

# Calorimetry and Missing $E_T$

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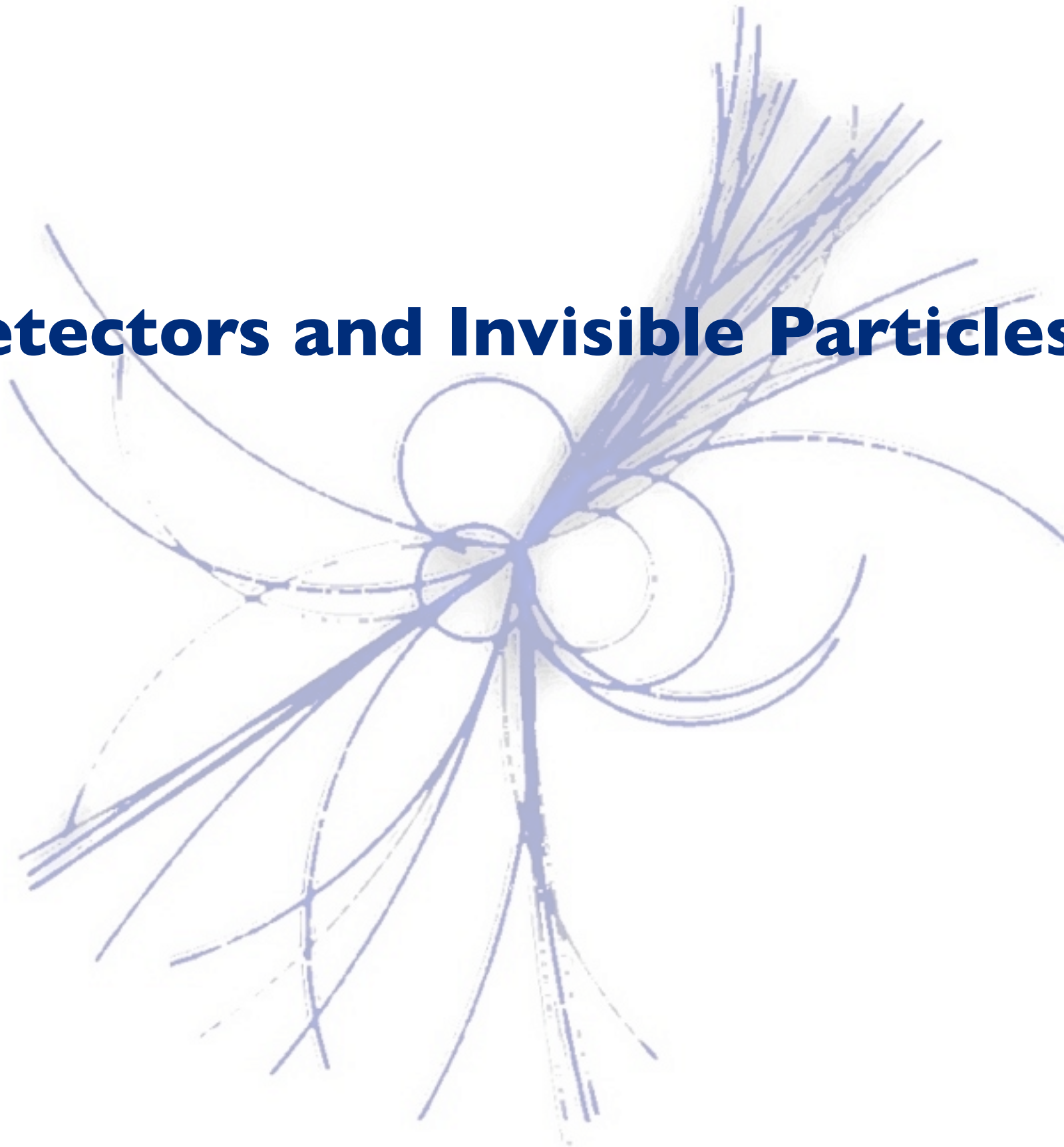
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# Outline

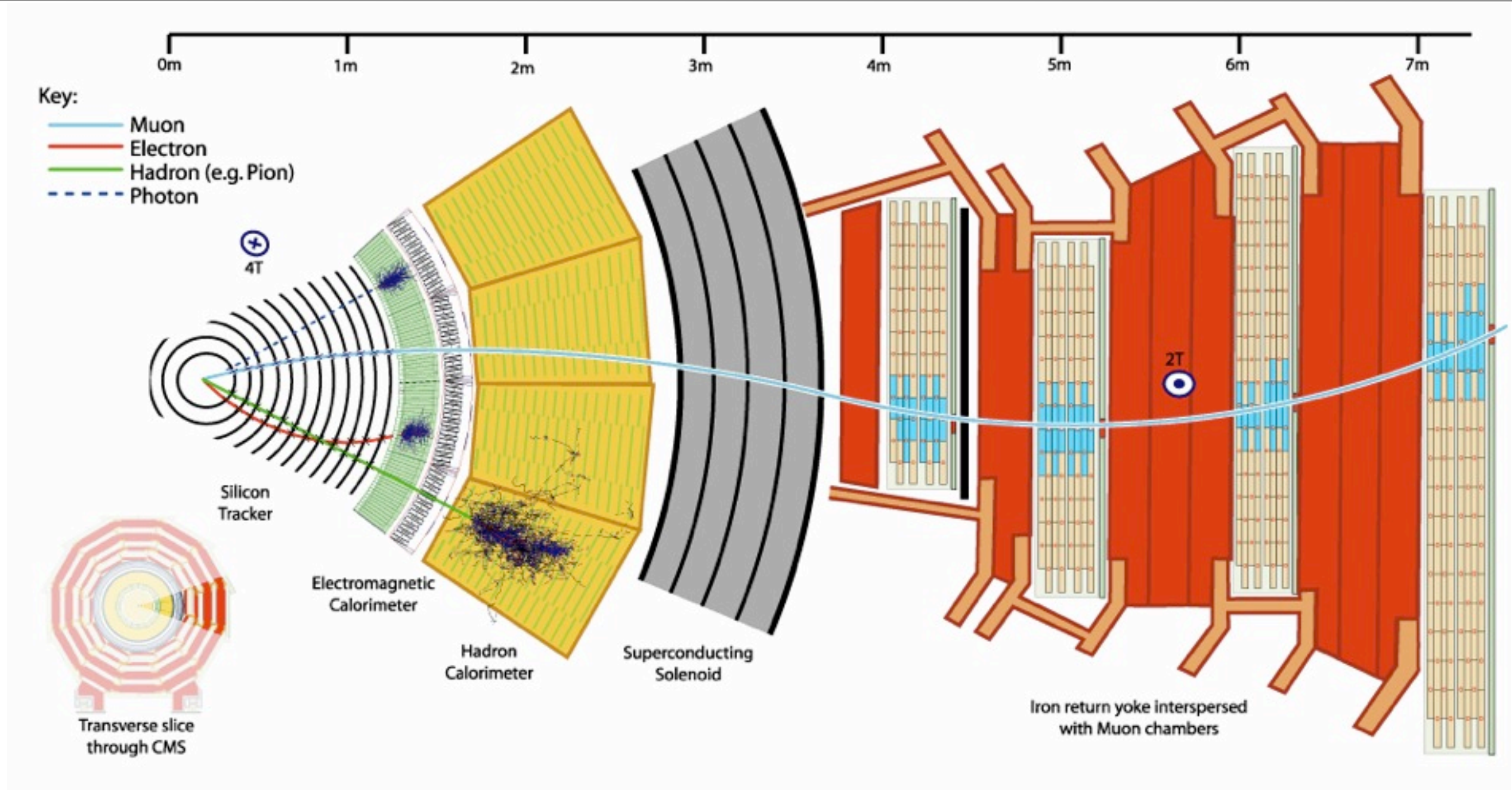
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# Detectors and Invisible Particles





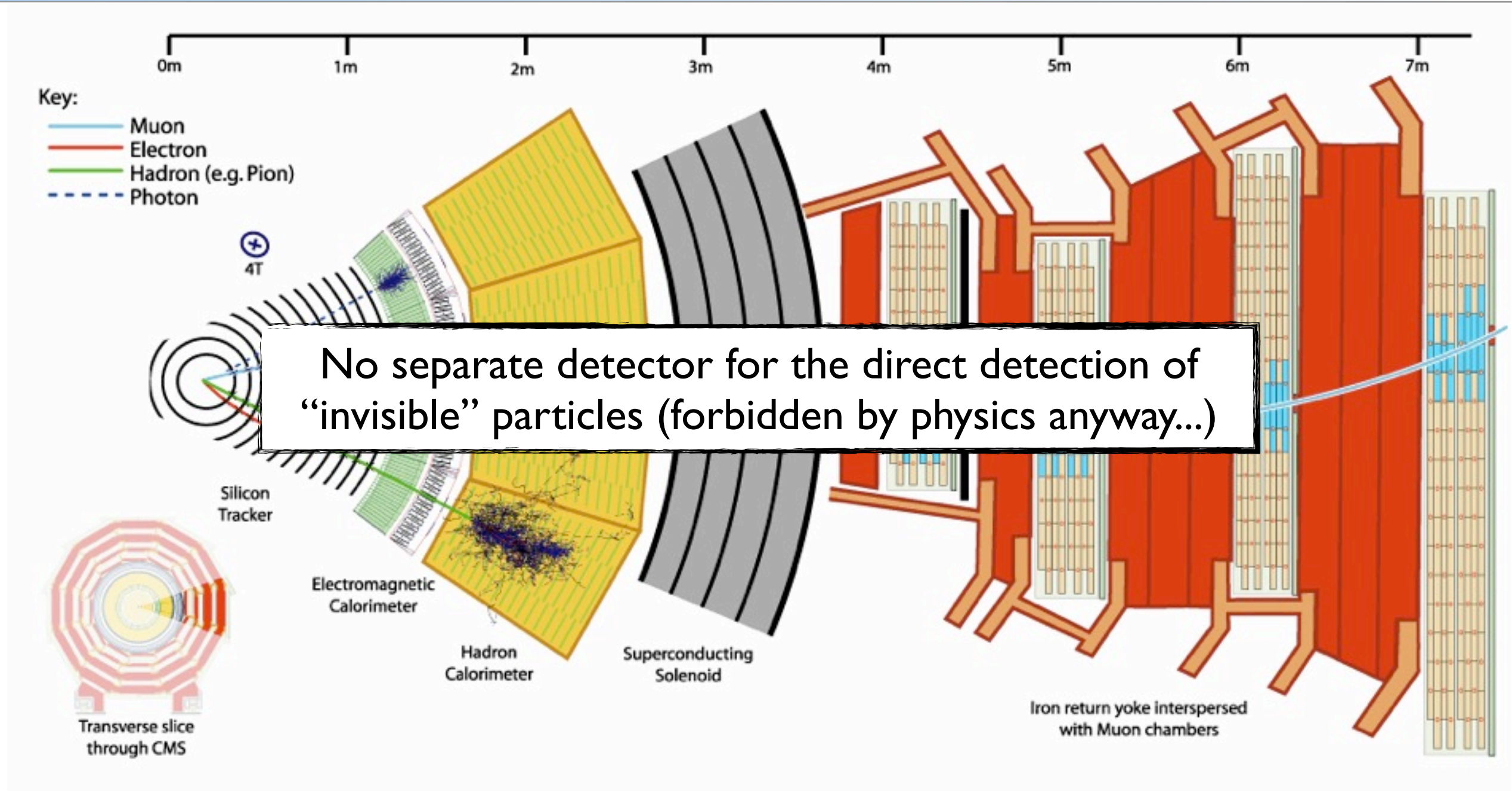
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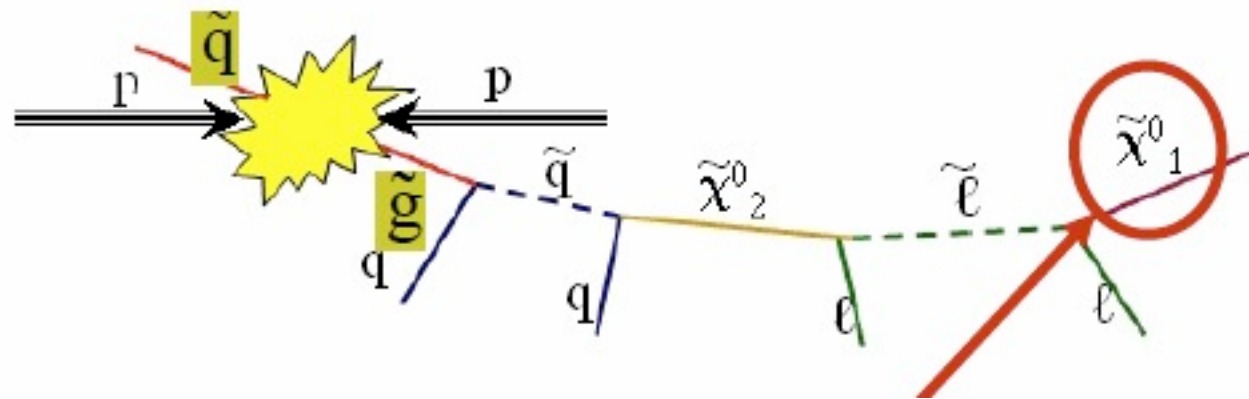
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the sum of transverse momenta does not add up to zero: one (or more) particles escaped the detector undetected



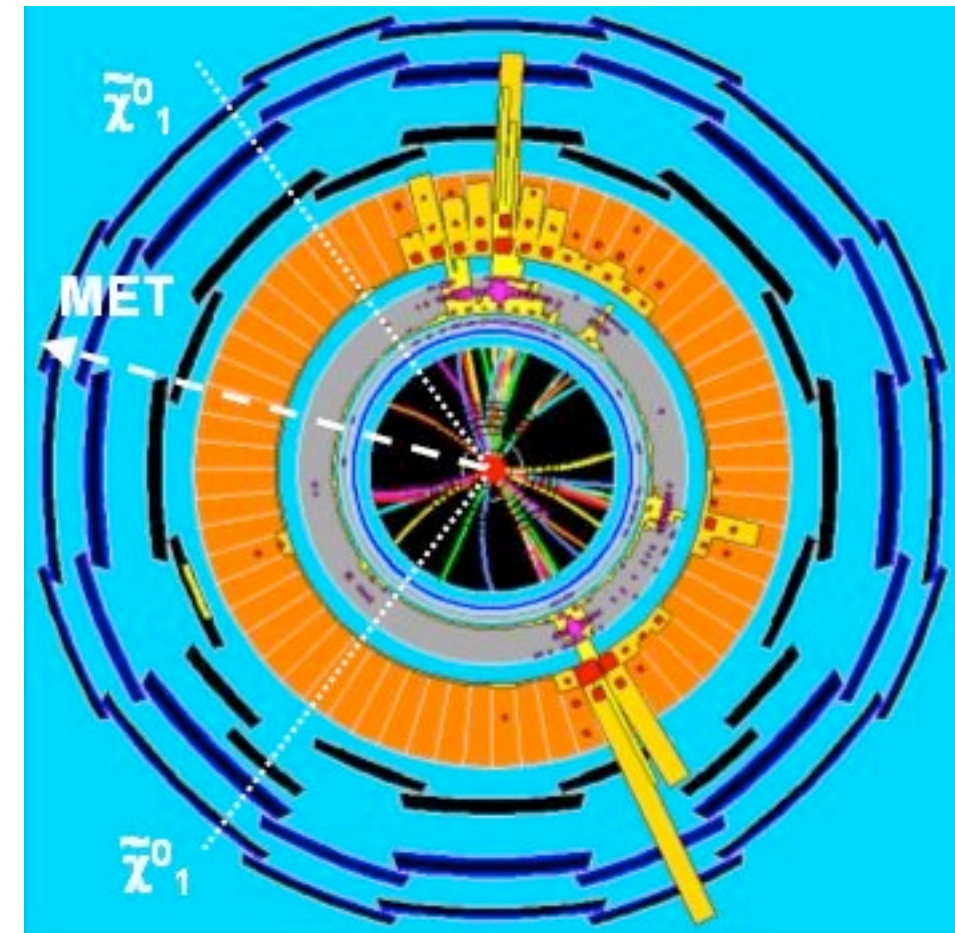
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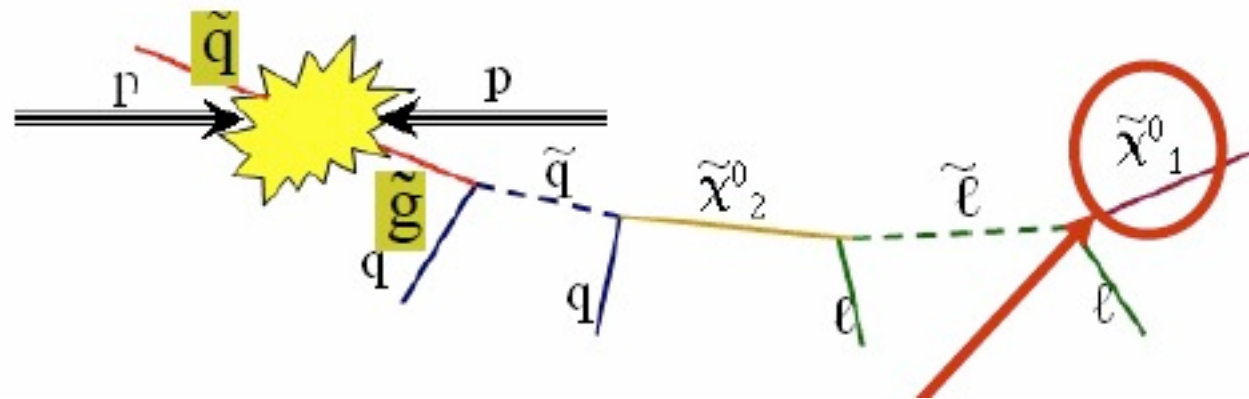
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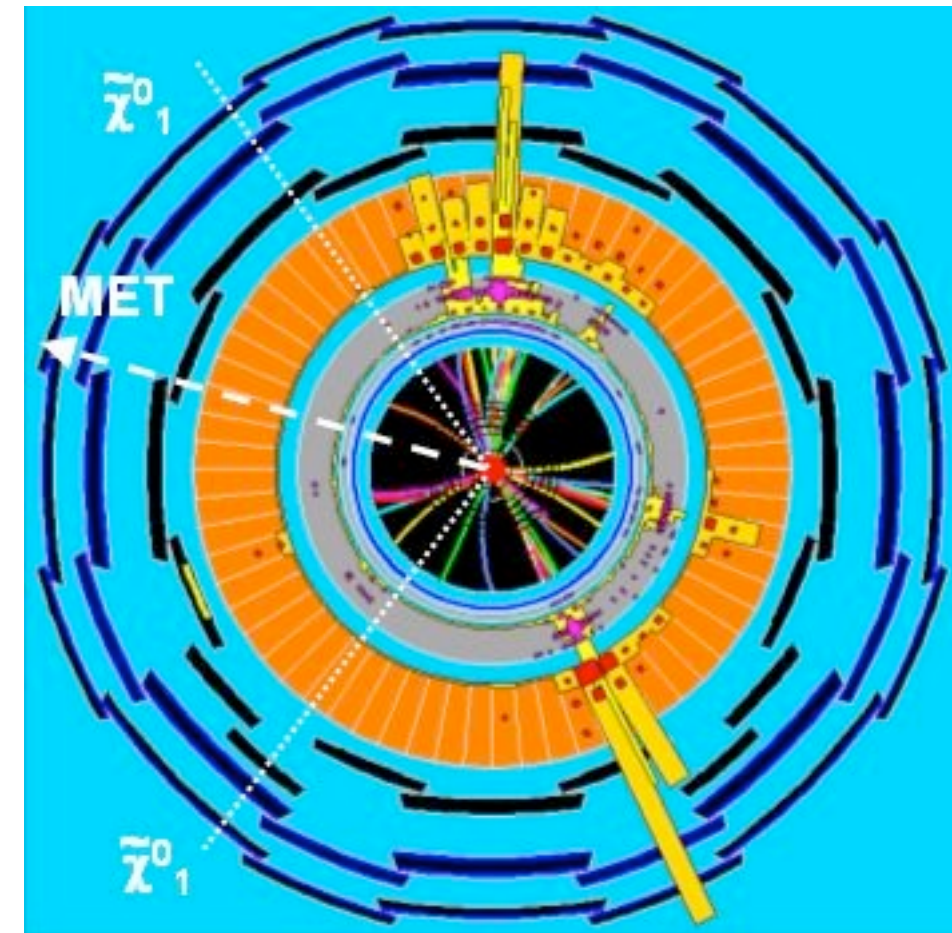
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The recipe for a good measurement:

- highly efficient, high resolution tracking for muons
- high resolution electromagnetic calorimeters for photons
- high resolution jet measurement in the calorimeter system

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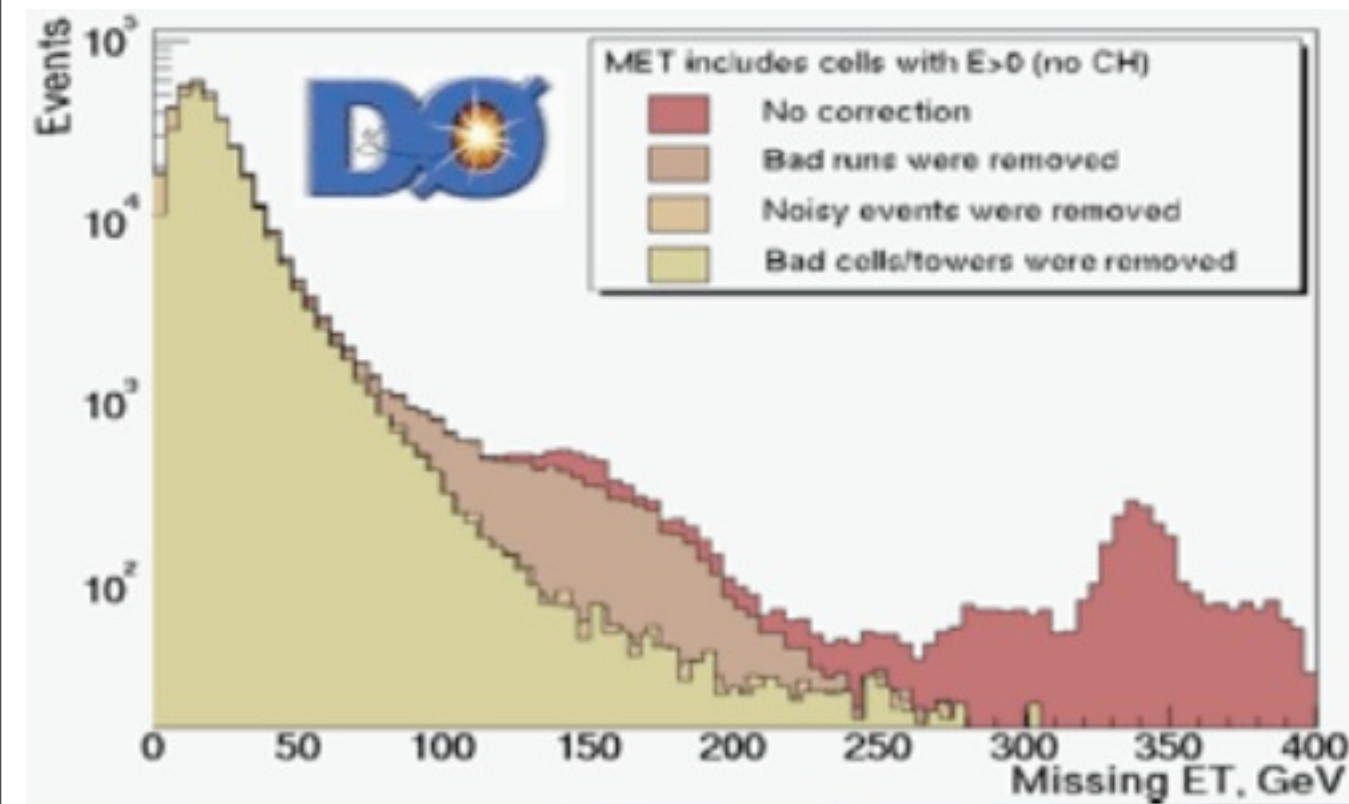
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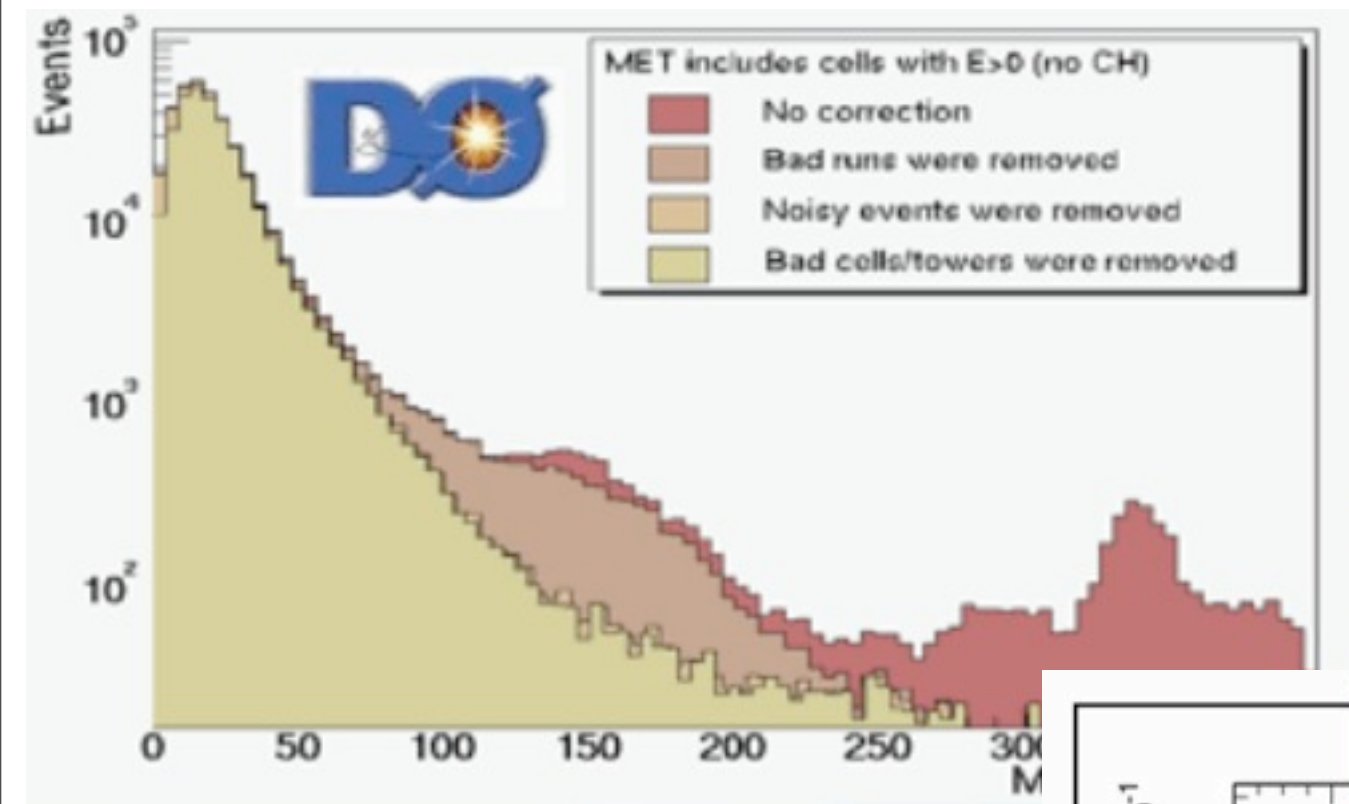


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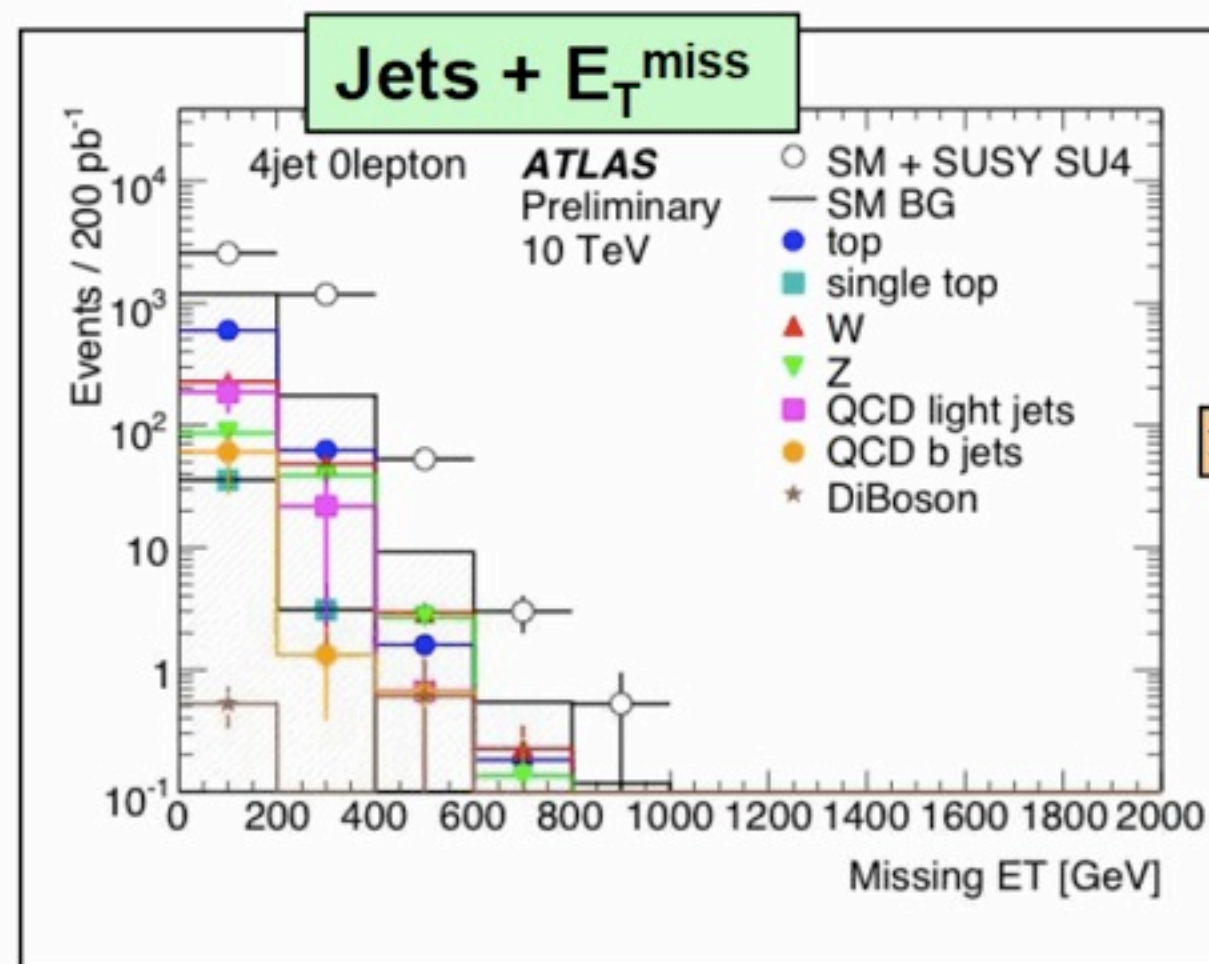
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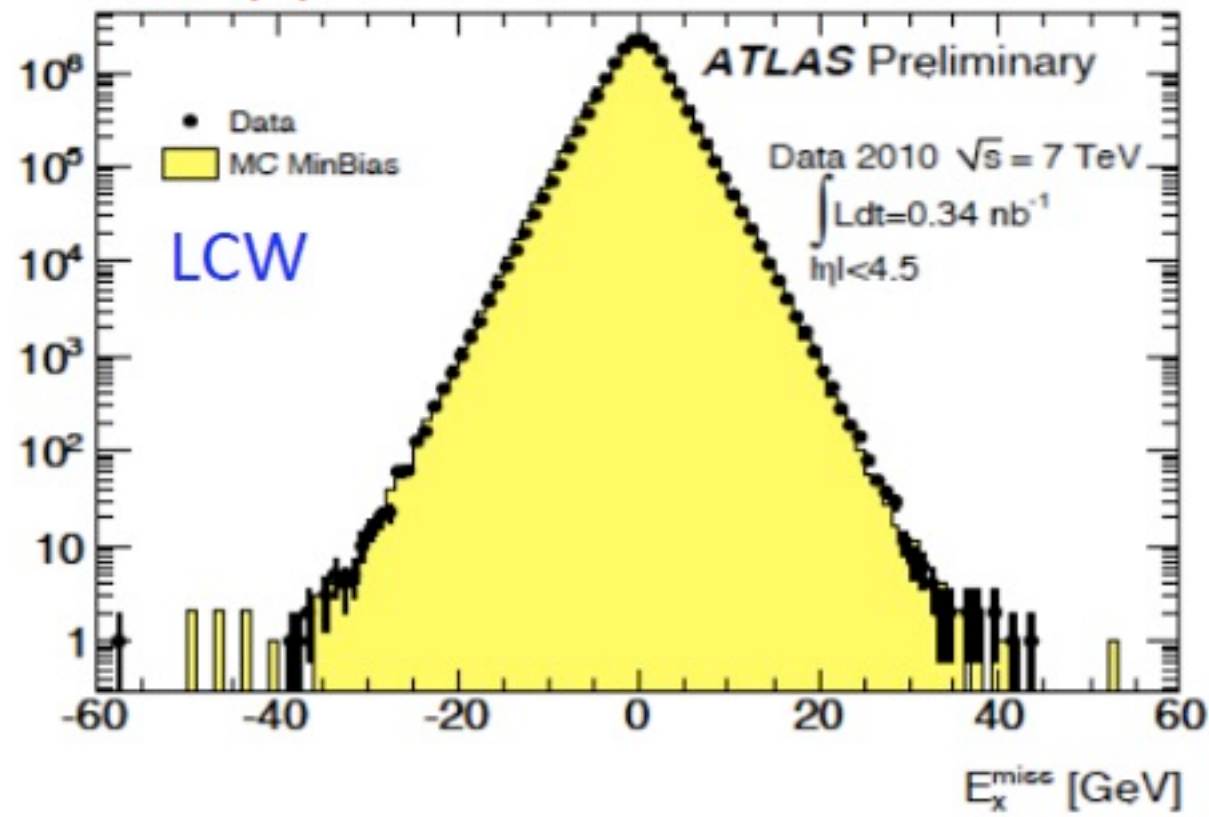
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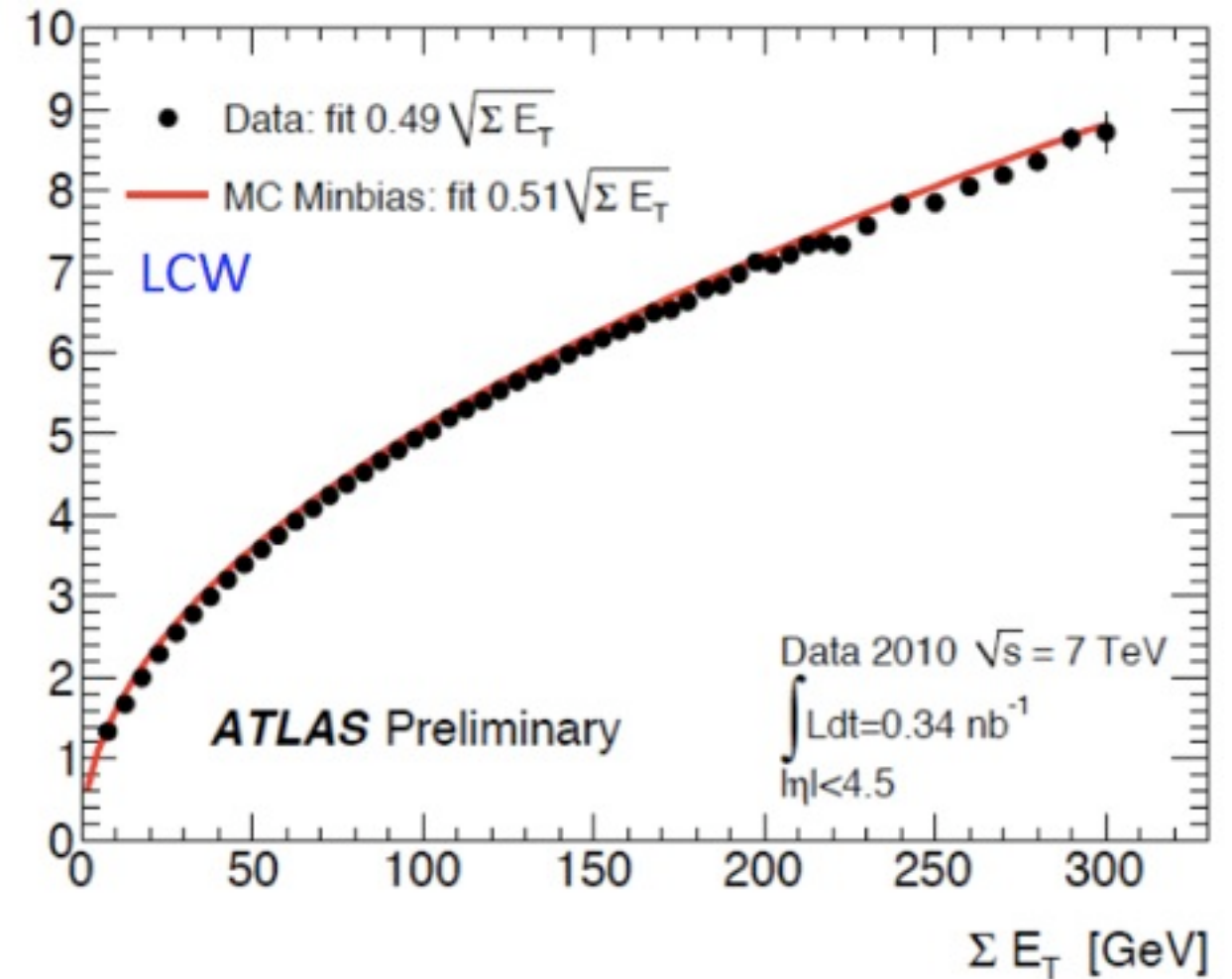
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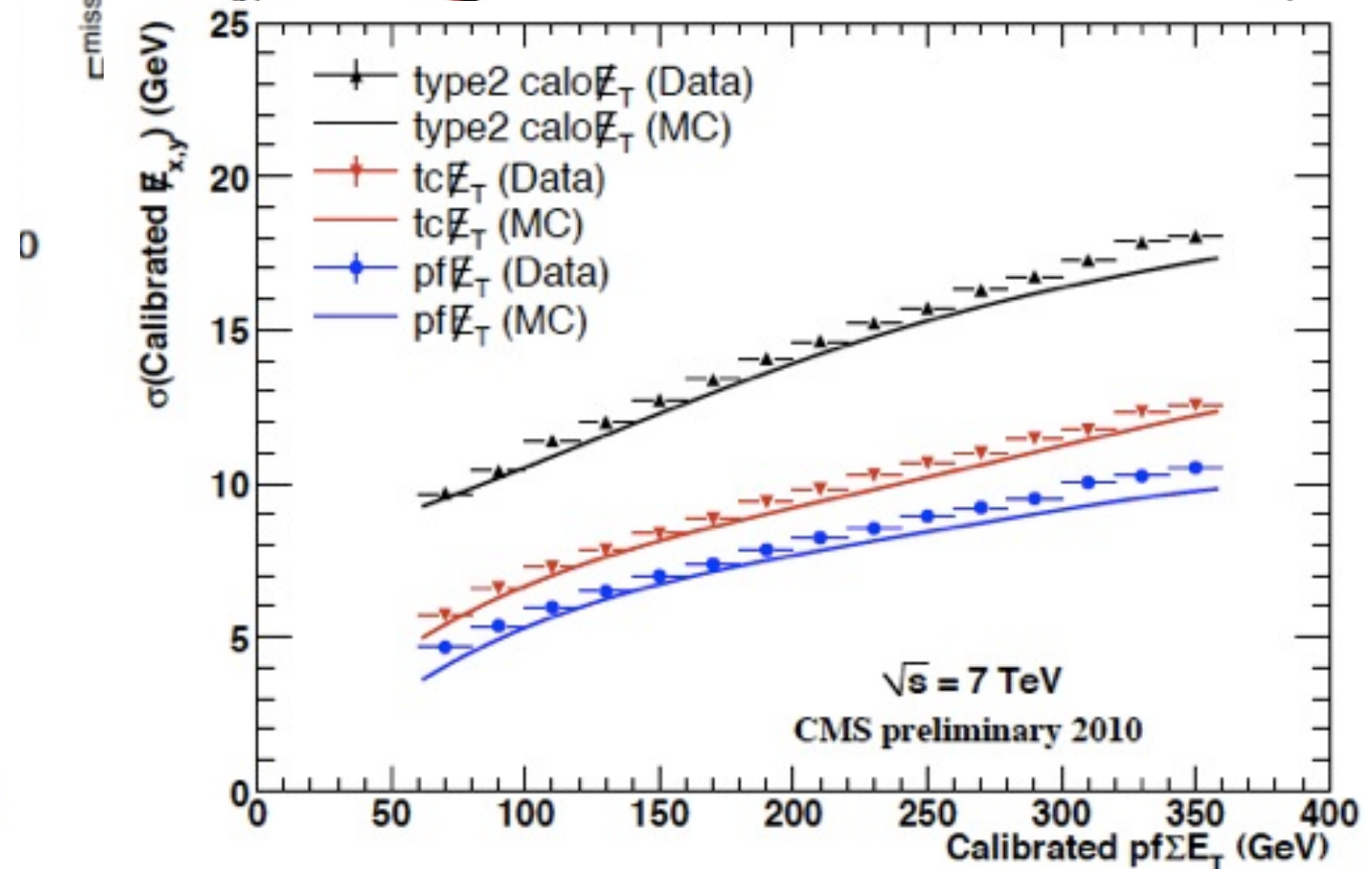
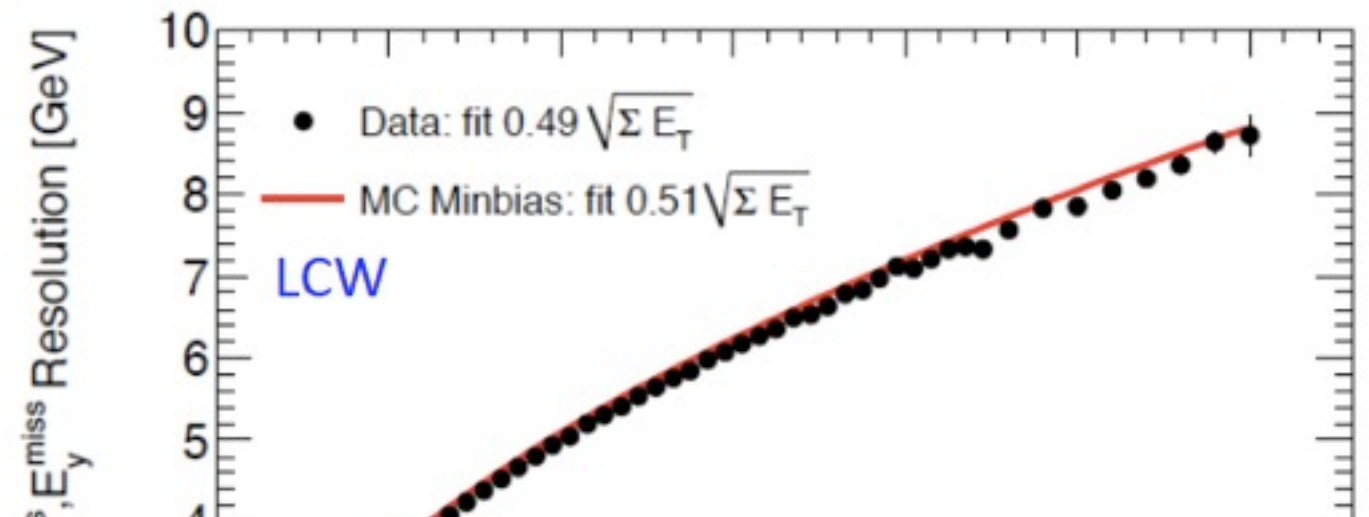
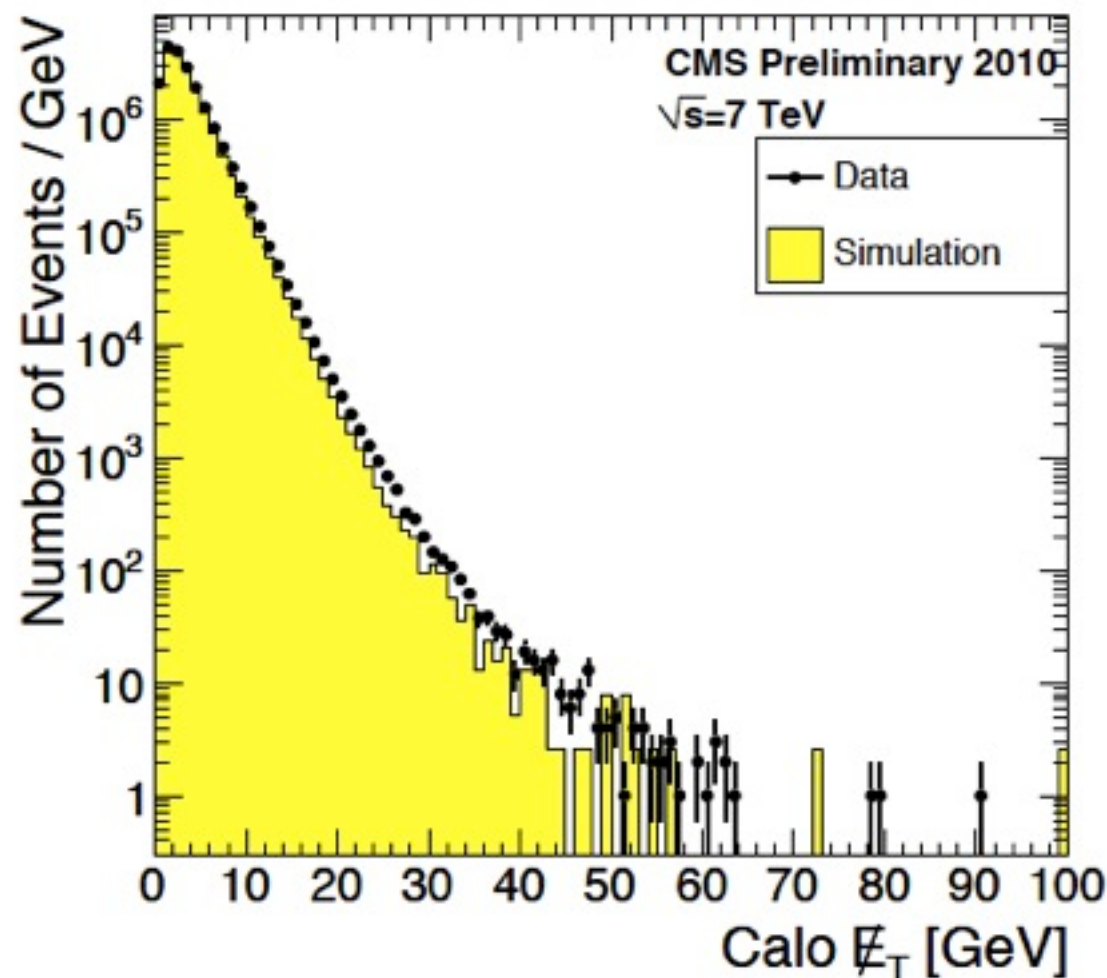
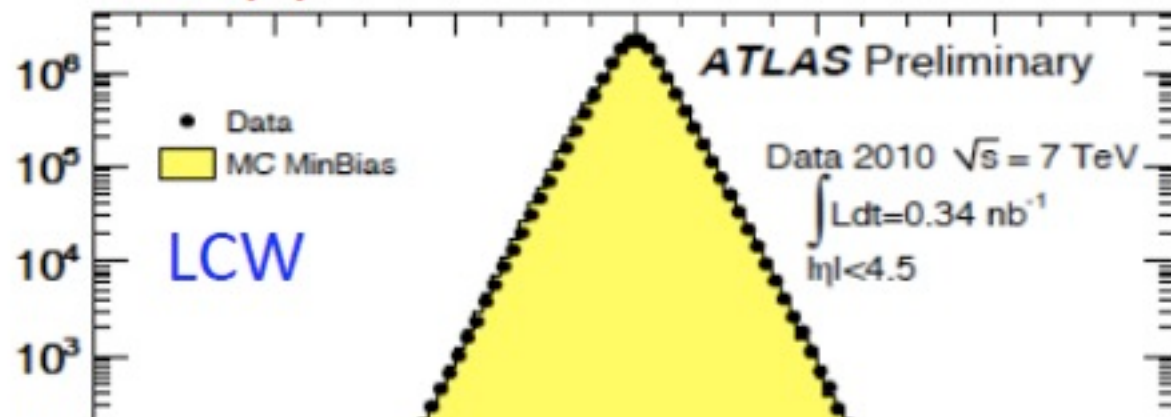




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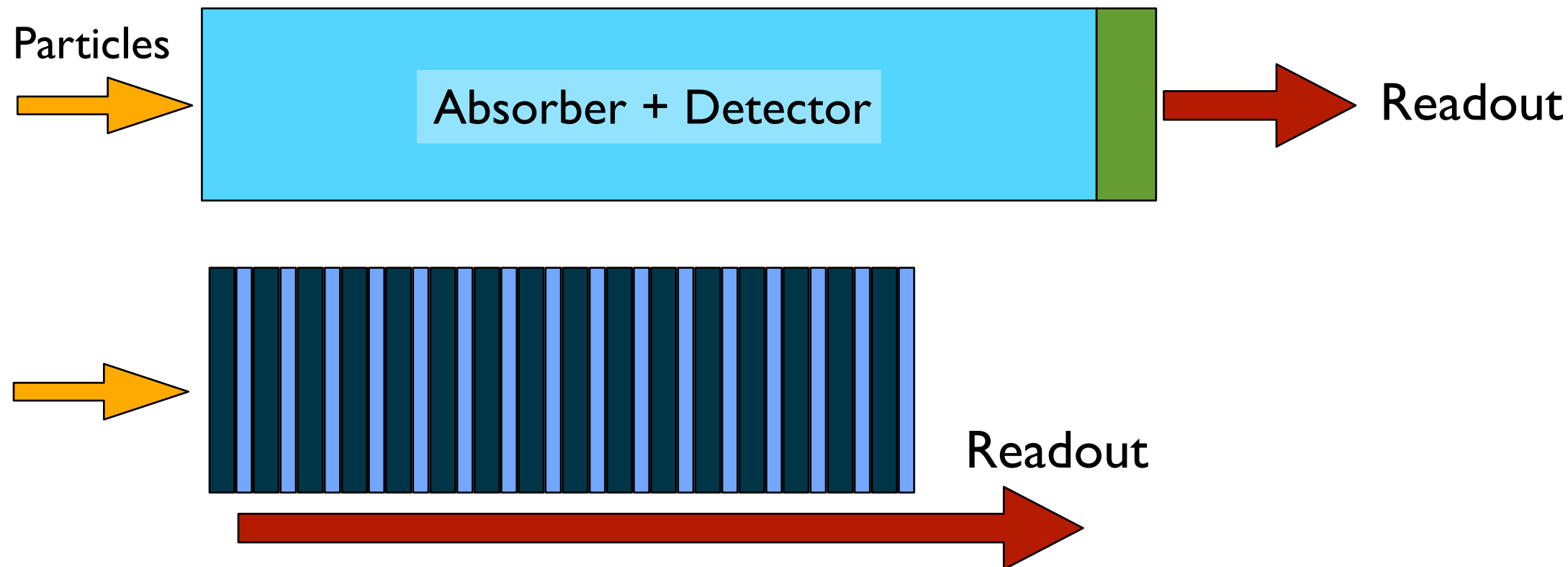
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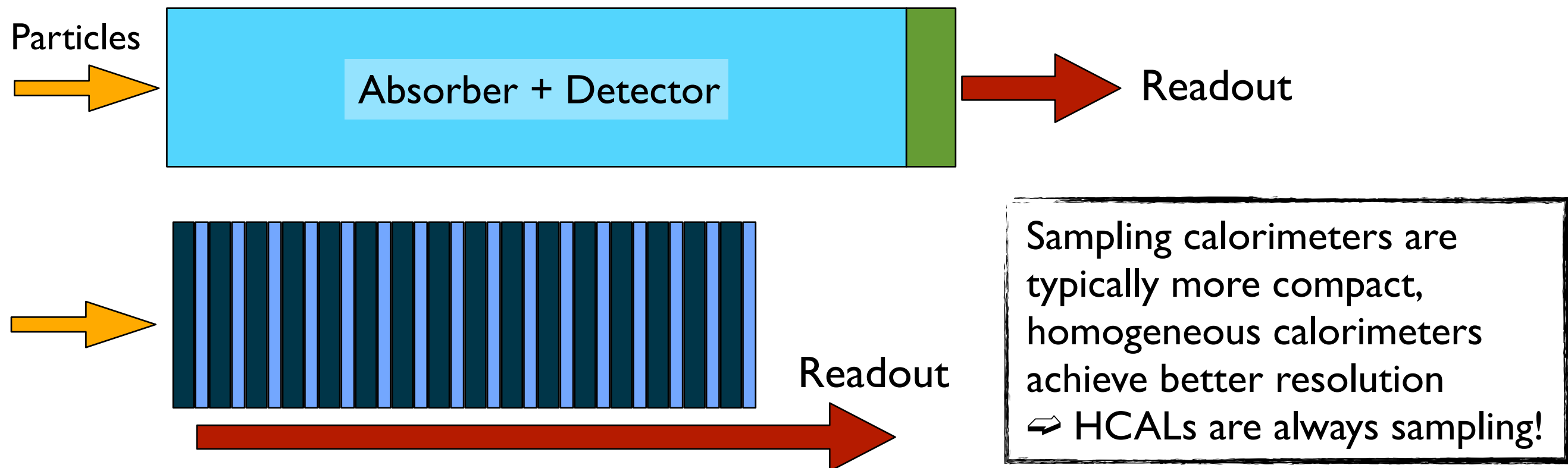
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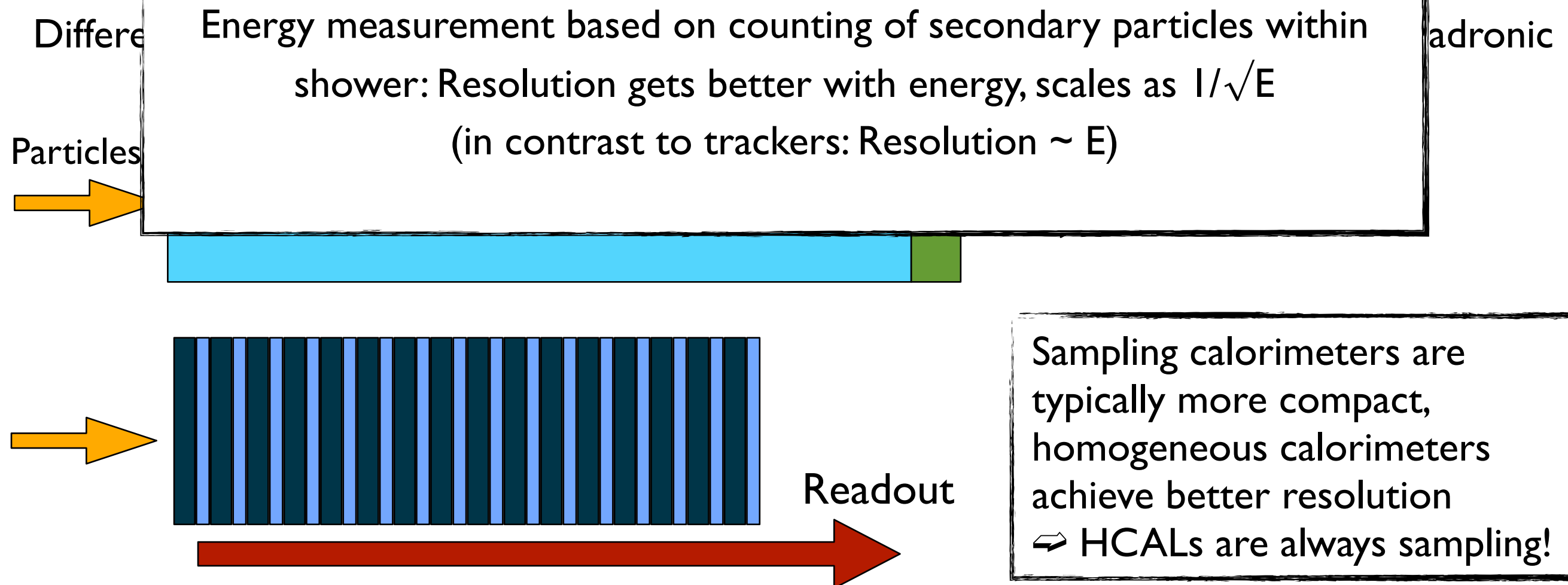


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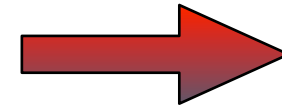
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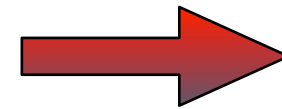
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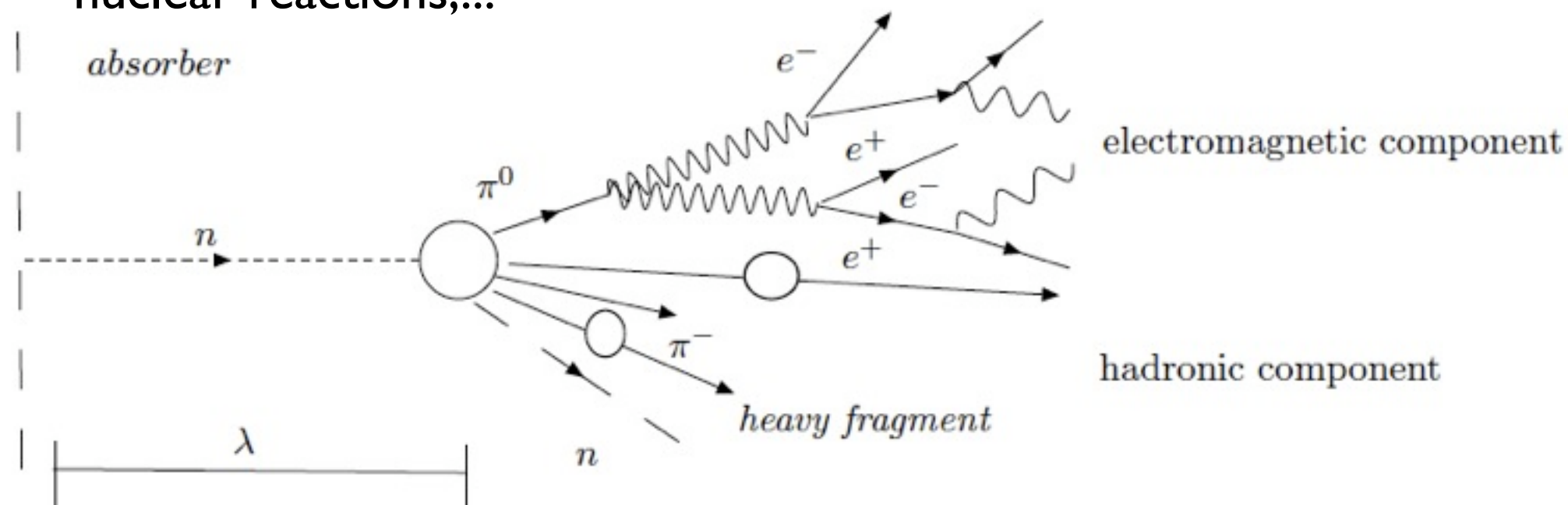
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The downside: Hadronic showers are complicated!

⇒ A mix of electromagnetic and purely hadronic components, lost energy due to nuclear reactions,...



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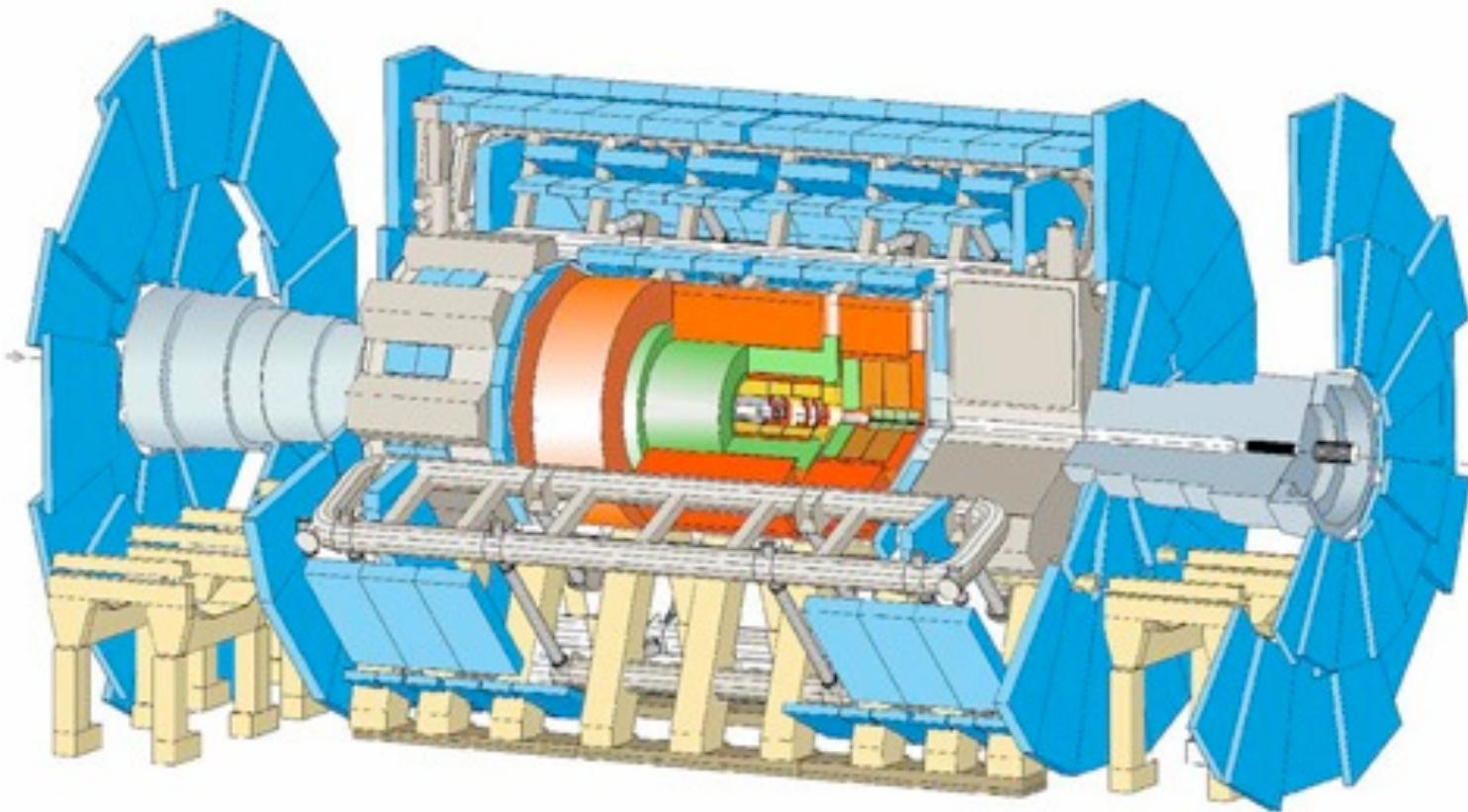
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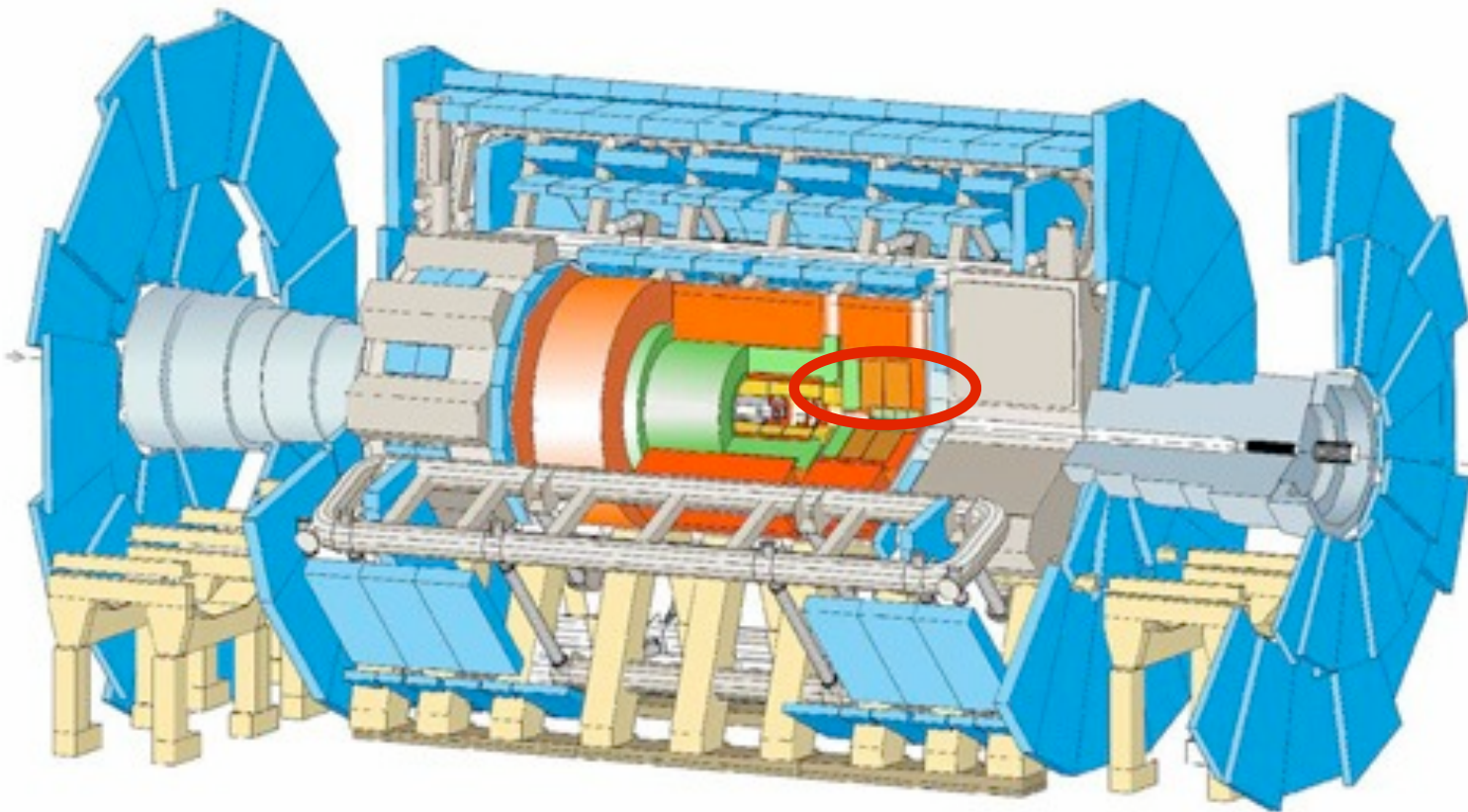




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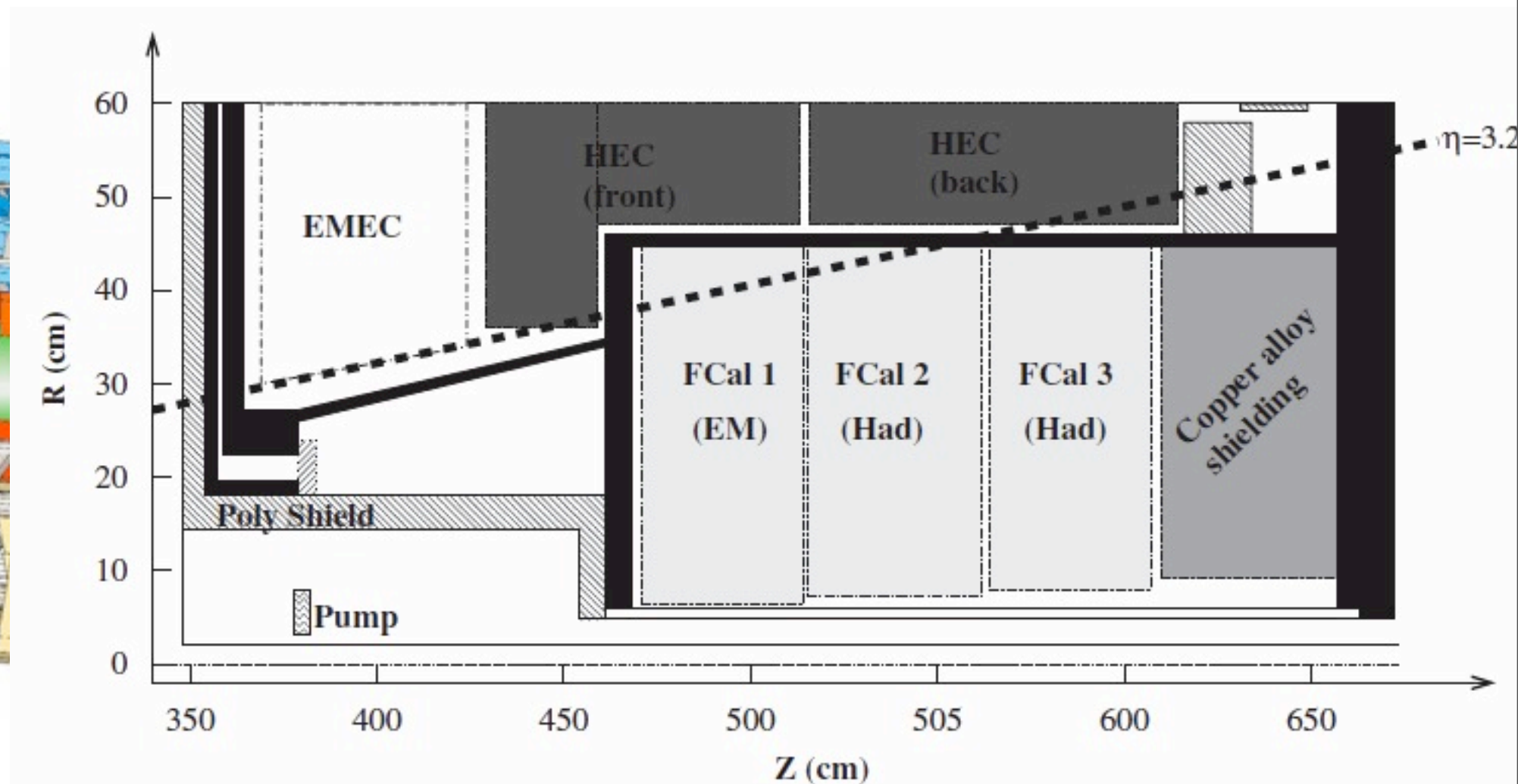
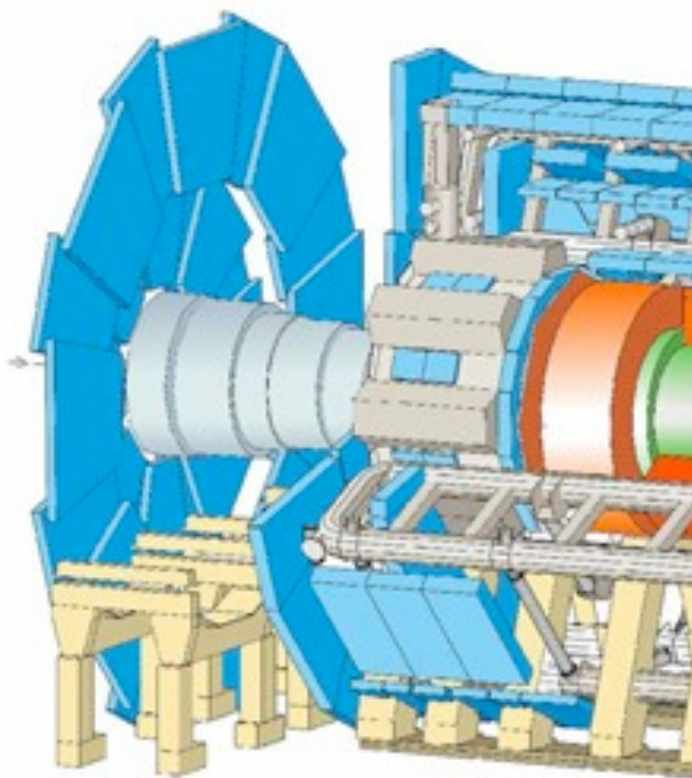
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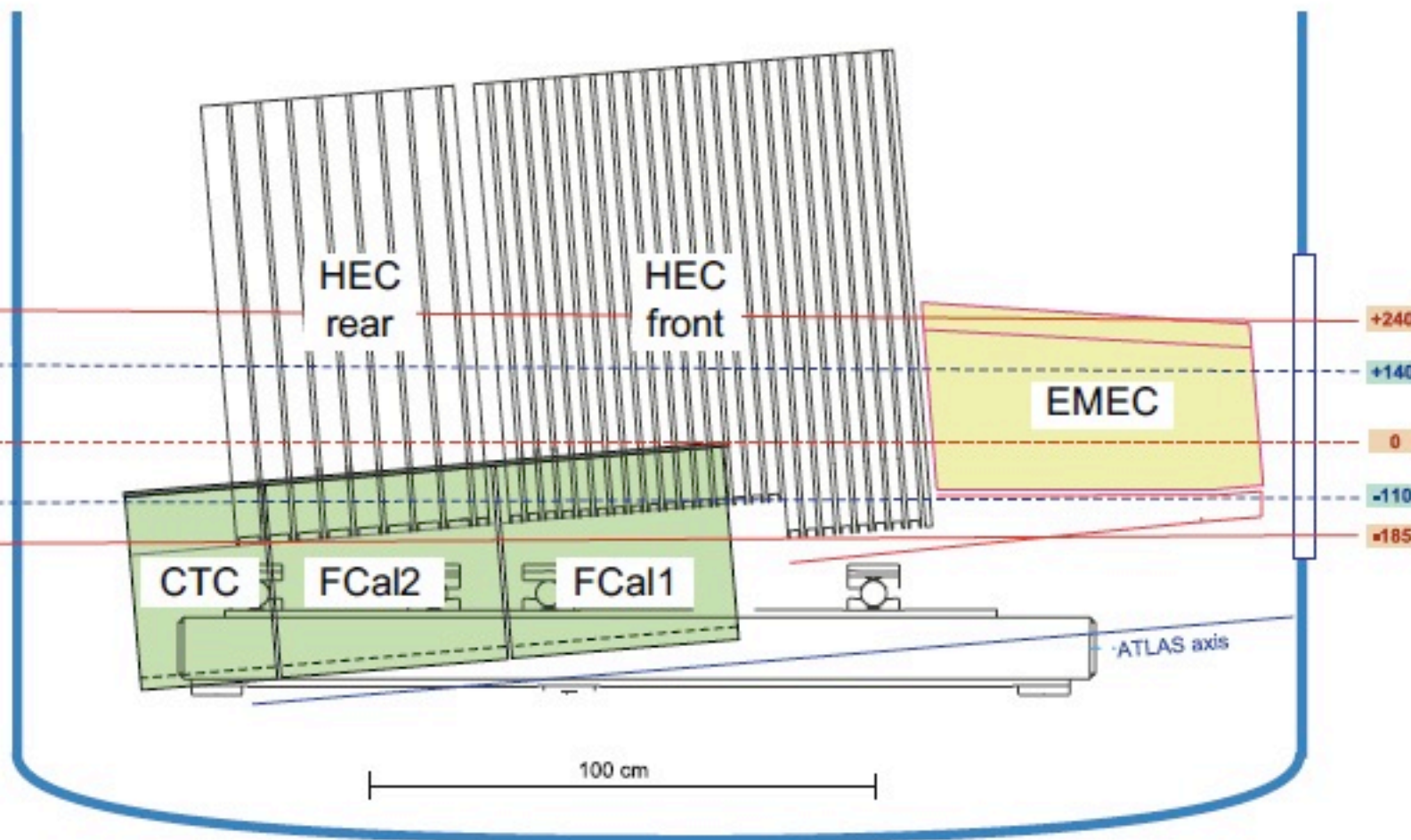
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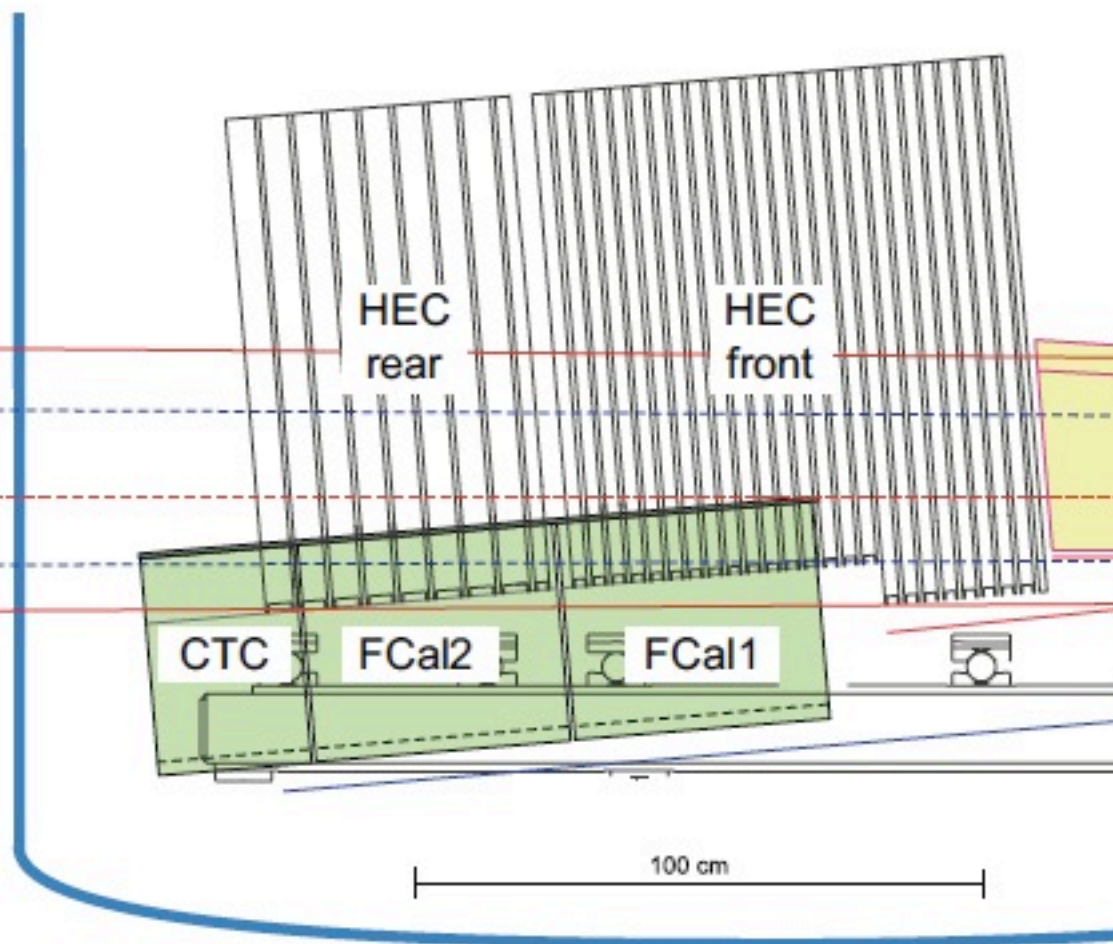
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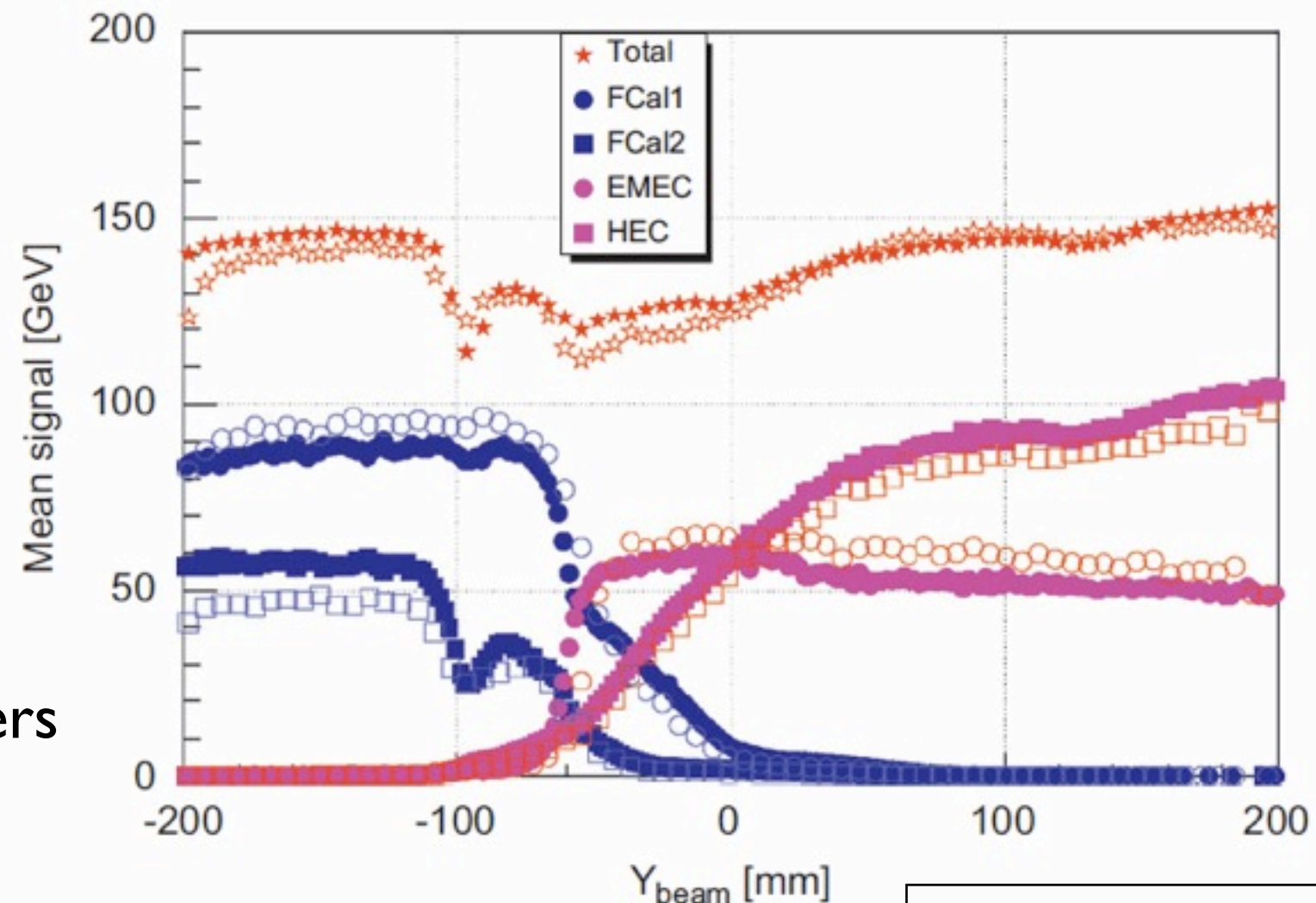
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- position dependence of signal
- good reproduction by simulations

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# Advanced Reconstruction Techniques: Particle Flow

A faint, stylized diagram in the background of the slide. It depicts a central point from which multiple lines radiate outwards, some solid and some dashed, representing particle tracks or flow paths. The lines are arranged in a somewhat circular, fan-like pattern, with some lines curving back towards the center.



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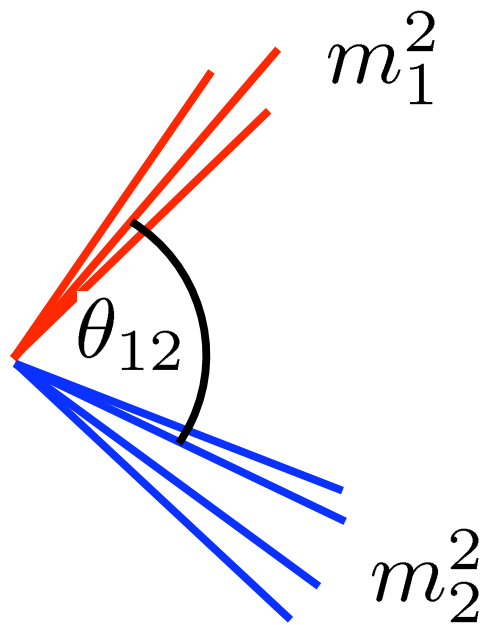
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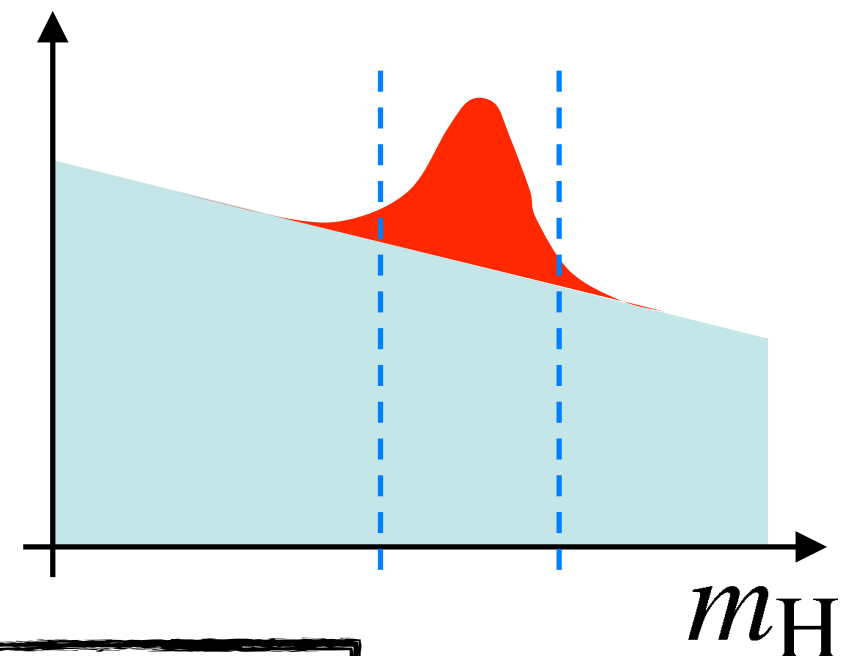
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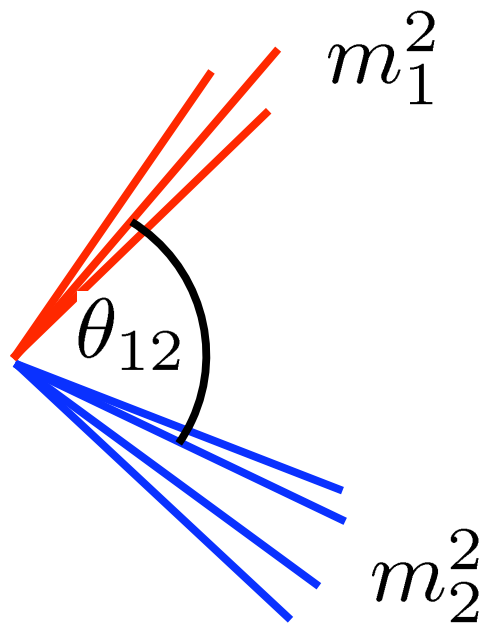
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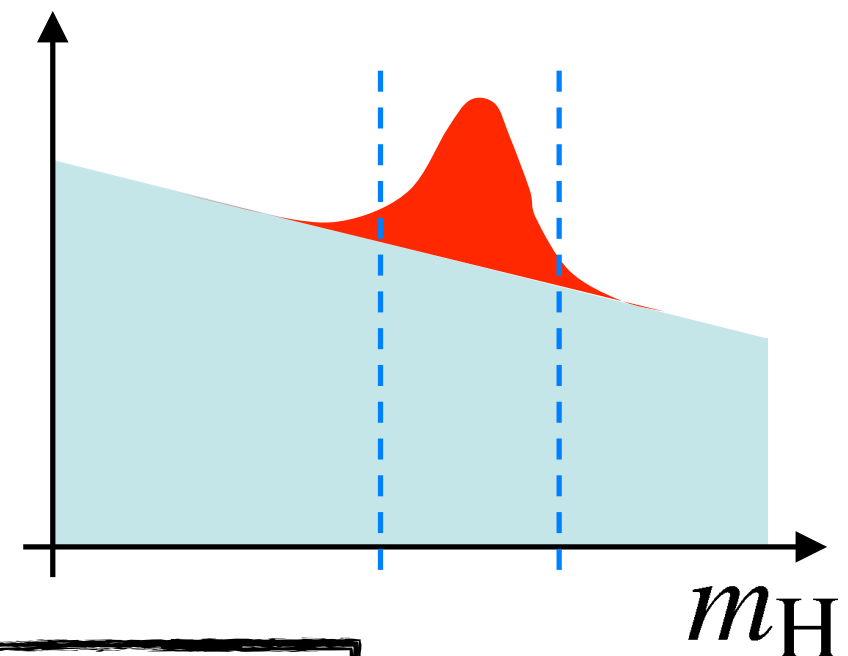
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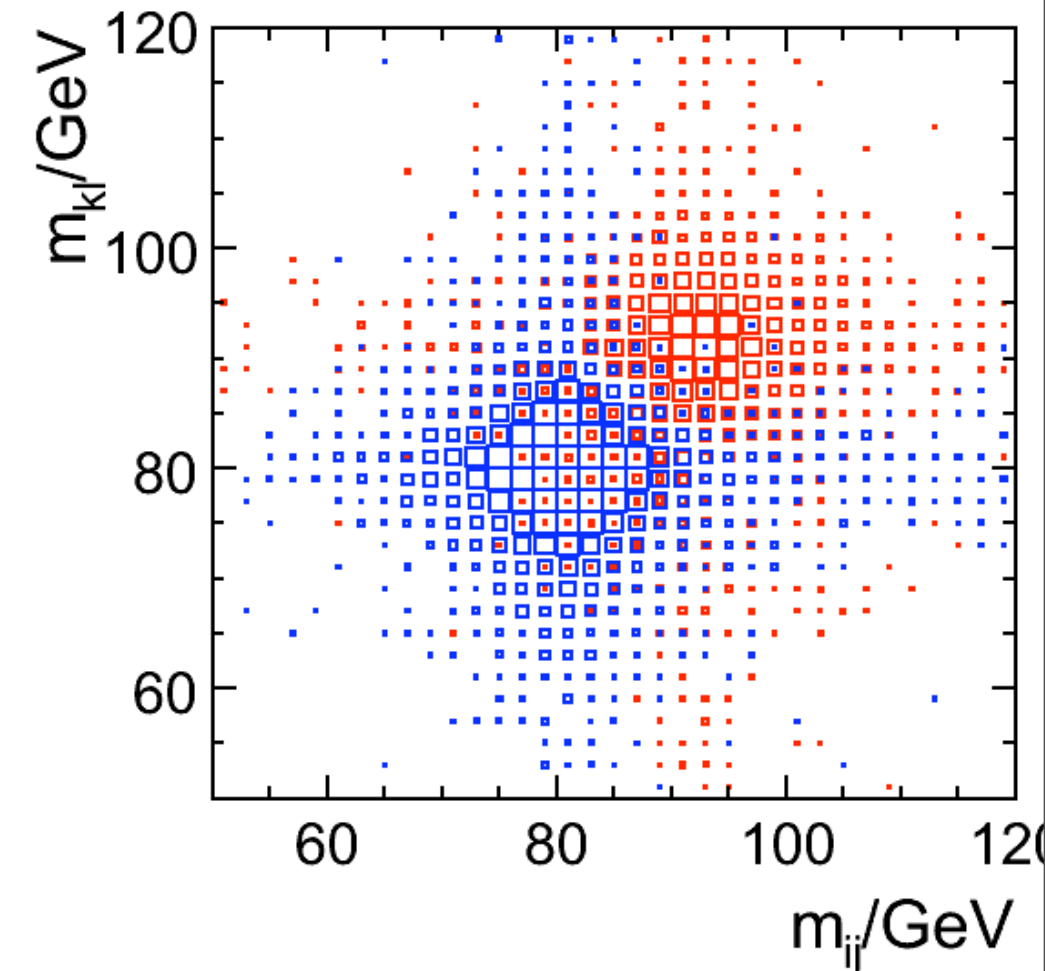
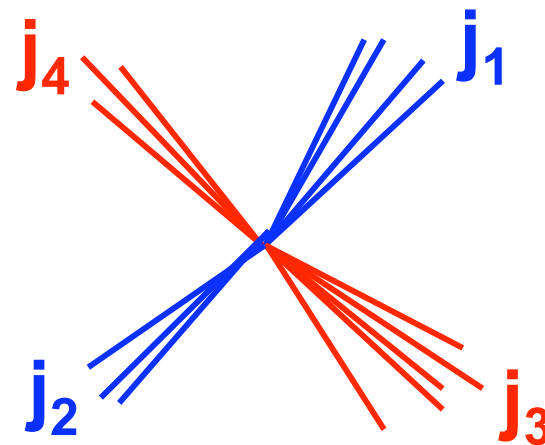
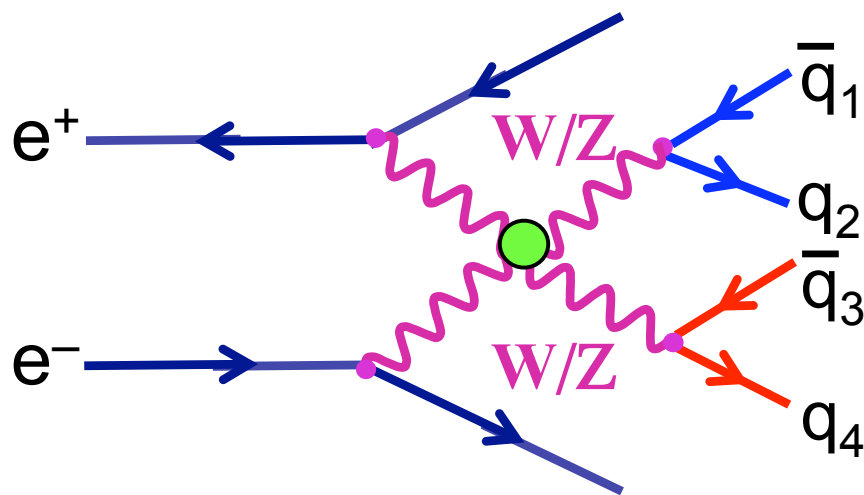


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⇒ Better resolution means: Less data (less running time = less money) needed for a given measurement or discovery!

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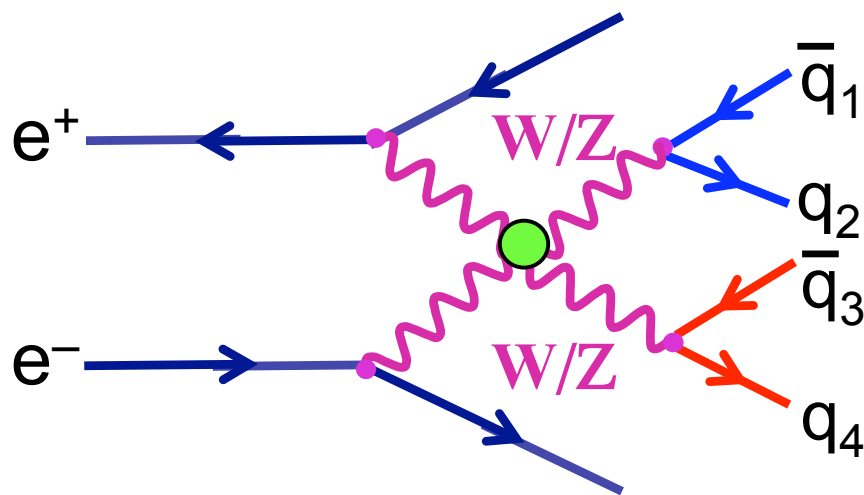
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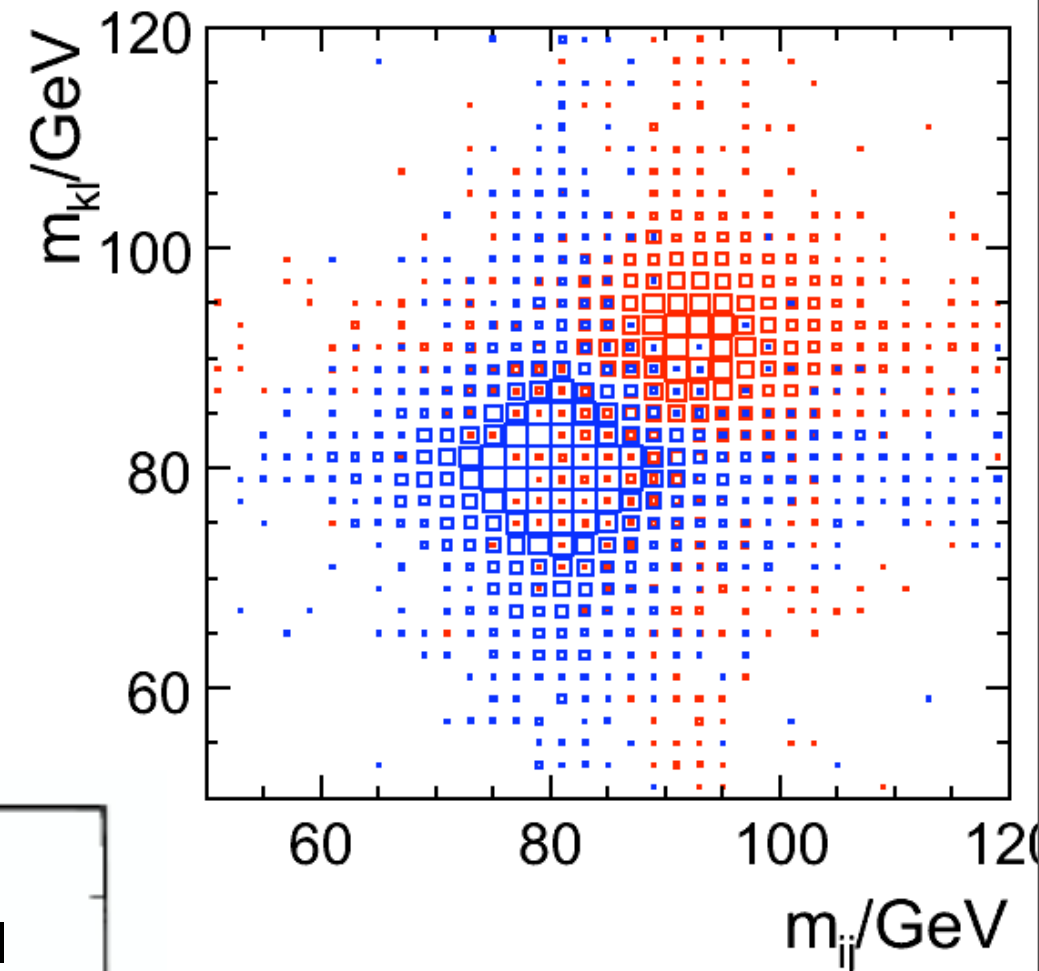
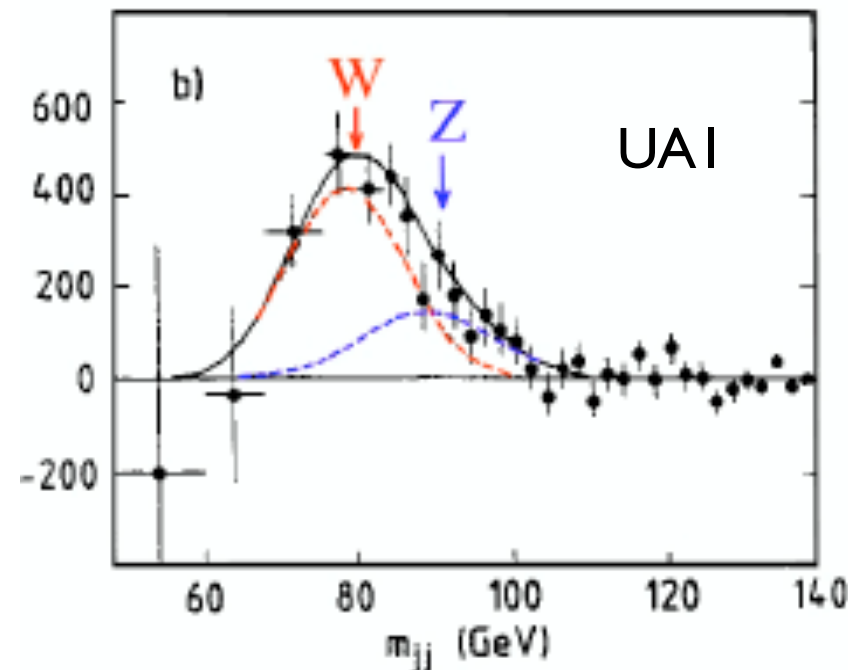
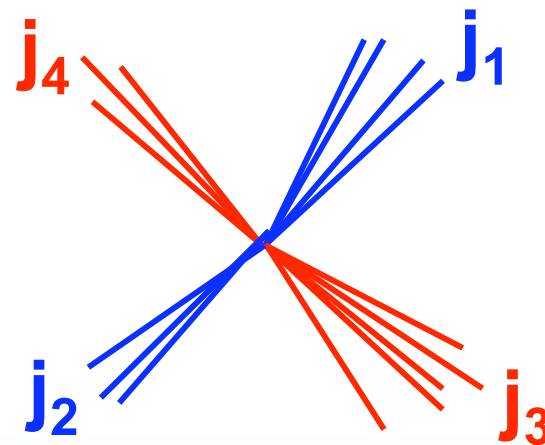


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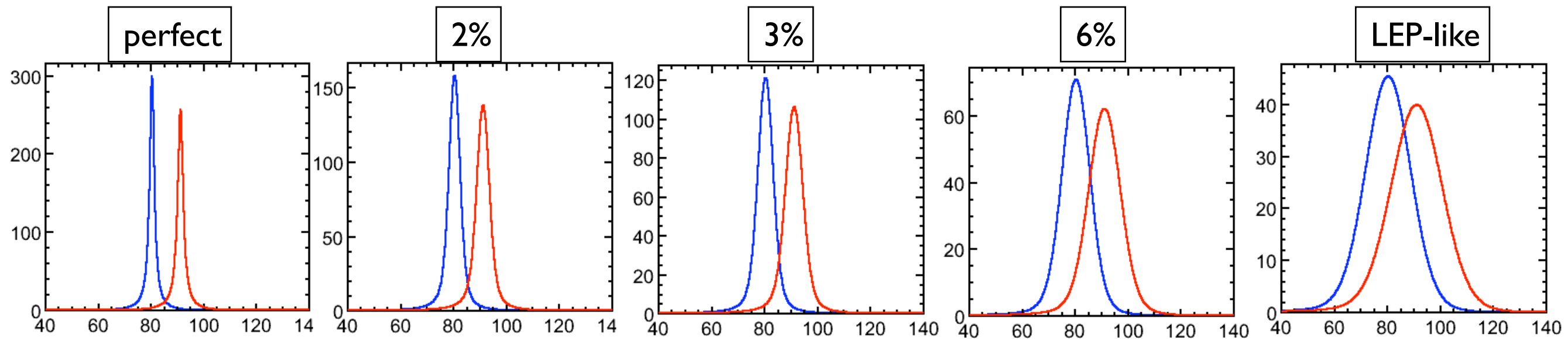


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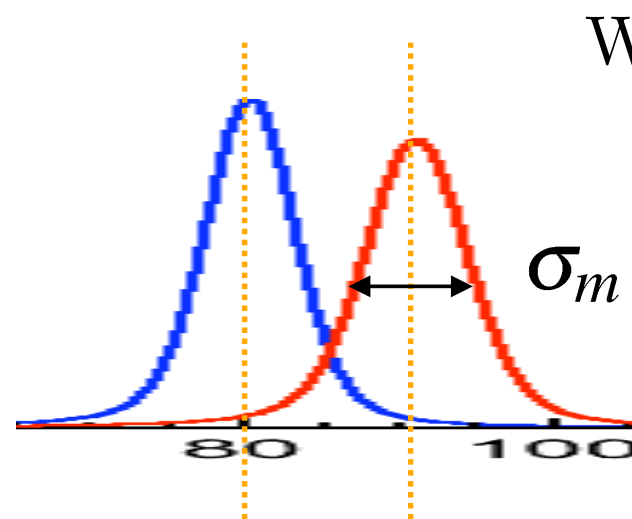


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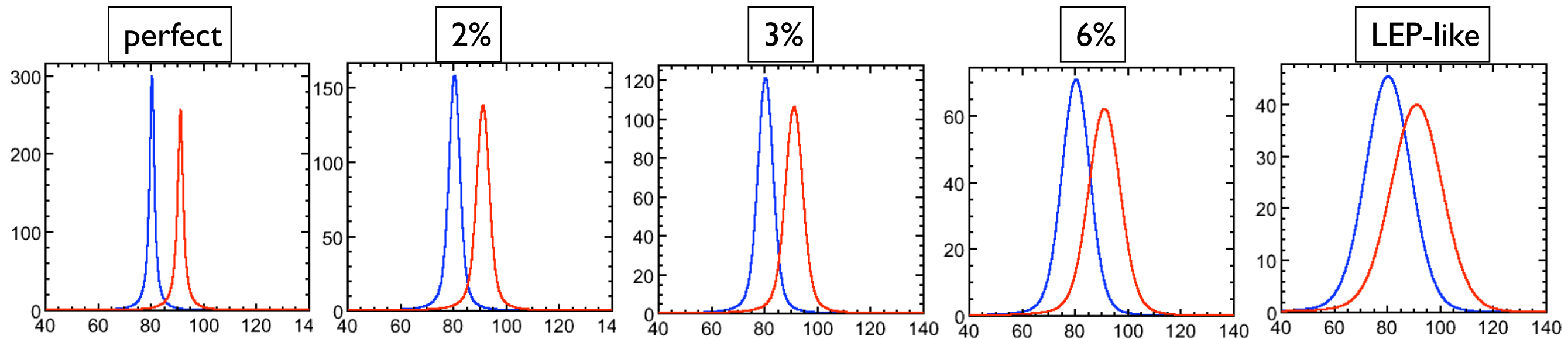


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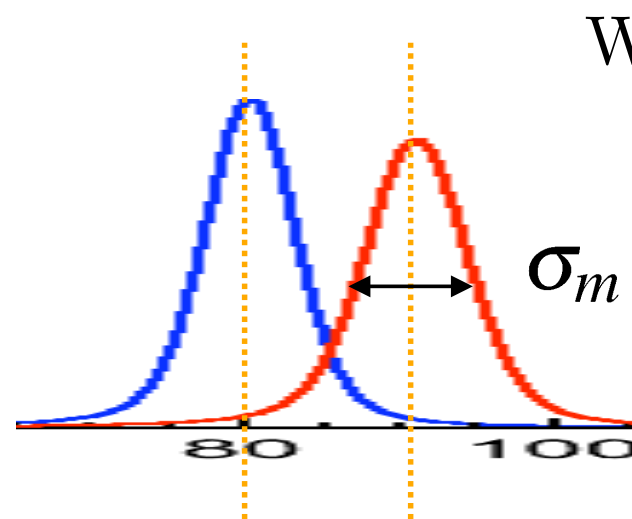
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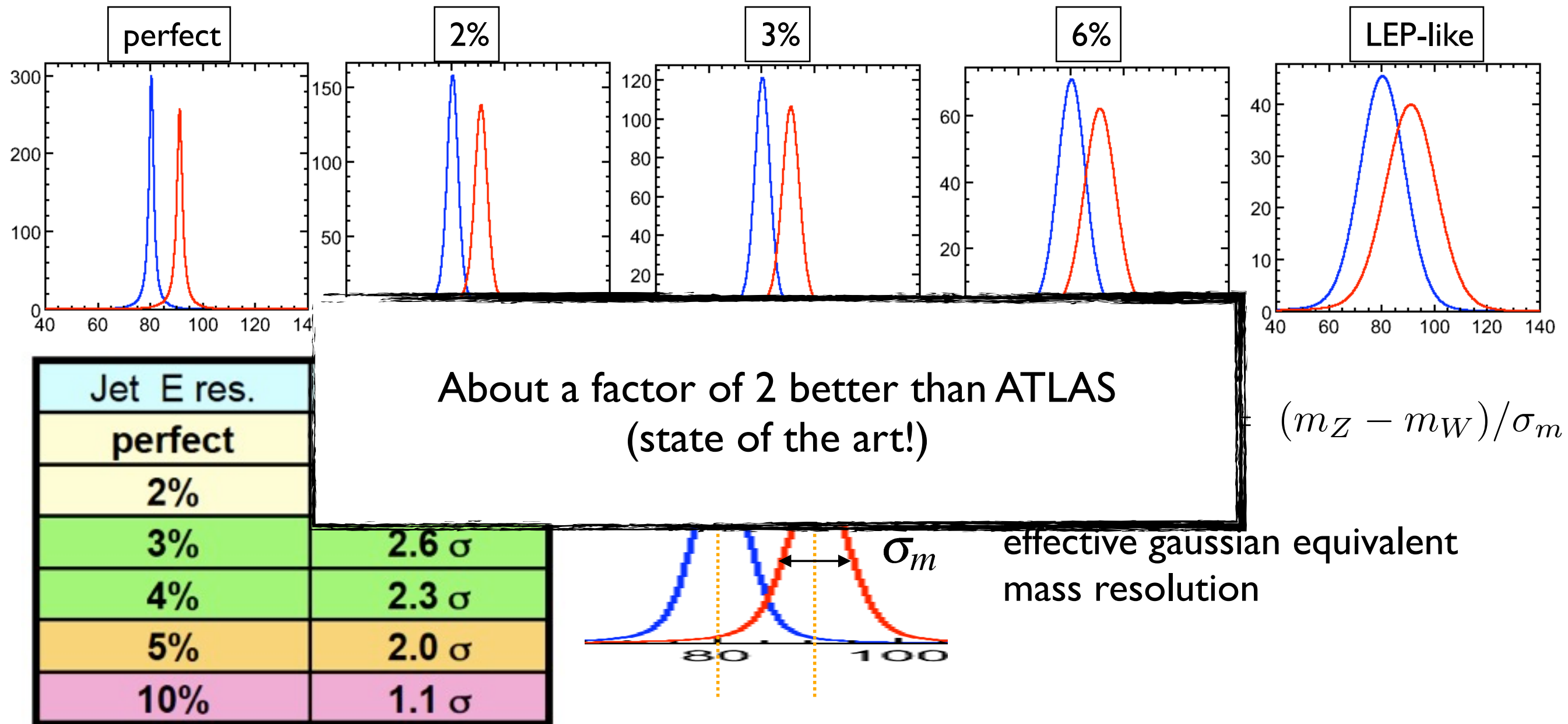
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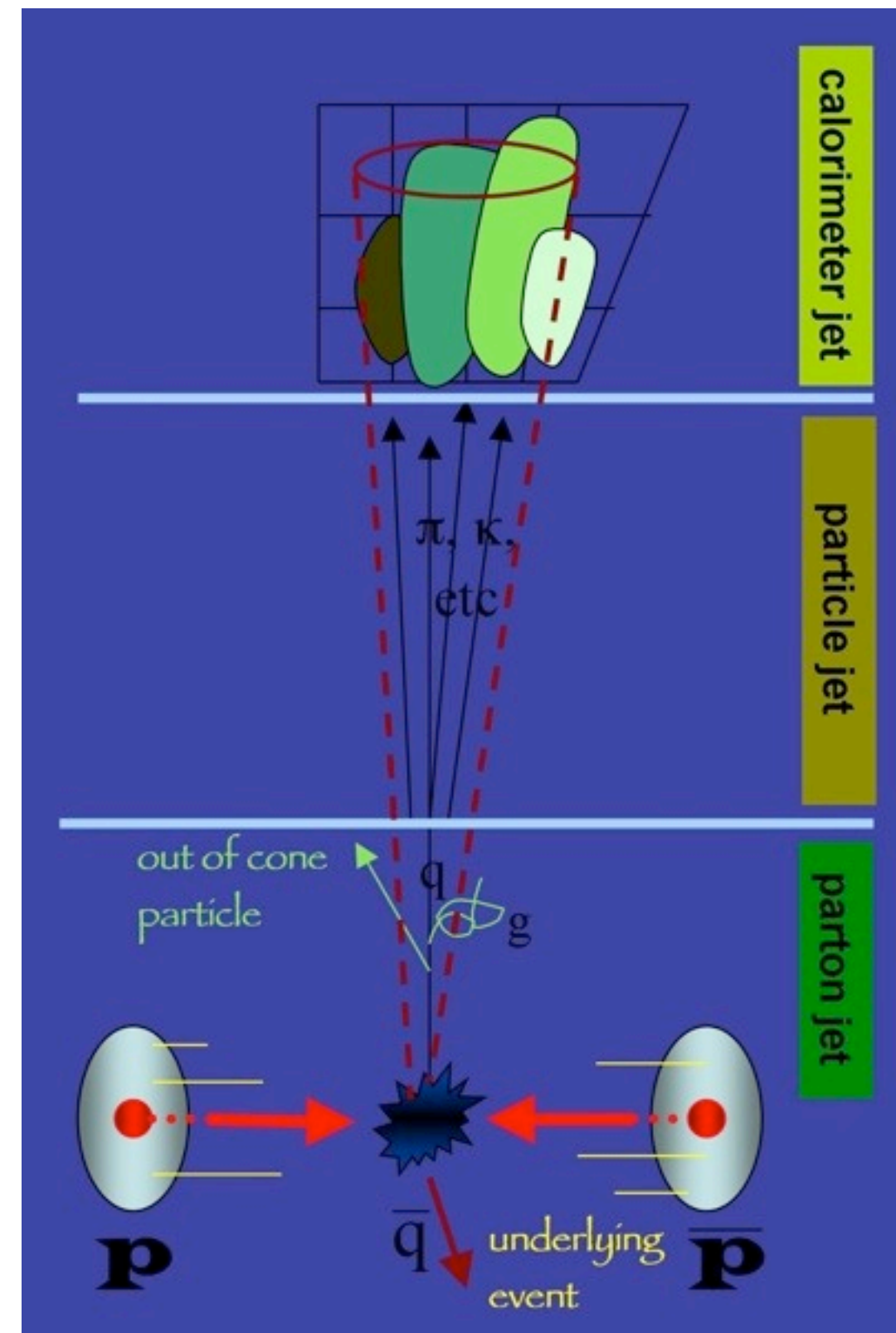
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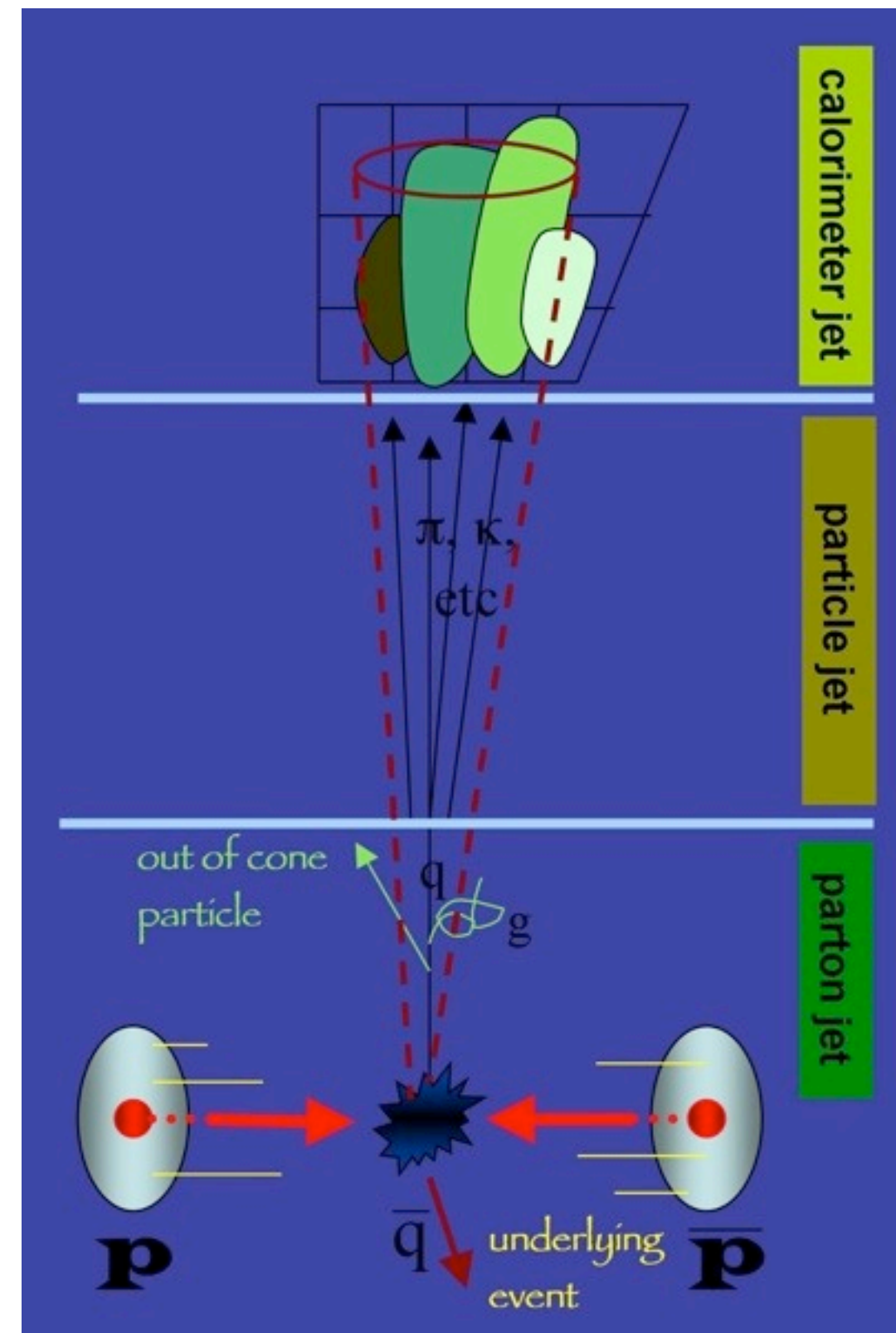
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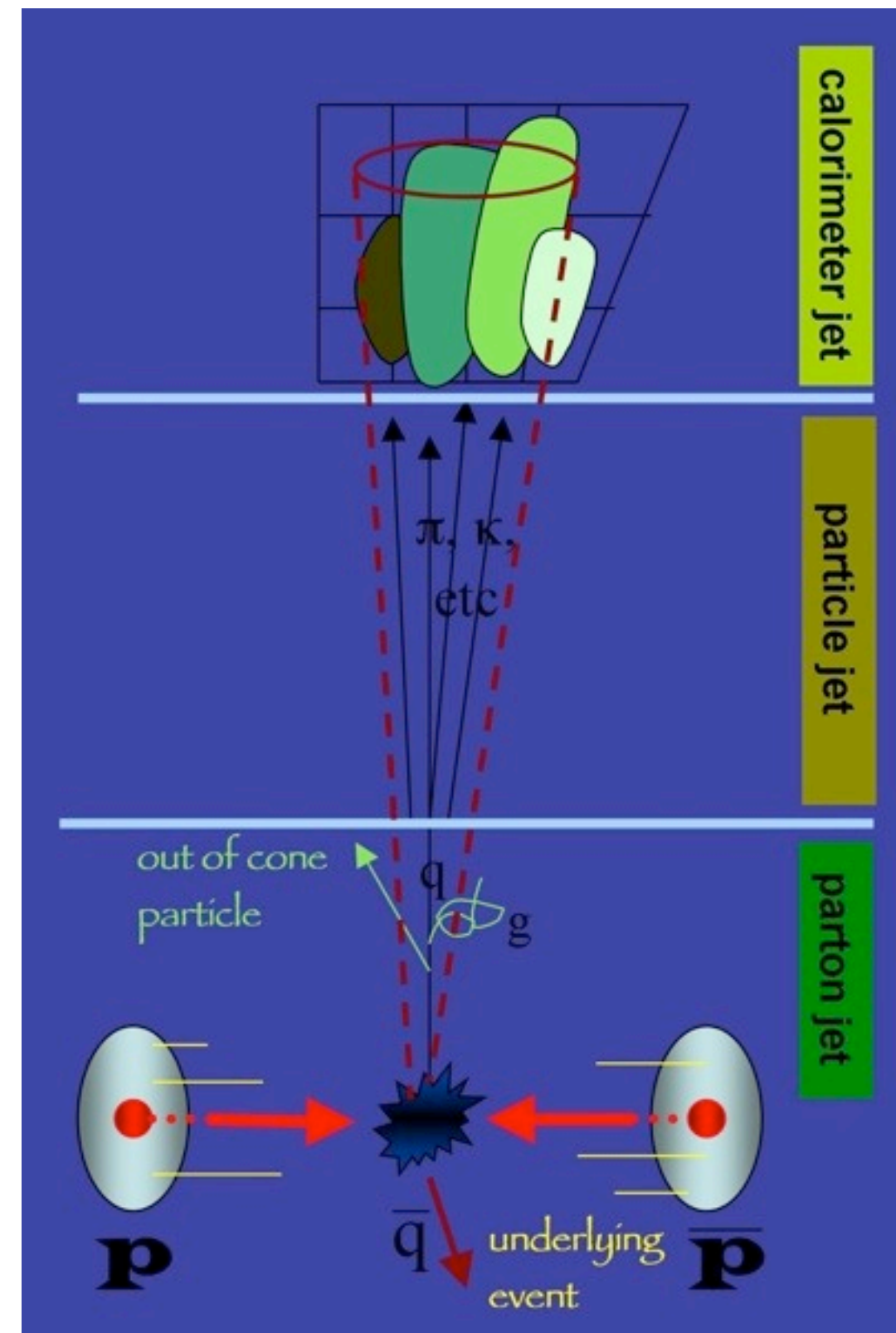
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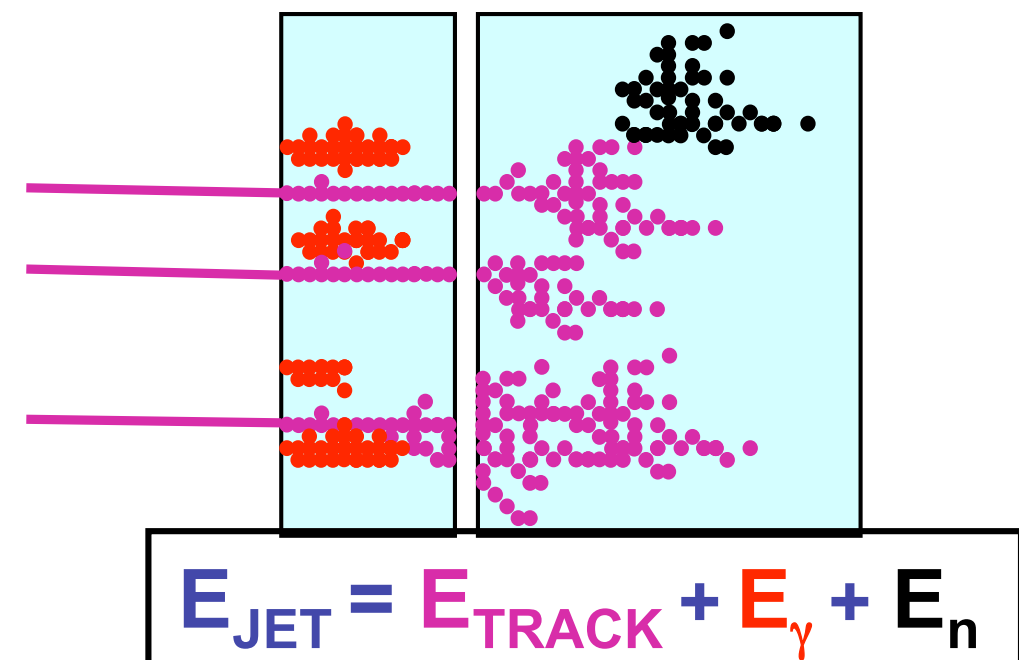
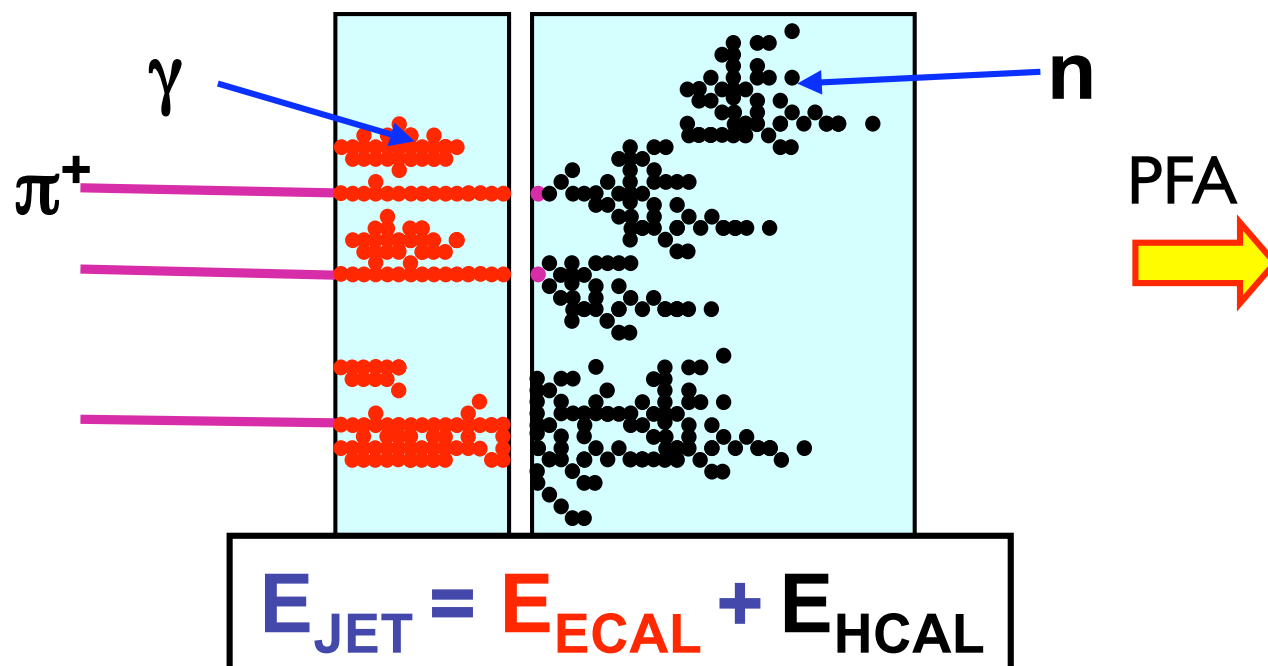
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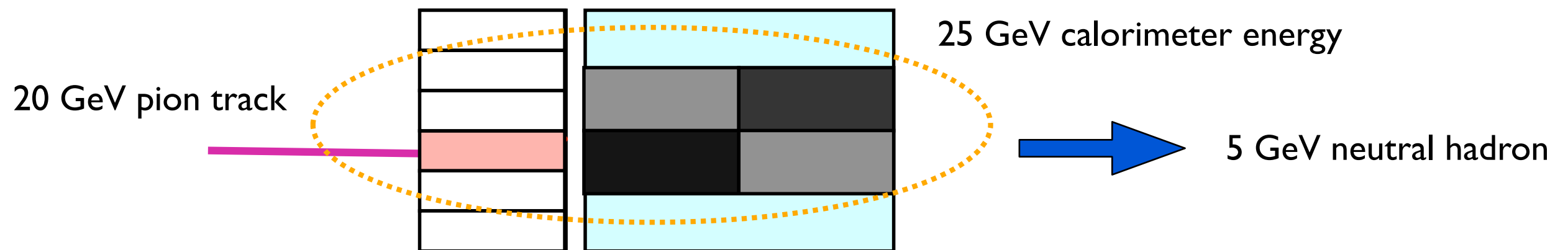
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- Improve jet energy reconstruction by measuring each particle in the jet with best possible precision
  - Measure all charged particles in the tracker (remember, 60% charged hadrons!)
    - ▶ Significantly reduce the impact of hadron calorimeter performance: Only for neutral hadrons
    - ▶ Measure only 10% of the jet energy with the “weakest” detector: significant improvement in resolution



# Energy Flow: A first Step

- The idea behind Particle Flow is not new:  
**Energy Flow** by ALEPH at LEP (NIM A360, 481 (1995))
  - Identify electrons, photons, muons - remove from calorimeter hits
  - ▶ Left with charged and neutral hadrons in the calorimeter
    - Reconstruction of neutral hadrons by subtraction



- ⇒ Energy resolution still dominated by hadron calorimeter  
(electron, photon, muon ID helps to improve jet resolution,  
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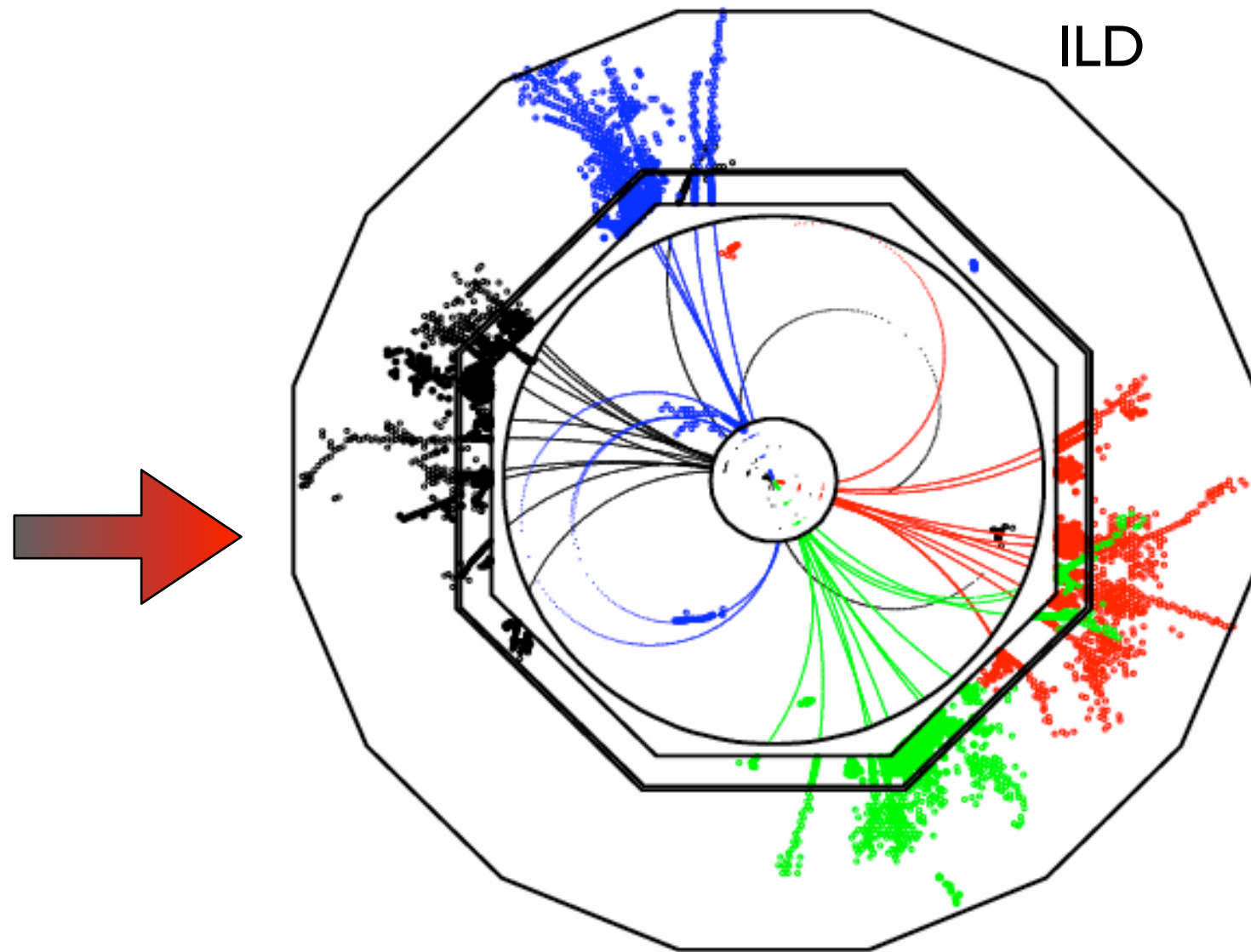


# Particle Flow: Very Different Detectors

- Pushing the idea further: Identify neutral and charged hadrons in the calorimeter directly
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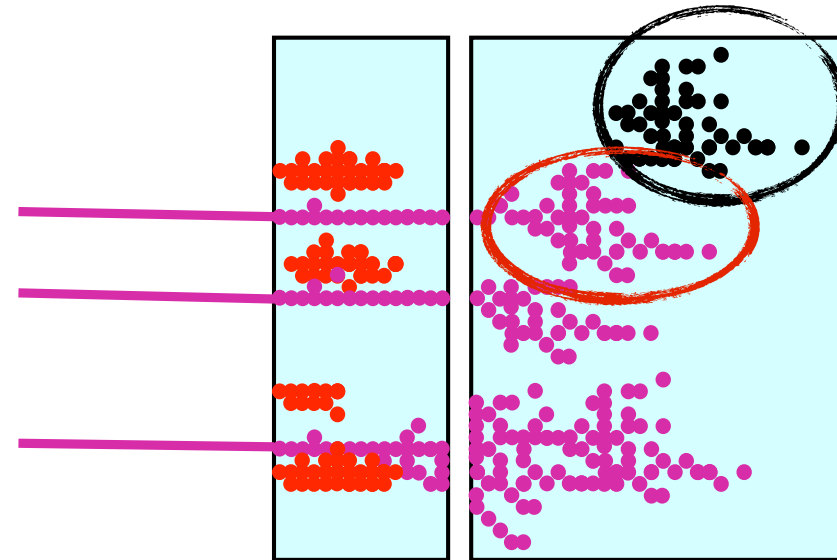


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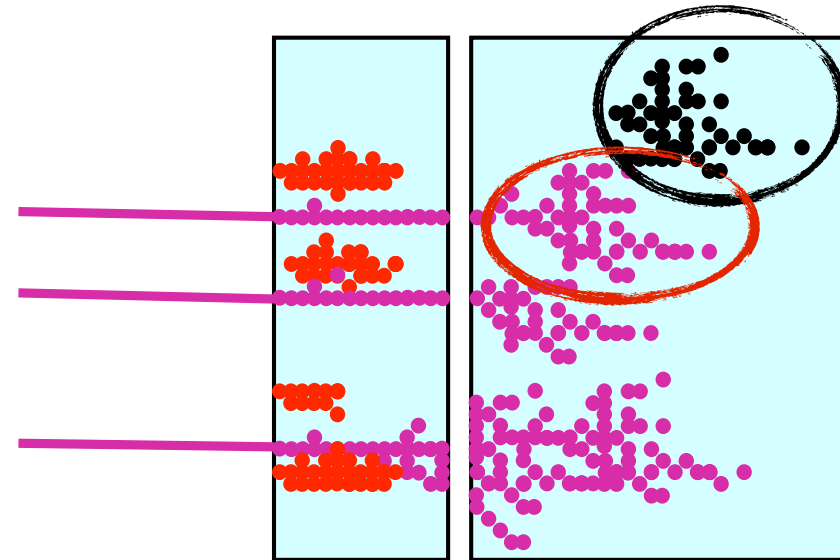
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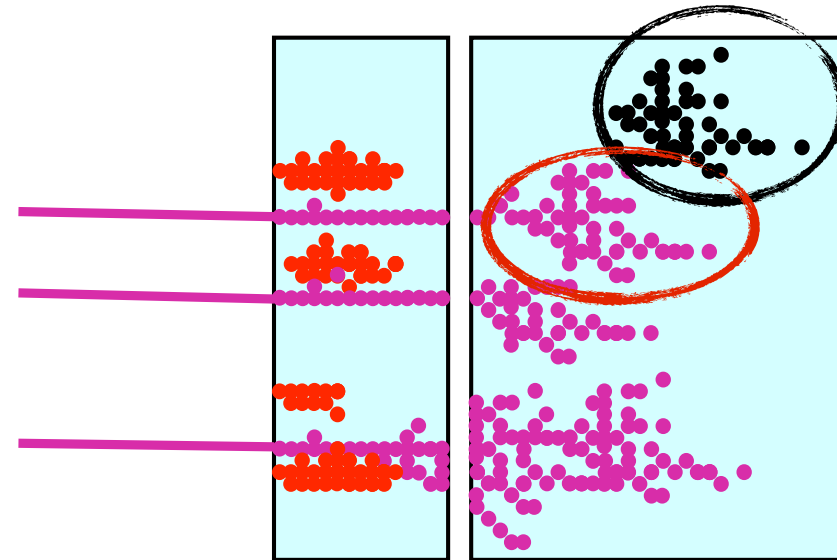


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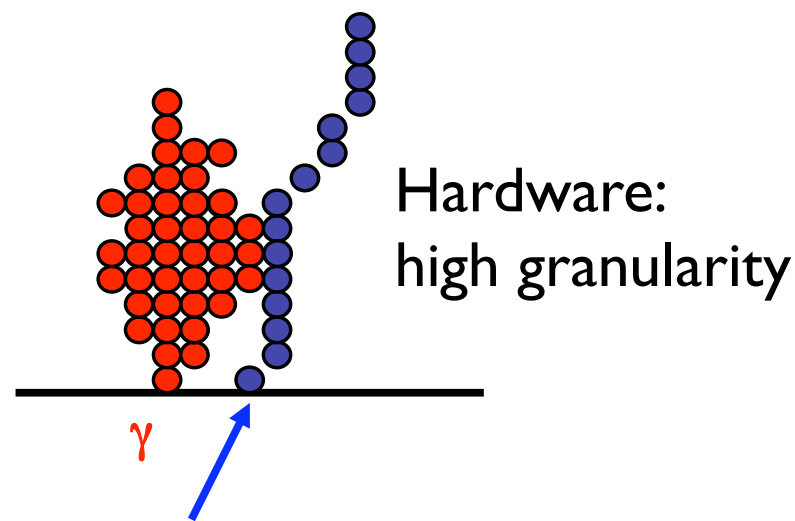
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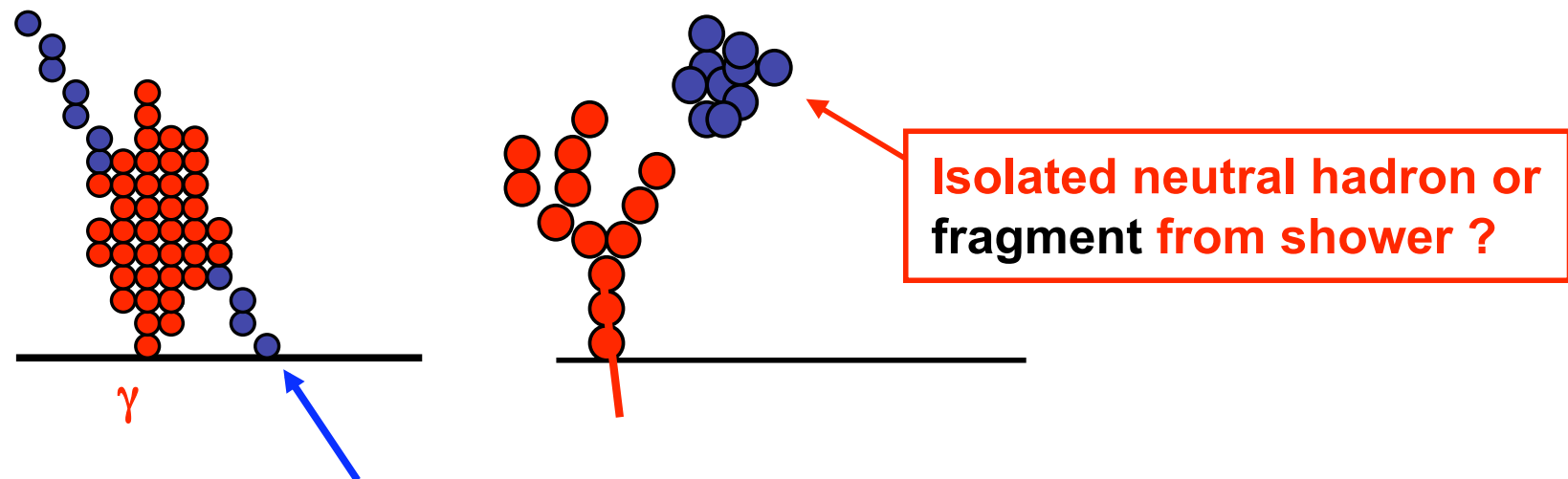
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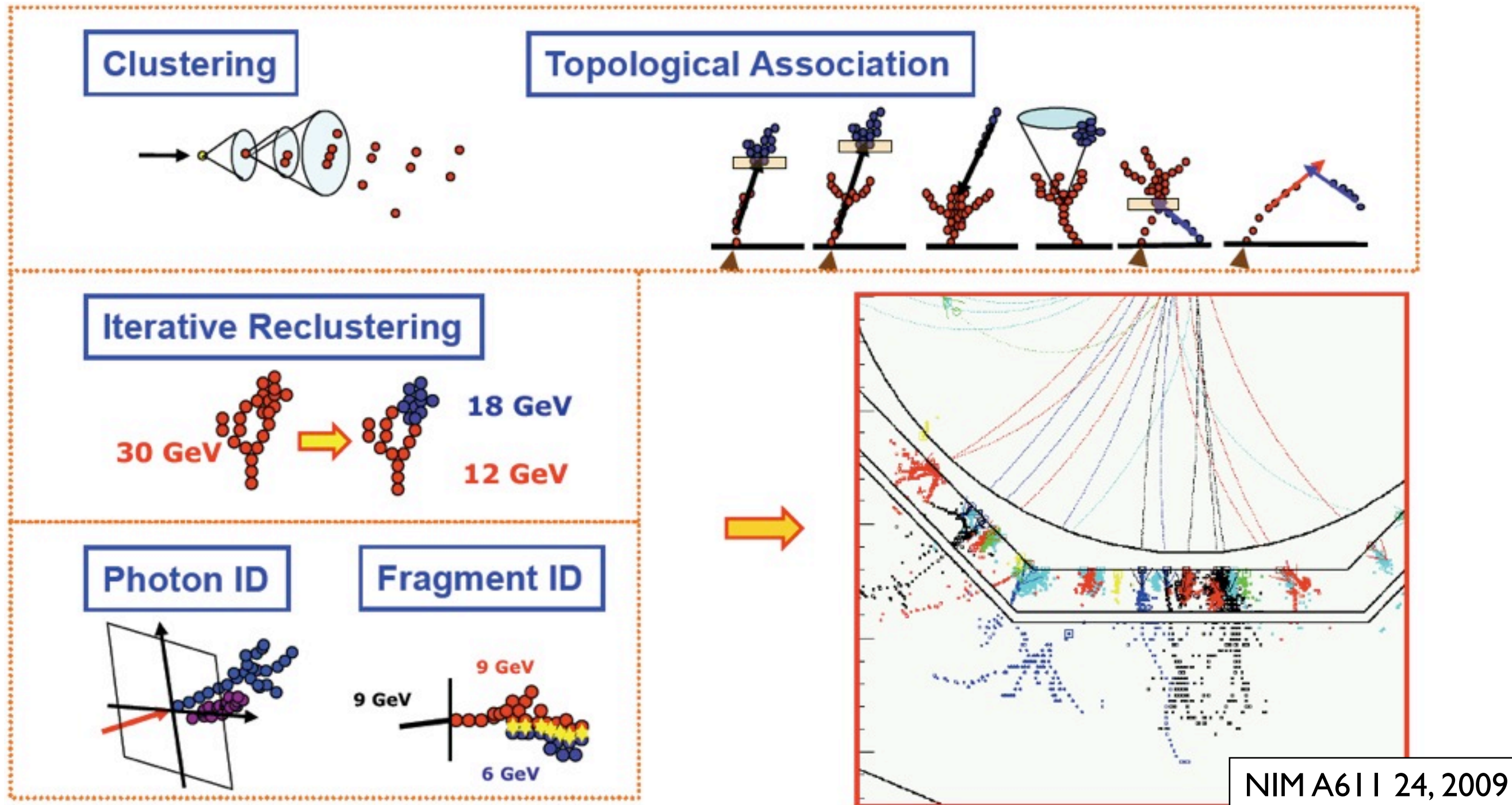


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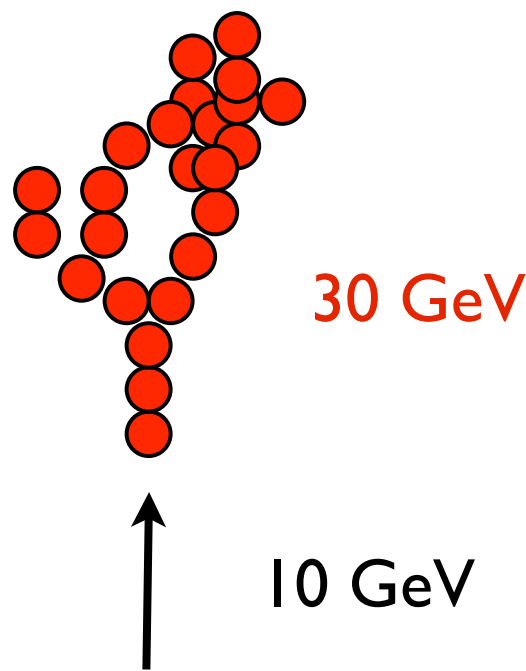
# Particle Flow Algorithms: Technology

- The most performant PFA at present: PandoraPFA (Mark Thomson, Cambridge)
- highly complex software package



# PFA Technology: One Example

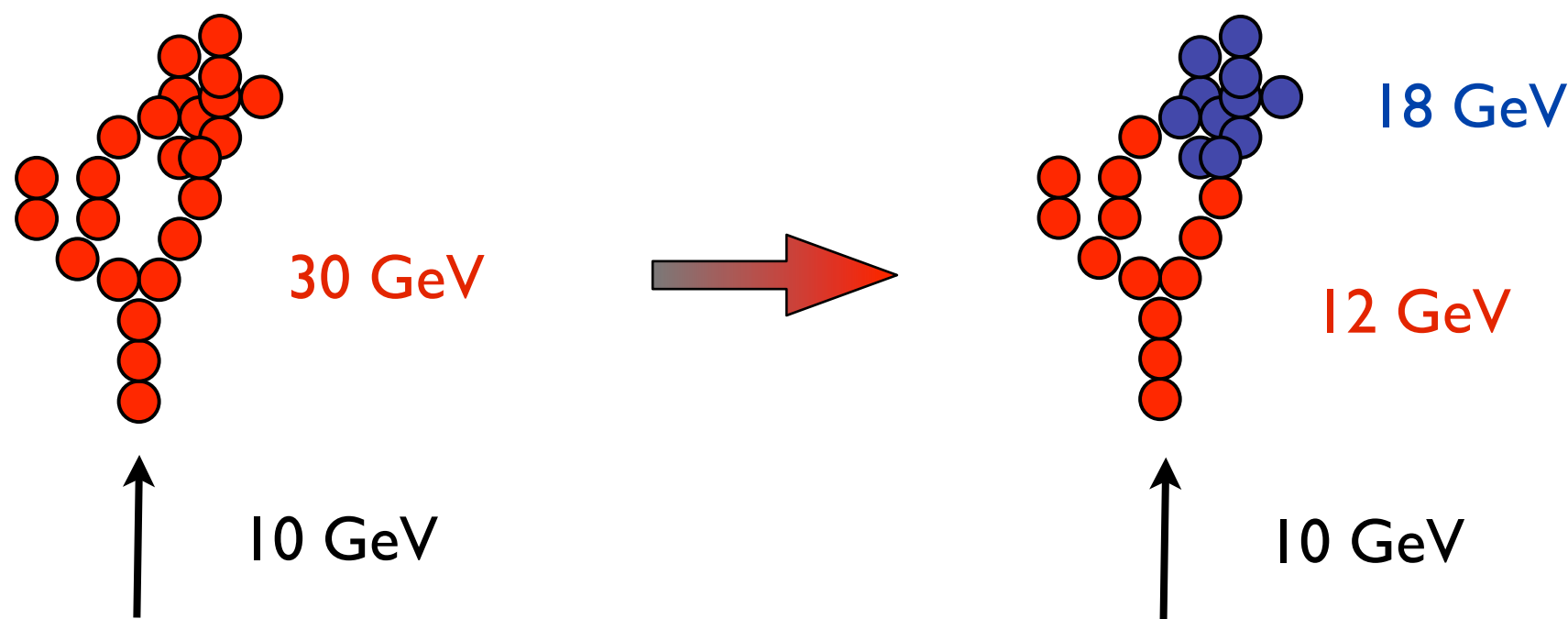
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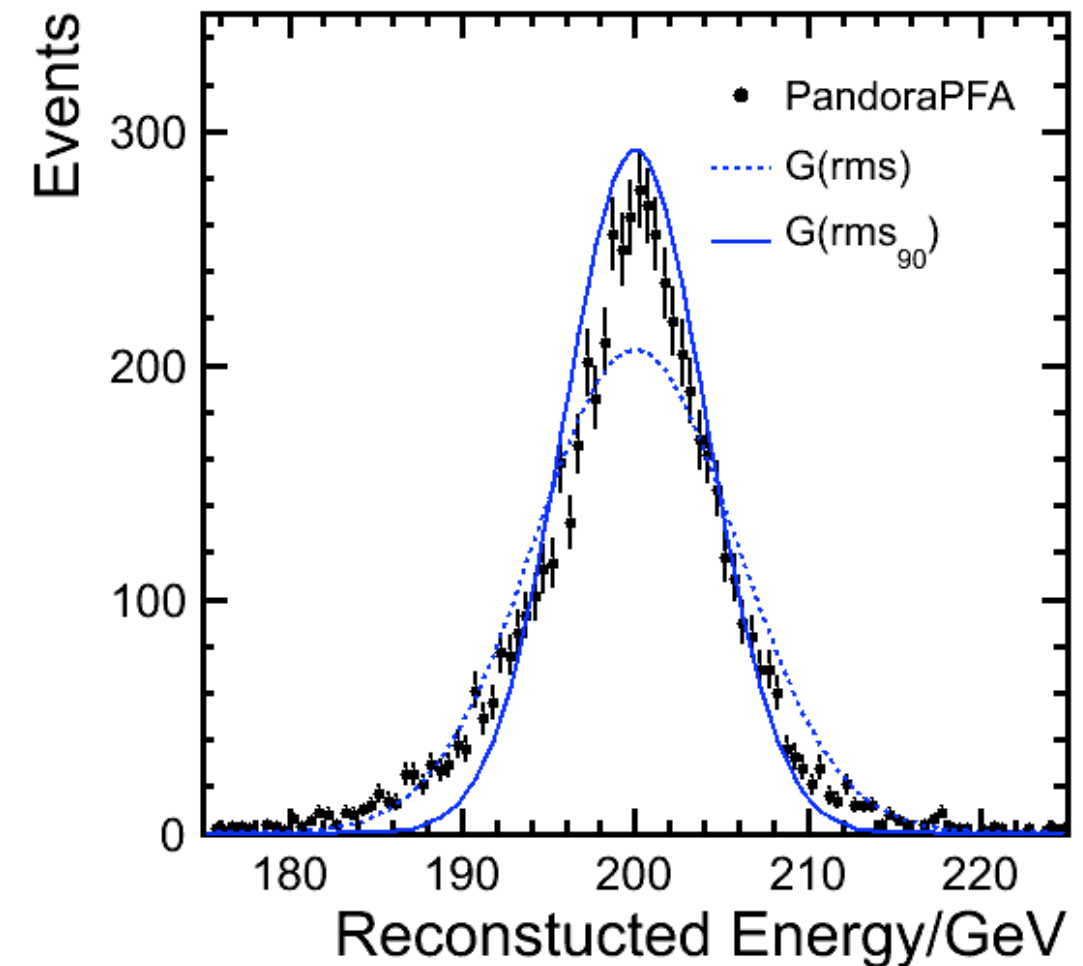
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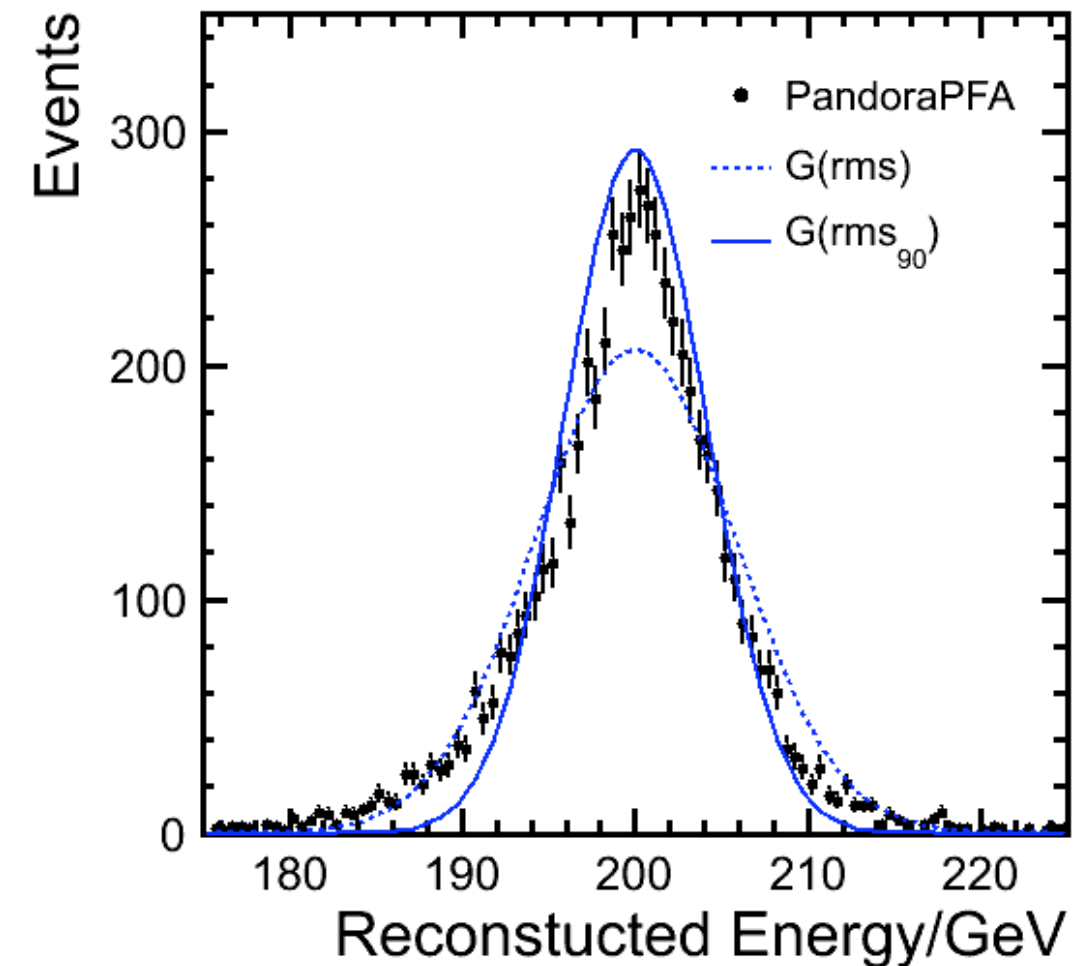
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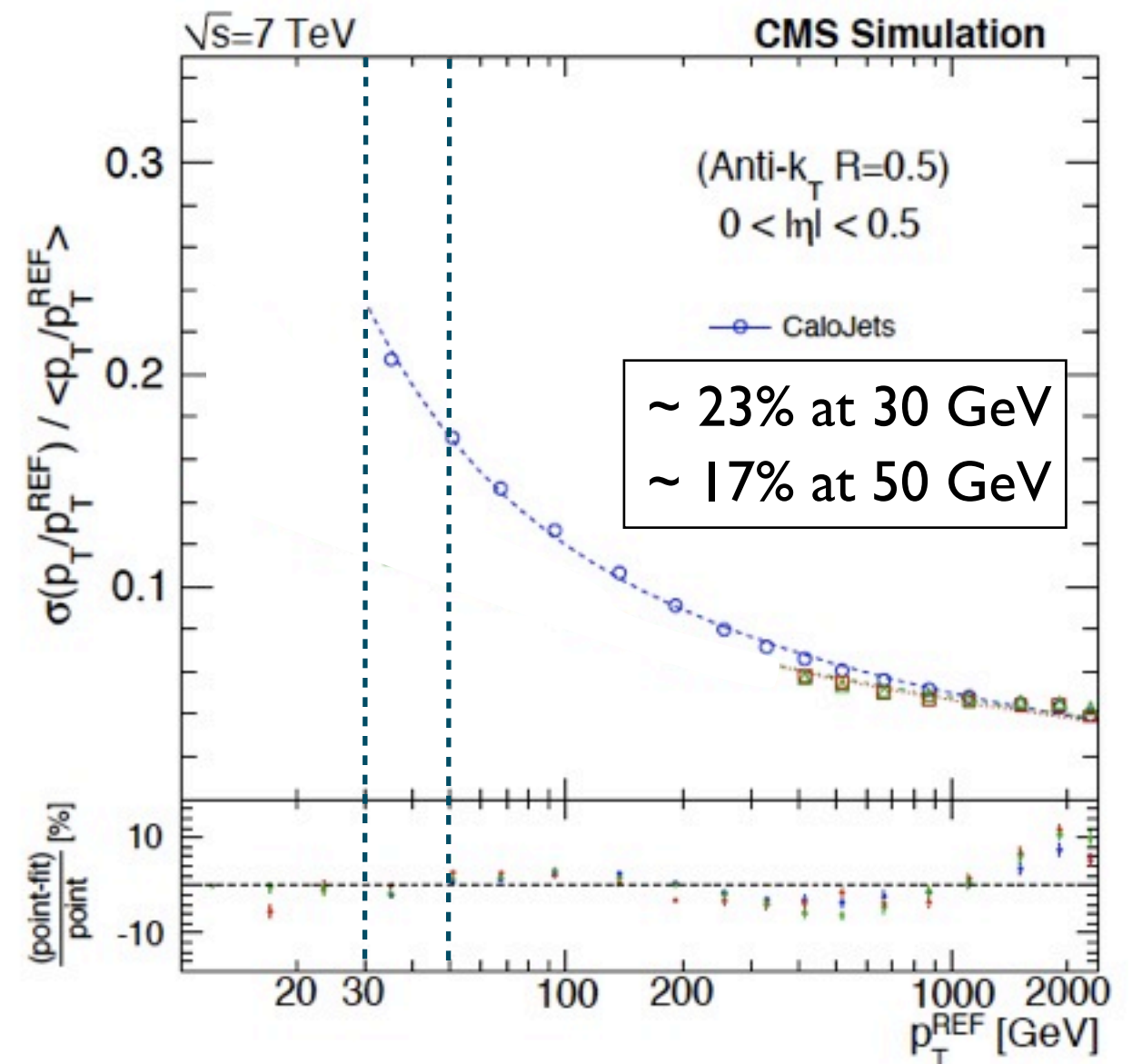
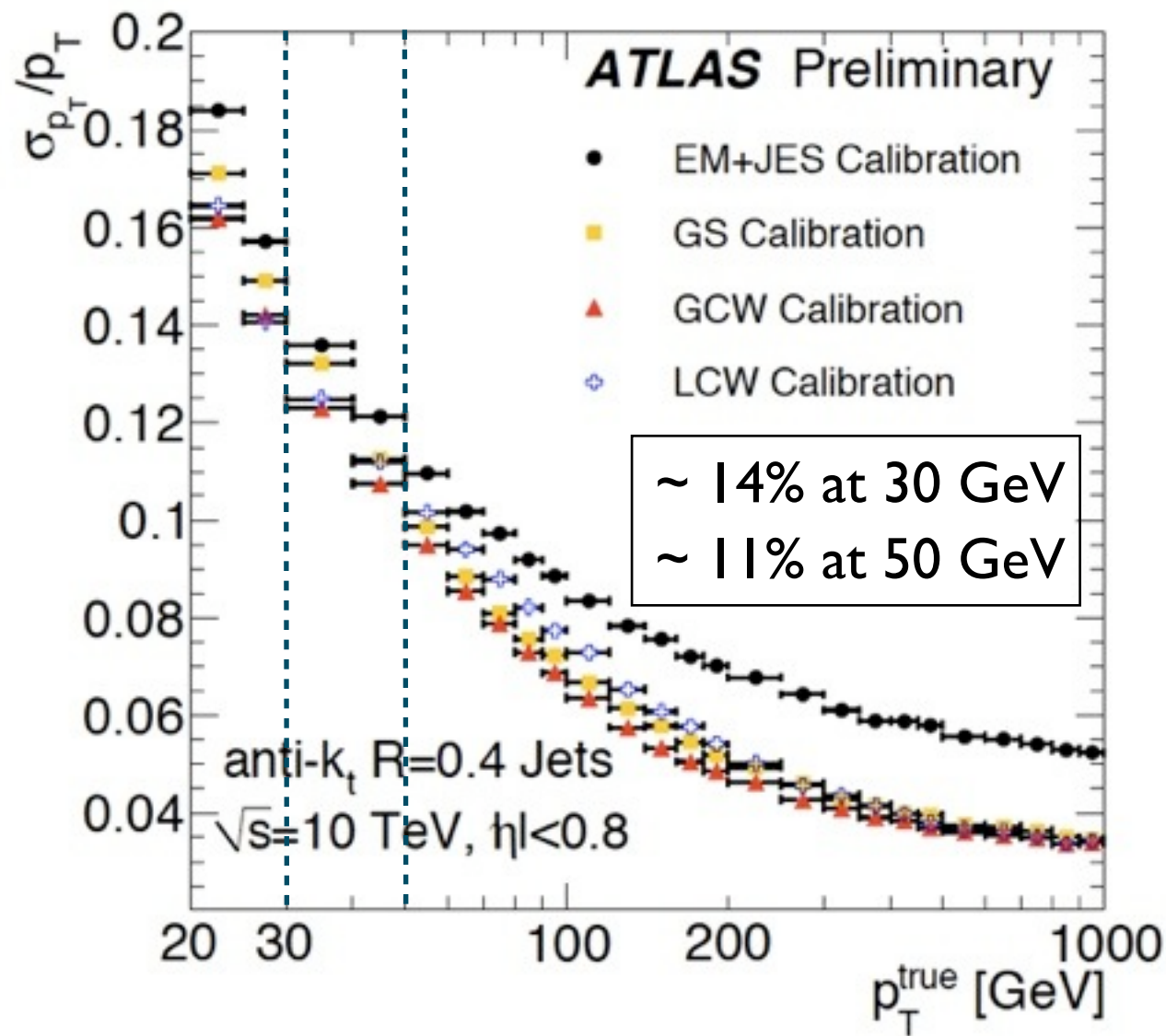


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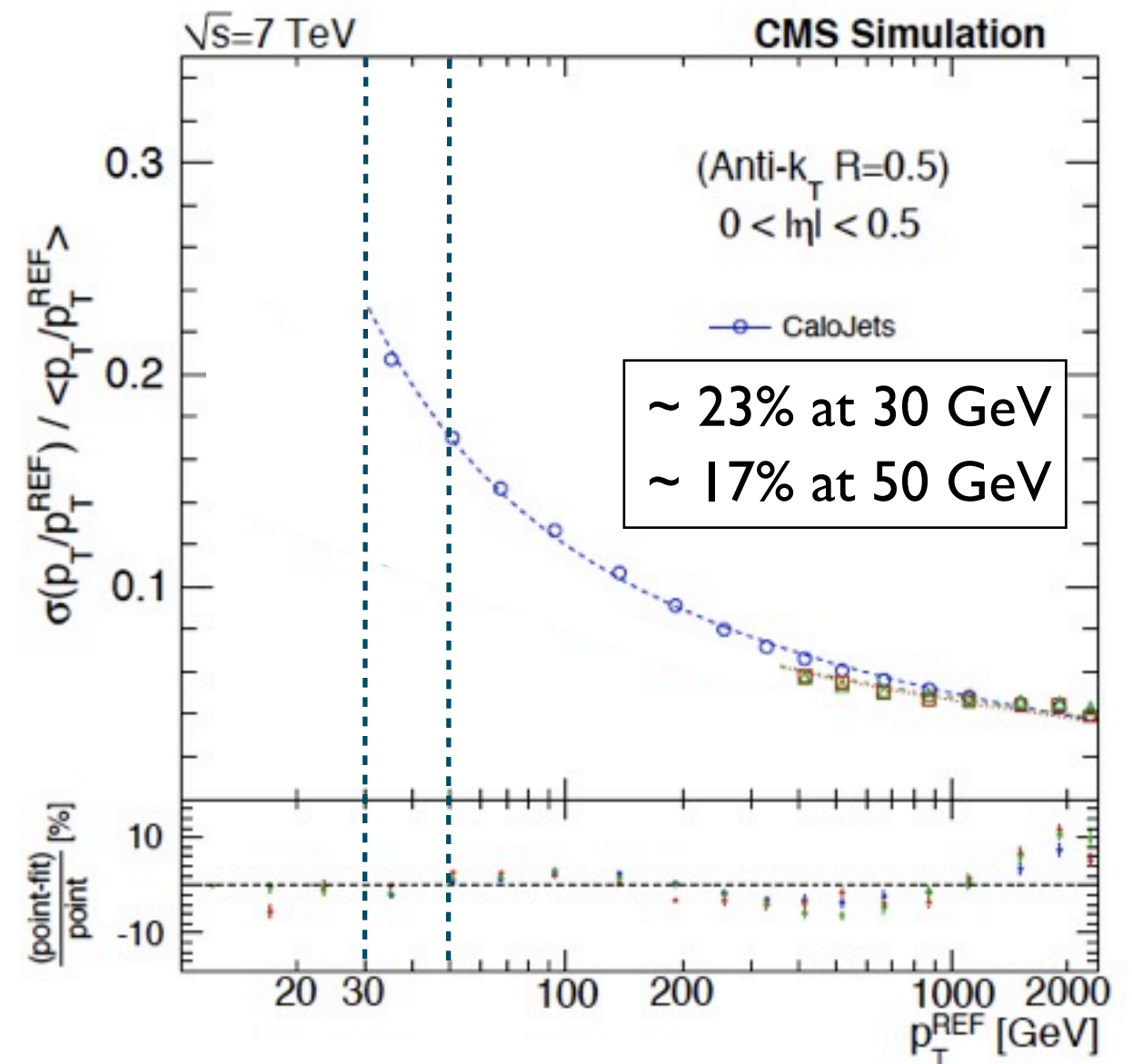
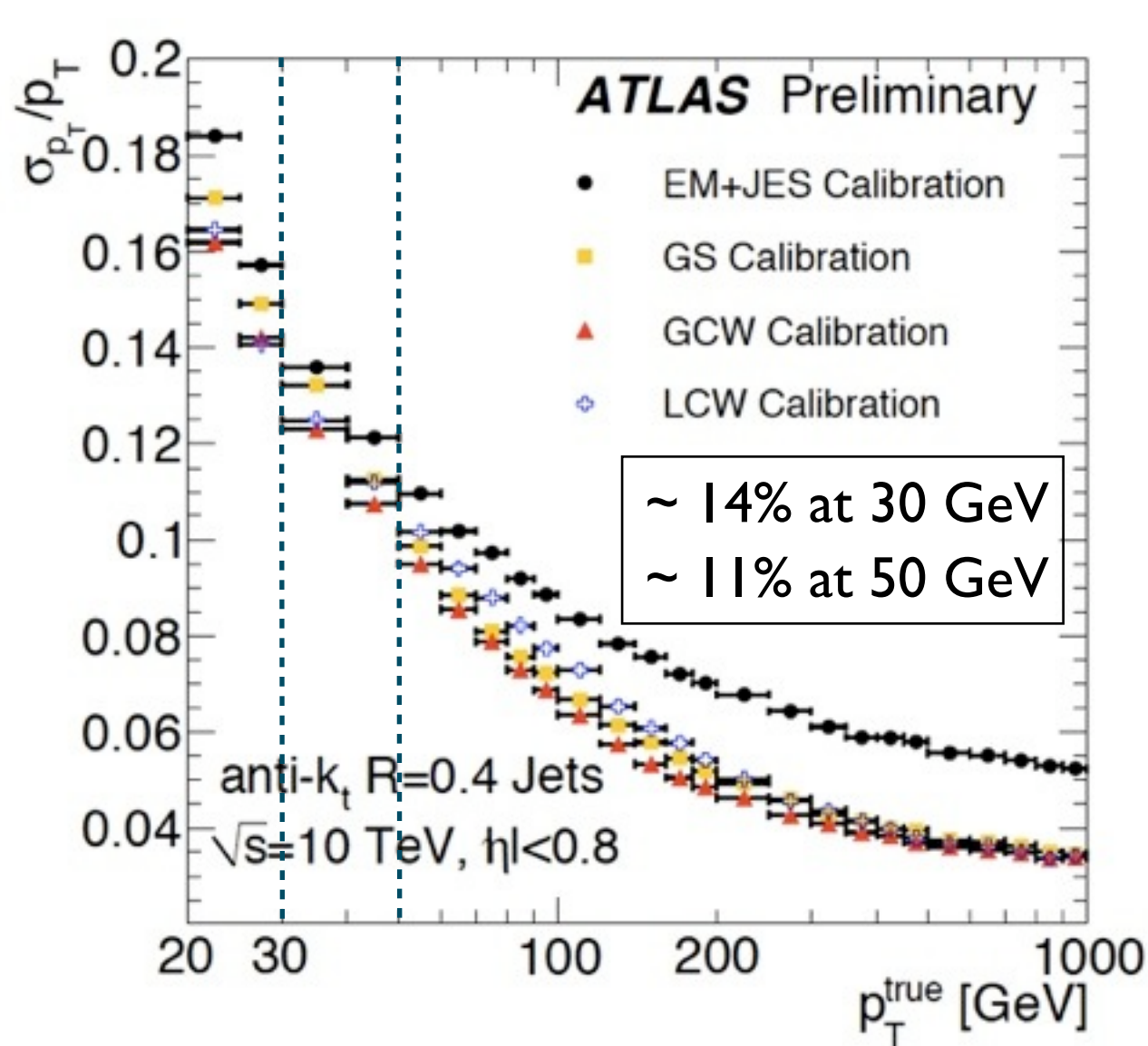
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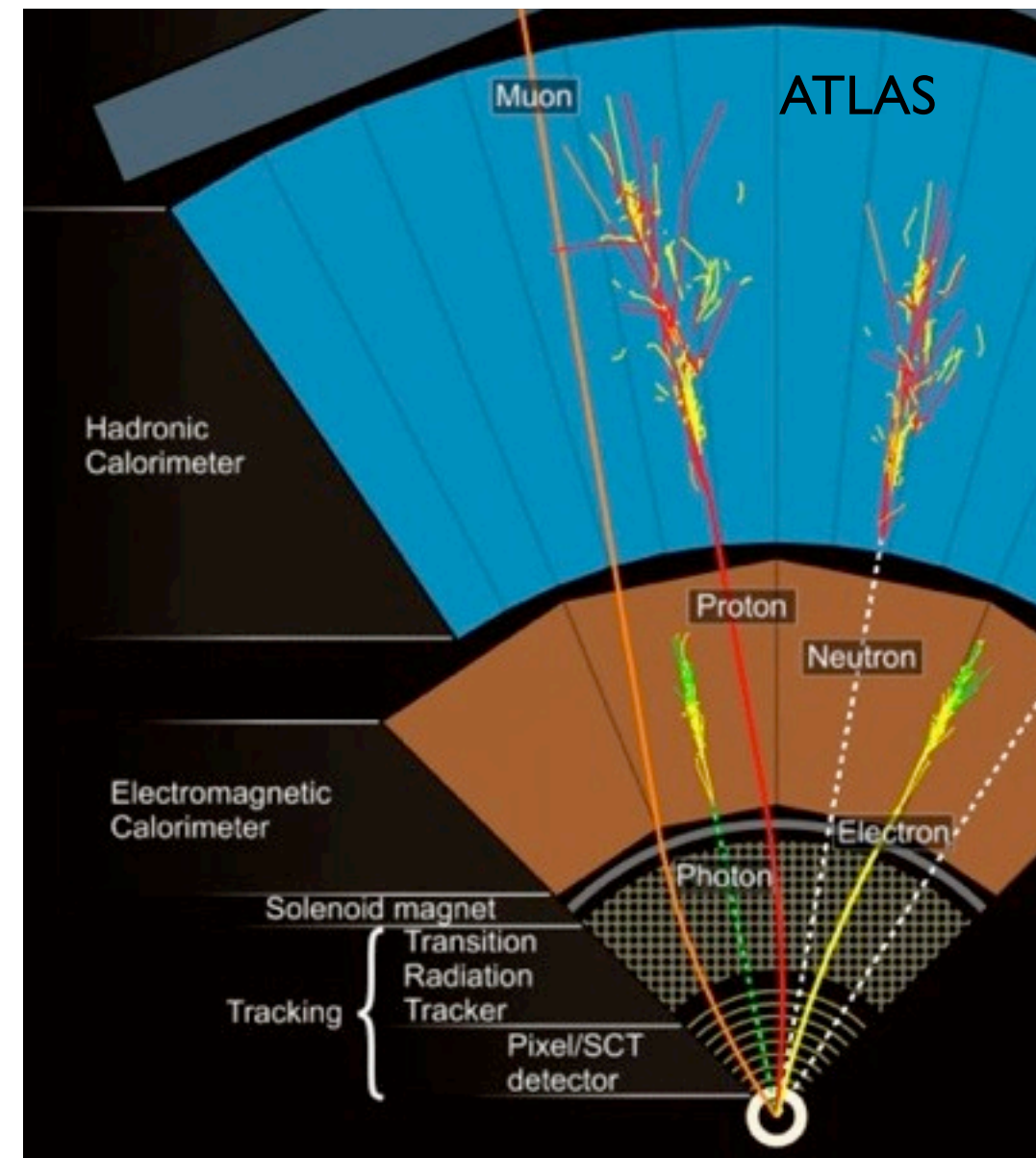
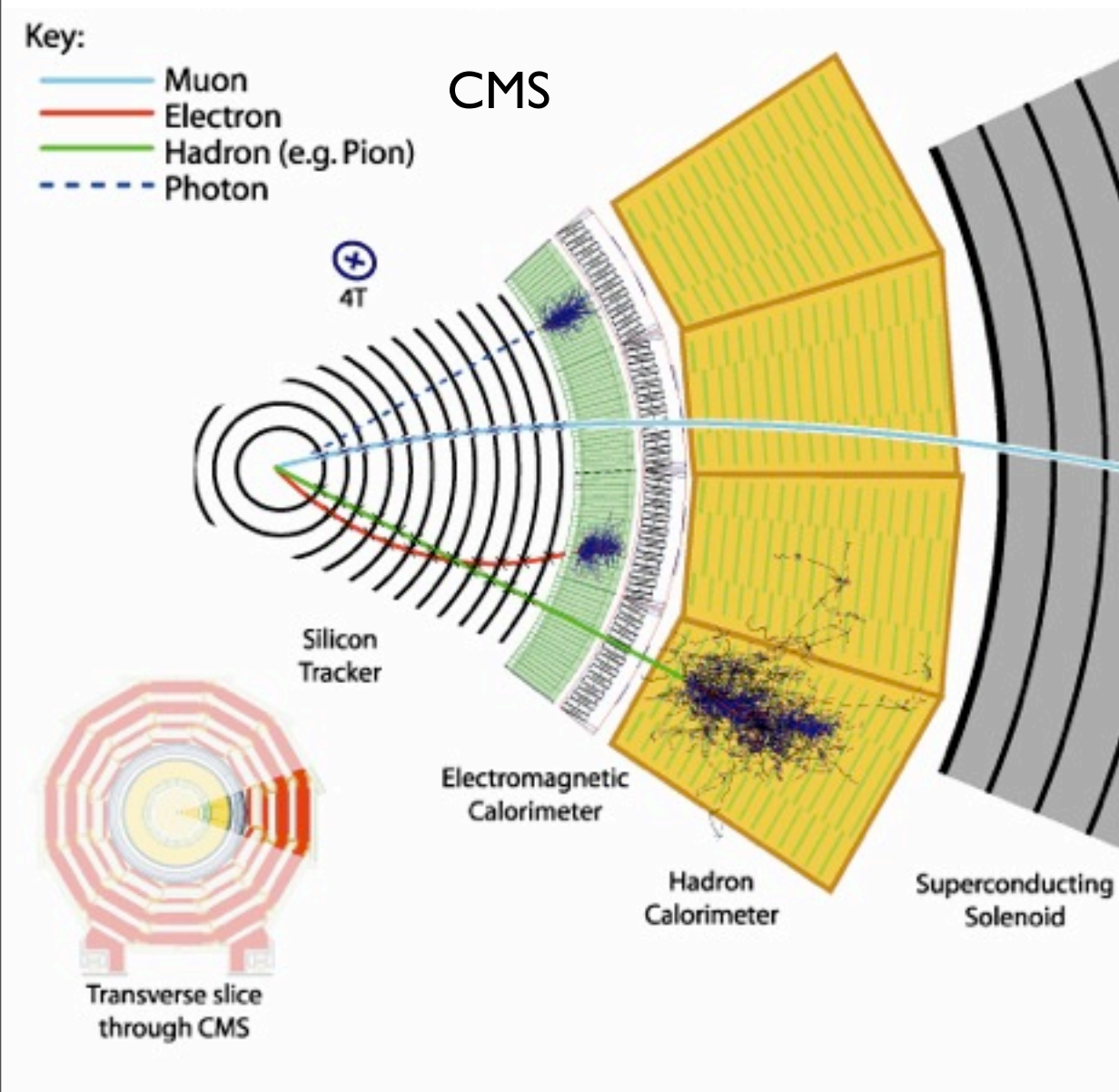


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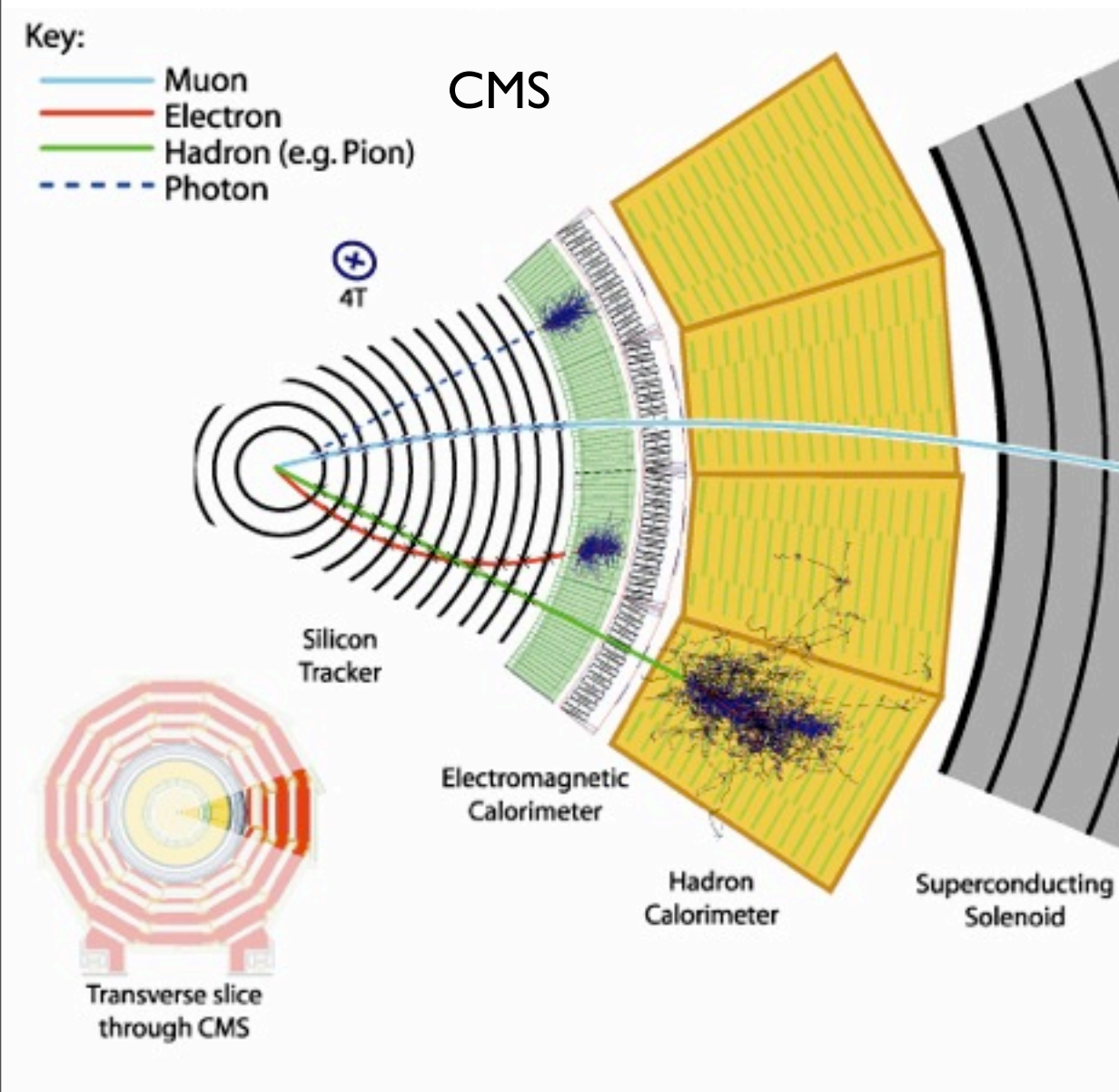
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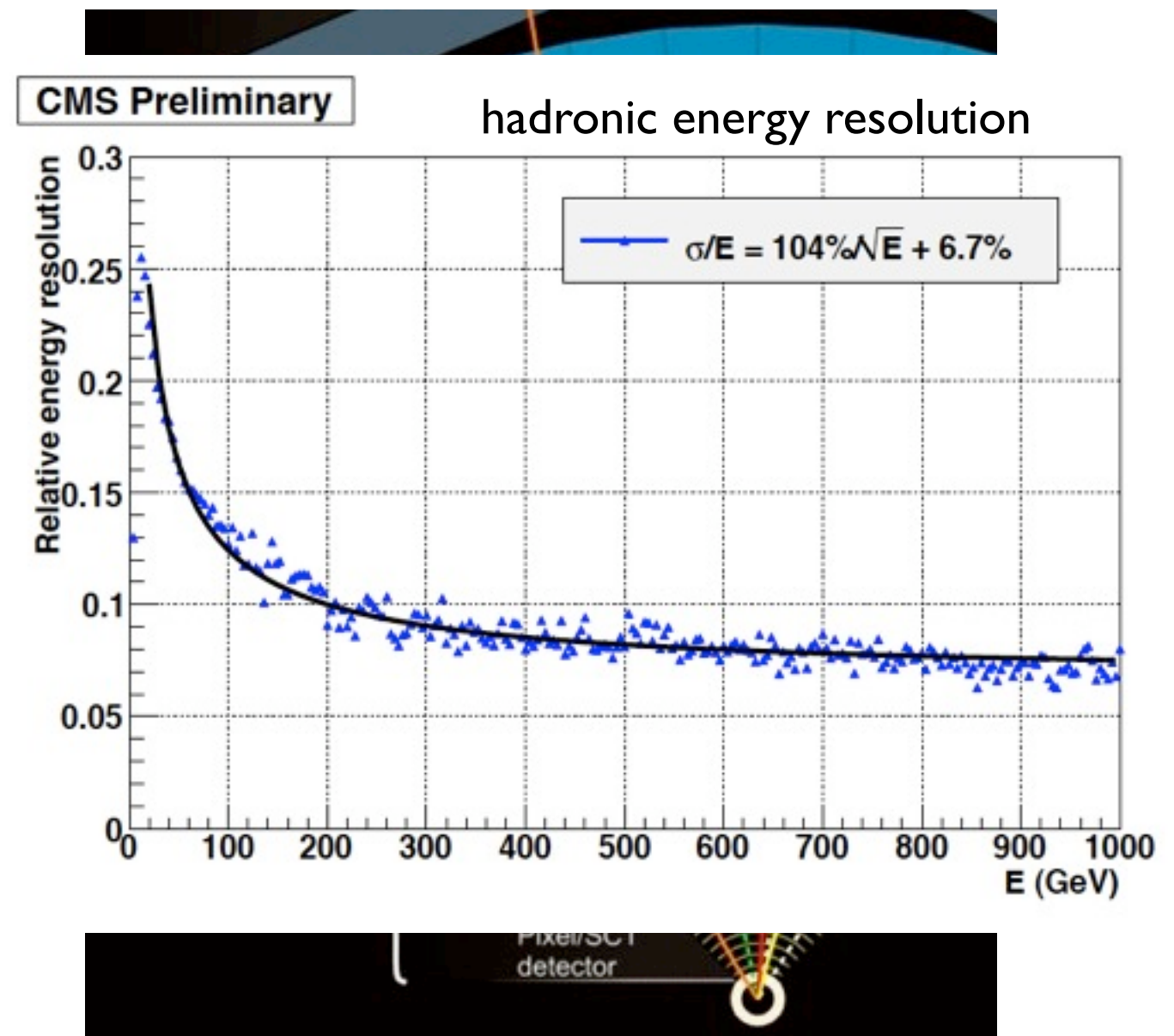
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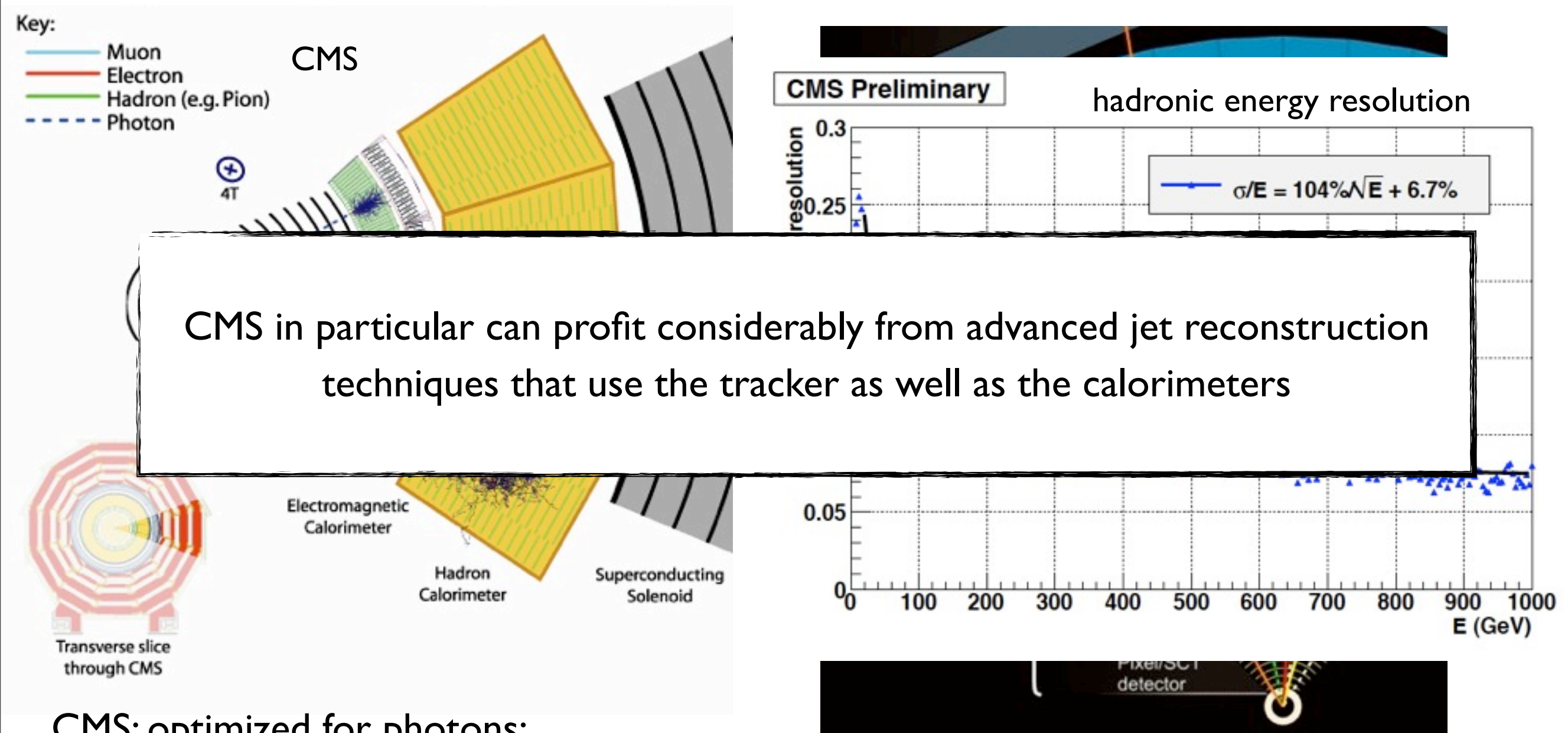
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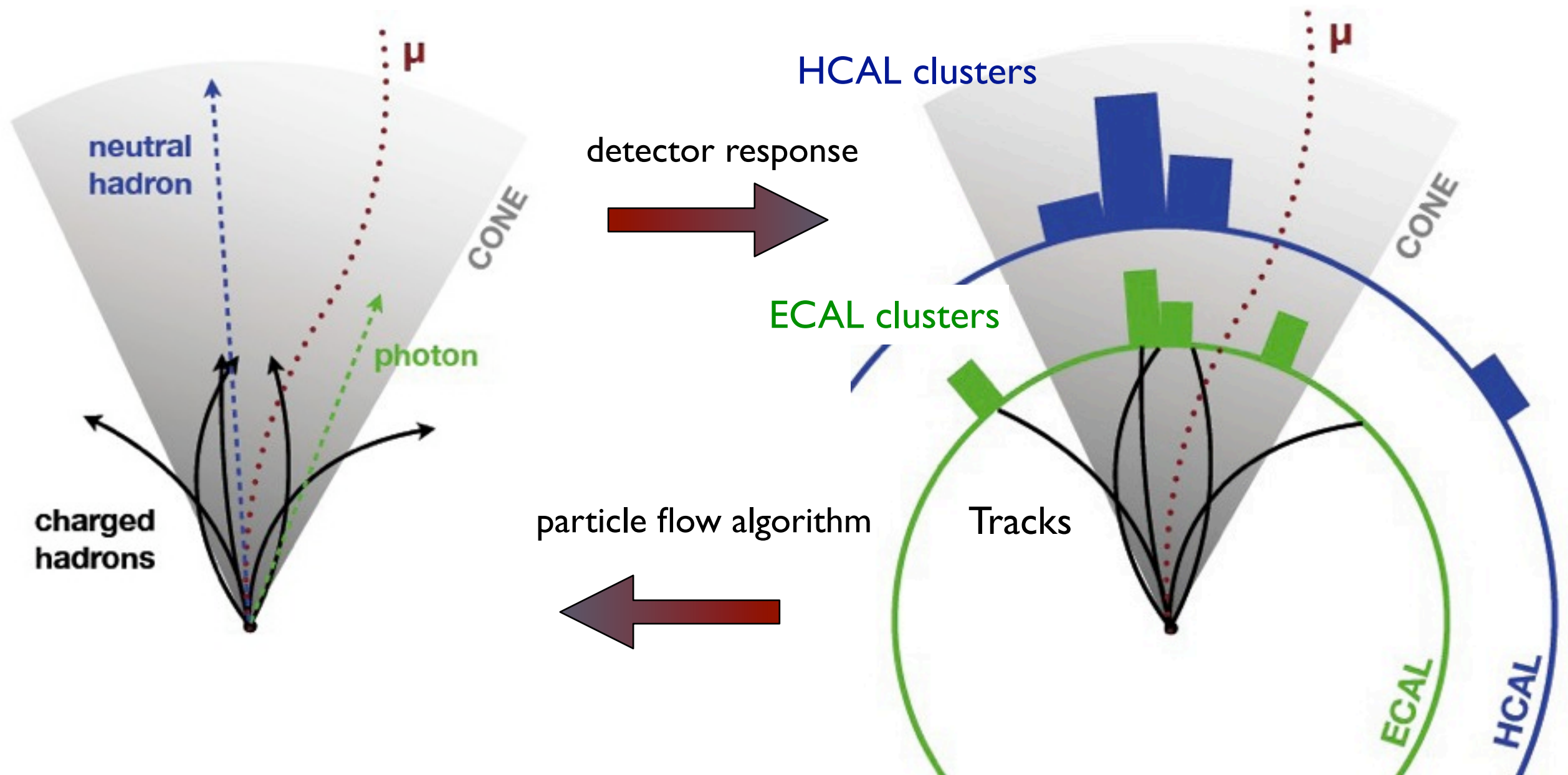
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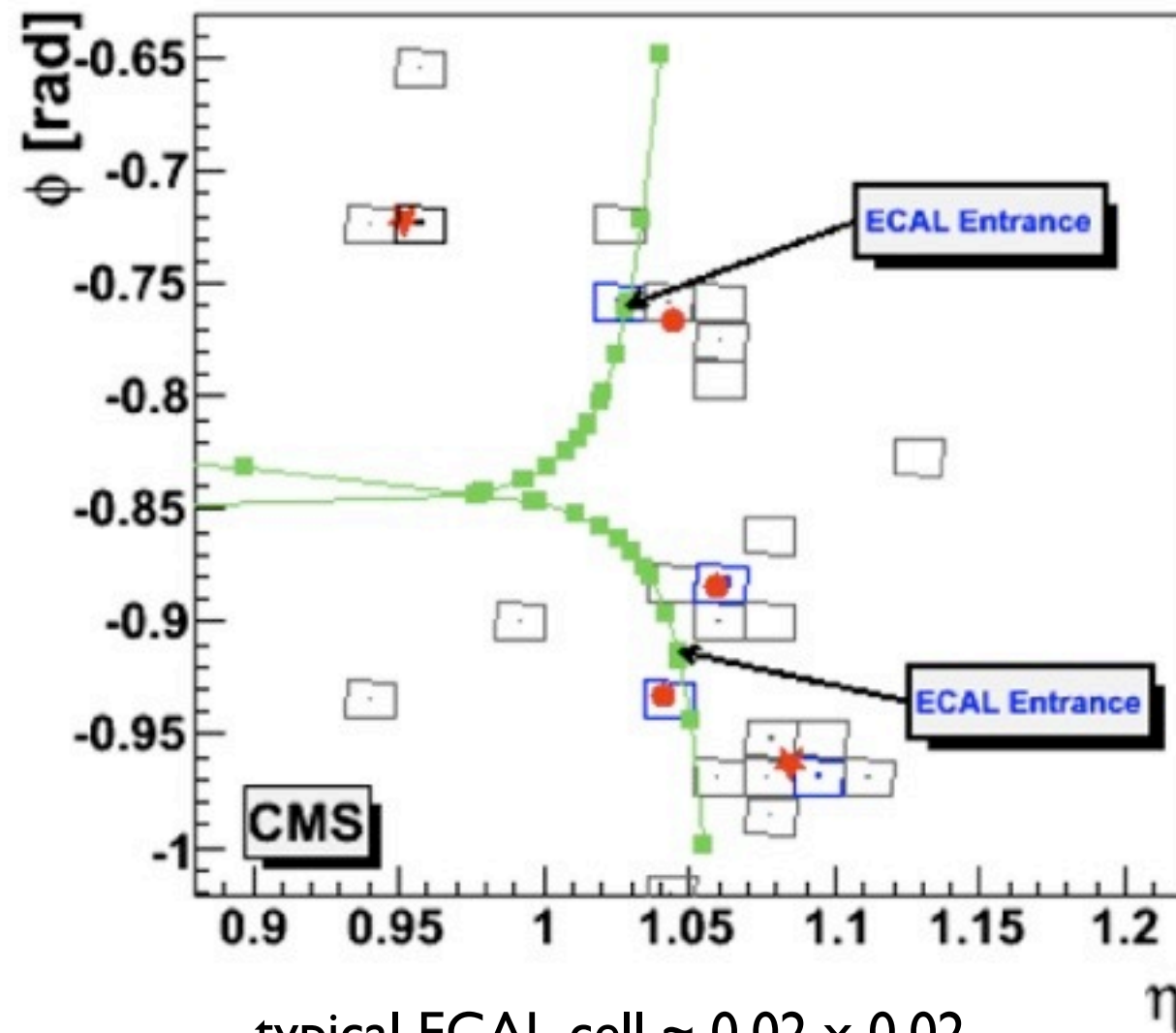
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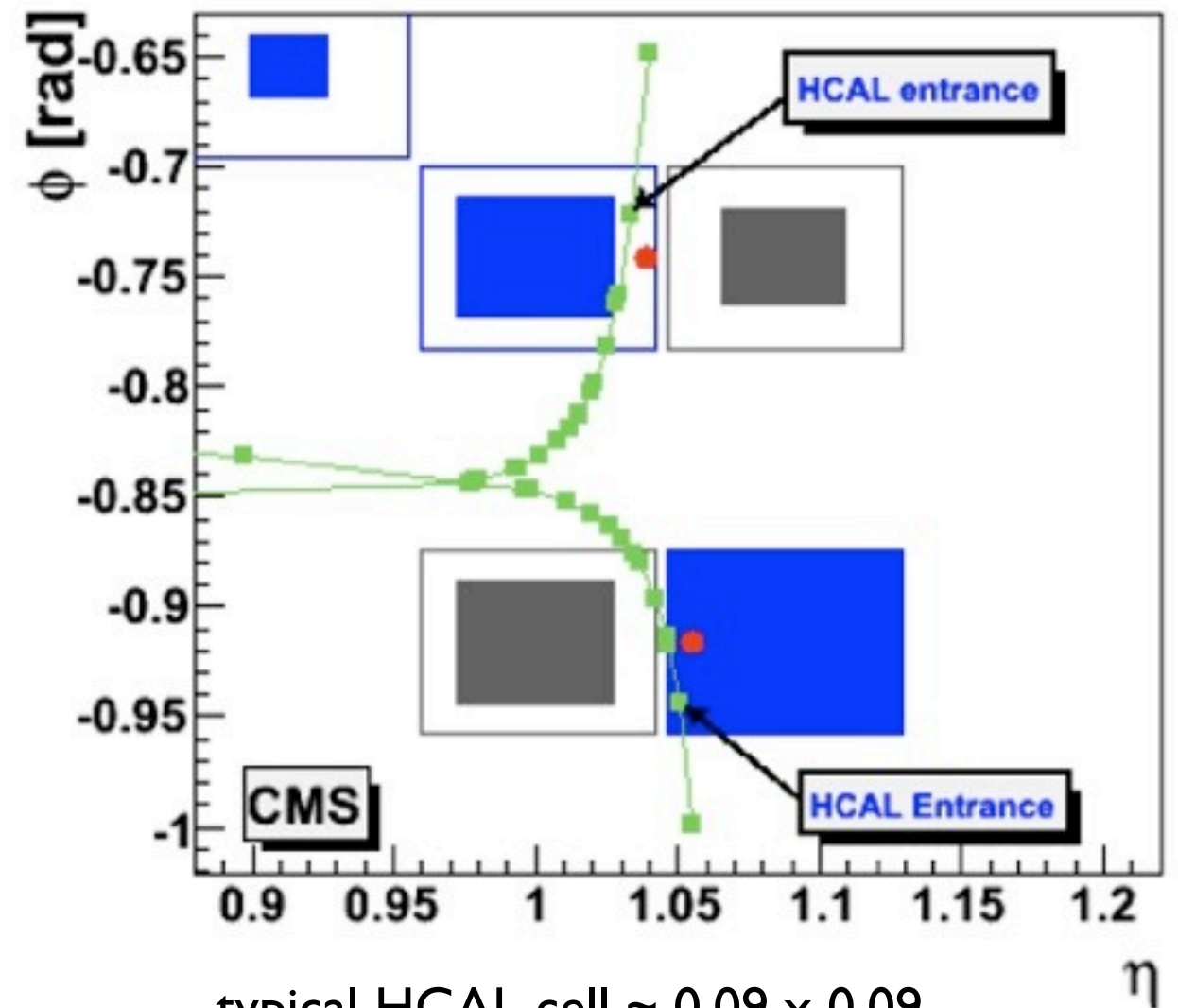
- Exploit the features of CMS:
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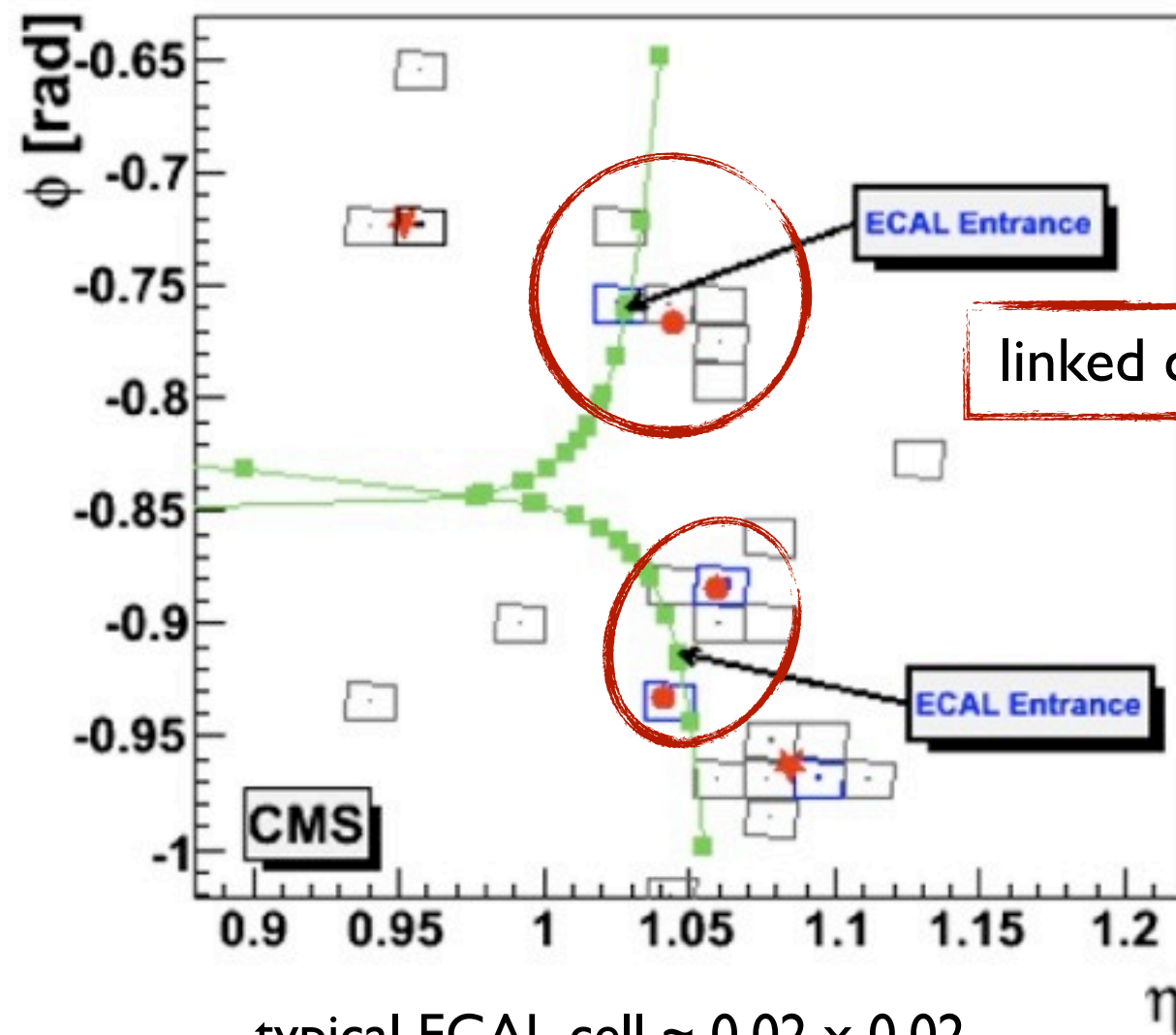
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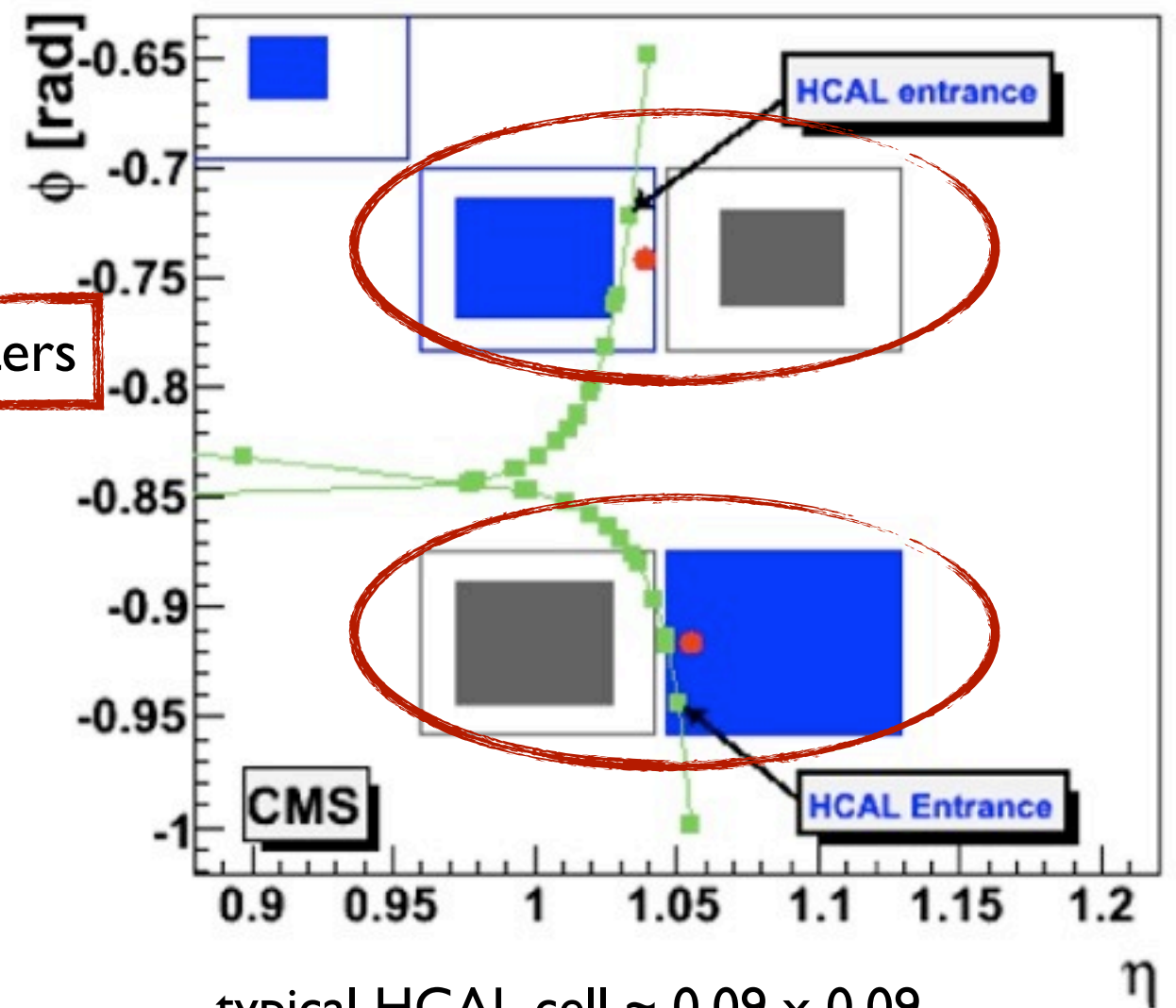


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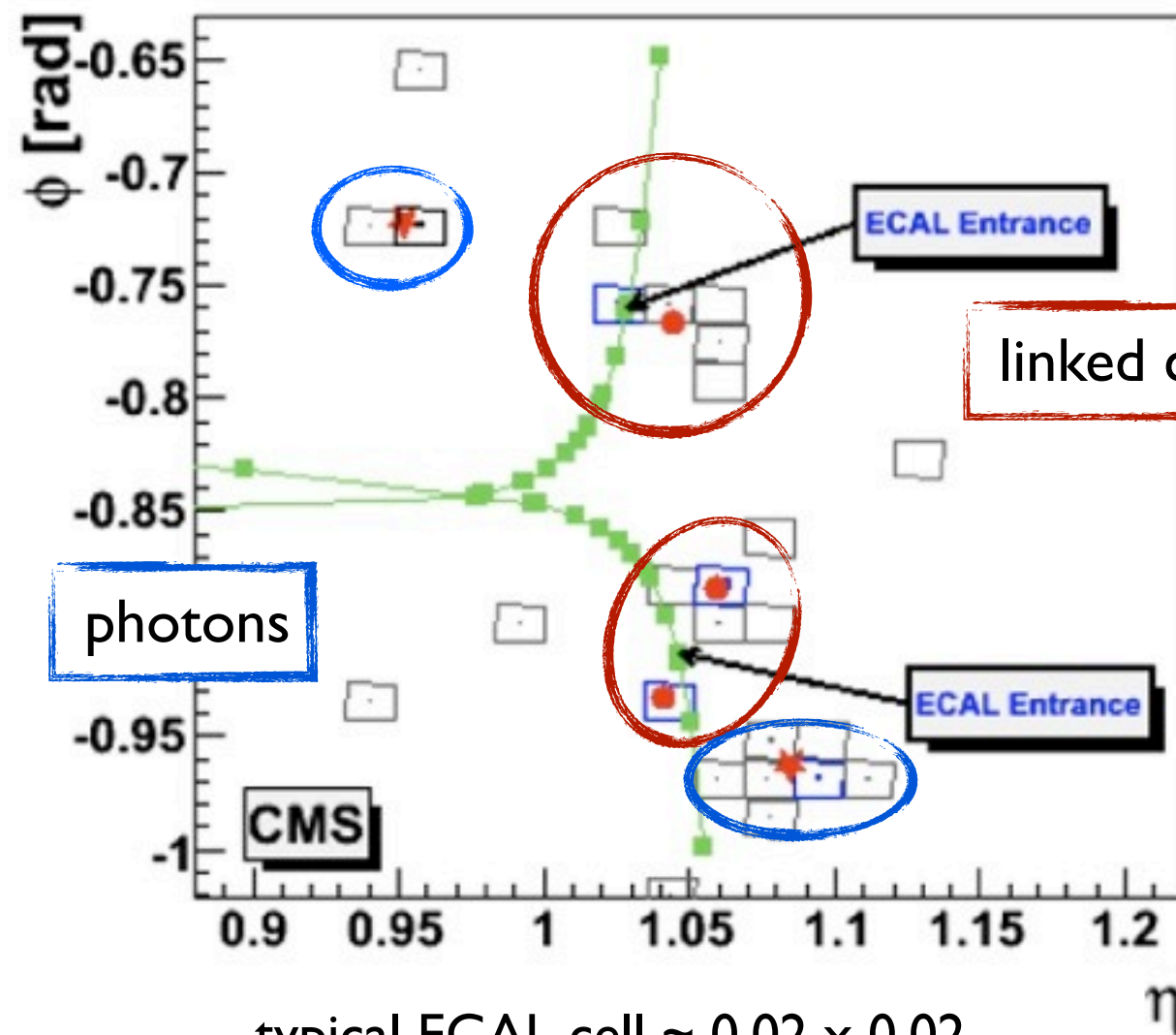


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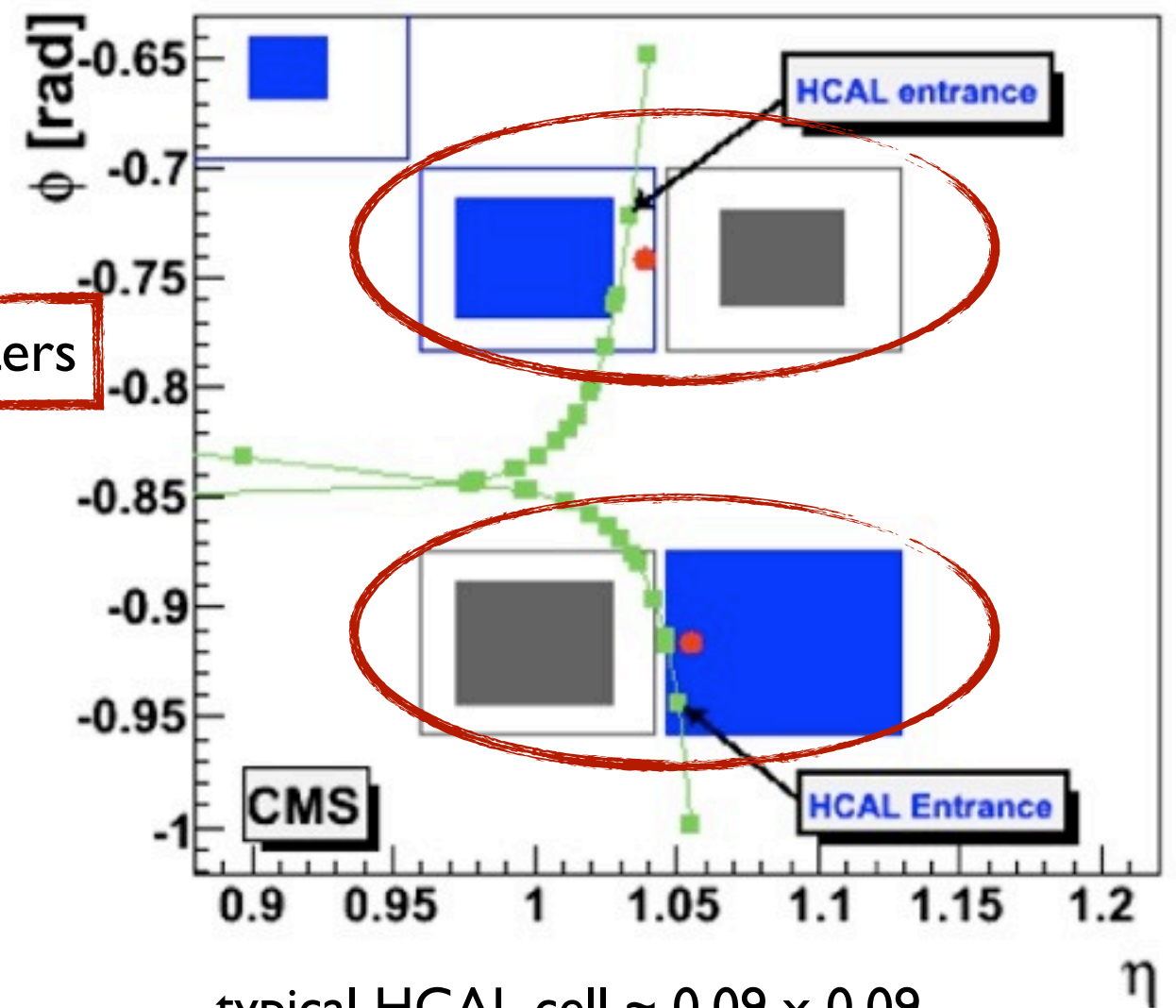
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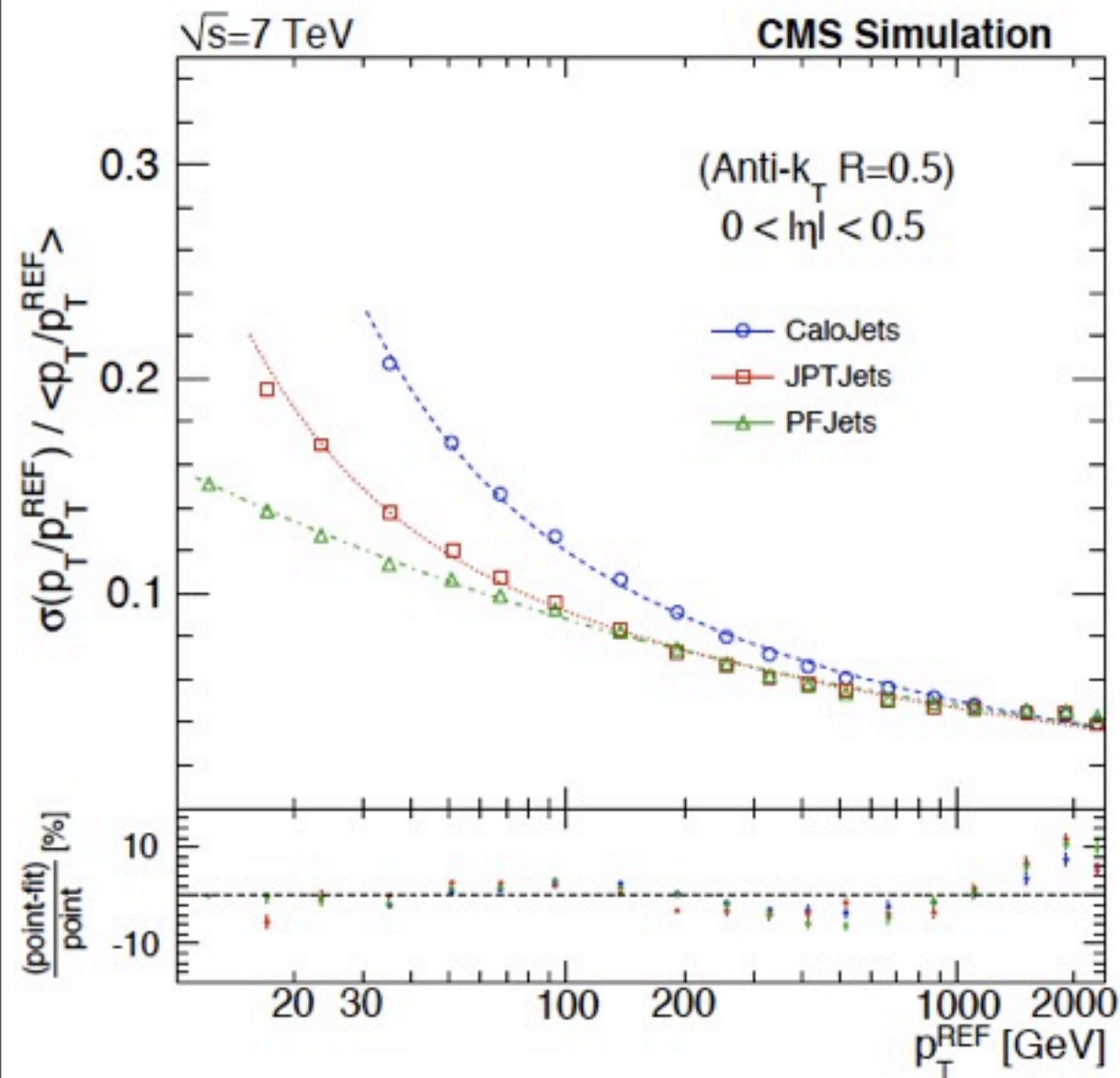
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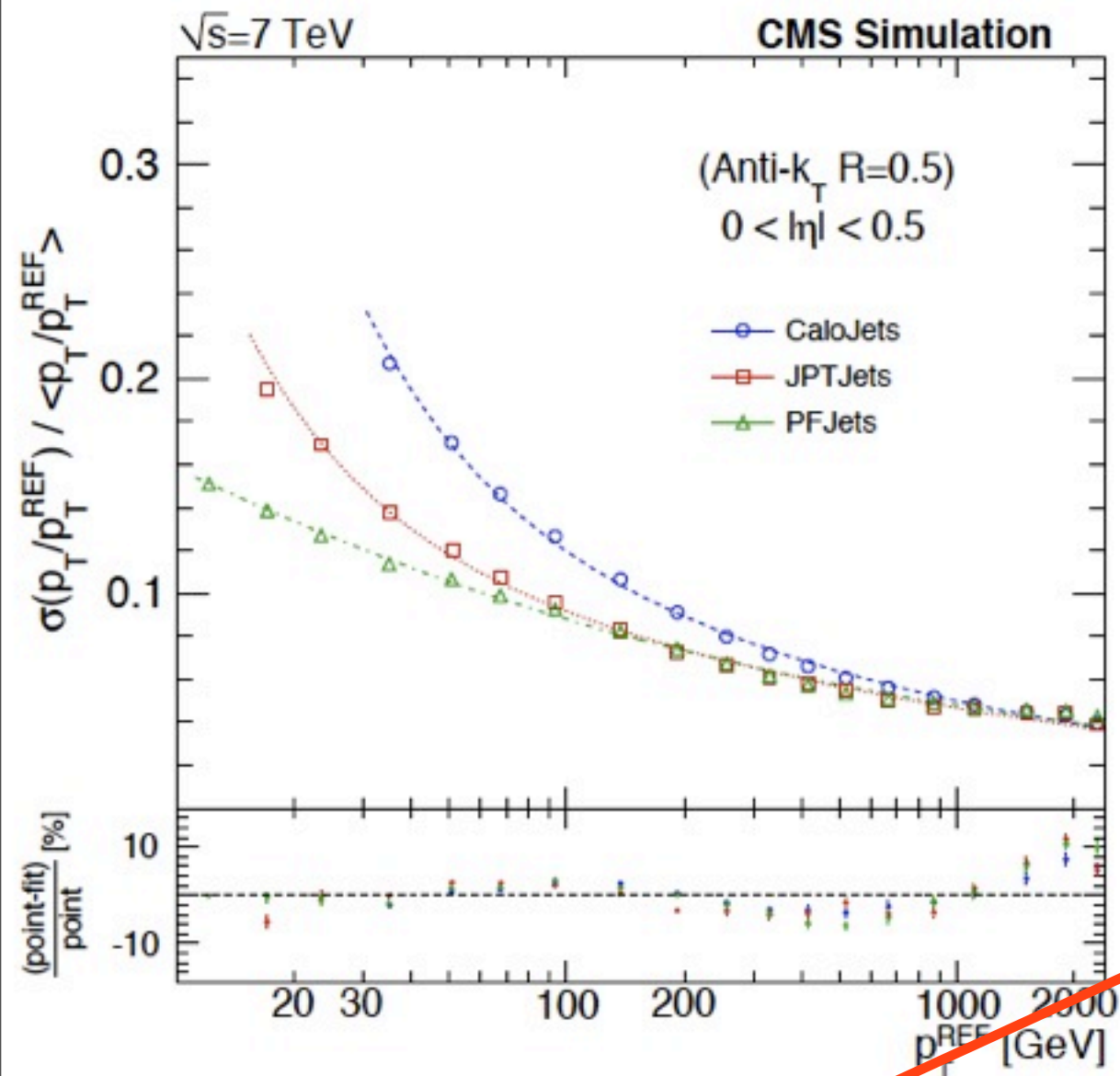
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- For several tracks linked to the same cluster: Use track sum
- For one track linked to several clusters: Use closest link
- Identify photons and neutral hadrons from calorimeter clusters without links

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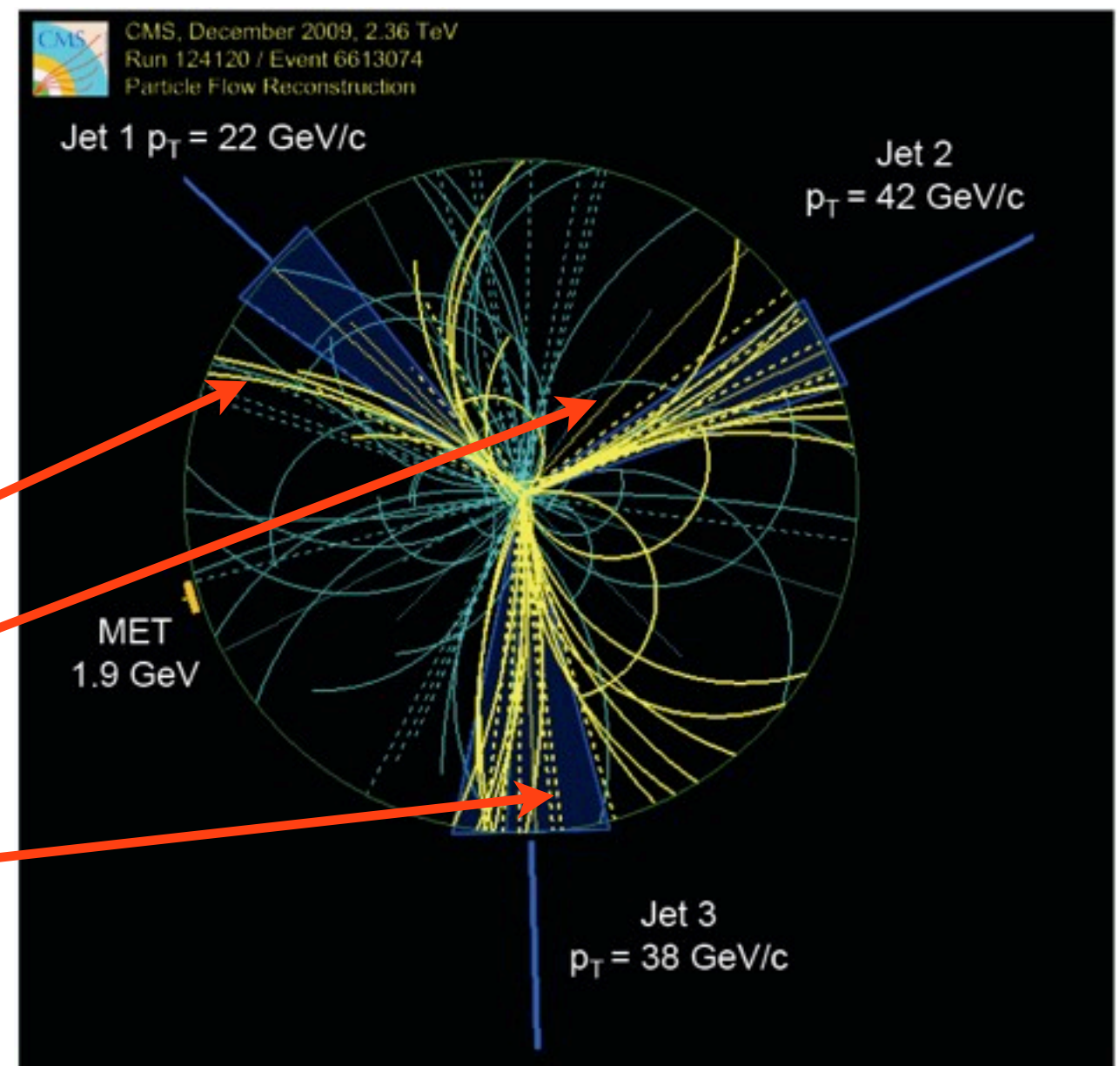


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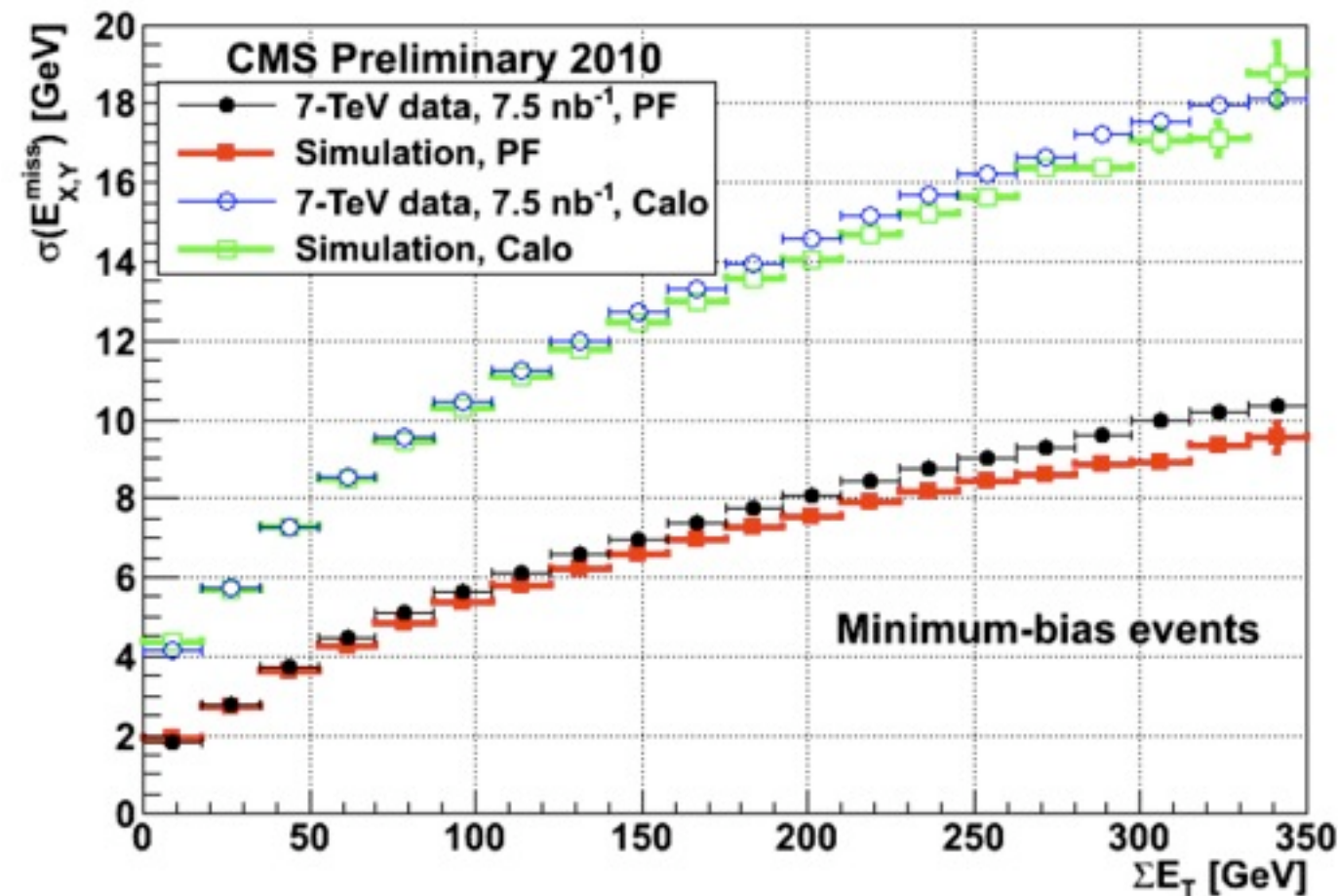
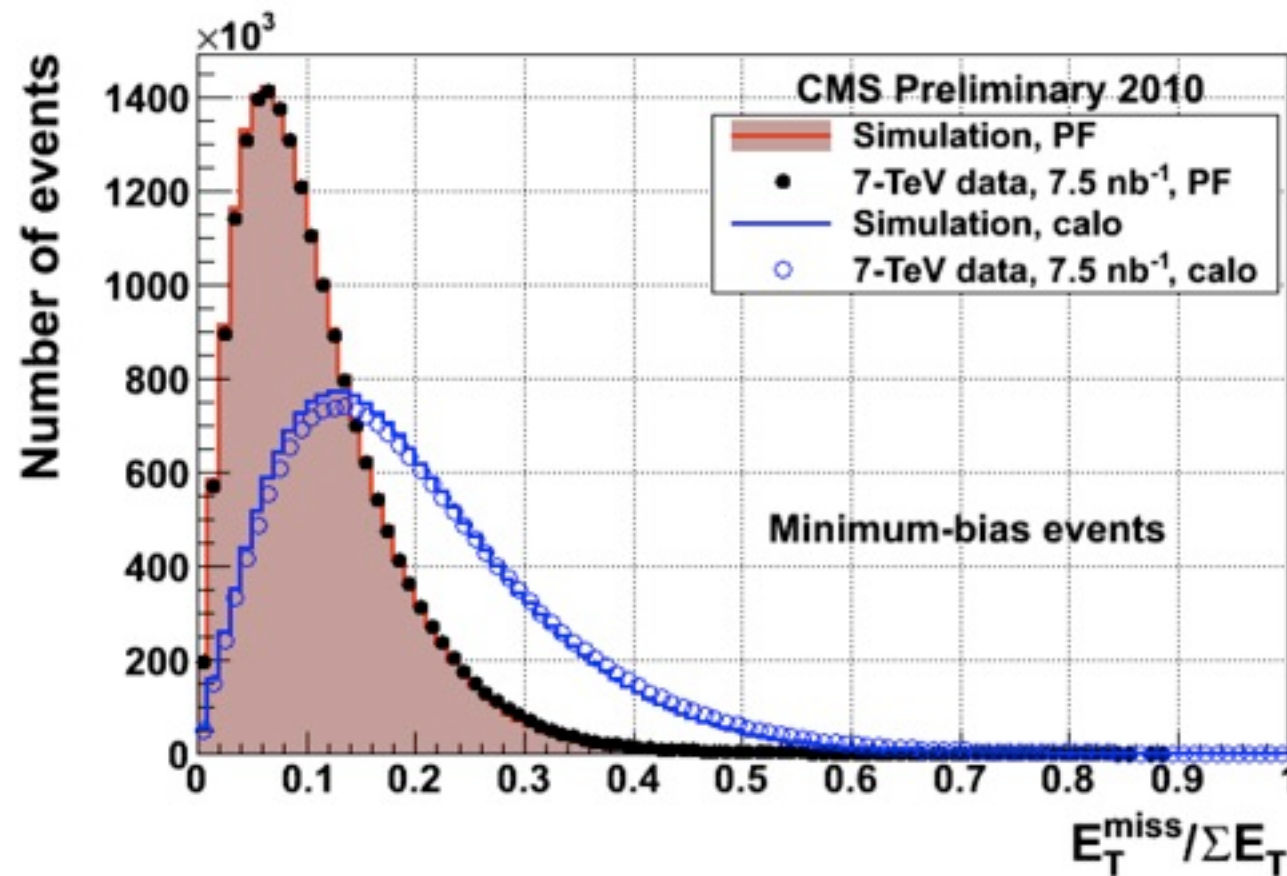
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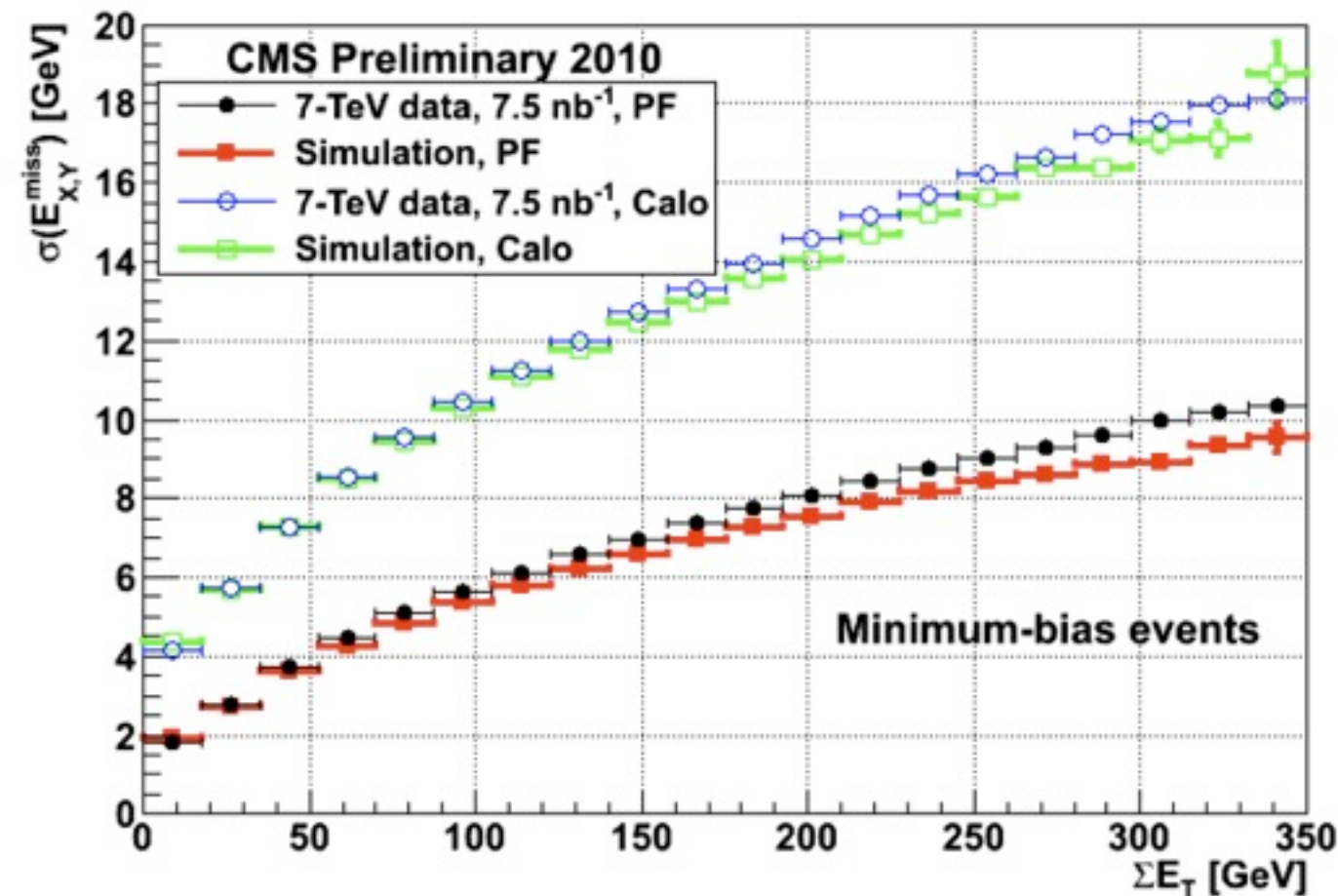
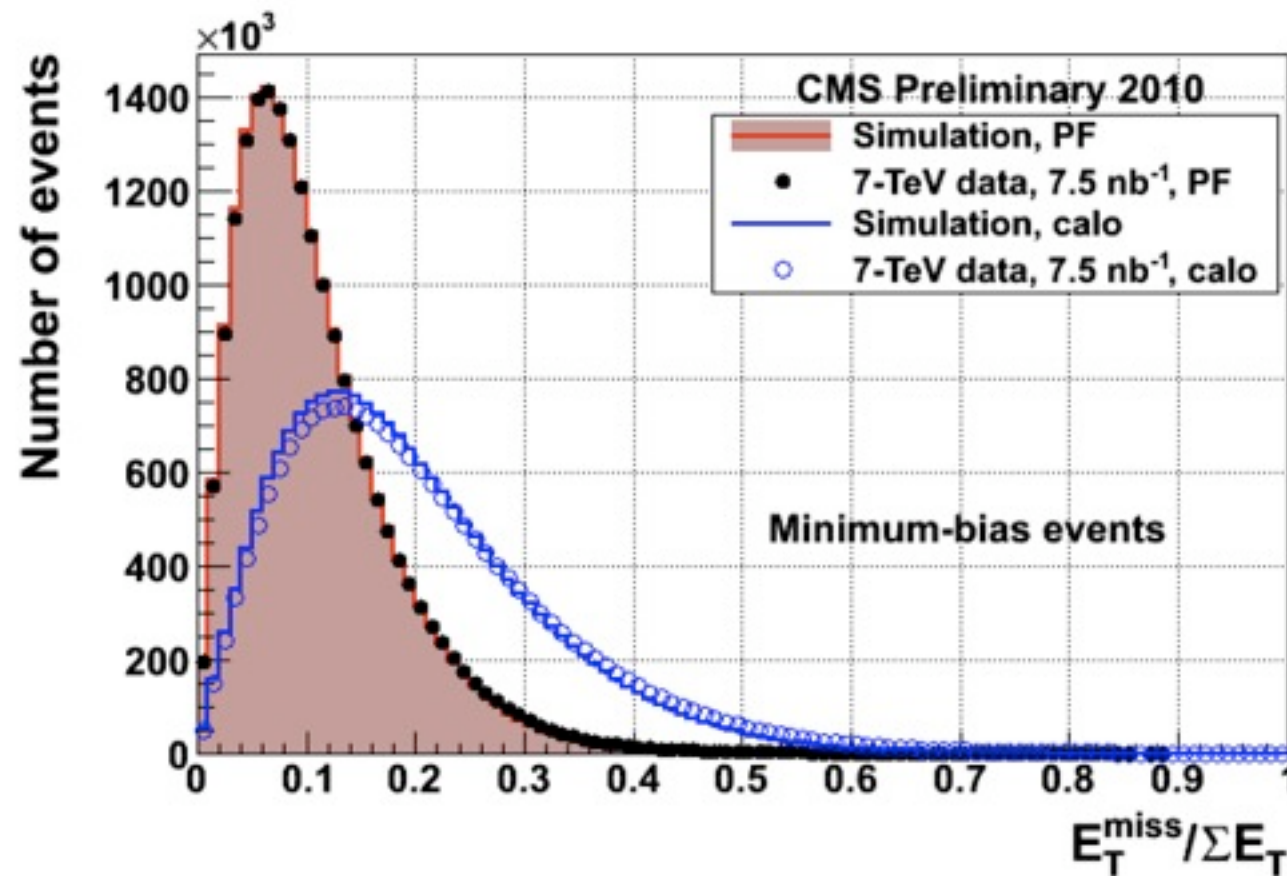
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# Conclusion

- Calorimetry plays a crucial role in high energy collider physics
- One particular application: Missing transverse energy
  - Invisible particles can be detected by a mismatch in the energy balance of the event:
    - Signature for the creation of possible dark matter particles
    - Also: Neutrinos, for example in Top-quark production
  - Important: Good resolution, hermetic coverage, excellent detector understanding
- Particle Flow reconstruction techniques try to make optimal use of information from all detector systems
  - Experiments at future colliders designed for PFA
  - Spectacular performance also at LHC (CMS)