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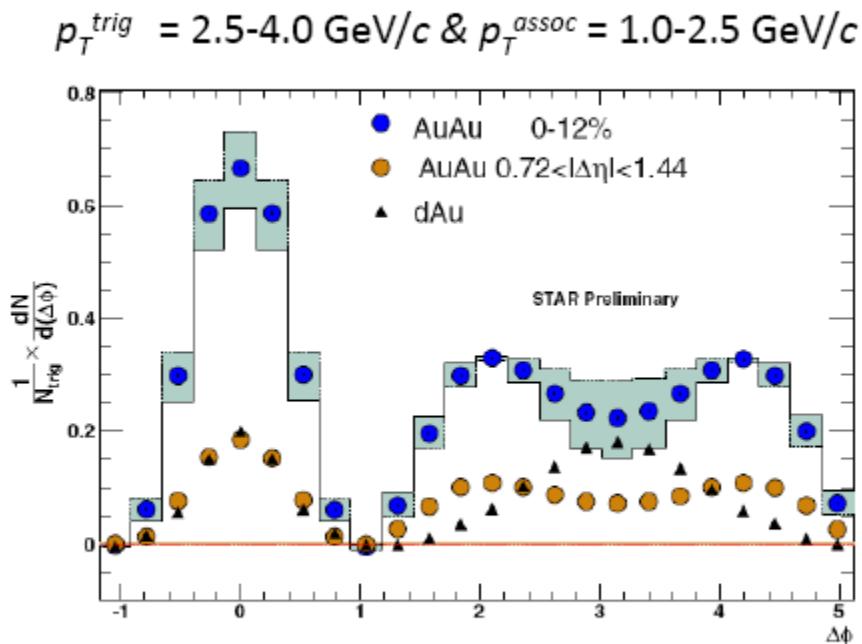
***NON-PHOTONIC ELECTRON-HADRON  
CORRELATIONS IN Cu+Cu  
AT  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$***

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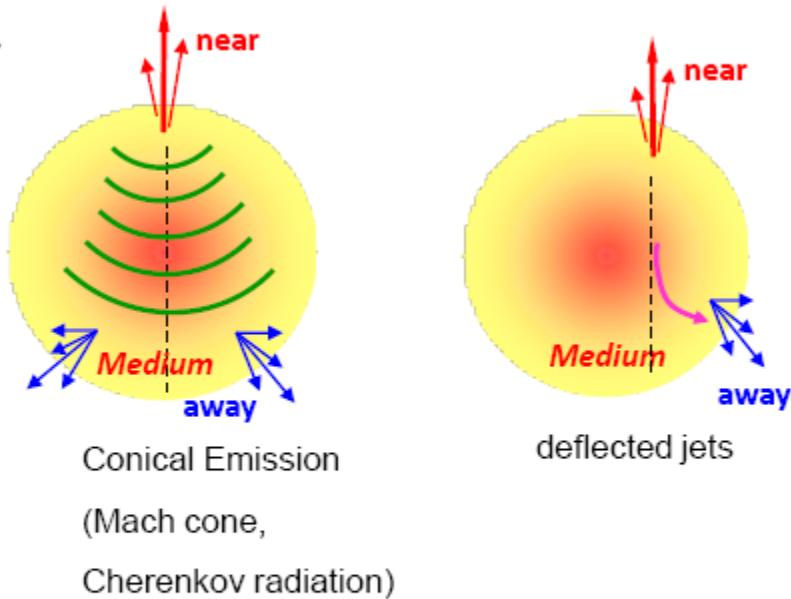
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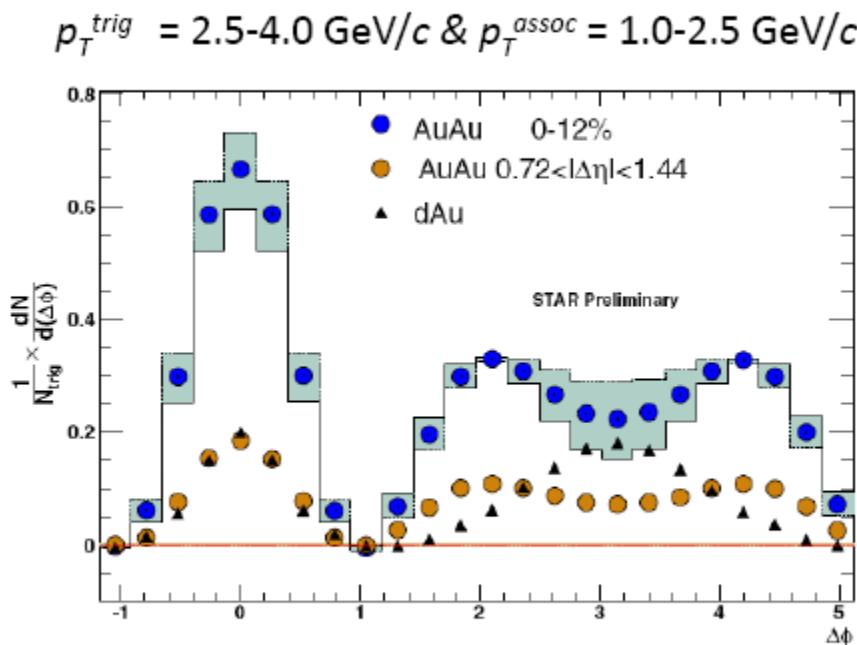
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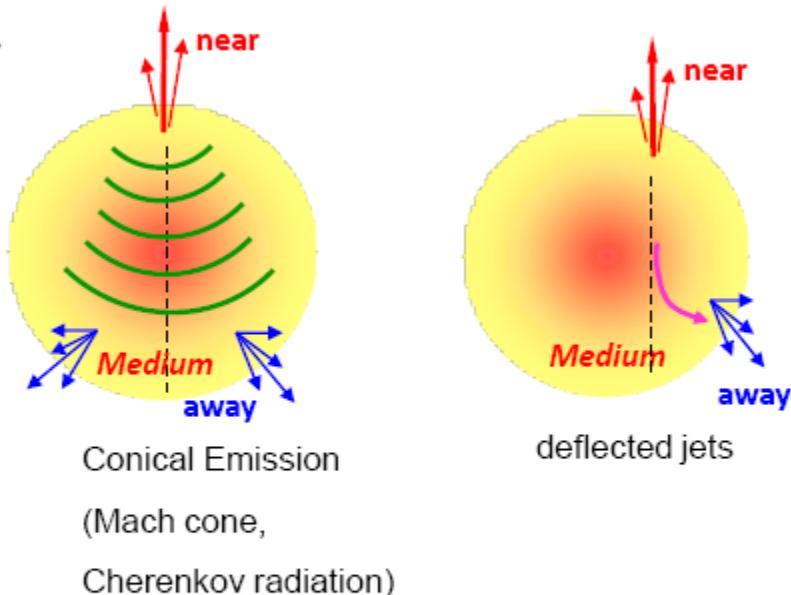
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**Question: Does heavy quark induce similar effect?**

# DETECTOR OVERVIEW & DATA SAMPLE

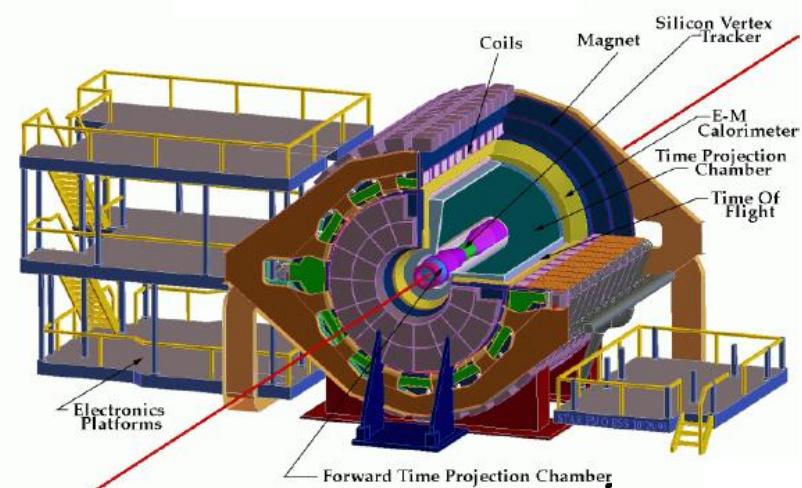
## Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider



*p+p, d+Au, Au+Au, Cu+Cu*

- Time Projection Chamber (TPC → tracking, momentum, dE/dx)
- Barrel Electro-Magnetic Calorimeter (BEMC → deposited energy)
- Barrel Shower Maximum Detector (BSMD → e-m shower area)

## Solenoidal Tracker At RHIC



## DATA SAMPLE

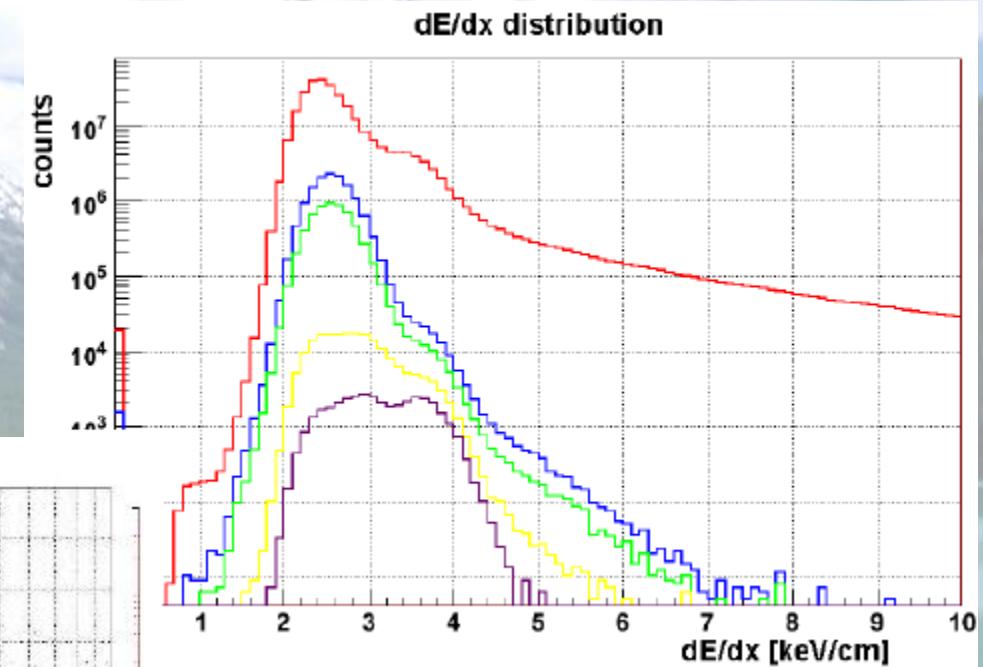
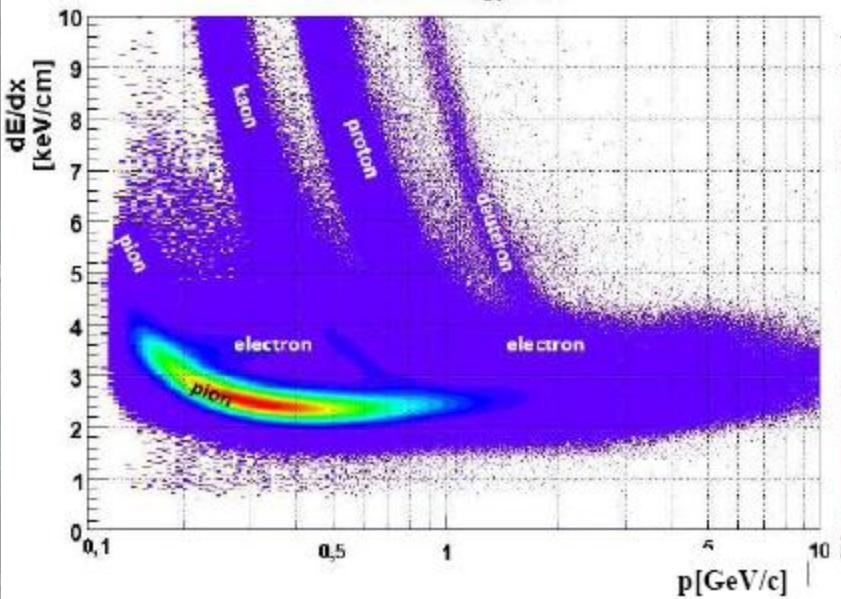
- run V (2005)
- Cu+Cu  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV
- centrality selection: 0 – 20%
- **HighTower** triggered ( $E_T > 3,75$  GeV)  
→ 2,2M events  
(after QA selection )

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Ionization energy loss



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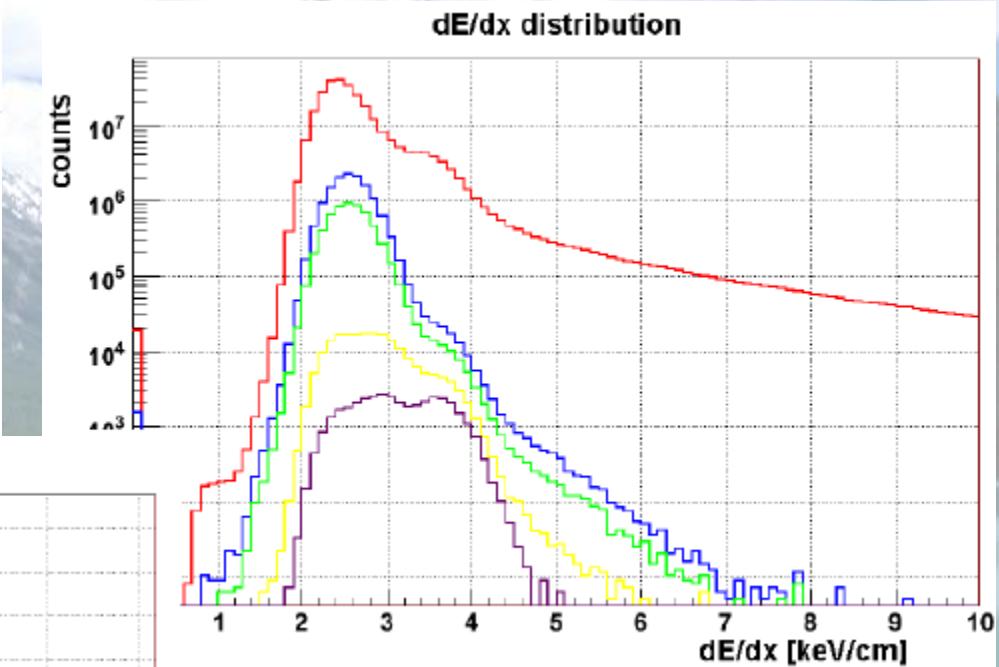
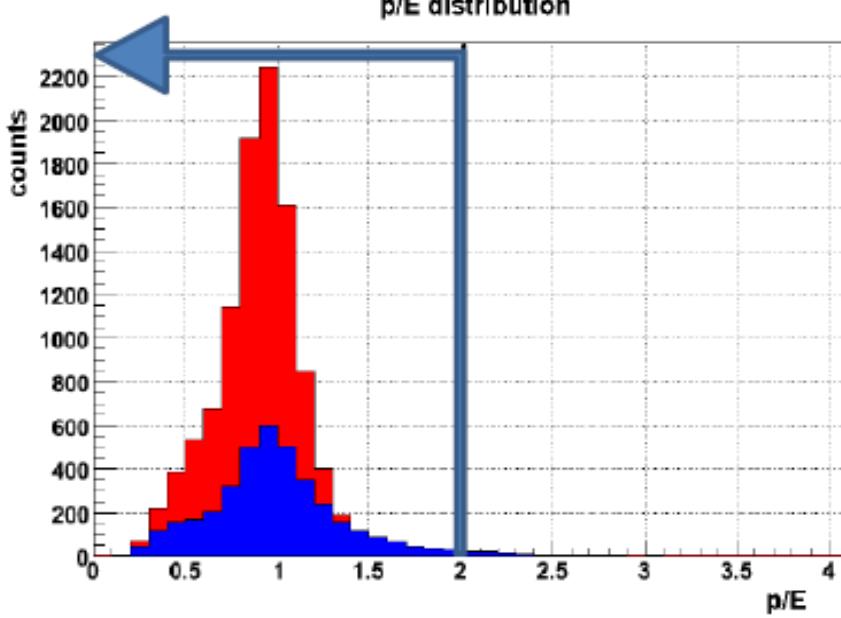
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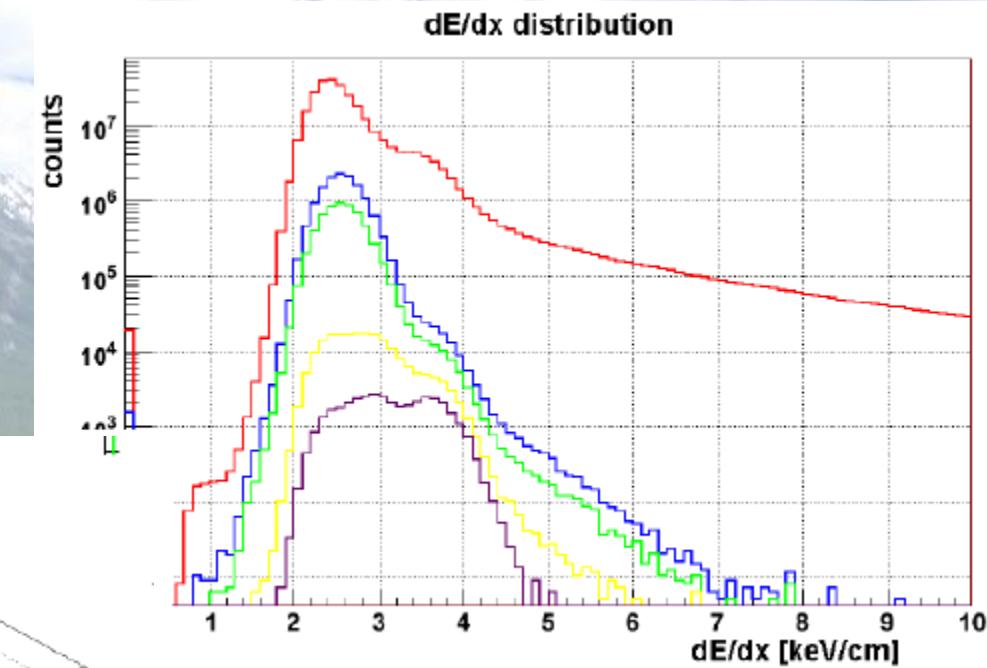
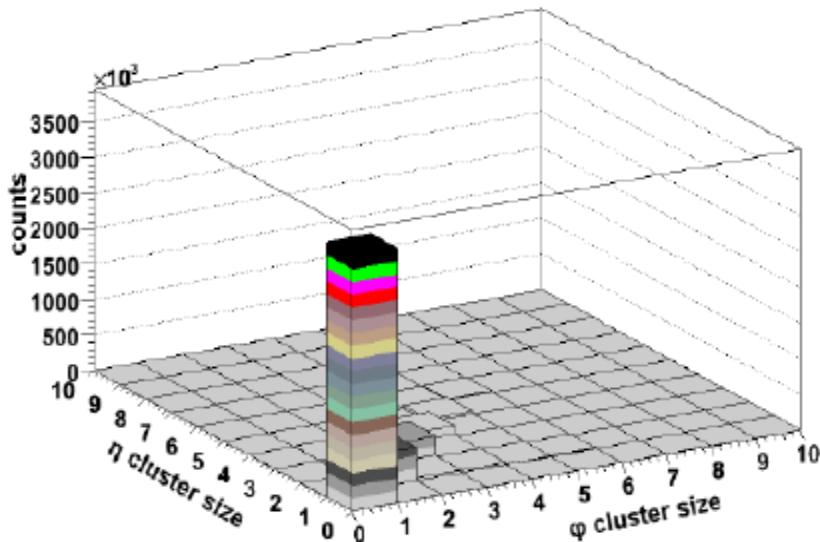
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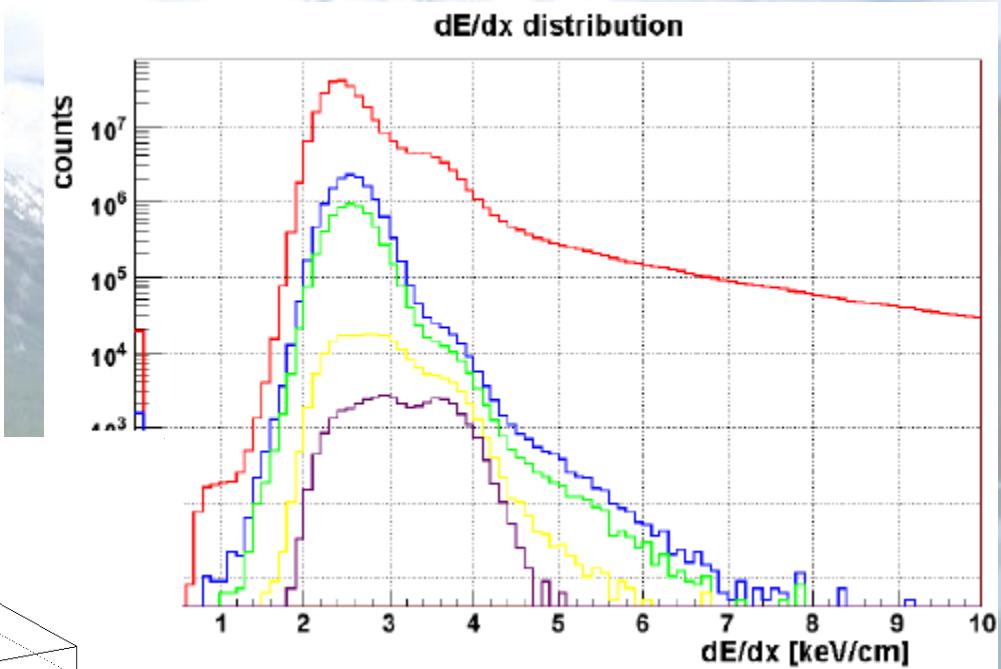
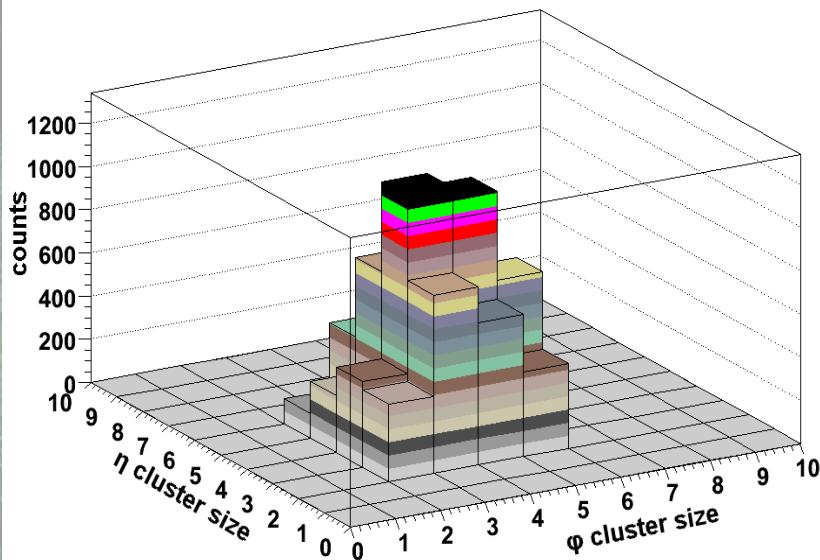
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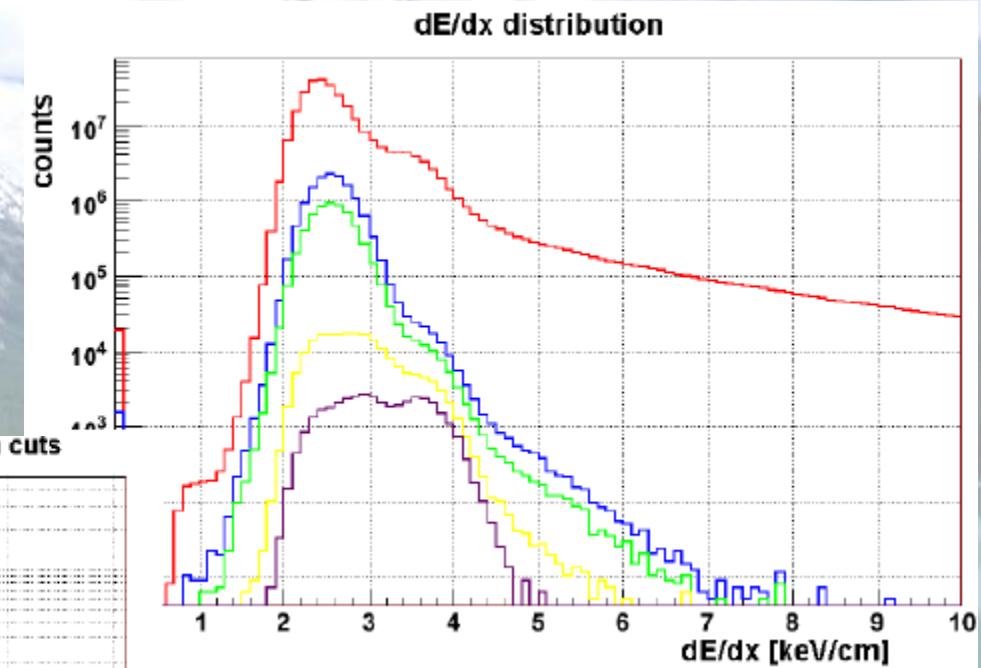
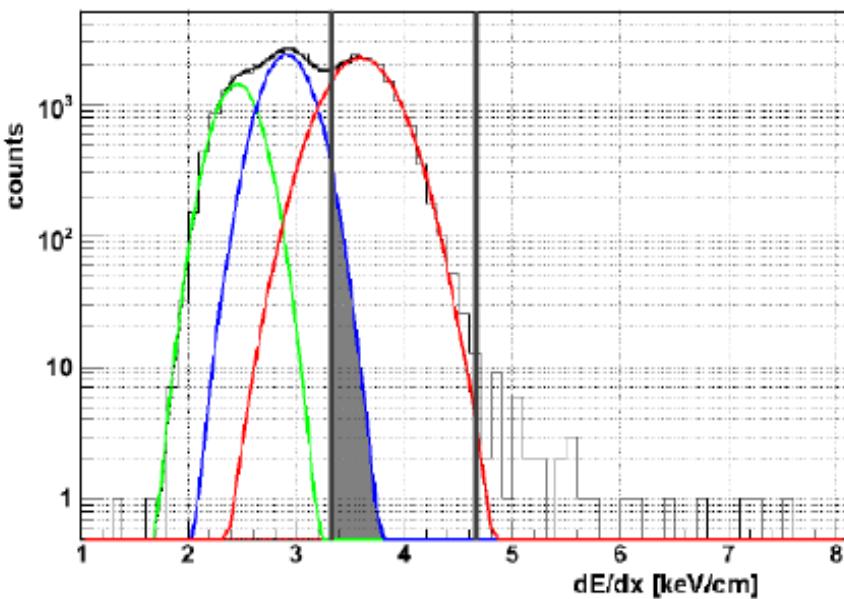


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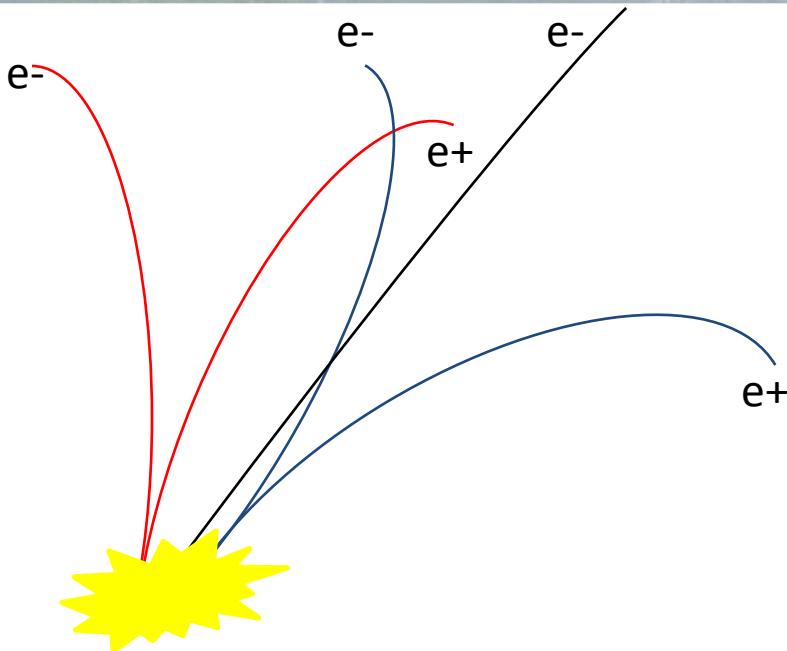
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Ionization energy distribution after all selection cuts



over 99% purity of electron sample  
 $dE/dx: 3.31 - 4.64 \text{ keV}/\text{cm}$

# ELECTRON BACKGROUND REJECTION

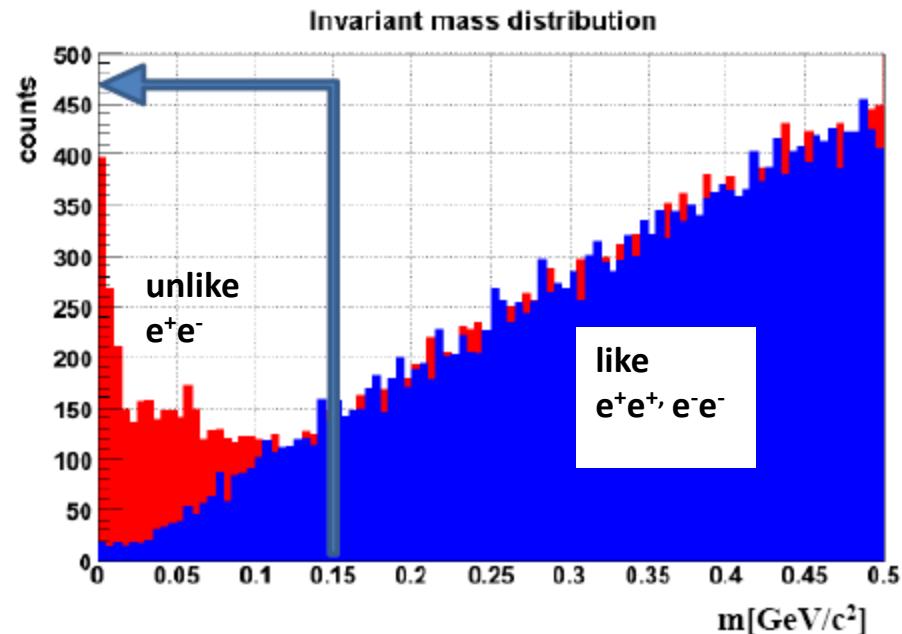
- photon conversion  $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$
- $\pi^0$  Dalitz decay  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma e^+e^-$
- $\eta$  Dalitz decay  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma e^+e^-$
- kaon decay  $K \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu e$
- vector meson decays  $\rho^0, \omega, \phi \rightarrow e^+e^-$



$$N_{RECO} = N_{US} - N_{LS}$$

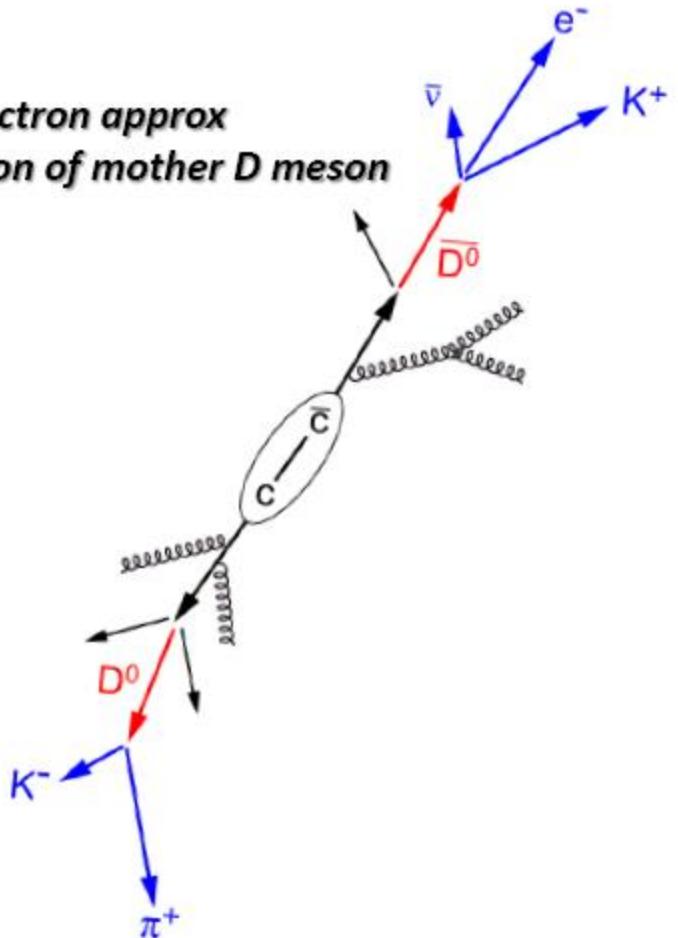
$$N_{PE} = \frac{N_{RECO}}{\varepsilon} \quad \varepsilon = 0.665$$

$\varepsilon$  - reconstruction efficiency (determined from embedded  $\pi^0$  in real data)



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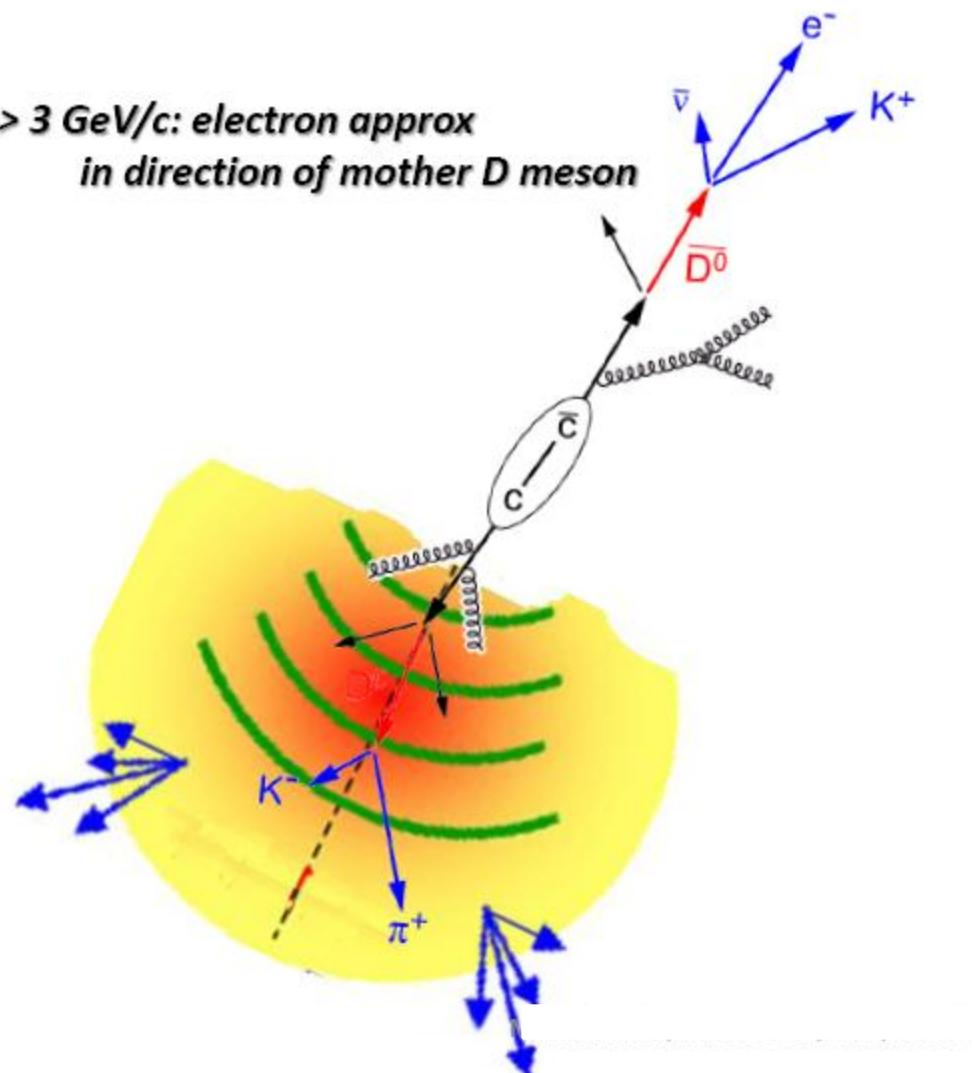
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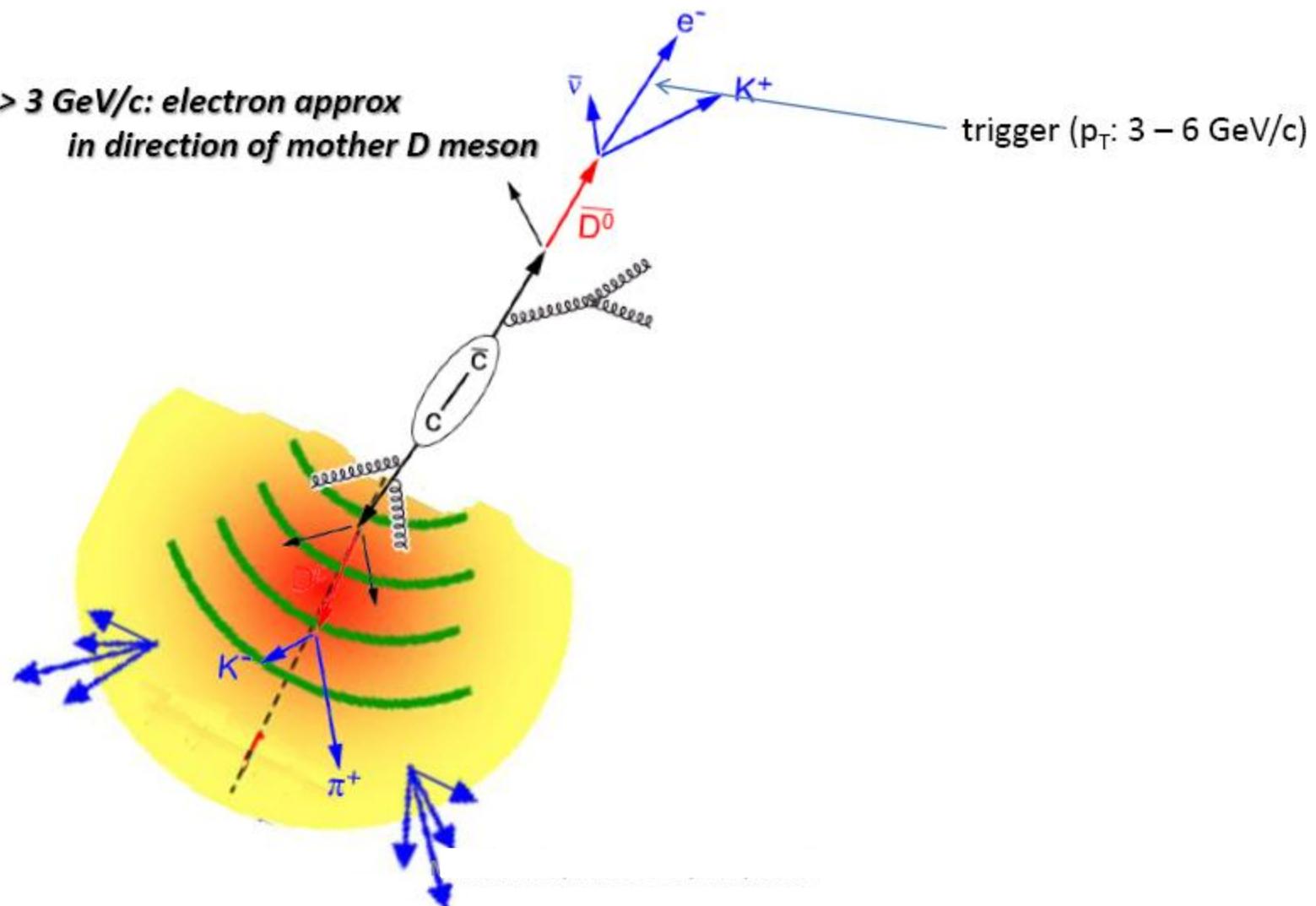
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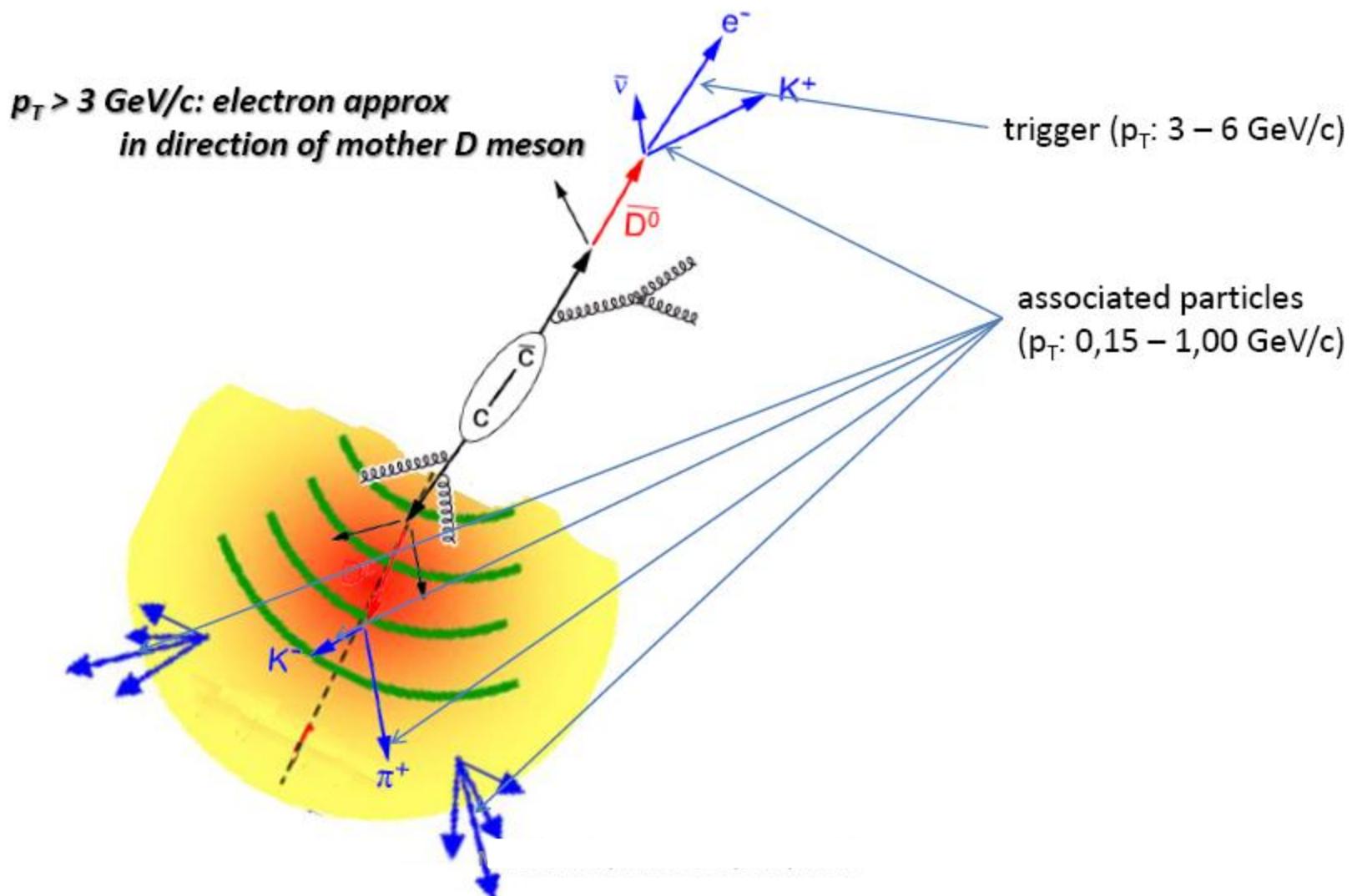
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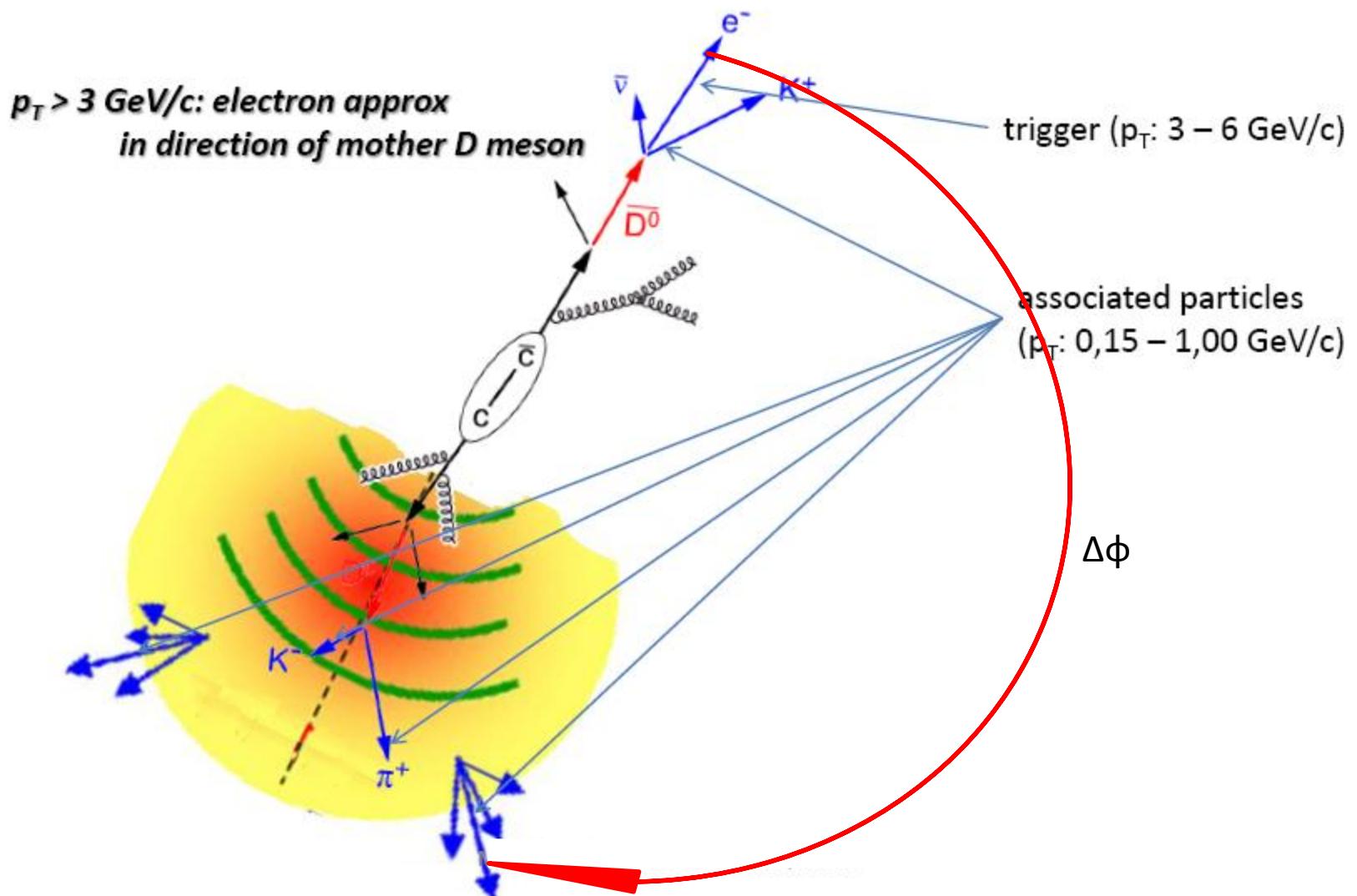
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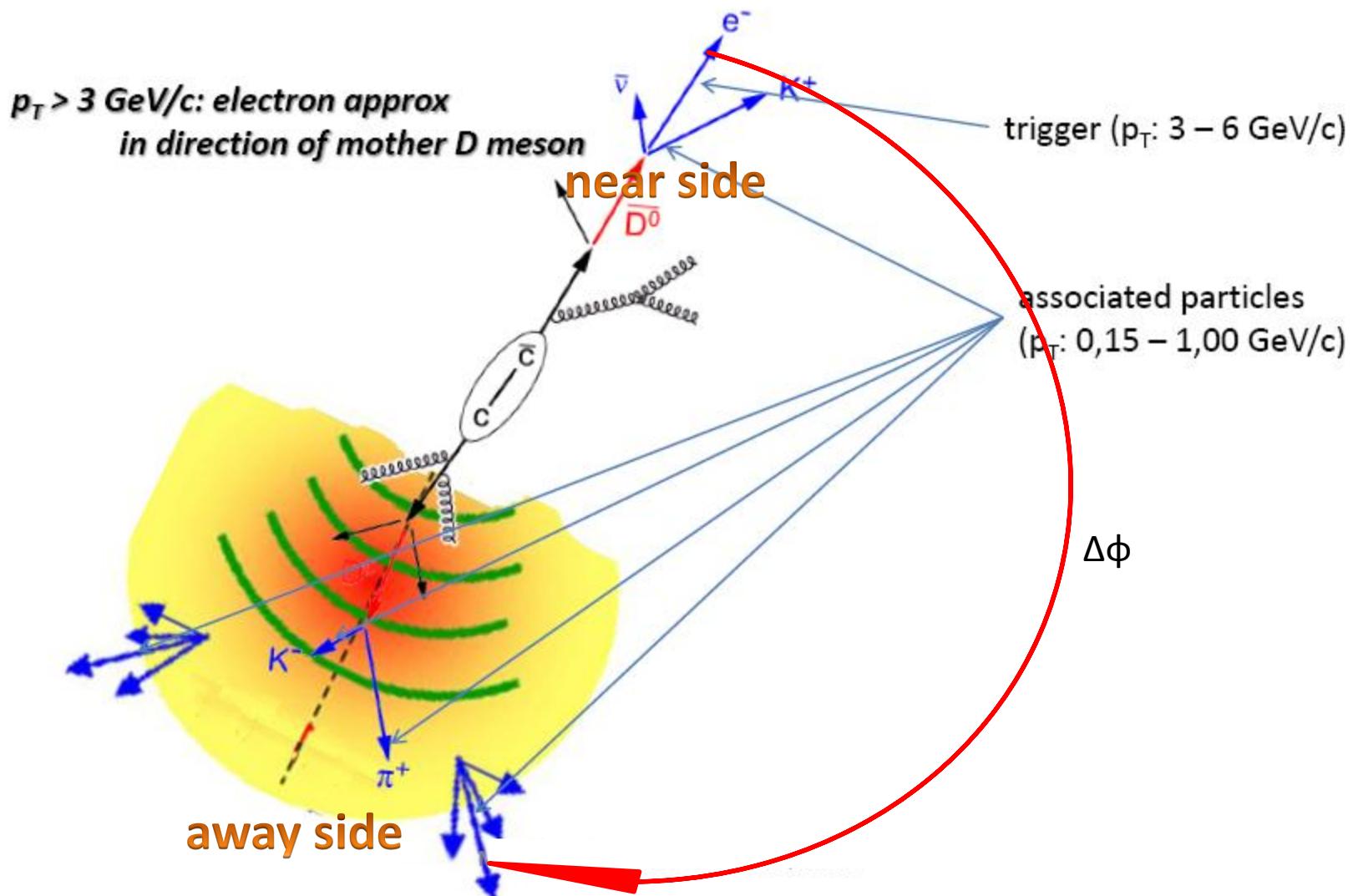
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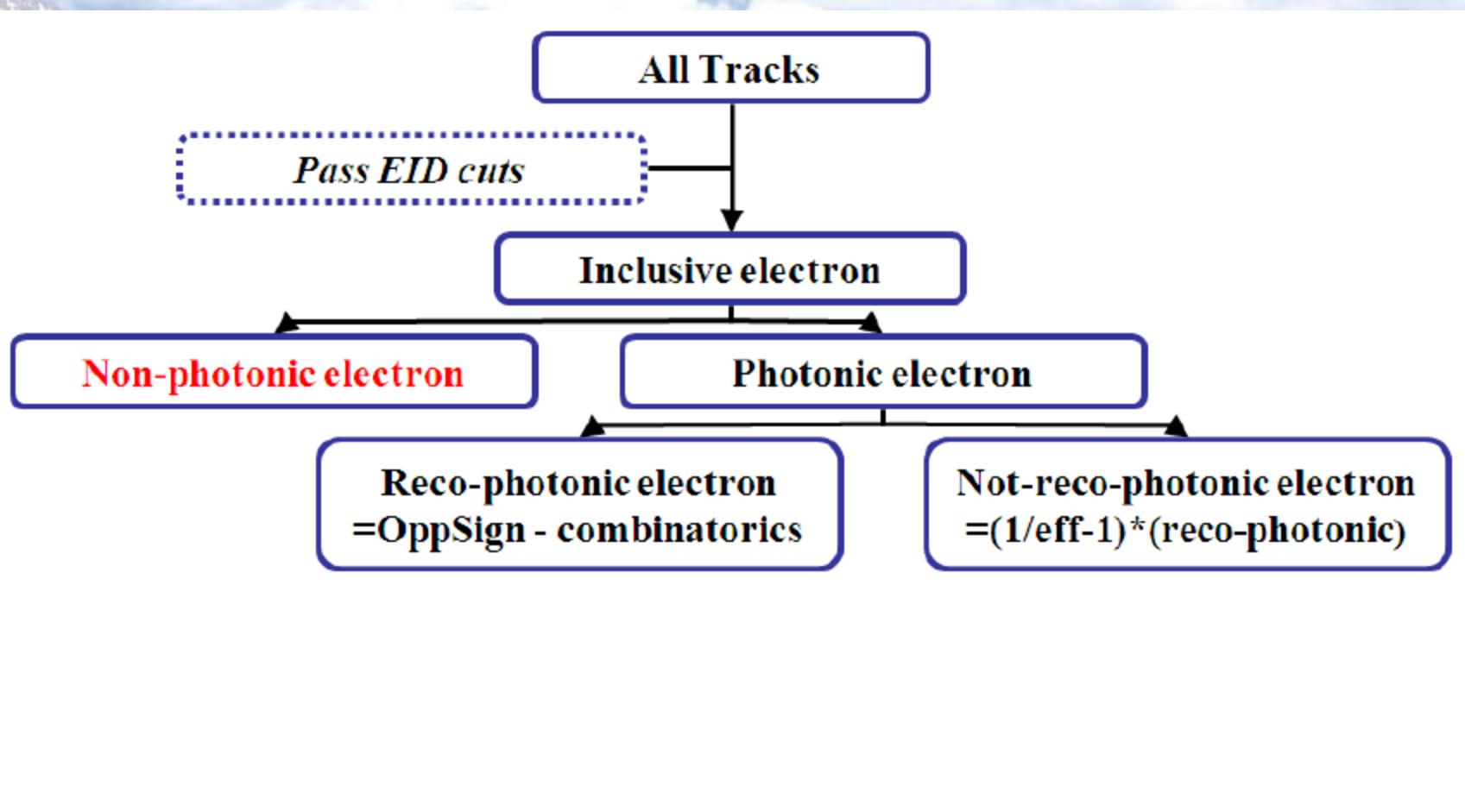


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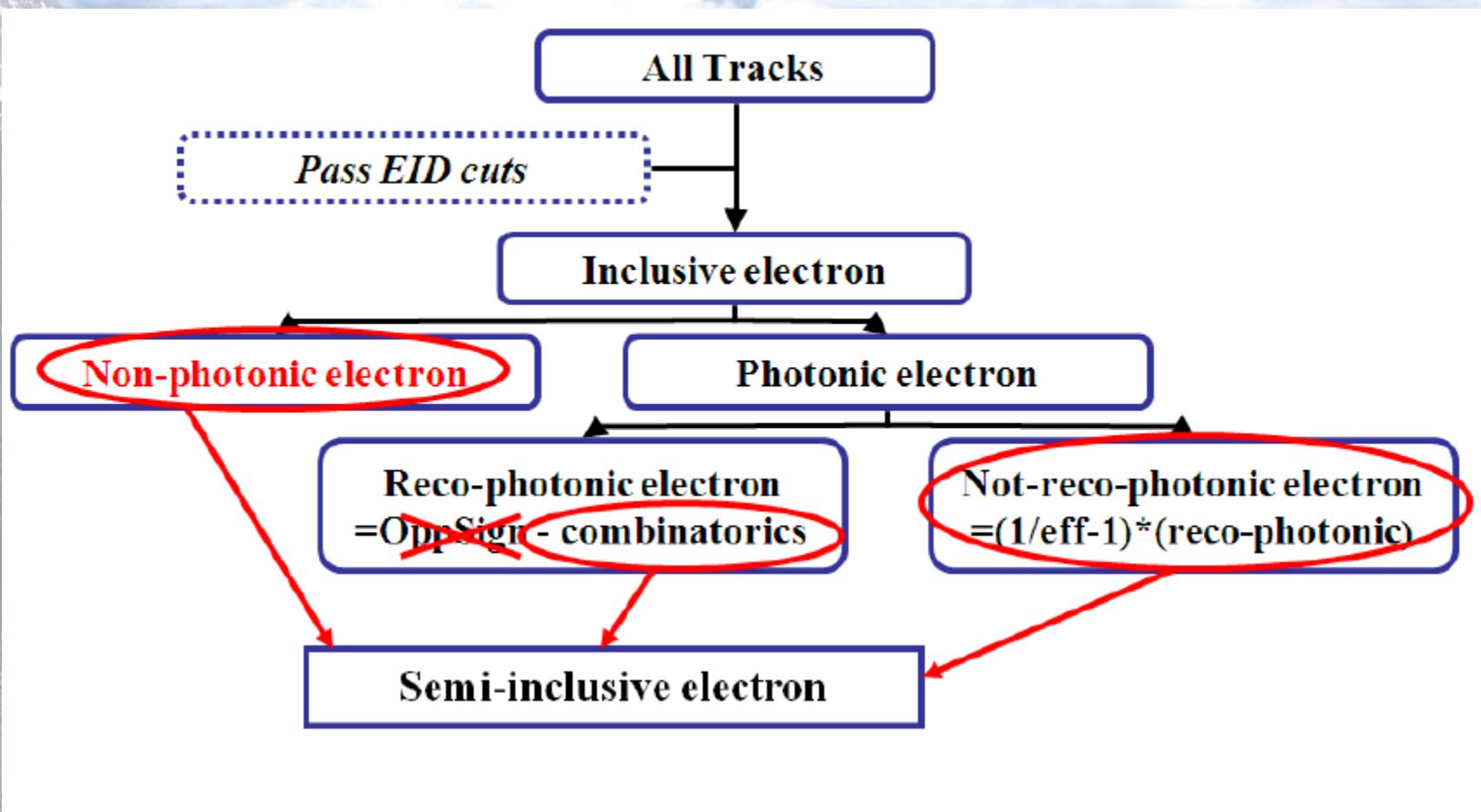
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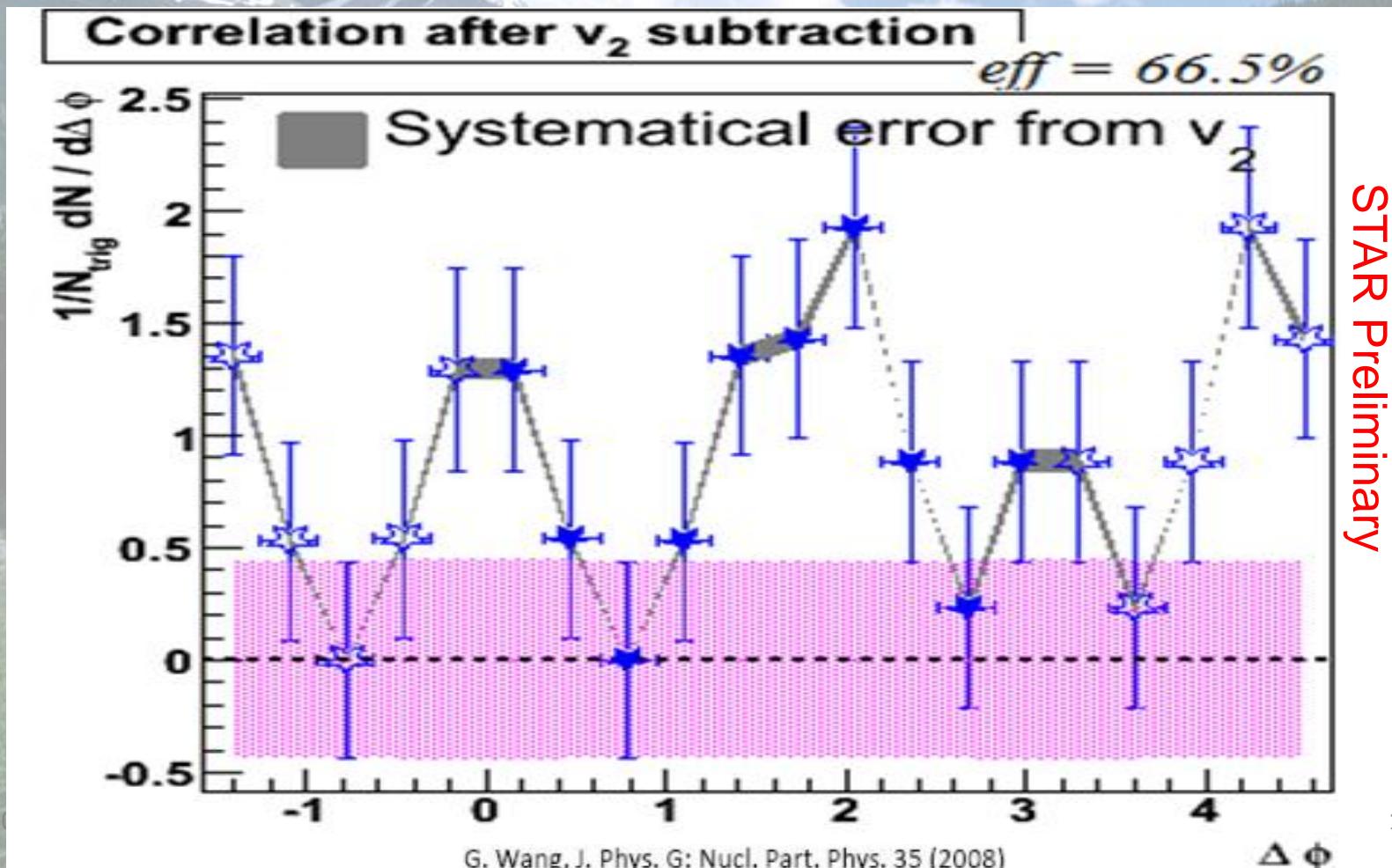


$$\Delta\Phi_{NP} = \Delta\Phi_{SI} + \Delta\Phi_{LS} - \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} - 1 \right) (\Delta\Phi_{US} - \Delta\Phi_{LS})$$

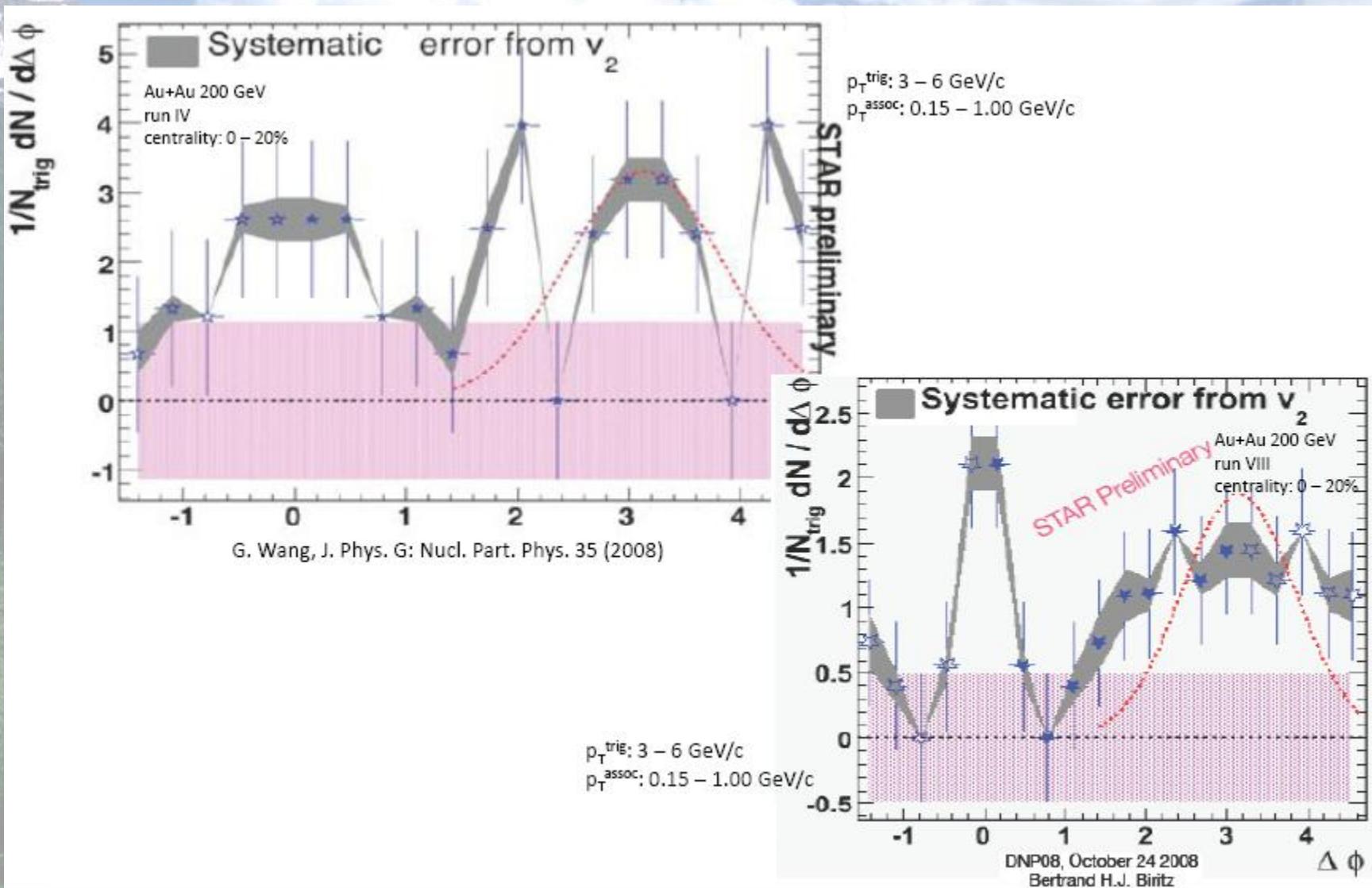
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- centrality: 0 – 20 %
- $3 \text{ GeV}/c < p_T^{\text{trig}} < 6 \text{ GeV}$
- $.15 \text{ GeV}/c < p_T^{\text{assoc}} < .50 \text{ GeV}$

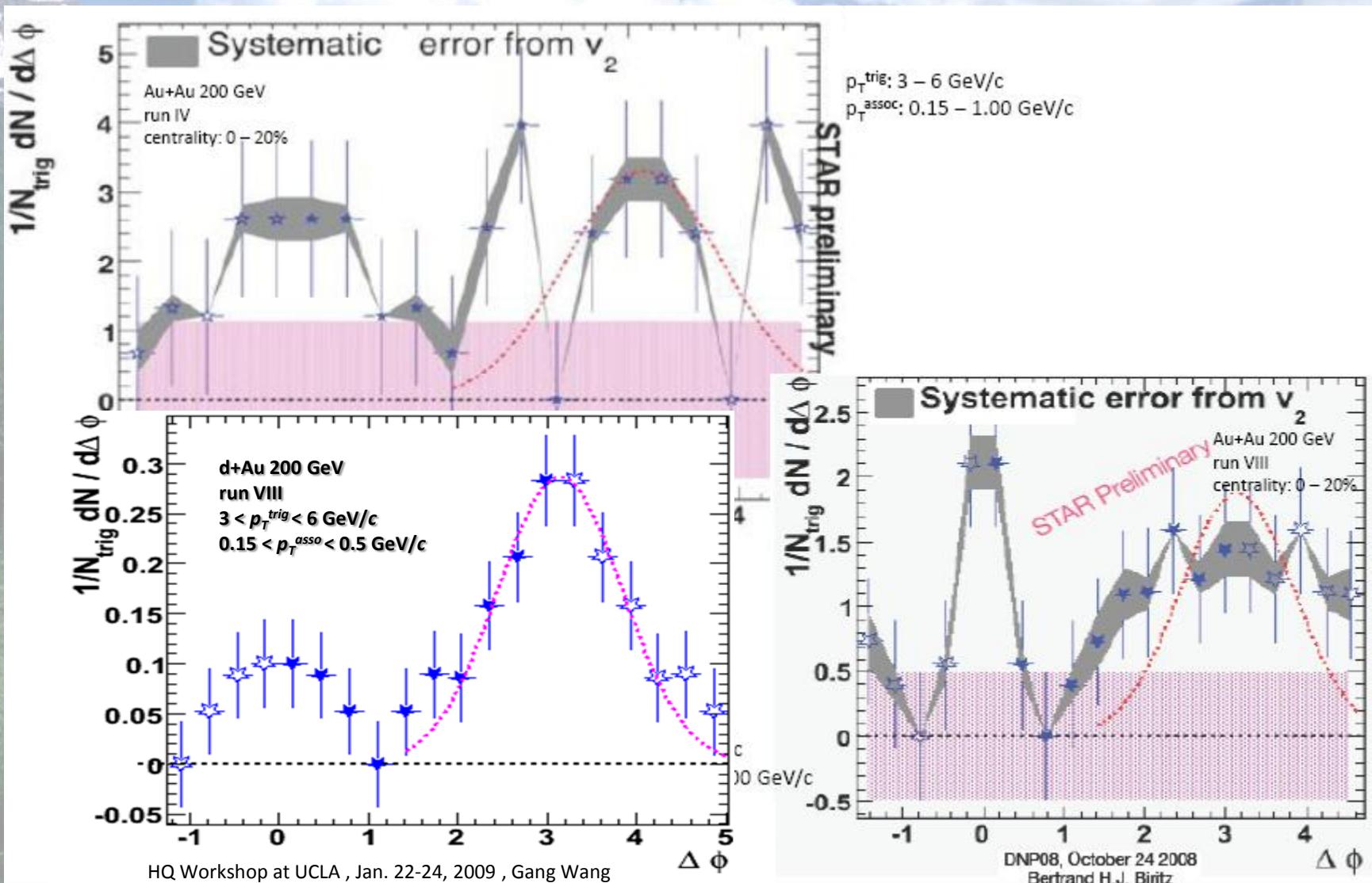
- subtracted elliptic flow:  $v_2 = .05$
- detector efficiency corrections



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# **SUMMARY & CONCLUSION**

→ *nonphotonic electron – hadron correlations in Cu+Cu 200 GeV extracted*

→ *within large statistical uncertainties results suggest possible modification of away-side peak similar to hadron – hadron correlations & electron – hadron correlations in Au+Au*



**BACK UP**