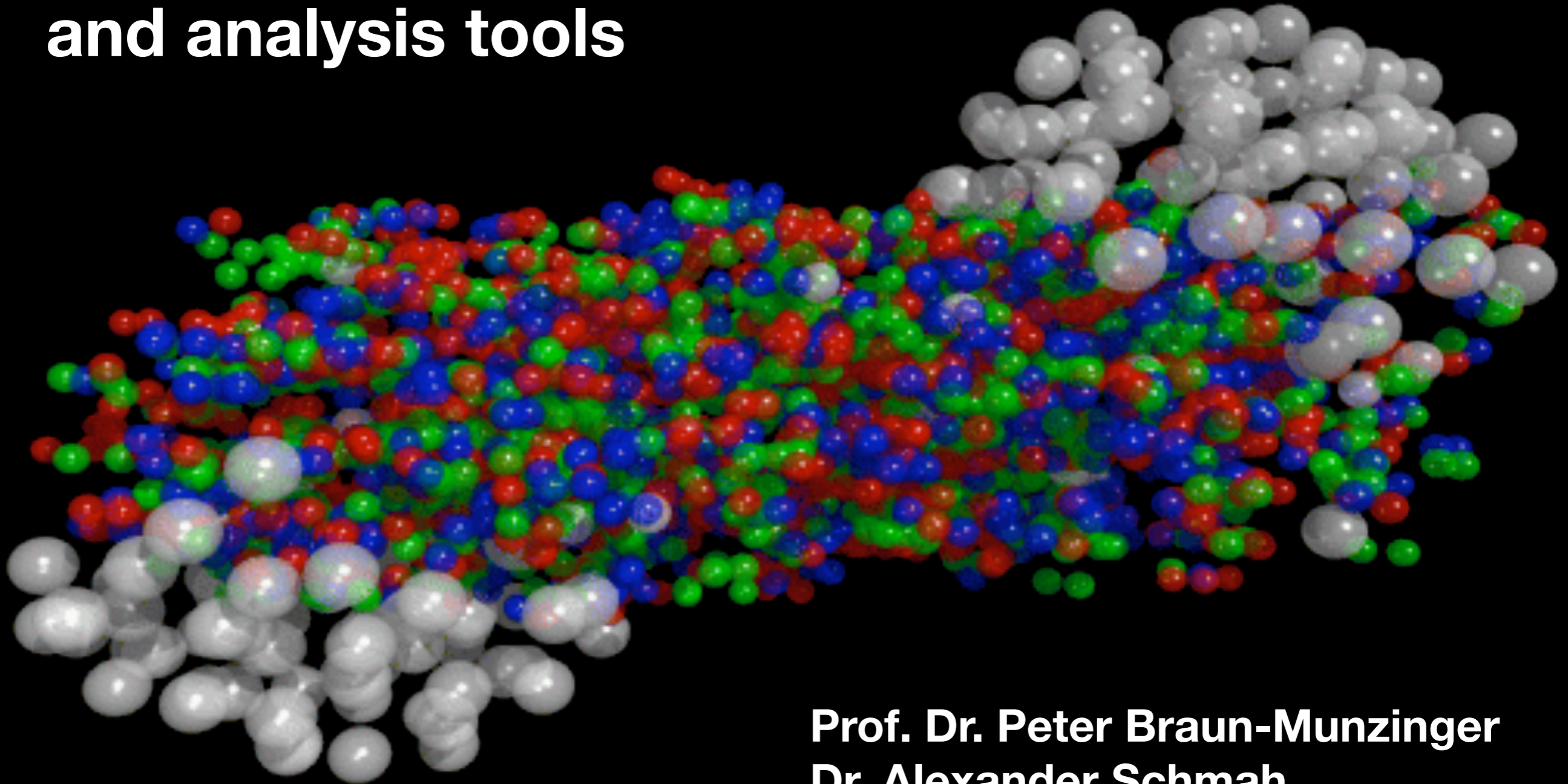


# Quark-Gluon Plasma Physics

## 2. Kinematic variables, detector overview and analysis tools



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# Lorentz transformation

- Postulates
1. There is no preferred inertial frame
  2. The speed of light in vacuum has the same value  $c$  in all inertial frames of reference

(Contravariant) space-time four-vector in system S:

$$x^\mu := (x^0, x^1, x^2, x^3) = (t, \vec{x}) = (t, x, y, z)$$

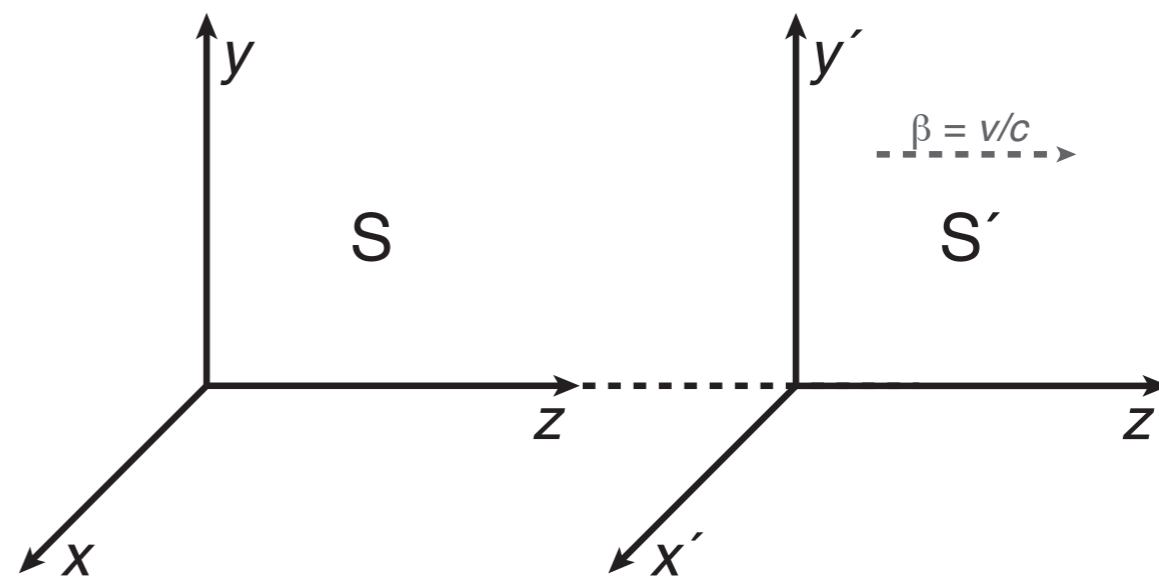
In system S'  
(follows from the two postulates)

$$x^{0'} = \gamma(x^0 - \beta x^3)$$

$$x^{1'} = x^1$$

$$x^{2'} = x^2$$

$$x^{3'} = \gamma(x^3 - \beta x^0)$$



$$\beta = v/c \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$



# Energy-momentum four-vector

General four-vector:

transforms under Lorentz transformation like the space-time four-vector

Relativistic energy and momentum:

$$E = \gamma m, \quad \mathbf{p} = \gamma \beta m, \quad m = \text{rest mass} \quad (\hbar = c = 1)$$

Contravariant four-momentum vector:

$$p^\mu = (p^0, p^1, p^2, p^3) = (E, \vec{p}) = (E, \vec{p}_T, p_z) = (E, p_x, p_y, p_z)$$

Covariant four-vector:

$$x^\mu := (x^0, x^1, x^2, x^3) \quad \rightarrow \quad x_\mu := (x^0, -x^1, -x^2, -x^3)$$

**See appendix E**

Scalar product of two four-vectors  $a$  and  $b$ :

$$a \cdot b = a^\mu b_\mu = a_\mu b^\mu = a^0 b^0 - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$$

Relation between energy and momentum:

$$E^2 = p^2 + m^2 \quad a \cdot a = E^2 - p^2 = m^2$$

# Center-of-Mass System (CMS) [actually: center-of-momentum system]

Consider a collision of two particles. The CMS is defined by

$$\vec{p}_a = -\vec{p}_b$$

$$p_a = (E_a, \vec{p}_a) \qquad p_b = (E_b, \vec{p}_b)$$


The Mandelstam variable  $s$  is defined as

$$s := (p_a + p_b)^2 \stackrel{CMS}{=} (E_a + E_b)^2 \quad \text{Homework A}$$

4-vector  $\nearrow$

$\sqrt{s}$  is the total energy in the center-of-mass frame ("center-of-mass energy")

Example: LHC. beam energy 6.5 TeV:  $\sqrt{s} = 2 E = 13$  TeV (lab frame = CMS)

# More on LHC energies

From 'centripetal force = Lorentz force:  $\vec{F}_L = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B} = \frac{mv^2}{r}$

$$R \equiv \frac{p}{q} = r_{\text{LHC,bend}} \cdot B_{\text{LHC}}, \quad B_{\text{LHC,max}} \approx 8.3 \text{ T} \quad (\rightarrow \text{this limits } \sqrt{s})$$

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"rigidity" 1232 dipoles x 14.3 m / (2 π) = 2804 m **Homework B: Calculate  $p_{\text{max}}$**

protons:  $R = p_{\text{proton}}$       ions:  $R = \frac{A \cdot p_{\text{nucleon}}}{Z}$

2011/12:  $p_{\text{proton}} = 3.5 \text{ TeV} \rightarrow p_{\text{nucleon}} \equiv p_{\text{Pb}}/A = \frac{Z}{A} \cdot p_{\text{proton}} = 1.38 \text{ TeV}$

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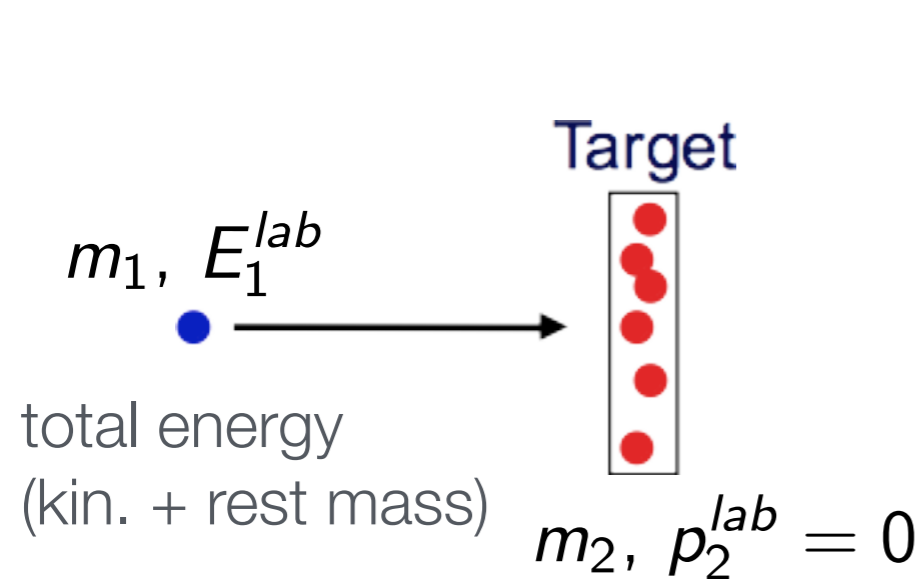
corresponding energy of nucleons in  
Pb ion for same  $B$  field (same rigidity)

Center-of-momentum energy per nucleon-nucleon pair:

Pb-Pb (2011/12):  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$       Pb-Pb (2015/18):  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$



# $\sqrt{s}$ for Fixed-Target Experiments



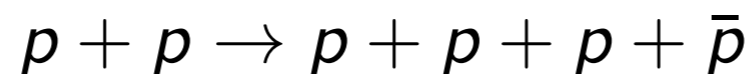
$$s = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} E_1^{\text{lab}} \\ \vec{p}_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} m_2 \\ \vec{0} \end{pmatrix} \right]^2$$

$$= m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2E_1^{\text{lab}} m_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{s} = \sqrt{m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2E_1^{\text{lab}} m_2}$$

$$\stackrel{E_1^{\text{lab}} \gg m_1, m_2}{\approx} \sqrt{2E_1^{\text{lab}} m_2}$$

Example: antiproton production (fixed-target experiment):



Minimum energy required to produce an antiproton: In CMS. all particles at rest after the reaction. i.e..  $\sqrt{s} = 4 m_p$ . hence:

$$4m_p \stackrel{!}{=} \sqrt{2m_p^2 + 2E_1^{\text{lab},\text{min}} m_p} \Rightarrow E_1^{\text{lab},\text{min}} = \frac{(4m_p)^2 - 2m_p^2}{2m_p} = 7m_p$$

# Rapidity

The rapidity  $y$  is a generalization of the (longitudinal) velocity  $\beta_L = p_L / E$ :

$$y := \operatorname{arctanh} \beta_L = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1 + \beta_L}{1 - \beta_L} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p_L}{E - p_L}$$

$$y \approx \beta_L \text{ for } \beta_L \ll 1$$

With

$$e^y = \sqrt{\frac{E + p_L}{E - p_L}}, \quad e^{-y} = \sqrt{\frac{E - p_L}{E + p_L}}$$

and

$$\sinh x = \frac{1}{2} (e^x - e^{-x}), \quad \cosh x = \frac{1}{2} (e^x + e^{-x})$$

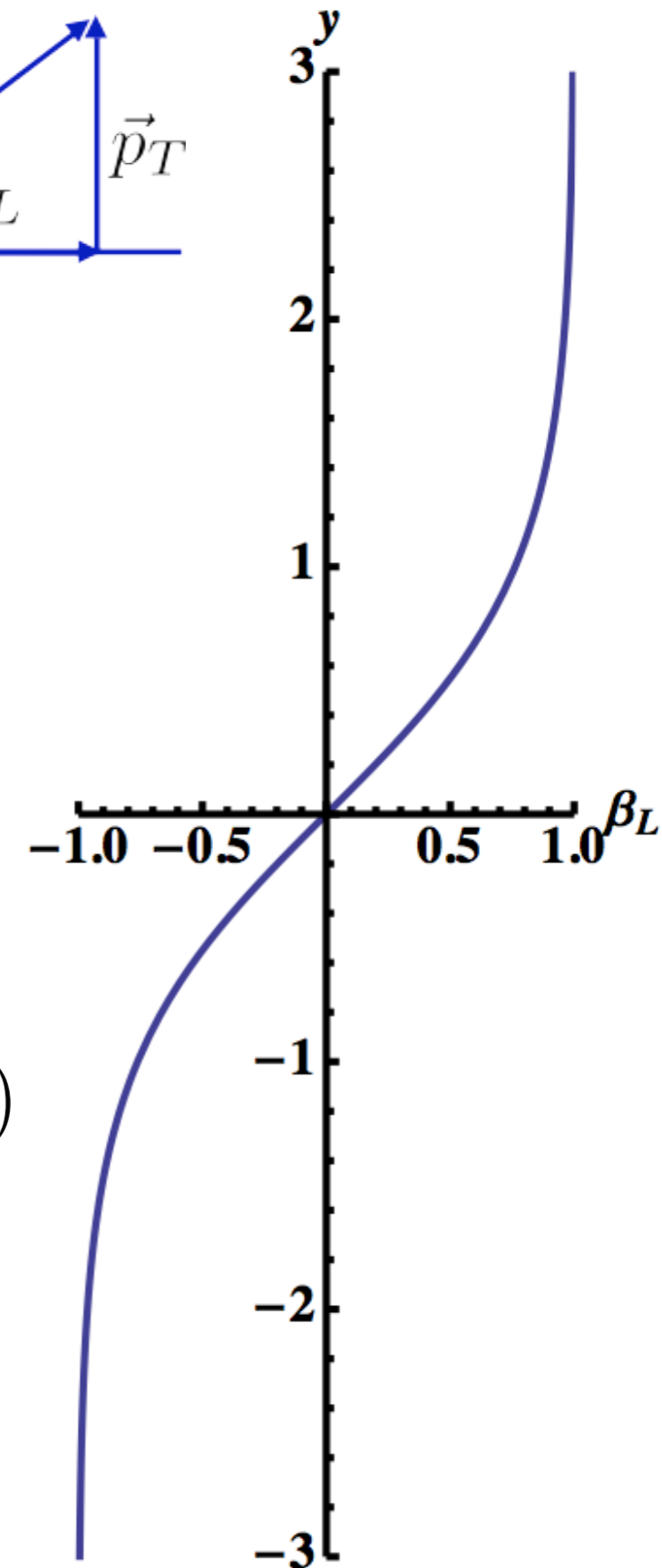
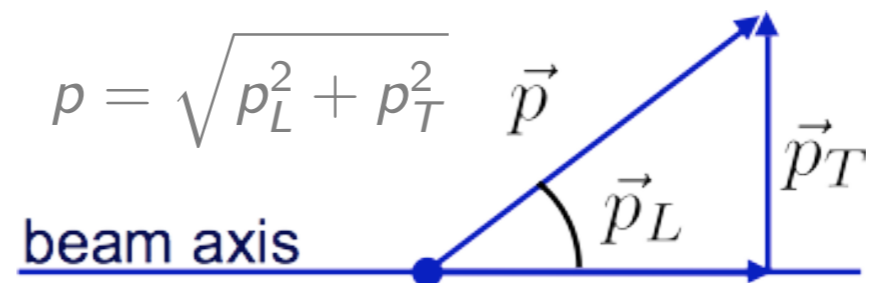
one obtains

$$E = m_T \cdot \cosh y, \quad p_L = m_T \cdot \sinh y$$

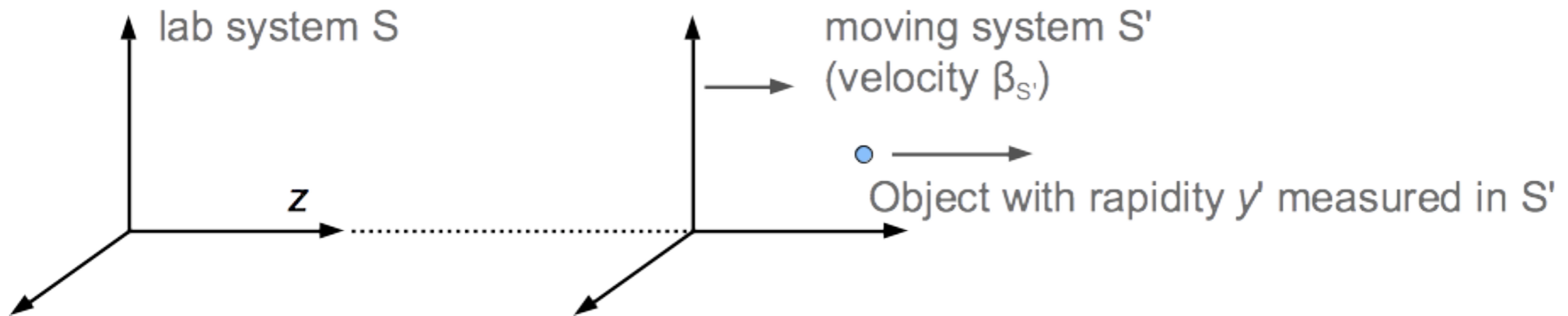
where  $m_T := \sqrt{m^2 + p_T^2}$  is called *transverse mass*

$$\vec{p} = E \vec{\beta}$$

$$p = \sqrt{p_L^2 + p_T^2}$$



# Additivity of Rapidity under Lorentz Transformation



Lorentz transformation:  $E = \gamma(E' + \beta p'_z), \quad p_z = \gamma(p'_z + \beta E') \quad (\beta \equiv \beta_{S'})$

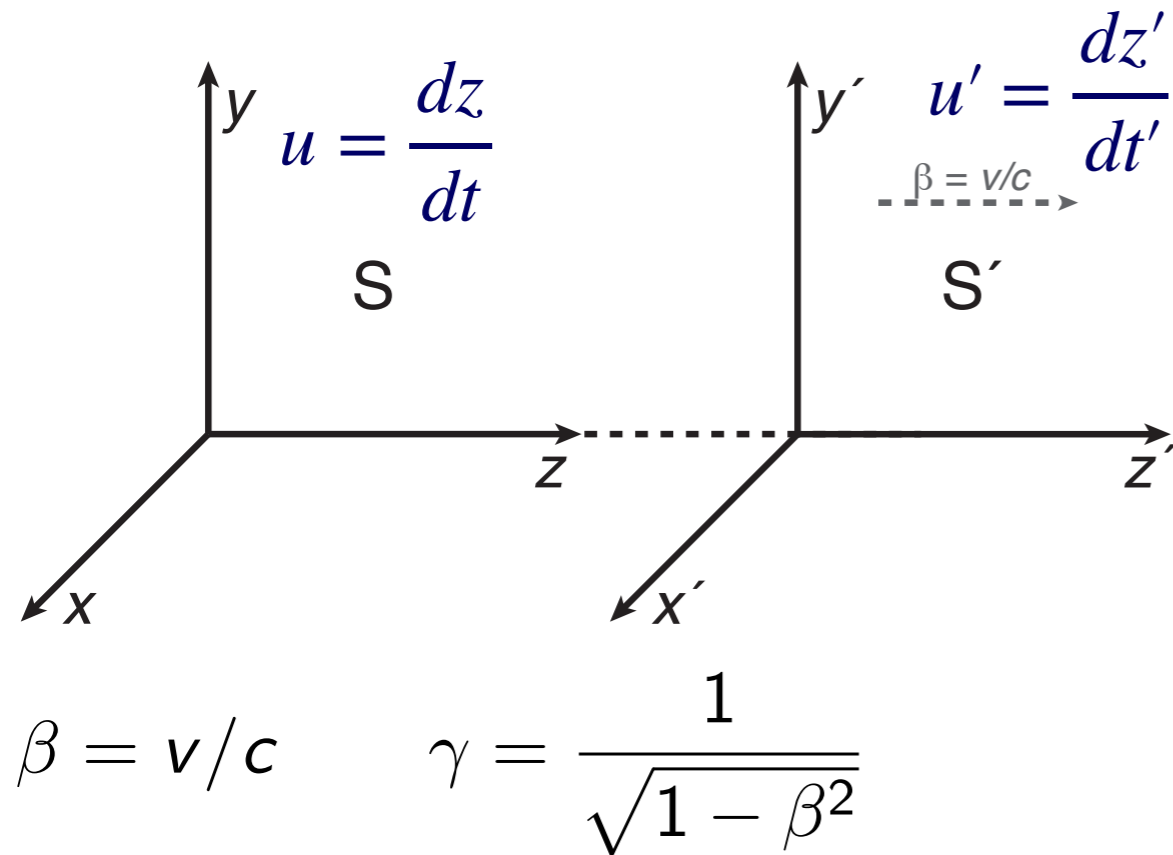
$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\gamma(E' + \beta p'_z) + \gamma(p'_z + \beta E')}{\gamma(E' + \beta p'_z) - \gamma(p'_z + \beta E')} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{(1 + \beta)(E' + p'_z)}{(1 - \beta)(E' - p'_z)} \\
 &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1 + \beta}{1 - \beta}}_{\text{rapidity of } S' \text{ as measured in } S} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E' + p'_z}{E' - p'_z}}_{y'}
 \end{aligned}$$

$y$  is not Lorentz invariant. however. it has a simple transformation property:

$$y = y' + y_{S'}$$



# Velocity Lorentz transformation



$$z' = \gamma(z - \beta t)$$

$$t' = \gamma(t - z\beta)$$

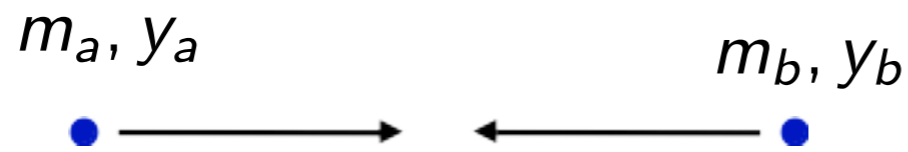
$$u' = \frac{dz'}{dt'}$$

$$\frac{dz'}{dt'} = \frac{\gamma(dz - \frac{v}{c}dt)}{\gamma(dt - \frac{v}{c}dz)} = \frac{\frac{dz}{dt} - \frac{v}{c}}{1 - \frac{v}{c} \frac{dz}{dt}}$$

$$u' = \frac{u - v}{1 - \frac{uv}{c^2}}$$

Much more complicated than rapidity!

# Rapidity of the CMS (I)



$$a = (E_a, 0, 0, p_a)$$

$$b = (E_b, 0, 0, -p_b)$$

Velocity of the CMS:

$$a_z^* = \gamma_{\text{cm}}(a_z - \beta_{\text{CM}} a_0) \stackrel{!}{=} -b_z^* = -\gamma_{\text{cm}}(b_z - \beta_{\text{CM}} b_0) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \beta_{\text{cm}} = \frac{a_z + b_z}{a_0 + b_0}$$

Using the formula for the rapidity we obtain

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{1 + \beta_z}{1 - \beta_z} \right] \quad y_{\text{cm}} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{a_0 + a_z + b_0 + b_z}{a_0 - a_z + b_0 - b_z} \right]$$

Writing energies and momenta in terms of rapidity:

$$m_T = m$$

$$E = m_T \cosh(y)$$

$$p_z = m_T \sinh(y)$$

$$\cosh(y) + \sinh(y) = e^y$$

$$y_{\text{cm}} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{m_a e^{y_a} + m_b e^{y_b}}{m_a e^{-y_a} + m_b e^{-y_b}} \right] \quad \text{See appendix C}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (y_a + y_b) + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{m_a e^{y_a} + m_b e^{y_b}}{m_a e^{y_b} + m_b e^{y_a}} \right]$$

## Rapidity of the CMS (II)

For a collision of two particles with **equal mass  $m$  and rapidities  $y_a$  and  $y_b$** . the rapidity of the CMS  $y_{cm}$  is then given by:

$$y_{cm} = (y_a + y_b)/2$$

In the center-of-mass frame. the rapidities of particles a and b are:

$$y_a^* = y_a - y_{cm} = -\frac{1}{2}(y_b - y_a) \quad y_b^* = y_b - y_{cm} = \frac{1}{2}(y_b - y_a)$$

Examples (CMS rapidity of the nucleon-nucleon system)

a) fixed target experiment:  $y_{CM} = (y_{target} + y_{beam})/2 = y_{beam}/2$

b) collider (same species and beam momentum):  $y_{CM} = (y_{target} + y_{beam})/2 = 0$

c) collider (two different ions species. same  $B$  field, approximation:  $p \gg m$ ):

$$y_{cm} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{Z_1 A_2}{A_1 Z_2} \quad \text{Homework C} \quad \text{p-Pb beam at LHC: } y_{CM} \approx 0.465$$



# Example: Beam Rapidities

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z} = \ln \frac{E + p_z}{\sqrt{E^2 - p_z^2}} = \ln \frac{E + p_z}{m} \approx \ln \frac{2E}{m}$$

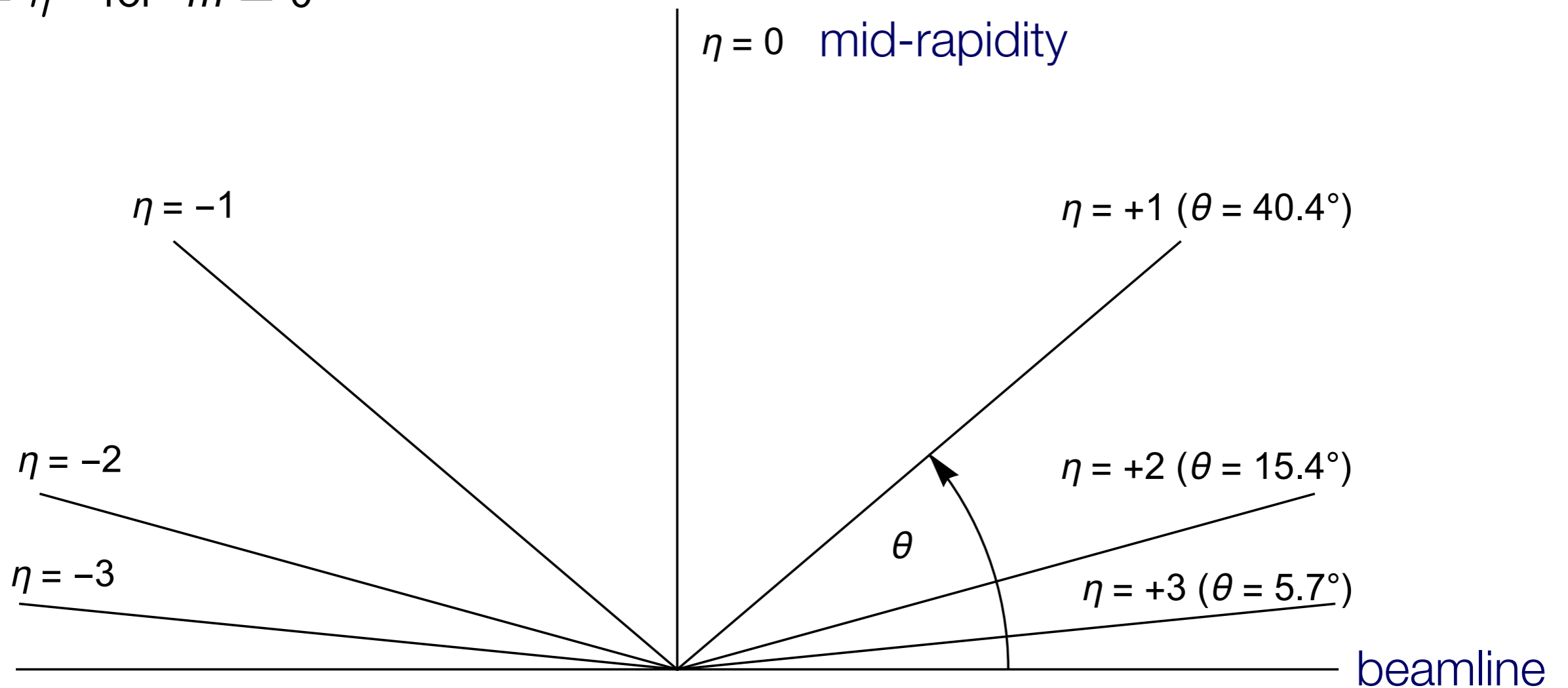
Beam momentum (GeV/c)	Beam rapidity
100	5.36
158	5.81
1380 (= 3500·82/208)	7.99
2760 (= 7000·82/208)	8.86
3500	8.92
6500	9.54
7000	9.61

# Pseudorapidity $\eta$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p \cos \vartheta}{E - p \cos \vartheta} \stackrel{p \gg m}{\approx} \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1 + \cos \vartheta}{1 - \cos \vartheta} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2 \cos^2 \frac{\vartheta}{2}}{2 \sin^2 \frac{\vartheta}{2}} = -\ln \left[ \tan \frac{\vartheta}{2} \right] =: \eta$$

$\cos(2\alpha) = 2 \cos^2 \alpha - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \alpha$

$$y = \eta \quad \text{for } m = 0$$



Analogous to the relations for the rapidity we find:

$$p = p_T \cdot \cosh \eta, \quad p_L = p_T \cdot \sinh \eta \quad \text{See appendix A}$$

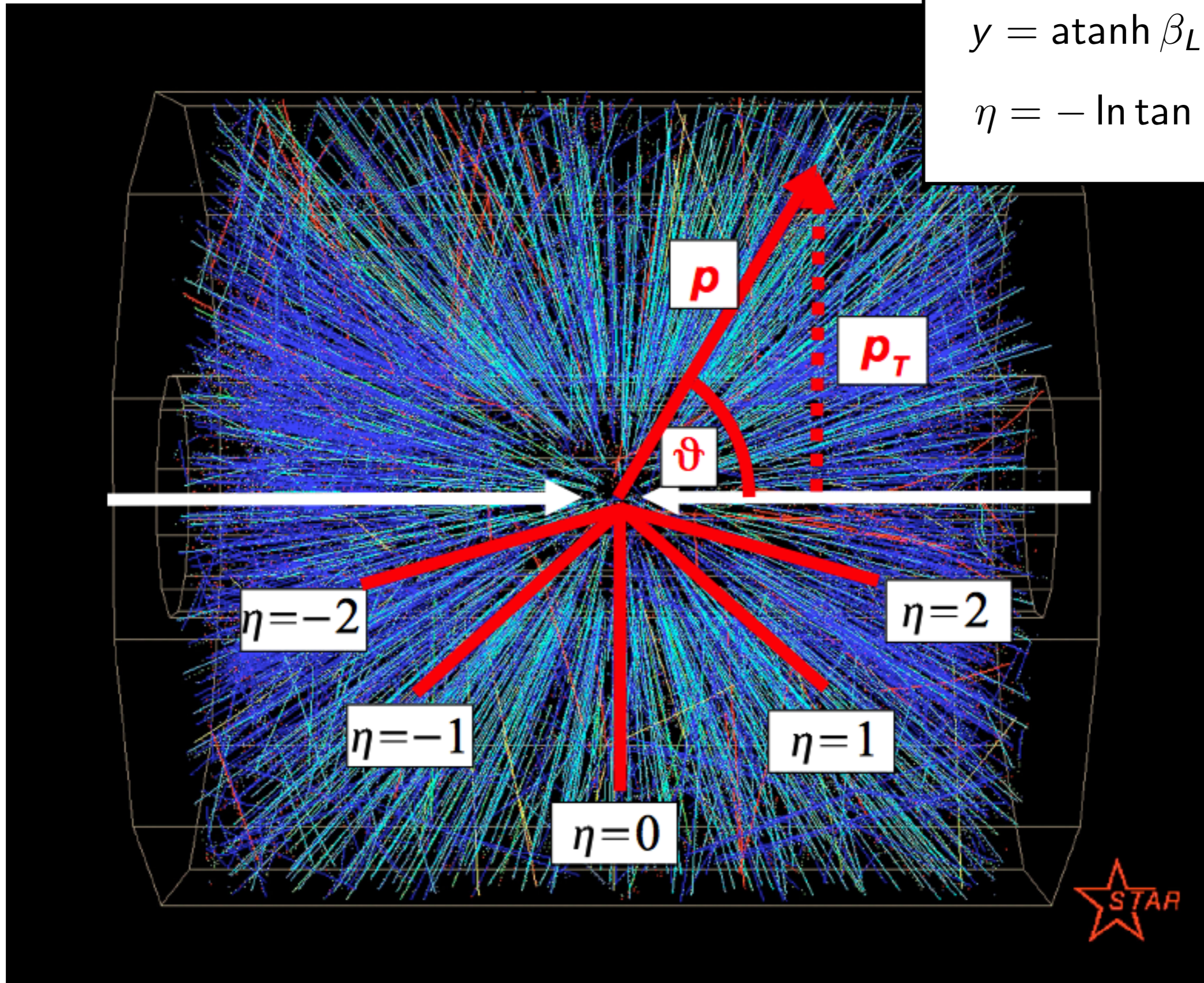


# Brief summary

$$p_T = p \sin \vartheta$$

$$y = \operatorname{atanh} \beta_L$$

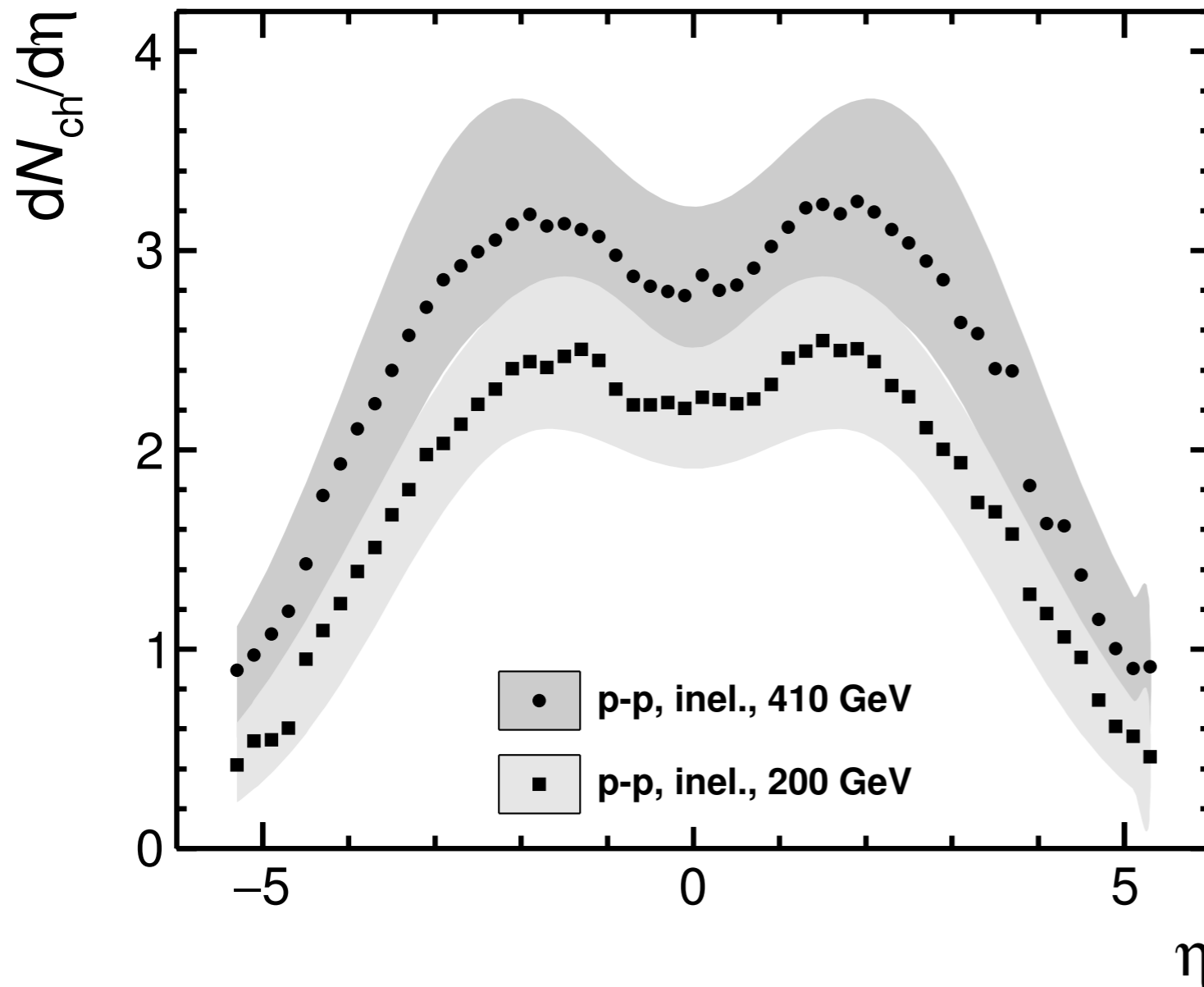
$$\eta = -\ln \tan \frac{\vartheta}{2}$$





# Example of a Pseudorapidity Distribution of Charged Particles

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Beam rapidity ( $E = 100$  GeV):

$$y_{\text{beam}} = \ln \frac{E + p}{m} = 5.36$$

Average number of charged particles per collision (pp at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV):

$$\langle N_{ch} \rangle = \int \frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta} d\eta \approx 20$$

# Difference between $dN/dy$ and $dN/d\eta$ in the CMS

$$\frac{dN}{d\eta} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{m^2}{m_T^2 \cosh^2 y}} \frac{dN}{dy} \quad y(\eta) = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{\sqrt{p_T^2 \cosh^2 \eta + m^2} + p_T \sinh \eta}{\sqrt{p_T^2 \cosh^2 \eta + m^2} - p_T \sinh \eta} \right)$$

See appendix B

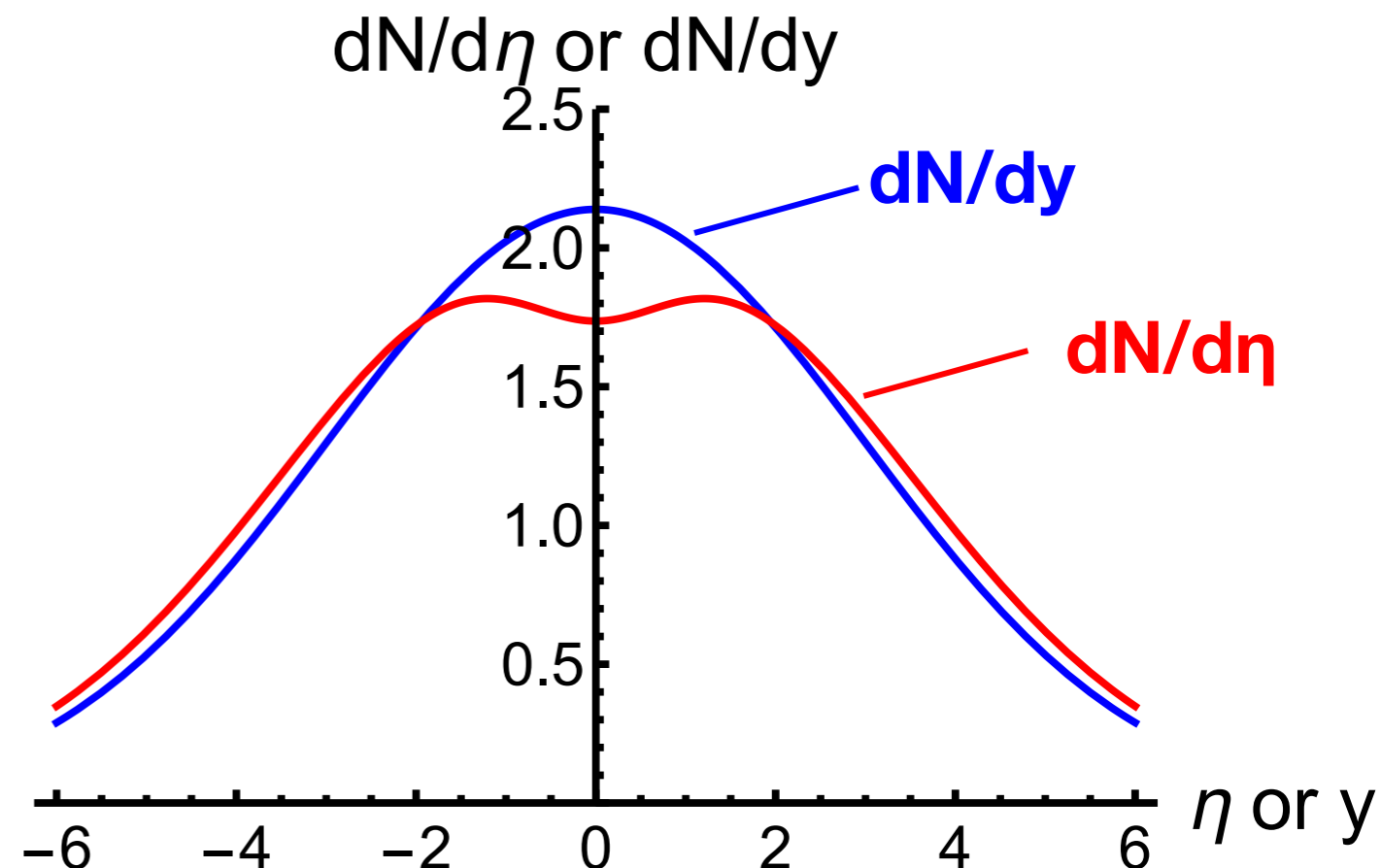
Difference between  $dN/dy$  and  $dN/d\eta$  in the CMS at  $y = 0$ :

Simple example:  
Pions distributed according to

$$\frac{1}{2\pi p_T} \frac{d^2 N}{dp_T dy} = G(y) \cdot \exp(-p_T/0.16)$$

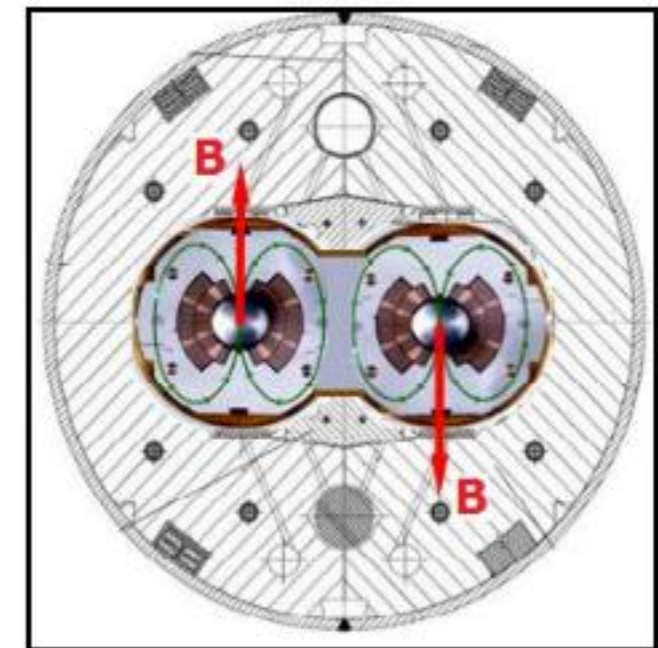
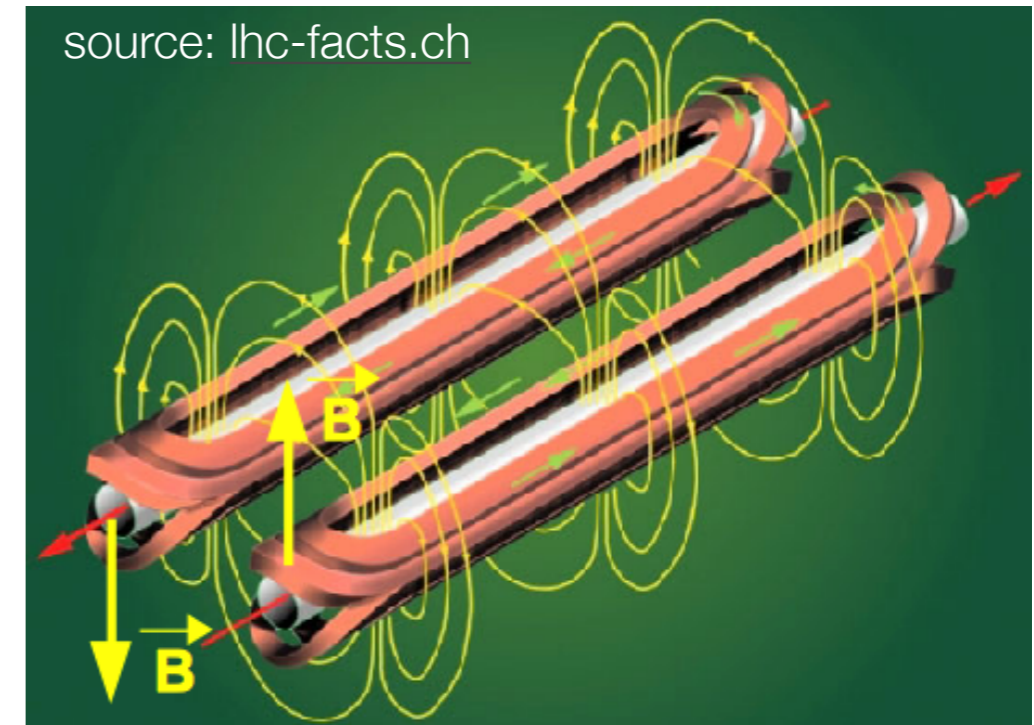
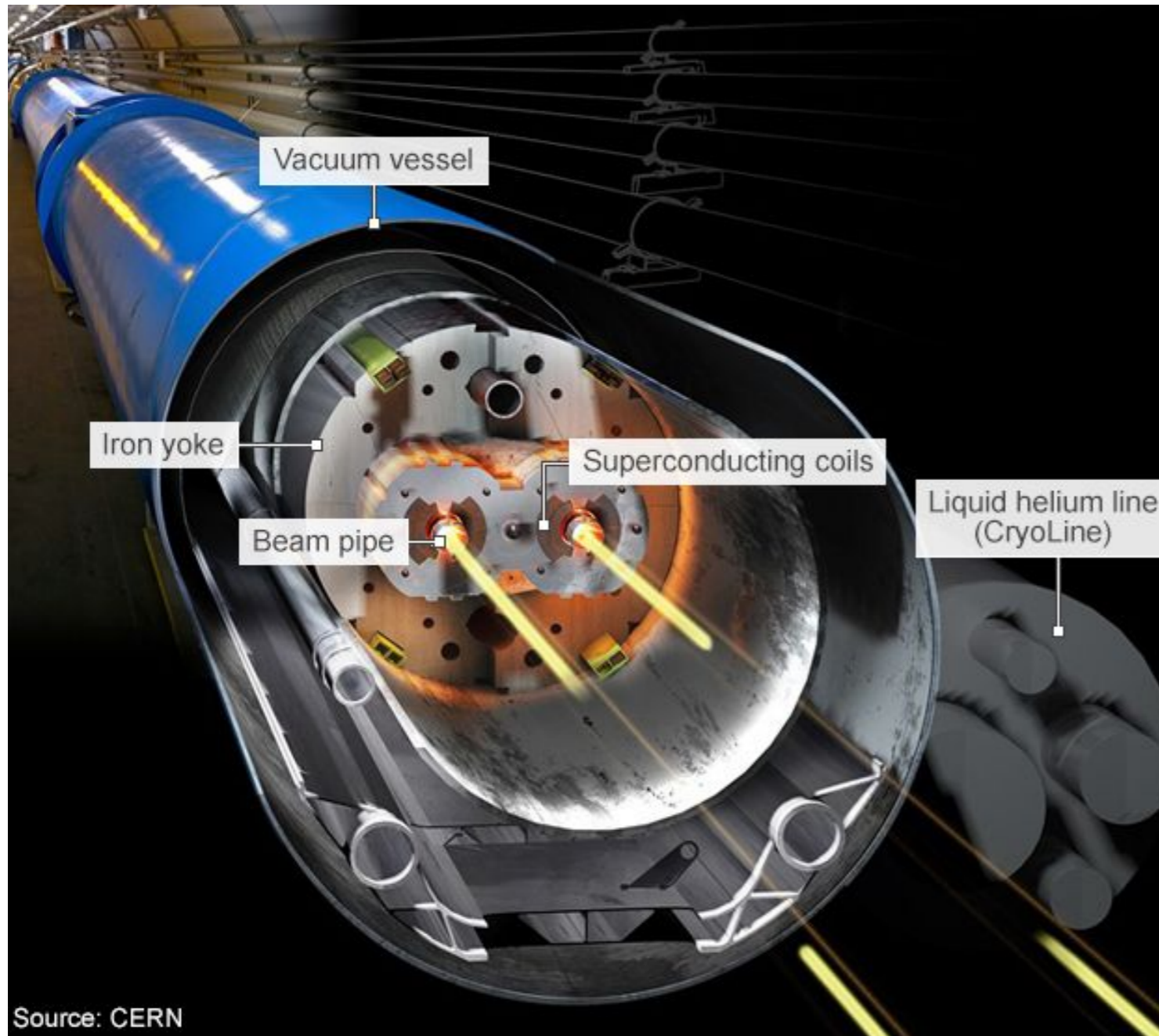
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Gaussian with  $\sigma = 3$ 
 $p_T$  in GeV



# LHC dipole

- Cosine-theta magnet
- Almost constant (opposite) magnetic fields in one yoke



- 14.3 m, up to 8.3 T

# LHC parameters

transverse beam radius: about 20  $\mu\text{m}$

Frequency:  $\sim 10\text{kHz}$  ( $c/27\text{km}$ )

	pp 2011	Pb-Pb 2011
Beam energy (per nucleon)	3.5 TeV	3.5 TeV·82/208
Particles/bunch	$1.35 \cdot 10^{11}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^8$
#bunches per beam	1380	358
Bunch spacing	50 ns (= 15 m)	200 ns
RMS bunch length	7.6 cm	9.8 cm
peak luminosity	$3.65 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$0.5 \cdot 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

<https://home.cern/resources/brochure/accelerators/lhc-facts-and-figures>

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# Luminosity and cross section

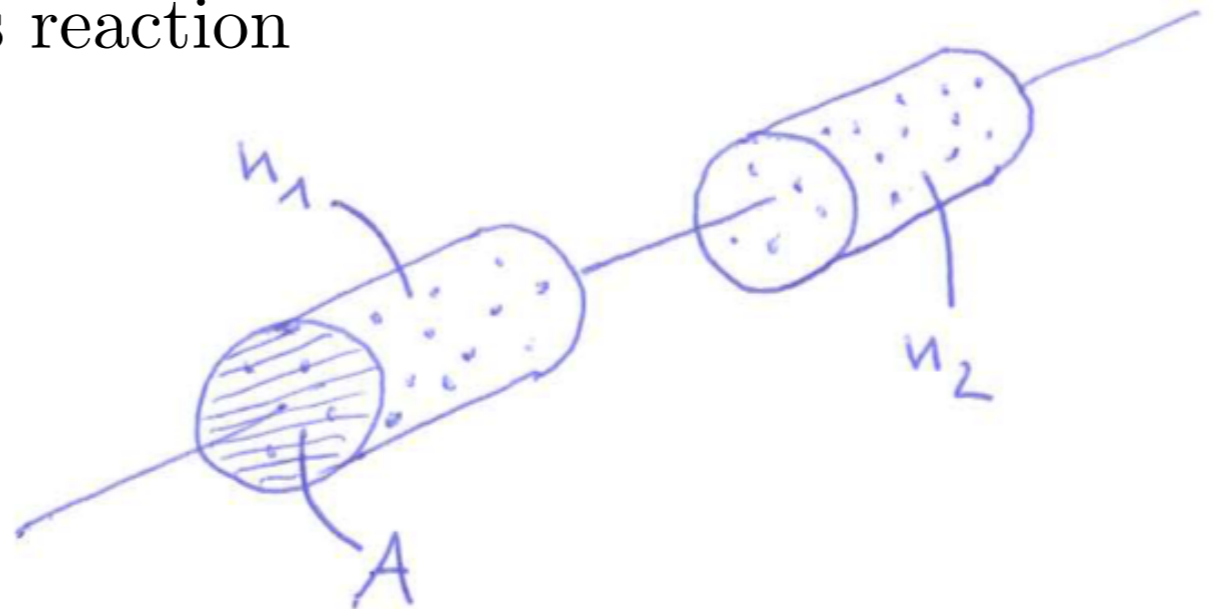
$$\frac{dN_{\text{int}}}{dt} = \sigma \cdot L$$

$L$  = luminosity (in  $\text{s}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-2}$ ) (Number of particles passing each other per area and time)

$dN_{\text{int}}/dt$  = Number of interactions of a certain type per second

$\sigma$  = cross section for this reaction

$$L = \frac{n_1 n_2 f_{\text{coll}}}{A}$$



$n_1, n_2$  = numbers of particles per bunch in the two beams

$f_{\text{coll}}$  = bunch collision frequency at a given crossing point

$A$  = beam crossing area ( $A \approx 4\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y$ )

# Lorentz invariant Phase Space Element

Observable: Average density of produced particles in momentum space

$$\frac{1}{L_{\text{int}}} \frac{d^3 N_A}{d^3 \vec{p}} = \frac{1}{L_{\text{int}}} \frac{d^3 N_A}{dp_x dp_y dp_z}$$

However, the phase space density would then not be Lorentz invariant (see next slides for details):

$$\frac{d^3 N}{dp'_x dp'_y dp'_z} = \frac{\partial(p_x, p_y, p_z)}{\partial(p'_x, p'_y, p'_z)} \cdot \frac{d^3 N}{dp_x dp_y dp_z} = \frac{E}{E'} \cdot \frac{d^3 N}{dp_x dp_y dp_z}$$

Lorentz invariant phase space element:  $\frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{E} = \frac{dp_x dp_y dp_z}{E}$

The corresponding observable is called Lorentz invariant cross section:

$$E \frac{d^3 \sigma}{d^3 \vec{p}} = \frac{1}{L_{\text{int}}} E \frac{d^3 N}{d^3 \vec{p}} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{N_{\text{evt,tot}}} E \frac{d^3 N}{d^3 \vec{p}}}_{\text{this is called the invariant yield}} \sigma_{\text{tot}}$$

this is called the invariant yield

# Lorentz invariant Phase Space Element: Proof of invariance

Lorentz boost along the z axis:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p'_x &= p_x \\
 p'_y &= p_y \\
 p'_z &= \gamma(p_z - \beta E), & p_z &= \gamma(p'_z + \beta E') \\
 E' &= \gamma(E - \beta p_z), & E &= \gamma(E' + \beta p'_z)
 \end{aligned}$$

Jacobian:

$$\frac{\partial(p_x, p_y, p_z)}{\partial(p'_x, p'_y, p'_z)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial p_x}{\partial p'_x} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial p_y}{\partial p'_y} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial p_z}{\partial p'_z} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial p_x}{\partial p'_x} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial p_y}{\partial p'_y} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial p_z}{\partial p'_z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial p'_z} [\gamma(p'_z + \beta E')] = \gamma \left( 1 + \beta \frac{\partial E'}{\partial p'_z} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial E'}{\partial p'_z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial p'_z} \left[ (m^2 + p_x'^2 + p_y'^2 + p_z'^2)^{1/2} \right] = \frac{p'_z}{E'} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \frac{\partial p_z}{\partial p'_z} = \gamma \left( 1 + \beta \frac{p'_z}{E'} \right) = \frac{E}{E'}$$

And so we finally obtain:

$$\frac{\partial(p_x, p_y, p_z)}{\partial(p'_x, p'_y, p'_z)} = \frac{E}{E'}$$



# Invariant Cross Section

Calculation of the invariant cross section:

$$E = m_T \cdot \cosh y, \quad p_L = m_T \cdot \sinh y$$

$$E \frac{d^3\sigma}{d^3p} = E \frac{1}{p_T} \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp_T dp_z d\varphi} \quad \text{See appendix D}$$

$$\frac{dp_z}{dy} = m_T \cosh y = E \frac{1}{p_T} \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp_T dy d\varphi}$$

$$\text{symmetry in } \varphi \frac{1}{2\pi p_T} \frac{d^2\sigma}{dp_T dy}$$

Sometimes also measured as a function of  $m_T$ :

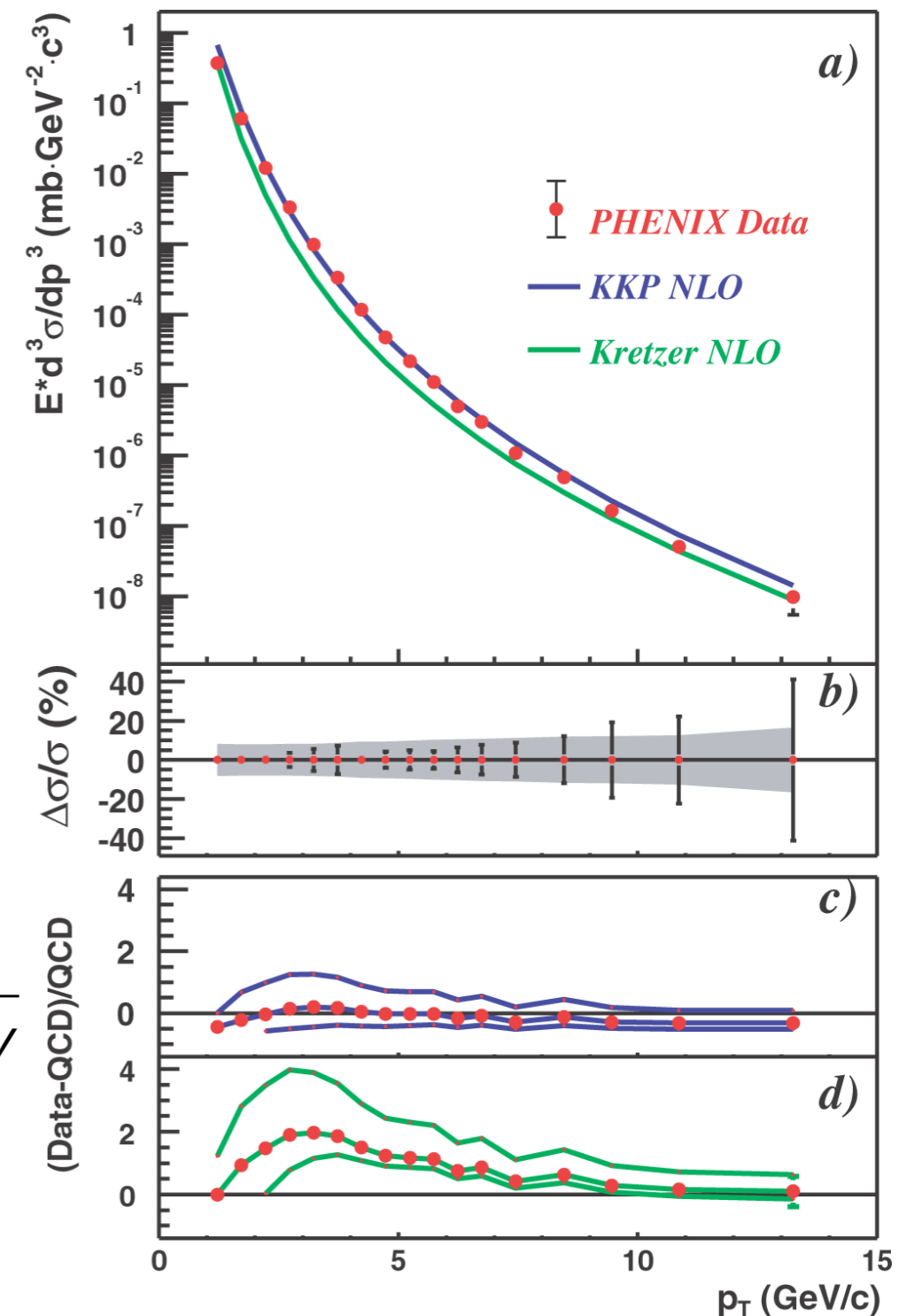
$$\frac{1}{2\pi m_T} \frac{d^2\sigma}{dm_T dy} = \frac{1}{2\pi m_T} \frac{d^2\sigma}{dp_T dy} \frac{dp_T}{dm_T} = \frac{1}{2\pi p_T} \frac{d^2\sigma}{dp_T dy}$$

Integral of the inv. cross section

$$\int E \frac{d^3\sigma}{d^3p} d^3p / E = \langle N'_x \rangle \cdot \sigma_{\text{tot}}$$

Average yield of particle X per event

Example: Invariant cross section for neutral pion production in  $p+p$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV



# Average path length of produced particles before decay

$$L_{\text{lab}} = v \cdot \gamma \cdot \tau = \beta \cdot \gamma \cdot \tau \cdot c = \frac{p}{mc} \cdot \tau \cdot c$$

	mass (MeV)	mean life $\tau$	$c \tau$	$L_{\text{lab}} (p = 1 \text{ GeV}/c)$
$\pi^+, \pi^-$	139.6	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ s}$	7.80 m	56 m
$\pi^0$	135	$8.4 \cdot 10^{-17} \text{ s}$	25 nm	185 nm
$K^+, K^-$	494	$1.23 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ s}$	3.70 m	7.49 m
$K_s^0$	497	$0.89 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ s}$	2.67 cm	5.37 cm
$K_L^0$	497	$5.2 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ s}$	15.50 m	31.19 m
$D^+, D^-$	1870	$1.04 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ s}$	312 $\mu\text{m}$	167 $\mu\text{m}$
$B^+, B^-$	5279	$1.64 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ s}$	491 $\mu\text{m}$	93 $\mu\text{m}$

# Reconstruction of unstable particle via the invariant mass calculated from daughter particles

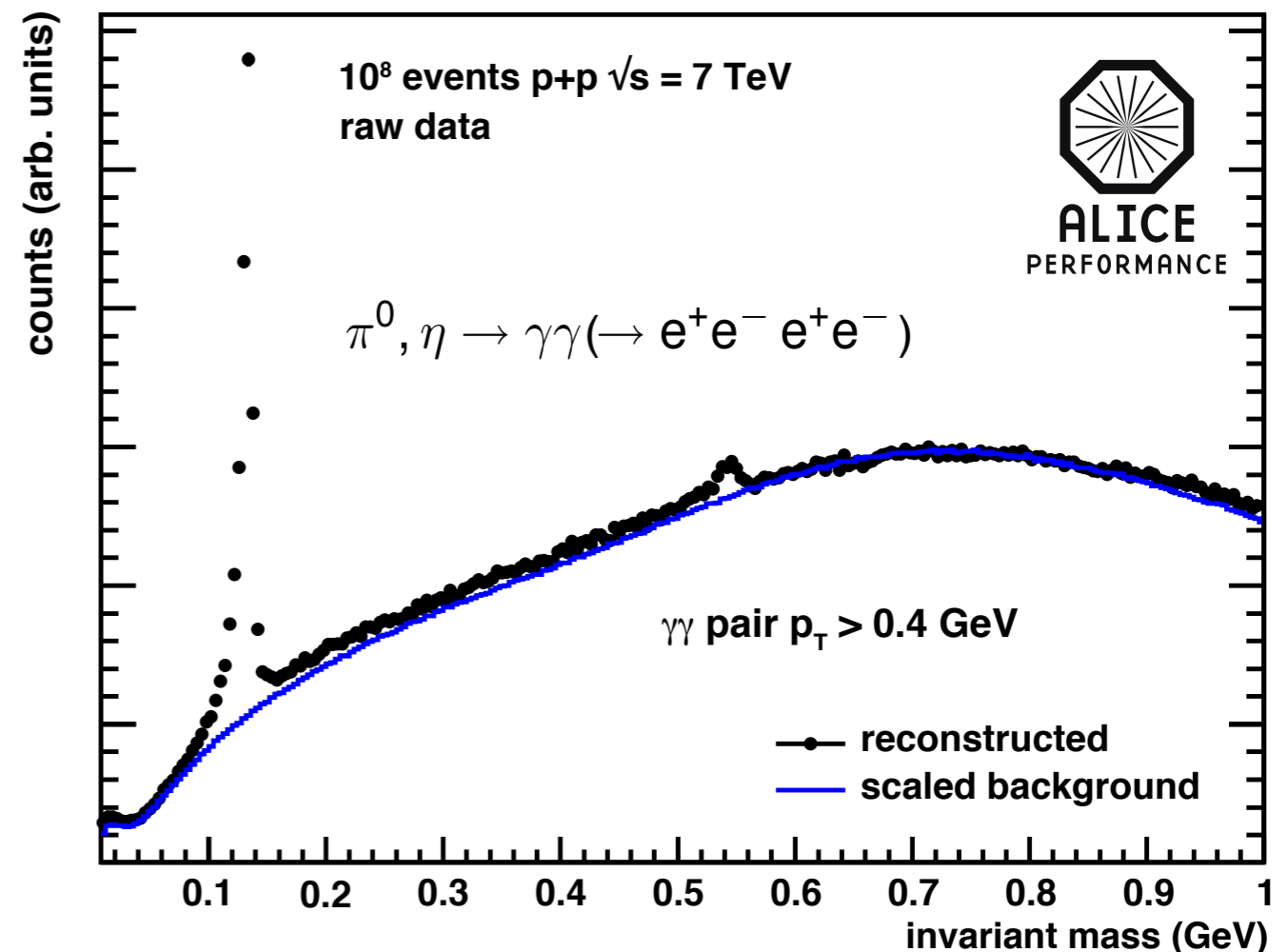
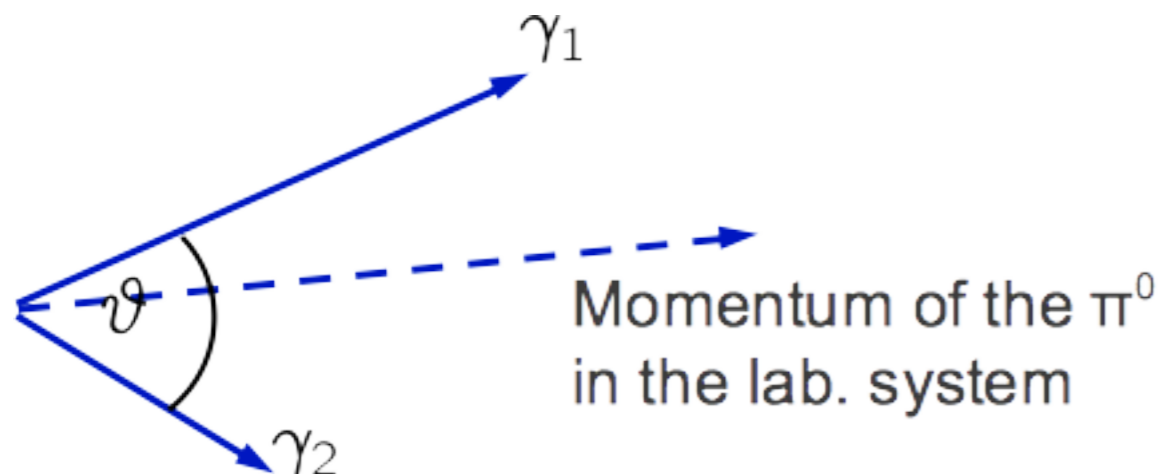
Consider the decay of a particle in two daughter particles. The mass of the mother particle is given by (“invariant mass”):

$$\begin{aligned}
 M^2 &= \left[ \begin{pmatrix} E_1 \\ \vec{p}_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} E_2 \\ \vec{p}_2 \end{pmatrix} \right]^2 \\
 &= m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2E_1 E_2 - 2\vec{p}_1 \cdot \vec{p}_2 \\
 &= m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2E_1 E_2 - 2p_1 p_2 \cos \vartheta
 \end{aligned}$$

Example:  $\pi^0$  decay:

$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma, \quad m_1 = m_2 = 0, \quad E_i = p_i$$

$$\Rightarrow M = \sqrt{2E_1 E_2 (1 - \cos \vartheta)}$$



# Summary of kinematics part

- Center-of-mass energy  $\sqrt{s}$ :  
Total energy in the center-of-mass system (rest mass + kinetic energy)
- Observables: Transverse momentum  $p_T$  and rapidity  $y$
- Pseudorapidity  $\eta \approx y$  for  $E \gg m$  ( $\eta = y$  for  $m = 0$ . e.g.. for photons)
- Production rates of particles described by the Lorentz invariant cross section:

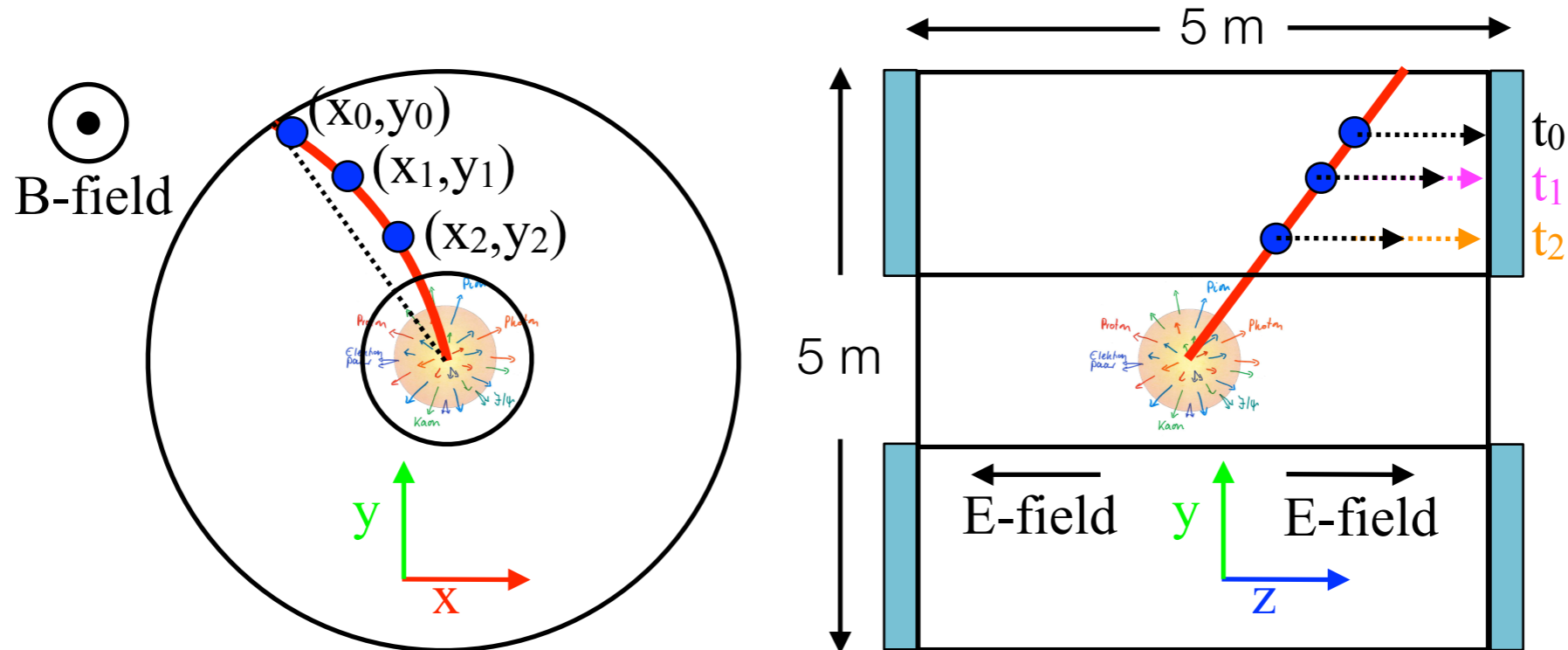
$$E \frac{d^3\sigma}{d^3p} = \frac{1}{2\pi p_T} \frac{d^2\sigma}{dp_T dy}$$

# Overview of particle detectors

Why do we need different detectors?

Usage	Characteristics	What is measured?	Detector types
Tracking	Good spacial resolution ( $\mu\text{m}$ to mm), large coverage (full azimuth, large eta)	Space points, particle tracks or tracklets → momentum, vertices	Time-projection chamber, silicon strip, MAPS, drift chambers, etc.
Event characterization/ triggering	Fast, large coverage	Event multiplicity, high energetic signal etc.	Scintillators, RPC, gas detectors
Particle identification	Large gain, good time-of-flight resolution ( $\sim 20$ ps)	Energy loss, momentum, total energy, time-of-flight, TR	Gas detectors, calorimeters, RPCs, Cherenkov

# Time-Projection Chamber (TPC)



Magnetic field, Lorentz force  
 → Momentum

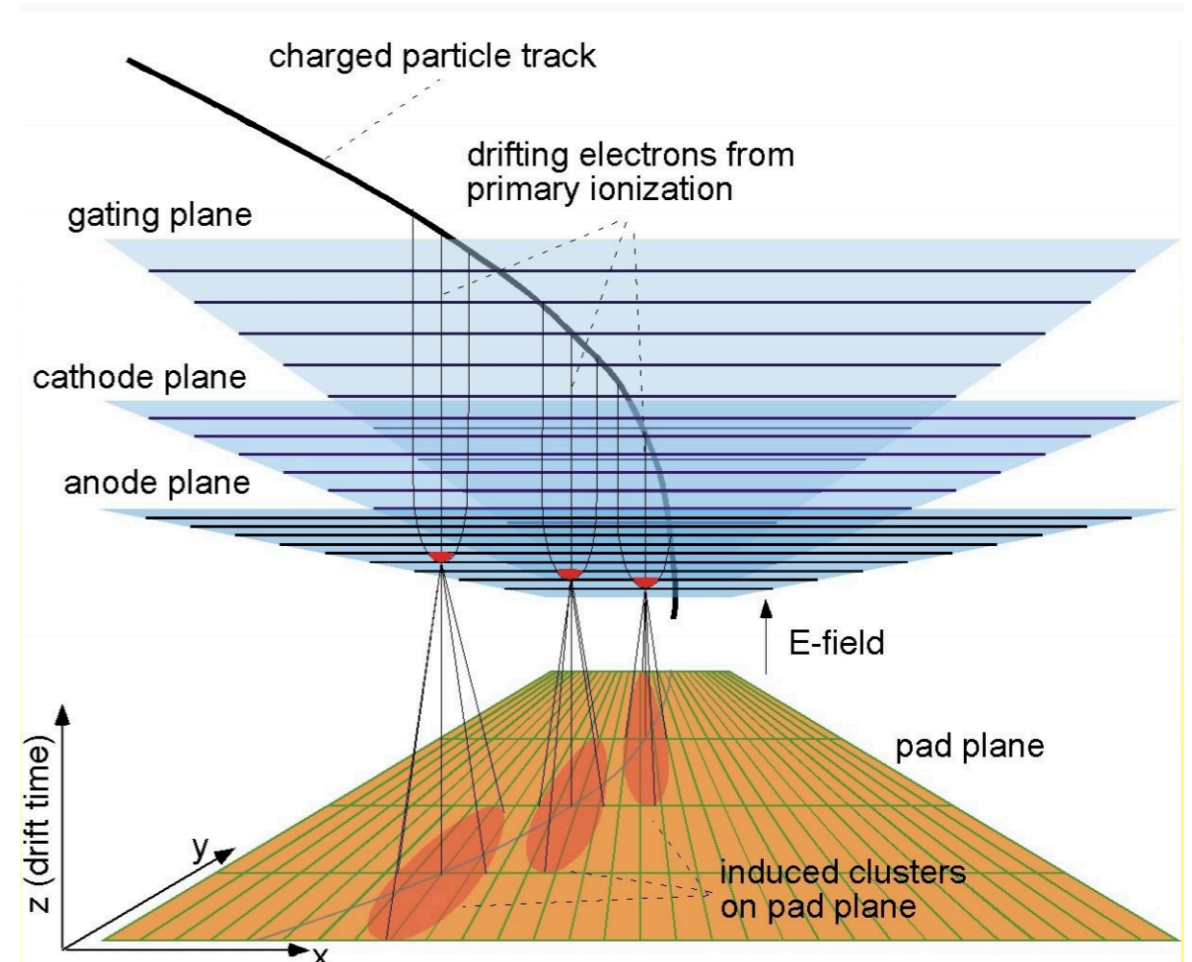
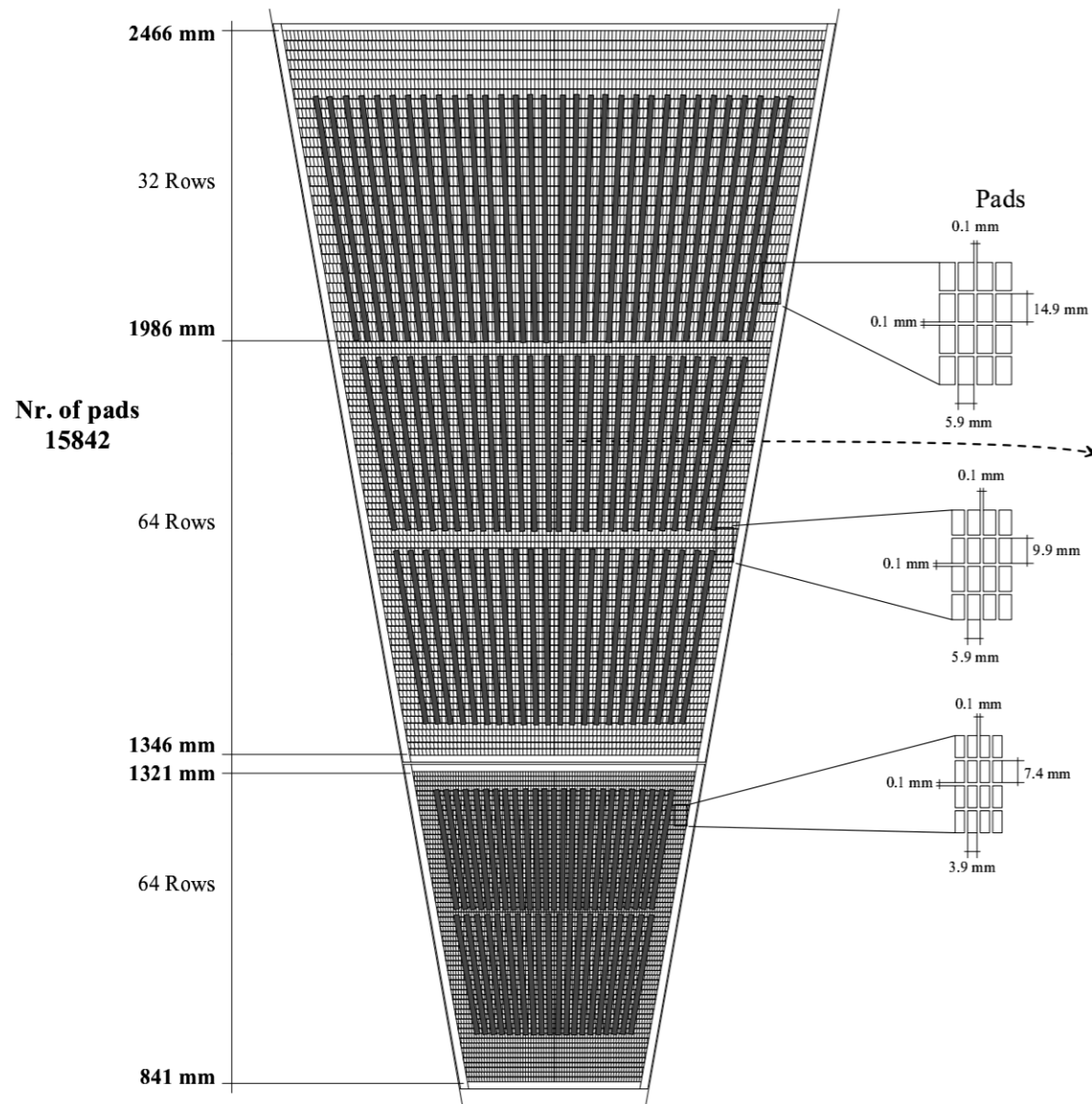
(time) Projected z-coordinate  $z_0 = v_D * t_0$  ← Drift velocity ← Time

- Charged particles ionize the gas in the chamber, electrons are drifting to the end caps
- Typical values: E-field  $\sim 400$  V/cm, B-field  $\sim 0.5$  T,  $v_D \sim 3$  cm/ $\mu$ s
- Gas: Ar-CO<sub>2</sub>, Ne-CO<sub>2</sub>

$$p_T = 0.3 \frac{B}{\rho} \quad \rho = \text{curvature}$$



# ALICE TPC Readout

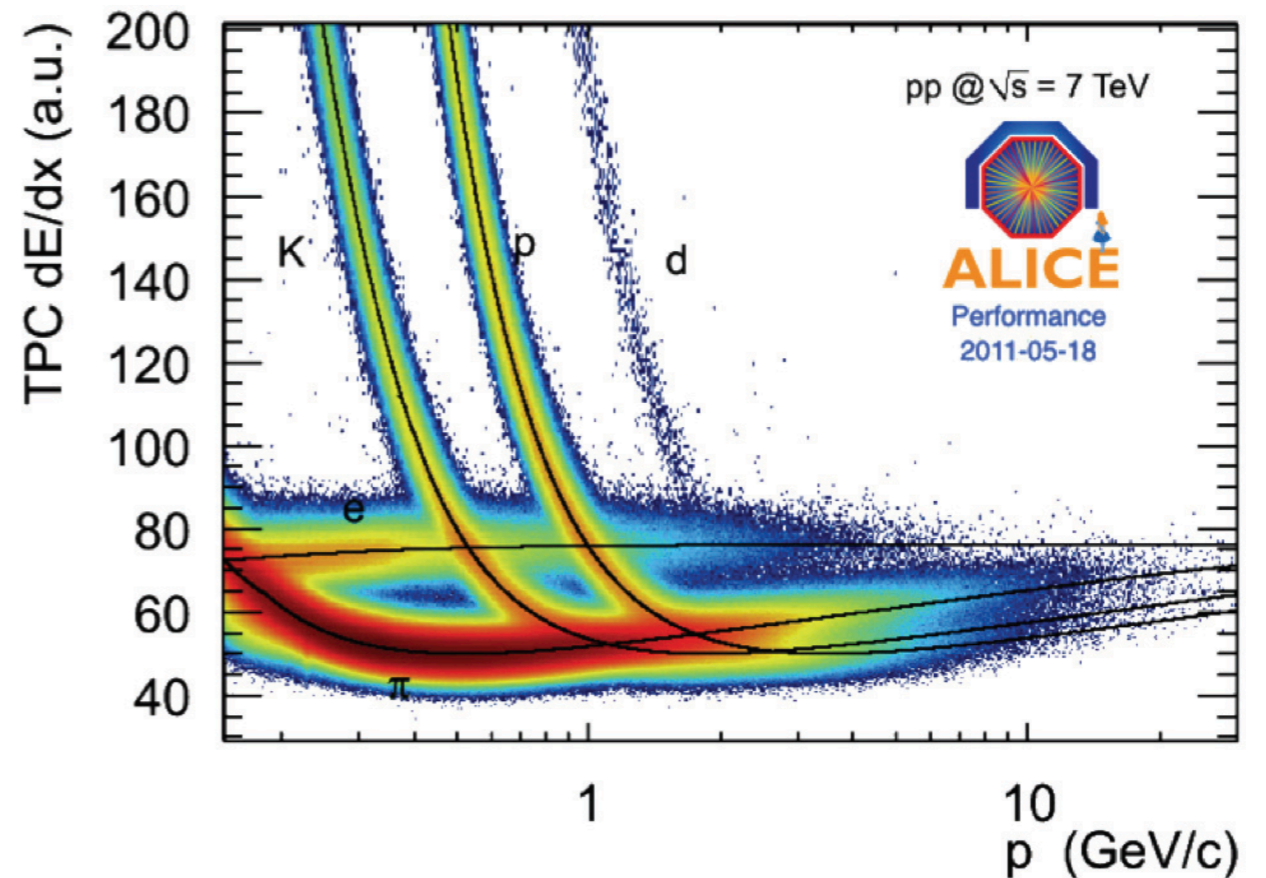
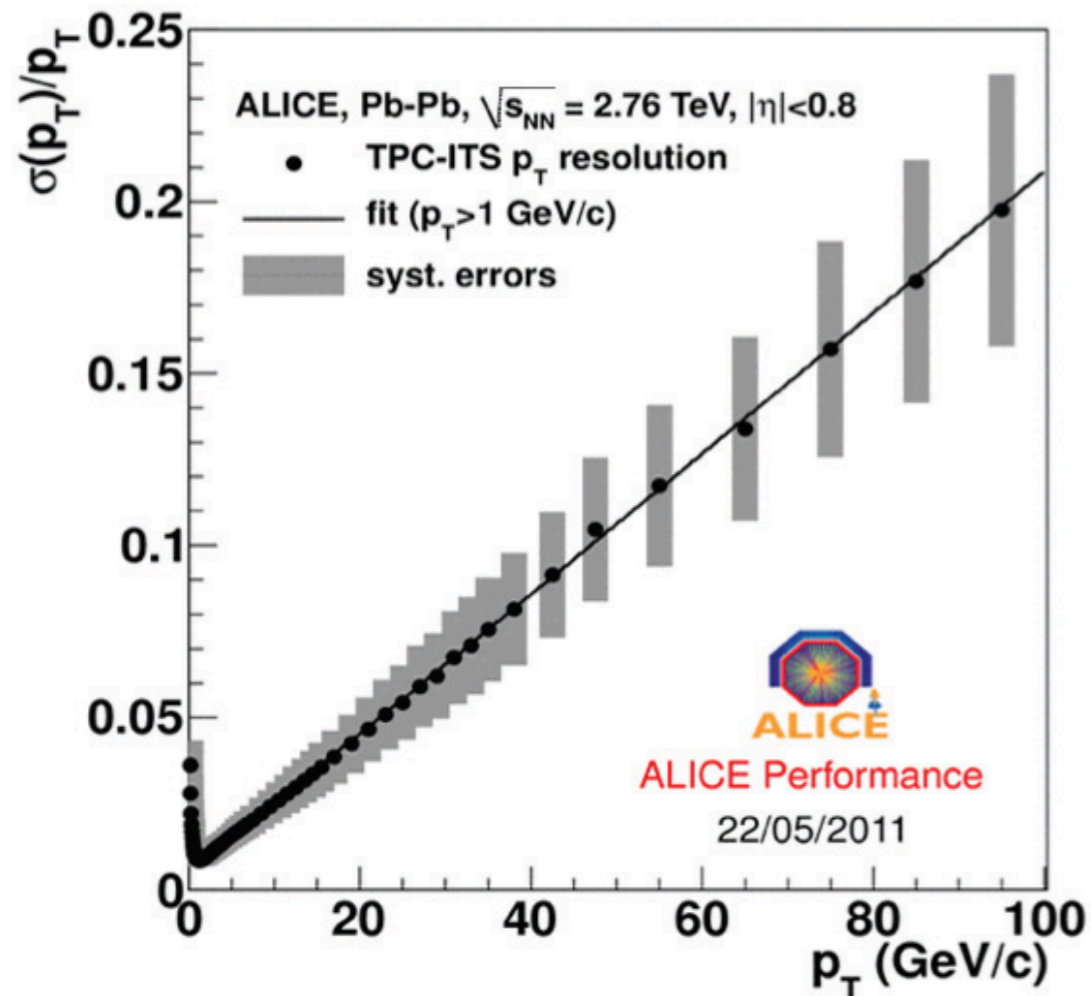


- 560k readout pads
- Space point resolution  $\sim 1$  mm
- (old) TPC gated readout system  $\rightarrow$  avoids ion backdraft
- (new) TPC GEM based pad plane  $\rightarrow$  continuous readout!



# ALICE TPC Performance

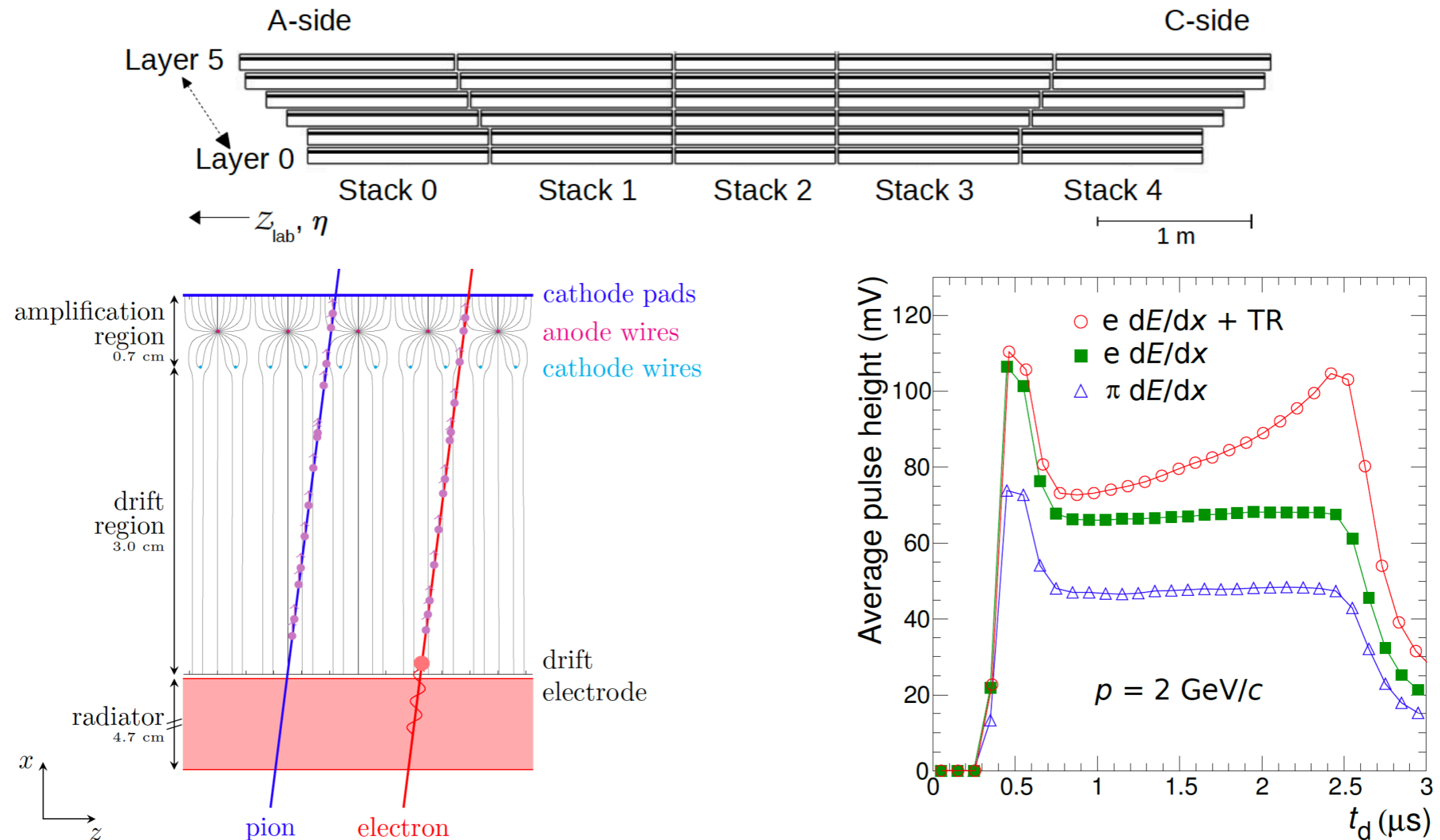
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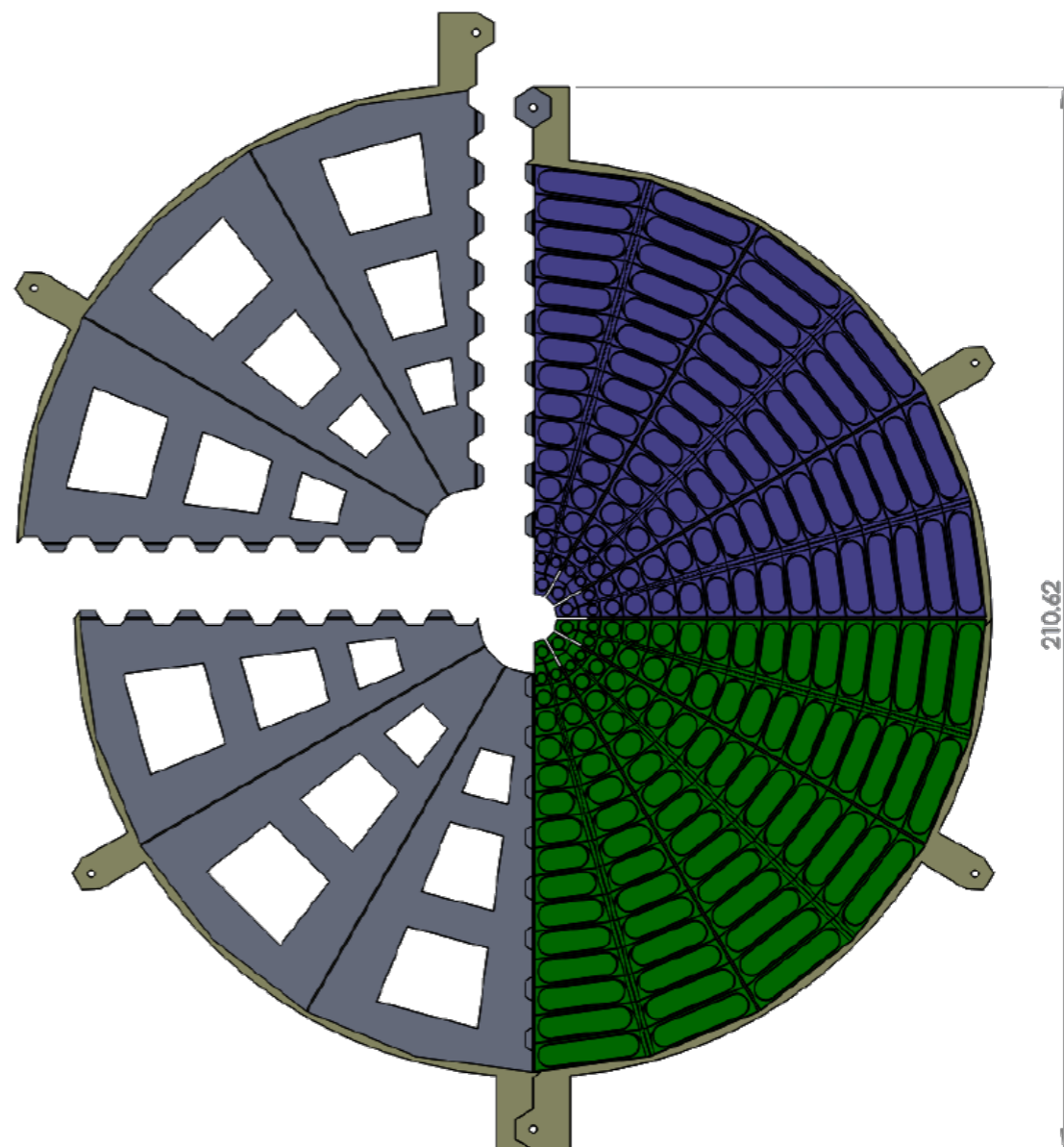
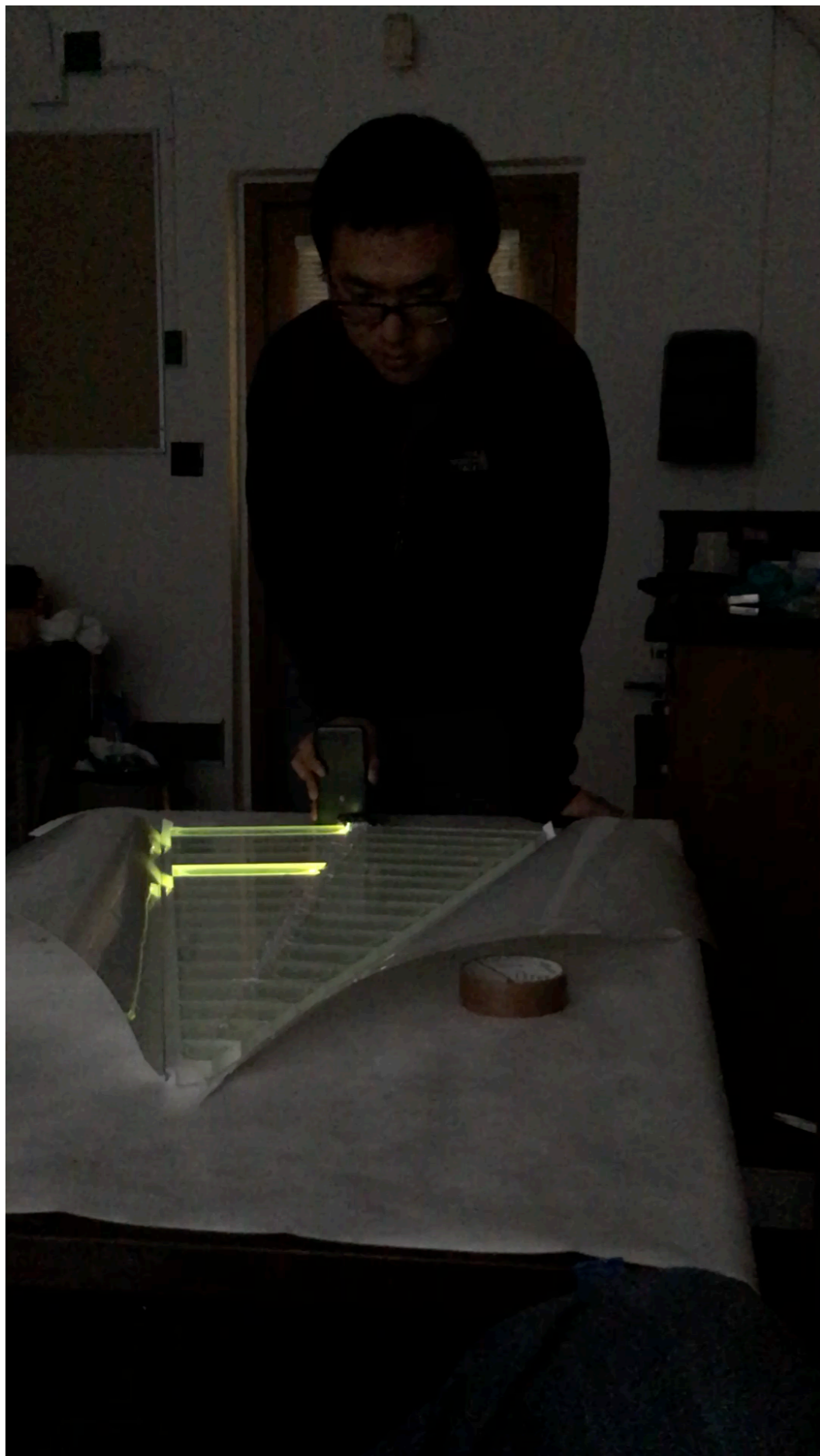
- Used for tracking, momentum resolution  $\sim$  few % for  $p_T < 20$  GeV/c
- Used for particle identification (PID), specific energy loss ( $dE/dx$ )
- Capable of tracking down to low  $p_T$  in a high multiplicity environment  
→ perfect for central heavy-ion collisions

# Transition Radiation Detector (TRD)

The ALICE Transition Radiation Detector: construction, operation, and performance



- Similar principle as TPC (gas, drift, dE/dx) but  $\sim 500$  individual detectors
- High speed electron (large gamma factor) create transition radiation photons in the radiator  $\rightarrow$  additional energy loss
- Used for PID, tracking, triggering

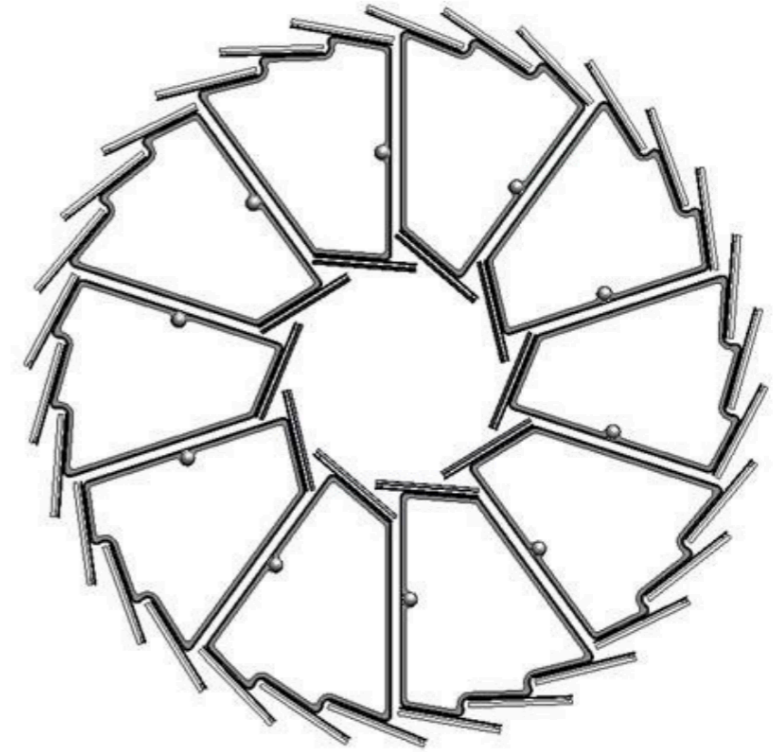


- Used event characterization (event plane, centrality, triggering)
- 744 channels in total, symmetric in eta
- Scintillators + WLS fibers + SiPMs
- Cheap and fast to build

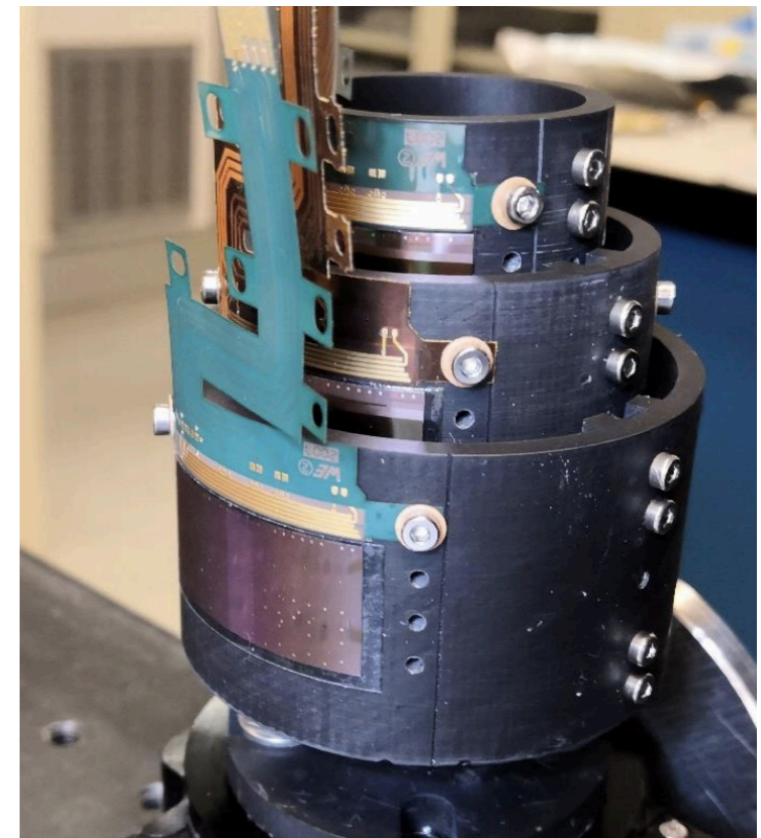


# Silicon Pixel Detectors

The STAR MAPS-based PiXeL detector, 2018

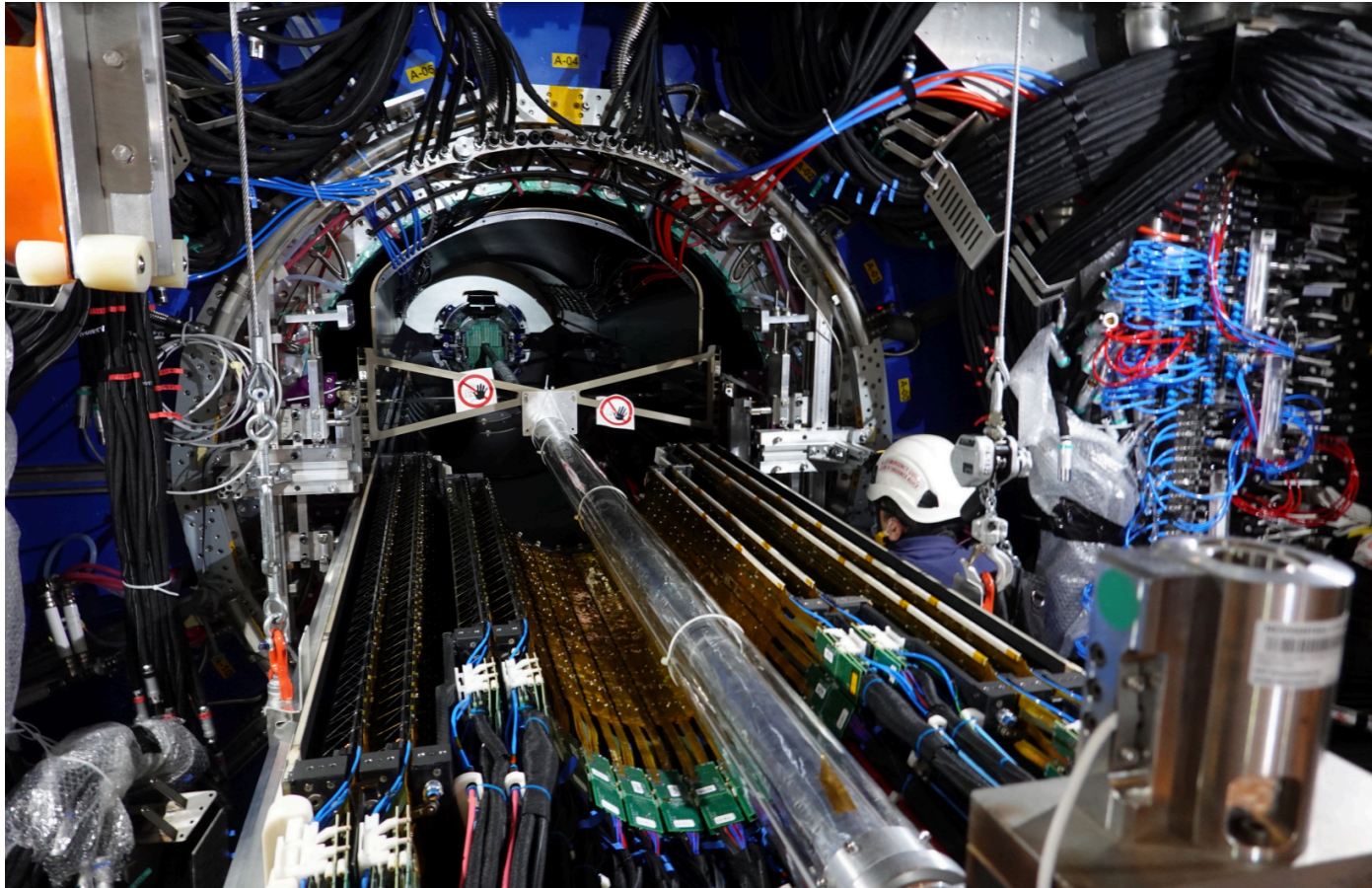


- Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor (MAPS)  
→ integrated readout, very thin
- Pixel size (STAR)  $\sim 20 \times 20 \mu\text{m}$   
→ high precision vertexing, important for charm reconstruction (e.g.  $D^0$ )
- Next generation: bent ALPIDEs for ALICE ITS3 (Inner Tracking System 3rd generation)

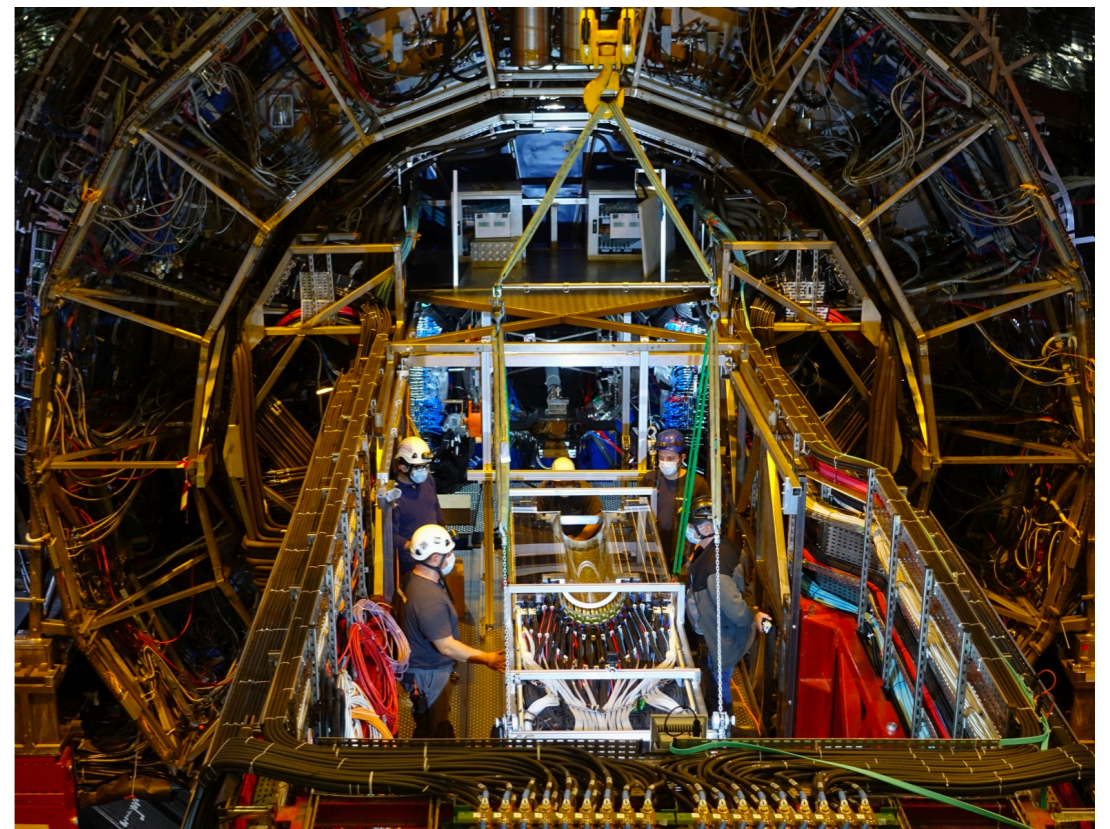
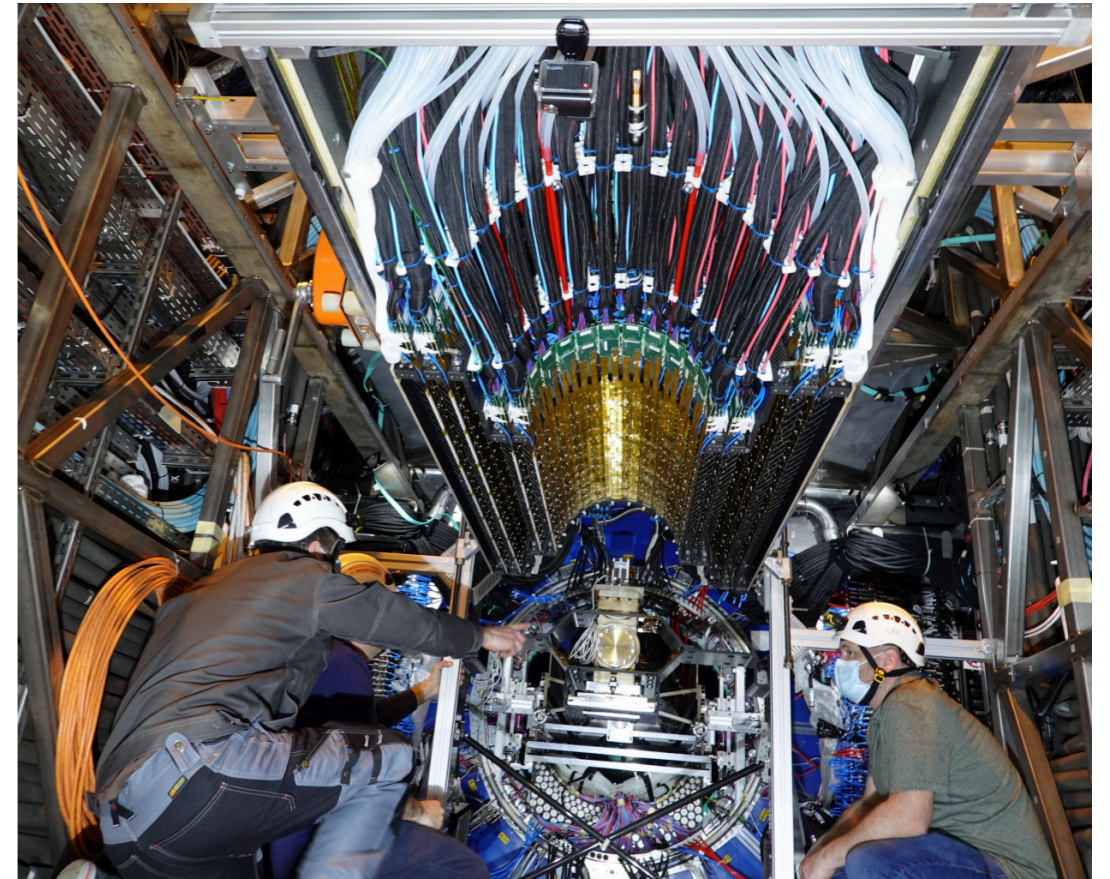




# ALICE ITS2 Installation

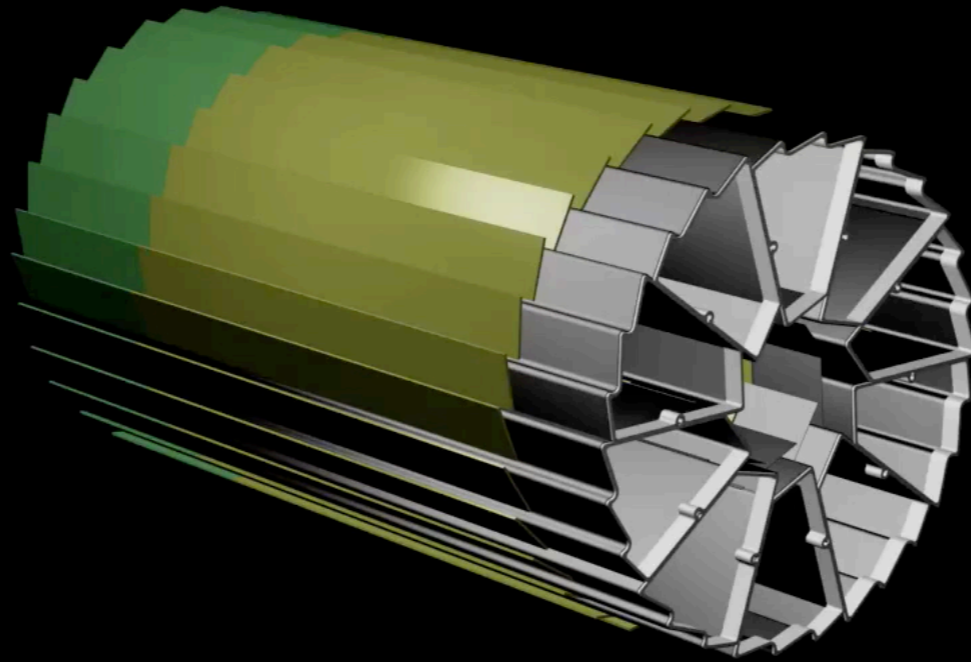


- Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors (MAPS).
- Installed in the past weeks.



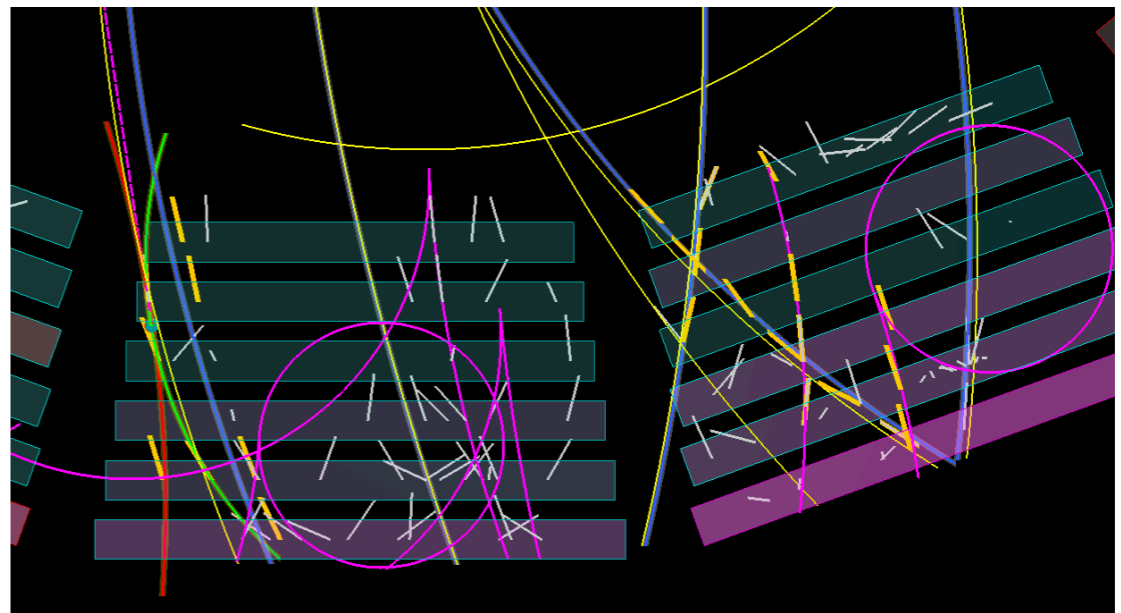
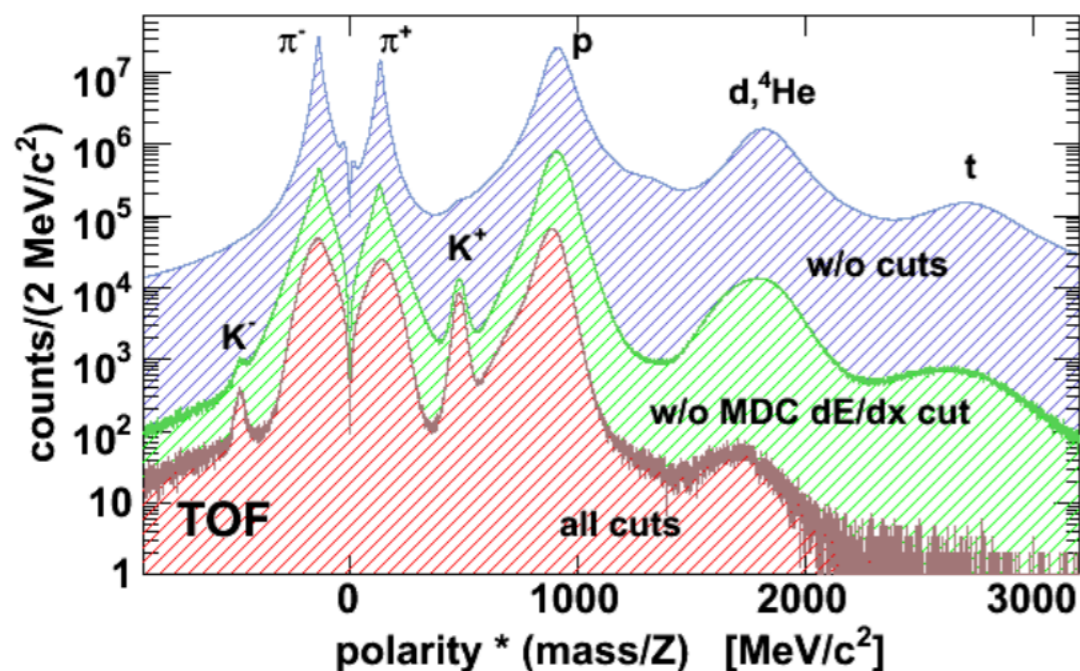


# Solenoidal Tracker at RHIC (STAR)



# Overview of the ROOT analysis package

- <https://root.cern/> can be installed on all platforms
- 6.22/08 is the most recent version
- Used for large scale data analysis
- From simple histograms up to neural networks and 3D graphics, all included in one C++ based framework
- Input/output via ROOT (.root) files → can contain any kind of objects, e.g. histograms (2D, 3D, ND), Ntuples, Trees, etc.
- Interactive sessions and “on-the-fly” compilation of macros or libraries in a complex code





# Get started

1. Install root (~150 MB, 5 minutes installation)
2. Write the following program with an editor of your choice (vim, efte, emacs, notepad, etc.), save it under the name “Fill\_histogram.cc”

```
void Fill_histogram()
{
    // Define the histogram
    TH1D* h_hist = new TH1D("h_hist","blubb",100,-50,50); // name, title, number of bins, lower range, upper range

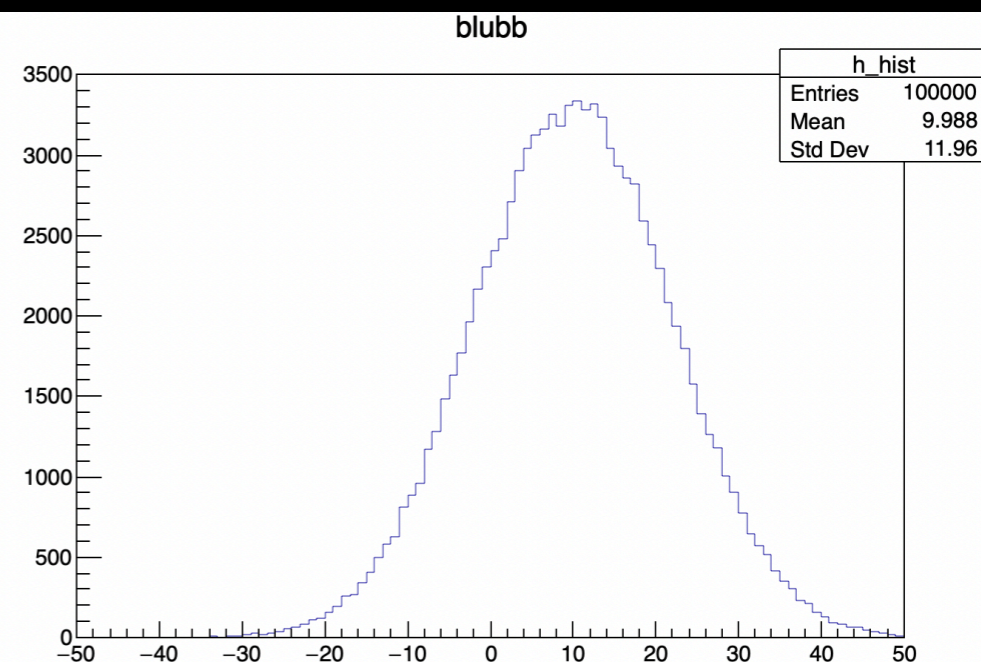
    Int_t N_iter = 100000; // number of iterations
    Double_t mean = 10.0; // mean of Gaussian
    Double_t sigma = 12.0; // sigma of Gaussian

    Double_t ran_value;
    TRandom ran_gen; // random number generator
    for(Int_t i_iter = 0; i_iter < N_iter; i_iter++) // loop
    {
        ran_value = ran_gen.Gaus(mean,sigma); // generate a random number, samples from a Gaussian
        h_hist->Fill(ran_value); // Fill the histogram
    }

    h_hist->Draw(); // Draw the histogram
}
```

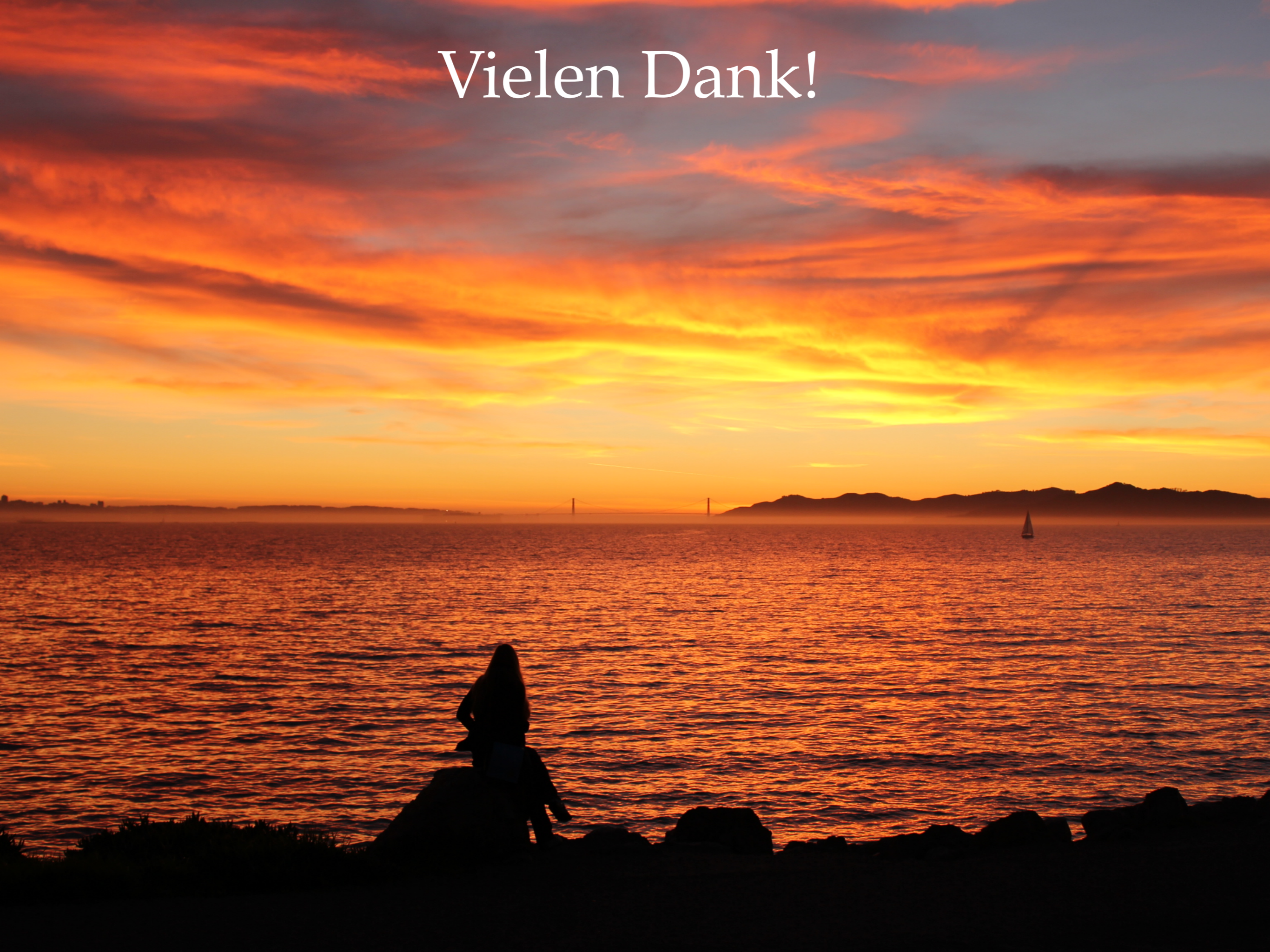
3. Type “root” and then “.x fill\_histogram.cc”

```
Alexs-MBP-161:Software marialex$ root
-----
| Welcome to ROOT 6.22/03                               https://root.cern |
| (c) 1995-2020, The ROOT Team; conception: R. Brun, F. Rademakers |
| Built for macosx64 on Nov 10 2020, 17:25:50             |
| From heads/v6-22-00-patches@v6-22-02-2-g3b7967a70f    |
| Try '.help', '.demo', '.license', '.credits', '.quit'/.q' |
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root [0] .x Fill_histogram.cc
```





Vielen Dank!





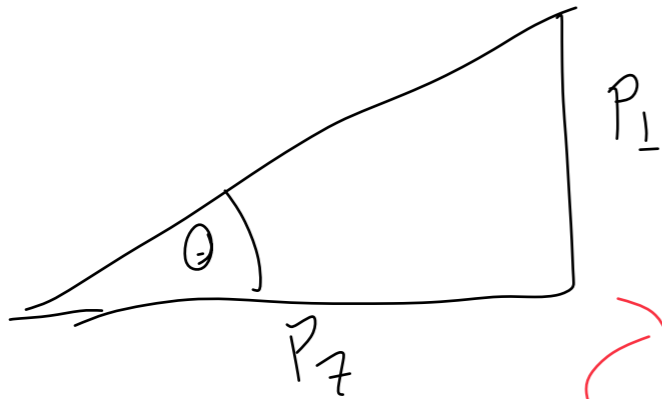
Satz (2018):

<https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007%2F978-3-319-71894-1.pdf>

# Appendix A

$$y = \frac{1}{z} \ln \left[ \frac{\epsilon + p_z}{\epsilon - p_z} \right]$$

$$\eta = -\ln \left[ \tan \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right]$$



$$\tan \theta = \frac{P_{\perp}}{P_z}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_z = \frac{P_{\perp}}{\tan \theta}$$

$$\theta = 2 \arctan (e^{-\eta})$$

$$P_z = P_{\perp} \sinh(\eta)$$

$$|p| = P_{\perp} \cosh(\eta)$$

$$\tan(2\alpha) = \frac{2 \tan \alpha}{1 - \tan^2 \alpha}$$

$$P_z = P_{\perp} / \left\{ \frac{2 e^{-\eta}}{1 - (e^{-\eta})^2} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} P_{\perp} \frac{1 - (e^{-\eta})^2}{e^{-\eta}} = P_{\perp} \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (e^{\eta} - e^{-\eta})}_{\sinh(\eta)}$$

$$= P_{\perp} \sinh(\eta)$$

$$P_z = P_{\perp} / \tan \left[ 2 \arctan (e^{-\eta}) \right]$$

$$P_z = P_{\perp} / \left\{ \frac{2 \tan [\arctan (e^{-\eta})]}{1 - \tan^2 [\arctan (e^{-\eta})]} \right\}$$

## Appendix B

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{\sqrt{p_{\perp}^2 \cosh^2(\eta) + m^2} + p_{\perp} \sinh(\eta)}{\sqrt{p_{\perp}^2 \cosh^2(\eta) + m^2} - p_{\perp} \sinh(\eta)} \right]$$

multiply num. + denom.

$$\left( \sqrt{p_{\perp}^2 \cosh^2(\eta) + m^2} - p_{\perp} \sinh(\eta) \right) \cdot \left( \sqrt{p_{\perp}^2 \cosh^2(\eta) + m^2} + p_{\perp} \sinh(\eta) \right)$$
$$= p_{\perp}^2 \cosh^2(\eta) + m^2 - p_{\perp}^2 \sinh^2(\eta)$$
$$= p_{\perp}^2 (\underbrace{\cosh^2(\eta) - \sinh^2(\eta)}_1) + m^2 \quad \Rightarrow y = \ln \left[ \frac{\sqrt{p_{\perp}^2 \cosh^2(\eta) + m^2} + p_{\perp} \sinh(\eta)}{\sqrt{p_{\perp}^2 + m^2}} \right]$$
$$= p_{\perp}^2 + m^2$$



# Appendix B

$$y = \text{ler} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{P_{\perp}^2 \cosh^2(\eta) + m^2} + P_{\perp} \sinh(\eta)}{\sqrt{p^2 + m^2}} \right] \quad \boxed{E^2 = p^2 + m^2 \Rightarrow p = \sqrt{E^2 - m^2}}$$

$$\frac{dN}{d\eta} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} \frac{dN}{dy} = \frac{P}{E} \frac{dN}{dy} = \left[ 1 - \frac{m^2}{m_{\perp}^2 \cosh^2(y)} \right] \frac{dN}{dy}$$

Mathematisch

$$P_{\perp} \cosh(\eta)$$

$$\sqrt{m^2 + P_{\perp}^2 \cosh^2(\eta)}$$

$p^2$

$$= \frac{P}{E} = \frac{P}{m_{\perp} \cosh(y)} = \frac{\sqrt{E^2 - m^2}}{m_{\perp} \cosh(y)}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{(m_{\perp} \cosh(y))^2 - m^2}}{m_{\perp} \cosh(y)} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{m^2}{m_{\perp}^2 \cosh^2(y)}}$$

$$E = m_{\perp} \cdot \cosh y$$

$$P_{\perp} = m_{\perp} \cdot \sinh y$$

## Appendix C

$$e^{2y} = \frac{E + PL}{E - PL}$$

$$E = m_L \cosh(y)$$

$$PL = m_L \sinh(y)$$

$$m_L = m$$

for CM since

$$P_L = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \cosh(x) + \sinh(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (e^x + e^{-x}) + \frac{1}{2} (e^x - e^{-x}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (2e^x) = e^x \end{aligned}$$

$$y_{CM} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{E_a + P_a^2 + E_b + P_b^2}{E_a - P_a^2 + E_b - P_b^2} \right]$$

$$y_{CM} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{m_a \cosh(y_a) + m_a \sinh(y_a) + m_b \cosh(y_b) + m_b \sinh(y_b)}{m_a \cosh(y_a) - m_a \sinh(y_a) + m_b \cosh(y_b) - m_b \sinh(y_b)} \right]$$

$$y_{CM} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{m_a e^{y_a} + m_b e^{y_b}}{m_a e^{-y_a} + m_b e^{-y_b}} \right]$$

$$y_{CM} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{m_a e^{y_a} + m_b e^{y_b}}{m_a \frac{1}{e^{y_a}} + m_b e^{-y_b}} \right]$$

$$y_{CM} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{e^{y_a} \cdot e^{y_b} (m_a e^{y_a} + m_b e^{y_b})}{m_a e^{y_b} + m_b e^{y_a}} \right]$$

$$y_{CM} = \frac{1}{2} (y_a + y_b) + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{m_a e^{y_a} + m_b e^{y_b}}{m_a e^{y_b} + m_b e^{y_a}} \right]$$

## Appendix D

$$d^3 p = dp_x dp_y dp_z = \frac{1}{p_x} p_{\perp} dp_{\perp} \cdot p_x df \cdot dp_z = p_{\perp} dp_{\perp} df dp_z$$

$$p_y = p_{\perp} \sin(\varphi) \Rightarrow dp_y = p_x df$$

$$p_{\perp} = \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{p_{\perp}^2 - p_y^2} = p_x$$

$$\frac{dp_x}{dp_{\perp}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{p_{\perp}^2 - p_y^2}} = \frac{p_{\perp}}{p_x}$$

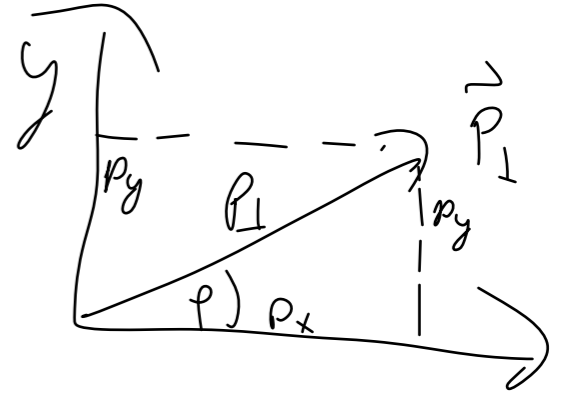
$$\Rightarrow dp_x = \frac{1}{p_x} p_{\perp} dp_{\perp}$$

$$\cos \varphi = \frac{p_x}{p_{\perp}}$$

$$\sin \varphi = \frac{p_y}{p_{\perp}}$$

$$p_y = p_{\perp} \sin \varphi$$

$$p_x = p_{\perp} \cos \varphi$$



$$\tan \varphi = \frac{p_y}{p_x}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_y = \tan \varphi \cdot p_x$$

$$\frac{dp_y}{df} = p_{\perp} \cos(\varphi) = p_x$$
$$dp_y = p_x df$$

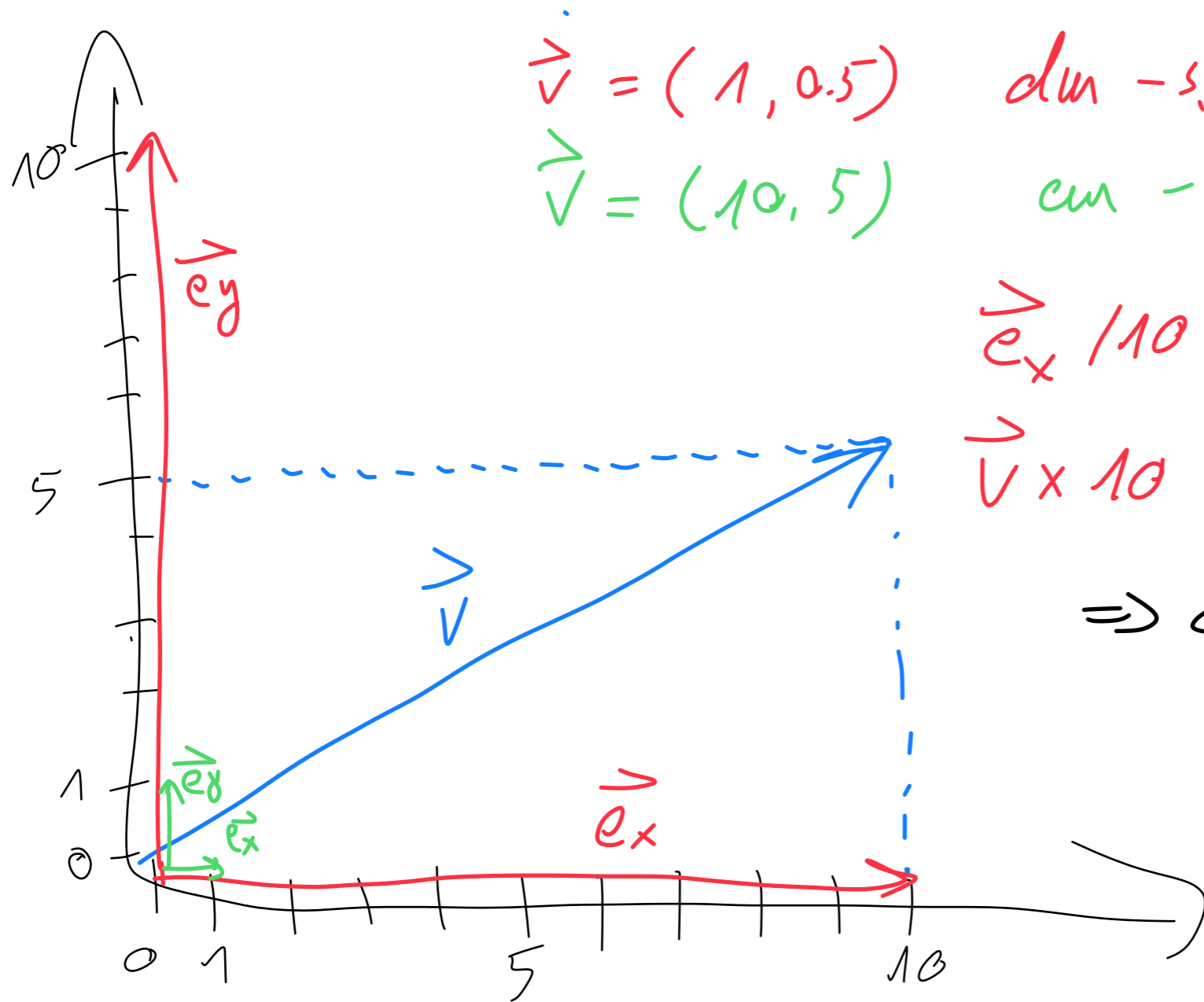
$$\frac{dp_x}{dp_{\perp}} = -\sin(\varphi)$$

# Appendix E

## Covariant and Contravariant vectors

$\vec{v} = v^i \vec{e}_i$     Contravariant, transforms opposite to basis

$\vec{e}_i \vec{v} = v_i$     Covariant, transforms same way as basis



$\vec{v} = (1, 0.5)$     dm - system

$\vec{v} = (10, 5)$     cm - system

$\vec{e}_x \cdot 10 = \vec{e}_x$     base trans.

$\vec{v} \times 10 = \vec{v}$     vector trans.

$\Rightarrow$  contravariant