

R&D Towards an HPTPC Neutrino Detector



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Outline

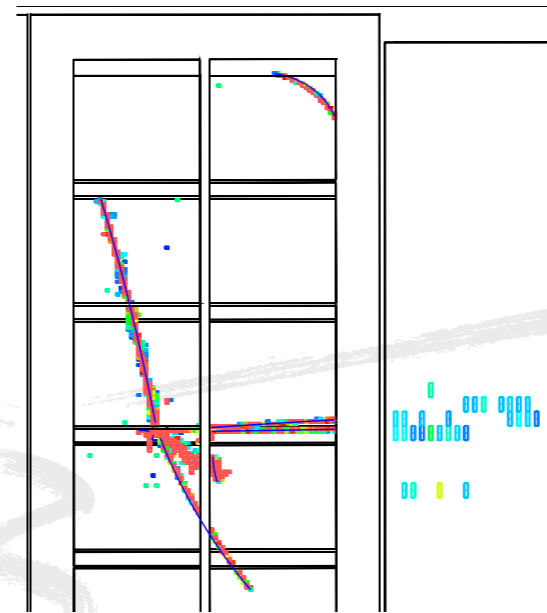
- Introduction to HPTPC
 - Physics motivation and initial studies
- 1m³ HPTPC prototype work
 - Hardware overview & status
 - Preparation for CERN beam tests
- Fermilab HPTPC R&D using ALICE TPC modules
- Conclusion

HPTPC overview

- Neutrino detector wish list:

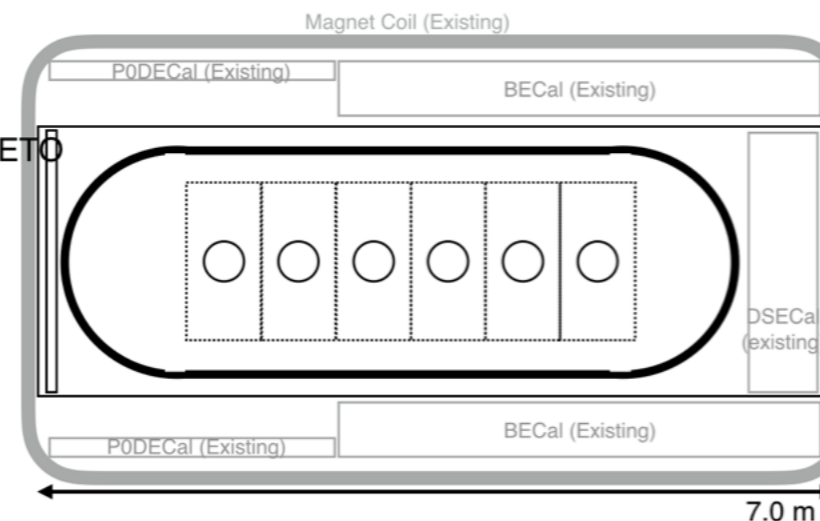
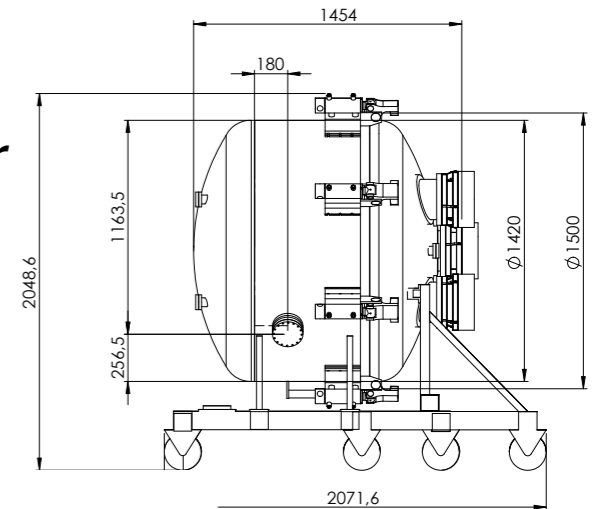
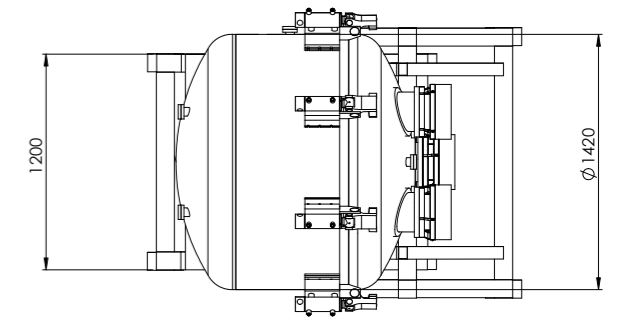
- ~4π coverage
- Magnetisation
- 3D reconstruction
- Excellent PID
- Nuclear target flexibility
- Low momentum particle detection threshold
- Technology synergy with other areas/fields

➔ HPTPC has it all!



Schematic of 5 bar pressure vessel

Pip Hamilton's thesis: analysis of gas interactions in existing T2K TPCs



SIDE ELEVATION VIEW

Cartoon of HPTPC in ND280

(Oth order design: simplest pressure vessel possible)

HPTPC Event rates

CC-inclusive interactions per 10^{21} POT

| Gas | mass, 10 m ³ at 10 bar | J-PARC (0.6 GeV) | FNAL (2-3 GeV) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| He | 16.4 kg | 1.10E+03 | 3.76E+04 |
| CH ₄ | 65.6 kg | 4.39E+03 | 1.50E+05 |
| Ne | 82.8 kg | 5.50E+04 | 1.88E+05 |
| Ar | 163.8 kg | 1.09E+04 | 3.76E+05 |
| CF ₄ | 362. kg | 2.42E+04 | 8.28E+05 |
| CO ₂ :N ₂ | 174. kg | 1.17E+04 | 3.99E+05 |

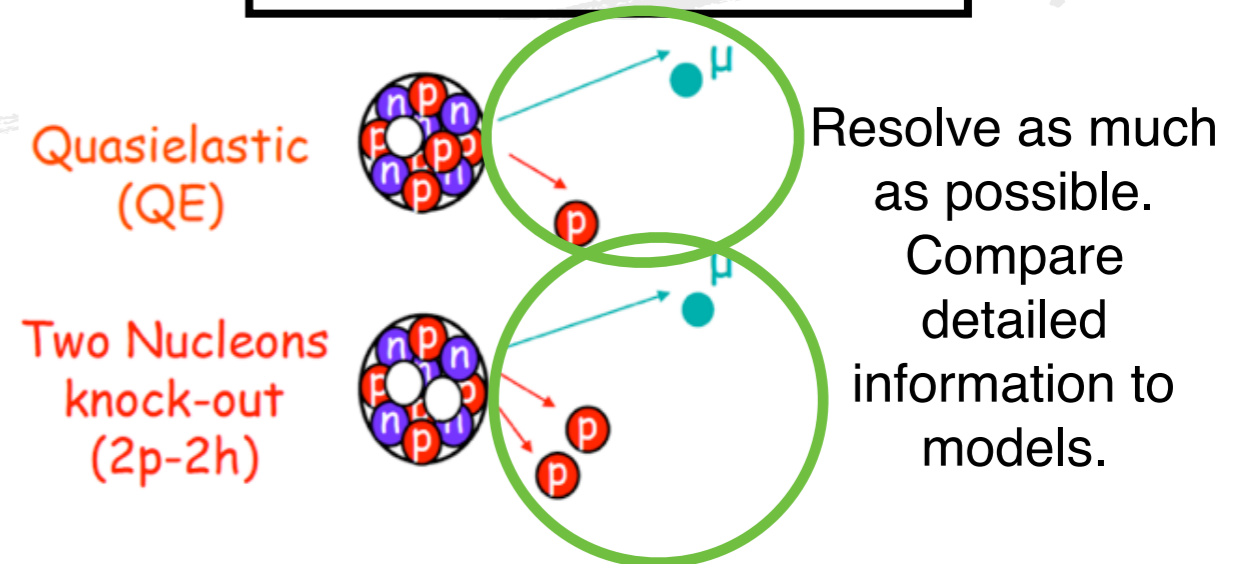
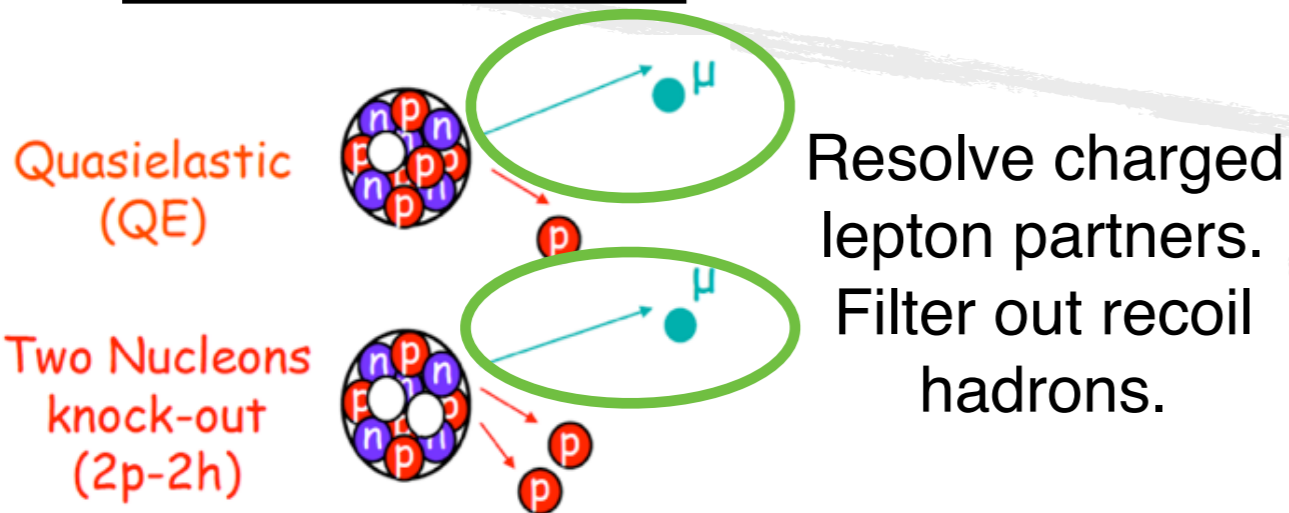
(These J-PARC and FNAL numbers were calculated in a consistent manner.)

Complementary approaches

~belt & braces~

Water Cherenkov

Fine grained detectors



- Same observable as far detector
 - Same target nuclei
- Relies on model
- Gd allows neutron tagging
- E61 approach: integrate out the model dependence
 - use off-axis effect to study FD observables as function of true neutrino energy

- More info than far detector
 - Can use multiple target nuclei
- Additional info allows more model testing
 - allows/requires close coordination with theory community
- HPTPC approach: reduce detection thresholds as far as possible
 - Maximise usable information

Proton multiplicity studies

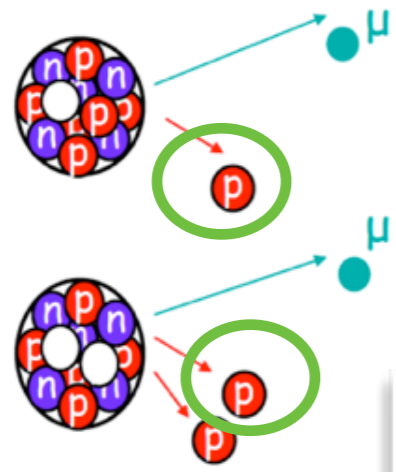
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Proton multiplicity distributions for CC events, no pions present

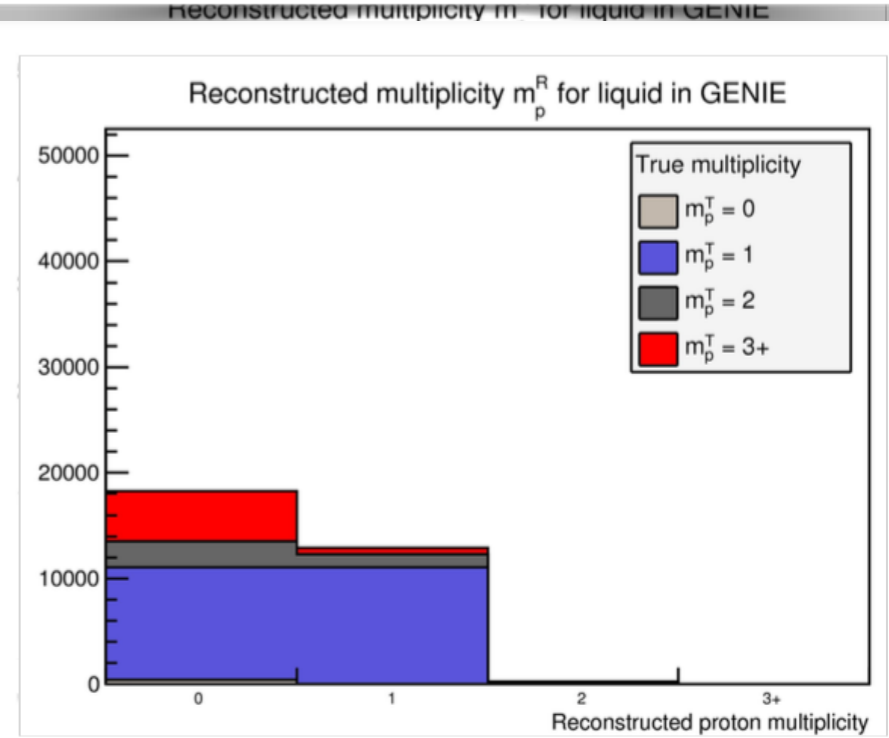
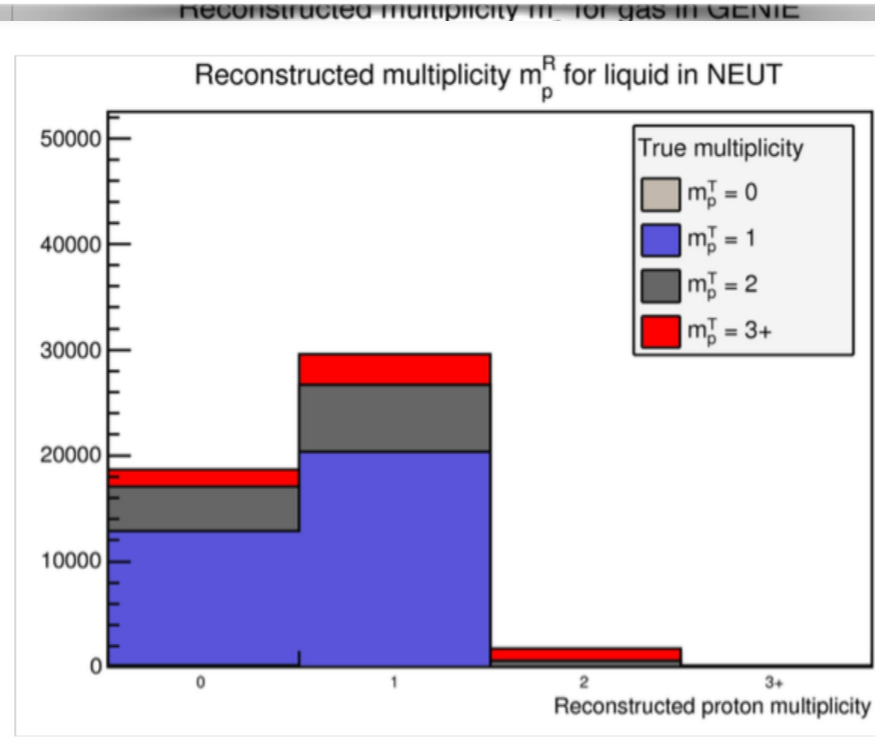
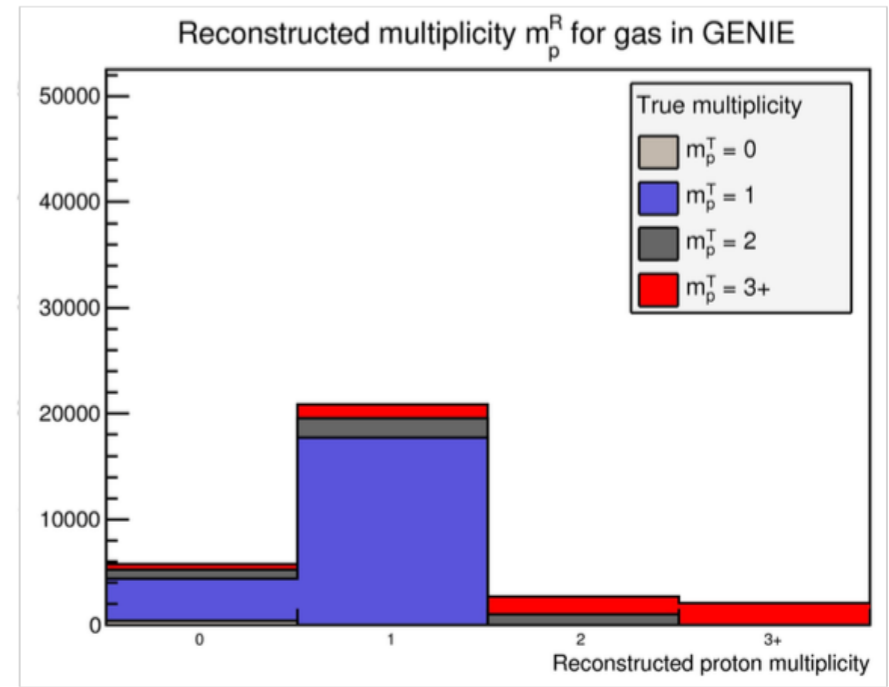
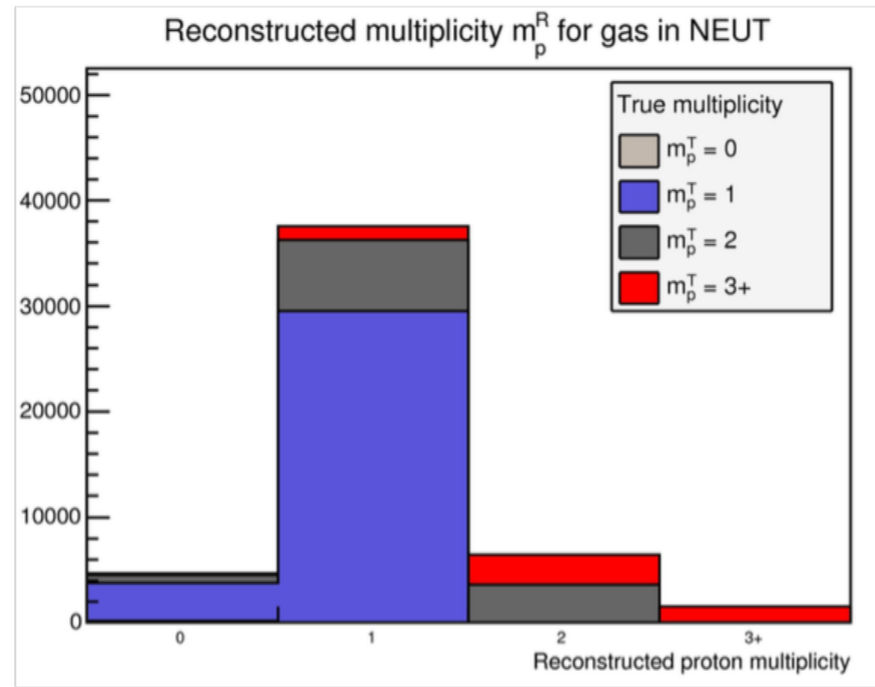
True proton multiplicity m_p^T

Quasielastic (QE)

Two Nucleons knock-out (2p-2h)

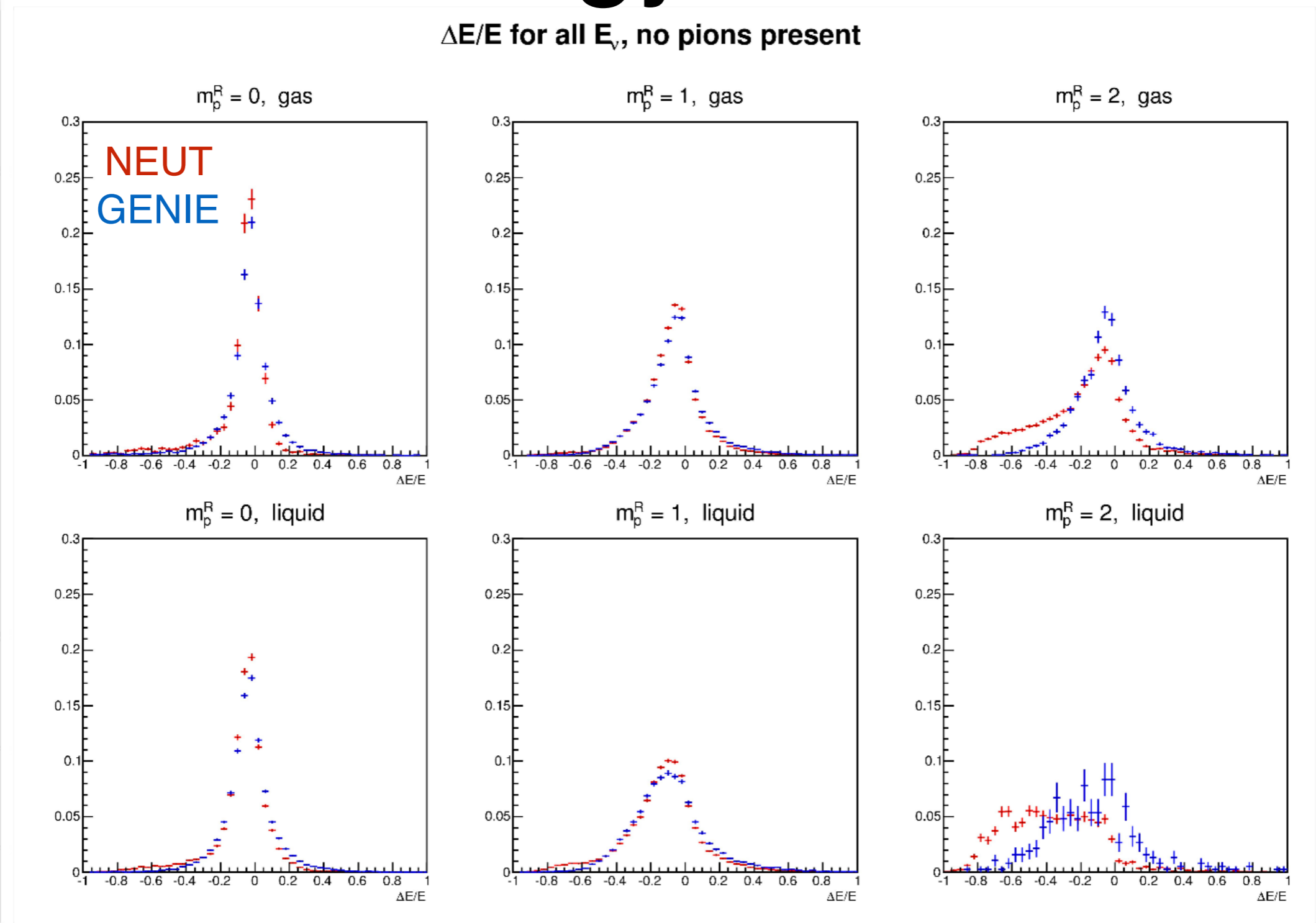


reconstructed proton multiplicity m_p^R



Neutrino Energy Reconstruction

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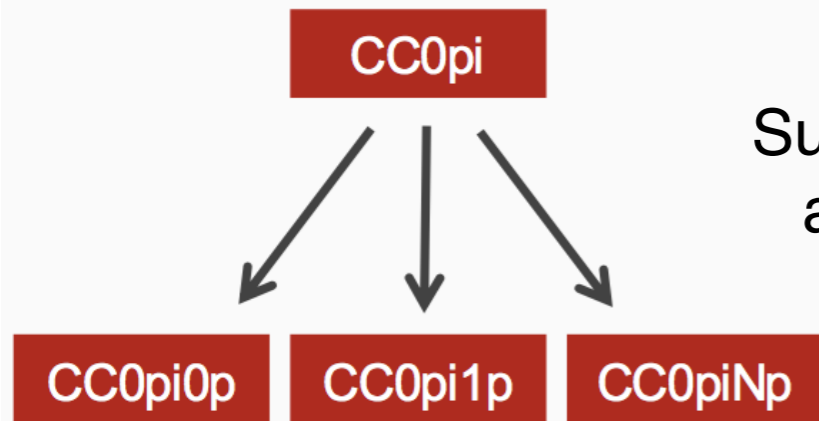


Generator-level studies of neutrino energy bias (kinematic recon)

Improved Analysis Techniques

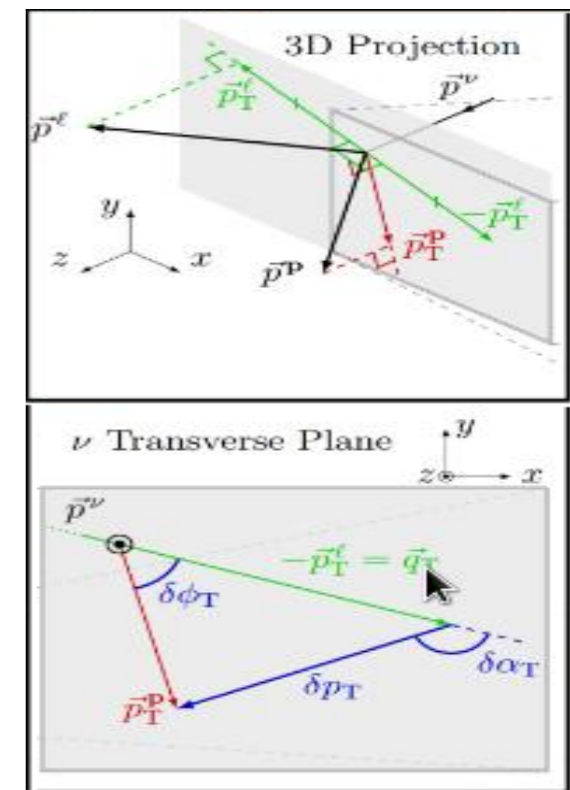
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Subdivide neutrino event samples according to proton multiplicity



Single Transverse Variables

- New kinematic variables implemented in MaCh3
- Fits have been run in Pion and Proton momentum, as well as transverse variables $\delta\alpha$, $\delta\phi$, and $\delta\rho$
- Missing mass in transverse plane tells us about nuclear effects



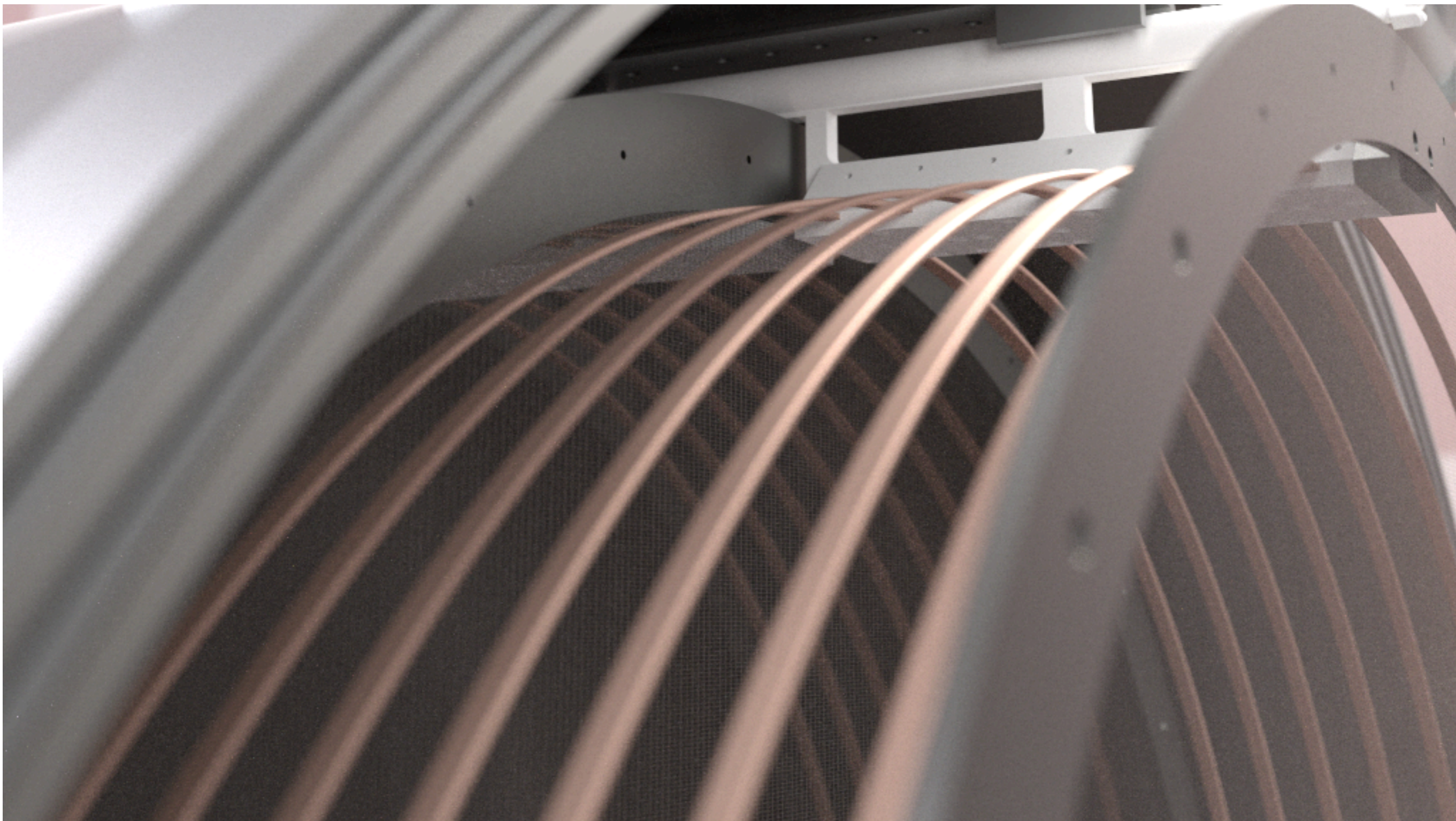
Lu, et al., Phys. Rev. C 94, 015503

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Sensitivity Studies for HPTPC as a Near Detector, Will Parker, RHUL

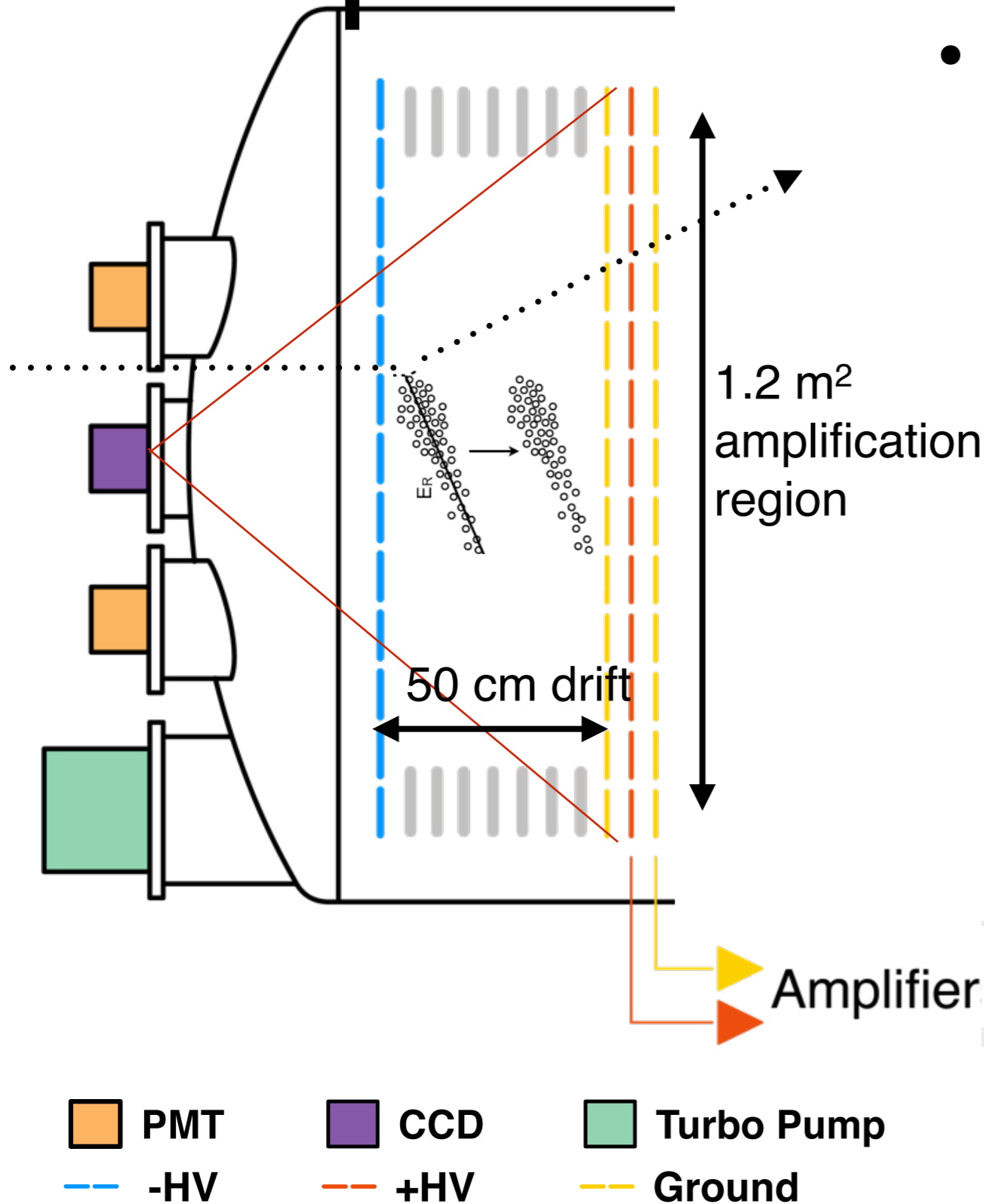
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Studies of transverse variables ongoing...

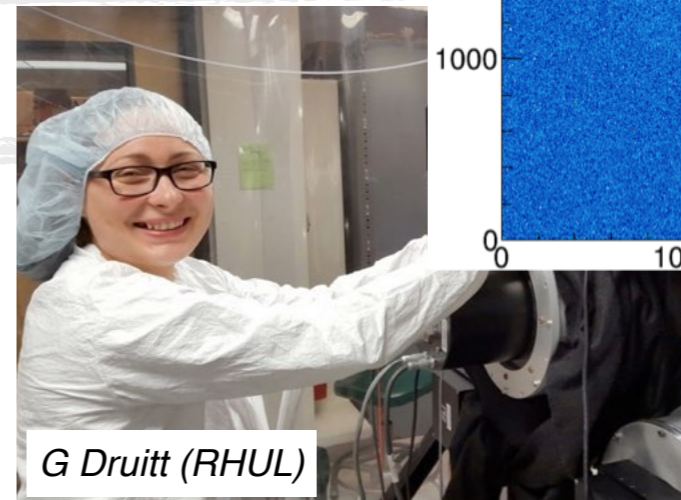
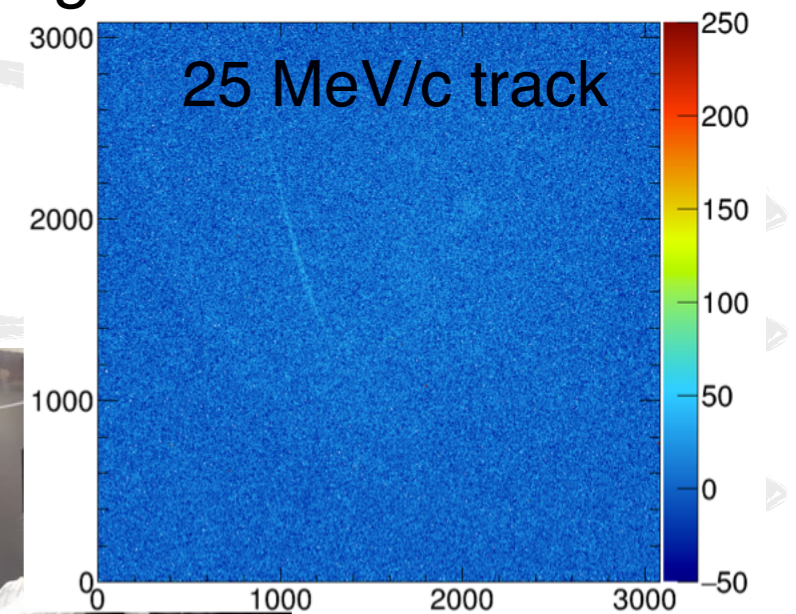


1 m³ HP TPC R&D

Optical TPC Readout



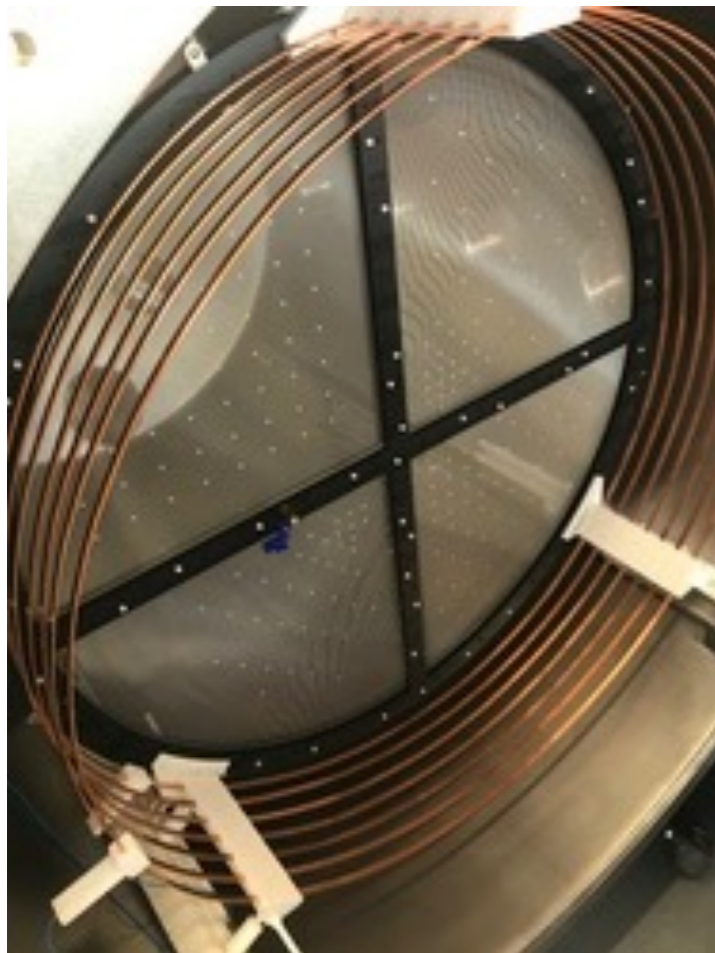
- Image electroluminescent scintillation produced in amplification region
 - Digital camera + lens outside vessel
 - Currently using CCDs
- Commission: CF₄, physics: Ar-CF₄
- ~1 m object distance
- results in 1 mm readout pitch with 4x4 readout binning



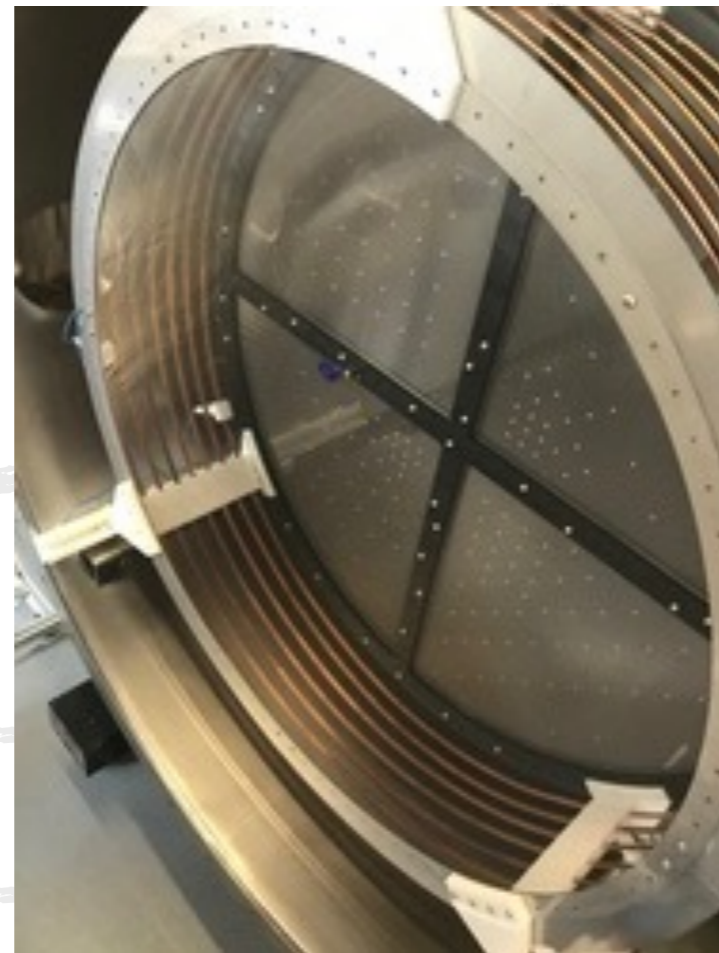
TPC with “short stack” Field Cage

Z. Chen-Wishart

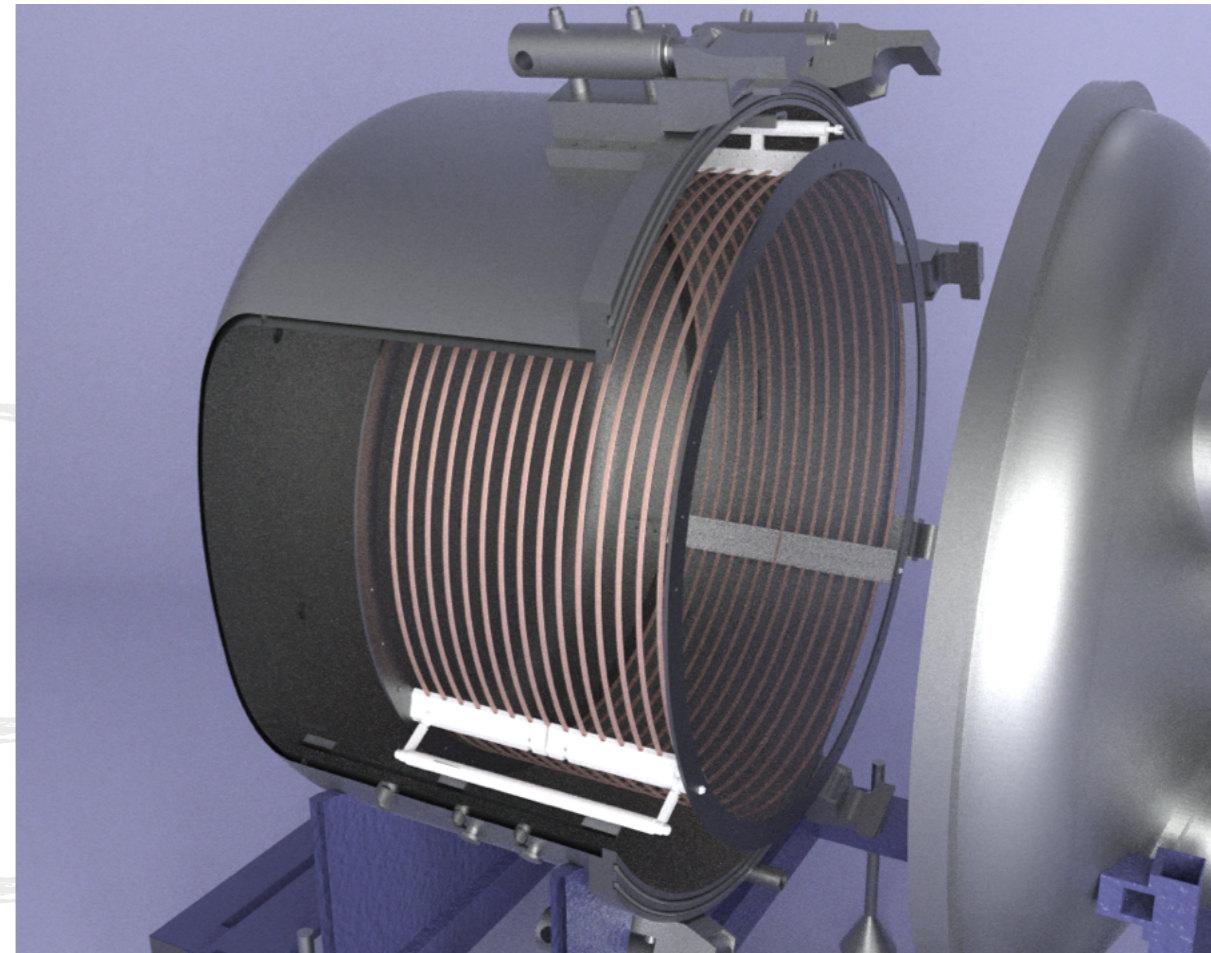
- Commissioning TPC & readout in low pressure vessel
 - 1.2m diameter, 30–60 cm length
- charge and optical readout of anode and ground segments



amplification plane + short stack field cage



cathode plane with delrin support structure.

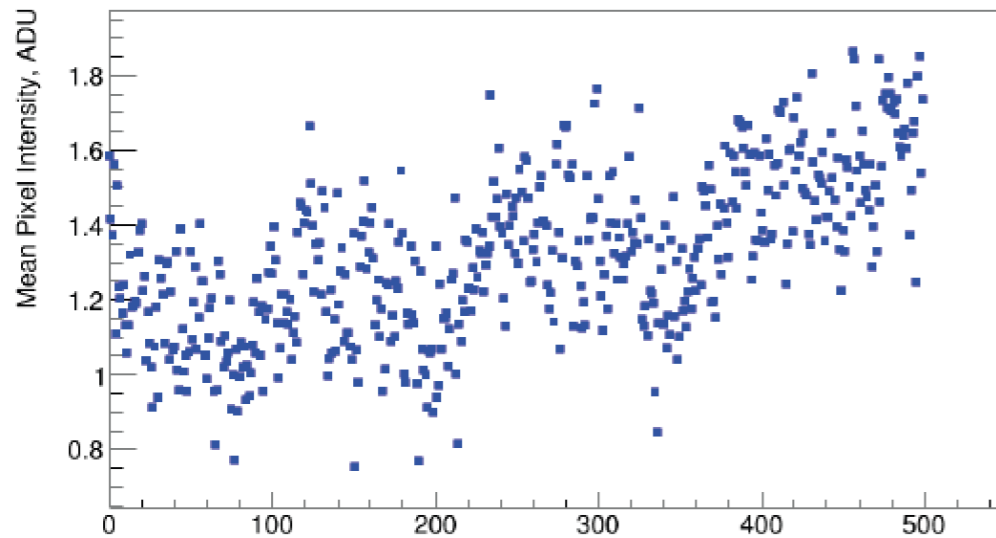


supports slide on rails welded to vessel, as in HPTPC vessel

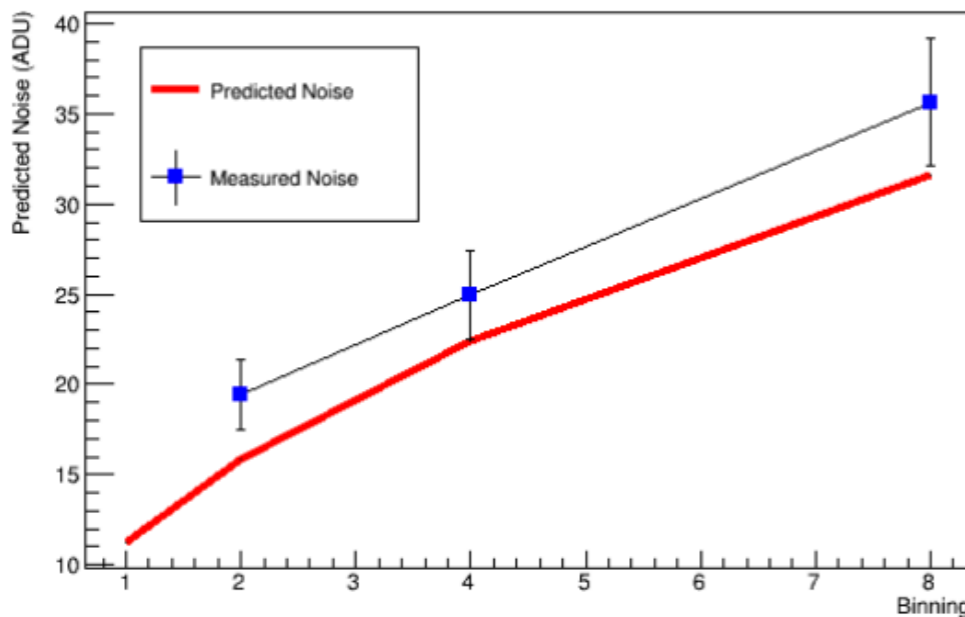
Readout commissioning

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CCD

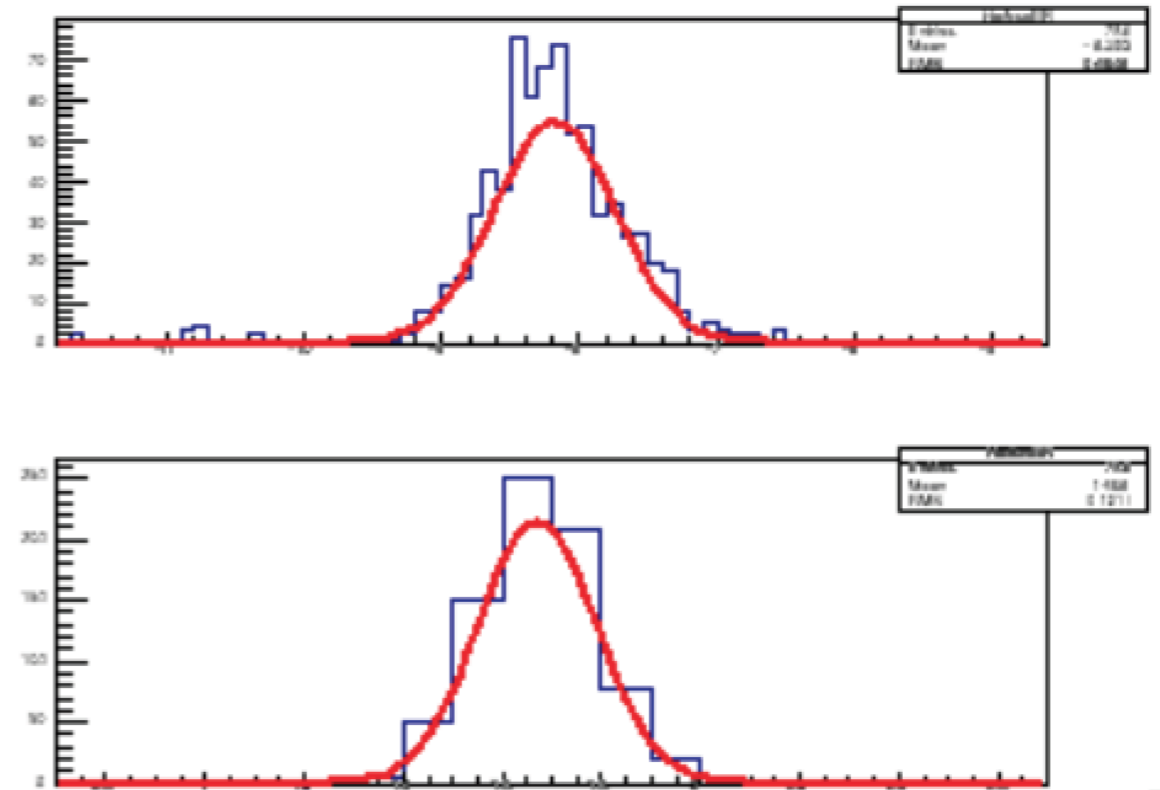


PL0141514: Predicted Noise vs. Binning



- CCD noise stable to ~ 1 ADC across device, and rms in line with manufacturer specs

Wire Mesh



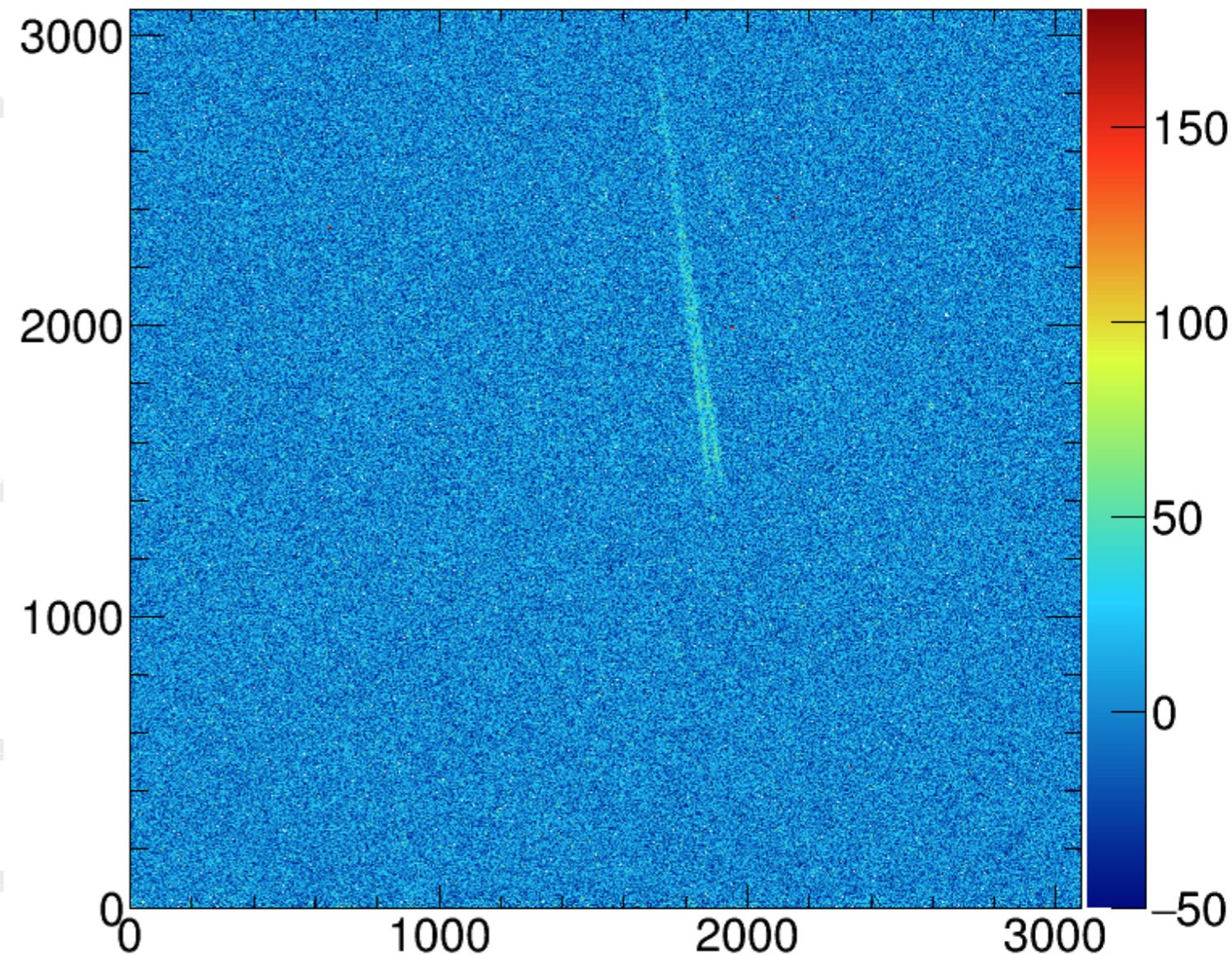
- good baseline stability, with RMS of whole readout chain consistent with digitizer-only noise rms of < 1 ADC ($= 0.5$ mV).
- top: anode preamplifiers, bottom: ground mesh fast amplifiers
- Initial measured gas gain $\sim 3.2 \times 10^4$

Tracking Calibration

M. Ward



- example 25 MeV/c alpha tracks in CCD readout
- Currently testing TREx reconstruction on HPTPC simulation; preparing for calibration data



High Pressure Vessel

- Rated to 7.5 atm,
- 1 beam window (2 mm Al), 6 optical ports + 12 flanges for gas, HV, controls, calibration, etc.

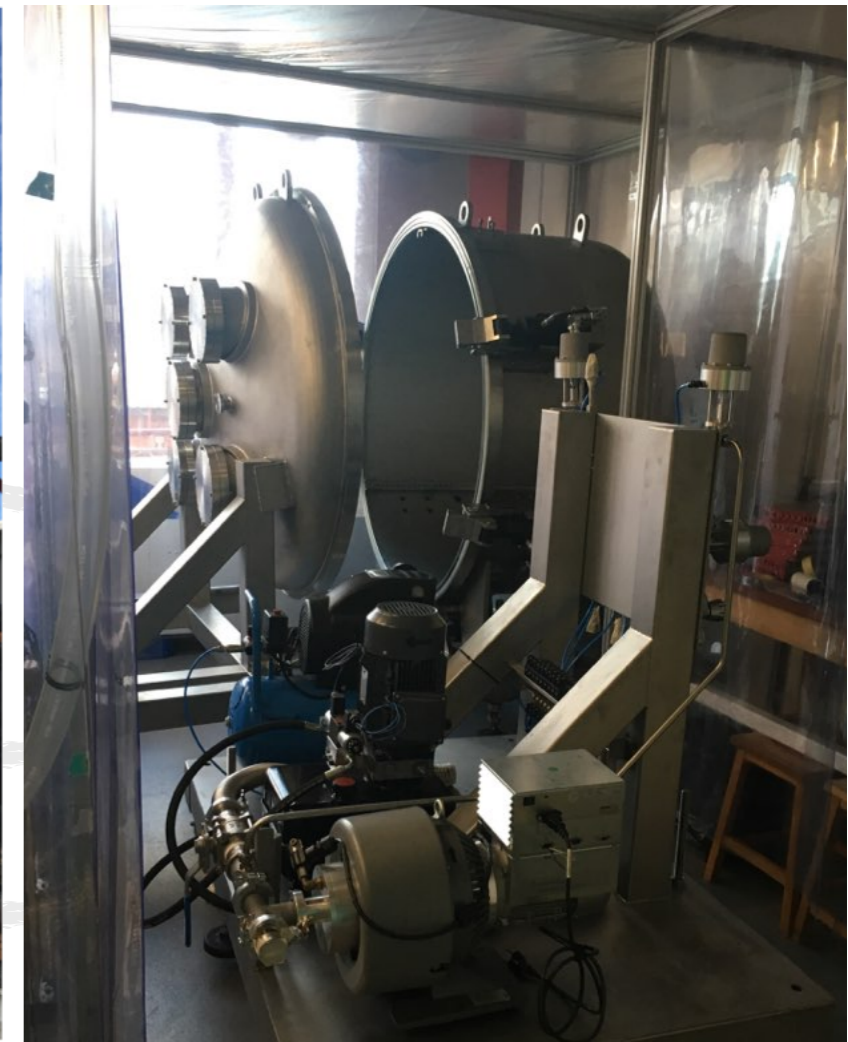
Pressure vessel arrived at RHUL yesterday!



3D design rendering



Vessel on crane at RHUL



Vessel in clean tent at RHUL

CERN beamtest

- **Goals:**

1. Make new proton-nucleus (and pion-nucleus) scattering measurements
2. Tune neutrino interaction generators, demonstrate feasibility of $<2\%$ systematics

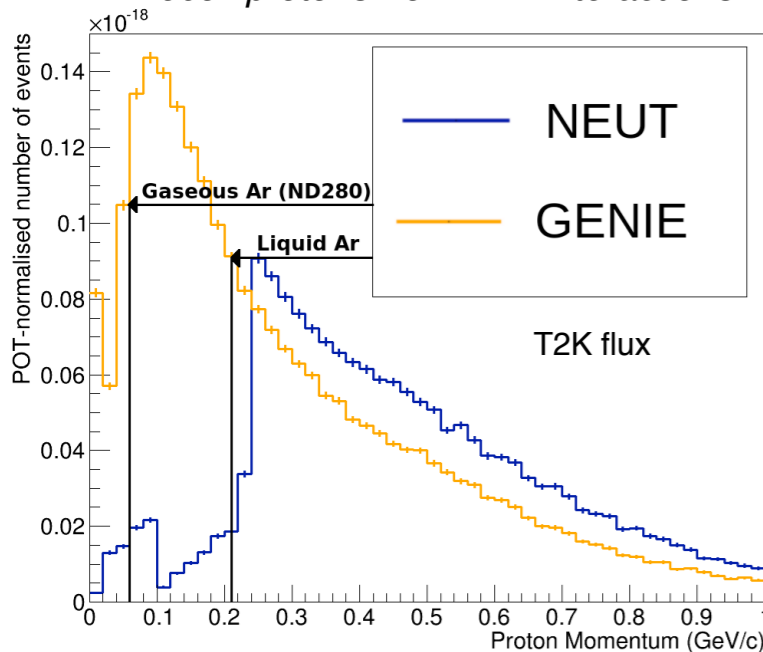
- Neutrino generators disagree in recoil particle multiplicity & kinematics (Fig 1)
- Low energy final state protons are created at higher energy, lose energy exiting nucleus (Fig 2)
- Need new data for tuning generator MC hadron scattering models (Fig 3)
- Preparing proposal to SPSC for beam time before long shutdown

P Hamilton (Syracuse)

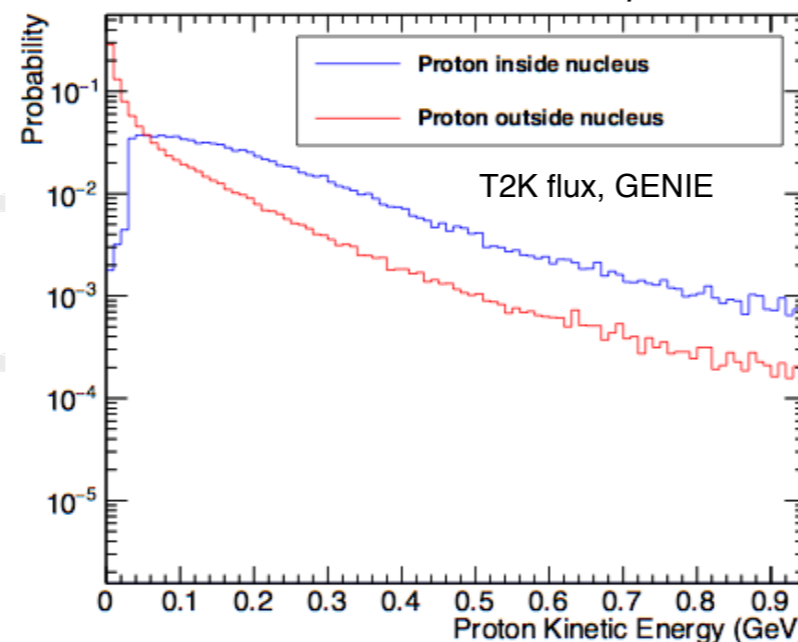
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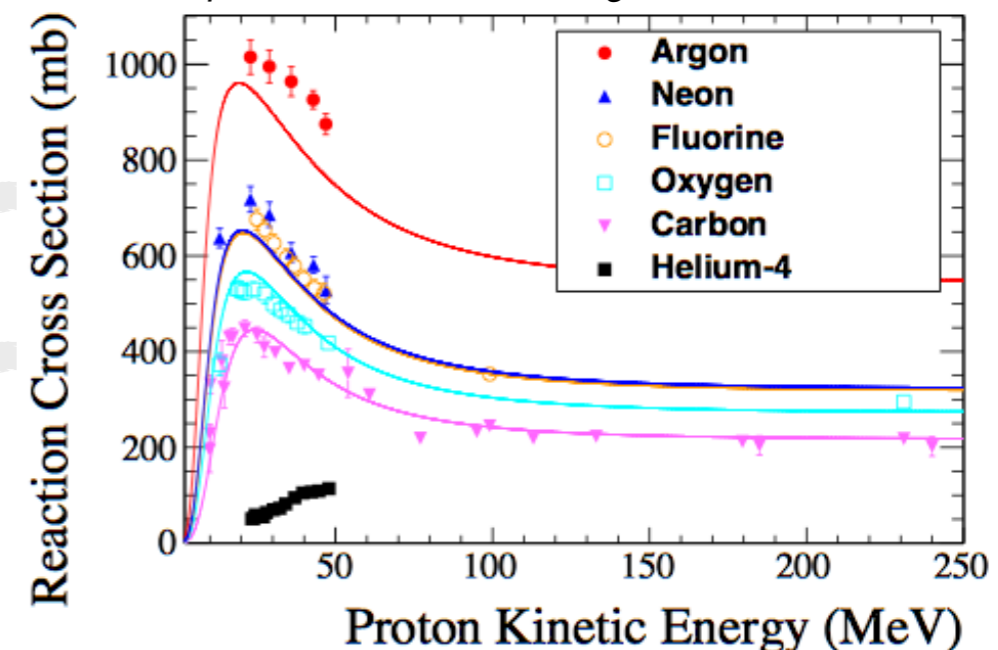
1. recoil protons from ν -Ar interactions



2. Nuclear effects on recoil protons



3. proton-nucleus scattering data with MC model



Beam Time Proposal to CERN SPSC

- CERN-SPSC-2017-030 ; SPSC-P-355
- Interest from Upgrade EOI groups + more (55+ authors, 34 groups, 11 countries)
- **Request: 4 weeks beam time + 2 weeks parasitic running**
- Feedback from SPSC referees expected Nov. 2017

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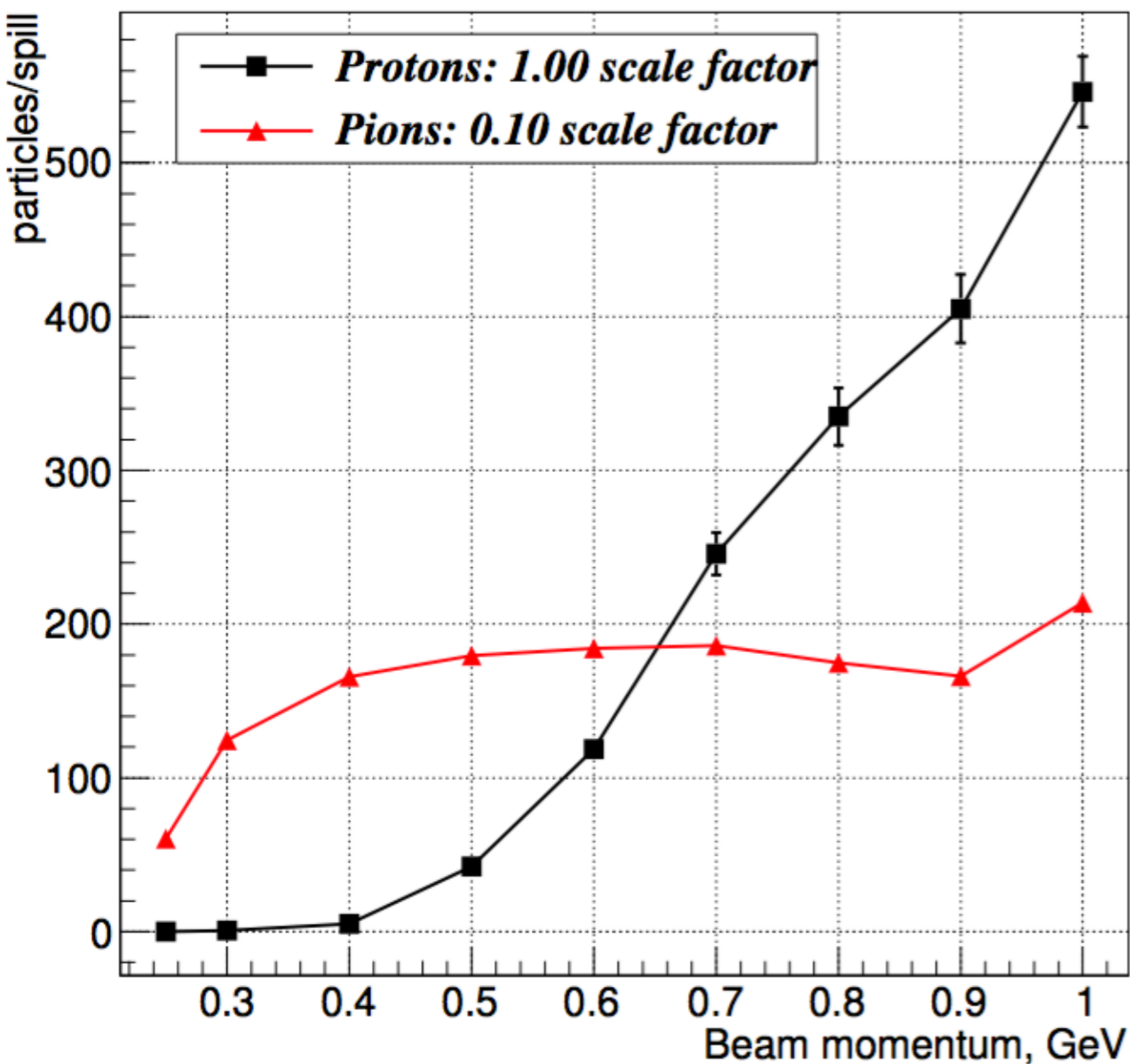
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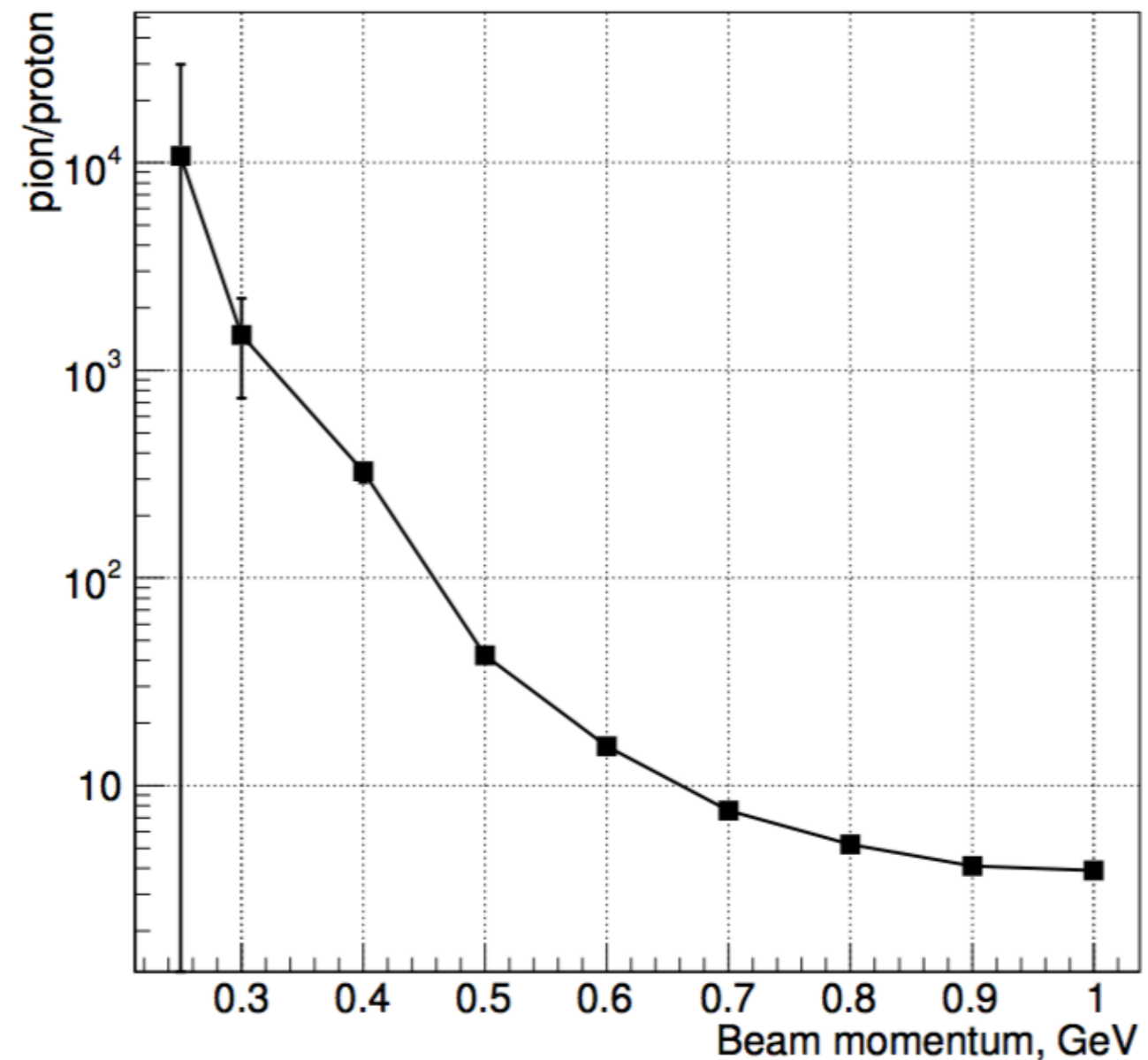
T9/T10 flux measurements

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Particle intensities vs T10 beam momentum



Particle intensities vs T10 beam momentum



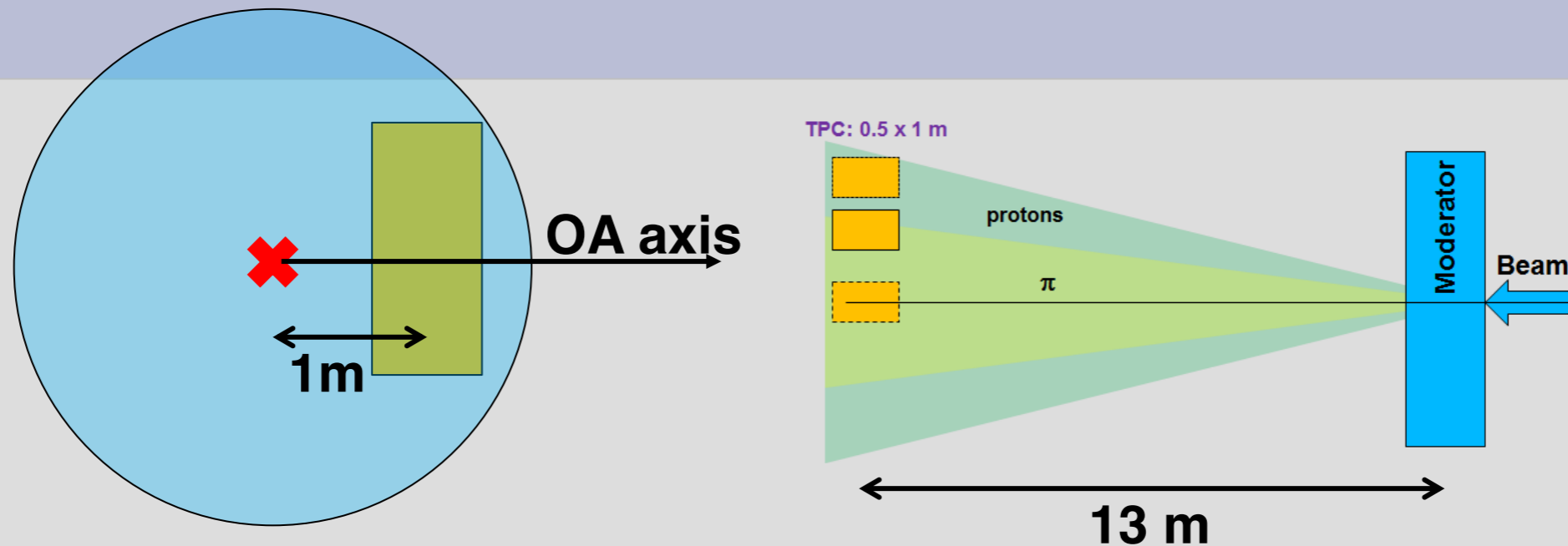
Proposal Fig. 7

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Test beam studies

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Proposed OFF-AXIS (OA) measurement



- 1) TPC entrance surface $0.5 \times 1 \text{ m}^2$, optimal beam 0.8 GeV & 30 cm of Plastic (PS) absorber (+ 1 cm of steel from vessel). We don't have simulation of PS + Steel, so use simulation of pure 35 cm of PS, which should be close to 30 cm PS + 1 cm of Steel.
- 2) Optimal location is 1 m at 13 m from absorber .

Aim of this study

Looking for: 1) spatial, 2) momentum, 3) 1 + 1 2D distros vs. different particles normalized:
a) per single incoming beam particle, b) per spill – spill data info has been taken from test measurements.

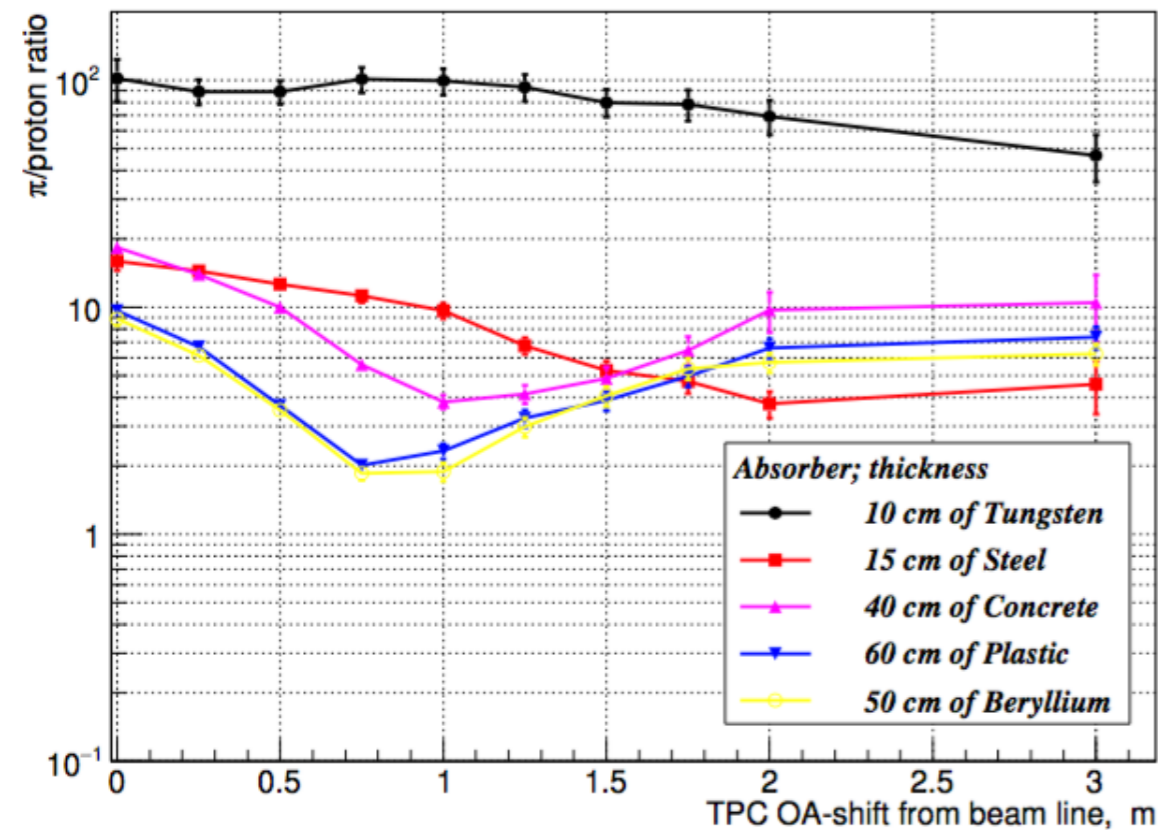
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Try moving detector off-axis to enhance proton fraction

T9/T10 flux measurements

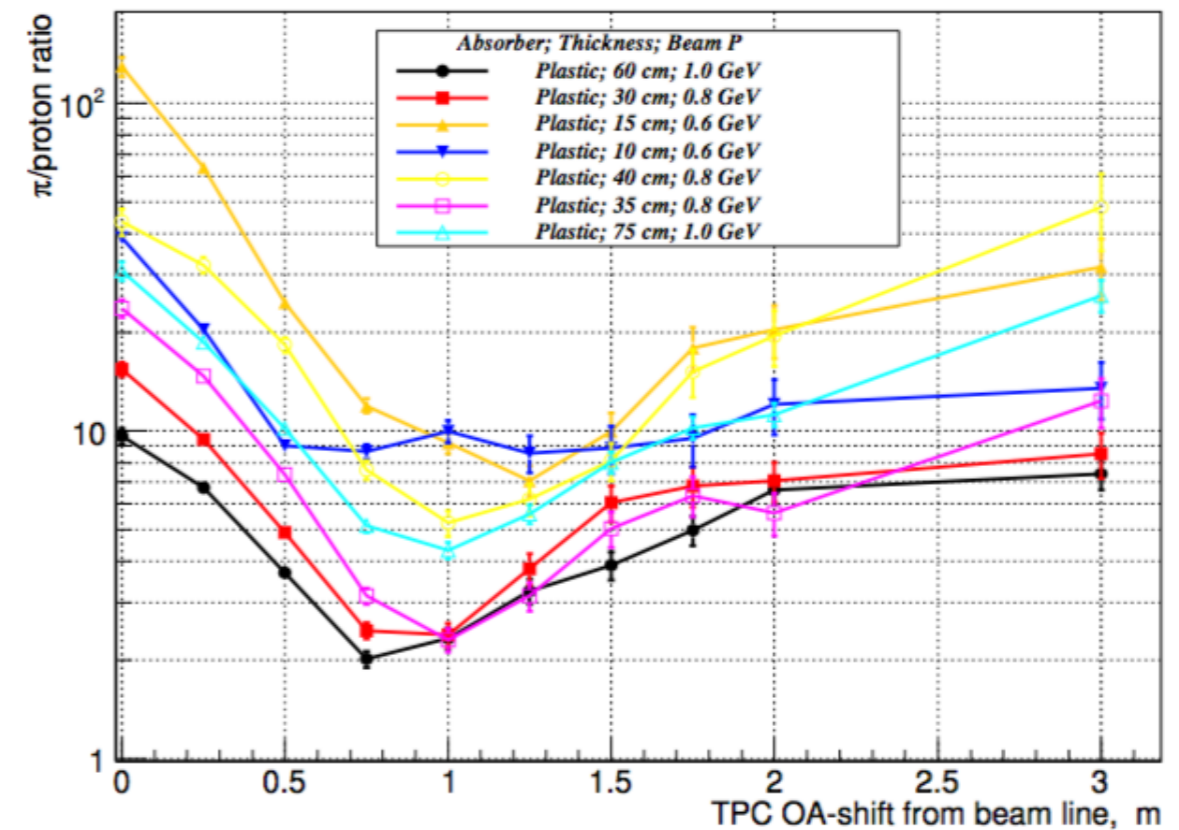
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Absorber studies: π &p from 1 GeV T10 beam in TPC in 13 m from absorber



(a) Effect of using different moderator materials.

Absorber studies: π &p from 1 GeV T10 beam in TPC in 13 m from absorber



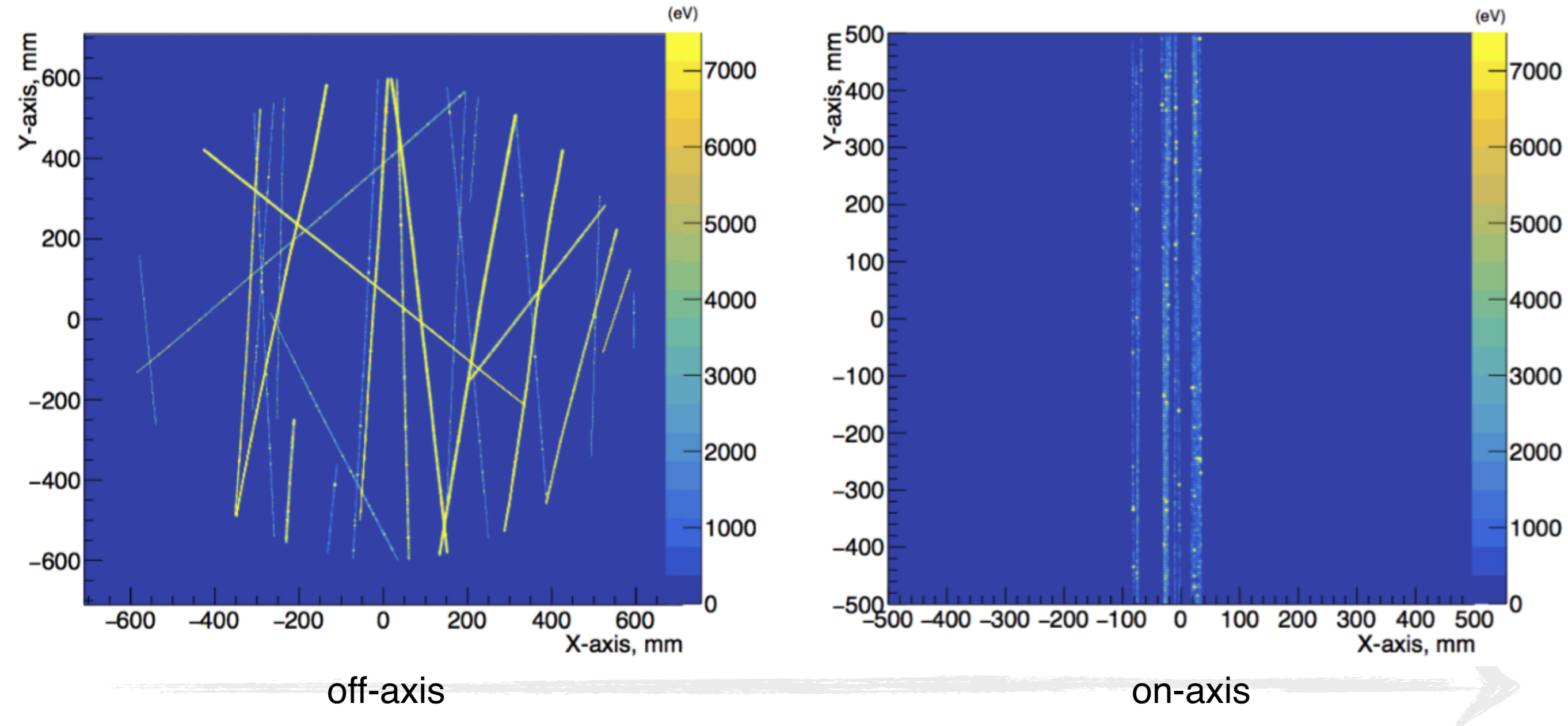
(b) Effect of beam momentum and moderator thickness.

Proposal Fig. 9

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Particle tracks in HPTPC (MC)

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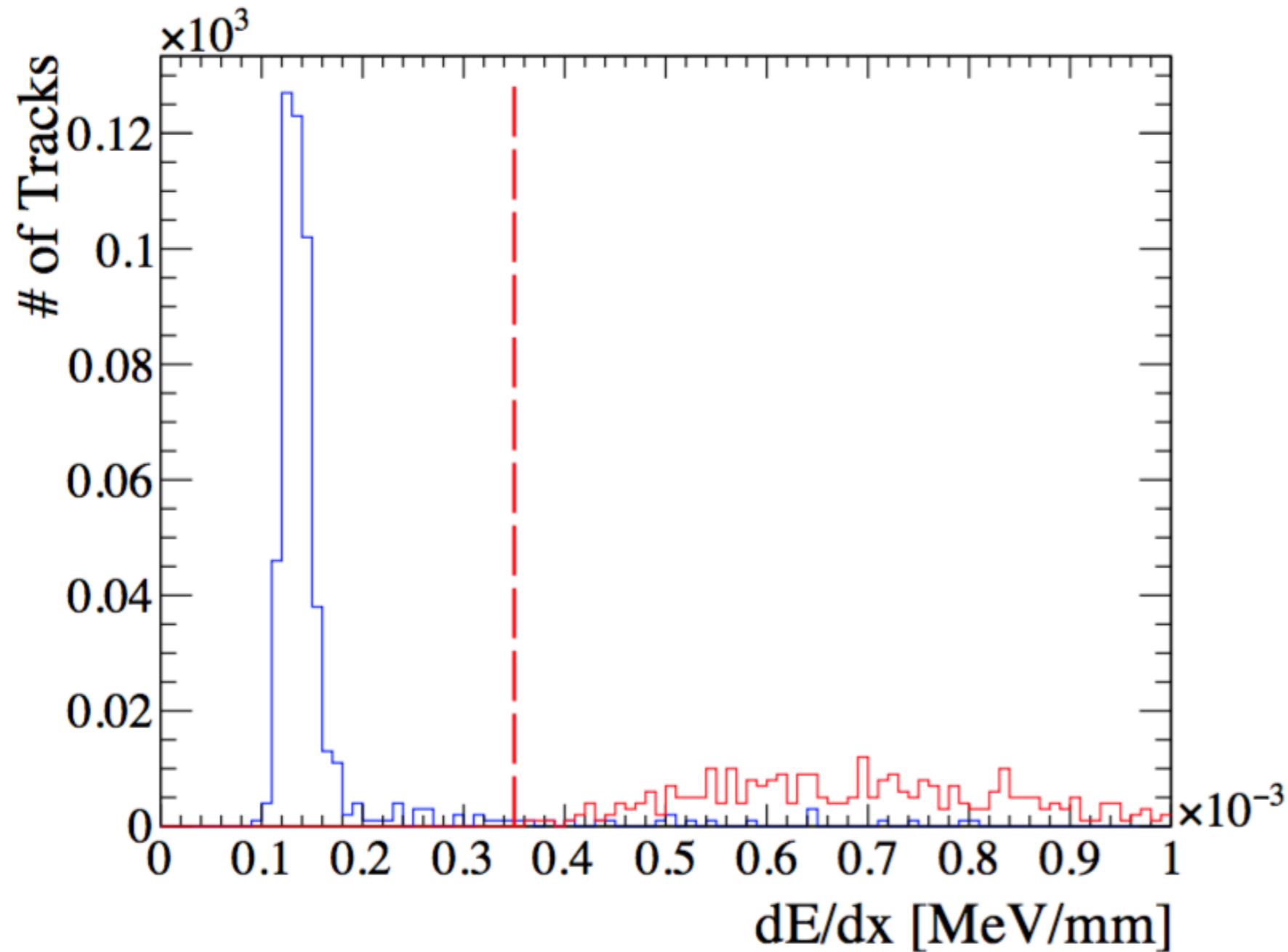


Proposal Fig. 14

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Proton/pion separation in HPTPC (MC)

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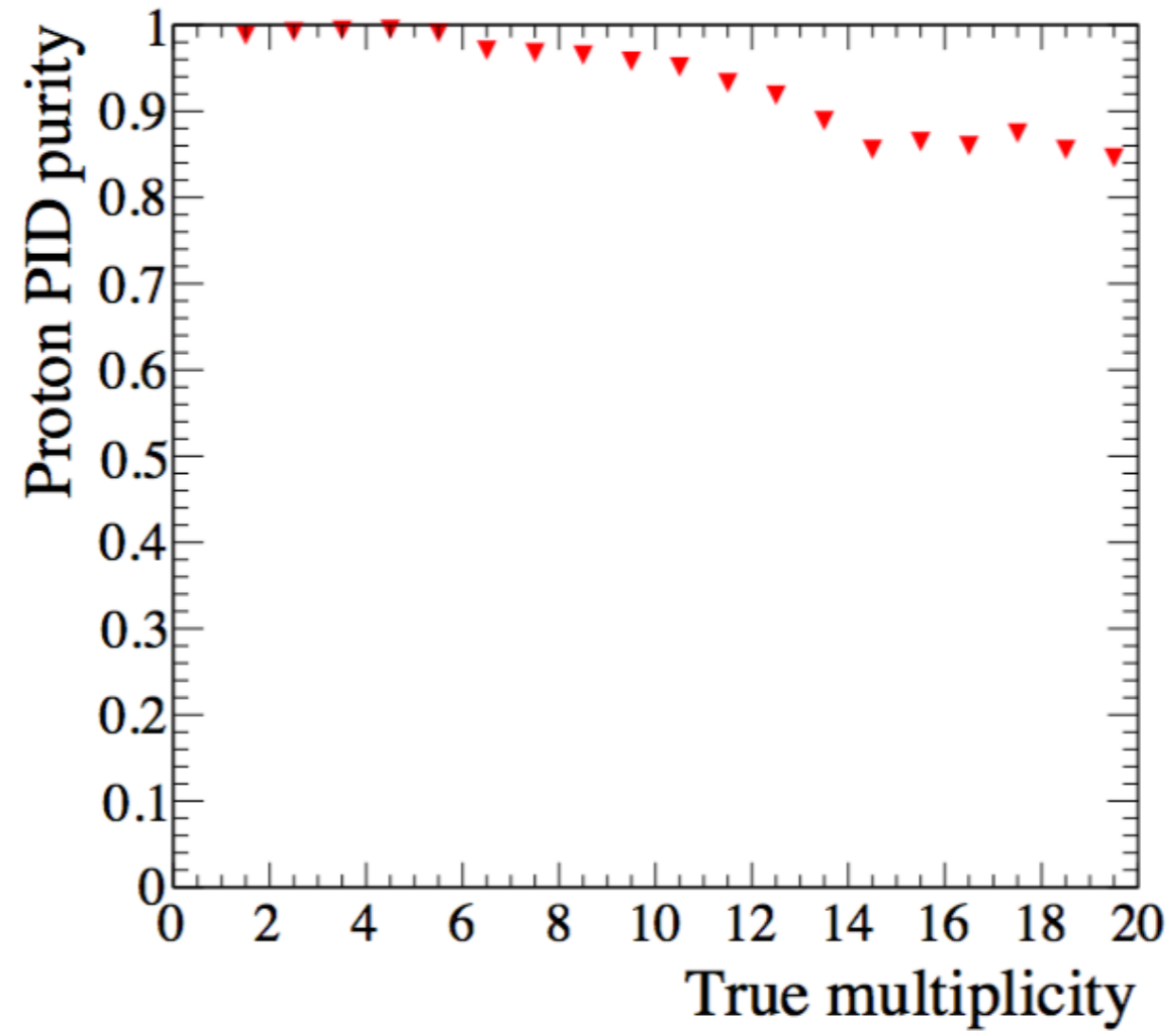
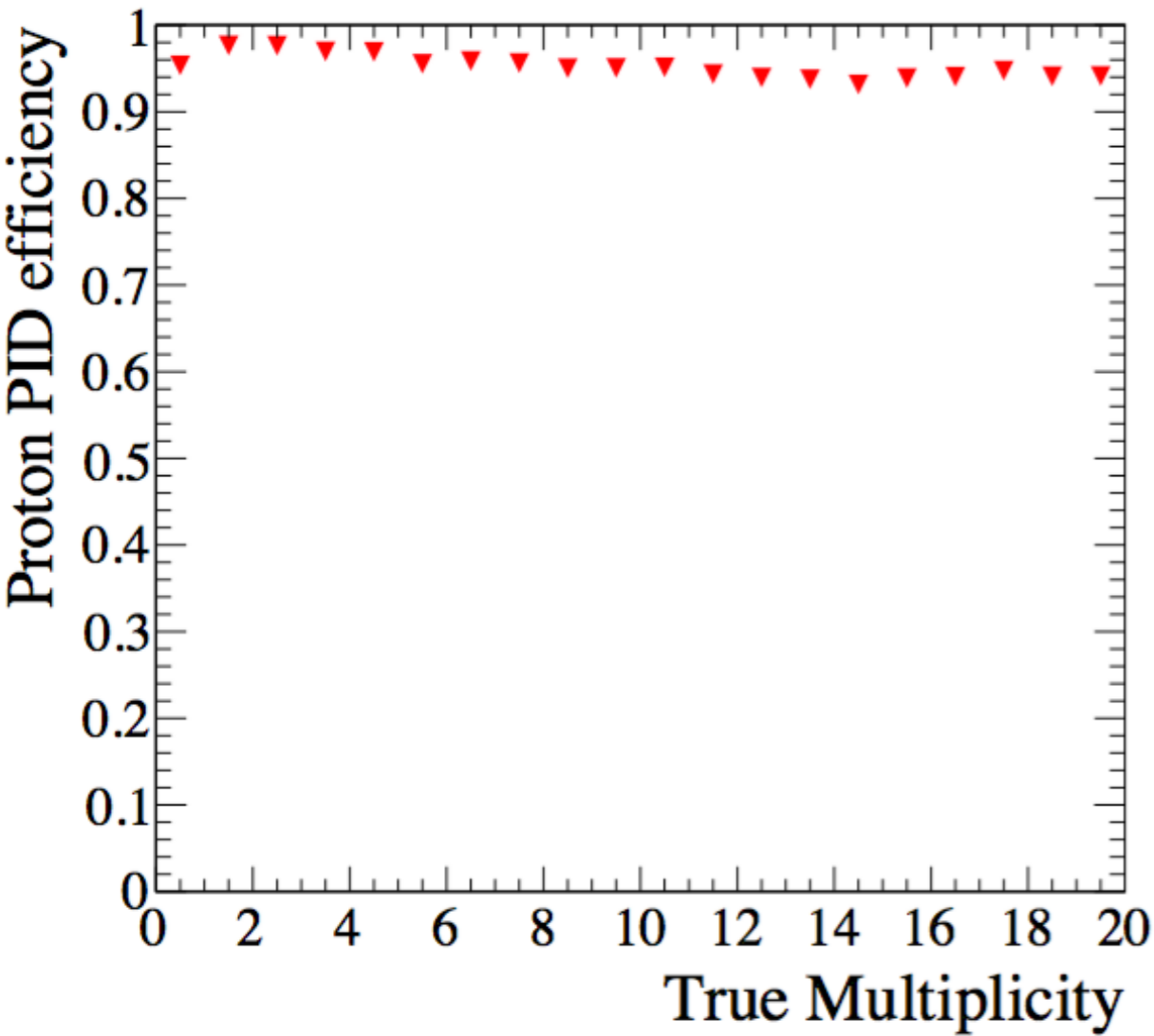


Proposal Fig. 15

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Proton reconstruction in HPTPC (MC)

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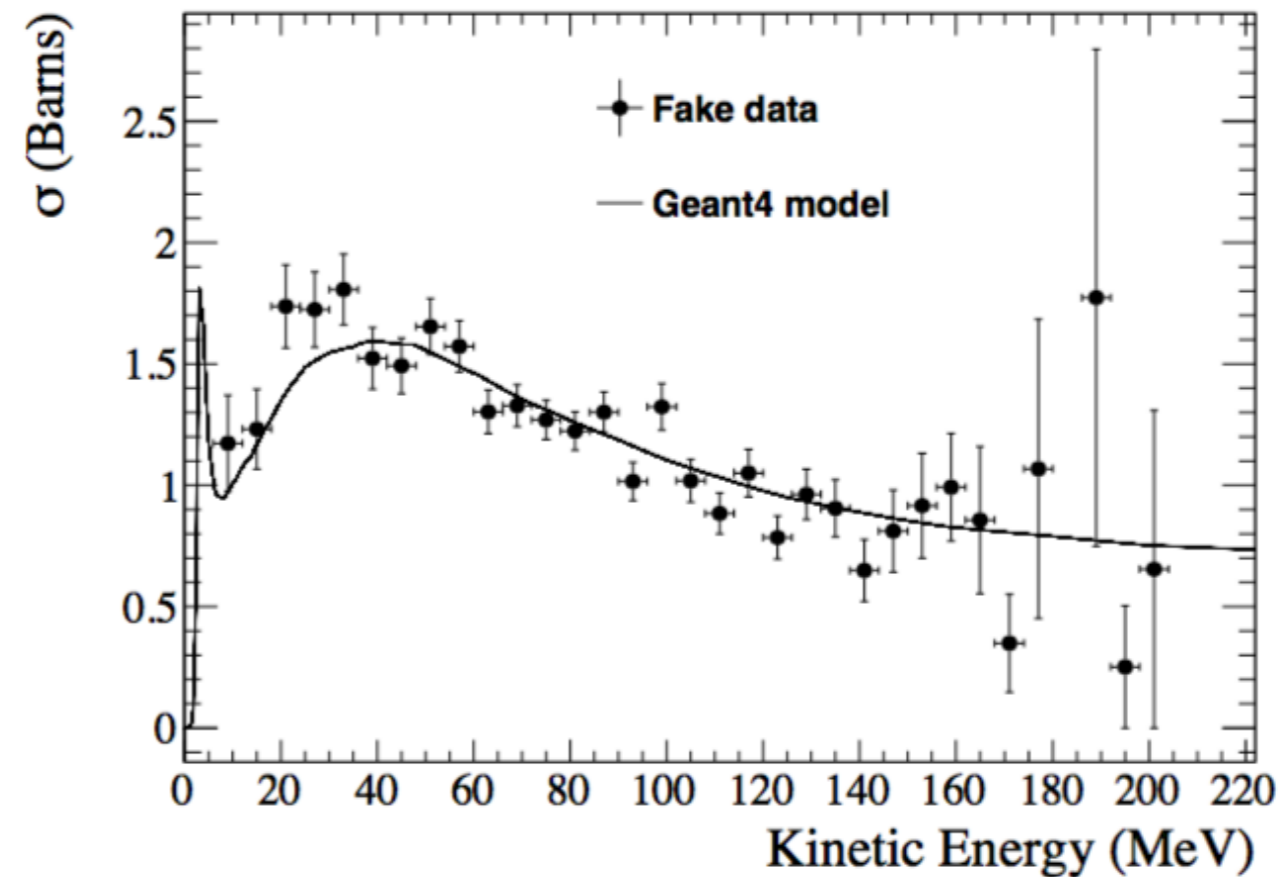
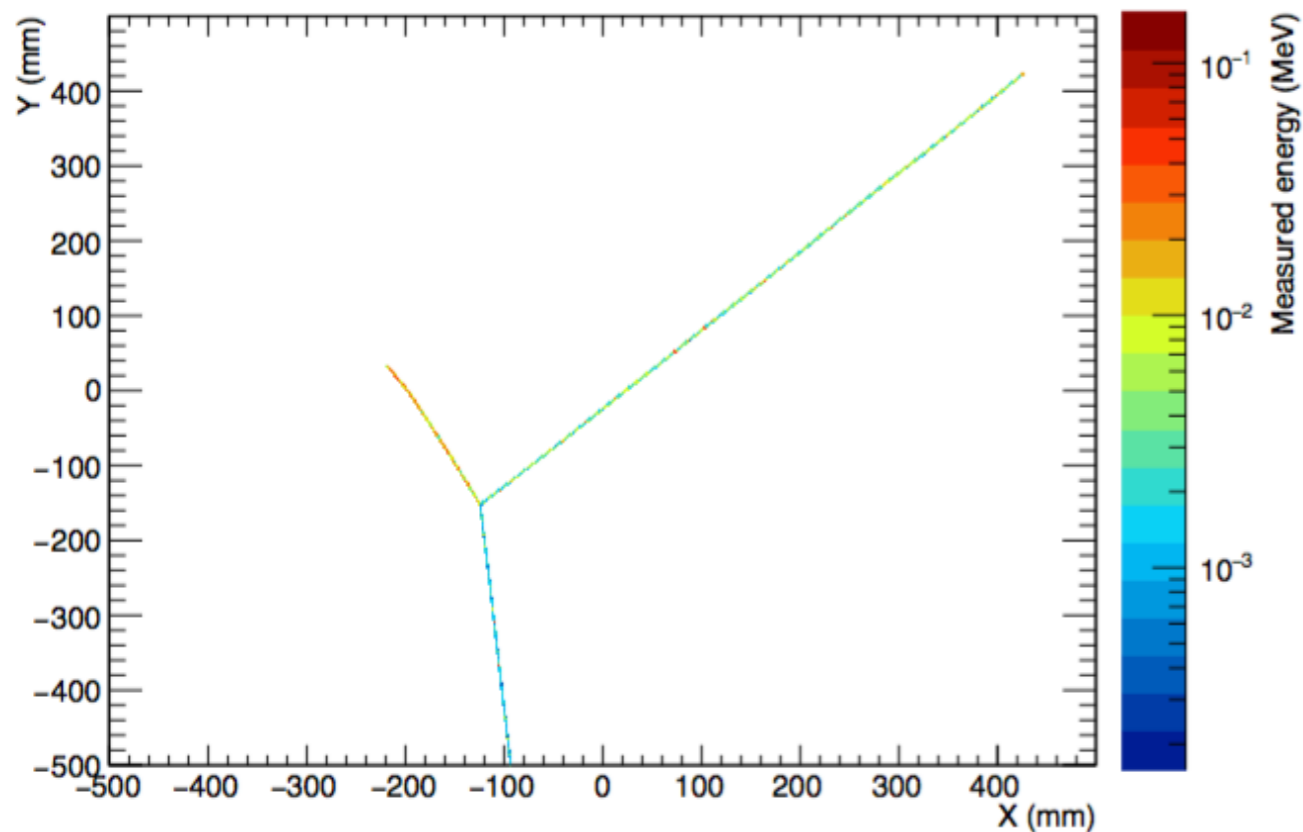


Proposal Fig. 17

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HPTPC mock data analysis

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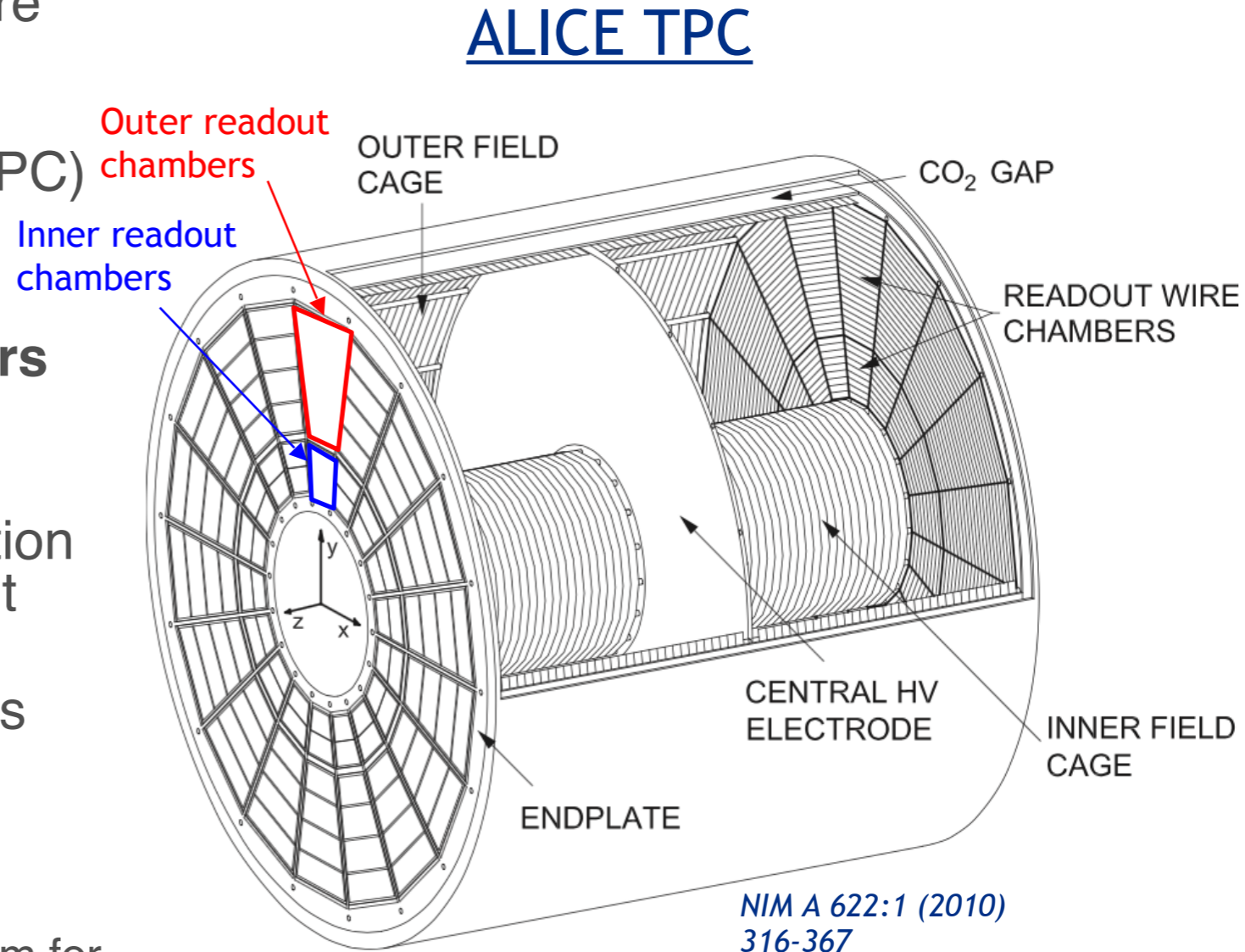
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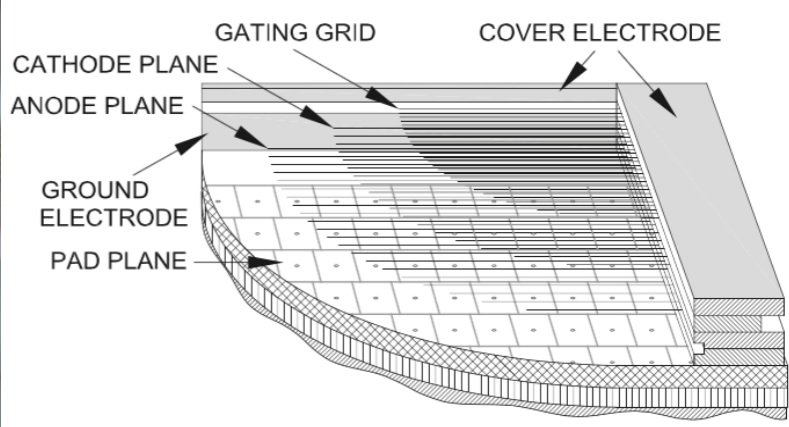
Fermilab HPTPC R&D

High Pressure GArTPC R&D at Fermilab

- DUNE Near Detector design options are under study now
 - LArTPC + downstream magnetized fine-grained tracker (e.g., HP-GArTPC)
- Attractive possibility for HP-GArTPC: **recycle ALICE TPC readout chambers**
 - ALICE chambers will be replaced during upcoming upgrade
 - Demonstrated excellent reconstruction capabilities in high-rate environment
 - Will provide excellent vertex visualization for neutrino interactions
 - Raw 3D data (pad plane readout)
 - Readout area $\sim 32 \text{ m}^2$, $\sim 557\text{k}$ channels
 - ALICE operation was at 1 atm
 - Need to demonstrate capability at 10 atm for use in DUNE ND complex

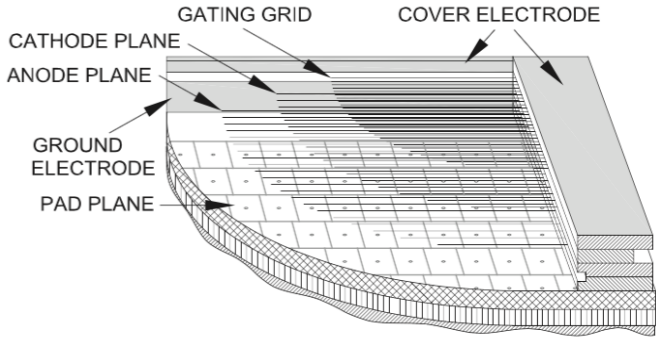
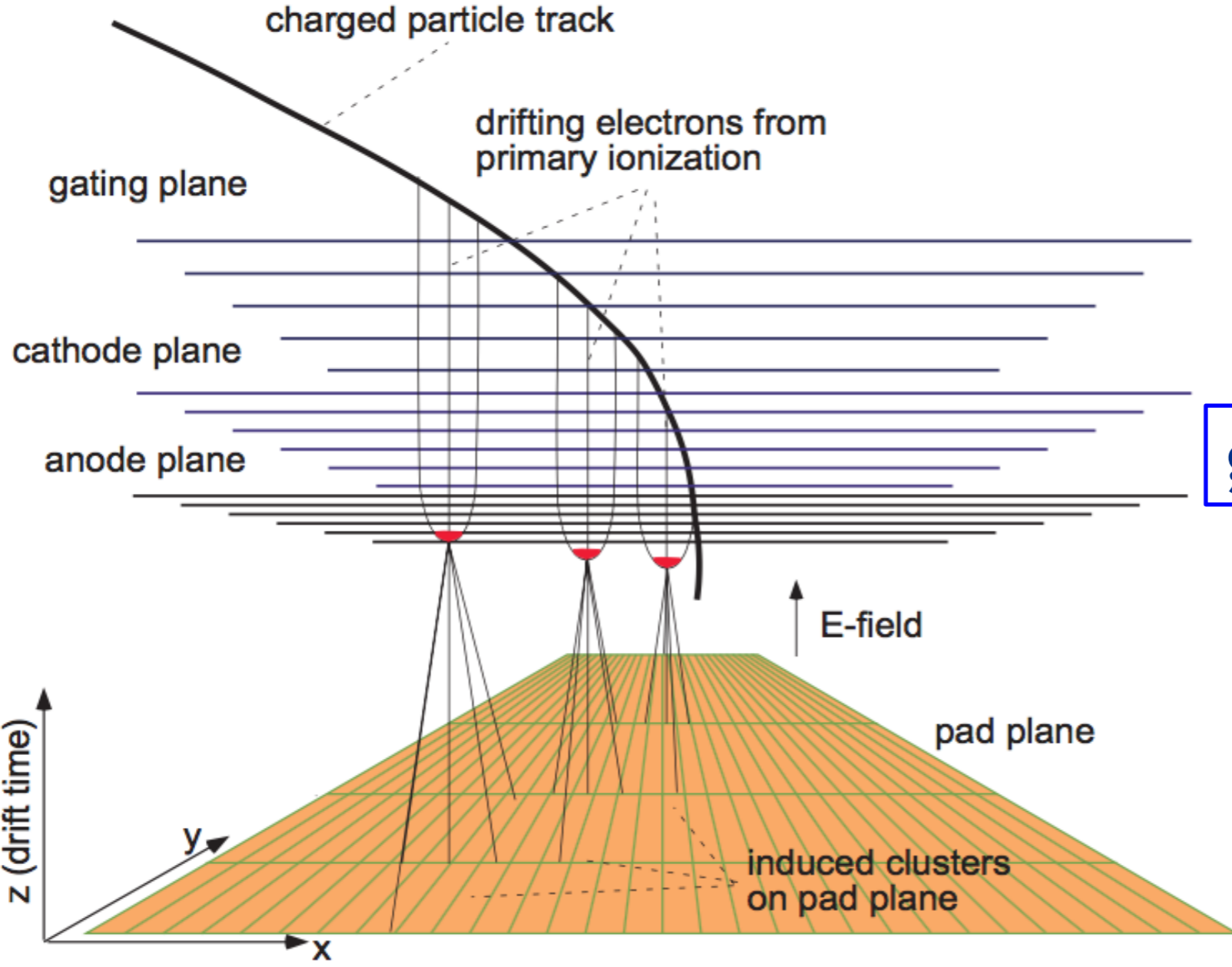


ALICE Inner Readout Chamber (IROC) @ Fermilab



IROC: connector side

Operating Principle

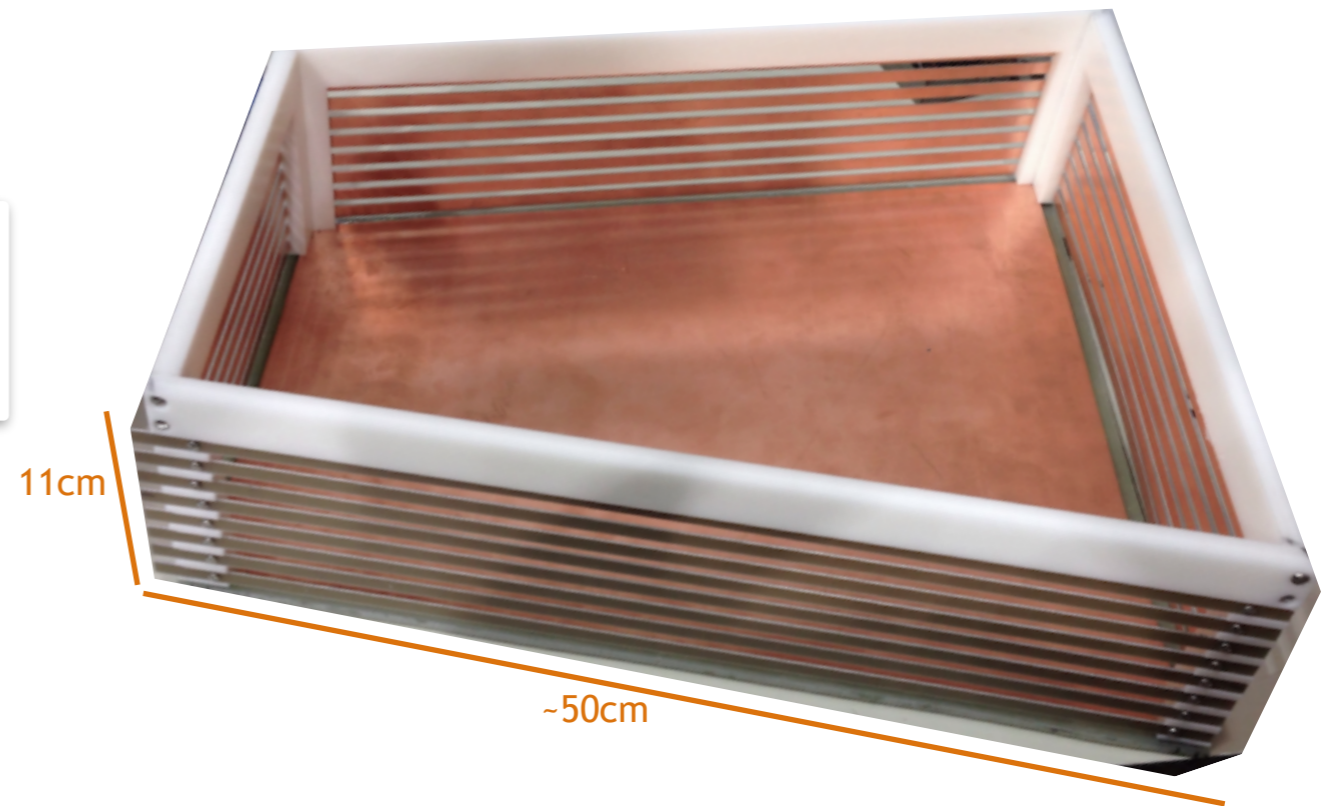
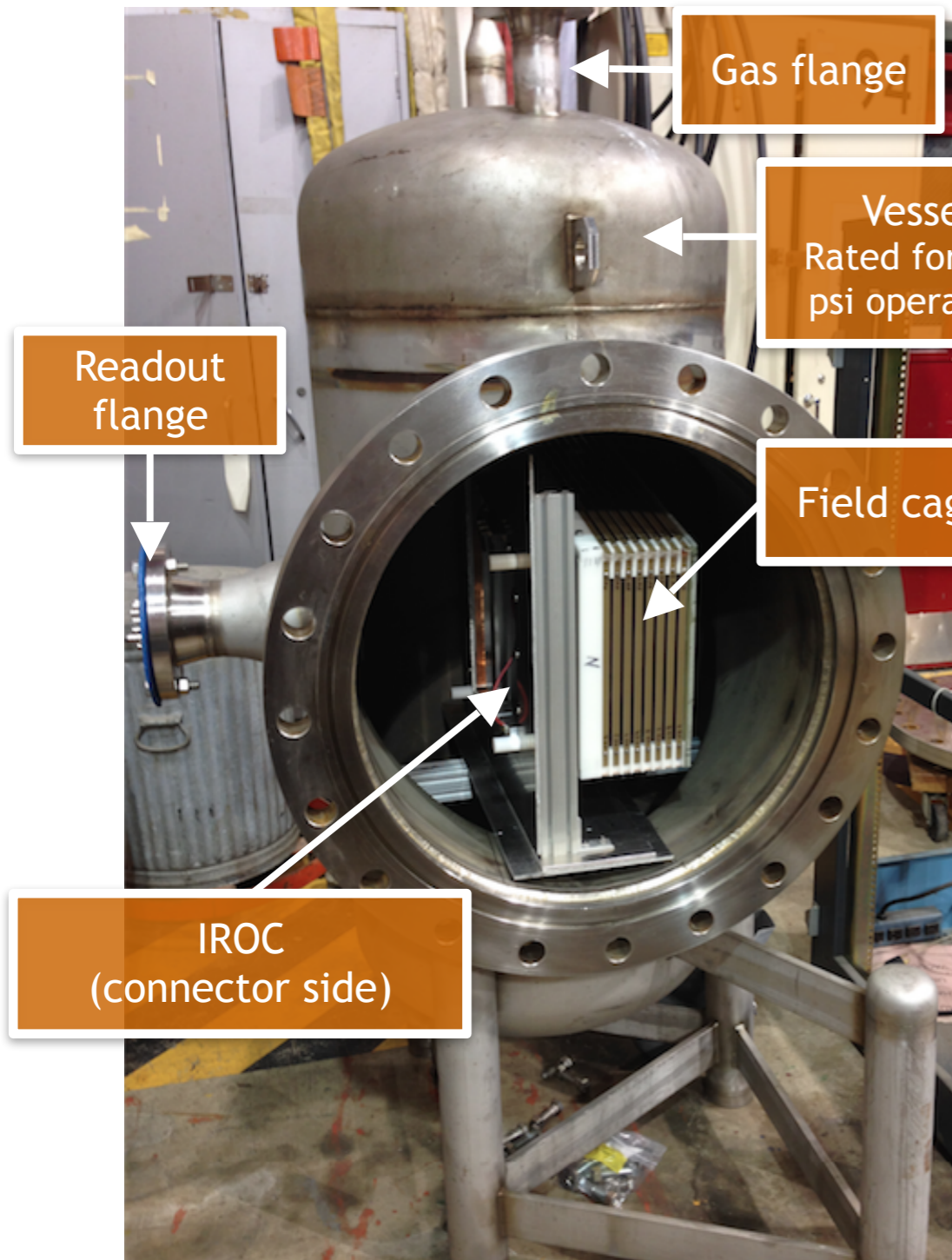


gain = $\sim 2 \times 10^4$

Readout pad plane

Characterization of a fully equipped ALICE TPC Readout Chamber, M.L. Knichel

Fermilab High Pressure GArTPC Test Bench



- Active volume $\sim 0.025 \text{ m}^3$ (25L)
- System designed for both 1 atm and 10 atm tests
- Will use LArIAT DAQ for pad readout
 - Verify TPC performance: gain, stability, uniformity
 - Operation in Fermilab charged particle test beam
 - Particle ID & reconstruction
 - Pile-up studies

Status and Future Plans

- Readout chamber and field cage constructed
- Preparing interface from IROC to LArIAT DAQ
- Gas system under construction
 - Test at 1 atm by the end of the year
 - 90:10 Ar:CO₂ and/or Ar:CH₄ to start
 - Test other gas mixtures, e.g. Xe-doped Ar
 - Tests at higher pressure after successful completion of 1 atm
- Future
 - Operation in charged particle test beam
 - Larger vessel and readout chambers ($\sim 1 \text{ m}^3$) in NuMI neutrino beam

Summary

- An HPTPC neutrino detector will open a new window into dynamics of neutrino-nucleus scattering
 - Complementary to Ar-only measurements of LArTPCs & off-axis techniques of E61
 - Building 1m³ prototype for HPTPC R&D in UK
 - Measure hadronic scattering on Ar (at least)
 - ✓ TPC & readout working, pressure vessel delivered
 - ✓ Baseline reconstruction & analysis working
 - Will become a test bench for further collaborative R&D efforts
 - Separate FNAL HPTPC R&D programme ongoing
 - Proposal for beam test run submitted to CERN SPSC
- ➡ Working toward international collaboration to develop (and build) HPTPC *neutrino* detector



**Thank you for your
attention!**

ご清聴ありがとうございました

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Motivation: xsec systematics

- 2016 T2K OA xsec systematics at 6-7% level

- **this table does not include biases from 2p2h effects**

- CPV sensitivity improved dramatically with $\sim 2\%$ overall systematics

- Systematics driven by discrepancies between interaction models and data

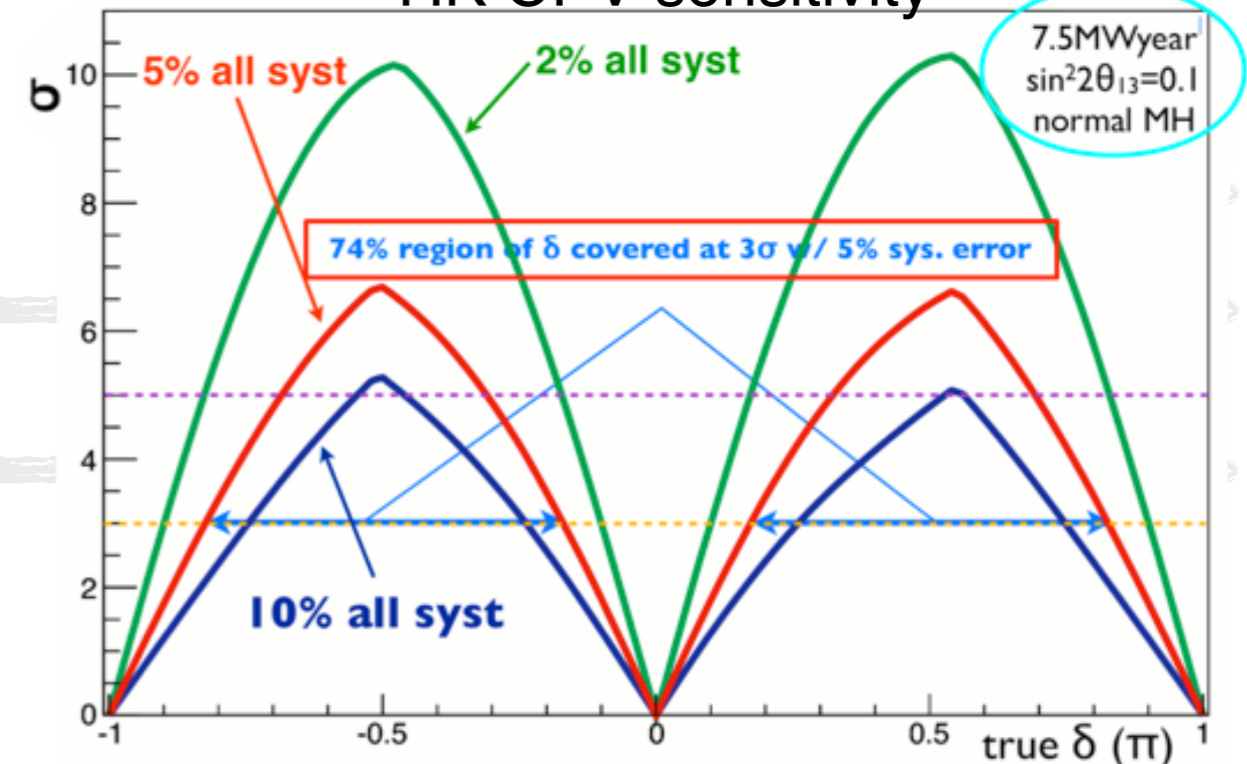
- What will we find with newer/better data??

➔ To get better models in generators, need better data for tuning models

T2K 2016 systematic error table

| Error Type | δ_{NSK}/N_{SK} (%) | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | 1-Ring μ | | 1-Ring e | | |
| | ν mode | $\bar{\nu}$ mode | ν mode | $\bar{\nu}$ mode | $\nu/\bar{\nu}$ |
| SK Detector | 3.9 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 1.6 |
| SK Final State & Secondary Interactions | 1.5 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3.5 |
| ND280 Constrained Flux & Cross-section | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.2 |
| $\sigma_{\nu_e}/\sigma_{\nu_\mu}, \sigma_{\bar{\nu}_e}/\sigma_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}$ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 3.1 |
| NC 1γ Cross-section | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 3.0 | 1.5 |
| NC Other Cross-section | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Total Systematic Error | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 6.8 | 5.9 |
| External Constraint on $\theta_{12}, \theta_{13}, \Delta m_{21}^2$ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 0.8 |

HK CPV sensitivity



Cross-section systematics

- ν_μ CCQE data show low/high E_ν discrepancies

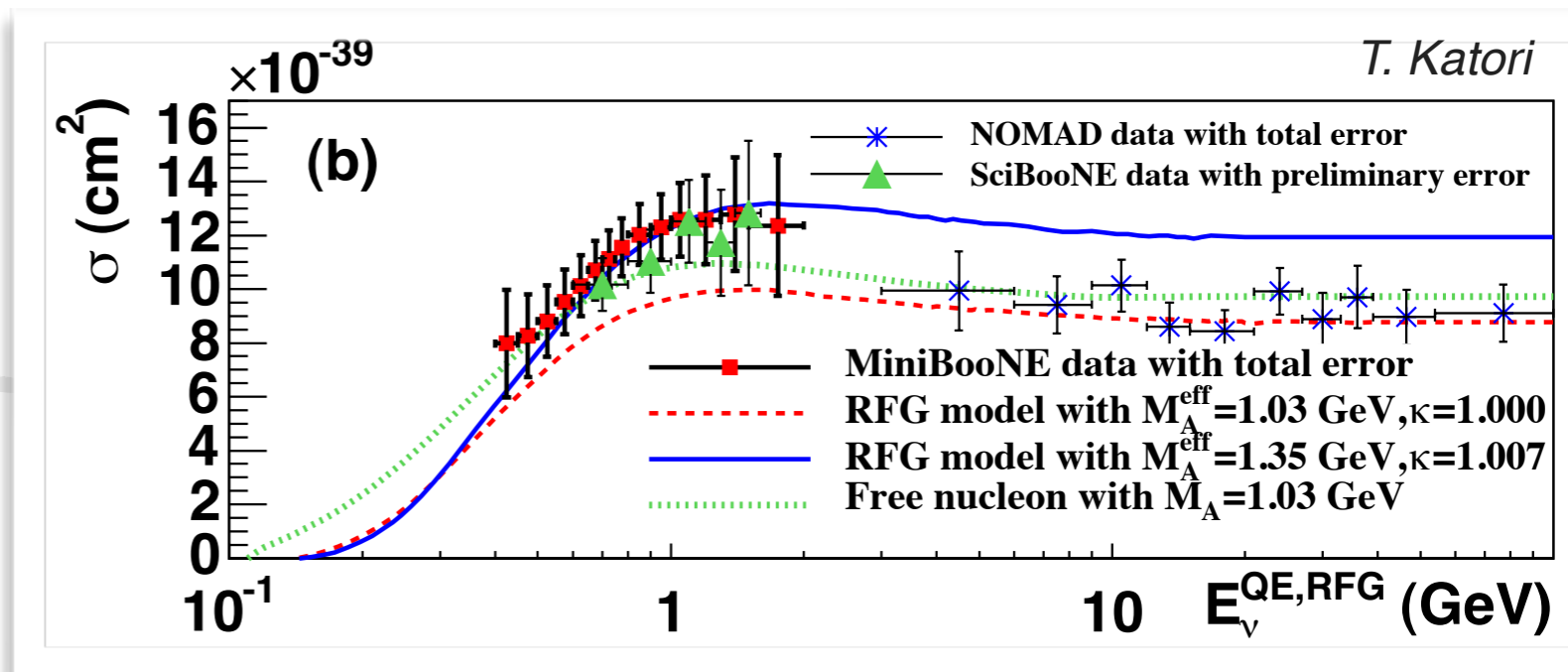
- MiniBooNE/SciBooNE & NOMAD

- Explanation: multinucleon scattering — not simulated by neutrino interaction generator MCs

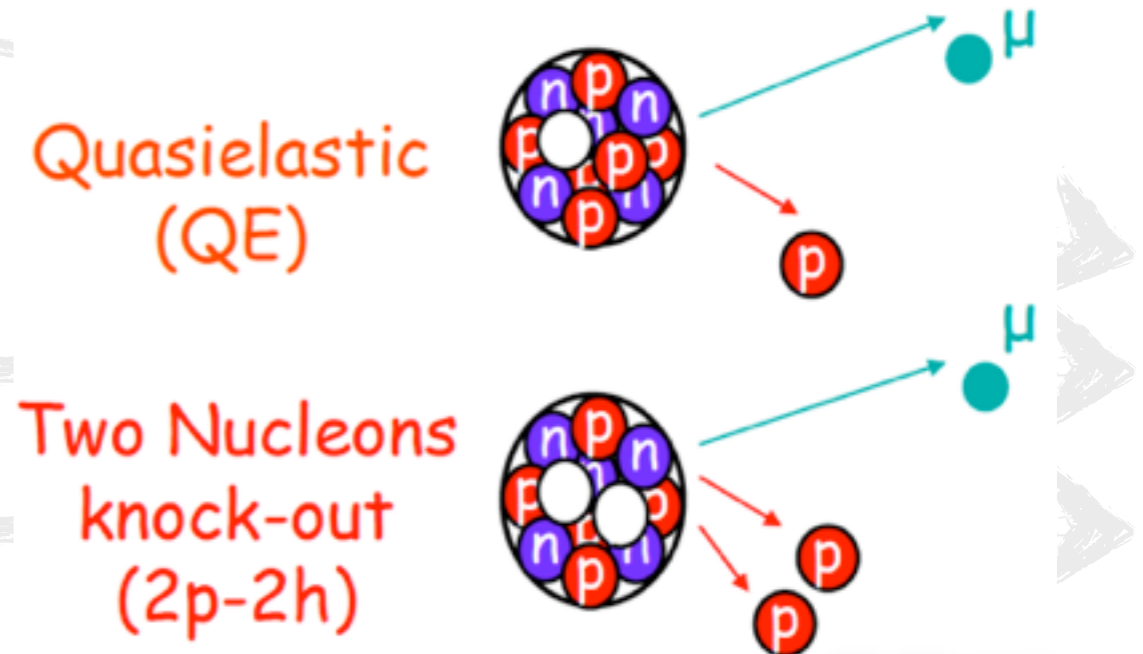
- ➔ Not included in MINOS, MiniBooNE, early T2K, early NOvA publications

- Misidentified events are not reconstructed correctly — results in biased E

- Even very small effects can become important when you are driving toward 2% total errors!



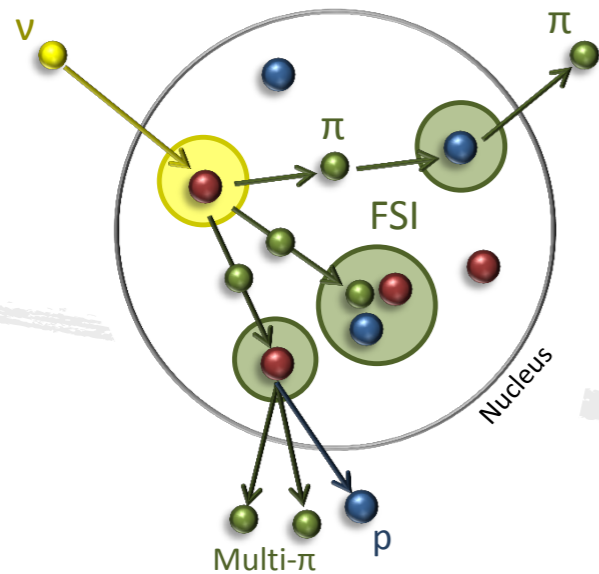
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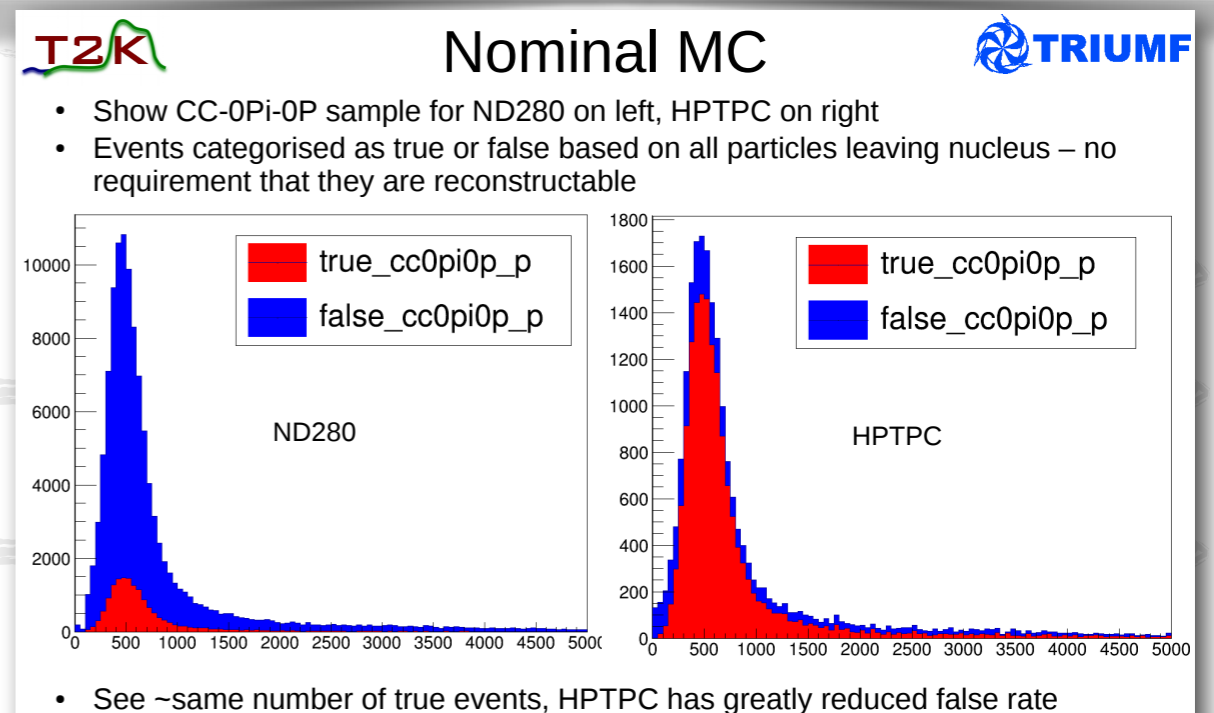
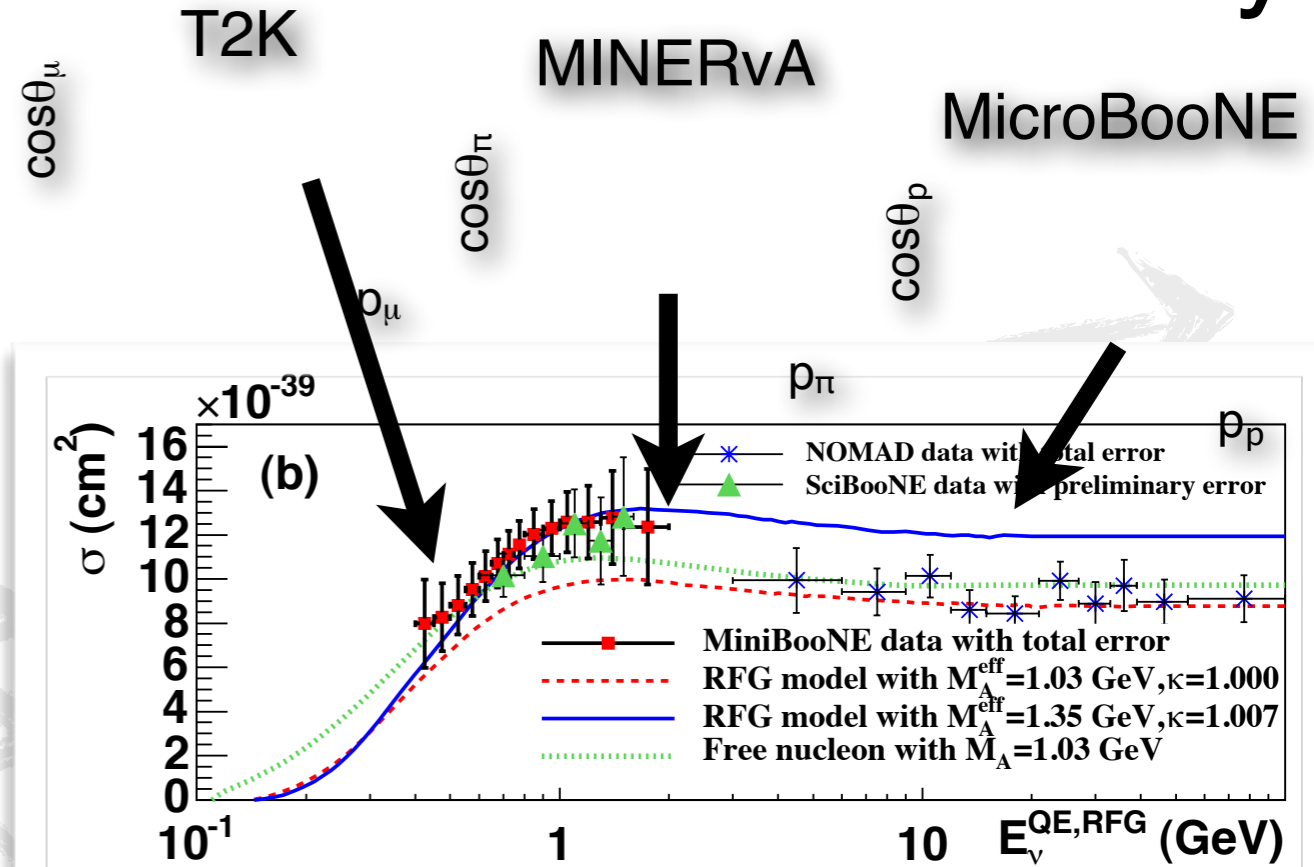
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Growing Consensus in ν -interaction community



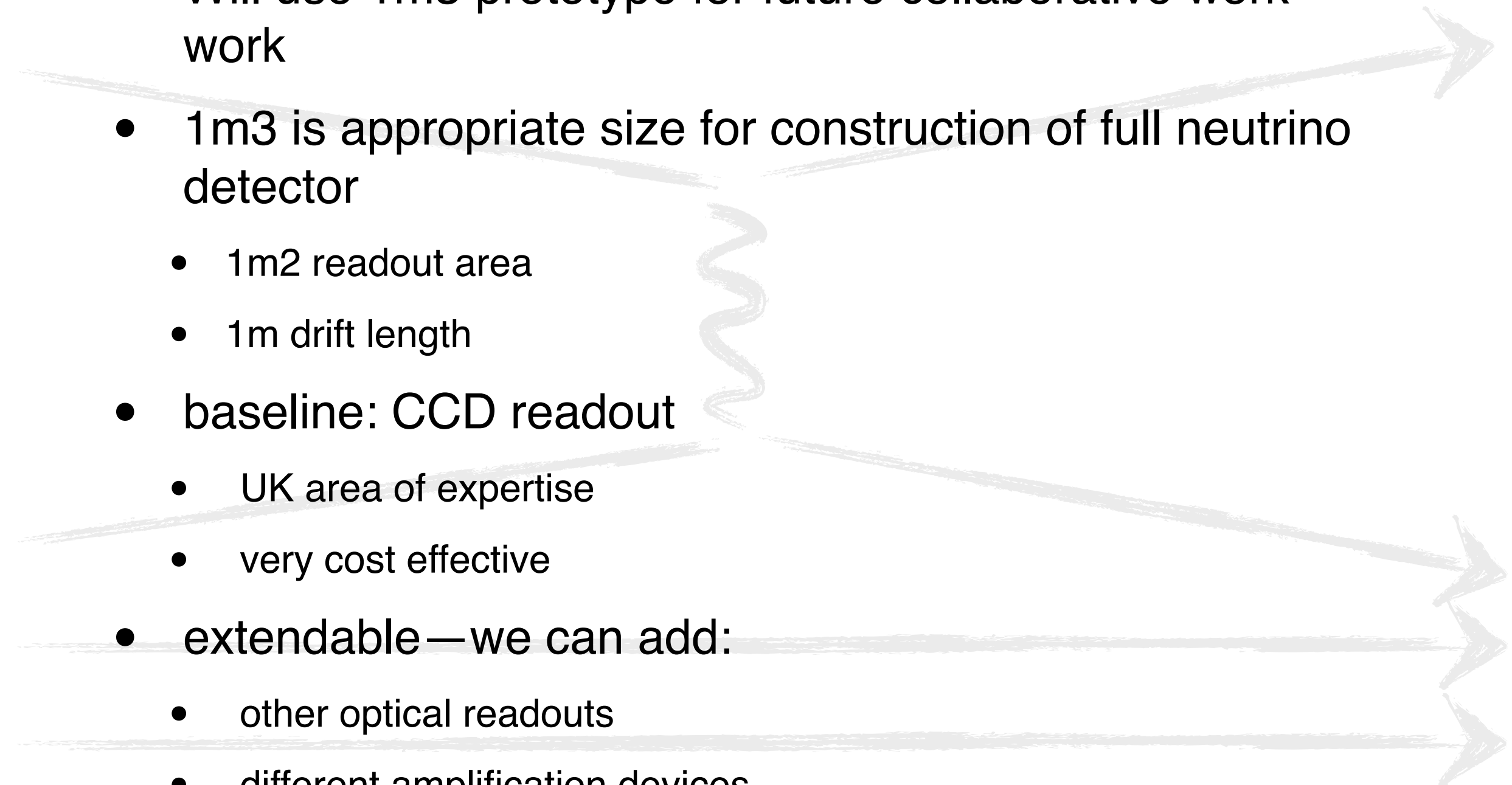
- We need broad coverage
 - Model independent measurements spanning full phase space (4π) **and many nuclei**
- Need sufficiently low energy thresholds for recoil nucleons to separate 1p1h from 2p2h events

➔ Gas TPC provides unique opportunities to address issues



• See ~same number of true events, HPTPC has greatly reduced false rate

1 m³ prototype overview

- Will use 1 m³ prototype for future collaborative work work
 - 1 m³ is appropriate size for construction of full neutrino detector
 - 1 m² readout area
 - 1 m drift length
 - baseline: CCD readout
 - UK area of expertise
 - very cost effective
 - extendable — we can add:
 - other optical readouts
 - different amplification devices
 - direct charge readout
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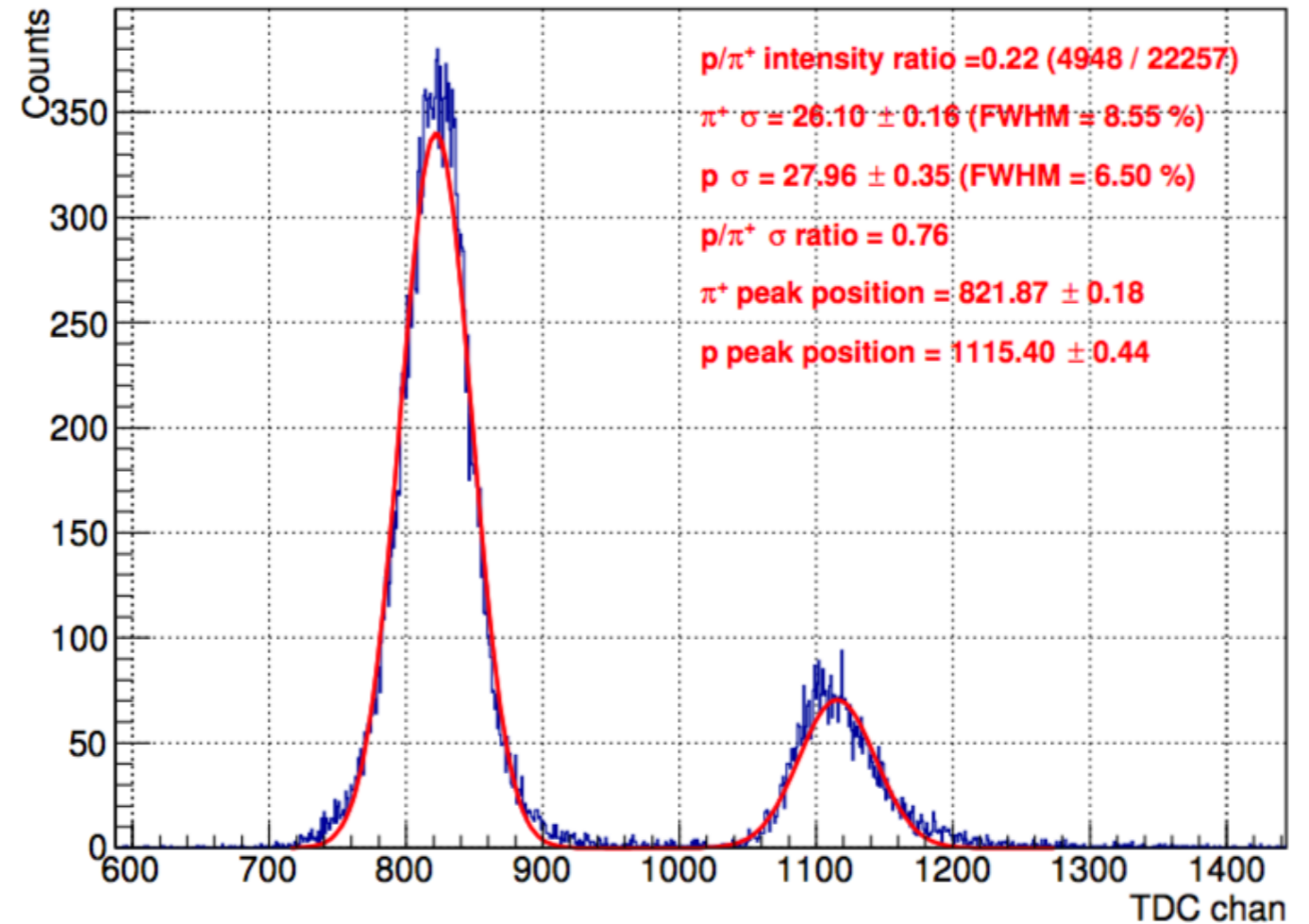
T9/T10 flux measurements

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(a) Upstream TOF station in T9.

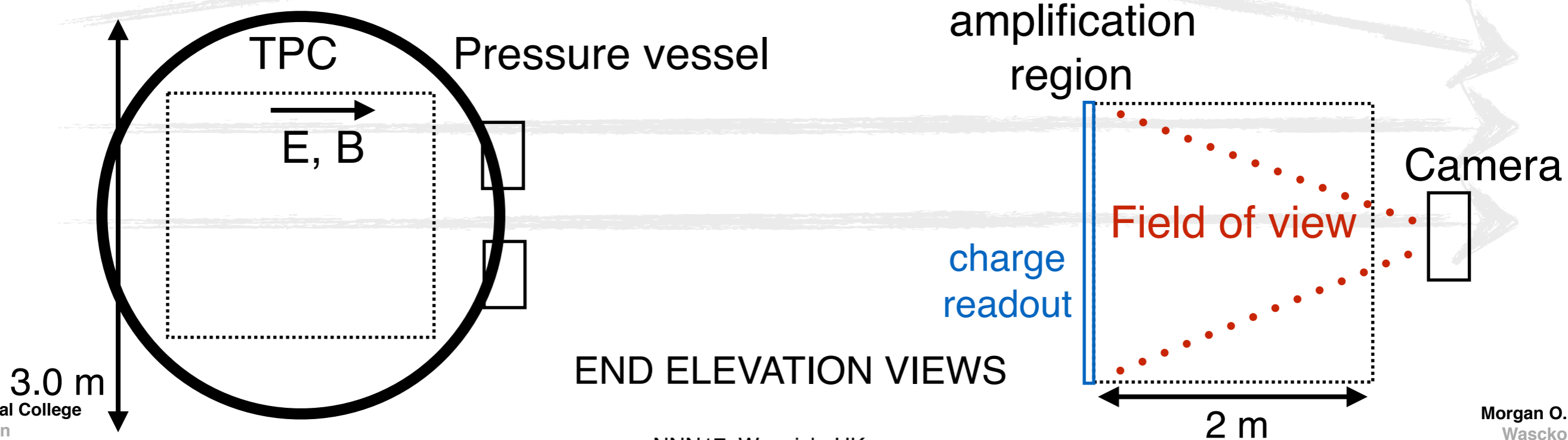
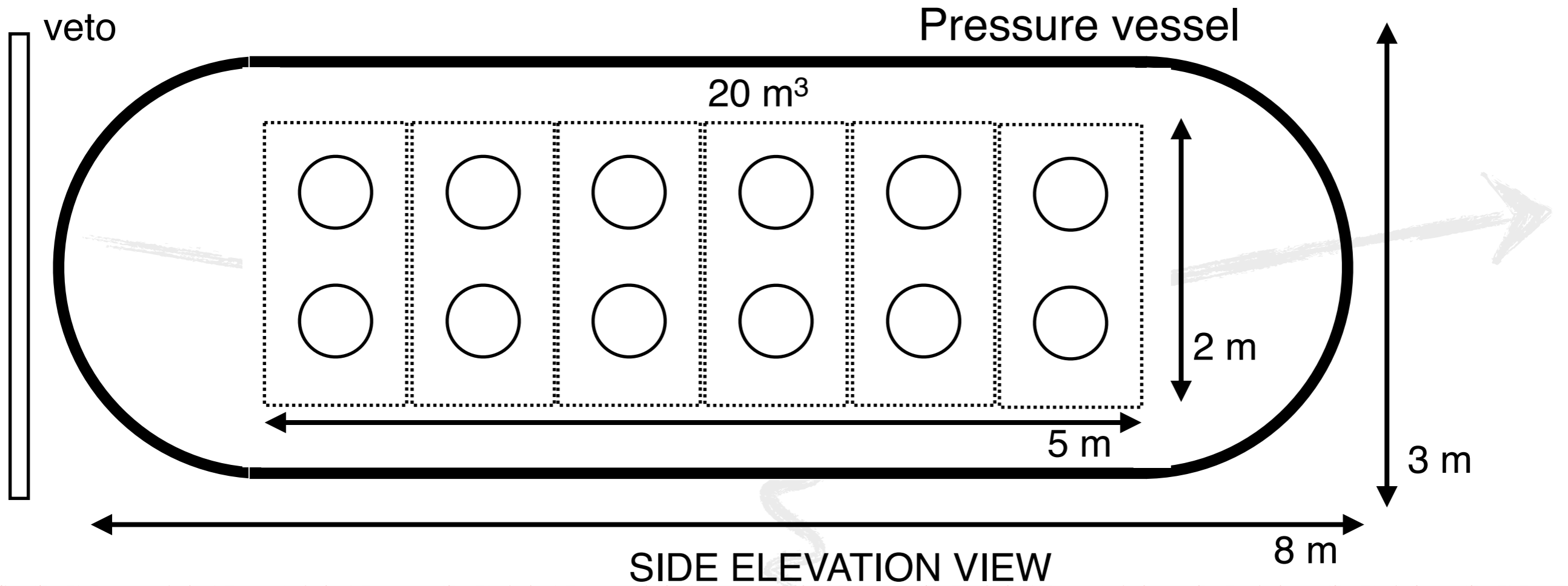
TDC spectrum



(b) Example of TOF spectra accumulated during a single run.

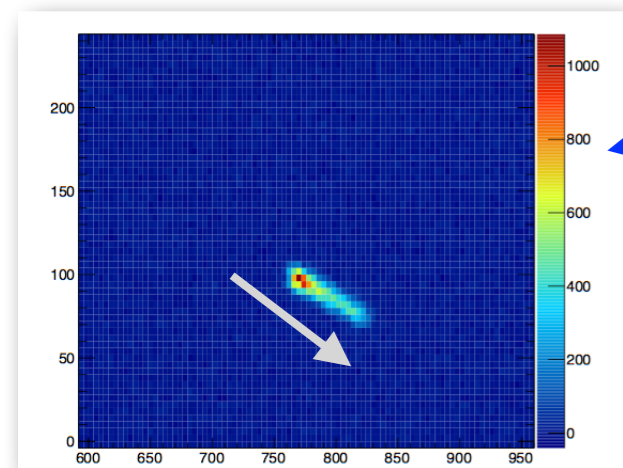
Proposal Fig. 4

What might an HPTPC neutrino detector look like?

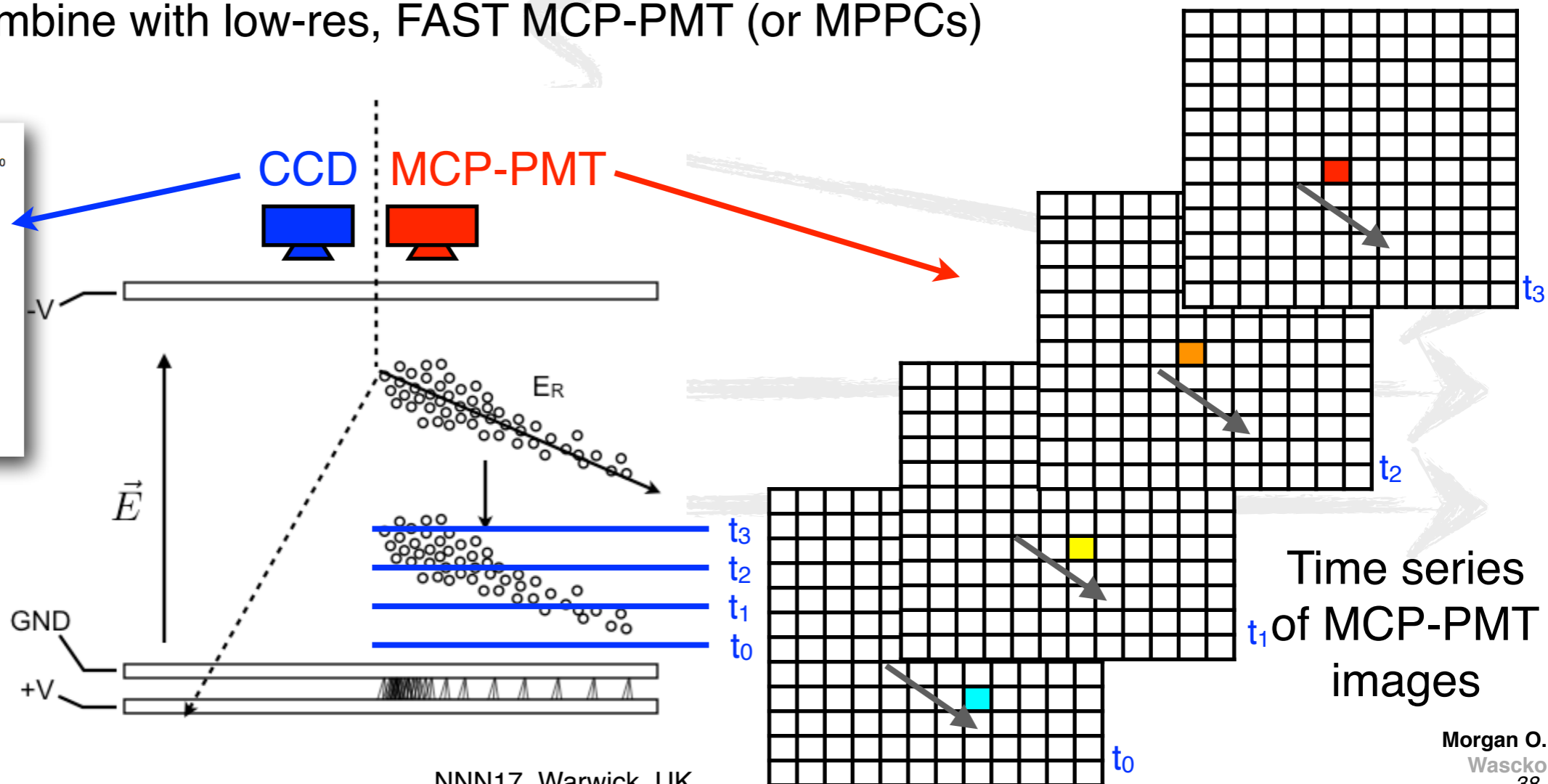


Hybrid optical readout

- Can tracking be established with only optical readout?
- Build hybrid system of high spatial resolution CCD with fast timing optical system (e.g. MCP-PMT) to reconstruct tracks in the third (drift) dimension
 - High-res, slow CCD readout as described previously
 - Combine with low-res, FAST MCP-PMT (or MPPCs)



High resolution
CCD image



Time series
of MCP-PMT
images

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