

ZH-Events and My Experience at KIT

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Future Circular Collider (FCC)

❖ Particle accelerator near Geneva, Switzerland

❖ Circular Collider

❖ Work in 2025: Simulation of the processes

- physics
- programming
- statistics

❖ My object of study this week:

- $e^- e^+$ collisions
- Z and H
- H decay in τ^- and τ^+
- many possibilities for the decay of Z and τ^- / τ^+ :

We choose to look at $Z \rightarrow e^- e^+$ and hadronic decay of τ^- / τ^+ .



❖ Center of mass energy $\sqrt{s} = 240 \text{ GeV}$

❖ $e^- e^+ \rightarrow Z H$ (e^- and e^+ exchange a virtual Z^* boson), $H \rightarrow \tau^- / \tau^+$

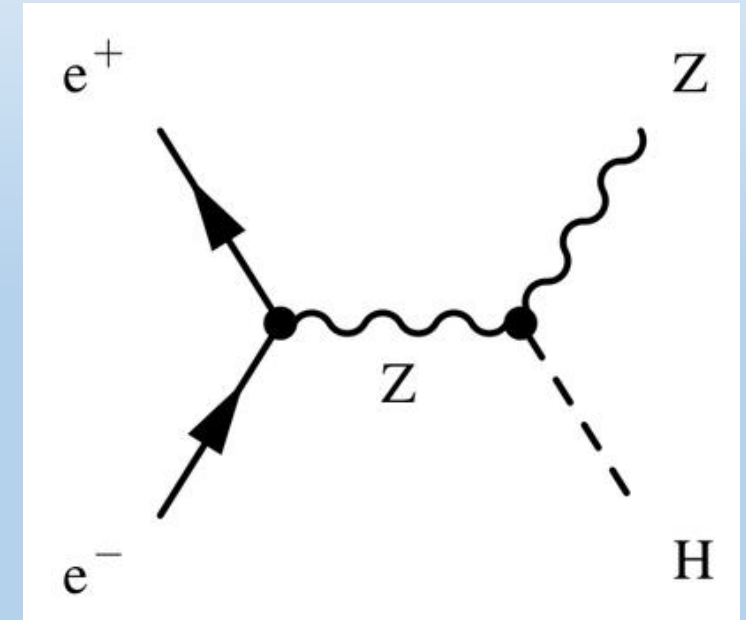
❖ Decay of τ^- / τ^+ :

-hadronic decay: (anti-)pion(-s) and (anti-)neutrino

-leptonic decay: neutrino, anti-neutrino, (anti-)lepton

❖ Branching Ratio: Probability of a particular decay

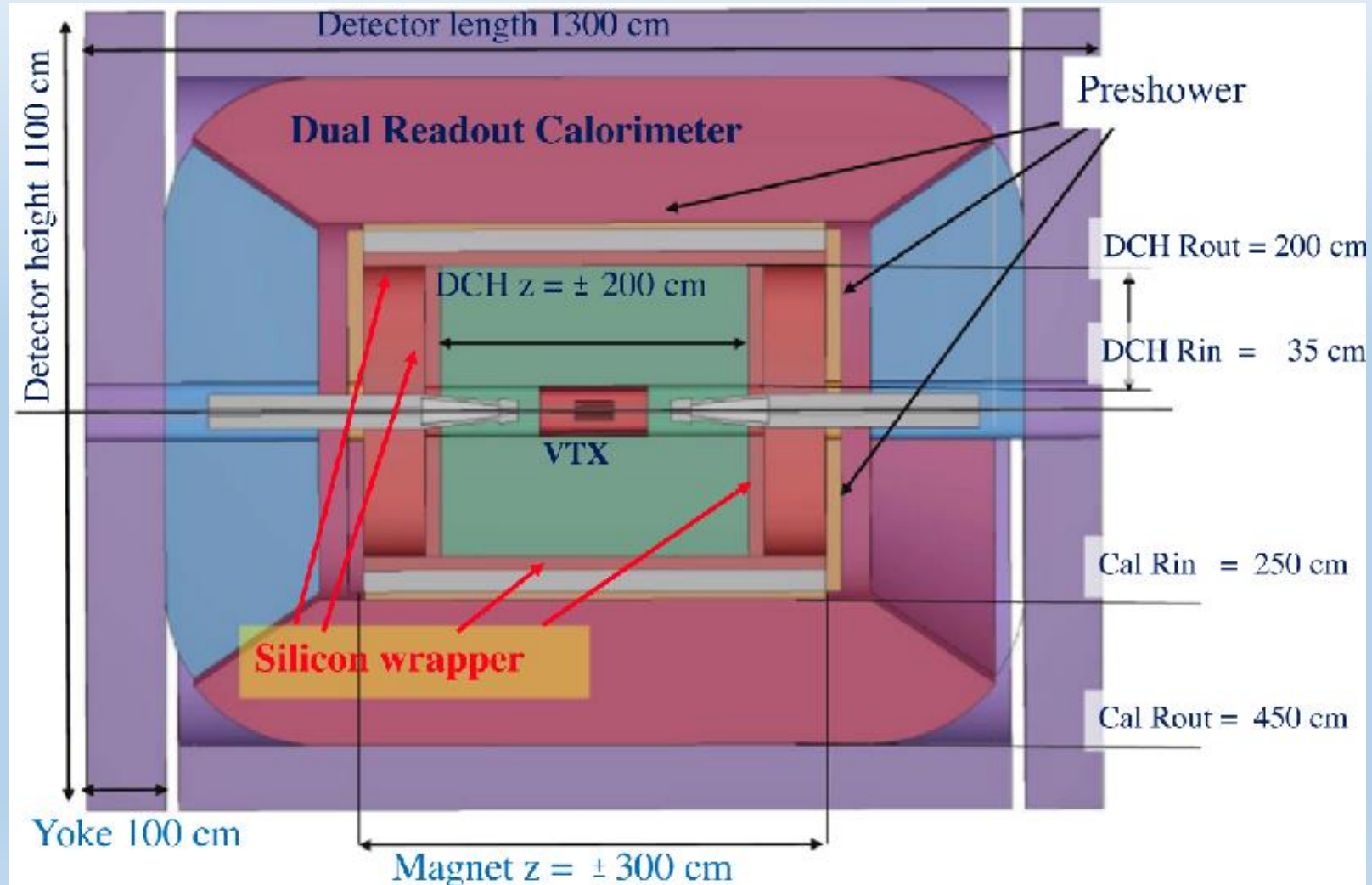
Decays	Branching Ratio in %
$\tau^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \nu_\mu \nu_\tau$	17.39 ± 0.04
$\tau^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm \nu_e \nu_\tau$	17.82 ± 0.04
$\tau^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \nu_\tau$	10.82 ± 0.05
$\tau^\pm \rightarrow \rho^\pm \nu_\tau \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	25.49 ± 0.09
$\tau^\pm \rightarrow a_1^\pm \nu_\tau \rightarrow \pi^\pm 2\pi^0 \nu_\tau$	9.26 ± 0.10
$\tau^\pm \rightarrow a_1^\pm \nu_\tau \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^\mp \pi^\pm \nu_\tau$	9.02 ± 0.05
$\tau^\pm \rightarrow a_1^\pm \nu_\tau \rightarrow \pi^\pm \pi^\mp \pi^\pm \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	4.49 ± 0.05
total	94.29 ± 0.17



Source:

https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Leading-order-Feynman-diagrams-of-the-highest-cross-section-Higgs-production-processes-at_fig5_343743281

IDEA Detector (FCC)



Source: <https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/The-%C2%B5-RWELL-technology-for-the-pre-shower-and-muon-Farinelli-Amoroso/fb1a8c33286183afeb471b318b732011f48a3274/figure/0>

Simulation

1. Event generation

- MadGraph5 Software

2. Showering / Hadronizing

- Pythia 8 Software
- decays of unstable particles (taus after the decay of the Higgs-Boson)

3. Detector Simulation

- Delphes Software
- detector structure

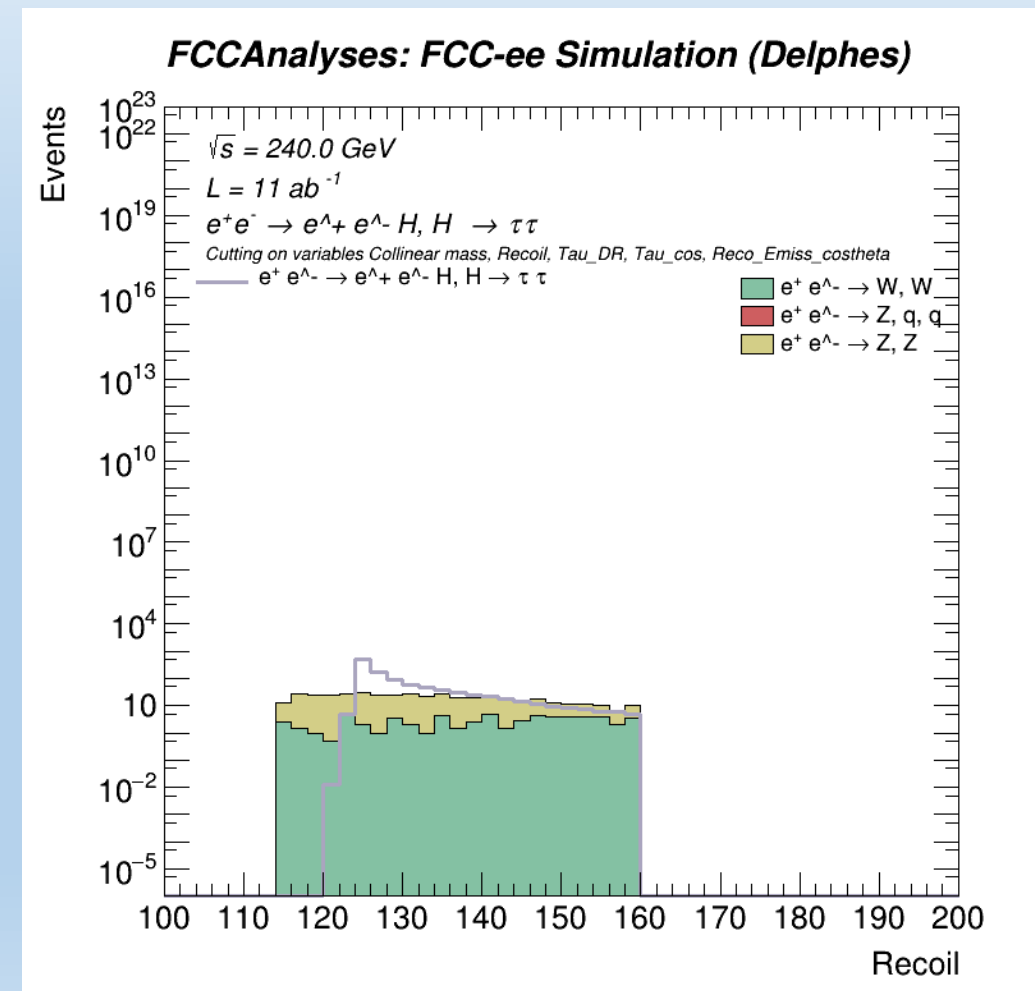
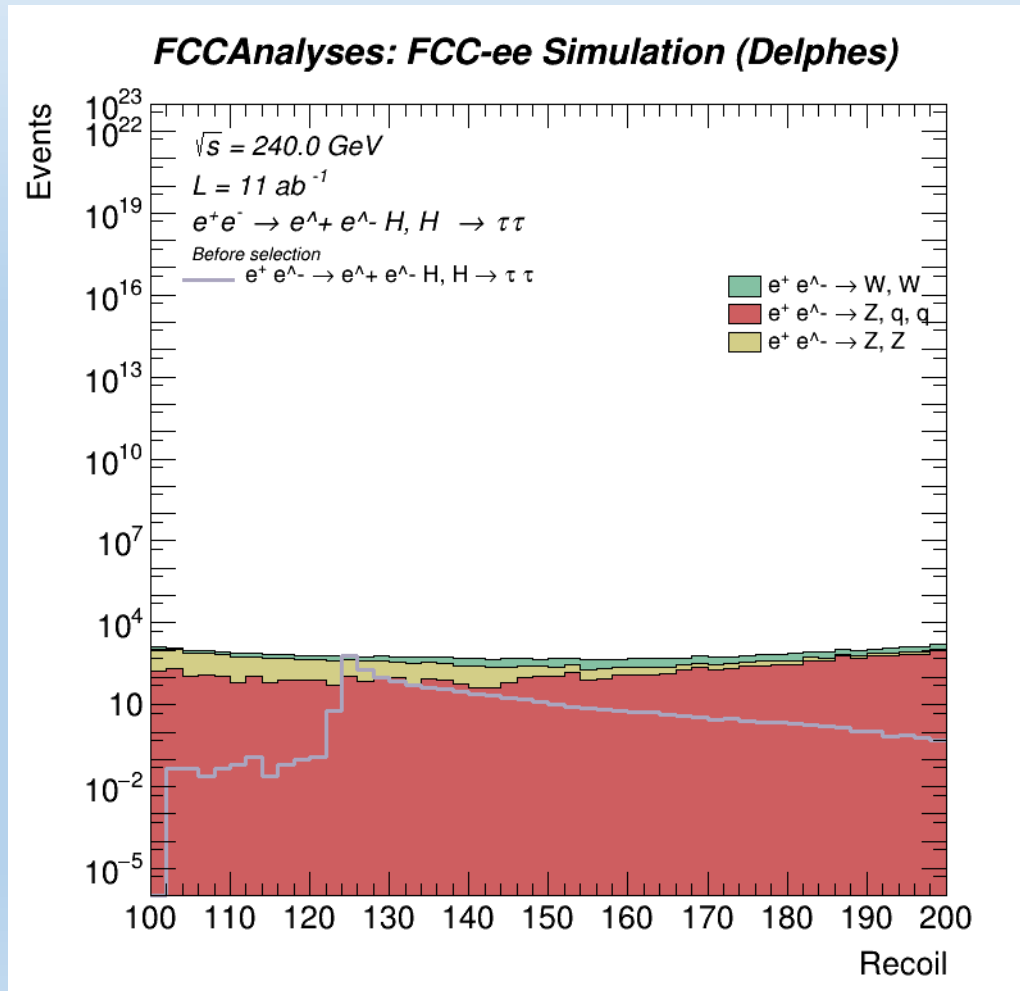
4. Analysis:

- First part: Specific data formats (EDM)-> Flat Data Structure (n-Tuples)
- Second Part: Object selections on both signal and background
- Final part: n-Tuples -> Histograms
- Plotting -> stacked Histograms (signal + background)
- Combine Software:
 - Statistics
 - Takes uncertainty into account

Before cuts

VS

After cuts



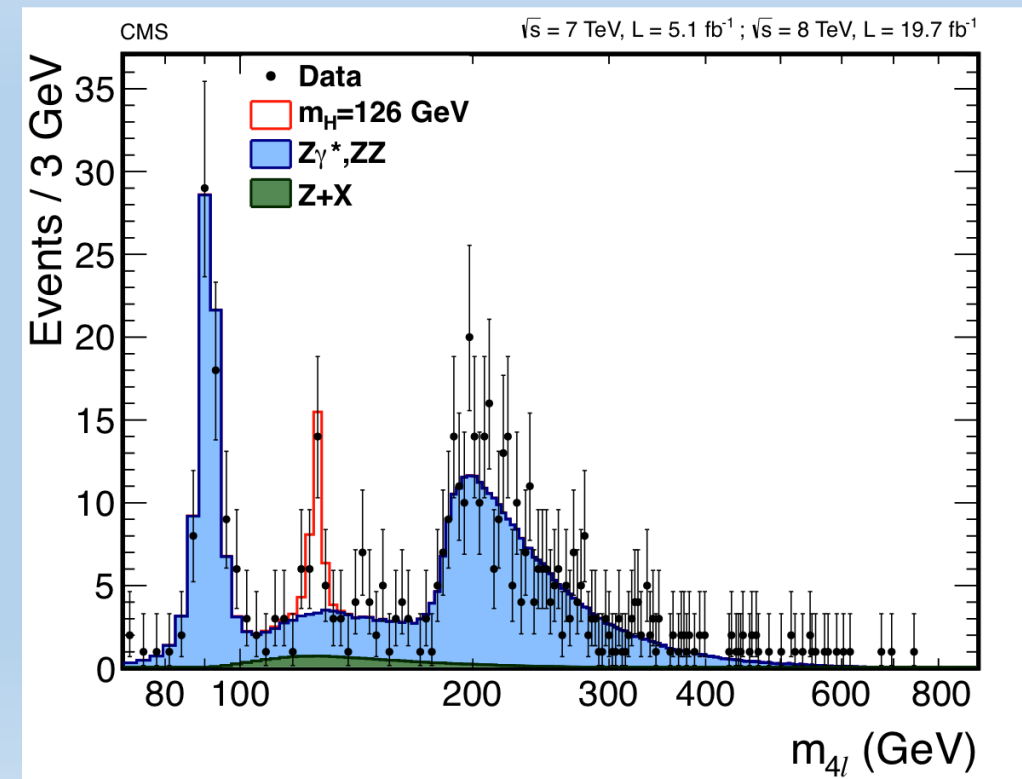
Cuts on the Background	
None	- 5,58 % / +5,63 %
100 < Collinear mass < 150 GeV	- 3,61 % / +3,72 %
115 < Recoil < 160 GeV	- 5,68 % / +5,77 %
Tau_DR > 2	-4,51 % / +4,63 %
Tau_cos < -0,6	-3,79 % / +3,86 %
Reco_Emiss_costheta < 0,96	-5,29 % / +5,36 %
General Condition (includes all selections)	-3,38 % / +3,48 %

Relative uncertainty of

$\sigma_{ZH} \cdot \text{BR}(H \rightarrow \tau^- \tau^+) : -3,38 \% / +3,48 \%$

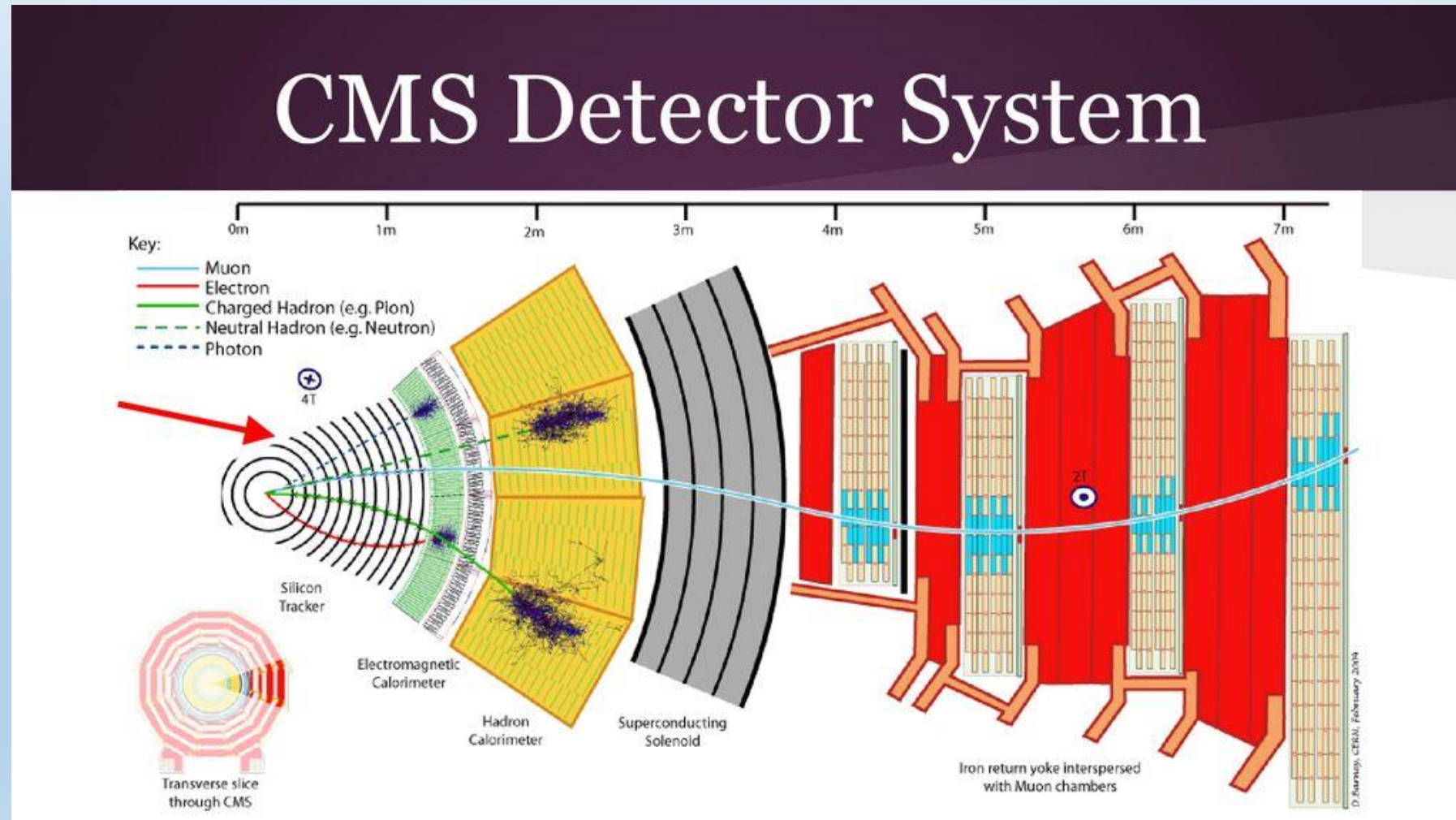
σ and Discovery of the Higgs Boson

- Comparison between the simulations and experimental data
- Discrepancy $> 3\sigma$: strong indication for new physics
- Discrepancy > 5 : discovery of new physics
- The discovery of the H – Boson:
Discrepancy of around 6σ



Source: <https://cms.cern/sites/default/files/field/image/image1.png>

CMS Detector (LHC)



My Experience at KIT

❖ I learned about:

- CMS
- New particle accelerator FCC
- Simulation of events and its analysis
- Experimental Particle Physics
- Programming and problem-solving skills
- Statistics
- Math
- On-going research
- Scientific projects for the future

Sources:

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