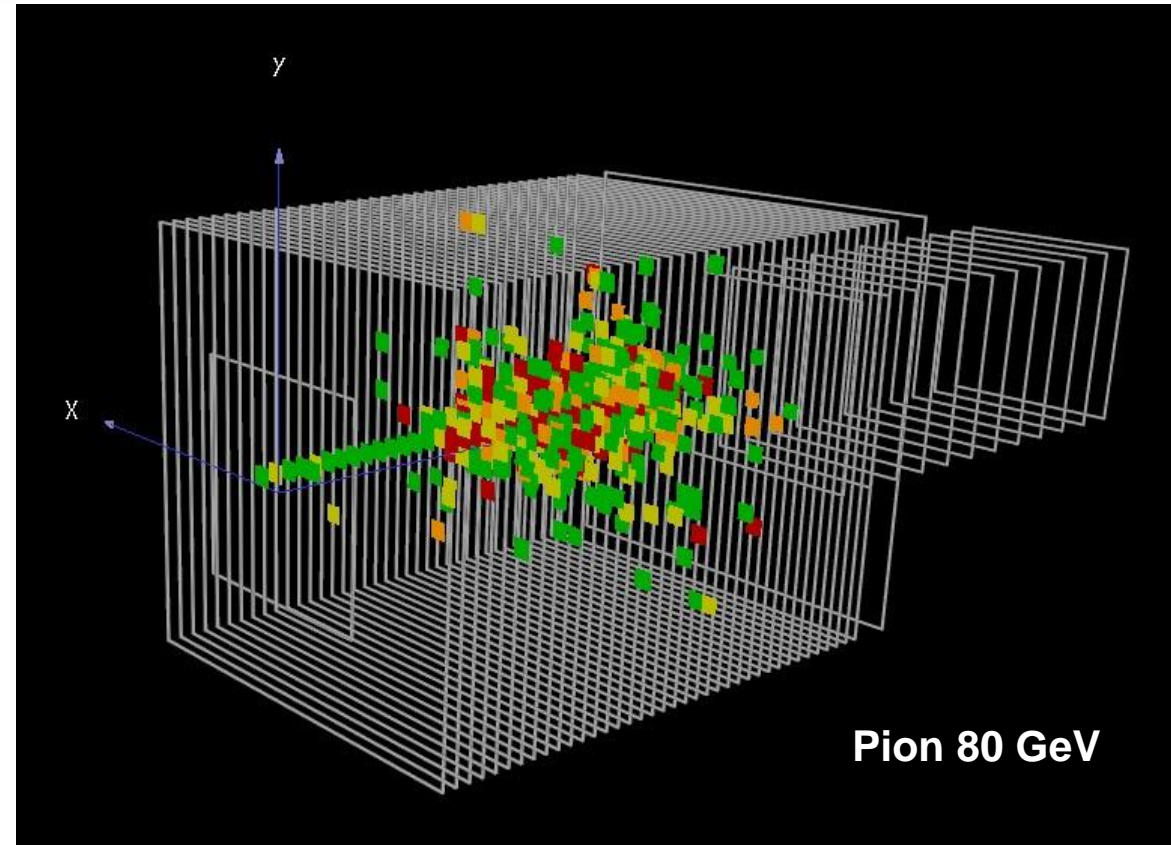


# NEUTRON STUDY TOWARDS ISOLATION LEVEL

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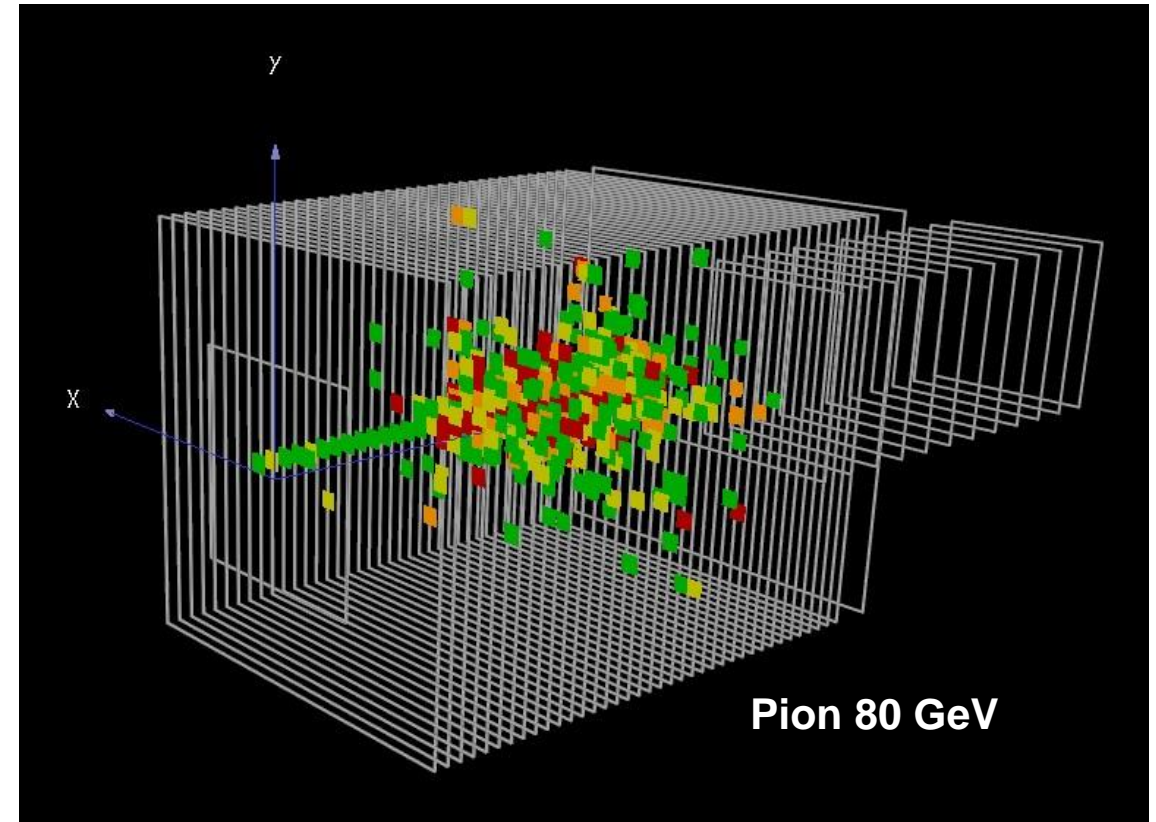
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# Motivation

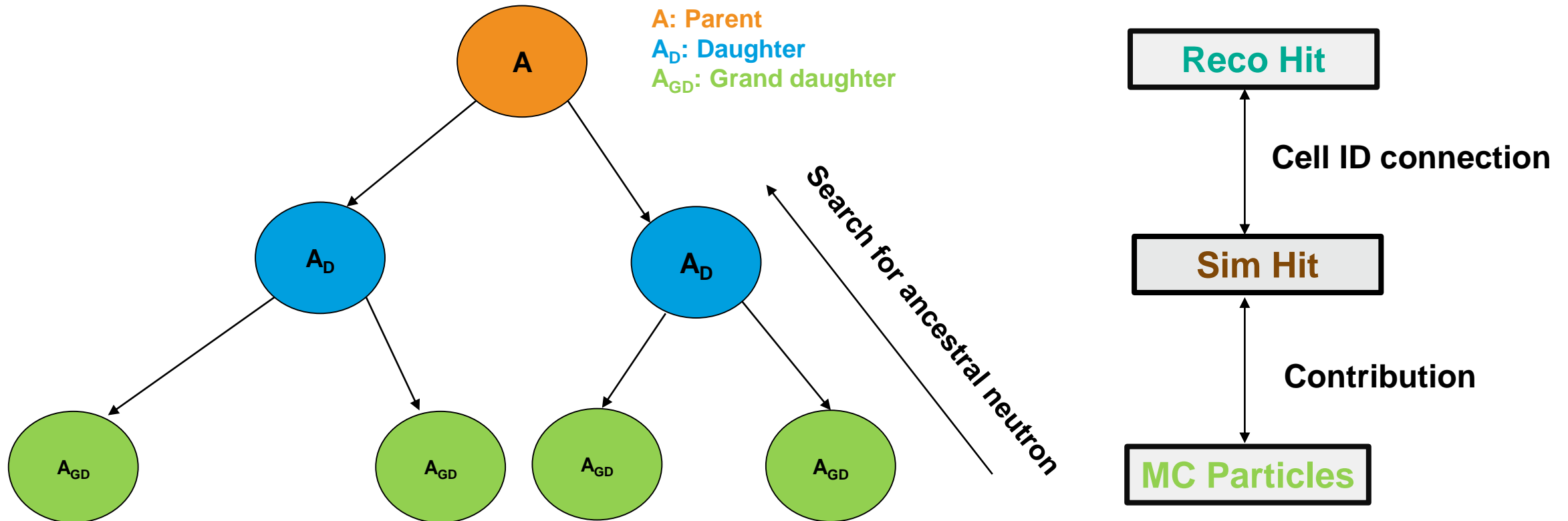
## Need for neutron study

- In showers there are isolated hits – we assume they are neutrons. Is that true?
- What is the effect on energy and timing?  
→ Investigate correlations!
- Remove isolated neutrons in order to reduce confusion, in particular late neutrons.
- What is the impact of after-glow contaminating later events?



# Introduction

- Trace all the particles in the shower and extract the properties of the MC particles (energy, momentum, PDG and time stamps).
- A relation between the **Reco Hit** and the **Sim Hit** is built which gives all the **MC particles** contributing to that hit.

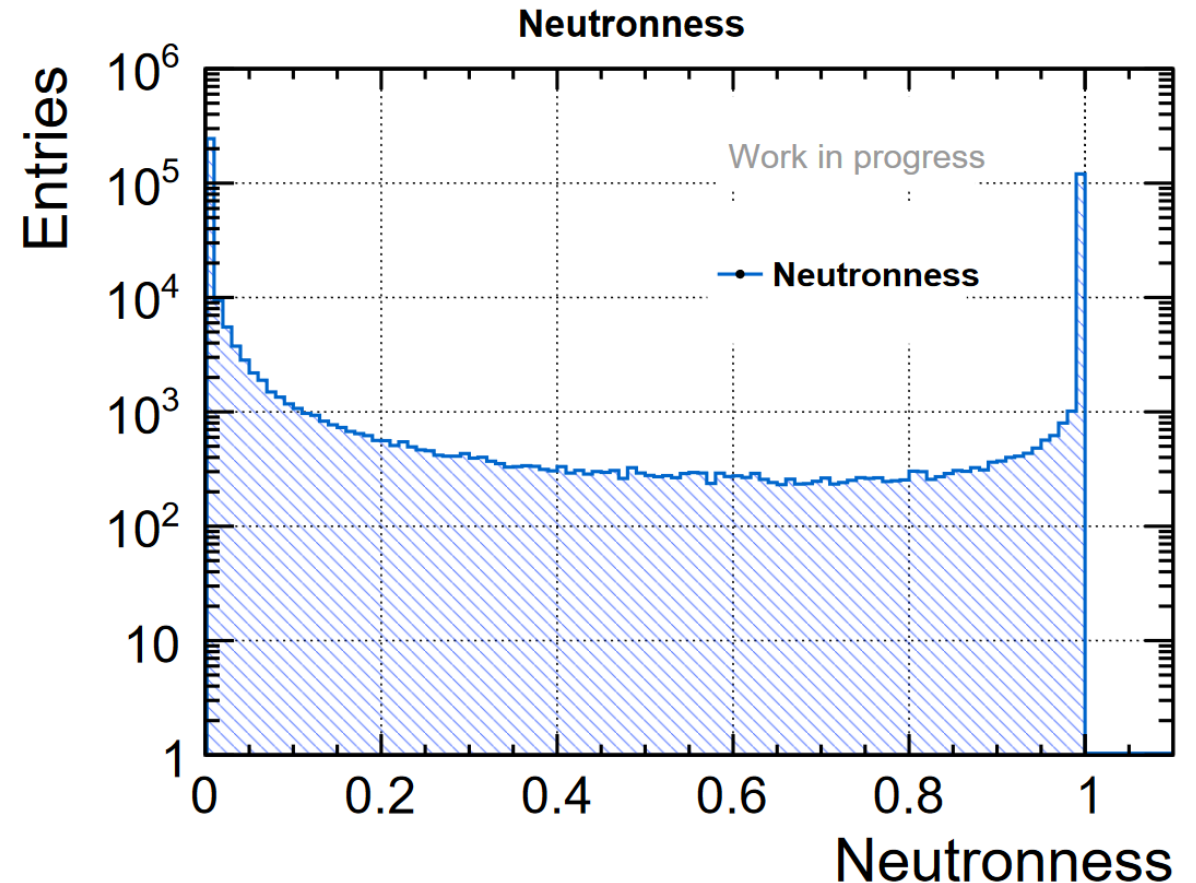
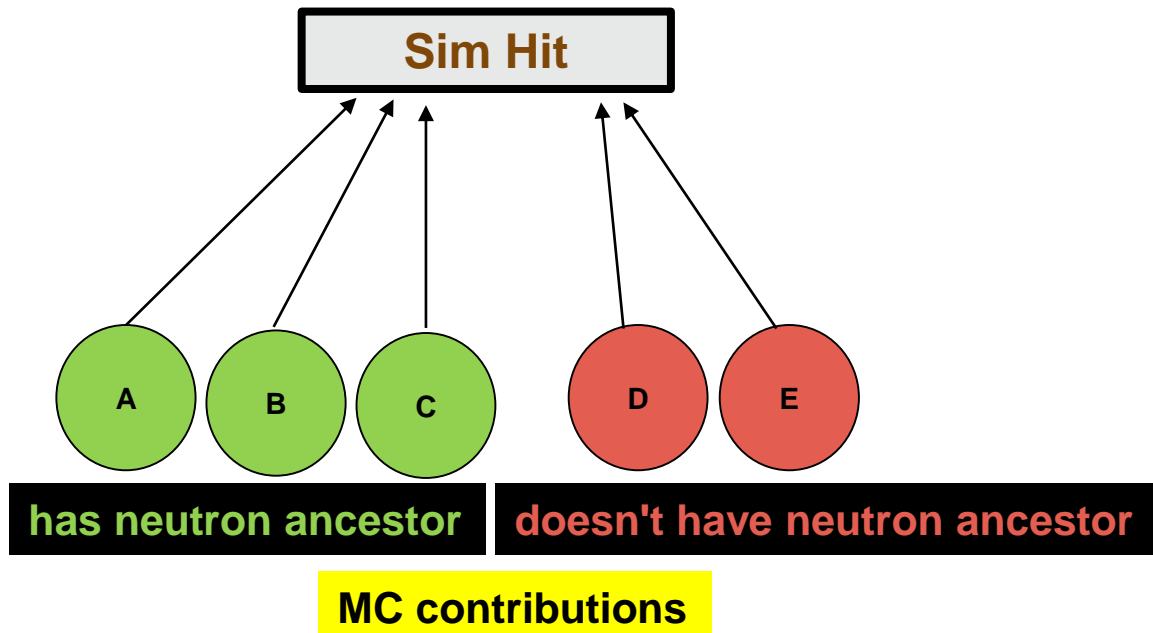


# Neutronness

Neutronness is defined as the energy-weighted contributions of MC particles with a **neutron ancestor** compared to all contributions to the Sim hit.

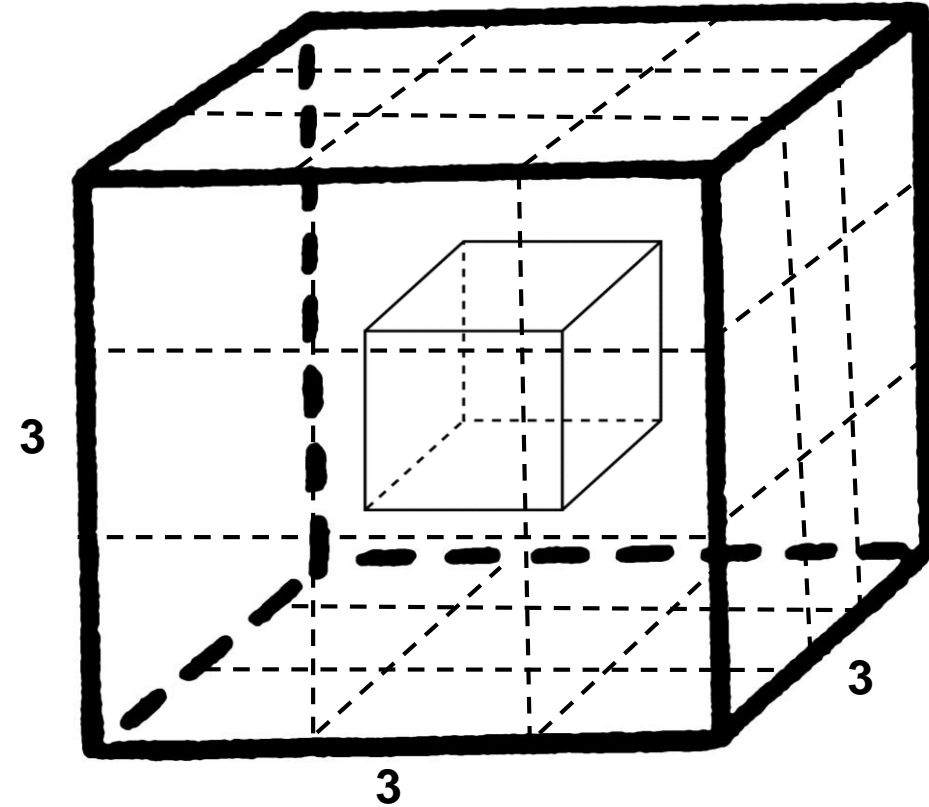
$$\text{Neutronness}(\text{hit}) = \frac{\sum_{\text{contribution:neutron ancestor}} \text{Energy}(\text{contribution})}{\sum_{\text{contribution}} \text{Energy}(\text{contribution})}$$

Define fraction cut, e. g. neutronness > 0.9 to call a hit “from a neutron”.



# Definition of Isolation level

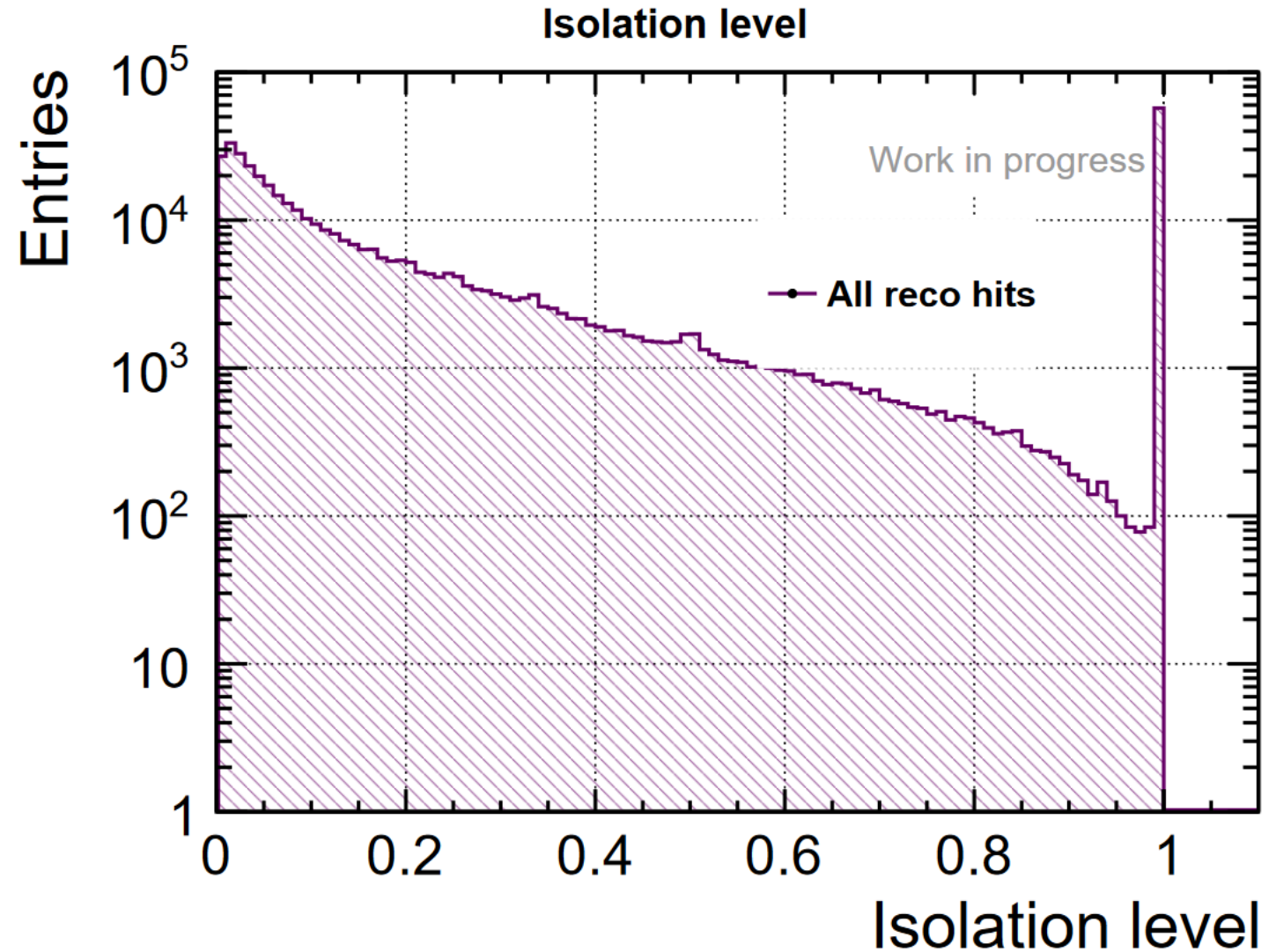
Compares the energy of a hit to the energy of its neighbours.



$$\text{Isolation level} = \frac{\text{Energy of hit}}{\text{Energy sum of all neighbours (all hits in 3 x 3 x 3 box)}}$$

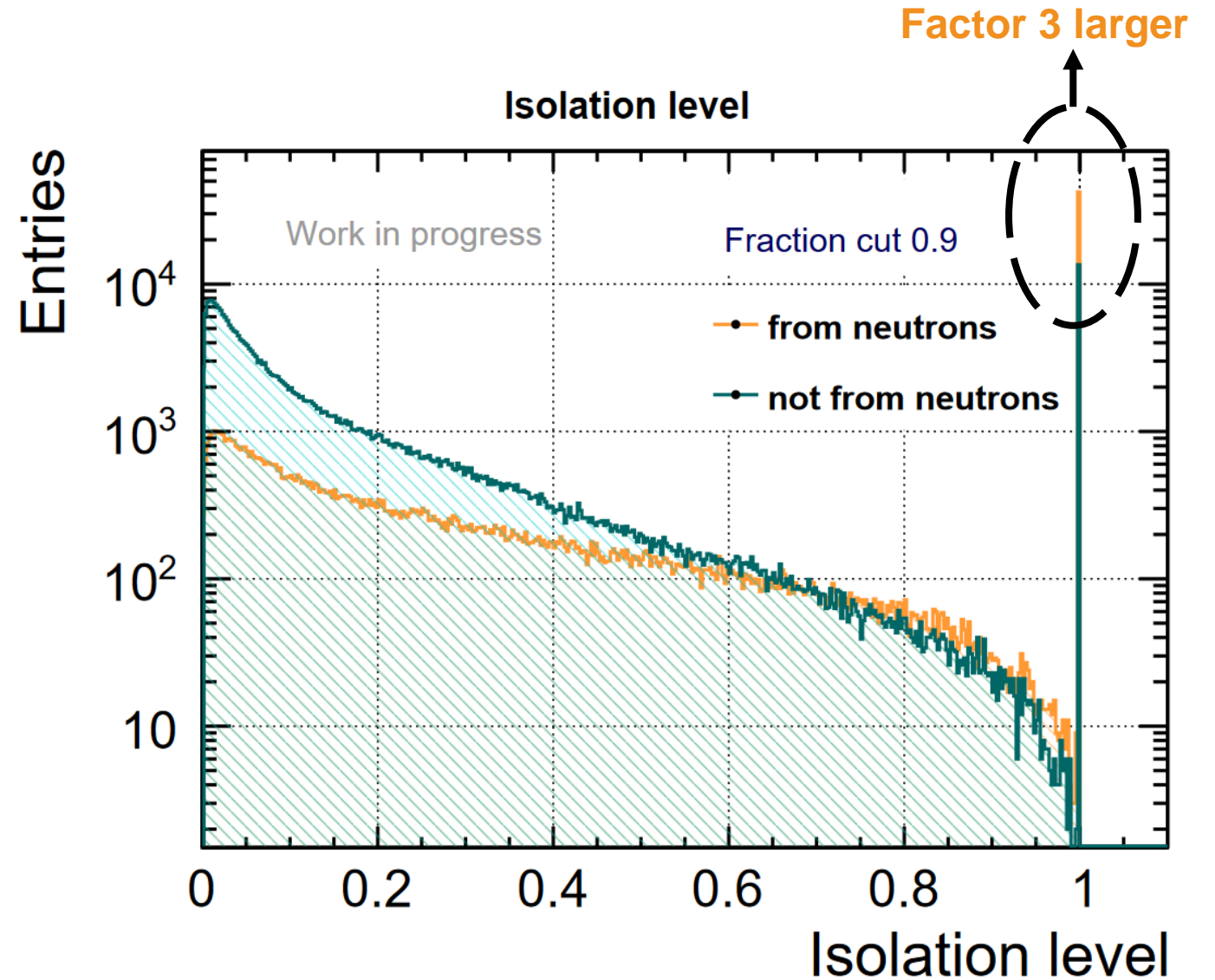
# Isolation level

- Vast majority of Reco hits lie in the dense shower with low level of isolation.
- There is a peak at 1. These hits are **fully isolated**.



# Isolation level

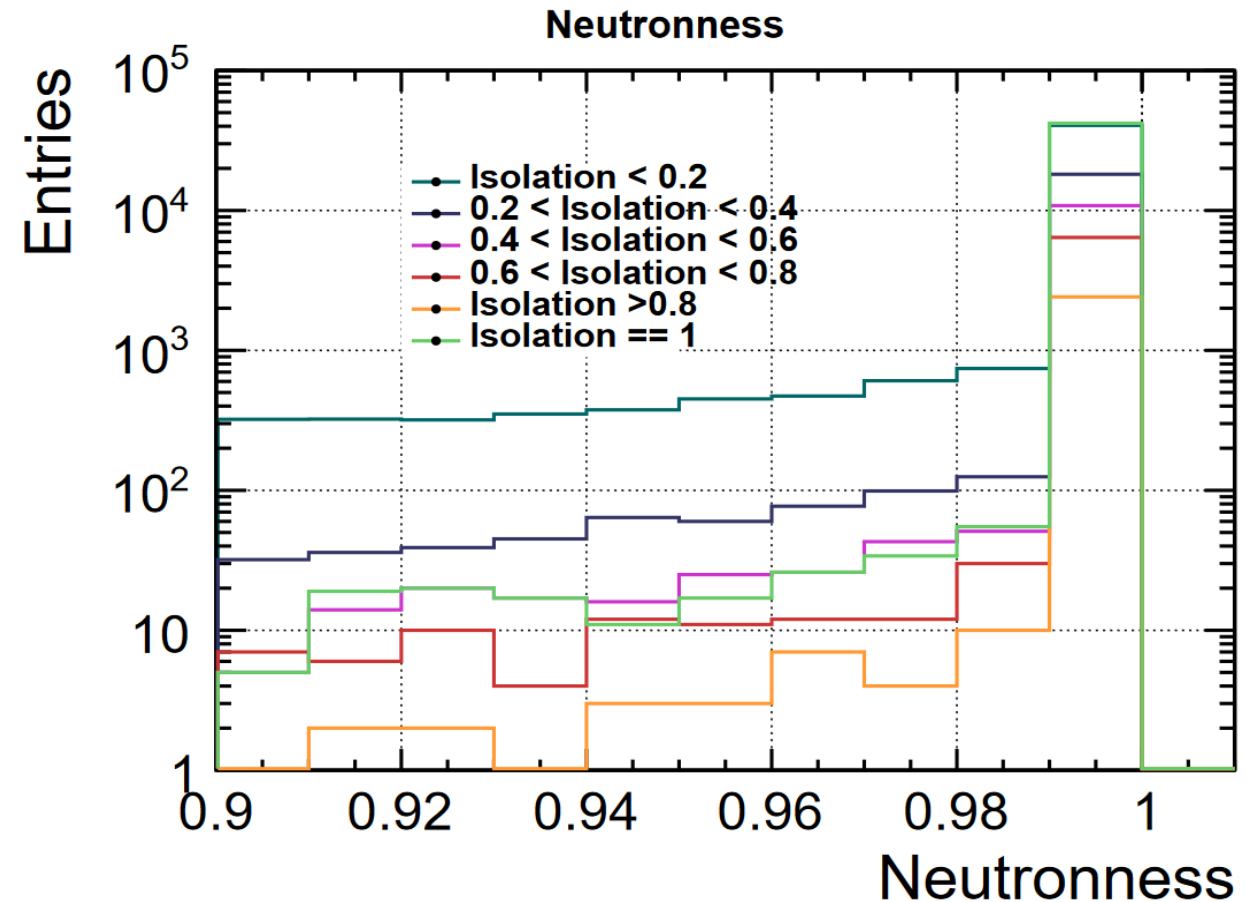
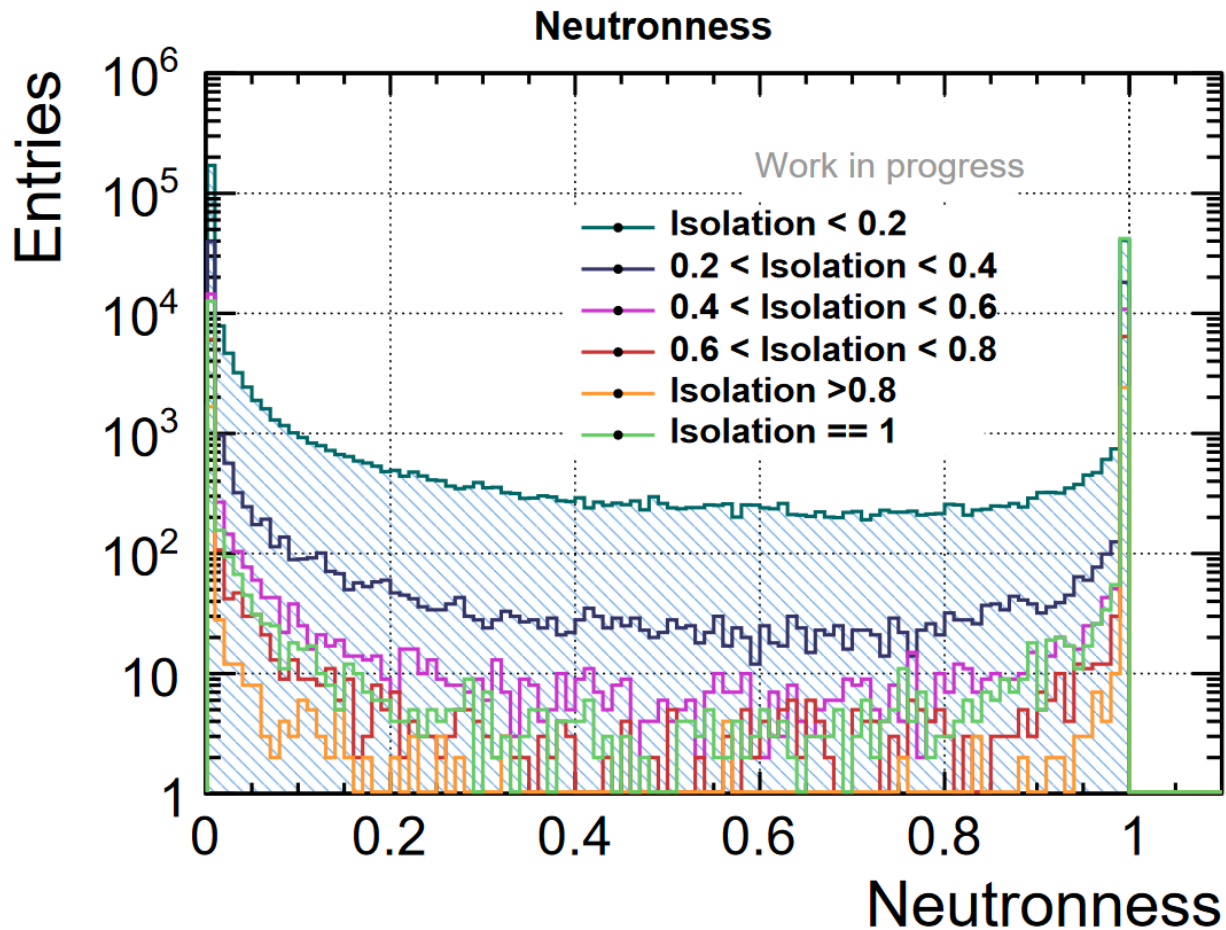
- Clear correlation with neutronness:
  - At isolation equal to 1,  
**75 % of hits are from neutrons.**
- Use isolation to identify neutrons!





# Neutronness for different isolation levels

- For lower level of isolation the distribution is smooth but for isolation  $> 0.8$  and 1 the distribution mainly peaks at two extremes



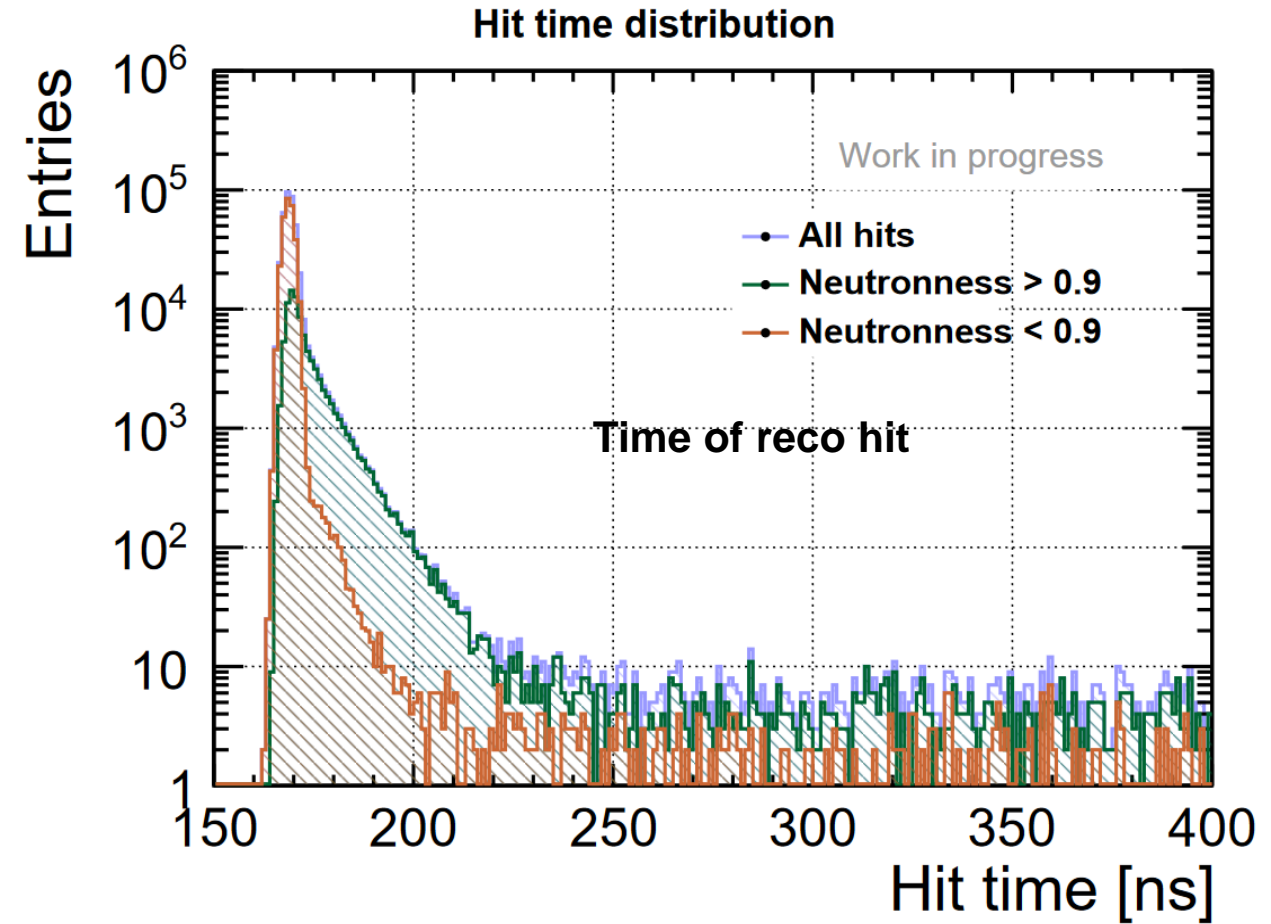
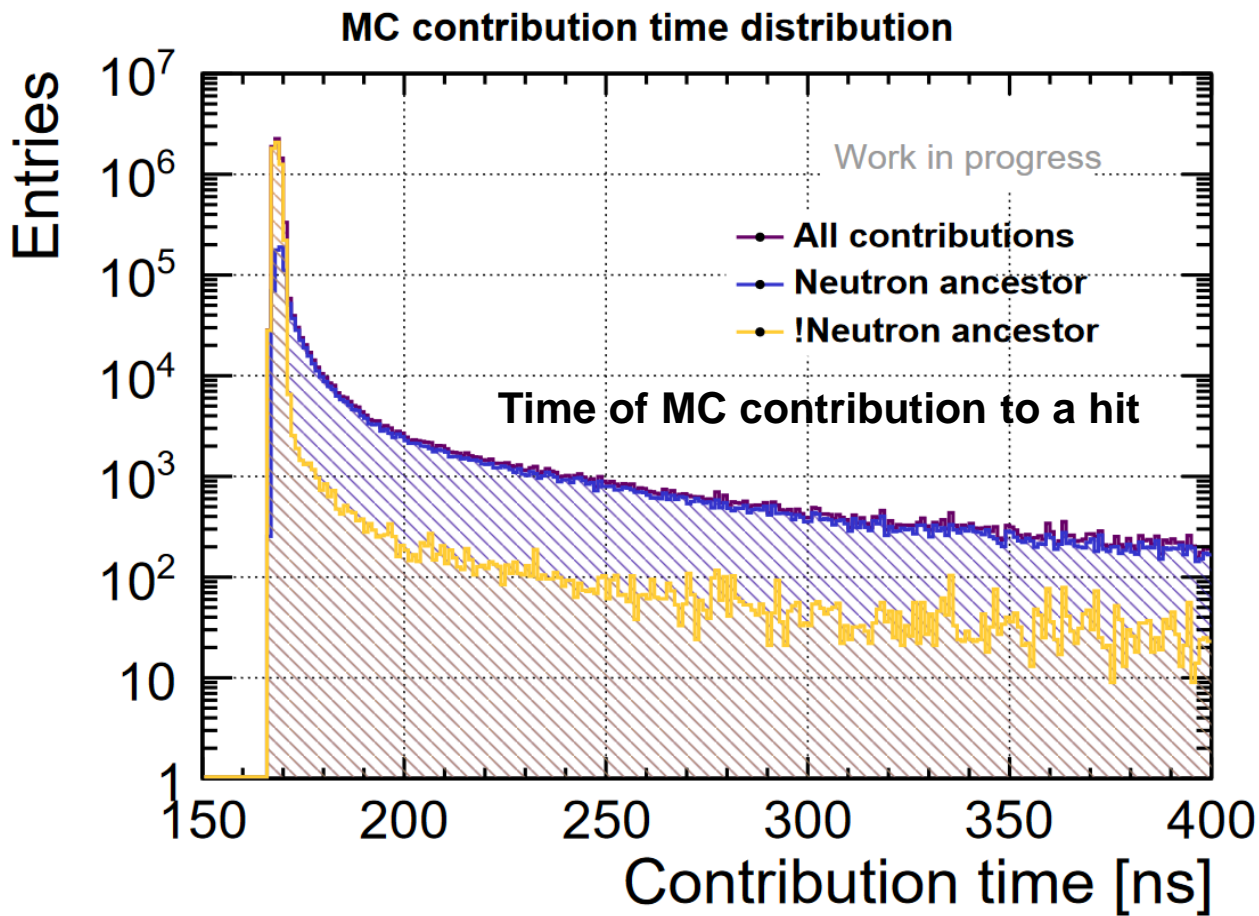
# Time stamps

- Correlate neutronness with time stamp – we assume neutrons are late.
- In simulation, the time stamp is given relative to the simulation start, in our case when the pion started its way to the calorimeter.
- Look at **MC time**: exact time stamp of the MC contributions to a SIM hit.
- Look at **RECO time**: time stamp assigned by the standard reconstruction to a reconstructed hit.

# Time distribution

ILC Mode: the first ~200 ns after shower start

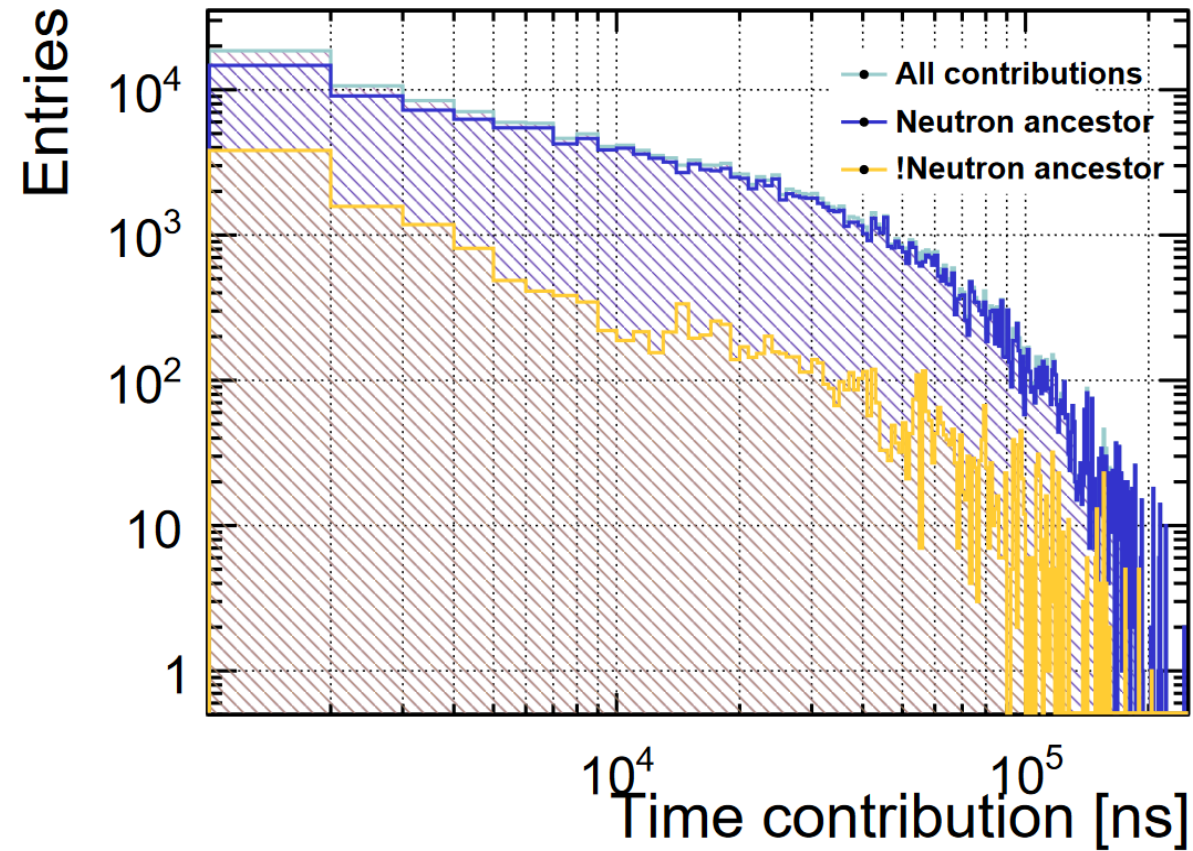
- Vast majority of hits with  $15 \text{ ns} < t < 50 \text{ ns}$  after shower start are from neutrons
- Consistent between MC time stamp and hit time stamp



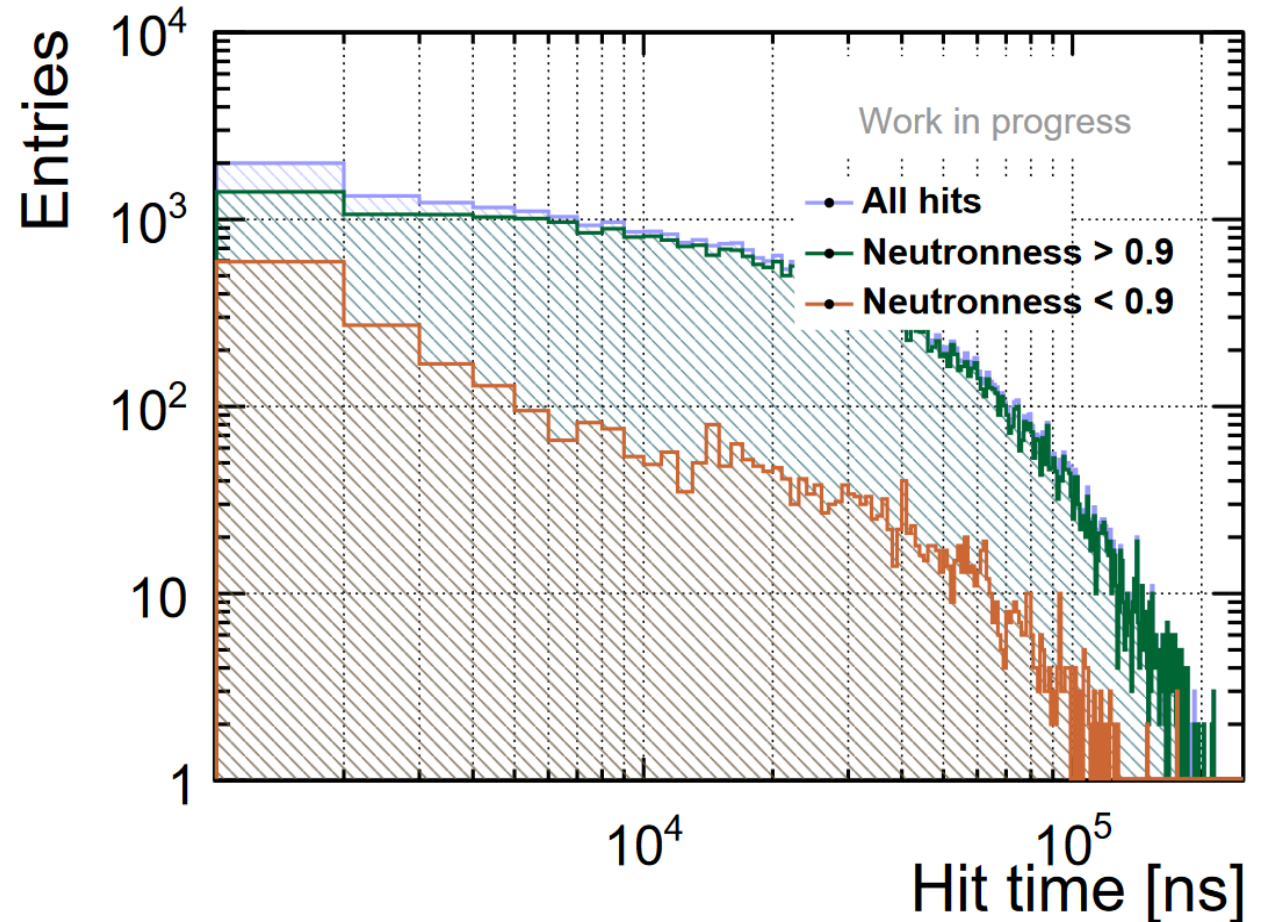
# Time distribution

- The long term after-glow comes from neutrons.
- Neutrons are an order of magnitude more than non-neutrons for  $t > \sim 5 \mu\text{s}$ .

MC time contribution distribution



Hit time distribution

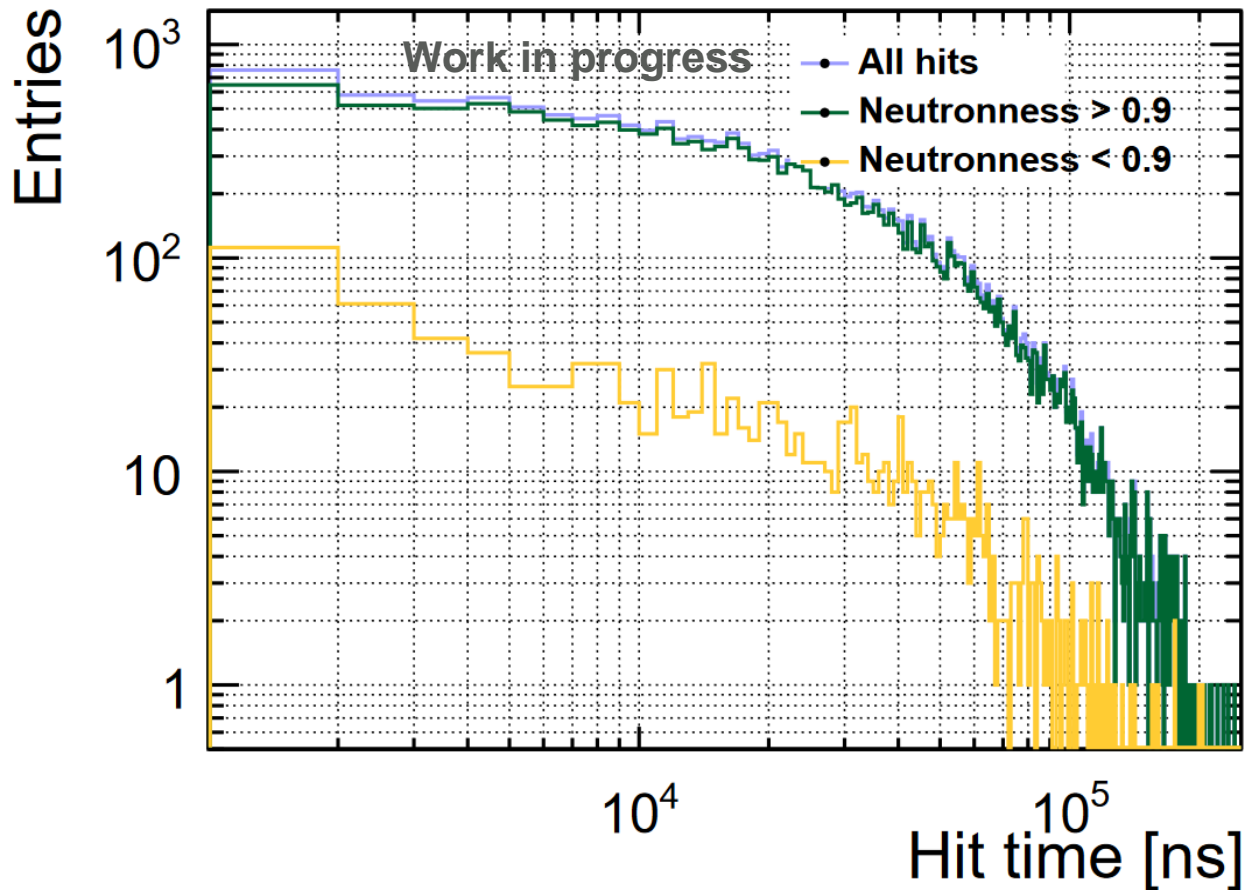


# Hit distribution

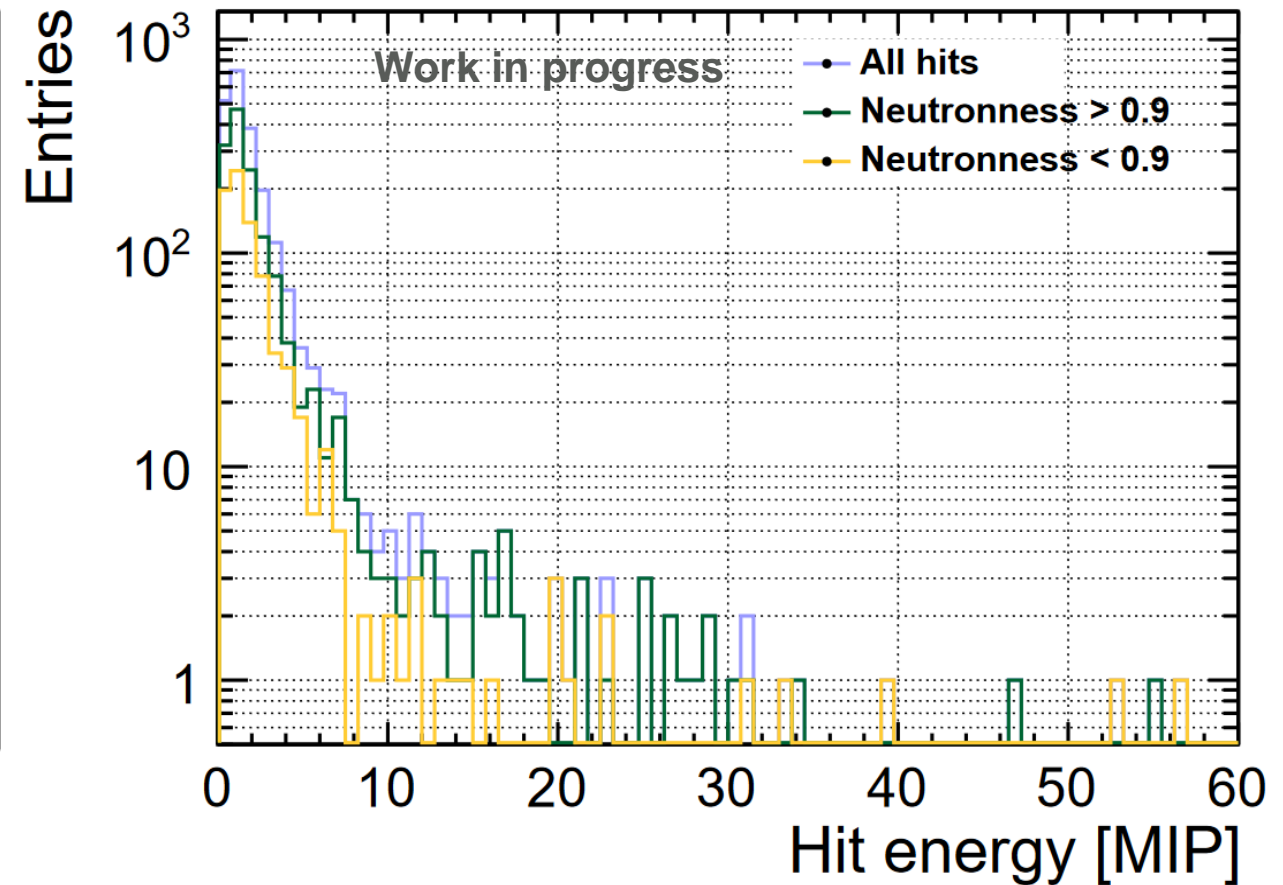
Isolation level > 0.9

Most of the late hits which are isolated are from a neutron depositing energy of  $\sim 5 - 10$  MIPs

Hit time distribution for isolation level > 0.9



Hit energy distribution for isolation level > 0.9



# Summary & Outlook

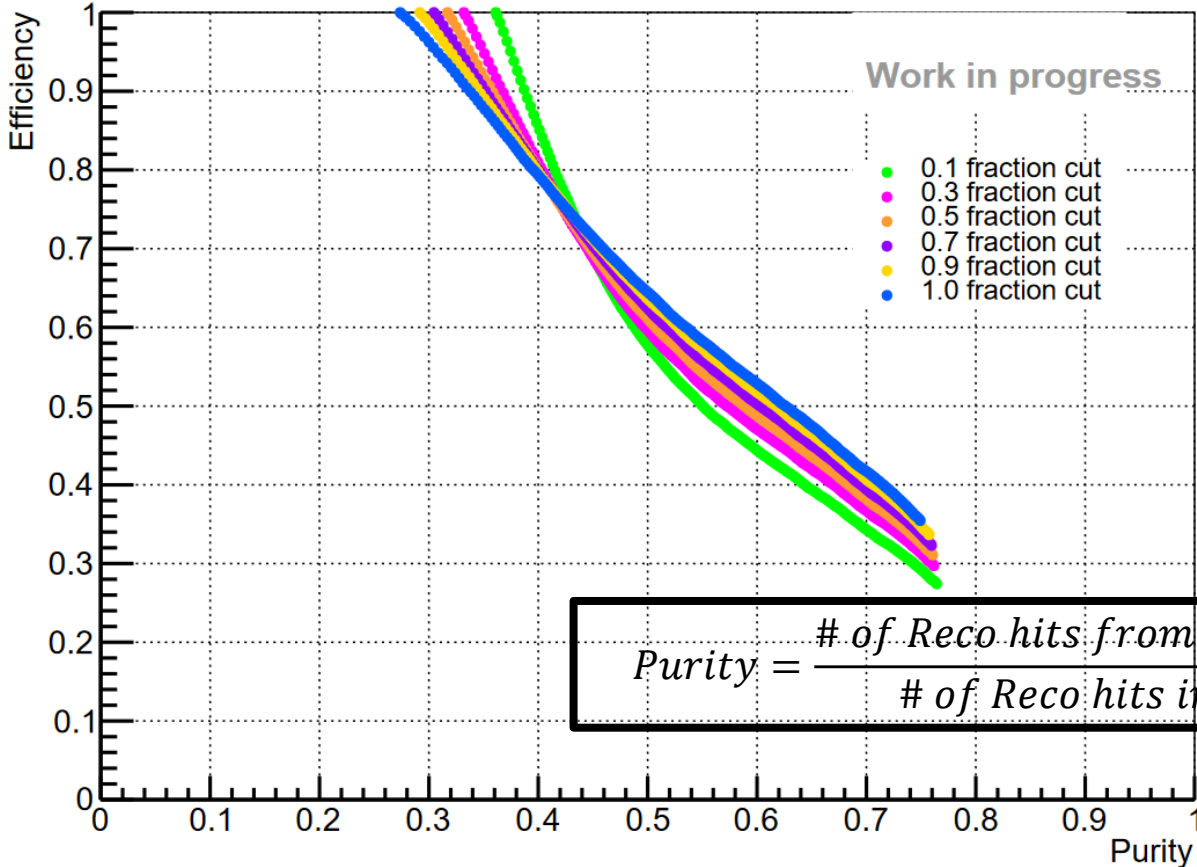
- Implemented as a MARLIN Processor.
- Most of the isolated late hits are from neutrons → can use isolation observable to separate neutrons.
- Study correlation of neutronness with shower shape variables.

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# Efficiency Vs. Purity

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{\# \text{ of Reco hits from a neutron in the accepted range}}{\# \text{ of Reco hits from a neutron in the total range}}$$

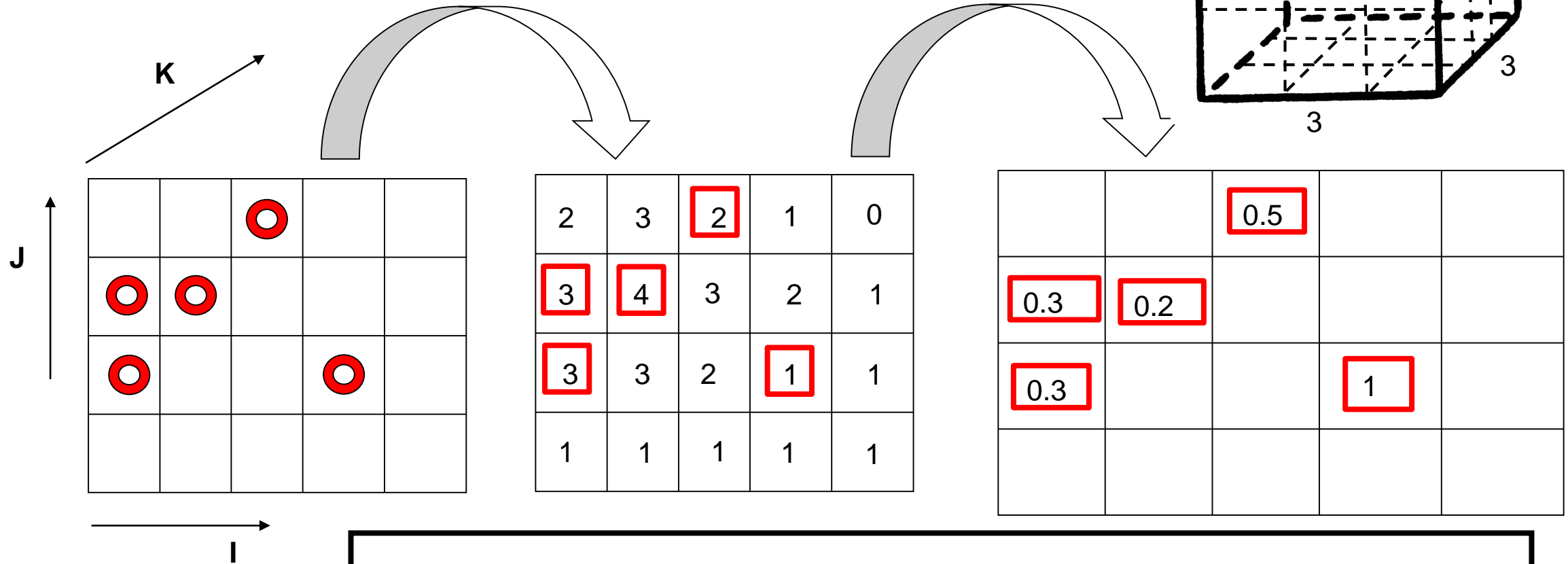
Neutrons as cause for isolated hits



$$\text{Purity} = \frac{\# \text{ of Reco hits from a neutron in the accepted range}}{\# \text{ of Reco hits in total in the accepted range}}$$

# Definition of Isolation level

Compares its energy to the energy in its **neighbours**



$$\text{Degree of isolation} = \frac{\text{Energy of hit}}{\text{Energy sum of all neighbours (all hits in 3 x 3 x 3 box)}}$$



# Time distribution

