Measurements of the Time Structure of Hadronic Showers in a Scintillator-Tungsten HCAL

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Calorimeter for ILC

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- The Time Structure of Hadronic Showers
- First measurements in a Tungsten HCAL
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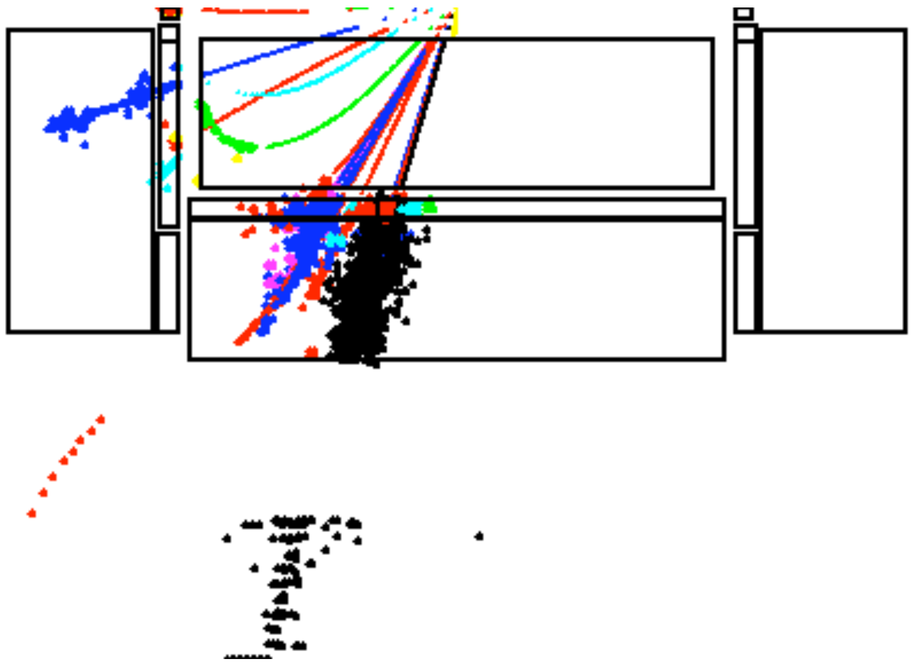

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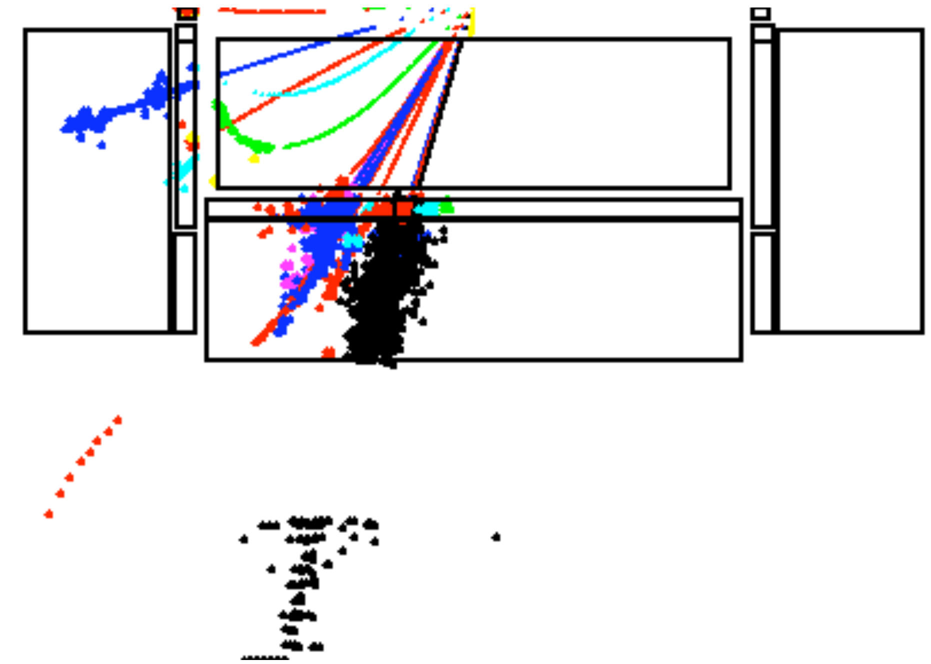

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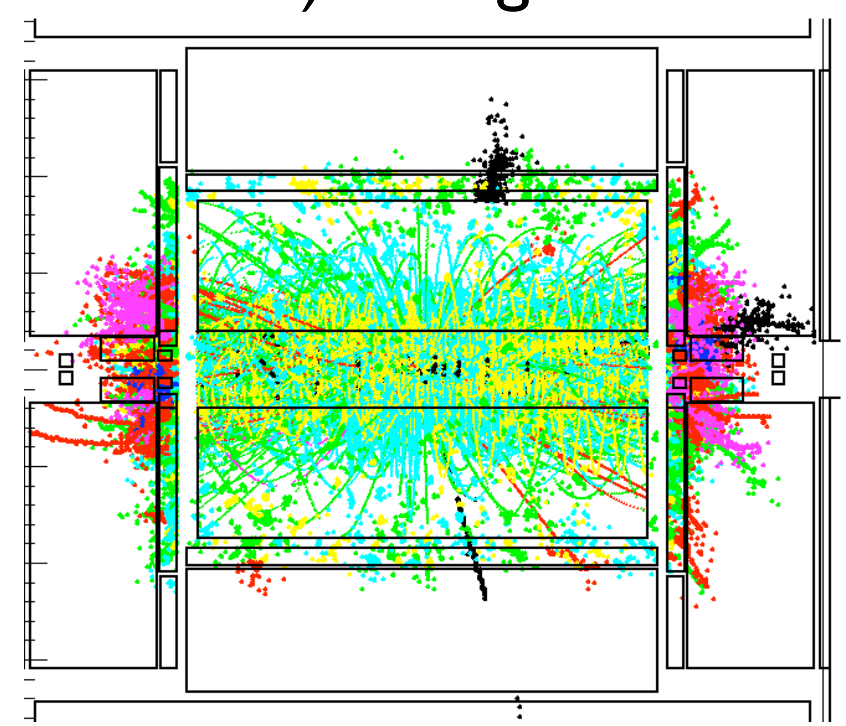
- Key challenge (linked to high energy and machine-specific issues): Background
  - $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$ hadrons substantial:
    ~ 12 hadrons/bunch crossing in the barrel region
    (4 GeV / bunch crossing) [up to 50 hadrons /
    50 - 60 GeV barrel + endcap + plug calorimeters]
  - extreme bunch crossing rate: every 0.5 ns



➩ Very good time resolution in all detectors important to limit impact of background!

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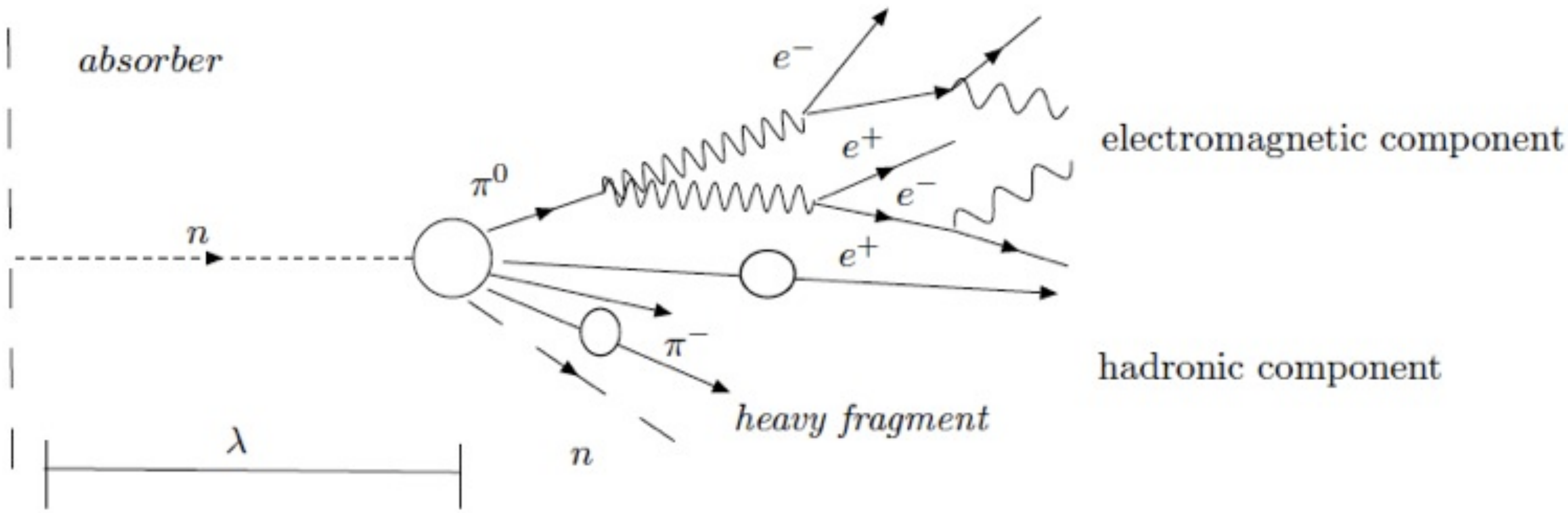

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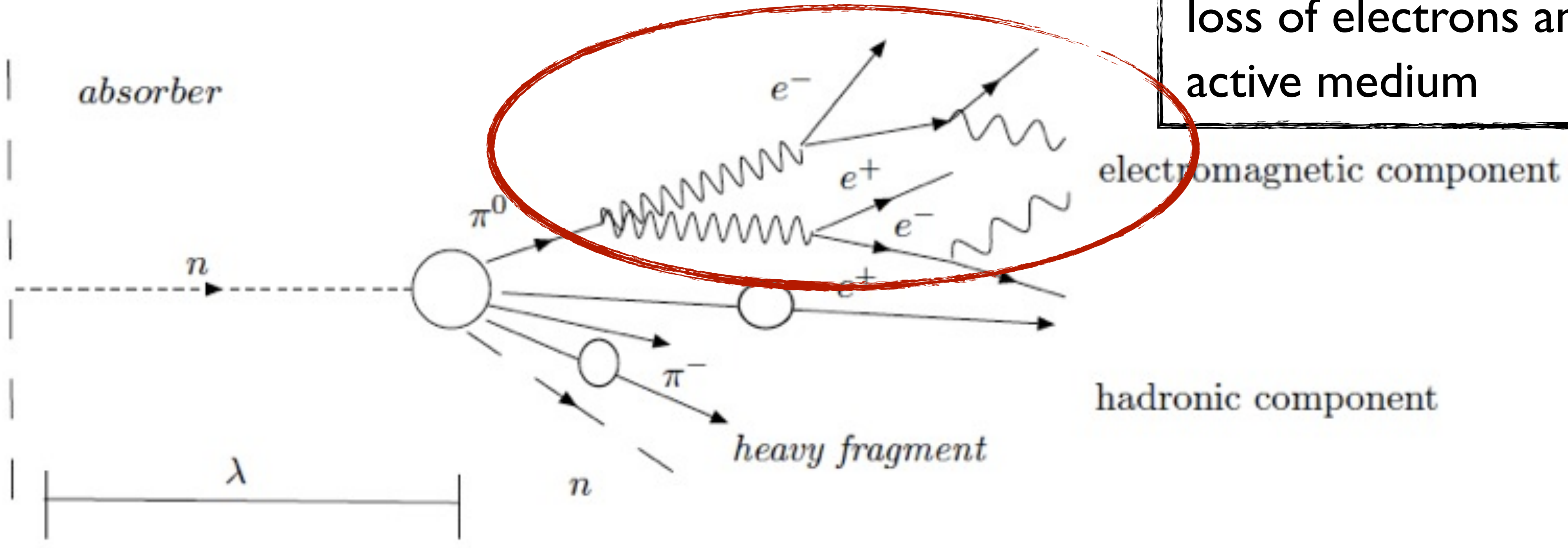

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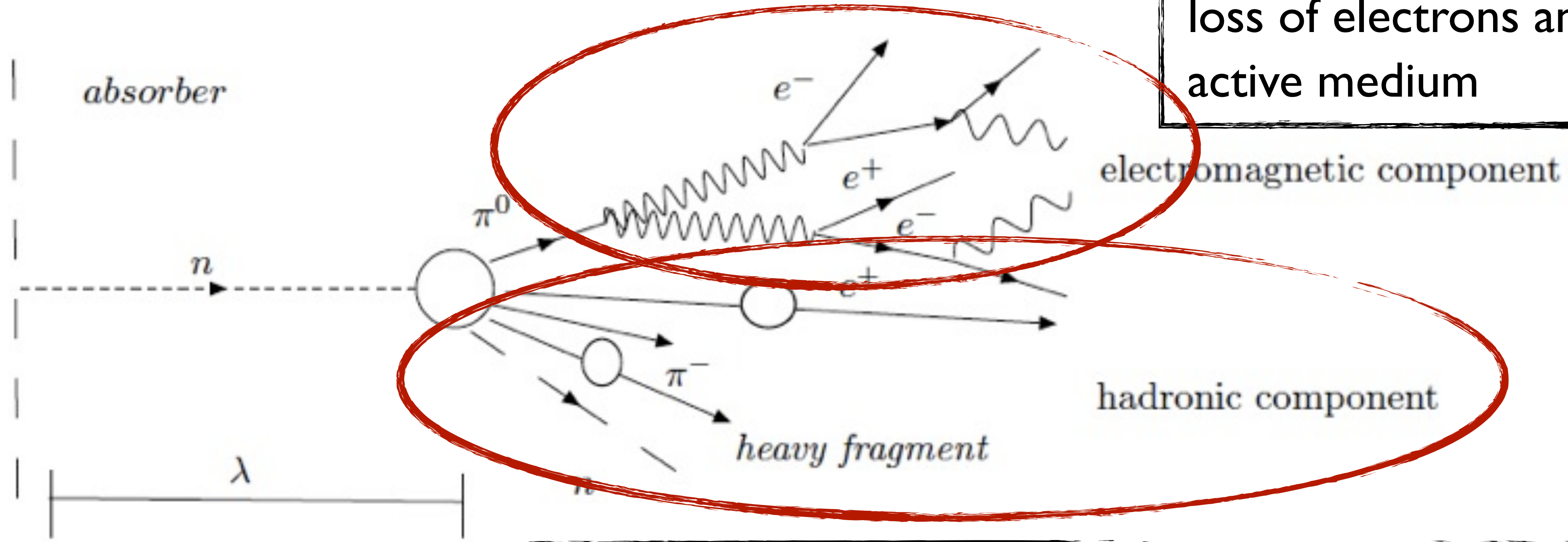

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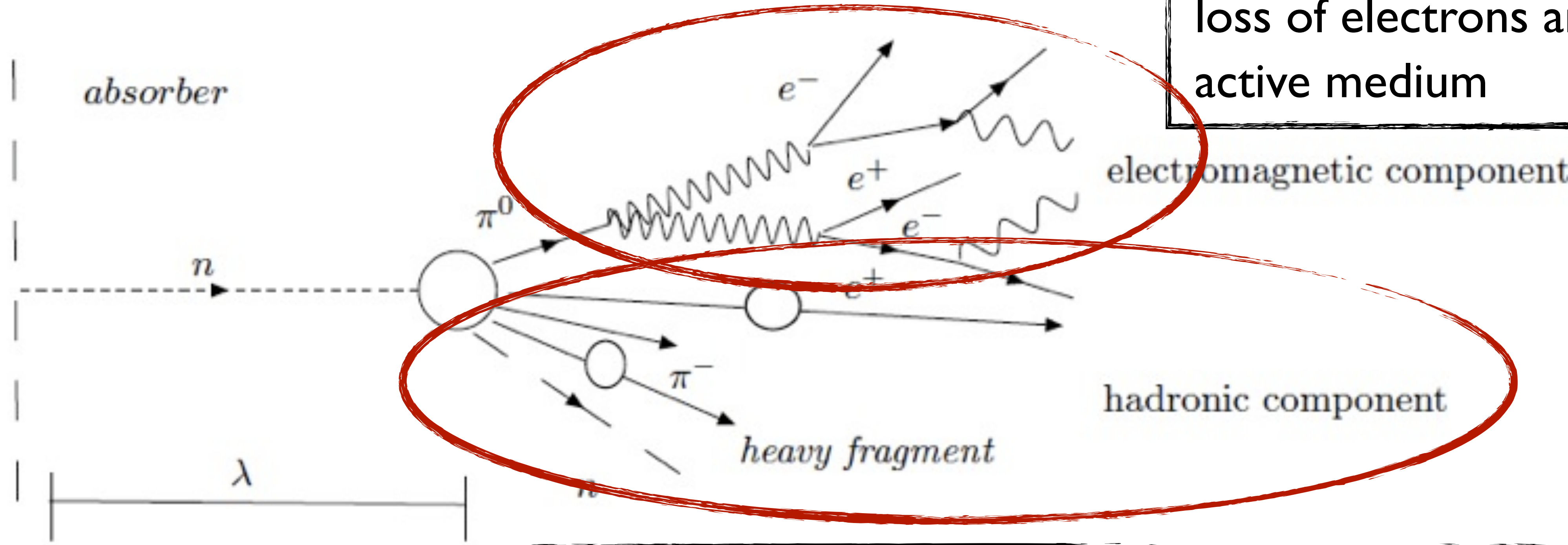

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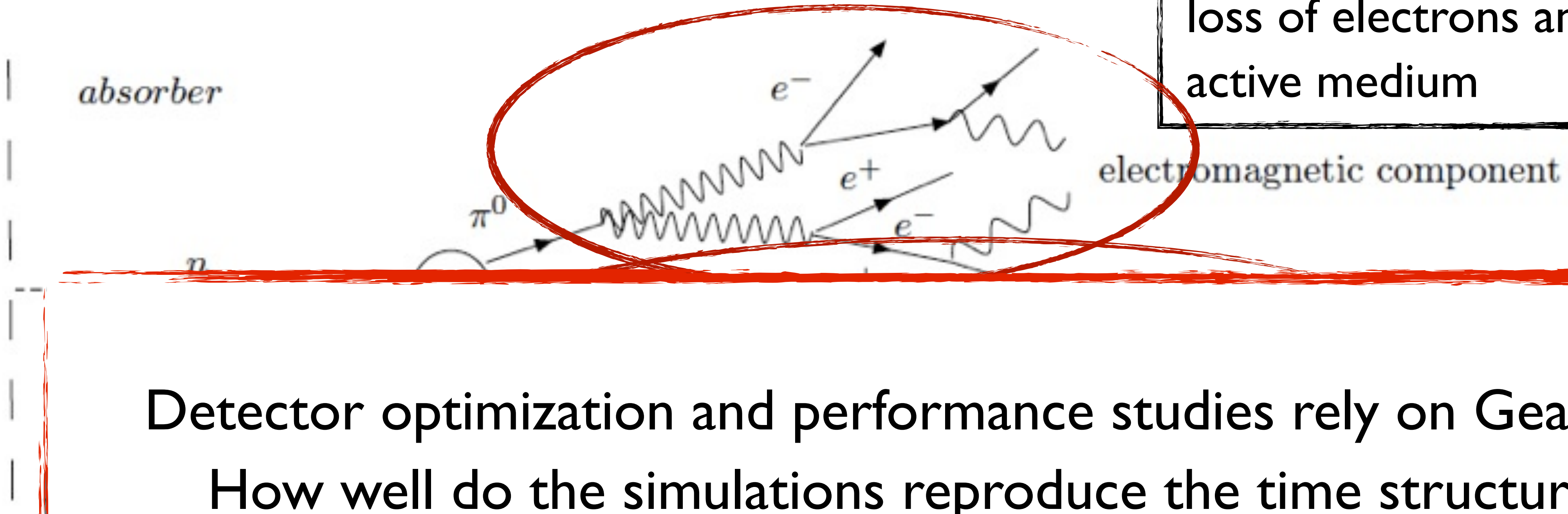

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Detector optimization and performance studies rely on Geant4:
How well do the simulations reproduce the time structure
of the response in the CLIC HCAL?

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➩ First information on time structure, possibility for comparisons to Geant4, but: no complete “4D” shower reconstruction!

T3B Technology: Scintillators and Photon Sensors

- Important features for timing measurement:
  - Fast response (good time resolution!)
  - Large signal (allows detection of small individual energy deposits)

Fiberless coupling of photon sensor to scintillator: Eliminate time constant of WLS

- ▸ Requires blue sensitive photon sensors
- ▸ Requires special shaping of coupling position to obtain uniform response over tile

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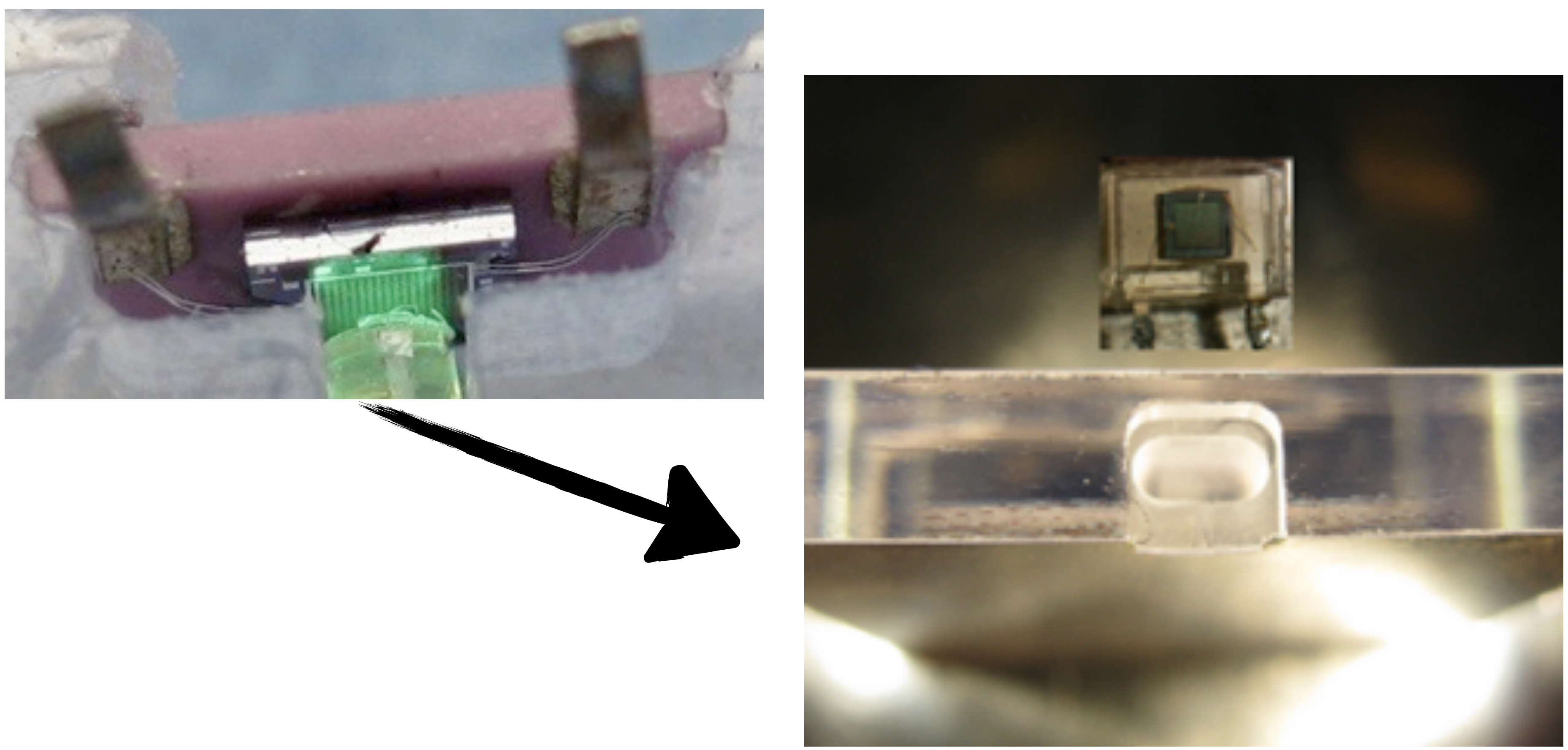

~ x2 faster response without WLS

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- Adopted solution for T3B: PicoScope 6403
  - 1.25 GHz sampling for 4 channels per unit
  - 1 GB buffer memory (shared between channels)
  - Burst trigger mode: Maximum rate determined by window length: ~ 500 kHz for 2μs acquisition window
  - 8 bit vertical resolution
  - Control & Readout via USB

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beam axis
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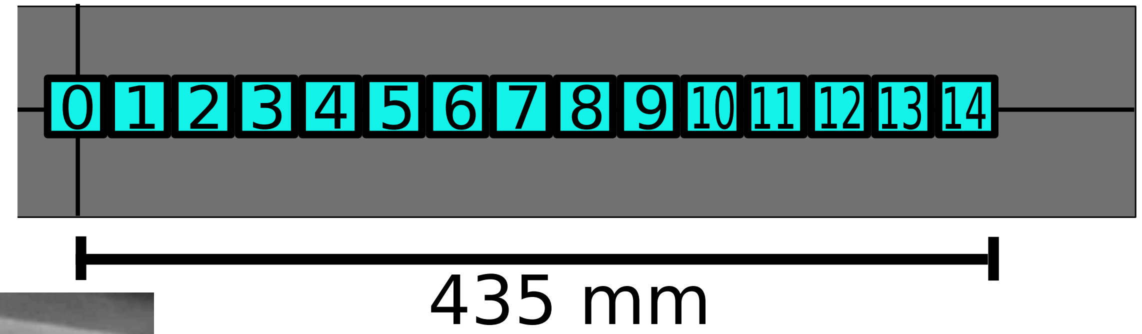

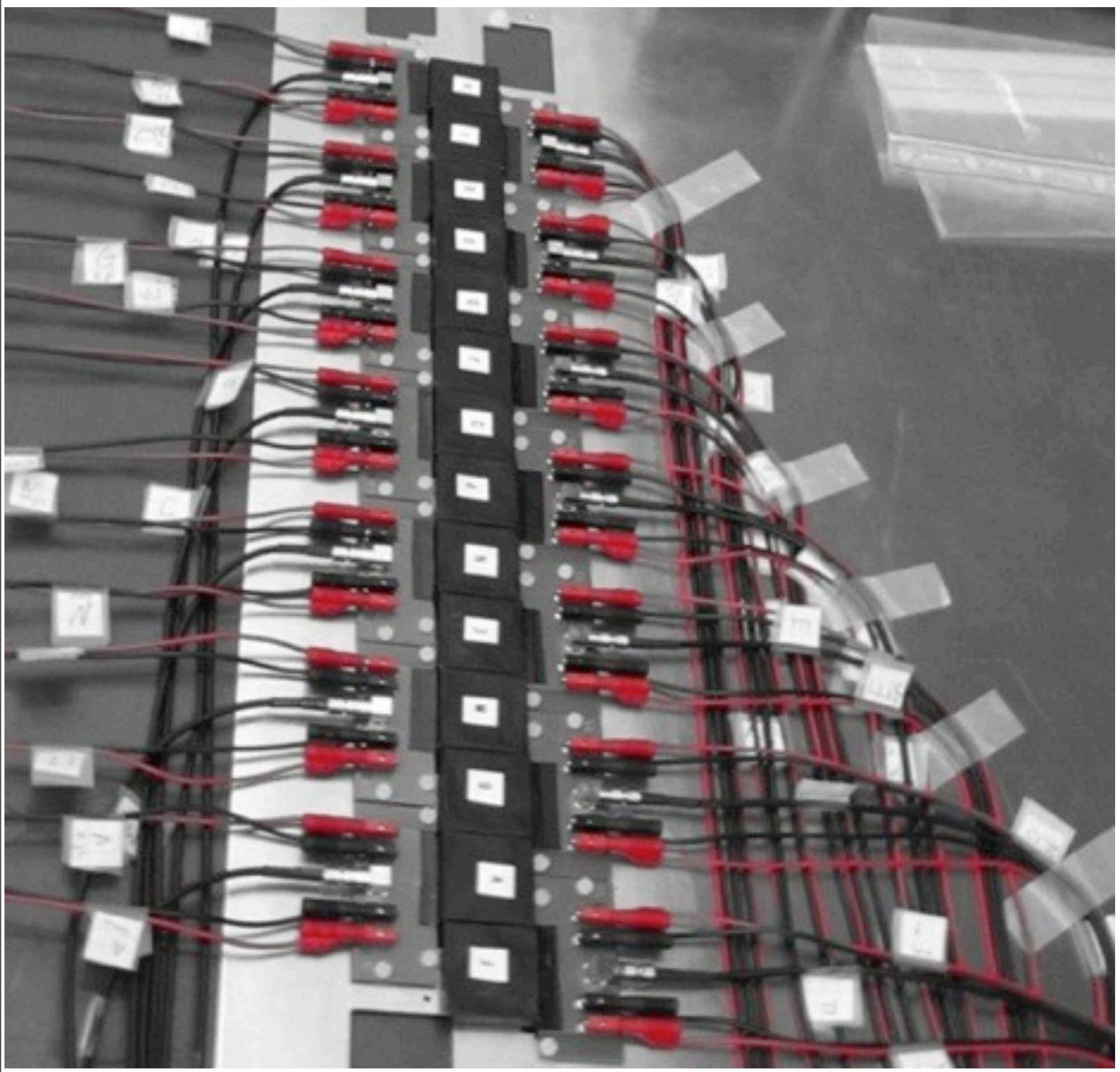

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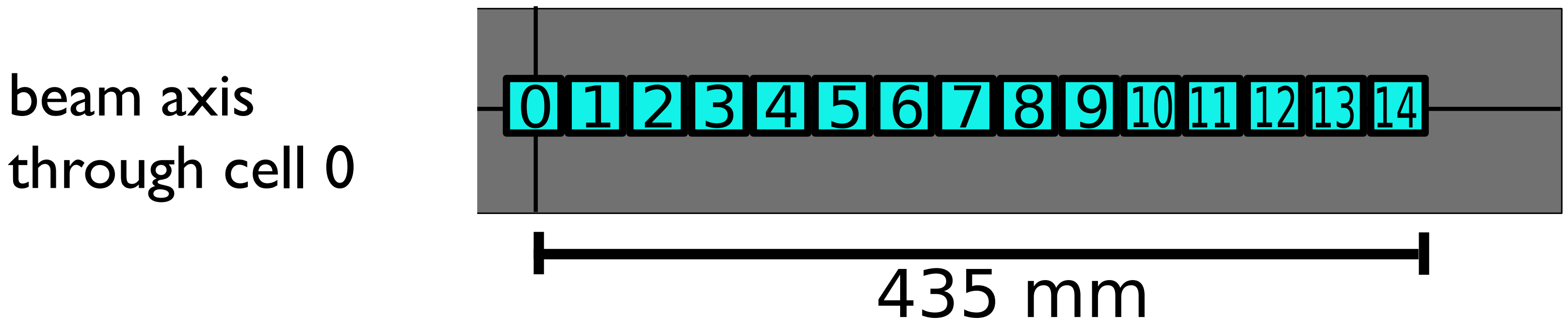

Stand-alone system:

- Installed downstream of CALICE WHCAL, depth ~ 4 λ
- Each cell read out with 1.25 GS oscilloscope, 2.4 μs sampling time per event
- Calibration triggers on dark noise between spills

Synchronization with CALICE

- Triggered by CALICE trigger - common analysis possible in the future

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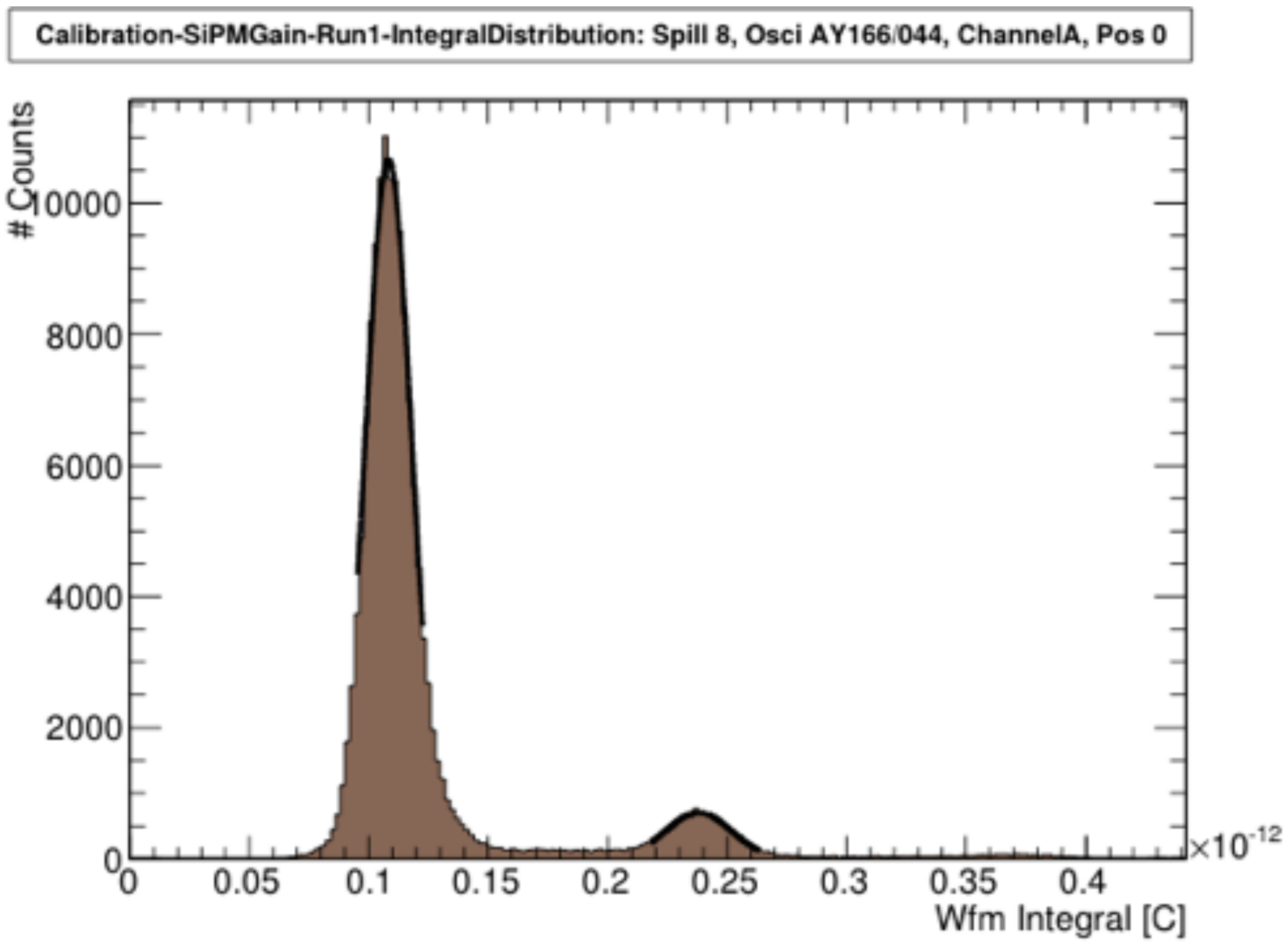

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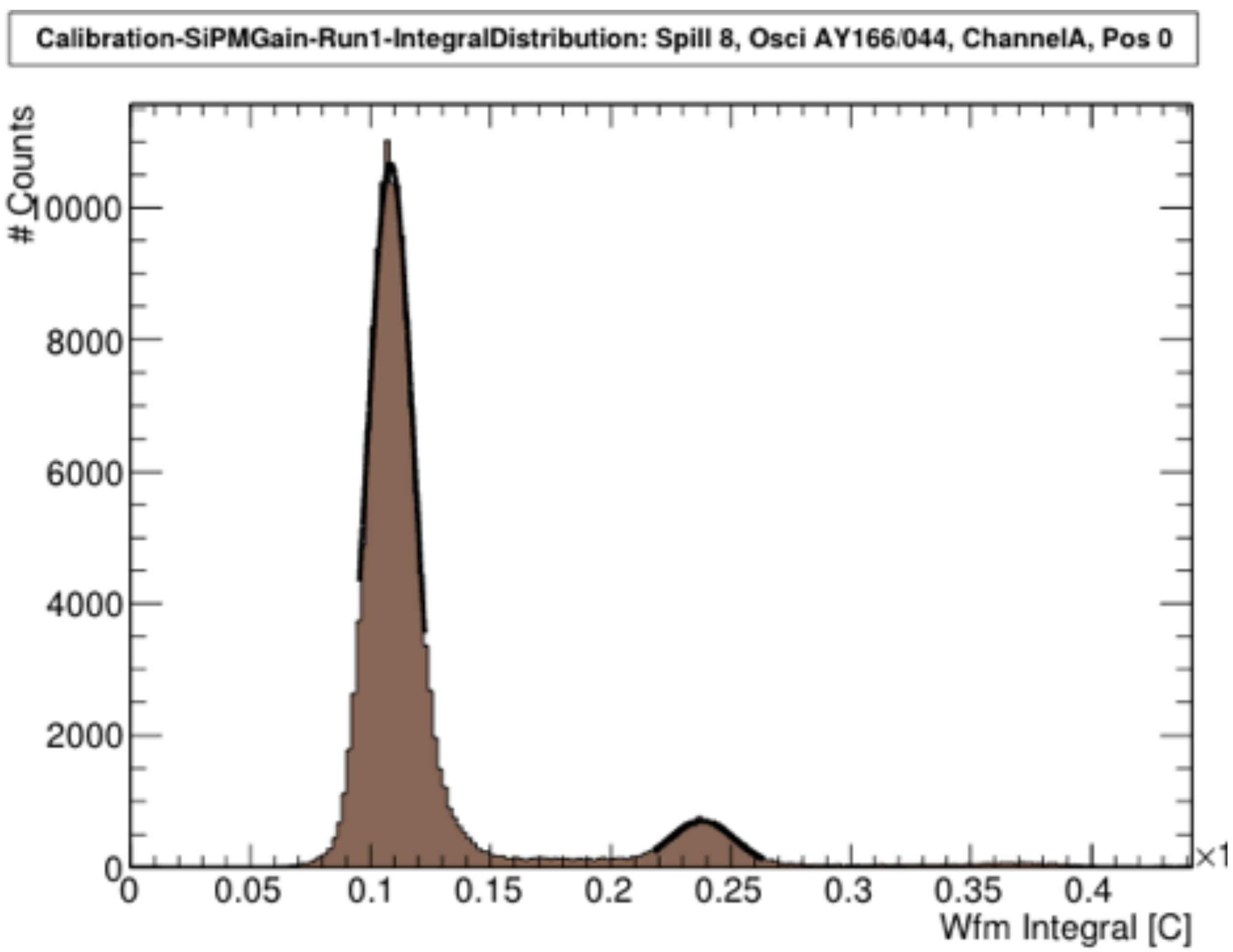

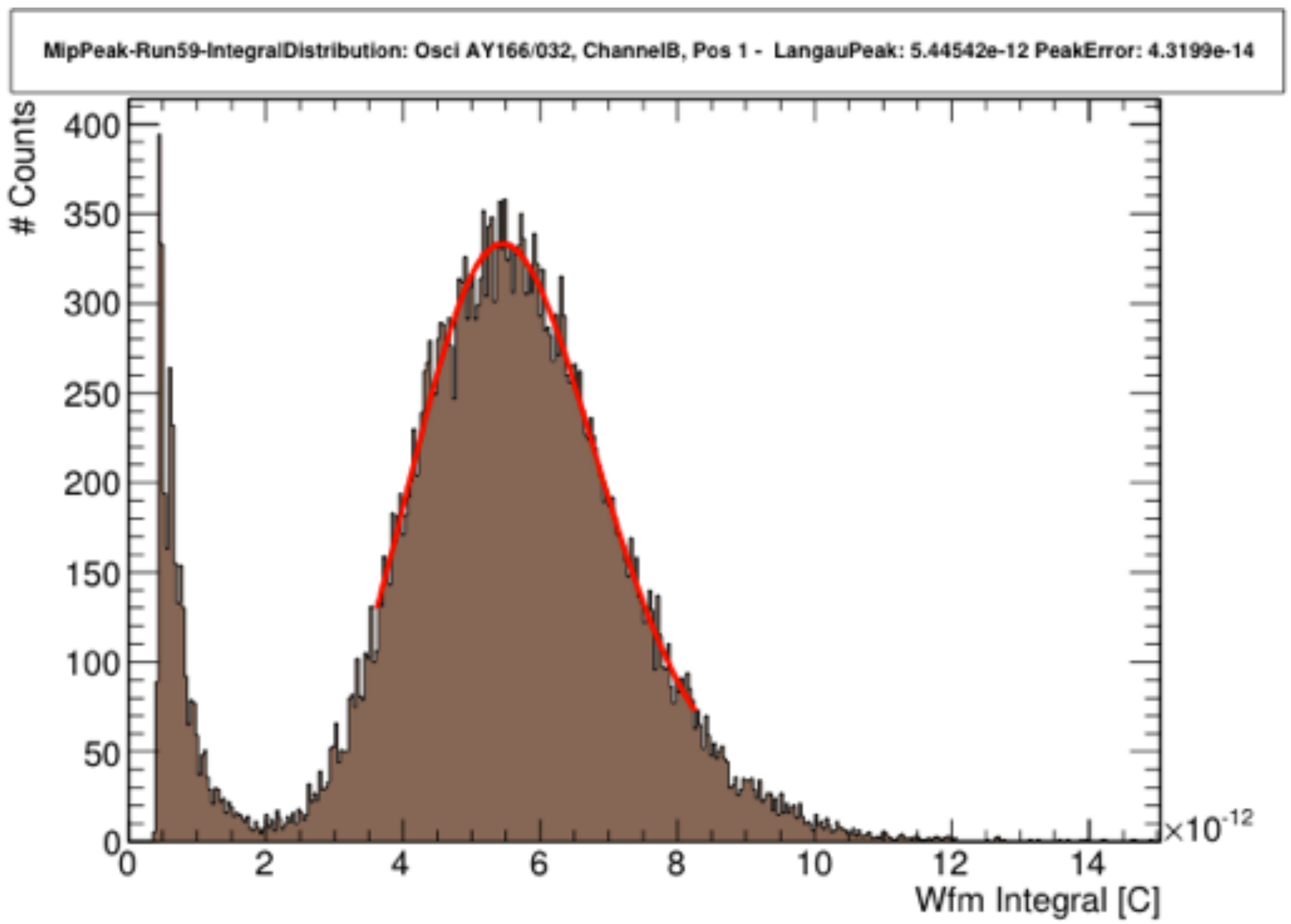

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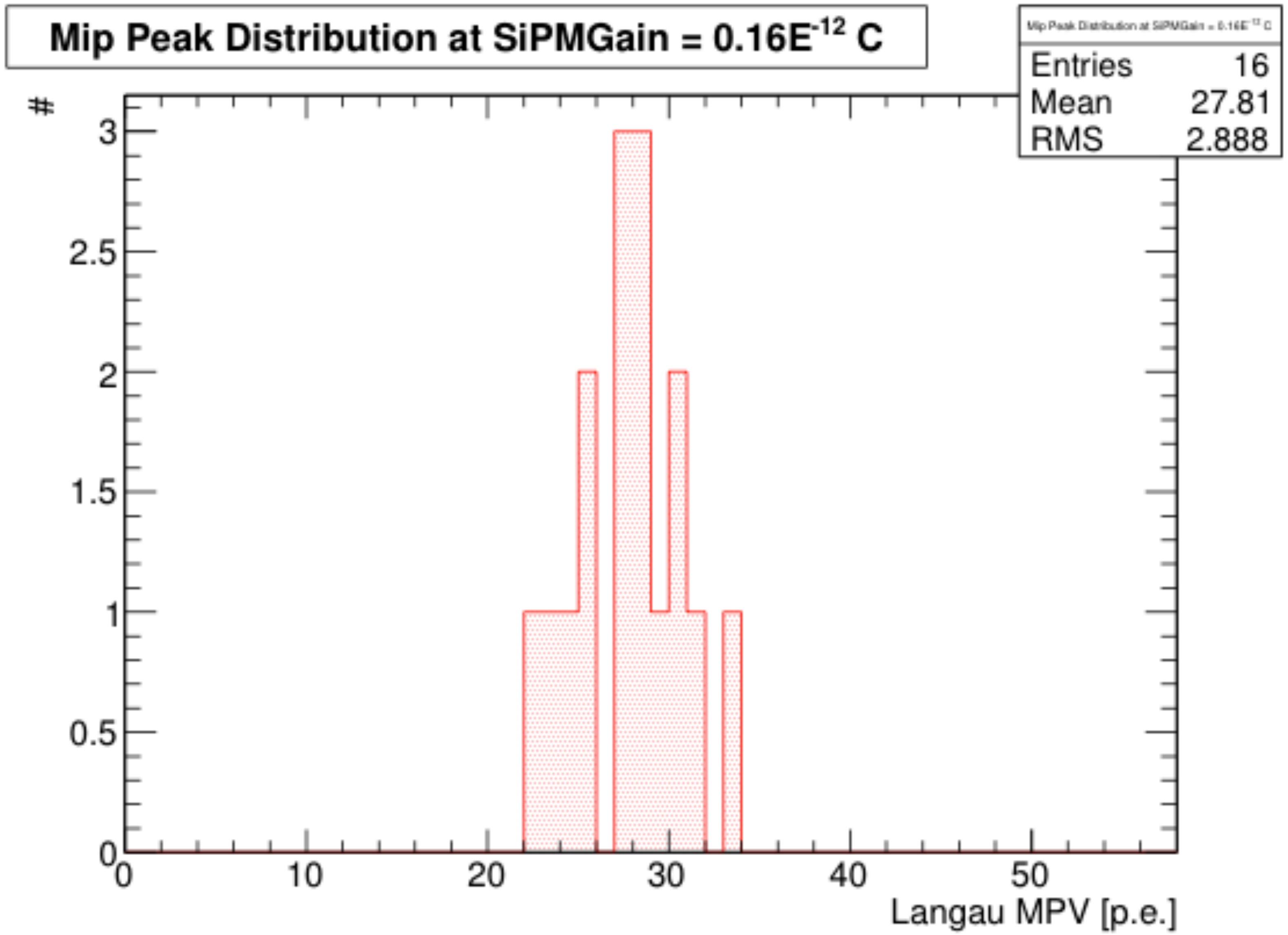

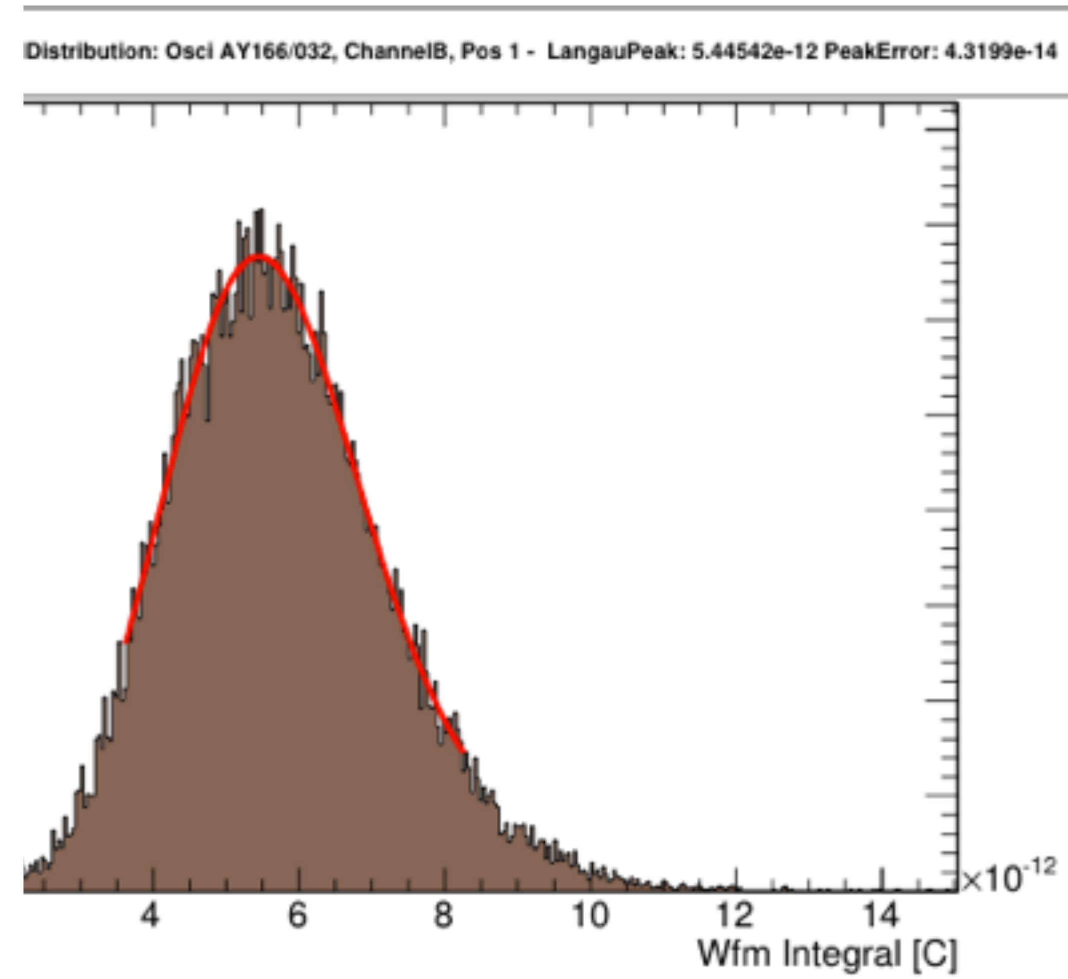

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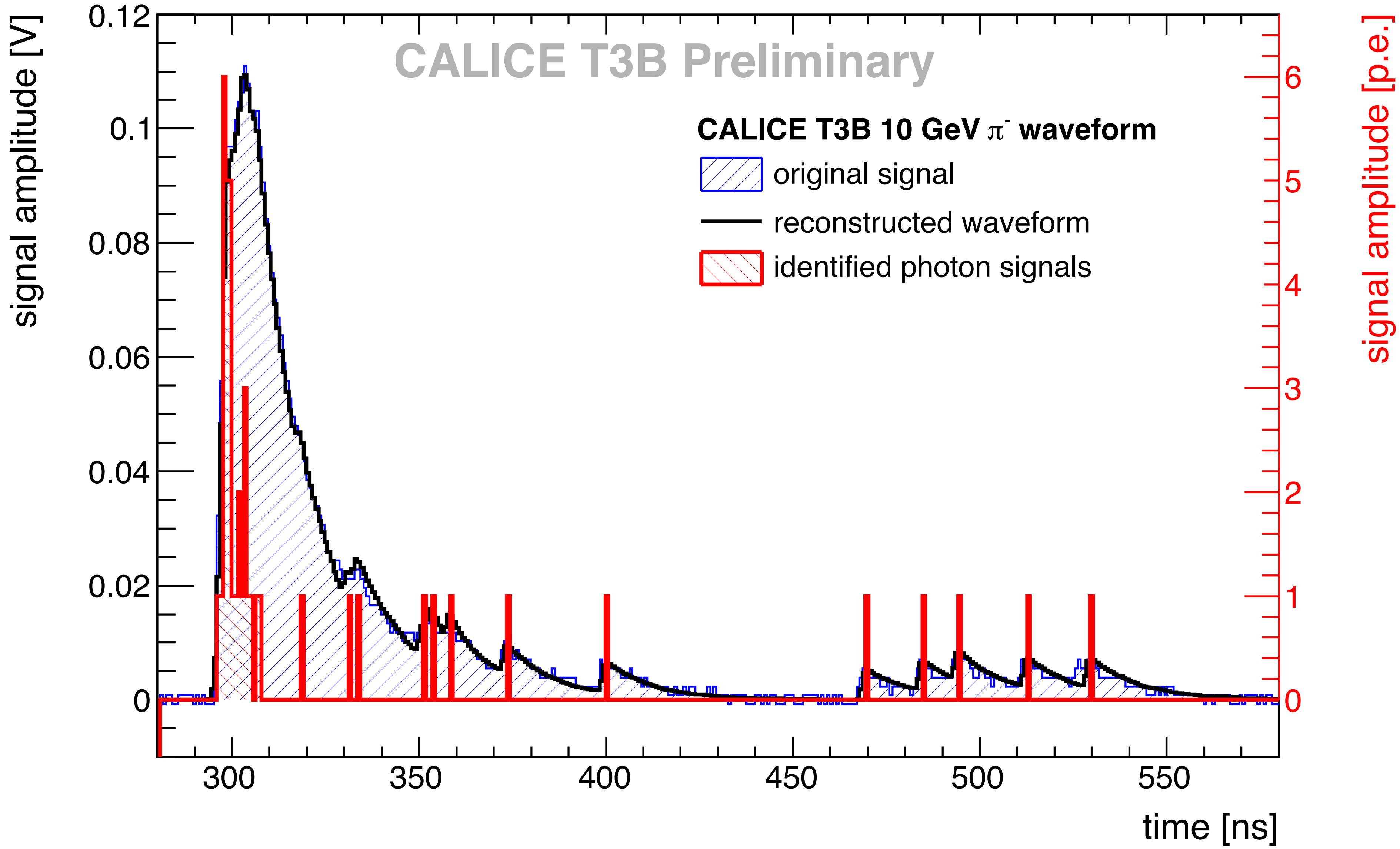
- Distribution of response over sample of T3B tiles: 10% RMS variation

Data Analysis - Technique

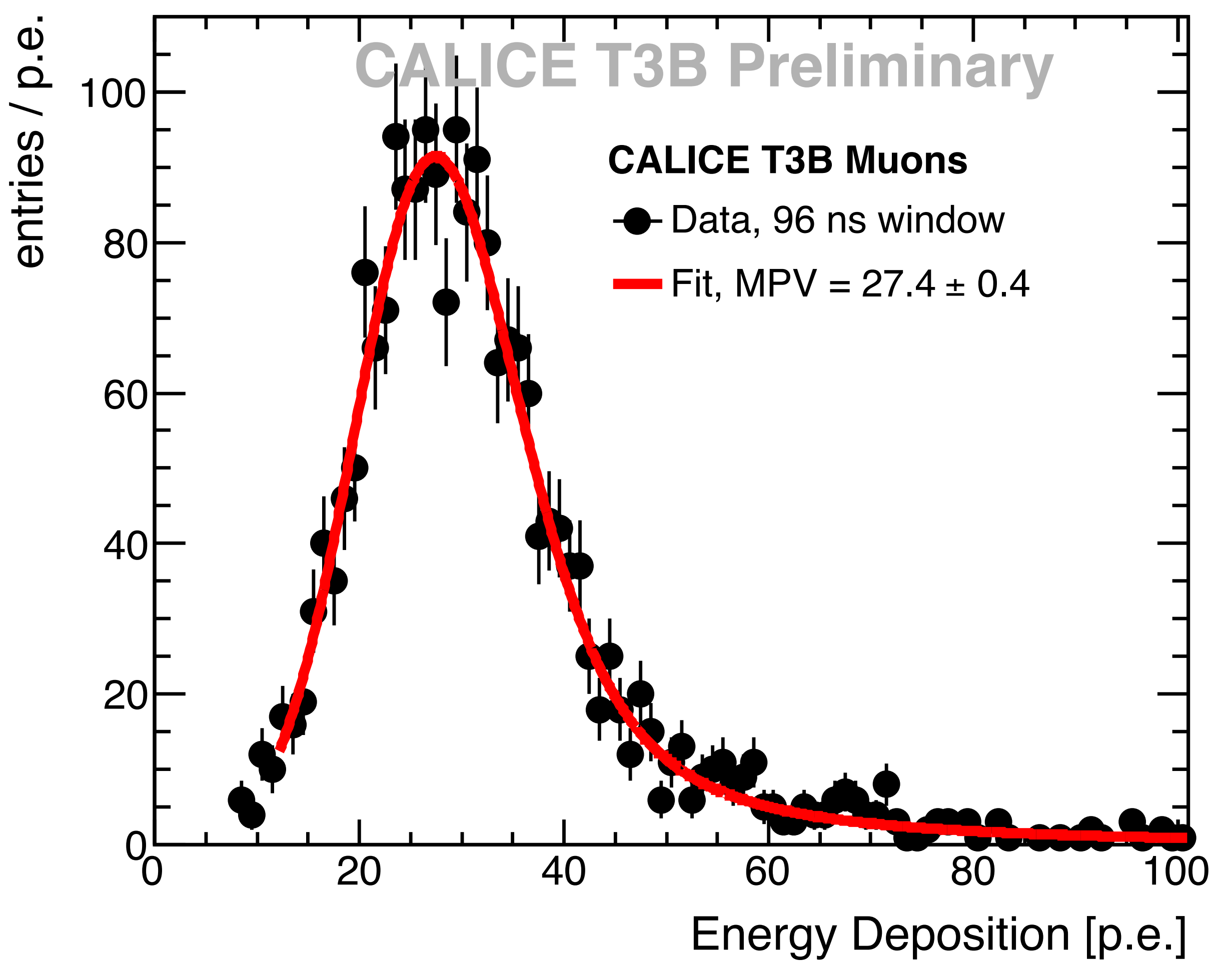
- For each channel, a complete waveform with 3000 samples (800 ps /sample) is saved
- Waveform decomposed into individual photon signals, using averaged 1 p.e. signals
  - Average 1 p.e. signal taken from calibration runs between spills, refreshed every 5 minutes: Continuous automatic gain calibration

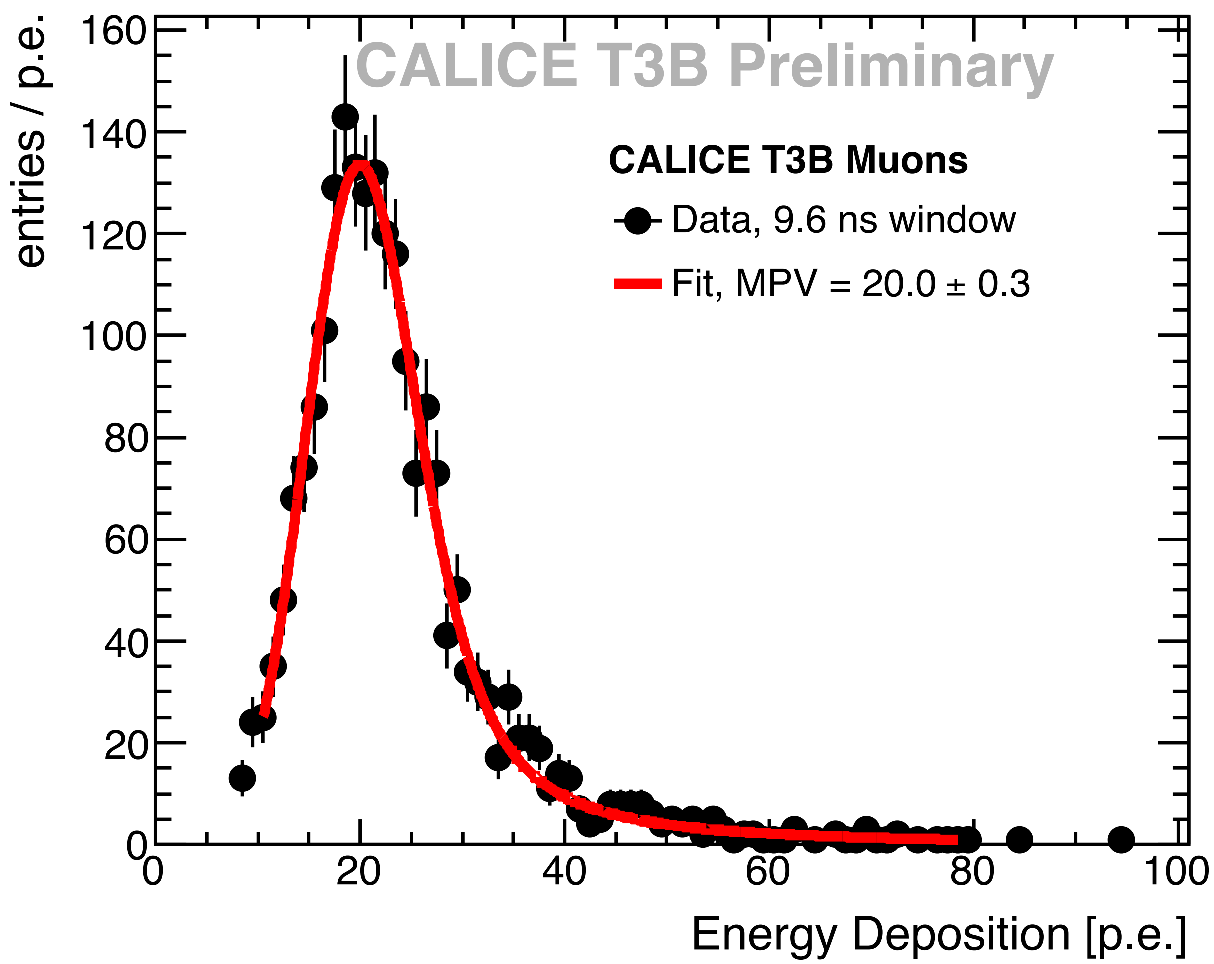
- Reconstruction of the time of each photo-electron



First Results - Muons

- Energy of muons reconstructed in the central T3B tile
  - Full reconstruction with waveform decomposition
  - Used to calibrate the response for tile 0, consistent result for tile 1 - only small cell-to-cell variation expected





- Two integration times: Short time window rejects a significant fraction of SiPM afterpulses

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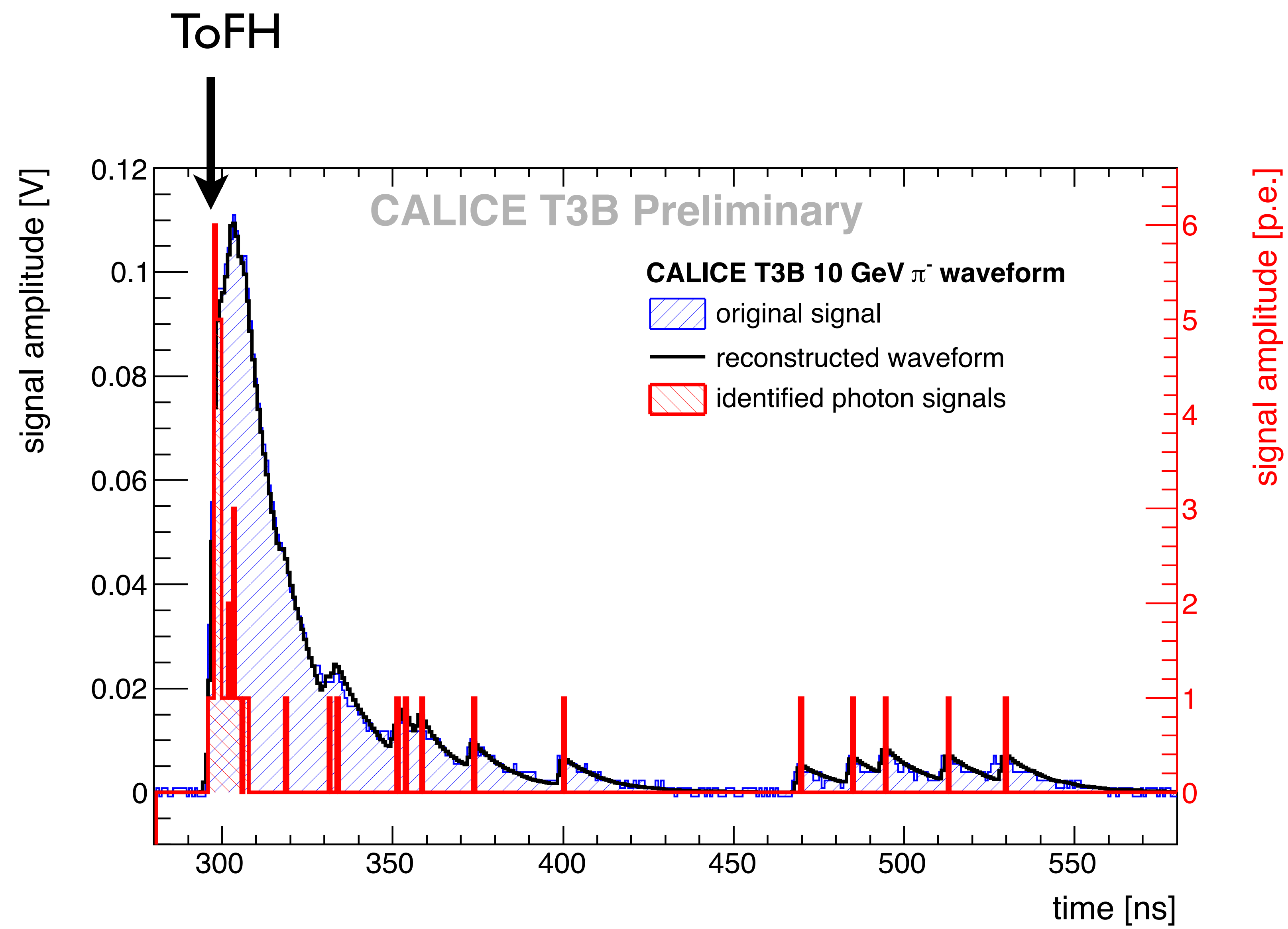

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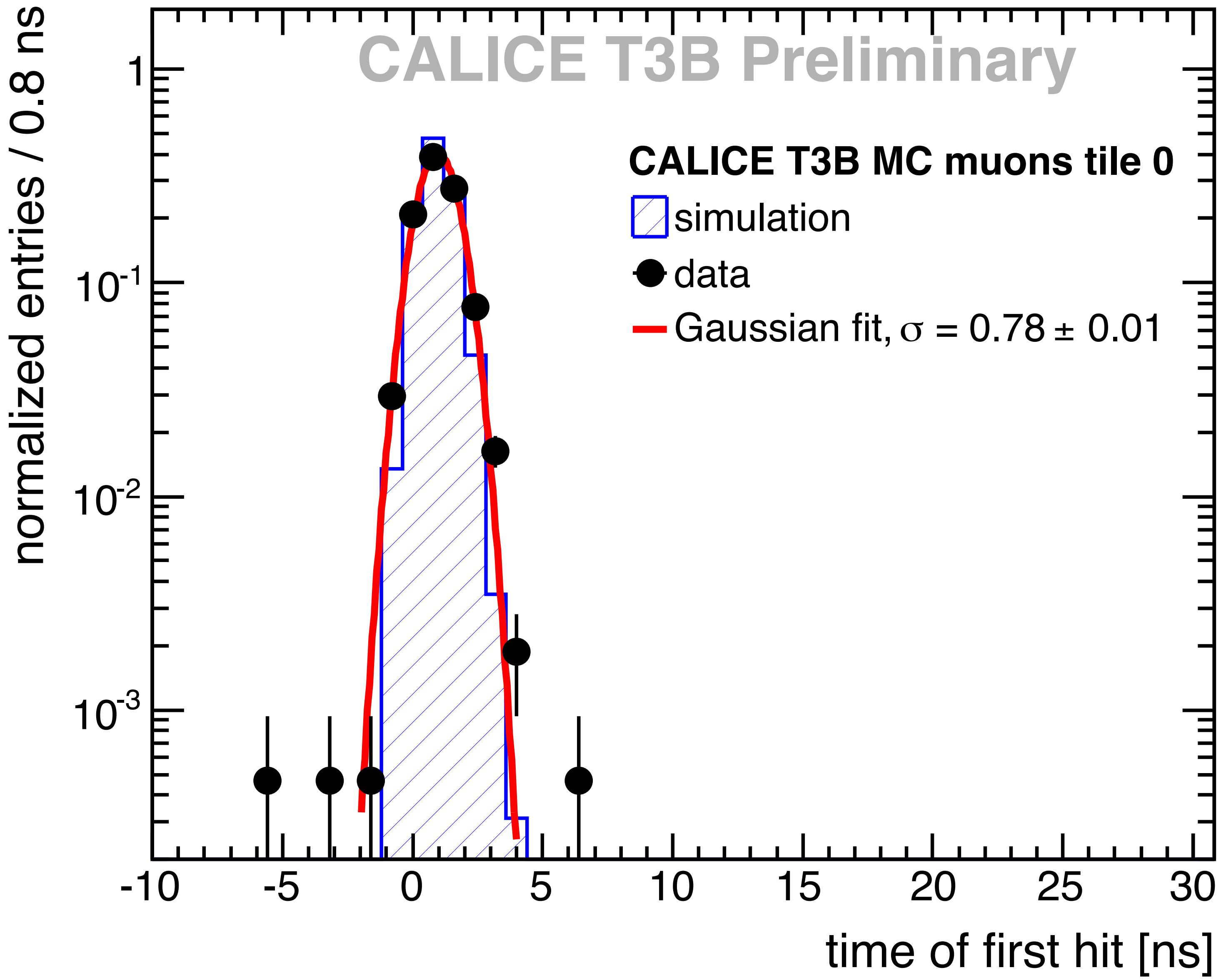
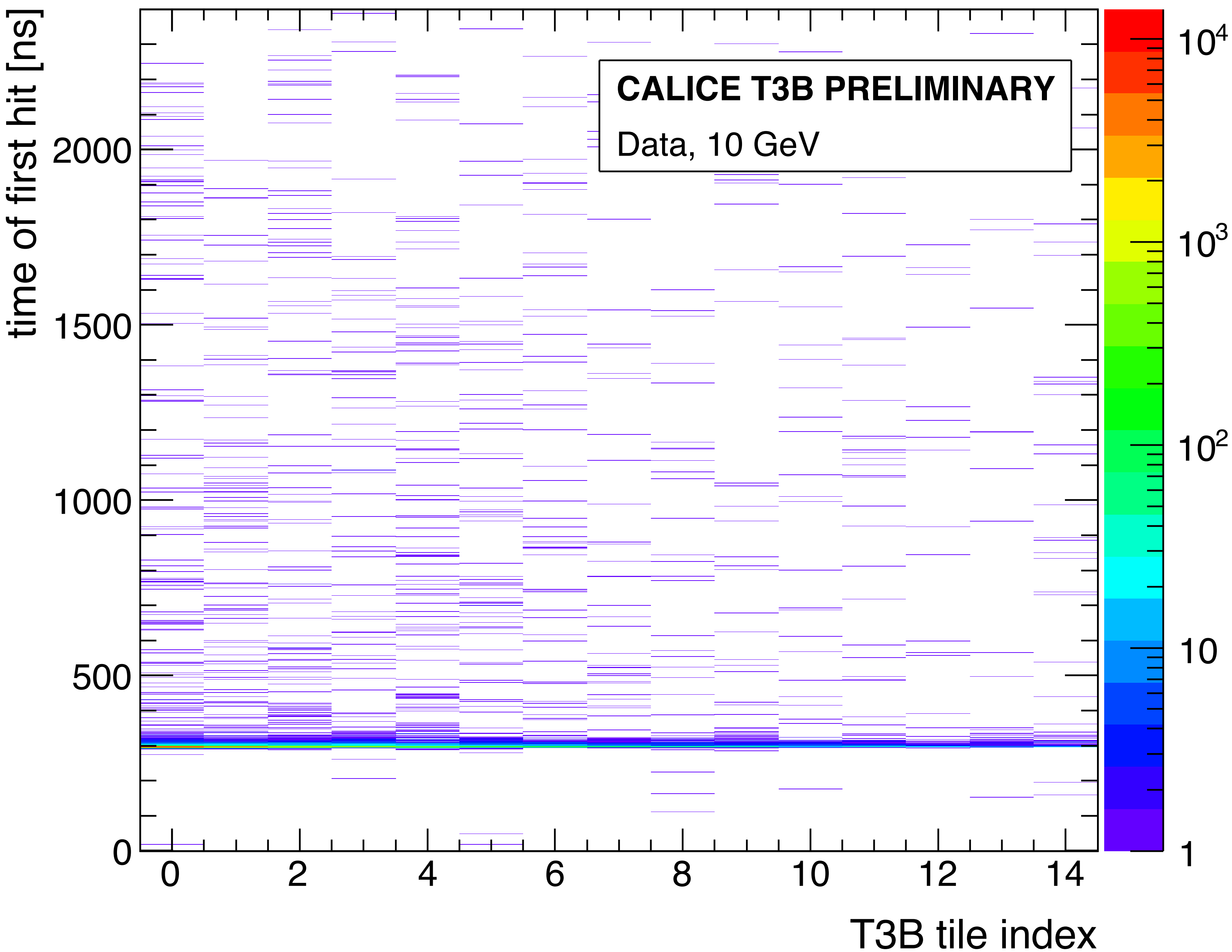


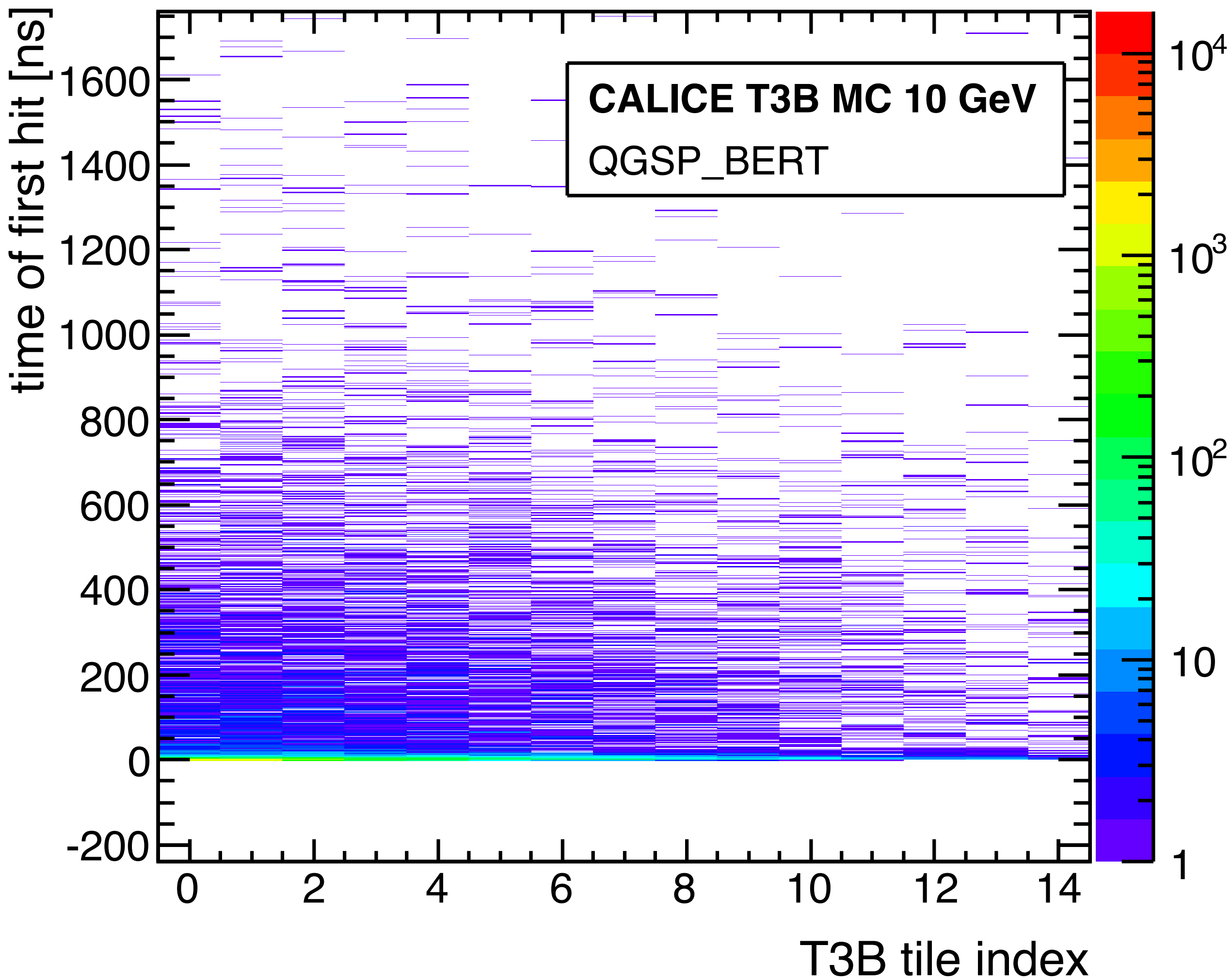
First Results - Pion Data

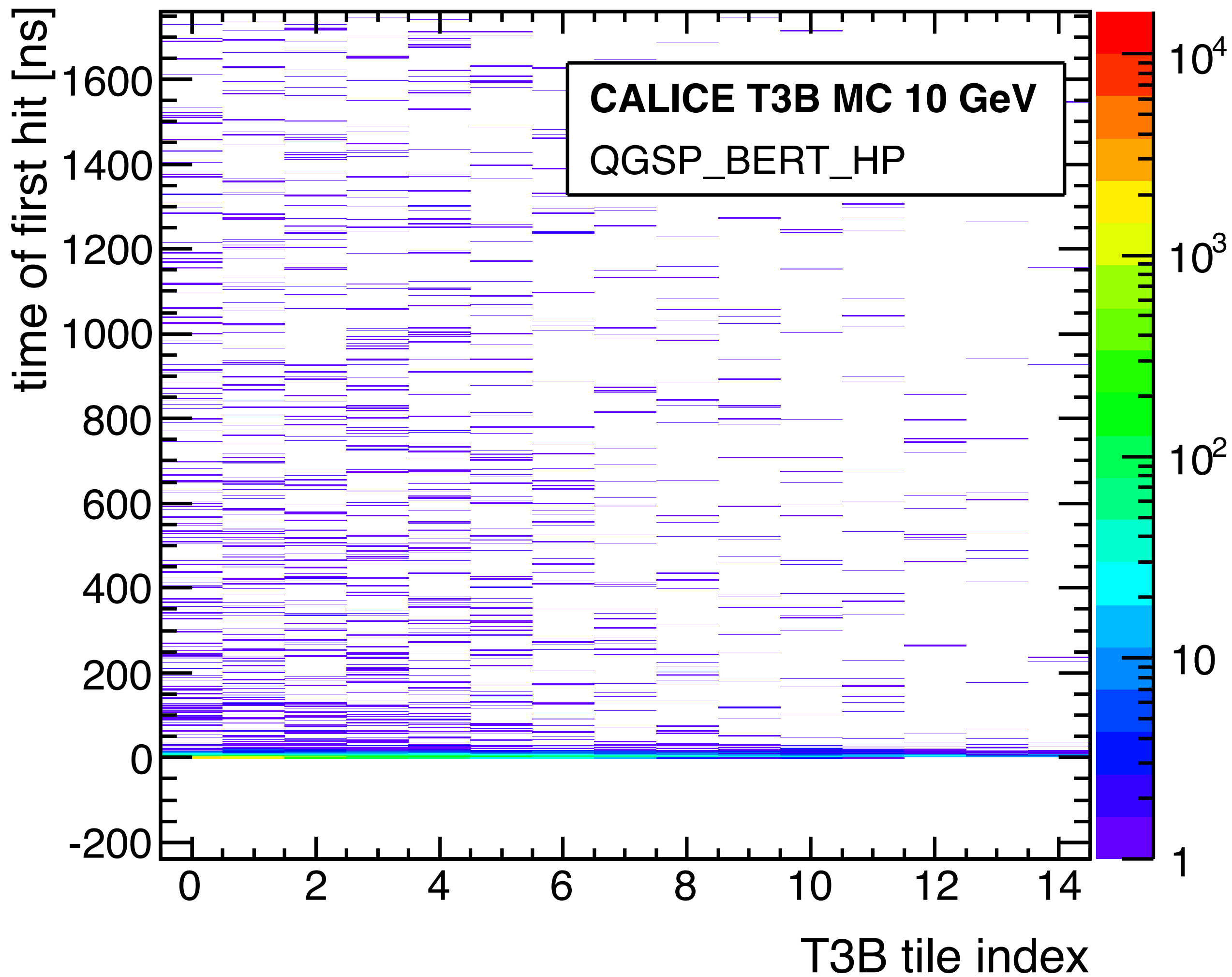
- Data taken in CALICE WHCAL Testbeam at CERN PS
  - Current analysis: Highest energy - 10 GeV π^-
  - Time of First Hit



Time of First Hit in Simulations

- Simulations using smeared photon distributions
- Same analysis procedure as real data
- Two physics lists:
  - QGSP_BERT: LHC standard, used for CLIC detector studies
  - QGSP_BERT_HP: Variant with high precision neutron tracking





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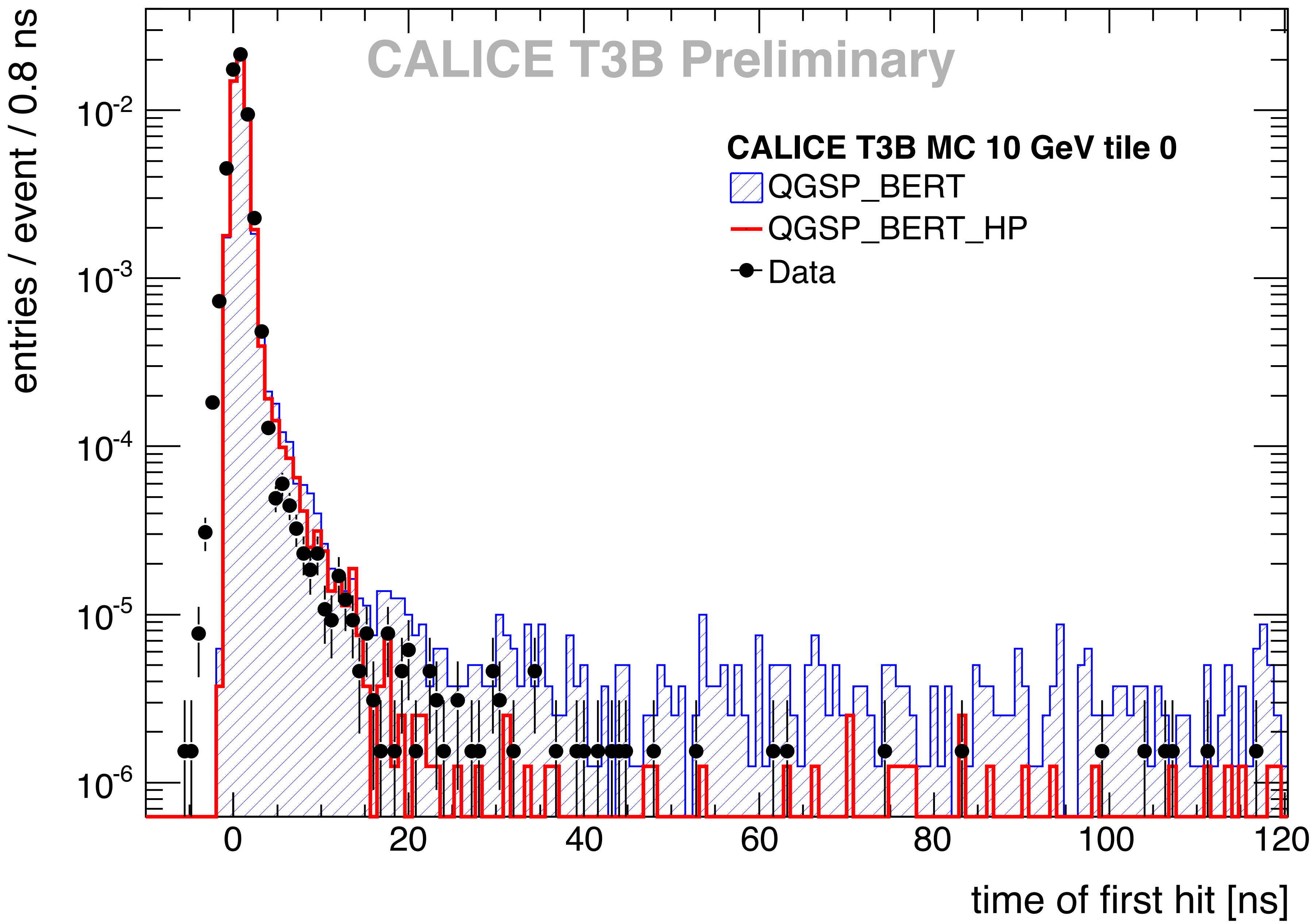

Central T3B cell:

Distribution of the Time of First Hit

- QGSP_BERT shows a pronounced tail of late energy depositions
- Data agrees better with QGSP_BERT_HP - Reduced activity beyond 20 ns

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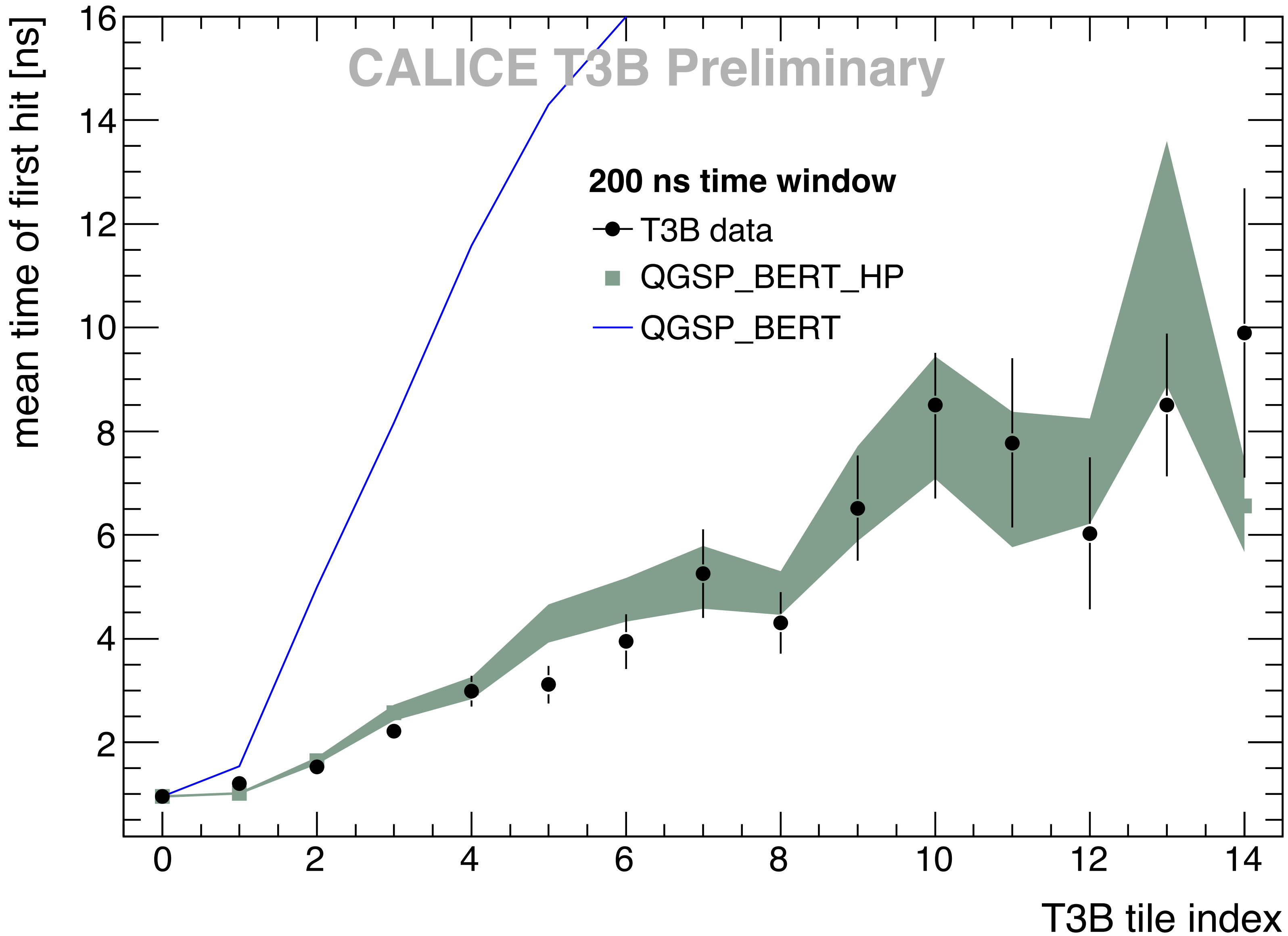

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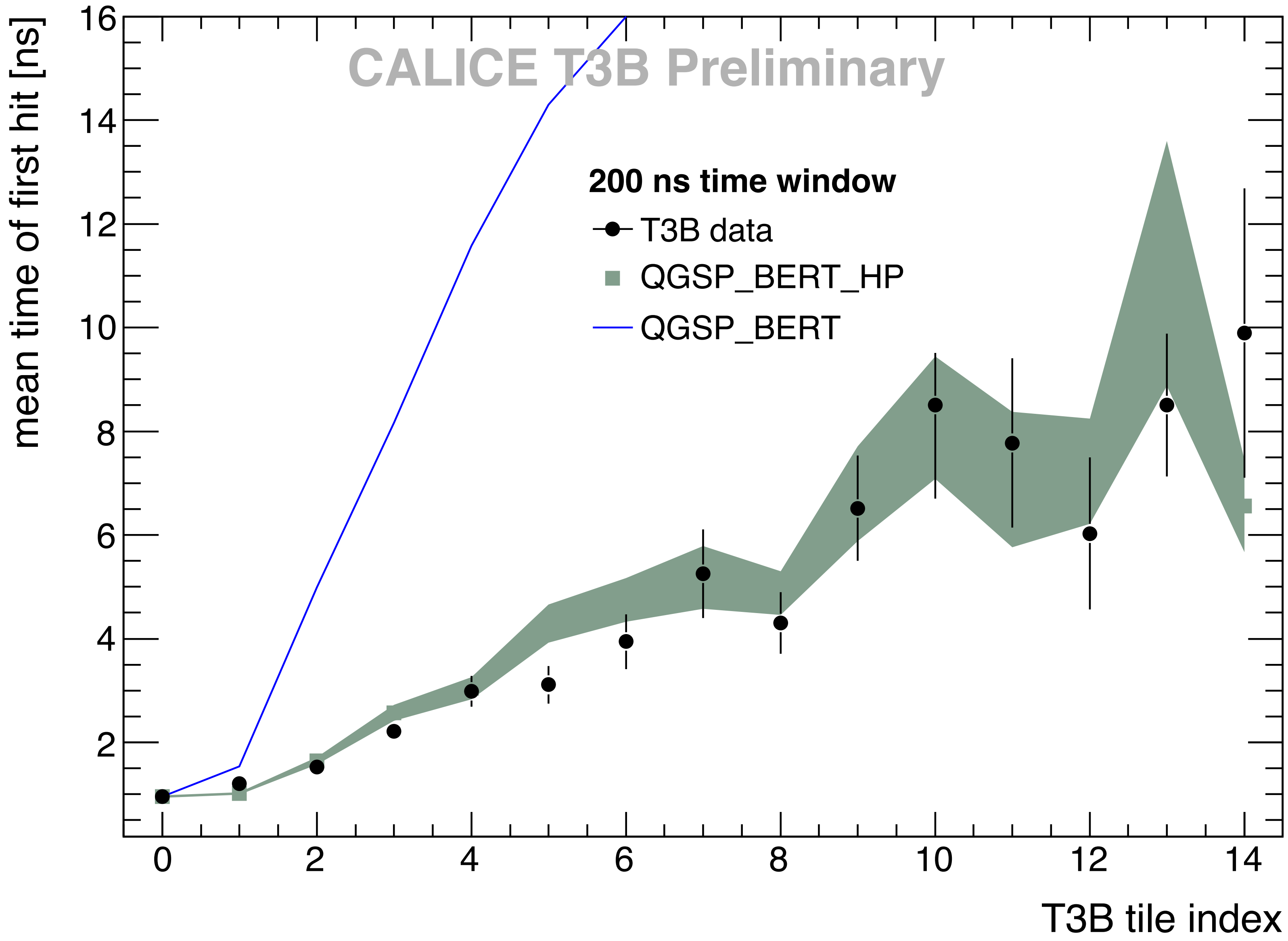

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➪ High precision neutron tracking or other means to suppress excessive late energy depositions necessary to describe observed time structure in T3B

Summary & Outlook

- Time resolution is important at CLIC: High hadron background combined with 2 GHz bunch crossing frequency
- Hadronic showers are not instantaneous: Limits to the time resolution of the hadronic calorimeters
- CALICE T3B is a dedicated experiment to provide first measurements of the time structure in a scintillator-tungsten HCAL
  - Scintillator tiles with direct SiPM readout - Good cell-to-cell response uniformity
  - Readout with USB oscilloscopes: Long time windows, high trigger rates
  - Analysis technique based on waveform decomposition - Automatic gain calibration with dark noise
- First results from PS beam period: Moderate amount of late-starting hits observed: Consistent with Geant4 simulations using QGSP_BERT_HP
- Substantial data set recorded at higher energies at the CERN SPS - Analysis ongoing

Backup

Simulations

- Geant 4.9.3.p01, Simplified simulation setup:
  - 31 layer HCAL, with 1 cm W + 1 mm Steel absorber
  - CALICE AHCAL cassette (2 x 2 mm Steel, 5 mm scintillator + PCB, cables, air)
    - Use T3B as the last layer of the setup
- Simulation of the time structure:
  - record the time and energy deposit of each Geant4 step in the T3B scintillator volume
  - bin in 800 ps time bins, convert to number of photons according to the energy in the bin
  - smear the time distribution of the photons according to observed time distribution of muon signals
    - ad-hoc fit with a Landau: σ ~ 1.3 ns