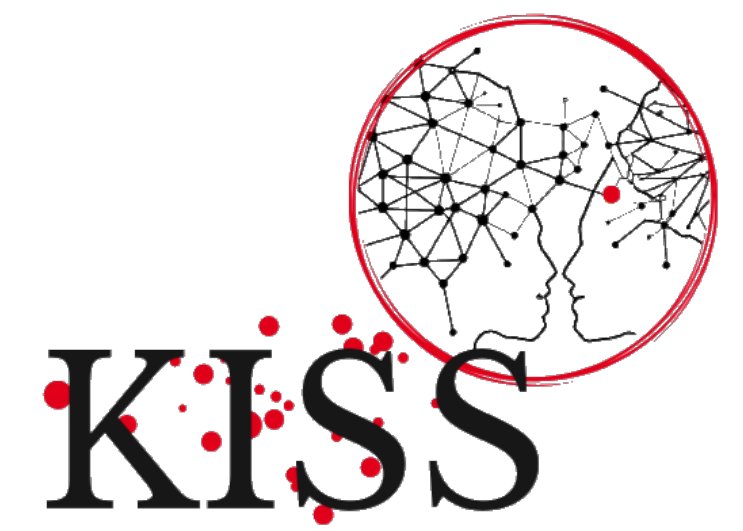




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# CaloHadronic : a diffusion model for the generation of hadronic showers

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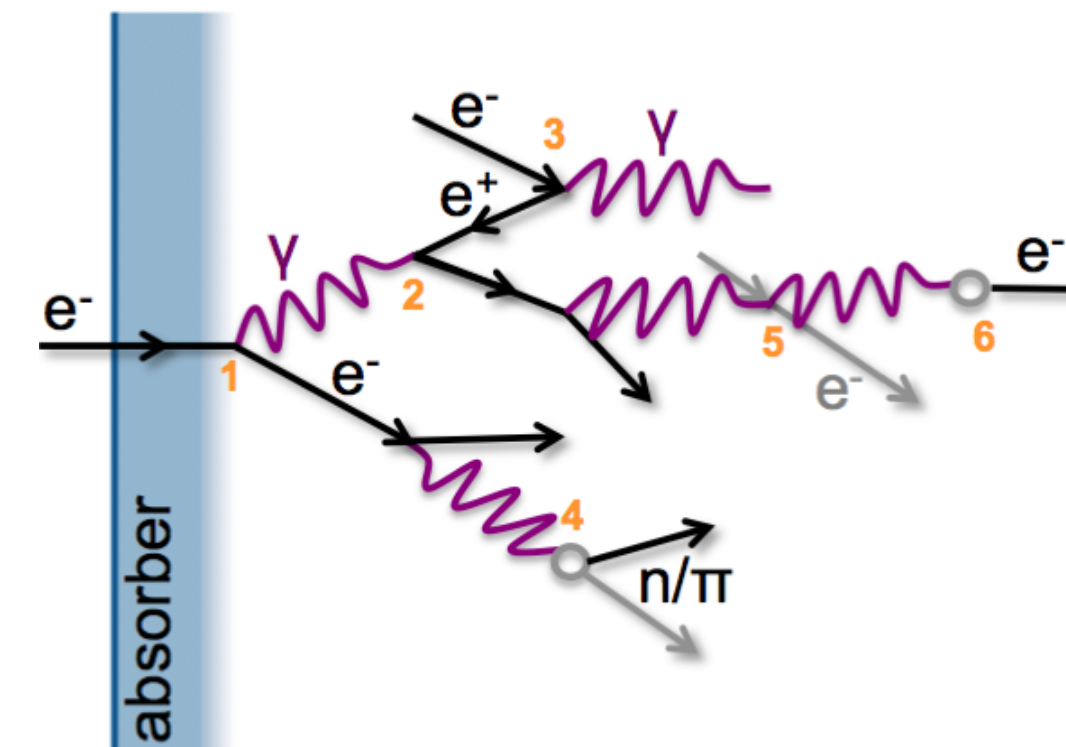
# Generative model for em and hadronic showers

# CaloClouds II [1]



# Fast & accurate point clouds based generative model applied **only to electromagnetic showers**

**[1] CaloClouds II: Ultra-Fast Geometry-Independent Highly-Granular Calorimeter Simulation**  
E. Buhmann et al: arxiv: 2309.05704



# Now



# HADRONIC showers

## Dealing with 10-90 GeV $\pi^+$ showers

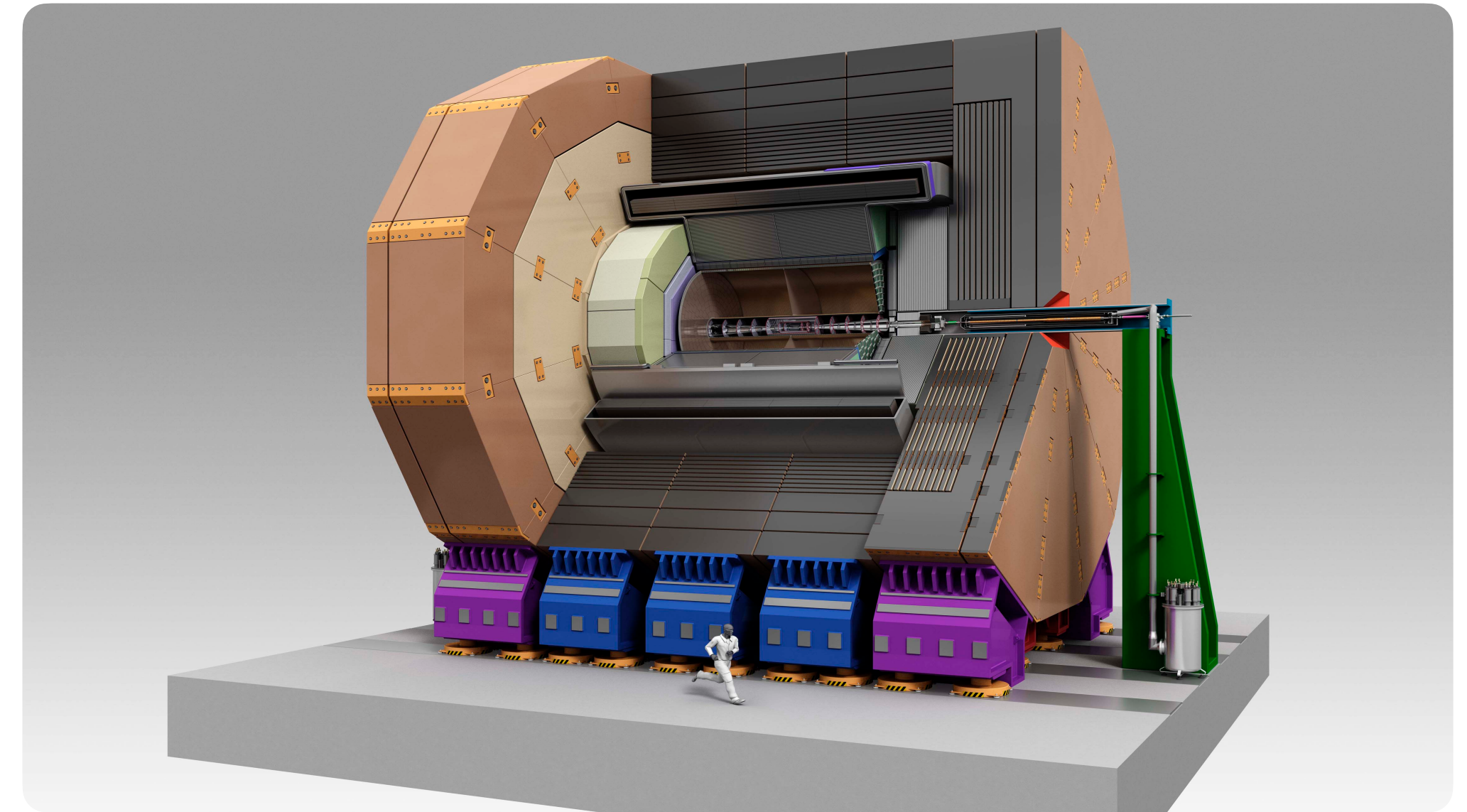
two components: hadronic and electromagnetic

Hadron showers have **much larger:**

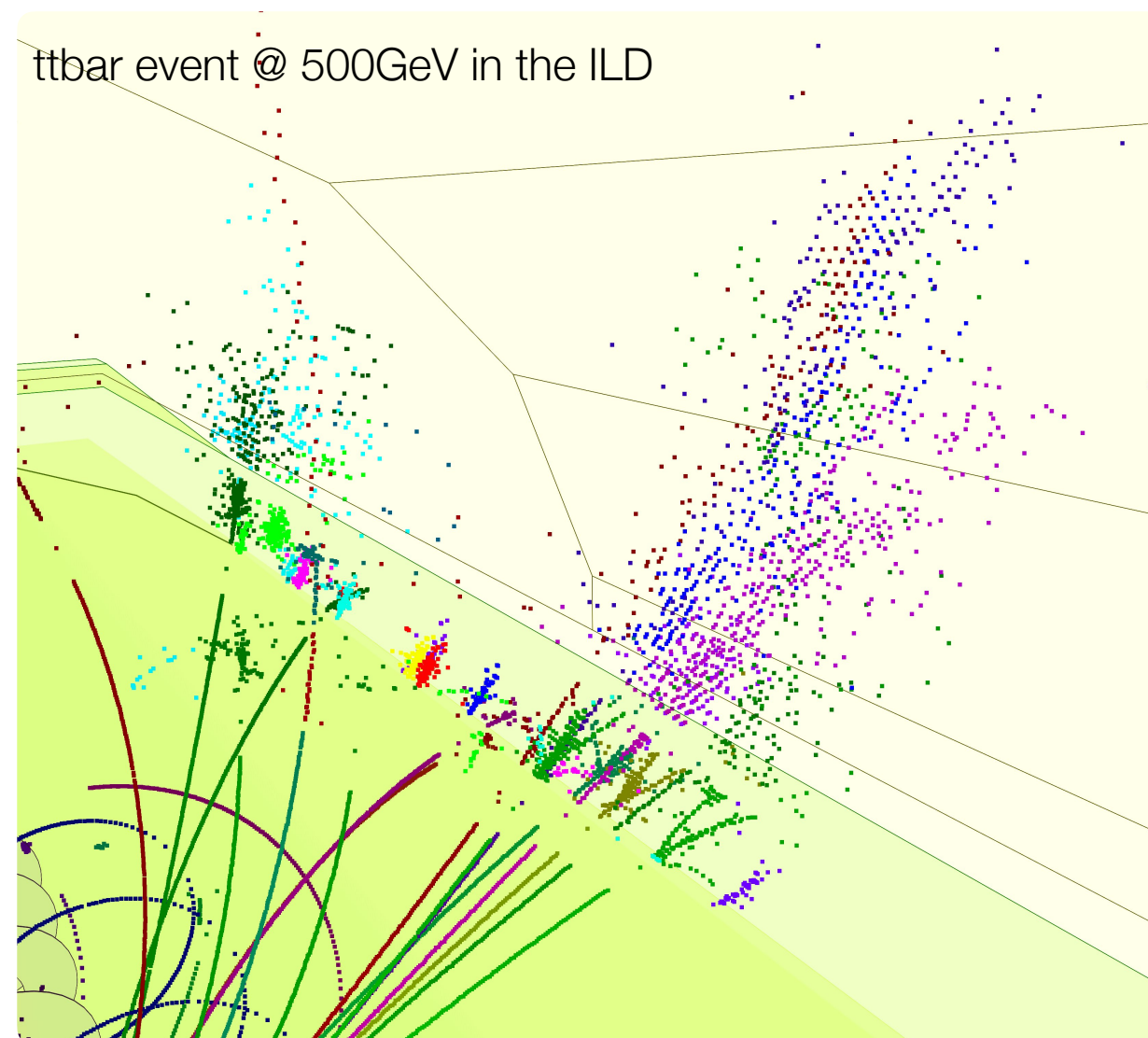
- **spatial extension** -> interaction length larger than radiation length
- **lateral dispersion** -> large transverse energy transfers in nuclear reactions

# ILD calorimeter

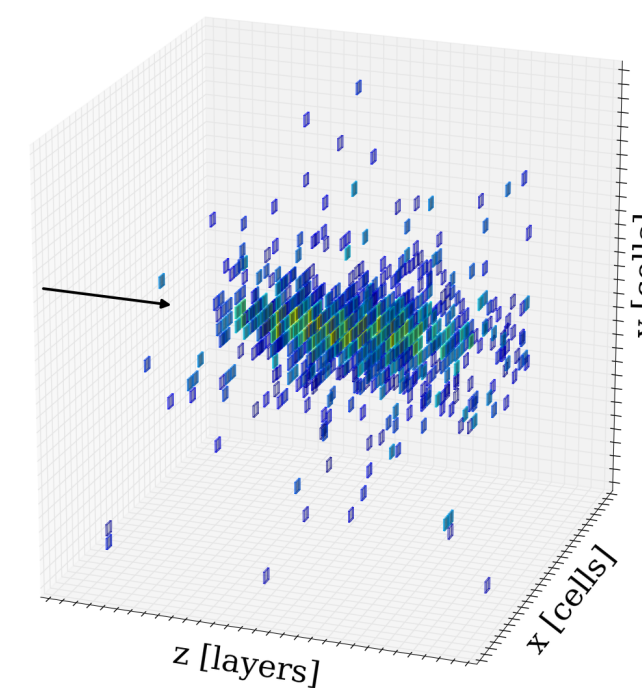
- International Large Detector (ILD) concept for the International Linear Collider (ILC)
- High-Granularity calorimeters:
  - ECal: Si-W - 5mm x 5mm - 30 layers
  - HCal: Sci-Fe - 30mm x 30mm - 48 layers



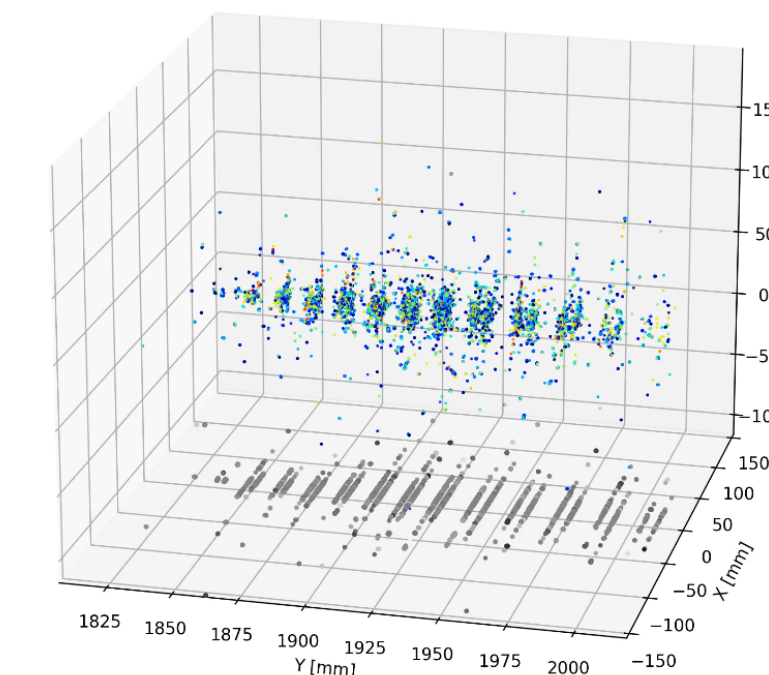
High granularity calorimeter → High fidelity simulation



EM shower as  
3D image



EM shower as  
point cloud



point clouds

Multiple points per cell & cell-geometry independence

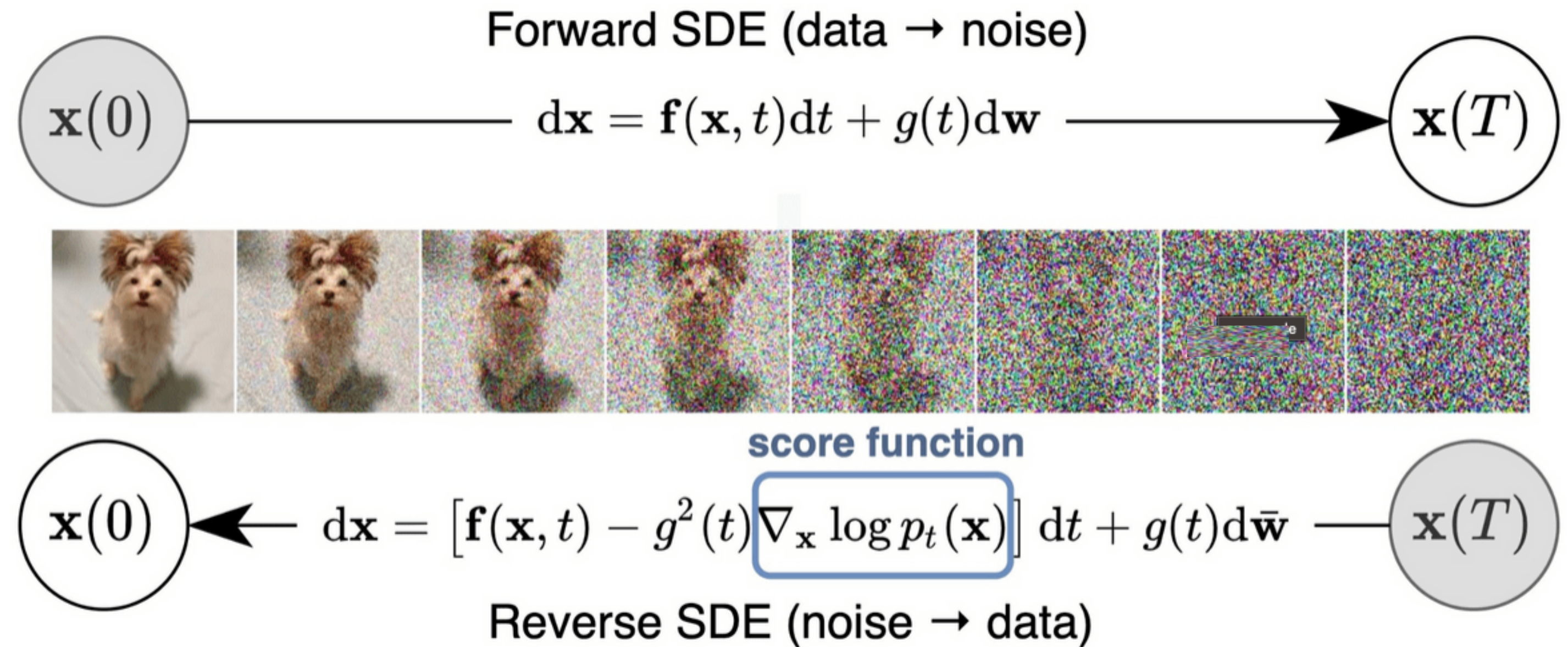
# Score-based continuous-time diffusion [2]

## Continuous Time:

- this process is modeled by a prescribed stochastic differential equation (SDE)

## Score-based:

- **score-matching**: modelling the gradient of the log probability density function
- **langevin dynamics**: iterative process that draws samples from a distribution using only its score function



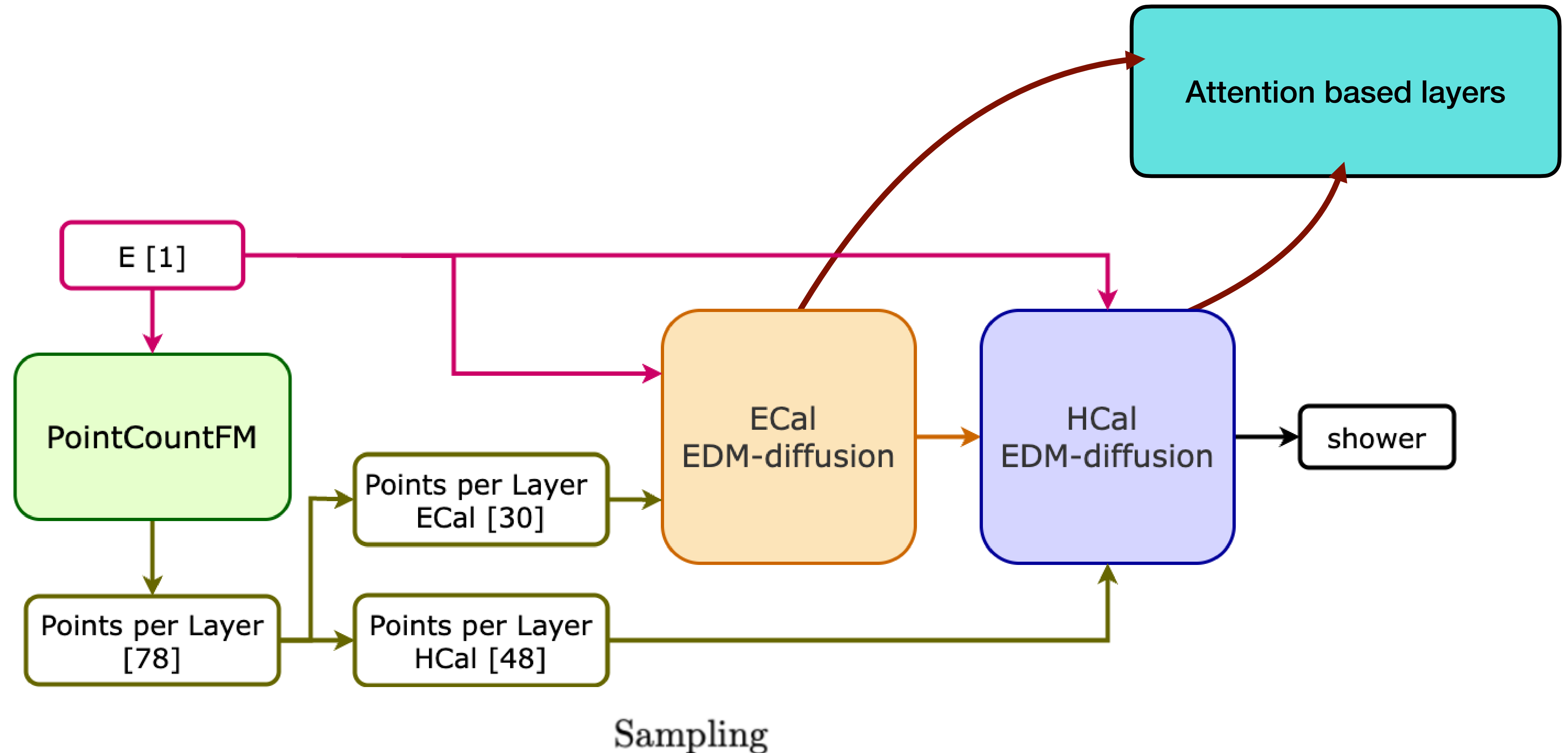
To compute the reverse SDE, we need to estimate the score function:

$$\mathbb{E}_{t \in \mathcal{U}(0, T)} \mathbb{E}_{p_t(\mathbf{x})} [\lambda(t) \|\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_t(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{s}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, t)\|_2^2]$$

↑  
score-based model

# CaloHadronic

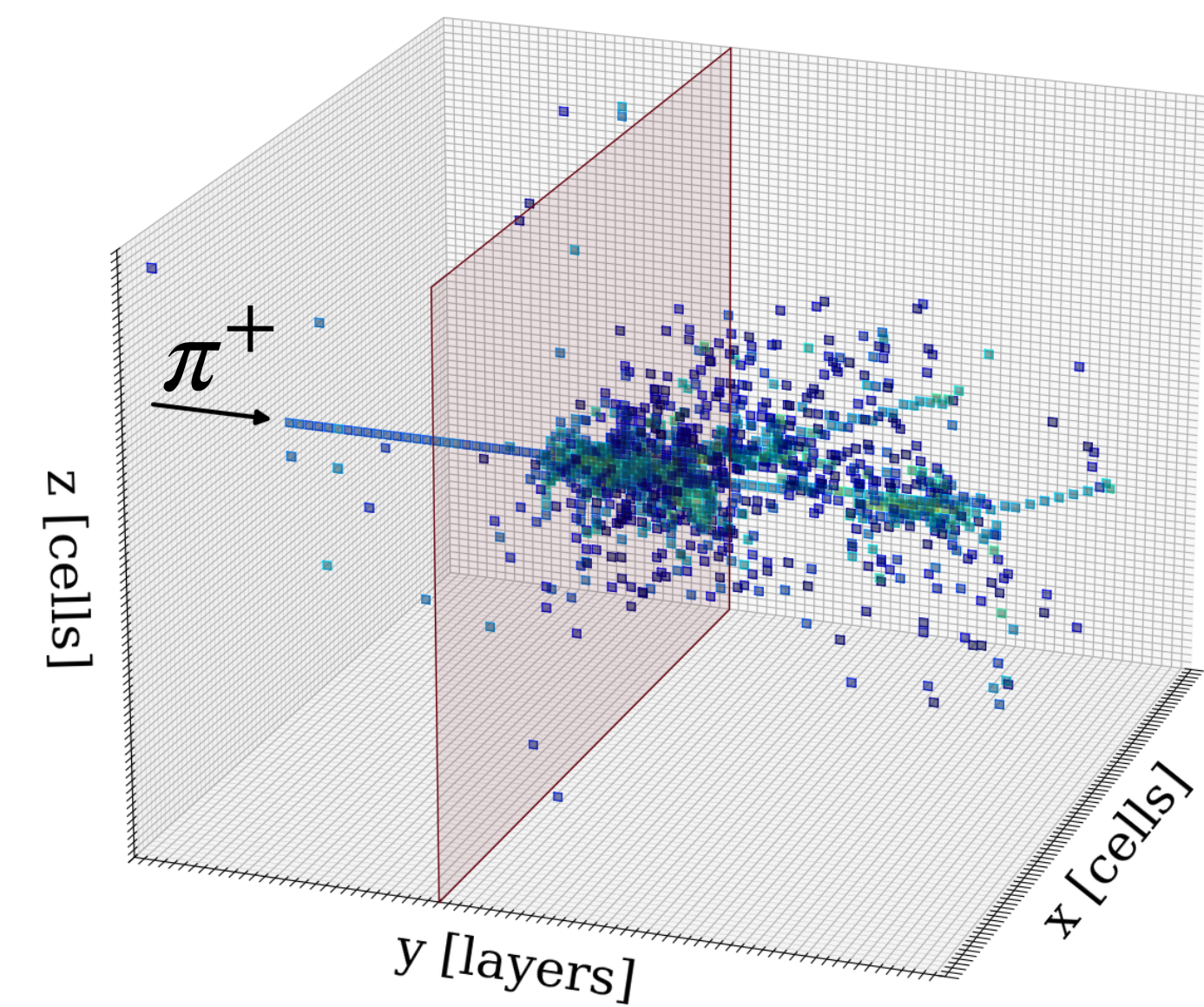
- input: 4D point cloud
- conditioning on: incident energy (E) and number of points per layer
- calibrating on: points per layer



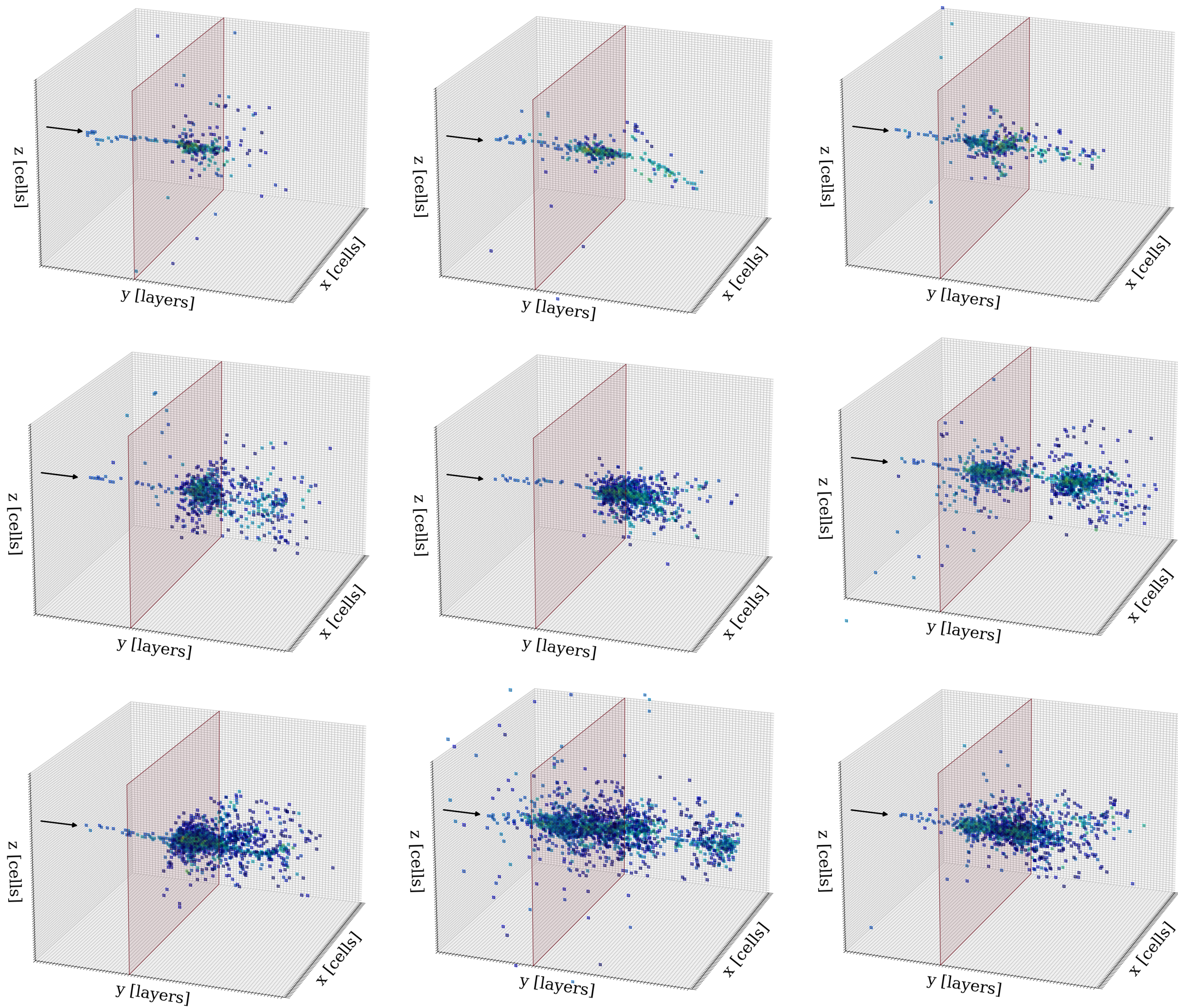
# Results

## $\pi^+$ showers

Geant4 Simulation



CaloHadronic



15 GeV

50 GeV

85 GeV

# Results

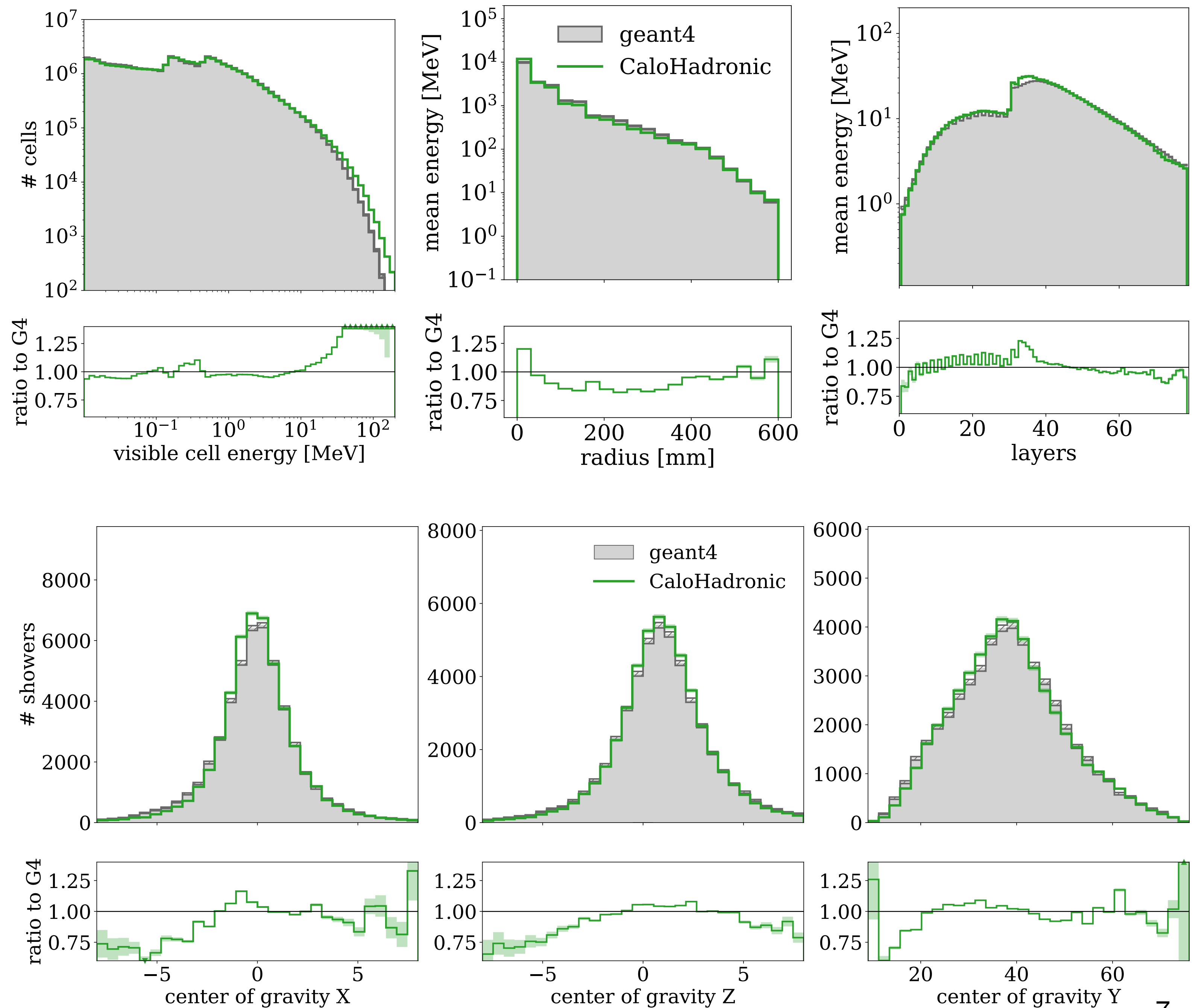
## 10-90 GeV $\pi^+$ showers

50 000 showers

All evaluations with point cloud showers are projected to a regular cell grid:

ECAL: 5 mm x 30 layers x 5 mm

HCAL: 30 mm x 48 layers x 30 mm



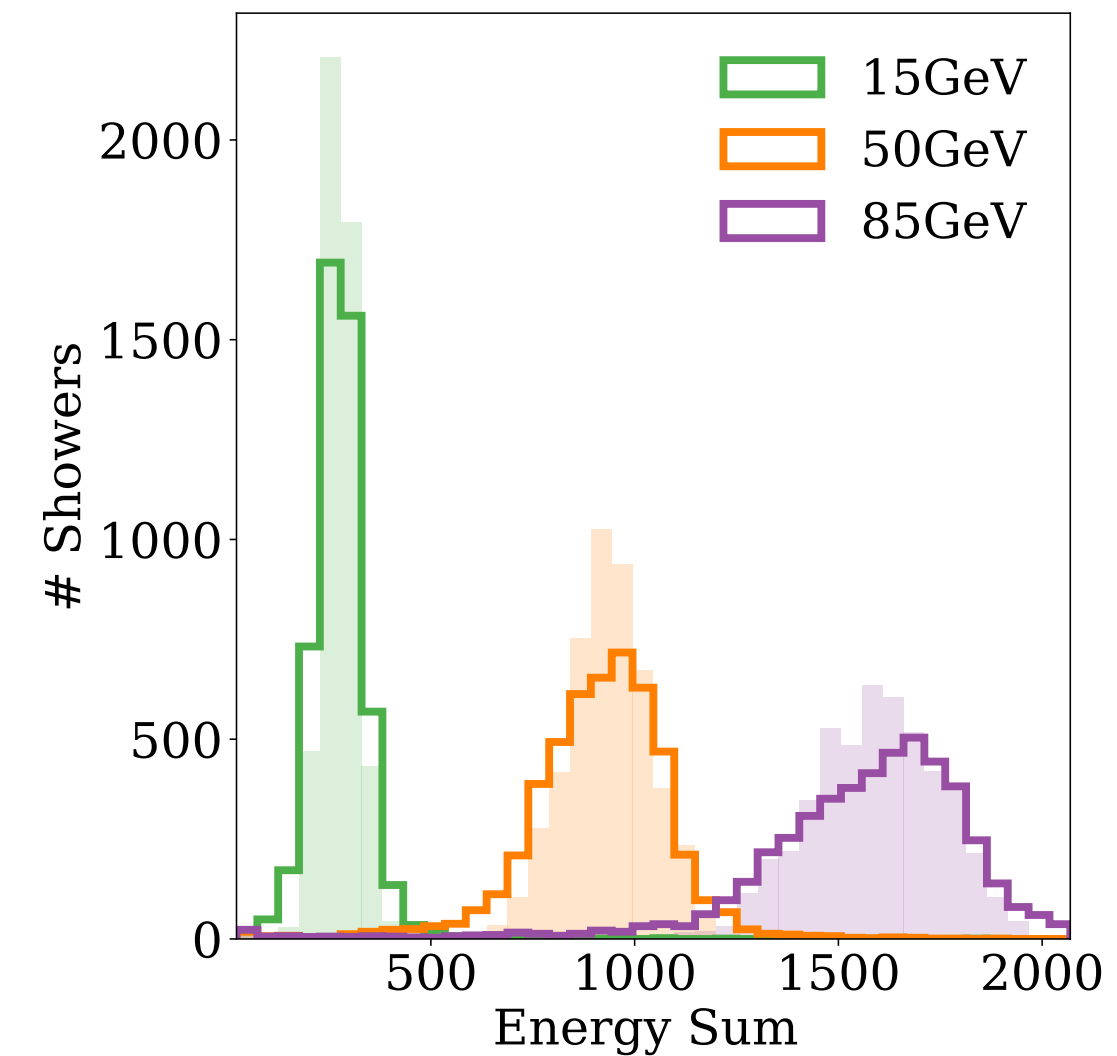
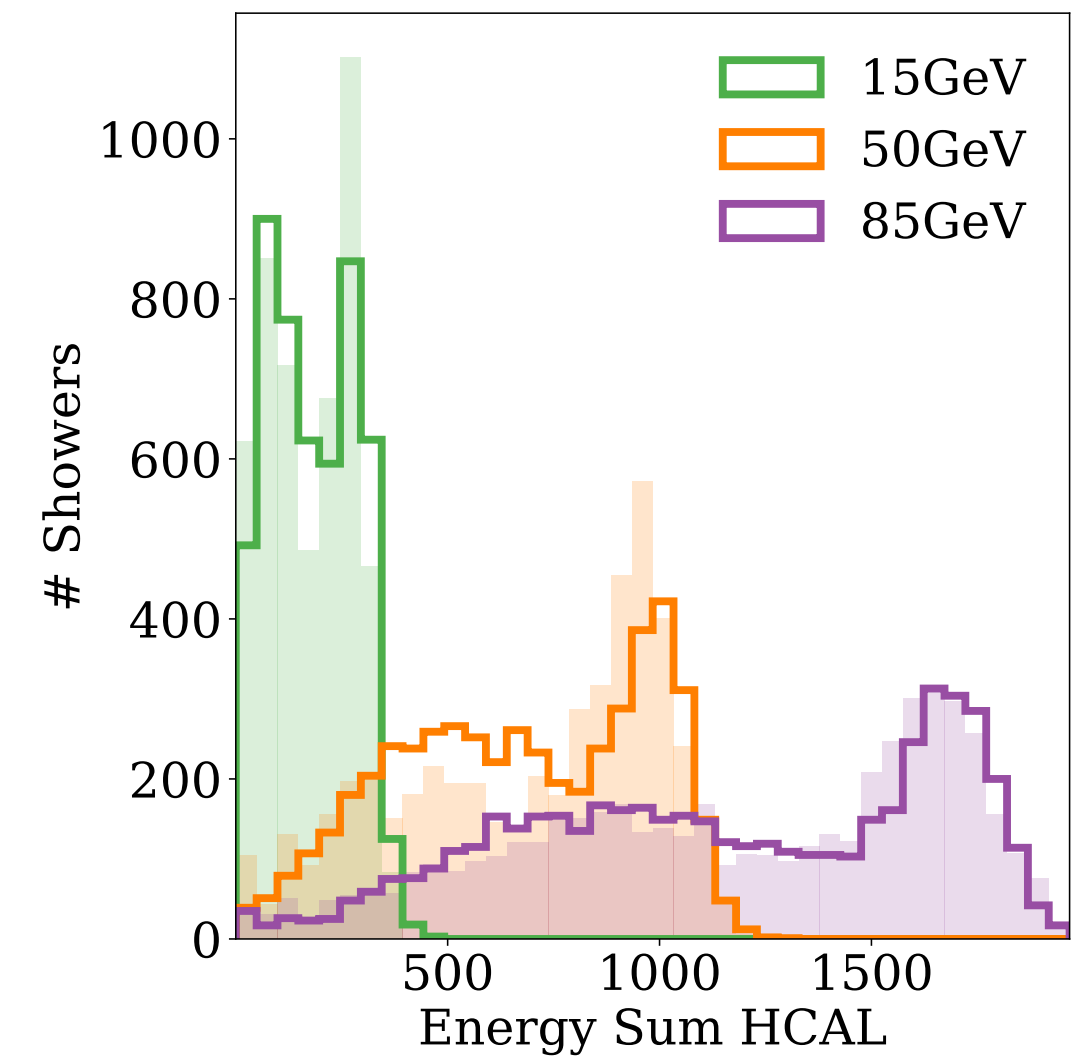
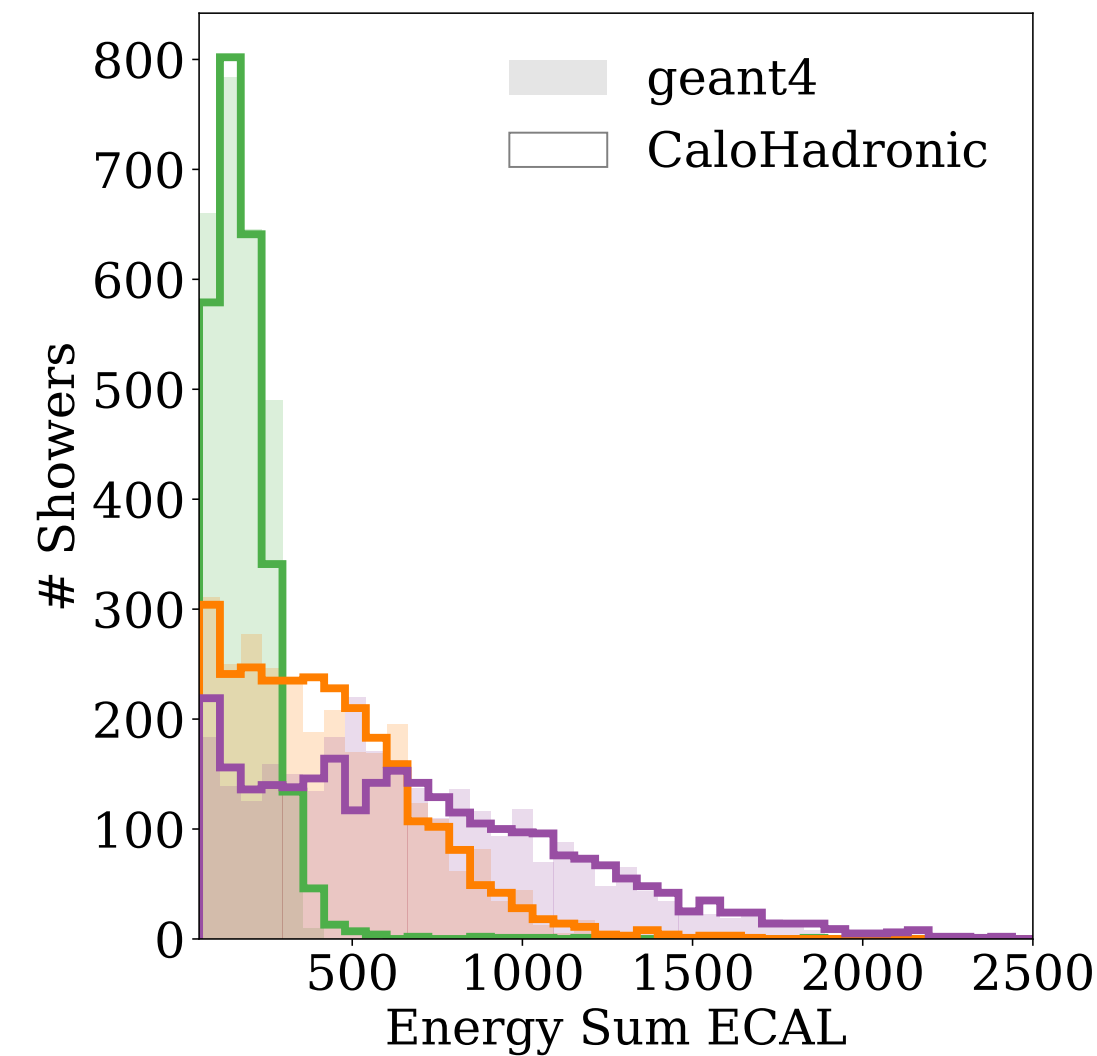
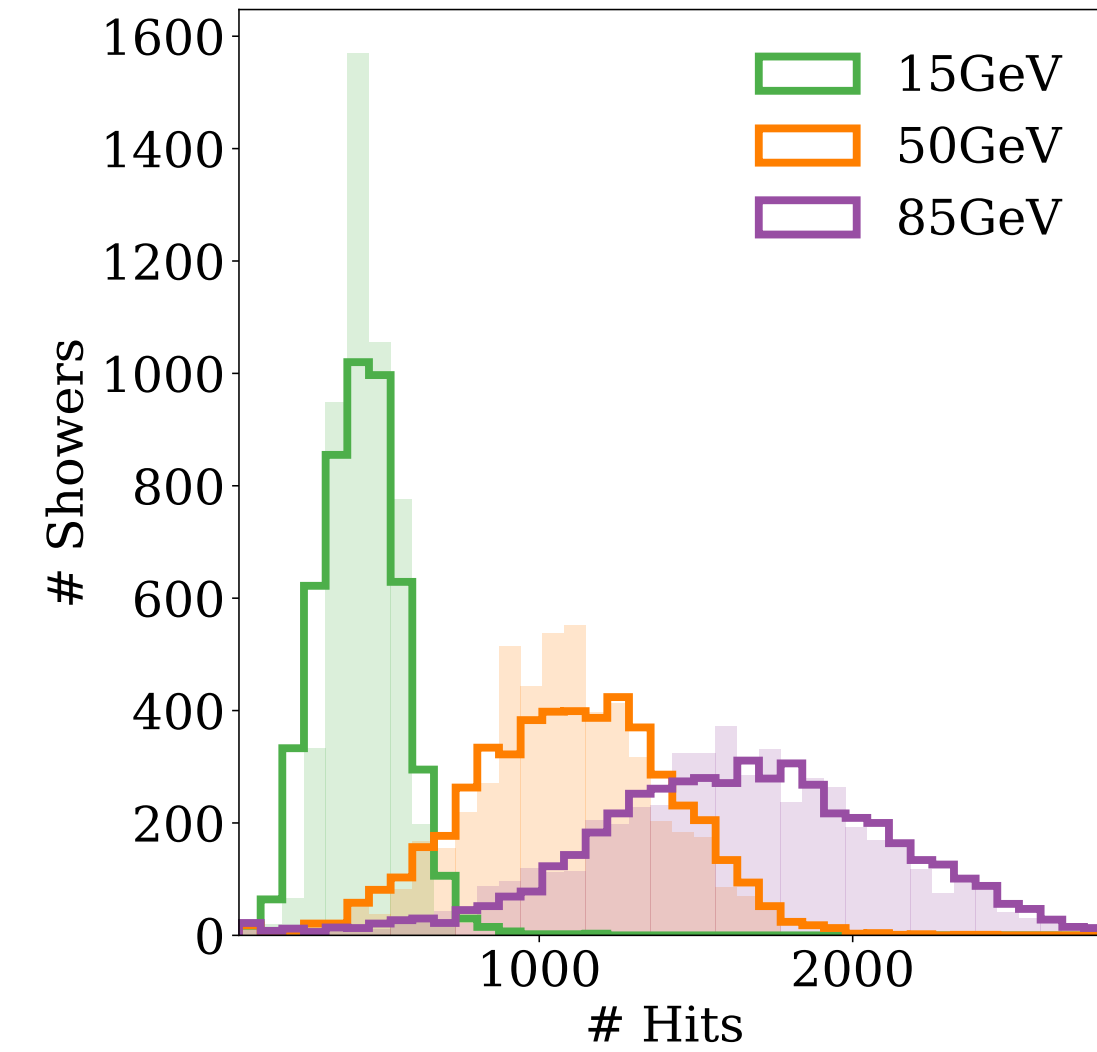
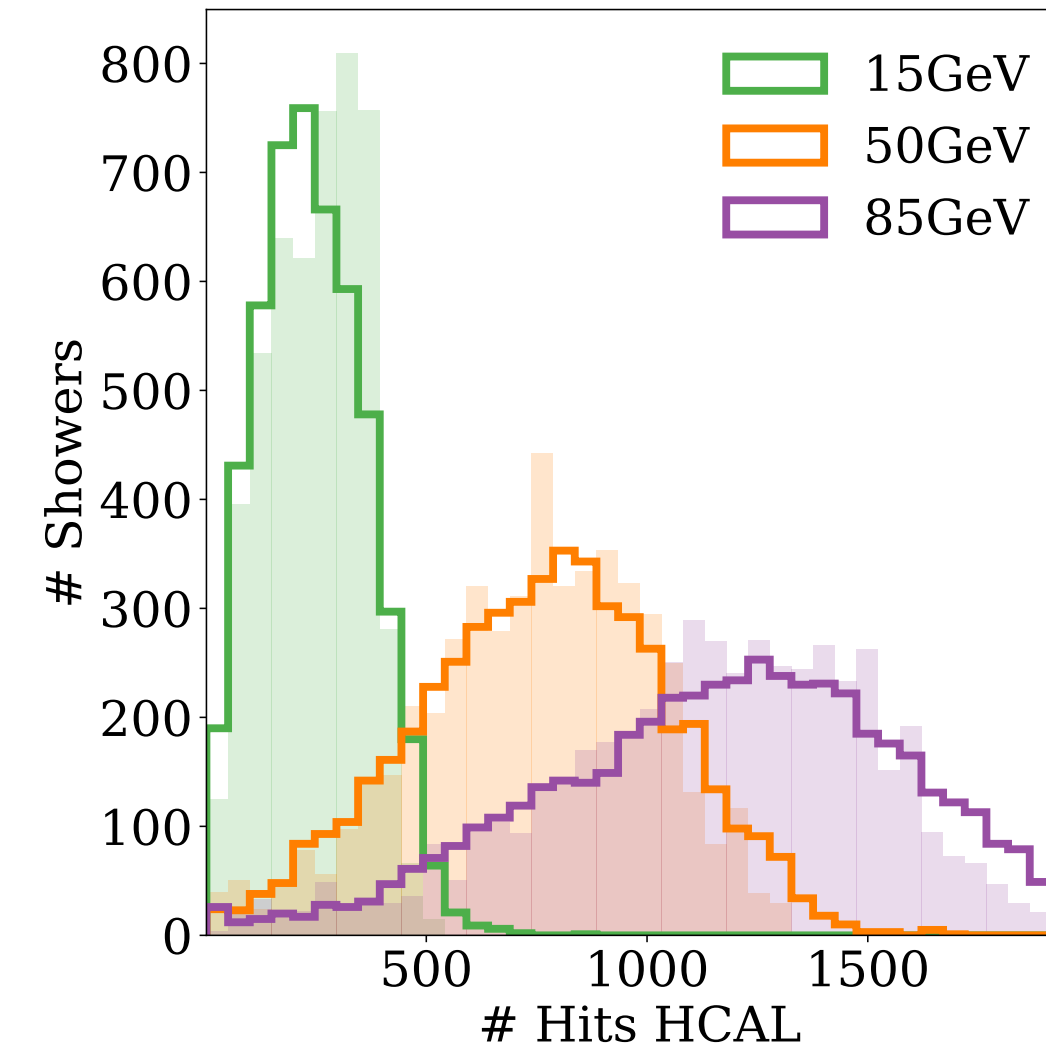
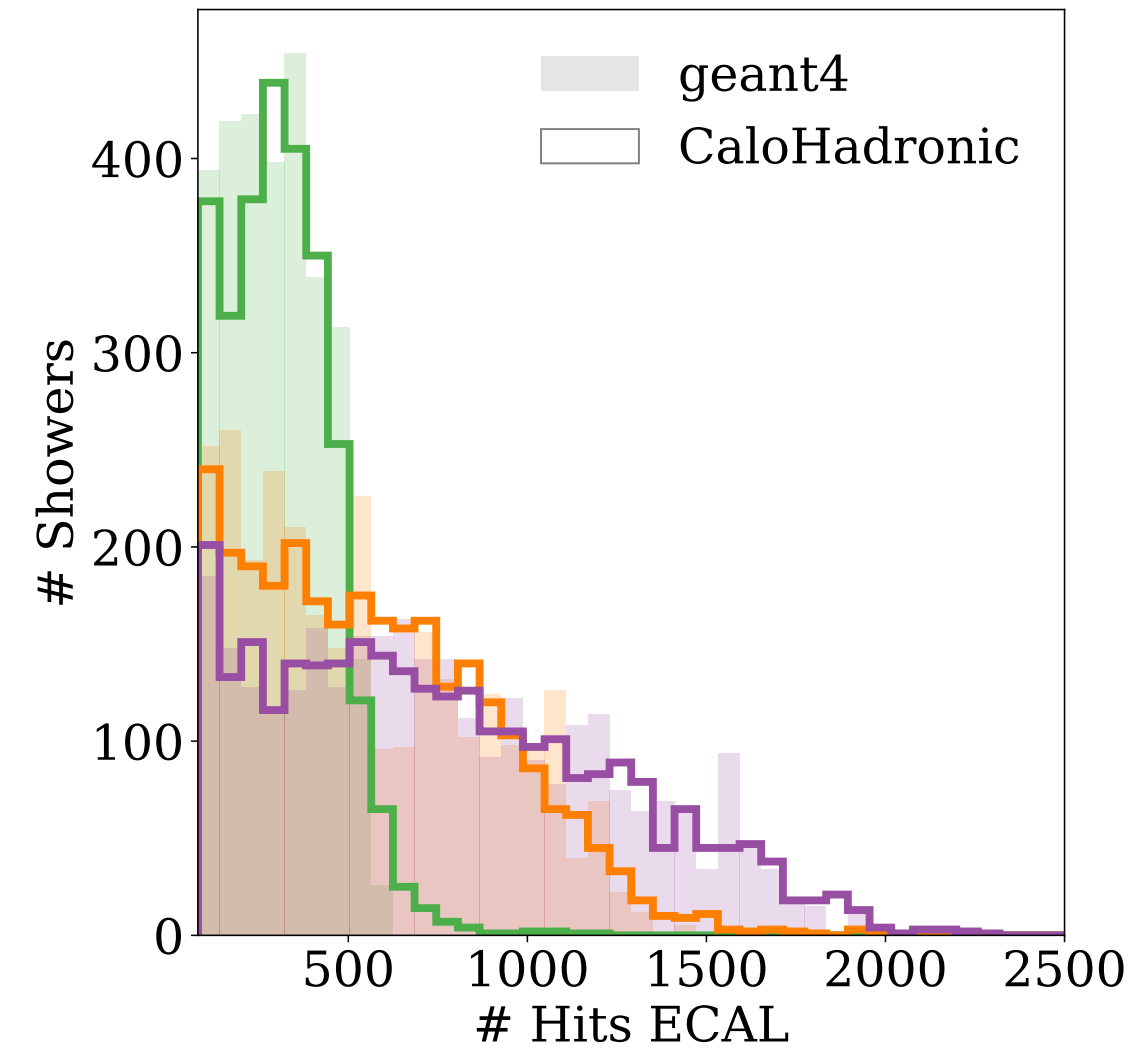
# Results

## 15, 50 and 85 GeV $\pi^+$ showers

5 000 showers each

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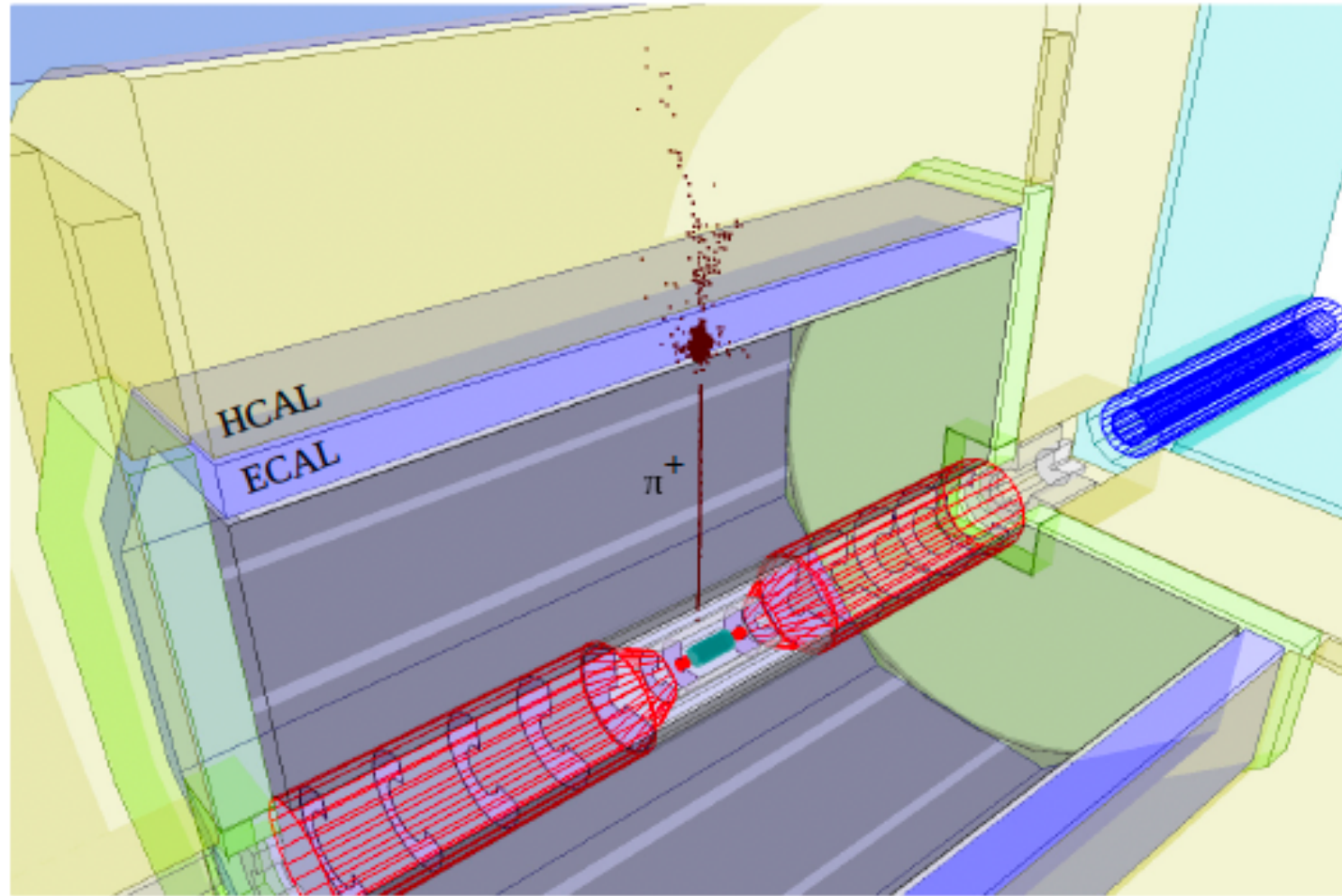


**Fast calorimeter shower must  
ultimately be interfaced with  
the reconstruction chain**

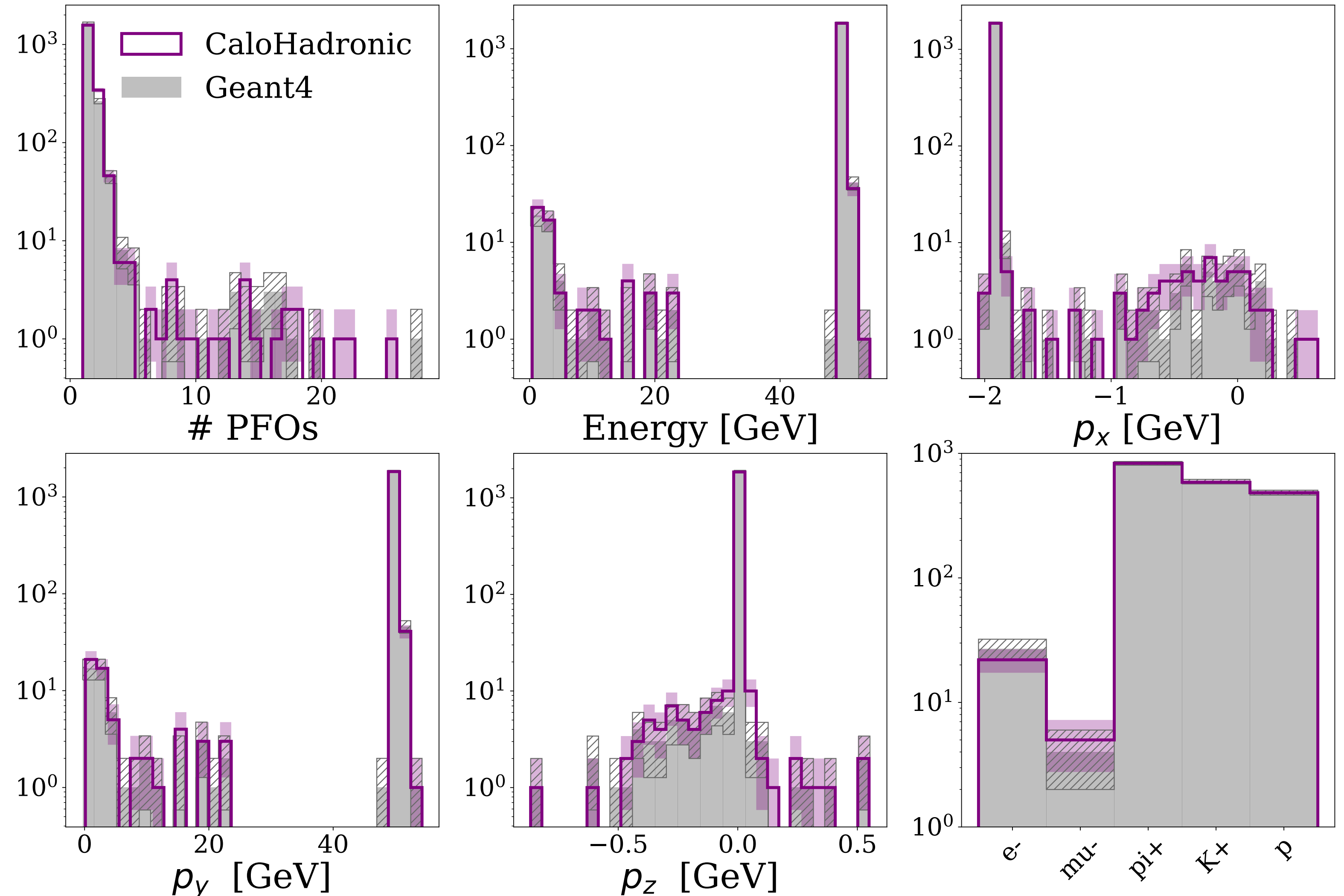
# Reconstruction with Pandora Particle Flow

## 50 GeV $\pi^+$ showers

- 2 000 showers



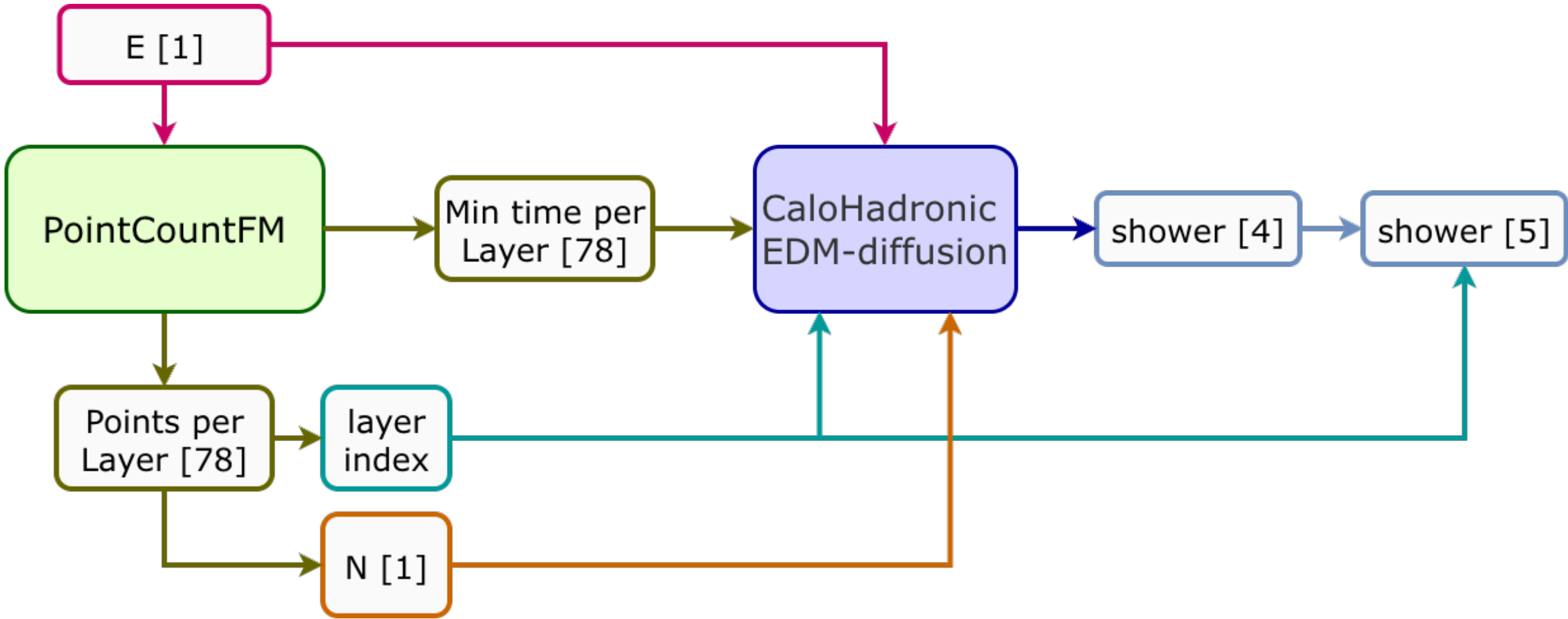
- allows performance validation in realistic detector geometry and in high-level physics observables



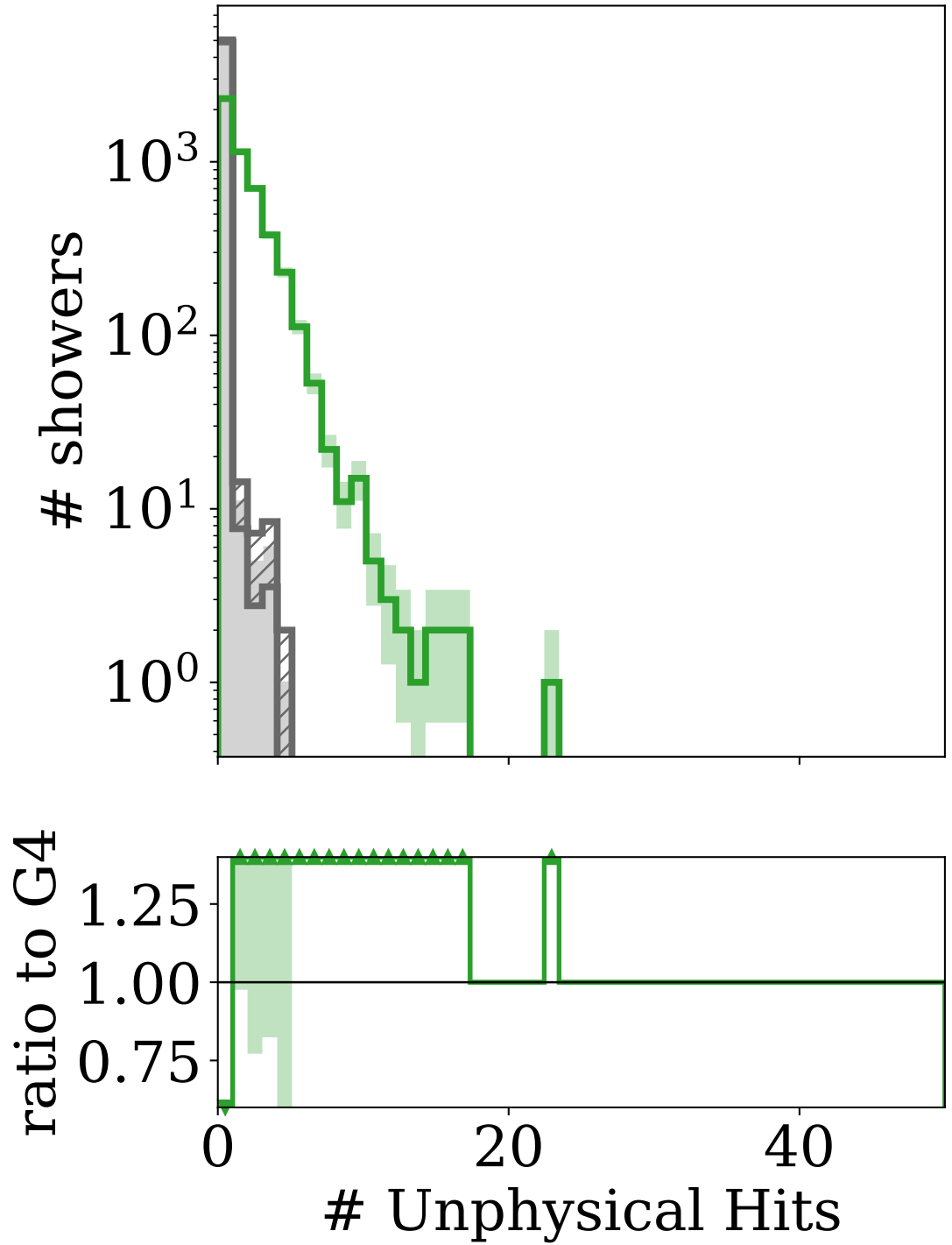
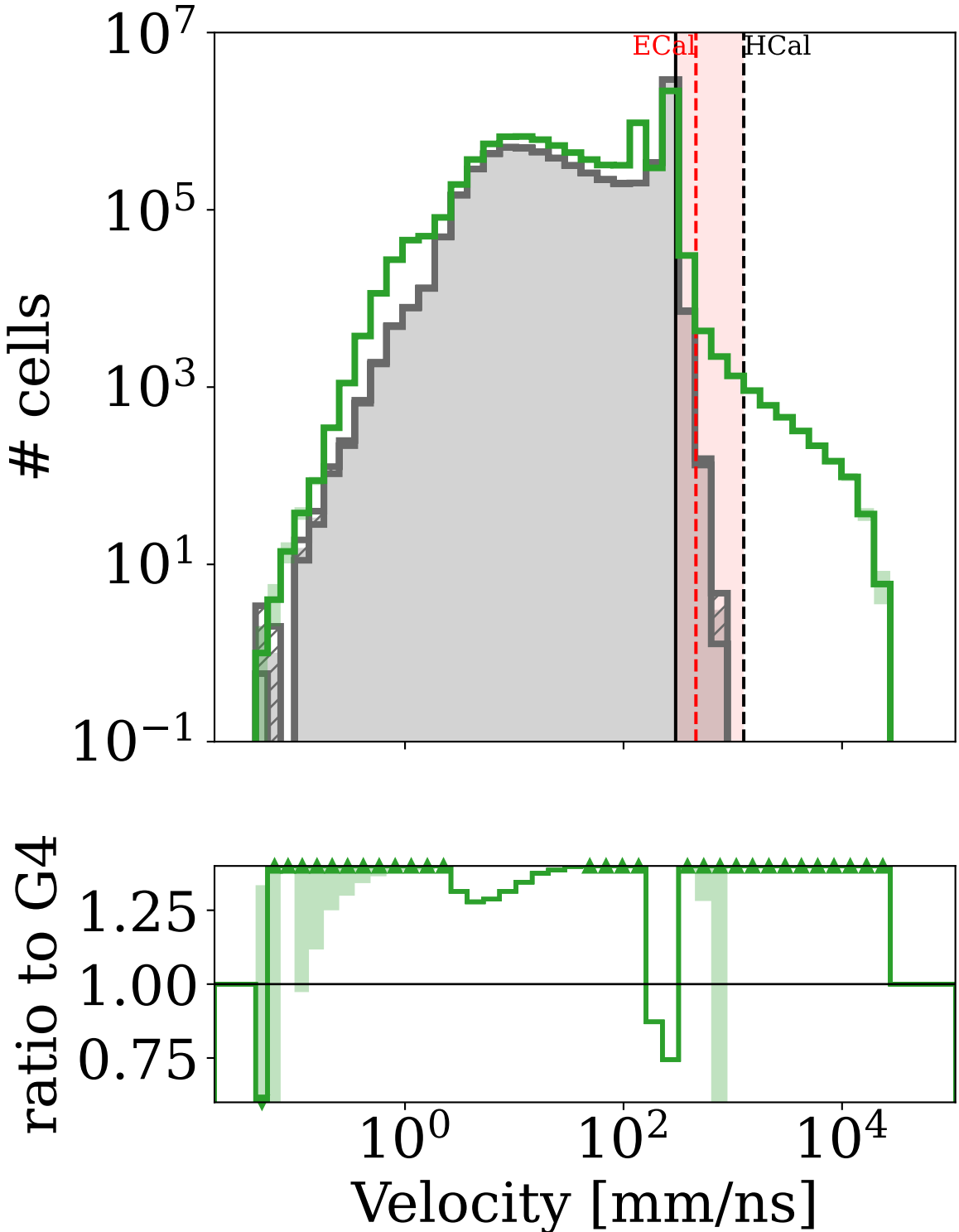
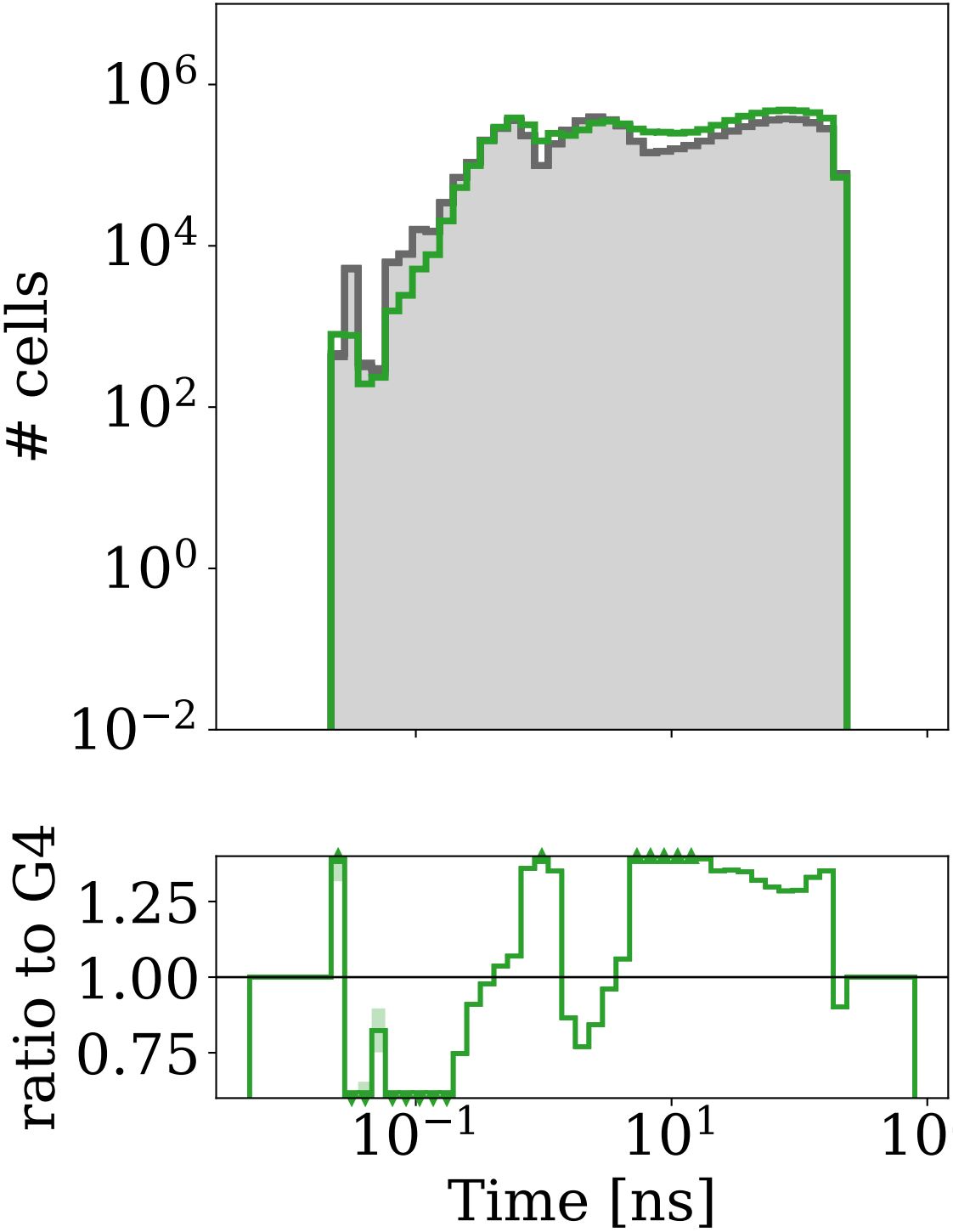
Particle Flow Objects (PFOs): list of reconstructed objects with particle's four-momentum and ID

# Updates

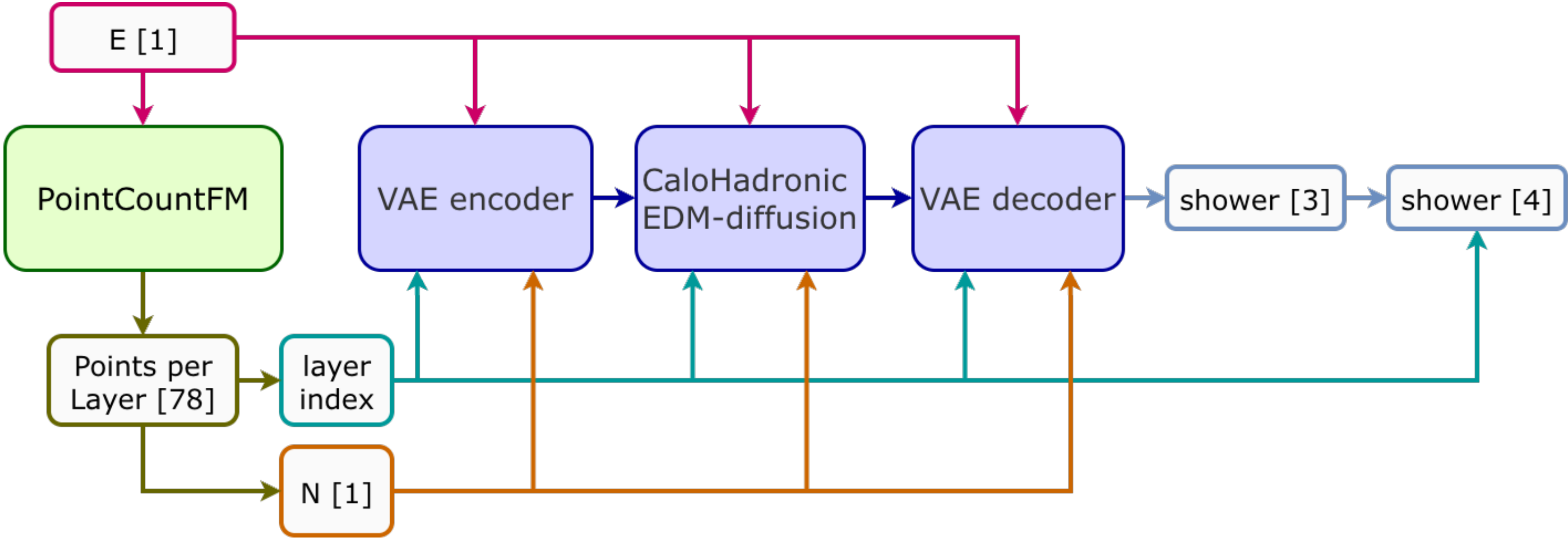
# Updates: time feature



5k, 50GeV

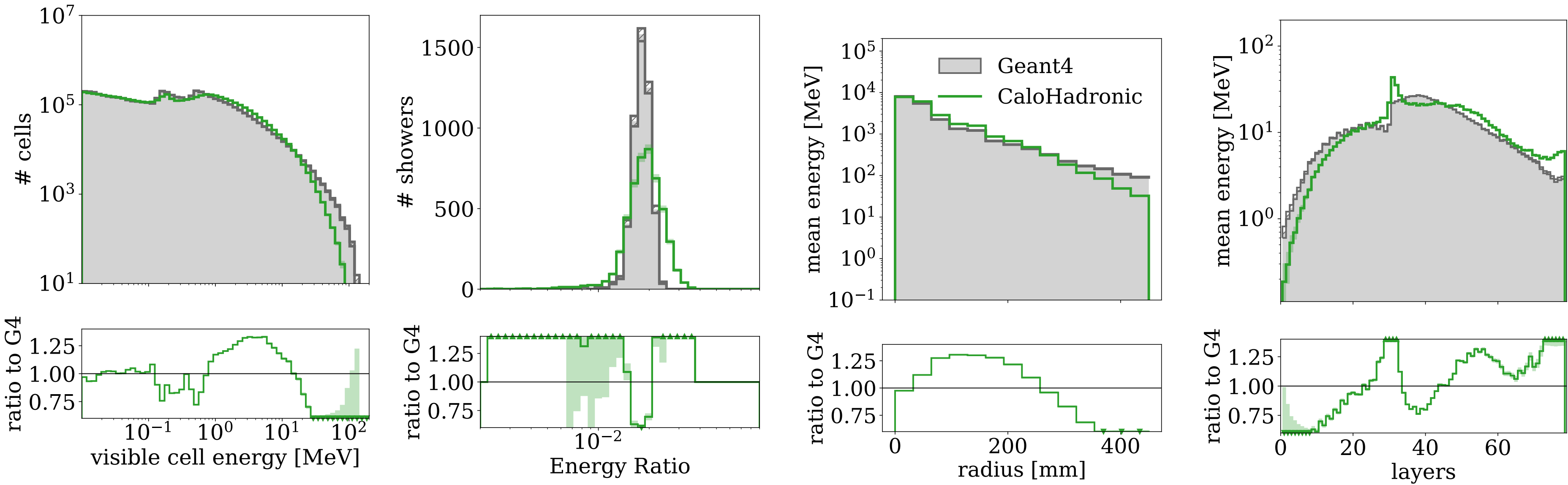


# Updates: latent diffusion



~30 times faster than CaloHadronic

5k, 50GeV



**Thank you**