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# Neutral mesons flow and yields in AgAg@1.58 A GeV at HADES

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# Outline

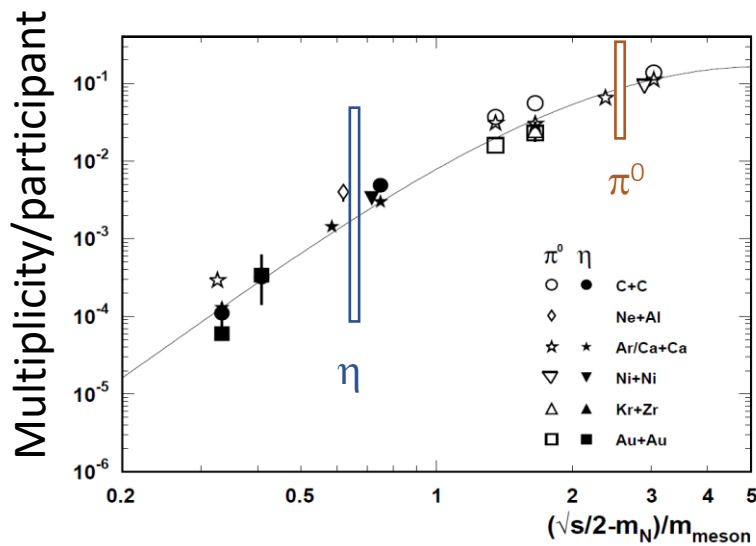
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- Motivation : Equation of State
- HADES overview with ECAL
- Data analysis and calibration
- Neutral pion yields
- Flow



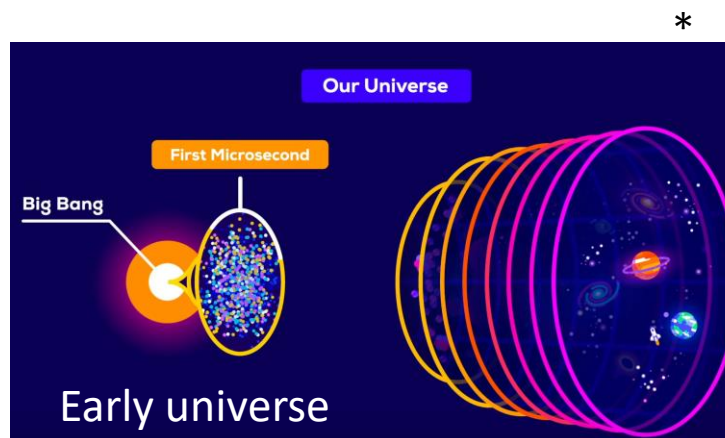
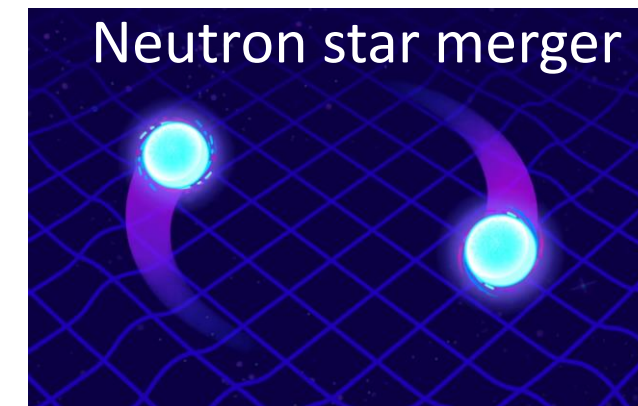
# Motivation

- Study of particle production from fireball and constrains of EOS
- Neutral meson production important observable to study reaction mechanism
- With ECAL -> studying of various reaction channels with photons (e.g. hyperons)
  - $\pi^0 / \eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



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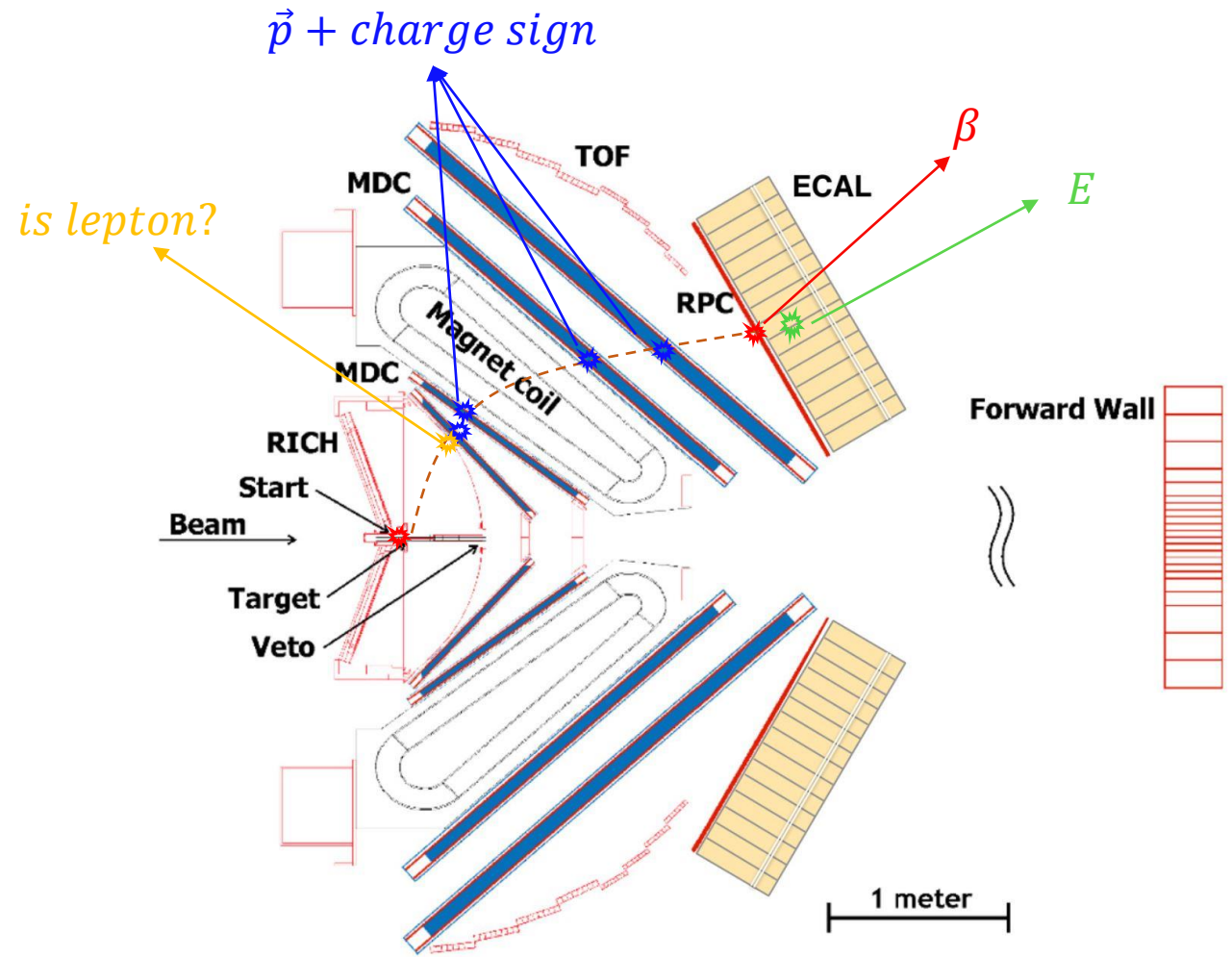
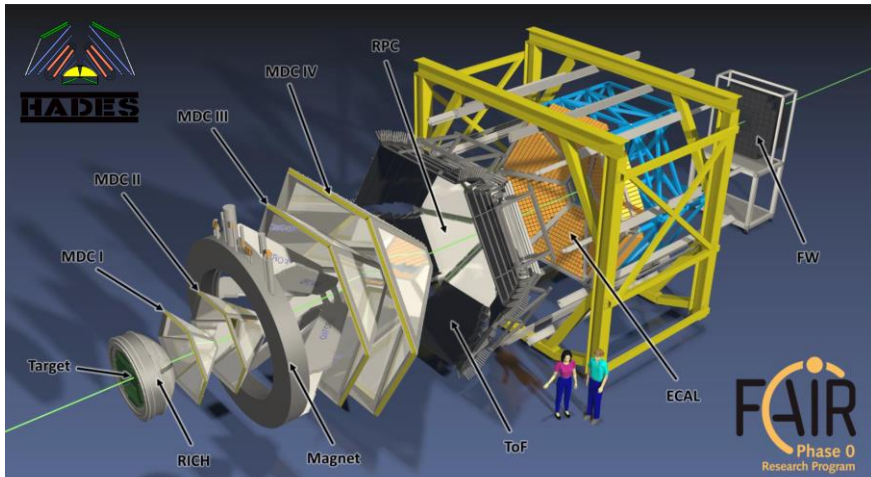
## Equation of state



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# High Acceptance Di-Electron Spectrometer

- Fixed target experiment at SIS18 (GSI, Germany)
- Almost full azimuthal angle and polar angles between  $18^\circ$  and  $85^\circ$  covered
- RICH – for identifying leptons
- MDC – for tracking
- ECAL – for electron + photon energy
- TOF+RPC – velocity



HADES vertical cross section

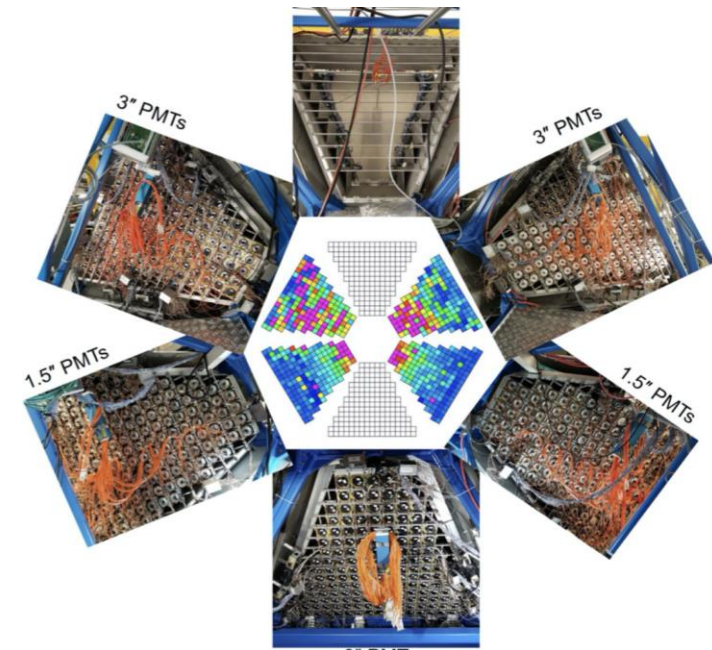
# Ag+Ag@1.58 A GeV beam time 2019 and performance

March 2019 → [Ag+Ag@1.58AGeV](#) → 14 billion events

$\pi^0$ DECAY MODES	Fraction ( $\Gamma_i/\Gamma$ )	Scale factor/ Confidence level	$p$ (MeV/c)
$2\gamma$	$(98.823 \pm 0.034) \%$	S=1.5	67
$e^+ e^- \gamma$	$(1.174 \pm 0.035) \%$	S=1.5	67
$\gamma$ positronium	$(1.82 \pm 0.29) \times 10^{-9}$		67
$e^+ e^+ e^- e^-$	$(3.34 \pm 0.16) \times 10^{-5}$		67
$e^+ e^-$	$(6.46 \pm 0.33) \times 10^{-8}$		67

- Collected about **14 billion events** in **Ag+Ag@1.58A GeV** experiment in March 2019
- New electromagnetic calorimeter **ECAL** is based on lead-glass modules -> detection of direct photons
- ECAL** was used for the first time
  - 4 sectors were installed in March 2019
  - by end of 2022 – full setup

ECAL in 2019



# Phase space and event characterization

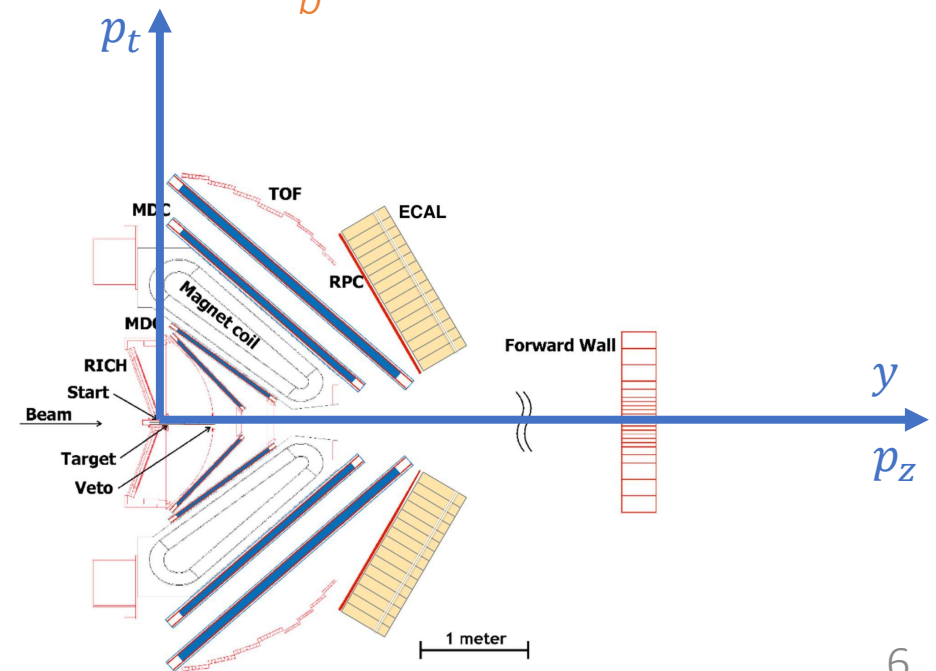
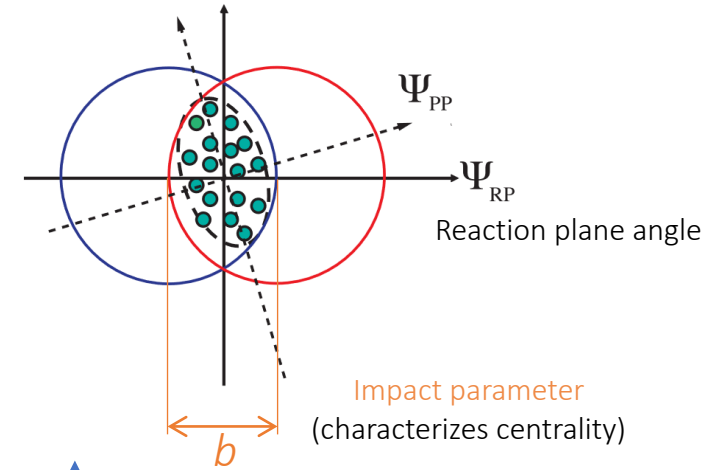
Rather than describe particle distribution, or phase space, in radial momentum coordinates with 3 variables, one can make a use of symmetry in an azimuthal angle and use 2 variables instead:

- For azimuthal component :  $p_t = \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2}$

- And along z axis, it is rapidity  $y = \ln \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z}$

which is more usable than velocity  $\beta$  of a particle.

Transverse momentum  $p_t$  and a rapidity difference  $\Delta y$  are invariant under Lorentz boosts along z.



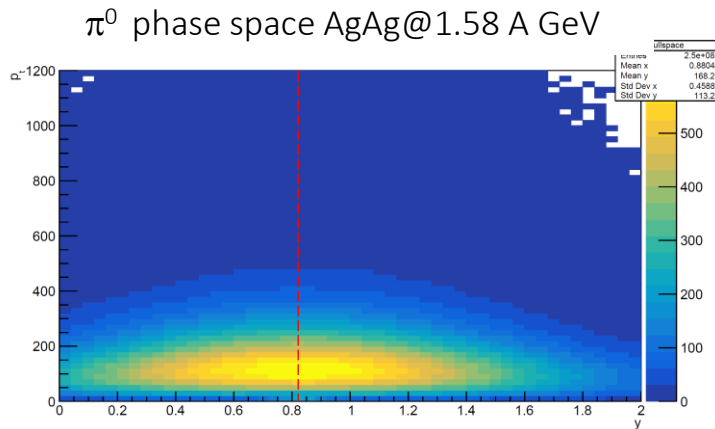
# Electromagnetic calorimeter

## Detectors modules

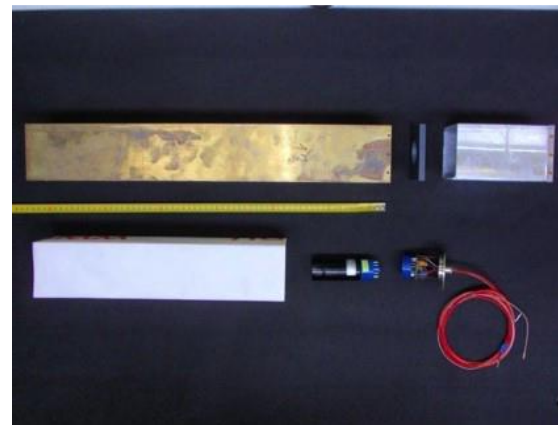
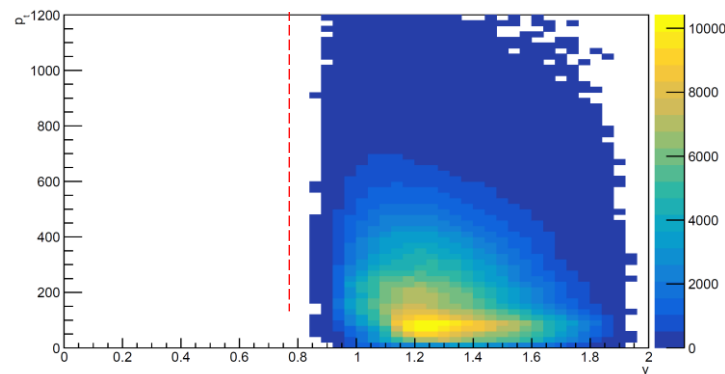
- 6 sectors covering  $12^\circ < \theta < 45^\circ$
- Cherenkov lead glass modules from OPAL end cap calorimeter (163 modules x 6 sectors = 978 each 16 kg)
- Module dimensions :  $9.4 \times 9.4 \times 60 \text{ cm}^3$

## PMT read out (with two different types)

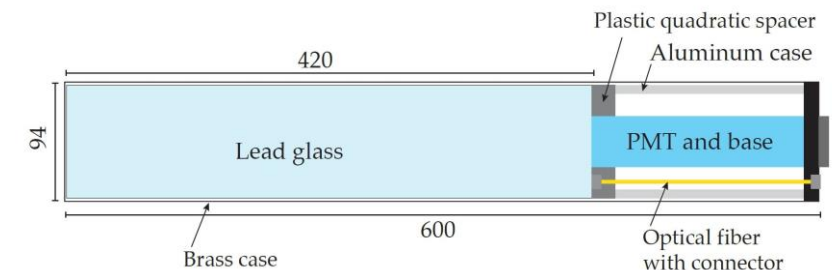
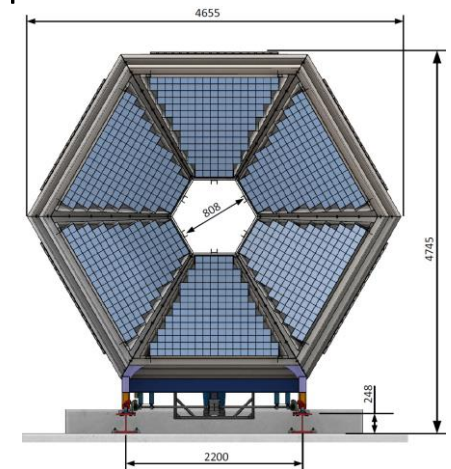
- EMI 9903kB (1.5")
- Hamamatsu R6091 (3")



phase space in acceptance of ECAL



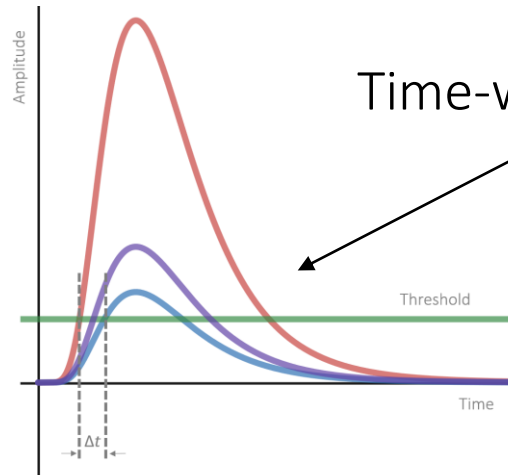
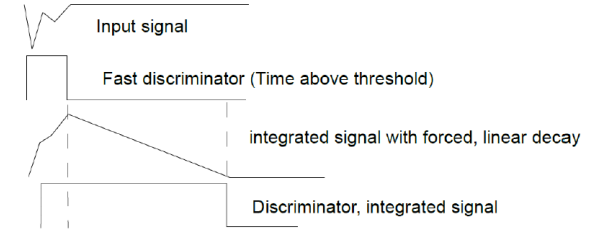
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# Calibration of ECAL by leptons

## COME & KISS \* : Charge Measurement with an FPGA

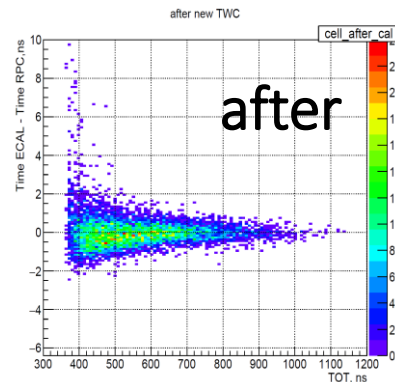
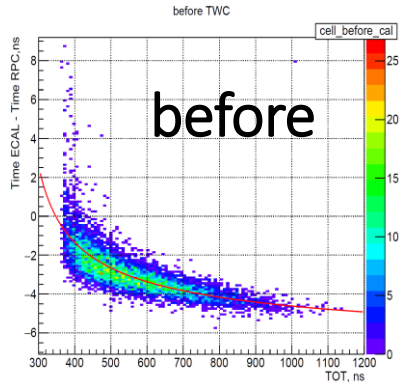
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Time-walk effect

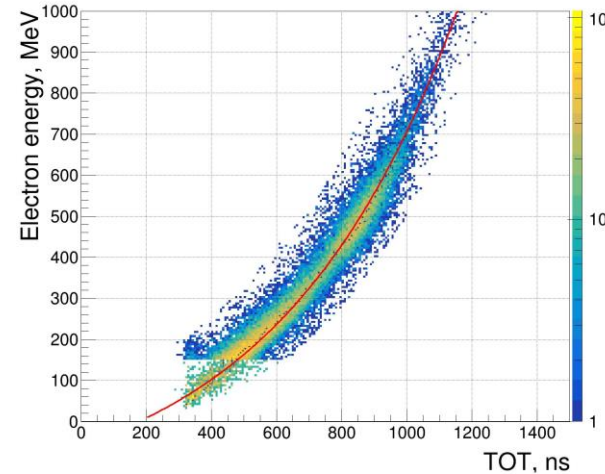
leptons develop in ECAL  
elmg. shower like  
photons

$$TWC = Time_{ECAL} - Time_{RPC} = a_0 + \frac{a_1}{\sqrt{TOT} - a_2}$$

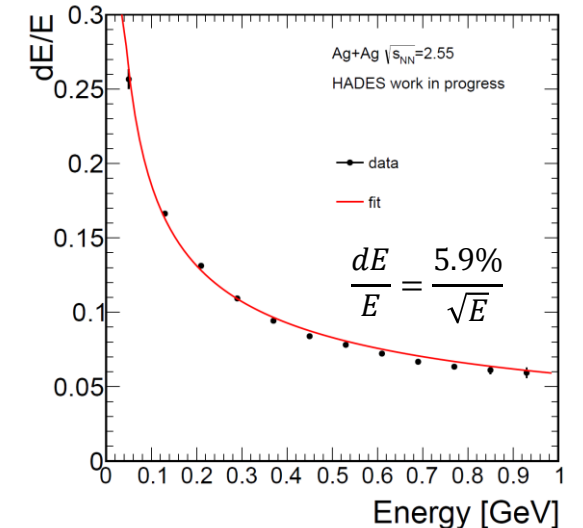


Time precision - 200ps

$$E = a_0 + \exp(a_1 + a_2 TOT)$$



$E \propto$  the charge of PMT signal  
 $\propto$  Time-over-Threshold



Energy precision -  
5.9%



# Neutral pion reconstruction via $\gamma\gamma$ decay

Photon definition :

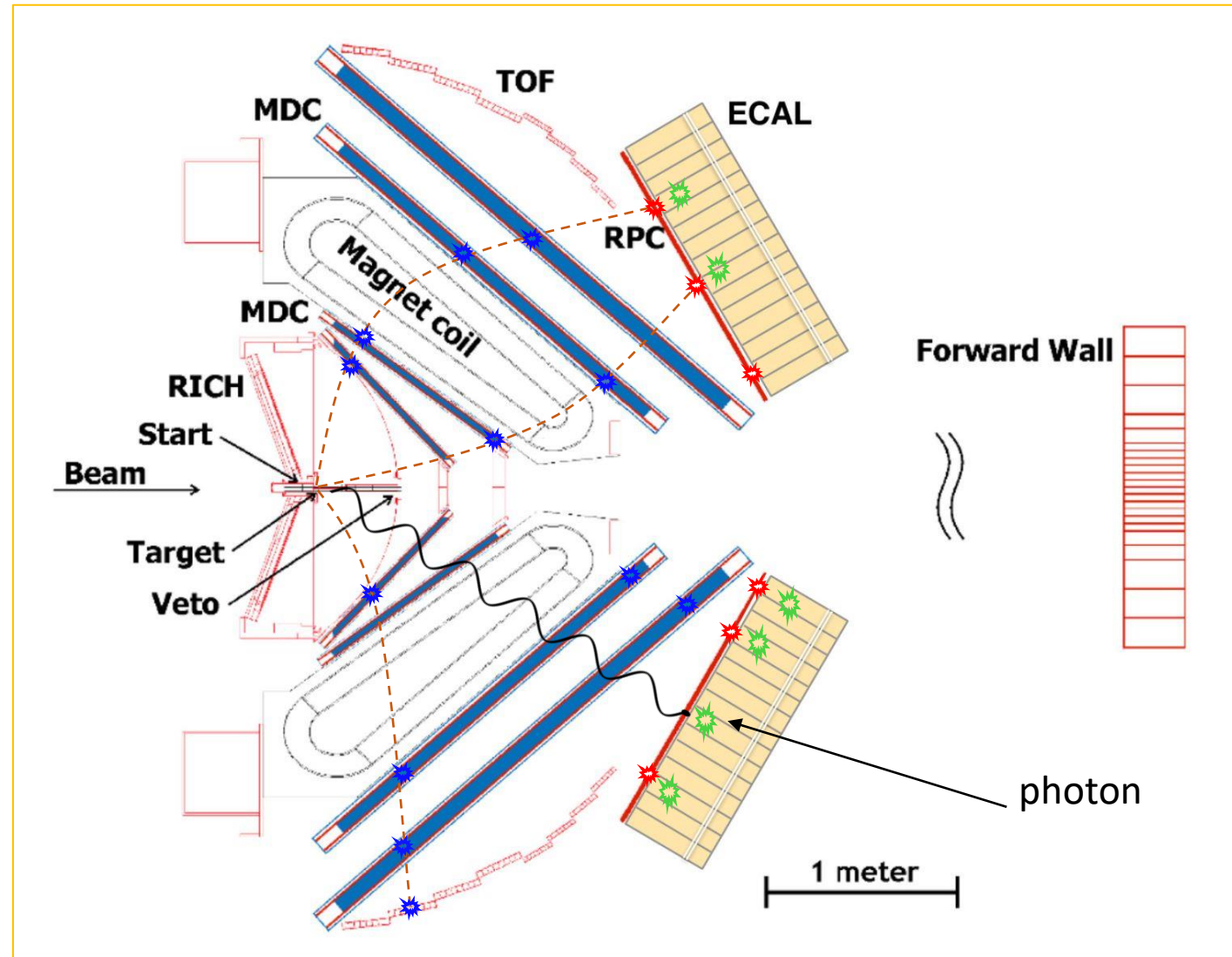
- ✳ No match with charged particle tracks
  - ✳ No match with charged hit
  - ✳ Signal in ECAL
- Minimum energy 100 MeV

Photon pair cut:

opening angle  $\theta_{op}$  cut  $> 6^\circ$

Phase space region:

- $0.1 < y_{cm} < 0.9$  – forward rapidity, almost covering midrapidity
- Access for low  $p_t$  region via 2-photon decay reconstruction



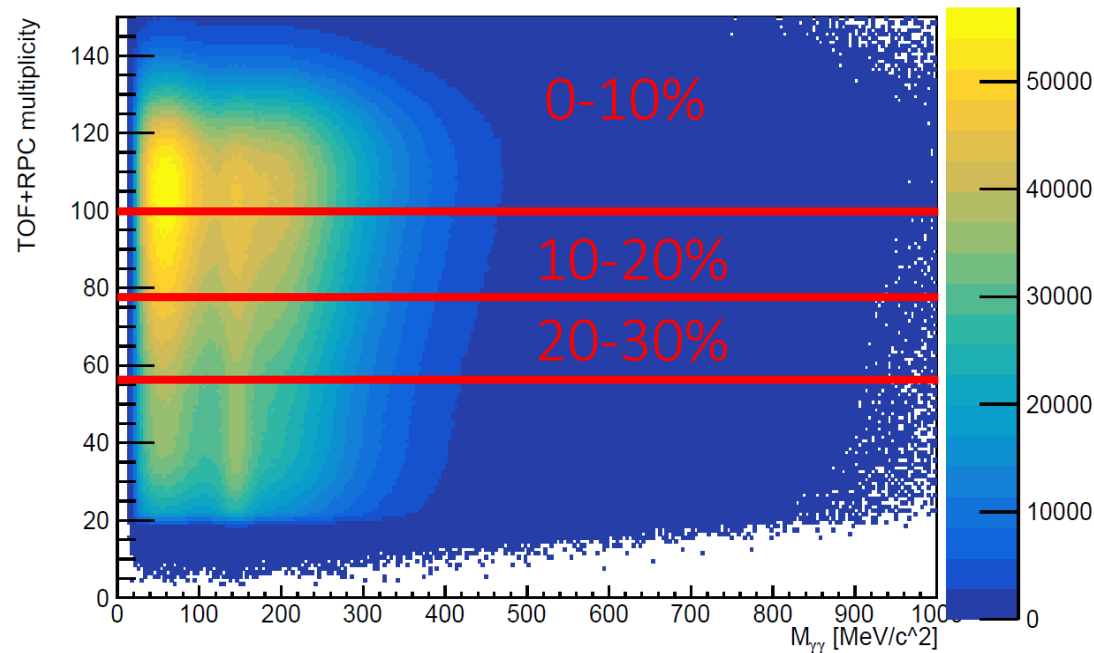
# Diphoton combinations

Events classification used for mixing:

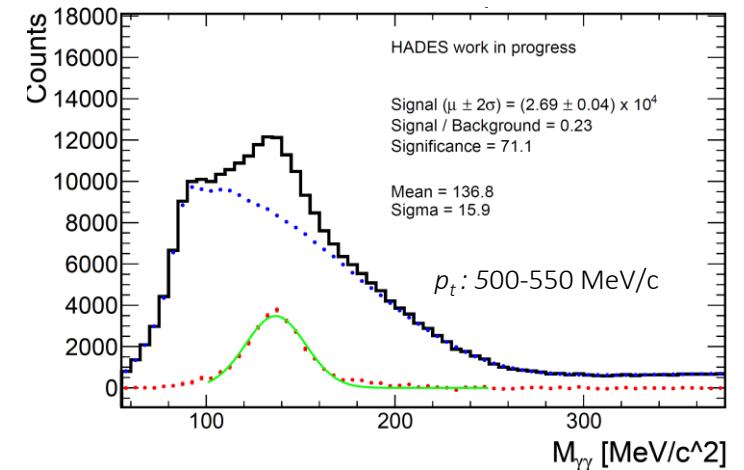
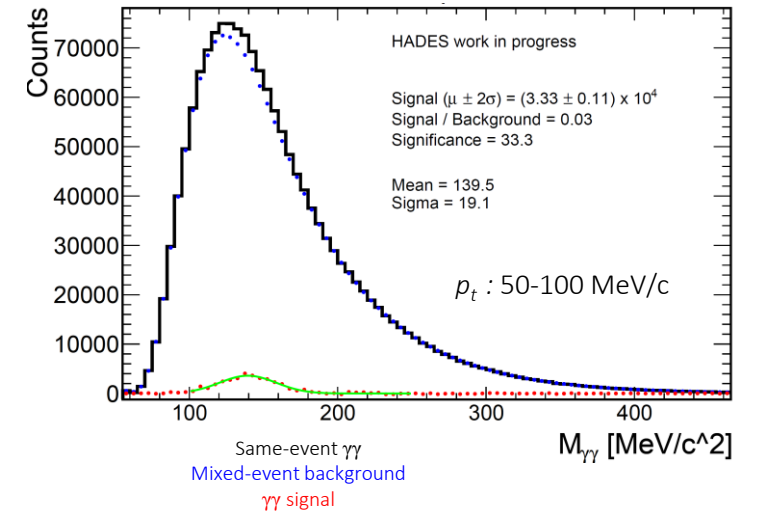
- centrality class
- photon multiplicity
- target segment

All – experimental data  
 CB – mixed-event  
 combinatorial background  
 Sig – signal

Centrality



$y_{cm}$  0.35-0.45, centrality 20-30%



# Calibration with pi0 peak position

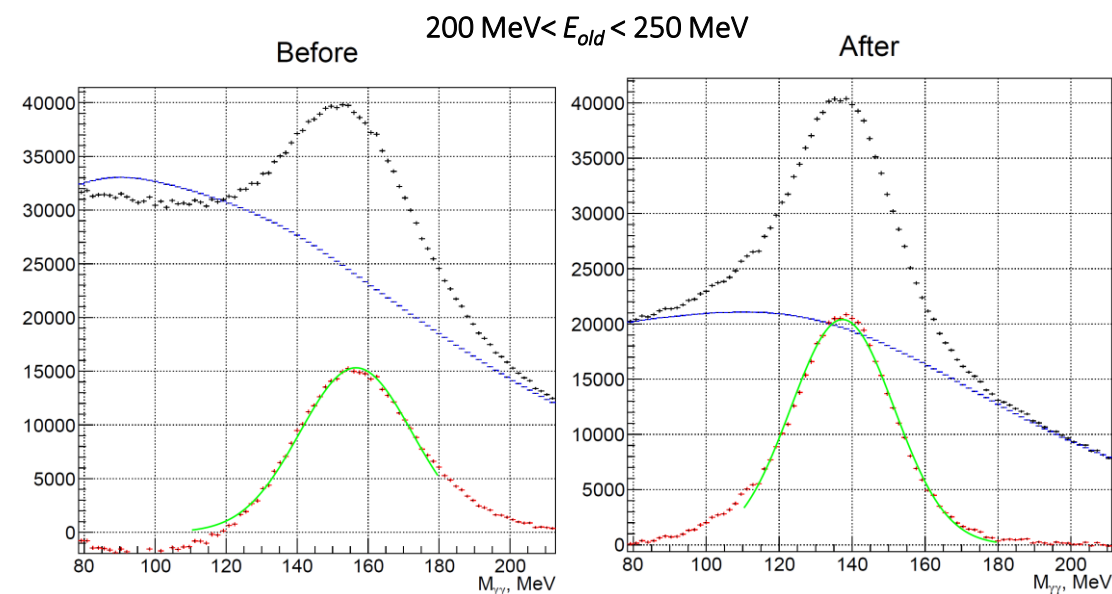
- Iteration steps:
  - For each cell, fill invariant mass distribution, where one photon is in the cell, second – anywhere in ECAL
  - Find  $\pi_0$  peak position by mixed-event CB subtraction
  - Calculate correction factor  $c_i = (m_{\pi_0} / m_i)^n$
  - Recalculate mass with new energies and repeat iterations  $E_{corr} = c_i * E_{i-1}$
  - In this case,  $c_i = c_i(E_{old})$

$$m_{\gamma\gamma} = \sqrt{2E_{\gamma,1}E_{\gamma,2}(1 - \cos \theta_{12})}$$

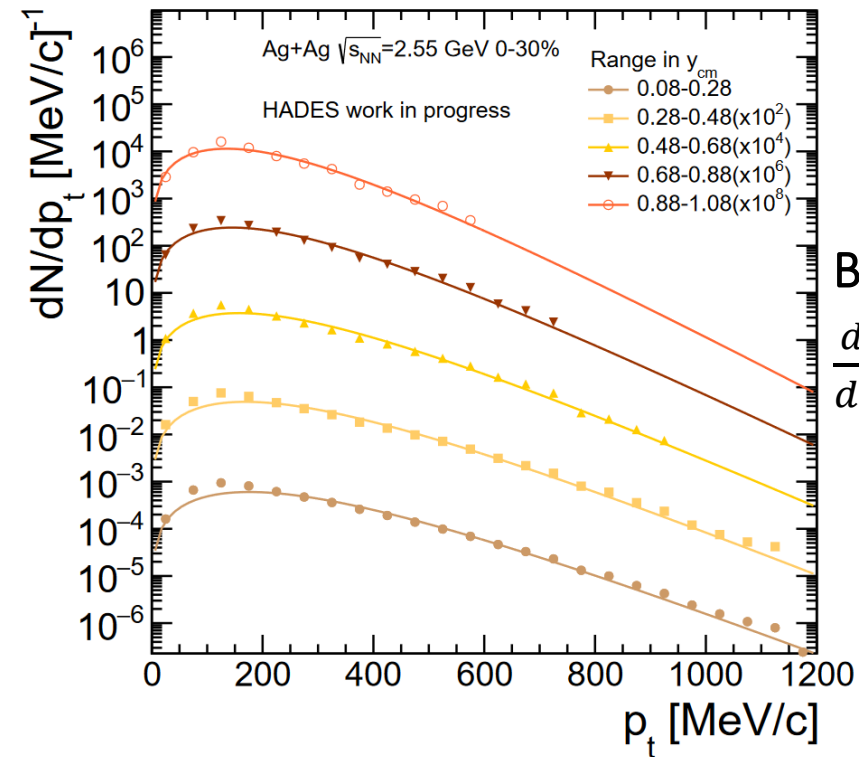
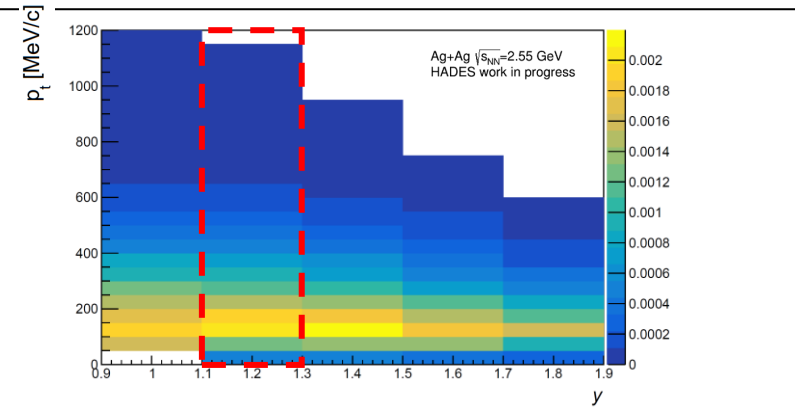
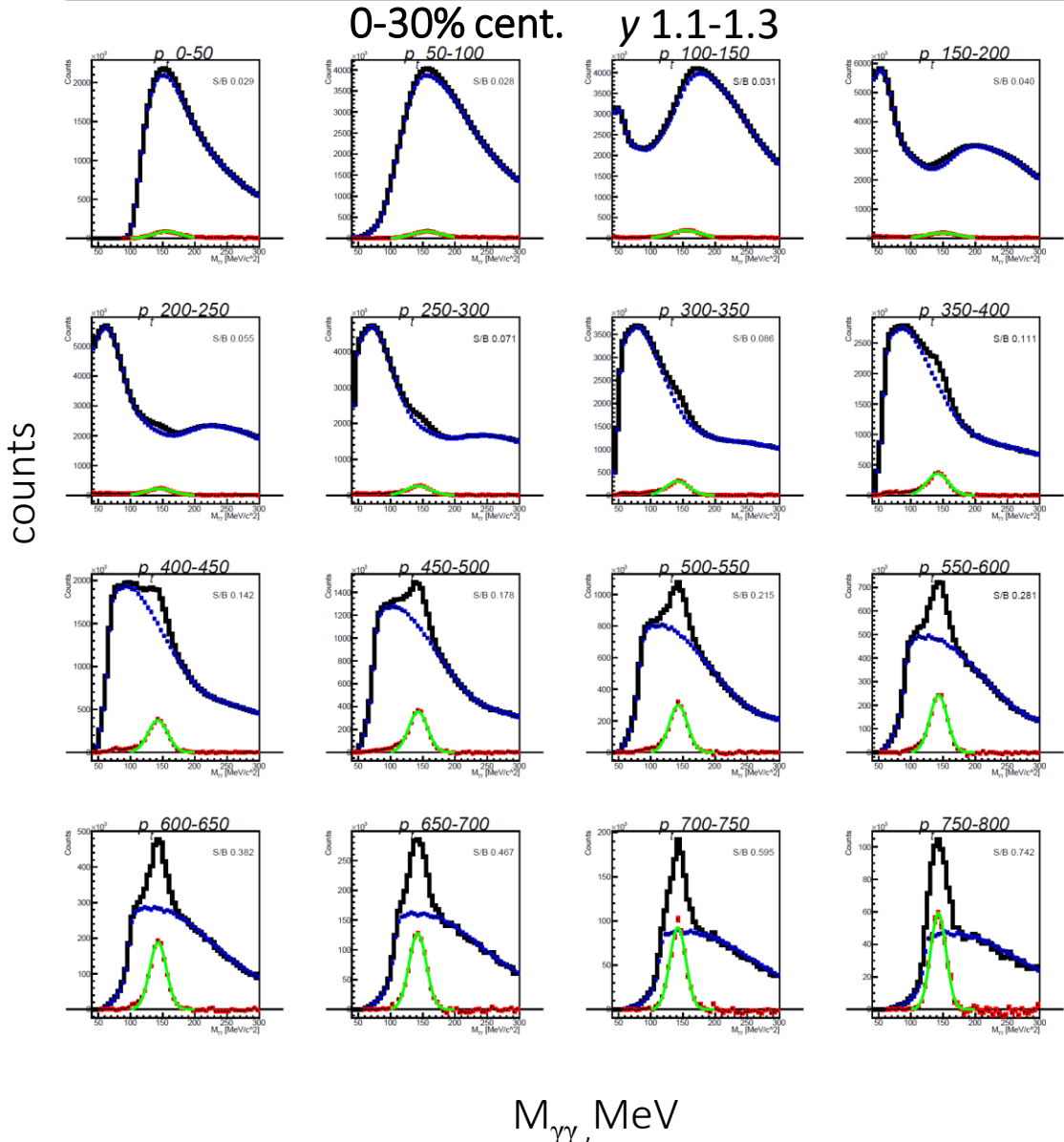
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# Multi-differential analysis

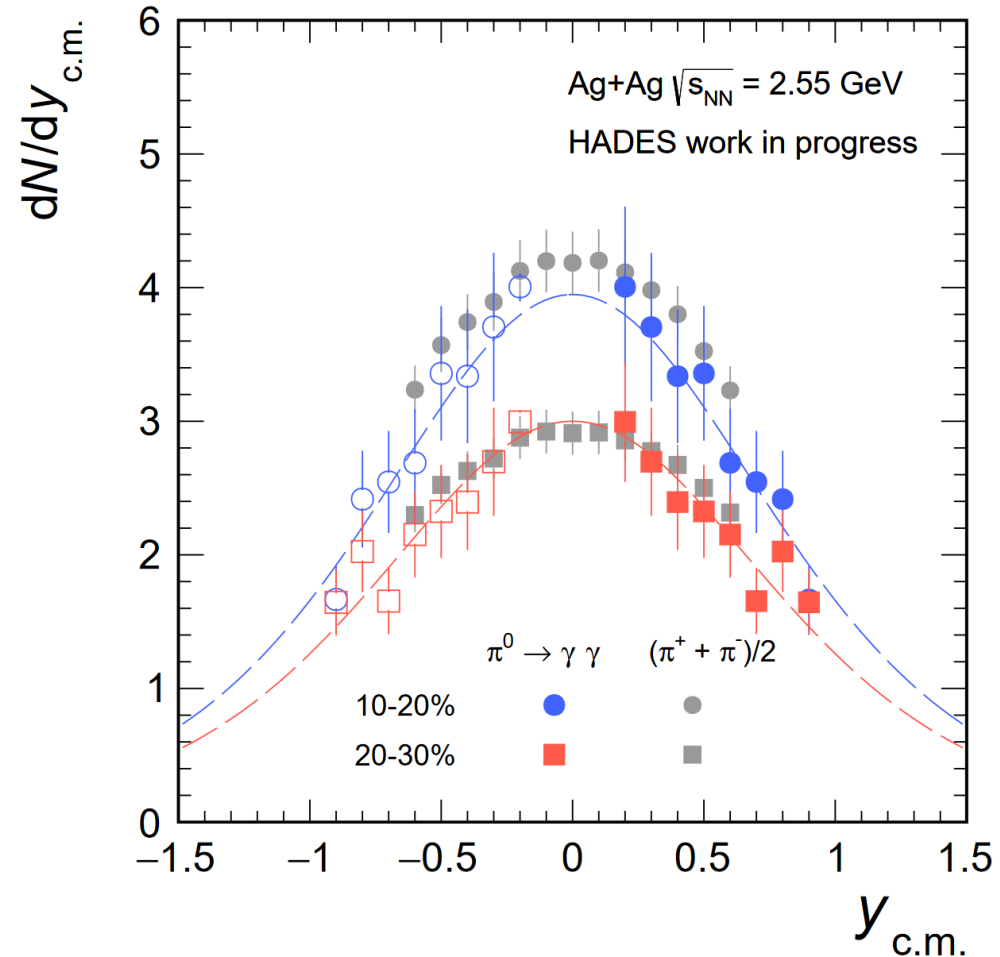


Boltzmann function:

$$\frac{dN}{dp_t} = C p_t m_t e^{-\frac{m_t}{T}}$$

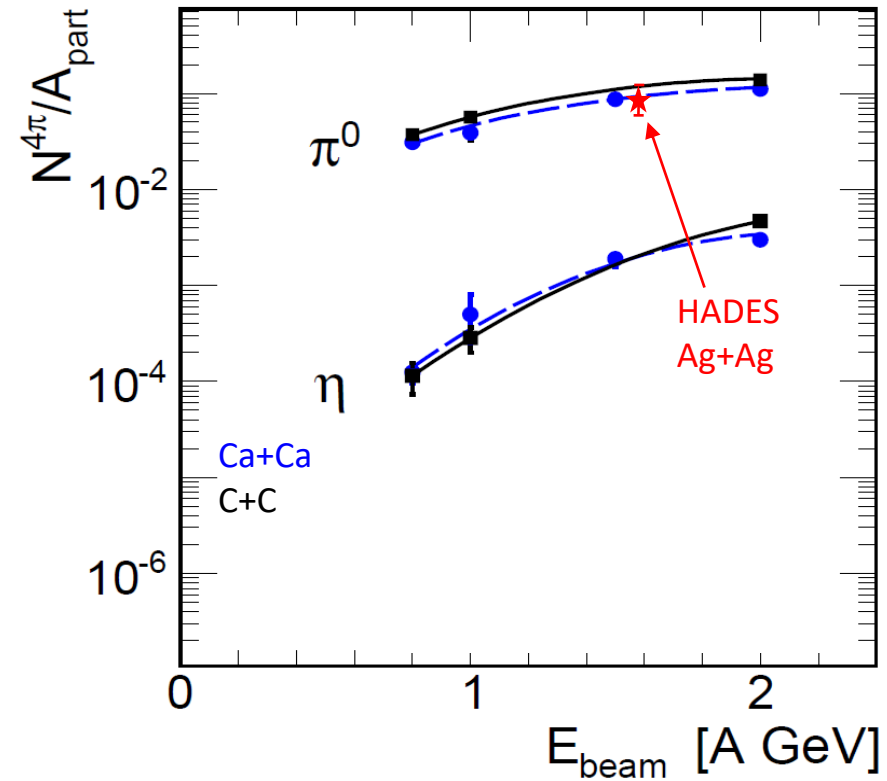
# Normalized pion multiplicity comparison for different collision systems

- Comparison with an average of charged pions yields
- Error bars represent the systematic uncertainties
- Quantitative agreement for selected centrality bins
- Most central bin 0-10% is not shown
  - Efficiency with high charged track occupancy is still under investigation



# Normalized pion multiplicity comparison for different collision systems

- HADES presented data extrapolated to  $4\pi$  using model (UrQMD)
- Consistency with world data (TAPS Collaboration)
- Systems are normalized by number of participants

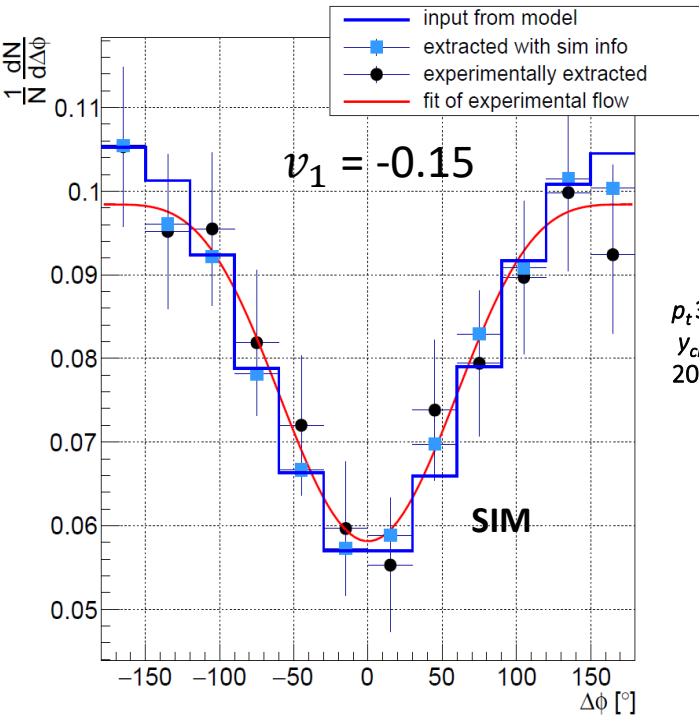


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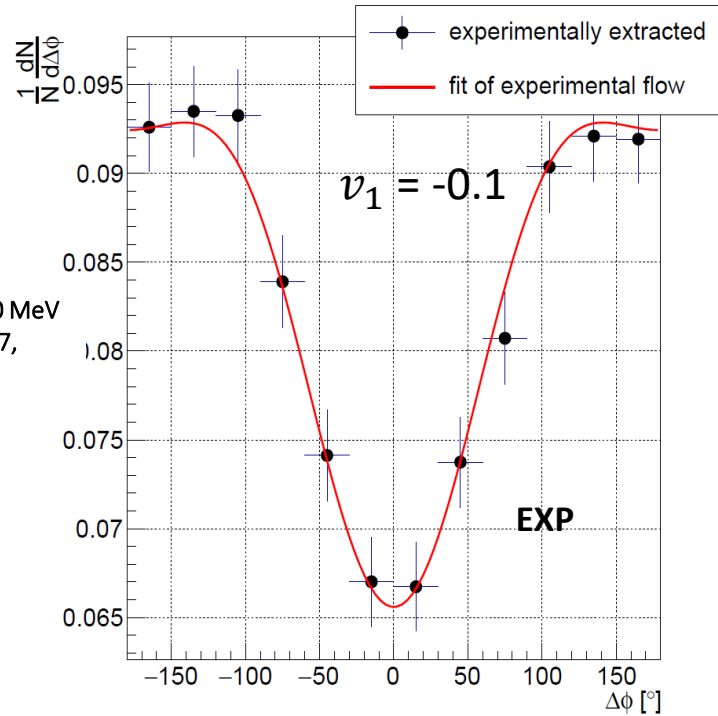
# Directed and Elliptic flow of neutral pion

Fourier decomposition:

$$\frac{dN}{d\Delta\varphi} \sim \left( 1 + 2 \sum v_n \cos(n \Delta\varphi) \right)$$



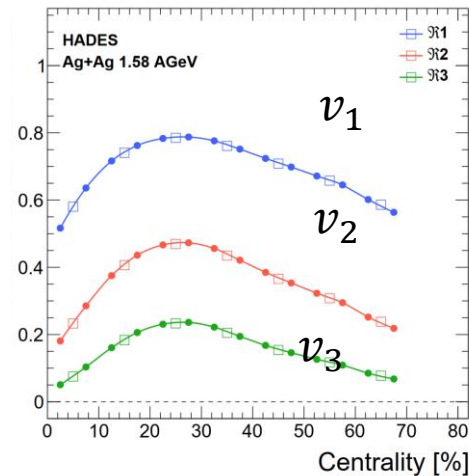
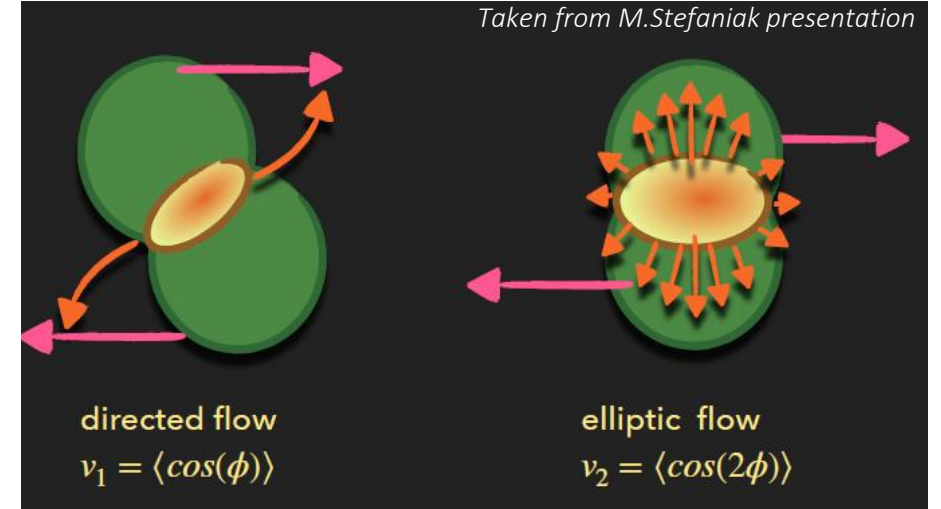
$p_t$  300-500 MeV  
 $y_{cm}$  0.5-0.7,  
 20-30%



$$\frac{dN}{d\Delta\varphi} = c * [1 + 2v_1 \cos(\Delta\varphi) + 2v_2 \cos(2\Delta\varphi)]$$

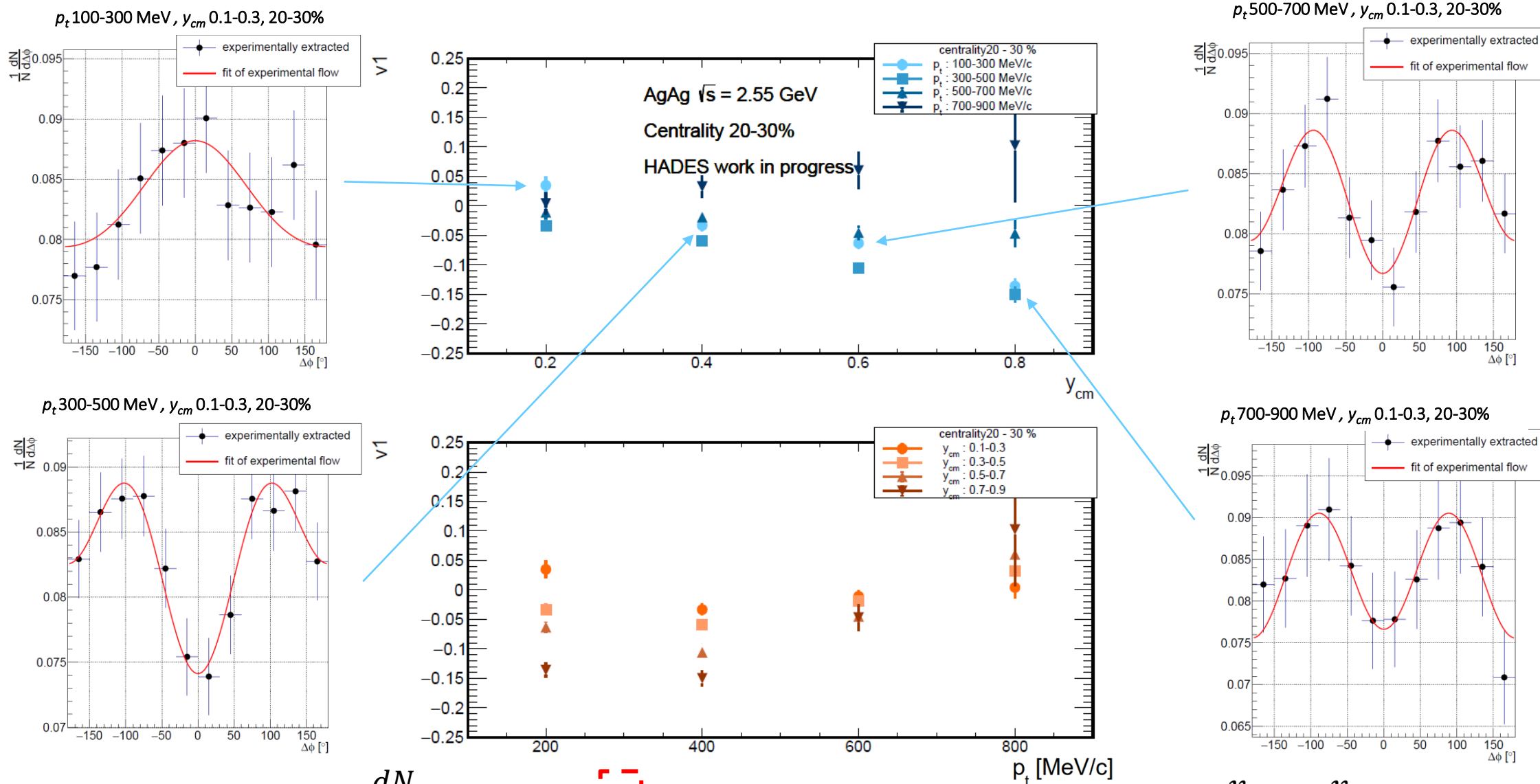
Directed flow

Elliptic flow



- Reaction plane angle is reconstructed using Forward Wall Detector
- Event plane resolution determined from sub-event resolution and is accounted for. Based on Ollitrault method

# Directed flow of neutral pion



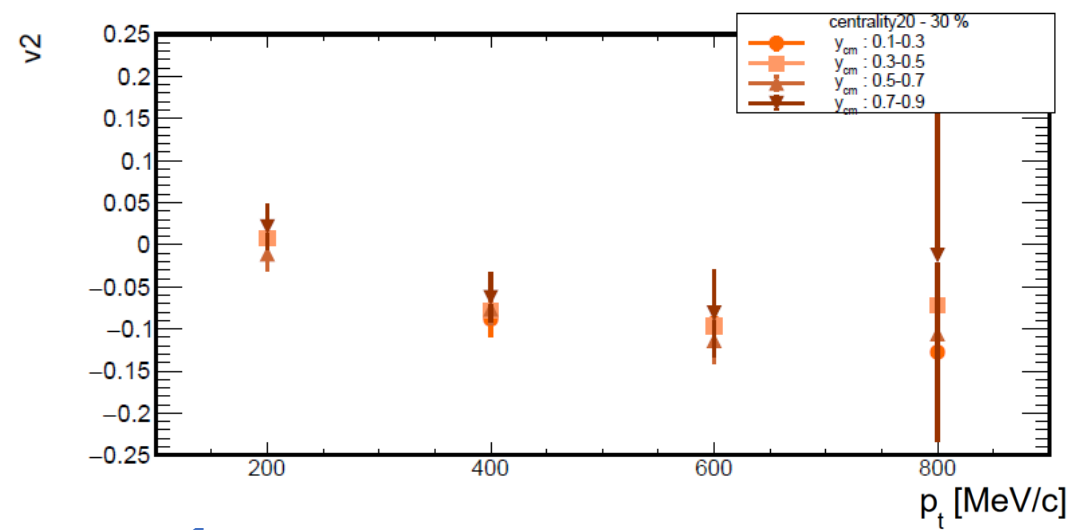
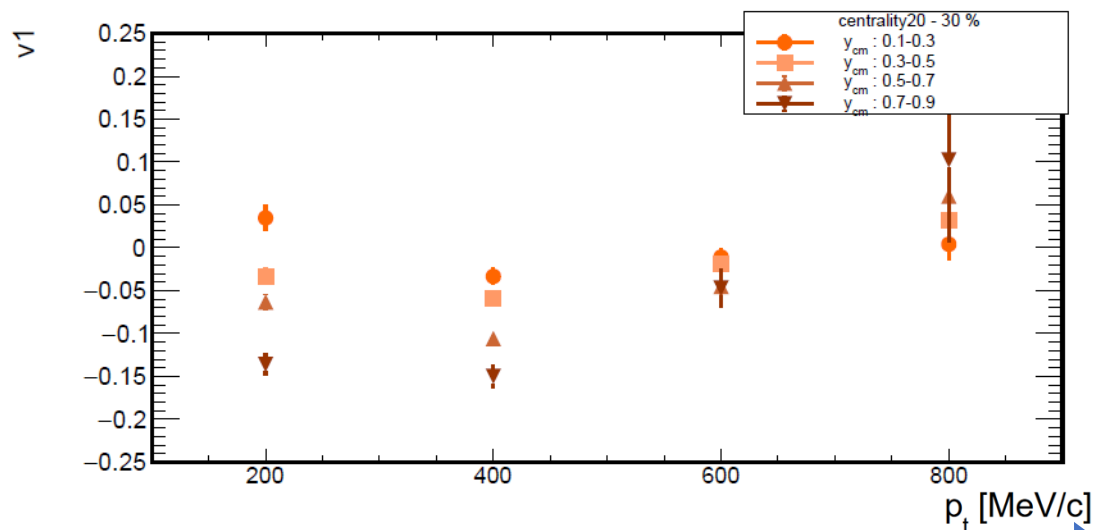
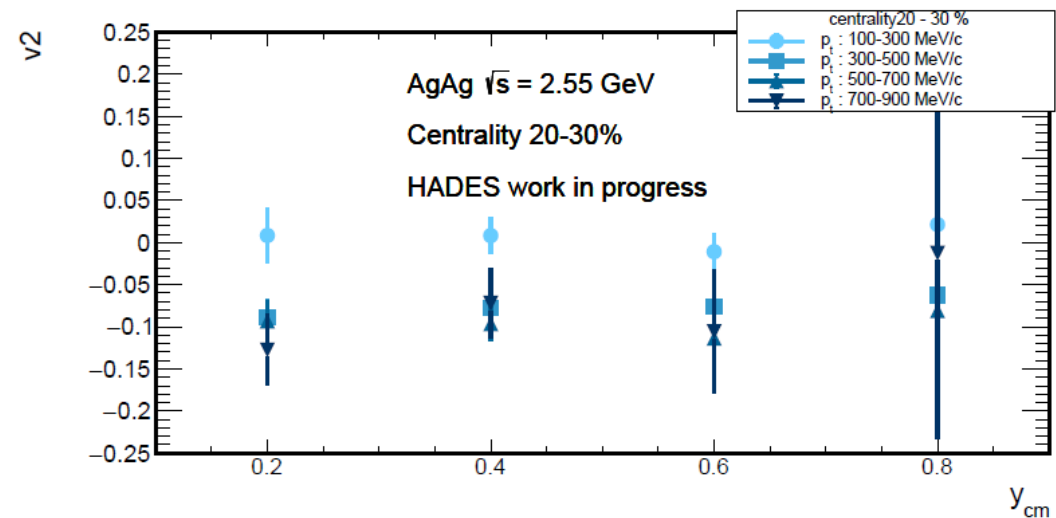
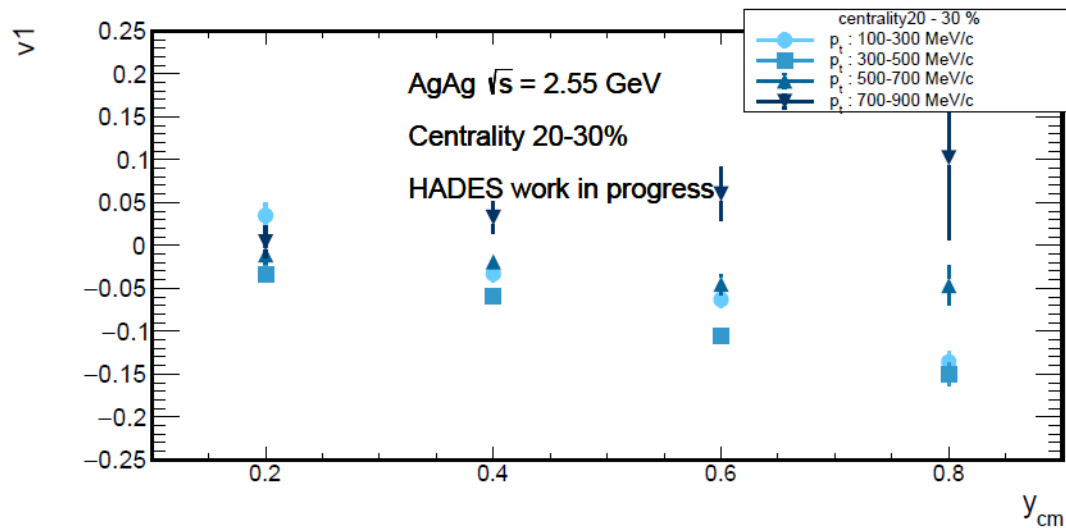
$$\frac{dN}{d\Delta\phi} = c * [1 + 2v_1 \cos(\Delta\phi) + 2v_2 \cos(2\Delta\phi)]$$

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$$\widetilde{v}_1 = \frac{v_1}{R_{corr}} = \frac{v_1}{0.8}$$



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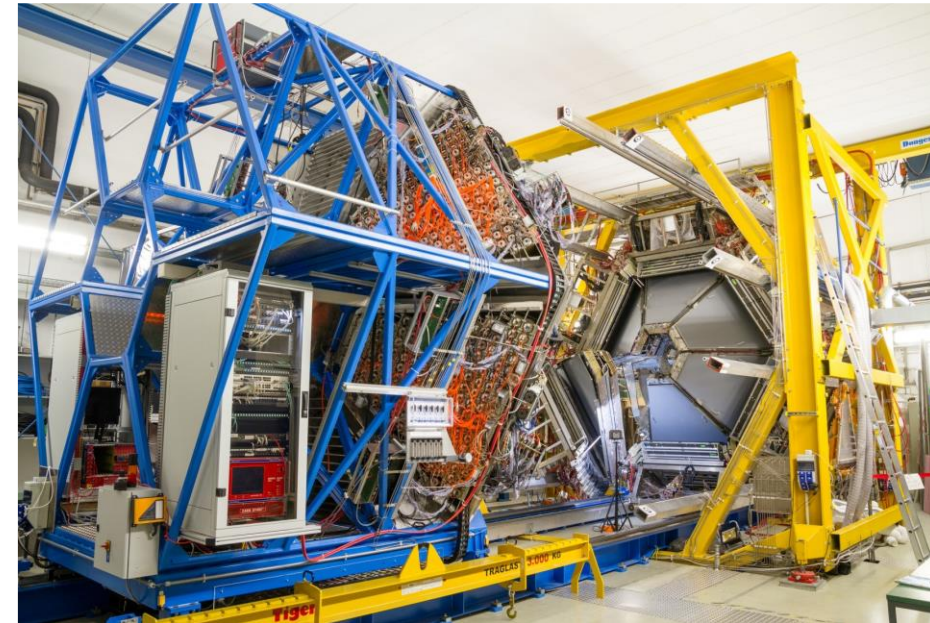
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# Summary and Outlook

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- A newly installed electromagnetic calorimeter was successfully used in experiment
- A calibration of ECAL based on leptons and  $\pi^0$  peak was performed – achieved 5,9% energy precision
- First results on neutral pion yields at such energies in heavy projectile-target collision system and comparison to the world data – an input to world systematics
- Preliminary flow results of neutral pions is presented and will be compared to various transport models.



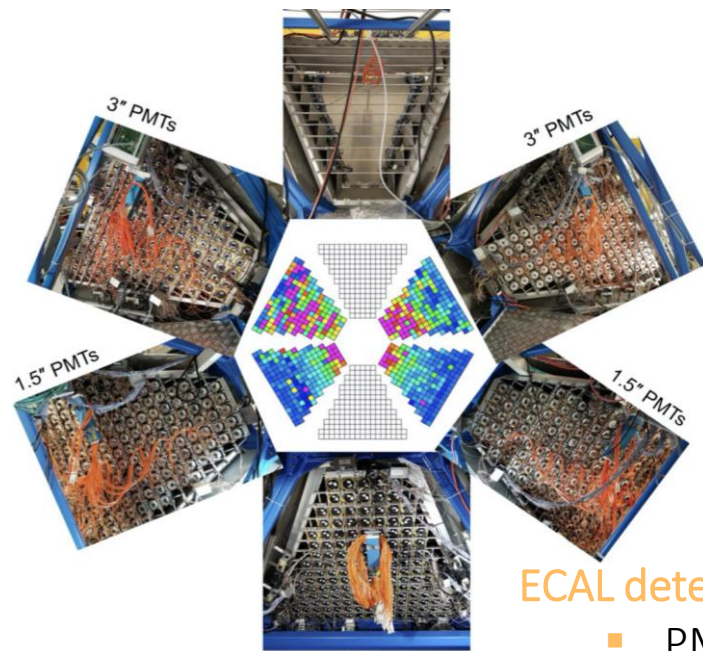
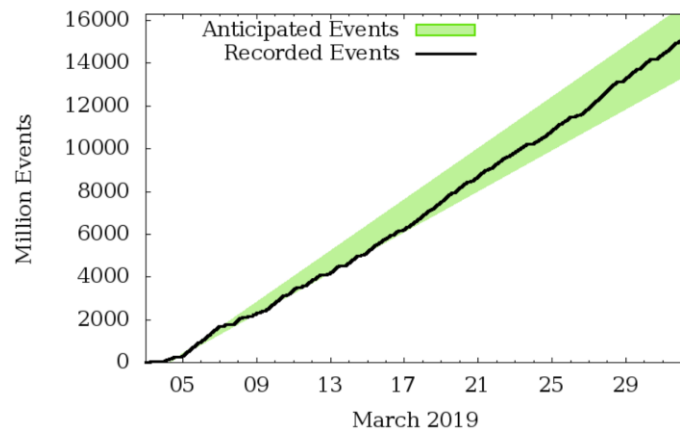


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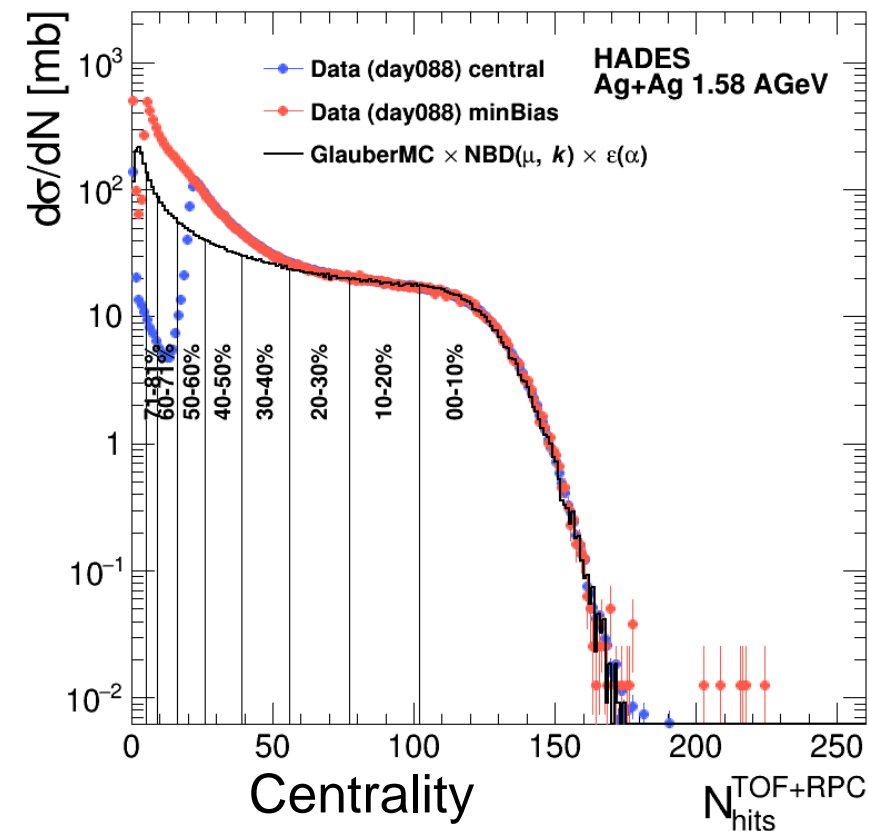
# Ag+Ag@1.58 AGeV beam time 2019 and performance

- In March of 2019 - experiment Ag+Ag at 1.58 AGeV
- 15 billion events collected
- 16-18 kHz event rate
- FAIR Phase-0 program



ECAL detector was used for the first time

- PMT readout with two different types
- 4 sectors ready for beamtime in 2019
- 5th ready now, 6th in 2022



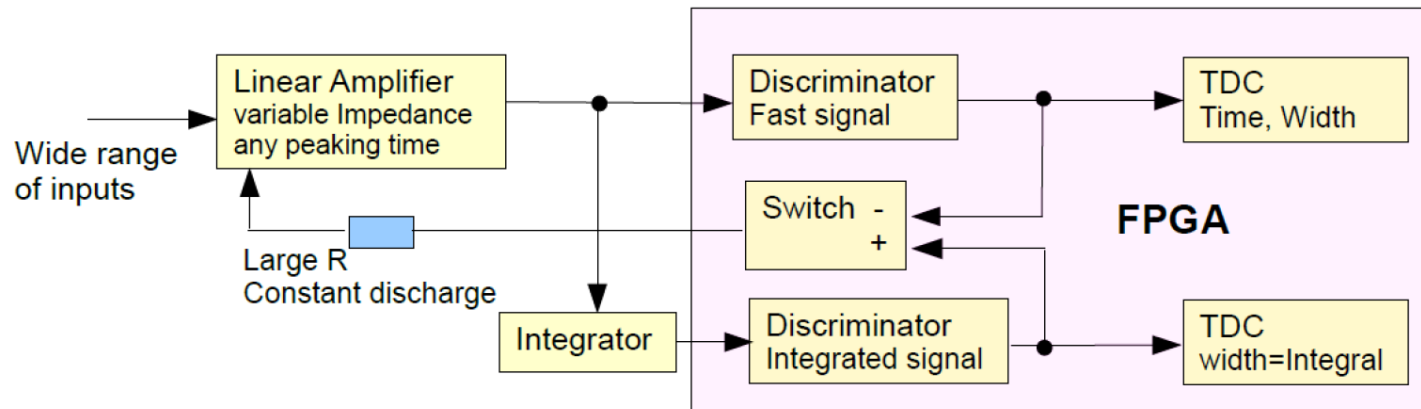
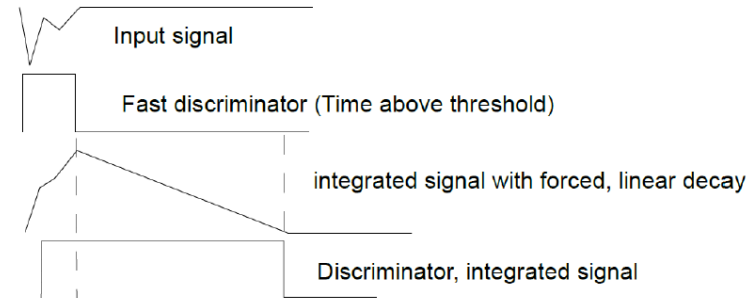
- ▶ 0-30% most central
- ▶ Deduced from a Glauber MC model

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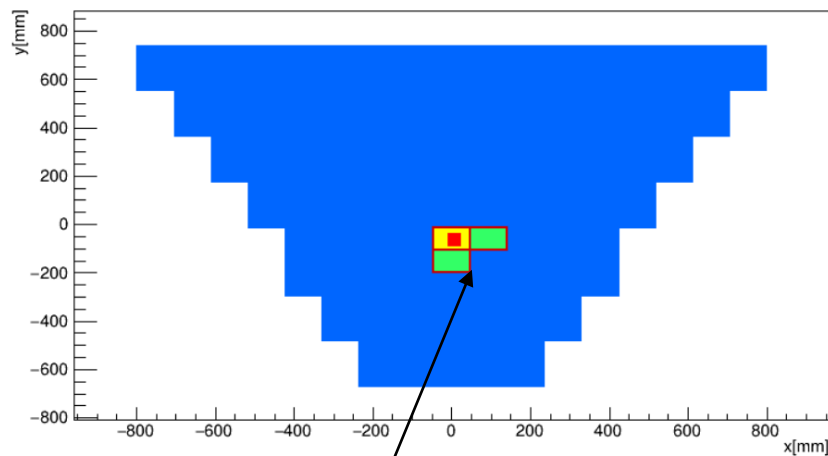
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# Clustering in ECAL

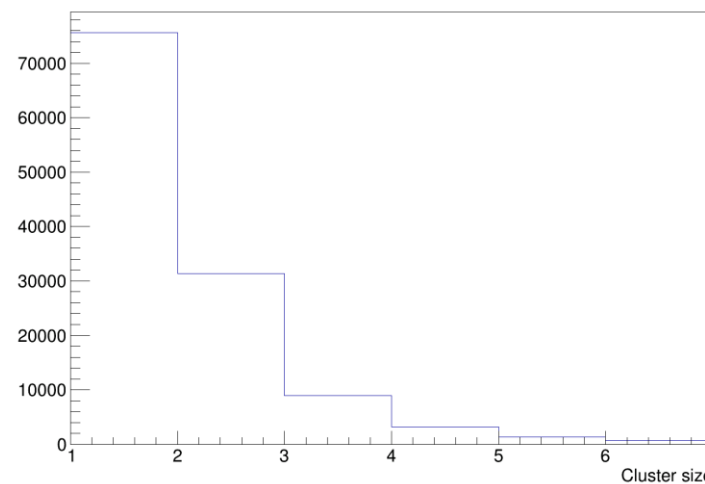


Cluster size 3 photon

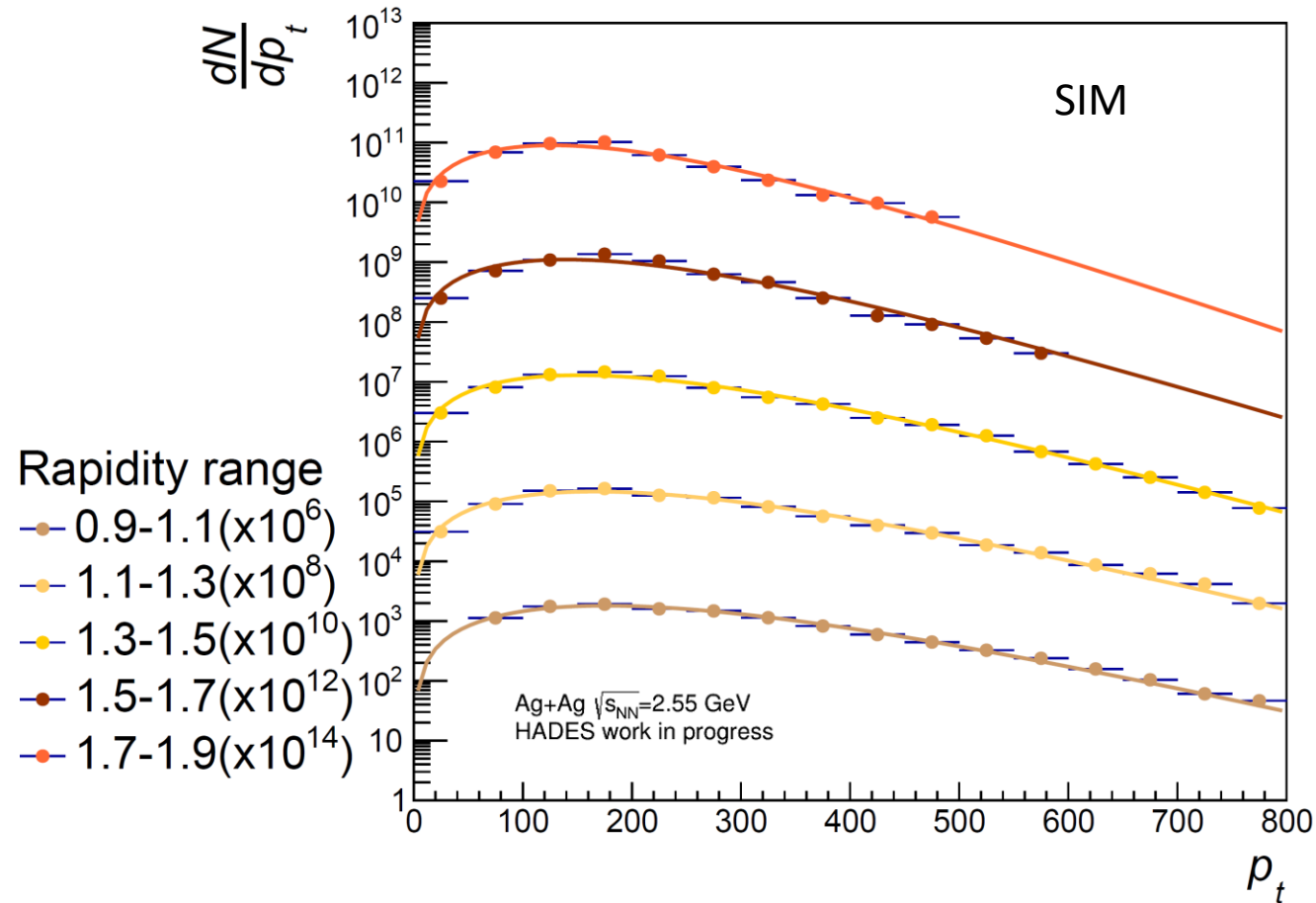
Several adjacent fired modules are grouped in so-called **clusters**.

For the calibration ->  
use only cluster size 1 leptons

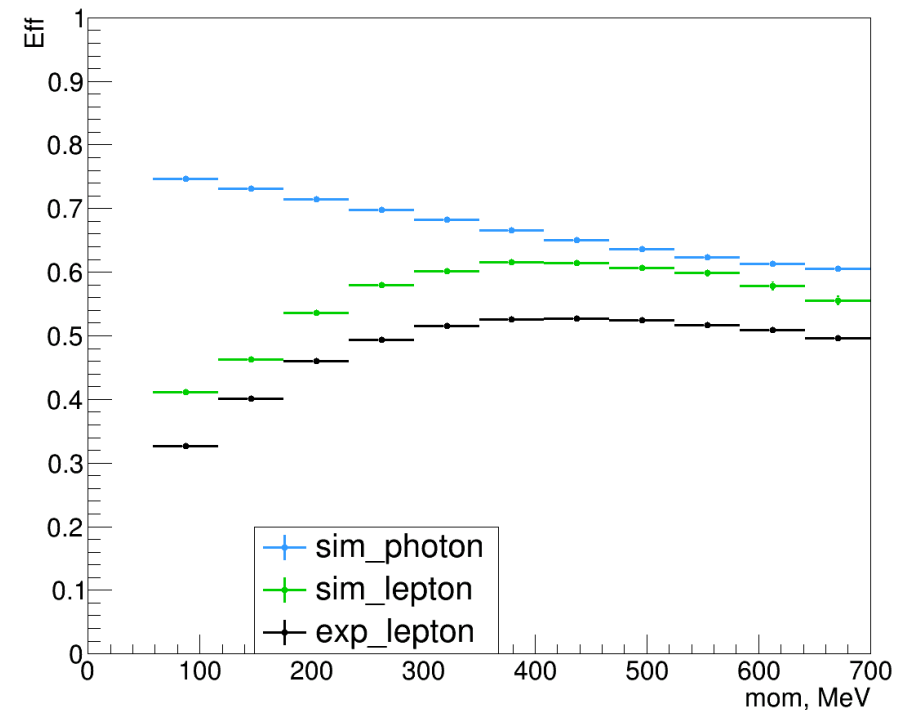
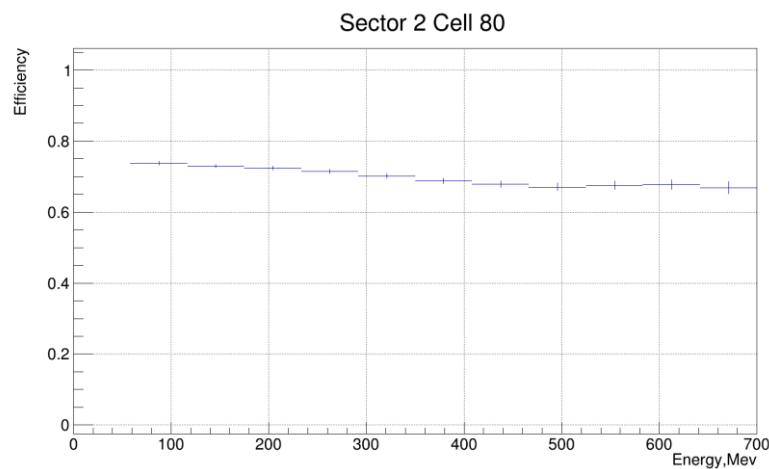
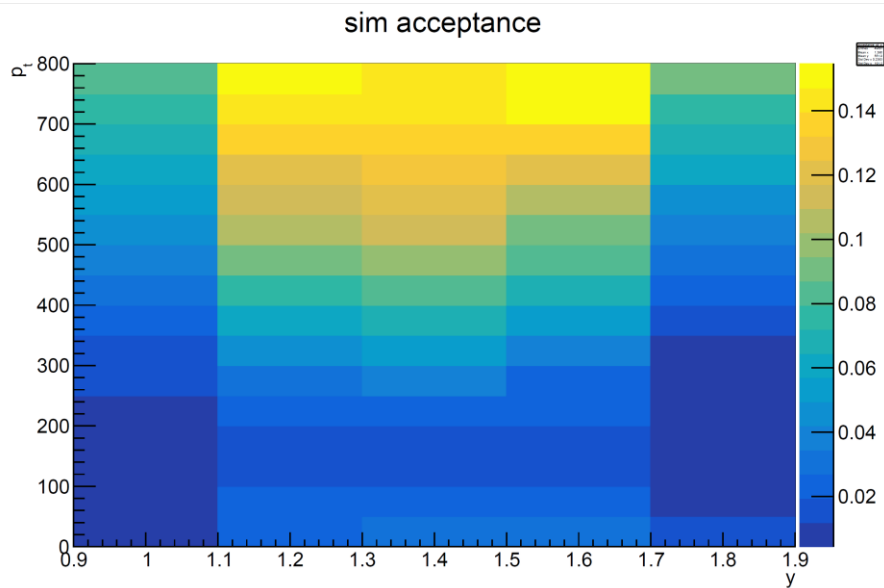
Photon cand distribution



# GEANT+analyzed+eff.correcrcd+acceptance corrected



# Efficiency



$$Efficiency_{\gamma} = \frac{\text{identified photons from primary } \pi_0}{\text{all emitted photons from primary } \pi_0}$$

$$Efficiency_{e^{\pm}} = \frac{\text{identified leptons in ECAL}}{\text{identified leptons in HADES}}$$

(wrt. photon acceptance)