

## Master 2 Internship Defense

Design of a new experimental technique to measure  
the fundamental properties of neutrinos

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# Outline

- I. Context and introduction to the Neutrino Tagging method**
- II. Internship goals**
- III. Track reconstruction algorithm**
- IV. Results**
  - Track reconstruction performances
  - Optimization of the experimental setup

# Neutrino Tagging : Context

## Context

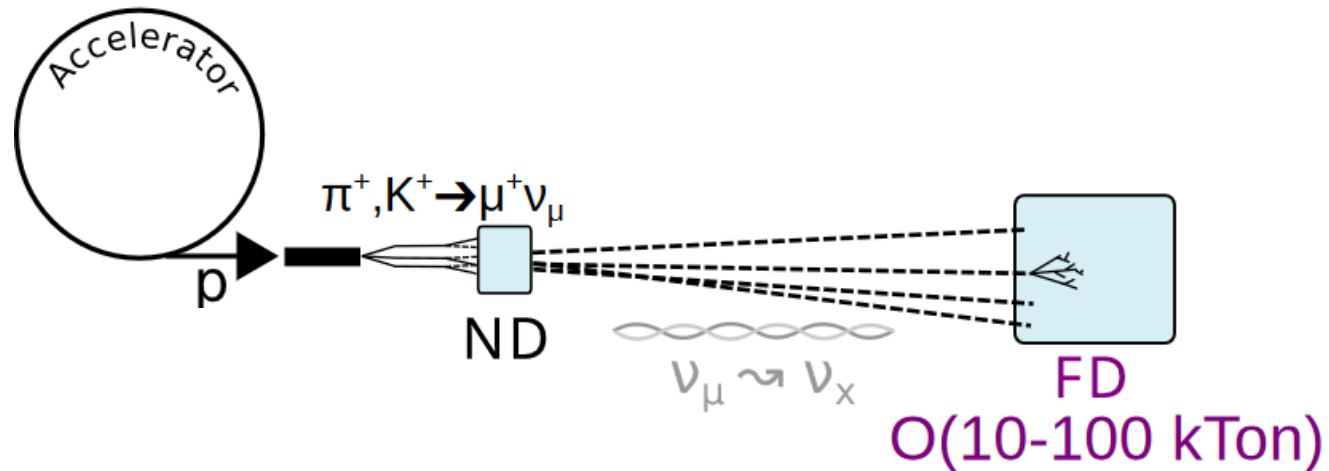
- Study of neutrino oscillation  
→ Measurement of CP violation phase  $\delta_{CP}$

## State of the art accelerator based neutrino experiment (Long Baseline )

- 2 detectors (ND and FD) to compare the flavors
- Neutrinos interact very weakly
  - High intensity beam ( $10^{18}$  part./sec)
  - Large-scale detectors (10-100 kTon)

## Challenge for ongoing experiments

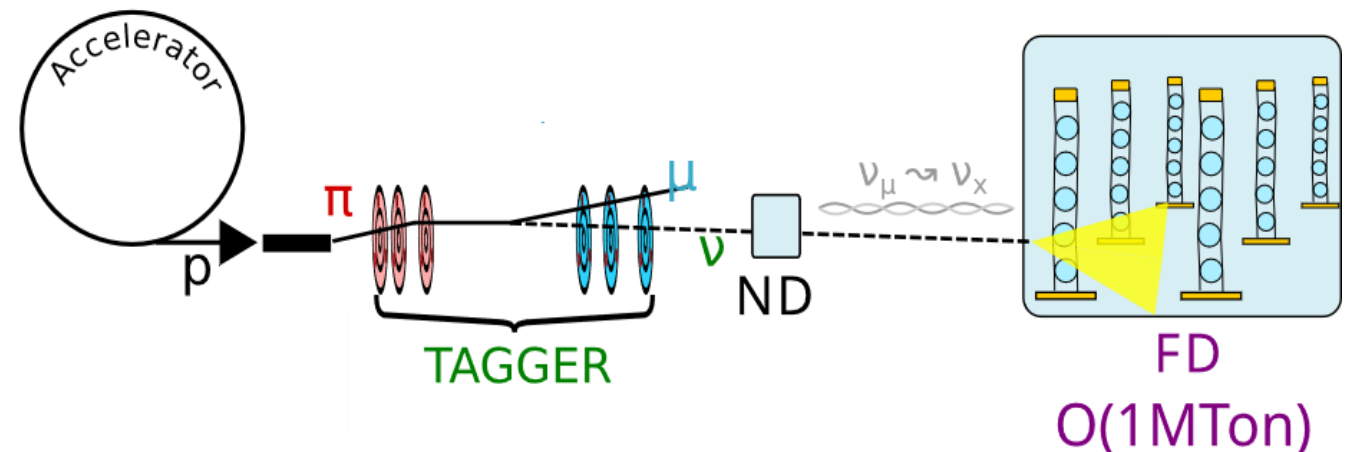
- Enhance measurement accuracy
  - Significant statistics
  - Low systematics



# Neutrino Tagging : Principle and motivation

## Principle : follow particle by particle

- Kinematic reconstruction of neutrino properties:  $\pi^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \bar{\nu}_\mu$
- Association of detected  $\nu_x$  with tagged  $\nu_\mu$



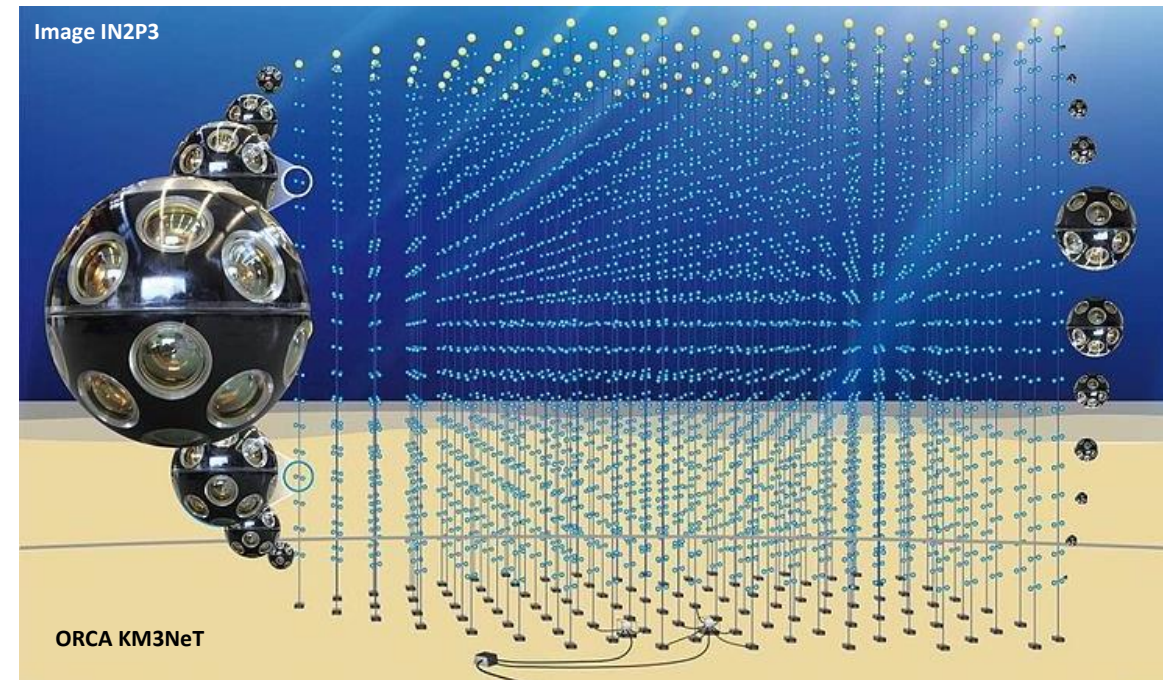
## Motivations

- **Composition of the beam**
  - Energy
  - Flavor
  - Chirality (neutrino/antineutrino)
- **Energy resolution**
  - 20% for more conventional experiments vs. <1% for neutrino tagging

# Neutrino Tagging : Technological challenge

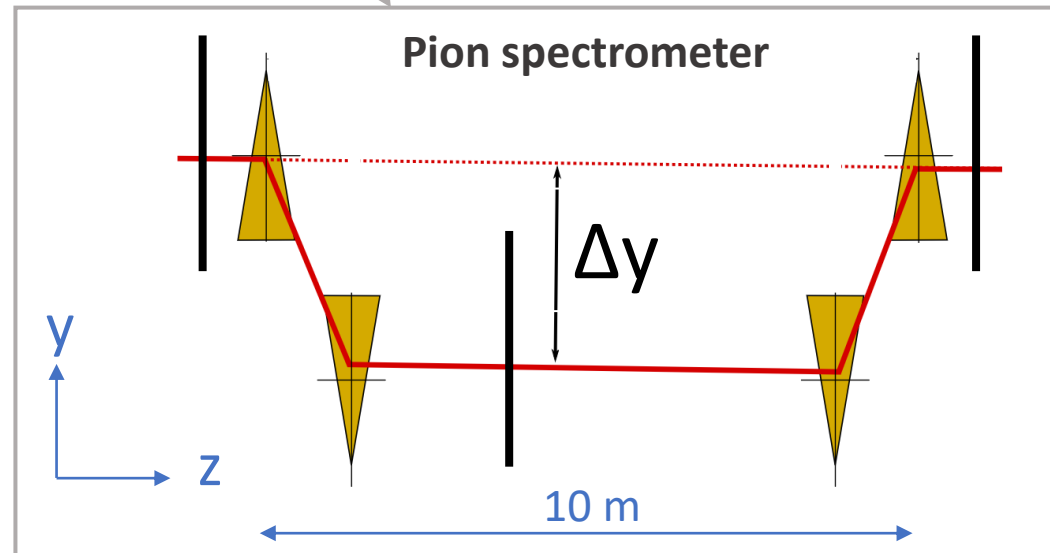
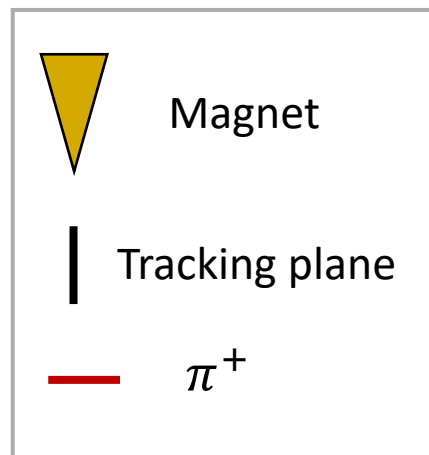
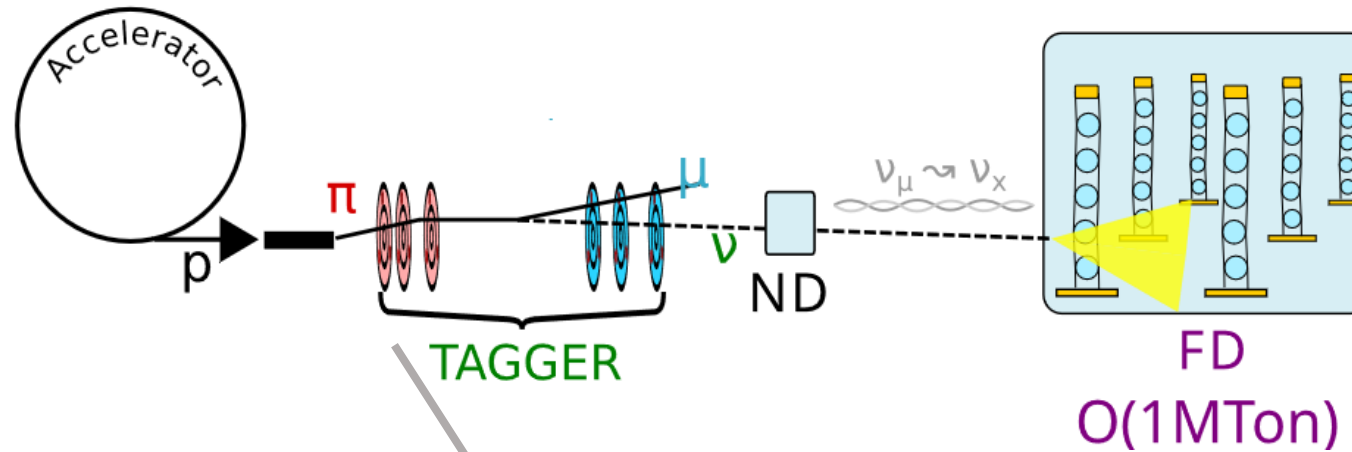
## Technological challenge

- High intensity beam
- Design an adapted beamline to reduce particle rate
- Natural water Cherenkov detector (Mton vs. kTon to detect a particle flux of  $10^{12}$  part./s )



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# Neutrino Tagging : Experimental setup



$$p \propto \frac{1}{\Delta y}$$

# Neutrino Tagging : Tracking planes

## Time resolved silicon pixel detectors

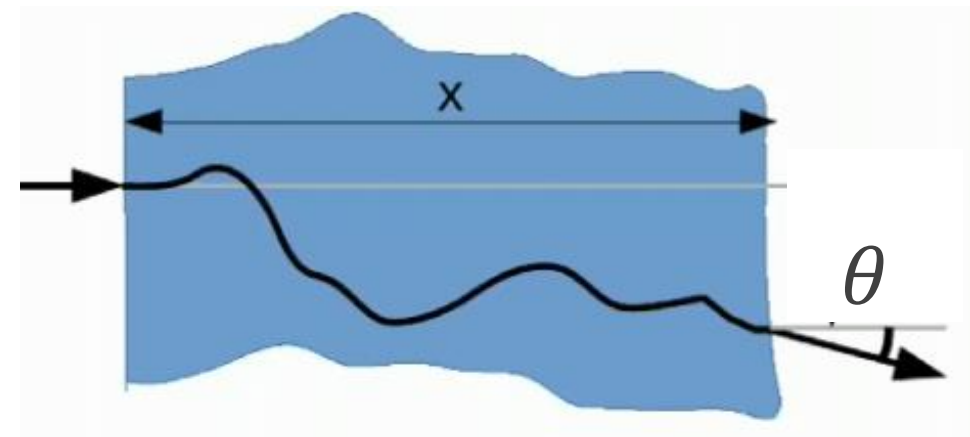
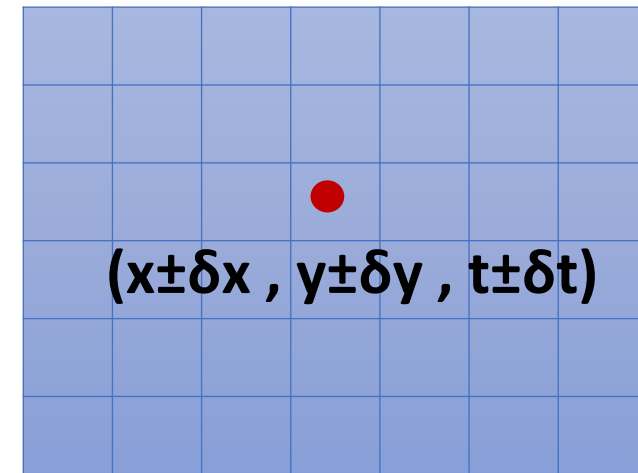
- Measurement of the time and position of the particles

## Detector characteristics

- Pixel size  $\sim 50 \mu\text{m}$
- Time resolution (20 - 50 ps)
- Thickness  $< 1\text{mm}$  : induce Multiple Coulomb Scattering ( $\sim 80 \mu\text{rad}$  for 0.5mm of Silicon)

$$\theta = \frac{13.6\text{MeV}}{c_0 p} \sqrt{\frac{x}{X_0}}$$

Thickness of the scattering medium in terms of radiation wavelengths



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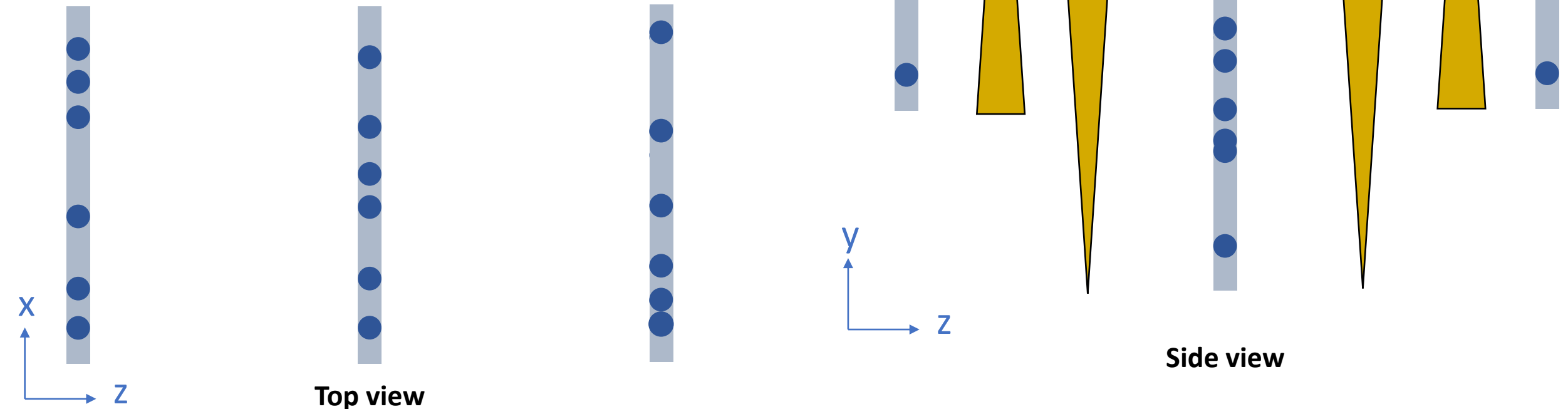
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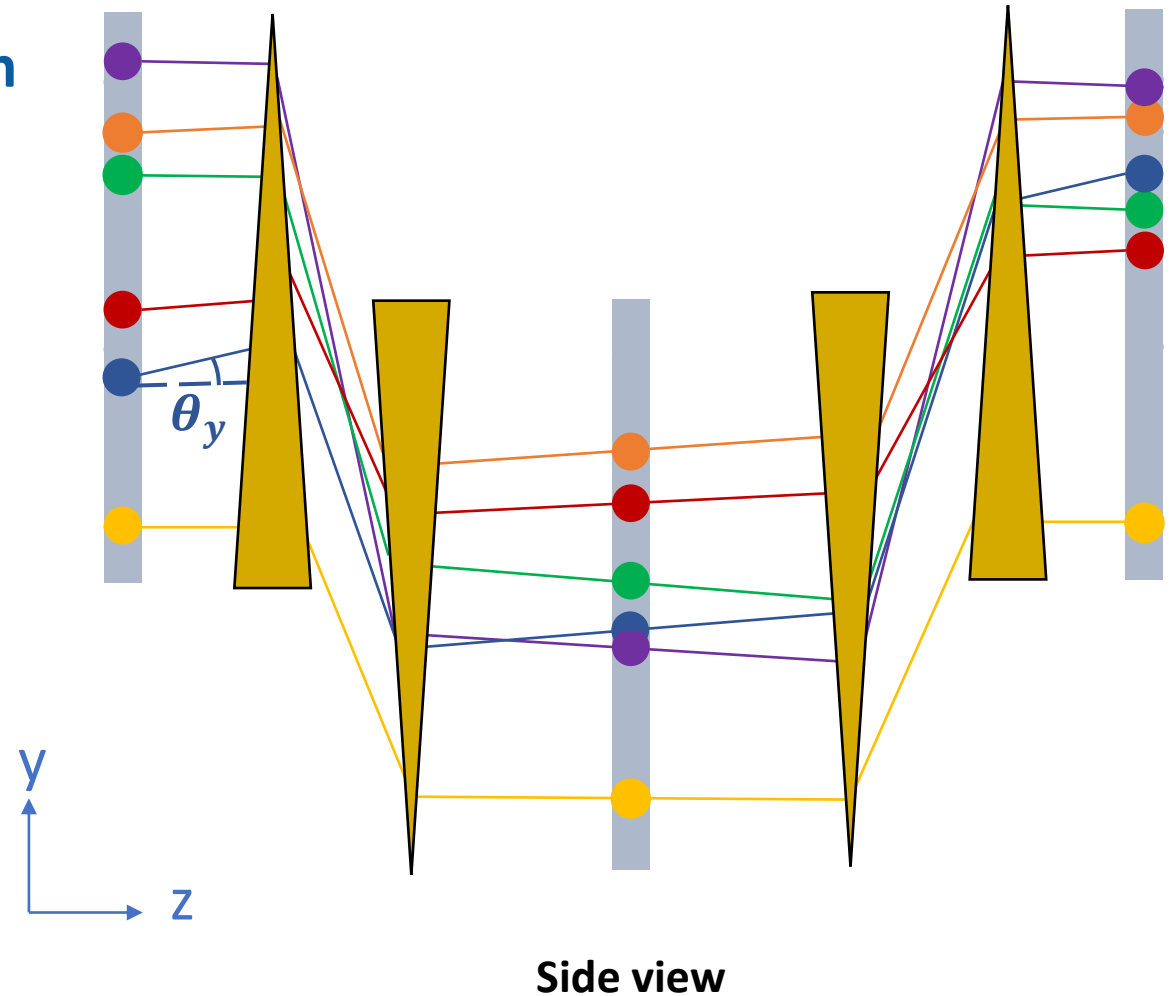
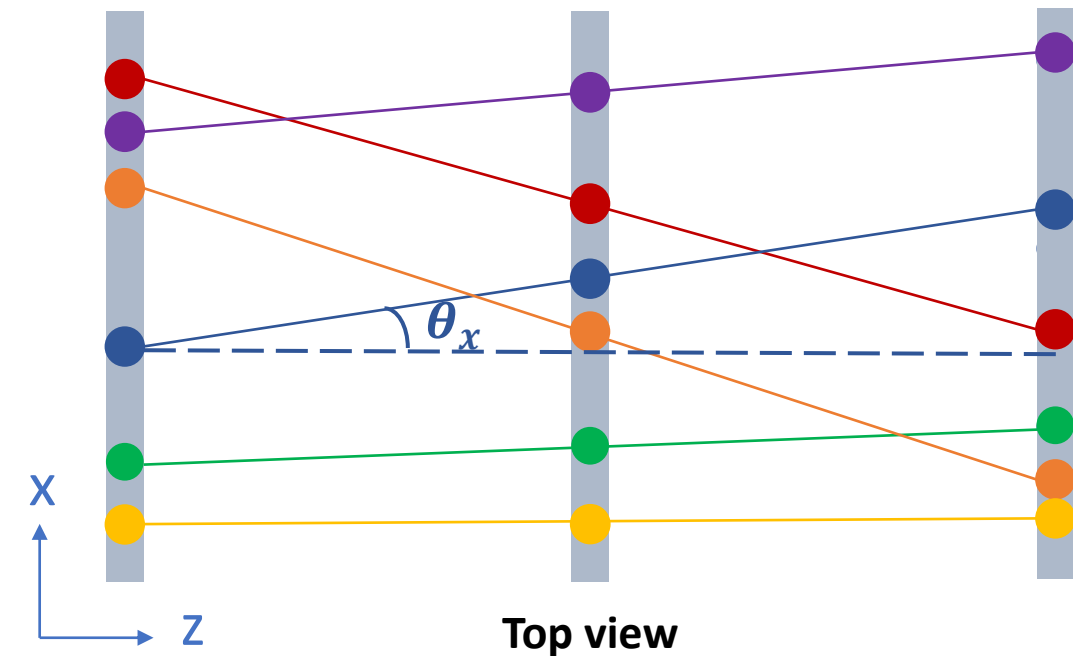
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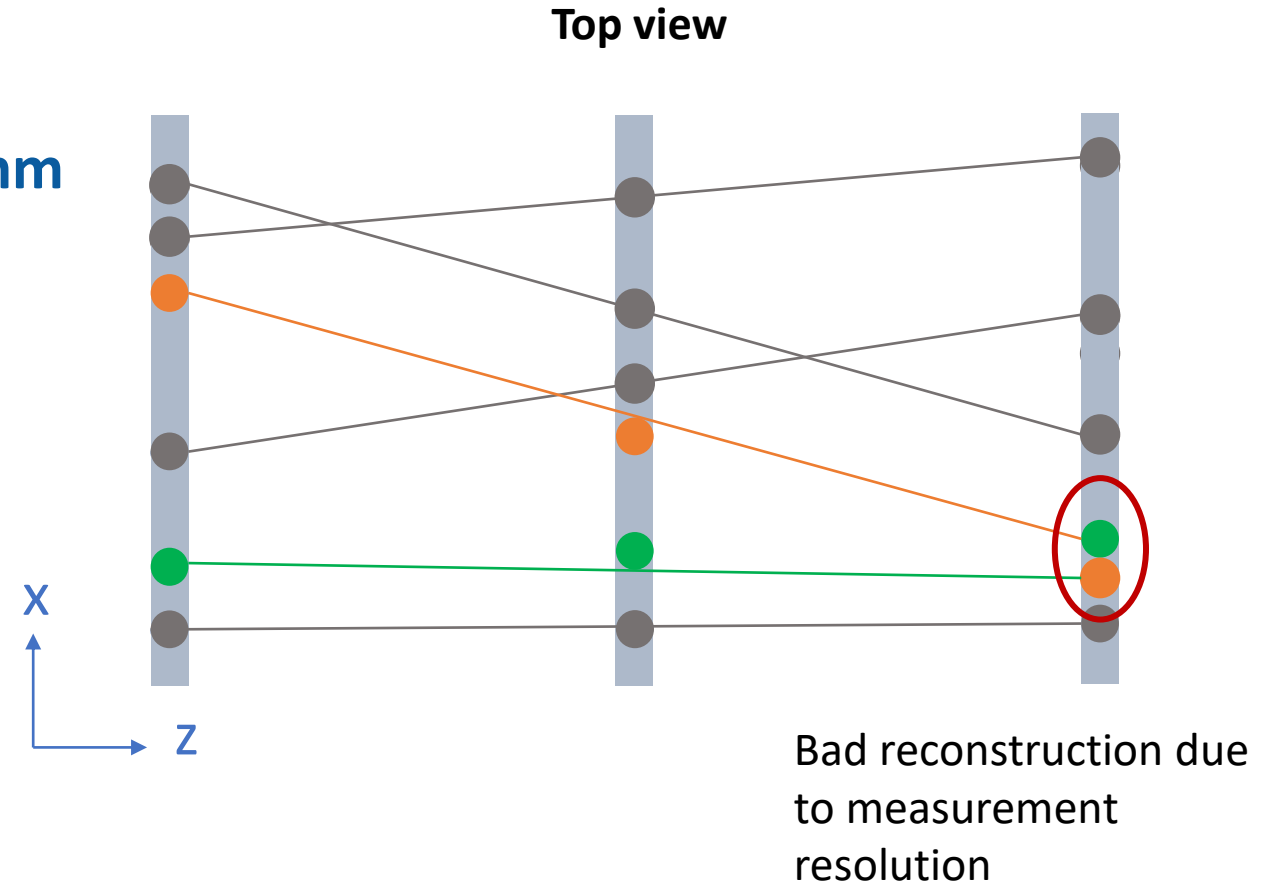
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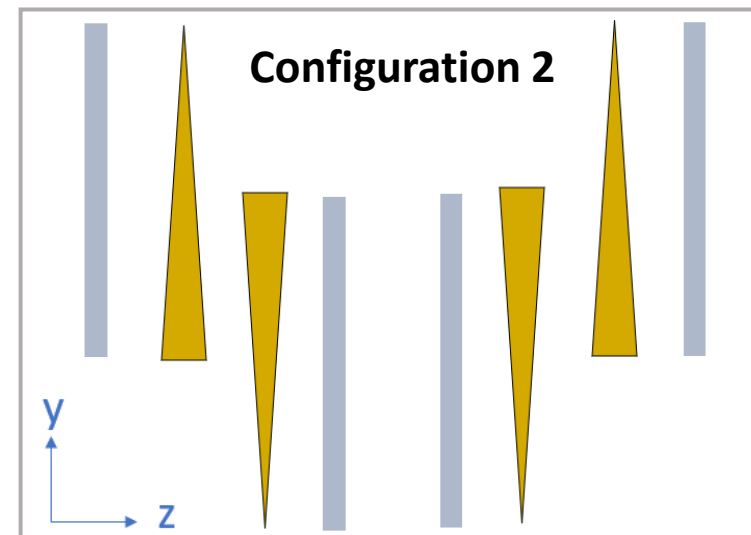
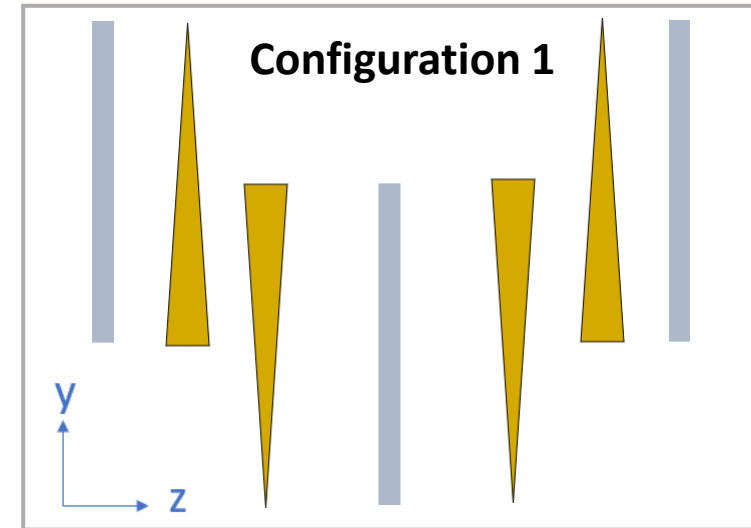
## 2 Optimization of the experimental setup

### Detection plane

- Time resolution (20 - 50 ps)
- Spatial resolution (40 - 200  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Thickness (0,4 – 1,5 mm )

### Configuration of the $\pi$ spectrometer

- Number of planes (3 and 4)



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# Track reconstruction : Method

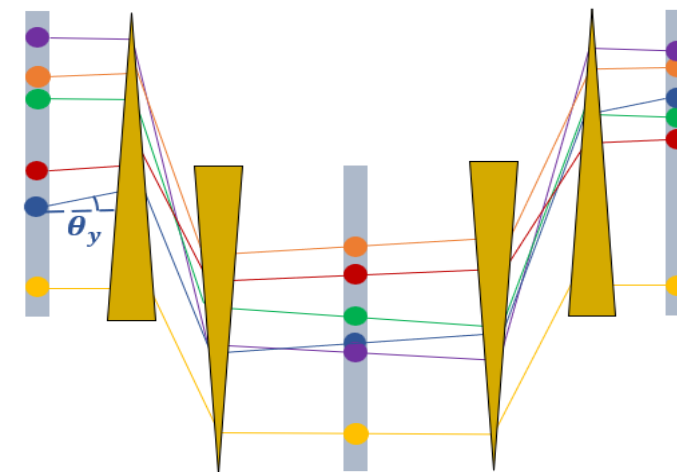
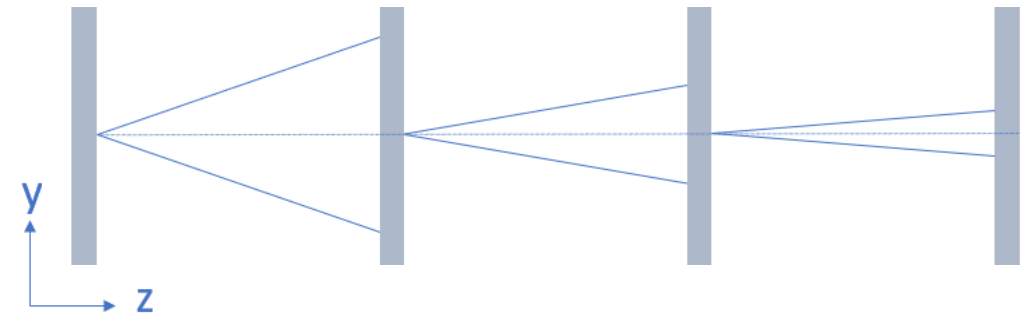
## Challenge

- Large number of particles ( $10^{12}$  part./s)

## Association algorithm

- Kalman filter propagation through detection planes  
→ compute the Chi2 of each possible track
- Search of the set of hits associations that minimizes the chi2 sum of all tracks
- As the exhaustive search impossible  
→ suboptimal optimisation of the chi2 sum

Algorithm implemented in C ++/ROOT



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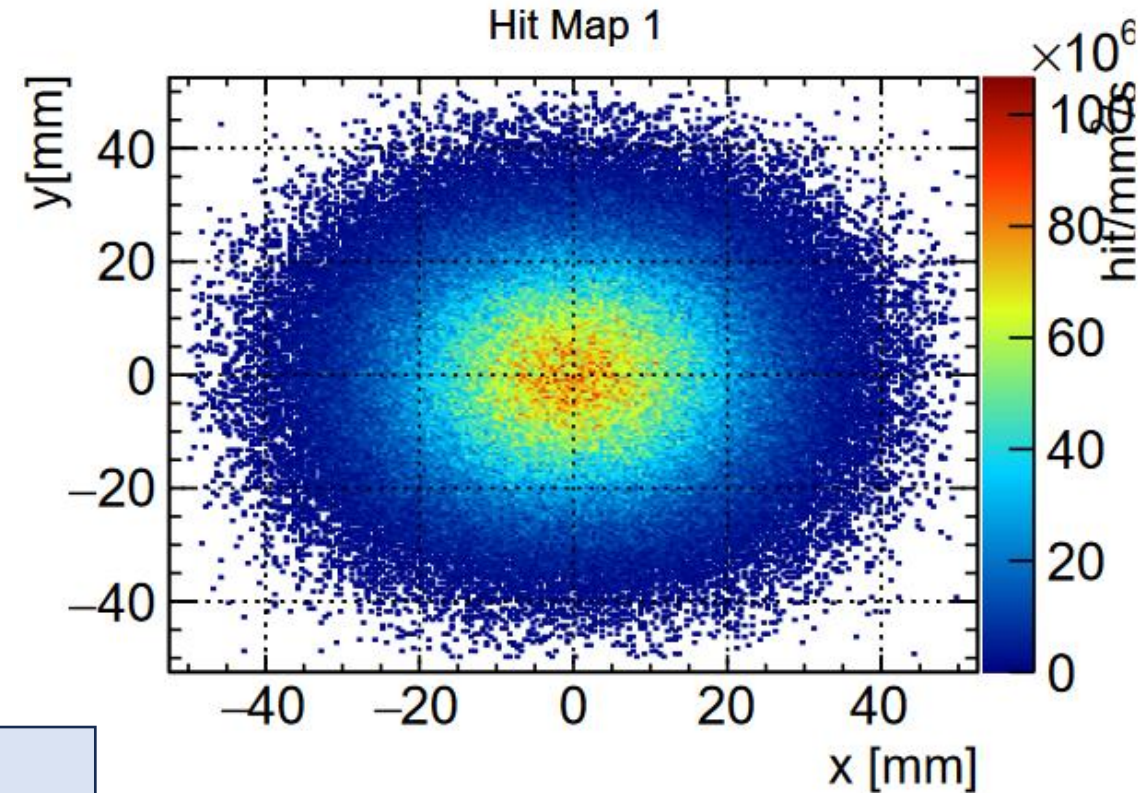
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# Results : Simulation

## Particles generation

- Experimental conditions : 100 MHz/mm<sup>2</sup> peak flux  
→ 1 event = 30 particles within 300 ps spreaded on 5x5 cm planes
- Evaluate association performances on 10 000 events
- $P_\pi = 12 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow p_\nu = (1 - m_\mu^2/m_\pi^2)E_\pi = 0.43E_\pi = 5\text{GeV}$

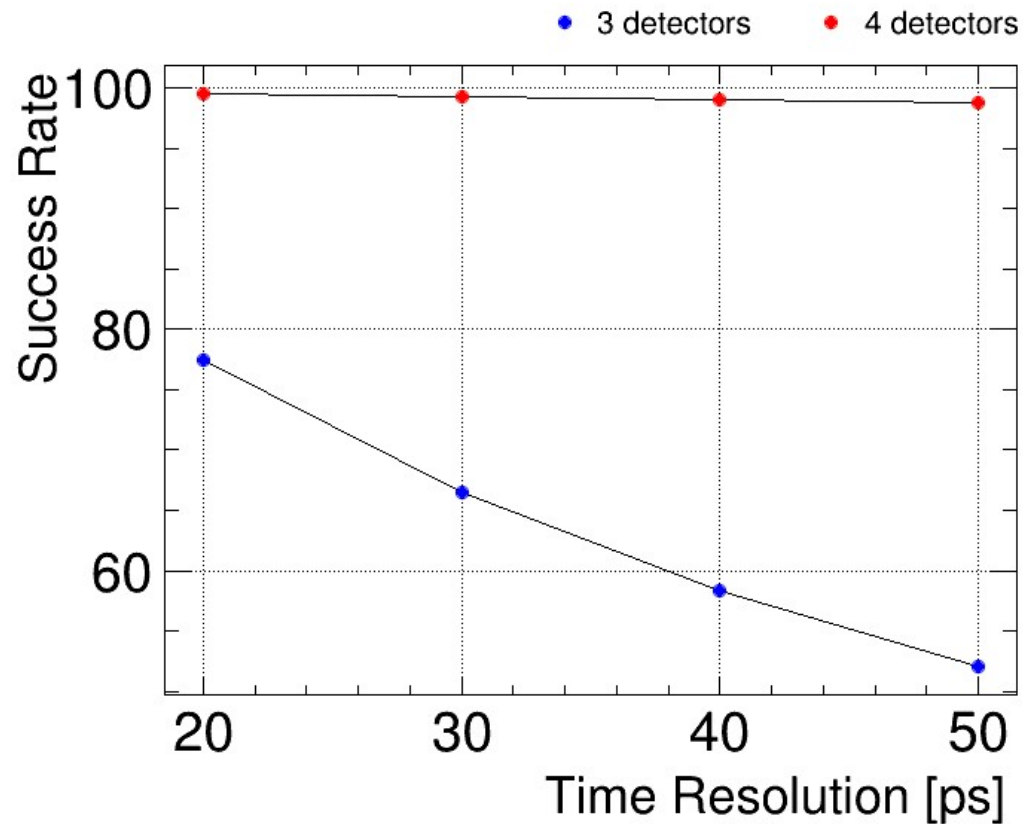
First maximal oscillation at 1600 km



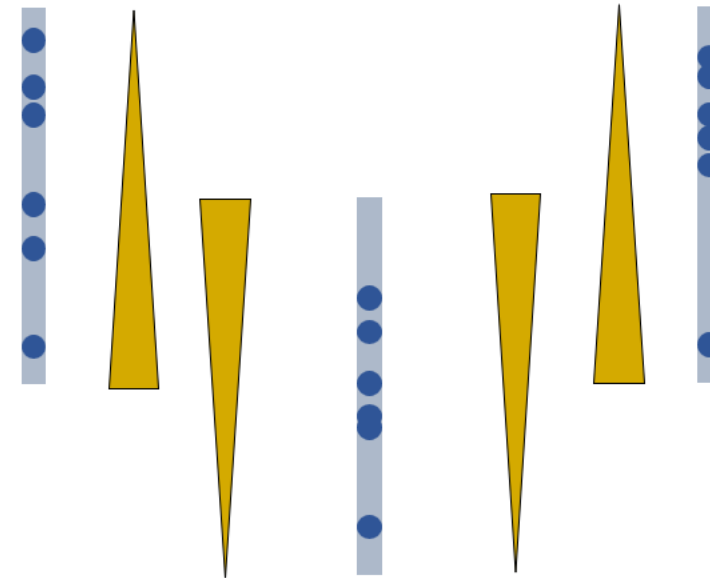


# Results : Track reconstruction

Success rate : Proportion of correctly reconstructed tracks among all tracks (30 part. x 10 000 events)



In the y-plane, any triplet of hits is a physically valid track



→ Time resolution essential to reconstruction (constraint)

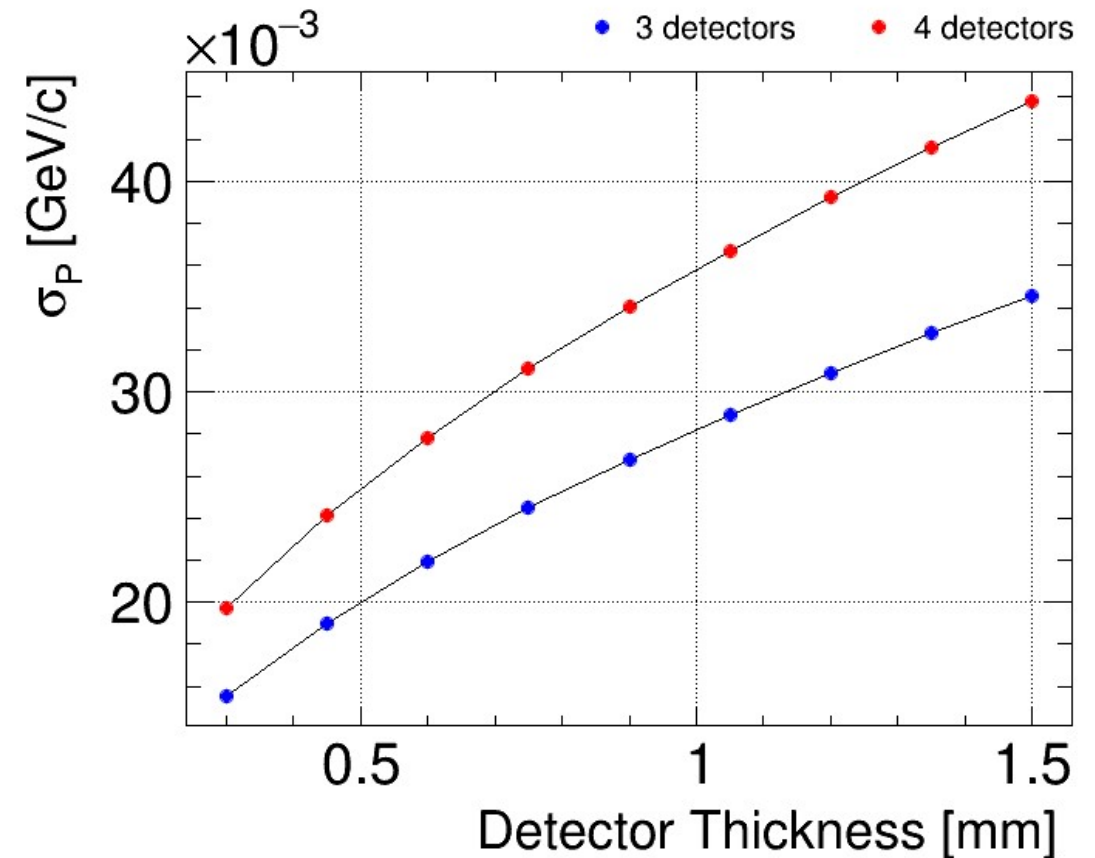
# Results : Momentum resolution

## Number of planes

4 planes configuration degrades momentum resolution by ~20%  
(will be reflected on  $\sigma_{p_\nu}$  and  $\sigma_{E_\nu}$  as  $p_\nu = 0.43E_\pi$ )



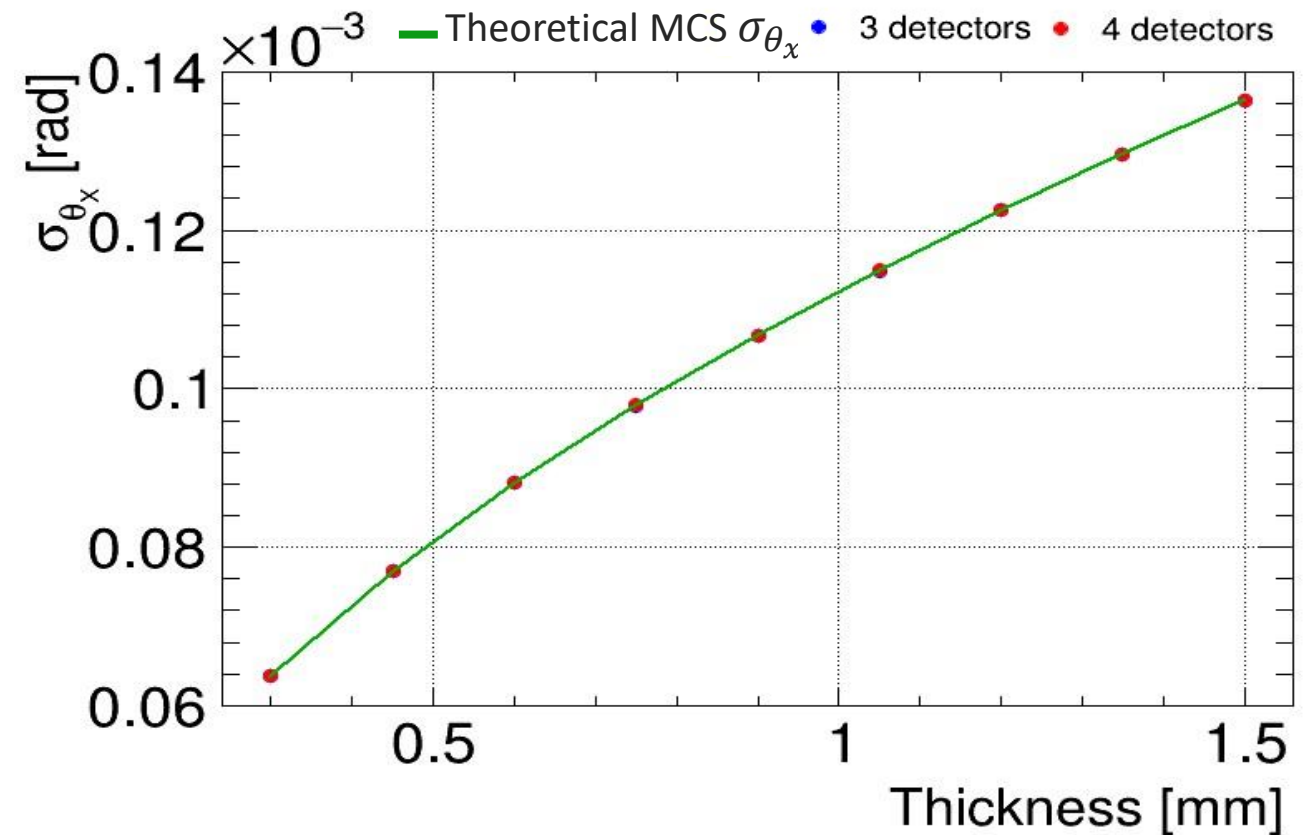
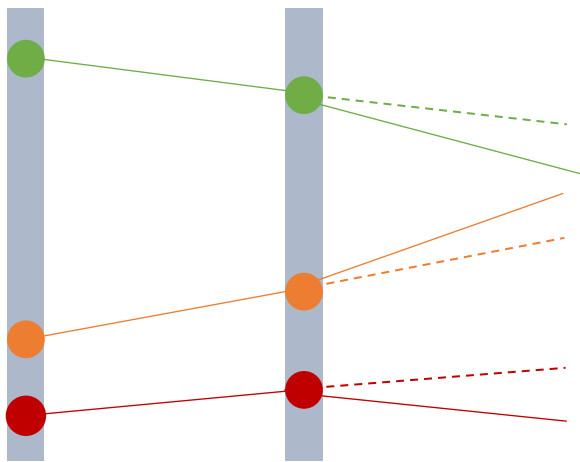
Requires to study the best trade off by studying the complete setup



# Results : Angular resolution

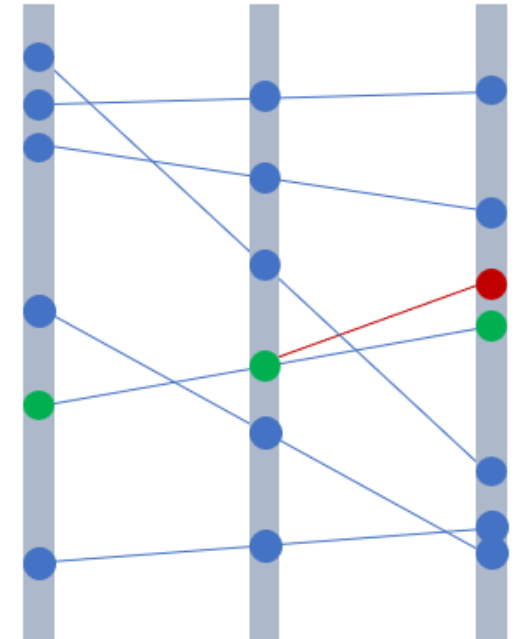
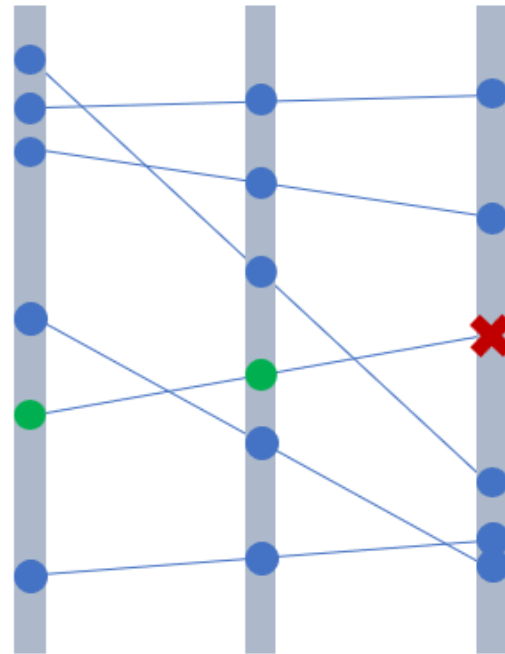
## Importance of multiple coulomb scattering

- Resolution on particle direction dominated by **multiple coulomb scattering (MCS)** in the last plane of detection



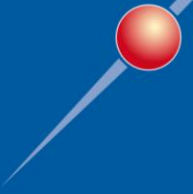
# Next steps ...

- **Missing hits, false detection and pixel clusters**



# Conclusions

- Promising results : ability to reconstruct tracks, despite the very high rate
- Identification of the most relevant detector characteristics
  - Time resolution
  - Number of planes
  - Thickness
- Perspective : Implement the decay reconstruction and include realistic detection effects



Thank you for your attention

# Backup : CP violation (oscillations)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Atmospheric

Reactor

Solar

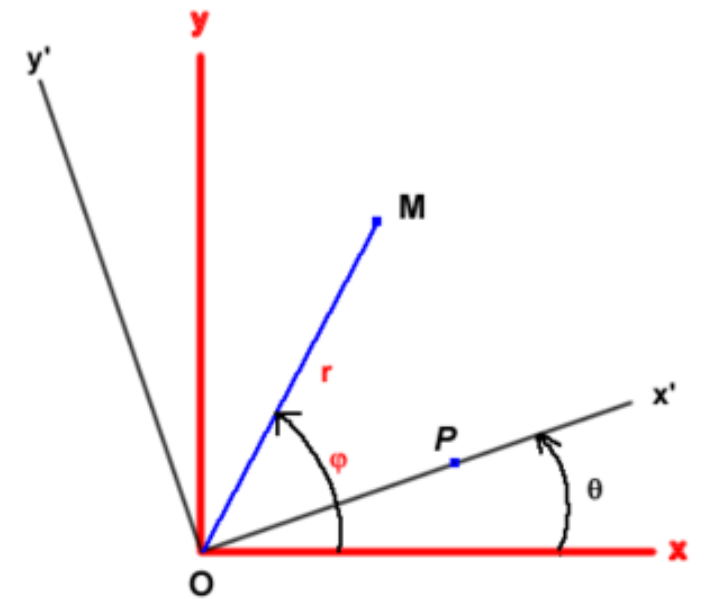
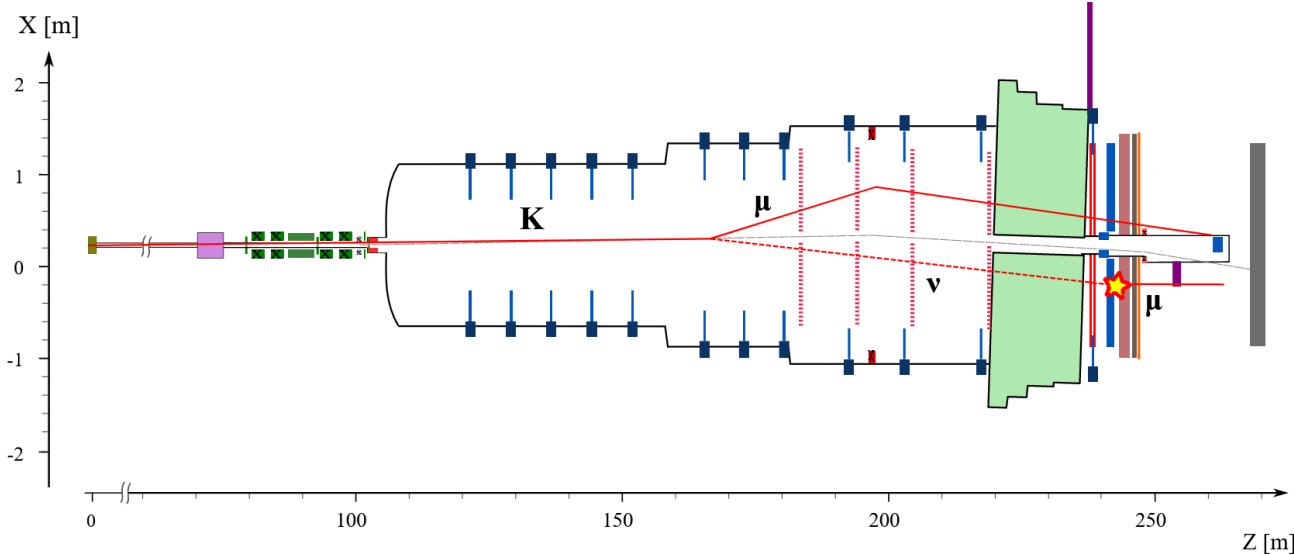


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# Backup : Neutrino Tagging perspectives

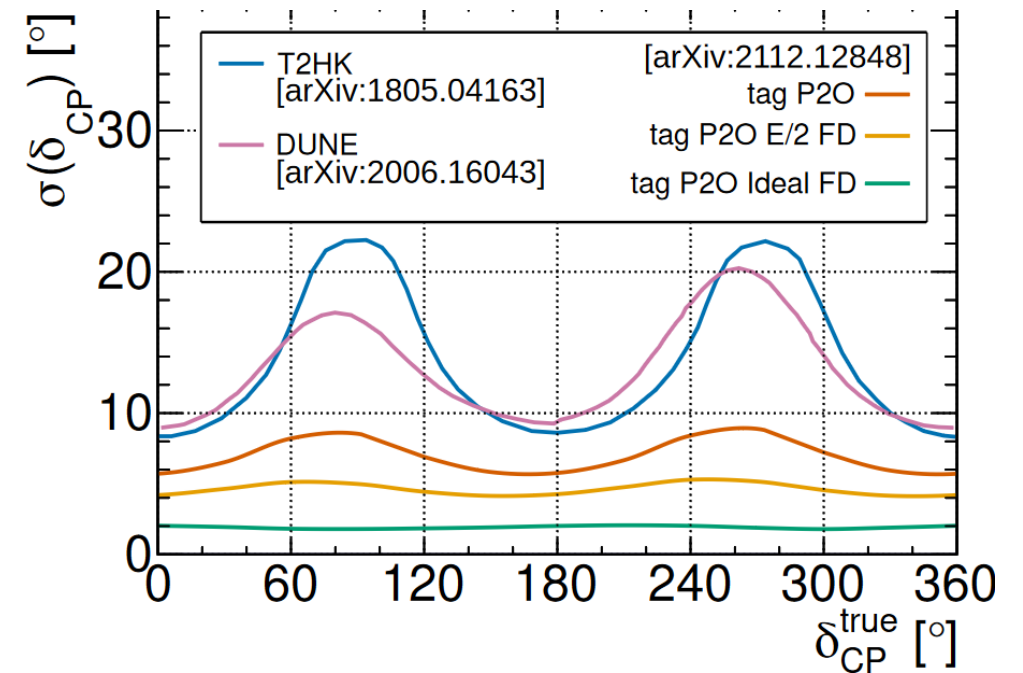
- Short term : proof of concept  
NA62/GigaTracker



- Long term : KM3NeT/ORCA

Baseline 1600 km

Coupled with Cherenkov detector

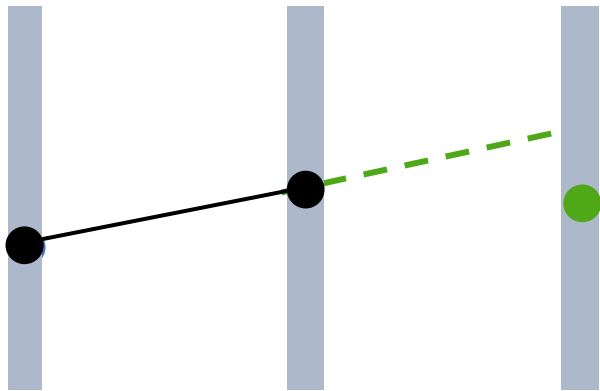


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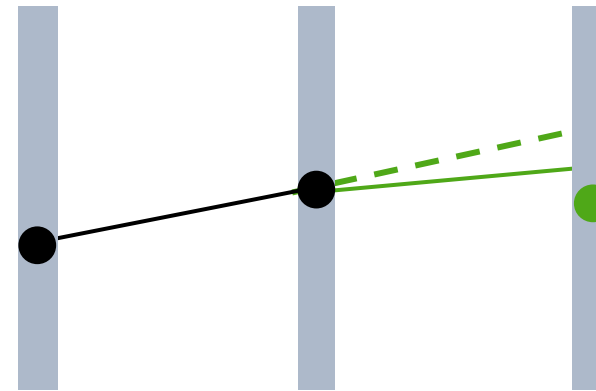
# Backup : Kalman filter

## Estimation of kinematics quantities (Track fitting) : Kalman Filter



**Step 1 : Prediction** of the  $\mathbf{X}_k$

$$\mathbf{X}_k = (x_k \quad y_k \quad \delta t_k \quad \theta_{x,k} \quad \theta_{y,k} \quad 1/p)^{\top}$$



**Step 2 : Estimation** of the  $\mathbf{X}_k$

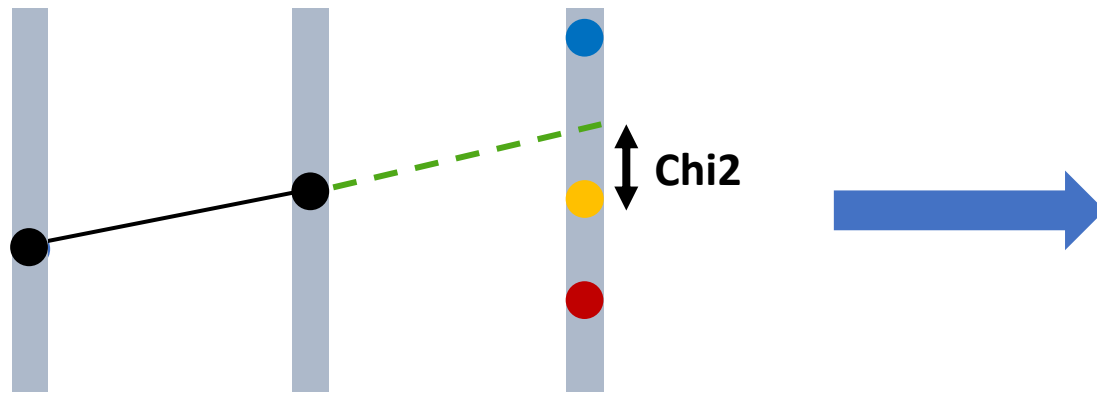
(Update with the measurement  $\mathbf{Y}_k$ )

$$\mathbf{Y}_k = (x_k \quad y_k \quad \delta t_k)^{\top}$$

+ Estimation of associated  
**uncertainties**

# Backup : Kalman filter

## Reconstruction of the tracks (Track finding)



**Step 1 : Prediction of the  $\mathbf{X}_k$**

$$\mathbf{X}_k = (x'_k \quad y_k \quad \delta t_k \quad \theta_{x,k} \quad \theta_{y,k} \quad 1/p)^T$$

- If  $\text{Chi2} < \text{threshold}$ , add to a list of potential good tracks
- Algorithm that selects the best association of tracks with no hits in common

# Backup : Kalman filter

$$\mathbf{X}_k = \mathbf{F}_k \mathbf{X}_{k-1} + \mathbf{V}_k$$

$$\mathbf{V}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Q}_k)$$

State equation

$$\mathbf{Y}_k = \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{X}_k + \mathbf{W}_k$$

$$\mathbf{W}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}_k)$$

Measurement equation

Prediction

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{m}_{k|k-1} &= \mathbf{F}_k \mathbf{m}_{k-1|k-1} \\ \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} &= \mathbf{F}_k \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1} \mathbf{F}_k^T + \mathbf{Q}_k \end{aligned}$$

Gain calculation

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}_k &= \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^T + \mathbf{R}_k \\ \mathbf{K}_k &= \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{S}_k^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Update

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{m}_{k|k} &= \mathbf{m}_{k|k-1} + \mathbf{K}_k (\mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{m}_{k|k-1}) \\ \mathbf{P}_{k|k} &= \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \end{aligned}$$

**Optimal Bayesian estimation of state vector**

# Backup : Kalman filter

$$\mathbf{F}_k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & d_k & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & d_k & \beta'_k \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{Q}_k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sigma_{\theta_y}'^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sigma_{\theta_y}'^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Backup : Tracks reconstruction

## Likelihood

$$-2 \log \mathbb{P}(\underline{\mathbf{Y}}|\underline{\mathbf{A}}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^K \log \det (2\pi \mathbf{S}_k) + \underbrace{\left( \mathbf{y}_k^{A_k^i} - \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{m}_{k|k-1}^m \right)^T \mathbf{S}_k^{-1} \left( \mathbf{y}_k^{A_k^i} - \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{m}_{k|k-1}^m \right)}_{\text{Chi2}}$$

→ Minimize the **Chi2** :  $\hat{\underline{\mathbf{A}}} = \arg \min_{\underline{\mathbf{A}}} -2 \log \mathbb{P}(\underline{\mathbf{Y}}|\underline{\mathbf{A}})$

# Backup : Permutations

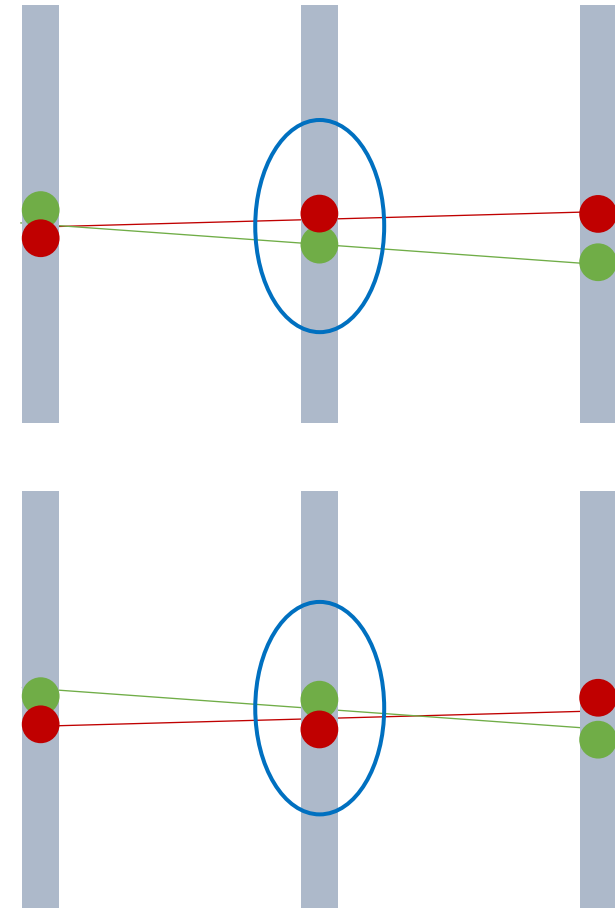
## Add of permutation function

### Issue

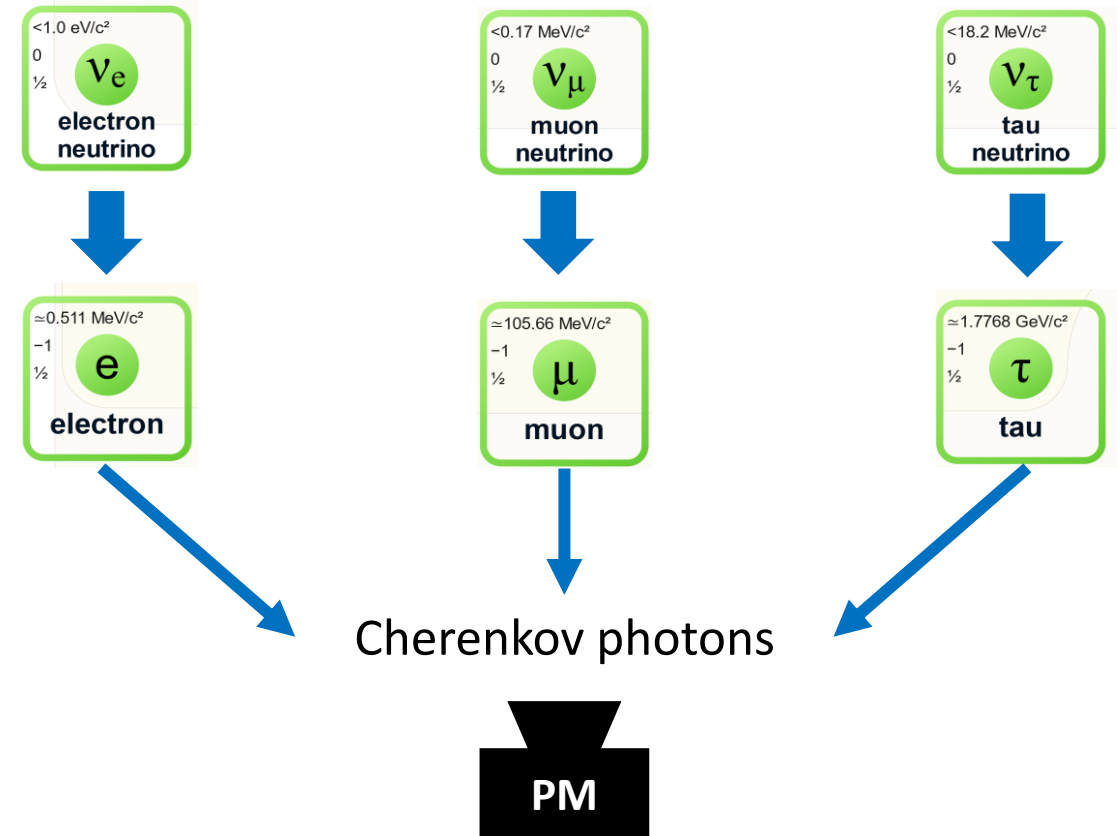
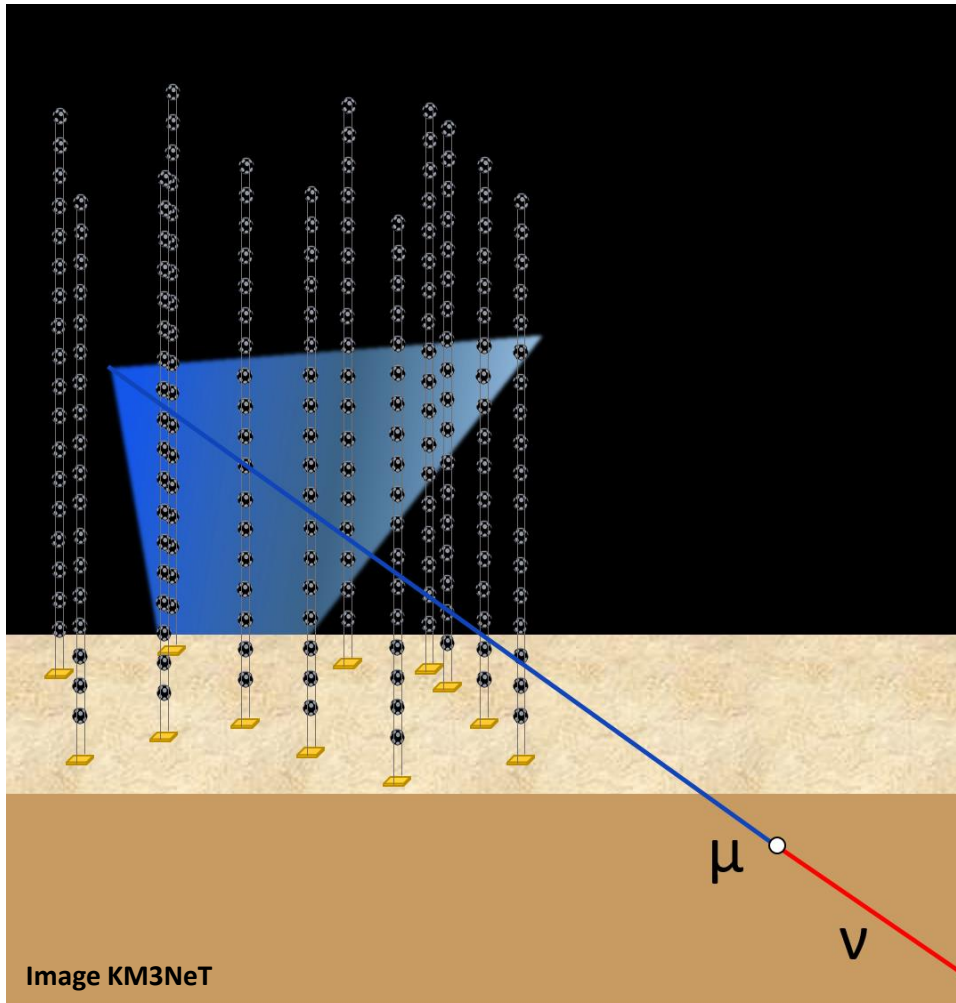
The majority of bad track finding is due to close tracks that had exchange their hits

### Solution

Permute the hits of the close track and compute the  $\chi^2$   
→ If the permutation decreases the  $\chi^2$ , the permutation is validate



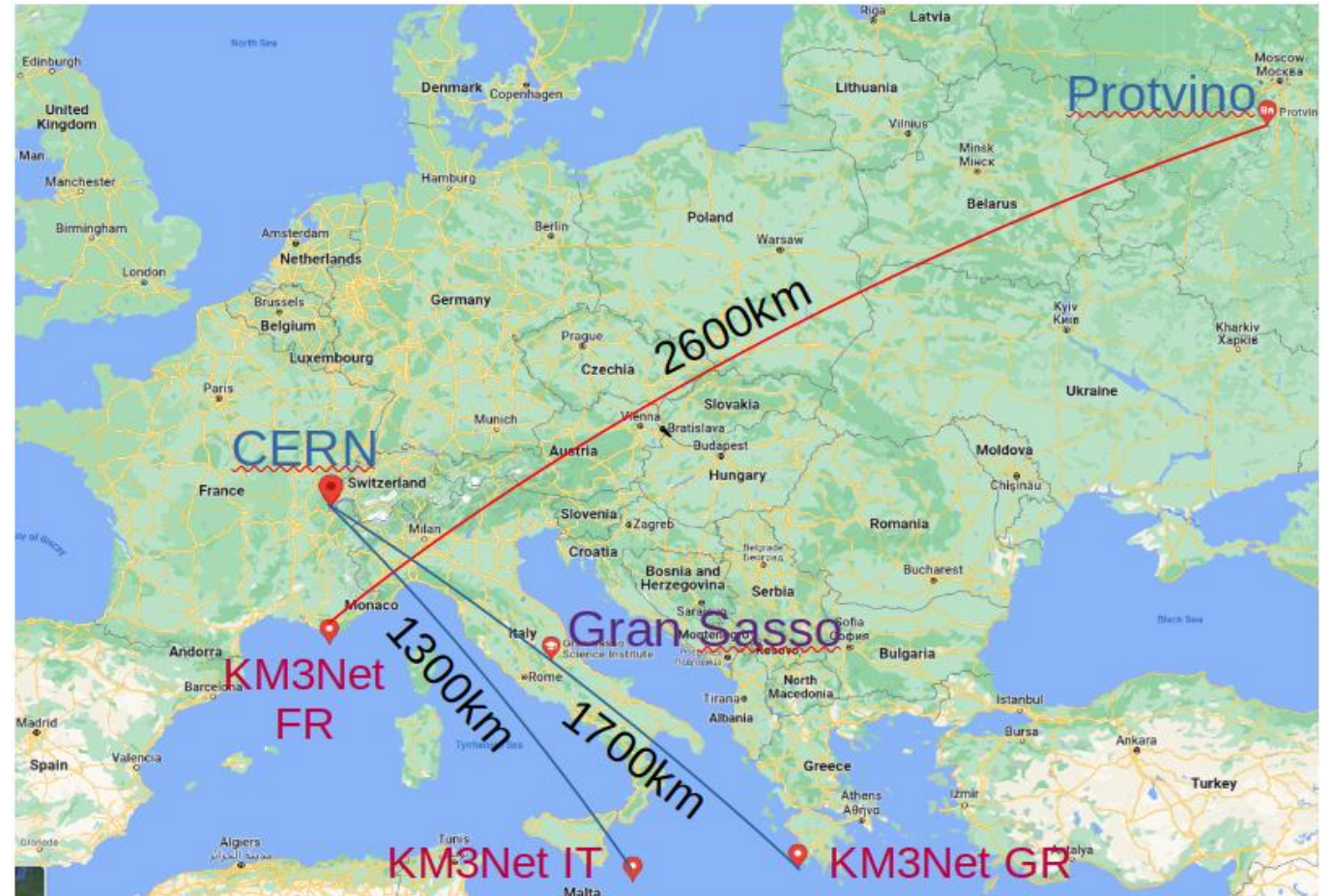
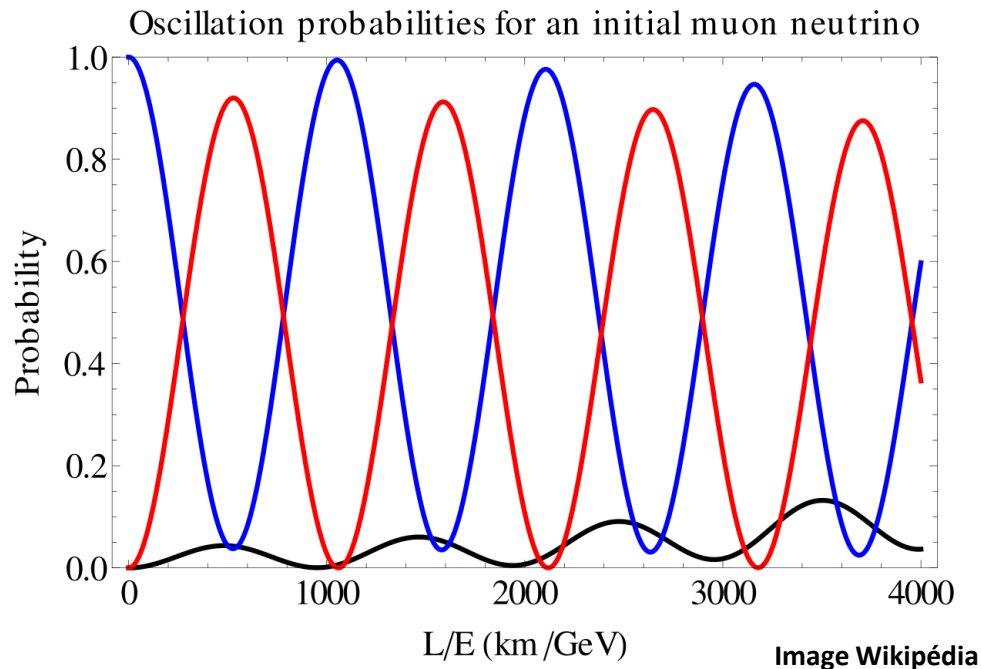
# Backup : Cherenkov detector



Information on energy, flavour and direction of neutrinos

# Backup : possible baselines

- Cern → Pillos (Grèce) : 1700 km
- Cern → ARCA (Italie) : 1300 km
- Protvino → ORCA (France) : 2600 km





# Backup : Neutrino production

## Neutrino production

1. Proton acceleration
2. Proton collision with a target
3. Generation of pions
4. Decay of pions into neutrinos + muons

