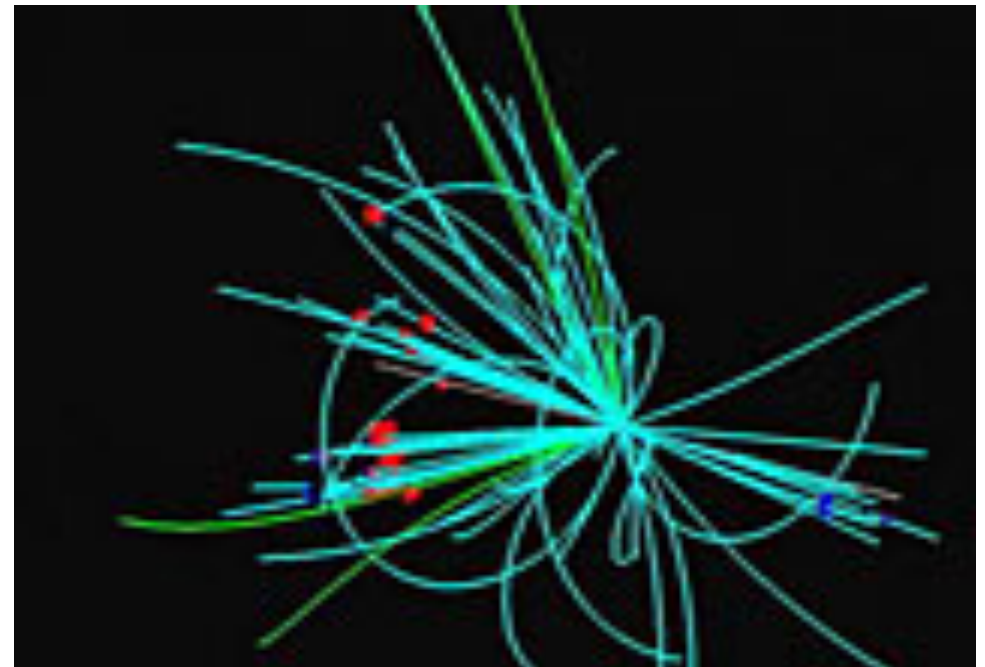
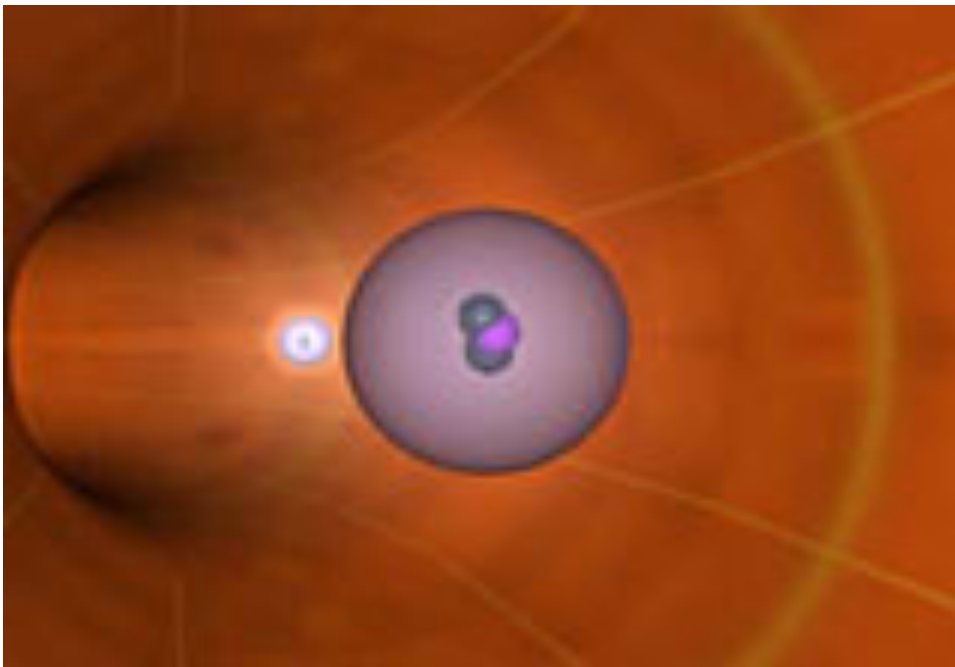




# Introduction to particle and radiation interactions with matter

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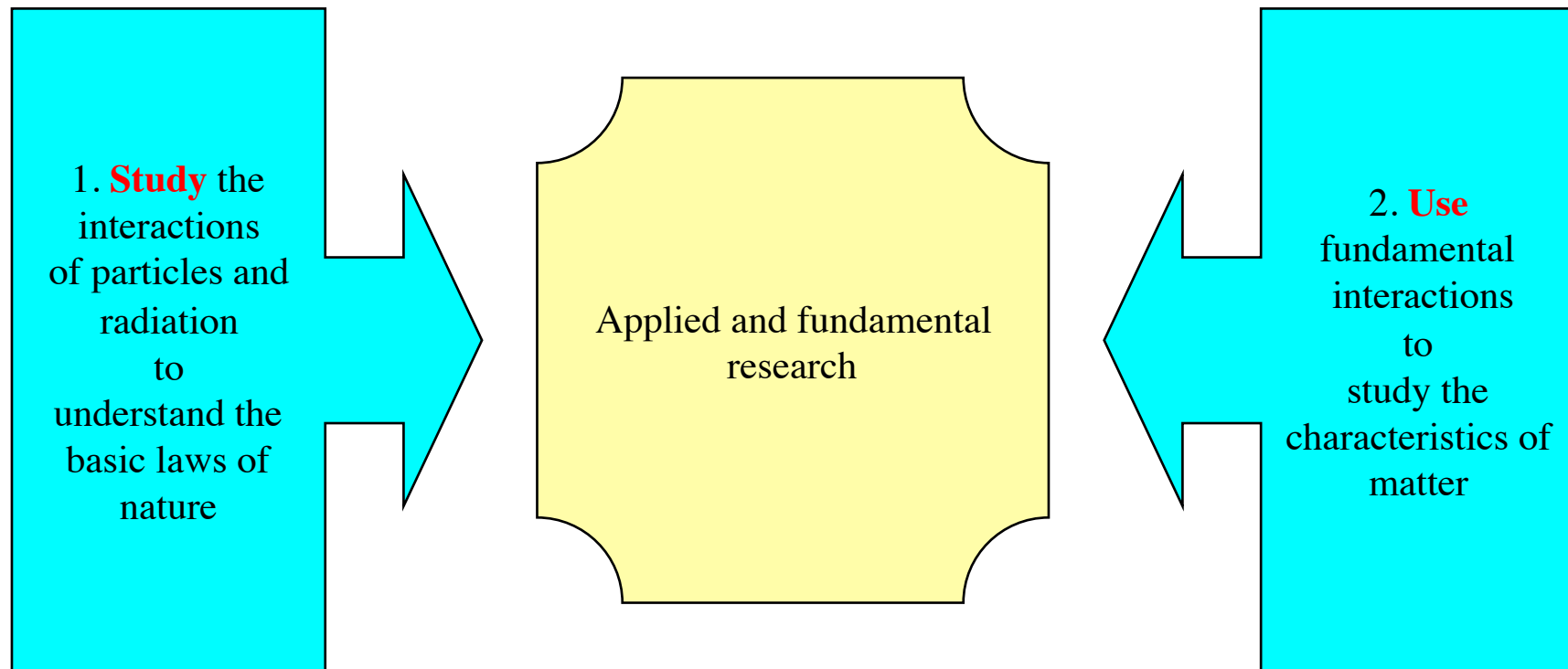


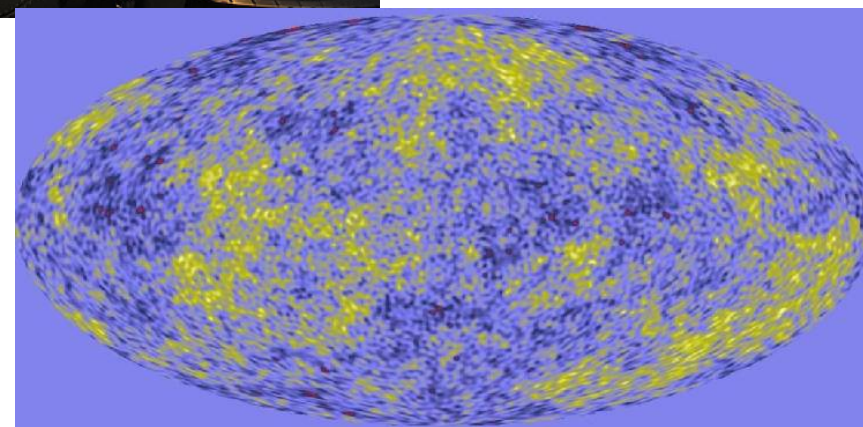
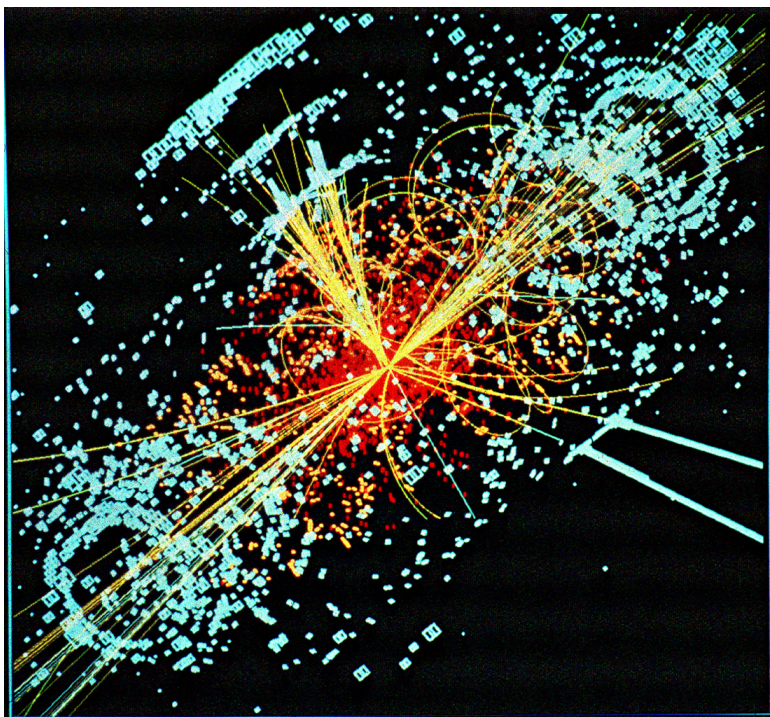
## Plan:

1. Introduction
2. Energy loss of charged particles in matter
3. Interactions of Photons
4. Some examples for light detection
5. Summary

# 1. Introduction

# Two basic reasons why to detect particles or radiation:





## Basic quantities:

$$\hbar c = 197,326960 \text{ Mev fm}$$

Fine structure constant:

$$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar c} = 1/137,03599976$$

Classical electron radius:

$$r_e = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m_e c^2} = \alpha \frac{\hbar c}{m_e c^2} = 2,817940285 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$$

Energy loss:

$$K = 4\pi N_A r_e^2 m_e c^2 = 4C m_e c^2 = 0,307 \text{ MeV.cm}^2.\text{g}^{-1}$$

## More on orders of magnitude:

Basic units used in particle physics to describe detectors:

- **Photon absorption coefficient  $\mu$**  :  $I = I_0 e^{-\mu x}$
- **Radiation length  $X_0$**  :  $E = E_0 e^{-x/X_0}$
- **Nuclear interaction length  $\lambda_I$**  :  $e^{-x/\lambda_I}$

Material	$X_0$ (g/cm <sup>2</sup> ) (cm)	$\lambda_I$ (g/cm <sup>2</sup> ) (cm)
H	61.28 (866)	50.8 (715.5)
C	42.7 (18.8)	86.3 (38.1)
Scintillator	43.7 (42.4)	81.9 (79.3)
Fe	13.84 (1.76)	131.9 (16.7)
Xe	8.48 (2.87)	169. (29.1)
Pb	6.37 (0.56)	194. (17.1)

### Related cross sections:

**Strong interaction** :  $\sigma \sim 10 \div 100$  mb

**Electro-magnetic interaction**:  $\sigma \sim 10 \div 100$  nb

**Weak interaction**:  $\sigma \sim 10 \div 100$  pb

( 1 barn =  $10^{-28}$  m<sup>2</sup>)

## Energy loss of particles (1):

### Charged Particles:

Light particles:  
electrons & positrons

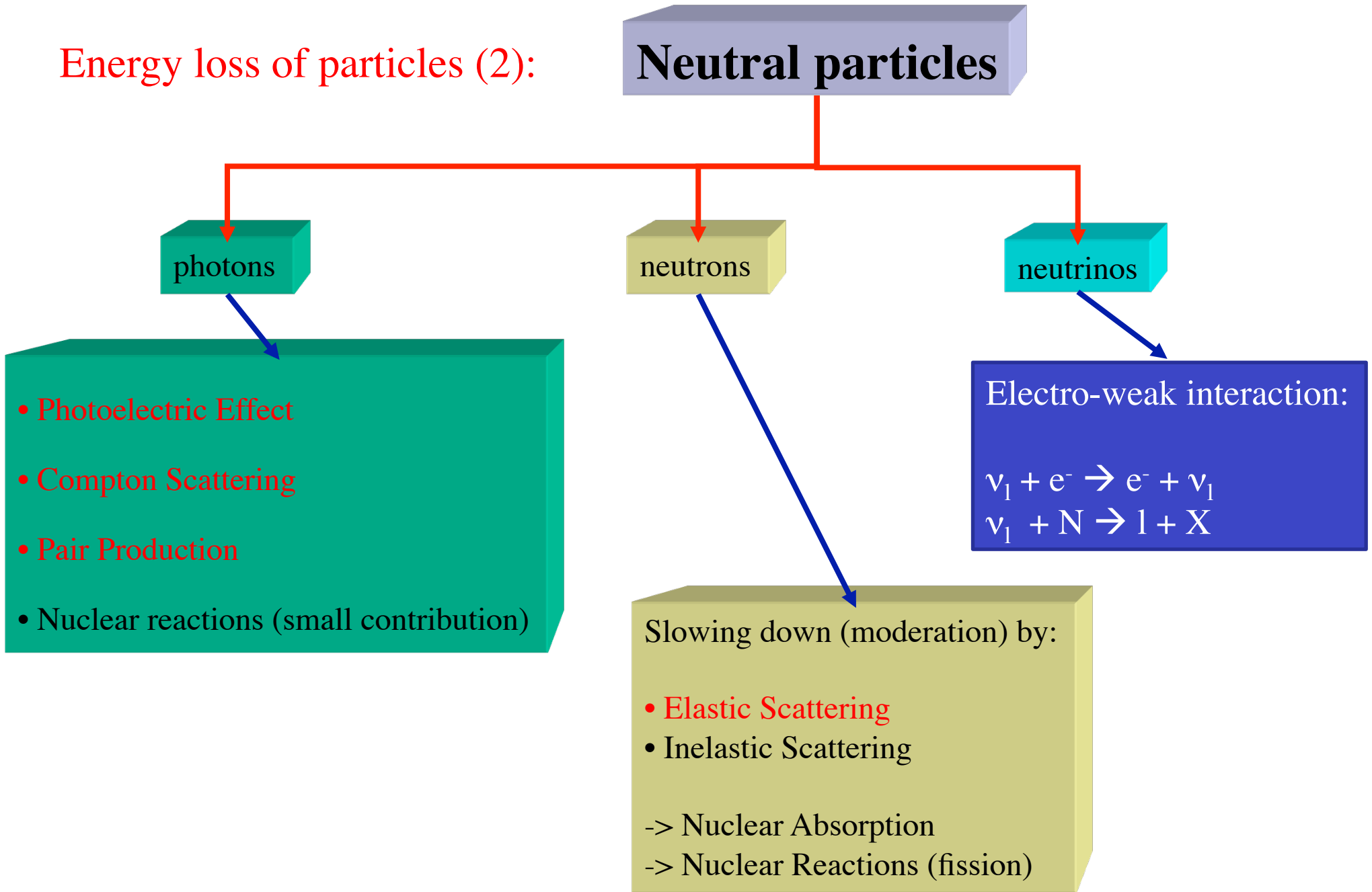
- Bremsstrahlung dominates @  $E > 20 \text{ MeV}$
- Inelastic scattering with atoms (ionization)
- Elastic scattering with nucleons
- Cherenkov Radiation
- Nuclear reactions

Heavy particles:  
muons, protons,  $\pi$ ,  $\alpha$

- Inelastic scattering with atoms (ionization):  
 $\sigma \approx 10^{-17} - 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$
- Elastic scattering with nucleons
- Cherenkov Radiation
- Nuclear reactions
- Bremsstrahlung

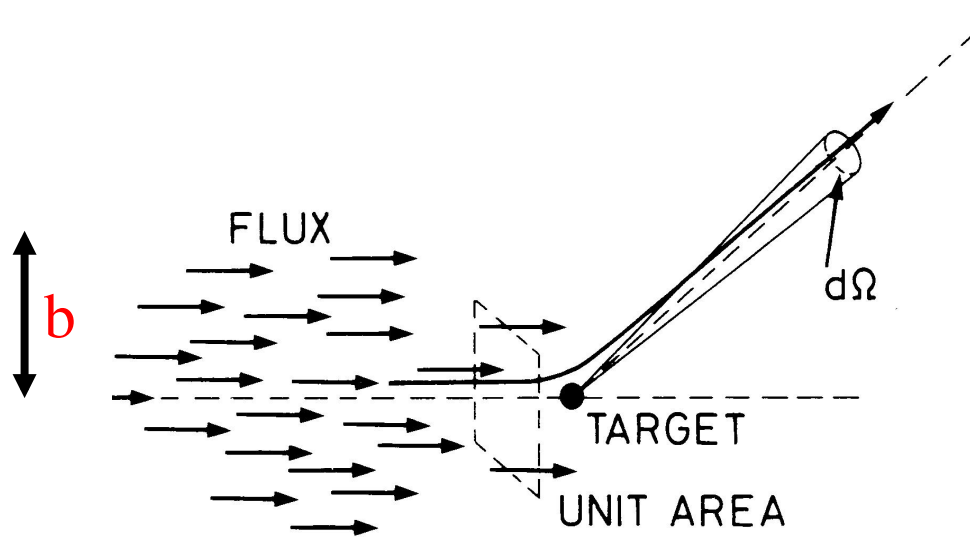


# Energy loss of particles (2):



## **2. Energy loss of charged particles in matter**

# Scattering and Cross Section



Average number of scattered particles into  $d\Omega$  per unit time:

$$N_{\text{scattered}} = N_{\text{incident}} \times A_{\text{target}} \times N_{\text{target}} \times dx \times d\sigma/d\Omega$$

$N_{\text{incident}}$  = Flux of incident particles / unit area / unit time

$A_{\text{target}}$  = Target area

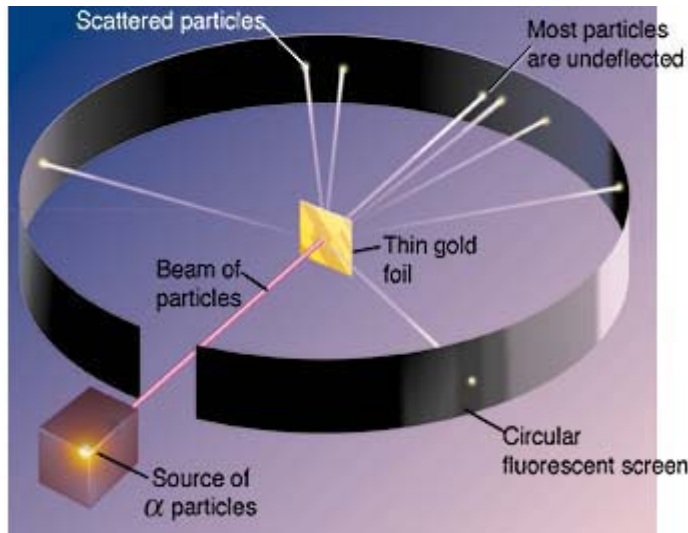
$N_{\text{target}}$  = Density of scattering centers

$dx$  = Thickness of the material parallel to the beam

$d\sigma/d\Omega$  = Differential cross section

Lots of numbers from the experimental setup, the physics is in  $d\sigma/d\Omega$  !

## Example: Coulomb Scattering (Rutherford)



$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{b}{\sin \theta} \left| \frac{db}{d\theta} \right|$$

$b$  = impact parameter  
 $\theta$  = scattering angle

Relation between scattering angle, impact parameter and shortest approach:

$$\operatorname{tg}\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{a_0}{2b}, \quad a_0 = \text{shortest distance of approach, } b = \text{impact parameter}$$

$$b = \frac{a_0}{2} \cot\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{db}{d\theta} = \frac{a_0}{4} \times \frac{1}{\sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{b}{\sin \theta} \left| \frac{db}{d\theta} \right| = \frac{a_0^2}{16 \sin^4\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} \quad \text{with } a_0 = \frac{kZ_1Z_2e^2}{E}, \quad k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}, \quad Z_1, Z_2 = \text{atomic numbers of beam and target}$$

## Application:

We have a beam of protons with an energy of 22 MeV and an intensity of 200 nA on a thin gold foil target with a thickness  $e = 100 \mu\text{g} / \text{cm}^2$ .

Question: How many protons are detected in a detector with a surface  $S = 0.2 \text{ cm}^2$  at a distance,  $R = 10 \text{ cm}$  and an angle  $\theta = 10^\circ$ ?

$$N_{inc} = \frac{I}{q} = \frac{200 \times 10^{-9} \text{ A}}{1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ A s}} = 1.25 \times 10^{12} \text{ particles/sec}$$

$$\text{Number of detected particles} = N_{det} = N_{inc} \times N_{target} \times \Omega \times \sigma(\theta)$$

$$N_{target} = \frac{N_{Avogadro} \times \text{Thickness}}{\text{atomic mass}} = \frac{6 \times 10^{23} (\text{nucl/mol}) \times 100 \times 10^{-6} (\text{g/cm}^2)}{197 (\text{g/mol})}$$

$$\Omega = \frac{S}{R^2} = \frac{0.2 \text{ cm}^2}{100 \text{ cm}^2}$$

$$\sigma(\theta) = \frac{a_0^2}{16 \sin^4\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} = \frac{1}{16 \sin^4\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} \times \left[ \frac{kZ_1Z_2e^2}{E} \right]^2 \quad \text{using } \frac{ke^2}{\hbar c} = 1/137 \text{ and } \hbar c = 200 \text{ MeV fm}$$

$$N_{det} = 1.25 \times 10^{12} \text{ particles/sec} \times \frac{6 \times 10^{23} (\text{nucl/mol}) \times 100 \times 10^{-6} (\text{g/cm}^2)}{197 (\text{g/mol})} \times \frac{0.2 \text{ cm}^2}{100 \text{ cm}^2} \times \left[ \frac{ke^2}{\hbar c} \times \hbar c \times \frac{1 \times 79}{22 \text{ MeV}} \right]^2 \times \frac{1}{16 \sin^4\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}$$

$$N_{det} = 1.25 \times 10^{12} \frac{\text{protons}}{\text{sec}} \times \frac{3 \times 10^{17}}{\text{cm}^2} \times 2 \times 10^{-3} \left[ \frac{1}{137} \times 200 \times 10^{-13} \text{ MeV cm}^2 \times \frac{1 \times 79}{22 \text{ MeV}} \right]^2 \times 10^3$$

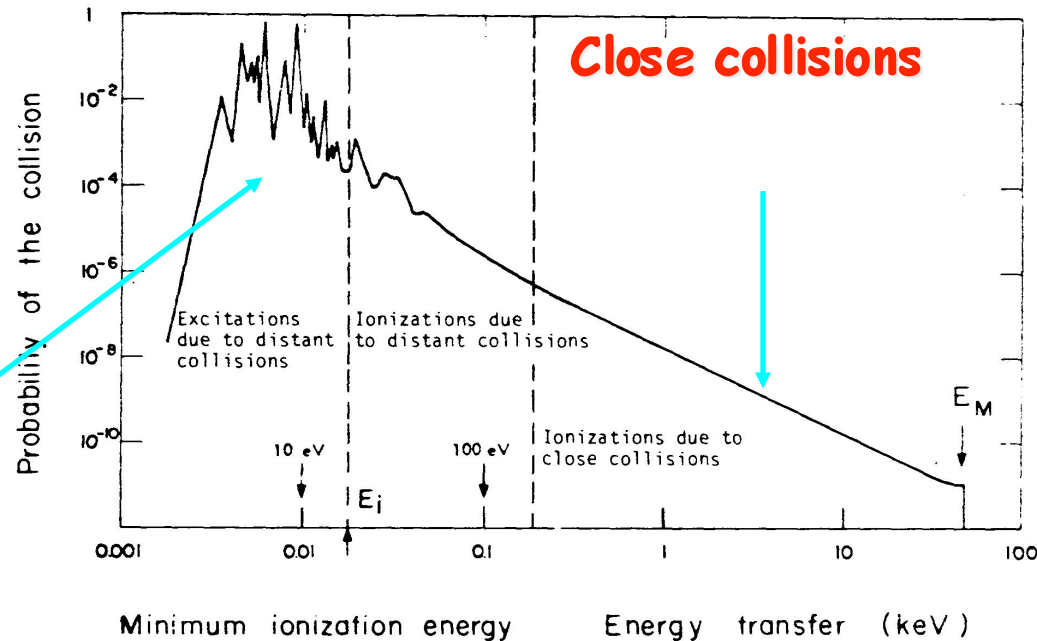
$$N_{det} = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ protons/sec.}$$

# Energy loss of heavy particles by ionization

A heavy particle,  $M$ , loses its energy in matter in a continuous way by transferring it on electrons.

Dependent on the distance of the interaction, the energy loss is more or less important.

**Distant collisions**



Maximum energy transfer:

$$T_{max} = \frac{2\gamma^2 M^2 m_e v^2}{m_e^2 + M^2 + 2\gamma m_e M}$$

## Mean rate of energy loss or stopping power:



### Bethe-Bloch equation:

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = K z^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2 T_{\max}}{I^2} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta(\beta\gamma)}{2} \right]$$

$Z$  Atomic number of absorber

$A$  Atomic mass of absorber  $\text{g mol}^{-1}$

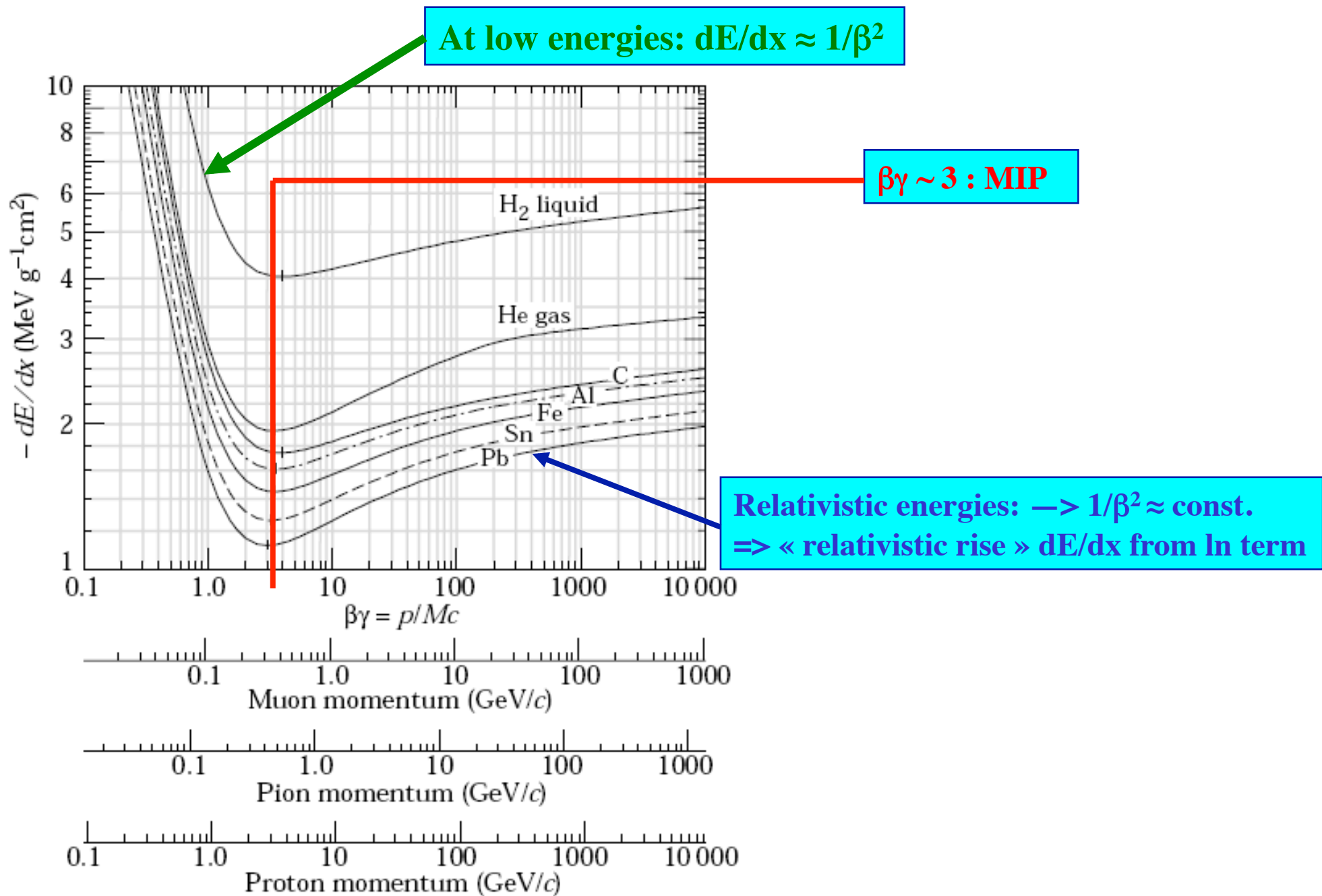
$K/A$   $4\pi N_A r_e^2 m_e c^2 / A$   $0.307\,075 \text{ MeV g}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2$

for  $A = 1 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$

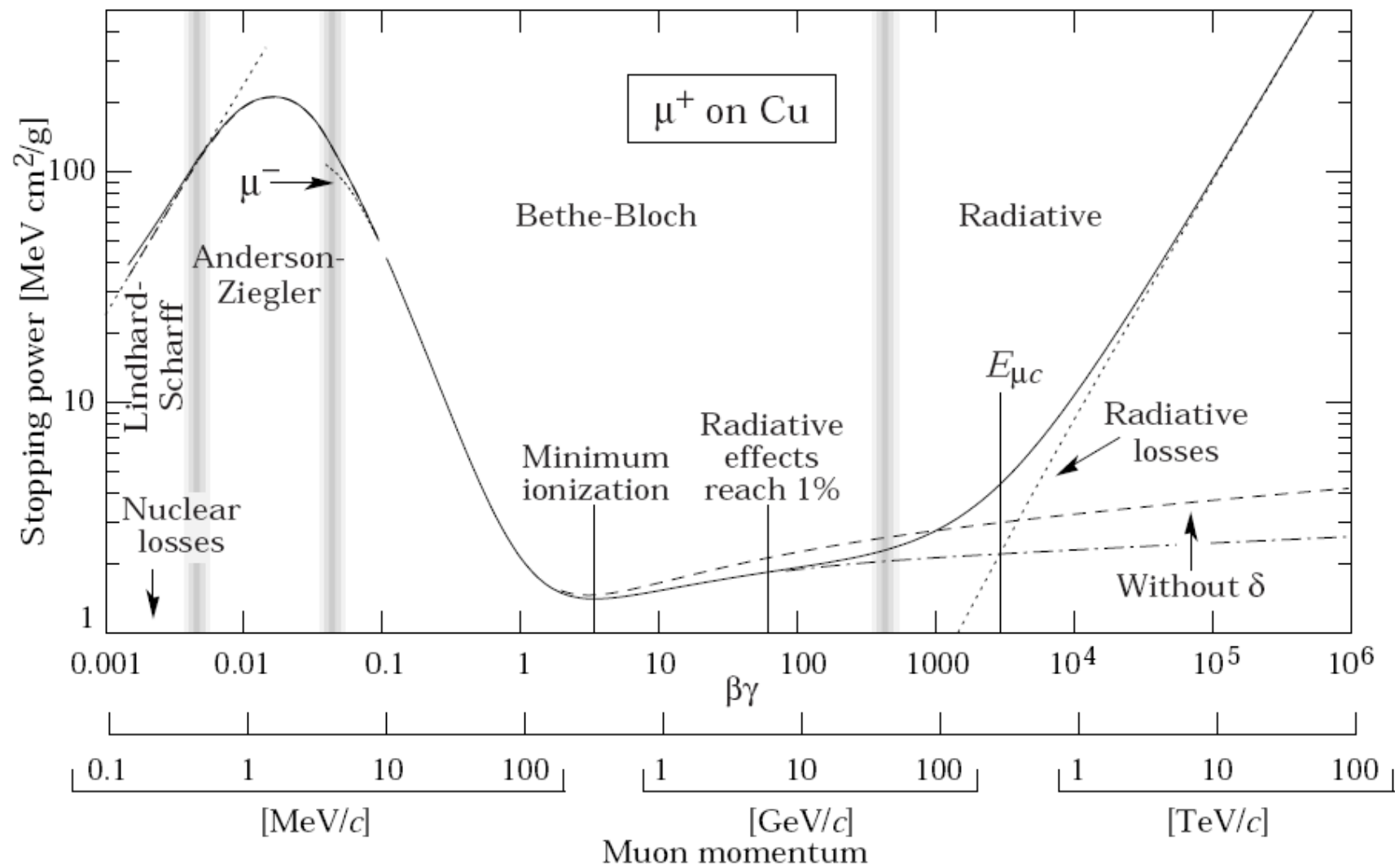
$I$  Mean excitation energy  $\text{eV}$  (*Nota bene!*)

$\delta(\beta\gamma)$  Density effect correction to ionization energy loss

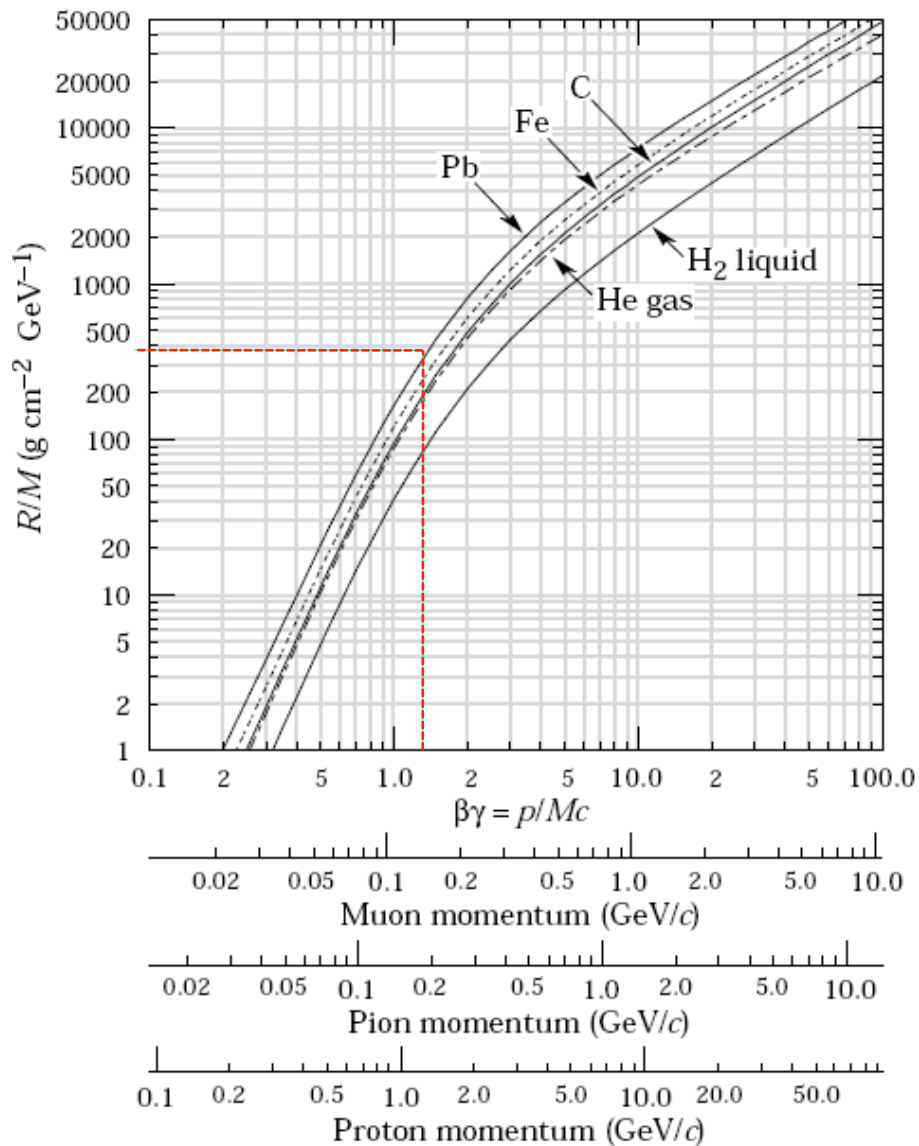
$$T_{\max} = \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2}{1 + 2\gamma m_e / M + (m_e / M)^2}$$







## Particle range:



Example :  $K^+$  with  $p_k = 700 \text{ MeV}/c$

$$m_k = 494 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\beta\gamma = \frac{p_k}{m_k c} = \frac{700}{494} = 1,42$$

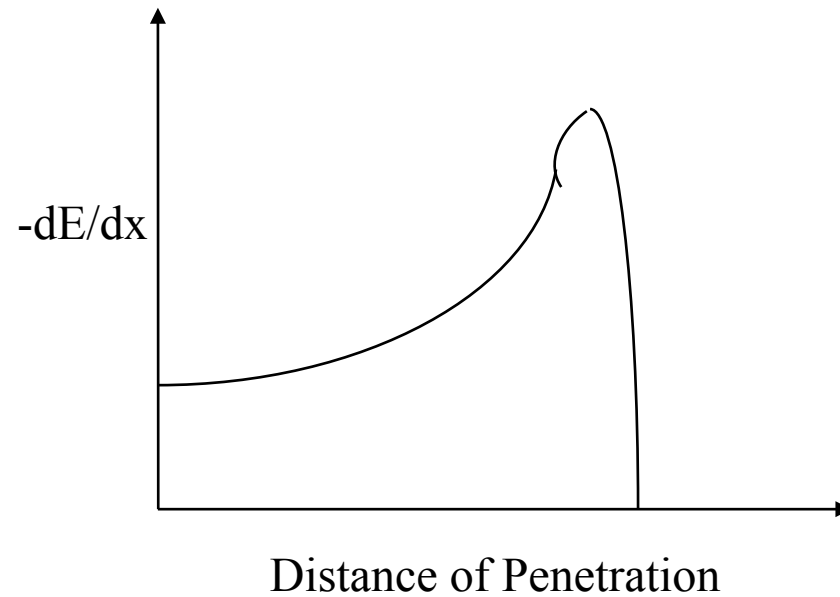
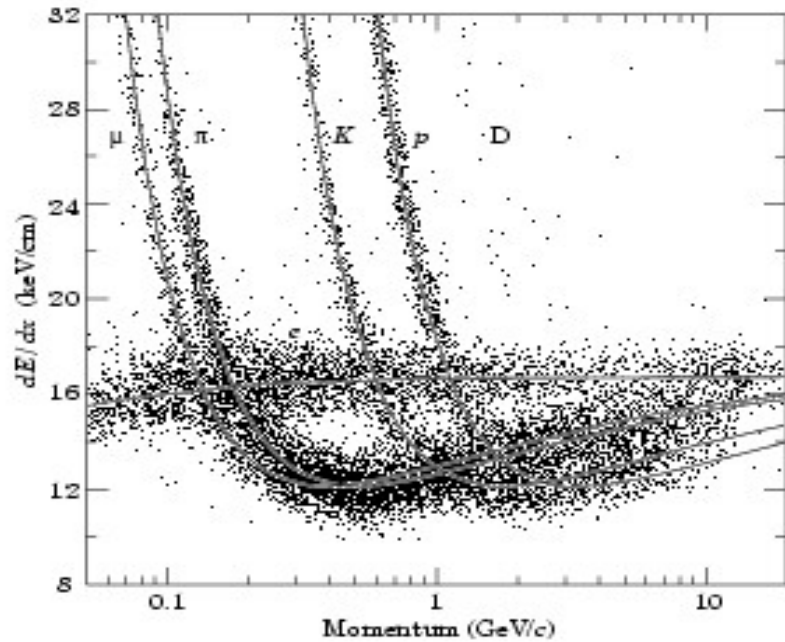
$$\text{For Pb : } R/M = 396 \text{ g cm}^{-2} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow R = 396 \text{ g cm}^{-2} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \times 0,494 \text{ GeV} = 196 \text{ g cm}^{-2}$$

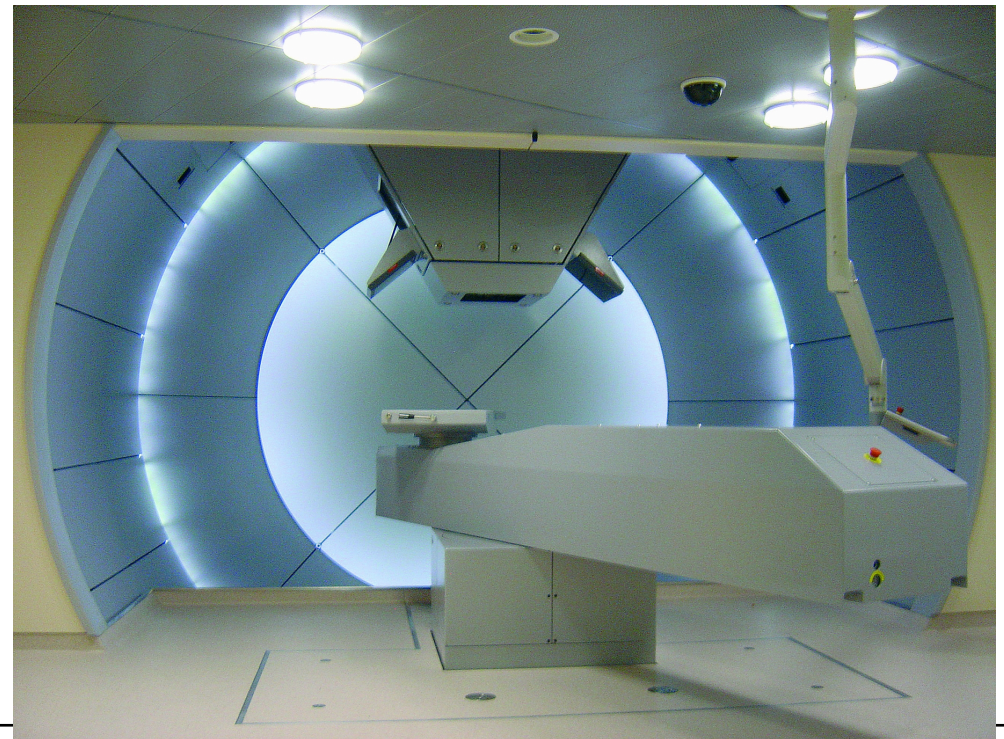
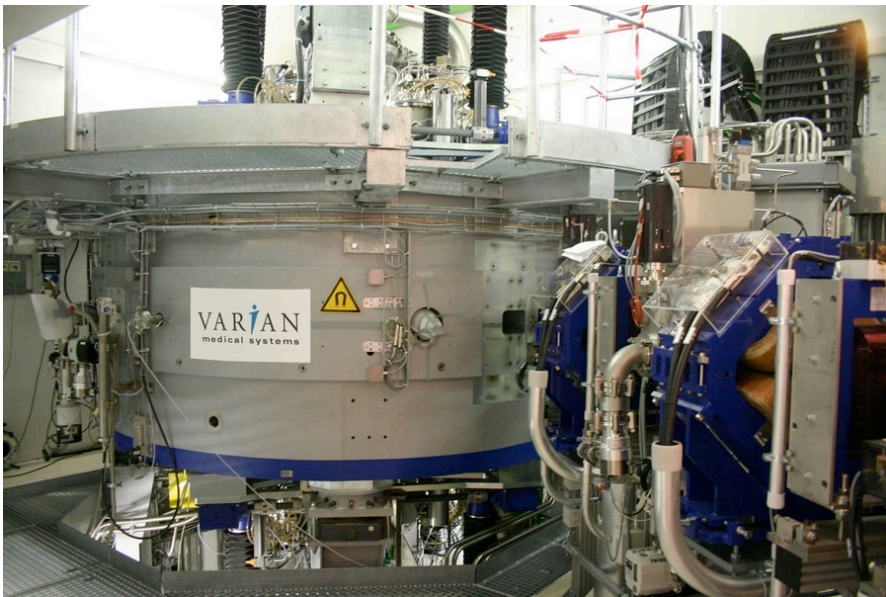
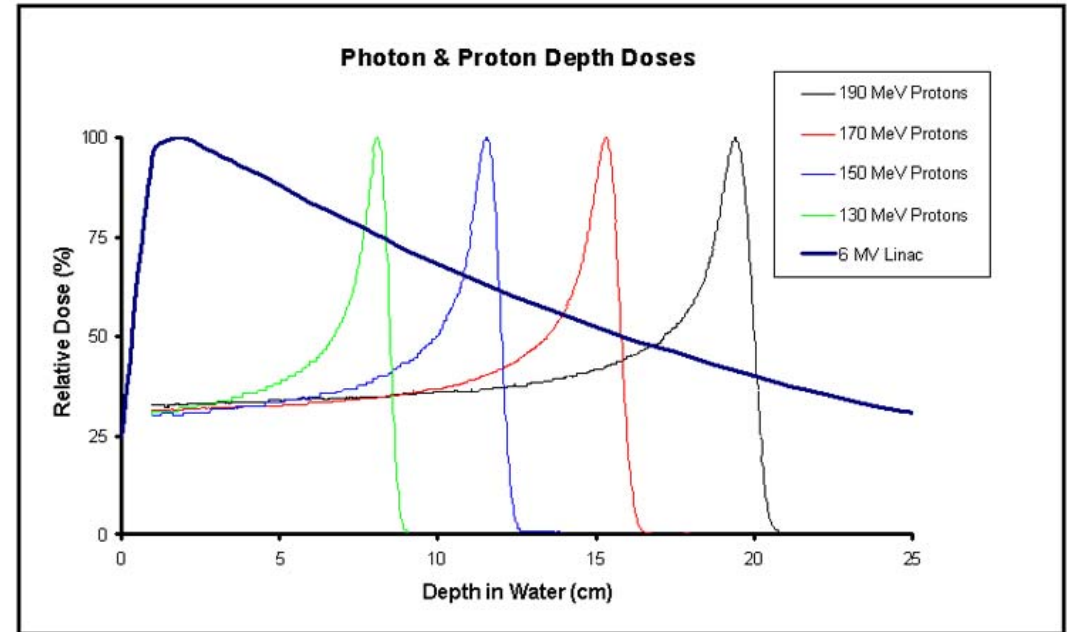
$$\rho_{\text{Pb}} = 11,35 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow R = 196 \text{ g cm}^{-2} \div 11,35 \text{ g cm}^{-3} = \underline{\underline{17 \text{ cm}}}$$

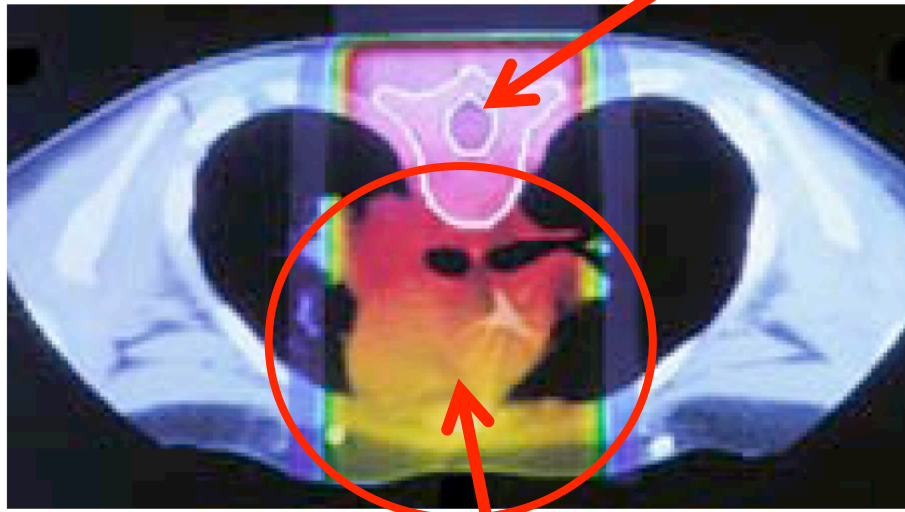
# Bragg curve:



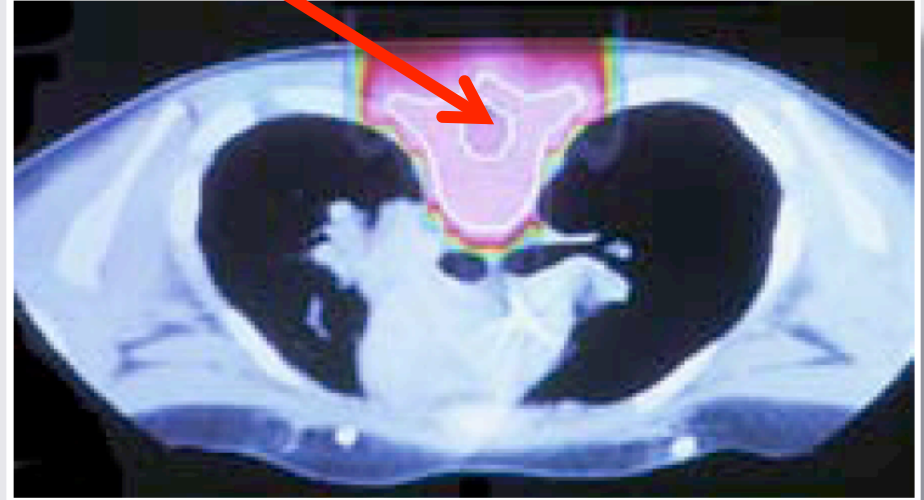
# Thérapie avec les protons



# Cancer



*X-Rays*



*Protons/Ions*

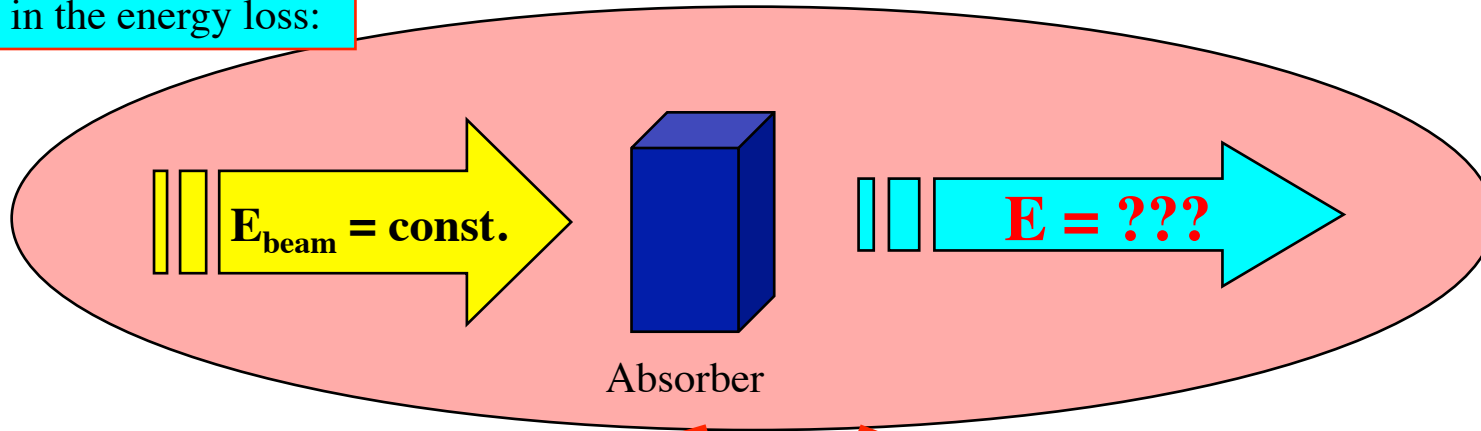
Tissu inutilement irradié

Pour photons X et  $\gamma$ :  $I = I_0 e^{-\mu x}$

Avantages des protons:

- Lourdes  $\rightarrow$  moins de dispersion  $\rightarrow$  mieux focalisés
- $dE/dx \rightarrow$  peak de Bragg  $\rightarrow$  dépôt d'énergie concentré

Fluctuations in the energy loss:



**Thick Absorber:**

**Thin Absorber:**

Large number of collisions

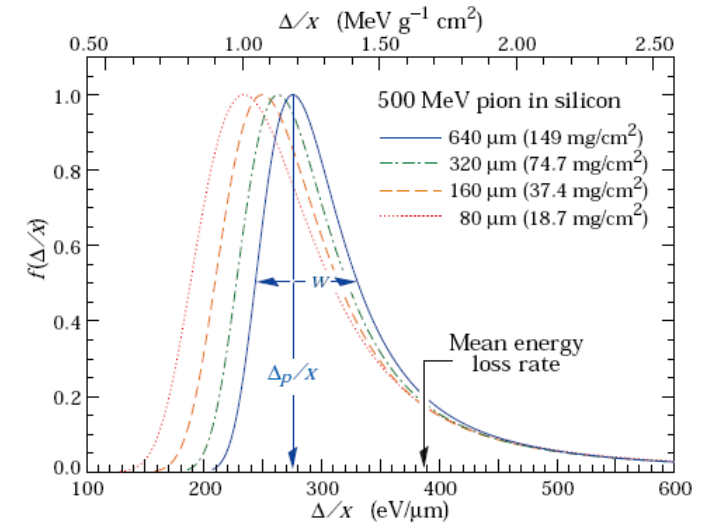
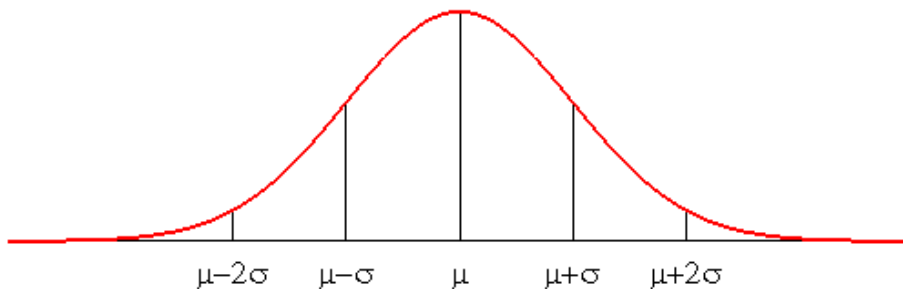
Small number of collisions



**Gauss**



**Landau Distribution**



# Electrons

# Energy loss of Electrons and Positrons

$$\left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{tot} = \left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{rad} + \left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{coll}$$

## 1. Energy loss by ionization like heavy particles:

Dominant at energies < 20 MeV

Bethe-Bloch Equation for electrons:

$$\left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right) = 0,307 \left(\frac{MeV}{g/cm^2}\right) \frac{Z}{A} \rho \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left( \ln \frac{2T(T + 2m_e)}{I \times m_e} - \beta^2 \right)$$

T = Kinetic energy of the electron  
I = Ionization potential

Two modifications needed in the equation

Small mass → larger deviation of the trajectory

Diffusion of two identical particles (Pauli)

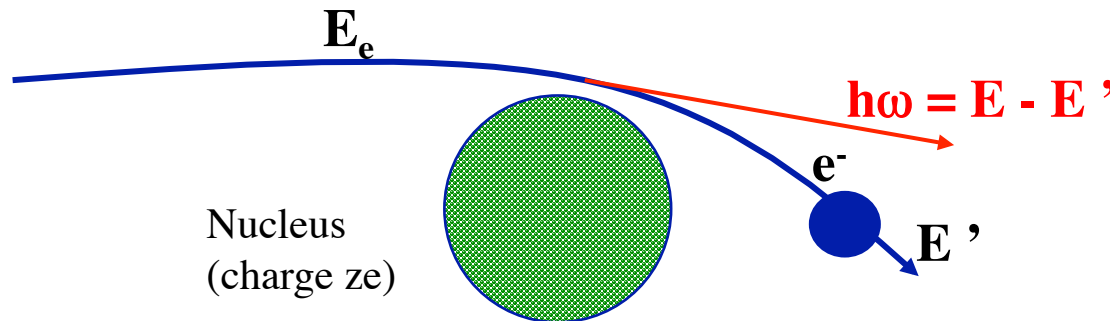


# Energy loss of Electrons and Positrons

## 2. Energy loss by radiation (Bremsstrahlung): For $E > 20 \text{ MeV}$

Classical interpretation::

Radiation from the acceleration of an electron or positron in the field of the nucleus.



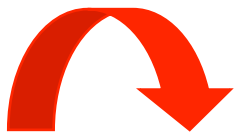
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dk} \cong 5\alpha z^2 Z^2 \left( \frac{m_e c^2}{Mc^2 \beta} \right)^2 \frac{r_e^2}{k} \ln \left( \frac{Mc^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2}{k} \right)$$

With  $k$  = Energy of the radiation (photons)

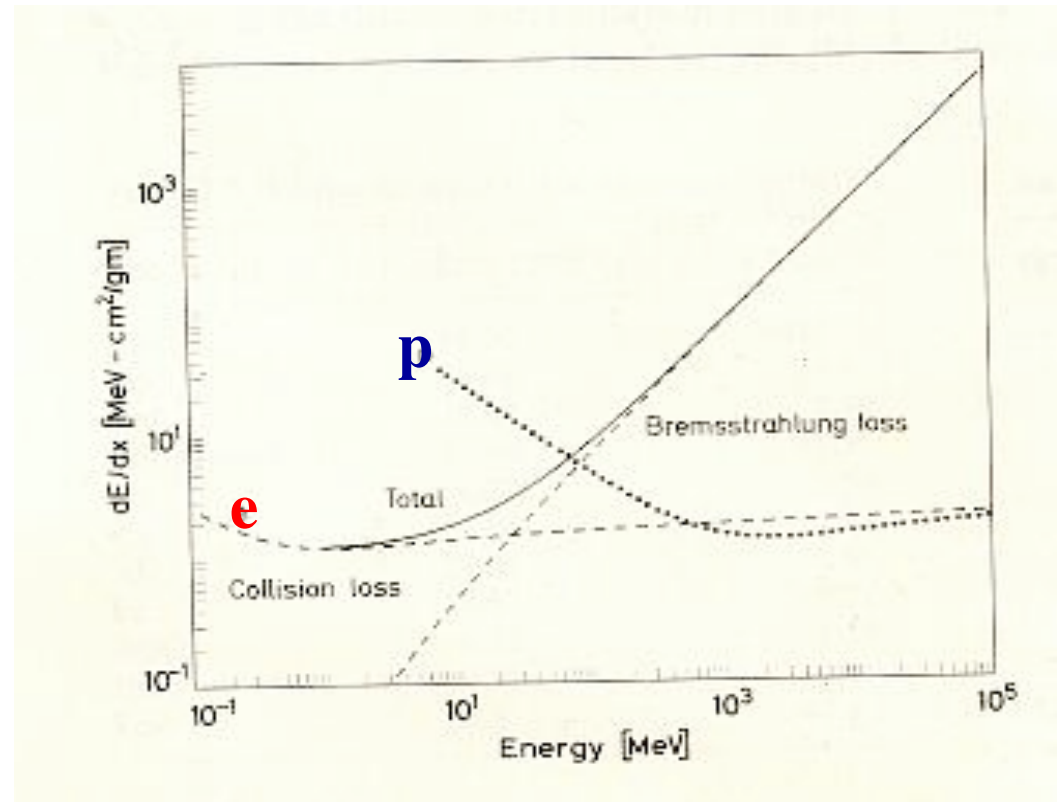
# Energy loss of Electrons and Positrons

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dk} \propto \frac{1}{M_{\text{incomming particle}}}$$

- For a muon ( $M = 106 \text{ MeV}$ )  $\sigma_{\text{brems}}$  is **40000** times smaller than for an electron!
- For a proton  $\sigma_{\text{brems}}$  is **roughly 4 million** times smaller!!!

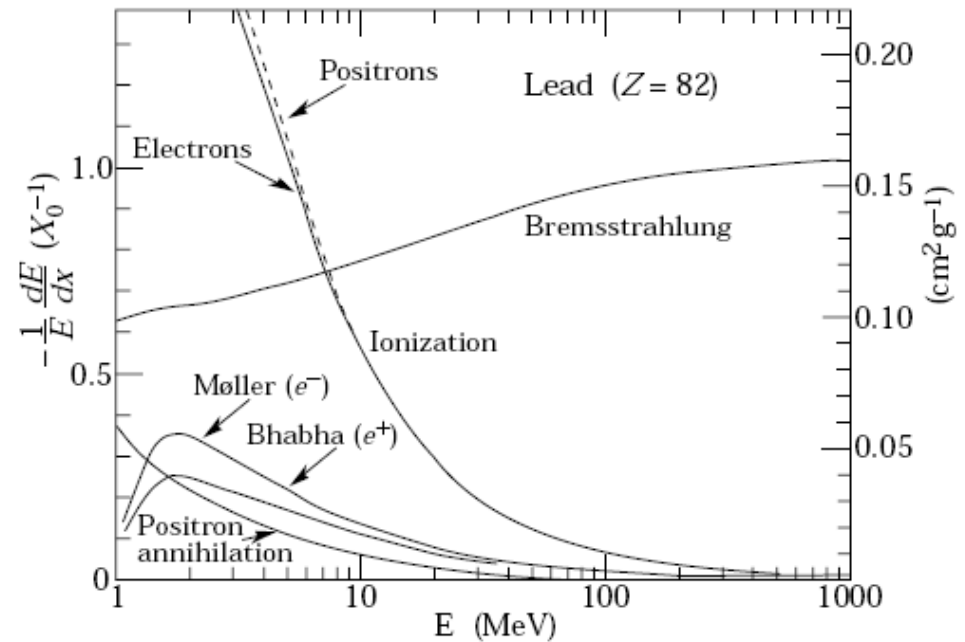
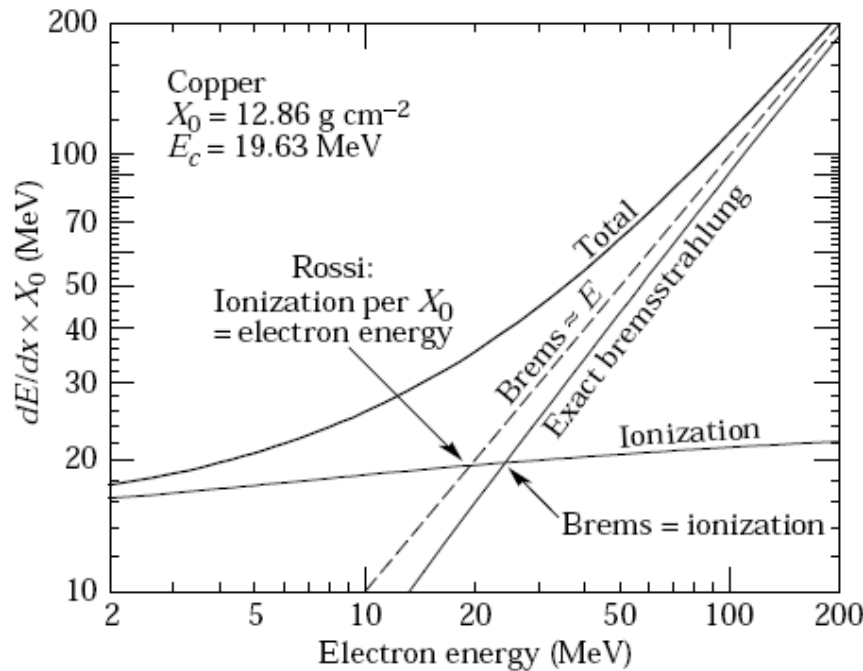


In first order, Energy loss by Bremsstrahlung is only relevant for electrons



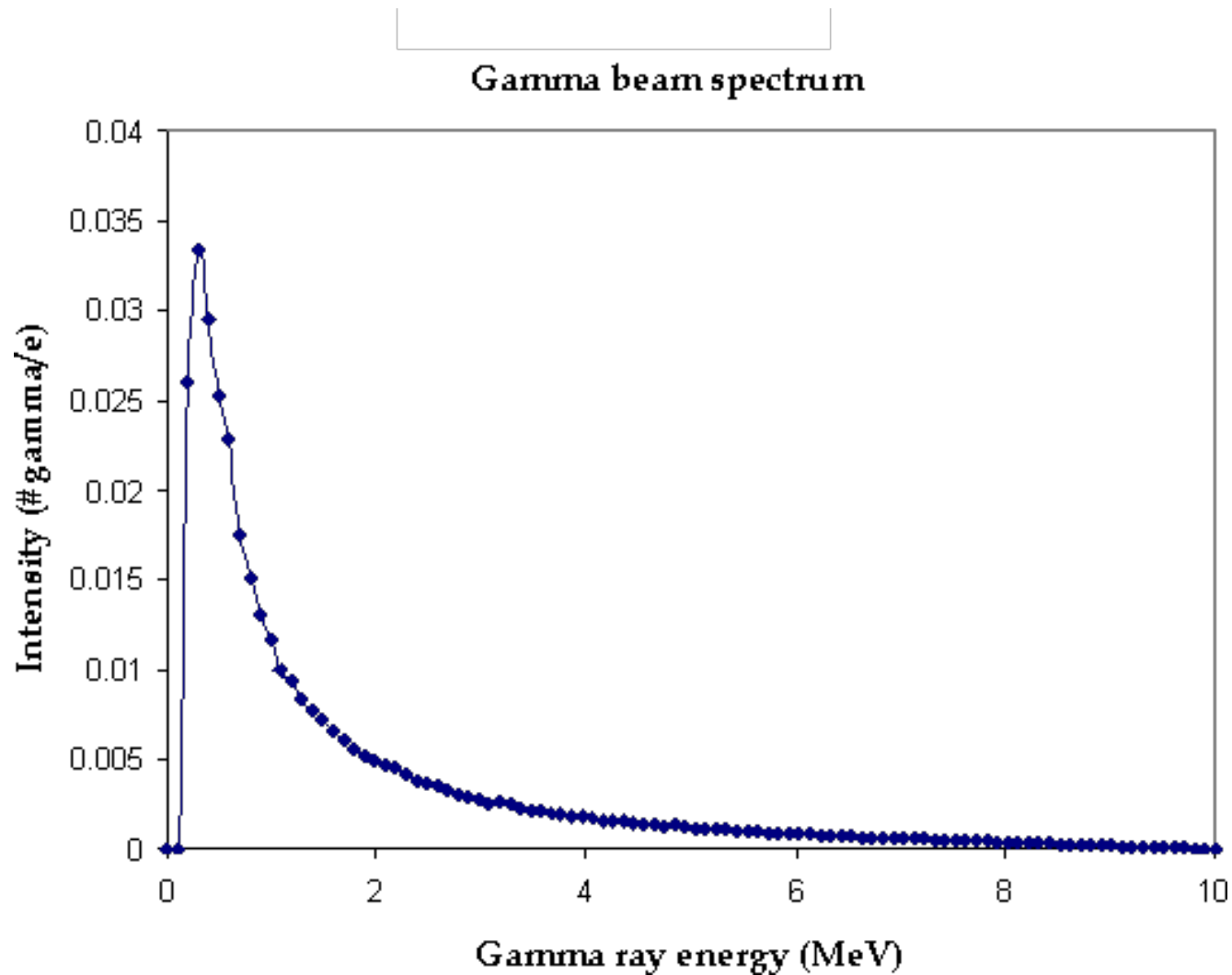
# Energy loss of Electrons and Positrons

Definition of radiation length:  $X_0$  = Average distance traveled by an electron before losing  $1/e$  of its energy by Bremsstrahlung.



Dahl's formula: 
$$X_0 = \frac{716.4 \text{ g cm}^{-2} A}{Z(Z-1) \ln(287 / \sqrt{Z})}$$

- Electron energy: 10 MeV
- Target: 1 mm Ta (or 3 cm graphite)
- Average  $\gamma$ -ray energy: 1.7 MeV



# Critical Energy:

**Definition:**

$$E = E_c \quad \text{for} \quad \left( \frac{dE}{dx} \right)_{rad} = \left( \frac{dE}{dx} \right)_{coll}$$

**Above  $E_c$  radiation loss will dominate over collision losses**

**Liquids & solids**

$$\epsilon_c = \frac{610 \text{MeV}}{Z + 1,24}$$

**Gases**

$$\epsilon_c = \frac{710 \text{MeV}}{Z + 0,92}$$

# Range of Electrons

Multiple scattering in matter:



The range is very different from the  $dE/dx$  by Bethe-Bloch

Differences from 20% to 400%

More fluctuations in  $dE/dx$  than for heavy particles:

- ➡ 1. Energy transfer in each collision is bigger
- ➡ 2. Bremsstrahlung

Some empirical formulas to calculate the range of electrons::

Sternheimer relation:

$$R_e(T) = (0.486 \text{ g cm}^{-2}) T^n$$

with  $n = 1.265 - 0.954 \ln(T)$

T en MeV

Example: Electron with  $T = 100 \text{ KeV}$  in a TPC

With He at 77 K and 5 bars:

$$R(T) = (0.486 \text{ g cm}^{-2} / 3,124 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g cm}^{-3}) T^{(1,265 - 0,0954 \ln(0,1))}$$

$$\underline{R(0,1\text{MeV}) = 5 \text{ cm}}$$

## Range of Electrons

$$R(T) = A \times E \left( 1 - \frac{B}{1 + CT} \right)$$

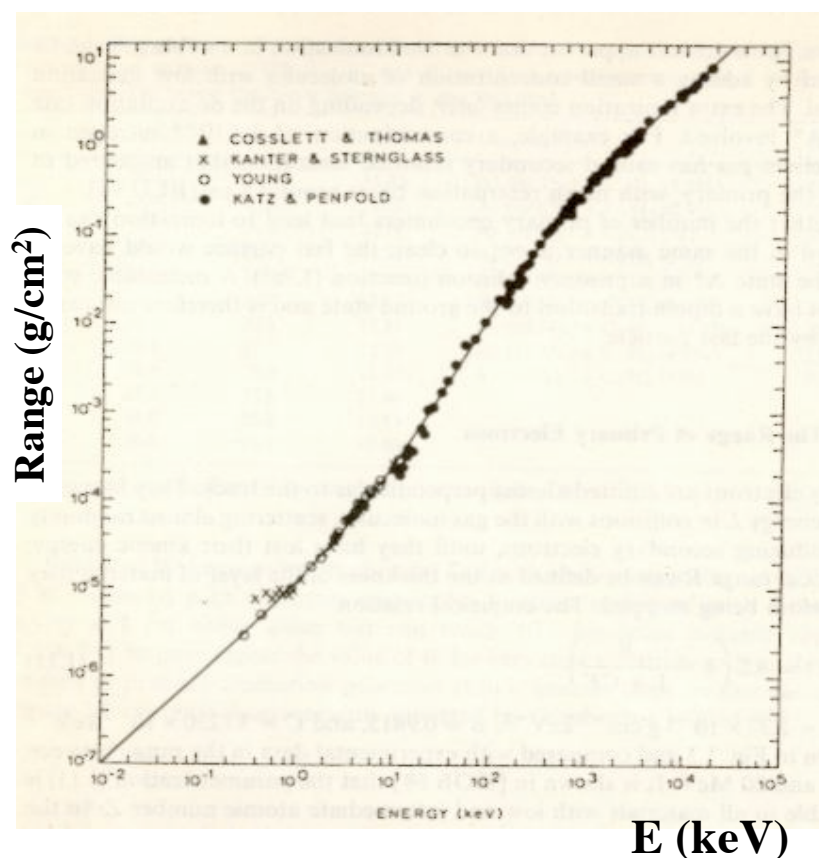
(Valid for small and medium Z)

Avec:  $A = 5.37 \times 10^{-4} \text{ g cm}^{-2} \text{ KeV}^{-1}$

$B = 0.9815$

$C = 3.1230 \times 10^{-3} \text{ KeV}^{-1}$

$300 \text{ eV} < T < 20 \text{ MeV}$



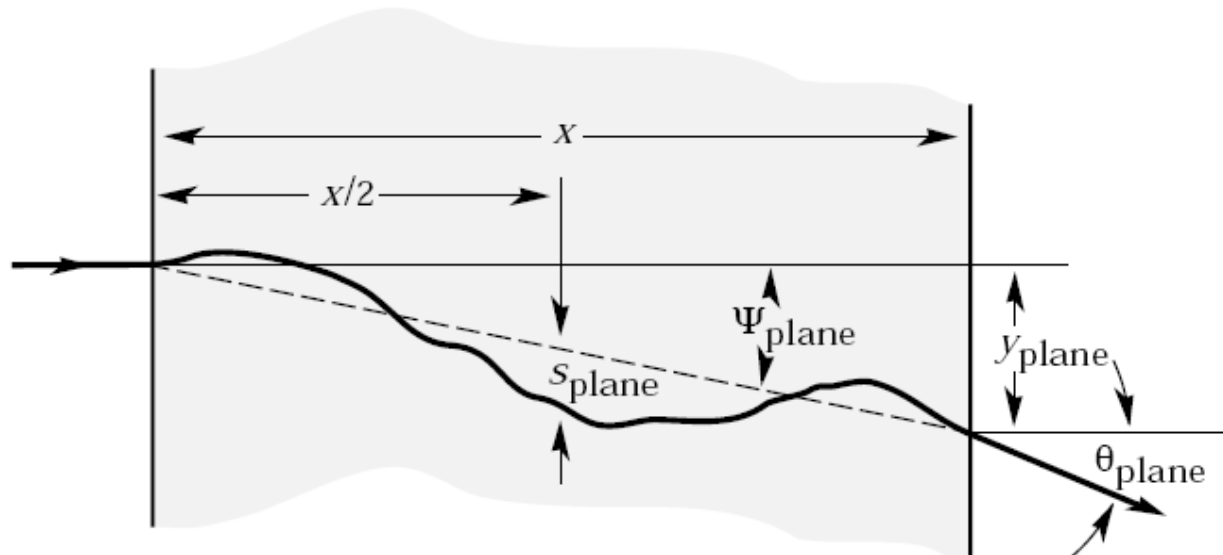
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## Multiple scattering through small angles

- Charged particles traversing a medium are deflected by many small angle scatters.
- Scattering is mostly due to Coulomb scattering from nuclei. (for hadrons strong interaction also contributes)
- Angular distribution described by Molière theory and is in first approximation Gaussian.
- For large angles = Rutherford scattering (larger tails than the Gaussian distribution).

**Gaussian approximation:**

$$\theta_0 = \theta_{plane}^{rms} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \theta_{space}^{rms}$$



$$\theta_0 = \frac{13.6 \text{ MeV}}{\beta c \times p} z \sqrt{x / X_0} (1 + 0.038 \ln \{x / X_0\})$$

$p, \beta c, z$  are momentum, velocity and charge of the incoming particle



# 3. Interactions of Photons

# Interactions of Photons

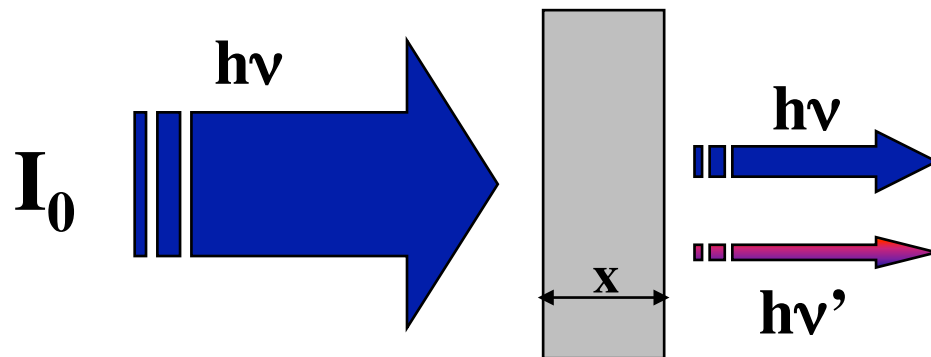
Electric charge = 0



No Coulomb scattering with electrons of matter



- Deeper penetration in matter (smaller cross section)
- A beam of photons traversing a slab of matter is attenuated in **intensity**, NOT in energy!
- Beam photons which passed through did NOT undergo an interaction.
- If they had an interaction, they change energy.



$$I(x) = I_0 \exp(-\mu x)$$

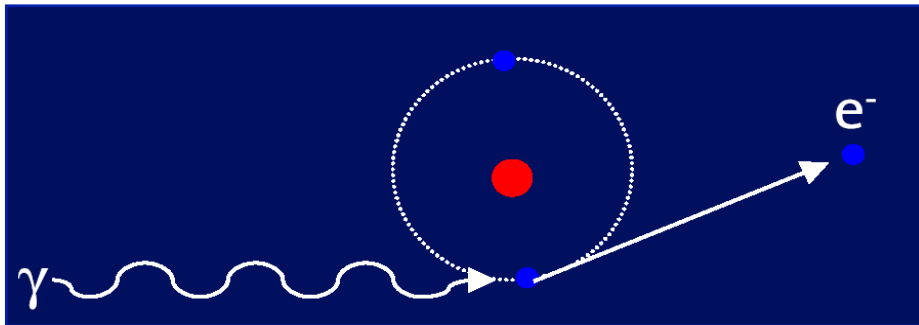
With:  $I_0$  = Intensity of the beam  
 $\mu$  = photon absorption coefficient  
 $x$  = path length

# Interactions of Photons

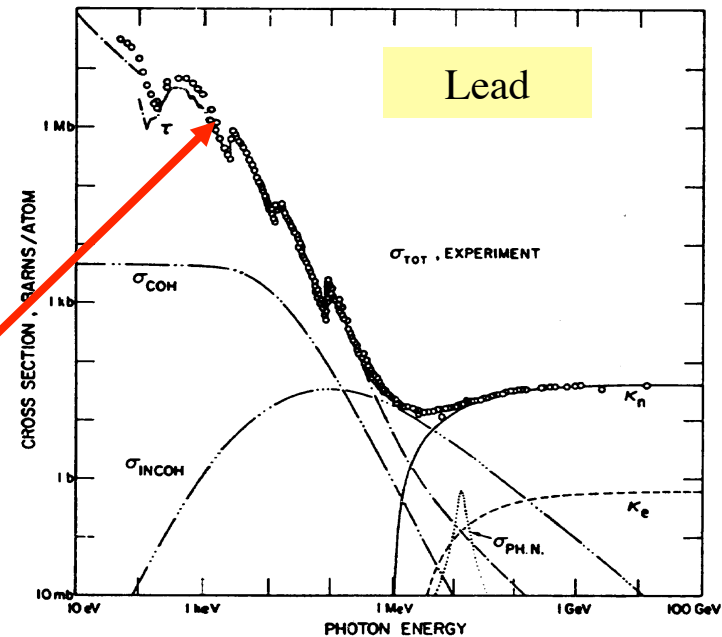
## Three dominant Interactions:

1. Photoelectric effect: absorption of the photon, ejection of the electron

$$E_{(\text{electron})} = h\nu - E_{\text{binding}}$$



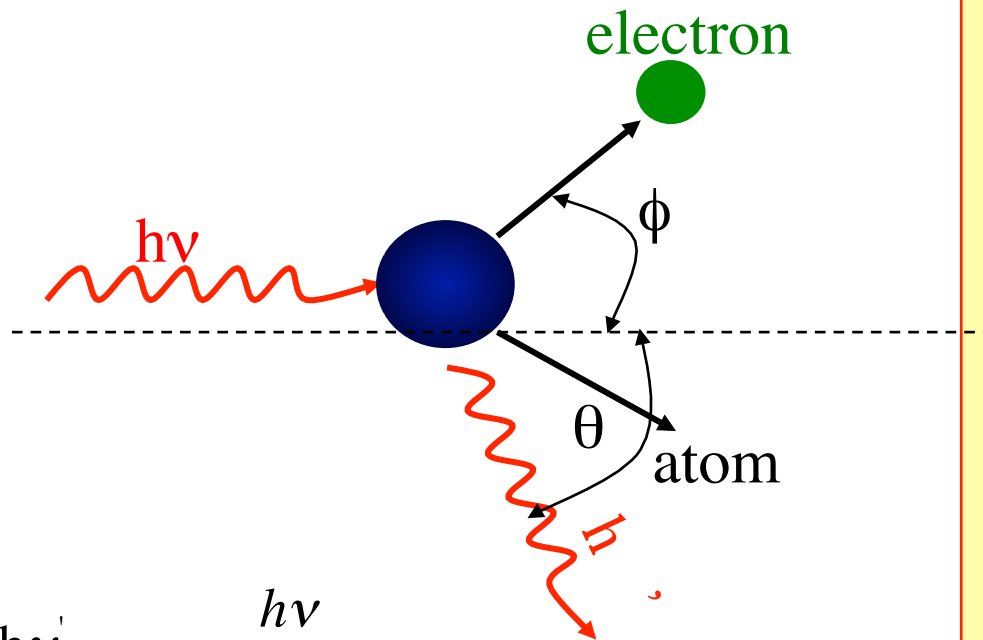
$$\sigma_{ph} = 4\sqrt{2}\alpha^4 Z^5 \left(\frac{8\pi r_e^2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{m_e c^2}{h\nu}\right)^{\frac{7}{2}}$$



**Einstein: Prix Nobel 1921 pour l'explication de l'effet photoélectrique**

# Interactions of Photons

## 2. Compton Scattering: elastic scattering on a free electron

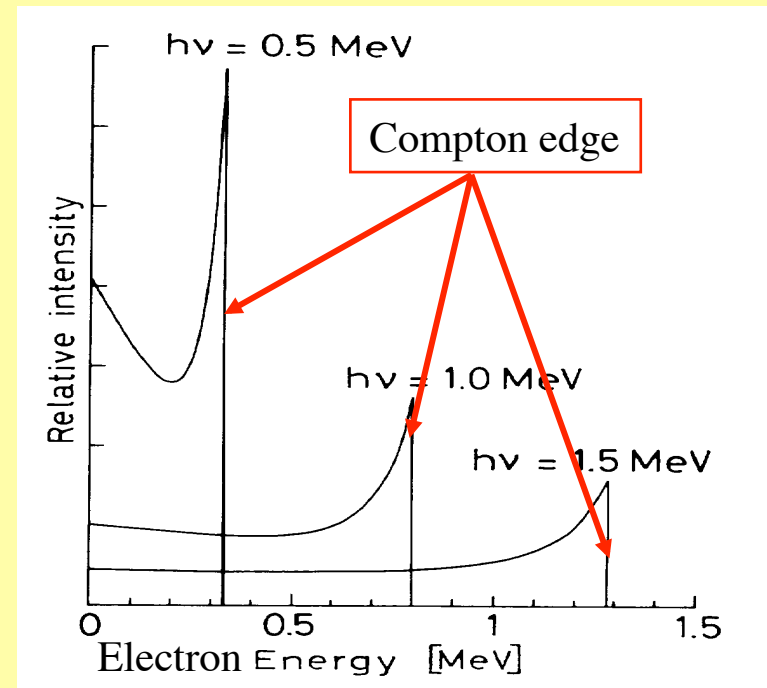


$$h\nu' = \frac{h\nu}{1 + \gamma(1 - \cos\theta)}$$

$$T = h\nu - h\nu' = h\nu \frac{\gamma(1 - \cos\theta)}{1 + \gamma(1 - \cos\theta)}$$

$$\cot\phi = (1 + \gamma) \tan\frac{\theta}{2}, \gamma = h\nu / m_e c^2$$

Energy distribution of Compton recoil electrons:



$$T_{\max} = E_{\gamma, \text{in}} \frac{2\gamma}{1 + 2\gamma}$$

# Compton scattering:

Angular distribution of the scattered photon

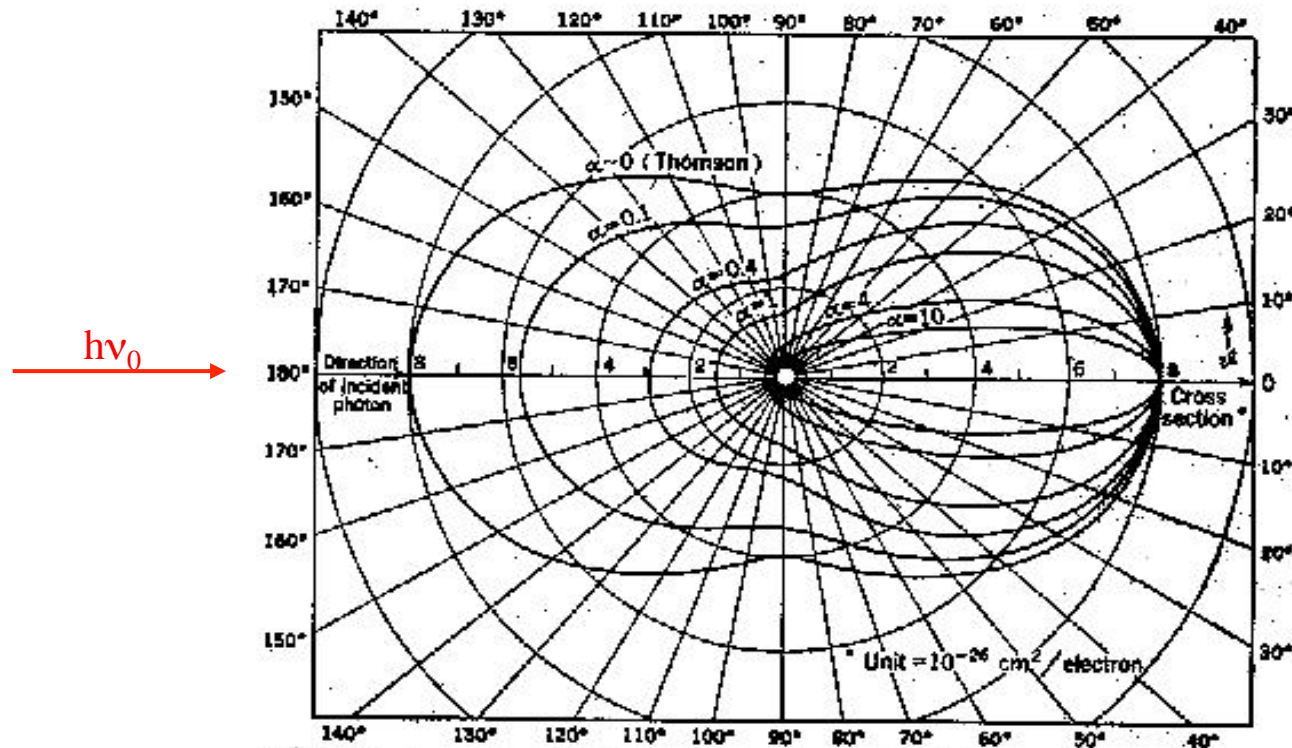



Fig. 2.2 The number of photons scattered into unit solid angle  $d(\varphi)/d\Omega$ , at a mean scattering angle  $\theta$ , Eq. (2.8). [From Davison and Evans (D12).]

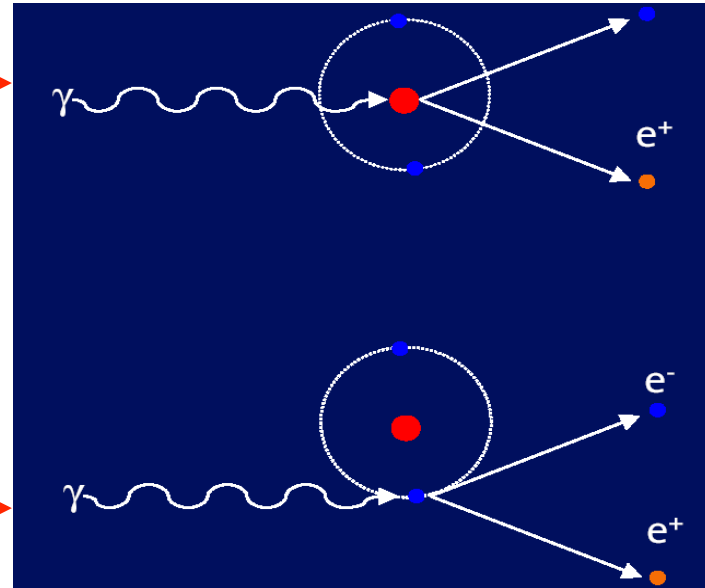
$$\alpha = h\nu_0 / m_0c^2, m_0c^2 = 0,511 \text{ MeV}$$

$\alpha$  large  Photons scattered in forward direction

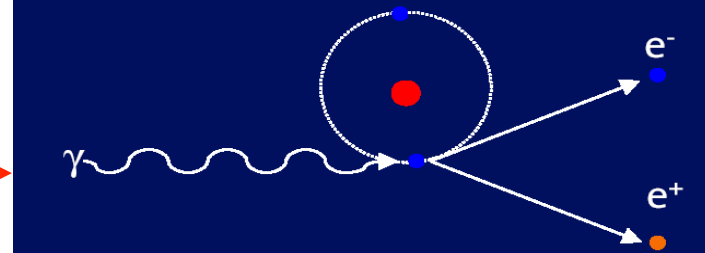
# Interactions of Photons

## 3. Pair Production: absorption of the photon and creation of a pair electron - positron

Creation in the field of the nucleus



Creation in the field of the electron



$$E_{\text{threshold}} = 2m_e c^2 = 1,022 \text{ MeV}$$

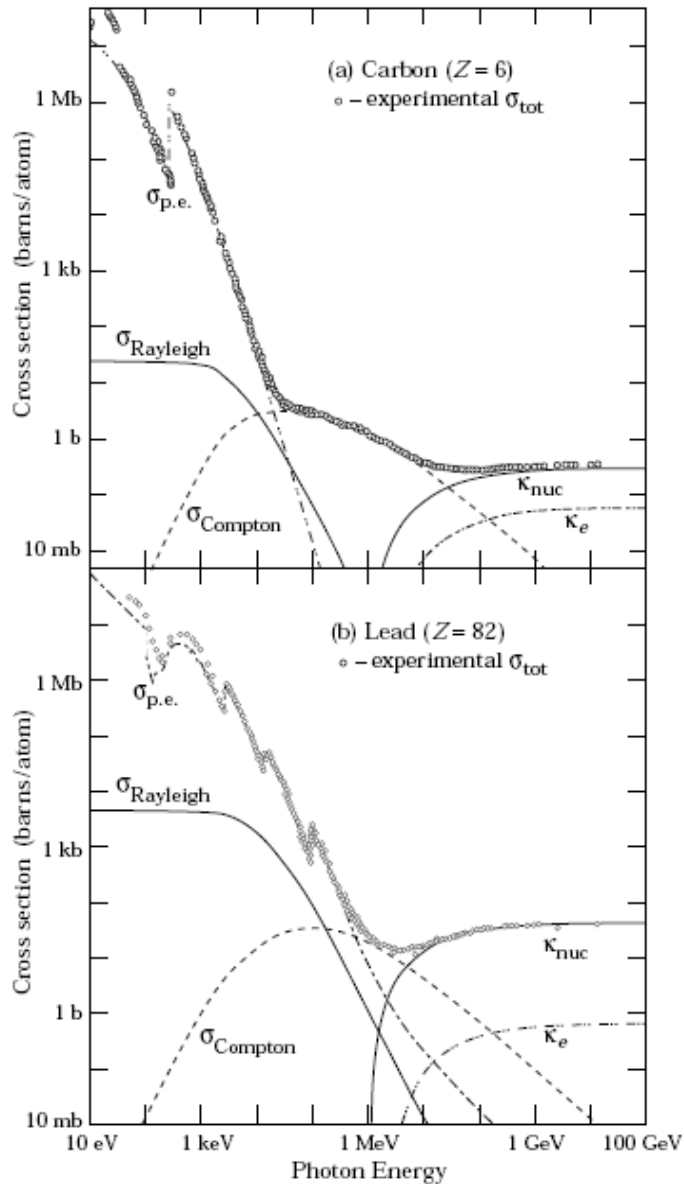
At high energies ( $E_\gamma \gg 137m_e c^2 Z^{-1/3}$ ) the pair production cross section is almost constant

$$\sigma_{\text{paire}} = 4Z^2 \alpha r_e^2 \left[ \frac{7}{9} \{ \ln(183Z^{-1/3}) - f(Z) \} - \frac{1}{54} \right]$$

$f(z)$  = correction à l'approximation de Born pour l'interaction coulombienne d'électron dans le champ électrique du noyau

$$\sigma = \frac{7}{9} \left( \frac{A}{X_0 N_A} \right) \quad \text{For } E > 1 \text{ GeV and high } Z$$

# Cross Sections for Photon Interactions:



$\sigma_{\text{p.e.}}$  = effet photo-électrique atomique  
 ( absorption du photon, émission d 'un électron)

$\sigma_{\text{coherent}}$  = diffusion cohérente  
 (diffusion Rayleigh - ni ionisation, ni excitation  
 d 'atome tout les électrons d 'atome en  
 contribution les photons ne perdent pas d 'énergie)

$\sigma_{\text{incoherent}}$  = diffusion incohérente  
 (diffusion Compton sur un électron)

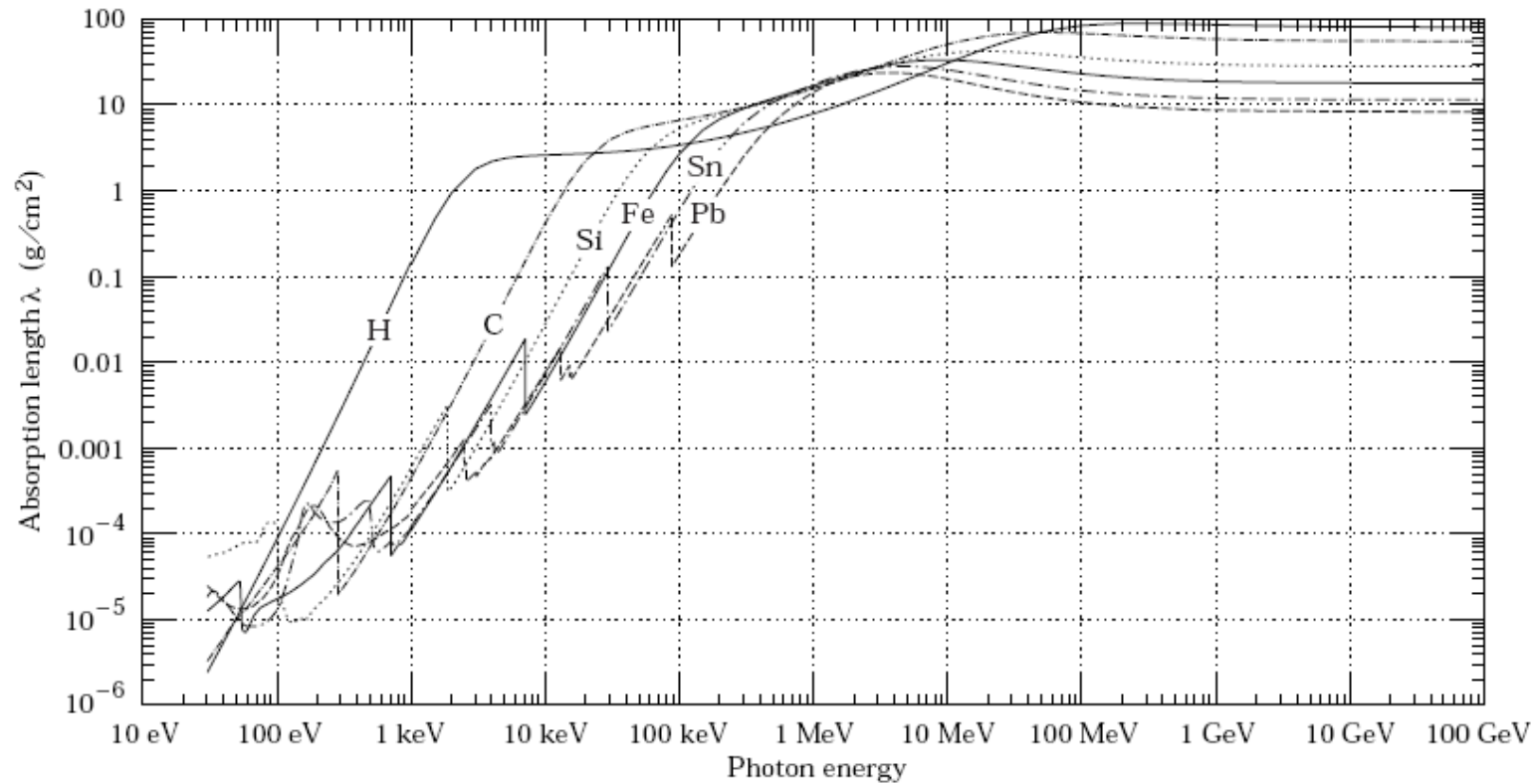
$\sigma_{\text{nuc}}$  = absorption nucléaire

$\kappa_{\text{n}}$  = production paire dans champ nucléaire

$\kappa_{\text{e}}$  = production paire dans champ électronique

# Interactions of Photons

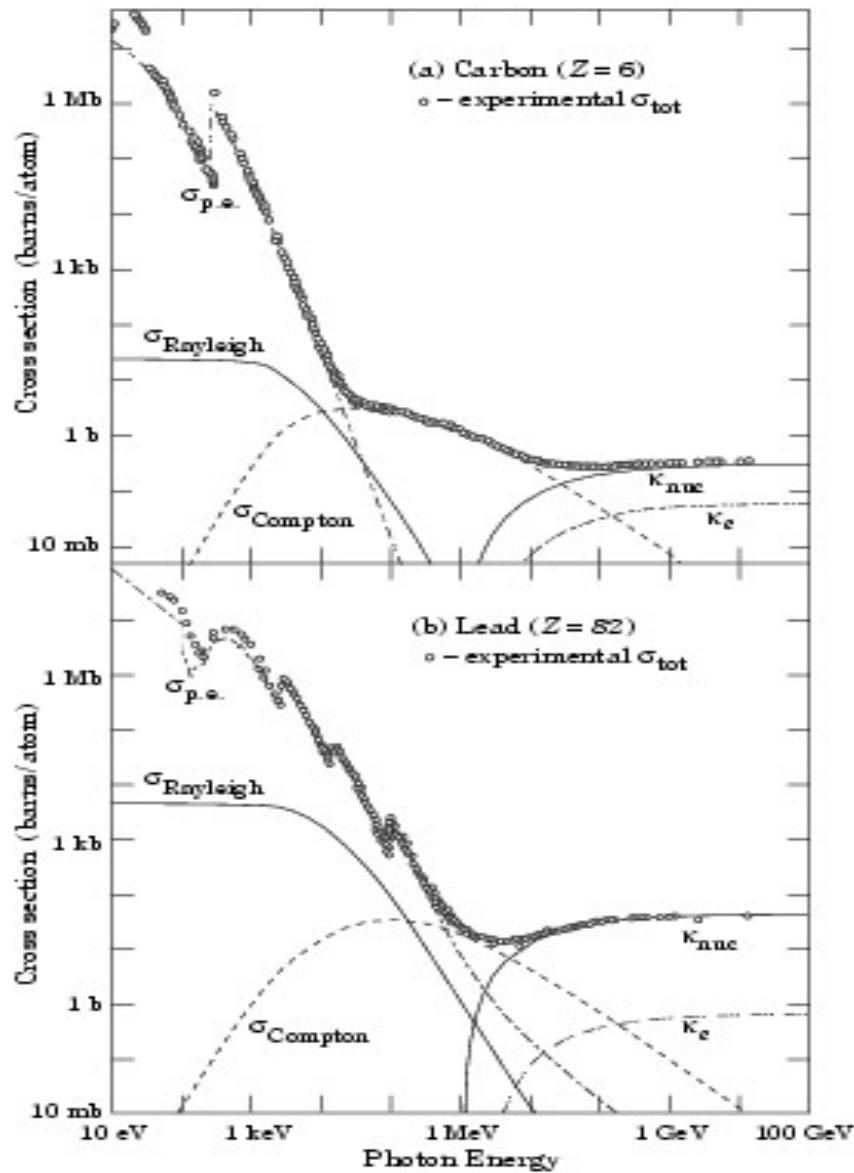
Photon mass attenuation length (mean free flight path)



$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\mu/\rho} \quad \text{where } \mu/\rho \text{ is the mass attenuation coefficient, } \rho = \text{density}$$



## Comparaison entre les différents processus d'interaction des photons



$$\sigma_{pe} \approx Z^5$$

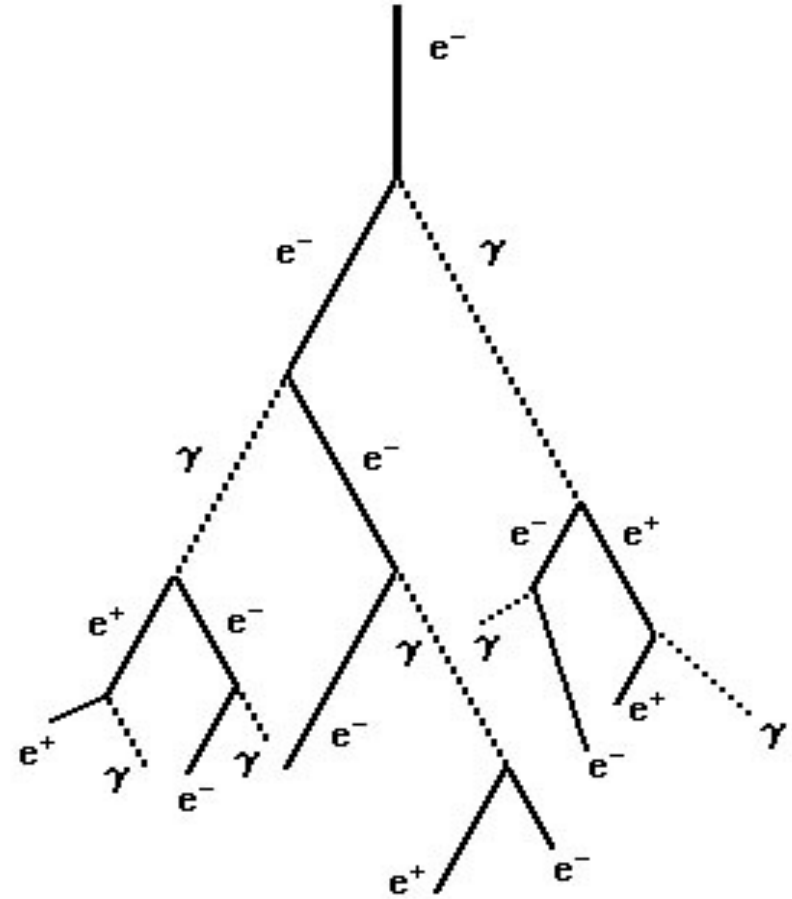
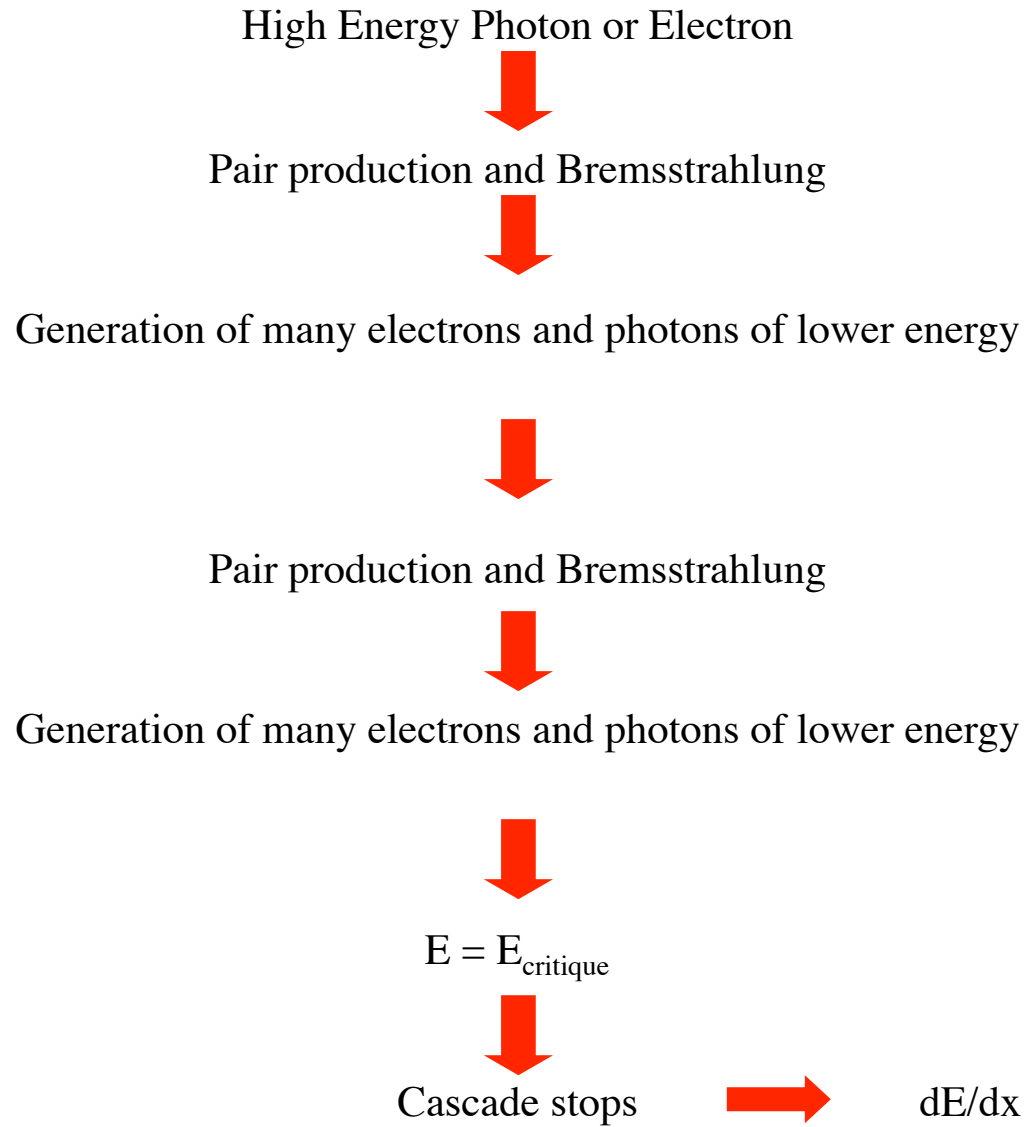
$$\sigma_{compton} \approx Z$$

$$\sigma_{pair} \approx Z^2$$

Pour  $Z$  petit comme dans C, la diffusion Compton s'exerce entre 10 KeV et 10 MeV

**Pour  $Z$  grand comme dans Pb, la diffusion Compton est négligeable**

# Electromagnetic Cascades:



# Electromagnetic Cascades:

Some simple approximation:

## 1/ Longitudinal development:

An interaction occurs after each radiation length, after  $t$  radiation lengths we have a total of

$$N = 2^t \text{ particles}$$

Each particle has an average energy of  $E(t) = E_0 / 2^t$

**Maximum penetration length of the cascade:**

$$E(t_{\max}) = E_0 / 2^{t_{\max}} = E_c$$

$$t_{\max} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{E_0}{E_c}\right)}{\ln 2} \text{ and the maximum number of particles produced is } N_{\max} \cong \frac{E_0}{E_c}$$

## **2/ Transversal dimensions:**

$$\text{Molière radius : } R_M = X_0 \frac{E_s}{E_c} \text{ with } E_s = \sqrt{4\pi/\alpha} \times m_e c^2 = 21 \text{ MeV (scale energy)}$$

90% of the particles stay inside a cylinder with  $R_M$  around the shower axis.

# Cherenkov Radiation

# Radiation Cherenkov



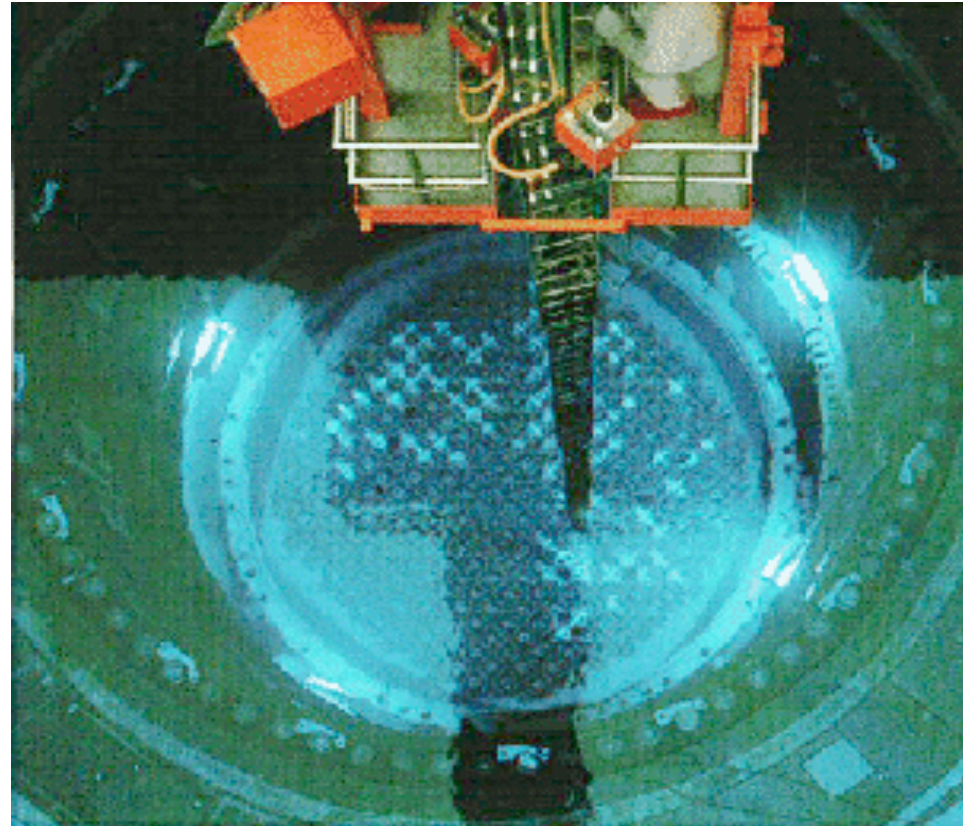
Pavel Alekseyevich Cherenkov

1904-1990

Physics Institute of USSR Academy of

Sciences, Moscow

Prix Nobel 1958



(Cœur d'un réacteur nucléaire)

# Cherenkov Radiation

A particle goes faster than the speed of light in the material

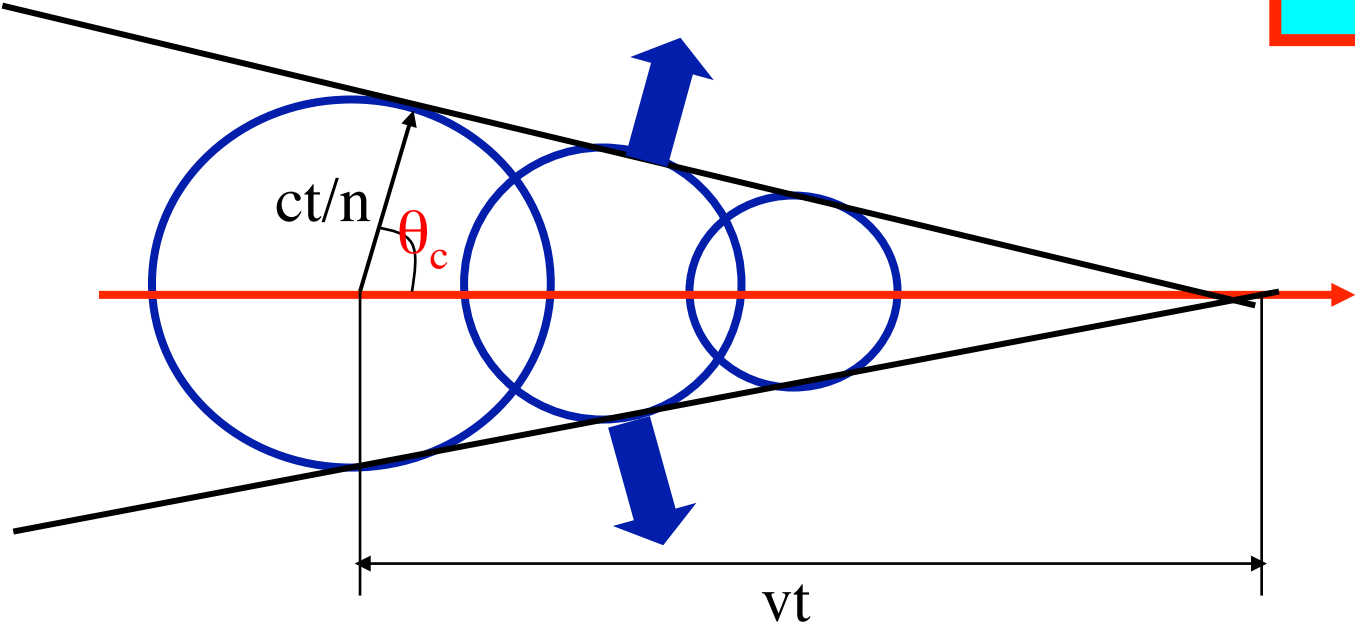


Emission of Cherenkov radiation

$\beta c = v = c/n$ ,  $n =$  index of refraction of the medium

Condition:  $v_{\text{part}} > c/n$ ,  $v_{\text{part}}$

$$\cos \theta_c = \frac{ct/n}{\beta ct} = \frac{1}{\beta n}$$



# Cherenkov Radiation

$\theta_c$  = Cherenkov angle

Radiation of « Cherenkov » photons with a continues spectrum

The photons are polarized

Firs theory by  
Tamm et Frank  
(Prix Nobel  
with Cherenkov)

$$\left( -\frac{dE}{dx} \right)_{\text{Cherenkov}} = \frac{4\pi e^2}{c^2} \int \omega d\omega \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\beta^2 n^2} \right)$$

This is already included in the  
dE/dx by Bethe & Bloch  
(relativistic rise)

**Energy loss by Cherenkov radiation:**

$$-\left( \frac{dE}{dx} \right)_{\text{Cherenkov}} \cong 10^{-3} \text{ MeVcm}^2\text{g}^{-1}$$

**Energy loss by collision in H<sub>2</sub>:**  $-\left( \frac{dE}{dx} \right)_{\text{Coll}} \cong 0,1 \text{ MeVcm}^2\text{g}^{-1}$

**Energy loss by collision in a gas with large Z:**  $-\left( \frac{dE}{dx} \right)_{\text{Coll}} \cong 0,01 \text{ MeVcm}^2\text{g}^{-1}$

## Cherenkov Radiation

Number of Cherenkov photons per path length of a particle of charge  $ze$  and per unit of photon energy:

$$\frac{d^2N}{dEdx} = \frac{\alpha^2 z^2}{r_e m_e c^2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\beta^2 n^2(E)} \right)$$

$$\approx 370 \sin^2\theta_c(E) \text{ eV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1} \quad (\text{with } z = 1)$$

For photons of  $400 \text{ nm} < \lambda < 700 \text{ nm}$



$$N/L \approx 490 \sin^2\theta_c$$



Example: How to build a huge Water Cherenkov detector?

Question: Should one use a normal window or Silica for the PM?

$$\frac{dN}{dx} = 2\pi z^2 \alpha \sin^2\theta \int_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda^2} \quad \text{avec} \quad 2\pi z^2 \alpha = 4,584 \times 10^{-2}$$

Pour H<sub>2</sub>O: n = 1.33

cosθ = 1/βn, avec β = 1: θ = 41.25°

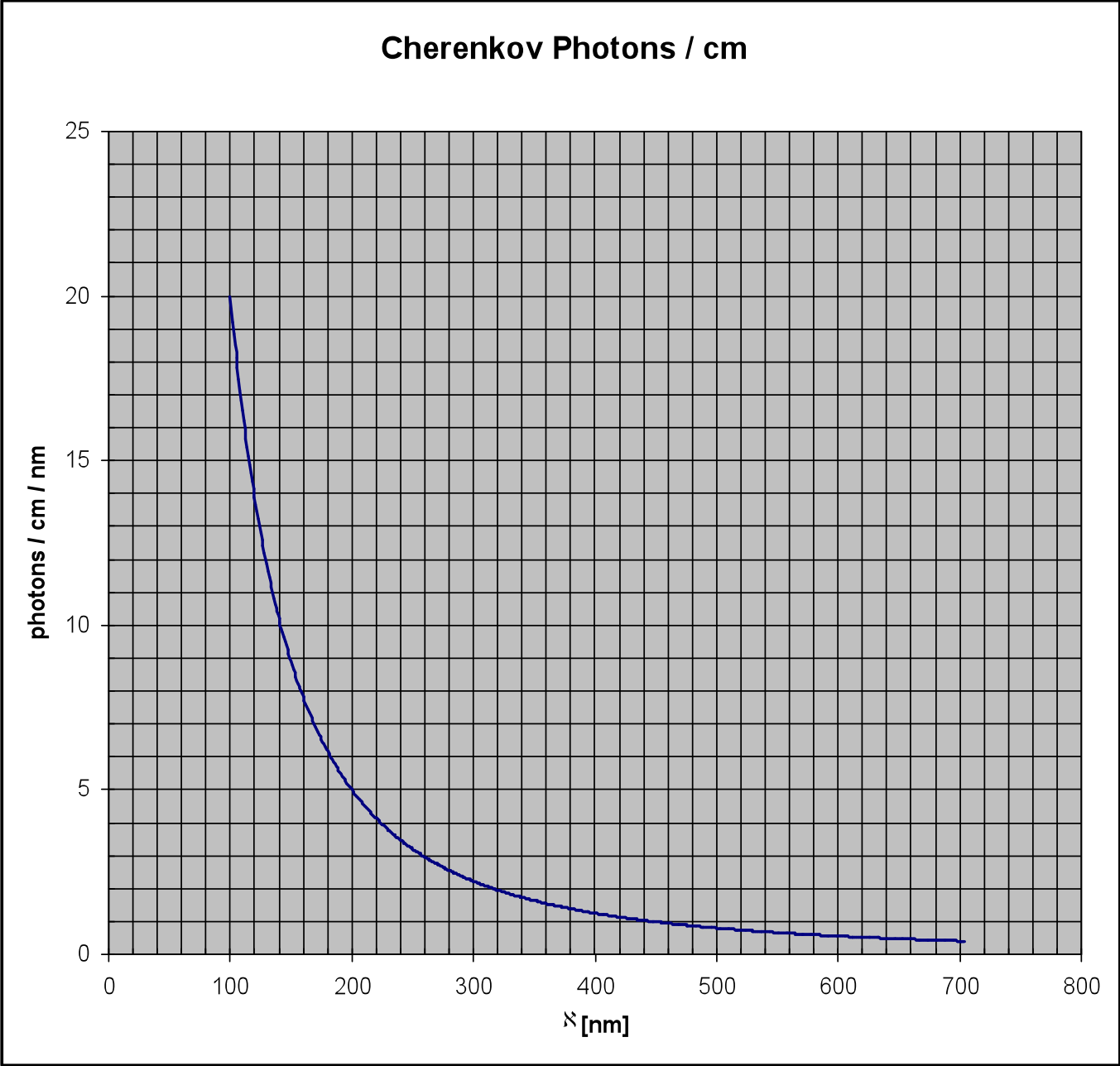
sin<sup>2</sup>θ = 0.437

$$\frac{dN}{dx} = 2\pi z^2 \alpha \sin^2\theta \int_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda^2} = 2 \times 10^{-2} \left[ \frac{1}{\lambda_{\min}} - \frac{1}{\lambda_{\max}} \right] \text{ [photons/nm]}$$

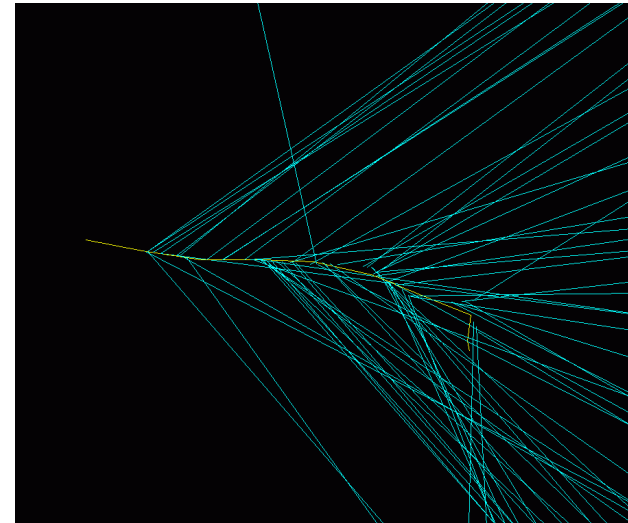
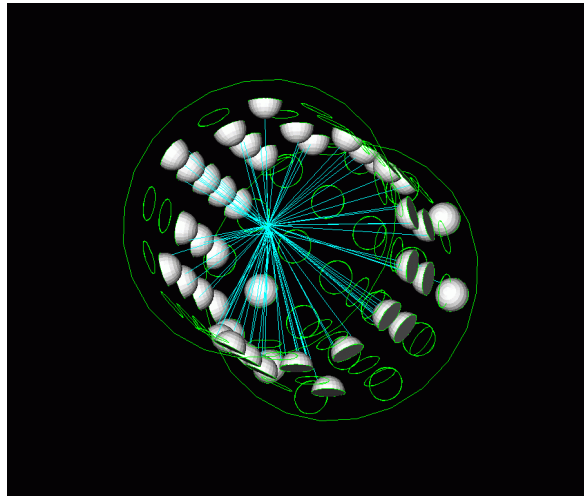
$$\frac{dN}{dx} = 2 \times 10^5 \left[ \frac{1}{\lambda_{\min}} - \frac{1}{\lambda_{\max}} \right] \text{ [photons/cm]} \quad (\lambda \text{ en nm})$$

Pour 180 nm – 550 nm: dN / dx = 747 photons / cm

Pour 380 nm – 550 nm: dN / dx = 303 photons / cm

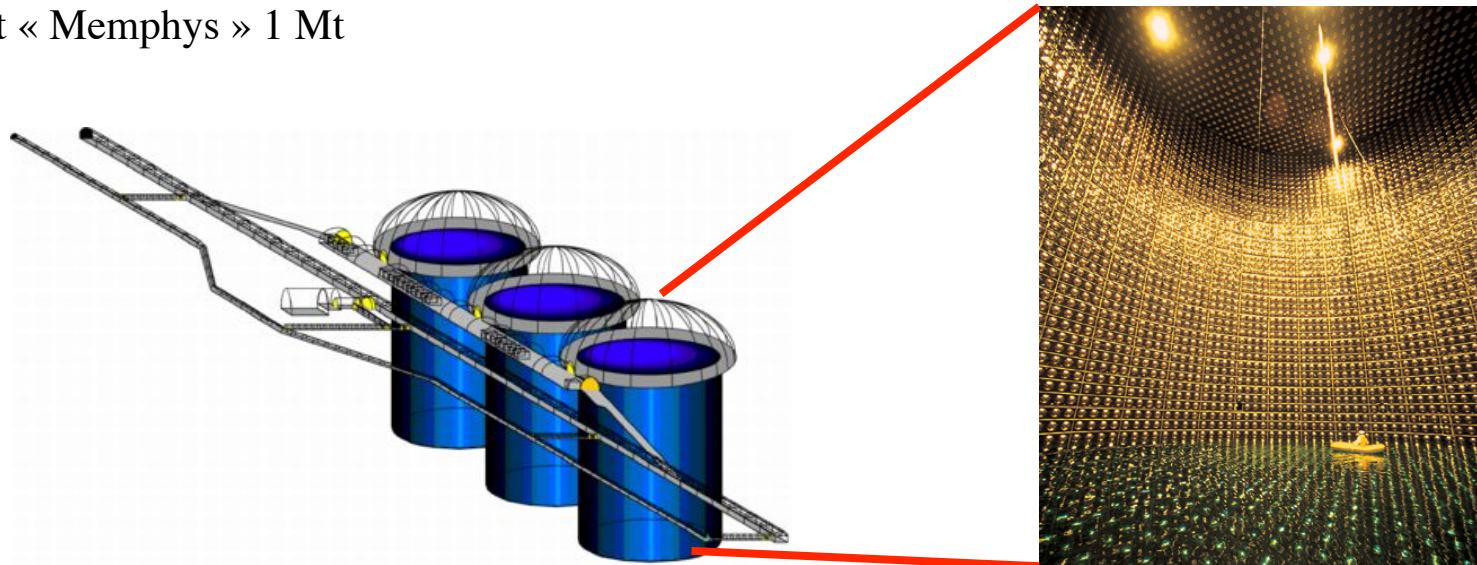


Prototype 10t



Simulation: électron dans l'eau avec émission des photons Cherenkov

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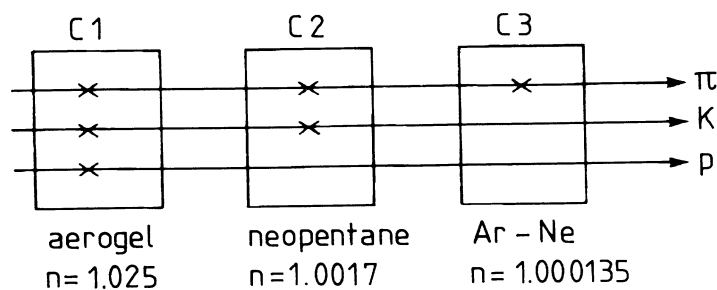
# Cherenkov Detectors

**3 types:**

- **Threshold counter** (Yes / No)
- **Differential counter** (uses the Cherenkov angle)
- **Ring imaging counter** (uses the image of the Cherenkov ring)

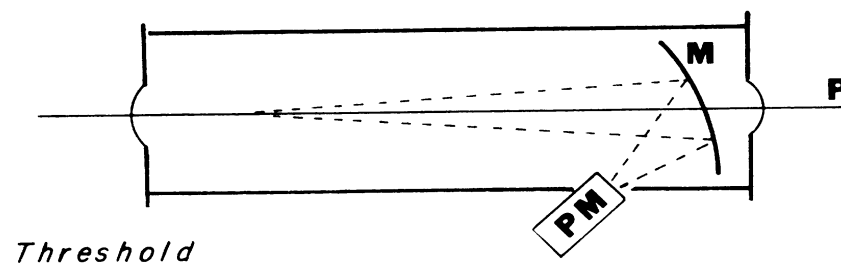
## 1. Threshold counter: Particle ID over threshold:

$$\beta_t = \frac{1}{n}$$



Example for He:

electrons	63 MeV/c
kaons	61 GeV/c
pions	17 GeV/c
protons	115 GeV/c



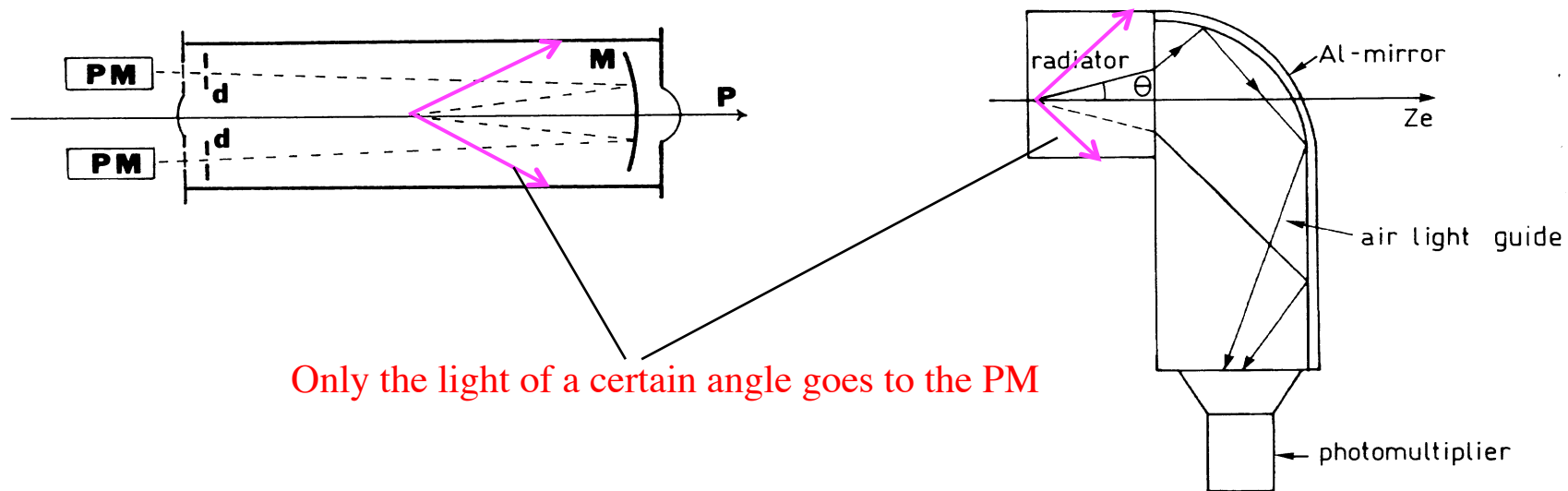
# Cherenkov Detectors

## 2. Différentiel counters: Emission of Cherenkov light at a defined angle:

For a given momentum,  $\cos\theta$  is fonction of the mass

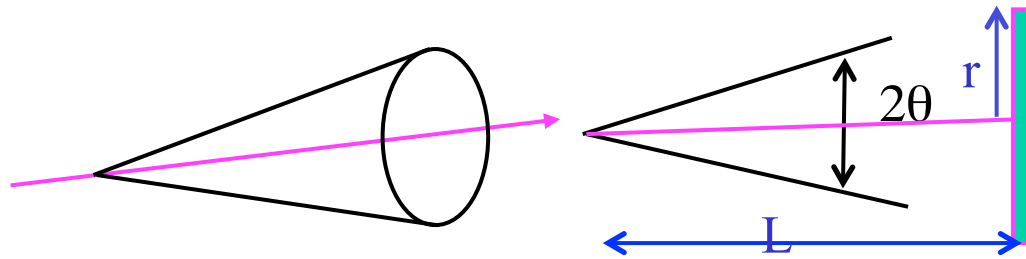
$$\cos\theta = \frac{1}{n\beta} = \frac{1}{n(p/E)} = \frac{\sqrt{m^2 + p^2}}{np}$$

Used as beam monitor: e.g. contamination of  $\pi$  and  $k$ .

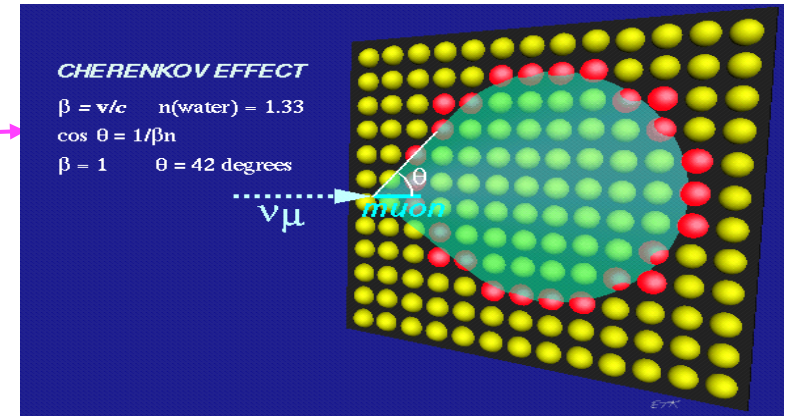


# Cherenkov Detectors

## 3. Ring imaging counter (RICH):



$$r = L \times \tan\theta$$



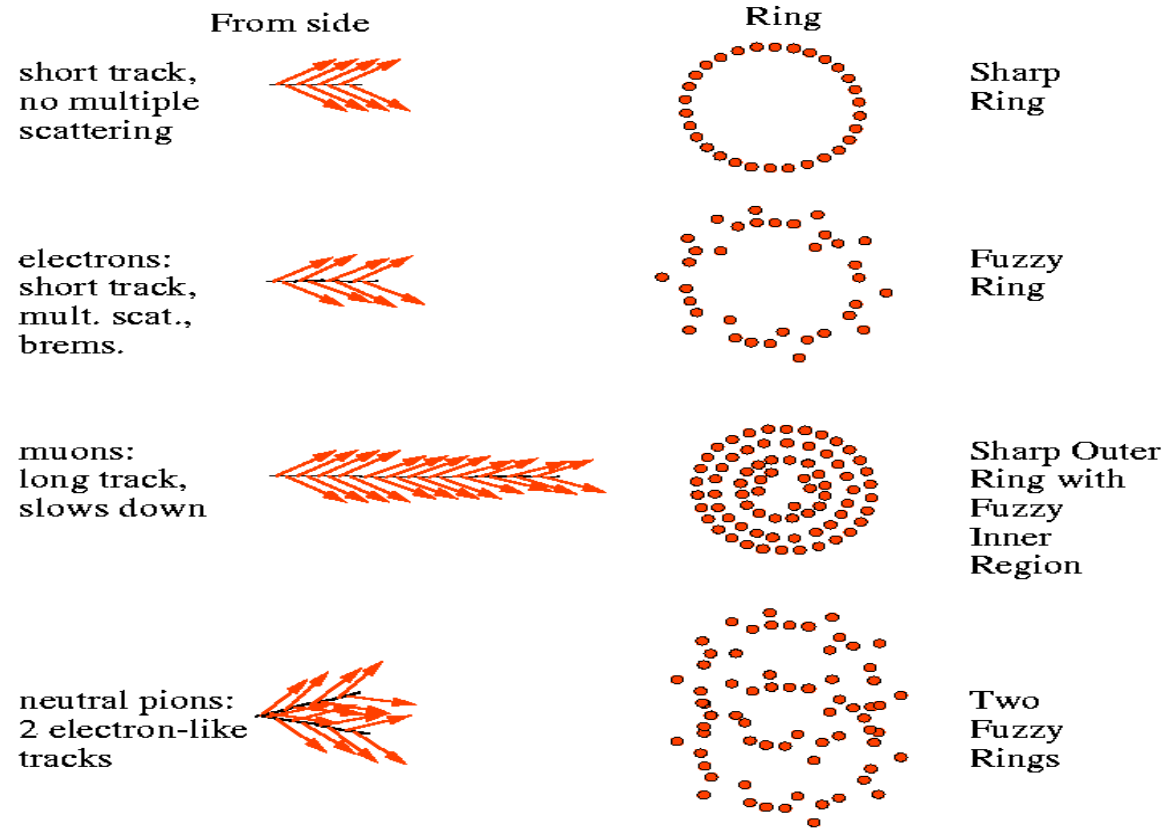
Incoming particle with  $p = 1\text{ GeV}/c$ ,  $L = 1\text{ m}$ , in LiF ( $n = 1.392$ ):

	$\theta(\text{deg})$	$r(\text{m})$
$\pi$	43.5	0.95
K	36.7	0.75
P	9.95	0.18

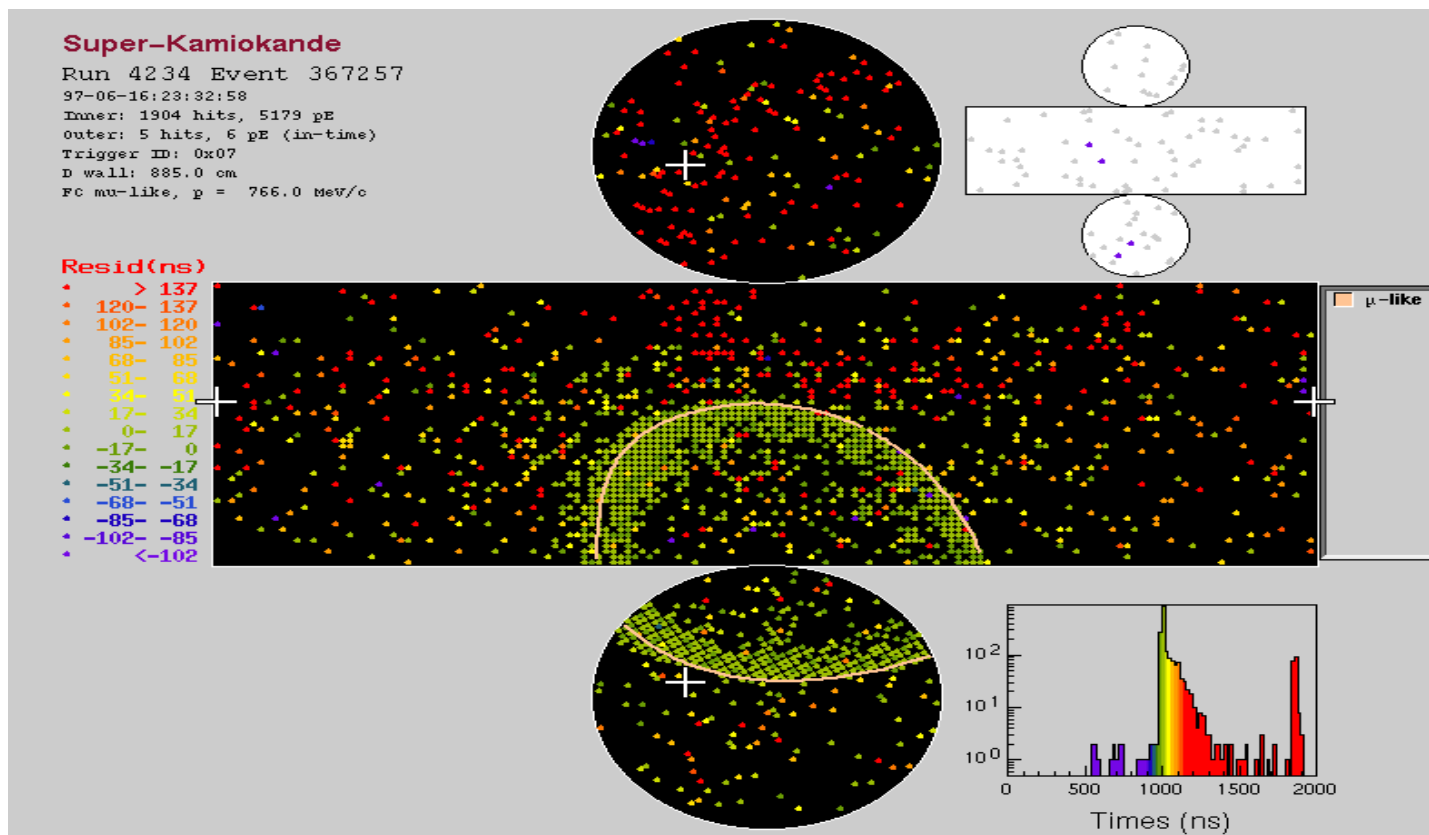
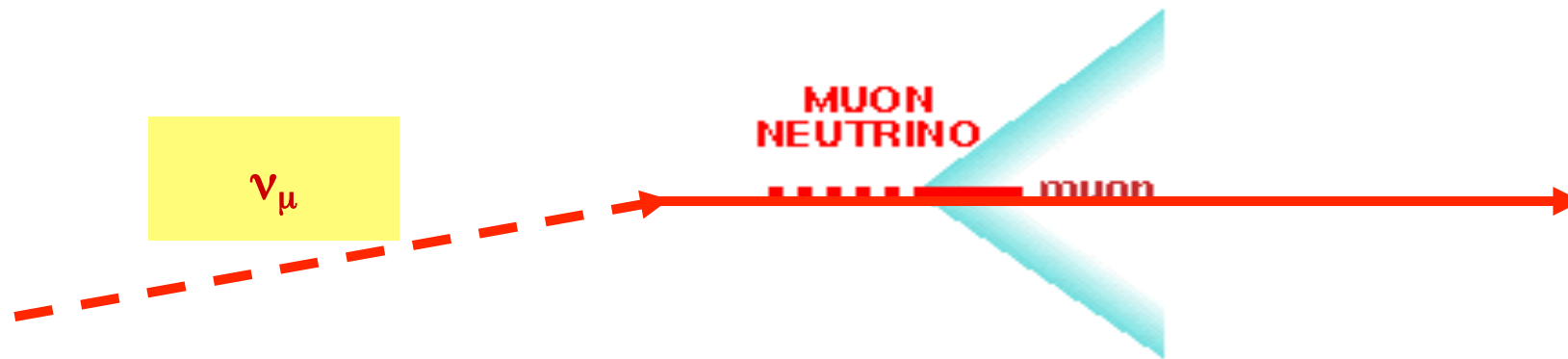
Very good  $\pi/K/p$  separation

➡ Particle ID

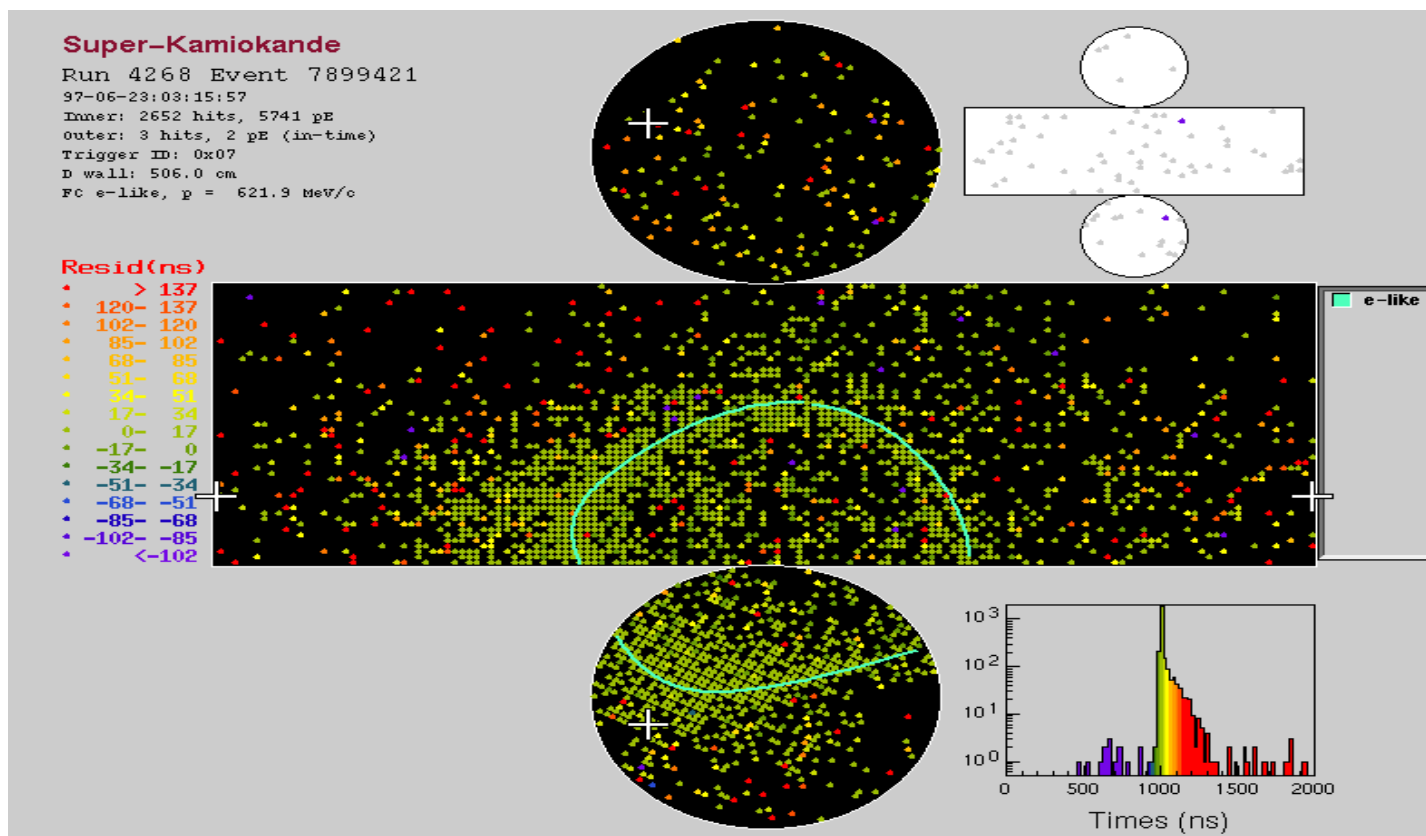
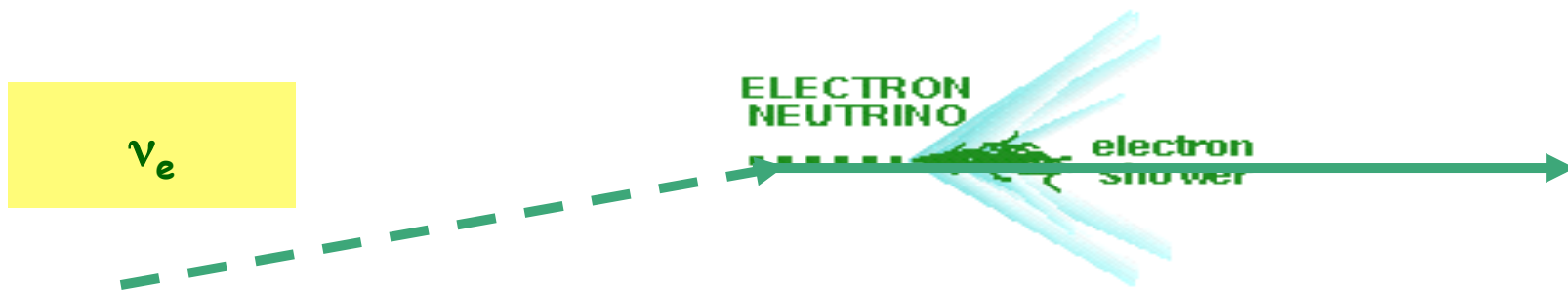
## Particle ID in a Cerenkov Detector:



From SK and Miniboone)

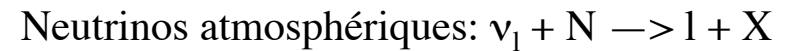
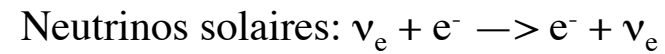






# Radiation Cherenkov: exemple SuperKamiokande = RICH à l'eau

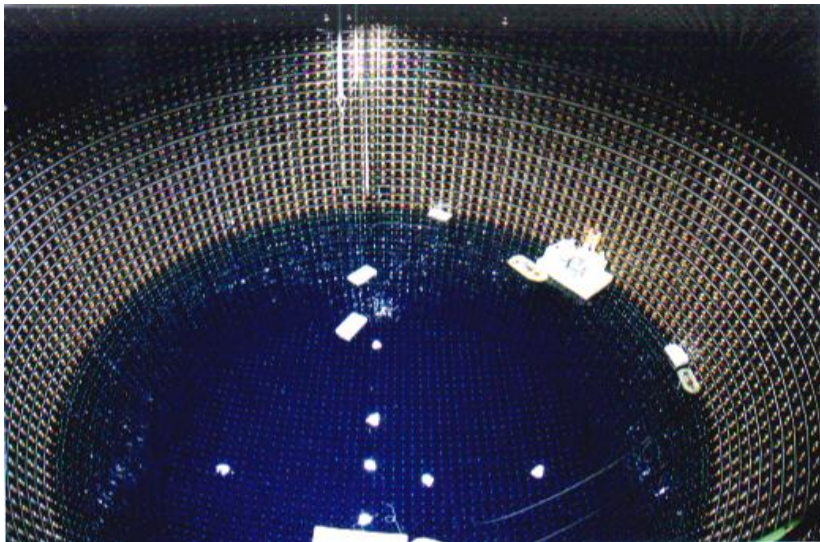
Mesure des neutrinos solaires et atmosphériques:



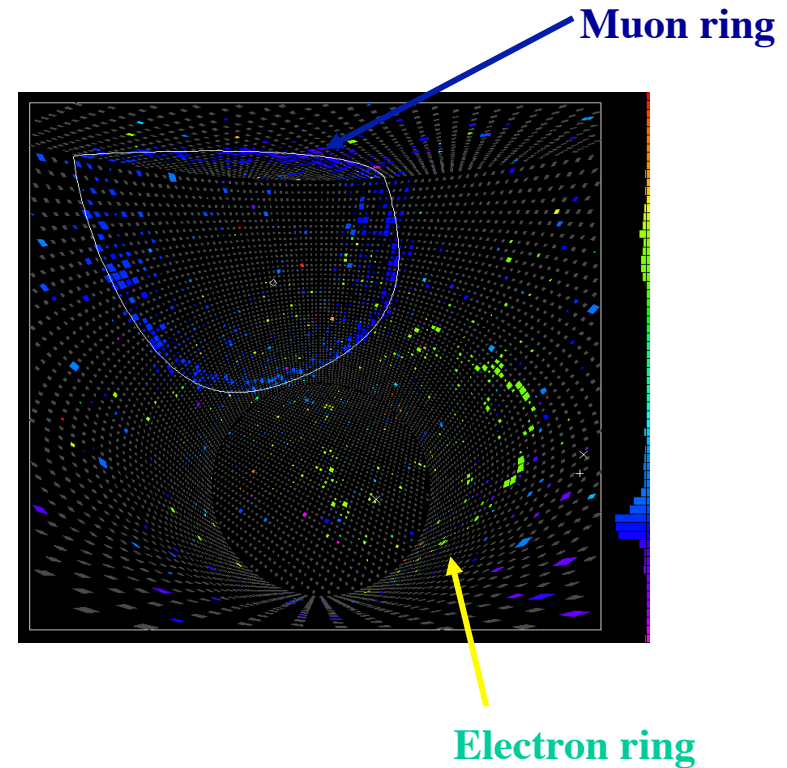
Exemple: 481 MeV muon neutrino  $\rightarrow$  394 MeV muon  $\rightarrow$  52 MeV électron

Pour l'eau:  $n=1.33$

Pour  $\beta=1$  particule  $\cos\theta = 1/1.33$ ,  $\theta = 41^\circ$

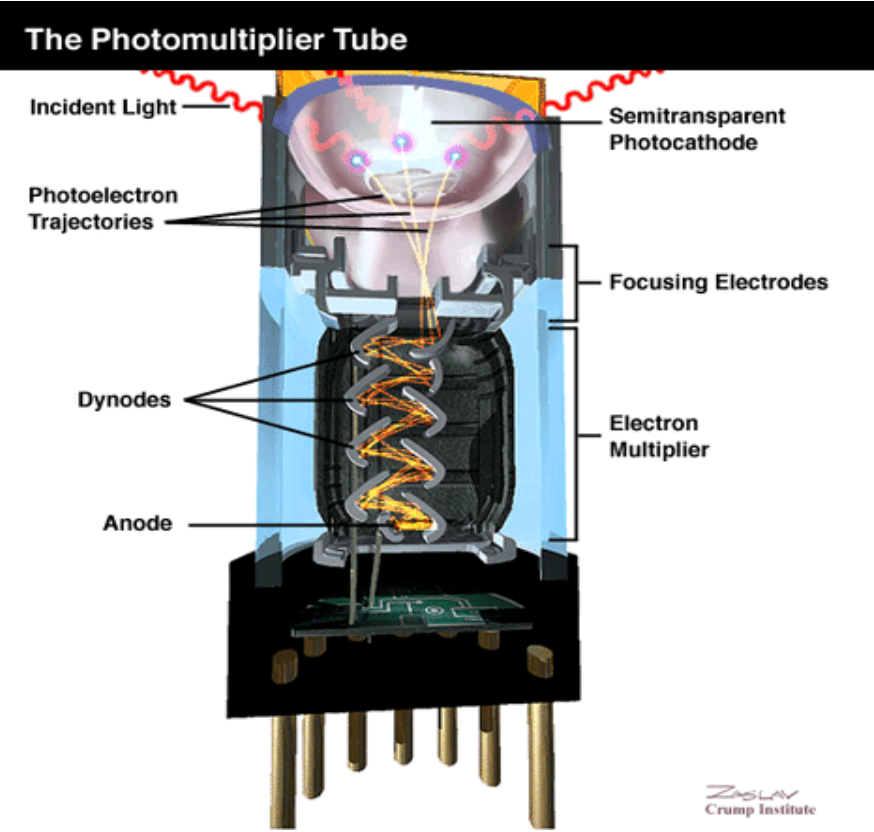


50 ktons d'eau  
11146 photomultiplicateurs

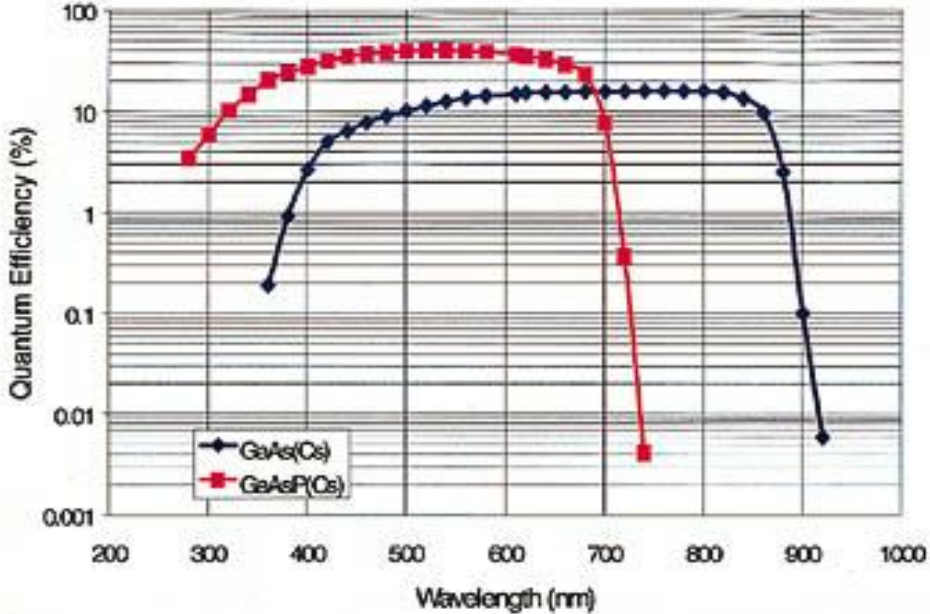


## 2. Some examples for light detection

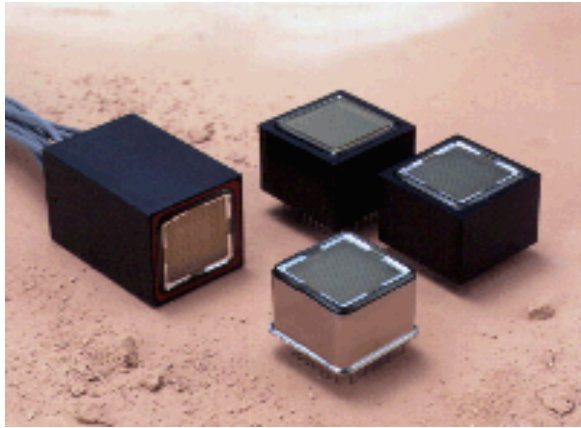
# Basic device: The Photomultiplier



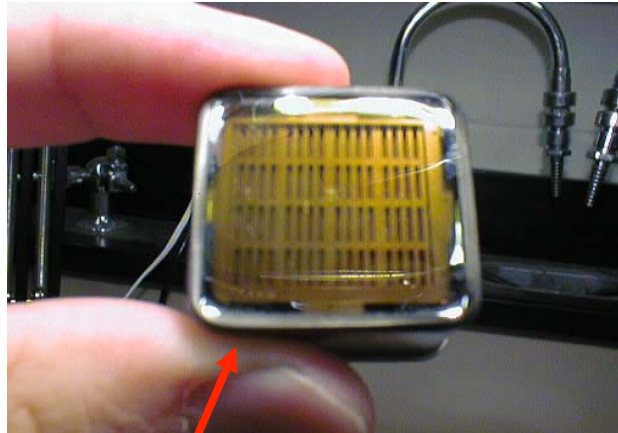
Spectral Response Curve



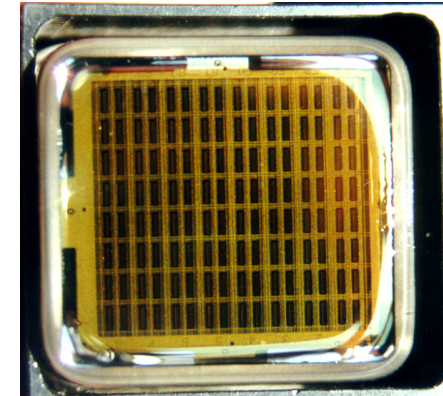
# Multi-Anode Photomultiplier Tubes (MAPMT)



HV  $\approx$  900 V



M16



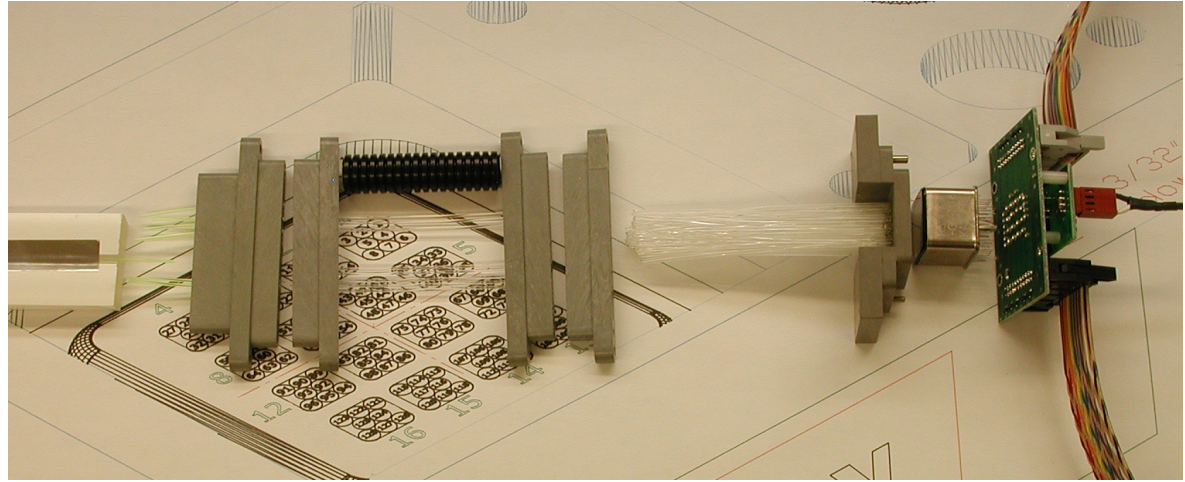
M64

Type No.	R5900U	R5900U-00-M4	H6568 (R5900-00-M16)	H7546 (R5900-00-M64)	R8520-C12	R5900U-00-L16	H7260 (R7259)
Anode format							
Number of anodes	1	4	16	64	6(X)+6(Y)	16	32
Number of dynode stages	10	10	12	12	11	10	10

# Multi-anode photomultipliers (MAPMT)

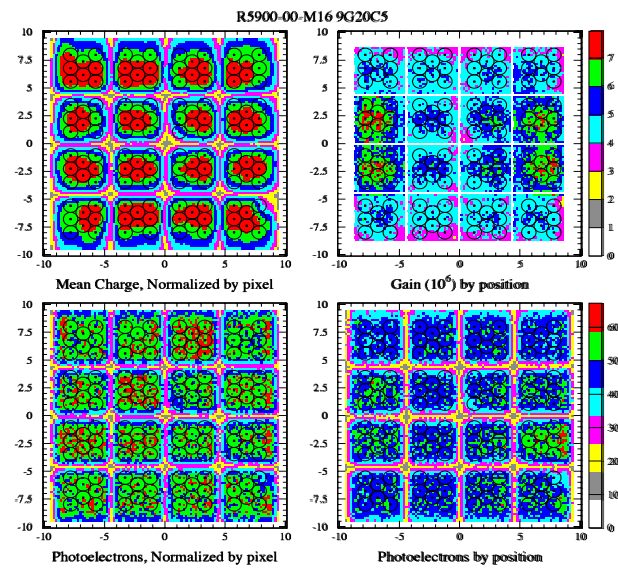
Example: Test Hamamatsu M16 for the MINOS experiment:

1,2 mm WLS fibres and LED blue



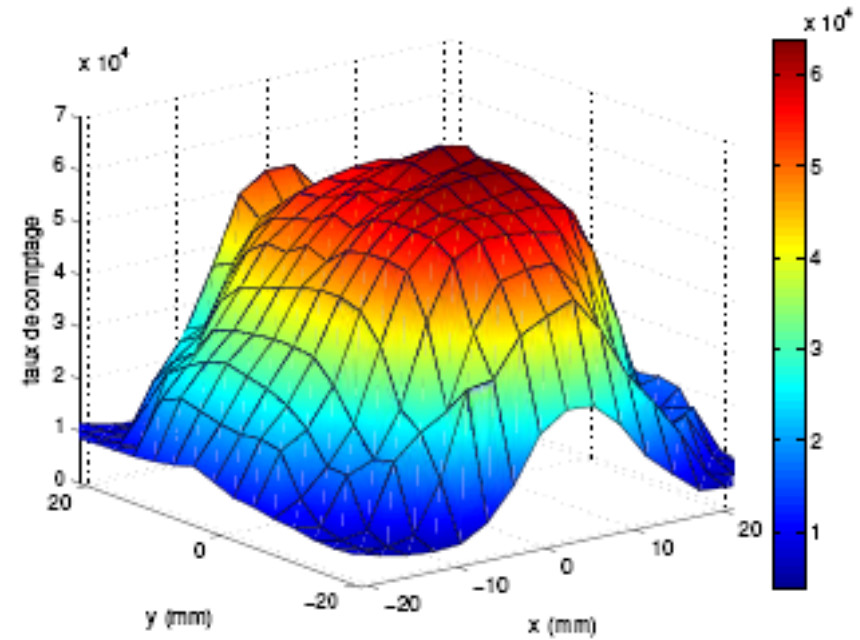
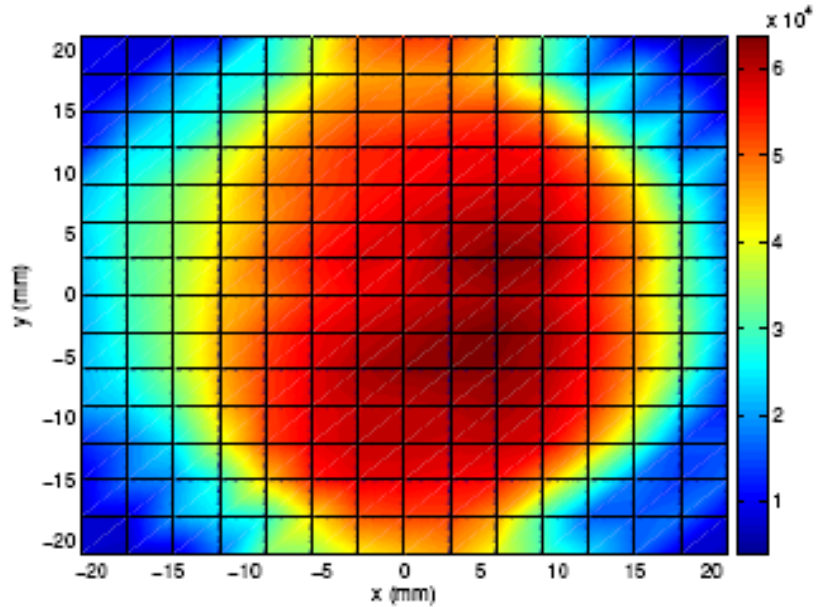
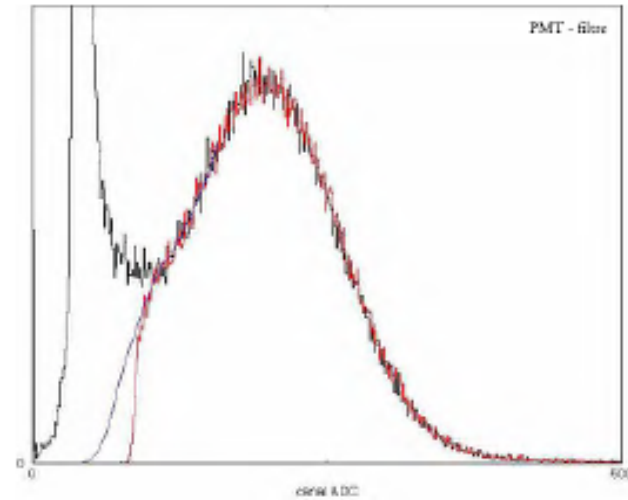
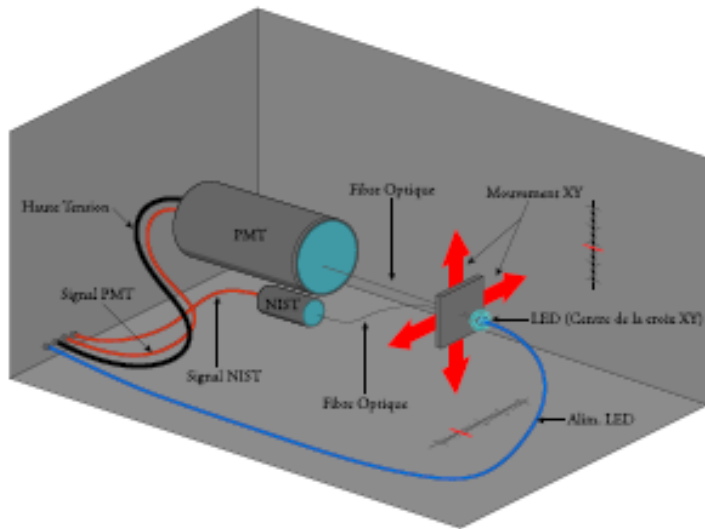
Attention to variation pixel to pixel but also inside one pixel

Variations up to 20%

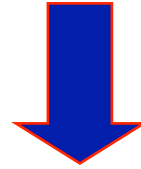


# Spectre de photo-électron unique

These de Gwenaëlle Lefeuvre, APC, P7, 2006



Detection of particles and radiation by conversion of  $dE/dx$  into light



Typical setup: PM + Scintillator

Light output:

- Inorganic scintillators like NaI :  $4 \times 10^4$  / MeV
  - Other crystals 1% to 20% of a NaI
- Organic scintillators produce:  $\sim 10^4$  /MeV (1 /100 eV)

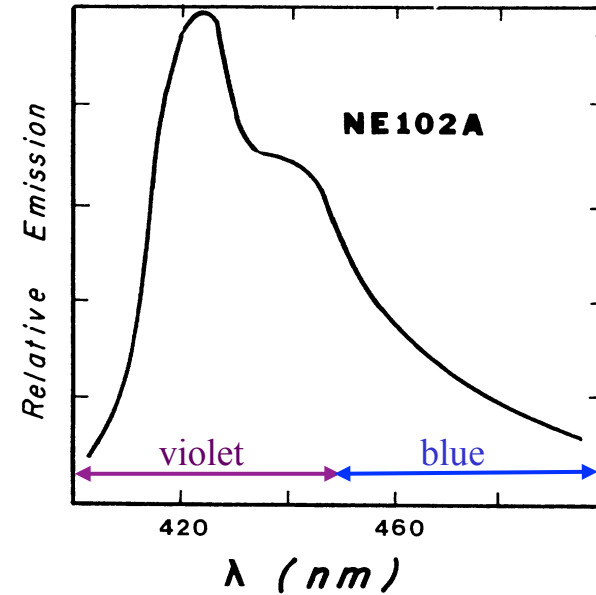


# Plastic Scintillators

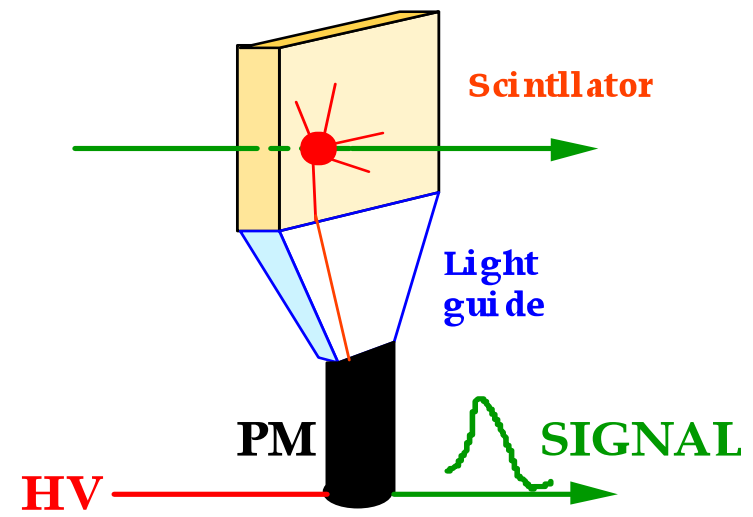
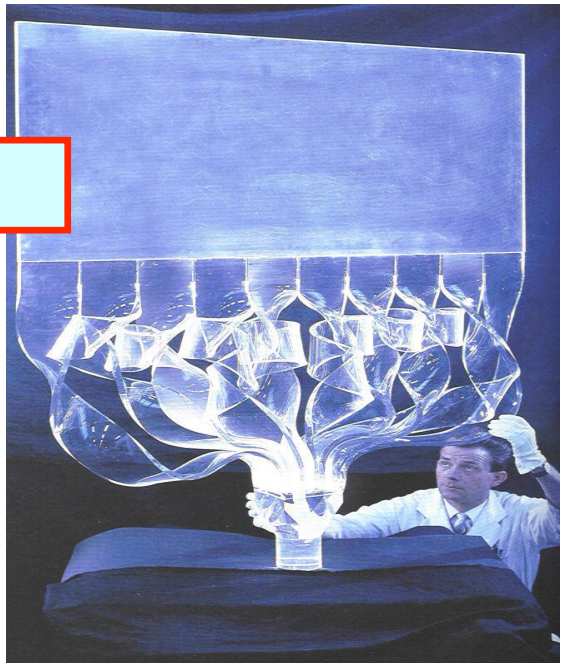
Typical emission spectrum

Type	Light <sup>a</sup> output	$\lambda_{\max}^b$ (nm)	Attenuation <sup>c</sup> length (cm)	Risetime (ns)	Decay <sup>d</sup> time (ns)	Pulse FWHM (ns)
NE 102A	58-70	423	250	0.9	2.2-2.5	2.7-3.2
NE 104	68	406	120	0.6-0.7	1.7-2.0	2.2-2.5
NE 104B	59	406	120	1	3.0	3
NE 110	60	434	400	1.0	2.9-3.3	4.2
NE 111	40-55	375	8	0.13-0.4	1.3-1.7	1.2-1.6
NE 114	42-50	434	350-400	~1.0	4.0	5.3
Pilot B	60-68	408	125	0.7	1.6-1.9	2.4-2.7
Pilot F	64	425	300	0.9	2.1	3.0-3.3
Pilot U	58-67	391	100-140	0.5	1.4-1.5	1.2-1.5
BC 404	68	408	—	0.7	1.8	2.2
BC 408	64	425	—	0.9	2.1	~2.5
BC 420	64	391	—	0.5	1.5	1.3
ND 100	60	434	400	—	3.3	3.3
ND 120	65	423	250	—	2.4	2.7
ND 160	68	408	125	—	1.8	2.7

<sup>a</sup> Percentage of anthracene.  
<sup>b</sup> Wavelength of maximum emission.  
<sup>c</sup>  $1/e$  length.  
<sup>d</sup> Main component.



100 eV/photon



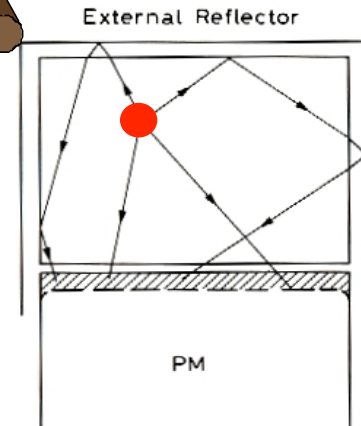
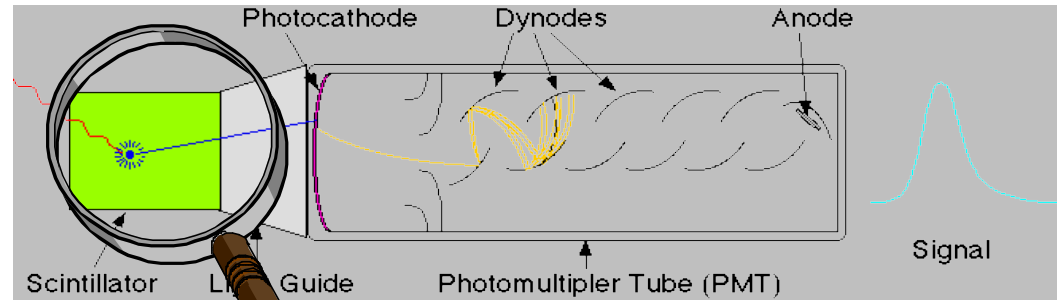
# Inorganic Scintillators :

(Example NaI) : 25 eV / photon

Table 25.2: Properties of several inorganic crystal scintillators.

NaI(Tl)	BGO	BaF <sub>2</sub>	CsI(Tl)	CsI(pure)	PbWO <sub>4</sub>	CeF <sub>3</sub>
<b>Density (g cm<sup>-3</sup>):</b>						
3.67	7.13	4.89	4.53	4.53	8.28	6.16
<b>Radiation length (cm):</b>						
2.59	1.12	2.05	1.85	1.85	0.89	1.68
<b>Molière radius (cm):</b>						
4.5	2.4	3.4	3.8	3.8	2.2	2.6
<b>dE/dx (MeV/cm) (per mip):</b>						
4.8	9.2	6.6	5.6	5.6	13.0	7.9
<b>Nucl. int. length (cm):</b>						
41.4	22.0	29.9	36.5	36.5	22.4	25.9
<b>Decay time (ns):</b>						
250	300	0.7 <sup>f</sup> 620 <sup>s</sup>	1000	10, 36 <sup>f</sup> ~ 1000 <sup>s</sup>	5-15	10-30
<b>Peak emission λ (nm):</b>						
410	480	220 <sup>f</sup> 310 <sup>s</sup>	565	305 <sup>f</sup> ~ 480 <sup>s</sup>	440-500	310-340
<b>Refractive index:</b>						
1.85	2.20	1.56	1.80	1.80	2.16	1.68
<b>Relative light output:*</b>						
1.00	0.15	0.05 <sup>f</sup> 0.20 <sup>s</sup>	0.40	0.10 <sup>f</sup> 0.02 <sup>s</sup>	0.01	0.10
<b>Hygroscopic:</b>						
very	no	slightly	somewhat	somewhat	no	no

\* For standard photomultiplier tube with a bialkali photocathode.  
See Ref. 21 for photodiode results.  
f = fast component, s = slow component



## Résolution attendue avec un NaI:

La statistique d'ionisation et d'excitation est de type **Poissonnienne**

$$N_{\text{ionisation}} = \frac{E}{w}$$

Avec une variance  $\sigma^2 = N_{\text{ionisation}}$  ( $N_{\text{ionisation}}$  = nombre moyen d'ionisation)

$$R = 2.35 \frac{\sqrt{N_{\text{ionisation}}}}{N_{\text{ionisation}}} = 2.35 \sqrt{\frac{w}{E}} = 2.35 \sqrt{\frac{1}{N}}$$

$$N_{\text{ionisation}} = 1 \text{ photon} / 25 \text{ eV} \quad 1 \gamma \text{ de } 511 \text{ keV génère } 2 \times 10^4 \text{ photons}$$

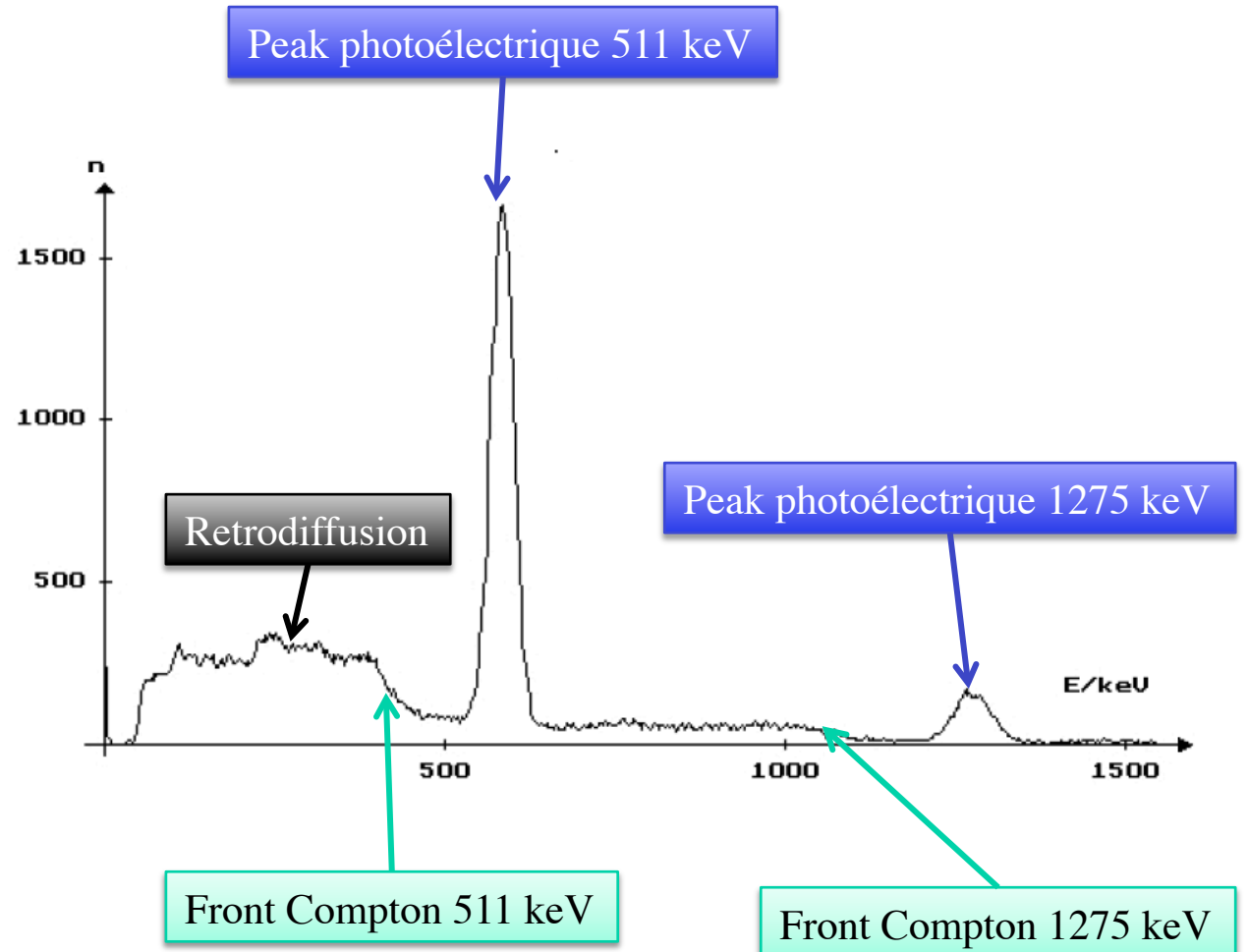
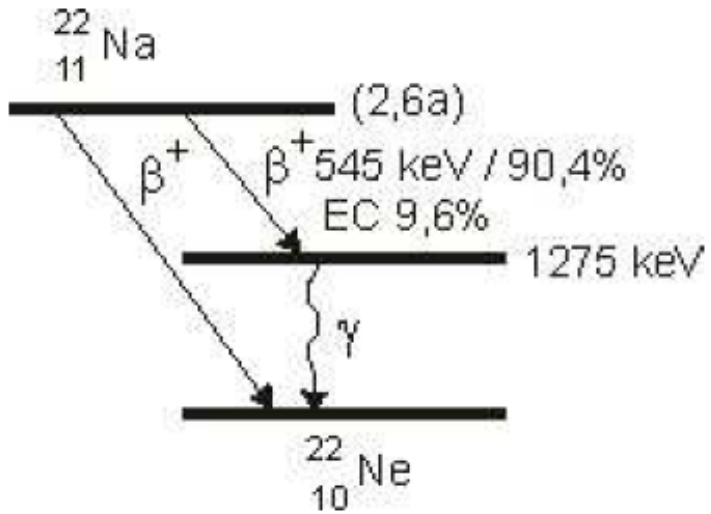
Efficacité de collection = 50 %

Efficacité quantique de la photocathode = 20 %

Nombre d'électrons dans le PM =  $2 \times 10^4 \times 0,5 \times 0,2 = 2000$  photoélectrons

$$R = 2.35 \times \text{sqrt}(1/2000) = 5,2 \%$$

# $^{22}\text{Na}$ :



## Exemple: PM couplé à un scintillateur plastique:

Quelques paramètres typiques d'un scintillateur plastique:

Perte d'énergie	2MeV/cm
Efficacité de scintillation	1 photon/100 eV
Efficacité de collection (nombre de photons arrivés au PM)	0,1
Efficacité quantique du PM	0,25

**Quel signal électrique peut-on attendre avec un scintillateur de 1 cm?**

Une particule chargée traversant le scintillateur perd 2 MeV, donc crée  $2 \times 10^4$  photons  
 $2 \times 10^4 \times 0,1 = 2 \times 10^3$  photons arrivent au PM qui les transforme en  $2 \times 10^3 \times 0,25 = 500$  électrons

Avec un gain de  $10^6$ :  $500 \times 10^6 = 5 \times 10^8$  électrons =  $8 \times 10^{-11}$  C

Si la charge est collectée en 50 ns  $\rightarrow I = dq/dt = 8 \times 10^{-11}$  C /  $5 \times 10^{-8}$  s =  $1,6 \times 10^{-3}$  A

Ce courant traverse une résistance de 50  $\Omega$   $\rightarrow V = IR = (50 \Omega)(1,6 \times 10^{-3} \text{A}) = 80 \text{mV}$

Visible avec un oscilloscope!

Quelle est l'efficacité de ce compteur? = Quelle est la probabilité d'avoir 0 photoélectrons?

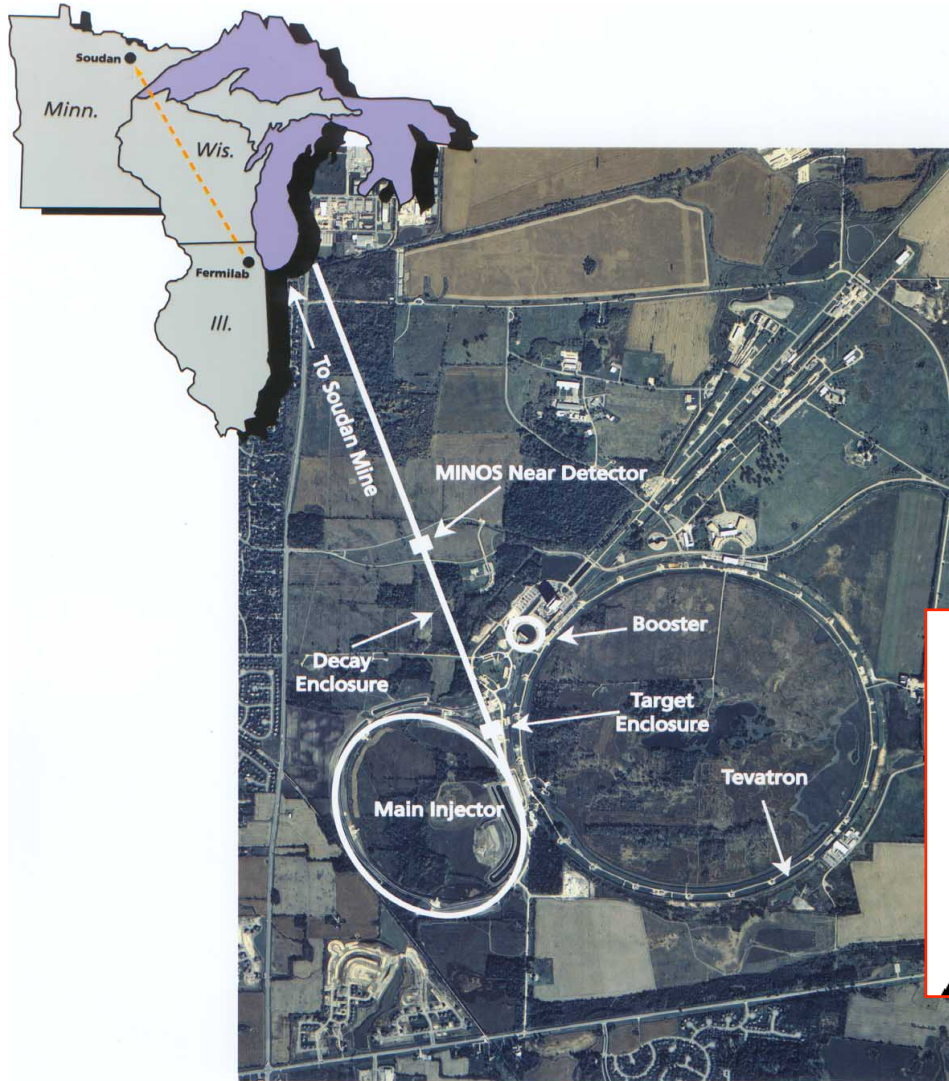
Statistique = Poisson:

$$P(r) = \frac{\mu^r e^{-\mu}}{r!} \rightarrow P(0) = \frac{500^0 e^{-500}}{0!} \cong 0$$

Donc l'efficacité est de 100%



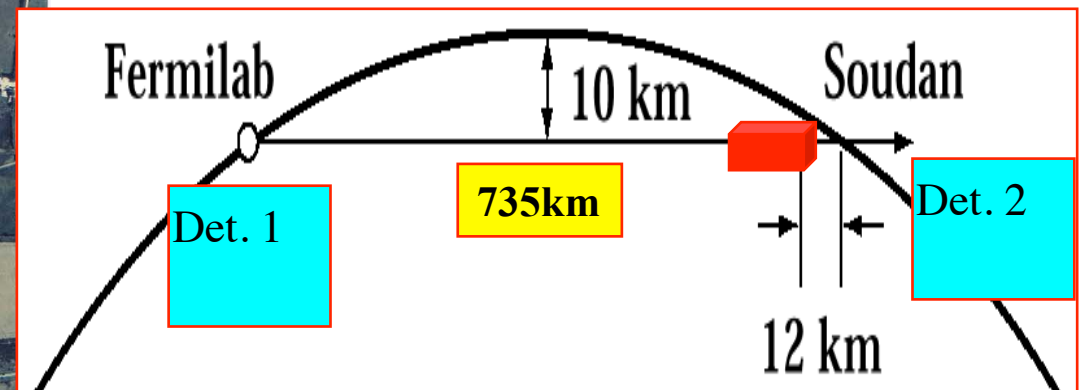
## Exemple 1: détecteur MINOS - oscillations du neutrino

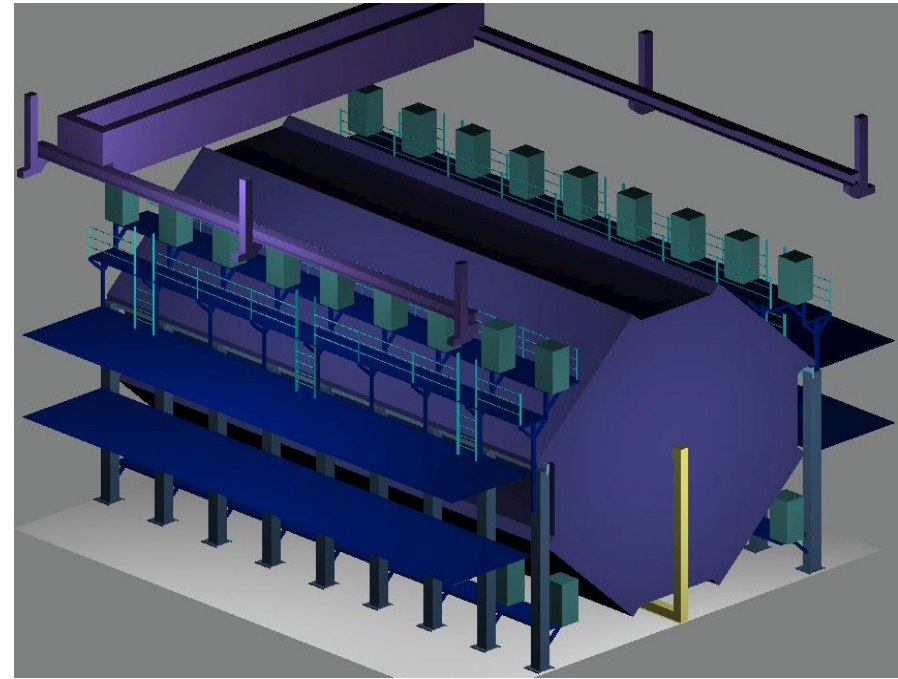
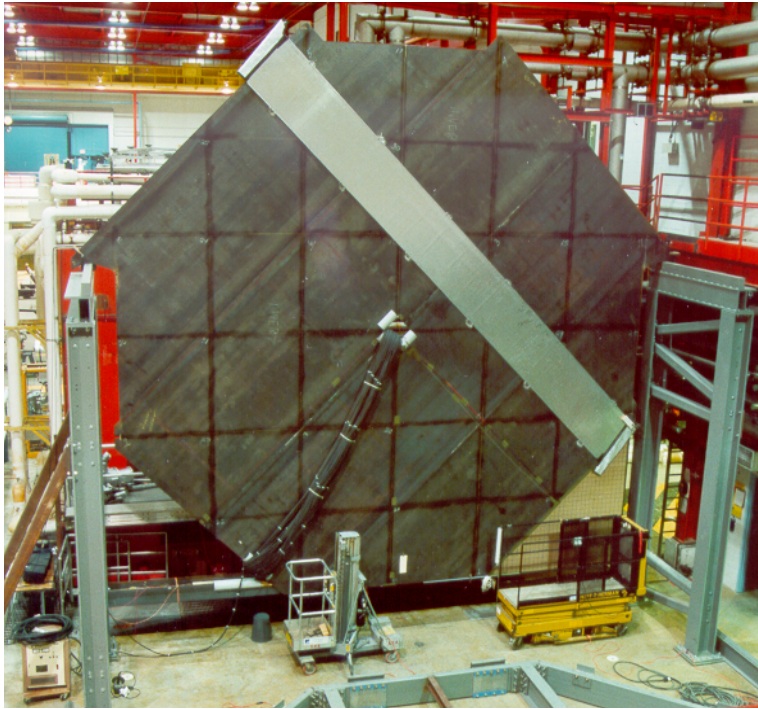


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### MINOS: Composé de :

- Un faisceau de neutrino (3 faisceaux!)
- Un détecteur proche (980 t @ 1 km)
- Un détecteur lointain (5,4 kt @ 730 km)





Constitué de :

485 plaques d'acier octogonales (5,14 kt)

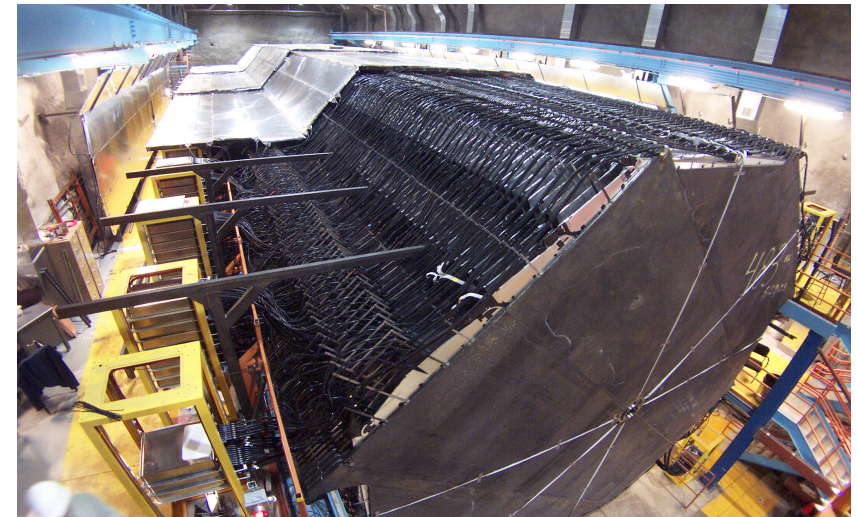
484 plaques de scintillateur octogonales (0,26 kt)

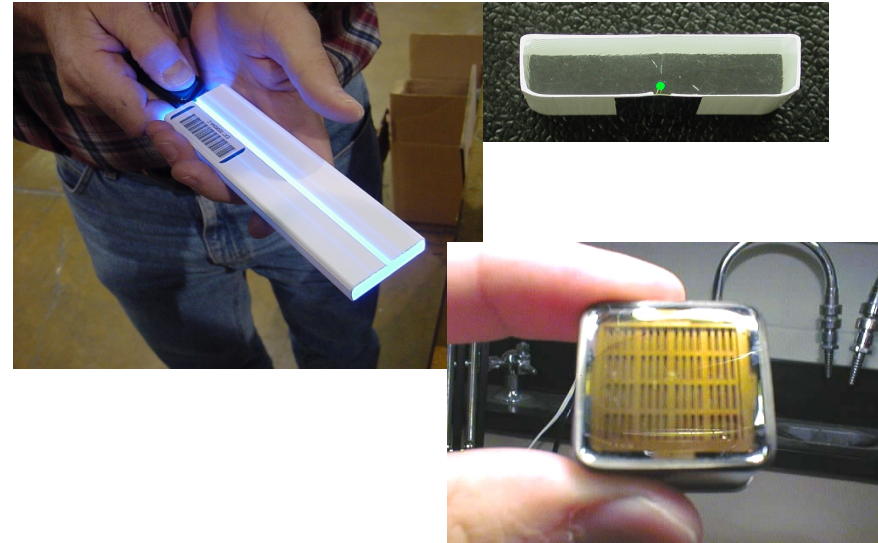
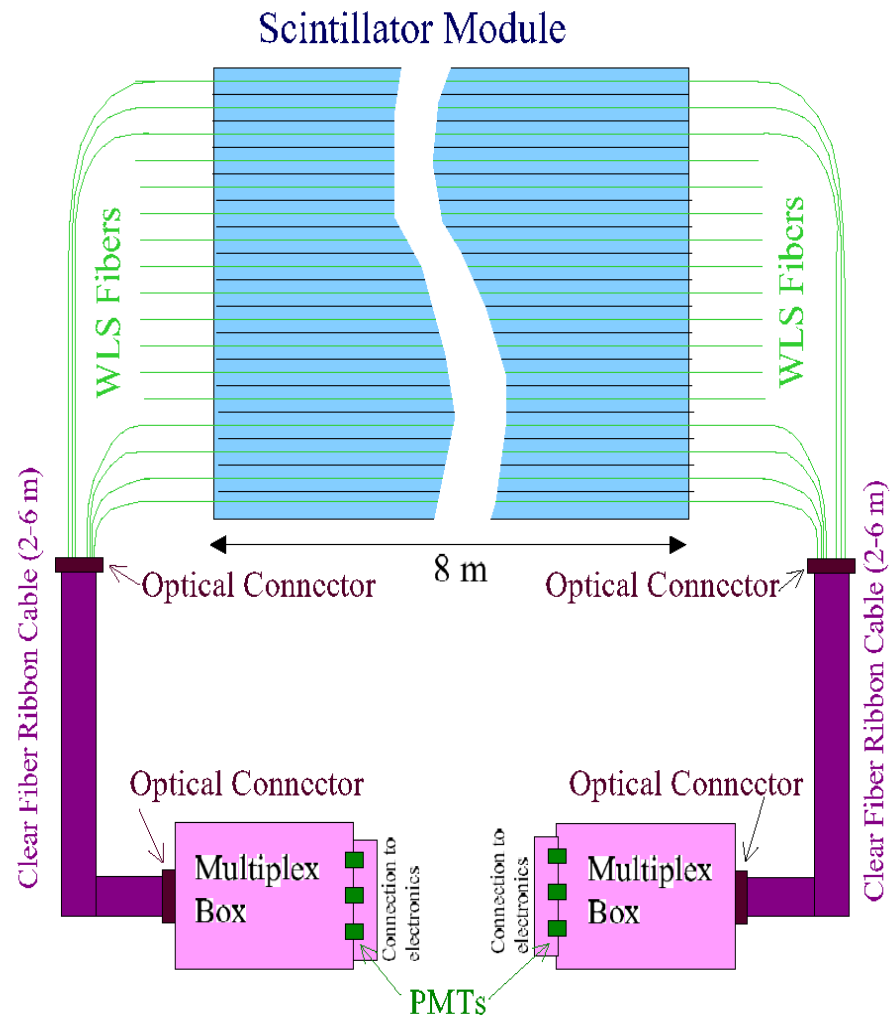
92,928 strips (4.1 x 1.0 cm), 1452 M16s

722 km de fibre (WLS fiber)

794 km fibre (clear fiber)

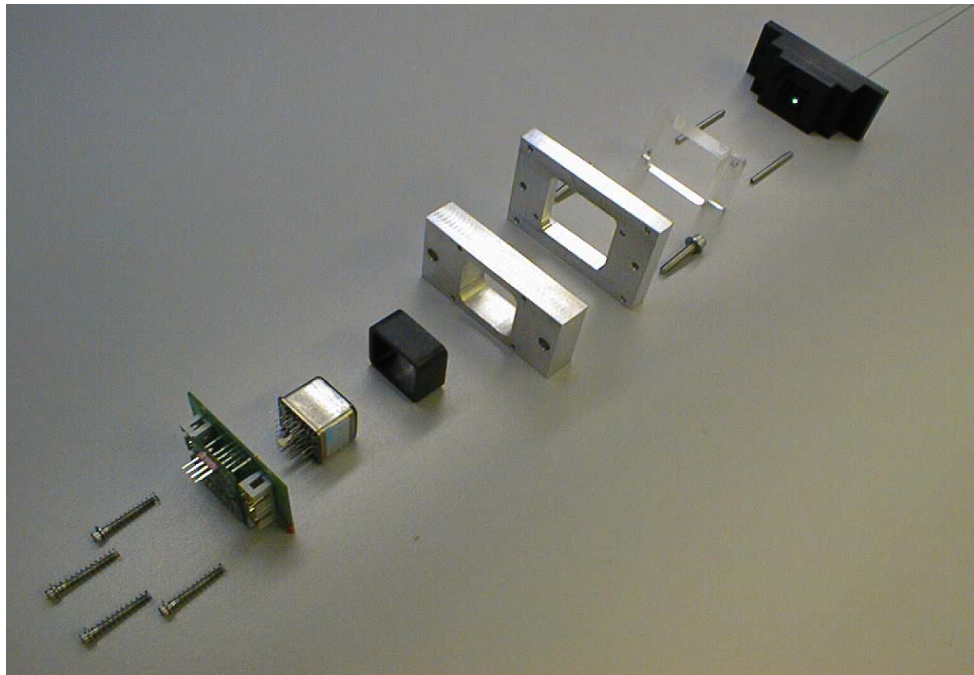
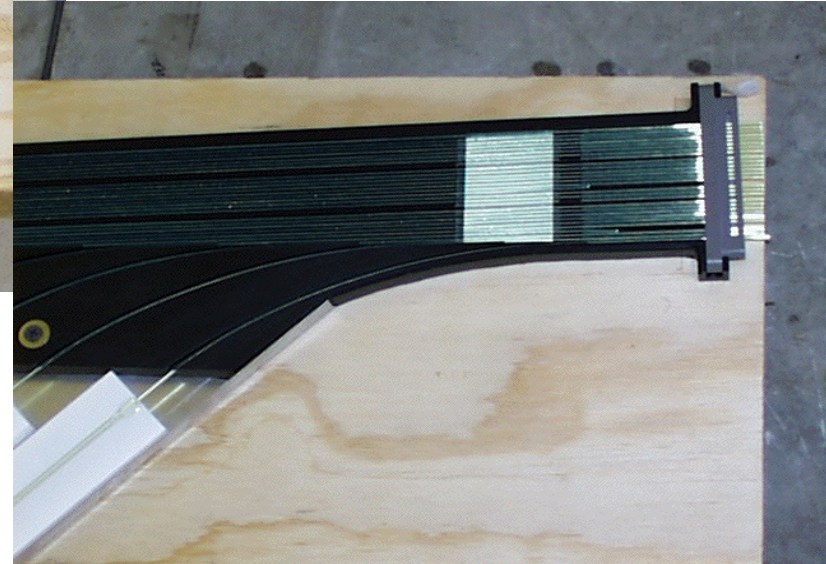
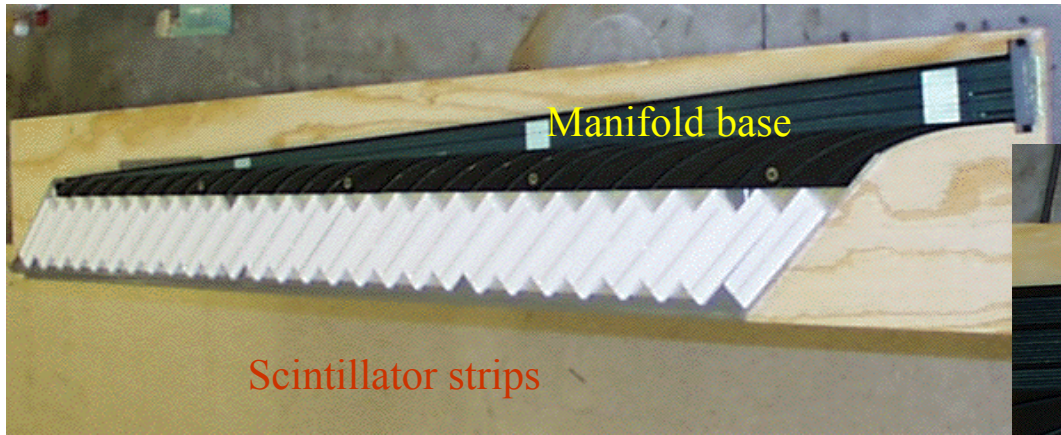
Un champ magnétique de 1,5 Tesla!

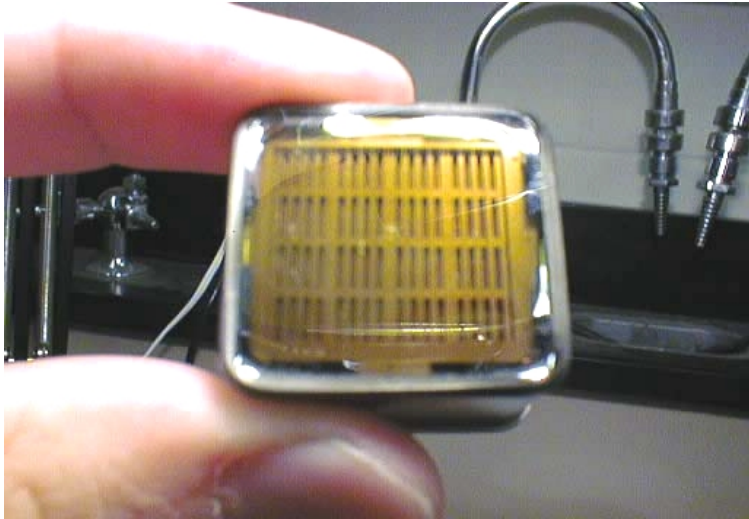
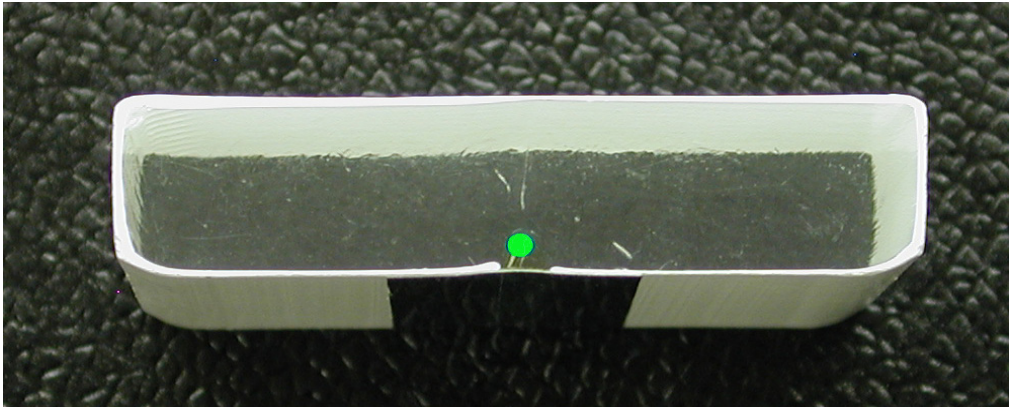




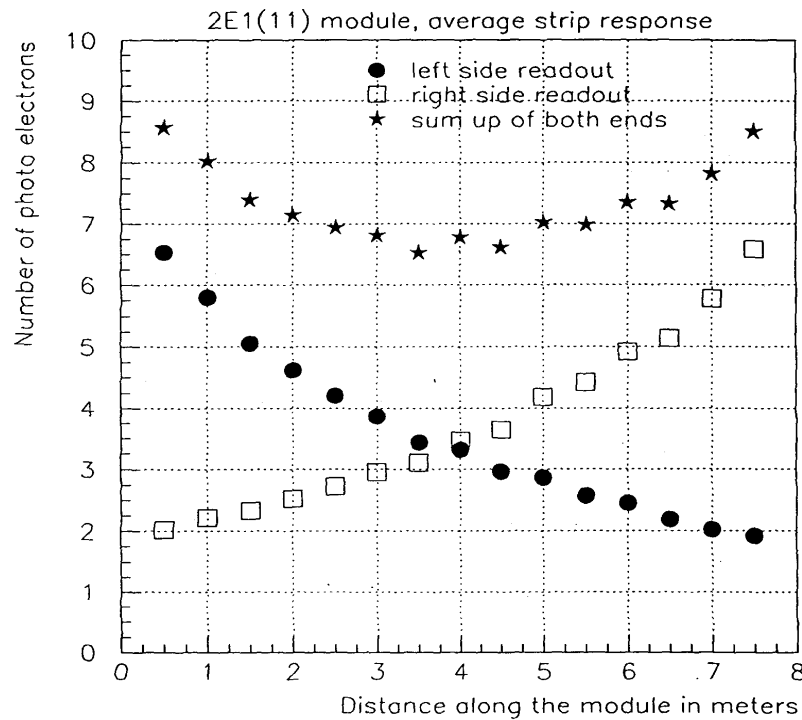




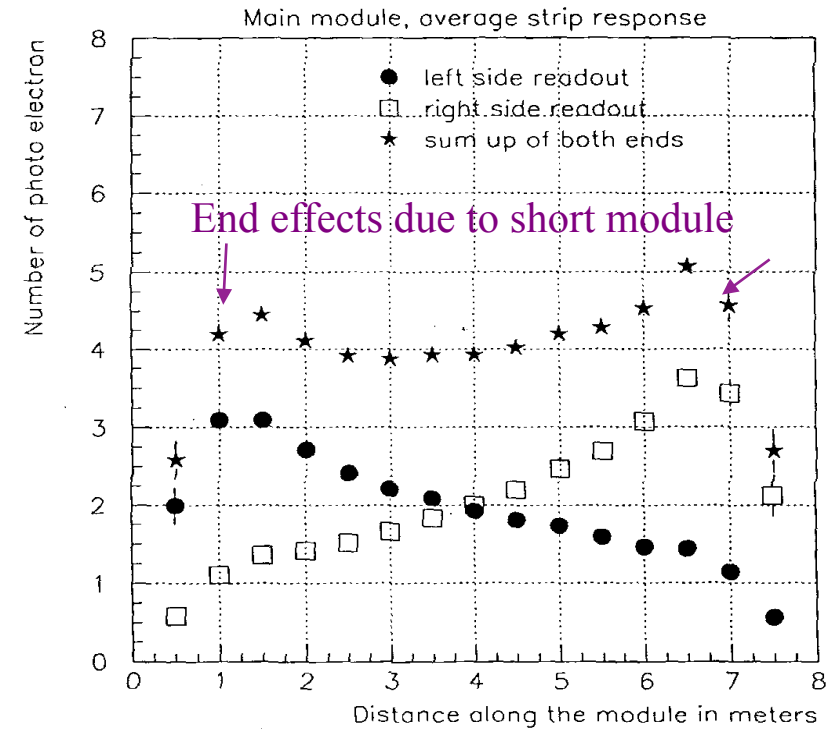




## Résultats de test: nombre des photo-électrons par particule d'ionisation minimale



Meilleur module



Mauvaise module

## Exemple 2: Application en médecine

### Les principes de la tomographie à émission de positrons (TEP)

Source: M-L Gallin-Martel, ISN, IN2P3

#### Etape 1 : Production du traceur

- Isotopes standards émetteurs  $\beta^+$



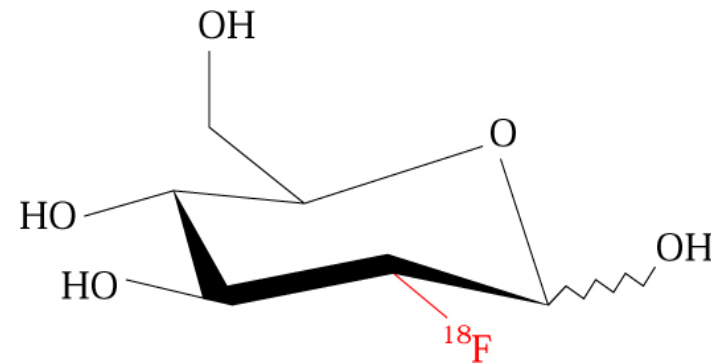
	<sup>18</sup> F	<sup>15</sup> O	<sup>11</sup> C	<sup>13</sup> N
T :	114 min.	2 min.	20 min.	10 min.

#### Etape 2 : Synthèse du radio traceur

##### Marquage d'un composé biologique

EX : Fluorodésoxyglucose marqué <sup>18</sup>F ⇒ FDG  
90 % des radio pharmaceutiques utilisés en TEP

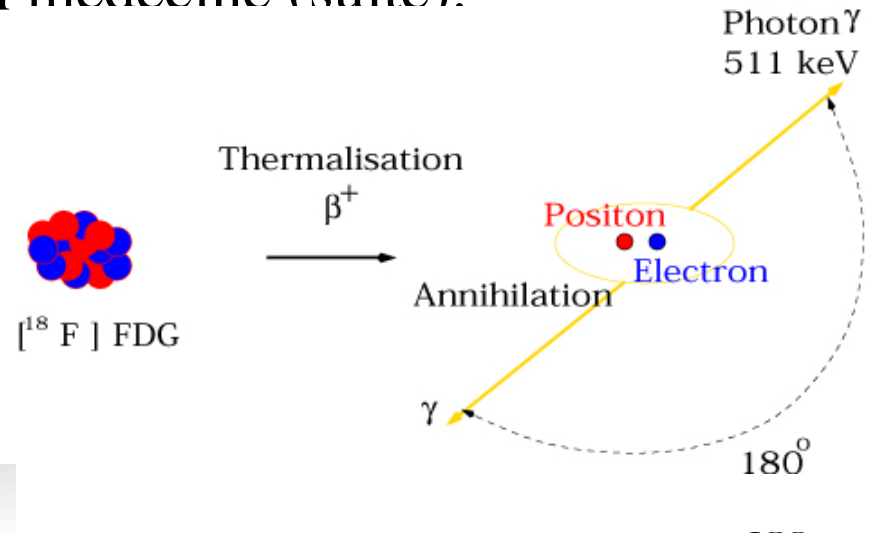
**Radio Synthèse :** Introduction du <sup>18</sup>F sur une liaison carbone



# Exemple: Application en médecine (suite):

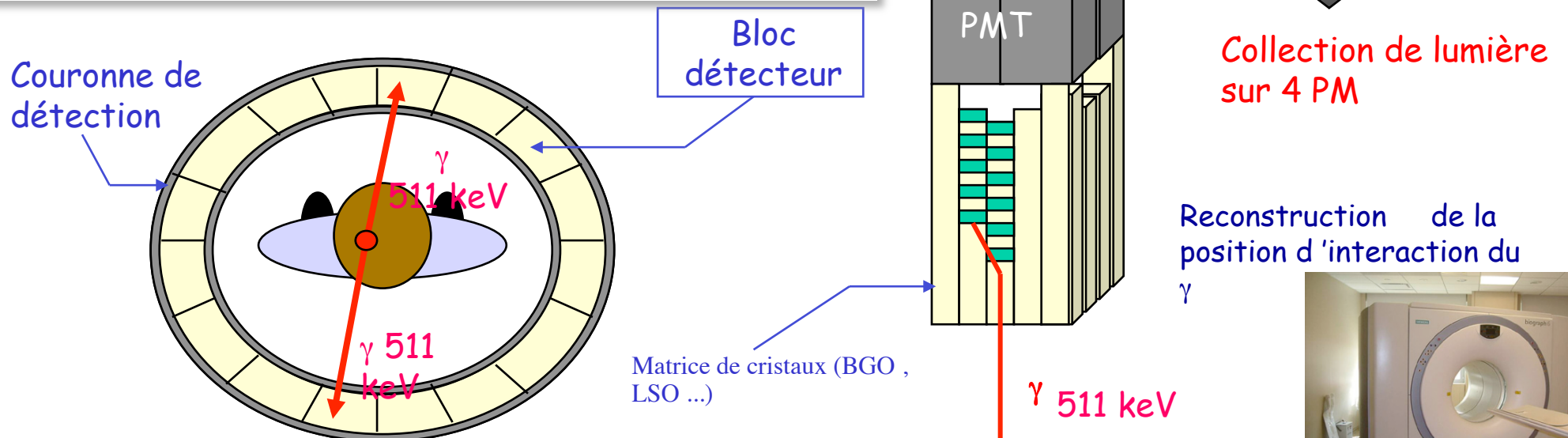
## Etape 3 : Processus physiques

- 1♦ Désintégration  $\beta^+$  du traceur
- 2♦ Thermalisation du  $\beta^+$  dans les tissus
- 3♦ Annihilation :  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$



## Etape 4 : Détection et acquisition du signal

♦ Détection des  $\gamma$  en coïncidence ♦ Collimation électronique



# 5. Conclusions

1. **The basics of interactions of particles and radiation with matter are reviewed.**
2. **One should get the order of magnitude of the expected signal from a « back of the envelope calculation.**
3. **For this conference examples on light detection are chosen.**
4. **Many application in LEP, HEP, medical imaging, environmental surveillance and many more.**

Thank you for your attention,

And

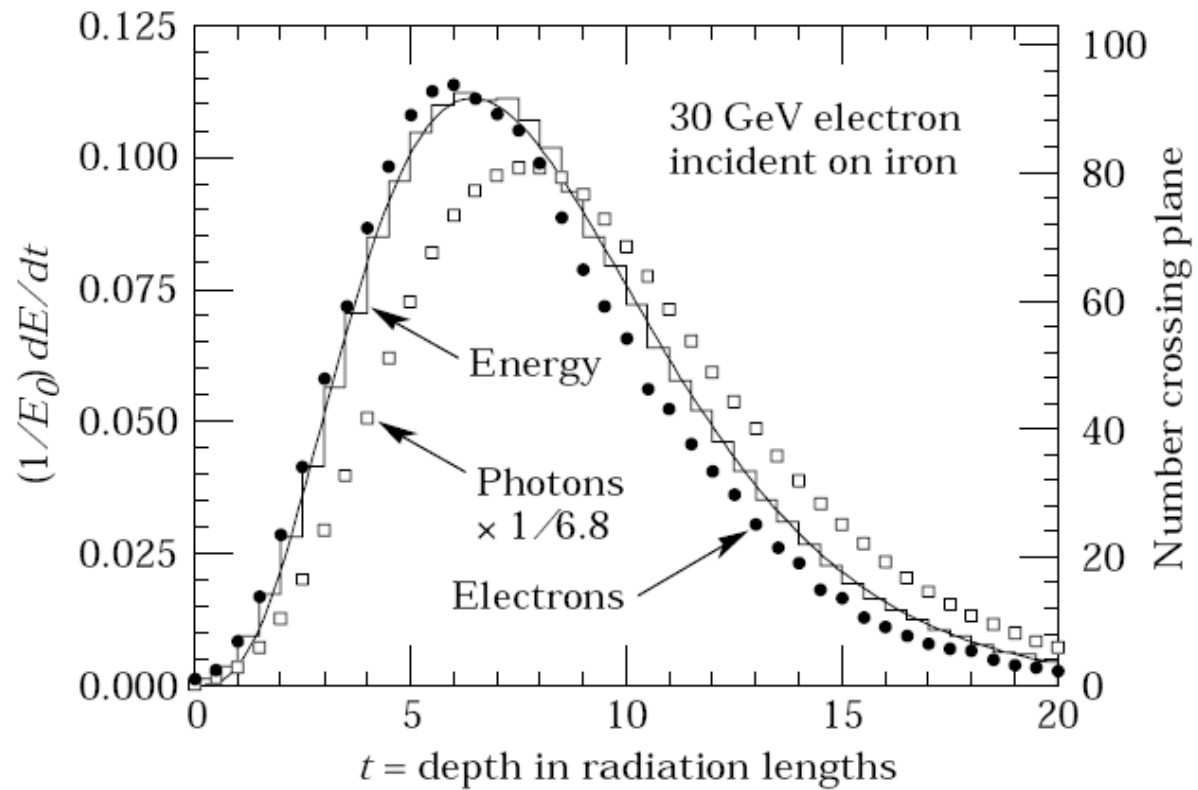
**Put the lights on!!!!**



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Bremsstrahlung

Cherenkov radiation

Origin: Acceleration of a particle in the field of the nucleus

Origin: Polarization of the material after passage of the particle

$$Intensity \propto \frac{z^2 Z^2}{M}$$

Intensity is independent of the particle mass

$$\theta \propto \frac{m_0 c^2}{E_0}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\beta n}$$

## Compton scattering:

1929: Klein-Nishima formula:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{r_e^2}{2[1 + \gamma(1 - \cos\theta)]^2} \left( 1 + \cos^2\theta + \frac{\gamma^2(1 - \cos\theta)^2}{1 + \gamma(1 - \cos\theta)} \right)$$

with  $\gamma = h\nu / m_e c^2$

★ High energy limit ( $\gamma \gg 1$ ) all photons are forward scattered ( $\theta = 0$ )

★ **Thomson scattering** (classical limit of scattering of photons by free electrons) – Klein –Nishime reduces to

$$\sigma = \frac{8\pi}{3} r_e^2 \quad \text{Thomson cross section}$$

**Rayleigh scattering** = scattering of photons by atoms as a whole (all electrons contribute) = coherent scattering

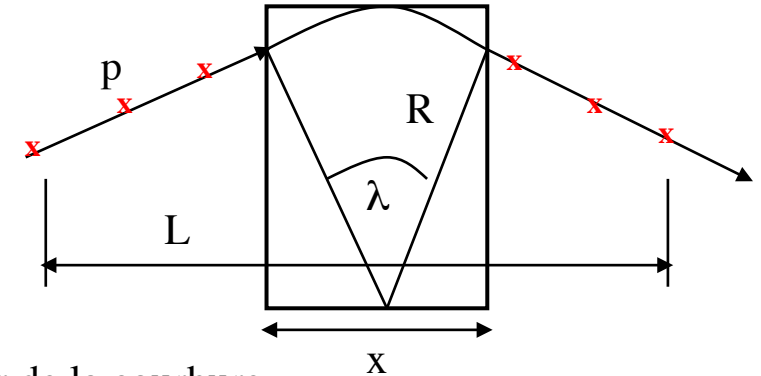
## Some examples for $X_0$ and $E_c$

Material	$X_0$ g/cm <sup>2</sup>	$X_0$ cm	$E_c$ MeV
Air	37	287m	84
Water	37	37	65
Al	24	9.1	49
Fe	14	1.8	24
Cu	13	1.5	22
Pb	6.5	0.58	7.8

# Measurement of particle momentum in a magnetic field:

$$P \cos \lambda = 0.3 z B R$$

(R [m], rayon de courbure et  
B [Tesla], champ magnétique)



La distribution des mesures de la courbure  $k = 1/R$  est  $\approx$  gaussienne

$$\left( k \right)^2 \quad \left( k_{res} \right)^2 \quad \left( k_{ms} \right)^2$$

$\delta k$  = erreur de la courbure

$\delta k_{res}$  = erreur de la résolution

$\delta k_{ms}$  = erreur de la diffusion multiple

Mesure le long de la trace de  $N > 10$  points avec une erreur  $\sigma(x)$  par point :

$$k_{res} = \frac{\sigma(x)}{L^2} \sqrt{\frac{720}{N}} \cdot 4$$

L = projection de la longueur

$\sigma(x)$  = erreur de la mesure de chaque point de la trace

La résolution en impulsion sera affectée par la diffusion multiple

$$k_{ms} = \frac{(0.016)(GeV/c)z}{Lp \cos^2} \sqrt{\frac{L}{X_0}}$$

Et aussi:

$$k_{ms} = 8s_{plane}^{rms} / L^2$$



Résolution pour l'impulsion



$$\left| \frac{p}{p} \right| = \frac{p}{0.3B} k$$

# Mesure de l'impulsion en champ magnétique

Exemple: expérience CHORUS (CERN)

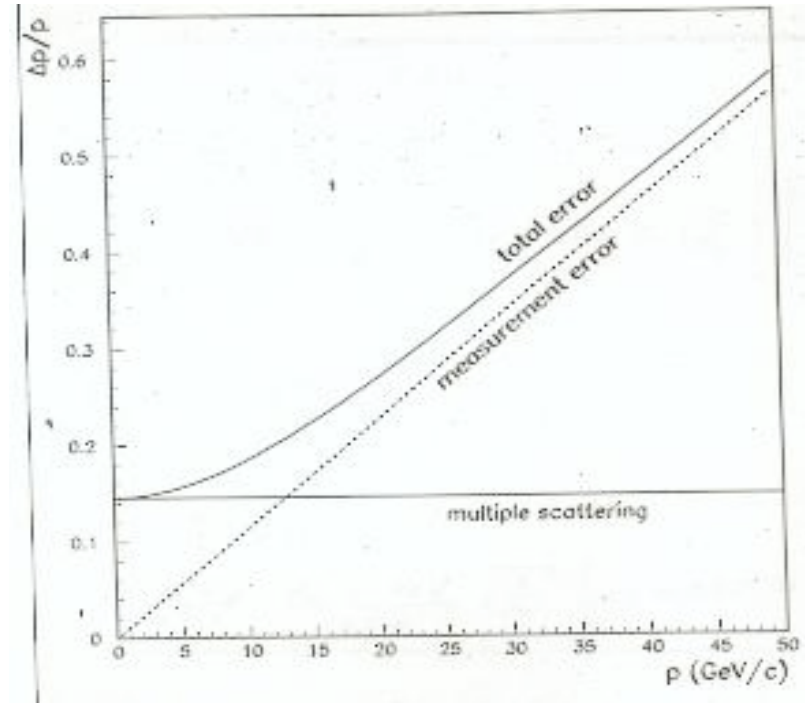
$\sigma(x) = 1 \text{ mm} = 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ ,  $L = 1,3 \text{ m}$ ,  $x = 0,5 \text{ m}$ ,  $B = 1,65 \text{ T}$ , 4 points de mesure

$$k_{res} = \frac{(x)}{L^2} \sqrt{\frac{720}{N}} = \frac{10^{-3}}{1.69} \sqrt{\frac{720}{4}} = 5.61 \cdot 10^{-2}$$

$$\left| \frac{p}{p} \right|_{res} = k_{res} \frac{p}{0.3 \cdot 1.65} = 1.13 \cdot 10^{-2} p$$

$$k_{ms} = \frac{1}{L^2} 8 \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}} x_0 \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1.154}{1.69} \cdot 0.5 \cdot 0.2112 \frac{1}{p} = 0.0721 \frac{1}{p}$$

$$\left| \frac{p}{p} \right|_{ms} = k_{ms} \frac{p}{0.3 \cdot 165} = 0.1456$$



Erreur totale:

$$\left| \frac{p}{p} \right| = \sqrt{\left| \frac{p}{p} \right|_{res}^2 + \left| \frac{p}{p} \right|_{ms}^2} = \sqrt{1.277 \cdot 10^{-4} p^2 + 0.0212}$$