

Particle flow (in ALLEGRO)

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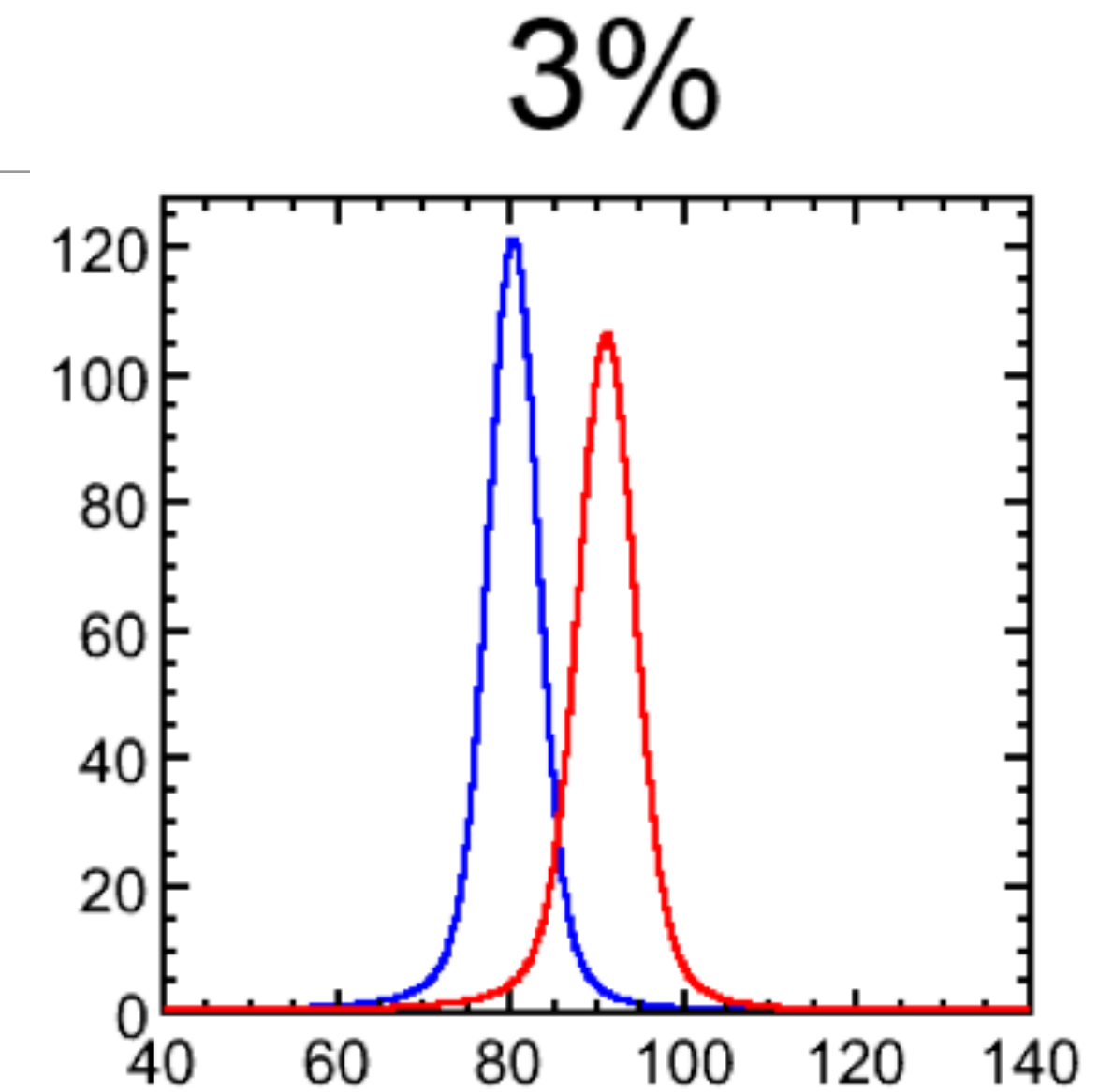


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FCC and particle-flow calorimetry

- Strict requirements on jet energy resolution at FCC-ee to achieve desired precision: 3-4% over wide jet energy range ($>\sim 40$ GeV), to e.g. separate W/Z hadronic decays
- Typical jet energy composition: 30% photons / 70% hadrons (60% charged / 10% neutral)
- Three possible ways to get to desired resolution
 - have both ECAL and HCAL with excellent EM and hadronic energy resolution
 - E.g. 40 GeV jet, ECAL with $5\%/\sqrt{E}$ and HCAL with $30\%/\sqrt{E}$ \Rightarrow 4% \Rightarrow expensive / hard (R&D)
 - correct HCAL event-by-event through measurement of EM fraction with dual readout calorimeter, even with relatively modest EM resolution ($15\%/\sqrt{E}$)
 - use particle-flow algorithm to leverage excellent momentum resolution from tracker for charged hadron contribution
 - Same 40 GeV jet, and 2x worse resolutions - HCAL with $60\%/\sqrt{E}$, ECAL with $10\%/\sqrt{E}$ \Rightarrow 3%



Particle flow - principle and limitations

- **In a typical jet:**

- 60 % of jet energy in charged hadrons
- 30 % in photons (mainly from $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)
- 10 % in neutral hadrons (mainly n and K_L)

- **Conventional calorimetric approach:**

- Measure all components of jet energy in ECAL/HCAL
- 50-70% of energy measured in HCAL: $\sigma_E/E \approx 60\% / \sqrt{E}$

- **Particle Flow Calorimetry: reconstruct individual particles**

- Charged particle momentum measured in tracker (essentially perfectly)
- Photon energies measured in ECAL
- Neutral hadron energies measured in HCAL

- **Limiting factors**

- **HCAL resolution** for neutral hadrons
- **Confusion term** (assignment of calorimeter energy deposits to wrong particles) => granularity, material between detectors ..

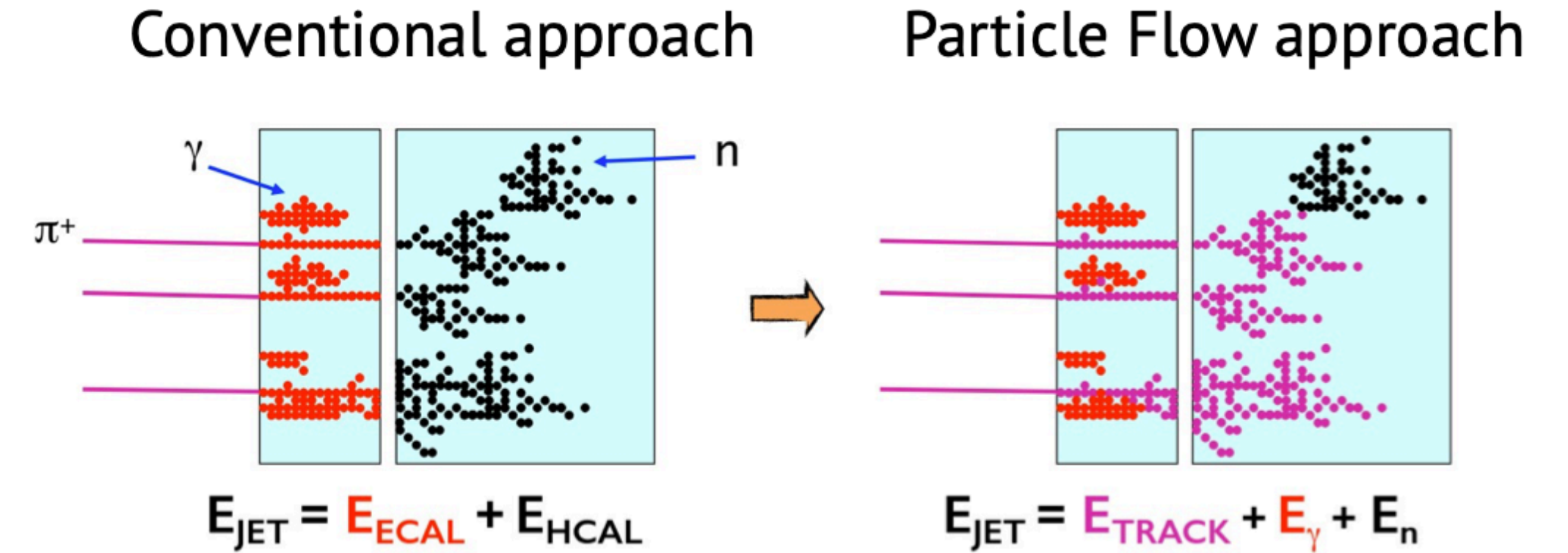
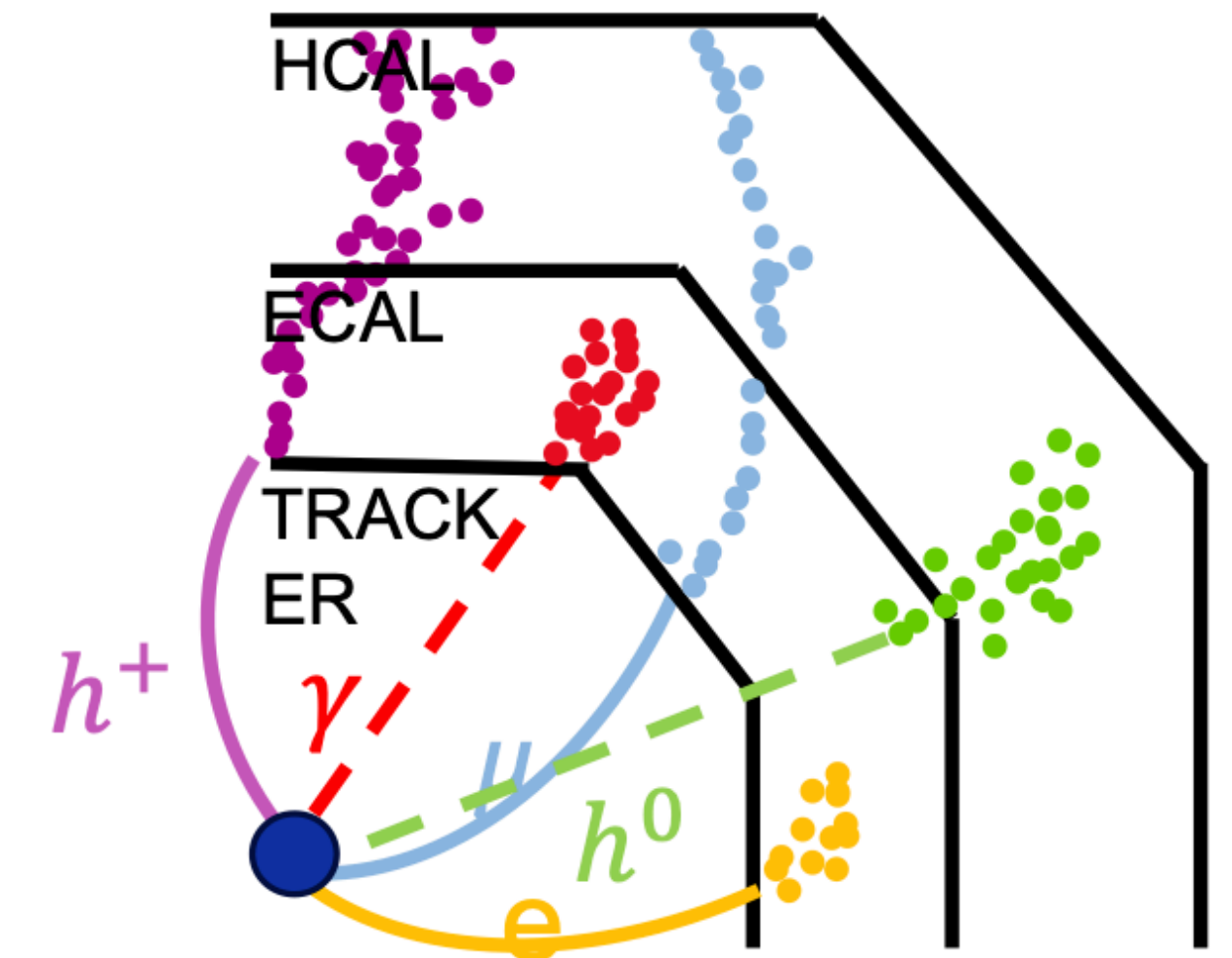


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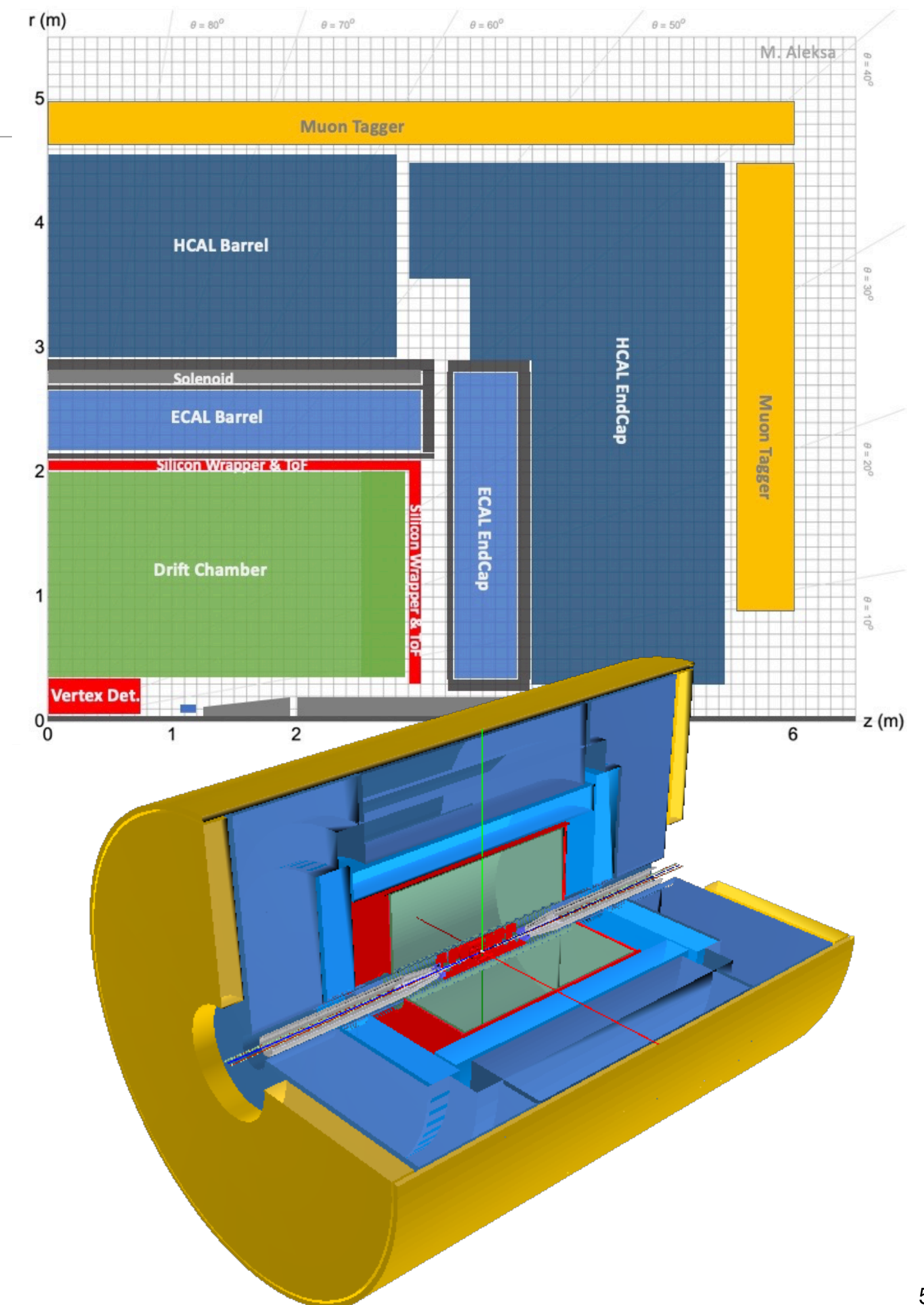
Particle flow approaches

- Traditional approach: **“geometric”**
 - Extrapolate tracks to calorimeters
 - Use matching algorithms (e.g. cone-finding) to associate hits within clusters and match clusters to tracks to reconstruct particle candidates
 - Perform selections on quantities such as track/cluster match, cluster width, hits in HCAL and MUON / ... to decide type of particle and apply proper energy calibrations (MIP/hadronic/em particles) to estimate the particle kinematics
 - Implemented in **“Pandora”** framework developed for LC
 - Easy to understand in principle, hard to develop/maintain in practice (many algorithms to handle various configurations, many parameters to tune, largely dependent on the detector design)
- Novel approach: **machine-learning based**
 - Simulate a sufficient large number of events with particles of different types, producing various signatures in the detectors (tracks and hits in the calorimeters + muon taggers)
 - Let the machines learn about the different correlations between the signals for the various particle types, and exploit them to infer particle type and properties (energy, direction)
 - Under development in **“MLPF”** framework for CLD detector concept
 - More difficult to understand (black box), easier to deploy (detector agnostic, adaptable to changing conditions)



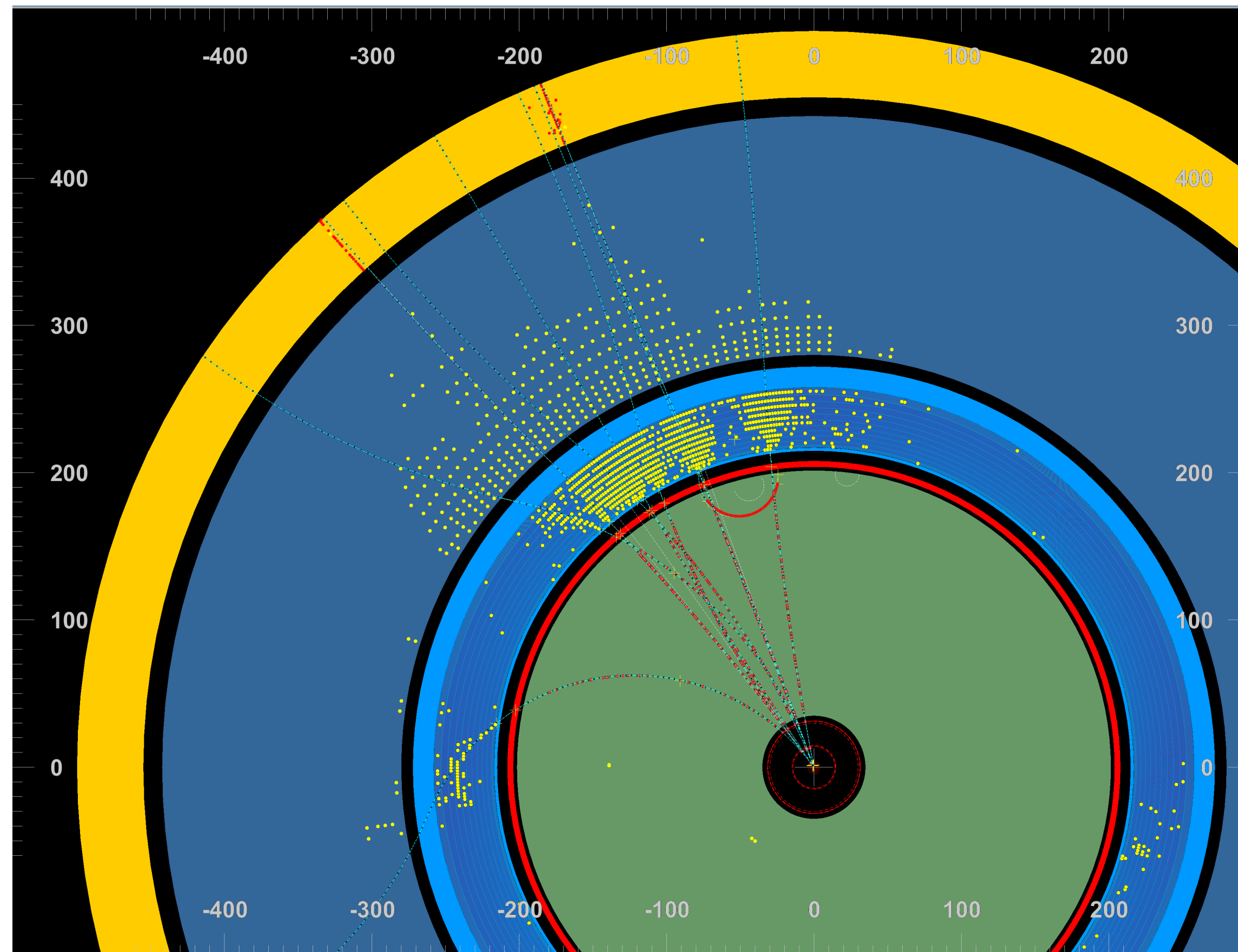
Detector simulation

- ALLEGRO: full detector concept integrating
 - MAPS-based **vertex** detector
 - **Tracking**: drift chamber (baseline), straw tracker (alt.)
 - **Si wrapper**
 - Highly granular noble-liquid **ECAL** inside solenoid
 - **Solenoid** ($B=2T$) sharing cryostat with ECAL
 - High granularity **HCAL** (scintillating tiles)
 - **Muon** tagger
- Detector choices and design optimisation not complete yet
- Baseline detector geometry implemented in Geant4/DDSIM



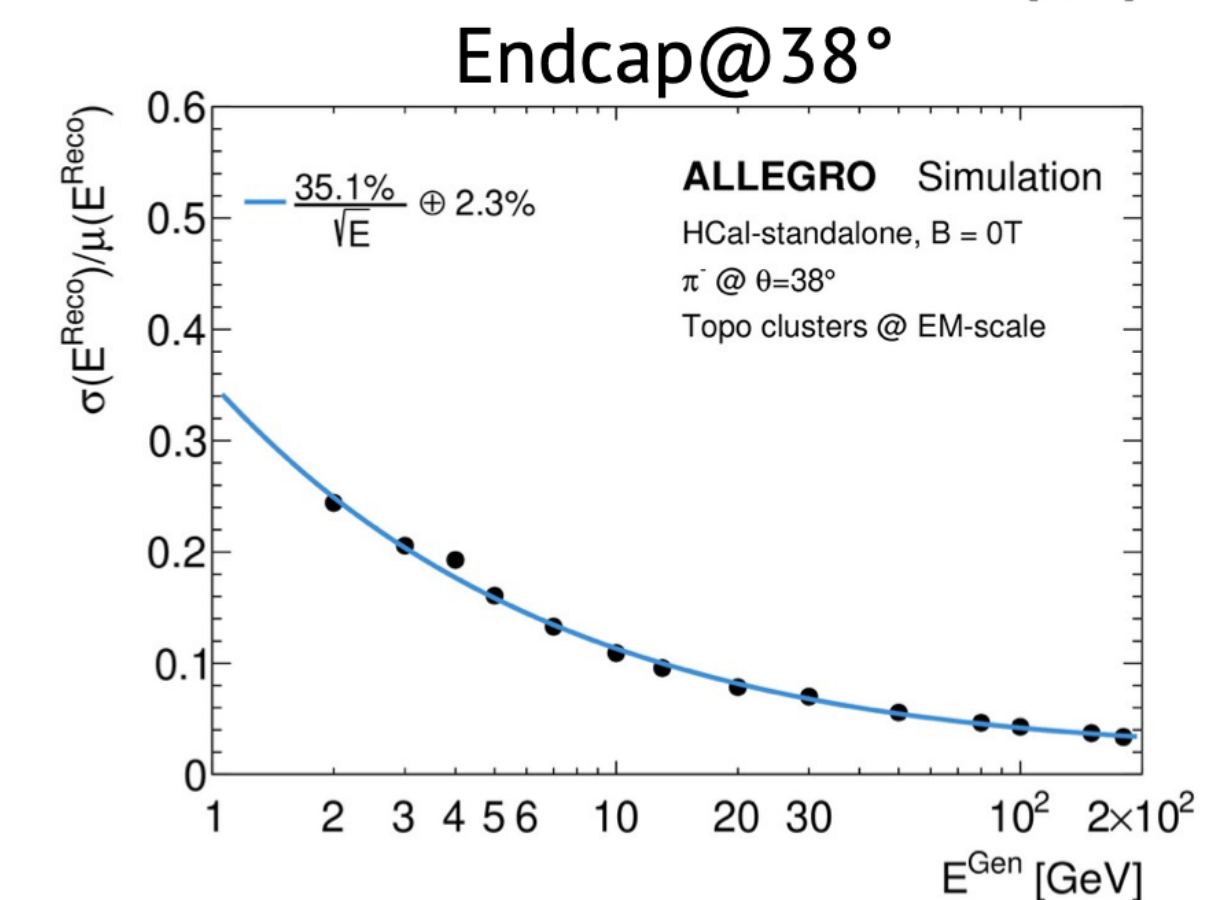
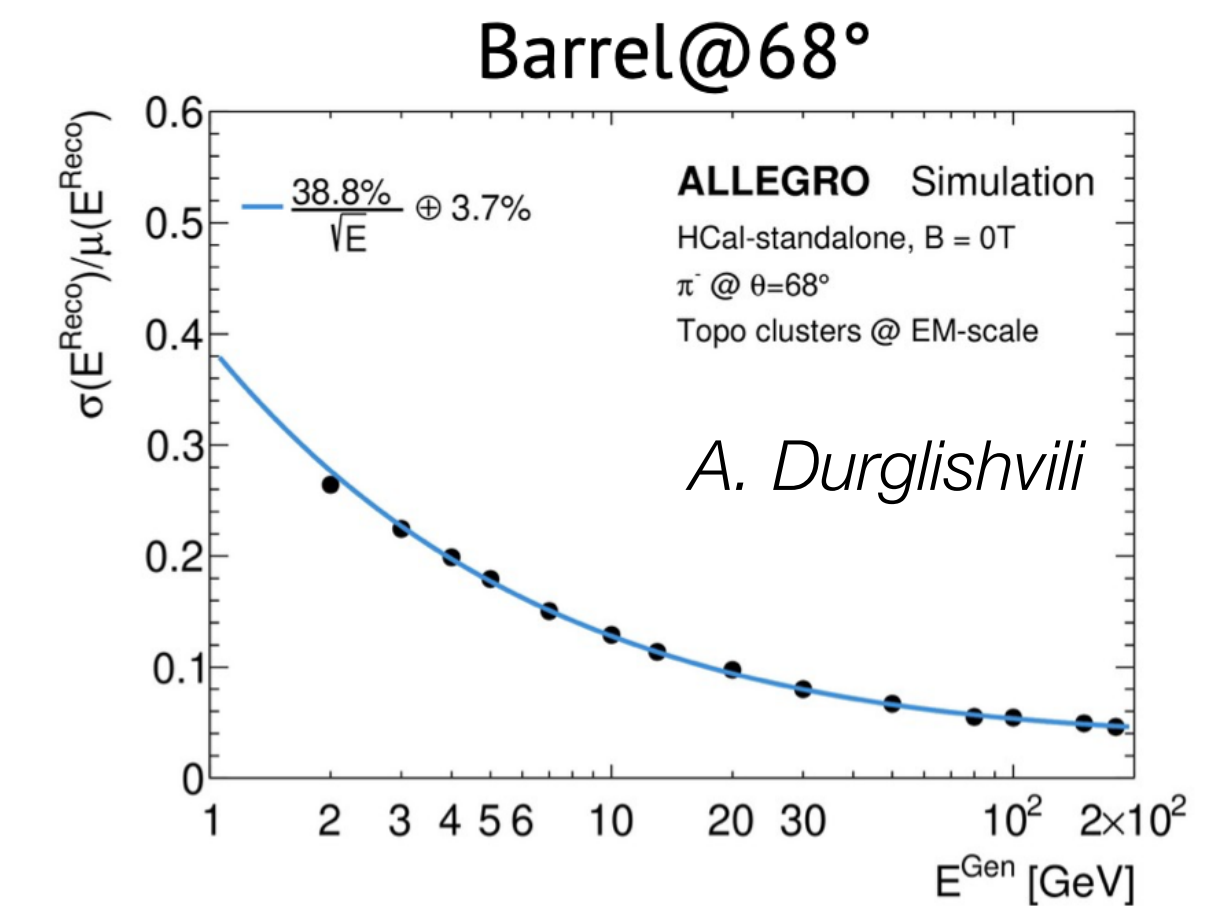
Low-level reconstruction

- Digitisation implemented for all the detectors
- Tracking not yet implemented (some challenges in drift chamber track reconstruction, but good progress recently)
 - Replace reconstructed tracks with truth charged particle parameters as a temporary workaround
- Sufficient to start performing p-flow studies (as well as performance studies with simple clustering algorithms/setup)



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Particle flow in ALLEGRO - 27/11/2025

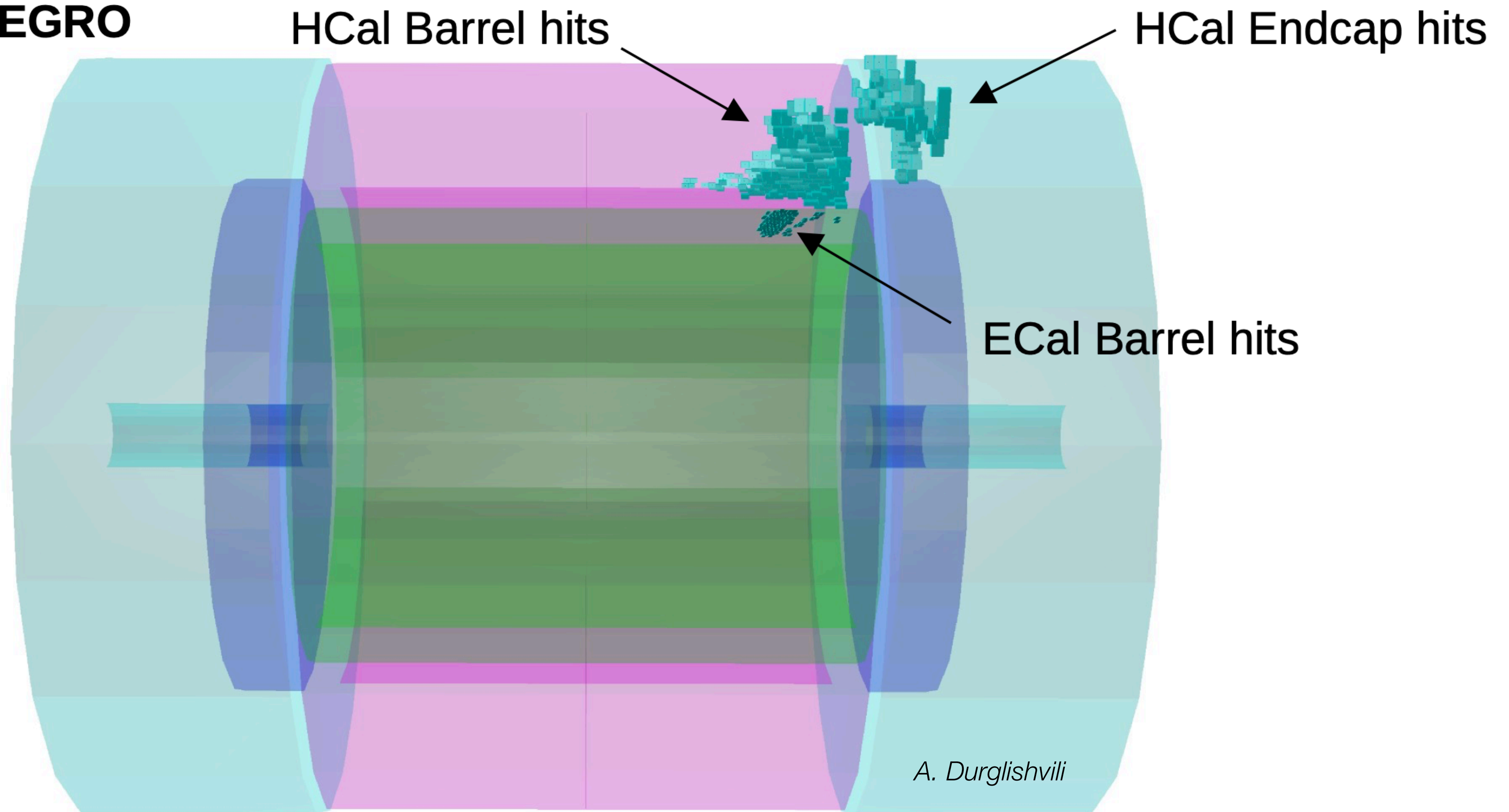


Pandora implementation for ALLEGRO

- Performed a certain number of [technical developments](#) in order to [make Pandora run OOTB with ALLEGRO](#) (find the proper input tracks and hits collections, retrieve the correct geometry parameters e.g. tracking volume, cell granularities, ...)
 - Updated PandoraSDK (custom [fork](#)) to provide cell geometry matching our granularity (projective theta-phi grid)
 - Updated Marlin<->Pandora interface ([DDMarlinPandora](#)) and Pandora algs ([LCContent](#)) to create Pandora objects properly encoding information about tracks (number of hits, positions of various track states..) and hits (e.g. cell size in the two directions) as well as detector information
 - Simplified Pandora algorithms [sequence](#) (starting from CLD one) upon discussion with Pandora experts and other users to try having a better understanding of what is going on behind the scenes, and updated some calibration constants
 - Provided [README](#) to setup and run Pandora with ALLEGRO
- Started to [adjust some of the main parameters of the algorithms](#) (energy calibrations, tracking requirements, shower widths..) and to [investigate performance of algorithm for simple cases](#) (e.g. single particles / two particles)
- ***Disclaimer: all this is very preliminary and work in progress...***

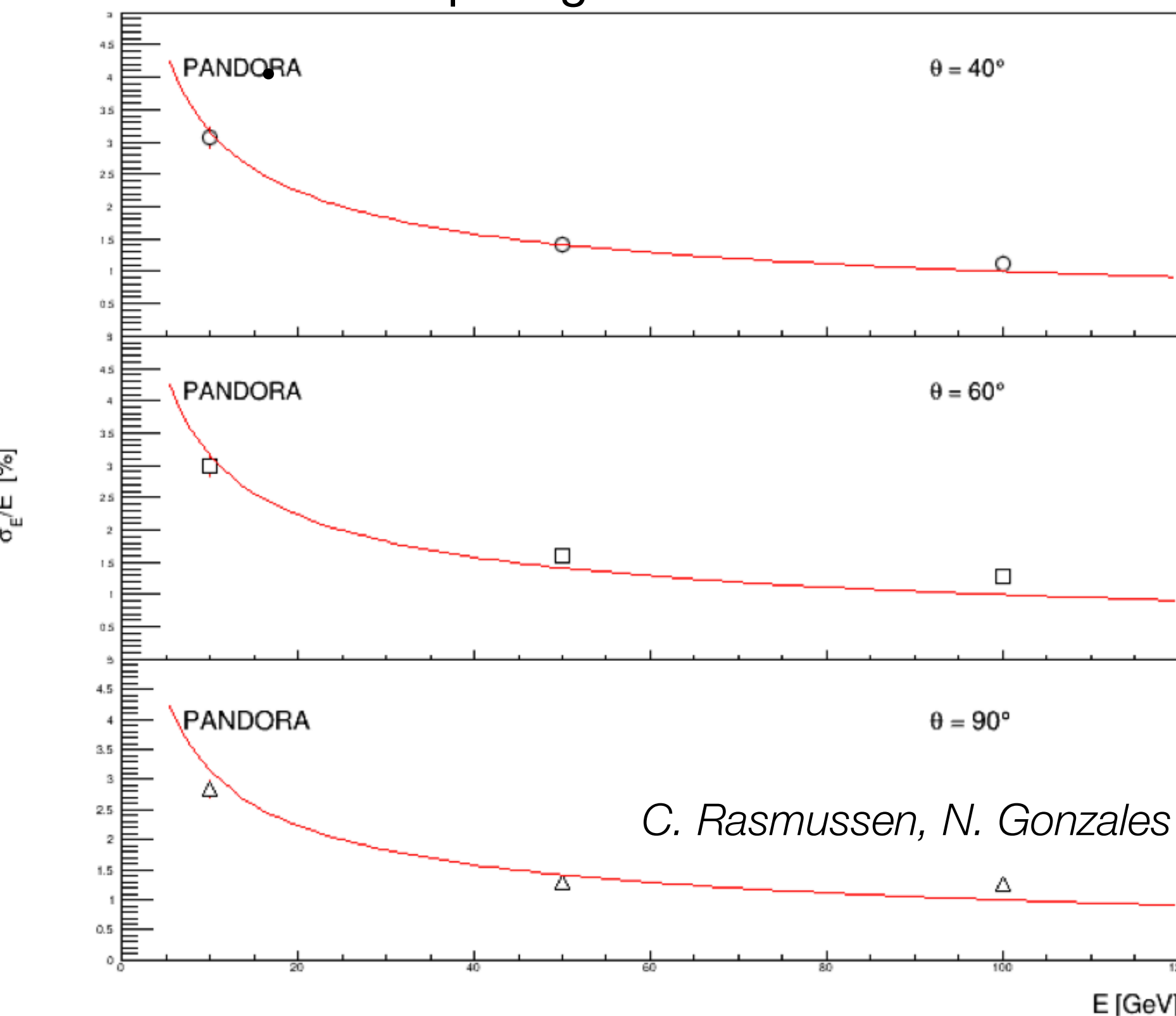
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50 GeV K_L^0 in ALLEGRO

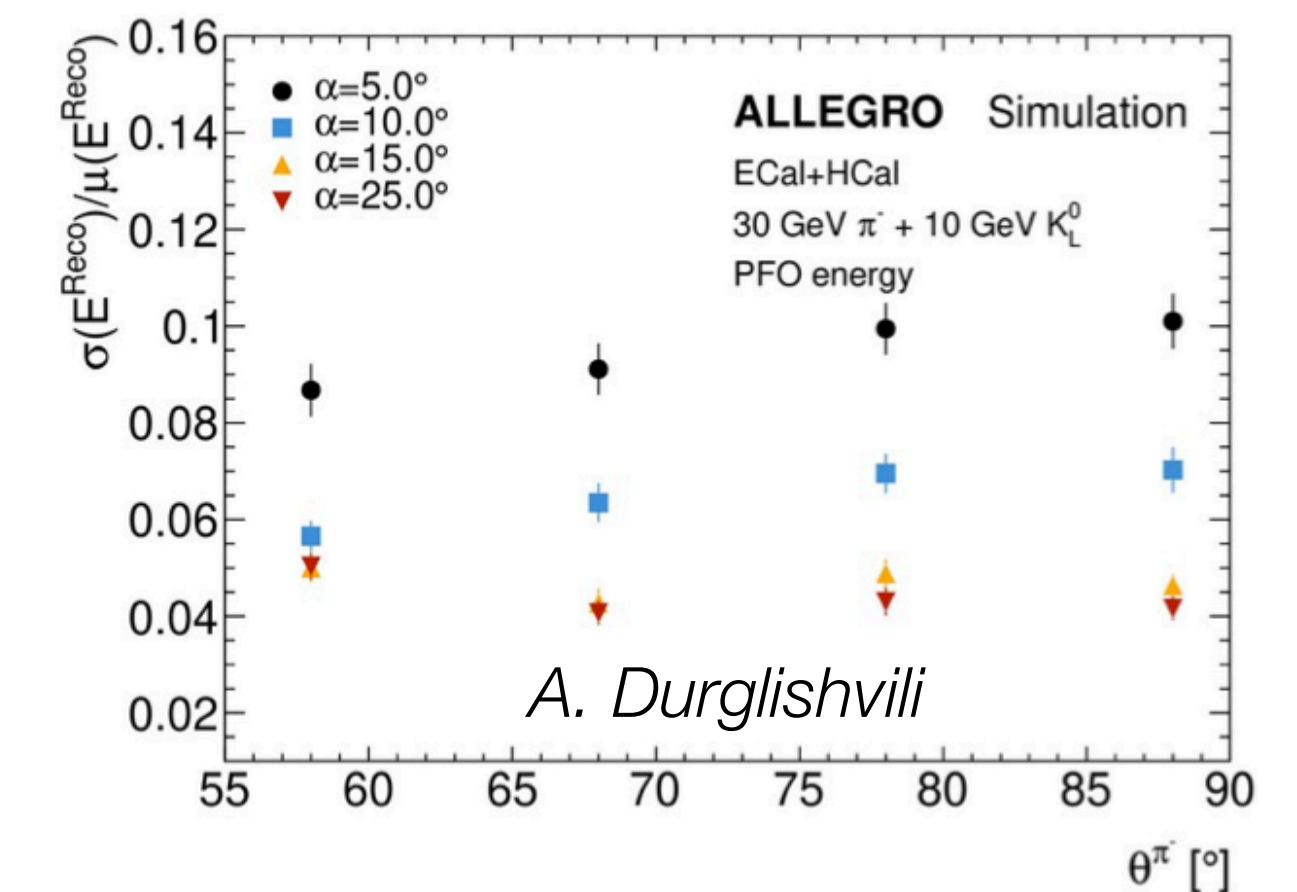
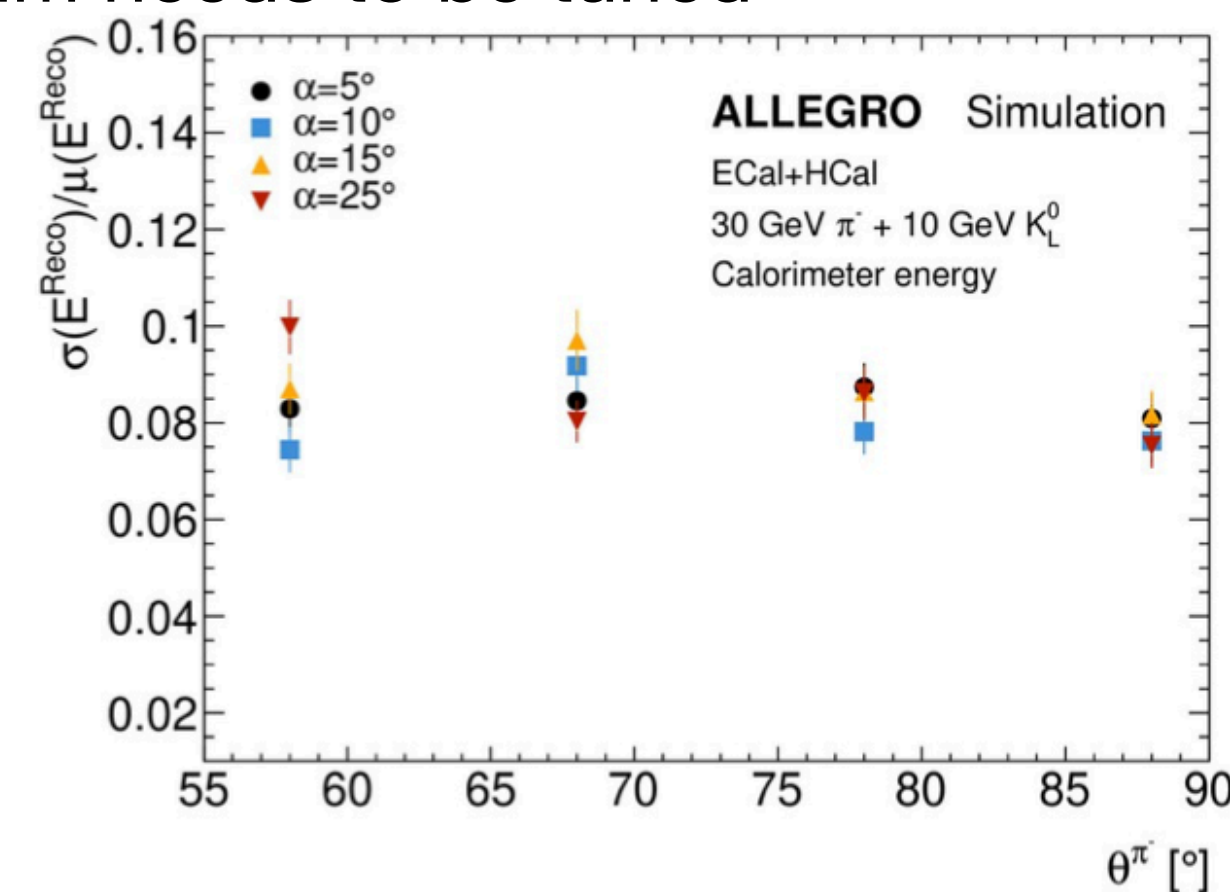


Status of Pandora for ALLEGRO

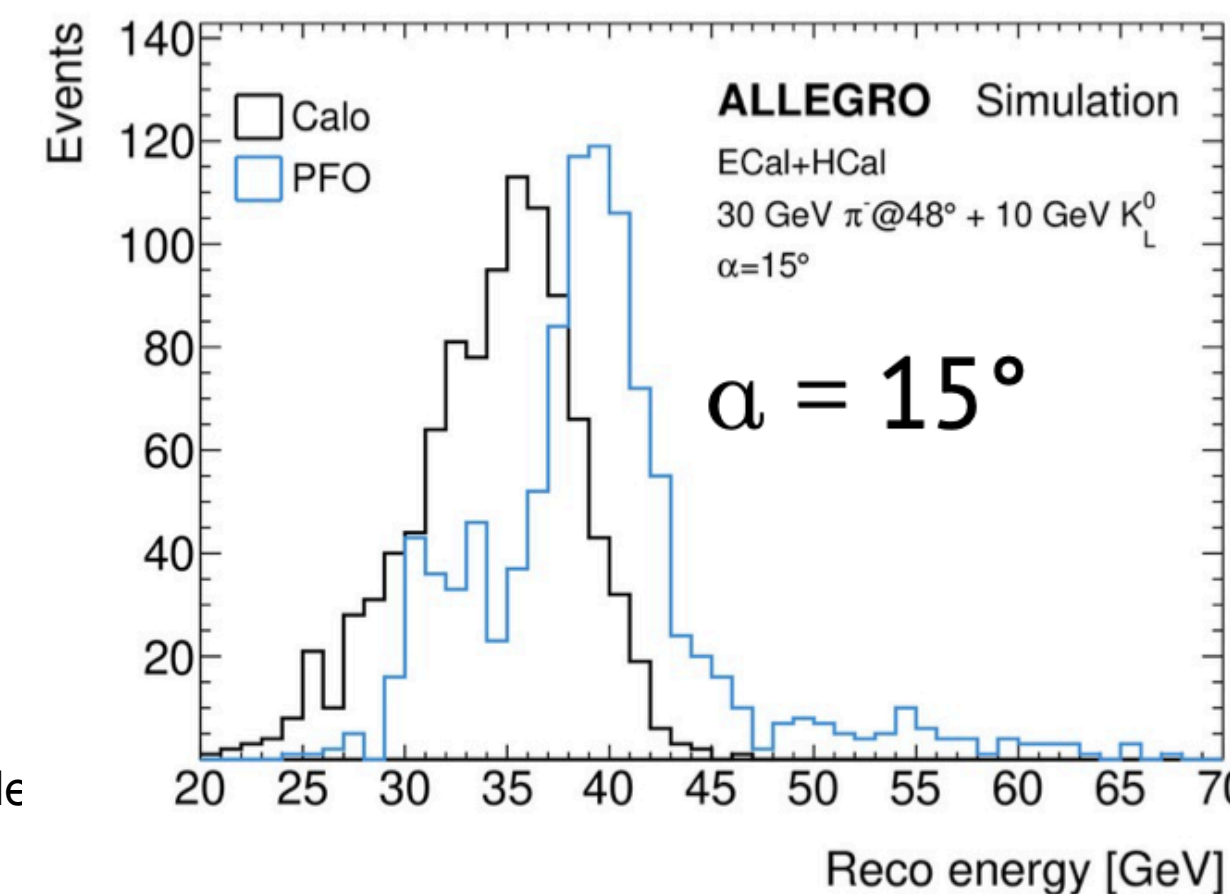
- High reconstruction efficiency with good identification for “simple” single particles (e/γ , π , μ)
- EM resolution consistent with $8\%/\sqrt{E}$ in barrel observed with other clustering algorithms (SW, topoclustering)
- Recent study of two close-by hadron reconstruction ($30\text{ GeV } \pi^- + 10\text{ GeV } K_L^0$) shot at various angles, separated by 5 - 25°
 - barrel: PF resolution is better than Calo for $\alpha = 15^\circ$ and worse for $\alpha = 5^\circ \rightarrow$ PF algorithm needs to be tuned
 - endcap: large fraction of confusion \rightarrow PF algorithm needs to be tuned



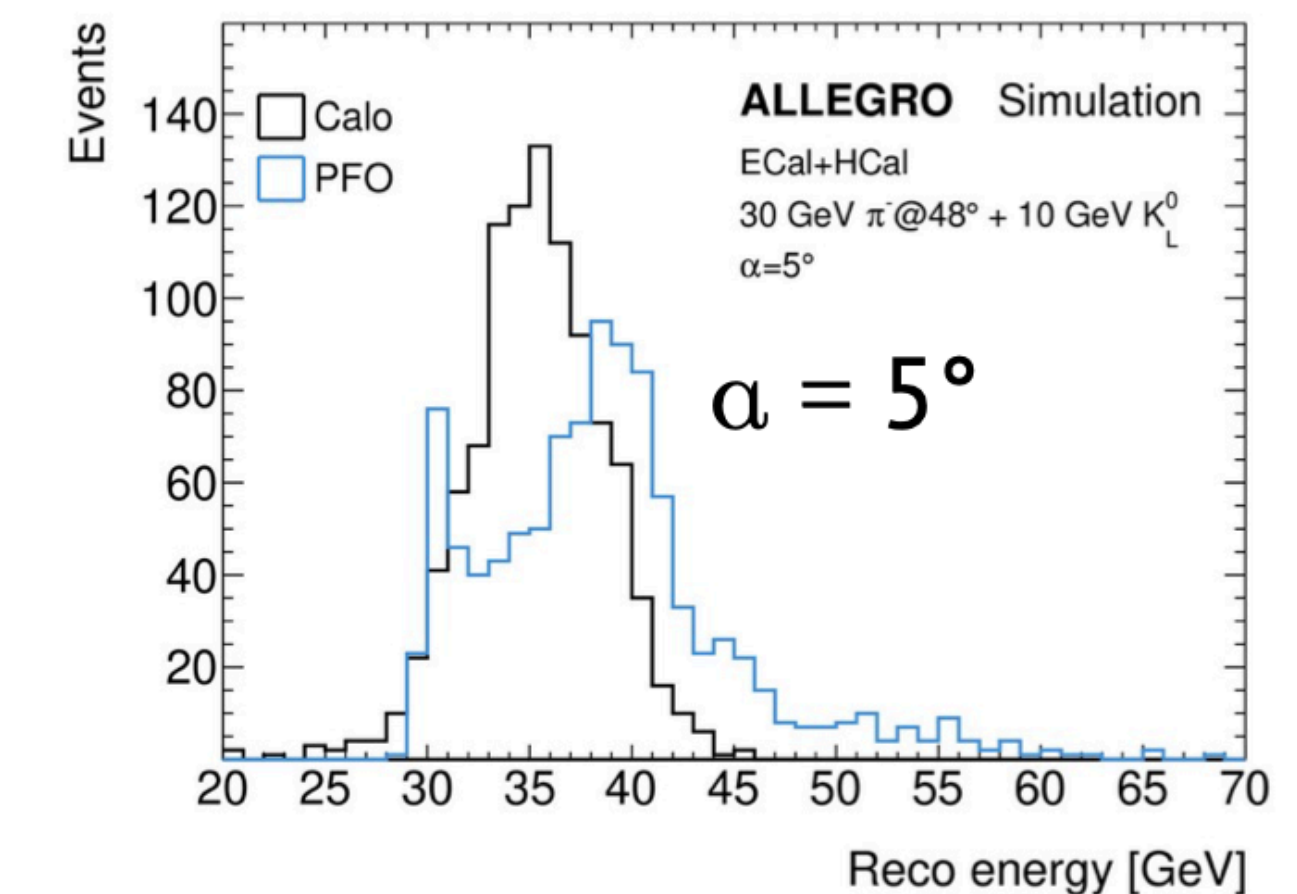
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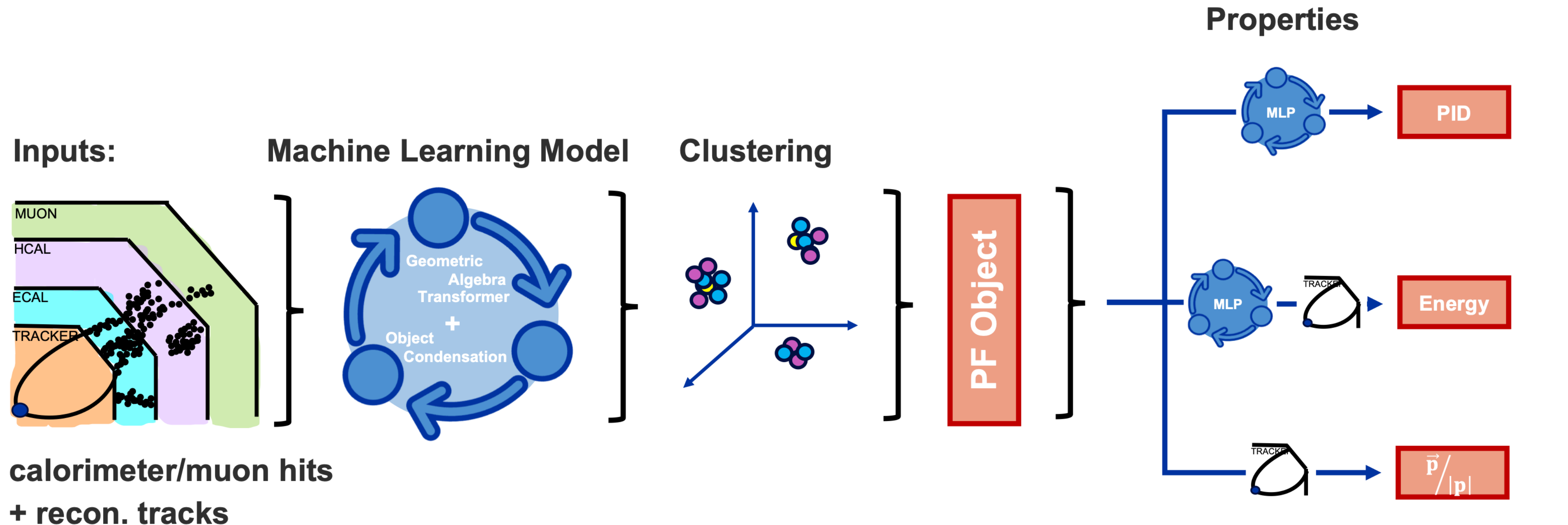
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Particle



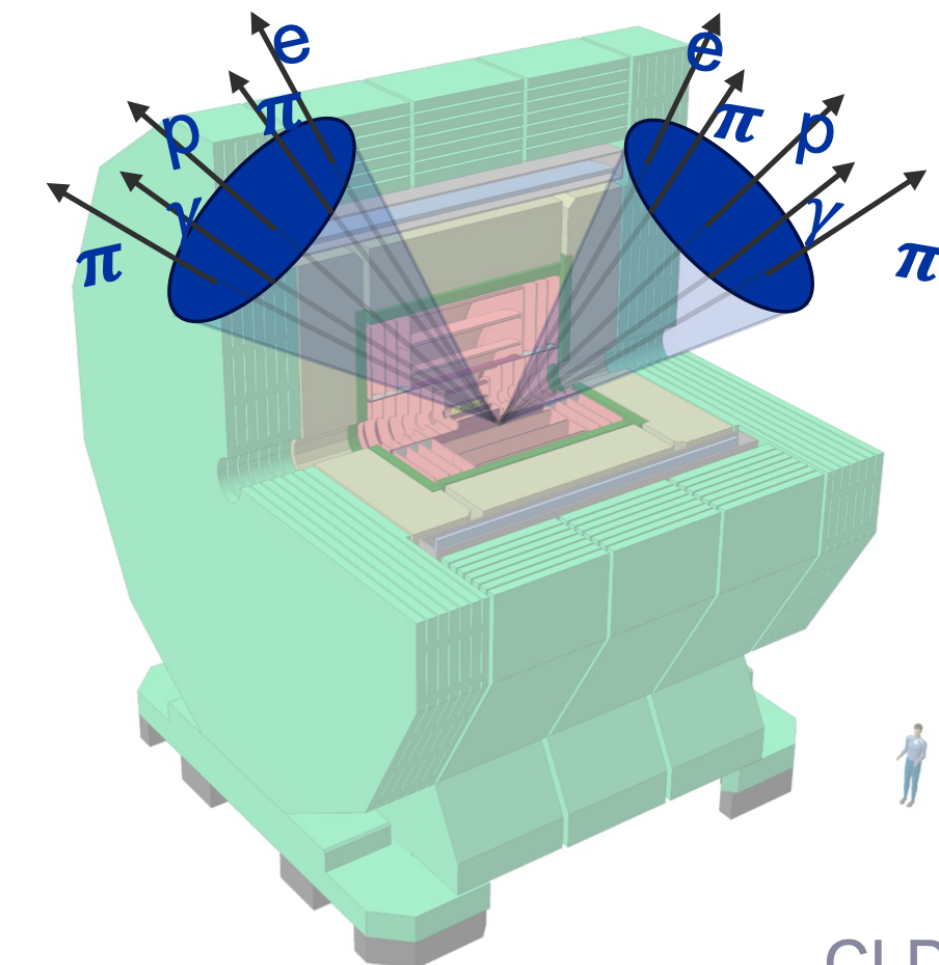
Machine-learning particle flow



- Energy
- Coordinates (x,y,z)
- Type (ECAL, HCAL, muon, track)

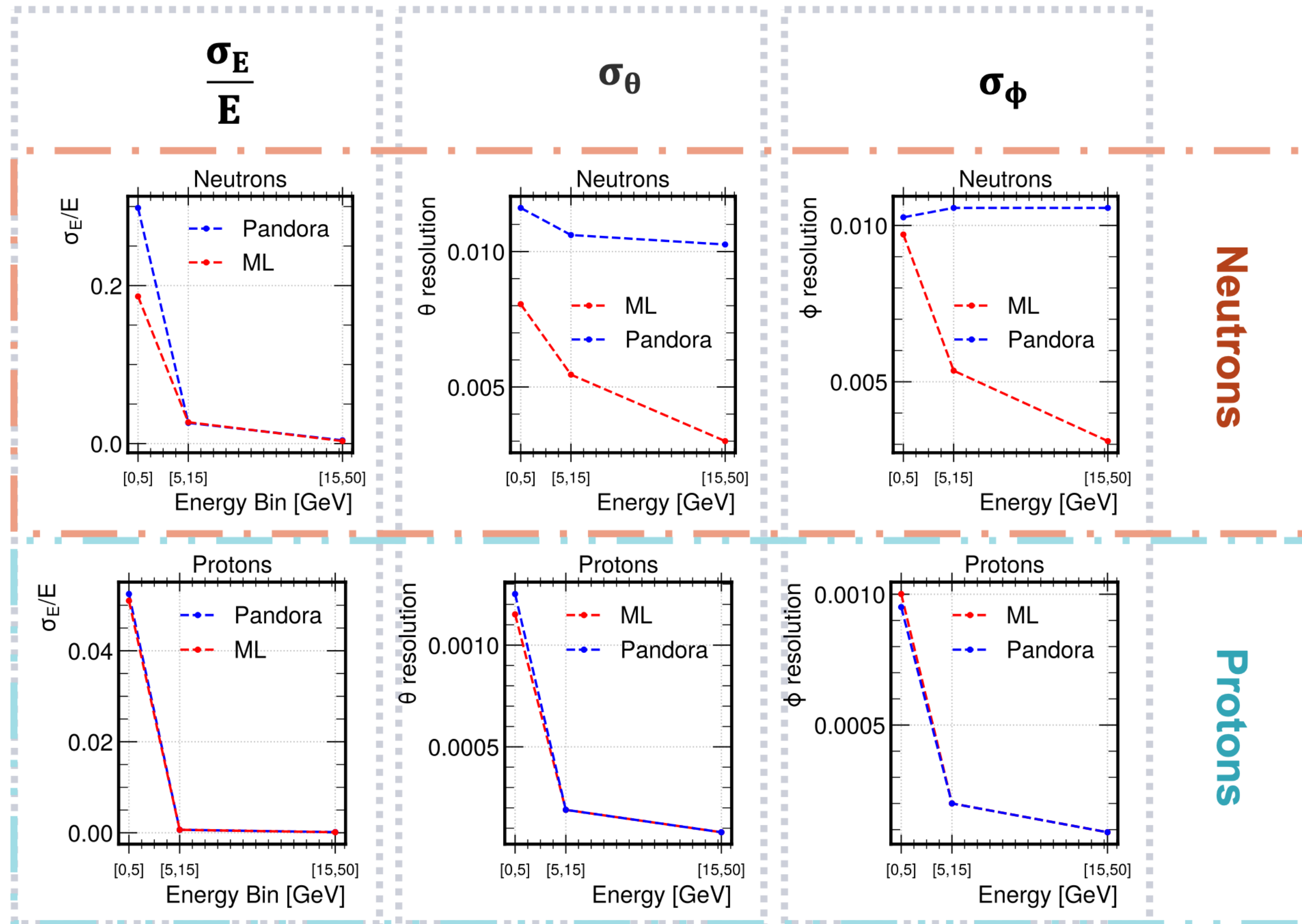
- Train on O(1M) events generated with jet-like particle gun (~15 particles per event, balanced in p/n/K_L/π/e/γ/μ, 0.5-50 GeV) or Z→qq

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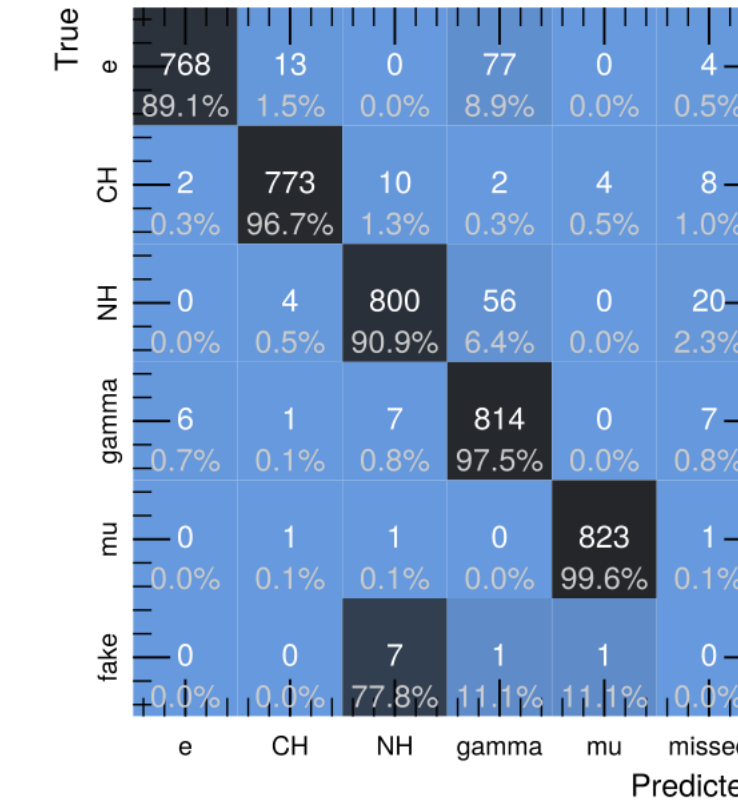
MLPF on CLD (WIP)

L. Hermann, FCC week



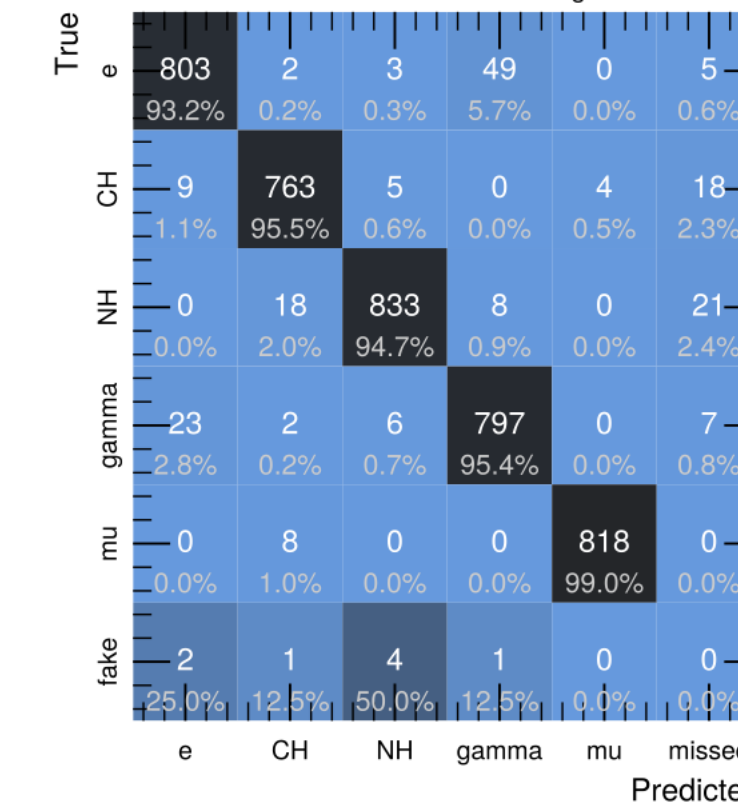
[10,100] GeV

Pandora [10,100] GeV, $\epsilon_{\text{diag}}=0.94$



Pandora

ML [10,100] GeV, $\epsilon_{\text{diag}}=0.95$



ML

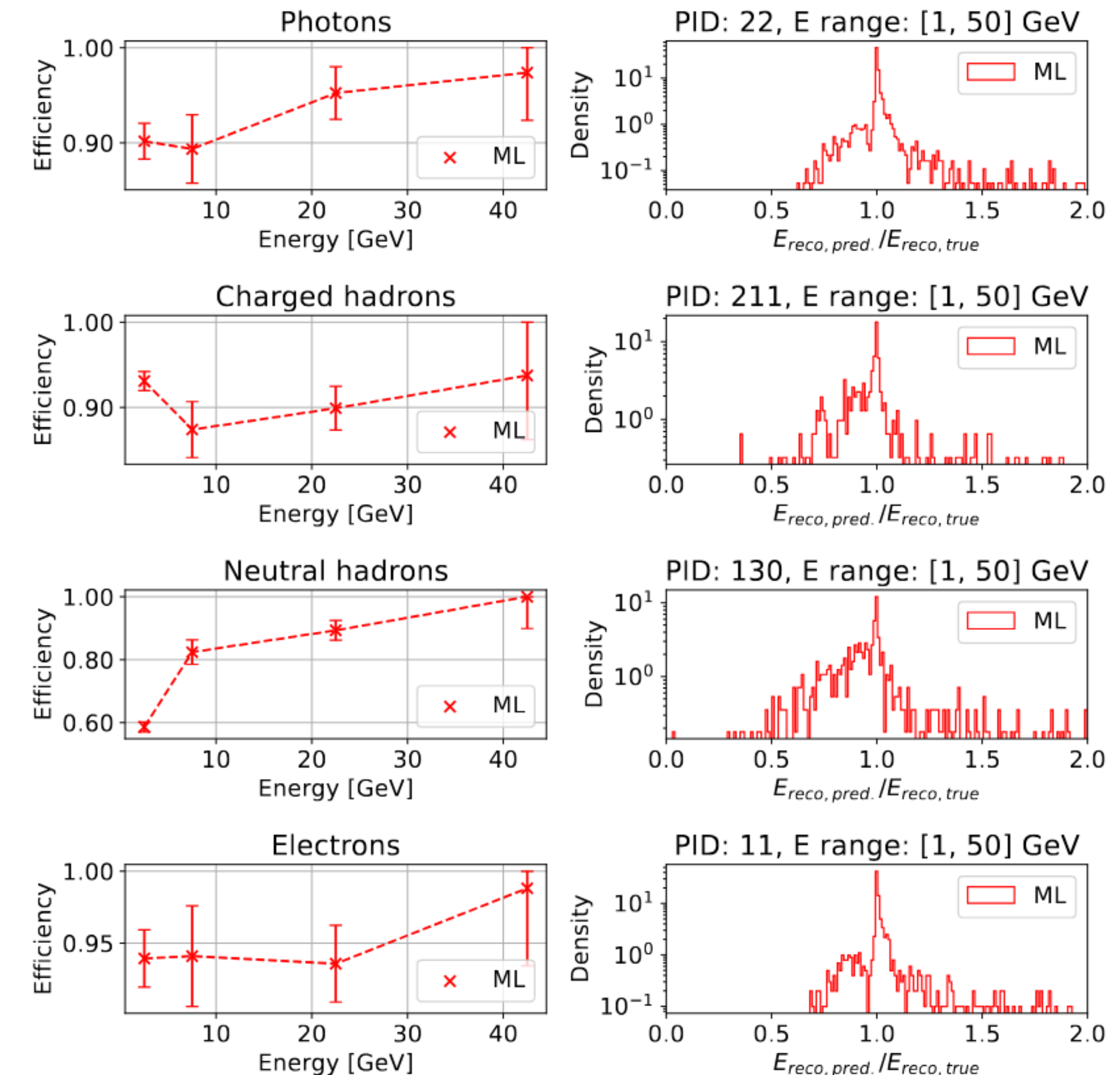
- Very good clustering performance - improved energy and angular resolution for neutral hadrons compared to Pandora; similar for charged particles (determined by tracking system)
- Similar overall PID efficiency, but significant reduction in fake neutral hadrons

MLPF on ALLEGRO (even more WIP)

- Implemented generation of ALLEGRO training dataset within MLPF framework ([link](#))

R. Chaafa, L. Hermann, D. Garcia

- Generated 1M gun-like events
- Training ongoing - very very preliminary results
- Note: this is the very first attempt at running MLPF on ALLEGRO
 - more a demonstration of the technical feasibility than an assessment of the expected performance
 - next steps: understand performance, investigate origin of low efficiency / large misid / poor resolution, improve algorithms, retrain -> repeat till good performance obtained
 - also: need to include PID information from drift chamber (dN/dx) and wrapper (timing)



Conclusion

- Particle flow reconstruction needed for ALLEGRO (as well as other FCC detector concepts such as CLD, ILD) to reach few% jet energy resolution needed for FCC-ee physics
 - 5% without p-flow with baseline ECAL and HCAL designs
- Two approaches currently being pursued
 - Classic/geometrical (Pandora)
 - Machine-learning based (MLPF)
- Full detector simulation + digitisation and technical development on both Pandora and MLPF from ALLEGRO's side allow both algorithms to be run OOTB for ALLEGRO
 - Understanding of results & tuning of the algorithms ongoing, needing much more effort in the future
 - Good performance already achieved for CLD
- Once a reasonable baseline is reached, use these tools to inform detector design optimisation

Object Condensation

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- Each particle object has one condensation point x_a
- Attractive potential to 'condensation point' if hits belong to same particle object; repulsive potential otherwise

$$q_{\alpha k} = \max_i q_i M_{ik}$$

$$\widetilde{V}_k(x) = ||x - x_a||^2 q_{\alpha k}$$

$$\widehat{V}_k(x) = \max(0, 1 - ||x - x_a||) q_{\alpha k}$$

$$L_V = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N q_i \sum_{k=1}^K \left(M_{jk} \widetilde{V}_k(x_j) + (1 - M_{jk}) \widehat{V}_k(x_j) \right)$$

Effective potential

