

# QUANTUM ALGORITHMS FOR CHARGED PARTICLE TRACK RECONSTRUCTION IN THE **LUXE** EXPERIMENT

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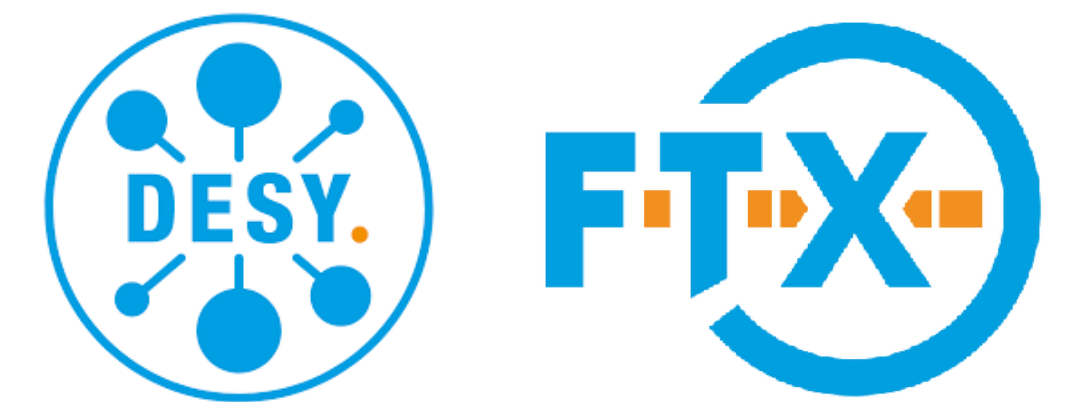
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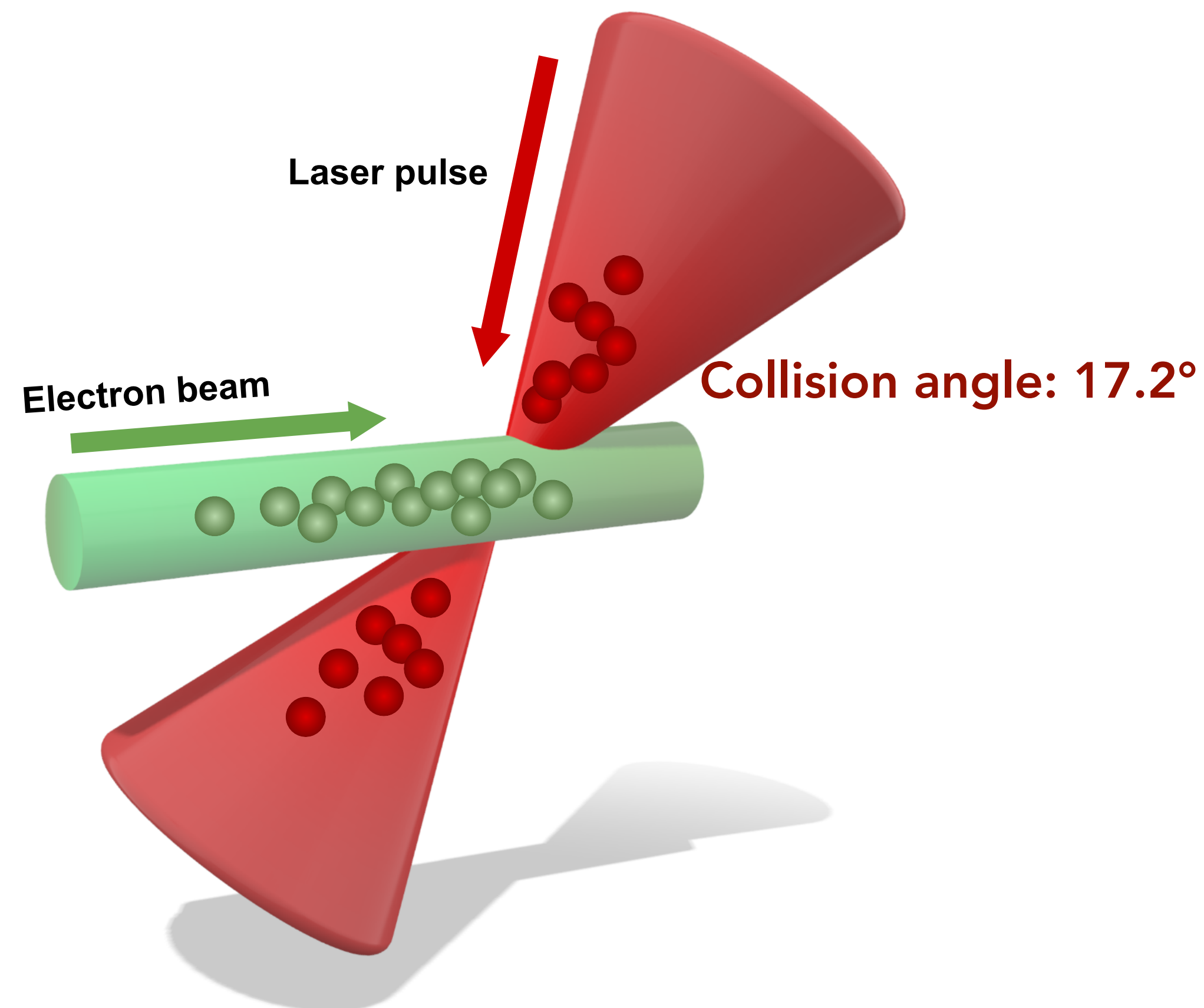
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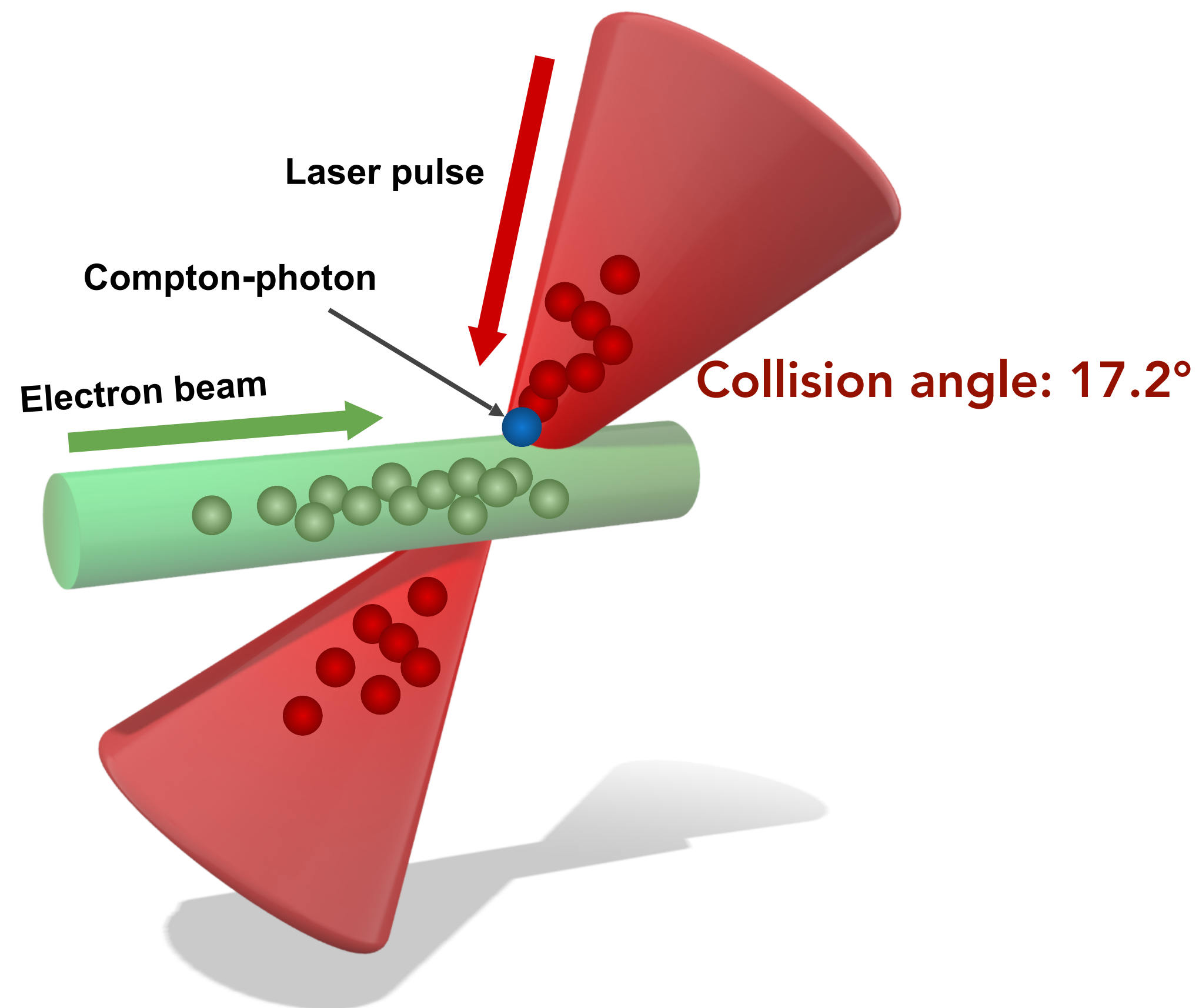
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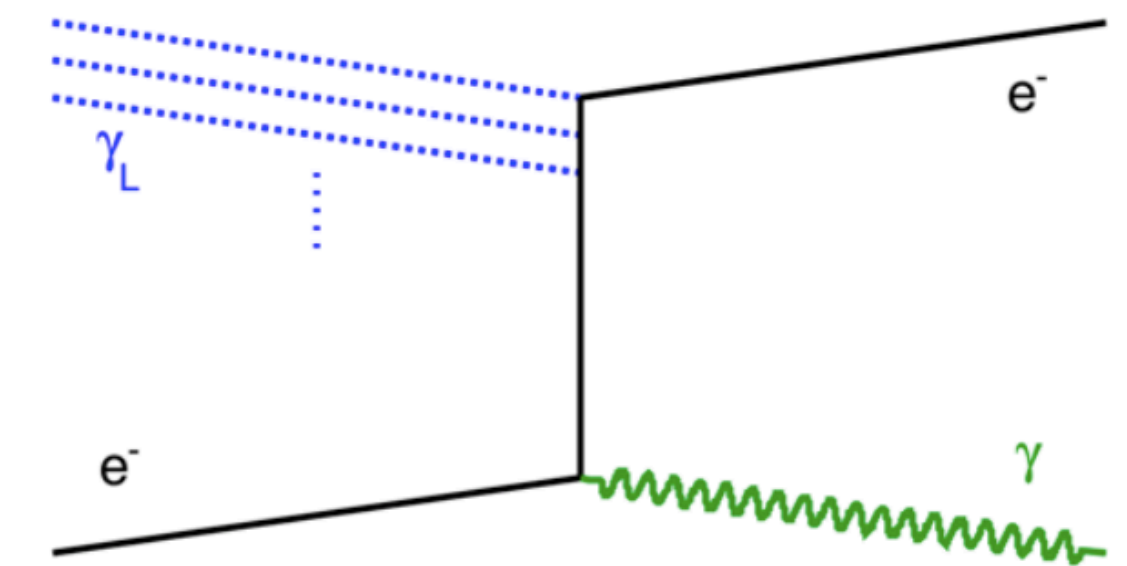
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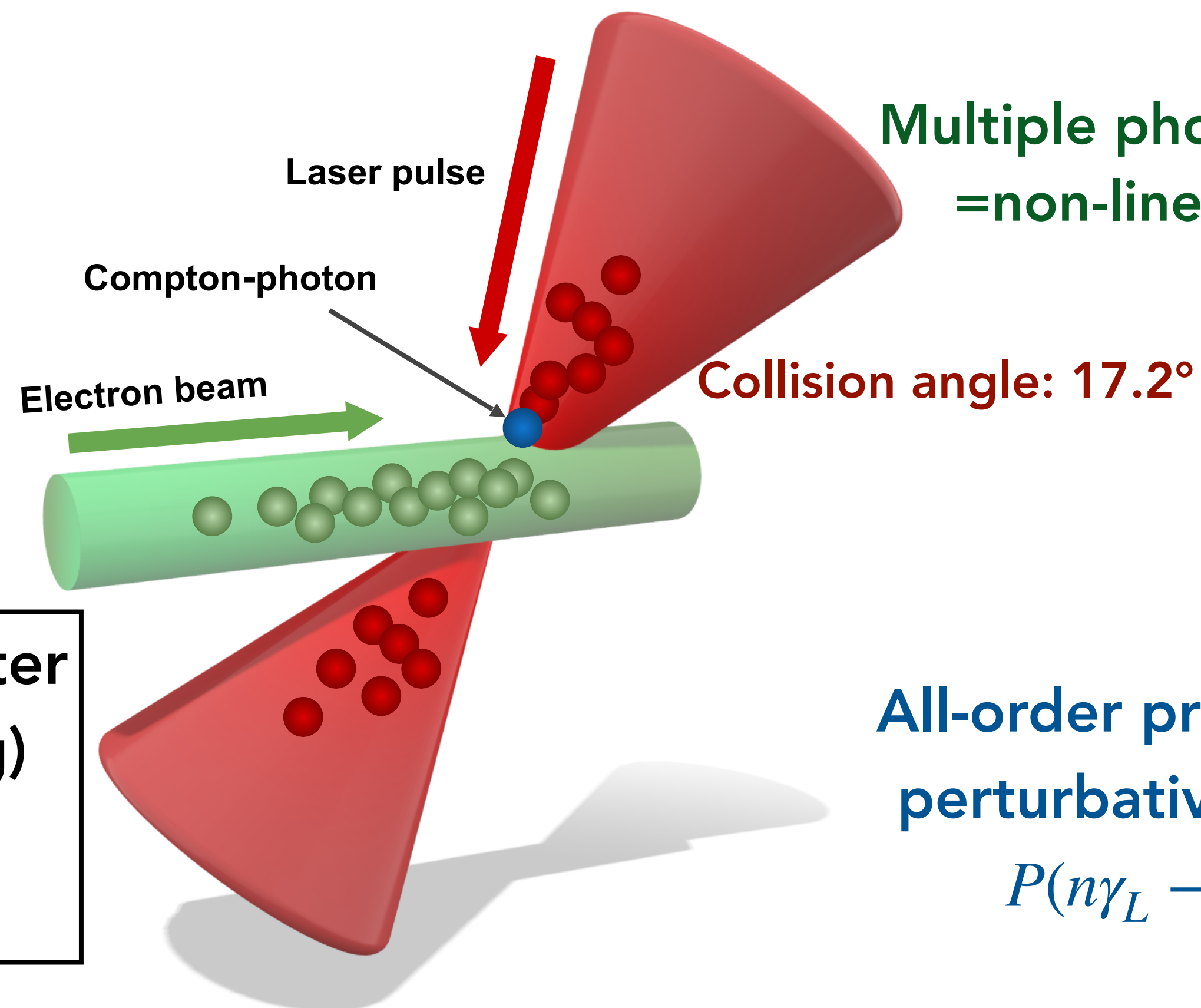
$$e^{-} + n\gamma_L \rightarrow e^{-} + \gamma_C$$





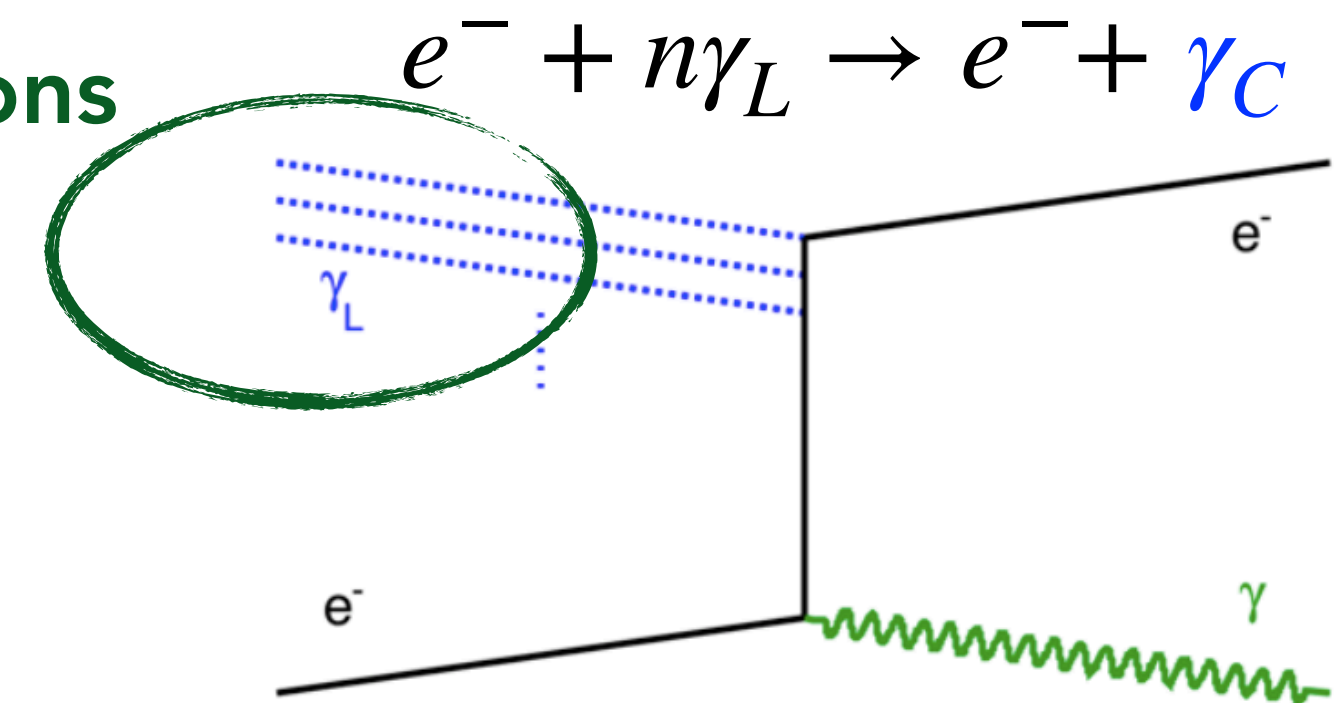
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Multiple photons  
=non-linear



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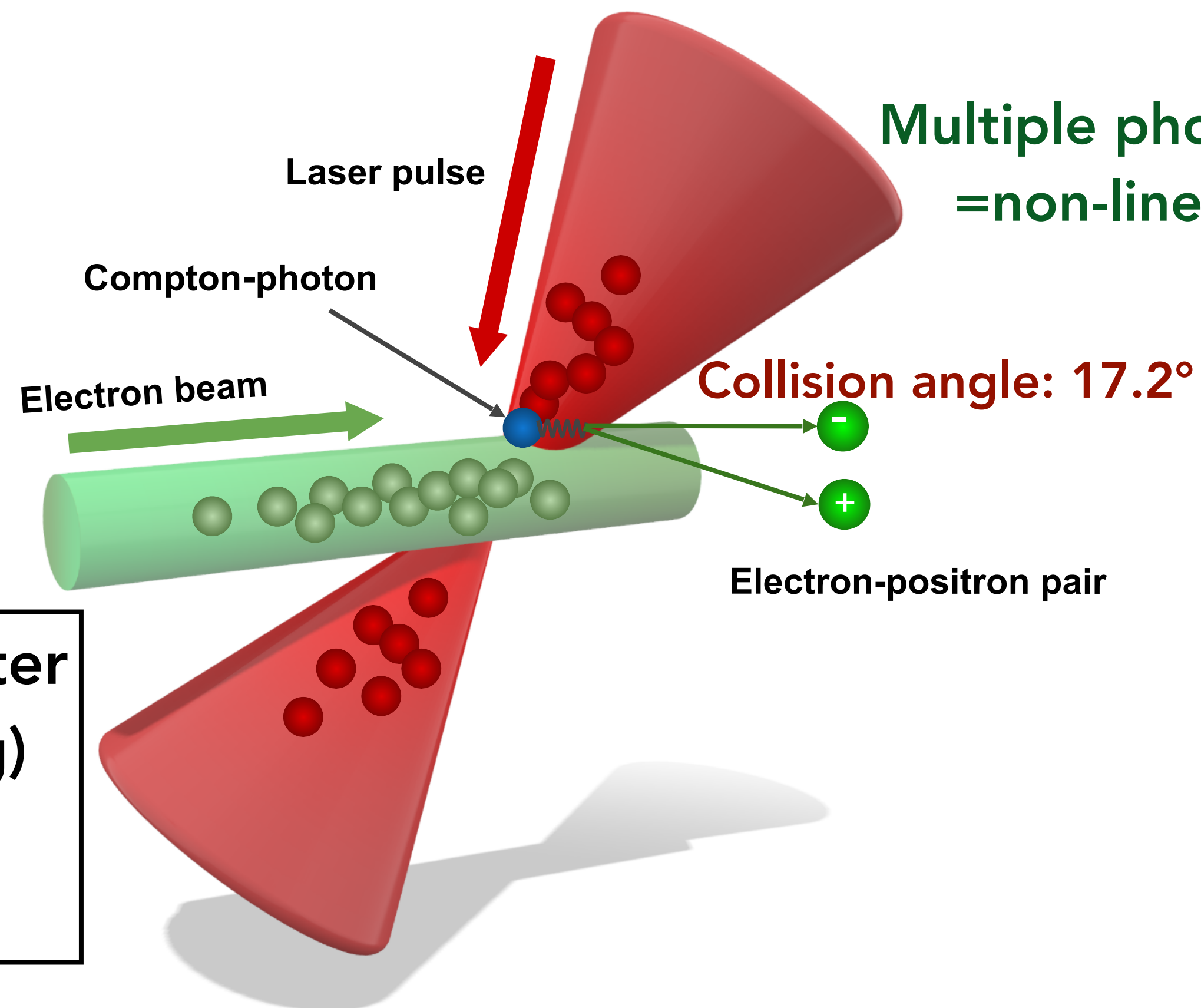
$$\xi = \frac{m_e}{\omega_L} \frac{E_L}{E_{cr}}$$

All-order process, i.e. non-perturbative for  $\xi \sim O(1)$

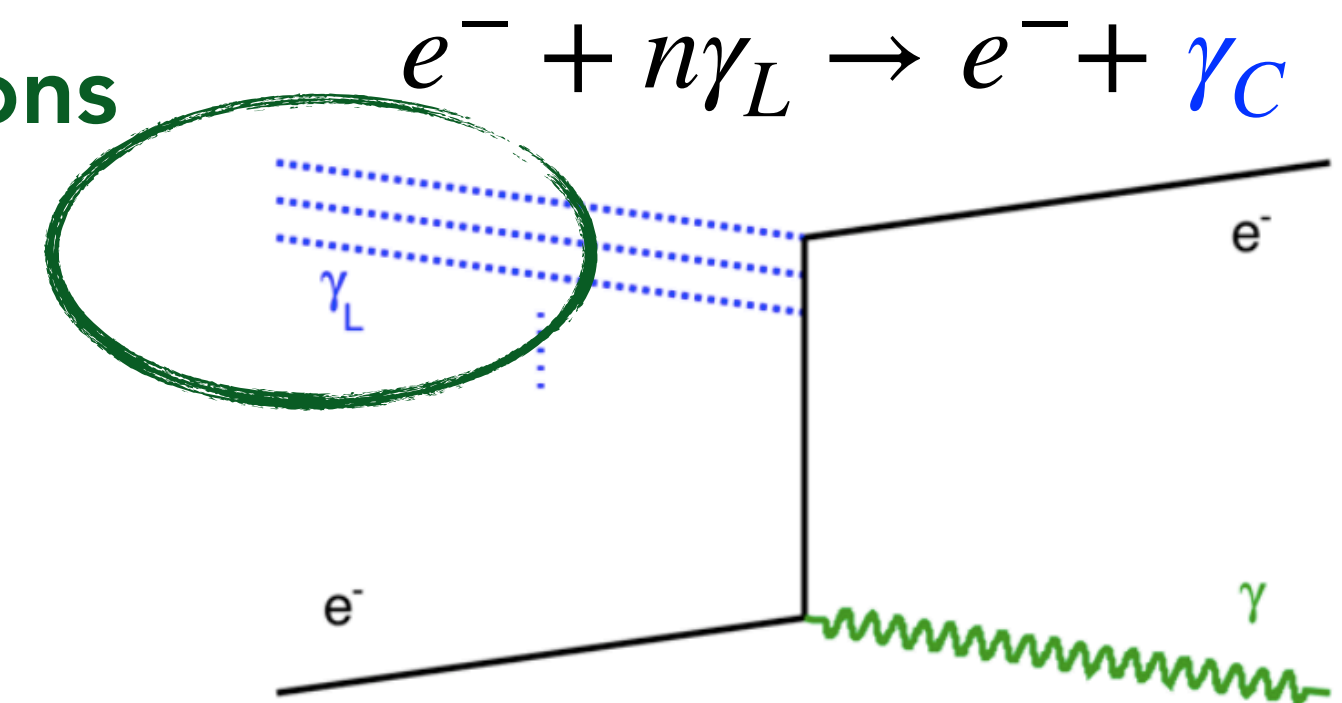
$$P(n\gamma_L \rightarrow \gamma) \propto \alpha \xi^{2n}$$

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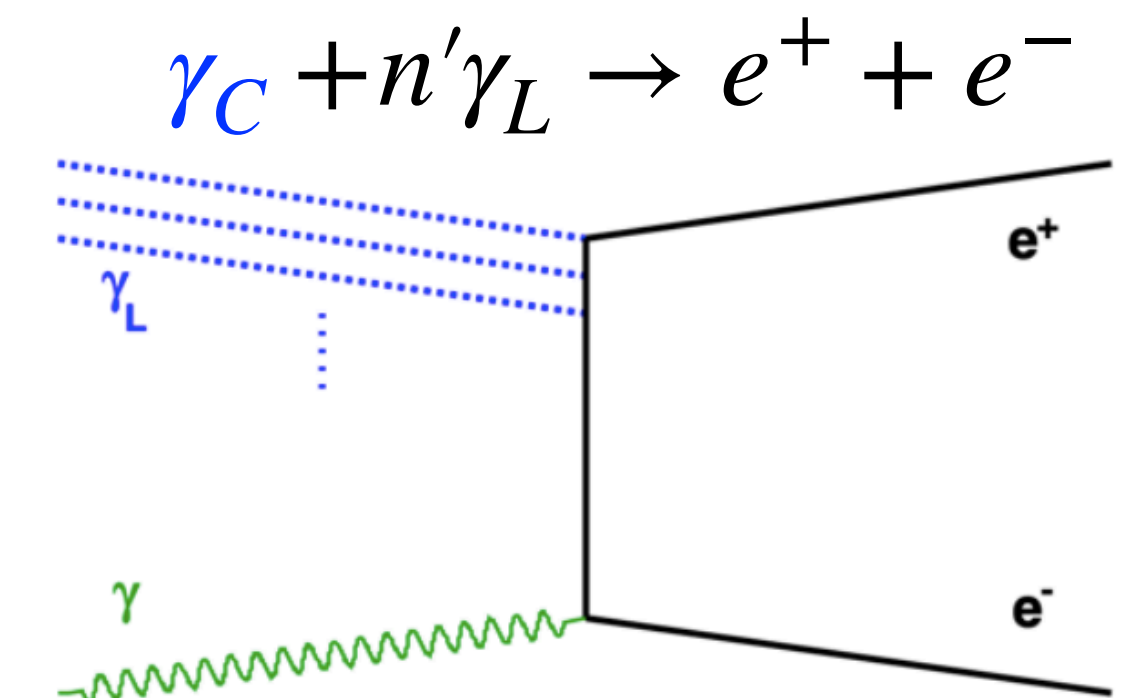
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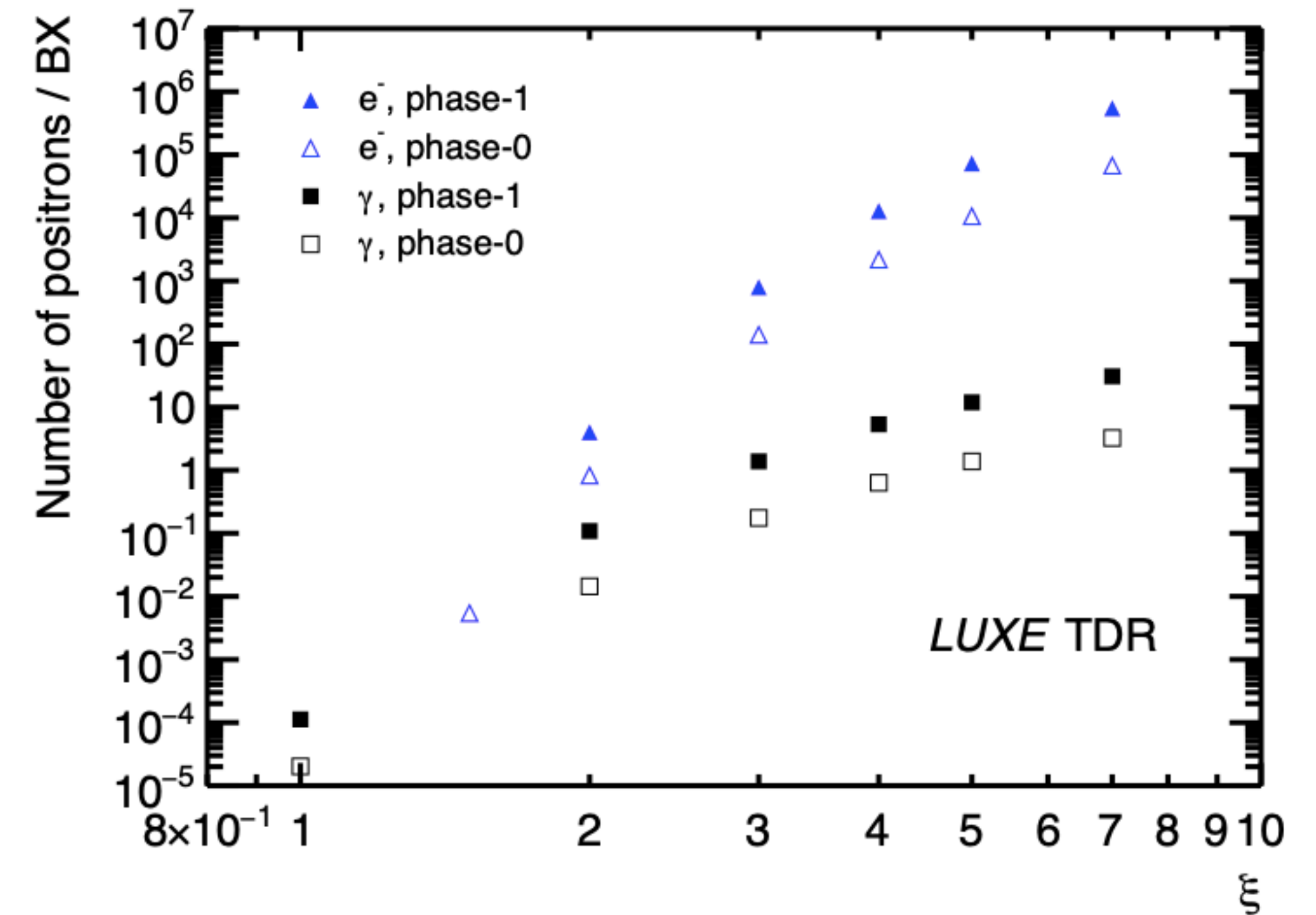
# LUXE: LASER UND XFEL EXPERIMENT

- 2 running modes: electron-laser and photon-laser.
- Planned in 2 phases (40 vs 350 TW laser).
- TDR: [arXiv:2308.00515](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.00515) 
- Other LUXE talks @ EPS:
  - General physics (Fri 09:42) by Evan R
  - Detector challenges (Fri 09:00) by Sasha B
  - High-rate electron detectors (Thu 09:10) by Antonios A
  - BSM programme (Thu 09:00) by Nicolò T

Focus on phase-0 (40 TW laser) e-laser in this talk

# MEASUREMENT

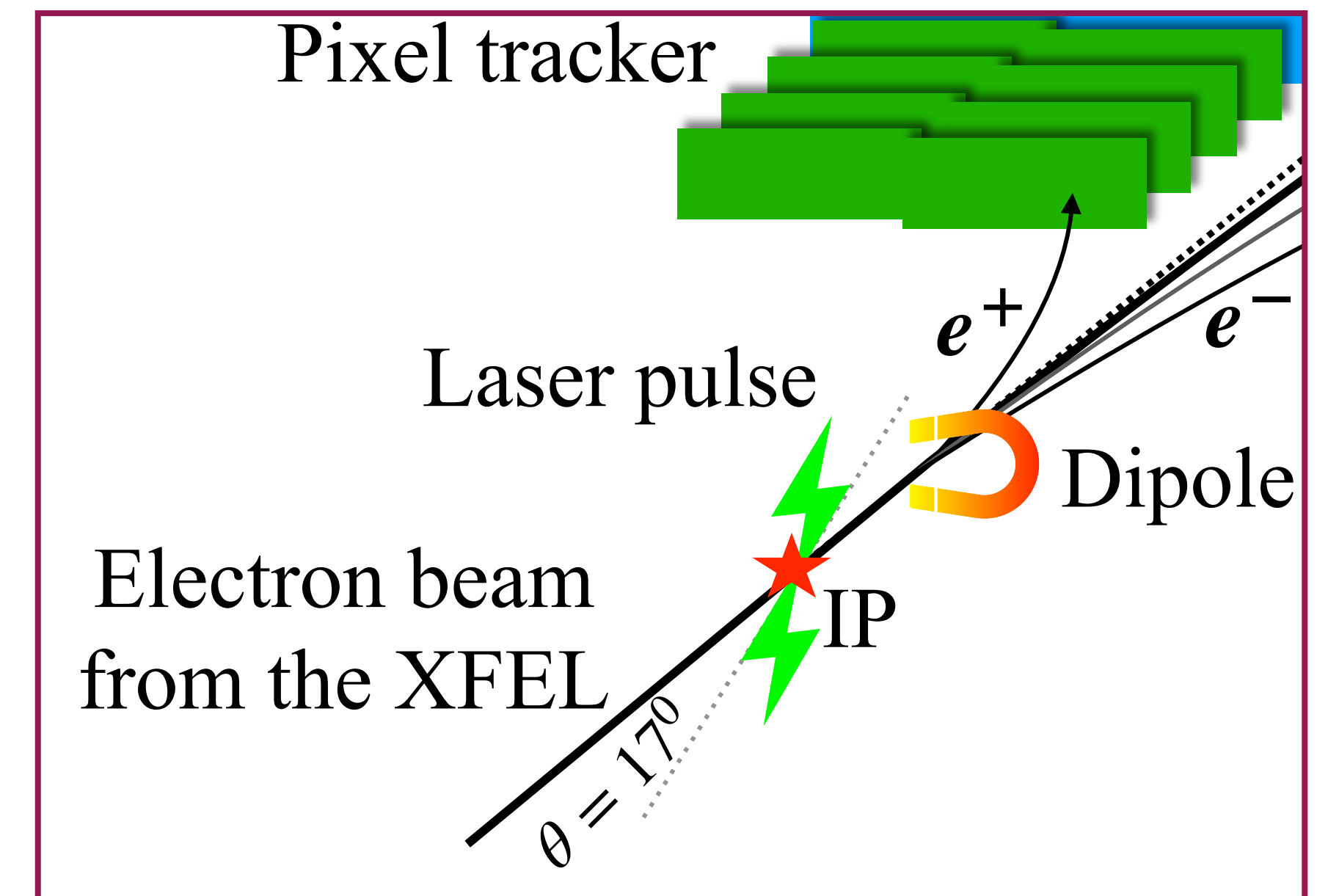
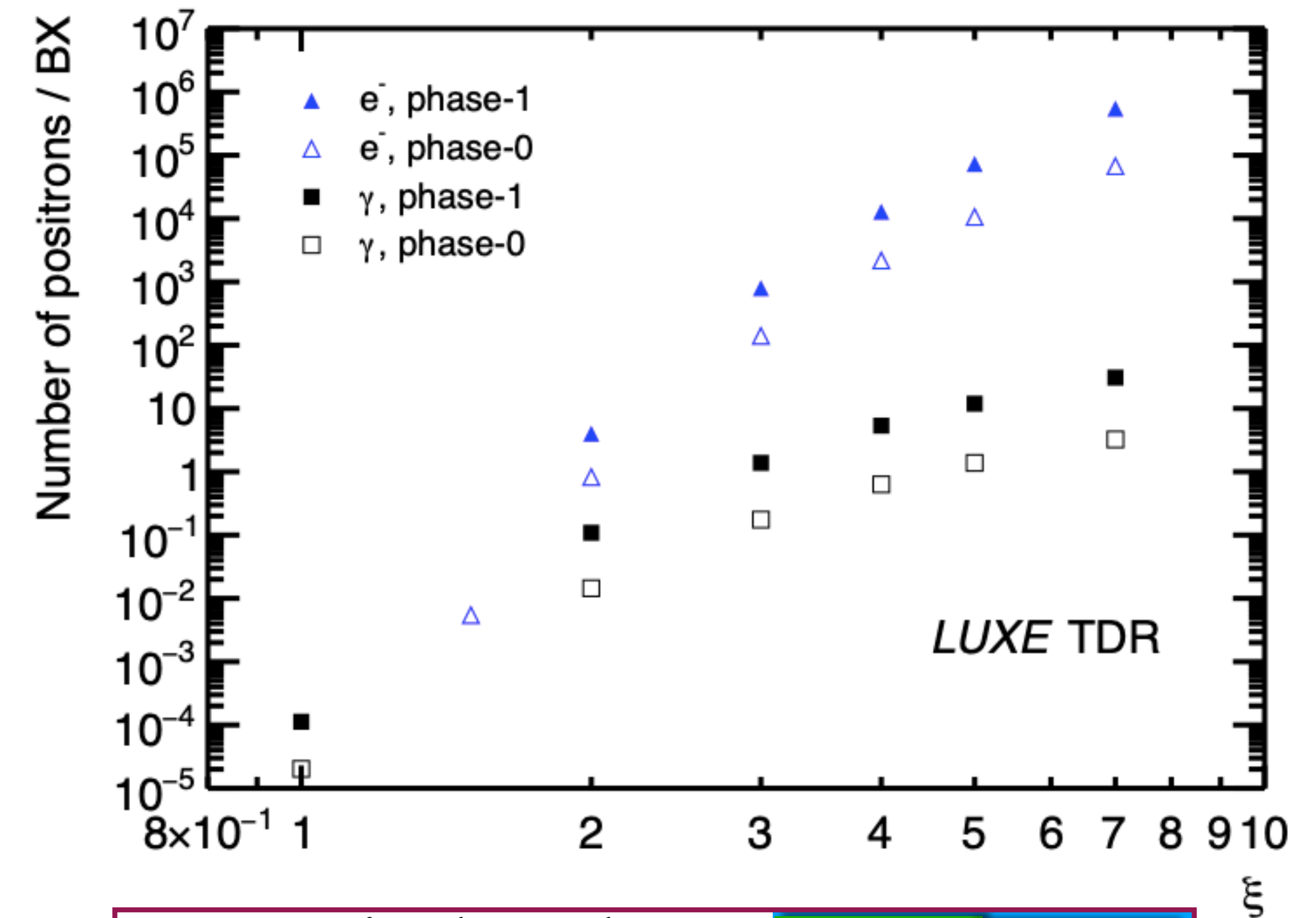
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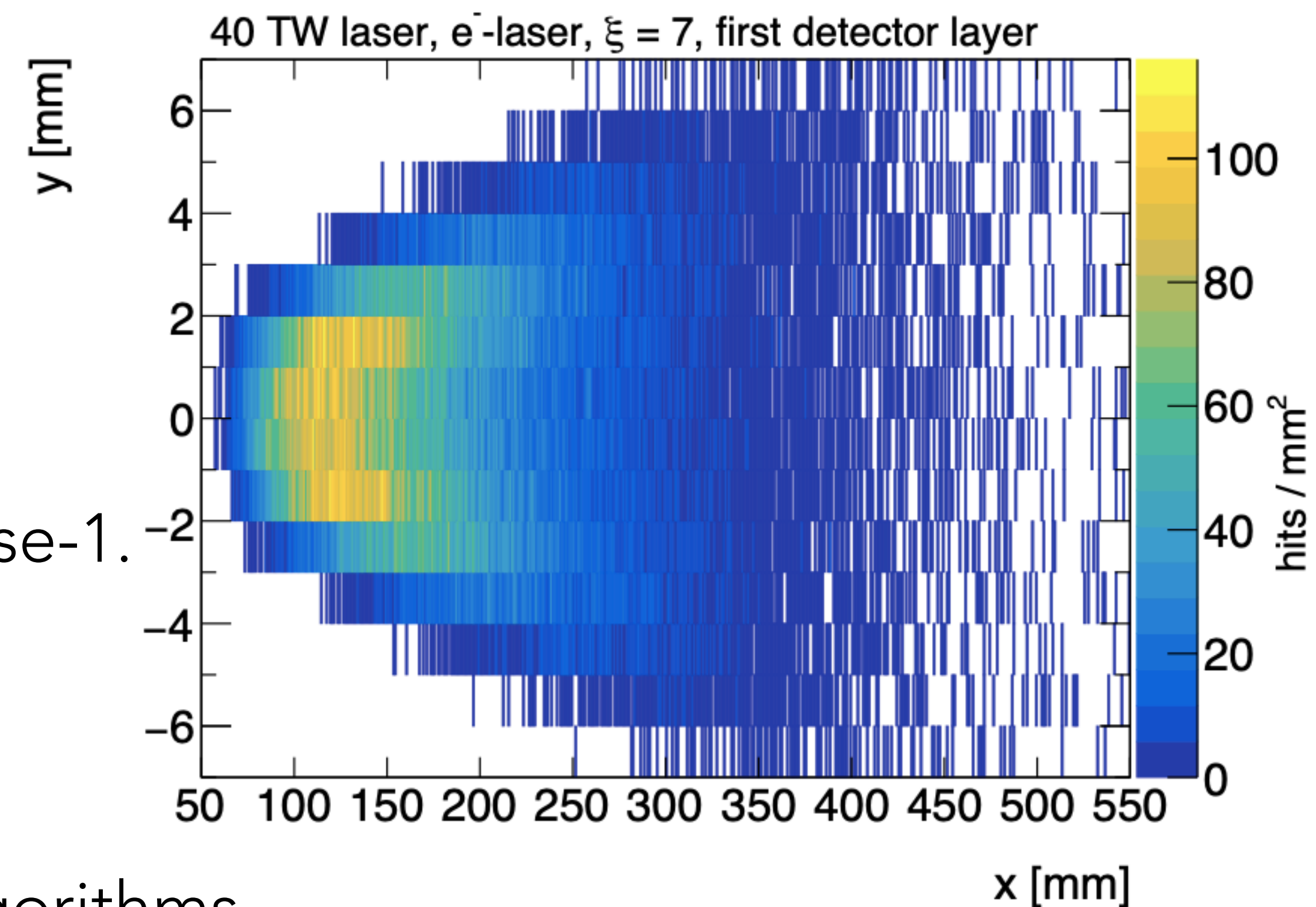
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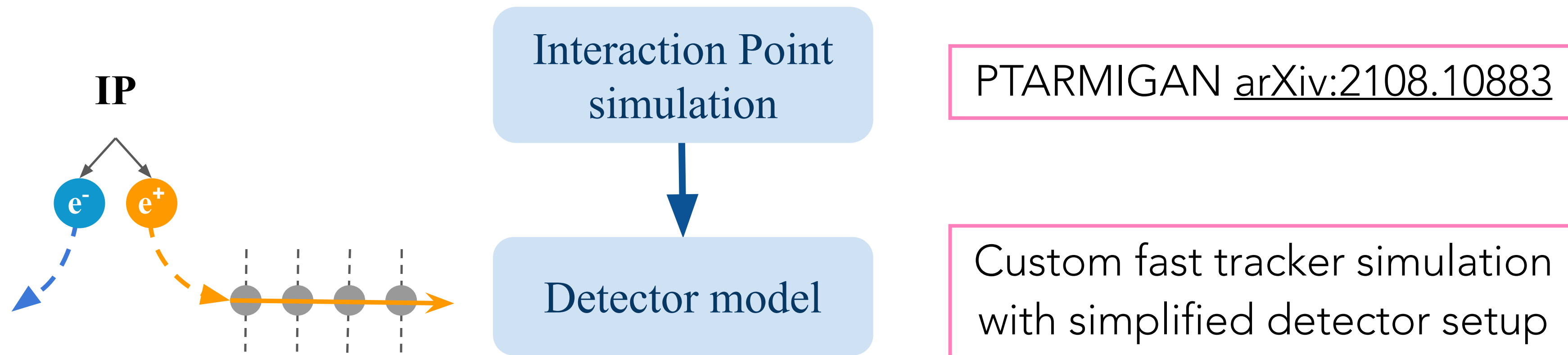


# LUXE TRACKING CHALLENGE

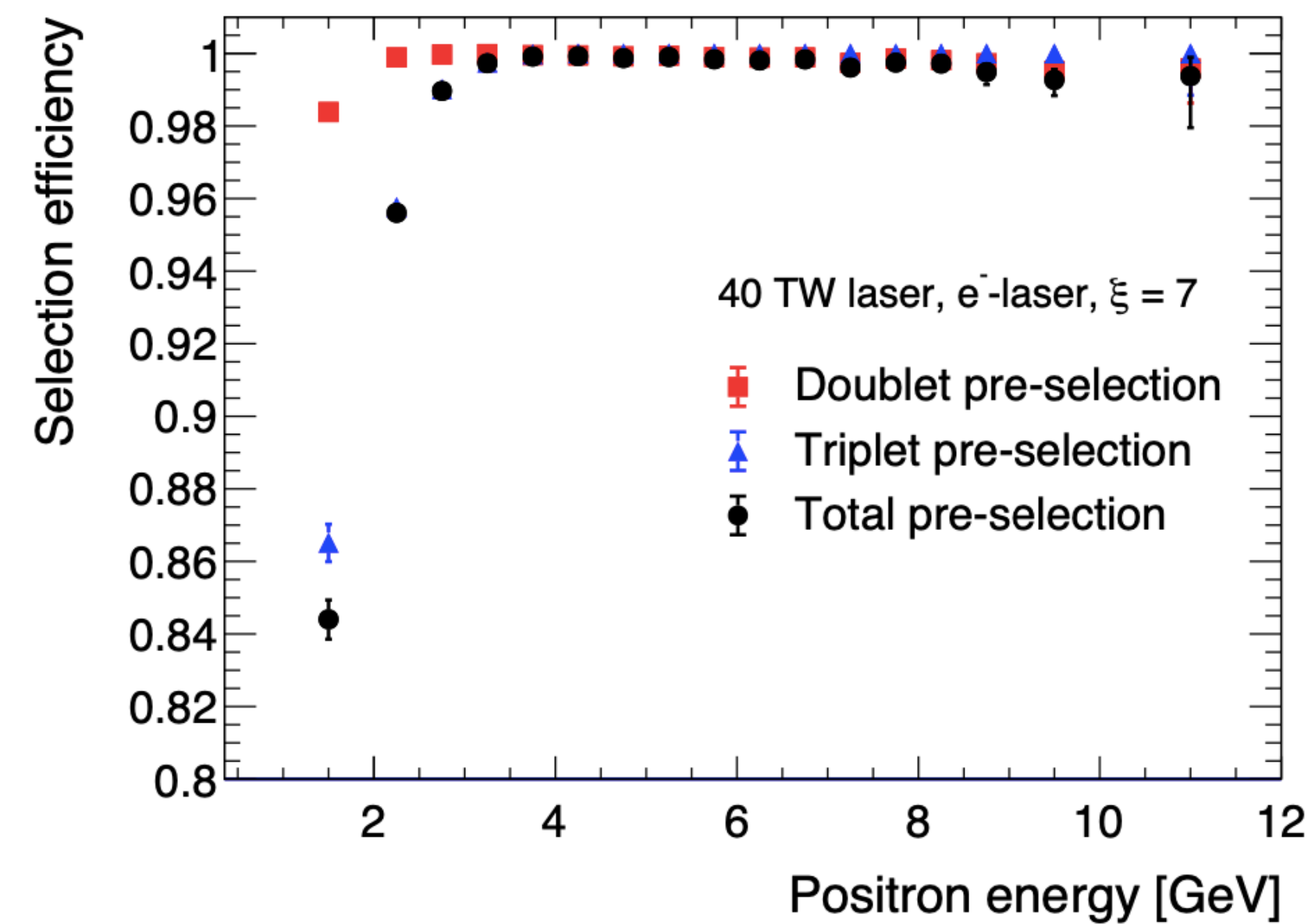
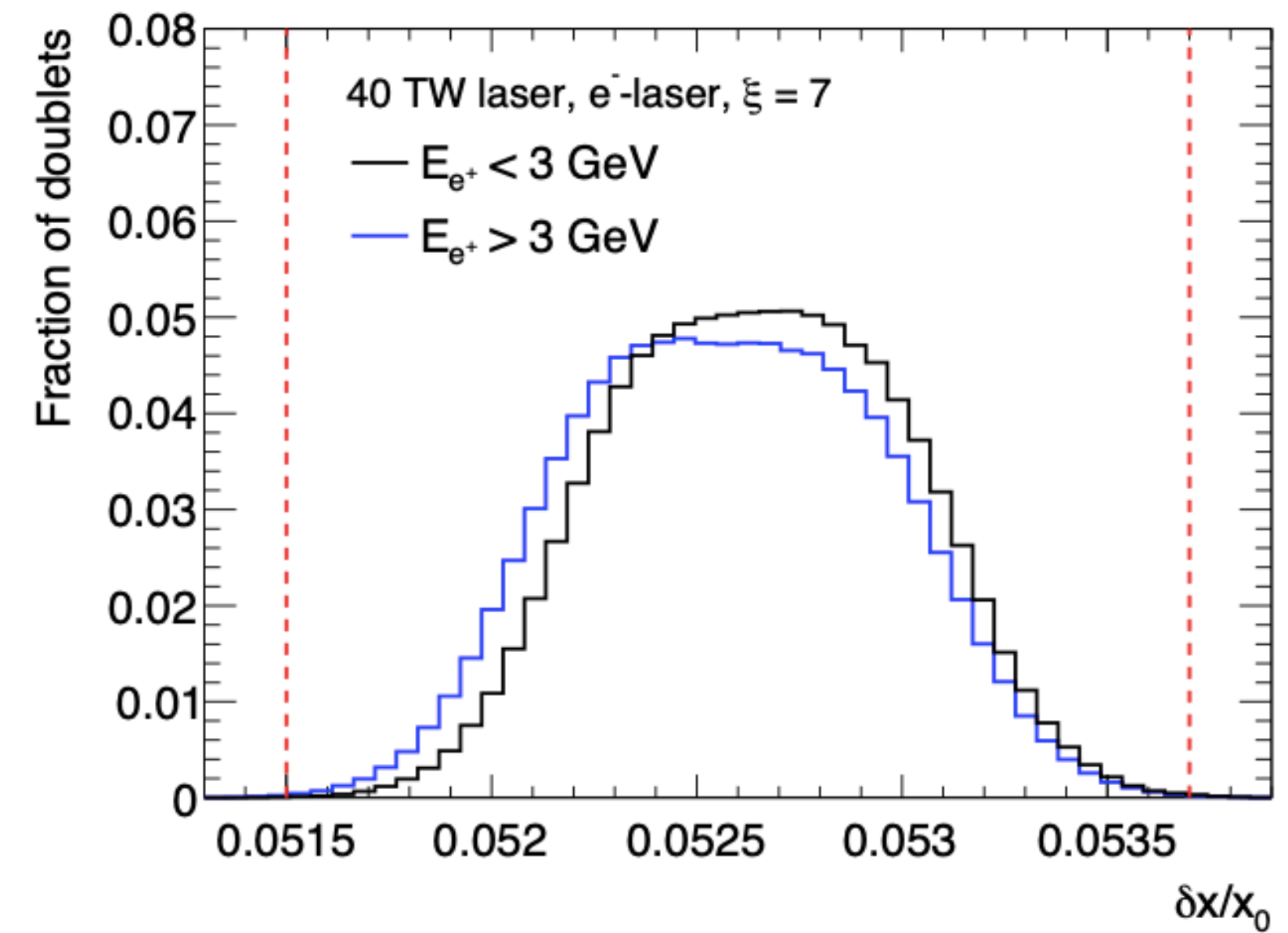
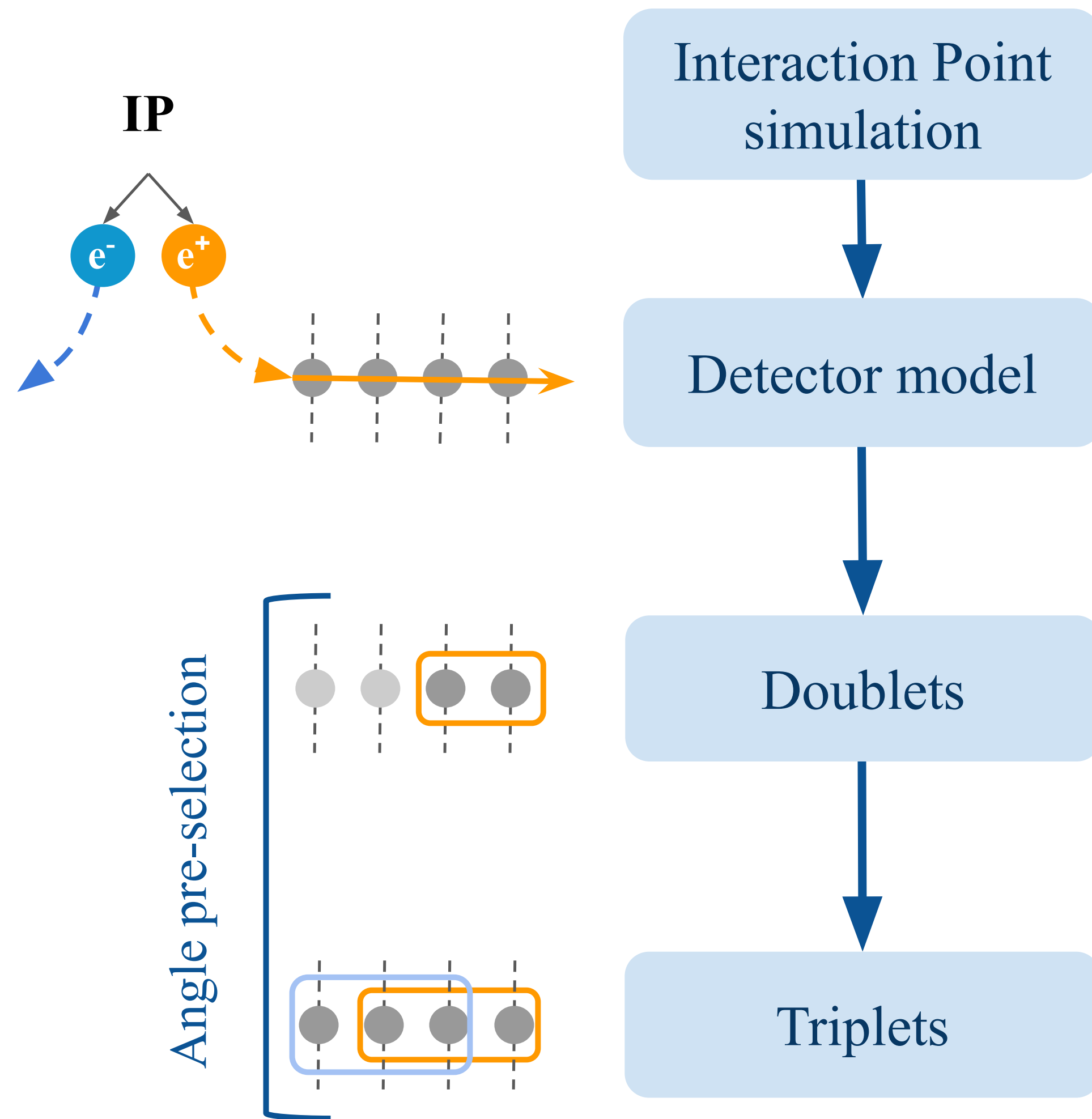
- Tracking at LUXE becomes challenging due to combinatorics at high track multiplicities.
- At phase-0 (40 TW laser), **occupancies** at the pixel detector reach 100 particles/mm<sup>2</sup>.
  - Orders of magnitudes higher than other planned HEP experiments, e.g. HL-LHC.
- Even higher occupancies can be expected in phase-1.
- Quantum computing may offer an advantage. In our paper ([arXiv:2304.01690](https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.01690)), we study various tracking methods using quantum and classical algorithms.



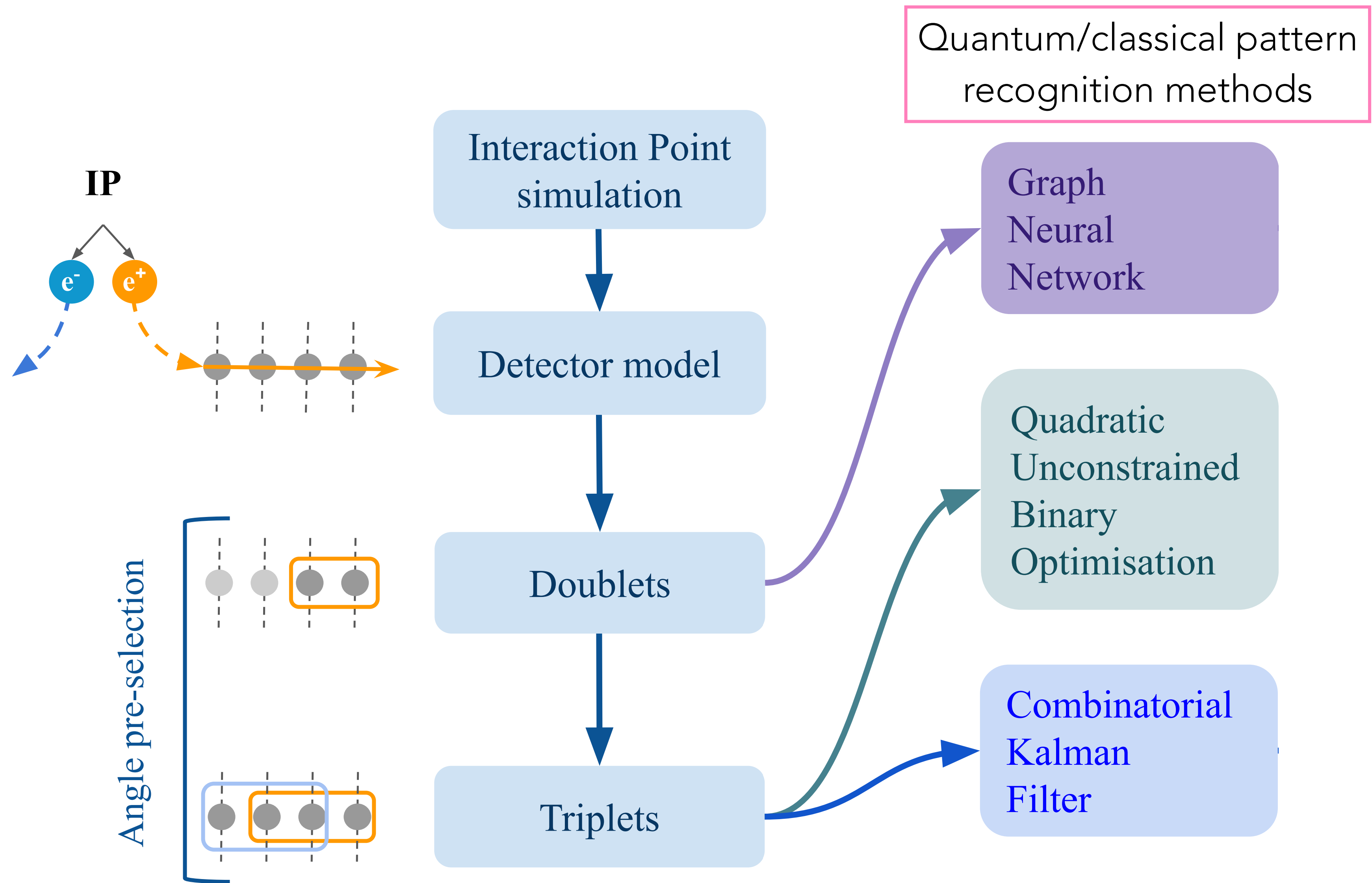
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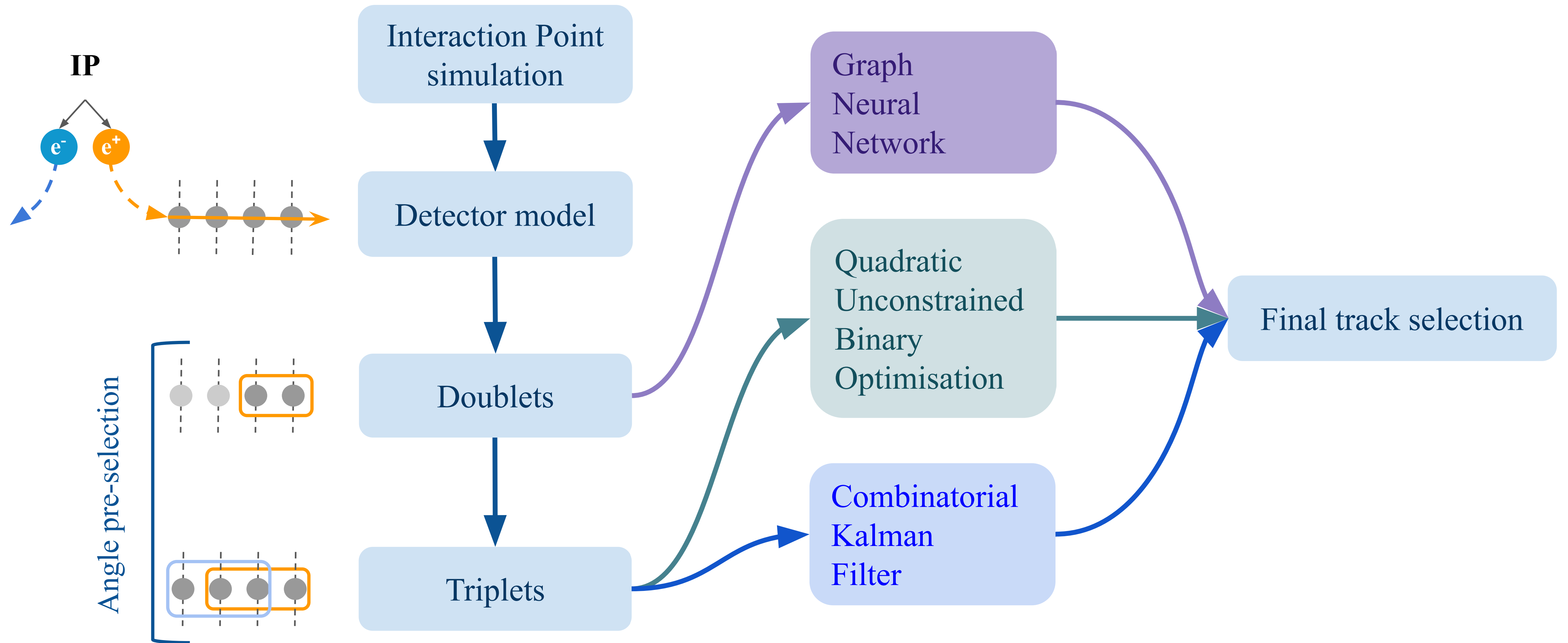


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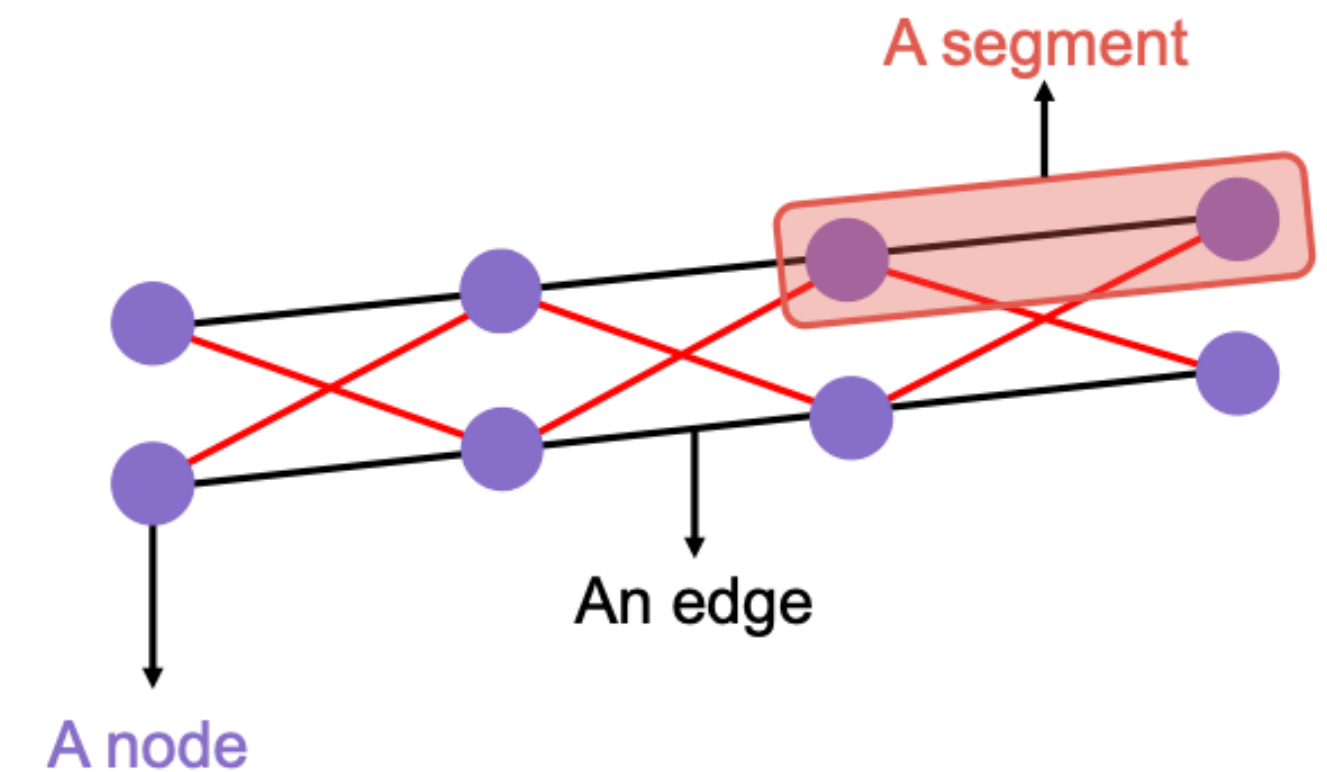


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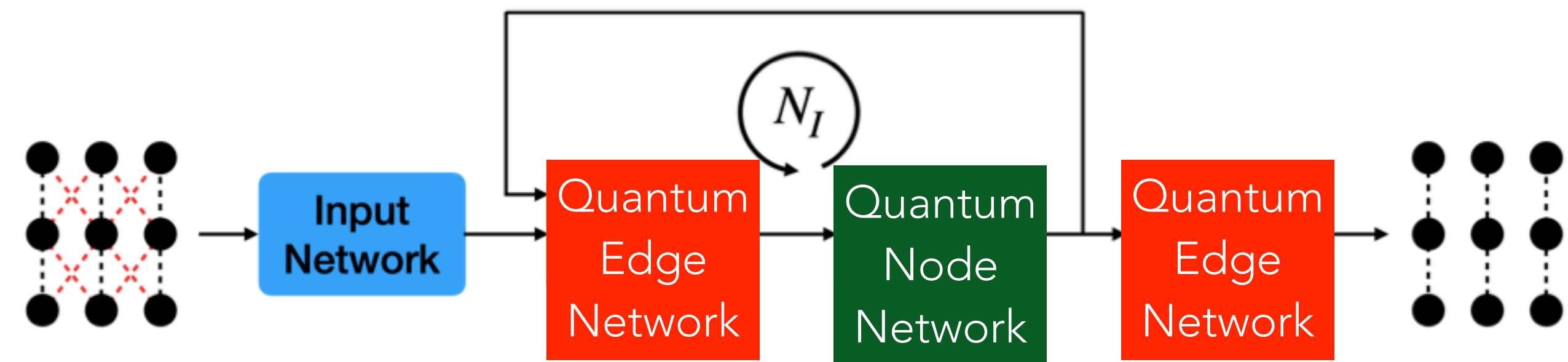


# QUANTUM GRAPH NEURAL NETWORK (GNN)

- Doublet classification.
- Graph constructed from doublets, where the hits are nodes and the connections between the hits are edges.



- Hybrid quantum-classical model with 10 hidden features (qubits).
- $N_I$  iterations of alternating edge and node networks applied.



- Edge/doublet with scores above threshold are retained to form track candidates.

# QUBO

Quadratic  
Unconstrained  
Binary  
Optimisation

- Triplet classification.
  - Find the best set of triplets which can form tracks by minimising the QUBO, given by the states of  $T_i, T_j$ .

$$O(a, b, T) = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i T_i + \sum_i^N \sum_{j < i} b_{ij} T_i T_j, \quad T_i, T_j \in \{0, 1\}$$

Weighting triplet  $T_i$   
with quality  $a_i$

Compatibility  $b_{ij}$  between two triplets

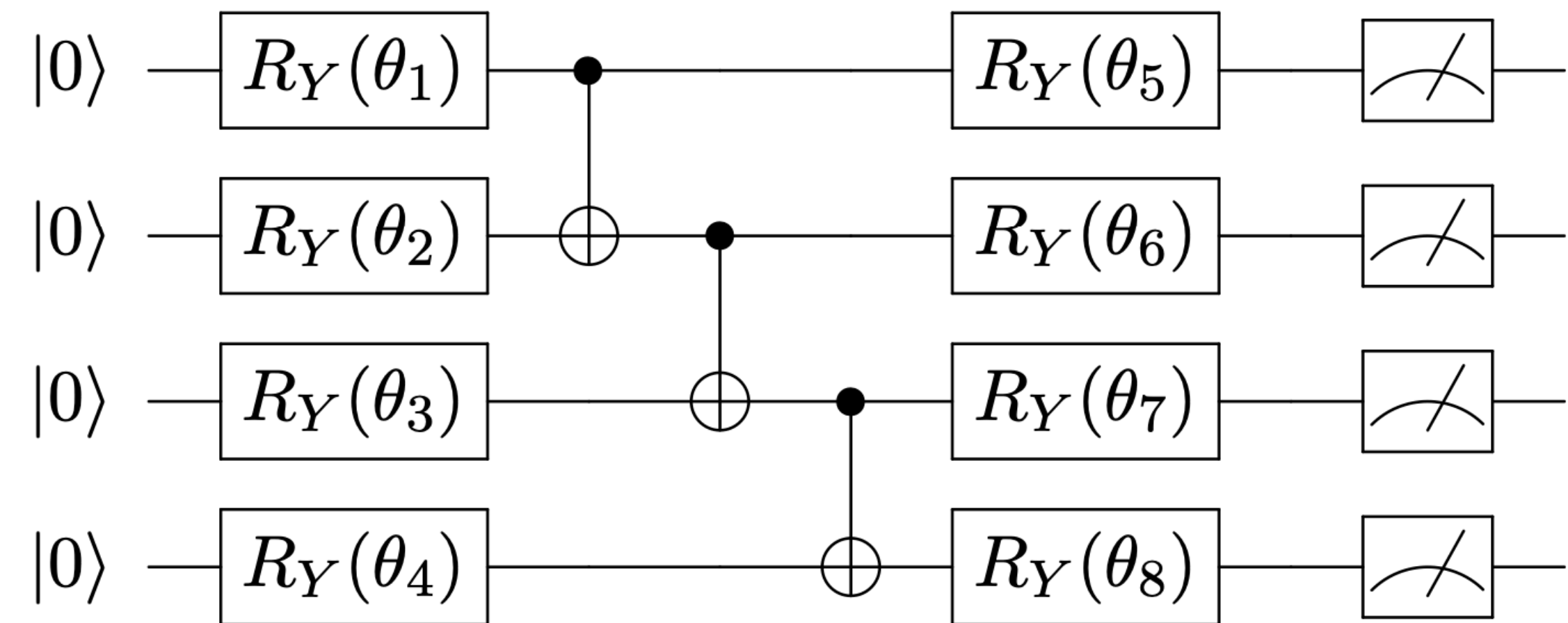
$$b_{ij} = \begin{cases} -S(T_i, T_j), & \text{if } (T_i, T_j) \text{ form a quadruplet,} \\ \zeta & \text{if } (T_i, T_j) \text{ are in conflict,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- The QUBO can be mapped to an Ising Hamiltonian.
- Minimising the QUBO is equivalent to finding the ground state of the Hamiltonian.

Find  $T_i, T_j$  that minimises QUBO!

# QUBO

- The ground state is found using **Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE)**, a hybrid quantum-classical algorithm.
  - Nakanishi-Fujii-Todo (NFT) optimiser used.
- QUBO is partitioned into sub-QUBOs of the size of the quantum device (7 qubits assumed) to be solved iteratively.
- Exact solution using **matrix diagonalisation** used as benchmark.
- Another method of finding the ground state is with quantum annealing, see [poster](#) by Annabel K titled "Assessing the potential of quantum annealers for track reconstruction at LUXE".

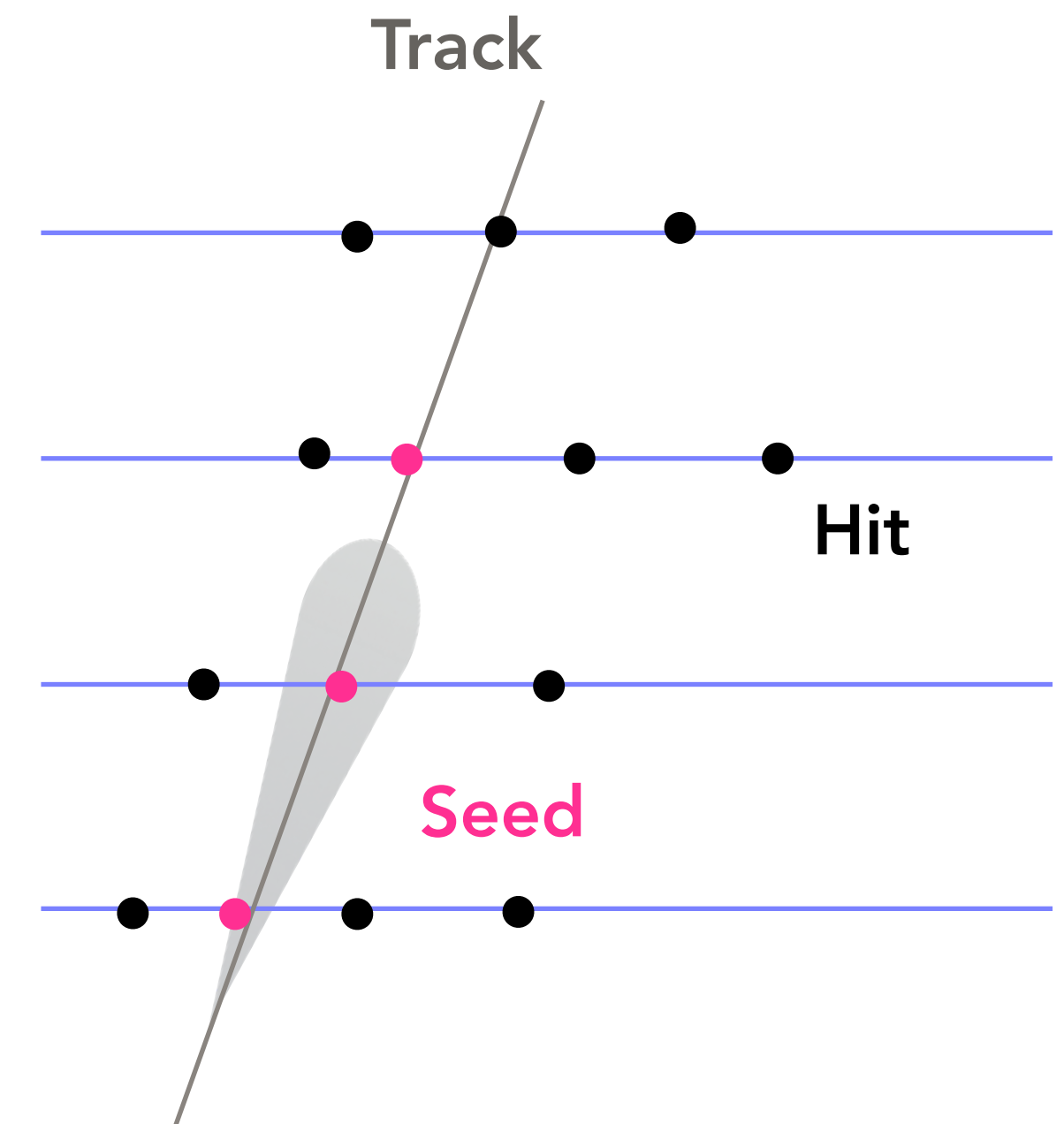


For extension of this method to 4D tracking, see David S's [talk](#) afterwards



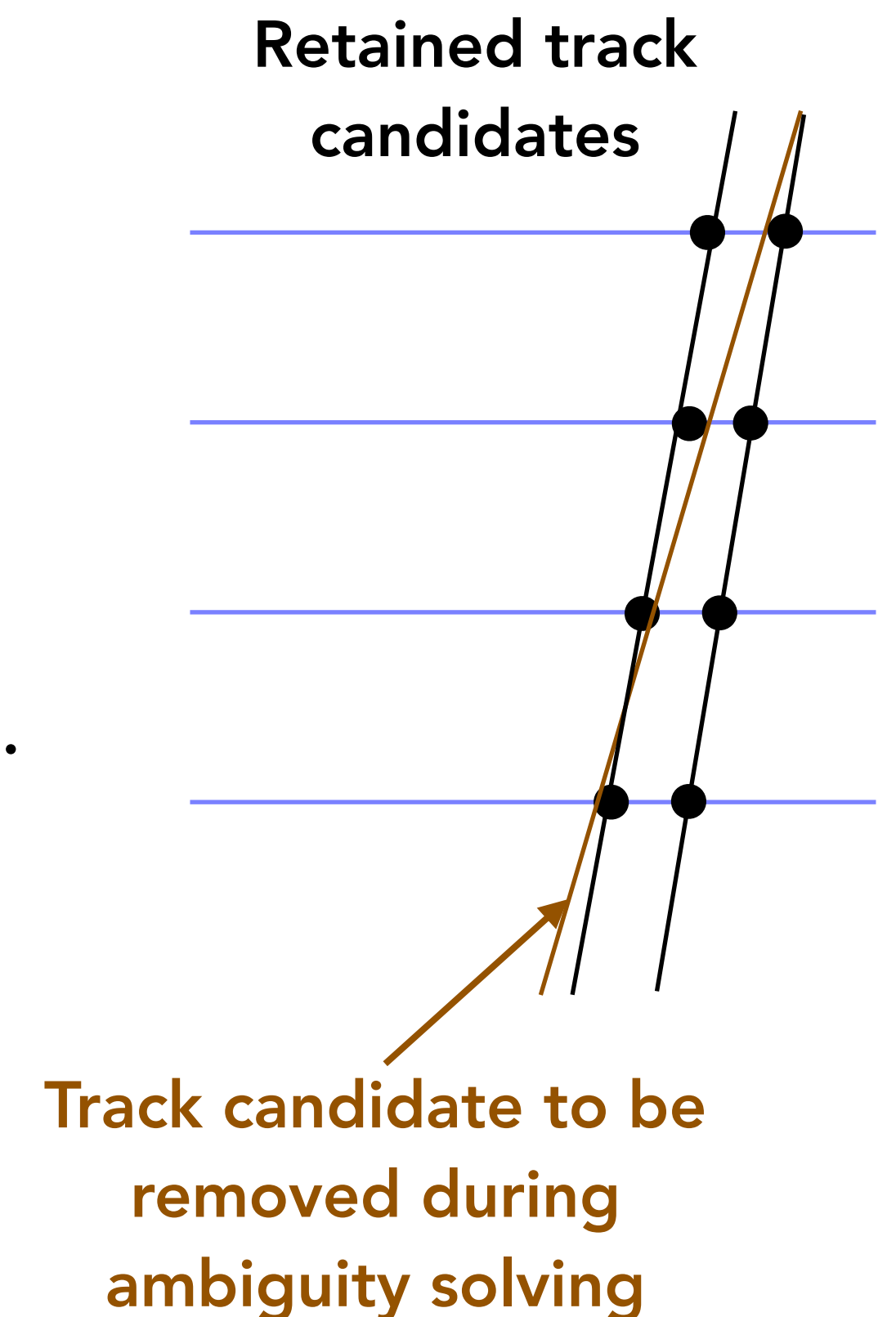
# COMBINATORIAL KALMAN FILTER (CKF)

- CKF in a common tracking software (ACTS) used.
- Triplets from first three layers are used as seeds.
- Track parameters estimated from seeds used to steer the tracking.



# FINAL TRACK SELECTION

- Tracks are required to have 4 hits.
- Found either directly with classical CKF tracking or by combining selected doublets/triplets into quadruplets in the GNN/QUBO approaches.
- Tracks are fitted and ambiguity solving applied to remove worse quality tracks with shared hits from the track collection.
  - No track is allowed to have more than 1 shared hit.



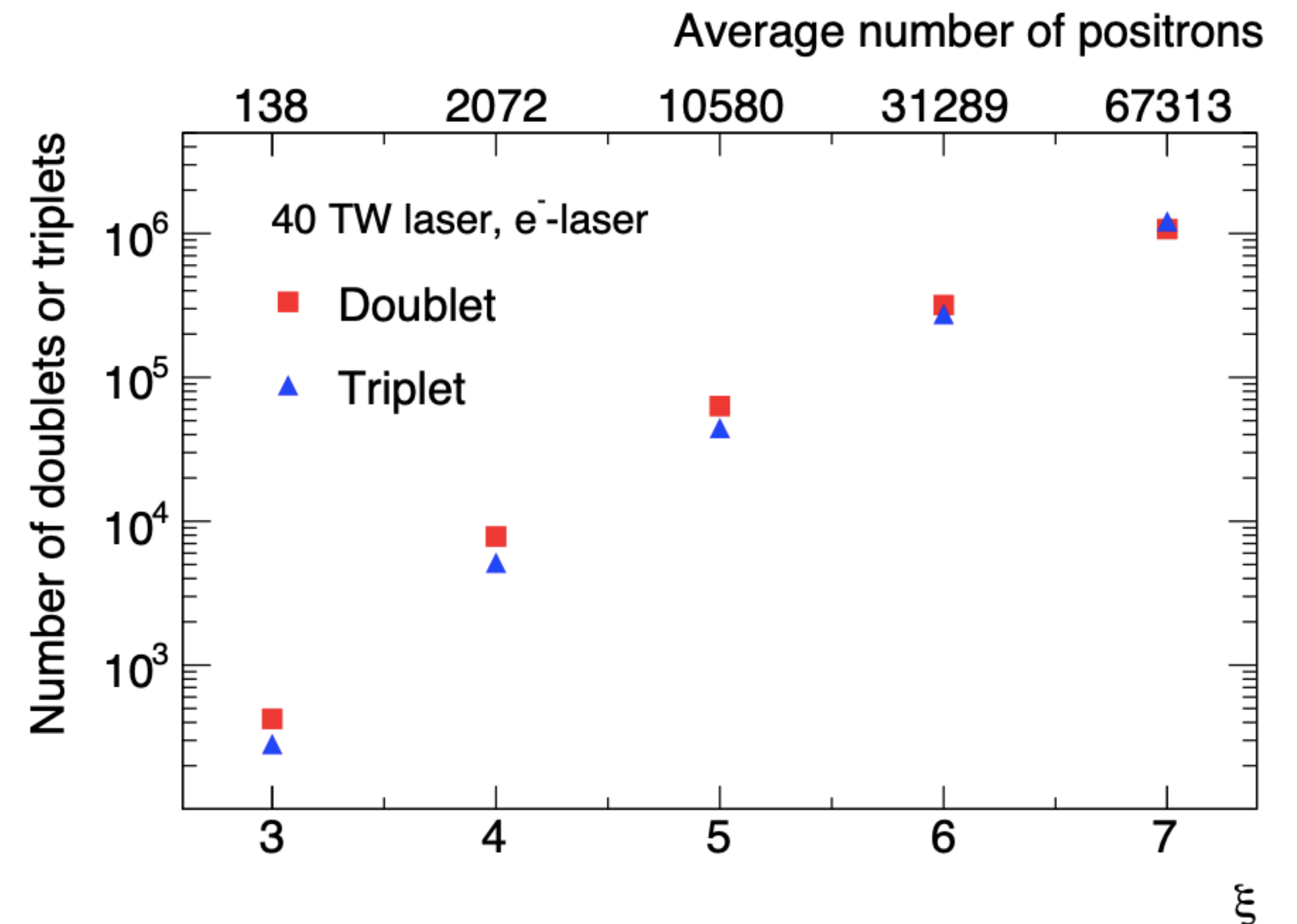
# PERFORMANCE

- Compare performance of these tracking methods for  $\xi = 3 - 7$  in LUXE phase-0 e-laser interactions, where the number of positrons are between 140 and 67,000.

- Two metrics:

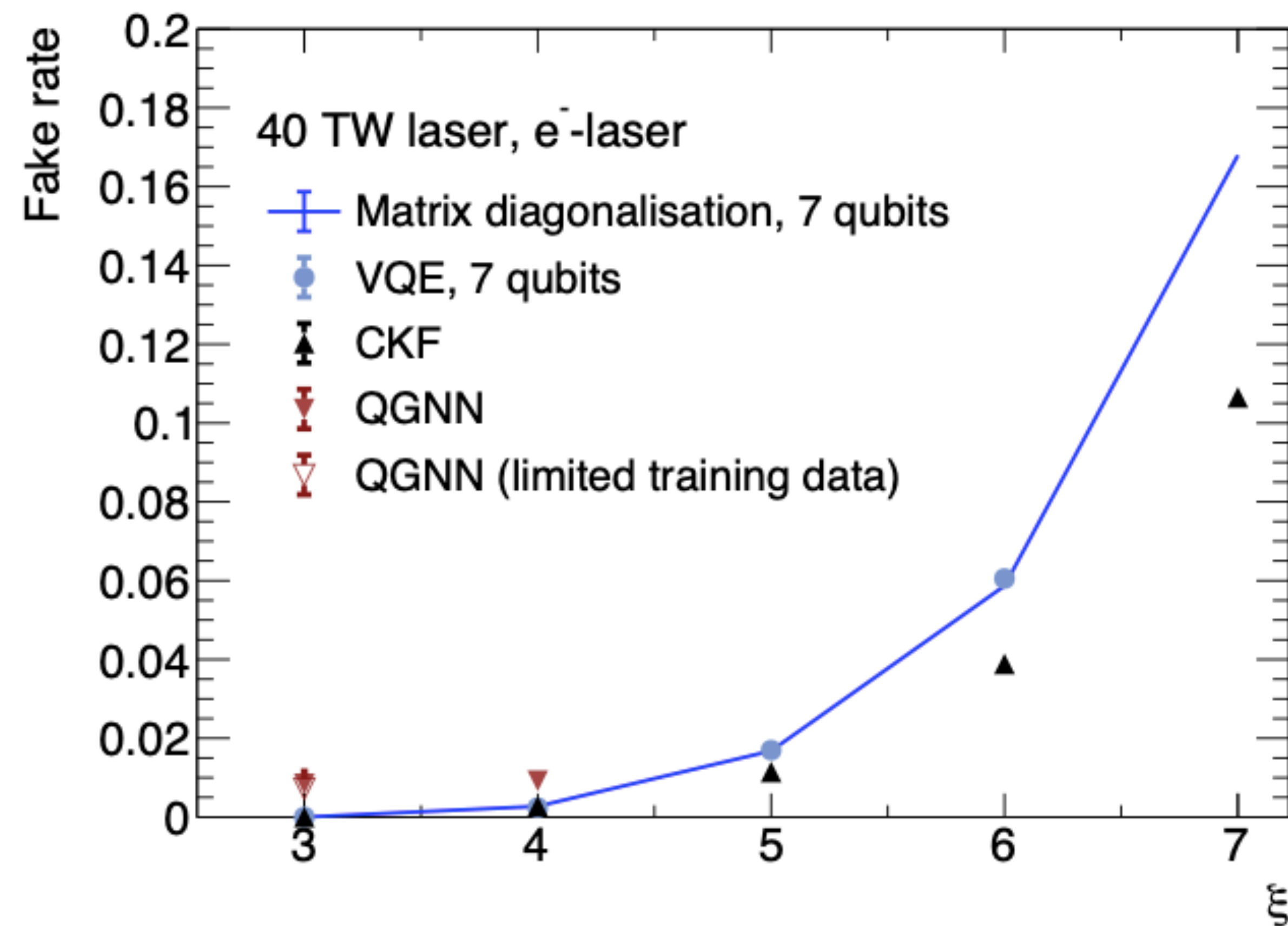
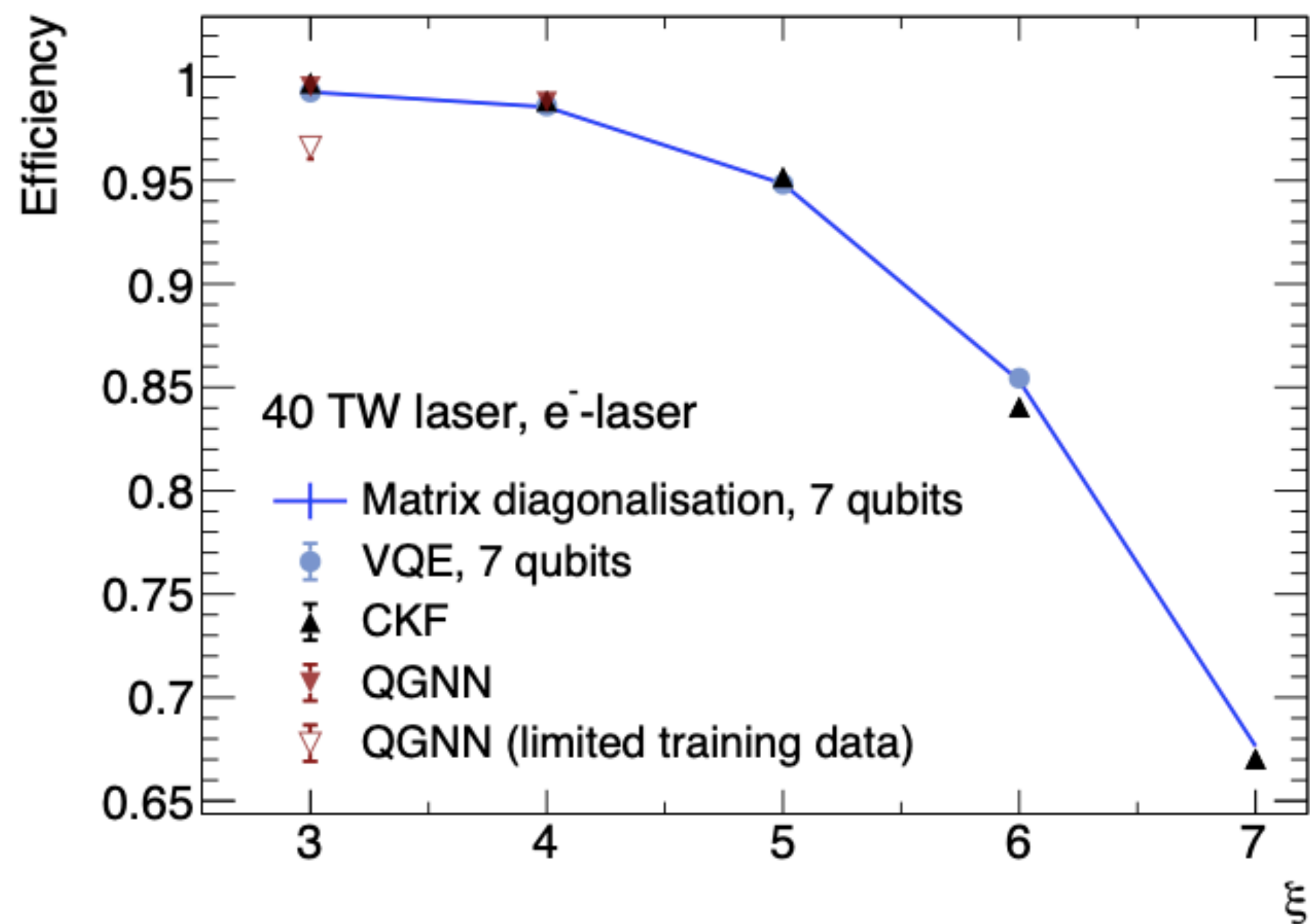
$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{N_{\text{tracks}}^{\text{matched*}}}{N_{\text{tracks}}^{\text{generated}}}$$

$$\text{Fake rate} = \frac{N_{\text{tracks}}^{\text{fake}}}{N_{\text{tracks}}^{\text{reconstructed}}}$$



\*A track is considered matched if the majority of its hits belong to the same particle (i.e. at least 3 out of 4 hits).

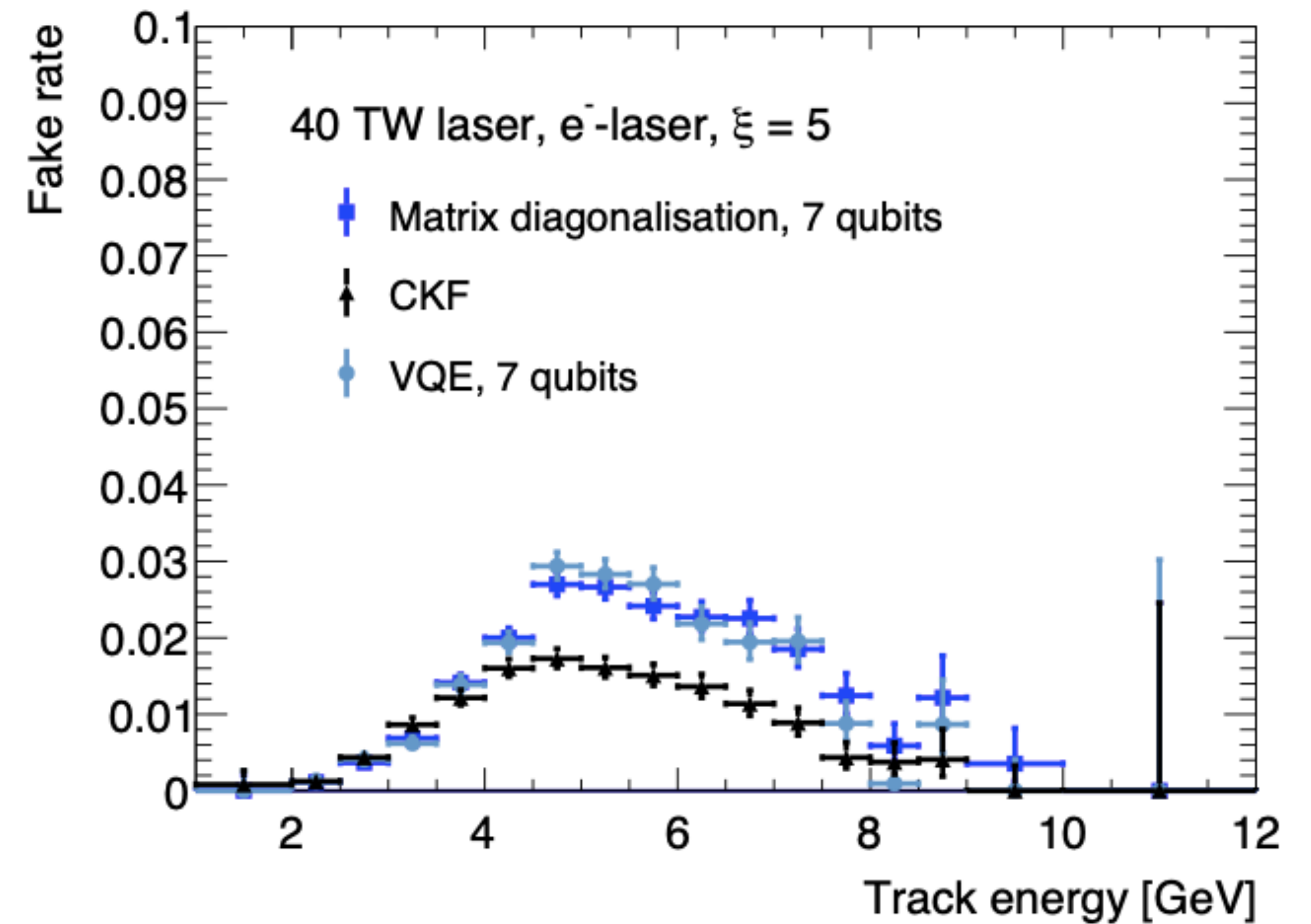
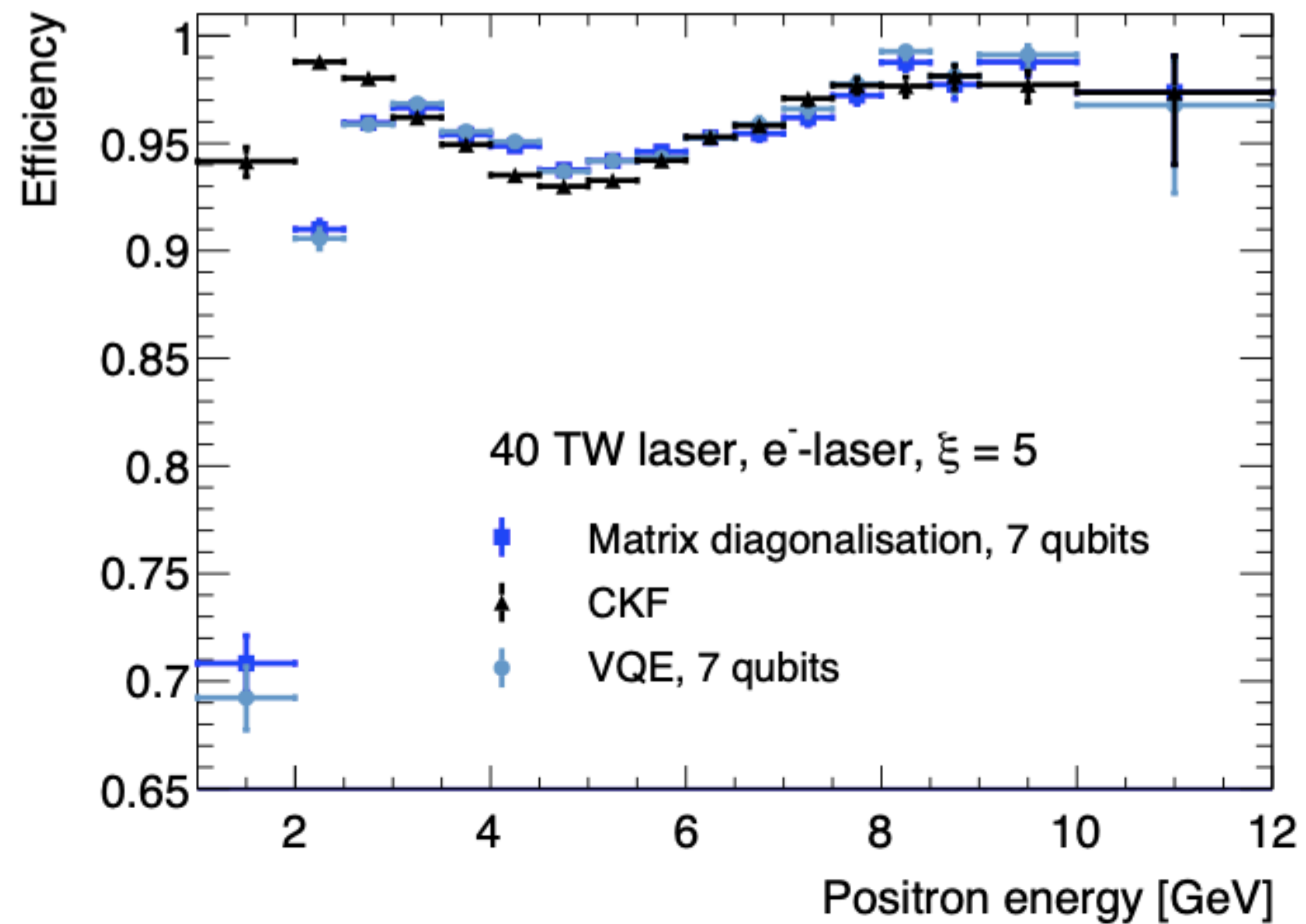
# RESULTS





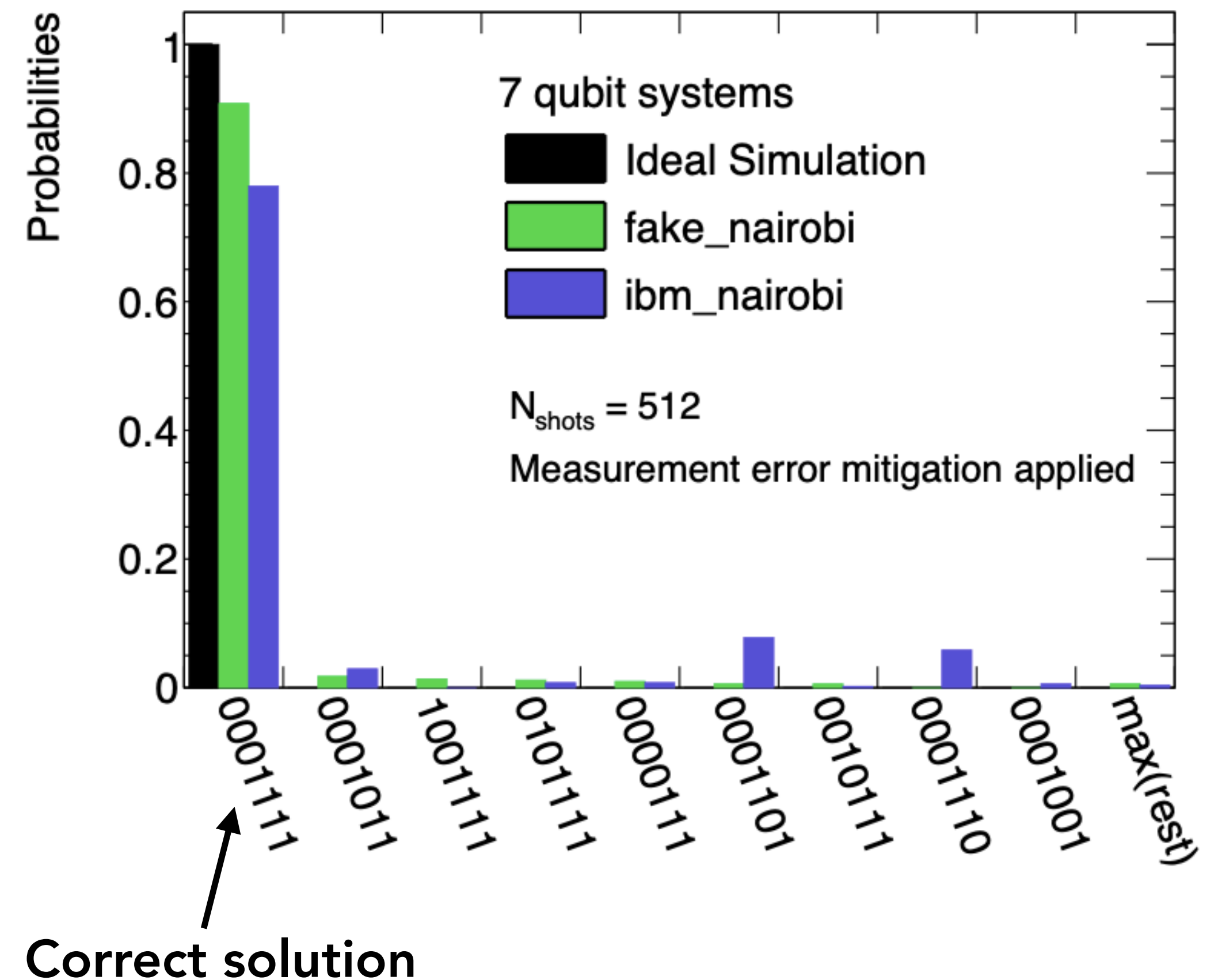
# PERFORMANCE VS ENERGY

GNN results not available



# TEST ON REAL QUANTUM HARDWARE

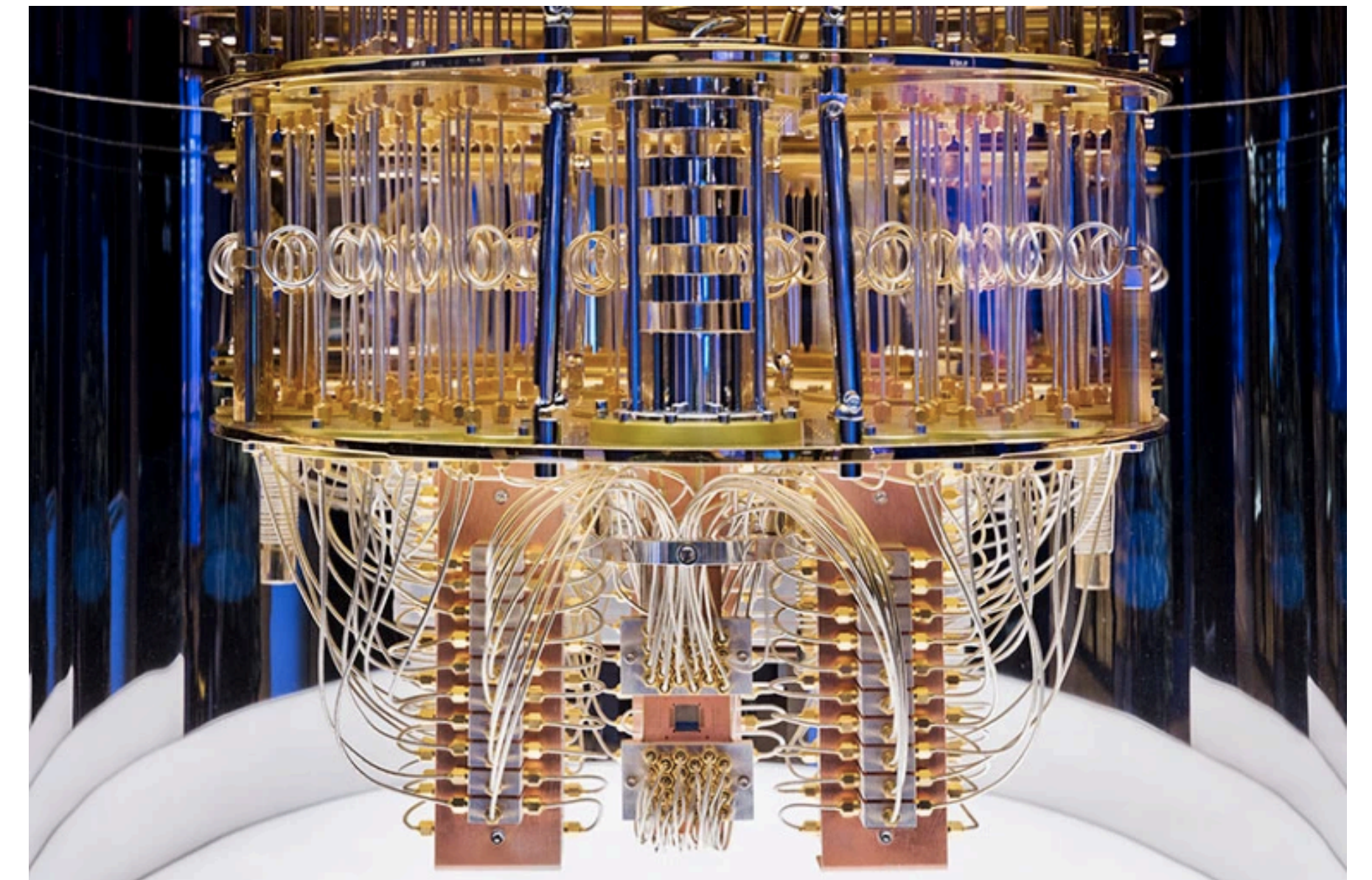
- Results shown so far obtained using classical simulations of quantum hardware without noise.
- To study how well VQE works, we study an example with 7 triplets (matching the #qubits of the device tested).
- Compare results from running on **quantum hardware (IBM Nairobi)** to **ideal simulation** as well as a **simulated device with noise**.





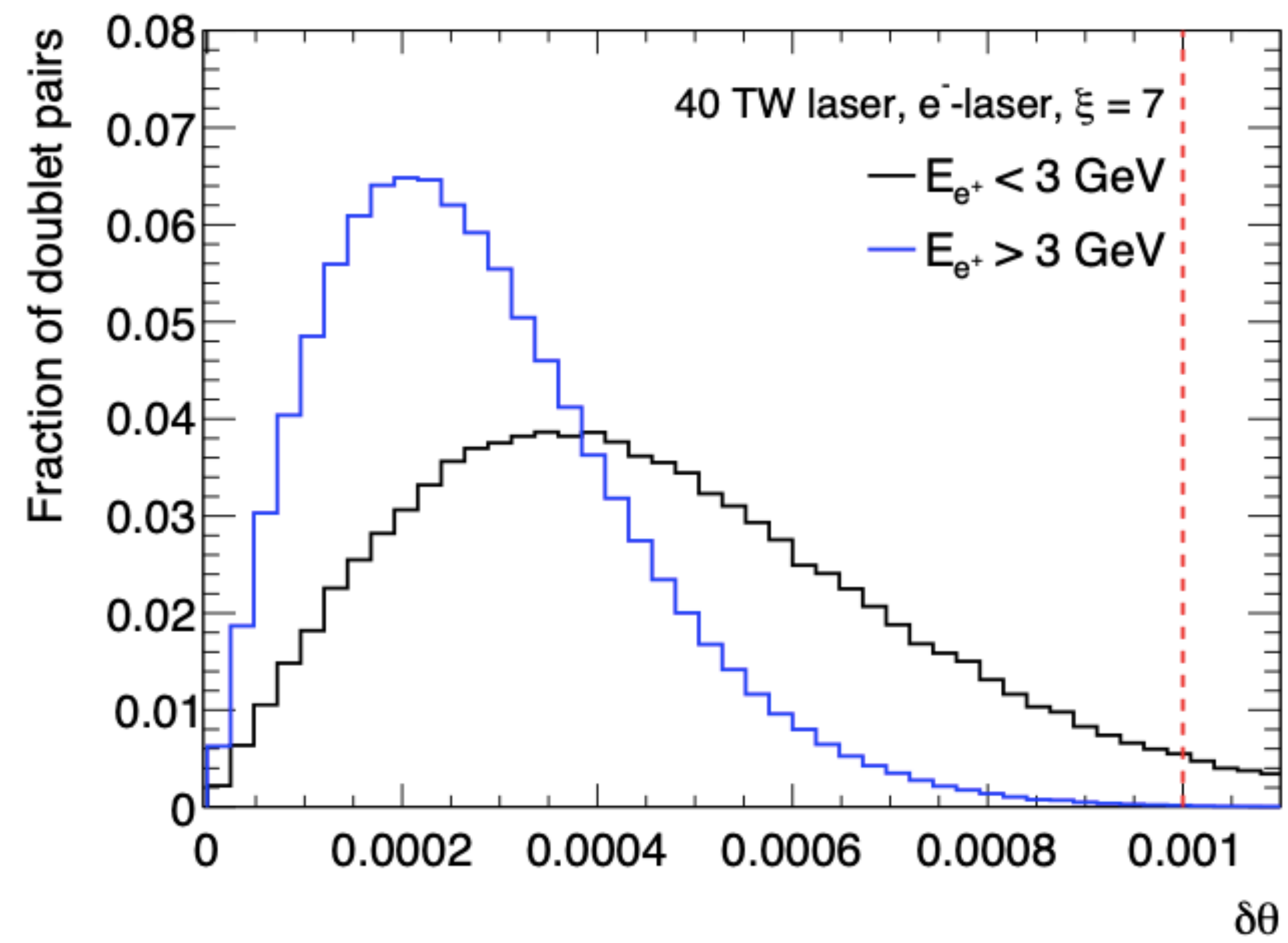
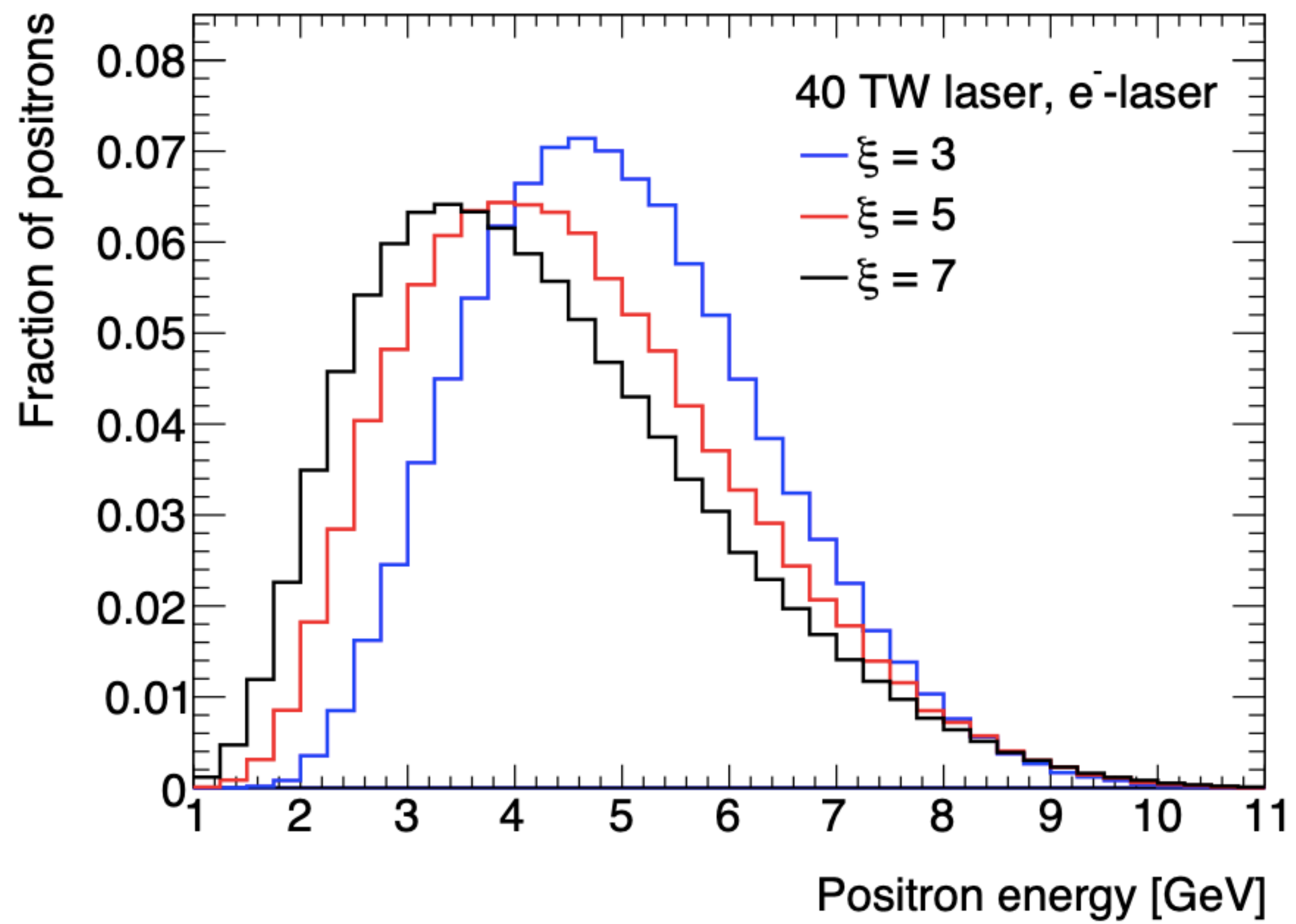
# SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

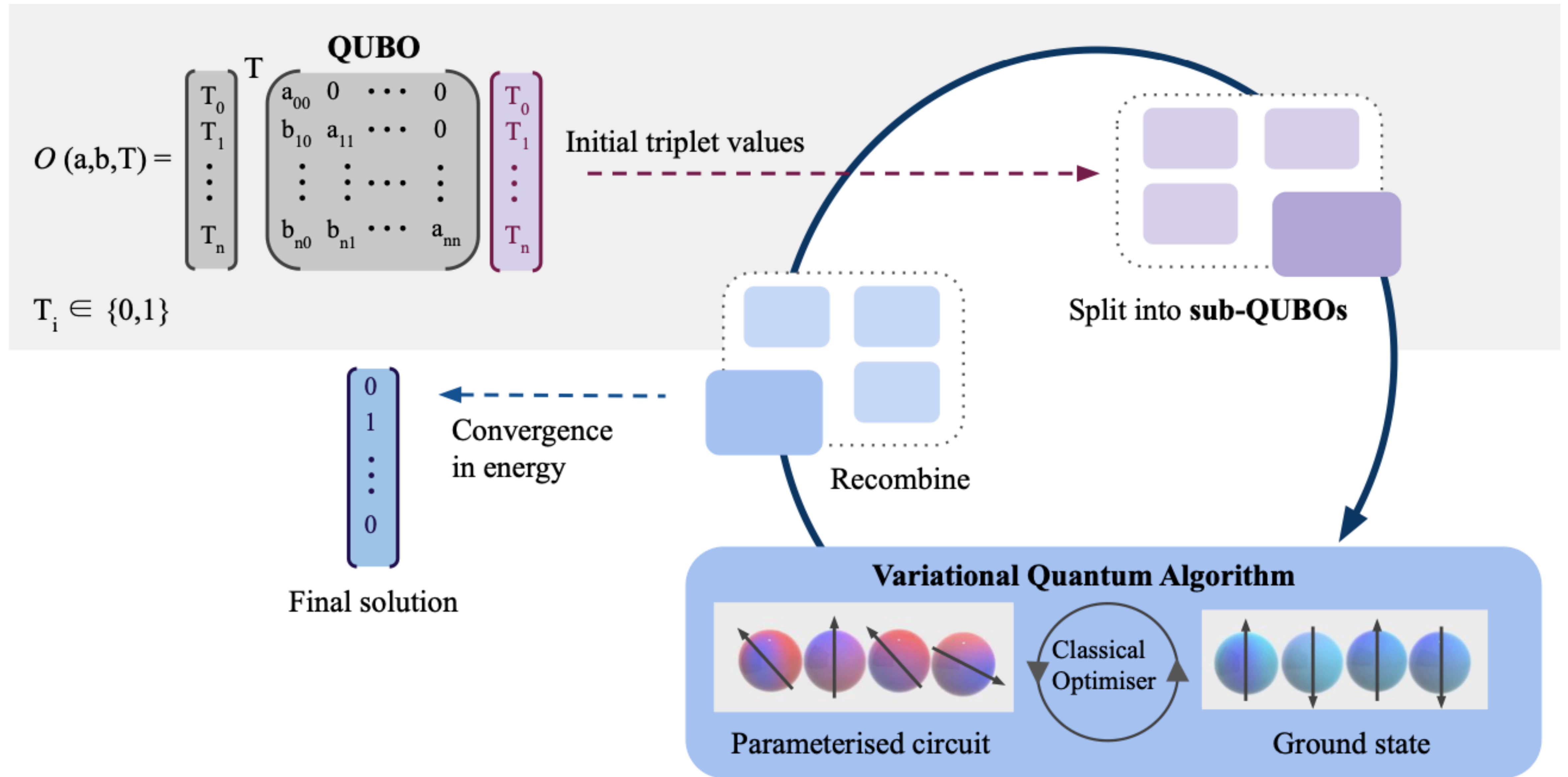
- LUXE will study strong-field QED in an unprecedented regime using high-intensity optical laser pulse and 16.5 GeV XFEL electron beam.
- Demonstrated the feasibility of tracking using a quantum approach.
  - Achieved similar performance as classical tracking.
- Next steps:
  - More systematic study of these algorithms using Noisy Intermediate Scale Quantum (NISQ)-era devices.
  - Study even more extreme environments and explore regions where quantum computing could outperform traditional methods.



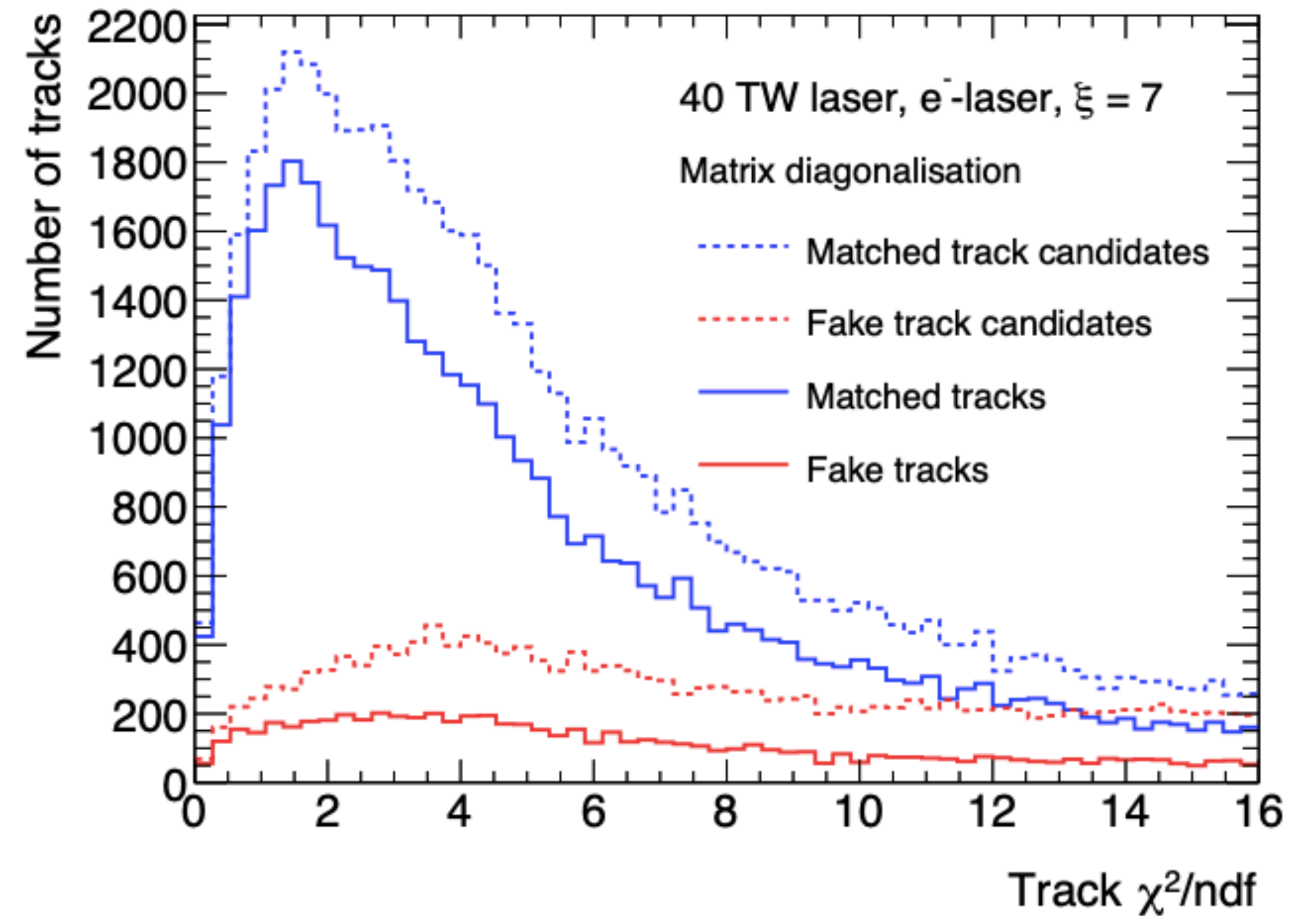
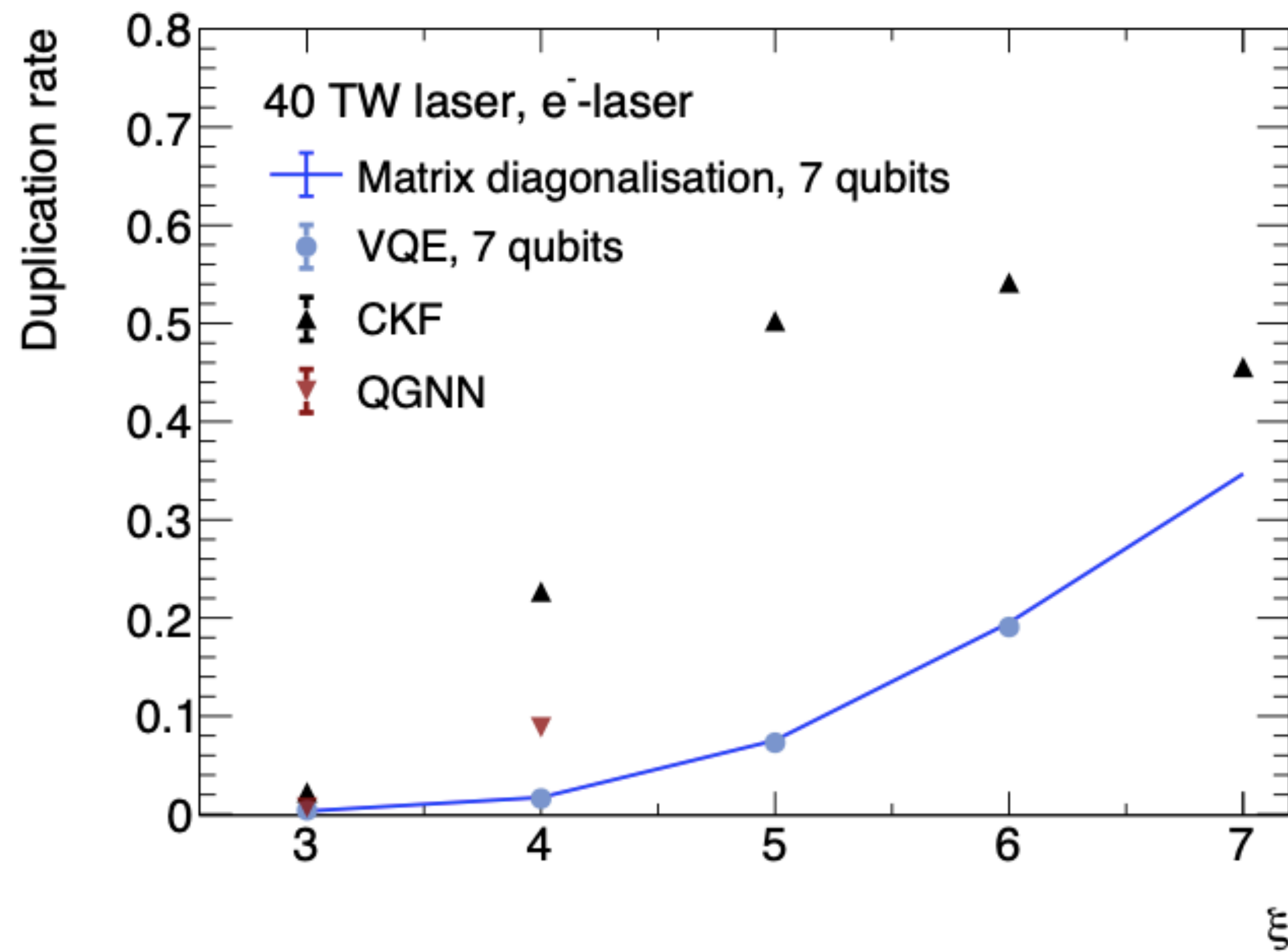
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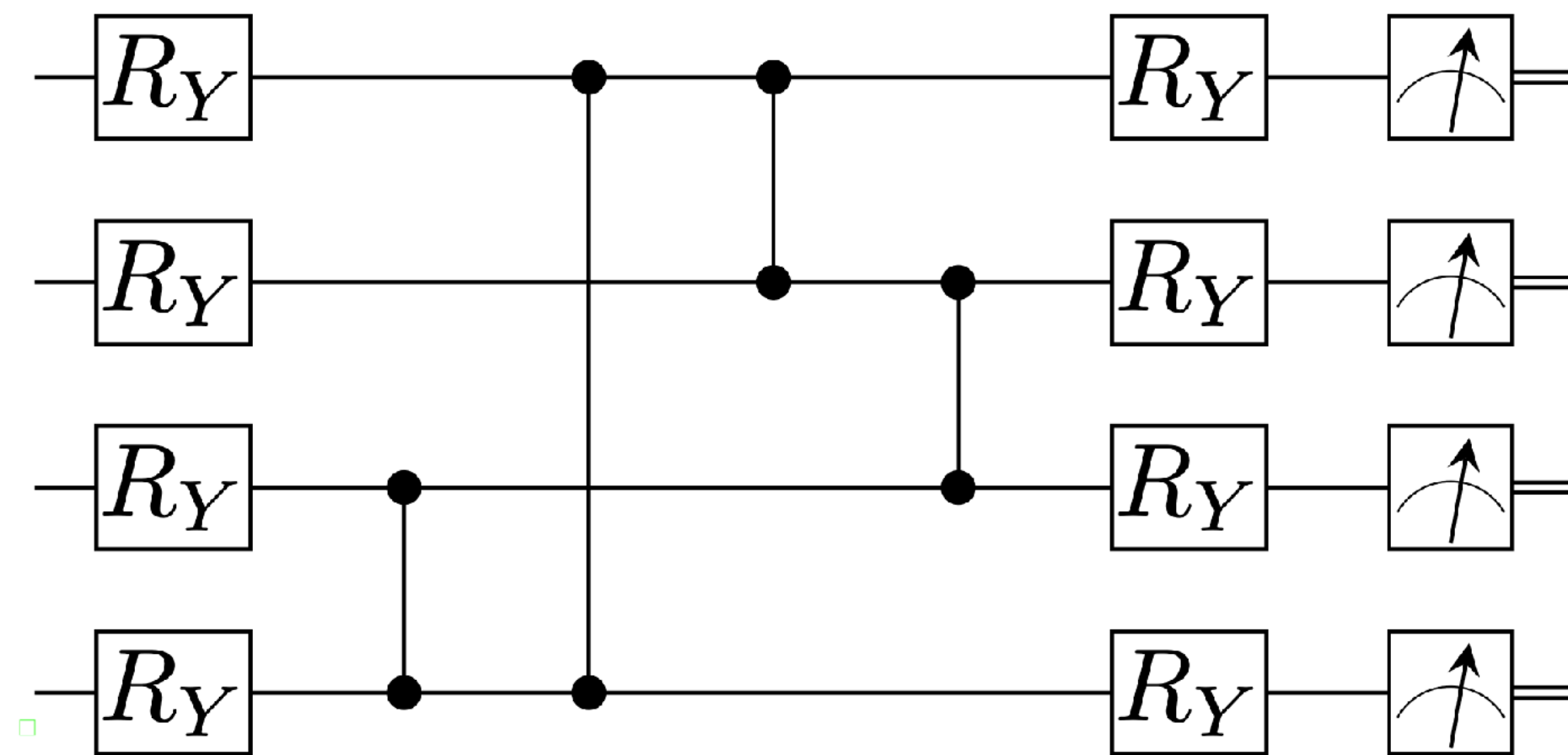


# TRACK POST PROCESSING



# GNN

- Circuit 10 with two layers and 10 qubits used.

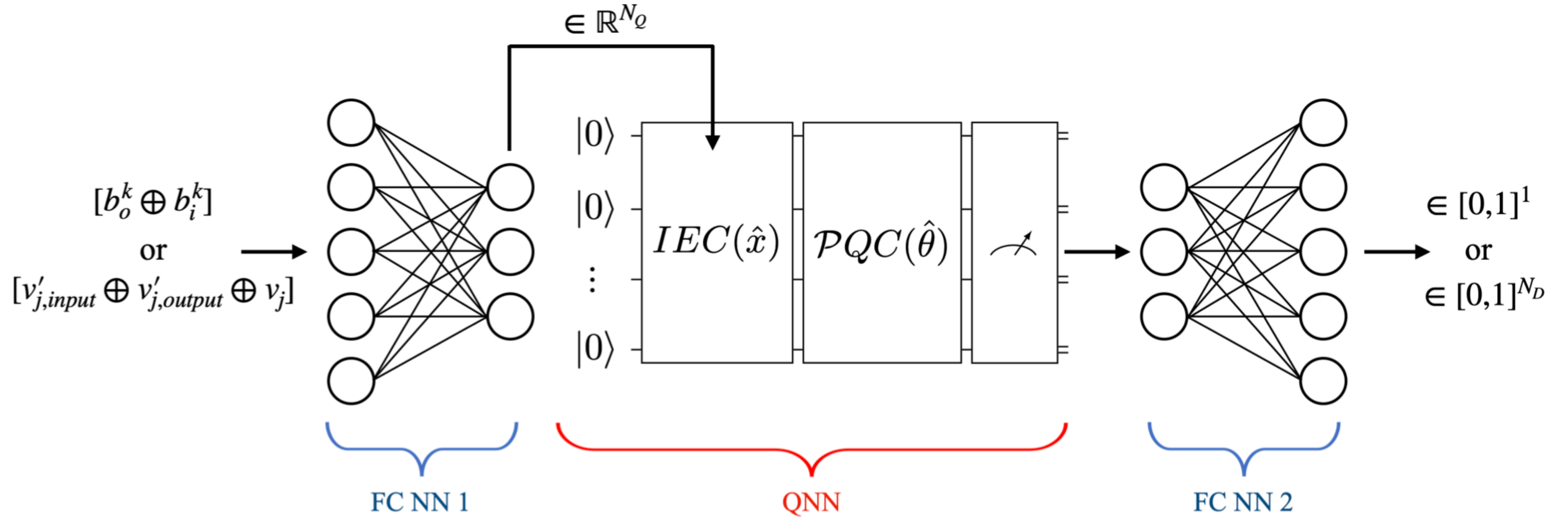


(d) **Circuit 10** in four qubits and single layer configuration. Adapted from Sim et al. (2019).

- EdgeNet and the NodeNet are applied alternately four times to allow the node features to be updated using farther nodes, as determined in a scan of the optimal model parameters.



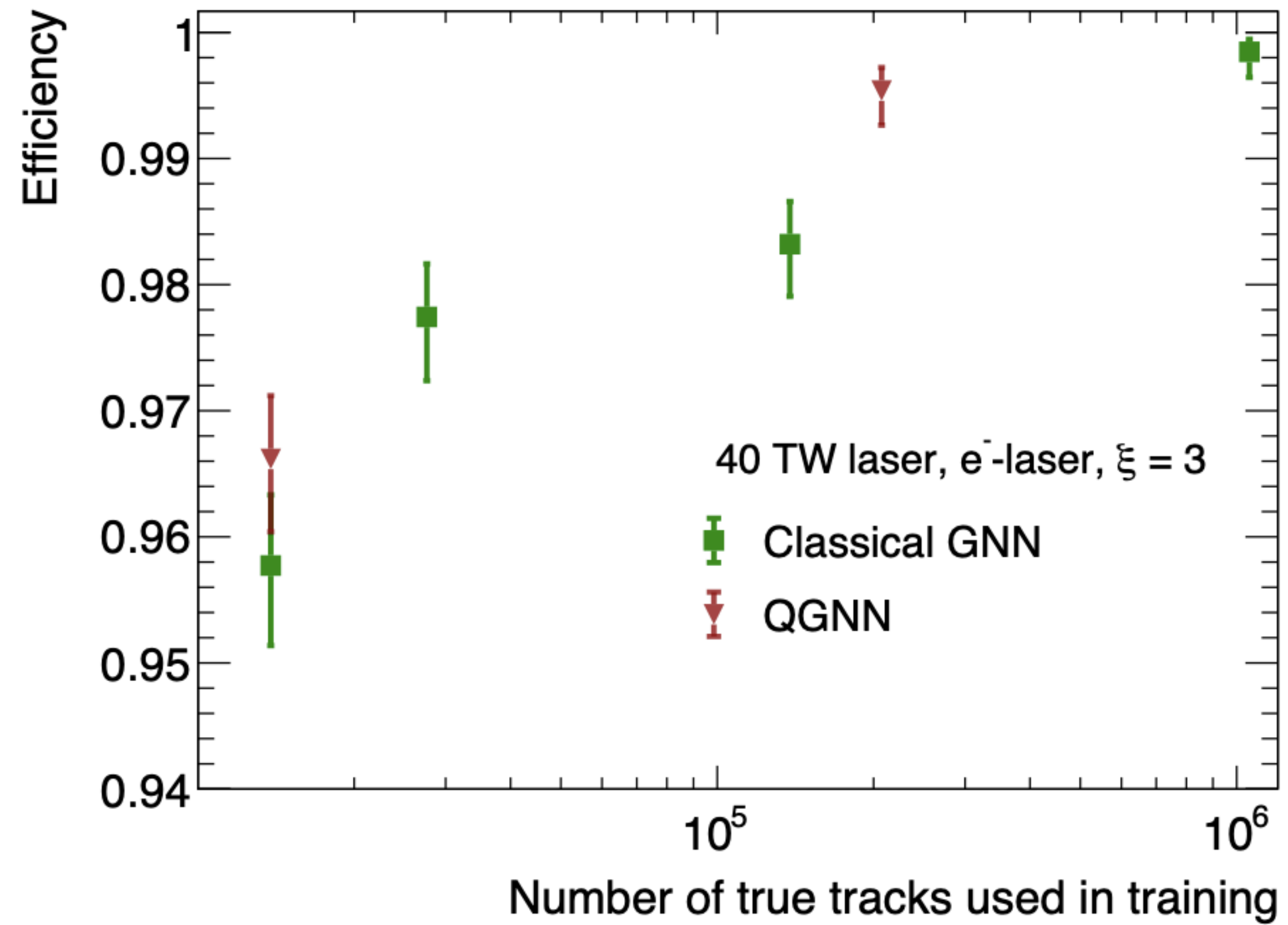
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**Fig. 6** The Hybrid Neural Network (HNN) architecture. The input is first fed into a classical fully connected Neural Network (FC NN) layer with sigmoid activation. Then, its output is encoded in the QNN with the Information Encoding Circuit (IEC). Next, the Parametrized Quantum Circuit (PQC) applies transformations on the encoded states. The output of QNN is obtained as expectation values for each qubit that is measured. A final FC NN layer with sigmoid activation is used to combine the results of different qubit measurements. The same HNN architecture is used in Edge (upper input and output dimension) and Node Networks (lower input and output dimension) with different parameters. The input and output dimension sizes change according to the network type. Details of the dimensions of each layer are given in Table 1.



# GNN



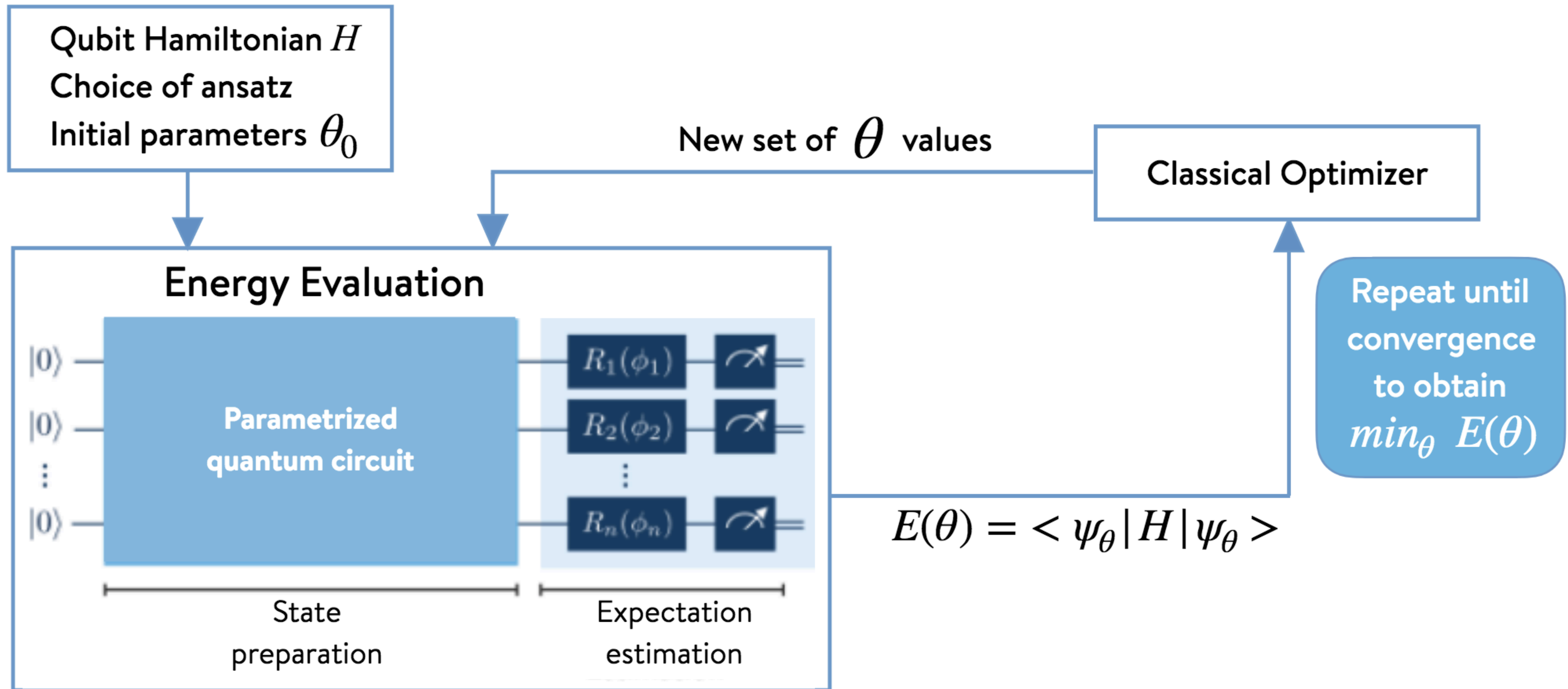


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# METHOD COMPARISON

Methods	GNN	QUBO	CKF
Starting point	Doublet	Triplet	Seed
Local/global	Global	Global	Local
Extent	Pattern recognition only	Pattern recognition only	Pattern recognition + track fitting
Classical benchmark	Classical GNN	Matrix diagonalisation	-