

# STEP 4.1

## Preliminary Measurements using TOF

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# Motivation

- Make the first  $dE/dx$  measurements for the LiH (and possibly other materials) absorber in MICE Step 4 using only TOF1 and TOF2
- Take data before the arrival of spectrometer solenoids
- Have a PhD thesis done by Spring 2014

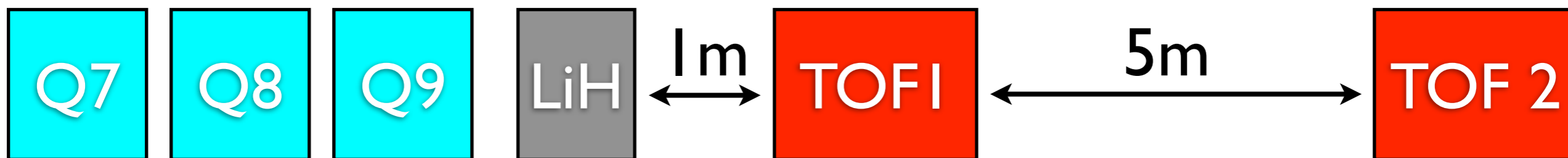
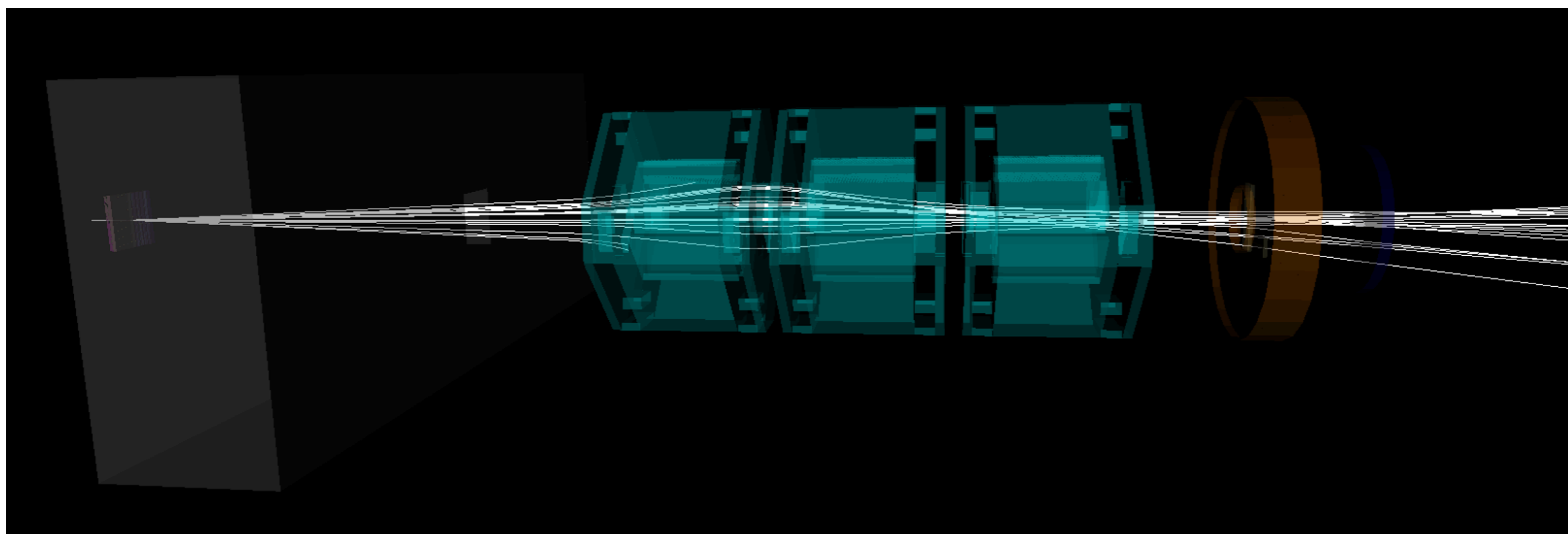
# MAUS simulation with new optics

Beam specs:

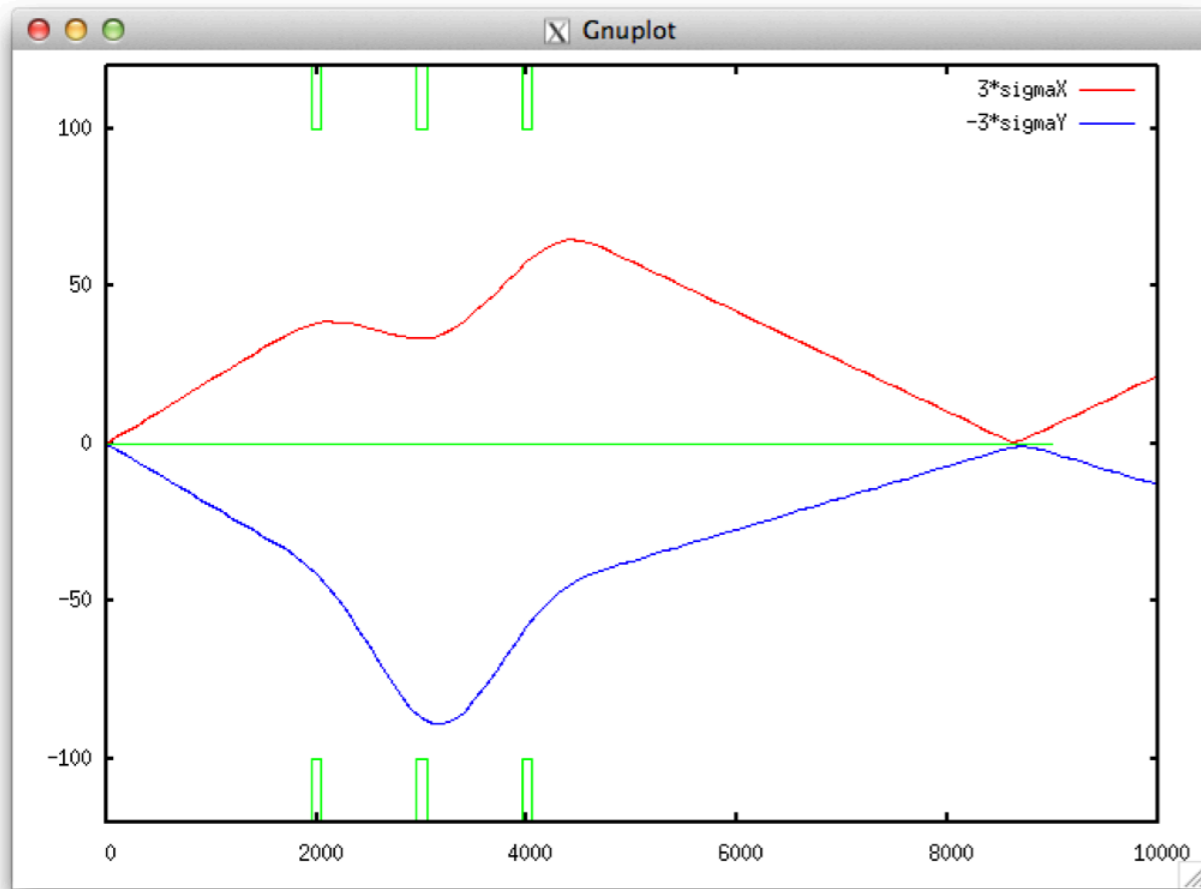
Starting emittance (4d): 4 mm

momentum: 200 MeV/c

z position: just upstream of TOF0



# Tuning Q7-Q9



- The Quadrupoles can be tuned with an iterative genetic algorithm in G4Beamline for a given
  - momentum and;
  - initial emittance
- Geometry specifications for each quad imported from MAUS

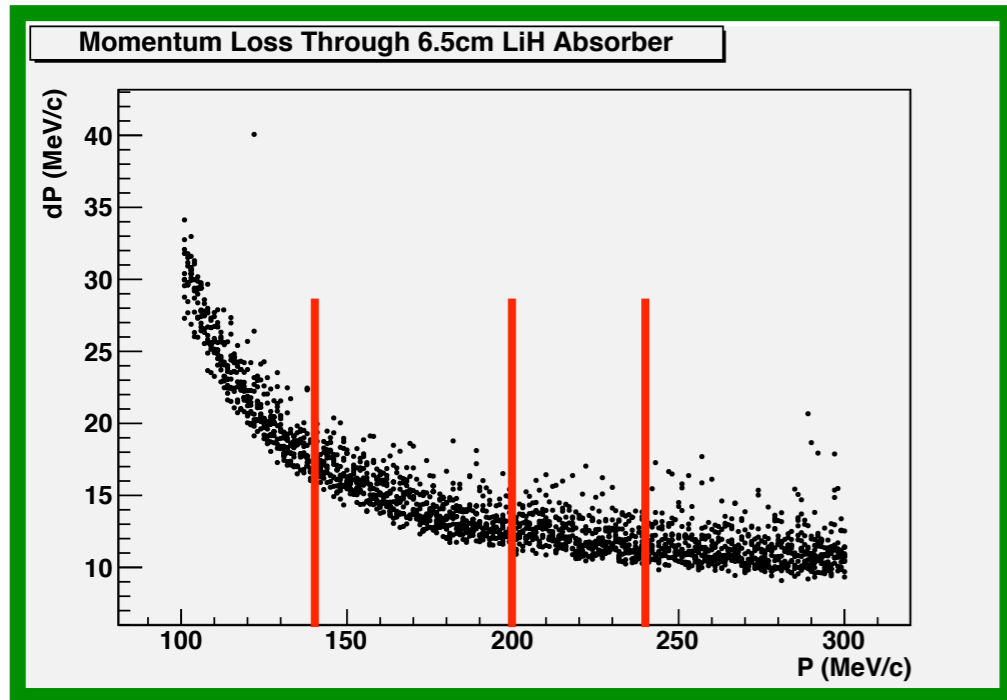
- Initial simulations have been designed with a waist at TOF2 (to increase number of events)
- Paraxial transport is ideal

# dE/dx for LiH

Simulated momentum loss through LiH flat absorber:

Density: 0.69 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

Thickness: 6.5 cm



$p_{in}$ (MeV/c)	$p_{out}$ (MeV/c)	$dt$ (ns) 4m from absorber
140	129	500
200	192	140
240	232	80

Calculated drift time differences:

$$\Delta t = \frac{s}{c} \left[ \frac{1}{\beta} - \frac{1}{\beta'} \right] = \frac{s}{c} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{p'^2 + m^2}}{p'} - \frac{\sqrt{p^2 + m^2}}{p} \right]$$

$s$  = drift length

$p$  = momentum in

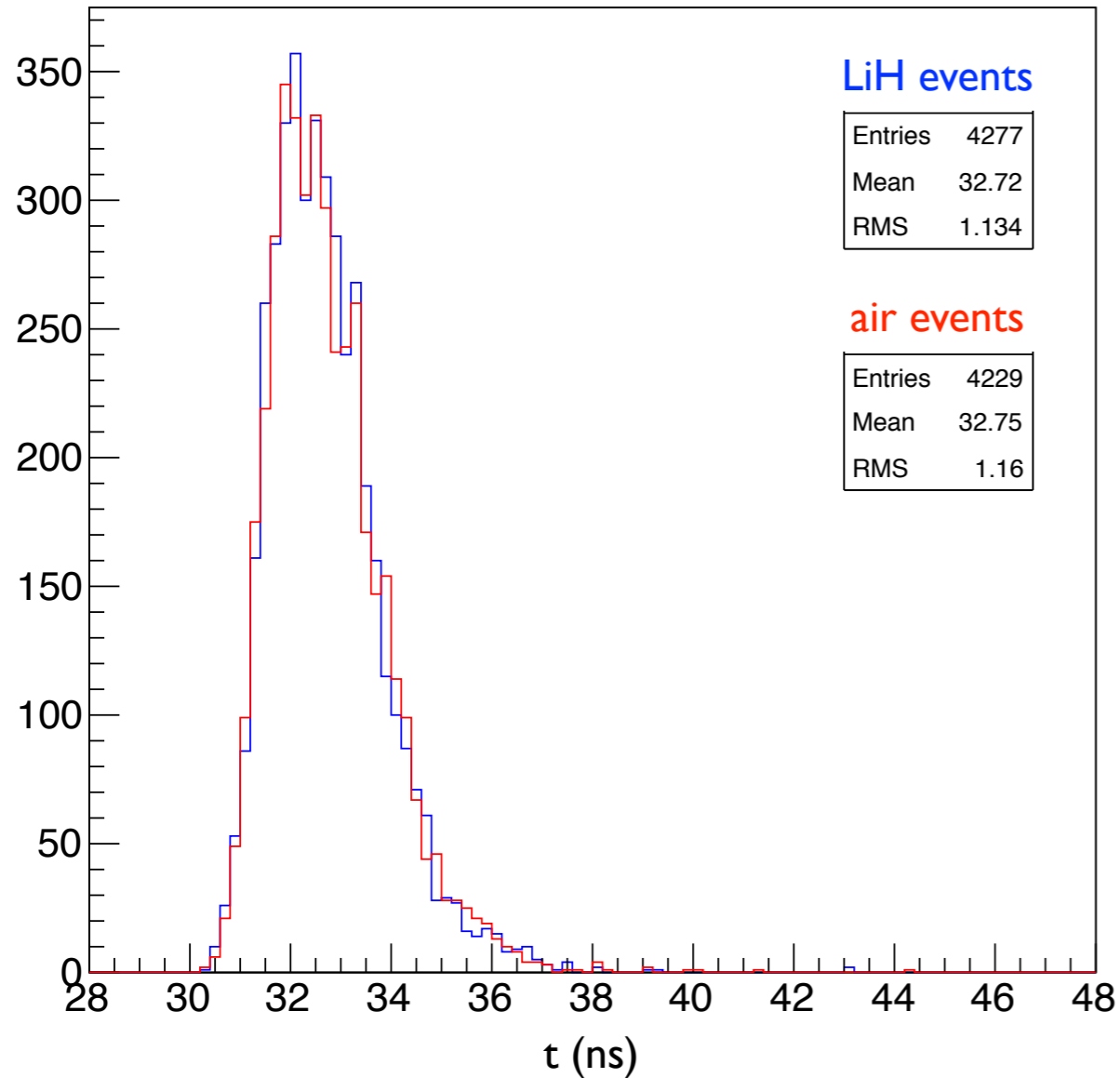
$p'$  = momentum out

... within reach of TOF resolutions

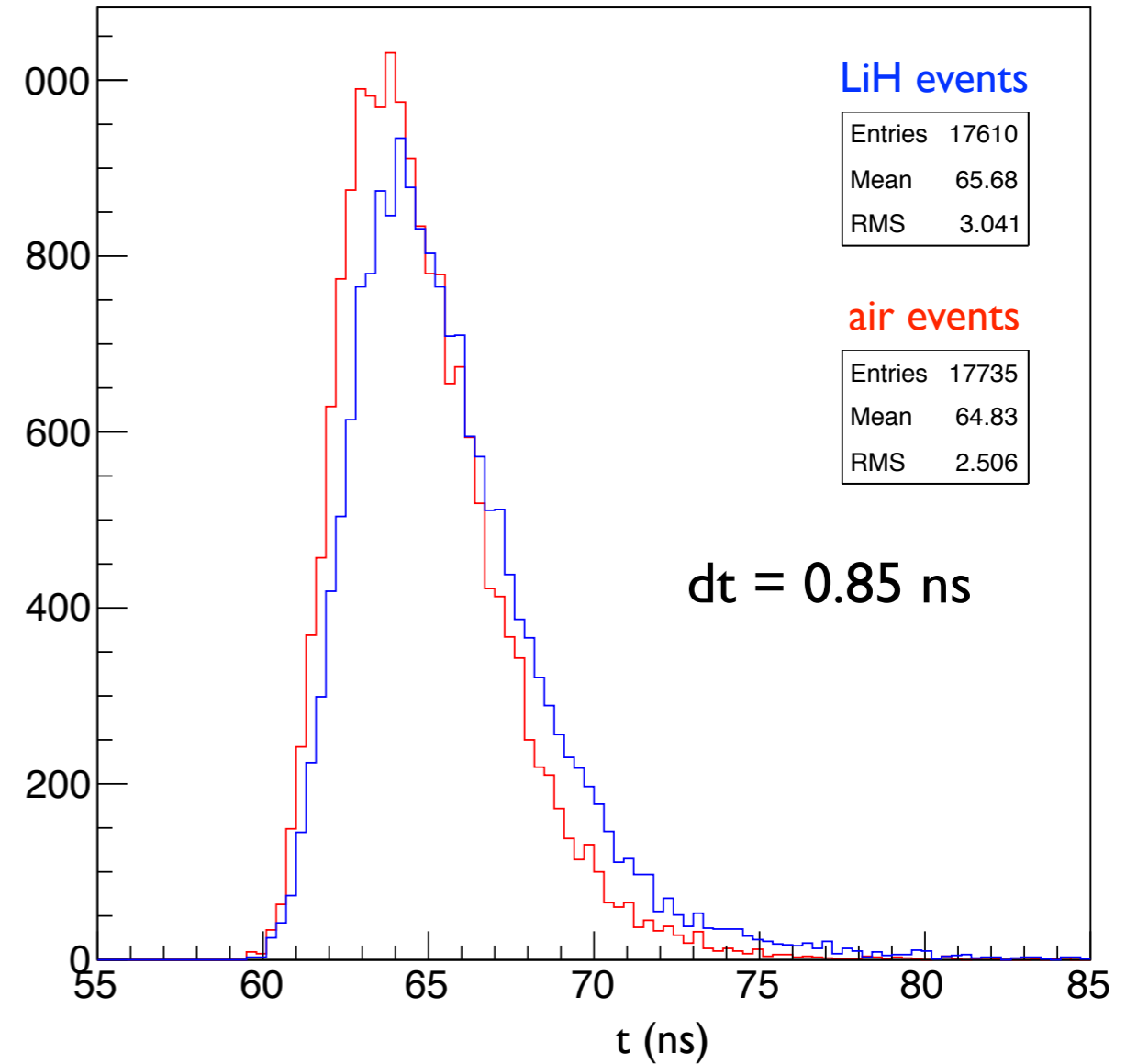
Station	Time Res (ps)
TOF1	53
TOF2	50
TOF1+TOF2 (delta t)	71 (quadrature sum)

# Time of Flight Differences

Time Upstream of Absorber



Time 5m Downstream of Absorber



LiH events = events in simulations with absorber in place  
air events = events in simulations with absorber removed

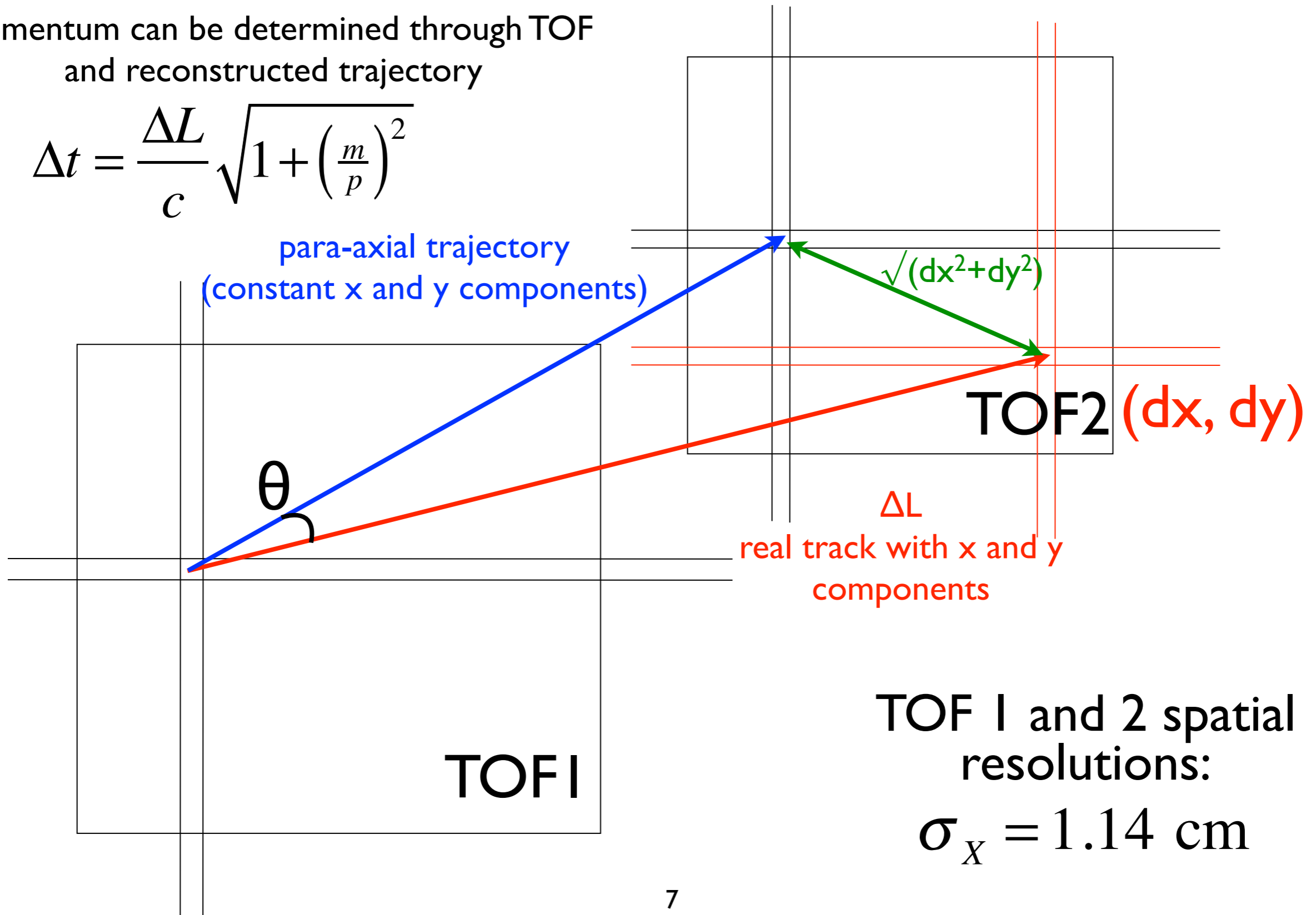
Downstream times for air events correspond to  $\sim 160$  MeV/c

# Reconstructing Momentum with TOF 1 and TOF 2

Momentum can be determined through TOF  
and reconstructed trajectory

$$\Delta t = \frac{\Delta L}{c} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{m}{p}\right)^2}$$

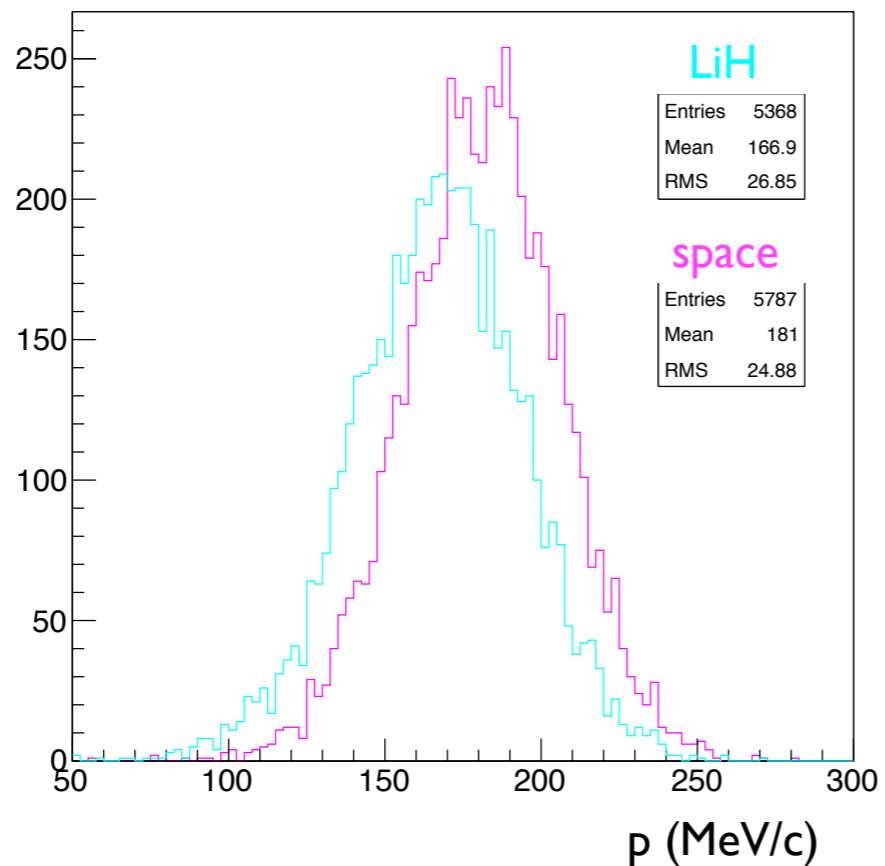
para-axial trajectory  
(constant x and y components)



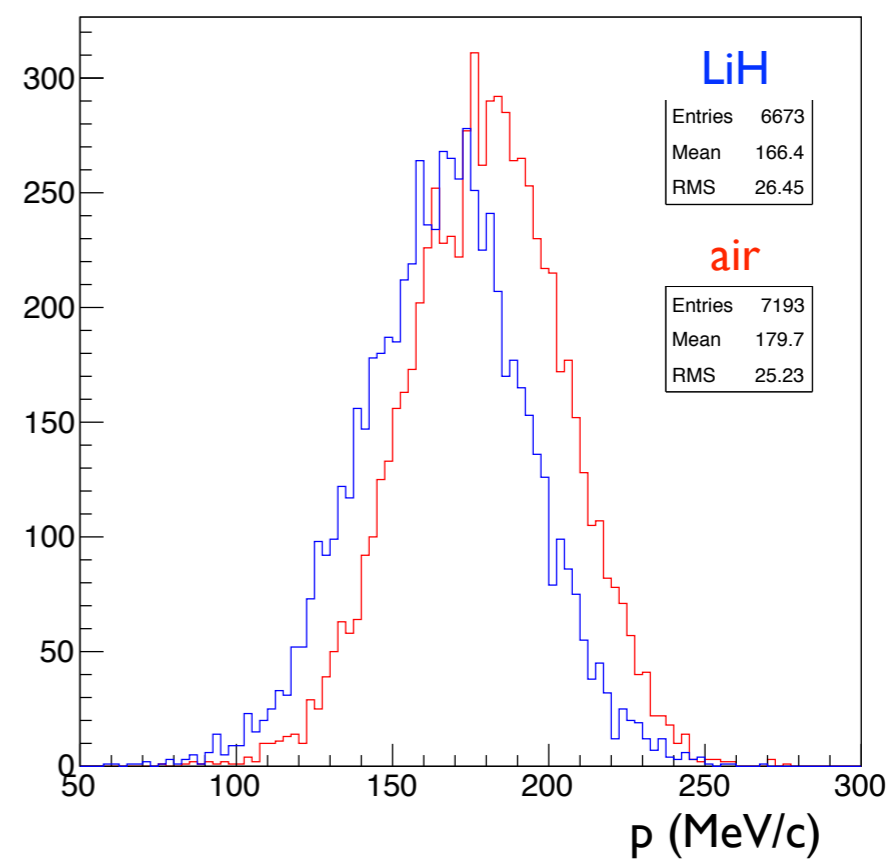
TOF 1 and 2 spatial  
resolutions:

$$\sigma_x = 1.14 \text{ cm}$$

# Momentum (Space)

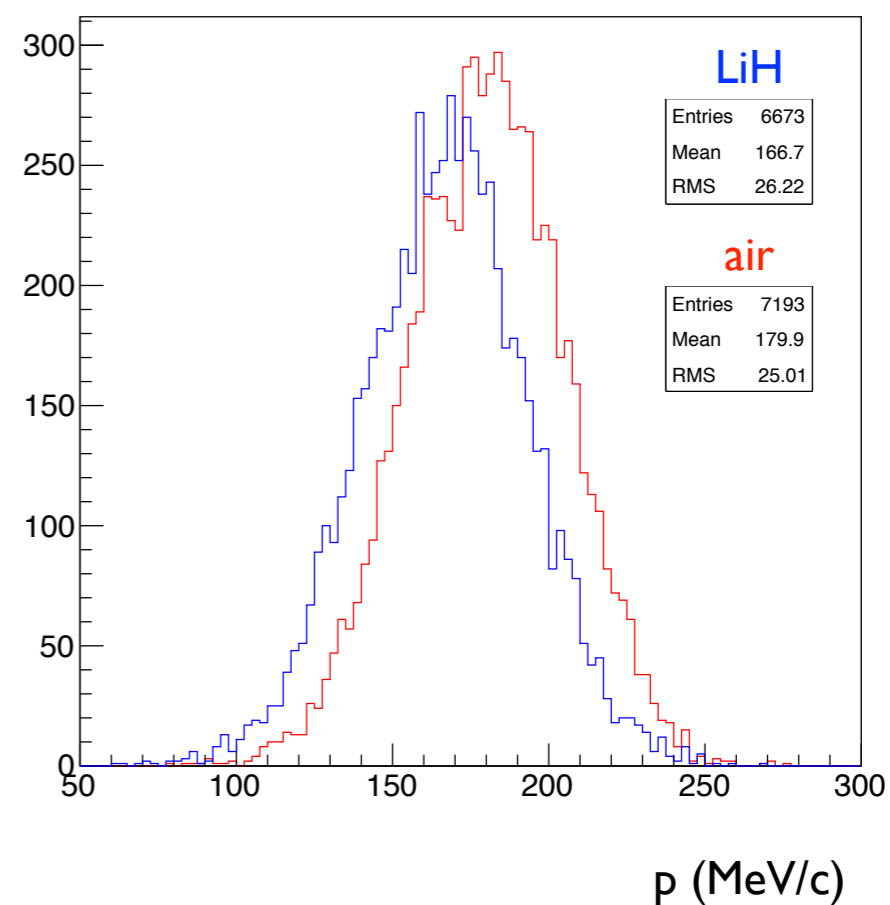
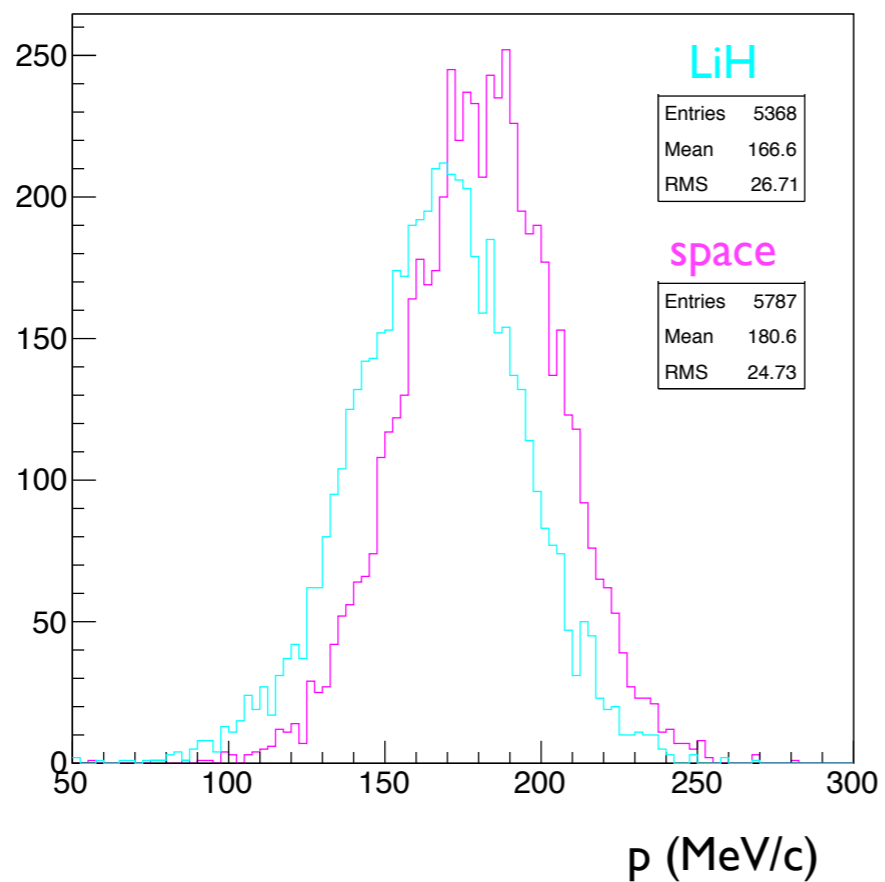


# Momentum (AIR)



MC Reco  
assuming  
straight tracks  
and includes  
spatial gaussian  
smears:

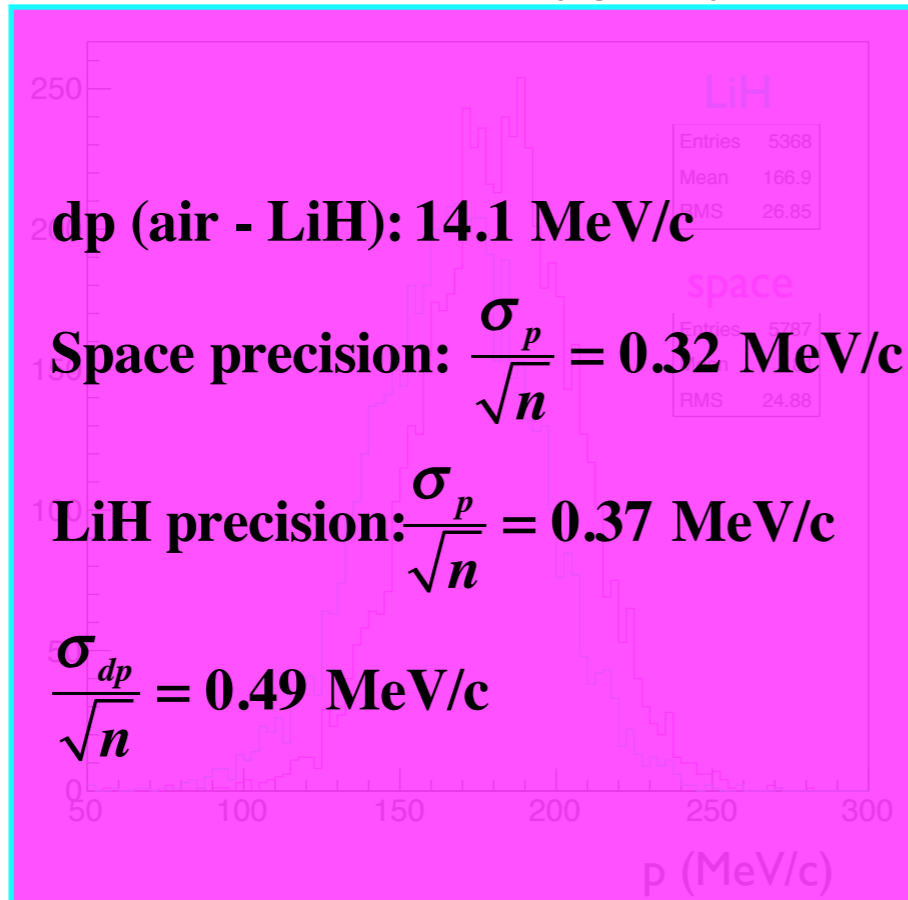
positions and  
times include  
gaussian  
smearing  
 $\sigma_t = 50$  ps  
 $\sigma_x = 1.17$  cm



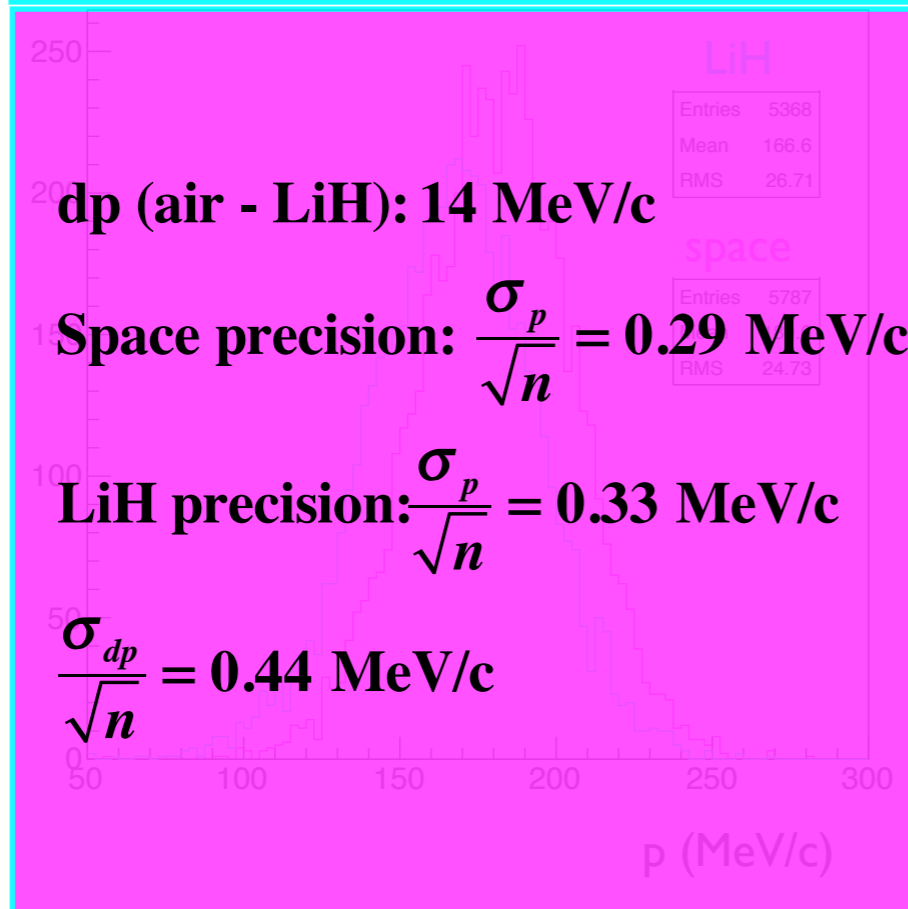


## Momentum (Space)

MC Truth:



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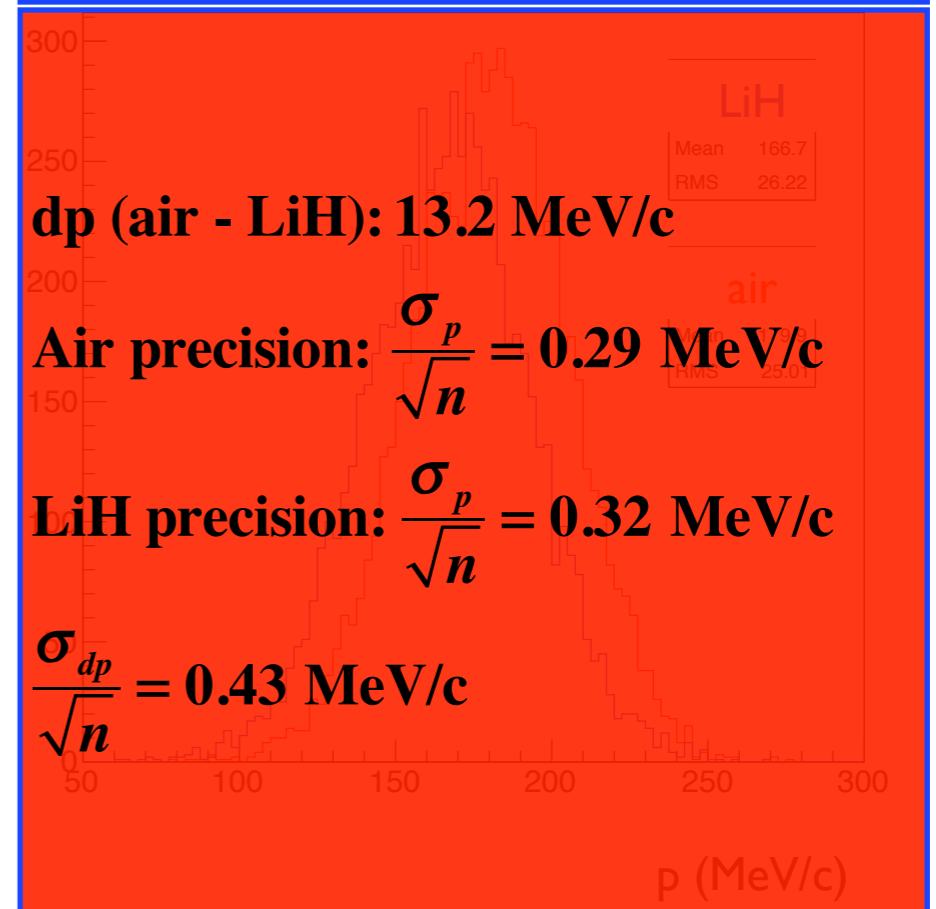
## Momentum (AIR)

**dp (air - LiH): 13.3 MeV/c**

**Air precision:  $\frac{\sigma_p}{\sqrt{n}} = 0.30 \text{ MeV/c}$**

**LiH precision:  $\frac{\sigma_p}{\sqrt{n}} = 0.32 \text{ MeV/c}$**

**$\frac{\sigma_{dp}}{\sqrt{n}} = 0.44 \text{ MeV/c}$**



Given current RMS, can achieve ~0.1%  
precision with IM events

# Multiple Scattering

Average scattering angle  $\langle \theta_{plane} \rangle = 0$ ,

RMS scattering angle  $\sqrt{\langle \theta_{plane}^2 \rangle} = \theta_0$

$$\theta_{rms}^{plane} = \frac{13.6 MeV}{200 MeV} \left( \sqrt{\frac{z}{X}} \left( 1 + 0.038 \ln \left( \frac{z}{X} \right) \right) \right)$$

$$= 17 \text{ mrad}$$

LiH

$$z = 65 \text{ mm}$$

$$X = 79.62 \text{ gcm}^{-2}$$

We can measure the overall change in scattering angles for an absorber run and compare it with a non-absorber run... **WORK IN PROGRESS**

# Conclusion

- Will be able to measure  $dE/dx$  for LiH with a precision of  $\sim 0.1\%$  with 1 million events without the need of spectrometer solenoids
- Can extend the study to various materials
- Multiple scattering studies are in the works.