ~2 keV from ionization, ~8-10 KeV from TR photons



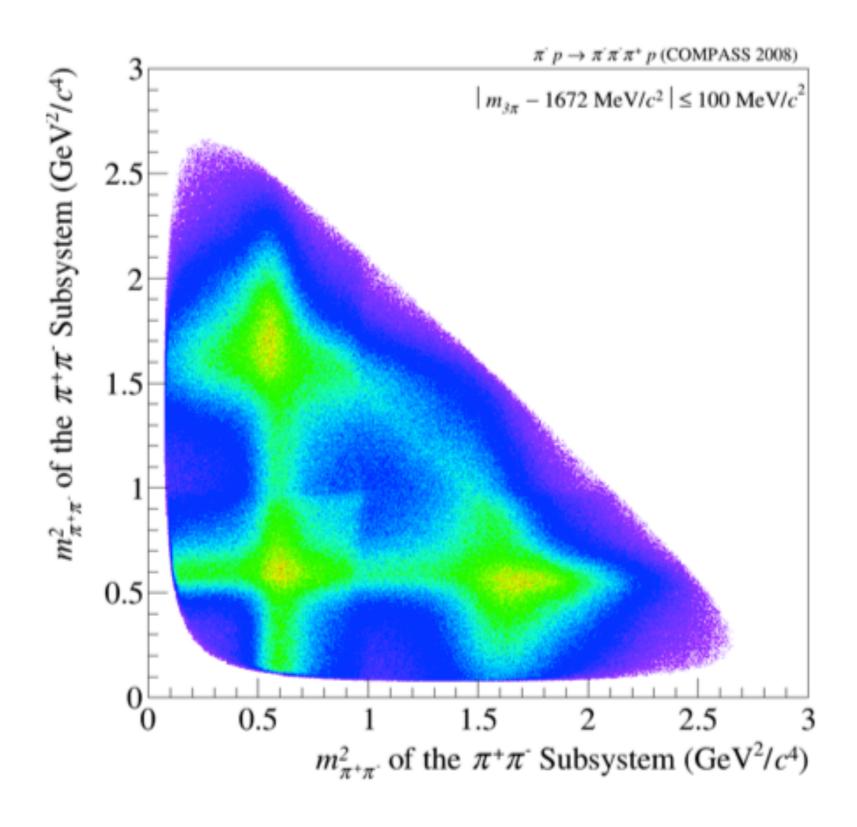


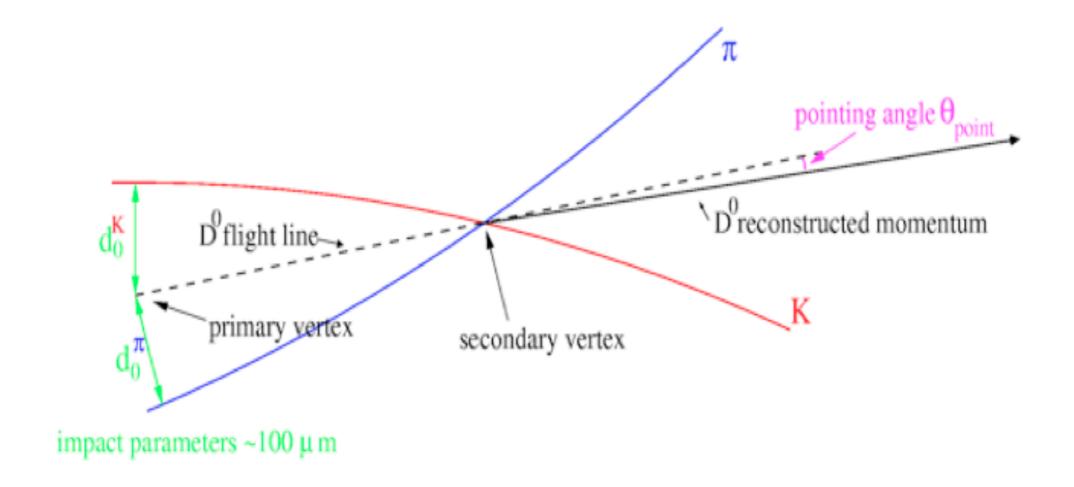


Reconstruction of particle decay

- Useful for short lived particles
 - very short lived => use invariant mass of daughter particles
 - Examples are Ks-> pi+pi-, J/psi-> mu+ mu-, W,Z decays, etc...
 - not so short lived => can measure distance between production and decay positions:
 - tau lepton
 - B-hadron

Exploiting kinematic information from Dalitz plots





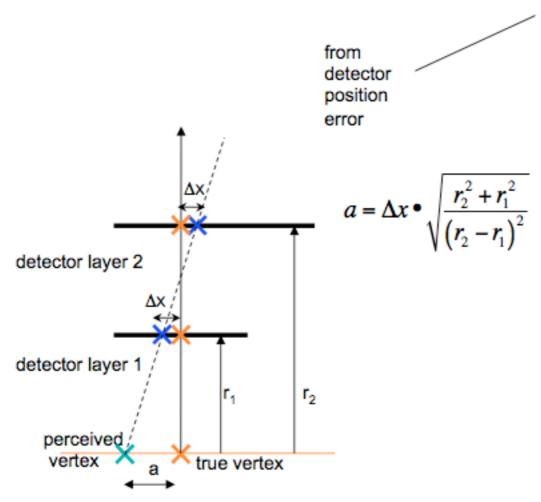
lifetimes: D0: 4.10^{-13} s, B0d 1.5 10^{-12} s, tau: 2.9 10^{-13} s

Decay length beta.gamma.c.tau => beta.gamma. 450 microns for B0d

Impact parameter ~ (c.tau)

Vertex projection from two points: a simplified approach (telescope equation)

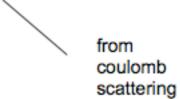
pointing resolution = ($a~\oplus~b$) μm

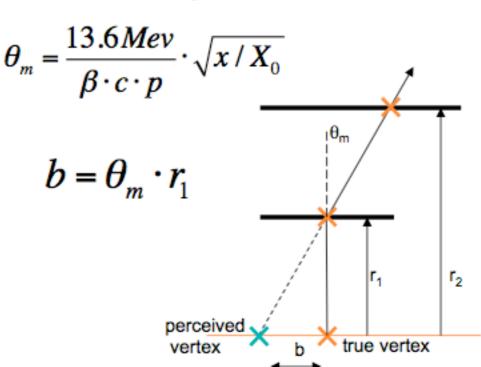


Detector Granularity, minimize Δx :

e.g. 50um pixel and r₂ very large compared to r₁

⇒
$$a=\Delta x=50/\sqrt{12} = 15$$
um

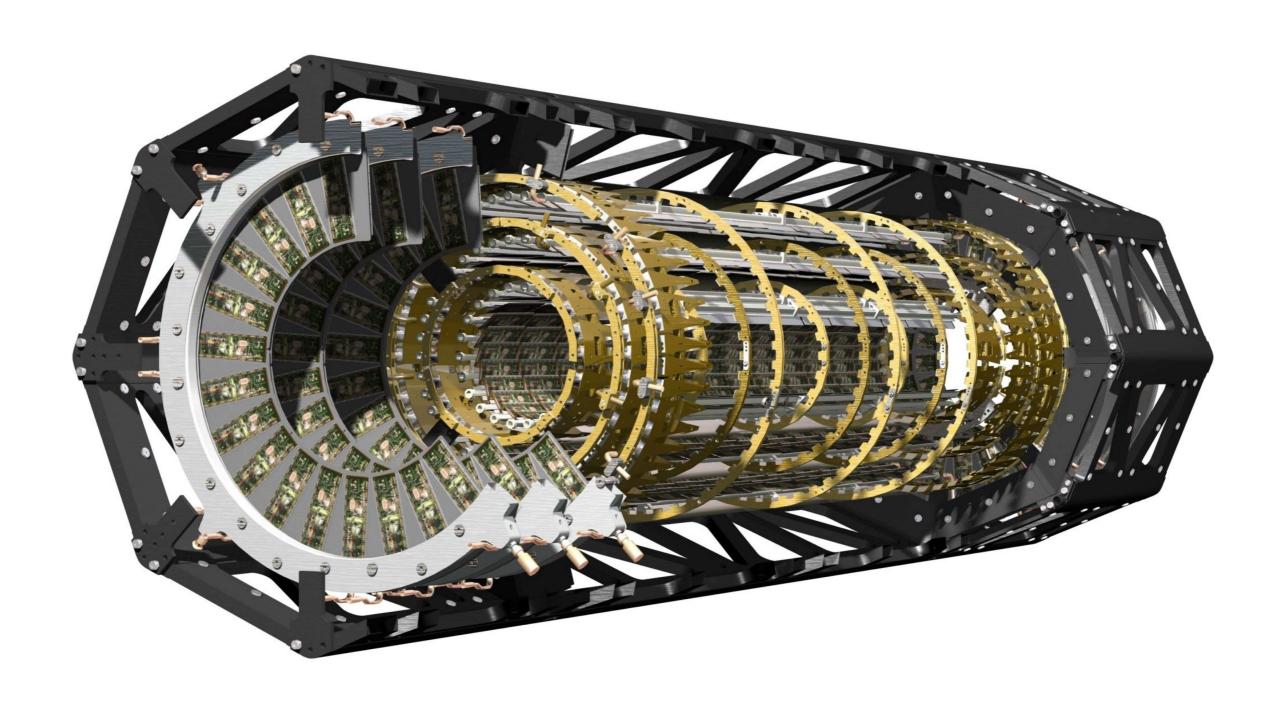




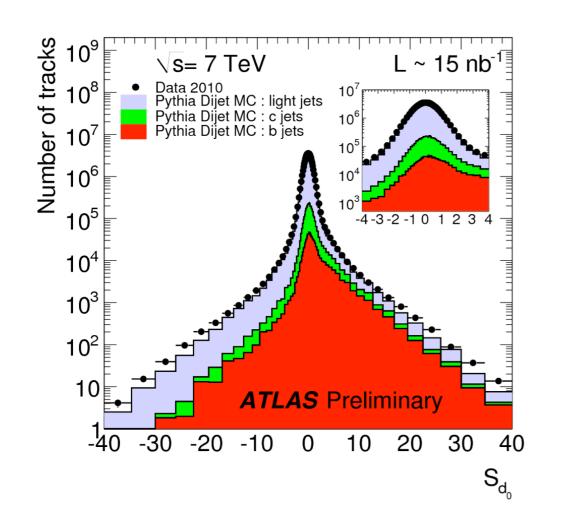
First layer as close as possible to the vertex and First layer with minimal amount of material.

e.g.
$$x/X_0 = 0.0114$$
, $r_1 = 39$ mm

Example of ATLAS pixel silicon detector

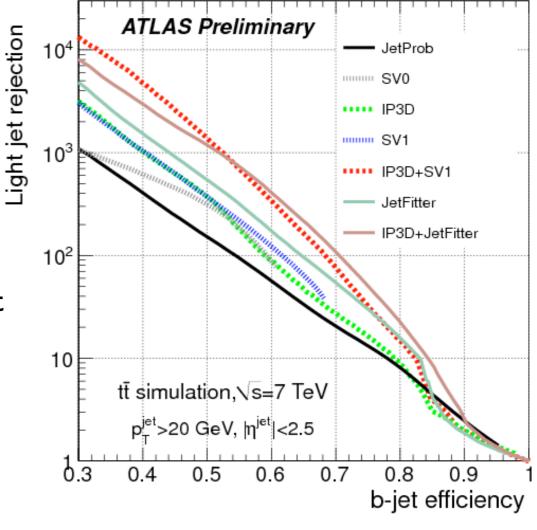


b-tagging performances



Track impact parameter/error

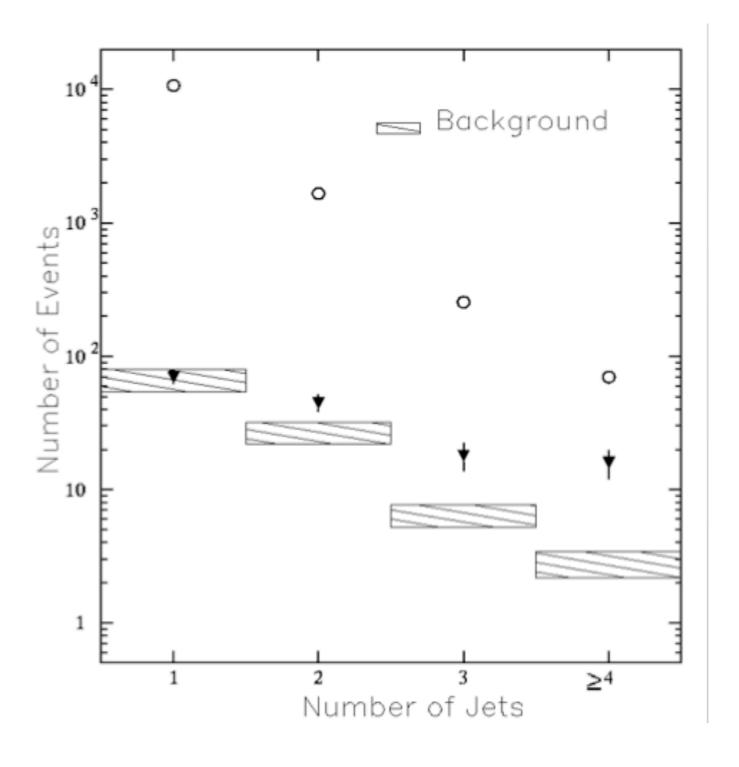
Algorithms combining impact parameter information + secondary vertex reconstruction



Example of b-tagging usage for top quark discovery

Signal t tbar -> W W b bbar, one W->lepton, one W->jets

Background: W(->lepton)+ jet Only a small amount of these jets have b quarks.

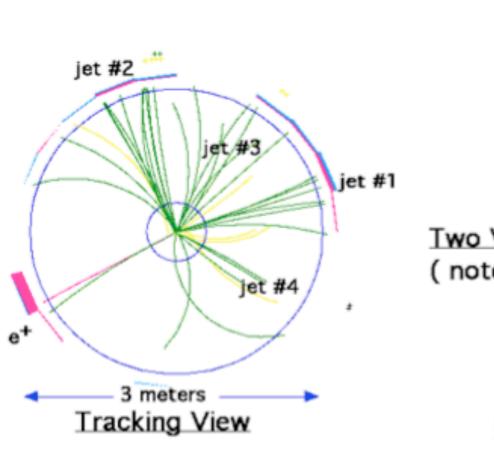


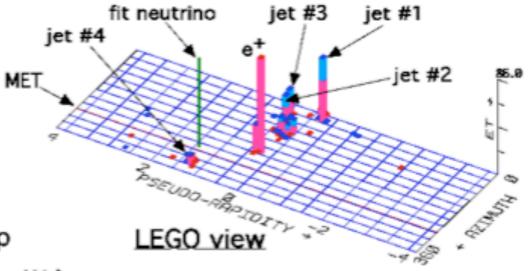
e + 4 jet event

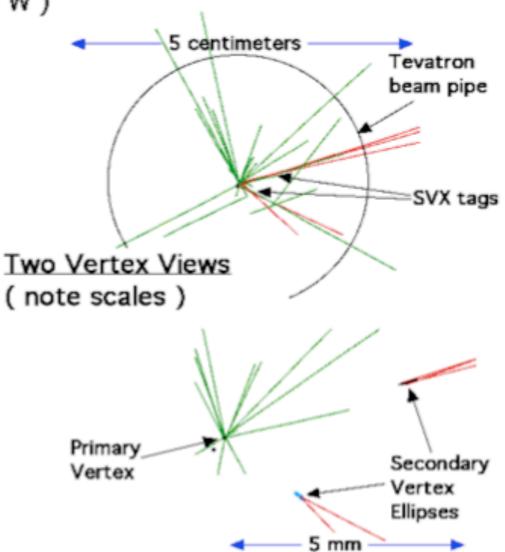
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TWO jets tagged by SVX fit top mass is 170 +- 10 GeV

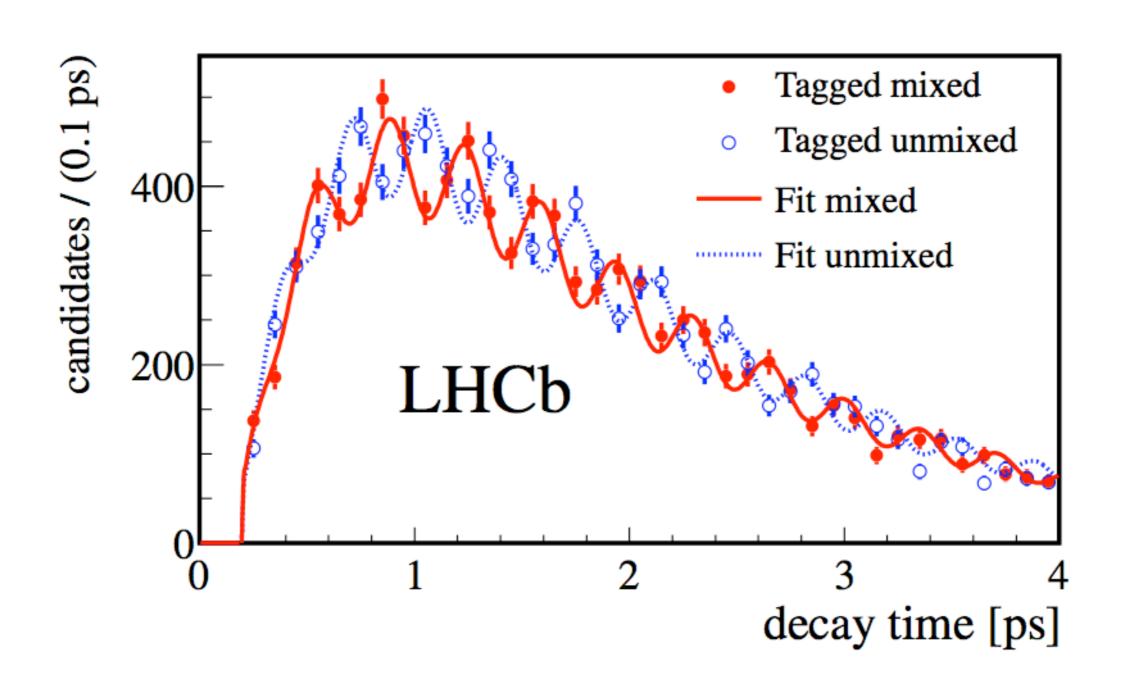
e⁺, Missing E_t, jet #4 from top jets 1,2,3 from top (2&3 from W)







Example of application of particle ID and secondary vertex: Bs mixing measurement



Particle Flow techniques in collider experiments

- Different particles species are measured more accurately with different techniques
 - What is the most precise technique for E=100 GeV electron energy measurement in a LHC experiment?
 - What is the most precise technique to measure a few GeV charged pion ?
 - What is the most precise technique to measure a 5 GeV K0L?
 - How can one separate particles from different interactions in the same bunch crossing at the LHC?

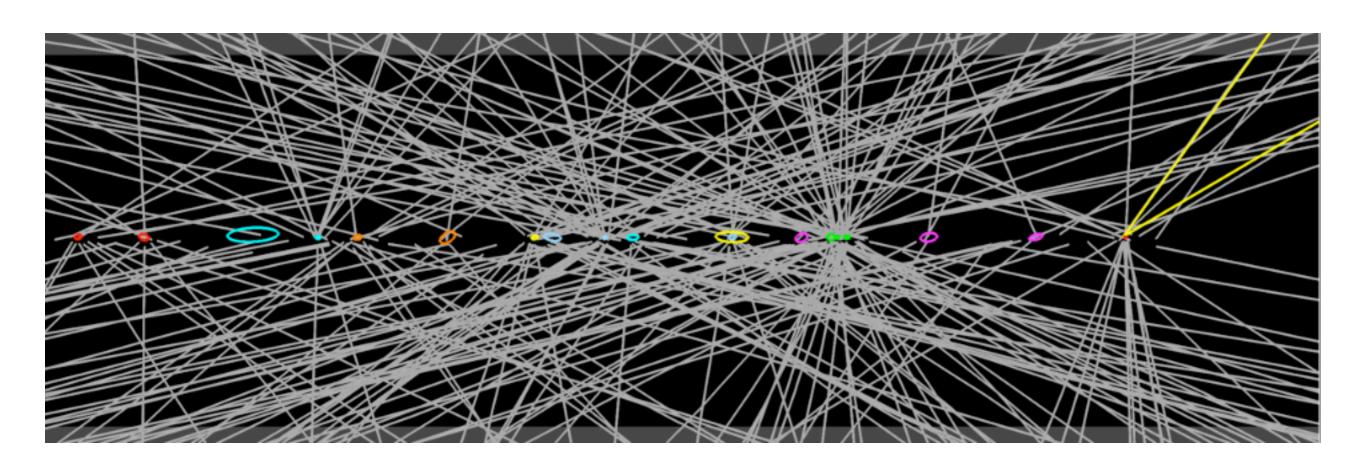
Charged particle momentum measurement

Detector resolution
$$6(\frac{1}{PE}) = 0$$
 to $= 3$ $\frac{6}{PE} = a.PE$ $a \propto \frac{1}{BL^2}$

Multiple scattering $6e \propto \frac{13.6 \text{ MeV}}{P} \sqrt{\frac{2C}{X_0}}$
 $6(\frac{1}{PE}) \propto 6e = 3$ $\frac{6PE}{PE} = b$ $\frac{1}{B}$

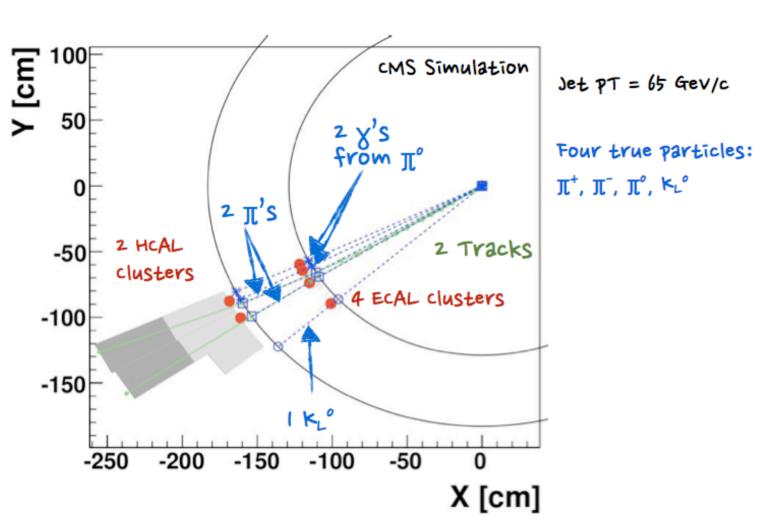
Calorimetric energy measurement

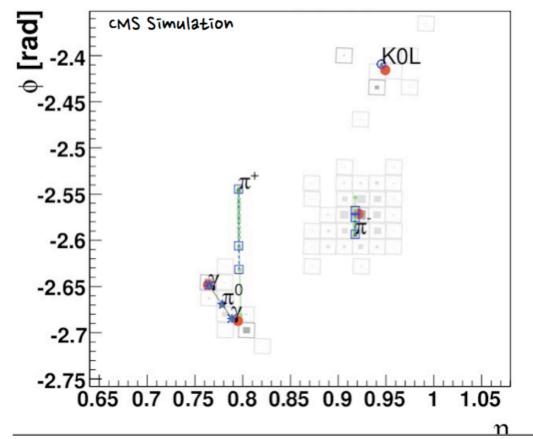
Also have to deal with pileup interactions

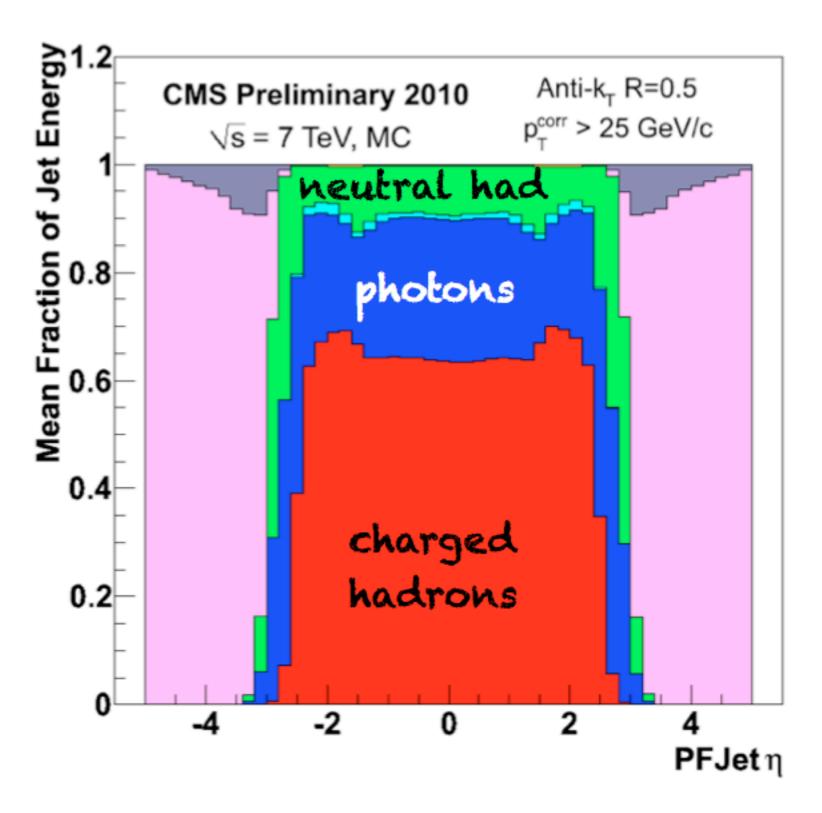


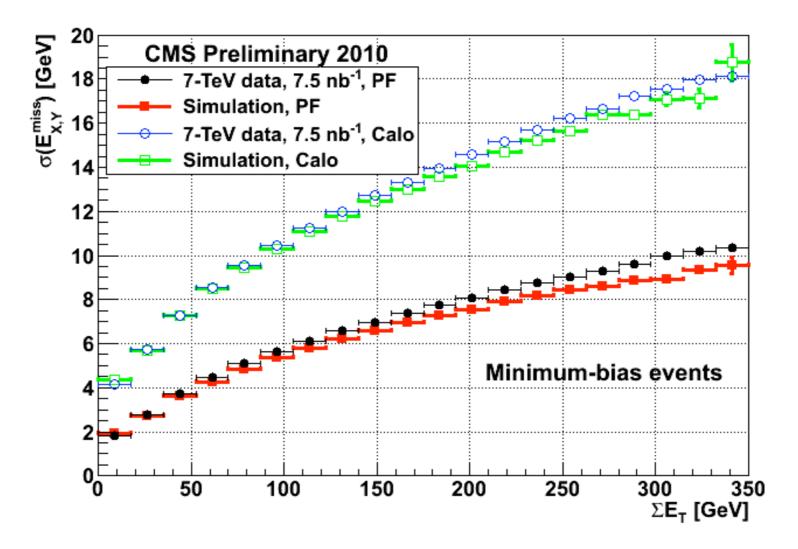
Can be distinguished for charged tracks but not easily for calorimeter energy deposits

Particle flow principle









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