Global electron particle identifier(s) for CBM

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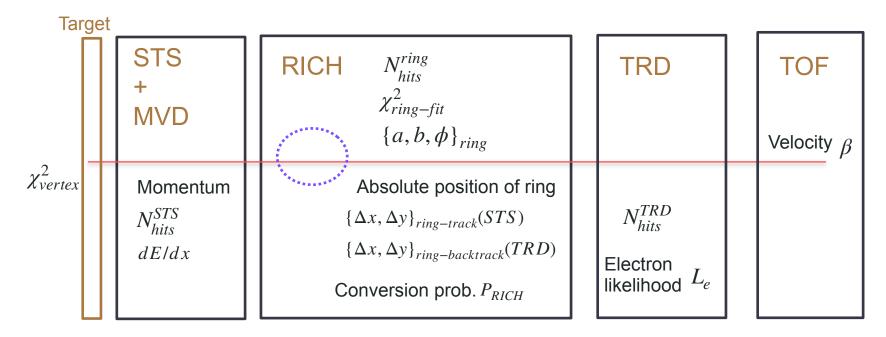
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Electrons

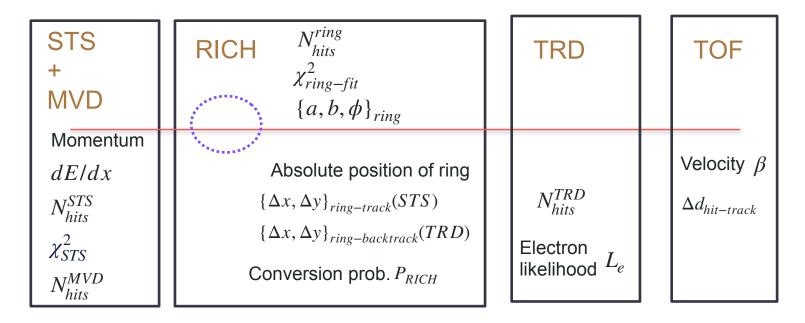
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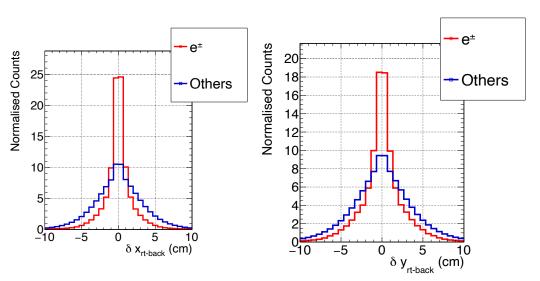


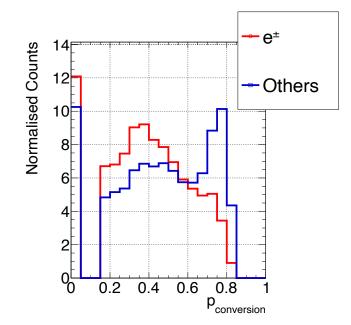
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- Objective: **Electron vs others** -> ID secondary electrons, and then to reject them using topological cuts.



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Ring-backtrack distances:

Global track fitted in TRD and extrapolated back to RICH

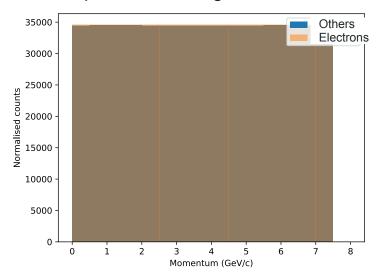
Each ring is tagged with a probability that it is a ring from untracked conversion electron tracked in TRD by searching TRD hits which are not matched to any global track.

https://indico.gsi.de/event/19534/contributions/82142/attachments/48620/80235/electron_id.pdf



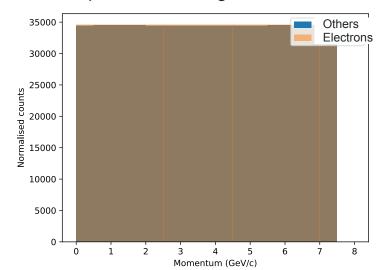
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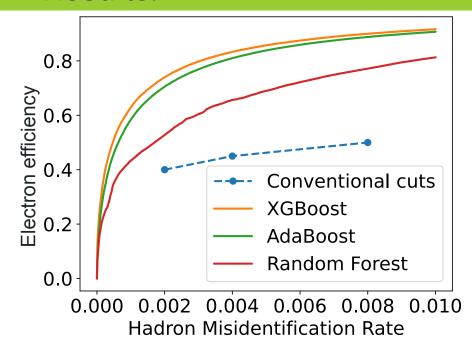
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- 3 models: Ensemble of decision trees
 - Bagging: Random forest
 - Gradient boosting: xGBoost
 - Adaptive boosting: AdaBoost
- 500×10^3 electrons, 500×10^3 others.
- Hyper-parameters are optimised by a combination of grid and random search methods.



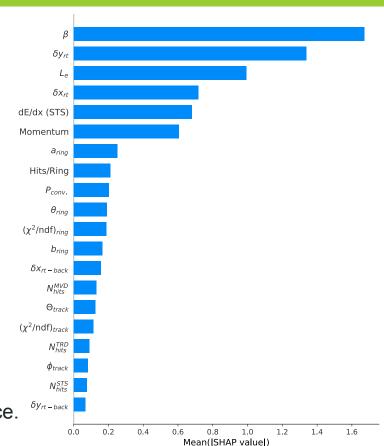
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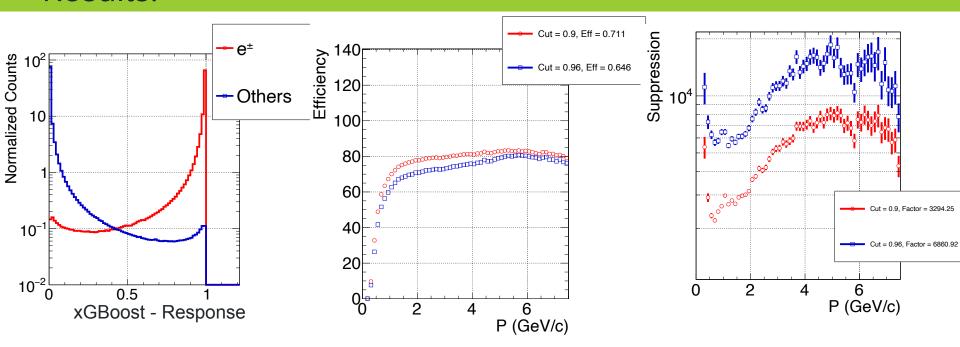




All variables have influence on the model performance.



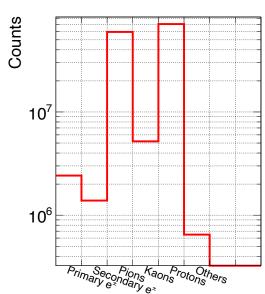
Results:



- xGBoost model is imported into ONNX format and integrated into CBMROOT simulation.
- Good response -> can be used by cutting on the response values.

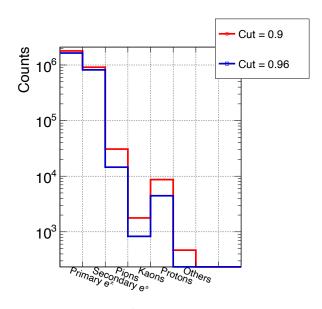
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Accepted tracks



Number of events = 1×10^6

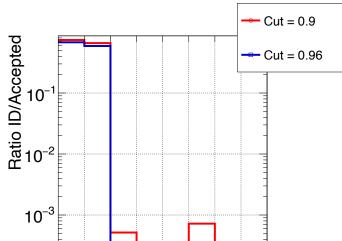
Identified tracks



Primary e^{\pm} : LMVM + QGP (unweighted)

Accepted:

Reconstructed track + 2 TRD hits + 1 TOF hits



Ratio

Proton suppression > 10^4 Pion suppression > 6×10^3

Primary explores Pions Raons Protons Others

 10^{-4}



Outlook:

- Understand the response in different momentum regime -> Scrutinise input features.
- Test the model for different collision setups and energies.
- Possibly test on "Anything can go wrong" data sample.
 - Broader ring track distance distribution.
 - Lower momentum resolution.
- Need for a portable tracker for TRD -> Standalone tracks in TRD
 - Important for backtracking, and help in reducing mismatches in TOF.

Hadrons

Global hadron identification scheme:

- No standard hadron identification -> especially combining all detectors.
- In some analysis, 1D or even 2D cuts are employed.
- Need for a global hadron identification scheme, similar to the one we developed for electrons.

STS + MVD	RICH N_{hits}^{ring} R_{ring} $\Delta d_{ring-track}$	TRD	TOF Velocity
Momentum $N_{hits}^{STS}, N_{hits}^{MVD}$ dE/dx χ_{STS}^{2}		N_{hits}^{TRD} dE/dx χ^2_{TRD}	$\Delta d_{hit-track}$

Global hadron identification scheme:

- Application of machine learning is foreseen.
- Unlike simple electron vs others, implementation could be complicated due to multi-class classification.
- Preliminary Strategy:
 - 1. Using RICH for pion ID for tracks with momenta above 4.7 GeV/c and for electron veto.
 - 2. Different strategy for kaons (?).
- Ideas:
 - 1. DNN -> Multiple outputs, easy to build, usually model-heavy, slow.
 - 2. Decision tree ensembles: Multiple models. Light, fast, and better efficiency (inspired by LHCb).
- System and energy independent training.

Work in progress!

Thank you

Conventional cuts:

MVD hits: 0-4 (integer)

STS hits: 0-8 (integer)

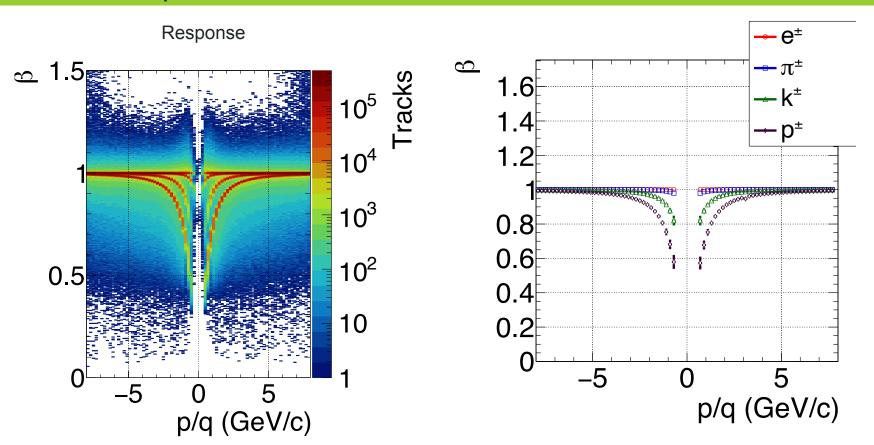
STS dE/dx = 20-40 (60 bins)

Mass squared : 0-0.1 (100 bins).

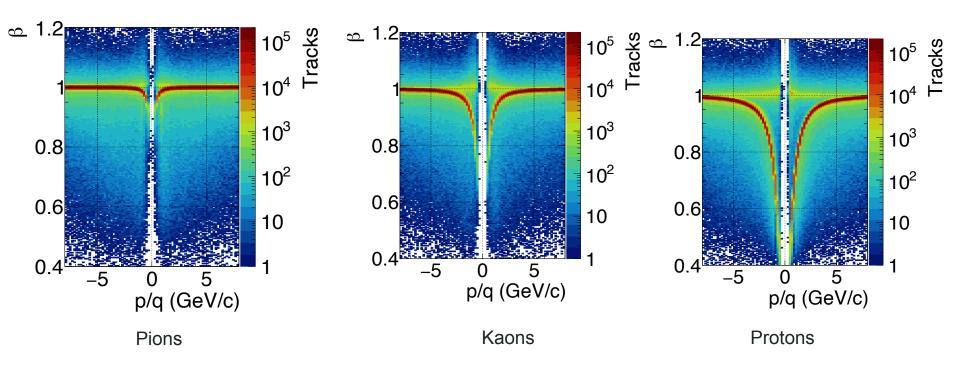
Likelihood: 0.3-1 (70 bins)

RICH xGBOOST response : 0.3-1 (70 bins)

TOF response:

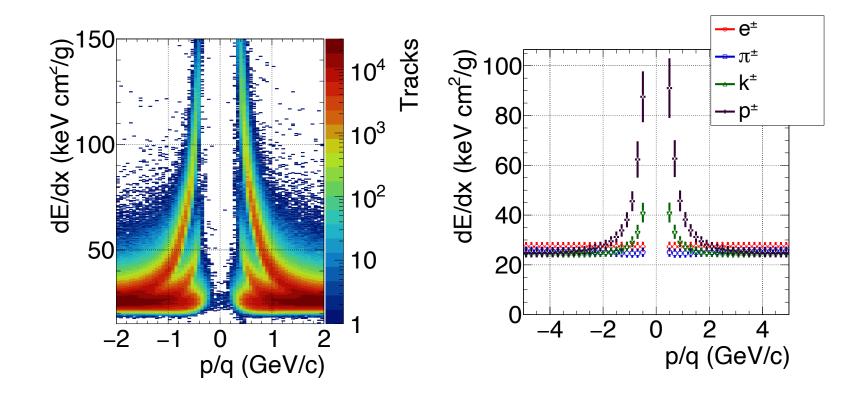


Individual response:



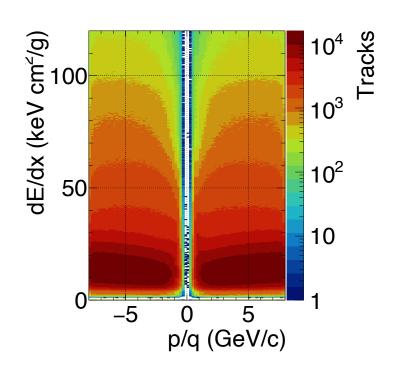


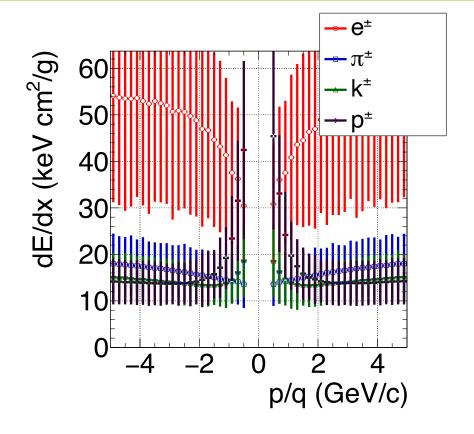
STS response:



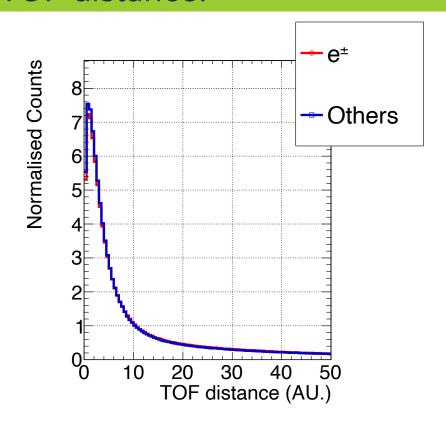


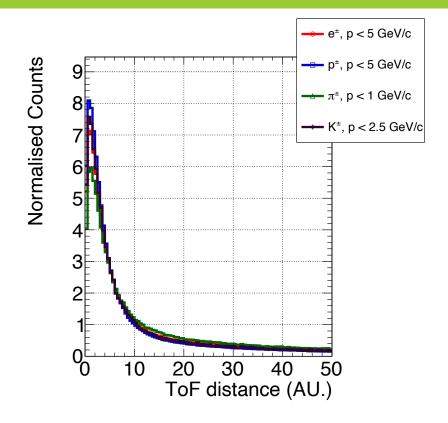
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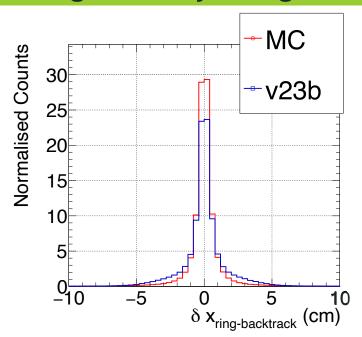


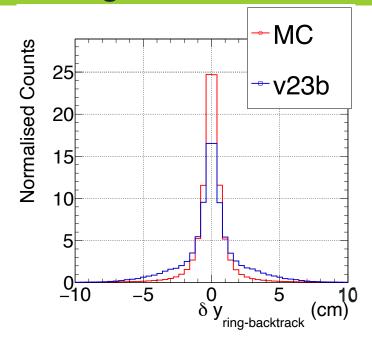
TOF distance:





TRD23 geometry: Ring track matching distances

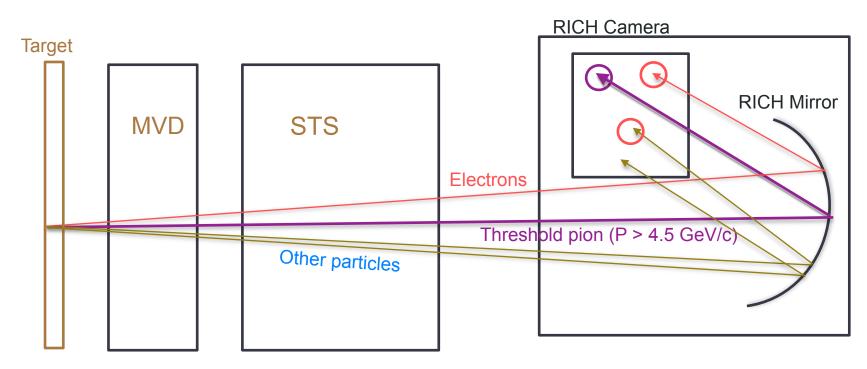




Primary electrons : $\{inmed - \rho, \, \omega, \phi, \, qgp\} \rightarrow e^+e^-$ MC: TRD hits smeared with anticipated TRD2D resolution Reduced but acceptable ring-backtrack distances

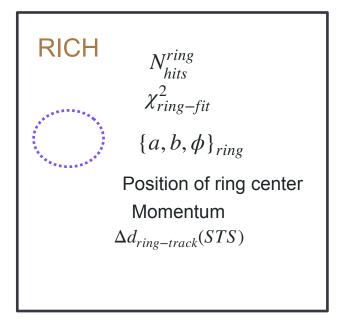


Rings and tracks

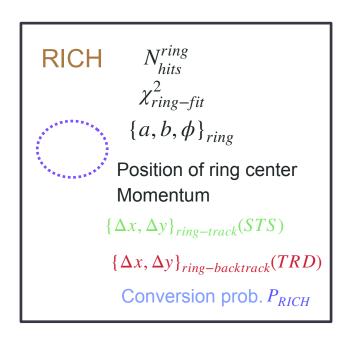


Schematic indicating electrons and pions from target forming rings in RICH, and random mismatching of other particles to electron rings.

Recent upgrades in RICH:

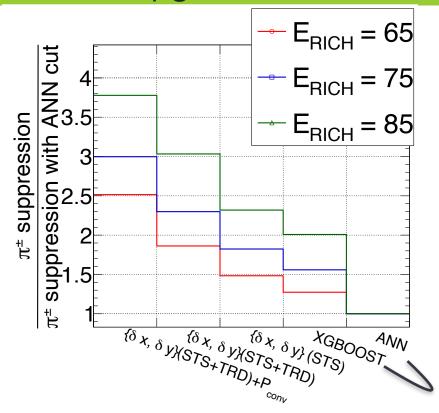


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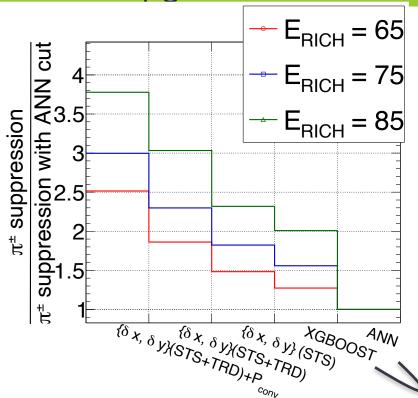
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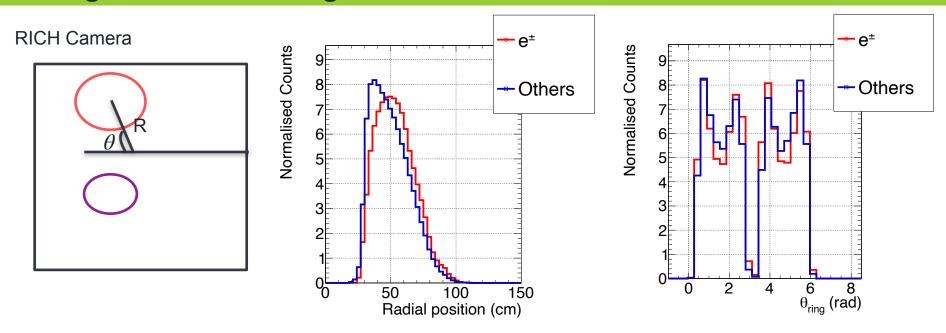
- 1. Deriving conversion probability involve ideal TRD tracks -> TRD (+TOF) seeded tracks are necessary.
- 2. TRD hits are re-smeared to TRD2D spatial resolution

$$\sigma_{x} \sim 100 \mu m, \sigma_{y} \sim 800 \mu m$$

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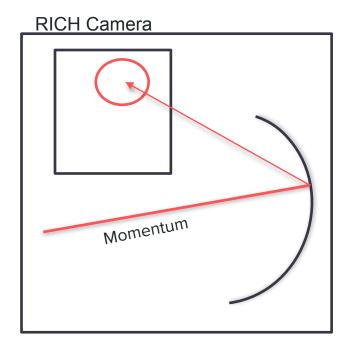


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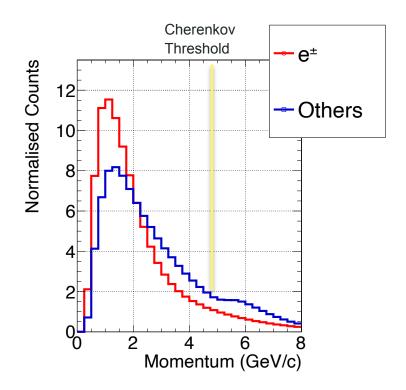


Absolute position of the rings in the RICH plane in polar coordinates

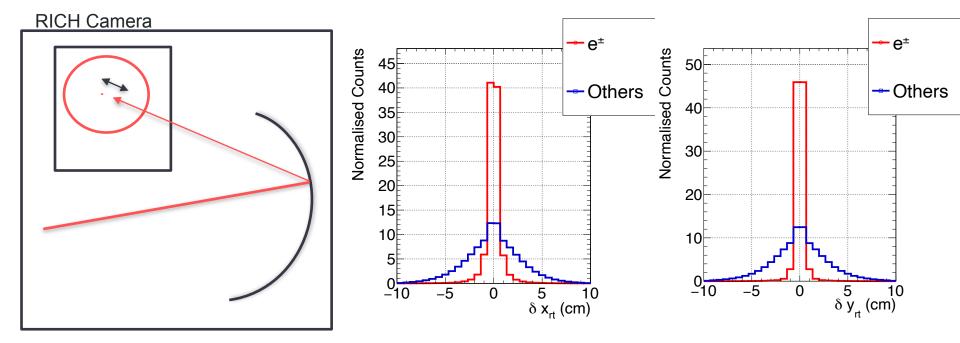
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Track parameter: Momentum



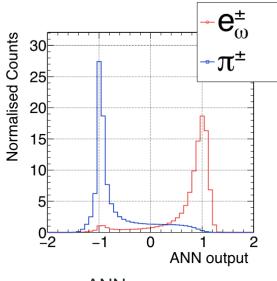
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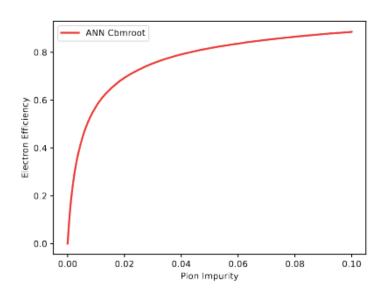


Ring track distances

Clearly, best parameter with most separating power.

ANN in CBMROOT: Response



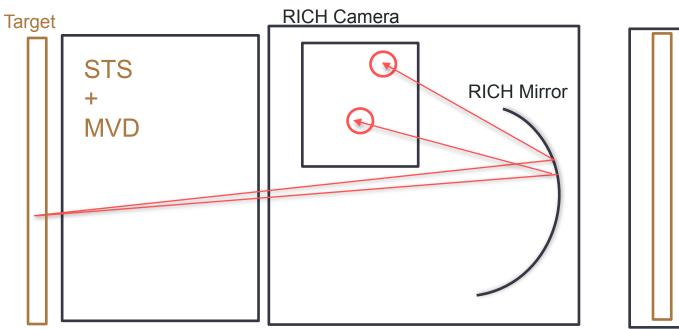


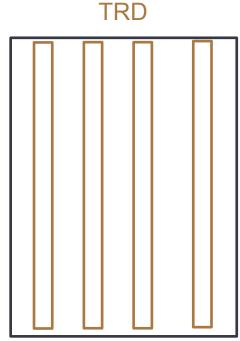
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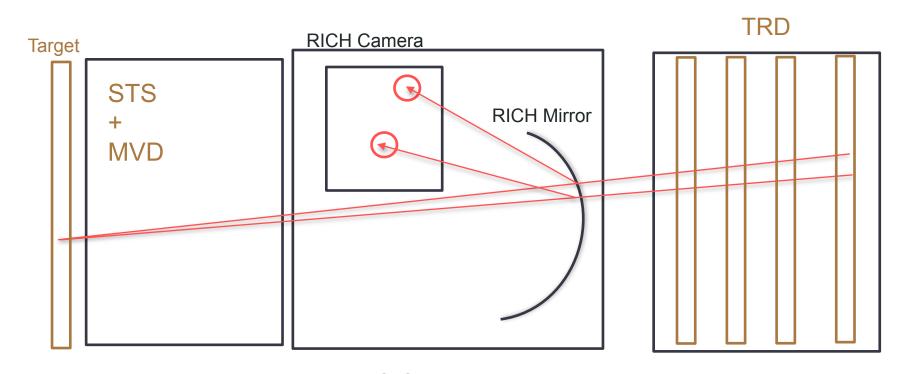
ROC curve for different threshold of the response

- The ANN is CBMROOT is trained on the ring-track matching parameters.
- Outdated last optimised on 2017.
- XGBOOST: extreme gradient boosting (decision trees) -> New and advanced approach.
- Fast, uses sparse matrices, ensemble of weak learned decision trees.

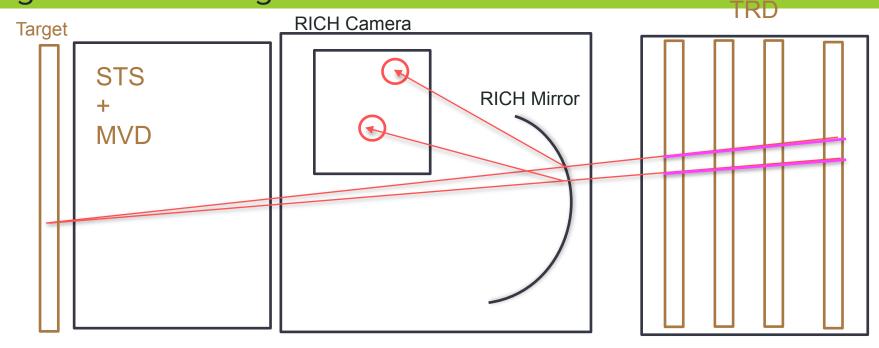






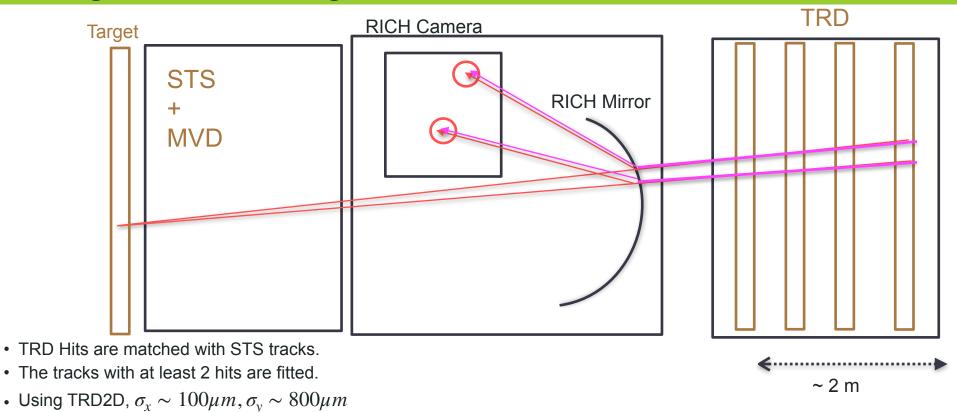


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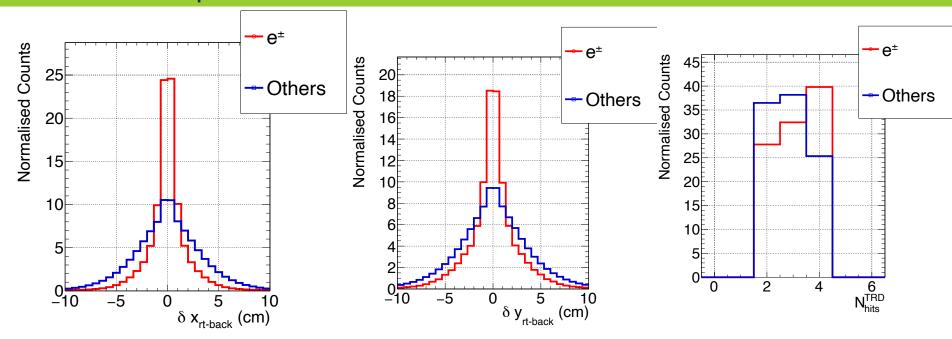




• Fitted tracks are backtracked to RICH and matched to the same ring-> Additional track pointing reference



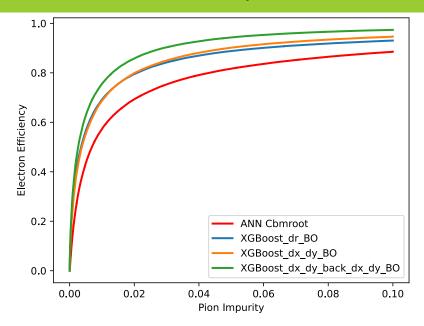
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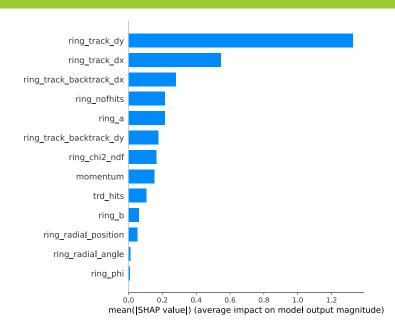


• Number of TRD hits and backtracked distances are added as additional parameters to the ML model.



XGBOOST with TRD parameters : Response for Omega embedded sample





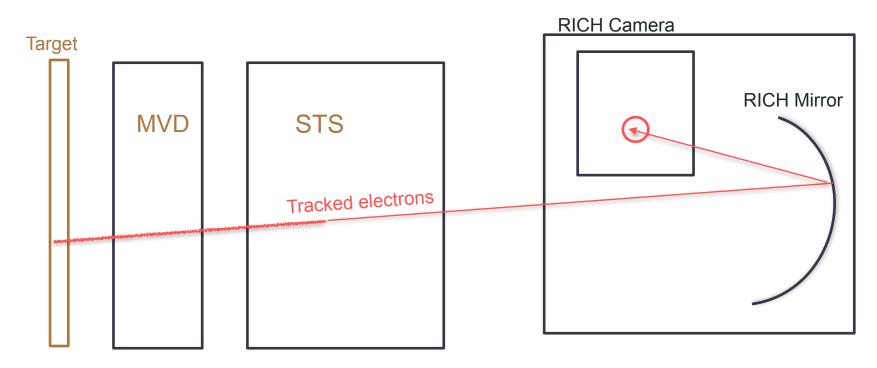
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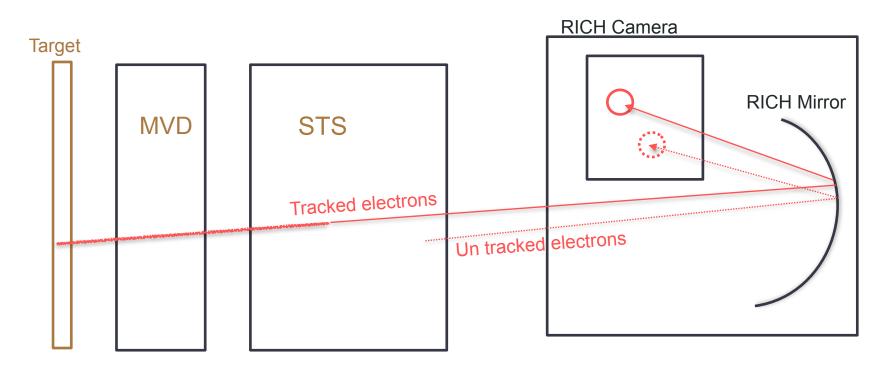
- Inclusion of the TRD variables improved the model performance.
- Note: TRD has 80 % acceptance for STS tracks with RICH projection.
- Hence two ML models, with and without TRD parameters are used for analysis.

Conversion electrons:

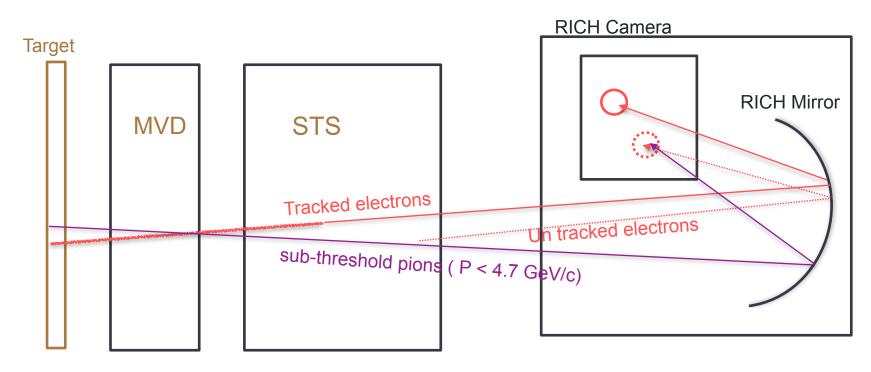




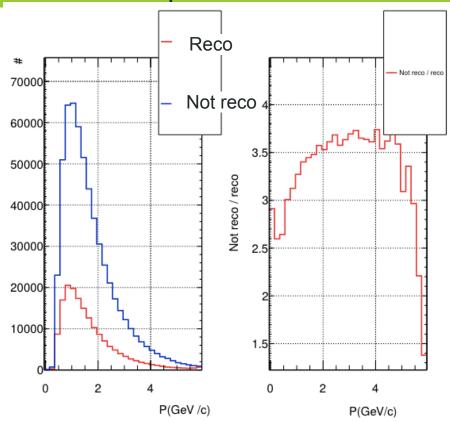
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Schematic indicating electrons tracked in STS and untracked electrons forming rings in RICH



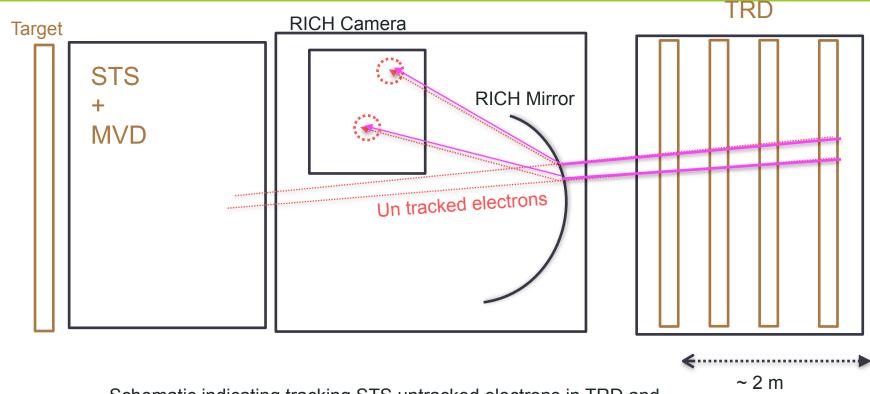
Schematic indicating electrons from target forming rings in RICH



 More than 70% of mis-matched pions are to untracked electron rings

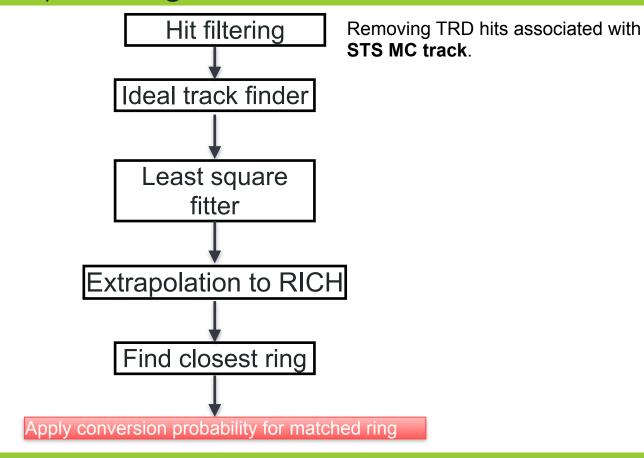
Pions mismatched to tracked and un tracked electron rings.

Tracking STS untracked electrons in TRD:

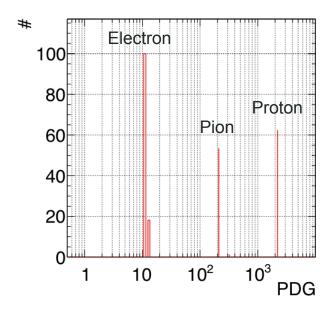


Schematic indicating tracking STS untracked electrons in TRD and extrapolating back to RICH and matching to the nearest ring.

Secondary (TRD) tracking flowchart:

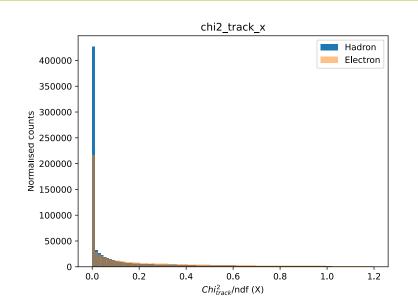


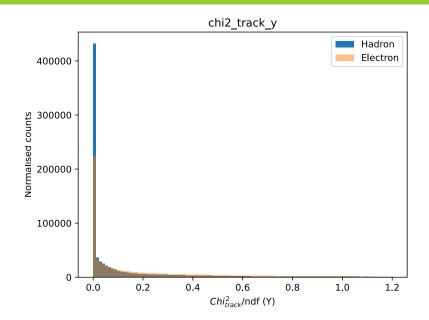
TRD tracks:



- "Signal" Electrons not tracked in the STS, forms the rings in RICH.
- "Background" Other particles
- Along with the signal electrons, large background of hadrons (partially from target) are tracked in TRD after the hit filter.
- This scenario leads to BG tracks being matched to omega electrons which needs to be avoided.
- A ML model is trained with TRD fitted track parameters is used to reduce the hadron BG in TRD backtracks.

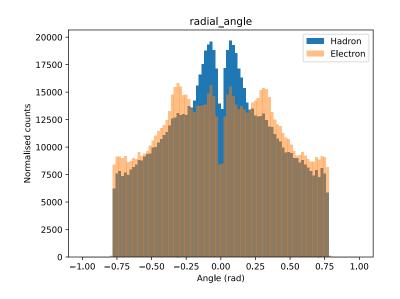


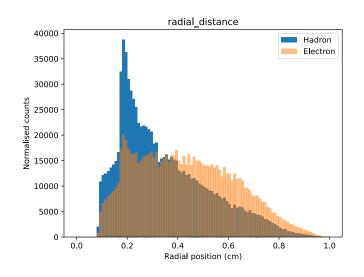




TRD track fit parameters

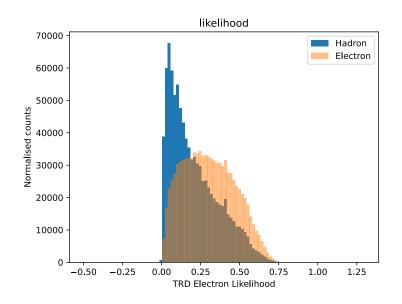




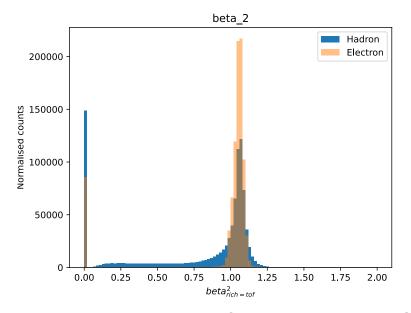


Absolute position of the first hit of the TRD track



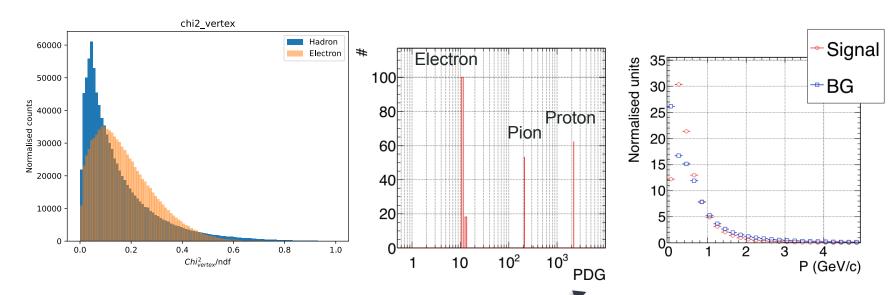


TRD electron likelihood for the fitted tracks



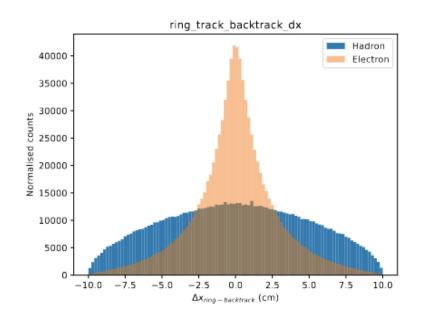
- Extrapolated the fitted track towards TOF.
- Using ring time as the start time and TOF time as stop time, velocity is derived.

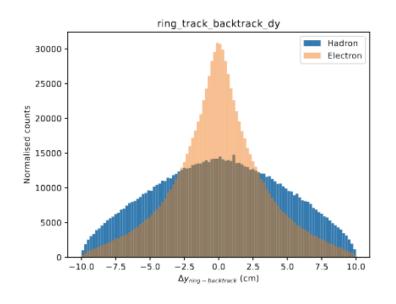




- Some of the hadron tracks are originating from vertex.
- TRD fitted track is extrapolated to the origin assuming proton hypothesis and 0.6 GeV/c as momentum.



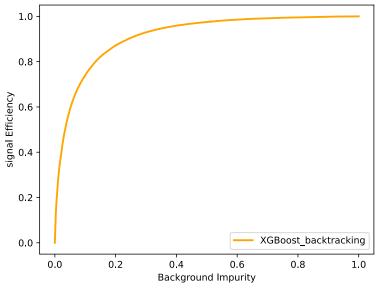




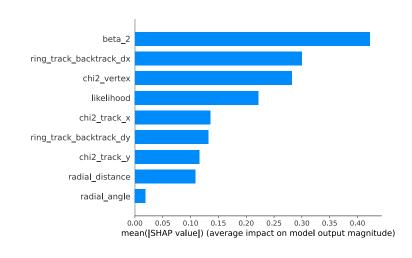
Backtrack - ring matching distance



XGBOOST for deriving conversion probability:



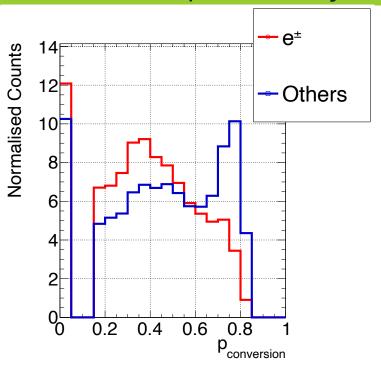
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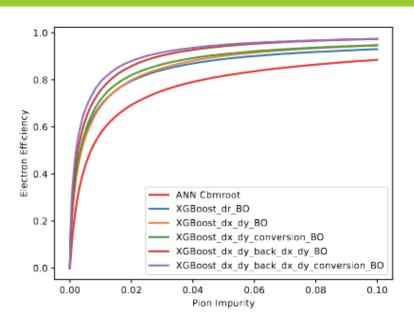
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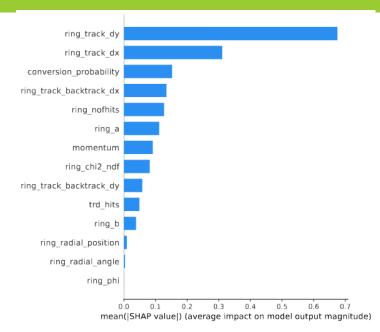


- Each ring is tagged with the probability that it originates from the photon conversion.
- This additional parameter is used to train the forward matching ML model.



XGBOOST with conversion probability: Response for Omega embedded sample





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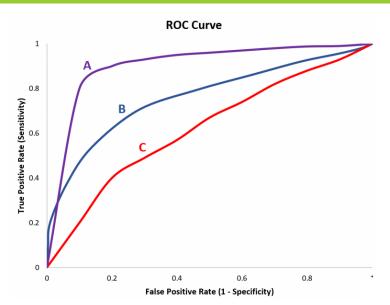
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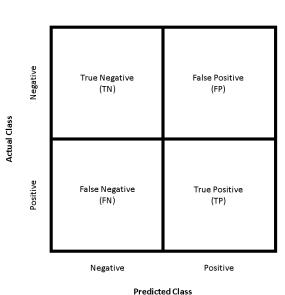
Summary

- XGBOOST is used as replacement for ANN for RICH electron ID Improved identification performance was achieved for the omega electrons.
- Differential ring track distance is added to the model enhancement of efficiency at higher pion impurity is observed.
- The STS tracks are re-fitted in TRD and extrapolated back to RICH for additional ring-track distance reference.
- Complimenting the forward track, the TRD backtrack information increased the model performance.
- The STS untracked electrons are tracked in TRD and projected back to RICH.
- Using the TRD backtrack and ring-backtrack distance and TOF time, a conversion probability factor is assigned for each ring.
- The use of conversion probability as additional parameter in the RICH matching network improved the model performance even at low pion impurity.



ROC





False Positive Rate (FPR) =
$$\frac{FP}{N}$$
 = $\frac{FP}{FP + TN}$

Outlook

- Global electron identification network including all the parameters for RICH, TRD, and TOF is foreseen.
- Priority matching schemes: "A good electron track downstream is a good electron in RICH", hence should be
 prioritised in ring matching and corresponding ring should be removed or conversely a "downstream electron
 probability" can be set for each ring.
- Complete re-do of the backtracking procedure with TRD23 geometry with TRD2D pads.
- Backtracking procedure can be extended till STS: Missing track of conversion electron pair from target could be searched in STS -> reduce combinatorial background.