

Background studies in the new and old framework

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Introduction: background in BASF2

- want to get as many answers about background in PXD as from simulation as possible
- status of BASF2:
 - we can run event generation and simulation
 - we get simulated hits
 - digitizer is coming soon

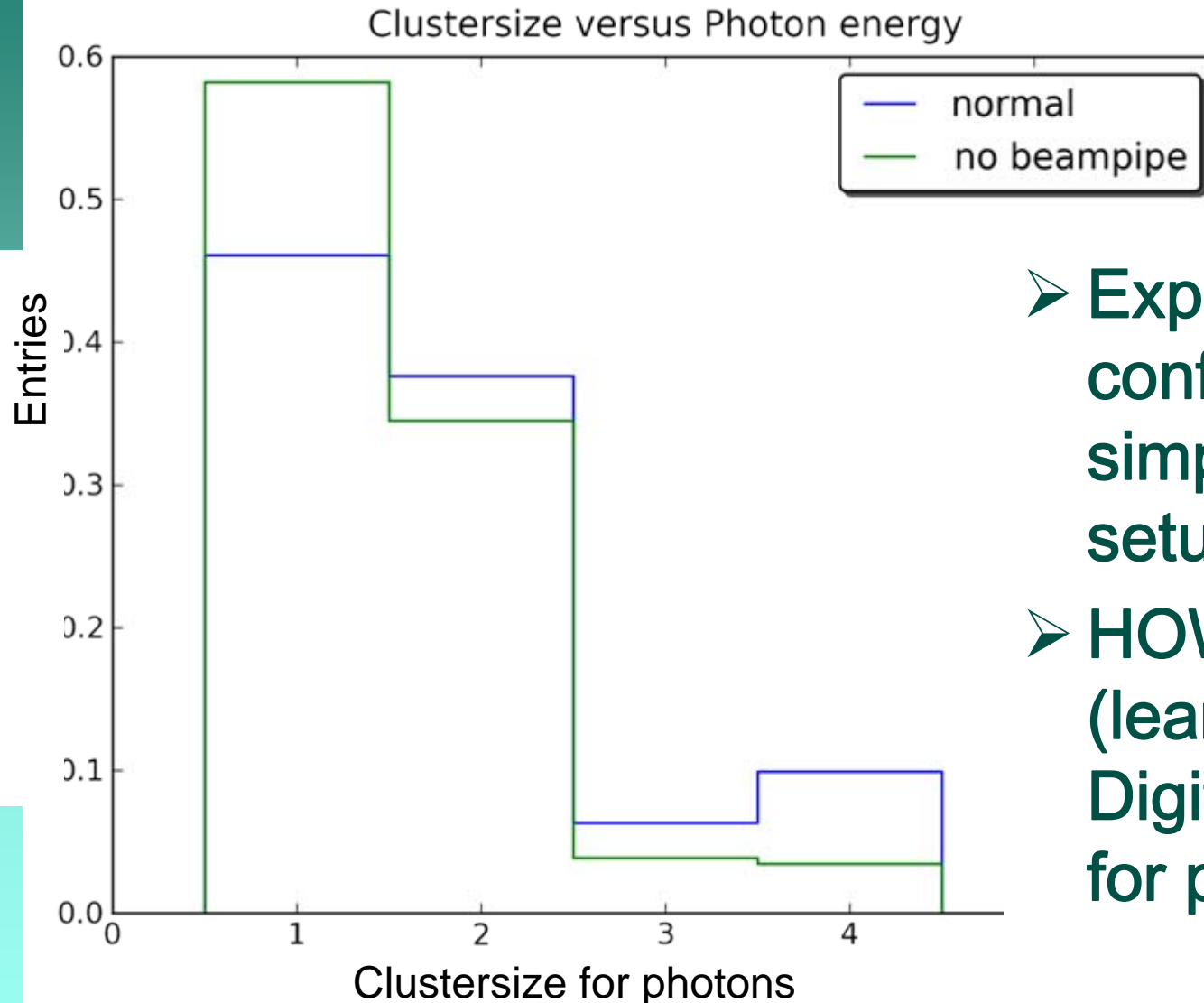
Work in basf2 framework

- what have we done up to now:
- (unfortunately not plots to show here ☹)
- run generators in BASF2 and check output ✓
 - so far: nice and consistent picture!
- look at generated hits in PXD
- detailed study of pixel distribution once digitizer is available in BASF2
- then also more work on amplitude analysis

Pixel & Cluster studies (ILC framework)

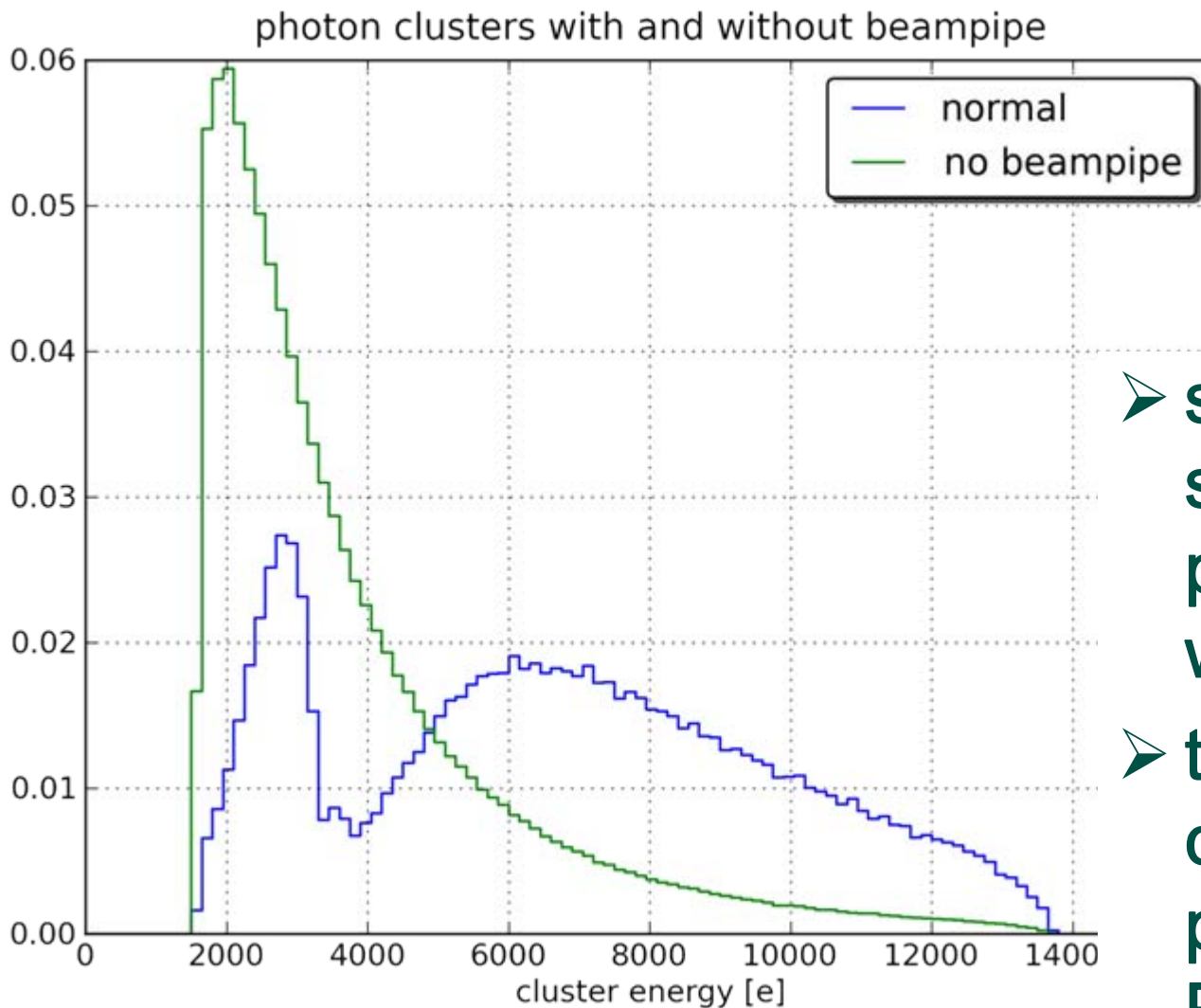
- Questions (for online data reduction):
 - can we use pixel and cluster properties for a rough selection of physics pixels?
 - expect photons do make small cluster (~1 pixel only)
 - clusters from tracks are larger
 - can we detect pixels from low momentum tracks by their energy deposition?
 - does it make sense to use pixel or cluster amplitudes for fast hit selection
 - especially: slow pions $50\text{MeV} < p < 100\text{MeV}$
- these criteria would allow some data selection for PXD standalone → important for slow pions
- Use particle gun to find answers

Photons in the PXD (Martin Ritter)



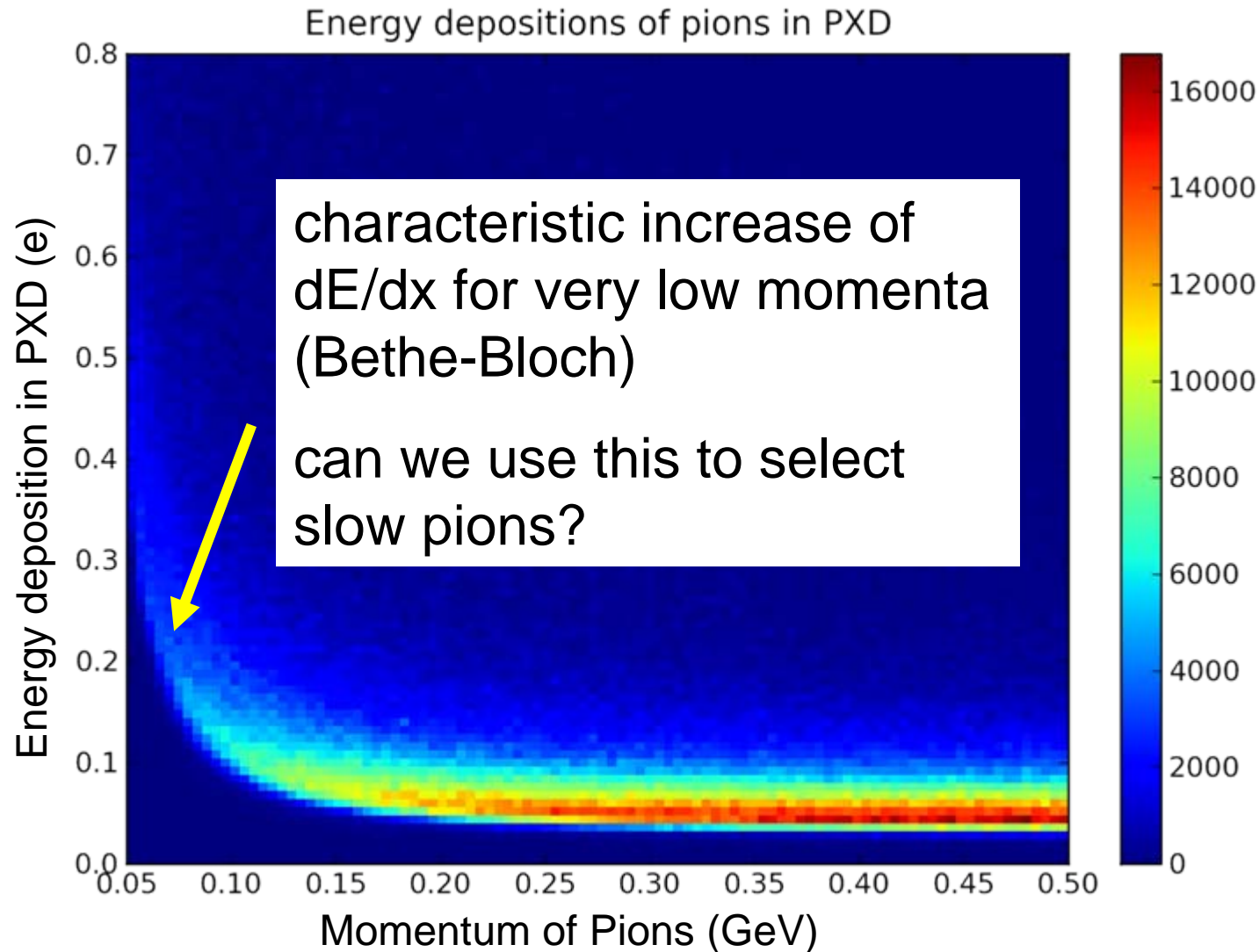
- Expectation not confirmed in simple simulation setup
- **HOWEVER:** (learned today)
Digitizer not tuned for photons

Role of the beampipe (MR)

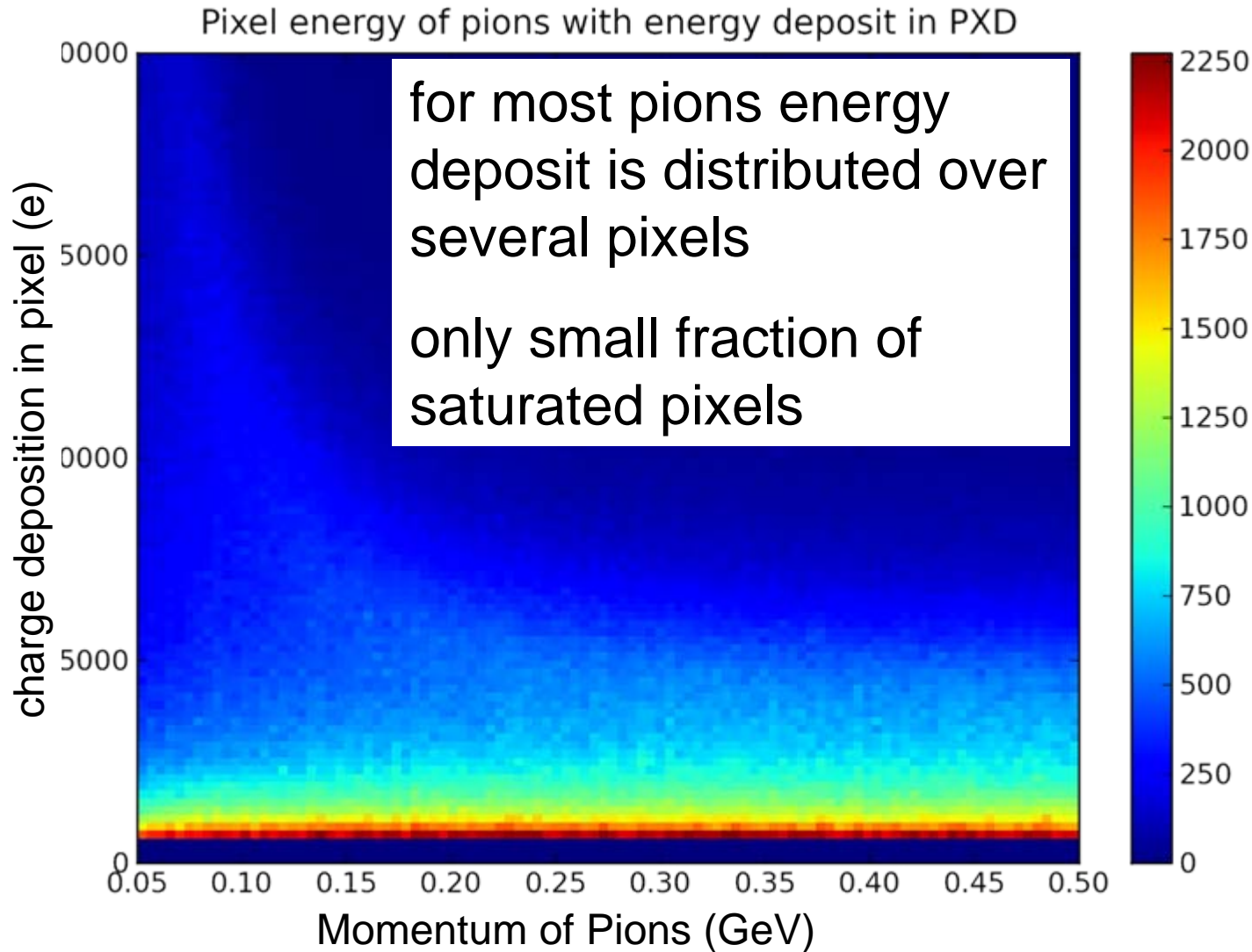


- simulation shows: a lot of photons interact with beam pipe
- this widens the clusters from photons in the PXD

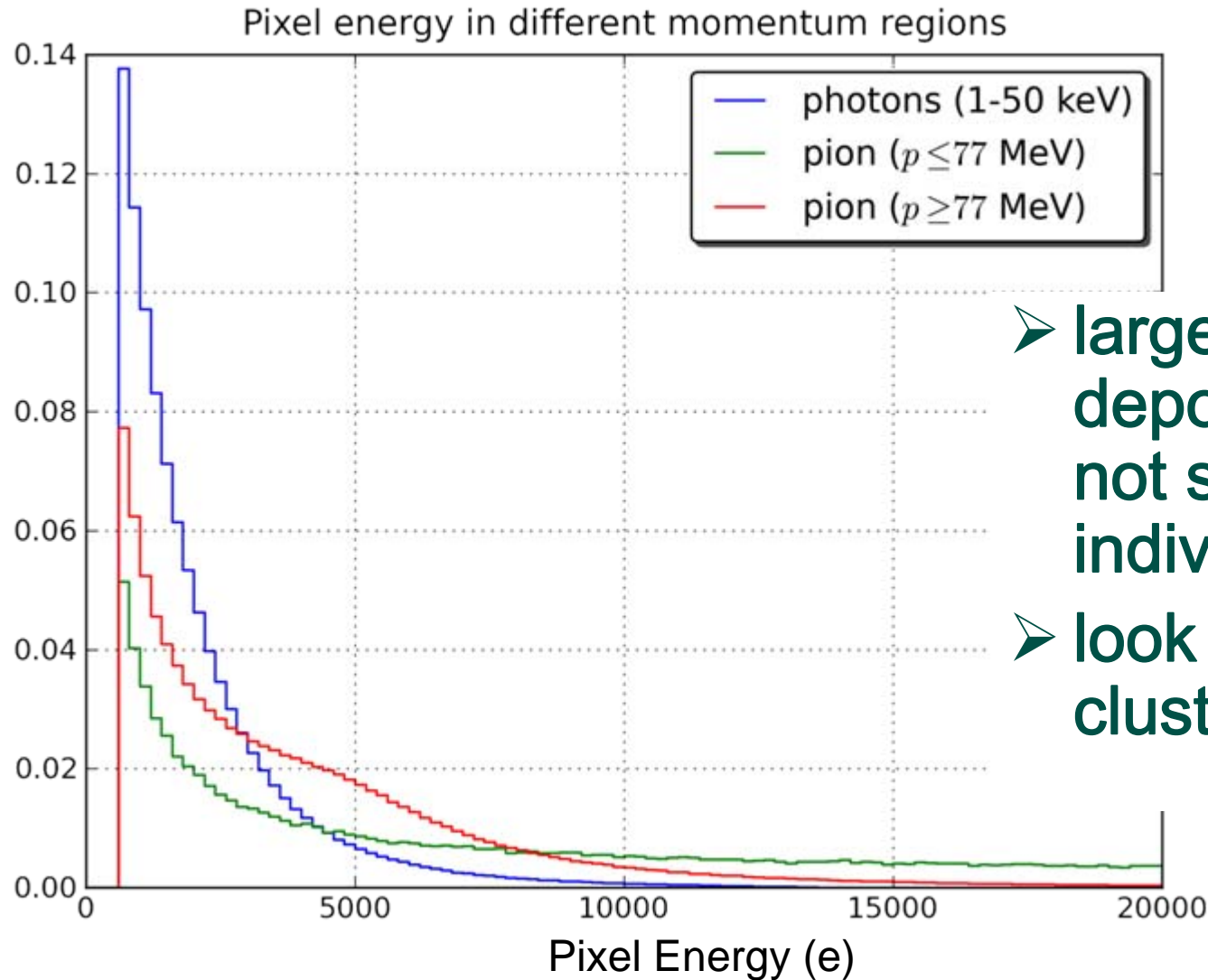
Pions in the PXD (MR)



Pion pixels in the PXD (MR)

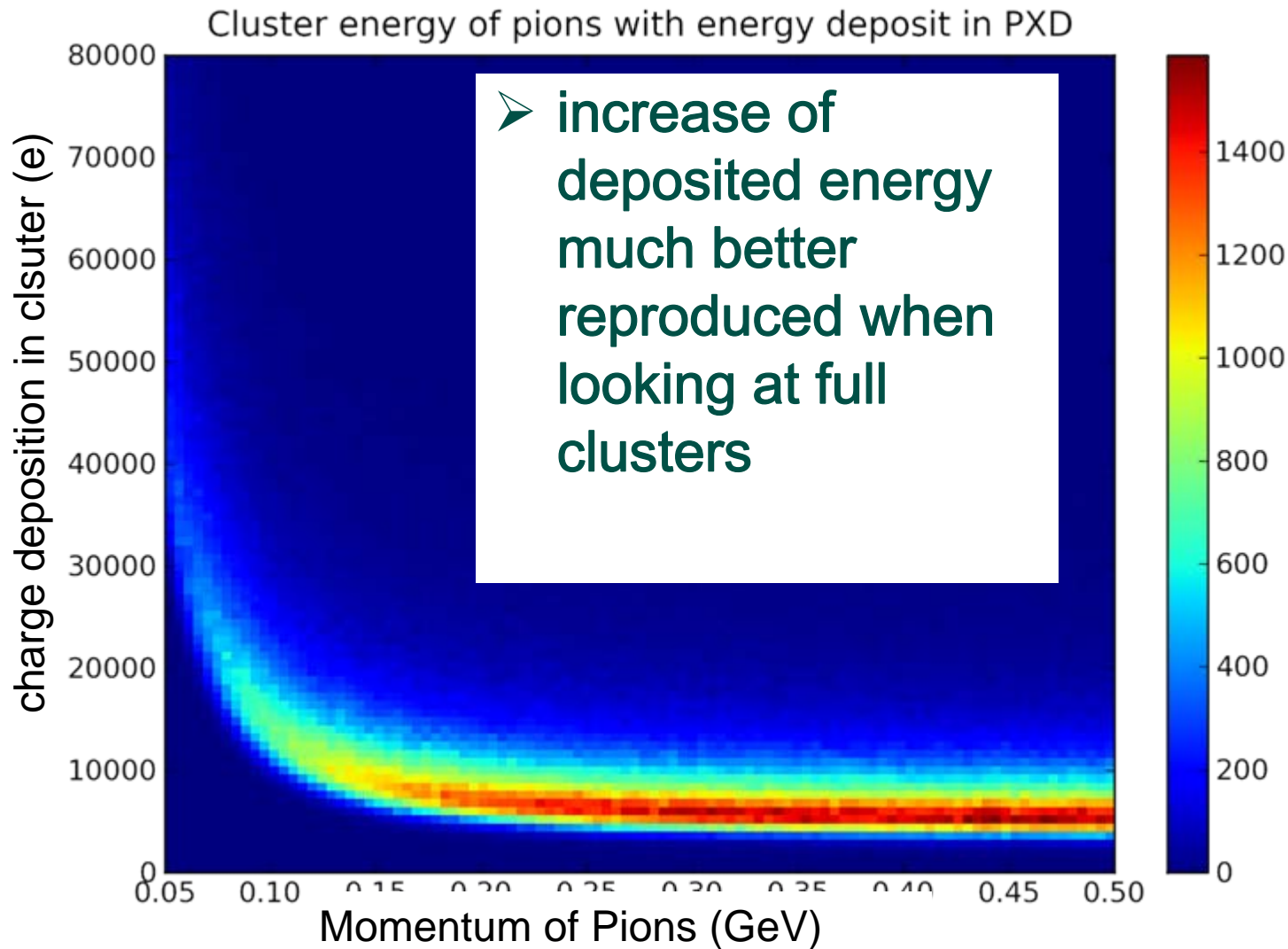


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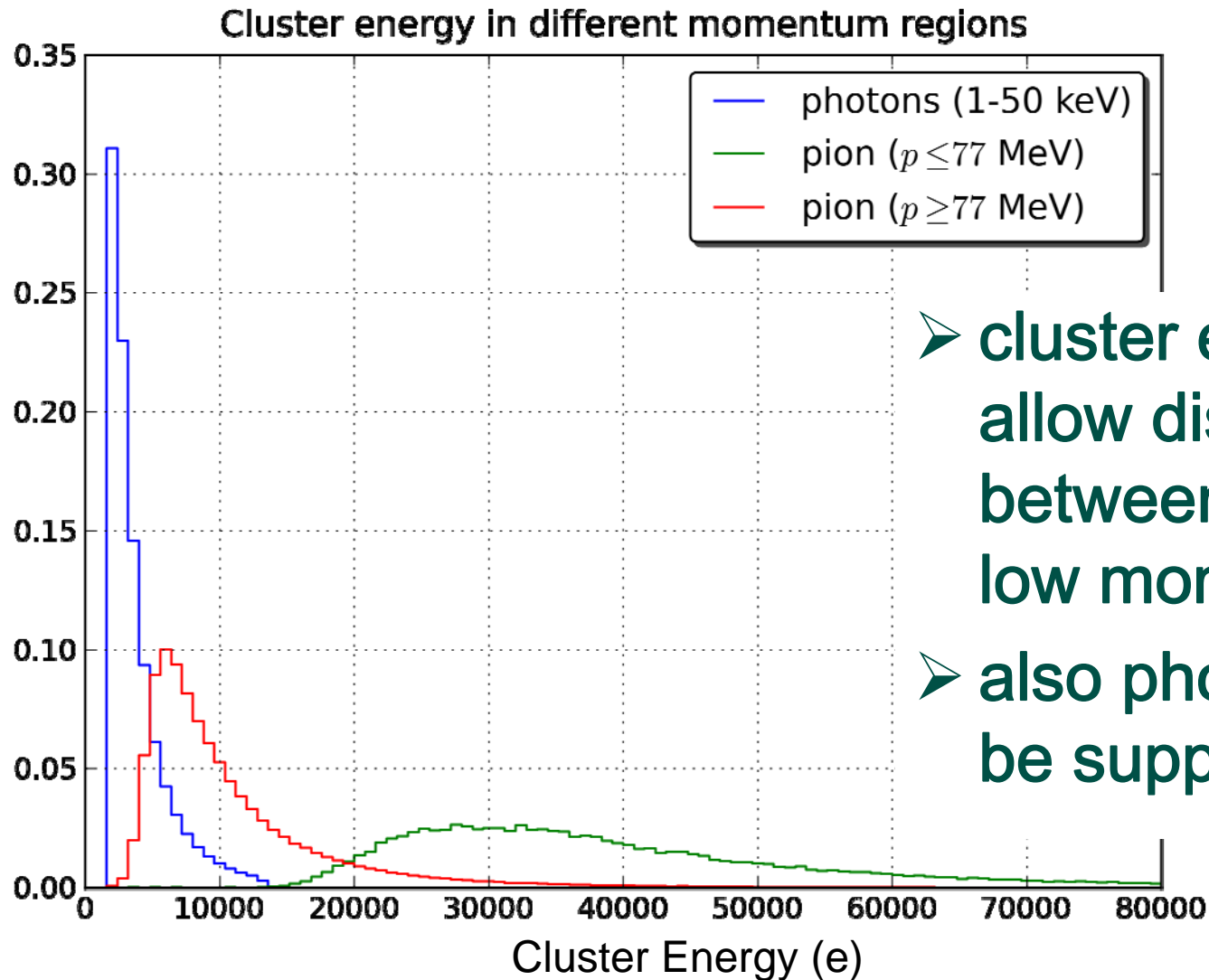


- large energy depositions do not show up in individual pixels
- look at entire clusters instead

Pion clusters in the PXD (MR)

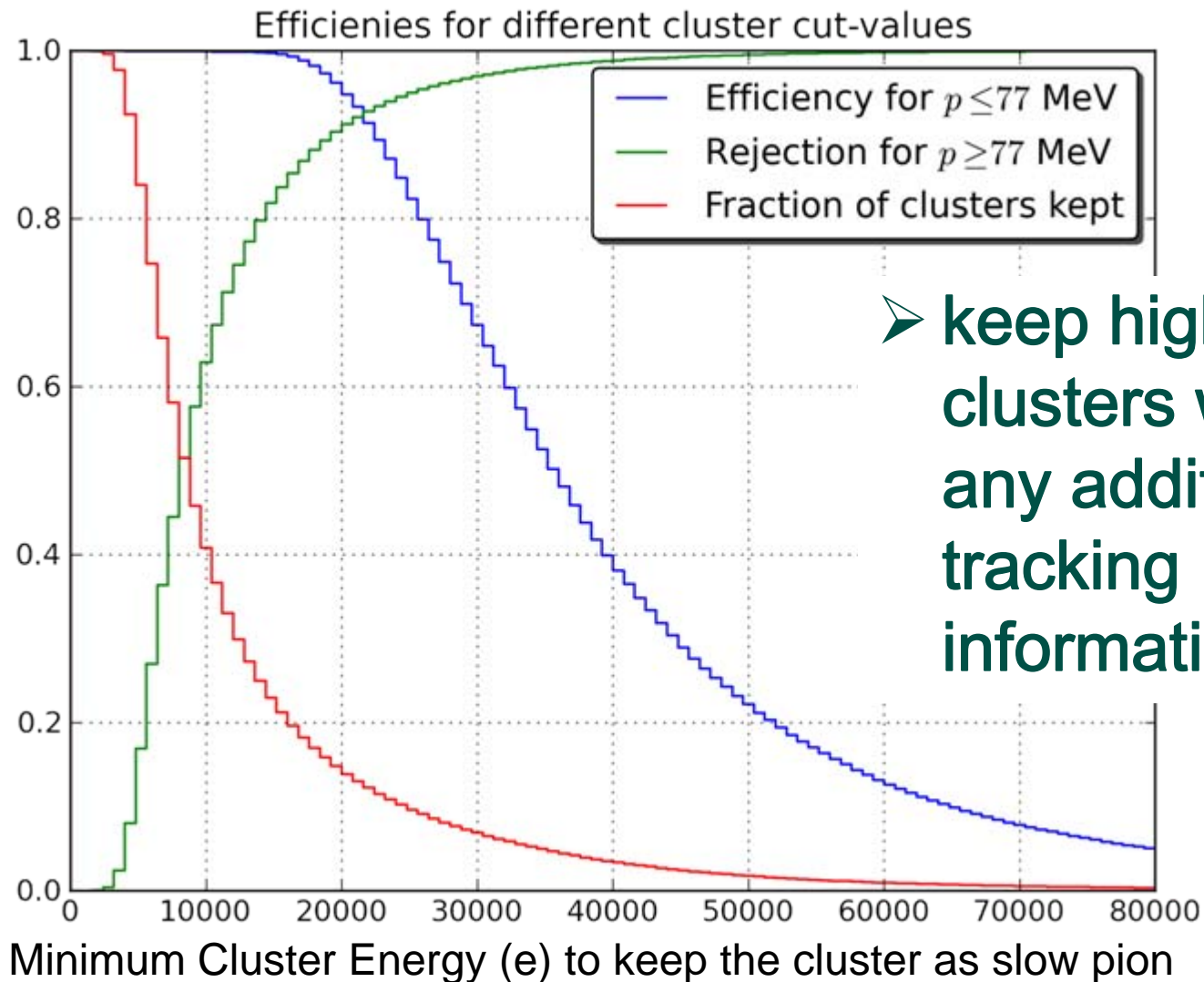


Pion clusters in the PXD (MR)



- cluster energies allow distinction between high and low momenta
- also photons can be suppressed!

Cutting on cluster energies in the PXD



➤ keep high energy clusters without any additional tracking information

Conclusion

- first background studies have started in BASF2
- some steps are still missing, but a lot of progress can be observed
- study of pixel sizes in PXD gives promising perspective:
 - we can detect hits from low momentum tracks from cluster energies **PXD STANDALONE**
 - situation for photons not quite clear, but stand alone rejection should be possible
 - waiting for digitizers in BASF2 for analysis of amplitude range