



# Napredni detektorji delcev in obdelava podatkov (NDDOP) - Uvod

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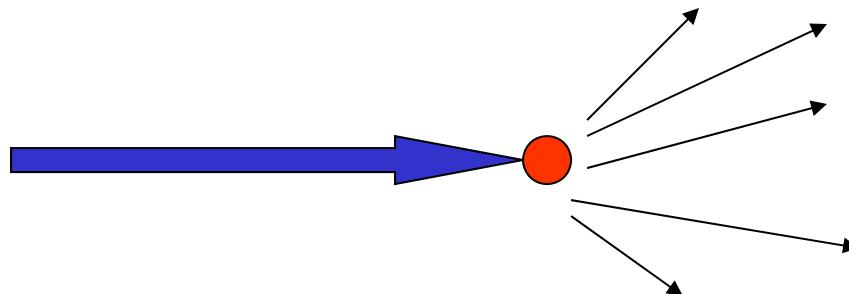
Analysis of data

# Particle physics experiments

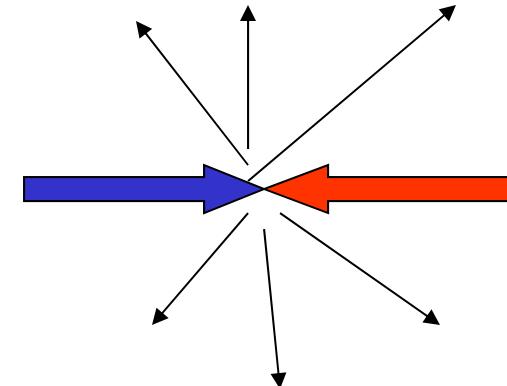
Accelerate elementary particles, let them collide → energy released in the collision is converted into mass of new particles, some of which are unstable

Two ways how to do it:

Fixed target experiments

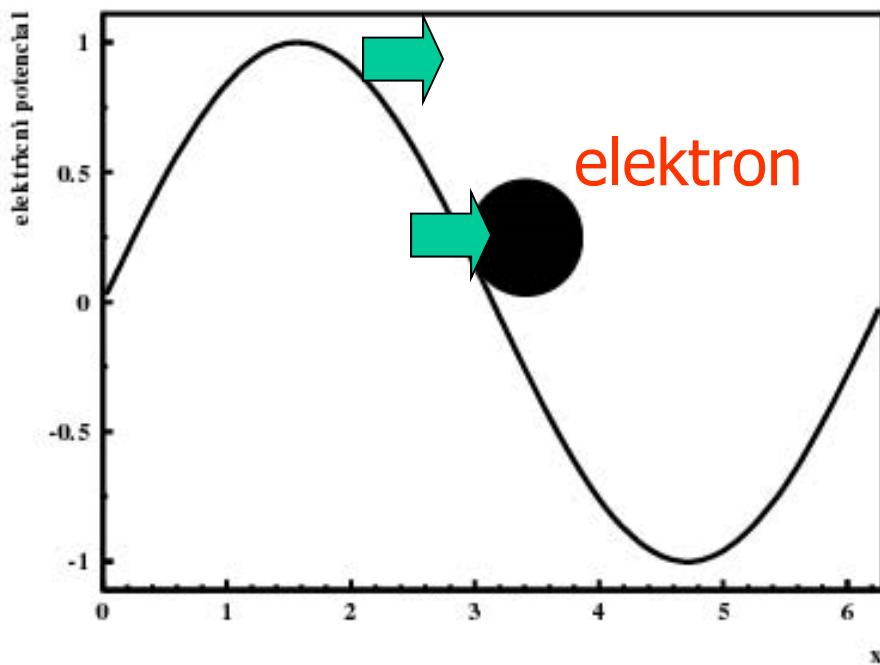


Collider experiments



# How to accelerate charged particles?

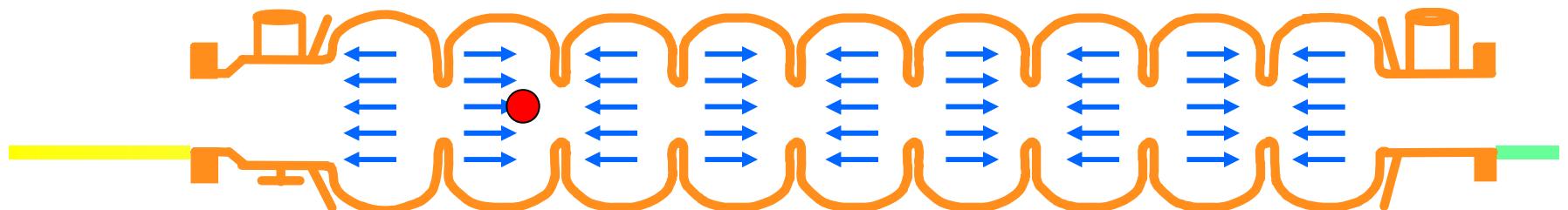
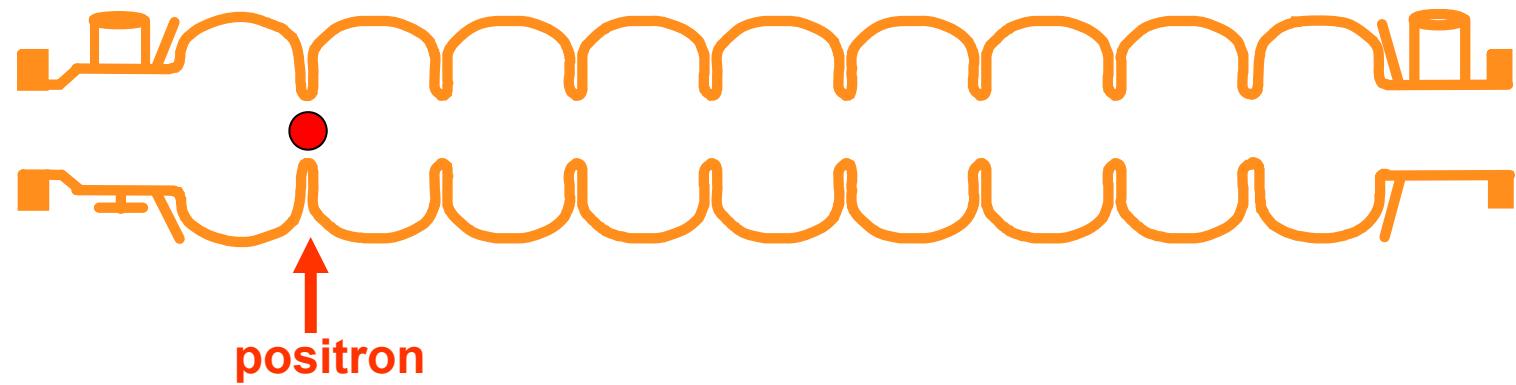
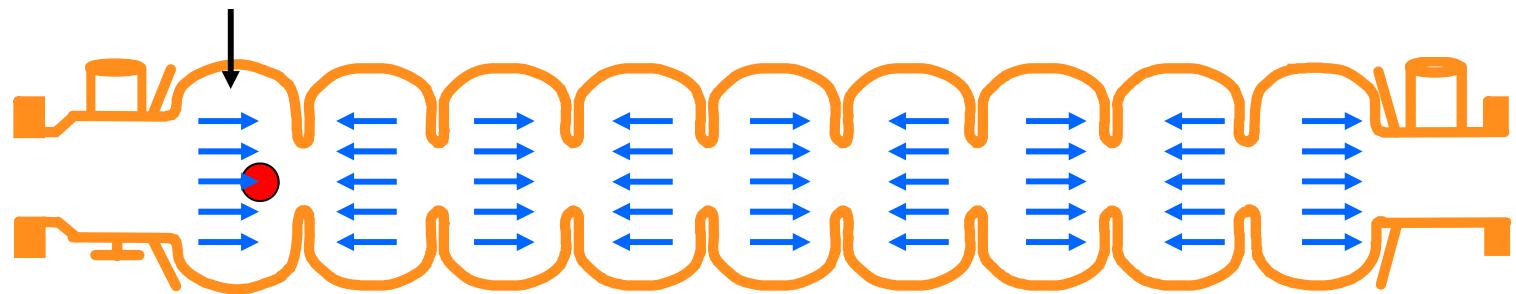
- Acceleration with electromagnetic waves (typical frequency is 500 MHz – mobile phones run at 900, 1800, 1900 MHz)
- Waves in a radiofrequency cavity:  $c < c_0$



... Similar to surfing the waves

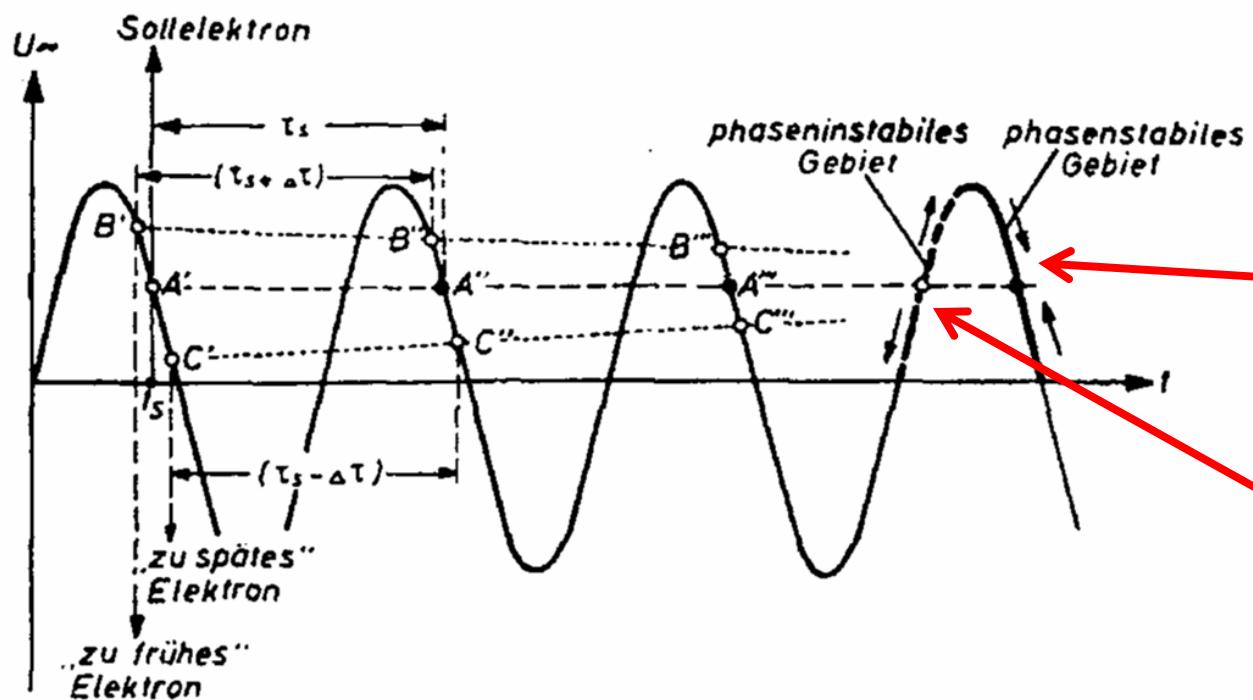


Electric field



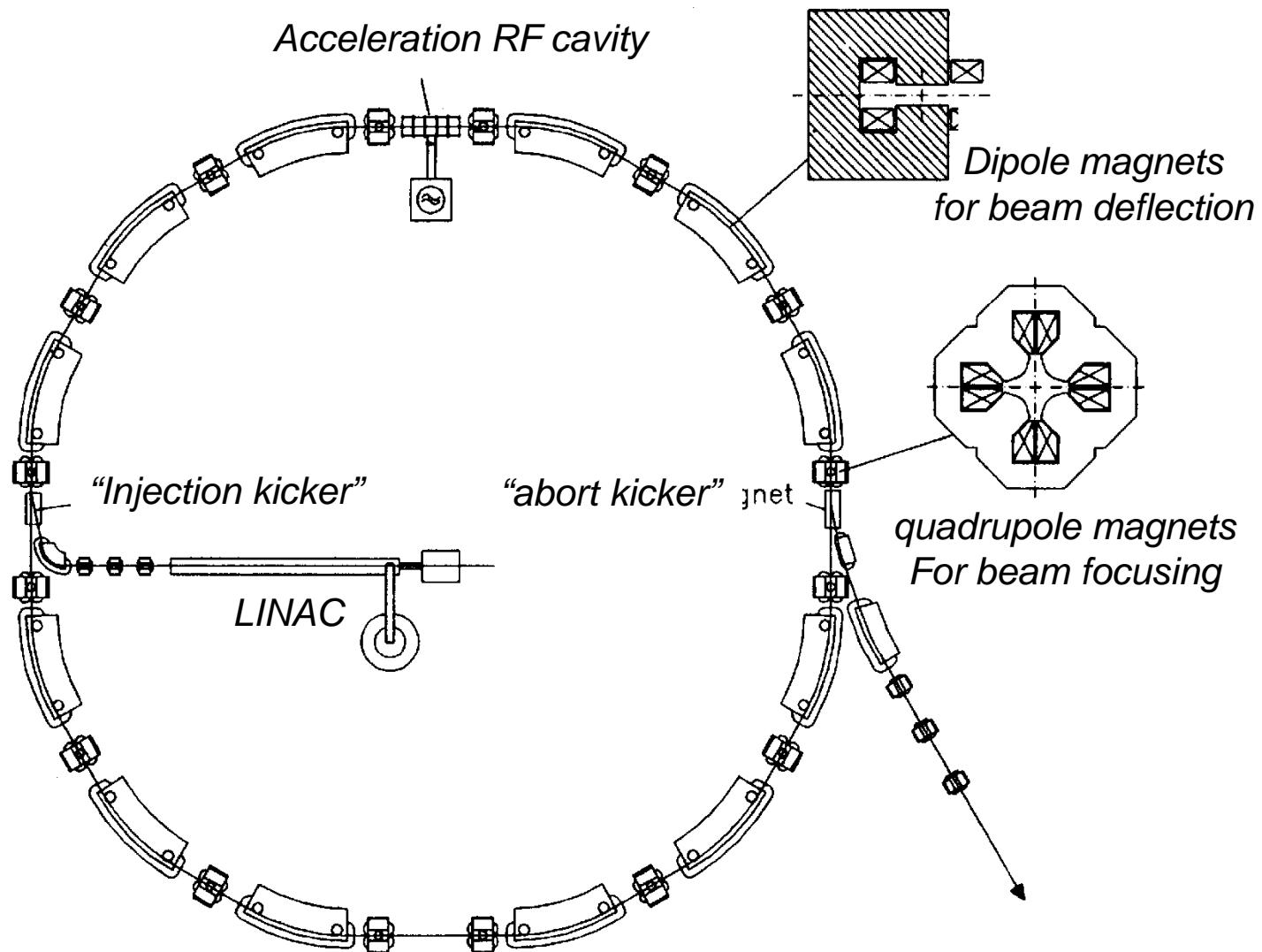
# Stability of acceleration

- For a synchronous particles (A): energy loss = energy received from the RF field
- A particle that comes too late (B), gets more energy, the one that is too fast (C), gets less →

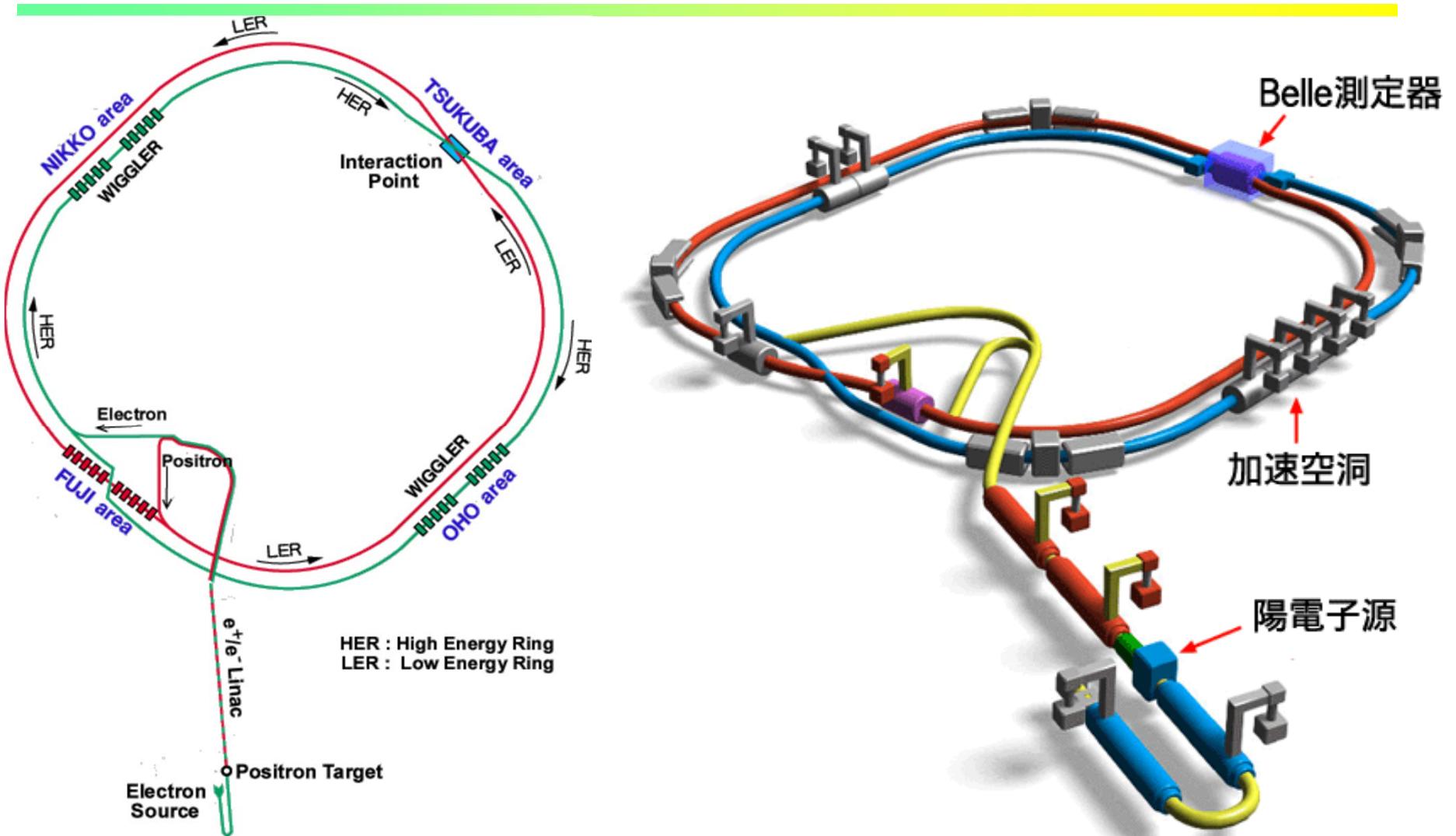


- OK if particle ~ in phase → stable orbit
- Not OK if too far away

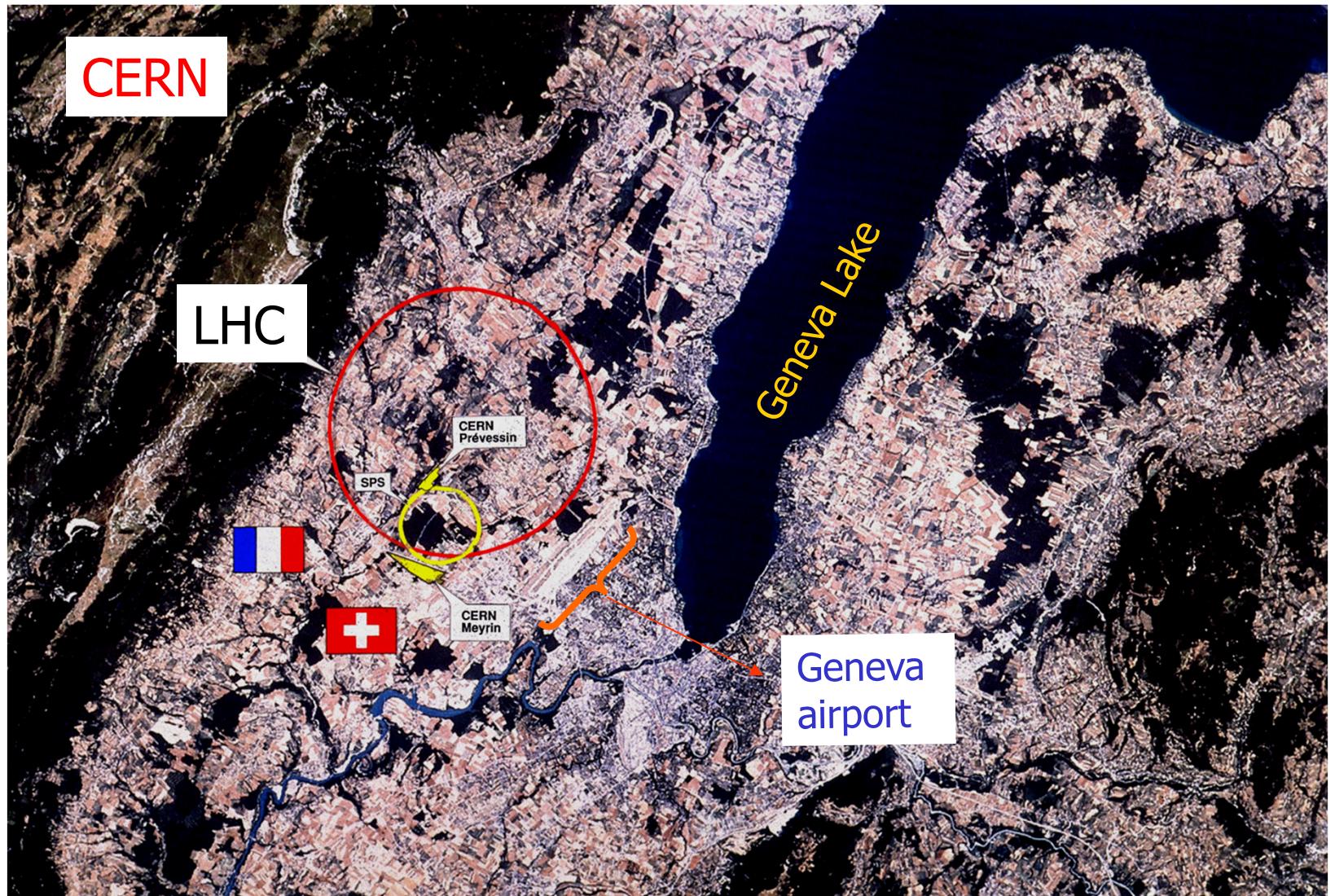
# Synchrotron



# Electron positron collider: KEK-B



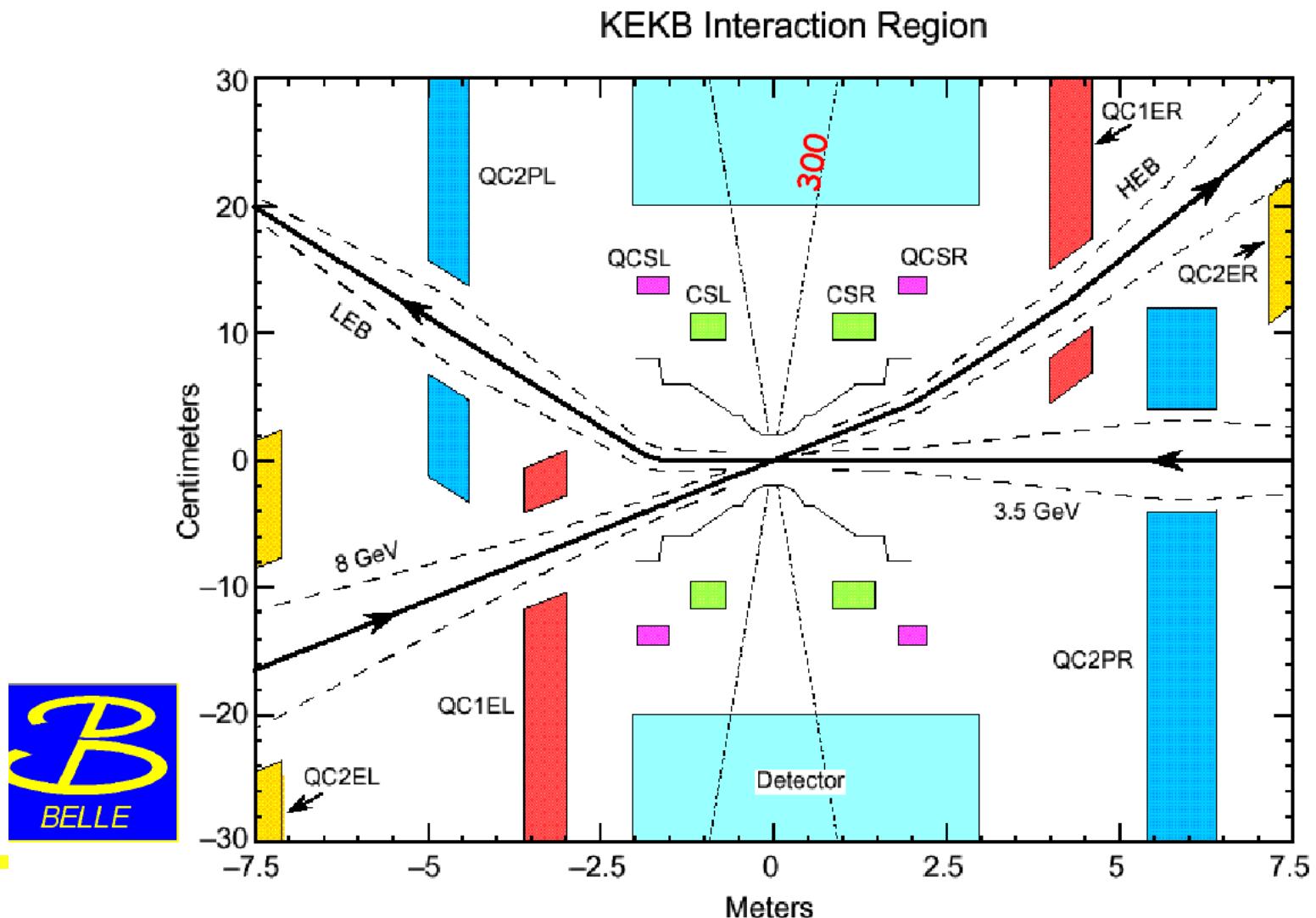
# Large hadron collider



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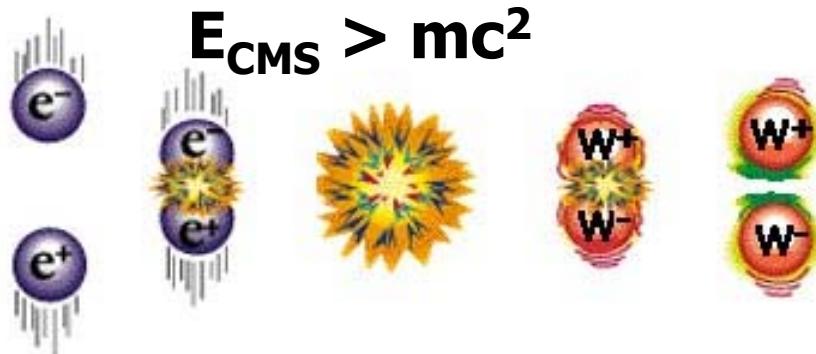
# Interaction region: Belle

Collisions at a finite angle  $\pm 11\text{mrad}$

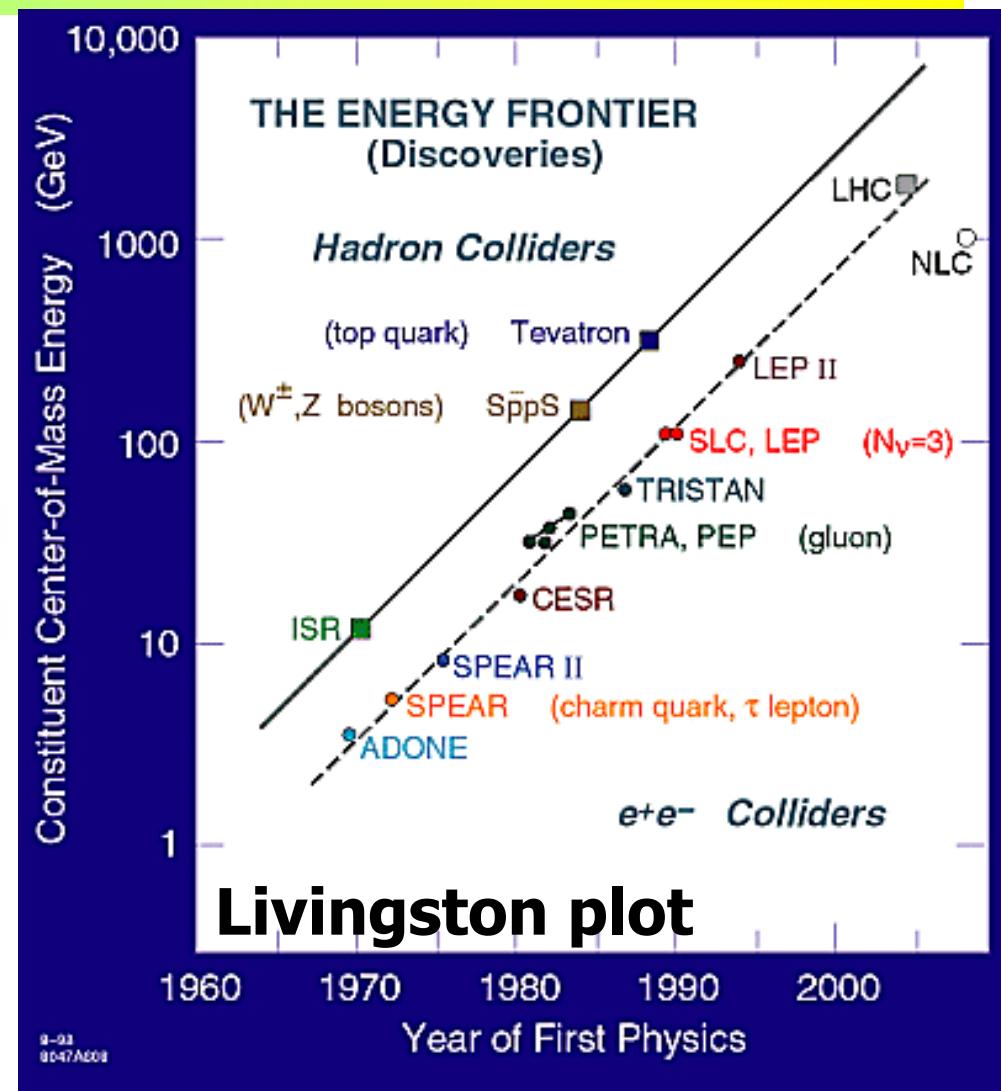


# Accelerator figure of merit 1: Center-of-mass energy

If there is enough energy available in the collision, new, heavier particles can be produced.



e.g. LHC, CERN, Tevatron:  
search for Higgs bosons,  
 $m_{\text{Higgs}} > 100\text{GeV}$



## Accelerator figure of merit 2: Luminosity

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Observed rate of events = Cross section x Luminosity

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = L\sigma$$

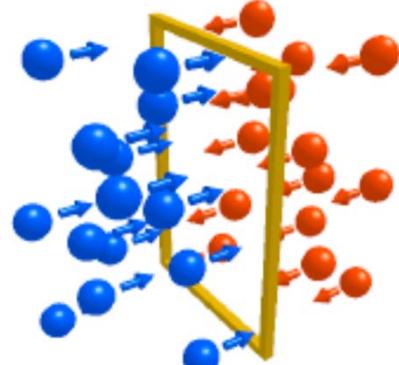
Accelerator figures of merit: luminosity  $L$

and integrated luminosity

$$L_{\text{int}} = \int L(t) dt$$

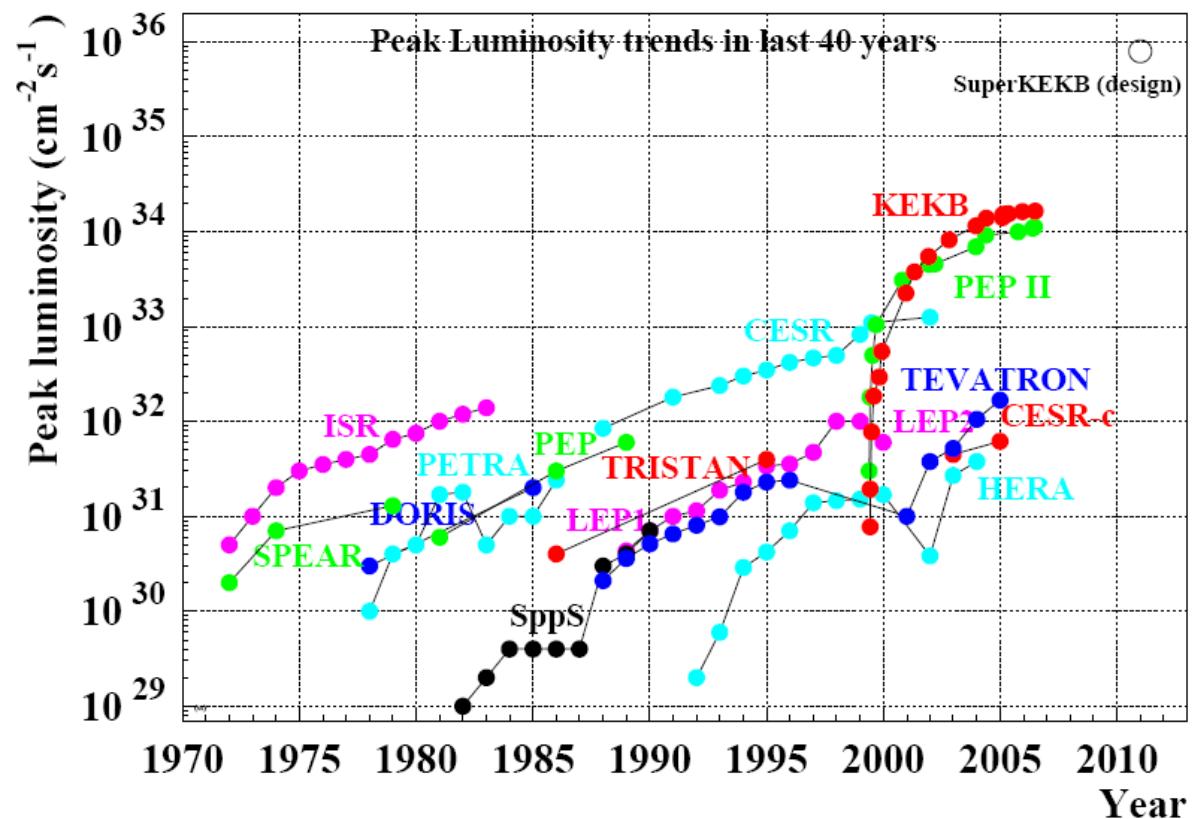
# Luminosity vs time

$$R = \mathcal{L}\sigma$$



(number of events/unit time)  
= (cross section) X (luminosity)

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{I_{LER} I_{HER}}{e^2 f_{rev} N_{bunch} A_{eff}}$$



A high luminosity is needed for studies of rare processes.

# How to understand what happened in a collision?

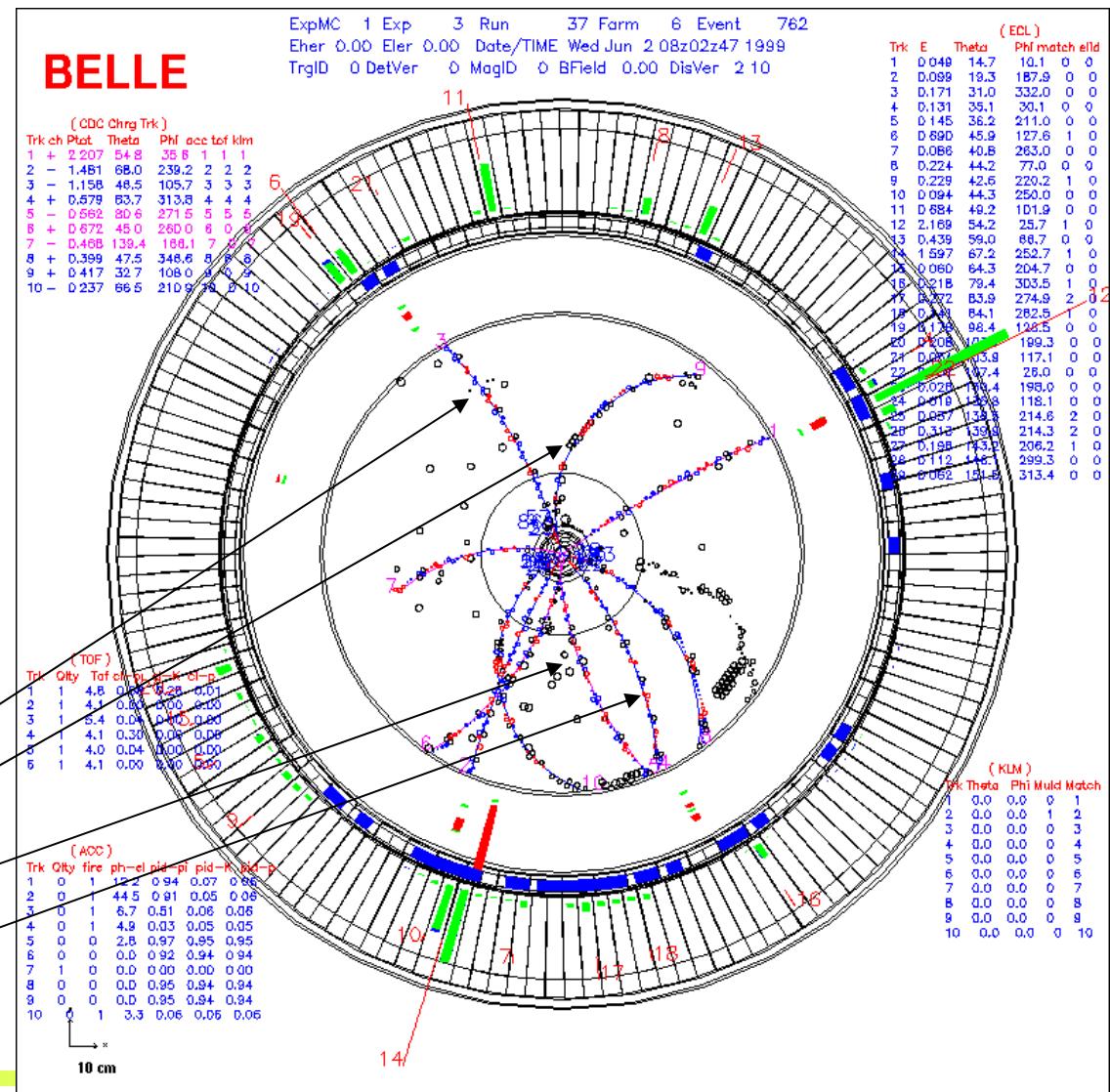
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- Measure the coordinate of the point ('vertex') where the reaction occurred, and determine the positions and directions of particles that have been produced
- Measure momenta of stable charged particles by measuring their radius of curvature in a strong magnetic field ( $\sim 1\text{T}$ )
- Determine the identity of stable charged particles ( $e$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\pi$ ,  $K$ ,  $p$ )
- Measure the energy of high energy photons  $\gamma$

# How to understand what happened in a collision?

Illustration on an example:

$$\begin{aligned}
 B^0 &\rightarrow K^0_S J/\psi \\
 K^0_S &\rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ \\
 J/\psi &\rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+
 \end{aligned}$$



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## Search for particles which decayed close to the production point

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How do we reconstruct final states which decayed to several stable particles (e.g., 1,2,3)?

From the measured tracks calculate the invariant mass of the system ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ):

$$Mc^2 = \sqrt{(\sum E_i)^2 - (\sum \vec{p}_i)^2 c^2}$$

The candidates for the  $X \rightarrow 123$  decay show up as a peak in the distribution on (mostly combinatorial) background.

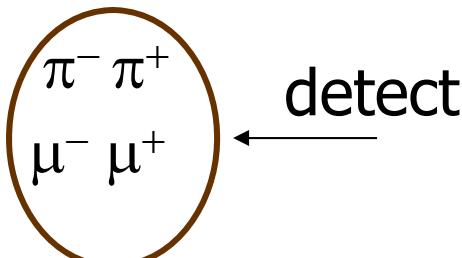
The name of the game: have as little background under the peak as possible without loosing the events in the peak (=reduce background and have a small peak width).

# How do we know it was precisely this reaction?

$$B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 J/\psi$$

$$K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+$$

$$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+$$



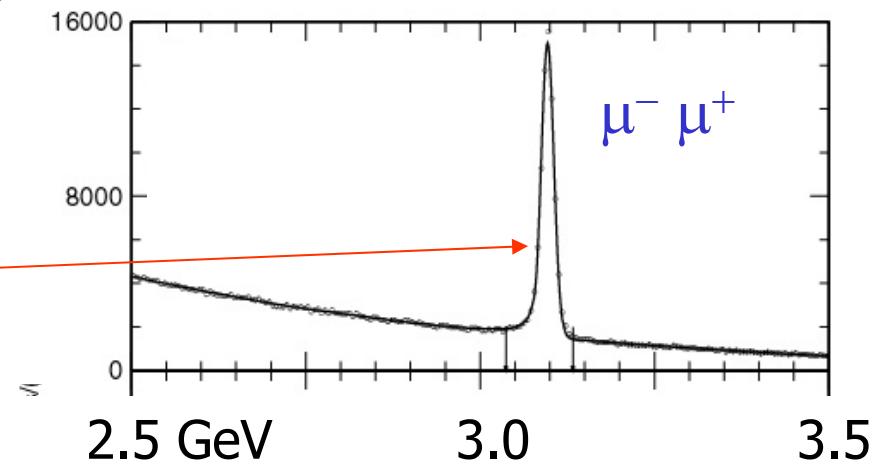
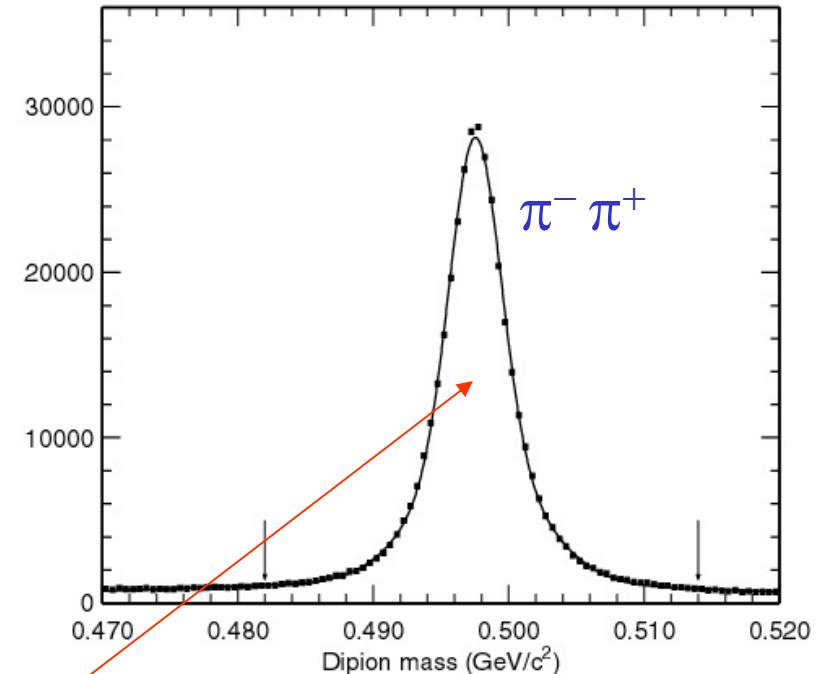
For  $\pi^- \pi^+$  in  $\mu^- \mu^+$  pairs we calculate the invariant mass:

$$M^2 c^4 = (E_1 + E_2)^2 - (p_1 + p_2)^2$$

$M c^2$  must be for  $K_S^0$  close to 0.5 GeV,

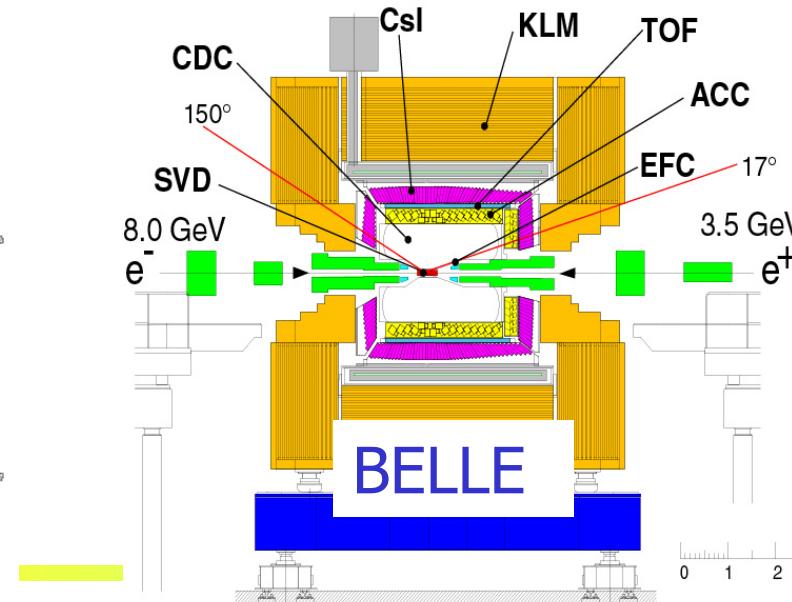
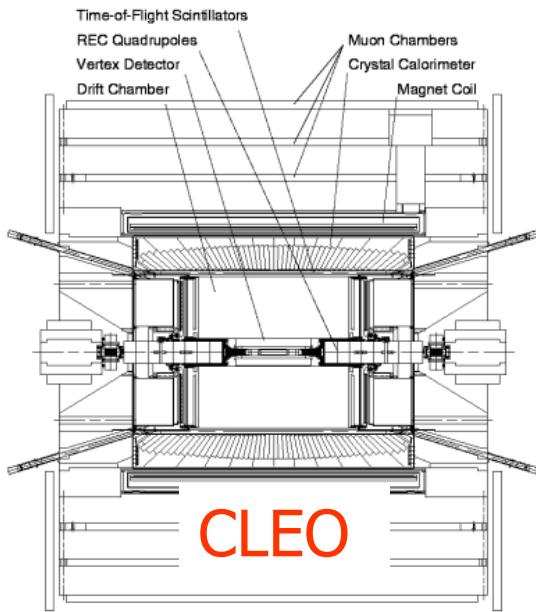
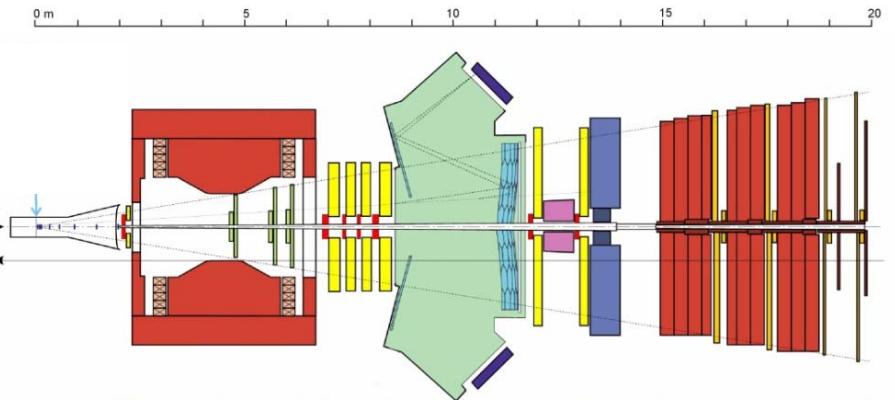
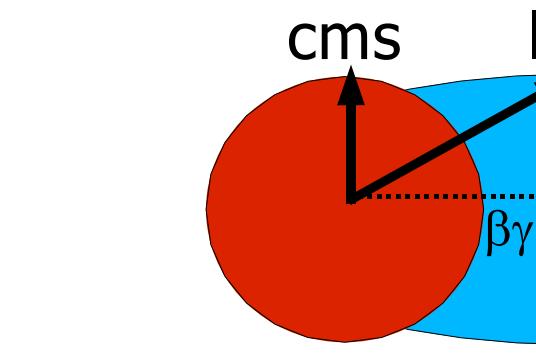
for  $J/\psi$  close to 3.1 GeV.

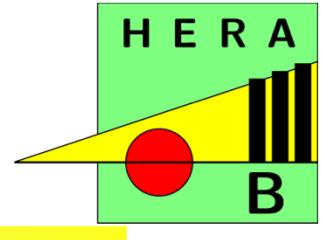
Rest in the histogram: random coincidences ('combinatorial background')



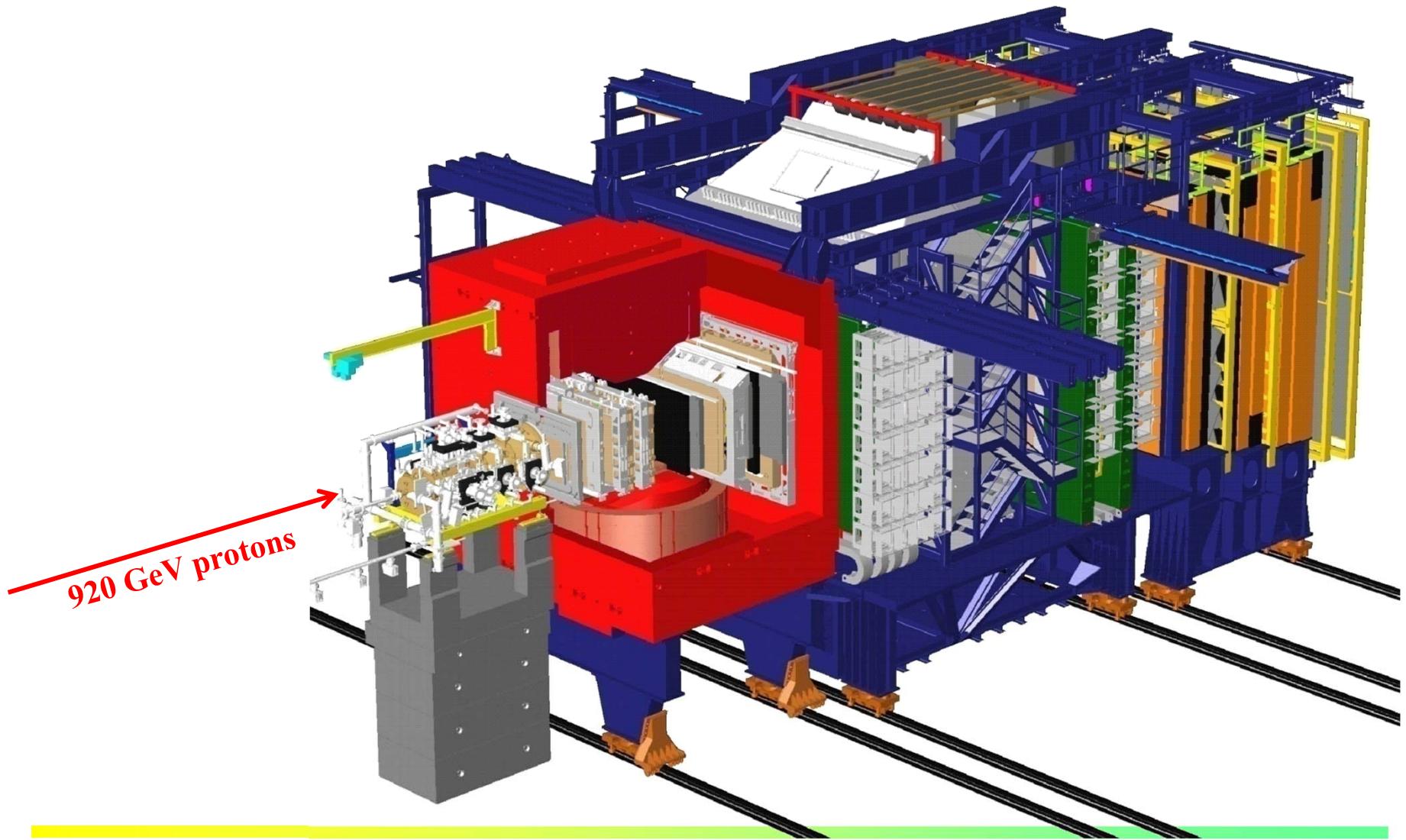
# Experimental apparatus

Detector form: **symmetric** for colliders with symmetric energy beams; **extended in the boost direction** for an asymmetric collider; **very forward oriented** in fixed target experiments.



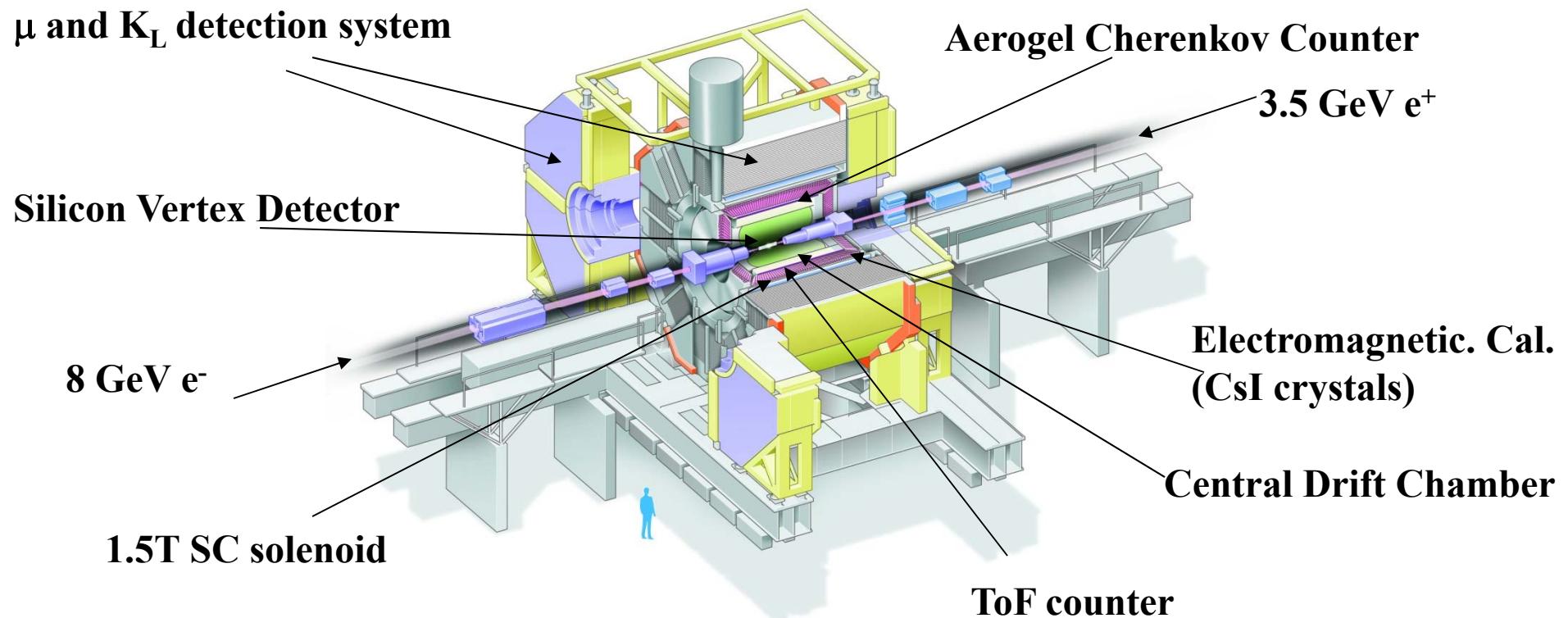


# Example of a fixed target experiment: HERA-B

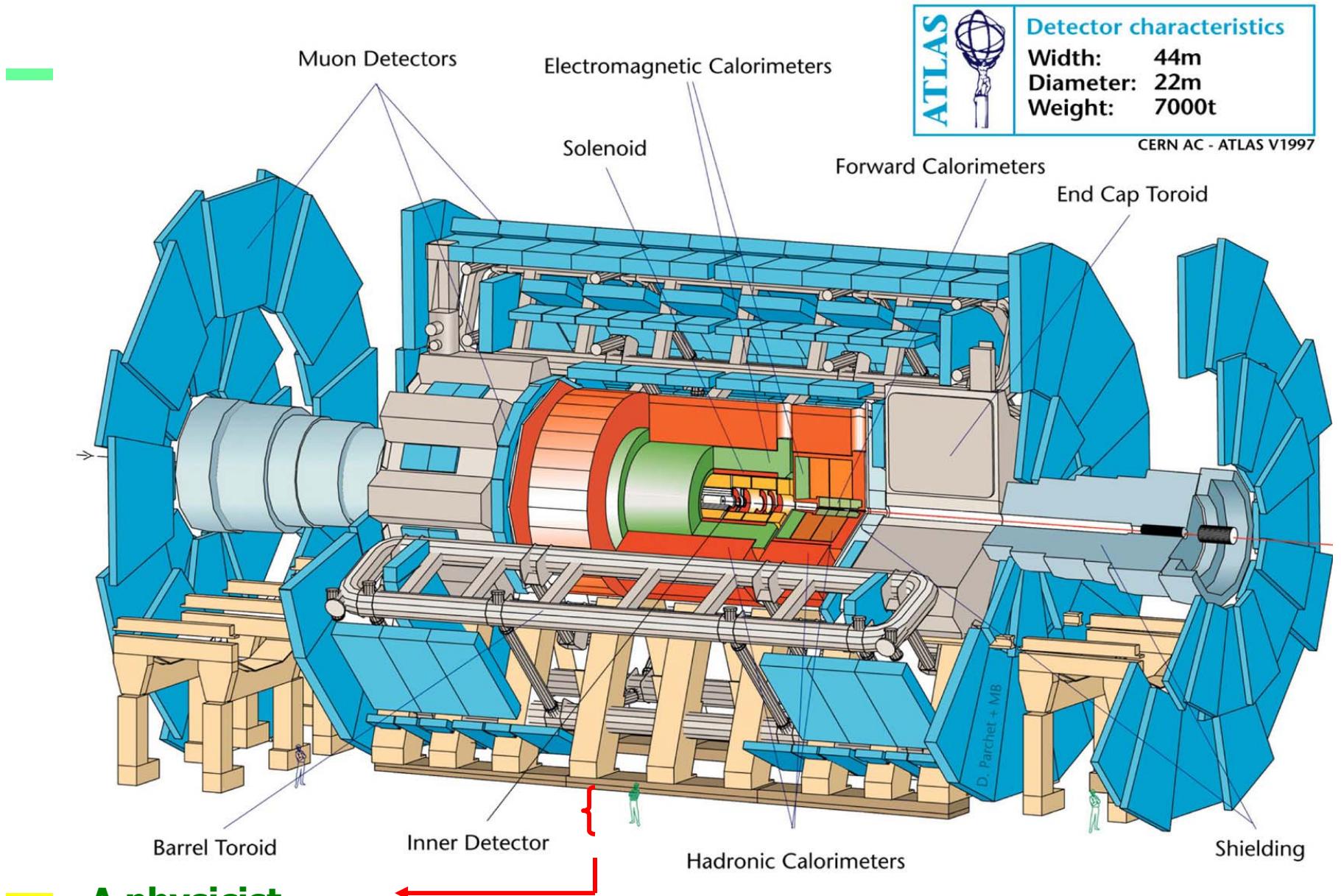


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# Belle spectrometer at KEK-B



# ATLAS at LHC



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# Components of an experimental apparatus ('spectrometer')

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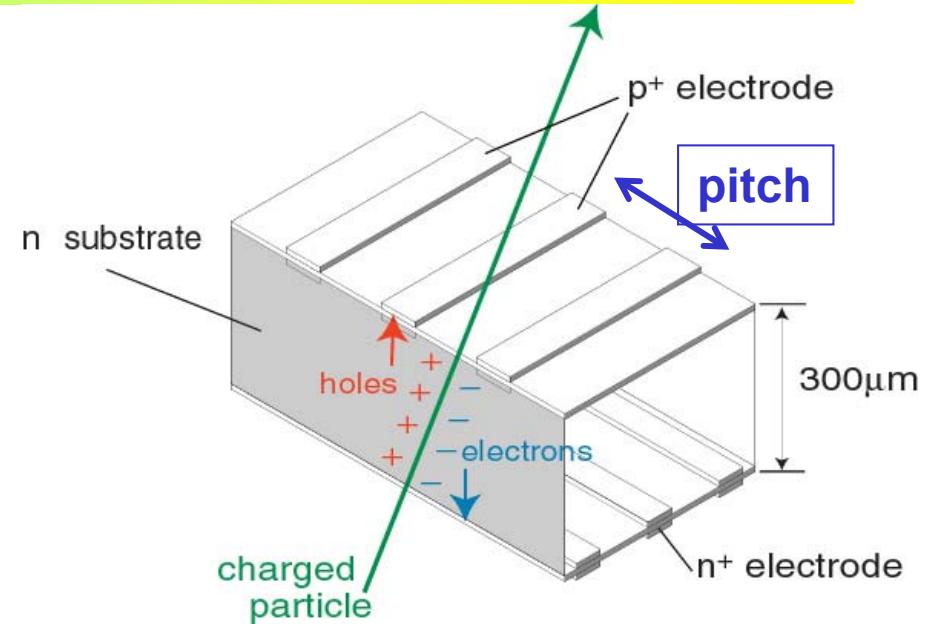
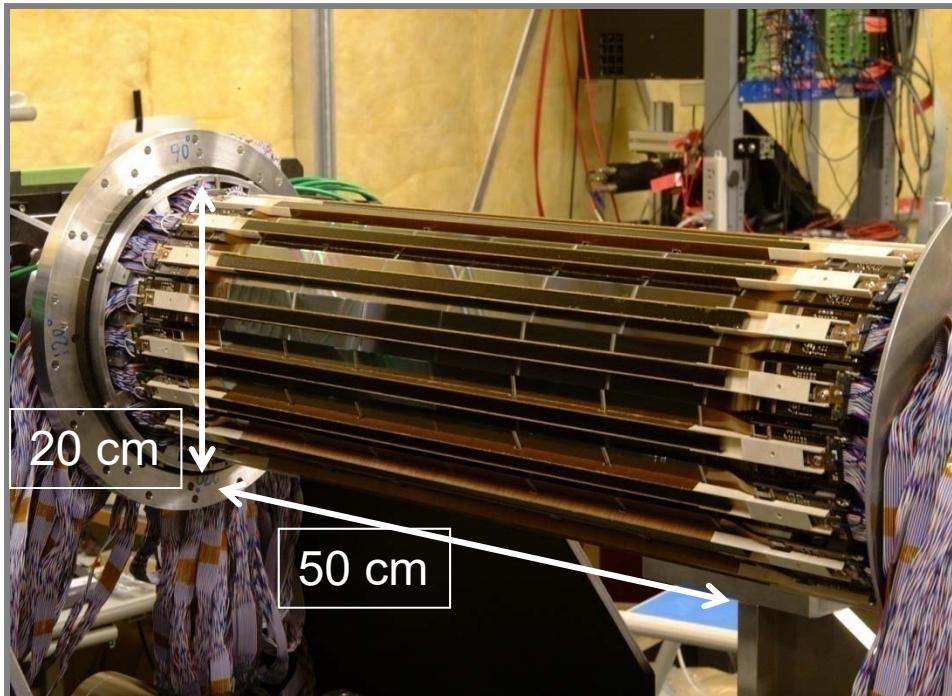
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- Particle identification devices
- Calorimeters (measurement of energy)

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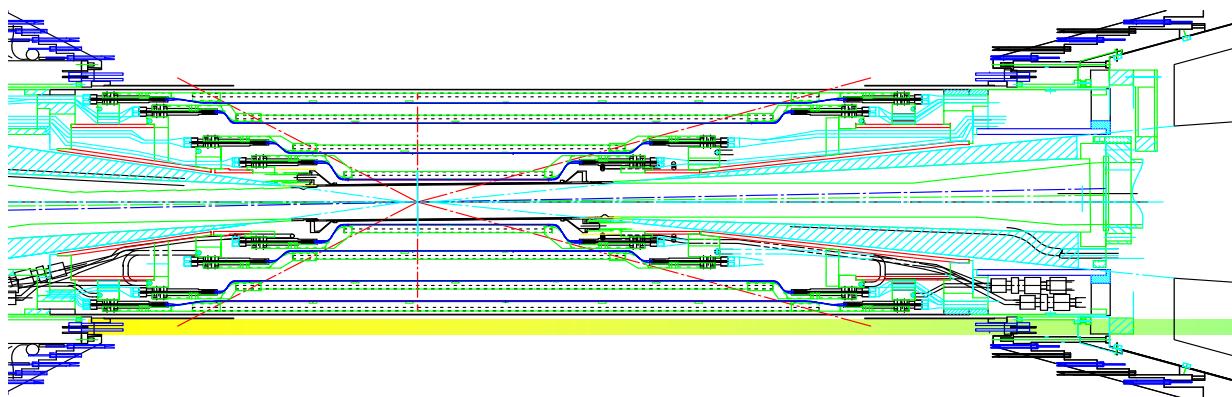
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# Silicon vertex detector (SVD)



Two coordinates  
measured at the same  
time  
Typical strip pitch  $\sim 50\mu\text{m}$ ,  
resolution about  $\sim 15 \mu\text{m}$



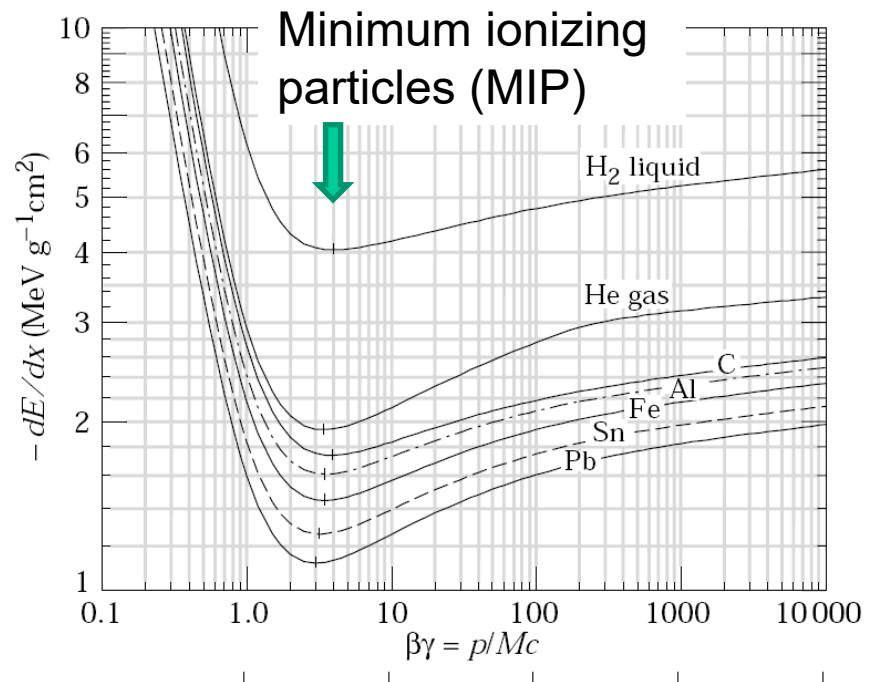
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# Interaction of charged particles with matter

Energy loss due to ionisation:  
depends on  $\beta\gamma$ , in the minimum  
about **2 MeV/cm  $\rho/(g\ cm^{-3})$** .

Liquids, solids: few MeV/cm

Gases: **few keV/cm**



Bethe-Bloch equation

# Straggling functions: energy loss distribution

Bethe-Bloch equation only give the average (mean) energy loss

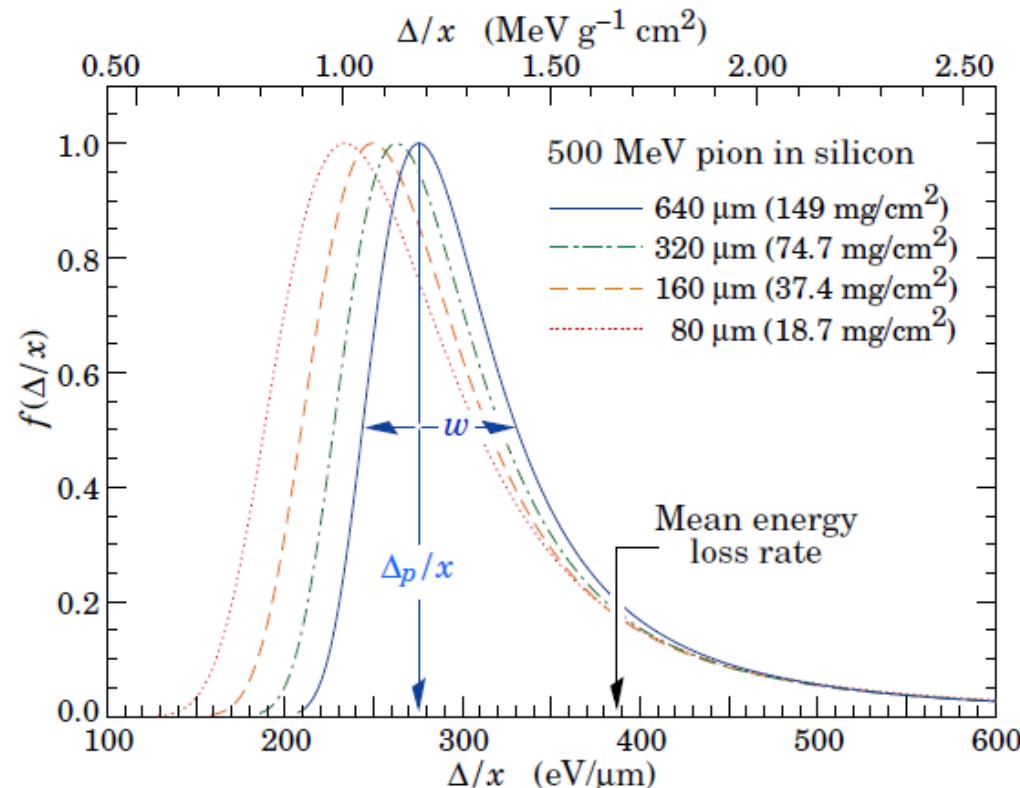


Figure 27.7: Straggling functions in silicon for 500 MeV pions, normalized to unity at the most probable value  $\delta_p/x$ . The width  $w$  is the full width at half maximum. See full-color version on color pages at end of book.

# Electrons: fractional energy loss, $1/E \frac{dE}{dx}$

Critical energy  $E_c$

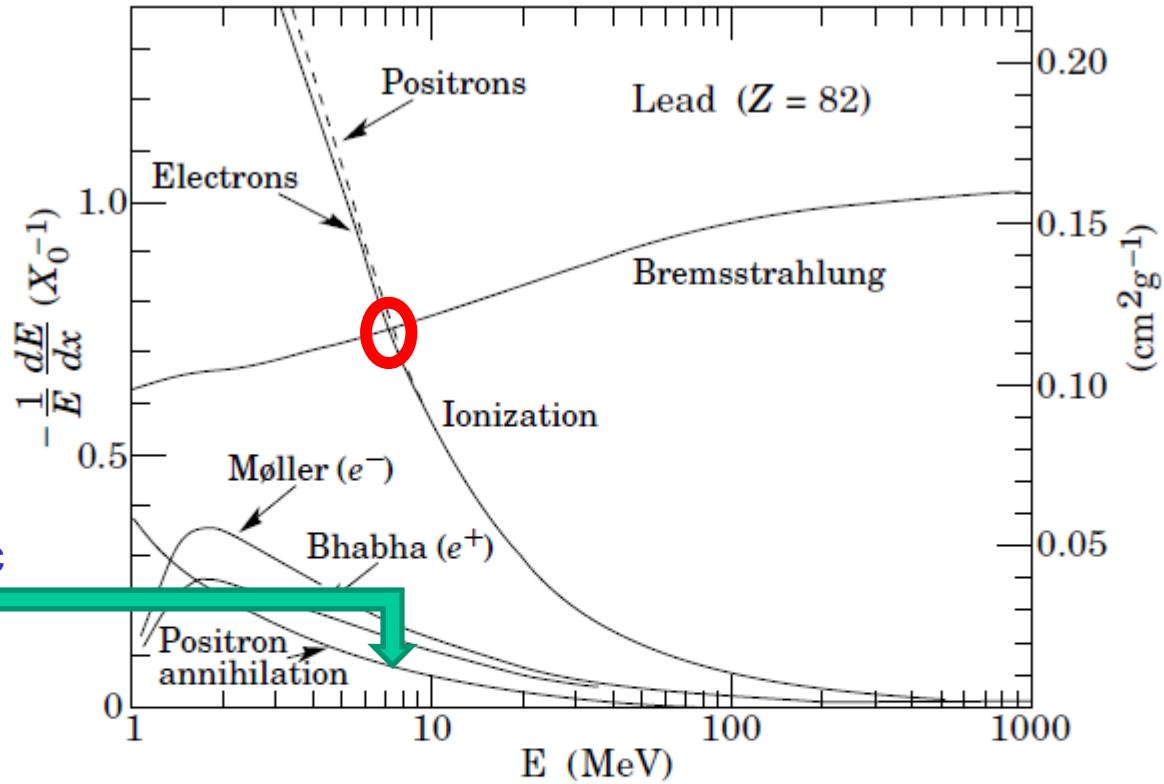


Figure 27.10: Fractional energy loss per radiation length in lead as a function of electron or positron energy. Electron (positron) scattering is considered as ionization when the energy loss per collision is below 0.255 MeV, and as Møller (Bhabha) scattering when it is above. Adapted from Fig. 3.2 from Messel and Crawford, *Electron-Photon Shower Distribution Function Tables for Lead, Copper, and Air Absorbers*, Pergamon Press, 1970. Messel and Crawford use  $X_0(\text{Pb}) = 5.82 \text{ g/cm}^2$ , but we have modified the figures to reflect the value given in the Table of Atomic and Nuclear Properties of Materials ( $X_0(\text{Pb}) = 6.37 \text{ g/cm}^2$ ).

# Multiple Coulomb scattering

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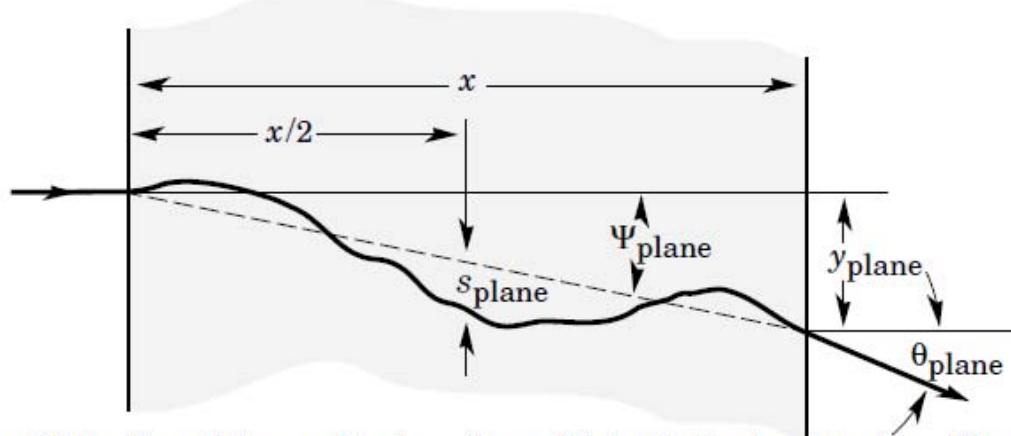


Figure 27.9: Quantities used to describe multiple Coulomb scattering. The particle is incident in the plane of the figure.

# Interaction of charged particles with matter

Energy loss due to ionisation: depends on  $\beta\gamma$ , typically about **2 MeV/cm p/(g cm<sup>-3</sup>)**.

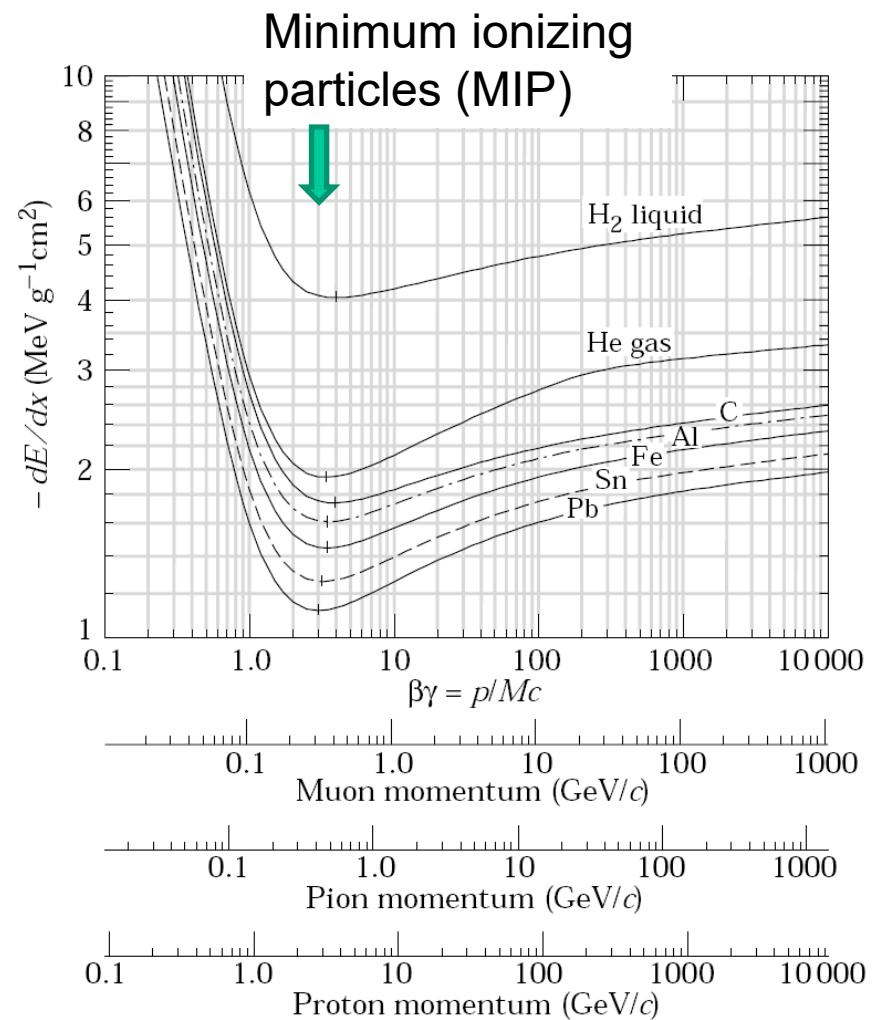
Liquids, solids: few MeV/cm

Gases: **few keV/cm**

Primary ionisation: charged particle kicks electrons from atoms.

In addition: excitation of atoms (no free electron), on average need  **$W_i$**  (>ionisation energy) to create e-ion pair.

**$W_i$**  typically **30eV** → per cm of gas about **2000eV/30eV=60** e-ion pairs

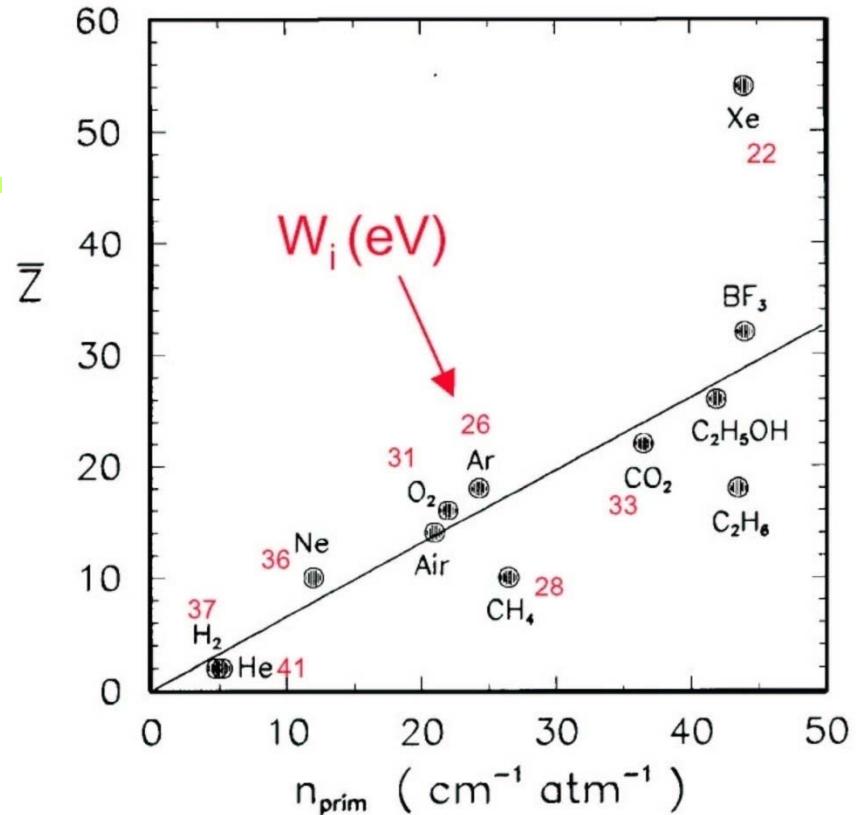


# Ionisation

$n_{\text{prim}}$  is typically 20-50 /cm  
(average value, Poisson like distribution  
– used in measurements of  $n_{\text{prim}}$ )

The primary electron ionizes further: secondary e-ion pairs,  
typically about 2-3x more.

Finally: 60-120 electrons /cm



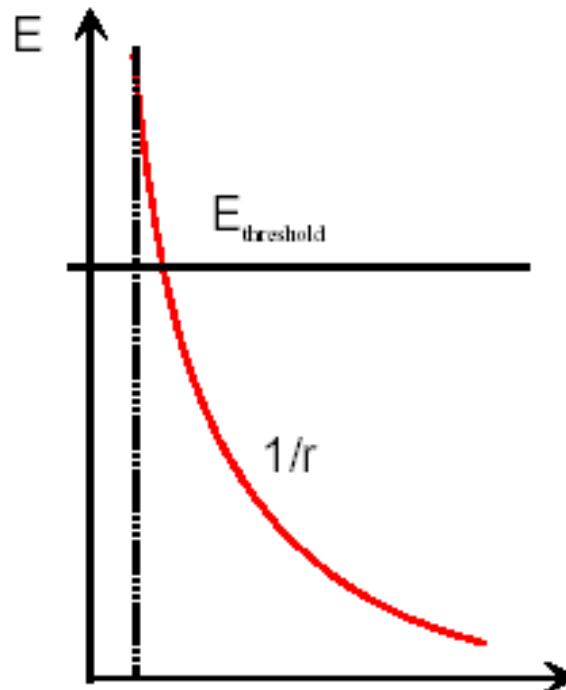
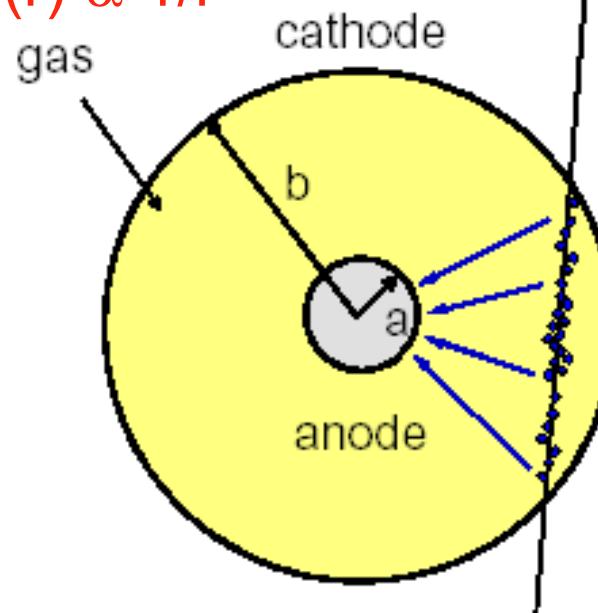
Can this be detected? 120 e-ion pairs make a pulse of  
 $V=ne/C=2\text{mV}$  (at typical  $C=10\text{pF}$ ) → NO

-> Need multiplication

# Multiplication in gas

Simplest example: cylindrical counter, radial field, electrons drift to the anode in the center

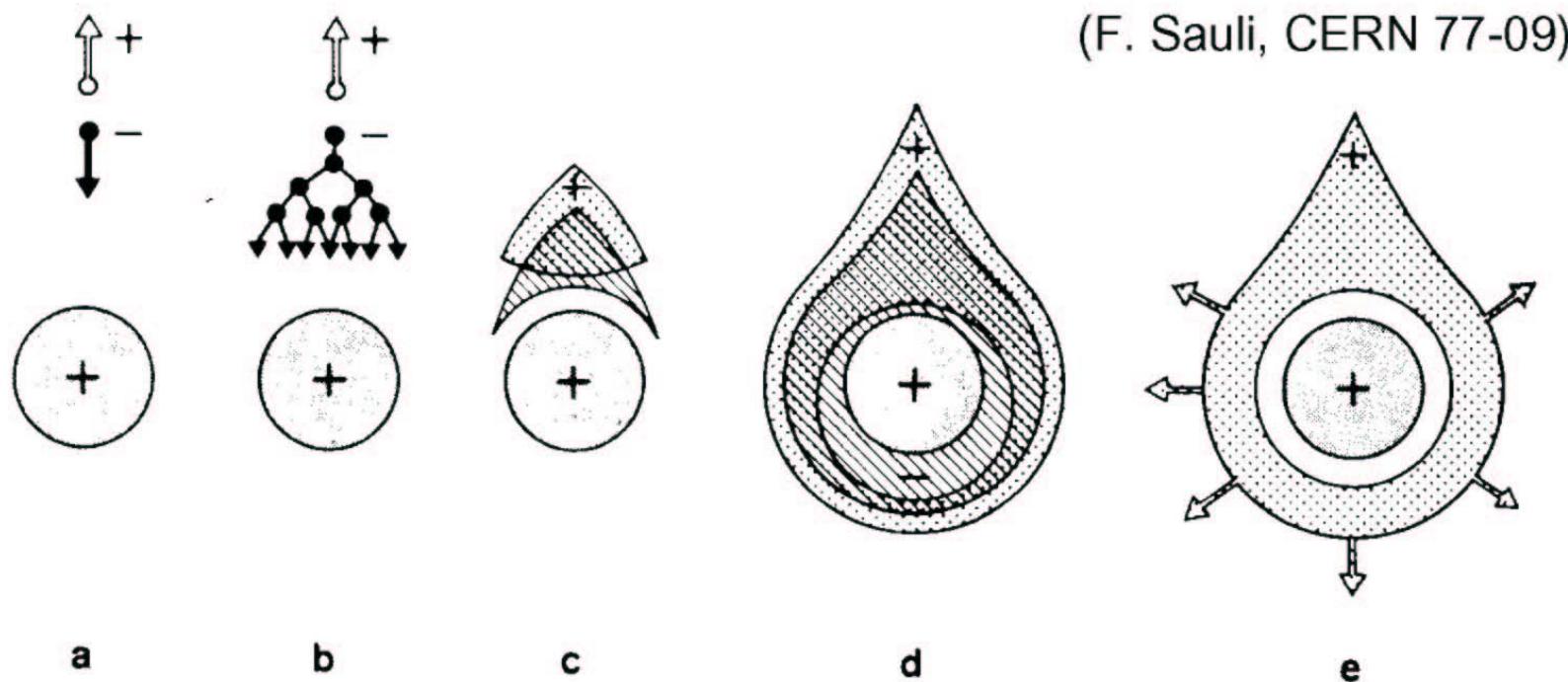
$$E = E(r) \propto 1/r$$



If the energy  $eEd$  gained over several mean free paths ( $d$  around 10mm) exceeds the ionisation energy  $\rightarrow$  new electron  
Electric field needed  $\rightarrow E = I/ed = 10V/\mu m = 100kV/cm$

# Multiplication in gas

Electron travels (drifts) towards the anode (wire); close to the wire the electric field becomes high enough (several kV/cm), the electron gains sufficient energy between two subsequent collisions with the gas molecules to ionize -> **start of an avalanche.**



# Signal development

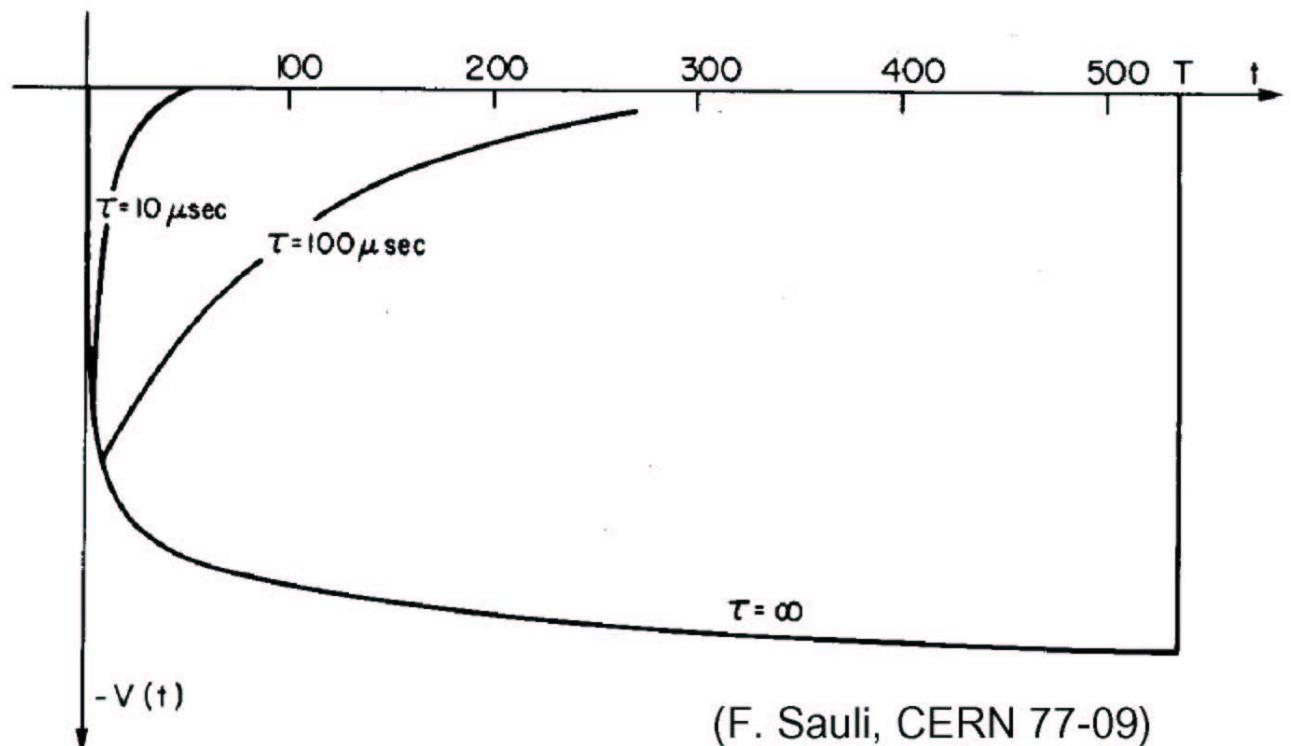
Time evolution of the signal

$$u(t) = -\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 l} \ln\left(1 + \frac{t}{t_0}\right)$$

with no RC filtering ( $\tau = \infty$ ) and with time constants 10 $\mu$ s and 100 $\mu$ s.

If faster signals are needed  $\rightarrow$  smaller time constants  $\rightarrow$  smaller signals

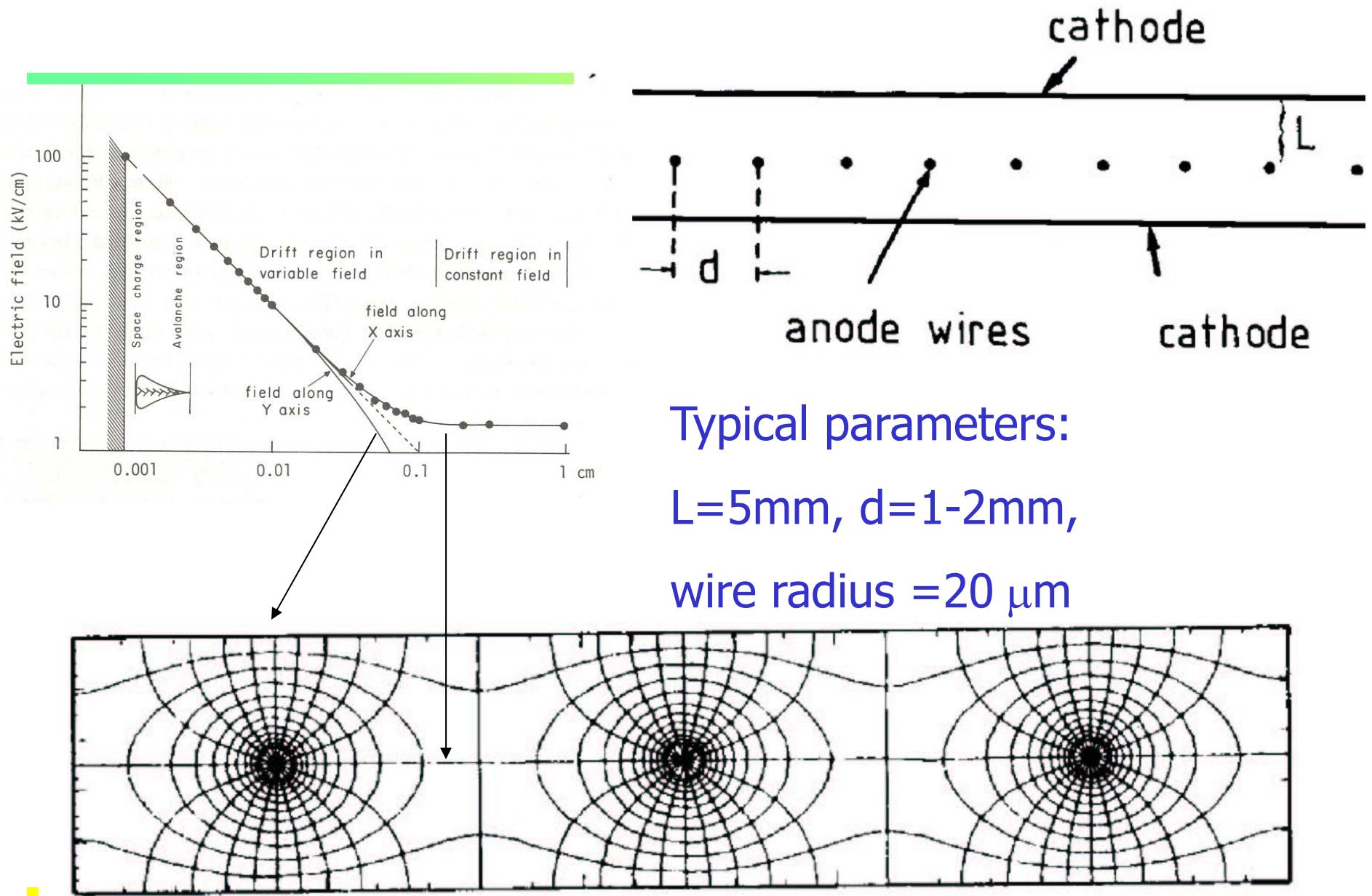
e.g.  $\tau = 40\text{ns}$ : max  $u(t)$  is about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the  $\tau = \infty$  case



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# Multiwire proportional chamber (MWPC)



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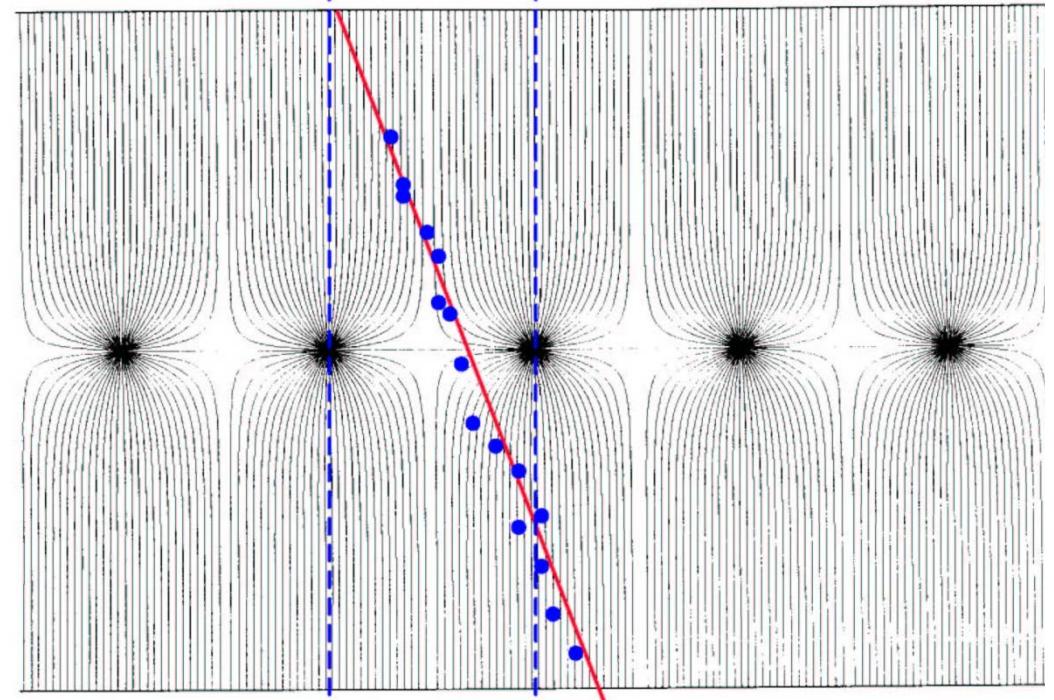
# Multiwire proportional chamber (MWPC)

The address of the fired wire gives only 1-dimensional information.

Normally digital readout:  
spatial resolution limited to

$$\sigma = d/\sqrt{12}$$

$$\text{for } d=1\text{mm} \rightarrow \sigma = 300 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$$



Revolutionized particle physics experiments  
→ Nobel prize for G. Charpak

# Components of an experimental apparatus ('spectrometer')

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- Tracking and vertexing systems
- Particle identification devices (PID)
- Calorimeters (measurement of energy)

# Why Particle ID?

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Particle identification is an important aspect of particle, nuclear and astroparticle physics experiments.

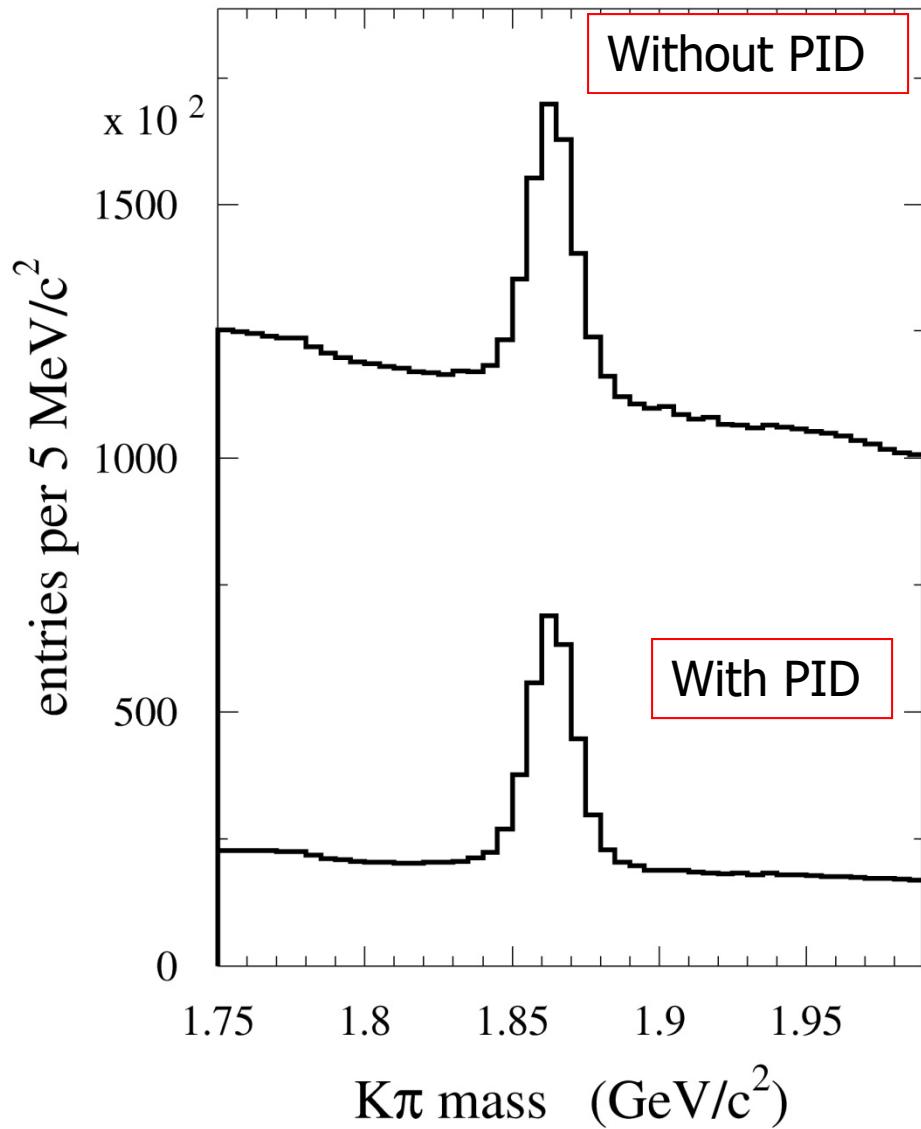
Some physical quantities in particle physics are only accessible with sophisticated particle identification (B-physics, CP violation, rare decays, search for exotic hadronic states).

Nuclear physics: final state identification in quark-gluon plasma searches, separation between isotopes

Astrophysics/astroparticle physics: identification of cosmic rays – separation between nuclei (isotopes), charged particles vs high energy photons

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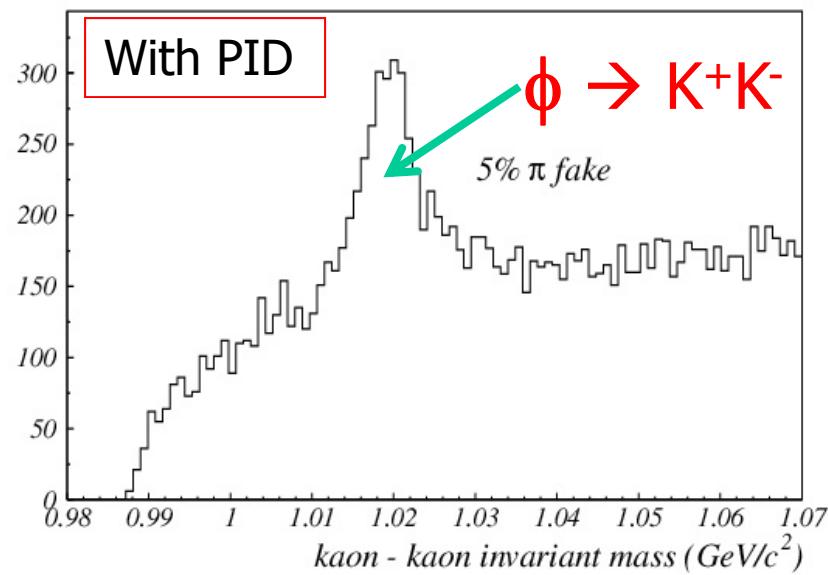
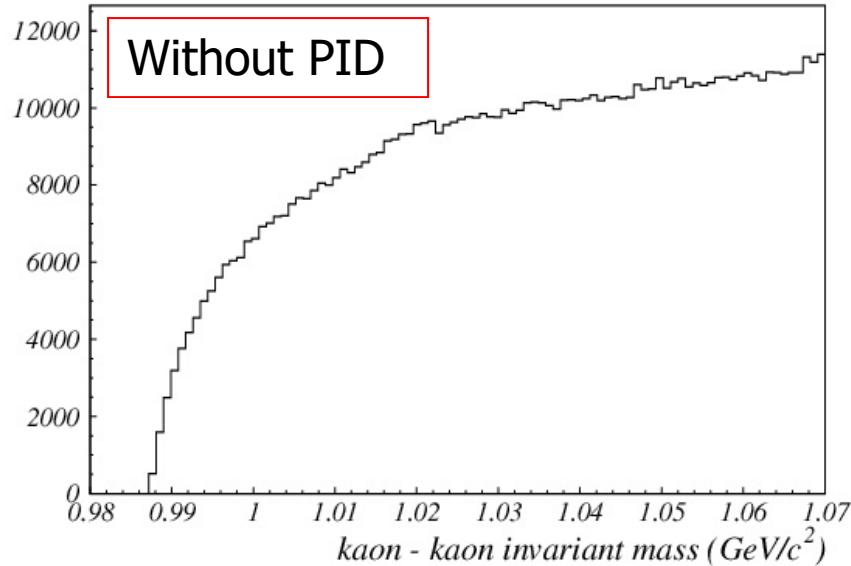
# Introduction: Why Particle ID?



Example 1: B factories

Particle identification  
reduces combinatorial  
background by  $\sim 5x$

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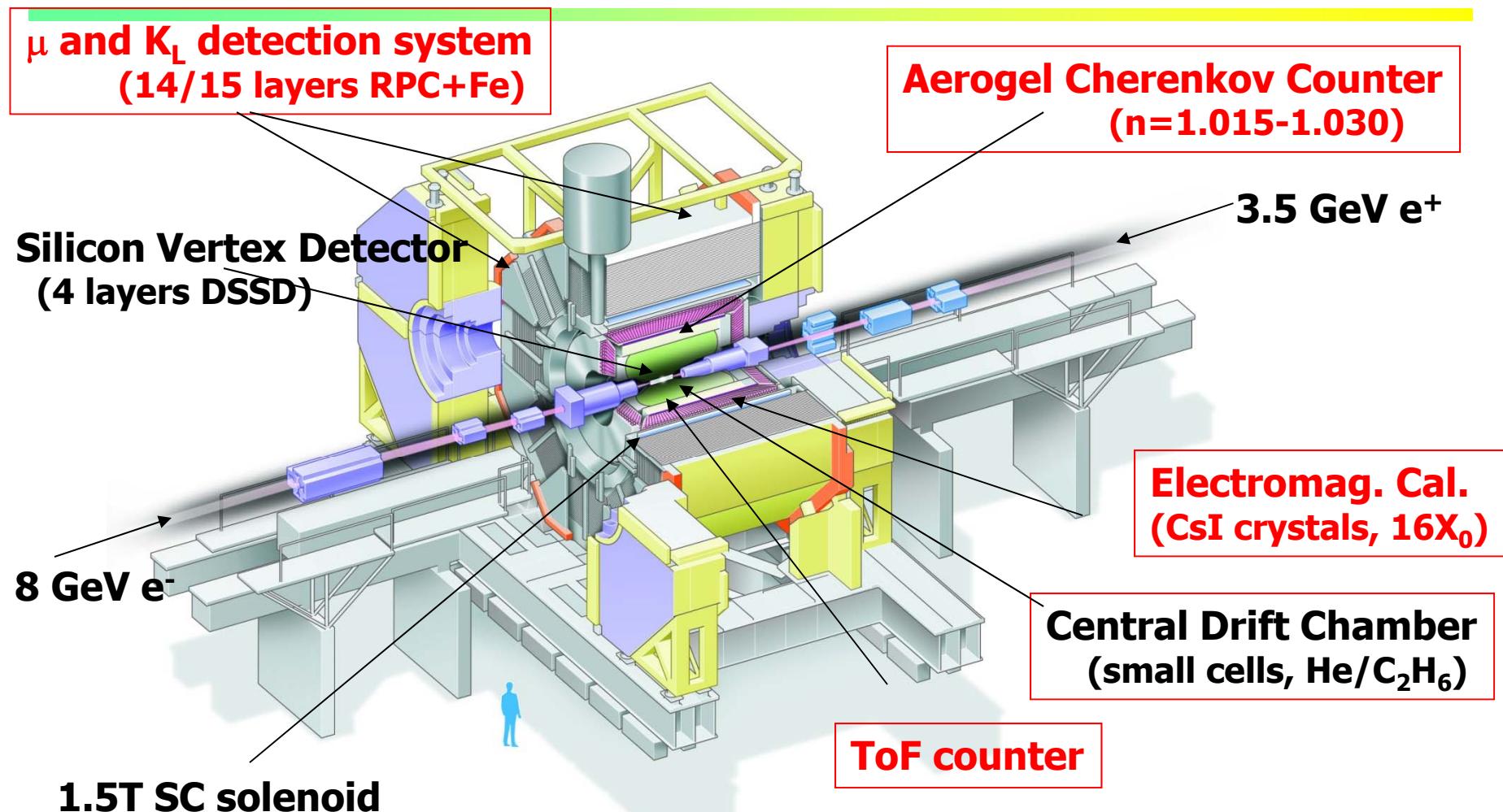


## Example 2: HERA-B

K<sup>+</sup>K<sup>-</sup> invariant mass.

The  $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$  decay only becomes visible after particle identification is taken into account.

# Particle identification systems in Belle



# Identification of charged particles

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Particles are identified by their **mass** or by the **way they interact**.

**Determination of mass:** from the relation between momentum and velocity,  $p=\gamma mv$ .

Momentum known (radius of curvature in magnetic field)

→ Measure velocity:

time of flight

ionisation losses  $dE/dx$

Cherenkov angle

transition radiation

Mainly used for the identification of hadrons.

**Identification through interaction:** electrons and muons

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## Time-of-flight measurement (TOF)

Measure time difference over a known distance, determine velocity

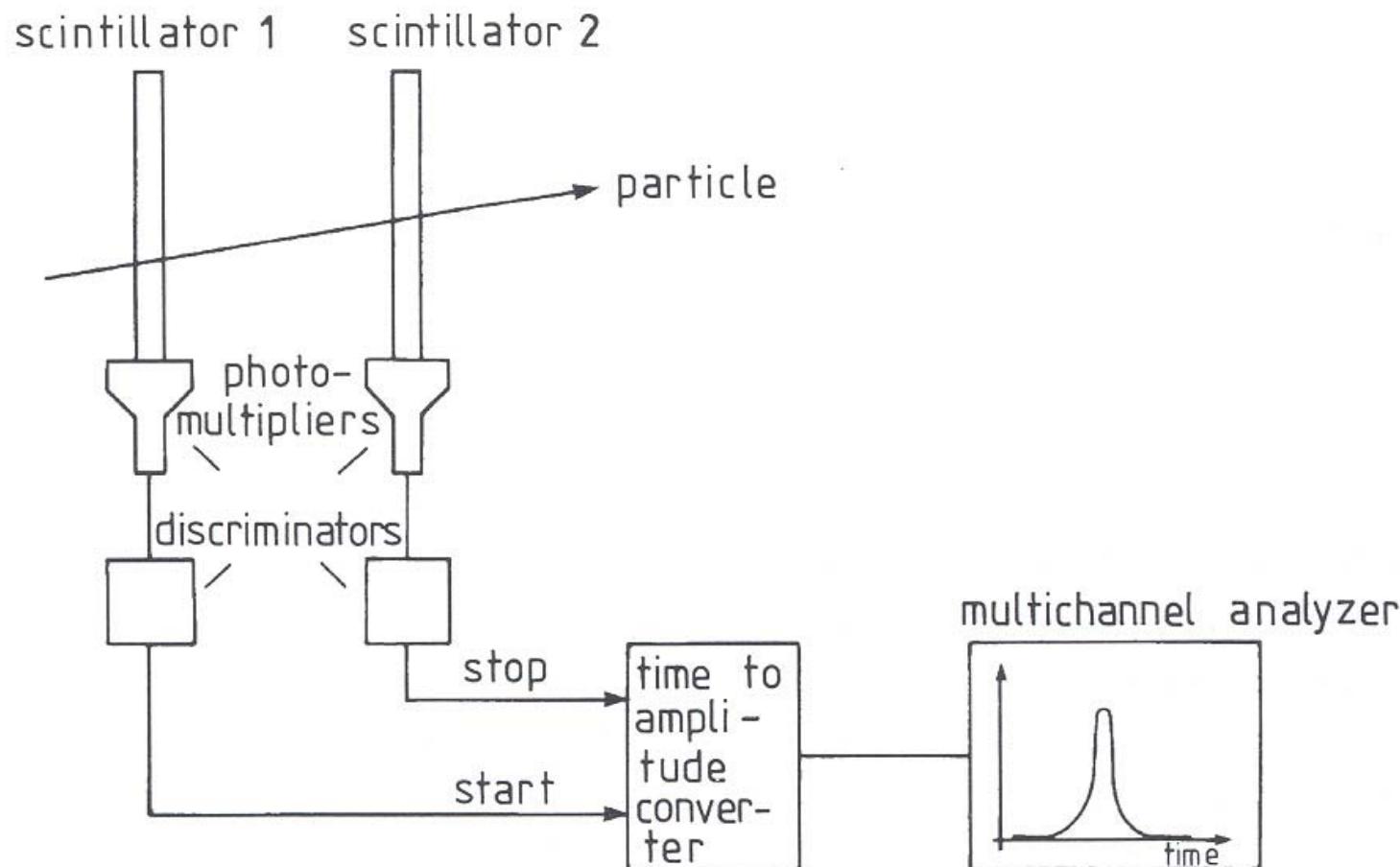
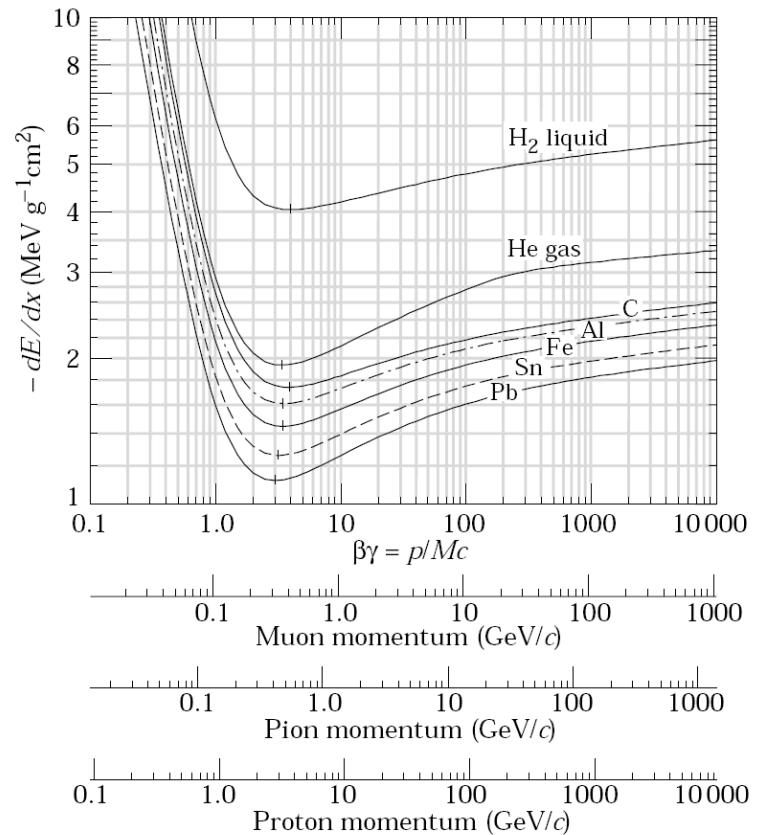
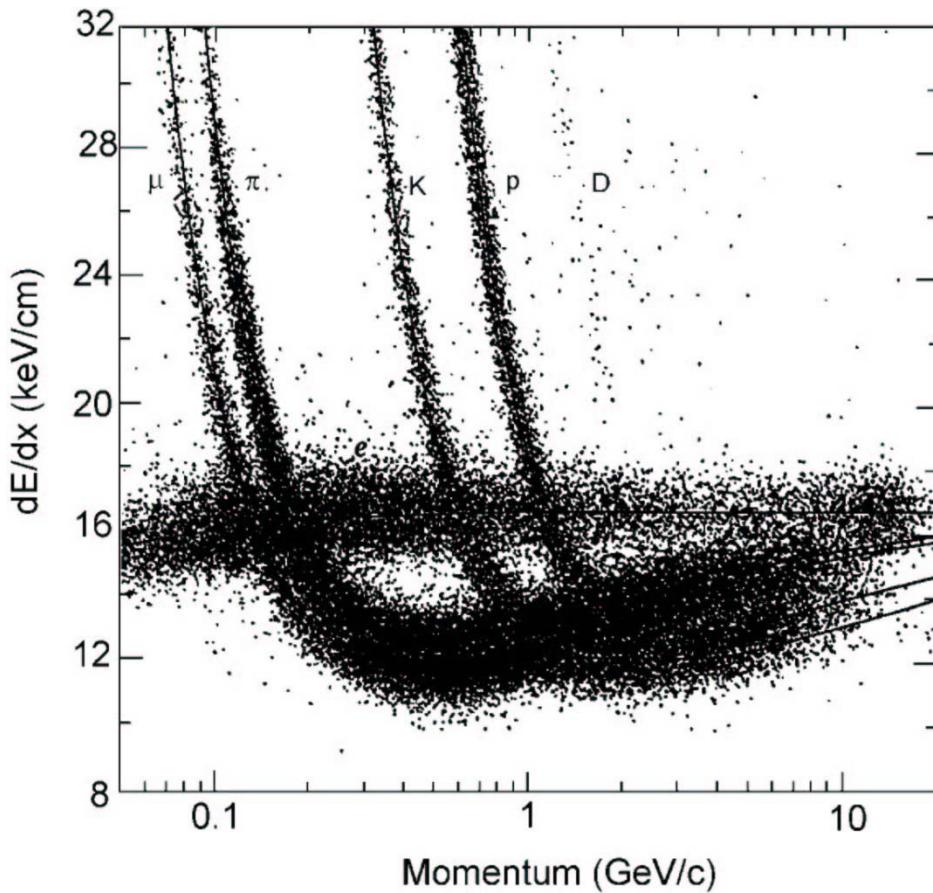


Fig. 6.5. Working principle of time-of-flight measurement.

# Identification with $dE/dx$ measurement

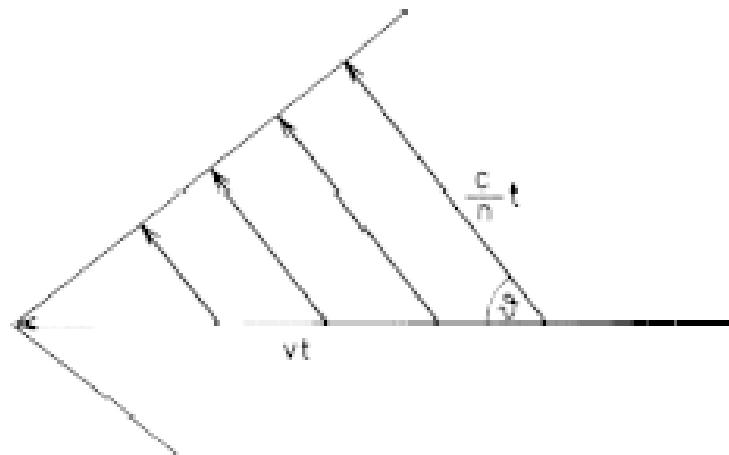
$dE/dx$  performance in a large drift chamber.



# Čerenkov radiation

A charged track with velocity  $v = \beta c$  above the speed of light  $c/n$  in a medium with index of refraction  $n = \sqrt{\epsilon}$  emits polarized light at a characteristic (Čerenkov) angle,

$$\cos\theta = c/nv = 1/\beta n$$

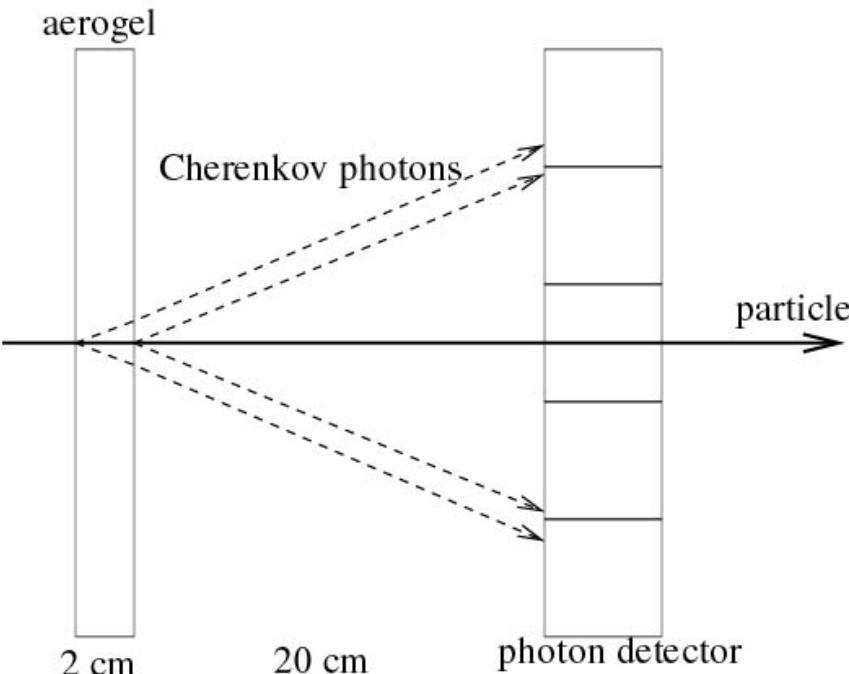


Two cases:

- 1)  $\beta < \beta_t = 1/n$ : below threshold no Čerenkov light is emitted.
- 2)  $\beta > \beta_t$ : the number of Čerenkov photons emitted over unit photon energy  $E = h\nu$  in a radiator of length  $L$  amounts to

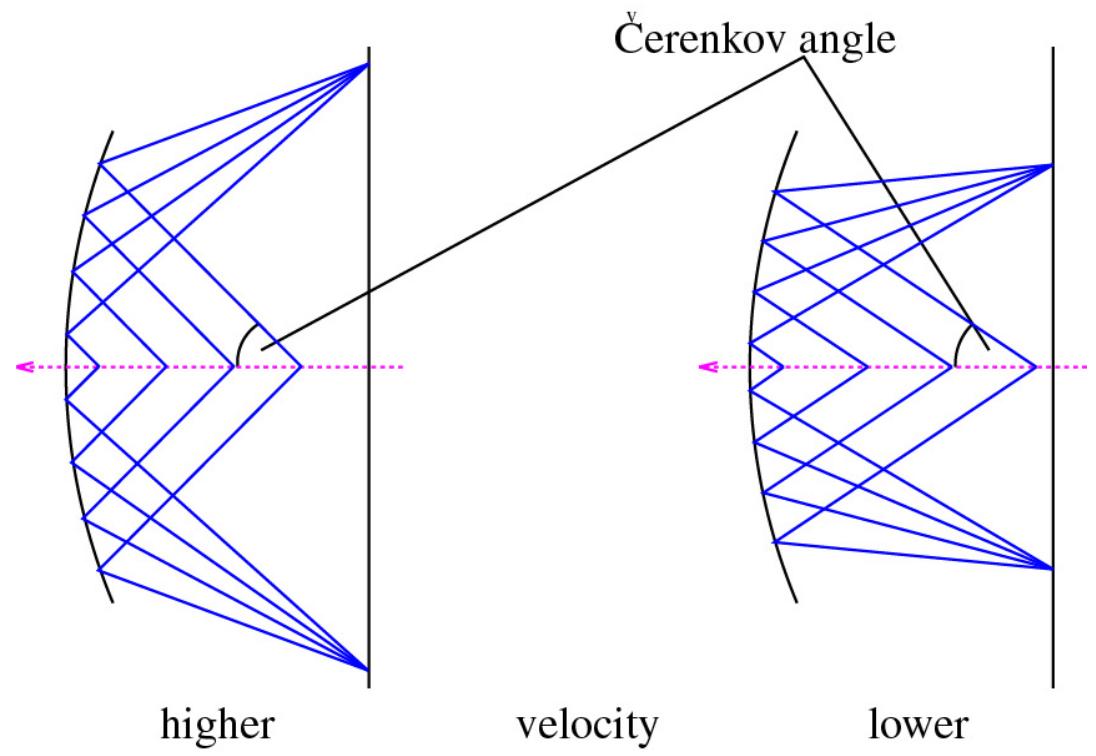
$$\frac{dN}{dE} = \frac{\alpha}{\hbar c} L \sin^2 \theta = 370(cm)^{-1}(eV)^{-1} L \sin^2 \theta$$

# Measuring Cherenkov angle

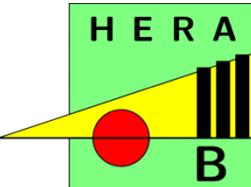


Proximity focusing RICH

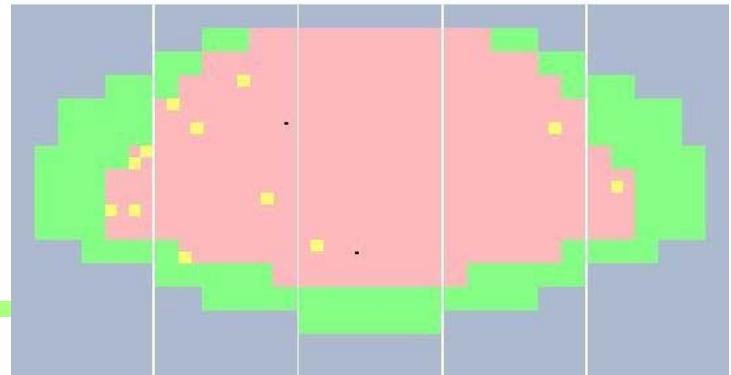
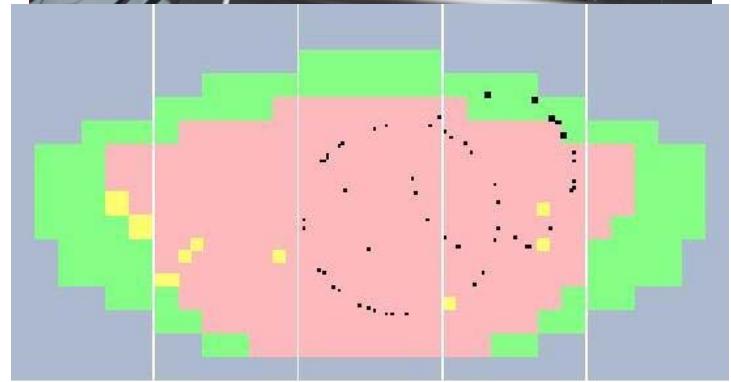
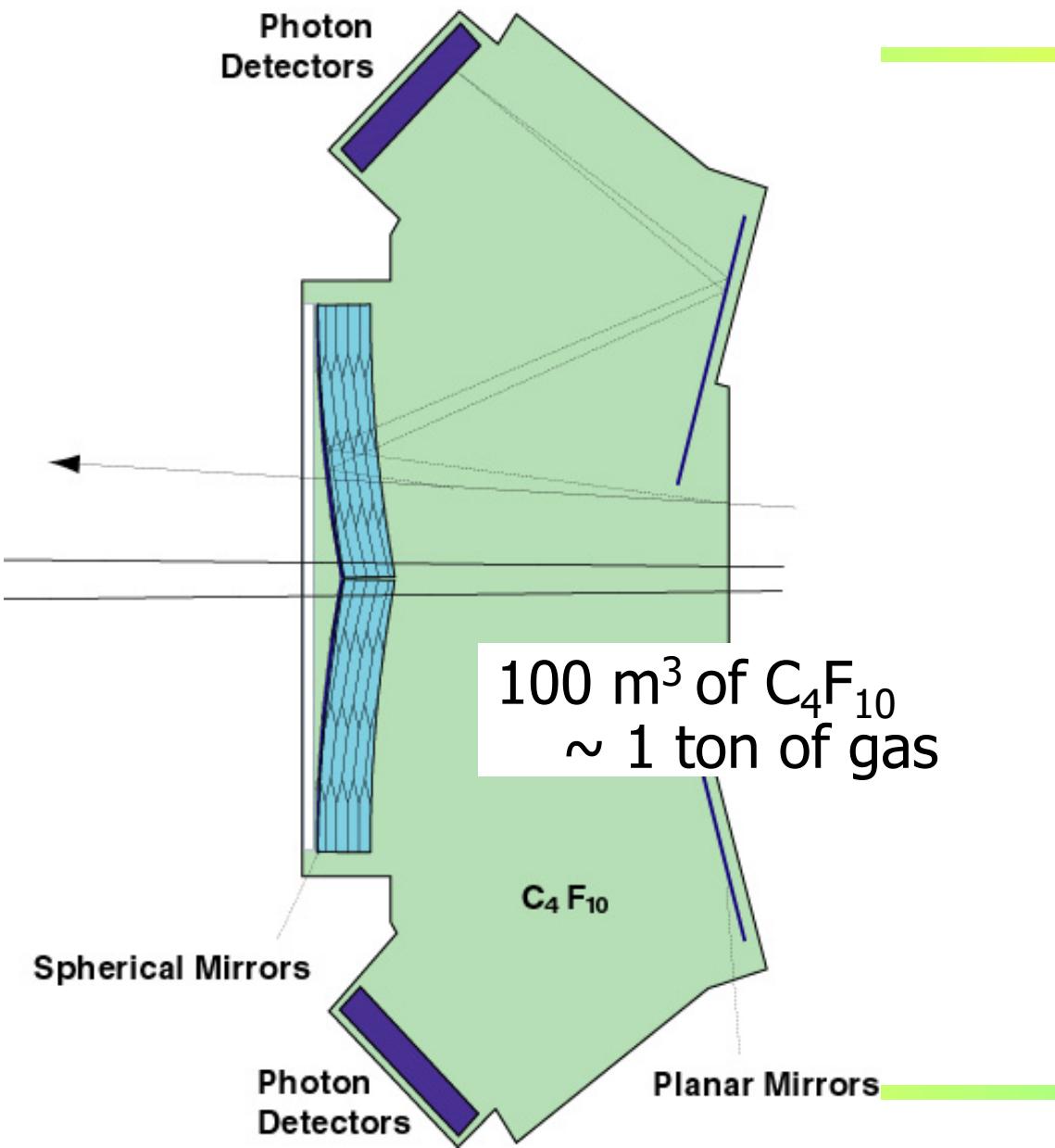
Idea: transform the **direction** into a **coordinate** →  
ring on the detection plane  
→ **Ring Imaging Cherenkov**



RICH with a  
focusing mirror



# HERA-B RICH



# Transition radiation detectors

X rays emitted at the boundary of two media with different refractive indices, emission angle  $\sim 1/\gamma$

Emission rate depends on  $\gamma$  (Lorentz factor): becomes important at  $\gamma \sim 1000$

- Electrons at 0.5 GeV
- Pions, muons above 100 GeV

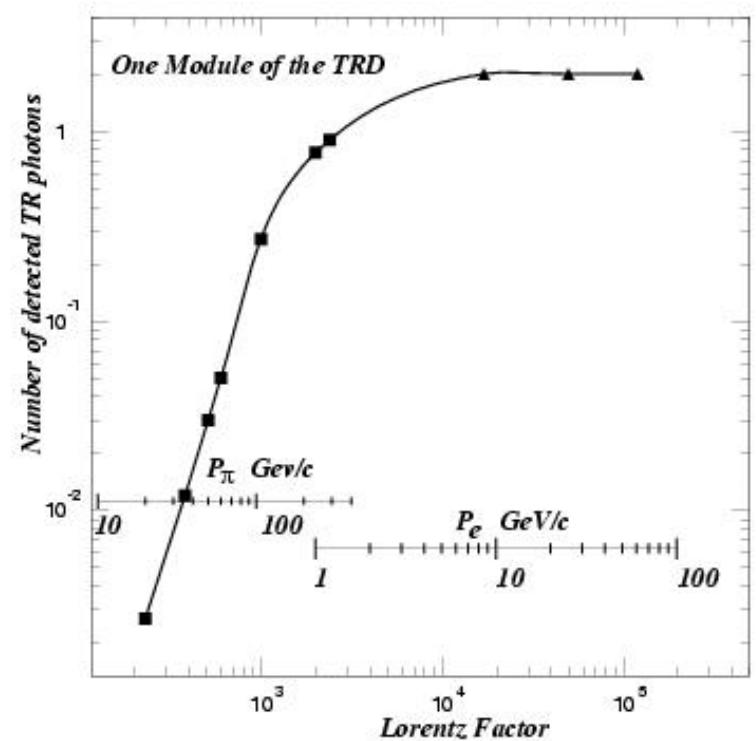
In between: discrimination e vs pions, mions

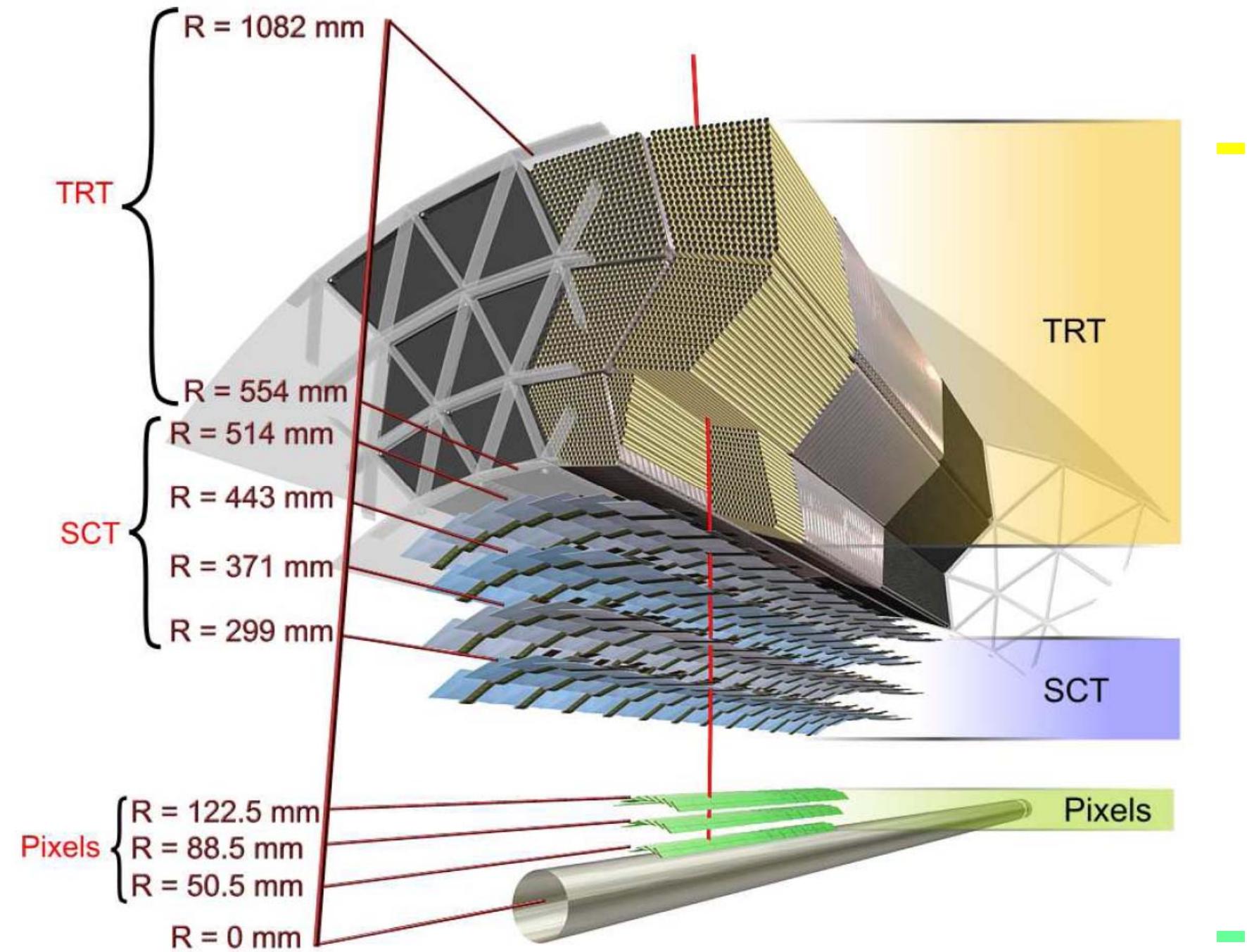
Detection of X rays: high Z gas – Xe

Few photons per boundary can be detected

Need many boundaries

- Stacks of thin foils or
- Porous materials – foam with many boundaries of individual 'bubbles'





# Muon and $K_L$ detector at B factories

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**Separate muons from hadrons (pions and kaons):** exploit the fact that muons interact only electromag., while hadrons interact strongly → need a few interaction lengths to stop hadrons (interaction lengths = about 10x radiation length in iron, 20x in CsI). A particle is identified as muon if it penetrates the material.



**Detect  $K_L$  interaction (cluster):** again need a few interaction lengths.

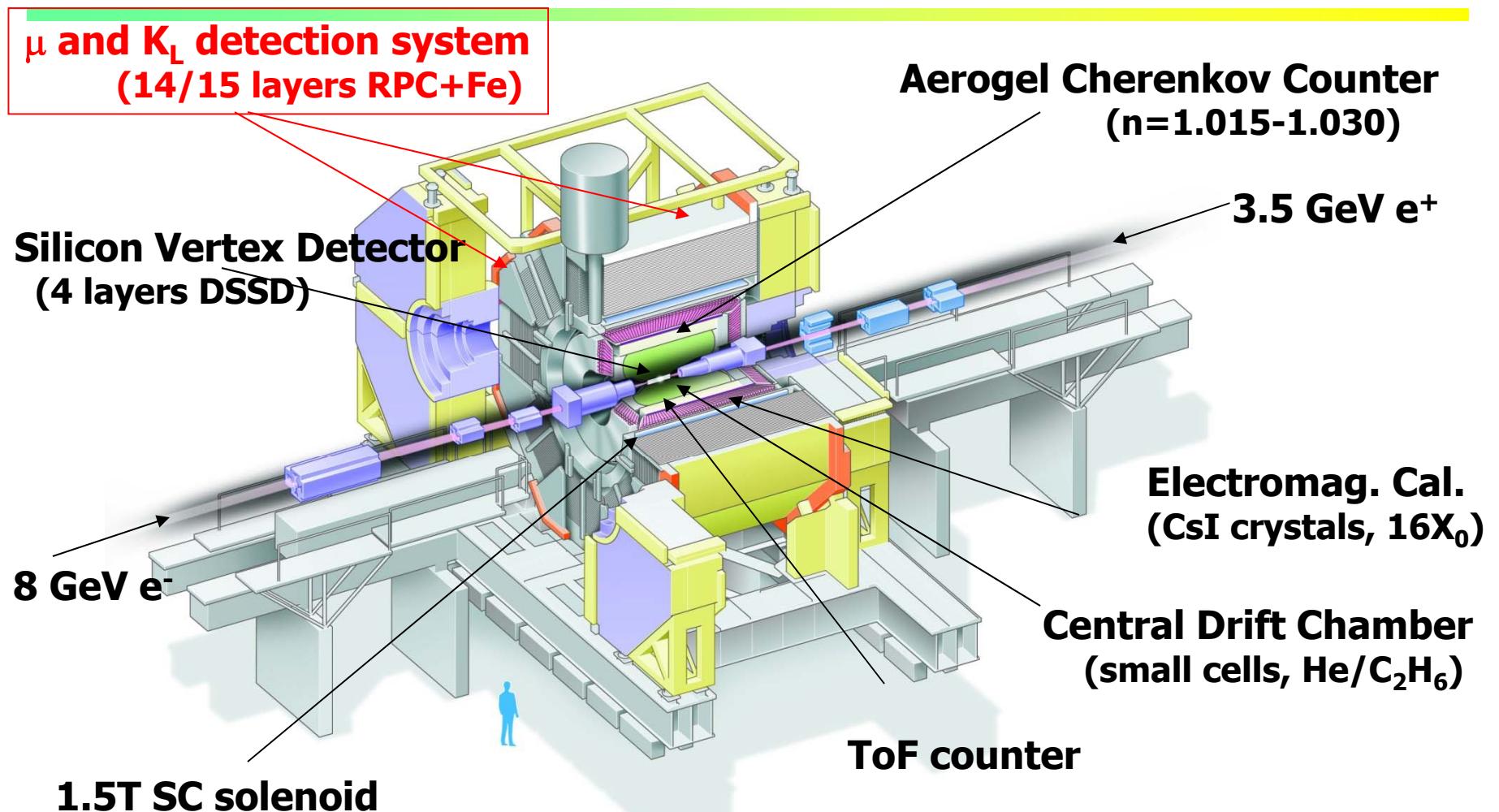
Some numbers: 0.8 interaction length (CsI) + 3.9 interaction lengths (iron)

Interaction length: iron 132 g/cm<sup>2</sup>, CsI 167 g/cm<sup>2</sup>

$(dE/dx)_{min}$ :              iron 1.45 MeV/(g/cm<sup>2</sup>), CsI 1.24 MeV/(g/cm<sup>2</sup>)

→  $\Delta E_{min} = (0.36+0.11) \text{ GeV} = 0.47 \text{ GeV}$  → reliable identification of muons possible above ~600 MeV

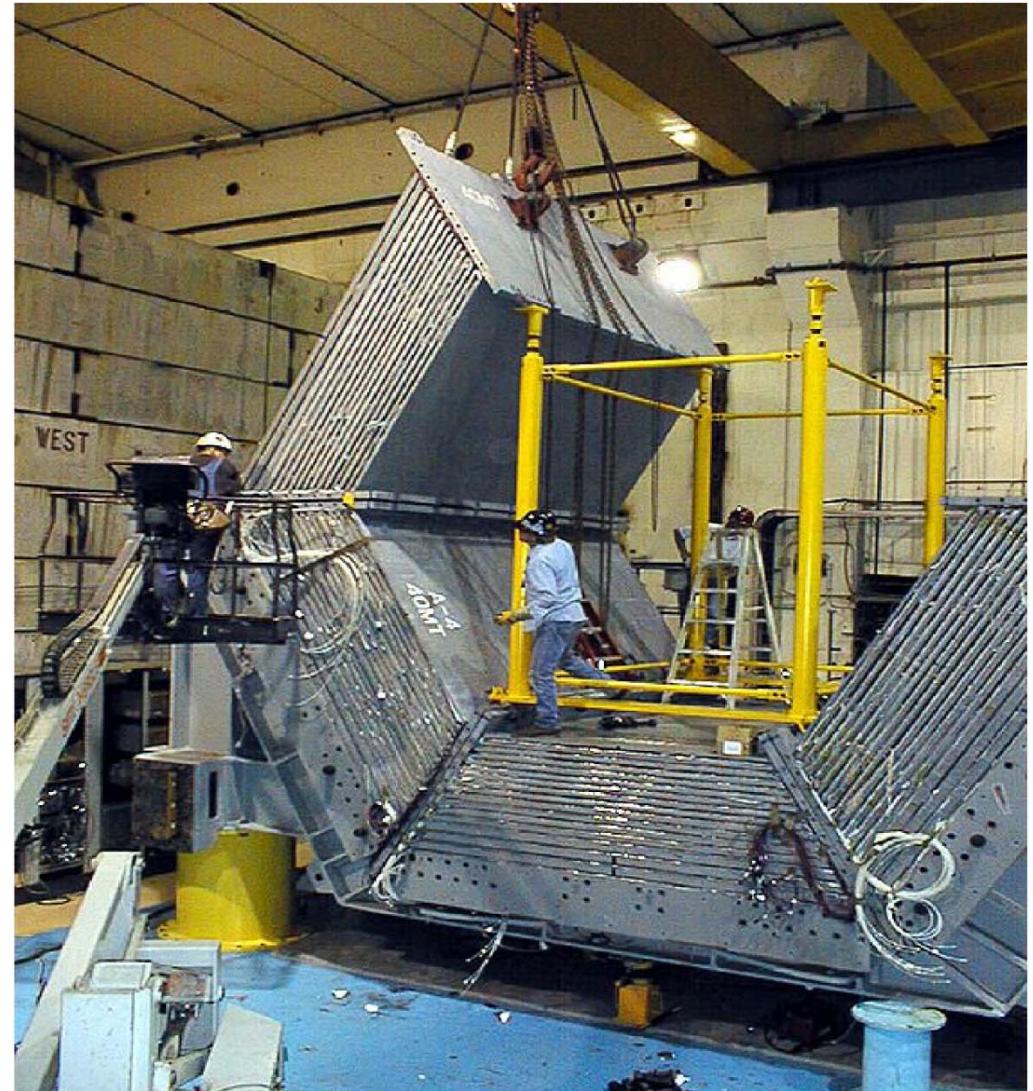
# Example: Muon and $K_L$ detection at Belle



# Muon and K<sub>L</sub> detector

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Up to 21 layers of resistive-plate chambers (RPCs) between iron plates of flux return

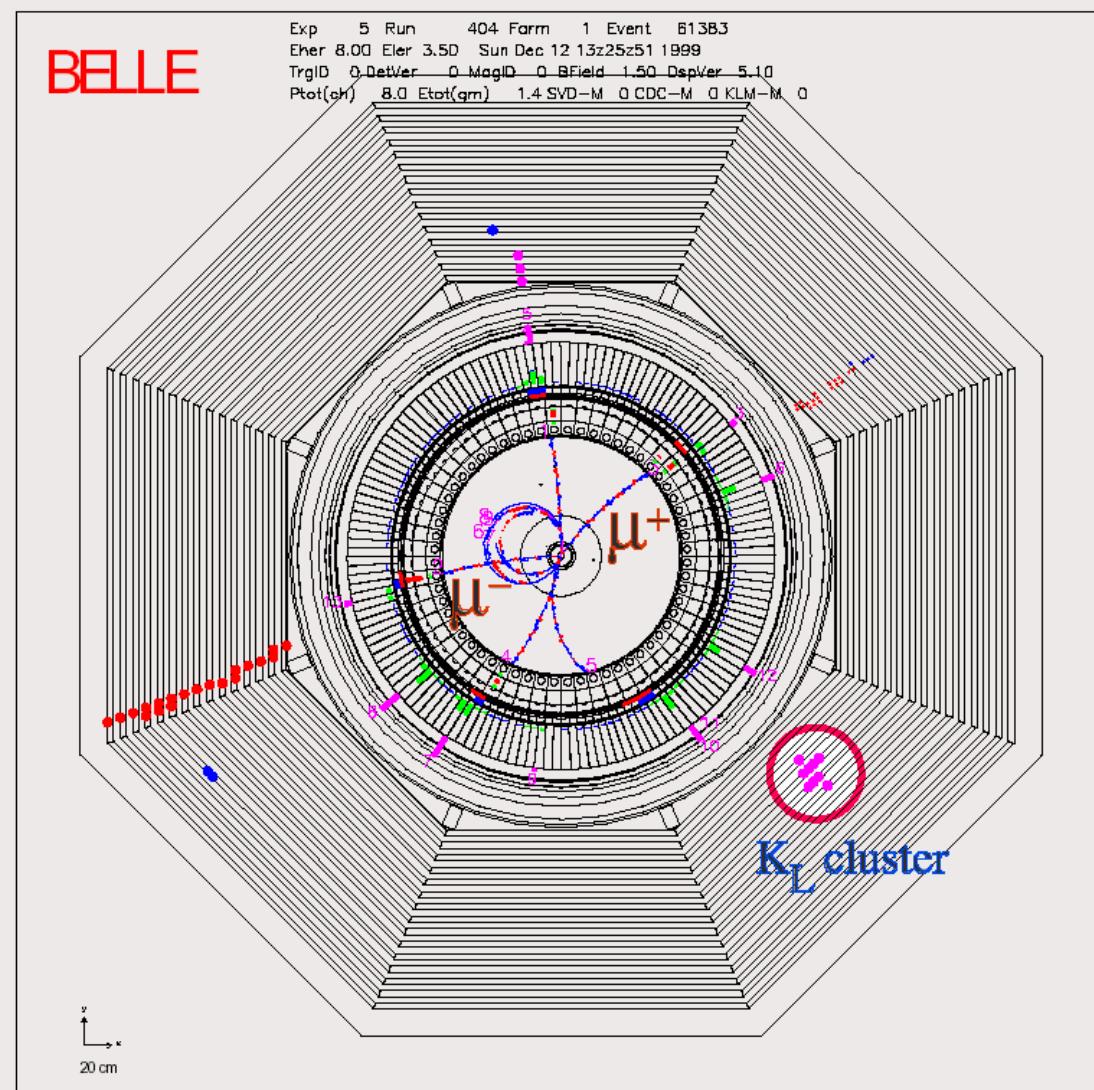


# Muon and $K_L$ detector

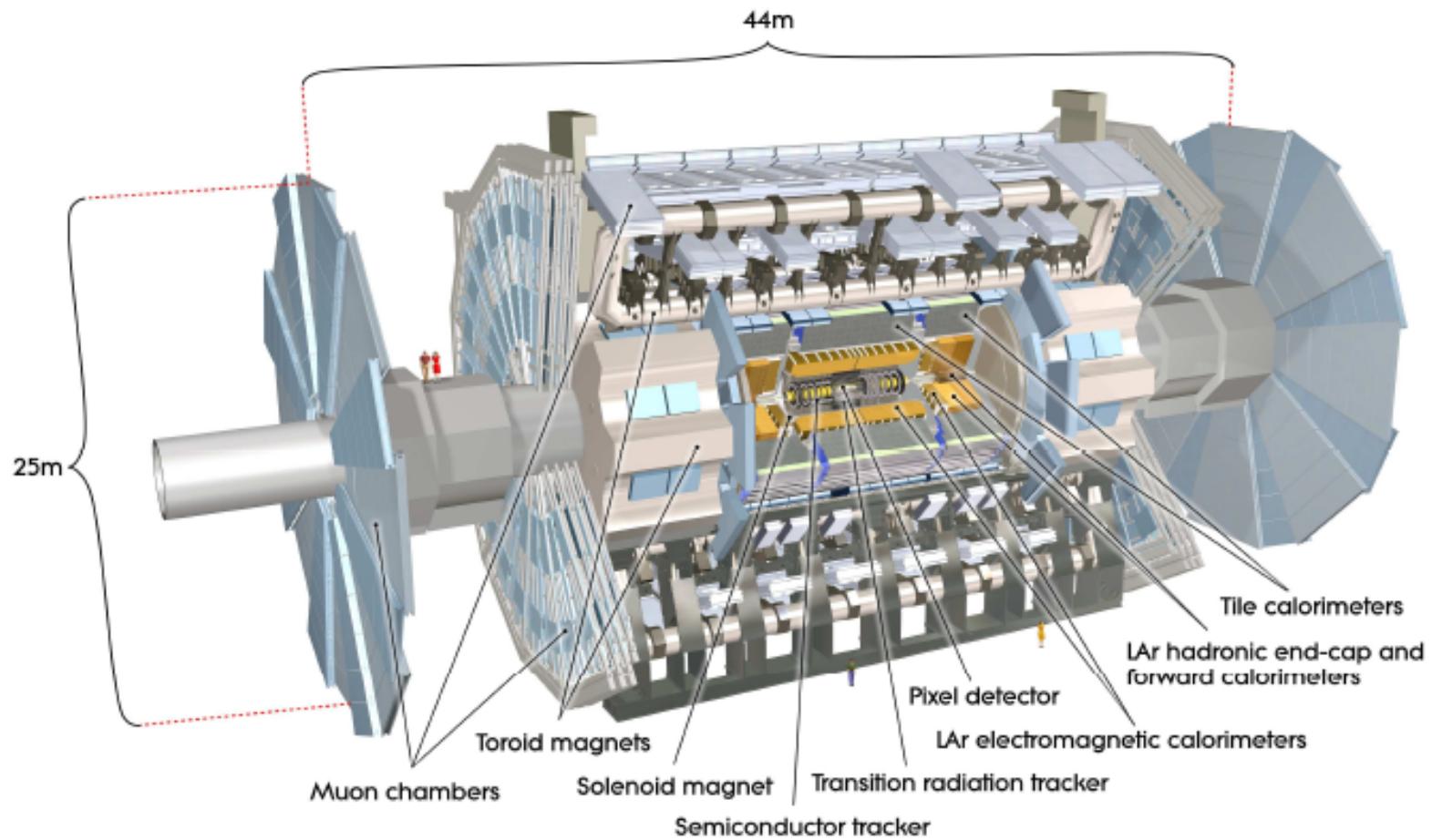
**Example:**  
**event with**

- two muons and a
- $K_L$

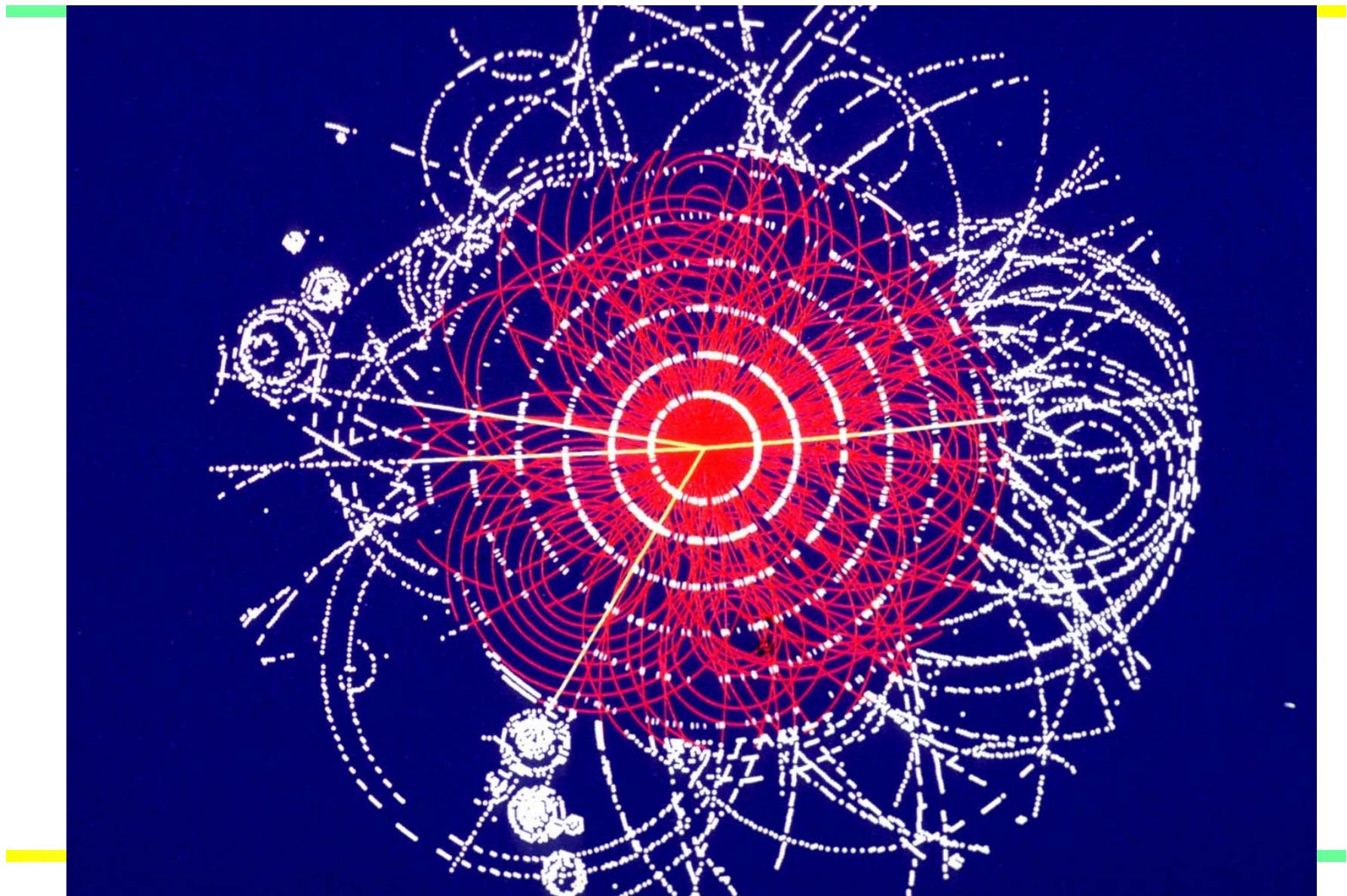
and a pion that  
partly penetrated



# Identification of muons at LHC - example ATLAS



$H \rightarrow 4\mu$  (ATLAS)



# Neutrino detection

Use inverse beta decay



However: cross section is very small!

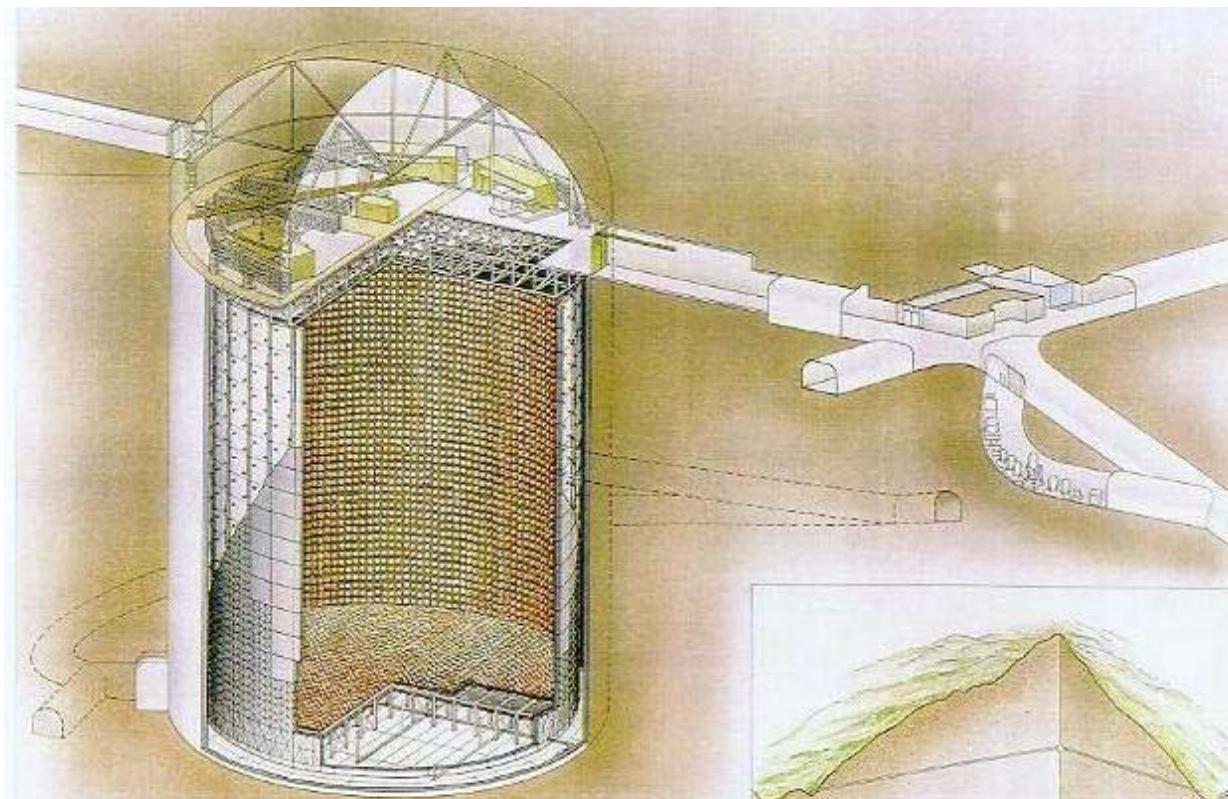
$6.4 \cdot 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2$  at 1MeV

Probability for interaction in 100m of water =  $4 \cdot 10^{-16}$

Not much better at high energies:  
 $0.67 \cdot 10^{-38} \text{ E/1GeV cm}^2$  per nucleon

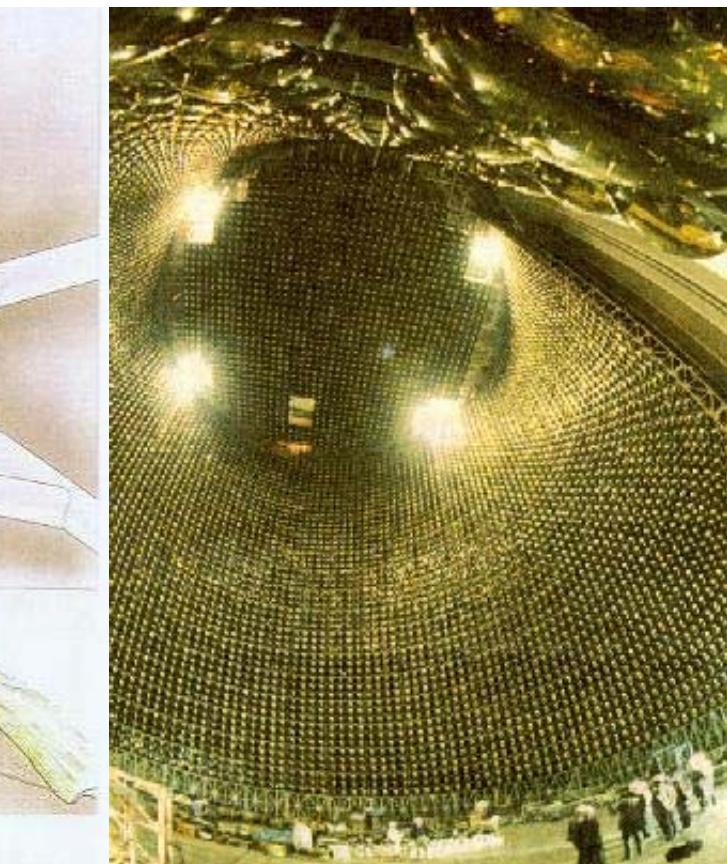
At 100 GeV, still 11 orders below the proton-proton cross section

# Superkamiokande: an example of a neutrino detector



SUPERKAMIOKANDE

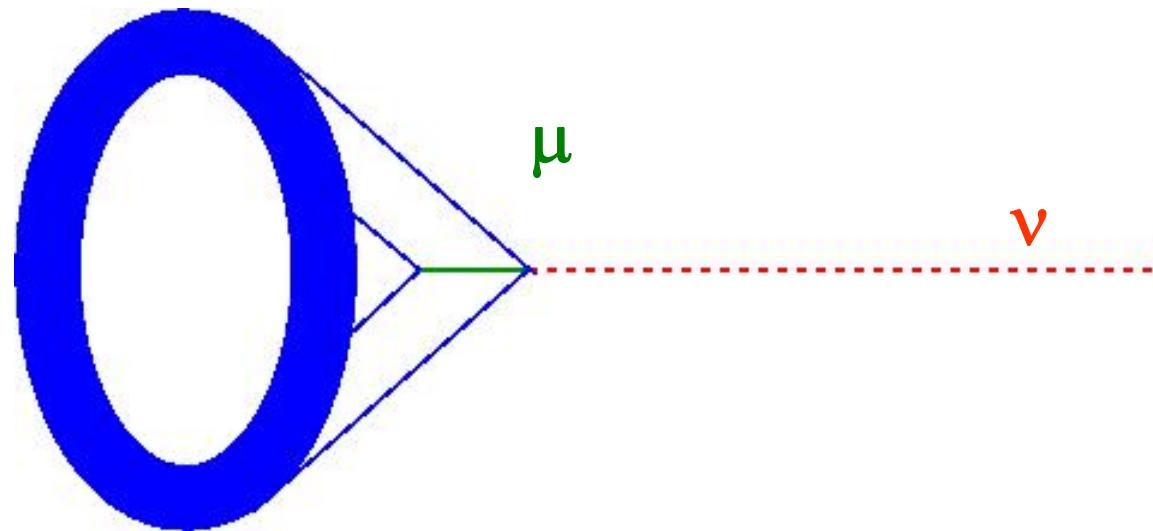
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# Superkamiokande: detection of electrons and muons

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The muon or electron emits Cerenkov light  
→ ring at the detector walls

- Muon ring: sharp edges
- Electron ring: smeared

# Superkamiokande: detection of neutrinos by measuring Cherenkov photons

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Light detectors: HUGE  
photomultiplier tubes

M. Koshiba

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## Muon vs electron

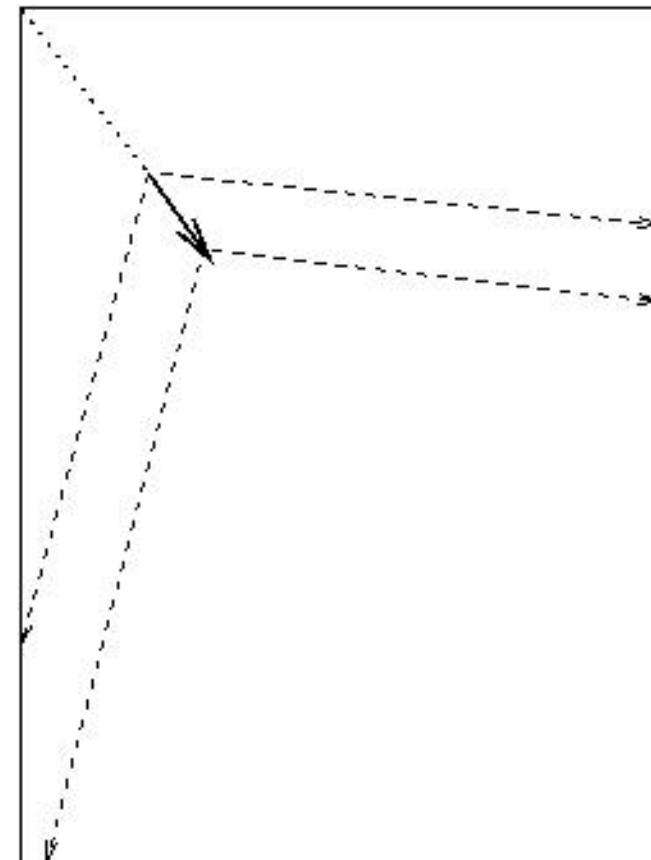
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Cherenkov photons from  
a muon track:

Example: 1GeV muon  
neutrino

Track length of the  
resulting muon:  
 $L = E/(dE/dx) =$   
 $= 1\text{GeV}/(2\text{MeV/cm}) = 5\text{m}$

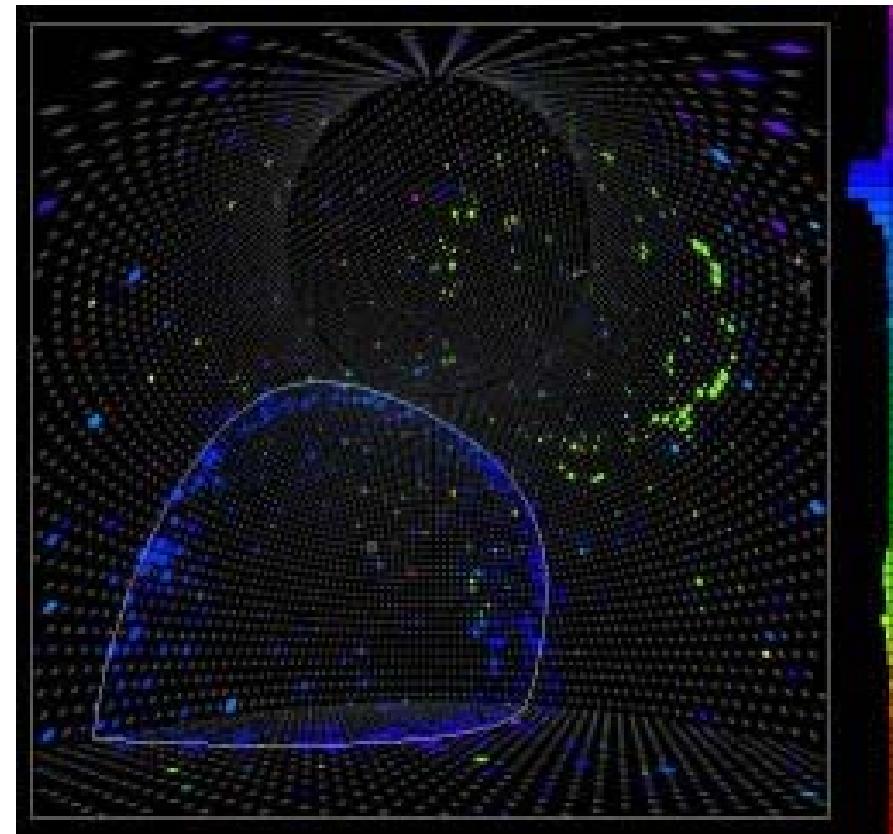
→ a well defined “ring” on  
the walls



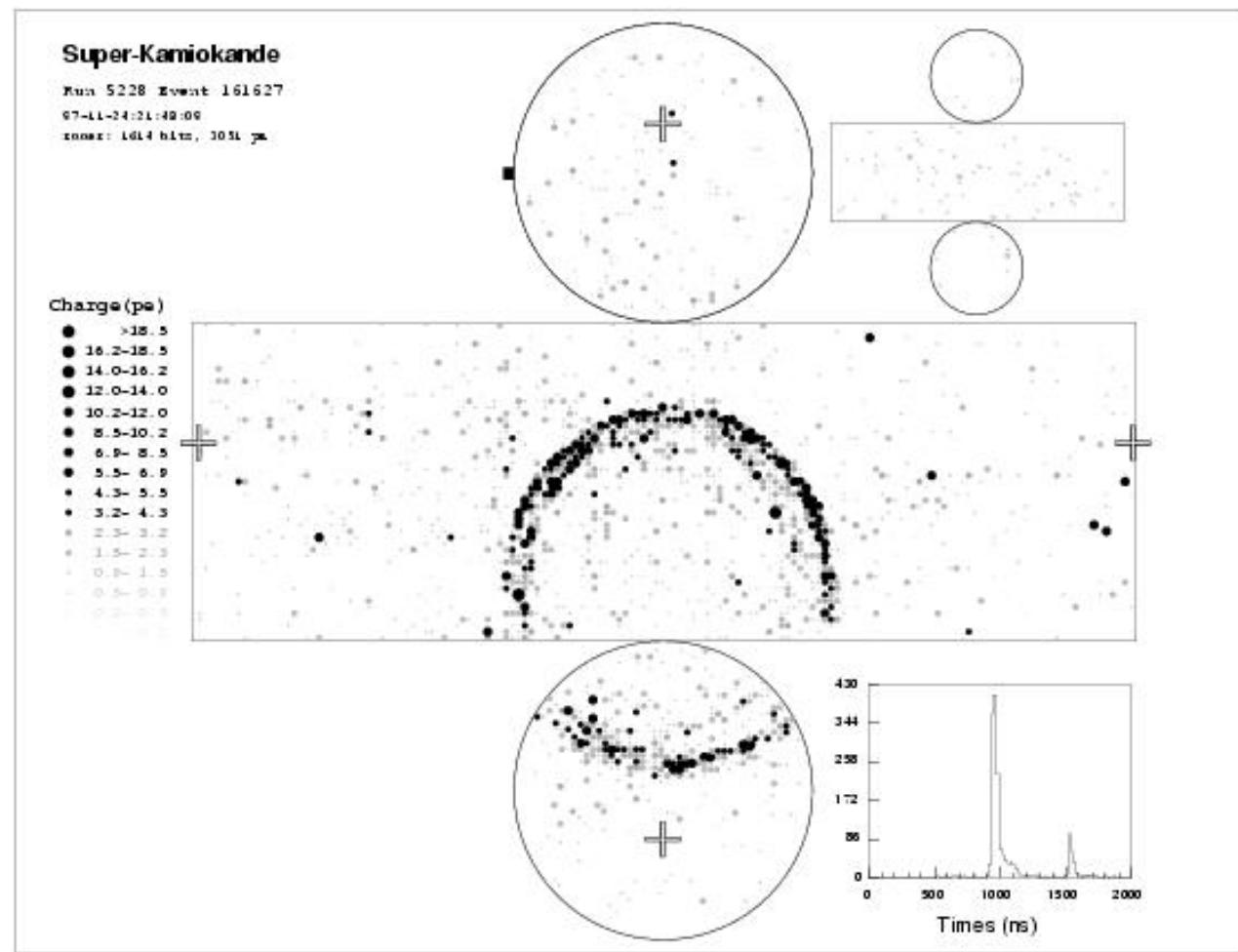
# Superkamiokande: muon event

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Muon ‘ring’ as seen by  
the photon detectors



# Muon event: photon detector cillinder walls



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# Detection of very high energy neutrinos (from galactic sources)

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The expected fluxes are very low:

Need really huge volumes of detector medium!

What is huge? From  $(100\text{m})^3$  to  $(1\text{km})^3$

Also needed: directional information.

Again use:  $\nu_\mu + n \rightarrow p + \mu^-$ ;  $\mu$  direction coincides with the direction of the high energy neutrino.

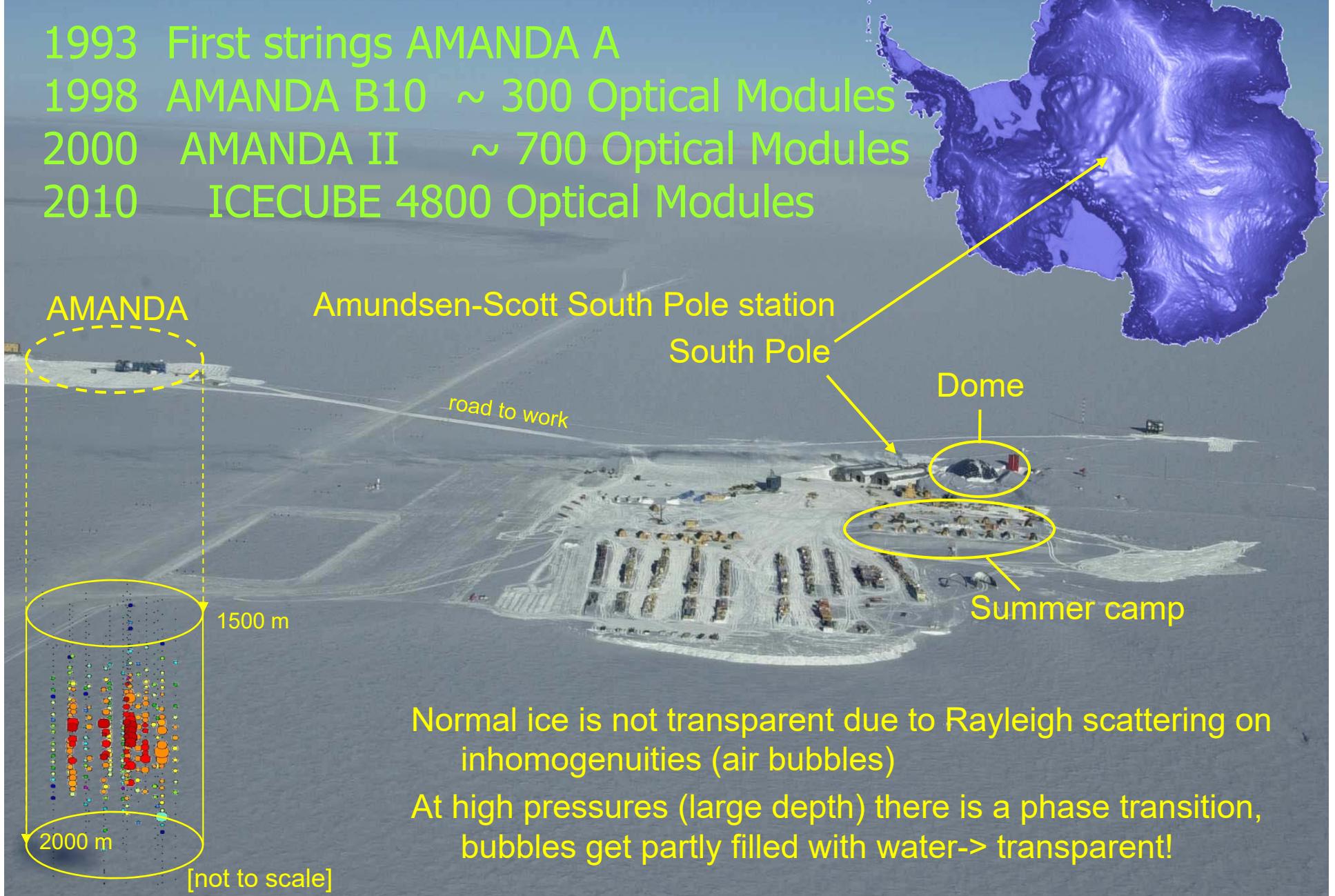
# ICE CUBE: use the Antarctic ice instead of water

1993 First strings AMANDA A

1998 AMANDA B10 ~ 300 Optical Modules

2000 AMANDA II ~ 700 Optical Modules

2010 ICECUBE 4800 Optical Modules



# Reconstruction of direction and energy of incident high energy muon neutrino

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For each event:

Measure time of arrival on  
each of the tubes

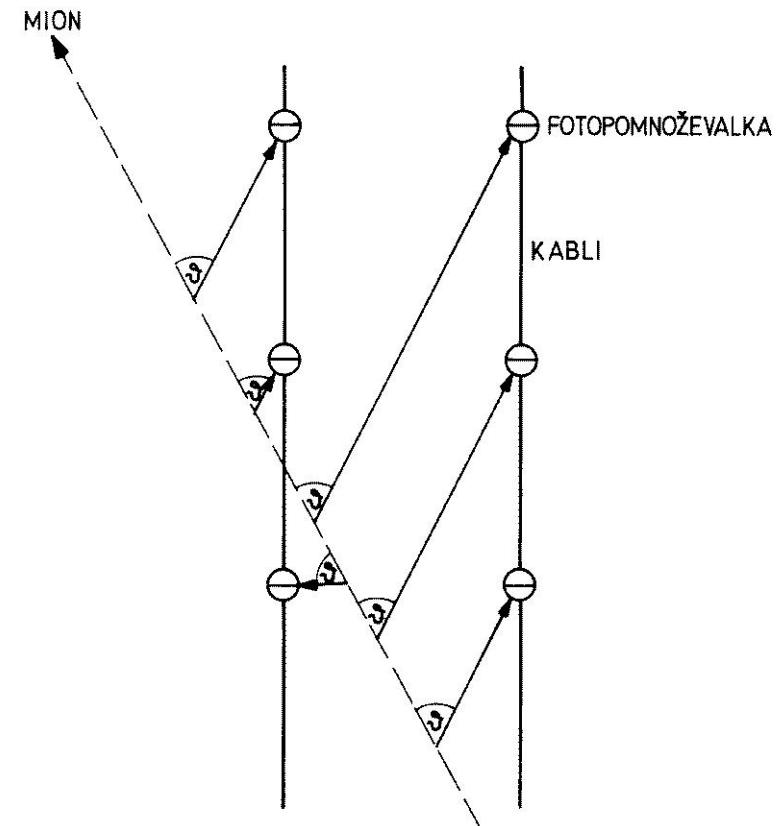
Cherenkov angle is known:

$$\cos\theta = 1/n$$

Reconstruct muon track

Track direction  $\rightarrow$  neutrino  
direction

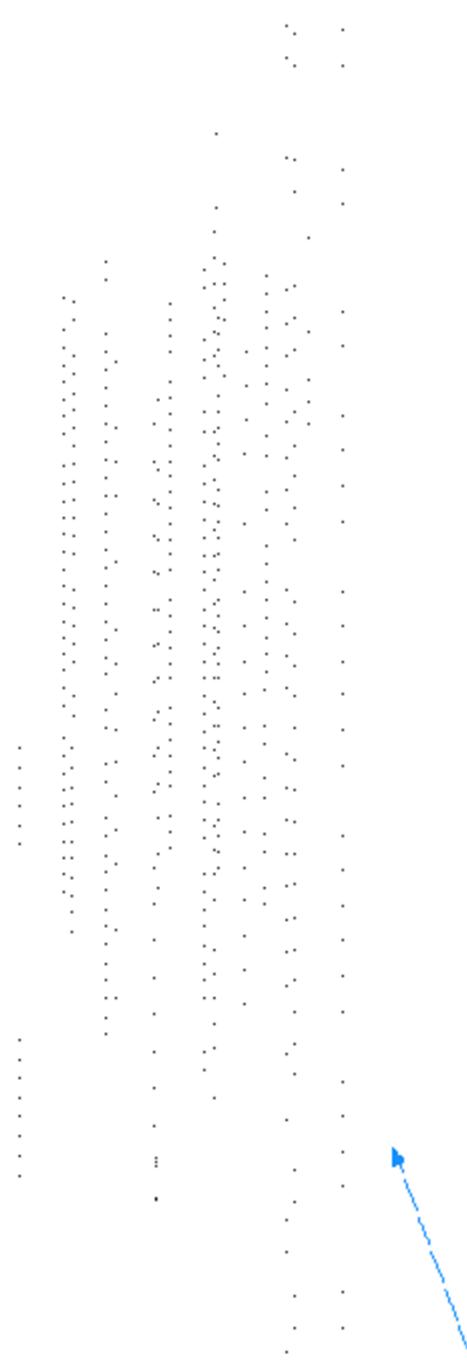
Track length  $\rightarrow$  neutrino  
energy



# ICE CUBE

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Example of a detected  
event, a muon  
entering the PMT  
array from below



# Detekcija kozmičnih delcev na balonu

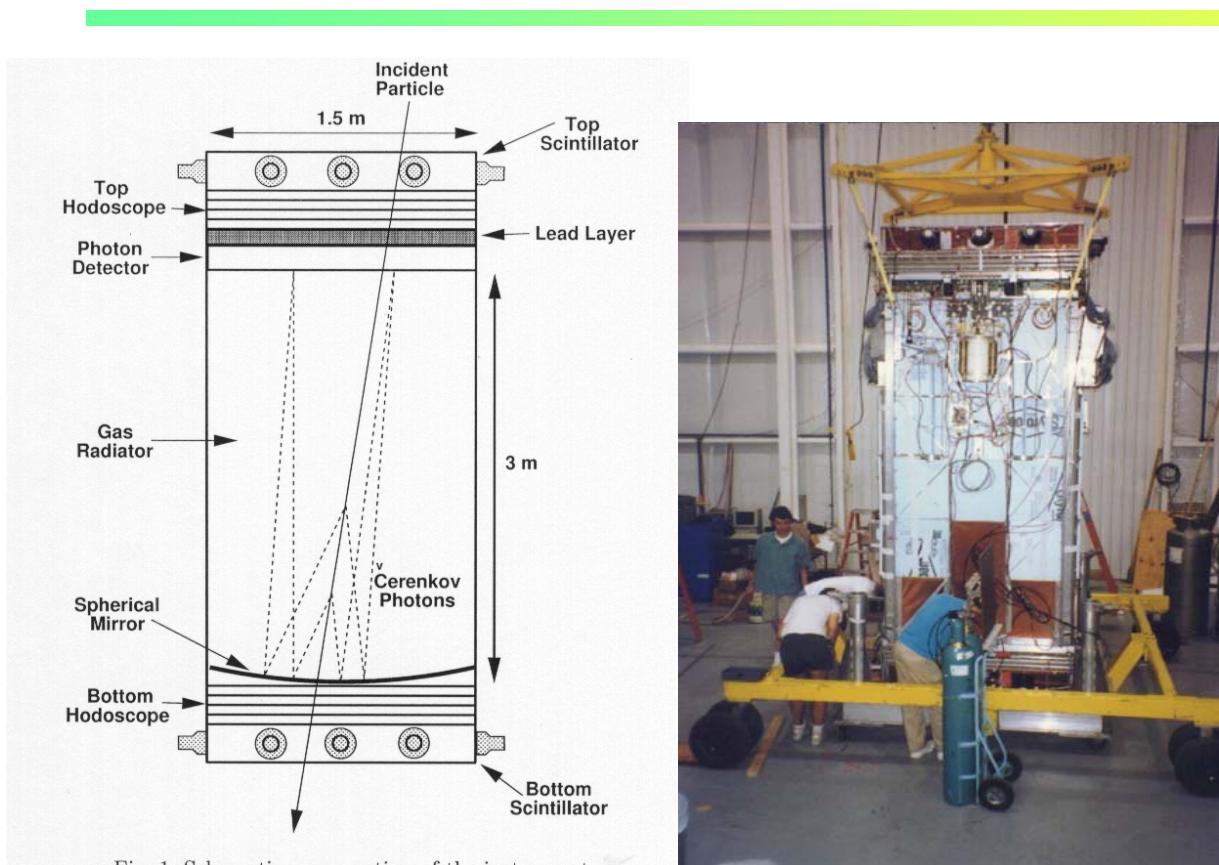
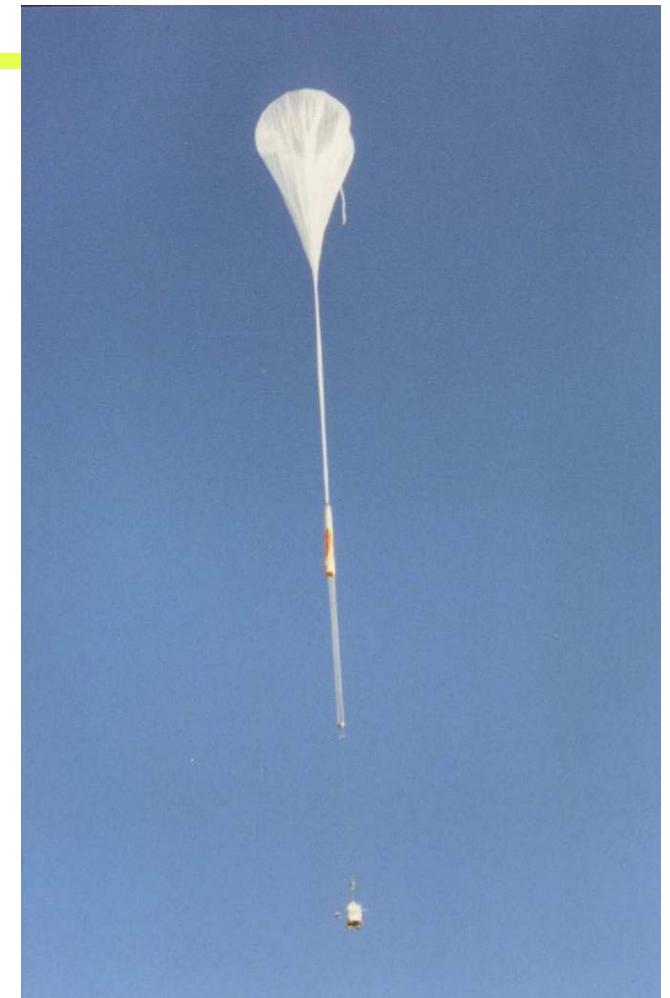


Fig. 1. Schematic cross-section of the instrument



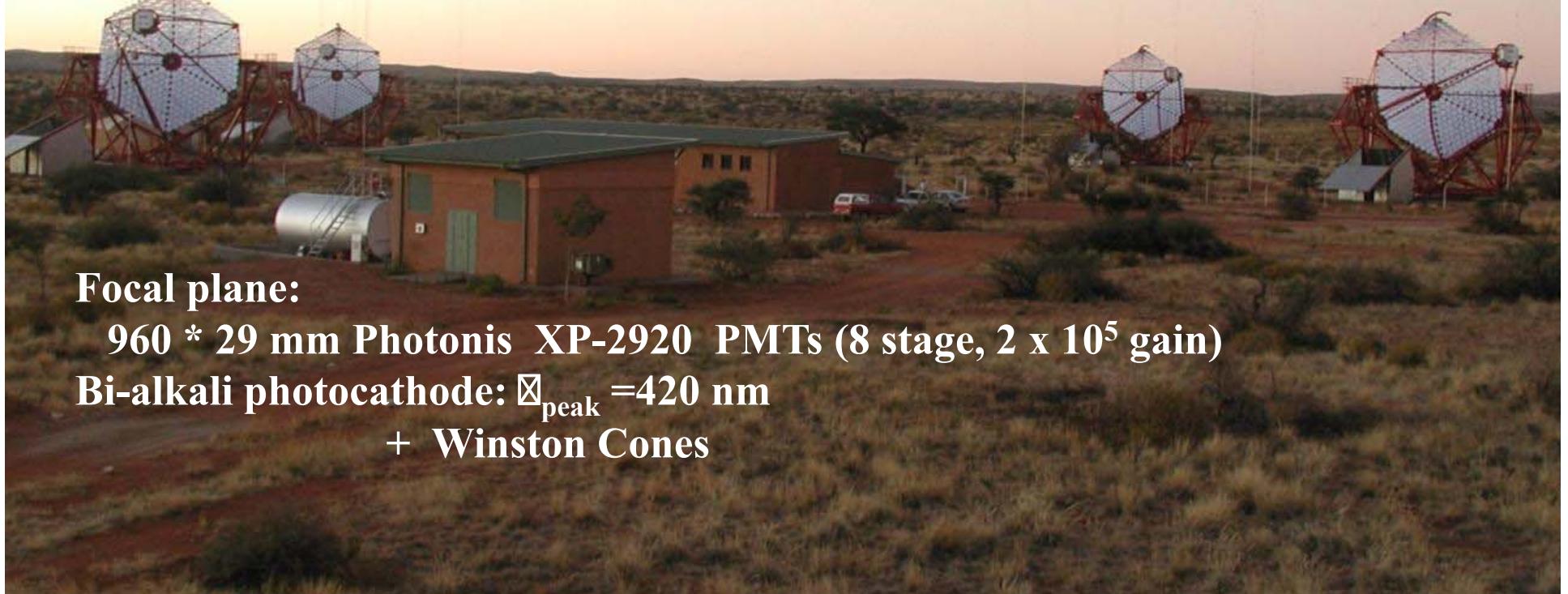
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# HESS 1 UHE Gamma Ray Telescope Stereoscopic Quartet

**Khomas Highland, Namibia, (23°16'S, 16°30'E, elev. 1800m)**

**Four  $\varnothing = 12$  m Telescopes (since 12/2003)  $E_{th} \sim 100$  GeV**

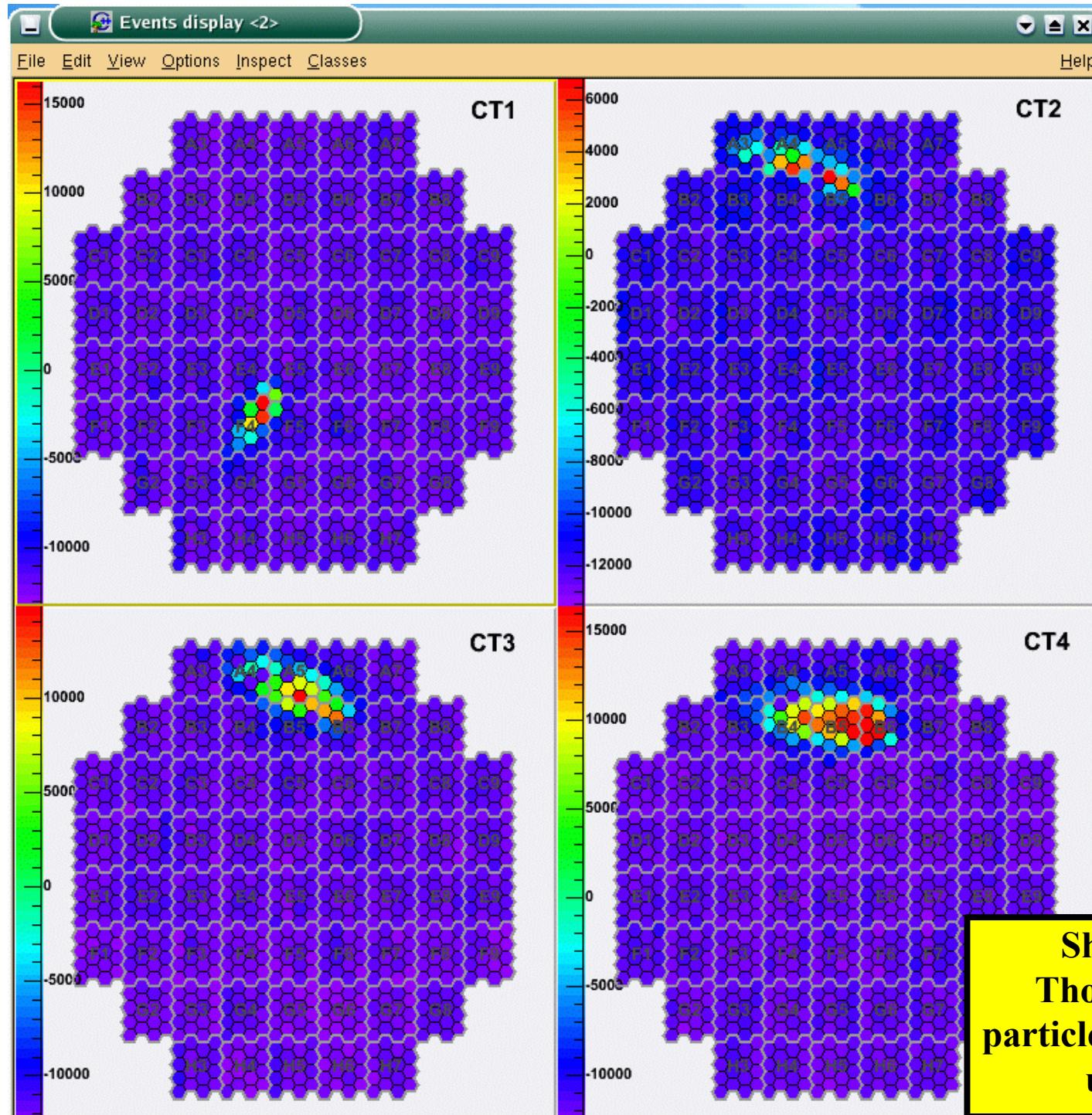
**108 m<sup>2</sup> /mirror [382 x  $\varnothing=60$ cm individually steerable (2-motor) facets]  
aluminized glass + quartz overcoating R > 80% (300< $\lambda$ <600 nm)**



**Focal plane:**

**960 \* 29 mm Photonis XP-2920 PMTs (8 stage, 2 x 10<sup>5</sup> gain)**

**Bi-alkali photocathode:  $\lambda_{peak} = 420$  nm  
+ Winston Cones**



Detection of  
high-energy  
gamma rays  
using Cherenkov  
telescopes

The HESS  
Concept

Shower mainly E-M.  
Thousands of relativistic  
particles give Čerenkov light in  
upper atmosphere

# Overview

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**Introduction, review of detectors**

**Interaction of particles and photons with matter**

**Selected experiments in elementary particle physics**

- e+ e- collider: Belle and Belle II
- LHC: ATLAS and CMS
- Fixed target experiments: HERA-B
- Underground experiments (neutrinos and dark matter)
- Astroparticle physics experiments

**Data analysis and processing.**

# Literature

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Web page of this course:

<http://www-f9.ijs.si/~krizan/sola/nddod/nddod.html>

Slides can be found at

<http://www-f9.ijs.si/~krizan/sola/nddod/slides>

Complementary course (run in odd years, e.g 2021/2022):

Experimental particle and nuclear physics

<http://www-f9.ijs.si/~krizan/sola/efjod/program.html>

# Literature

## Selected experiments

- Cahn, Goldhaber: The Experimental Foundations of Particle Physics

## Books

- C. Grupen, Particle Detectors, Cambridge University Press, 1996
- G. Knoll, Radiation Detection and Measurement, 3rd Edition, 2000
- W. R. Leo, Techniques for Nuclear and Particle Physics Experiments, 2nd edition, Springer, 1994
- K. Kleinknecht, Detektoren für Teilchenstrahlung, 3rd edition, Teubner, 1992; Detectors for Particle Radiation, Cambridge University Press 1987.
- H. Wiedermann, Particle Accelerator Physics, Springer-Verlag 1993.
- P. Horowitz, W. Hill, The Art of Electronics, Cambridge University Press 1996.
- G. Cowan, Statistical Data Analysis, Oxford University Press, 1998.

## Overview papers

- Experimental techniques in high energy physics, T. Ferbel (editor), World Scientific, 1991.
- Instrumentation in High Energy Physics, F. Sauli (editor), World Scientific, 1992.

## Other sources

- Particle Data Book (2008, older version useful as well)
- R. Bock, A. Vasilescu, Particle Data Briefbook  
<http://www.cern.ch/Physics/ParticleDetector/BriefBook/>
- Proceedings of detector conferences (Vienna VCI, Elba, IEEE)

# Requirements

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Advanced particle detectors and data handling -  
Napredni detektorji delcev in obdelava podatkov

- Written exam
- Oral exam

# Additional literature

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- More slides from my courses in Barcelona, Tokyo and Nagoya - together with more pointers to relevant literature

<http://www-f9.ijs.si/~krizan/sola/barcelona/barcelona.html>

<http://www-f9.ijs.si/~krizan/sola/tokyo/tokyo.html>

<http://www-f9.ijs.si/~krizan/sola/nagoya-ise/nagoya-ise.html>

# Prerequisites

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If you take this course, you should have preferably taken already

- Moderna fizika 2/Modern physics 2 (introduction to nuclei and particles)
- Fizikalna merjenja 2 (or Eksp. fiz. jedra in delcev/Exp. Particle and nuclear physics)
- Fizika jedra in osnovnih delcev/Physics of nuclei and particles