

# Comparing proton and neutron momentum distributions in ${}^3\text{He}$

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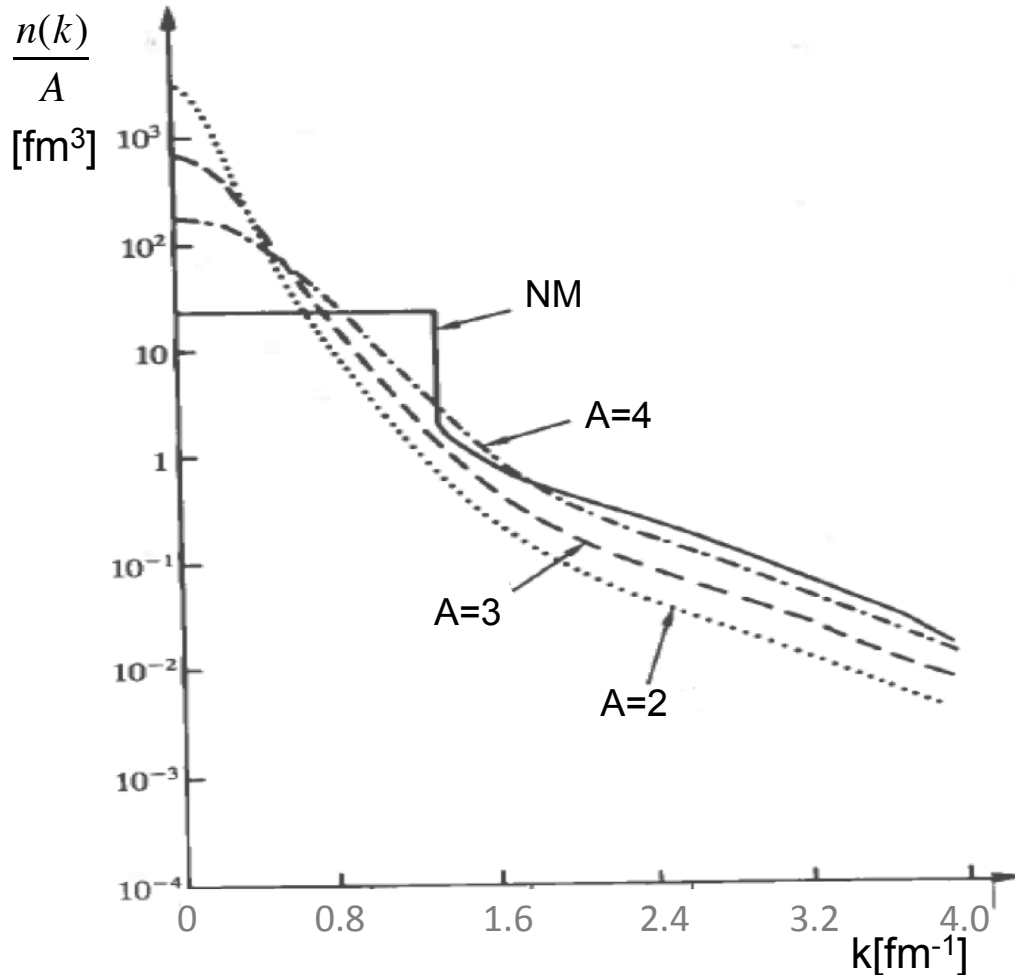
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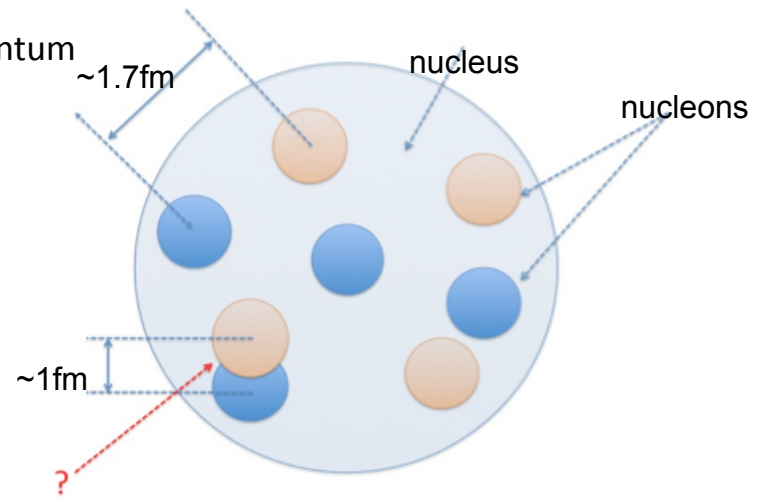
# What are SRC?

2N-SRC are pairs of nucleons with;

- ❖ with small distance between each other ( $\sim 10^{-15}\text{m}$ )
- ❖ High relative momentum and small center of mass momentum with respect to Fermi momentum (250-270 MeV/c)



$N(k)/A$  calculated by Schiavilla et al. (1986) in  $A=2,3$  and 4 nuclei and nuclear matter (NM).



n-p pairs dominate over p-p, n-n pairs.

- n-p (90%)
- p-p (5%)
- n-n (5%)

- Almost all high momentum nucleons belong to SRC pairs
- Not described by I.P.M. (the motion of the nucleon is not affected by the other individual nucleons)

# Measure momentum distribution in $A=3$ ( $e, e'N$ )

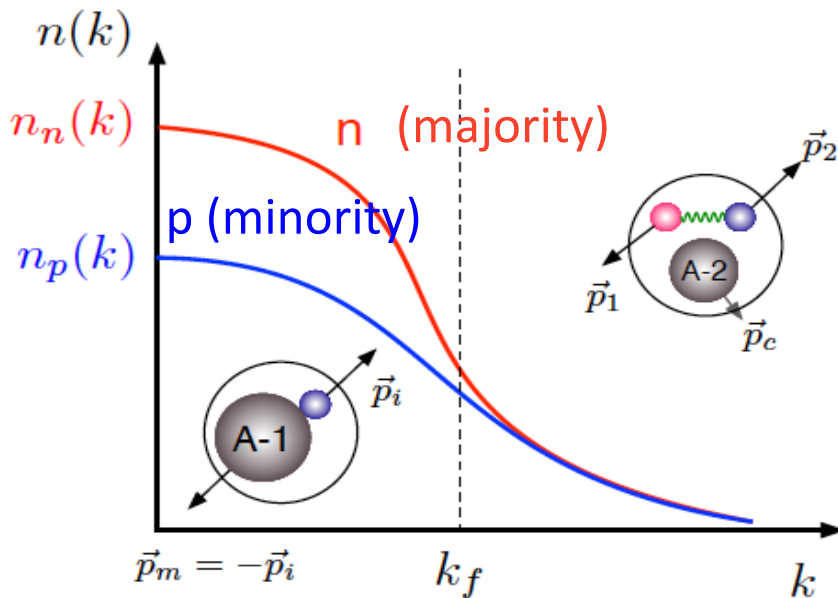
## Scatter electrons from ${}^3\text{He}$ and detect knocked out $n$ or $p$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_e d\Omega_e dE_N d\Omega_N} = K \sigma_{eN} S(E_m, p_m)$$

$$K = \frac{E_N p_N}{(2\pi)^3}$$

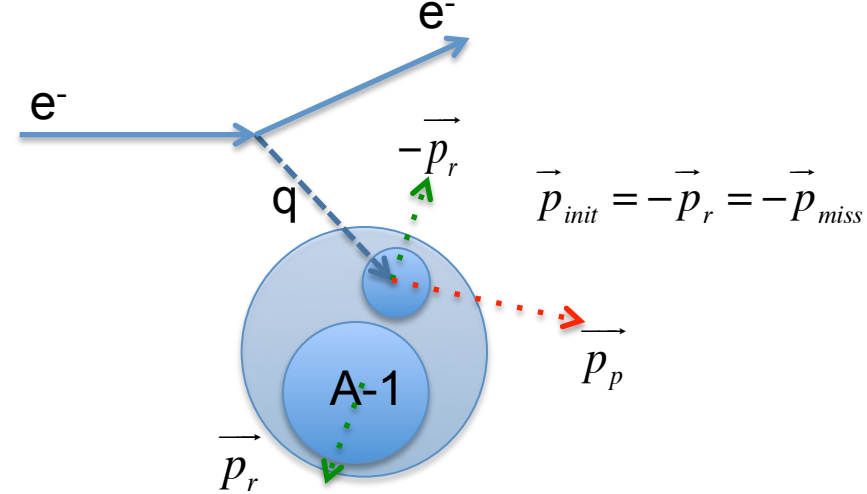
$$E_{miss} = \omega - T_N - T_{A-1}$$

$$\vec{p}_{miss} = \vec{q} - \vec{p}_N$$



The momentum distribution of protons and neutrons in  ${}^3\text{H}$ .

Reaction we are interested in



From isospin symmetry the momentum distribution of  $p$  in  ${}^3\text{H}$  should be equal to that of  $n$  in  ${}^3\text{He}$ .

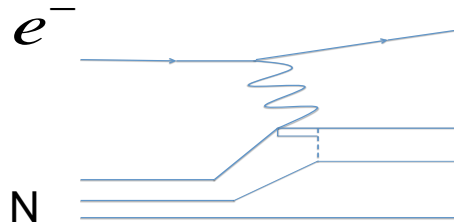
Majority	Minority
$p$ in ${}^3\text{He}$	$n$ in ${}^3\text{He}$
$N$ in ${}^3\text{H}$	$p$ in ${}^3\text{H}$

# Hall A experiment

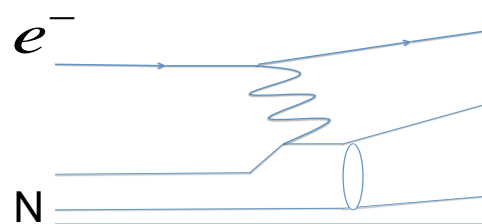
**Will study majority and minority nucleon (p in  $^3\text{He}$  and p in  $^3\text{H}$ ) momentum distributions in  $A=3$  asymmetric nuclei.**

$p_{\text{miss}} = p_{\text{initial}}$ , only if there are no final state interactions or other interactions.

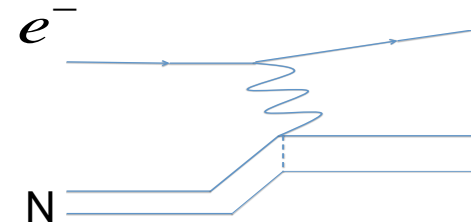
## Processes we want to avoid



Excitation of the nucleon into intermediate Delta.



Final State Interactions



MEC(Meson exchange currents)

Kinematics:

- ◆  $x = \frac{Q^2}{2m\omega} > 1$  to suppress Delta production.
- ◆ High  $Q^2$  ( $Q^2 \sim 2(\text{GeV}/c)^2$ ) to minimize meson exchange currents (MEC)
- ◆ Small  $\theta_{rq} < 40^\circ$  (angle between recoil momentum and momentum transfer) to suppress Final State Interactions

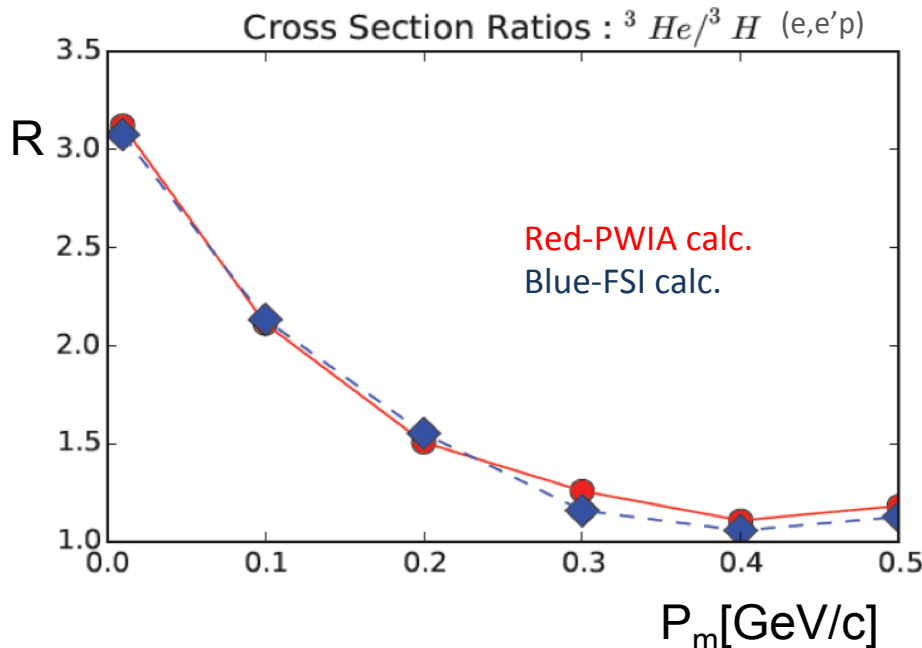
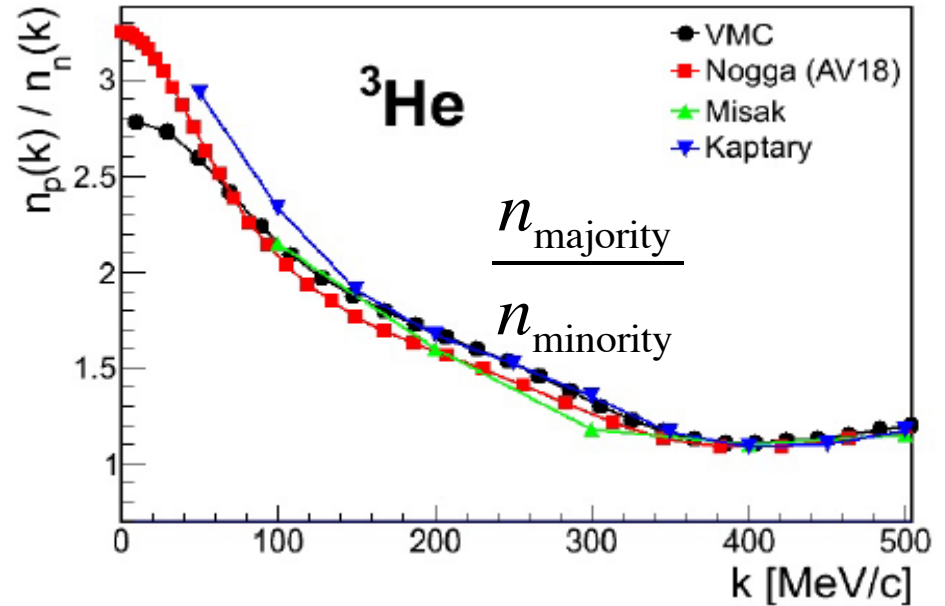
# The power of ratios

${}^3\text{He}(e,e'p)/{}^3\text{He}(e,e'n)$  cross section ratios and  $n_p(k)/n_n(k)$  provide:

- ◆ Information about majority and minority momentum distributions

$$\frac{n_{maj}(k)}{n_{min}(k)} \approx \frac{\sigma[{}^3\text{He}(e,e'p)]}{\sigma[{}^3\text{He}(e,e'n)]}$$

- ◆ Transition to SRC dominance



Hall A:  ${}^3\text{He}(e,e'p)/{}^3\text{H}(e,e'p)$

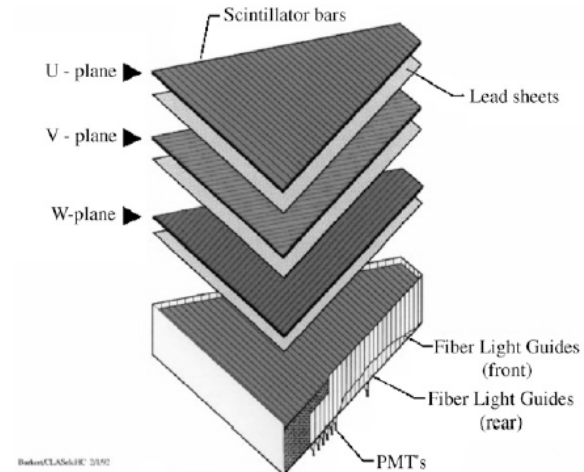
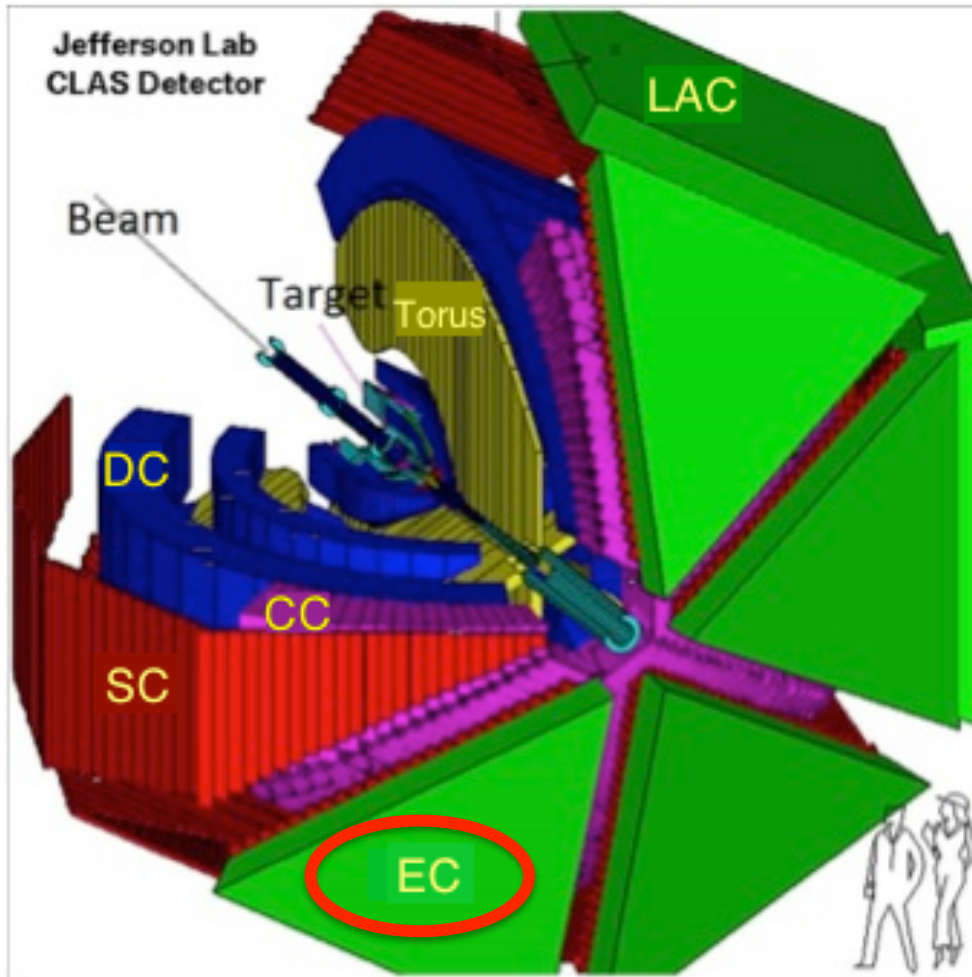
CLAS :  $\frac{{}^3\text{He}(e,e'p)/{}^3\text{He}(e,e'n)}{{}^4\text{He}(e,e'p)/{}^4\text{He}(e,e'n)}$

Expect  ${}^4\text{He}(e,e'n)/(e,e'p)=1$ .

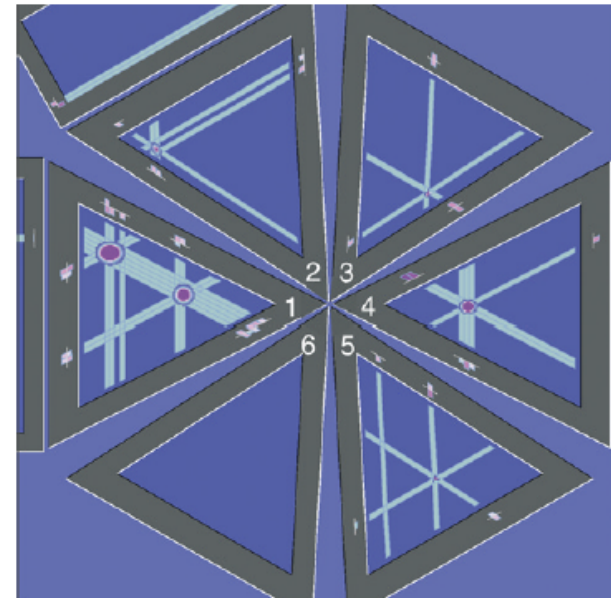
Difference from 1 show detector effects.

Use to correct for this effects

# Hall B neutron detection with EC



The detailed view of one the EC modules.



Event reconstruction in EC

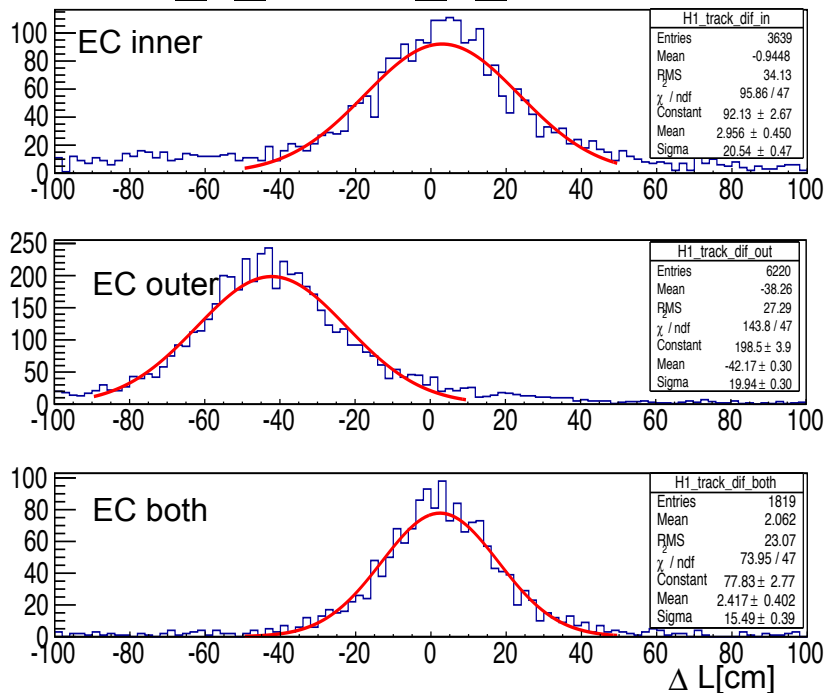
Forward electromagnetic calorimeter(EC)  
covers  $\theta < 45^\circ$

# 2. EC neutron path length corrections.

E2b 4.7Gev H(e,e' $\pi^+$ )n

Before corrections

$R_n_{\text{calc}} - R_n_{\text{reconst}}$

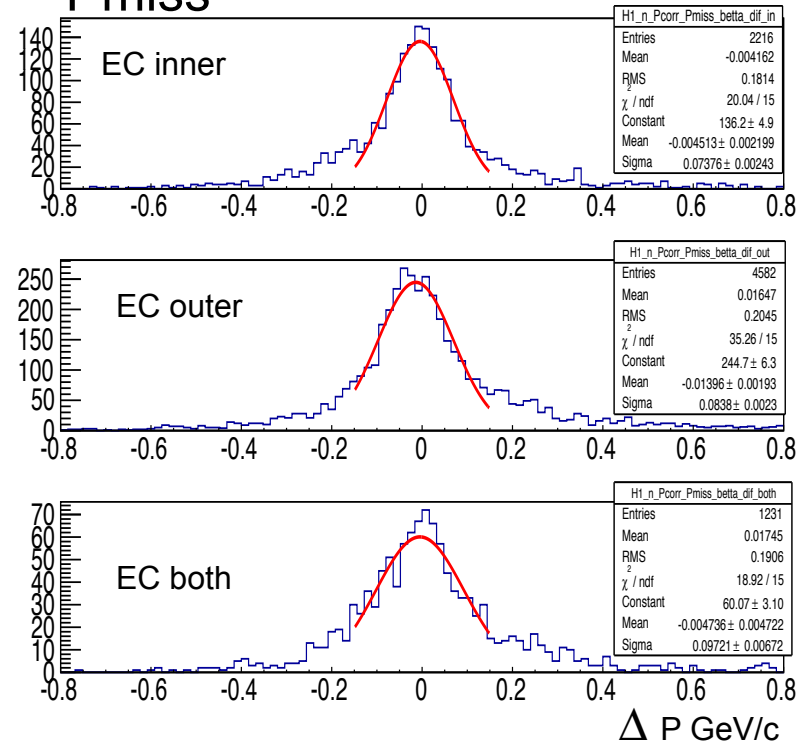


Neutron path length :measured  
minus calculated

Had to correct the n momentum because  
of the bug in RECSIS for e2

After corrections

Difference between Pcorr and Pmiss

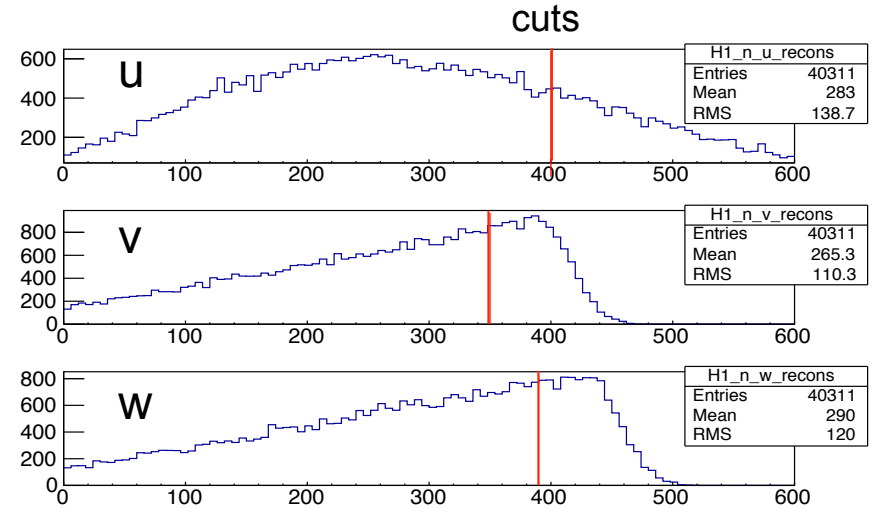
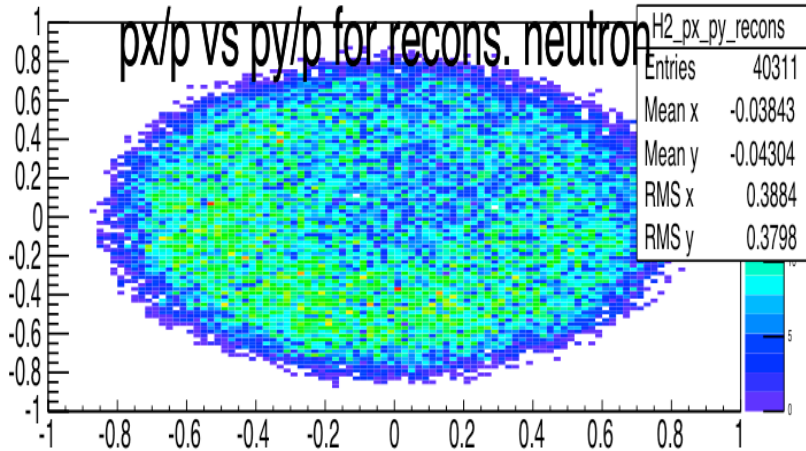


The difference between corrected  
measured n momentum and missing  
momentum.

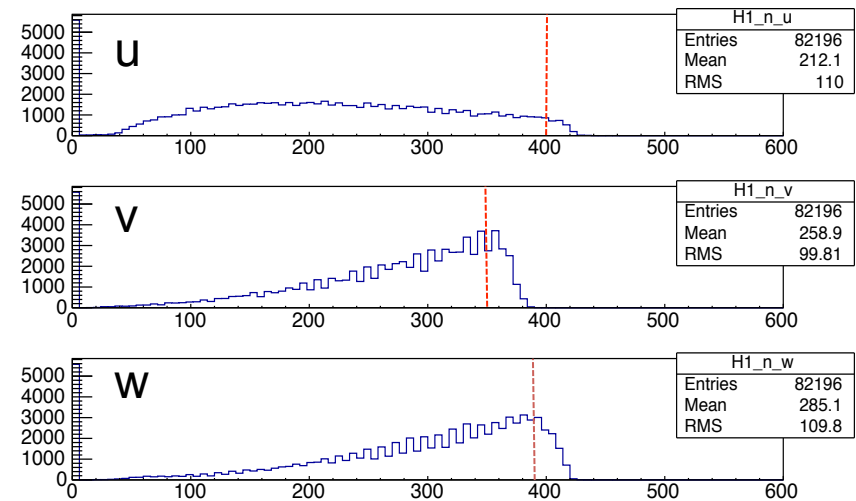
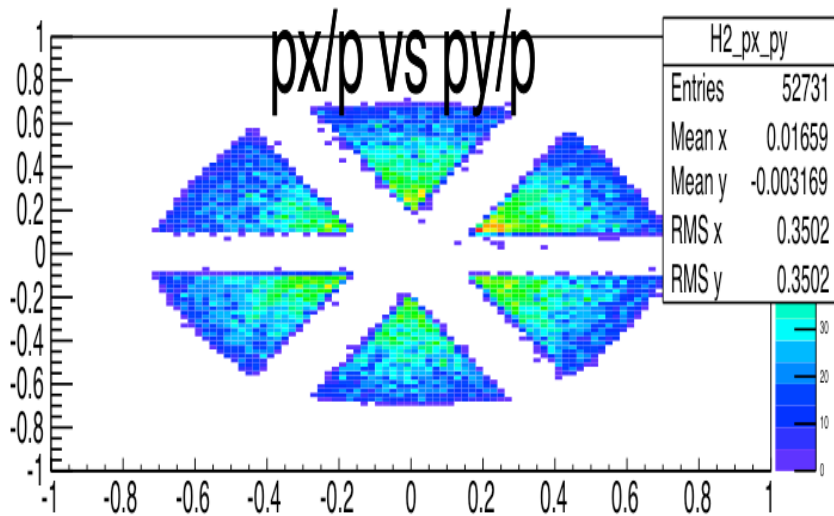
# EC local coordinates of neutron

E2b 4.7Gev H(e,e' $\pi^+$ )n

Reconstructed n

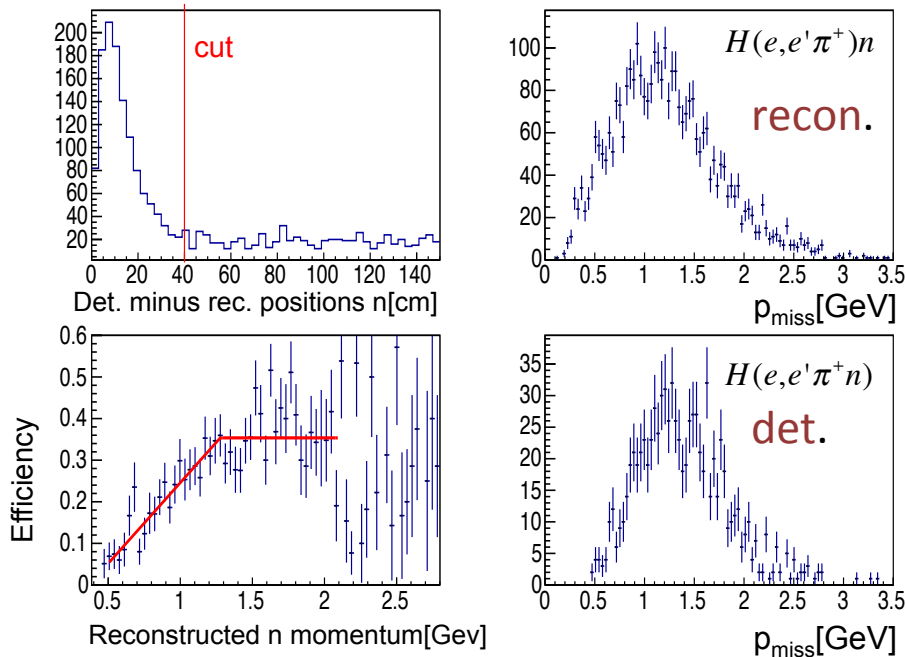


Detected n





## e2b $H(e,e'\pi^+n)/H(e,e'\pi^+)n$



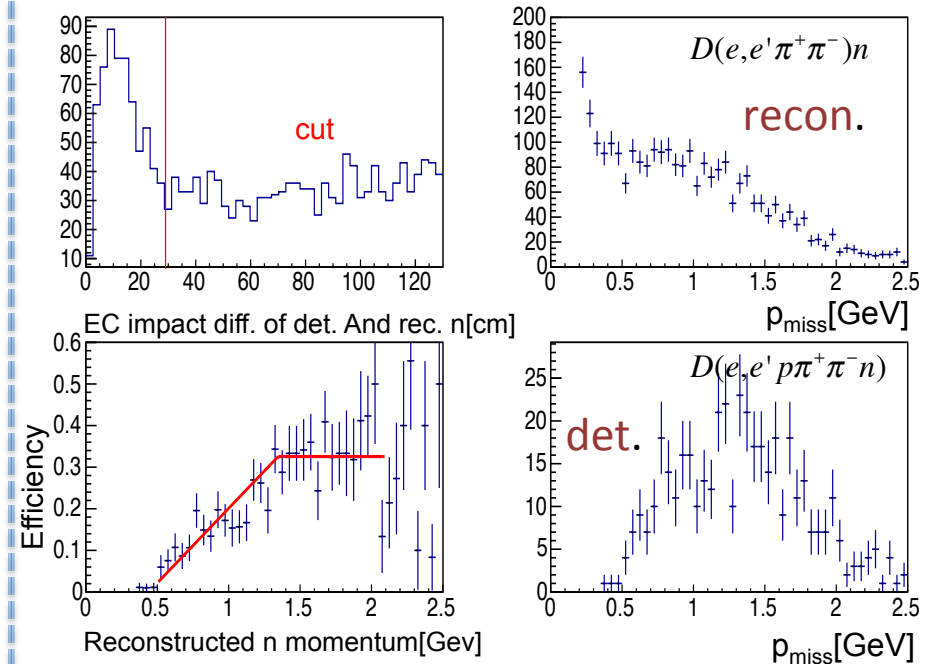
### Cuts on reconstructed neutron

1.  $0.9 < \text{Missing Mass} < 1$
2.  $u\_recons < 400, v\_recons < 350, w\_recons < 390$
3. Vertex cuts

### Cuts on detected neutron are

1. Total energy deposited in EC > 0
2. The time detected by EC > 0
3.  $-0.5 < p-p_{miss} < 0.5$
4. Distance between det. and rec.  $n < 40\text{cm}$

## e6 $D(e,e'p\pi^+\pi^-n)/D(e,e'\pi^+\pi^-)n$



### Cuts on reconstructed neutron

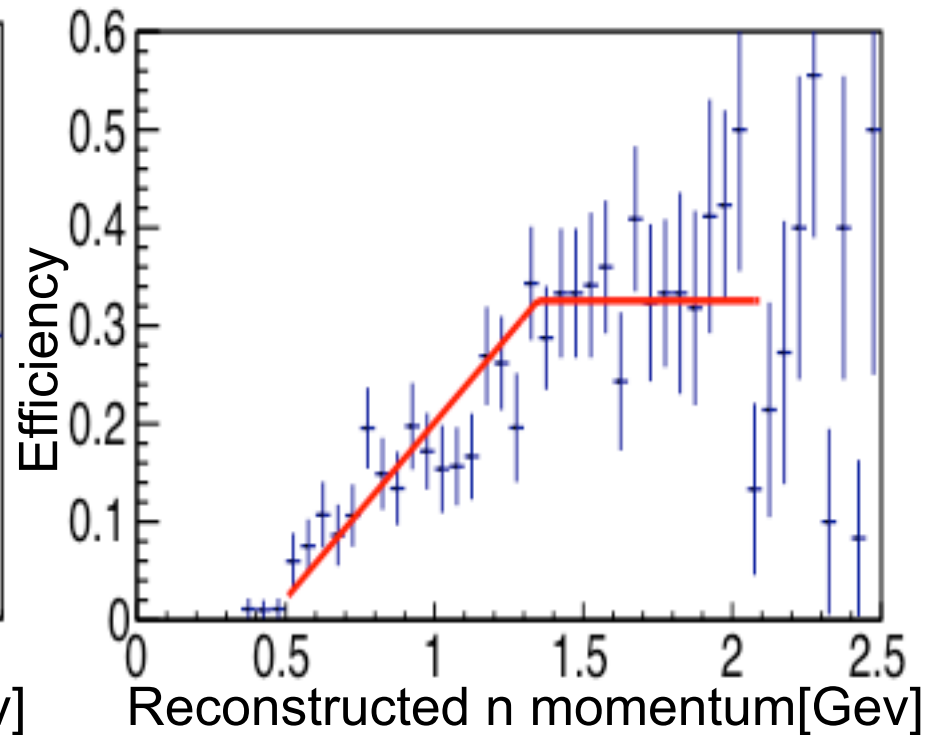
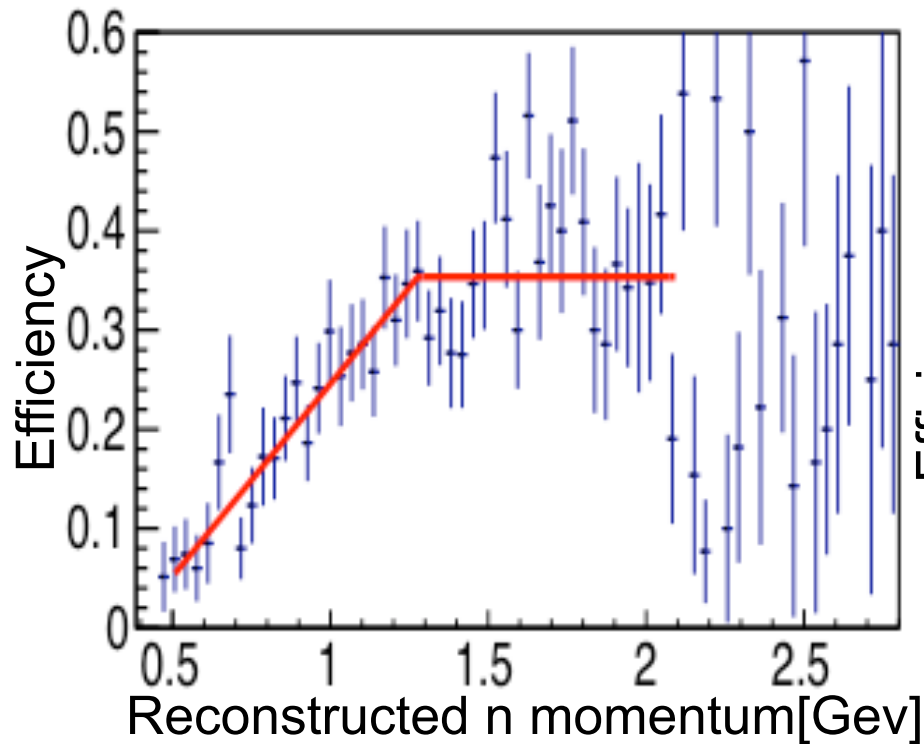
1.  $0.85 < \text{Missing Mass} < 1$
2.  $u\_recons < 400, v\_recons < 370, w\_recons < 390$
3. Vertex cuts

### Cuts on detected neutron

1. Total energy deposited in EC > 0
2. The time detected by EC > 0
3.  $-0.5 < p-p_{miss} < 0.5$
4. Distance between det. and rec.  $n < 30\text{cm}$

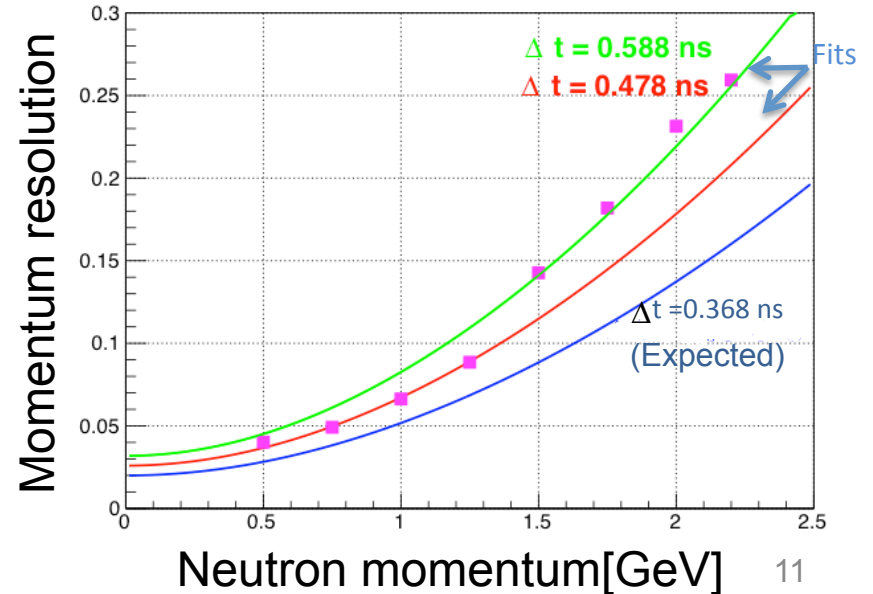
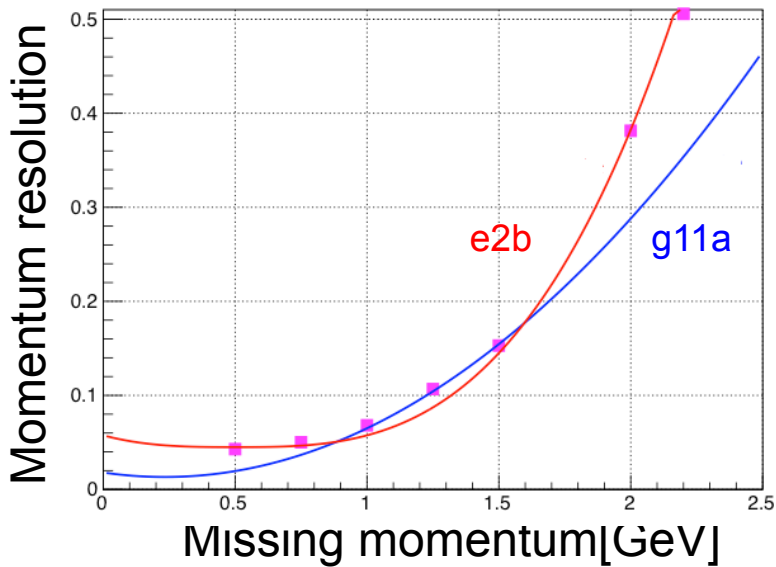
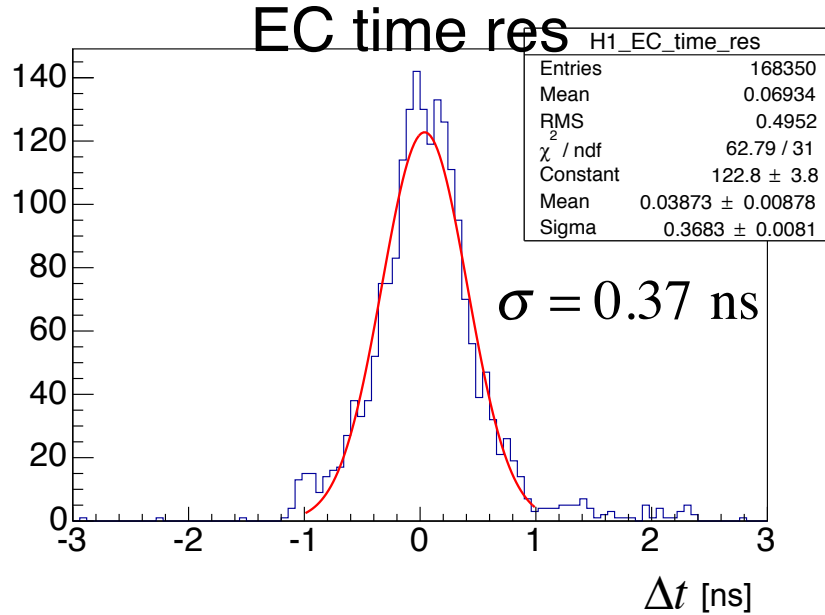
$$e2b \quad H(e, e' \pi^+ n) / H(e, e' \pi^+) n$$

$$e6 \quad D(e, e' p \pi^+ \pi^- n) / D(e, e' \pi^+ \pi^-) n$$



# EC time resolution and momentum resolution

$$\Delta t = t_{\text{EC}} - \frac{d_{\text{EC}} - d_{\text{TOF}}}{c} - t_{\text{TOF}}$$

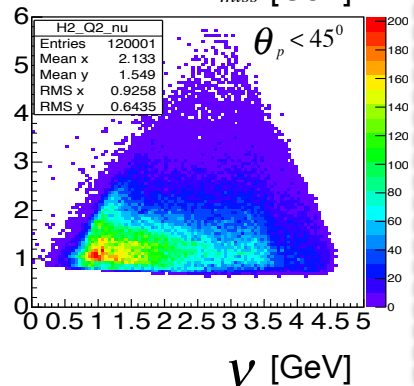
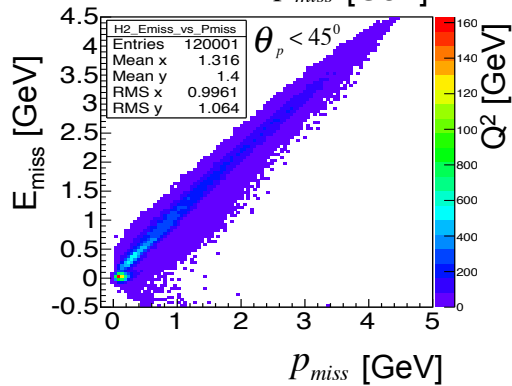
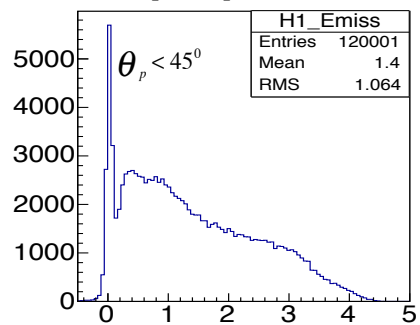
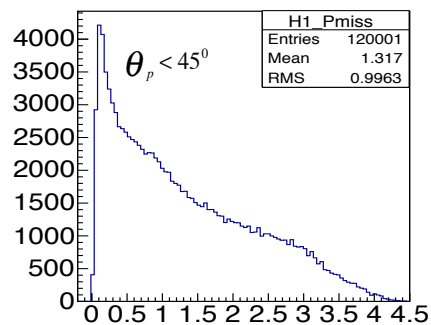
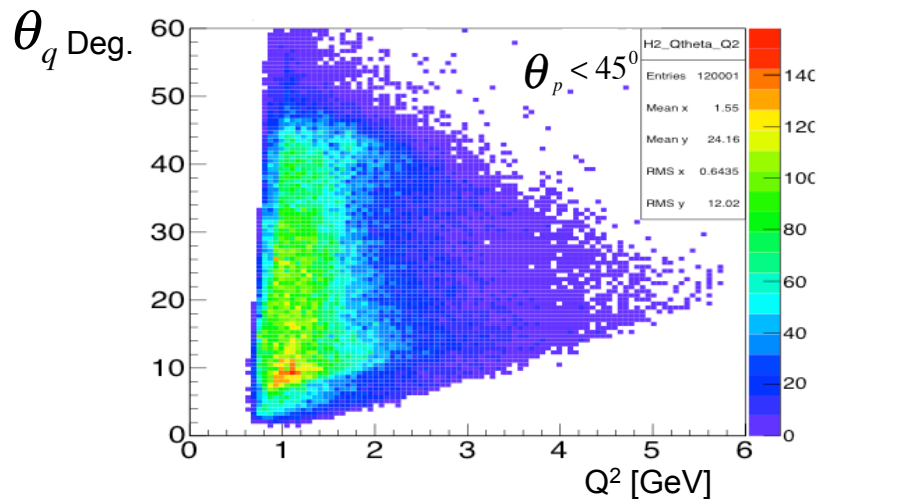


**Use  $e^2b$   ${}^3\text{He}(e,e'p)$  and  ${}^3\text{He}(e,e'n)$  to compare  $n(p_n)$  and  $n(p_p)$**

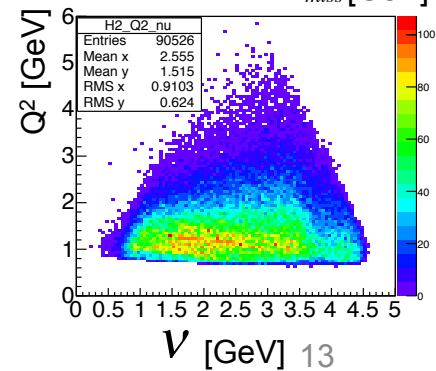
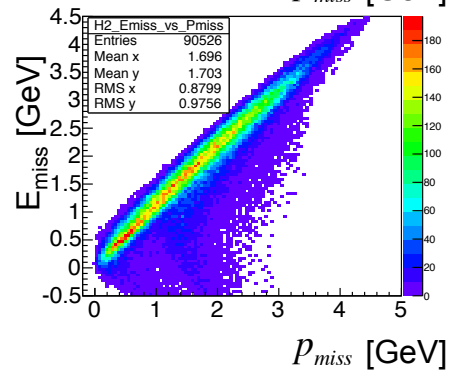
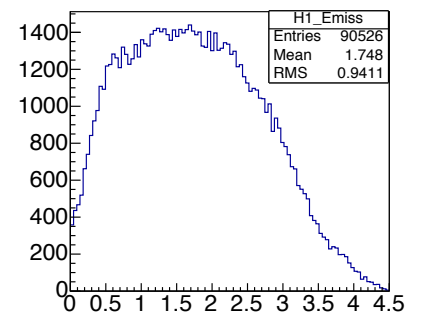
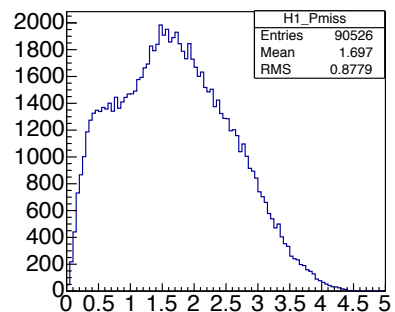
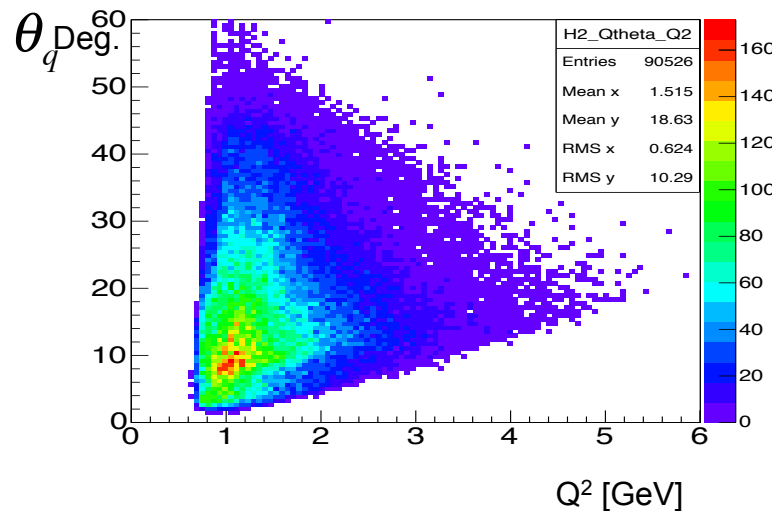
To compare these:

- ❖ Correct  $(e,e'n)$  for detection efficiency
- ❖ Smear  $(e,e'p)$  with  $n$  resolution
- ❖ Require  $\theta_p < 45^\circ$

# ${}^3\text{He}(e, e' p)$



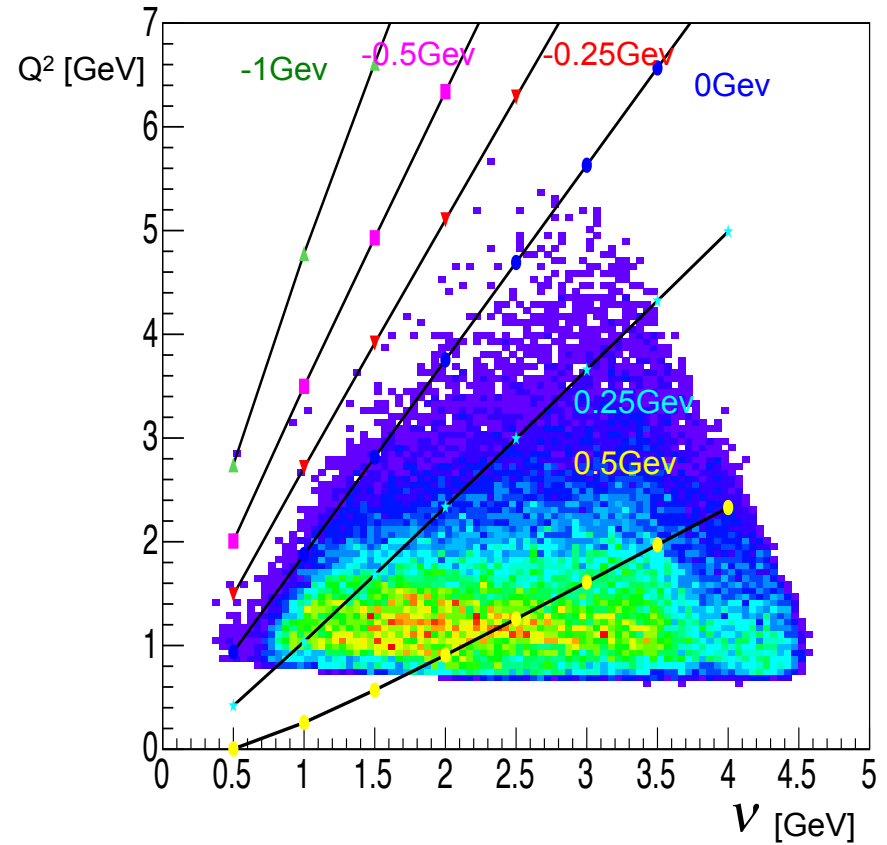
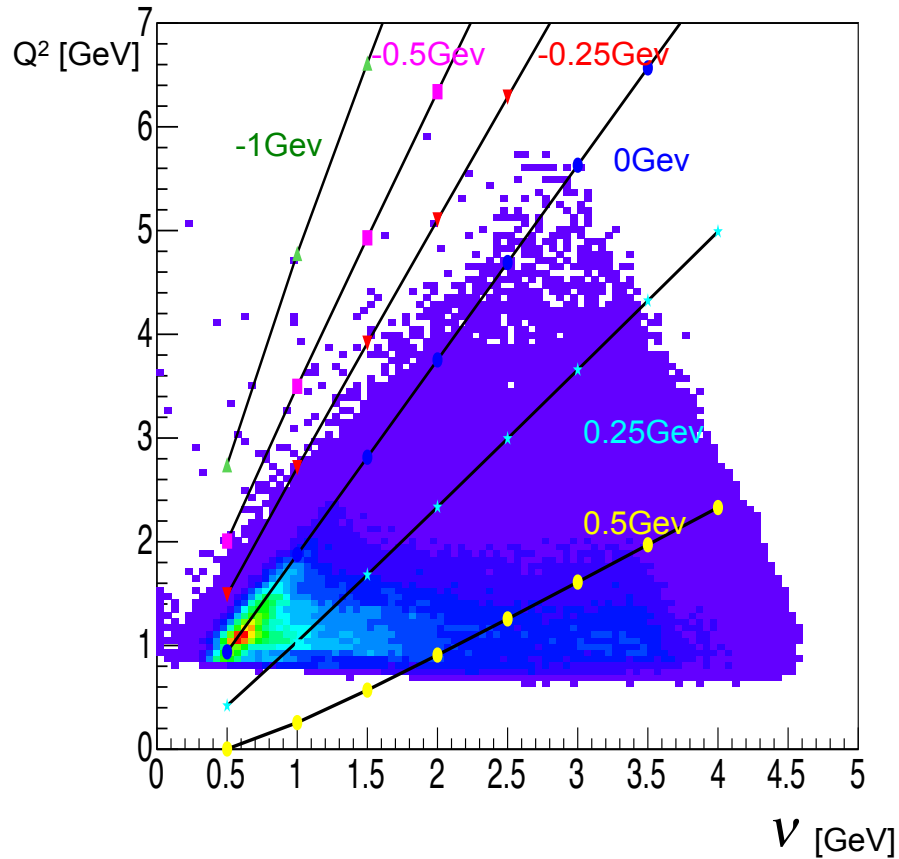
# ${}^3\text{He}(e, e' n)$



${}^3\text{He}(e, e' p)$  ${}^3\text{He}(e, e' n)$ 

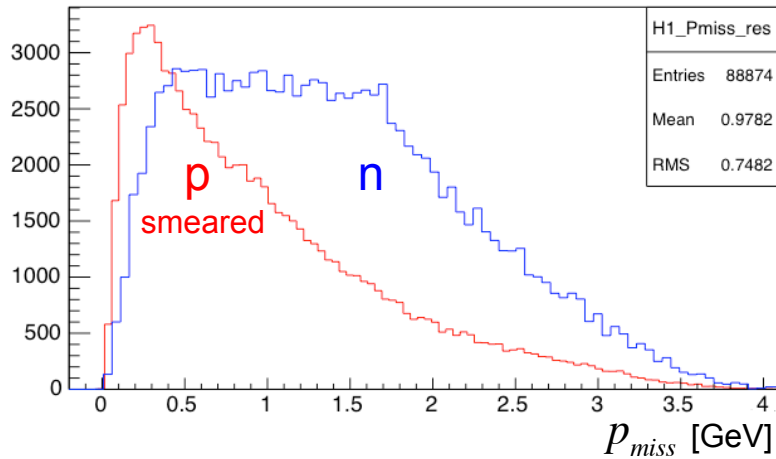
$$v + M_A = (M^2 + q^2 + y^2 + 2yq)^{1/2} + (M_{A-1}^2 + y^2)^{1/2}$$

$$v = E - E'$$

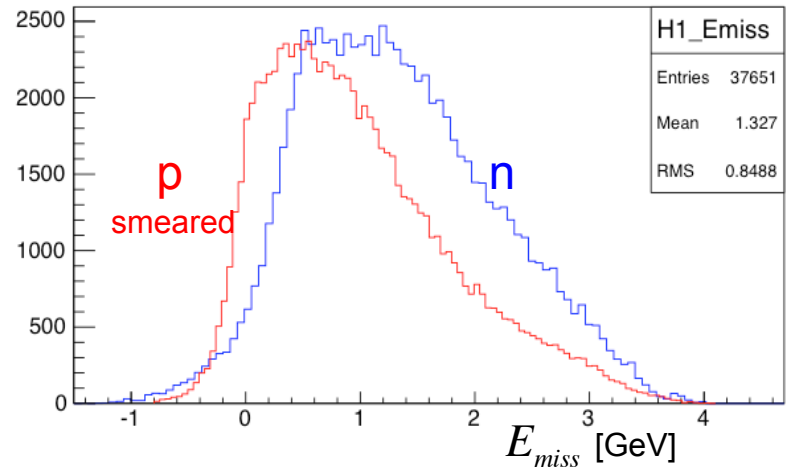


Cut on  $y < 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$

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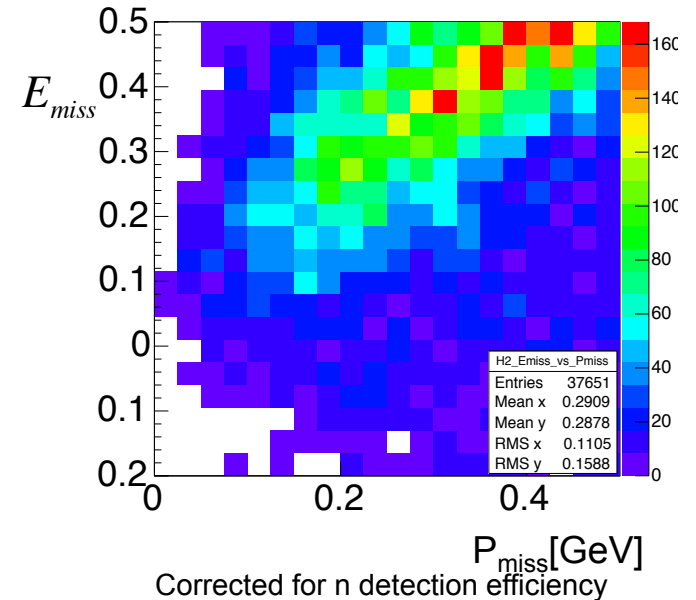
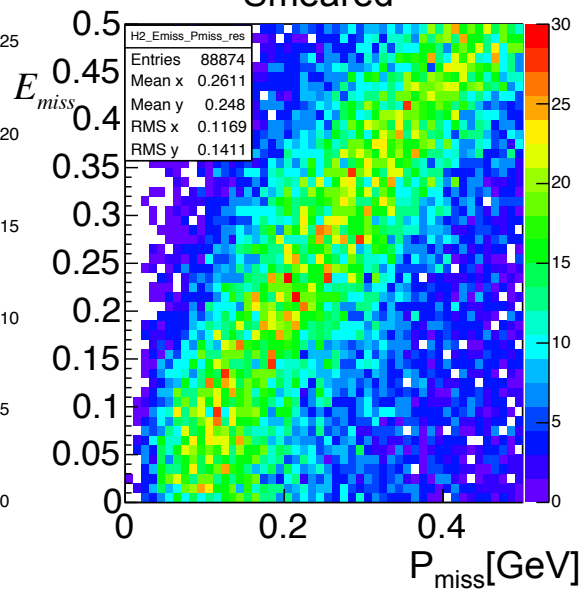
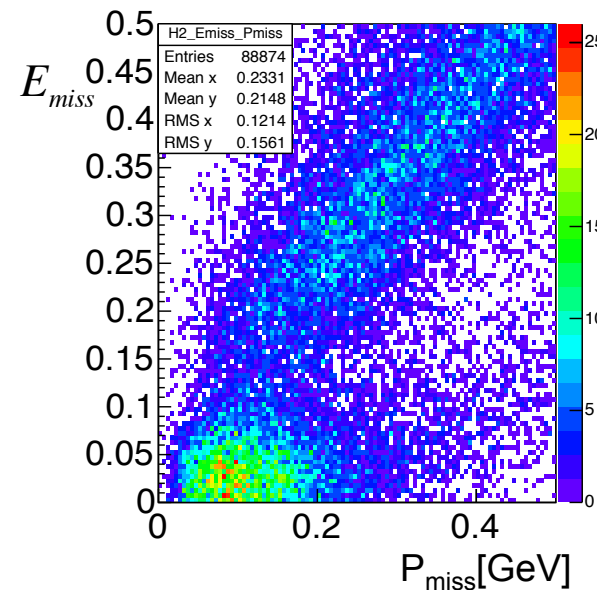
Proton



Neutron

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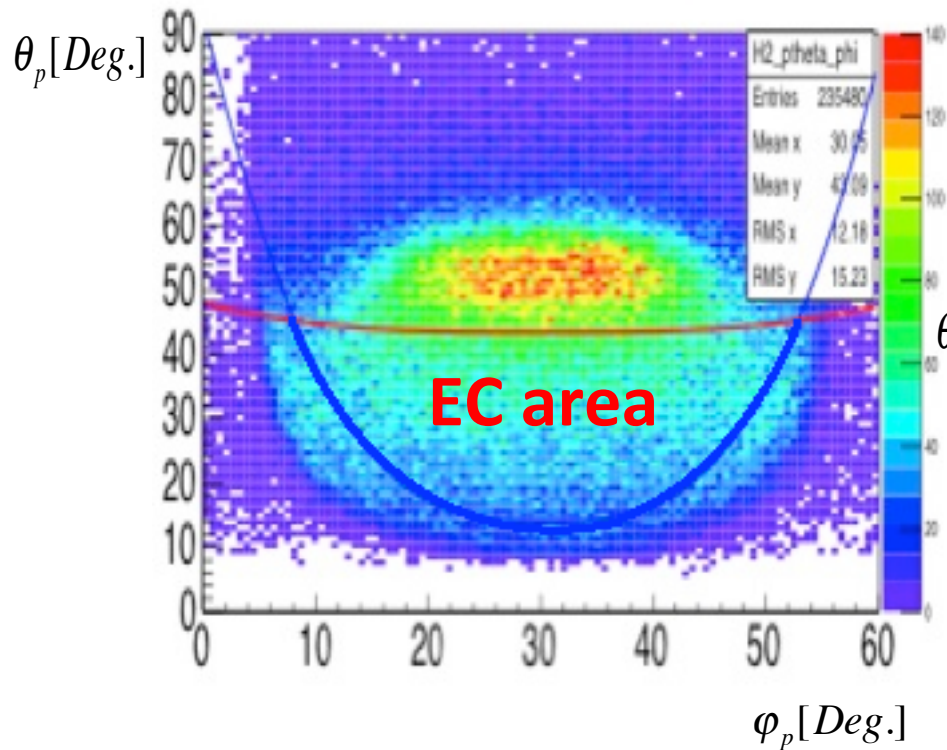
Smearred



Where are the QE (e,e'n) events?

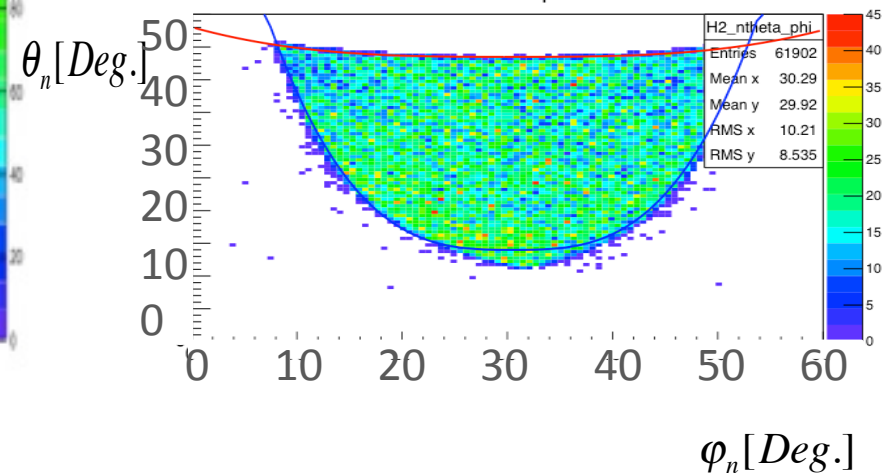
${}^3\text{He}(e, e' p)$

protons



${}^3\text{He}(e, e' n)$

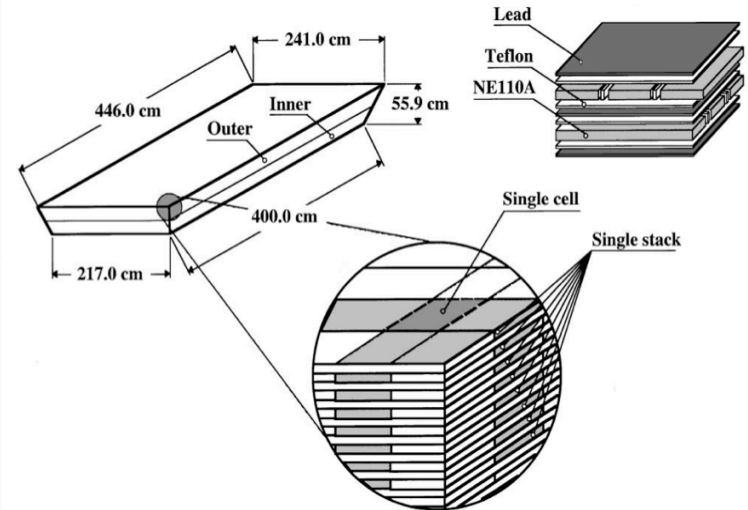
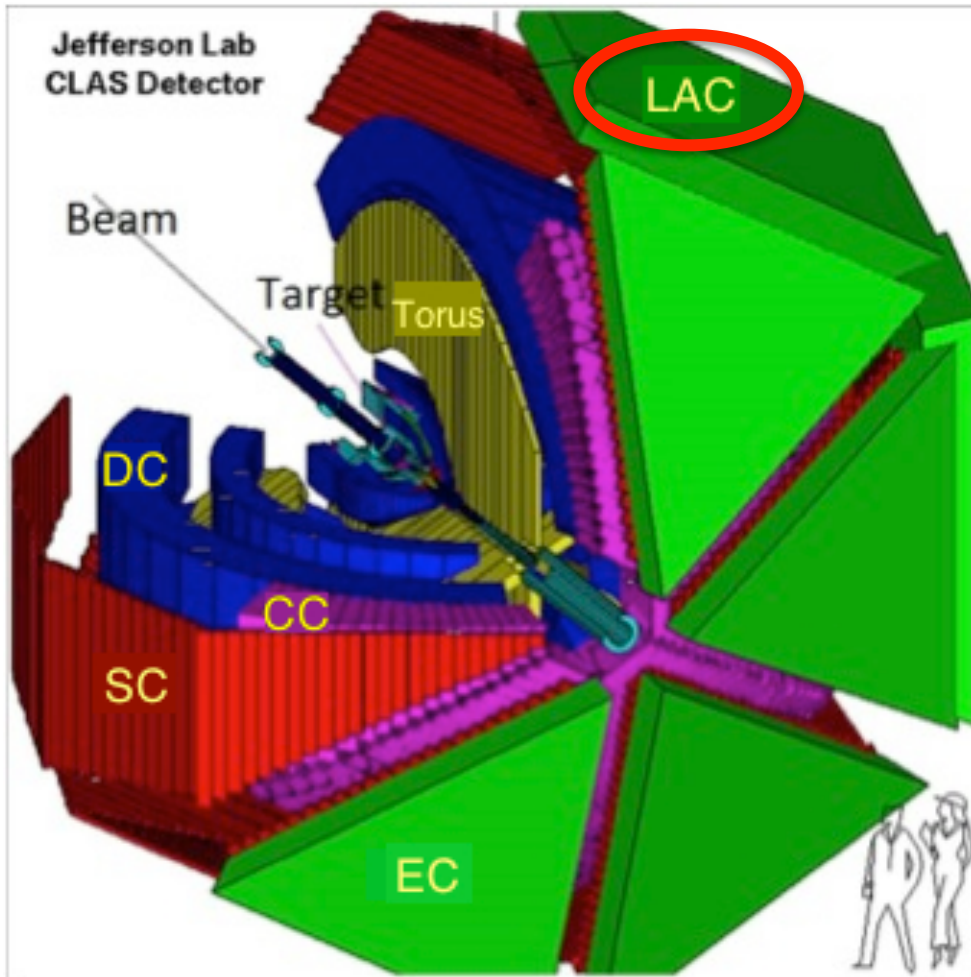
neutrons



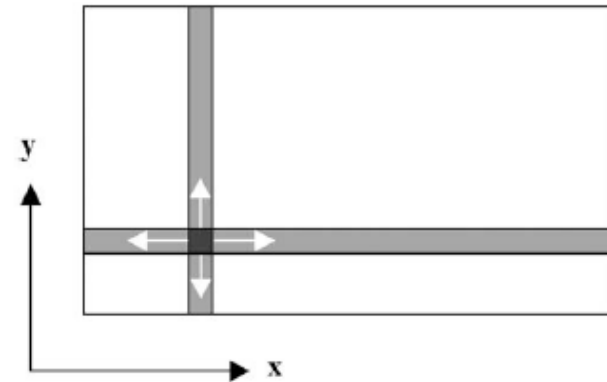
Quasielastic events are at  $\theta_p > 45^\circ$   $\rightarrow$  **Need LAC!**



# HALL B neutron detection with LAC



The detailed view of one of the LAC modules.



LAC local x and y views

$$45^\circ < \theta < 75^\circ$$

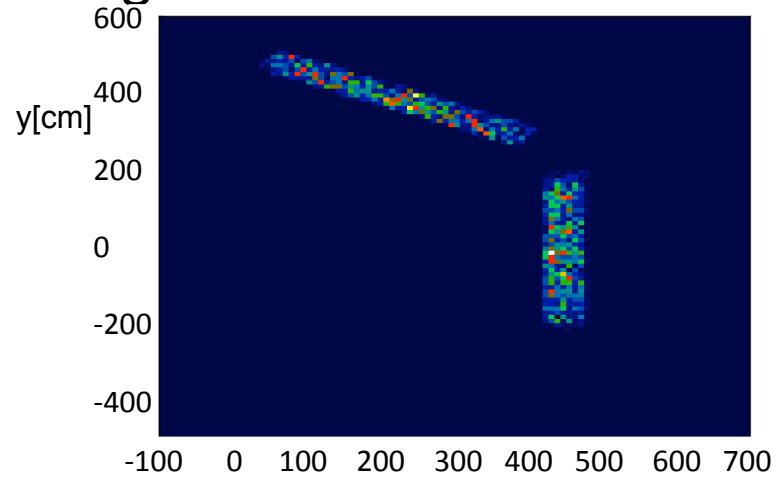
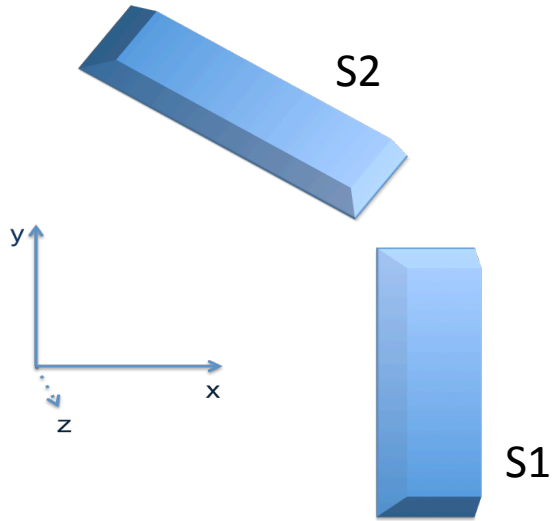
$$-30^\circ < \varphi < 90^\circ$$

Sectors 1,2

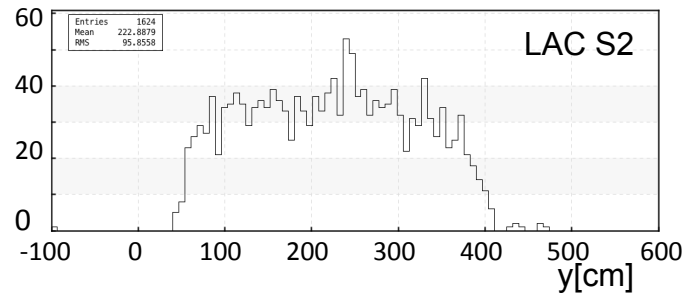
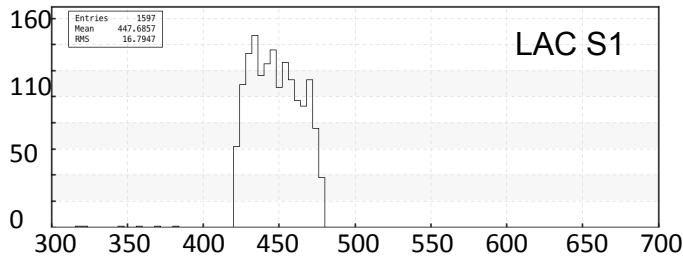
Rarely used

# LAC timing

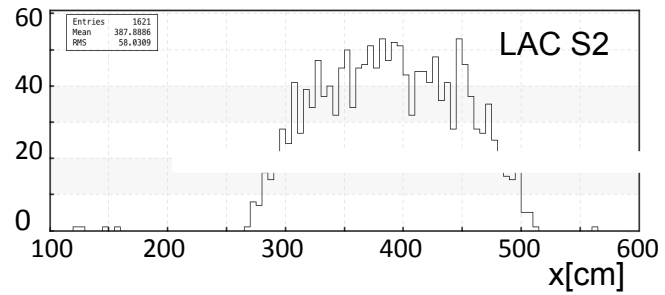
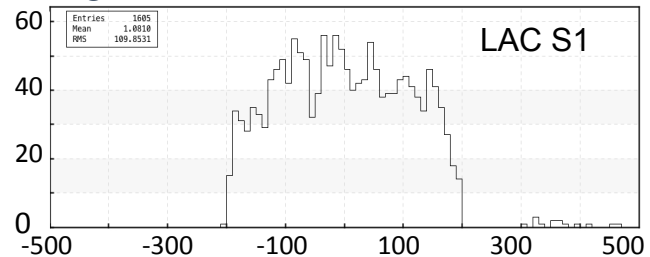
E2a 2.26Gev He4



The y vs x global coordinate of  $\pi^+$  in LAC



y global coordinate of  $\pi^+$

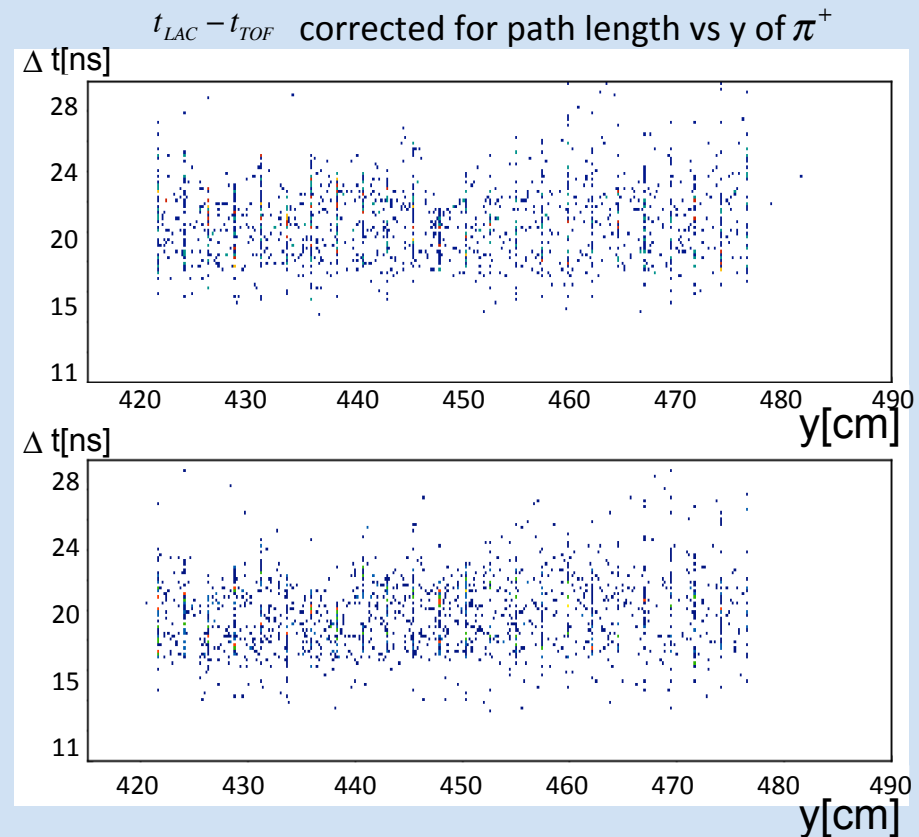
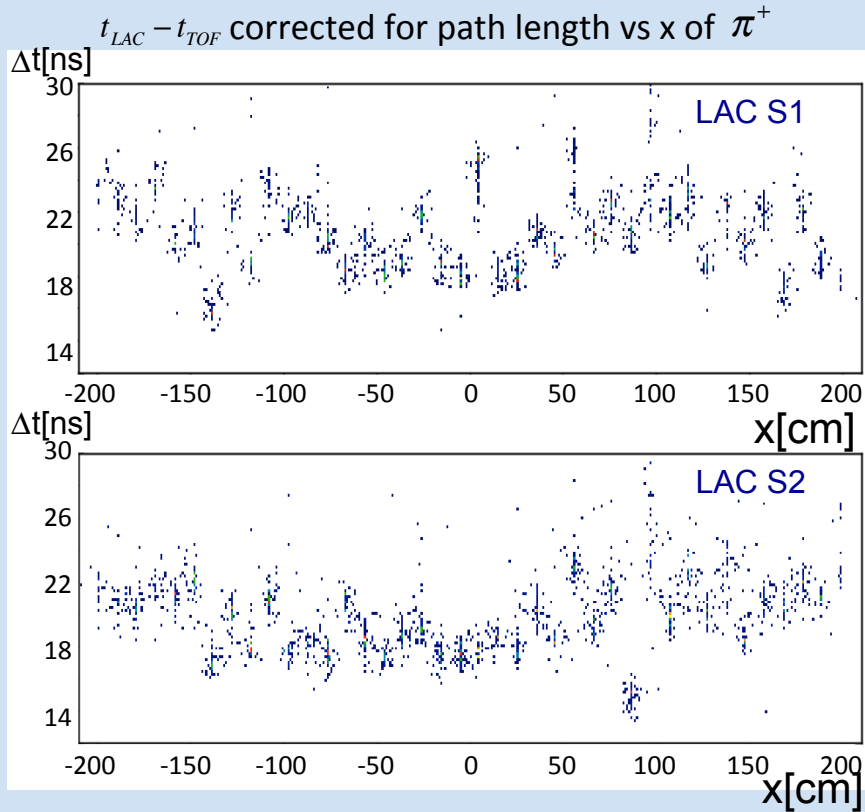


x global coordinate of  $\pi^+$

Rotate x,y coordinates to local coordinates

# LAC timing

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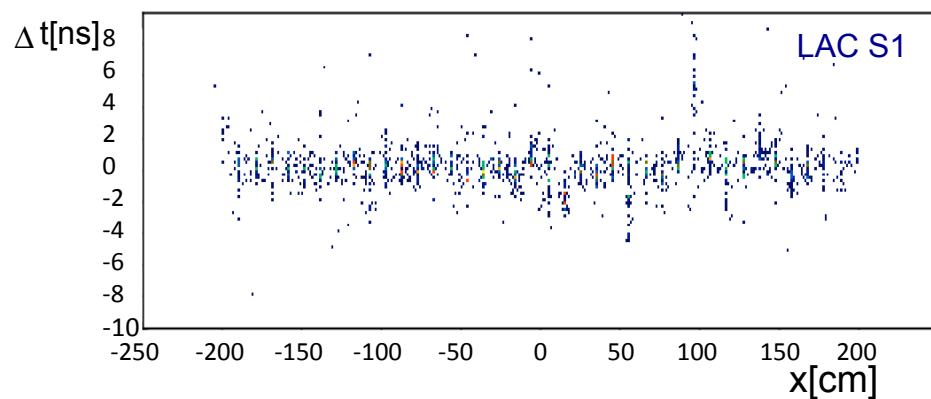


Timing depends on  $x$  not  $y$

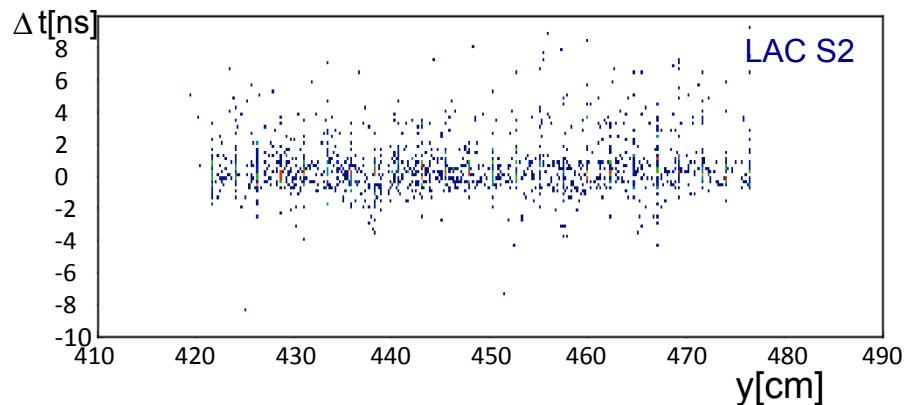
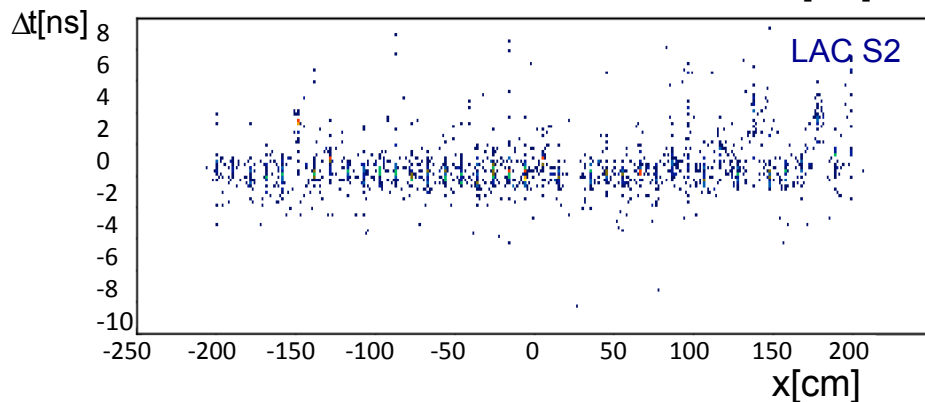
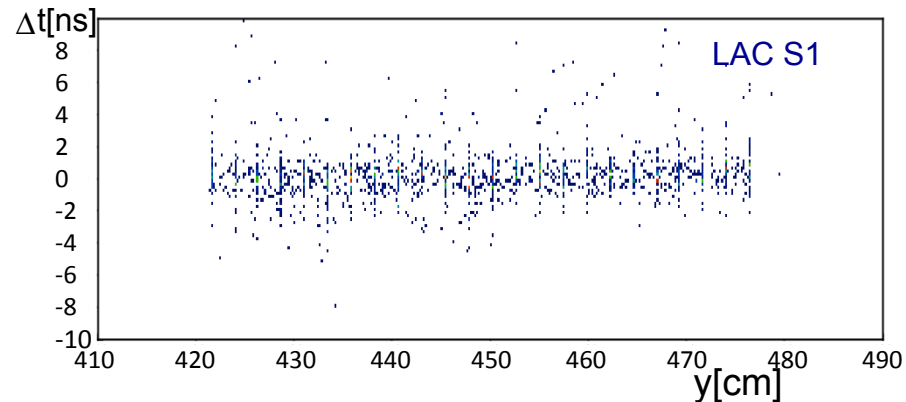
# LAC timing after offset correction

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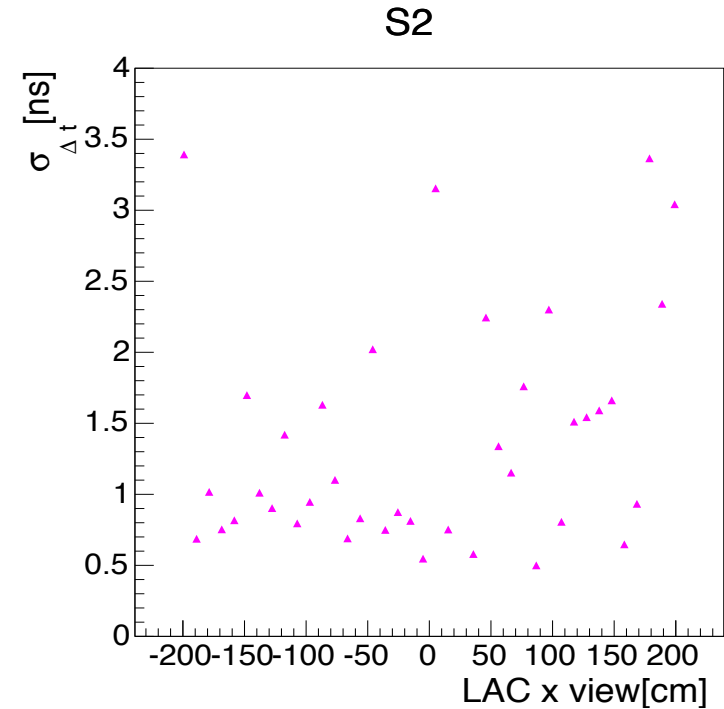
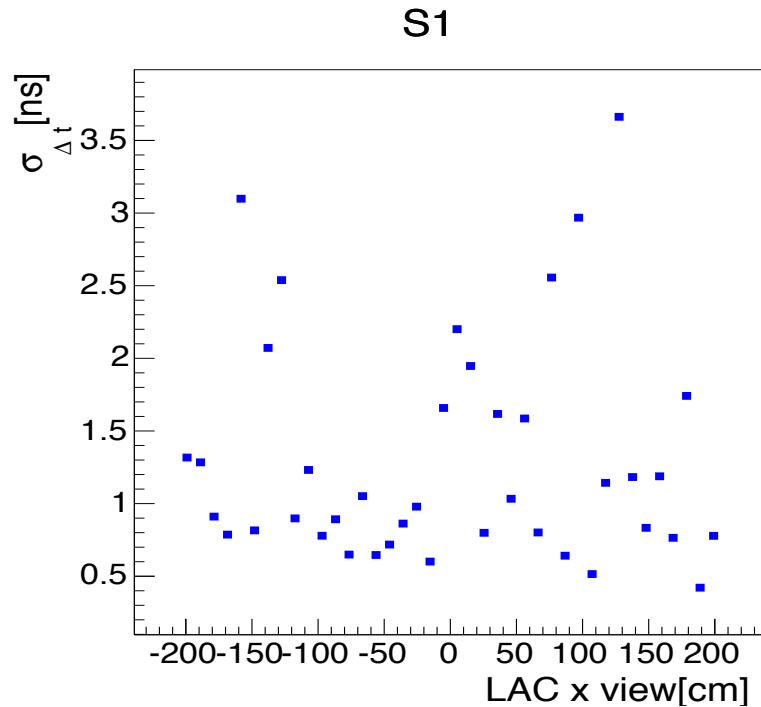
$t_{LAC} - t_{TOF}$  after correction vs x



$t_{LAC} - t_{TOF}$  after correction vs y



# LAC timing resolution

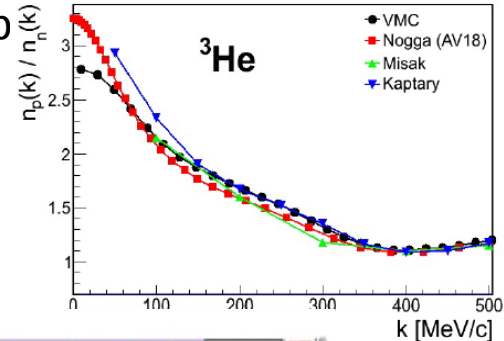


**Need more precise time calibration of LAC!**

Need to recook the data to include individual TDC information for all PMTs

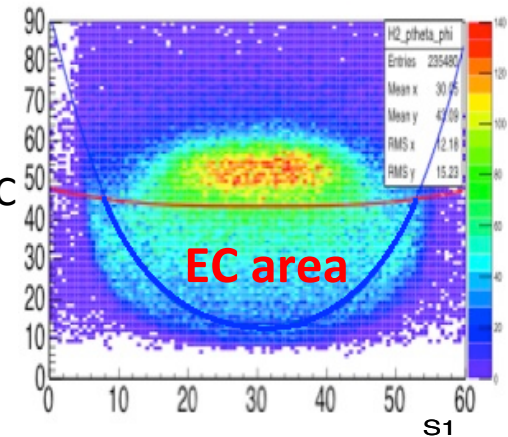
# Conclusions

- Want to measure  $\frac{{}^3\text{He}(e,e'n)/{}^3\text{He}(e,e'p)}{{}^4\text{He}(e,e'n)/{}^4\text{He}(e,e'p)}$  using e2a and e2b



- Calibrated EC for e2b

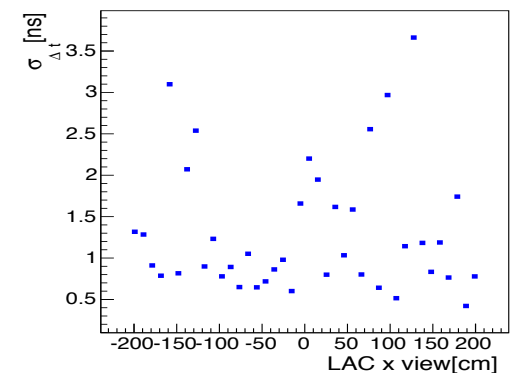
- $\mathcal{E} \sim 0.35$
- $\sigma_p$  consistent with g11a
- Quasielastic neutrons at 2.2 and 4.7 Gev miss the EC



- Calibrating LAC

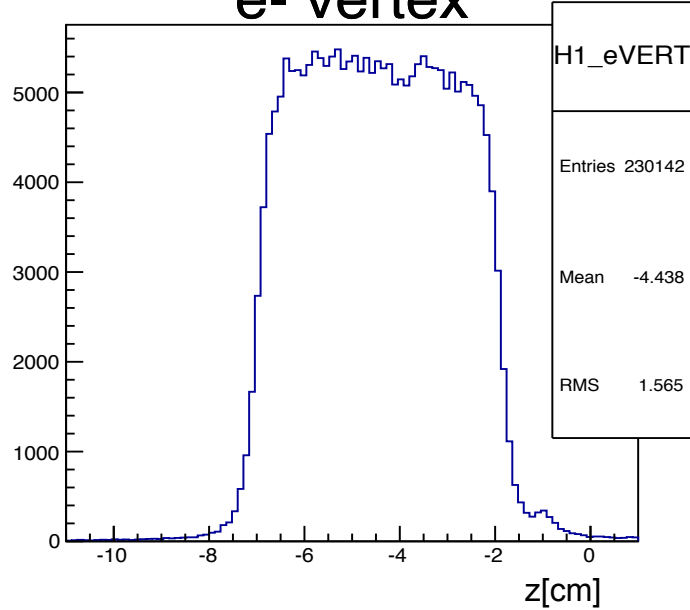
- LAC timing offsets vs x-strip determined
- LAC timing resolution is horrible

- recooking and calibrating LAC

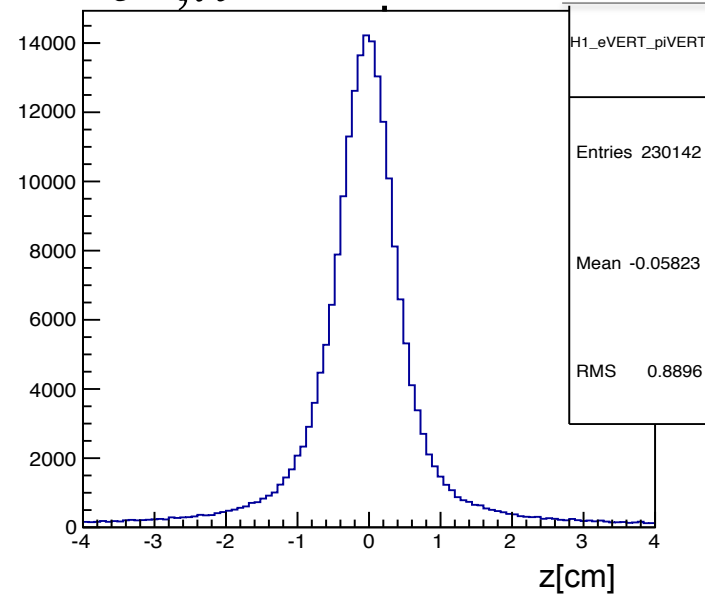


# $p(e, e' \pi^+) X$

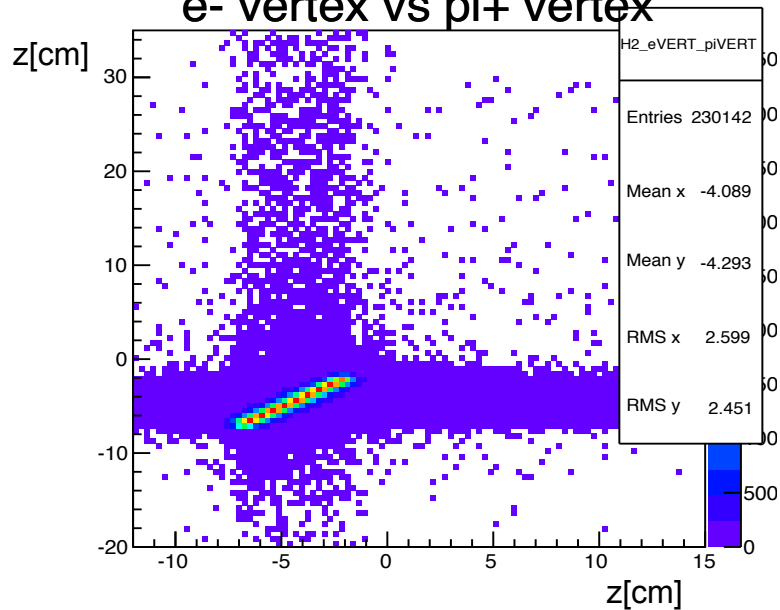
## e- vertex



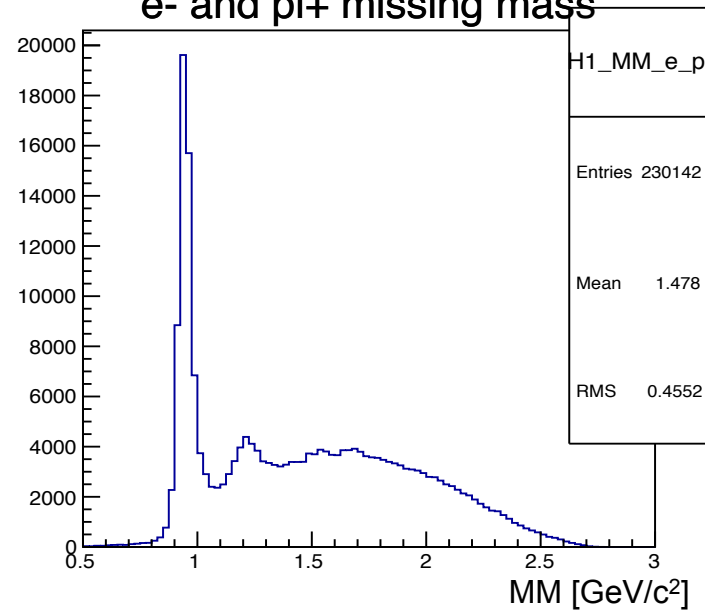
## $e^-, \pi^+$ vertex difference



## e- vertex vs pi+ vertex



## e- and pi+ missing mass

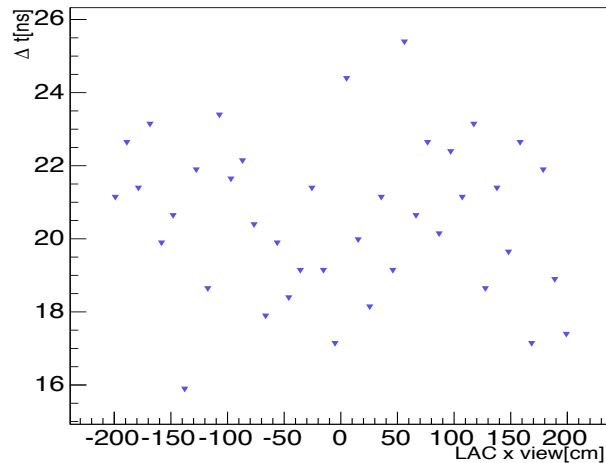


# LAC time calibration attempt

## E2a 2.26Gev He4

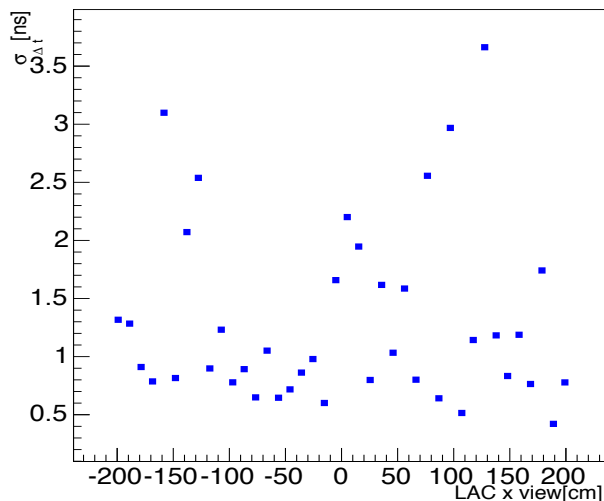
The mean of  $t_{LAC} - t_{TOF}$  distribution corrected for path length vs x

S1



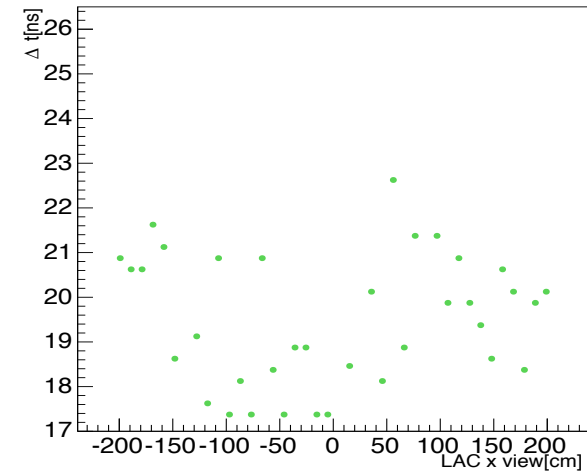
The sigma of  $t_{LAC} - t_{TOF}$  distribution corrected for path length as a function of x

S1



The mean of  $t_{LAC} - t_{TOF}$  distribution corrected for path length vs x

S2



The sigma of  $t_{LAC} - t_{TOF}$  distribution corrected for path length as a function of x

S2

