

# Sagitta bias estimation using electrons in the ATLAS ID detector

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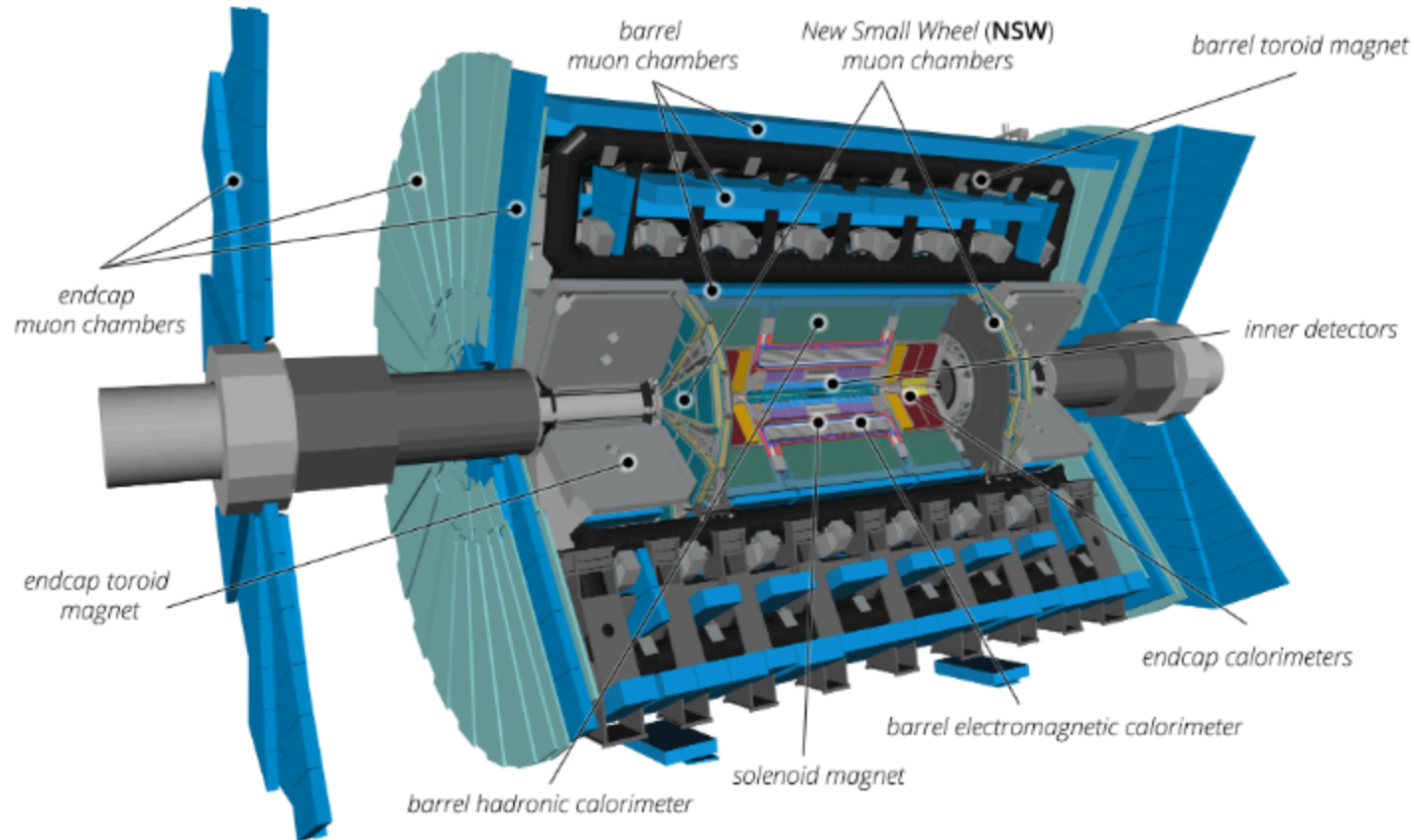
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# Context

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# The ATLAS detector



**Fig. 3.1:** ATLAS detector scheme for Run 3 [arxiv:2305.16623]

- General purpose LHC detector.
- Characterization of leptons and baryons:
  - **Inner Detector**
  - Electromagnetic Calorimeter
  - Hadronic Calorimeter
  - Muon chambers

# The ATLAS Inner Detector (ID)

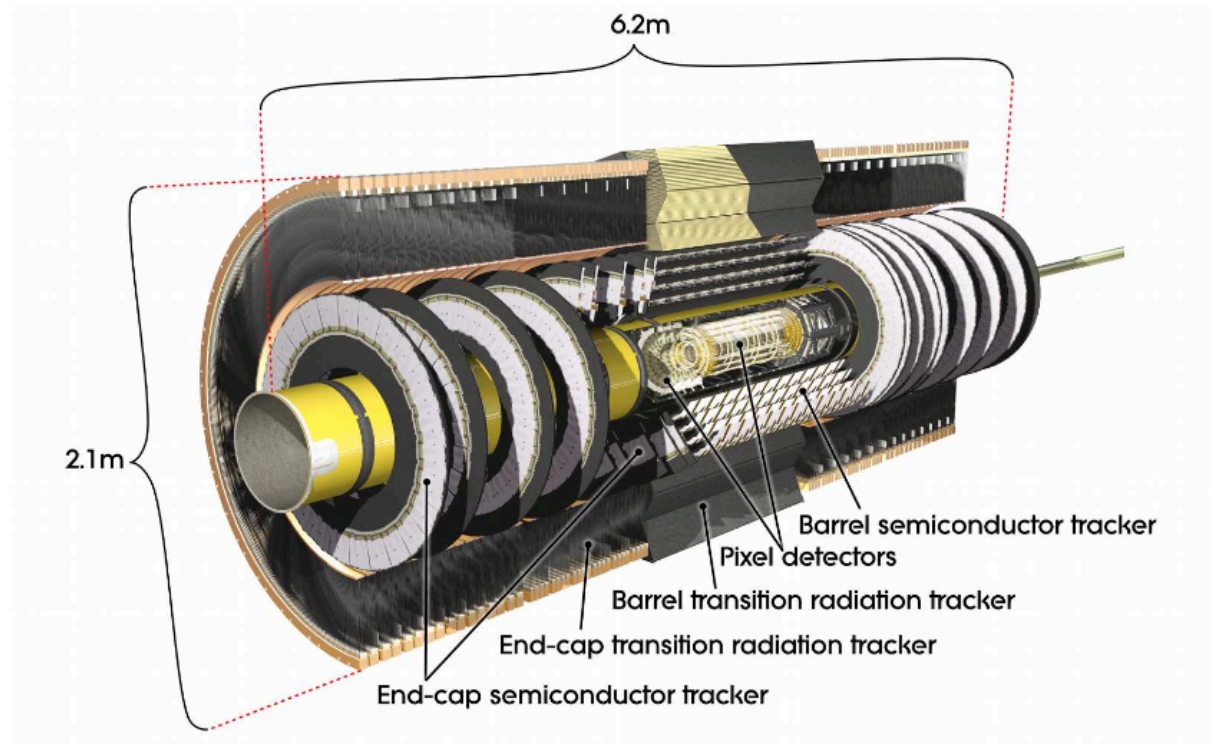


Fig. 4.1: ID detector scheme.

- Composed by the **IBL, Pixel, SCT and TRT**.
- Reconstruct **tracks of particles** crossing the ID.
- Also reconstruct momentum of charged particles, thanks to the magnetic field  $B = 2T$

# ATLAS Coordinate system

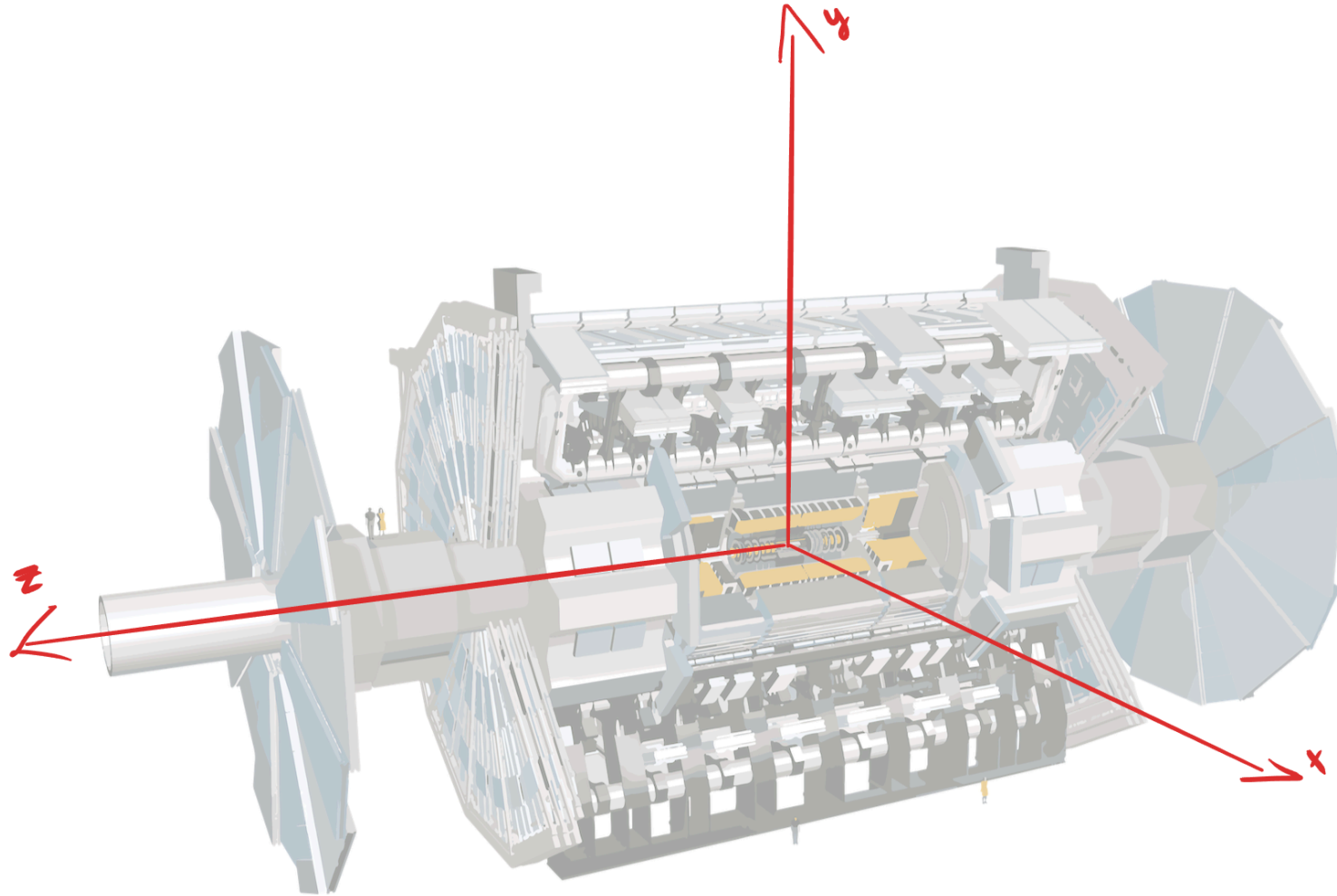
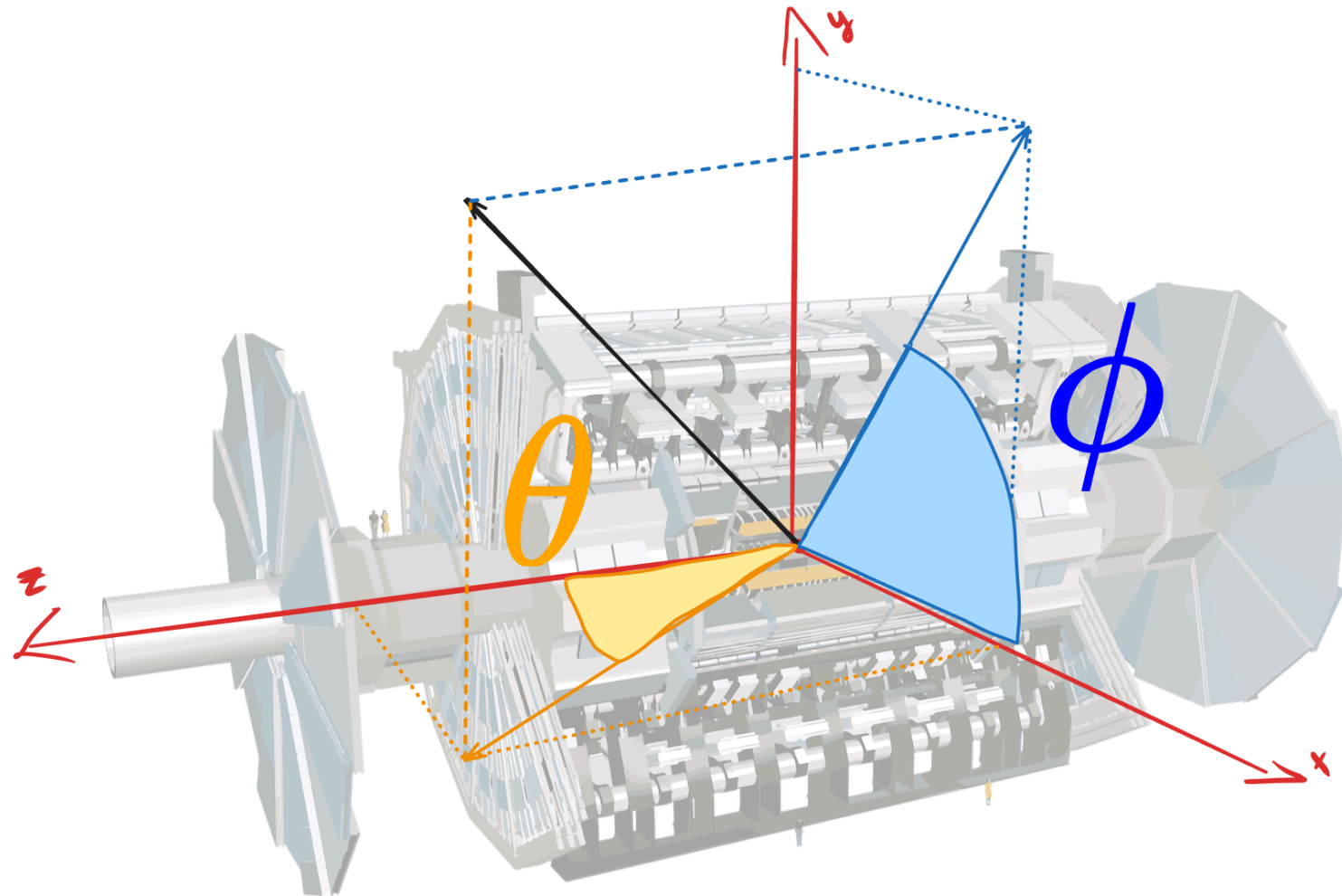


Fig. 5.1: ATLAS Global frame

# ATLAS Coordinate system



**Spherical coordinates** are usually used. Due to detector **azimuthal symmetry**,  $\phi$  is usually a free parameter.

**Not  $\theta$  but  $\eta$**

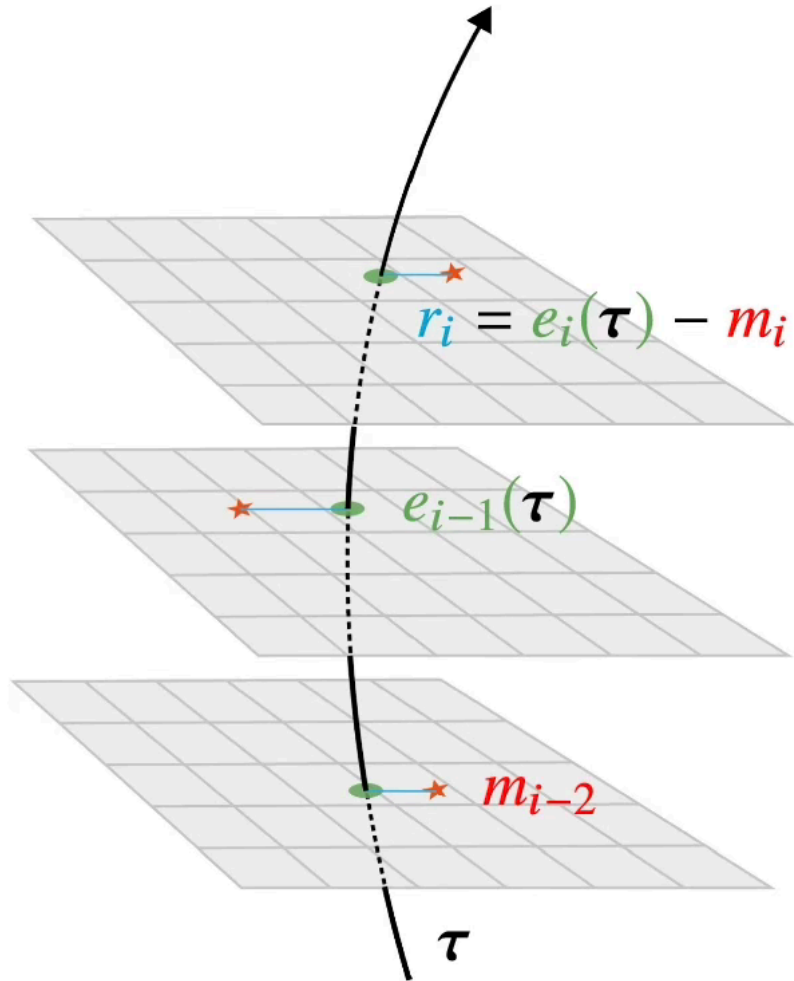
- $\eta$  is Lorentz invariant.

$$\eta = -\ln \left[ \tan(\theta/2) \right]$$

# ID Tracking

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# ID Tracking principles



- Optimization of residuals between **hits** and **tracks**
- Different possible configurations due to overlap of event hits.

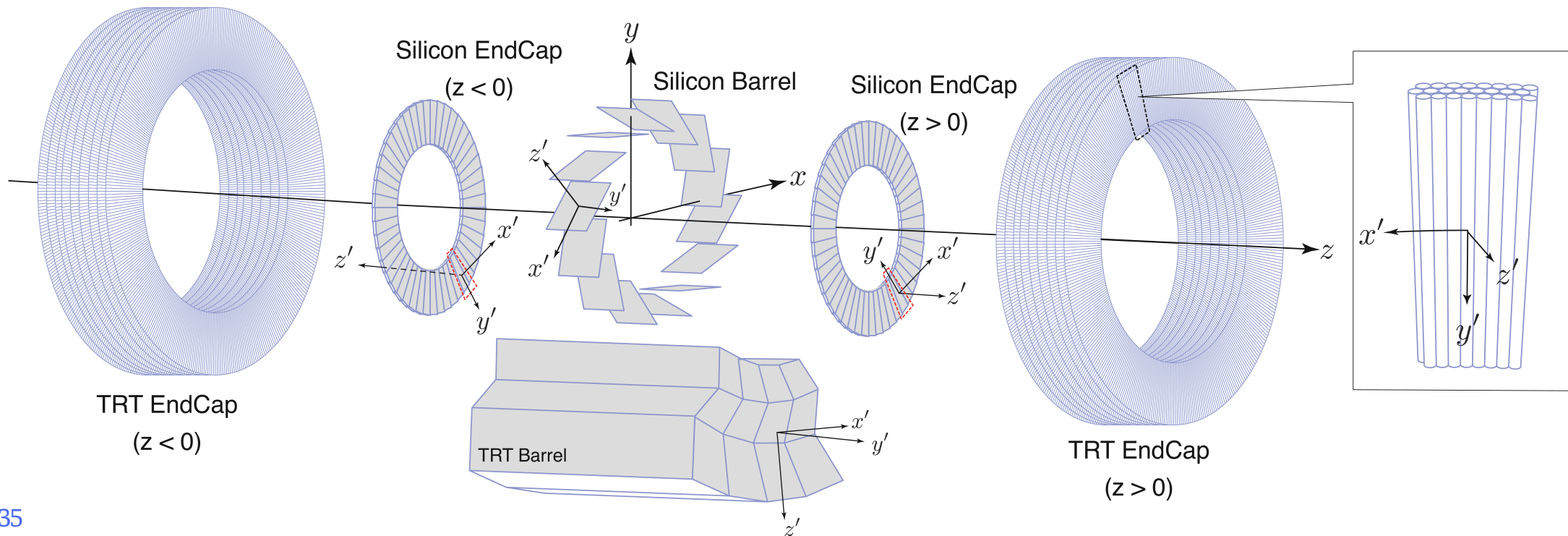
$$\chi^2 = \mathbf{r}^T(\tau)\Omega^{-1}\mathbf{r}(\tau)$$

where  $\mathbf{r}$  is the vector of residuals,  $\Omega$  the covariance matrix, and  $\tau$  is the vector of track parameters

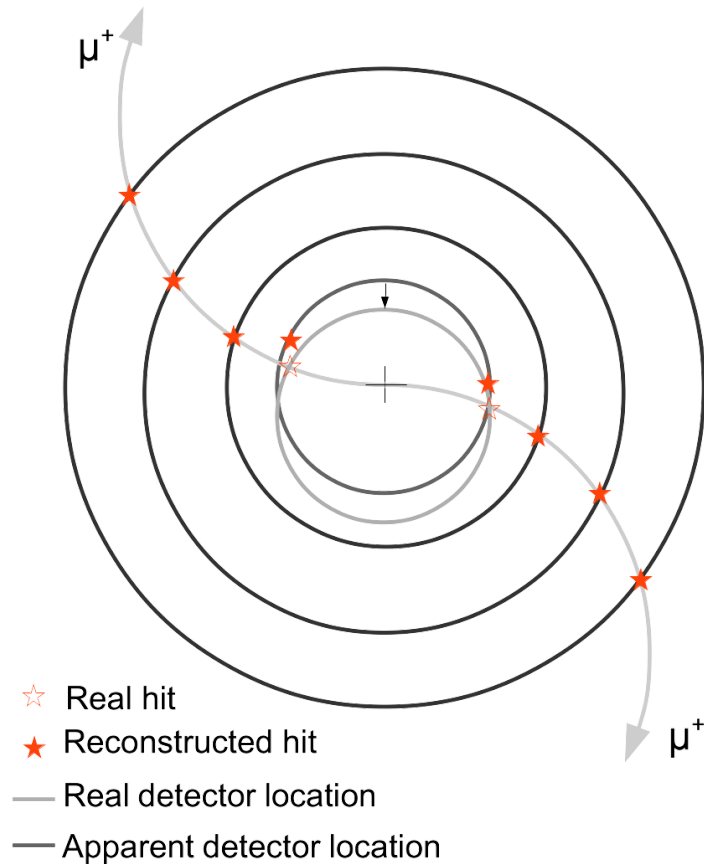
# ID Alignment

In Alignment, the **position** of the **detectors**,  $\mathbf{a}$ , is also a **parameter** to fit.  
Distortions in the ID may affect track reconstruction.

$$\chi^2 = \mathbf{r}^T(\tau, \mathbf{a})\Omega^{-1}\mathbf{r}(\tau, \mathbf{a})$$



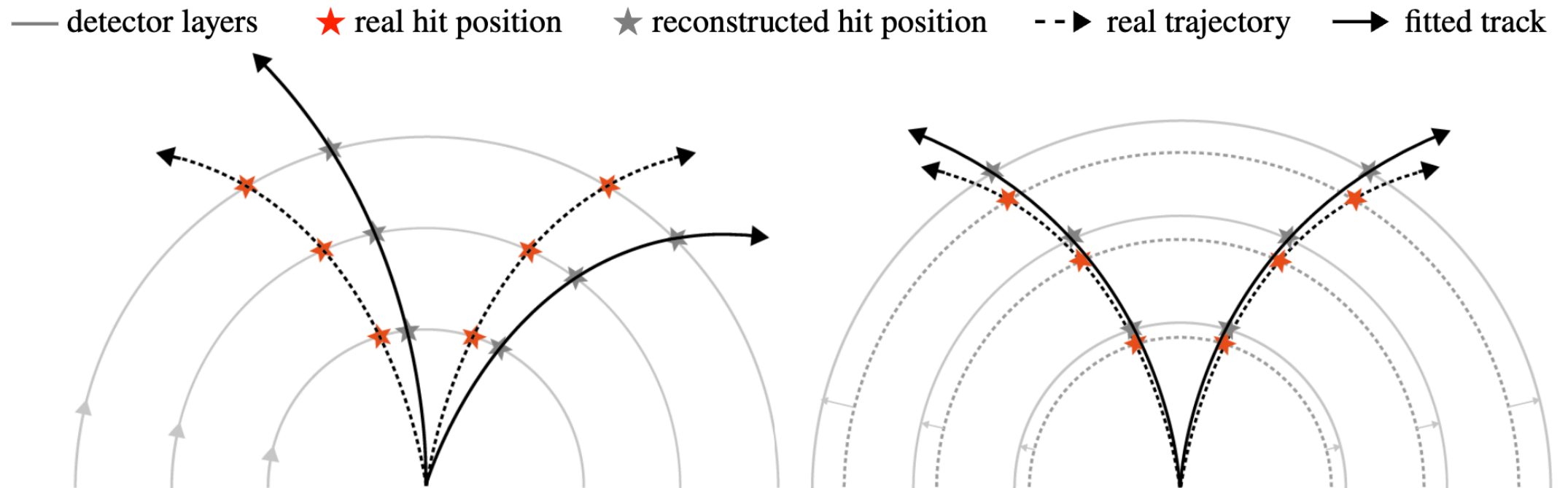
# Weak Modes



- Certain deformations cause local  $\chi^2$  minima  
They are the **weak modes**
- Cannot be corrected with the standard  $\chi^2$ , constraints have to be applied.
- Radius invariant distortions produce what is called **sagitta bias**,  $\delta_s$

**Fig. 10.1:** Scheme of an ID distortion that bias the reconstructed

# Weak modes



**Fig. 11.1:** At left there's sagitta deformation, and at right radial one

**Sagitta bias  $\delta_s$**

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# Sagitta bias $\delta_s$ definition

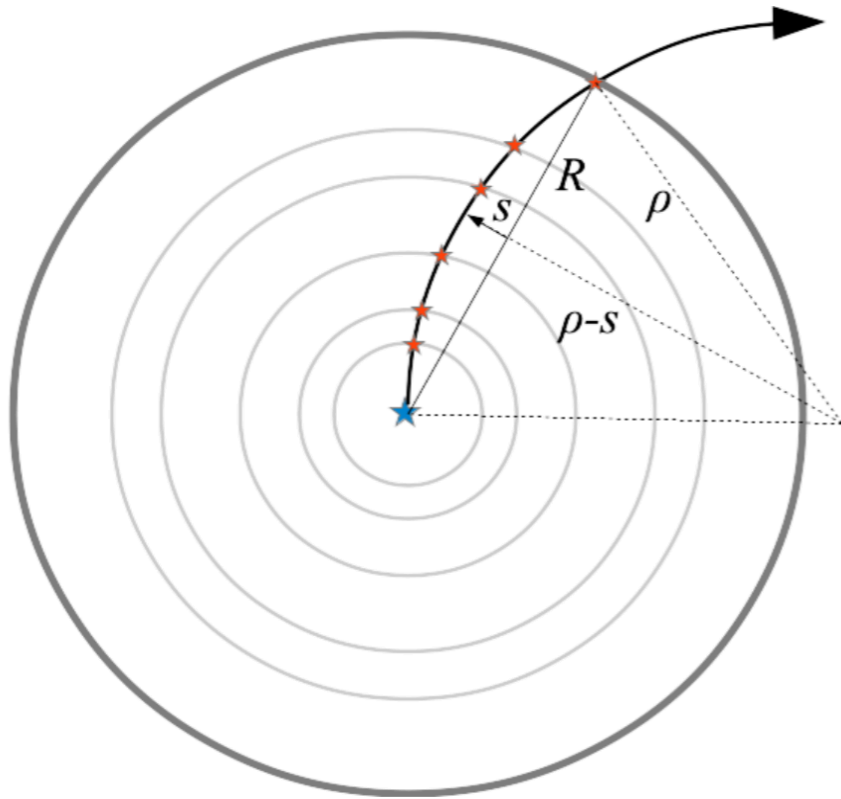


Fig. 13.1: Sagitta definition

$s$  distortion =  $p$  distortion

$$p_T \propto \rho \propto s^{-1}$$

$$p = p' \cdot (1 - qp'_T \delta_s)^{-1}$$

- $\delta_s \equiv$  Sagitta bias
- $p' \equiv$  Reconstructed momentum
- $p \equiv$  "True" momentum
- $q \equiv$  Charge ( $q = \pm 1$ )  
The sagitta bias  $\delta_s$  corrects momentum  $p'$  anti-symmetrically in  $q$

# Run2 Method to compute $\delta_s$

## Calculating Sagitta Bias with $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$ events

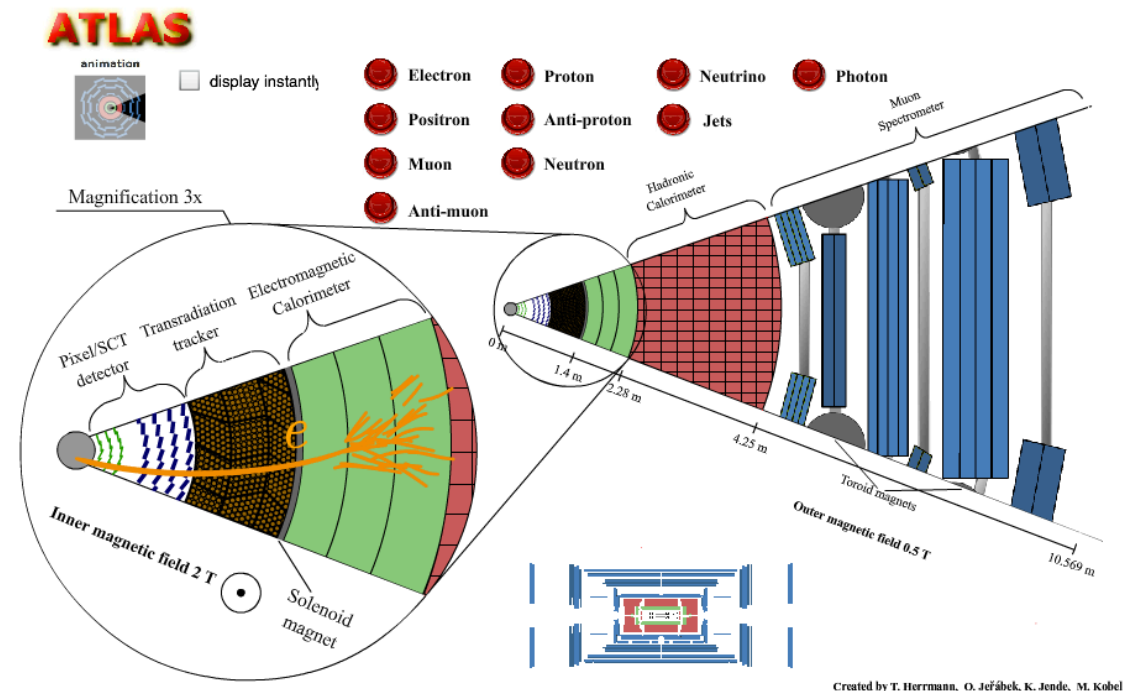
$\langle E/p \rangle$  of both **positrons** and **electrons** is compared.

The bias will emerge from the **charge dependent asymmetries** of  $p'_{\pm}$ .

An important assumption:  $E_+ \approx E_-$

$$\delta_s = \frac{\langle E/p' \rangle_+ - \langle E/p' \rangle_-}{2\langle E_T \rangle}$$

$E_T = E / \cosh \eta$ : Transverse energy  
 ,  $\eta$ : Pseudorapidity



**Fig. 14.1:** Scheme of electron signature in the ID + Electromagnetic calorimeter

# Toy MC $E/p$

Let's study the  $E/p$  pdf with a **simple toy MC** generation.  $E$  and  $p$  histograms are **gaussian** pdf with equal  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ .

As  $E/p$  is not a Gaussian, and has a tail to the right, an empirical approach to get the peak was to perform a **Crystal Ball fit**.

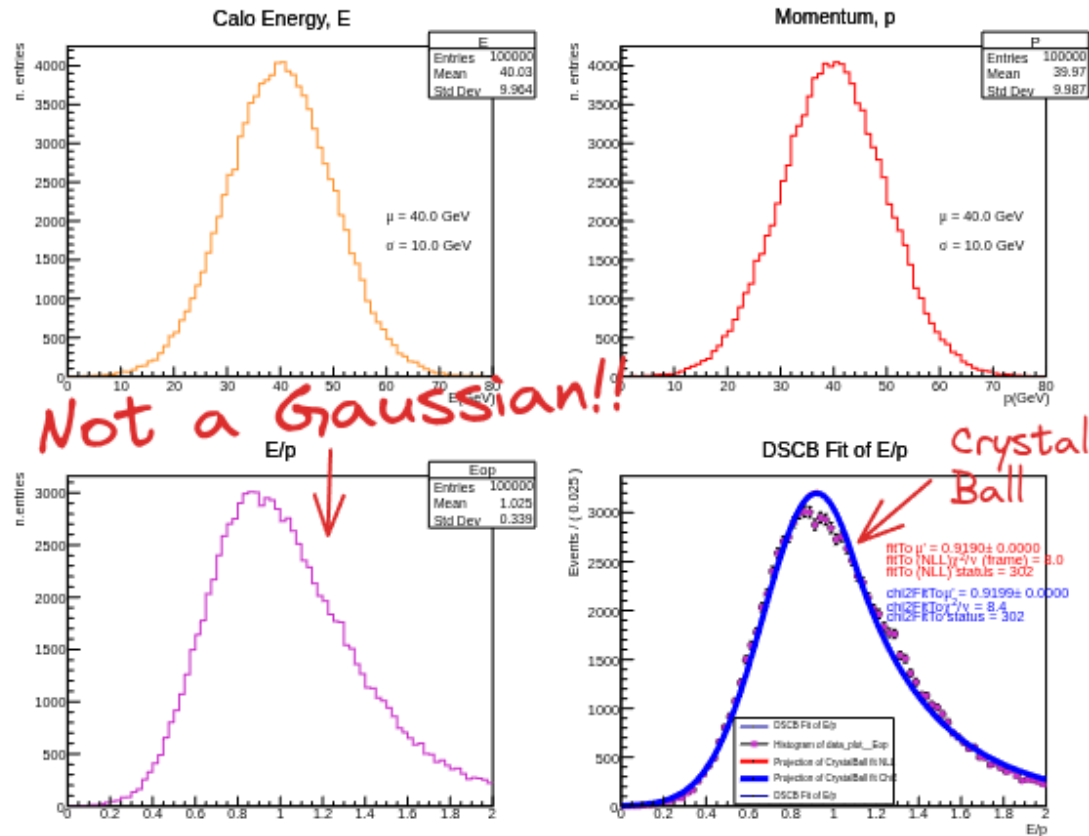
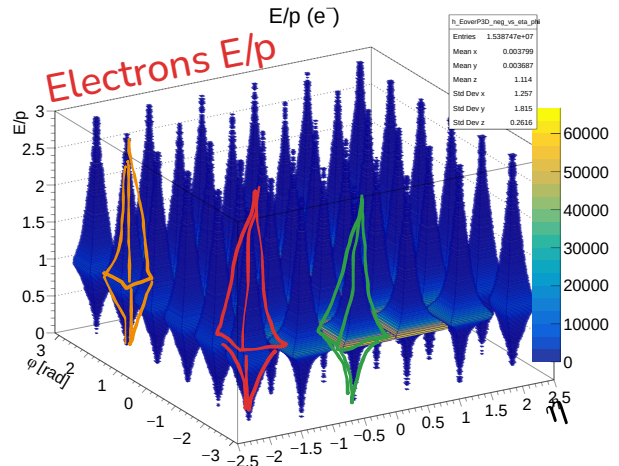


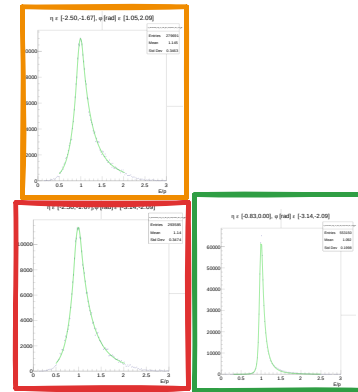
Fig. 15.1: E and P Gaussian, randomly generated distributions, and E/p at right

# Fit $E/p$ to Crystal Ball

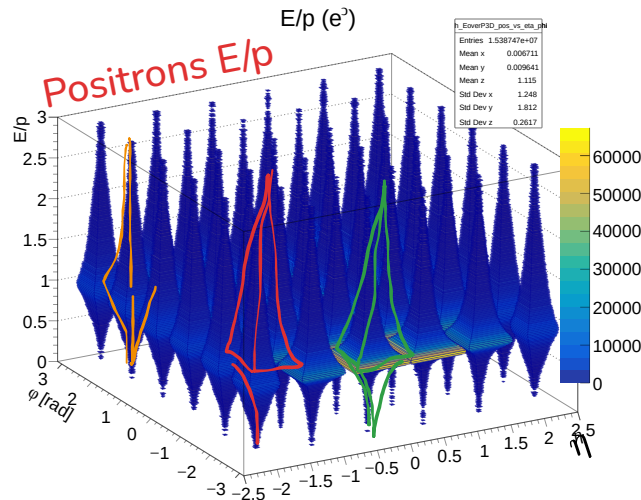
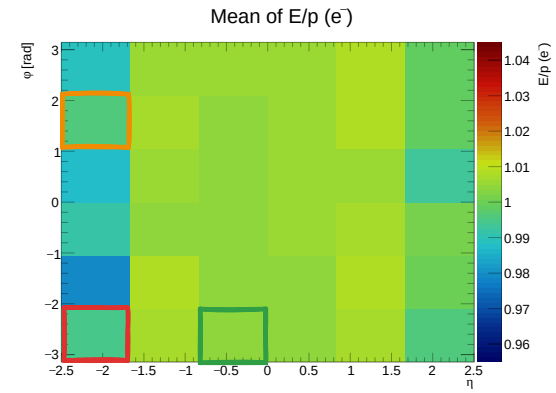
TH3 E/p histograms



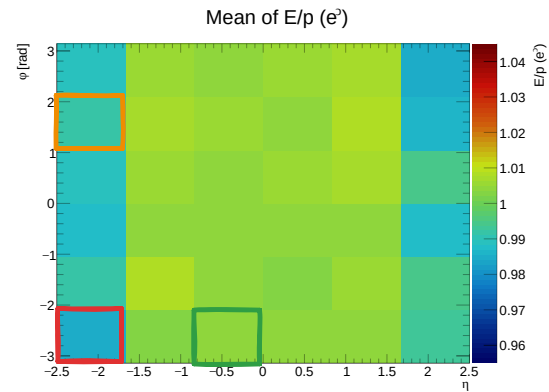
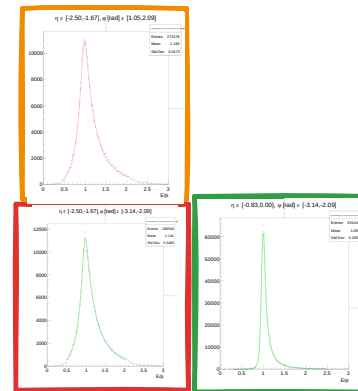
CrystalBall fits to each tile



Mean of each  $(\eta, \phi)$  tile's  $E/p$



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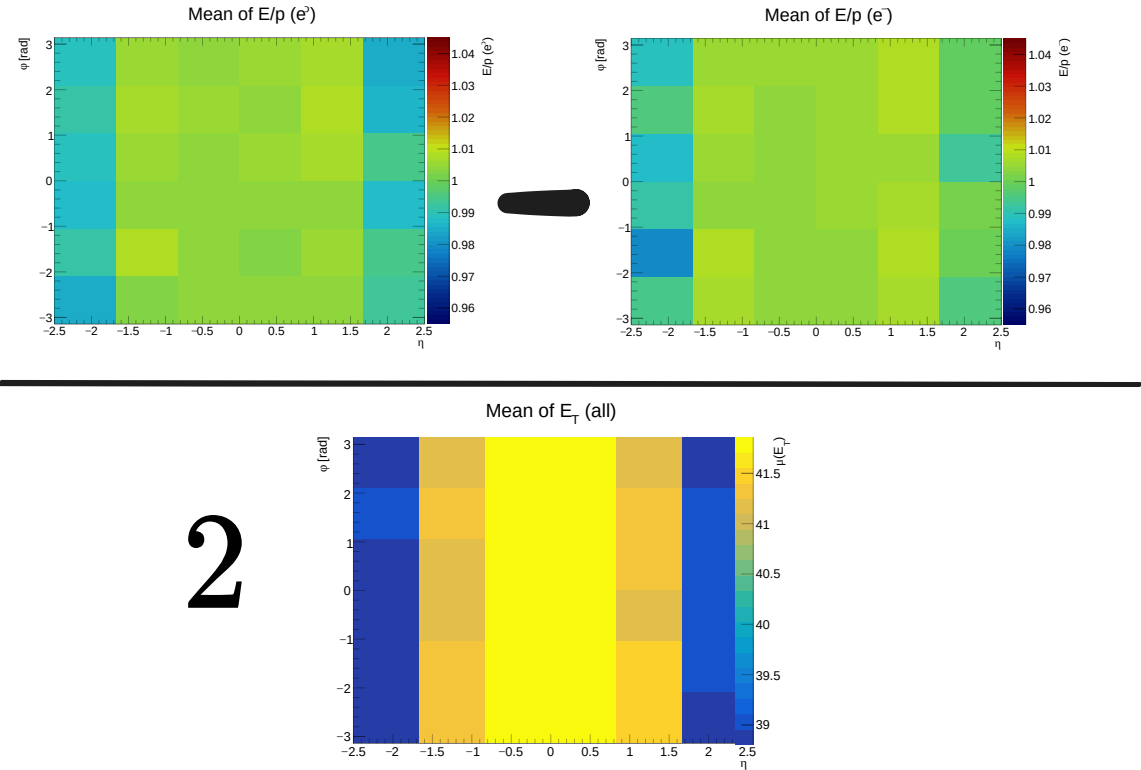
# Filling $\delta_s(\eta, \phi)$ maps

## $\delta_s$ Run2 method

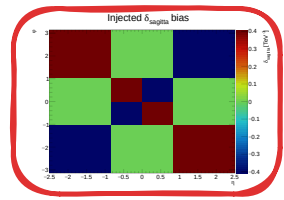
$$\delta_s = \frac{\langle E/p' \rangle_+ - \langle E/p' \rangle_-}{2\langle E_T \rangle}$$

For each  $(\eta, \phi)$  tile  
 a local calculation of the  
 sagitta bias  $\delta_s$   
 is performed via a loop.

$$\delta_s =$$

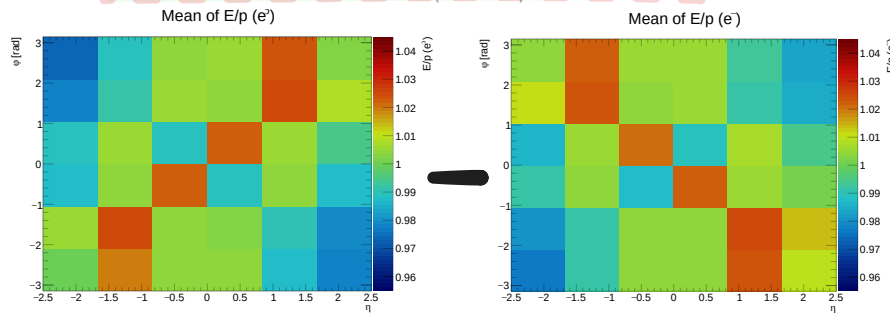


# Injecting a $\delta_s$ on the Monte Carlo data **Run2Method**

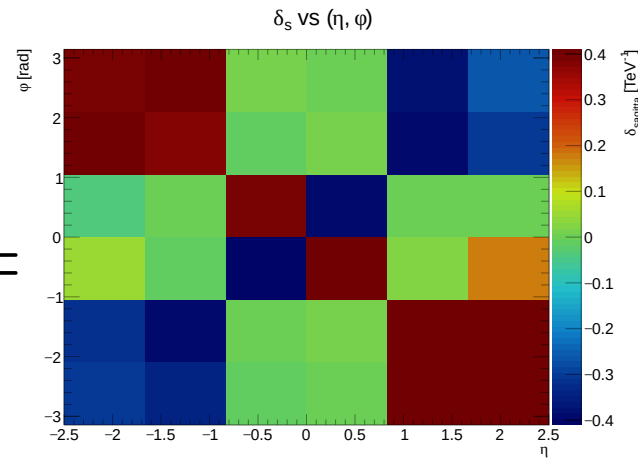
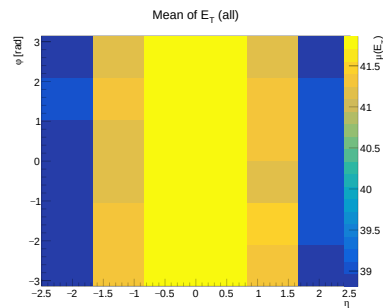


→ Injected sagitta bias

$$\delta_s = \frac{\langle E/p \rangle_+ - \langle E/p \rangle_-}{2\langle E_T \rangle}$$



$\delta_s =$



An artificial  $\delta_s$  is injected on the Validation, similar to a chessboard.

**Run2 method succeeds** in computing it.

# Conclusion

- I updated the  $E/p$  method used in Run 2 for to compute  $\delta_s$  using events involving  $e^-e^+$
- Now it can be used as a crosscheck for the *VarMin* method that uses muons.
- Studying the  $E/p$  fit, it can be interesting to do a convolution of a division of two gaussians, to improve it and it may be applicable to other performance related problems in ATLAS.

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# Backup

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# The Large Hadron Collider at CERN



**Fig. 22.1:** LHC ring extension in Switzerland and France border. The flagship experiments are also shown.

*One Ring to rule them all...*

A hundred meters underground in Geneva and France, the **L**arge **H**adron **C**ollider lies.

It is 27 km long, so it **accelerates hadrons**  $0.9999999c$

With a energy of collision of

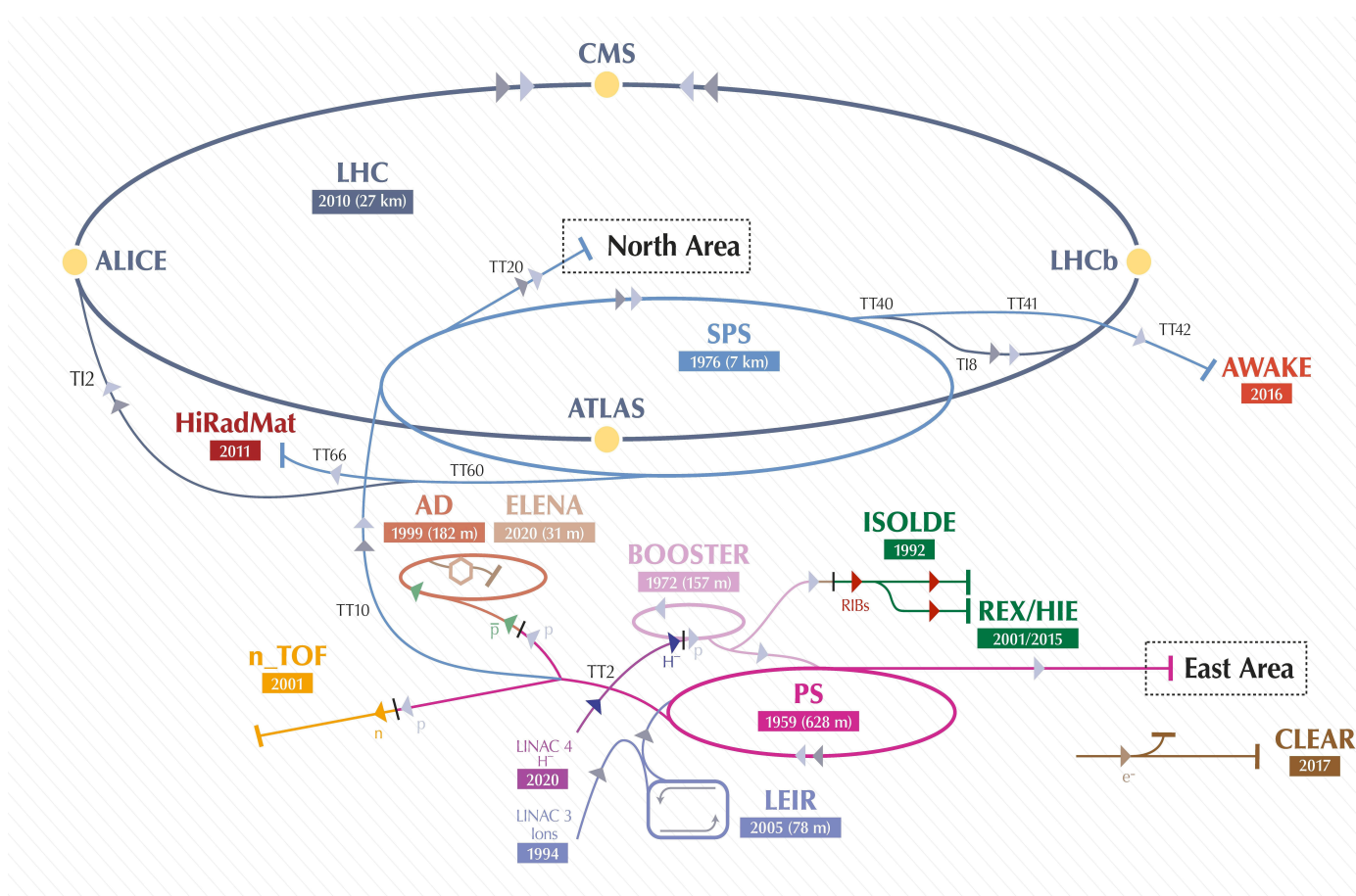
$$\sqrt{s} = 13.6 \text{ TeV}$$

# The Large Hadron Collider at CERN

*Ancient rings are used to feed the One Ring*

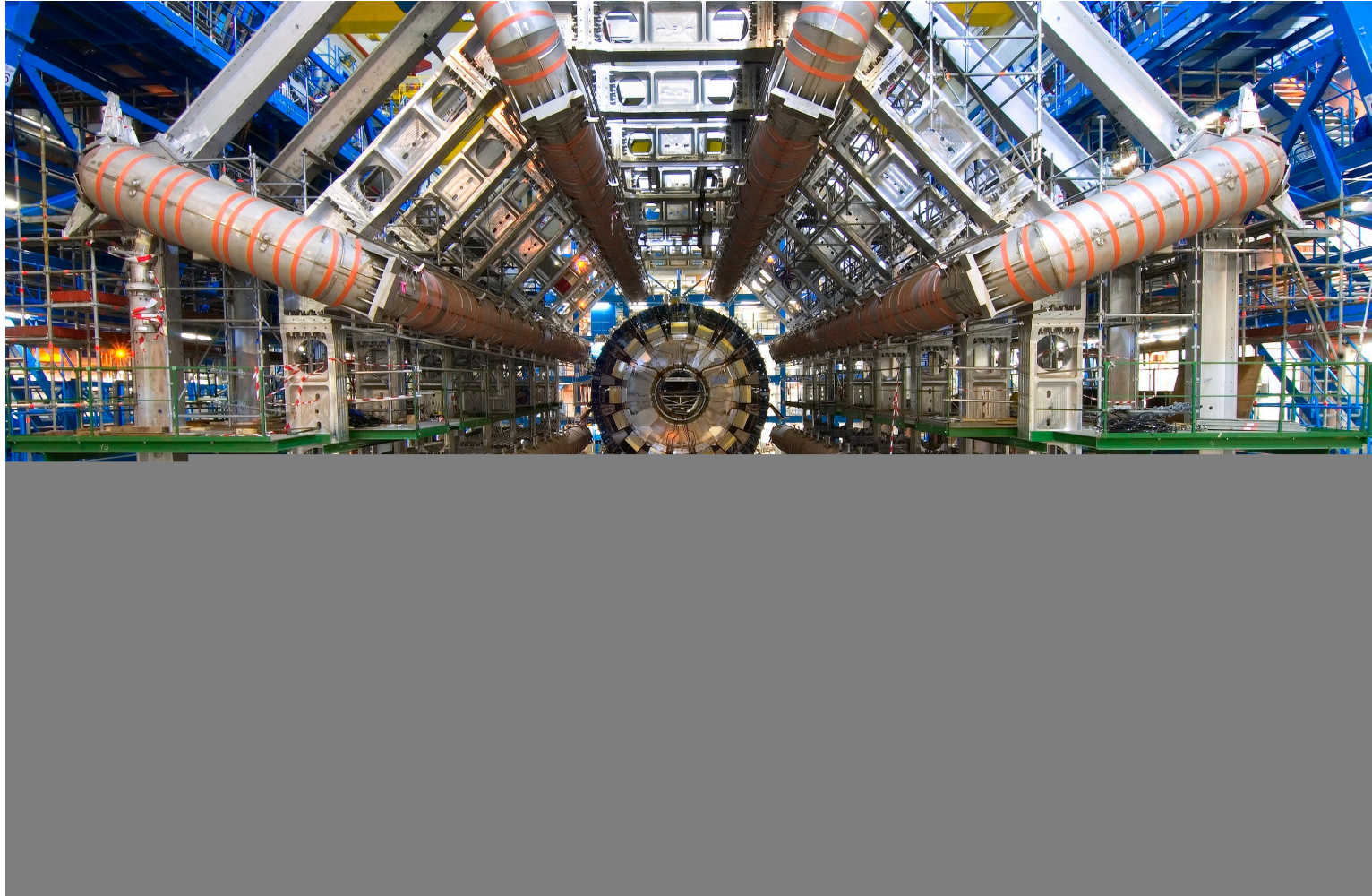
**Two hadrons beams** are **accelerated** through larger and larger accelerators until they reach LHC **and collide**.

**Four experiments** cover the **four collision points**: ALICE, ATLAS, CMS and LHCb.

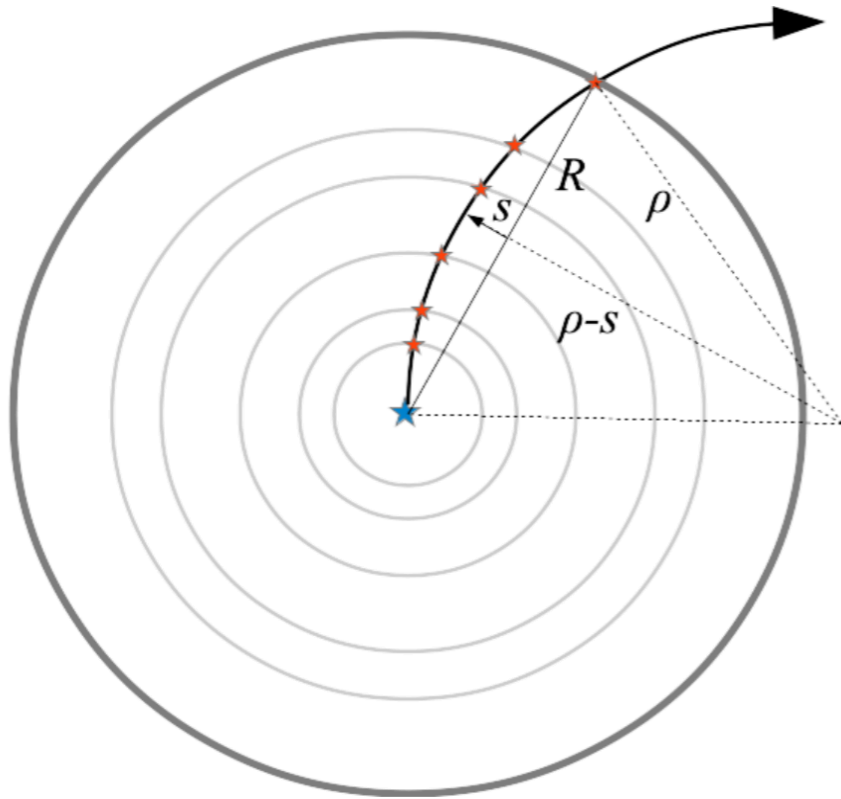


**Fig. 23.1:** LHC complex scheme. Ancient accelerators are reused to escalate the energy of the hadrons.

# The ATLAS detector



# Momentum reconstruction in ATLAS



Momentum of a **charged particle** in an uniform **magnetic field**  $B$

$$p_T [\text{GeV}/c] = 0.3 \cdot q[e] \cdot B[\text{T}] \cdot \rho[\text{m}]$$

where

- $p_T \equiv$  transverse momentum
- $q \equiv$  charge of particle in  $e$  units
- $B \equiv$  magnetic field
- $\rho \equiv$  trajectory radius

**Fig. 25.1:** Representation of a charged particle in an ATLAS-

# Momentum reconstruction from sagitta

## $p_T$ reconstruction with $s$

Now **momentum** can be **reconstructed with sagitta** instead of the trajectory radius

$$p_T \simeq 0.3qB \cdot \frac{L^2}{8s}$$

$$p_T \simeq q \frac{\kappa}{s}$$

# Sagitta distortion = Momentum distortion

## $p_T$ bias from $s$ bias

Now we defined  $\delta_s$  as the **sagitta bias**

In the **alignment group**, the goal is to **recover the true momentum  $p$  removing any biases**. That explains the inverse definition of the signs from usual analysis where the reconstructed momentum is what it is desired.

$$\frac{1}{p_T} \simeq \frac{1 - qp'_T \delta_s}{p'_T}$$

$$p_T = p'_T \cdot (1 - qp'_T \delta_s)^{-1} \underset{\delta_s \ll 1}{\simeq} p'_T \cdot (1 + qp'_T \delta_s)$$

# Sagitta distortion = Momentum distortion

## Sagitta distortion

A **geometrical distortion** in the transversal plane of a track may produce a **bias in the sagitta**, i.e. a **bias** in the reconstructed **momentum** ( $x' \equiv$  biased  $x$  from now on)

$$s' = s + \epsilon_s$$

## $p_T$ bias from $s$ bias

**Momentum** is therefore **affected by** this **sagitta bias**. We can recover the true momentum  $p_T$  then: (note that  $q = \pm 1$  then  $\frac{1}{q} = q$ )

$$\frac{1}{p_T} \simeq \frac{(s' - \epsilon_s)}{q\kappa} \simeq q \frac{s'}{\kappa} - q \frac{\epsilon_s}{\kappa} = \frac{1}{p'_T} - q\delta_s$$

# Sagitta distortion = Momentum distortion

## $p$ bias from $s$ bias

Considering the components of coordinate system (Transverse, Longitudinal)  $(T, z)$

$$p_z = \cot \theta \cdot p_T = \cot \theta \cdot p'_T \cdot (1 + qp'_T \delta_s)$$

$$p_z = p'_z \cdot (1 + qp'_T \delta_s)$$

Considering that **cot  $\theta$  is not affected by  $\delta_s$** , we can see  $p'_z$  is affected in the same way by this bias than  $p'_T$ . Then:

$$p = \sqrt{(p_T)^2 + (p_z)^2} = p' \cdot (1 + qp'_T \delta_s)$$

Where  $p \equiv p_{true}$  and  $p_T \equiv p_{T,true}$

# Run2 Method to compute $\delta_s$

## Using $Z \rightarrow e^+ e^-$ Events

Currently in **Run3** alignment campaign, **muons** are being **used to correct sagitta bias** with the VarMin method.

Nonetheless, the usage of **electrons** have the **pro** that the **EM Calorimeter** from ATLAS detector can **reconstruct their  $E$** .

Considering the energy-level of the collisions in LHC ( $\sim$  TeV), we can approximate  $p \underset{m_e \ll}{\approx} E$ . And  **$E$  is not affected by the sagitta bias**

### Assumptions

- Assume calorimeter response  $q$  independent: that is **unbiased  $E' = E$**

- 30/35 ■ Expected **charge dependent  $p'$  bias** for  $e^+$  and  $e^-$ .

# Run2 Method to compute $\delta_s$

## Calculating Sagitta Bias

The average value of the distributions of  $E/p$  of both **positrons** and **electrons** is **compared**. One can derive this from  $p = p' \cdot (1 - qp'_T \delta_s)^{-1}$

$$\langle E/p \rangle = \langle E/p' \rangle - q \langle E_T \rangle \delta_s$$

The bias is expected to emerge from the charge dependent asymmetries of the reconstructed momenta.

$$\delta_s = \frac{\langle E/p' \rangle_+ - \langle E/p' \rangle_-}{2 \langle E_T \rangle}$$

where  $q$ : Particle charge,  $E_T = E / \cosh \eta$ : Energy scale factor,  $\eta$ : Pseudorapidity

## Run2 Method: Error propagation

From the equation  $\delta_s = \frac{\langle E/p' \rangle_+ - \langle E/p' \rangle_-}{2\langle E_T \rangle}$ , the partial derivatives wrt. each mean variable are performed:

$$\frac{\partial \delta_s}{\partial(\langle E/p' \rangle_+)} = -\frac{\partial \delta_s}{\partial(\langle E/p' \rangle_-)} = \frac{1}{2\langle E_T \rangle}$$

$$\frac{\partial \delta_s}{\partial(\langle E_T \rangle)} = \frac{\langle E/p' \rangle_+ - \langle E/p' \rangle_-}{-2\langle E_T \rangle^2} = -\frac{1}{\langle E_T \rangle} \delta_s$$

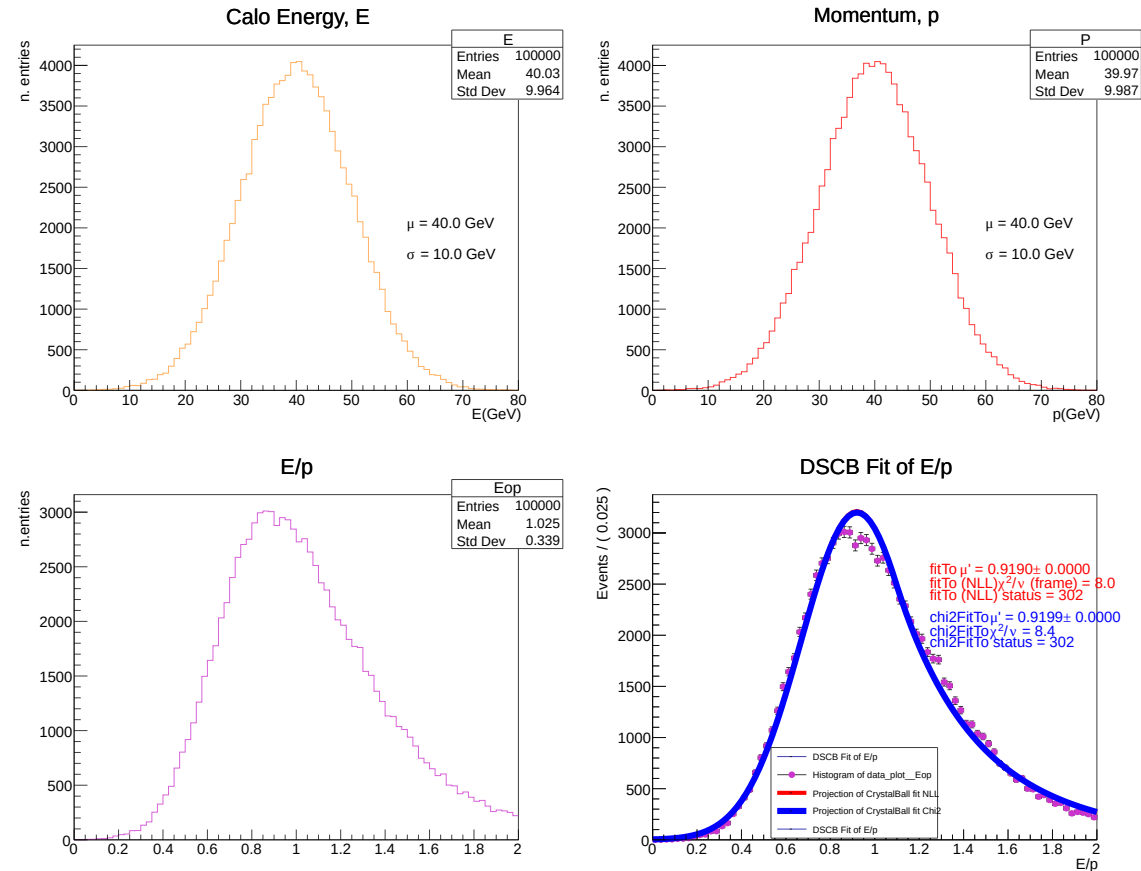
Then:

$$\sigma_{\delta_s} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2\langle E_T \rangle} \cdot \sigma_{\langle E/p' \rangle_+}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{1}{2\langle E_T \rangle} \cdot \sigma_{\langle E/p' \rangle_-}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{\delta_s}{\langle E_T \rangle} \cdot \sigma_{\langle E_T \rangle}\right)^2}$$

# Toy MC $E/p$

Let's study the  $E/p$  pdf with a **simple toy MC** generation.  $E$  and  $p$  histograms are **gaussian** pdf with equal  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$

Parameter	Value
N events	100000
$\mu_E$	40
$\mu_p$	40
$\sigma_E$	10
$\sigma_p$	10
Nbins	500

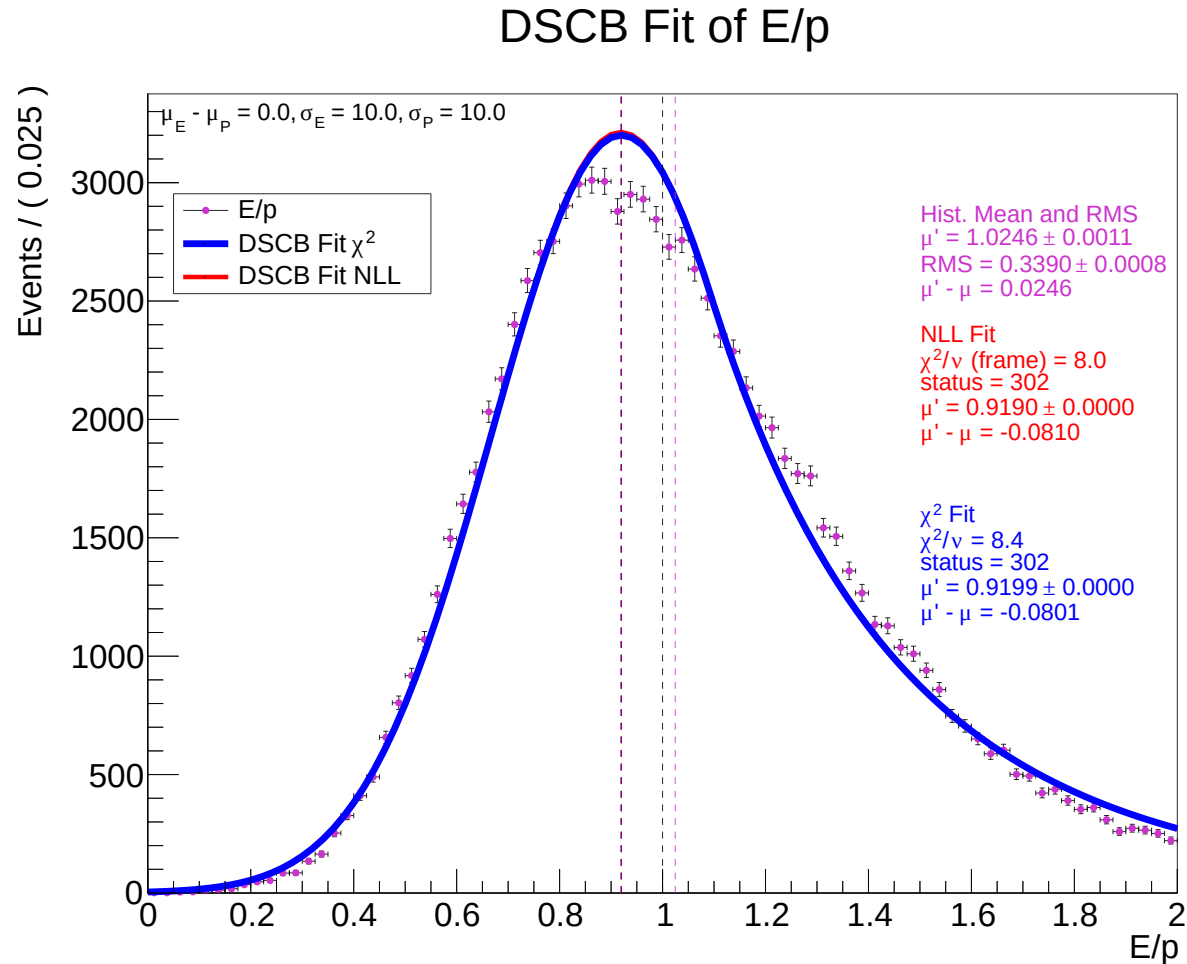


**Fig. 33.1:** E and P Gaussian, randomly generated distributions, and E/p at right

# Toy MC $E/p$

First, we observe that the **tail** of the distribution **emerges** as a pure effect from the pdf.

Also, the mean from Crystal Ball fit is a bit below 1. Whereas the mean of the histogram is above.



# Toy MC $E/p$

The parameter  $\sigma$  from the  $E$  and  $p$  distributions is proportional to this biased means behaviour.

This supports the importance of using variable binning in the endcaps.

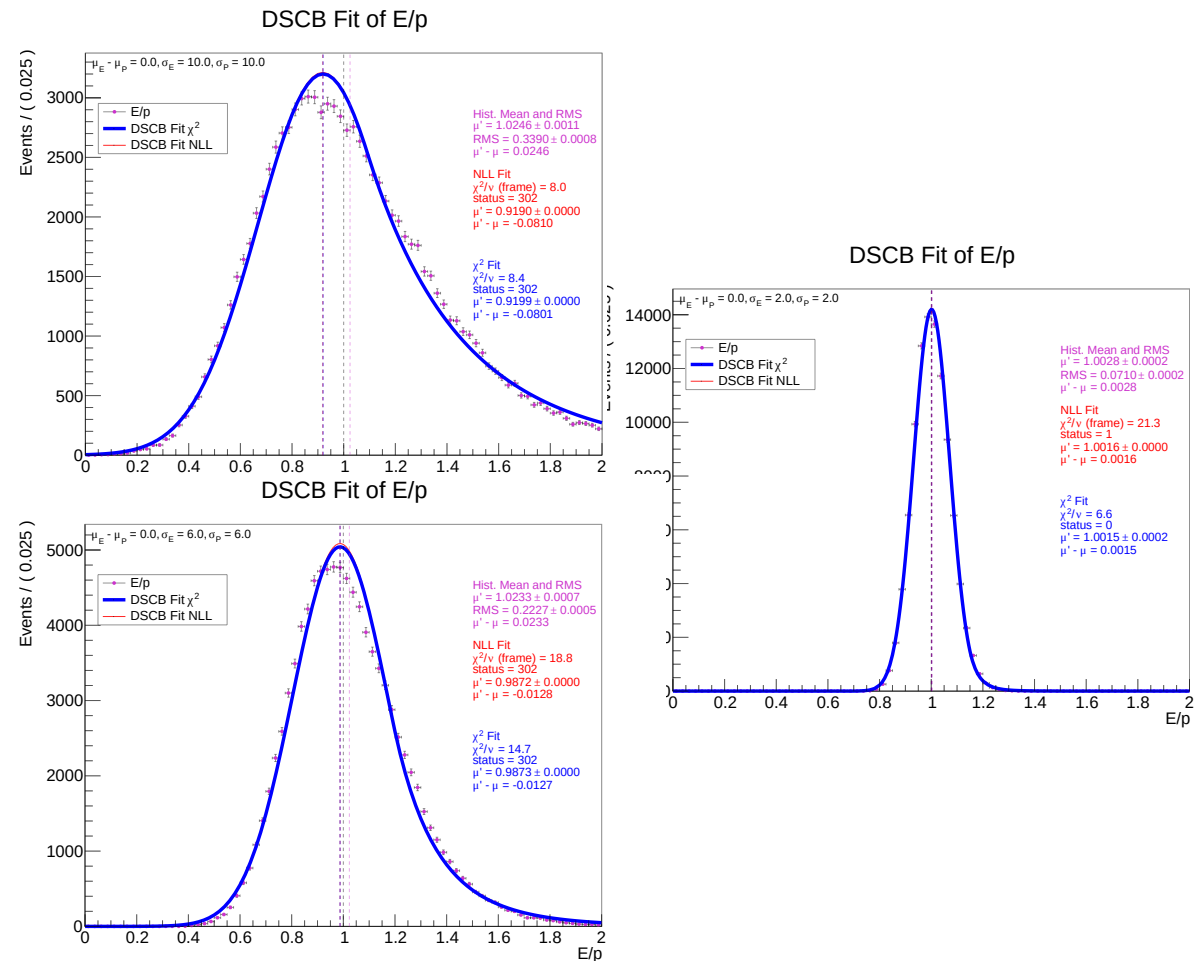


Fig. 35.1: CB fits of MC Toy  $E/p$  with different sigmas in E and p pdf