

Machine Learning Based Analysis of Non-fiducial Electrons

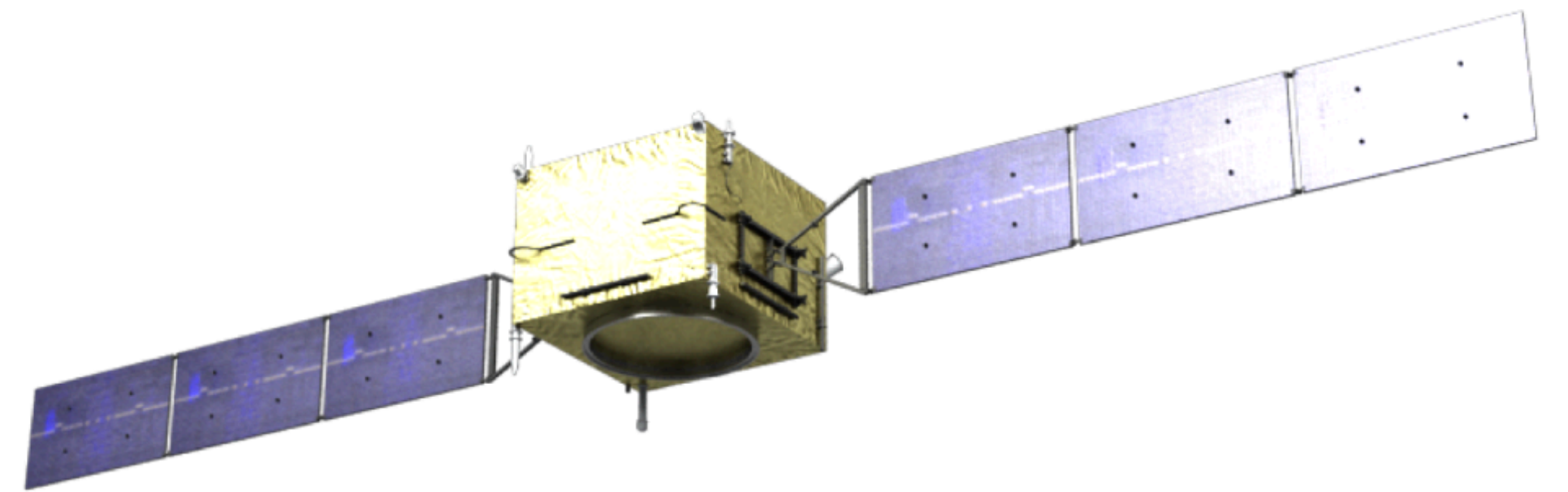
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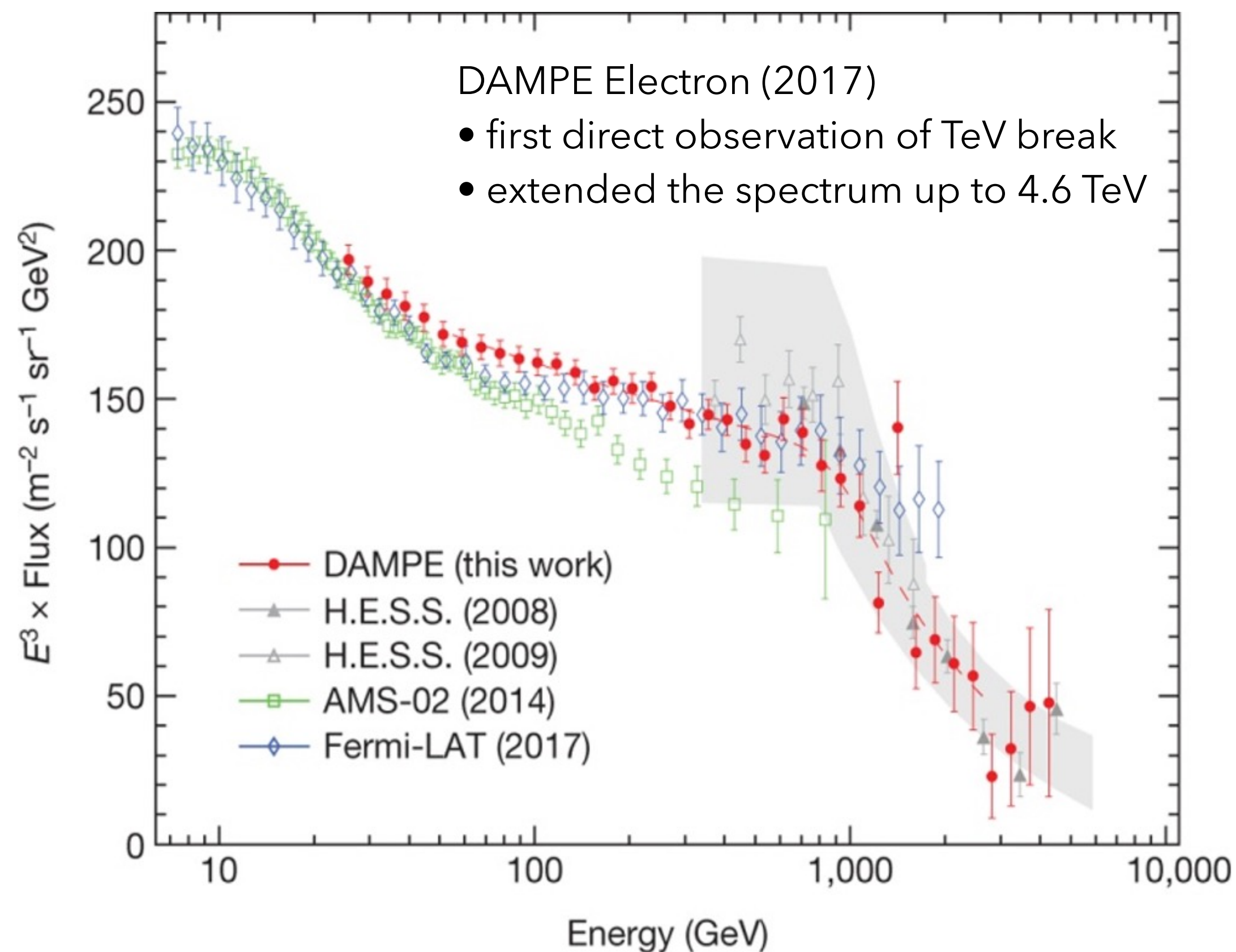
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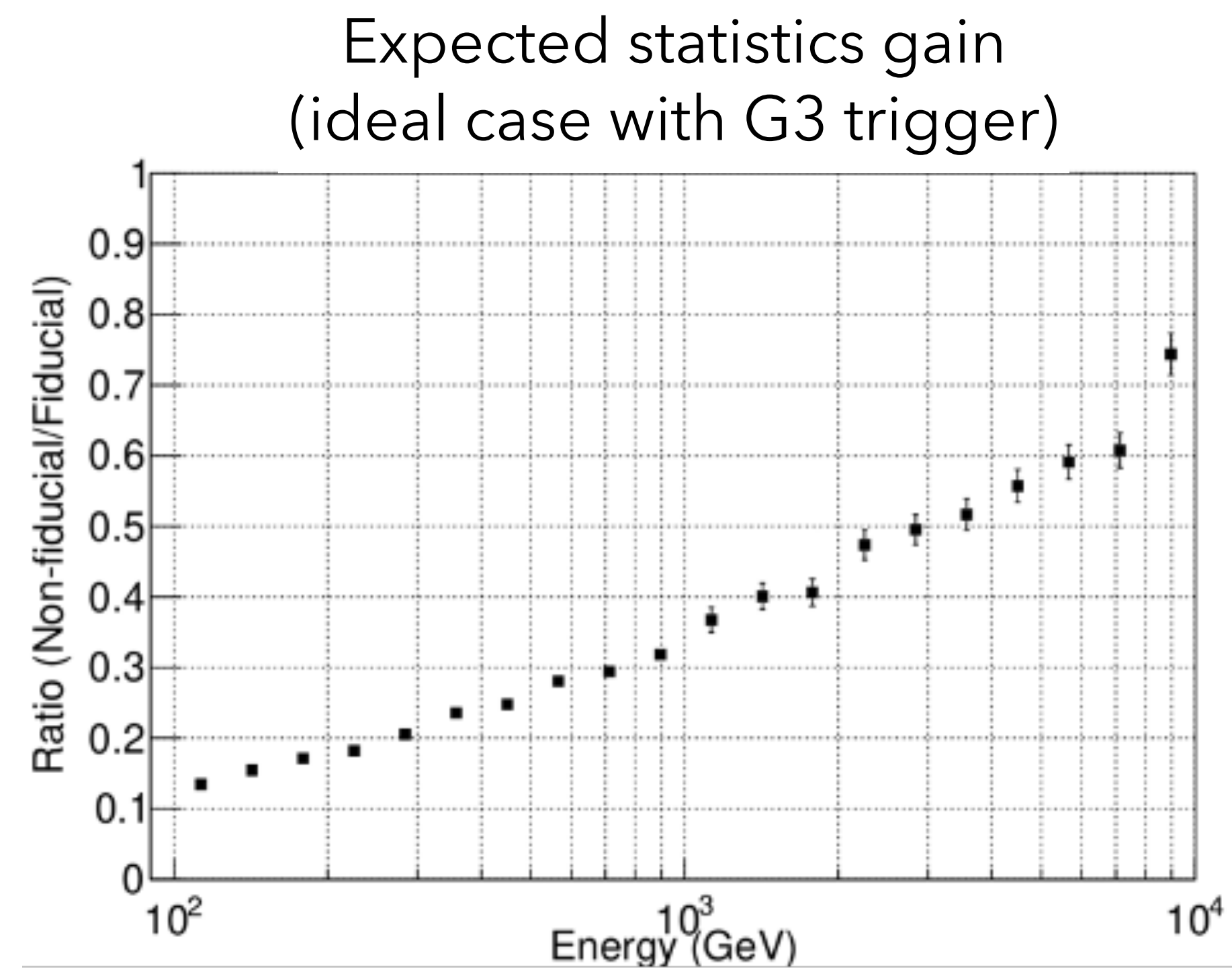
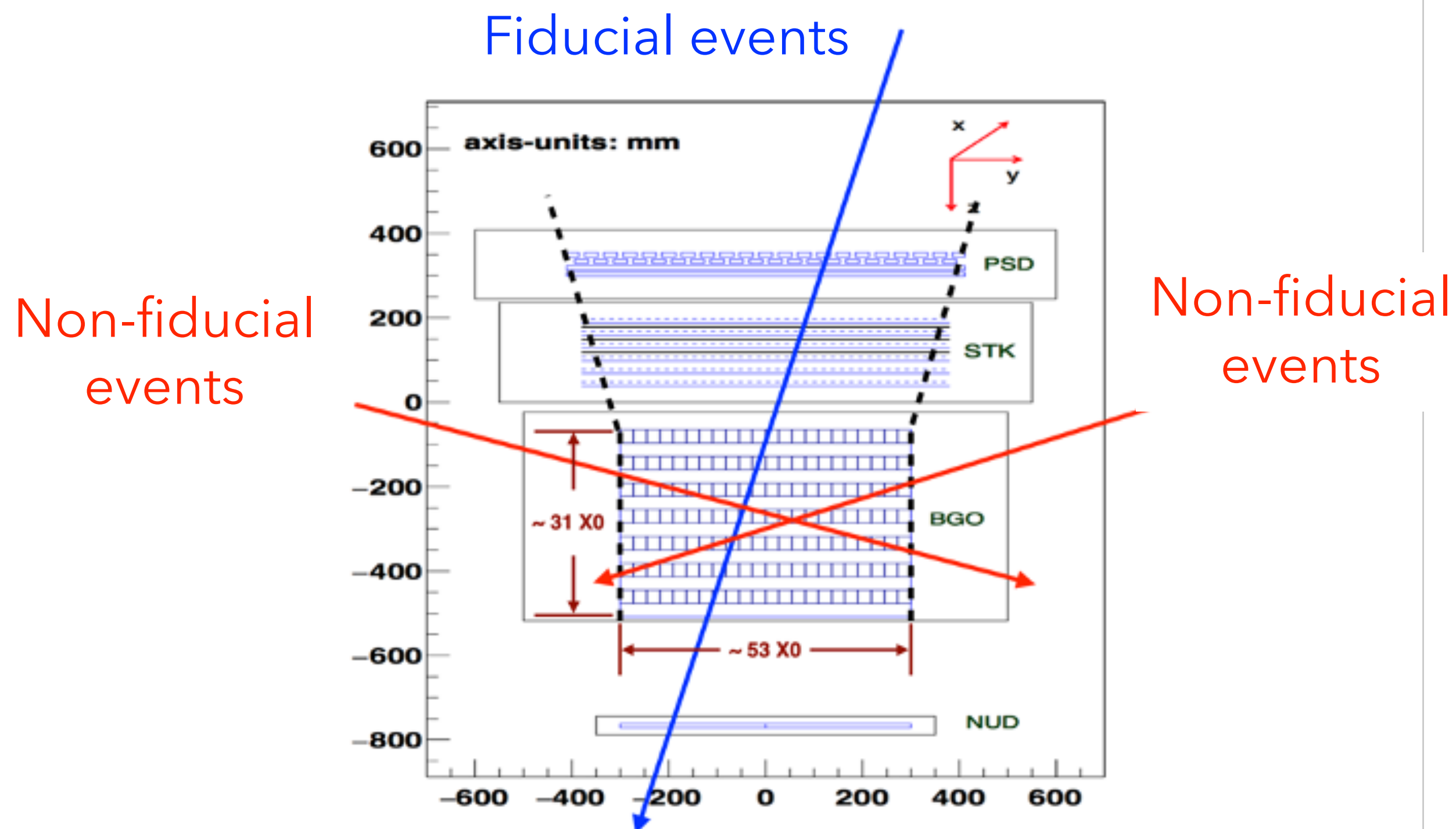
Motivation



- In order to improve the e^+e^- measurement beyond TeV, several approaches can be pursued:
 - **Improve energy calibration and measurement**
 - **Increase statistics**
 - **Enhance the performance of e/p separation**

Method

- Non-fiducial definition in this work: events penetrate the calorimeter **from one lateral side to the opposite side**
 - Take into account additional events (compare to the fiducial analysis)
 - These events traverse over **$\sim 50 X_0$** , improving e/p identification



Challenge

- How to select lateral-penetrating events?
 - No track reconstruction → unable to infer hit geometry
- Possible solutions
 - Reconstruct the track using calorimeter information (PMO colleagues' work, with deep learning method)
 - Classifying lateral-penetrating events using **calorimeter features & XGBoost** (this work)

Data Sample

- Flight data:
 - 9 years (2016.01.01-2024.12.31)
 - Exposure time: 2.17×10^8 s
- MC Sample:
 - Electron (**upper**): 1 - 10 TeV, QGSP_FTFP_BERT_HP, **99.5M**
 - Electron (**lower**): 1 - 10 TeV, QGSP_FTFP_BERT_HP, **50.3 M**
 - Proton (**upper**): 1 - 10 TeV, FTFP_BERT, **159.8M**
 - Proton (**lower**): 1 - 10 TeV, FTFP_BERT_HP, **137.4M**

Note:

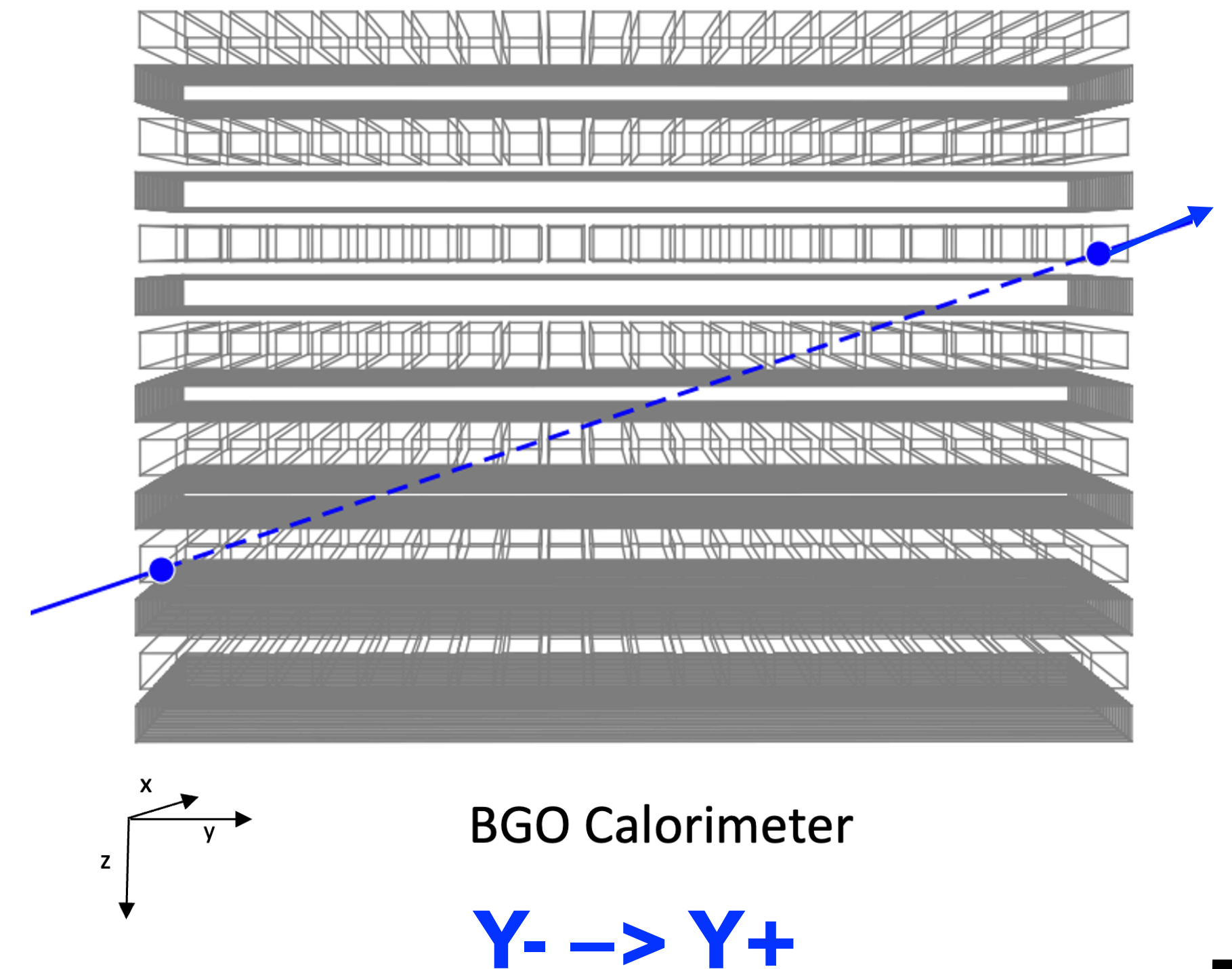
- **Upper hemisphere**: standard scenario, zenith angle in $[0^\circ, 90^\circ]$
- **Lower hemisphere**:, zenith angle in $[90^\circ, 130^\circ]$
- Proton > 10 TeV: essential, but not included in this version

Analysis Procedure

- Input Flight data/MC sample
 - Pre-selection
 - XGBoost Classification (trained on mixed e/p sample)
 - ✓ **Classifier 1**: identification of lateral-penetrating events
 - ✓ **Classifier 2**: identification of incident direction (along the X-axis or Y-axis)
 - ✓ **Classifier 3**: identification of incident vertex (plus→minus or minus→plus)
 - e/p separation
 - Flux calculation

Training sample after pre-selection:

- electrons: 2.6M (upper) + 0.95M (lower)
- protons: 1.2M (upper) + 1.7M (lower)

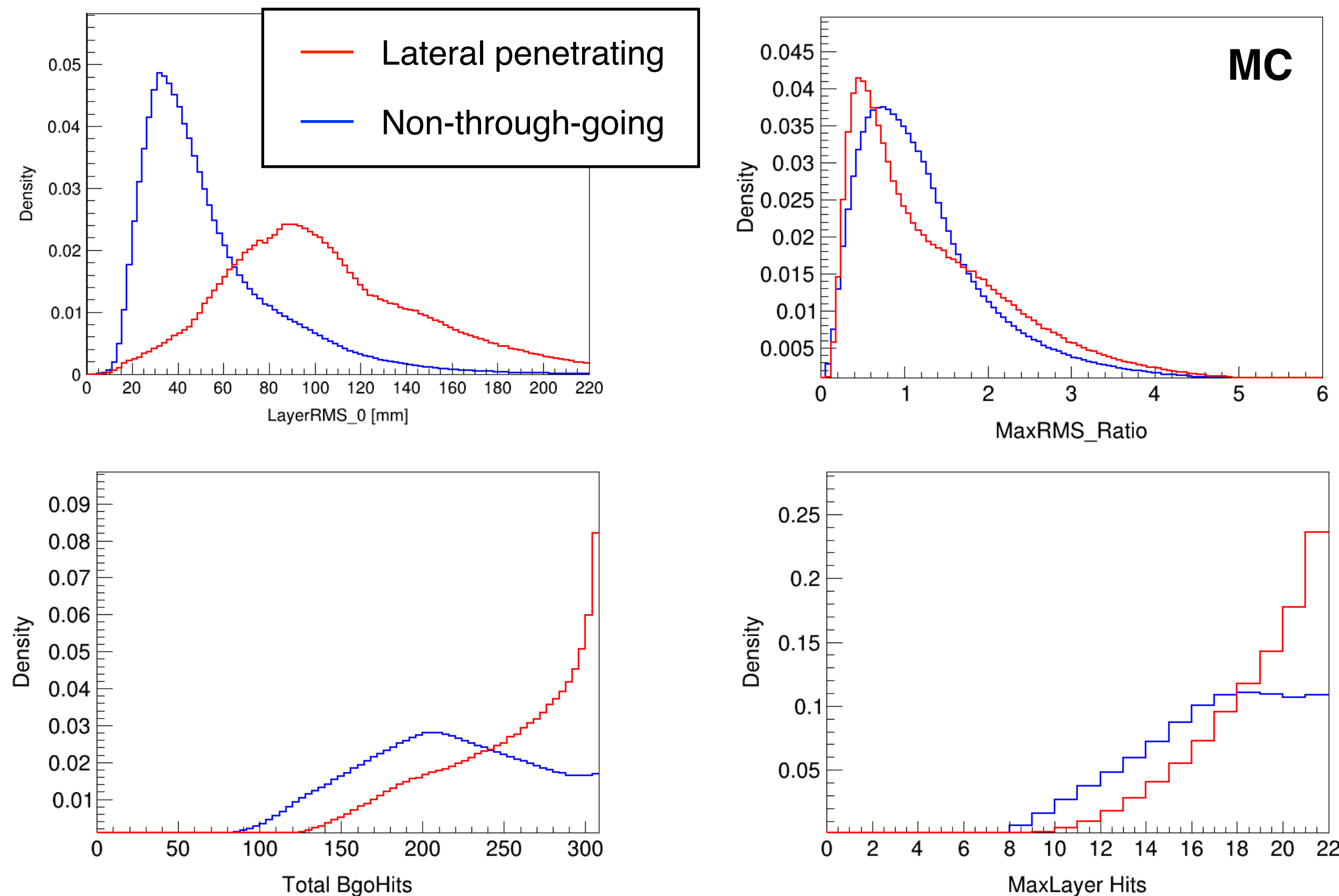


Pre-Selection

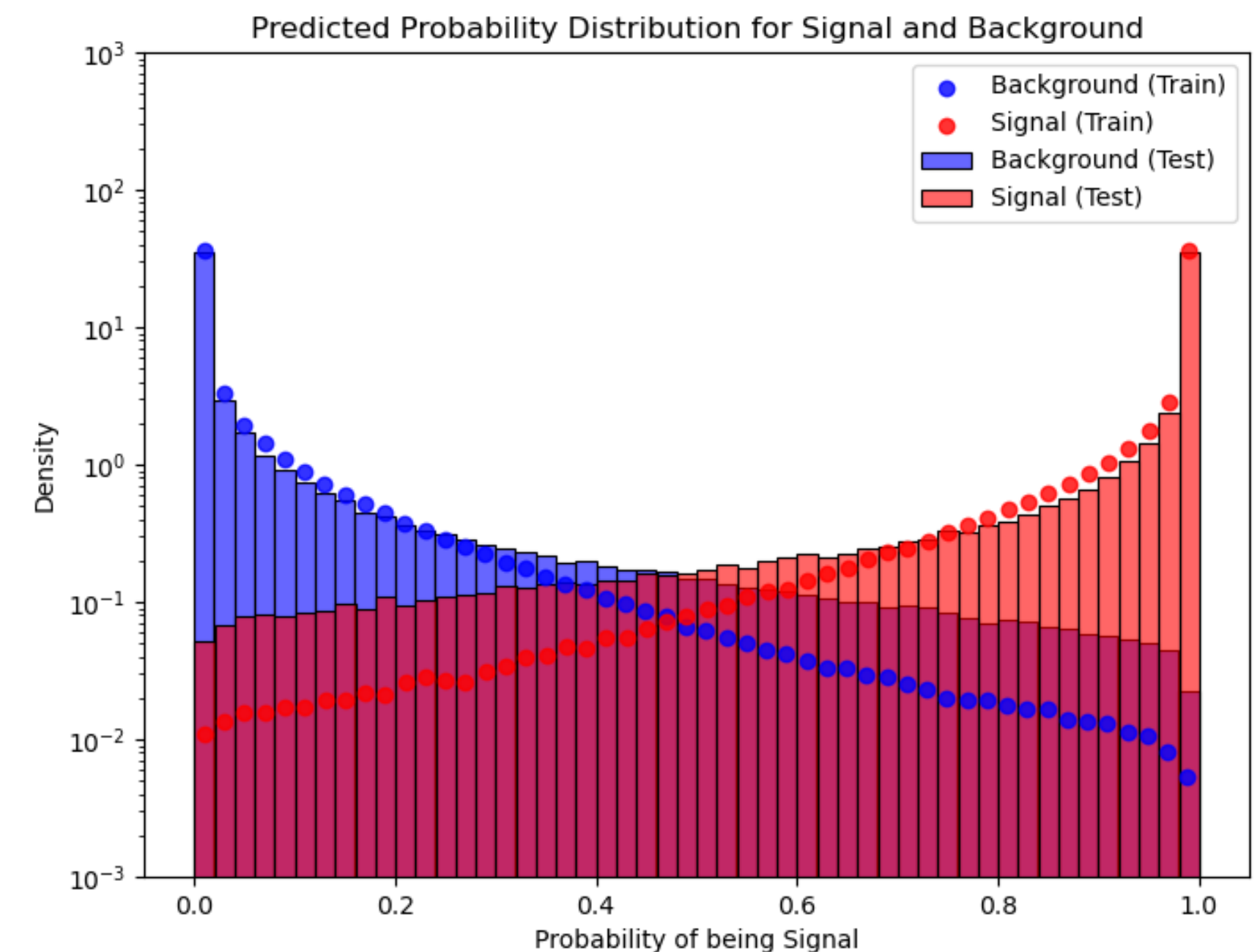
- Pass high energy trigger (G3)
- Total energy in $[1, 10]$ TeV (focus on $[1, 10]$ TeV; extensible to lower/higher energies)
- STK veto: remove events with well-reconstructed STK tracks

XGB Classifier 1

- **Classifier 1**: identification of lateral-penetrating events
- Typical feature profiles:

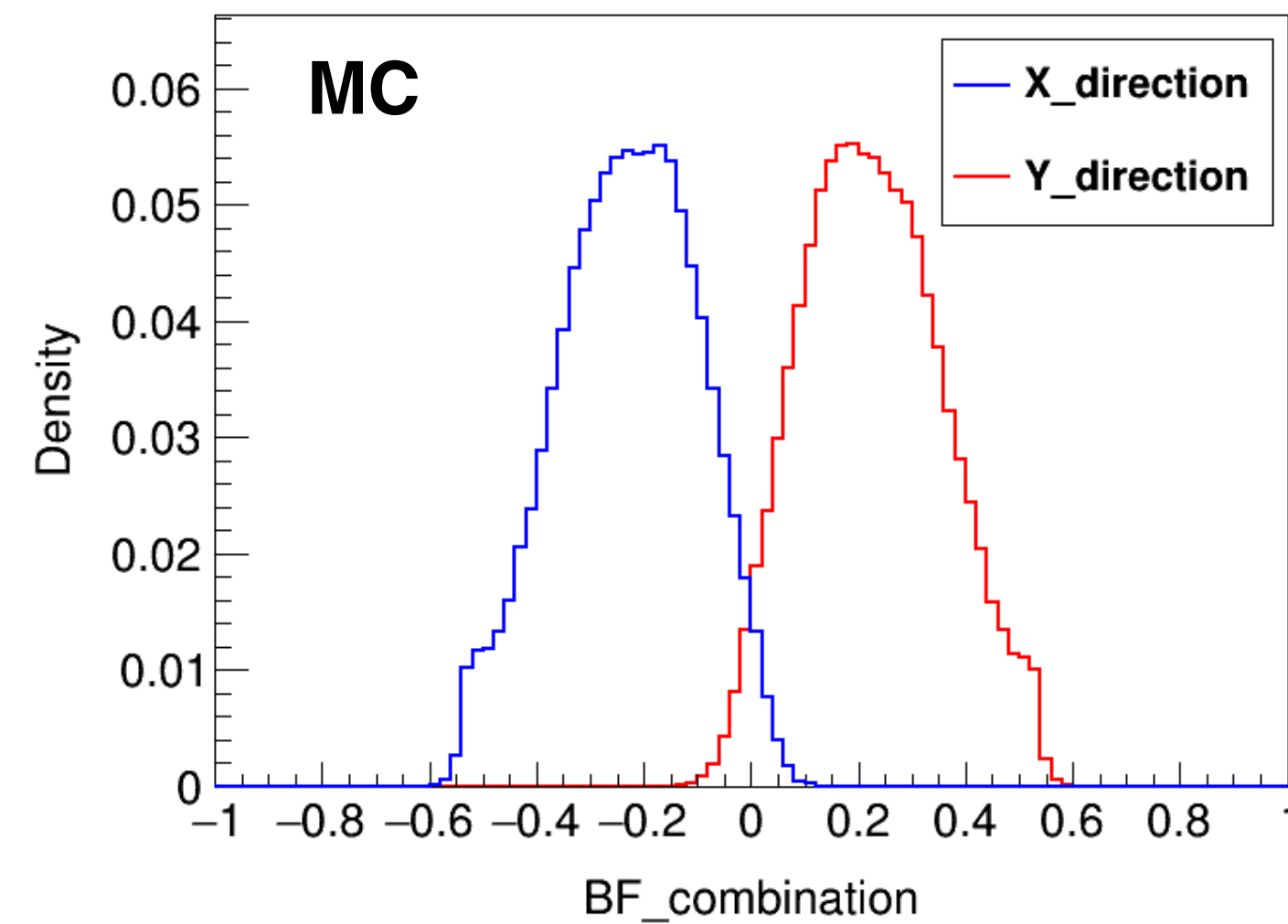
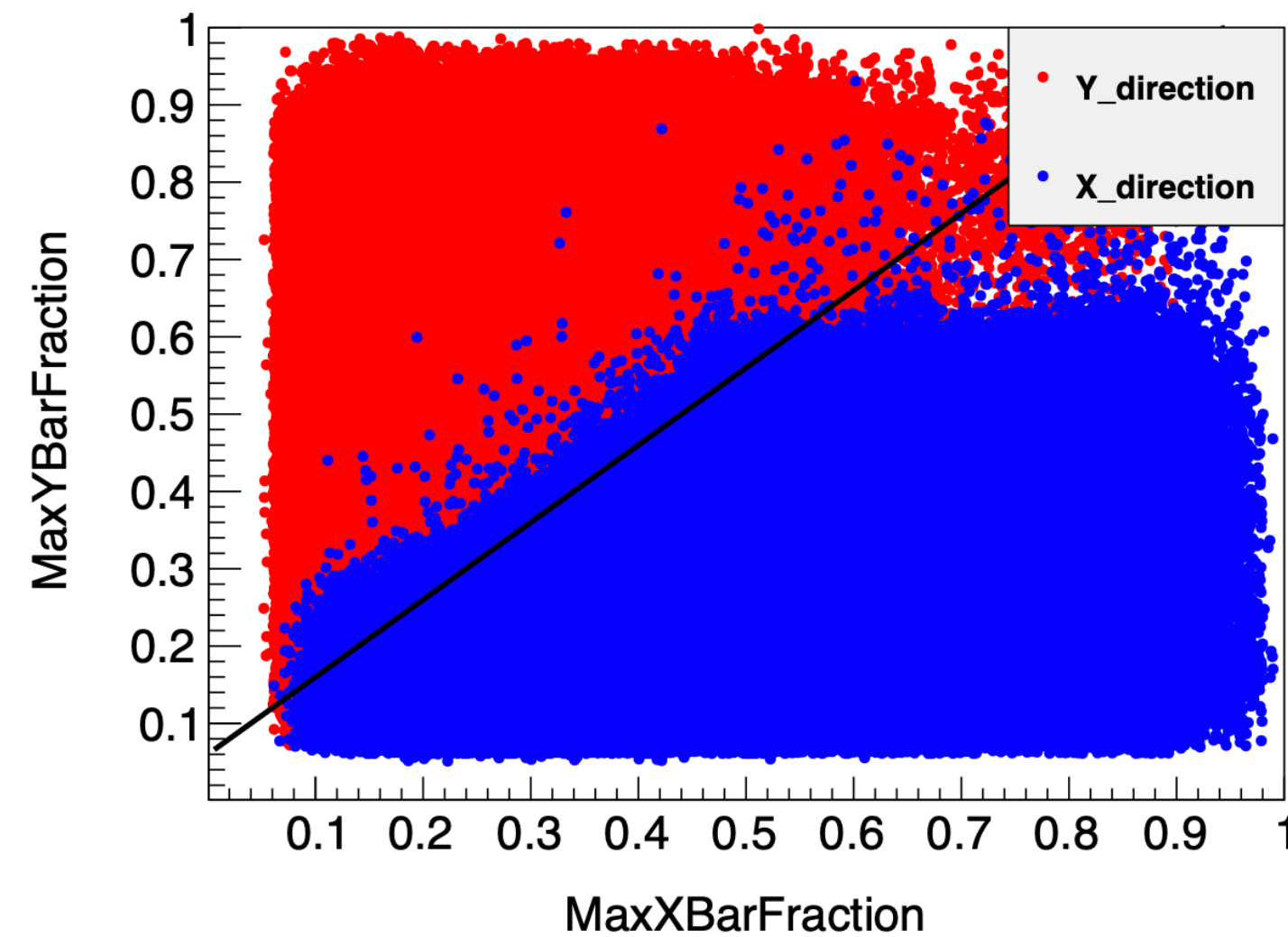


- Performance of Classifier 1:
~86.5% signal efficiency with
~6.5% misclassification

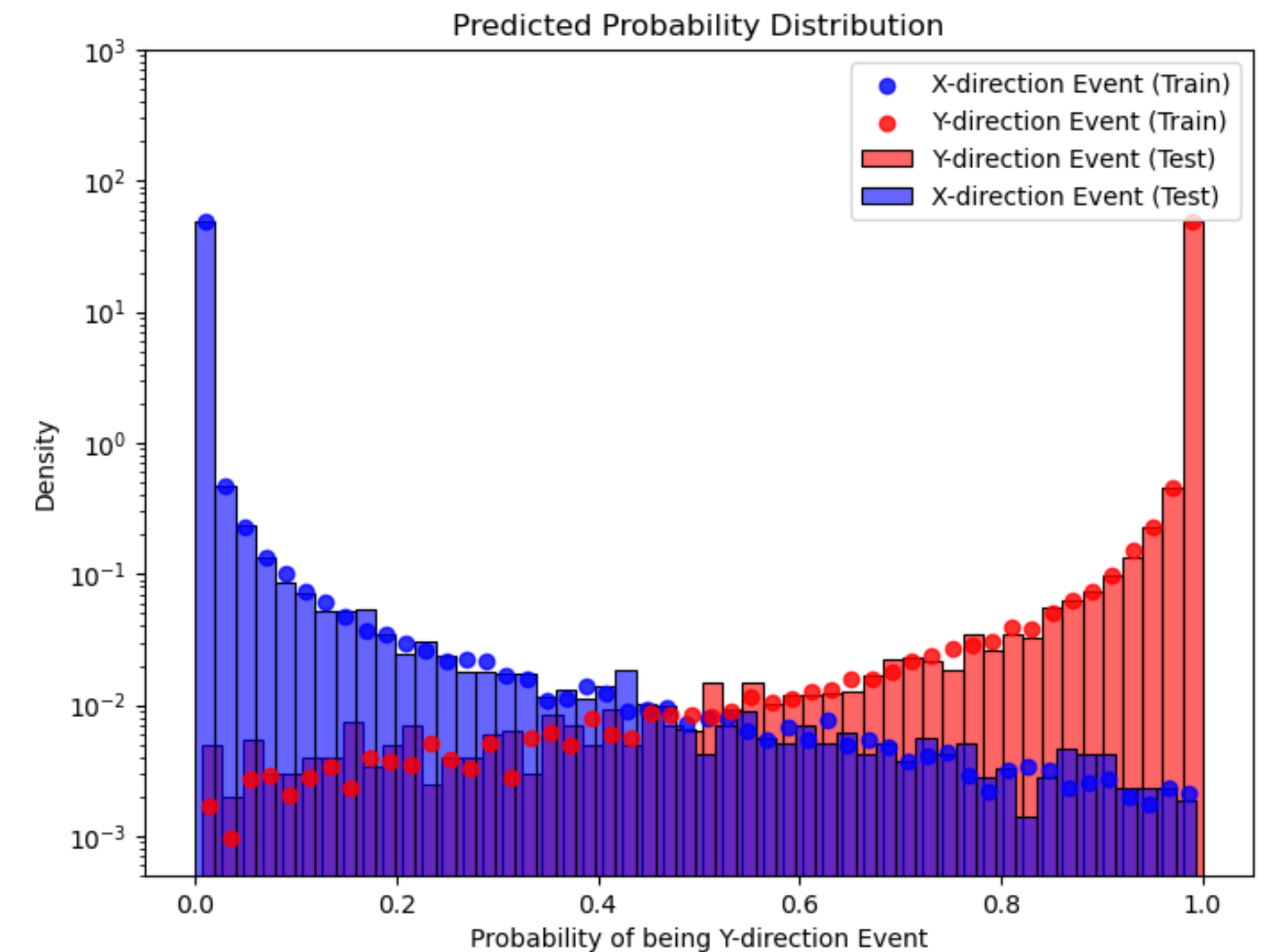


XGB Classifier 2

- **Classifier 2**: identification of incident direction
- Typical feature profiles:

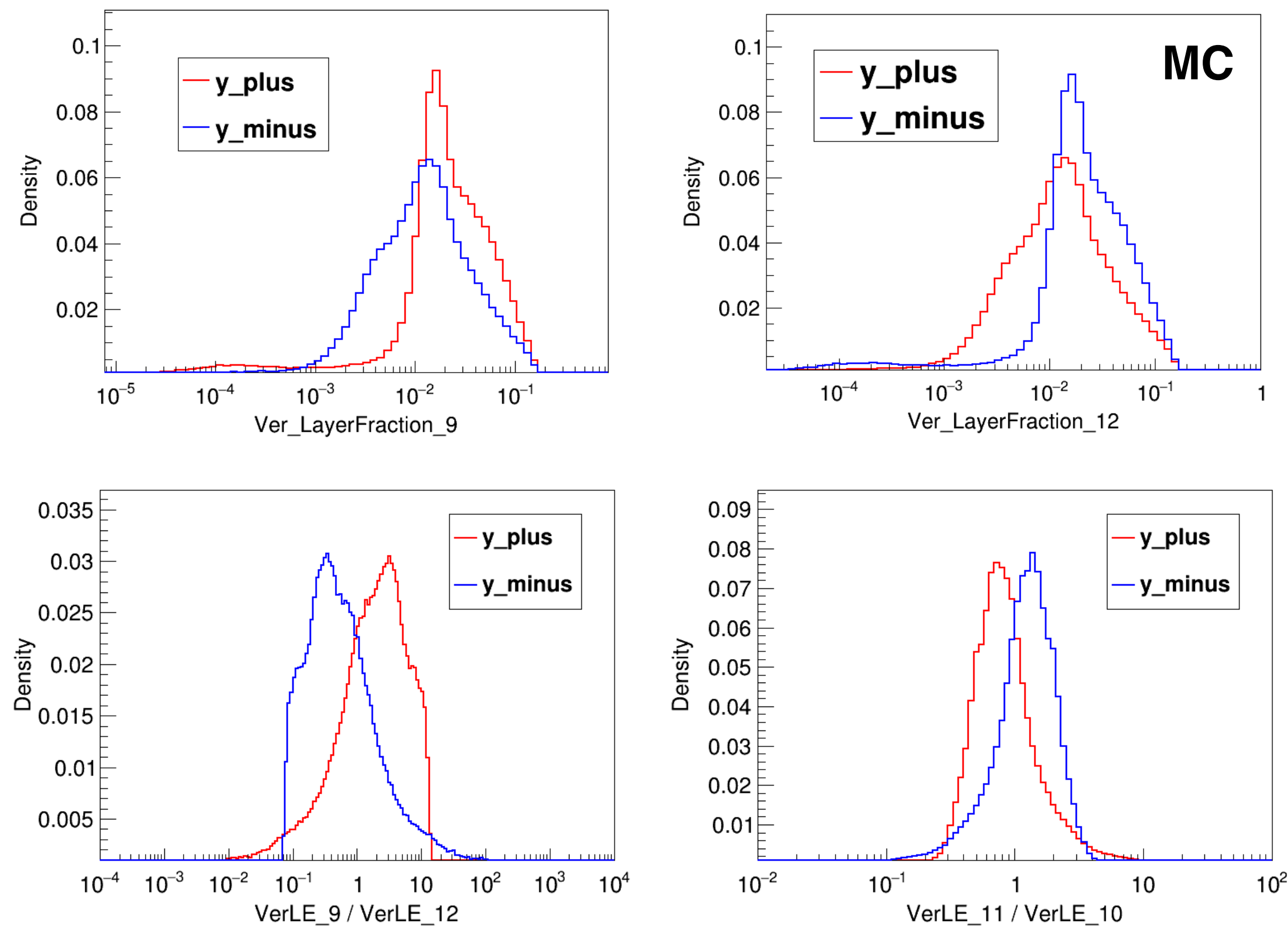


- Performance of Classifier 2:
~99.8% signal efficiency with
~0.2% misclassification

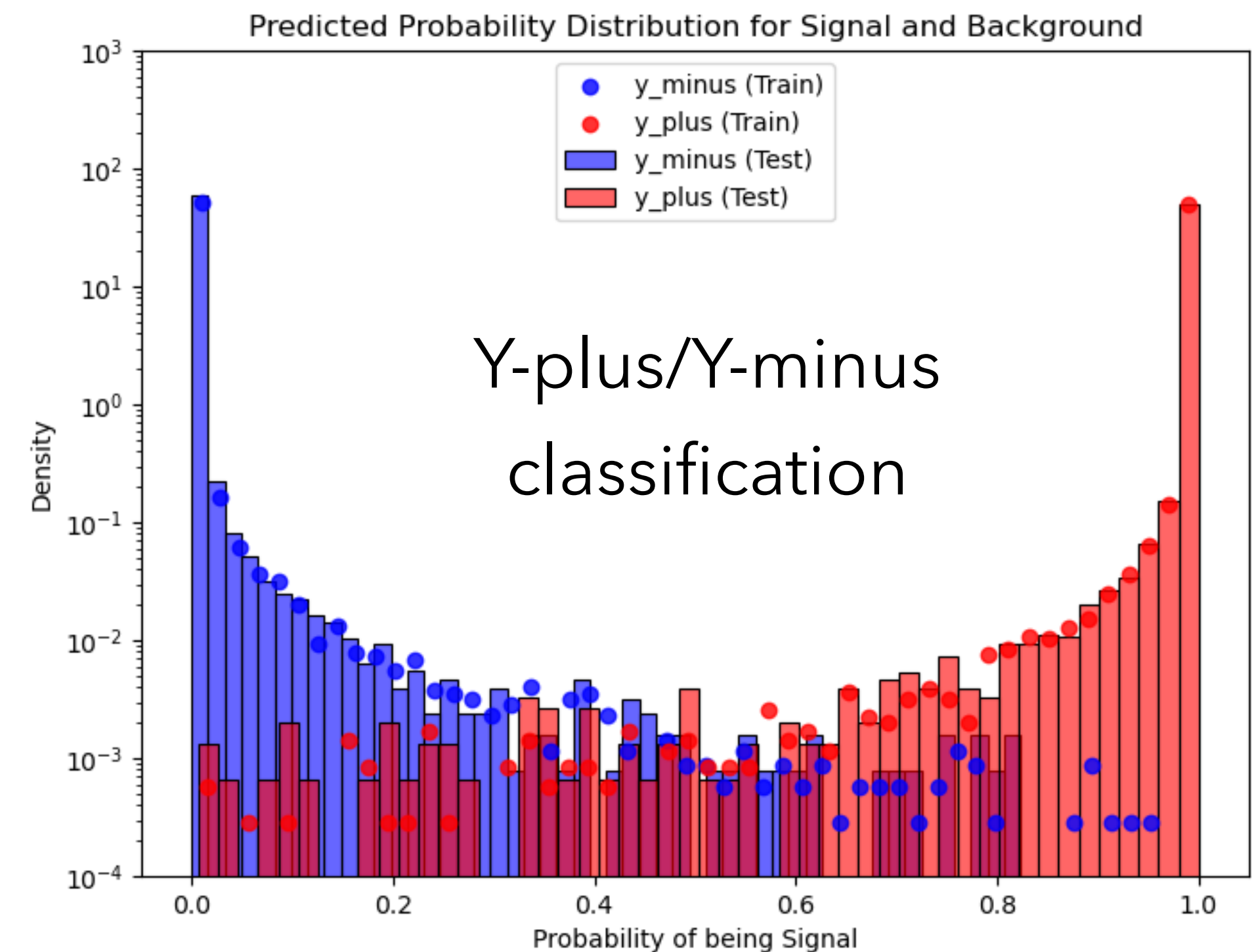


XGB Classifier 3

- **Classifier 3**: identification of incident vertex
- Typical feature profiles:

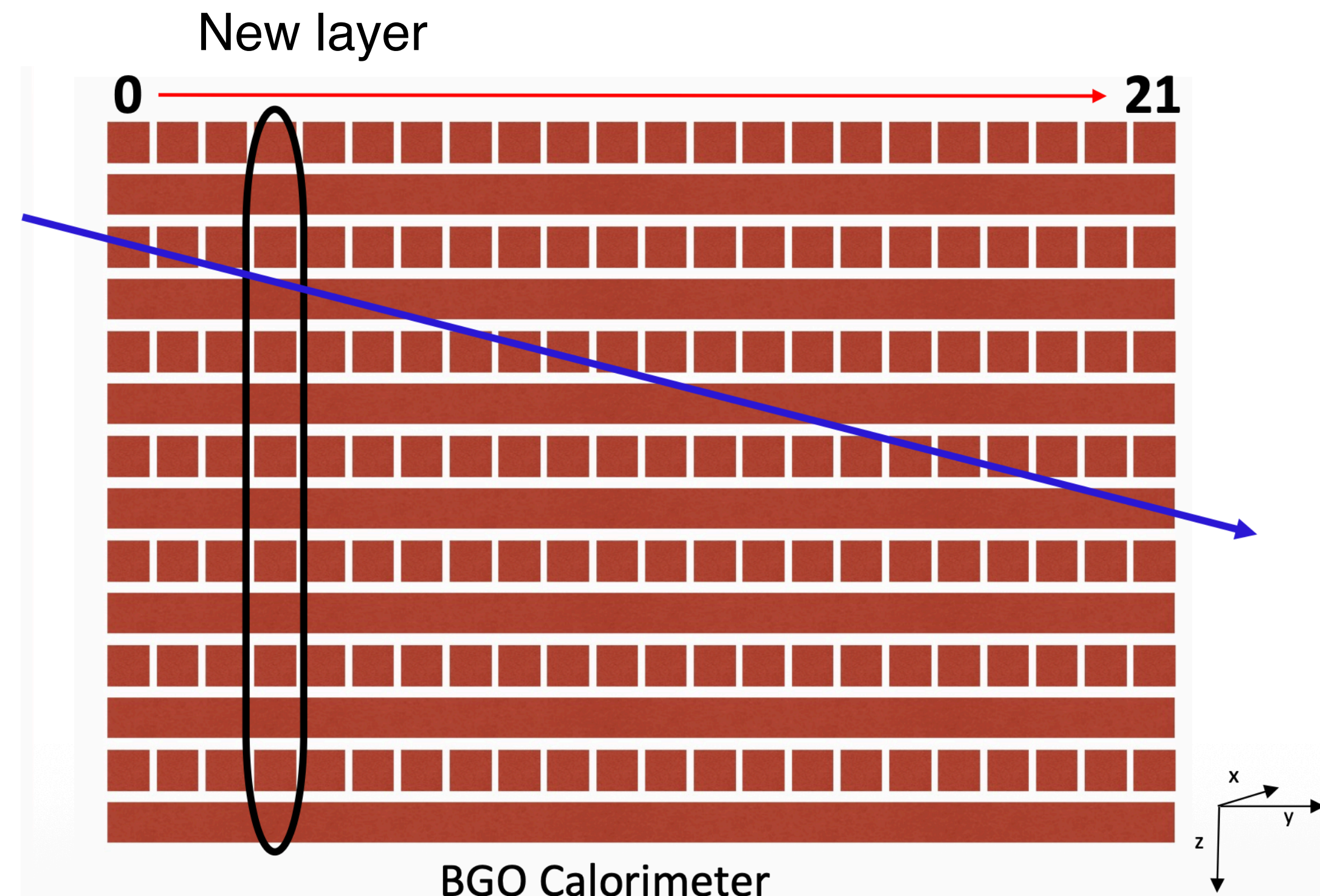


- Performance of Classifier 3:
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e/p Separation

- Following the e/p separation method in Nature (2017)
- New feature definition in the lateral-penetration coordinate frame
 - Define columns perpendicular to the dominant incident direction as new layers

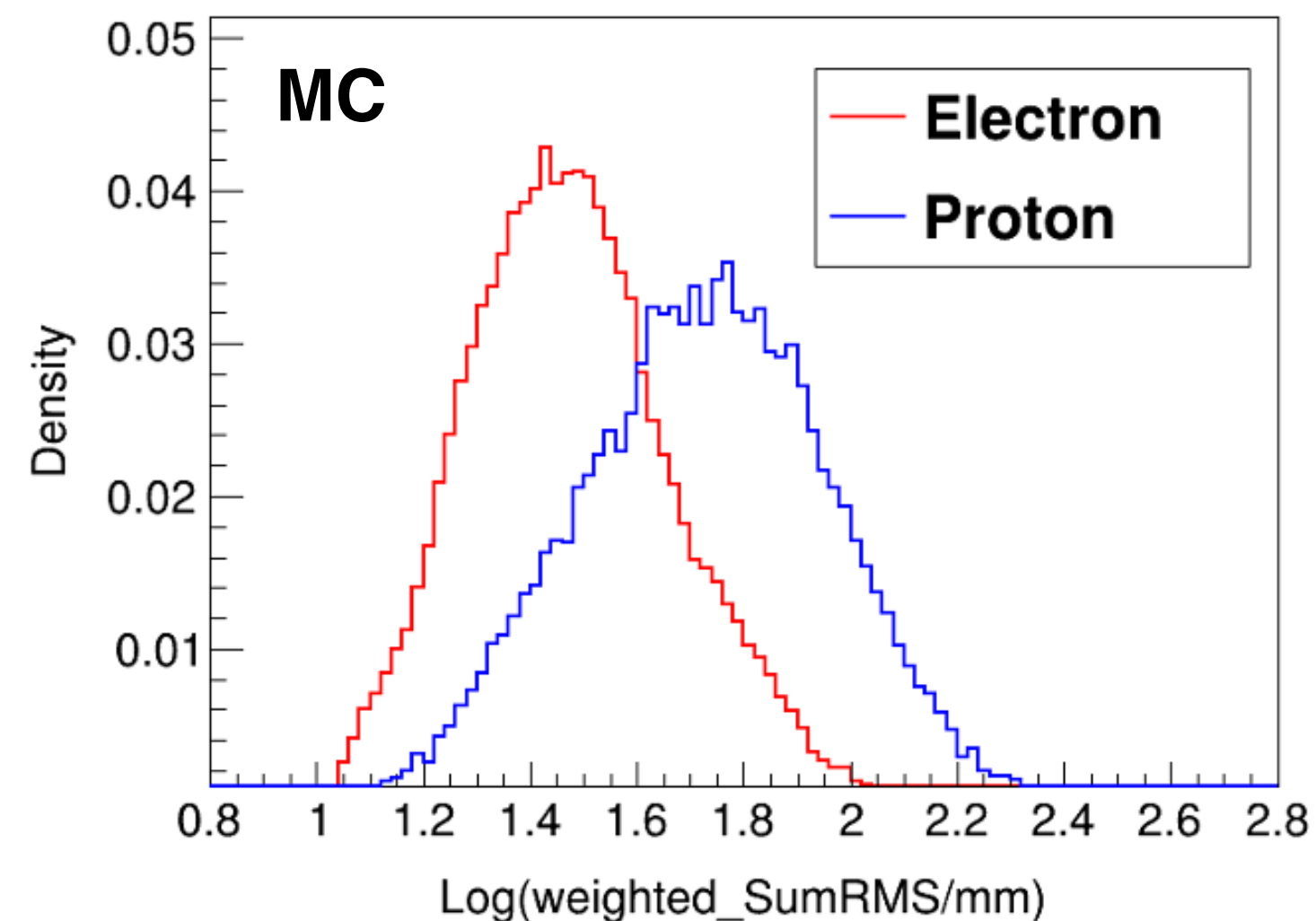


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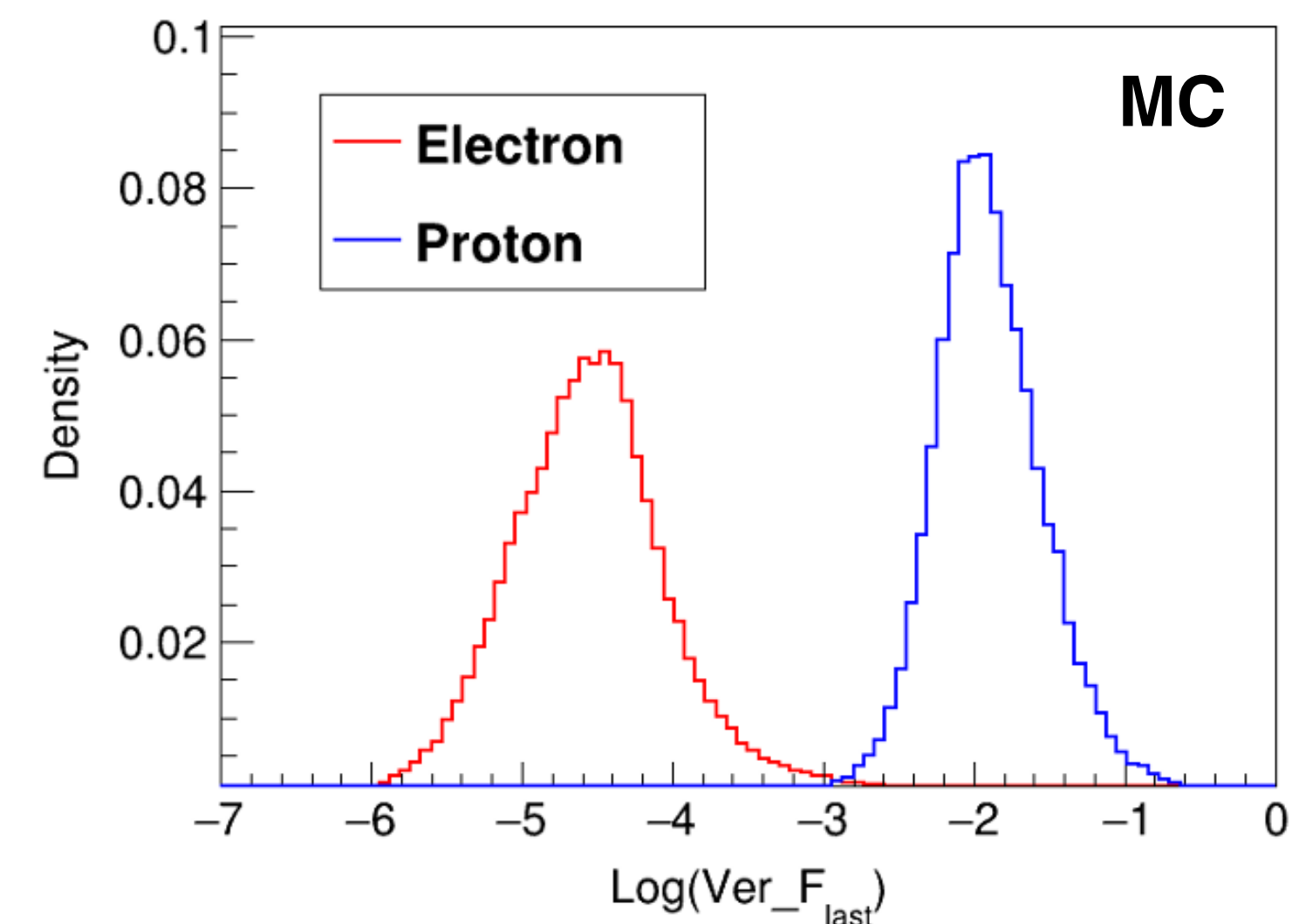
Features of shower **transverse** development

$$SumRMS = \sum_{i=0}^6 \left(\frac{LayerEnergy_i}{MaxLayerEnergy} \times RMS_i \right)$$



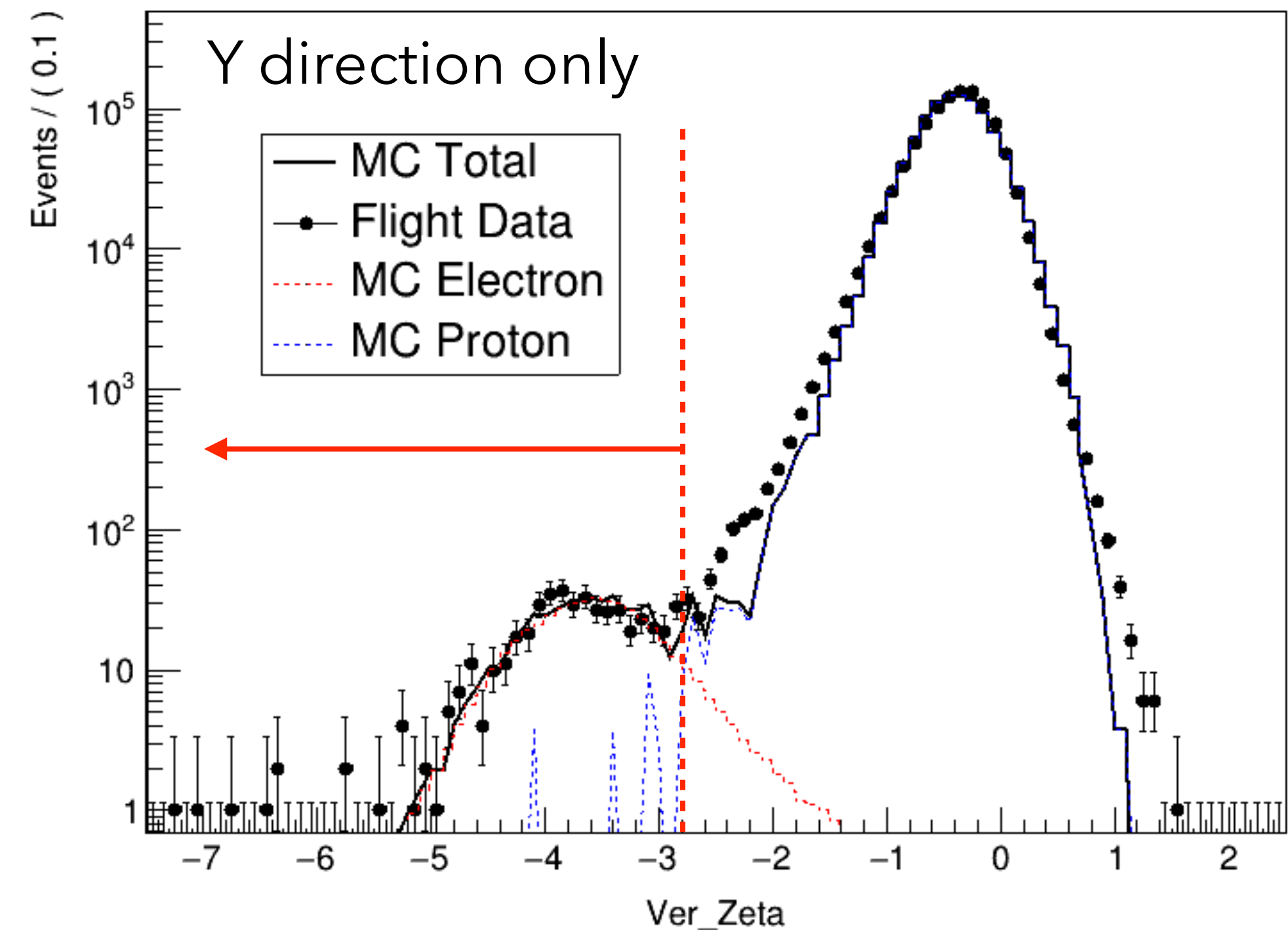
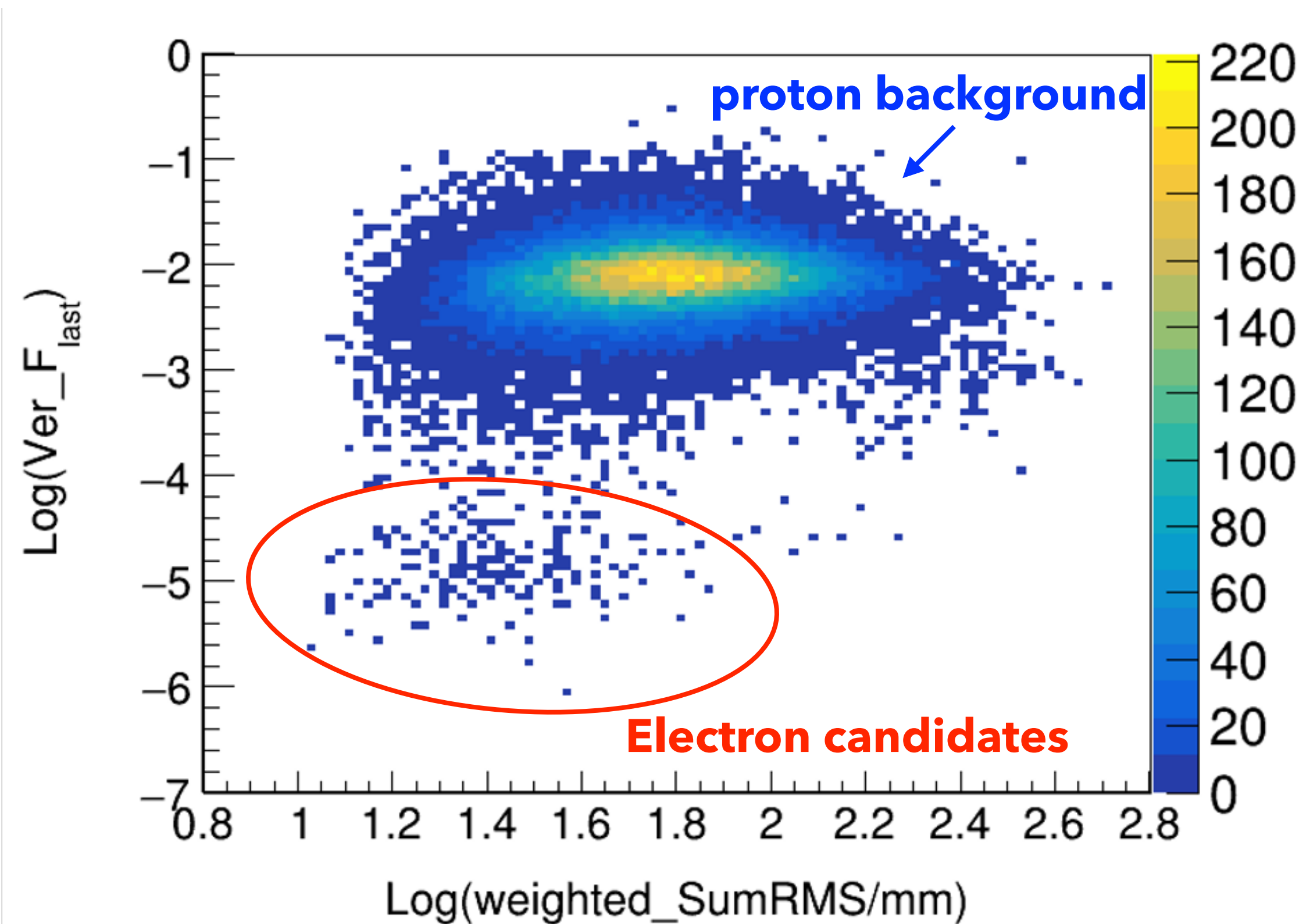
Features of shower **longitudinal** development

$$F_{last} = \frac{LayerEnergy_{21}}{TotalEnergy}$$



e/p Separation

- Apply the features of e/p separation on the flight data
- Define $Zeta' = \text{Log}(F_{last}) + 0.8 \times \text{Log}(SumRMS)$



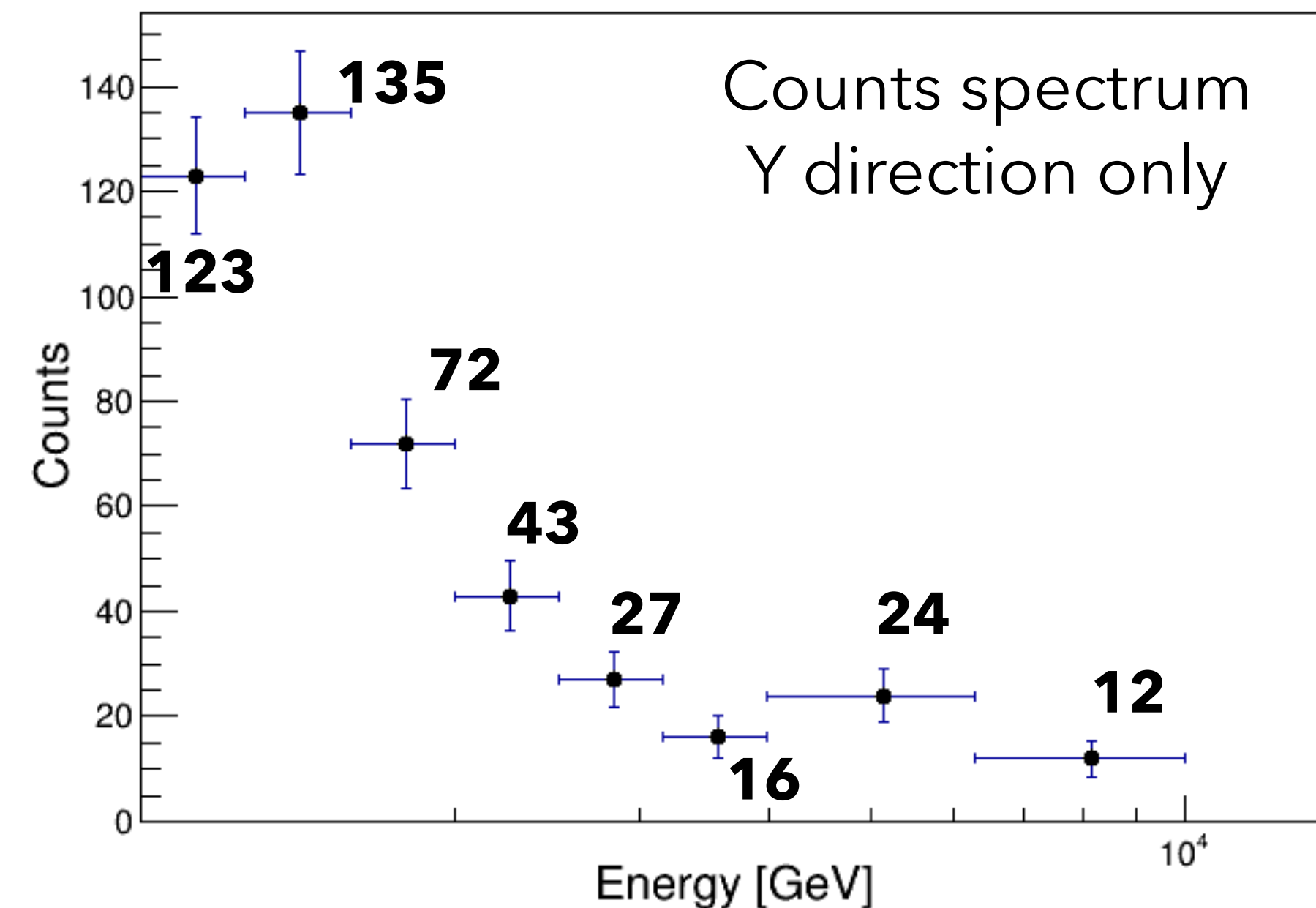
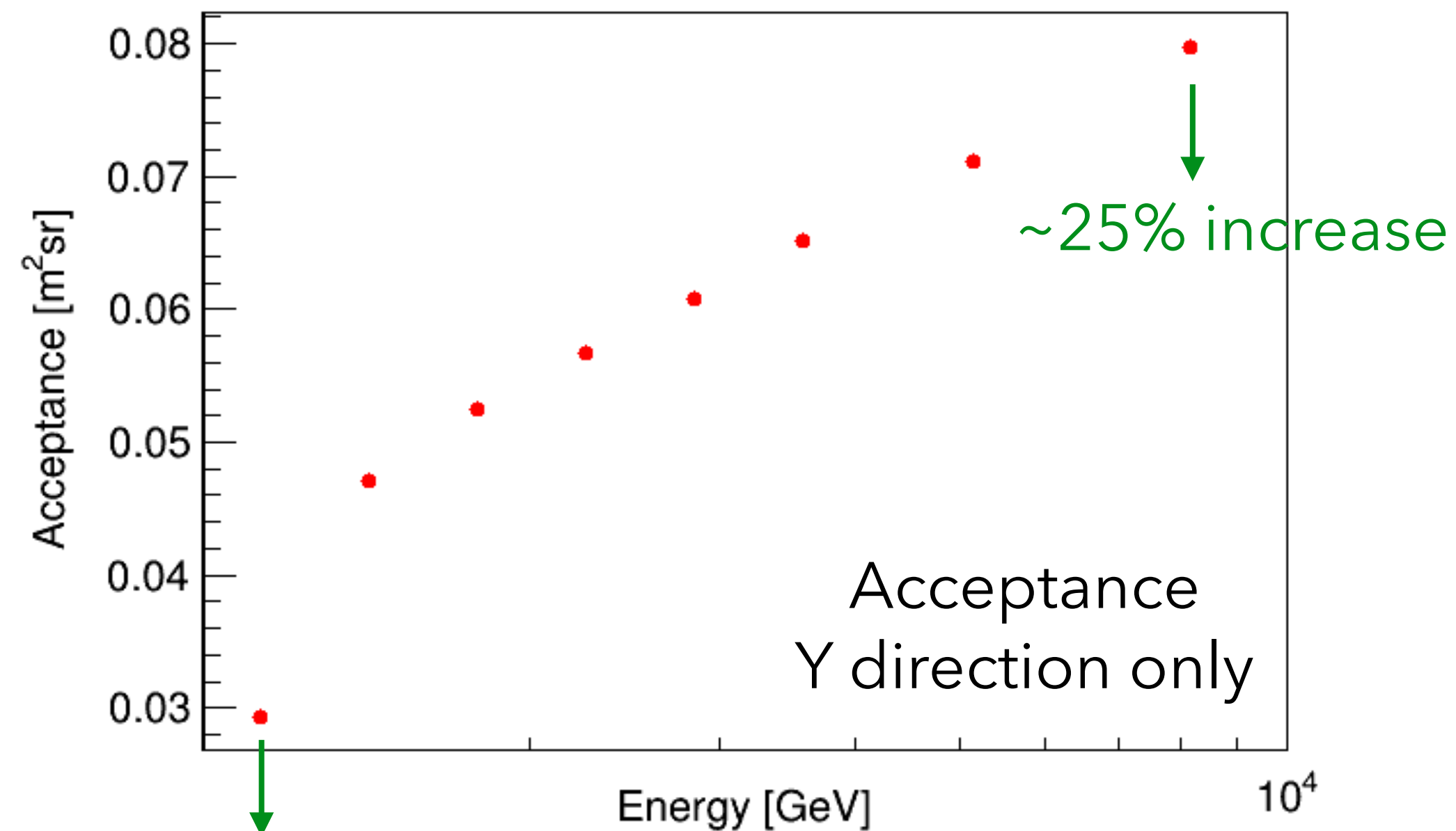
Selection cut: $Zeta' < -2.8$

Efficiency $\sim 88.5\%$

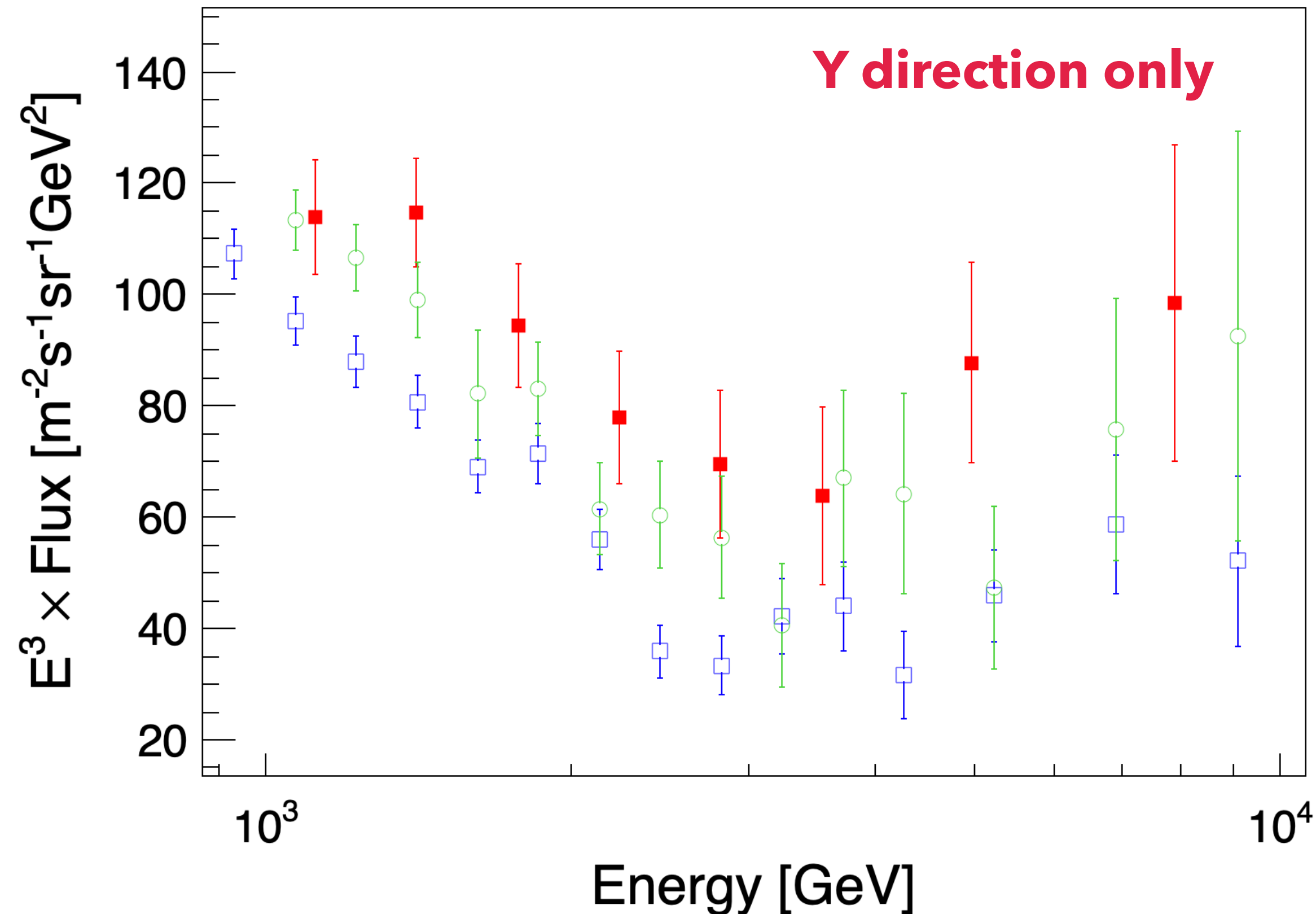
Contamination $\sim 4.6\%$ (may be inaccurate)

Acceptance and Counts Spectrum

- 452 events above 1 TeV for Y direction, no background subtraction
- Comparable to 1.5 years of fiducial events in statistics
- Rough estimation: 9 years of lateral-penetrating events \approx 3 years of fiducial events (in statistics)



Preliminary Result



- DAMPE non-Fidu, stand. Erecos, 9 years (this work)
- DAMPE Fidu, new Erecos, 10 years (USTC)
- DAMPE Fidu, stand. Erecos, 4.8 years (Geneva)

Note:

- Statistical uncertainties shown for this work
- Proton contamination is not well determined due to low statistic in MC proton sample
- XGB Classifiers will be retrained with extended MC proton sample above 10 TeV
- XGB misclassifications are not taken into account

Summary & Next Plan

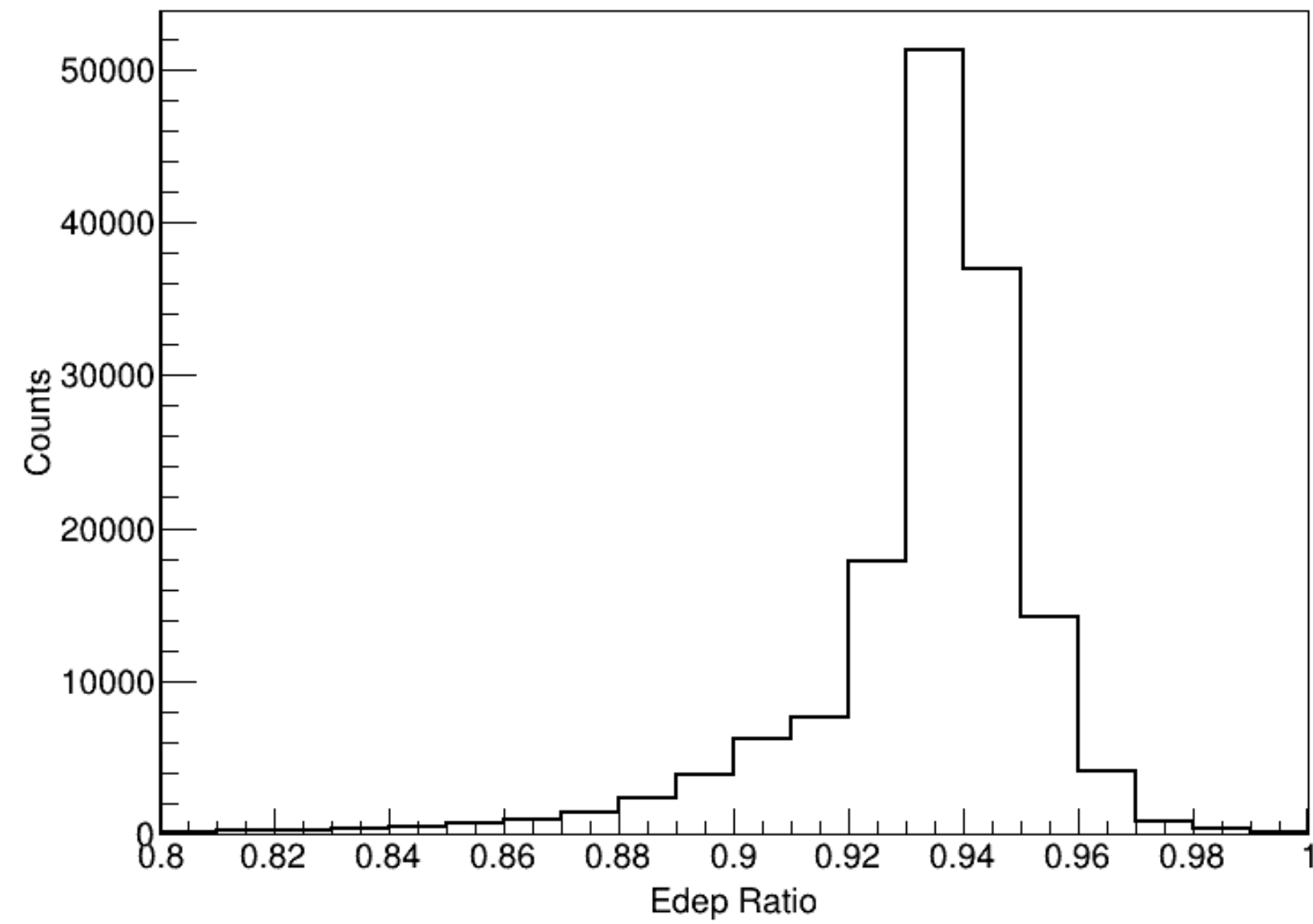
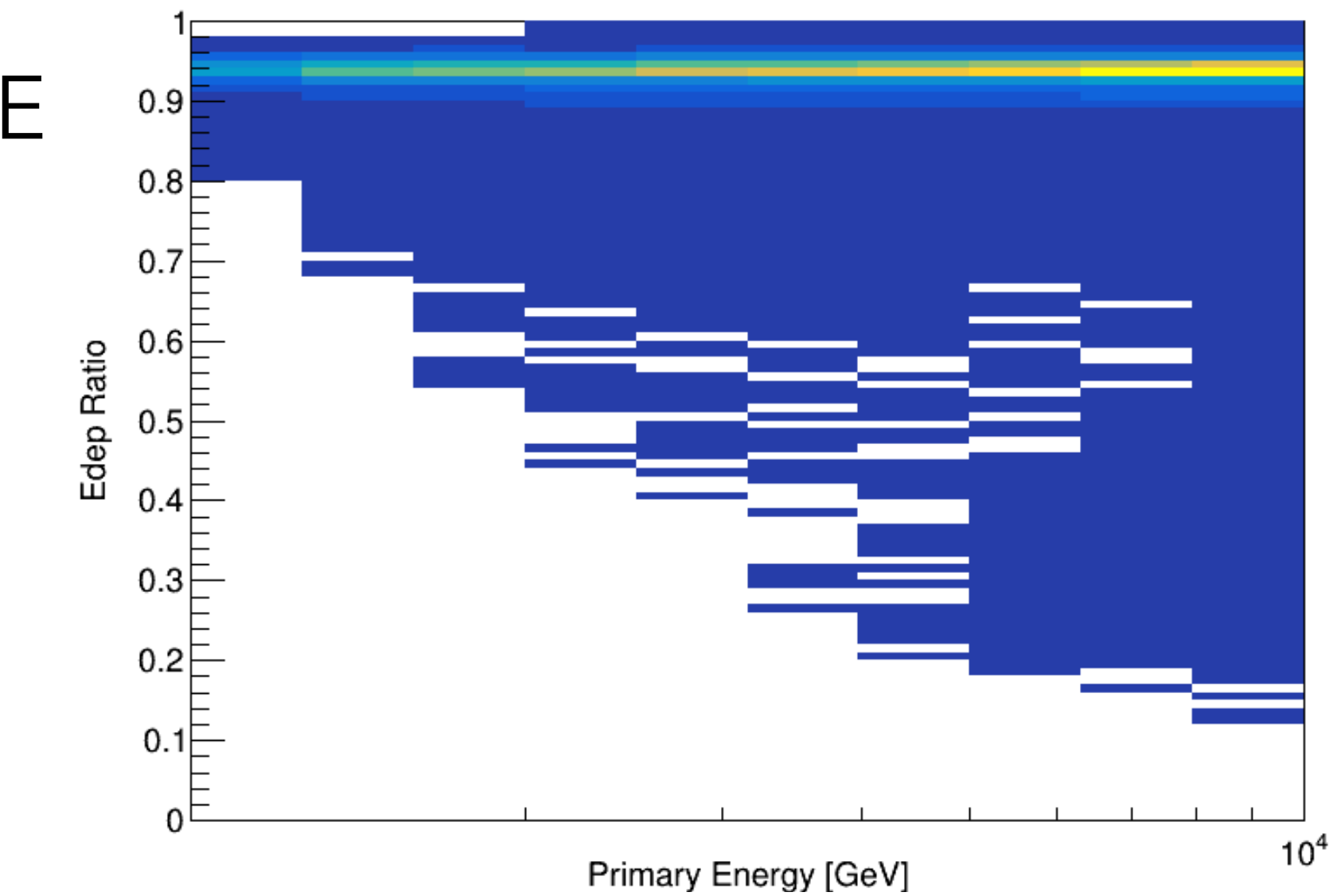
- A new method based on XGBoost has been developed for non-fiducial (lateral-penetrating) electrons
- Preliminary results agree with fiducial electron flux within uncertainties
- A rough estimation: including all lateral-penetrating events (both X and Y) boosts statistics by $\sim 30\%$
- Next plan:
 - Generate additional MC samples
 - Investigate XGBoost misclassification, proton/nuclei contamination, and systematic uncertainties
 - Enhance electron/proton separation using ML techniques

Thank you!

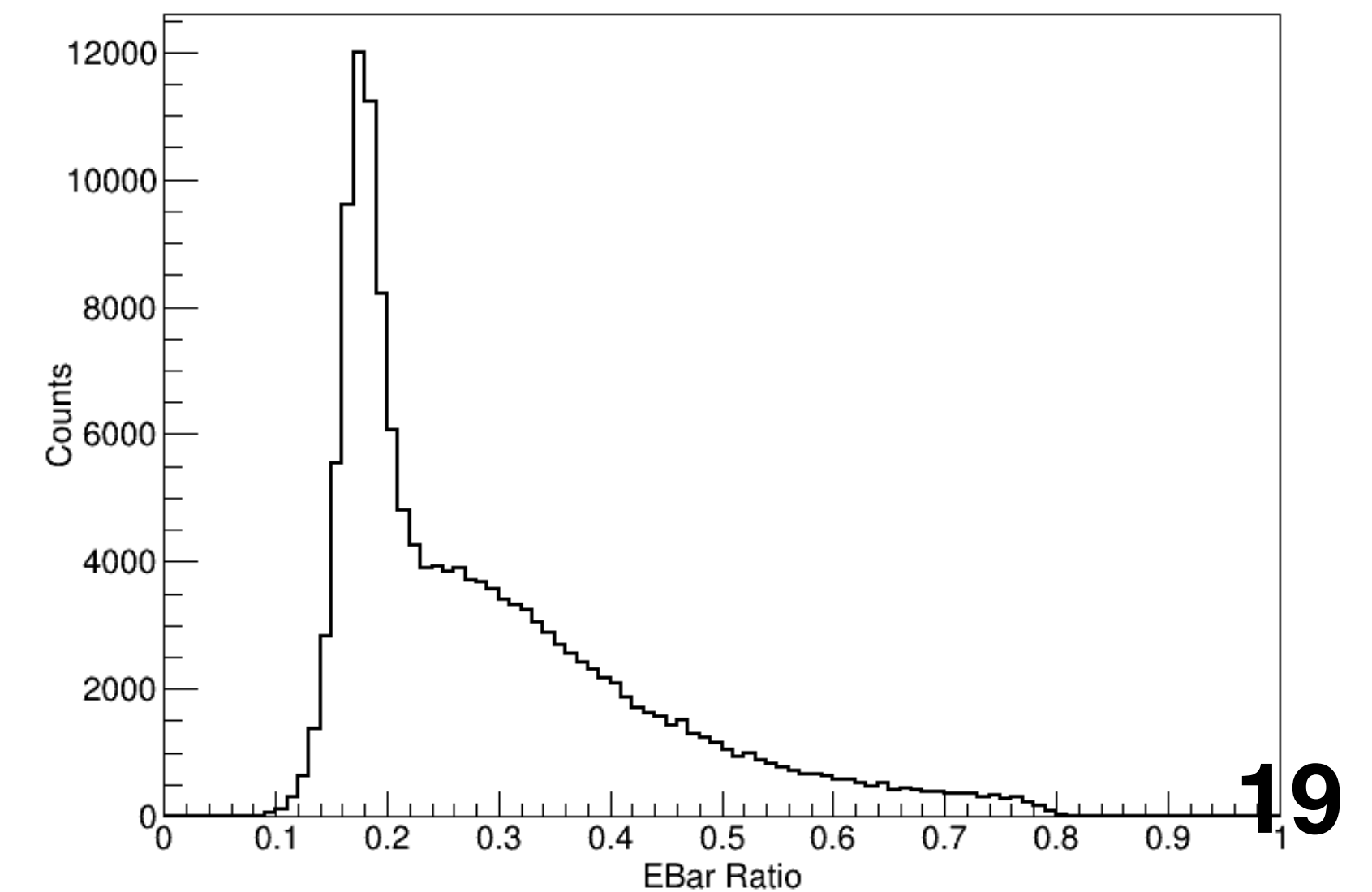
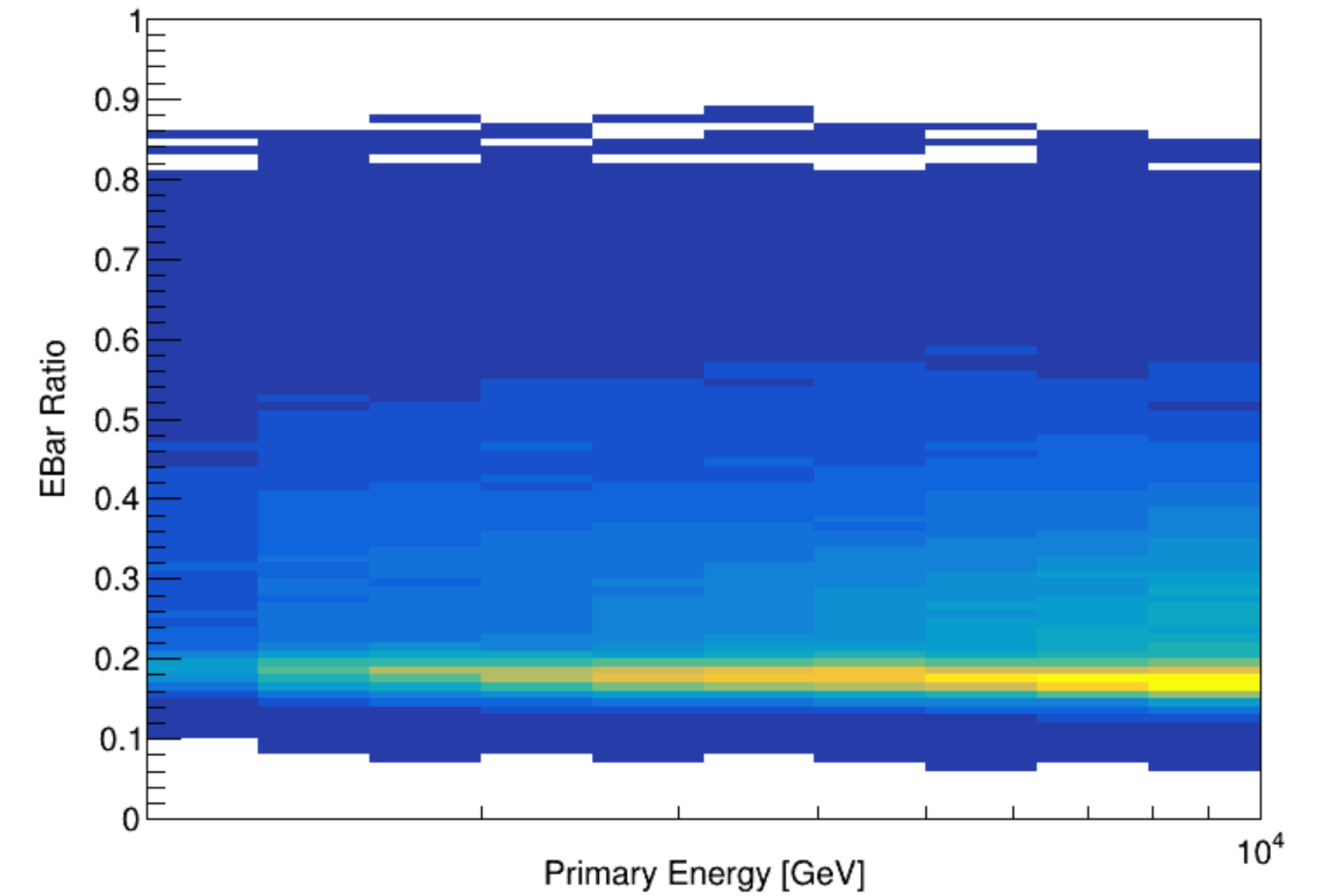
Backup

Energy Fraction

- BgoE/PrimE

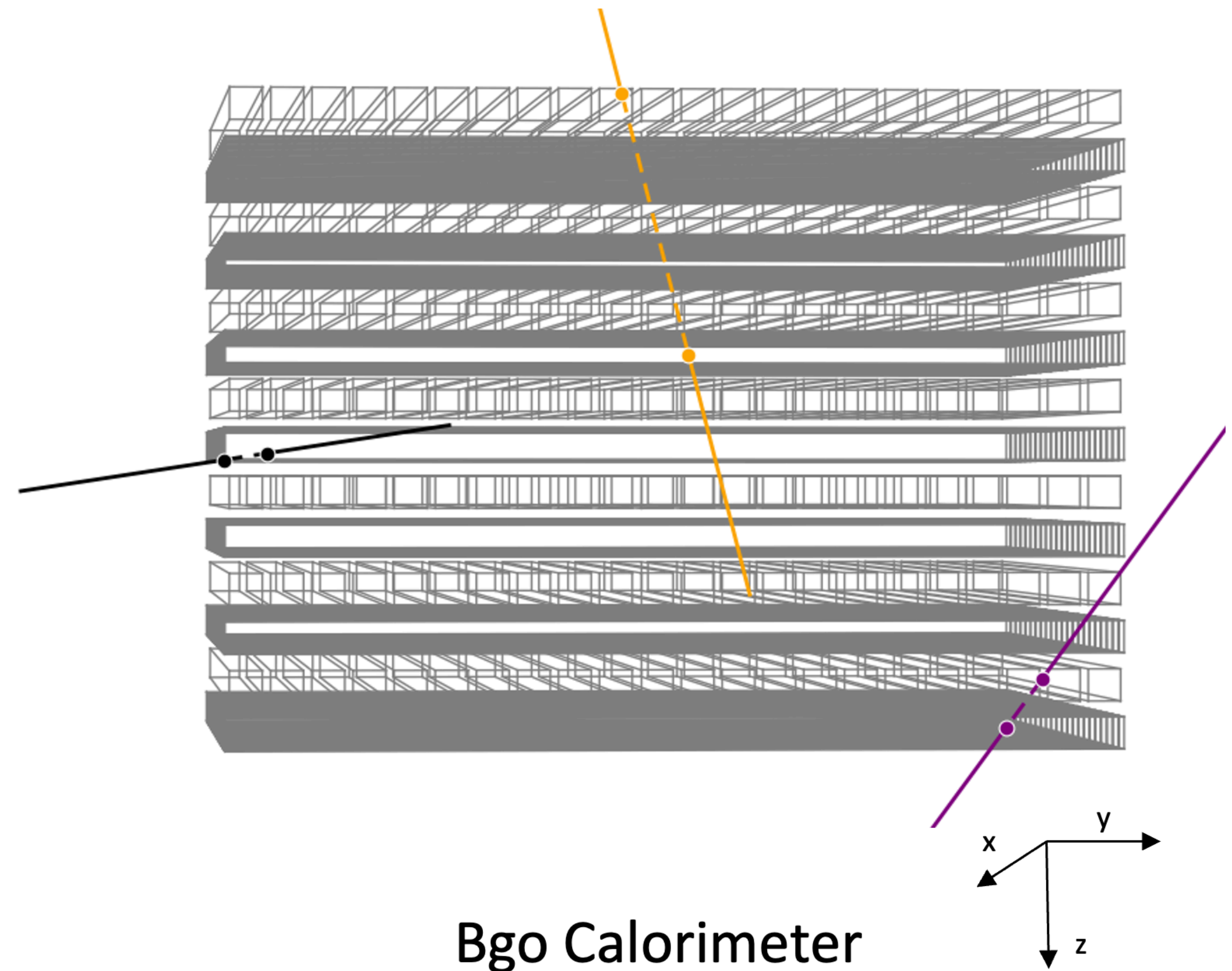


- MarBarE/
BgoE



Event Definition

- Misclassification types:
 - Else type 1: Top-to-Side Event
 - Else type 2: Side-to-Bottom Event
 - Else type 3: Side-to-Side Event



All Features Used

- **Variables used by training**

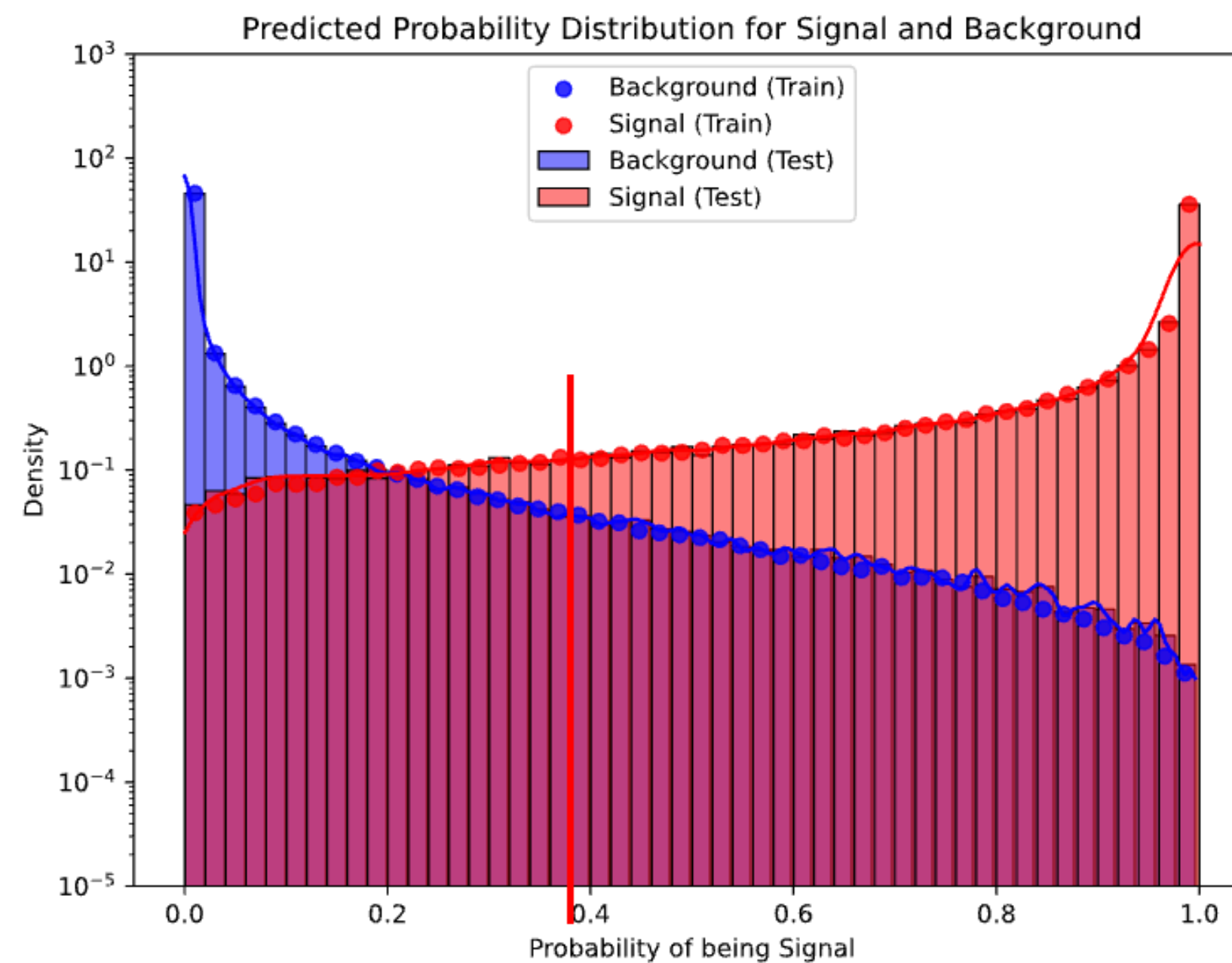
- *RMS*
- *LayerFraction*
- *FValue*: $FValue_i = RMS_i^2 \times LayerFraction_i$
- *nBarLayer*
- *Center of Gravity*: $CoG_i = \frac{\sum_j E_{i,j} \times x_{i,j}}{\sum_j E_{i,j}}$
- *Max X LayerFraction*
- *Max Y LayerFraction*
- *Max X BarFraction*: $MaxXBF = \frac{Max\ Bar\ Energy}{Layer\ Energy}$
- *Max Y BarFraction*: $MaxYBF = \frac{Max\ Bar\ Energy}{Layer\ Energy}$
- *Max RMS Area²*: $Area^2 = (RMS_{max}^x \times RMS_{max}^y)^2$
- *TRMS*
- *LRMS*
- *RMSratio*: $\frac{LRMS}{TRMS}$
- *Zeta*: $Zeta = \mathcal{F}_{last} \times (\sum_i RMS_i / mm)^4 / (8 \times 10^6)$
- *Max RMS Ratio*: $\left(\frac{Max\ RMS_y}{Max\ RMS_x} \right)^2$
- *Total Hits*
- *Max Layer Hits*
- *Max Layer Hits_1*
- *Max Layer Hits_2*

Features Used in Classifier1

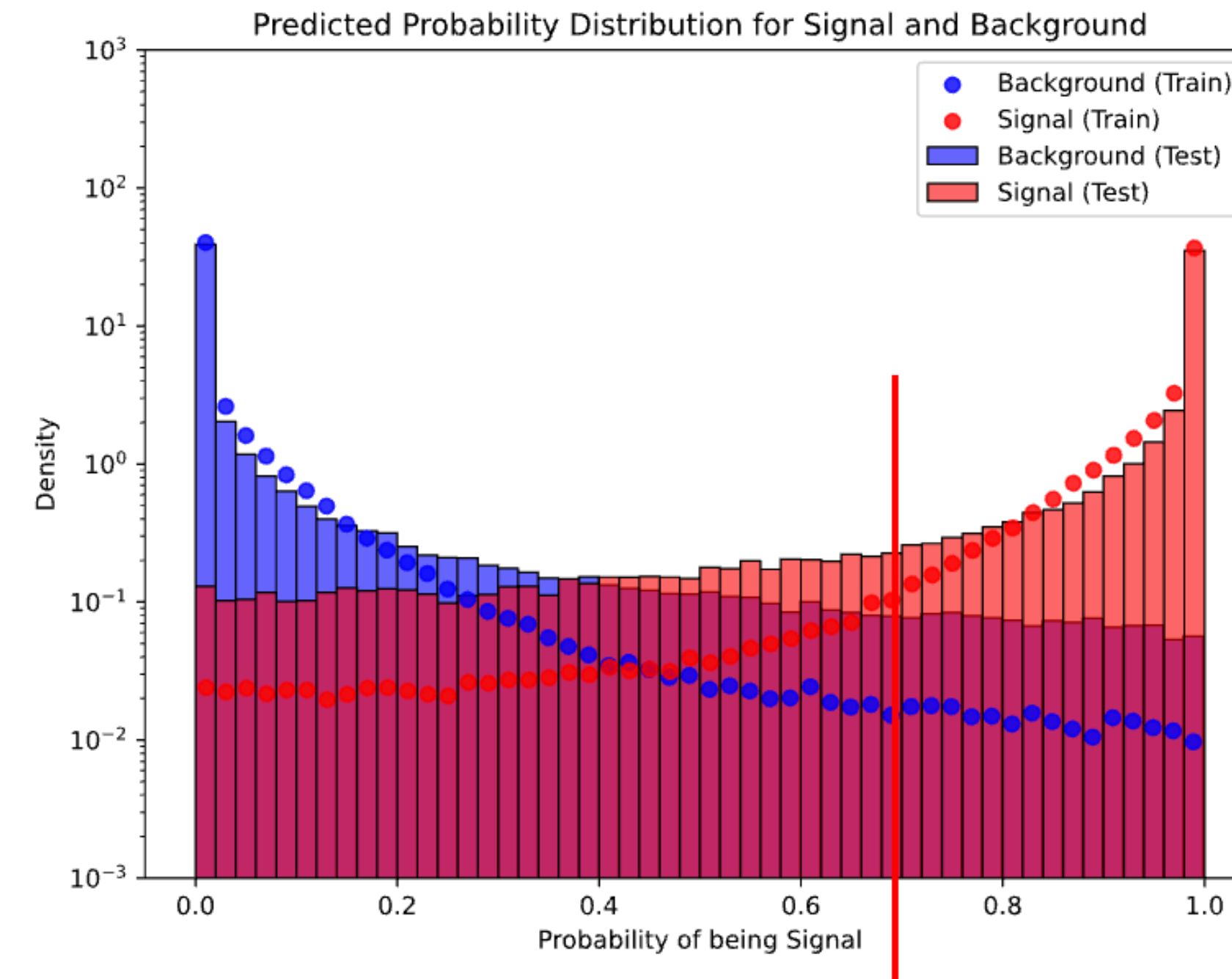
- **Top Else1&2 Eliminate**
 - *Layer RMS*: 0, 4~9
 - *FValue*: 0~13
 - *LayerFraction*: 0~13
 - *nBarLayer*: 0~13
 - *Center of Gravity*: 0~13
- **Else3 Eliminate**
 - *Layer RMS*: 0~13
 - *FValue*: 0~13
 - *LayerFraction*: 0~13
 - *nBarLayer*: 0~13
 - *Center of Gravity*: 0~13
- **X-direction & Y-direction Classification**
 - *Layer RMS*: 0~5
 - *FValue*: 1~5
 - *nBarLayer*: 0~7
 - *Center of Gravity*: 6, 7, 8
 - *BF_conbination*

XGB Classifier 1

- **Background: Top, Else1, Else2:**
 - The signal efficiency is **~ 96.5%** at a contamination of **5%**.



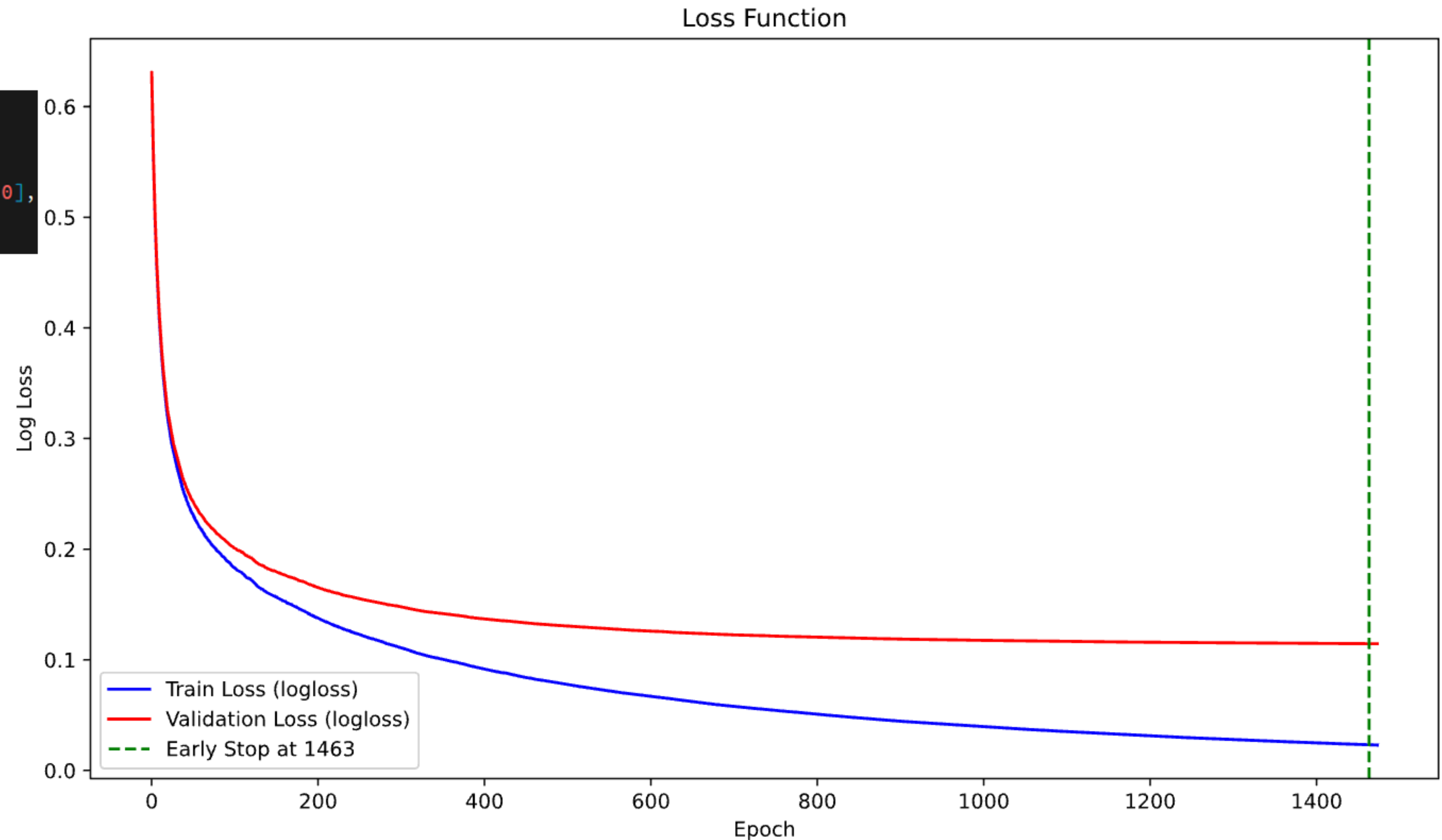
- **Background: Else3:**
 - The Contamination is **~ 3.42%** at a signal efficiency of **90%**.



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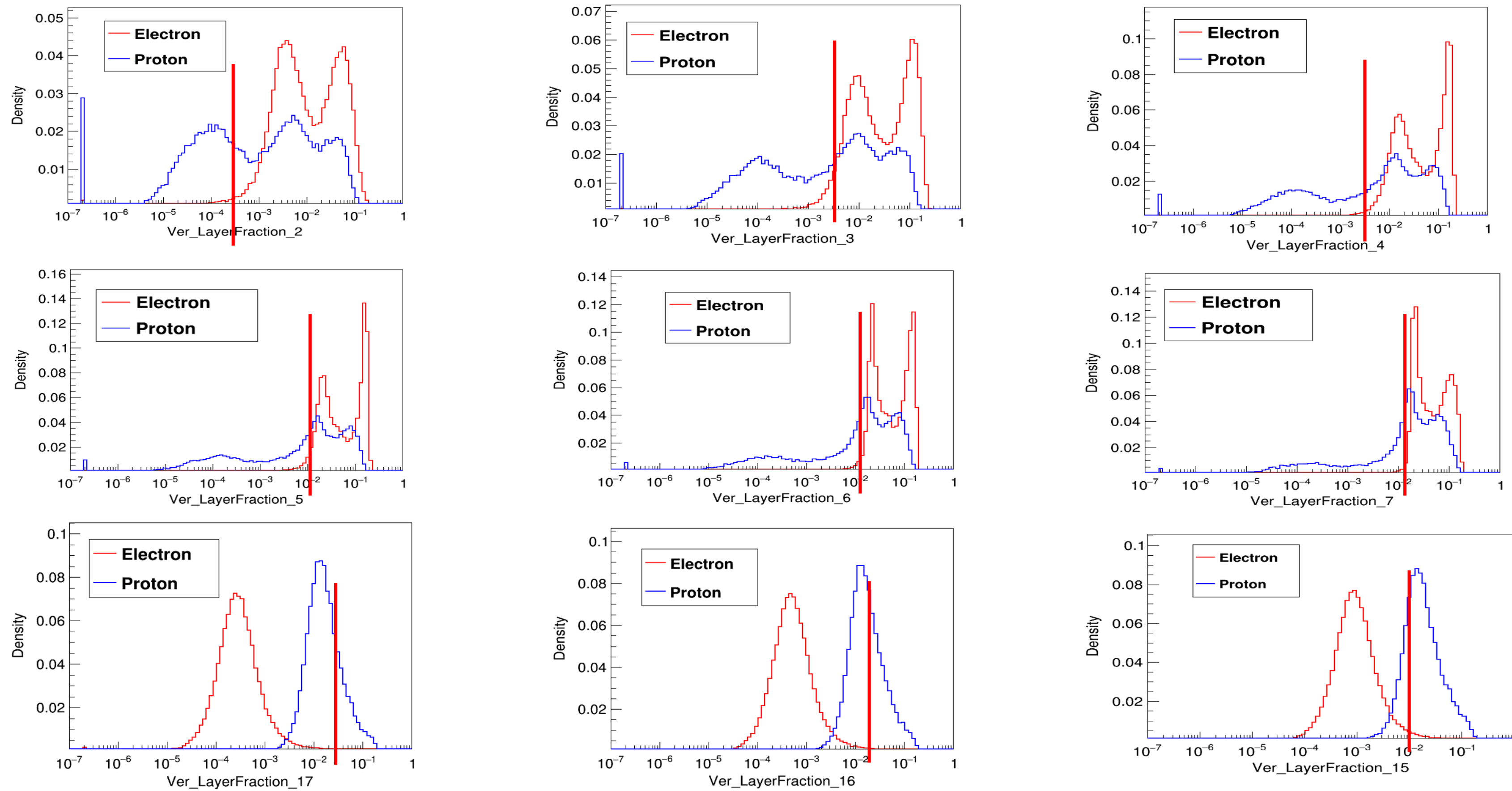
- For remove else3 events

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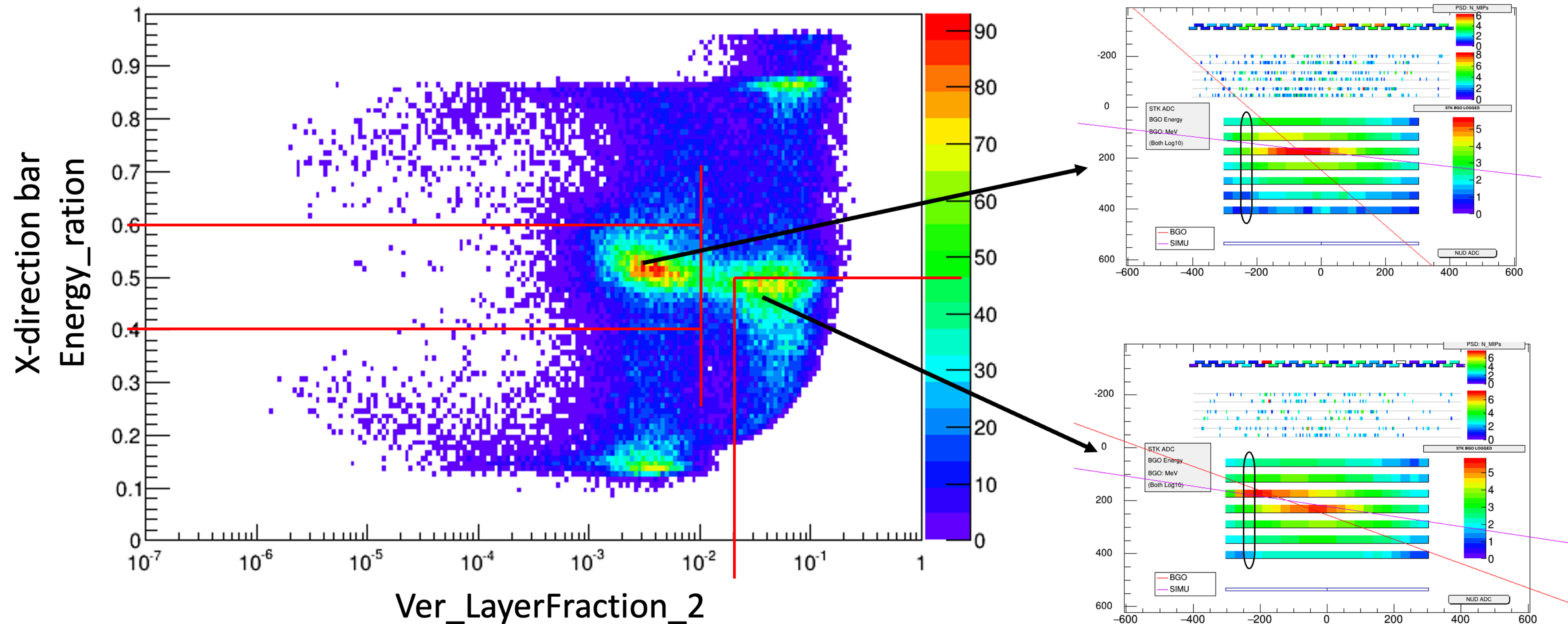
Features Study

- Multi-peak structures are found



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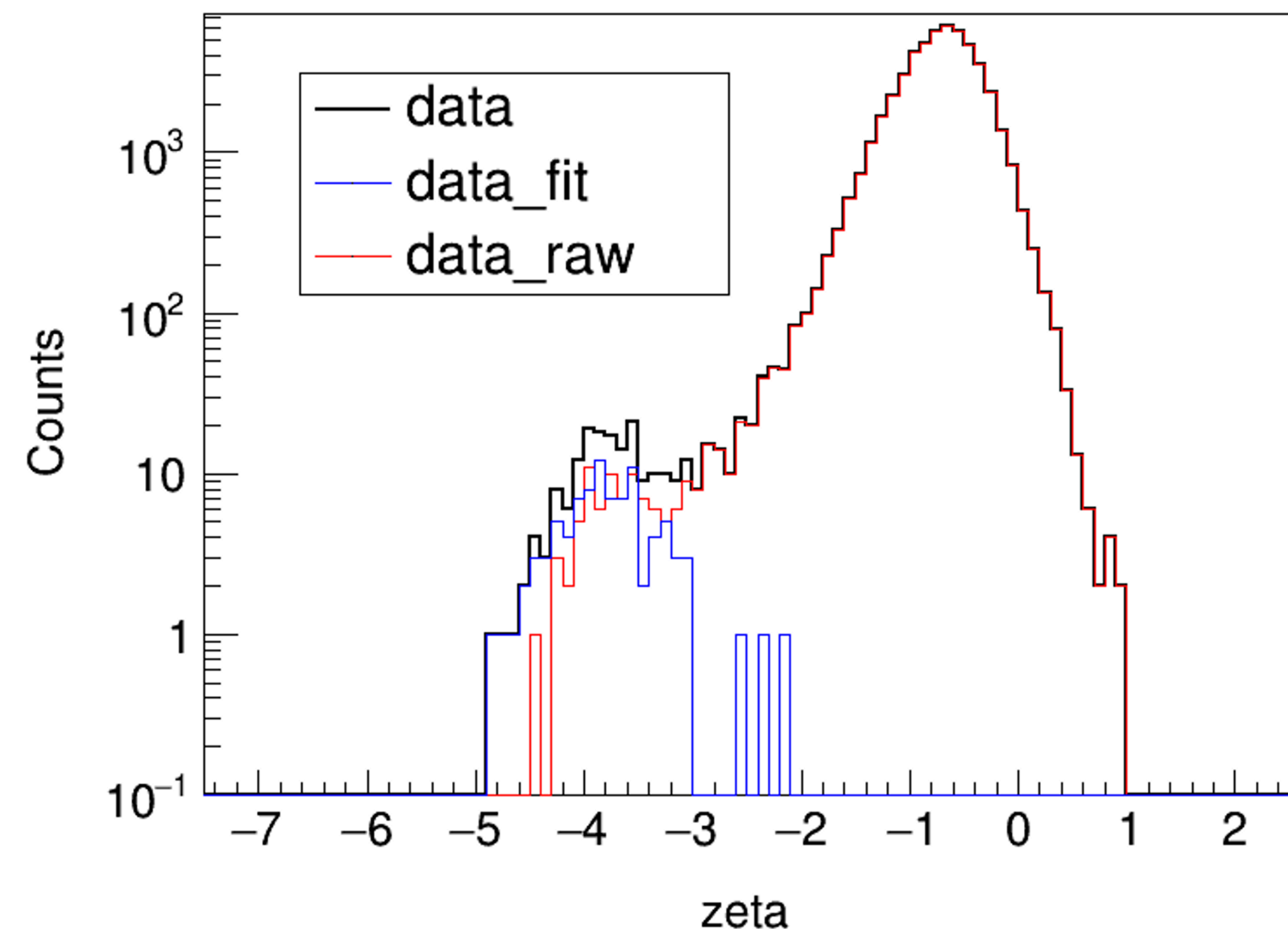
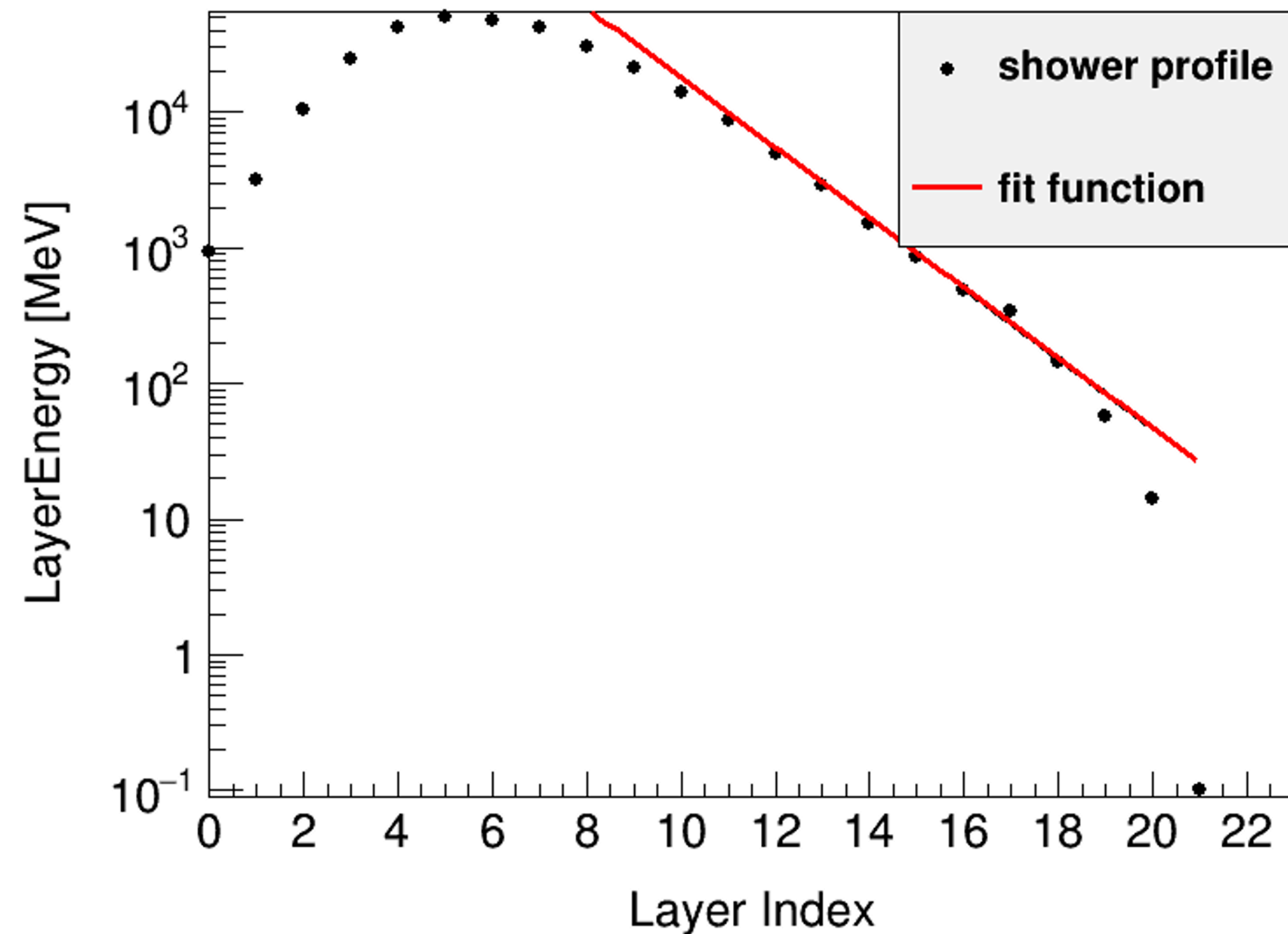
- Understanding of multi-peak structures



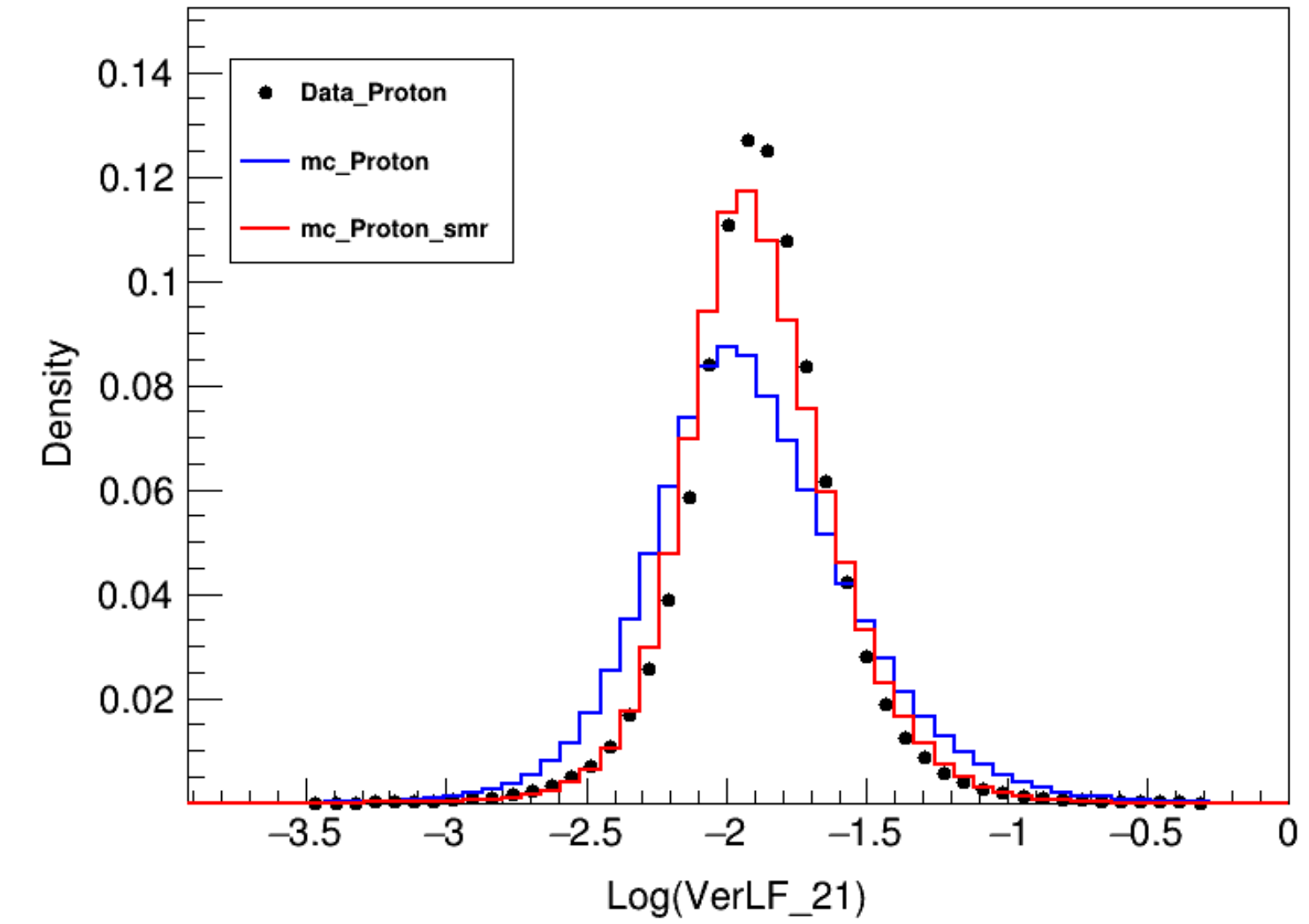
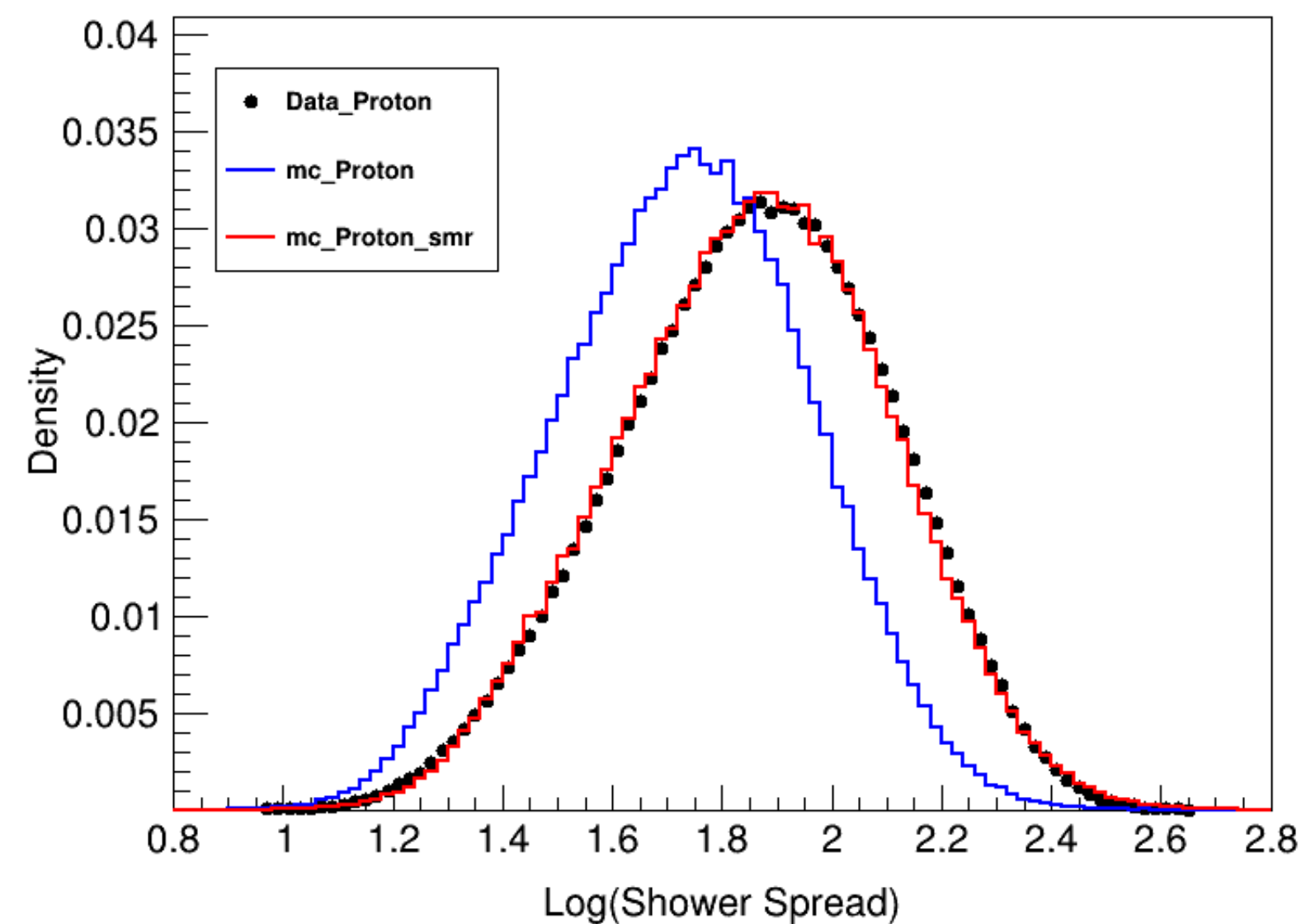
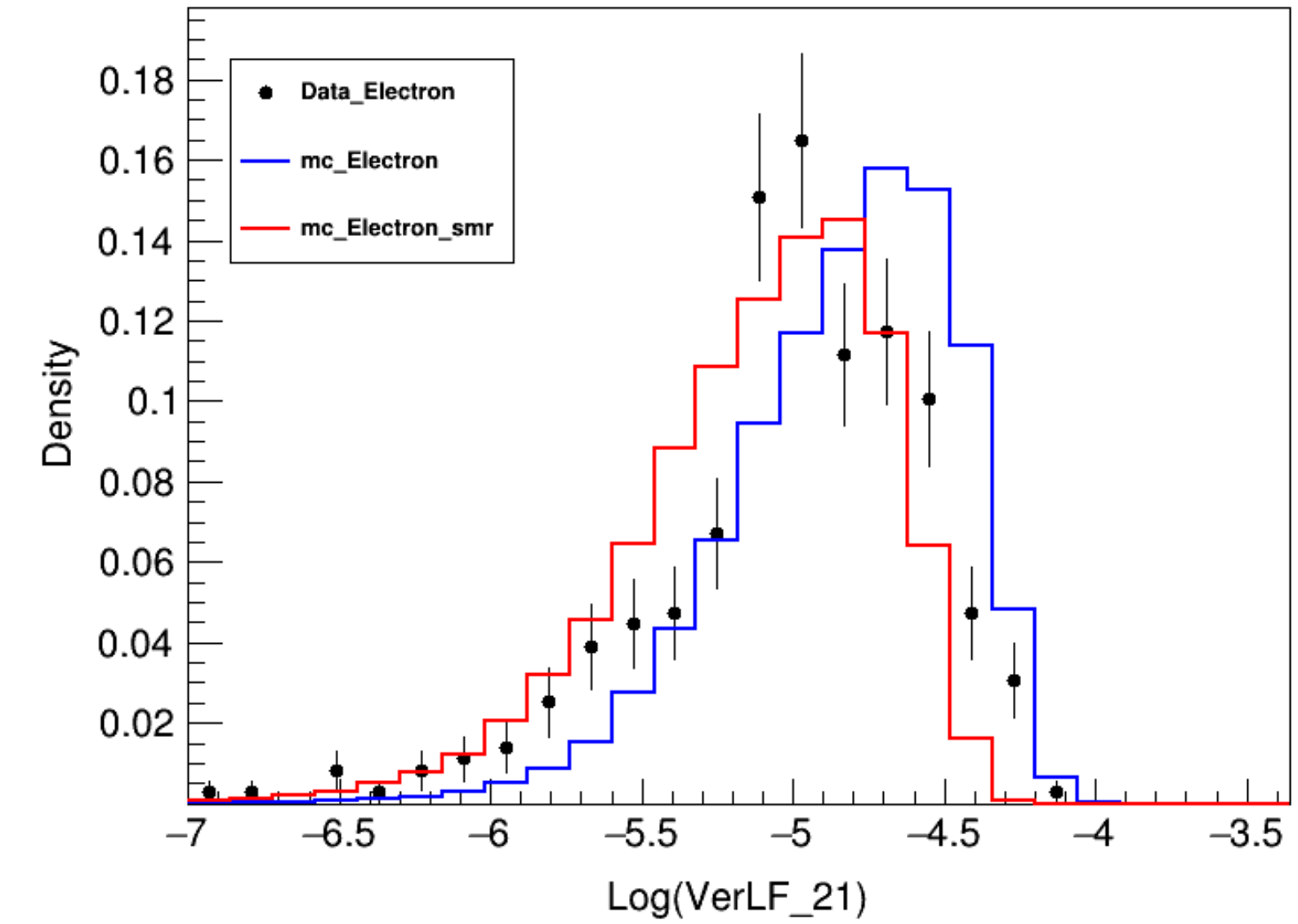
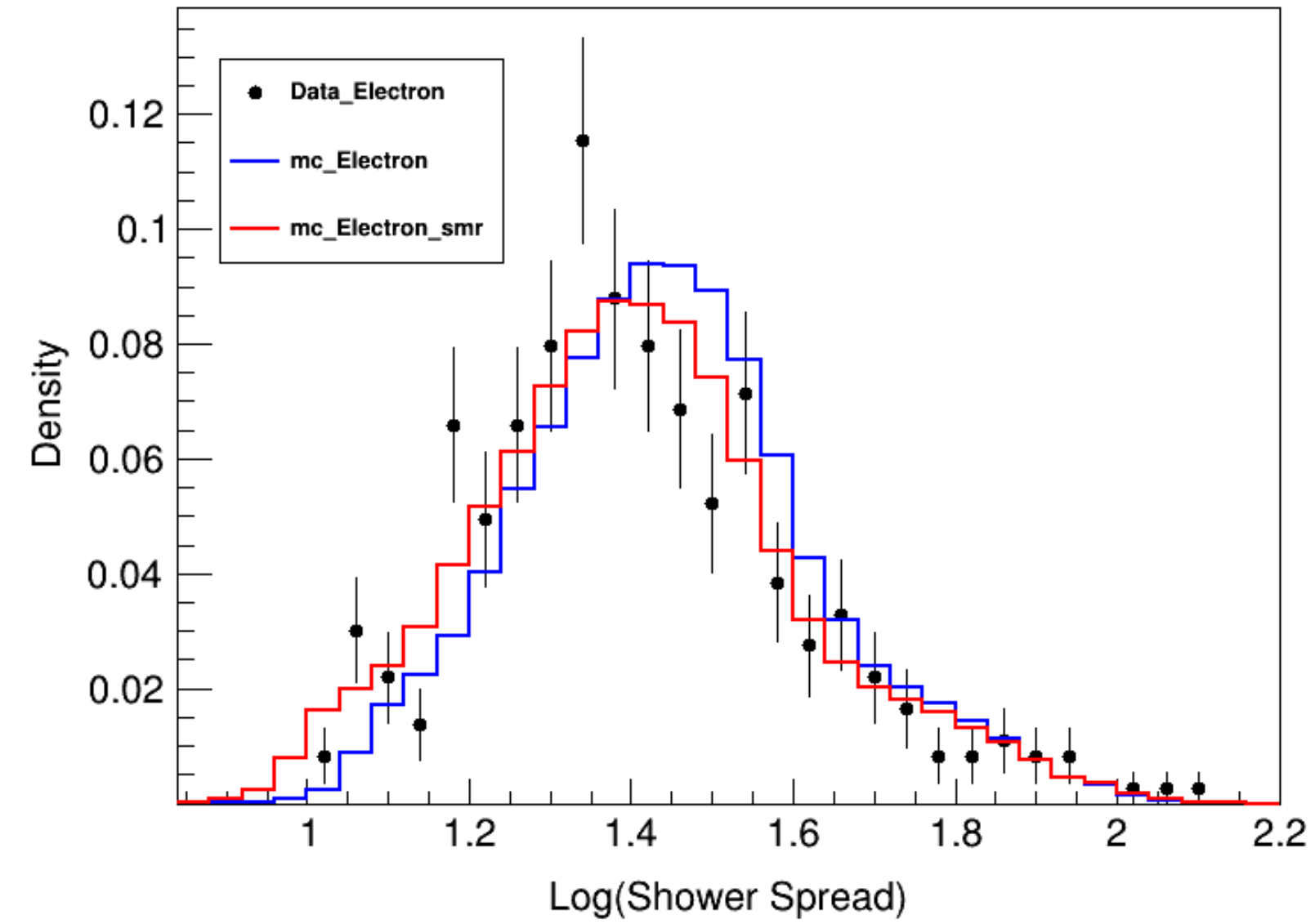
Features Study

- Layer fraction extrapolation in the last layer

$$\text{layer energy} = a \cdot \exp(b \cdot \text{layer_number} + c)$$

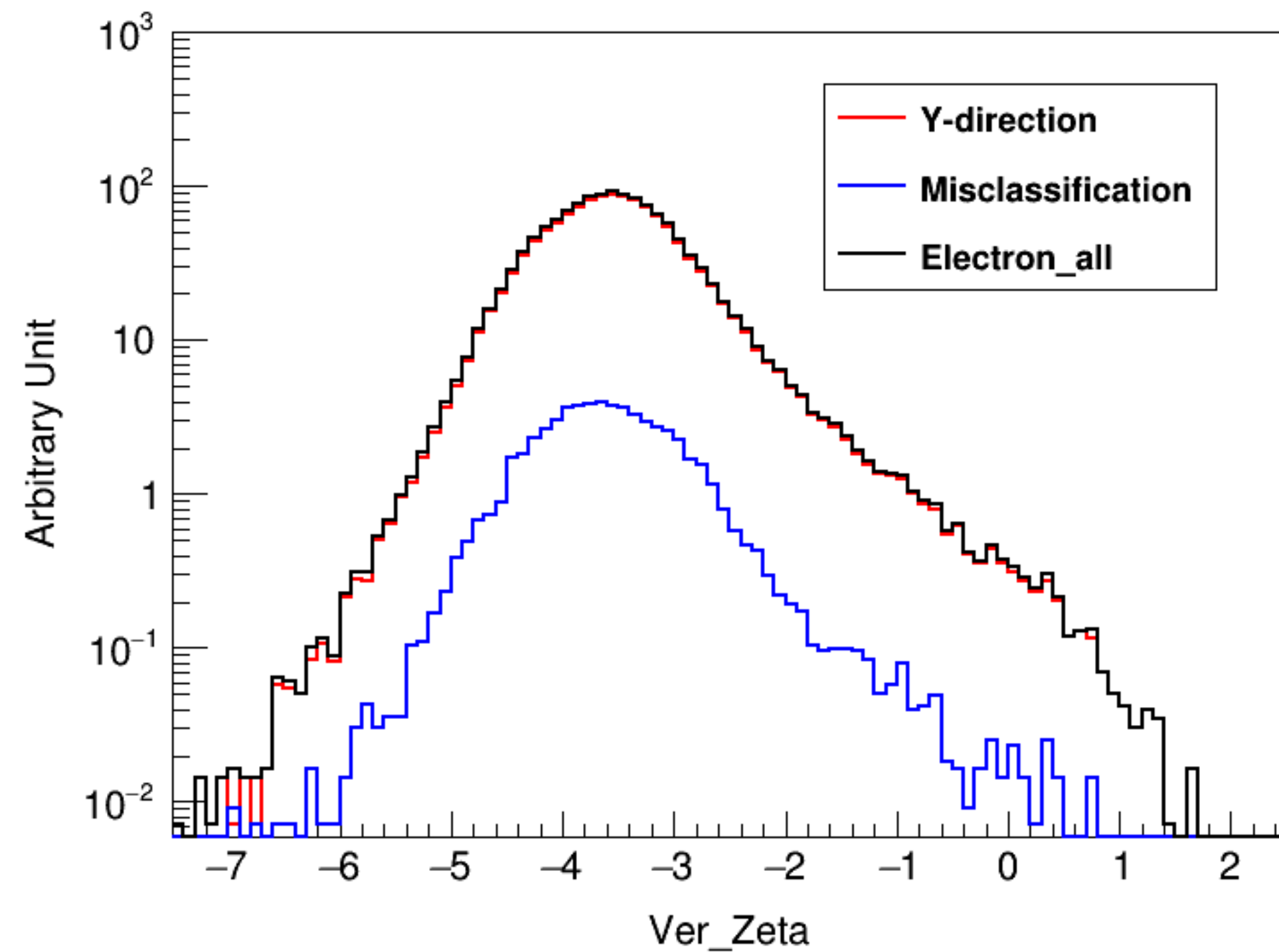


Features Smearing

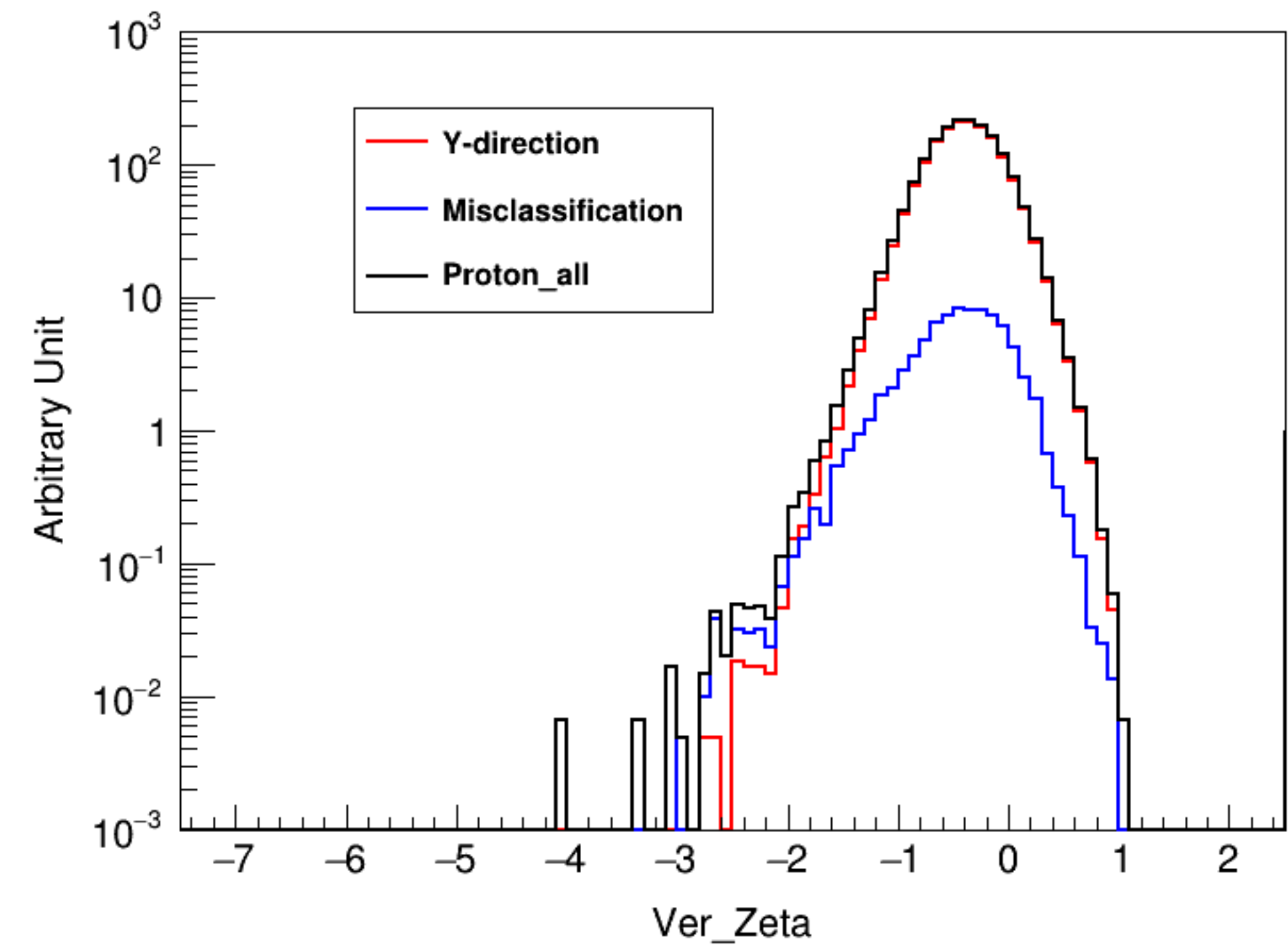


Misclassification Study

MC Electrons



MC Protons



e/p Separation

