

# Time Dispersion of Showers

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## Motivation:

- The time structure of showers in camera plane, with focus on high energy .  
( Topic raised by MC-WP )
- Does time structure (spread) of gamma / proton showers change  
from the canonical  $\approx 10\text{ns}$  toward high energies ( $\gg 1\text{TeV}$ ) ?
- What about off-axis observation & large impact distances ?
- Do we
  - (1) read out trigger the shower information efficiently ?
  - (2) do we trigger telescopes with medium / large images efficiently at highE ?
  - (3) at array level: if telescopes don't trigger or are only partially read,  
at what level is array data quality distorted ?

# Overview

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- Application of *trigsim* (see preceding talk) as a tool for pe-file analysis and emulation of trigger concepts
- Read MC-files of raw pe's (from simtelarray) (local Desy-DB)
  - all pe's are available (minimal cut >15pe in camera)
  - no CamElec simulation (optional)
  - no NSB included (optional)
  - compare with default NN-trigger: SimtelarrayTrig
- Aim:
  - A. Study the „event duration“ in raw pe's (neglect ELEC) :
    - (1) **T<sub>full</sub>** = full event spread: (t<sub>last\_pe</sub> – t<sub>first\_pe</sub>) for all pe's from
      - all pixels, or
      - restricted to pixels with amp-cut ( $\geq 3\text{pe}$ ,  $5\text{pe}$ ,  $10\text{pe}$ , ...)
    - (2a) **T<sub>50</sub>** = arrival time for 50% of all pe's
    - (2b) **T<sub>90</sub>** = arrival time for 90% of all pe's

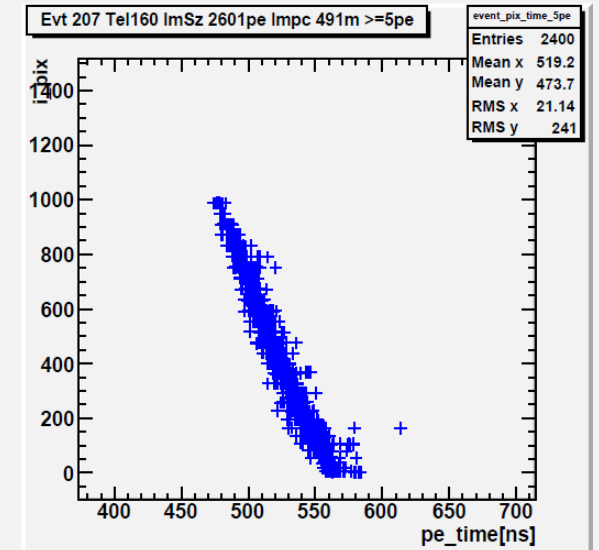
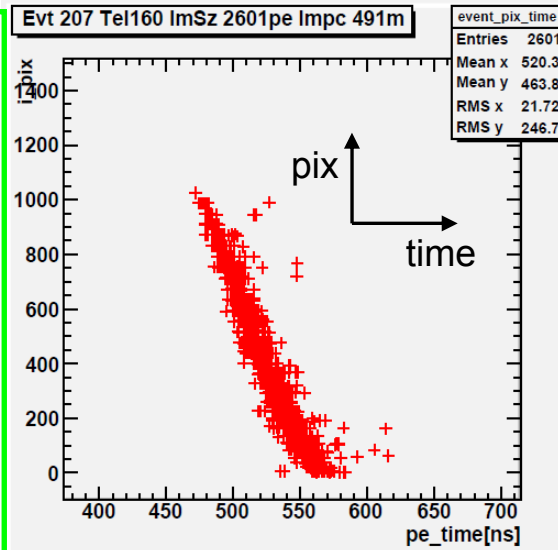
## B. Image Losses due to Readout:

14...25ns R/O window → which pe-fraction is readout ?

# Time Dispersion / Gamma 100TeV

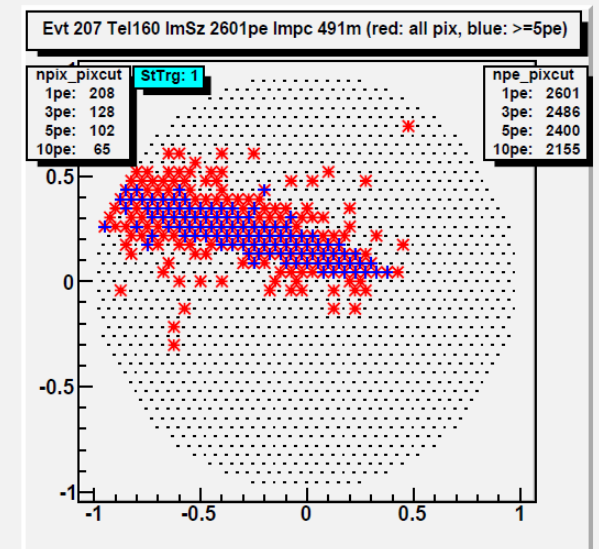
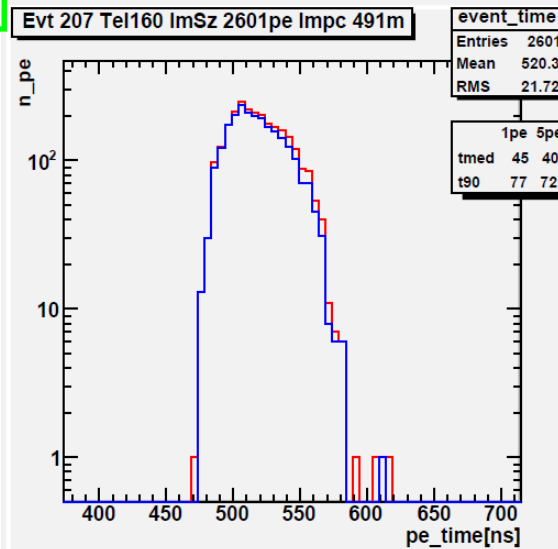
## • A simple „Event Display“ with:

- Pixel# vs time
- pe-time distribution for
  - all\_pixels ( $\geq 1pe$ ), and
  - $pix(\geq 5pe)$
- Camera w/ pix cuts (1/5pe)
- SimTelTrigger Flag
- Times T50/T90, ...



- 100TeV Gamma (diff.)
- Impact=490m, 2600pe
- SimTel-triggered

Duration = 130ns  
 T50 = 45ns  
 T90 = 90ns  
 Ev\_207\_160\_100T\_gam\_d



# Gamma 100TeV

- 100TeV Proton(diff.)
- Impact=490m, 2500pe
- SimTel-triggered

Duration = 170ns

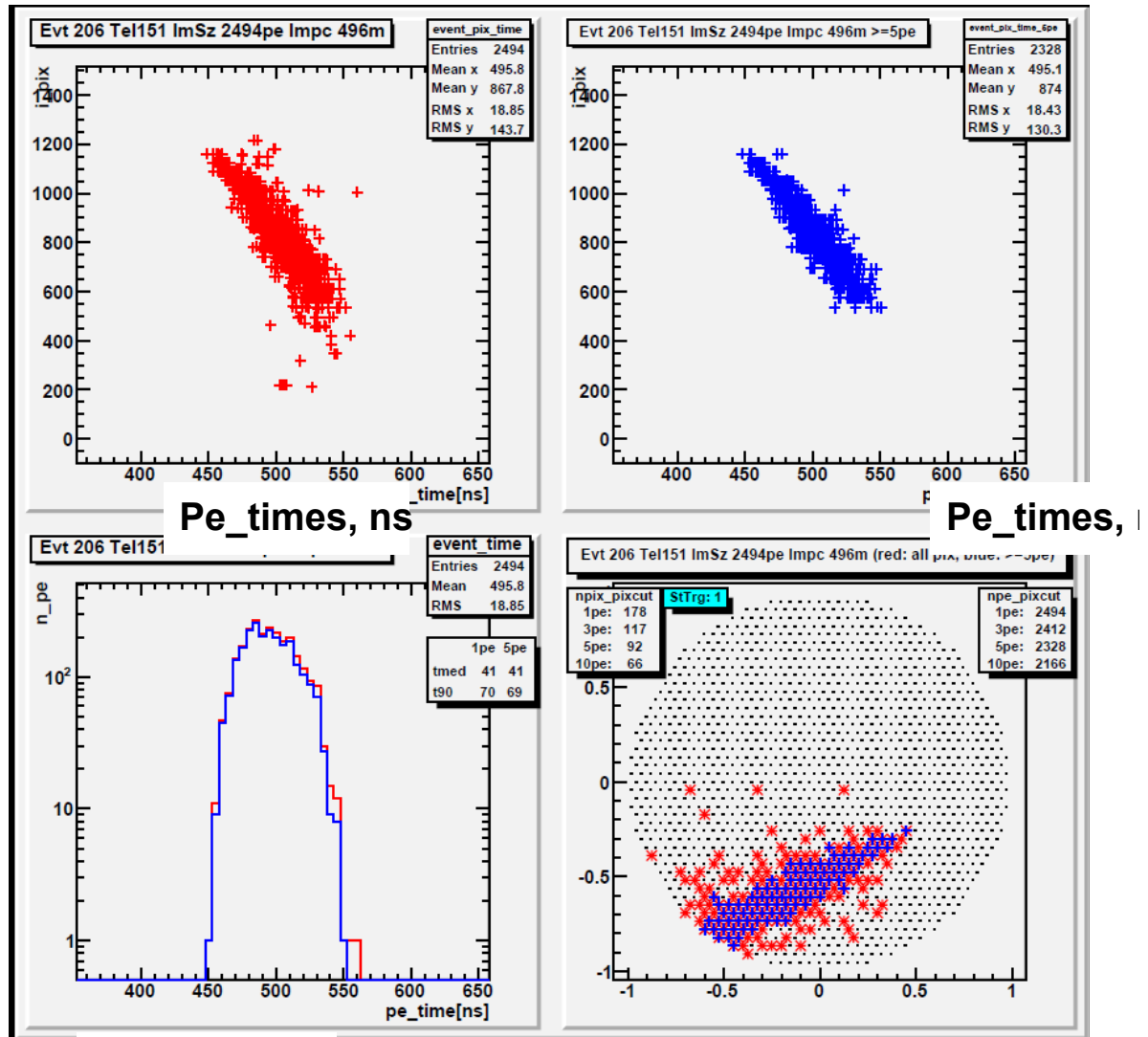
T50 = 41ns

T90 = 70ns

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SST / Tel151

Pixel#



Pe\_times, ns

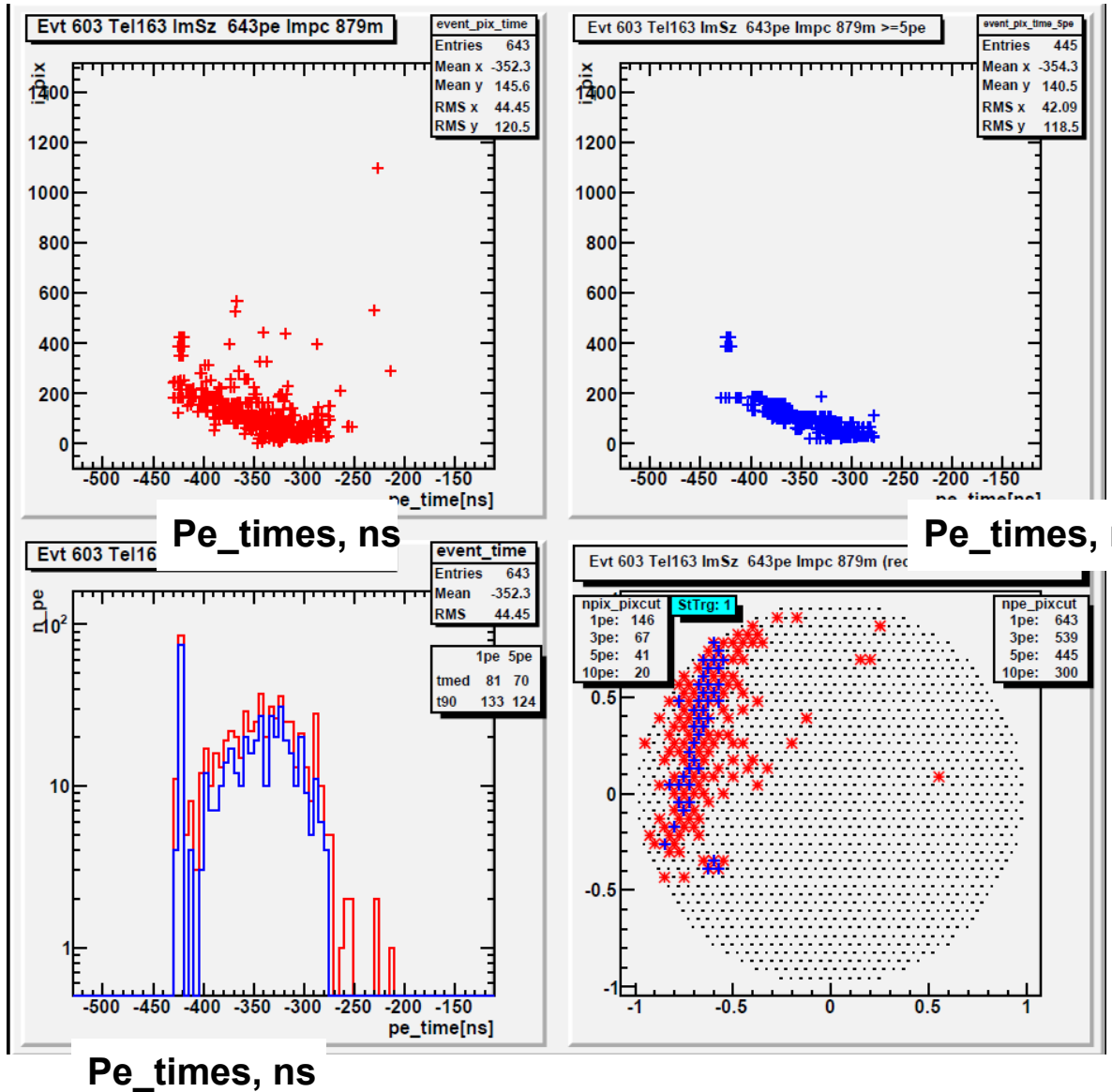
# Proton 300TeV

- 300TeV Proton(diff.)
- Impact=490m, 2600pe
- SimTel-triggered

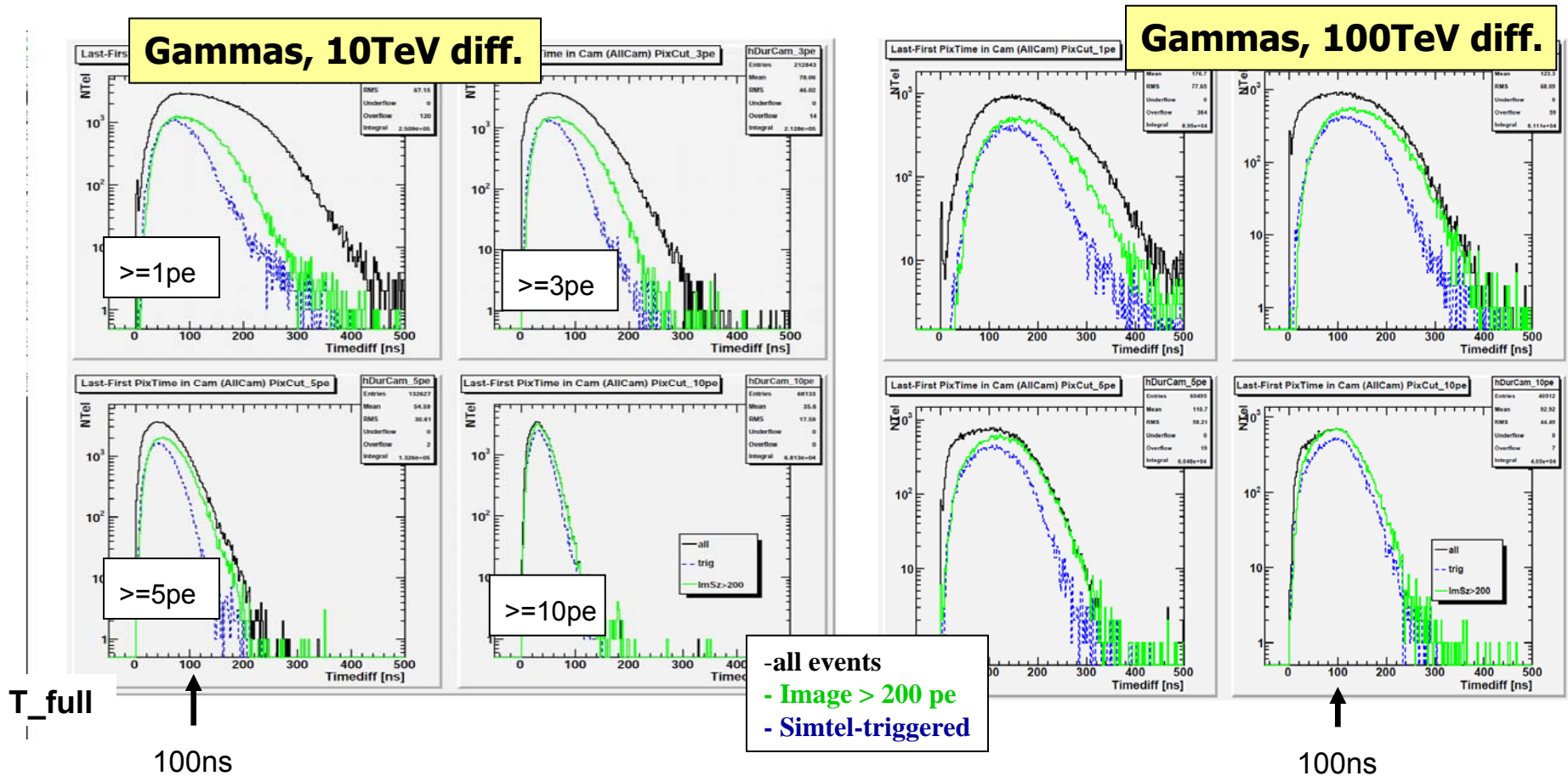
Duration = 170 ns  
 T50 = 81 ns  
 T90 = 133 ns  
 Ev\_603\_163\_30T\_prot

SST / Tel163

Pixel#



# Event duration: T<sub>full</sub>



**Time-Duration T<sub>full</sub> for all pe's contained in pixels with  $\geq 1, 3, 5, 10$  pe's.**

**T<sub>full</sub> rises with energy:**

**→ <time> to read all pe's**

**for all 5pe pix's is**

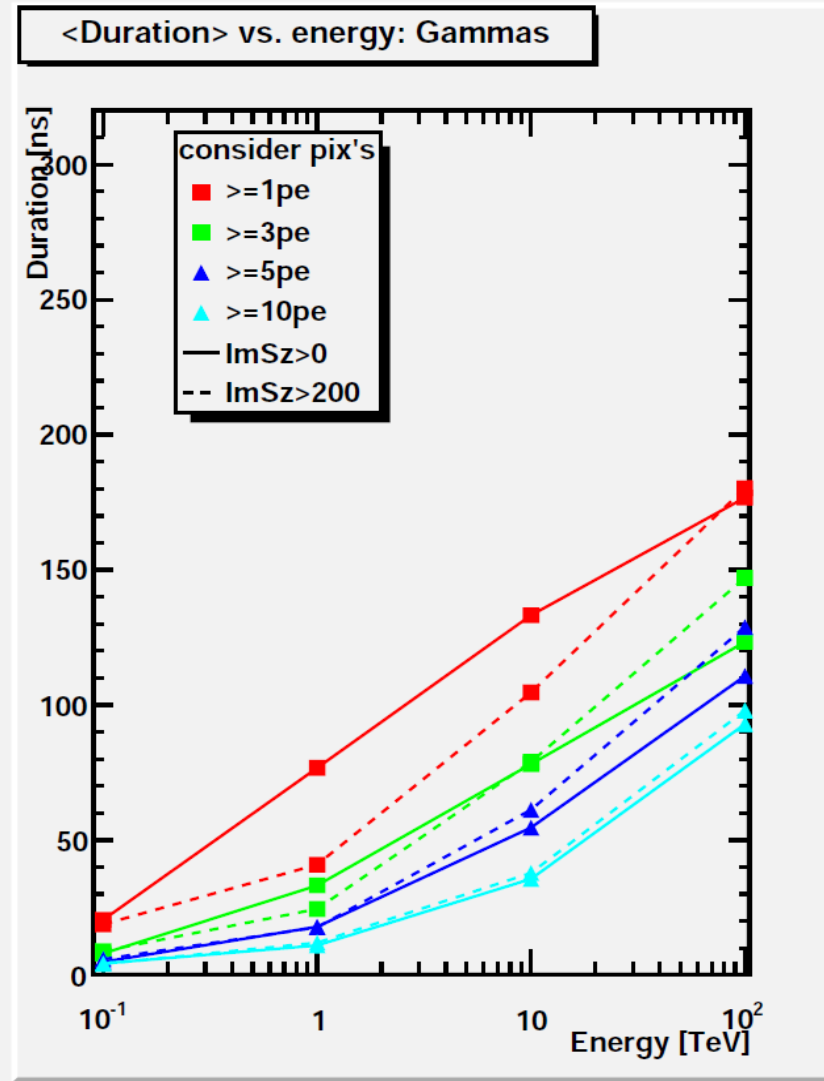
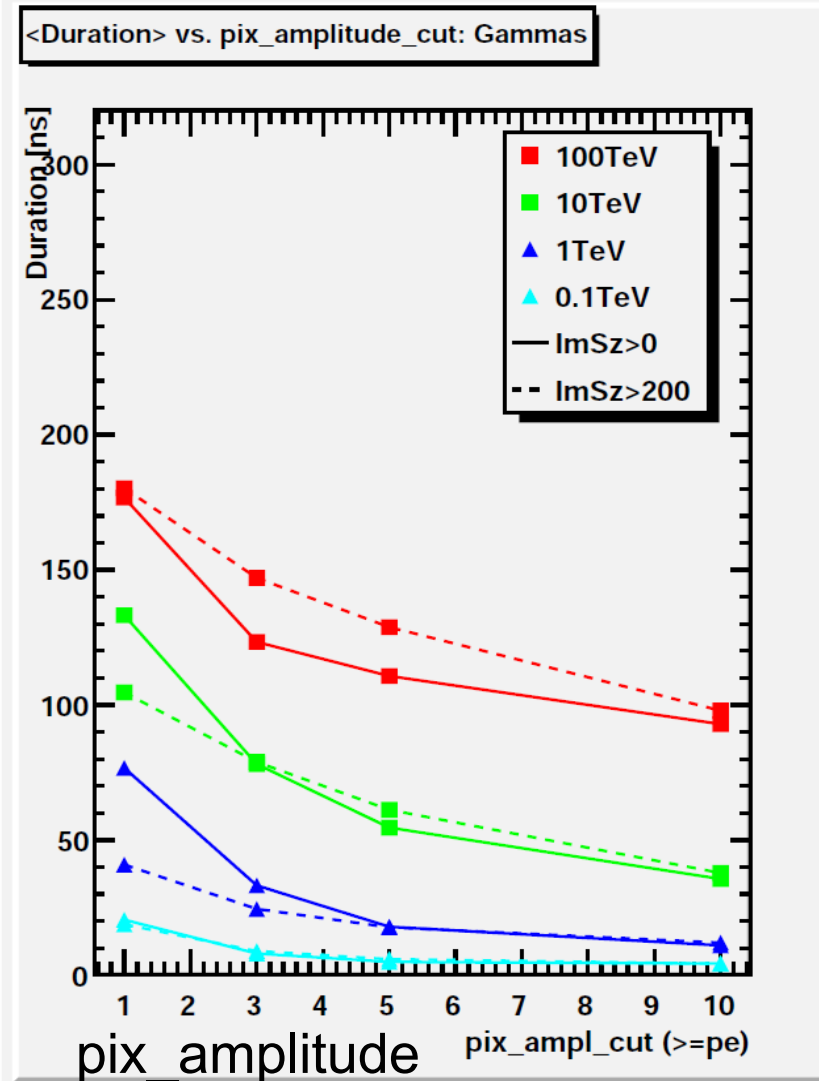
**.... 60...110ns for 10...100 TeV,**

**for all 10pe pixels is still**

**.... 30...90ns !**

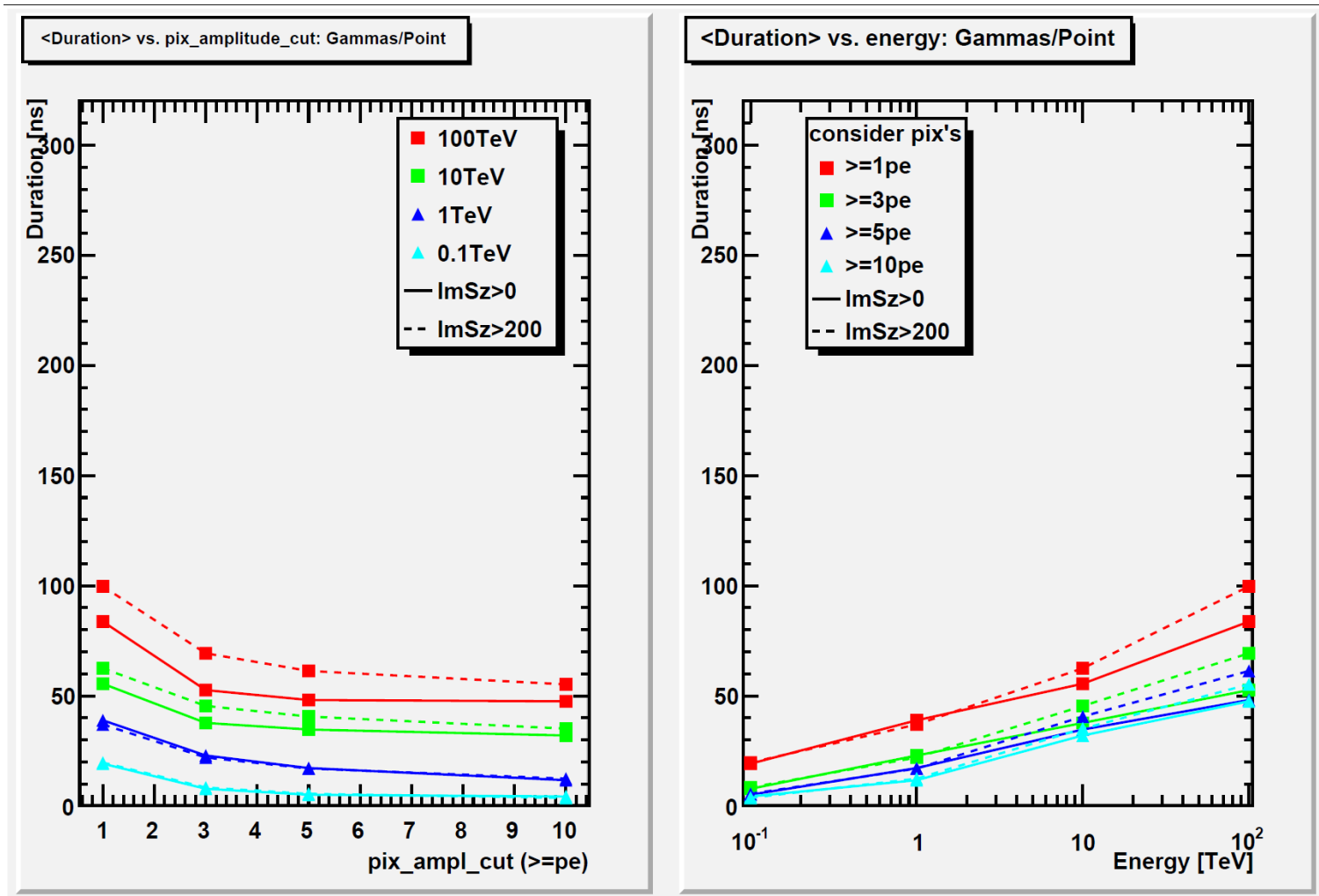
**(details: Zeuthen-Meeting)**

# Avg. EventDuration vs. Energy: Gammas (diffuse)



Consider pe's from pixels with  $\geq 1$ pe,  $\geq 3$ pe,  $\geq 5$ pe,  $\geq 10$  pe. Energy

# Avg. EventDuration vs. Energy: Gammas (pointing)



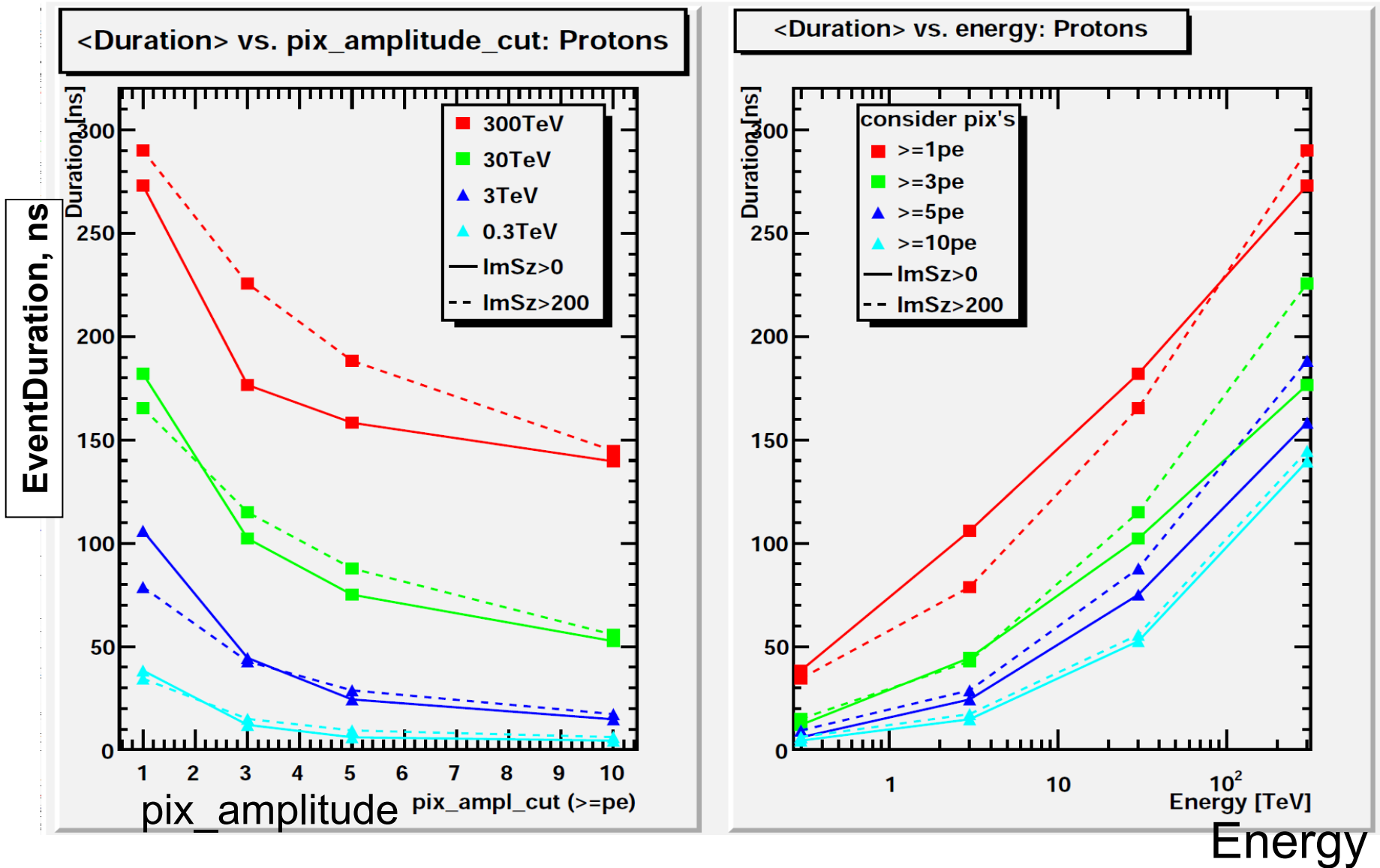
pix\_amplitude

Energy

Consider pe's from pixels with  $\geq 1\text{pe}$ ,  $\geq 3\text{pe}$ ,  $\geq 5\text{pe}$ ,  $\geq 10\text{pe}$ .



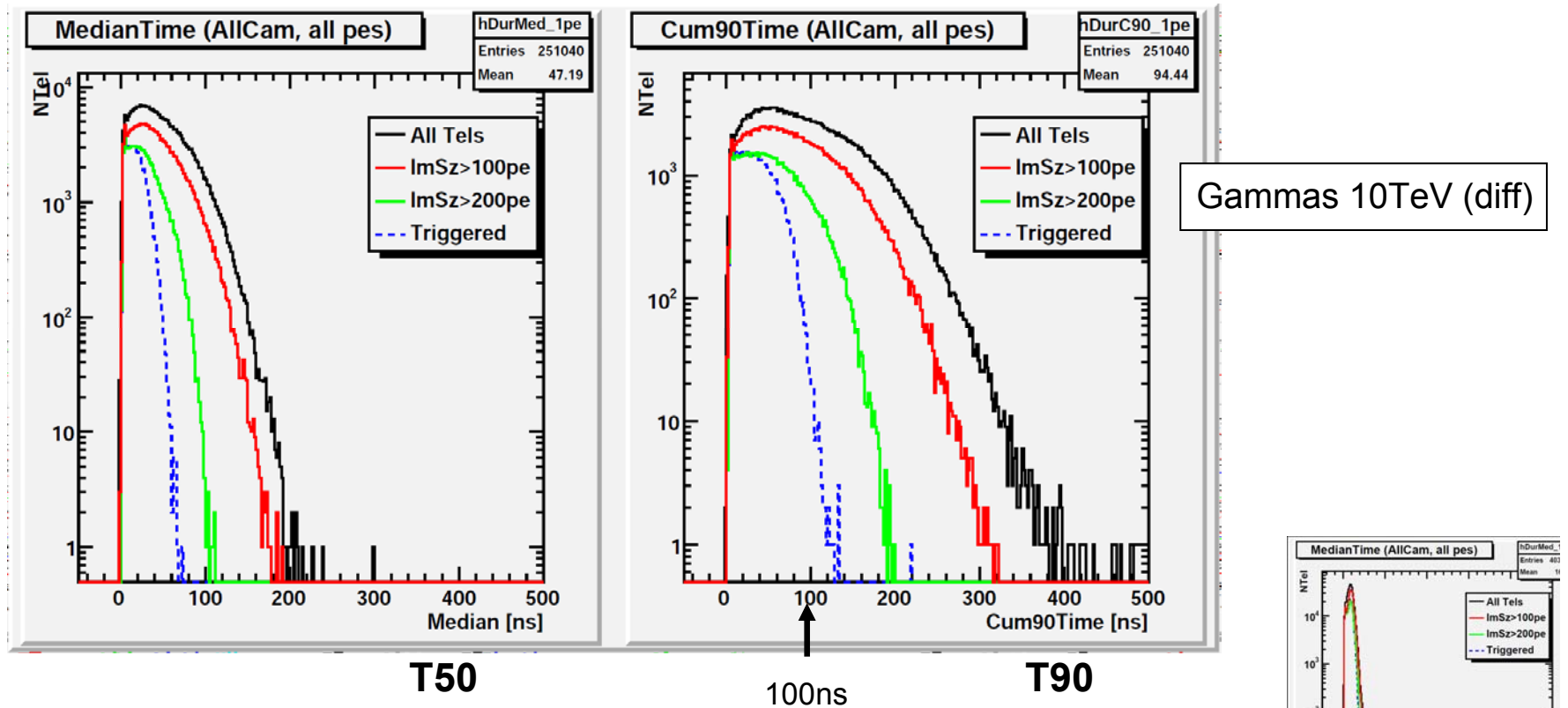
# Avg. EventDuration vs. Energy: Protons



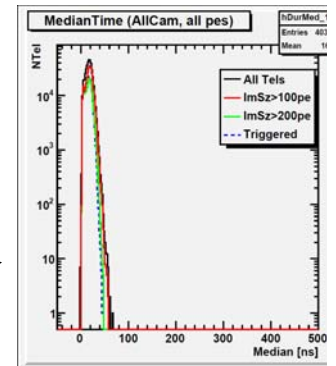
Consider pe's from pixels with  $\geq 1$ pe,  $\geq 3$ pe,  $\geq 5$ pe,  $\geq 10$  pe.

# ReadoutTime T50 / T90

- Distribution of time to readout 50% and 90% of all pe's for: all events,  $ImSz > 100pe$ ,  $> 200pe$  and „triggered“ (simtel)
- We find: Gamma 10TeV (diffuse)  $\rightarrow$  median(T50) is 40ns !

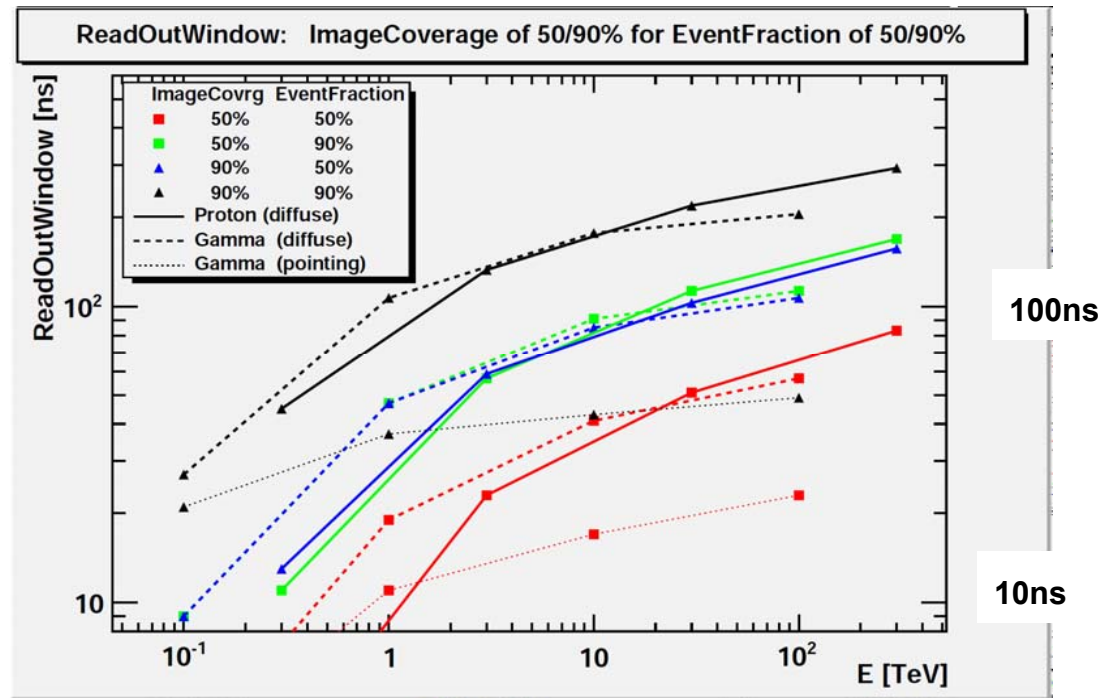


Note: (1) in pointing mode: gammas have much less time spread  $\rightarrow$   
(2) BG has same (or larger) spread like diffuse gamma.



# Time dispersion: ReadoutWindow

- **ReadoutWindow to cover 50% or 90% of all pe's for 50% or 90% of all events for gammas (diff/pointing) and protons:**



## → To readout

- **only 50% pe for 50% events: 40ns... 60ns for 10TeV...100TeV**
- **50% pe for 90% evts (or 90%/50%) 80ns..110ns for 10TeV...100TeV**

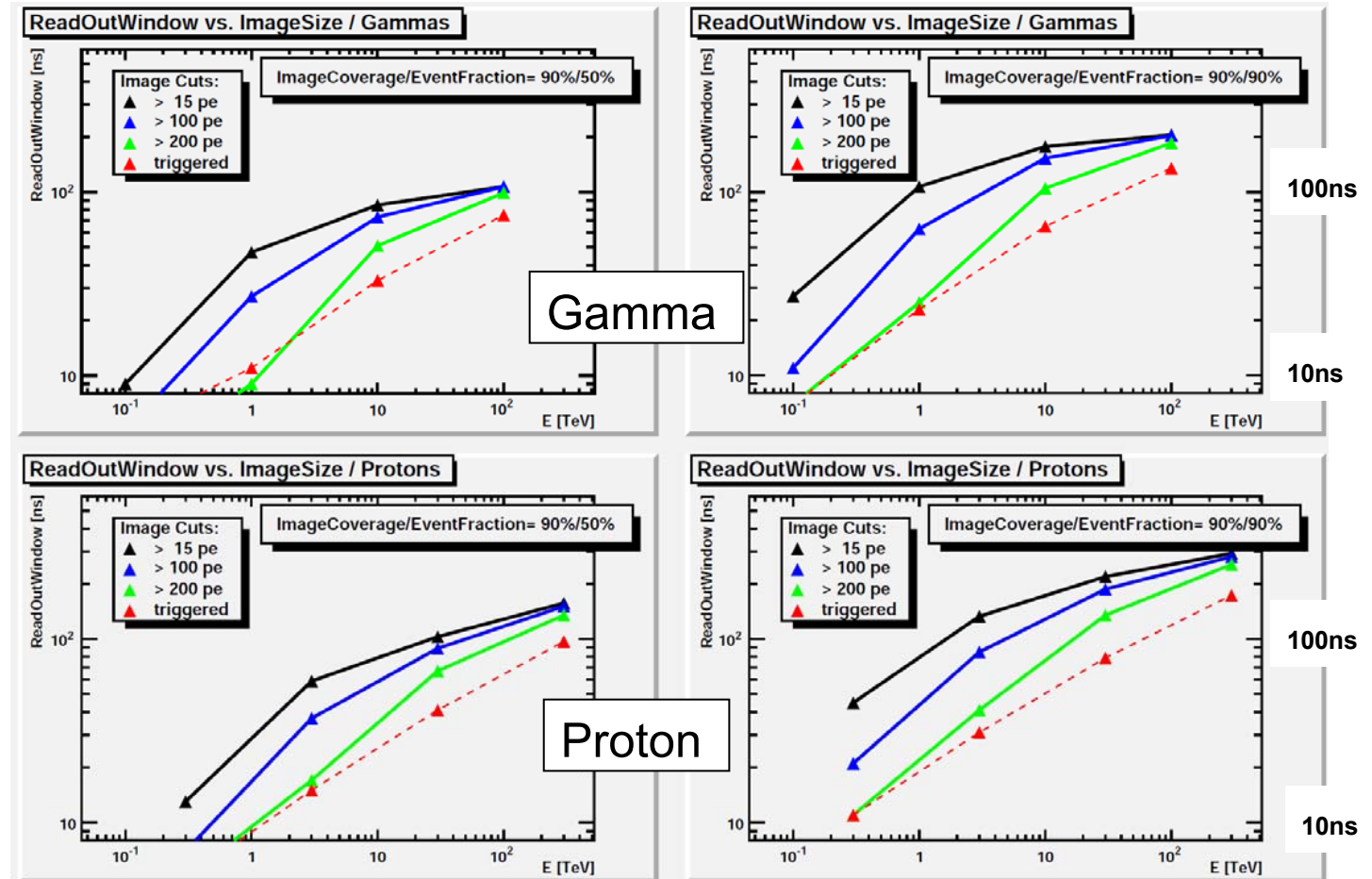
Note: (1) averaged over all ULTRA3 telescopes, and telescopes (trigg & non-trig)

(2) for default simtel-trig, spread is somewhat lower (30-90ns 10-100TeV), see CTA-Zeuthen.

# R/O-window: do nontrig'd / faint Images dominate ?

- ReadoutWindow to cover 90% of all pe's for 50% of all events for gammas (diff/pointing) and protons, separately for:

- All Im
- Im > 100
- Im > 200
- SimTel-trig Tel



Even for SimTel-trigg'd Telescopes :

- For only 90% pe for 50% events - 30ns... 80ns for 10TeV...100TeV<sup>12</sup> !

# Image Losses: a 20ns R/O-Window

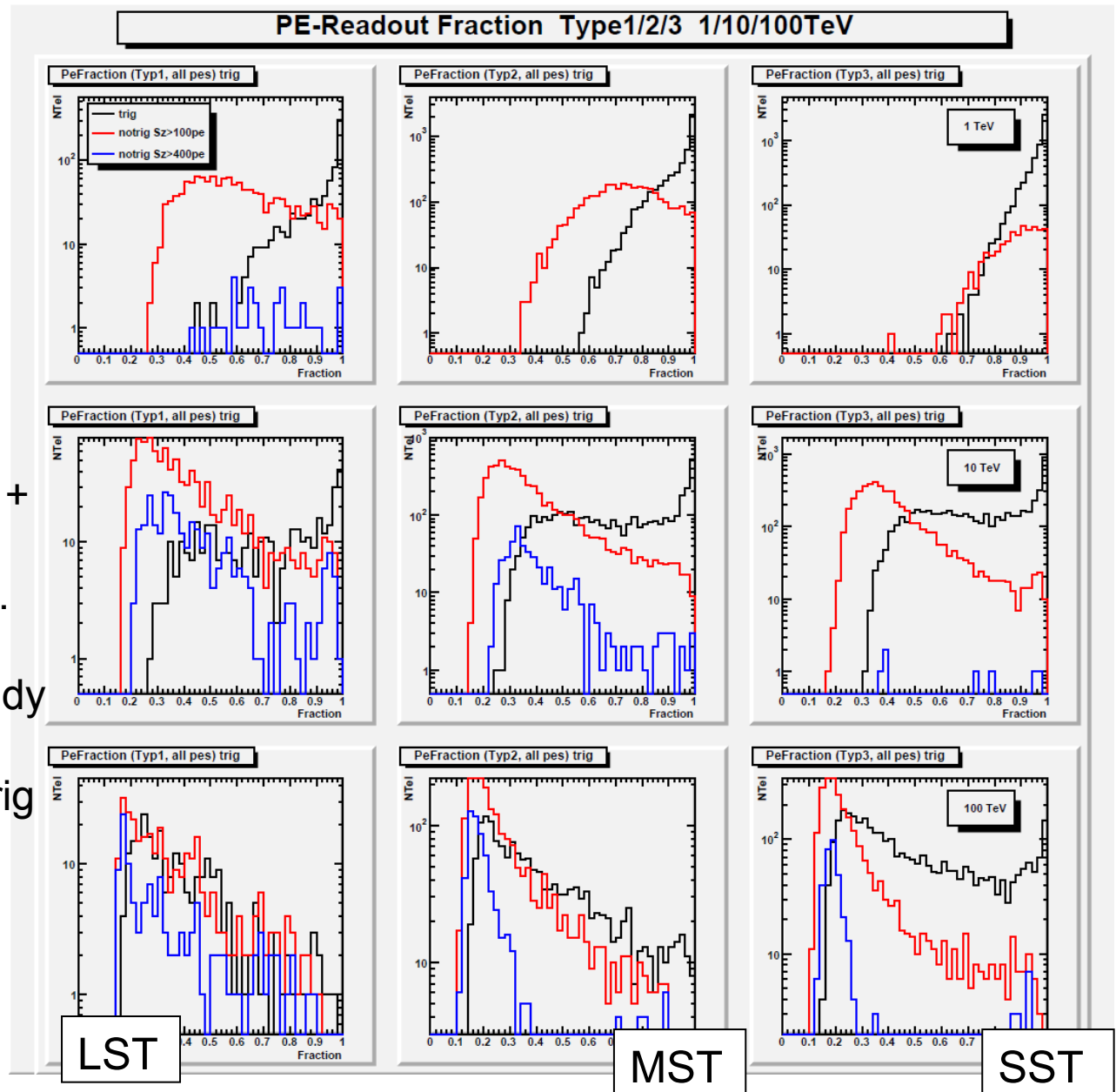
Hess2 / Magic2:  
R/O window of 14ns / 25ns.

Plot:  
Maximal Image fraction  $F_i$ ,  
that a floating 20ns window  
will readout (ie. optimized  
pixelwise).

Shown for StimTel-triggered +  
non-triggered telescopes  
w/ 100pe/400pe (for ArrayE).

→ Serious R/O-losses already  
present for  $\geq 10\text{TeV}$  !  
(for LST also at 1TeV: non-trig  
evts in interm. ImSize?)

$F_{Im}(10\text{TeV}) \quad xx\% < 0.8$   
 $F_{Im}(100\text{TeV}) \quad xx\% < 0.8$



# Summary

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- **Image timespread is  $\sim(50-100\text{ns})$  for  $E \gg 10\text{TeV}$  & large impact & offaxis.**
  - **Investigated the pre-arrival times (electronics-independent) and assumed a fixed 20ns R/O-window. Find significant losses for**
    - **Readout of triggered telescopes (NN-Trig - SimTel-default) !!**  
**Ie. not for „weak images“, as suggested in discussions**
      - **Images at  $\geq 10\text{TeV}$  are cut down to 20%**
      - **for 100TeV MST, SST readout <fraction>  $\sim 0.3-0.4$ , m.p.  $\sim 0.2$ , even for large Images.**
  - **We suggest, that MC-optimization of the HE-performance is checked wrt this findings. We should find arguments in favour of expecting „optimal CTA performance“ (energy resolution, sensitivity) while**
    - **Cutting out 16ns out of  $\sim(100\text{ns})$  spread of triggered Image,**
    - **Not aiming at triggering more telescopes w/ „bright images“**
  - **Is the potential of current CTA array layout optimally used – by ignoring significant fraction of light in the array (trigger, R/O, analysis) ?**
  - **Is it worth a MC test w/ full (larger) image R/O and adapted analysis ?**
- **Discussion back to MC-WG.**
- **ELEC: what could be a compromise R/O-window ?**

... thanks ...

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... Backup ...

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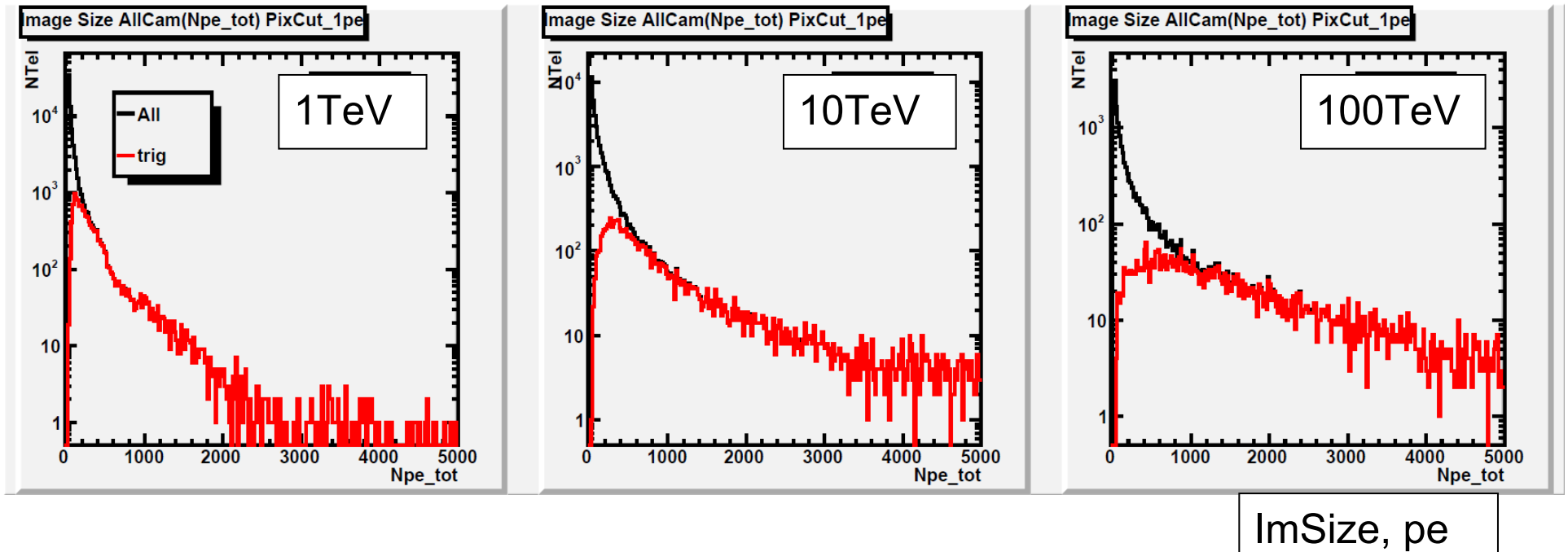


# Triggering vs. Image Size

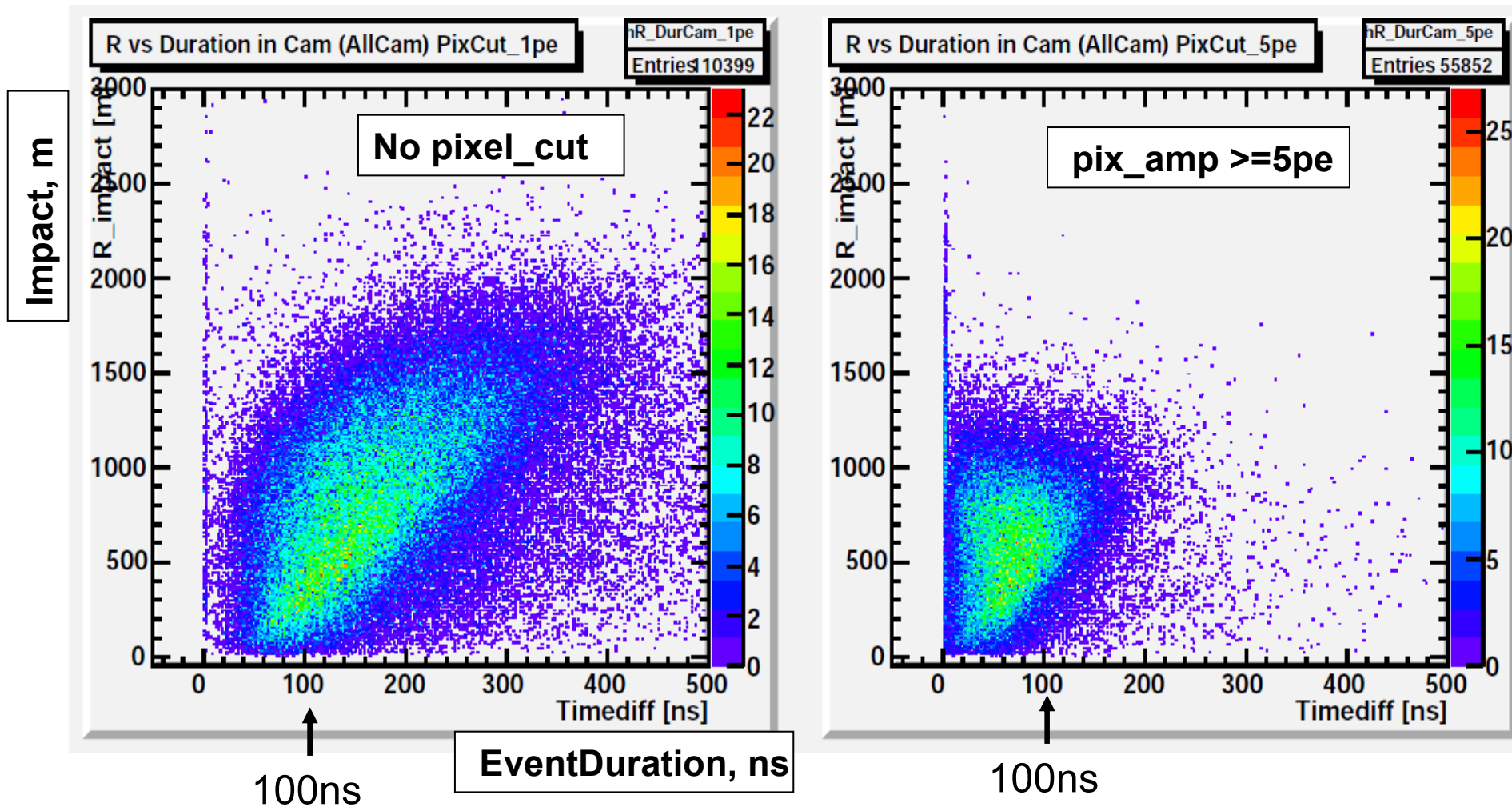
The fraction of medium+large size Images ( $\ll 1000$ ) that are trigger varies with energy.

Full efficiency at 1TeV 200pe, 10TeV 800pe, 100TeV 1000pe

(data are summed for LST/MST/SST for the “Ultra3Array E”, diff. gamma).



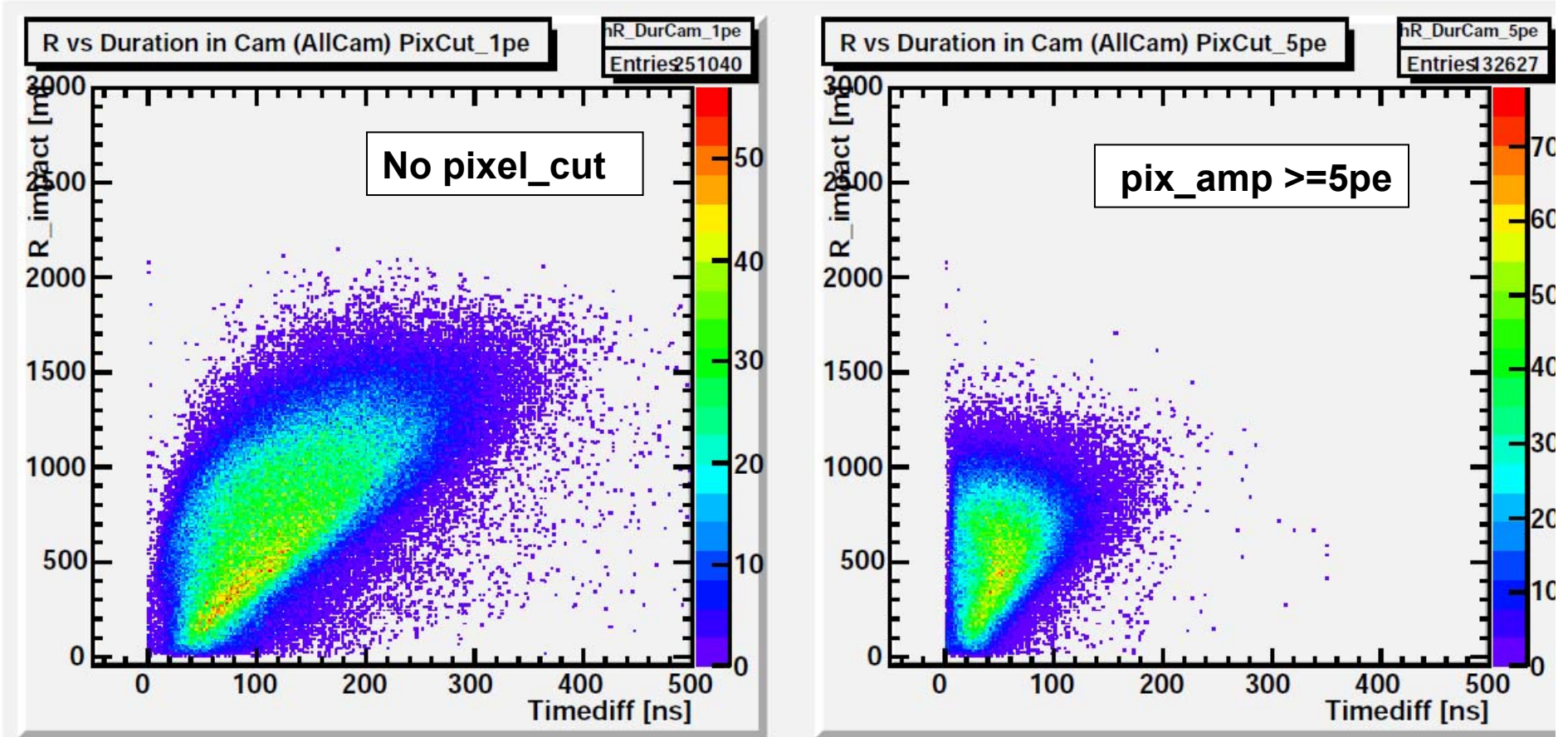
# Impact vs. EventDuration



Protons 30TeV

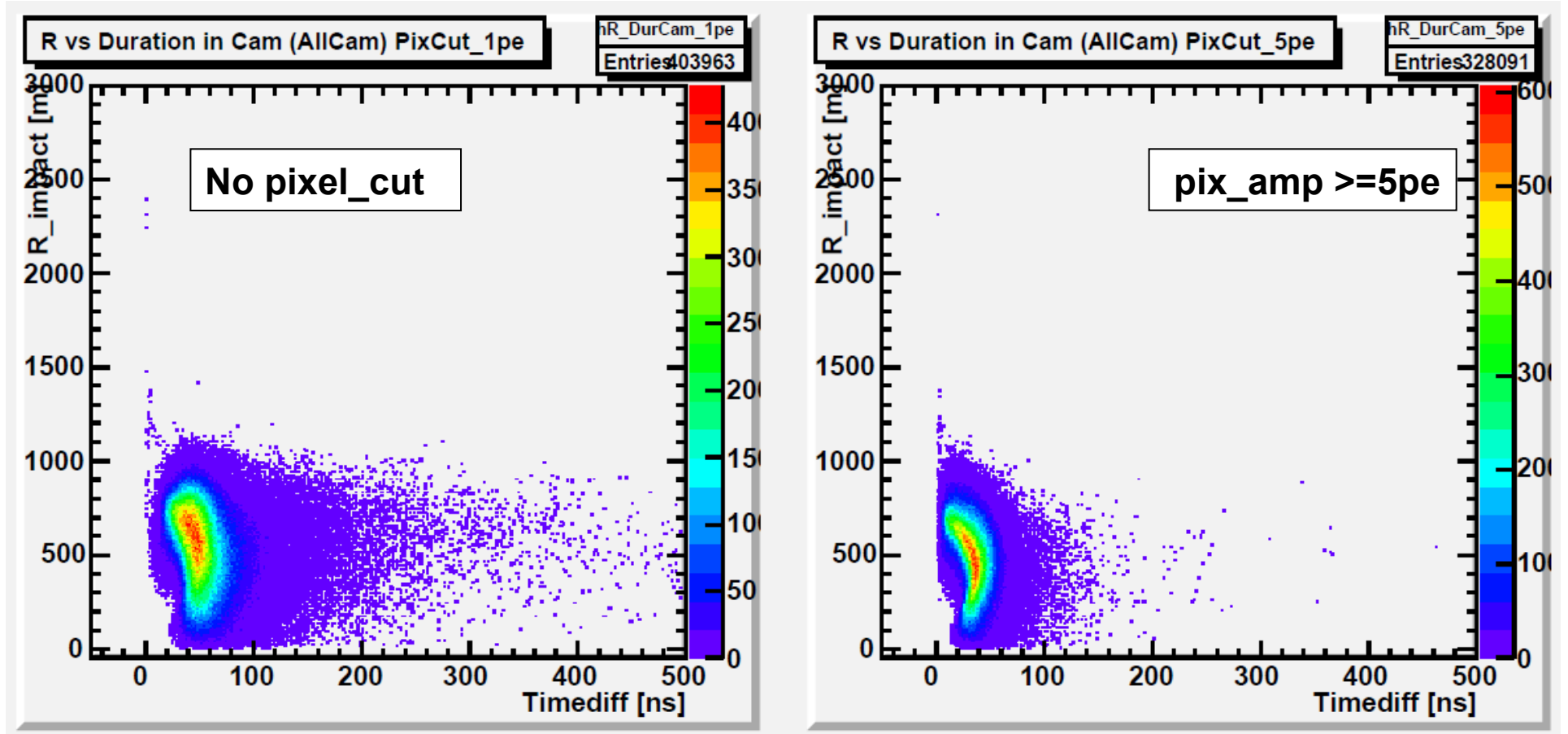
(for two amplitude cuts).

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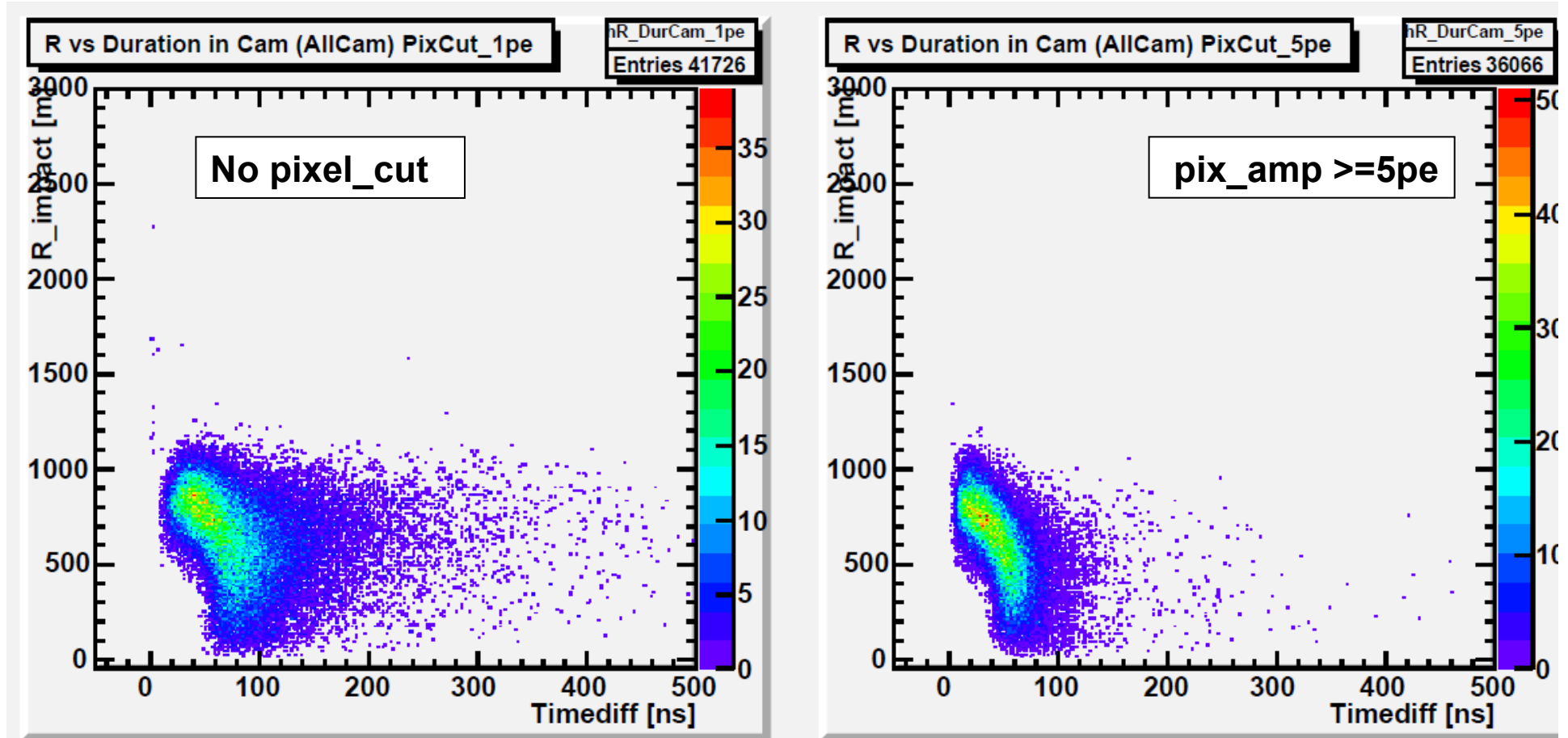
Gammas 10TeV (diffuse)

# Impact vs. EventDuration



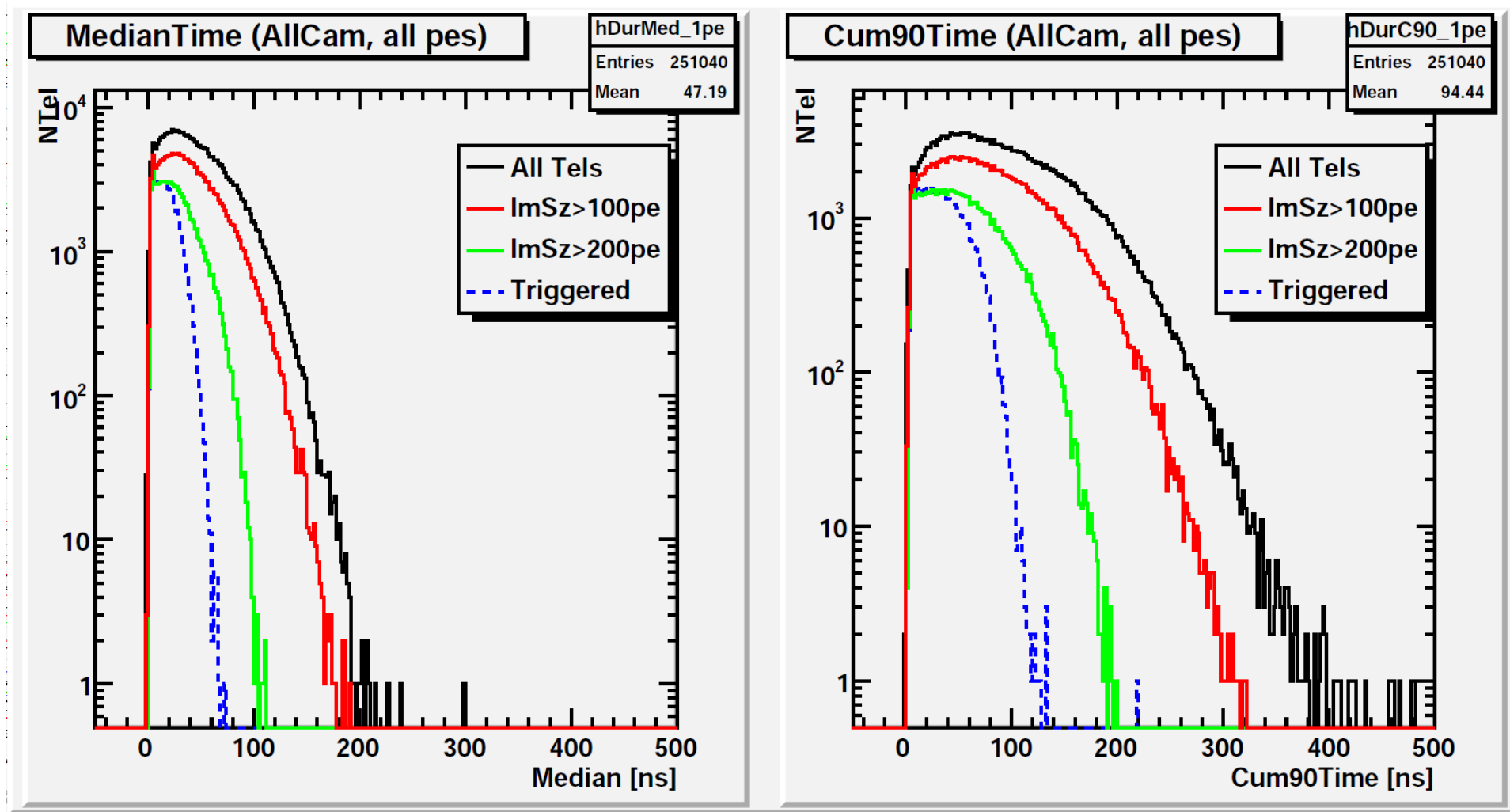
Gammas 10TeV (pointing)

# Impact vs. EventDuration



Gammas 100TeV (pointing)

# ReadoutTime T50 / T90: cover 50% and 90% of Image

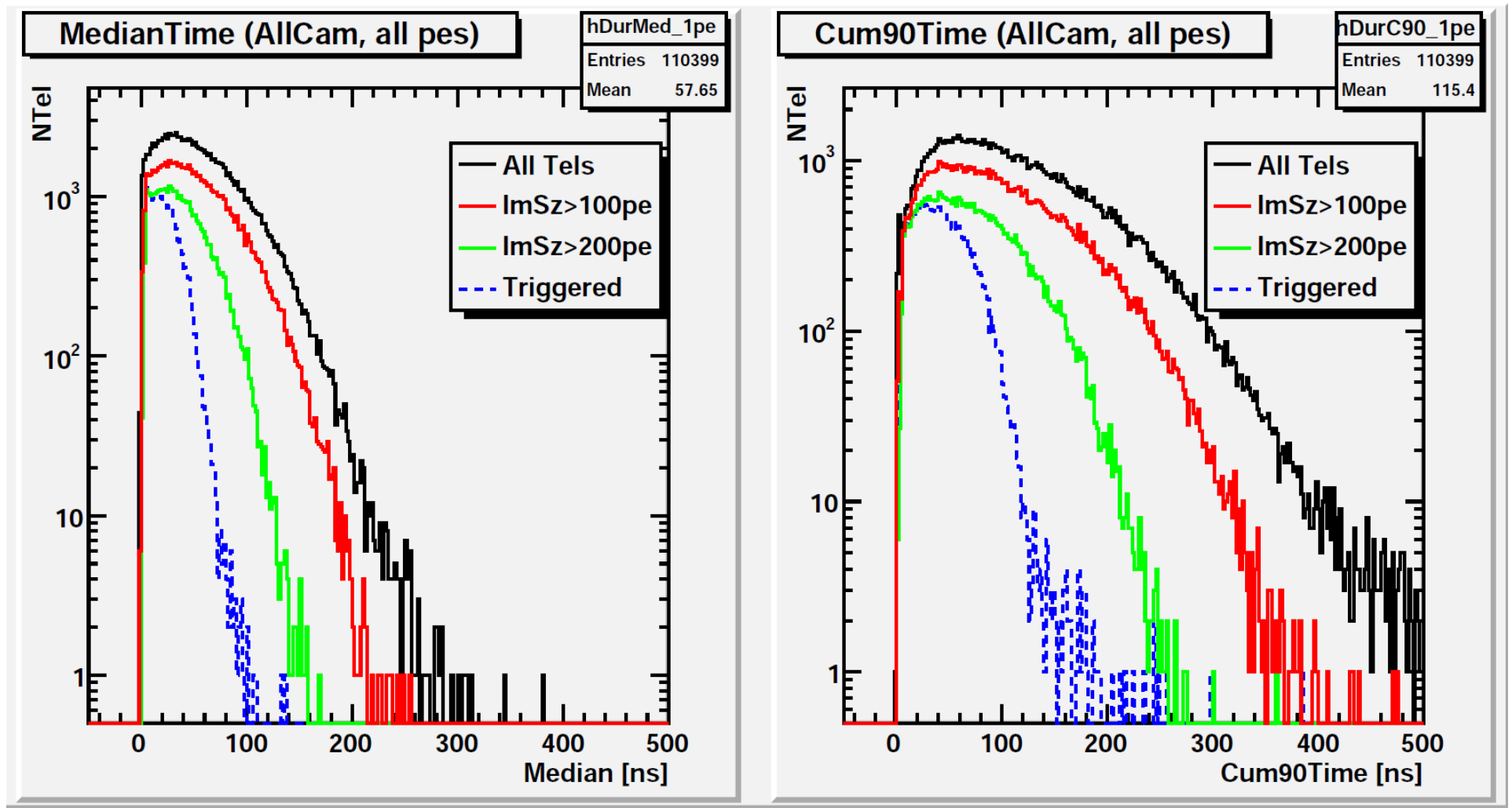


50% (left) 90% (right)

Gammas 10TeV (diff)

For: all Images / >100pe / >200pe / triggered

# ReadoutTime T50 / T90: cover 50% and 90% of Image



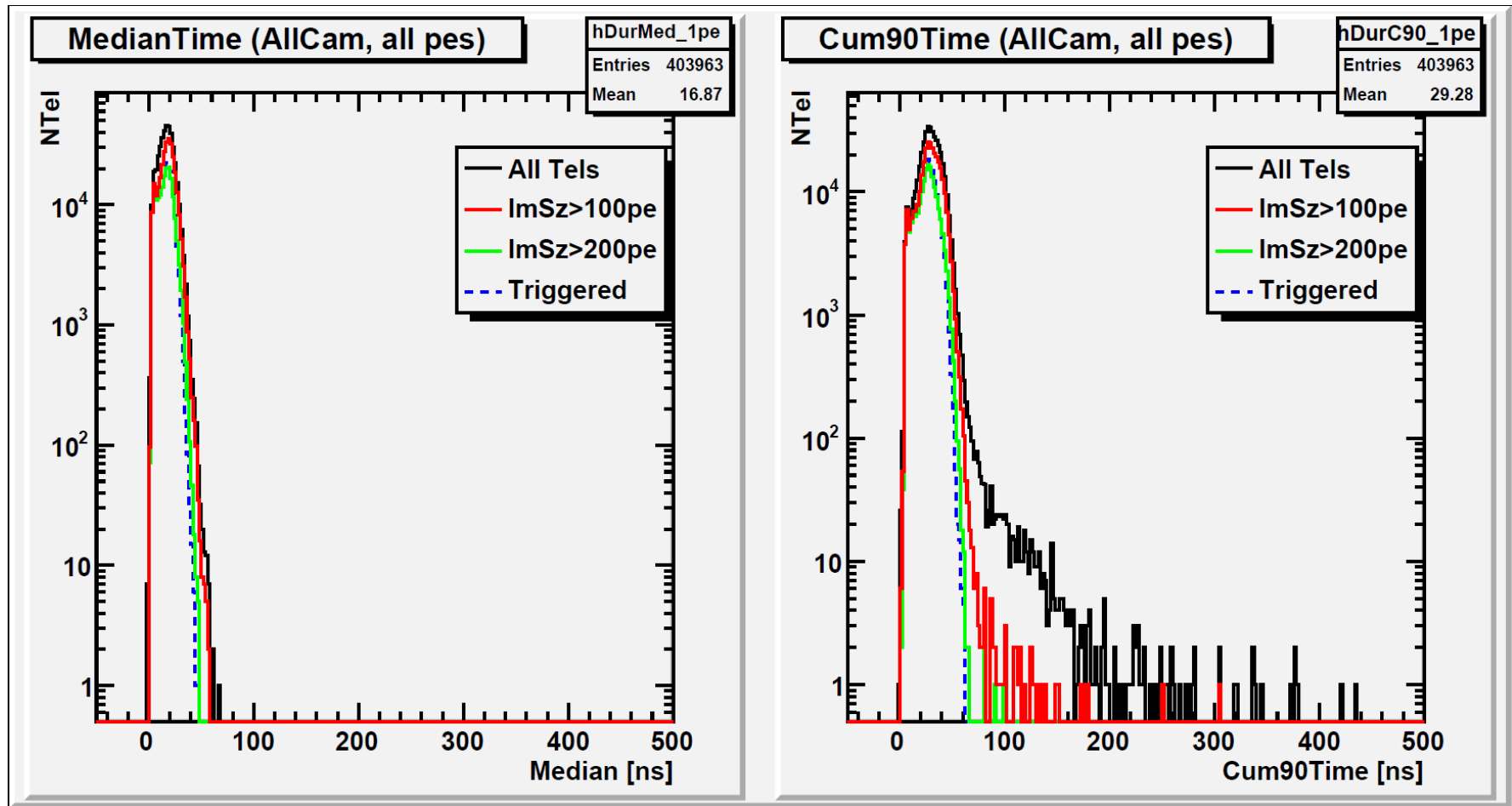
50% (left) 90% (right)

Protons 30TeV

For: all Images / >100pe / >200pe / triggered



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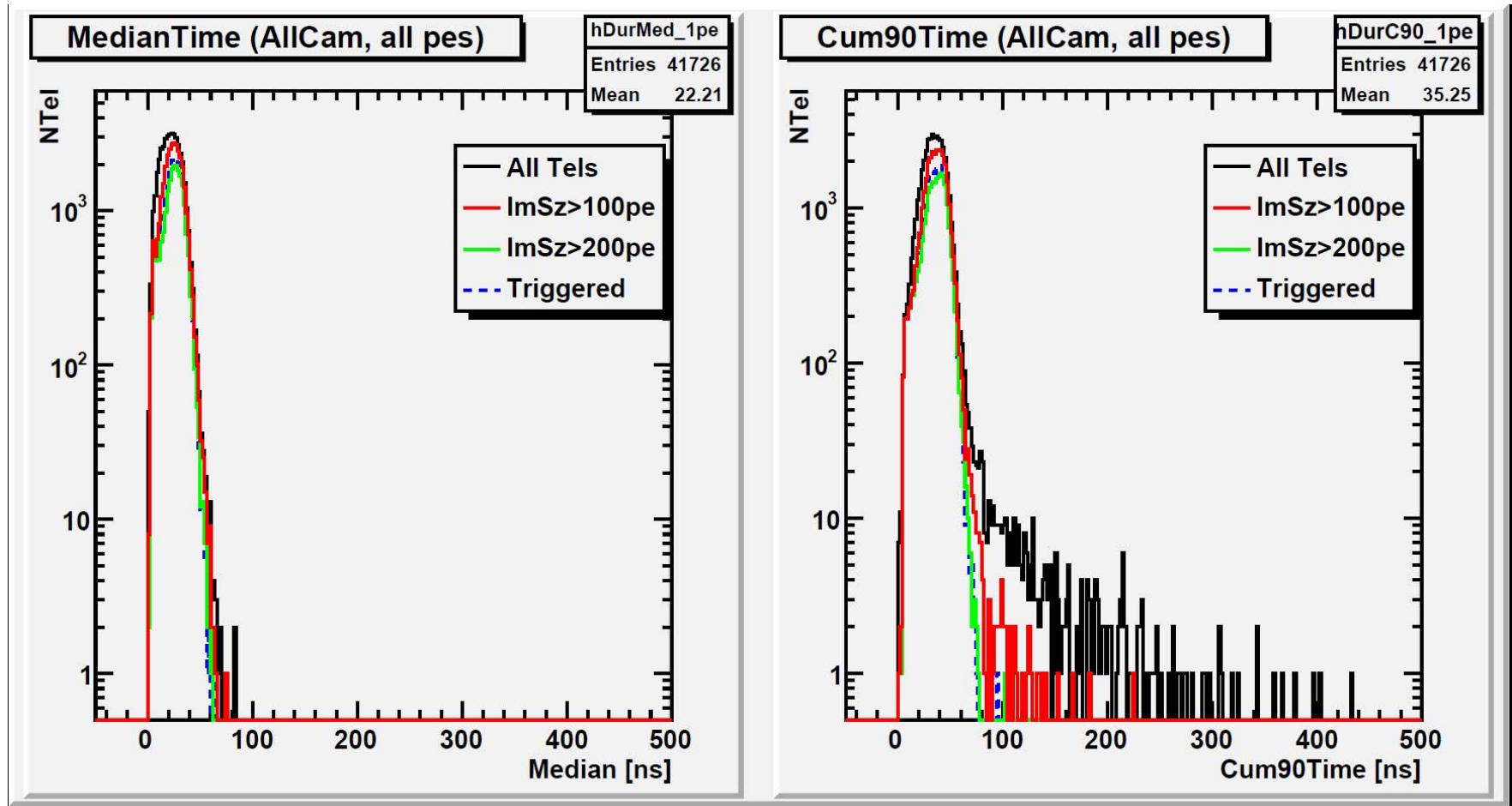
50% (left) 90% (right)

Gamma 10TeV (pointing)

For: all Images / >100pe / >200pe / triggered



# ReadoutTime T50 / T90: cover 50% and 90% of Image



Gamma 100TeV / pointing

50% (left) 90% (right)

For: all Images / >100pe / >200pe / triggered