

High Energy Particle IDentification (PID)

————— An update on what I've been working on so far —————

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Outline.

1. **Setting the Context:** SK/HK experiments and Existing PID Algorithms
2. **My Work:** Adapting Algorithms for High Energy Neutrinos
3. **What's next?**



Setting the Context

- A. Super-Kamiokande: Operational Principles and Observed Neutrinos
- B. Current State of PID Algorithms

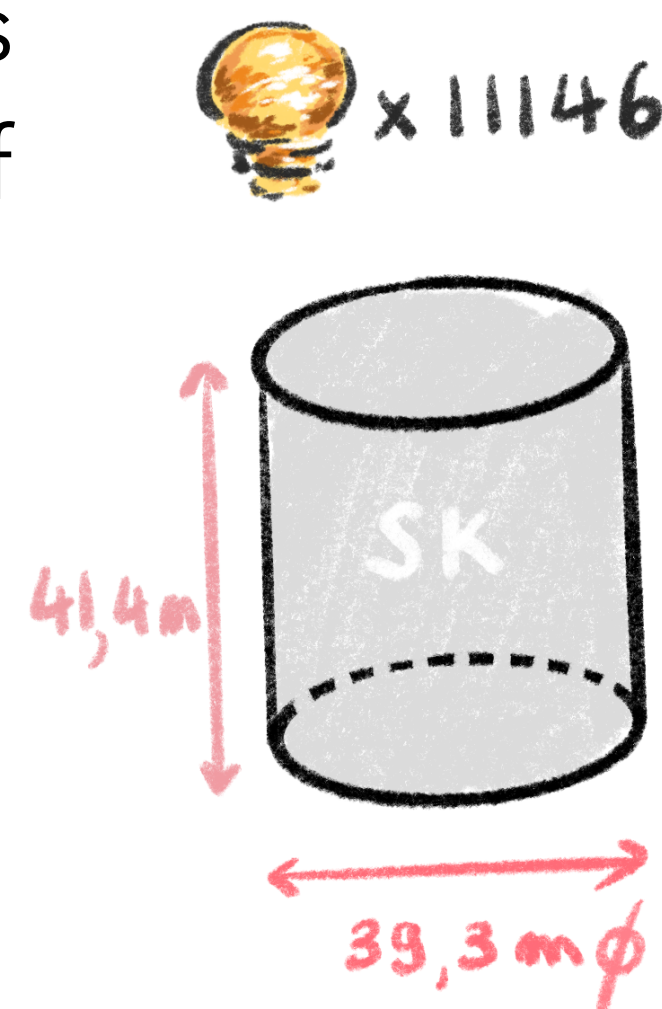
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A. Super-Kamiokande:

Setting the Context

Super-Kamiokande

- 41.4 m in height and 39.3 m in diameter, which holds approximately 50 ktons of ultrapure water.
- 11,146 PMTs

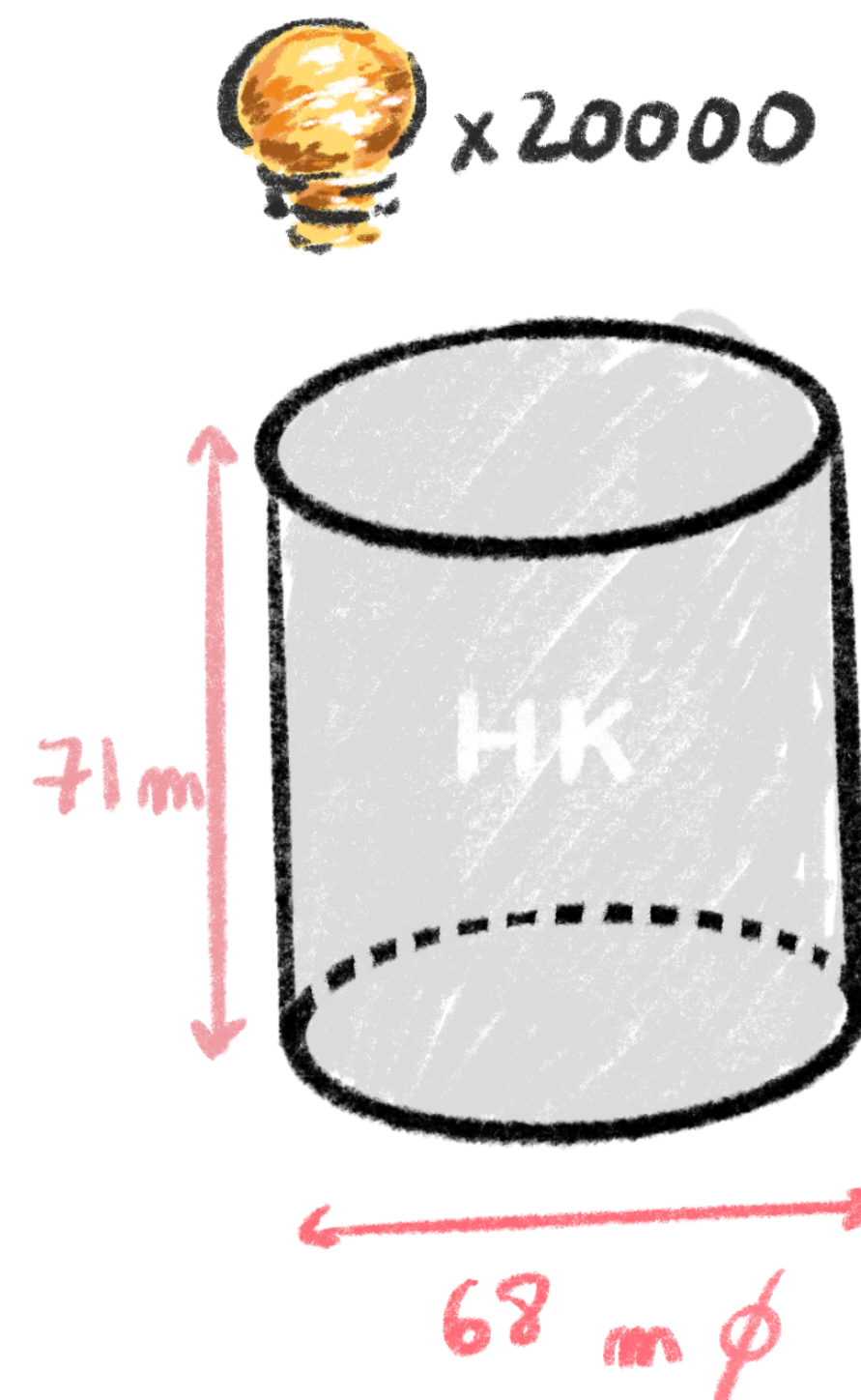


B. Current State of PID Algorithms

Experiments

Hyper-Kamiokande

- An order of magnitude bigger than SK,
- 71 m in height and a diameter of 68 m
- 20 000 ultra-high sensitivity PMTs



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A. Super-Kamiokande:

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Relic Supernova neutrinos

- Neutrinos were produced in a supernova that occurred in the distant past and is still traveling through the universe today.
- # of events in SK: 10/year.
- Energy: 2 MeV (LOW)
- Provide a unique opportunity to study the properties of supernovae and the physics of the early universe

Observed neutrinos

Solar neutrinos

- Neutrinos produced in the Sun by nuclear fusion reactions. Vast majority of neutrinos passing through the Earth
- Most of solar neutrinos have energy below 10 MeV
- Representation of the flux as a function of the energy of solar neutrinos according to the Standard Model of the Sun

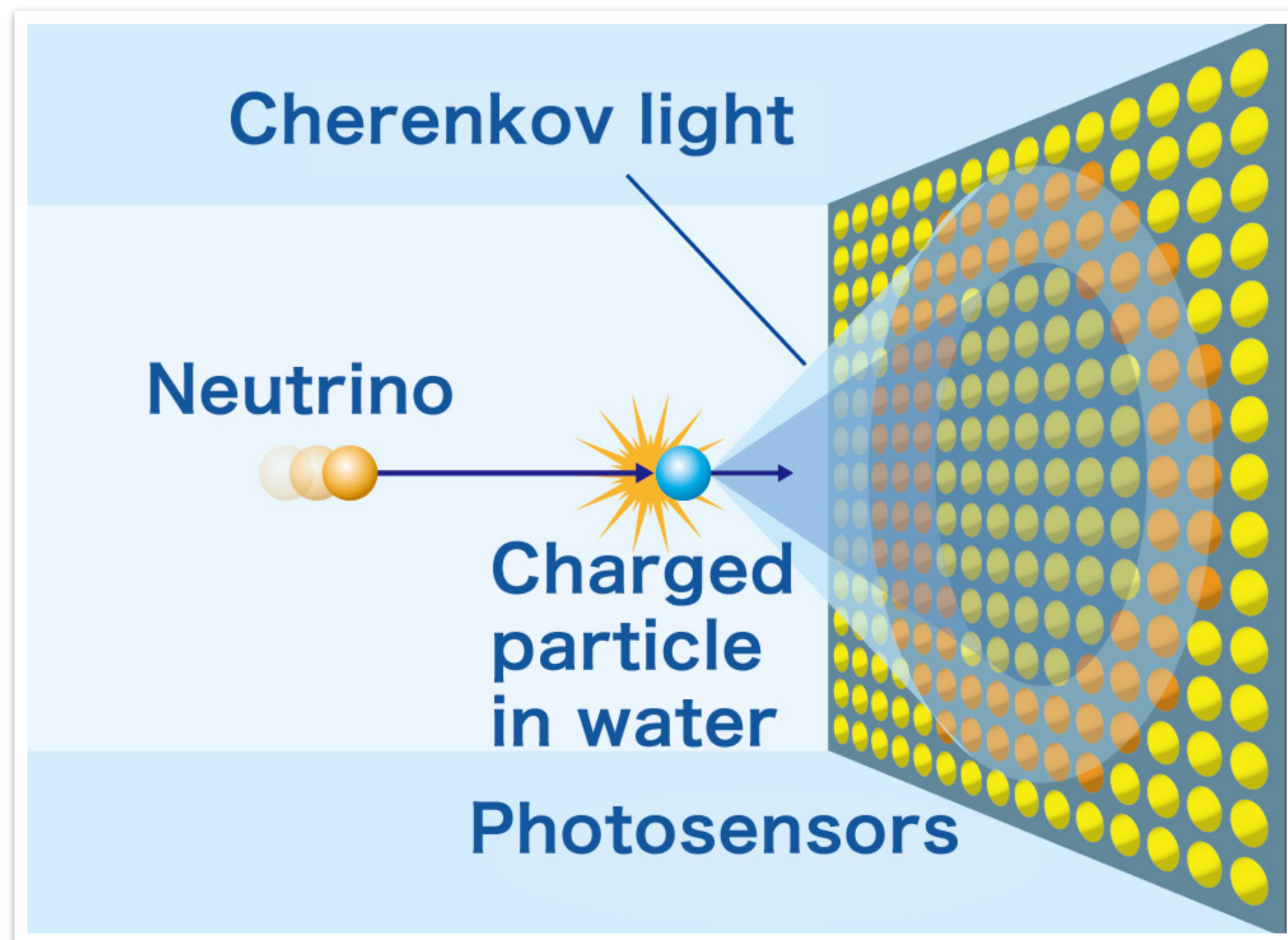
Transient Supernova neutrinos

- Neutrinos coming from a supernova explosion
- Energy ranging from 10 to 30 MeV. (HIGH)
- Interesting particles to observe to understand the physics behind the explosion as neutrinos hold 99 % of the information about the explosion.

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Setting the Context

Neutrino detection method



Cherenkov light

- The neutrino that interacts with electrons or nuclei in water produces a charged particle moving faster than the speed of light in water, which is slower than the speed of light in a vacuum.
- A cone of light is formed as a result, which is known as Cherenkov radiation.
- The equivalent in the optical field is the sonic boom. PMTs record the Cherenkov light projected as a ring on the wall of the detector.

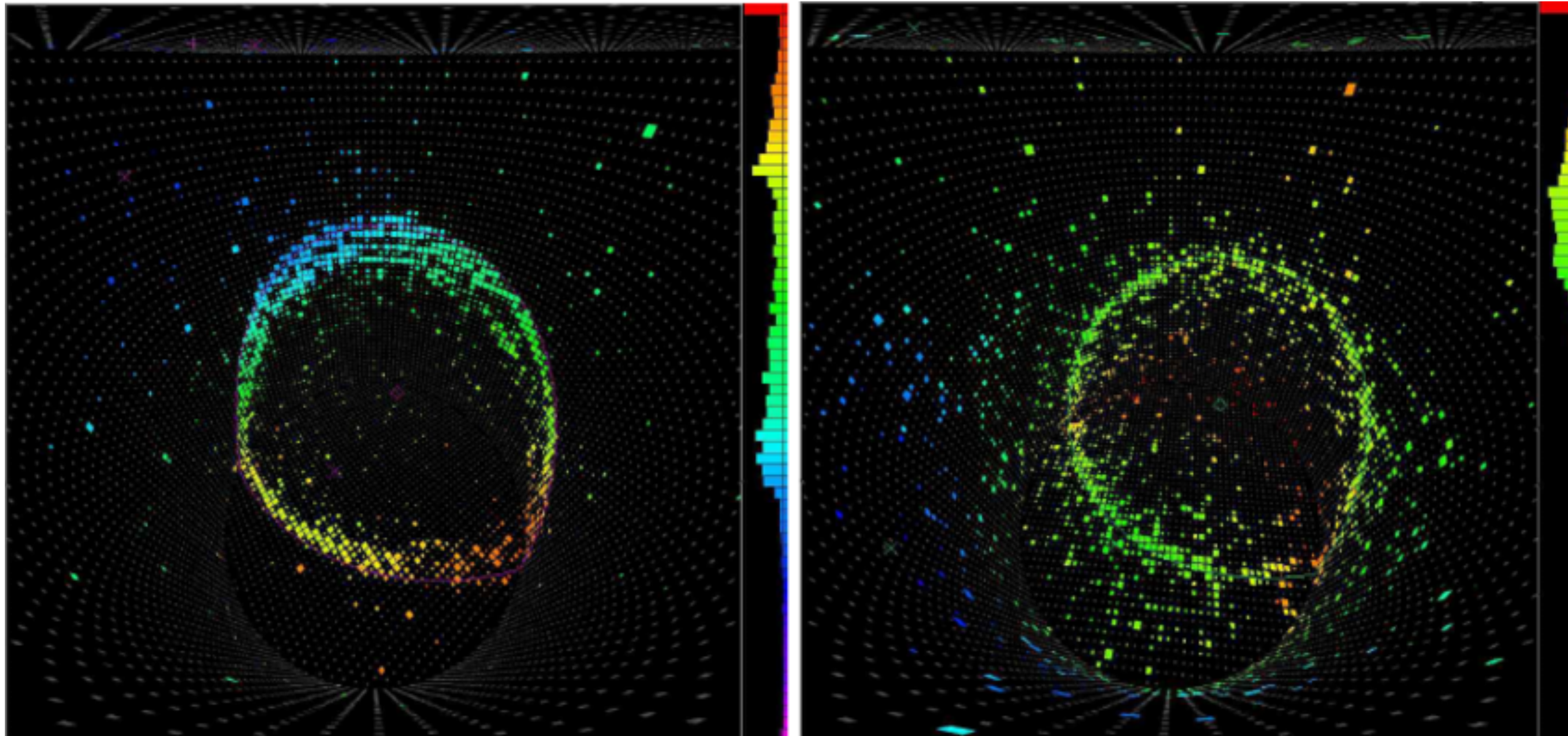
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Neutrino detection method



Muon (Sharp)

Electron (Blurry)

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Low energy

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Architecture

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Why a Graph Neural Network (GNN)?

- ▶ A Boosted Decision Tree (BDT) has been developed. Can we do better?
 - Use of **Deep Learning**
- ▶ Why not a Convolutional Neural Network (used for image analysis)?
 - One would need to stack images to have the time information of an event (instead of one small graph for a GNN)
 - Small number of hits for the neutron capture on H (a GNN will not be confused with useless information and therefore processed faster)
 - ⇒ **Smaller dataset** and **faster processes**
 - No direct relation between hits (one can add more complex information on graphs) ⇒ **More flexible inputs**

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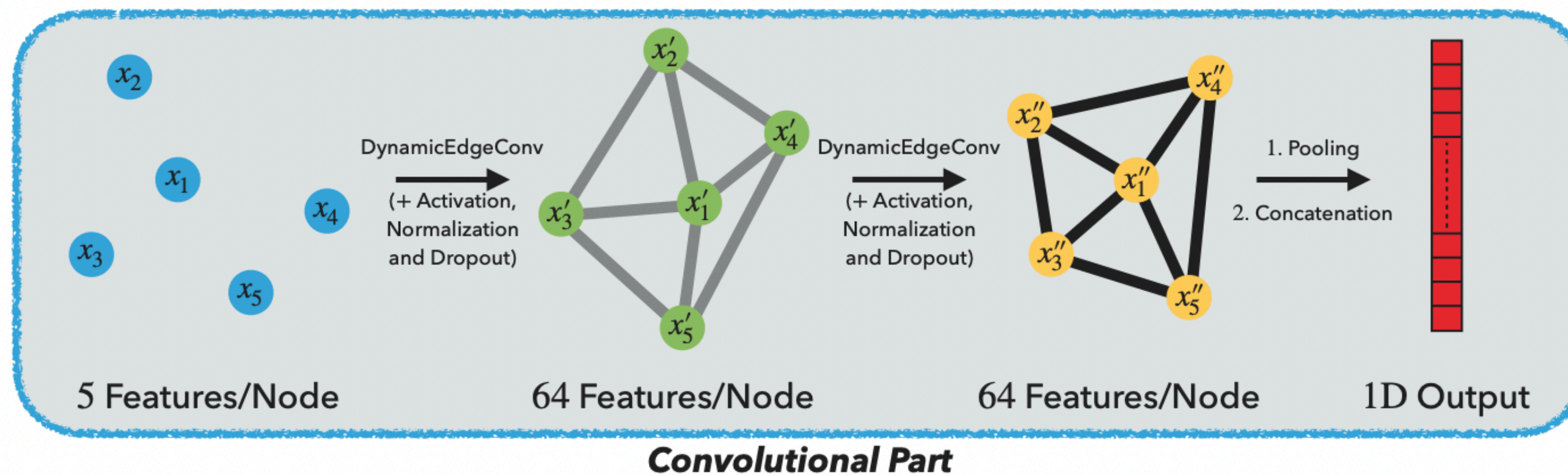
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Architecture example

- ▶ 2 layers of **DynamicEdgeConv** [1801.07829, Wang et al., 2019]:
- ▶ Connects closest (euclidian distance) **nodes** in feature space by **edges**
- ▶ Edge features: Information about x_i (node feature i) and $x_j - x_i$ (relative difference to nearest neighbours)



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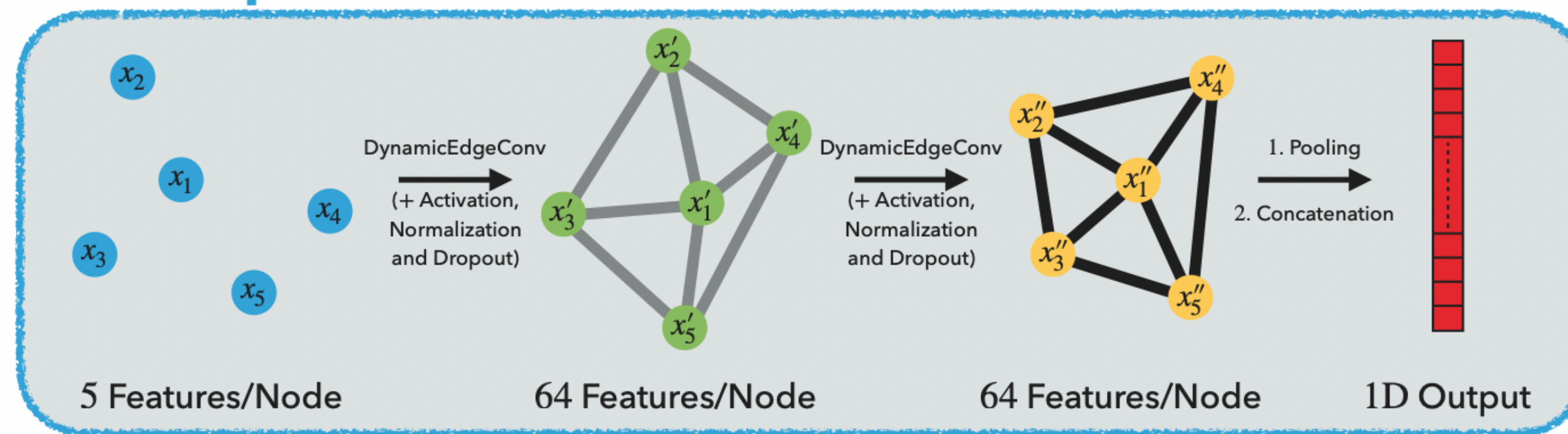
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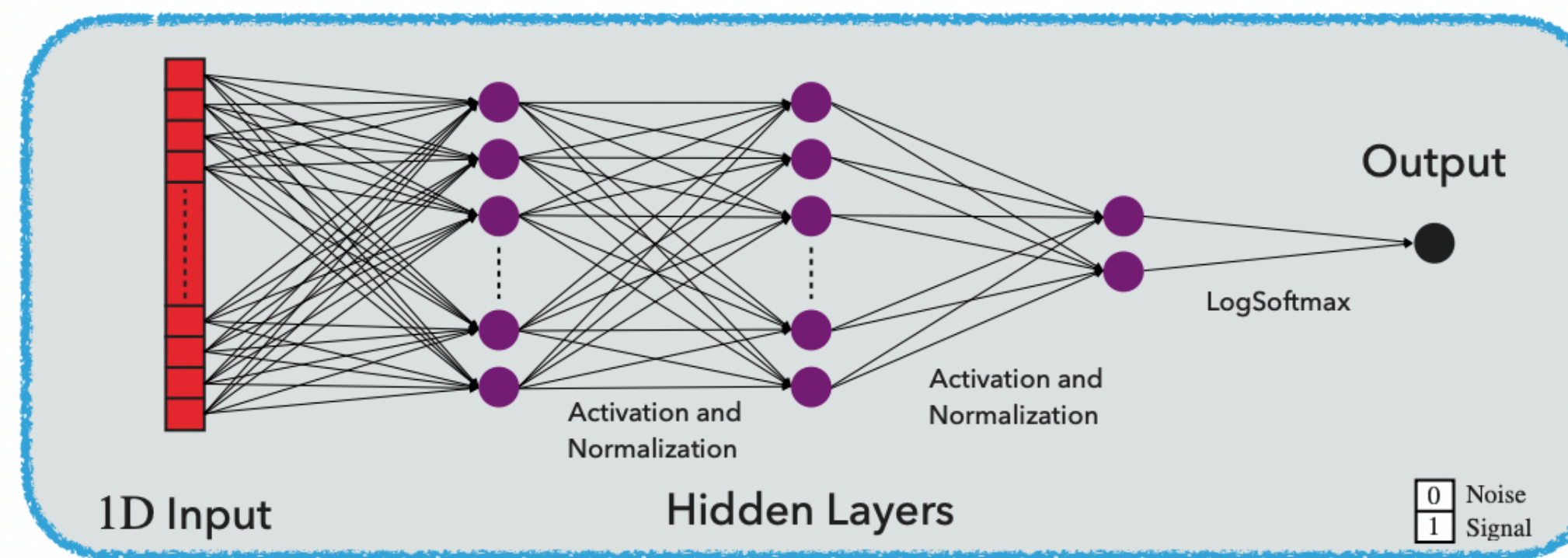
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Architecture example



Convolutional Part



Classification Part

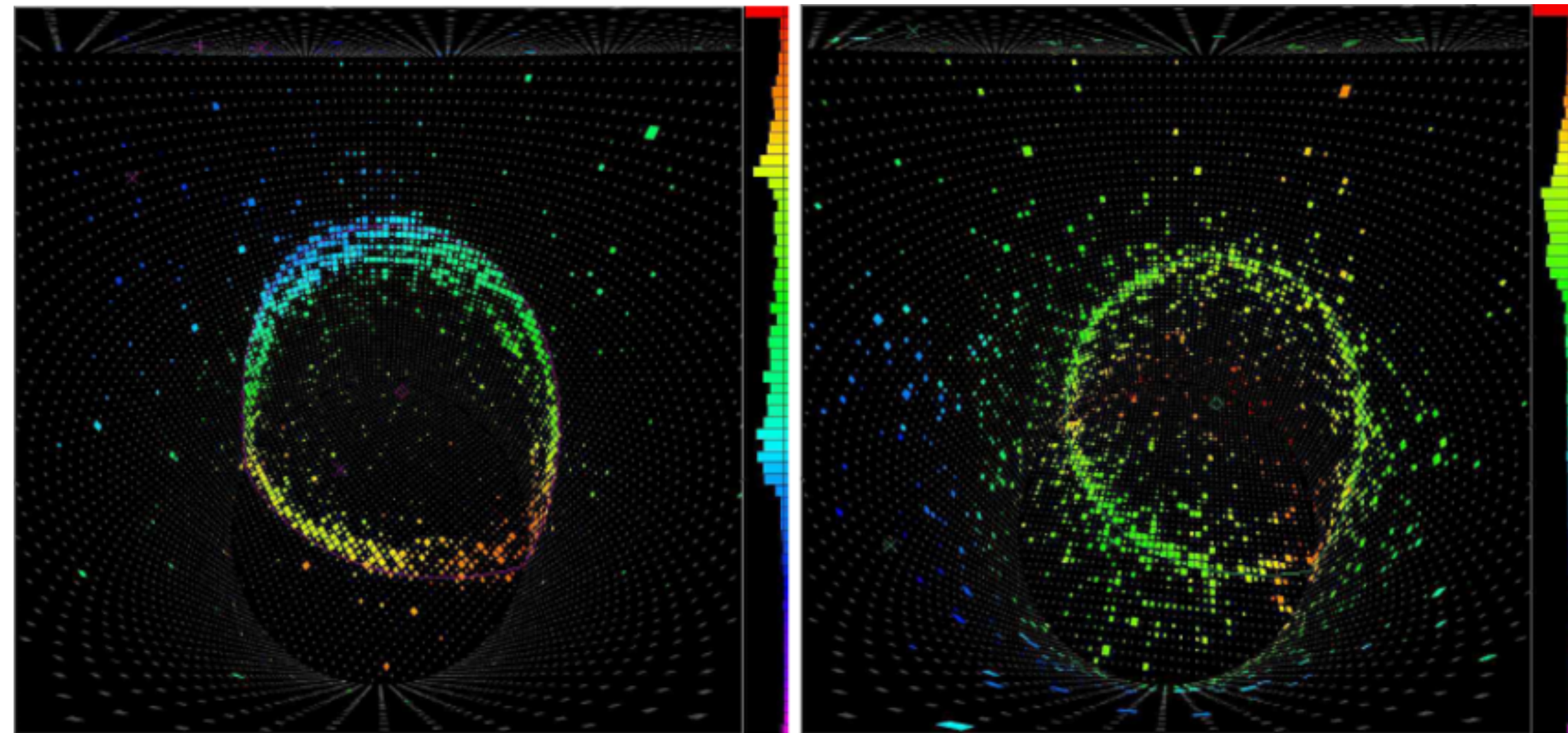


My work

- A. Key Challenges in PID
- B. Adapting BDT Algorithm for High Energy Neutrinos
- C. Adapting GNN Algorithm for High Energy Neutrinos

Identification of particles in levels of difficulties

- e/mu particle identification
- e/gamma particle identification
- e/pi0 particle identification
- mu/pi+ particle identification
- Multiple ring fit



Muon (Sharp)

Electron (Blurry)

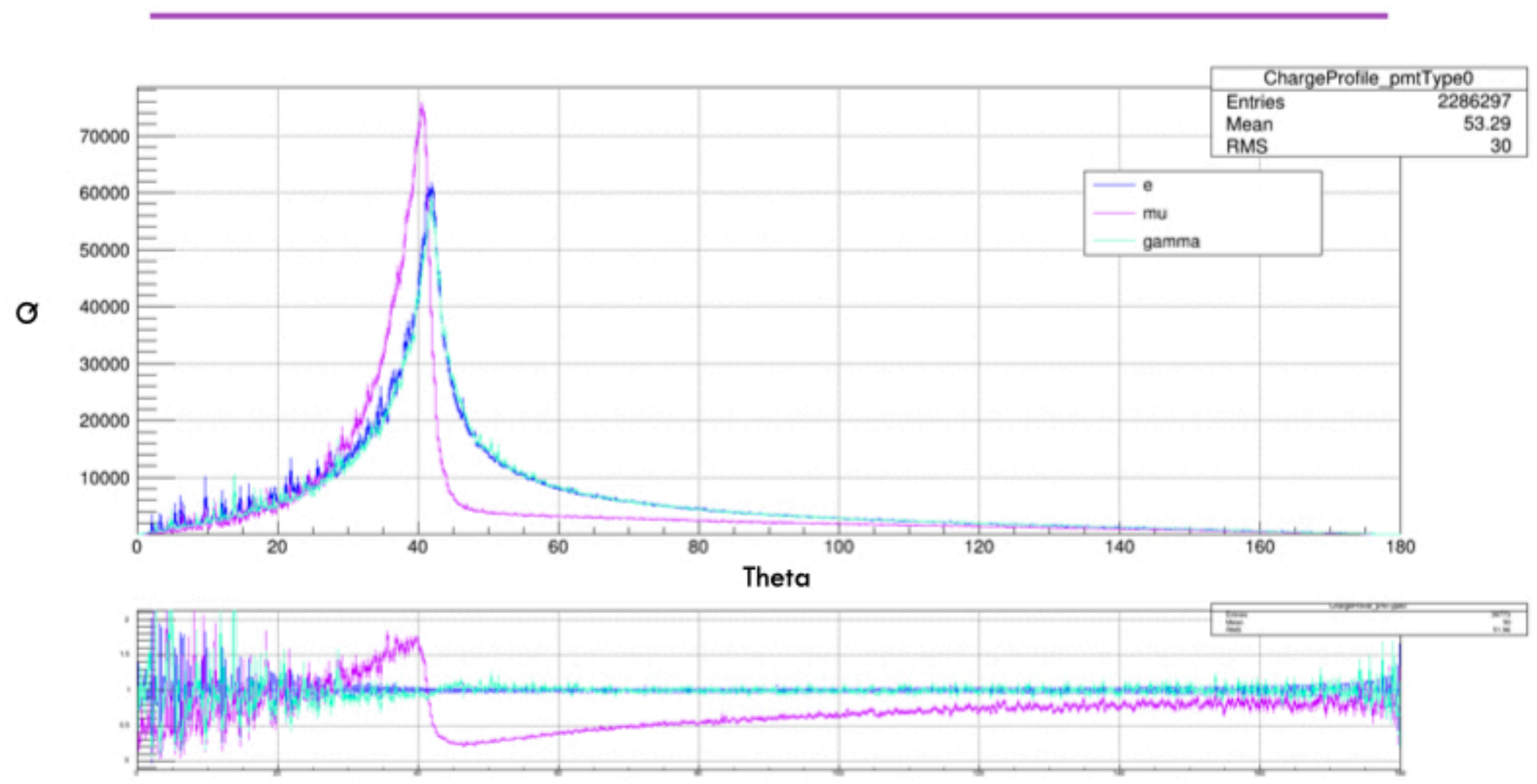
Distribution of Discriminating Variables

I. DISTRIBUTION OF DISCRIMINANT VARIABLES

TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY RELEVANT THID VARIABLES

Distribution of Discriminating Variables

Charge Profile



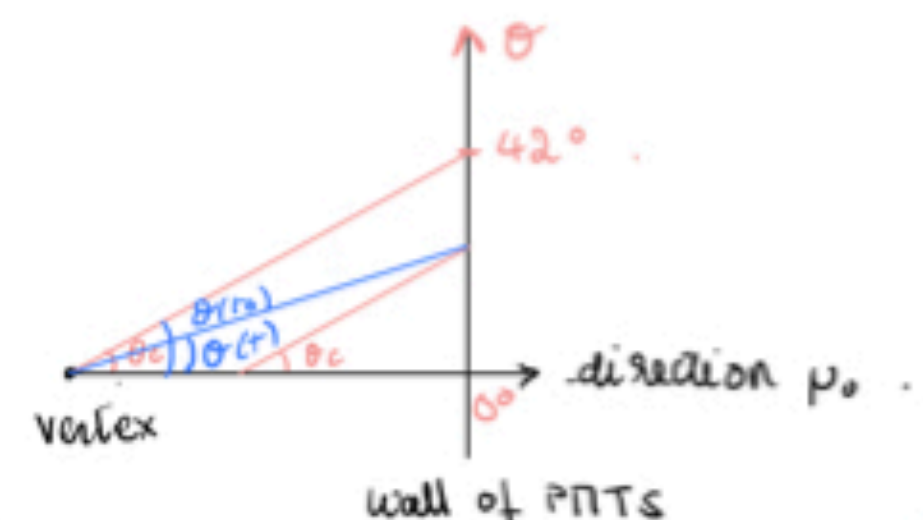
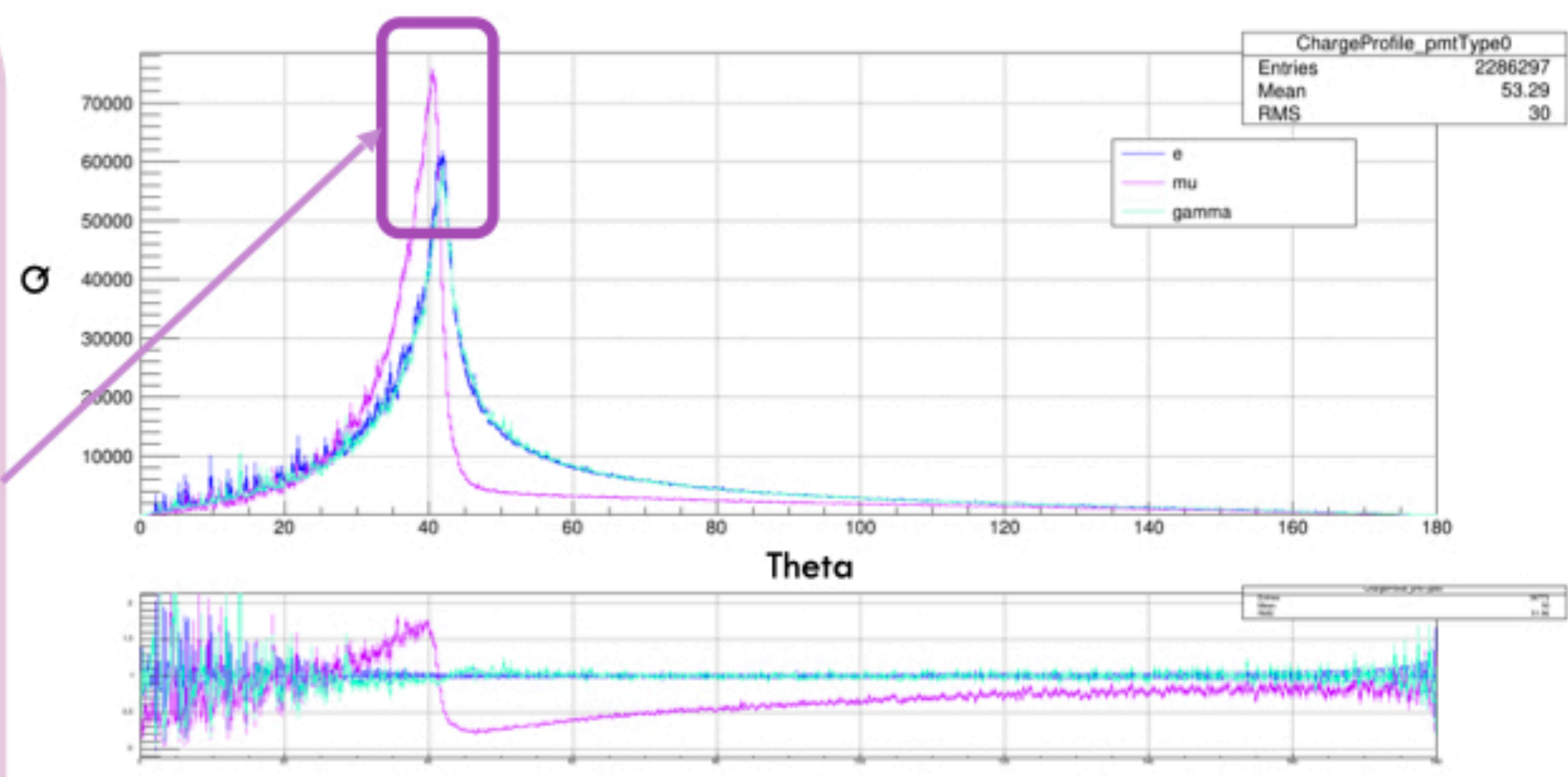
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Charge Profile

Muon

Explication pour le mu :

- Broadening within the ring (see diagram) Hence, the peak shift is not exactly at 42°
- And thus, as the standard deviation is lower (compared to electron and gamma which are also broadened externally), the maximum value is higher.
- Charge per unit angle is higher for muons, dominating over the total charge since they are less scattered.

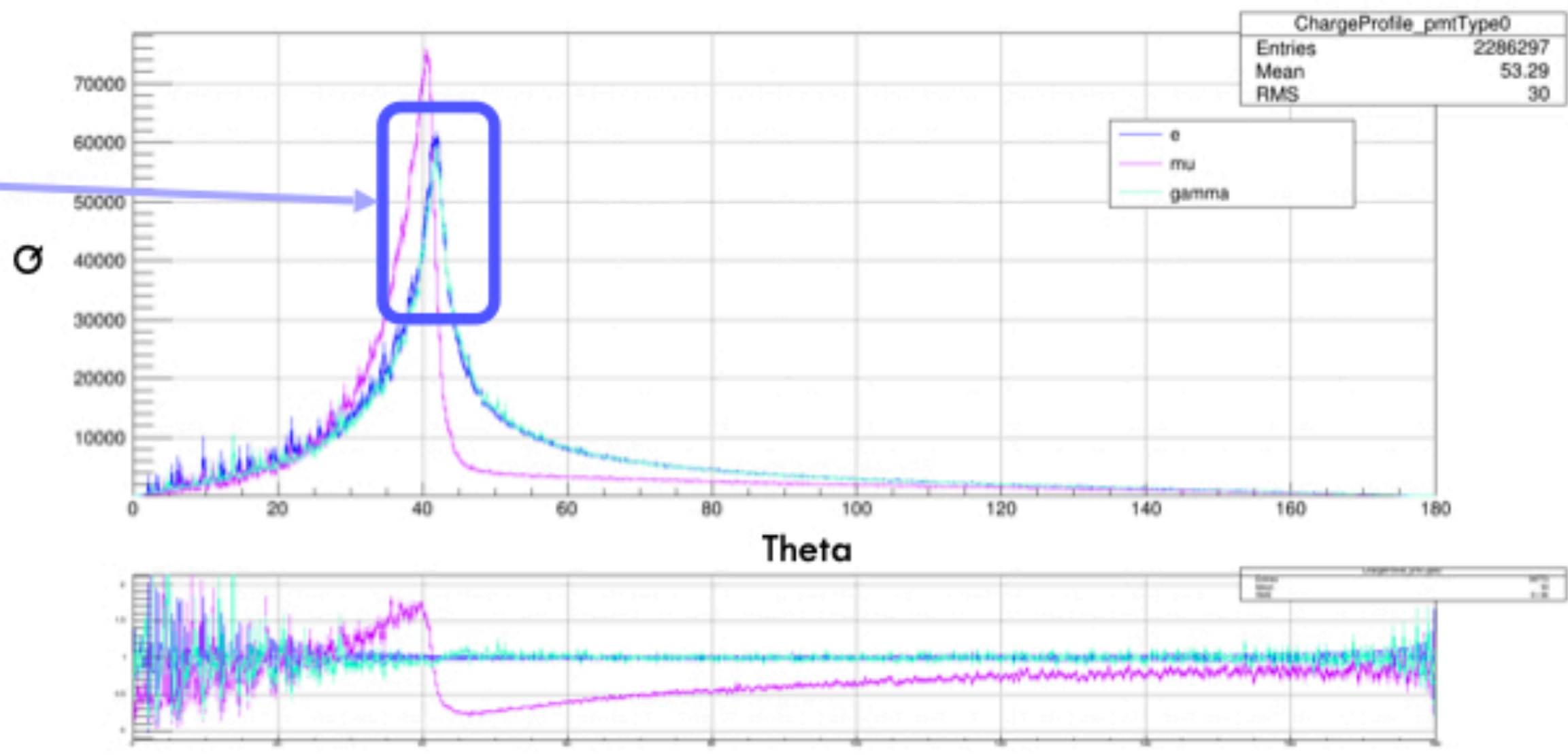
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Charge Profile

Explication pour l'électron :

- A similar phenomenon as for muon, but with an additional factor:
- The electromagnetic cascade.
- Distribution broadened both inside and outside the ring
- Symmetrization is due to the solid angle in $\sin \theta$, I believe: because normally there are more events inside the ring.

Electron



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Charge Profile

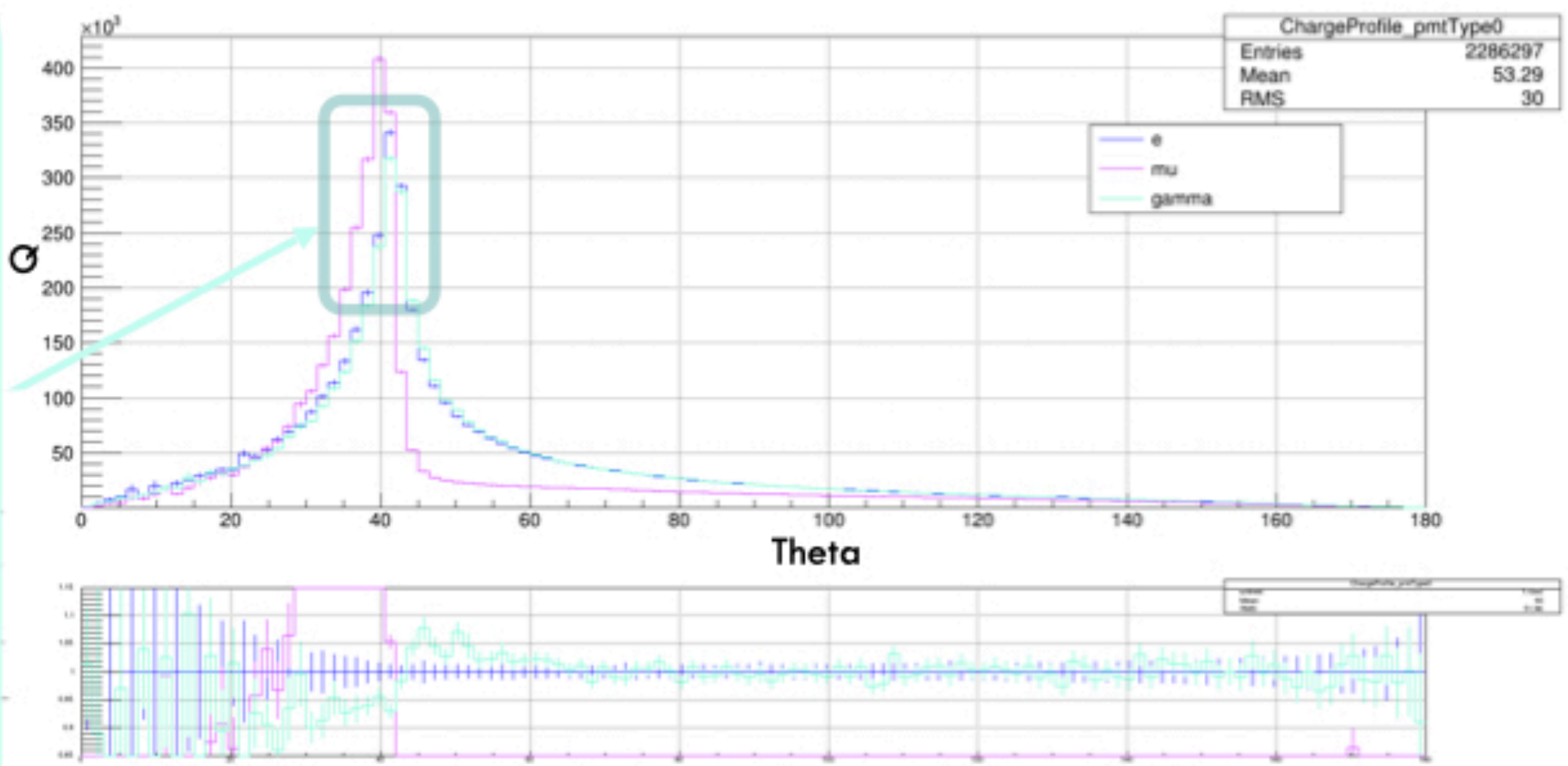
Explication pour gamma :

- (As for electrons): Compton effect and electromagnetic cascade also need to be taken into account.
- The dominant process at high energy: pair production of positron and electron
- Impact on the width of the distribution around the peak (but low impact)

d'élui : angle du dernier rayonnement de Cherenkov d'e/e+

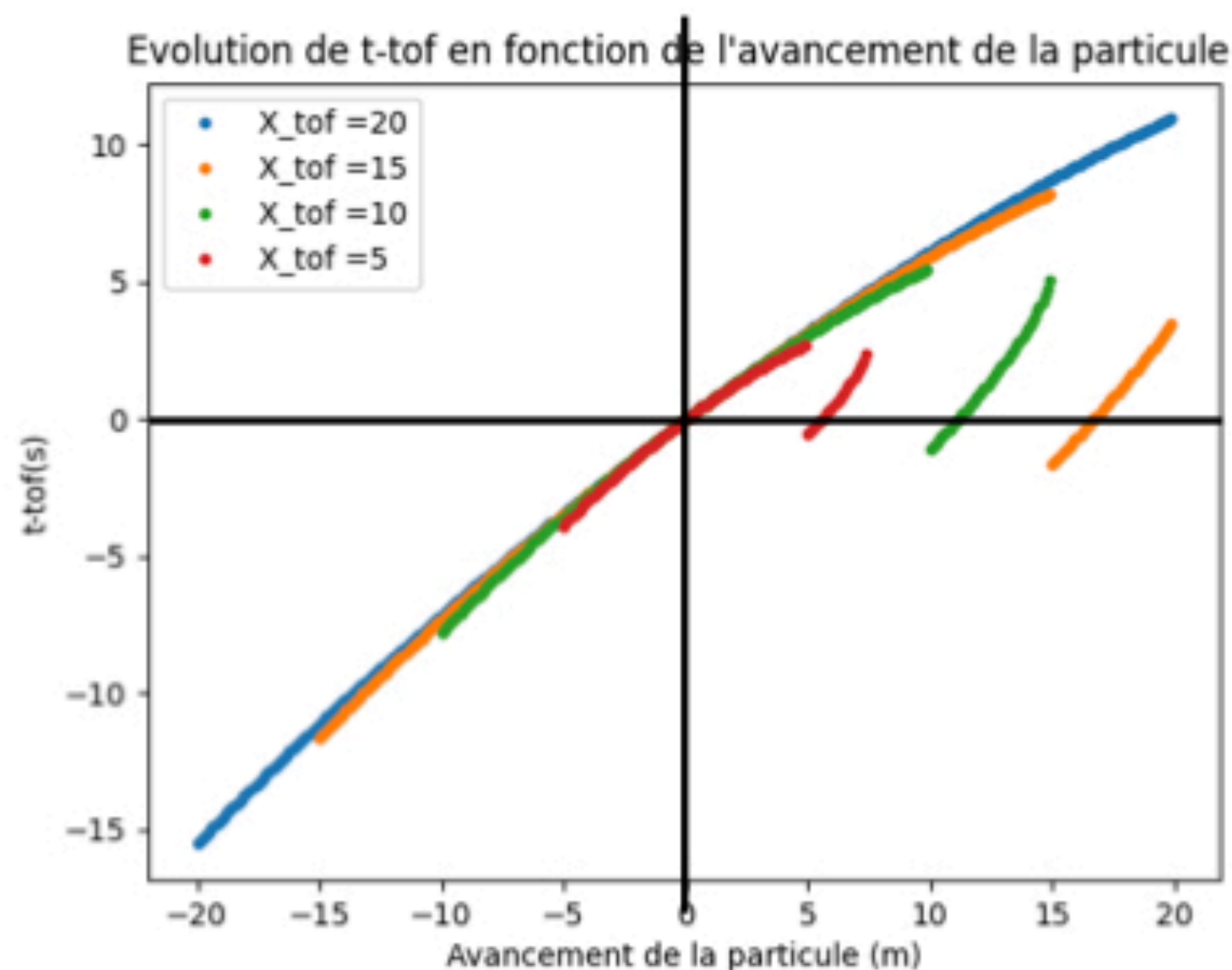
*$Q_e \propto U[d_{élui}^2; 42^\circ]$
 $Q_{e^+} \propto U[d_{élui}^2; 42^\circ + d_{élui}^2]$*

Gamma



Distribution of Discriminating Variables

Explanations t-TOF



Calculation of t-tof as a function of particle progress x:

Théorème d'Al Kashi:

$$AC^2 = AB^2 + BC^2 - 2AB \times BC \cos(\pi - \theta_c)$$

Où:

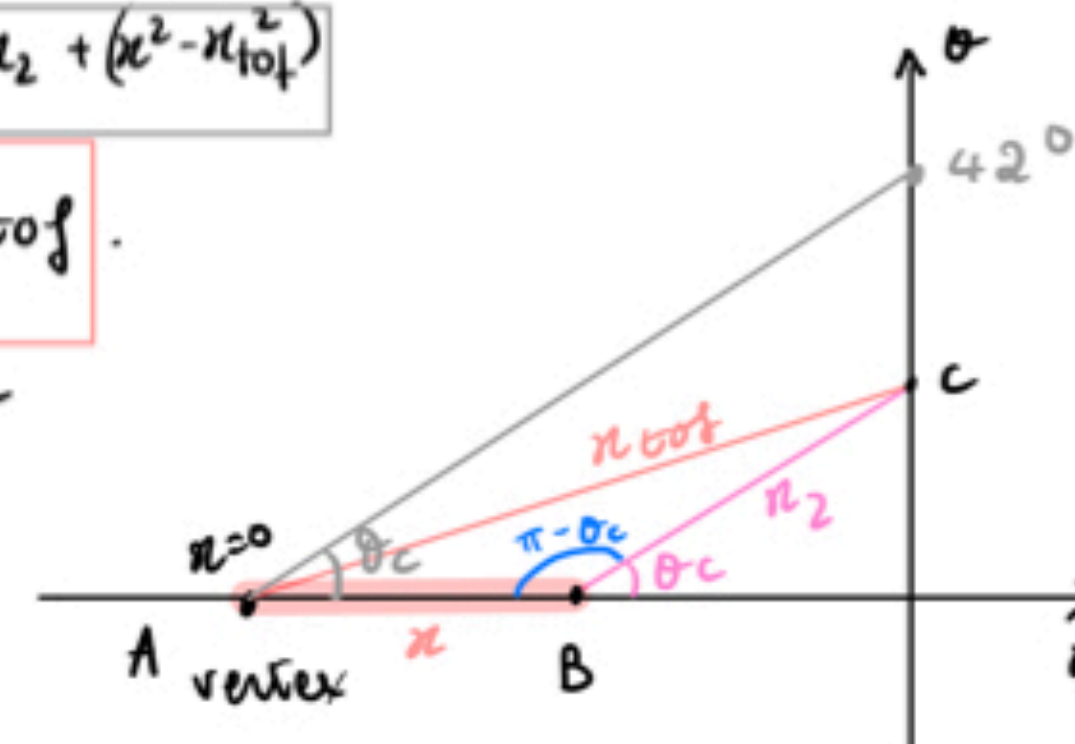
$$x_{tof}^2 = x^2 + n_2^2 - 2x \times n_2 \cos(\pi - \theta_c)$$

x_2 solution de (P)

$$(P): x_2^2 - 2n \cos(\pi - \theta_c) x_2 + (x^2 - n_{tof}^2)$$

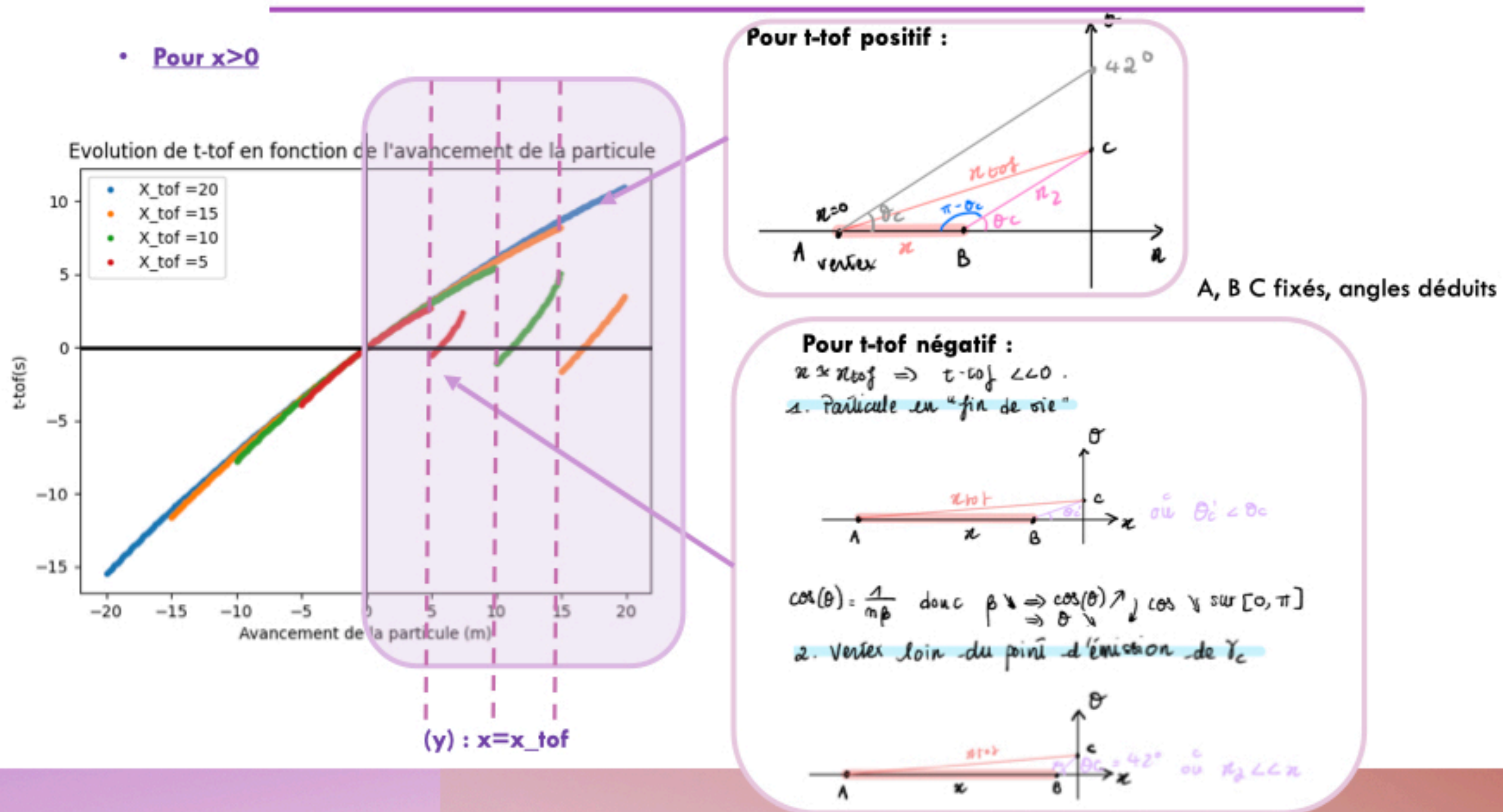
t-tof = $\frac{x}{c} + \frac{n}{c} x_2(n) - tof$

x_2 fct^o de x



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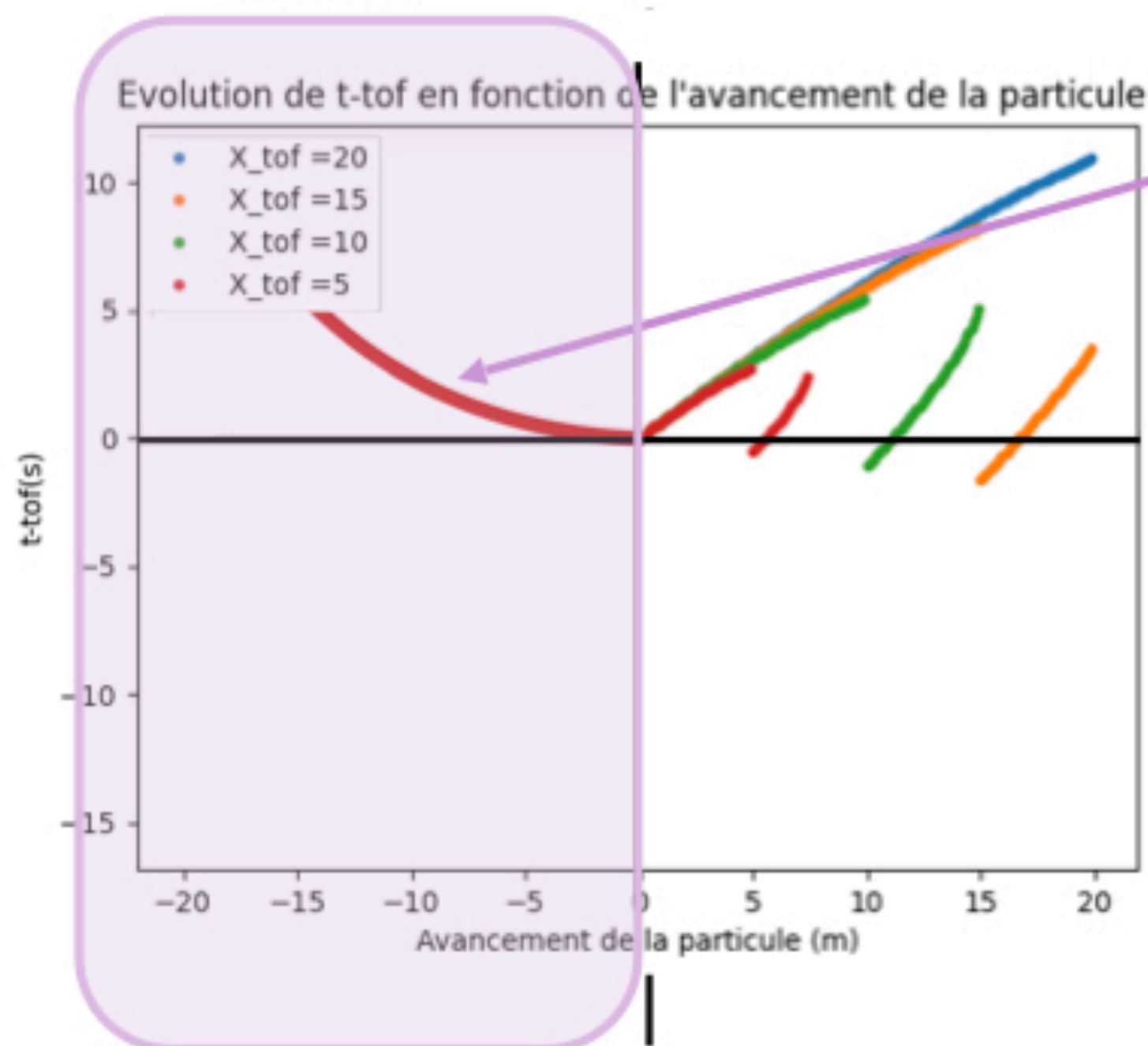
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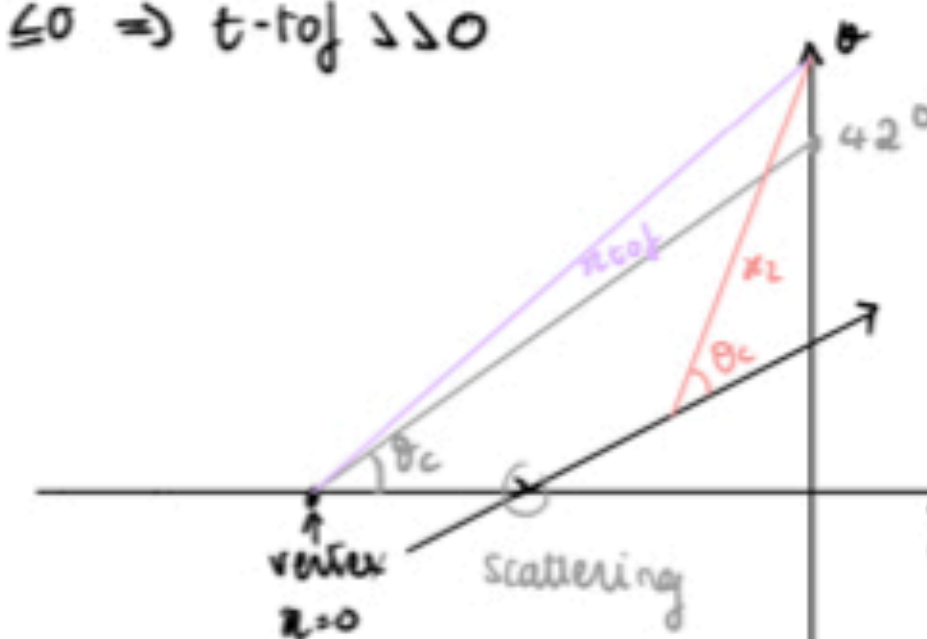
Explications t-TOF

• Pour $x < 0$



t-tof FORCEMENT positif

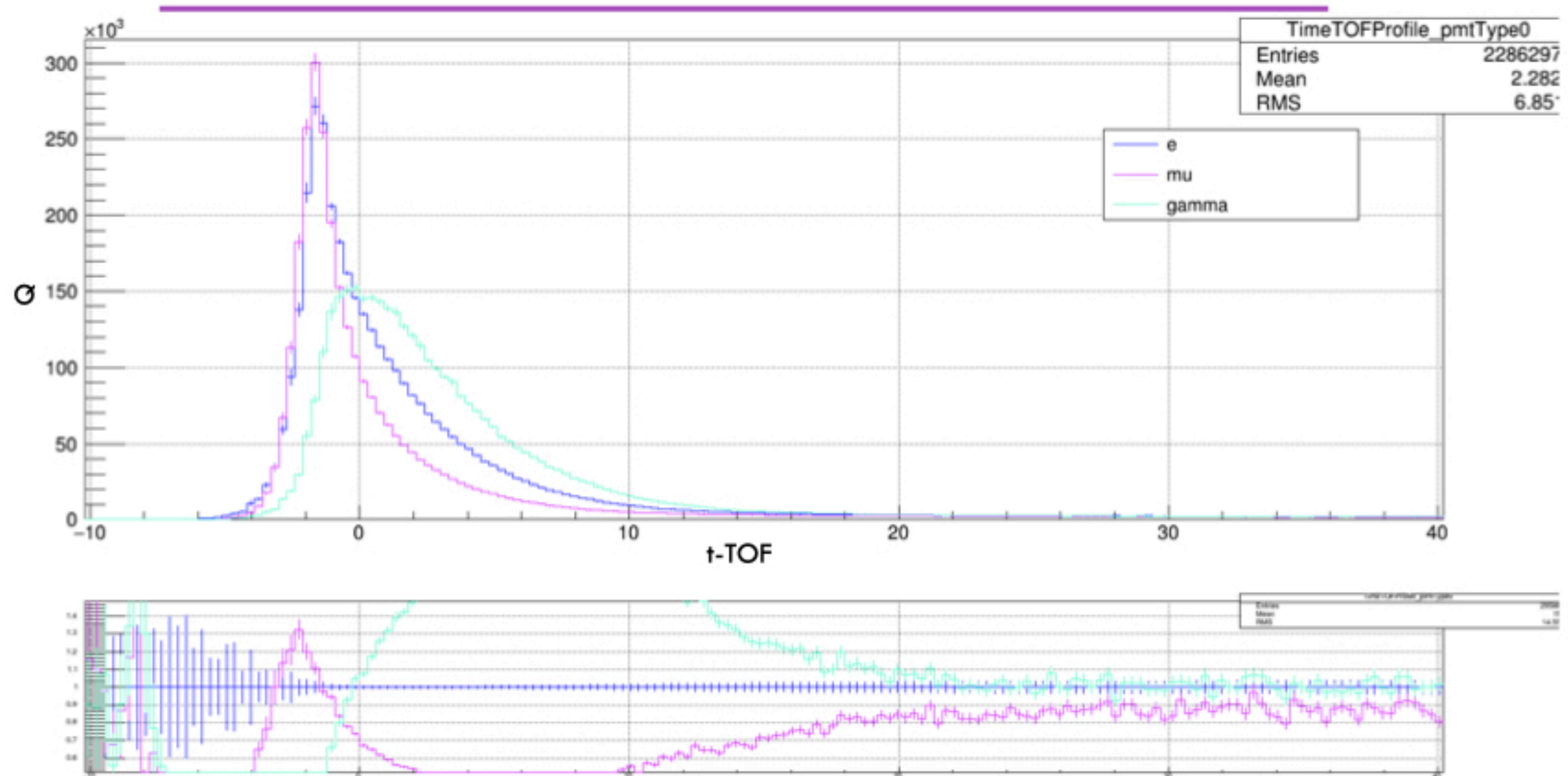
pour $x \leq 0 \Rightarrow t-tof \gg 0$



- The two processes are equivalent only in the sense that both lead to the same theta value, but the t-tof will be positively increasing in the direction of decreasing negative x values.
- The other path does not correspond to anything real in our case.

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t-TOF Profile



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t-TOF Profile

Explication pour le mu :

Shifted peak:

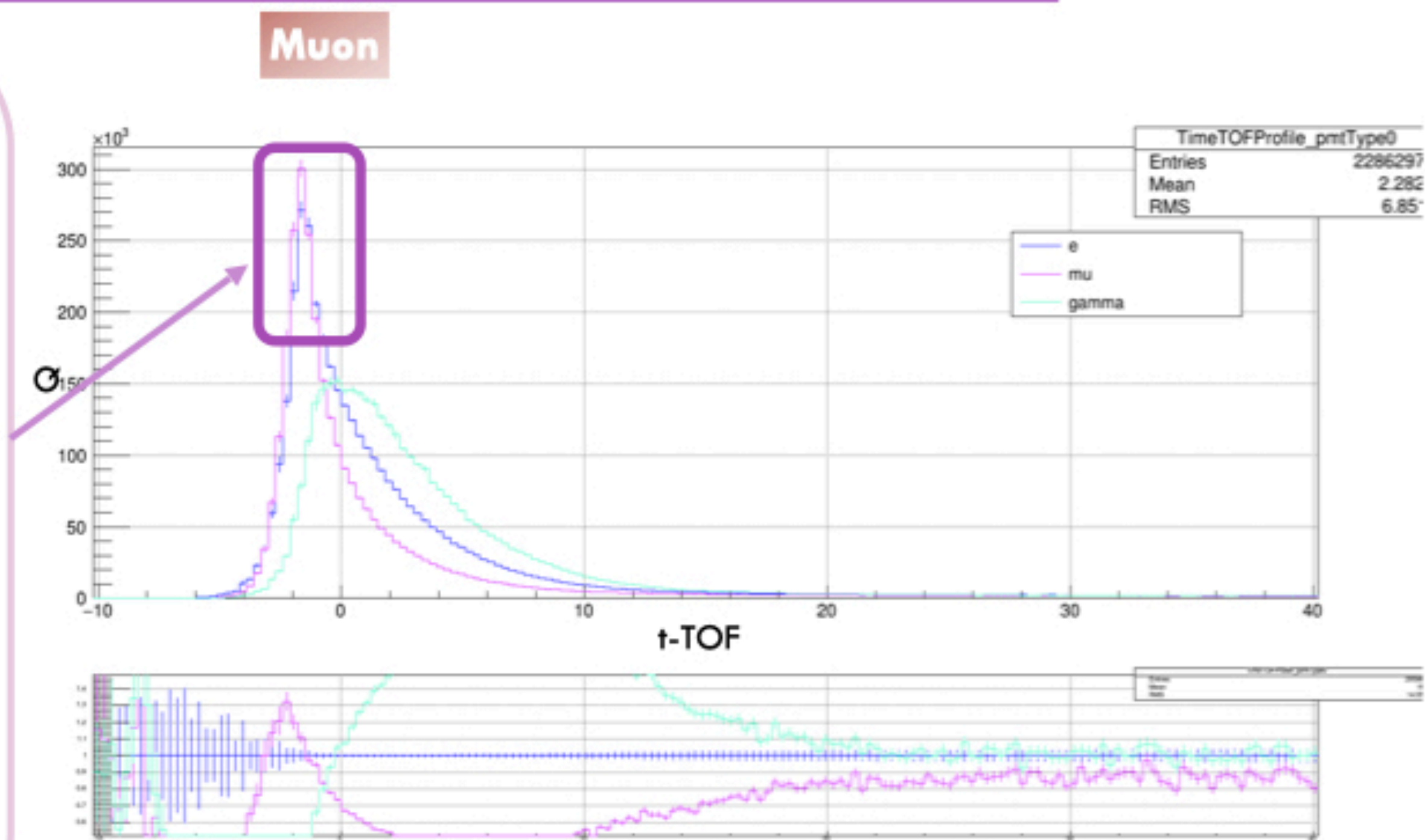
- Muon is about 2 times more energetic than each particle of the positron-electron pair, it will pass through the Cherenkov threshold later, so statistically, there is a higher chance that theta will be small, hence $x = x_{tof}$, resulting in negative t-tof. This shifts the peak.

Decreasing part:

- This corresponds to Cherenkov photons produced by the parent particle moving in its direction, after creation at the vertex.
- We see that Q decreases more quickly than for electrons. This is because muon passes through the Cherenkov threshold more rapidly than electrons.

Increasing part:

- Very steep, so few Cherenkov photons coming from charged particles whose trajectory is positively deviated.



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t-TOF Profile

Explication pour l'électron :

Shifted peak:

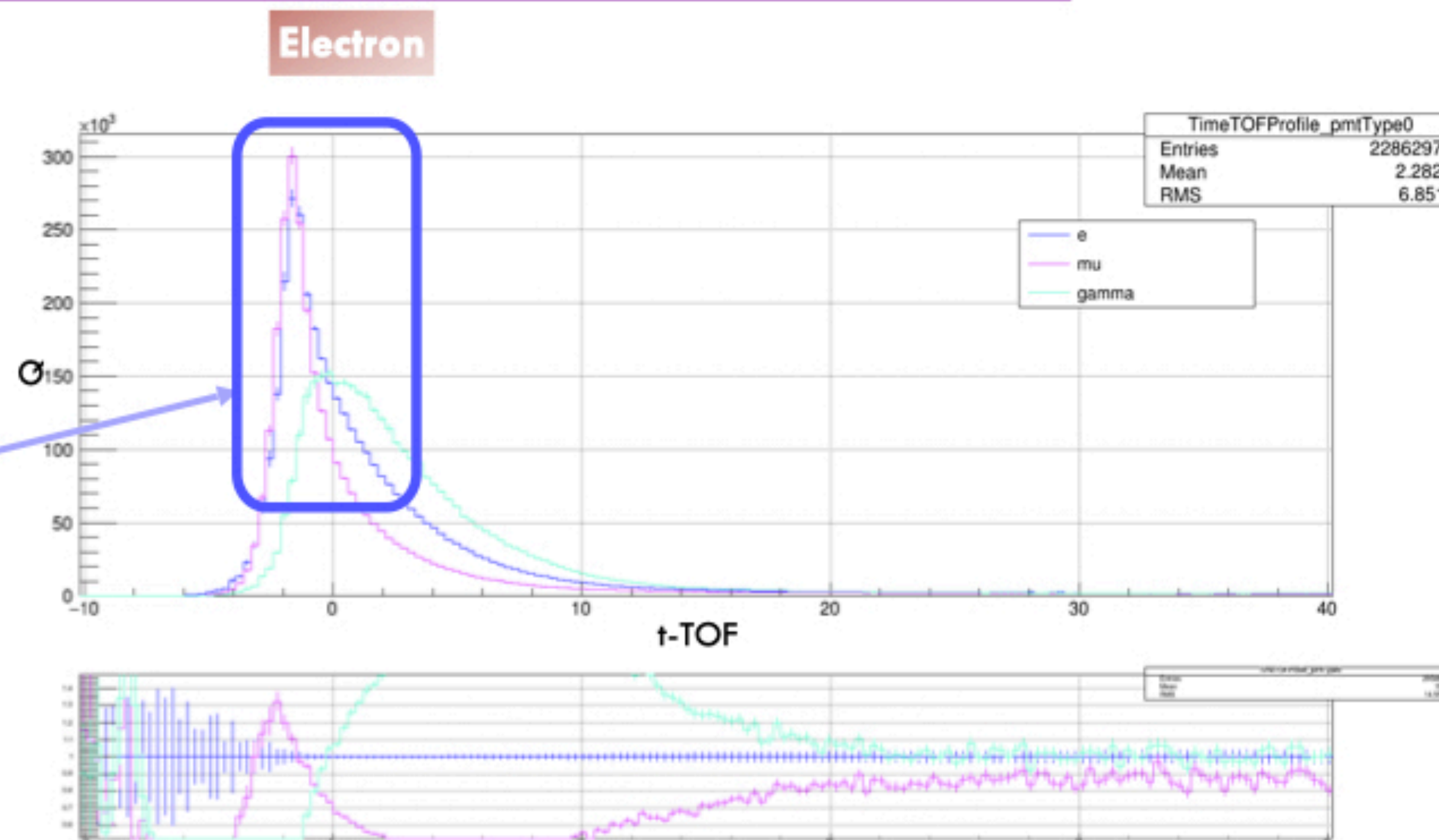
- Same as for muon.

Decreasing part:

- This corresponds to Cherenkov photons produced by the parent particle moving in its direction, after creation at the vertex.
- We see that Q decreases more quickly than for electron. This is due to the fact that muon passes through the Cherenkov threshold more rapidly than electron.

Increasing and decreasing parts:

- Increasing part slightly less steep than for muon. Electromagnetic cascade populates both sides of the peak, so the decreasing part is also less steep.



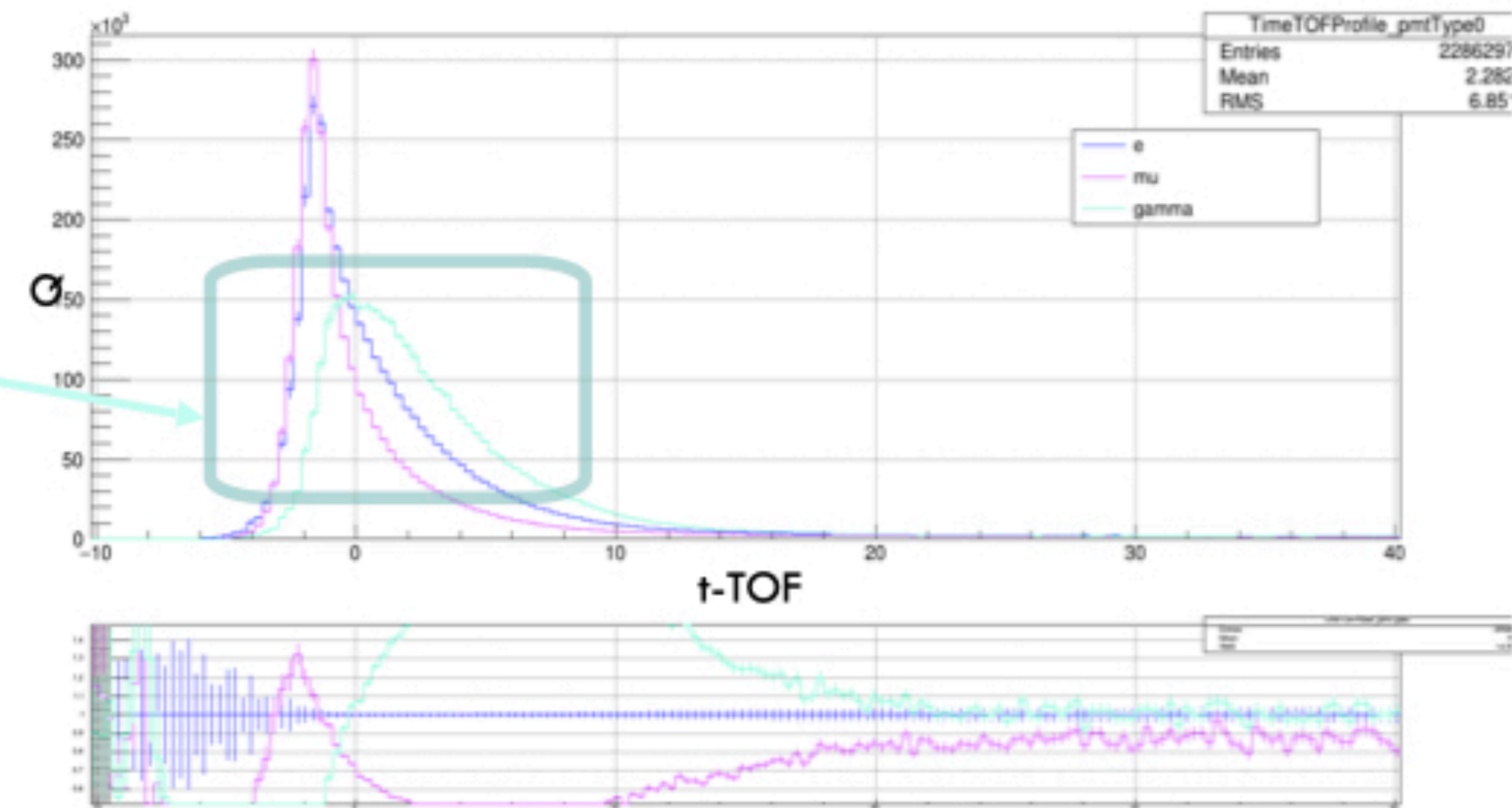
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Explication pour gamma :

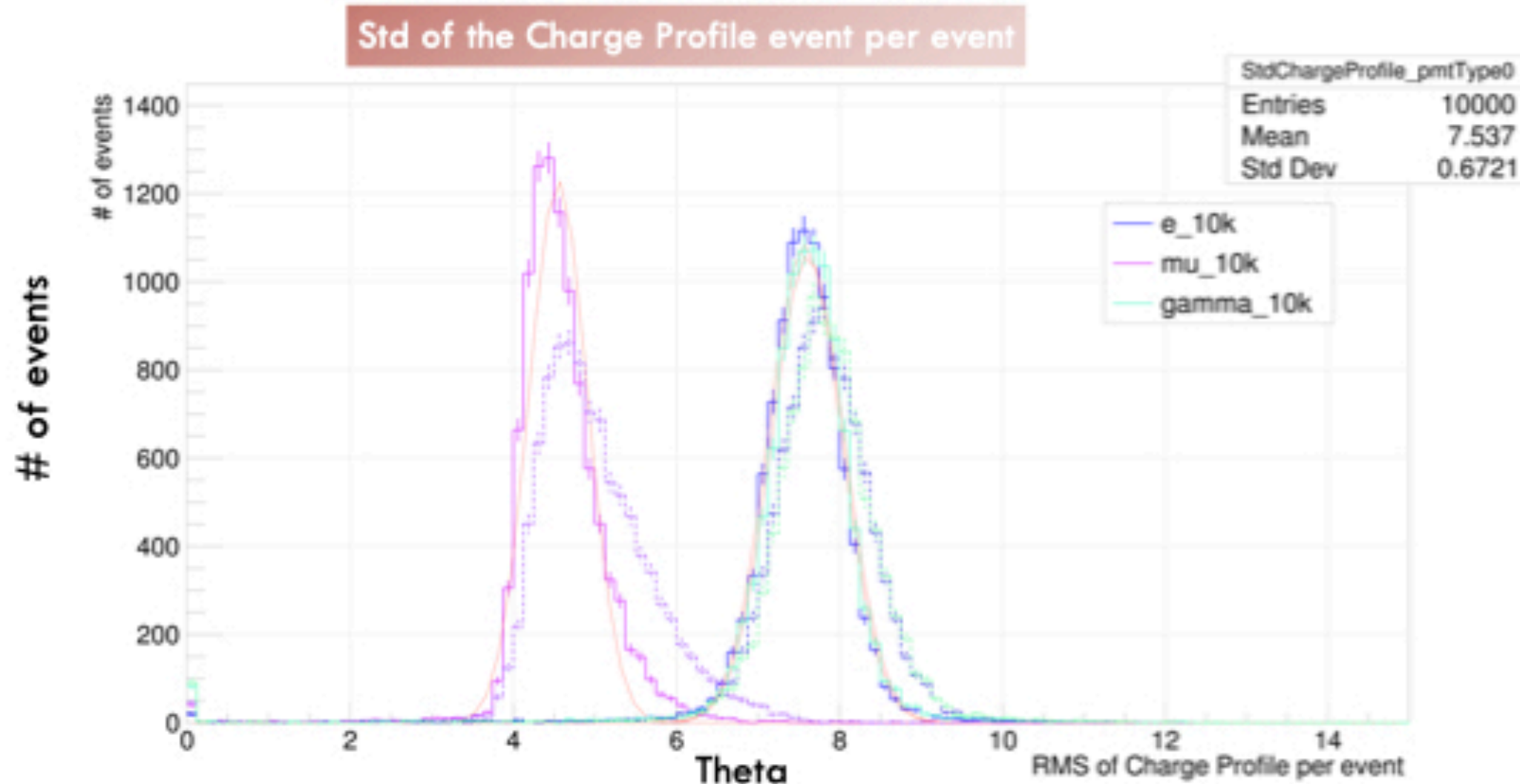
- **Overall:** distribution is much broader than for e-.
- **Maximum charge per PMT:** For the e⁺/e⁻ pair, 2 times smaller than for e⁻ and mu⁻. The maximum is found at t=tof. This seems consistent with the fact that when e⁺ and e⁻ are very close to the vertex, the two generated photons are more likely to hit the same PMT. (The maximum charge per PMT does not allow for differentiation between e⁻ and mu⁻ because at the vertex there is no electromagnetic cascade effect, whereas, for the pair production, there is already a deviation in trajectory.)
- **In the increasing part,** the same as for the electron.
- **Wider distribution:** for t-tof on either side of the peak, less steep rise and fall due to electromagnetic shower effect AND ADDITIONALLY angle between e⁺/e⁻ direction.
- **Conclusion:** the difference between e⁻ and e⁺/e⁻ appears more pronounced concerning the charge profile because t-TOF is a variable equivalent to a length, unlike theta, thus we can better see the energy difference of the pair production.

Gamma



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Reconstruction – Charge Profile



Without randomization:

- Mu is less scattered, so lower average std.
- Event by event: the std of gamma is larger than that of e because event by event gamma is more random due to pair production.
- The std of mu is generally larger because it fits Gaussian, and mu is skewed.

With random:

- Difficult to distinguish particles from each other... maybe try another fit?

	E	Mu	Gamma	Erreur
	Mean = 7.57311e+00 Sigma = 4.47620e-01 Sig/mean = 0.05910649653	Mean = 4.55252e+00 Sigma = 3.59515e-01 Sig/mean = 0.07897054817 Ecart : 33.607222228 %	Mean = 7.61257e+00 Sigma = 4.50241e-01 Sig/mean = 0.05914441509 Ecart : 0.06415294802 %	Mean : 4.54 e-03, 5.23 e-03, 4.61 e-03 Sigma : 3.84 e-03, 3.55 e-03, 3.95 e-03
Rdm	Mean = 7.80574e+00 Sigma = 5.58229e-01 Sig/mean = 0.07151519266	Mean = 4.96763e+00 Sigma = 5.57641e-01 Sig/mean = 0.11225493847 Ecart : 56.9665609428%	Mean = 7.84185e+00 Sigma = 5.47913e-01 Sig/mean = 0.06987037497 Ecart : 2.29995561617%	Mean : 5.61 e-03, 8.67 e-03, 5.64 e-03 Sigma : 4.61 e-03, 5.82 e-03, 4.85 e-03

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Conclusion

- **For μ/e^- :**
 - +: The difference in charge profile and the total charge is clearly visible.
 - : The difference is not very noticeable on the tof graphs.
- **For e^-/γ :**
 - +: A clear difference is seen when studying the tof according to the charge per PMT.
 - : The difference is not very noticeable on the charge profile; it would be necessary to investigate the angle of the pair production (i.e., perform exact calculations, but this is in progress...).

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II. STUDY OF THE CORRELATION BETWEEN DISCRIMINANT VARIABLES

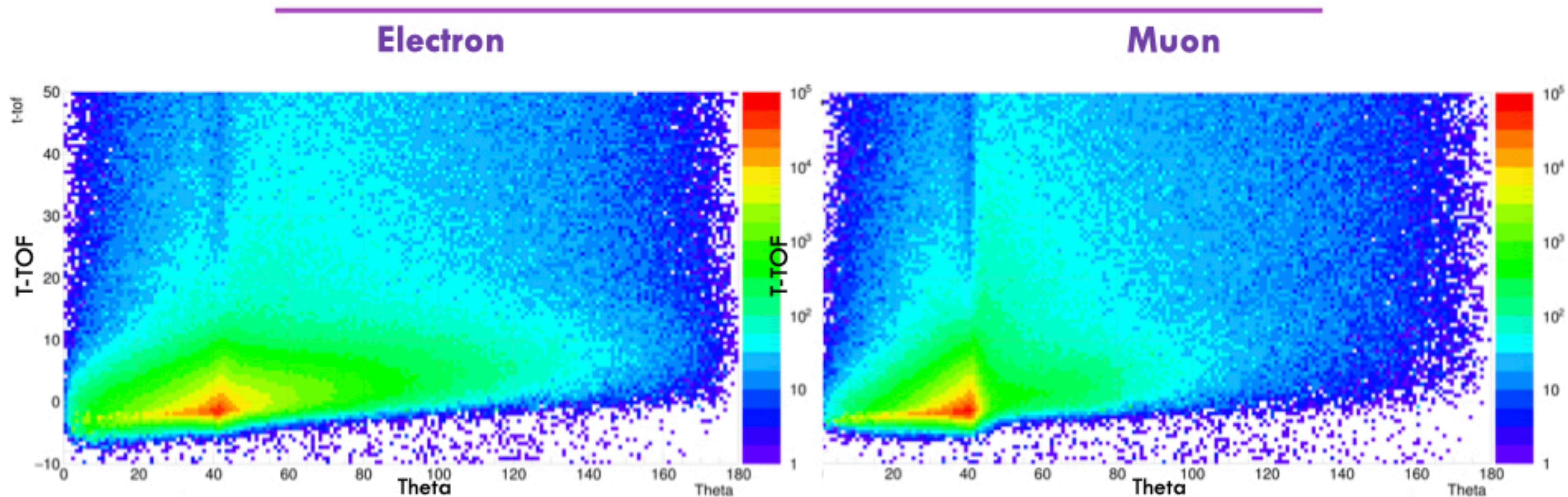
C'EST DES TH2D ICI DU COUP

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Distribution of Discriminating Variables

$Q(\text{Theta}, t\text{-tof})$



- **Mu**

More concentrated near 42° , few events at small $t\text{-tof}$ after 42° . No scattering effect or electromagnetic shower, resulting in a very clear break.

Charge peak at $t\text{-tof} < 0$, but near 40° .

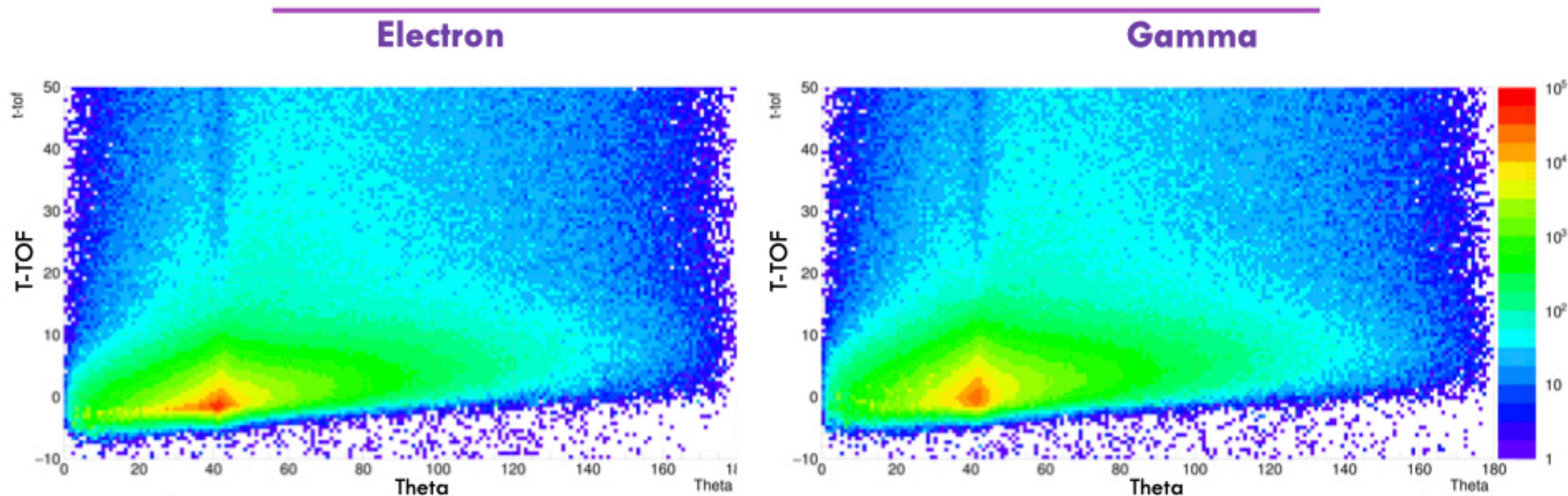
- **Electron**

The charge is more scattered at a given $t\text{-tof}$, due to electromagnetic cascade. The peak at $t\text{-tof} < 0$, near 42° .

Distributed more or less uniformly around 42° , with a preferential direction.

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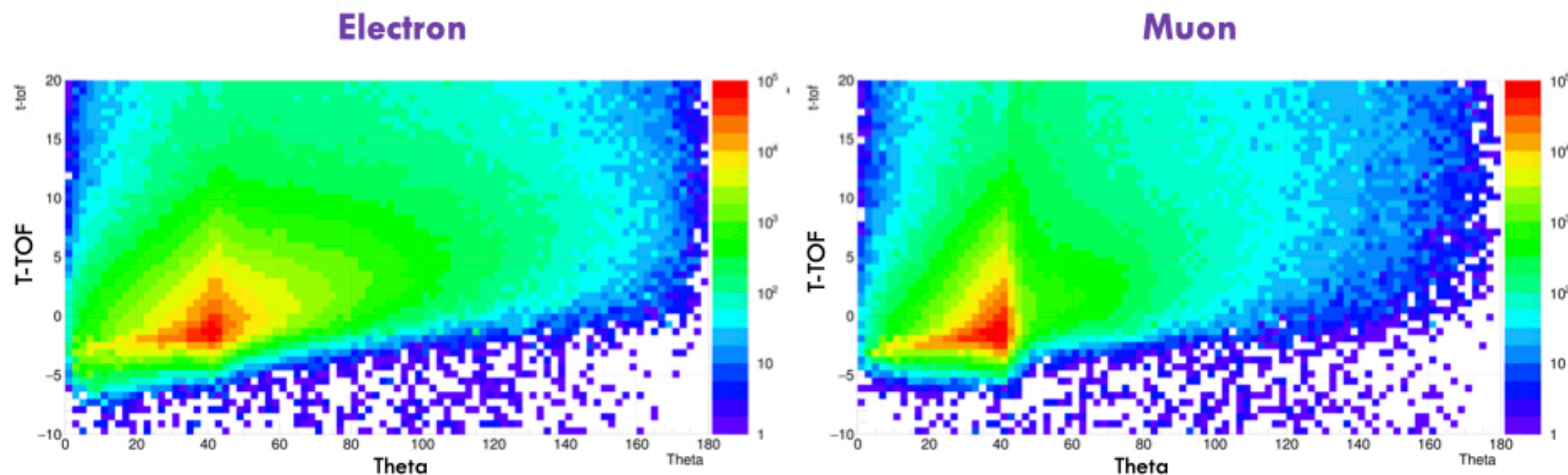
$Q(\text{Theta}, t\text{-tof})$



- **Gamma**
Significantly weaker charge. At $t\text{-tof}=0$, highly scattered, and has no real preferential direction.
- **Electron**
The charge is more scattered at a given $t\text{-tof}$, due to electromagnetic cascade. The peak at $t\text{-tof}<0$, near 42° . Distributed more or less uniformly around 42° , with a preferential direction.

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Ratio $Q(\text{Theta}, t\text{-tof})$

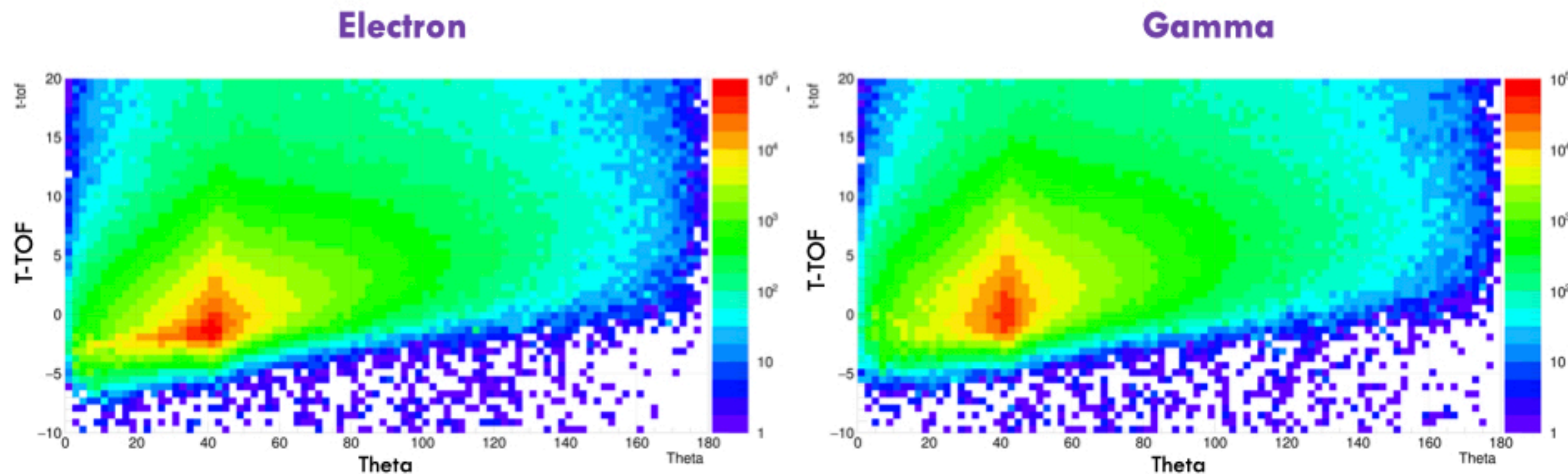


- **Motivation**

We want to observe the correlations between the variables theta and t-tof. This is why we plot the TH2D.

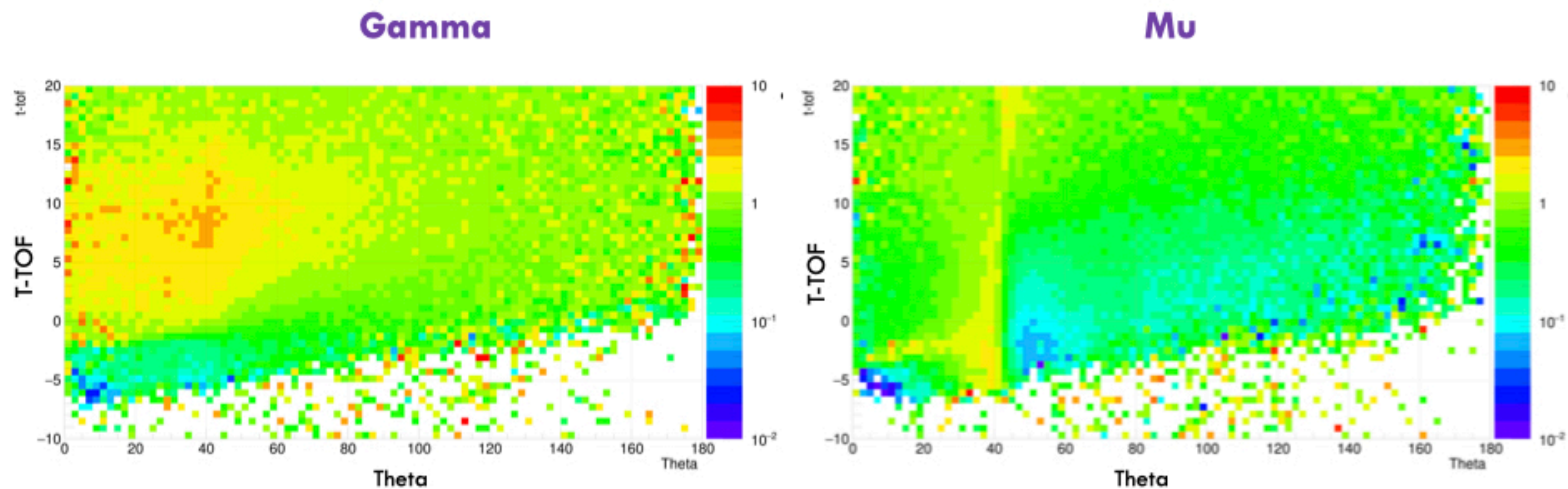
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Ratio $Q(\text{Theta}, t\text{-tof})$



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Ratio $Q(\text{Theta}, t\text{-tof})$



Distribution of Discriminating Variables

III. STUDY OF THE IMPACT OF DETECTOR EFFECTS

RECONSTRUCTION EFFECT, WATER ABSORPTION EFFECT, AND
RAYLEIGH SCATTERING EFFECT

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Q(theta) – Reconstruction Error

We study the **influence of the reconstruction error** on the charge profile with an error of:

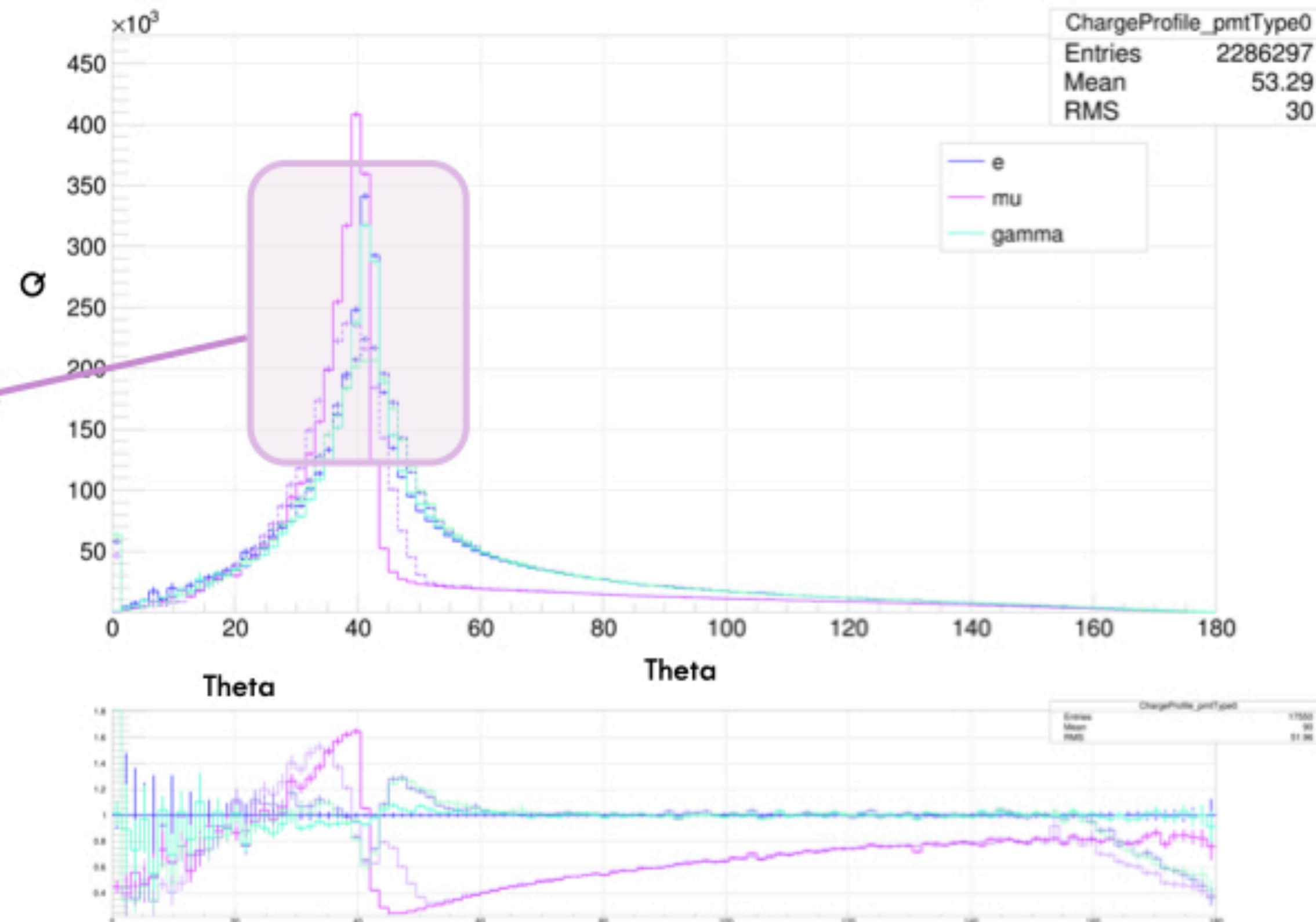
- 20 cm on the reconstruction of the vertex position
- 2.5 degrees in the direction

Expected effect

We would expect the overall amplitude to be attenuated because changing the initial vertex position results in a more scattered distribution, thus decreased amplitude, increased standard deviation, and unchanged integral.

Observation

The charge profile, which takes this error into account, has a lower amplitude, but the mean is preserved: we can still distinguish between a mu and an e. The distinction between e and gamma is more difficult to make after randomization.



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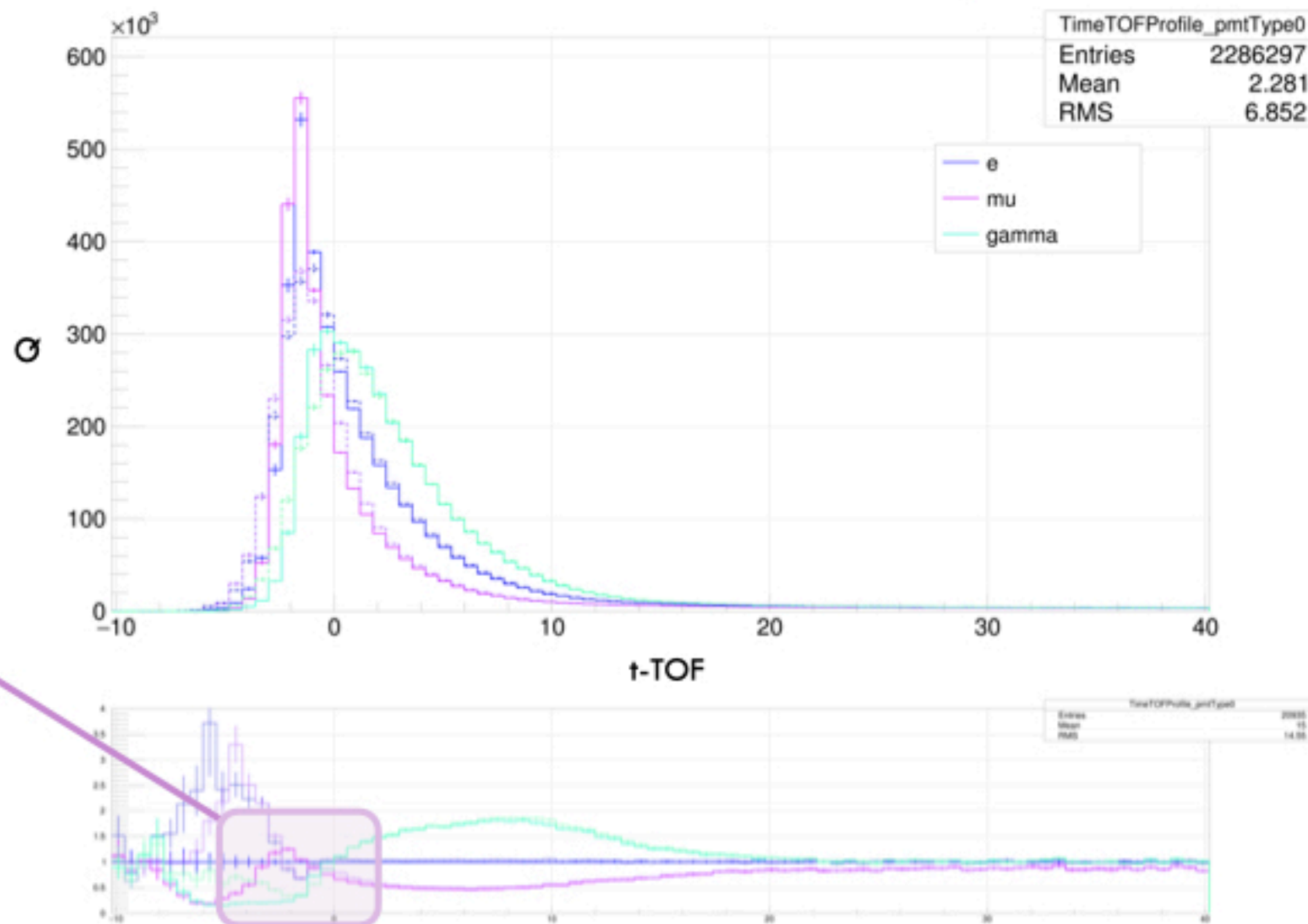
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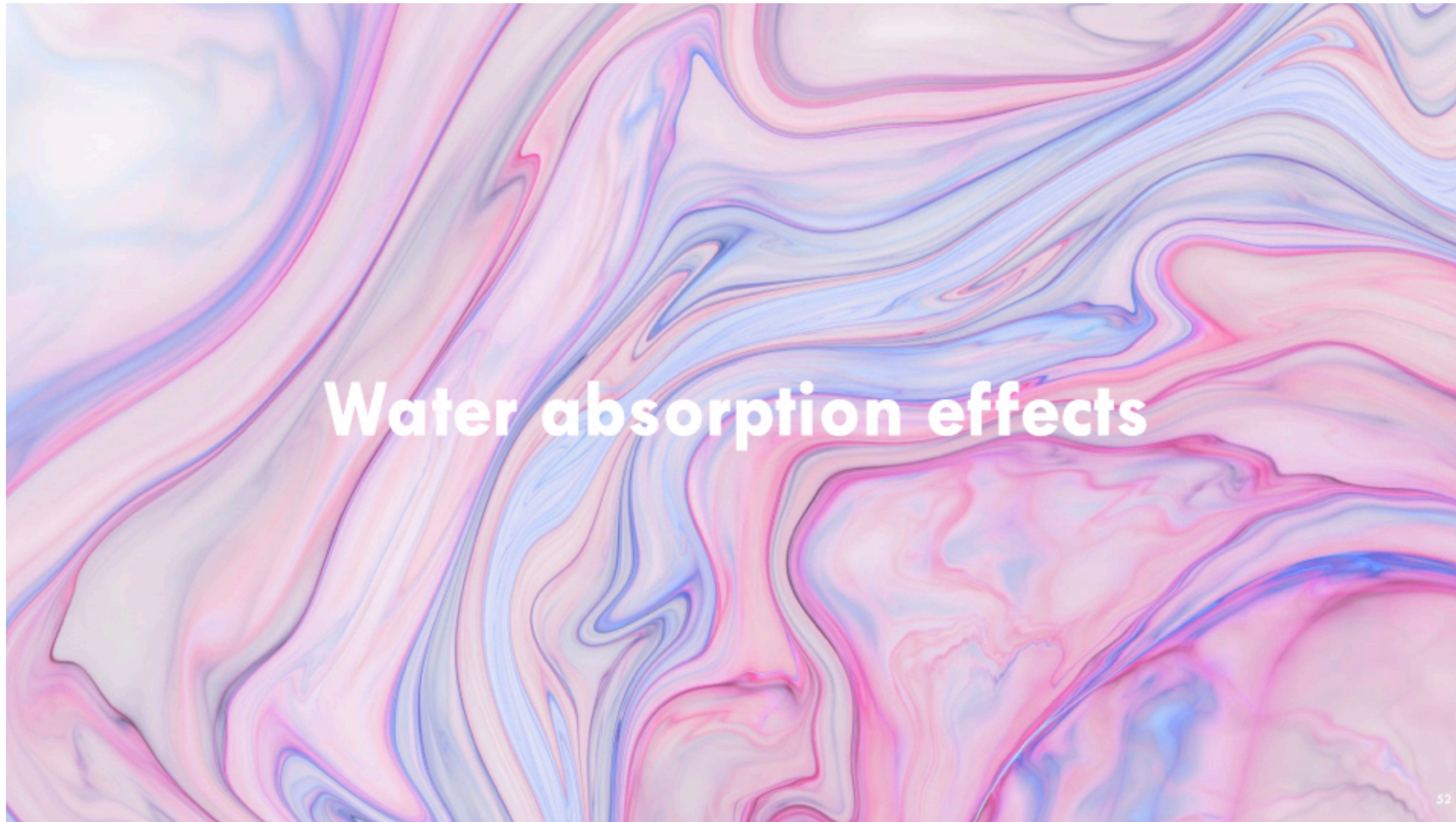
- 20 cm on the reconstruction of the vertex position
- 2.5 degrees in the direction

Expected effect
We would expect the overall amplitude to be attenuated, with less effect on long-time photons because the further away from the vertex, the less the initial position has an impact.

Observation
Amplitude attenuation on Q. No shift of the mean (ratio plot). We can still distinguish between gamma and e.



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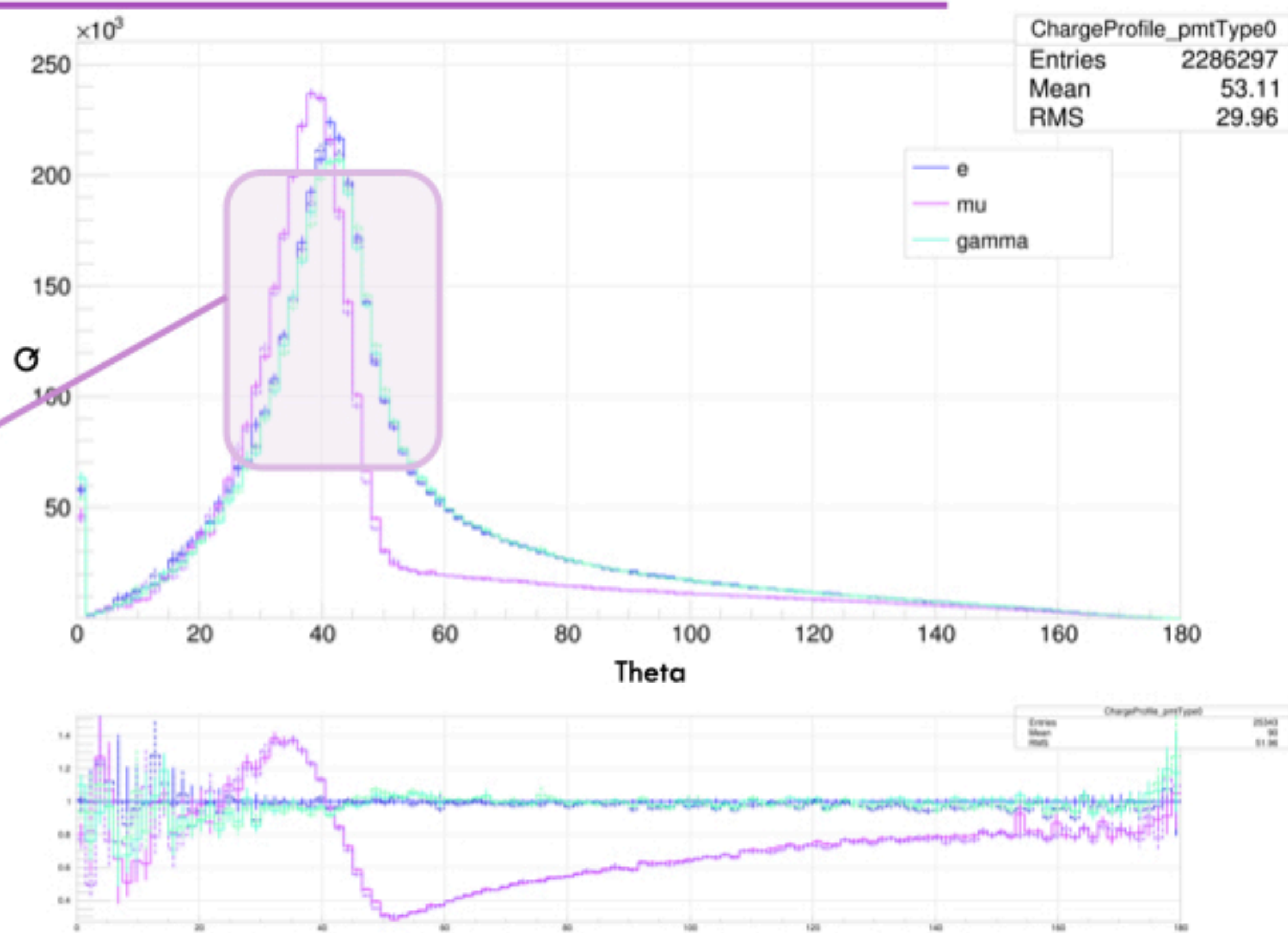
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Q(theta) – Water absorption

Study of the influence of water absorption:
 The characteristic length of 1.3 minus 1 sigma = 0.07.

The effect of water absorption
 We would expect a major influence/ decrease on long-time photons populating the outer ring because those that pass through more material have a higher absorption probability. And less impact on gamma, more on mu and e.

Observations
 No major changes, a small shift for the muon, because less in the outer ring.



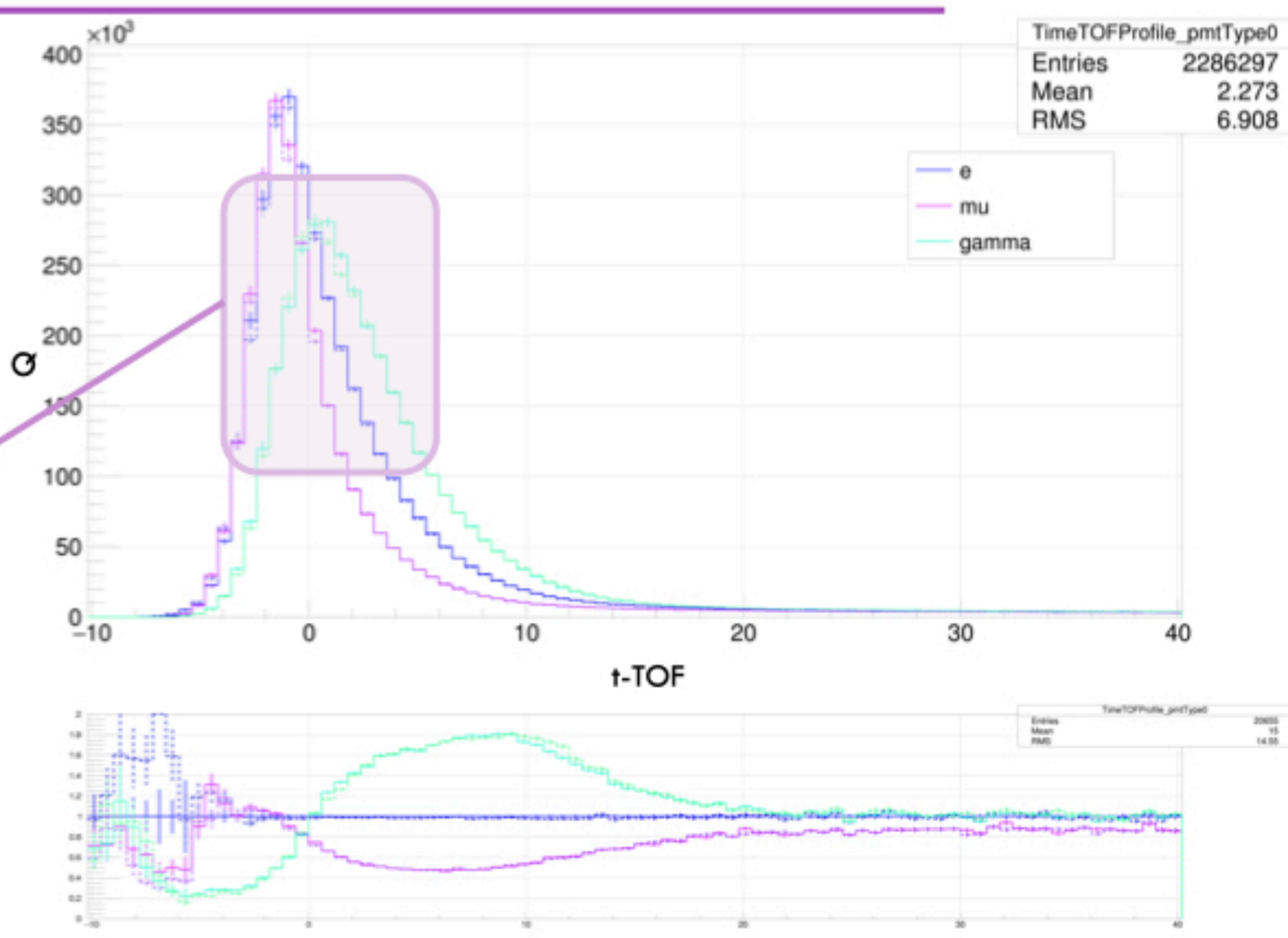
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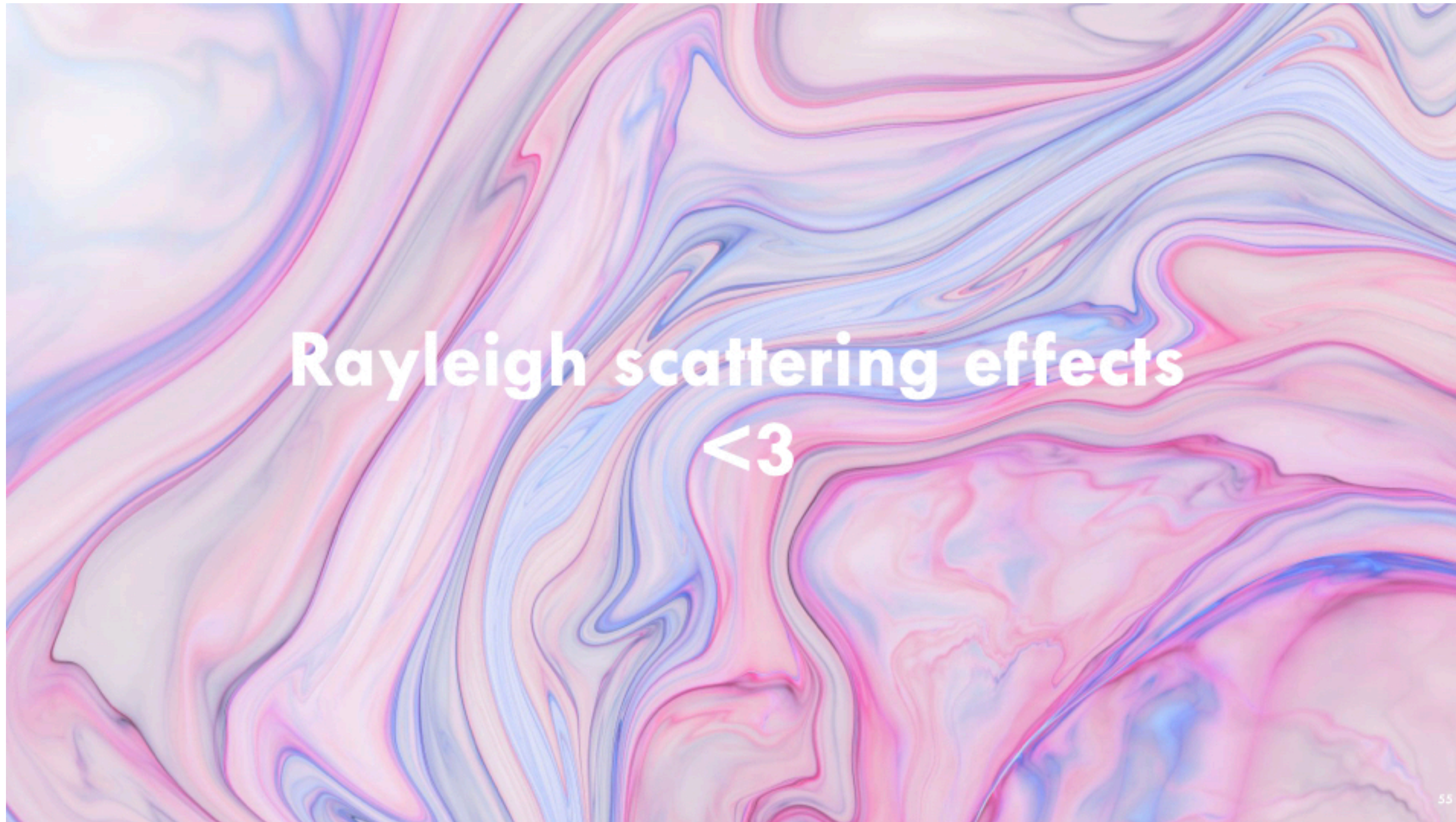
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The effect of water absorption
 We expect less population in the long-time, i.e., outer ring for mu and e (a little for gamma), and internal/external for e and gamma due to the shower.

Observations
 Weaker overall impact. Still, presence of a shift for mu and e and a slight shift to the left of gamma, so the distinction is possible between e and gamma.



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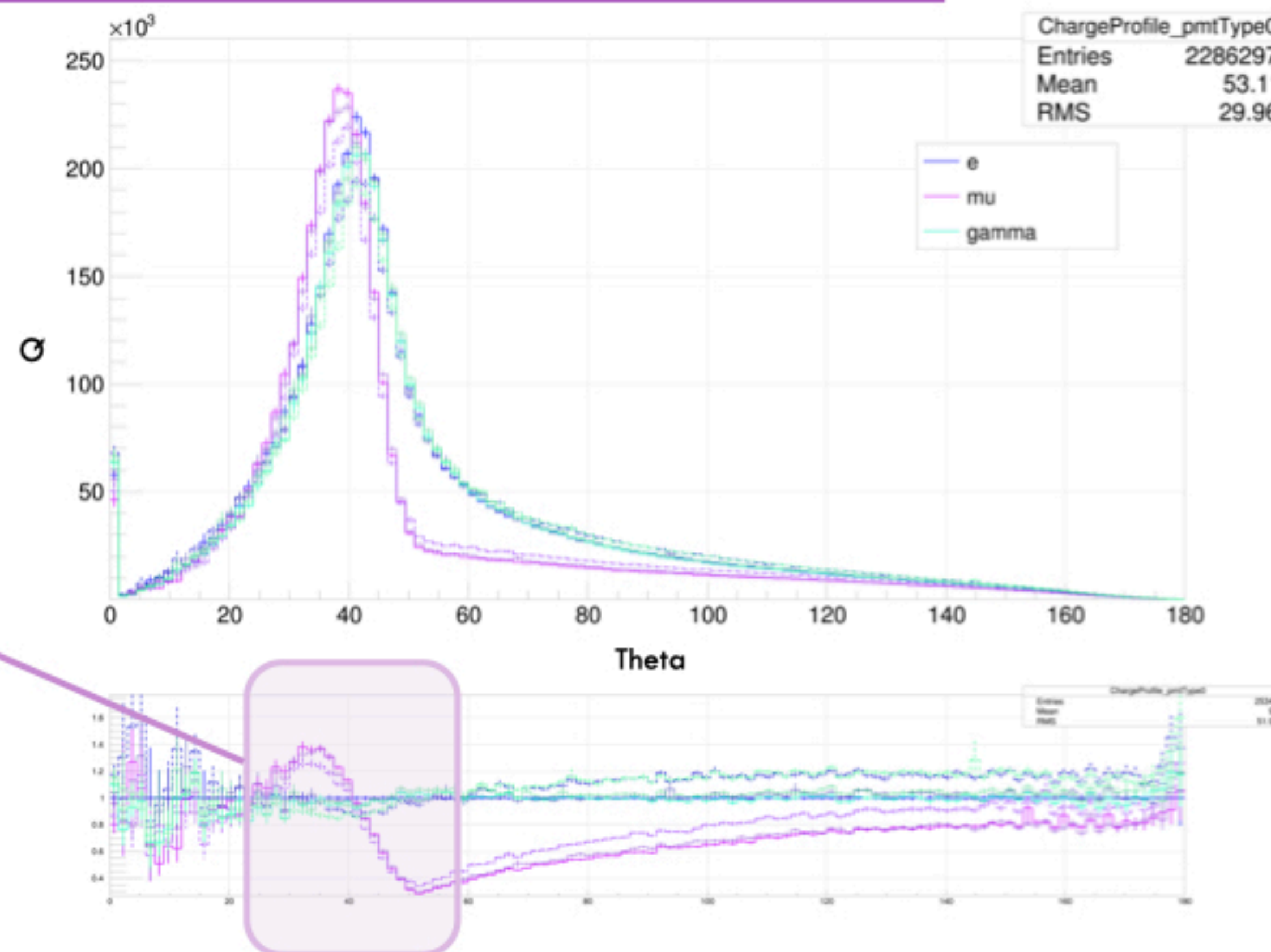
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Q(theta) – Rayleigh scattering

Study of Rayleigh scattering:
 0.75 characteristic length minus 1 sigma = 0.42 and at 0.1.

Effect of Rayleigh scattering
 It is expected that the photons that travel the most will be more scattered, especially those at the outer edge of the ring for mu, int/ext for e, and more for gamma.

Observations
 The greater the effect of Rayleigh scattering, the more the amplitude is attenuated. The distribution appears wider for mu. But by looking at the ratio plot, e can still be distinguished from mu.



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Q(TOF) – Rayleigh scattering

Study of Rayleigh scattering:

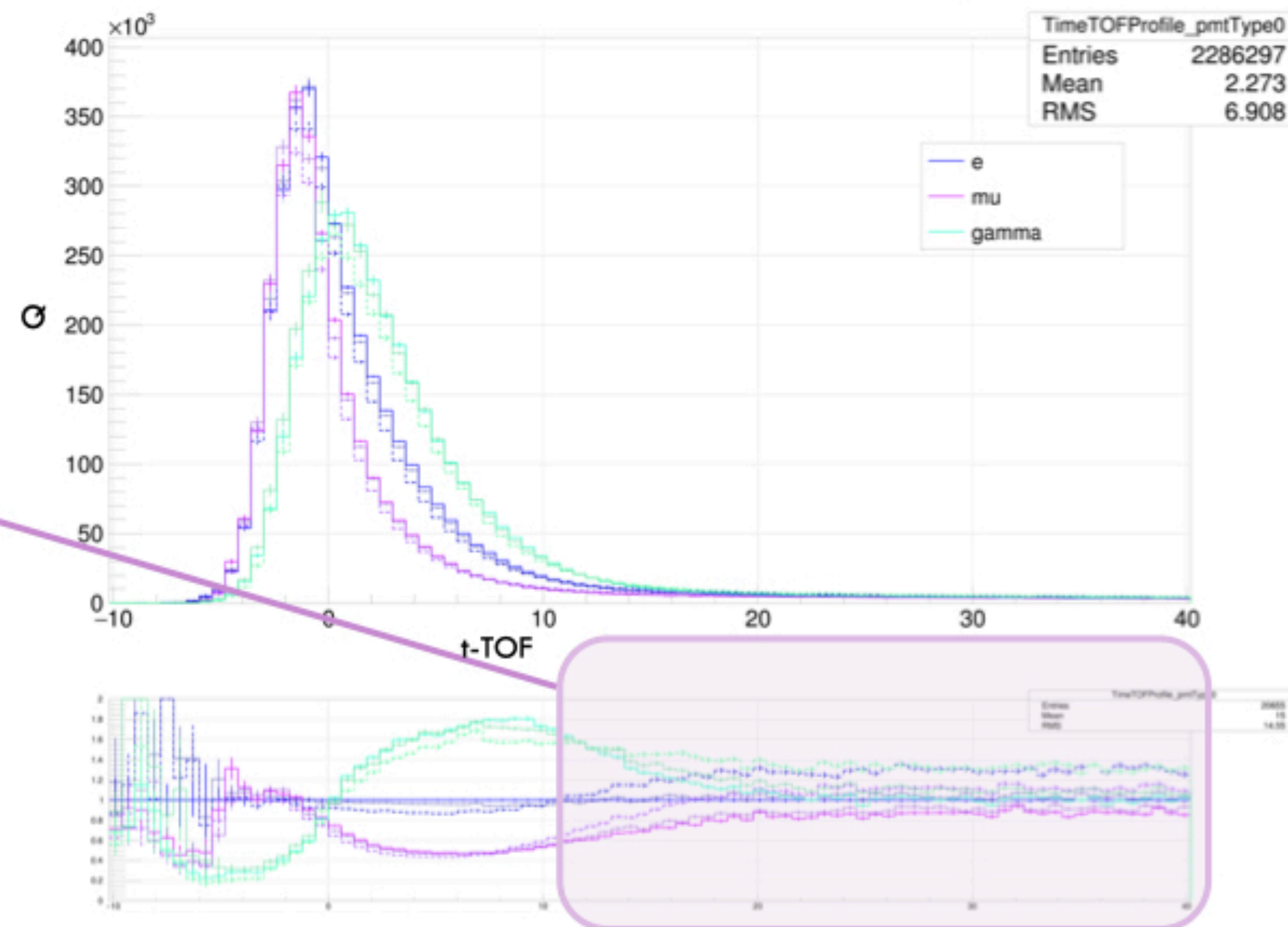
- 0.7 characteristic length minus 1 sigma = 0.42 and at 0.1.

Expected effect

- It is expected that there will be fewer populations in the long/positive time, resulting in a shift to the left.

Observations

- Shift to the left for all distributions, so it's okay, but e can still be distinguished from gamma.
- On the ratio plot, after 15 ns. It moves the peak.

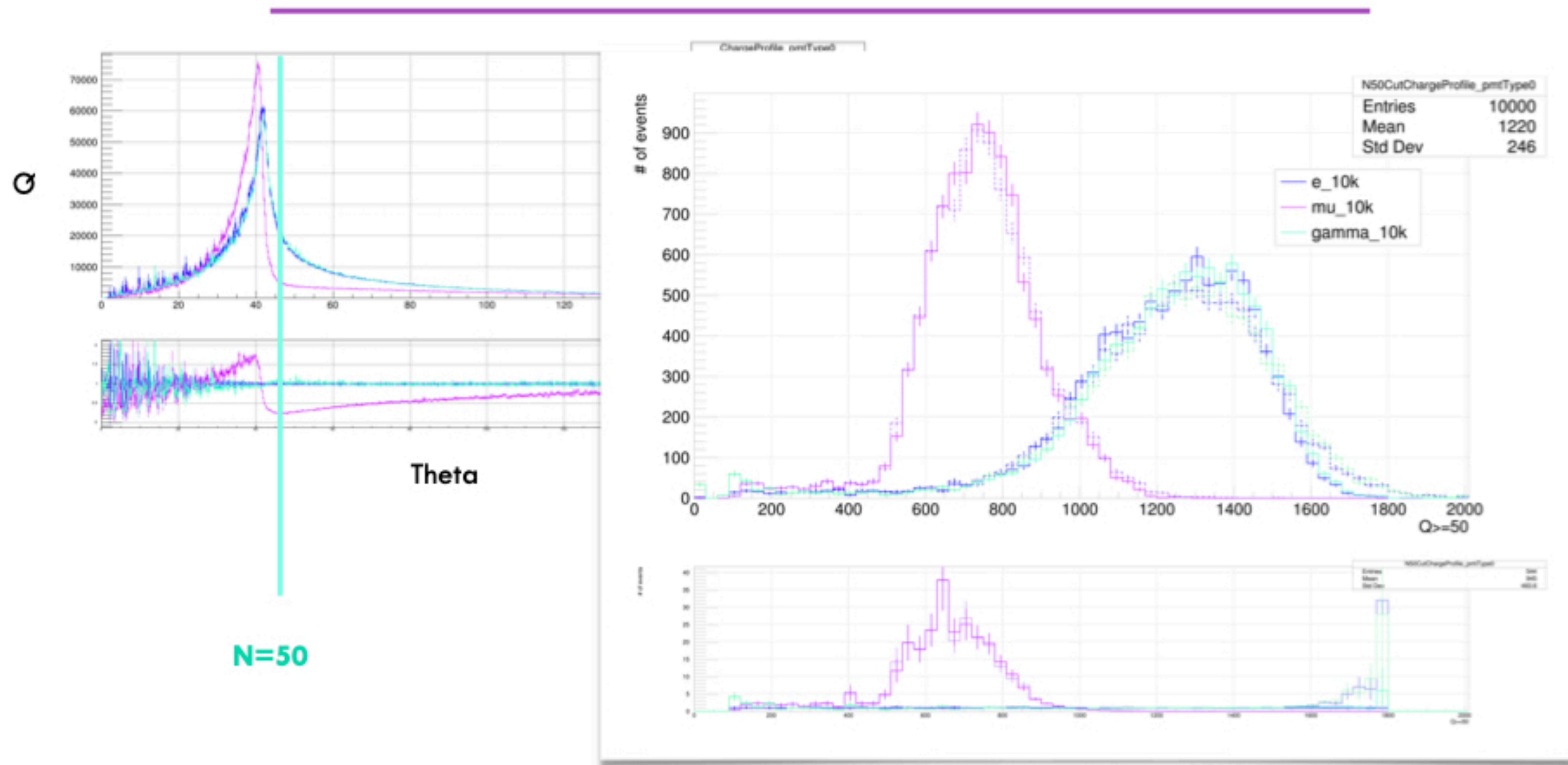


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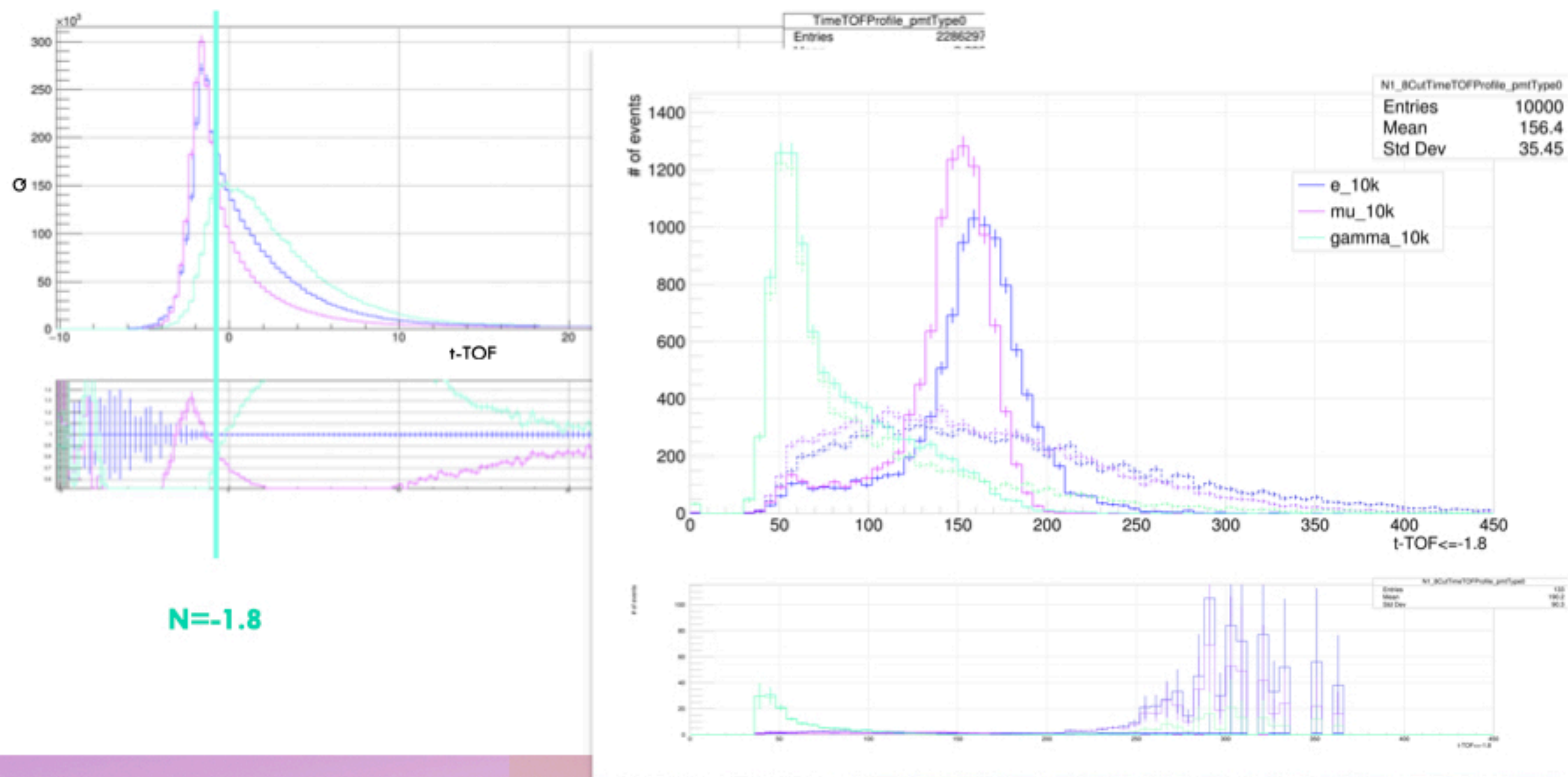
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Cut for Charge Profile



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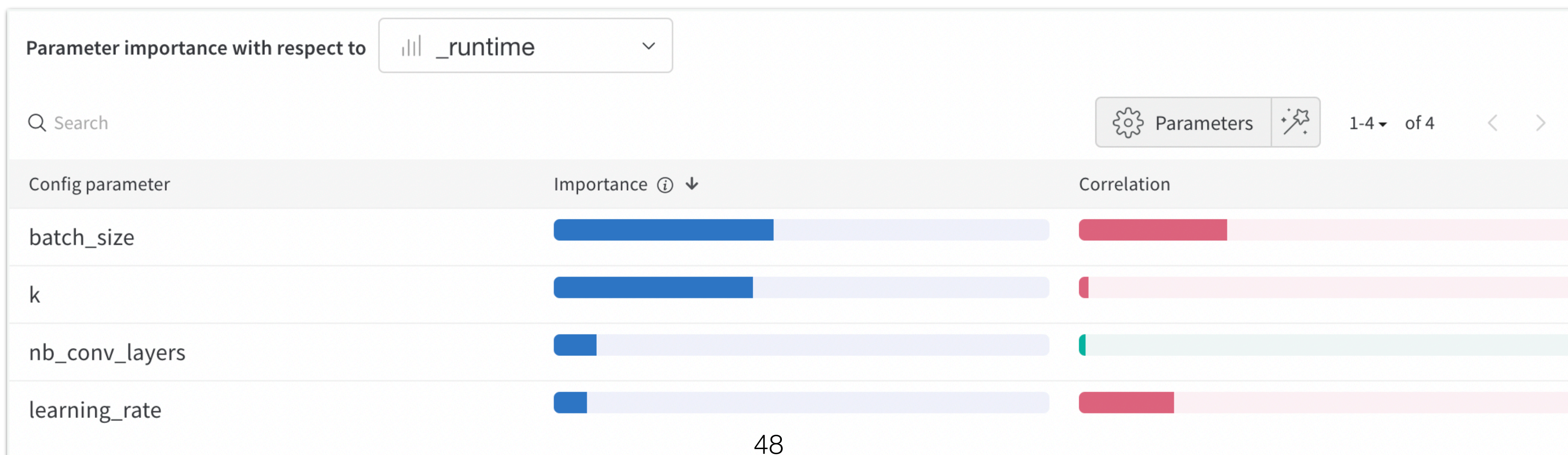
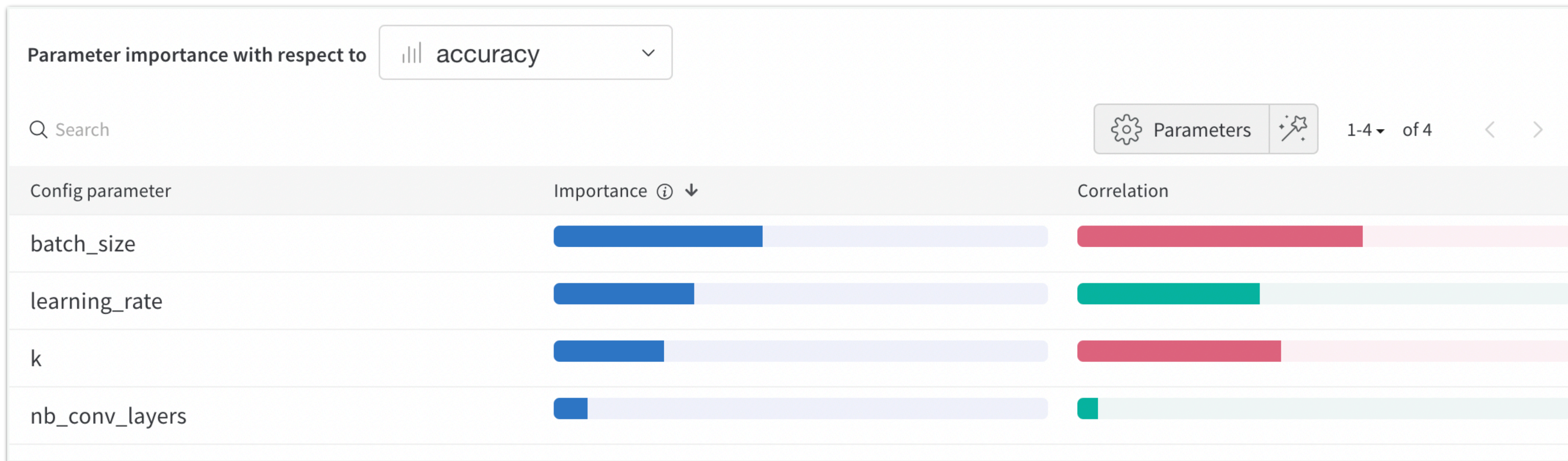
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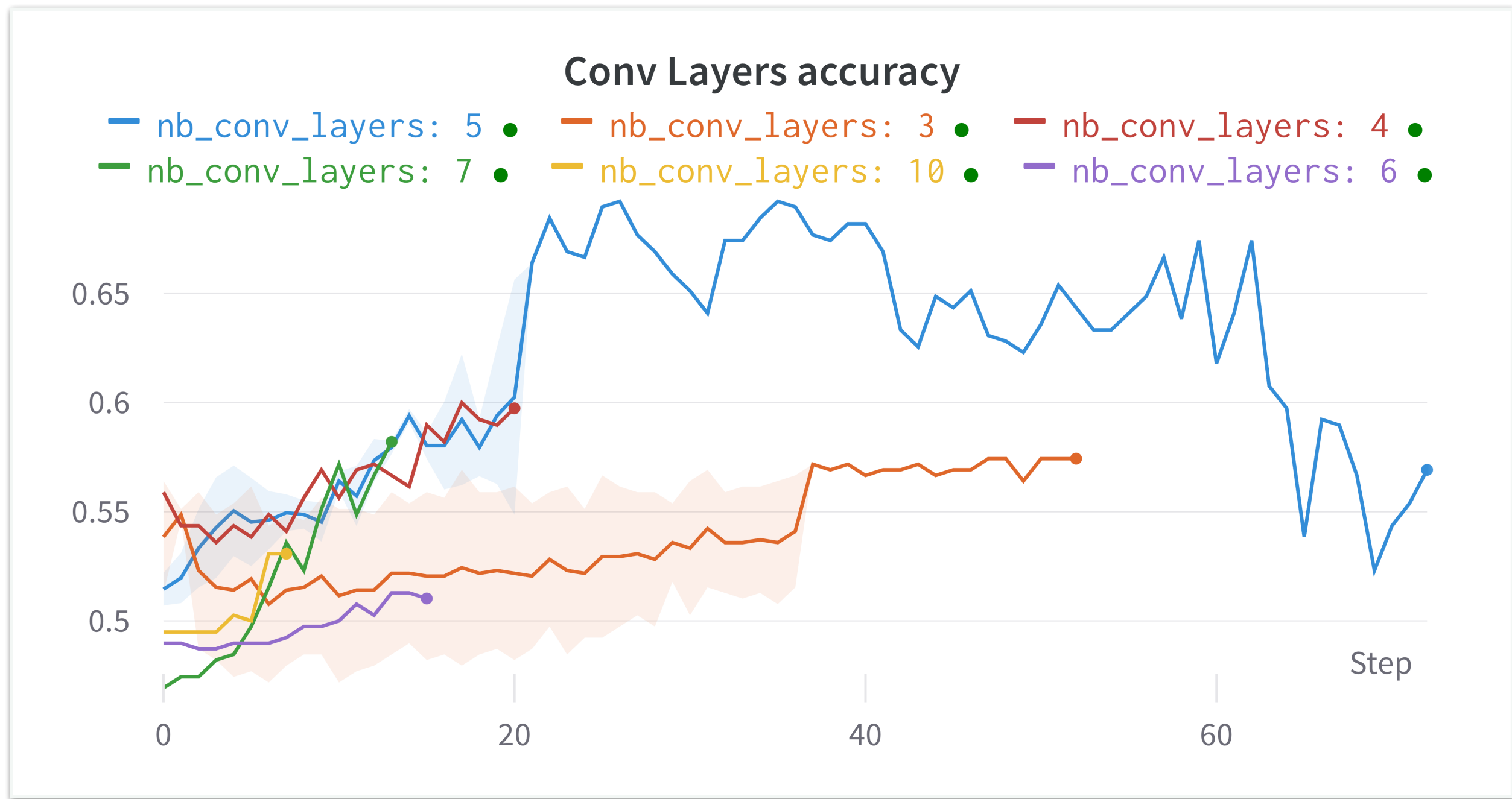
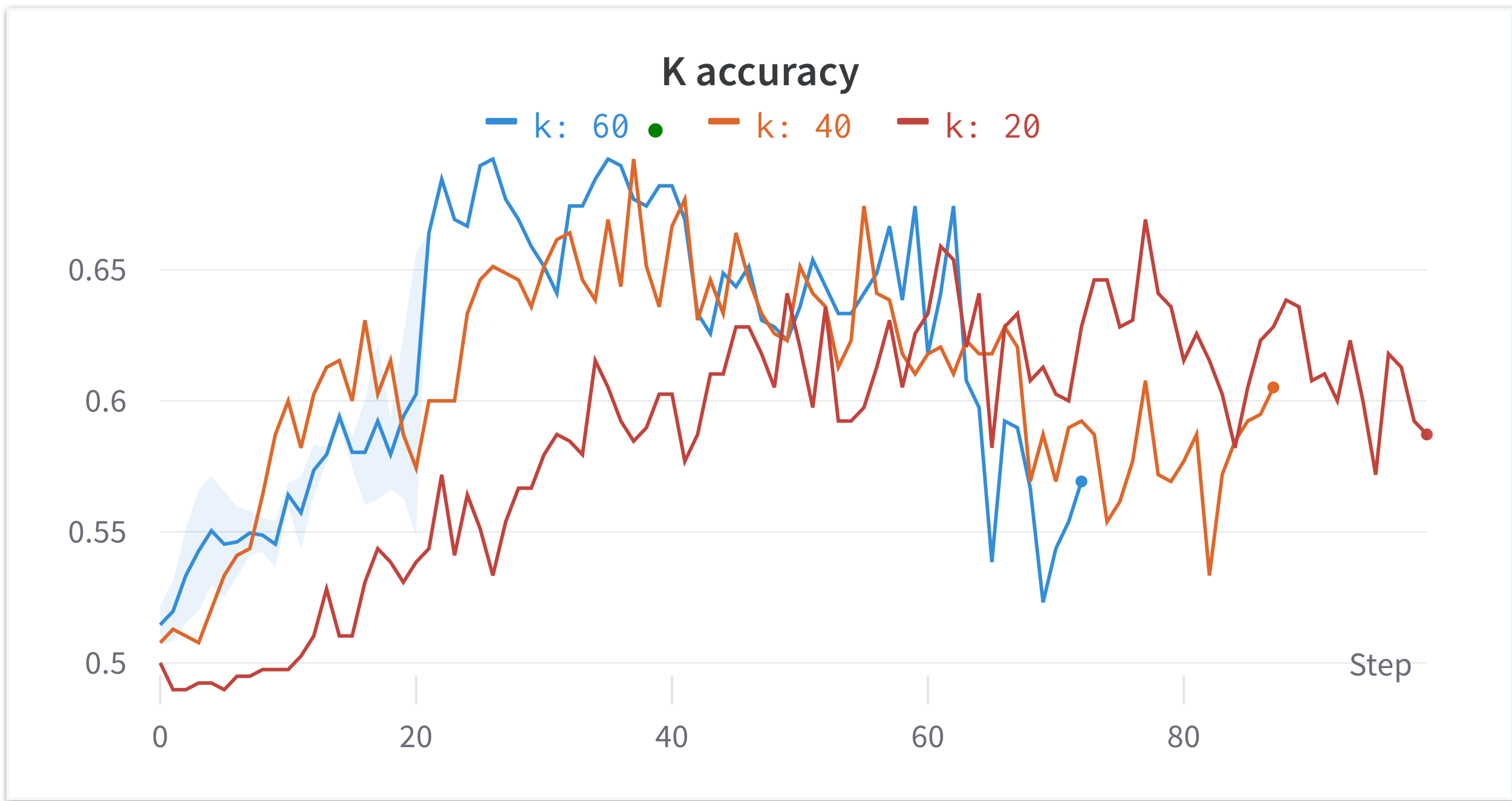
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Hyper Parameters optimization



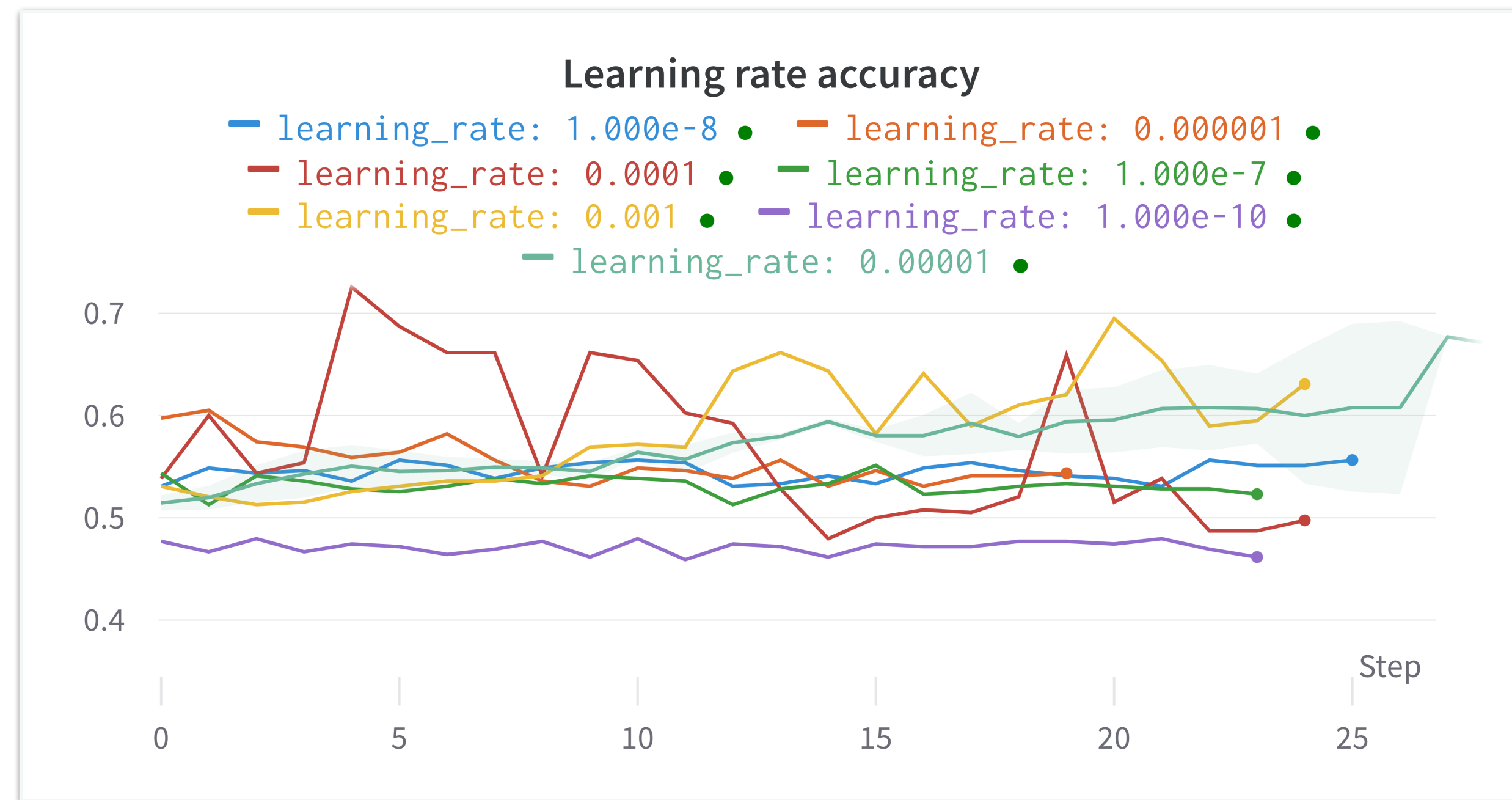
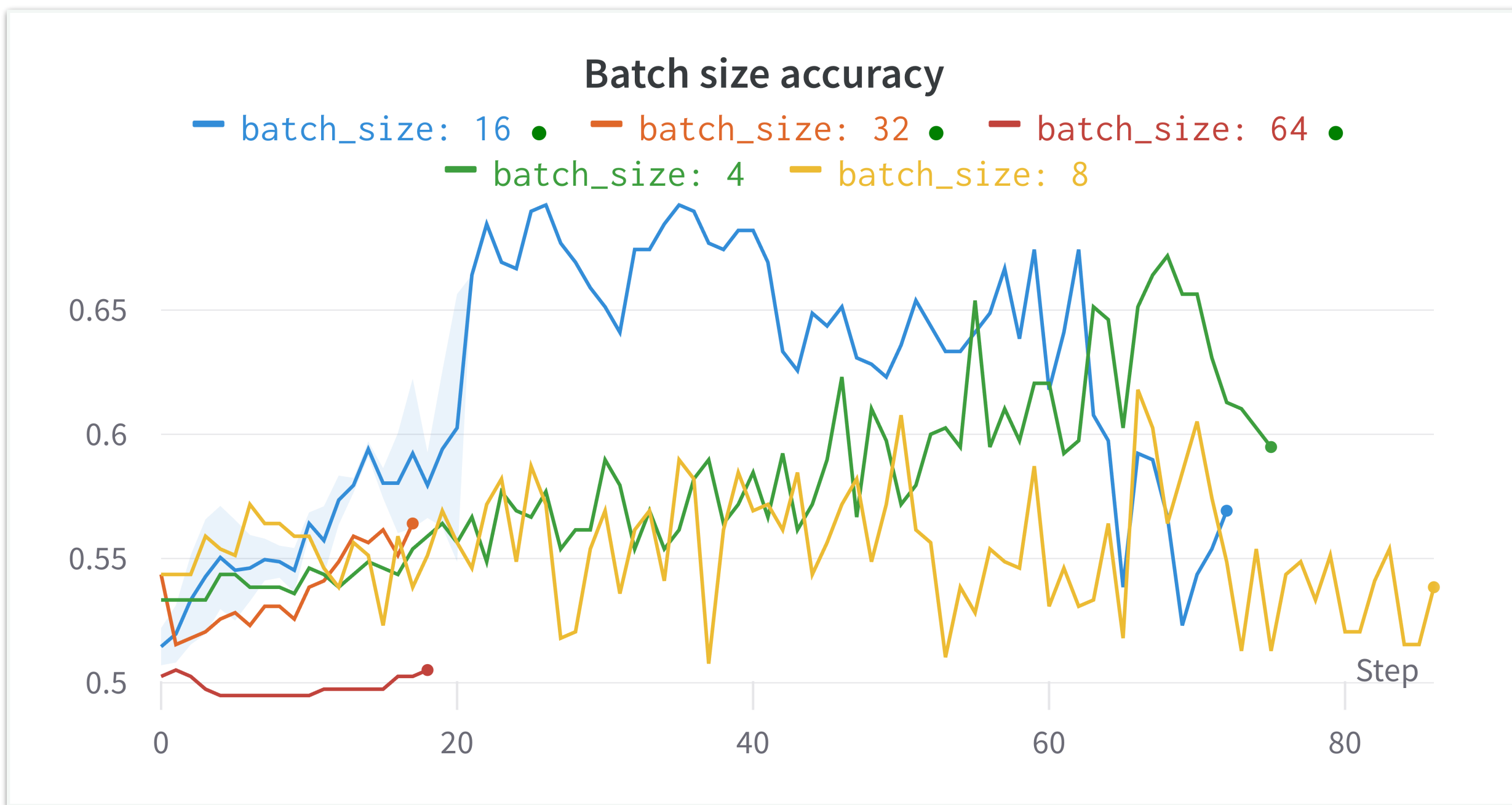
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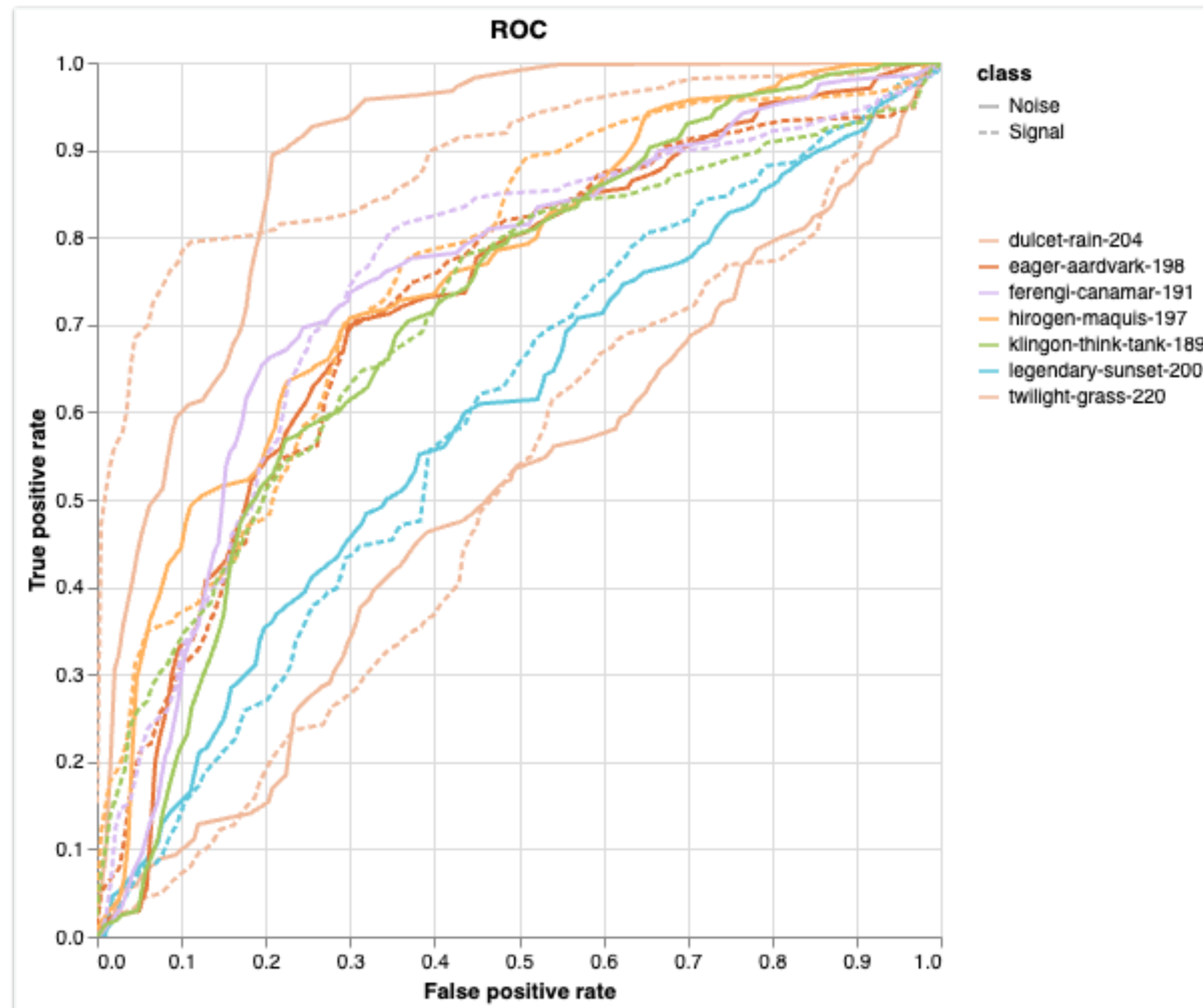
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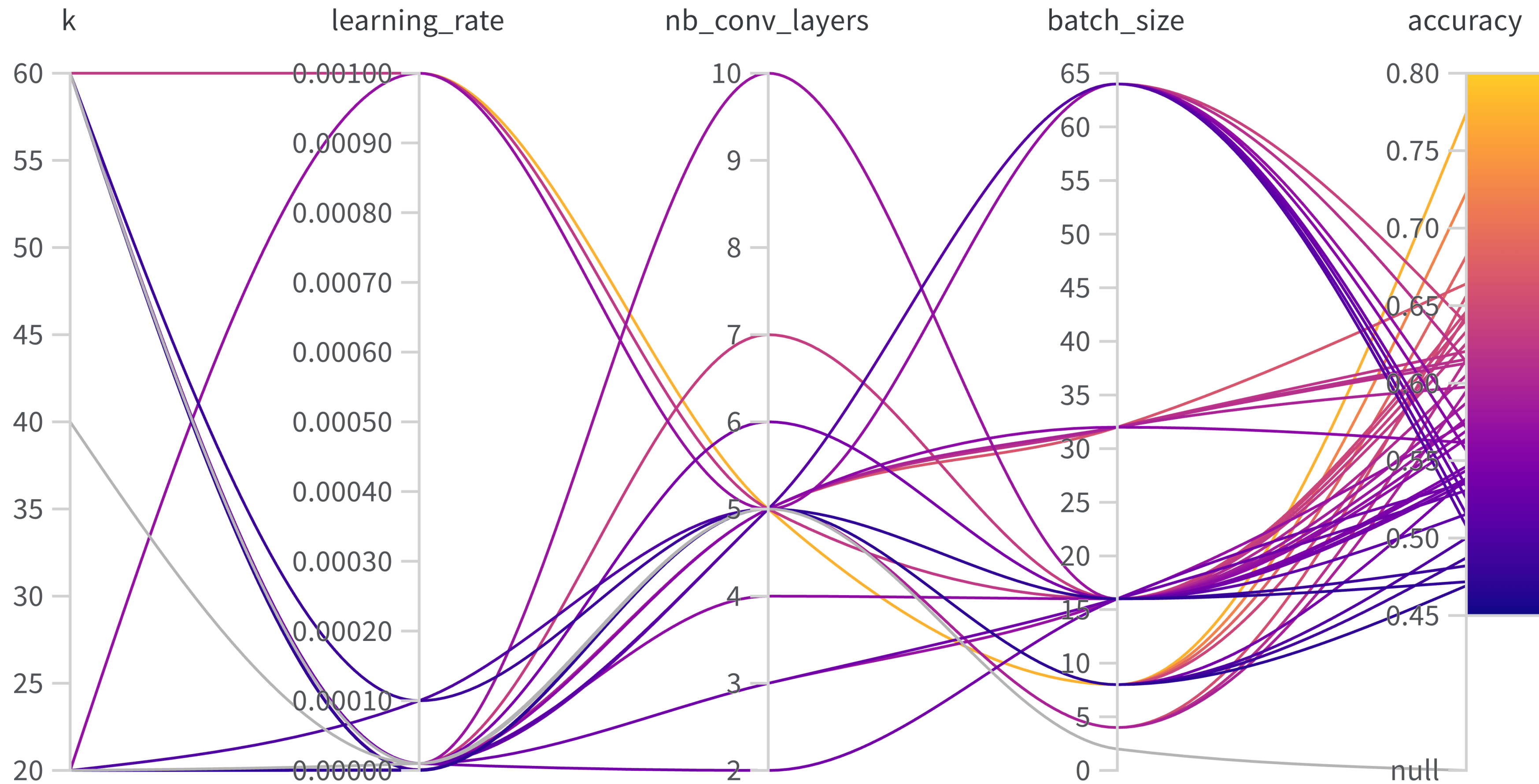
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What's next?

- A. GNN : ideas for improvement
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A. GNN future improvements

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GNN

- Finishing the Optimization the hyperparameters of the GNN
- Quantify the efficiency and precision of the GNN classification μ/e then identify the physical parameters of the GNN by comparing the distributions
- Do the same for e/γ separation
- Optimize the parameters of the GNN at variable energy.
- Parallelization of the GNN training

BDT

- Finding better cuts and study the correlation between built distributions
- Take GNN's output parameters as inputs for the BDT

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