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# O2 Analysis Tutorial 4.0

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**ALICE**

# Photon and meson reconstruction

- Neutral-meson measurement **using PCM**
  - reconstruct decay photons via their conversion products down to low  $p_T$
- Conversion as main interaction process of photons with ALICE detector material  $P_{\text{conv}} \approx 11\%$ 
  - reconstruction possible by tracking produced electron-positron pairs

$$pp \rightarrow \pi^0 + X_n$$

→  $\gamma\gamma$

→  $e^+e^-e^+e^-$

$$(m_{\pi^0} = 0.135 \text{ GeV}/c^2, \text{BR}_{\gamma\gamma} = 0.988)$$

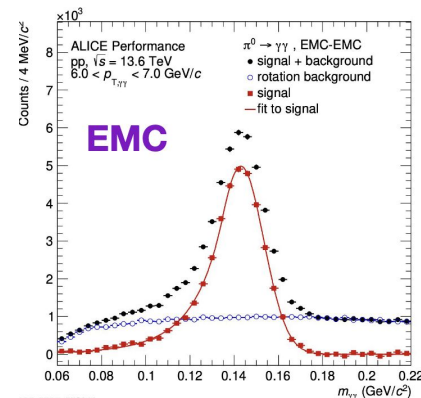
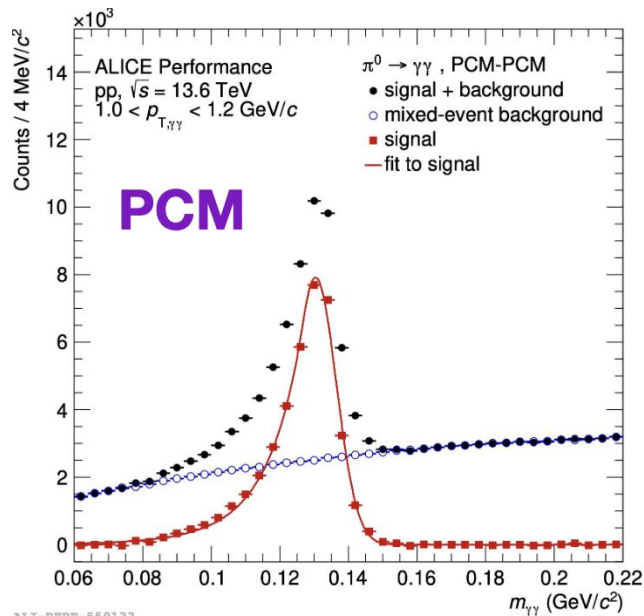
$$pp \rightarrow \eta + X_n$$

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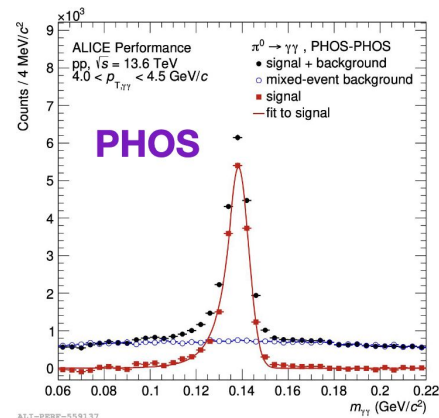
→  $e^+e^-e^+e^-$

$$(m_{\eta} = 0.548 \text{ GeV}/c^2, \text{BR}_{\gamma\gamma} = 0.393)$$

# PCM vs calorimetry



high resolution  
compared to EMCal

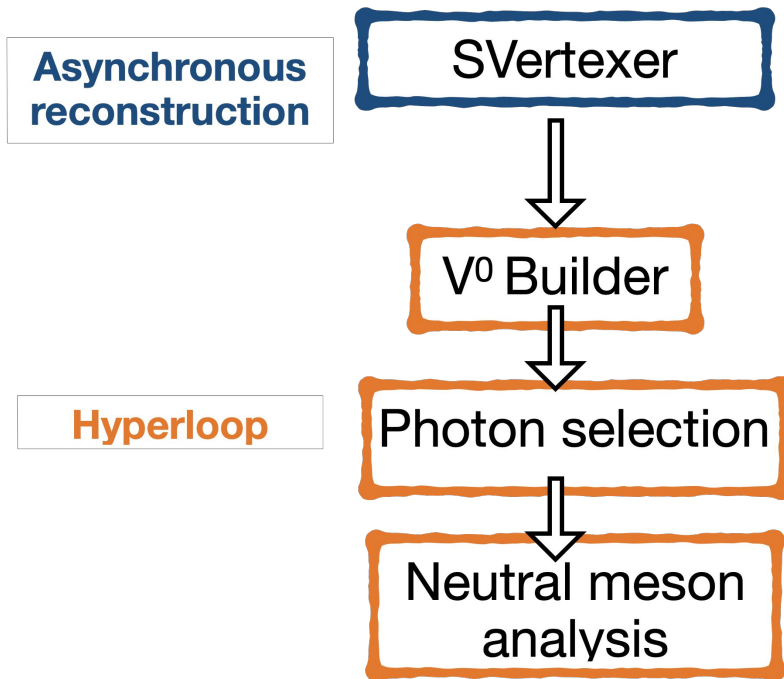


higher acceptance  
than PHOS

$$|\eta| < 0.9, 0 < \phi < 2\pi$$

# Workflow in Run 3

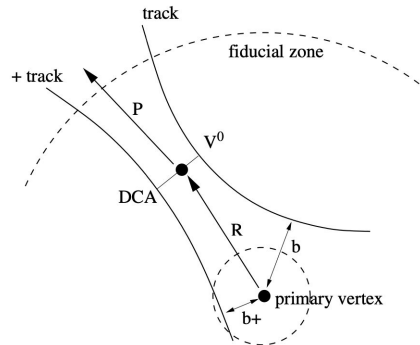
- Higher statistics in Run 3 thanks to
  - new continuous readout
  - more conversions with new calibration tungsten wires in ITS2



# Workflow in Run 3

- Higher statistics in Run 3

1. **find secondary vertex: SVertexer**  
TPC-ITS tracks as input
2. **build V0 candidates: V0 Builder**



match displaced tracks  
of opposite charge

Asynchronous  
reconstruction

SVertexer



$V^0$  Builder



Photon selection



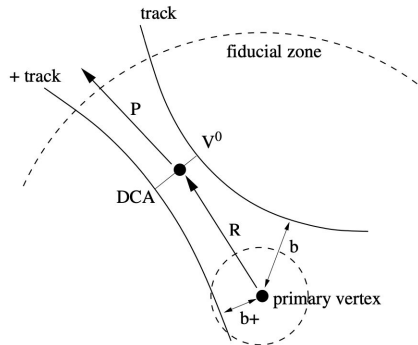
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  3. **apply photon selection**
    - track cuts and electron identification via  $dE/dx$  with TPC
    - Armenteros-Podolaski plot
    - $\Psi_{\text{pair}}$  variable

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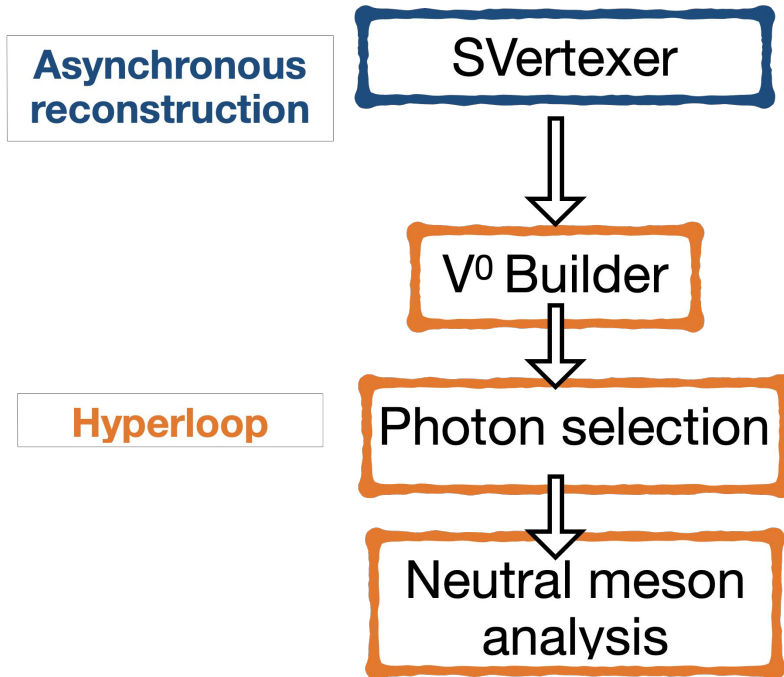
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  3. apply photon selection
  4. **neutral-meson reconstruction**
    - selected photons combined into pairs via
$$M_{\gamma\gamma} = \sqrt{2E_{\gamma_1}E_{\gamma_2}(1 - \cos\theta_{12})}$$
    - meson signals reconstructed from excess yields around rest mass
    - extraction combinatorial background with event-mixing method





# Your turn!

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- Code repository  
<https://github.com/AliceO2Group/analysis-tutorials/tree/master/o2at-3/PWGEM>
- Bash script run.sh contains the O2 workflow

## **Hands-on session**

- get familiar with the task
- download input data and run code
- obtain Armenteros-Podolanski plot
- retrieve information for  $\pi^0$  candidates and reconstruct invariant-mass peak

# Skimming workflow

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time o2-analysis-timestamp --configuration json://config_skimming_photon.json -b |
o2-analysis-event-selection --configuration json://config_skimming_photon.json -b |
o2-analysis-multiplicity-table --configuration json://config_skimming_photon.json -b |
o2-analysis-centrality-table --configuration json://config_skimming_photon.json -b |
o2-analysis-track-propagation --configuration json://config_skimming_photon.json -b |
o2-analysis-pid-tpc-base --configuration json://config_skimming_photon.json -b | o2-analysis-pid-tpc
--configuration json://config_skimming_photon.json -b | o2-analysis-ft0-corrected-table
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--configuration json://config_skimming_photon.json -b |
o2-analysis-em-skimmer-primary-electron-from-dalitzee --configuration
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json://config_skimming_photon.json --aod-writer-json writer_photon_table.json -b;
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