



# Detector Design Aided By Machine Learning

*A case study of the Charged Pion Polarizability Experiment at Jefferson Lab*

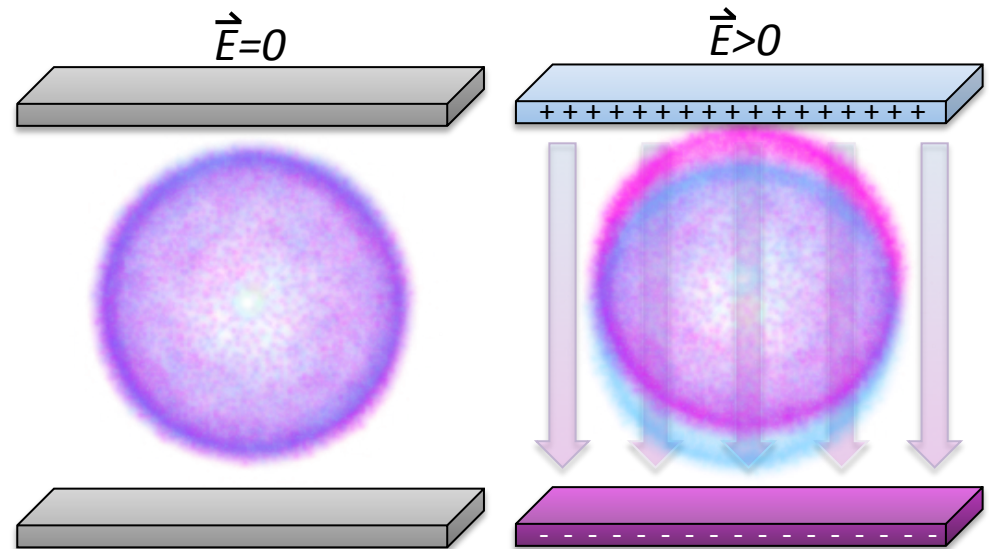
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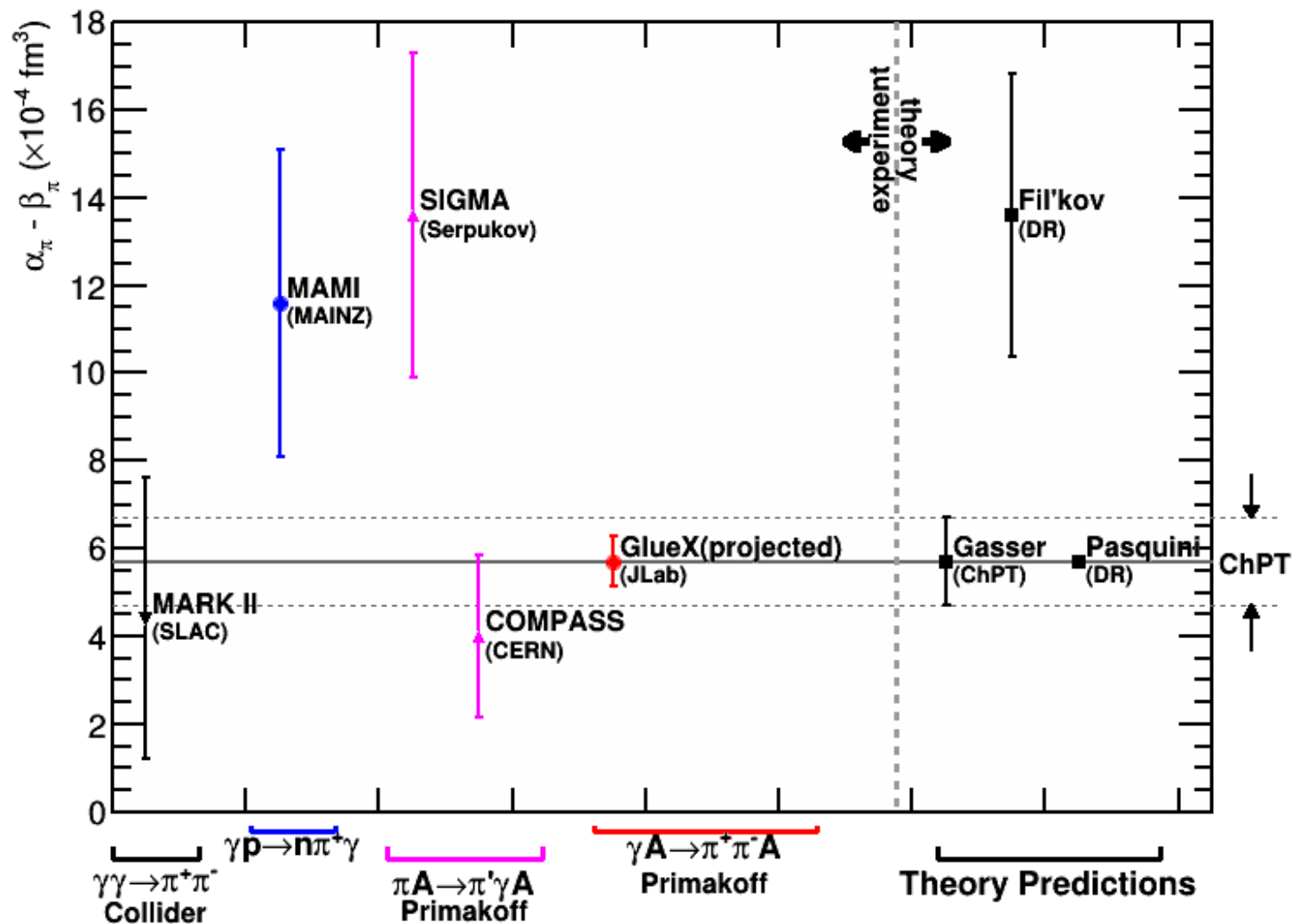


# CHARGED $\pi$ POLARIZABILITY

- Polarizability: Ease in which an external field may induce a dipole moment in a particle
- Property which reflects nature of internal structure of particle

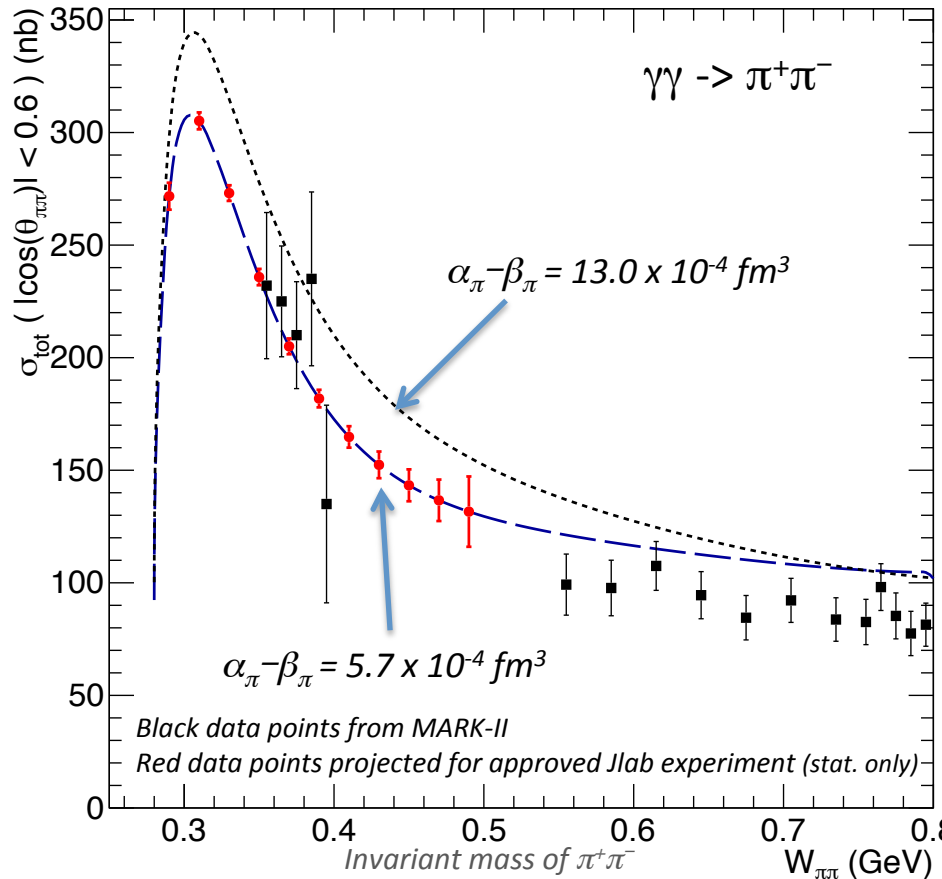


# EXPERIMENTAL/THEORETICAL LANDSCAPE



# RELATING CROSS-SECTION TO $\alpha_\pi - \beta_\pi$

Curves from figure 5. from Pasquini et al. Phys. Rev. C 77, 065211 (2008)



**dotted:** subtracted DR calculation with  $\alpha_\pi - \beta_\pi = 13.0$

**dashed:** subtracted DR calculation with  $\alpha_\pi - \beta_\pi = 5.7$

Cross-section for  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$  calculated based on two values of  $\alpha_\pi - \beta_\pi$ :

$$\alpha_\pi - \beta_\pi = 13.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3 \text{ (top, dotted line)}$$

$$\alpha_\pi - \beta_\pi = 5.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3 \text{ (solid and dashed lines)}$$

Cross-section varies by  $\sim 10\%$  for factor of 2 variation in  $\alpha_\pi - \beta_\pi$

Need measurement of  $\sigma(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)$  at few percent level

# EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$$

$Z(\gamma, \pi^+ \pi^-)Z$

Signal reaction

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$

$Z(\gamma, \mu^+ \mu^-)Z$

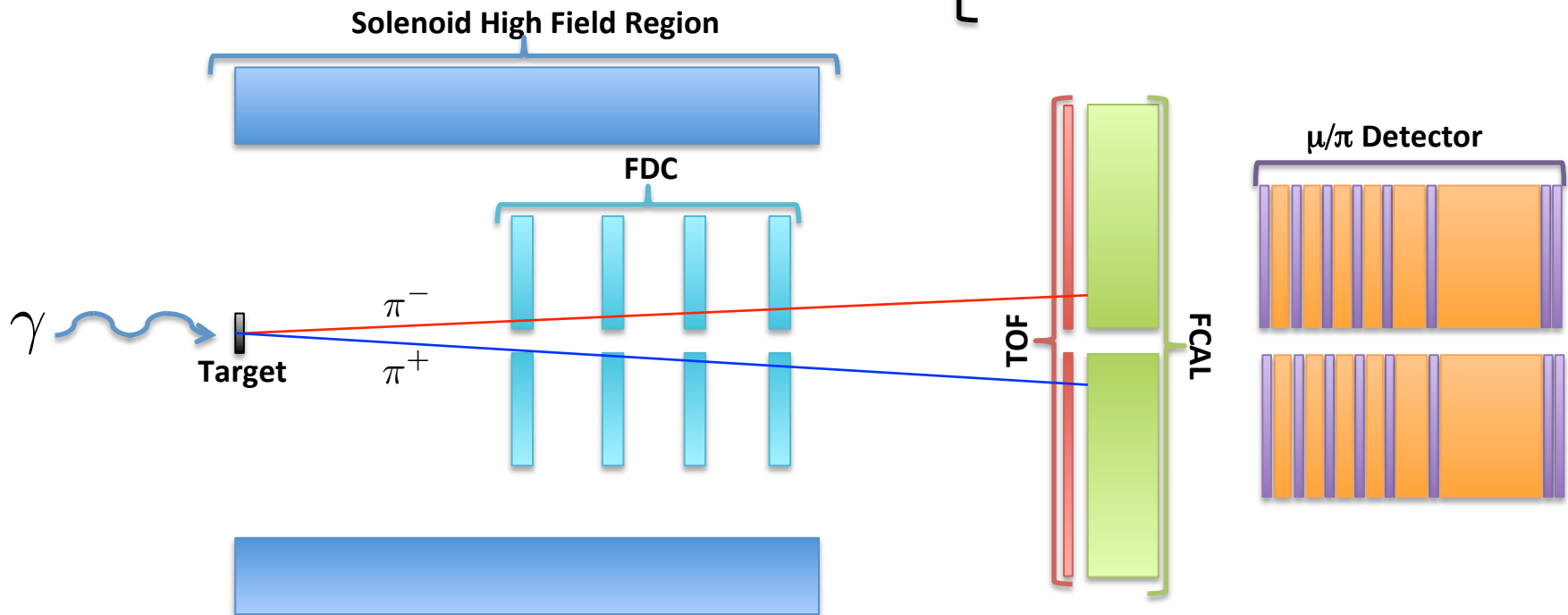
Normalization

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi^0$$

$Z(\gamma, \pi^0)Z$

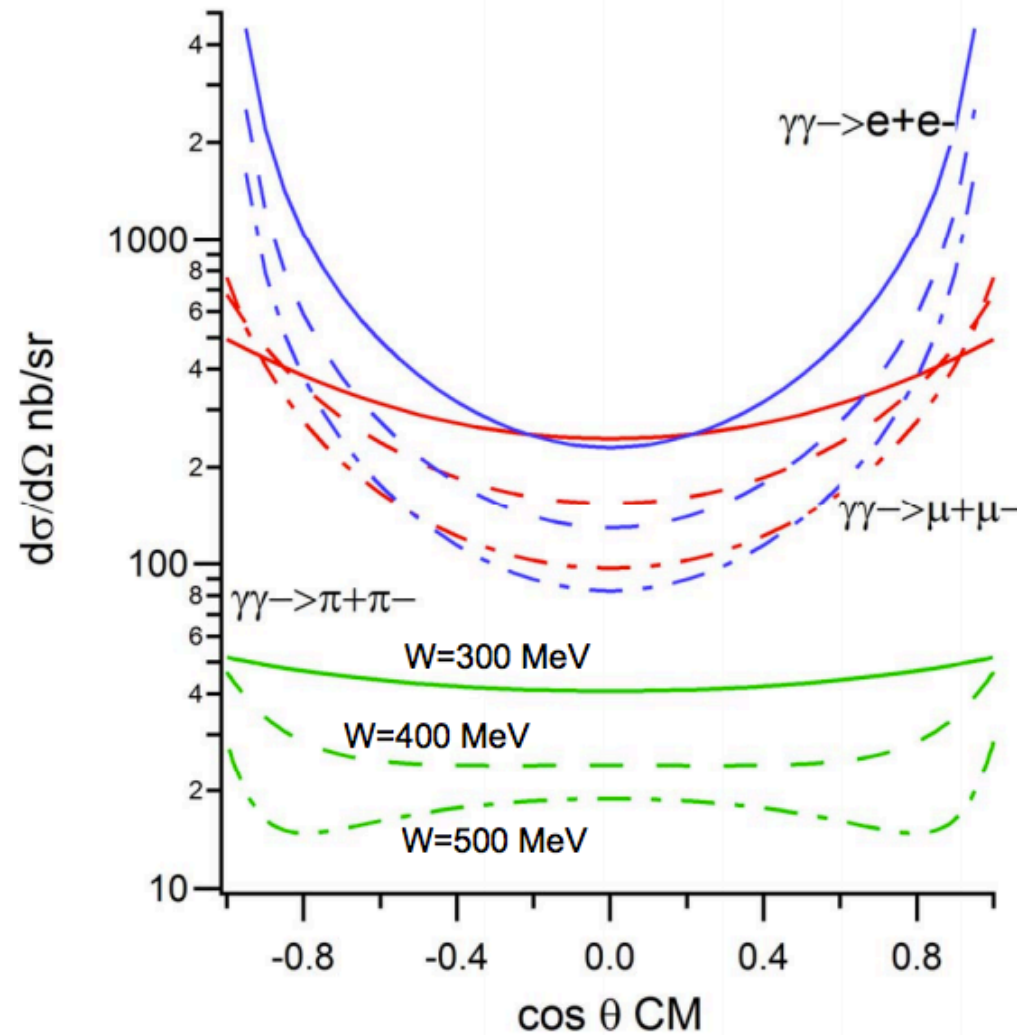
Beam polarization

- All occur via the Primakoff effect (interaction with the Coulomb field of nucleus)
- All result in very forward going particles
- Low  $t$  ( $-t < 0.005 \text{ GeV}^2$ )



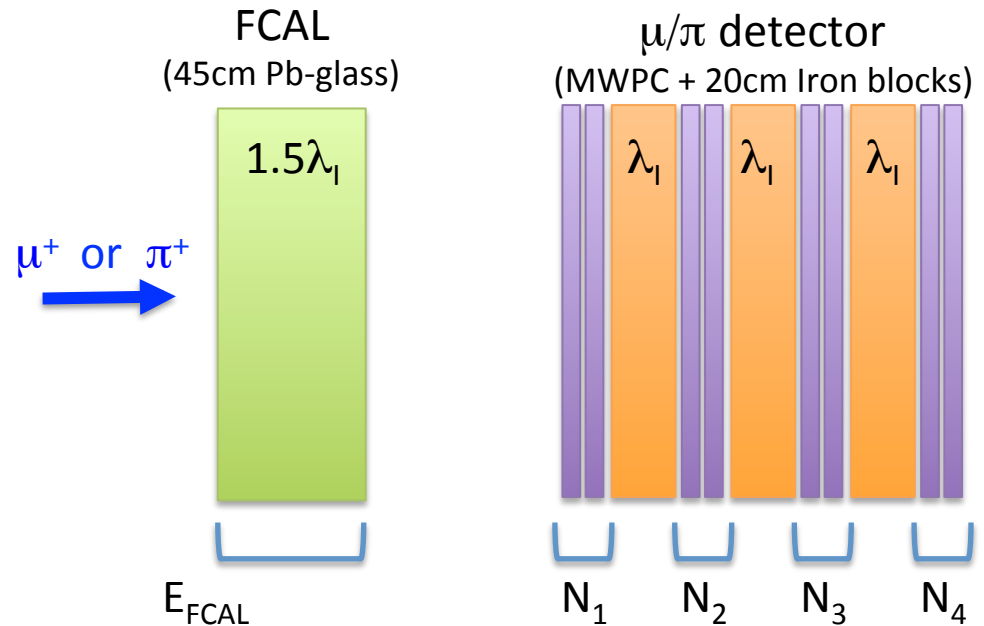
# THE PROBLEM

- $\mu^+\mu^-$  (background) are produced  $\sim 10\times$  more often than  $\pi^+\pi^-$  (signal)
- To measure cross section to few percent means reducing a  $10\times$  bigger background to less than a few  $1/10$  of a percent
- GlueX detector has no way of distinguishing between  $\mu^+\mu^-$  and  $\pi^+\pi^-$  events at this level
- A new detector that works in tandem with GlueX is required



# FIRST ATTEMPT

- Simulate single 2GeV particles with simple geometry
- 4 nucl. Interaction lengths  $\rightarrow$   $\sim 2\%$  of  $\pi$ s make it through



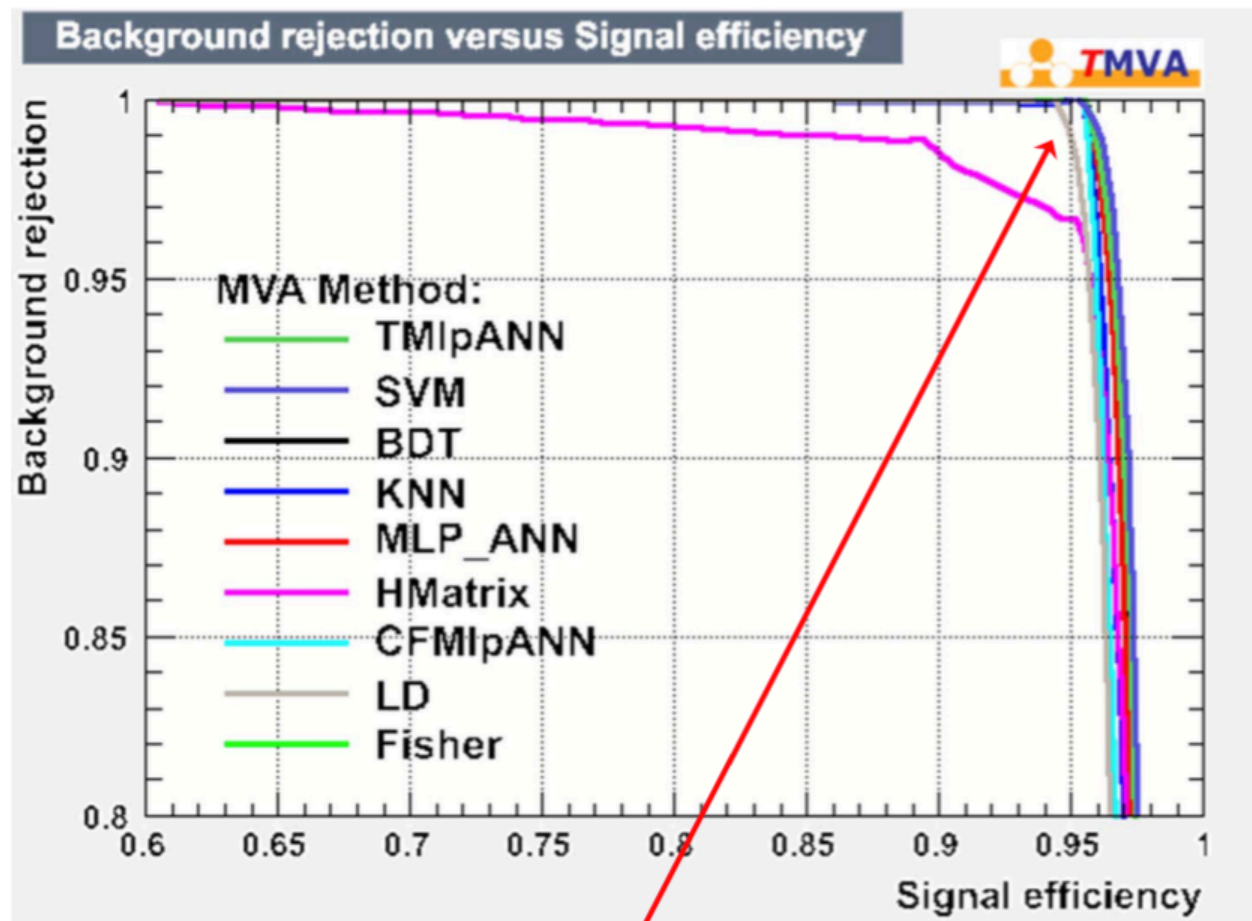
*Tell TMVA what  
input variables to  
use*

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40 factory->AddVariable( "Nmwpc1", 'I' );  
41 factory->AddVariable( "Nmwpc2", 'I' );  
42 factory->AddVariable( "Nmwpc3", 'I' );  
43 factory->AddVariable( "Nmwpc4", 'I' );  
44 factory->AddVariable( "Efcals := Sum$(Edep)", 'F' );
```

*Tell TMVA what  
methods to use*

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64 factory->BookMethod( TMVA::Types::kMLP, "MLP_ANN", "H:!V" );  
65 factory->BookMethod( TMVA::Types::kFisher, "Fisher", "H:!V" );  
66 factory->BookMethod( TMVA::Types::kKNN, "KNN", "H:!V" );  
67 factory->BookMethod( TMVA::Types::kHMatrix, "HMatrix", "H:!V" );  
68 factory->BookMethod( TMVA::Types::kCFMlpANN, "CFMlpANN", "H:!V" );  
69 factory->BookMethod( TMVA::Types::kTMlpANN, "TMlpANN", "H:!V" );  
70 factory->BookMethod( TMVA::Types::kSVM, "SVM", "H:!V" );  
71 factory->BookMethod( TMVA::Types::kLD, "LD", "H:!V" );
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# Multi-Variate Analysis for 2 GeV $\pi^+$ and $\mu^+$

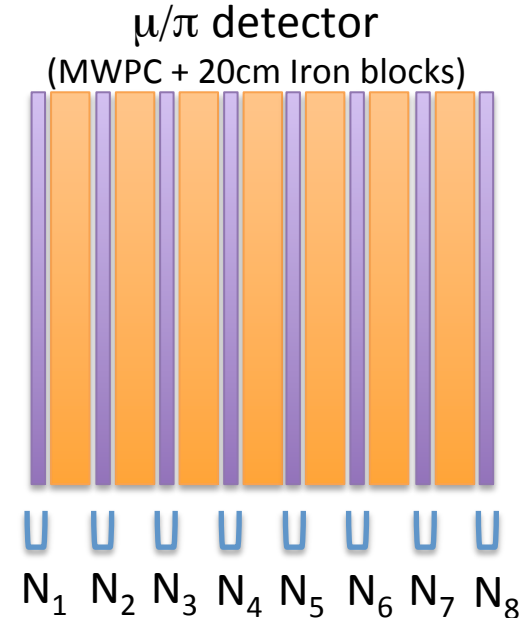
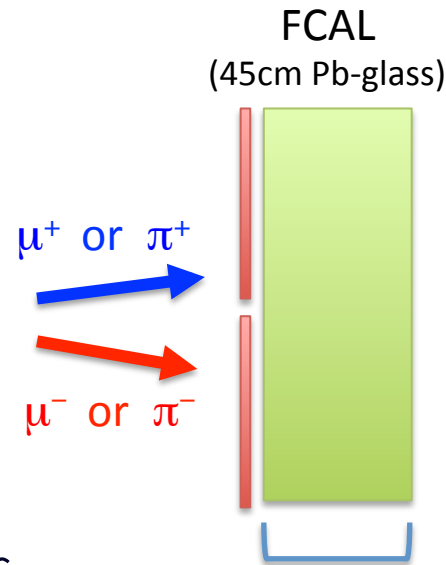


$\mu$  rejection at 0.998,  $\pi$  efficiency at 95%



# PHASE II

- $\pi^+\pi^-$  or  $\mu^+\mu^-$  pairs with realistic momentum distributions
- Addition of beam background
- Additional input variables



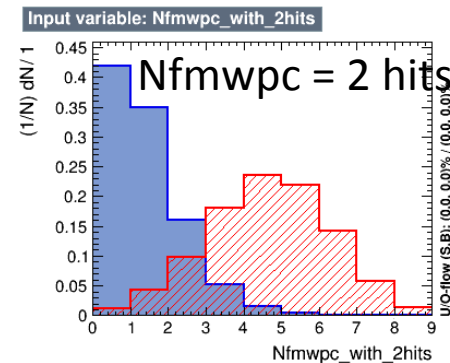
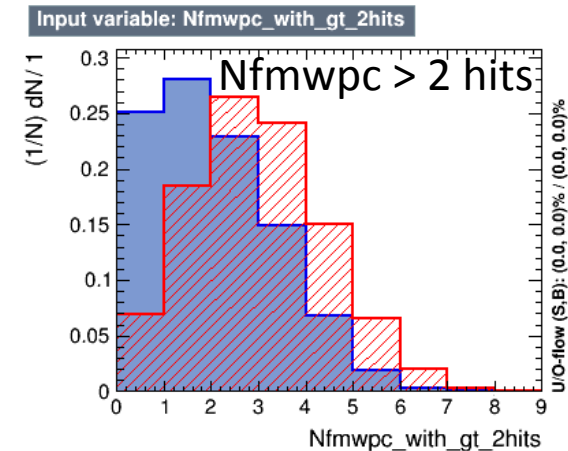
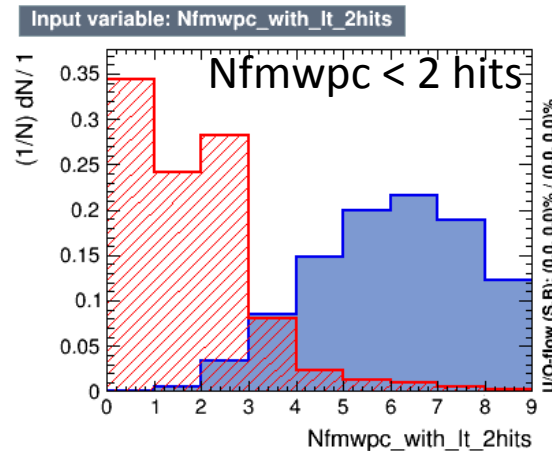
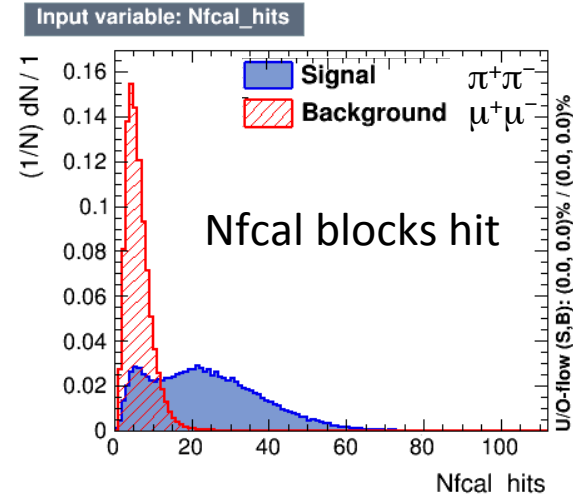
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33 fac->AddVariable("Ntracks", 'I');
34 fac->AddVariable("Ntof", 'I');
35 fac->AddVariable("Nfcal_hits", 'I');
36 fac->AddVariable("Nfcal_clusters", 'I');
37 fac->AddVariable("Efcal_clusters", 'F');
38 fac->AddVariable("Nfmwpc", 'I');
39 fac->AddVariable("Nfmwpc1", 'I');
40 fac->AddVariable("Nfmwpc2", 'I');
41 fac->AddVariable("Nfmwpc3", 'I');
42 fac->AddVariable("Nfmwpc4", 'I');
43 fac->AddVariable("Nfmwpc5", 'I');
44 fac->AddVariable("Nfmwpc6", 'I');
45 fac->AddVariable("Nfmwpc7", 'I');
46 fac->AddVariable("Nfmwpc8", 'I');
47 fac->AddVariable("Nfmwpc_with_2hits", 'I');
48 fac->AddVariable("Nfmwpc_with_lt_2hits", 'I');
49 fac->AddVariable("Nfmwpc_with_gt_2hits", 'I');
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# PHASE II

: Ranking input variables (method specific)...

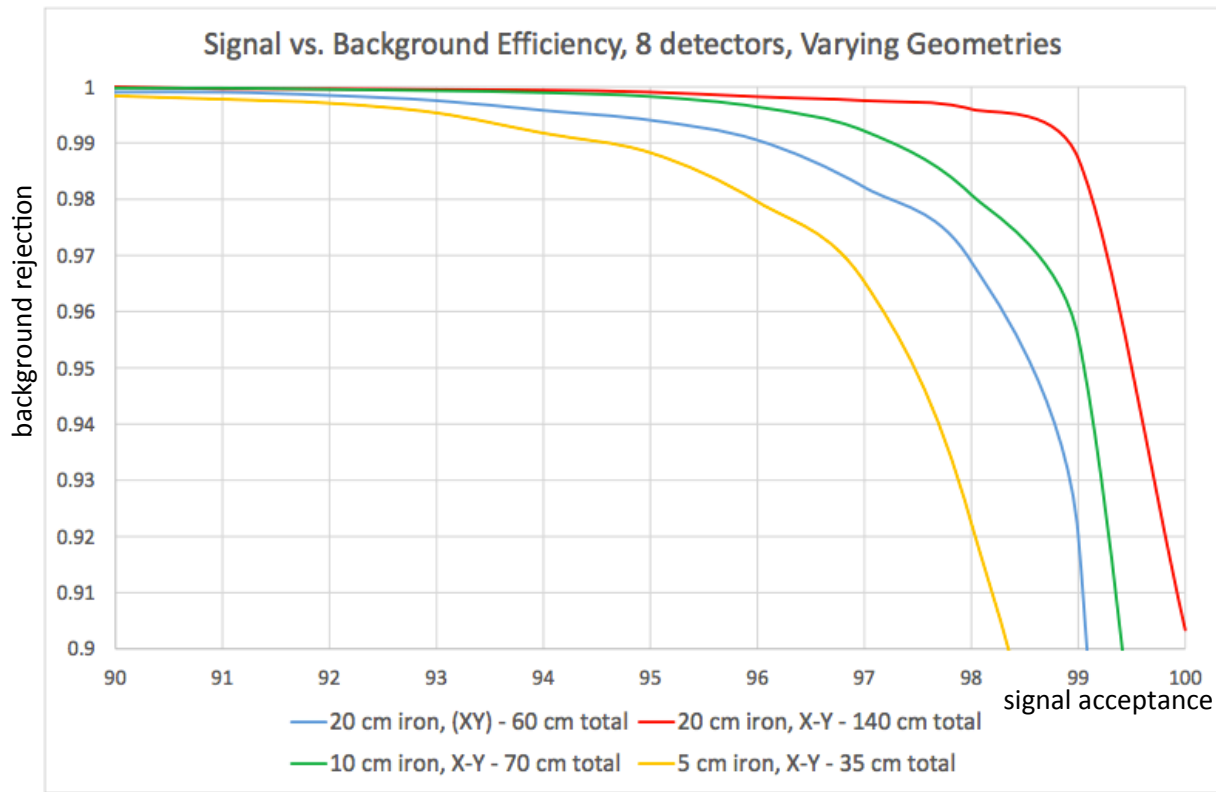
: Ranking result (top variable is best ranked)

Rank	Variable	Variable Importance
1	Nfcal_hits	9.746e-02
2	Nfmwpc_with_lt_2hits	9.556e-02
3	Nfmwpc6	7.841e-02
4	Nfmwpc8	6.998e-02
5	Nfmwpc	6.997e-02
6	Nfmwpc5	6.676e-02
7	Ntof	5.887e-02
8	Nfmwpc7	5.870e-02
9	Nfcal_clusters	5.715e-02
10	Nfmwpc_with_2hits	5.478e-02
11	Nfmwpc1	5.187e-02
12	Nfmwpc4	4.410e-02
13	Efcal_clusters	4.277e-02
14	Nfmwpc2	4.137e-02
15	Ntracks	4.084e-02
16	Nfmwpc3	3.714e-02
17	Nfmwpc_with_gt_2hits	3.429e-02



# MORE IRON IS BETTER

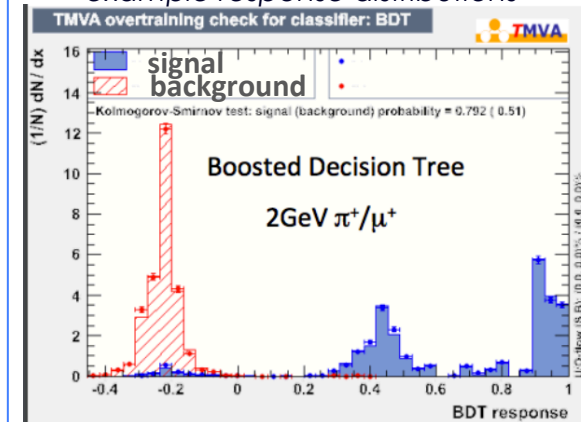
Question 1: Should we have 'xy-iron-xy-...', or 'x-iron-y-iron-x-iron-y- ... ?



Compare blue (xy-iron-xy...) and green (x-iron-y-iron...): **Green is better.**  
To do: adjust so total amount of iron is identical.

- Realistic simulation with both particles present and distribution of incident photon energies
- An MVA can be biased by your choice of inputs, but not by your interpretation

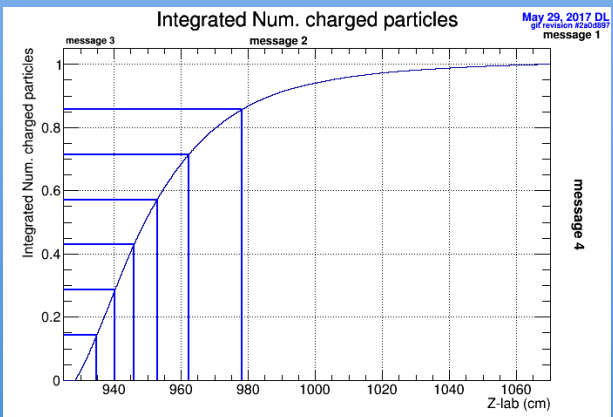
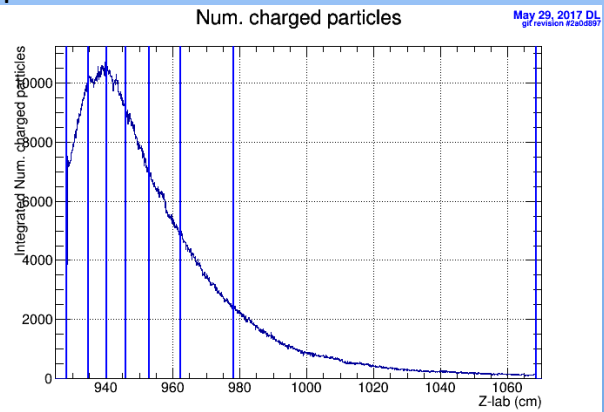
example response distributions



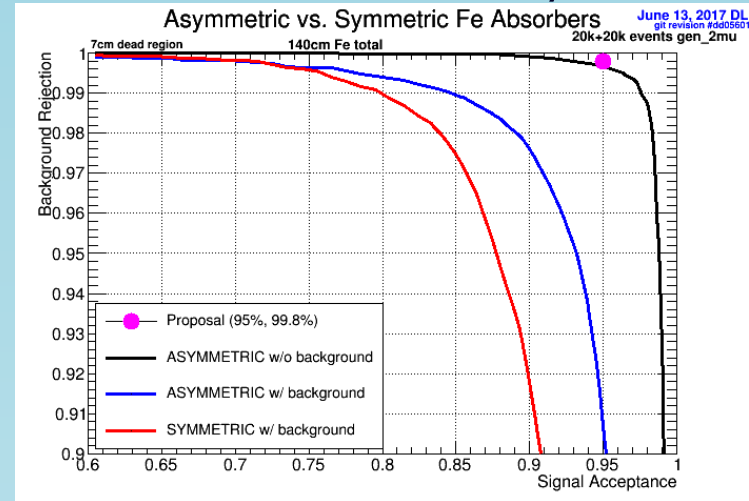
Study done by UMass undergrad. Bobby Johnston

# SYMMETRY OF IRON ABSORBER THICKNESS

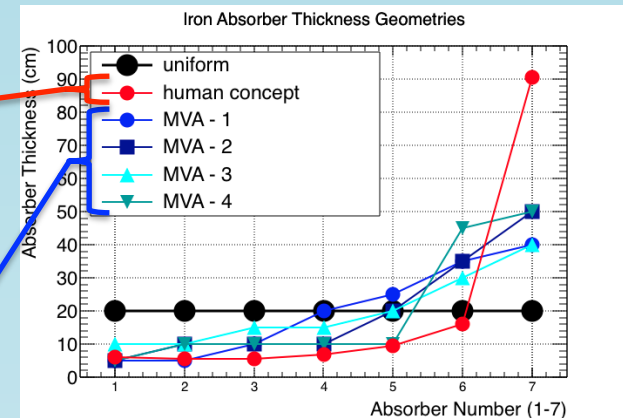
- Human Derived Concept
- Integrate number of particles as function of depth in Iron for  $\pi^\pm$  showers
- Split Iron so sections contain equal number of particles



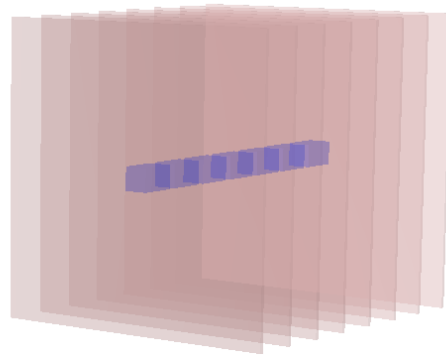
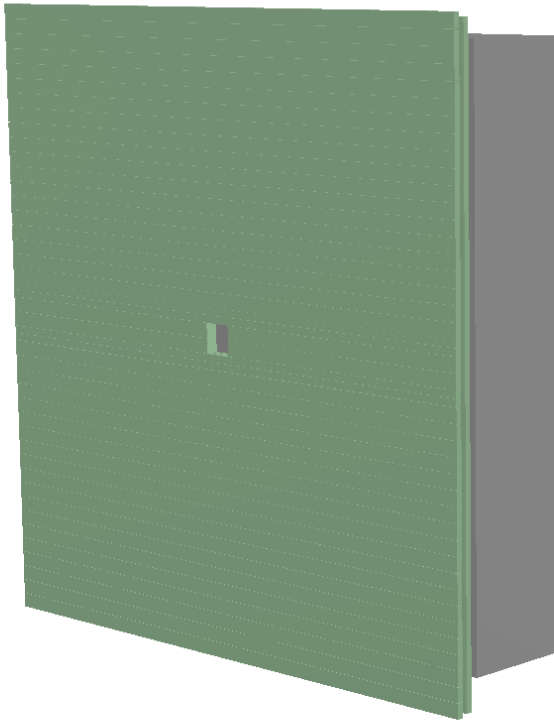
- Confirmation by MVA



Top 4 MVA results of 741 geometries tested



# BEAM HOLE / DEAD REGION GEOMETRY



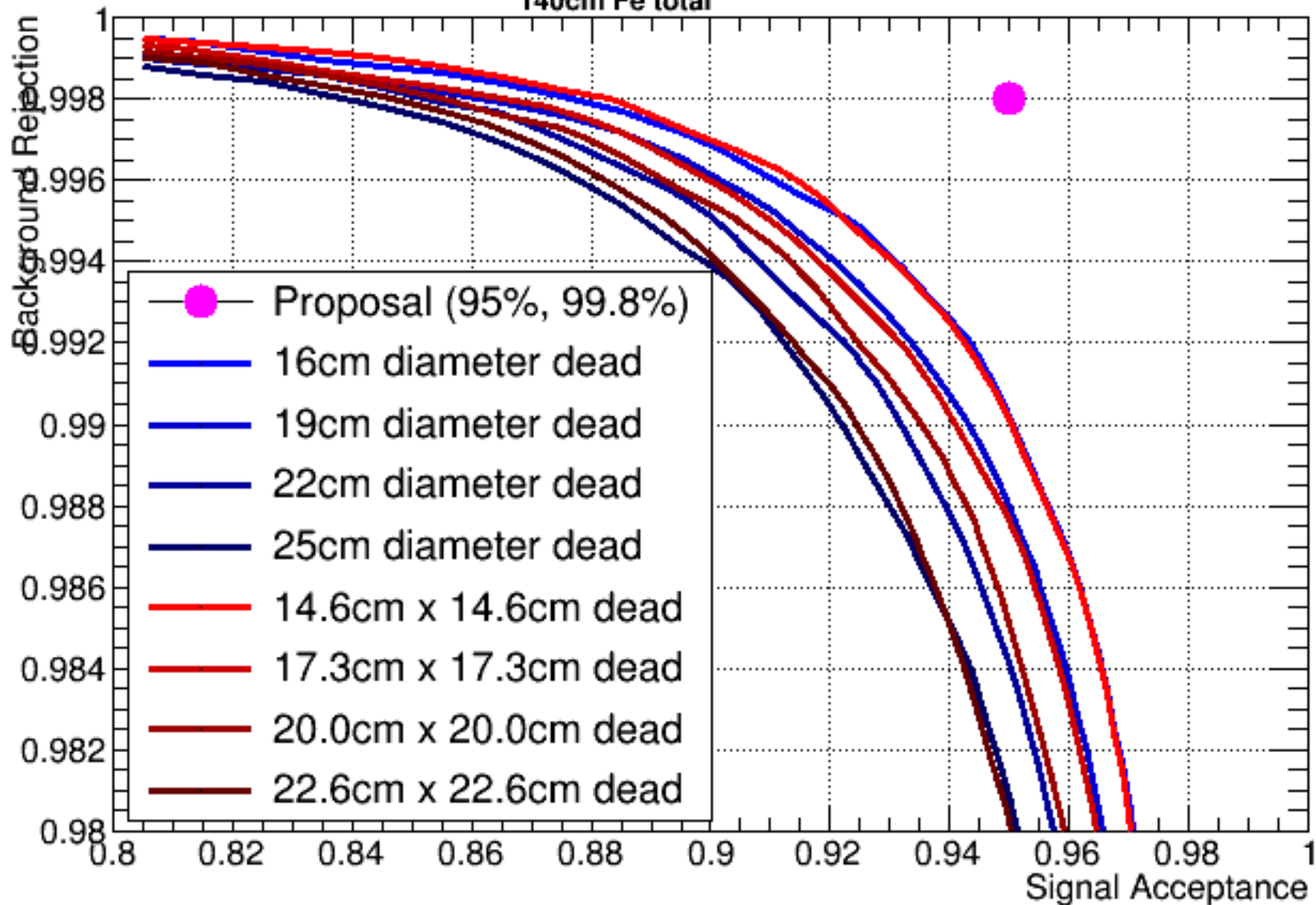
- Primary photon beam passes through square holes in center of FCAL and TOF detectors
- Natural geometry of beam is round
- Should hole in Iron absorbers be square to match FCAL or round to match beam? Does it matter?
- What size should it be?
- What about dead region in chambers?

# FMWPC Dead Region

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140cm Fe total

200k gen\_2mu , 200k gen\_2pi\_primakoff

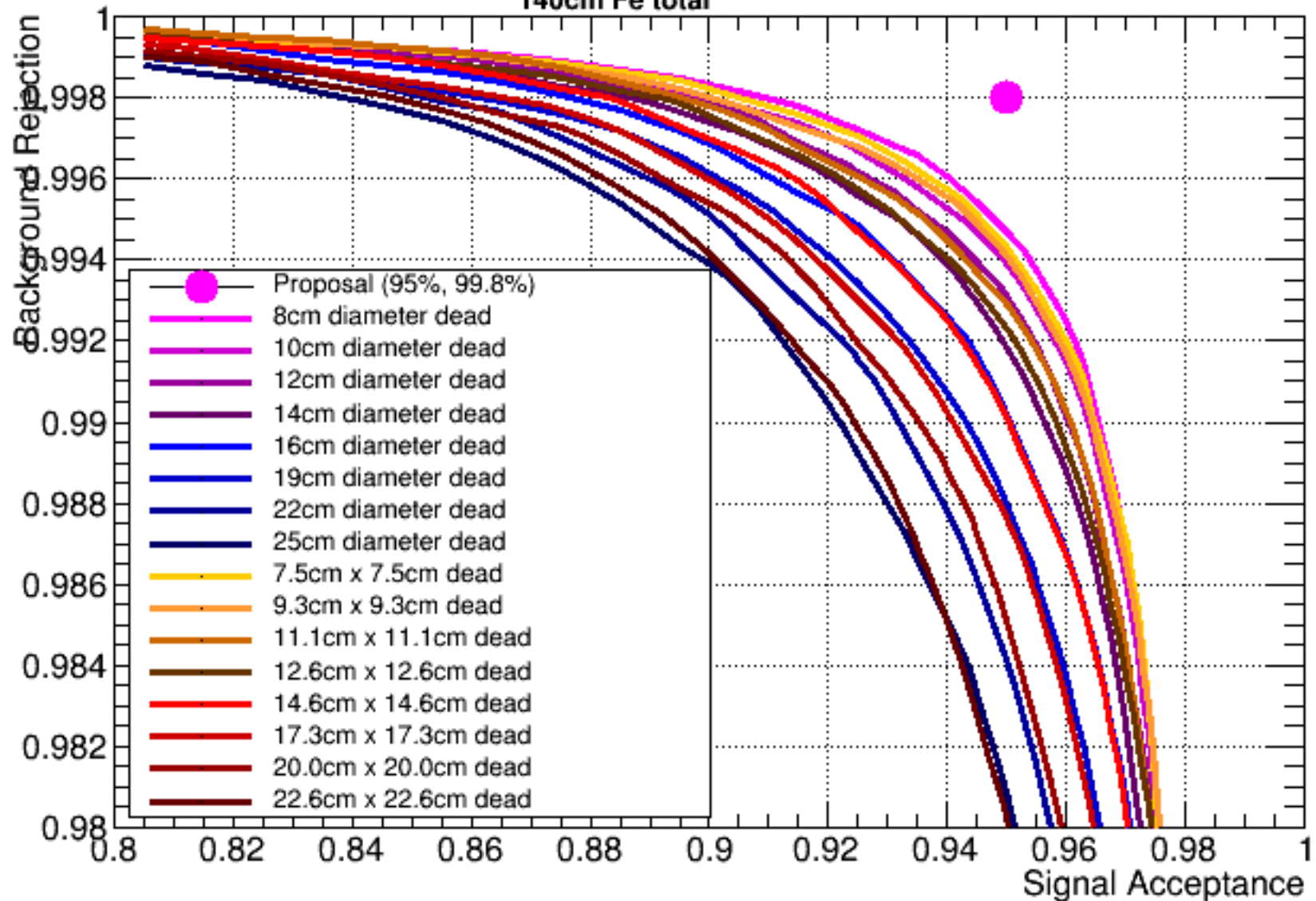


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# AN MVA SURPRISE

- In 2013 we had a software tutorial for GlueX
  - $\gamma p \rightarrow p\pi^+\pi^+\pi^-$
  - **Signal:** specialized generator with selected amplitudes
    - 5343 events
  - **Background:** pythia + selected reactions at low energy with uniform sampling in phase space
    - 8527 events



# AN MVA SURPRISE

## Original Exercise

```
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: Rank : Variable      : Variable Importance  
:-----  
: 1 : PV_r              : 1.129e-01  
: 2 : MissingNeutron_PT : 9.881e-02  
: 3 : PiPlus1__Timing_FOM : 7.881e-02  
: 4 : PiMinus__Timing_FOM : 7.325e-02  
: 5 : Unused__Max_KPlus_FOM : 7.313e-02  
: 6 : Unused__Max_Proton_FOM : 6.612e-02  
: 7 : FOM_KinFit        : 6.467e-02  
: 8 : PiPlus2__Timing_FOM : 6.264e-02  
: 9 : PiPlus1__NDF_Tracking : 5.885e-02  
: 10 : PiPlus2__NDF_Tracking : 5.744e-02  
: 11 : PiPlus2__DCdEdx_FOM : 5.722e-02  
: 12 : Unused__Max_KMinus_FOM : 5.641e-02  
: 13 : PiMinus__NDF_Tracking : 5.075e-02  
: 14 : PiMinus__DCdEdx_FOM : 5.054e-02  
: 15 : PiPlus1__DCdEdx_FOM : 3.848e-02  
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## Added extra variable “just for fun”

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: Rank : Variable      : Variable Importance  
:-----  
: 1 : PV_r              : 9.909e-02  
: 2 : Entry$           : 9.189e-02  
: 3 : MissingNeutron_PT : 9.053e-02  
: 4 : PiPlus1__Timing_FOM : 8.114e-02  
: 5 : PiMinus__Timing_FOM : 7.219e-02  
: 6 : Unused__Max_KPlus_FOM : 6.512e-02  
: 7 : Unused__Max_Proton_FOM : 6.133e-02  
: 8 : PiPlus2__NDF_Tracking : 5.963e-02  
: 9 : FOM_KinFit        : 5.823e-02  
: 10 : PiPlus2__Timing_FOM : 5.629e-02  
: 11 : PiPlus1__NDF_Tracking : 5.361e-02  
: 12 : Unused__Max_KMinus_FOM : 5.358e-02  
: 13 : PiMinus__NDF_Tracking : 4.415e-02  
: 14 : PiMinus__DCdEdx_FOM : 4.318e-02  
: 15 : PiPlus2__DCdEdx_FOM : 3.784e-02  
: 16 : PiPlus1__DCdEdx_FOM : 3.221e-02  
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```

# SOME ADVICE

1. Any variable could be useful. Just give it to the MVA and let it decide
2. Avoid variables that are strongly correlated with a quantity you're trying to measure  
*(e.g. inv. mass of a resonance you're trying to search for)*
3. Make any obvious cuts before handing over to MVA so it doesn't have to waste discriminating power on the obvious

# SUMMARY

- Using multiple MVA algorithms can allow quick insight into design decisions without much expertise in machine learning
  - The TMVA package in ROOT is a great way to get started with machine learning and gives easy access to several algorithms using a single input format and API
- MVA is a great way to make relative comparisons between different detector designs
- The Charged Pion Polarizability experiment at Jefferson Lab Hall-D has used TMVA to refine several of the  $\pi/\mu$  detector design aspects

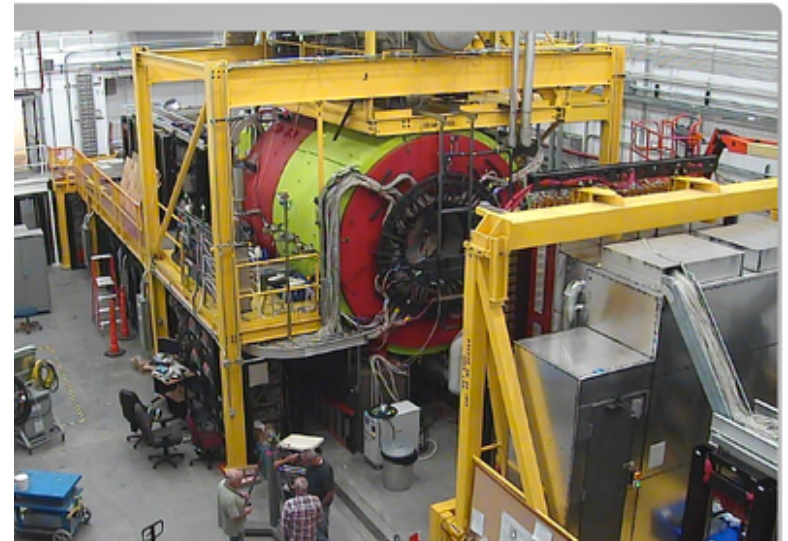
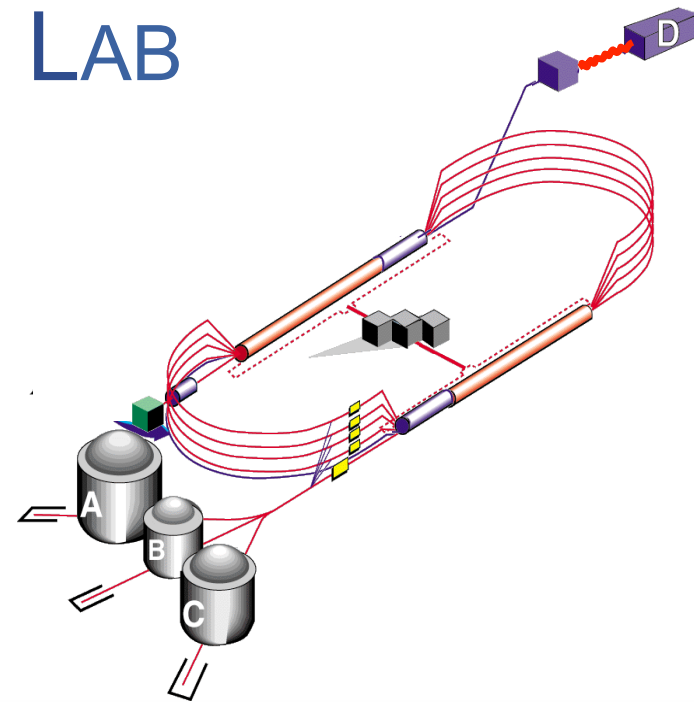
# BACKUPS



# HALL-D AT JEFFERSON LAB

(HOME OF GLUEX)

- 12GeV CW(2-4ns) electron beam
- Only high energy photons enter Hall-D



# 20k -> 200k

