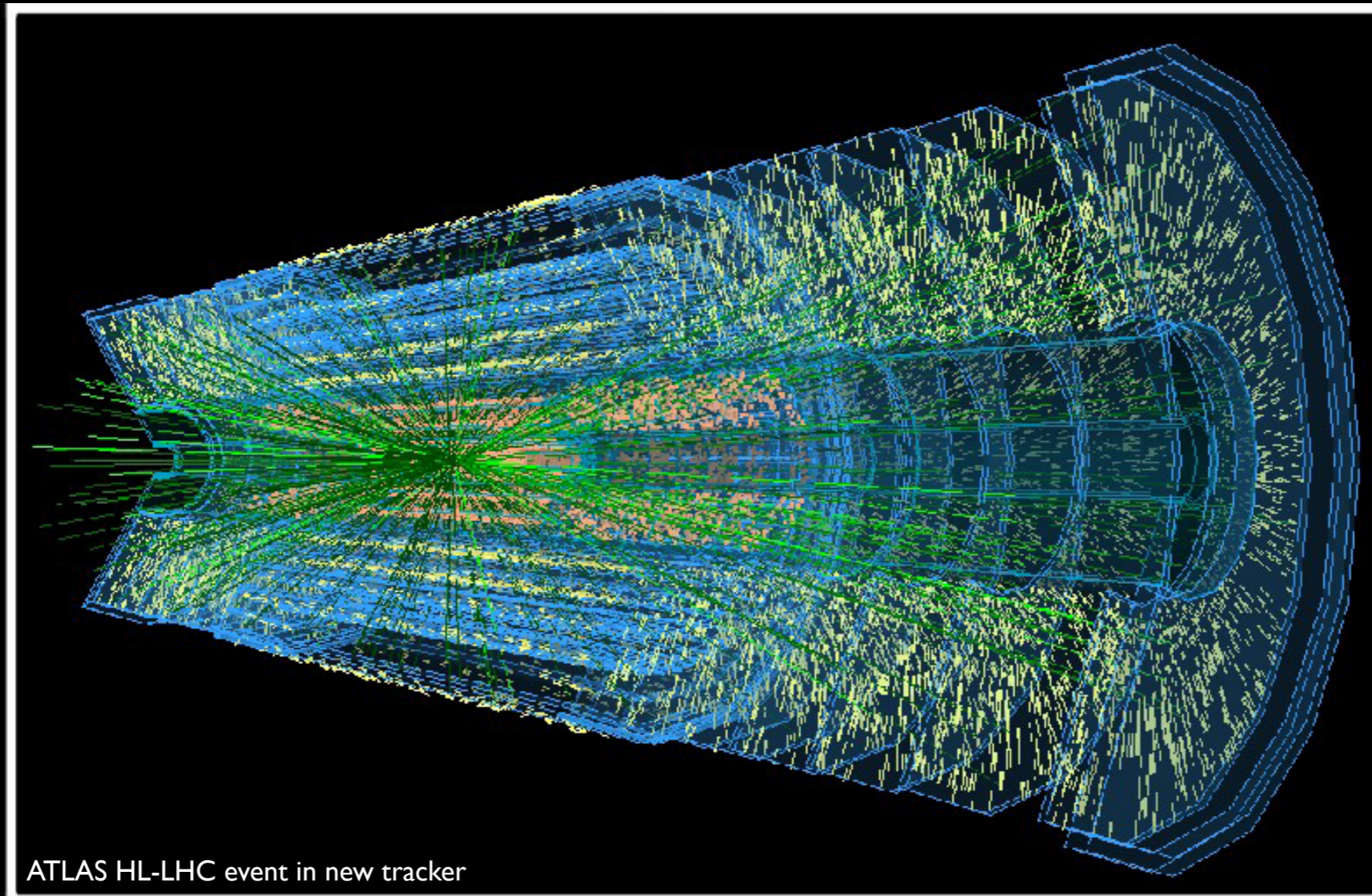


# Reconstructing Events, from Electronic Signals to Tracks

CERN **Openlab Summer Student** Lecture  
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ATLAS HL-LHC event in new tracker



# About this Lecture

- this lecture was originally written for physics students
  - ➔ but it is not required to be a physicist to follow this lecture (I think)
  - ➔ I will speak more about concepts and techniques, so don't get lost in details which I will flag as such
  - ➔ some (basic) knowledge on statistics helps for the mathematical details
- don't be afraid to stop me and ask
  - ➔ it is probably me not explaining things well enough
    - I may take too many things for granted or may use slang
  - ➔ we want to make this as useful as possible for **YOU**

➔ further reading: <http://elsing.web.cern.ch/elsing/teaching.html>



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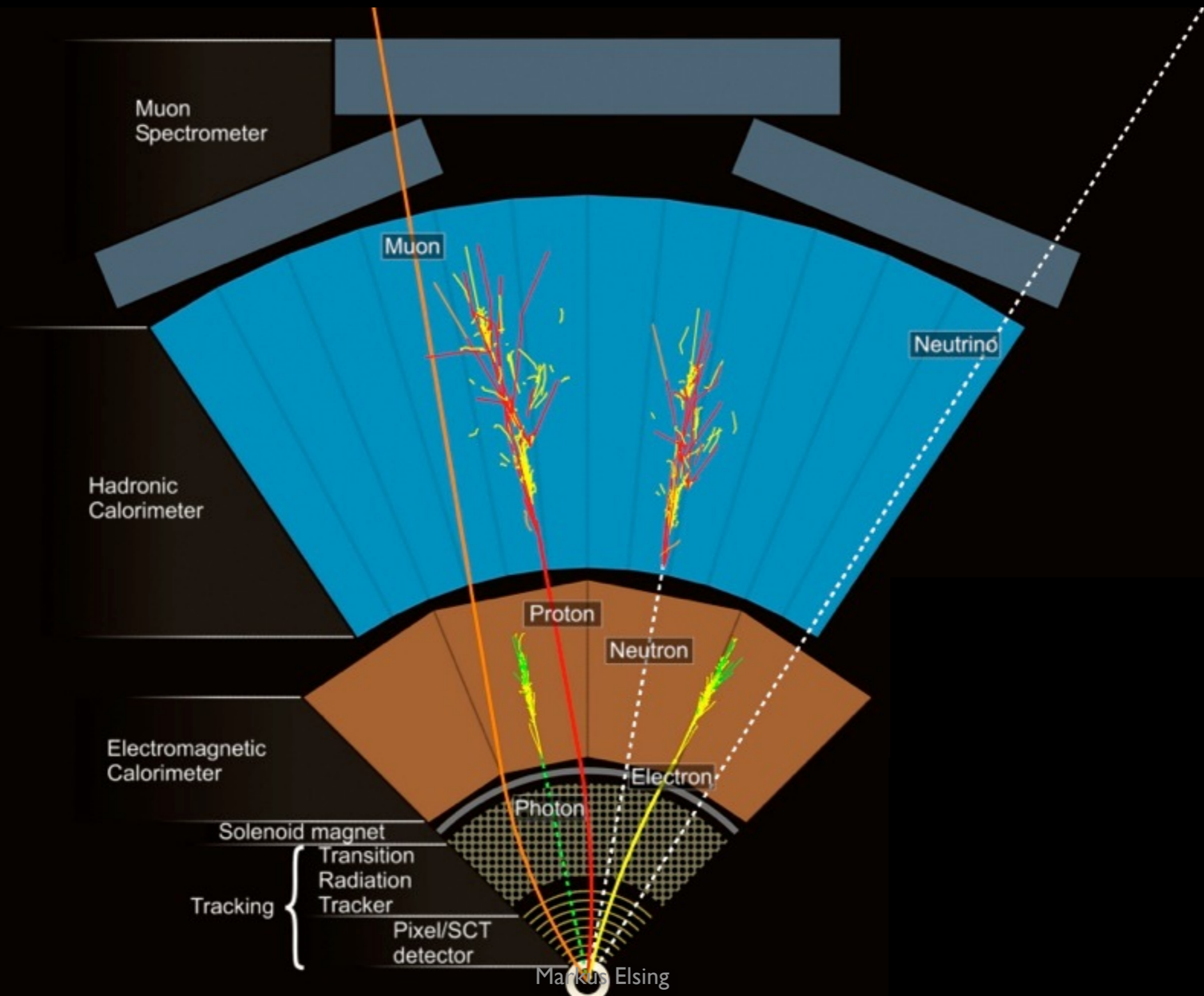
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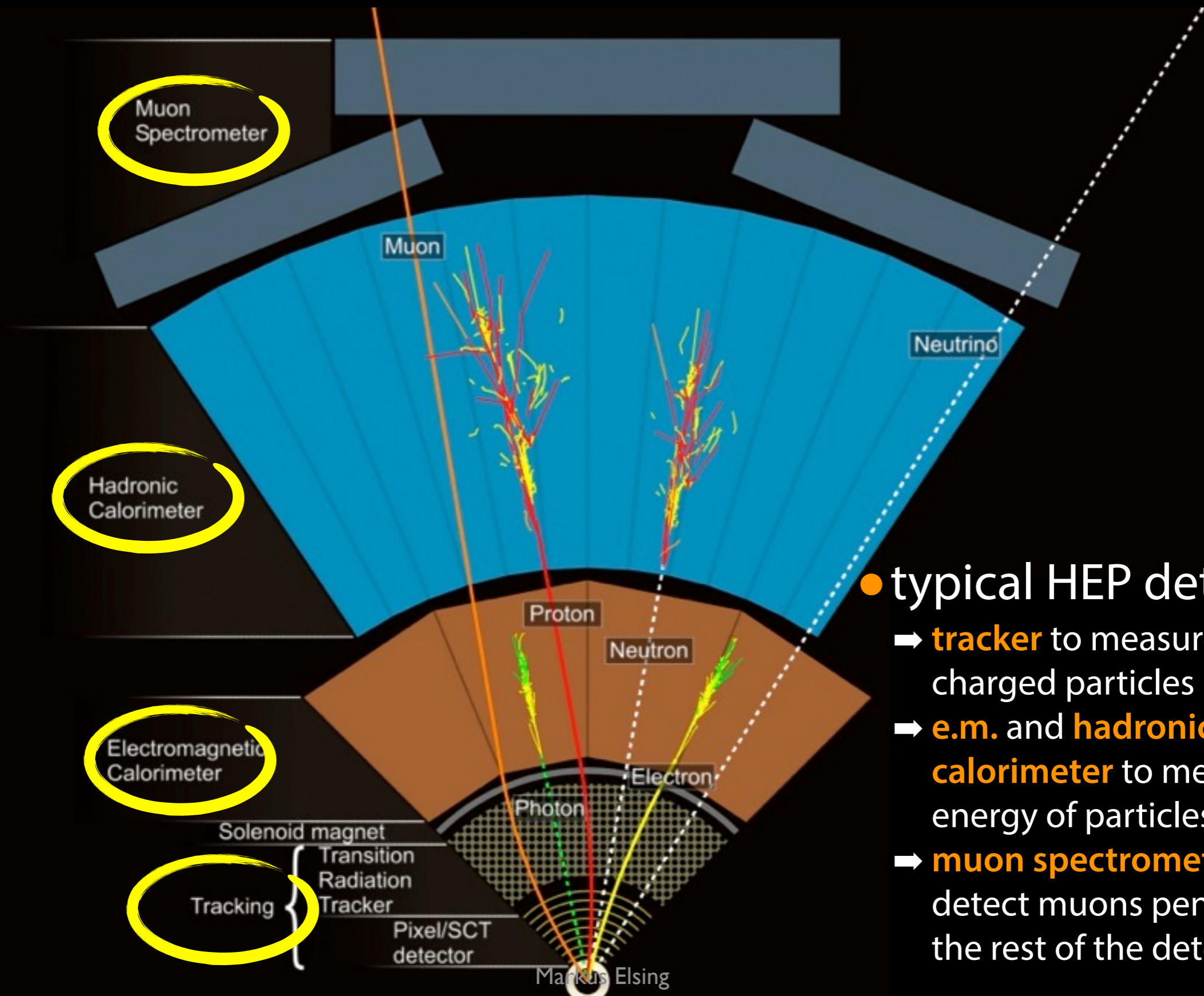


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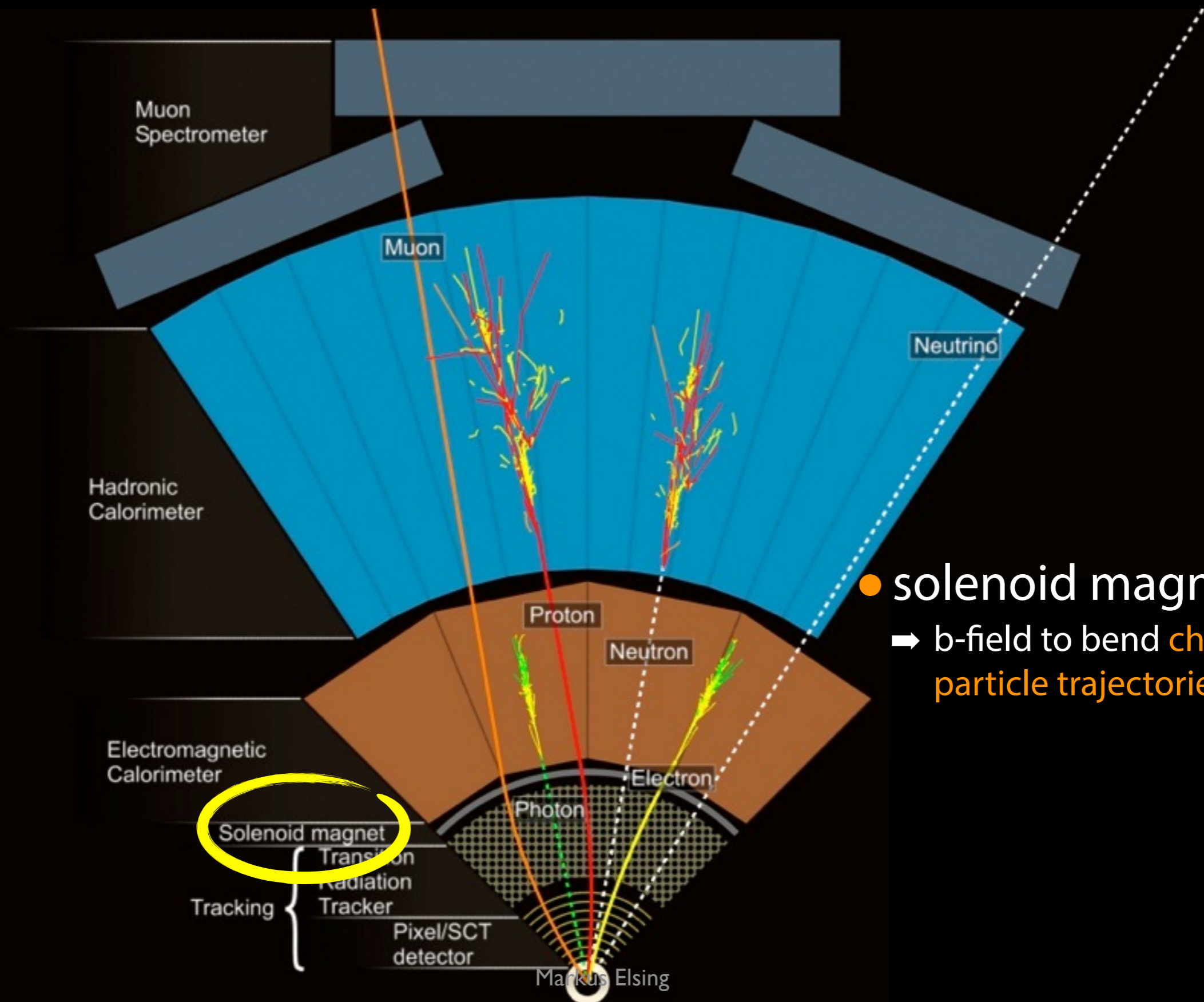
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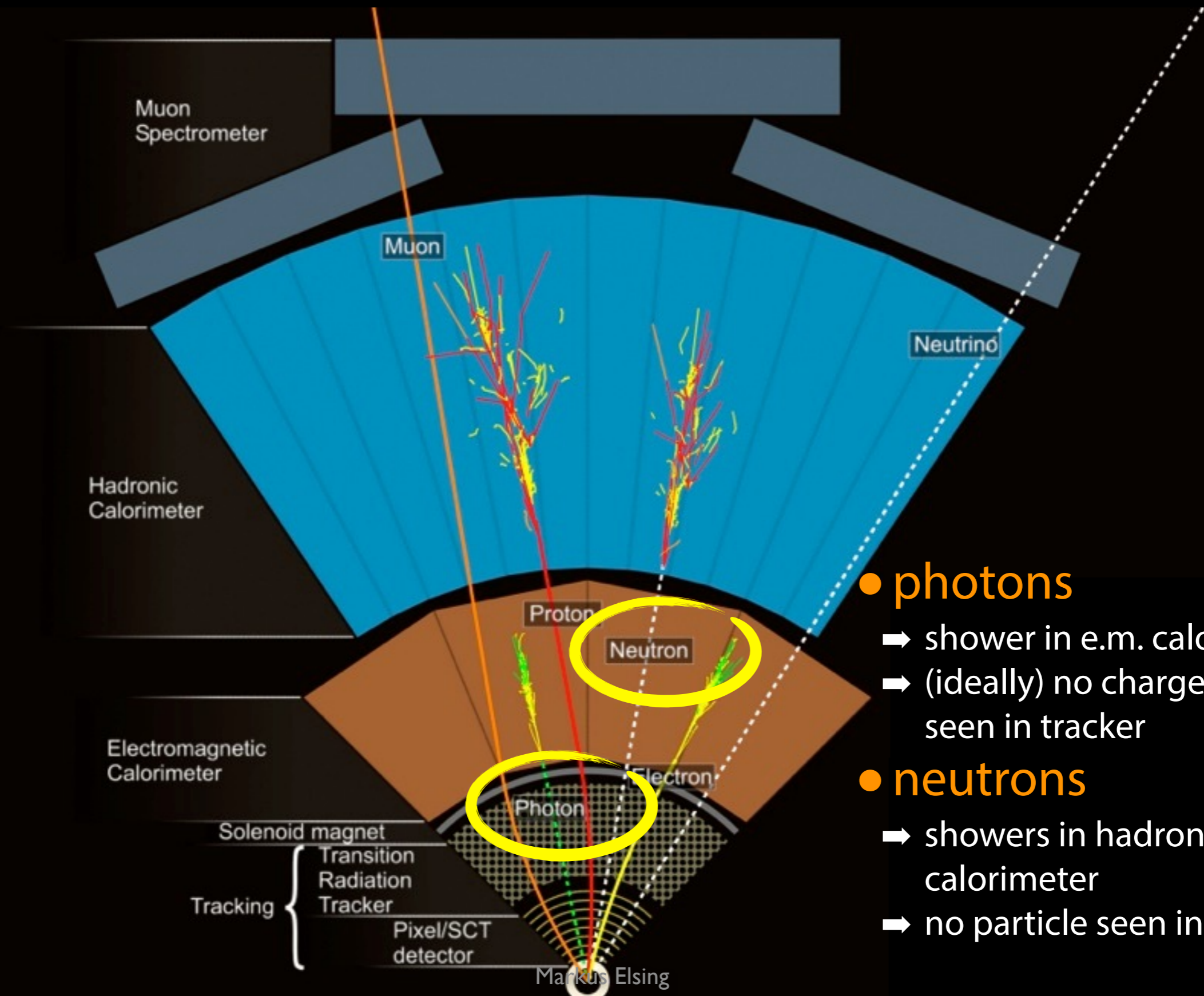
- typical HEP detector
  - ➔ **tracker** to measure charged particles
  - ➔ **e.m. and hadronic calorimeter** to measure energy of particles (jets)
  - ➔ **muon spectrometer** to detect muons penetrating the rest of the detector



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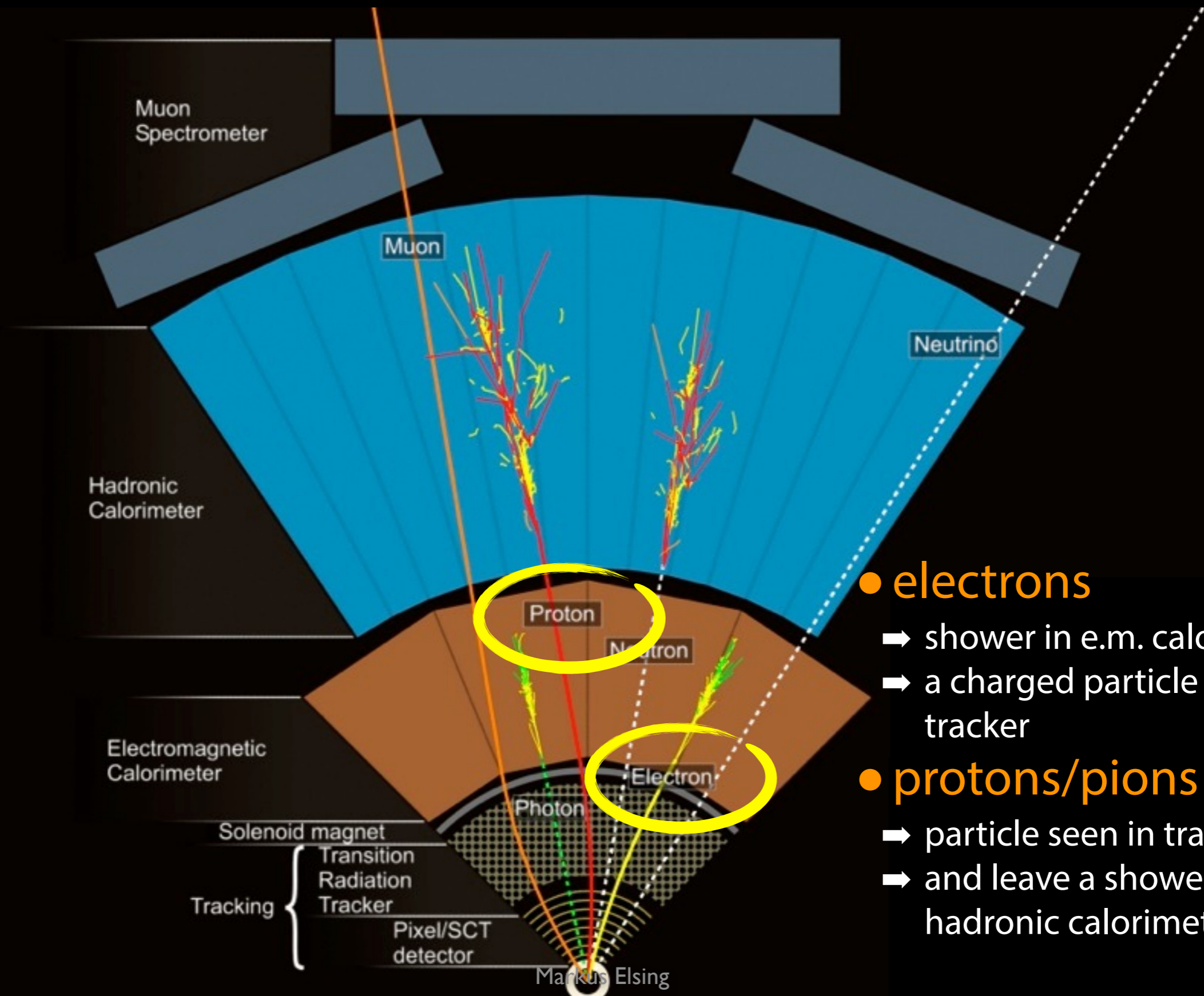


- photons
  - ➔ shower in e.m. calorimeter
  - ➔ (ideally) no charged particle seen in tracker
- neutrons
  - ➔ showers in hadronic calorimeter
  - ➔ no particle seen in tracker





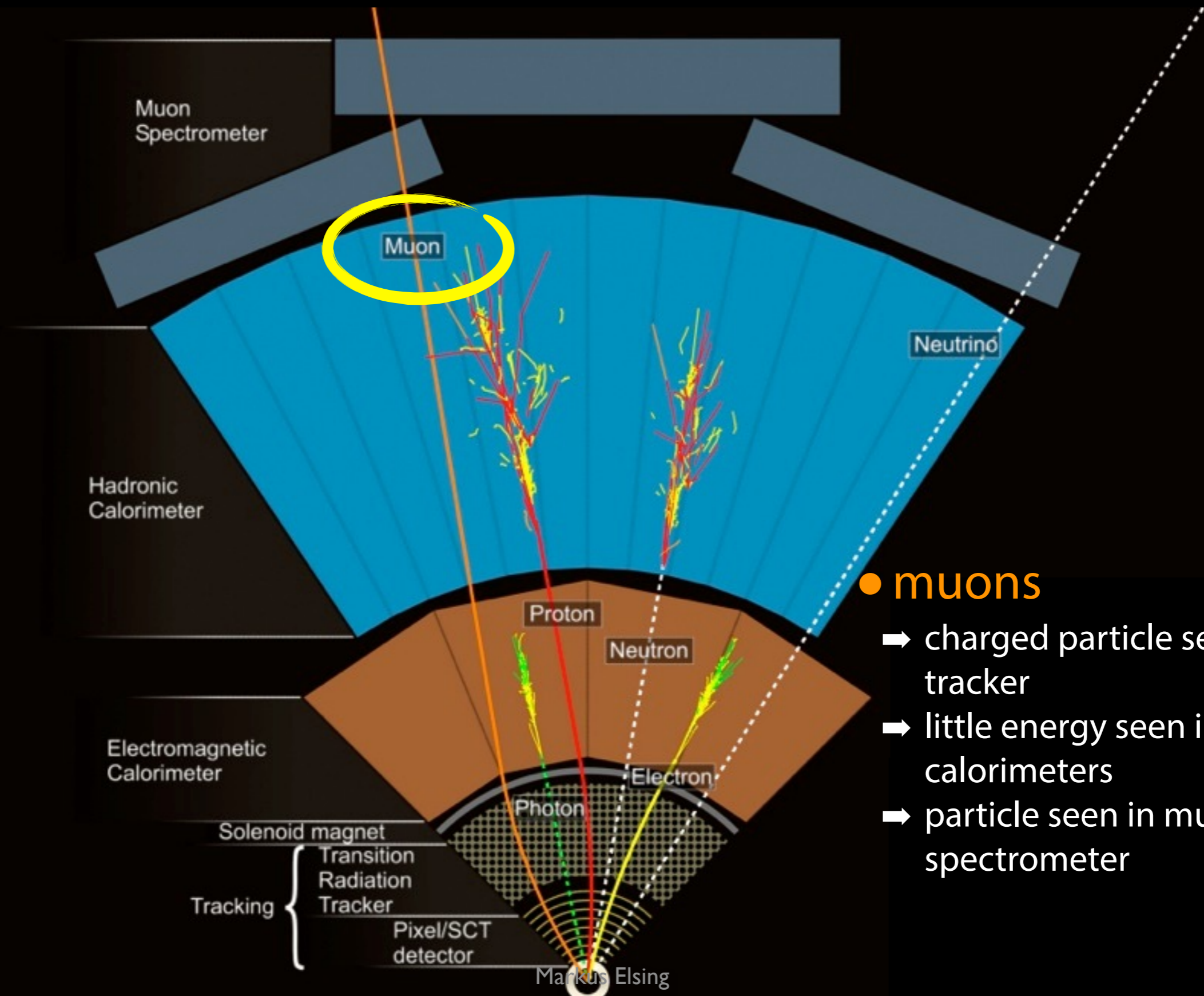
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- **electrons**
  - ➔ shower in e.m. calorimeter
  - ➔ a charged particle seen in tracker
- **protons/pions**
  - ➔ particle seen in tracker
  - ➔ and leave a showers in hadronic calorimeter



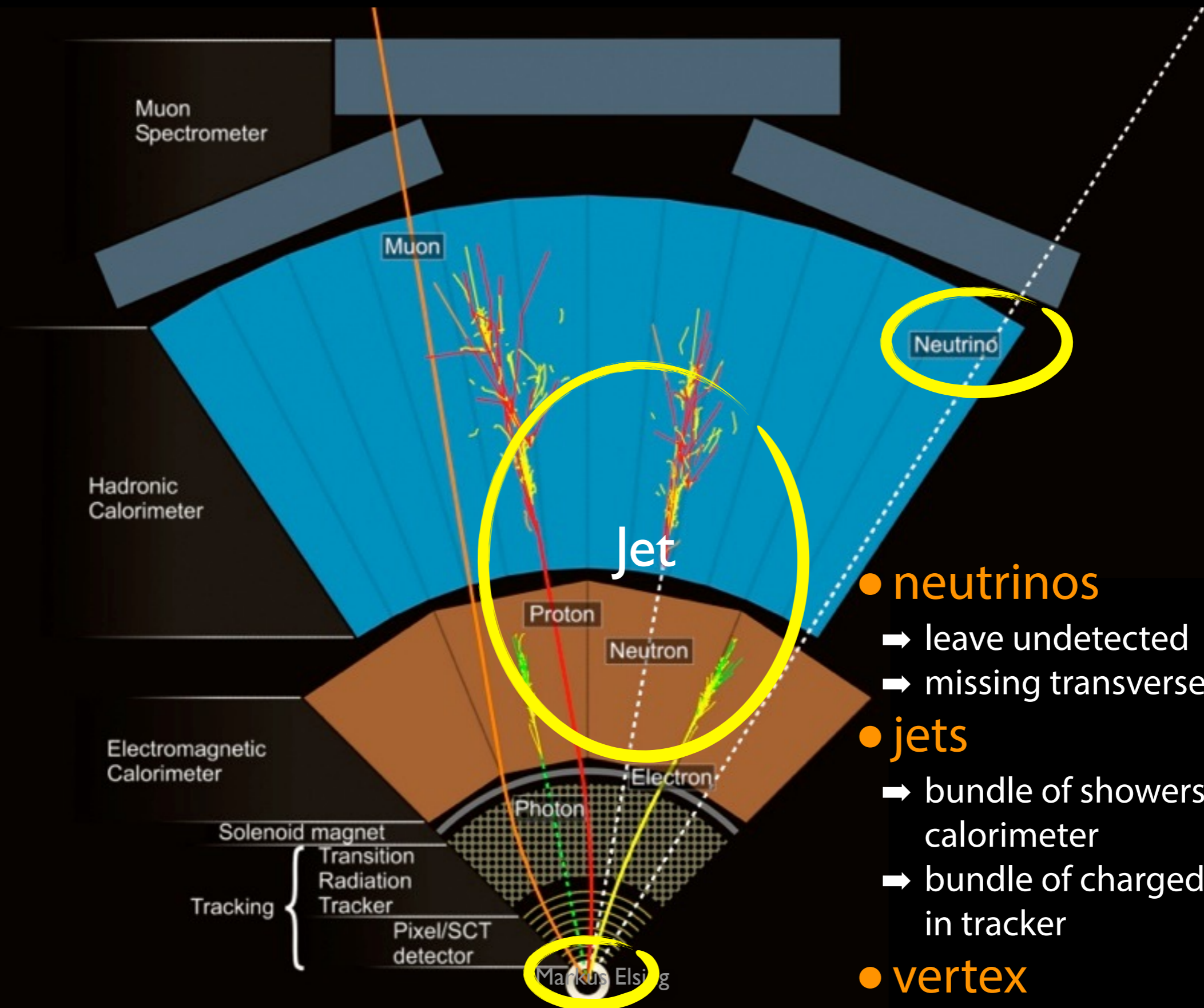
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  - ➔ particle seen in muon spectrometer



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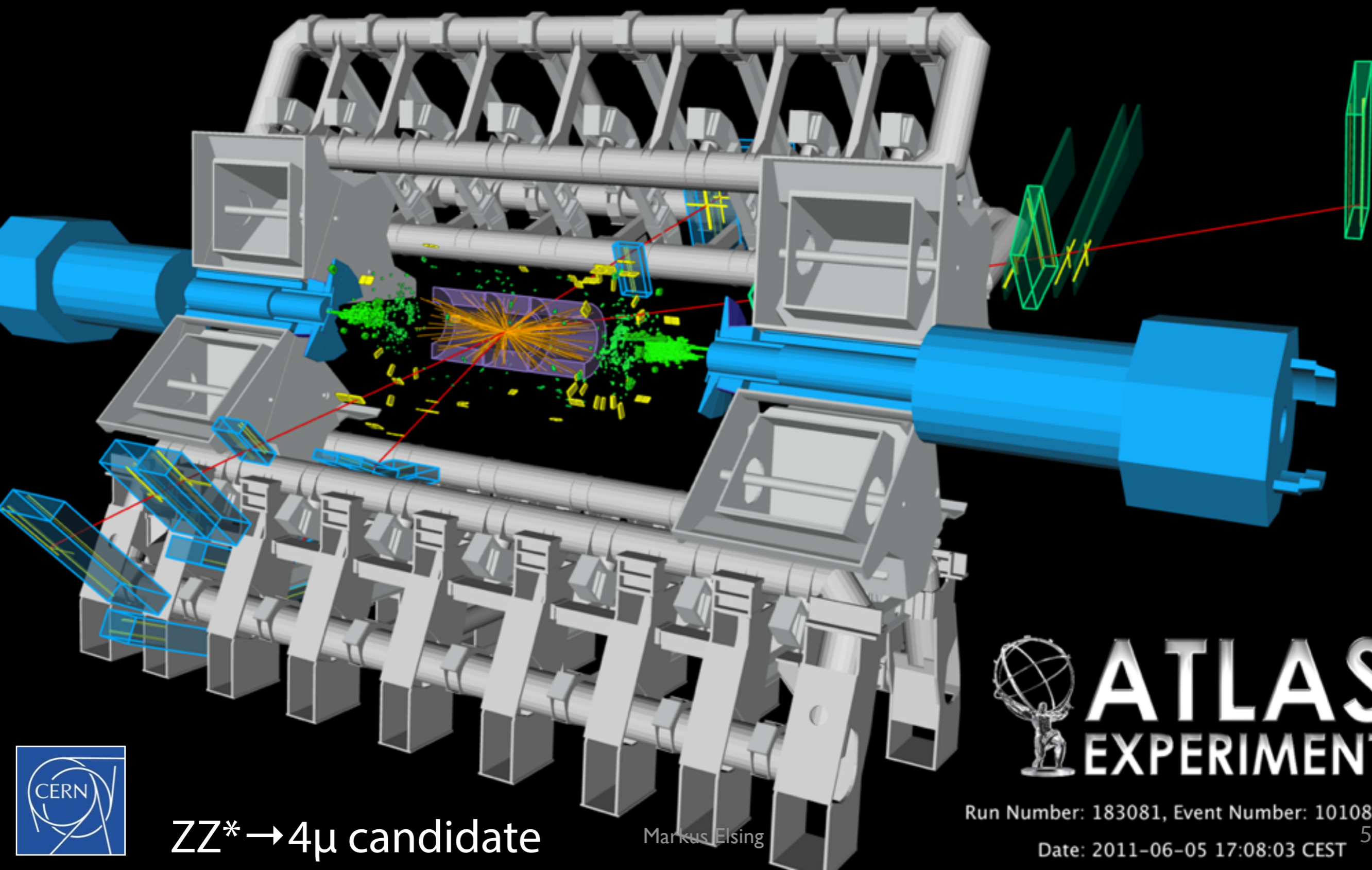


- **neutrinos**
  - ➔ leave undetected
  - ➔ missing transverse energy
- **jets**
  - ➔ bundle of showers in calorimeter
  - ➔ bundle of charged particles in tracker
- **vertex**



In Reality ?

... a bit more complicated



$ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\mu$  candidate

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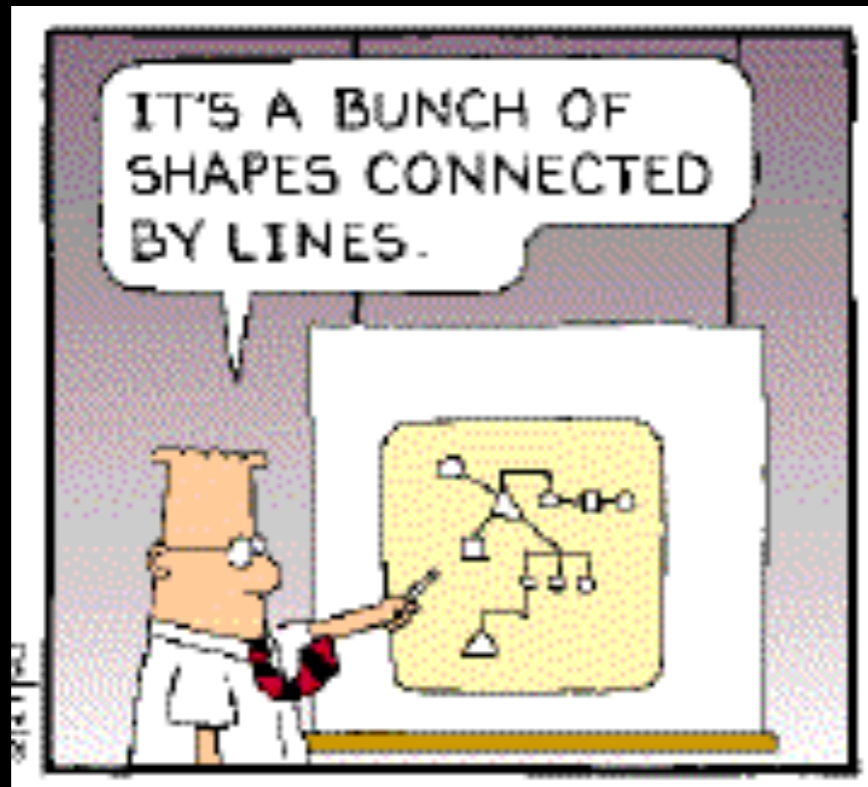
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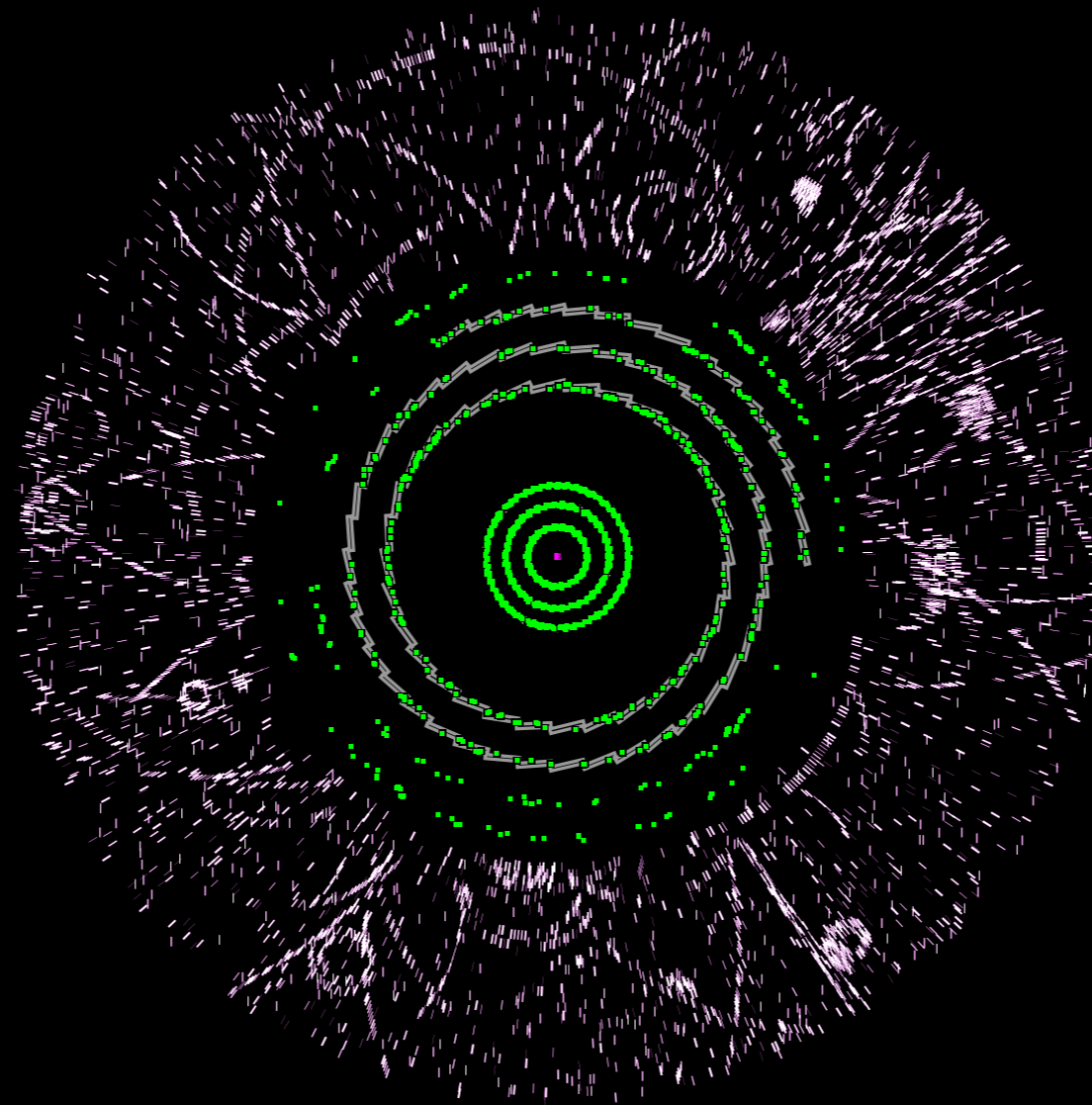
- in this lecture I will discuss the most complex and CPU consuming aspect of **event reconstruction** at the LHC
  - ➔ finding trajectories (**tracks**) of charged particles produced in p-p collisions
- will have to introduce various **techniques** for
  - ➔ pattern recognition, detector geometry, track fitting, extrapolation ...
  - ➔ including mathematical concepts and aspects of software design



... so **why** does it matter ?

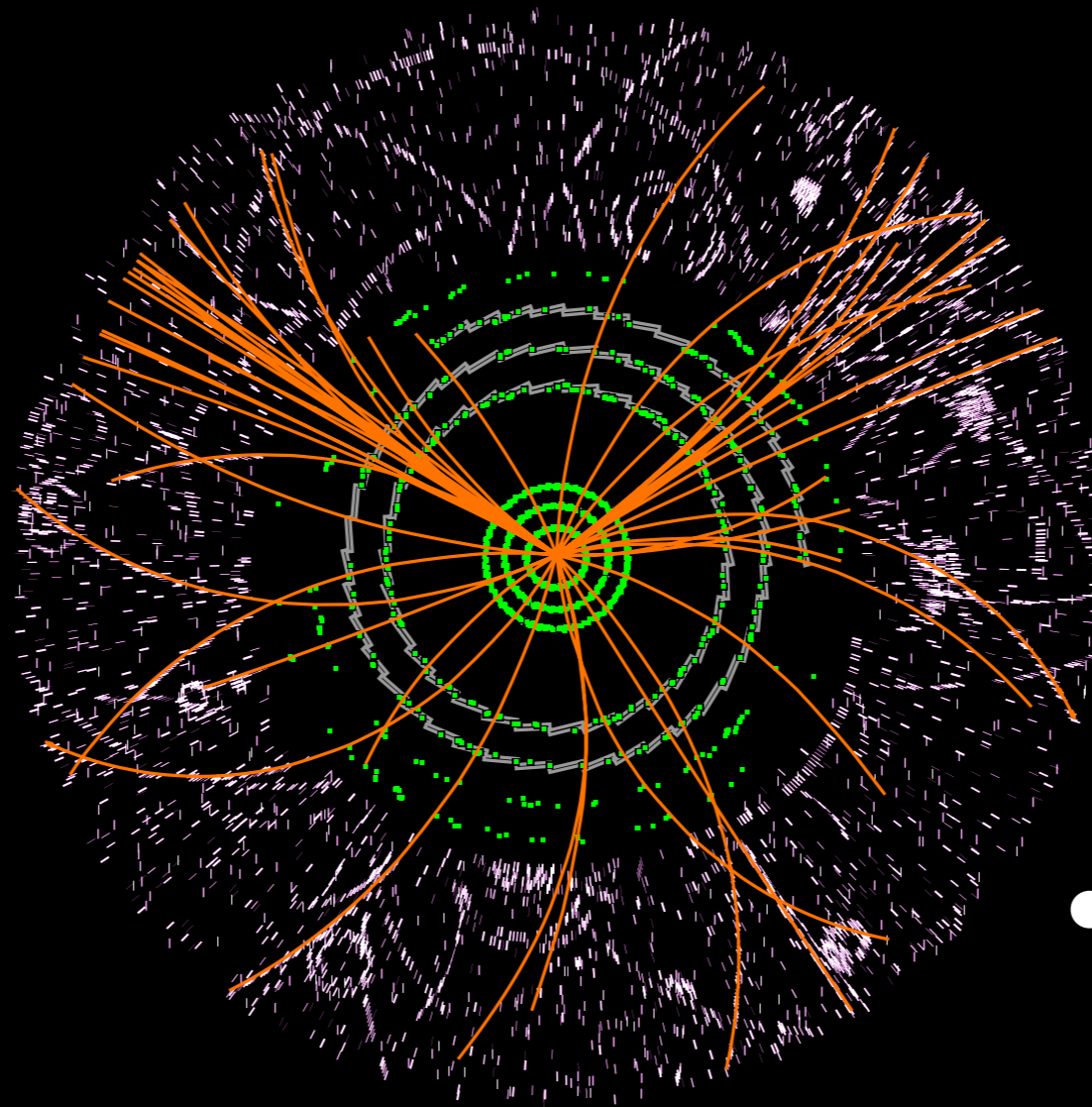
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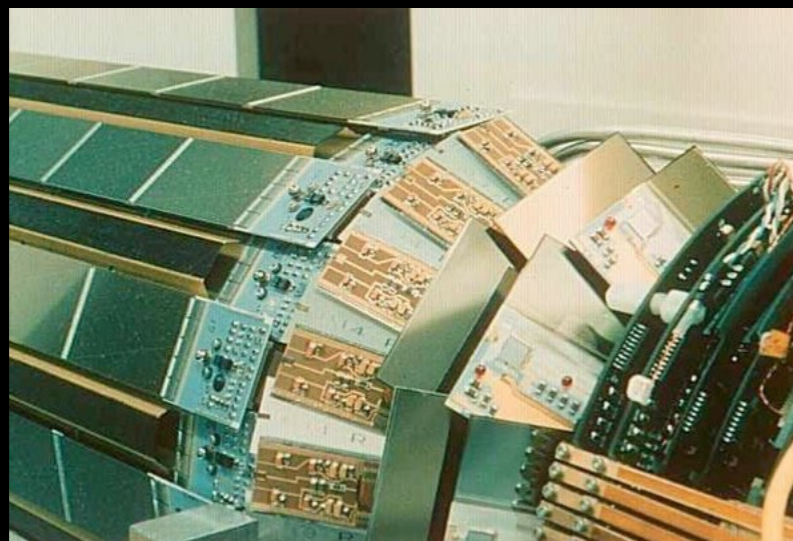
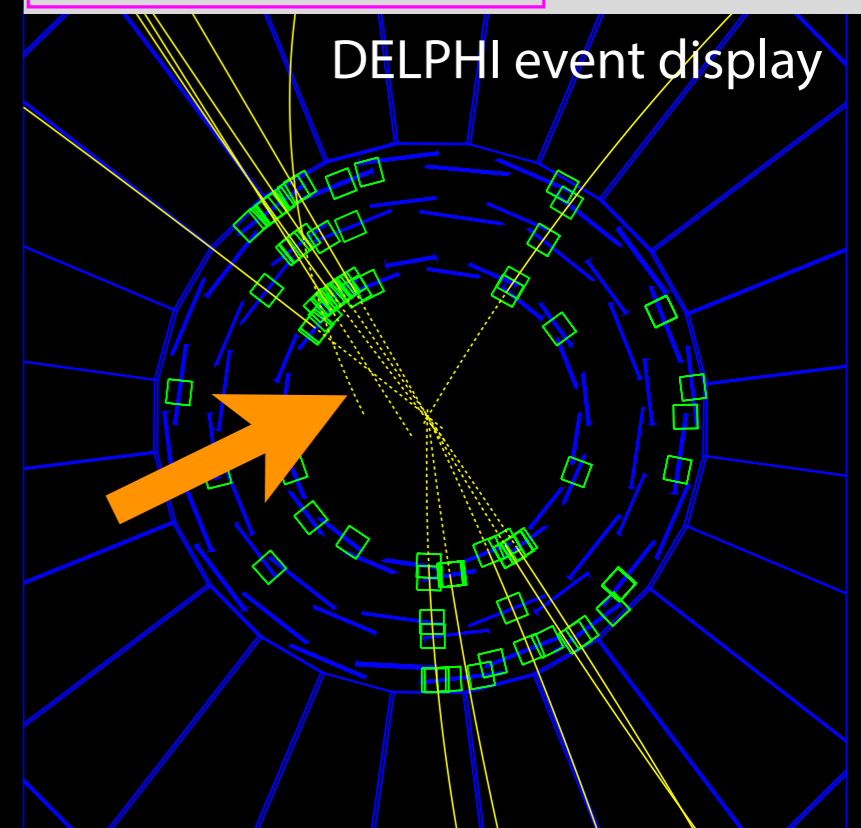
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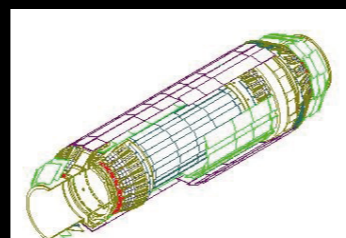
- tracking software is used to reconstruct their trajectories

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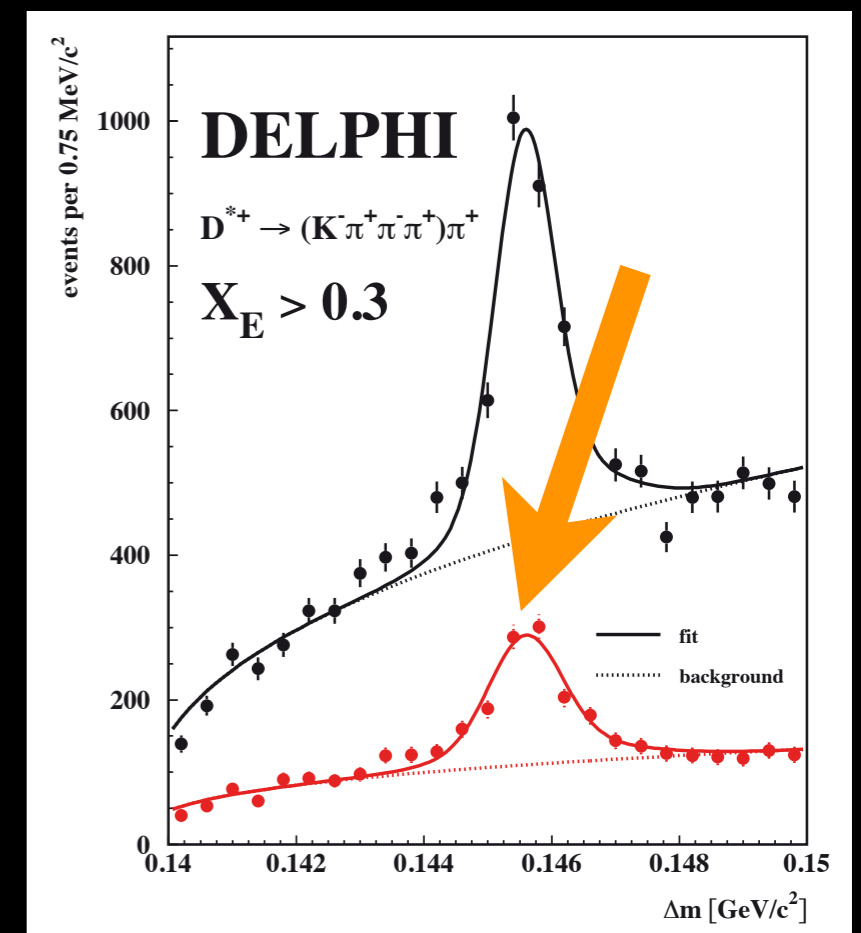
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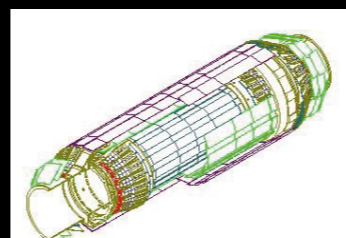
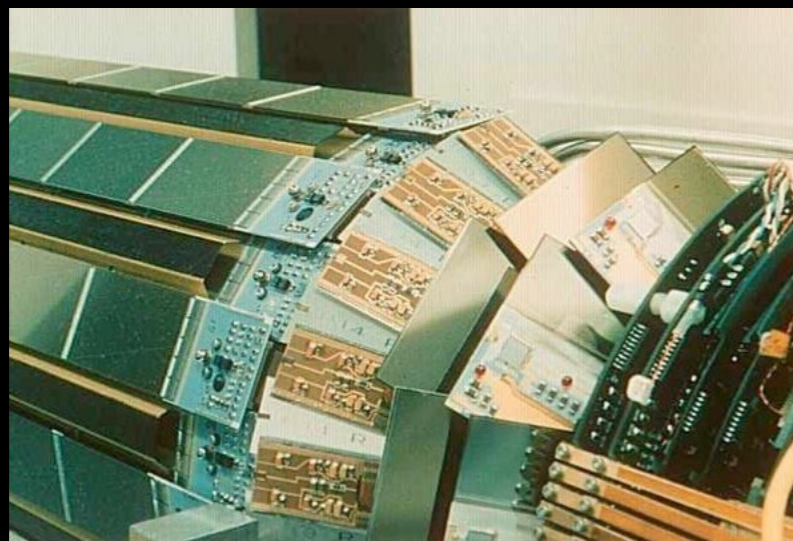
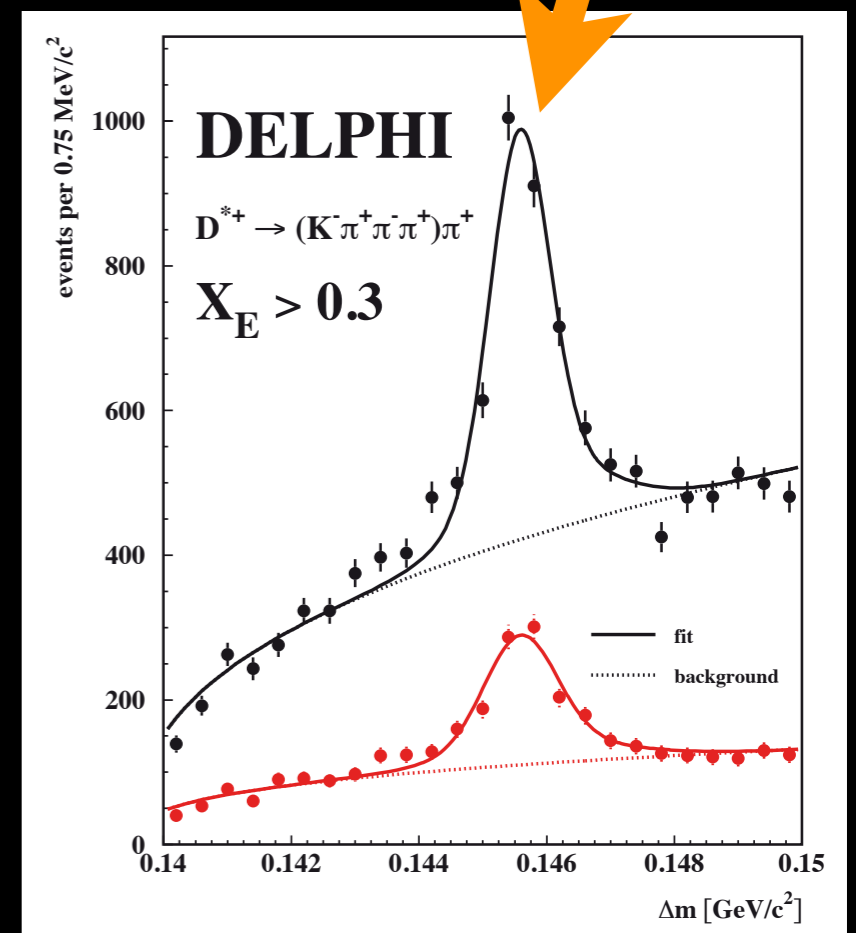
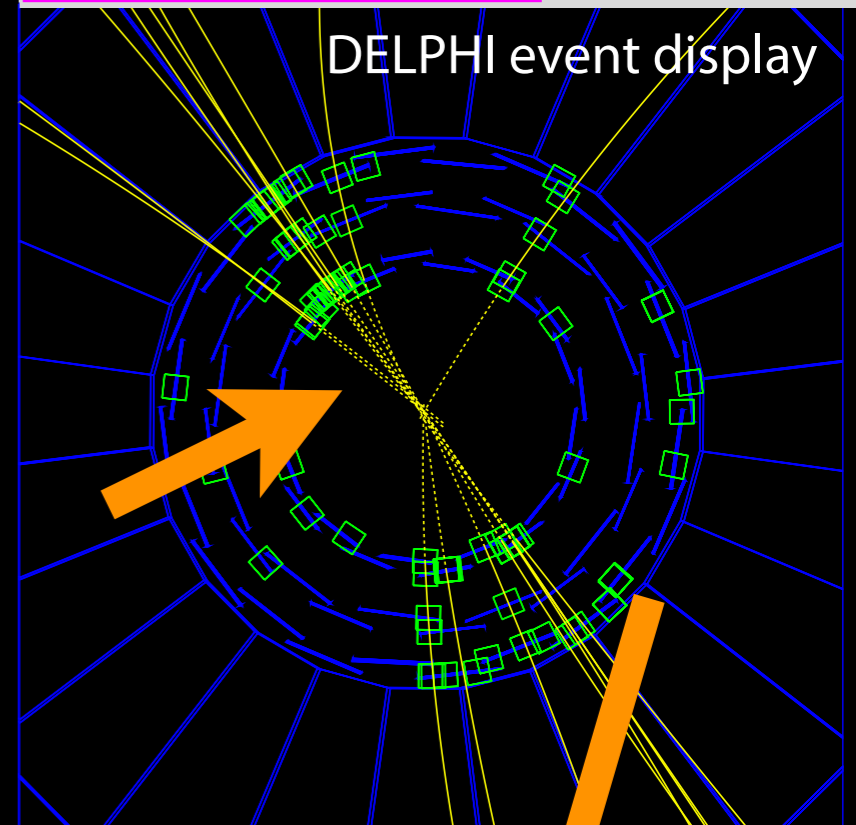
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  - ➔ 1994: **redesign of tracking software**
    - start track finding in vertex detector
  - ➔ **factor ~ 2.5 more D\* signal** after reprocessing  
 (M.Feindt, M.E. et al)



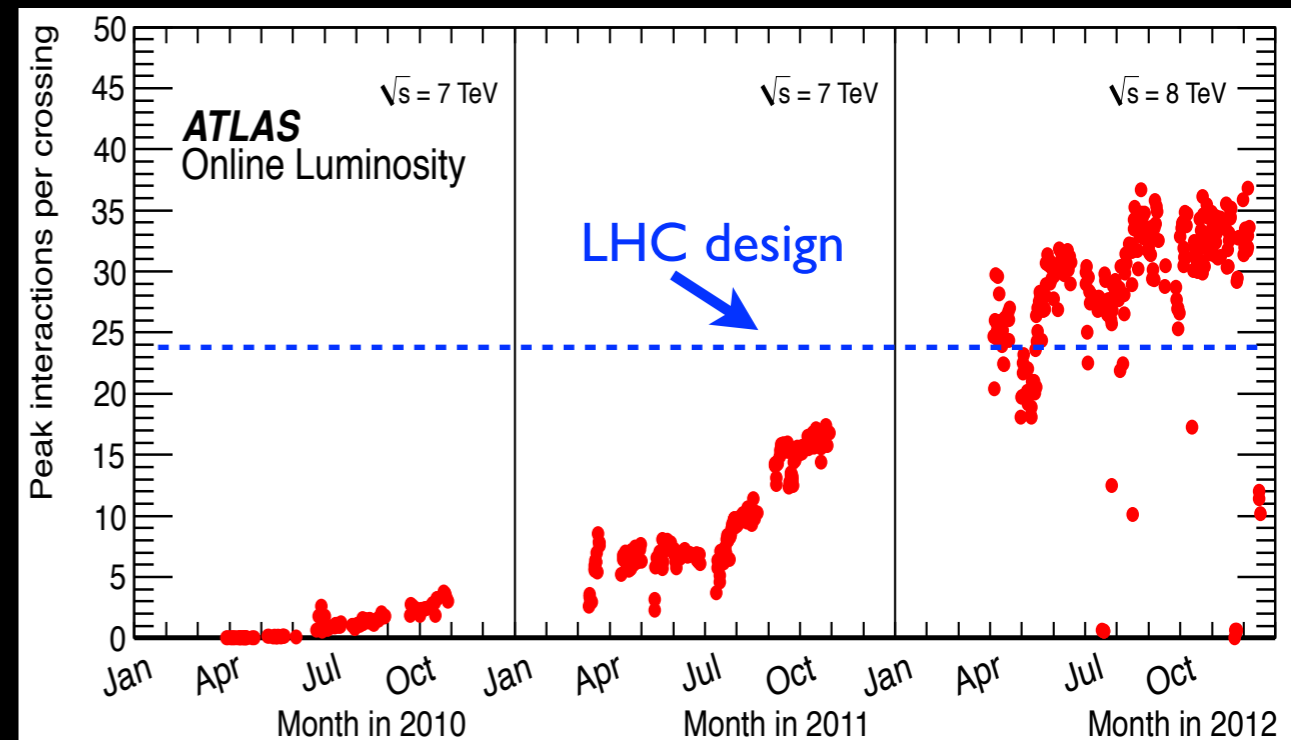
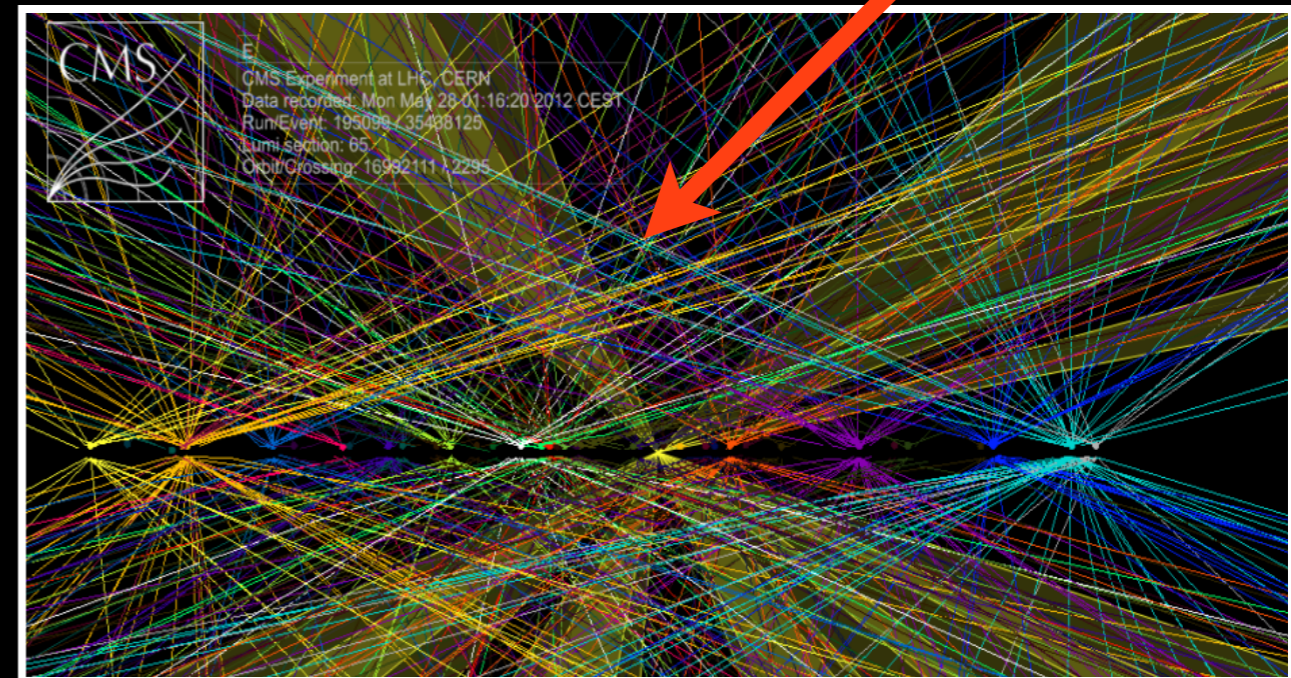
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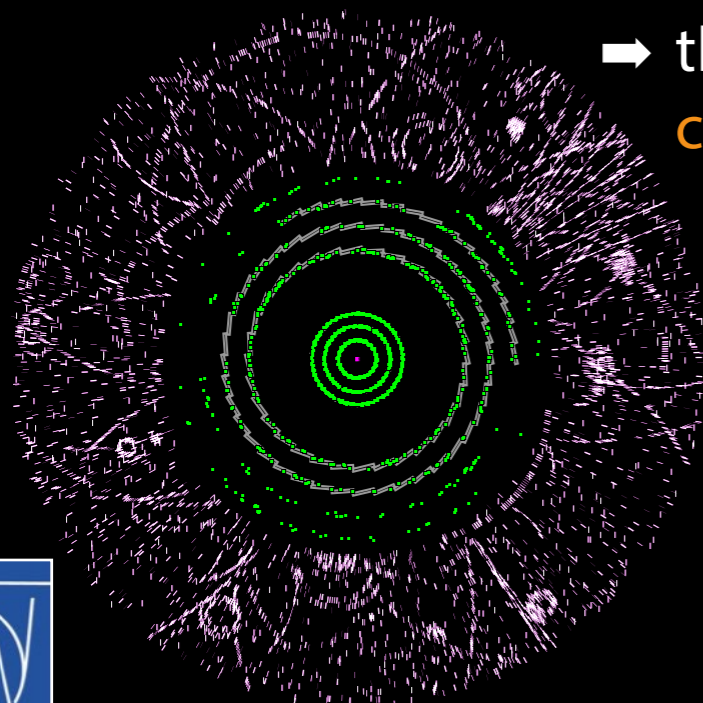
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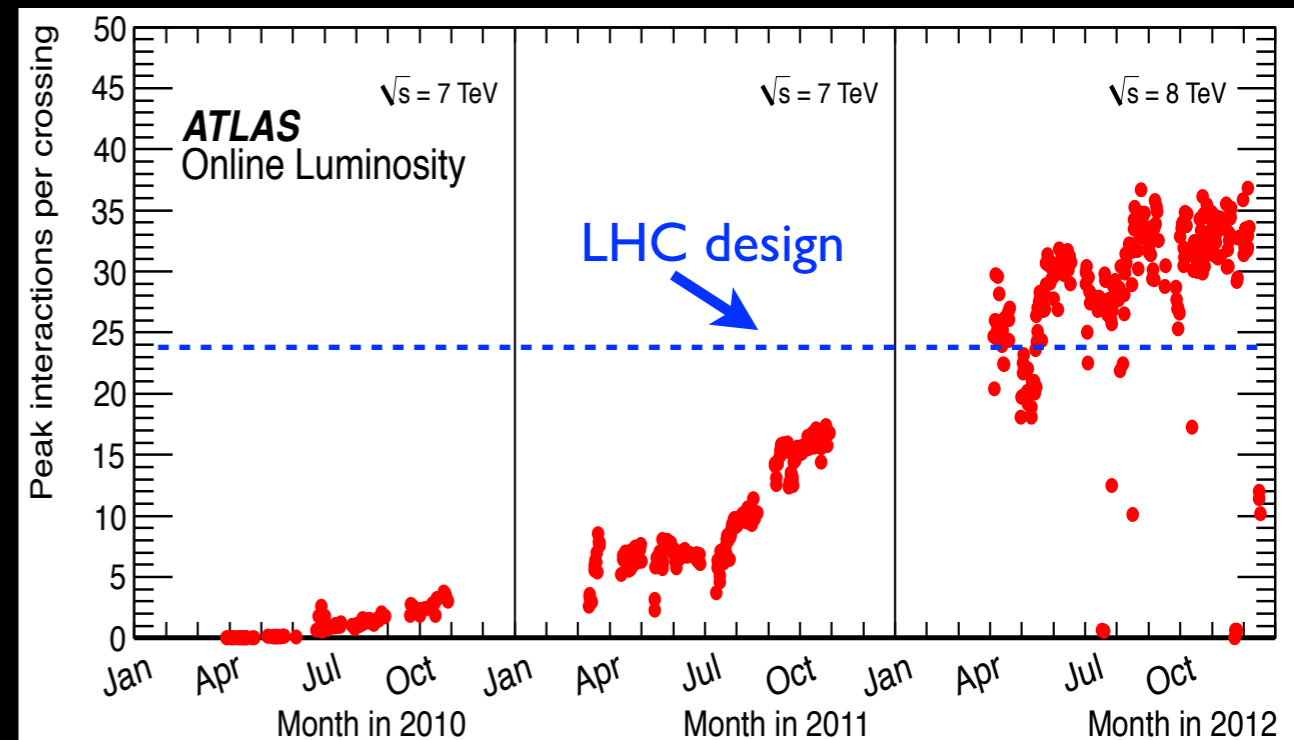
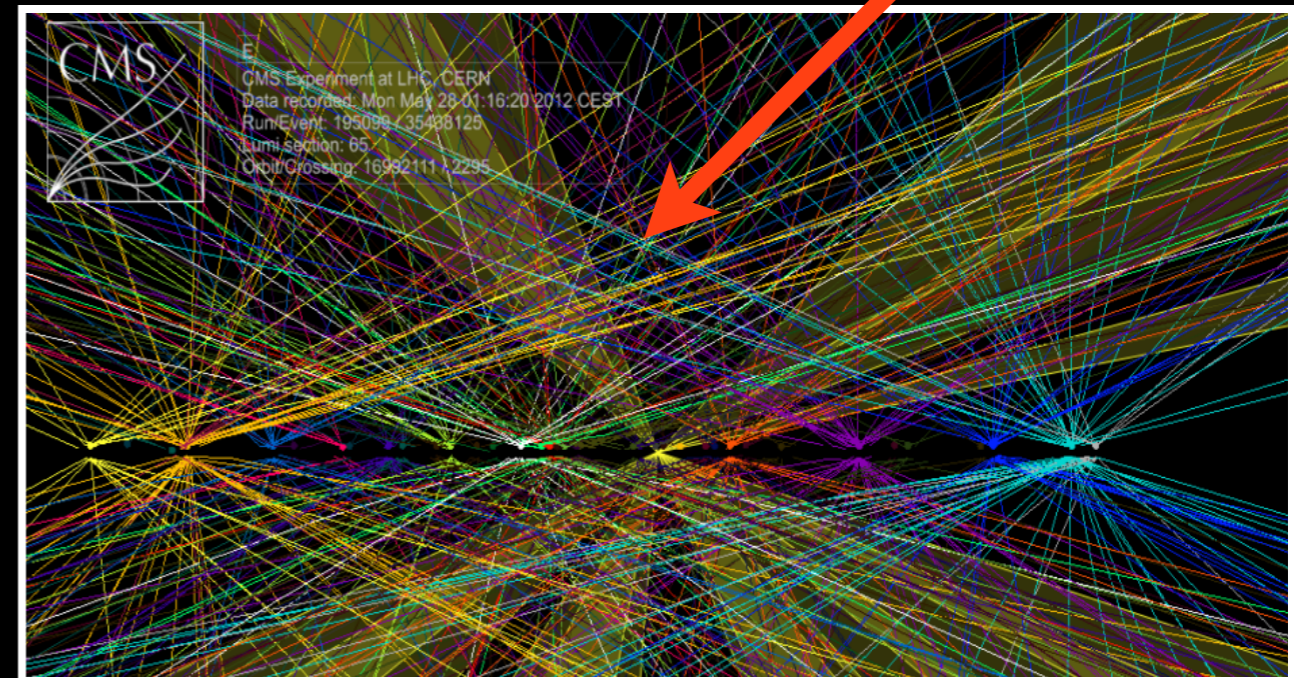
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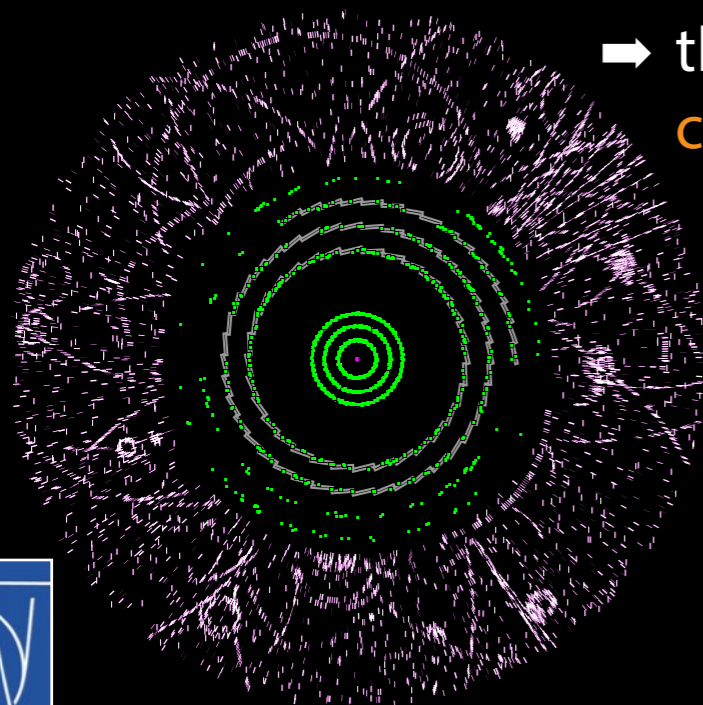
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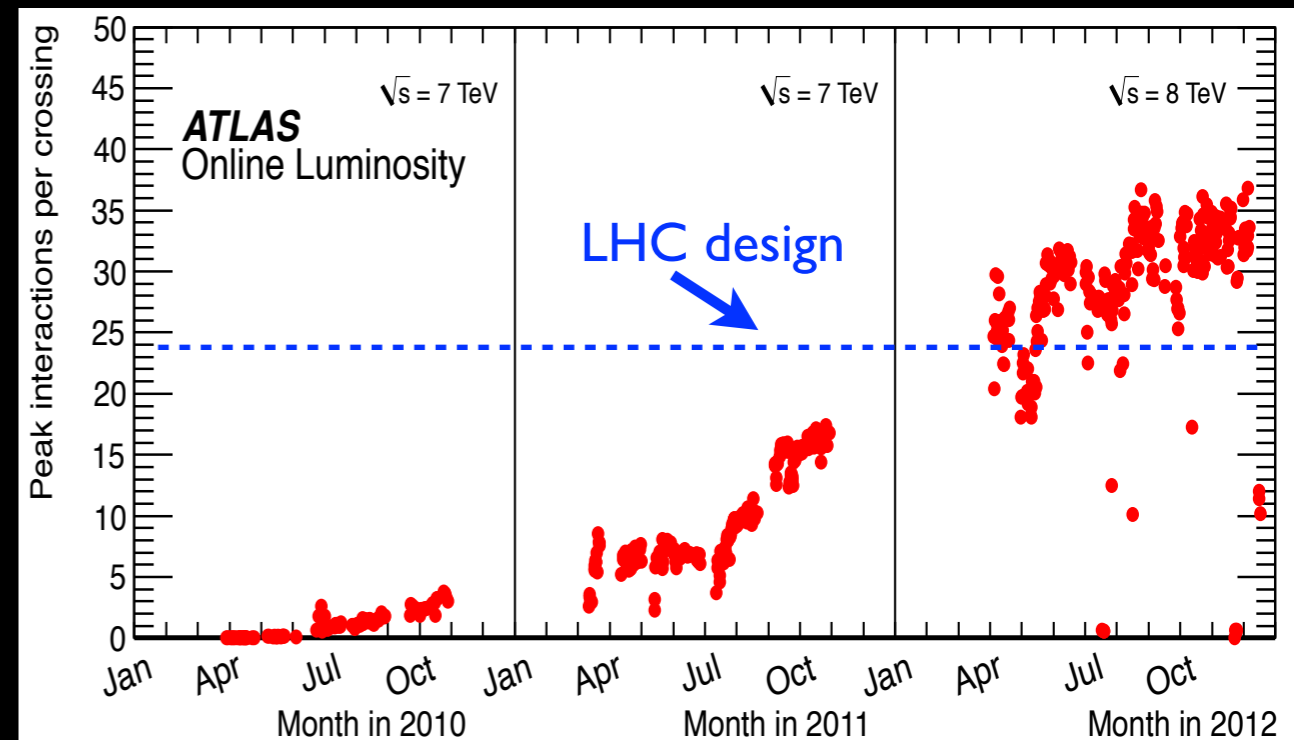
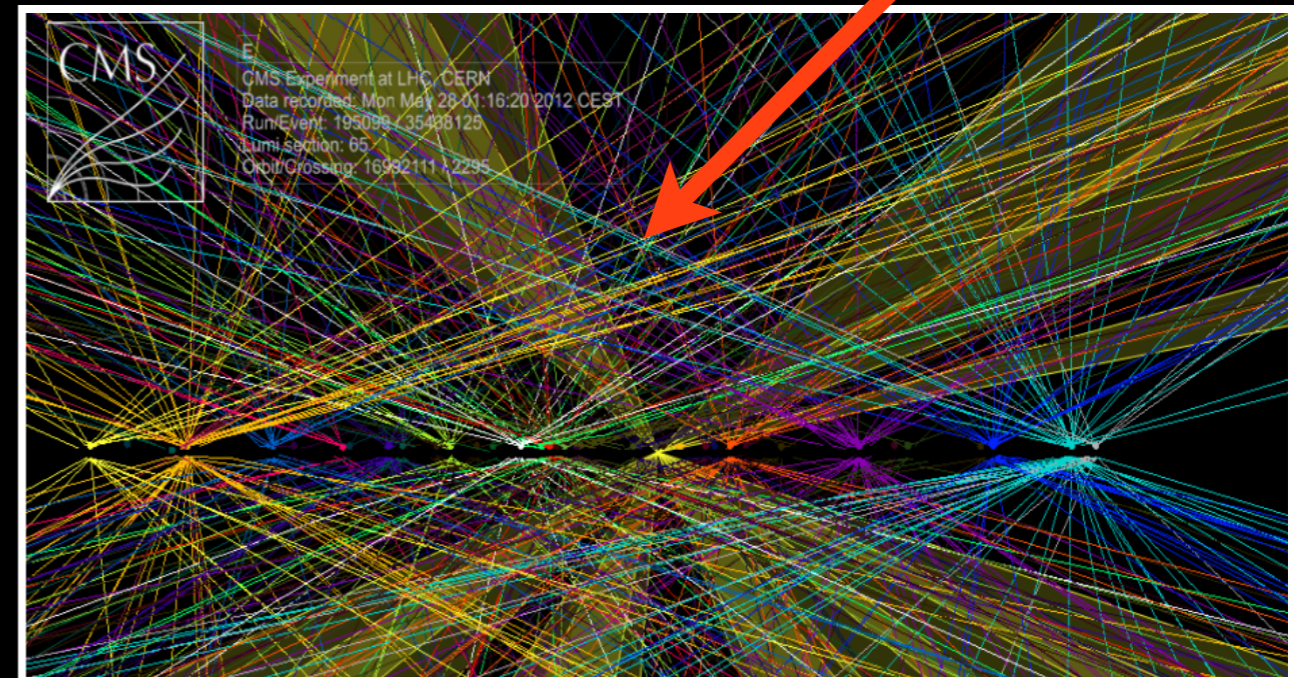
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- ➔ this is how **1 pp collisions** looks like
  - now imagine **30 of them** overlapping
  - task of **tracking software** is to resolve the mess ...

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# Tracking at the LHC ?

- track reconstruction

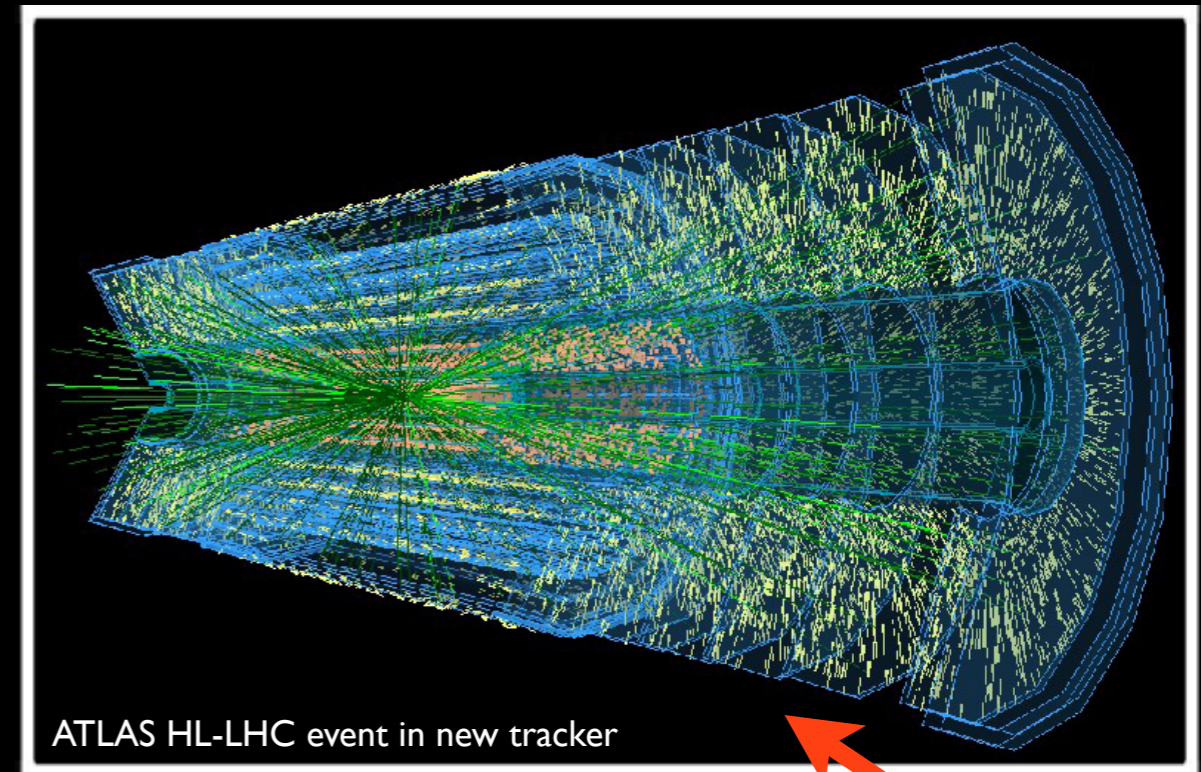
- ➔ combinatorial problem grows with pileup
- ➔ naturally **resource driver** (CPU/memory)

- the **million dollar** question:

- ➔ how to **reconstruct LH-LHC events** within resources ? (**pileup ~ 140-200**)

- more than **10 years** of R&D on LHC tracking software

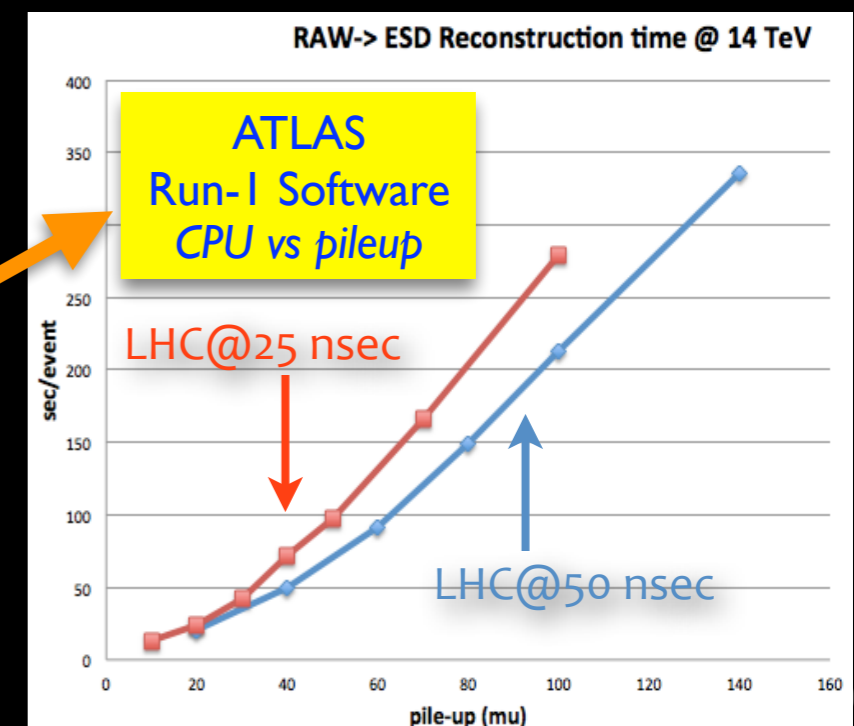
- ➔ we knew that tracking at the LHC is going to be challenging
  - building on techniques developed for previous experiments
- ➔ processor **technologies** will **change** in the future
  - need to rethink some of the design decisions we did
  - adapt software to **explore modern CPUs**:  
threading, data locality...



event display  
from title page



...see bonus slides



# Outline of this Lecture

- Tracking **Detectors**

- ➔ semiconductor tracker
- ➔ drift tubes

- Charged Particle **Trajectories** and **Extrapolation**

- ➔ trajectory representations and trajectory following in a realistic detector
- ➔ detector description, navigation and simulation toolkits

- Track **Fitting**

- ➔ classical least square track fit and a Kalman filter track fit
- ➔ examples for advanced techniques

- Track **Finding**

- ➔ search strategies, Hough transforms, progressive track finding, ambiguity solution

- ATLAS **Track Reconstruction**

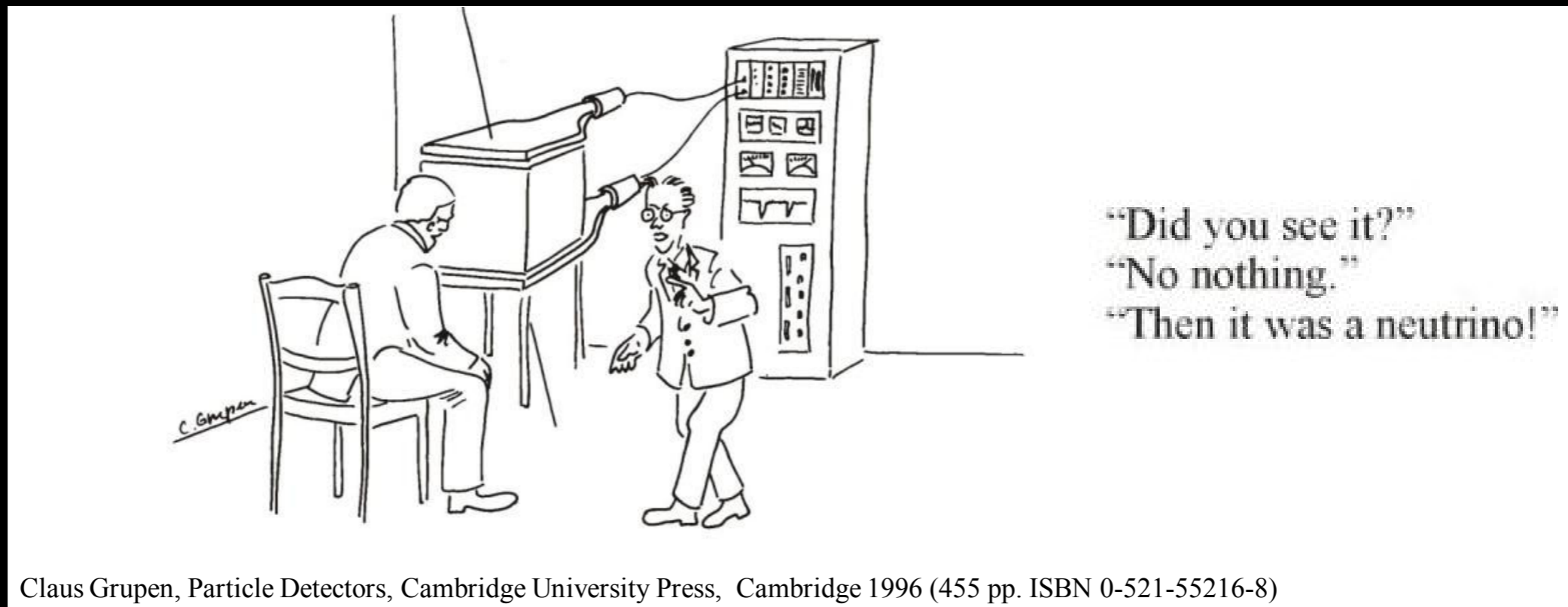


# Tracking Detectors



# Passage of **Particles through Matter**

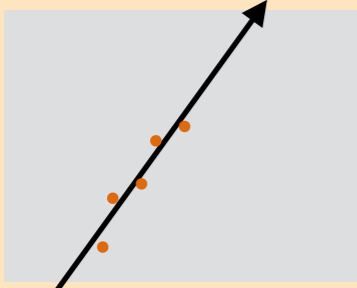

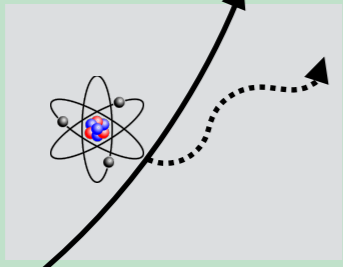
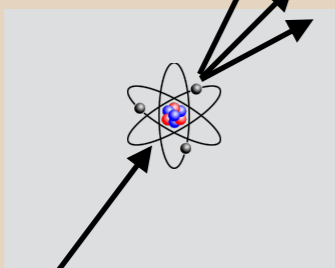
- any device that is to **detect a particle** must interact with it in some way
  - ➔ well, almost...
  - ➔ in many experiments neutrinos are measured by missing transverse momentum





# Interactions most relevant to Tracking

for completeness

Type	particles	parameter	characteristics	effect
Ionisation loss 	all charged particle	effective density $A/Z * \rho$	small effect in tracker, small dependence on $p$	increases momentum uncertainty
Multiple Scattering 	all charged particle	radiation length $X_0$	almost gaussian average effect 0, depends $\sim 1/p$	deflects particles, increases measurement uncertainty
Bremsstrahlung 	all charged particle, dominant for e	radiation length $X_0$	energy loss proportional $\sim E$ , highly non-gaussian, depends $\sim 1/m^2$	introduces measurement bias and inefficiency
Hadronic Int. 	all hadronic particles	nuclear interaction length $\Lambda_0$	incoming particle lost, rather constant effect in $p$	main source of track reconstruction inefficiency

- ➔ tracking detectors explore effects like **ionisation** to measure charged particles
- let's discuss the basic principles of **semiconductor trackers** and **drift tubes**

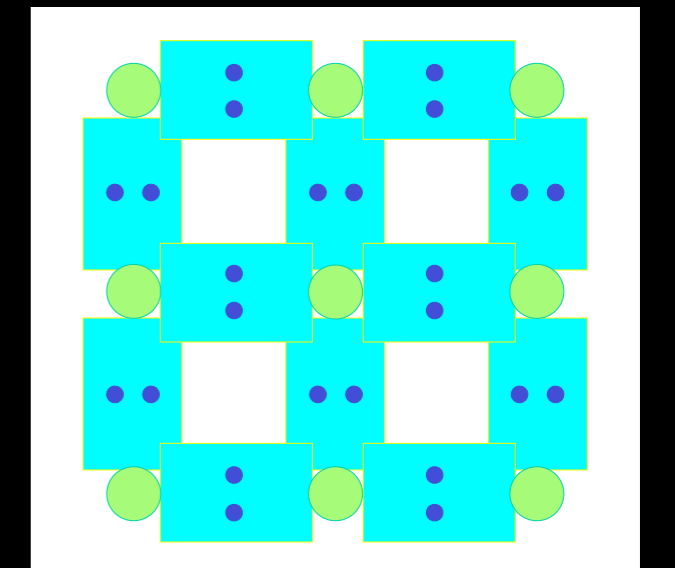
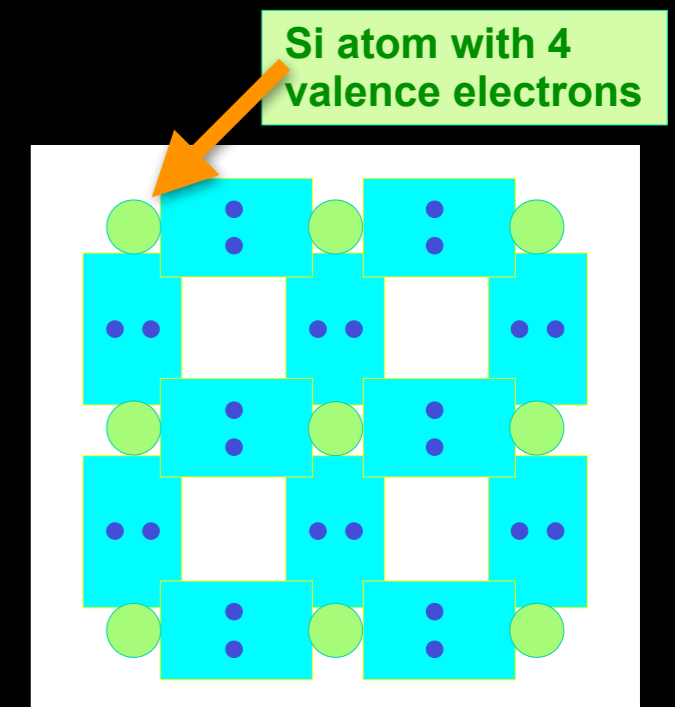




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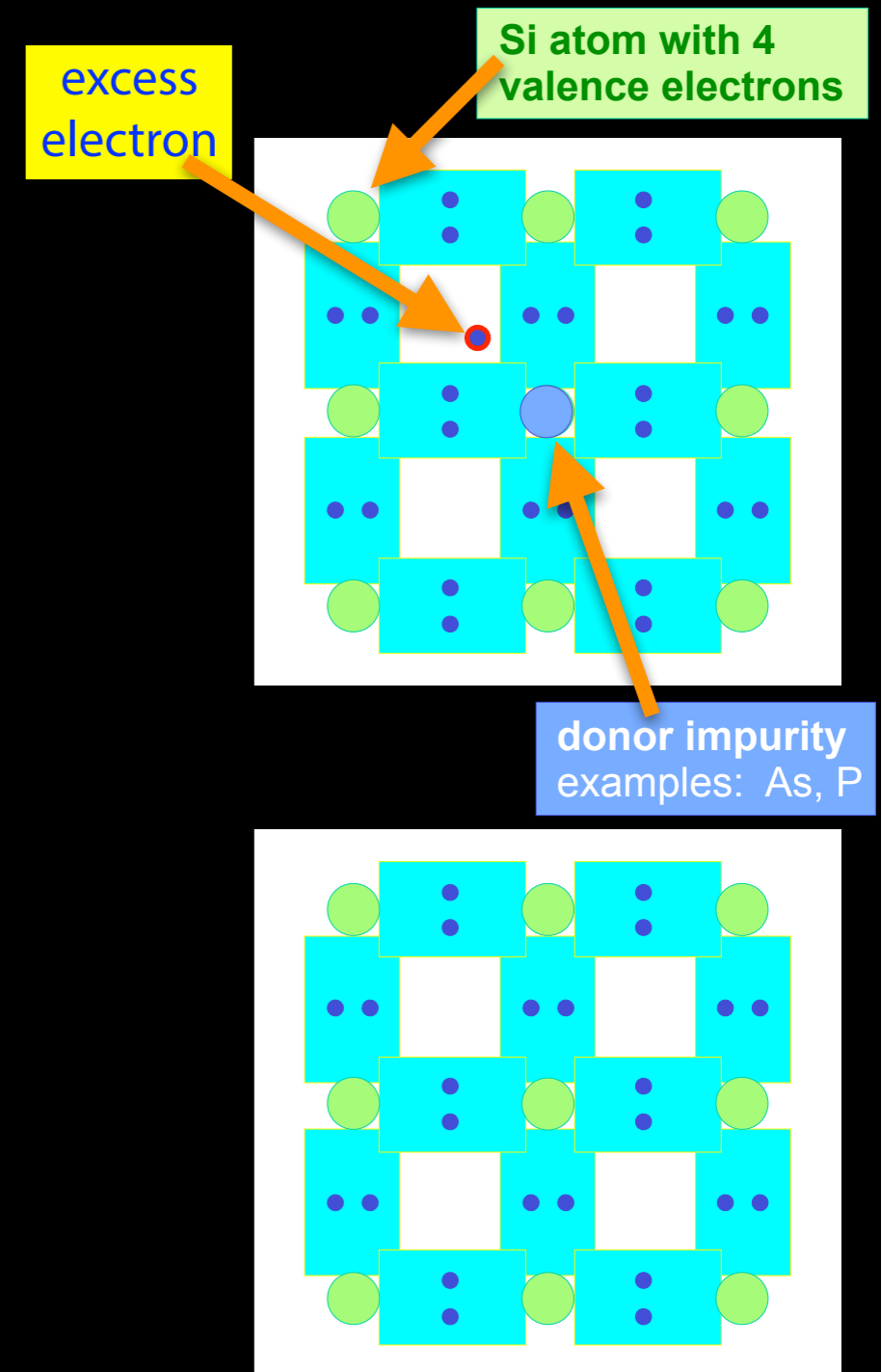


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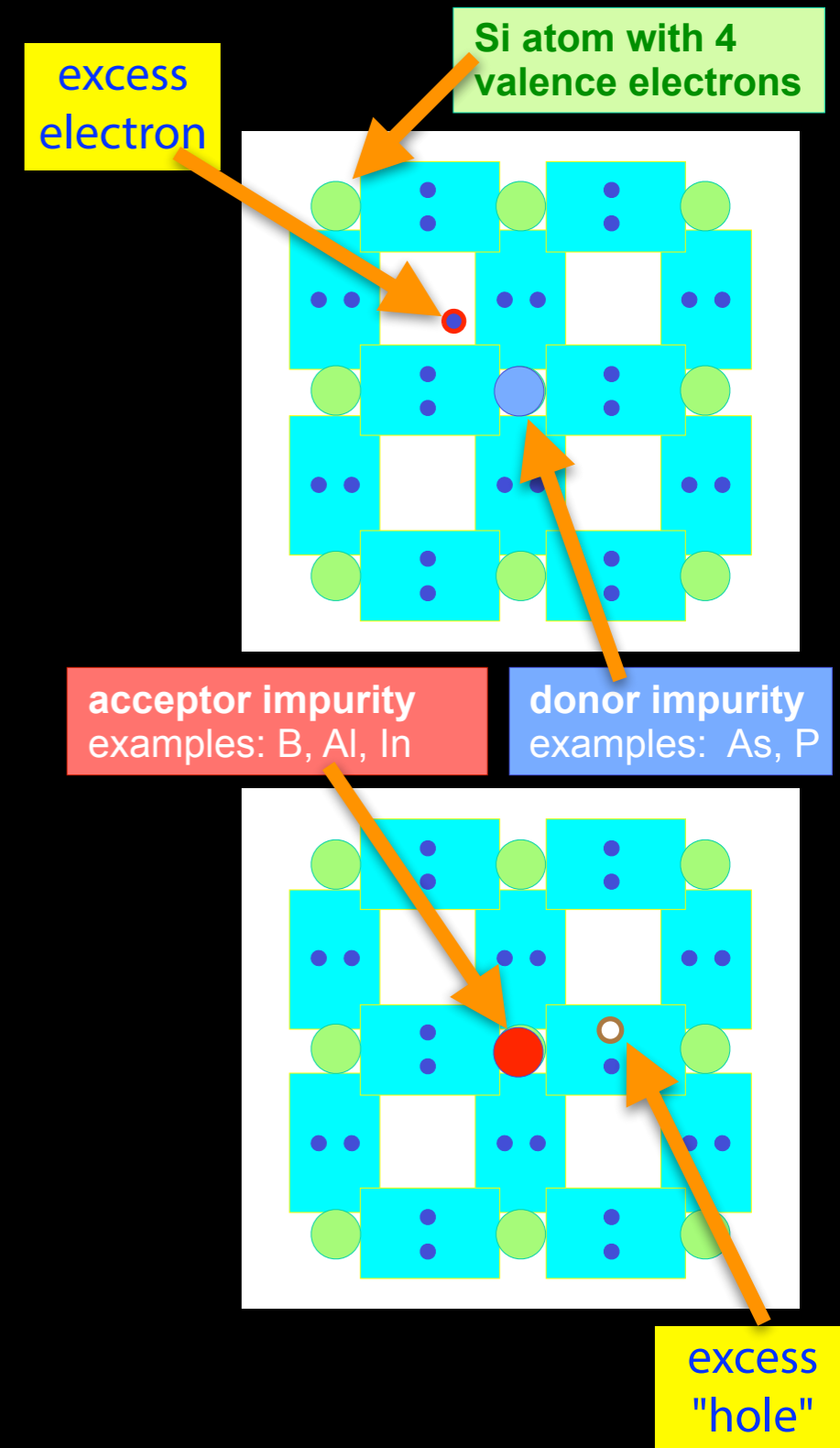


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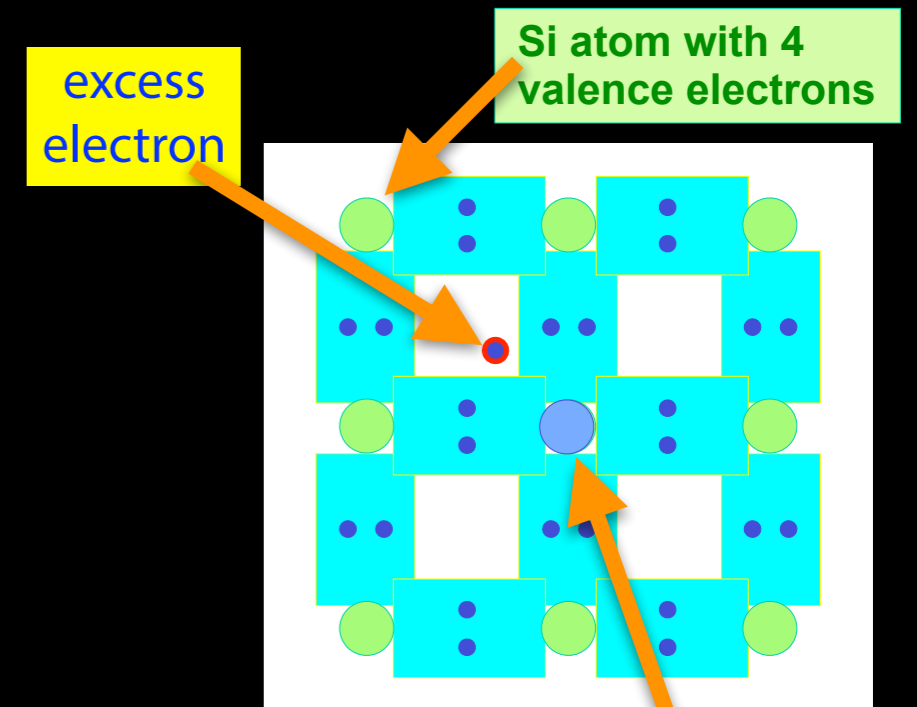
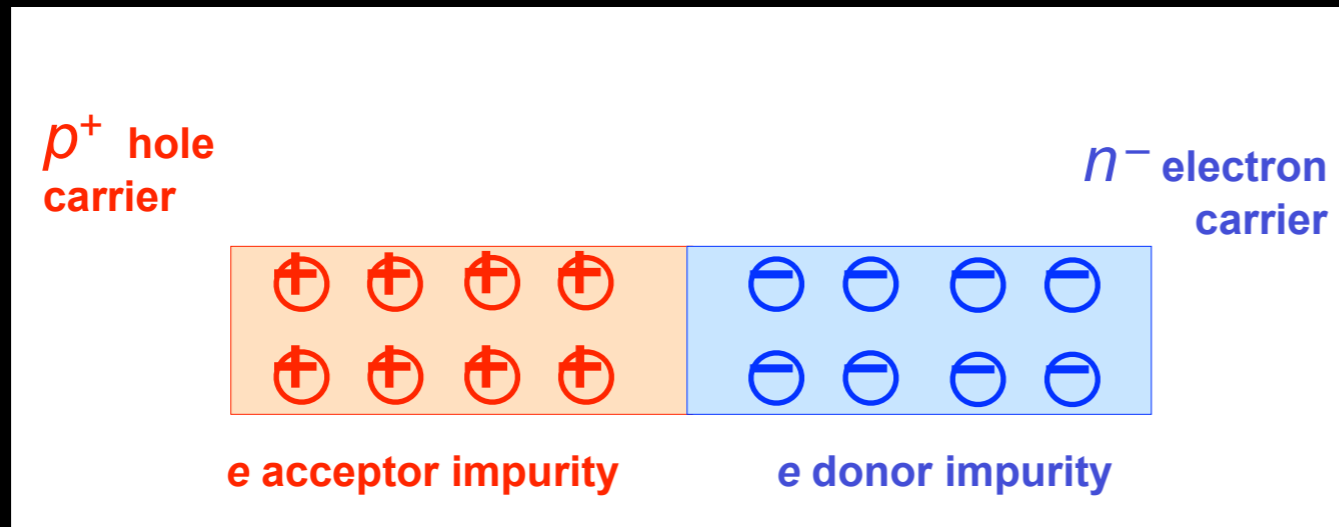
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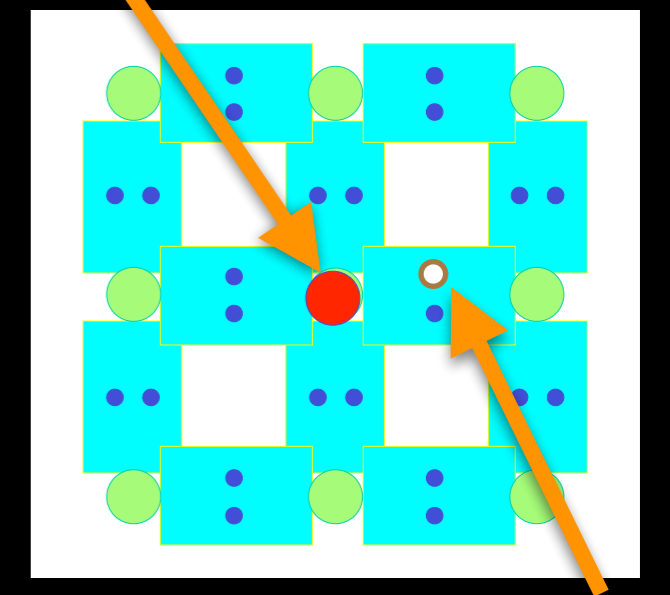
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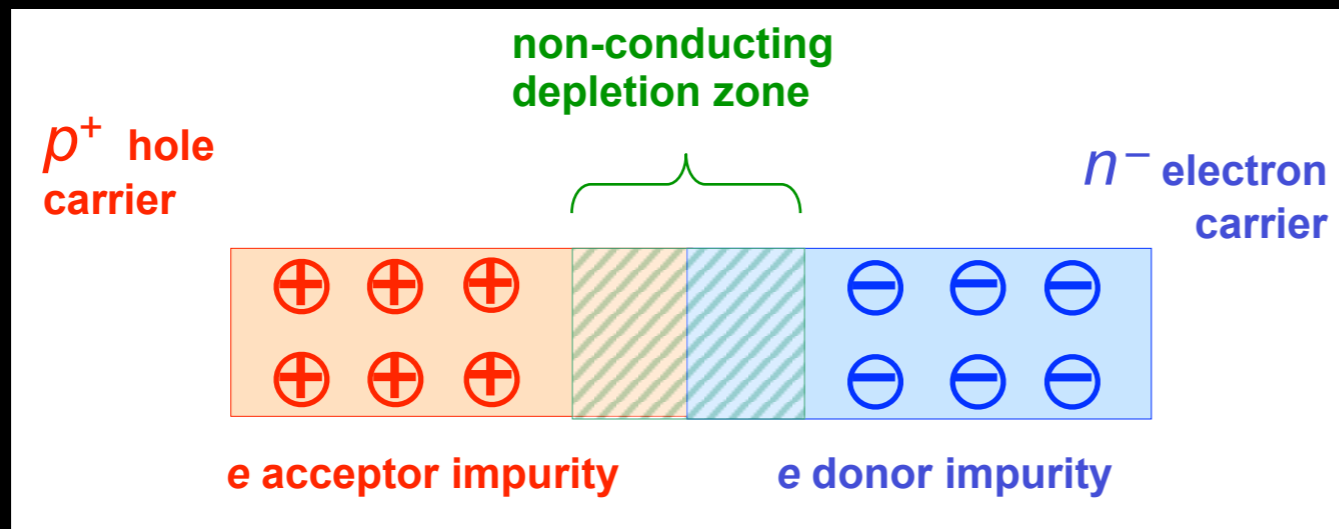
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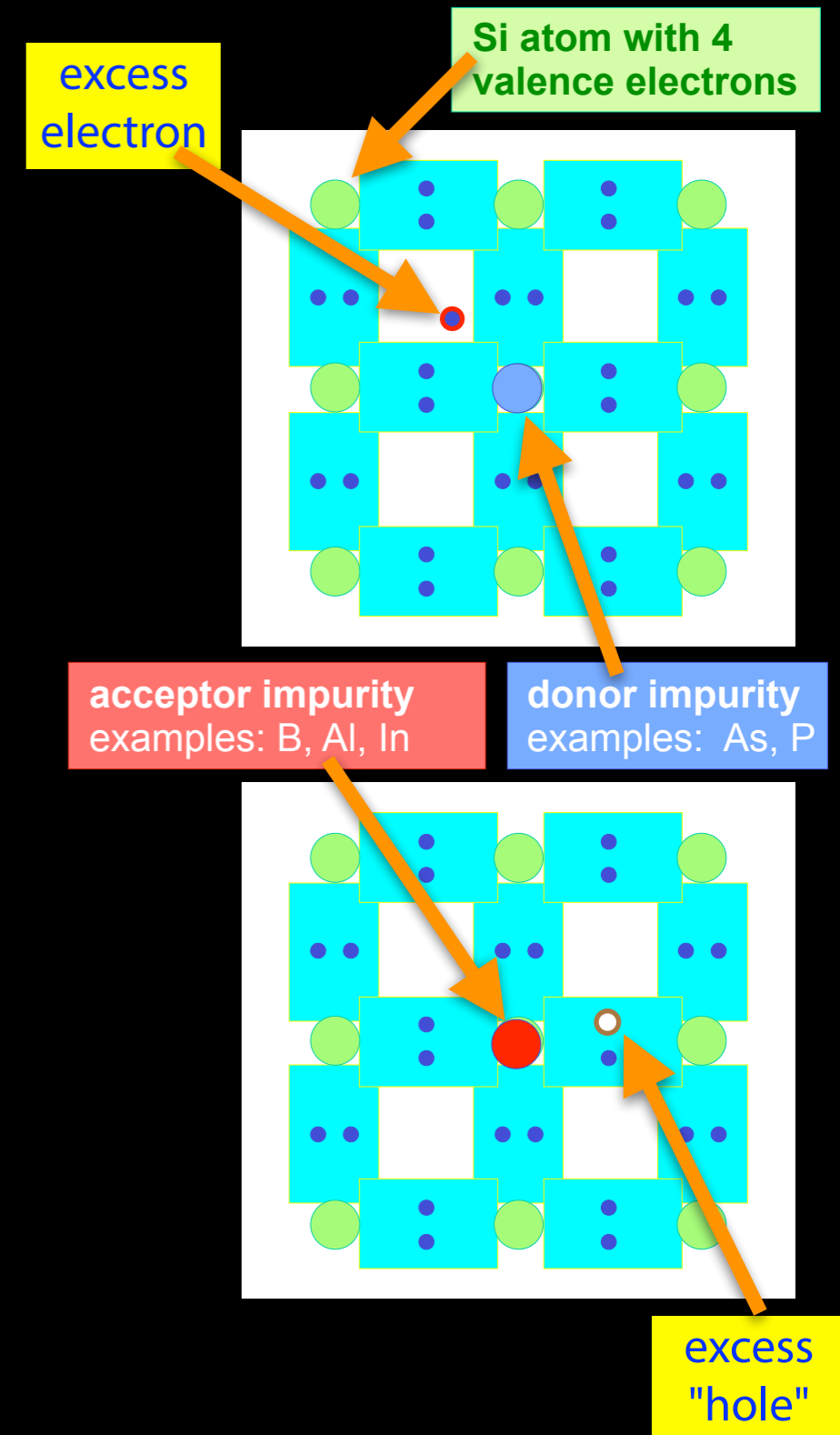
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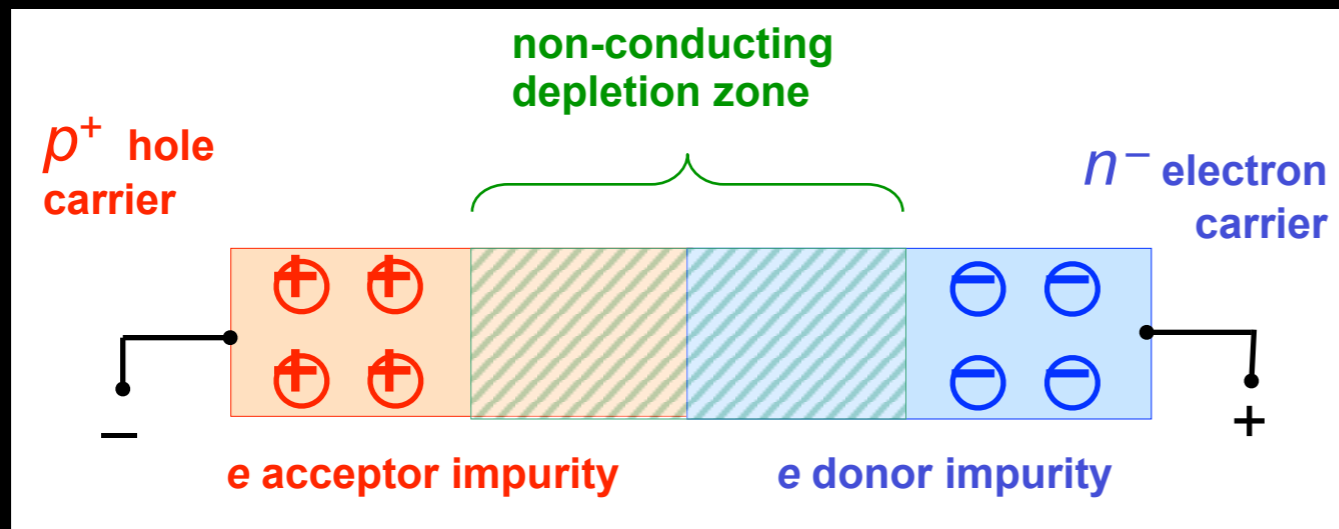
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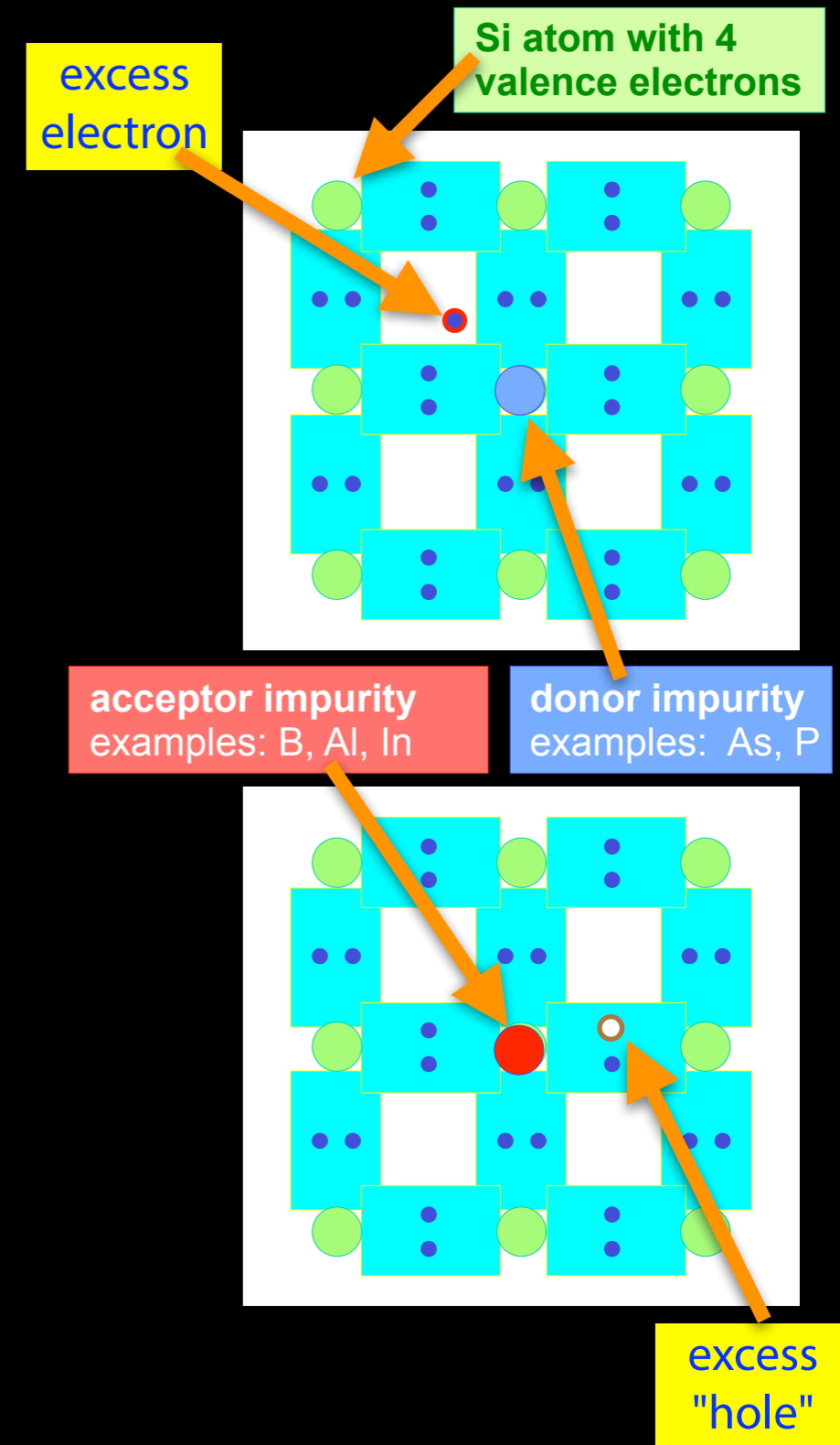
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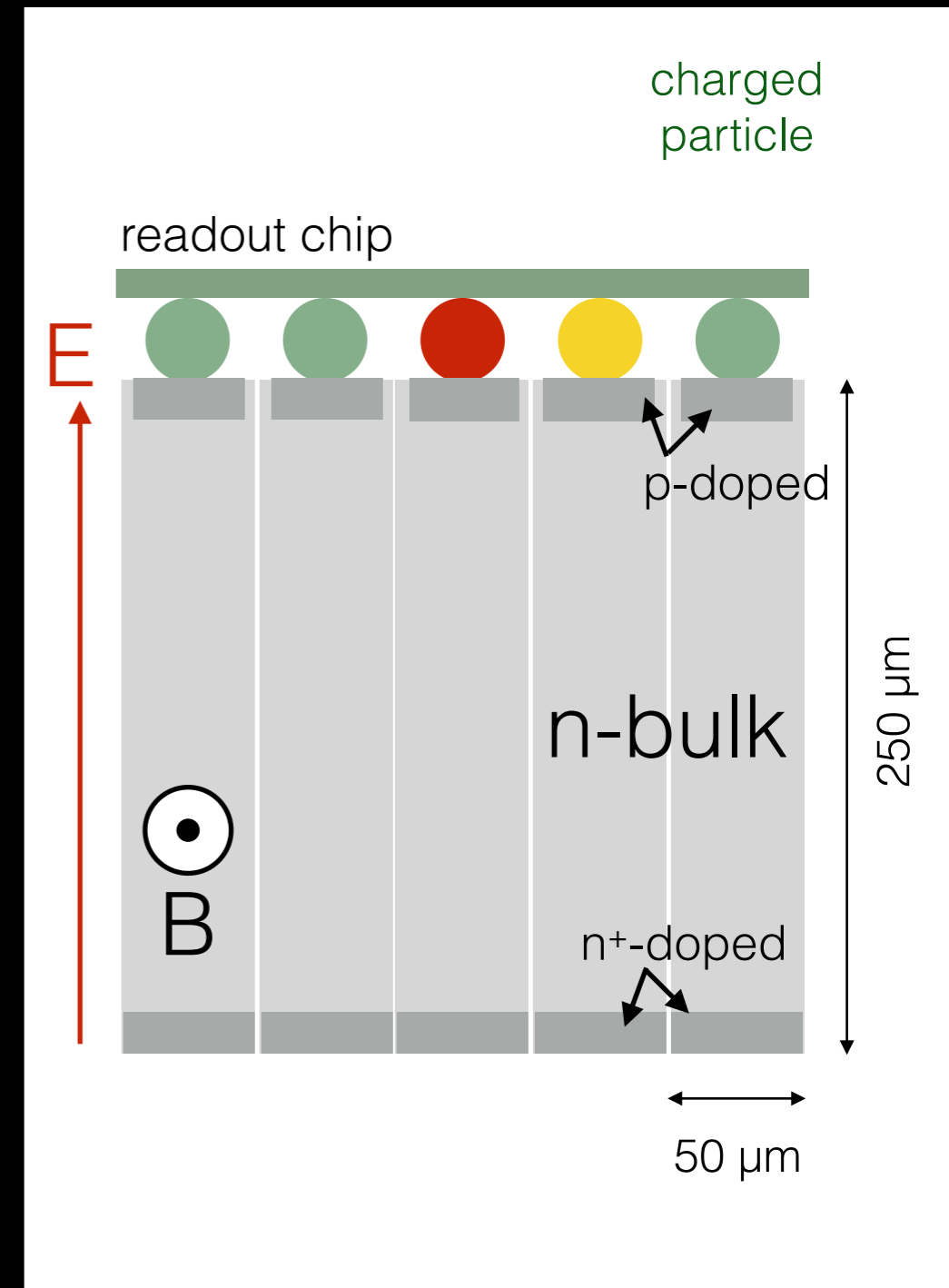




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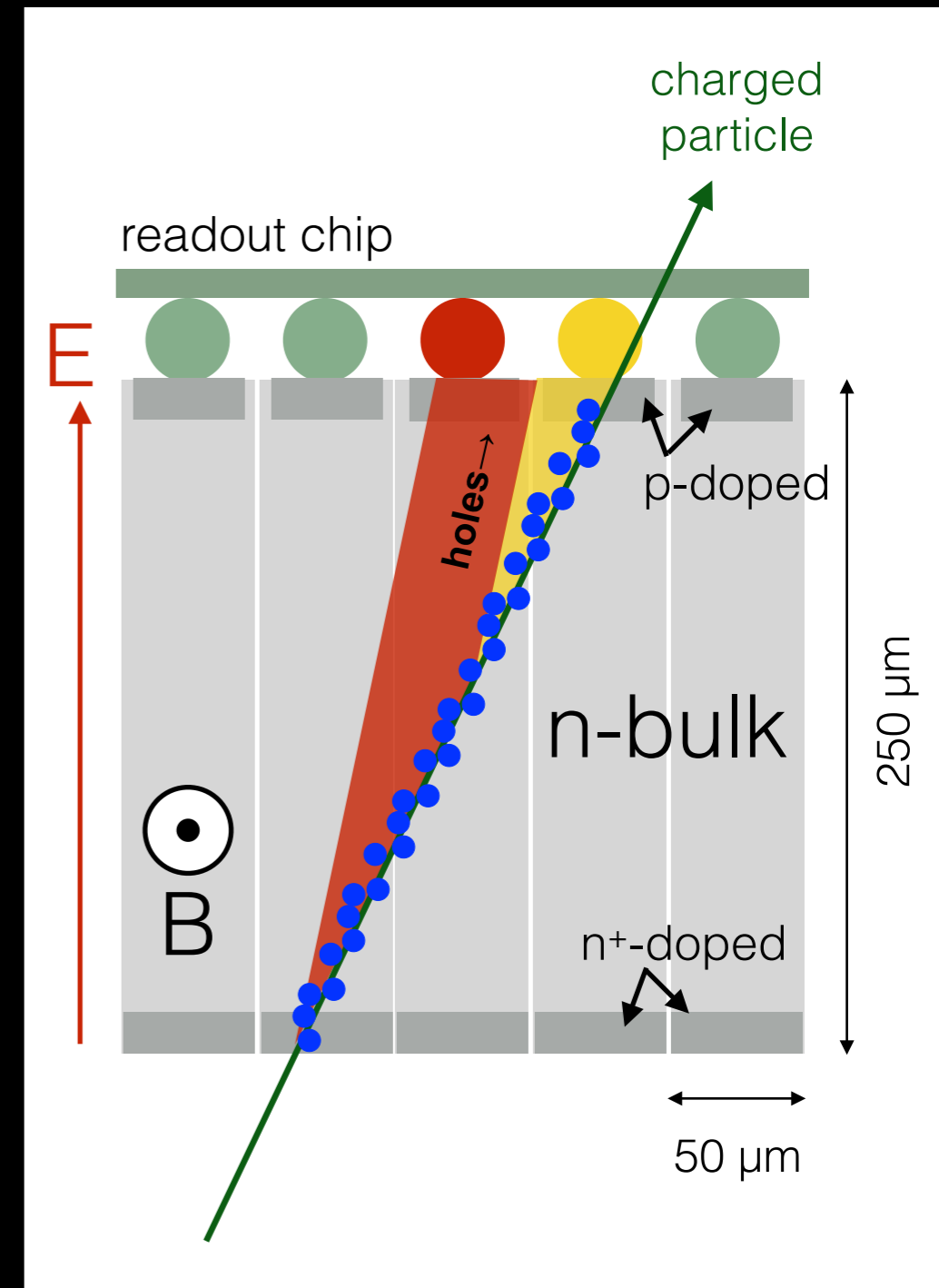
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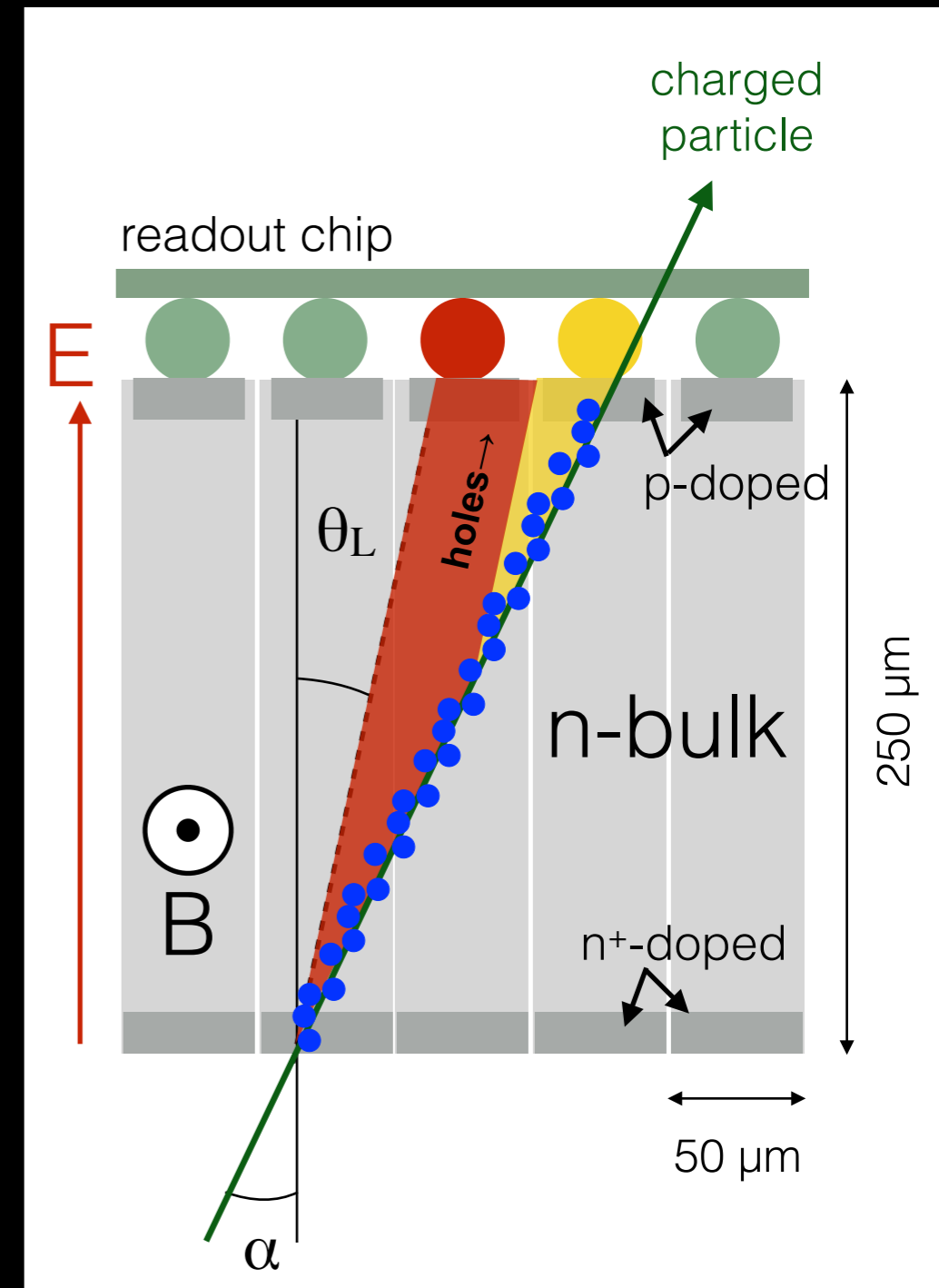
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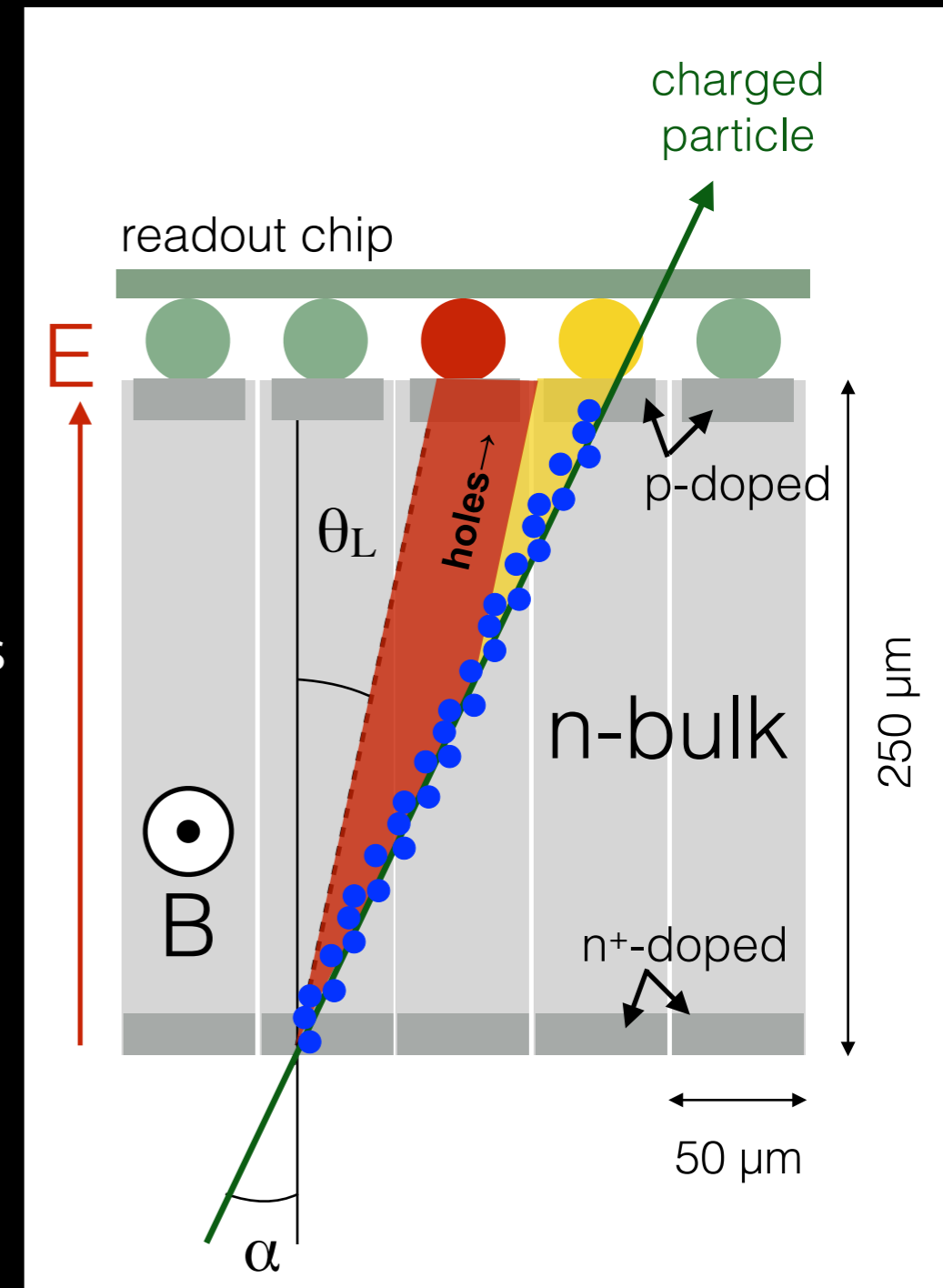
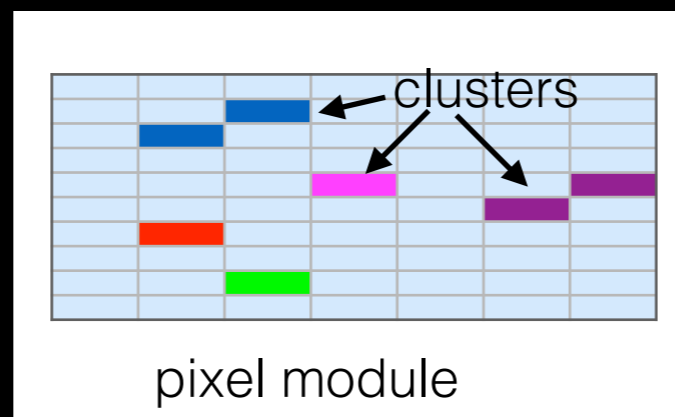
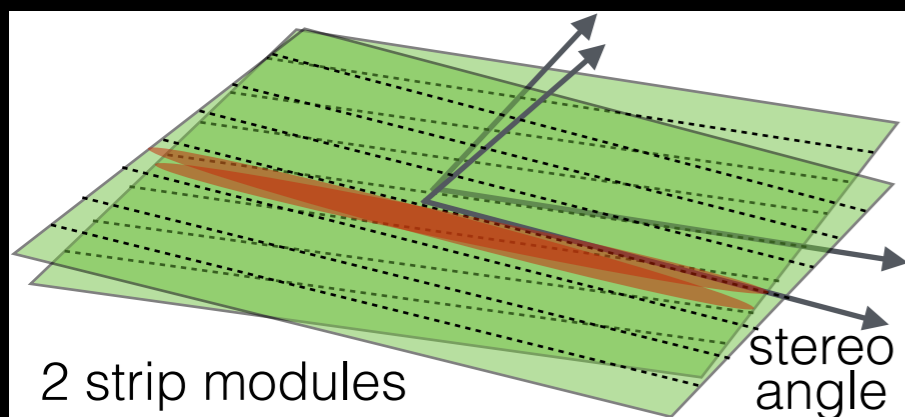
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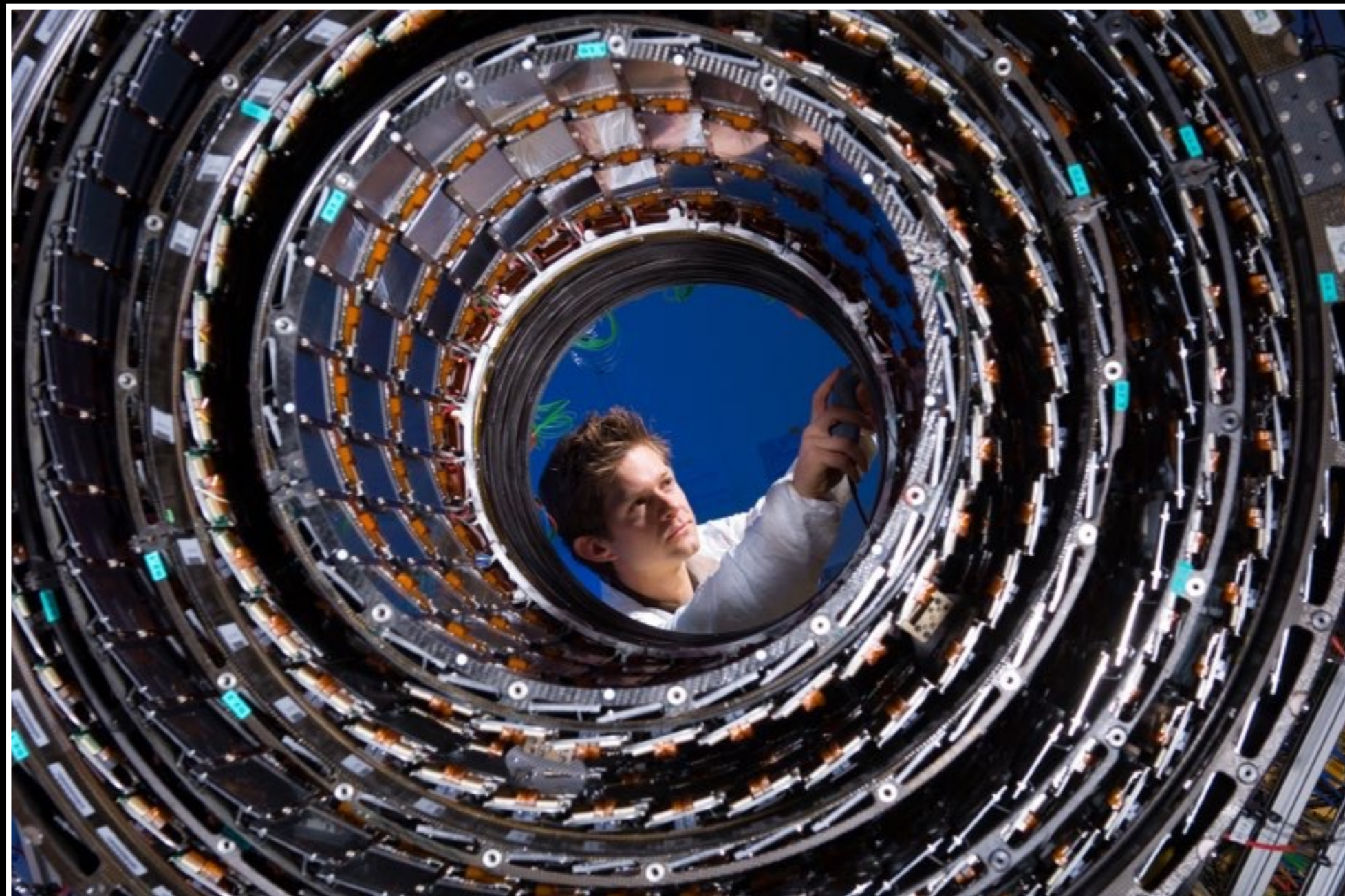
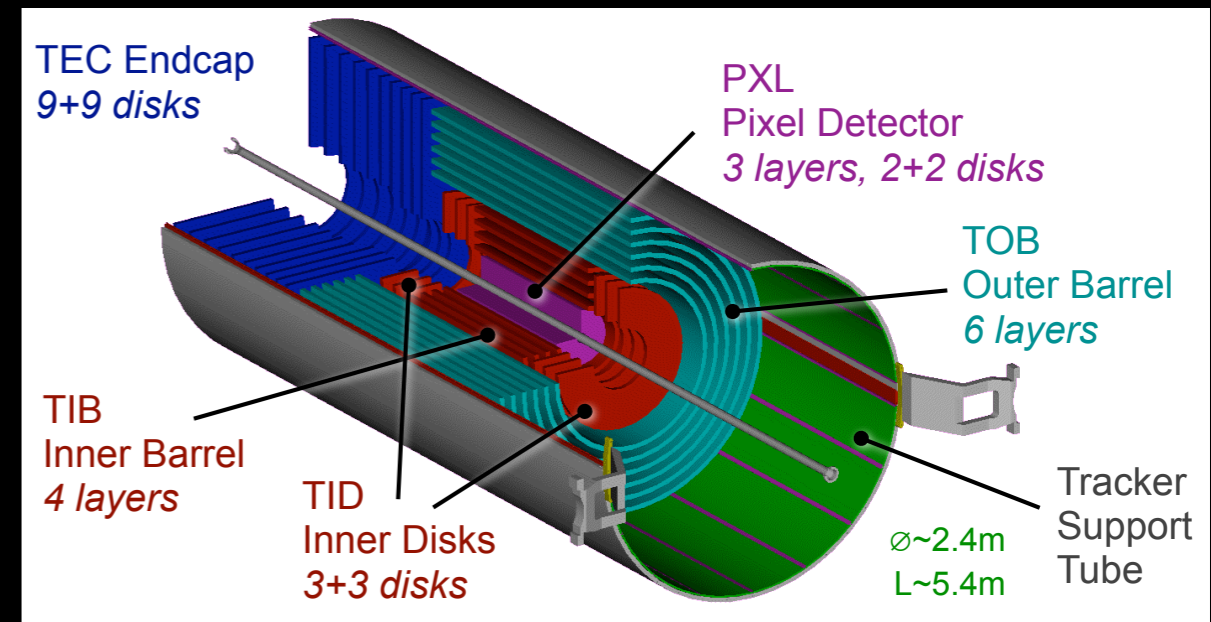
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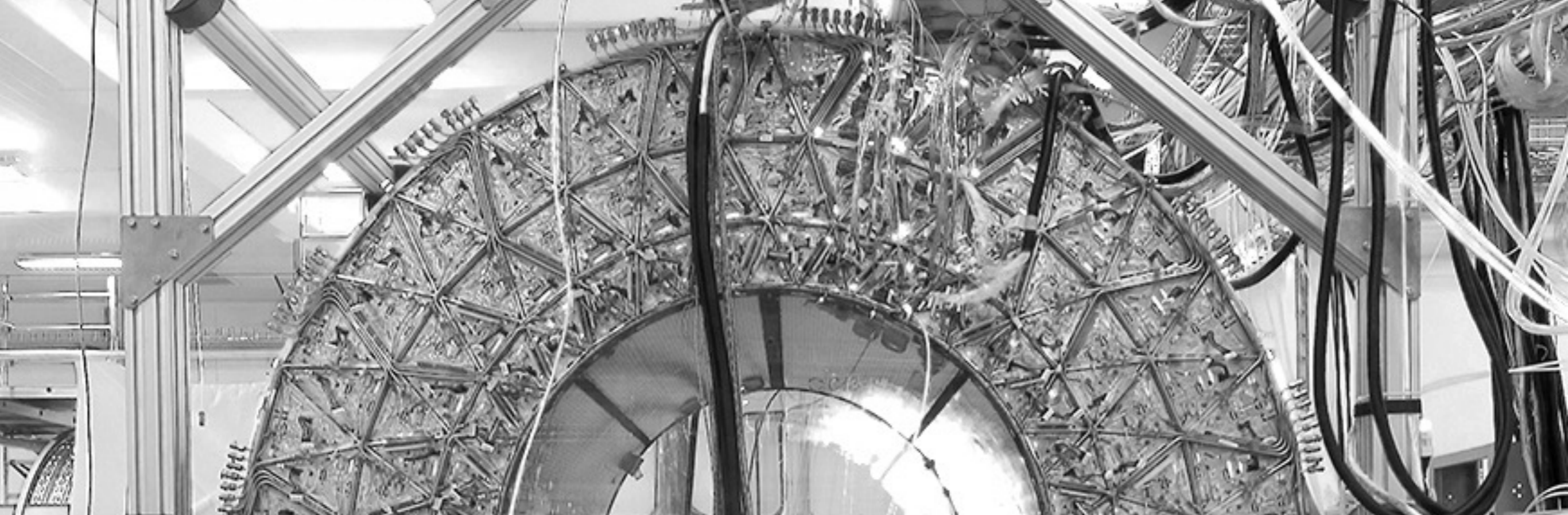
- ➔ **strip module**:  $50\ \mu\text{m}$  pitch, wafers with  $\sim 6\ \text{cm}$  diodes
  - needs 2 modules to measure both coordinates
- ➔ **pixel module**: e.g.  $50 \times 400\ \mu\text{m}$  pixel, analog readout
  - clusters measures precisely both coordinates



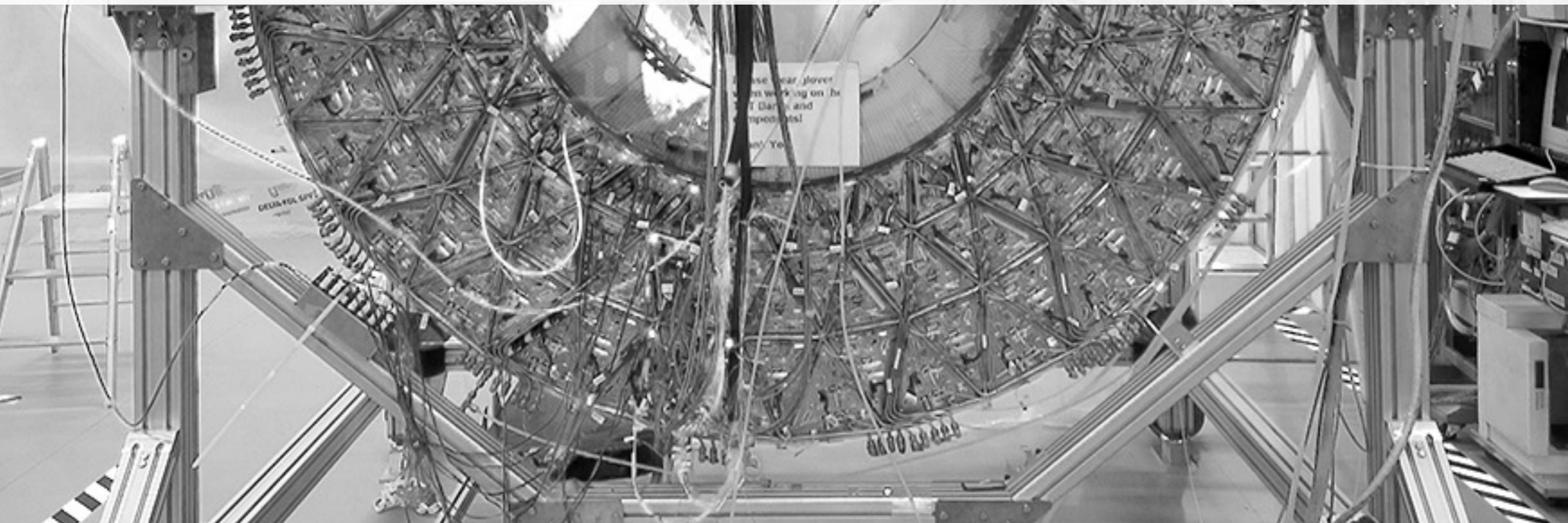
# CMS Tracker

- largest silicon tracker ever built
  - ➔ **Pixels:** 66M channels,  $100 \times 150 \mu\text{m}^2$  Pixel
  - ➔ **strip detector:**  $\sim 23\text{m}^3$ ,  $210\text{m}^2$  of Si area, 10.7M channels



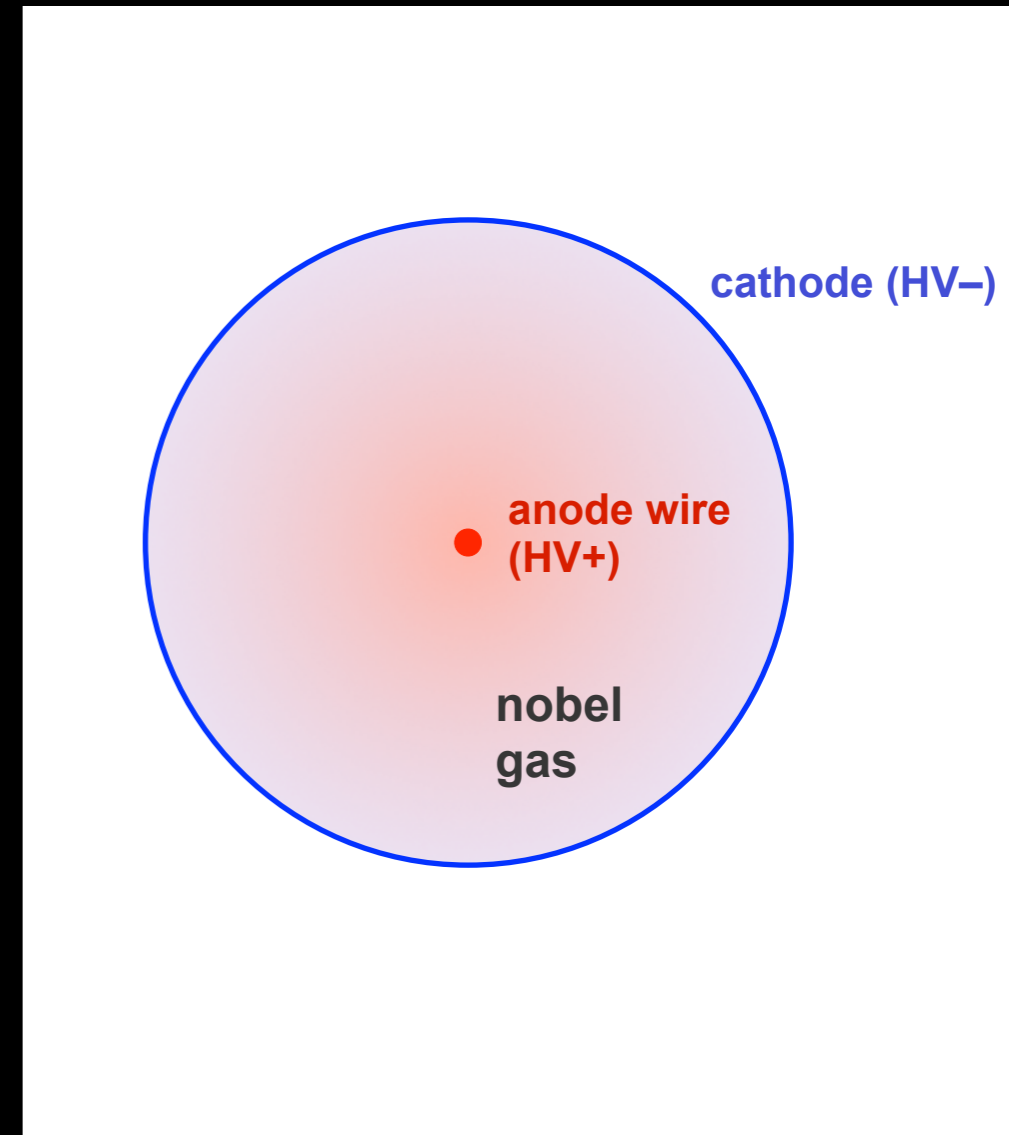


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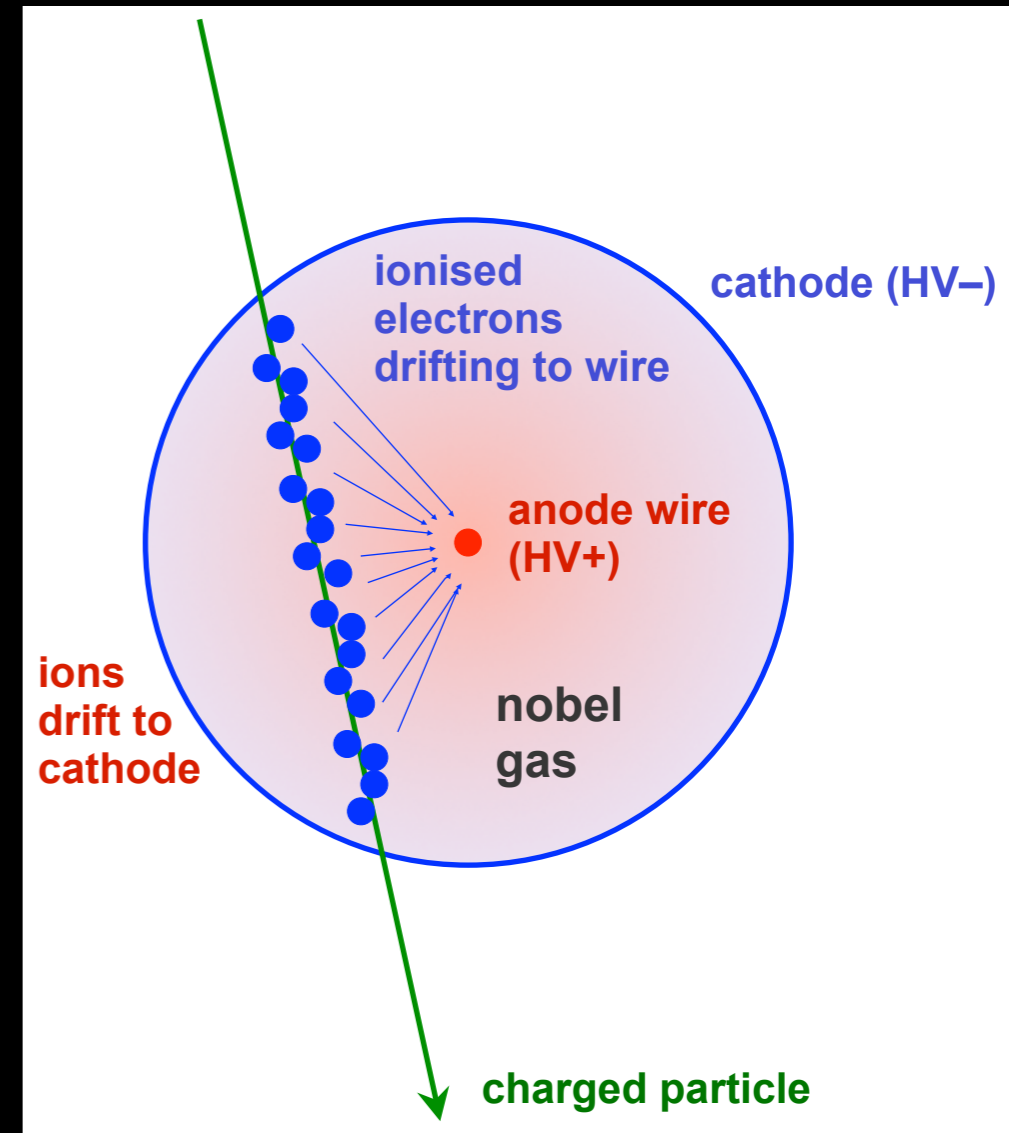
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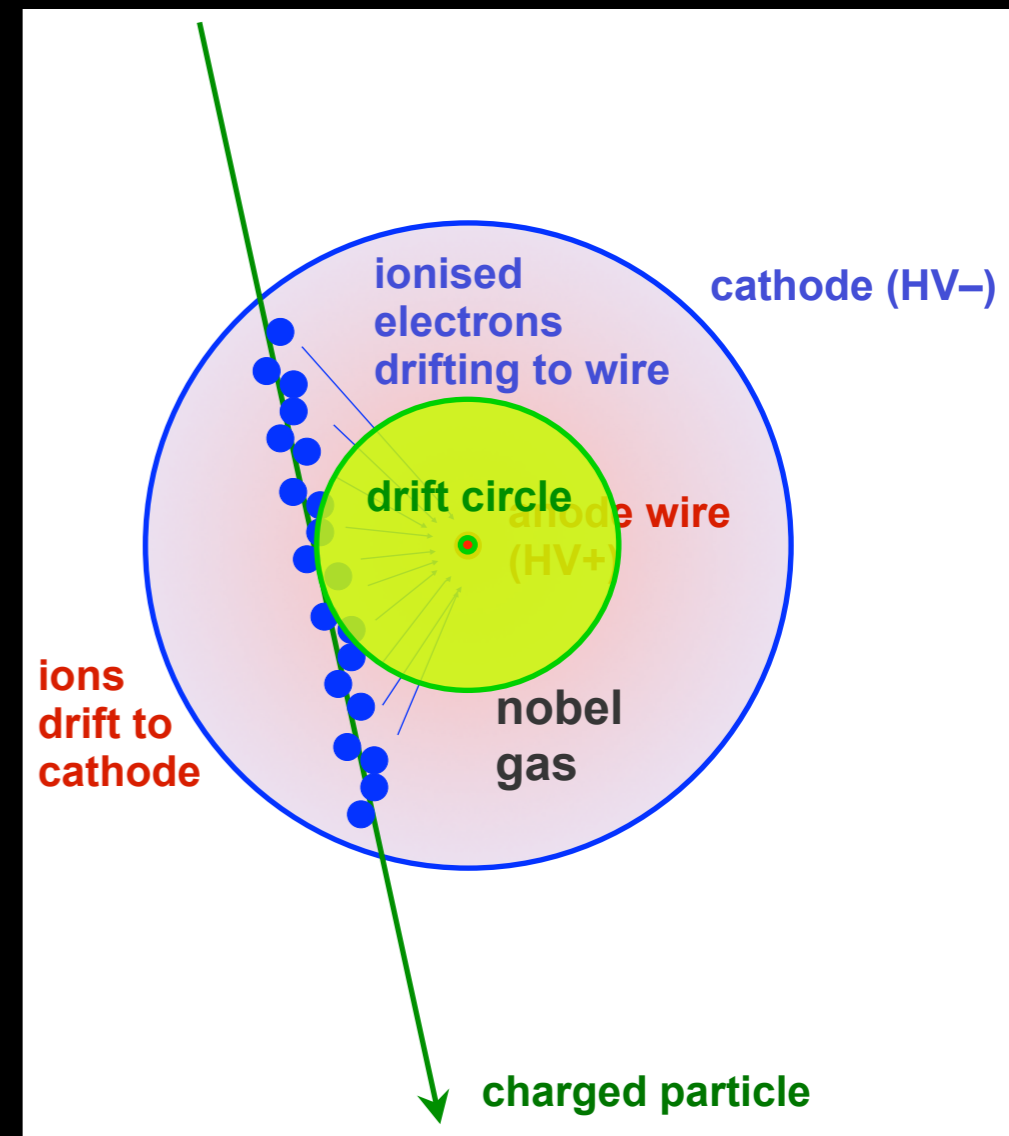


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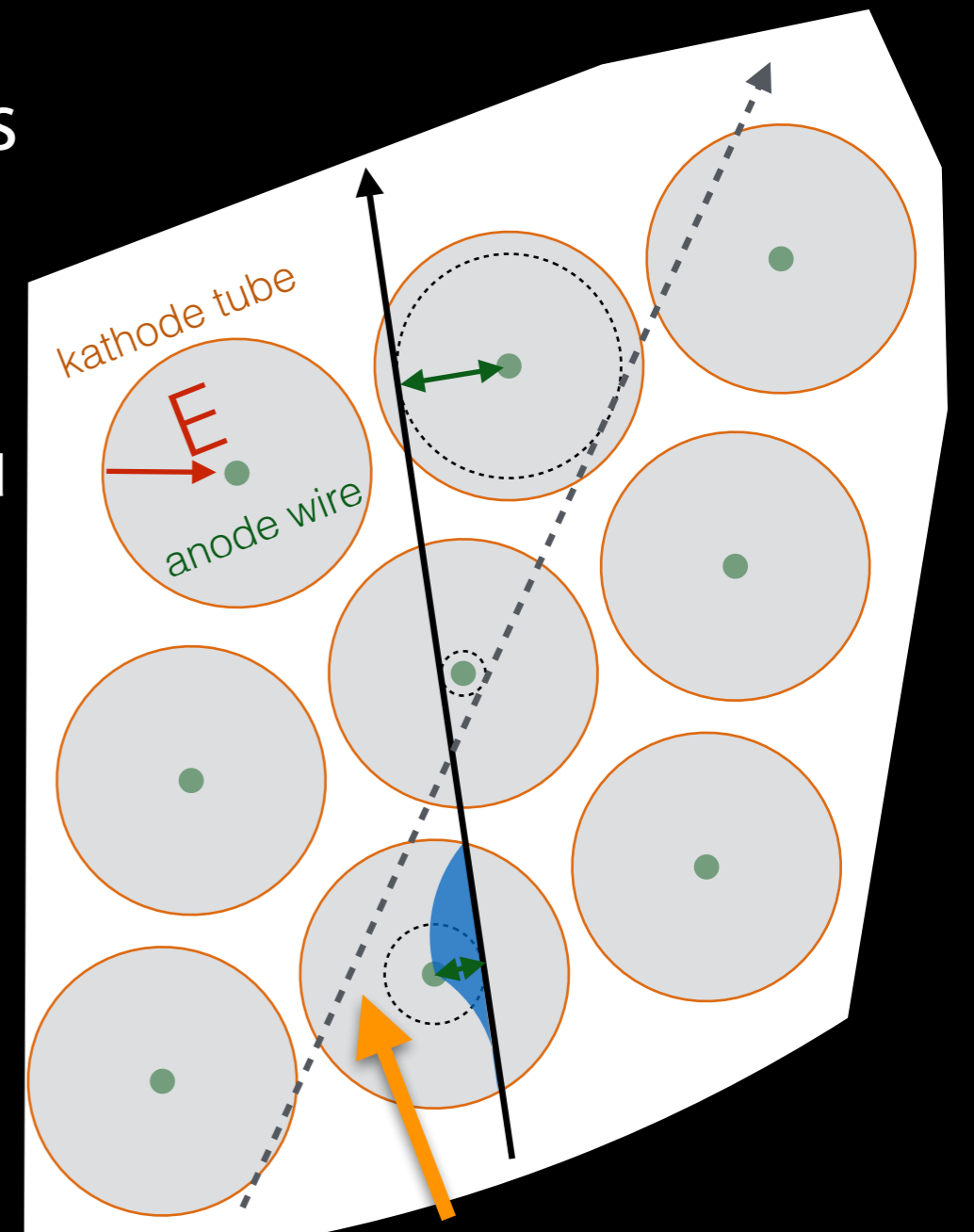
- track **reconstruction** from **drift circles**

- obtain drift radii from measured times

- combined several measurements to find track

- resolve **left-right ambiguity** (dotted line)

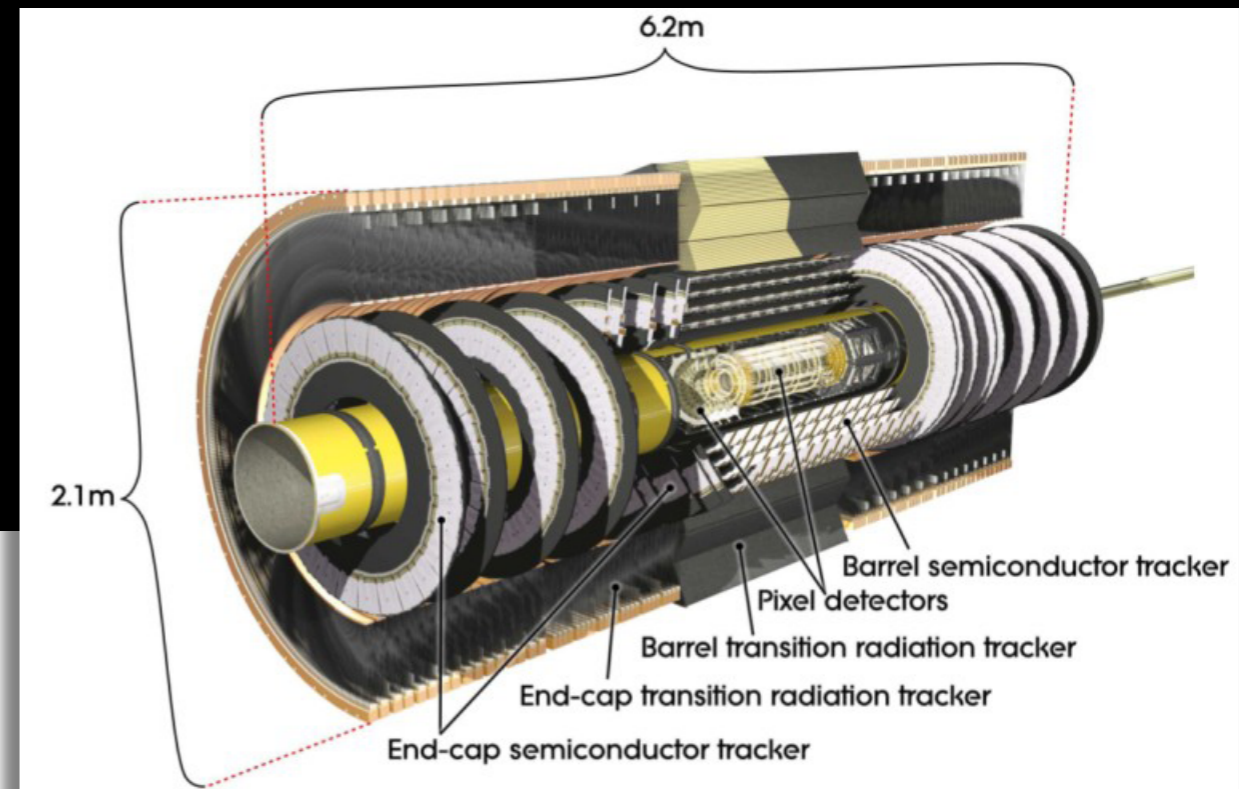
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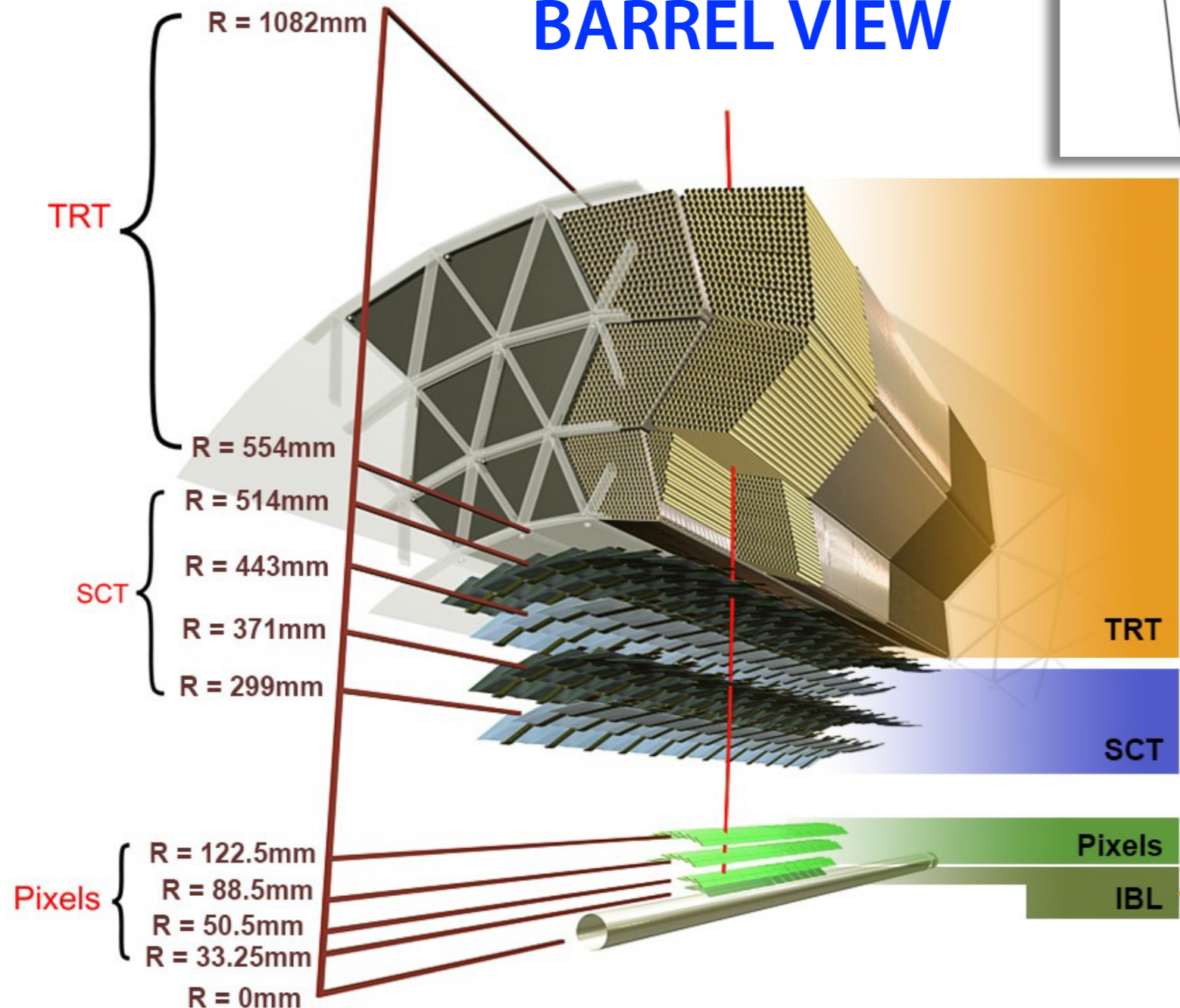
right side of ambiguity  
has large residual

# ATLAS Inner Detector

- expanded view of barrel
- ➔ IBL was installed 2014!



## BARREL VIEW



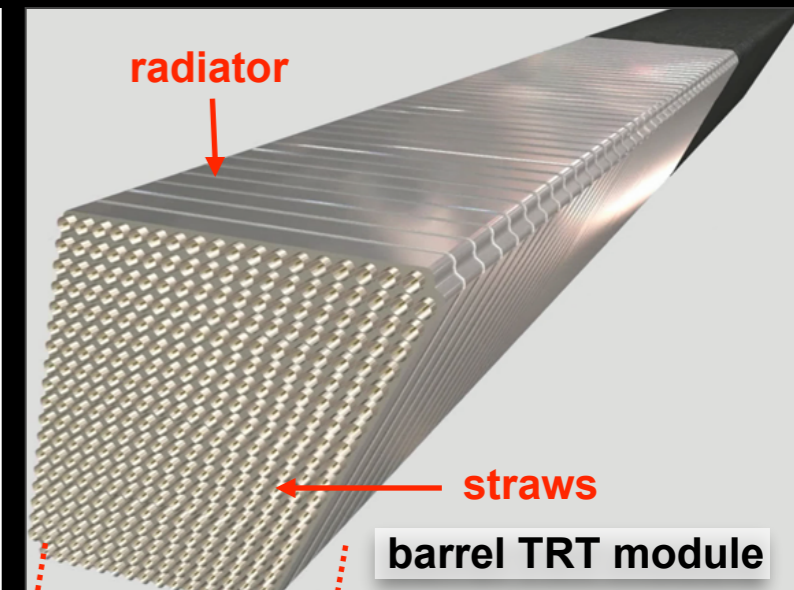
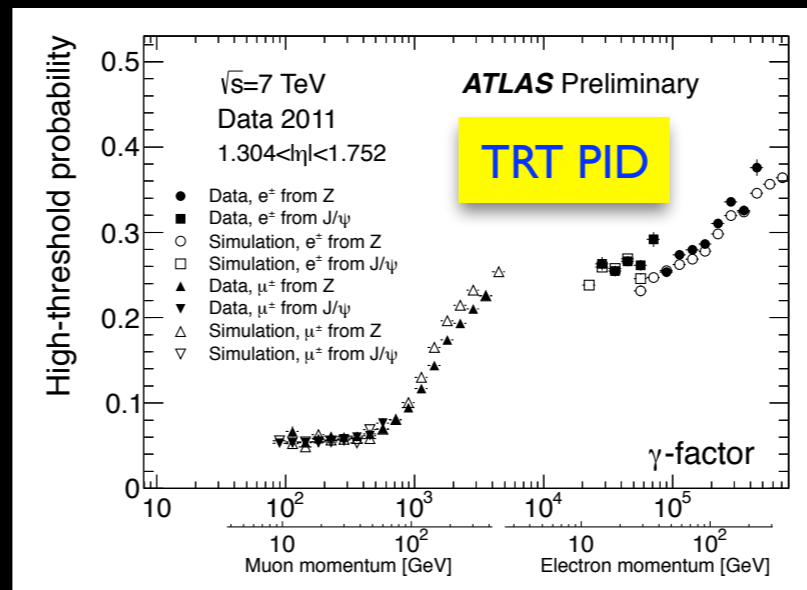
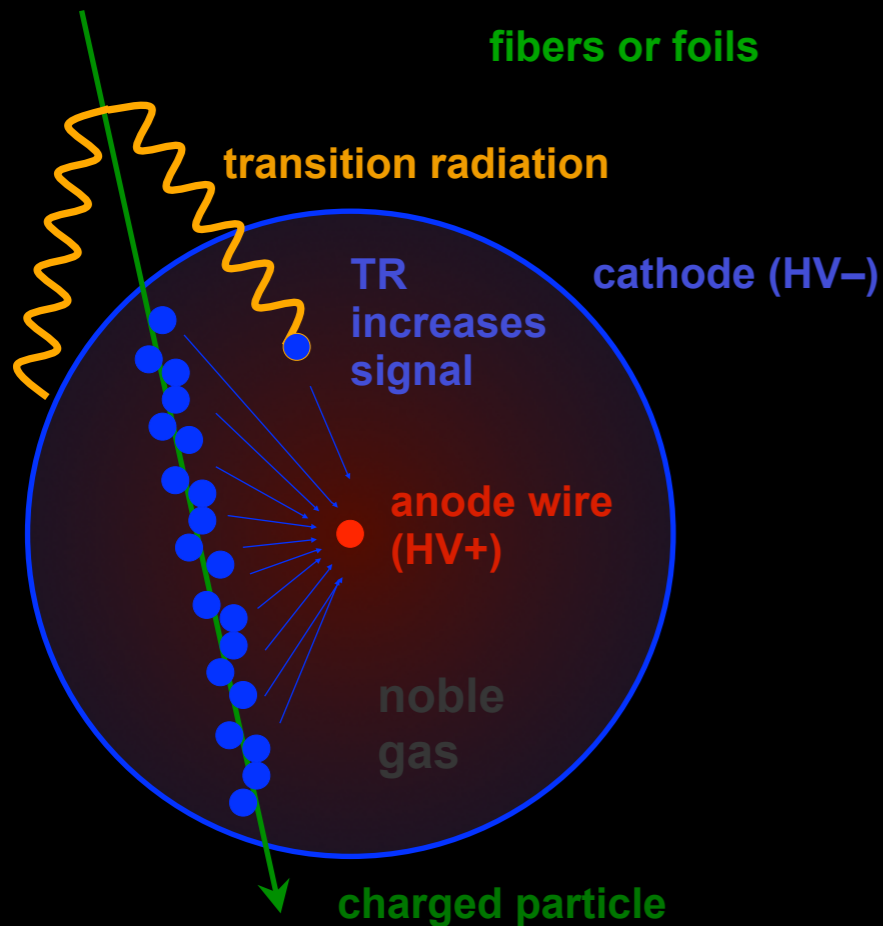
- barrel track passes:
  - ➔ 4(!) Pixel layers
  - ➔ 4x2 silicon Strips on stereo modules
  - ➔ ~36 TRT 4mm straws



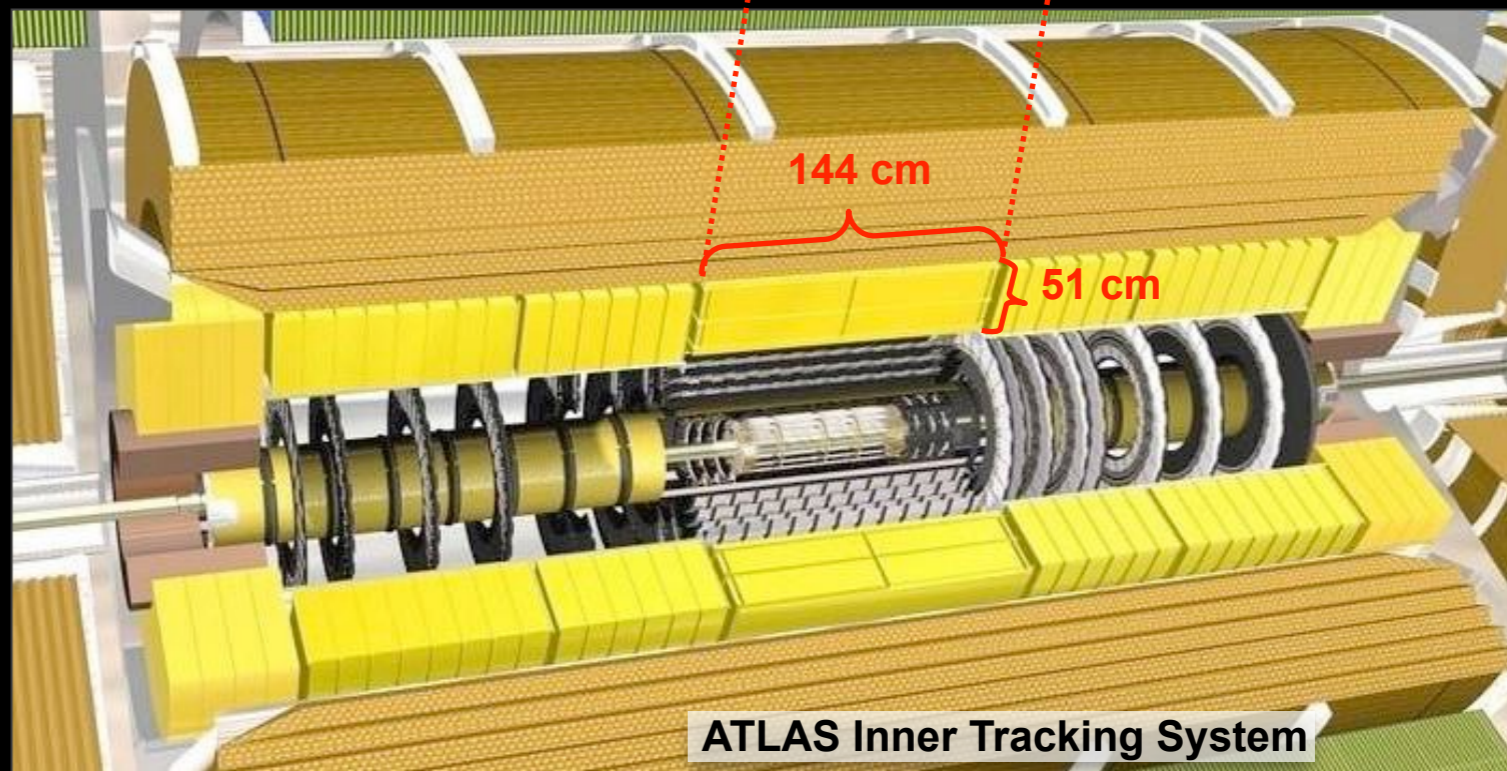
# Electron Identification in the ATLAS TRT

for completeness

→ e/π separation via **transition radiation**: polymer (PP) fibers/foils interleaved with drift tubes



- electrons radiate → higher signal
- PID info by counting high-threshold hits component precisely



# Charged Particle Trajectories and Extrapolation

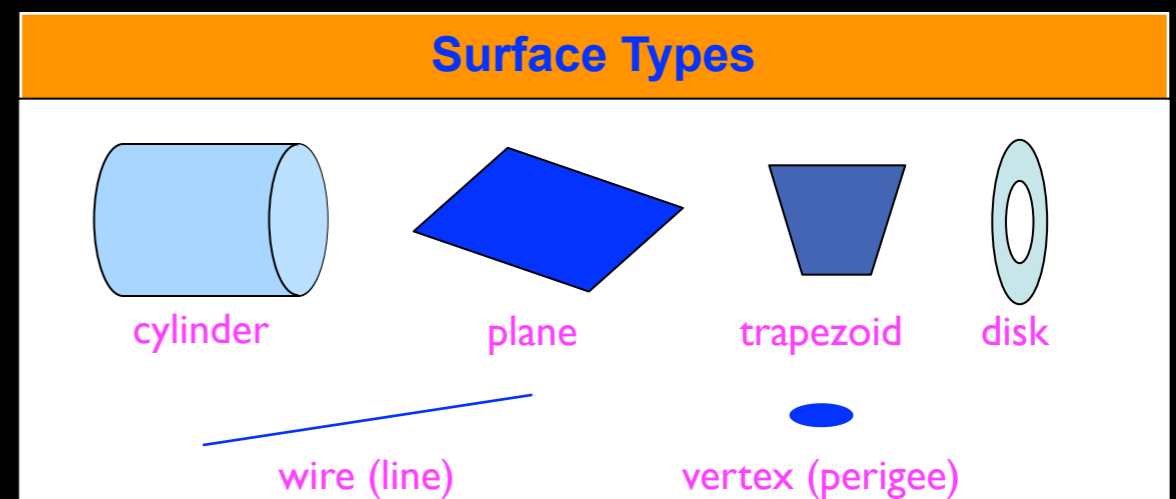
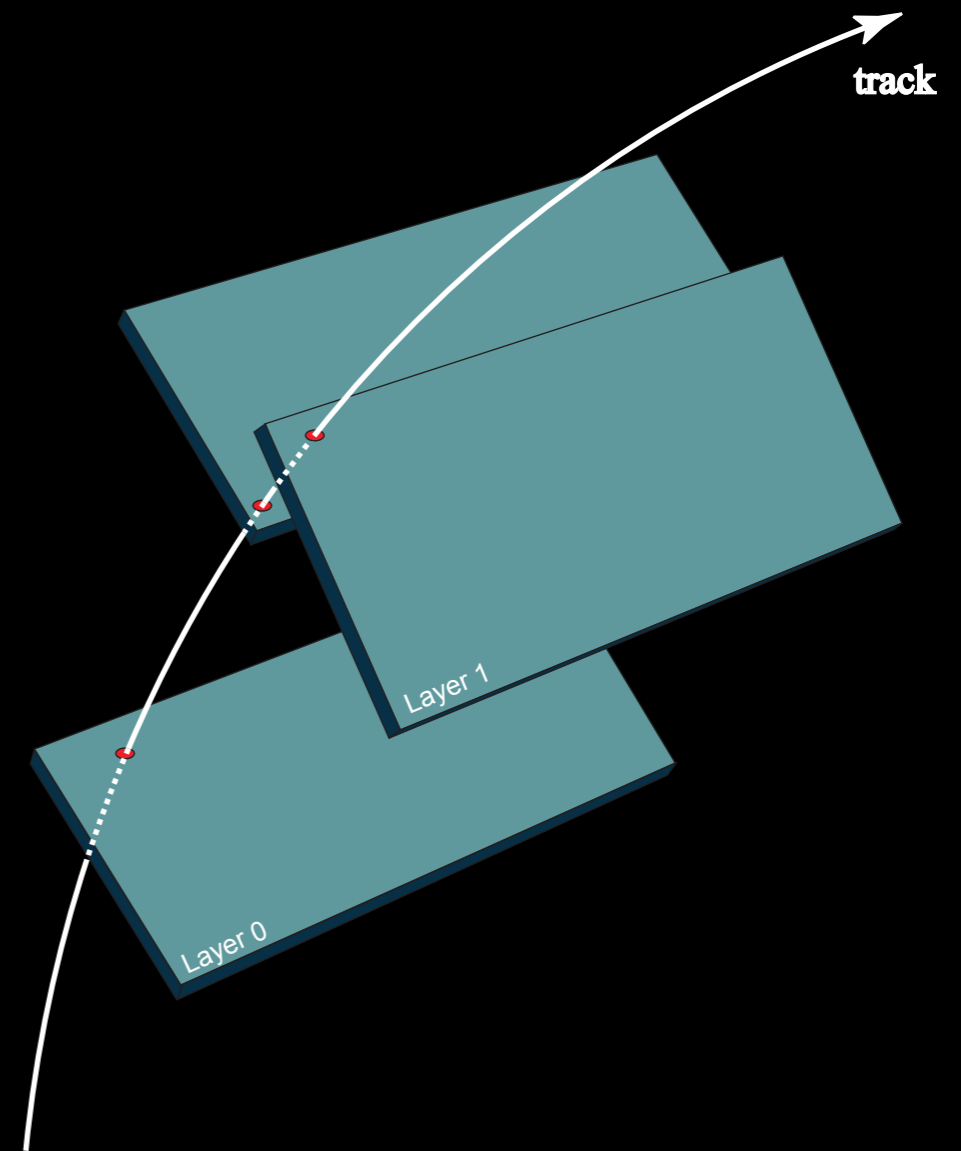


# A Trajectory of a Charged Particle

- in a solenoid B field a charged particle trajectory is describing a **helix**
  - a circle in the plane perpendicular to the field ( $R\phi$ )
  - a path (not a line) at constant polar angle ( $\theta$ ) in the Rz plane
- a trajectory in space is defined by **5 parameters**
  - the **local position** ( $l_1, l_2$ ) on a plane, a cylinder, ..., on the surface or reference system
  - the **direction** in  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  plus the **curvature**  $Q/P_T$

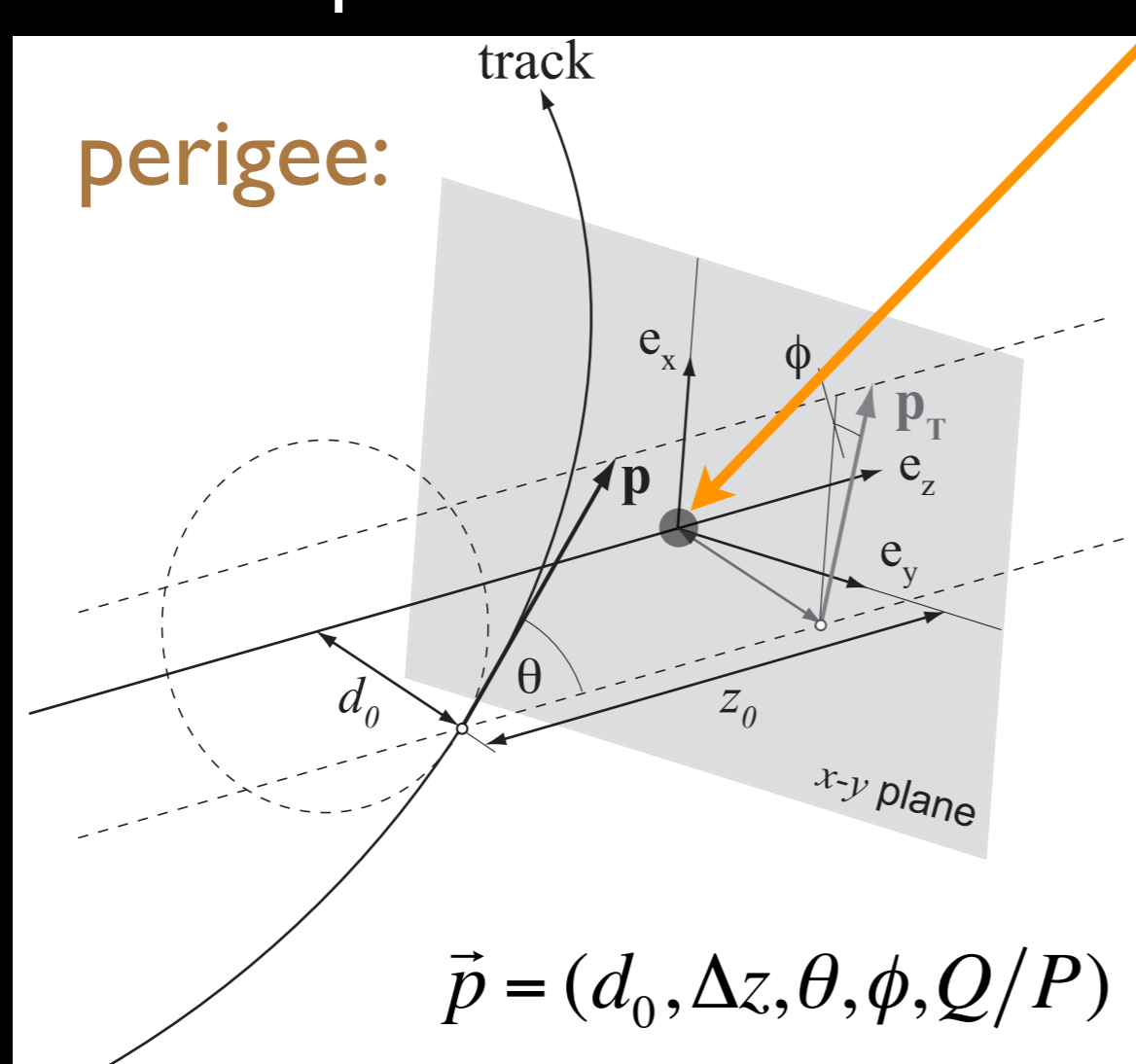
→ ATLAS choice:

$$\vec{p} = (l_1, l_2, \theta, \phi, Q/P)$$



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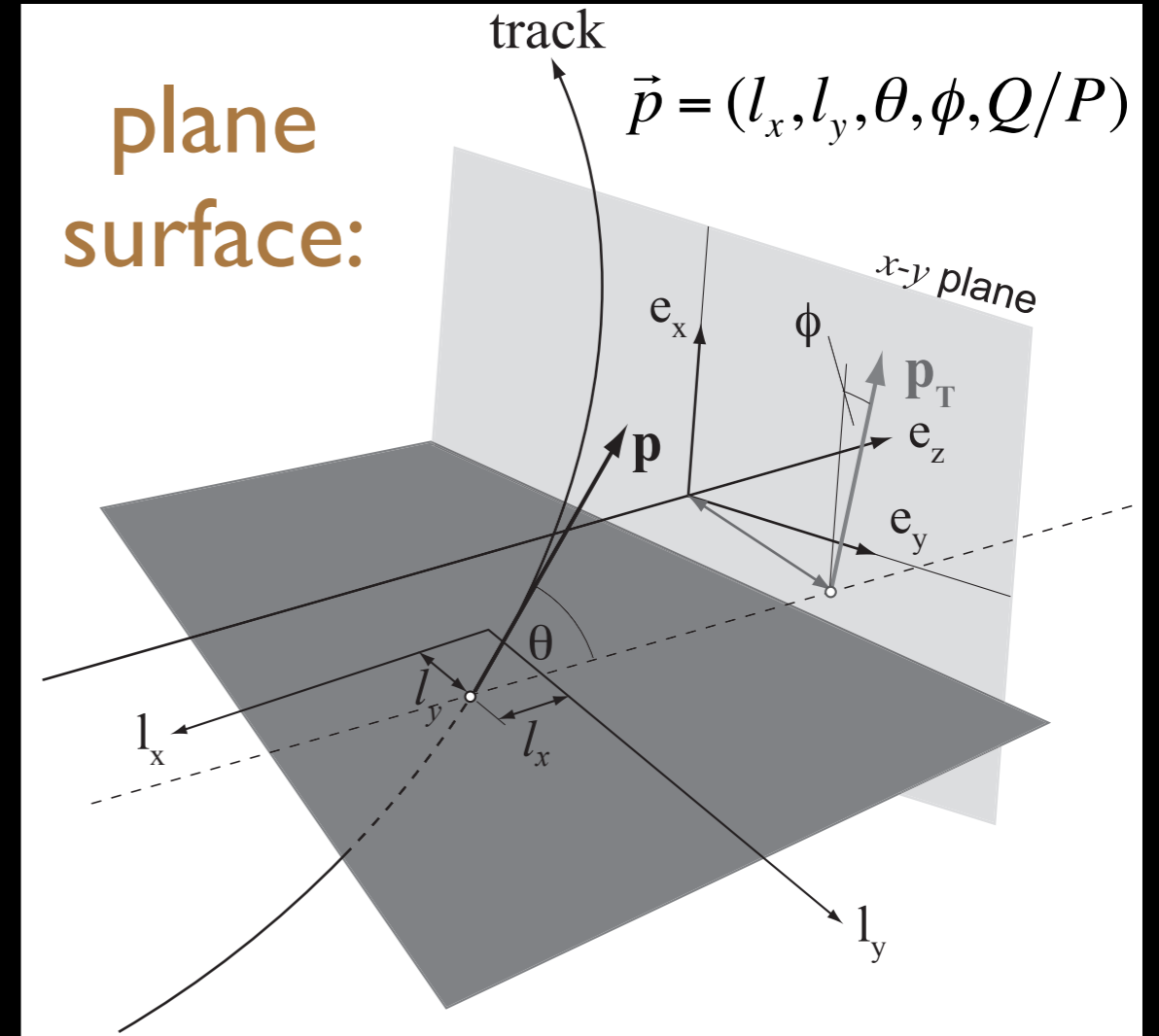
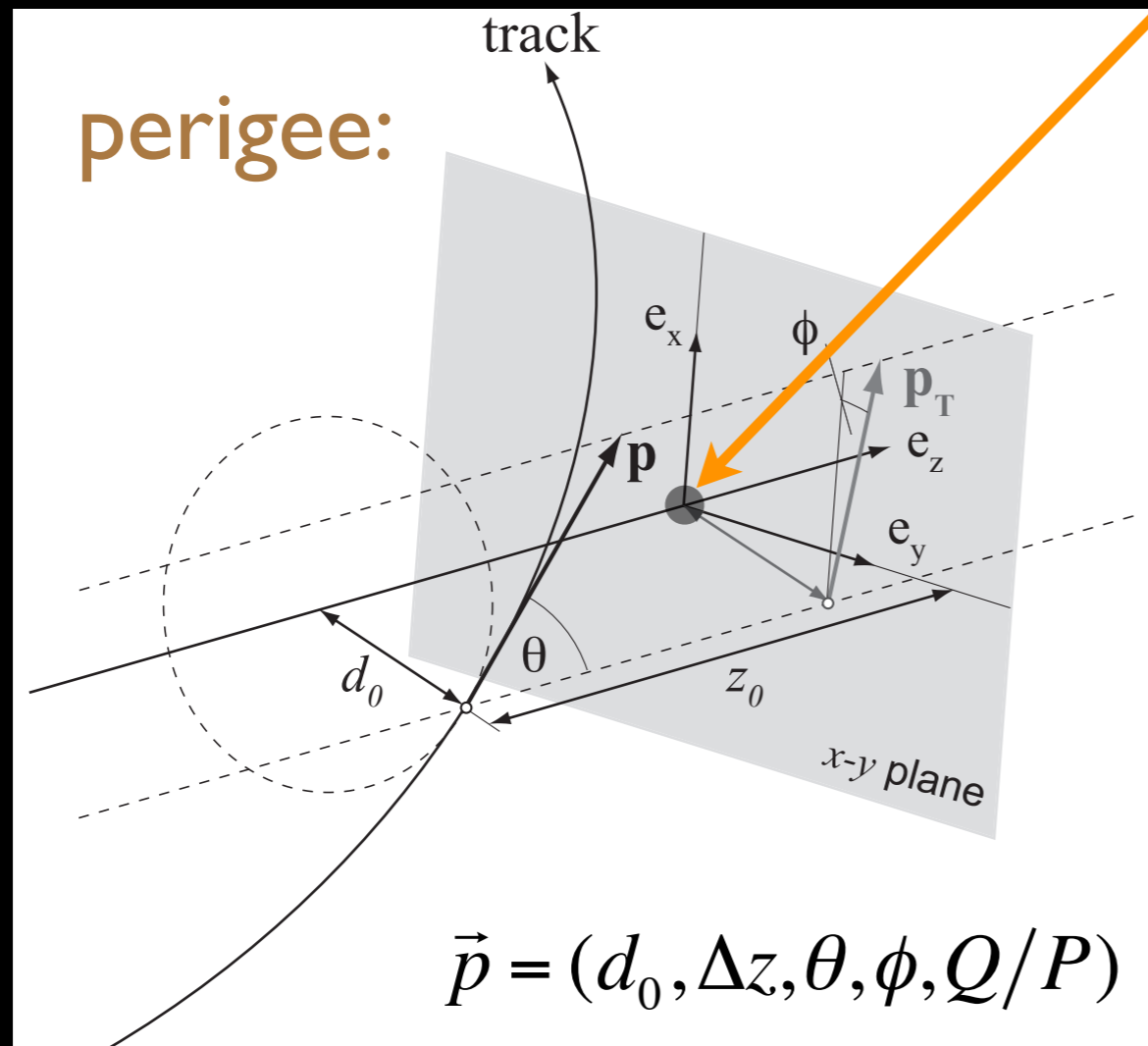


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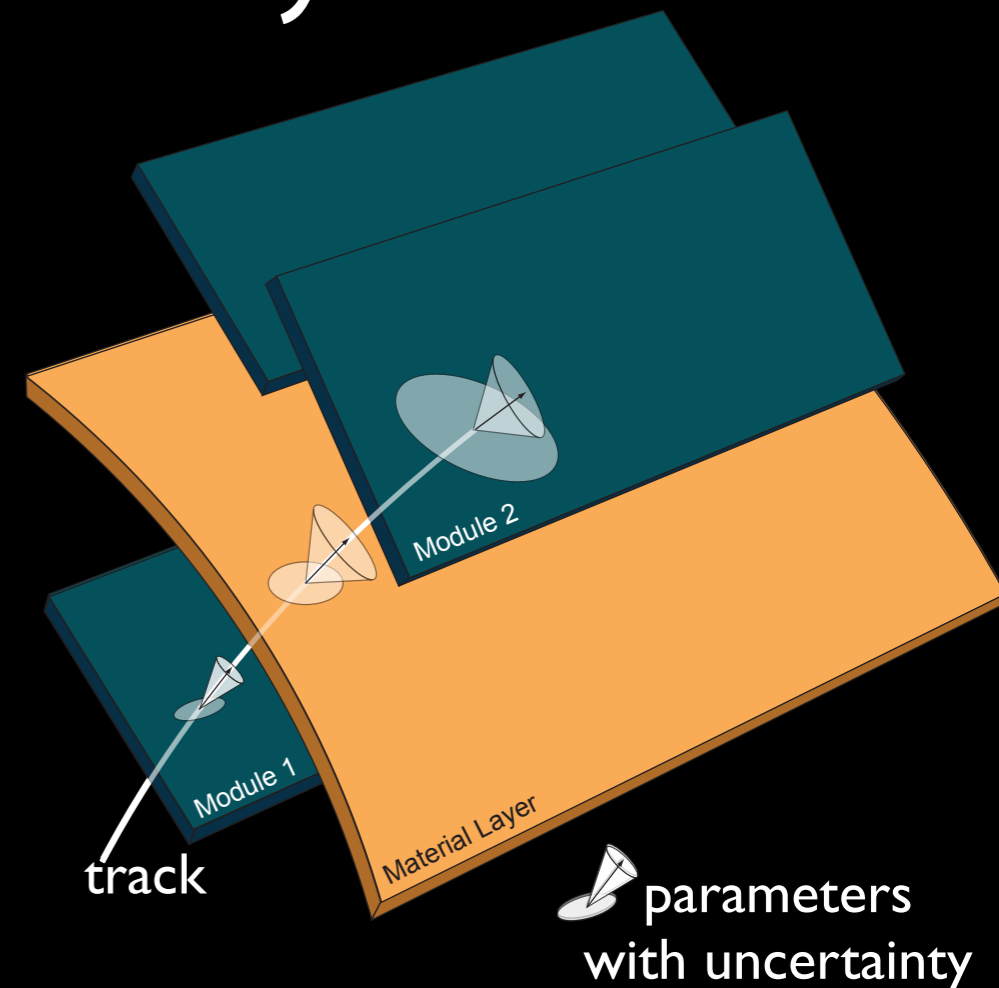
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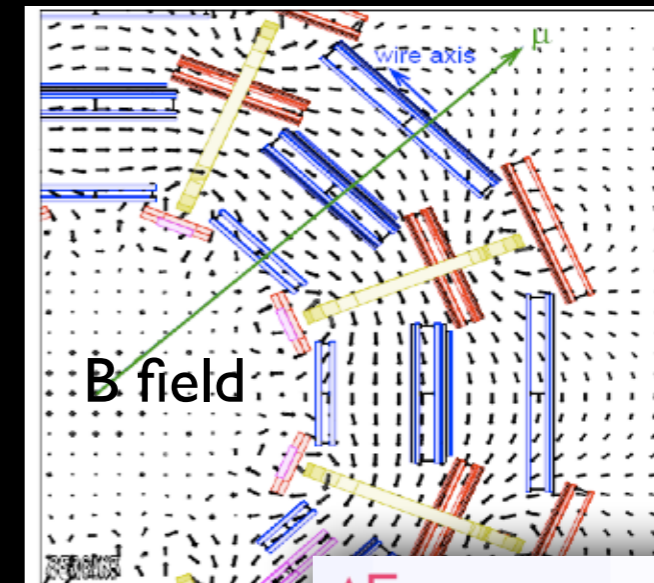


# Effects of **Material** and **realistic B-Field**

## ● **realistic** non-homogeneous B-field

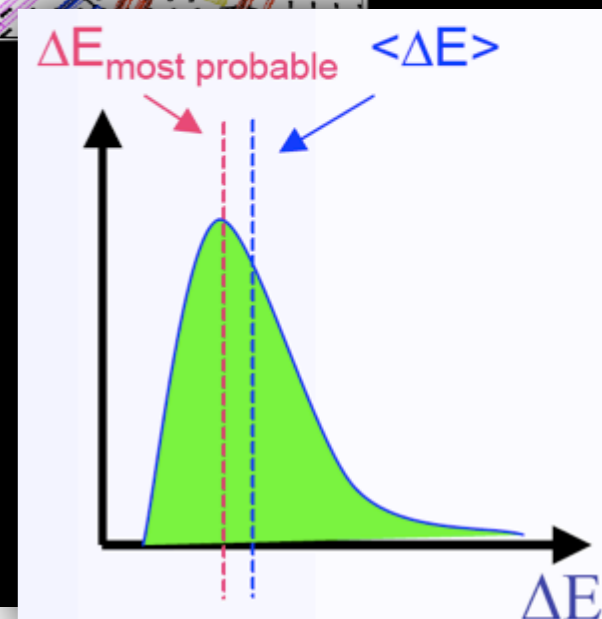
- ➔ analytical helix propagation has to be replaced by numerical B-field integration along the path of the trajectory
- ➔ in ATLAS and CMS a 4th order adaptive **Runge-Kutta-Nystrom** approach is used
- ➔ propagates covariance matrix in parallel  
(Bugge, Myrheim, 1981, NIM 179, p.365)

- for experts: muon reconstruction in ATLAS+CMS uses the STEP track model with continuous energy loss and multiple scattering



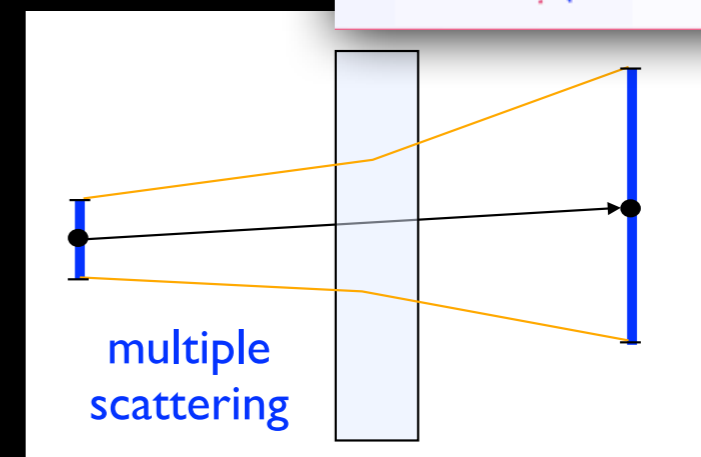
## ● **energy loss**

- ➔ use most **probably energy loss** for  $x/X_0$
- ➔ correct momentum (curvature) and its covariance



## ● **multiple scattering**

- ➔ increases **uncertainty on direction** of track
- ➔ for given  $x/X_0$  traversed add term to covariances of  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  on a material "layer"

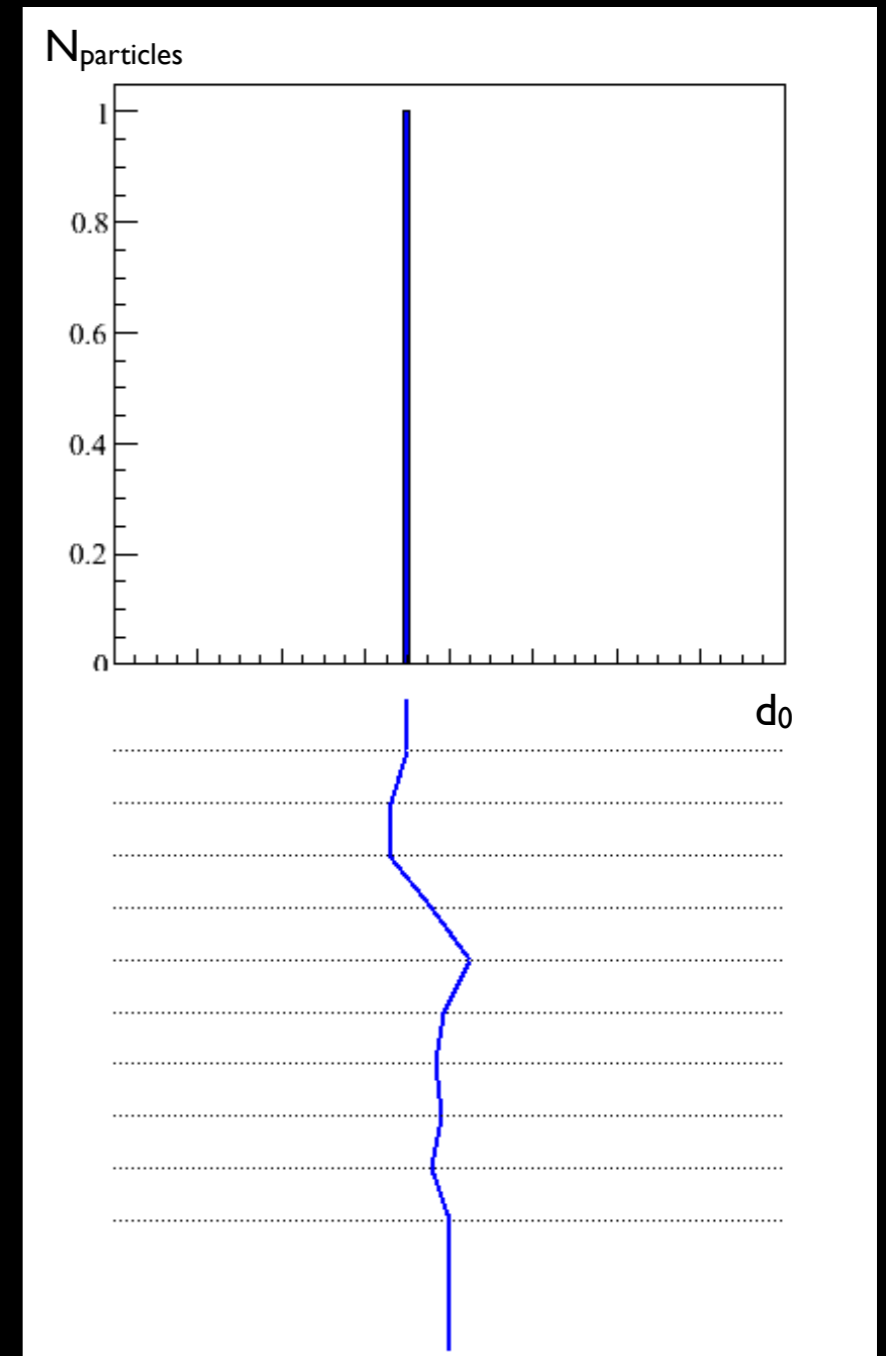


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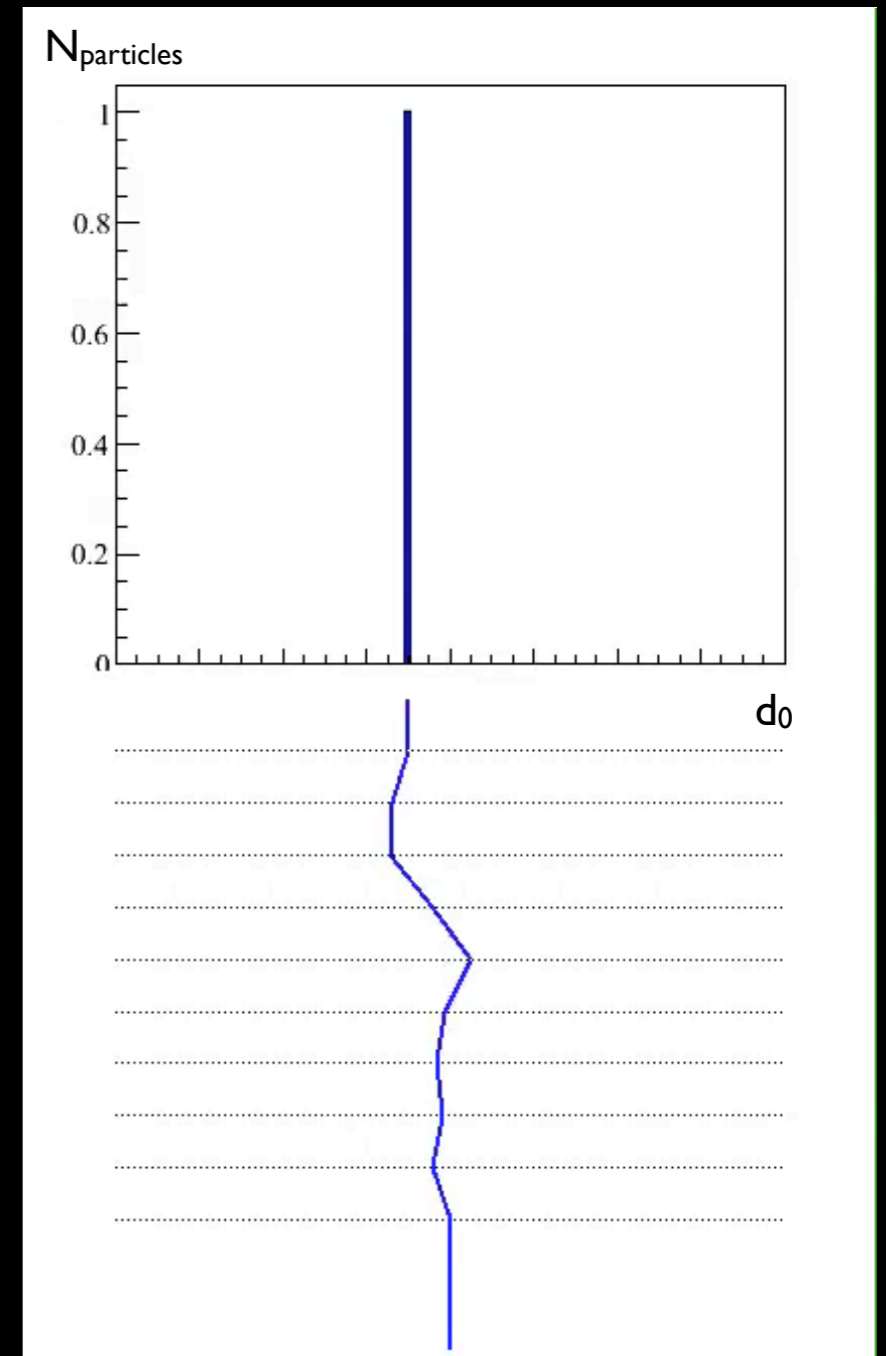
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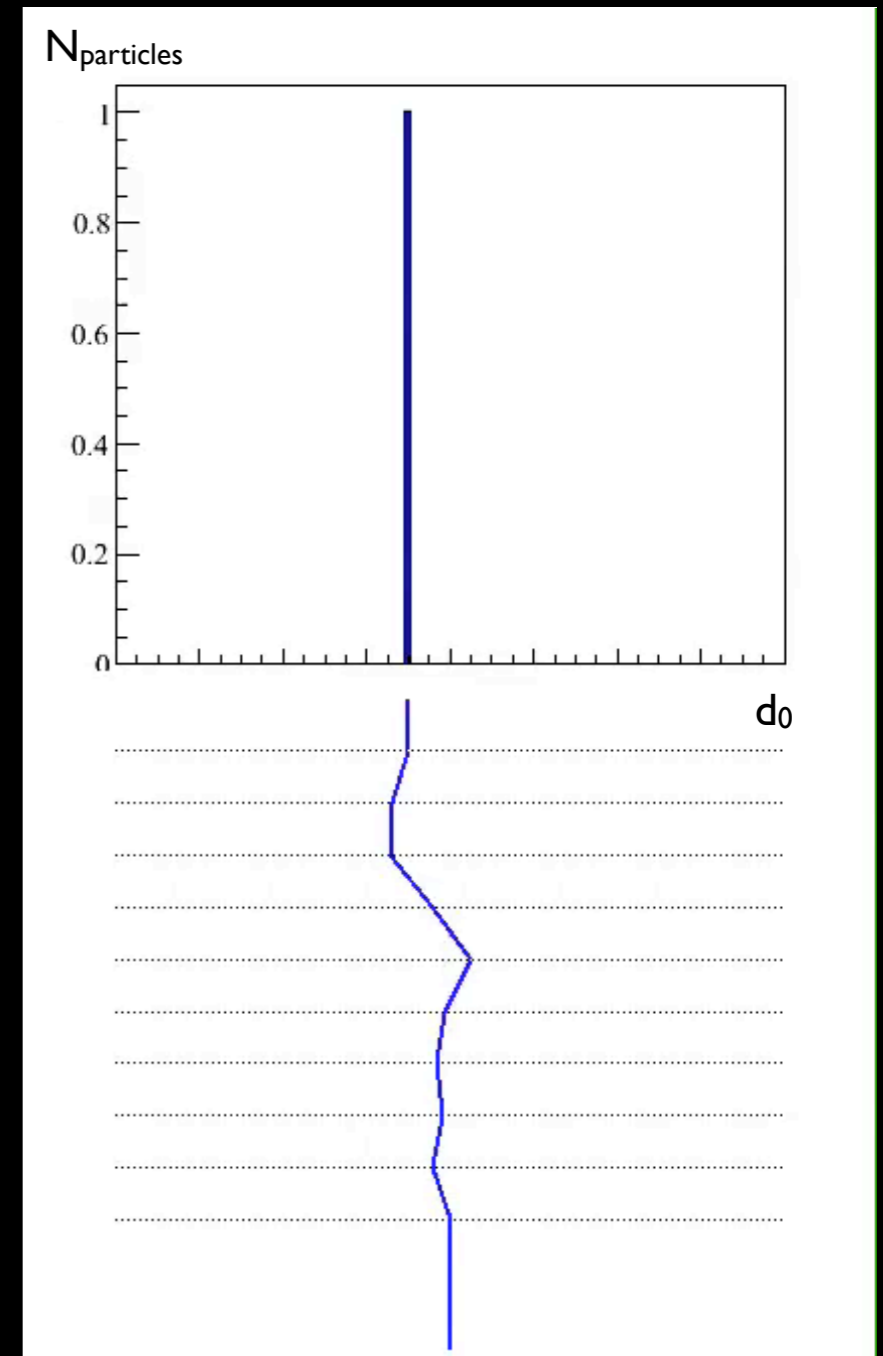
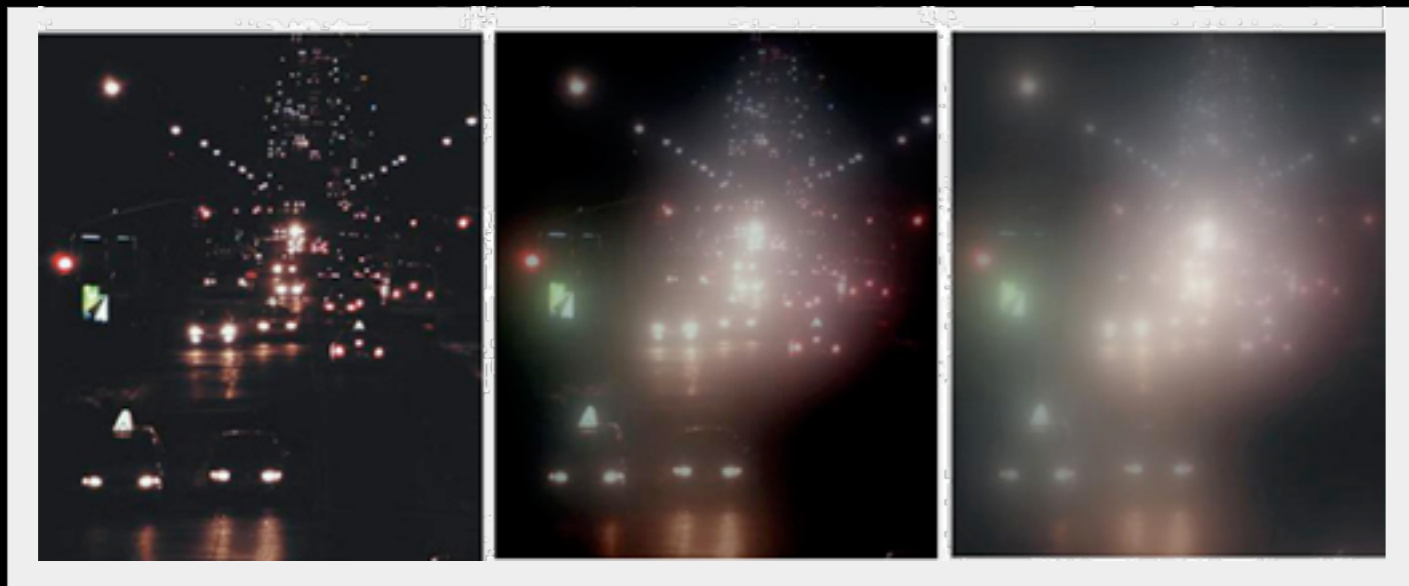


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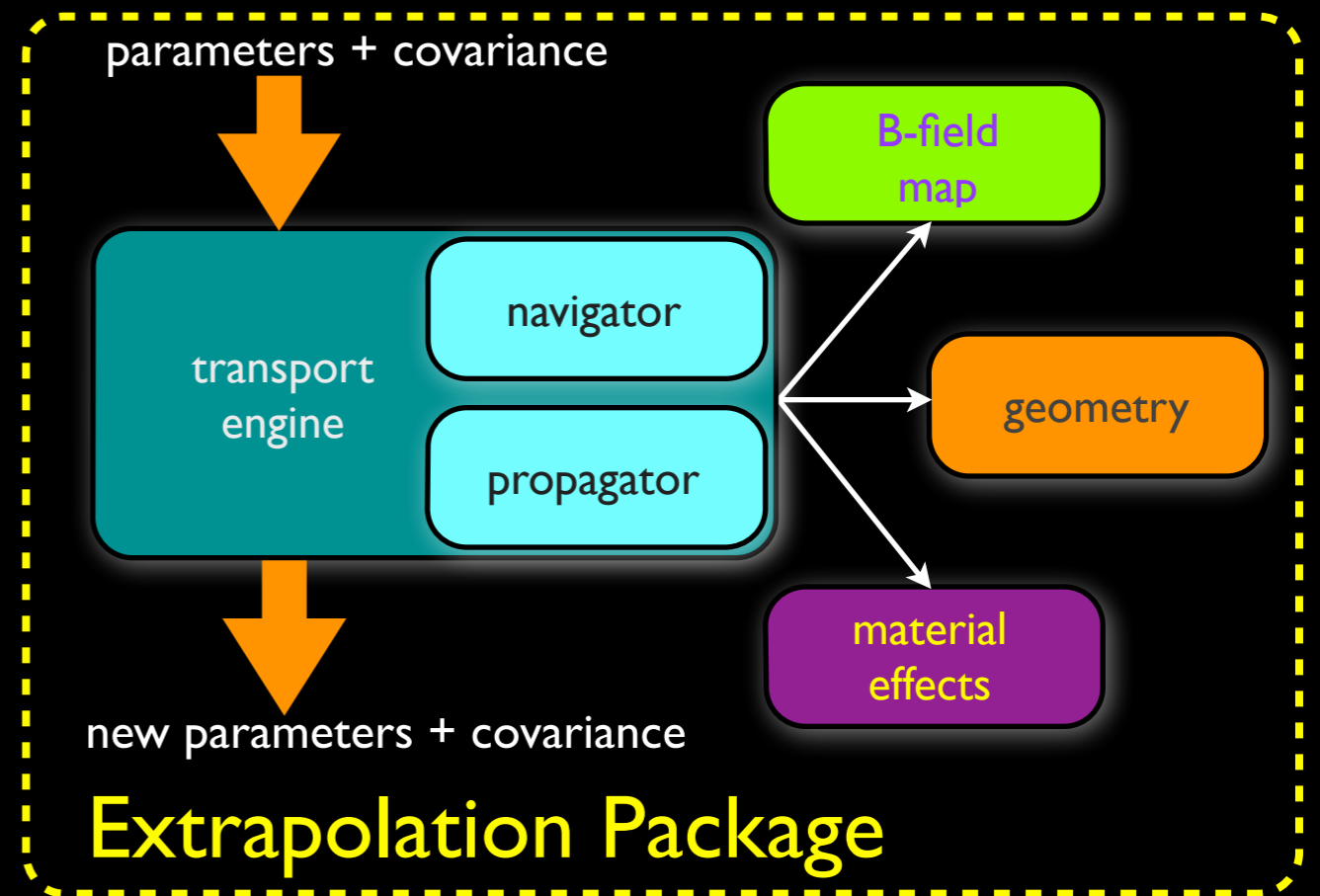
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# The Track Extrapolation Package

- a **transport engine** used in tracking software
  - ➔ central tool for pattern recognition, track fitting, etc.
  - ➔ parameter transport from **surface to surface**, including covariance
  - ➔ encapsulates the track model, geometry and material corrections

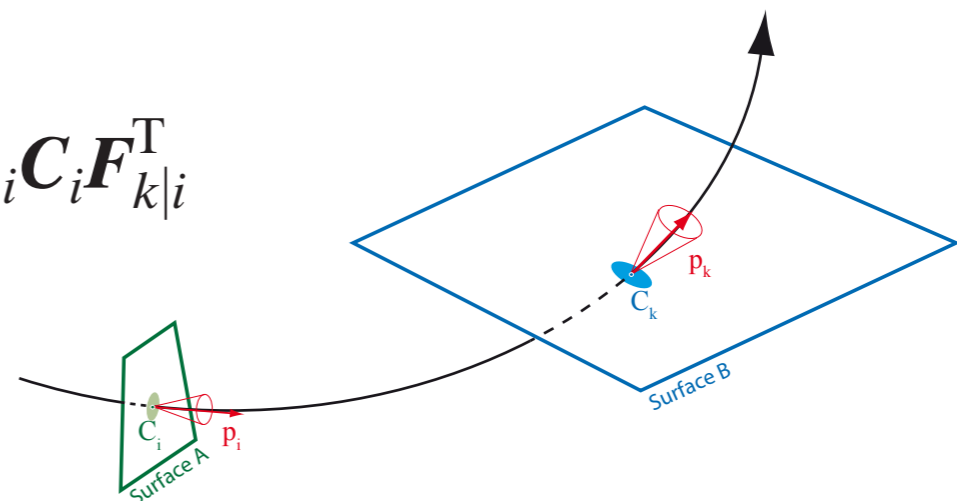


track following in mathematical terms:

$$\mathbf{q}_k = \mathbf{f}_{k|i}(\mathbf{q}_i) \quad \text{covariance: } \mathbf{C}_k = \mathbf{F}_{k|i} \mathbf{C}_i \mathbf{F}_{k|i}^T$$

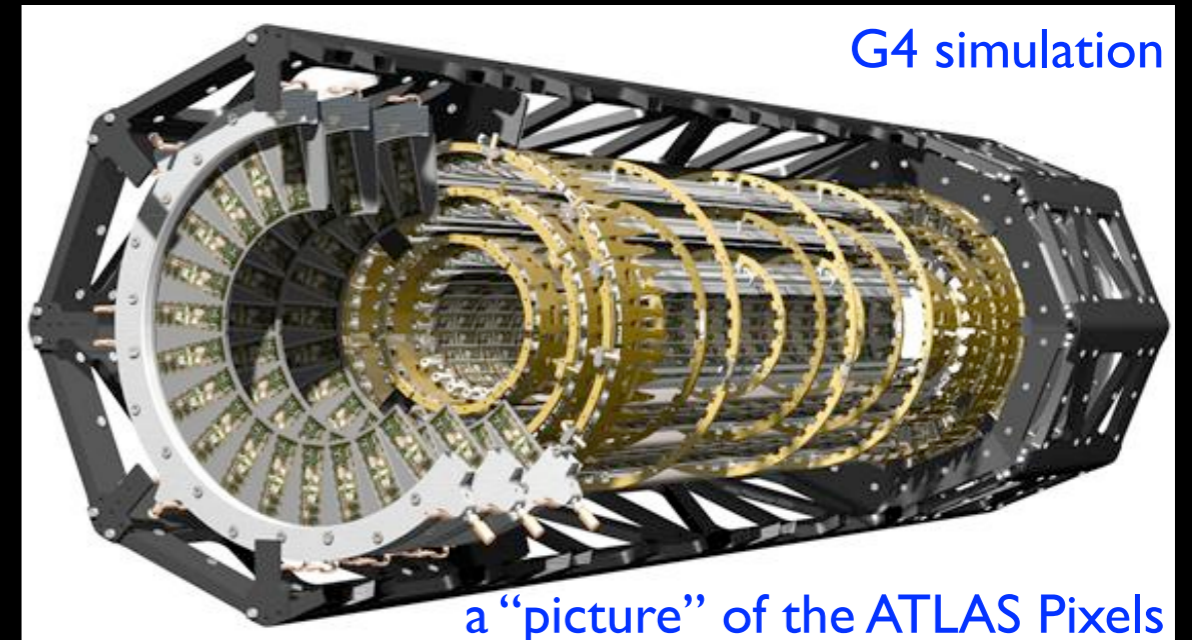
with:  $\mathbf{f}_{k|i} \sim$  track model

$$\mathbf{F}_{k|i} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}_k}{\partial \mathbf{q}_i} \sim \text{Jacobi matrix}$$



# Detector **Geometry**

- interactions in detector
  - material limiting** tracking **performance**
  - ➔ LHC detectors are **complex**
    - require a very detailed description of their geometry
  - ➔ experiments developed **geometry models** (translation into G4 simulation)
    - huge number of volumes
- physics requirement to reach LHC goals (e.g.  $W$  mass)
  - ➔ control material close to beam pipe at % level



	model	placed volumes
ALICE	Root	4.3 M
ATLAS	GeoModel	4.8 M
CMS	DDD	2.7 M
LHCb	LHCb Det.Des.	18.5 M



# Weighing Detectors during Construction

for completeness

- huge effort in experiments
  - ➔ put each individual detector part on balance and compare with model
    - CMS and ATLAS measured weight of their tracker and all of its components
  - ➔ correct the geometry implementation in simulation and reconstruction



example: ATLAS TRT measured before and after insertion of the SCT

CMS	estimated from measurements	simulation
active Pixels	2598 g	2455 g
full detector	6350 kg	6173 kg

Preliminary

ATLAS	estimated from measurements	simulation
Pixel package	201 kg	197 kg
SCT detector	672 ± 15 kg	672 kg
TRT detector	2961 ± 14 kg	2962 kg

Date	ATLAS $\eta \approx 0$	$\eta \approx 1.7$	CMS $\eta \approx 0$	$\eta \approx 1.7$
1994 (Technical Proposals)	0.20	0.70	0.15	0.60
1997 (Technical Design Reports)	0.25	1.50	0.25	0.85
2006 (End of construction)	0.35	1.35	0.35	1.50



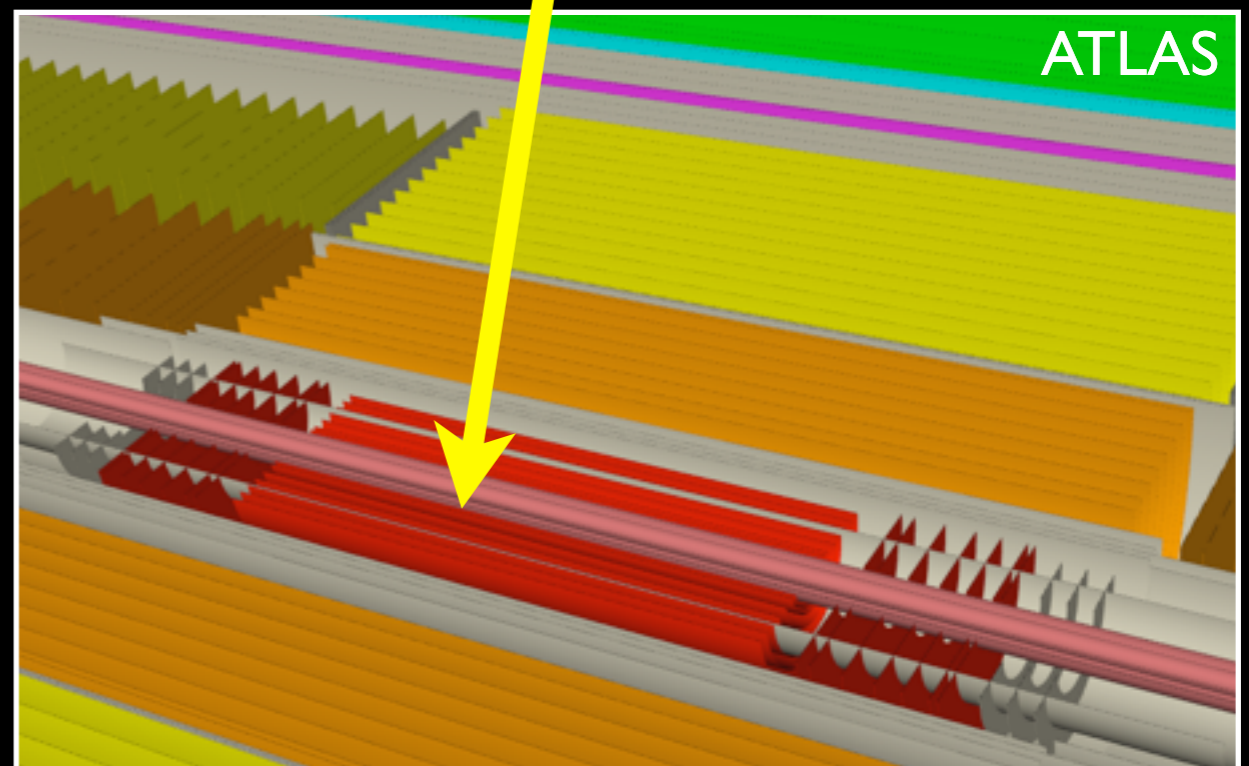
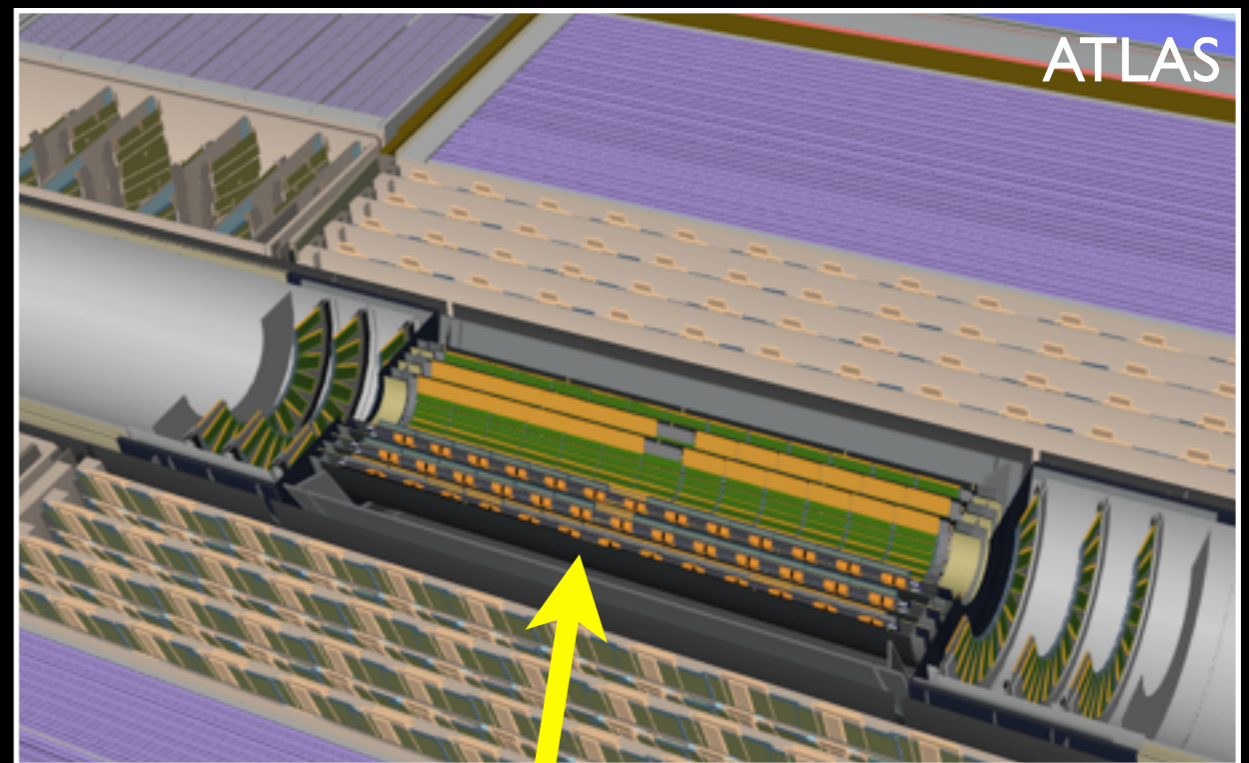
# Full and Fast (Tracking) Geometries

- complex G4 geometries not optimal for reconstruction
  - ➔ simplified **tracking geometries**
  - ➔ material surfaces, field volumes
- reduced number of volumes
  - ➔ blending details of material onto simple surfaces/volumes
  - ➔ surfaces with 2D material density maps, templates per Si sensor...

	G4	tracking
ALICE	4.3 M	same *1
ATLAS	4.8 M	10.2K *2
CMS	2.7 M	3.8K *2
LHCb	18.5 M	30

\*1 ALICE uses full geometry (TGeo)

\*2 plus a surface per Si sensor



# Embedded Navigation Schemes

- **embedded navigation** scheme in tracking geometries

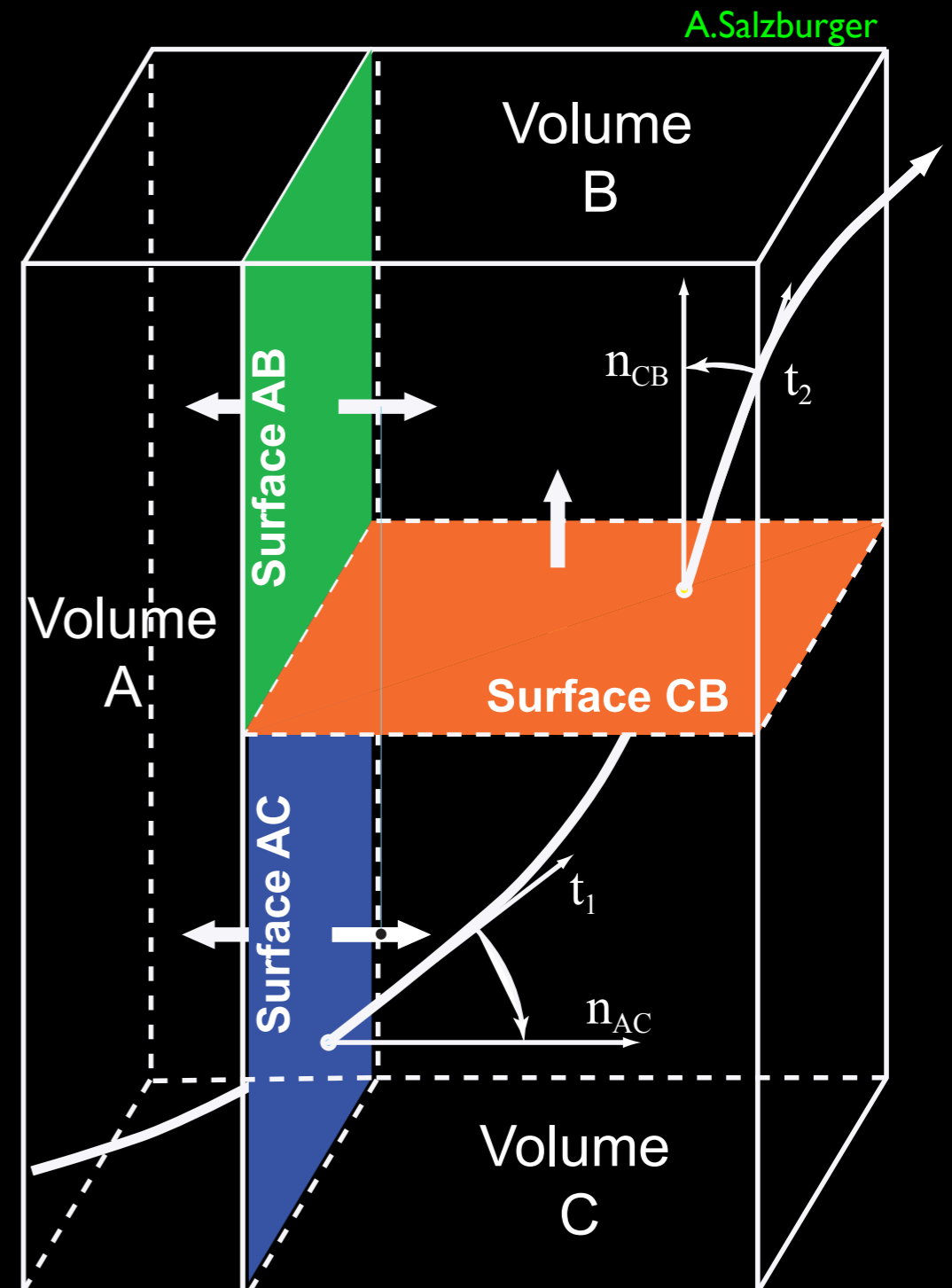
- ➔ G4 navigation uses voxelisation as generic navigation mechanism
- ➔ **embedded navigation** for simplified models
  - used in pattern recognition, extrapolation, track fitting and fast simulation

- **example: ATLAS**

- ➔ developed geometry of connected volumes
- ➔ boundary surfaces connect neighbouring volumes to predict next step

ATLAS	G4	tracking	ratio
crossed volumes in tracker	474	95	5
time in S12K sec	19.1	2.3	8.4

(neutral geantinos, no field lookups)



# Detour: Simulation (Geant4)

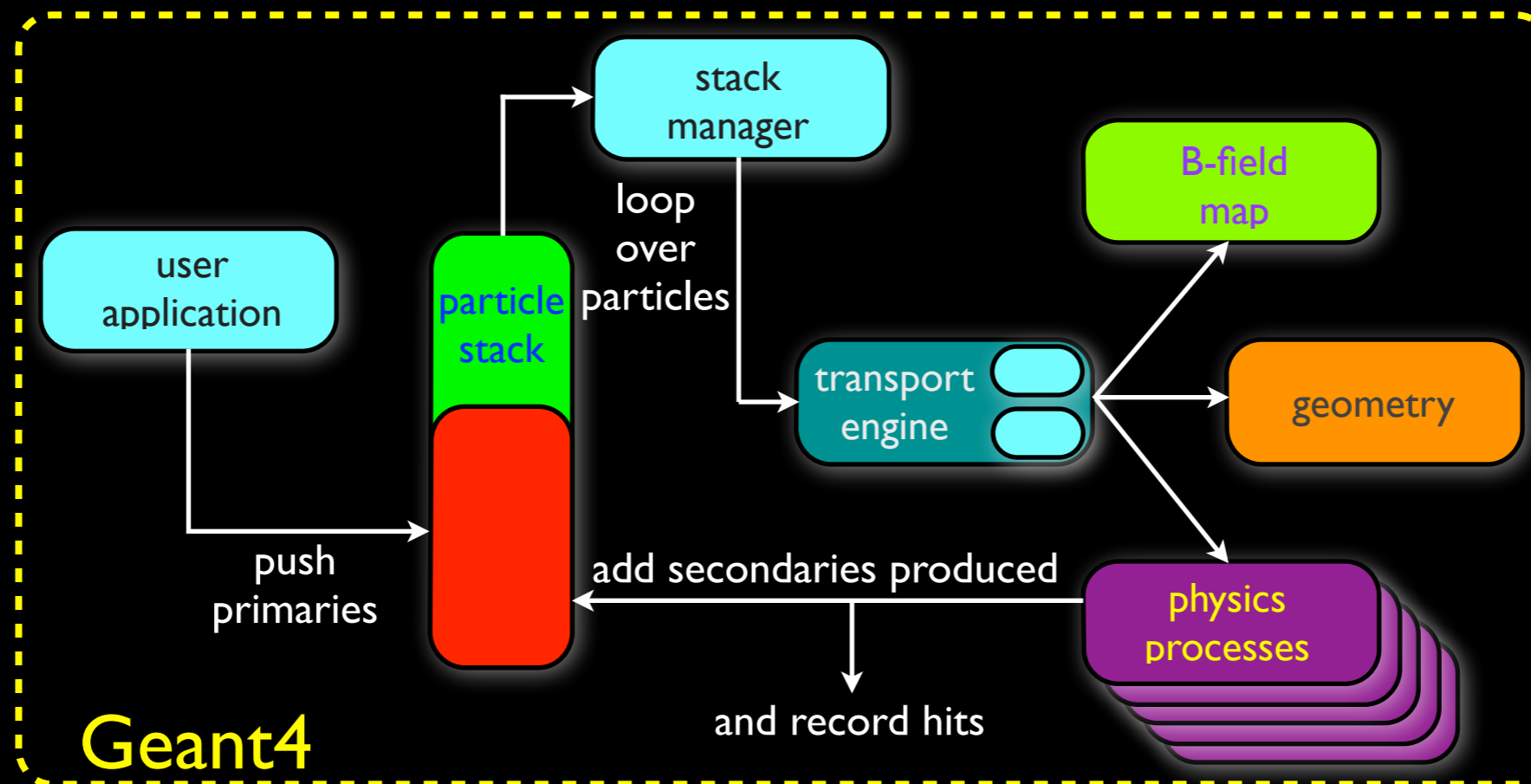
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see lecture  
by John Apostolakis

## ● Geant4 is based upon

- ➔ **stack** to keep track of all particles produced and stack manager
- ➔ **extrapolation system** to propagate each particle:
  - transport engine with navigation
  - geometry model
  - B-field
- ➔ set of **physics processes** describing interaction of particles with matter
- ➔ a user application interface, ...

same concept as for  
track reconstruction



# Fast Simulation

- CPU needs for full G4 exceeds computing models
  - ➔ simulation strategies of experiments mix full G4 and fast simulation

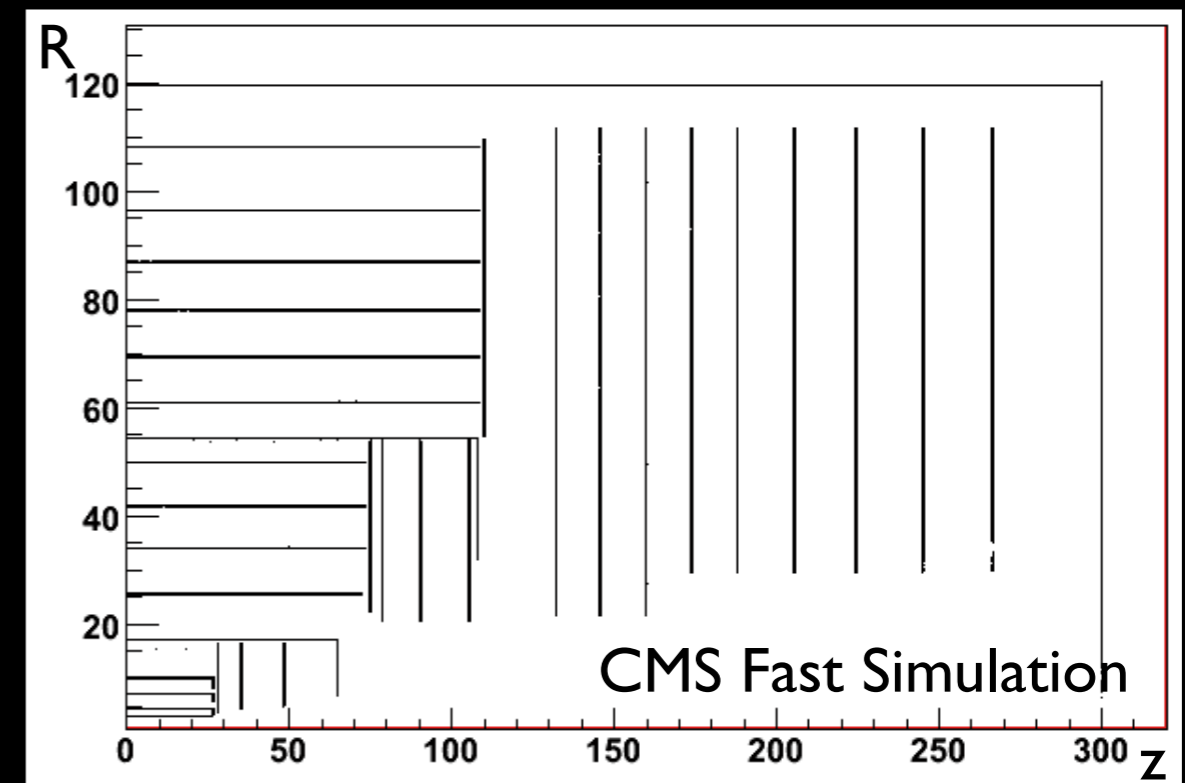
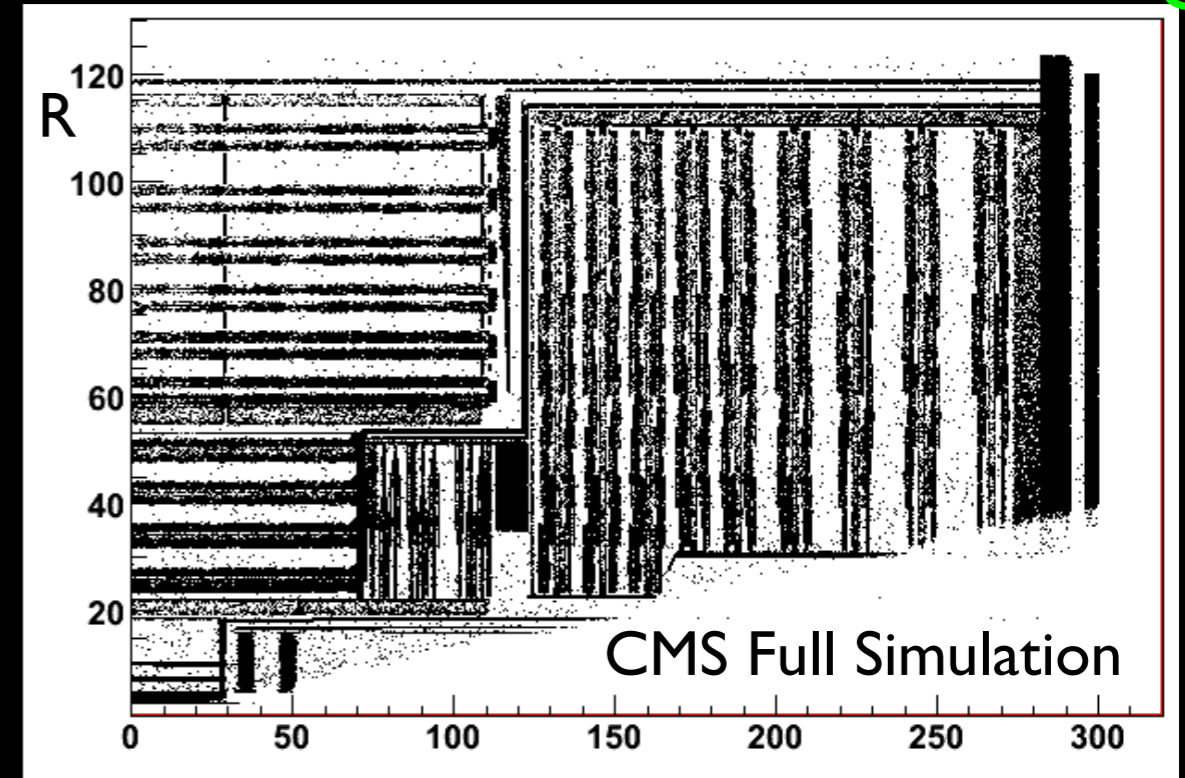
	G4	fast sim.
CMS	360	0.8
ATLAS	1990	7.4

- ttbar events, in kSI2K sec
- G4 differences: calo.modeling , phys.list,  $\eta$  cuts, b-field

## ● fast simulation engines

- ➔ fast calo. simulation (parameterisation, showers libraries, ...)
- ➔ simplified **tracking geometries**
- ➔ simplify physics processes w.r.t. G4
- ➔ output in same data model as full sim.
- ➔ able to run full reconstruction (+trigger)

for completeness



# Back to Tracking: Track Fitting



# Track Fitting

- **measurements  $m_k$**  of a track

→ in mathematical terms a model:

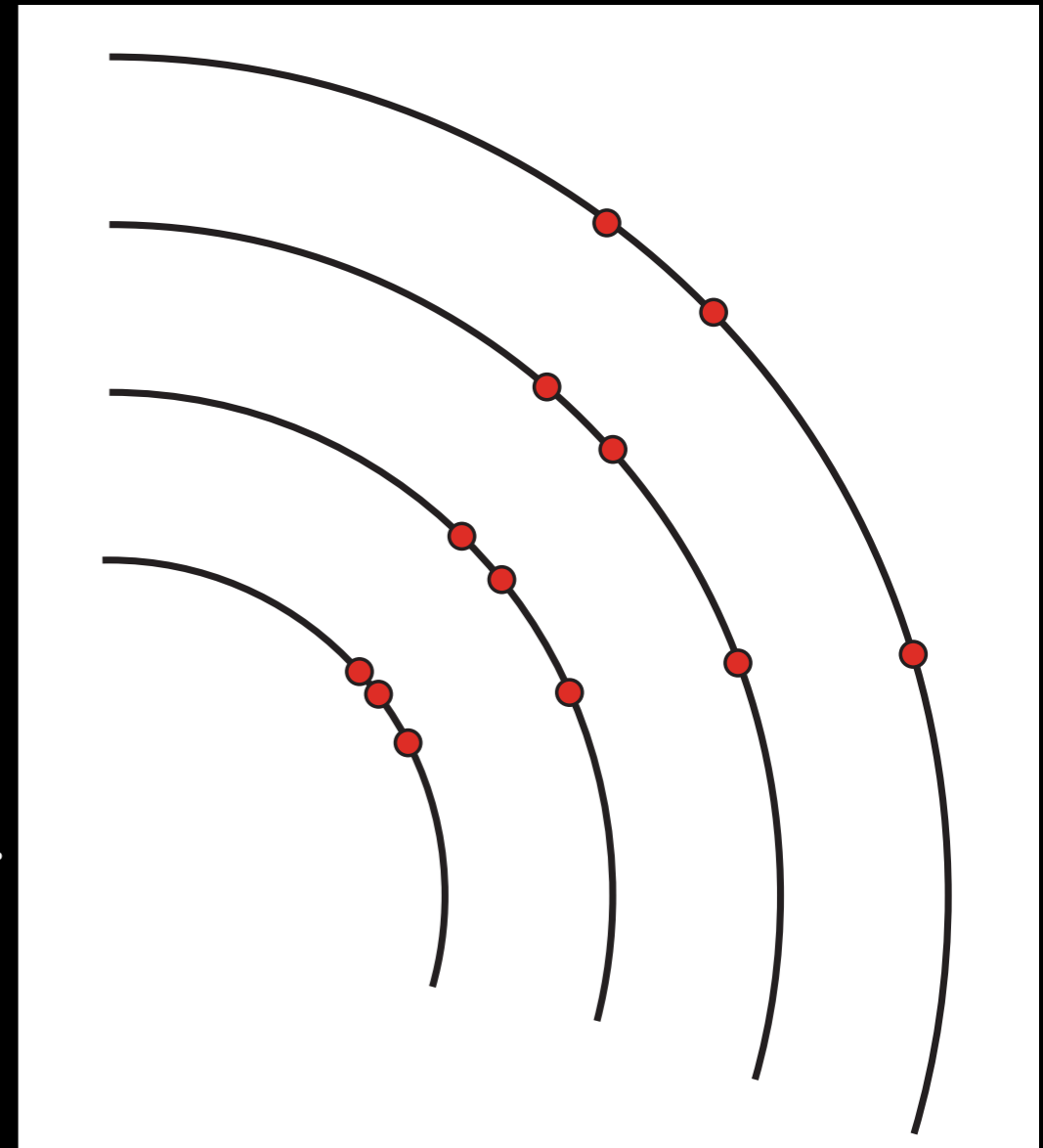
$$m_k = h_k(q_k) + \gamma_k$$

with:  $h_k$  ~ functional dependency of measurement on e.g. track angle

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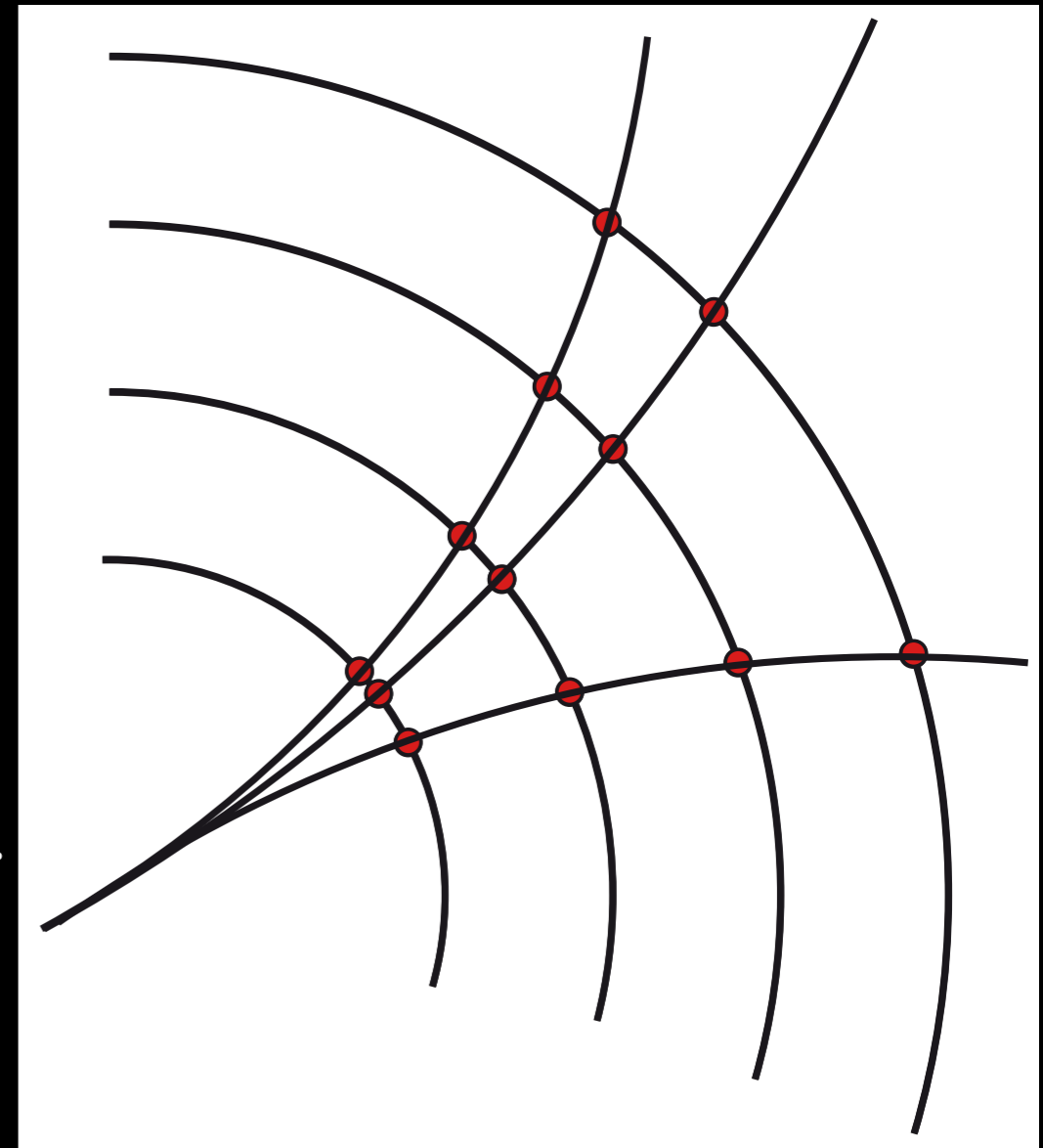
- **task of a track fit**

→ estimate the track parameters from a set of measurements

- **examples for fitting techniques**

→ **Least Square** track fit or **Kalman Filter** track fit

→ more specialised versions: **Gaussian Sum Filter** or **Deterministic Annealing Filters**





# Classical **Least Square** Track Fit

- construct and minimise the  $\chi^2$  function:

**Carl Friedrich Gauss** is credited with developing the fundamentals of the basis for least-squares analysis in 1795 at the age of eighteen.

**Legendre** was the first to publish the method, however.



$$\chi^2 = \sum_k \Delta m_k^T G_k^{-1} \Delta m_k \quad \text{with:} \quad \Delta m_k = m_k - d_k(p)$$

$d_k$  contains measurement model and propagation of the parameters  $p$ :  $d_k = h_k \circ f_{k|k-1} \circ \dots \circ f_{2|1} \circ f_{1|0}$

$G_k$  is the covariance matrix of  $m_k$ . Linearise the problem:

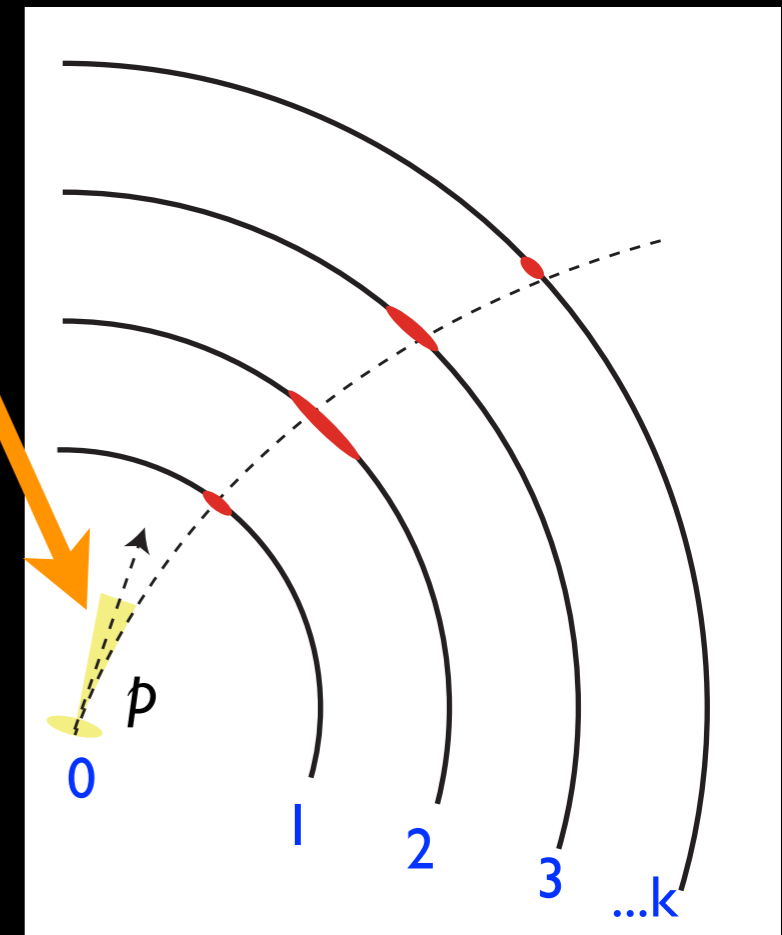
$$d_k(p_0 + \delta p) \cong d_k(p_0) + D_k \cdot \delta p + \text{higher terms}$$

with Jacobian:  $D_k = H_k F_{k|k-1} \dots F_{2|1} F_{1|0}$

minimising the linearised  $\chi^2$  yields:

$$\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial p} = 0 \Rightarrow \delta p = \left( \sum_k D_k^T G_k^{-1} D_k \right)^{-1} \sum_k D_k^T G_k^{-1} (m_k - d_k(p_0))$$

and covariance of  $\delta p$  is:  $C = \left( \sum_k D_k^T G_k^{-1} D_k \right)^{-1}$



# Classical **Least Square** Track Fit

for completeness

- **material effects**

- ➔ can be absorbed in track model  $f_{k|i}$ , provided effects are small
- ➔ for substantial multiple scattering, allows for **scattering angles** in the fit

- **scattering angles**

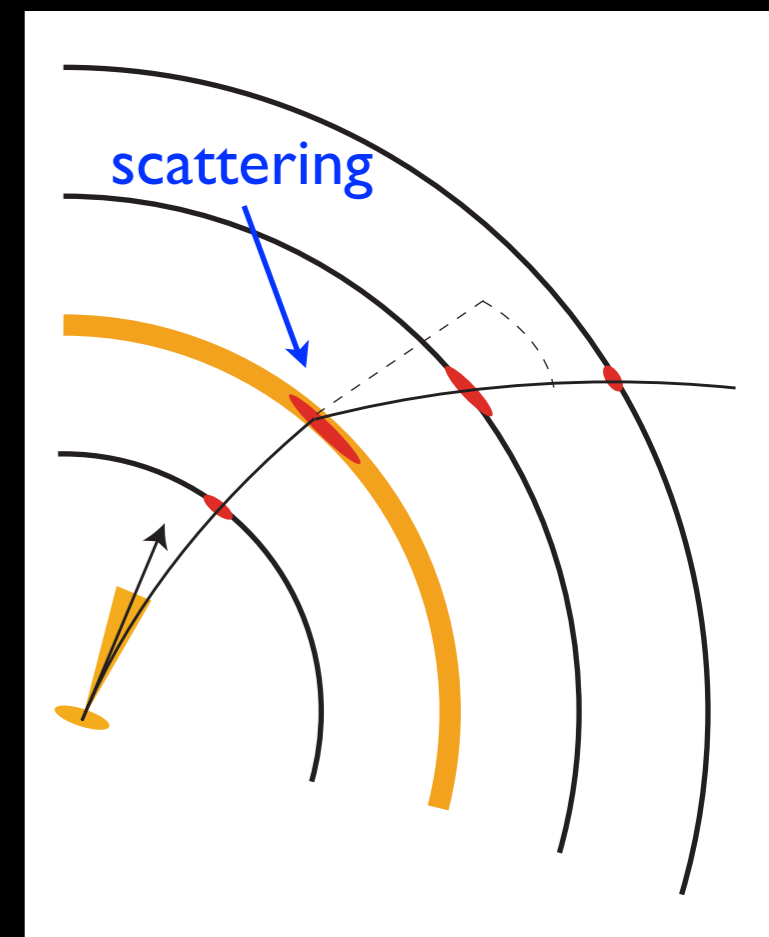
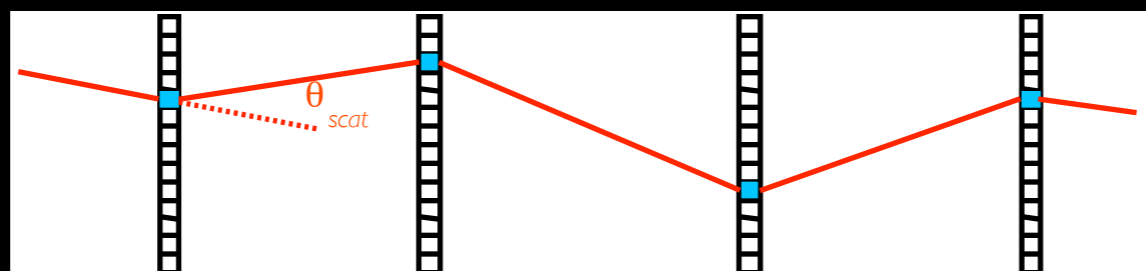
- ➔ on each material surface, add 2 angles  $\delta\theta_i$  as free parameters to the fit
- ➔ expected mean of those angles is 0 (!), their covariance  $Q_i$  is given by multiple scattering in  $x/X_0$

- changes to  **$\chi^2$  formula** on previous slide

$$\chi^2 = \sum_k \Delta m_k^T G_K^{-1} \Delta m_k + \sum_i \delta\theta_i^T Q_i^{-1} \delta\theta_i$$

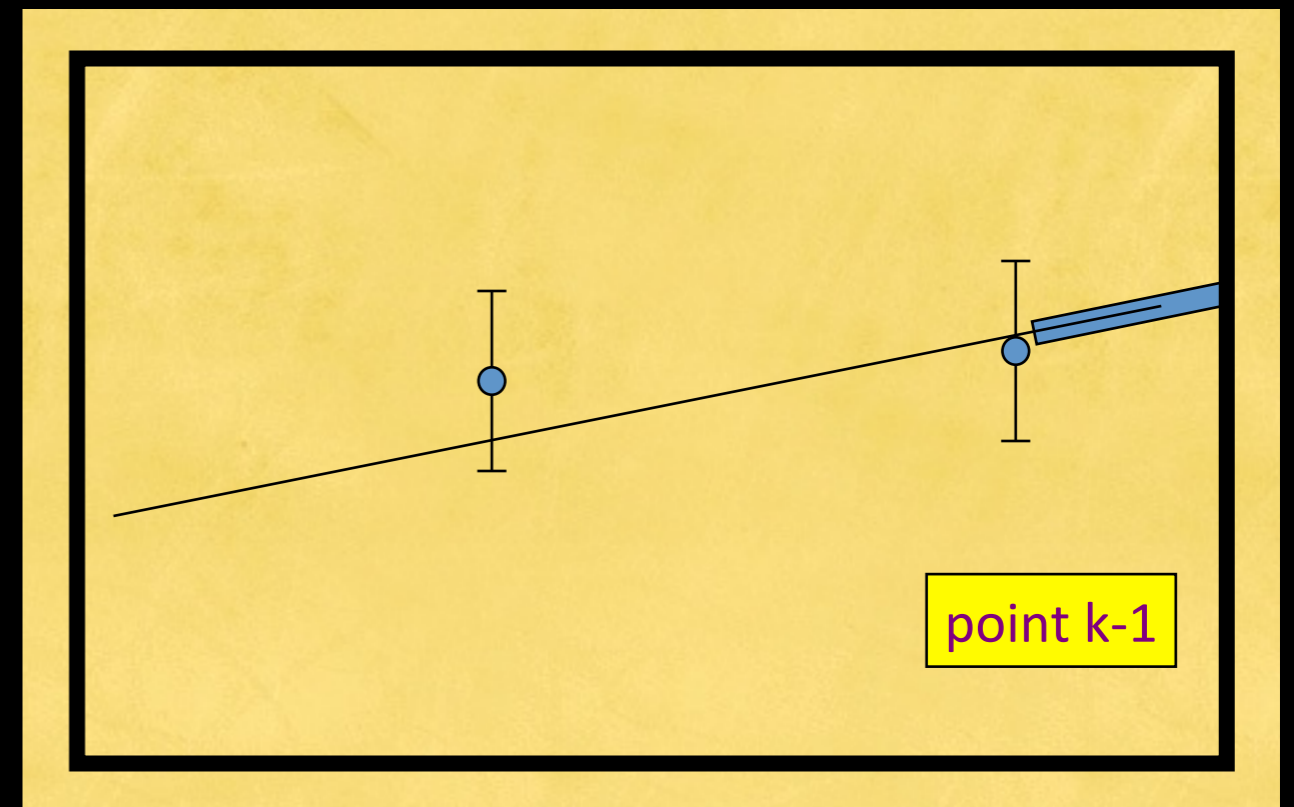
with:  $\Delta m_k = m_k - d_k(p, \delta\theta_i)$

- ➔ computationally expensive: *need to invert a  $(5+2*n)$  matrix*
- ➔ advantage is that the fitted track precisely follows the particle trajectory: *(e.g. for ATLAS muon reconstruction)*



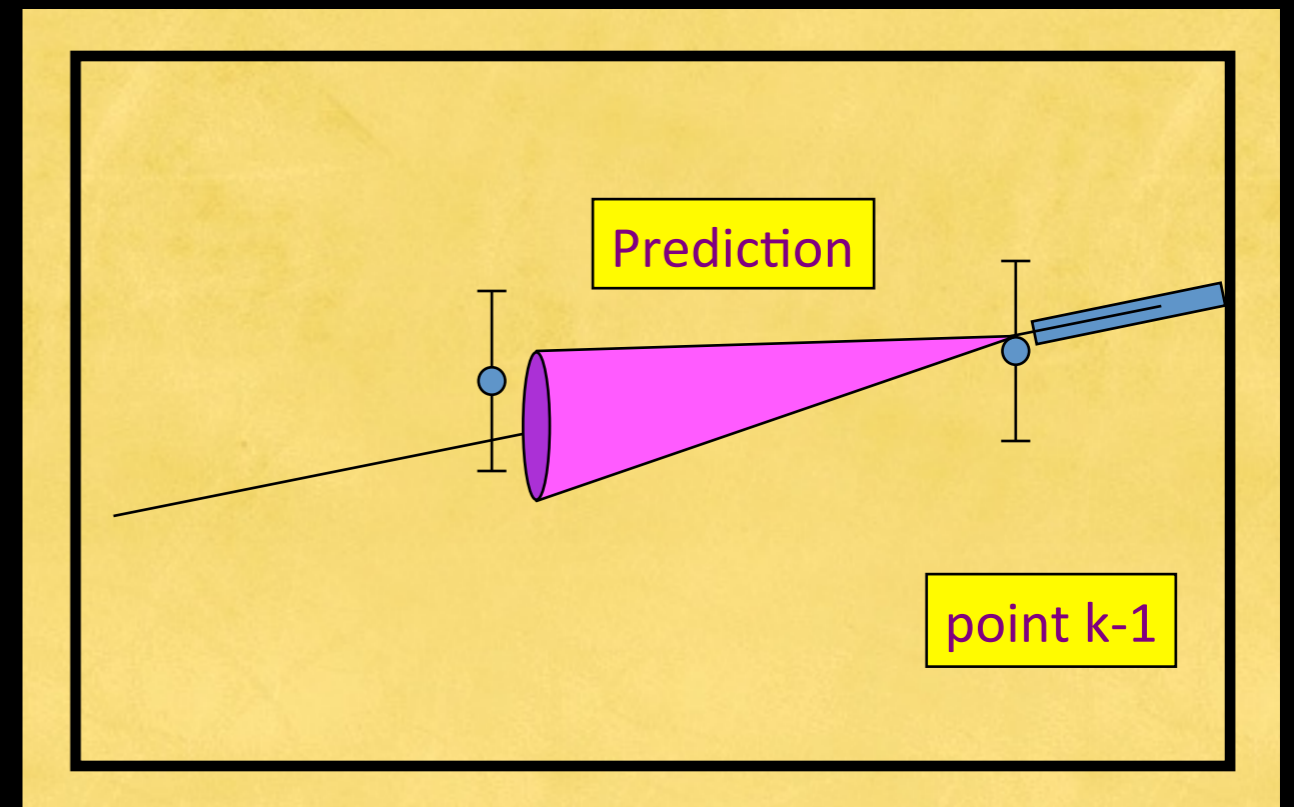
# The Kalman Filter Track Fit

- a Kalman Filter is a **progressive** way of performing a least square fit
  - ➔ mathematically equivalent
- how does the filter work ?
  1. trajectory parameters at point **k-1**



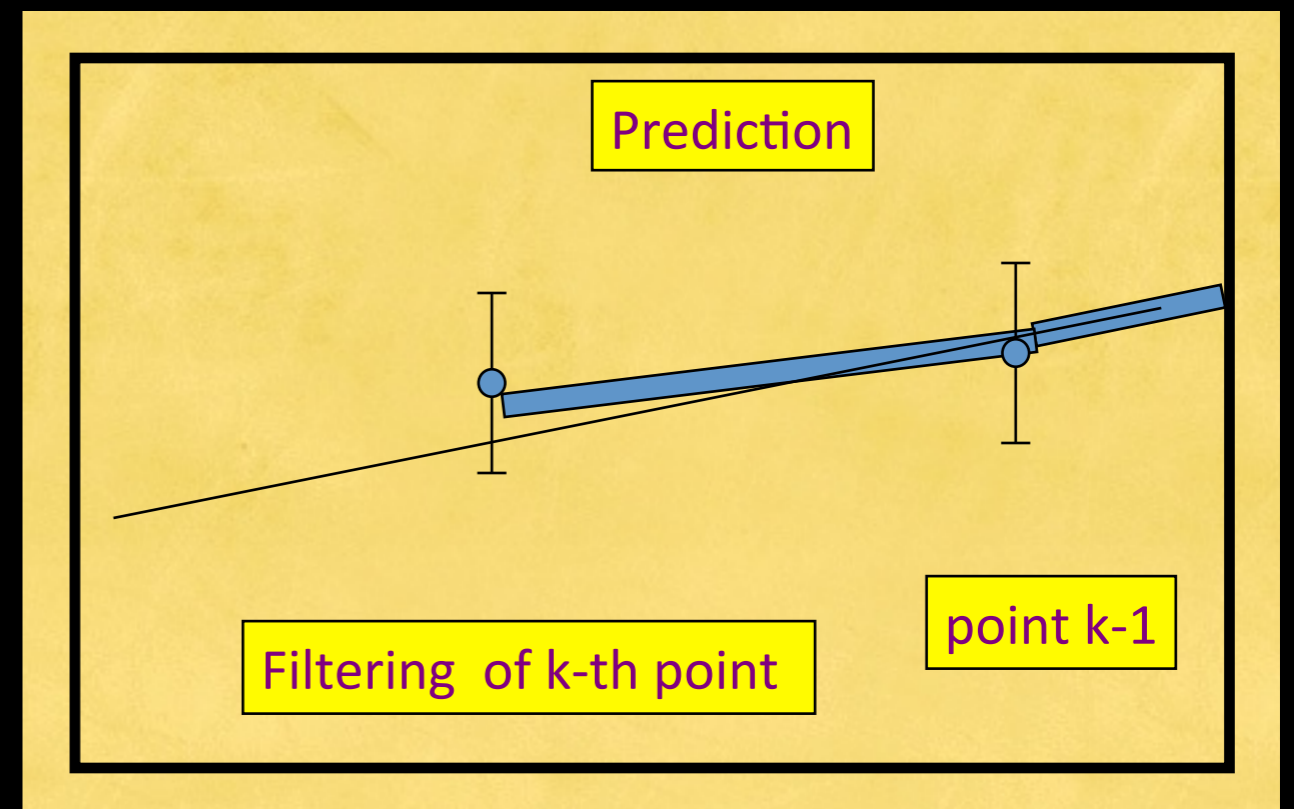
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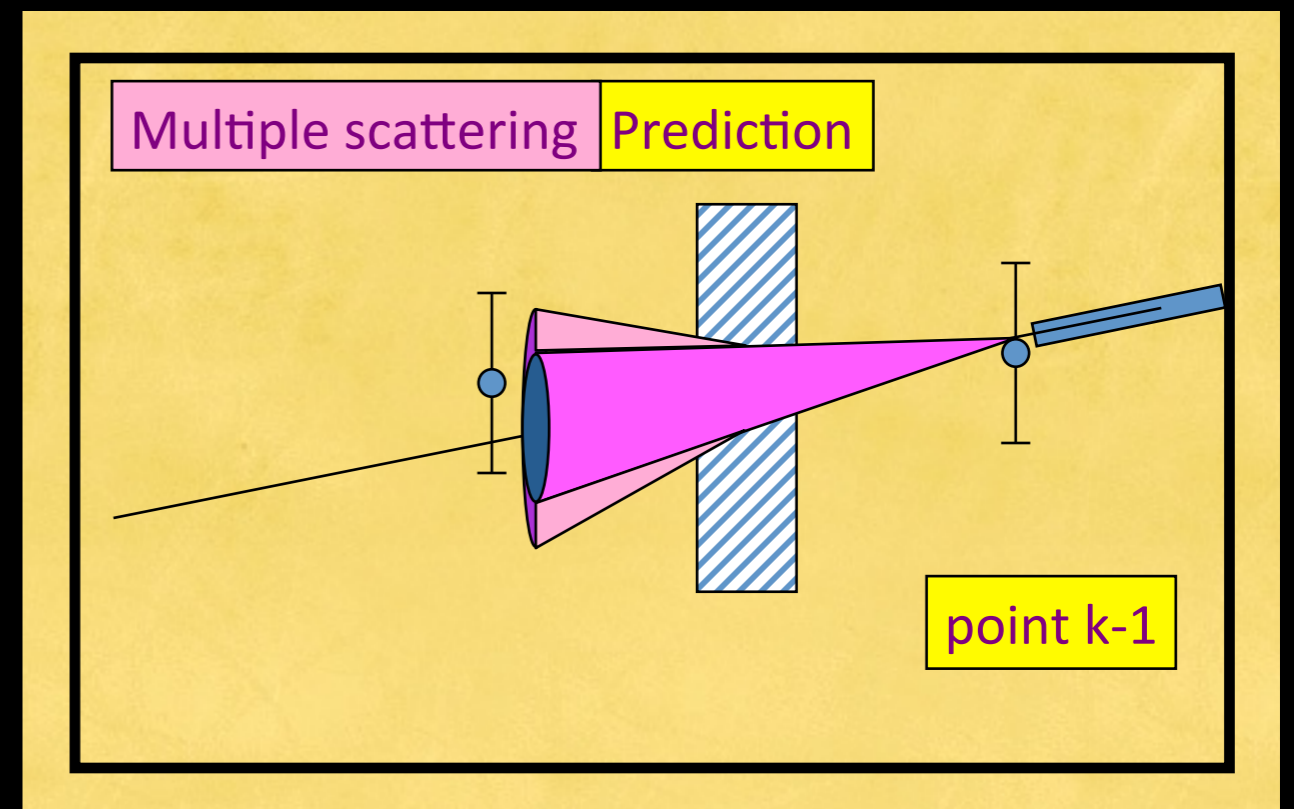
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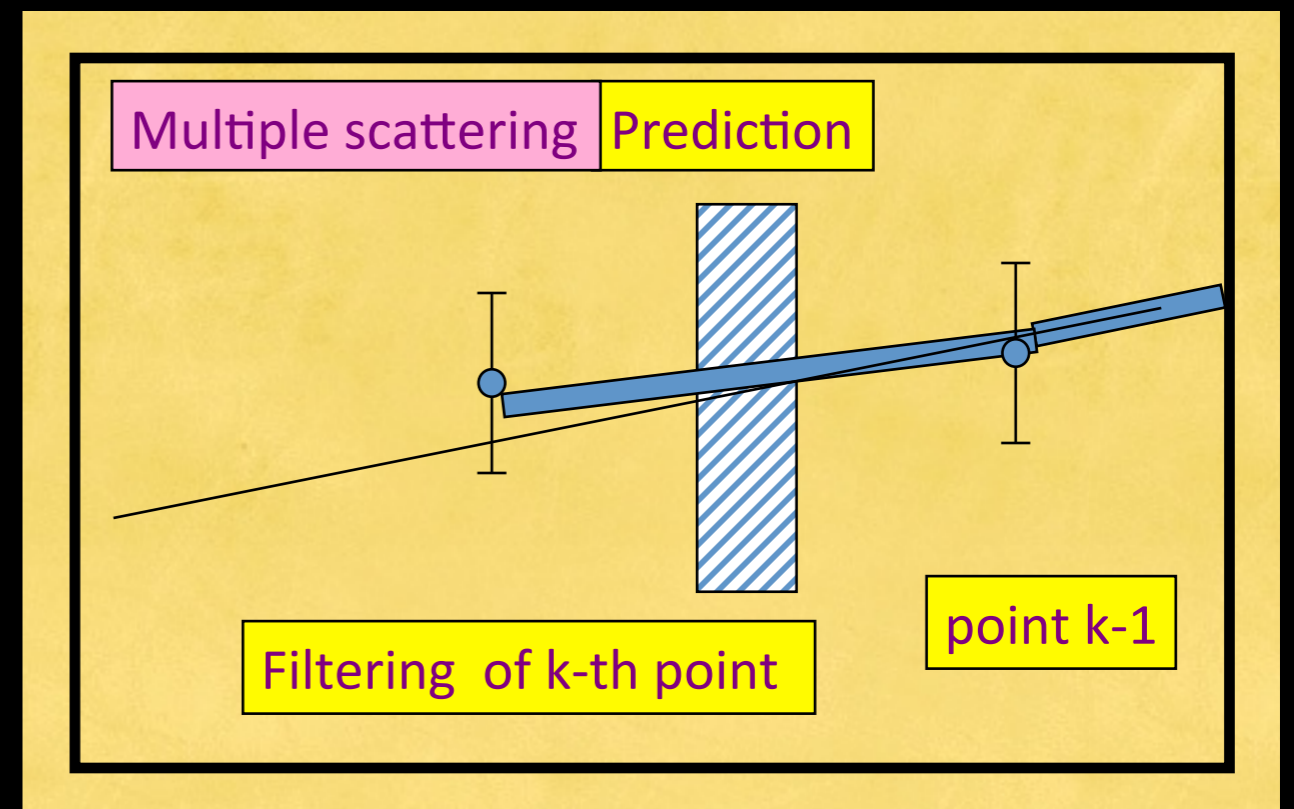
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with  $\mathbf{Q}_k \sim$  noise term (M.S.)

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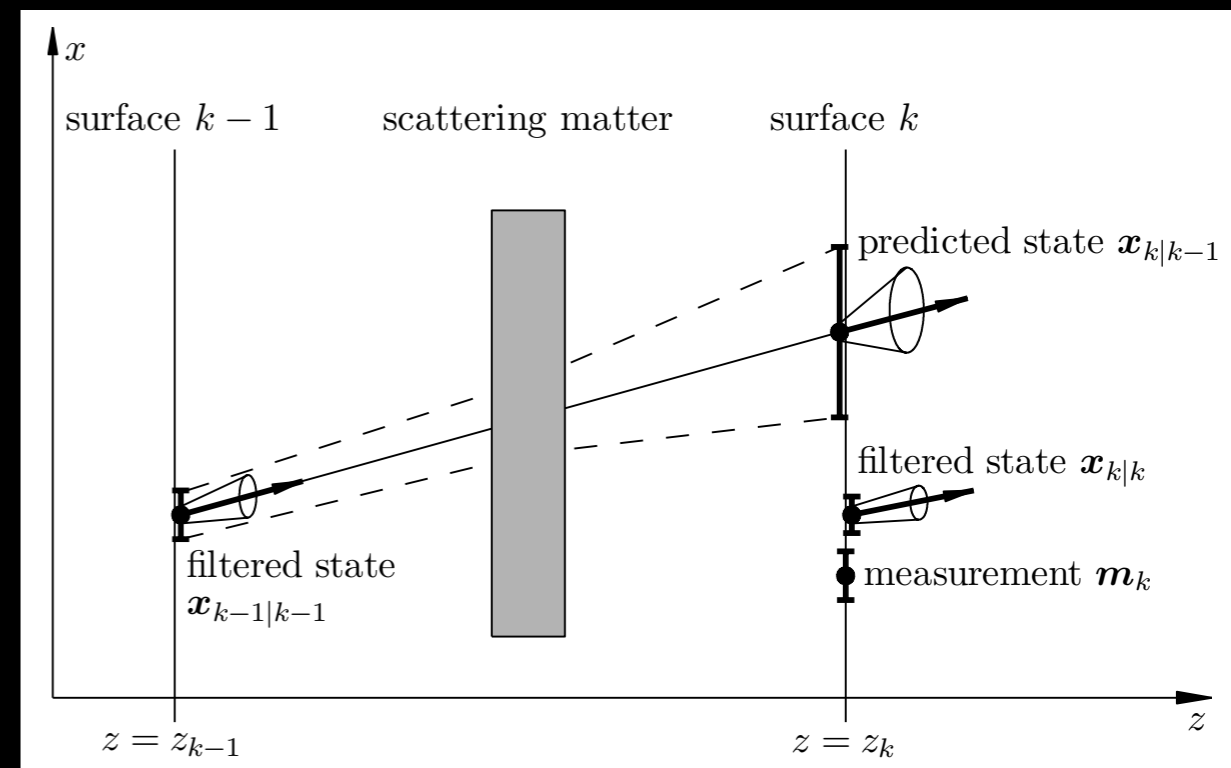
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⇒ **alternative** to gain matrix approach is a weighted mean to obtain  $p_{k|k}$

- but requires to invert 5x5 matrix instead of a matrix of **rank( $\mathbf{G}_k$ )**



● **Kalman Smoother:**

⇒ provides full information along track

proceeds from layer  $k+1$  to layer  $k$  :

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⇒ **equivalent:** combine forw./back. filter

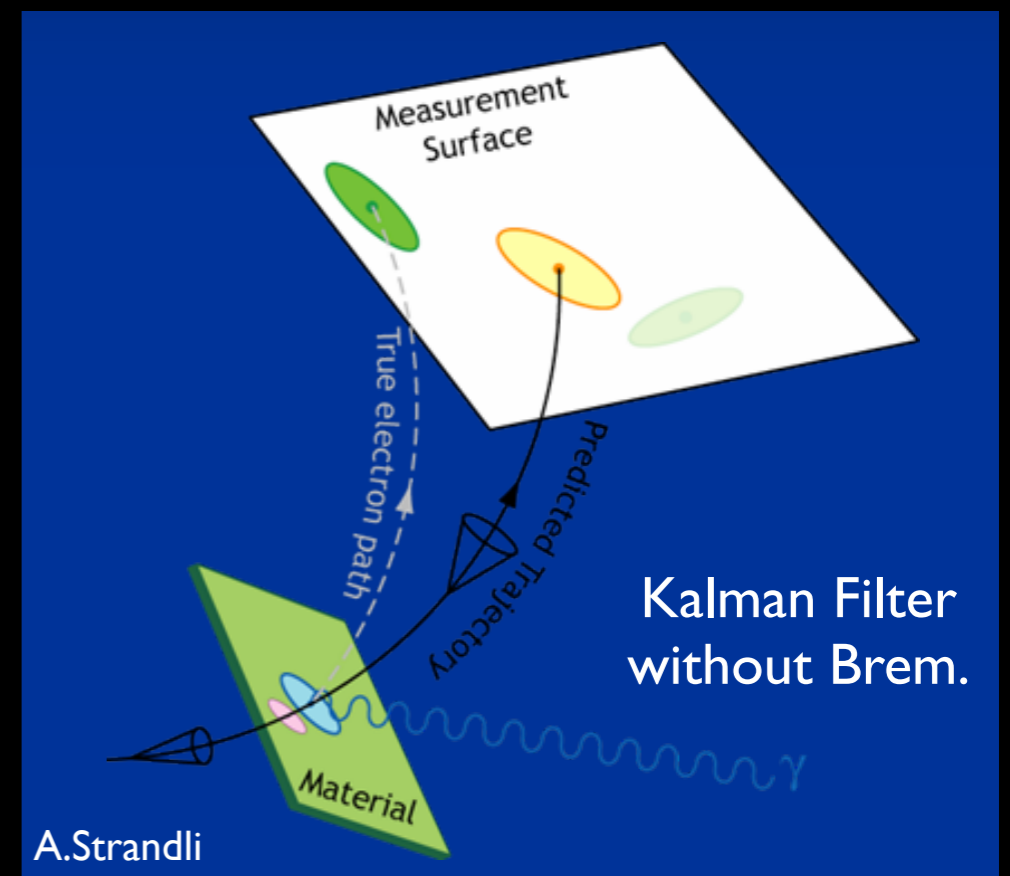
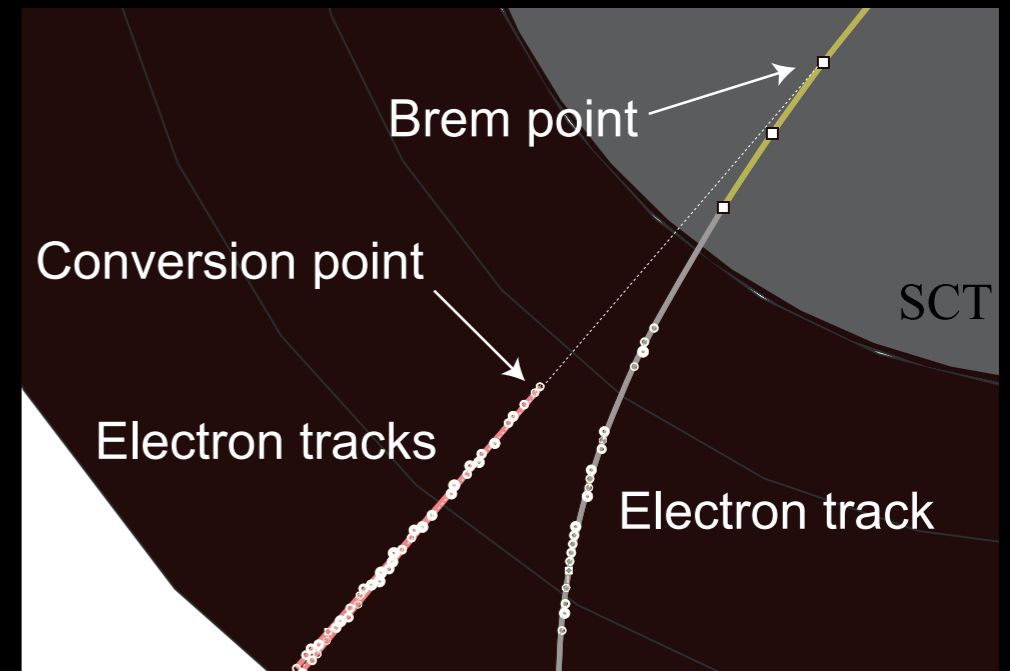




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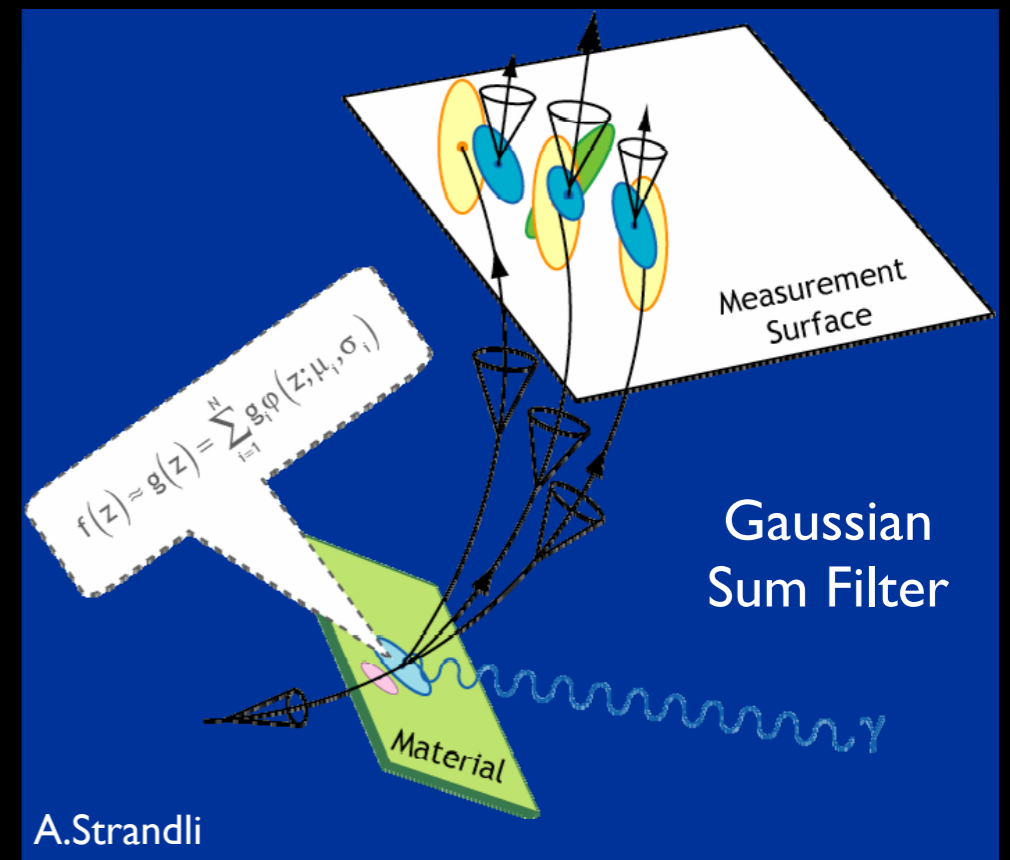
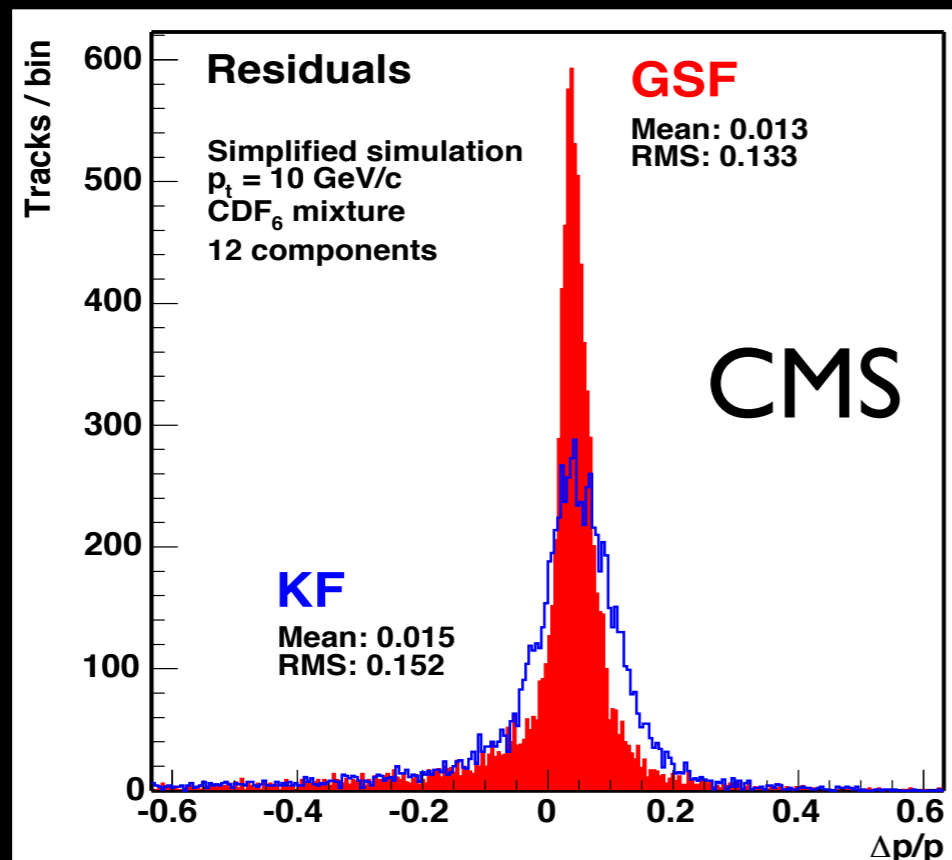
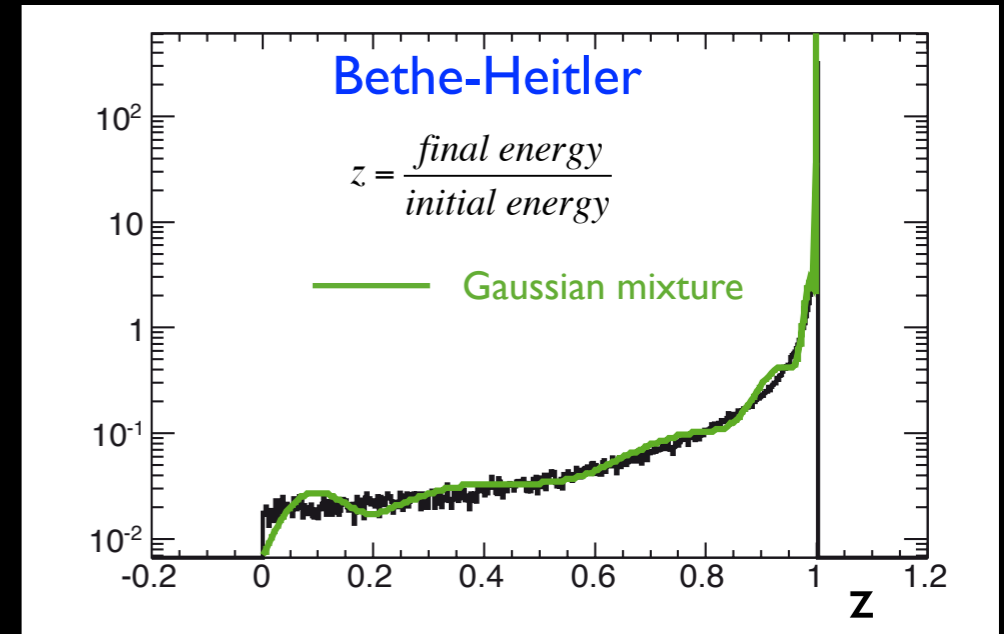
- material in tracker
  - ➔ e-bremsstrahlung and  $\gamma$ -conversions
- electron efficiency limited
  - ➔ momentum loss due to bremsstrahlung leads to large changes in track curvature
  - ➔ fit is biased towards small momenta or fails completely
- techniques to allow for **bremsstrahlung** in track fitting
  - ➔ brem. point in Least Square track fit
  - ➔ Kalman Filter with dynamic noise adjustment
  - ➔ Gaussian Sum Filter



# Gaussian Sum Filter

advanced techniques

- ➔ approximate **Bethe-Heitler distribution** as **Gaussian mixture**
  - state vector after material correction becomes sum of Gaussian components
- ➔ GSF resembles set of **parallel Kalman Filters** for N components
  - computationally expensive !
  - default electron fitter in CMS and ATLAS



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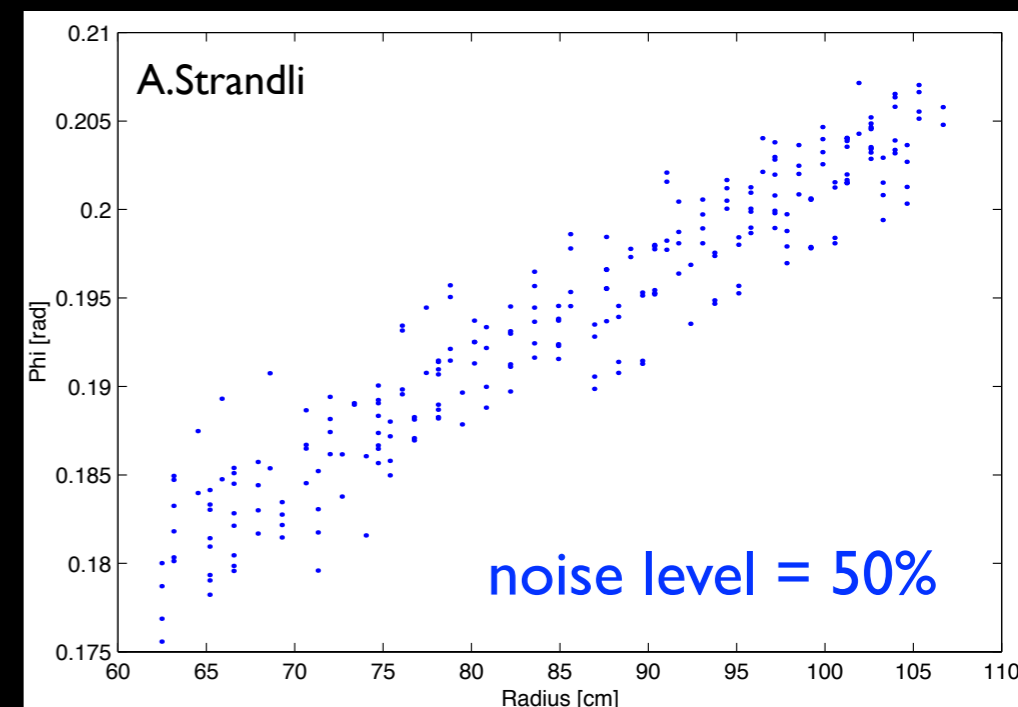
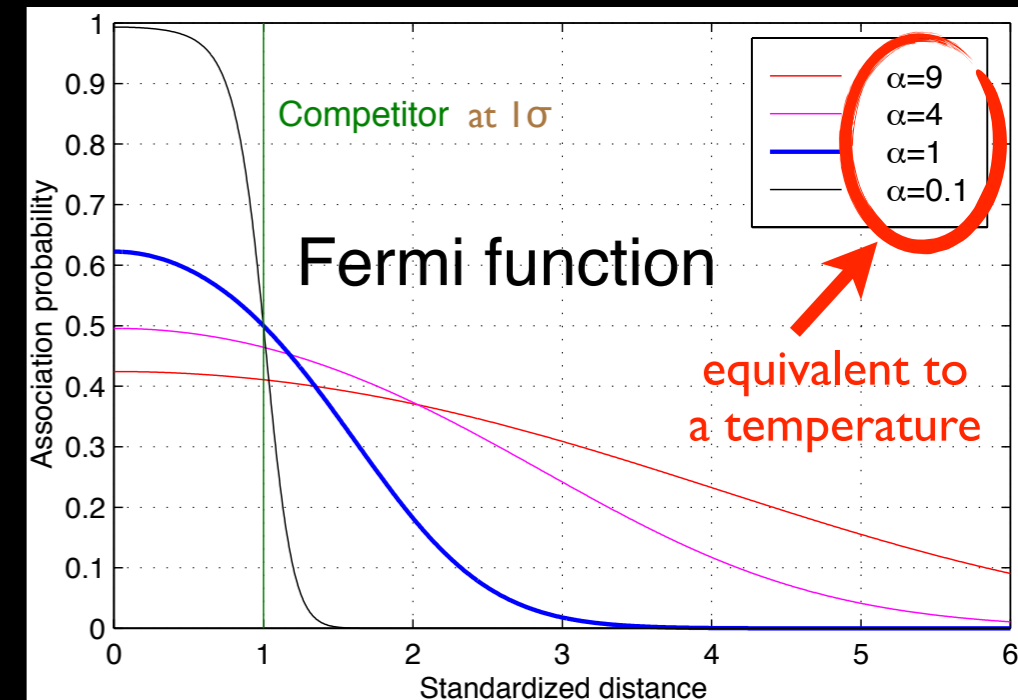
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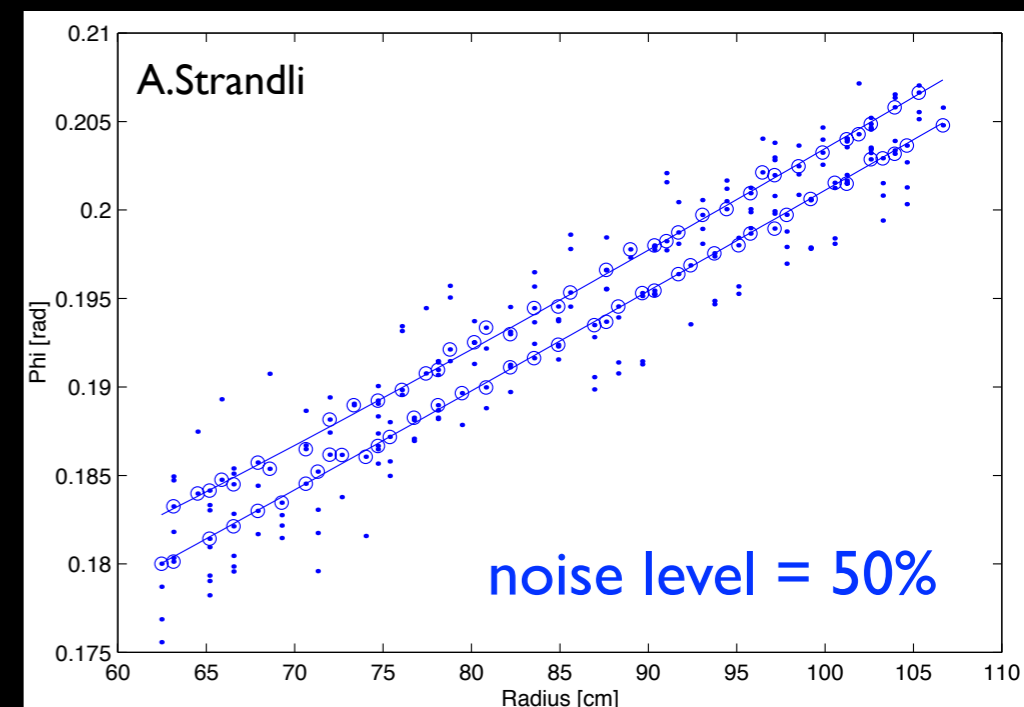
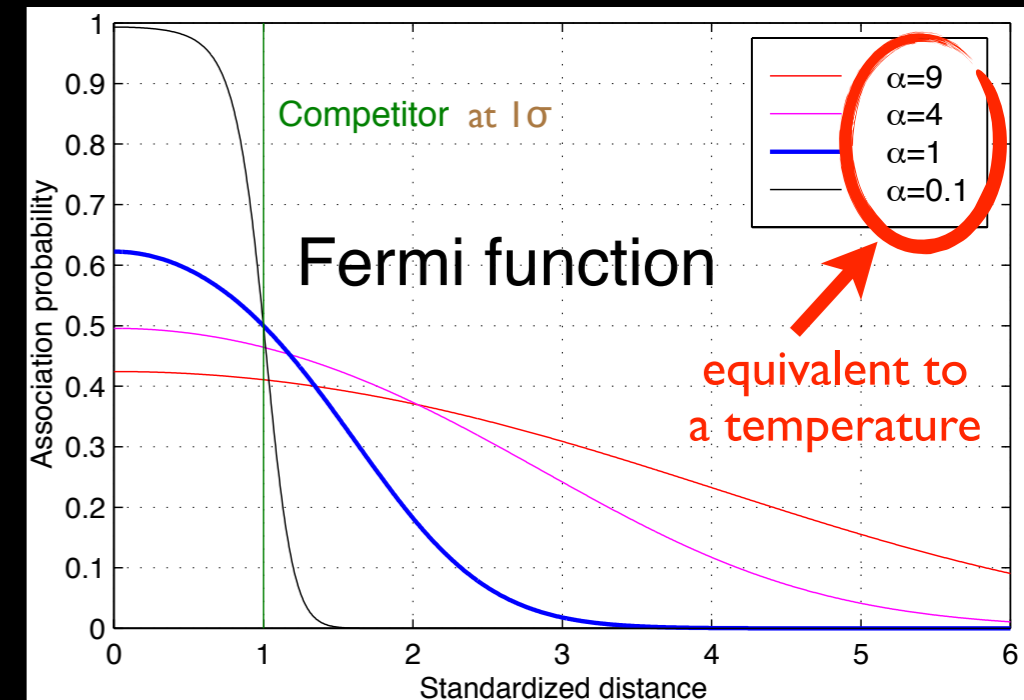
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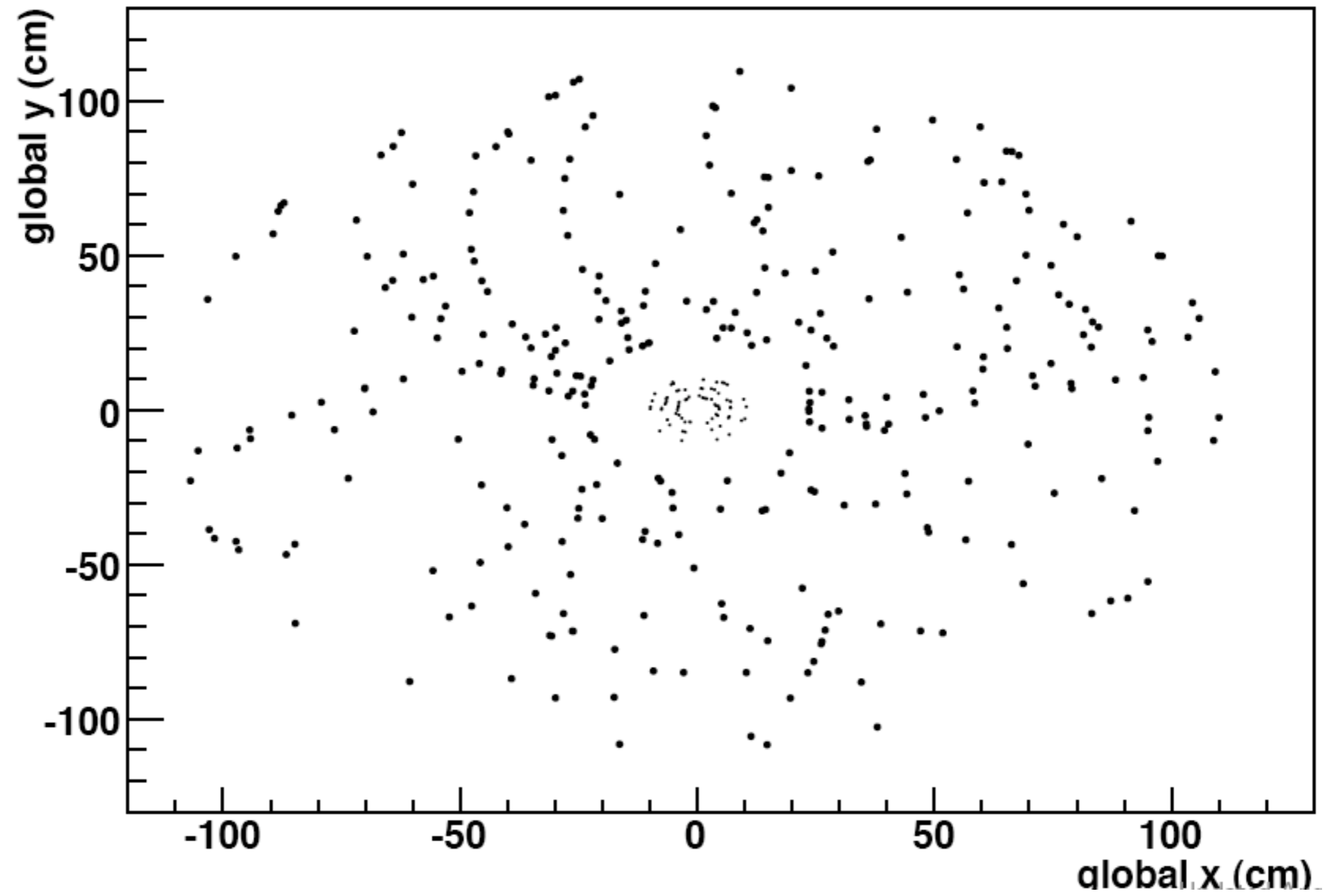
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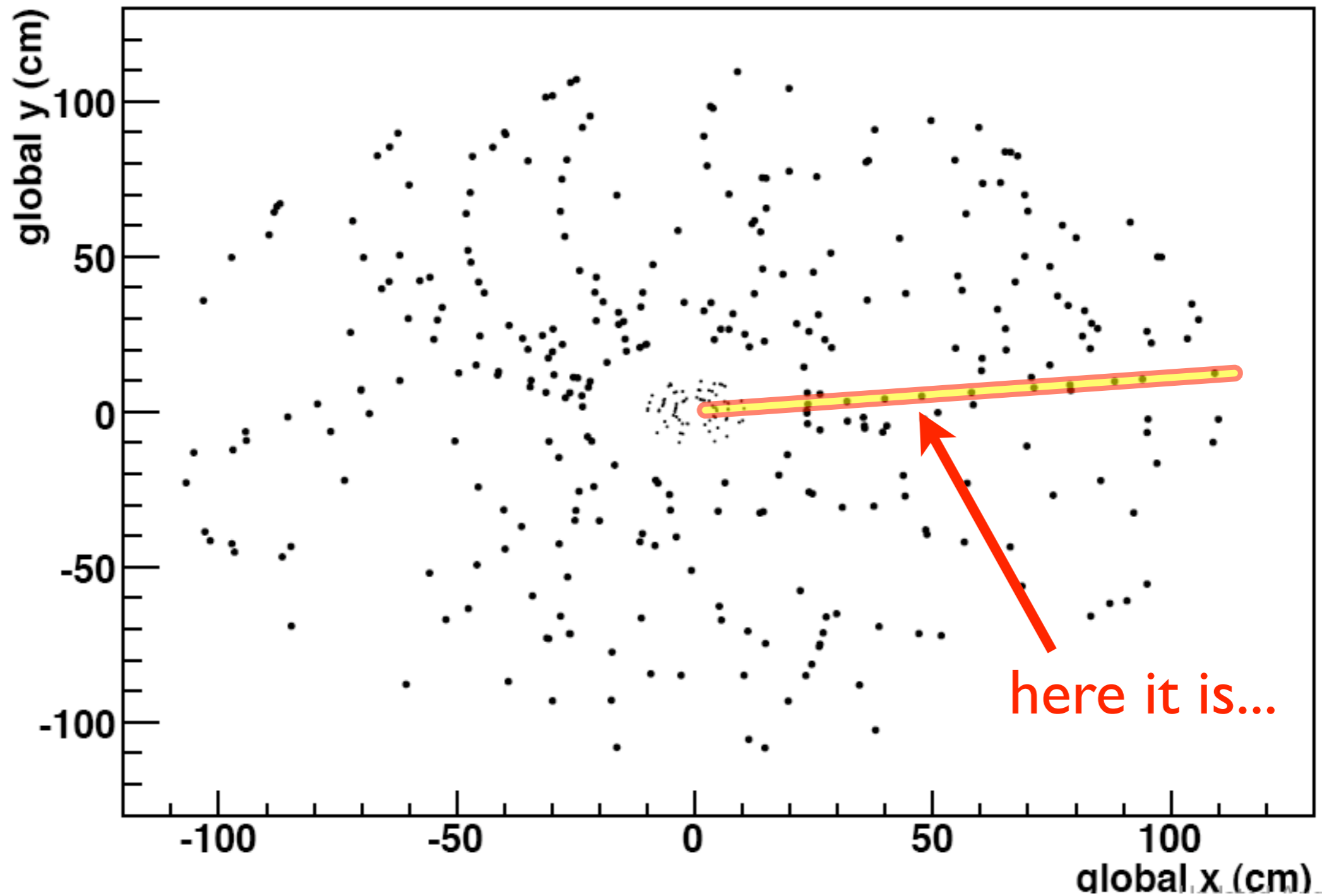
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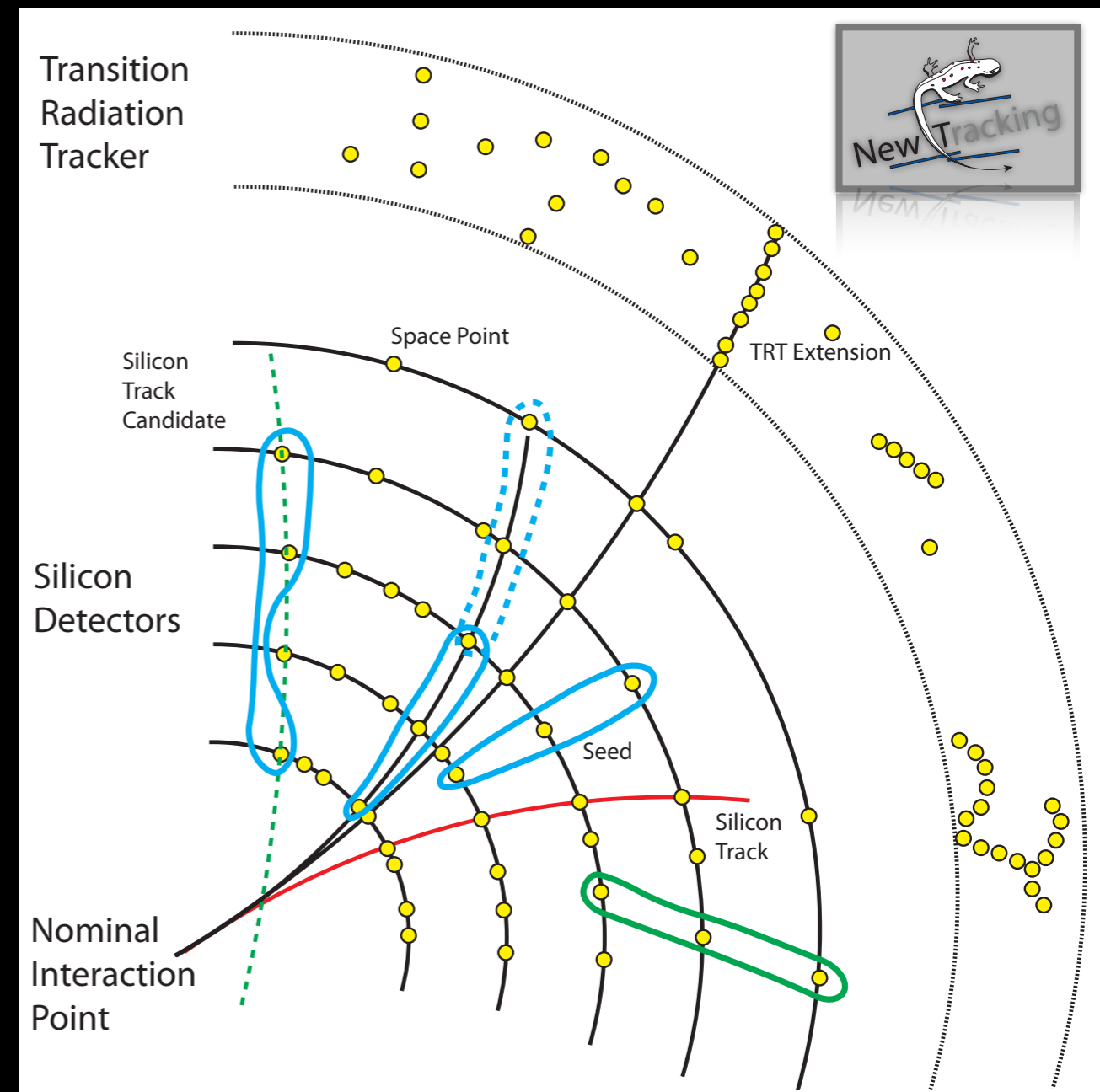
- ➔ identify **track candidates** in event
- ➔ cope with the combinatorial explosion of possible **hit combinations**

- different techniques

- ➔ rough distinction: **local/sequential** and **global/parallel** methods
- ➔ local method: generate **seeds and complete** them to track candidates
- ➔ global method: **simultaneous clustering** of detector hits into track candidates

- some **local** methods

- ➔ track road
- ➔ track following
- ➔ progressive track finding



- some **global** methods

- ➔ conformal mapping
  - Hough and Legendre transform
- ➔ adaptive methods
  - Elastic net, Cellular Automaton ...  
(will not discuss the latter)



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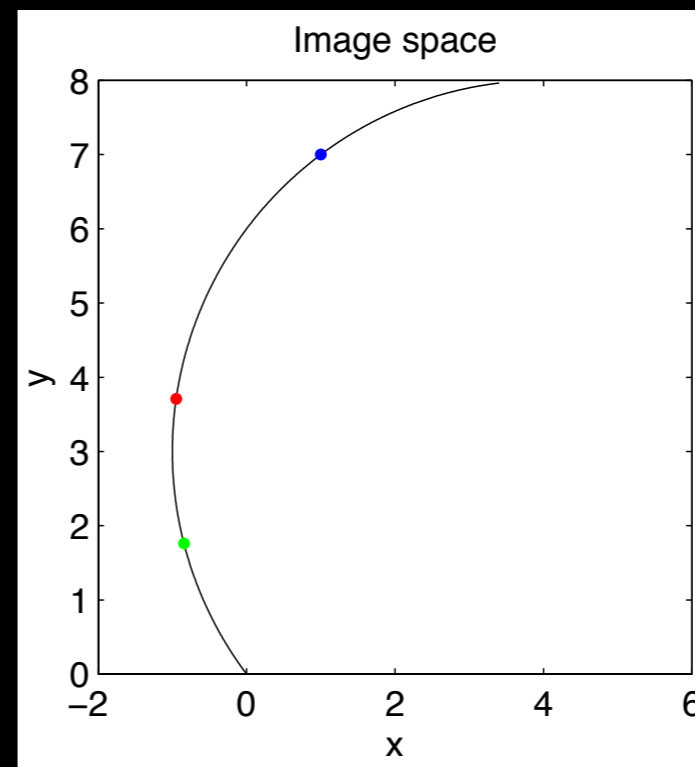
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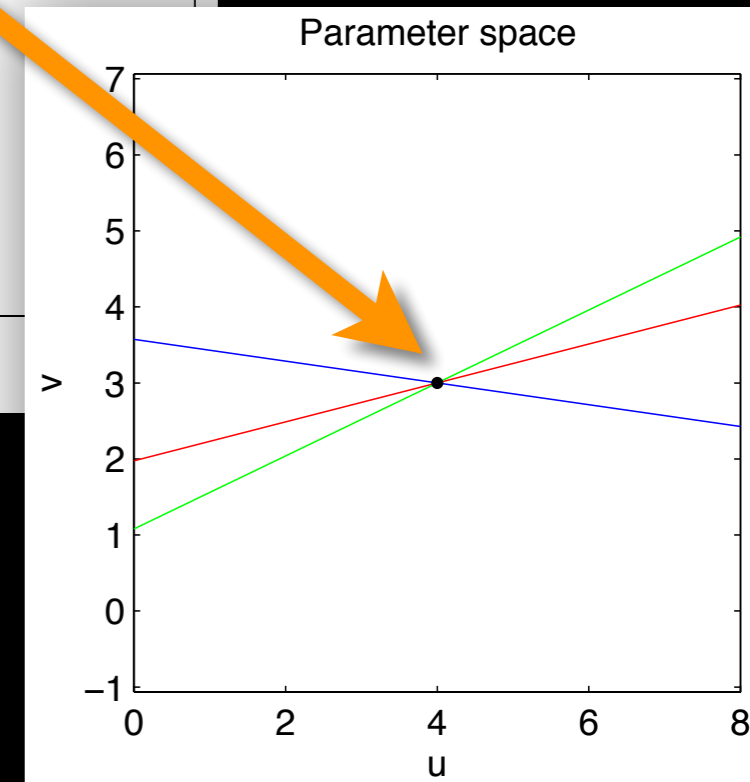
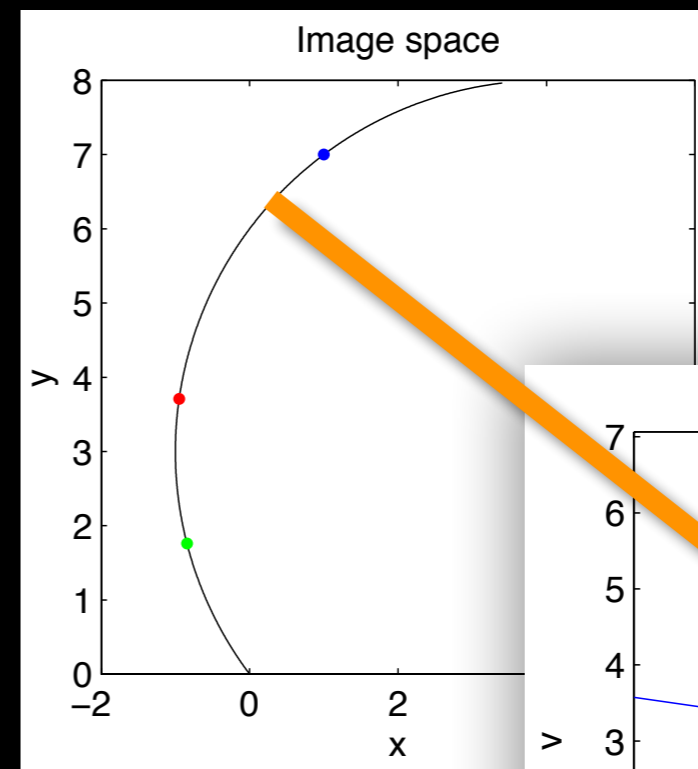
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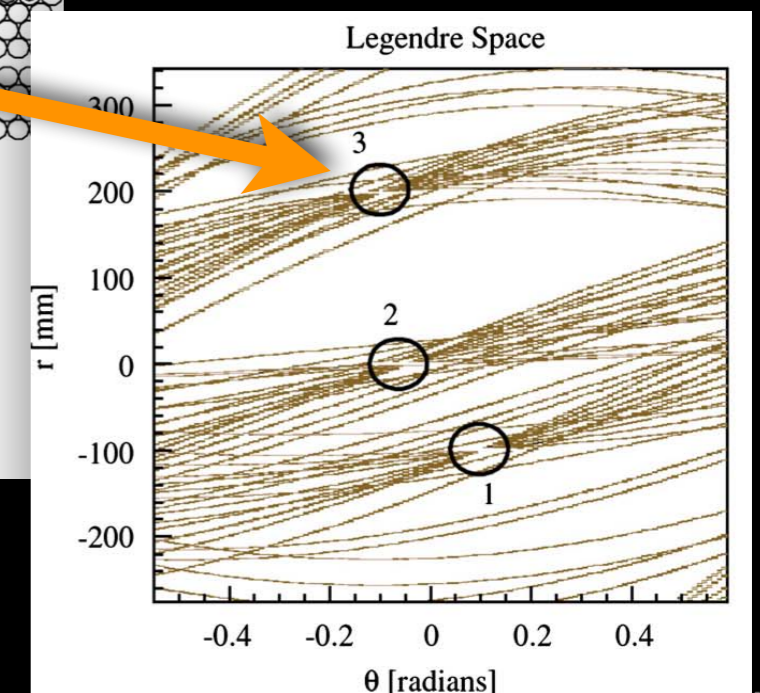
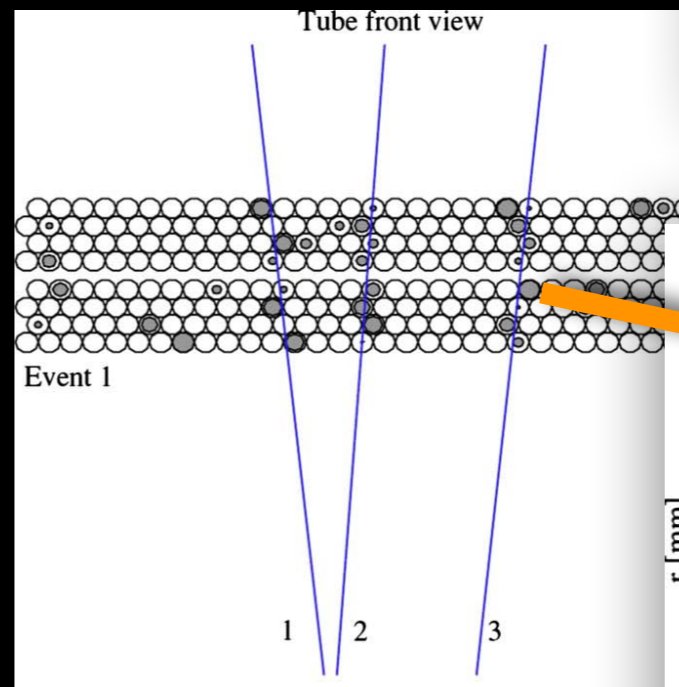
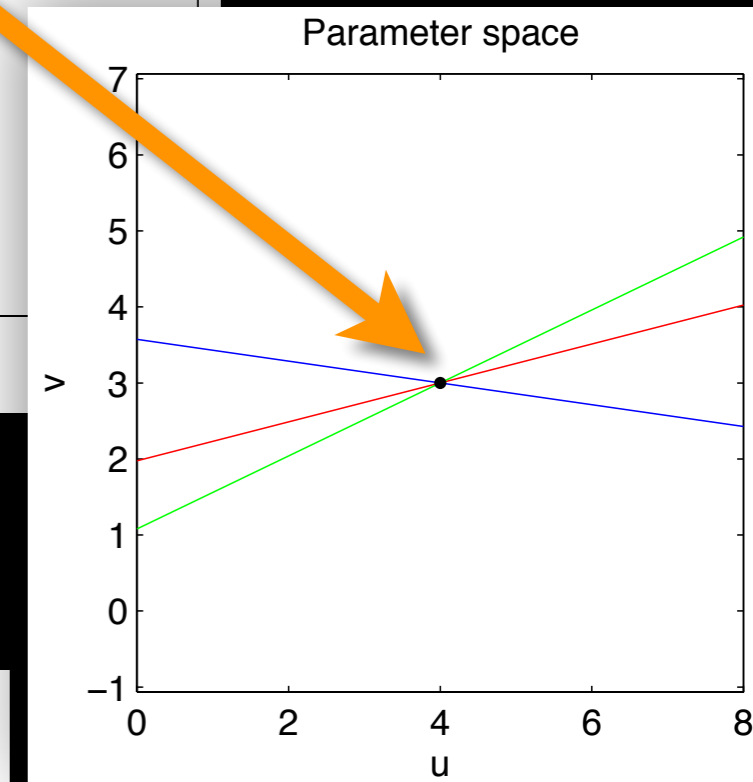
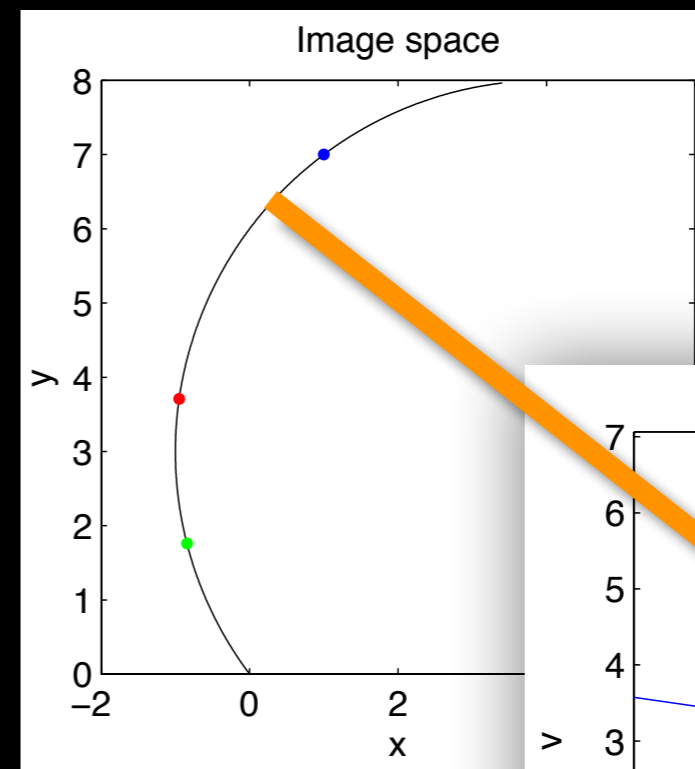
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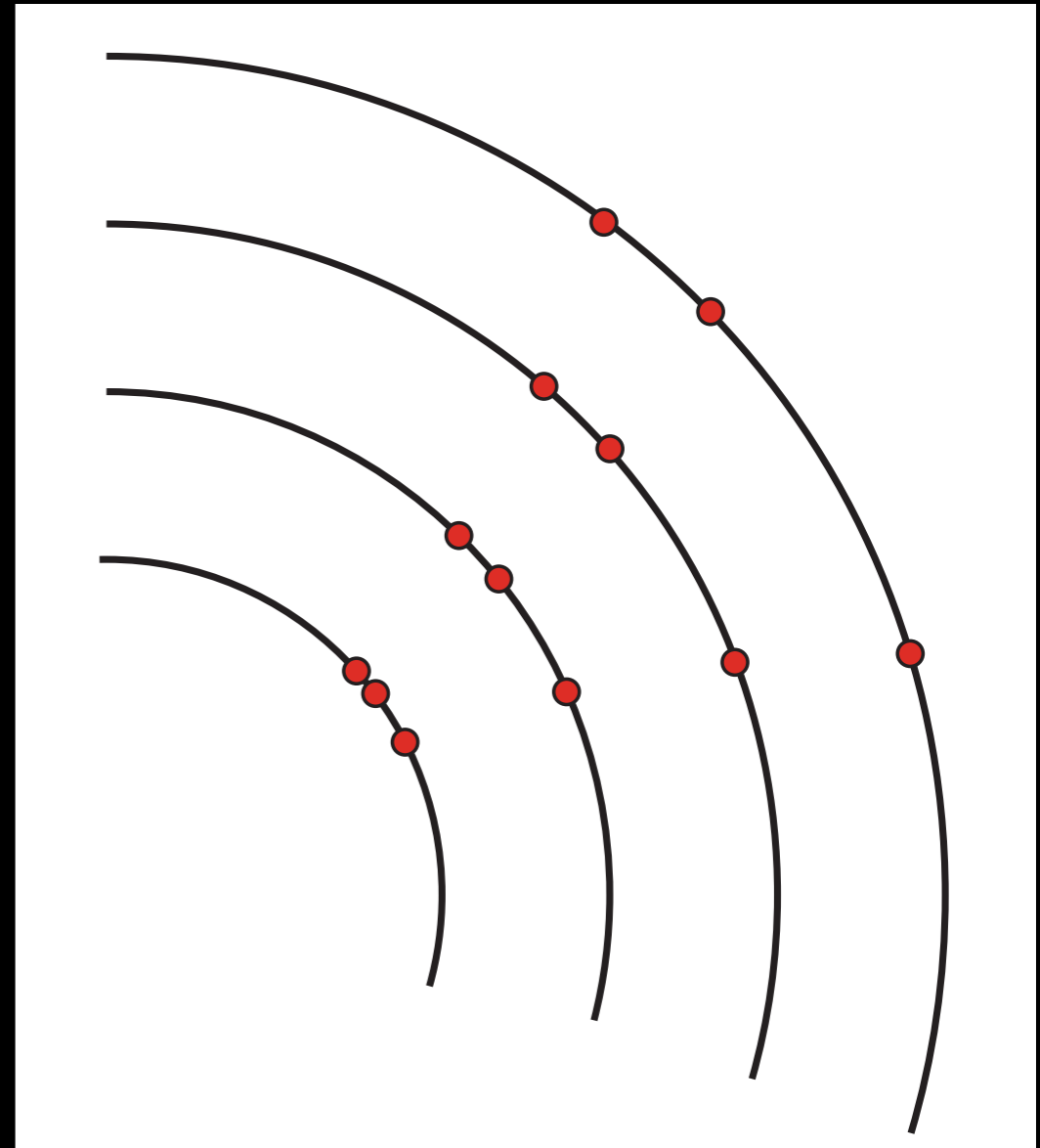
## ● Legendre transform

- used for track finding in drift tubes
- drift radius is transformed into sine-curves in **Legendre space**
- solves as well L-R ambiguity



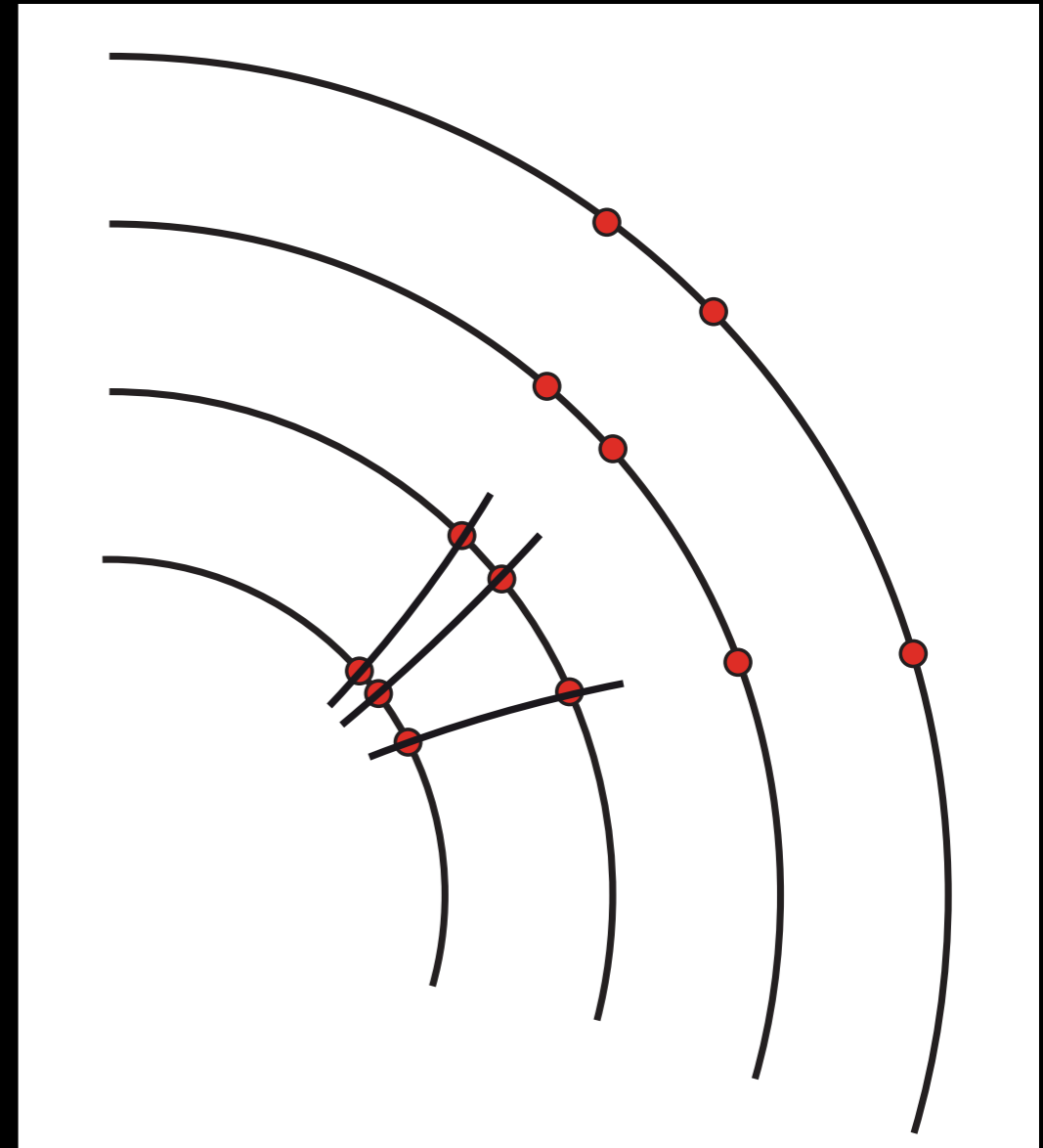
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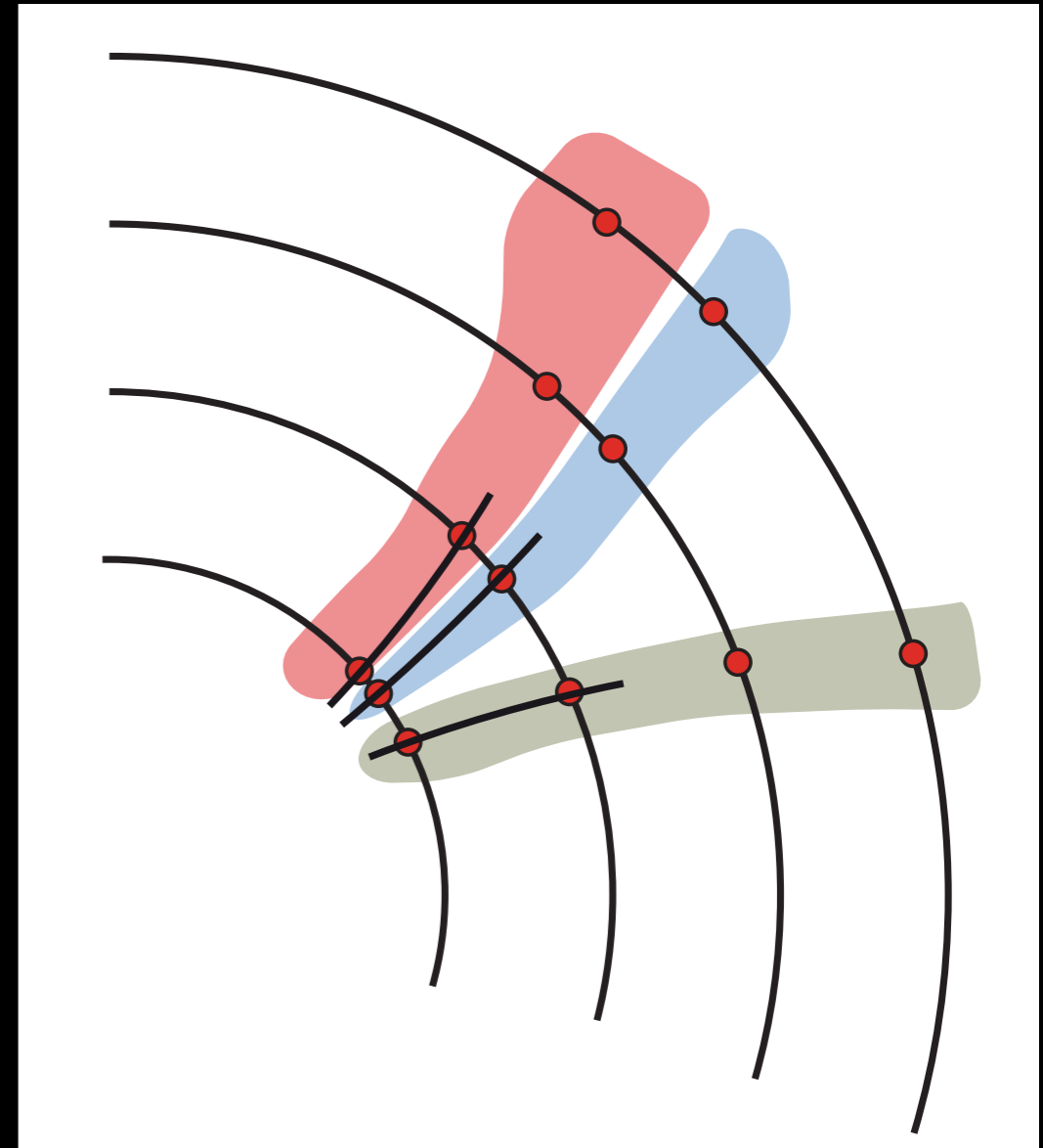
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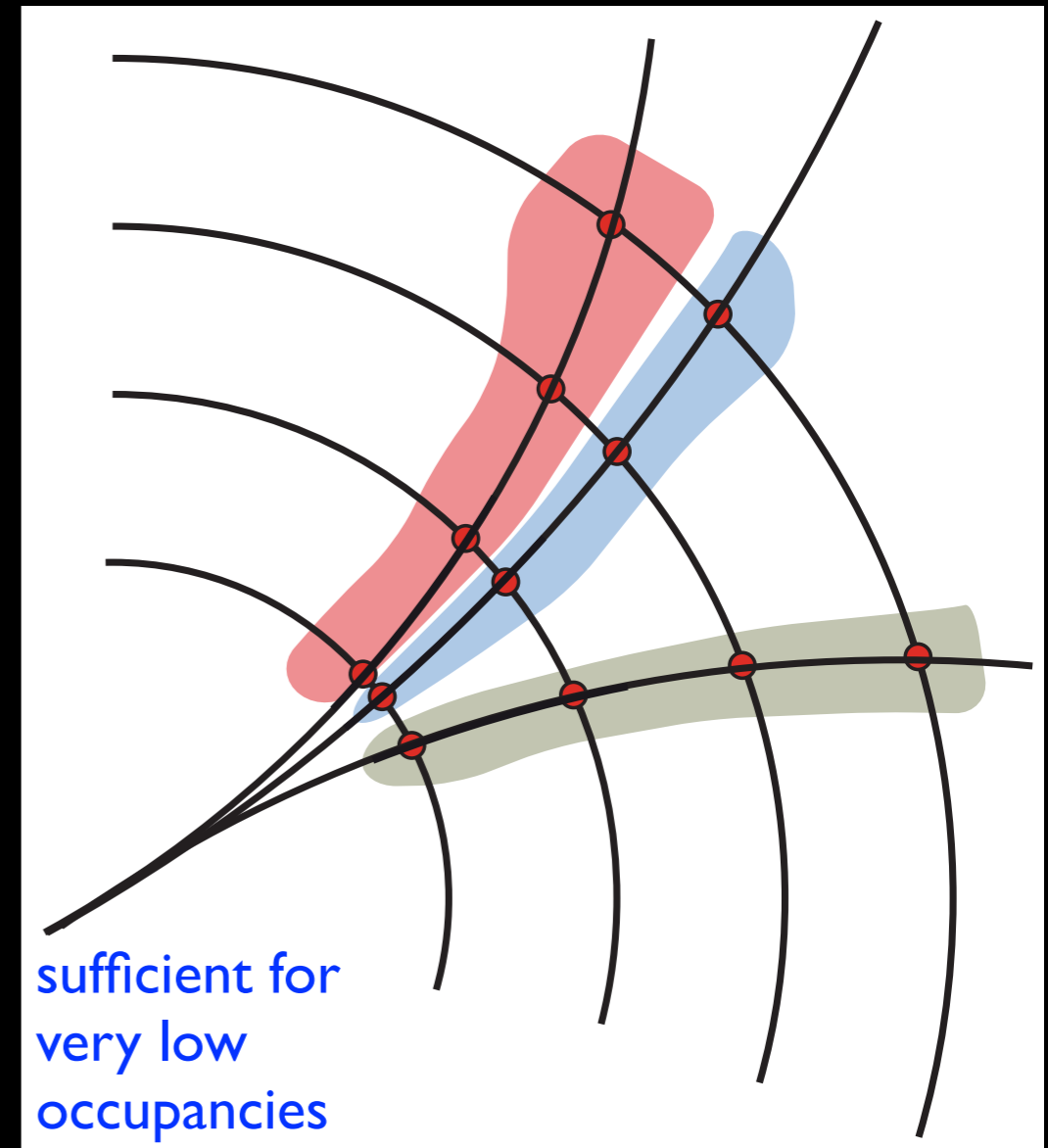
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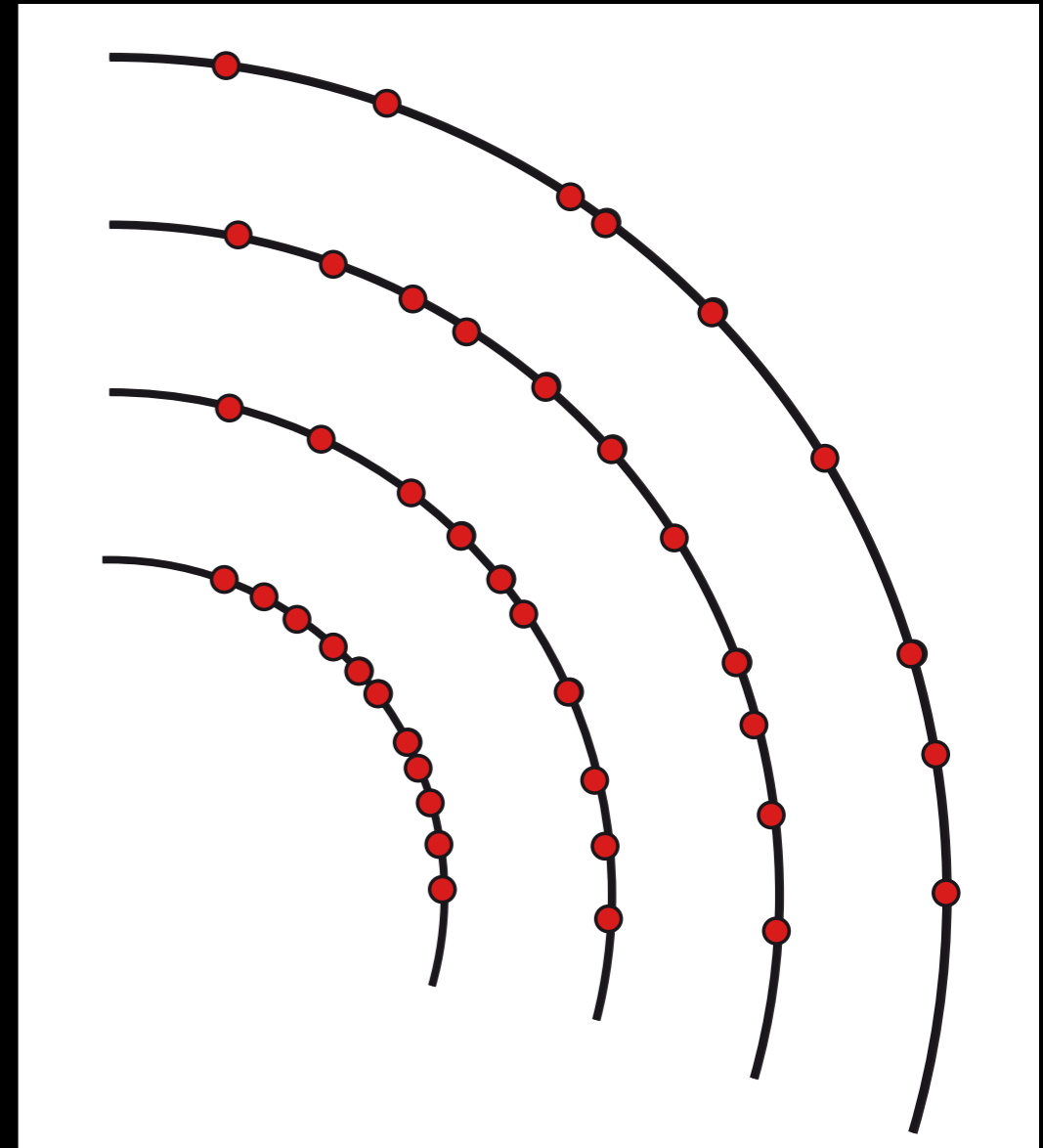
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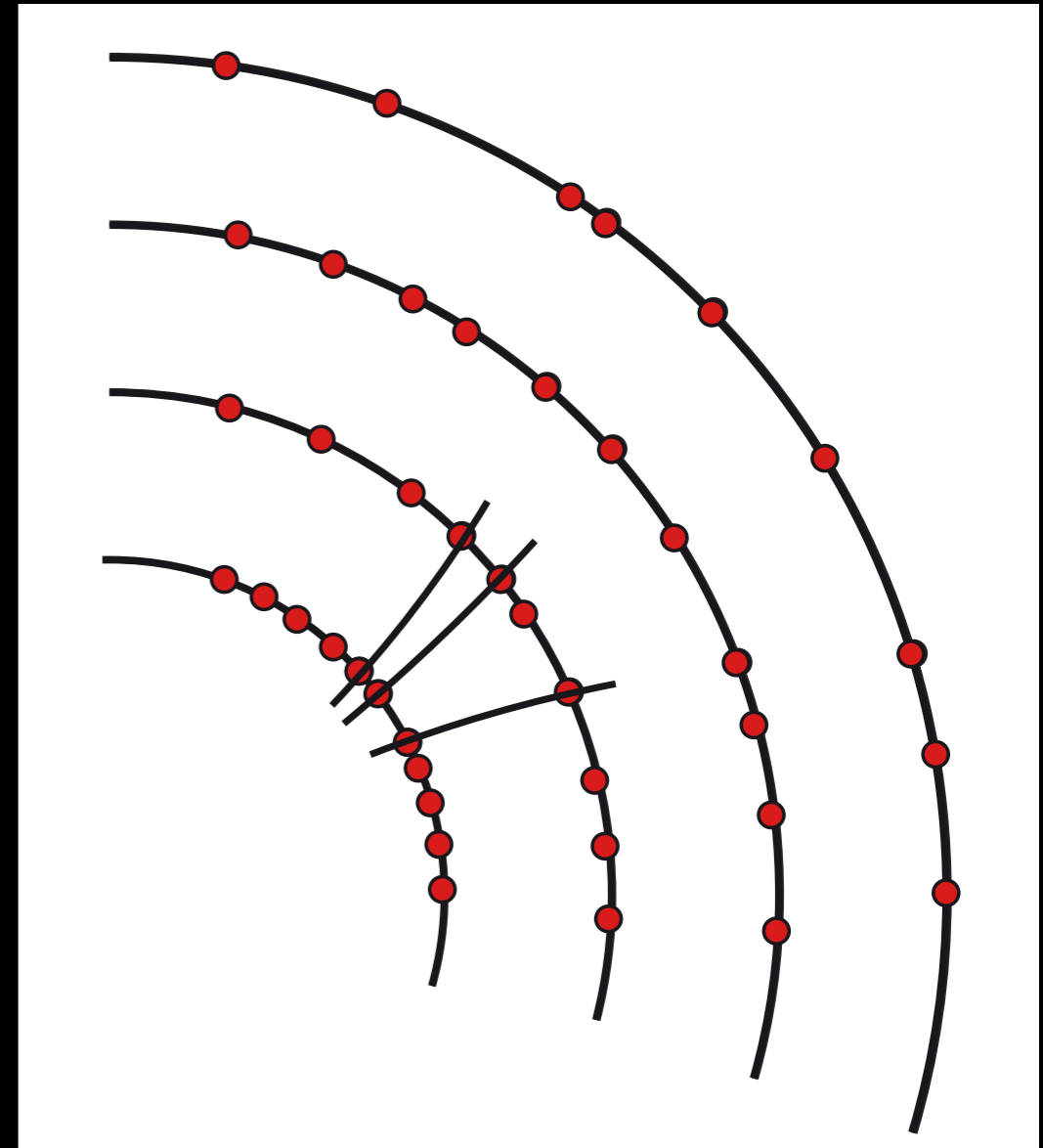
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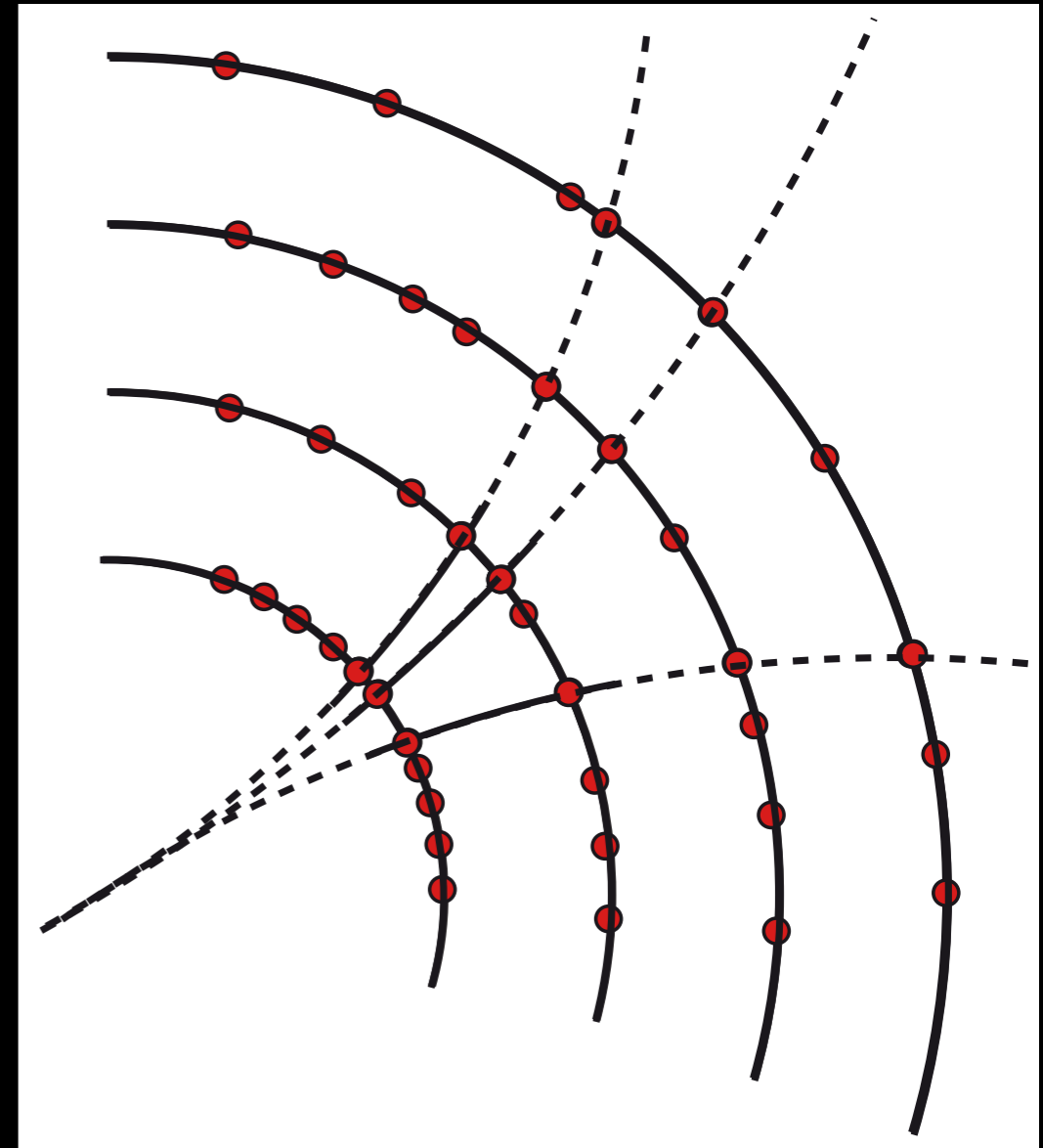
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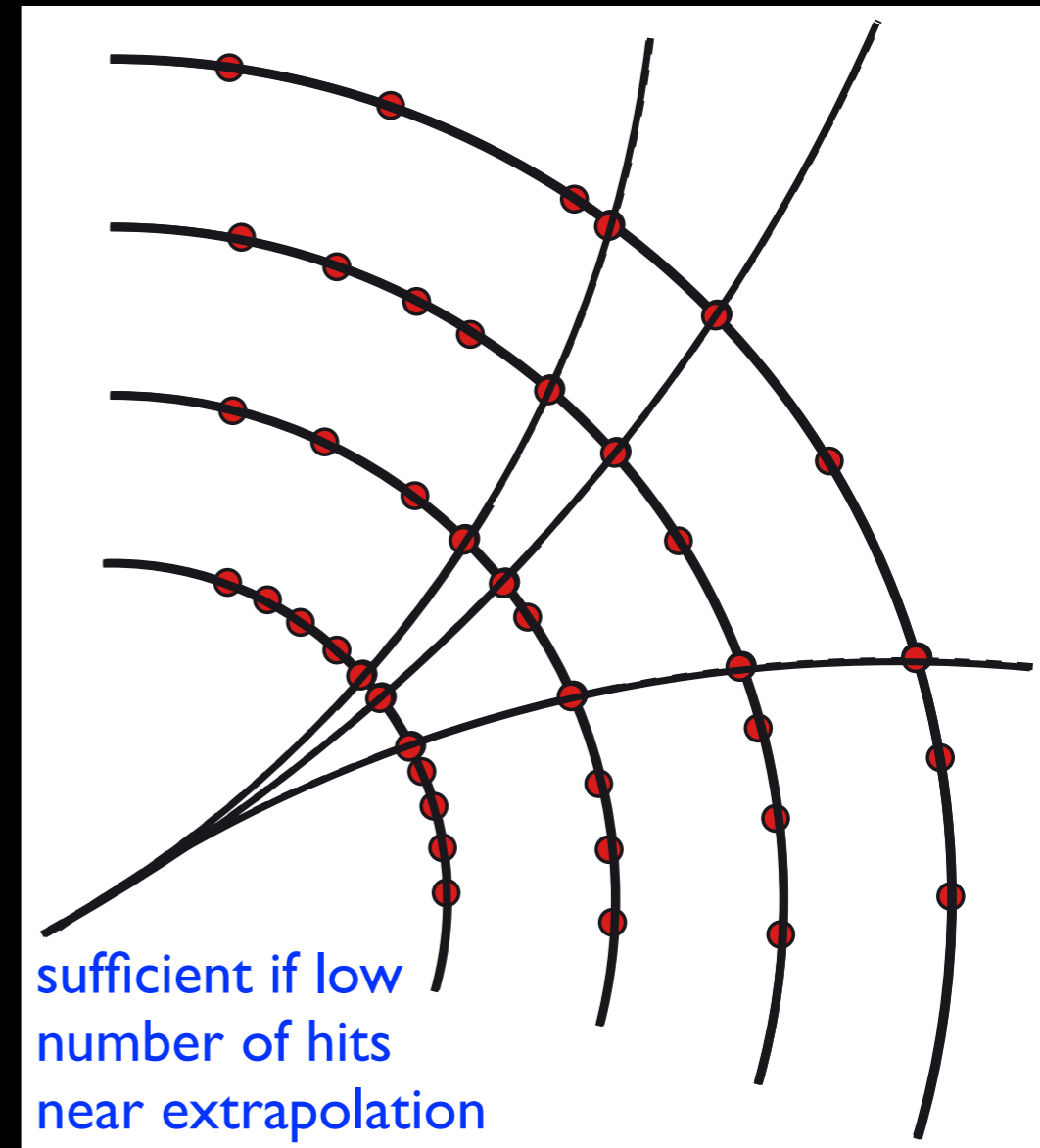
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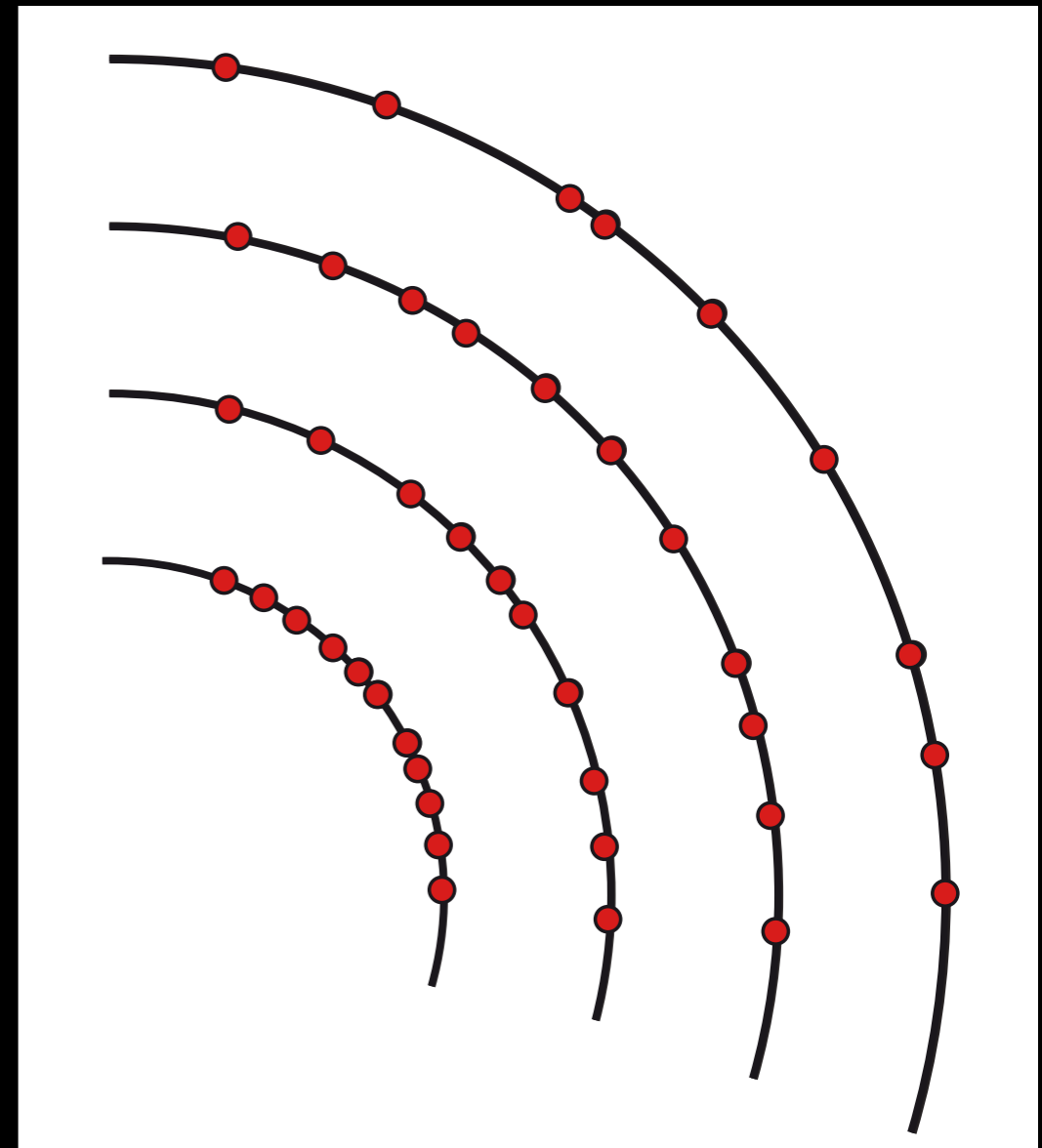
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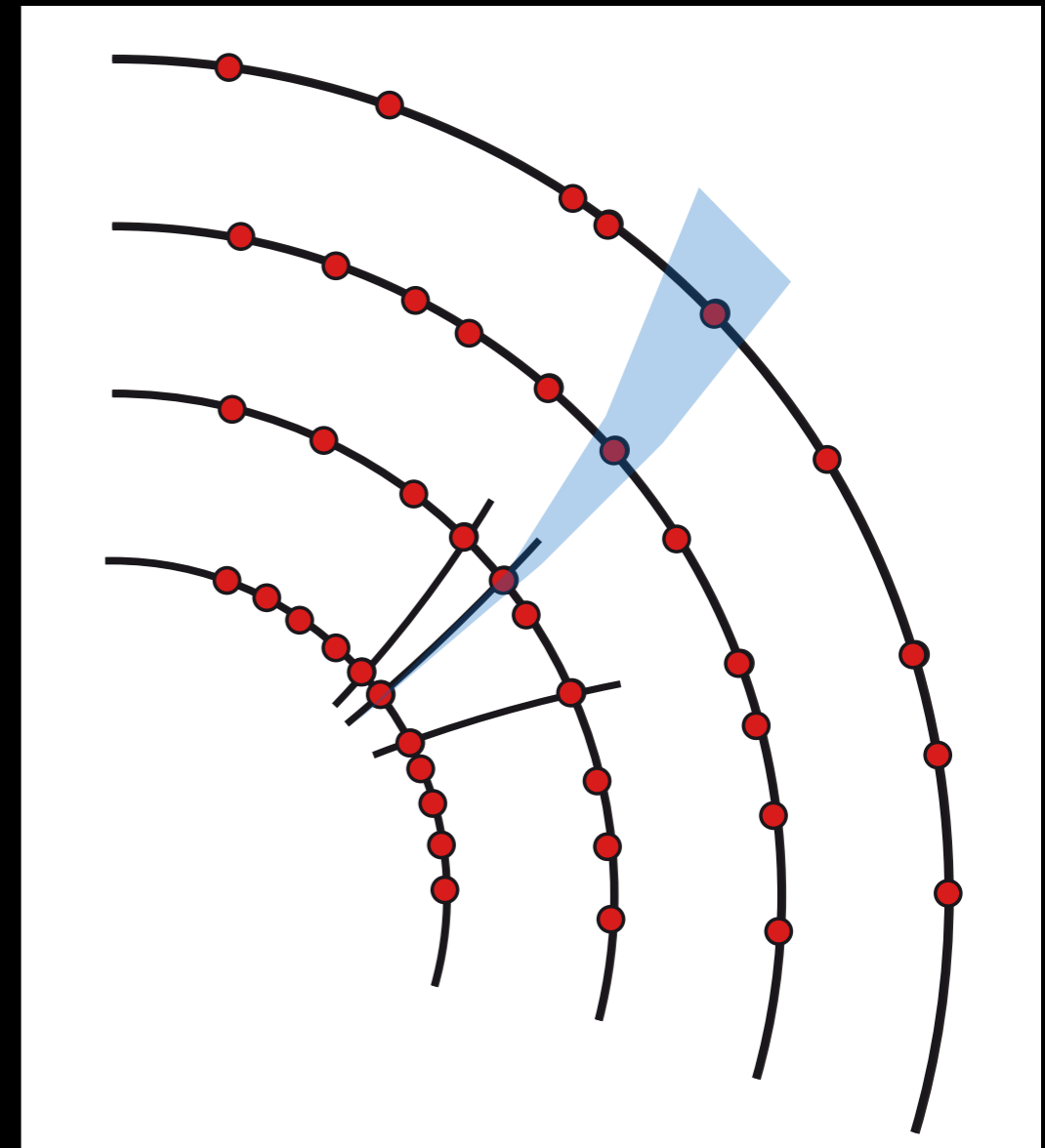
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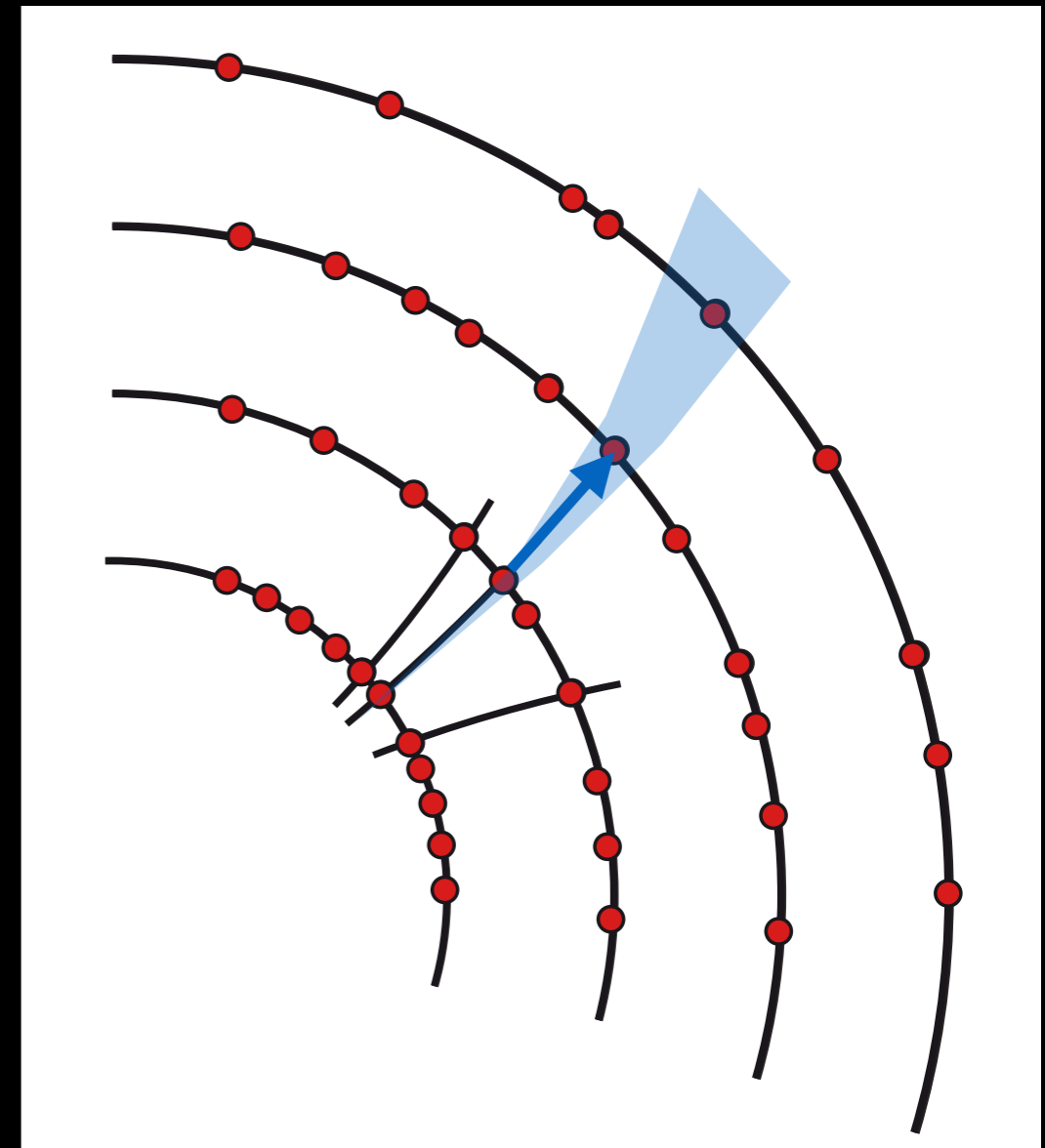
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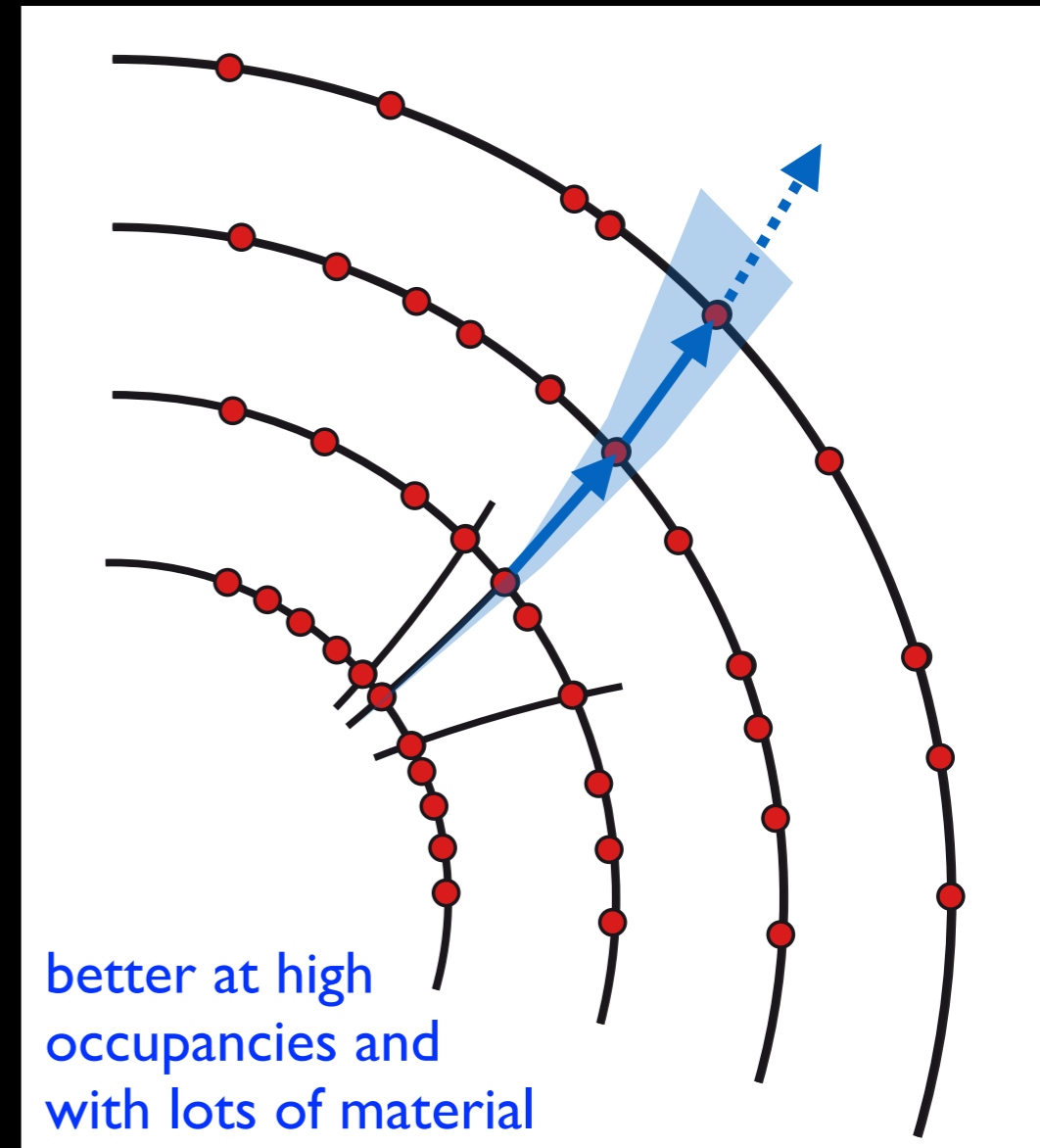
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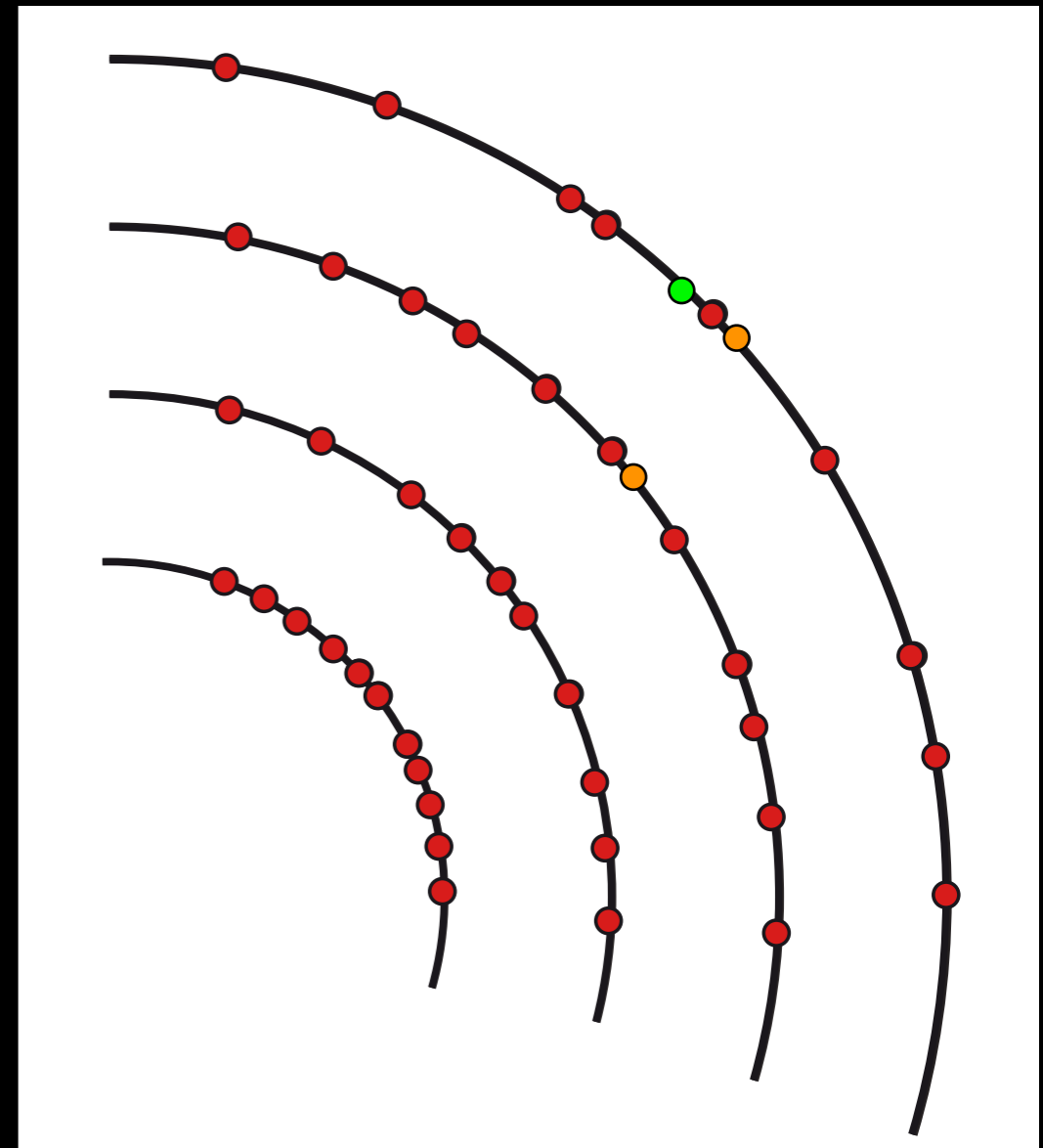
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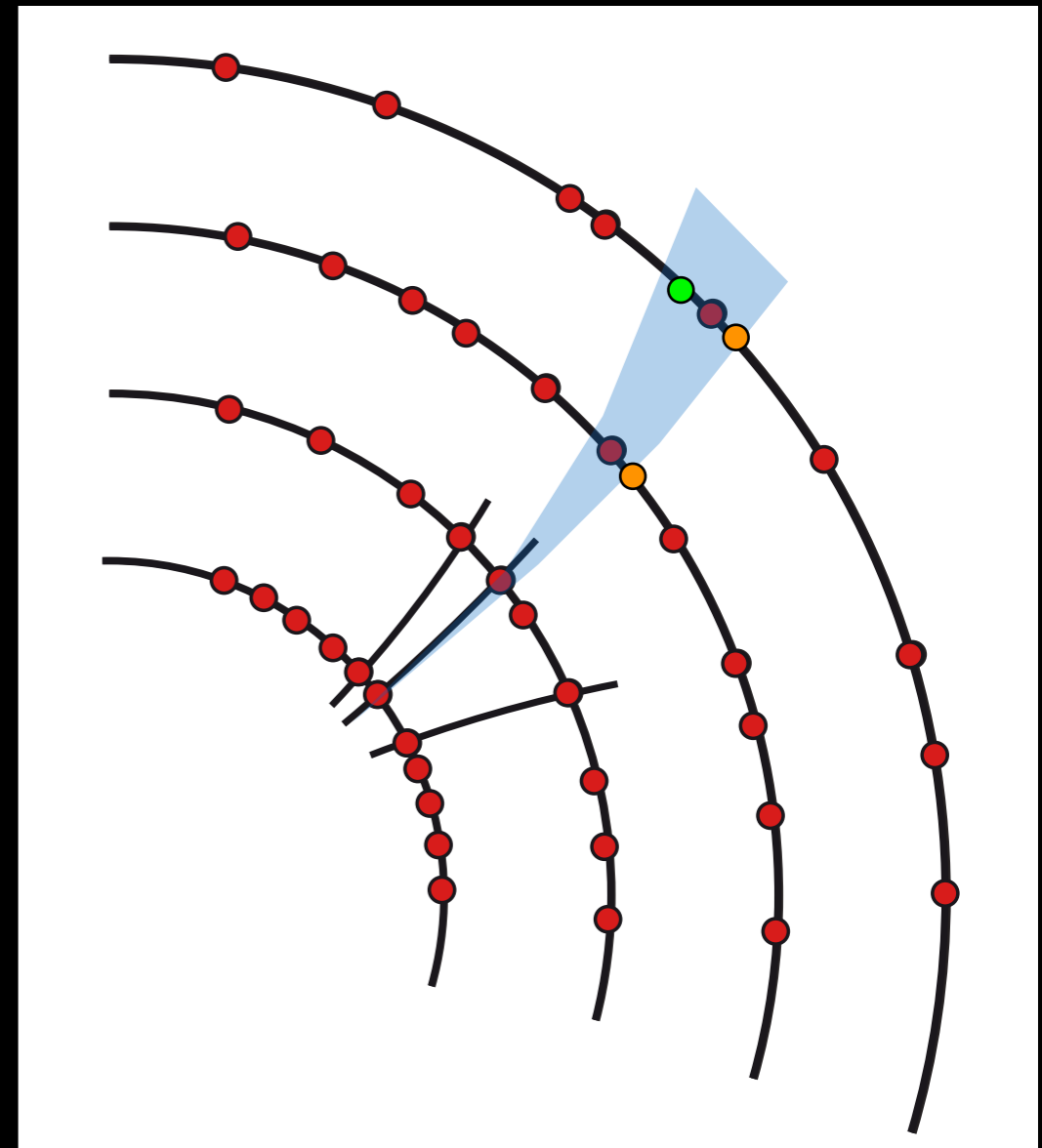
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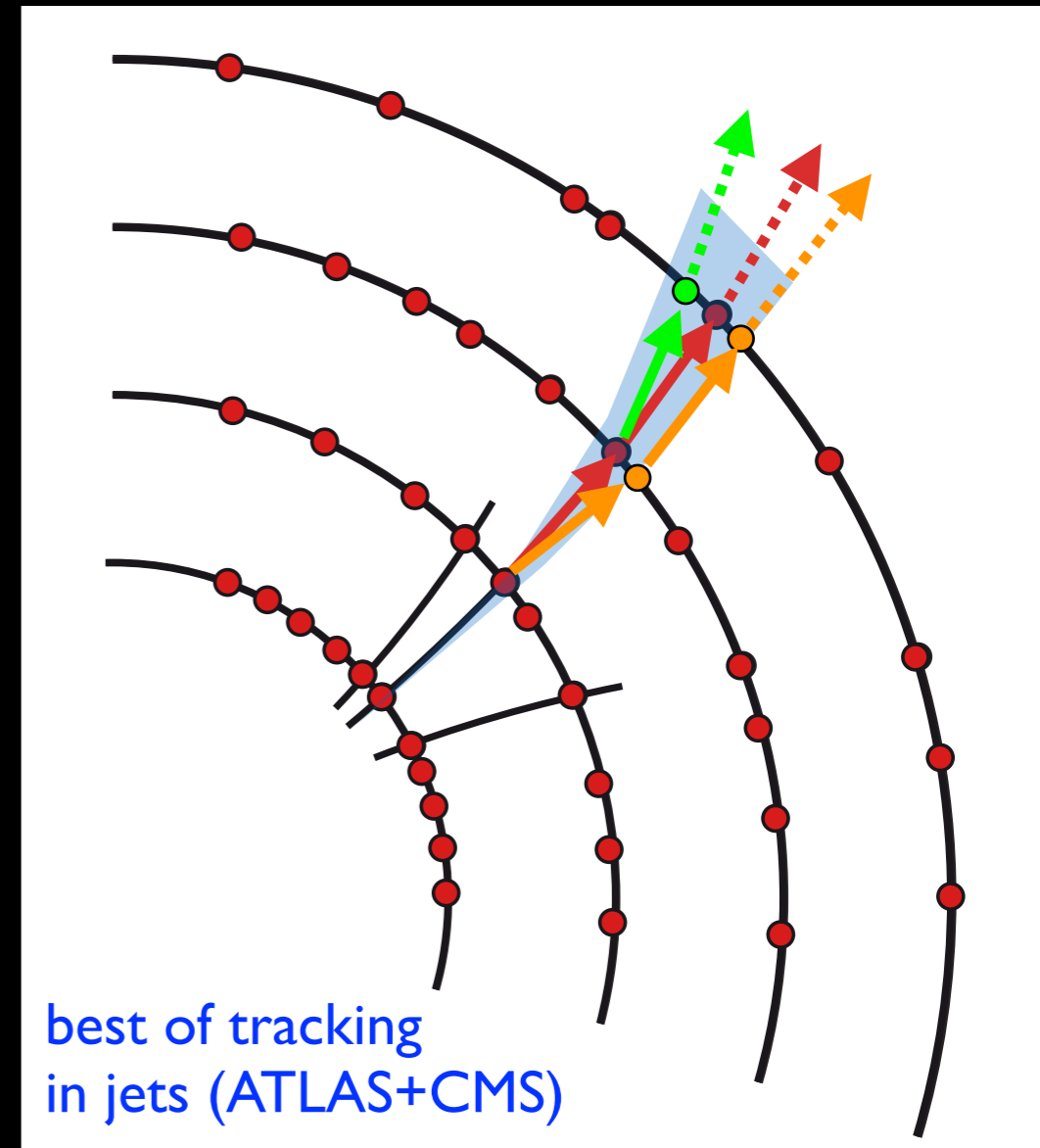
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# Ambiguity Solution

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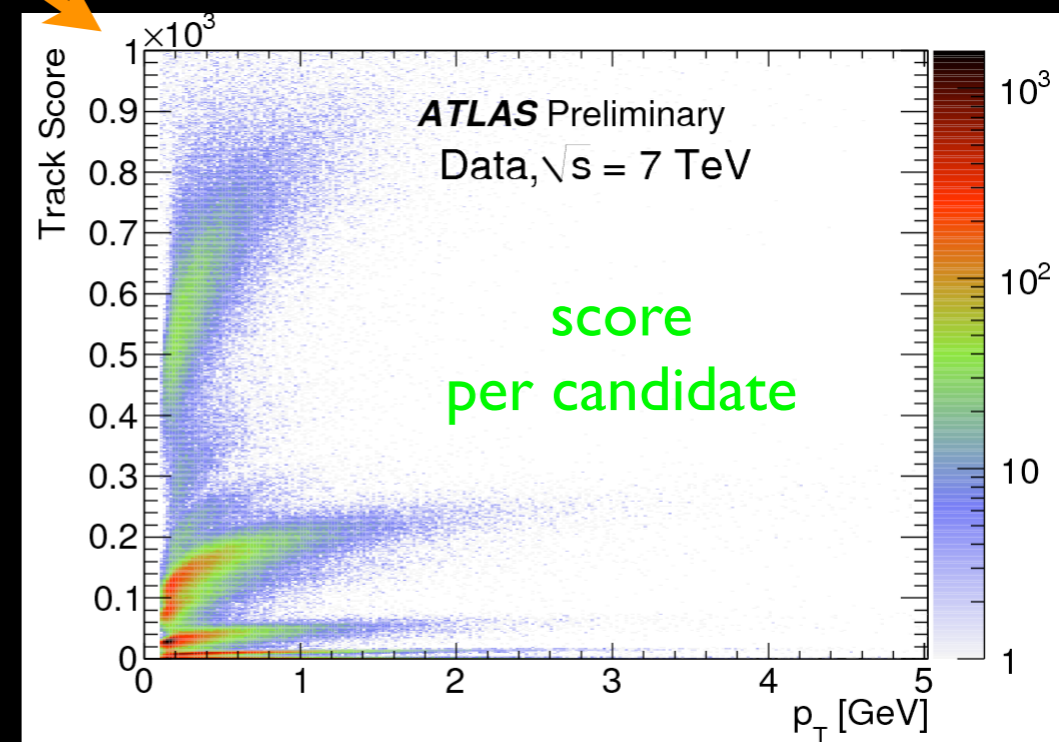
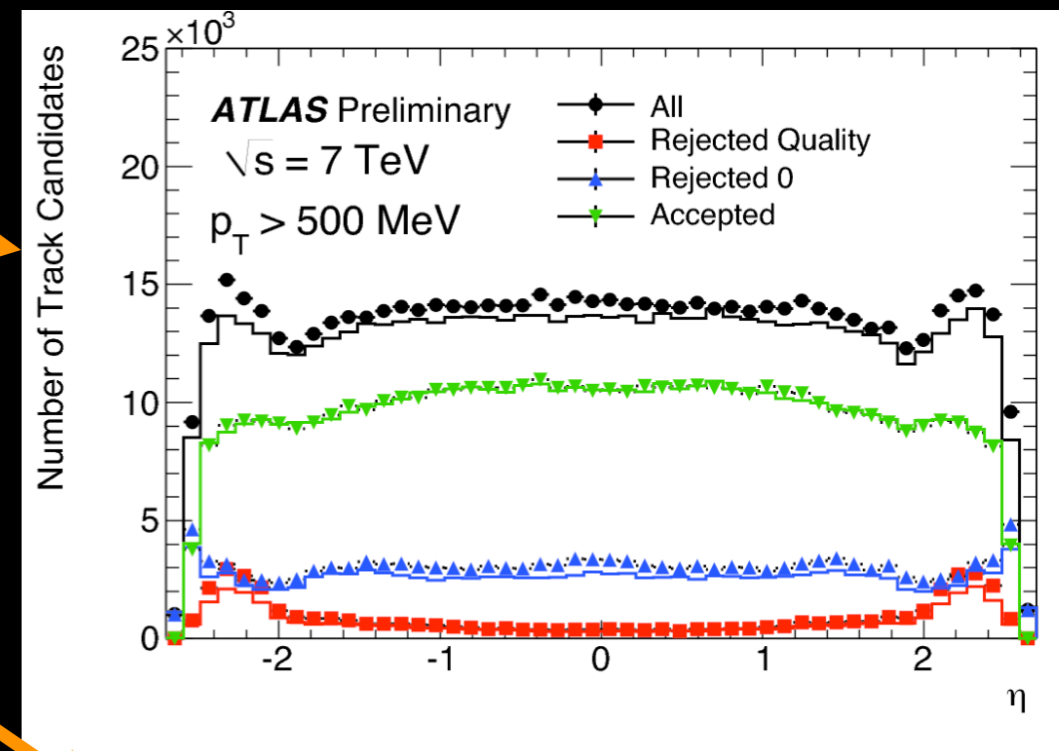
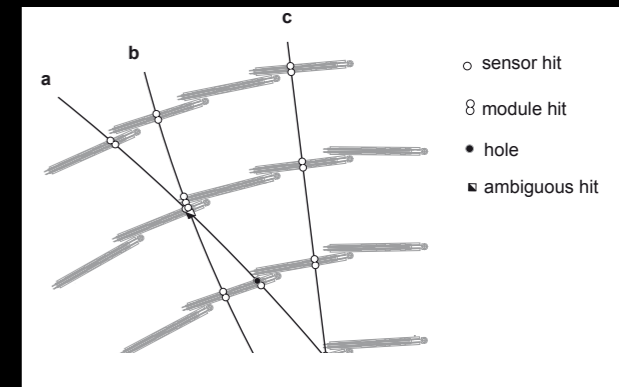
- ➔ applied at every stage in reconstruction
- ➔ still more candidates than final tracks

- task of ambiguity solution:

- ➔ select good tracks and reject fakes
- ➔ construct quality function ("score") for each candidate:
  1. hit content, holes
  2. number of shared hits
  3. fit quality...
- ➔ candidates with best score win
- ➔ if too many shared hits, create sub-tracks if possible
- ➔ in case of ATLAS: as well precise fit

- DELPHI (LEP), LC-Detector:

- ➔ full recursive ambiguity processor
- ➔ D.Wicke, M.E.

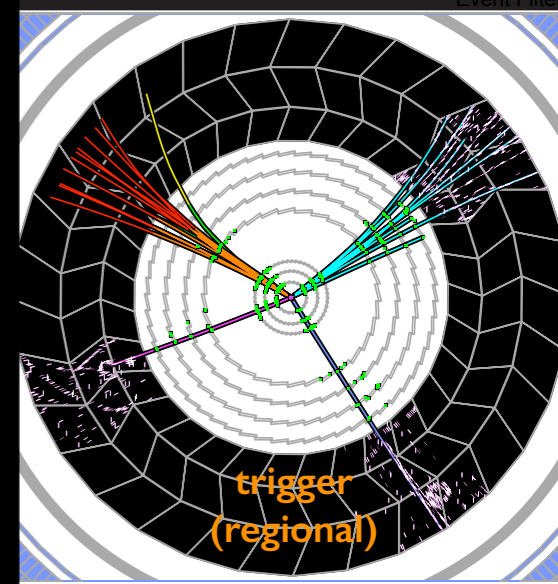
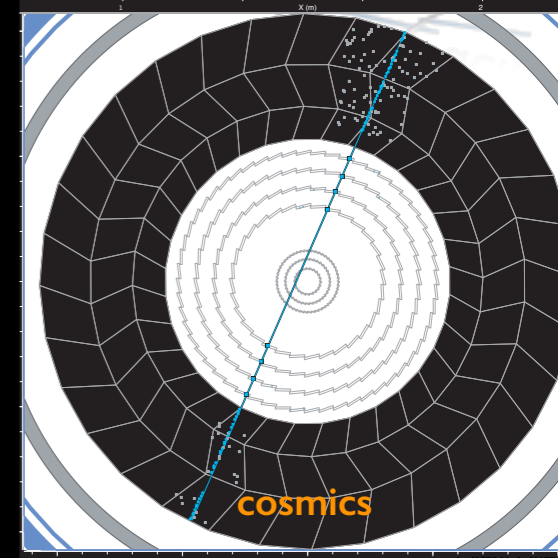
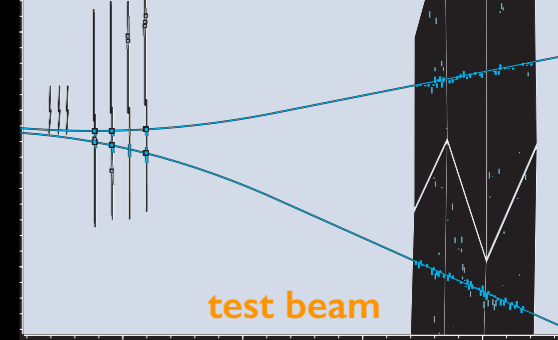


# ATLAS Track Reconstruction



# ... and in Practice ?

- choice of reconstruction **strategy** depends on:
  - ➔ detector technologies
  - ➔ physics/performance requirements
  - ➔ occupancy and backgrounds
  - ➔ technical constraints (CPU, memory)
- even for same detector setup one looks at different **types of events**:
  - ➔ test beam
  - ➔ cosmics
  - ➔ trigger (regional)
  - ➔ offline (full scan)
- track reconstruction **used** by experiments
  - ➔ usually apply a **combination of different techniques**
  - ➔ often **iterative** ~ different strategies run one after the other to obtain best possible performance within resource constraints

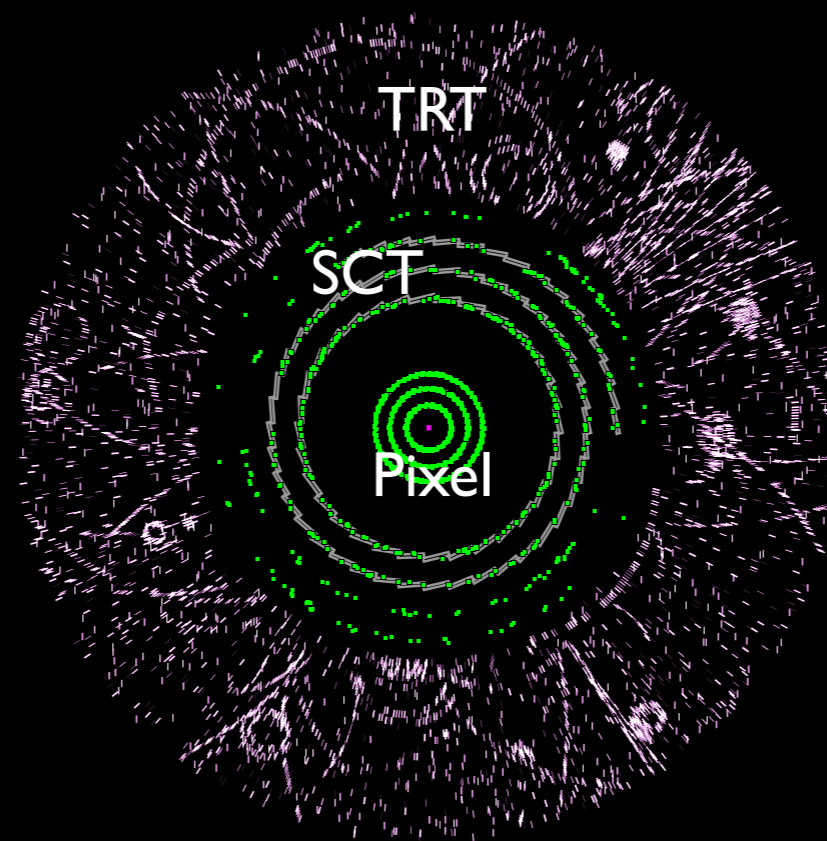




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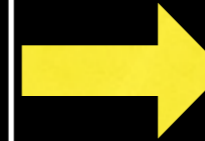




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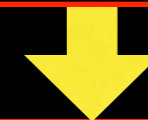
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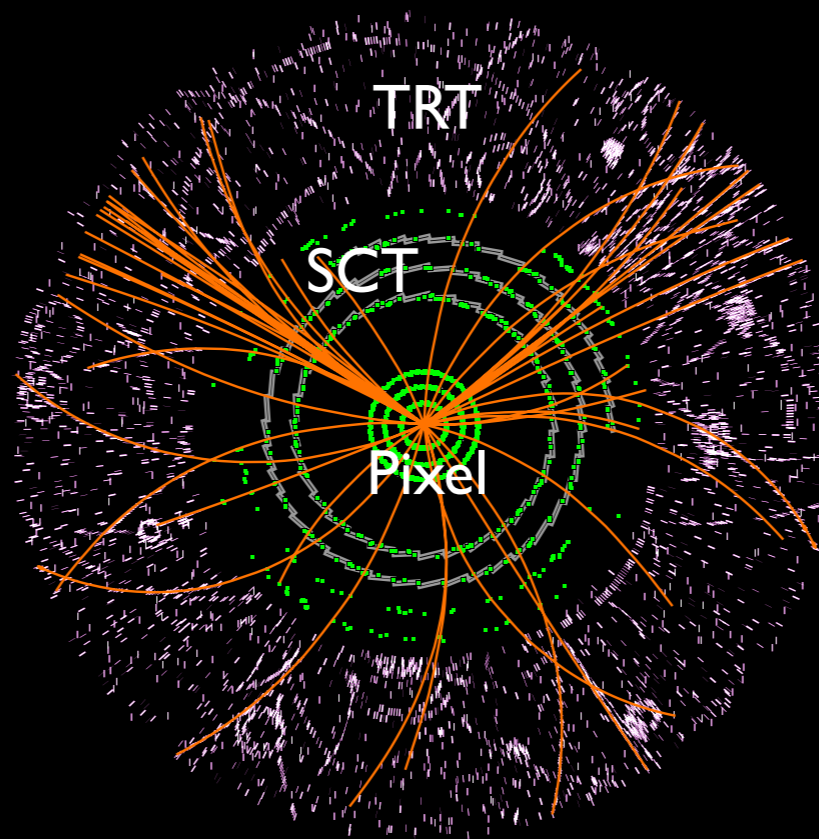
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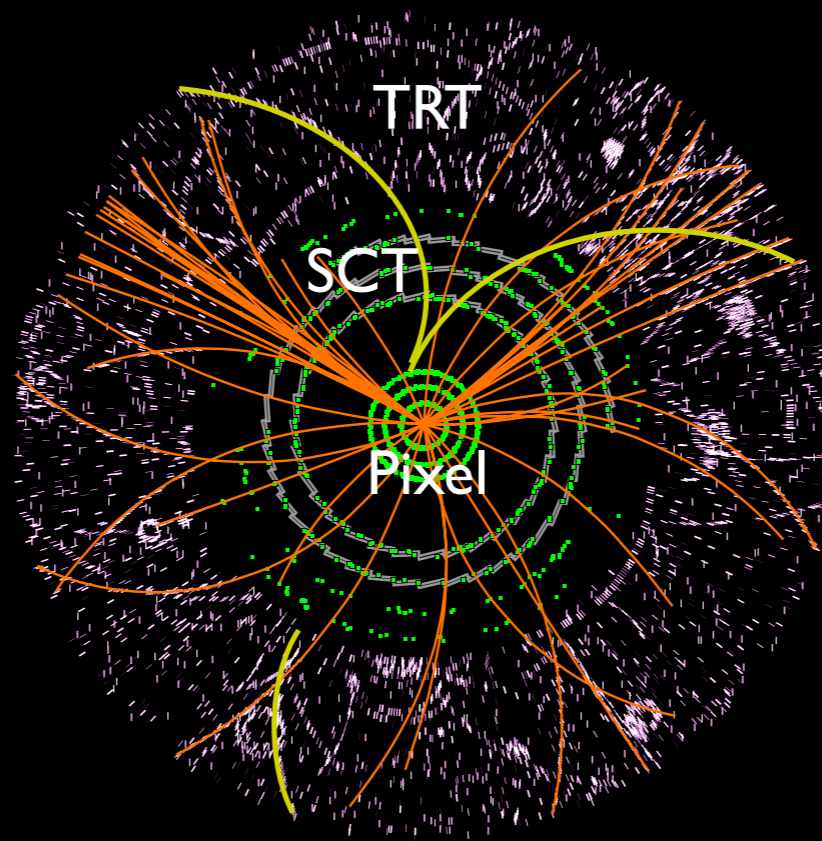
- ➔ unused TRT segments

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- ➔ TRT seeded tracks

**TRT seeded finder**

- ➔ from TRT into SCT+Pixels
- ➔ combinatorial finder



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**TRT segment finder**

- ➔ on remaining drift circles
- ➔ uses Hough transform

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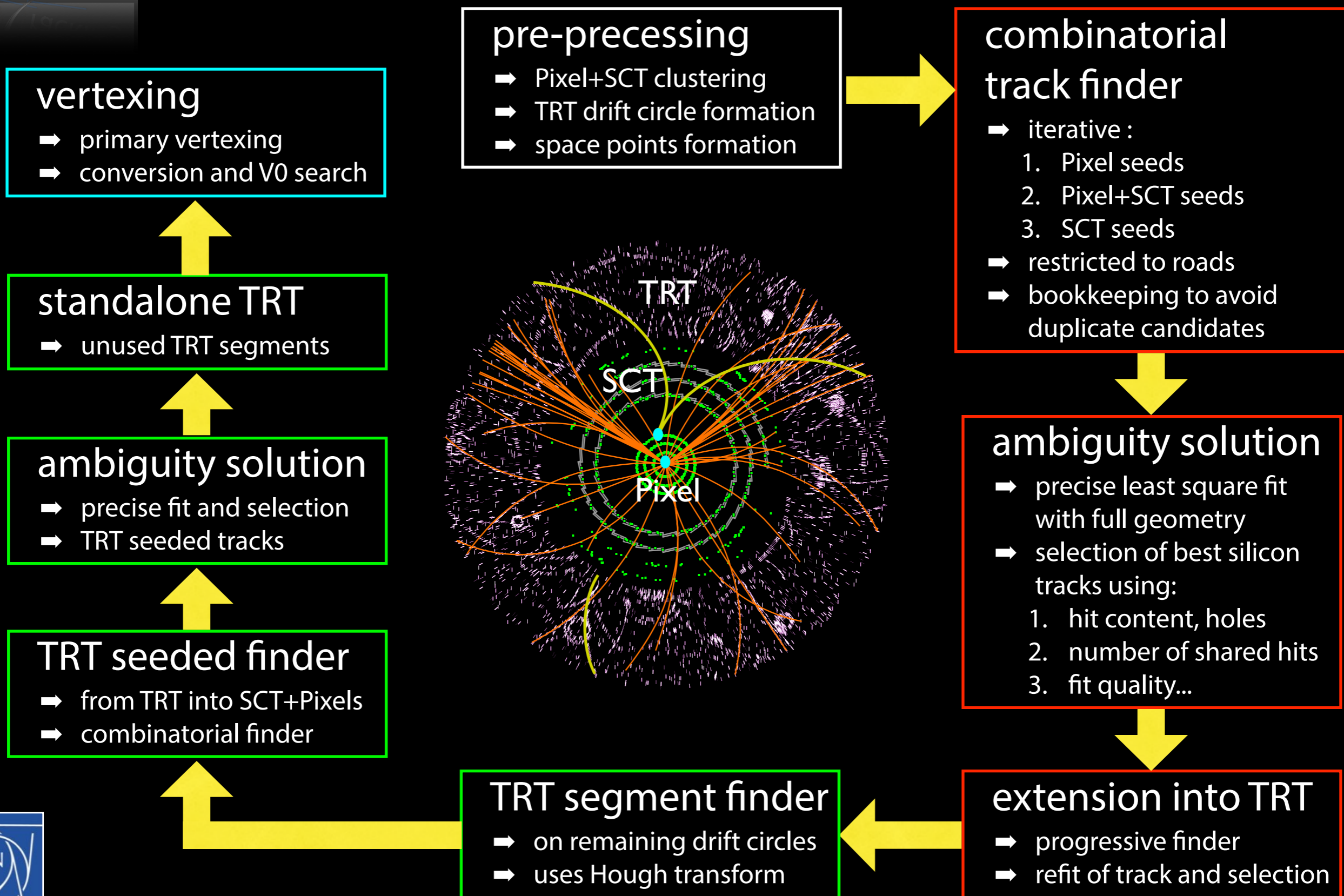
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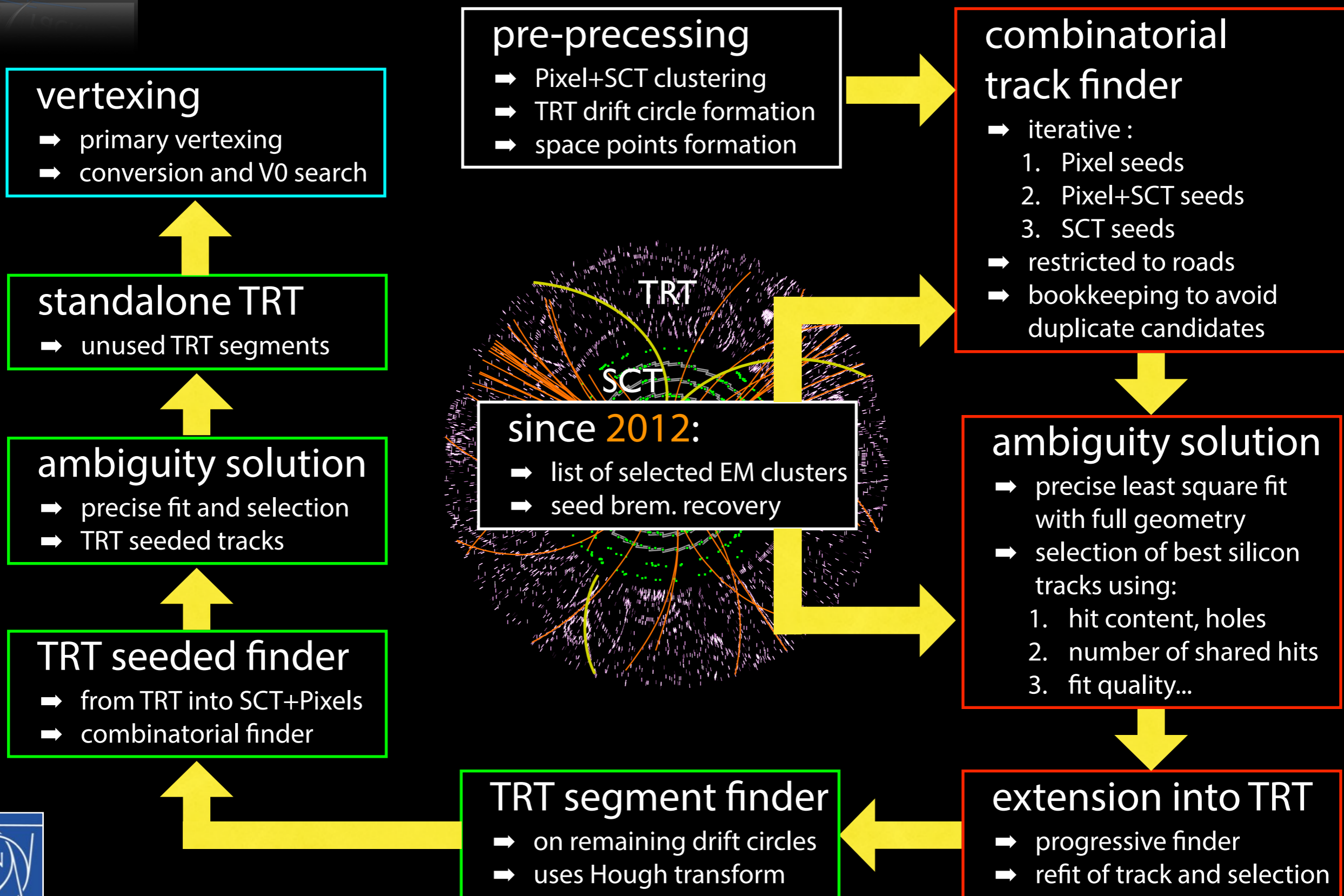


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# Tracking with Electron Brem. Recovery

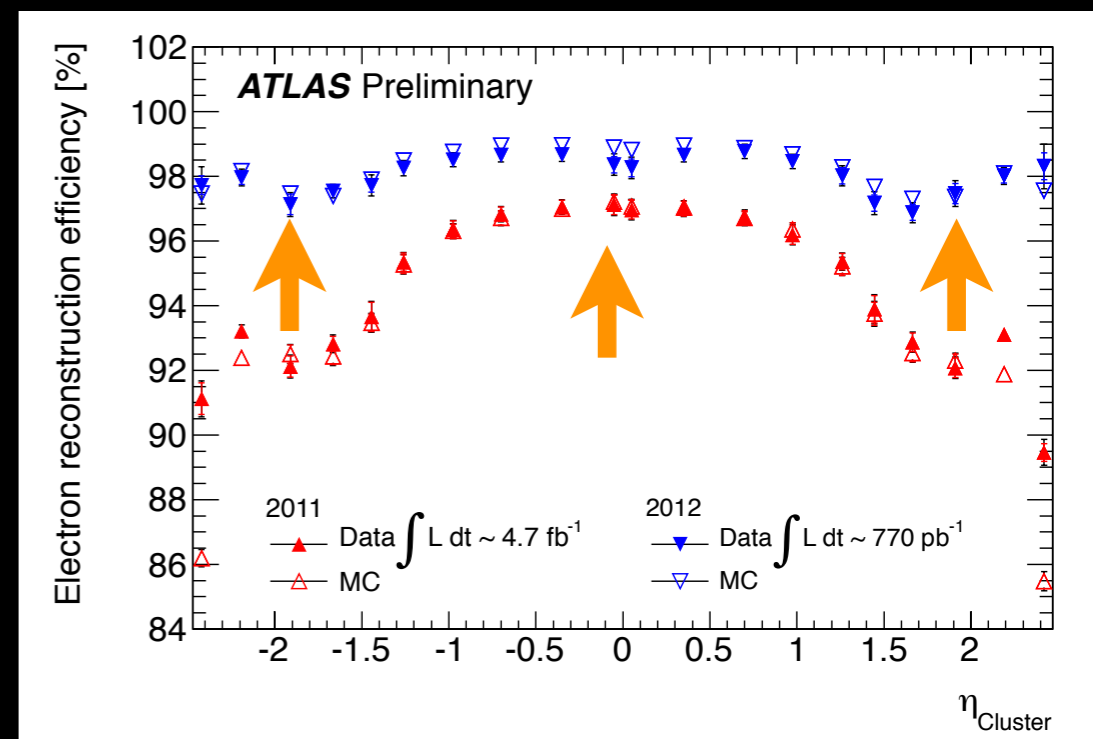
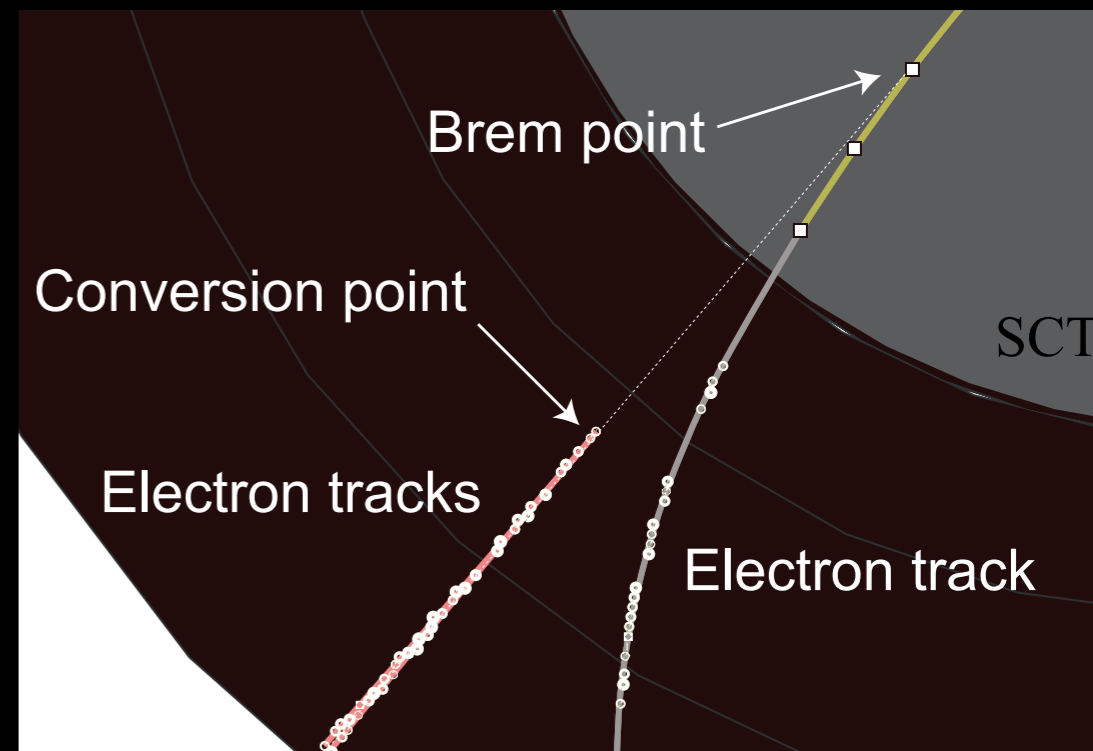
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## ● strategy for brem. recovery

- ➔ restrict recovery to regions pointing to electromagnetic clusters (RoI)
- ➔ pattern: allow for large energy loss in combinatorial Kalman filter
  - adjust noise term for electrons
- ➔ global- $\chi^2$  fitter allows for brem. point
- ➔ adapt ambiguity processing (etc.) to ensure e.g. b-tagging is not affected
- ➔ use full fledged Gaussian-Sum Filter in electron identification code

## ● tracking update deployed in 2012

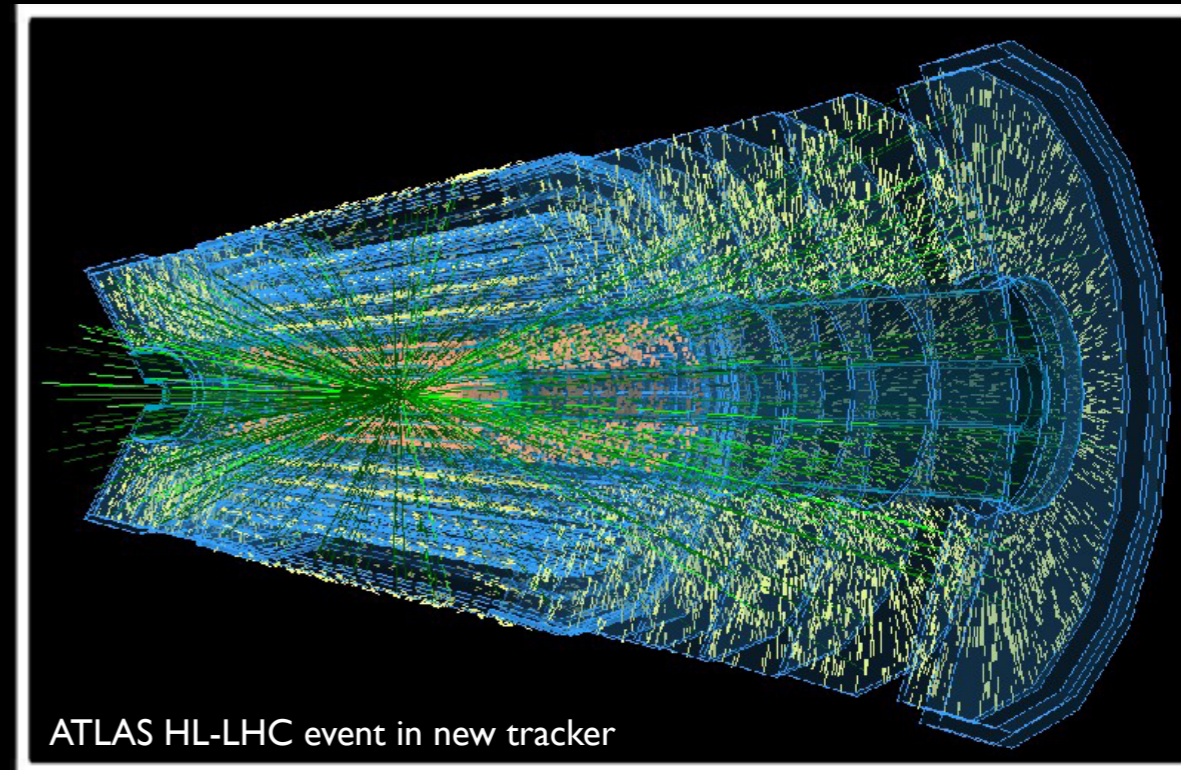
- ➔ improvements especially at low  $p_T$  ( $< 15$  GeV)
  - limiting factor for  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4e$
- ➔ significant efficiency gain for Higgs discovery



# Let's Summarize...

- I introduced the **reconstruction in a nutshell** and why **tracking is important** for HEP computing
- I discussed briefly the principles of **semiconductor trackers** and **drift tubes**
- then we went over concepts and techniques for track **extrapolation, fitting** and **finding**
- and finally we saw how to put things together to implement the ATLAS **Track Reconstruction**

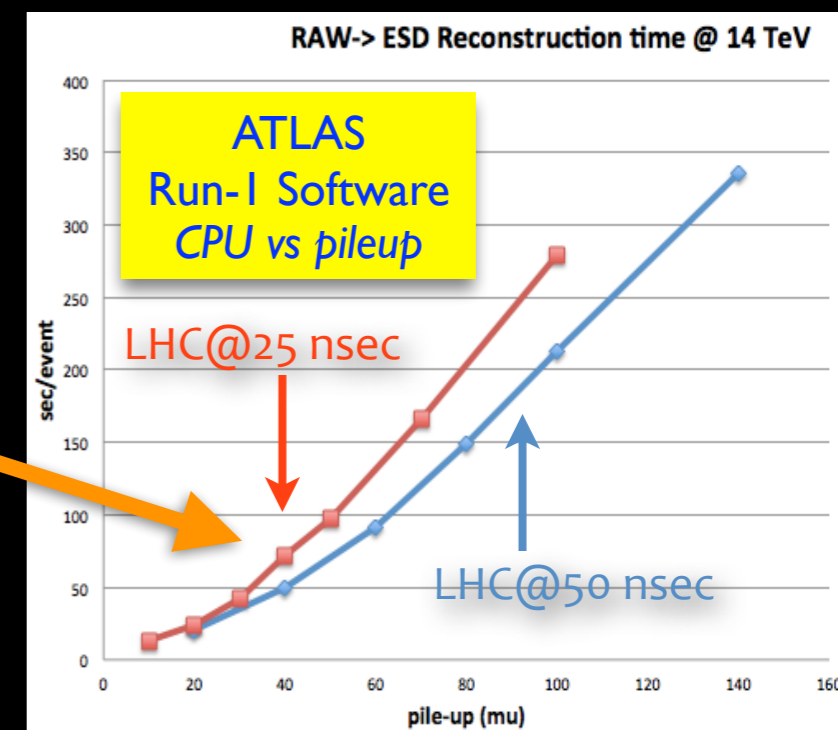




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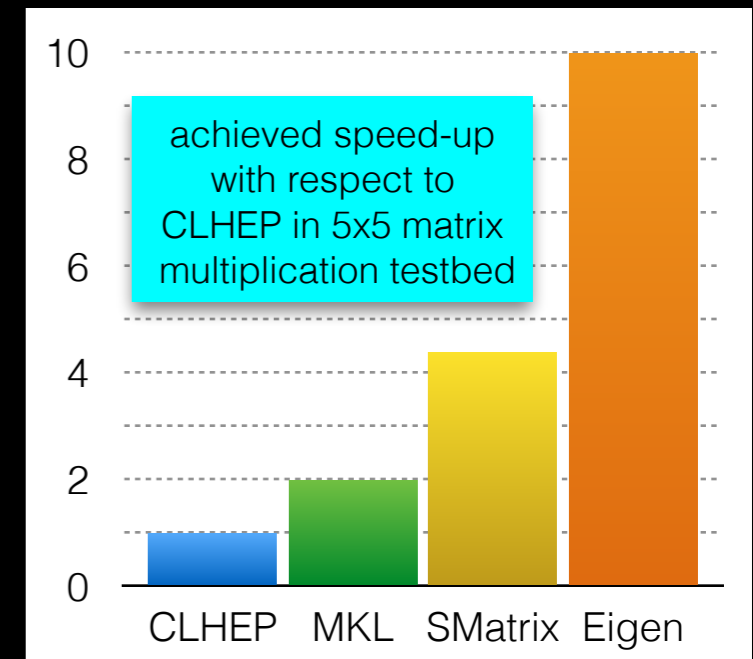
## LS-1 Tracking Upgrades

...so what did we do about this so far?



# Tracking Developments **towards Run-2**

- ATLAS and CMS focus on **technology** and **strategy** to improve **CURRENT** algorithms
  - ➔ improve software **technology**, including:
    - **simplify EDM** design to be less OO (“hip” 10 years ago)
    - ATLAS migrated to **Eigen** - faster vector+matrix algebra (CMS was already using SMatrix)
    - vectorised trigonometric functions (CMS: **VDT** or ATLAS: **intel math lib**)
    - work on CPU **hot spots** (e.g. ATLAS replaced F90 by C++ for **B-field** service)
  - ➔ tune reconstruction **strategy** (very similar in ATLAS and CMS):
    - optimise iterative **track finding strategy** for 40 pileup
    - ATLAS modified track seeding to explore **4th Pixel** layer
    - CMS added cluster-shape filter against out-of-time pileup
- hence, mix of **SIMD** and **algorithm tuning**
  - ➔ CMS made their tracking as well thread-safe



# Tuning the Tracking Strategy

- optimal **seeding strategy** depends on level of pileup (ATLAS)

→ **fraction of seeds** to give a good track candidate:

seed-triplets:  
P = Pixel  
S = Strips

pileup	"PPP"	"PPS"	"PSS"	"SSS"
0	57%	26%	29%	66%
40	17%	6%	5%	35%

- hence **start with SSS** at 40 pileup !

→ further increase good seed fraction **using 4th hit**

pileup	"PPP+1"	"PPS+1"	"PSS+1"	"SSS+1"
0	79%	53%	52%	86%
40	39%	8%	16%	70%

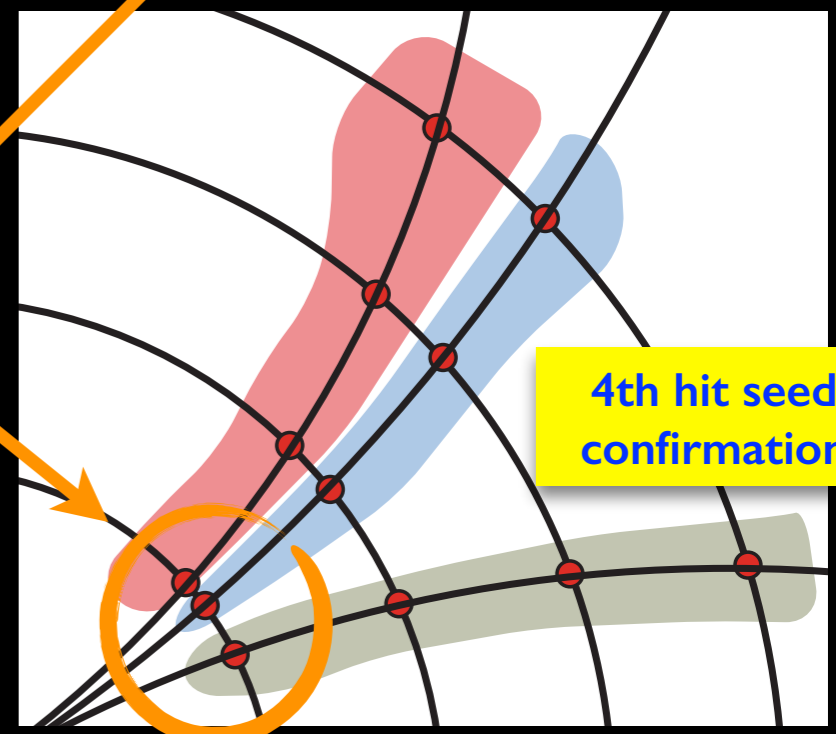
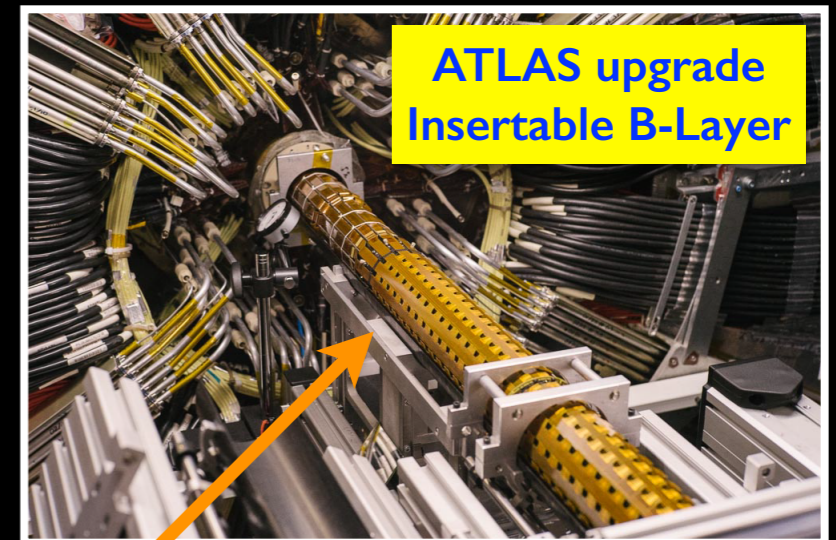
- takes benefit from new **Insertable B-Layer (IBL)**

- final ATLAS **Run-2 seeding strategy**

→ significant speedup at 40 pileup (and 25 ns)

seeding	efficiency	CPU*
"Run-1"	94.0%	9.5 sec
"Run-2"	94.2%	4.7 sec

\*on local machine



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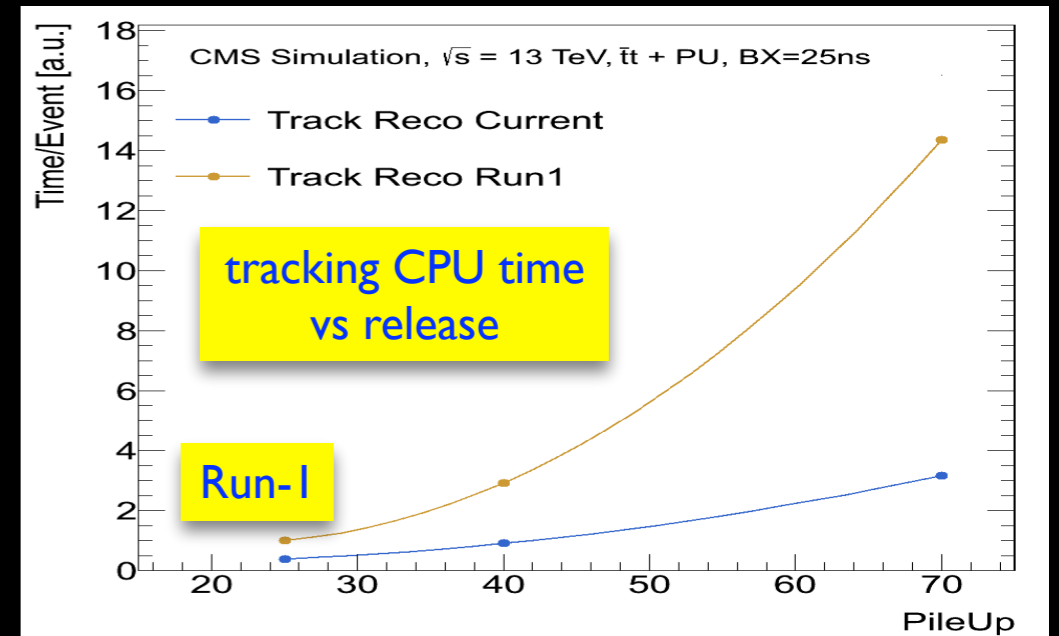
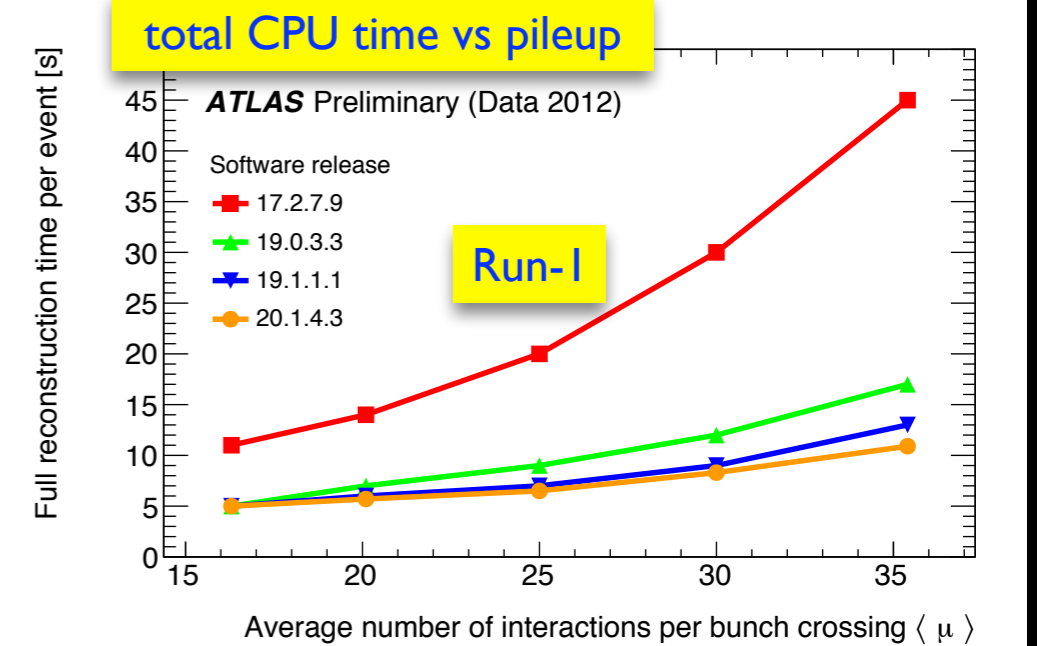
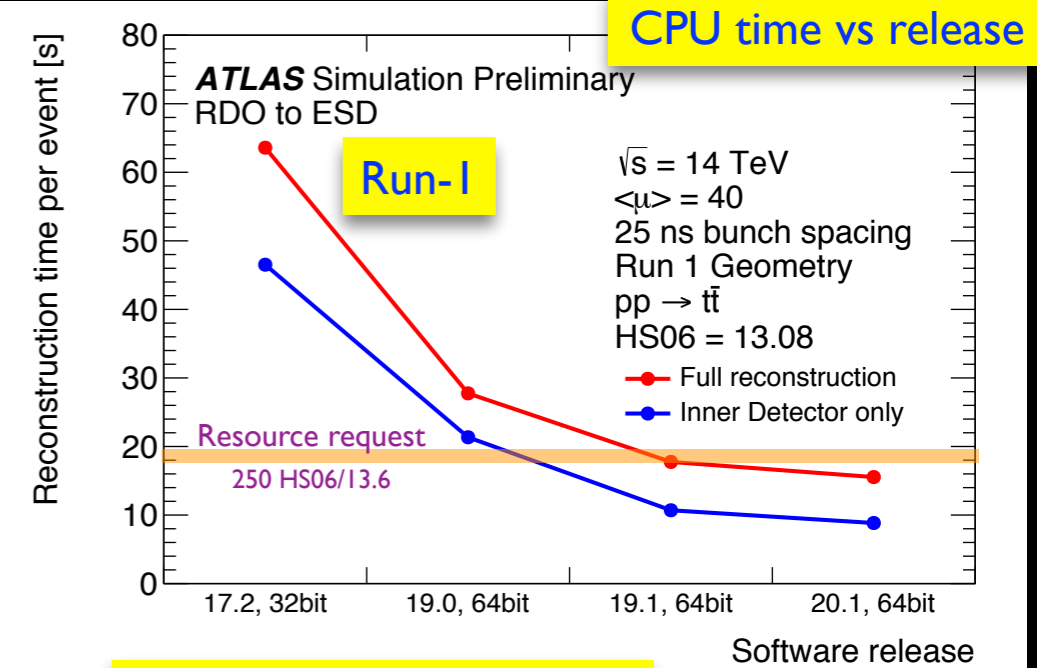
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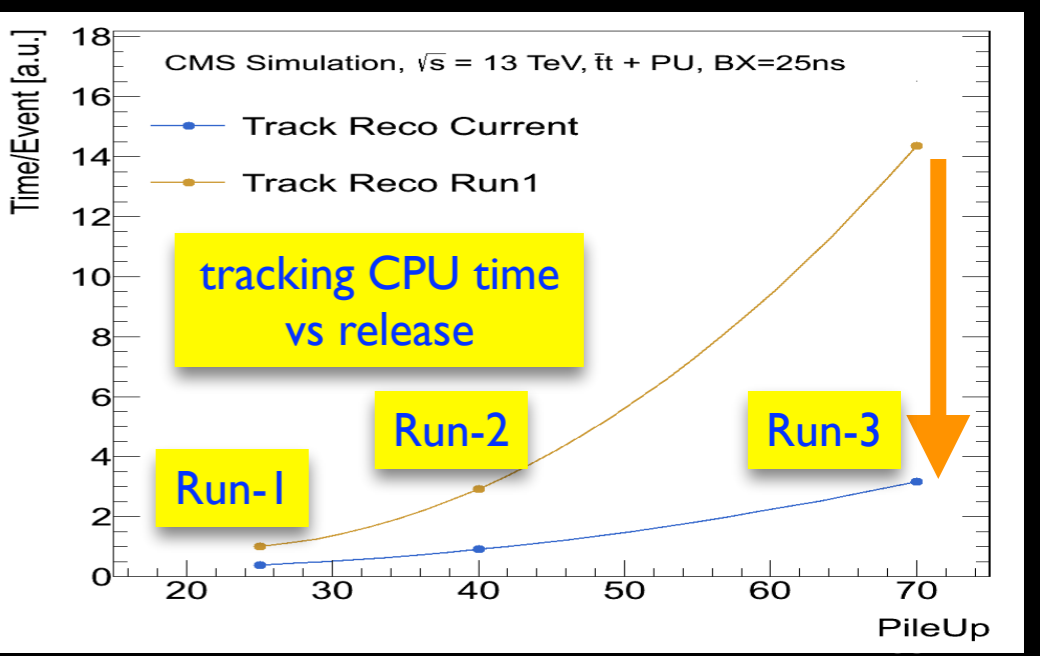
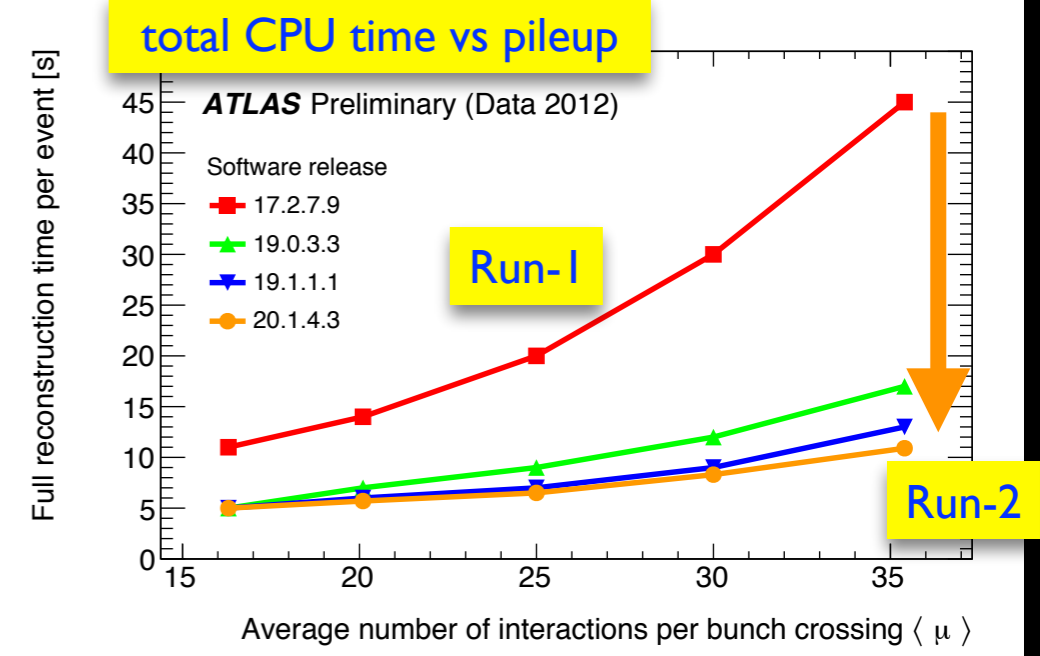
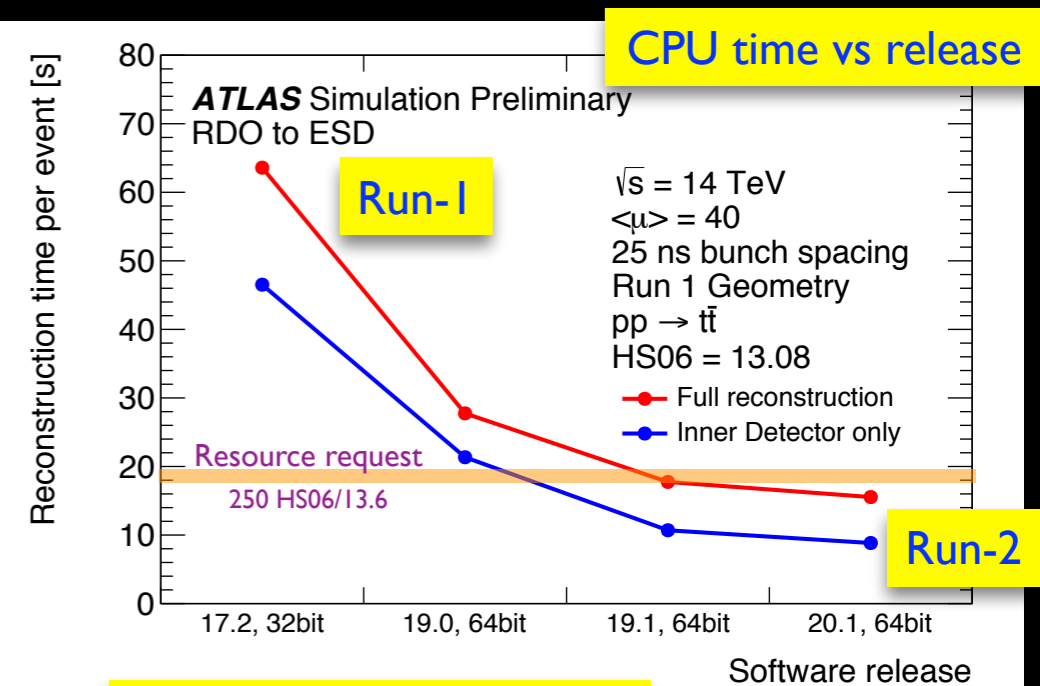
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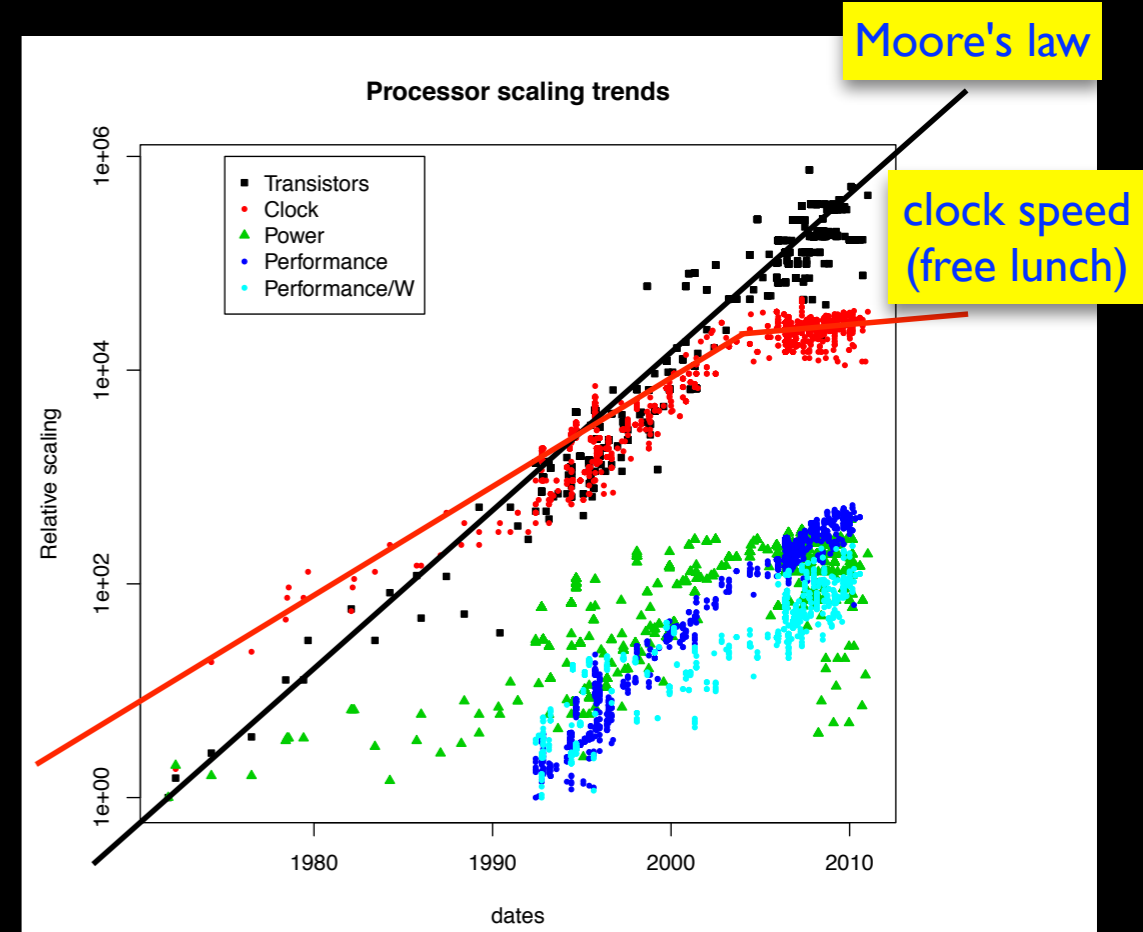
- **huge gains** achieved!

- ➔ ATLAS reports overall **factor > 4** in CPU time
  - touched >1000 packages for **factor 5** in tracking
- ➔ CMS reports overall **factor > 2** in CPU time
  - on top of their 2011/12 improvements
  - as well dominated by tracking improvements
- ➔ both experiments within **1 kHz Tier-0 budget**
  - required to keep single lepton triggers



# Technology Challenges

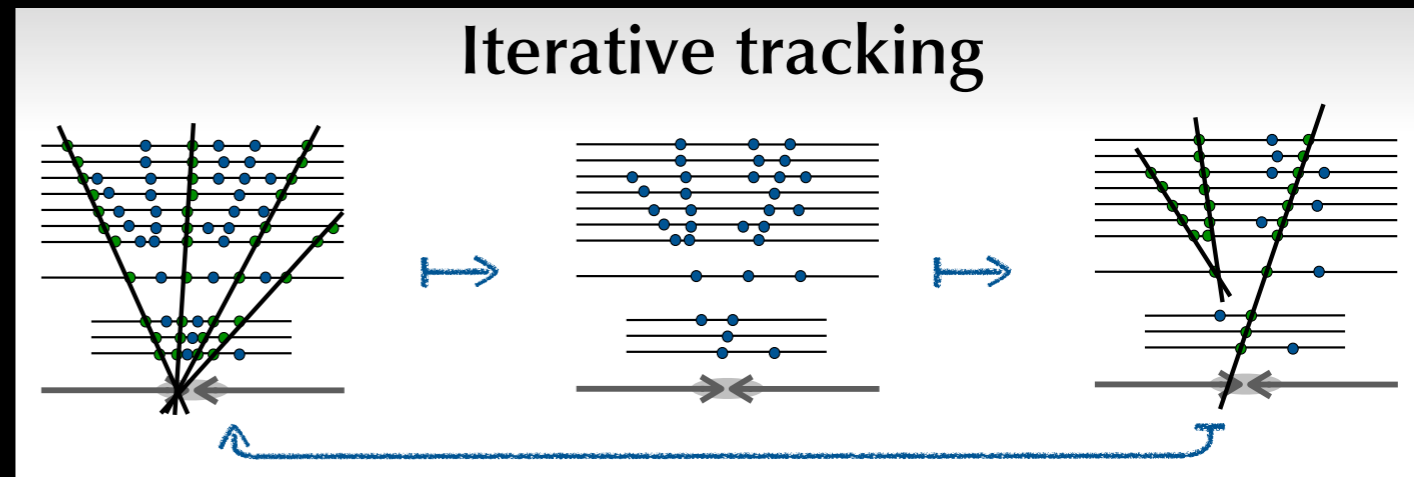
- **Moore's law** is still alive
  - ➔ number of transistors still doubles every 2 years
    - **no free lunch**, clock speed no longer increasing
  - ➔ lots of transistors looking for something to do:
    - vector registers
    - out of order execution
    - hyper threading
    - multiple cores
  - ➔ **many-core** processors, including GPGPUs
    - lots of **cores with less memory**
  - ➔ increase **theoretical performance** of processors
- challenge will be to **adapt HEP software**
  - ➔ **hard to exploit** theoretical processor performance
    - many of our **algorithm strategies** are **sequential**
  - ➔ need to **parallelise applications** (multi-threading)  
(GAUDI-HIVE and CMSSW multi-threading a step in this direction)
  - change **memory model** for objects, more **vectorisation**, ...



see G.Stewart, CHEP 2015



# Massively parallel Tracking ?



- ATLAS/CMS tracking strategy is for **early rejection**
  - ➔ **iterative tracking**: avoid **combinatorial overhead** as much as possible !
    - early rejection requires strategic candidate processing and hit removal
  - ➔ not a heavily parallel approach, it is a **SEQUENTIAL** approach !
- implications for making it **massively parallel** ?
  - ➔ **Armdahl's law** at work:

$$\text{Time}_{||} = \text{Para} / N + \text{Seq}$$
  - ➔ iterative tracking: small parallel part **Para**, heavy on sequential **Seq**
    - hence, if we want to gain by a large **N** threads, we need to reduce **Seq**
- hence we need to **re-think** the **algorithmic strategy**
  - ➔ having concurrency in mind from the very start

# Discussion ...

