

Experimental Z mass measurement with the CMS detector

G71 Física de Partículas Elementales

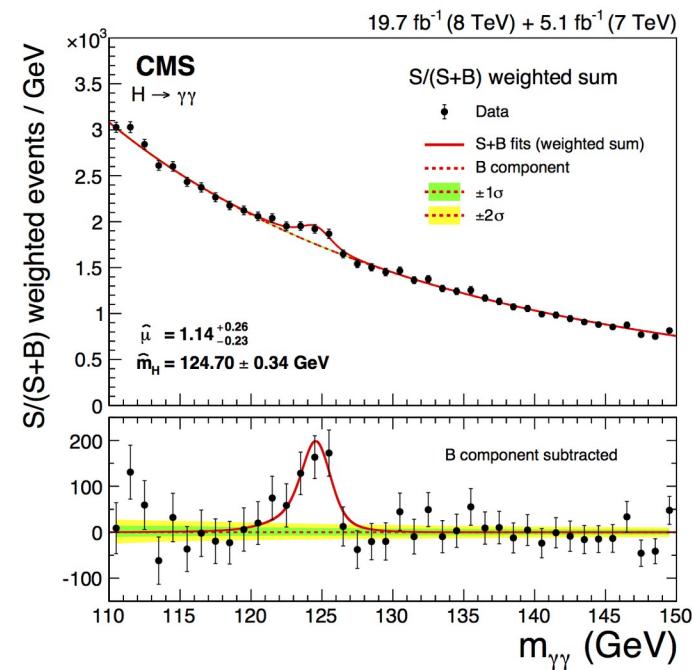
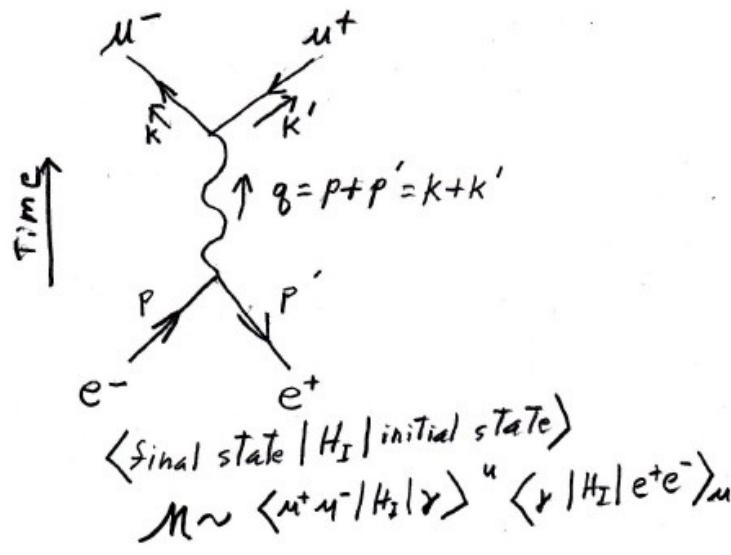
Prelude: Theory vs Experiment

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$+ i \bar{\psi} \not{D} \psi + h.c.$$

$$+ \bar{\psi}_i \gamma_{ij} \psi_j \phi + h.c.$$

$$+ D_\mu \phi |^2 - V(\phi)$$

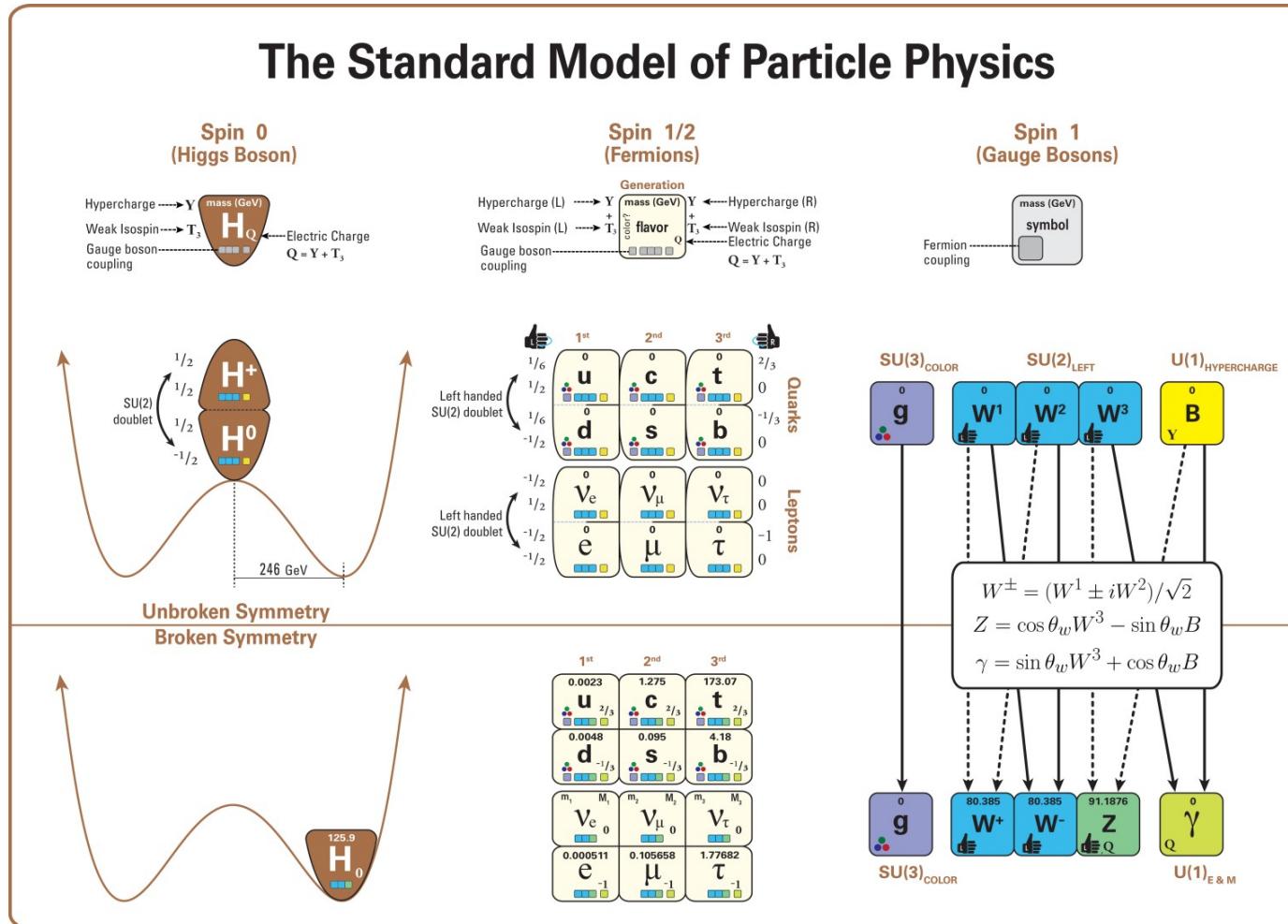


Outline

- The Z boson: a brief theoretical introduction
- Experimental Setup:
 - The CMS detector
 - Data analysis in particle physics
 - Muon reconstruction
 - Di-lepton invariant mass observable
- Experimental results

The Z boson: A brief theoretical description

The Standard Model of Particle Physics



- Describes particles and its interactions using (special) relativity and quantum field theory
 - Gauge group: $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$
 - General relativity NOT included

Our target: The Z Boson

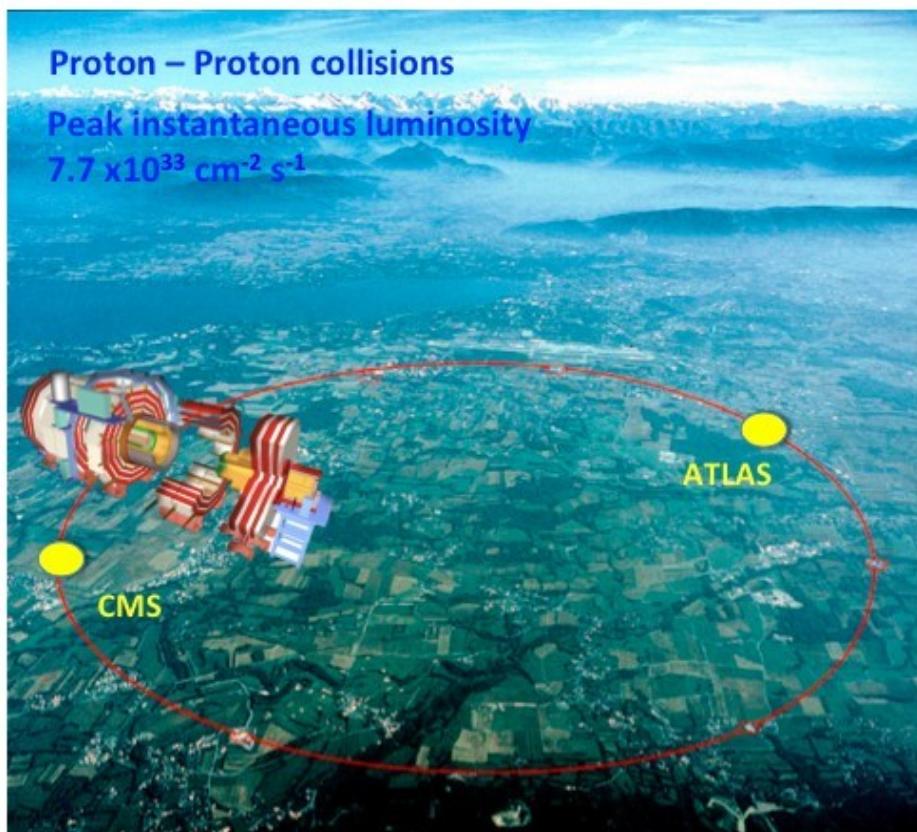
- The W and Z bosons **MEDIATE** the weak interaction
- Z boson **decays always** into a fermion and its anti-particle

Mass:	$\frac{\text{VALUE (GeV)}}{91.1876 \pm 0.0021 \text{ OUR FIT}}$	DPG
Width:	$\frac{\text{VALUE (GeV)}}{2.4952 \pm 0.0023 \text{ OUR FIT}}$	
Decay width (lepton universality)		
Γ_1	$e^+ e^-$	$(3.363 \pm 0.004) \%$
Γ_2	$\mu^+ \mu^-$	$(3.366 \pm 0.007) \%$
Γ_3	$\tau^+ \tau^-$	$(3.370 \pm 0.008) \%$
Γ_4	$\ell^+ \ell^-$	[a] $(3.3658 \pm 0.0023) \%$

Z boson has a lifetime of 3×10^{-25} s → Difficult to detect

Z production: LHC

Z bosons are not found in natural conditions → We have to produce them



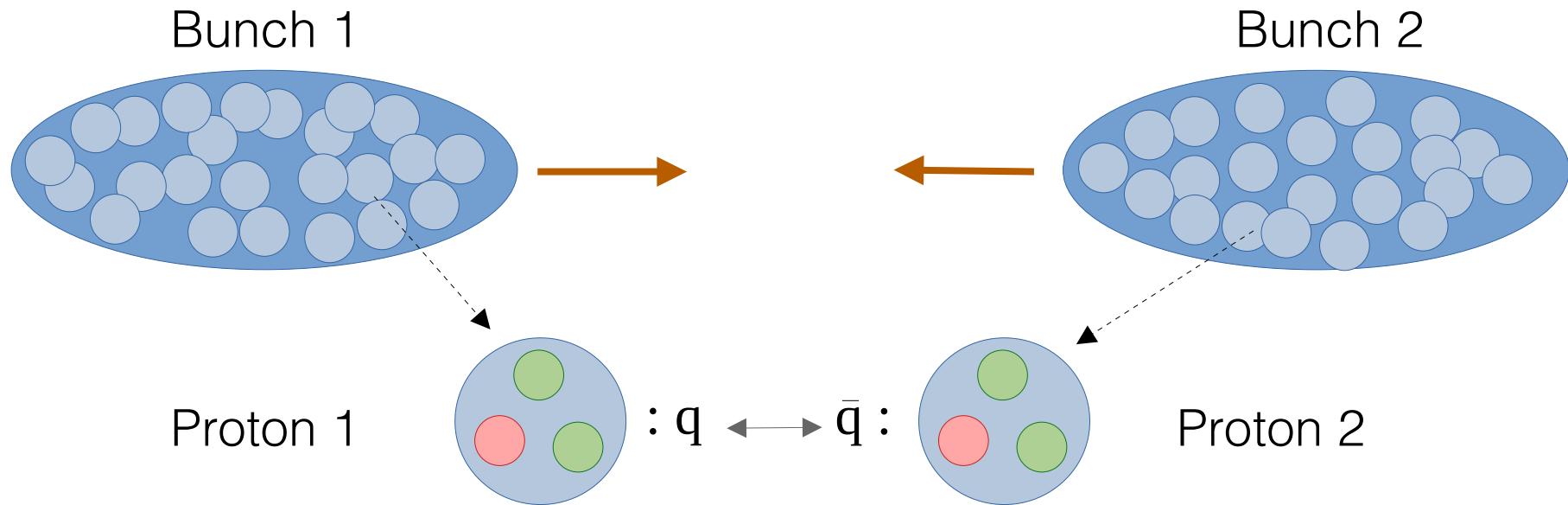
In the **LHC**, protons are accelerated in bunches ($\sim 10^{11}$ protons) up to 13 TeV: **proton-proton collisions**.

Protons have internal structure (uud), we get the quarks of the protons to interact with each other.

New particles are produced from this interaction.

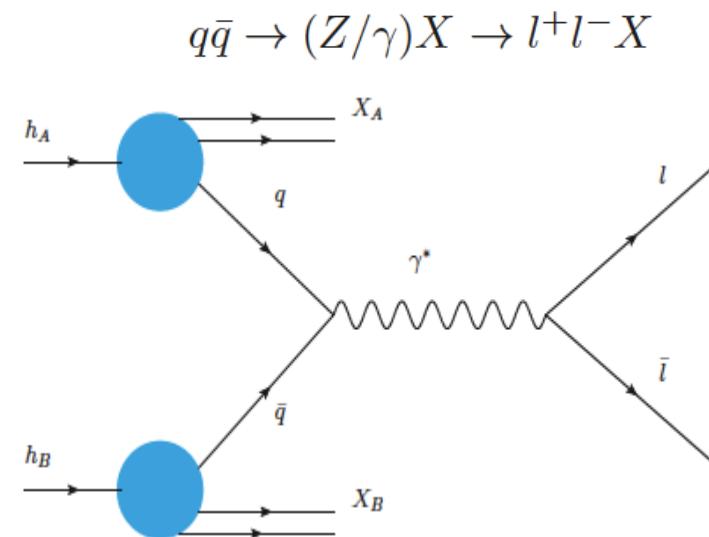
** In our lab we will work with data taken in 2010.
The energy at that time was 7 TeV

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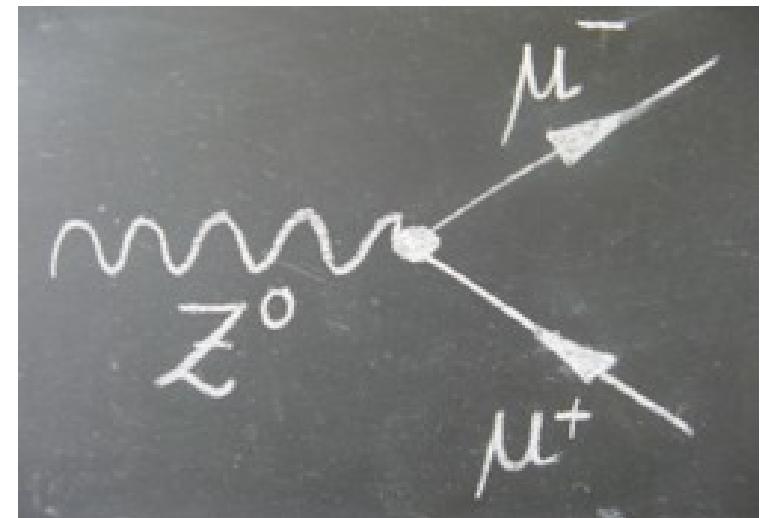
The Drell-Yan mechanism:

An electroweak process in which one quark from one of the protons and an anti-quark from the other annihilate into a vector boson (photon or Z) with a large invariant mass.



Z boson decays

- Gauge bosons play the role of (virtual) particles exchanged between fermions
- Weak vector bosons (W, Z) are massive, and therefore, very short lived
→ Cannot be seen in the detectors
- Can be inferred from their decay products: → **We will see how**
 - Charged lepton anti-lepton: 10%
 - Neutrino anti-neutrino pair: 20%
 - Quark anti-quark: 70%



Study of decays

Definition: Particle decay

Spontaneous process of one unstable particle transforming into multiple other particles.

- **Decay rate Γ :** Probability per unit time that a particle decays.

$$dN = -\Gamma N dt \Rightarrow N(t) = N(0)e^{-\Gamma t}$$

- **Lifetime τ :** Average time it takes to decay (at rest frame).

$$\tau = 1/\Gamma$$

- If there are several decay modes, the total decay rate can be defined in terms in the decay rates of the different modes:

$$\Gamma_{\text{tot}} = \sum_i \Gamma_i \quad \text{and} \quad \tau = 1/\Gamma_{\text{tot}}$$

- And we can define the **Branching Ratio BR** as:

$$\text{BR(decay mode } i) = \Gamma_i / \Gamma_{\text{tot}}$$

Γ as decay width

Heisenberg's uncertainty principle

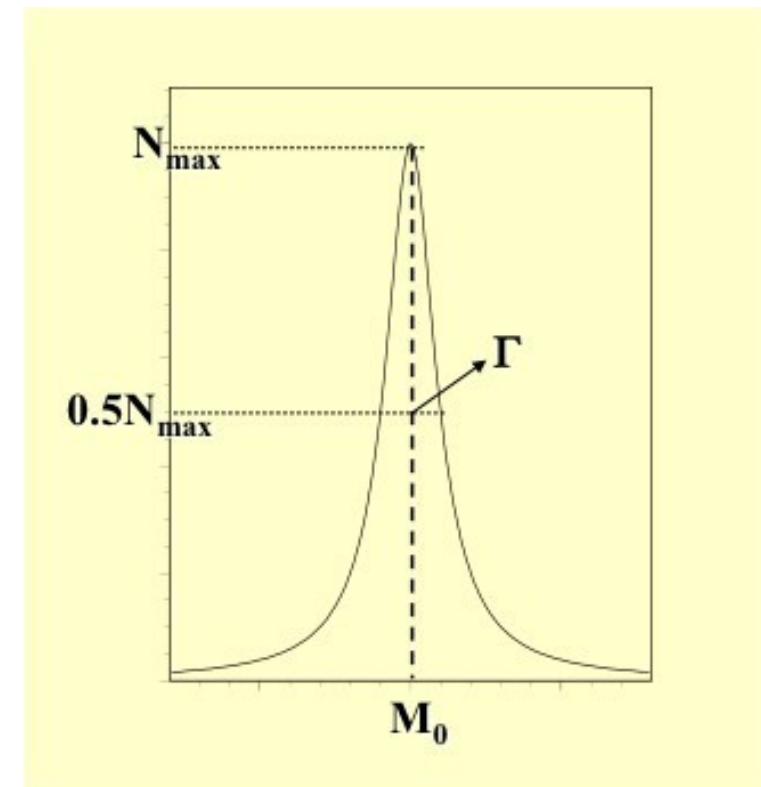
Asses a fundamental limit to the accuracy with which the values for certain pairs of physical quantities of a particle can be determined.

- It can be stated in terms of the energy and time. Unstable particles do not have fixed mass due to uncertainty principle:

$$\Delta m \times \Delta t \approx \hbar$$

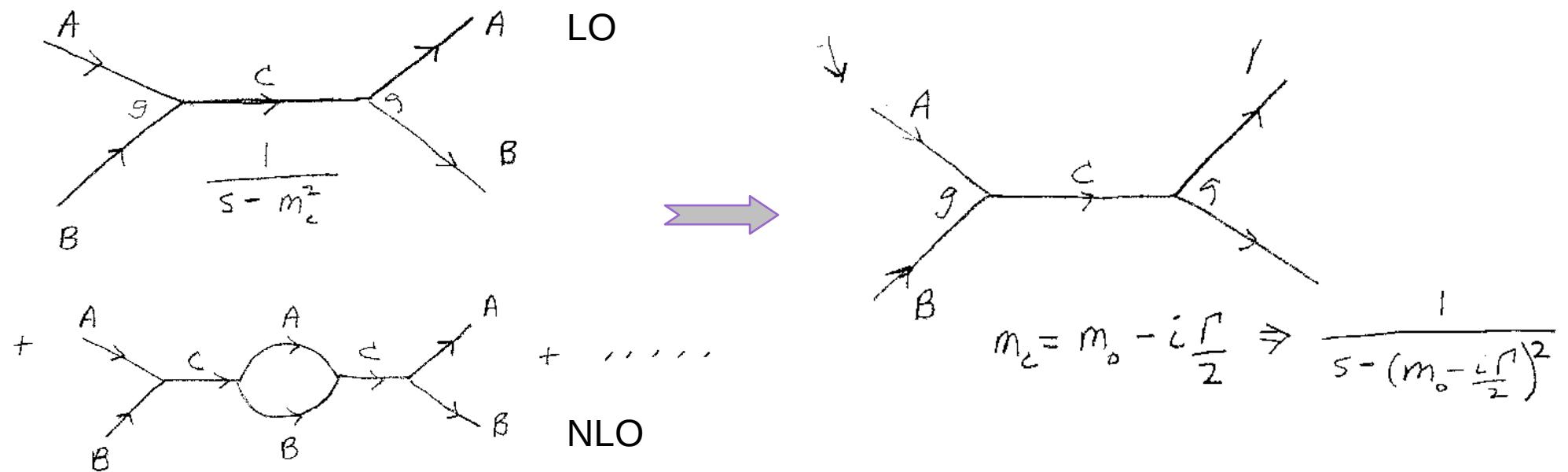
- The mass is instead distributed following a Breit-Wigner function:

$$N(m) = N_{\max} \frac{(\Gamma/2)^2}{(m - M_0)^2 + (\Gamma/2)^2}$$



- We can use this to measure mass and width / decay rate of a particle.

Invariant mass



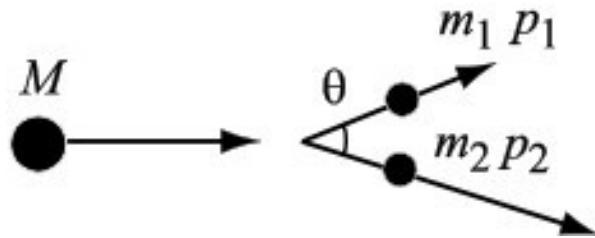
Invariant mass

Definition: Invariant mass

A characteristic of the total energy and momentum of a particle or a system of particles that is the same in all reference frames.

$$p^\mu p_\mu = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n E_i \right)^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \vec{p}_i \right)^2$$

We can apply this definition to our process: A particle decay into 2 other particles:



$$M^2 = m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2(E_1 E_2 - p_1 p_2 \cos \theta)$$

Through this definition we can relate the mass of the mother particle M, with the type of particle (m_1, m_2), momentum (p_1, p_2) and aperture angle θ of the decay products.

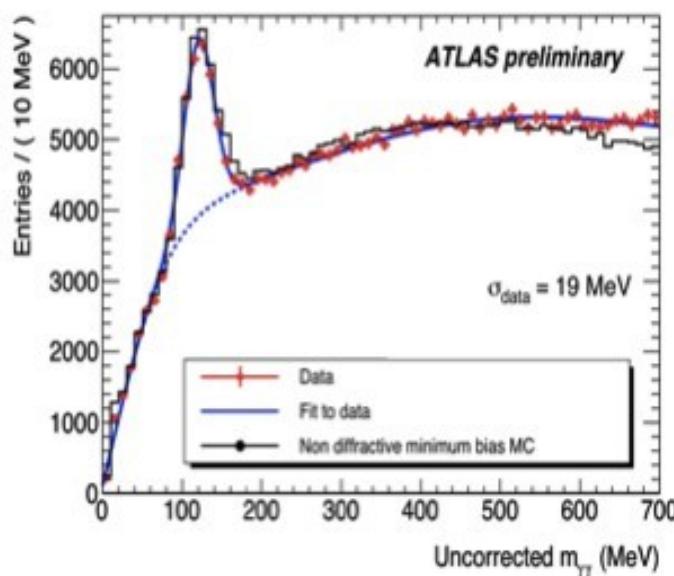
Mass reconstruction

The mass reconstruction of one particle consist of measuring its mass through the measurements of its decay products as described in the previous slide.

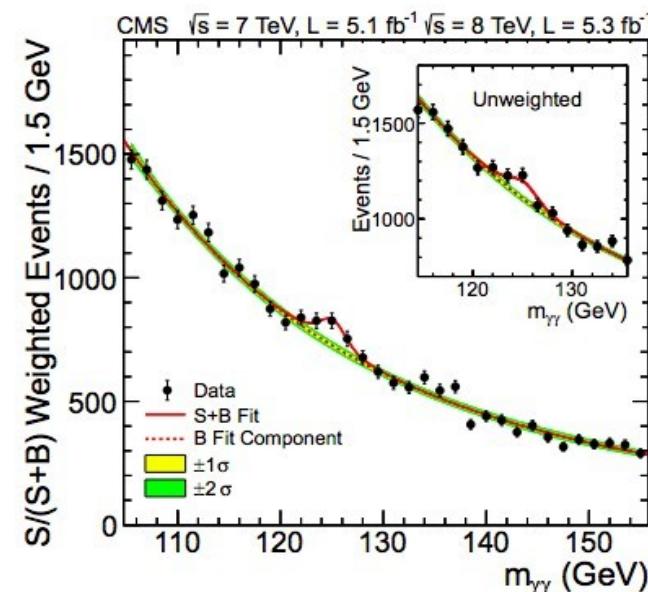
- We will apply it to measure the Z mass from the detected muons.
- Also applied to look for more exciting signals, like the Higgs boson.

$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

$$m(\pi^0) = 135 \text{ MeV}$$



$$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

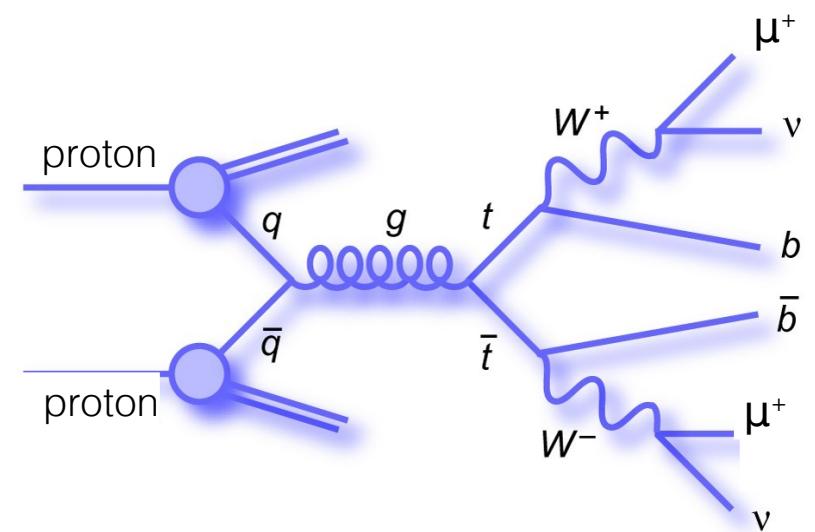
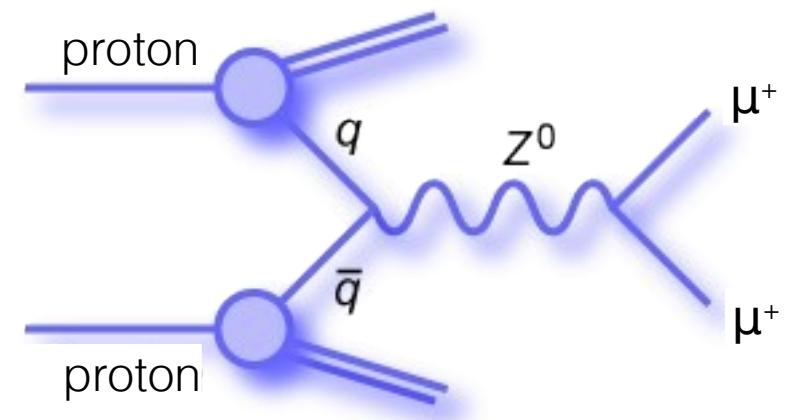


Experimental setup

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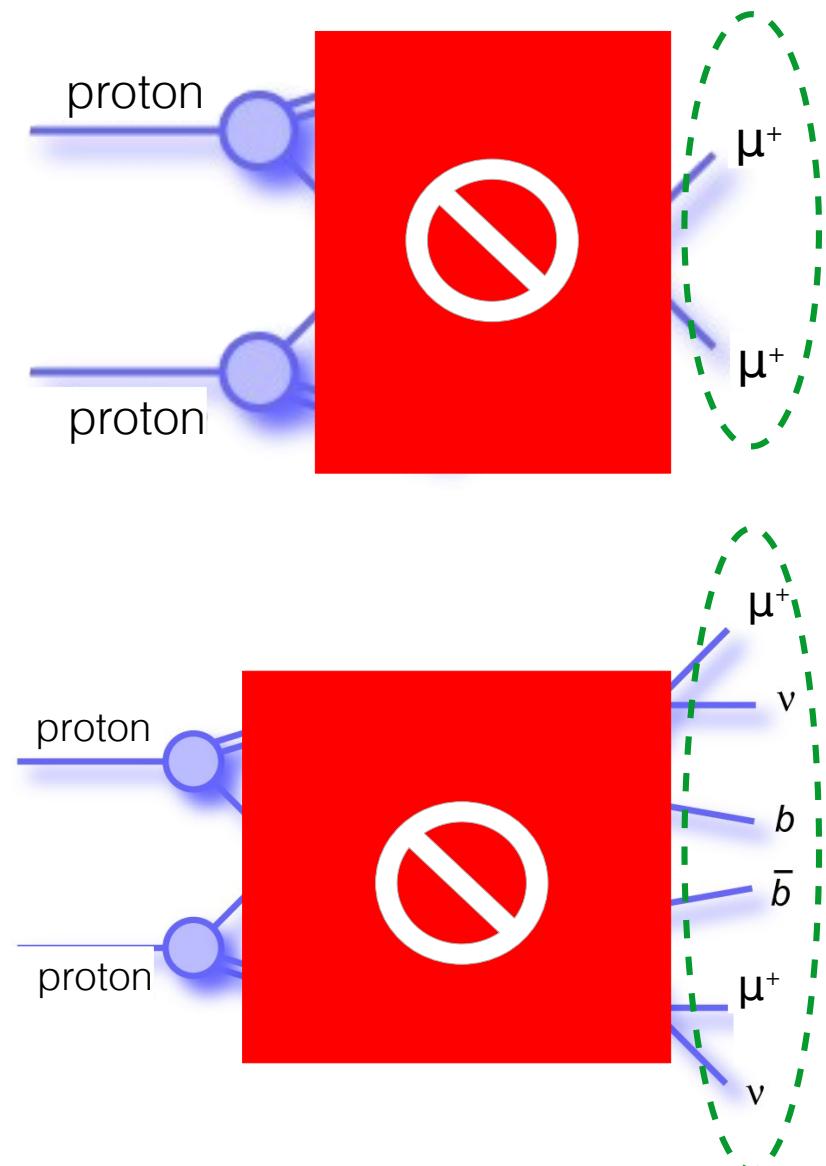
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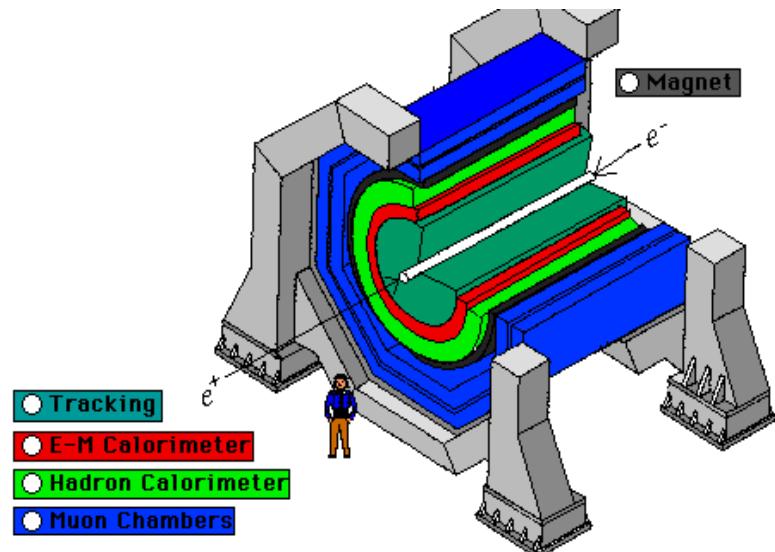
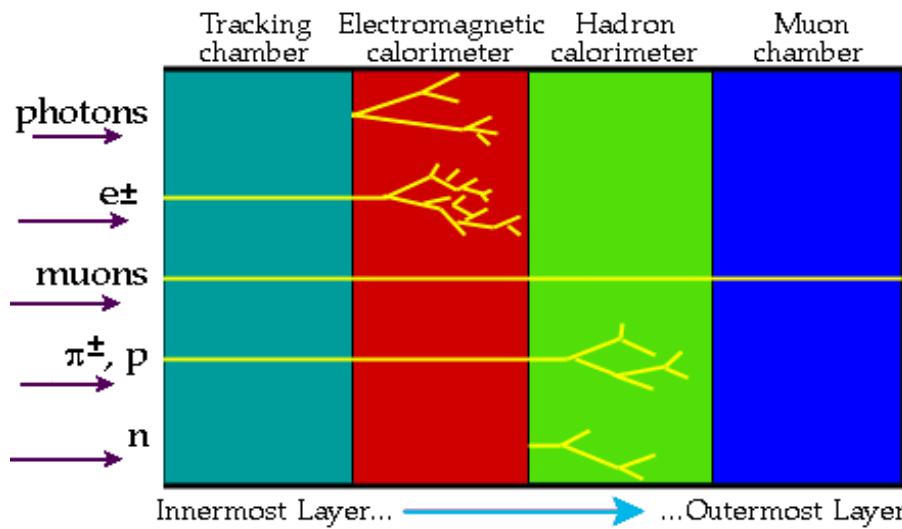


How? Particle detectors

We need to know two things:

- The type of the particles (muons, electrons, photons... etc)
- The values of energy, momentum, direction...

The **detectors** are composed of layers of **subdetectors**, specialized in a particular type of particle. There are **three main types** of subdetectors.

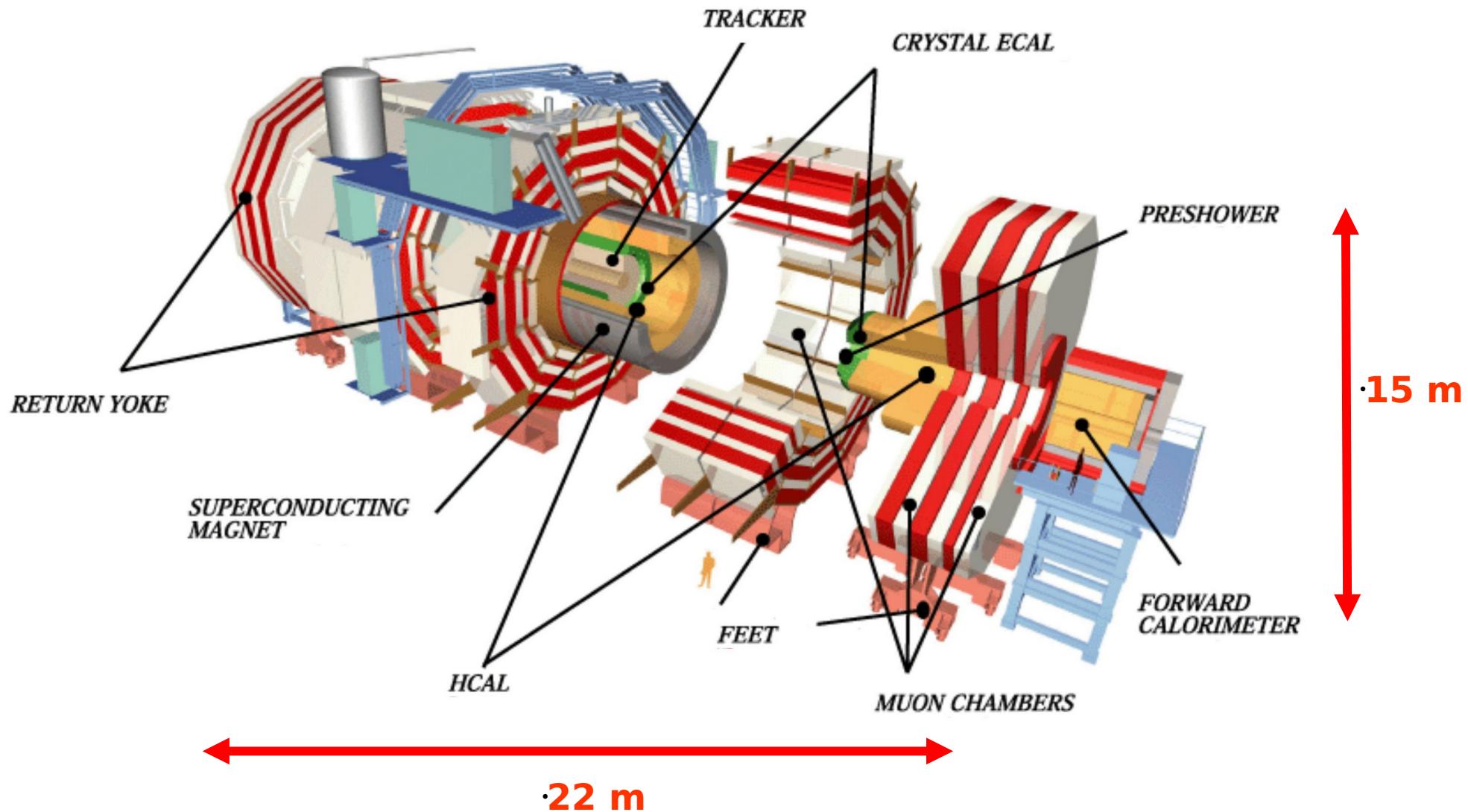


In addition, there is a magnetic field to bend the particle trajectory and measure transverse momentum.

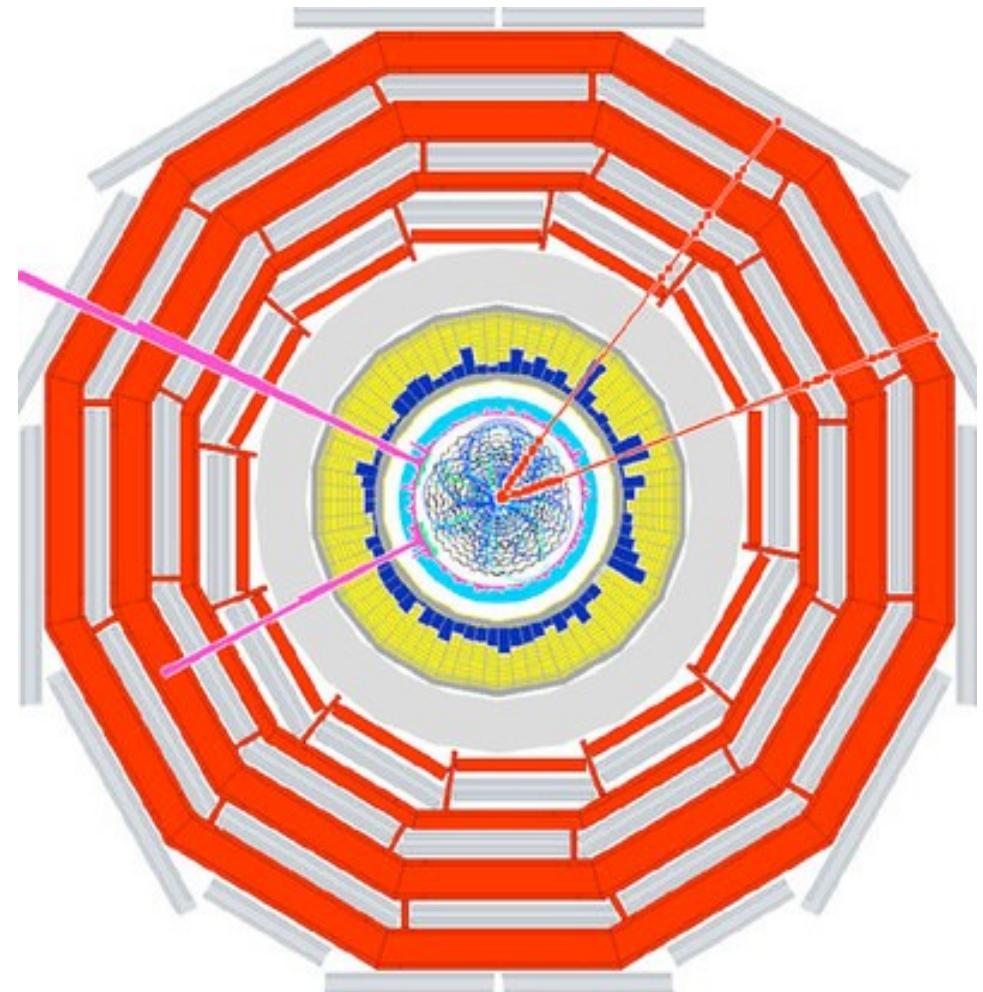
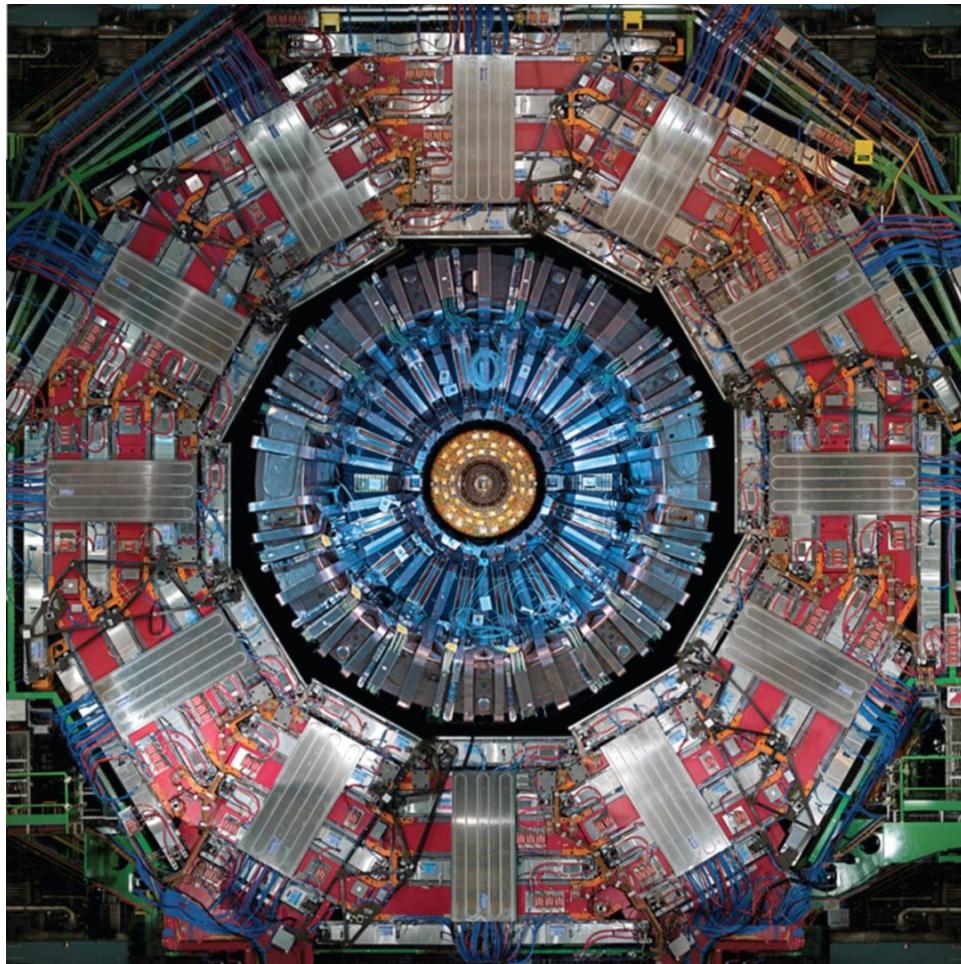
Particle detectors

- Tracking detectors (or trackers) = momentum measurement
 - Closest to interaction point: vertex detectors.
 - Measure the interaction primary vertex and secondary vertex from decay particles
 - Main or central tracking detectors
 - Measure the momentum by curvature in magnetic field.
 - Reconstruct the track of charged particles
- Calorimeters = energy measurement
 - Electromagnetic calorimeters (EM particles: electrons, positrons, photons...)
 - Hadronic calorimeters (charged and neutral hadrons)
- Muon detectors = Identification + momentum for muons
 - They are tracking detectors in the outermost detector layer.

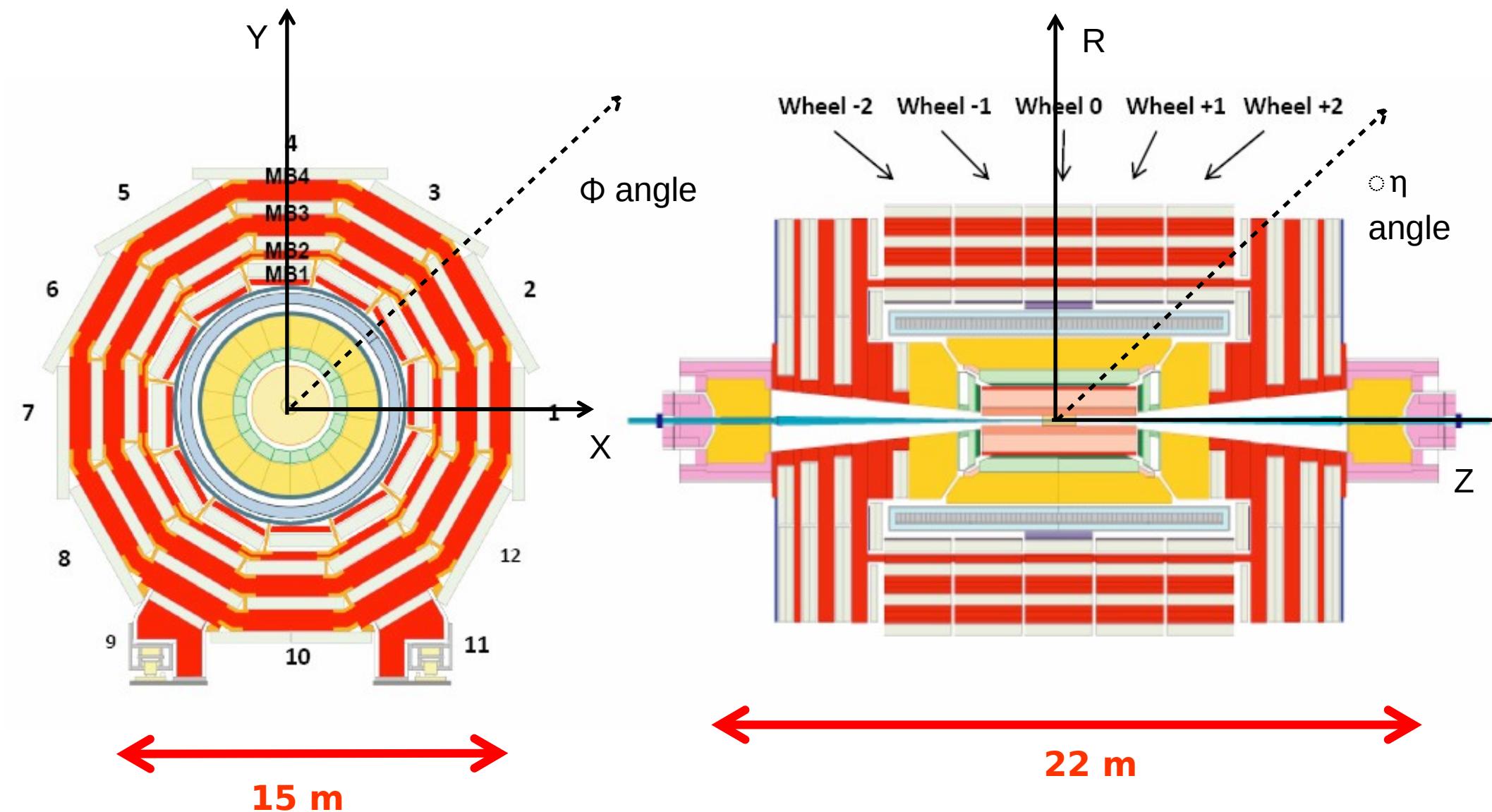
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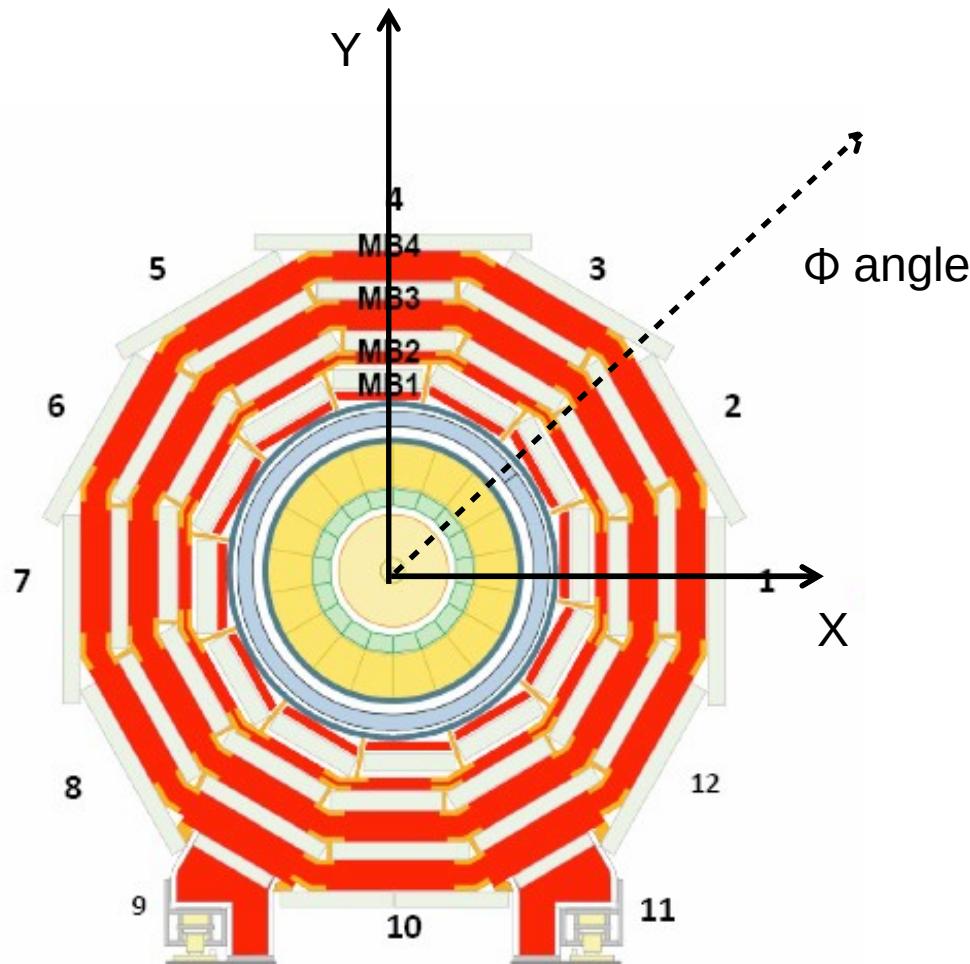


CMS: Compact Muon Solenoid



CMS coordinate system

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Transverse plane:

We measure the ϕ angle of the particle in the x-y plane

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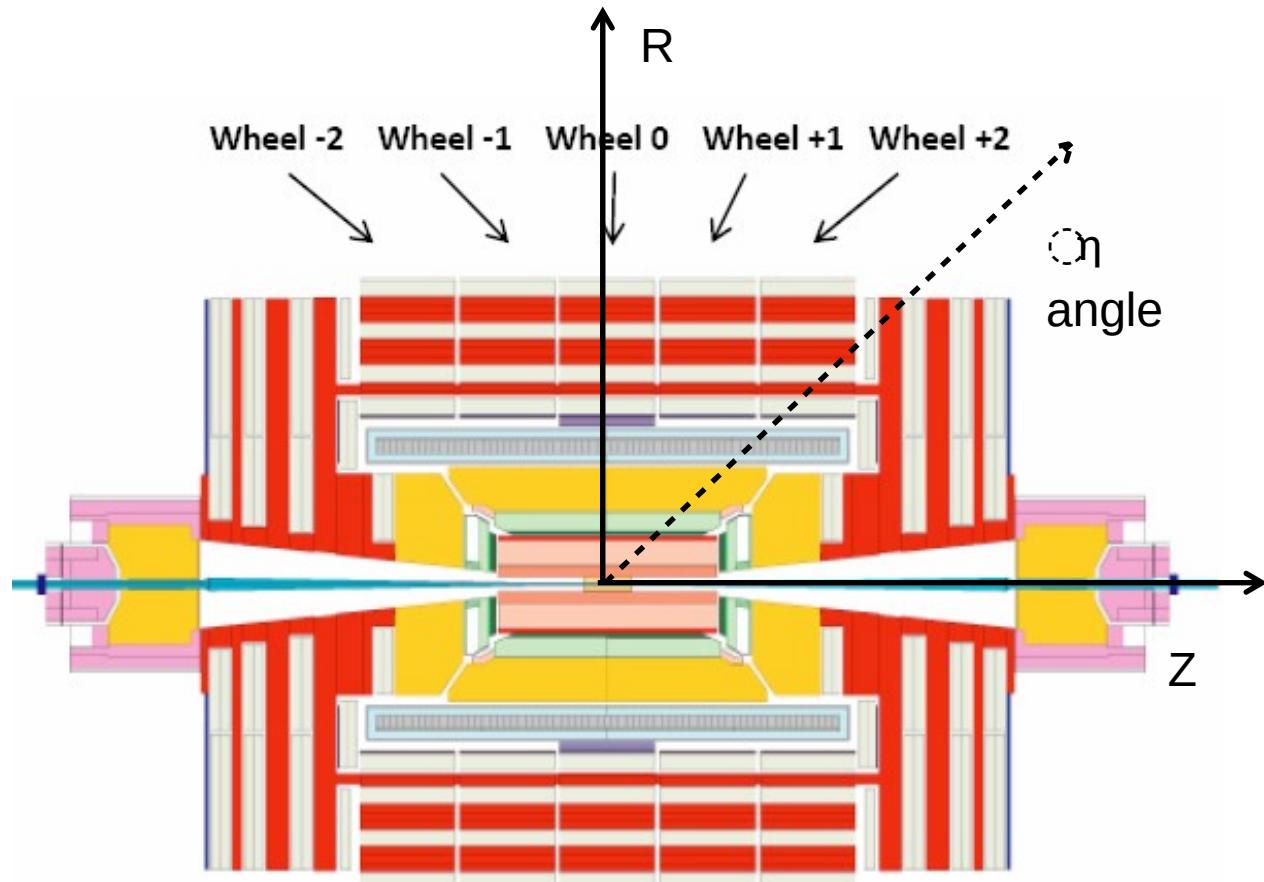
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Longitudinal direction:

We could work with θ

But it is more common to use the pseudorapidity:

$$\eta = -\ln(\tan(\theta/2))$$



Which particles can we detect?

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→ Depending on the type of subdetector that returns the signal, we may know which particle is.

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We will focus on muons since we will study $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$

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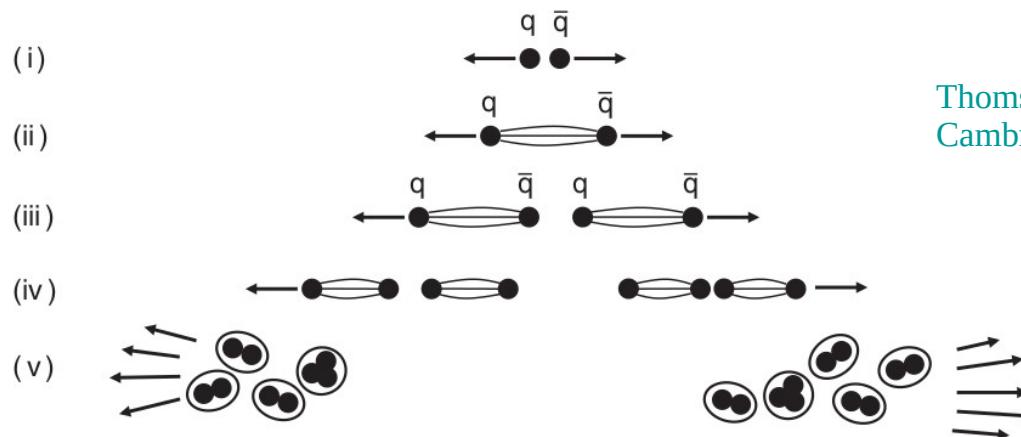
Wait... What is this???

Definition: Experimental bunch of particles generated by hadronization of a common source (quark, gluon)

→ The strong interaction do not let the quarks and gluons to fly “free” as single states. We find them in more complex structures (mesons and/or hadrons)

e.g. the proton contains 3 quarks: uud

→ If we force the quarks to fly alone, they **hadronize** i.e. they fragment into multiple other particles (that are detected):



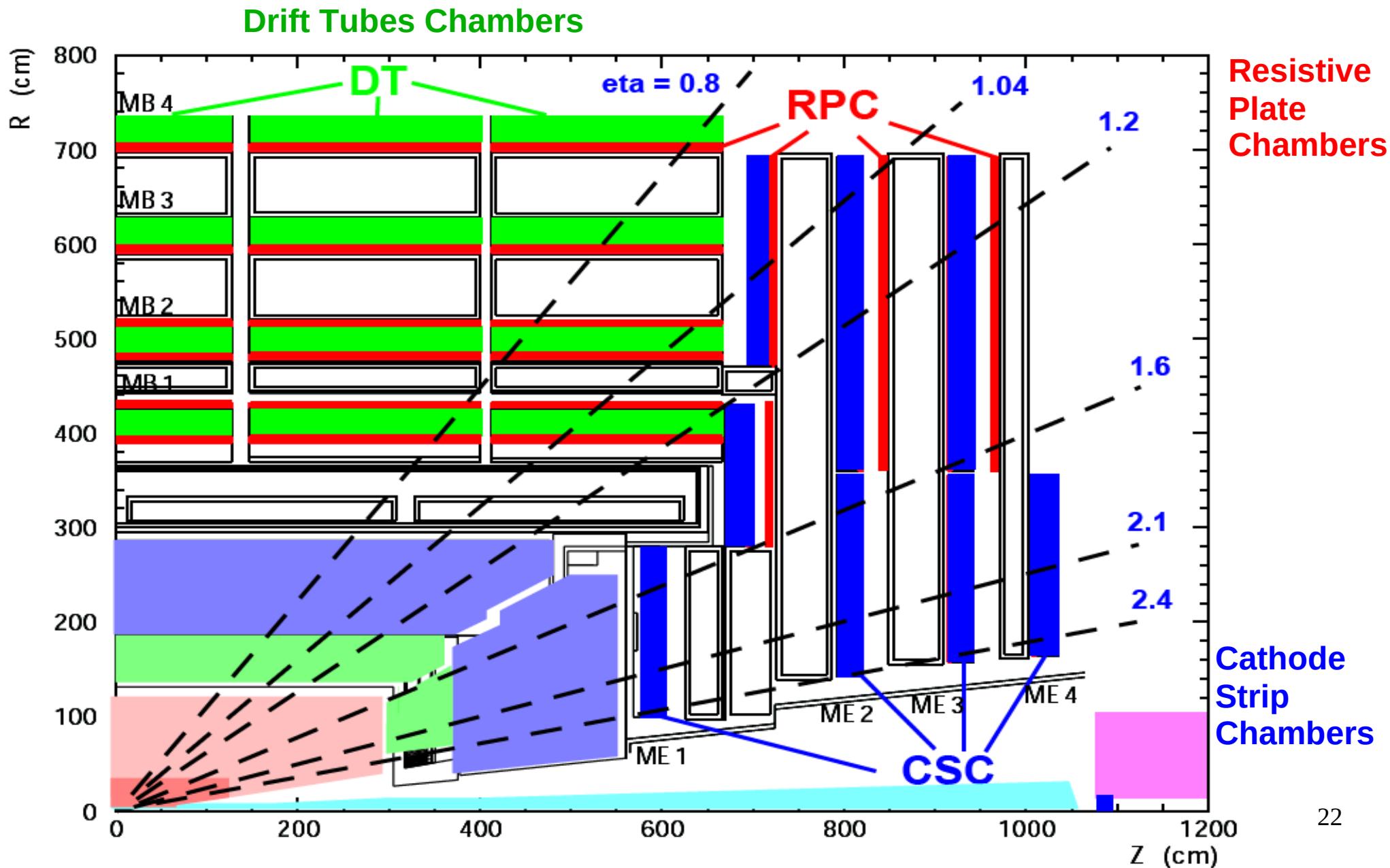
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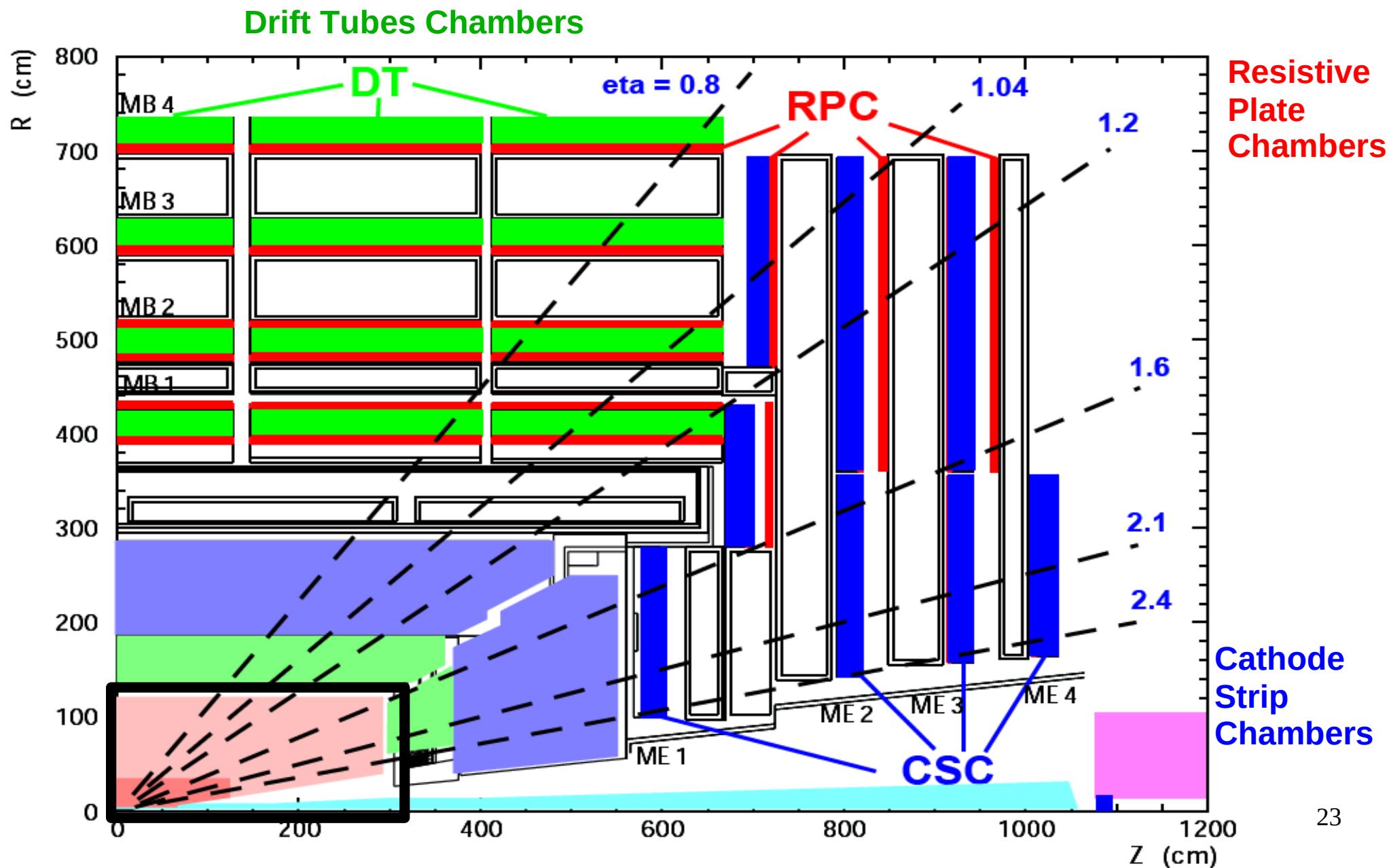
Qualitative picture of the steps in the hadronisation process.

Muons as seen by CMS

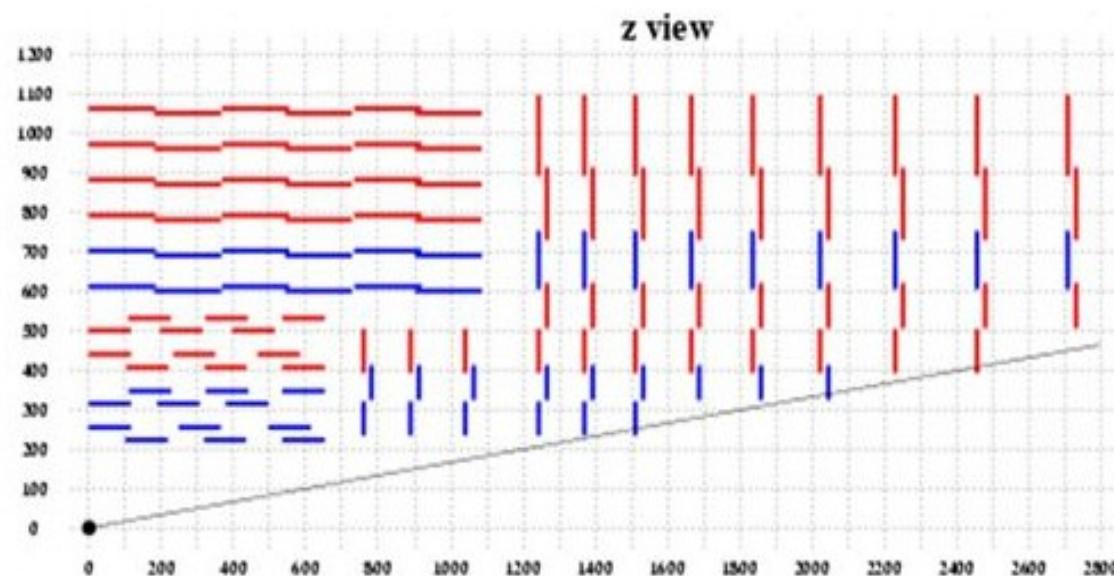
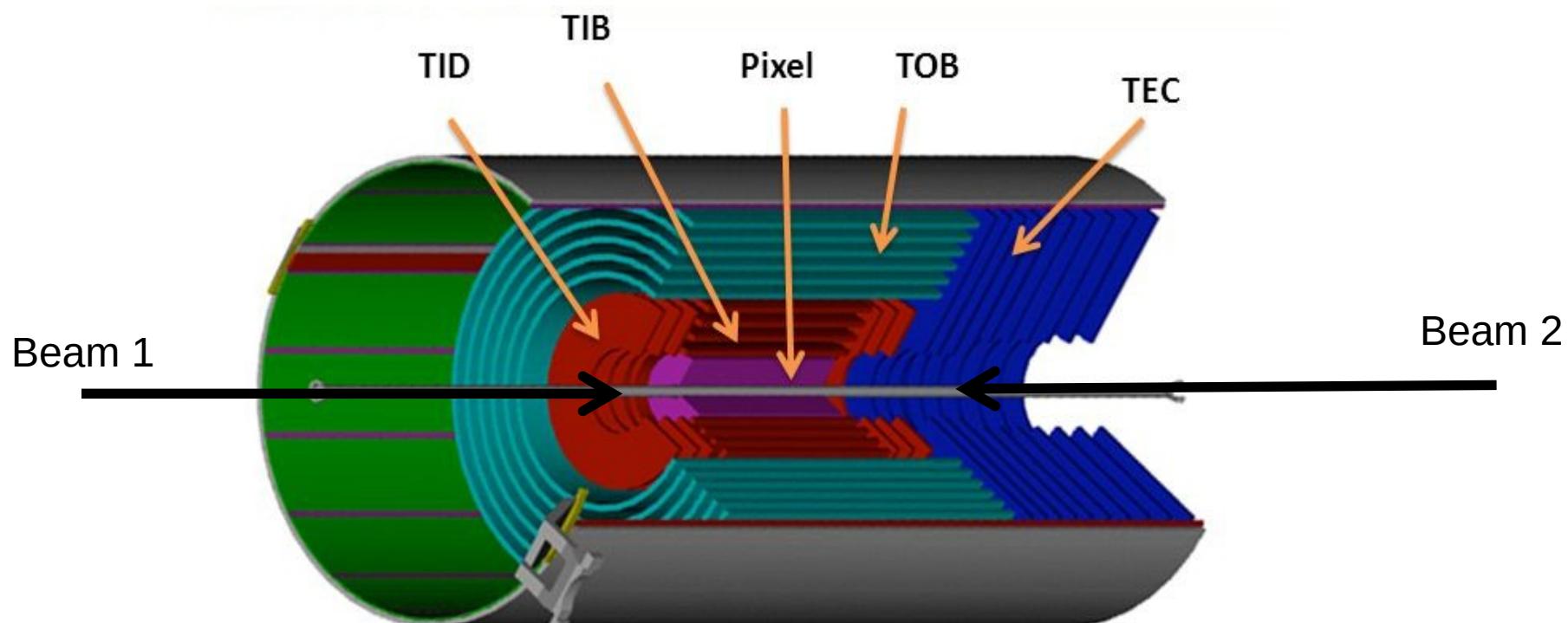
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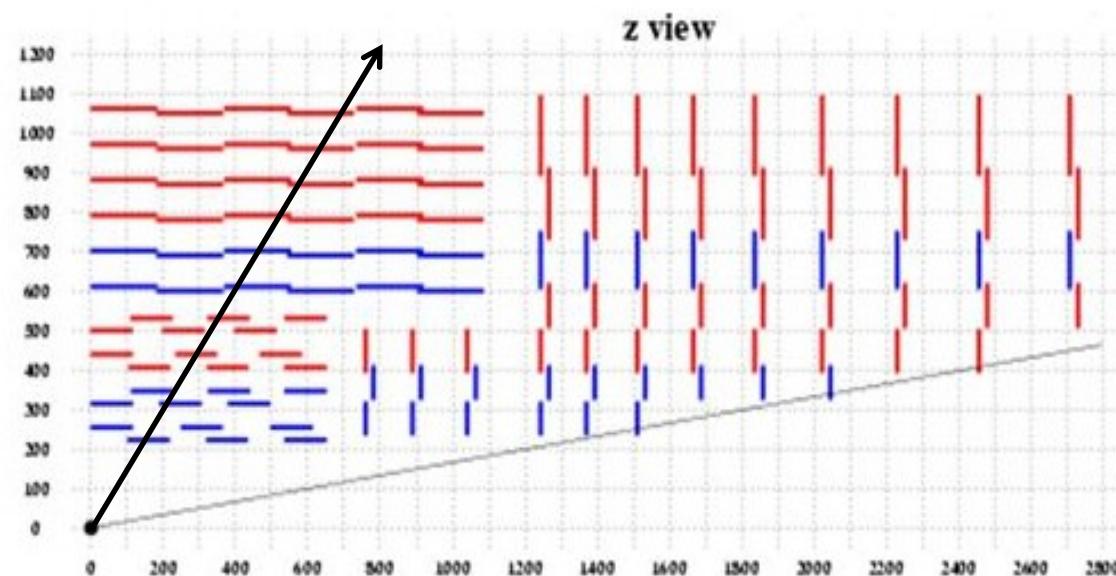
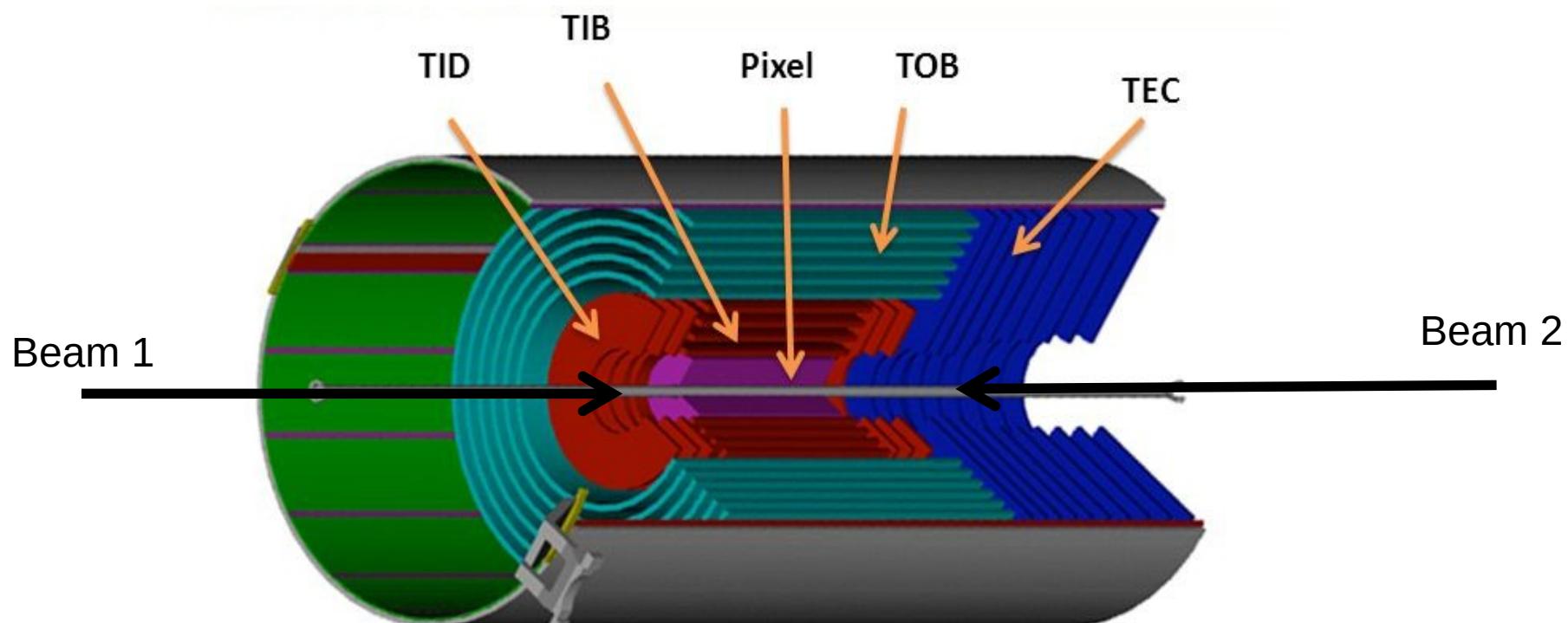
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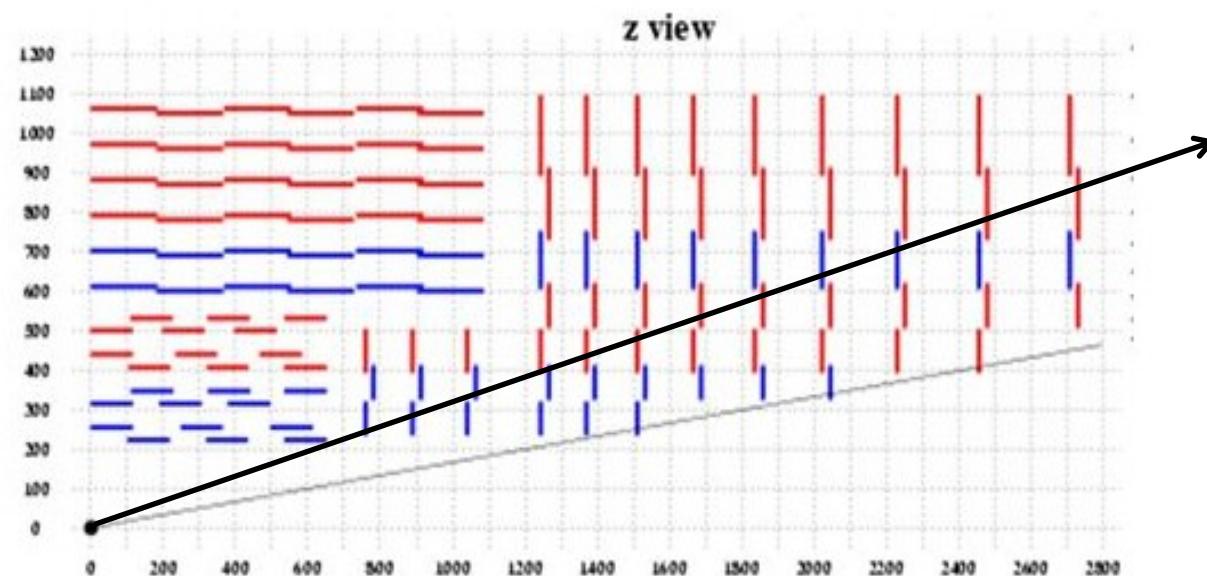
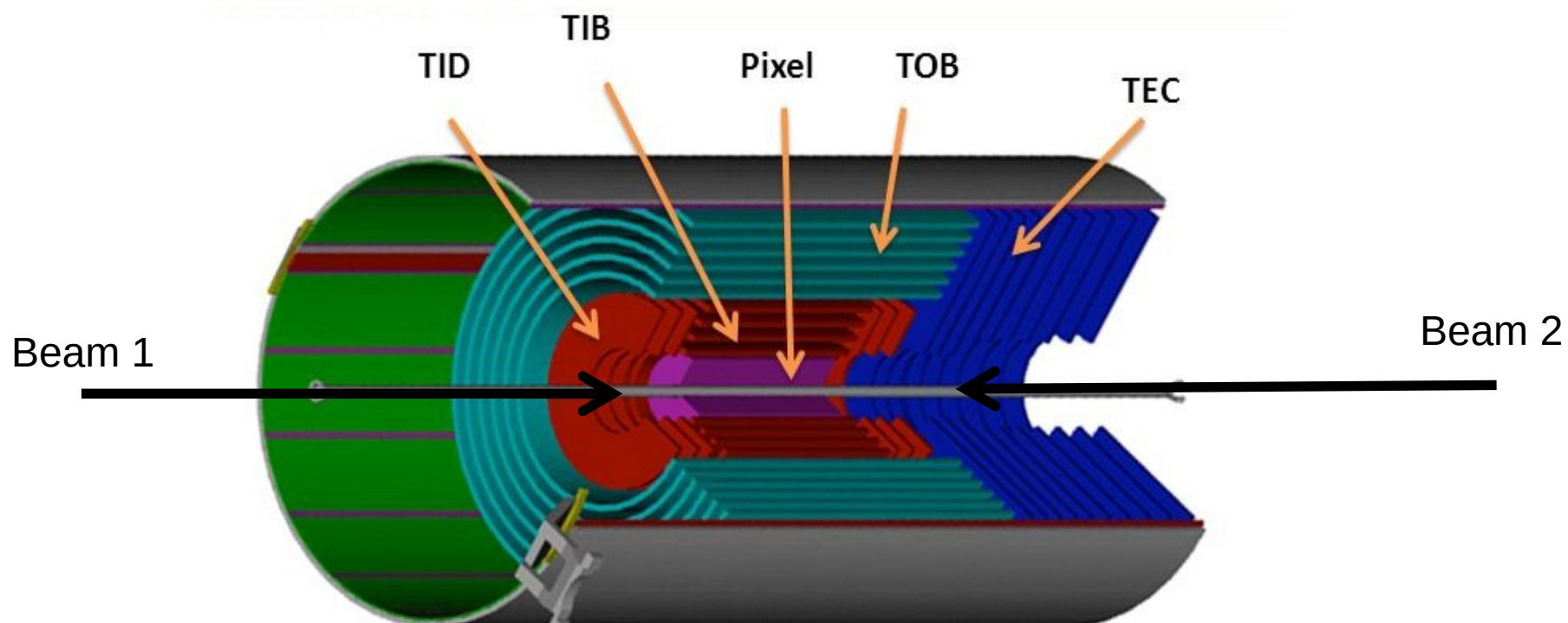
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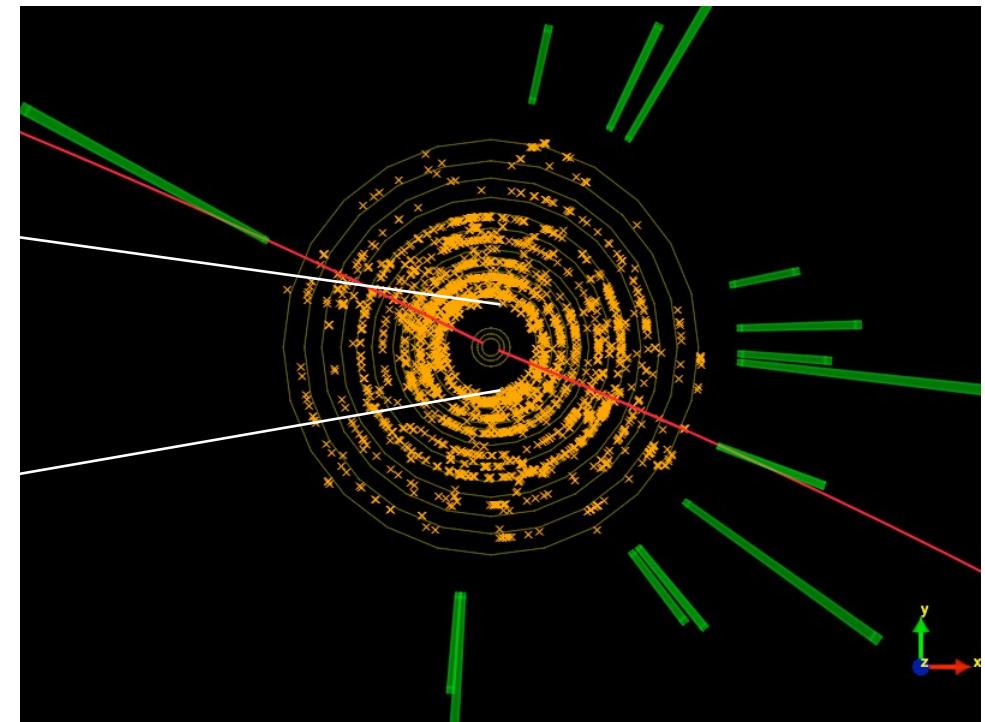
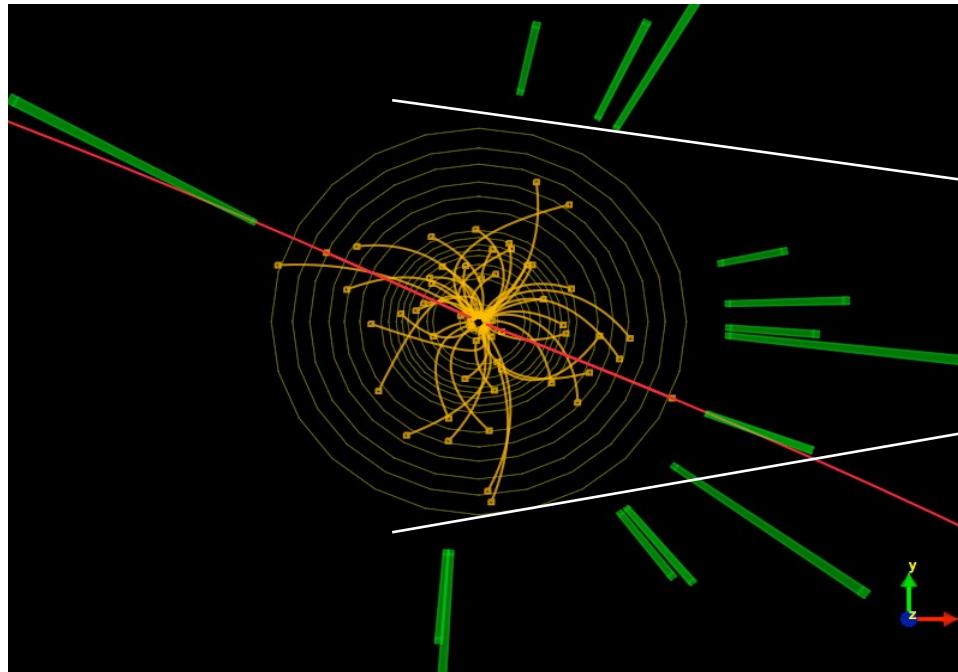


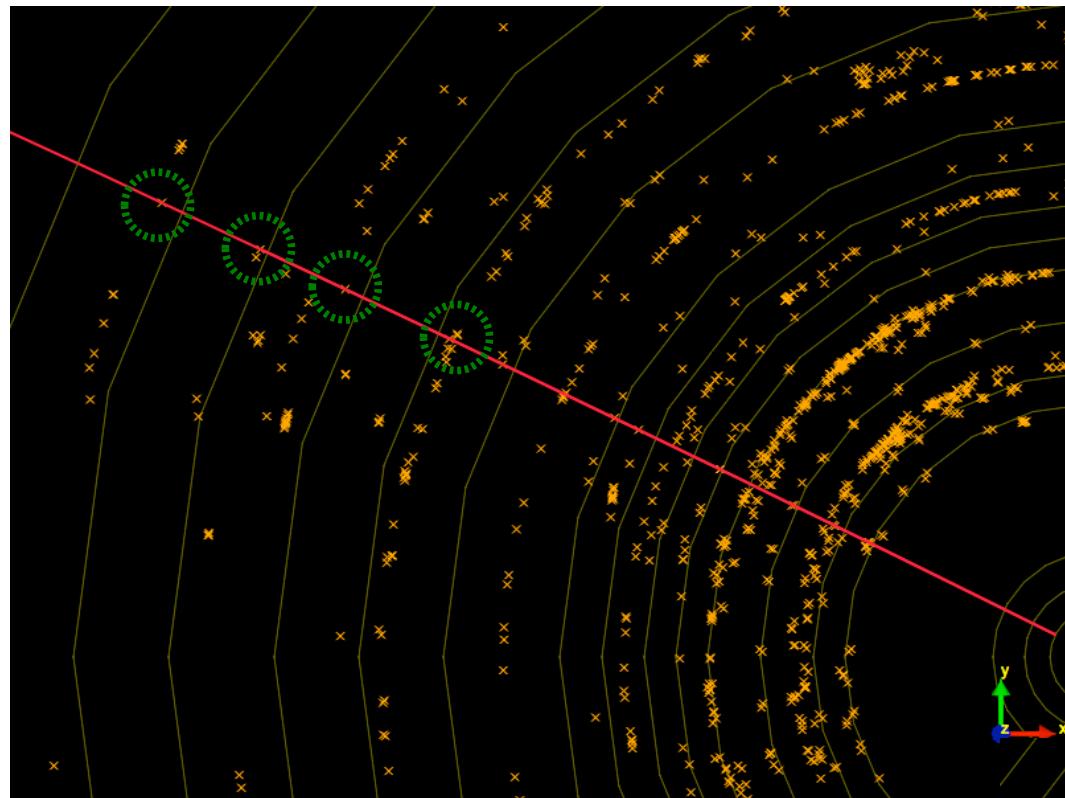
Muon display

We can display real muon events here:

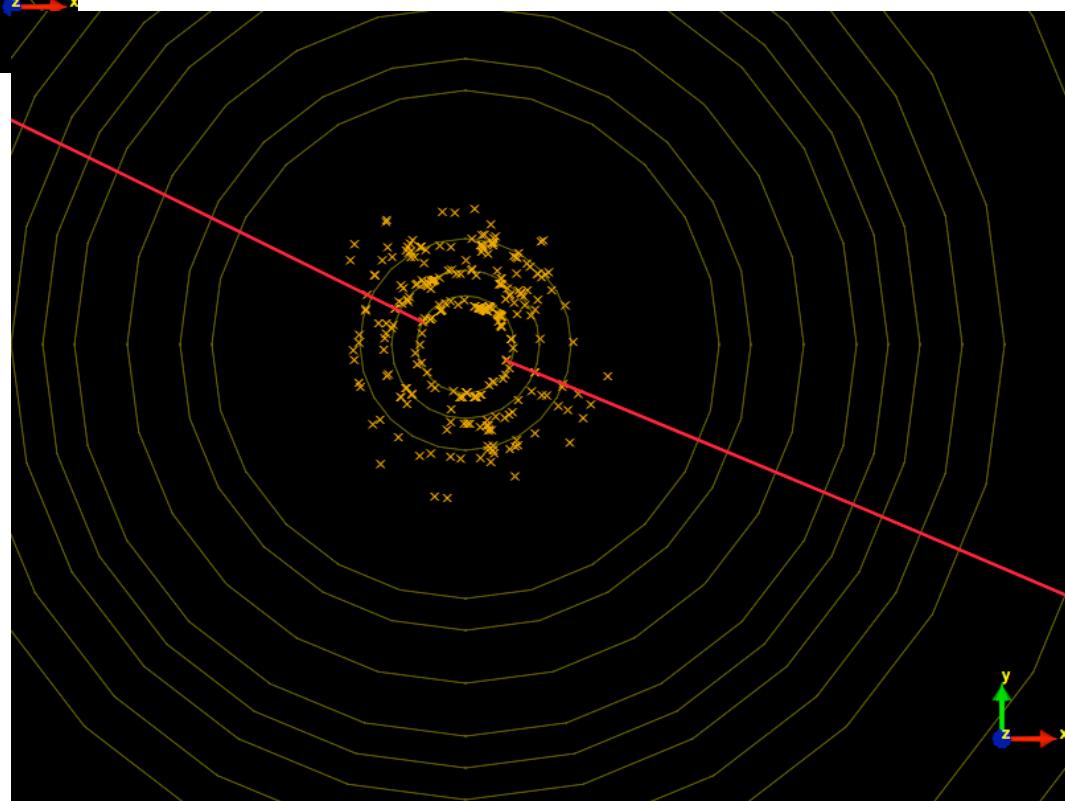
<https://www.i2u2.org/elab/cms/event-display/>

→ Open Zmumu events, and load from run 148029 the event 21658042



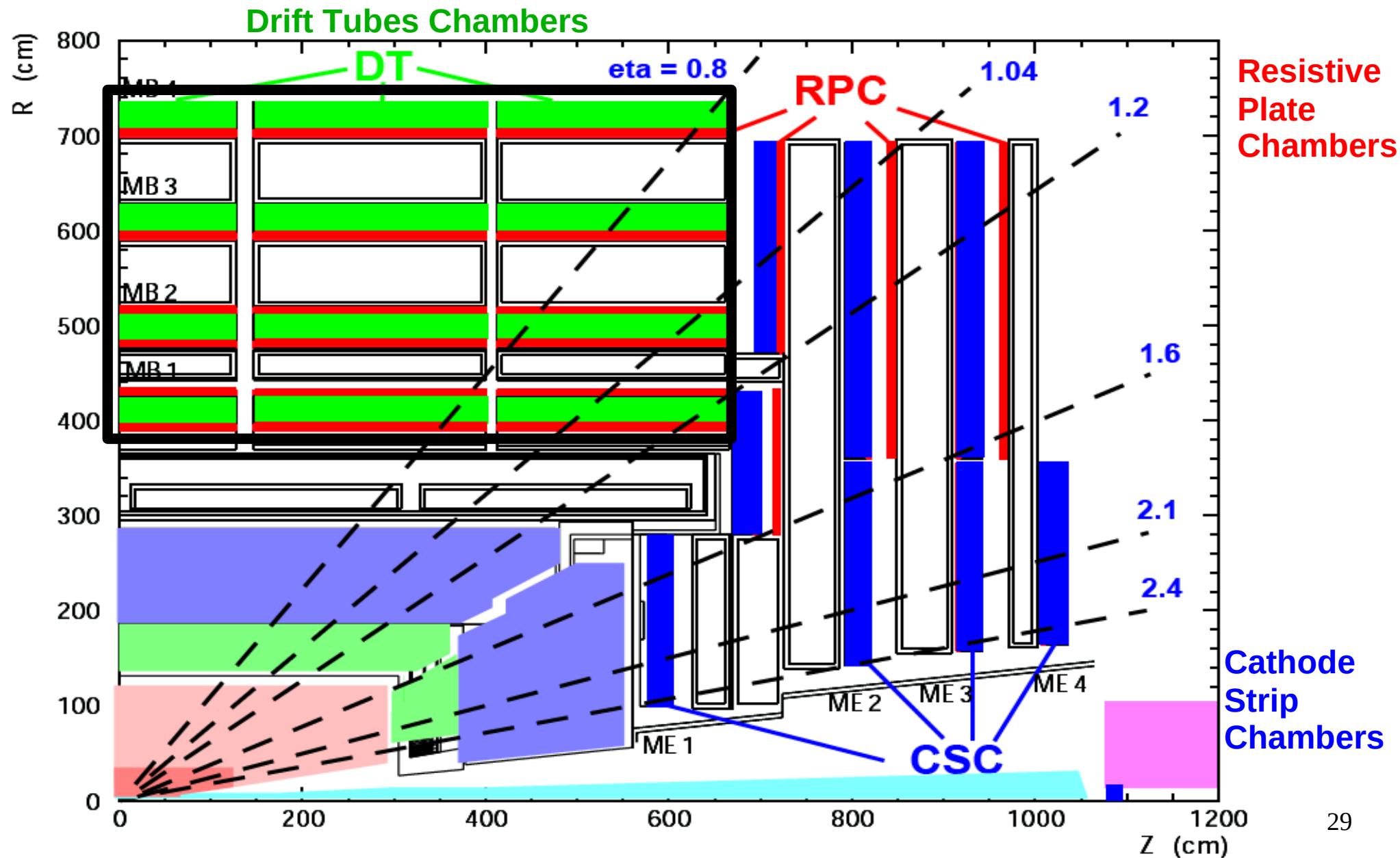


Tracker strips

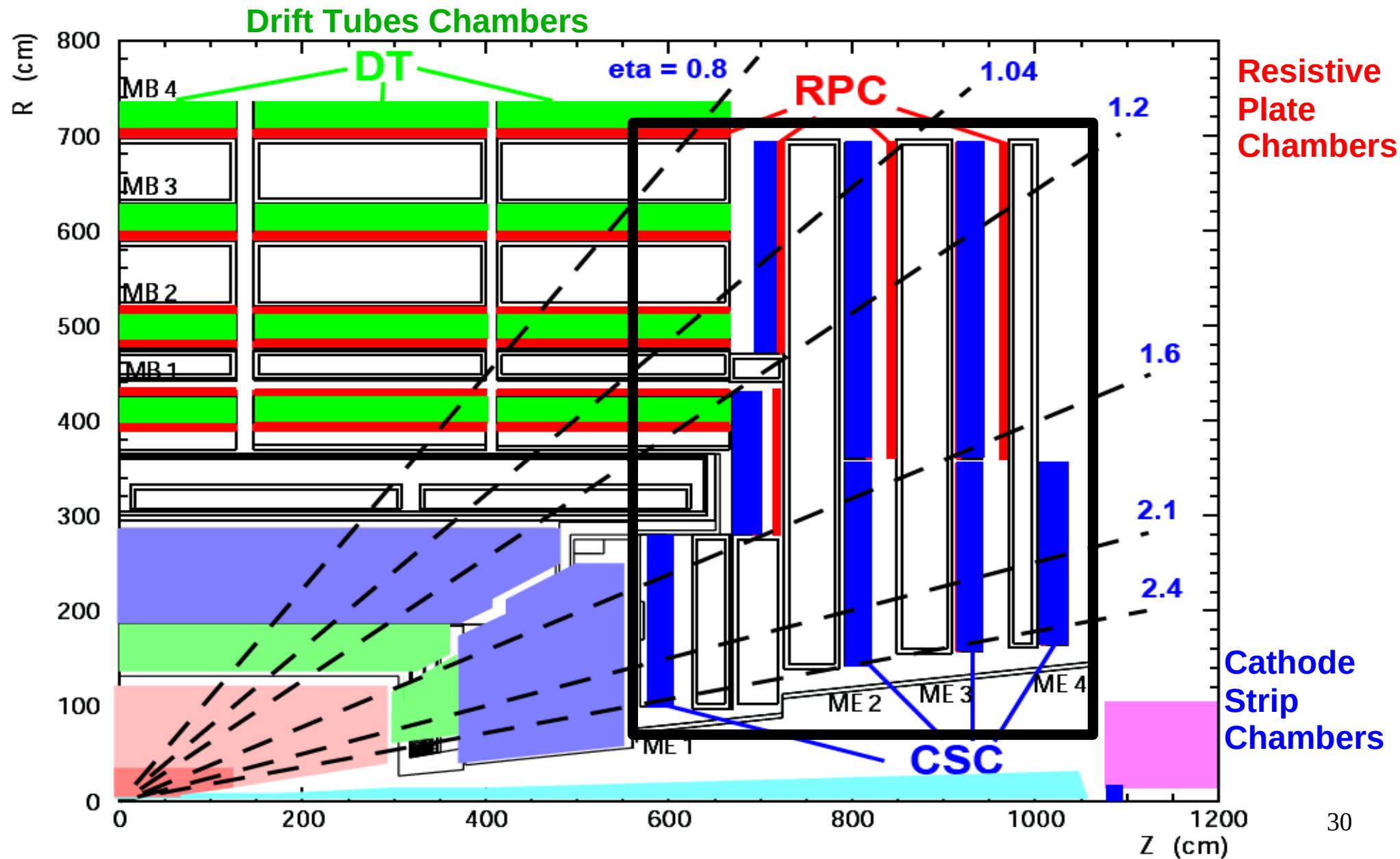


Tracker pixels

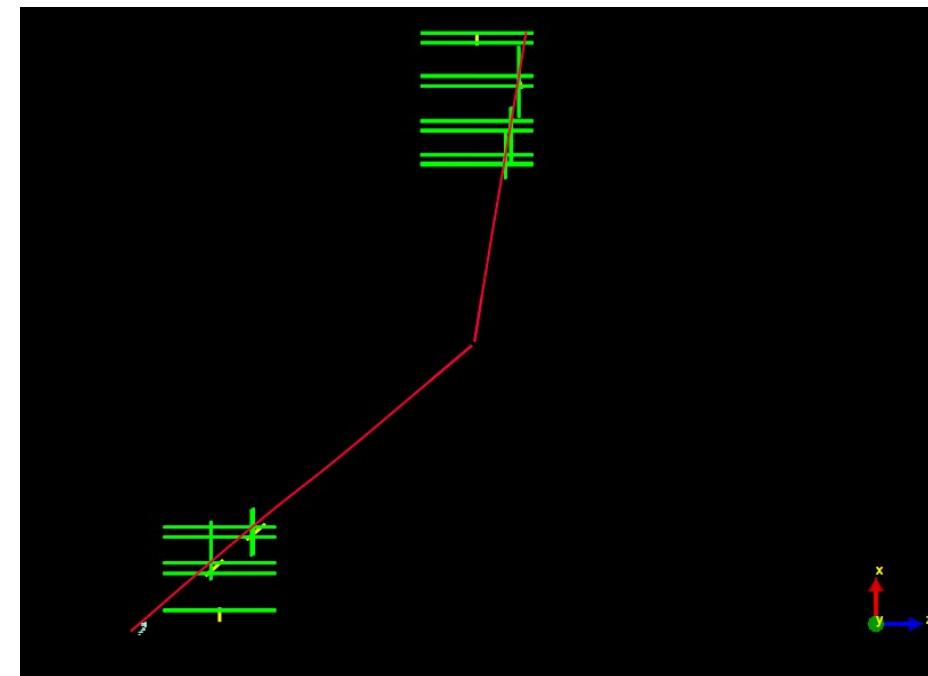
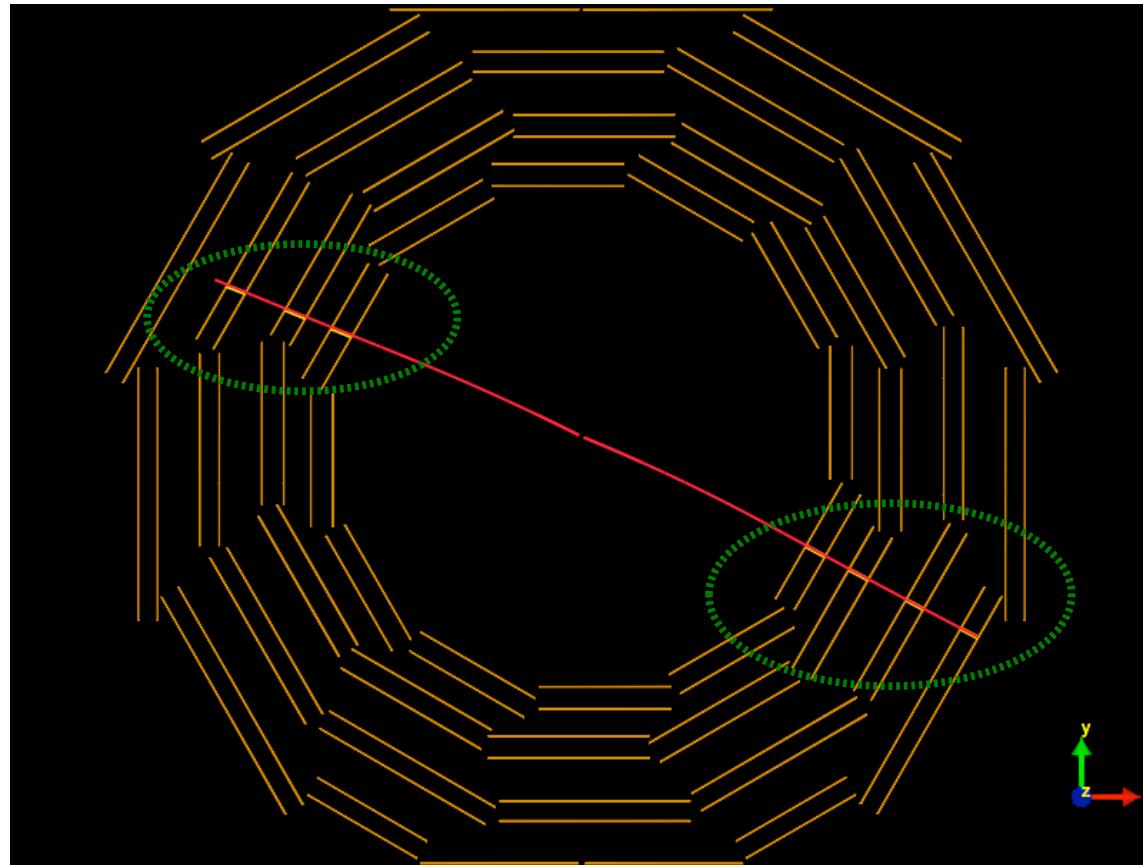
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Standalone hits and number of muon chambers



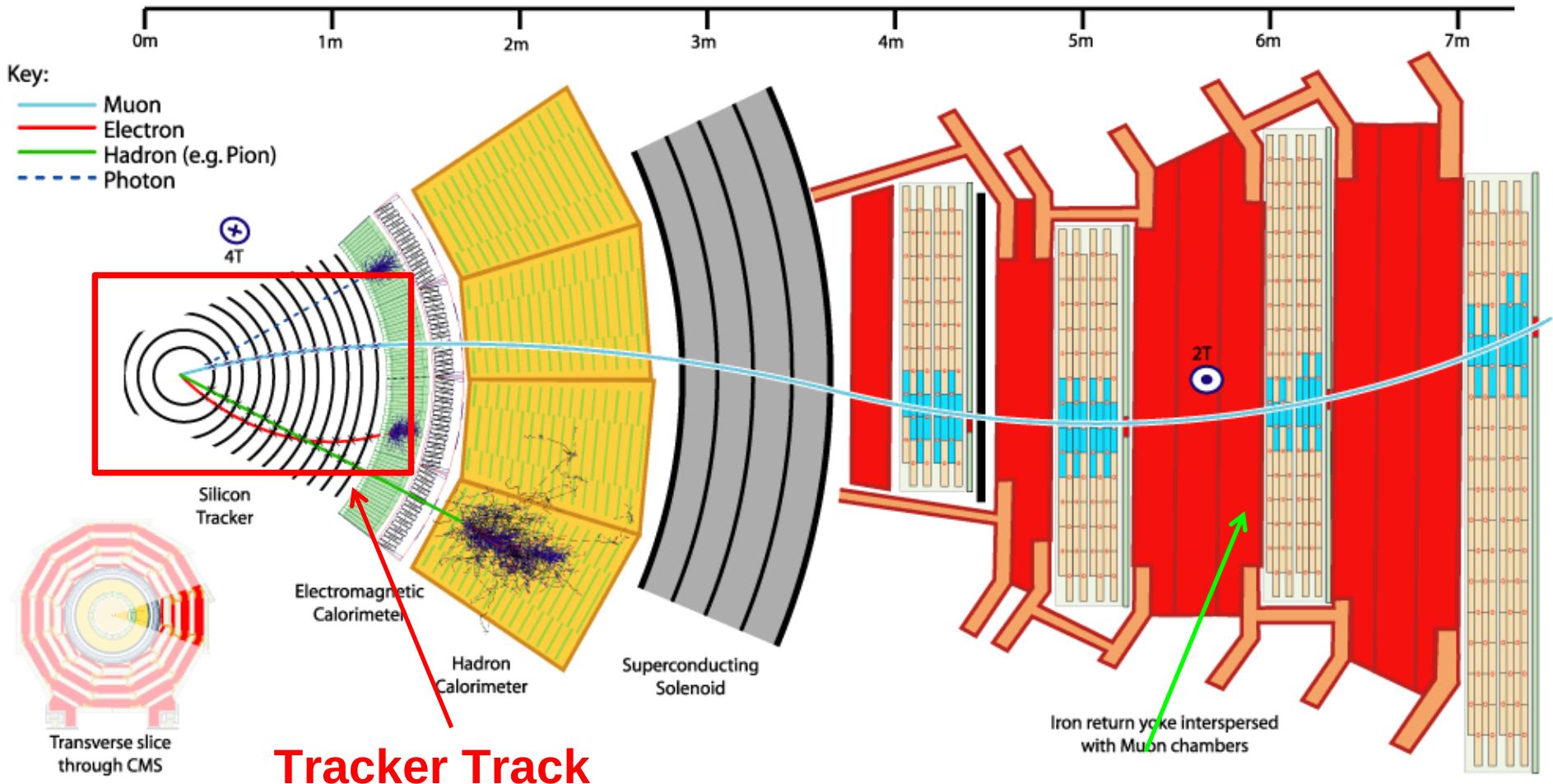
Muon reconstruction and identification (ID)

We know which parts of CMS detect the muons but how do we use that information?

- The process of combining all these signals, associate them to a muon and extract its parameters (E , p_T , η , $\Phi\dots$) is called **reconstruction**.
- Several algorithms were developed to that purpose

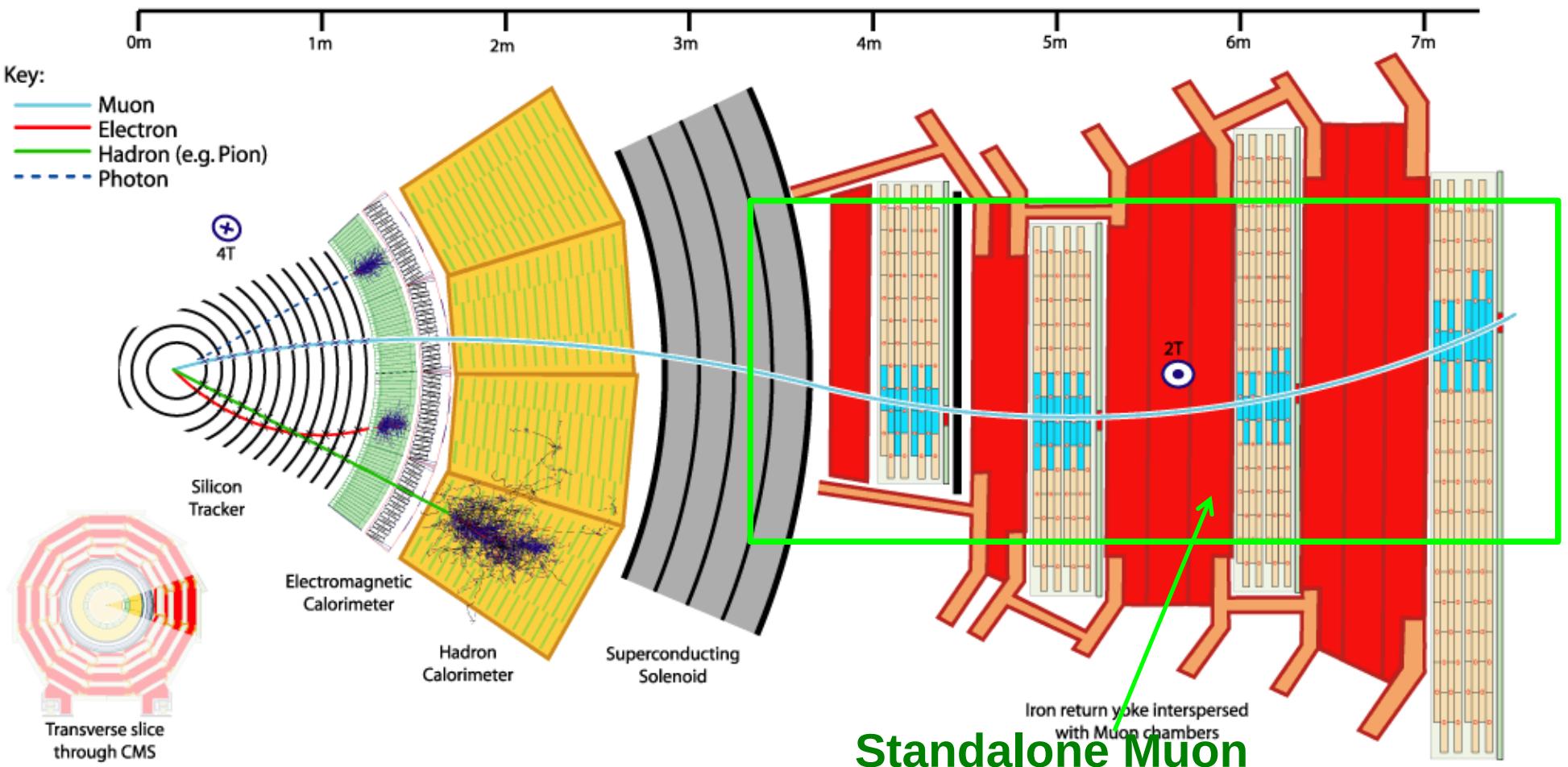
Muon reconstruction: Tracker Muons

Tracker Muons: Tracker tracks identified as muons by matching them with a signal in the muon system. Based on tracker hits and pixels.



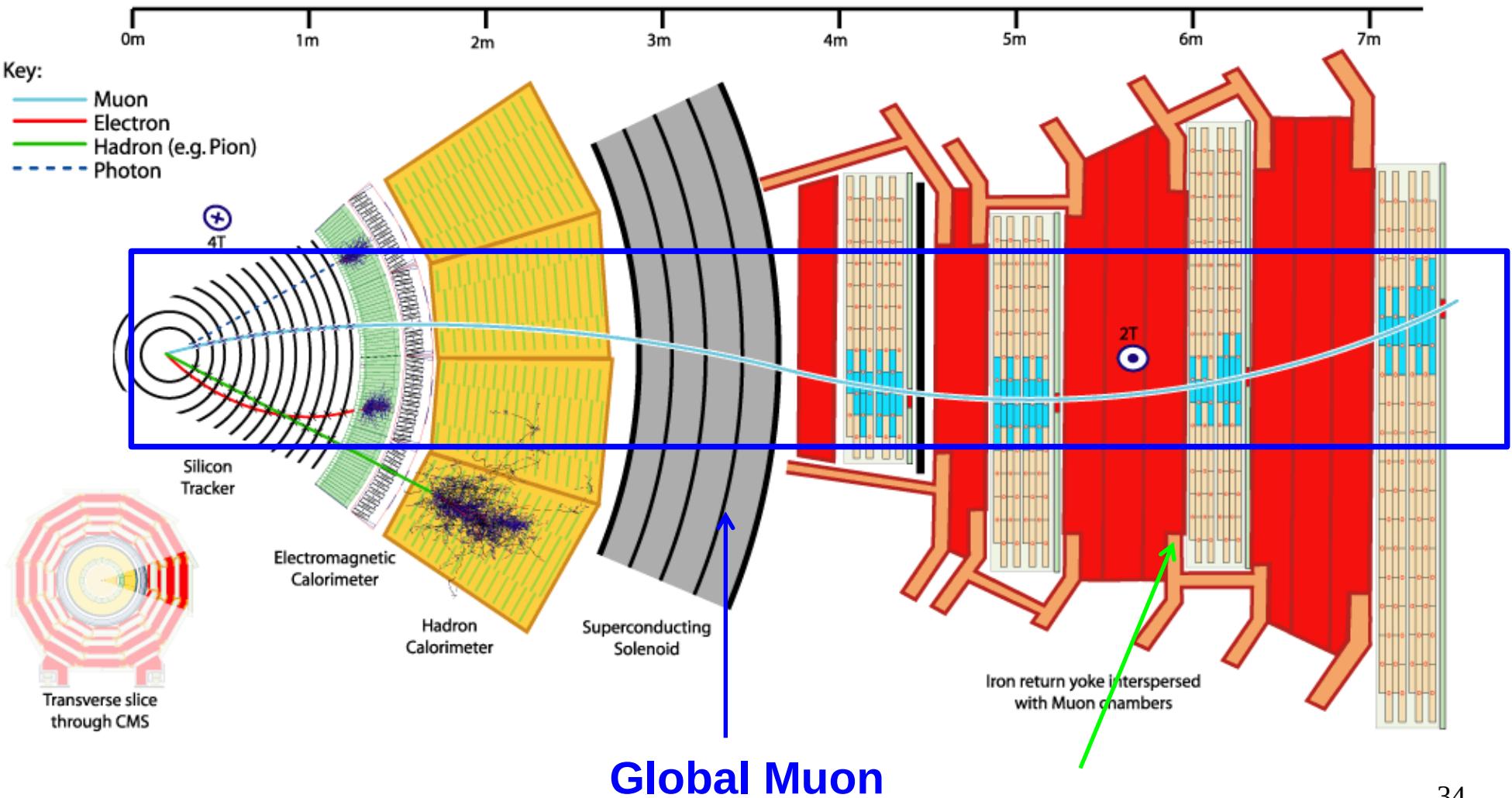
Muon reconstruction: Stand-Alone Muons

Stand-Alone Muons: Muons reconstructed using only the muon system.
Based on segment reconstruction in muon chambers.



Muon reconstruction: Global Muons

Global Muons: Stand-Alone muons that are combined with tracks in the tracker.



Muon ID and selection

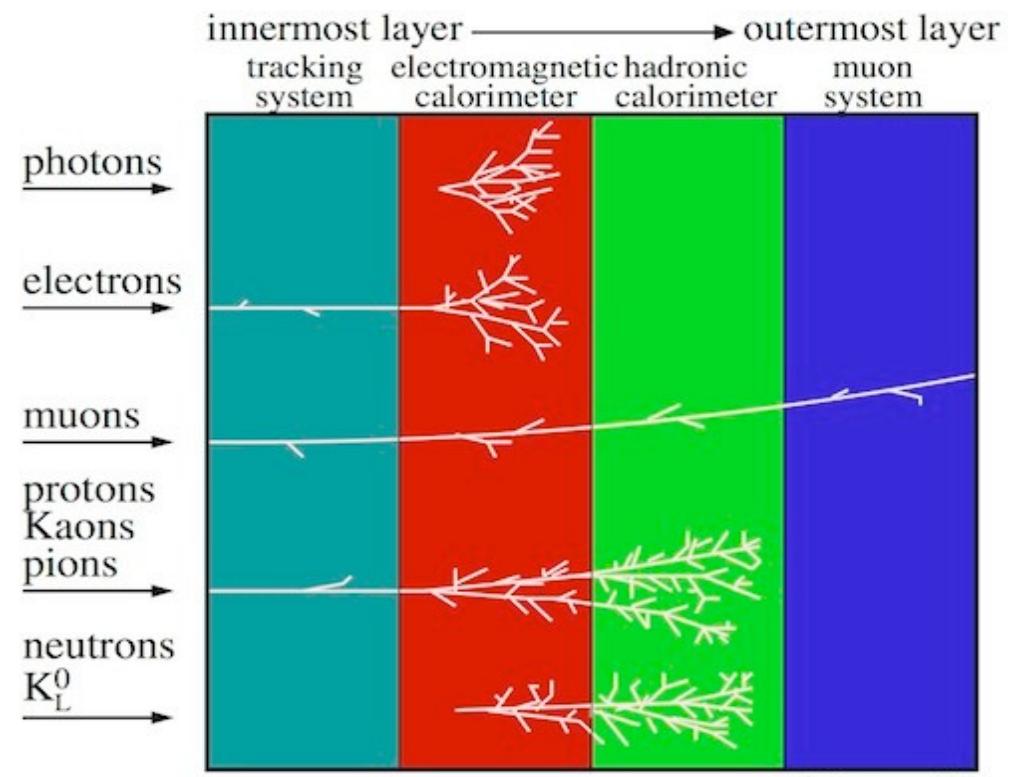
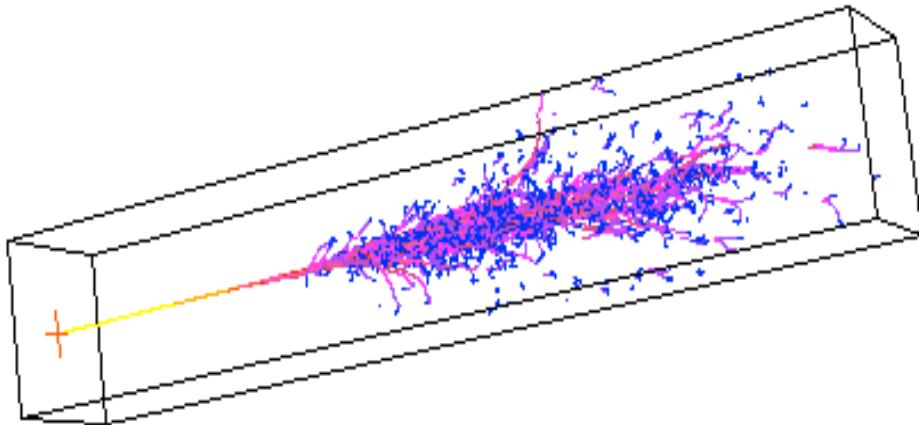
We will work with **tracker muons**, **standalone muons** and/or **global muons**.

- Once the muons are reconstructed...
 - We must assure their quality (real muons) (ID)
 - We must identify which muons come from the **Z boson**
(Signal vs background discrimination)
 - Select muons that fulfill a set of requirements
 - p_T , η ...
 - Number of hits, type of muon...
 - Isolation
 - ... etc

CMS: Calorimeters

The particles leave almost all their **energy** in the **calorimeters**

- **Electromagnetic calorimeter:** electrons, photons
- **Hadronic calorimeter:** neutral and charged hadrons (neutrons, pions, protons...)

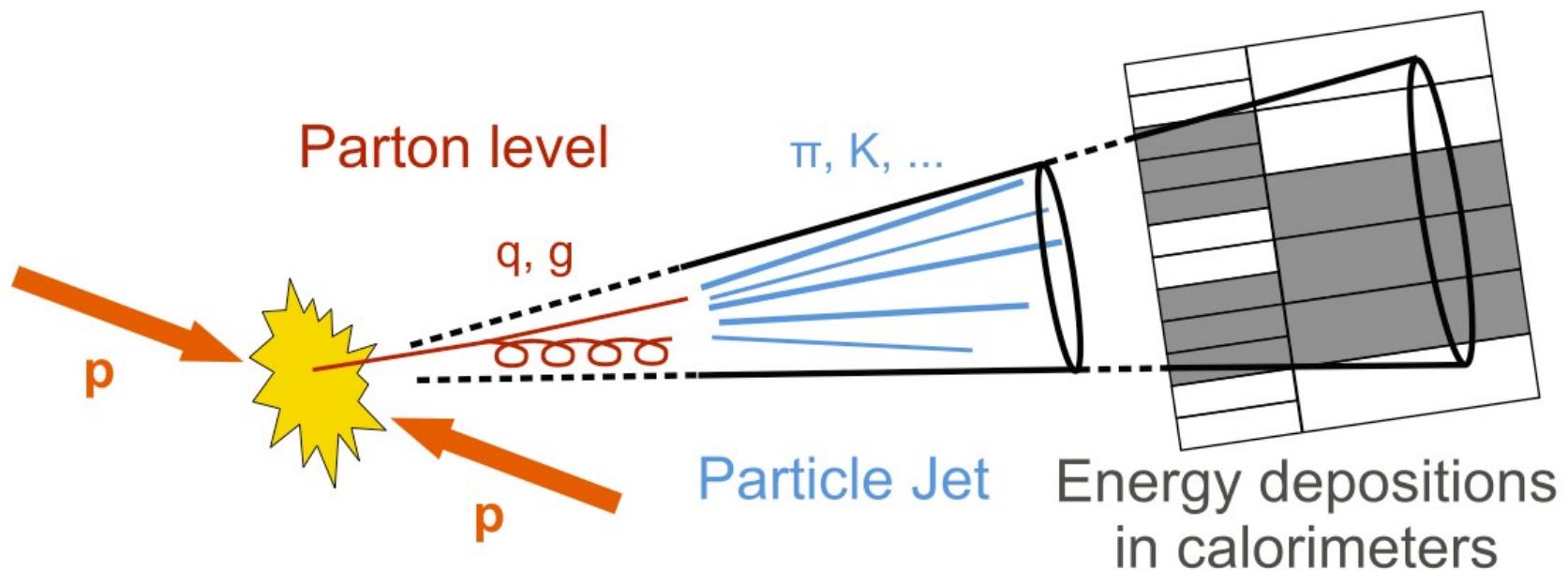


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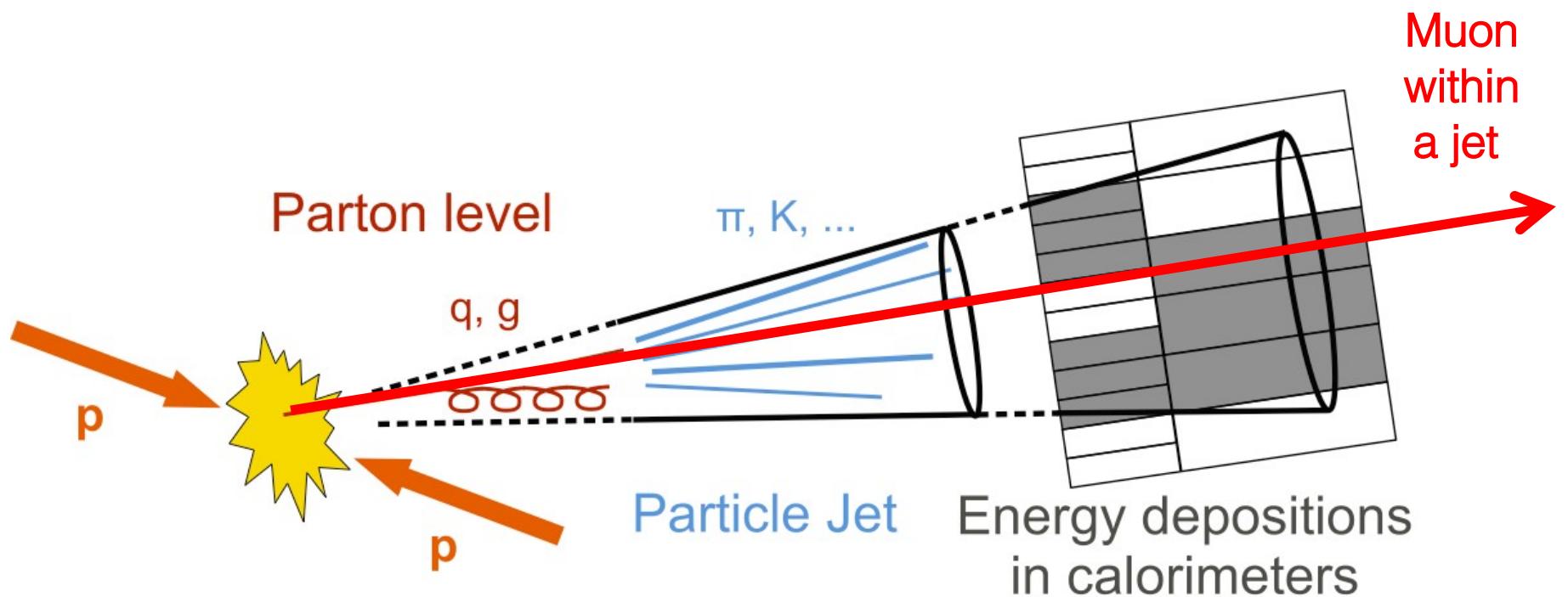


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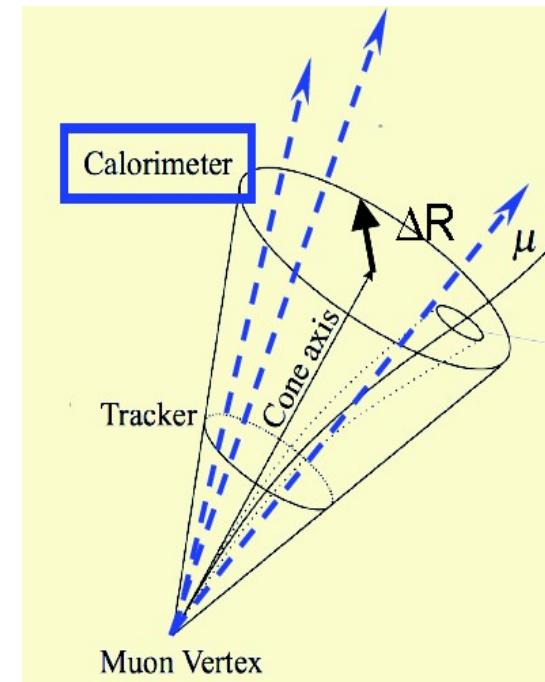
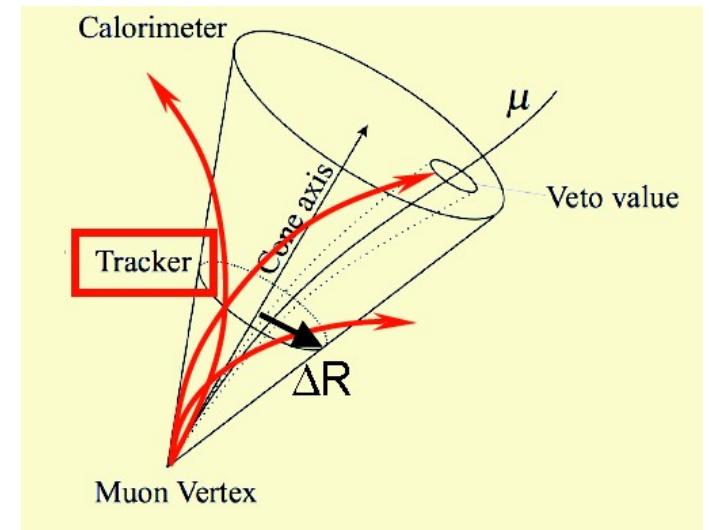
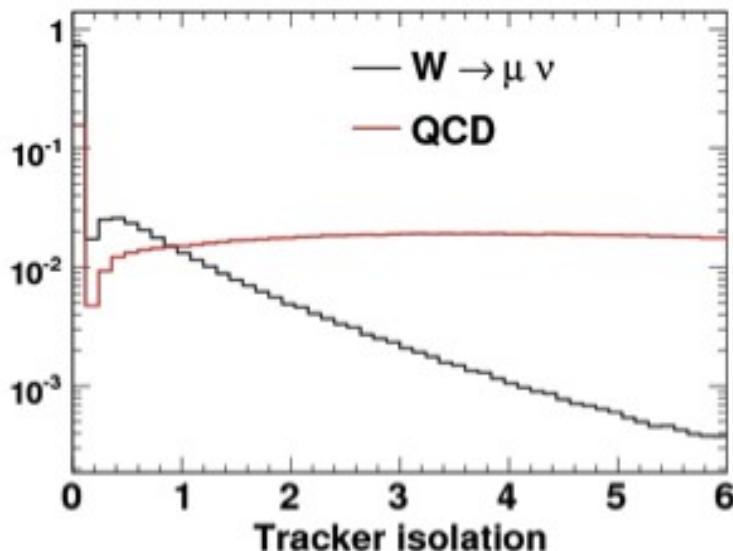


Muon Isolation

Isolation: Computed magnitude which allows to identify real muons from muons created within jets.

- **Tracker:** Sum the p_T of all the tracks found in a cone around the muon*
- **Calorimeter:** Sum the energy deposits in a cone around the muon*

*The muon is excluded from this computations by applying certain vetoes



Momentum determination

Idea: Use magnetic field to bend trajectory of charged particles.

- Momentum is determined by measuring the **track curvature**: $k = 1/p$ in the B field.
- For the **transverse momentum** we have:

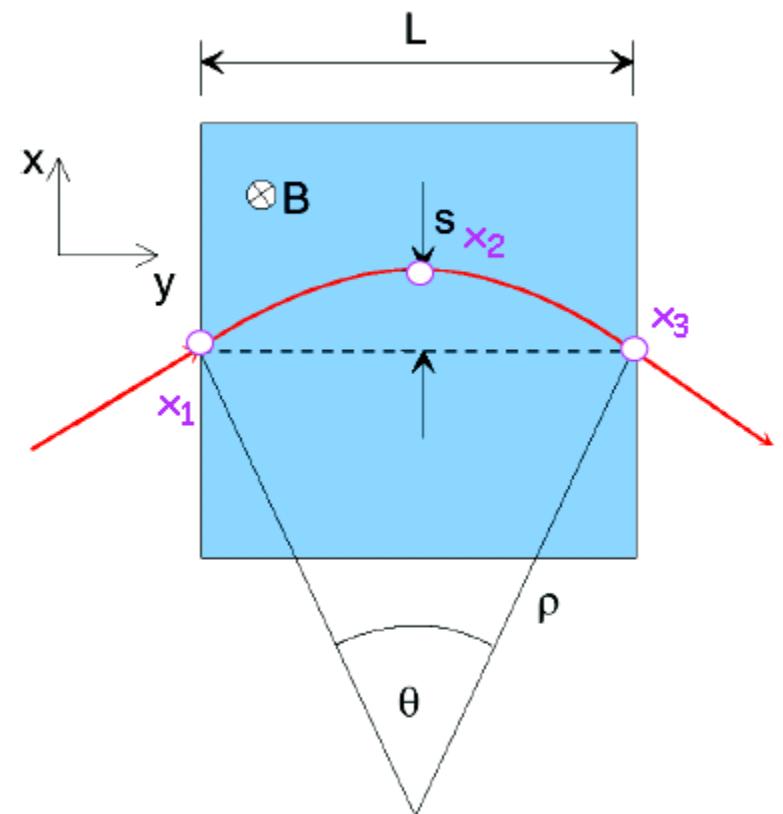
$$p_T[\text{GeV}] = 0.3B[\text{T}]\rho[\text{m}]$$

(ρ is the bending radius and B the magnetic field)

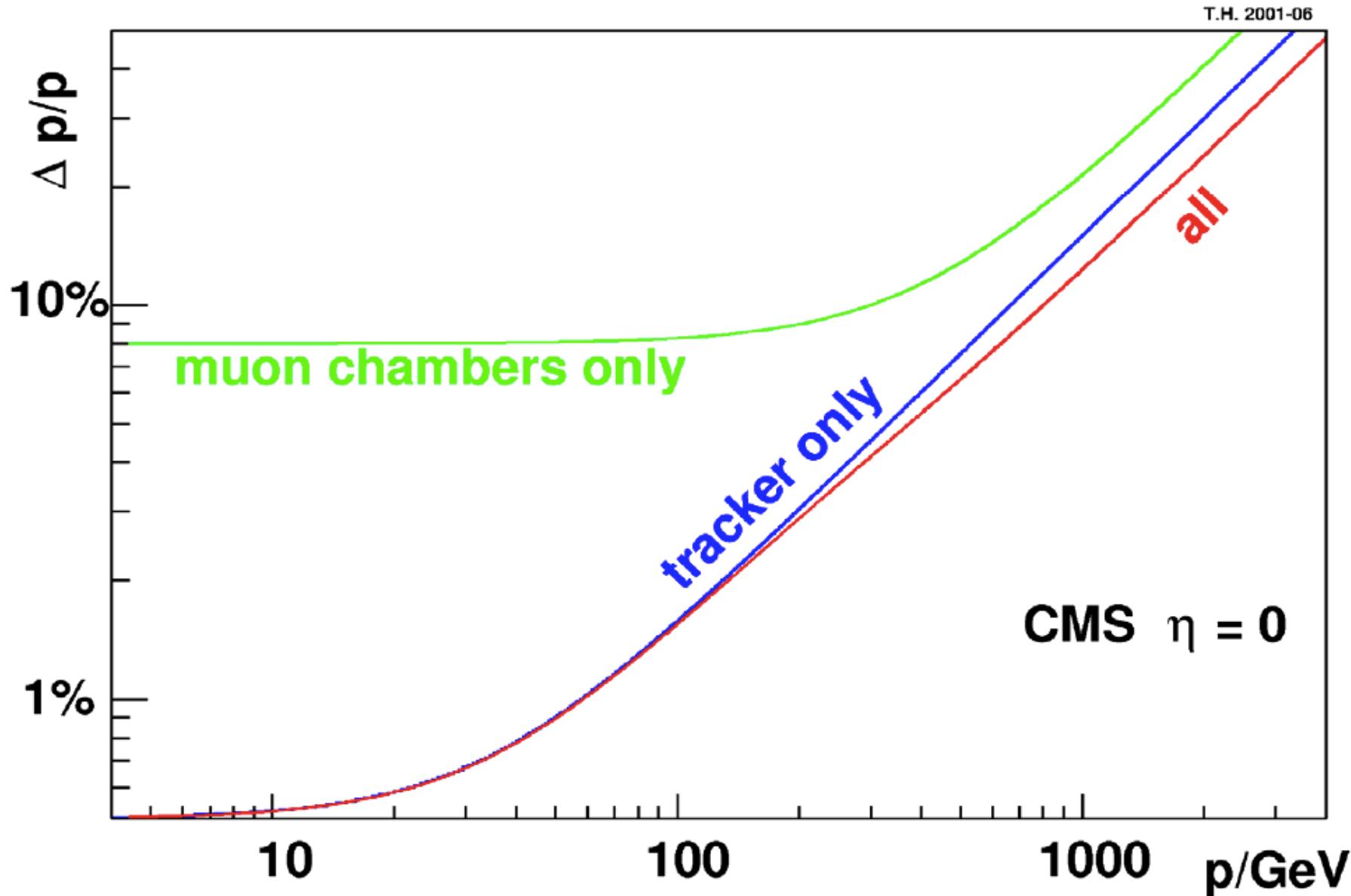
Measurement via Sagitta:

$$\frac{L/2}{\rho} = \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \approx \frac{\theta}{2} \quad (\text{for small } \theta) \Rightarrow \theta \approx \frac{L}{\rho} = \frac{0.3B \cdot L}{p_T}$$

$$s = \rho \left(1 - \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \approx \rho \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\theta^2}{4} \right) \right) = \rho \frac{\theta^2}{8} \approx \frac{0.3L^2B}{8p_T}$$

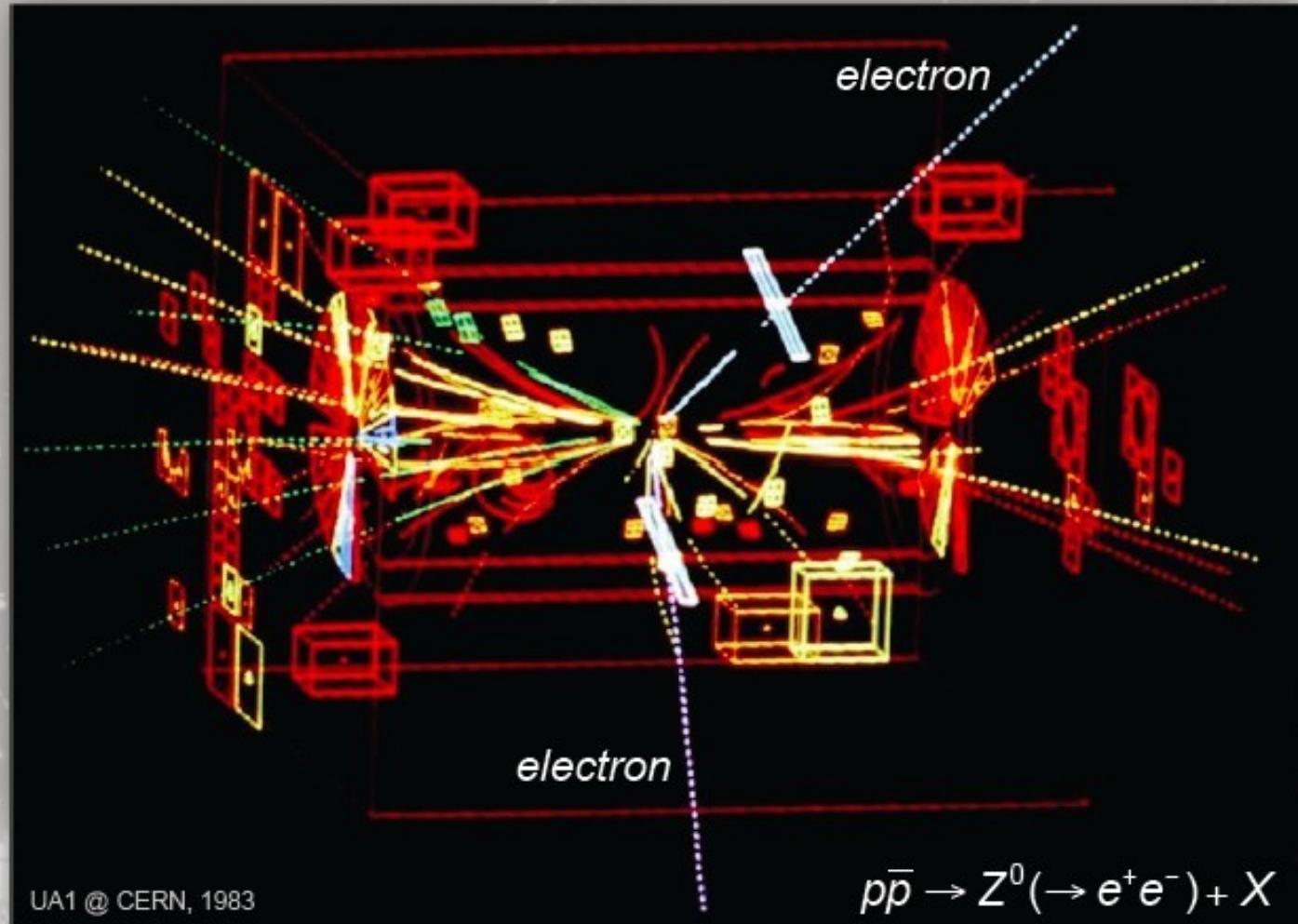


CMS Muon momentum resolution

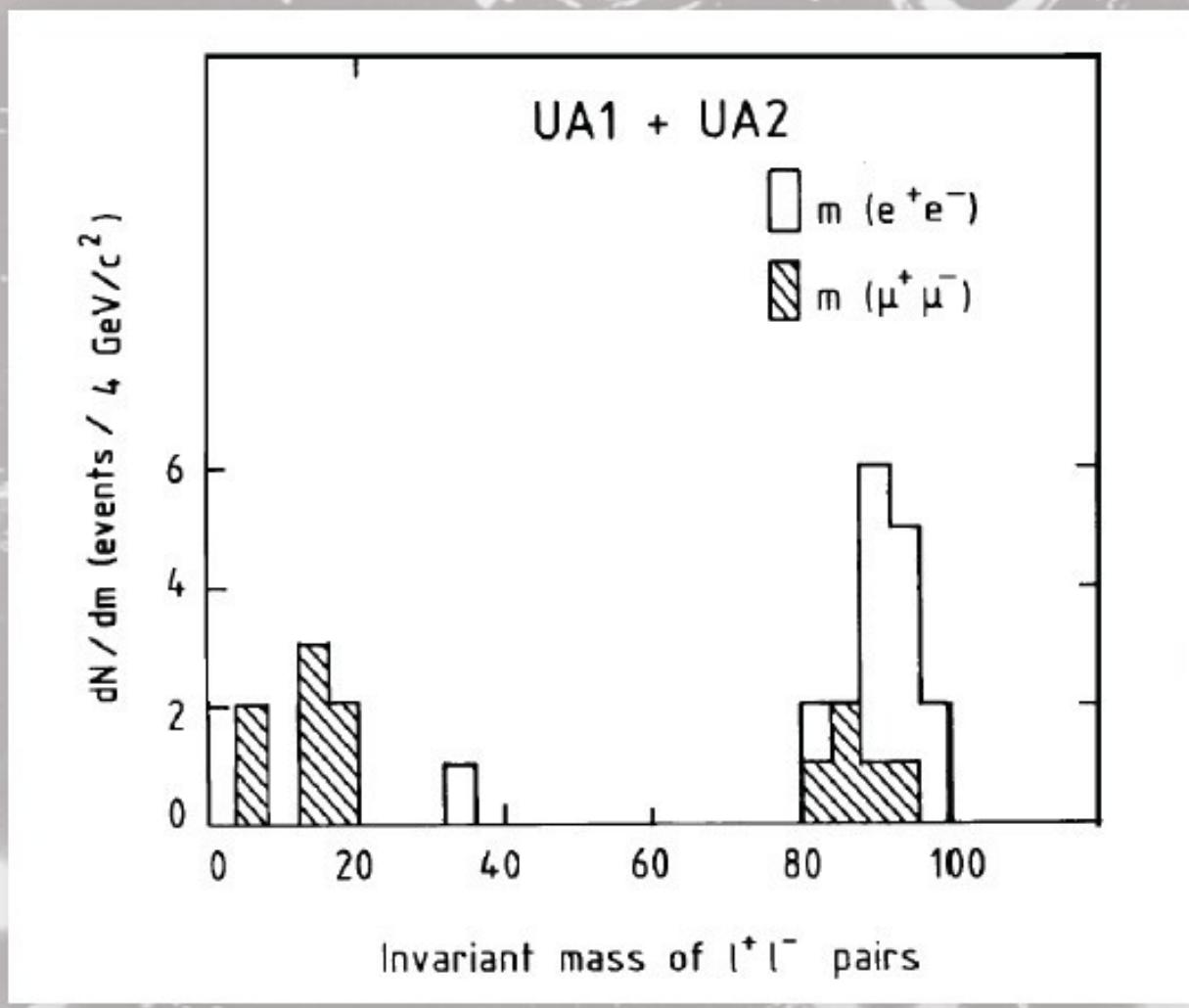


Experimental $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ results

Z boson production on the mass shell, seen in April 1983 by UA1

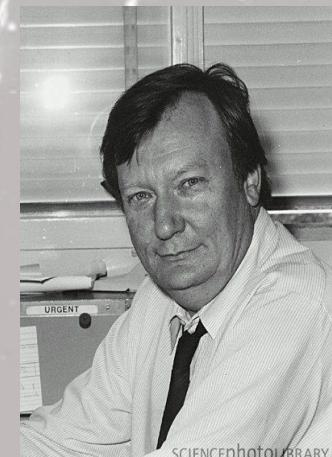


On-shell Z boson discovery 1983



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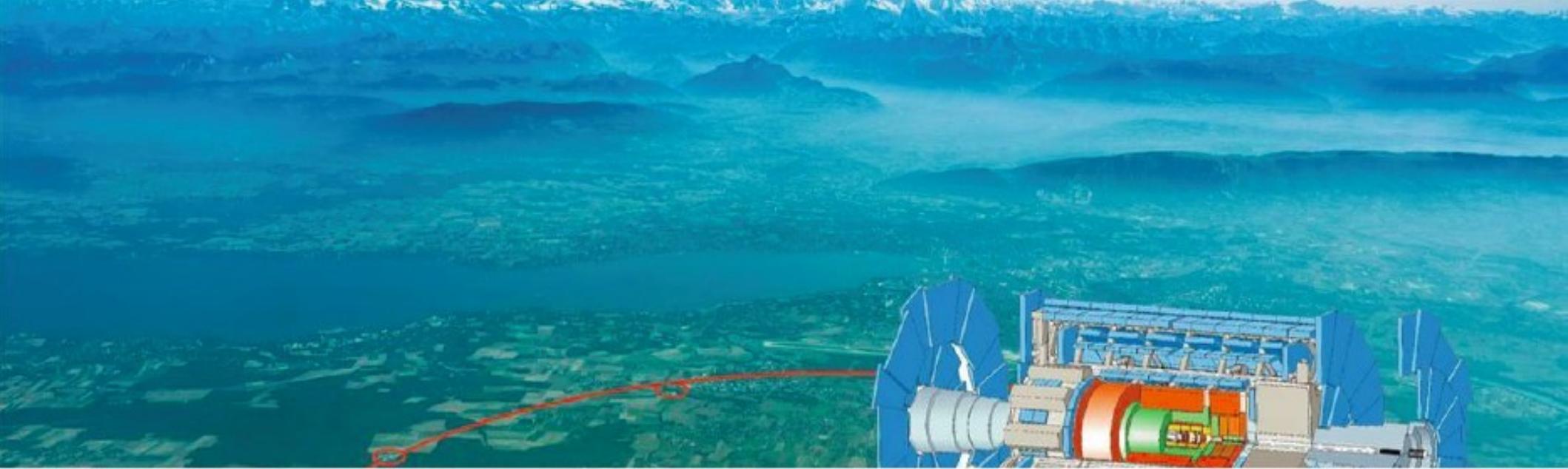
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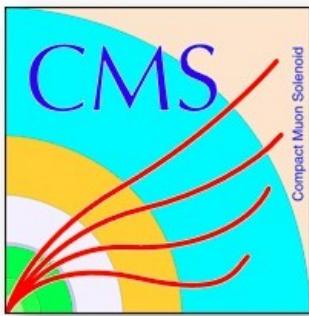
$$M_Z = (95.1 \pm 2.5) \text{ GeV}$$

See C. Rubbia, Nobel Lecture, 1984



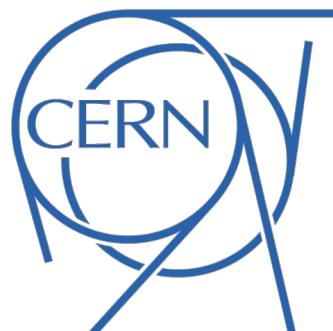
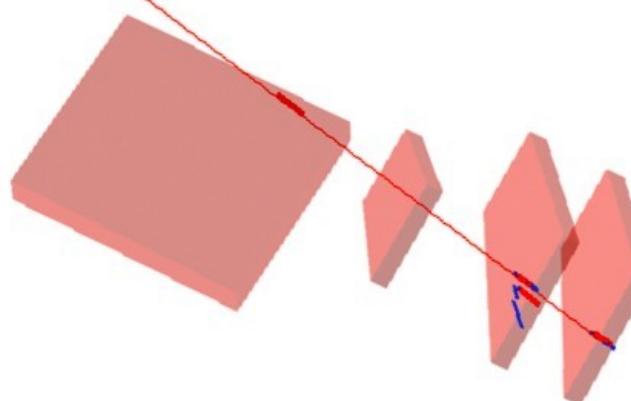
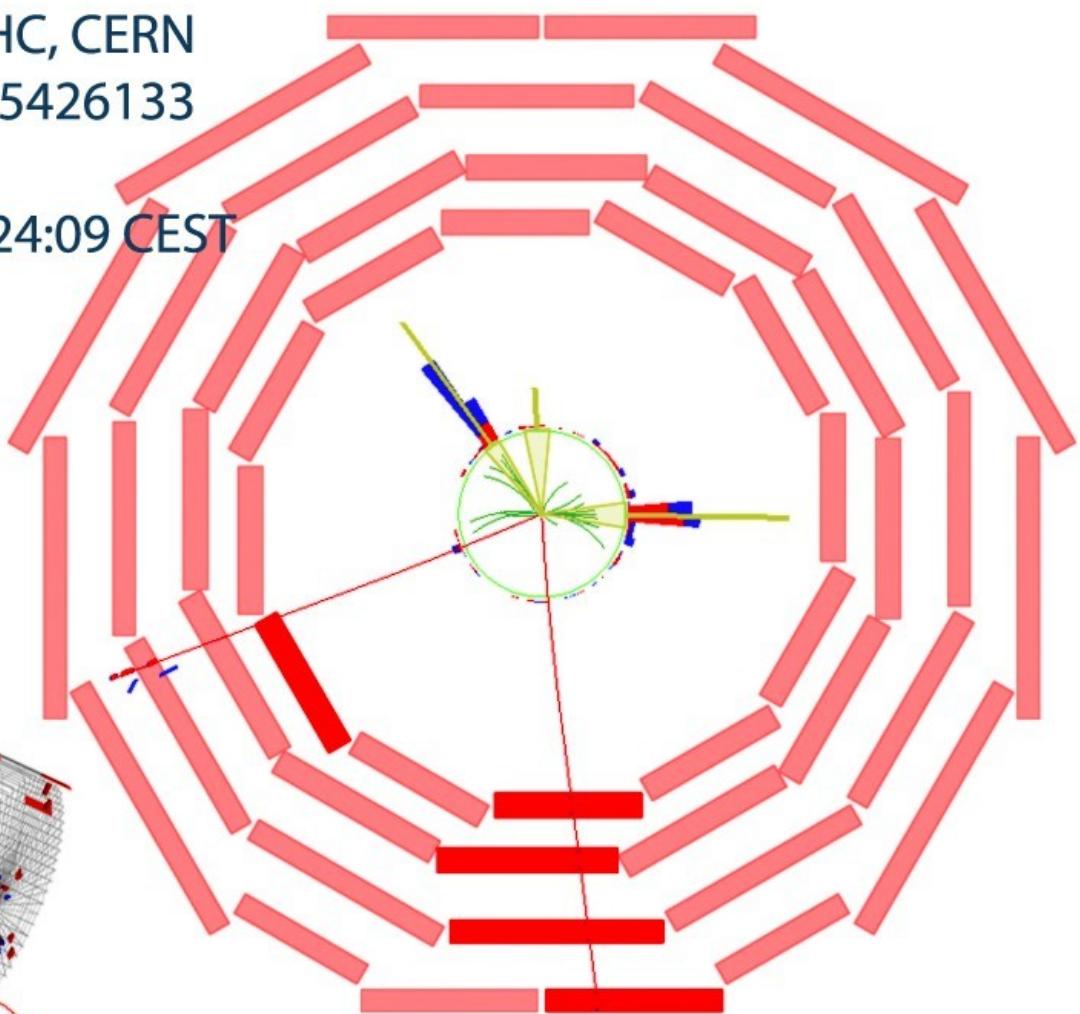
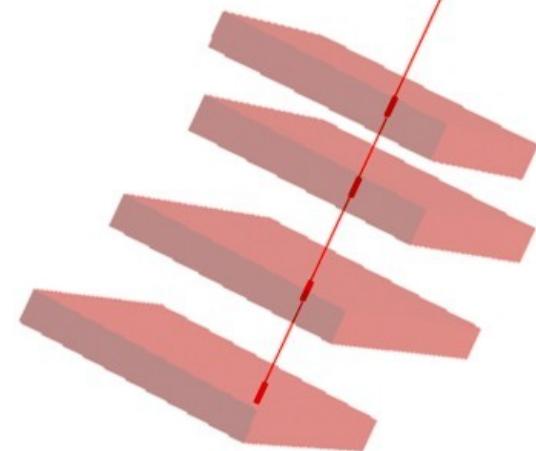
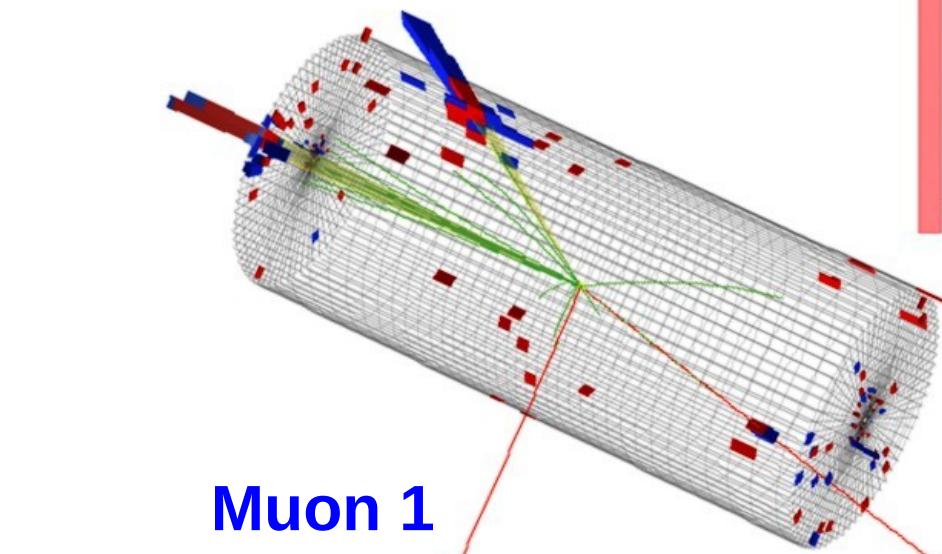
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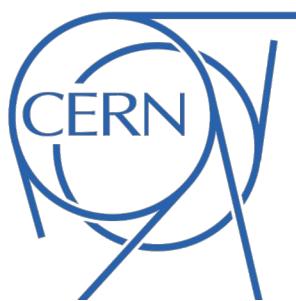




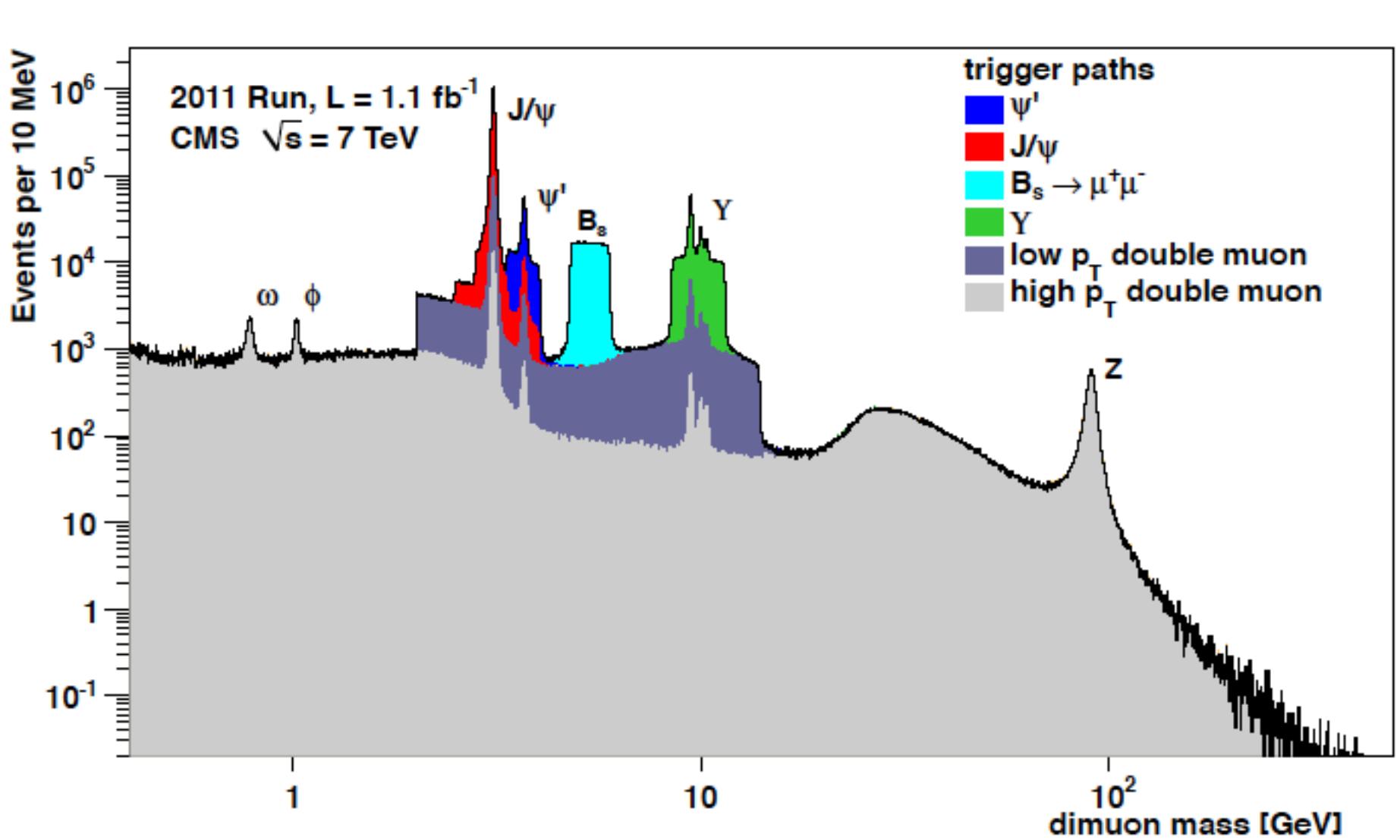
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Muon $p_T = 67.3, 50.6 \text{ GeV}/c$
Inv. mass = $93.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



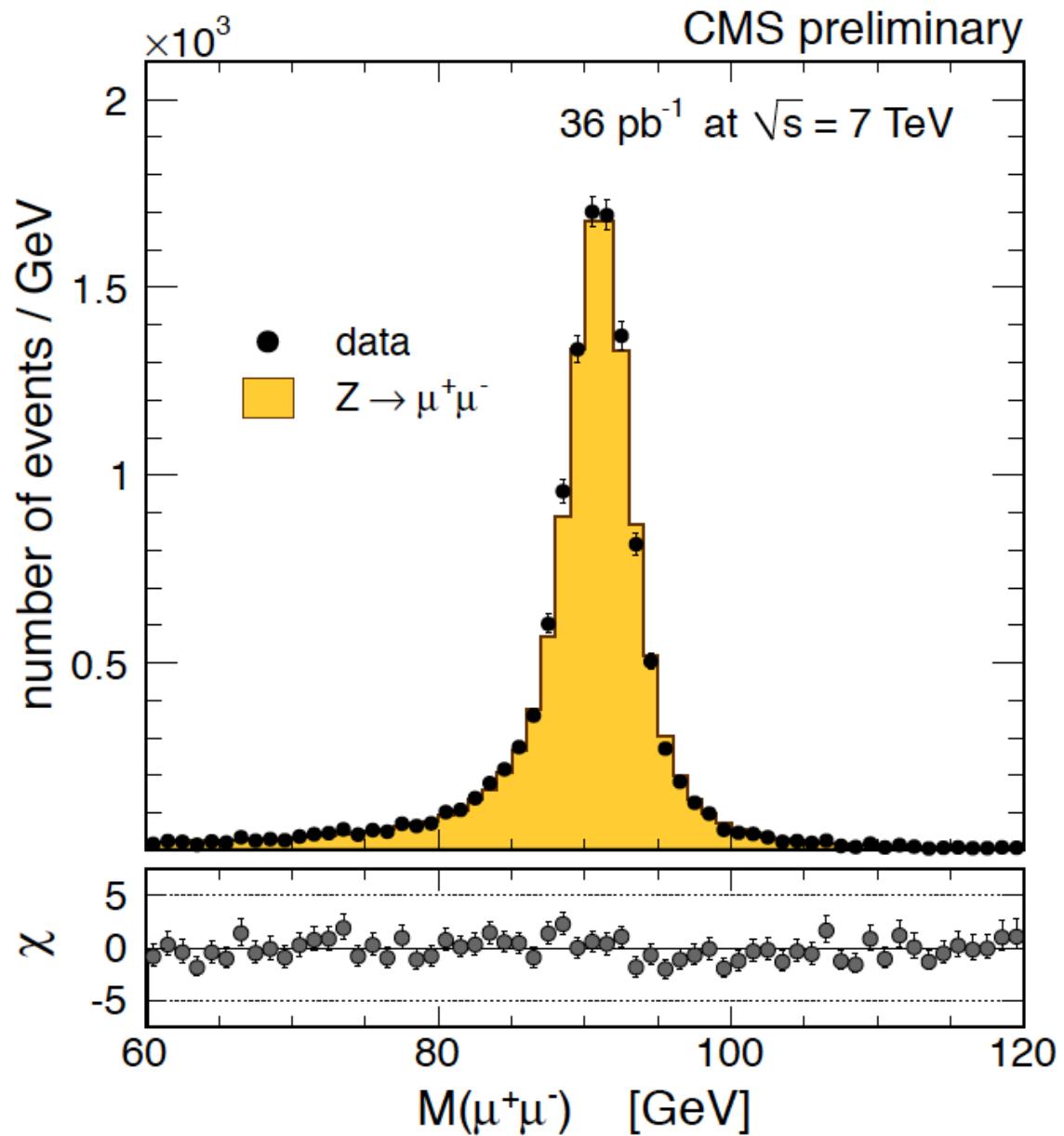


$\mu^+\mu^-$ invariant mass in CMS





Z boson to $\mu^+\mu^-$

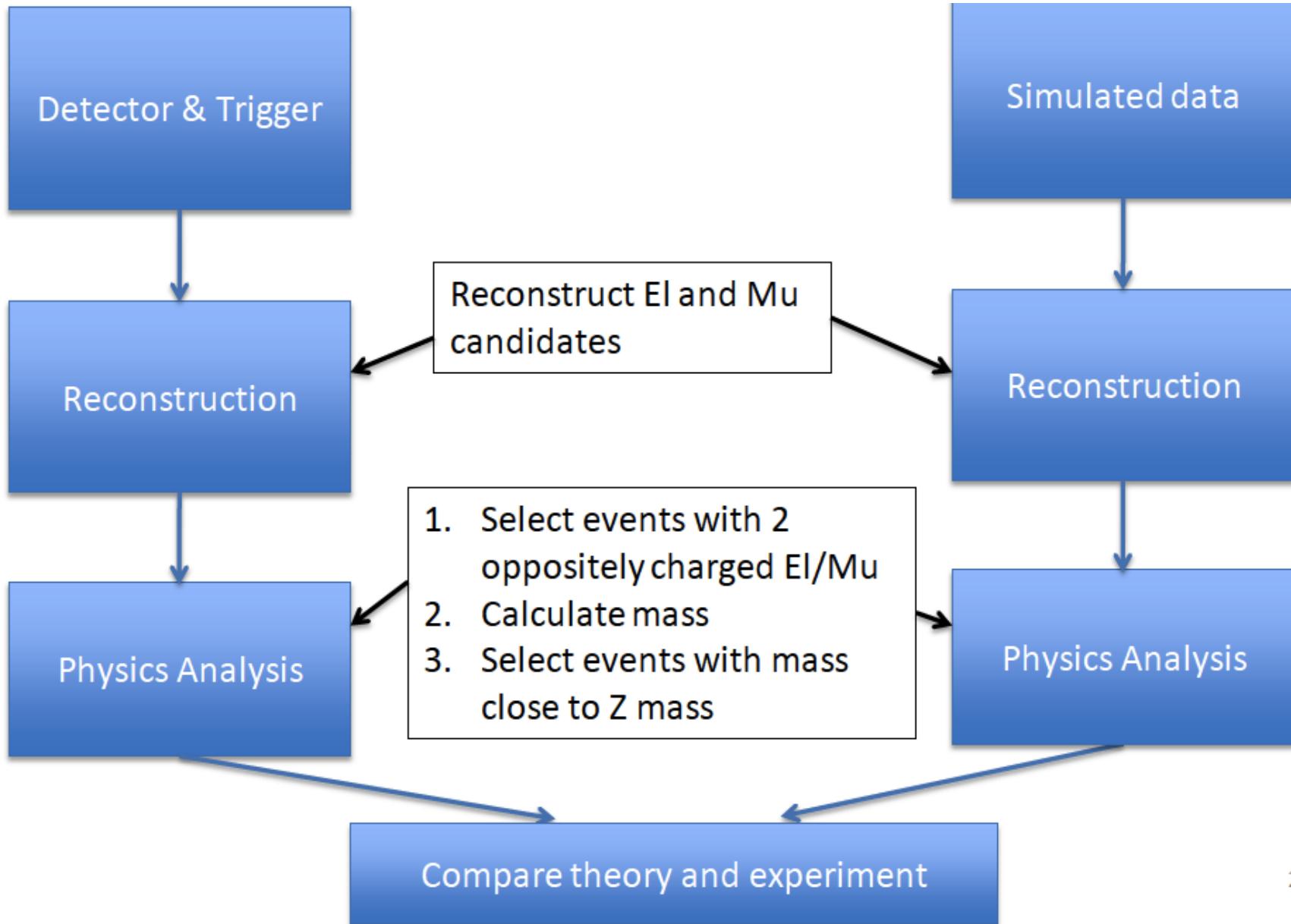


Practical exercise

Analysis flow

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Simulation



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