

Introduction to interaction of radiation with matter

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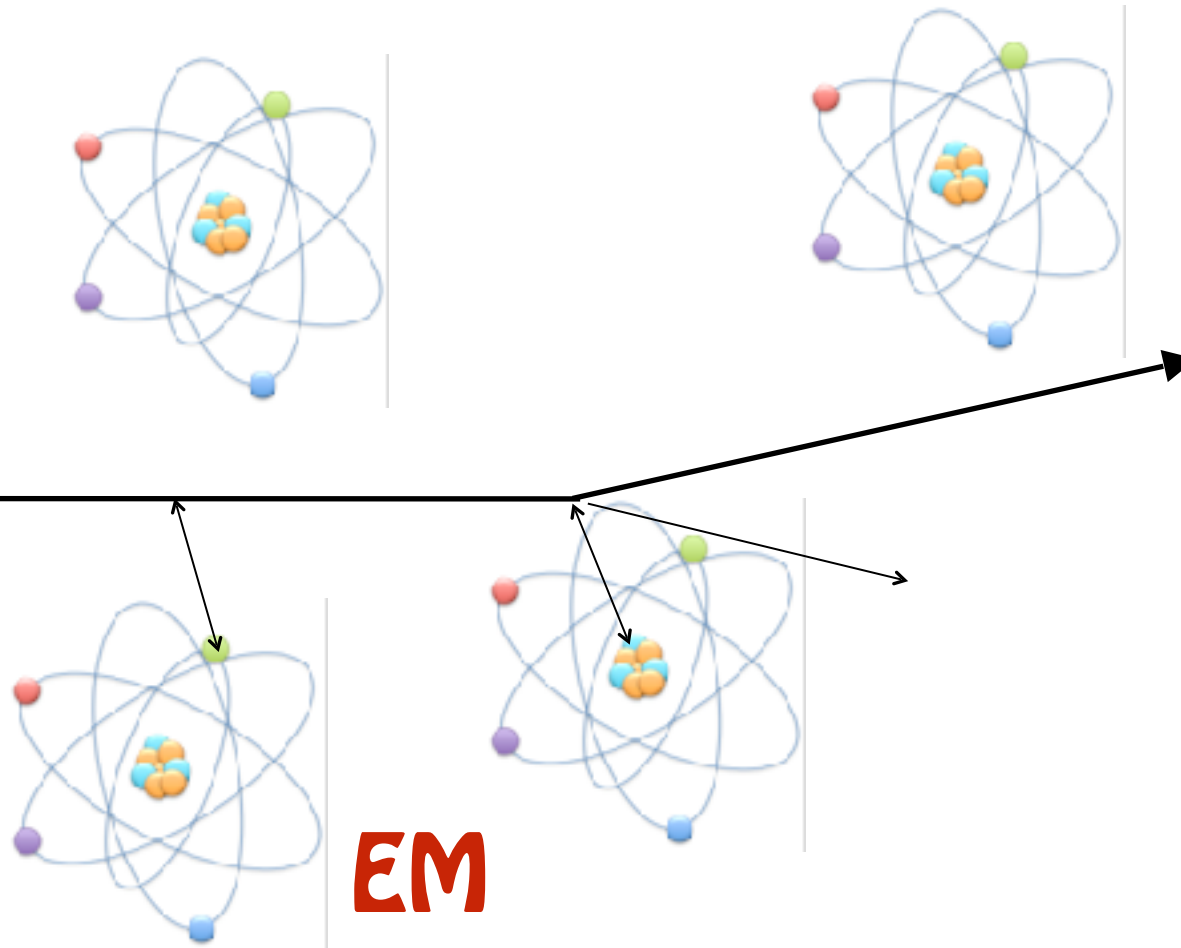


Charged Particles

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Charged particles way of interacting is divided in:

- Electrons
- Heavy Charged Particles ($m > m_{\text{electron}}$)



Interaction with atomic electrons. Particle loses energy; atoms are **excited** or **ionized**.

Interaction with atomic nucleus. Particle undergoes **multiple scattering**. Could emit a **bremsstrahlung** photon.

Others:

- Cherenkov
- Strong interaction (nuclear fragmentation, ...)

Cross-section

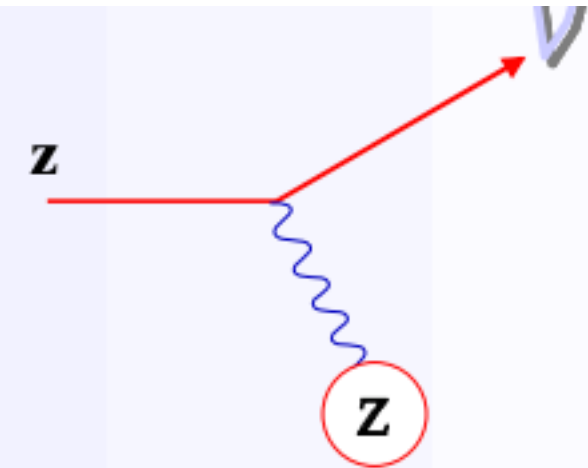
Scattering

An incoming particle with charge z interacts elastically with a target of nuclear charge Z .

The cross-section for this e.m. process is

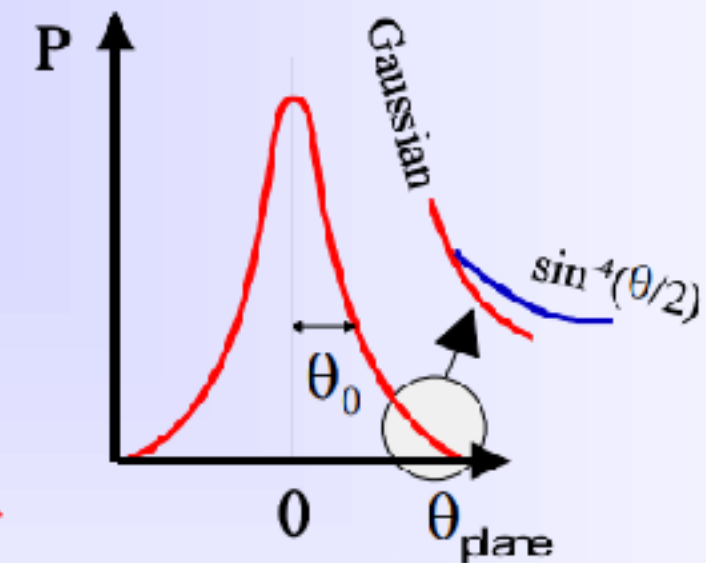
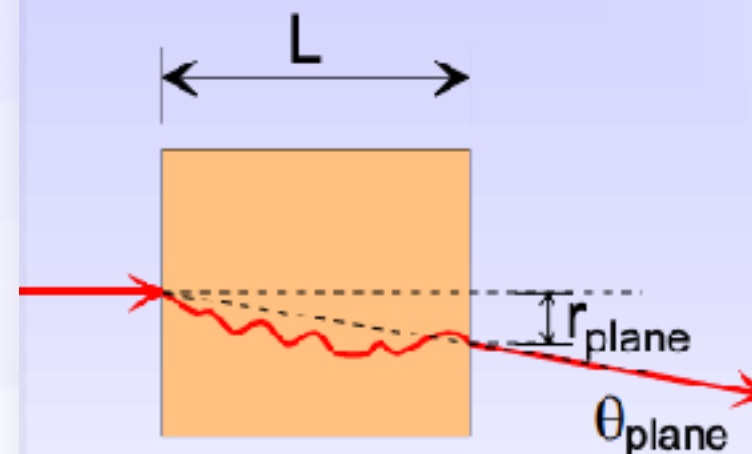
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = 4zZr_e^2 \left(\frac{m_e c}{\beta p} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\sin^4 \theta/2}$$

Rutherford formula



- Approximation
 - Non-relativistic
 - No spins
- Average scattering angle $\langle \theta \rangle = 0$
- Cross-section for $\theta \rightarrow 0$ infinite !

Multiple Scattering



- Scattering does not lead to significant energy loss

Heavy Charged Particles

$$m \gg m_e$$

Includes: muons, tau, mesons, hadrons ...

Stopping Power

- * Energy loss through ionization and atomic excitation

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = 2\pi N_A r_e^2 m_e c^2 \rho \frac{Z}{A} \frac{z^2}{\beta^2} \left[\ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \gamma^2 \beta^2 W_{\max}}{I^2} - 2\beta^2 - \delta - 2\frac{C}{Z} \right]$$

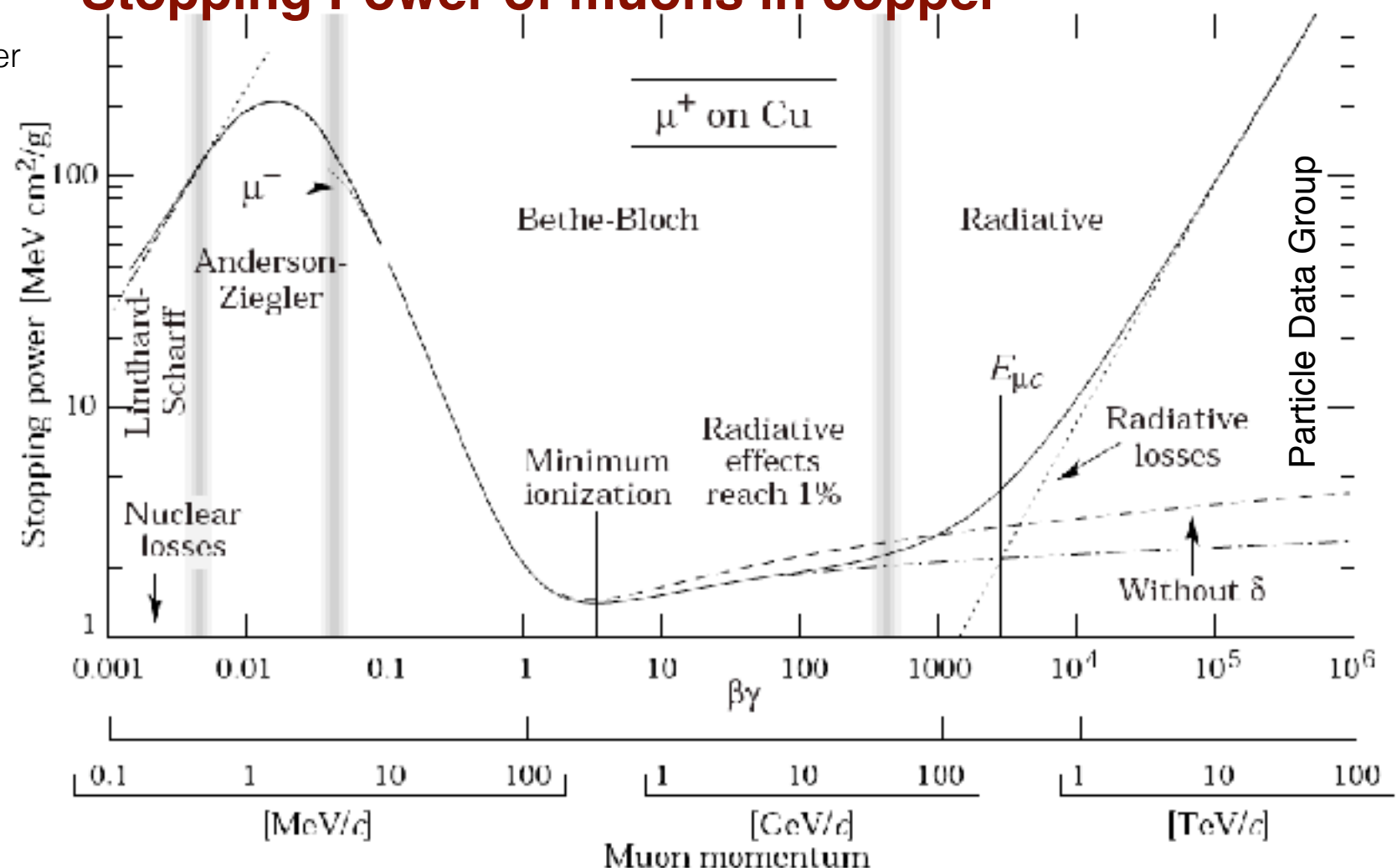
Bethe-Bloch Formula

Energy Loss = Energy lost in matter
x density

Linear stopping power (S) is the differential energy loss of the particle in the material divided by the differential path length. Also called the specific energy loss.

$$S = -\frac{dE}{dx}$$

Stopping Power of muons in copper



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Valida per $\beta > 0.1$

I = potenziale medio di eccitazione

Z, A, ρ = caratteristiche del mezzo

z, β, γ = caratteristiche della particella incidente

W_{\max} = massima energia trasferita in una collisione

r_e = raggio classico dell'elettrone

$$r_e = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{e^2}{m_e c^2} \dots$$

M_e = massa dell'elettrone

N_a = N di Avogadro

C = correzione di shell

δ = effetto densità

Stopping Power

La capacità di un dato materiale di frenare una **particella carica** (stopping power) e' definito come la perdita di energia differenziale della particella nel materiale divisa per la lunghezza percorsa in corrispondenza ad essa:

$$S = -\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{4\pi e^4}{m_e} \left(\frac{z^2}{v^2} \right) \rho Z \left[\ln \left(\frac{2m_e v^2}{I} \right) - \ln \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right] \quad (\text{Bethe formula})$$

Proprietà della particella

Proprietà del materiale

v e **ze** sono la velocità e la carica delle particelle carica pesante incidente

N e **Z** sono la densità e il numero atomico degli atomi dell'assorbitore

I indica un parametro sperimentale legato all'eccitazione media e al potenziale di ionizzazione

Nota:

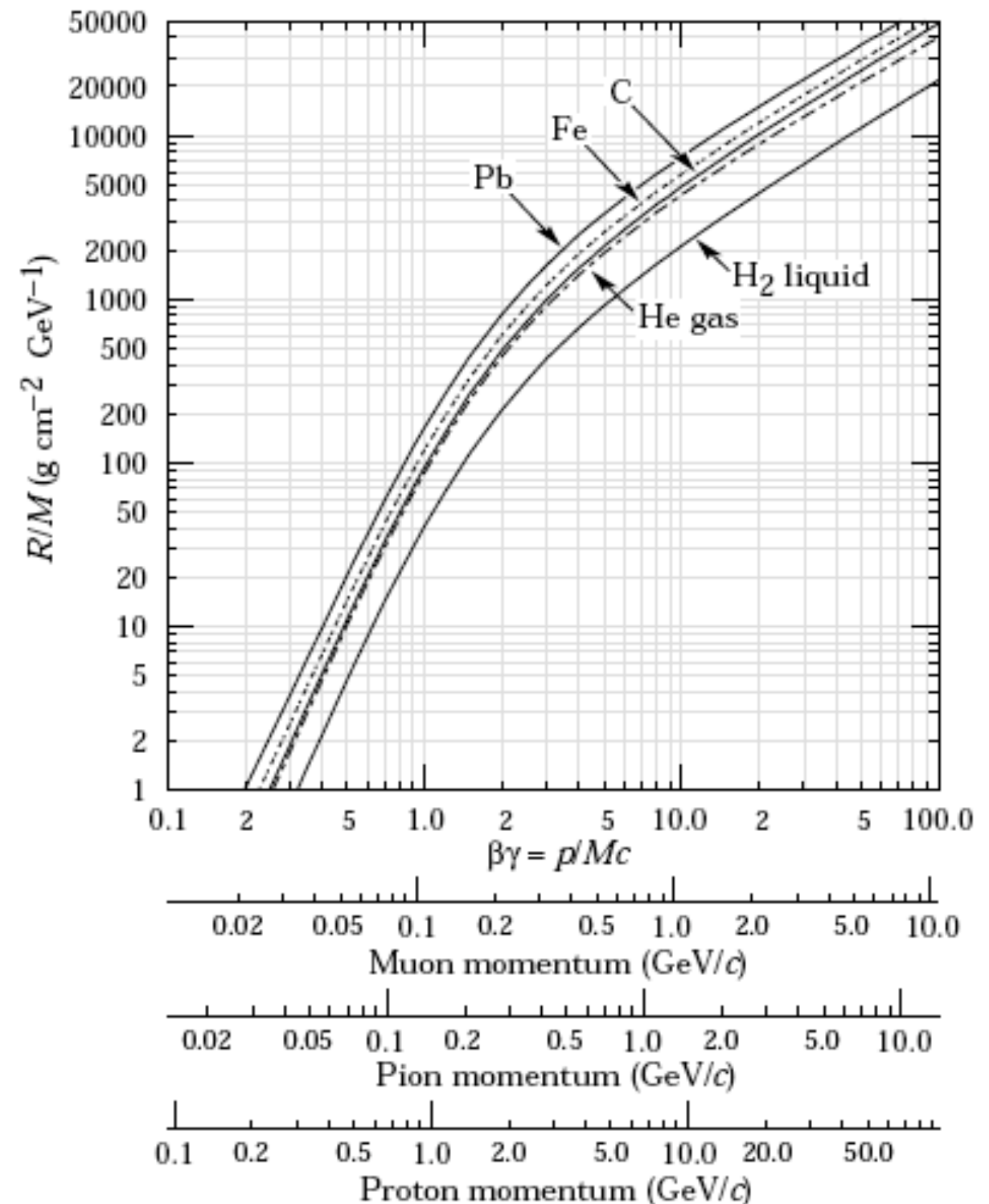
- In primissima approssimazione lo stopping power è proporzionale all'inverso dell'energia della particella carica incidente (**$S \propto 1/E$**), direttamente **proporzionale alla sua carica al quadrato** (**$S \propto z^2$**) e direttamente proporzionale al numero atomico del materiale (**$S \propto Z$**)
- Quando più la velocità della particella carica pesante è piccola tanto più è lungo il tempo trascorso nelle vicinanze di un atomo e tanto maggiore sarà l'impulso e l'energia trasferita
- Nel termine in parentesi quadra, **solo il primo termine e' significativo** in regime non relativistico (**$v \ll c$**)
- A **bassa energia** la particella carica pesante **cattura elettroni** dagli atomi e quindi si riduce il termine Ze

Range

- * The range is an average quantity.
- * The thickness of material that stops a particle.
- * Integrate the (stopping power)⁻¹ from the Bethe-Bloch formula to obtain the range.

$$R = \int_E^0 \frac{dx}{dE} dE$$

- * Useful for low energy hadrons and muons with momenta below a few hundred GeV (MIP)
- * Radiative Effects important at higher momenta. Additional effects at lower momenta.



Range

Teilchen	in Luft	in Wasser	in Wasser	in Wasser	in Wasser	in Blei
Impuls	1 MeV	1 MeV	10 MeV	1 GeV	1 TeV	1 TeV
e	3,8 m	4 mm	5 cm			
p	2,3 cm	30 μ m			5 km	((als mip: 833 m))
alpha	5 mm	6 μ m	0,1 mm			
muon				50 m	50 km	833 m

Formule semiempiriche:

Range of alpha in air:

$$R_{\text{alpha_air}}[\text{mm}] = (0.05E_{\text{alpha}} + 2.85) * E^{(3/2)} \text{ for } E_{\text{alpha}} > 4\text{MeV}$$

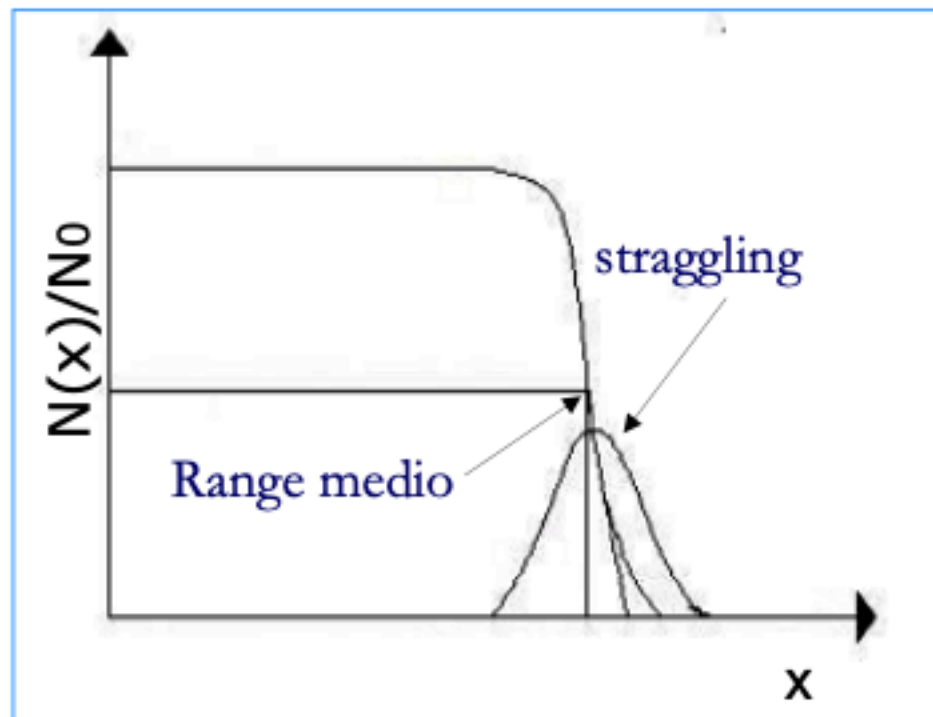
Range of protons in air:

$$R_{\text{proton_air}}[\text{m}] = (E_{\text{proton}}/9.3)^{(1.8)} \text{ for } E_{\text{proton}} < 200\text{MeV}$$

Straggling

Il processo di perdita di energia di una particella carica in un materiale è di natura statistica. Se un numero di particelle con la stessa energia attraversa un mezzo, avranno una distribuzione statistica di ranges intorno ad un valor medio, che in prima approssimazione ha forma gaussiana.

Bethe-Bloch: $\langle dE/dx \rangle =$ *valor medio* della perdita di energia in uno strato di materia per ionizzazione

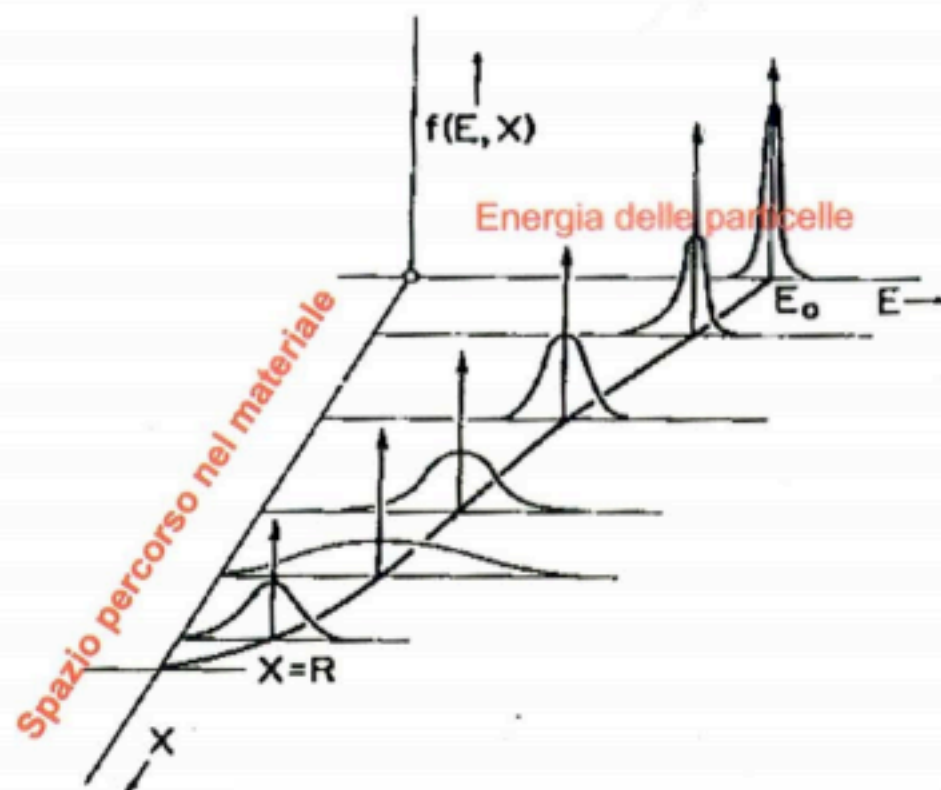


- Fluttuazioni statistiche su:
- Numero di collisioni subite
- Energia trasferita per ogni collisione

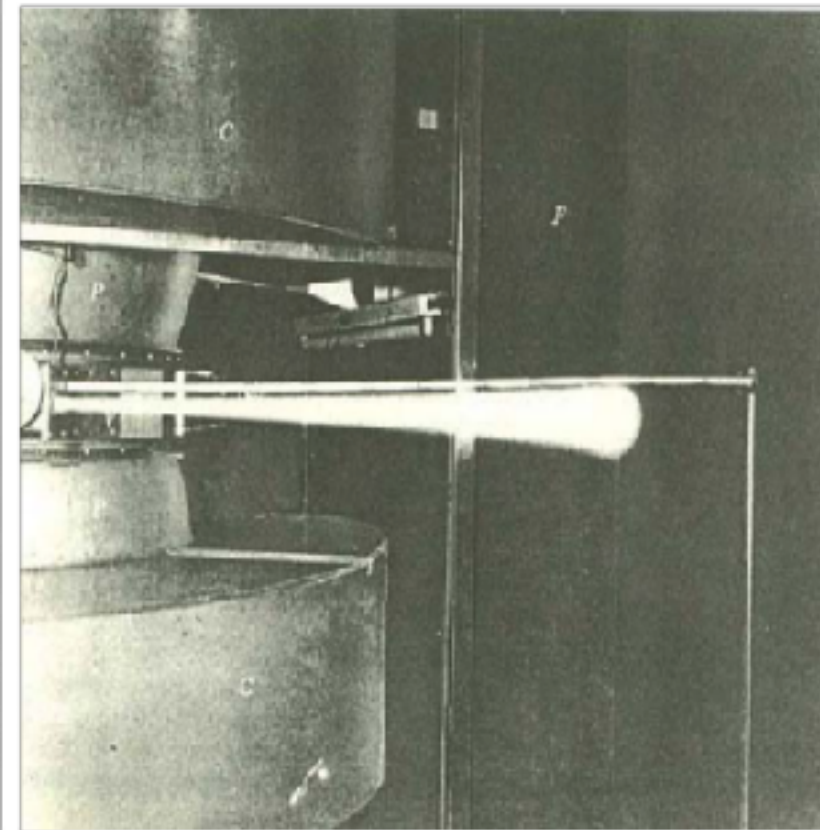
Straggling

In un fascio di particelle cariche pesanti monocromatiche all'interno di un materiale, l'energia delle particelle è caratterizzata quindi da una distribuzione di probabilità con un valor medio ed una deviazione standard e/o larghezza a metà altezza.

La larghezza a metà altezza della distribuzione di energia varia con la distanza percorsa dalla particella all'interno del materiale assorbente ed è una misura dello straggling



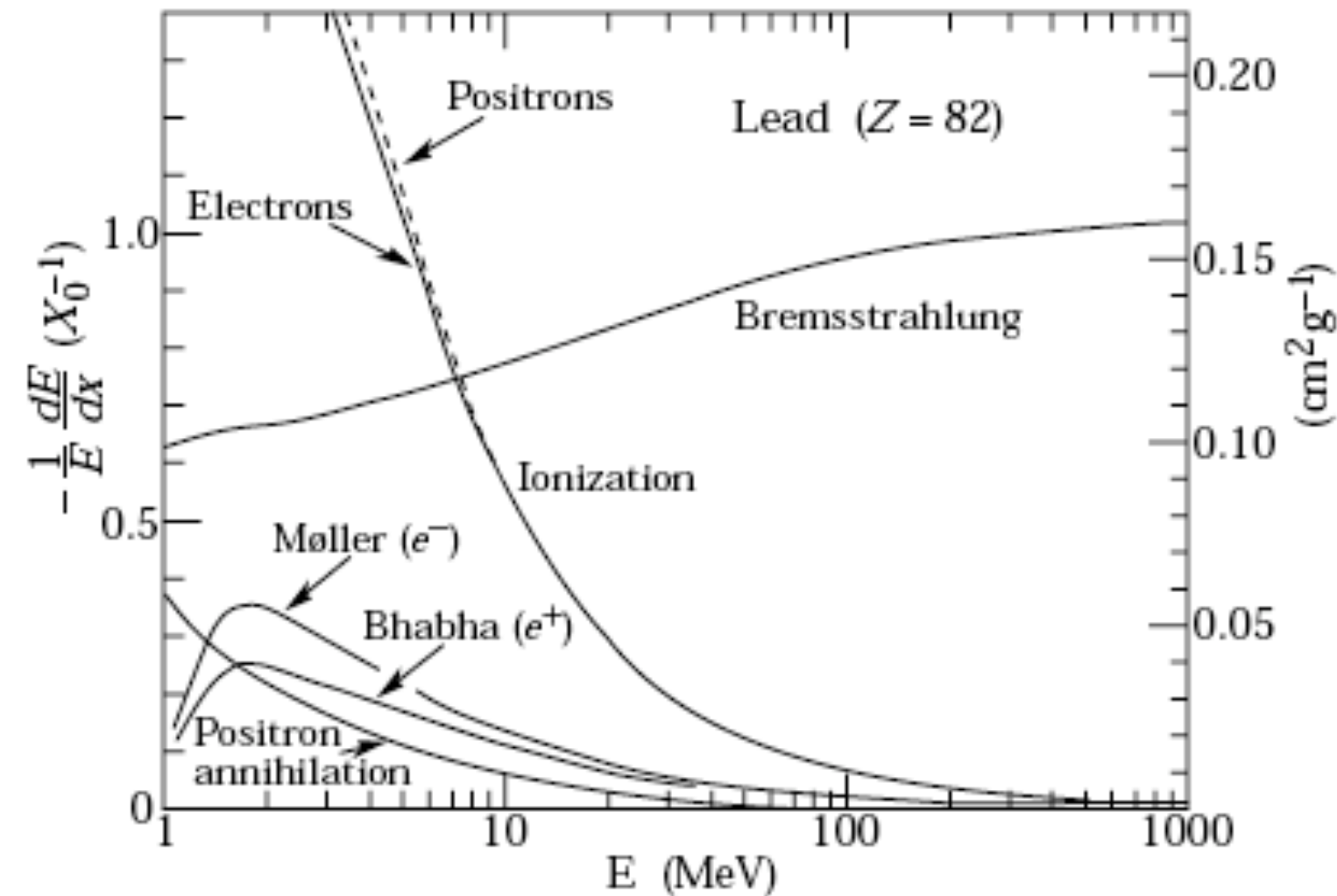
Distribuzione dell'energia rilasciata da una particella monoenergetica in funzione della distanza di penetrazione



Electrons

Electron Energy Loss

Energy Loss in Lead (normalized)



- * *E' sempre derivato dalla relazione di Bethe, e sostanzialmente ha lo stesso andamento. Assumono più importanza i termini relativistici, associati alla contrazione delle lunghezze*

Radiation Length

Mean distance over which an electron loses all but $1/e$ of its energy.

Electron Energy Loss

**Termine Collisionale per l'elettrone
(inelastic impact ionization (+Moeller and Bhabba scattering))**

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Dove:

v è la velocità dell'elettrone incidente

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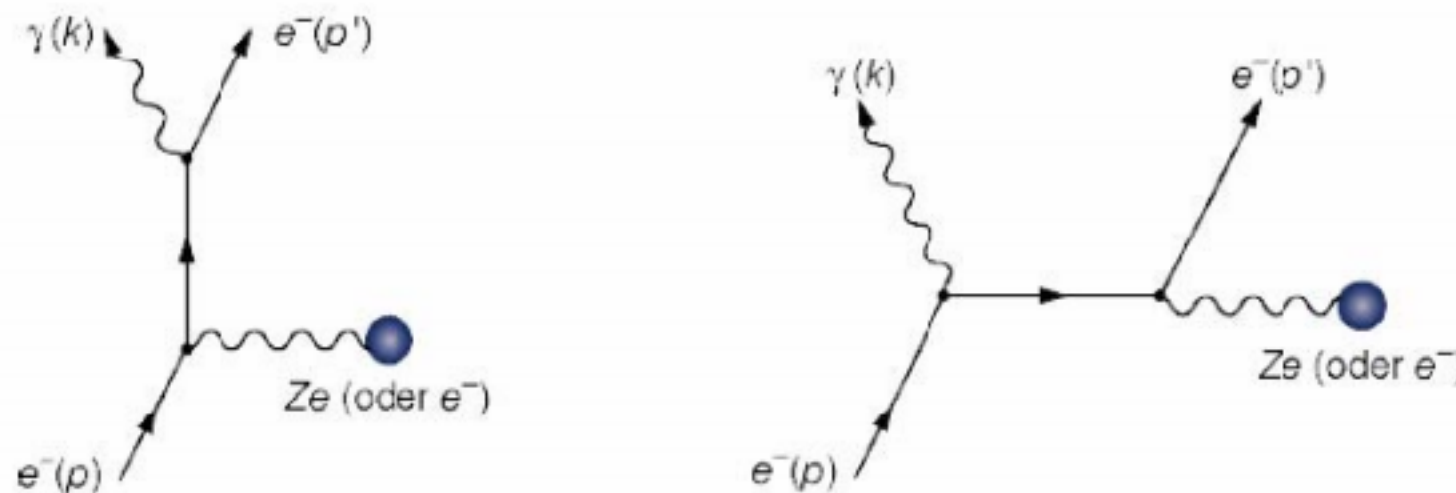
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Bremsstrahlung

- * A charged particle of mass M and charge q is deflected by a nucleus of charge Ze (charge partially shielded by electrons)
- * The deflection accelerates the charge and therefore it radiates \rightarrow bremsstrahlung



Presence of nucleus
required for the
conservation of energy
and momentum

Beachte:

$$-\left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{\text{rad}} \propto E \quad \text{und} \quad -\left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{\text{rad}} \propto \frac{1}{m^2}$$

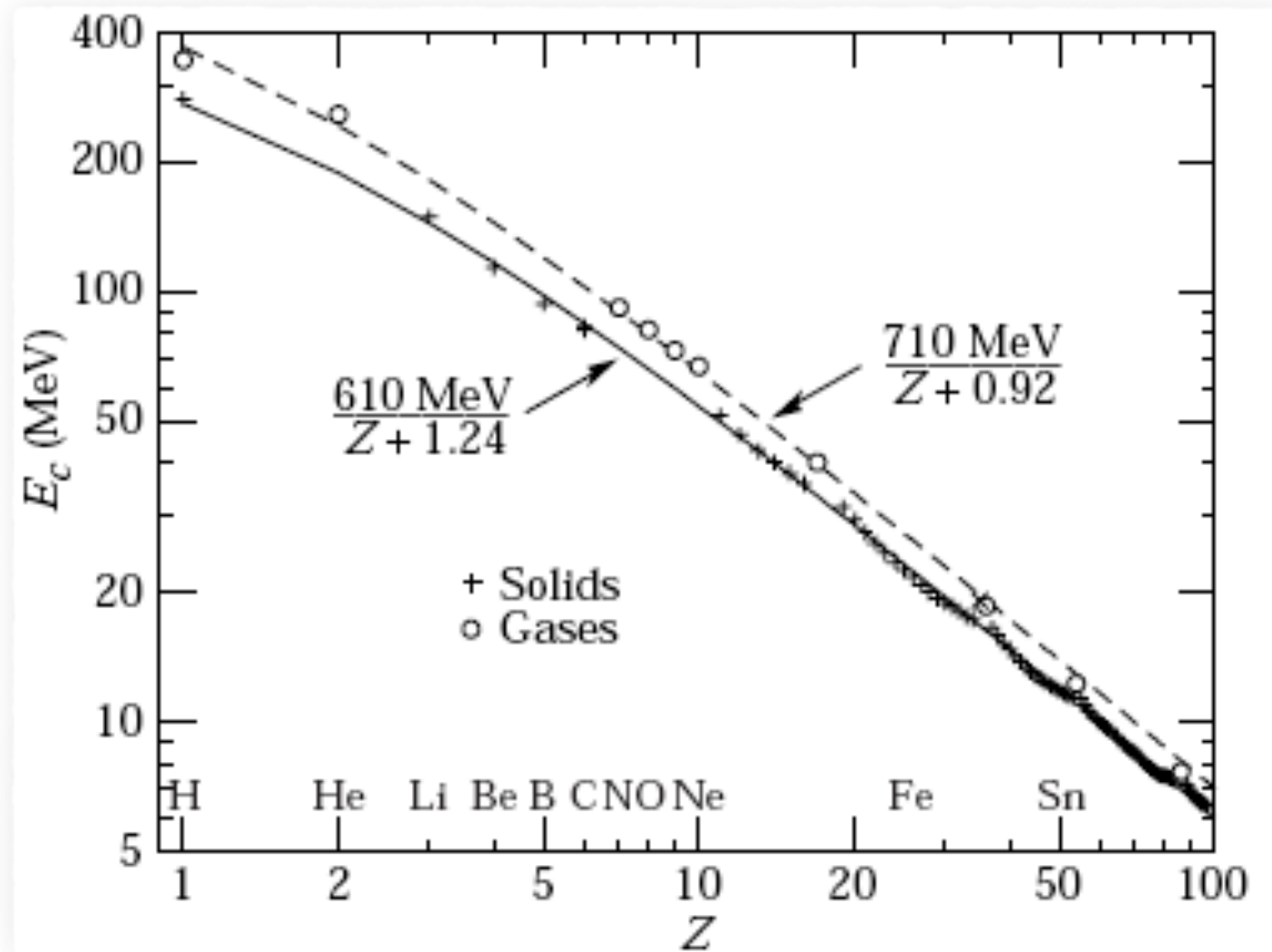
Attenzione, già per il muone (seconda particella più leggera)
la perdita di energia d'ovuto alla Bremsstrahlung è 40000 volte
più piccola rispetto al elettrone

Electron Critical Energy

- * Energy loss through bremsstrahlung is proportional to the electron energy
- * Ionization loss is proportional to the logarithm of the electron energy
- * Critical energy (E_c) is the energy at which the two loss rates are equal

$$E_c = \frac{800 \text{ MeV}}{Z + 1.2}$$

Electron in Copper: $E_c = 20 \text{ MeV}$
Muon in Copper: $E_c = 400 \text{ GeV}$!

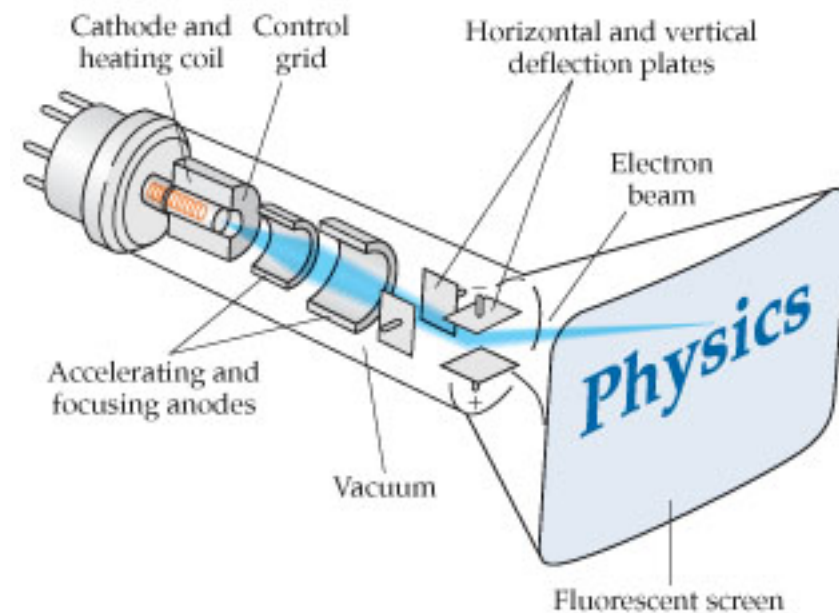


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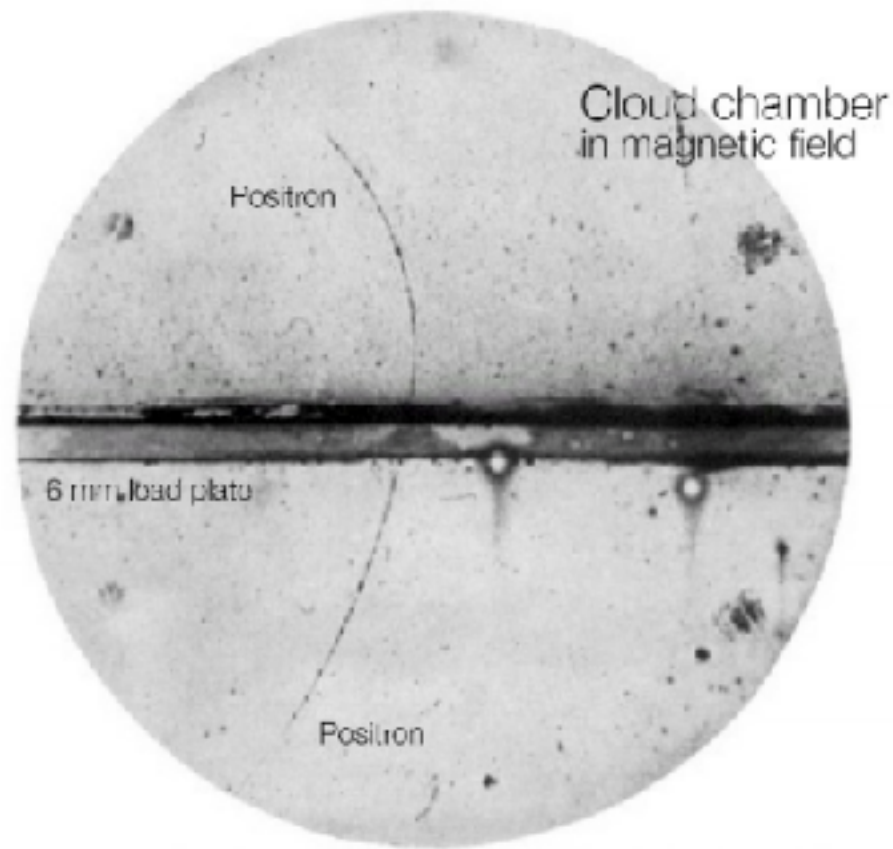
Tracking Detectors

Tracking Detectors

- * Based on detecting ionisation caused by passage of the particle
- * Different ways of doing it
- * In common: Tracking detectors has fine granularity, low energy deposition and are often in a magnetic field

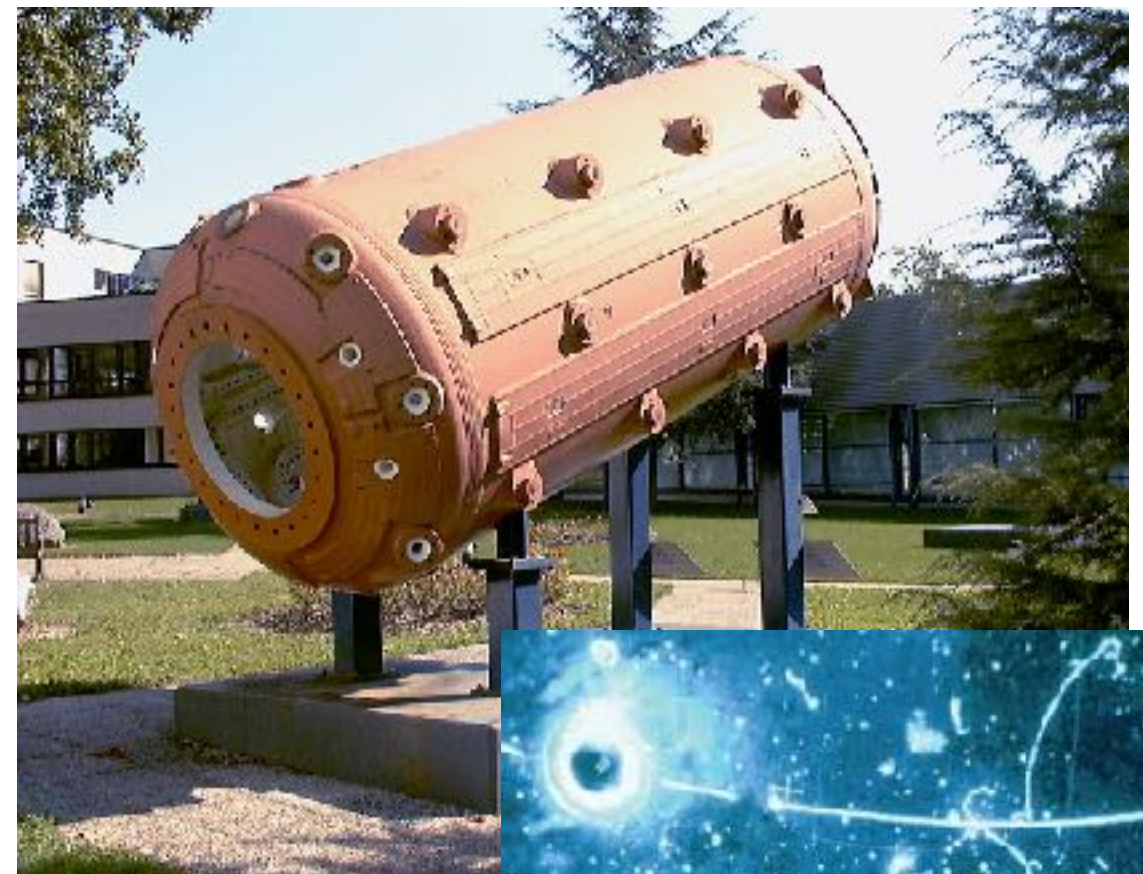


Bubble and Cloud Chamber

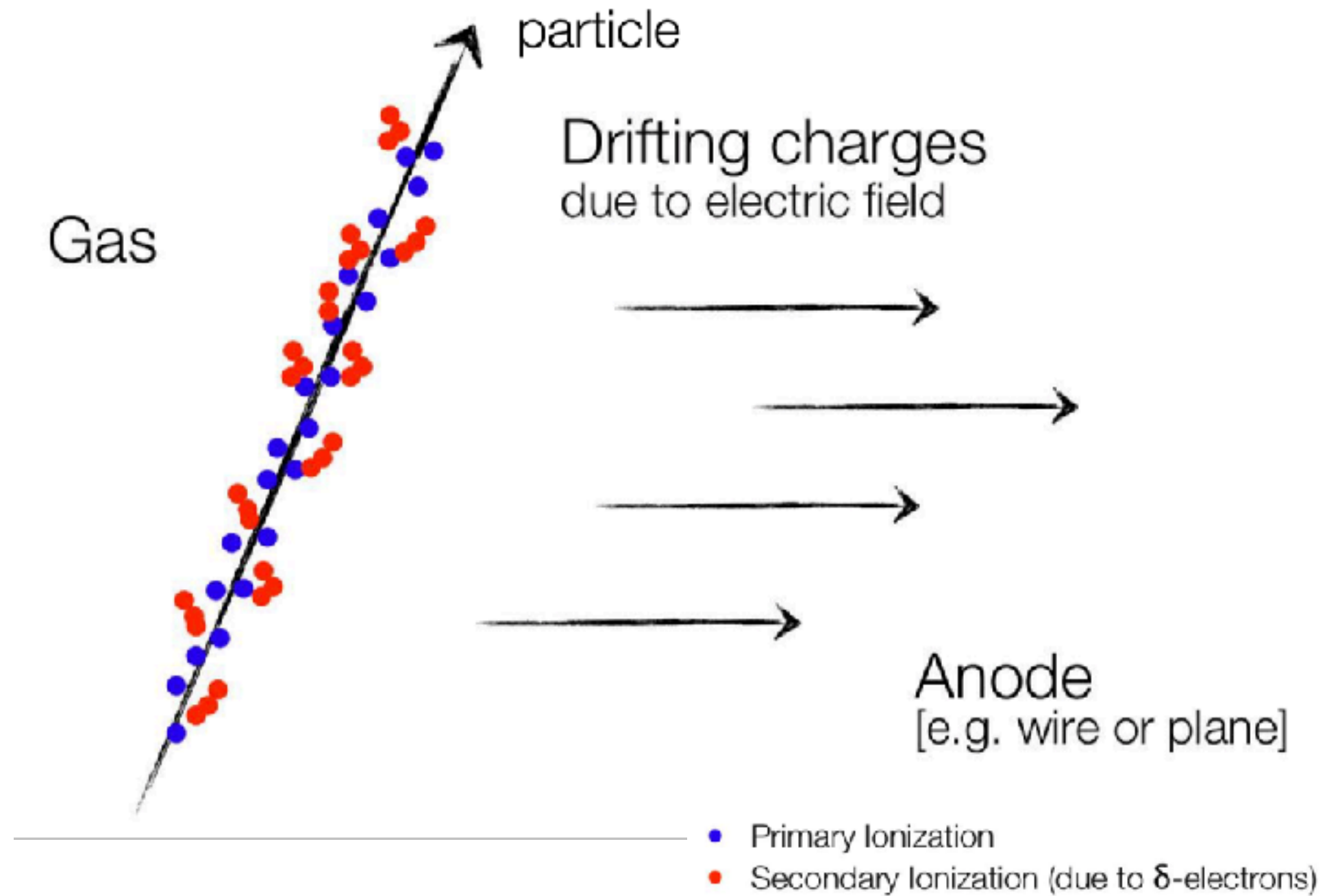


liquid heated to just below its boiling point, decreasing pressure it become metastable. Bubbles forms around ionisation points.

A supersaturated vapor of water or alcohol that form tiny drops around ionised molecules (condensation centers)



Gas Detectors

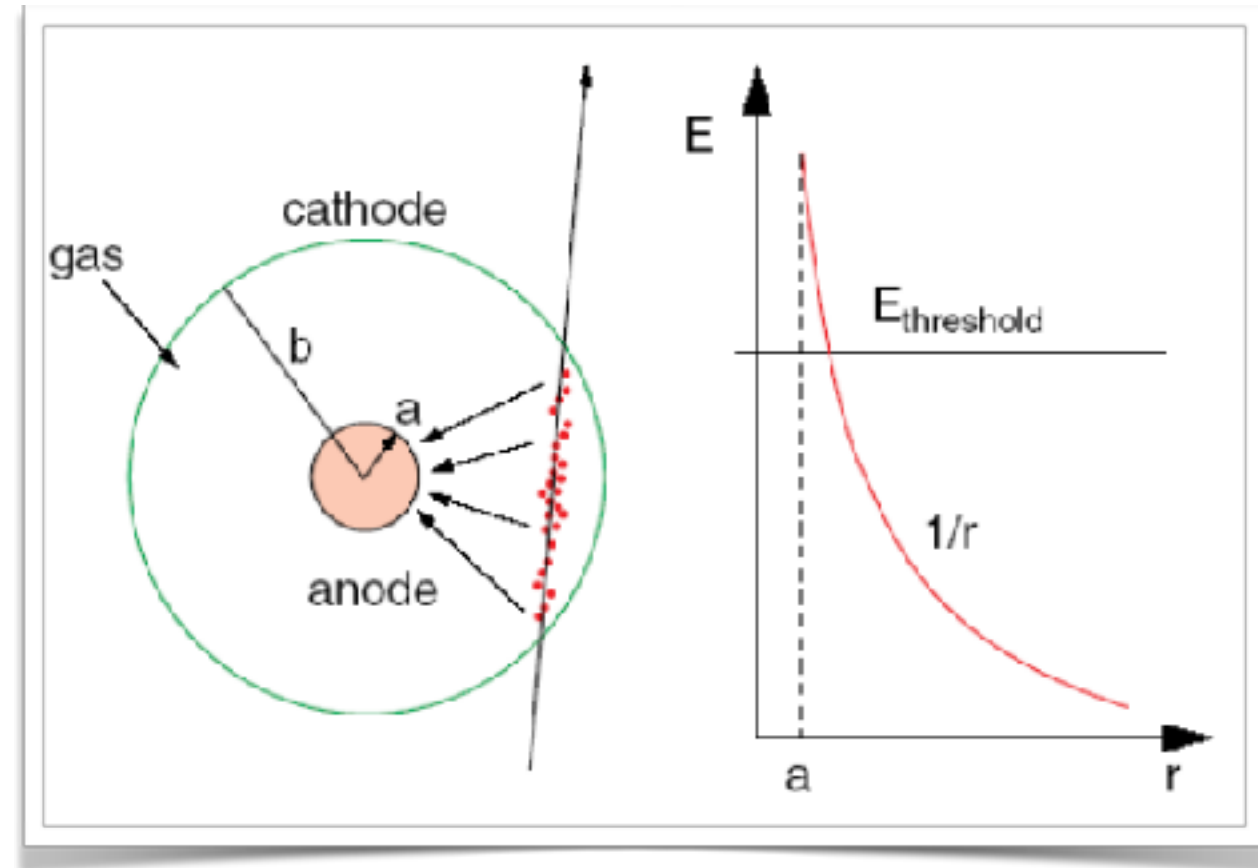


Gas Detectors

- * Electrons liberated by ionization drift towards the anode wire.
- * Electrical field close to the wire (typical wire $\Phi \sim$ few tens of μm) is sufficiently high for electrons (above 10 kV/cm) to gain enough energy to ionize further

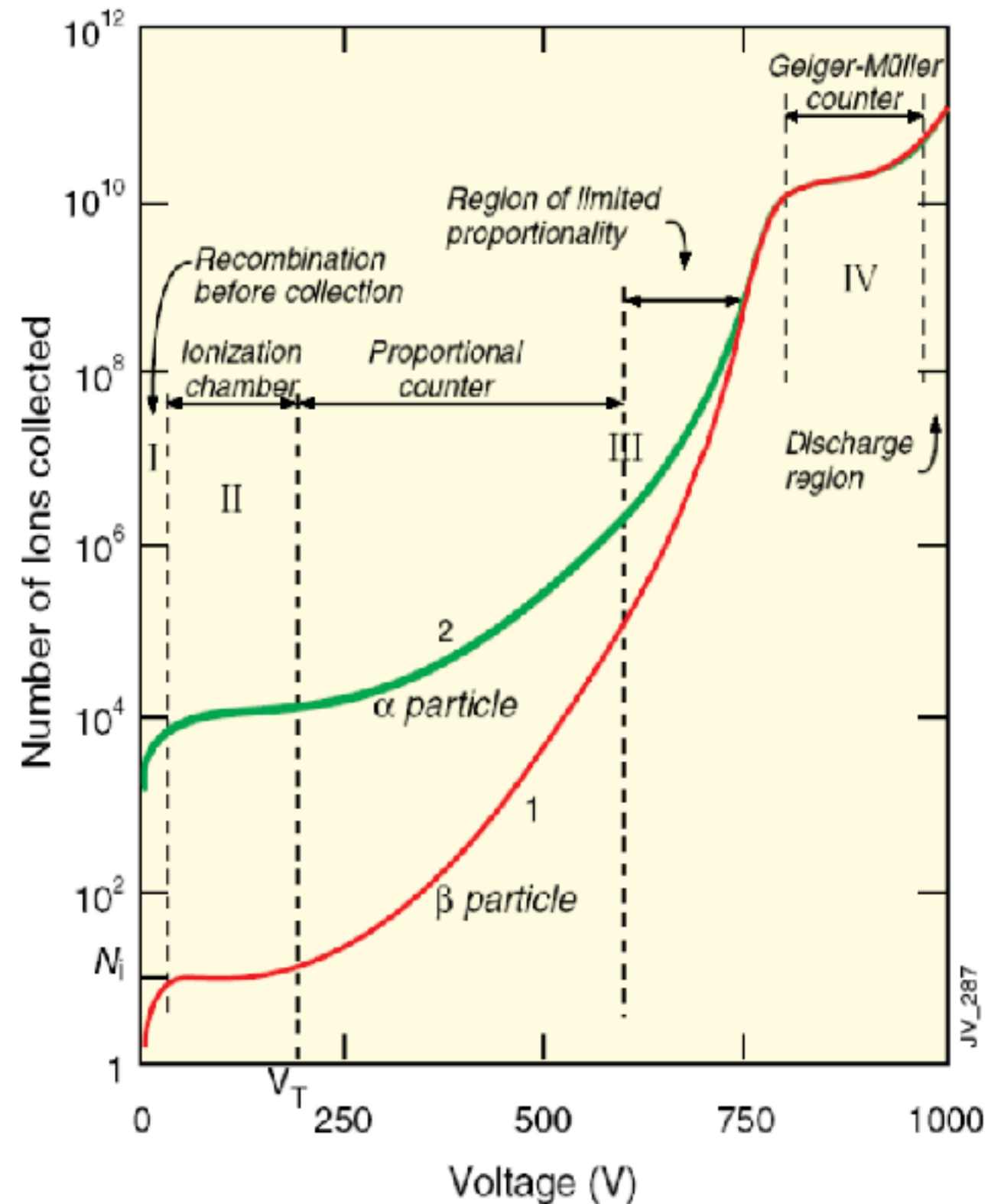
$$E(r) = \frac{CV_0}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{r} \quad V(r) = \frac{CV_0}{2\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \ln \frac{r}{a}$$

- * Avalanche — exponential increase of number of electron ion pairs.



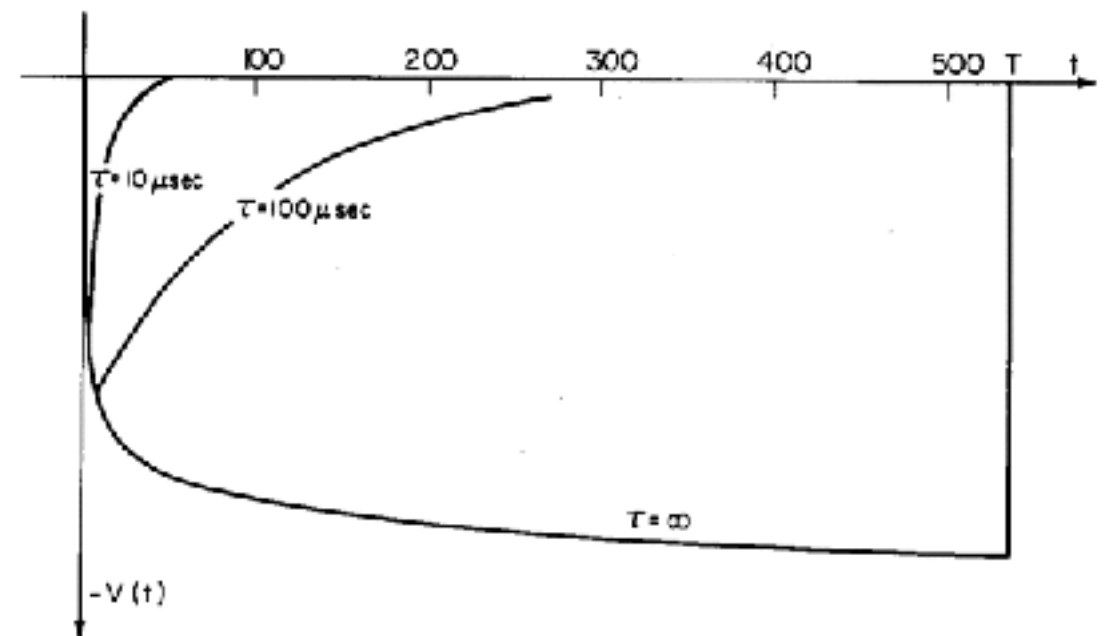
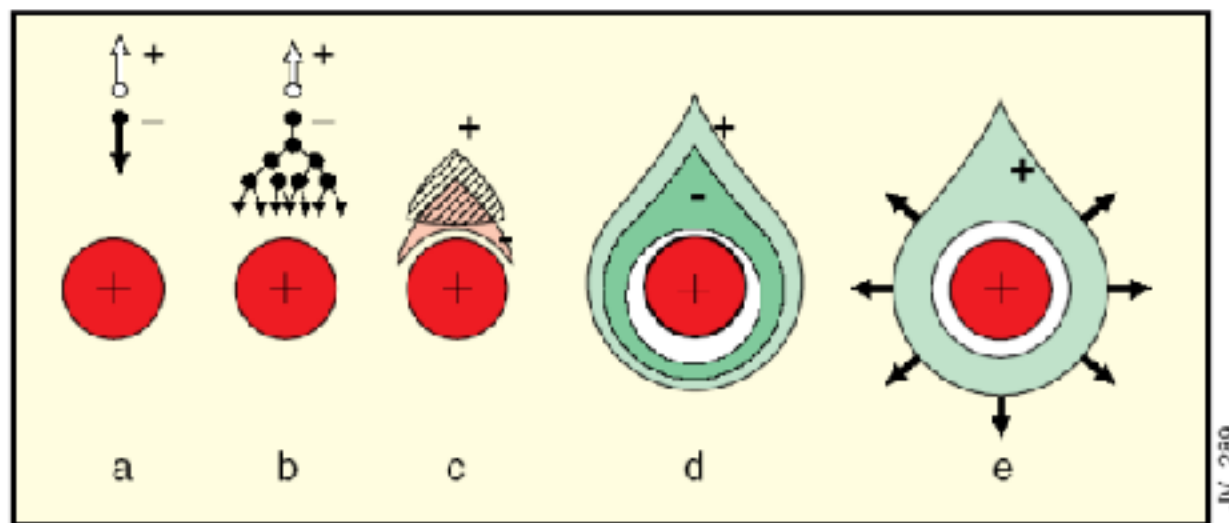
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Signal Formation

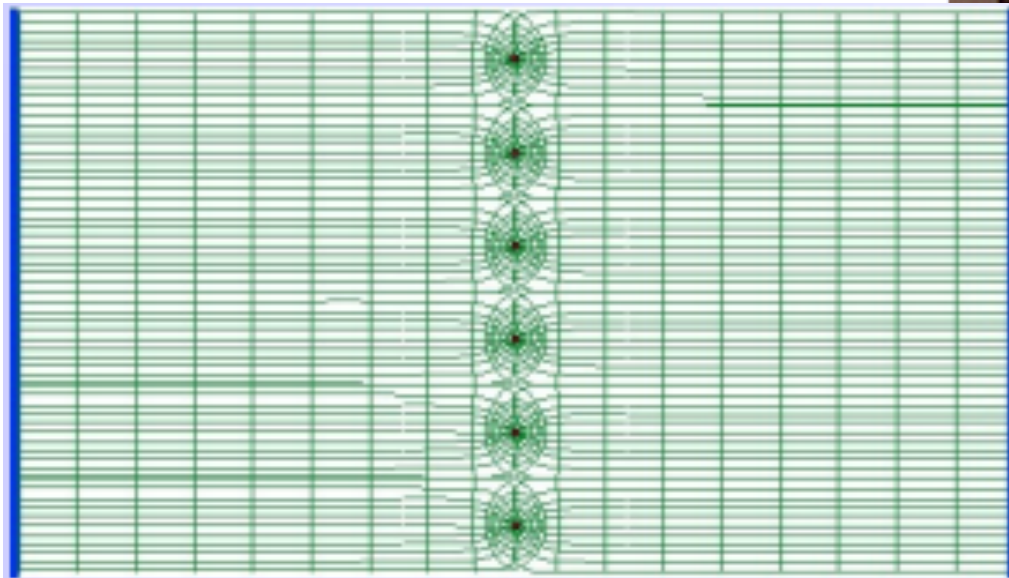
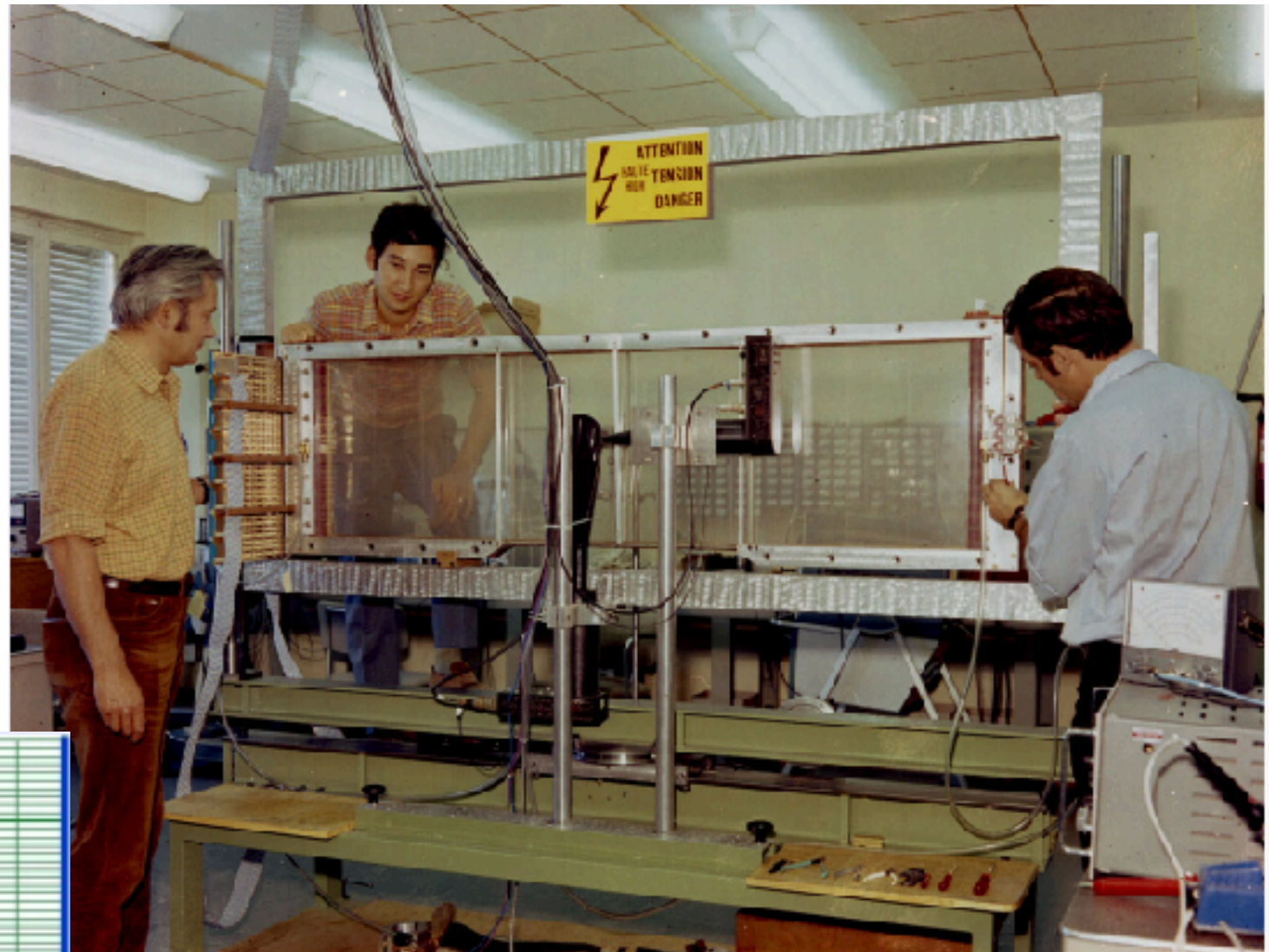
- * Avalanche formation within a few wire radii and within $t < 1$ ns!
- * Signal **induction** both on anode and cathode due to moving charges (both electrons and ions).
- * Electrons collected by anode wire, i.e. dr is small (few μm). Electrons contribute only very little to detected signal (few %).
- * Ions have to drift back to cathode



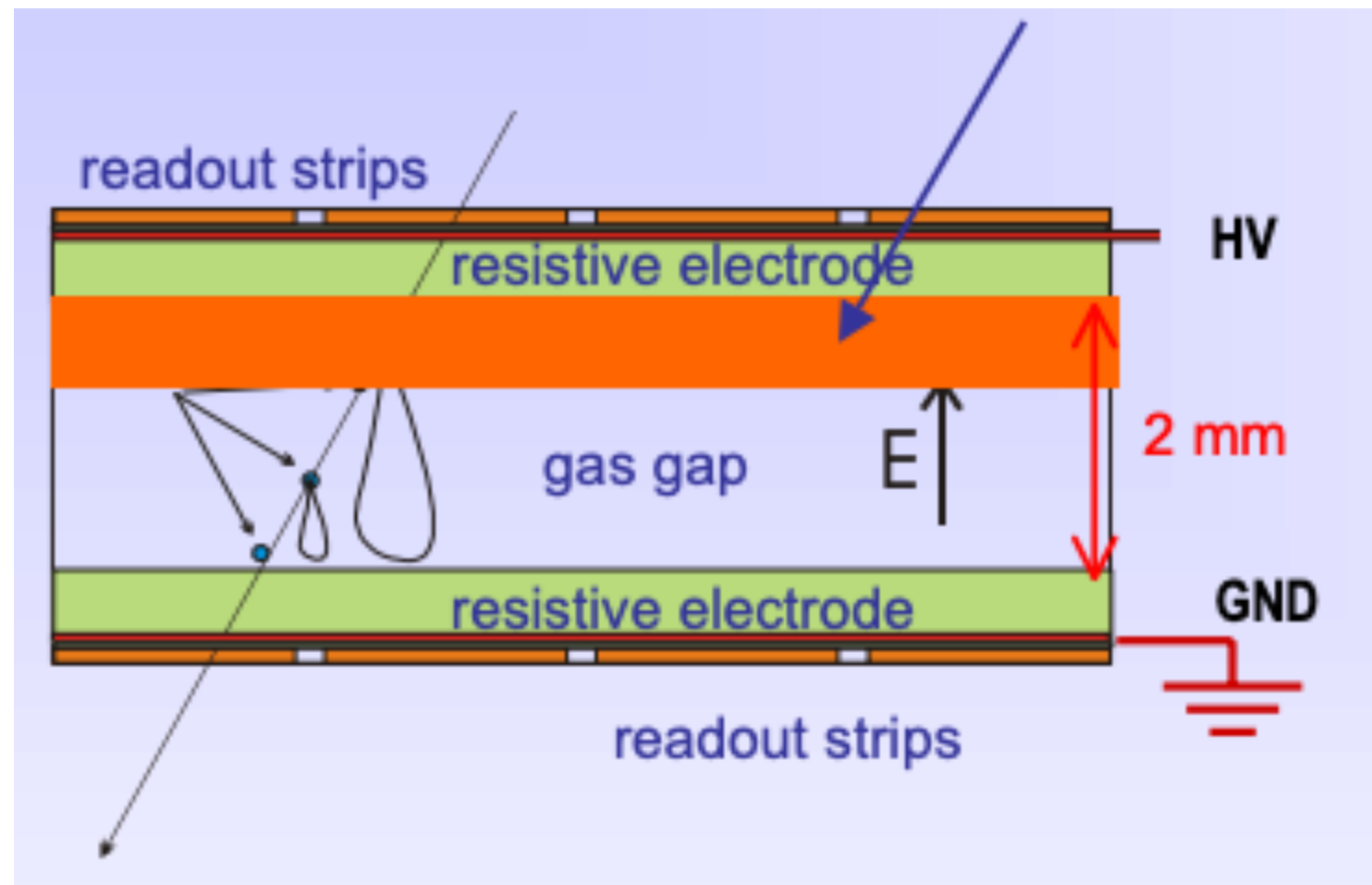
Multiwire Proportional Chamber

Typical geometry

- between plates 5mm
- 1mm between wires,
- radius 20 μm



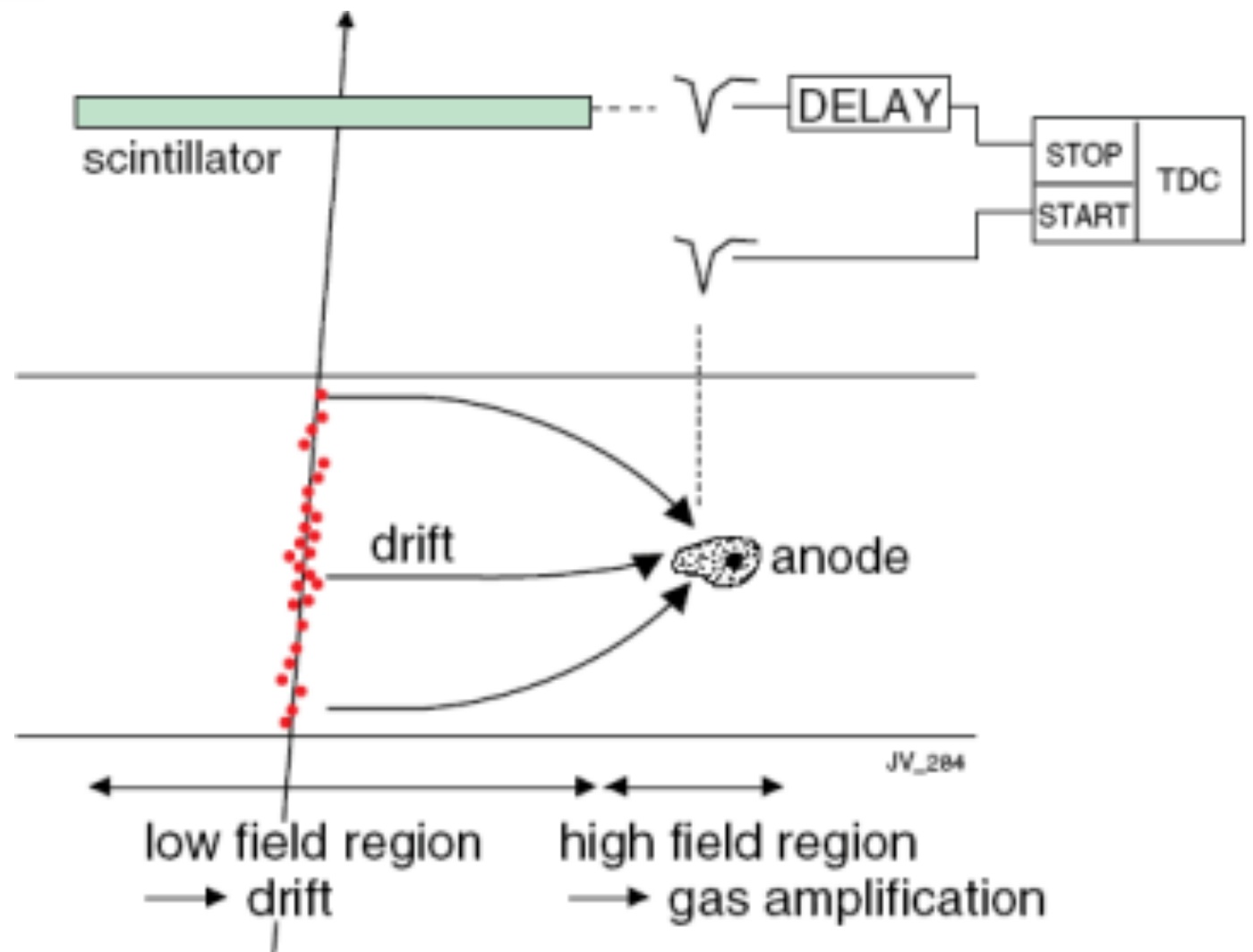
RPC - Resistive Plate Chamber



exceptional time resolution suited for the trigger applications

Drift Chambers

- * Measure arrival time of electrons at sense wire relative to a time t_0 .
- * Need a trigger (bunch crossing or scintillator).
- * Drift velocity independent from E .



Resolution determined by diffusion, primary ionization statistics, path fluctuations and electronics

Gas Detectors in LHC Experiments

ALICE: TPC (tracker), TRD (transition rad.), TOF (MRPC), HMPID (RICH-pad chamber), Muon tracking (pad chamber), Muon trigger (RPC)

ATLAS: TRD (straw tubes), MDT (muon drift tubes), Muon trigger (RPC, thin gap chambers)

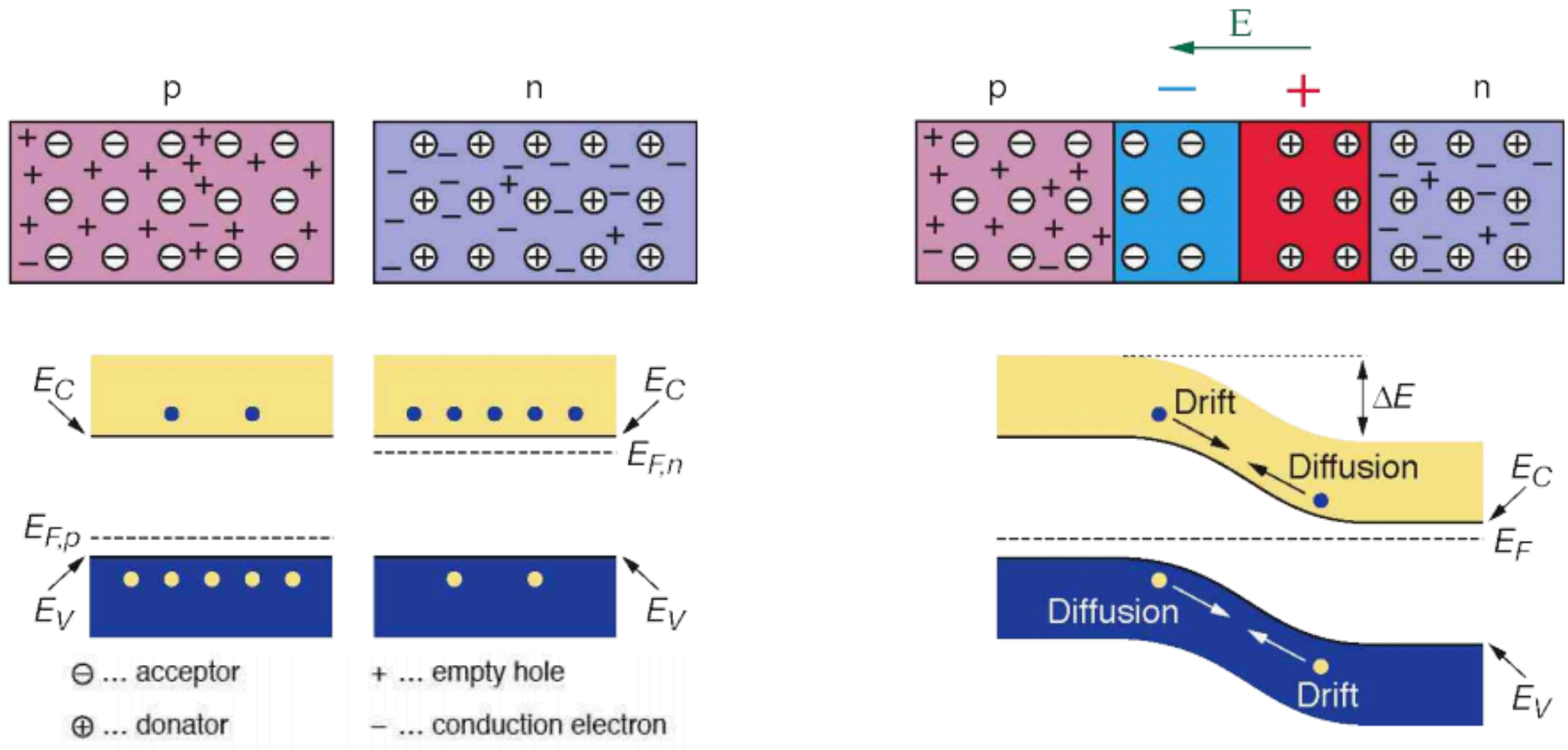
CMS: Muon detector (drift tubes, CSC), RPC (muon trigger)

LHCb: Tracker (straw tubes), Muon detector (MWPC, GEM)

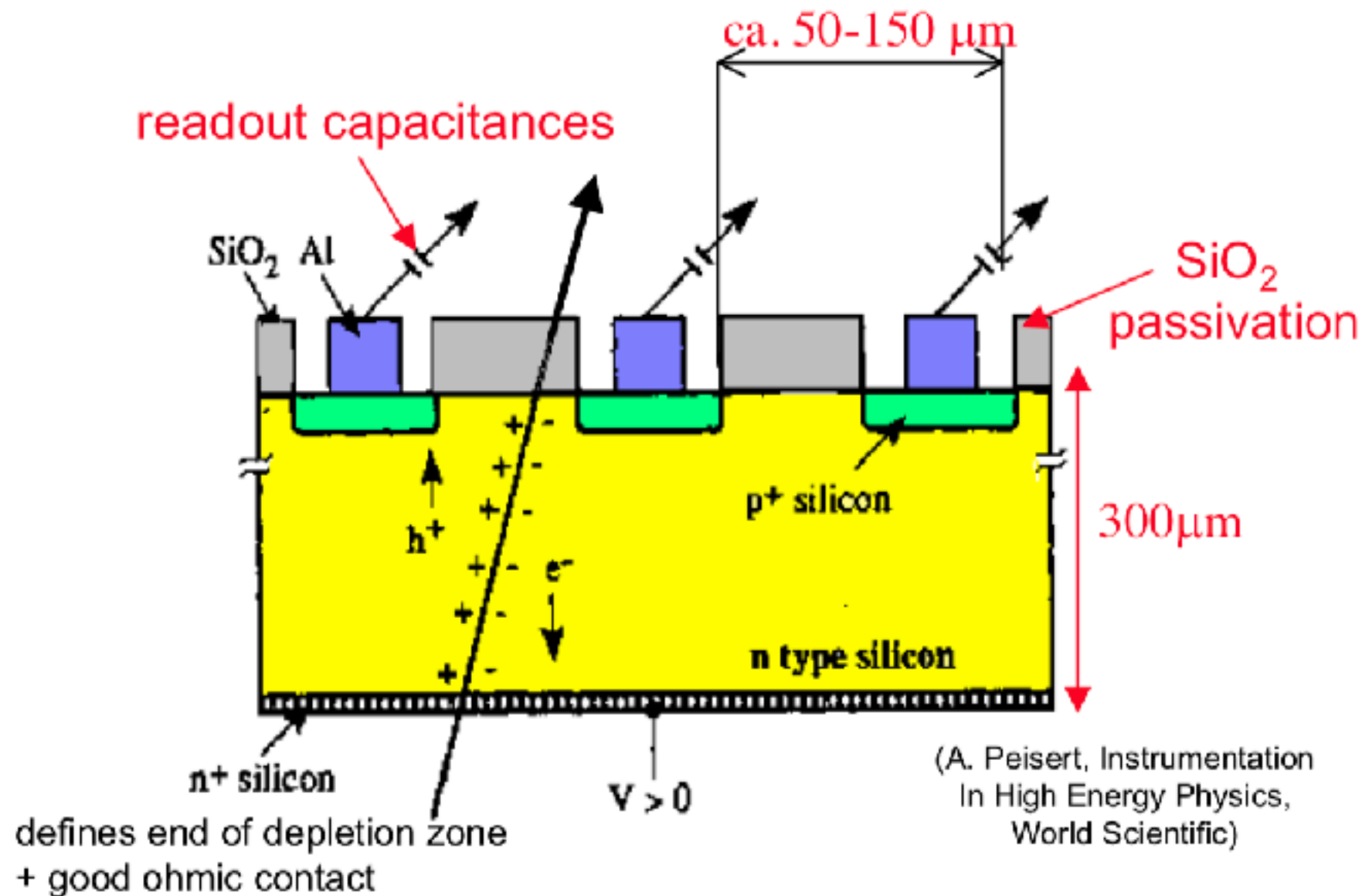
TOTEM: Tracker & trigger (CSC , GEM)

Silicon Detectors

- * Between n -type and p -type semiconductor a stable region free of charge carriers is created and is called the depletion zone



Silicon Detectors



**High granularity, very sensible, low voltage,
high price for large coverage
Used in high track density regions**

Last Lesson

Summary

Ionisation VS Bremsstrahlung

Bethe-Bloch Formula

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$$-\left\langle \frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle_{\text{el.}} = K \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[\ln \frac{m_e \beta^2 c^2 \gamma^2 T}{2I^2} + F(\gamma) \right]$$

[T: kinetic energy of electron]

$$W_{\max} = \frac{1}{2}T$$

* $\propto Z$

* $\propto \ln(E)$

* Basse energie/impulsi

$$-\left\langle \frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle \approx \frac{4N_a Z^2 \alpha^3 (\hbar c)^2}{m_e^2 c^4} E \ln \frac{183}{Z^{1/3}}$$

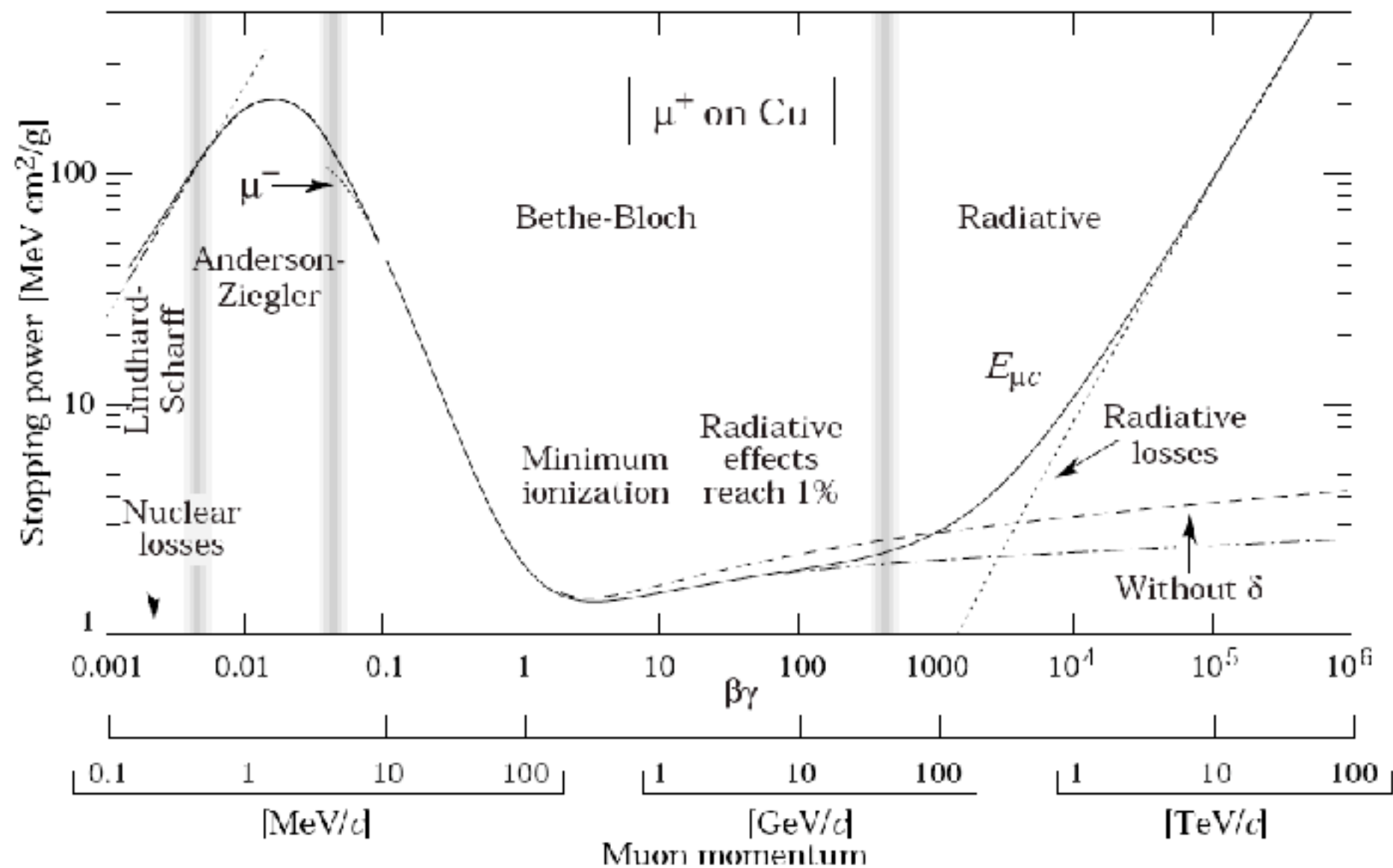
* $\propto Z^2$

* $\propto E/m^2$

* Alte energie/impulsi

Heavy Charged

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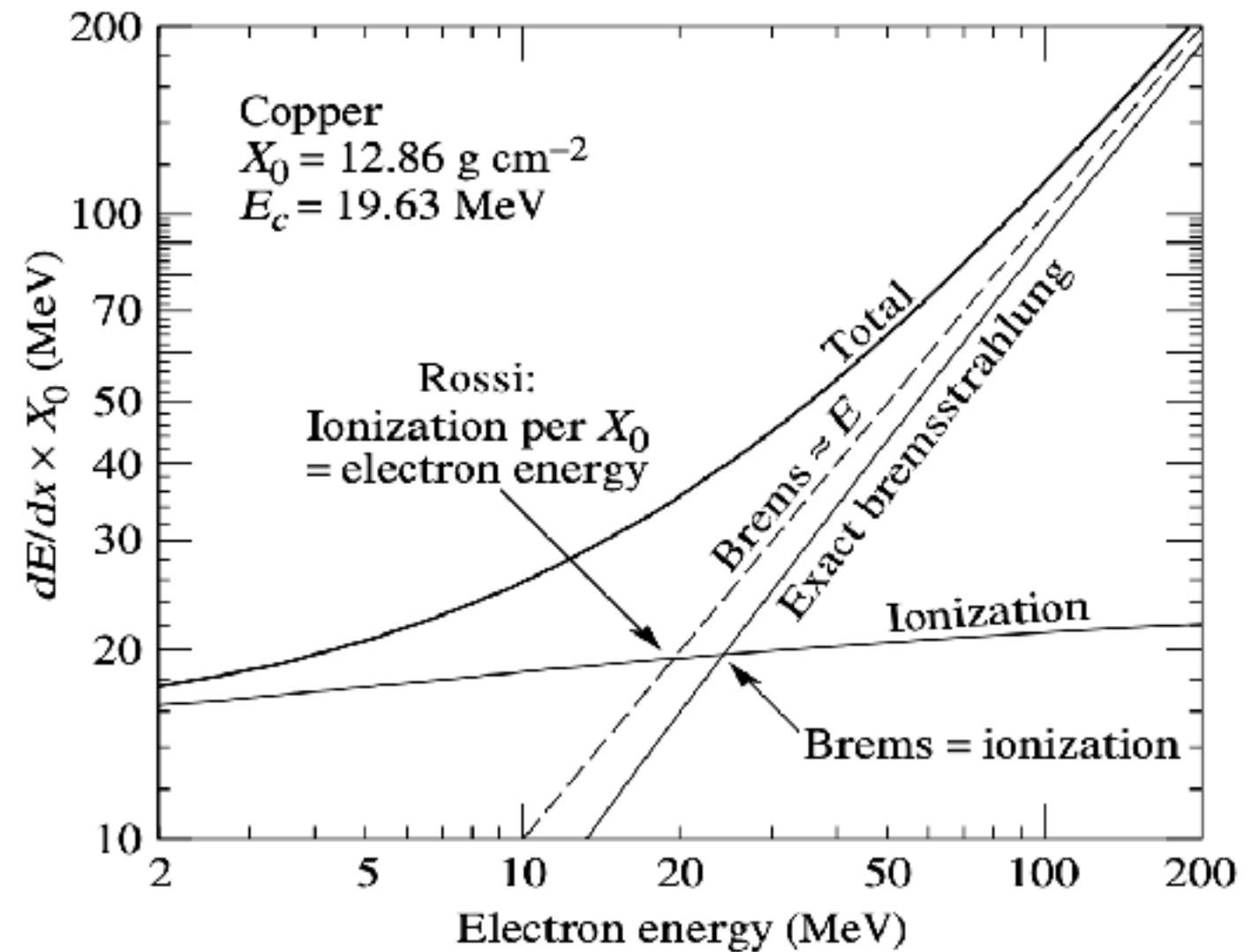


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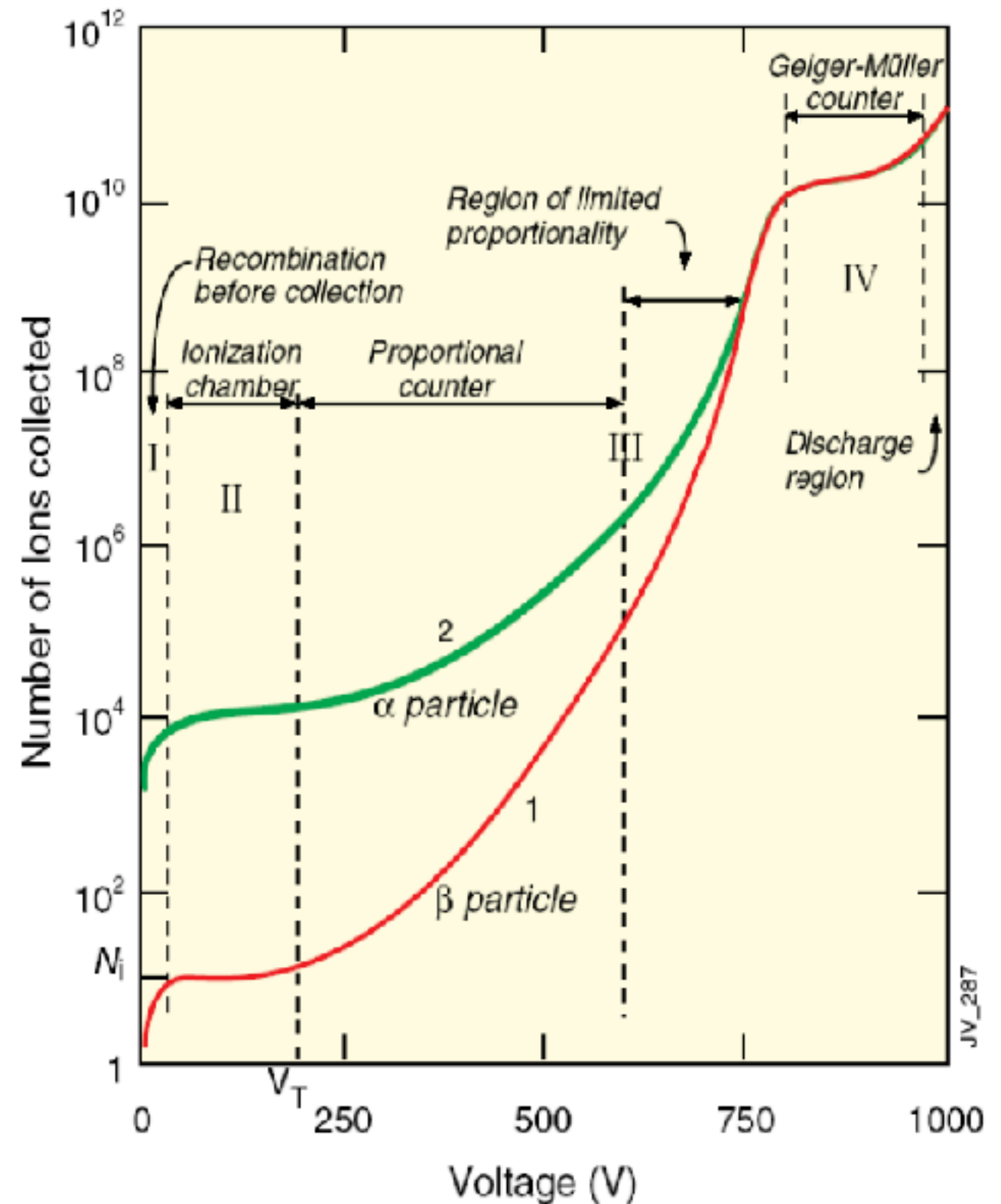
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Tracker Comparison

- * Multiwire chamber:

- resolution $\sim 0,5$ mm
- time ~ 10 ns (quite fast)

- * RPC:

- fast!
- No great spatial resolution
- Used as trigger

- * Drift Chamber:

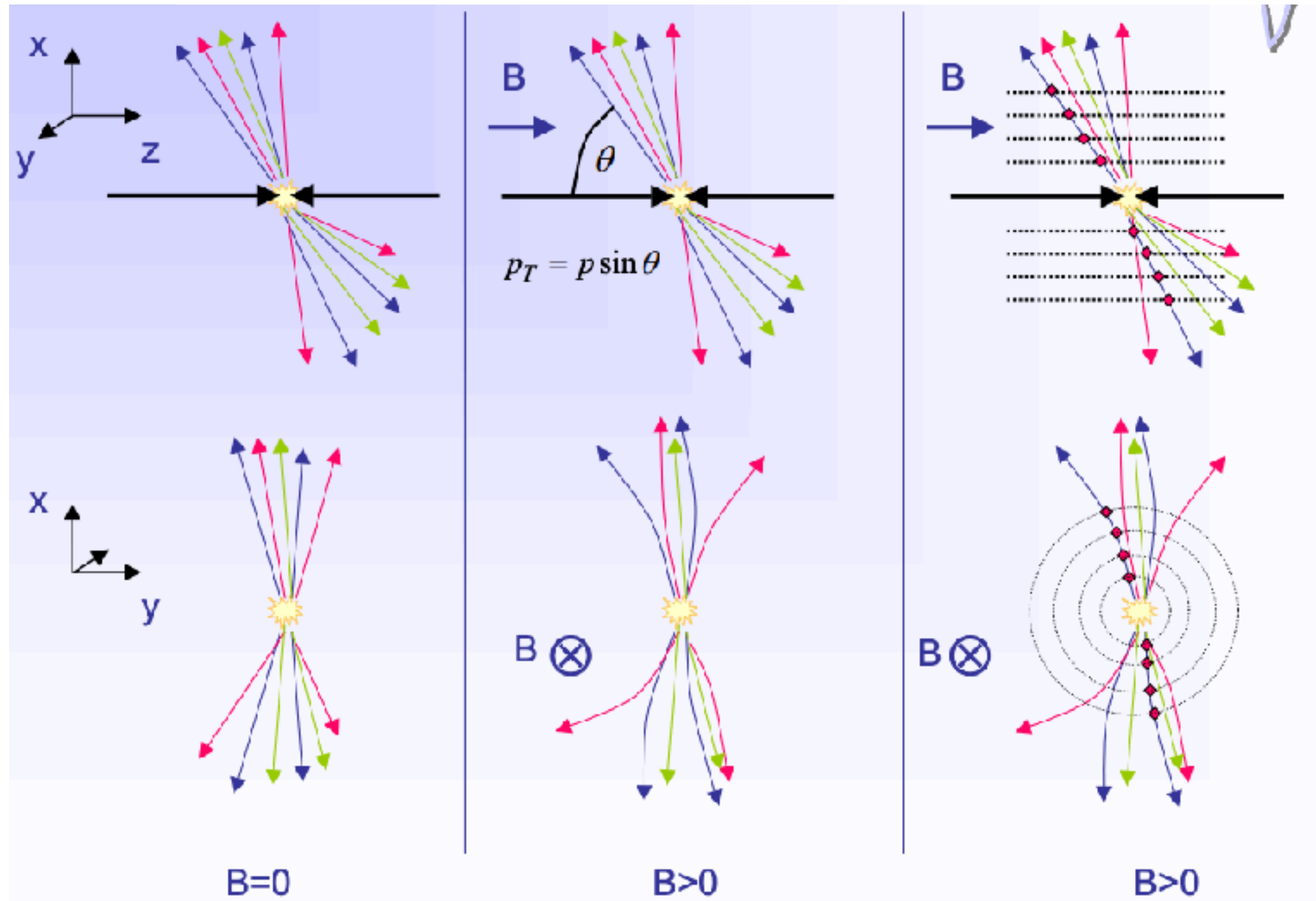
- high resolution ~ 40 μ m
- expansive!
- Good at low rate

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Momentum

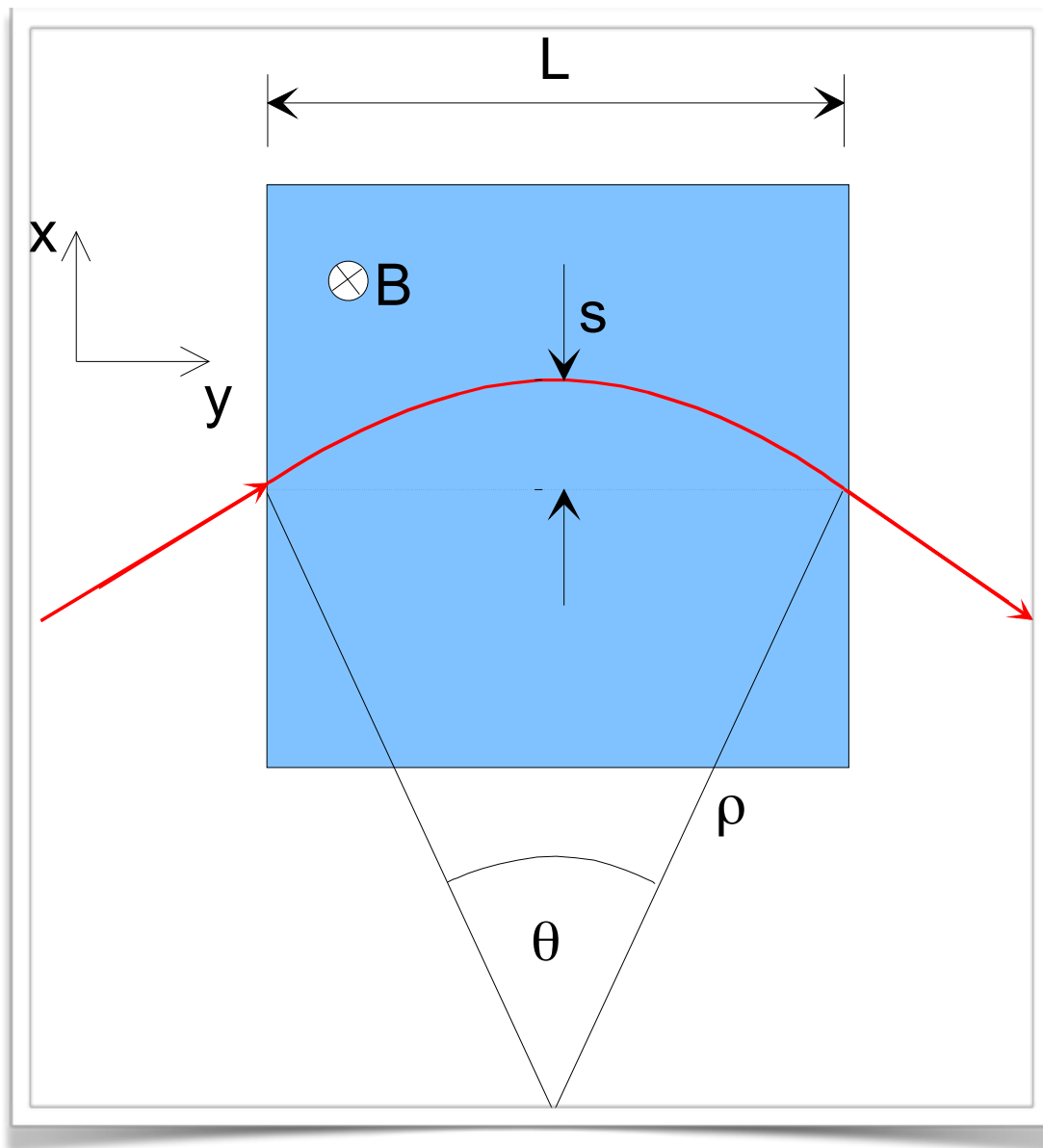
Measurement

Momentum Measurement



Momentum Measurement

$$\frac{mv^2}{\rho} = q(v \times B) \rightarrow p_T = qB\rho \quad p_T \text{ (GeV/c)} = 0.3B\rho \text{ (T} \cdot \text{m)}$$



$$\frac{L}{2\rho} = \sin\theta/2 \approx \theta/2 \rightarrow \theta \approx \frac{0.3L \cdot B}{p_T}$$

$$s = \rho(1 - \cos\theta/2) \approx \rho \frac{\theta^2}{8} \approx \frac{0.3}{8} \frac{L^2 B}{p_T}$$

For the simple case of **three measurements**:

$s = x_2 - (x_1 + x_3)/2 \Rightarrow ds = dx_2 - dx_1/2 - dx_3/2$
with $\sigma_x \approx dx_i$ uncorrelated error of single measurement:

$$\sigma_s^2 = \sigma_x^2 + \frac{\sigma_x^2}{4} \cdot 2 = \frac{3}{2}\sigma_x^2$$

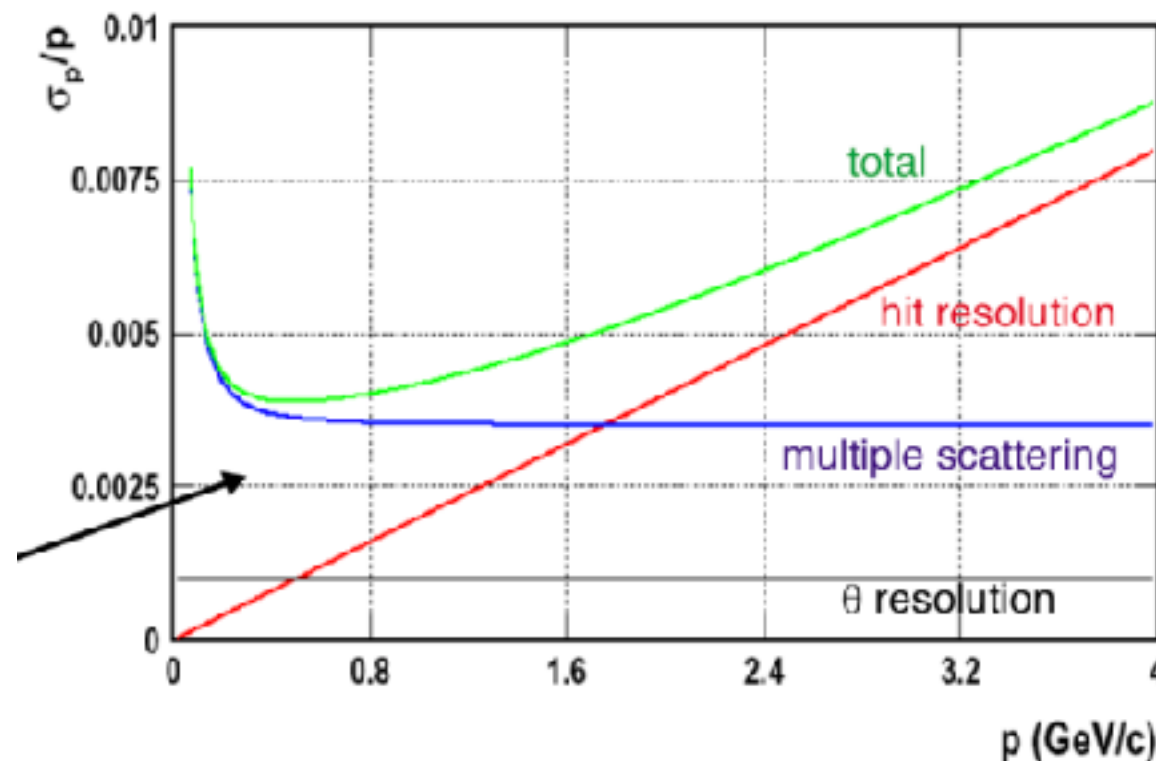
Momentum Resolution

$$\frac{\sigma(p_T)}{p_T} = \frac{\sigma_s}{s} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \sigma_x \cdot \frac{8p_T}{0.3BL^2}$$

- degrades **linearly** with **transverse momentum**
- improves **linearly** with increasing **B field**
- improves **quadratically** with **radial extension** of detector

$$\frac{\sigma(p_T)}{p_T} = \frac{\sigma(\kappa)}{\kappa} = \frac{\sigma_x \cdot p_T}{0.3BL^2} \sqrt{\frac{720}{(N+4)}}$$

In the case of **N** equidistant measurements



Adding the contribution of the multiple scattering

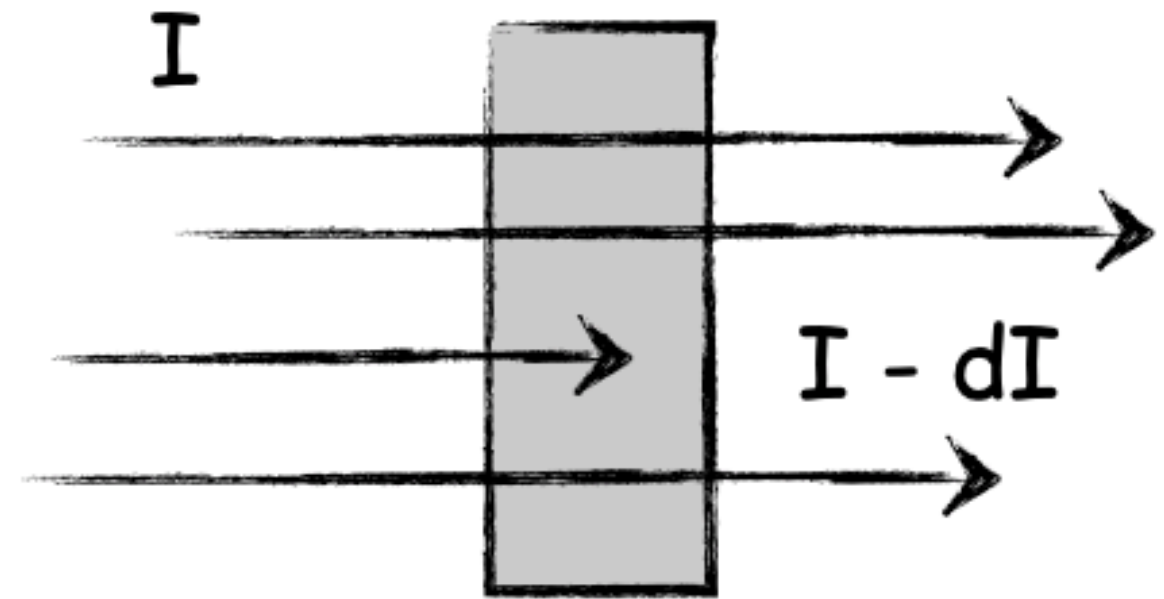
$$\left(\frac{\sigma_p}{p}\right)^2 = \left(\sqrt{\frac{720}{N+4}} \frac{\sigma_x p \sin\theta}{0.3BL^2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{0.2}{\beta B \sqrt{LX_0 \sin\theta}}\right)^2$$

Photons &
electrons

Interaction of photons with matter

Characteristic for interactions of photons with matter:

A single interaction removes photon from beam !



$$dI = -\mu I dx$$

[μ : absorption coefficient]

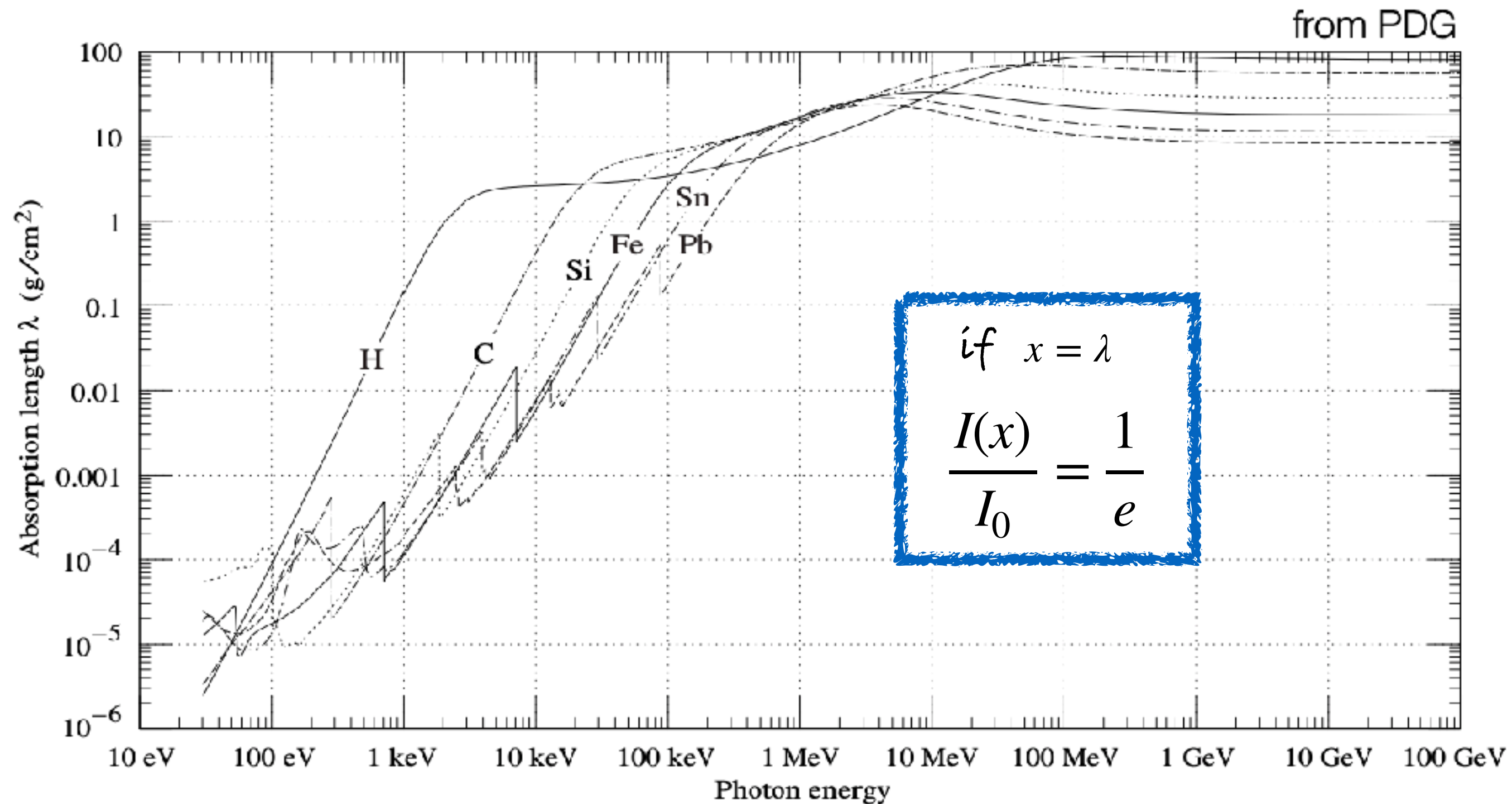
depends on
E, Z, ρ

→ Beer-Lambert law:

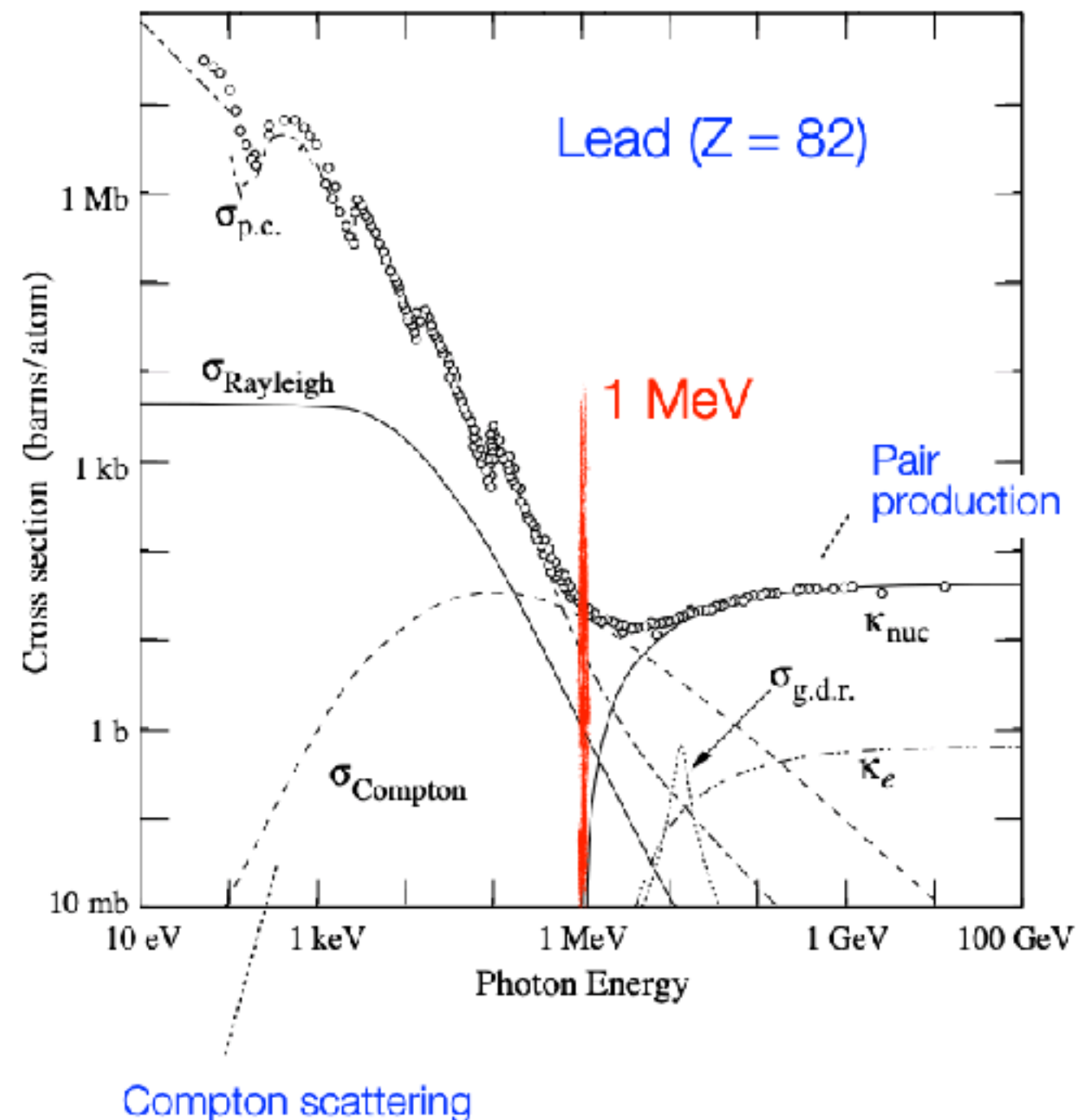
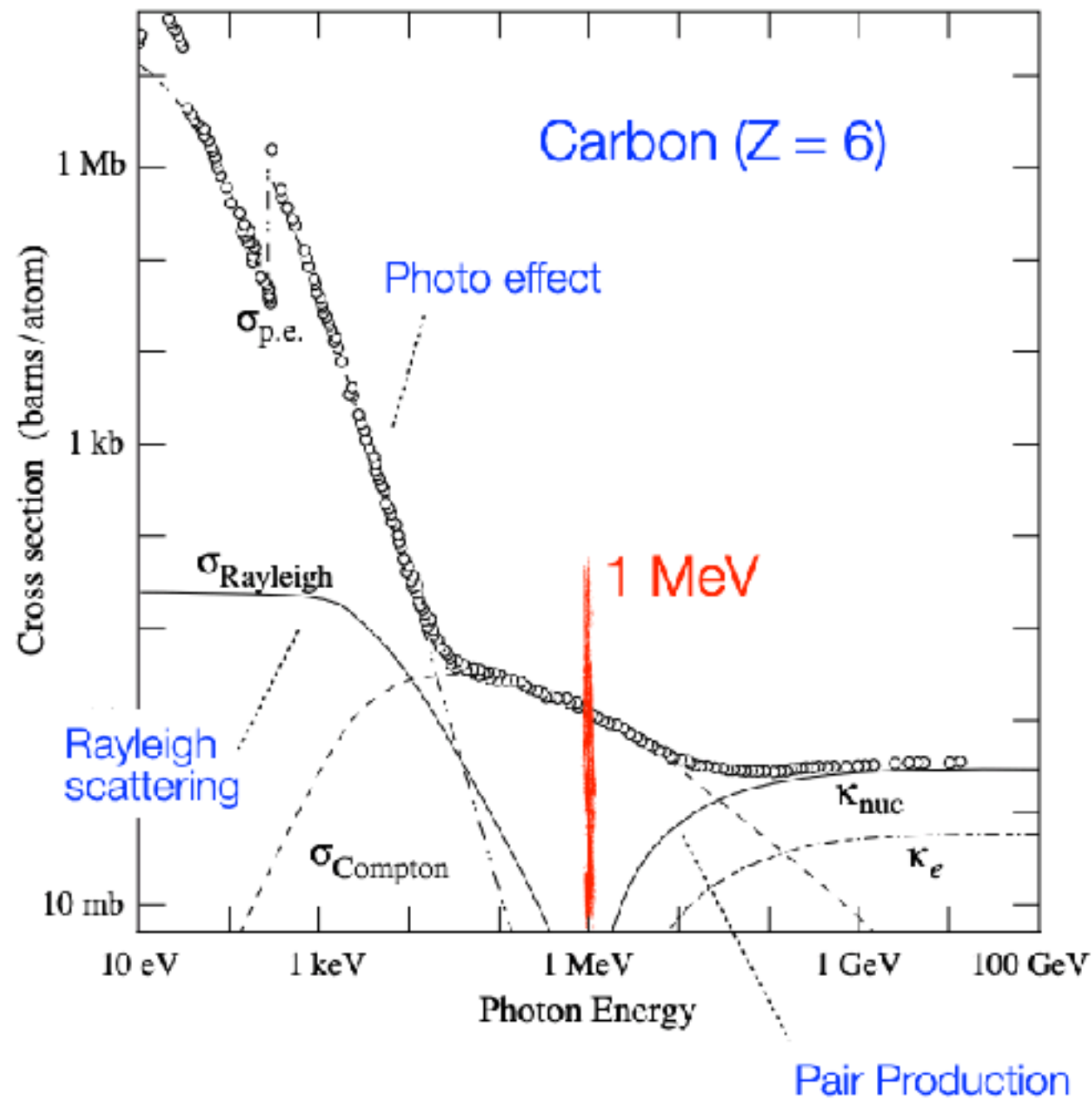
$$I(x) = I_0 e^{-\mu x}$$

with $\lambda = 1/\mu = 1/n\sigma$
[mean free path]

Mean Free path



Photon Total Cross Sections

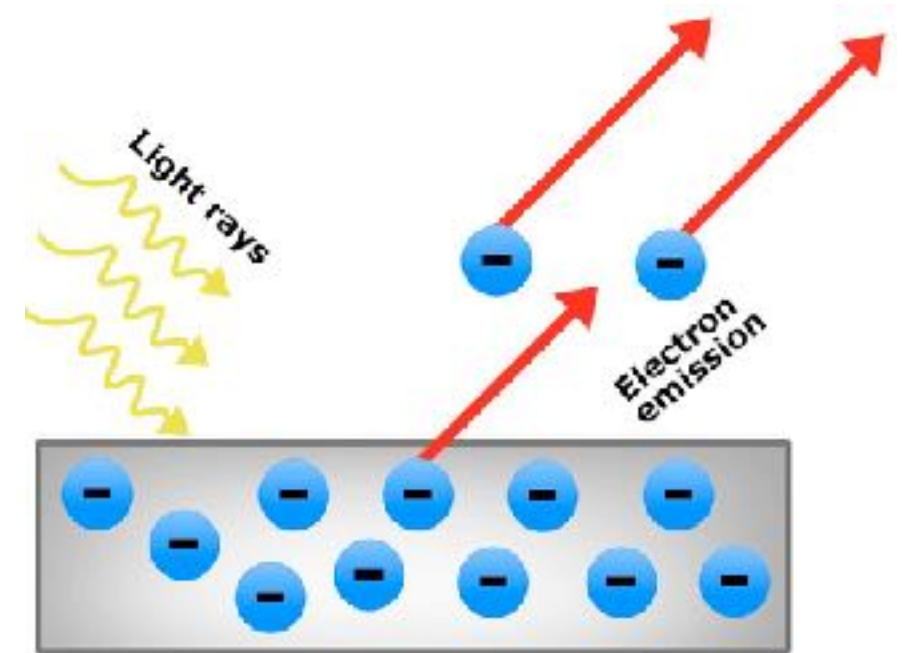


Photoelectric Effect



Einstein win nobel for this

- * The photon is absorbed by the atom, an electron is emitted (ionization)
- * Photon energy > binding energy (~20eV)
 - If not is Auger effect
- * Cross section:



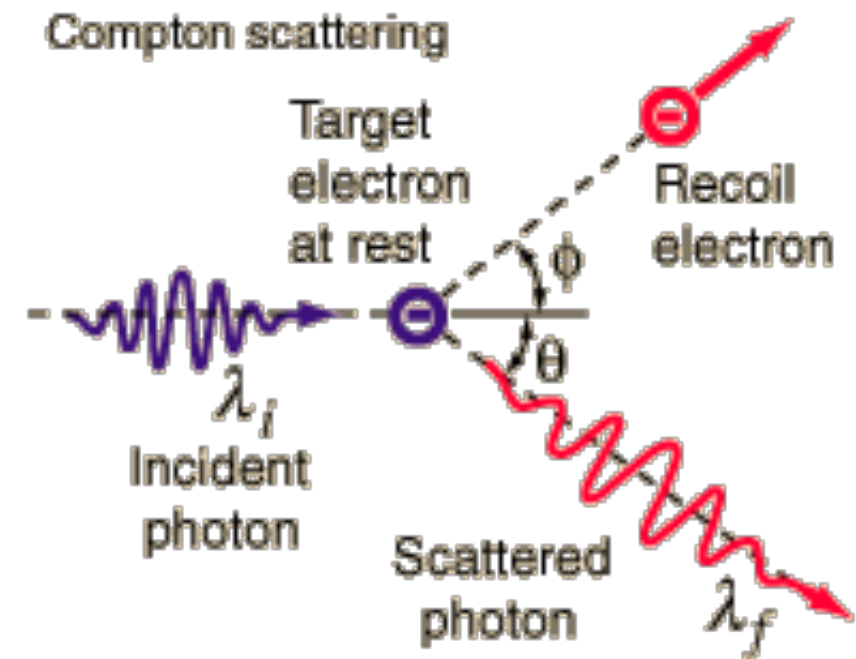
$$\propto E^{7/2}$$

$$\propto Z^4 \text{ or } Z^5$$

$$\sigma_{photo} = 4\alpha^4 \sqrt{2} Z^5 \frac{8\pi r_e^2}{3} \left(\frac{m_e c^2}{h\nu} \right)^{7/2}$$

Compton

- * X-rays interact directly with the atomic electrons
- * Higher energy than photoelectric photons
- * $\lambda_i \approx 0,02 \text{ nm}$

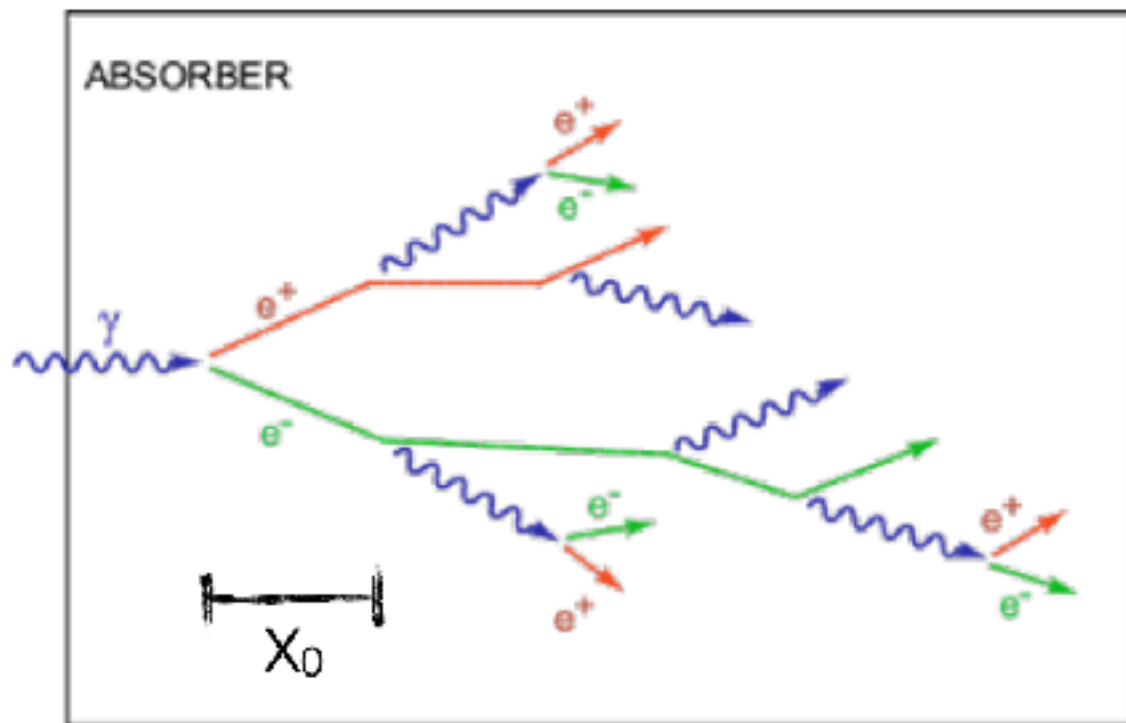
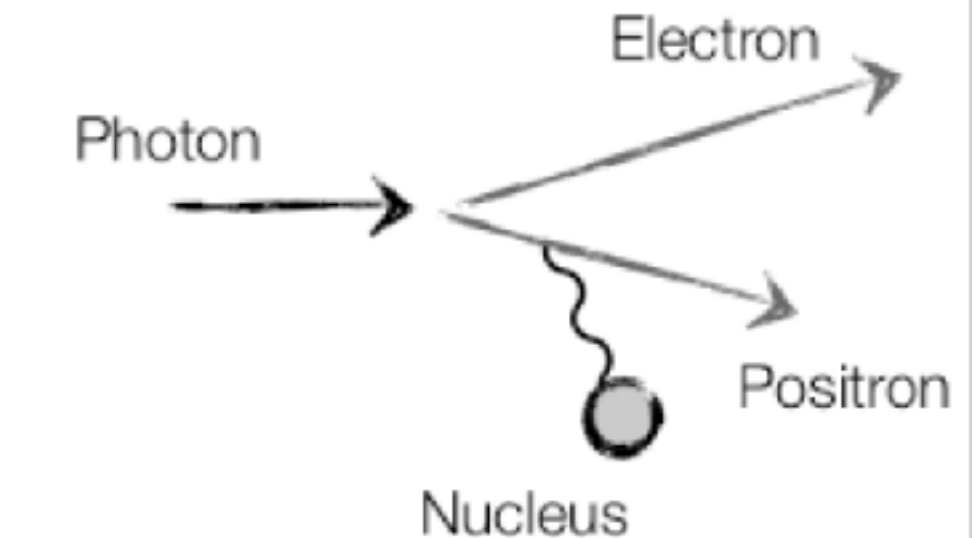


$$\lambda_f - \lambda_i = \Delta\lambda = \frac{h}{m_e c} (1 - \cos \theta)$$

Photon Pair Production

Cross Section:
[for $E_\gamma \gg m_e c^2$]

$$\sigma_{\text{pair}} \approx \frac{7}{9} \left(4 \alpha r_e^2 Z^2 \ln \frac{183}{Z^{\frac{1}{3}}} \right)$$



$\lambda = \text{mean free path}$

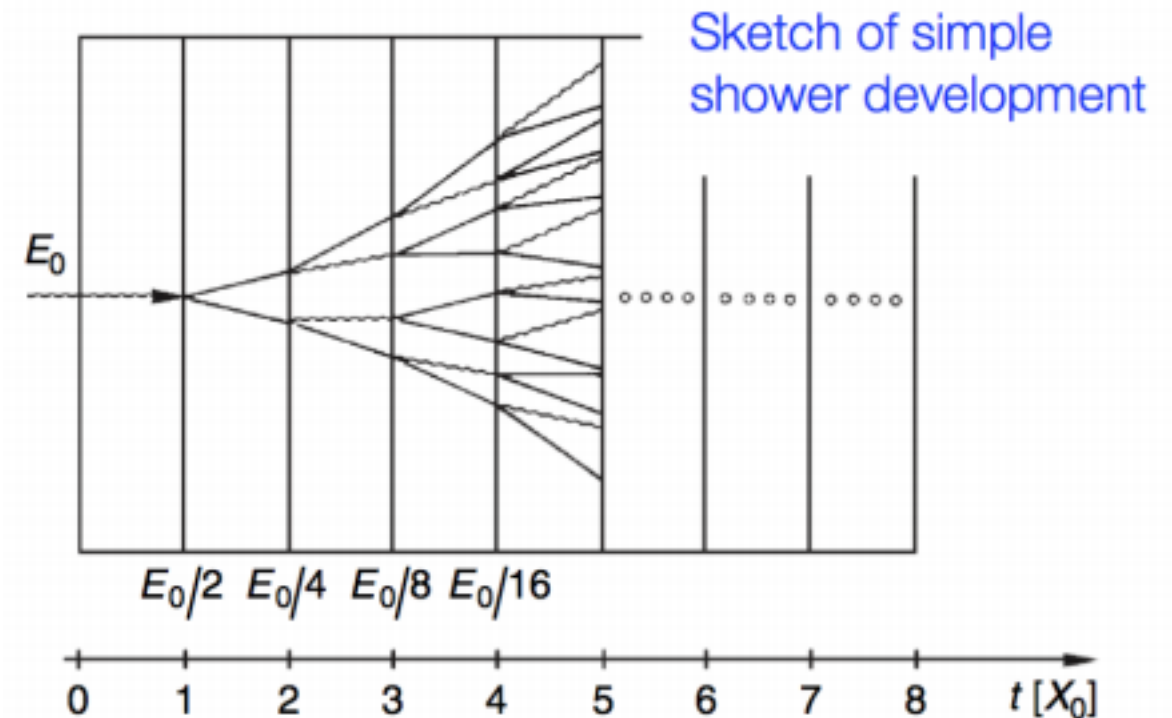
$$\lambda = \frac{9}{7} X_0$$

$$E_{th} = 2m_e c^2 = 1,022 \text{ KeV}$$

$X_0 = \text{radiation length} =$
mean distance over which an
electron loses all but $1/e$ of its
energy.

Longitudinal Shower Profile

- * After each interaction the particle energy halves
- * Shower stops when the energy equals E_{th}



Number of shower particles
after depth t :

$$N(t) = 2^t$$

Energy per particle
after depth t :

$$E = \frac{E_0}{N(t)} = E_0 \cdot 2^{-t}$$

$$\rightarrow t = \log_2(E_0/E)$$

Total number of shower particles
with energy E_1 :

$$N(E_0, E_1) = 2^{t_1} = 2^{\log_2(E_0/E_1)} = \frac{E_0}{E_1}$$

Number of shower particles
at shower maximum:

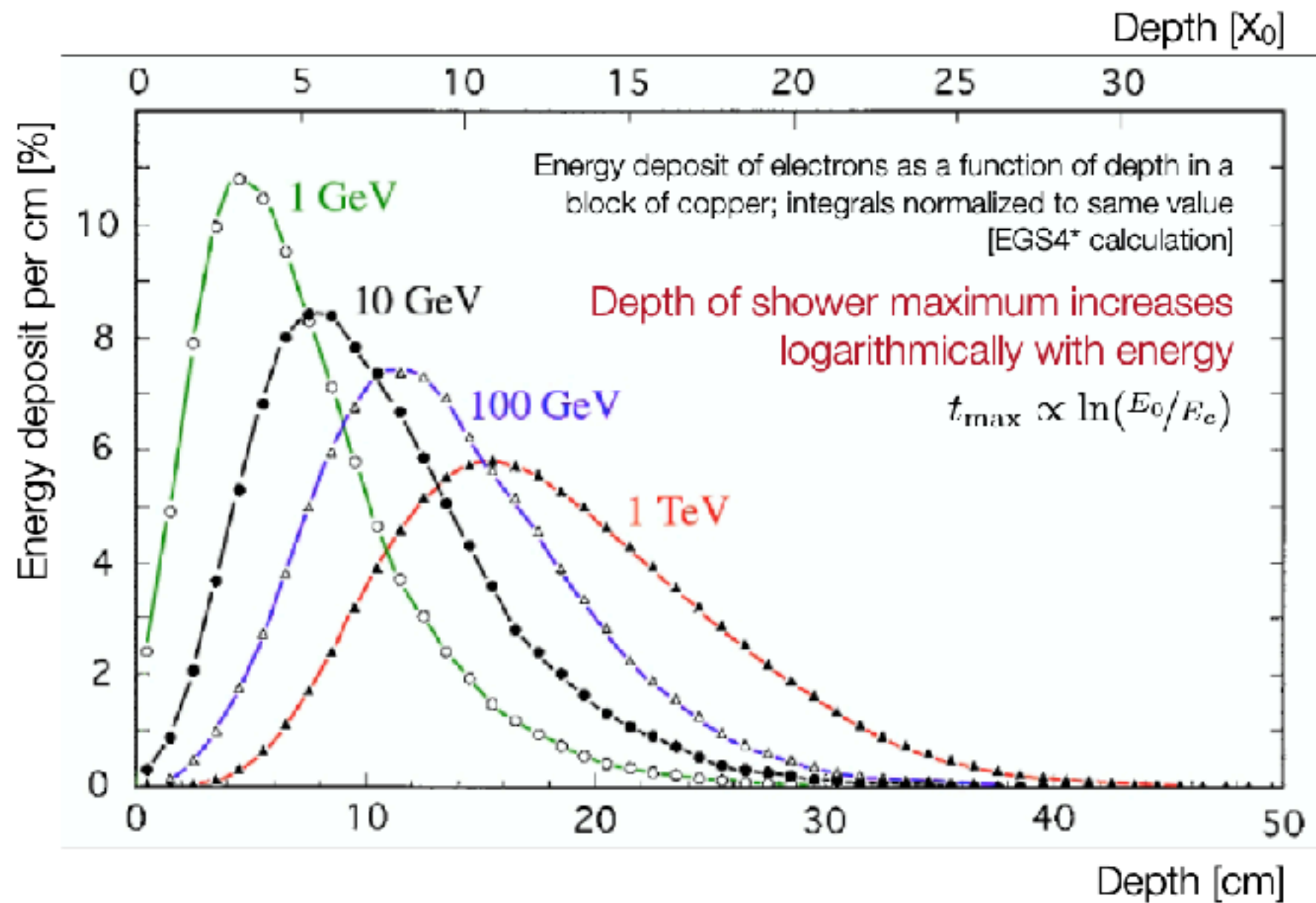
$$N(E_0, E_c) = N_{\max} = 2^{t_{\max}} = \frac{E_0}{E_c}$$

Shower maximum at:

$$t_{\max} \propto \ln(E_0/E_c)$$

$$\propto E_0$$

Longitudinal Shower Profile



Longitudinal development scales with the radiation length

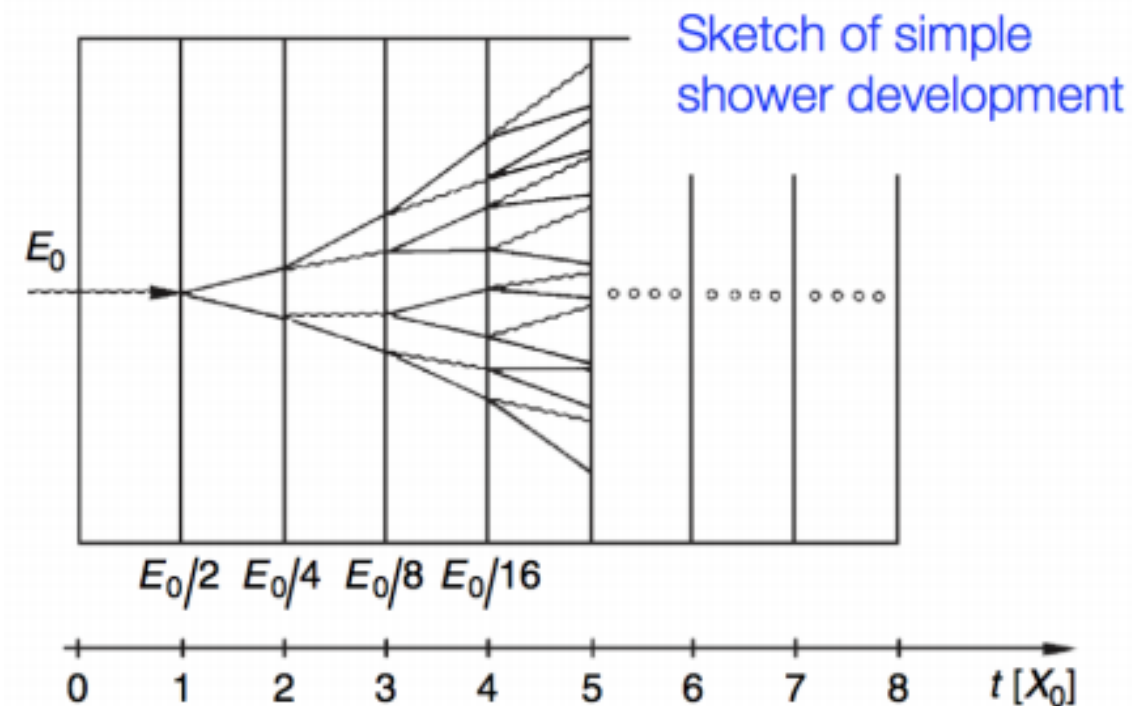
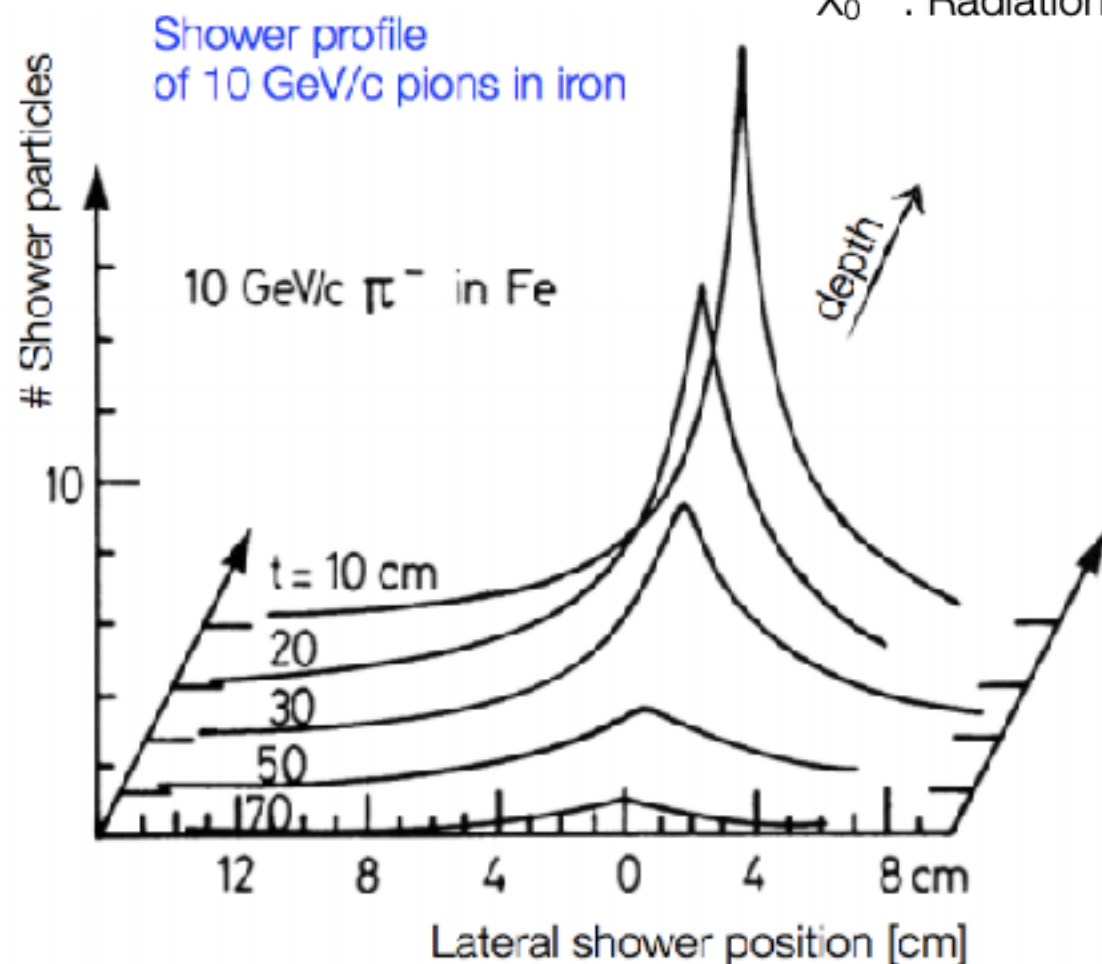
Electrons eventually fall beneath critical energy and then lose further energy through dissipation and ionization

Transverse Shower Profile

Transverse size of EM shower given by radiation length via Molière radius

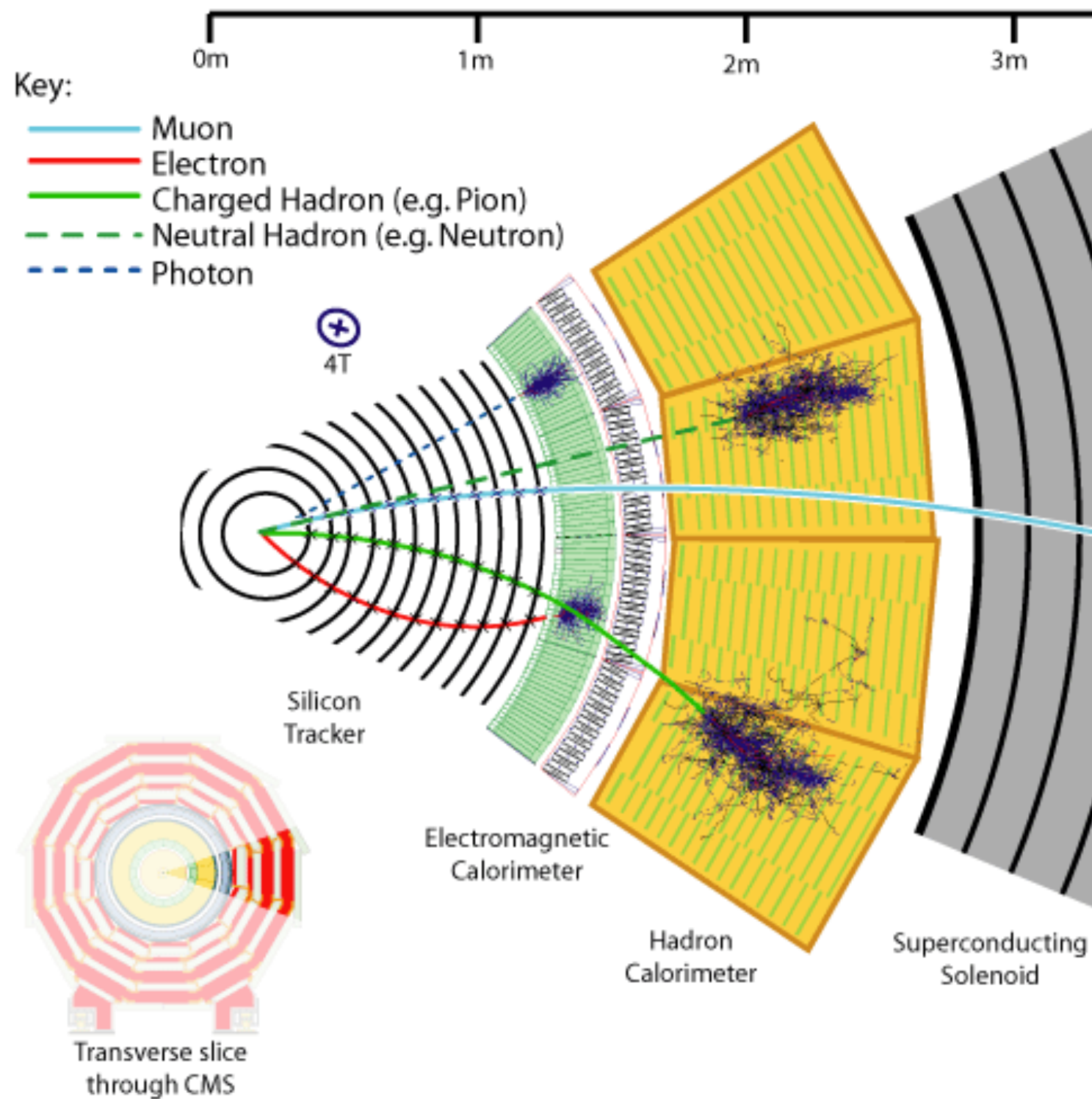
$$R_M = \frac{21 \text{ MeV}}{E_c} X_0$$

R_M : Molière radius
 E_c : Critical Energy [Rossi]
 X_0 : Radiation length



Transverse development scales with the radiation length

Electromagnetic Cascades



E.M.

Calorimeters

Photon (and Electron) Detection

N.B.: it interacts with all other charged particles anyway

E.M. Calorimeters

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- * We are interested in revealing showers



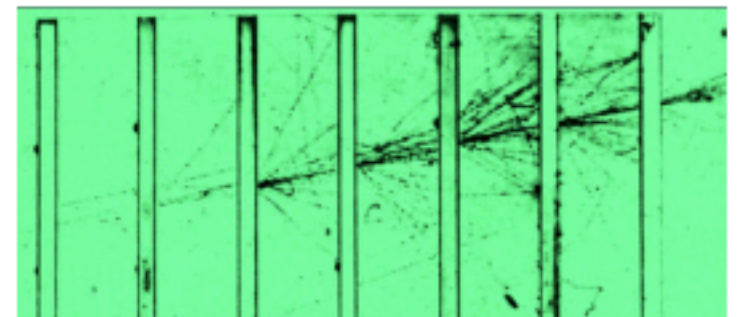
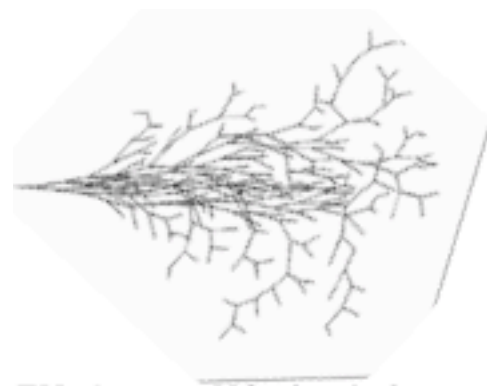
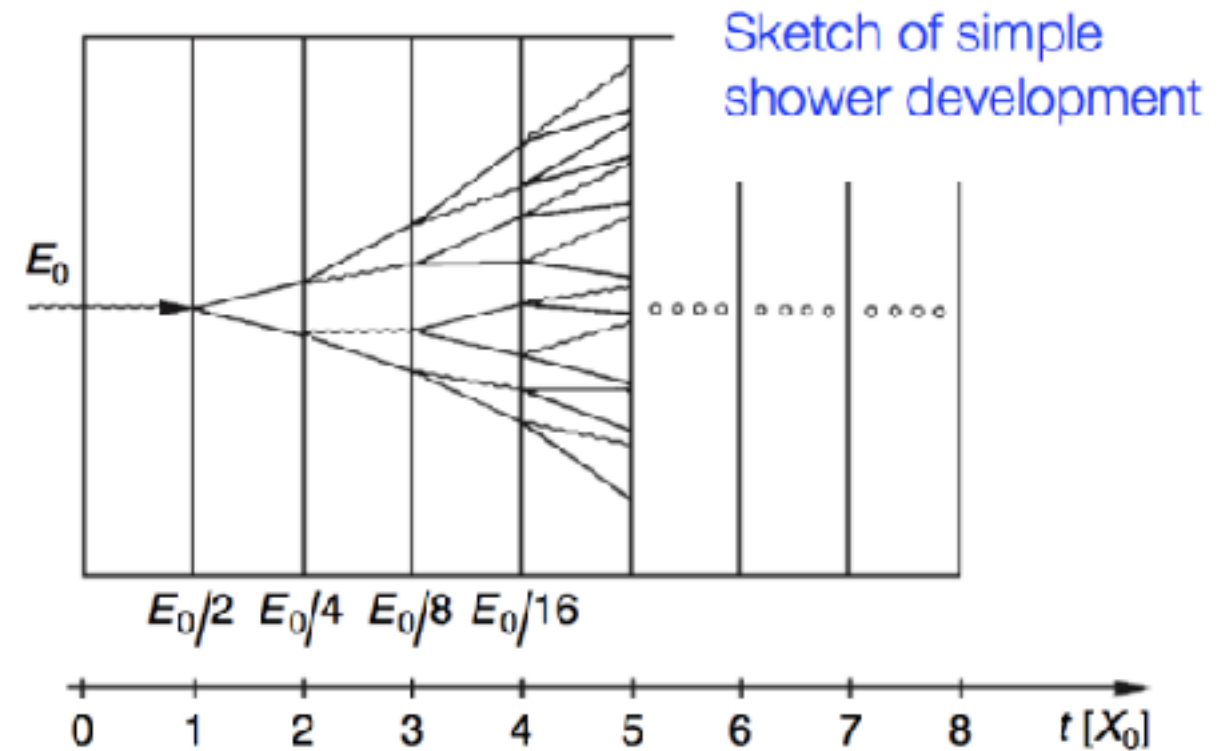
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E.M. Calorimeters

- * Calorimeters look at particle showers
- * Shower is a complex object formed by multiple particles
- * Study the shower property to understand the characteristic of the initial particle (e or γ)
- * Strategy: look at the energy lost by electrons in the shower by ionisation
- * Electron sensitive detector needed



E.M. Calorimeters

- * Longitudinal depth used to evaluate the particle energy

$$t_{\max}[X_0] \sim \ln \frac{E_0}{E_c}$$

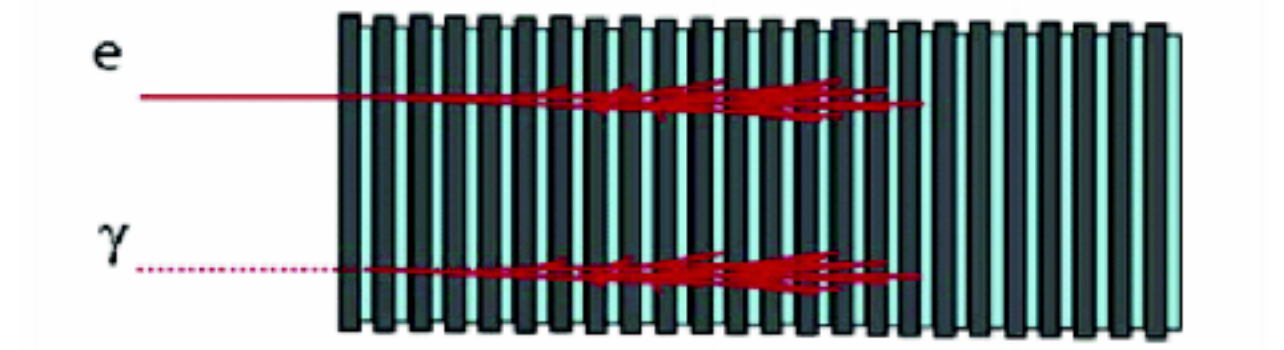
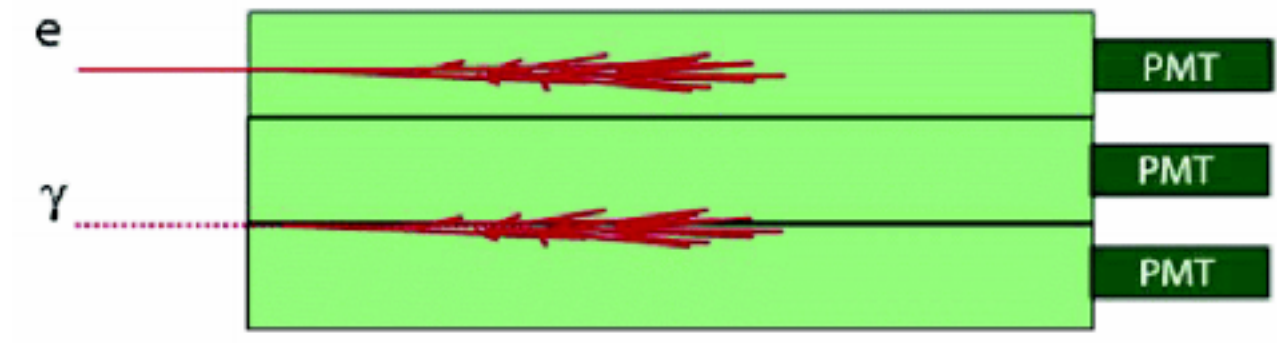
- * So it must be longitudinally segmented!
- * Transverse segmentation gives info on the particle position and direction (for charged particles trackers are better)
- * The energy resolution (uncertainty) depends on the inverse of sqrt(number of steps t) for Poisson. But t proportional to the initial energy, so...

$$\frac{\sigma(E)}{E} = \frac{A}{\sqrt{E}}$$

- * N.B. : to have the total energy the shower must be fully contained in the calorimeter

E.M. Calorimeters

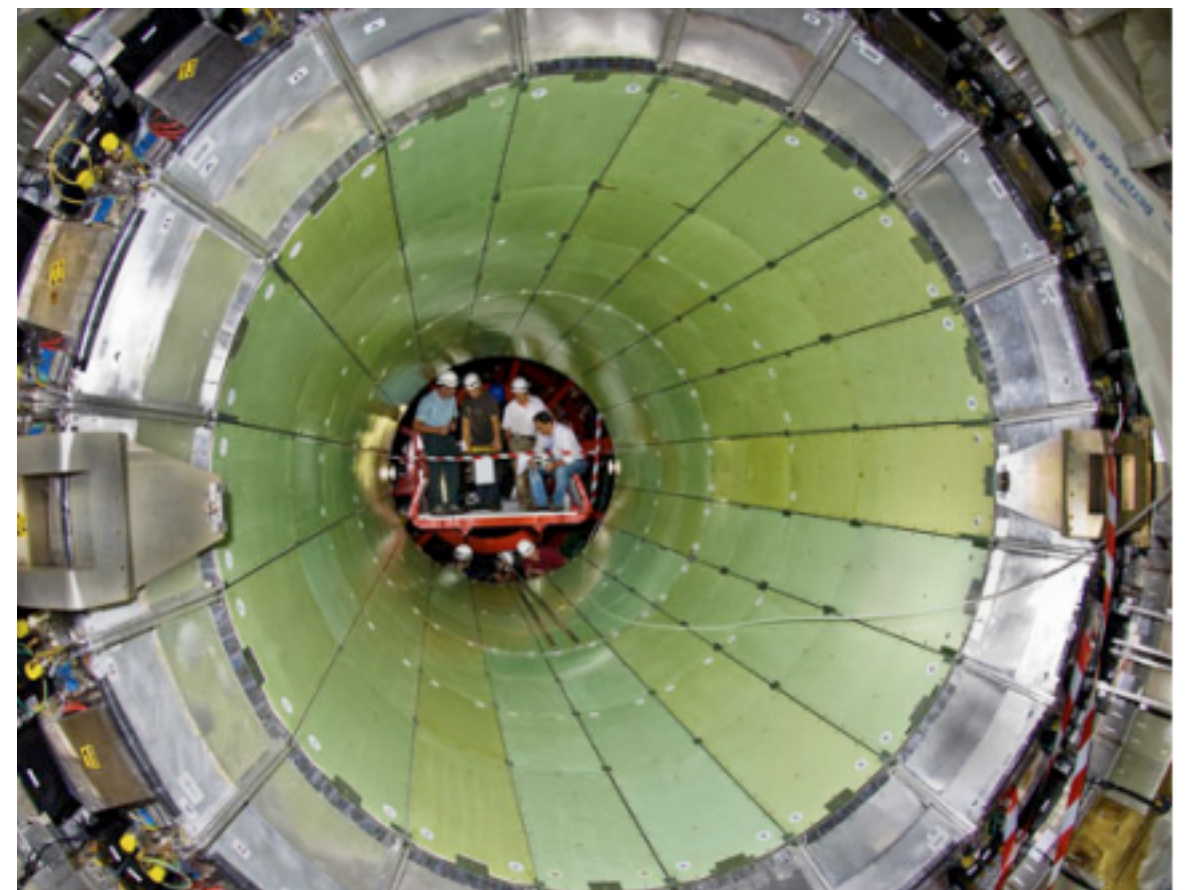
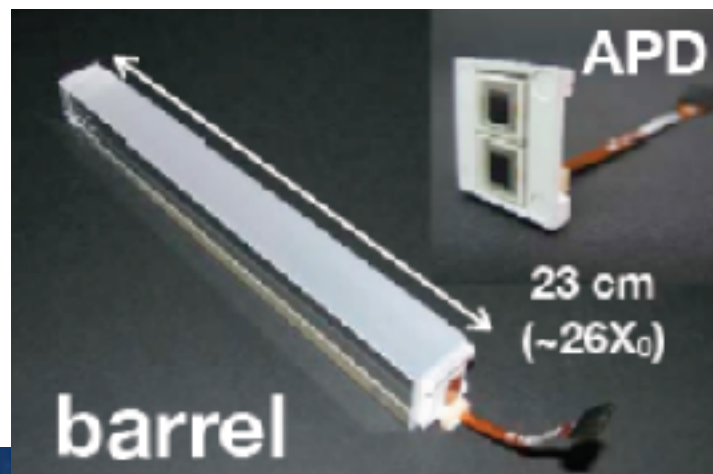
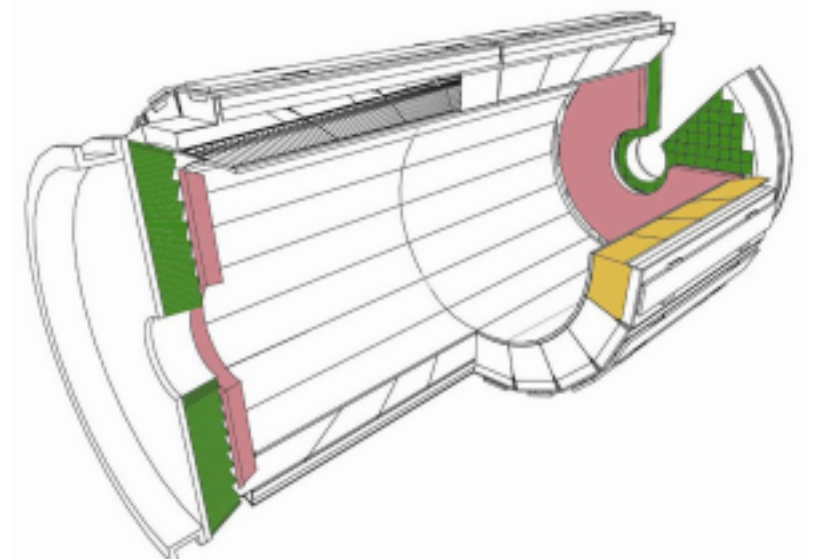
- * initiate an em shower (high Z)
- * collect shower energy (light) lost by ionization
- * **homogeneous:** the sensitive detector is the same that causes the em shower.
 - based on crystal (BGO, NaI, Pb-glass), high density,
 - excellent resolution, expensive
- * **sampling:** alternating layers of passive and sensitive material
 - gas, silicon (sensitive)
 - Passive dense material (Fe, Pb, W, ...),
 - poorer resolution, compact, cheap



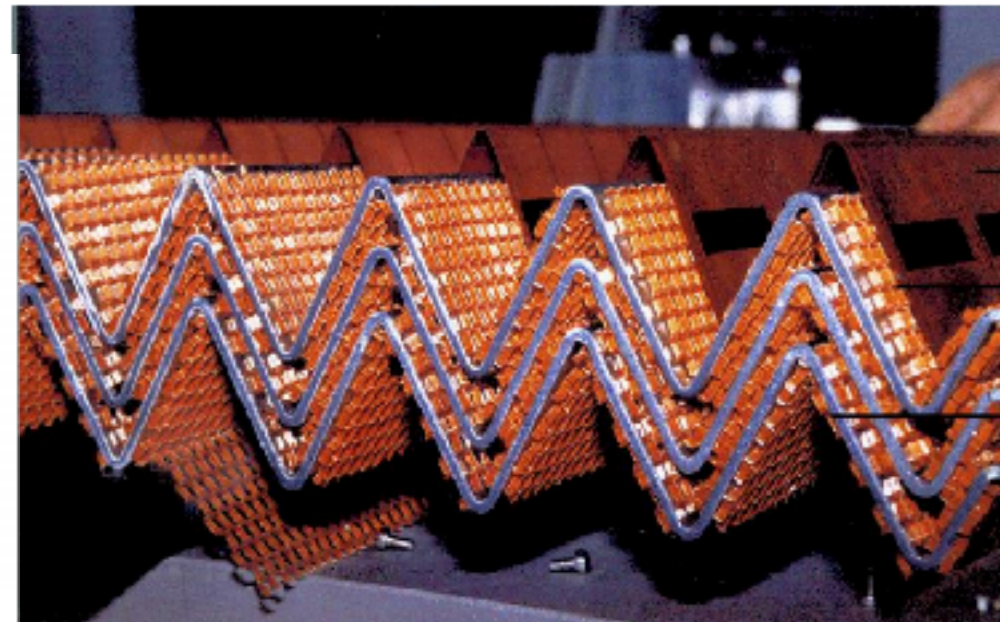
Examples of Homogeneous Calo

CMS ECal

- Scintillator: PbWO
- $\sim 3 \times 3 \times 23$ cm
- 70000 crystals



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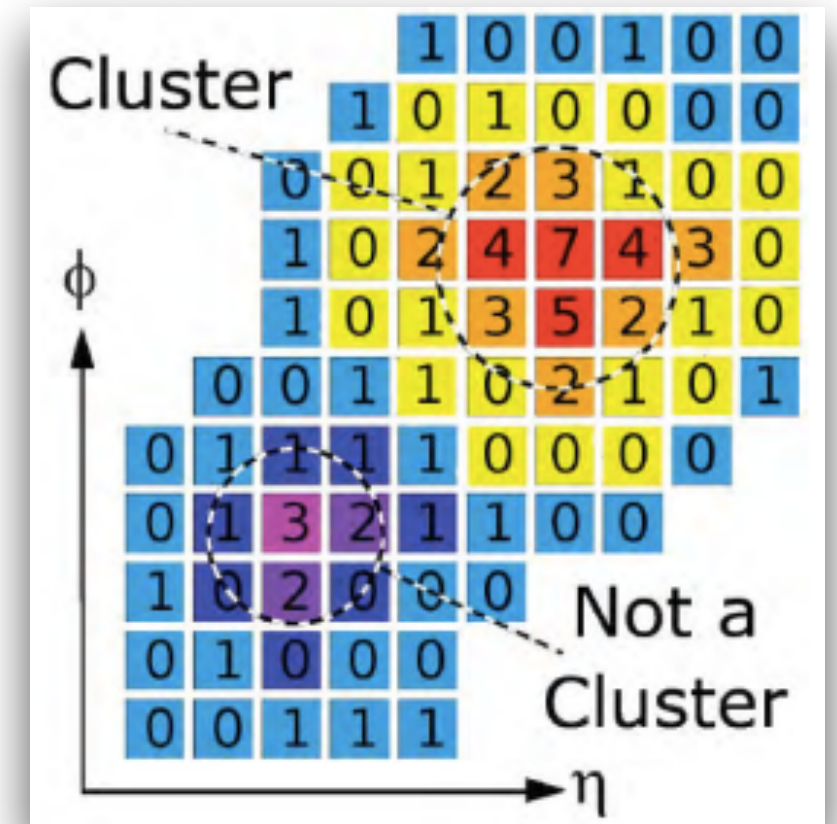
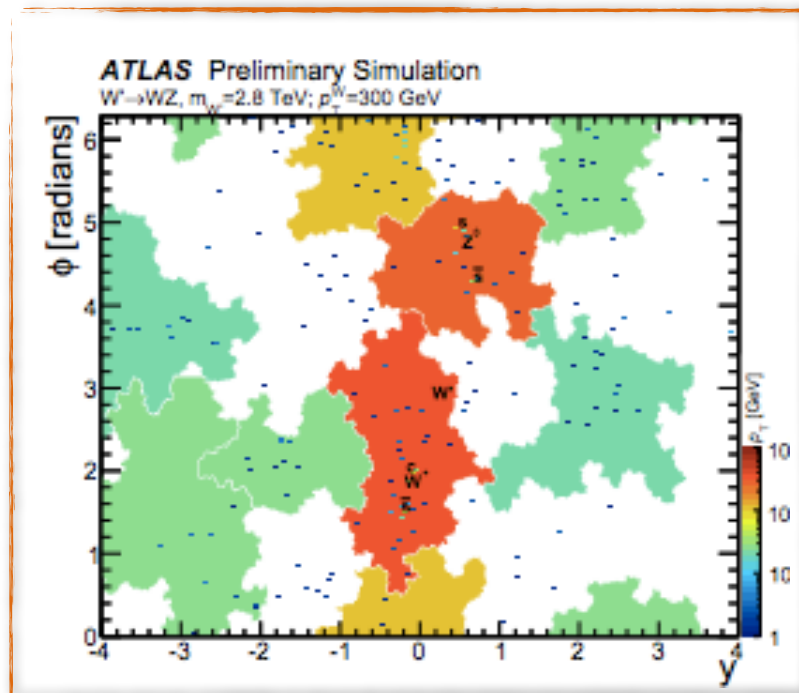
Stainless-steel-clad Pb absorber plates

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Cluster

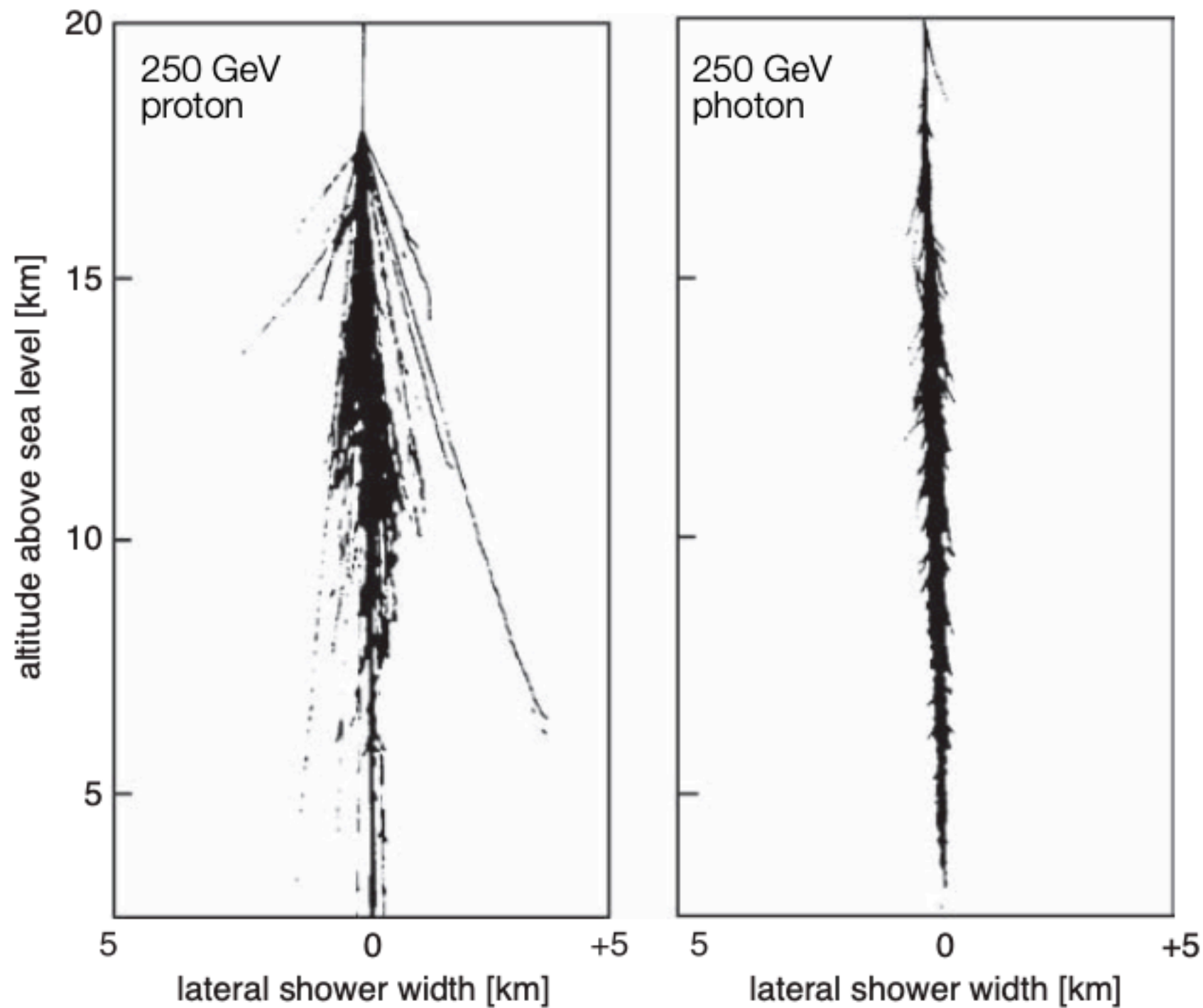
Units in
 $|E|/\sigma_{\text{noise}}$

$$\rho_{ij} = \min(p_{Ti}^{2p}, p_{Tj}^{2p}) \frac{(\Delta R_{ij})^2}{R^2} \quad \leftarrow \quad \Delta R_{ij}^2 = (\eta_i - \eta_j)^2 + (\varphi_i - \varphi_j)^2$$



- * Averaged weight on distance and energy deposition in each cell
- * Similar to the center of mass definition

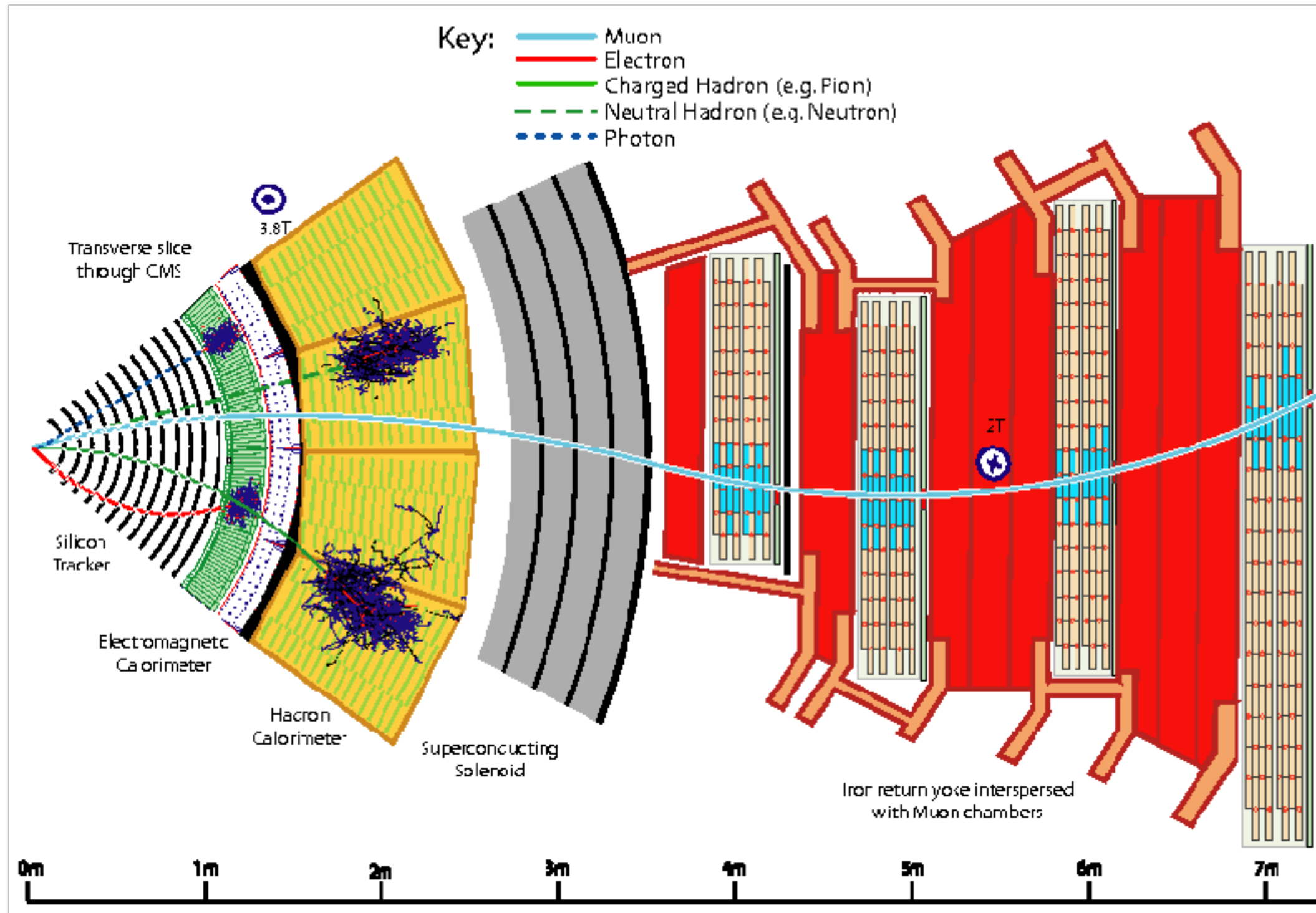
Hadron VS EM



Muon Energy Loss
(extra)

Muon Energy Loss

- * Less interacting charged particles.
- * Lose few energy in the detector —> long range
- * Outer detectors to identify them. Match with other detectors to have more precise information.



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