

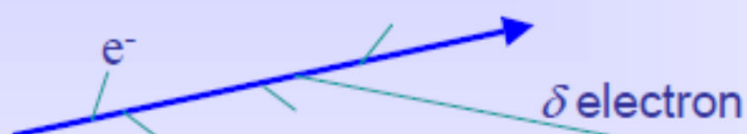
Interaction of charged particles

Real detector (limited granularity) can not measure $\langle dE/dx \rangle$!

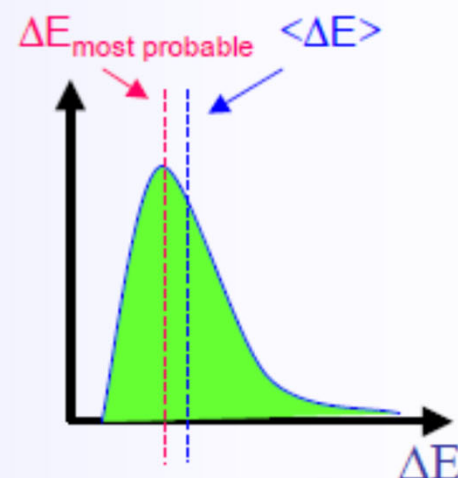
It measures the energy ΔE deposited in a layer of finite thickness δx .

For thin layers or low density materials:

→ Few collisions, some with high energy transfer.



→ Energy loss distributions show large fluctuations towards high losses: "Landau tails"

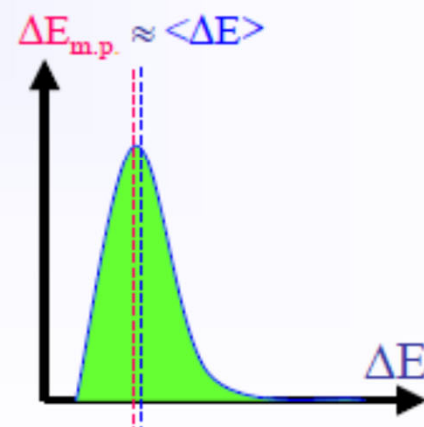
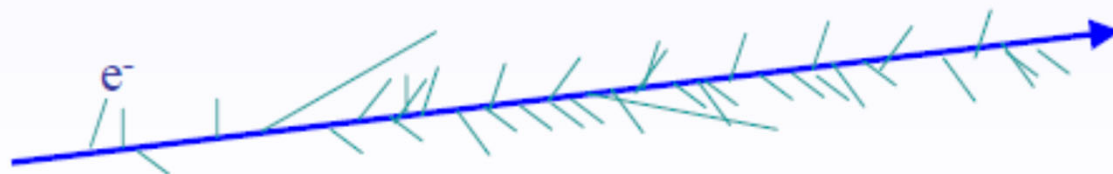


Example: Si sensor: 300 μm thick. $\Delta E_{\text{m.p.}} \sim 82 \text{ keV}$ $\langle \Delta E \rangle \sim 115 \text{ keV}$

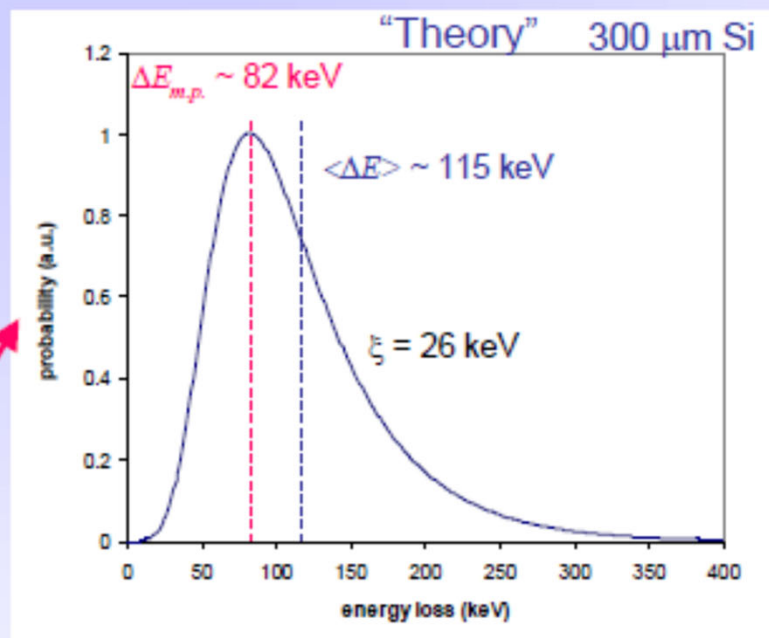
For thick layers and high density materials:

→ Many collisions.

→ Central Limit Theorem → **Gaussian shaped distributions.**



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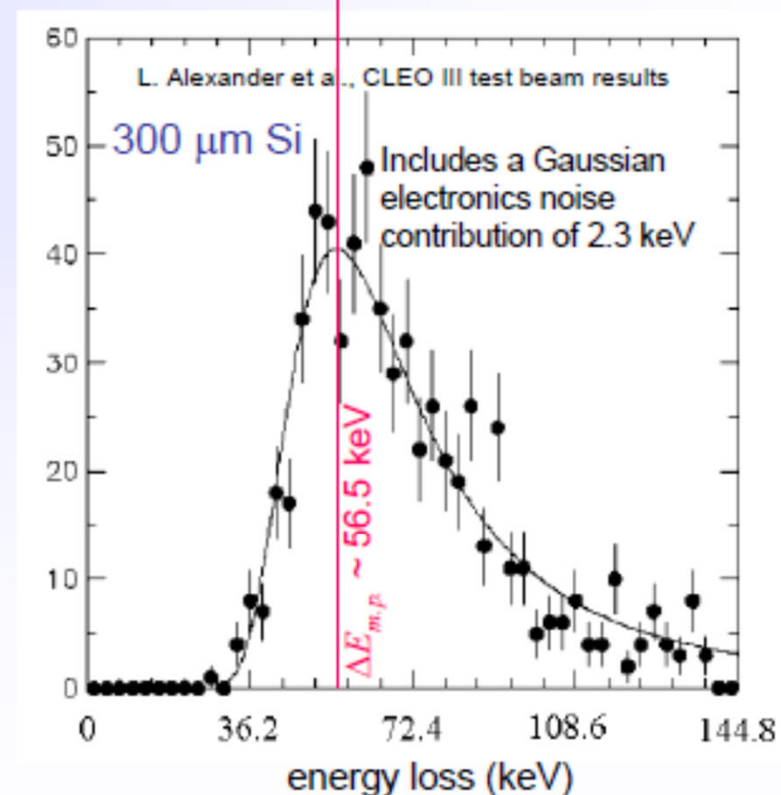
Landau's theory J. Phys (USSR) 8, 201 (1944)

$$f(x, \Delta E) = \frac{1}{\xi} \Omega(\lambda) \quad \Omega(\lambda) \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\lambda + e^{-\lambda})\right\}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\Delta E - \Delta E_{m.p.}}{\xi}$$

$$\xi = \frac{2\pi N e^4 Z}{m_e v^2 A} x \quad \leftarrow x (300 \mu\text{m Si}) = 69 \text{ mg/cm}^2$$

charge collection
is not 100%



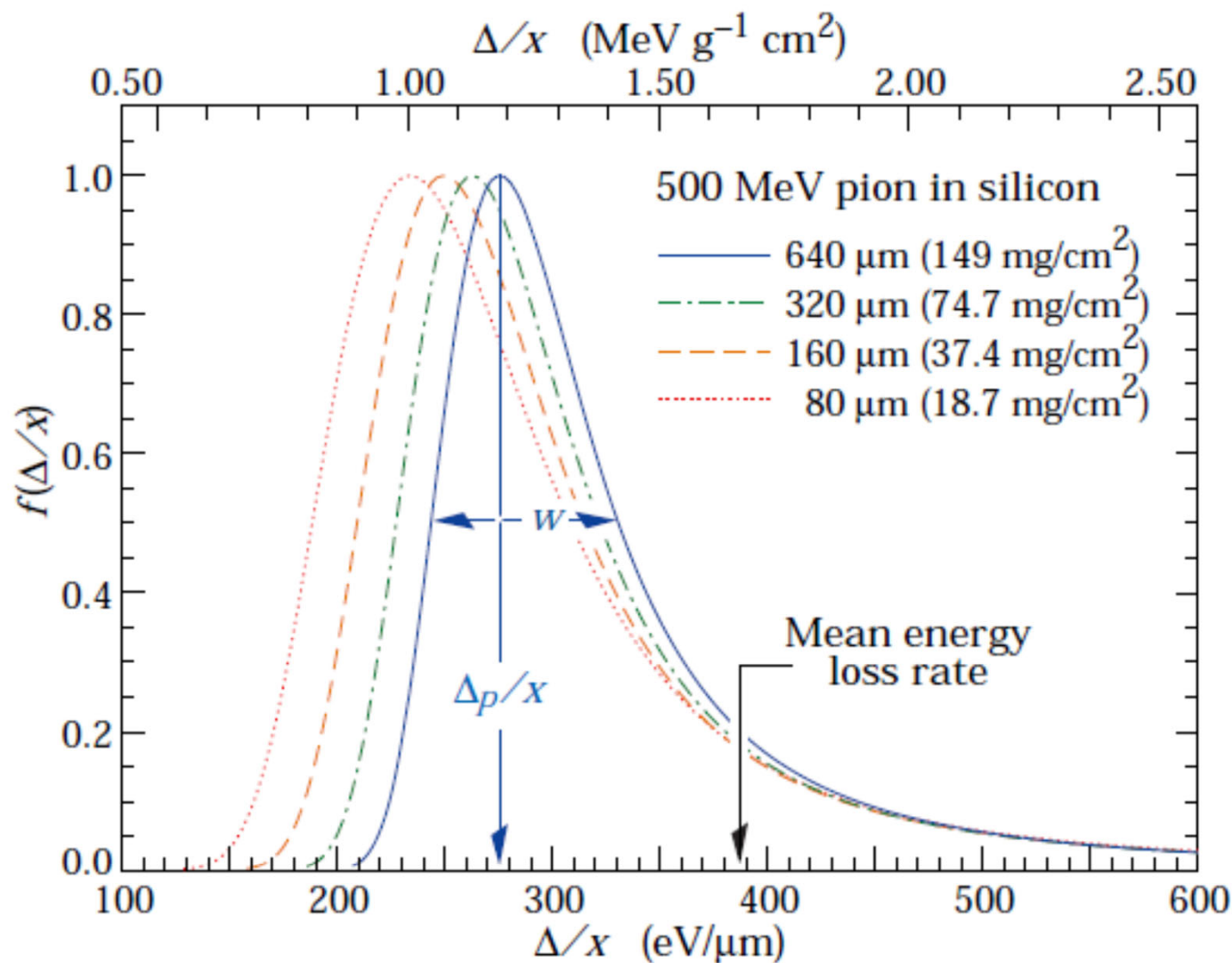


Figure 27.7: Straggling functions in silicon for 500 MeV pions, normalized to unity at the most probable value δ_p/x . The width w is the full width at half maximum.

fluttuazioni che sono descritte dalla distribuzione

Landau :

$$L(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\lambda + e^{(-\lambda)})\right)$$

- $$\lambda = \frac{(\Delta E - \Delta E_m)}{(\zeta)}$$
- $$\zeta = 2\pi N_0 r_e^2 m_e z^2 c^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{(\beta^2)} \rho x$$

La grande fluttuazione nella perdita di energia tra un evento ed un altro condiziona la risoluzione energetica dei rivelatori sottili .

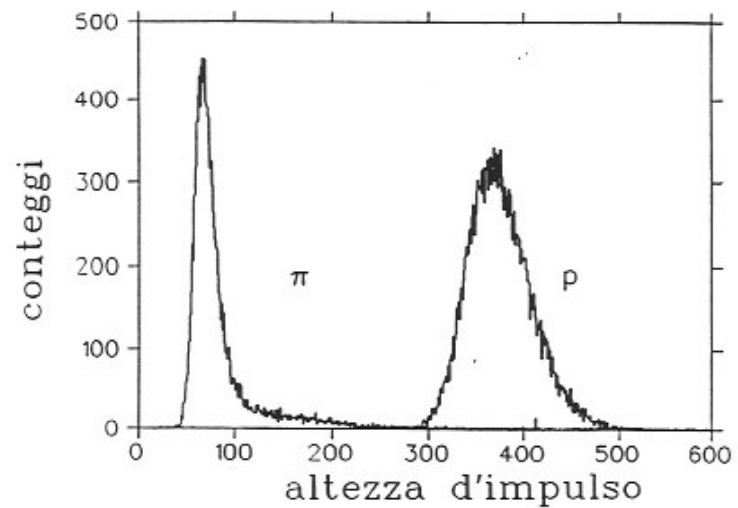


Fig.5.6- Altezza d'impulso di π^+ , p in $\Delta E1$ per $p=400$ MeV/c.

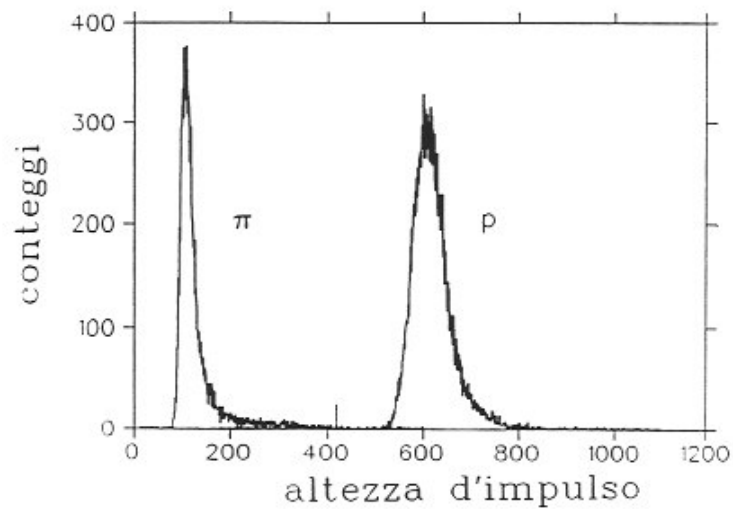


Fig.5.7- Altezza d'impulso di π^+ , p in $\Delta E2$ per $p=400$ MeV/c.

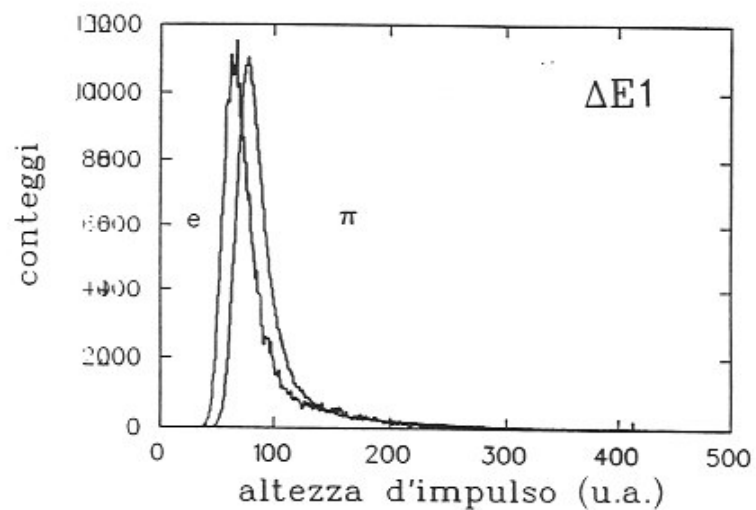


Fig.5.10- Altezza d'impulso di e^+ π^+ in $\Delta E1$ per $p=240$ MeV/c.

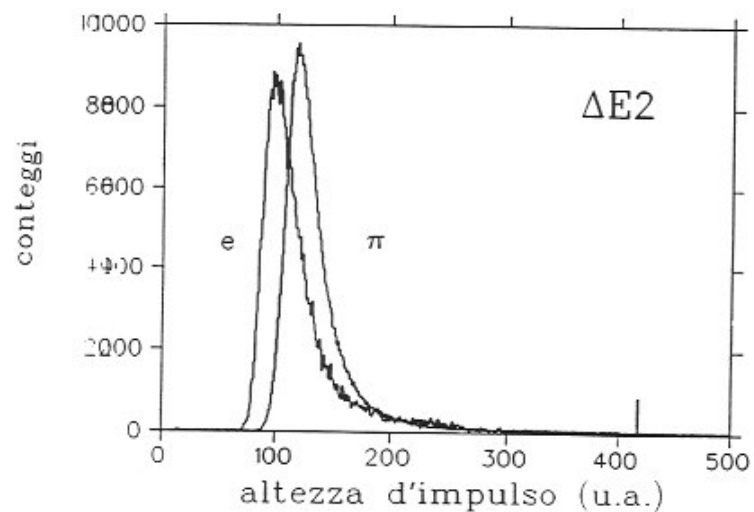
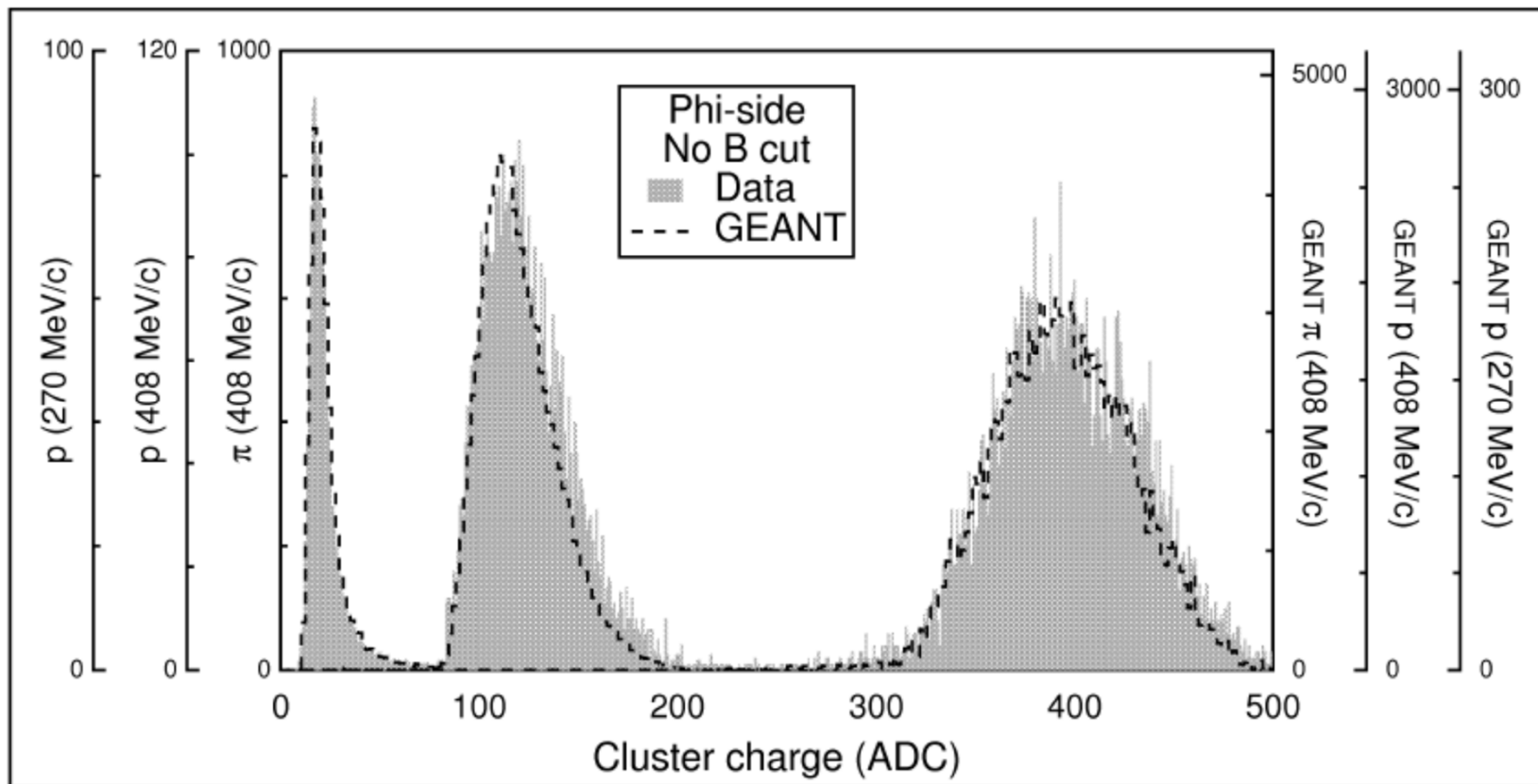
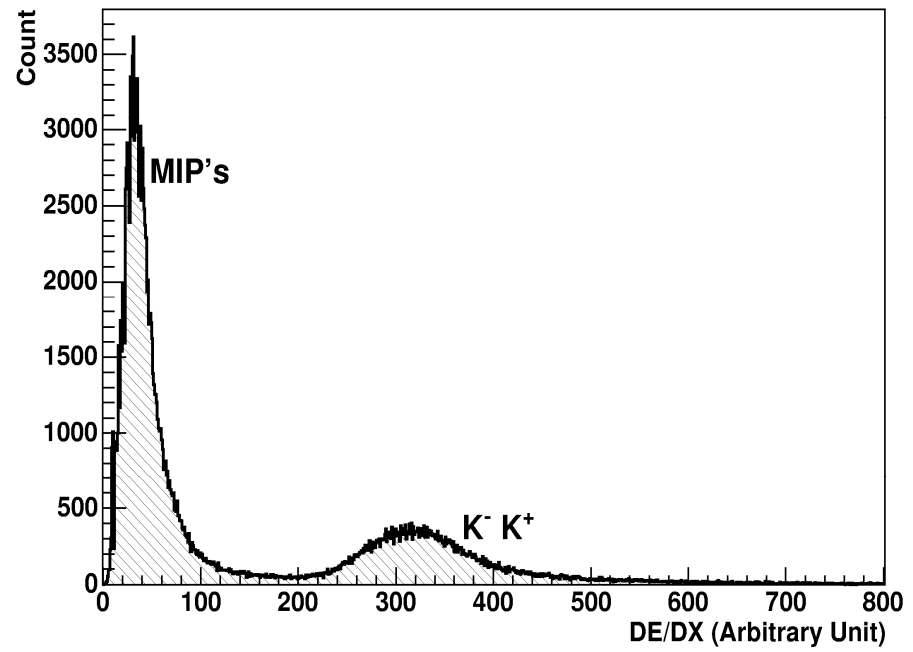
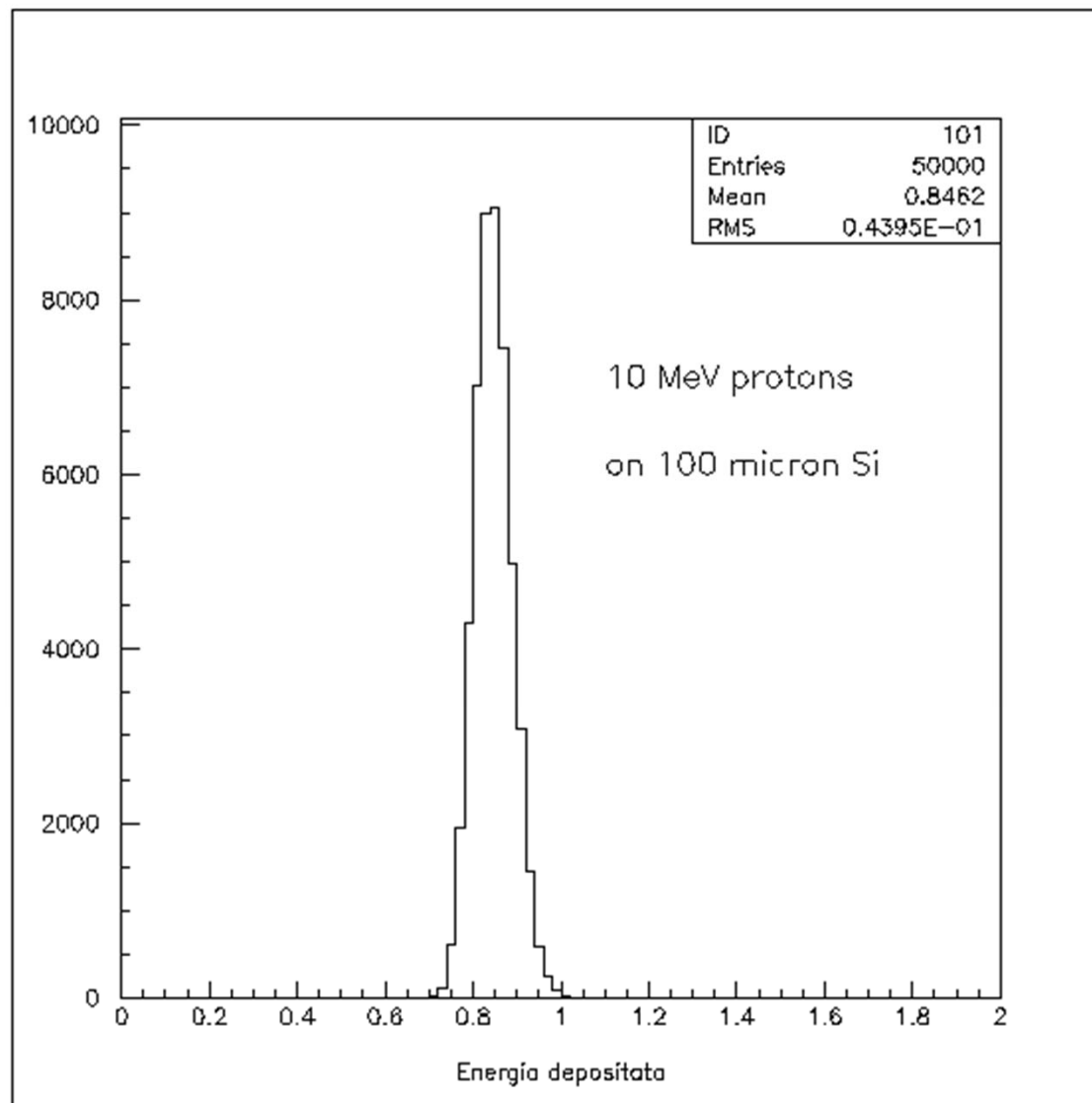
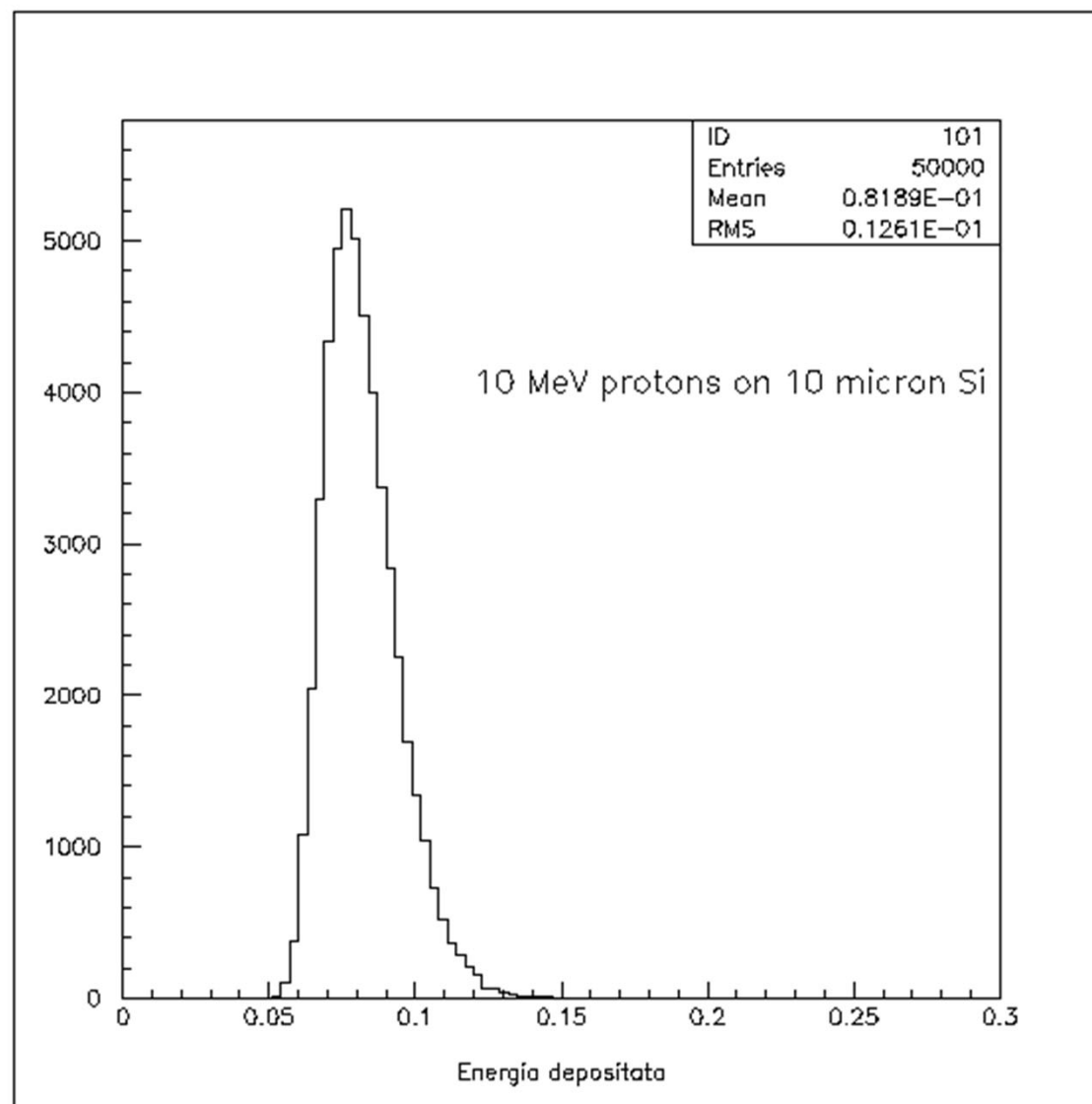


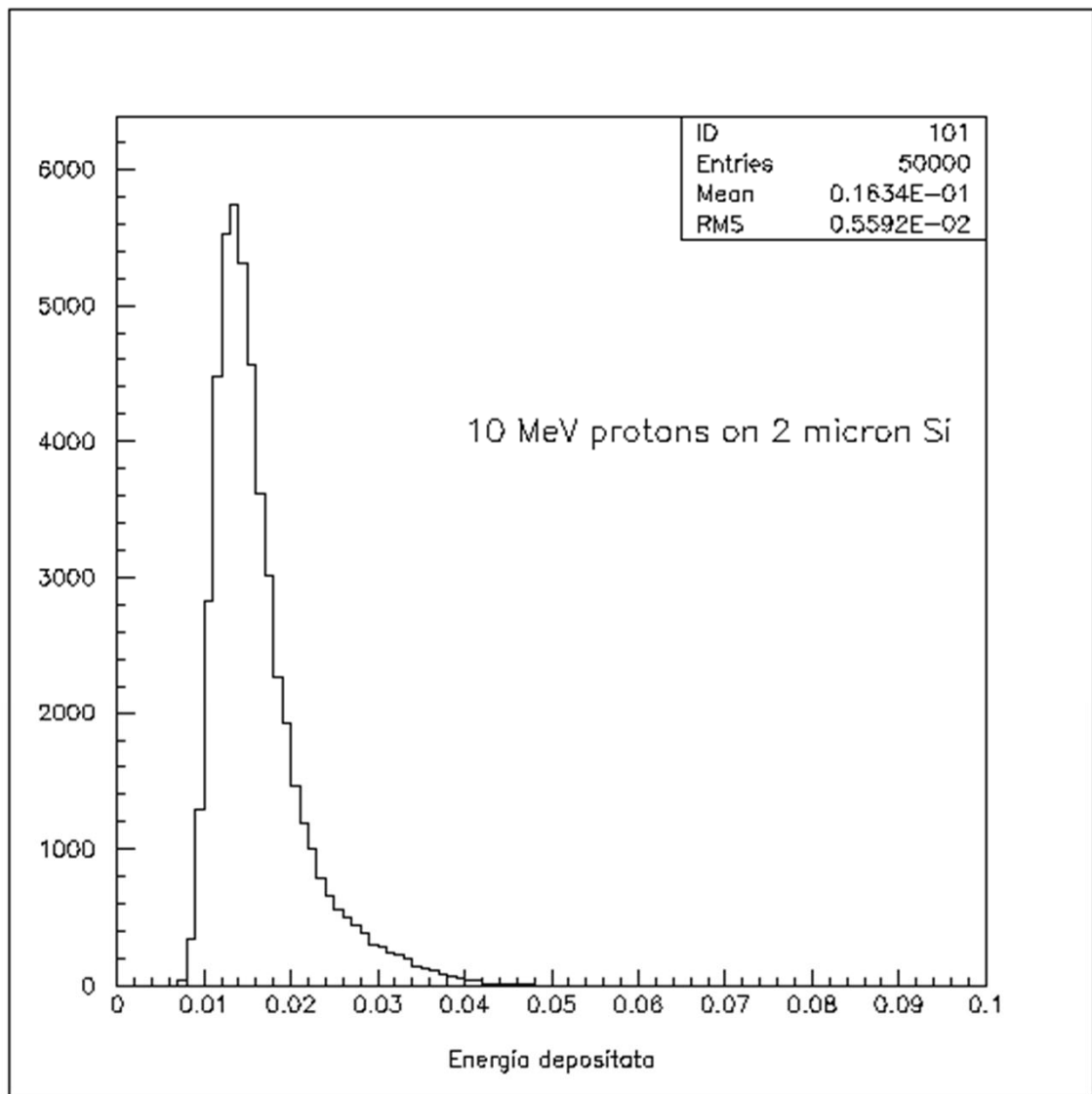
Fig.5.11- Altezza d'impulso di e^+ π^+ in $\Delta E2$ per $p=240$ MeV/c.











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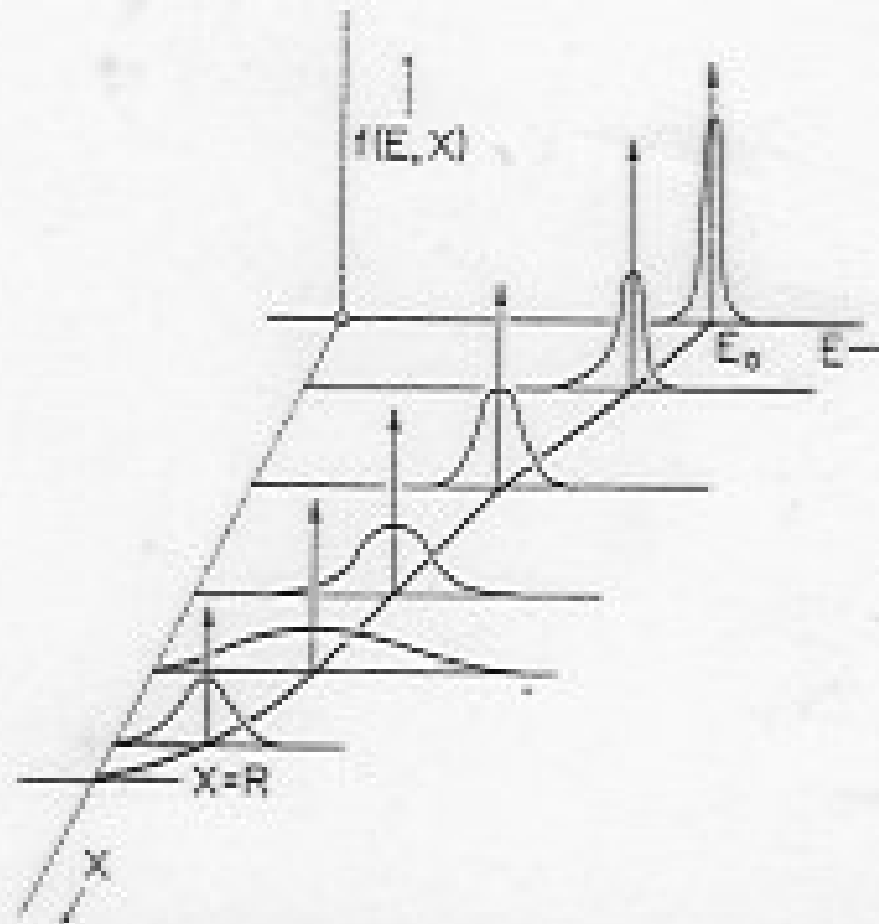


Figure 2.4 Plots of energy distribution of a beam of initially monoenergetic charged particles at various penetration distances. E is the particle energy and X is the distance along the track. (From Wilken and Fritz.³)