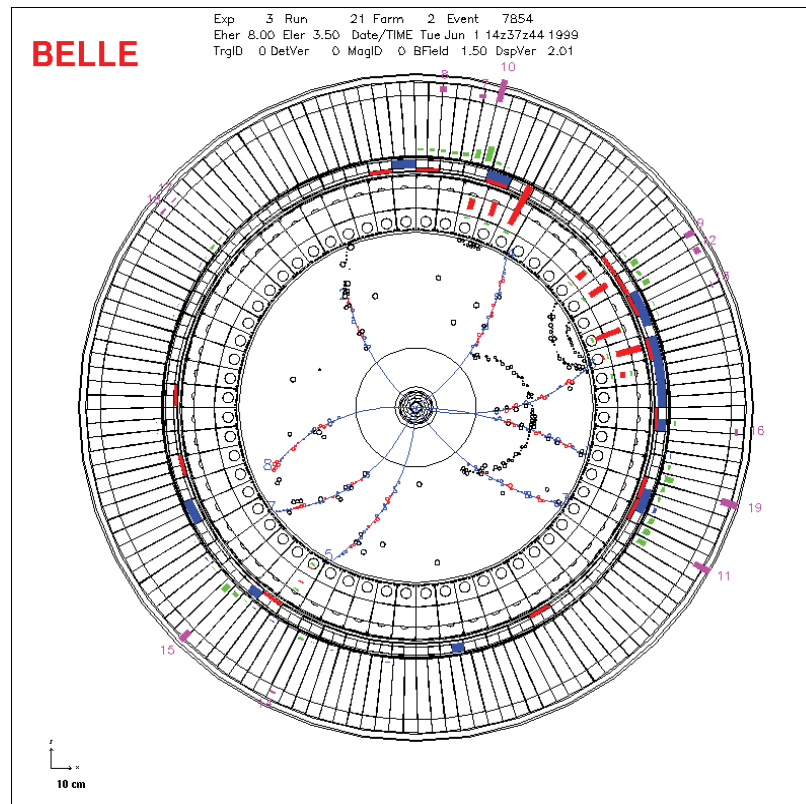


# Analysis of data

- from raw data to physics results



# Analysis of data, part 1

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From raw data to summary data  
(raw data -> DST (data summary tape))

- track finding and fitting
- momentum determination
- calorimetry (cluster reconstruction)
- particle identification

Calibration

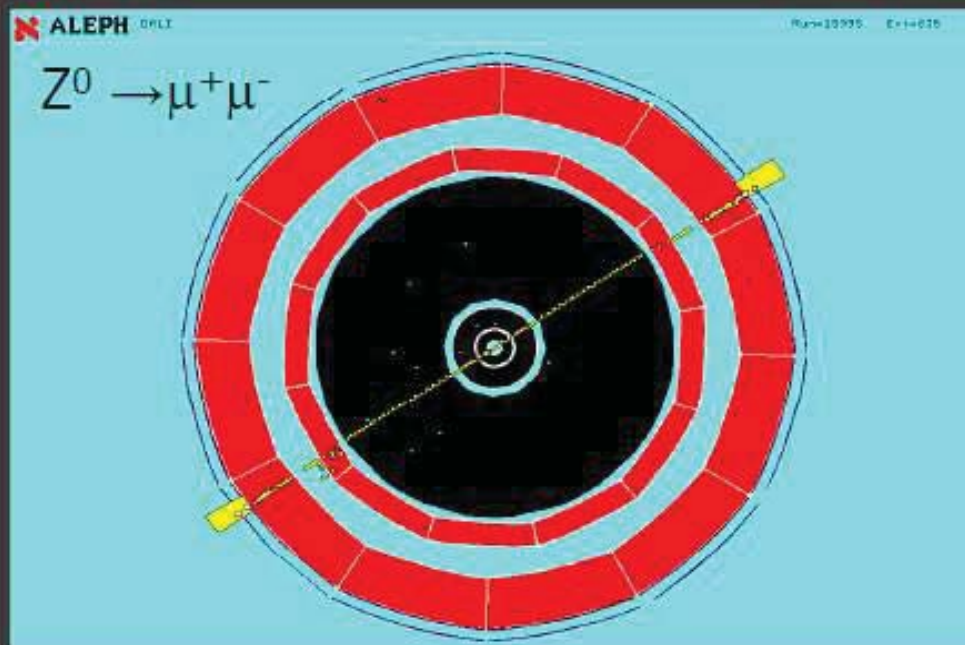
- tracking detectors
- particle identification subsystems

Analysis

# From raw data to summary data

- ➔ **Raw data:** digitized record of detector electronic signals;  
directly used for graphical presentation;

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| detector part | signal value |
|---------------|--------------|



for statistical analysis: need physics quantities  
 $\mathbf{p}$ ,  $E$ ,  $q$ ,  $m$ , ....

- ➔ processed data, summary data, Data Summary Tape (**DST**)

# From raw data to summary data reconstruction

➡ Procedure of processing raw data to summary data: **reconstruction**

example: to conclude  
about  $Z^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  decay  
one needs to

establish two tracks  
of corresponding **p**



association of signals  
in tracking det. into  
tracks; track fitting;  
determination of **p**

determine small energy  
deposited in EM  
calorimeter( $\mu$ )



association of signals in  
calorim. into clusters;  
association of clusters  
to tracks

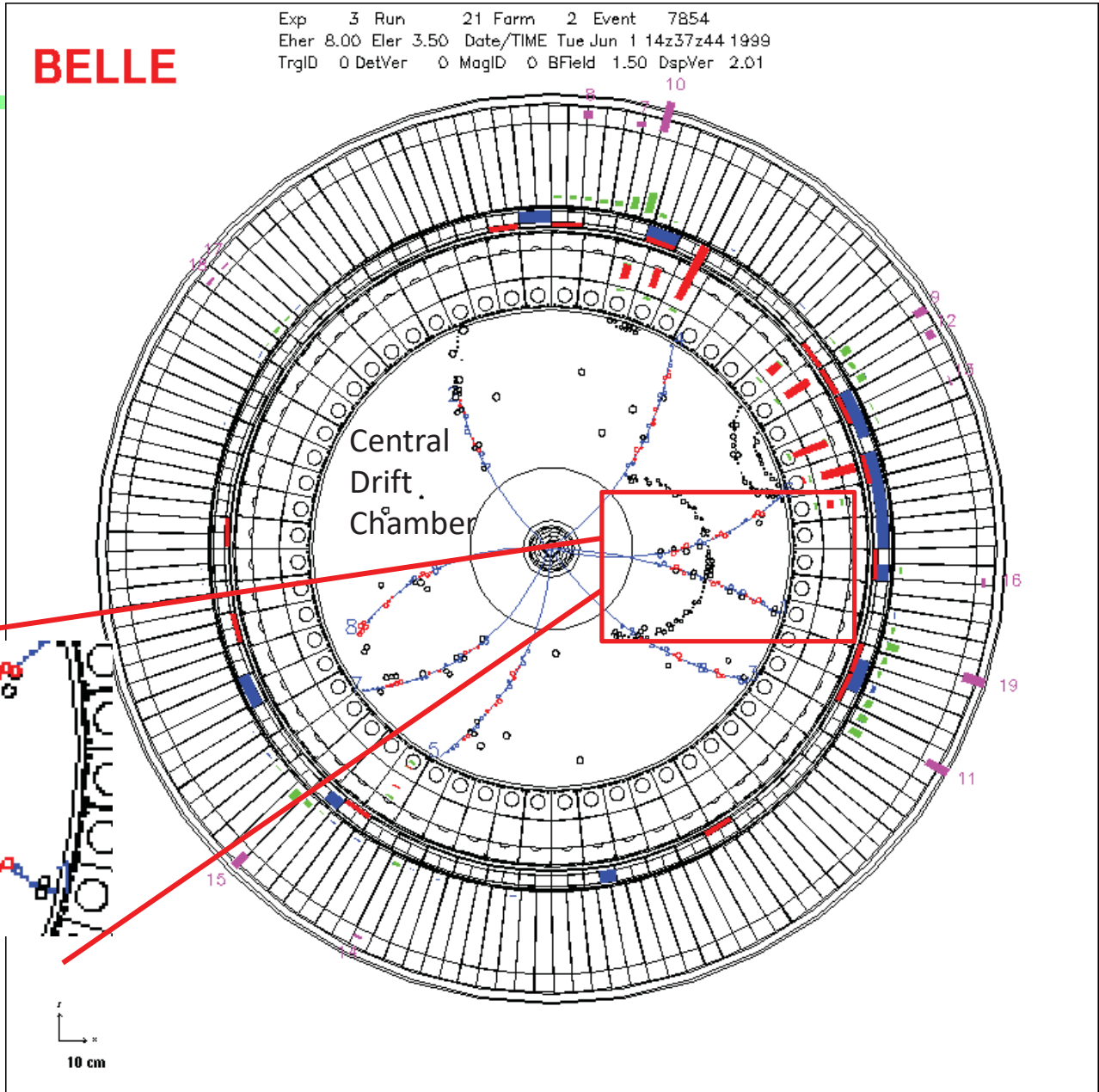
identify  $\mu$



hits in  $\mu$  det.;  
association to tracks  
(different  
procedures for  
hadron ident.)

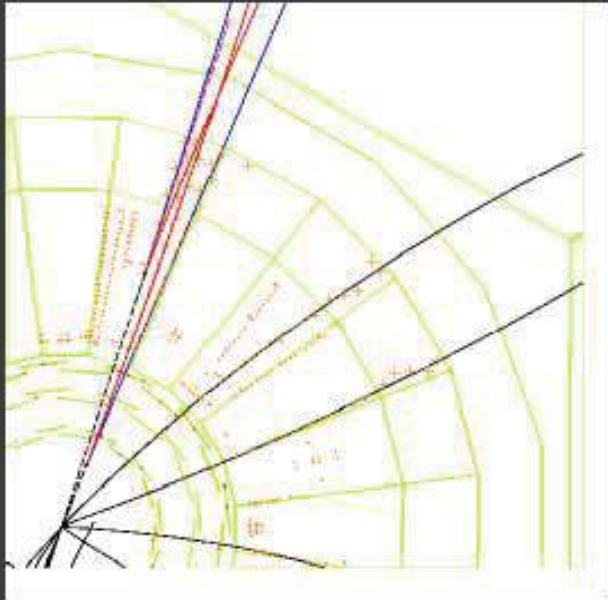
# Tracking


reconstruction of charged particles' trajectories from hits in detectors



# From raw data to summary data

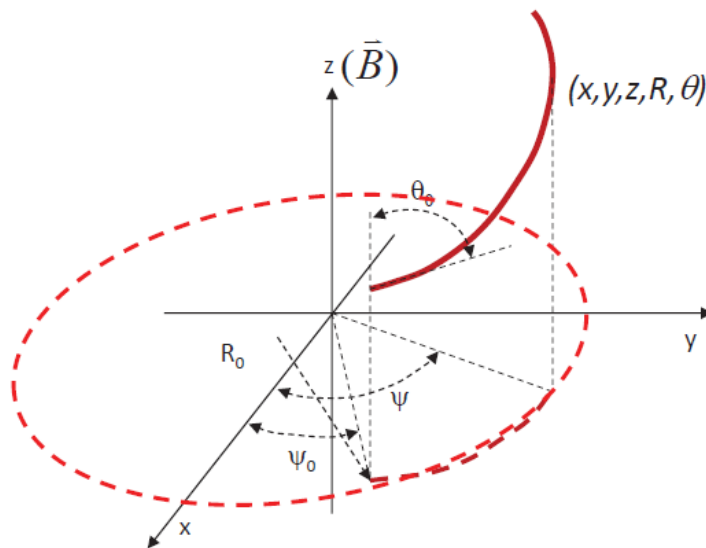
## track fitting



- ➡ charged track in  $\mathbf{B} \Rightarrow$  helix 
- ➡ association of electronic signals in tracking detectors into groups - tracks  
pattern recognition
- ➡ fitting of helix parameters to associated hits  
track fitting

# Track parametrization in magnetic field

## Helix parametrization



$$\begin{aligned}x &= x_0 + R(\sin \psi - \sin \psi_0) \\y &= y_0 - R(\cos \psi - \cos \psi_0) \\z &= z_0 + (\psi - \psi_0)R \cot \mathcal{G} \\R &= R_0 \\ \mathcal{G} &= \mathcal{G}_0\end{aligned}$$

helix defined by 5 parameters:

$$\begin{aligned}y_0, z_0, \psi_0, \mathcal{G}_0, 1/R \\(x_0 = y_0 / \tan \psi_0)\end{aligned}$$

# Pattern recognition = track finding

projection of helix:

$$(x - x_c)^2 + (y - y_c)^2 = R^2$$

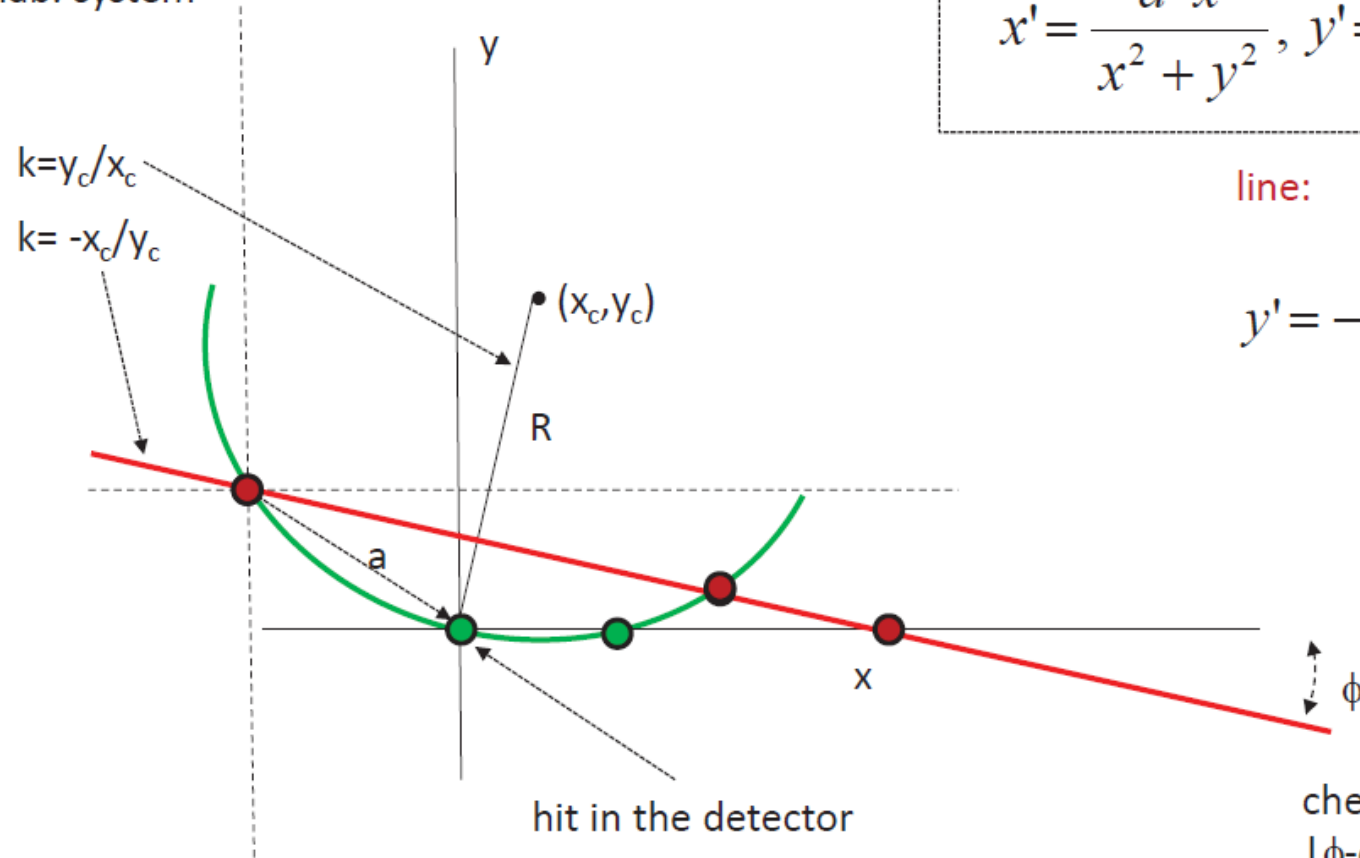
transformation:

$$x' = \frac{a^2 x}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad y' = \frac{a^2 y}{x^2 + y^2}$$

line:

$$y' = -\frac{x_c}{y_c} x' + \frac{a^2}{2y_c}$$

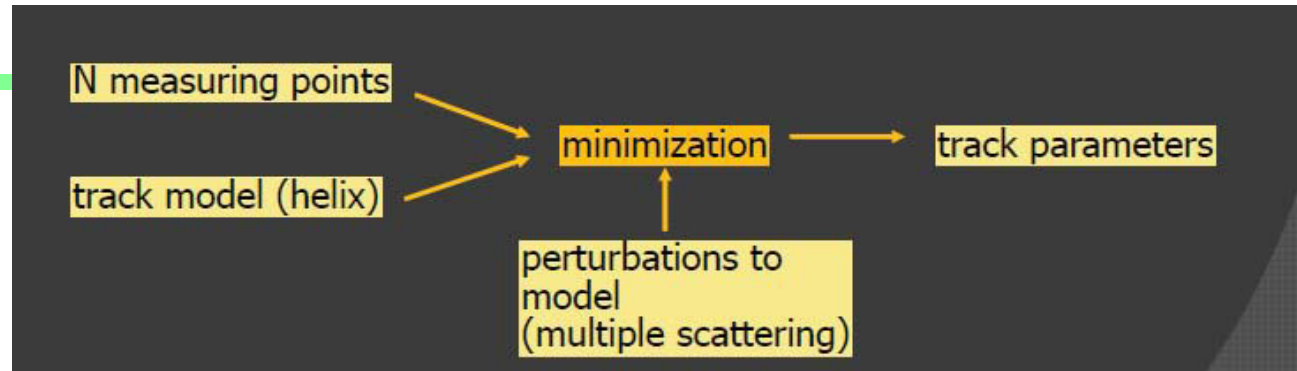
lab. system



check for each hit:  
 $|\phi - \phi_0| < \alpha$



# Track fit



- ➔ **Track fitting algorithms:** divided according to track model usage, inclusion of model distortions (mult. scatt., energy losses)

Global Methods

Progressive Methods

Break Point Methods

- ➔ **Global Methods:** simultaneous minimization of  $\chi^2$  of all measurement points; mult. scatt. included in the error matrix

properties:

- all meas. points used simultaneously;
- simultaneous pattern recognition not possible (as opposed to Progressive methods);
- calculation expensive (NxN matrix inversion);

## From raw data to summary data track fitting

Global method - track model:  
expected coordinate values

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{\text{exp}}^n \\ y_{\text{exp}}^n \\ z_{\text{exp}}^n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 + R_0^{-1} [\sin \psi_n - \sin \psi_0] \\ y_0 - R_0^{-1} [\cos \psi_n - \cos \psi_0] \\ z_0 + R_0^{-1} \cot \theta_0 [\psi_n - \psi_0] \end{pmatrix}$$

5 free parameters:  $\mathbf{p}_0 = (y_0, z_0, \psi_0, \theta_0, 1/R)$   
( $x_0 = y_0 / \tan \psi_0$ )

N measured 3-dimensional points  $\Rightarrow$  N 3-dimensional functions  
depending on 5 parameters  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{p}_0)$

global  $\chi^2$  minimization:

$$\chi^2(\vec{p}_0) = (\vec{f}(\vec{p}_0) - \vec{m})^T \vec{C}^{-1} (\vec{f}(\vec{p}_0) - \vec{m})$$

## From raw data to summary data track fitting

Global method - example:  
straight line fit

model:  $y_n = kx_n + y_0$   
N meas. of  $y$  at  $x_n$

| N | $k\Delta x$                    | $\sigma_k\Delta x$ |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2 | $y_2 - y_1$                    | $\sqrt{2}\sigma$   |
| 3 | $(y_3 - y_1)/2$                | $\sigma/\sqrt{2}$  |
| 4 | $(3y_4 + y_3 - y_2 - 3y_1)/10$ | $\sigma/\sqrt{5}$  |

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(y_n - kx_n - y_0)^2}{\sigma_n^2}$$

minimization yields

$$k \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{x_n^2}{\sigma_n^2} + y_0 \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{x_n}{\sigma_n^2} - \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{y_n x_n}{\sigma_n^2} = 0$$

$$k \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{x_n}{\sigma_n^2} + y_0 \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma_n^2} - \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{y_n}{\sigma_n^2} = 0$$

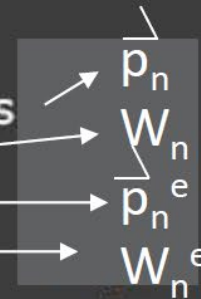
for  $x_n = n\Delta x$  and  $\sigma_n = \sigma \Rightarrow$

$$k = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \frac{N \sum n y_n - \sum n \sum y_n}{N \sum n^2 - (\sum n)^2}$$

## From raw data to summary data track fitting

### Progressive method:

vector of parameters after n measurement points  
 error matrix after n measurement points  
 vector of extrapolated parameters  
 extrapolated error matrix



$$W_n^e = D^T W_n D, \quad D = \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial \bar{p}^e}$$

$$W_{n+1} = W_n + U$$

vector of measured points  $\rightarrow \bar{p}_{n+1}^m$

$\chi^2$ : sum of contribution from extrapolation and measurement:

n-th point

extrapolation to (n+1)st point

(n+1)st point

$$\chi^2(\bar{p}_{n+1}) = \chi^2(\bar{p}_n) + [\bar{p}_{n+1} - \bar{p}_n^e]^T W_n^e [\bar{p}_{n+1} - \bar{p}_n^e] + [\bar{p}_{n+1} - \bar{p}_{n+1}^m]^T U [\bar{p}_{n+1} - \bar{p}_{n+1}^m]$$

# From raw data to summary data track fitting

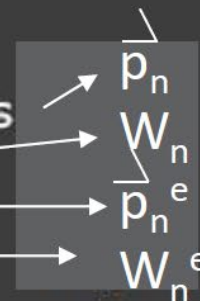
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after minimization: set of equations for  $\mathbf{p}_{n+1}^F$ ;

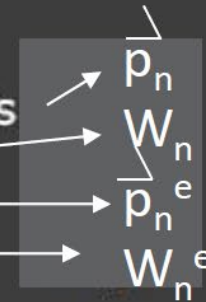
if  $\chi^2$  from extrapol. larger than chosen value for specific point  
 $\Rightarrow$  point not assigned to track

} pattern  
recognition

# From raw data to summary data track fitting

## Progressive method:

vector of parameters after n measurement points  
 error matrix after n measurement points  
 vector of extrapolated parameters  
 extrapolated error matrix



$$W_n^e = D^T W_n D, \quad D = \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial \bar{p}^e}$$

$$W_{n+1} = W_n + U$$

vector of measured points  $\rightarrow \bar{p}_{n+1}^m$

$\chi^2$ : sum of contribution from extrapolation and measurement:

already known
  to be determined
  calculated
  measured in detector

$$\chi^2(\bar{p}_{n+1}) = \chi^2(\bar{p}_n) + \left[ \bar{p}_{n+1} - \bar{p}_n^e \right]^T W_n^e \left[ \bar{p}_{n+1} - \bar{p}_n^e \right] + \left[ \bar{p}_{n+1} - \bar{p}_{n+1}^m \right]^T U \left[ \bar{p}_{n+1} - \bar{p}_{n+1}^m \right]$$

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 if  $\chi^2$  from extrapol. larger than chosen value for specific point  
 $\Rightarrow$  point not assigned to track

} pattern recognition

# Track fit

progressive method, example: straight line fit

| N | $k^F \Delta x$                     | $\sigma_k^F \Delta x$                | $\sigma_k \Delta x$ |                 |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 2 | $y_2 - y_1$                        | $\sqrt{2}\sigma$                     | $\sqrt{2}\sigma$    |                 |
| 3 | $(3y_3 - y_2 - 2y_1)/5$            | $\sqrt{(14/25)}\sigma = 0.748\sigma$ | $\sigma/\sqrt{2}$   | $=0.707 \alpha$ |
| 4 | $(30y_4 - y_3 - 18y_2 - 11y_1)/70$ | $0.524\sigma$                        | $\sigma/\sqrt{5}$   | $=0.447 \alpha$ |

↑  
global method

global method: better precision; CPU extensive (NxN matrix inversion), simultaneous patt. recognition not possible

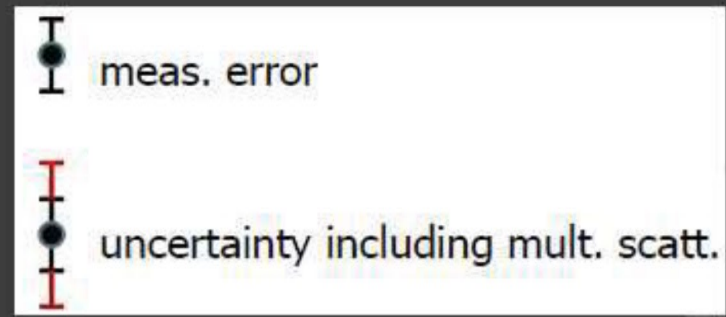
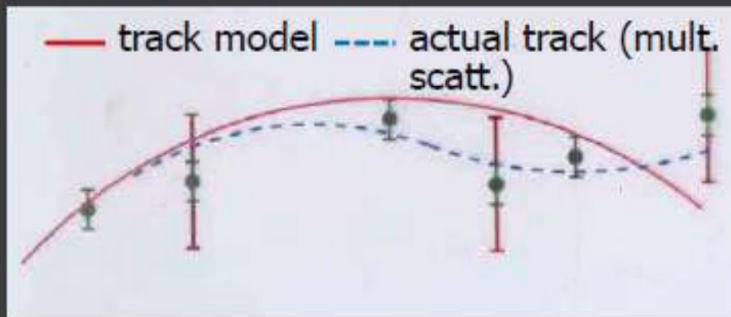
# From raw data to summary data track fitting

➔ Global method – multiple scattering:  
error matrix:

$$C_{ij} = \sigma_i \sigma_j \delta_{ij} + \overline{\epsilon_i^{MS} \epsilon_j^{MS}}$$

$\sigma_i$ : uncertainty of ind. measurement;  
 $\epsilon_i$ : contr. to uncertainty due to mult. scatt.  
(Molière formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\theta_i^{MS}} &= 0 \\ \sqrt{\overline{(\theta_i^{MS})^2}} &= \frac{13,6 \text{ MeV}}{cp\beta} \sqrt{\frac{L}{X_0}} \left[ 1 + 0.038 \ln \frac{L}{X_0} \right] \end{aligned}$$



distribution of  $(y_{\text{meas}} - y_{\text{fit}}) / \sigma_y$  („pull“) is a measure of understanding the effect of mult. scatt. rather than of understanding the meas. errors

$\alpha_y$ : estimated uncertainty of individual measurement; expected distrib. of „pull“: Gaussian with unity width; distrib. width  $> (<) 1 \Rightarrow \alpha_y$  under-(over-)estimated



## From raw data to summary data track fitting

- ➔ **Progressive method – multiple scattering:**  
mult. scatt. between  $n^{\text{th}}$  and  $(n+1)^{\text{st}}$  point:

$$W_n^e = \left[ \left[ D^T W_n D \right]^{-1} + W_{\text{MS}}^{-1} \right]^{-1}$$

included in the error matrix extrapolation;

using a corresponding mult. scatt. matrix  $W_{\text{MS}}$  one can include specifics of material between  $n^{\text{th}}$  and  $(n+1)^{\text{st}}$  point

- ➔ **Break points method:**  
appropriate for detectors with a limited number of regions with significant scattering;  
scattering angles included in  $\chi^2$  as free parameters

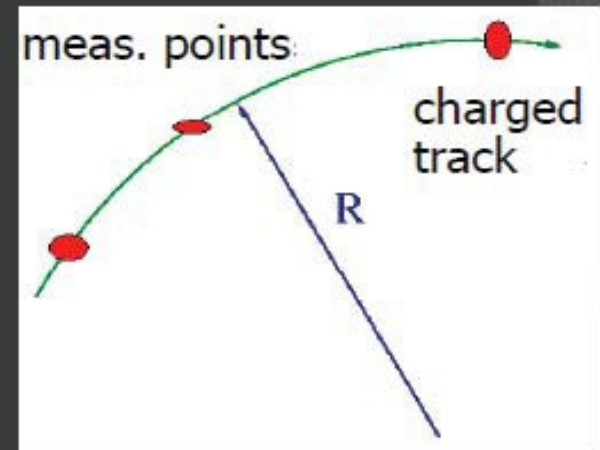
$$\chi^2(\mathbf{p}_n^F) \rightarrow \chi^2(\mathbf{p}_n^F, \theta_n)$$

## From raw data to summary data momentum measurement

➔ **Magnetic field:**  
 $p_t = qBR$ ;  
from curvature  $R$  one determines the  
transverse (w.r.t.  $\mathbf{B}$ ) component of  $\mathbf{p}$ ;  
actual meas. is curvature  $R$ ;

**accuracy** depends on:  
# of meas. points;  
spatial resolution of each point;  
mag. field integral  $BL$ ;  
momentum  $p$ ;

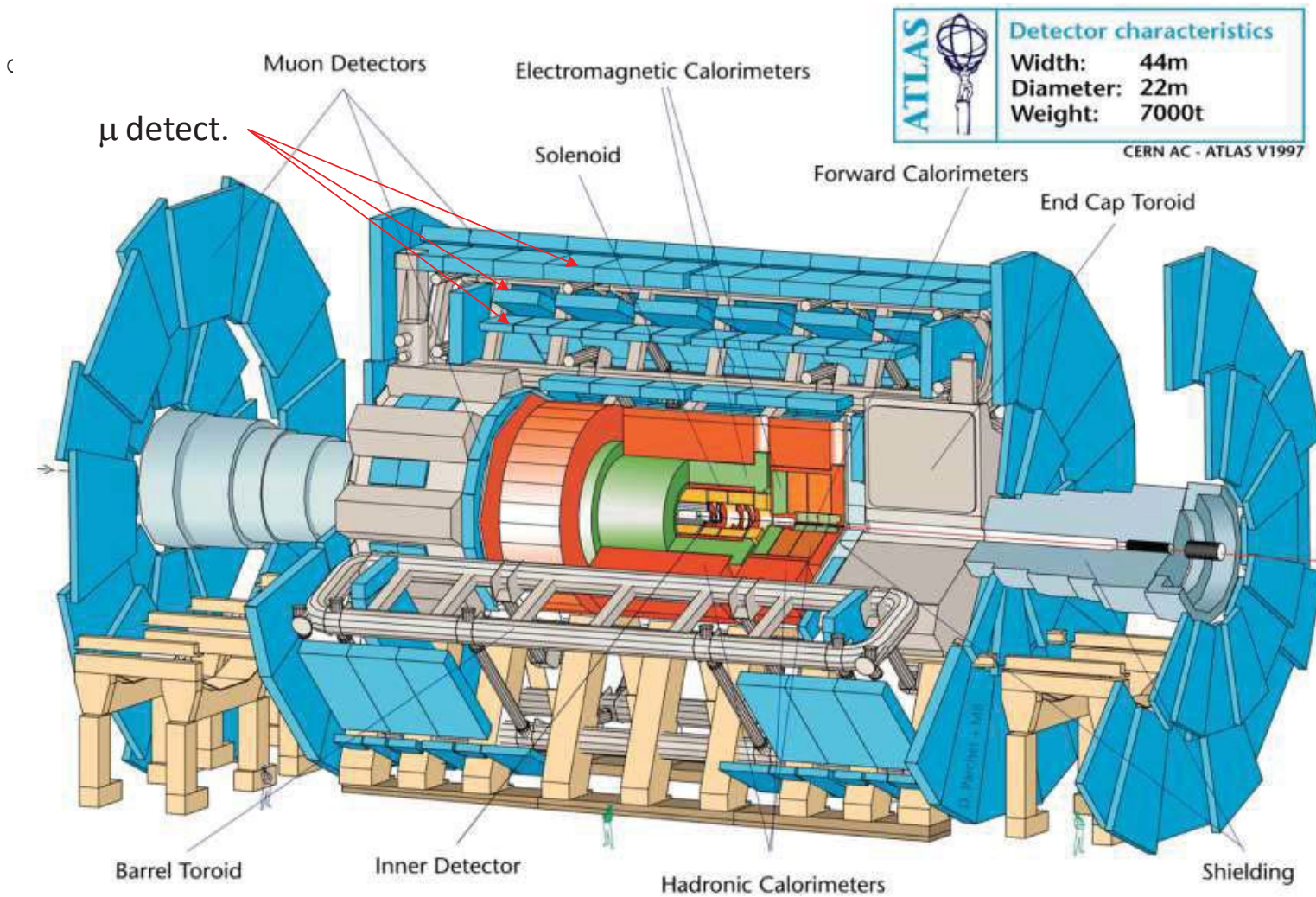
multiple scattering;



$$\frac{\sigma_{p_t}}{p_t} = \sqrt{ap_t^2 + b}$$

intrinsic resol.      mult. scatt.

# Momentum measurement



# Momentum measurement

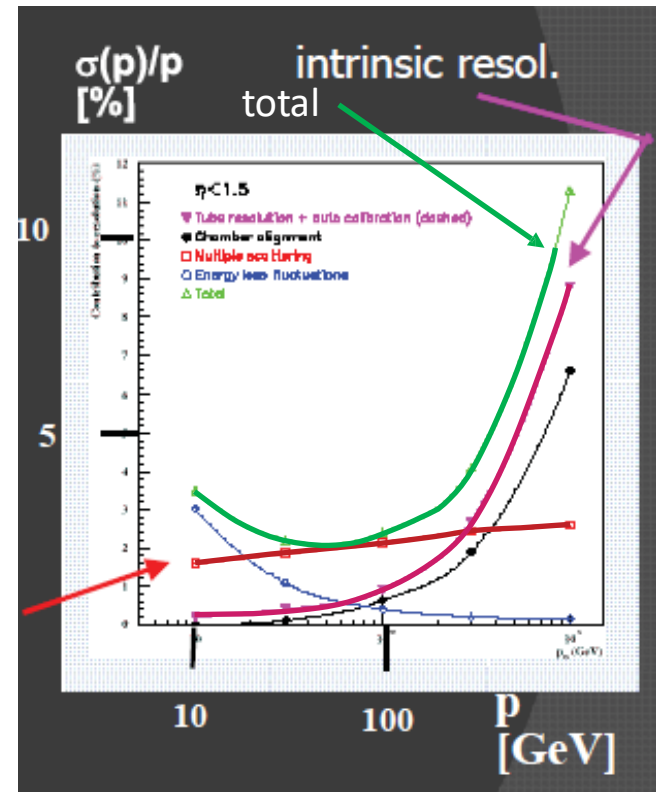
## Momentum meas. ATLAS ( $\mu$ ):



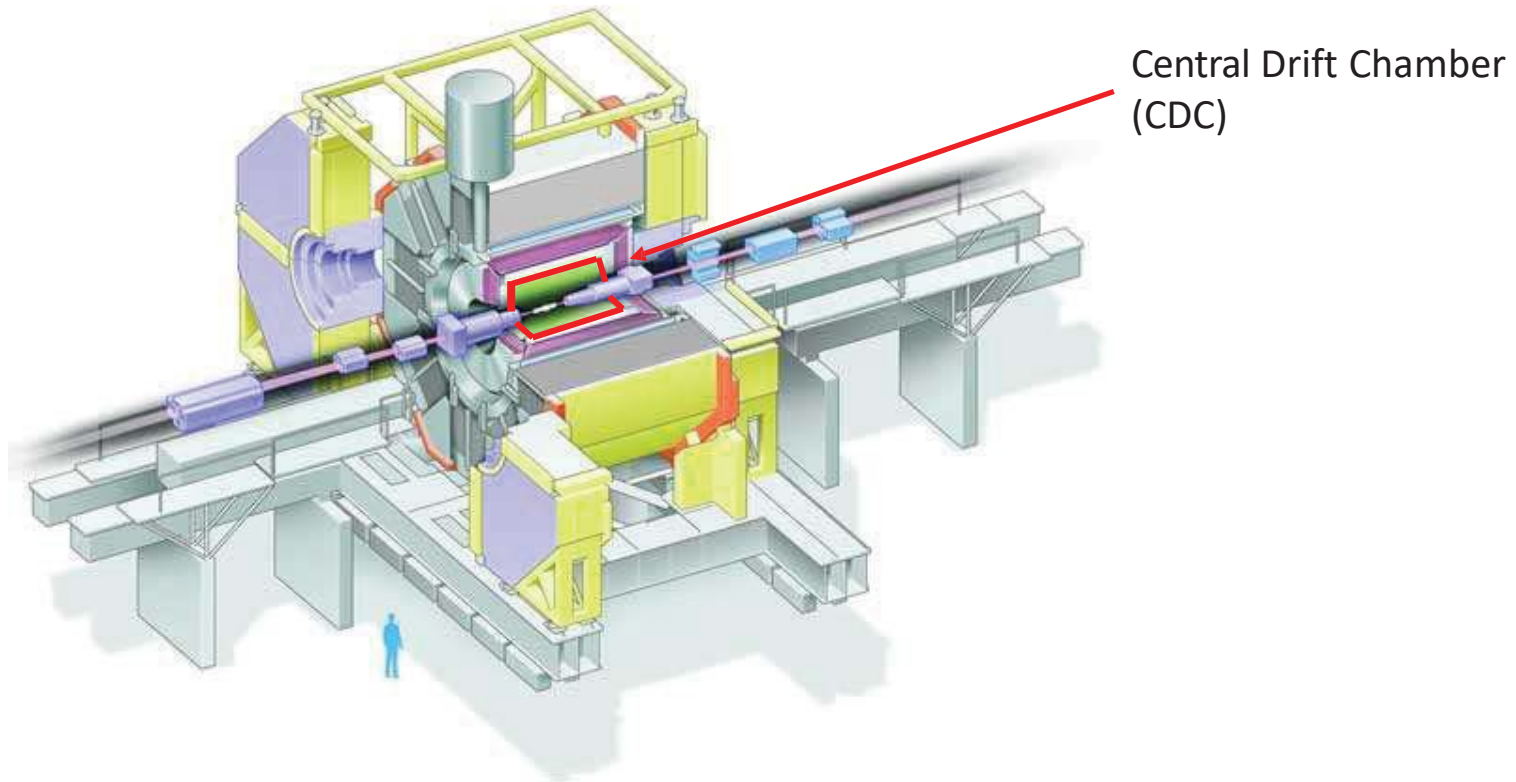
### Muon Drift Tube chambers (MDT)

3 meas. points in barrel;  
 $\sigma(x) = 50 \mu\text{m}$   
 $L = 4 \text{ m}$   
 $B = 1 \text{ T}$  ( $BL = 3 - 9 \text{ Tm}$ )  
 1000 GeV  $\mu$  from  $W', Z'$   
 $\Rightarrow \sigma(p)/p \sim 10\%$

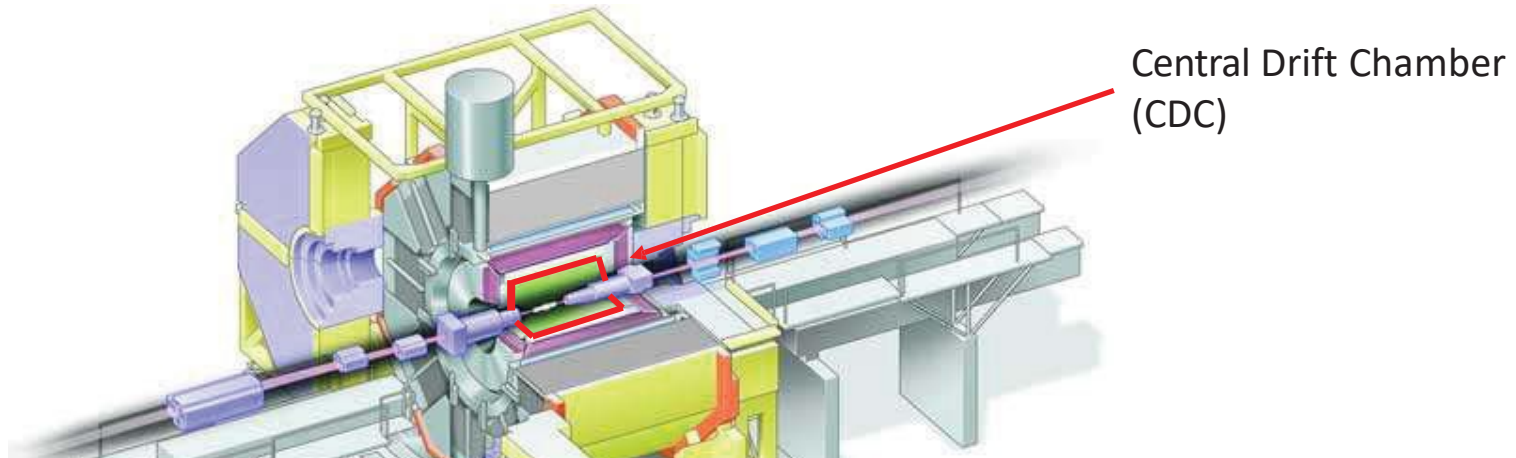
MS  
 (~ const.)



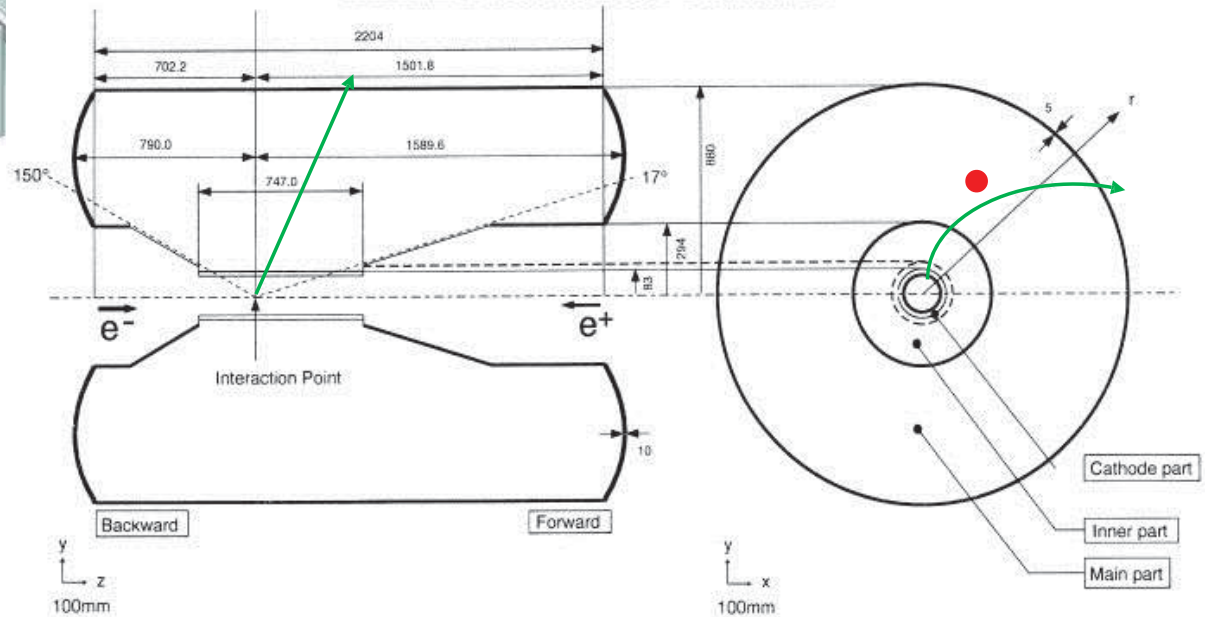
# Momentum measurement



# Momentum measurement



BELLE Central Drift Chamber



# BELLE

Exp 3 Run 21 Farm 2 Event 7854  
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TrgID 0 DetVer 0 MagID 0 BField 1.50 DspVer 2.01

$$p_t \sim 1 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$$B = 1.5 \text{ T}$$

$$L \sim 1 \text{ m}$$

$$N \sim 50$$

$$X_0 \sim 2.9 \cdot 10^5 \text{ cm}$$

estimate:

$$\sigma_{pt}/p_t \sim$$

$$\sqrt{[(8 \cdot 10^{-3})^2 + (0.6 \cdot 10^{-3})^2]}$$

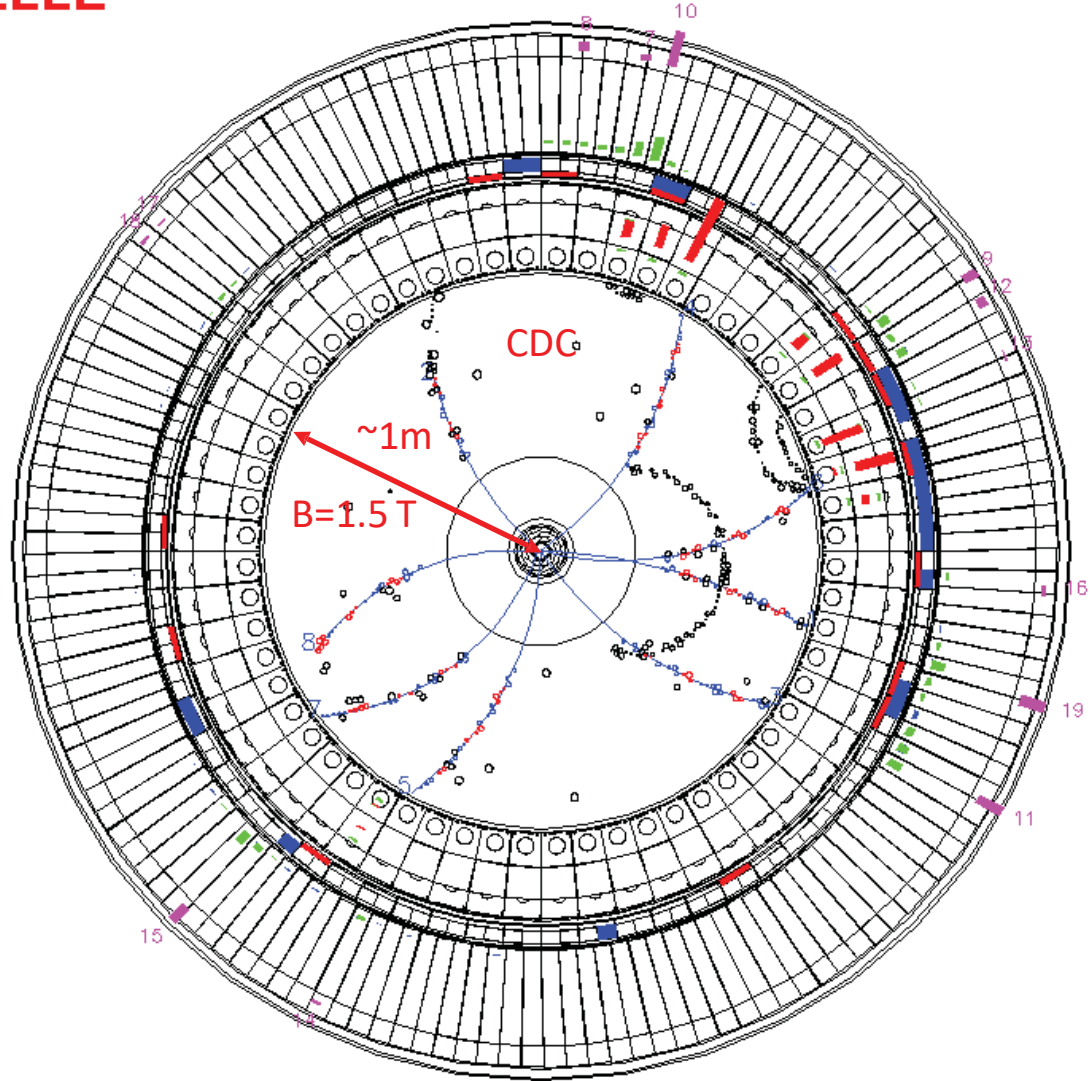
measured:

$$\sigma_{pt}/p_t \sim$$

$$\sqrt{[(3 \cdot 10^{-3})^2 p_t + (3 \cdot 10^{-3})^2]}$$

how to measure?

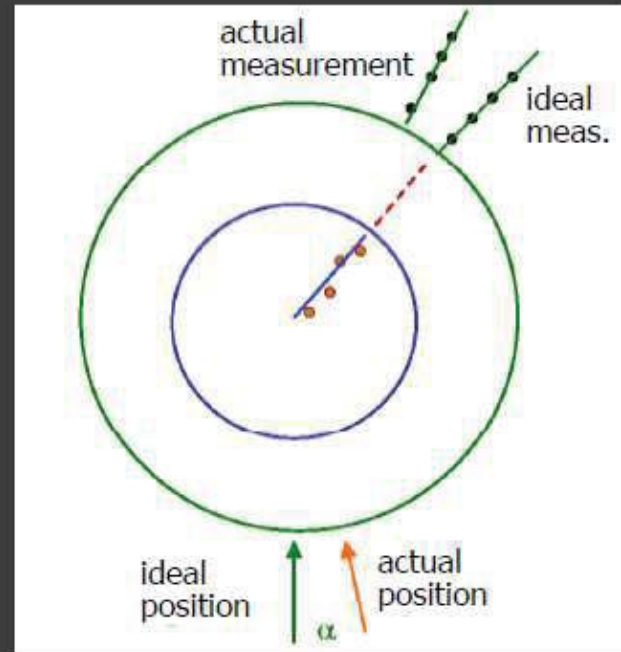
→ calibration!



## Calibration

### Tracking detectors

- Tracking detectors calibration
  - individual subdetectors must be properly inter-oriented, otherwise tracks distorted;
  - for any calibration need sample (tracks, decays, ...) with precisely known detector response





other sense wires in det. 2

hits from single track

hits from single track  
in det. 2

det. 2

det. 1

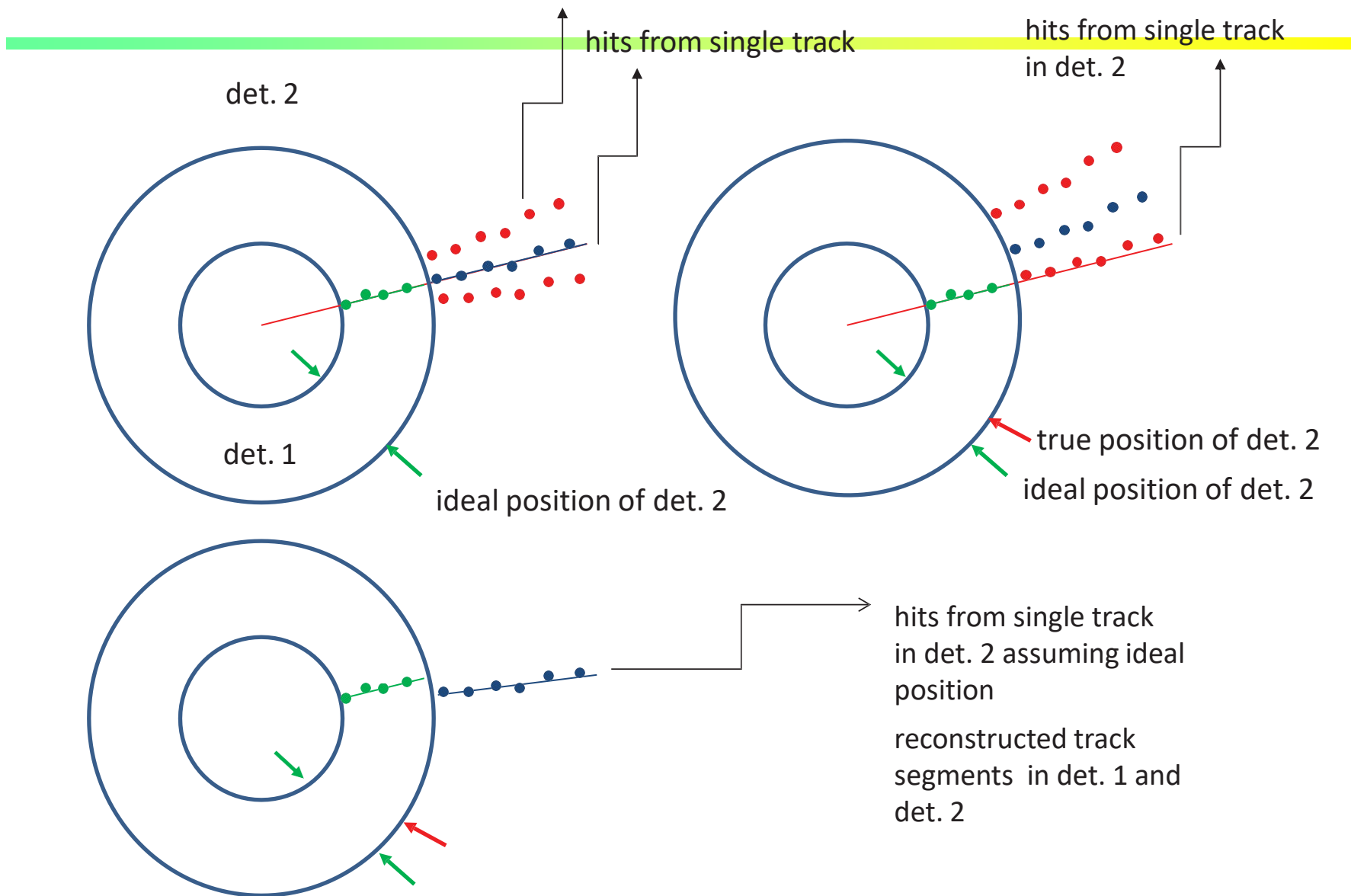
ideal position of det. 2

true position of det. 2

ideal position of det. 2

hits from single track  
in det. 2 assuming ideal  
position

reconstructed track  
segments in det. 1 and  
det. 2



# Calibration

## Tracking detectors

### Description of detector (mis)alignment

position of individual subdetector w.r.t. reference  
(most precisely mechanically positioned detector)

described by set of small parameters  $\alpha$   
(translation, rotation, t-delay,...)

assume linear relation

$$\vec{q}^{meas} - \vec{q}^{ext} = S\vec{\alpha}$$

$\mathbf{q}^{meas}$ : vector of measured coordinates  
 $\mathbf{q}^{ext}$ : vector of extrapolated coord.  
(from the reference detector)

S: matrix depending on measuring  
coord., track model, detector  
geometry

simplest case:

$\alpha$  composed of 3 translations and 3 rotations

$$\alpha = (\eta_{x'} \eta_{y'} \eta_{z'} \varepsilon_{x'} \varepsilon_{y'} \varepsilon_{z'})$$

# Calibration

tracking detectors

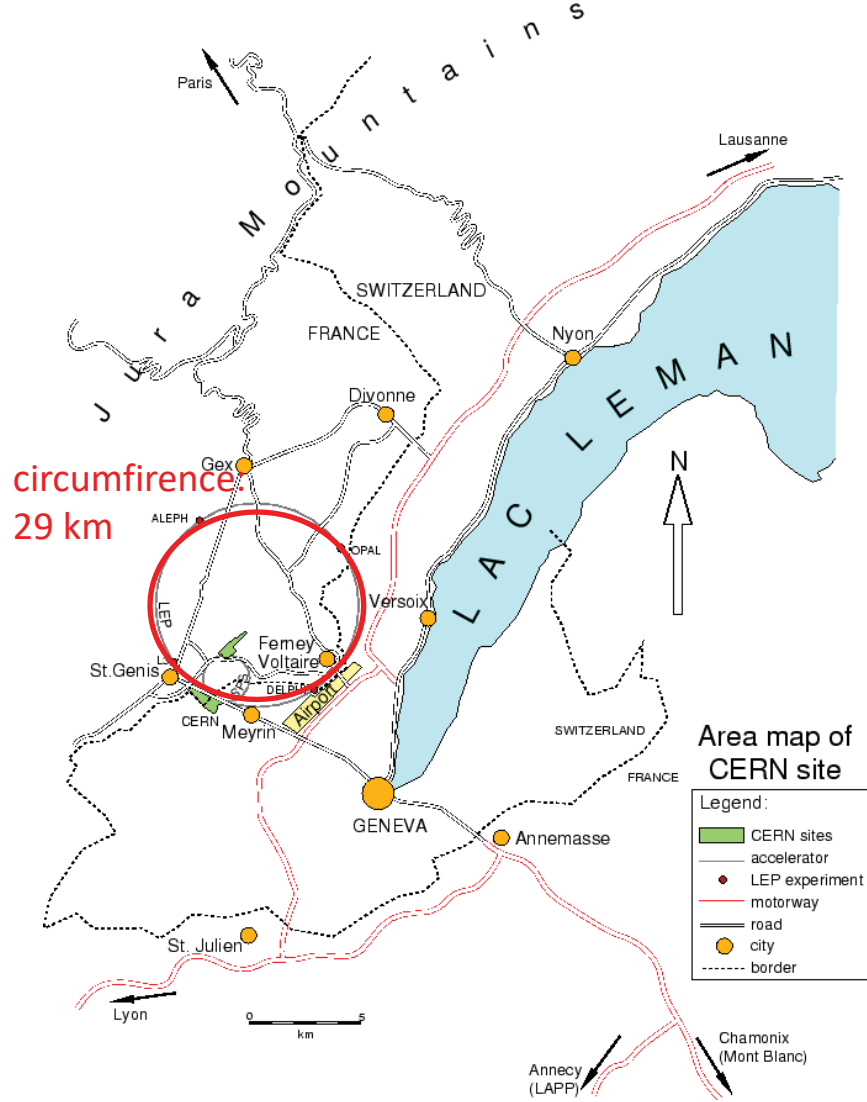
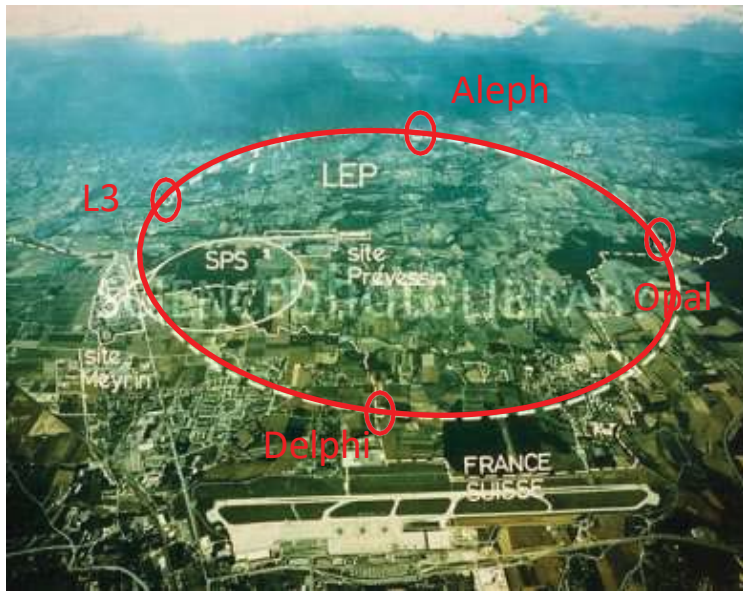
$$\chi^2 = \sum_k [\vec{q}_k^{meas} - \vec{q}_k^{ext} - S_k \vec{\alpha}]^T W_k^{-1} [\vec{q}_k^{meas} - \vec{q}_k^{ext} - S_k \vec{\alpha}]$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial \vec{\alpha}} = 0 \Rightarrow \left( \sum_k S_k^T W_k^{-1} S_k \right) \vec{\alpha} = \sum_k S_k^T W_k^{-1} (\vec{q}_k^{meas} - \vec{q}_k^{ext})$$

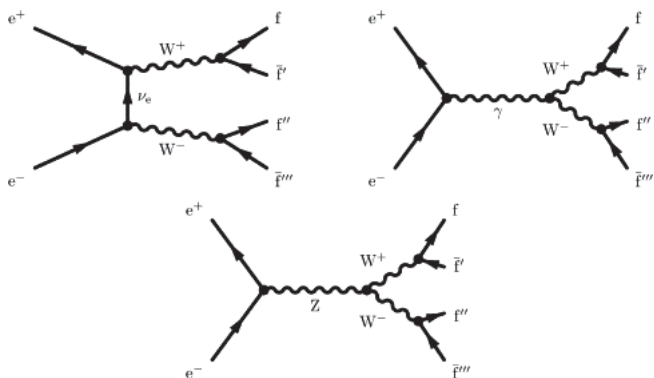
$$\Rightarrow \vec{\hat{\alpha}}$$

# Calibration

nowadays the tunnel is occupied by the Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



Large Electron Positron (LEP) collider:  
 $e^+ e^-$ ,  $E_{CMS}=90-170$  GeV

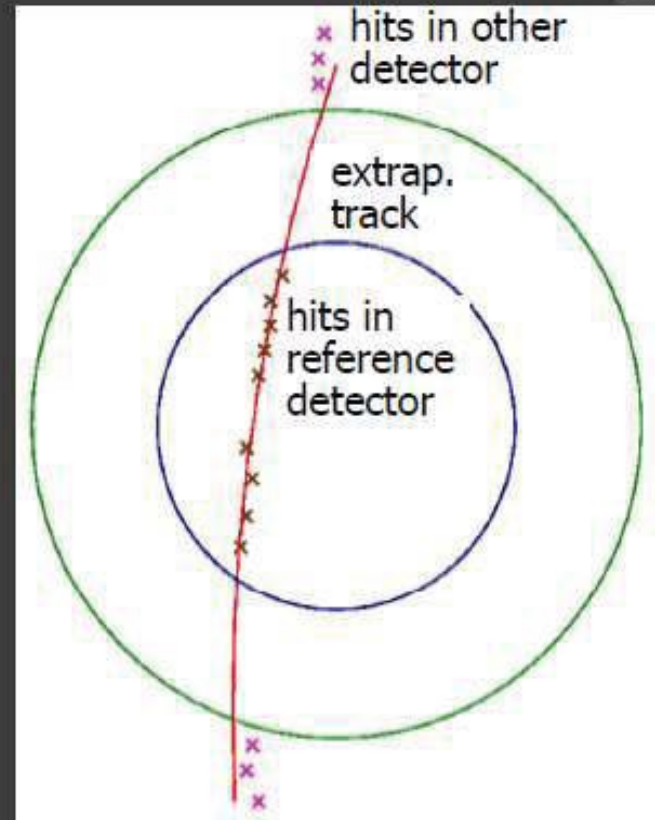


## Calibration Tracking detectors

### Appropriate sample

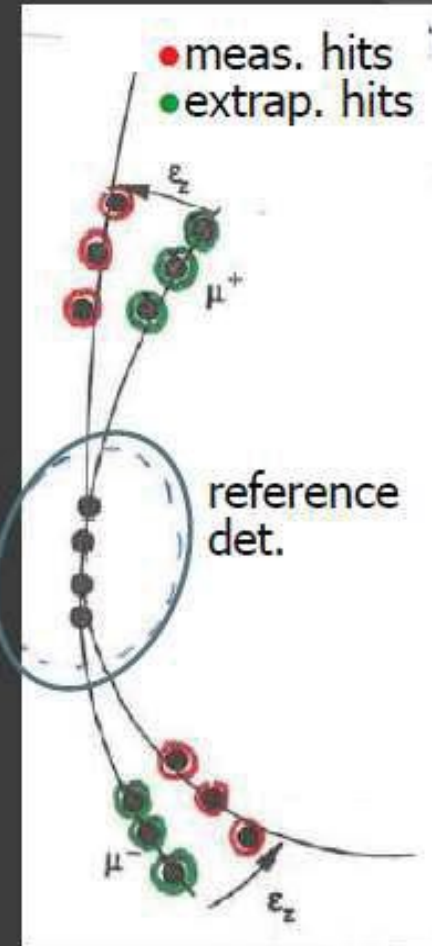
often cosmic rays;  
other decays observed,  
e.g.  $Z^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  (LEP);

(needed also to check  
the alignment method)



# Calibration Tracking detectors

Appropriate sample  
e.g.  $Z^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  (LEP);

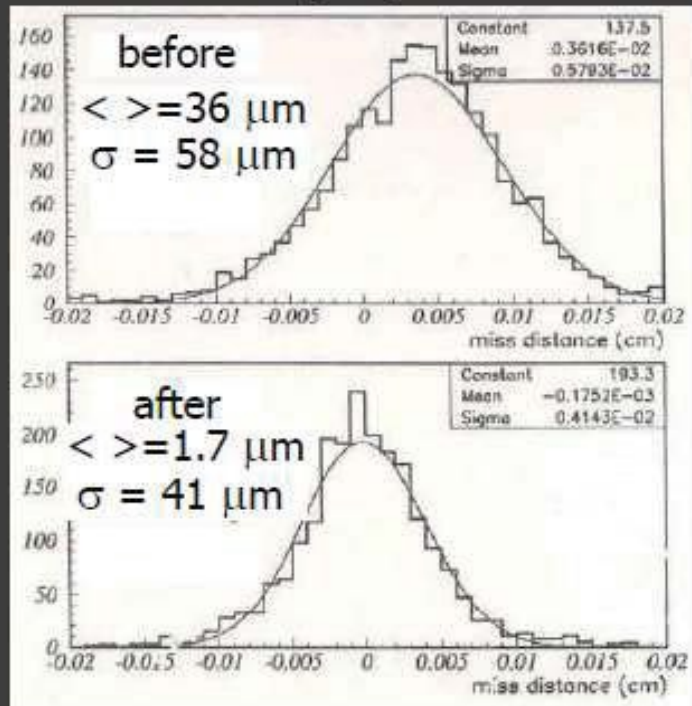


# Calibration Tracking detectors

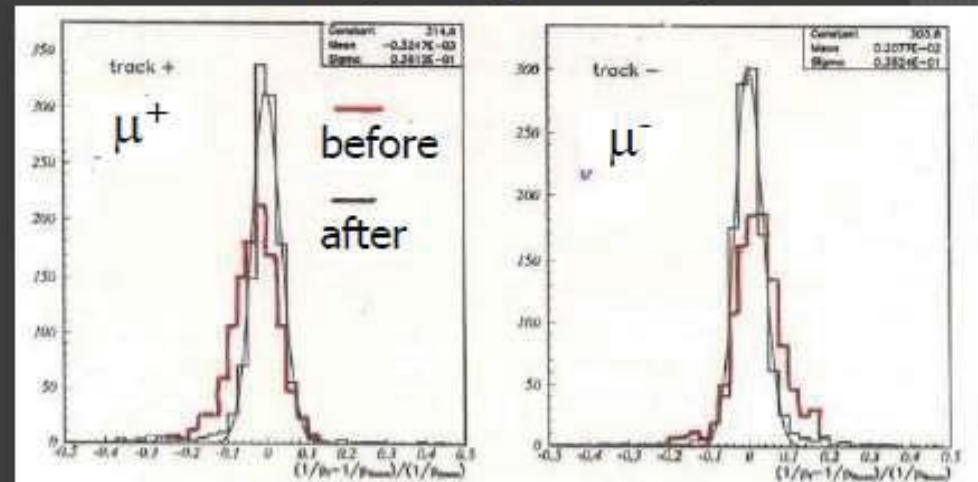
## Example

Delphi detector at LEP

$\delta$  [cm]



$$\left[ \left( \frac{1}{p_t} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{p_t^{\text{ext}}} \right) \right] / \left( \frac{1}{p_t^{\text{ext}}} \right)$$



# Analysis of data

## Summary

Path from electronic signal detection to result for measured physical quantities involves a number of steps

Each of those represents a specific problem and requires specific methods and solutions (some of those illustrated here)

Quality (correctness and accuracy) of the final results depends crucially on the quality of reconstruction of raw data



# Data analysis - Identification

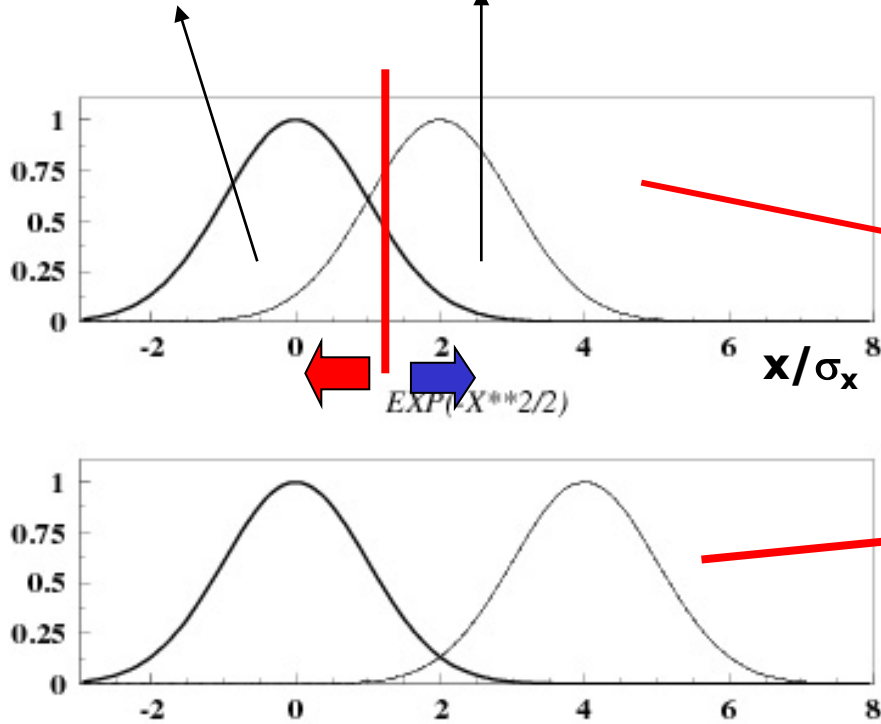
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# Efficiency and purity in particle identification

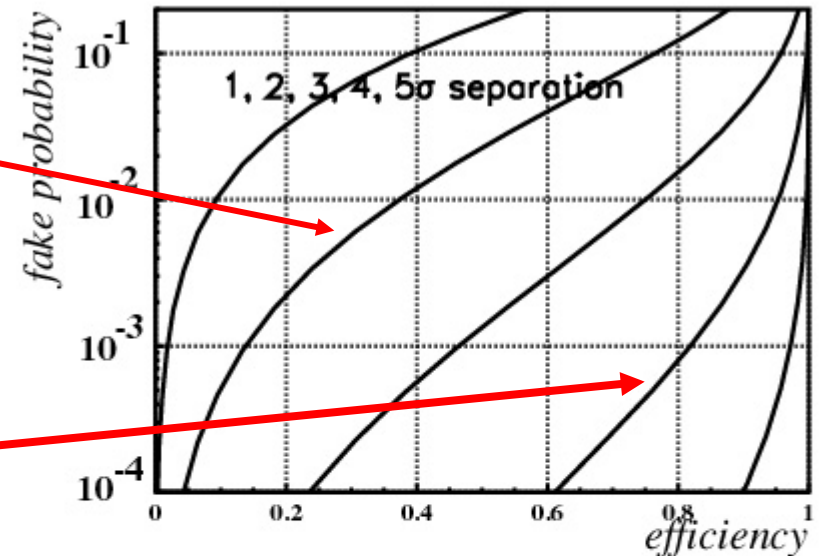
Efficiency and purity are tightly coupled!

Two examples:

particle type 1    type 2



eff. vs fake probability  
(for Gaussian distributions)



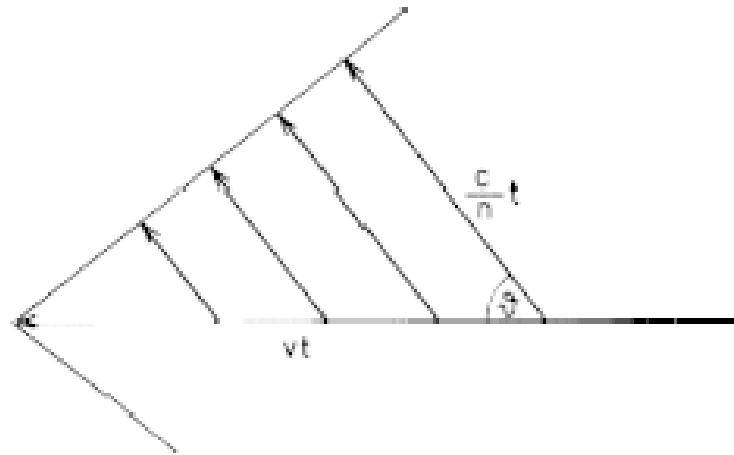
some discriminating variable  $x$ , scaled to  
the resolution  $\sigma_x$

# Čerenkov radiation – a reminder

A charged track with velocity  $v = \beta c$  above the speed of light  $c/n$  in a medium with index of refraction  $n = \sqrt{\epsilon}$  emits **polarized light** at a characteristic (Čerenkov) angle,

$$\cos\theta = c/nv = 1/\beta n$$

→ Čerenkov angle depends on the velocity of the particle



Two cases:

- 1)  $\beta < \beta_t = 1/n$ : below threshold no Čerenkov light is emitted.
- 2)  $\beta > \beta_t$ : the number of Čerenkov photons emitted over unit photon energy  $E = h\nu$  in a radiator of length  $L$  amounts to

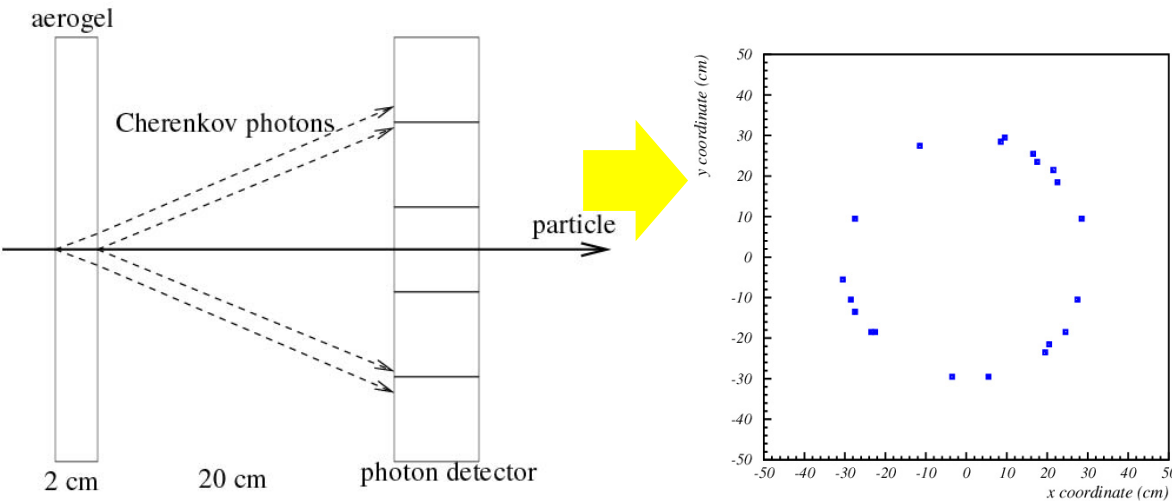
$$\frac{dN}{dE} = \frac{\alpha}{\hbar c} L \sin^2 \theta = 370(\text{cm})^{-1} (\text{eV})^{-1} L \sin^2 \theta$$

→ very few detected photons

# Measuring the Cherenkov angle

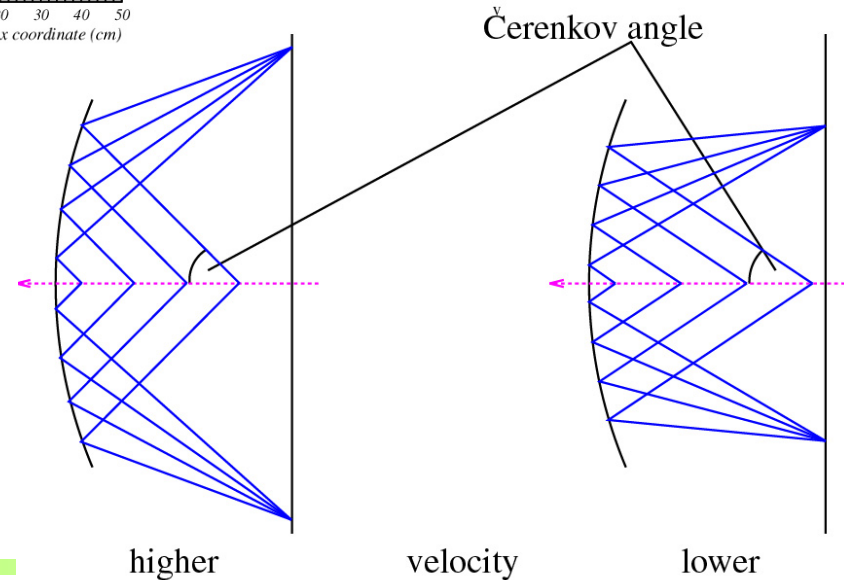
Particles above threshold: measure  $\theta$

Idea: transform the direction into a coordinate  $\rightarrow$  ring on the detection plane  $\rightarrow$  Ring Imaging Cherenkov (RICH) counter

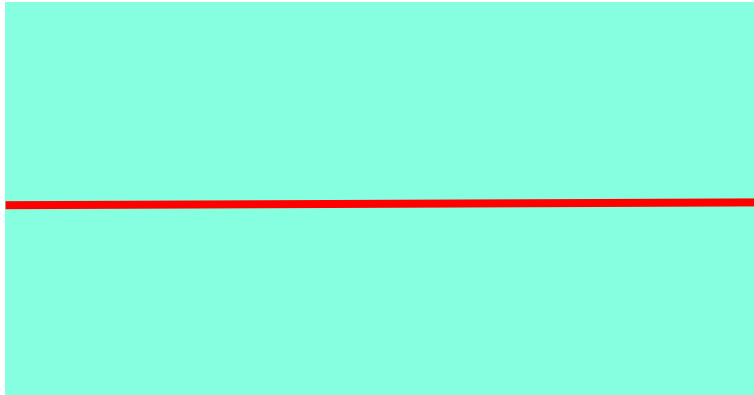


Proximity focusing RICH

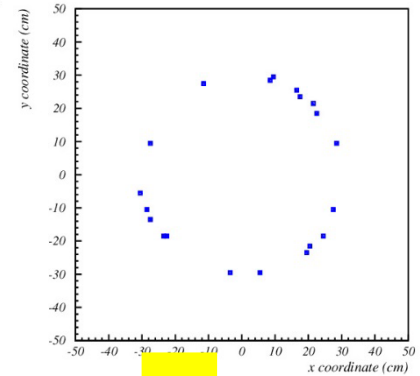
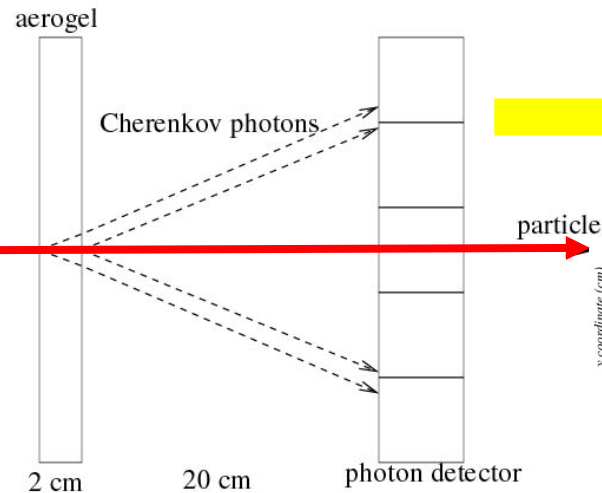
RICH with a focusing mirror



# Measuring the Cherenkov angle

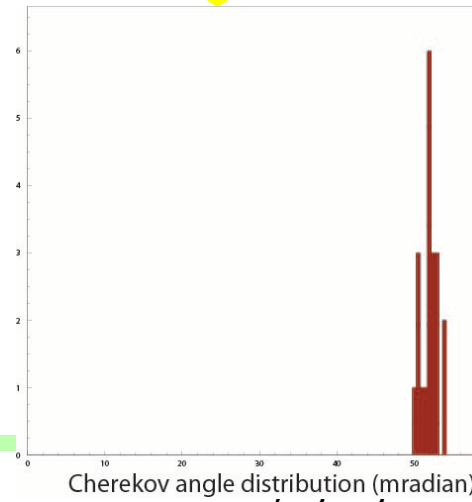


Tracking system (measures direction of the particle)

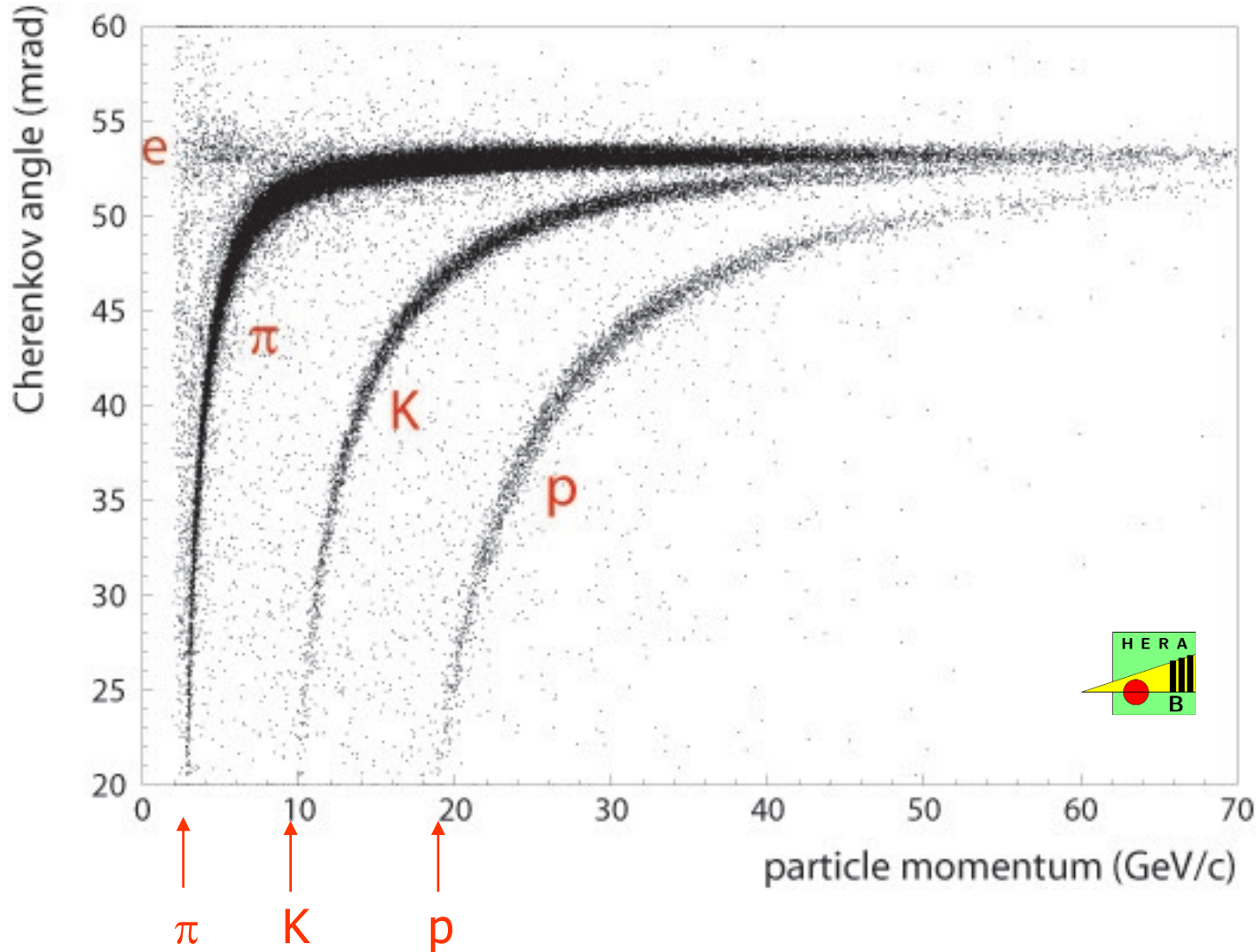


Tracking system tells us where the particle hit the radiator, and at which angle.

Use this information to calculate the **Cherenkov angle** for **each individual** detected photon



# Measuring Cherenkov angle



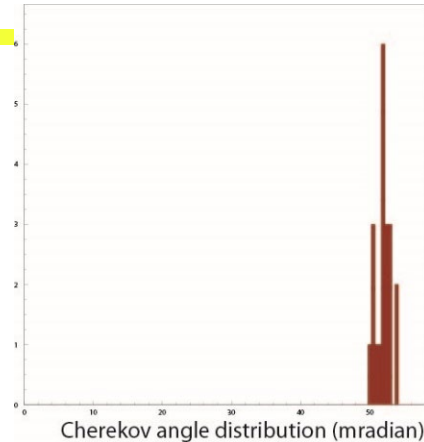
Radiator:  
 $C_4F_{10}$  gas

thresholds

# Likelihood for a given PID hypothesis

Simplest version:

- Measure the Cherenkov angle for a given particle,  $\Theta_e$  = average of Cherenkov angles for all photons on the ring
- Calculate the expected values of Cherenkov angles  $\Theta_h$  for all possible hypotheses  $h$  and the corresponding uncertainties  $\sigma_h$  (taking into account the momentum as determined in the tracking system)



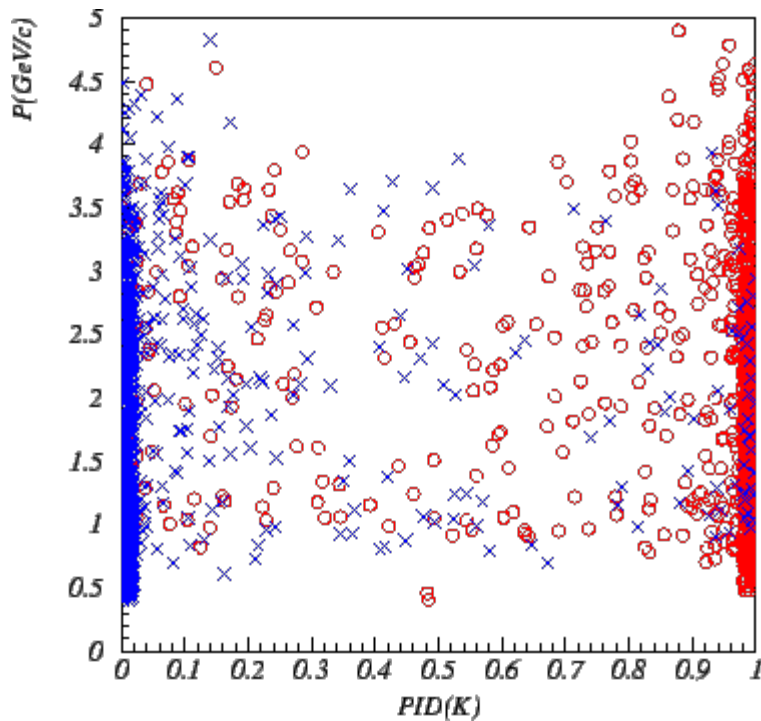
- Likelihood for a given hypothesis

$$L_h = f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

with  $x = \Theta_e$  and  $\mu = \Theta_h$

- For a specific case, e.g., pion-kaon separation, form ratio of log-likelihoods,

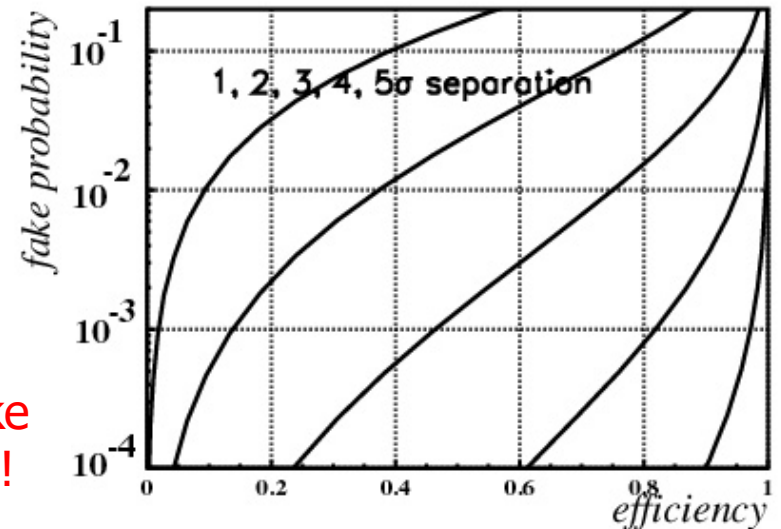
$$R_K = \ln L_K / (\ln L_\pi + \ln L_K)$$



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for kaons (red) and pions (blue)

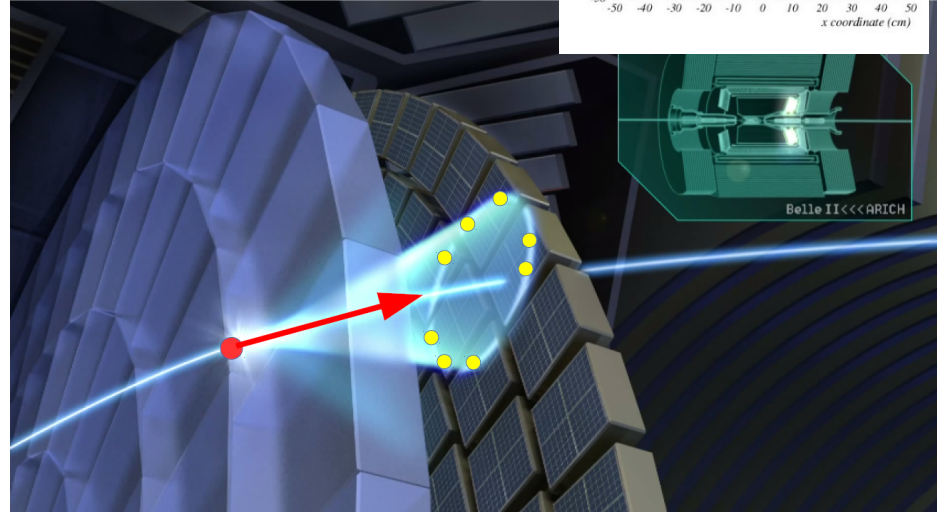
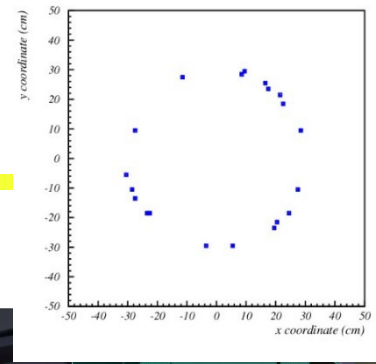
A reminder: efficiency and fake probability are tightly coupled!





# Next level: detailed analysis of the image

Improve separation between particle species: add more details to the likelihood function → take each individual pixel on the photon detector and evaluate the probability that there is a hit (from the Cherenkov photons of the particle and from background sources)



Likelihood function

$$\mathcal{L} = \prod_i^{pixels} p_i$$
$$p_i = e^{-n_i} n_i^{m_i} / m_i!$$

For each particle hypothesis  $h$

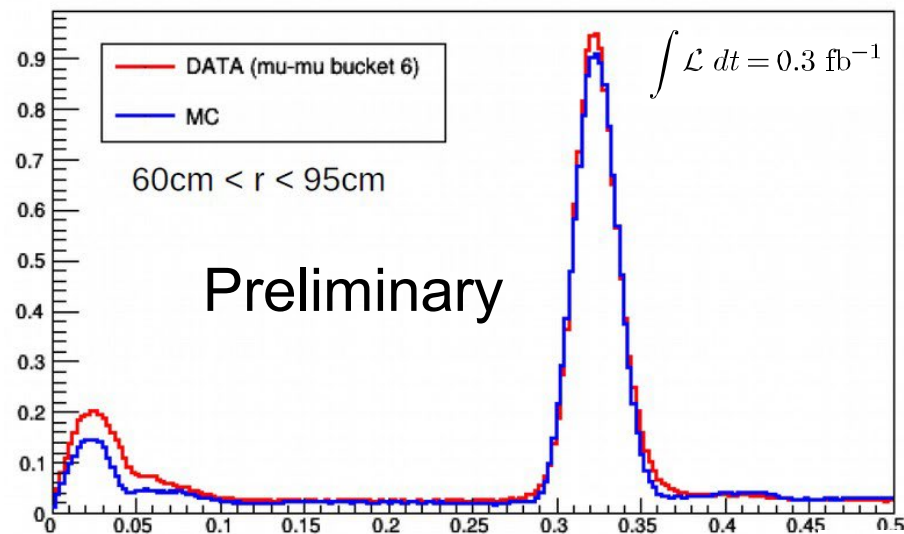
$$\ln \mathcal{L}^h = -N^h + \sum_{\text{hit } i} [n_i^h + \ln(1 - e^{-n_i^h})]$$

Expected total number of hits

Expected number of hits on pixel  $i$

# Crucial: understanding of the details in the image – try to model as precisely as possible

Cherenkov angle distribution in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$



**DATA**

$$N_{sig} = 11.38/\text{track}$$

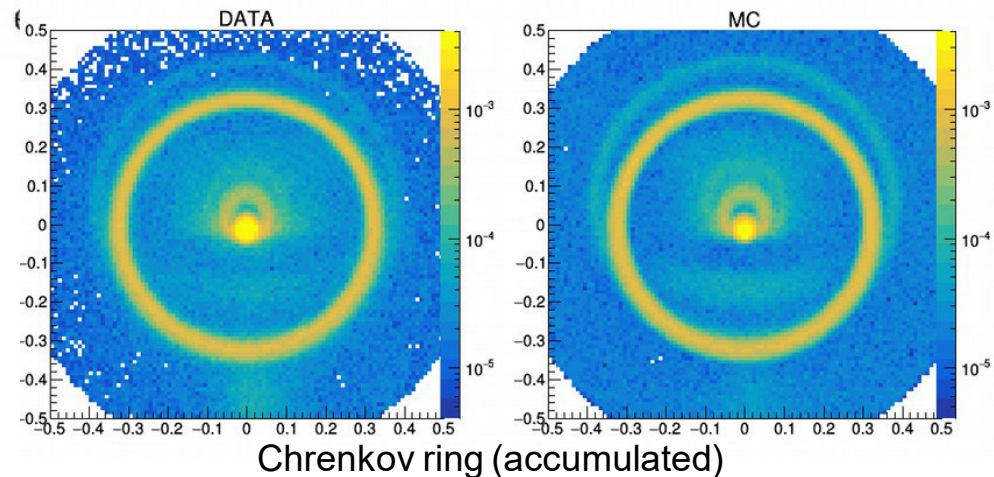
$$\sigma_c = 12.7 \text{ mrad}$$

**MC**

$$N_{sig} = 11.27/\text{track}$$

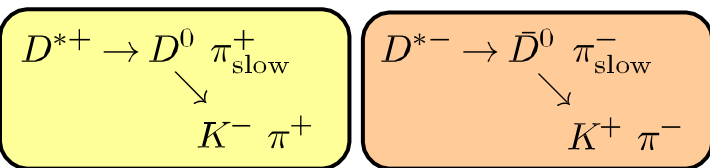
$$\sigma_c = 12.75 \text{ mrad}$$

Overall a very good  
DATA/MC agreement !



# Estimation of $\pi/K$ separation capabilities using $D^{*\pm}$ decays

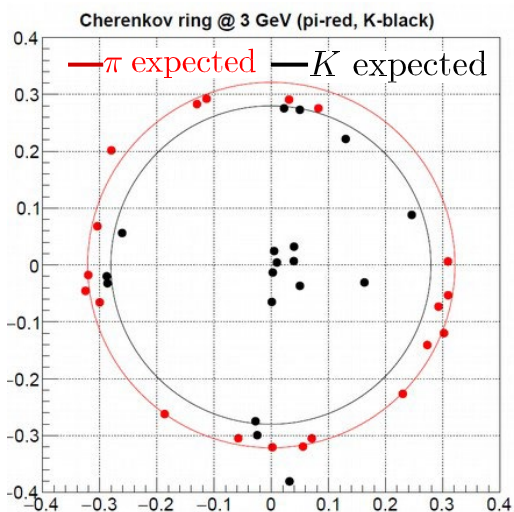
- Identify  $K$ ,  $\pi$  based on track charge in association with the charge of  $\pi_{\text{slow}}$



- Apply selection criteria on

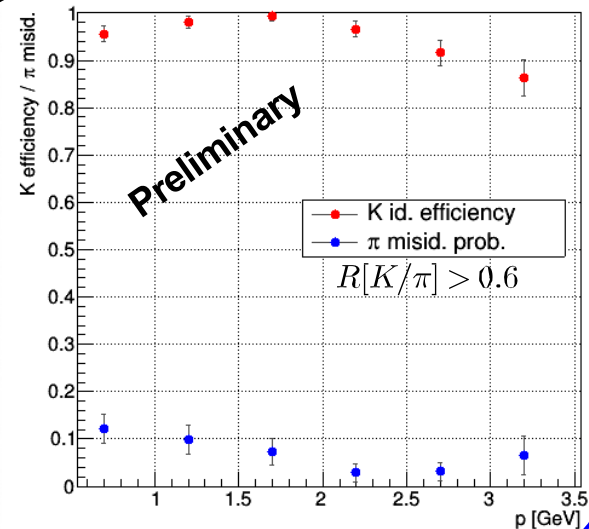
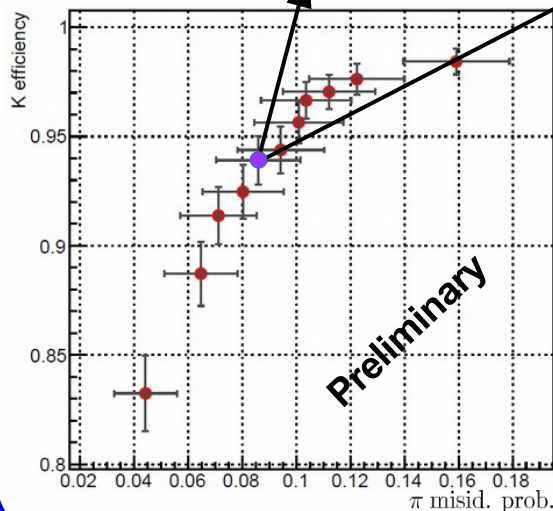
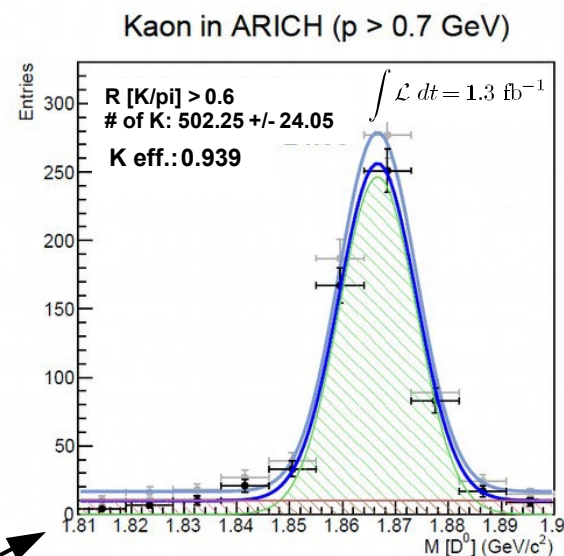
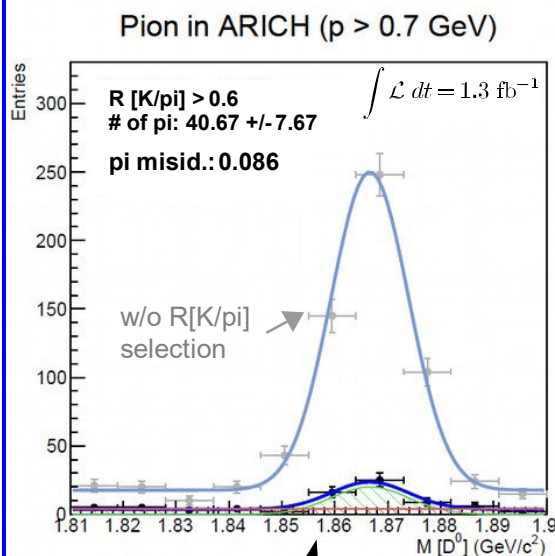
$$R[K/\pi] = \frac{\mathcal{L}_K}{\mathcal{L}_K + \mathcal{L}_\pi}$$

$\mathcal{L}$ - likelihood for given id. hypothesis



- Only coarse/preliminary calibrations included  
→ further improvements expected

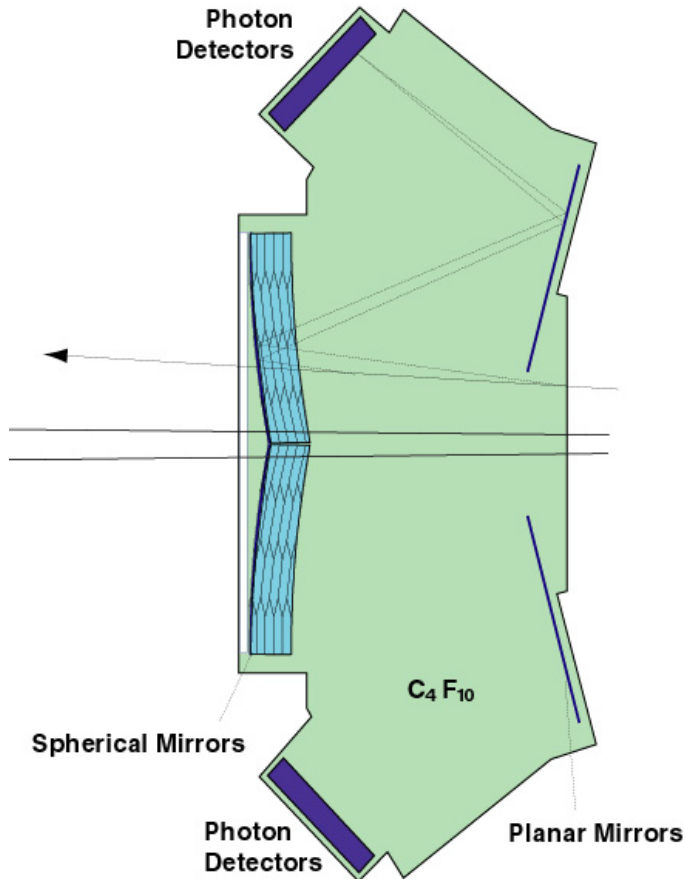
## $D^0$ mass peak



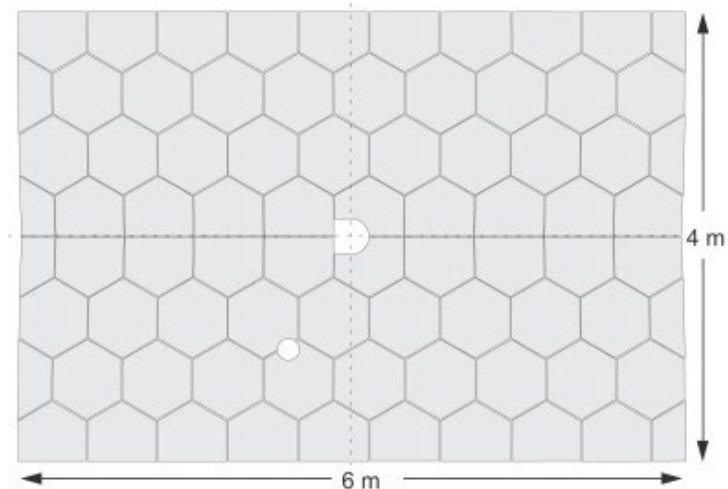
# Alignment

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# Mirror alignment



Gas radiator RICHes: large mirrors  $\rightarrow$  tens of mirror segments with individual mounting  $\rightarrow$  need relative alignment

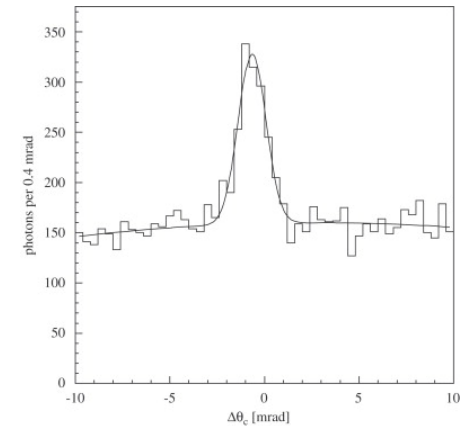
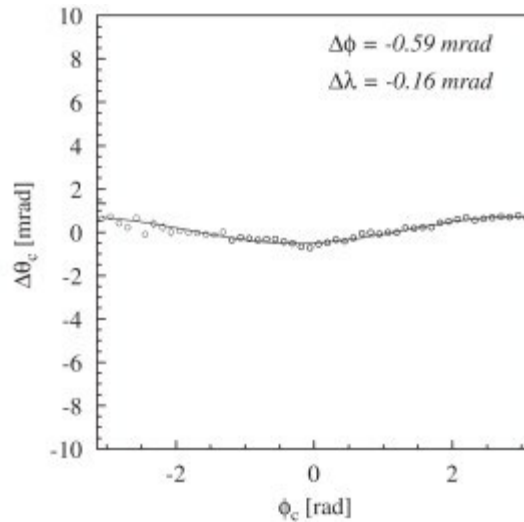
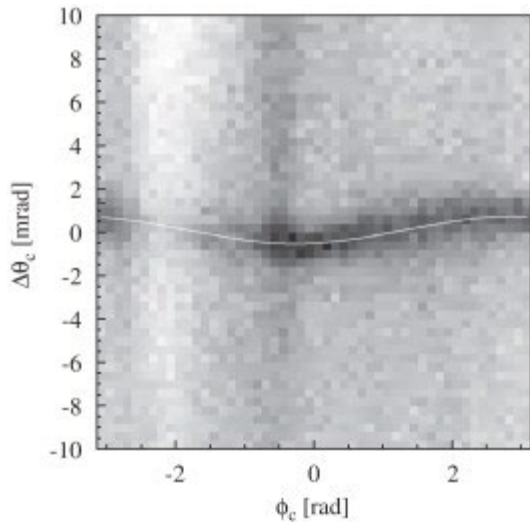
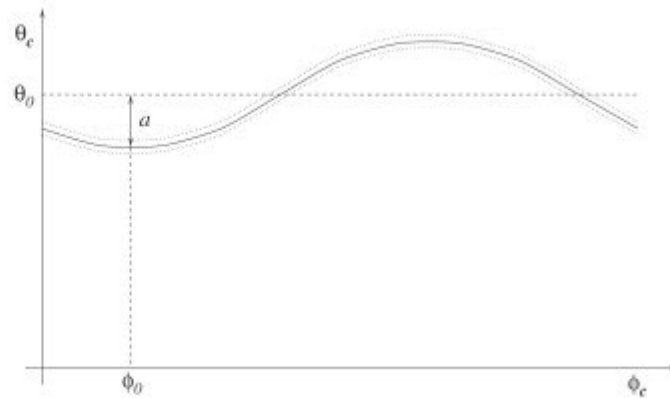
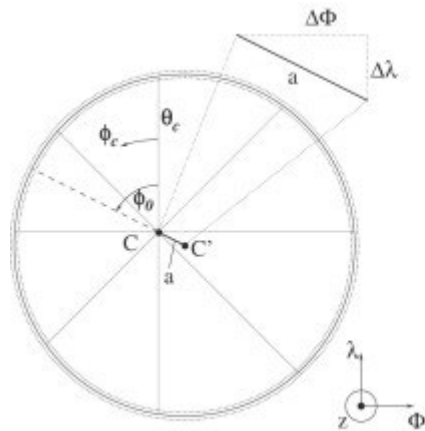
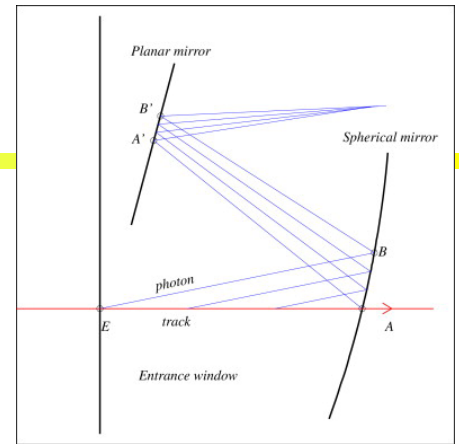


- Spherical mirror: 80 hexagonal segments
- Planar mirrors: 2x 18 rectangular segments

Aligning pairs of spherical and planar segments by using Cherenkov photons.

# Mirror alignment

Misalignment: ring center ( $C'$ ) not where expected ( $C$ )  $\rightarrow$  measured Cherenkov angle depends on the azimuthal angle around the track



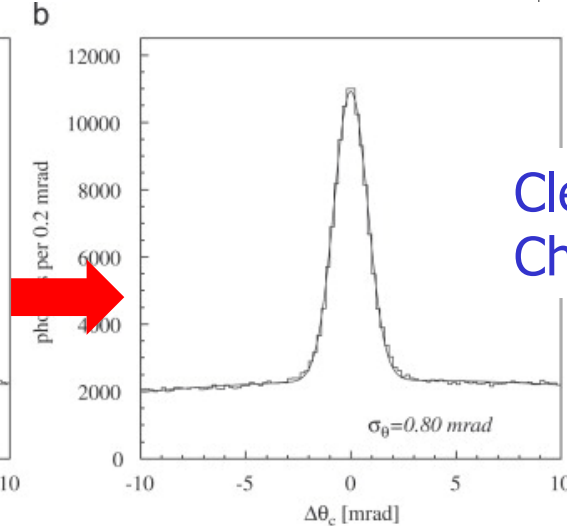
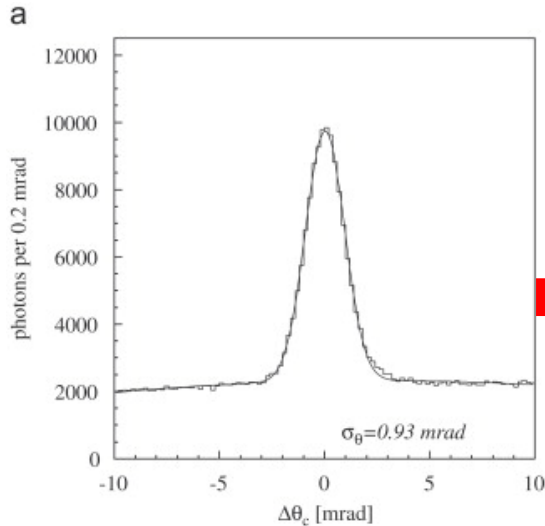
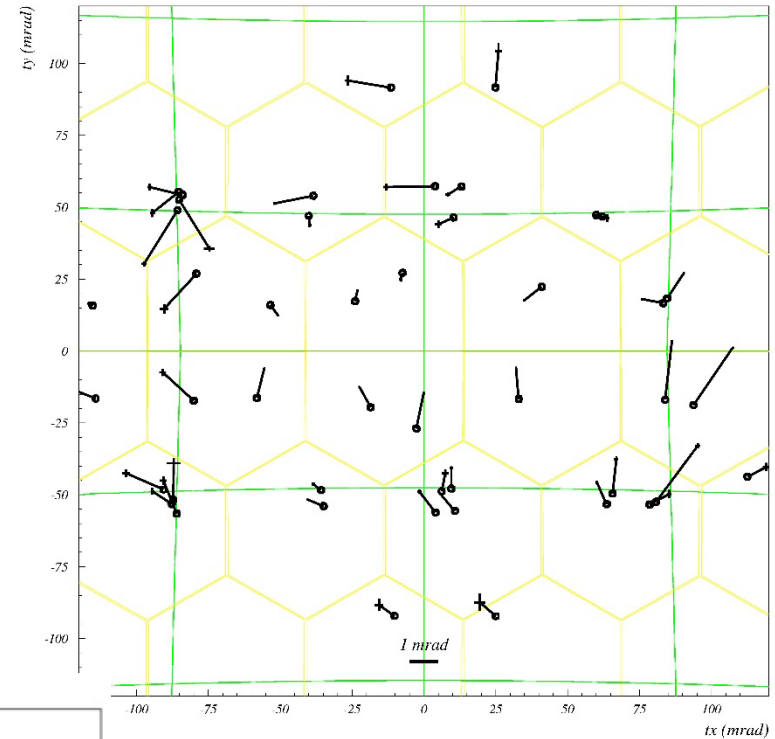
Slice in  $\phi_c$

# Mirror alignment

Initial mirror system alignment: with optical methods, theodolite.

Alignment with data: tells us the ultimate truth...

Combine all alignment data for all (possible) pairs of mirror segments → solve a huge system of linear equations



Clear improvement in Cherenkov angle resolution

→ NIMA 586 (2008) 174

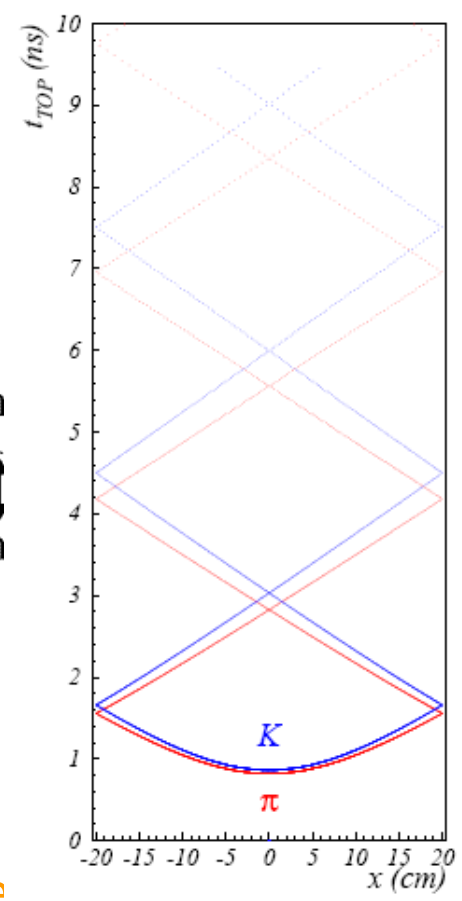
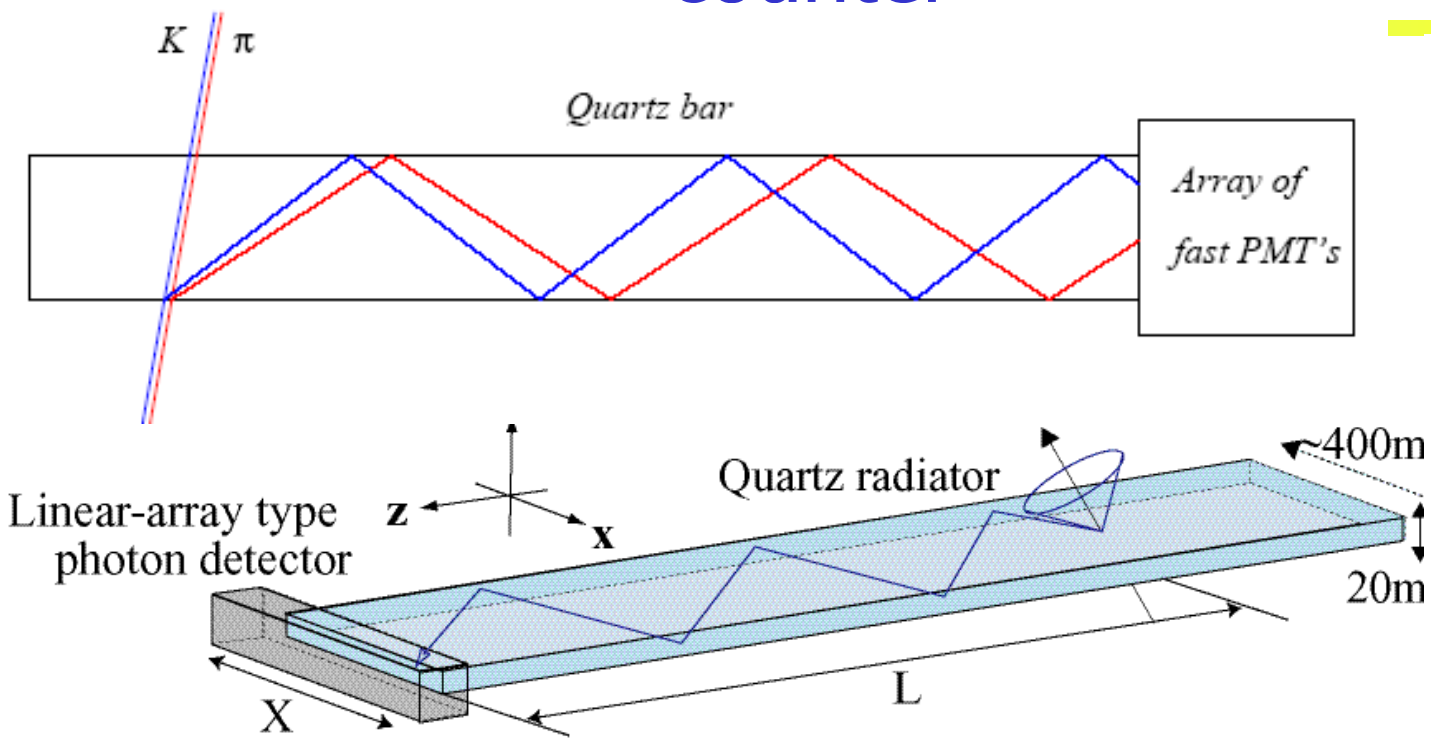
# More slides

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# Time-Of-Propagation (TOP) counter

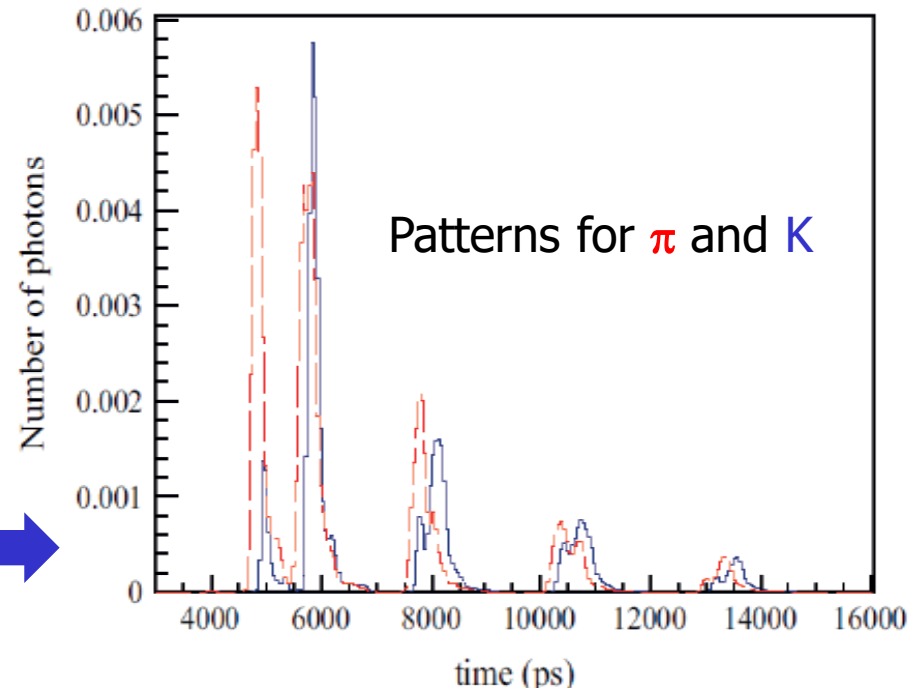
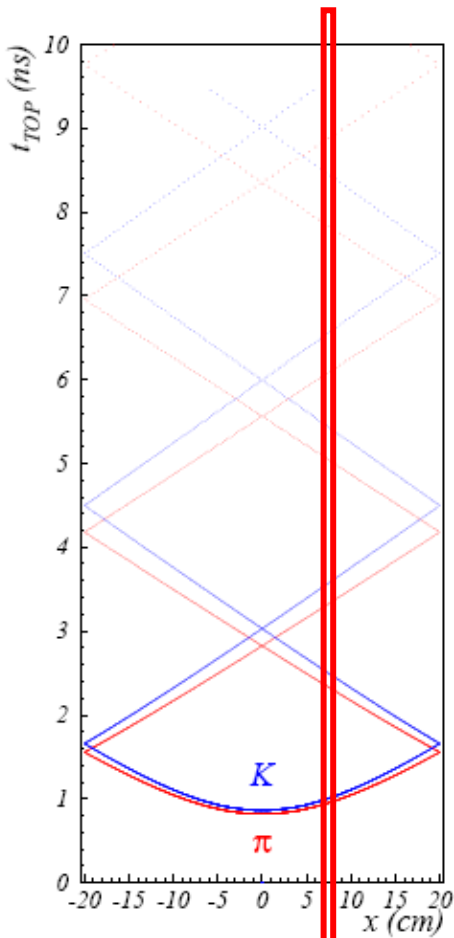


- Similar to DIRC, but instead of two coordinates measure
- One (or two coordinates) with a few mm precision
  - Time-of-arrival

# TOP image reconstruction

Pattern in the coordinate-time space ('ring') of a  $\pi$  and kaon hitting a quartz bar

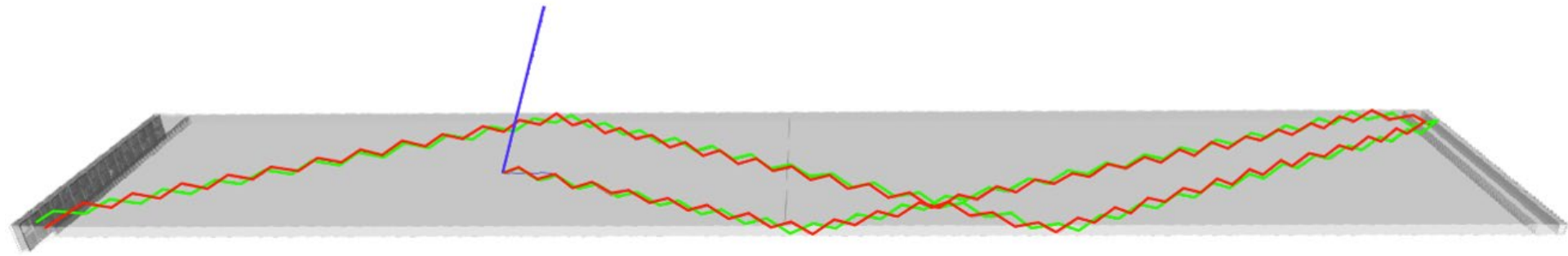
Time distribution of signals recorded by one of the PMT channels (slice in  $x$ ): different for  $\pi$  and K (~shifted in time)



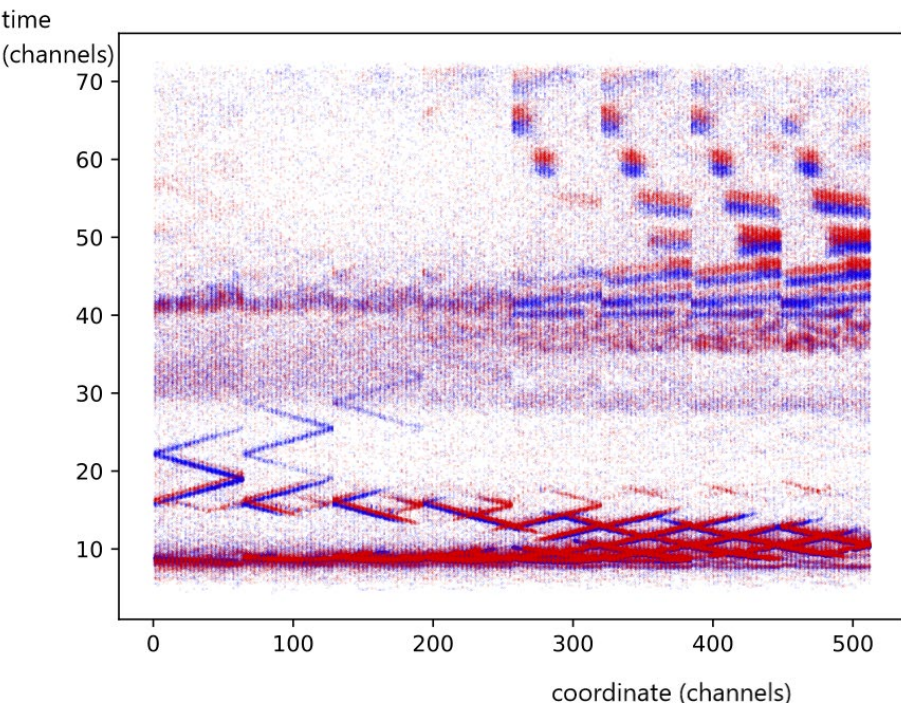
The name of the game: analytic expressions for the 2D likelihood functions

→ M. Starič et al., NIMA A595 (2008) 252-255

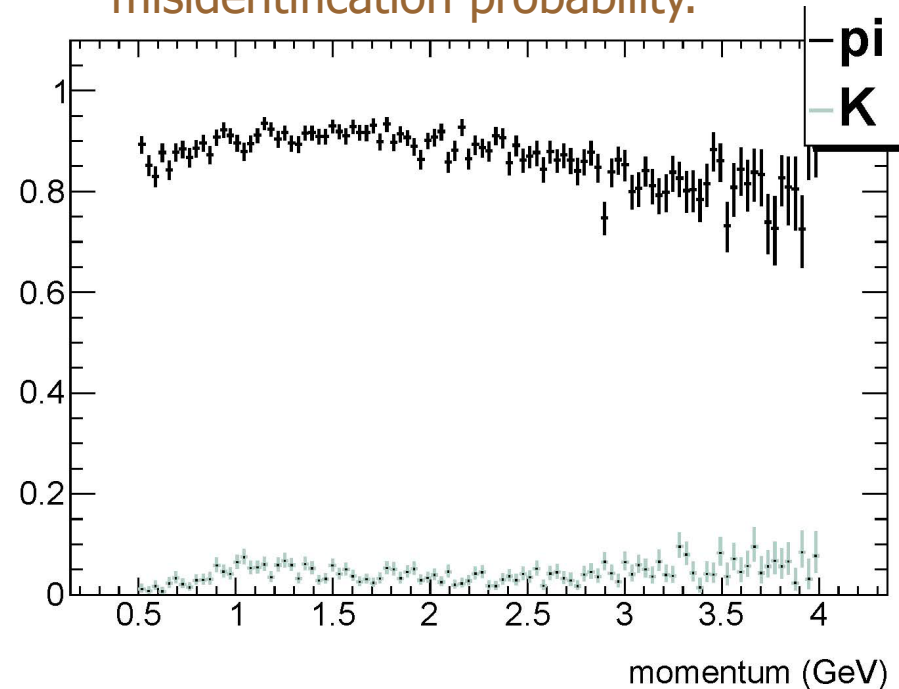
# Separation of kaons and pions



**Pions vs kaons in TOP:**  
different patterns in the time vs  
PMT impact point coordinate

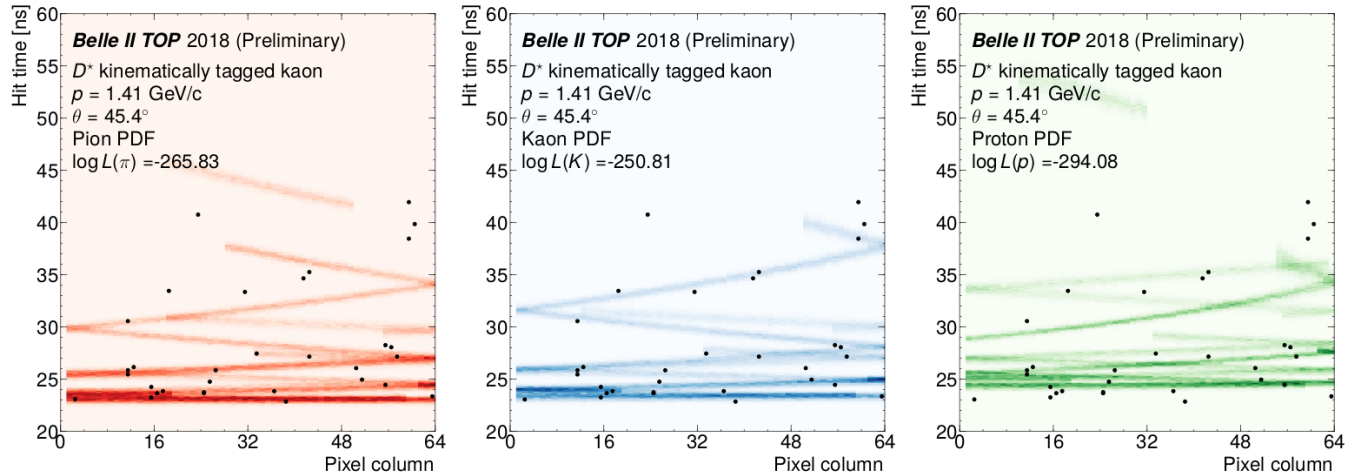


**Pions vs kaons:**  
Expected PID efficiency and  
misidentification probability.



# TOP first events

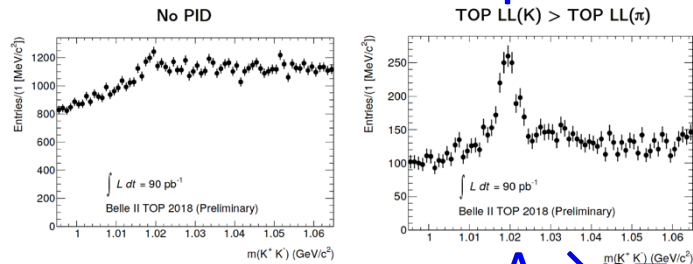
The early data demonstrated that the TOP principle is working



$\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$  with both the tracks in the TOP acceptance

$\phi \rightarrow KK$

$K_s \rightarrow \pi\pi$



$\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi$  with the proton candidate in the TOP acceptance

$\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi$

