

# 4D TRACK RECONSTRUCTION USING QUANTUM COMPUTING

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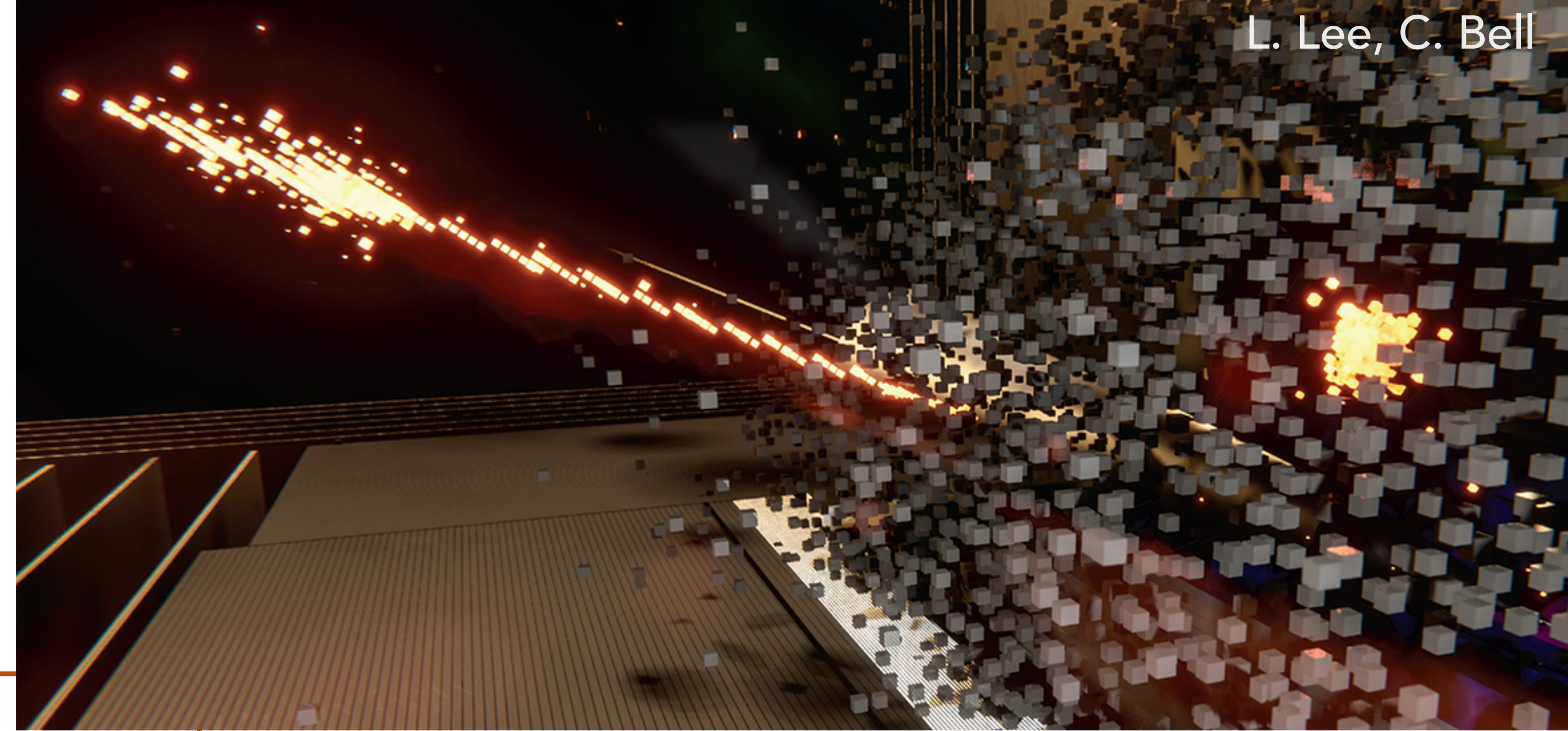
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# INTRODUCTION

- Reminder: beam-induced background at muon colliders.
  - Tracker with timing capability important.



Detector Reference	Hit Density [mm <sup>-2</sup> ]		
	MCD	ATLAS ITk	ALICE ITS3
Pixel Layer 0	3.68	0.643	0.85
Pixel Layer 1	0.51	0.022	0.51

[arXiv:2303.08533](#)

- Computing landscape at the timescale of muon collider.
- Building on our previous work using quantum algorithm for tracking in LUXE experiment: [arXiv:2304.01690](#)
  - Extend to 4D tracking including timing information in muon collider.

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## Quantum Algorithms for Charged Particle Track Reconstruction in the LUXE Experiment

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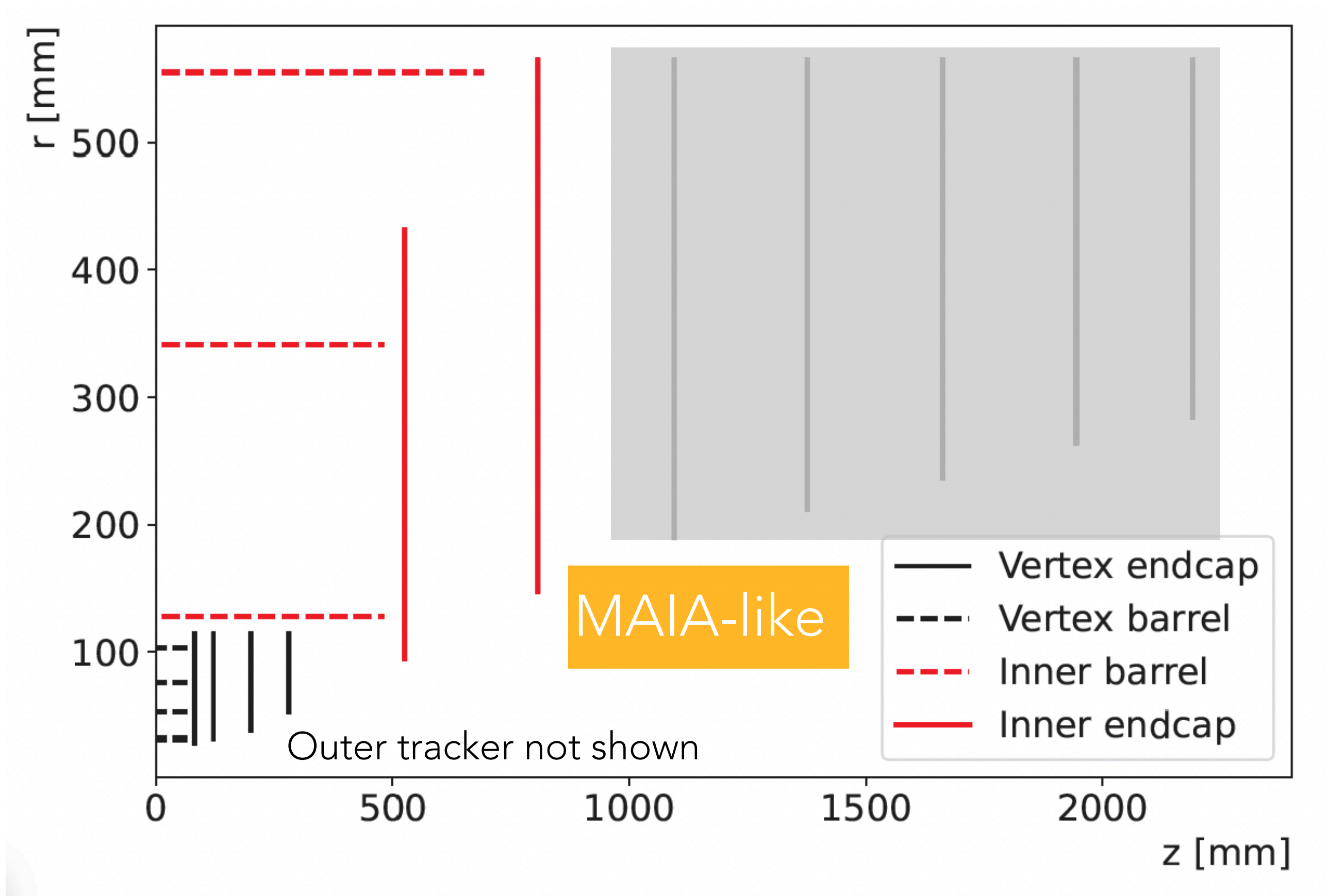


# SAMPLE

- Signal generated with particle gun, origin at  $(0, 0, \mathcal{N}(\mu = 0, \sigma = 1.5\text{mm}))$
- **Single muon** with  $p_T \in [2.5, 10] \text{ GeV}$ , or  $\beta > 0.99$ .
- 1.1 TeV **slow-moving** long-lived (stable in the tracker) charged particle with kinetic energies  $\in [250, 3900] \text{ GeV}$  or  $0.22 < \beta < 0.97$ .
  - An example of slow particles that could be missed by a tight time window cut.
- Overlaid with beam-induced background for 10 TeV collider from FLUKA.

# TRACKING REGION

- Consider only vertex detector, inner barrel and first two layers of inner endcap.



	Vertex Detector	Inner Tracker	Outer Tracker
Sensor type	pixels	macro-pixels	micro-strips
Barrel Layers	4	3	3
Endcap Layers (per side)	4	7 2	4
Cell Size	25 $\mu\text{m}$ $\times$ 25 $\mu\text{m}$	50 $\mu\text{m}$ $\times$ 1 mm	50 $\mu\text{m}$ $\times$ 10 mm
Sensor Thickness	50 $\mu\text{m}$	100 $\mu\text{m}$	100 $\mu\text{m}$
Time Resolution	30 ps	60 ps	60 ps
Spatial Resolution	5 $\mu\text{m}$ $\times$ 5 $\mu\text{m}$	7 $\mu\text{m}$ $\times$ 90 $\mu\text{m}$	7 $\mu\text{m}$ $\times$ 90 $\mu\text{m}$

[arXiv:2502.00181](https://arxiv.org/abs/2502.00181)



# METHOD: QUBO

Quadratic  
Unconstrained  
Binary  
Optimisation

- Triplet classification.
- Find the optimal set of triplets that form valid tracks by minimising a QUBO, given by the states of  $T_i, T_j$ .

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

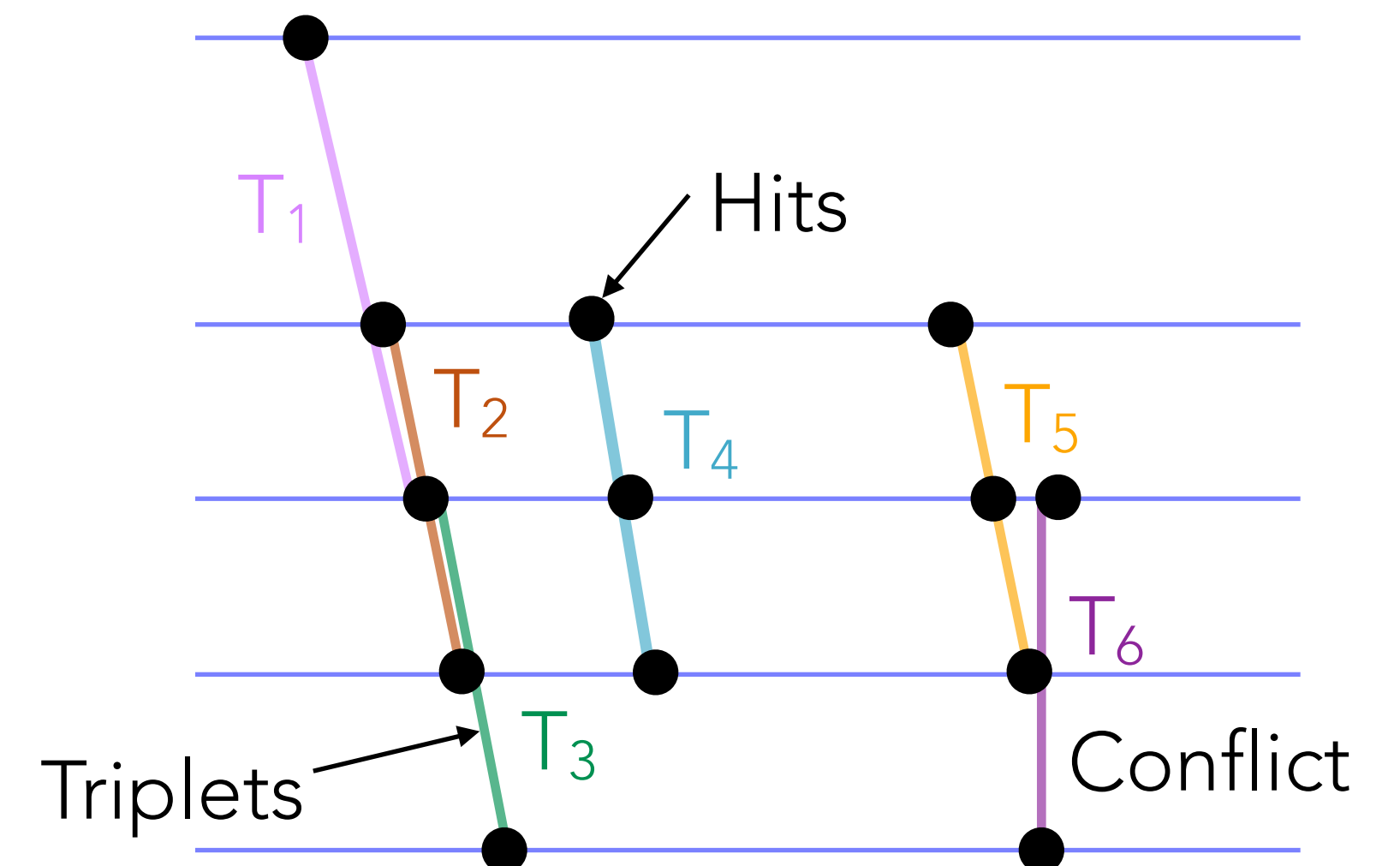
Weighting triplet  $T_i$   
with **quality**  $a_i$

**Compatibility**  $b_{ij}$  between two triplets

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

Find  $T_i, T_j$  that minimises QUBO!

$$O(a, b, T) = \begin{pmatrix} T_0 \\ T_1 \\ \vdots \\ T_n \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ b_{10} & a_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ b_{n0} & b_{n1} & \cdots & a_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T_0 \\ T_1 \\ \vdots \\ T_n \end{pmatrix}$$





# TRIPLER PRE-SELECTION

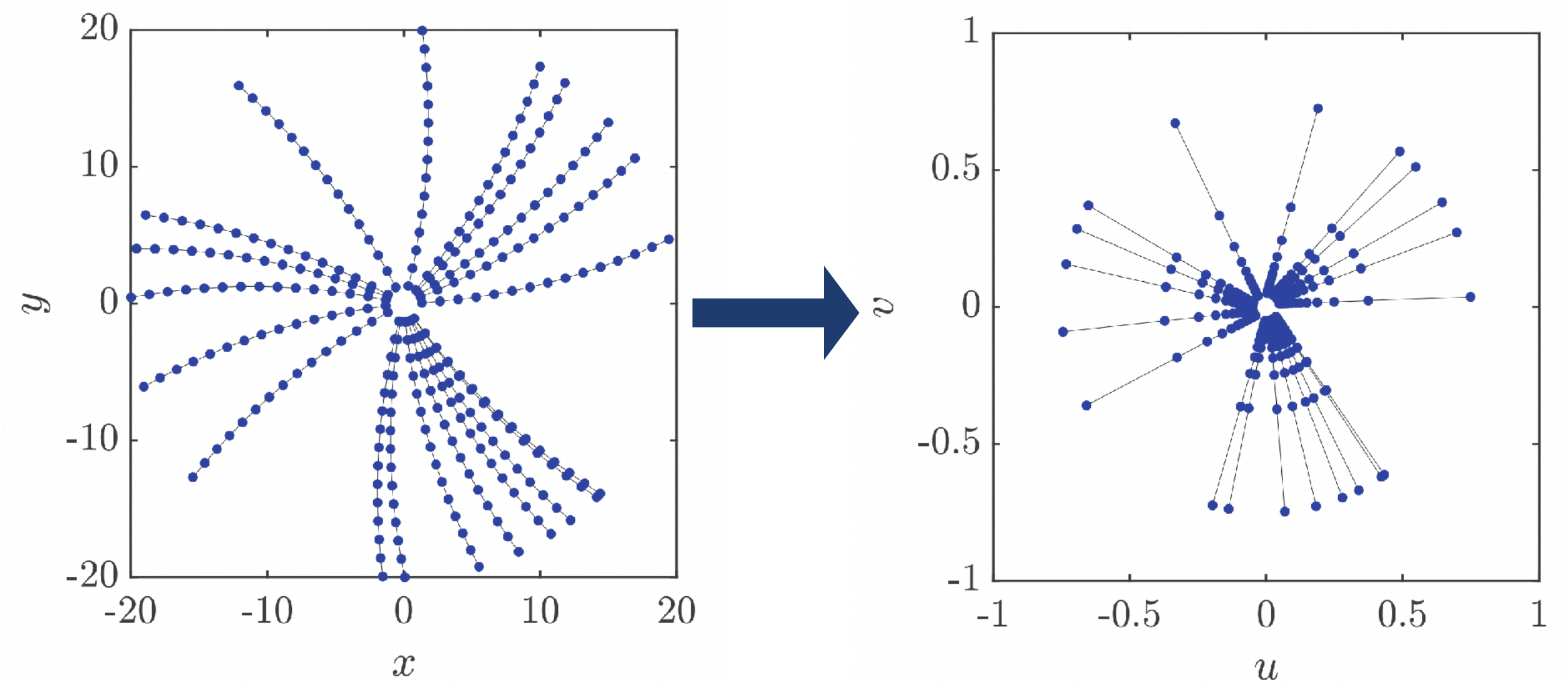
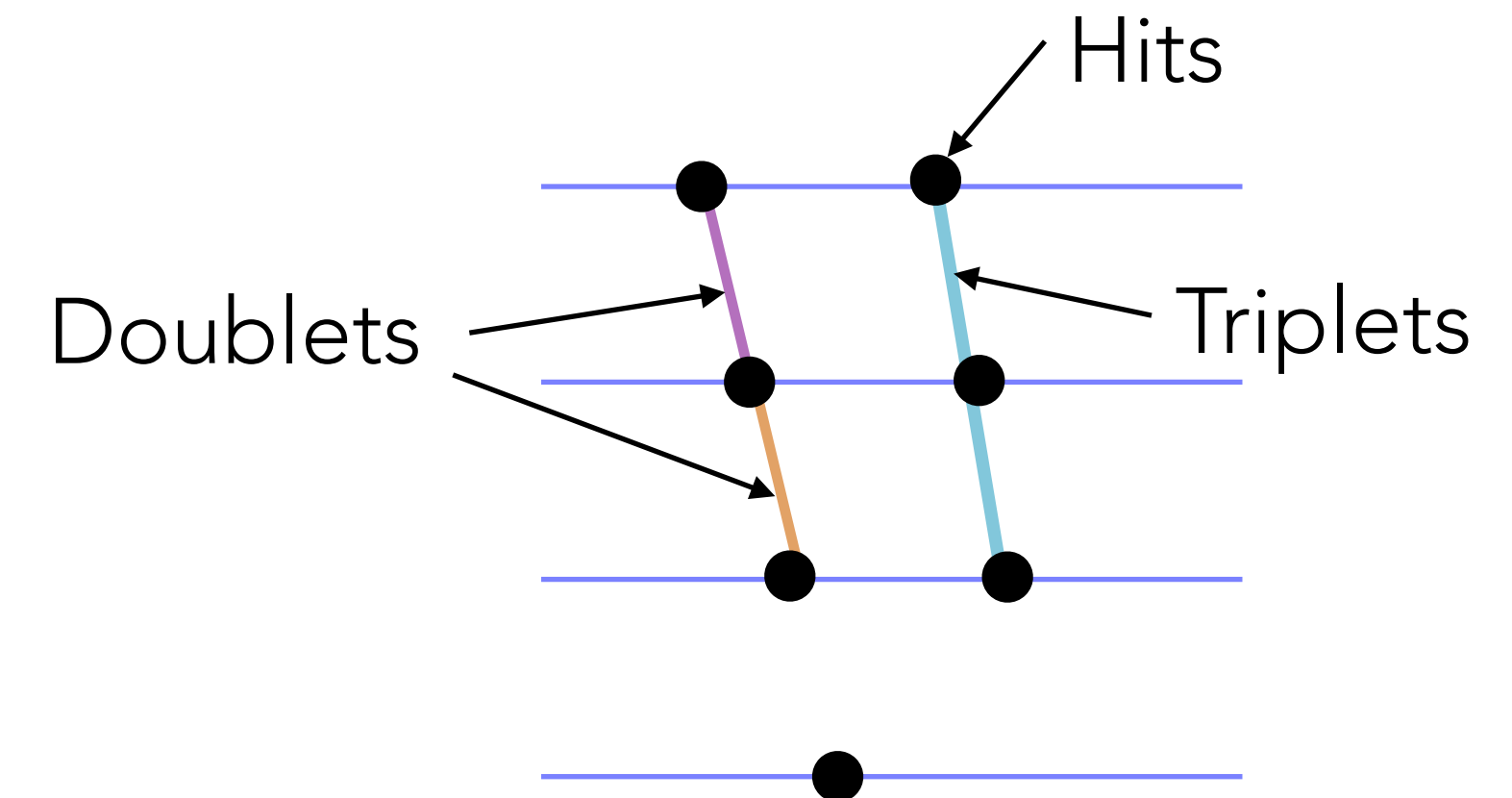
- Form doublets then triplets. Consider only doublets/triplets that are signal-like.

- Conformal mapping

$$u = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}, v = \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$$

- Doublets/triplets pre-selection: straight segments in conformal space and in  $r - z$  compatible with originating from PV.

- Only spatial information!**



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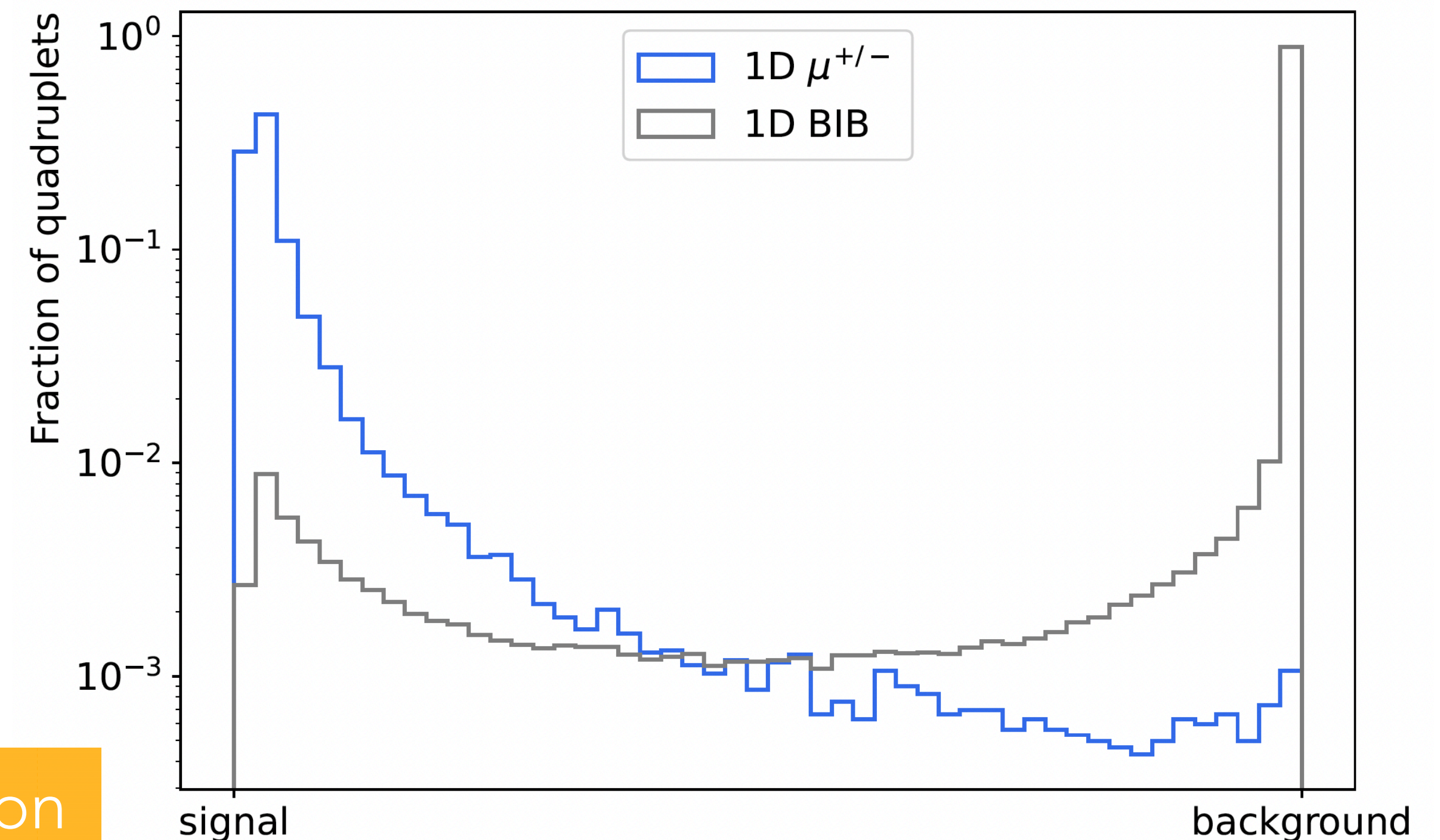
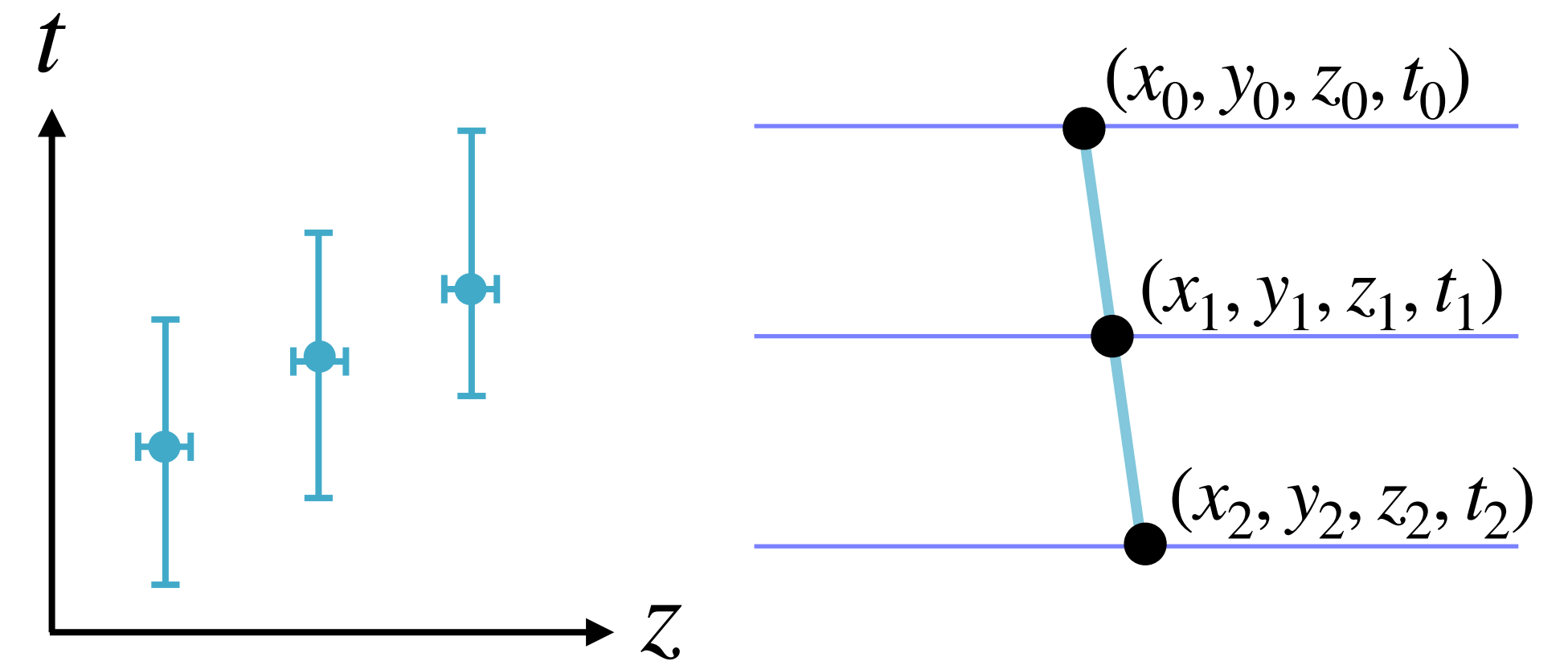
# QUBO COEFFICIENTS

- Pre-selected triplets are further evaluated to form longer track segments.

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

- QUBO coefficients: 1D (timing only), 3D (spatial) and 4D (spatial+timing).
- Built from timing and/or spatial compatibility and normalised to the same range.

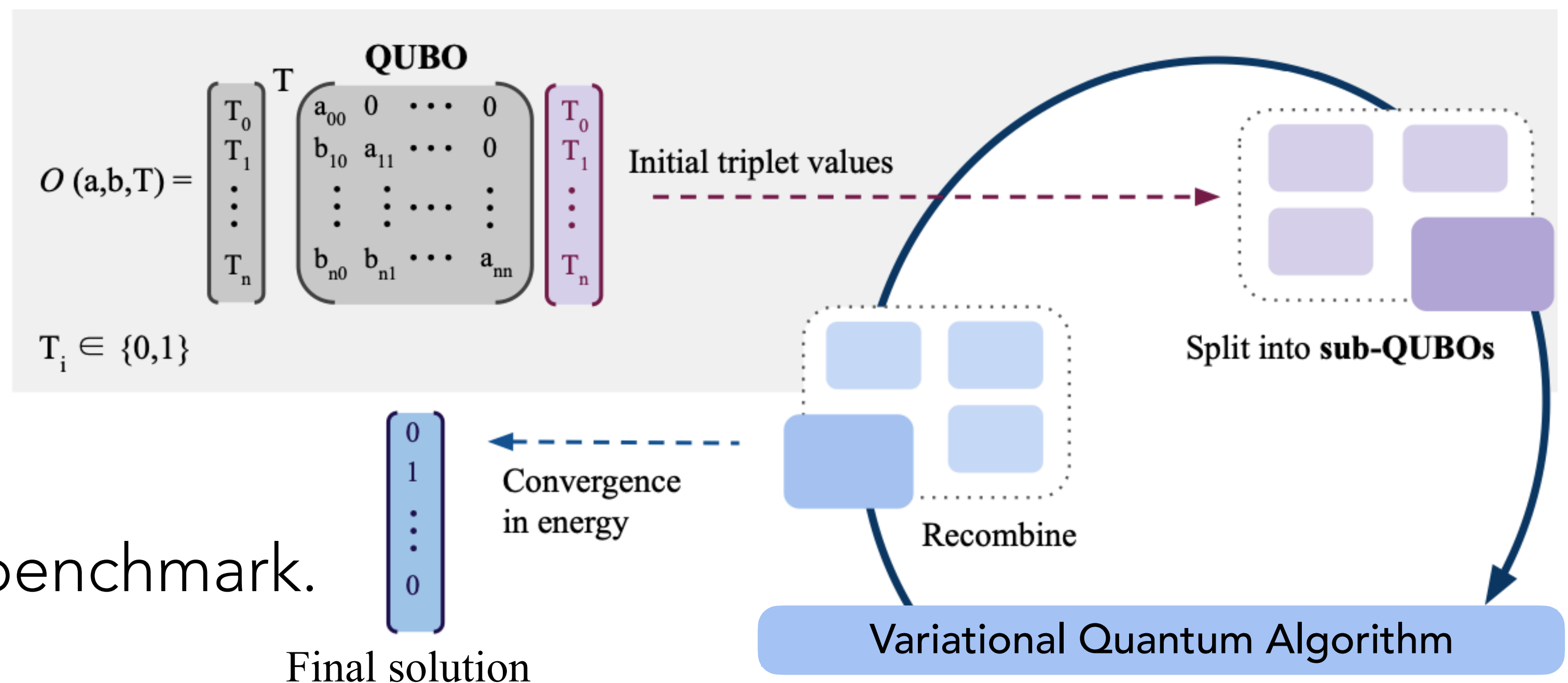
This is on top of a tight spatial pre-selection





# QUBO SOLUTION

- The QUBO is mapped to an Ising Hamiltonian, where minimising it corresponds to finding the ground state. #qubits = #triplets.
- The ground state is found using **Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE)**.
- QUBO is **partitioned** into smaller sub-QUBOs of size 7 and solved iteratively.
- Exact solutions via **matrix diagonalisation** serve as a benchmark.





# TRACK SELECTION

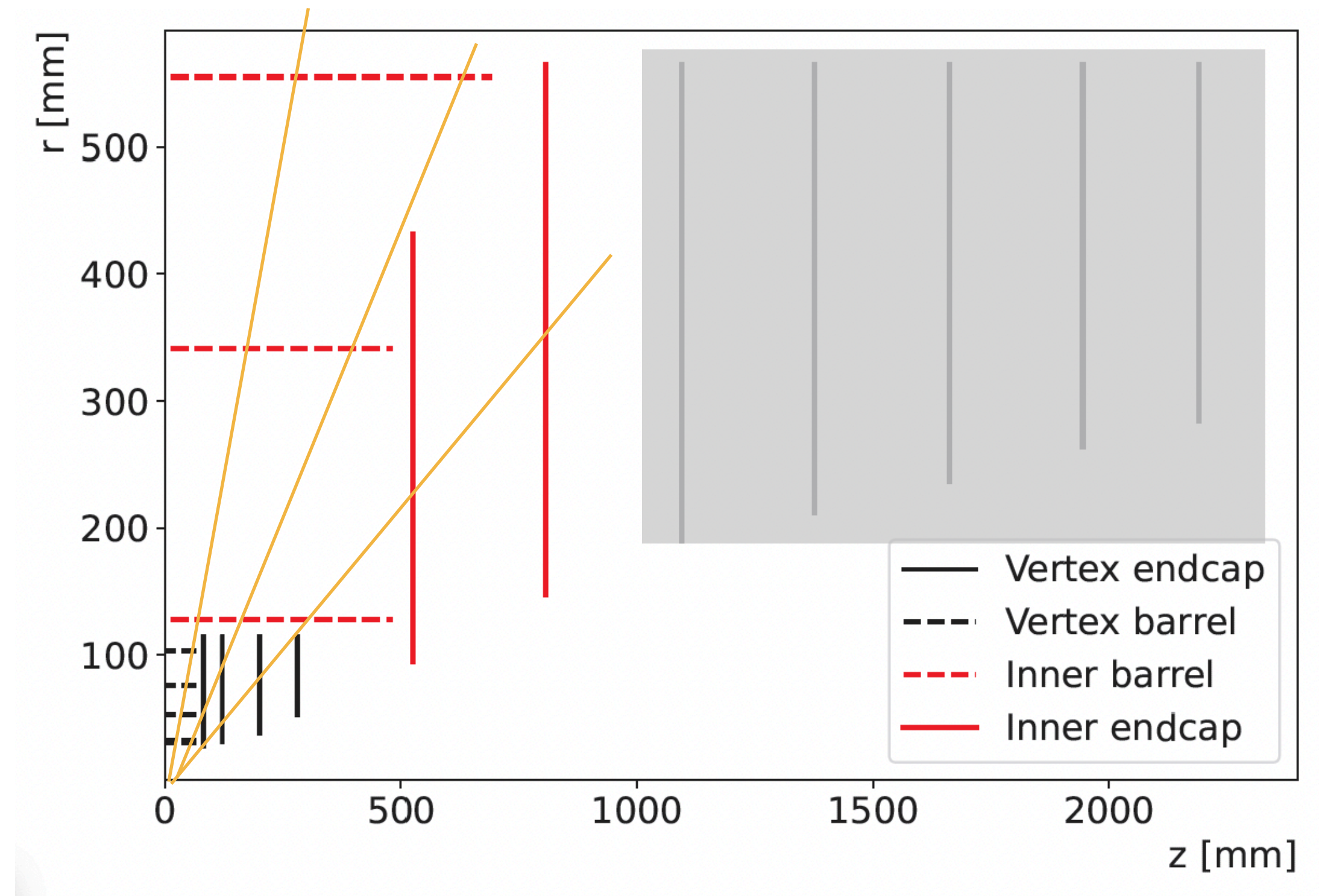
- Track candidates formed by connecting selected triplets,  $\geq 6$  hits.

- Tracks are fitted with Kalman Filter within the ACTSTracking software. Standard ambiguity solving applied.

- Performance metrics:

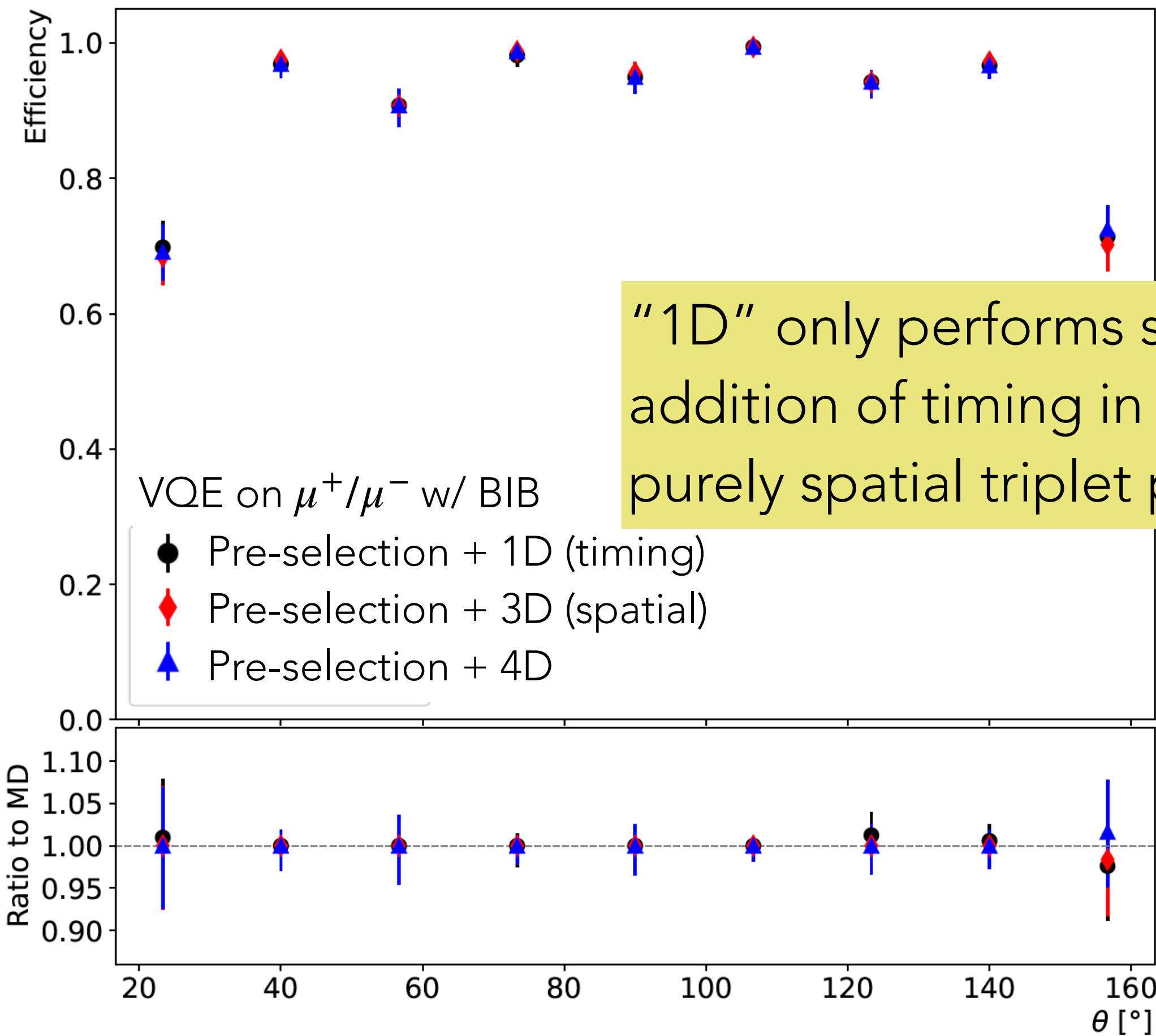
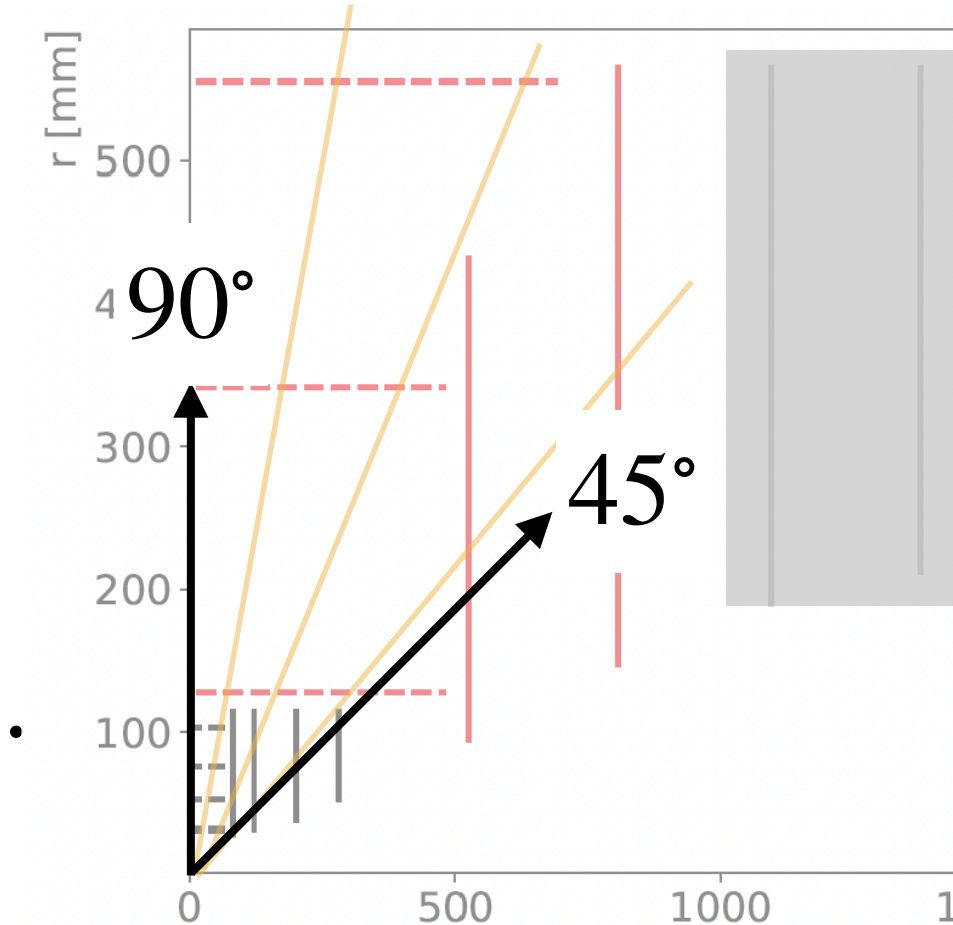
- $$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{N_{\text{tracks}}^{\text{matched*}}}{N_{\text{tracks}}^{\text{generated}}}$$

- $$\text{Fake rate} = \frac{N_{\text{tracks}}^{\text{fake}}}{N_{\text{tracks}}^{\text{reconstructed}}} \text{ or average number of fake tracks per event.}$$



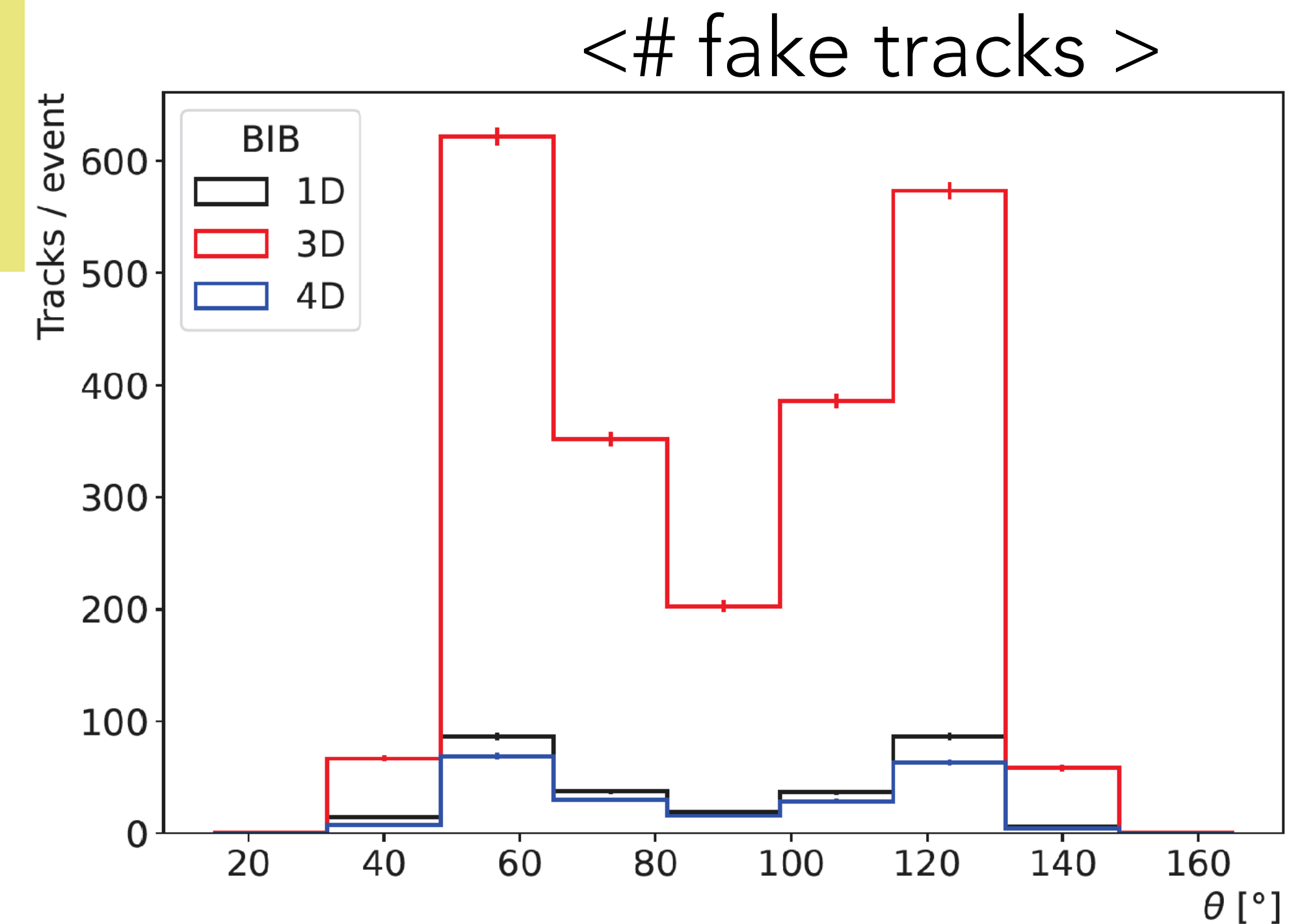
# RESULTS

- Similar results from VQE as the benchmark (matrix diagonalisation).



"1D" only performs so well due to addition of timing in the QUBO to purely spatial triplet pre-selection.

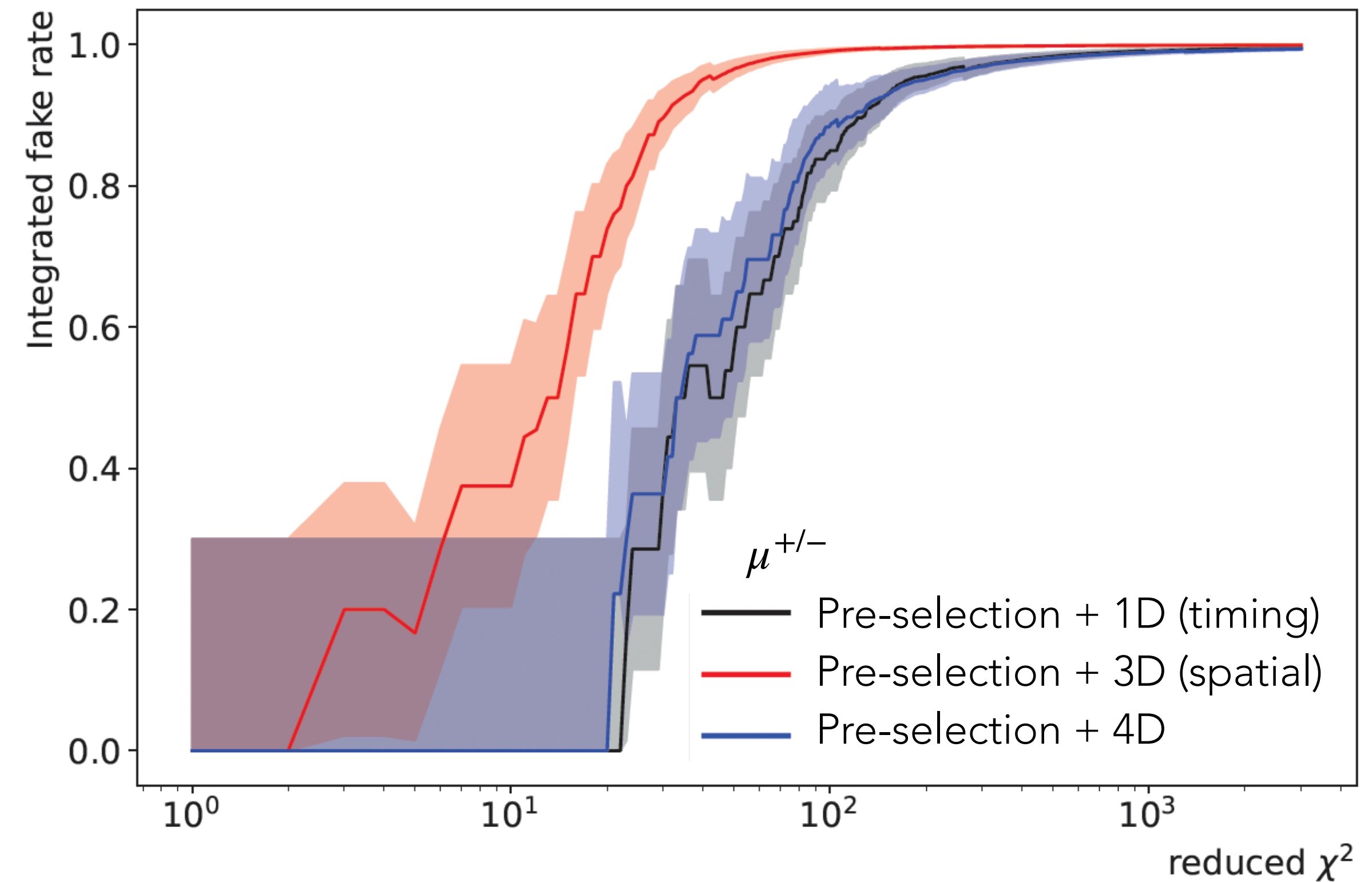
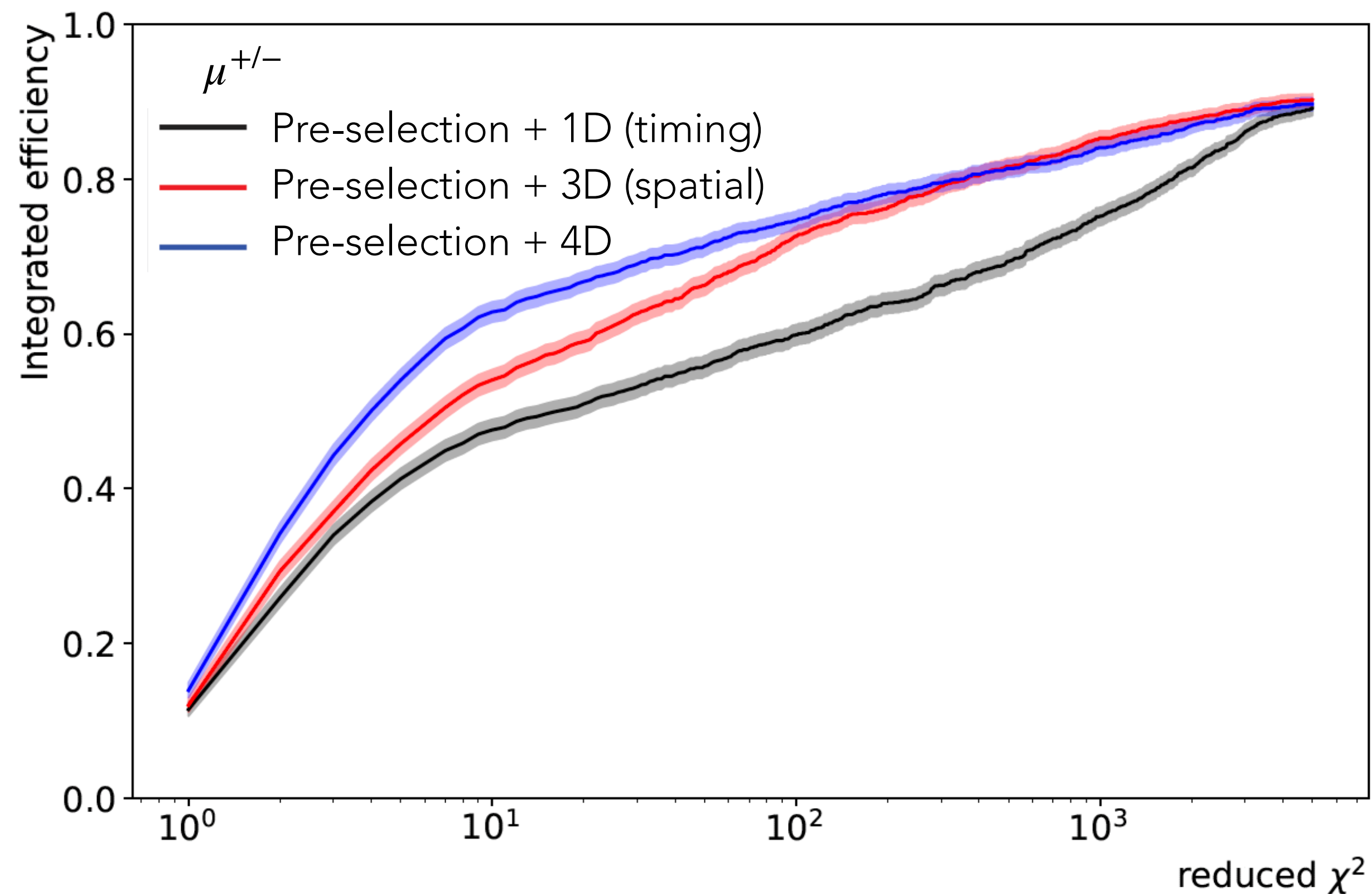
- Without timing information, "3D" shows a large number of fake tracks.





# EFFECT OF $\chi^2/\text{NDF}$ CUT

- With a  $\chi^2$  cut, the impact of adding timing information becomes clear.



# RESULTS

- Fake track rejected completely with  $\chi^2/\text{ndf} < 10$  requirement.
- Using better track cleaning, e.g. based on track parameter, could improve the efficiencies shown here.

$\mu^{+/-}$ Efficiency [%]				1.1 TeV LLCP Efficiency [%]			
$\chi^2$	1D	3D	4D	$\chi^2$	1D	3D	4D
10	$47.7^{+1.3}_{-1.3}$	$54.1^{+1.3}_{-1.3}$	$62.8^{+1.3}_{-1.3}$	10	$59.9^{+1.3}_{-1.3}$	$70.2^{+1.2}_{-1.3}$	$81.8^{+1.0}_{-1.1}$

Mean Fake Tracks per Event			
$\chi^2$	1D	3D	4D
10	$0.0^{+0.3}_{-0.0}$	$0.3^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$	$0.0^{+0.3}_{-0.0}$



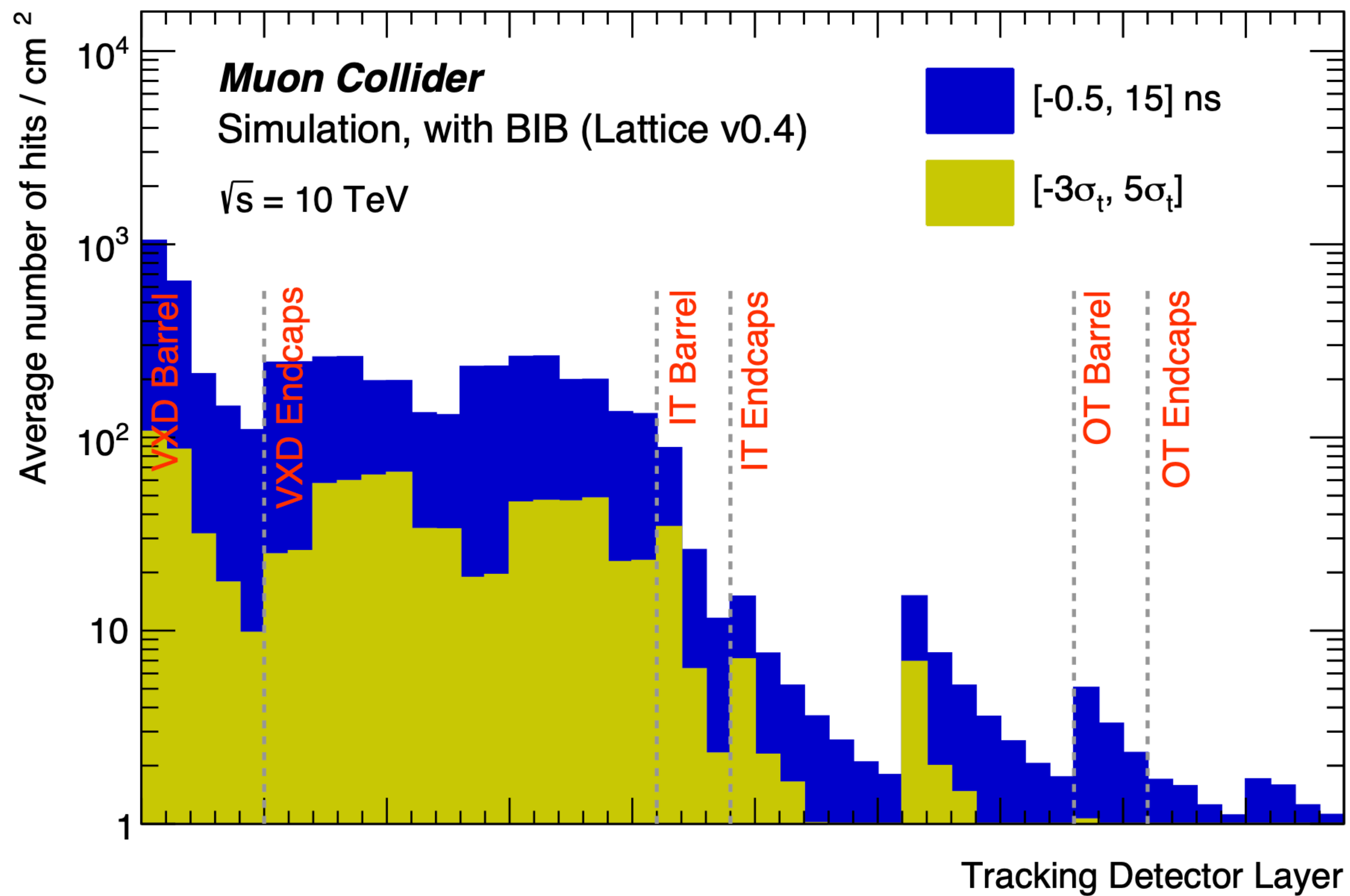
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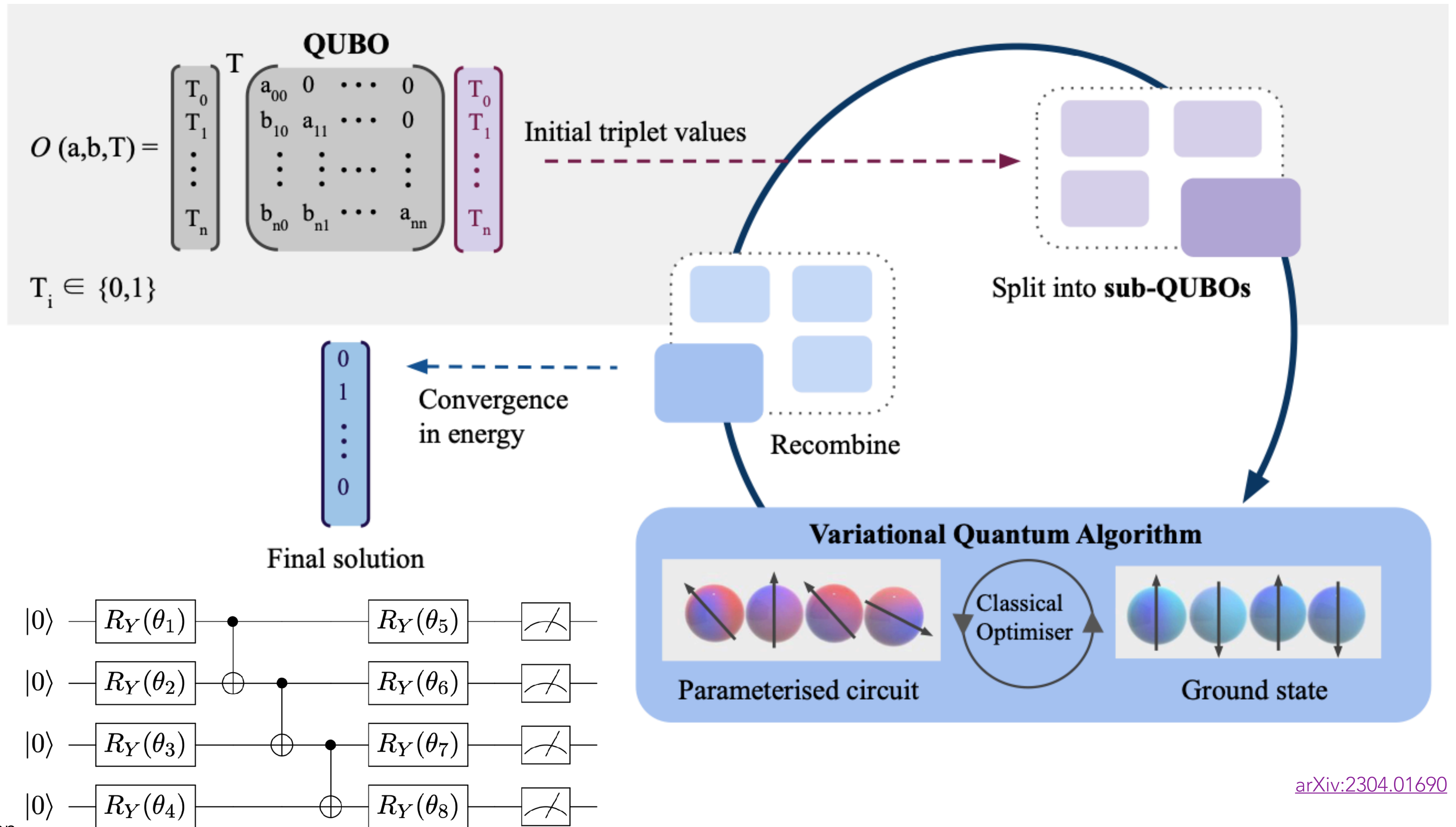
- Demonstrated 4D tracking at muon colliders with a quantum computing approach.
- Triplets passing spatial 3D pre-selection are further classified with 1D, 3D or 4D information in the QUBO.
- Currently limited to section of tracker closer to the IP most susceptible to BIB.
- Outlook: a promising possibility would be to use this for seeding, in combination with combinatorial Kalman Filter.

BACK-UP



# MAIA Detector Concept

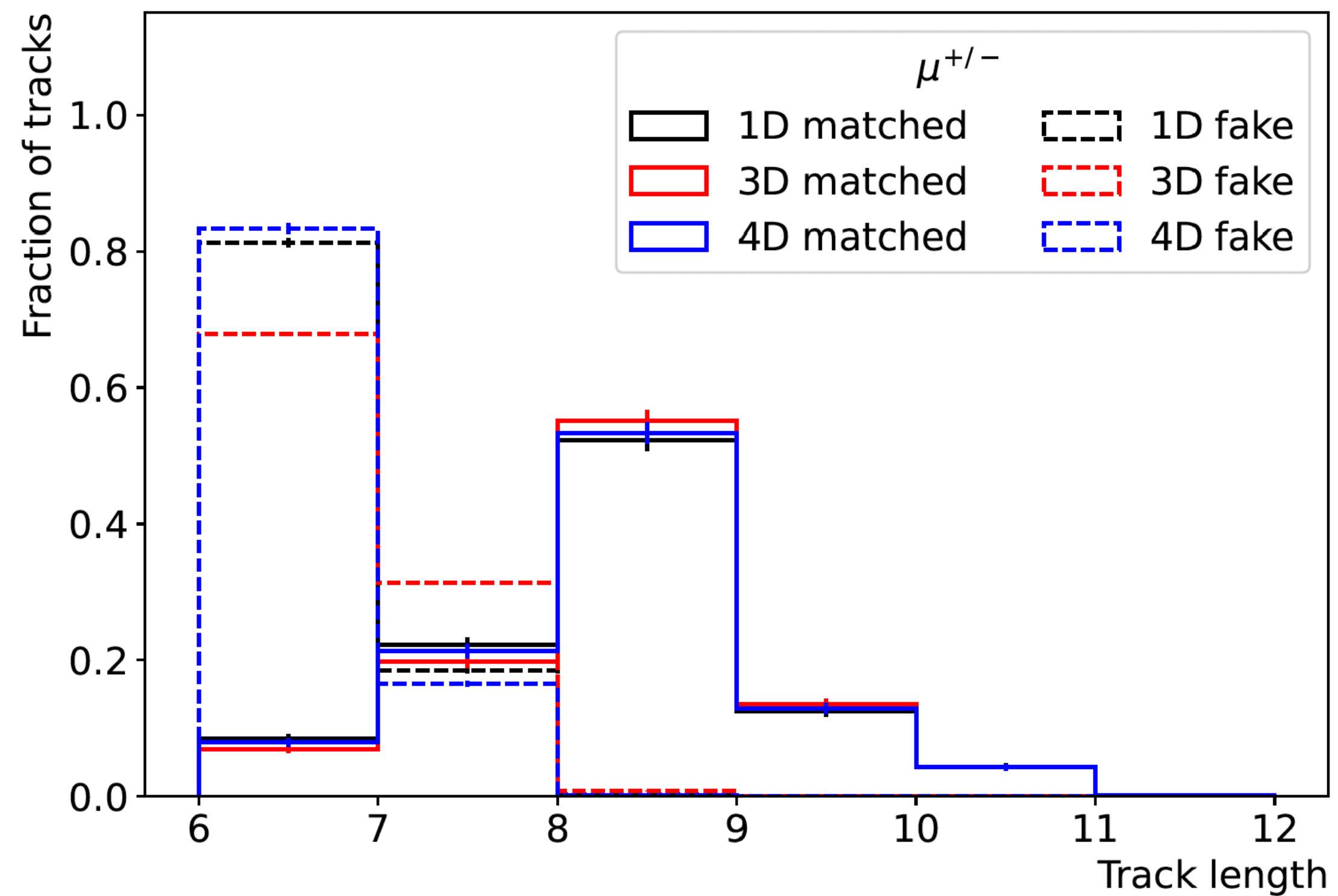




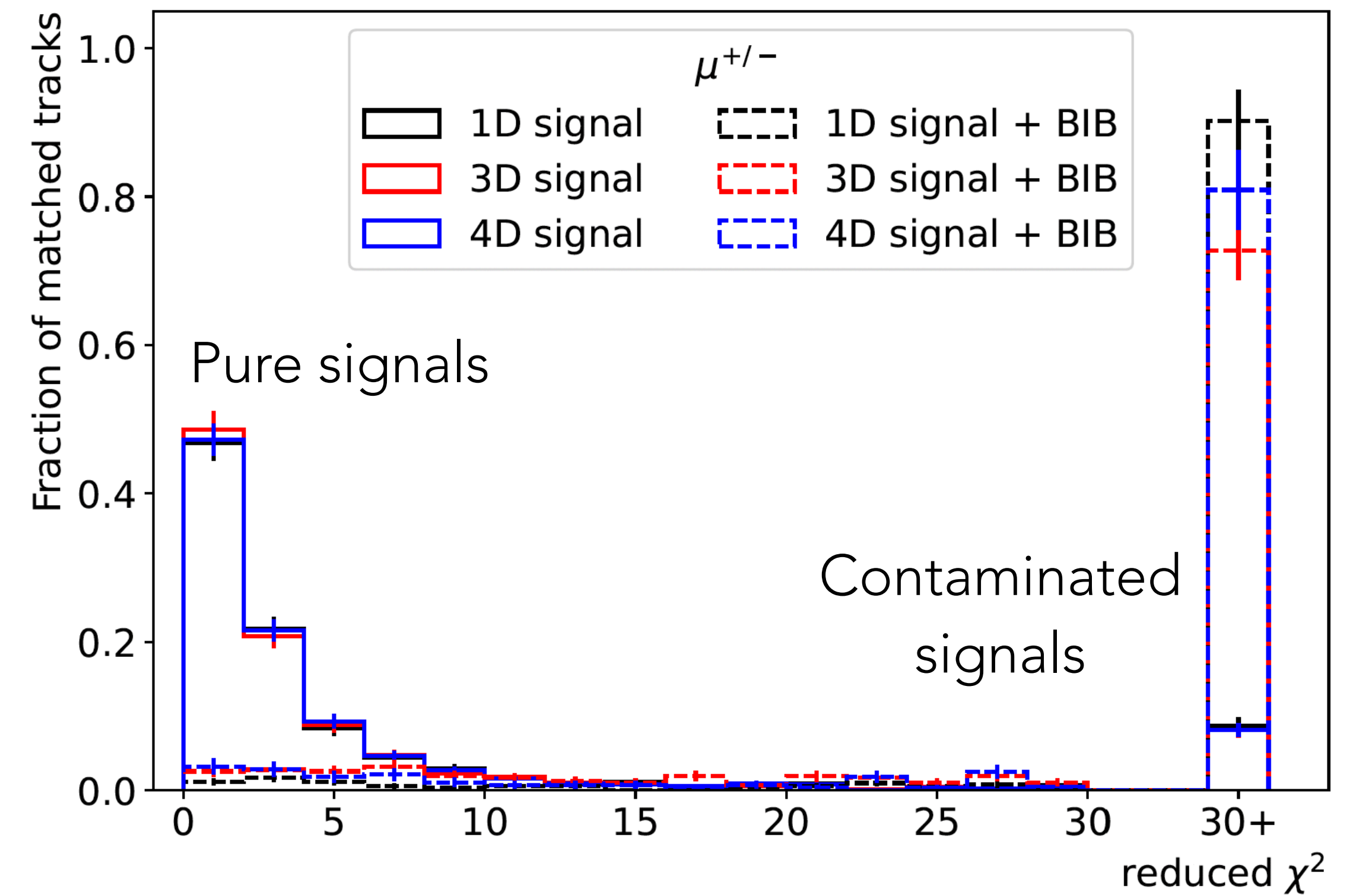


# TRACK SELECTION

## Reconstructed tracks

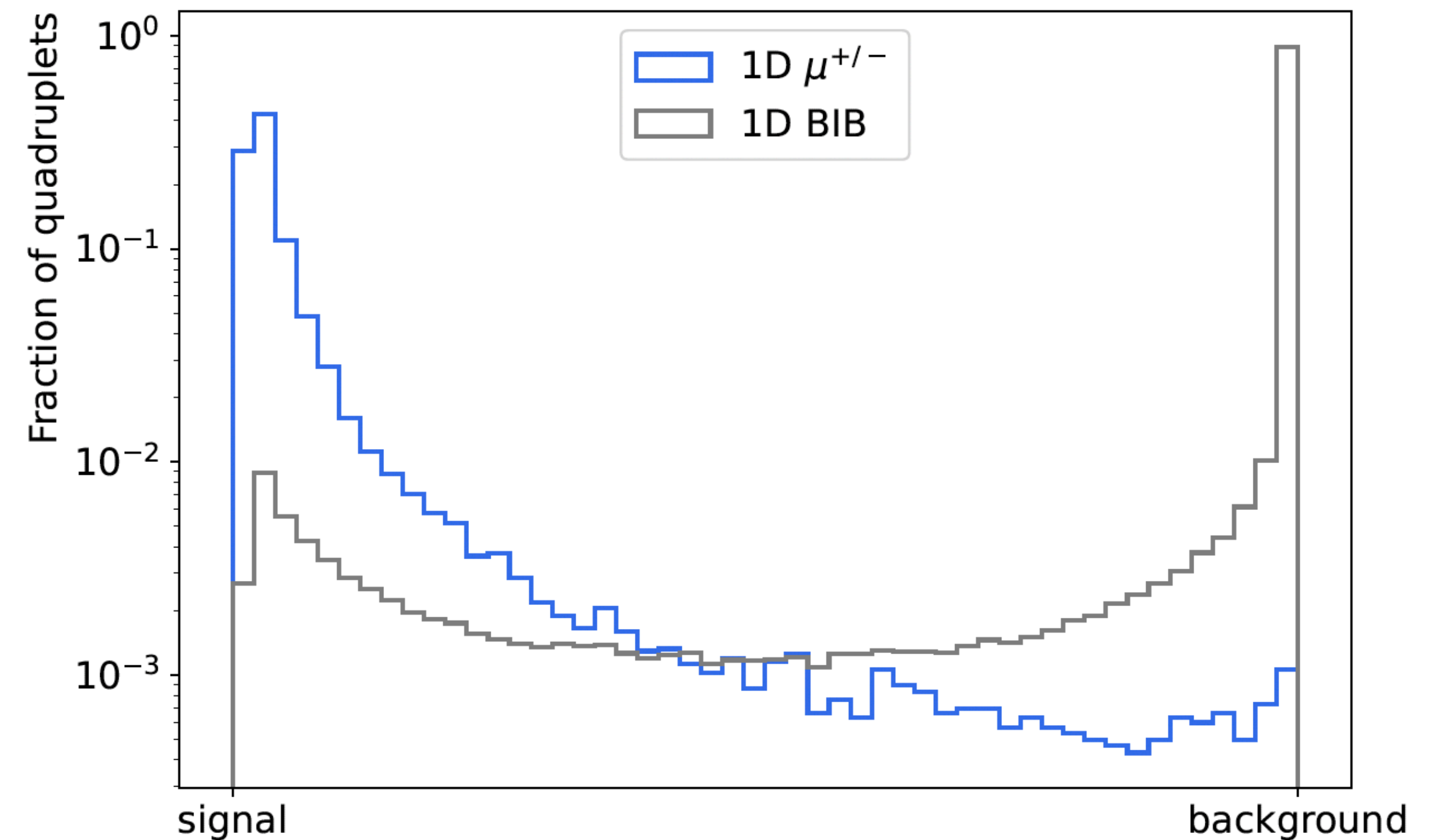
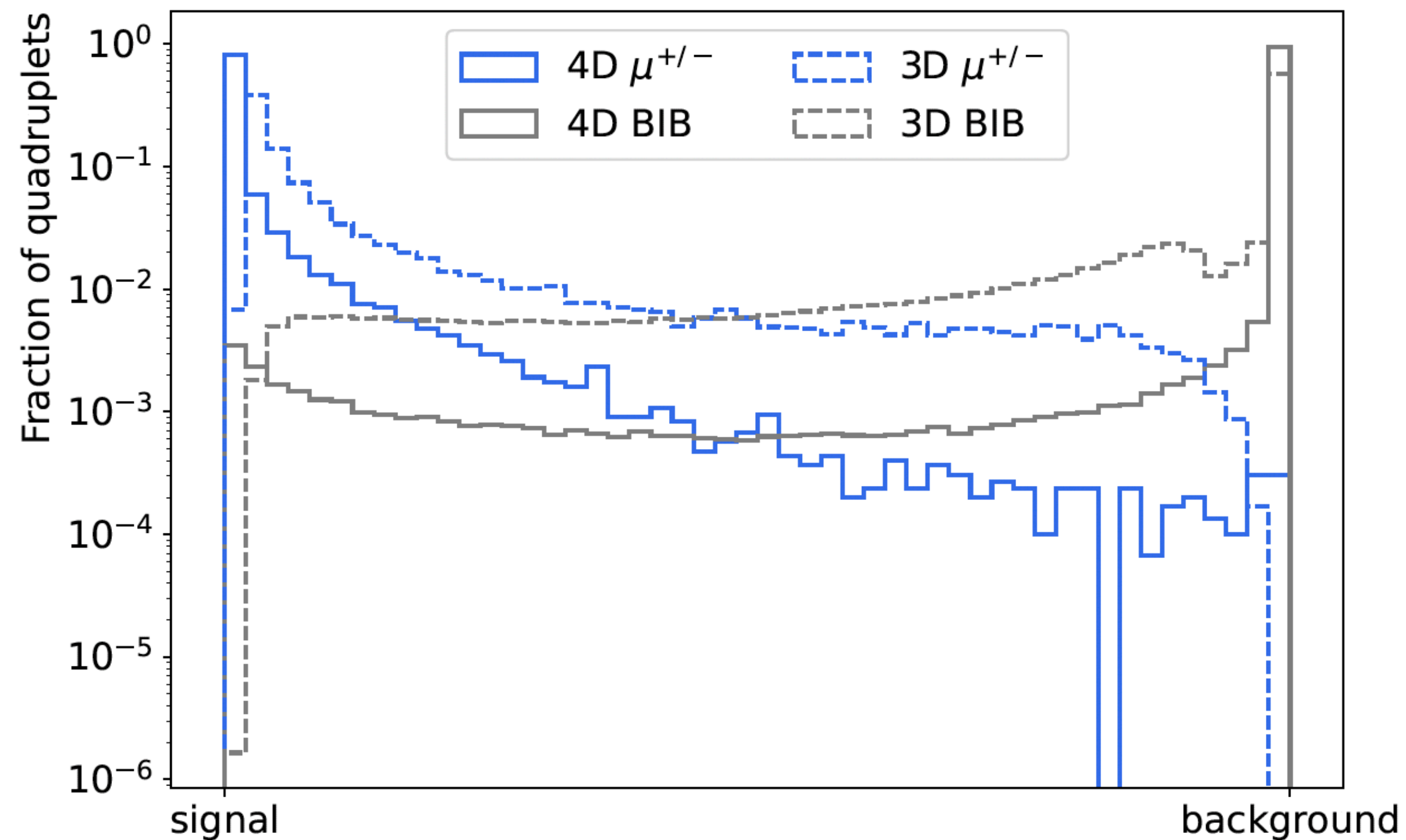


## Matched tracks

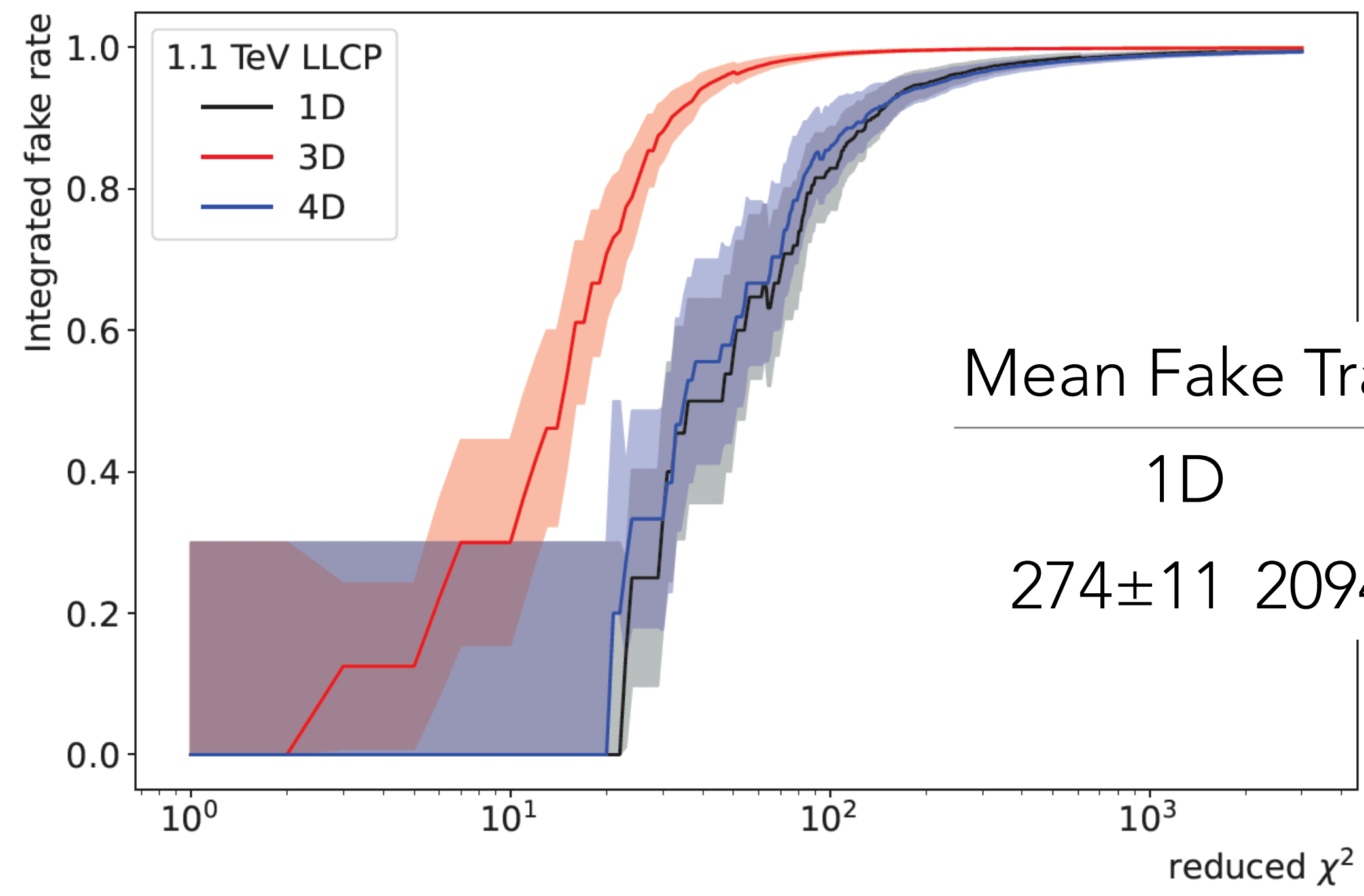
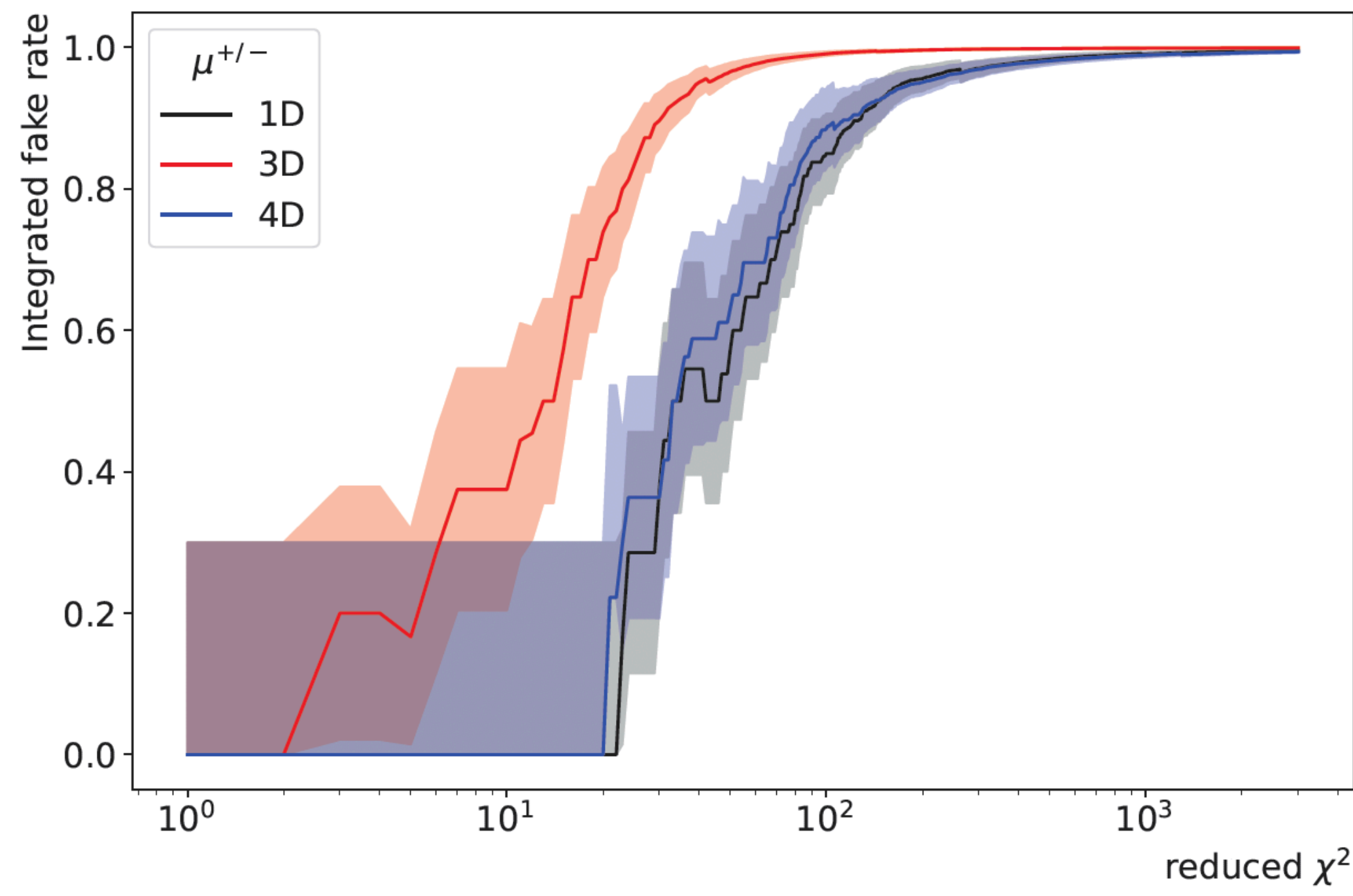
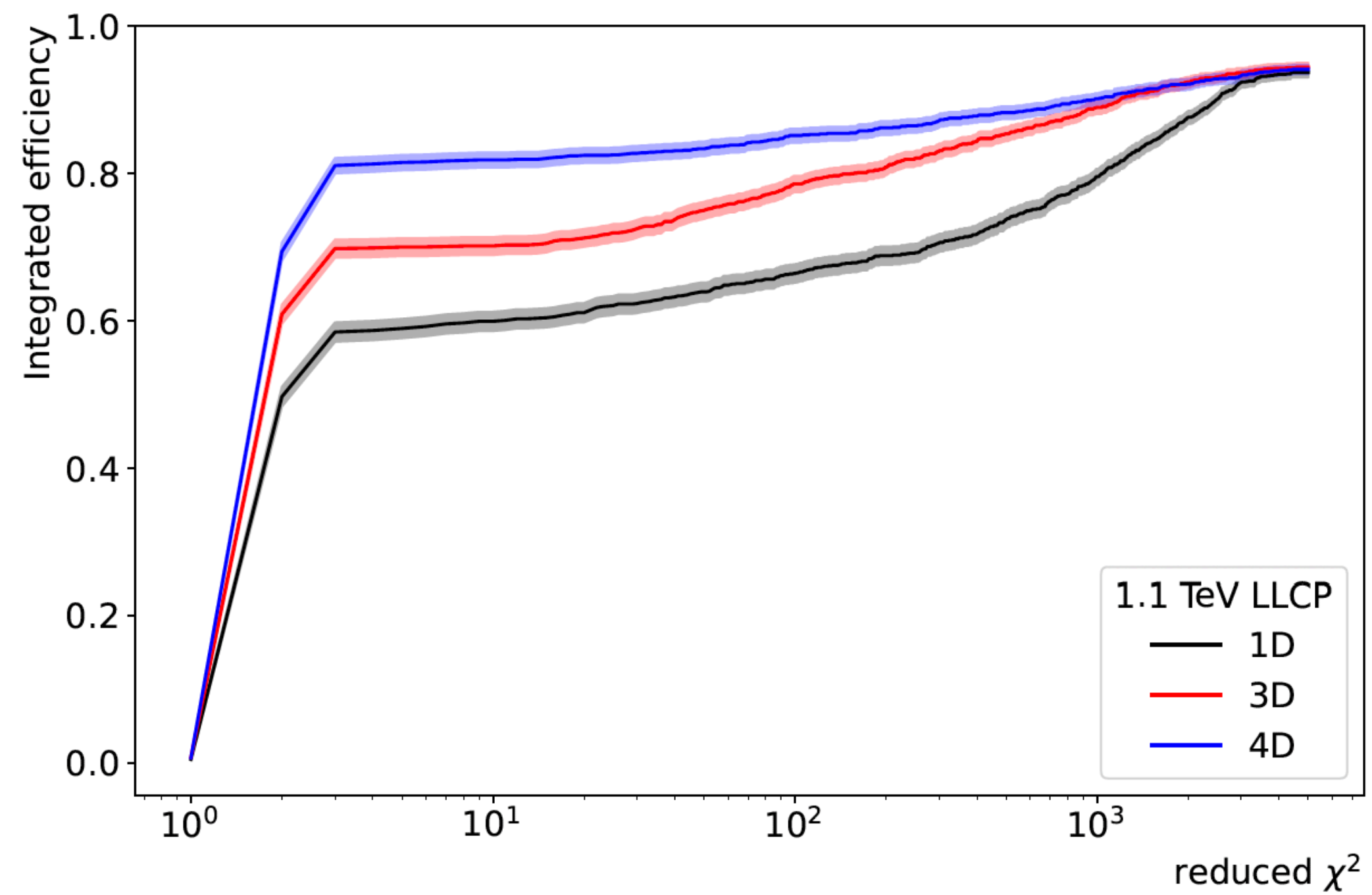
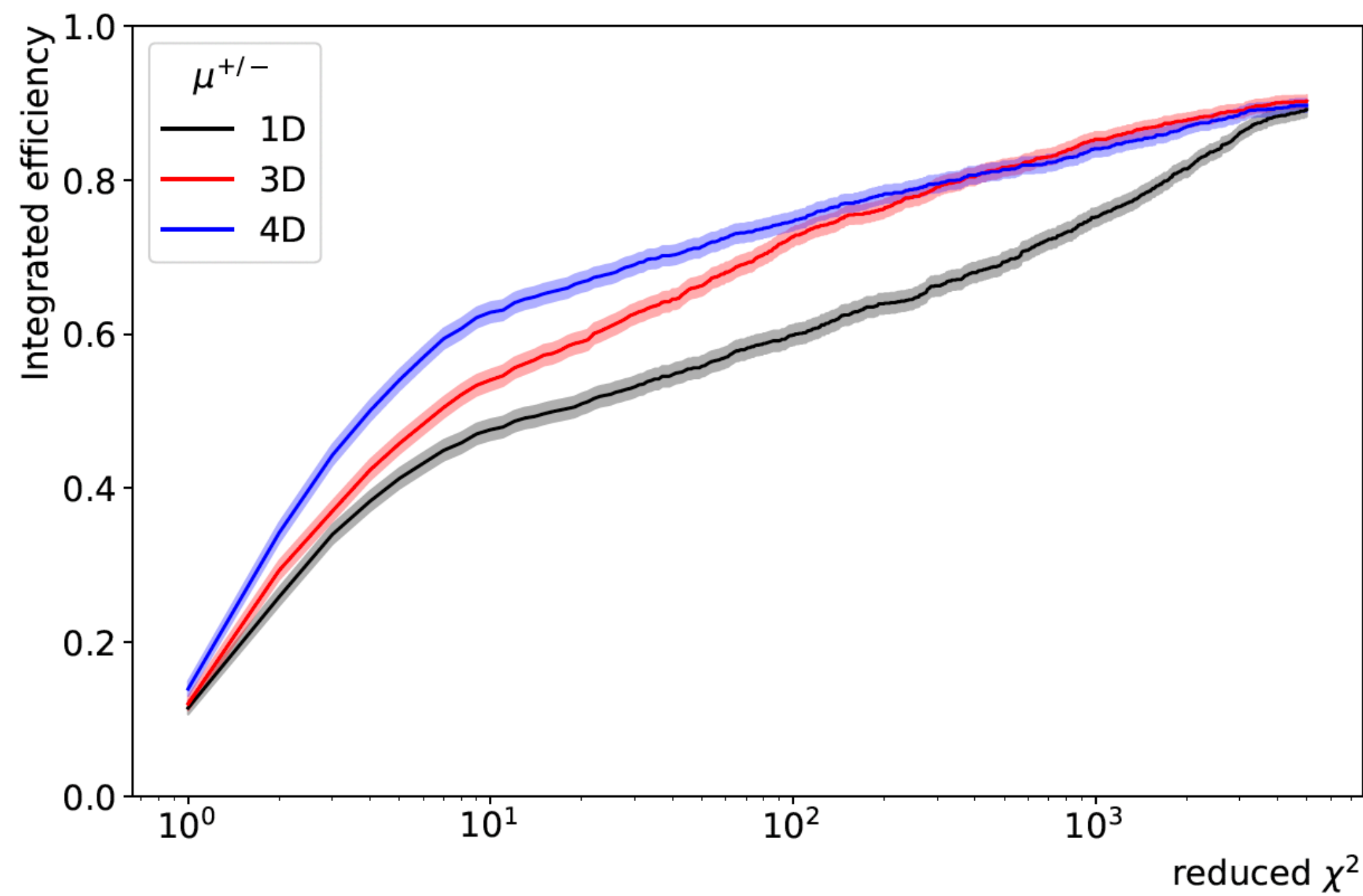


# QUBO COEFFICIENTS

- $a_i \in [-0.5, 0.5]$
- $b_{ij} \in [-1, -0.9]$  or 2 (conflict) or 0 (otherwise).







Mean Fake Tracks per Event

1D	3D	4D
$274 \pm 11$	$2094 \pm 41$	$209 \pm 20$

# PRE-SELECTION

