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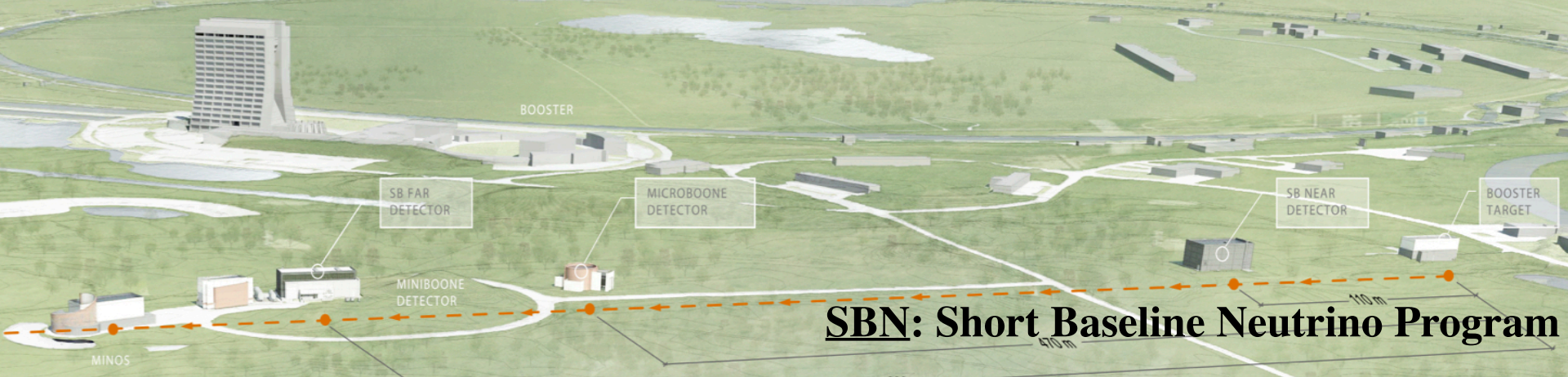
## Status of ( $\pi^-$ ,Ar) and ( $K^+$ ,Ar)

### Total Hadronic Cross Sections

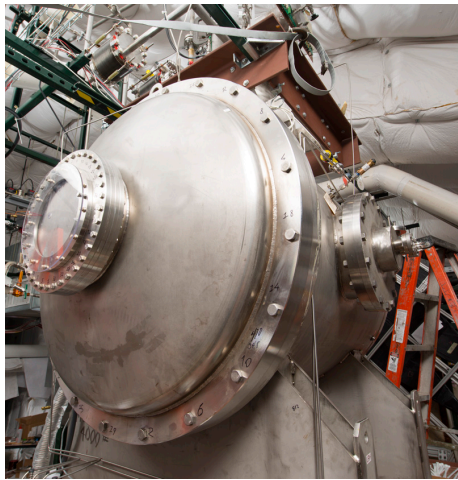
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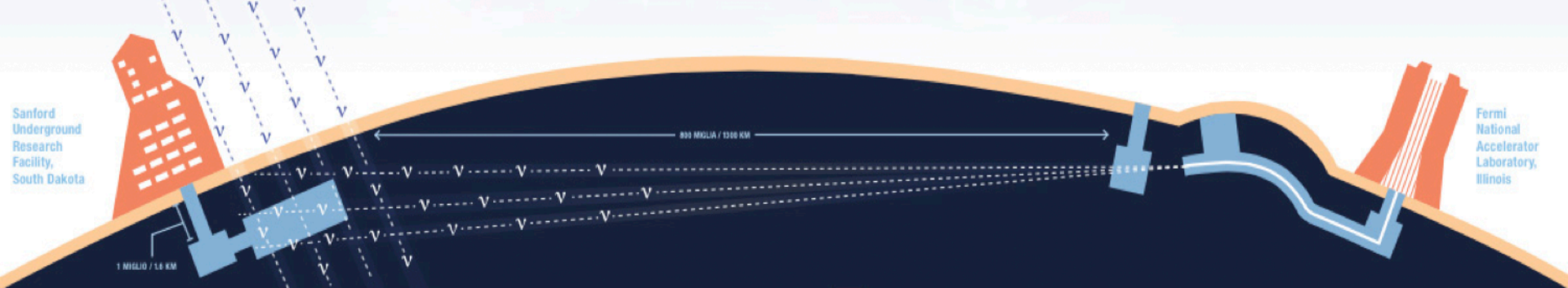


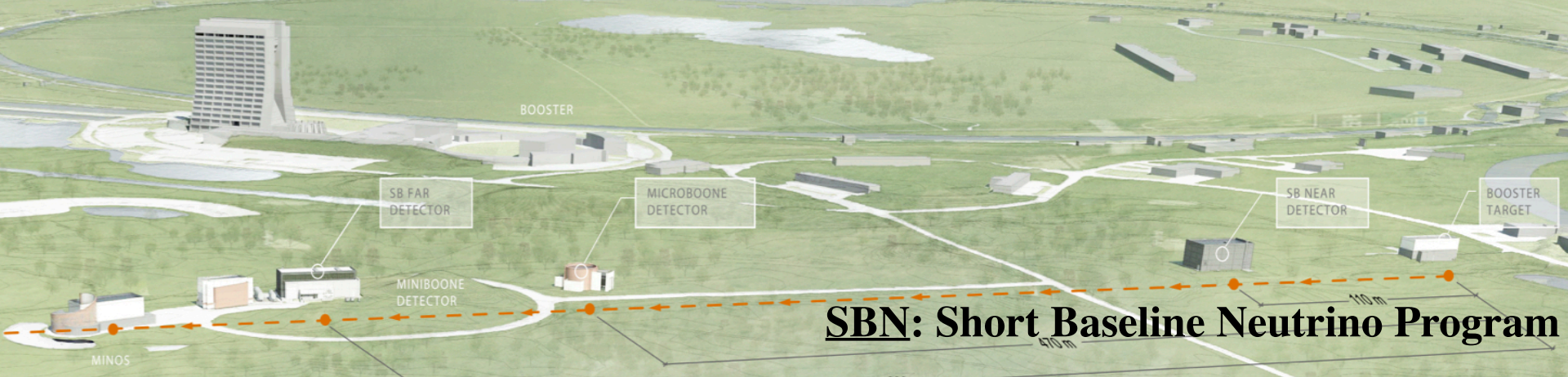
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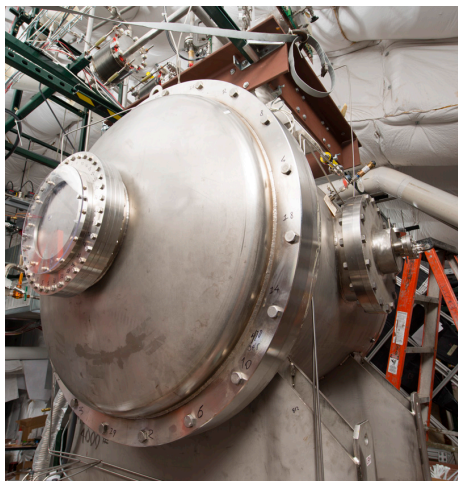
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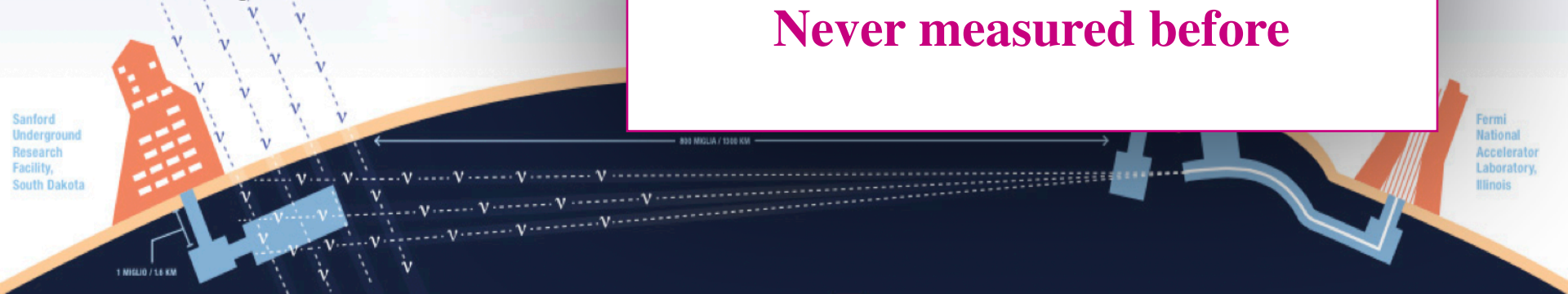
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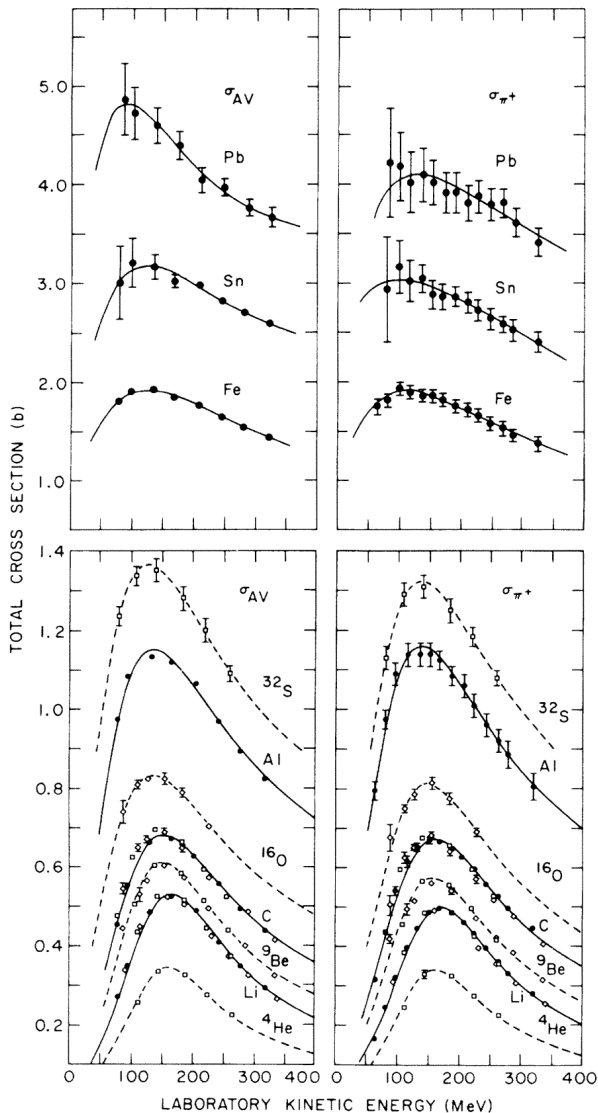
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$(\pi, \text{Ar})$  ,  $(K^+, \text{Ar})$   
**Total interaction cross sections**  
**Never measured before**

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# $\pi$ Cross Section in the Grand Scheme



D. Ashery et al. Phys. Rev. C23, 2173 (1981)

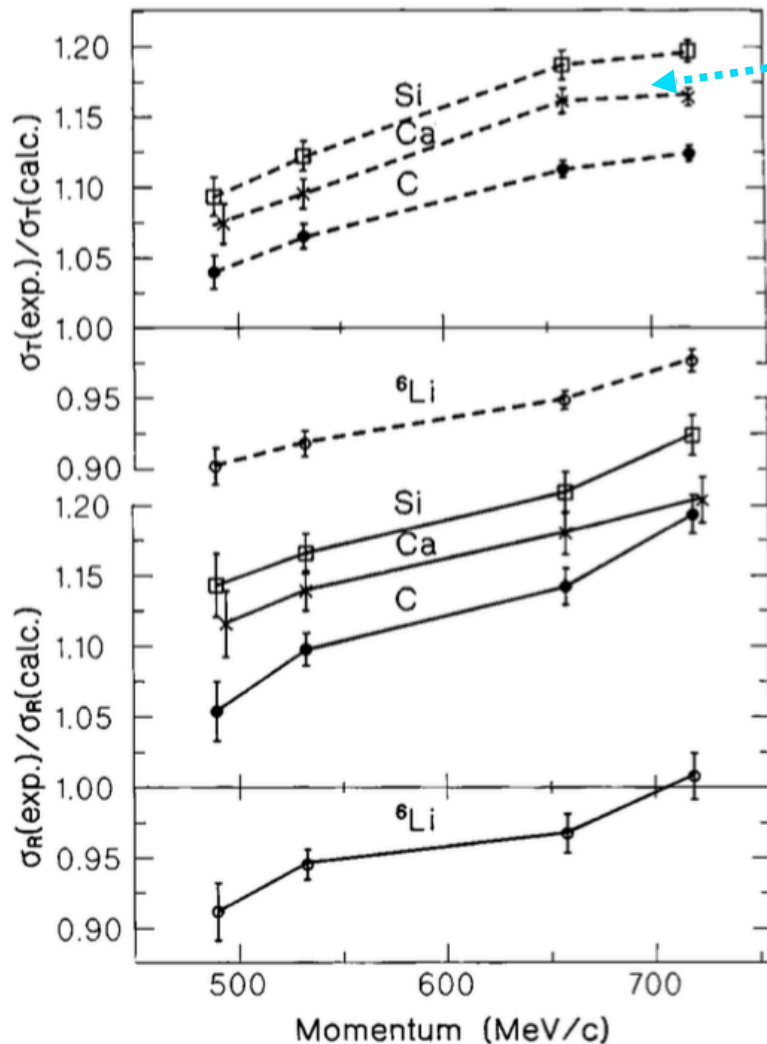
## Pion Cross section:

In the energy range of **100-500 MeV**, pion interactions are dominated by  **$\Delta$  resonances**, and the  $\pi$ -Ar cross section is boosted... the topology of  $\nu$  events gets complicated!

**Geant4 uses interpolation from lighter-heavier nuclei**

The shape of the delta resonance **changes** as a function of the **mass number**

# K Cross Section in the Grand Scheme



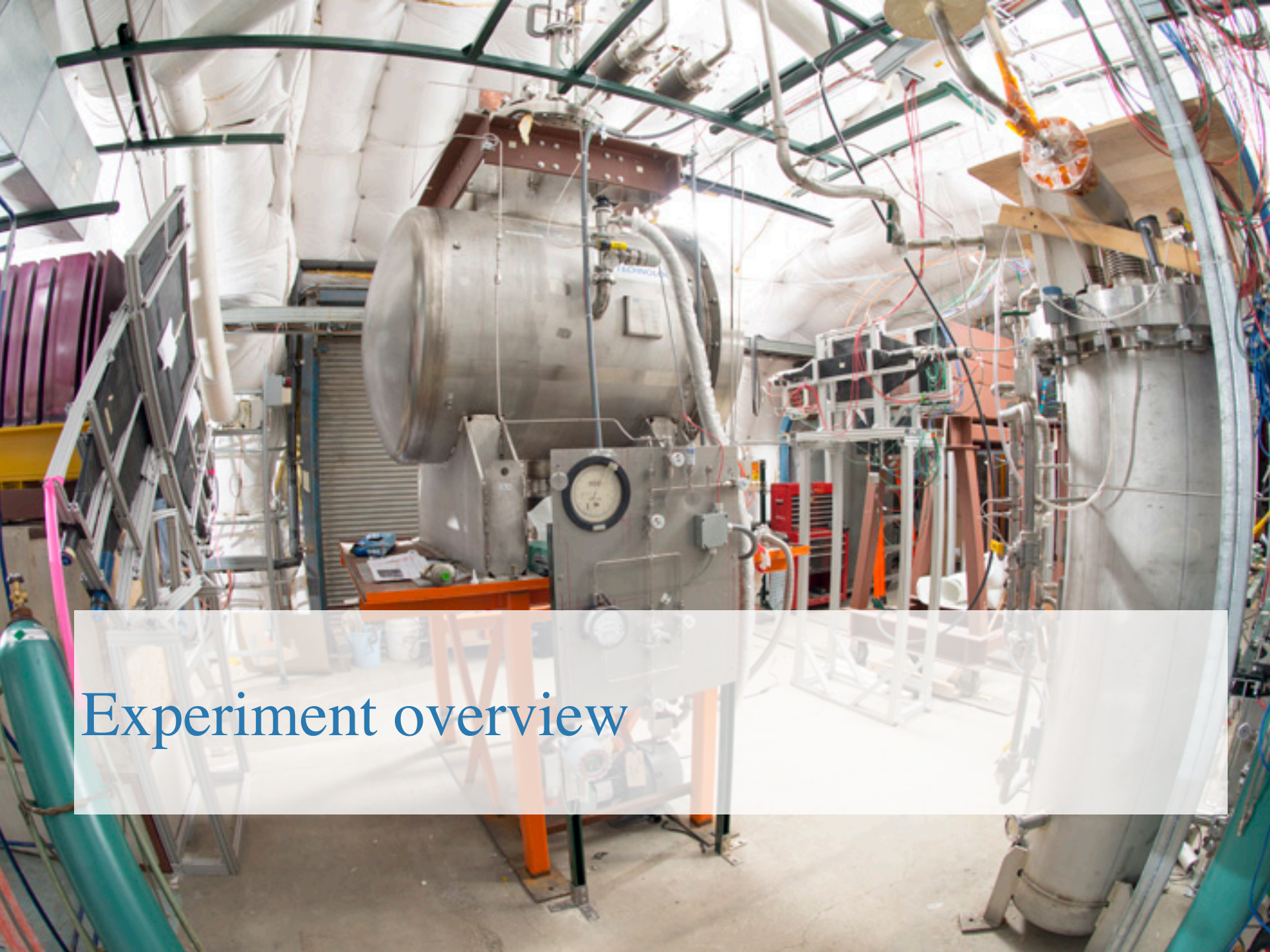
K – Ar cross section expected to lay in between the Ca and Si ones

Kaon cross section has been never measured on argon before, and **scarcely measured on other nuclei**

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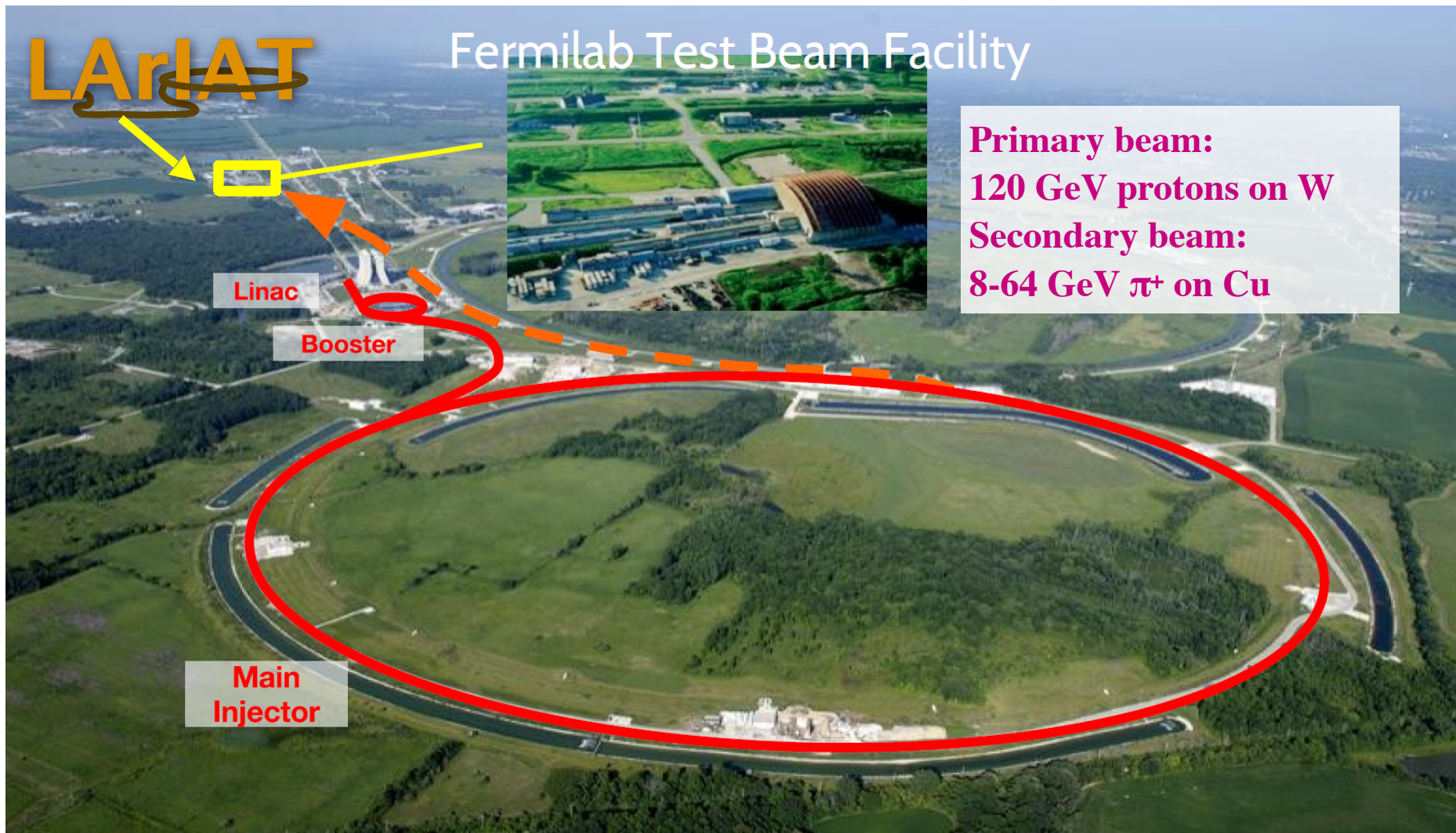
The first LArIAT study concentrates on  $K^+$  cross section, given its relevance to proton decay searches in DUNE

E. Friedman et al. Phys. Rev., C55:1304–1311, 1997

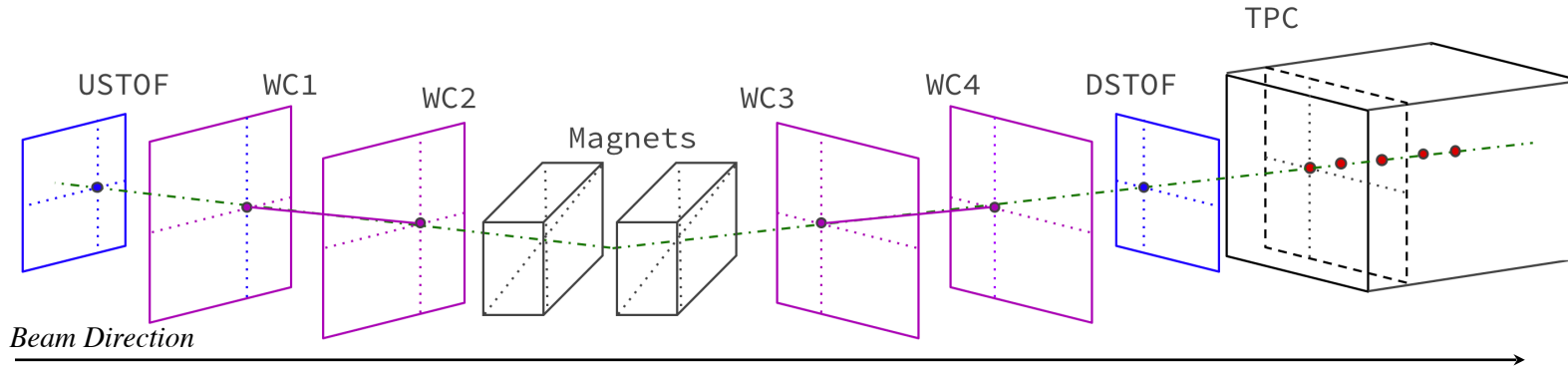


# Experiment overview

# The proton path



# Tertiary Beamline: upstream TPC

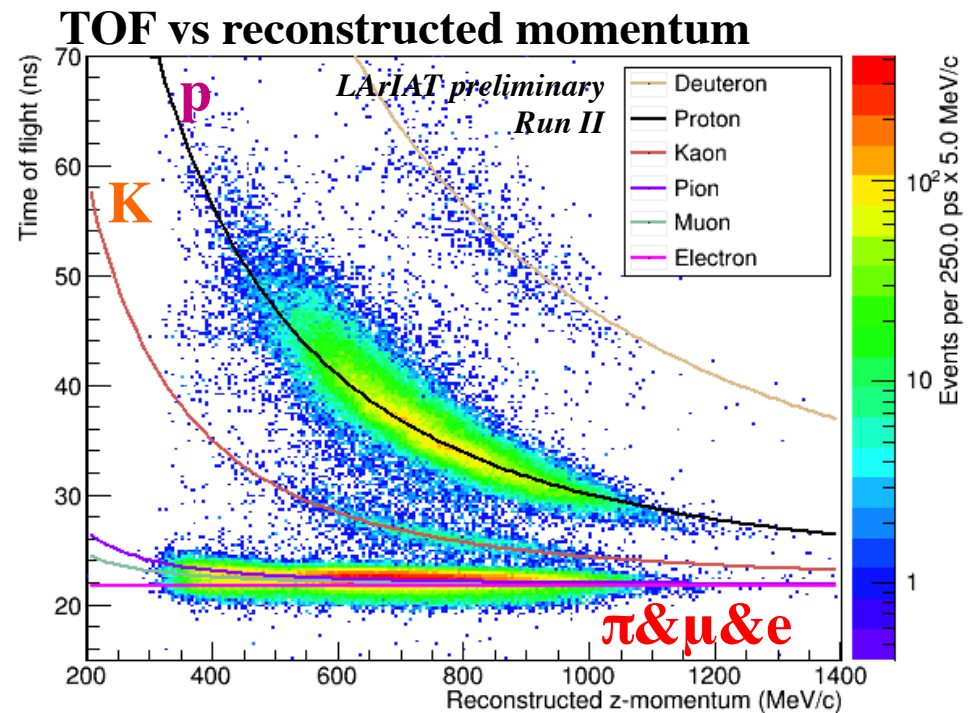


Two magnet polarities:  
select **+ve** or **-ve** particles

Two magnet current intensities:  
**low** & **high** energy beam

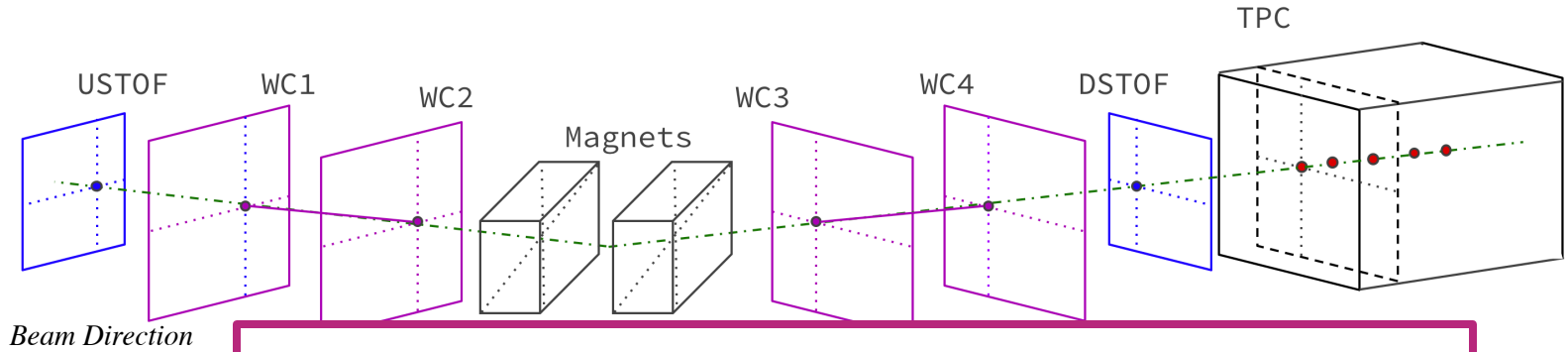
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**TOF + Spectrometer**  
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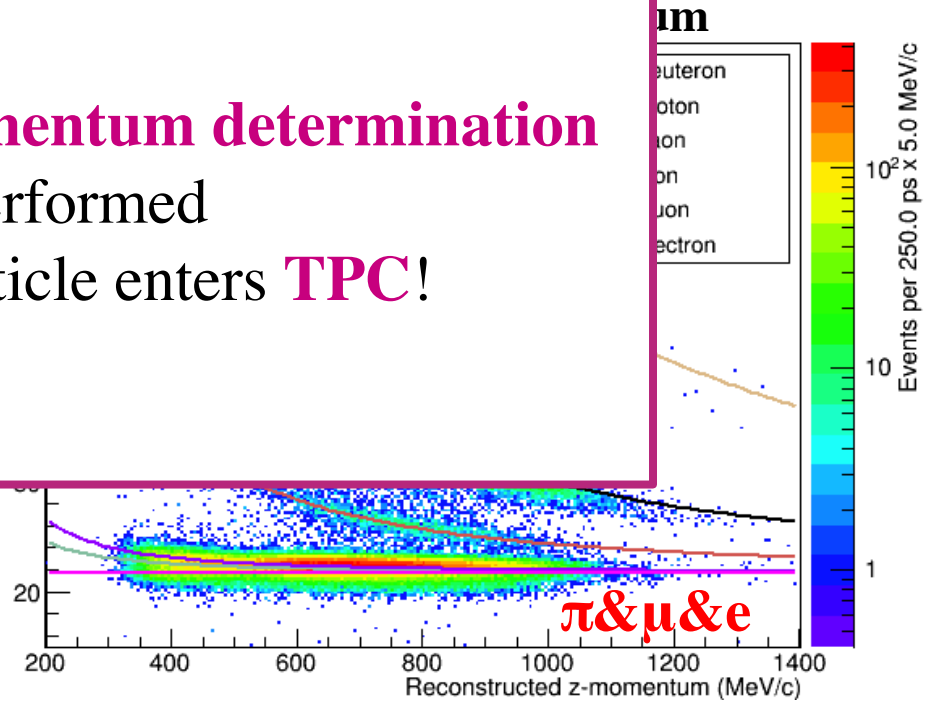
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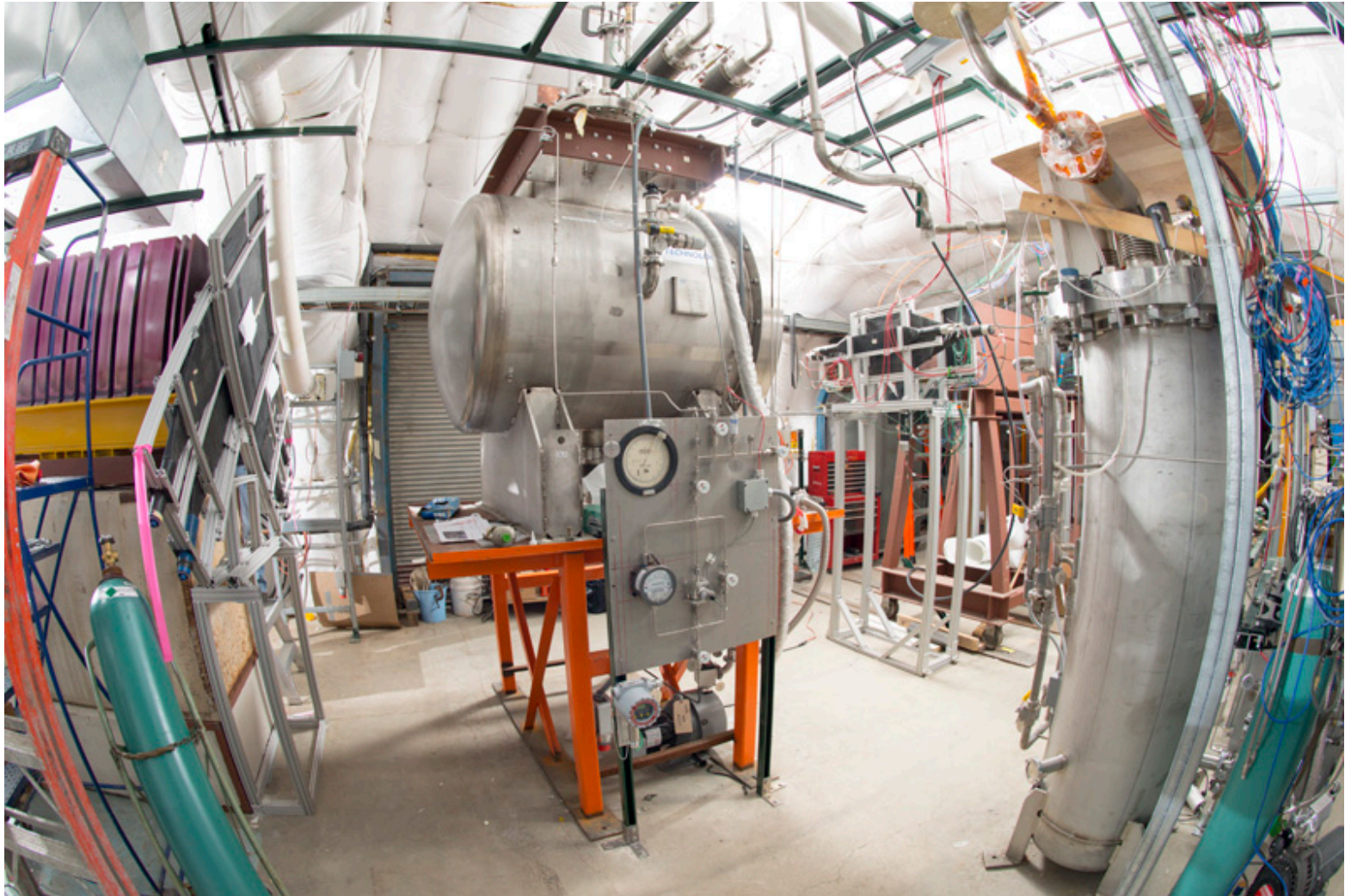
**TOF + Spectrometer**

**p/K/ $\pi$ & $\mu$ &e** discrimination

**Particle ID and momentum determination**  
are performed  
**before** the particle enters **TPC!**

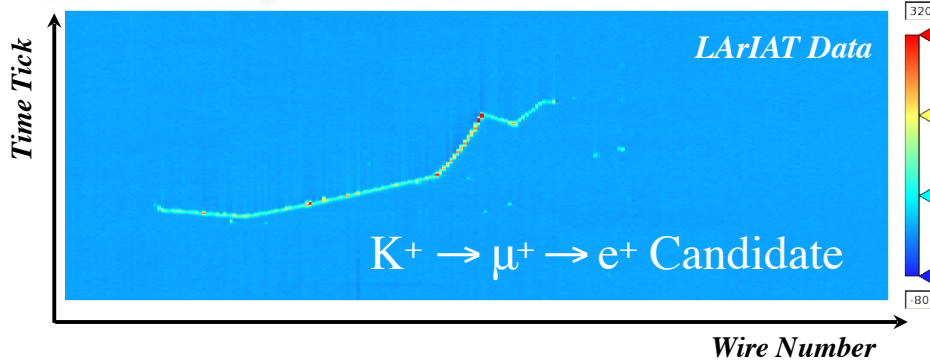


# Inside LArIAT's hall: TPC+downstream



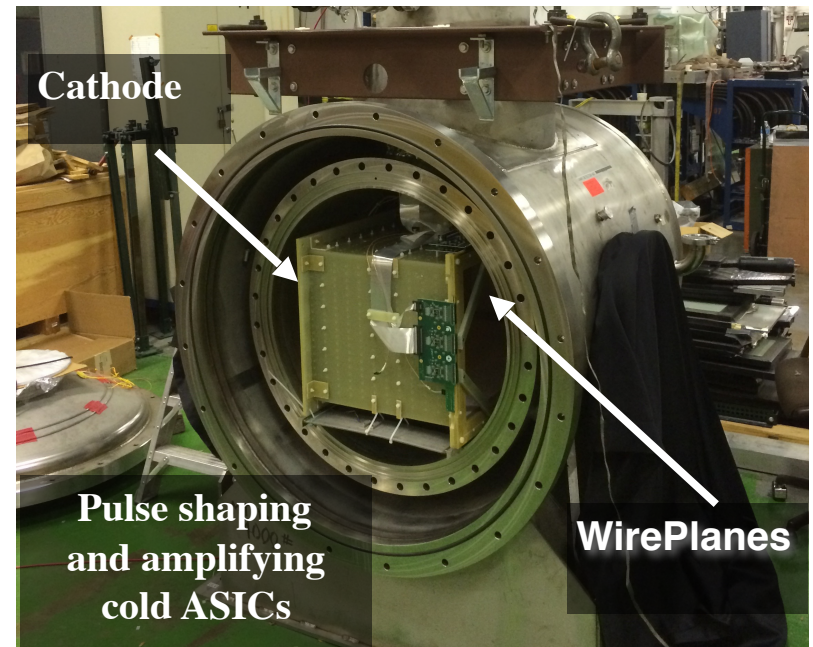
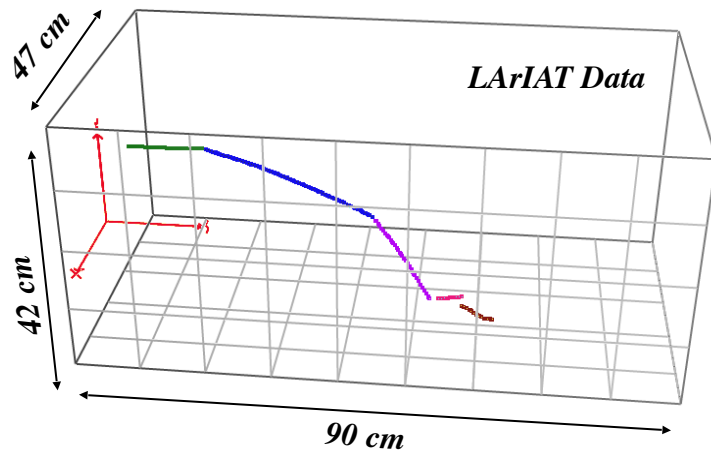
# LArTPC Key Features

**3D imaging with mm space resolution**  
**Calorimetry information**



**LArIAT: refurbished ArgoNeuT TPC**  
**Signal pre-amplification in cold**

Signal-to-noise  
(MIP pulse height / pedestal RMS)  
Run-2: ~70:1 (ArgoNeuT ~15:1)





# How to Measure a Hadron-Argon Total Interaction Cross Section (in LArIAT)

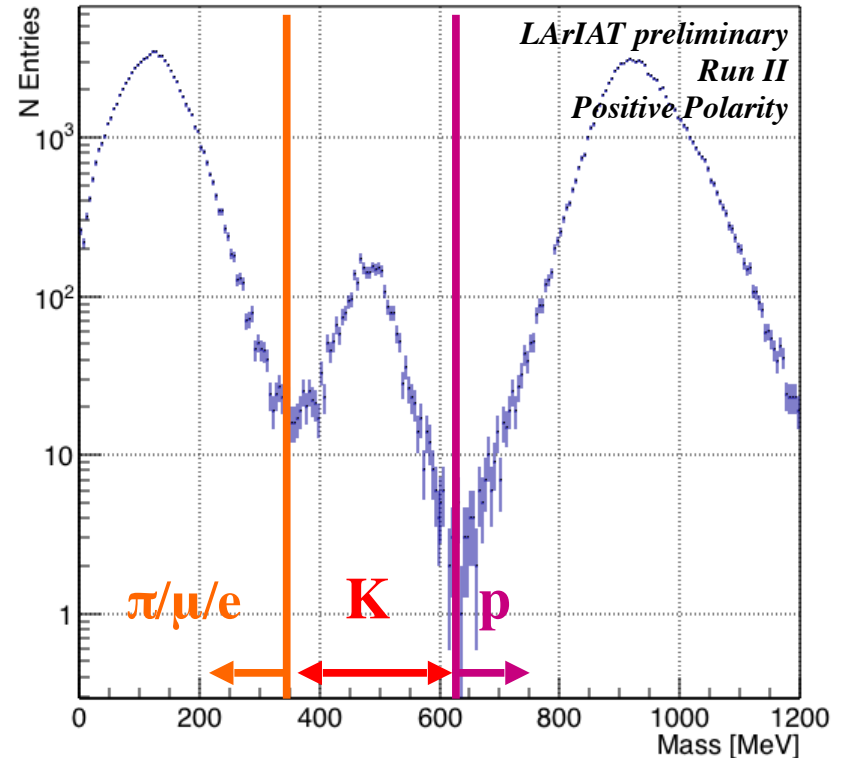
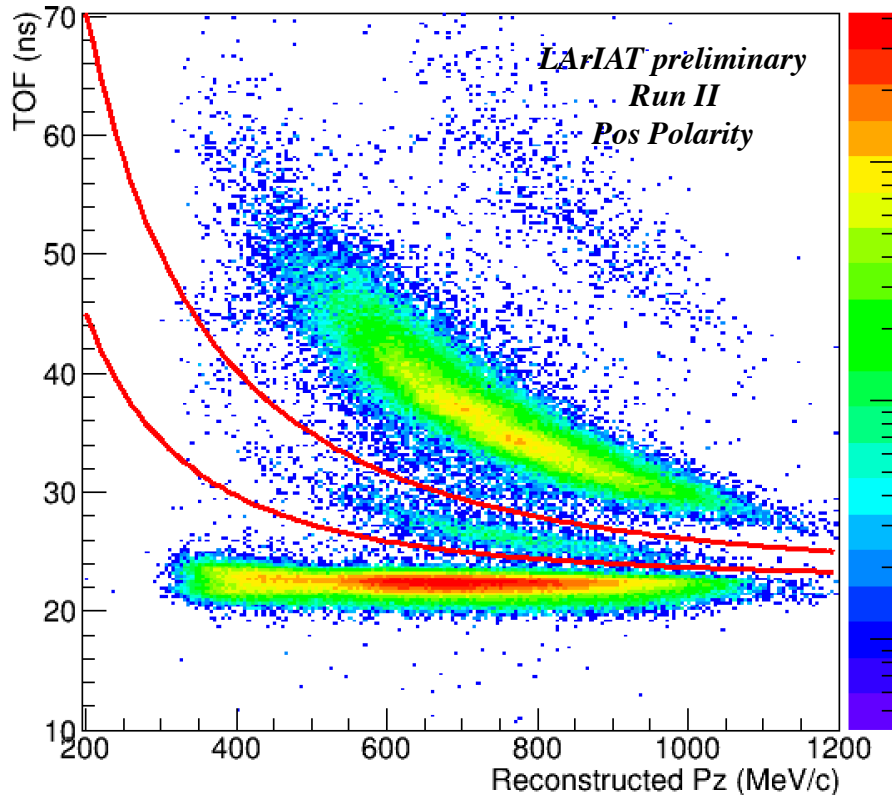
a.k.a. one method, multiple cross sections

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# LArIAT XS analyses in 4 simple steps:

- 1) Select the right particles in the beamline**
- 2) Beamline-TPC Handshake**
- 3) Apply the “thin slice method”**
- 4) Correct for Backgrounds and Reco effects**

# 1) Select the right particles in beamline



$$m = \frac{p}{c} \sqrt{\left(\frac{c * TOF}{\ell}\right)^2 - 1}$$

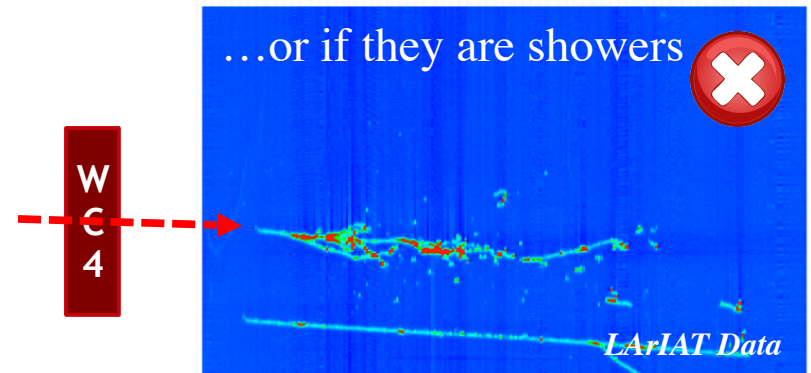
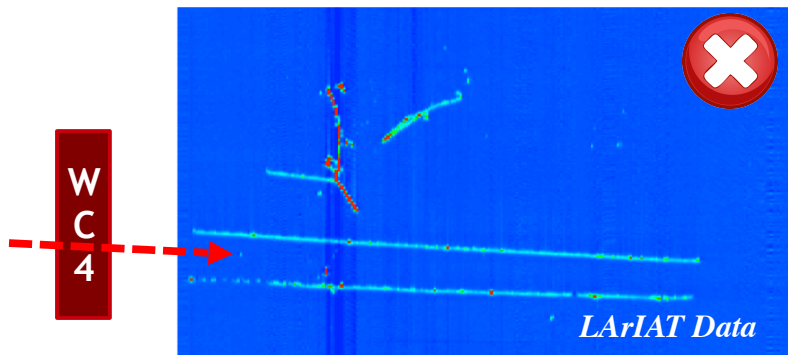
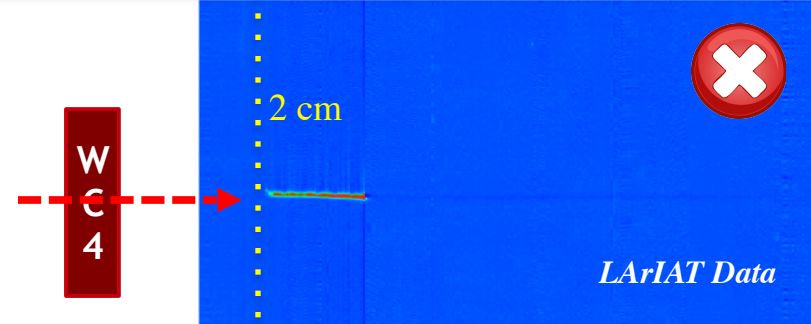
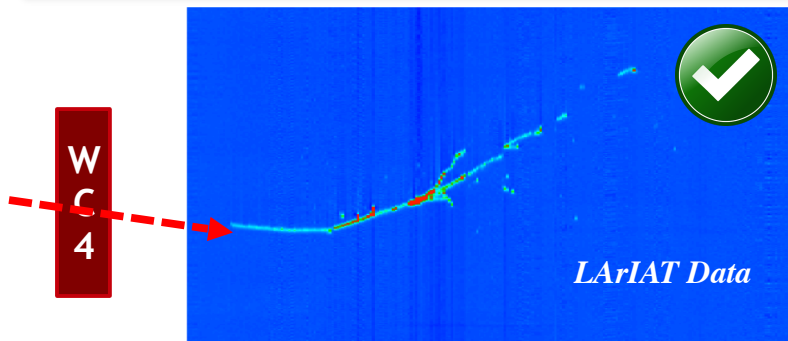
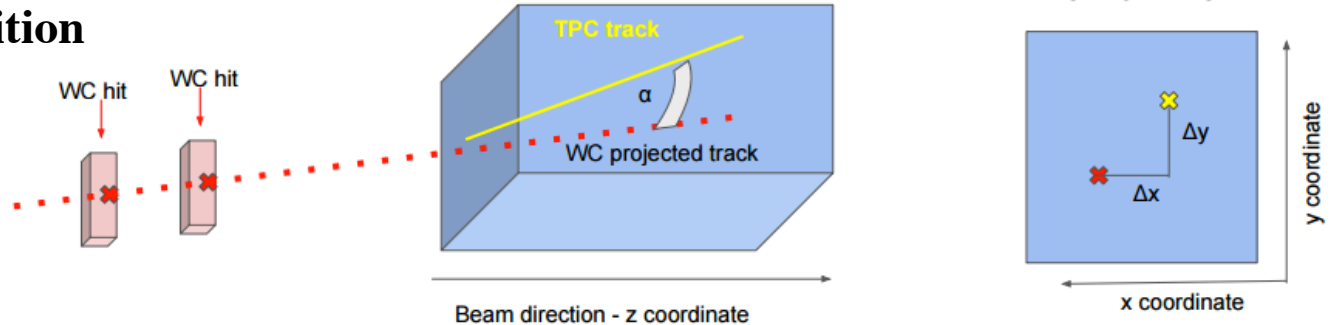
Keep

$\pi$ : Mass < 350 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>

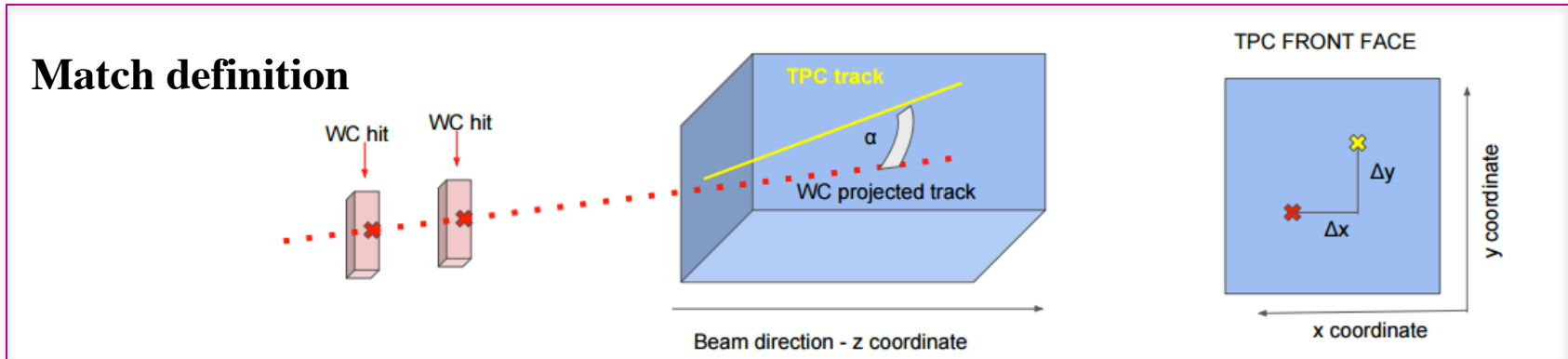
$K$ : 350 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> < Mass < 650 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>

## 2) Beamline-TPC handshake

### Match definition



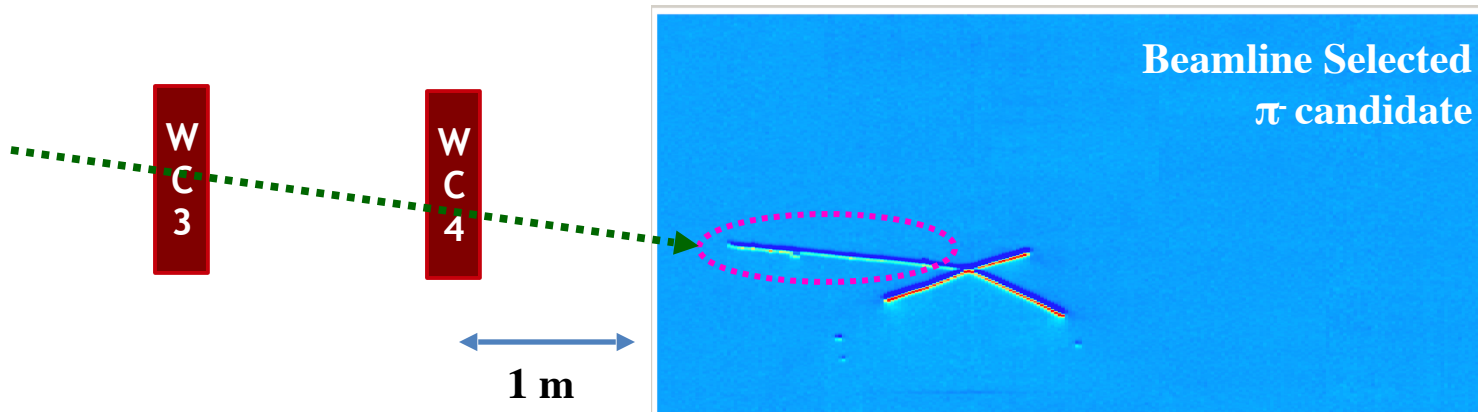
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|   | Run-II Neg Pol | Run-II Pos Pol |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| 1. Events Reconstructed in Beamline         | 158396         | 260810         |
| 2. Events with Plausible Trajectory         | 147468         | 240954         |
| 3. Beamline $\pi^- / \mu^- / e^-$ Candidate | 138481         | N.A.           |
| 4. Beamline $K^+$ Candidate                 | N.A            | 2837           |
| 5. Events Surviving Pile Up Filter          | 108929         | 2389           |
| 6. Events with WC2TPC Match                 | 41757          | 1081           |
| 7. Events Surviving Shower Filter           | 40841          | N.A.           |
| 8. Available Events For Cross Section       | 40841          | 1081           |



# Beamline candidates: what do we know?

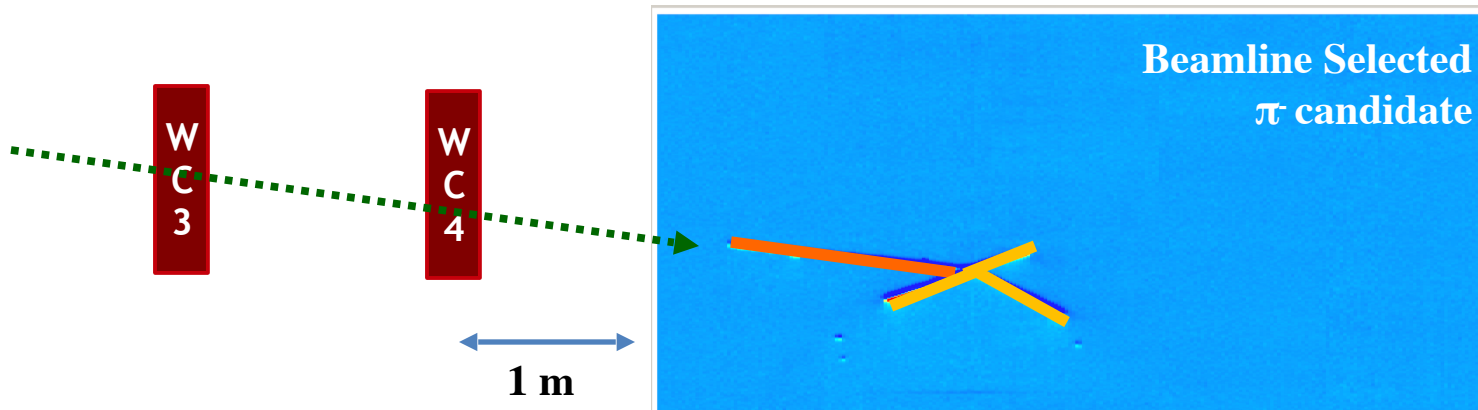


We use the **momentum measured by the WC** to calculate the candidate's initial kinetic energy as

$$E_{\text{Front Face}}^{\text{kin}} = \sqrt{p_{\text{Beam}}^2 + m_{\text{Beam}}^2} - m_{\text{Beam}} - E_{\text{Loss}}$$

$E_{\text{Loss}}$  is the **energy loss** due to **material upstream** of the TPC (argon, steel, beamline detectors)

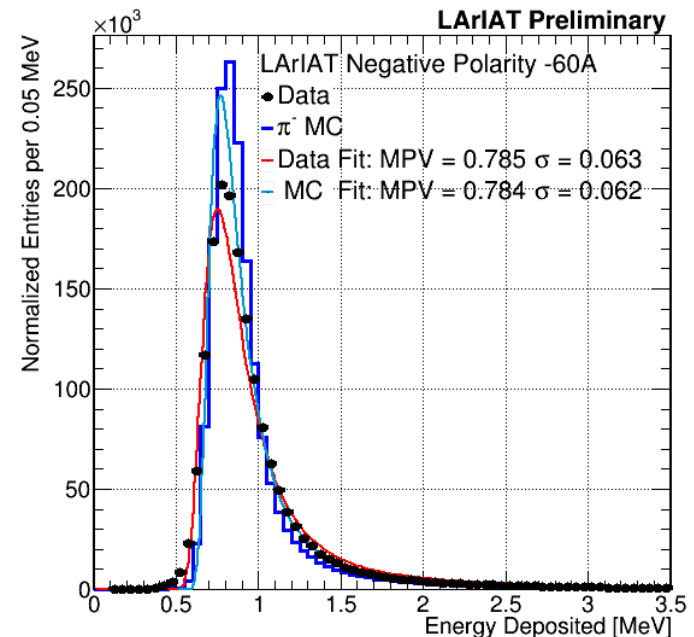
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The **K.E.** at **each point** of the TPC track is calculated by subtracting the **track deposited energy** from the K.E. at the TPC front face.

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This key point of our measurement is enabled by the extraordinary tracking and calorimetry features of LArTPCs



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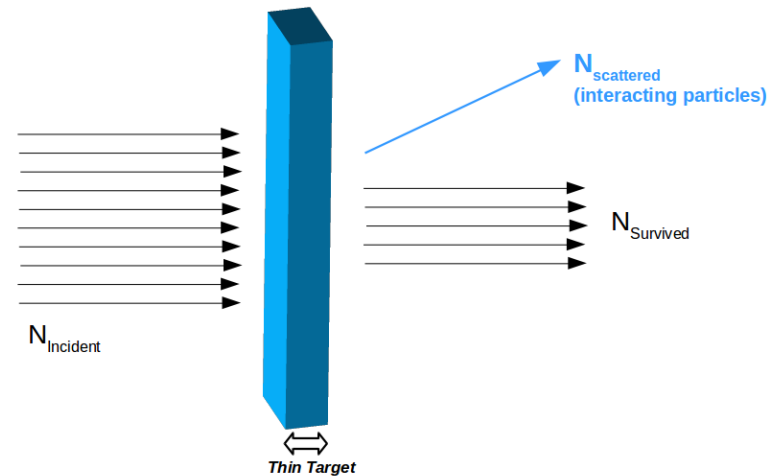
The particle **interaction probability** through a **thin slice** of Ar

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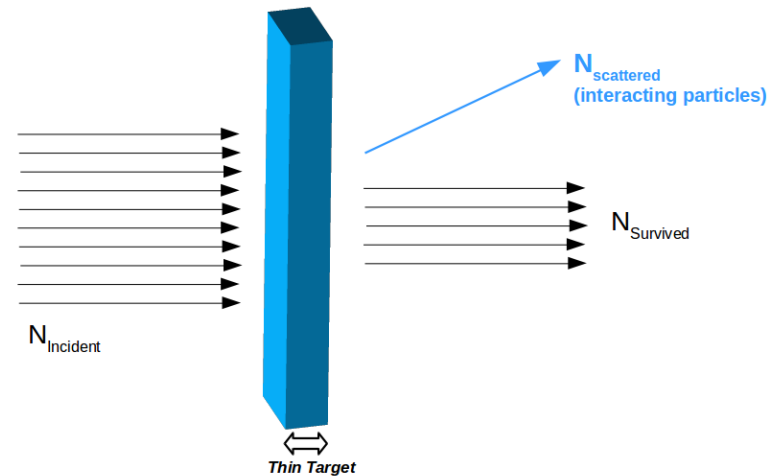
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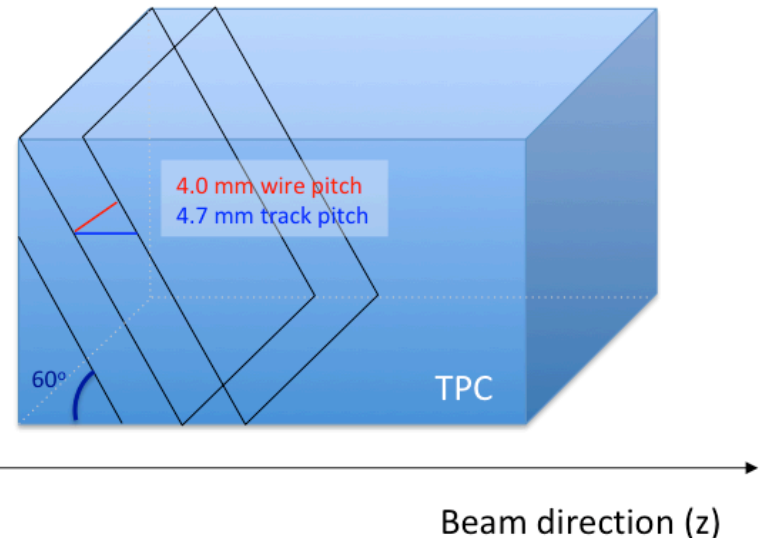
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We treat the **wire-to-wire spacing** as a **series of “thin-slice”** targets, since we know the energy of the particle incident to each slice.

**Each thin slice is an independent experiment**

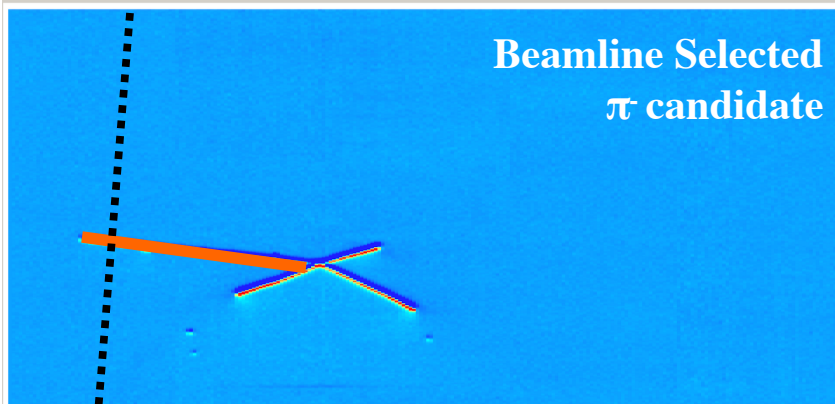
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We follow the TPC track slice by slice

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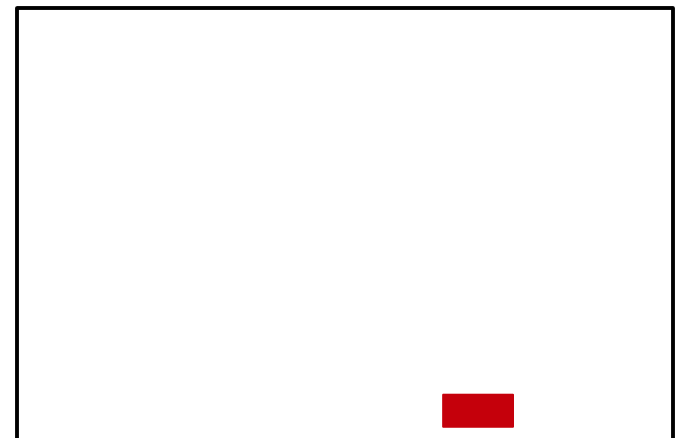


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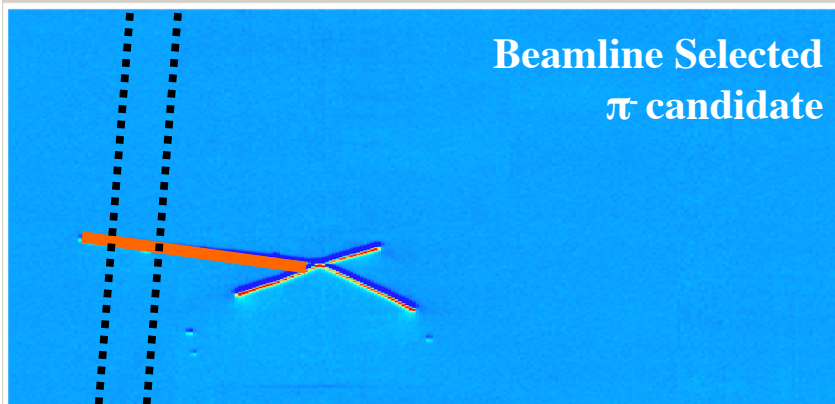
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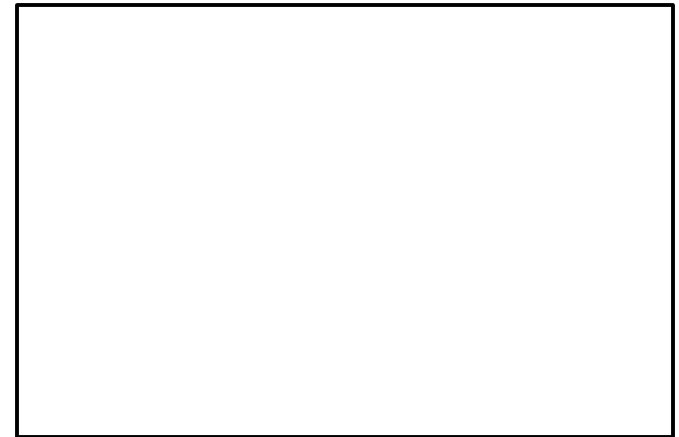
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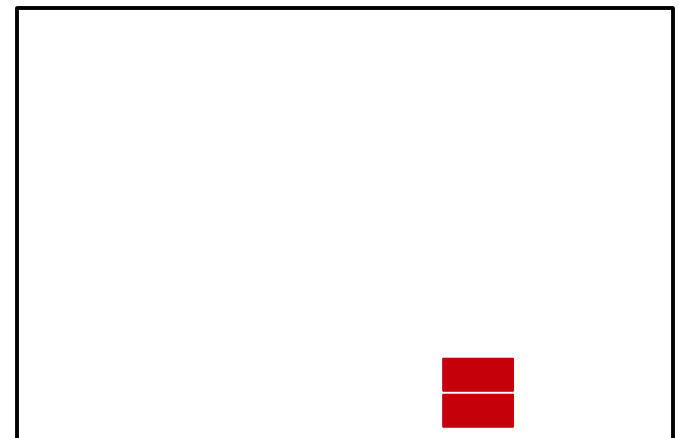


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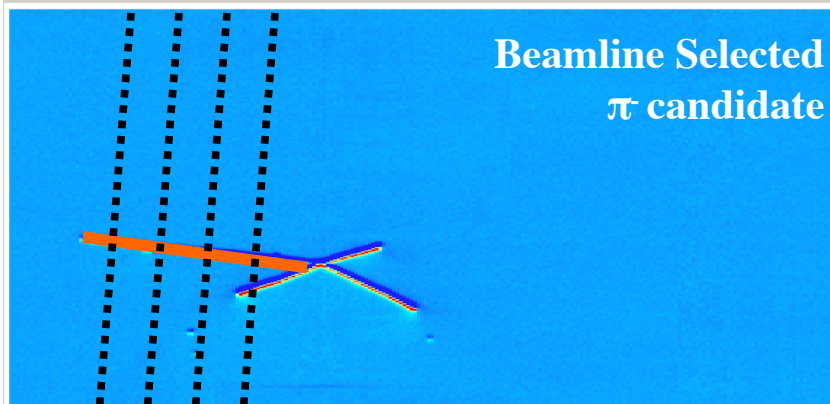
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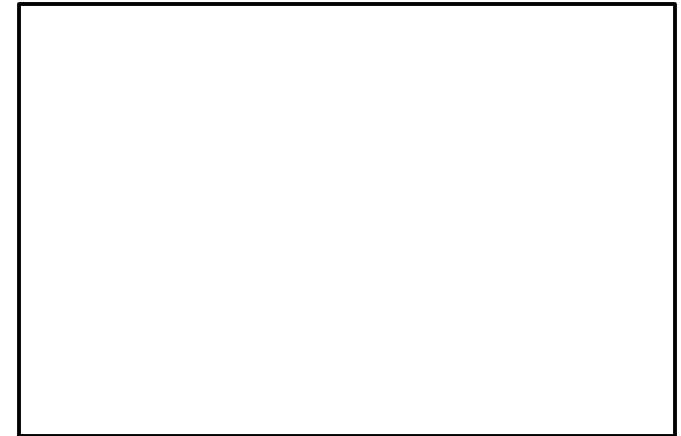
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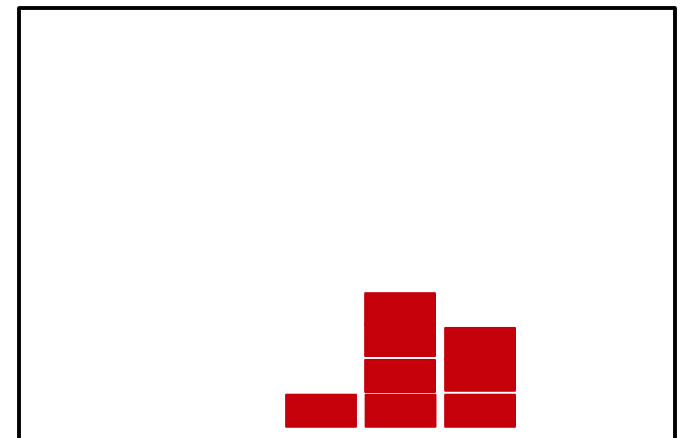


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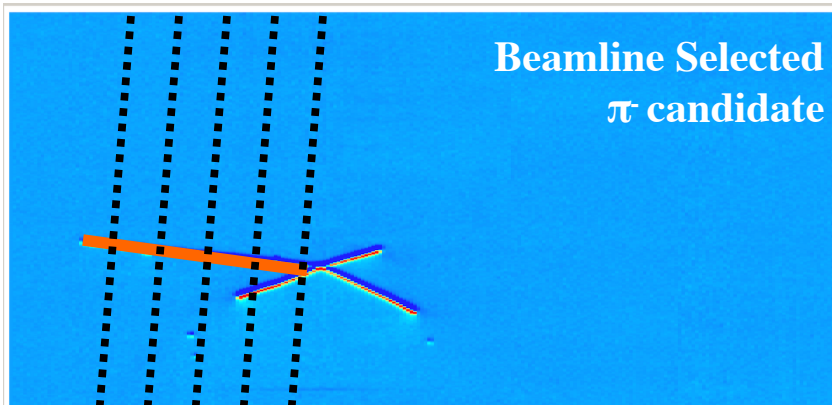
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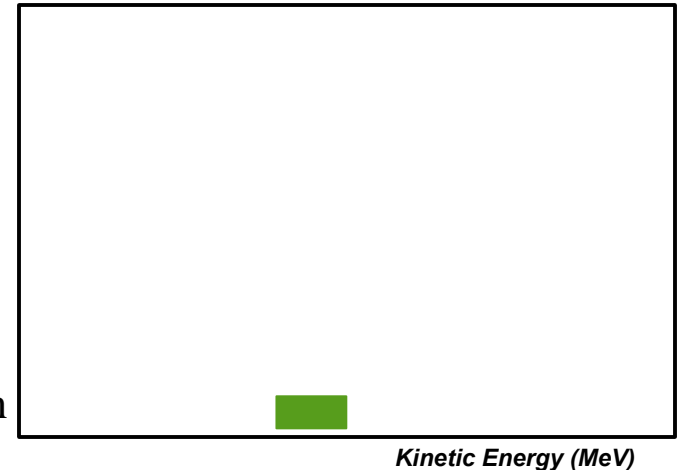
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**YES!** Calculate the KE at this point and fill both the “**interacting**” and “**incident**” histograms

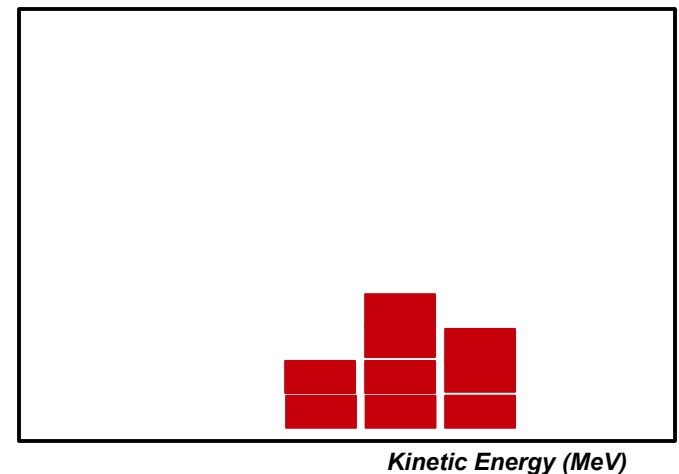
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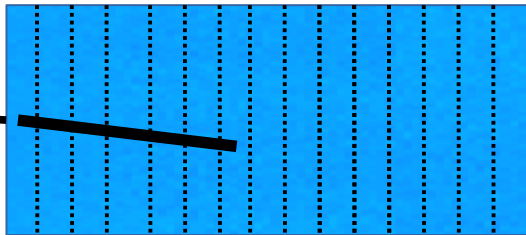
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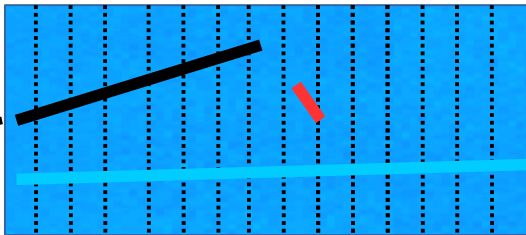
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## Repeat for each WC to TPC matched track

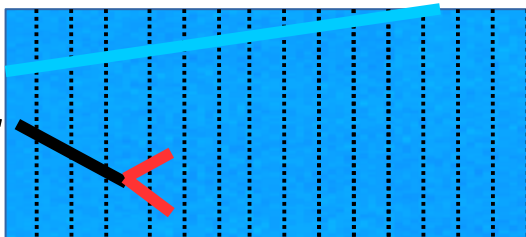
- We disregard any other activity occurring in the detector



✓ The black track is followed



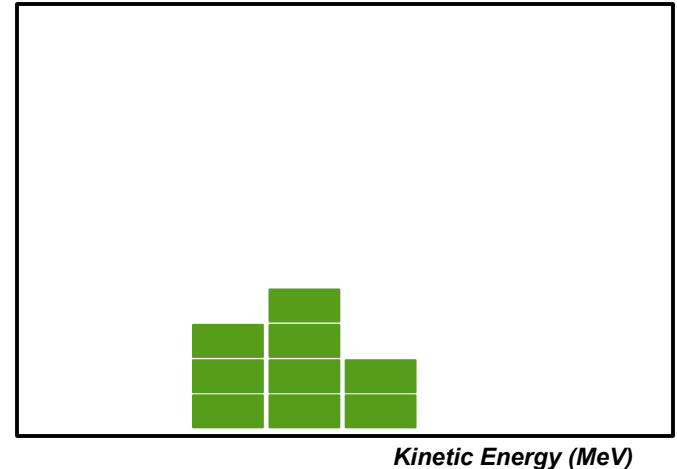
✗ The light blue track is not matched to WC



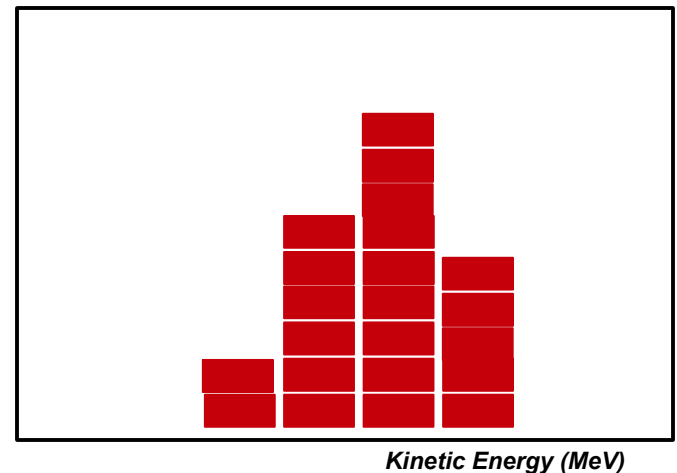
✗ The red stub is ignored

✗ The red tracks do not belong to the original track

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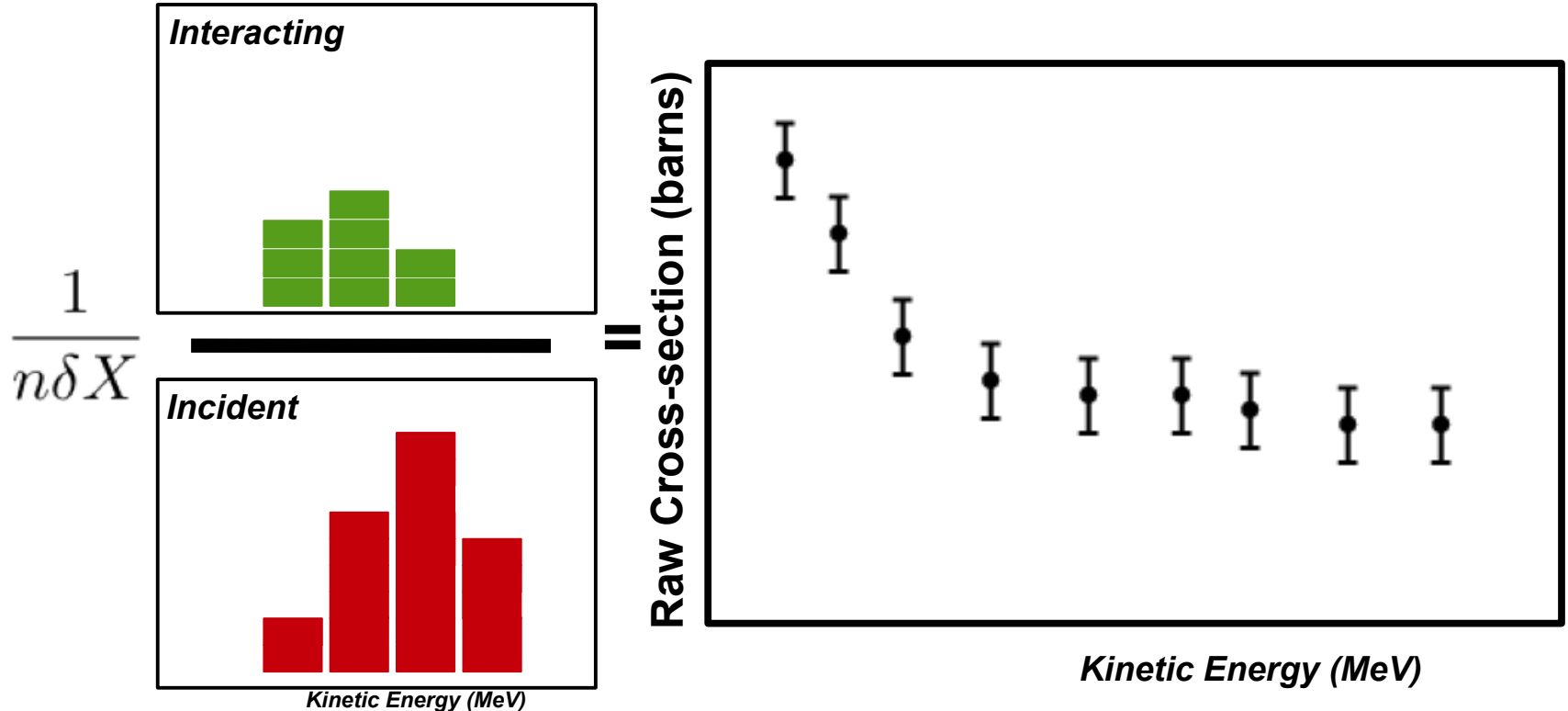
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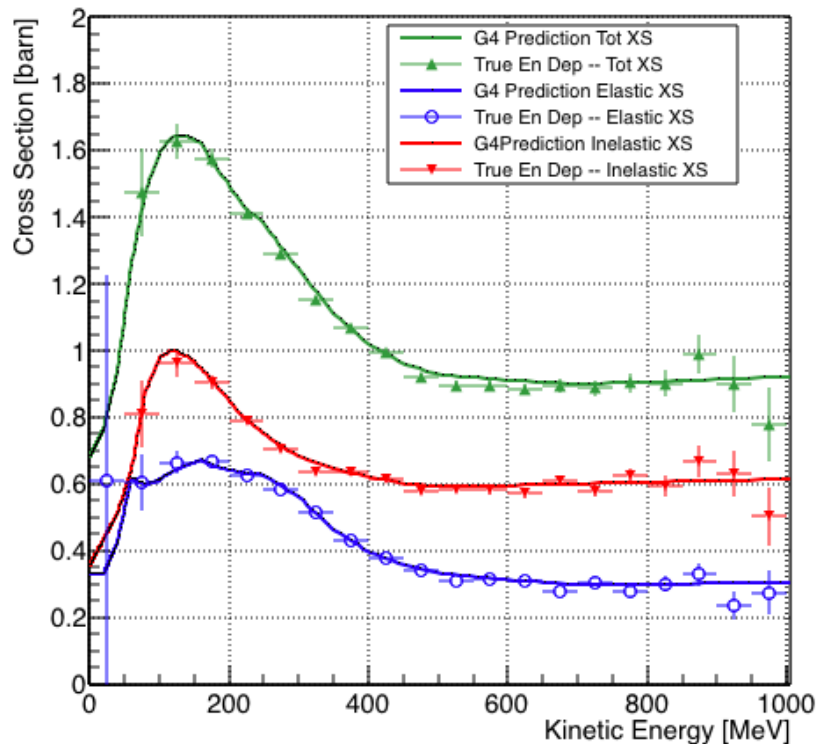
We take **the ratio** of the **two histograms** and calculate the **raw cross section**

$$\sigma_{\text{TOT}}(E_i) = \frac{1}{n \delta X} \frac{N_{\text{Int}}^{\pi^-}(E_i)}{N_{\text{Inc}}^{\pi^-}(E_i)}$$

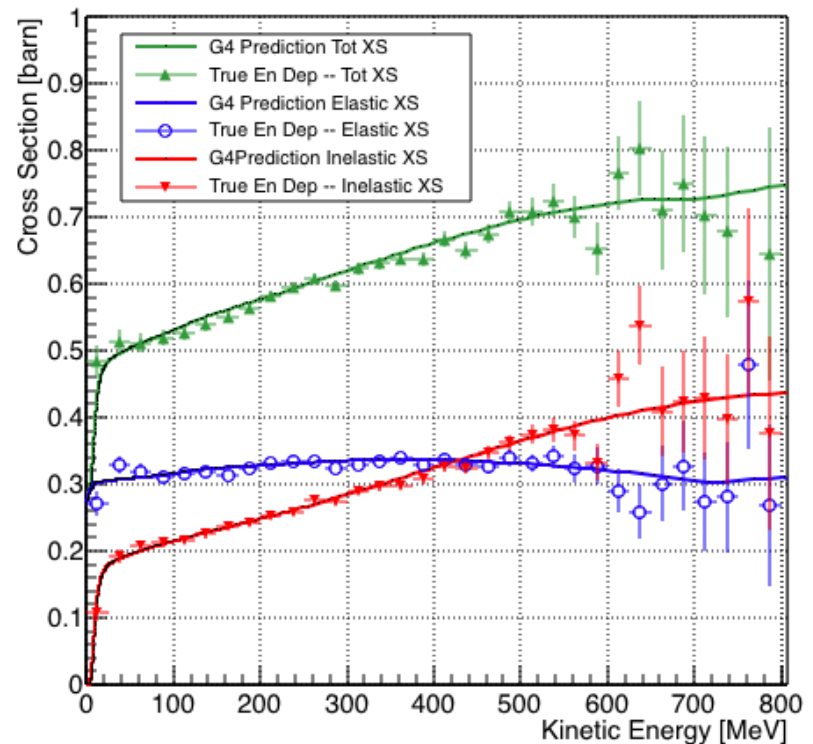


# Truth Quantities Check

Cross Sections for pi- off Ar



K<sup>+</sup>Ar Cross Section

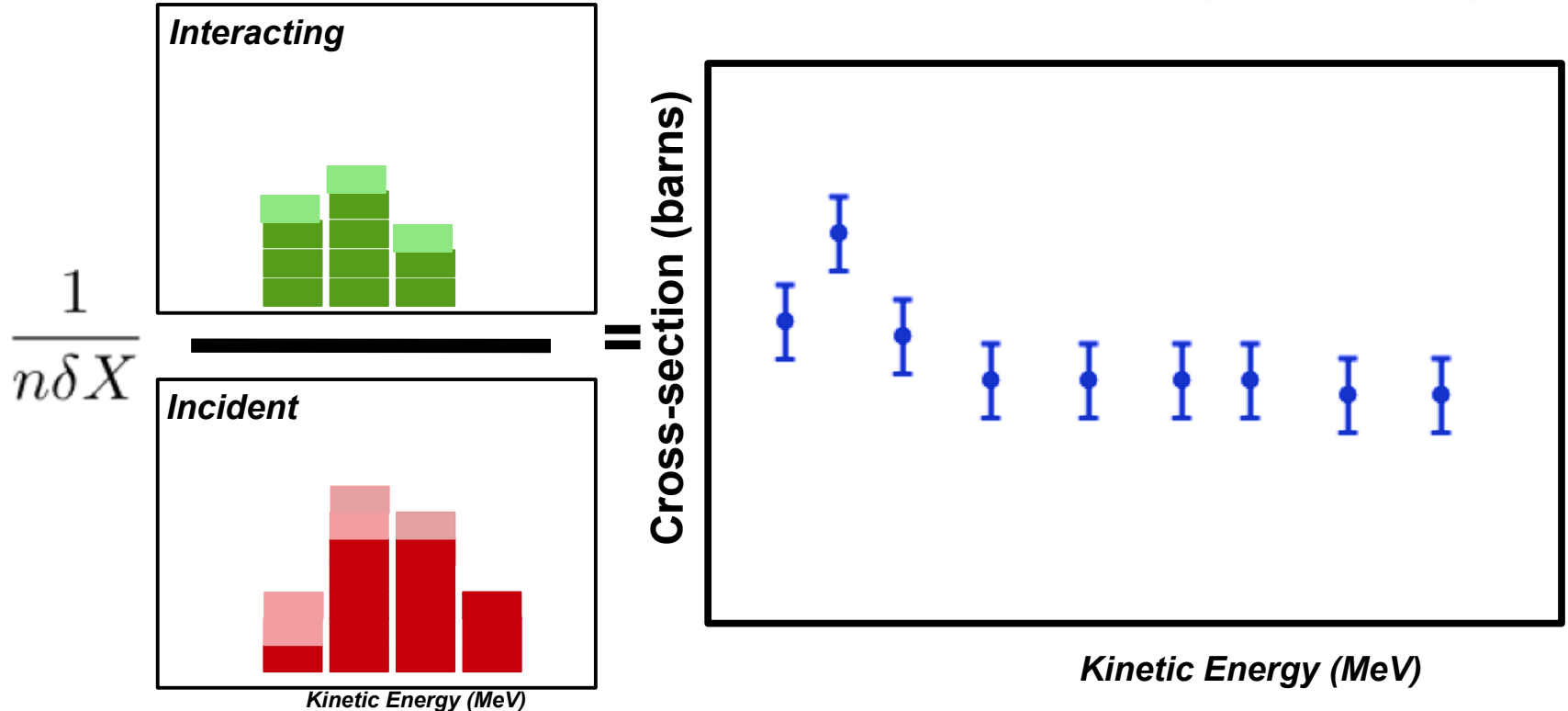


As expected, the thin slice method applied on true MC quantities **recovers** the underlying XS distributions

# 4) Correct for Background and Reco

We evaluate the **background** and the **reconstruction** effects on the interacting and incident distributions **separately**

$$\sigma_{TOT}^{\pi^-}(E_i) = \frac{1}{n \delta X} \frac{\epsilon^{Inc}(E_i) C_{Int}^{\pi MC}(E_i) N_{Int}^{TOT}(E_i)}{\epsilon^{Int}(E_i) C_{Inc}^{\pi MC}(E_i) N_{Inc}^{TOT}(E_i)}$$





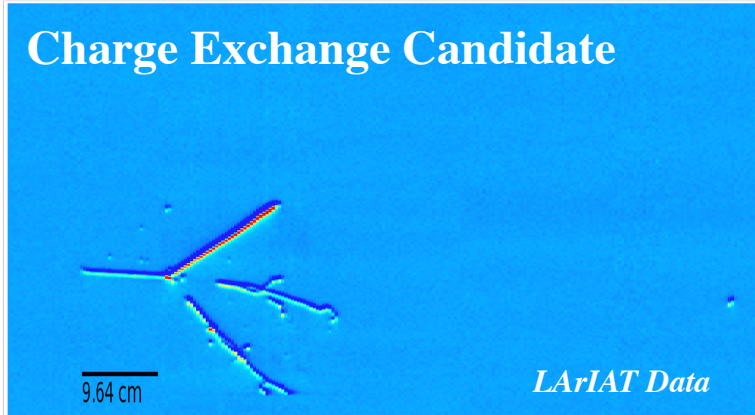
# Negative Pion Total Cross Section

LArIAT 1<sup>st</sup> physics result utilizes both TPC and beamline.

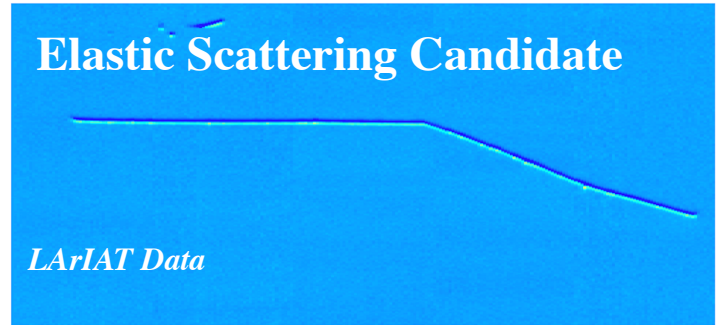
# Signal Topologies

$$\sigma_{\text{Tot}} = \sigma_{\text{elastic}} + \sigma_{\text{inelastic}} + \sigma_{\text{abs}} + \sigma_{\text{charge xc}} + \sigma_{\pi\text{-prod}}$$

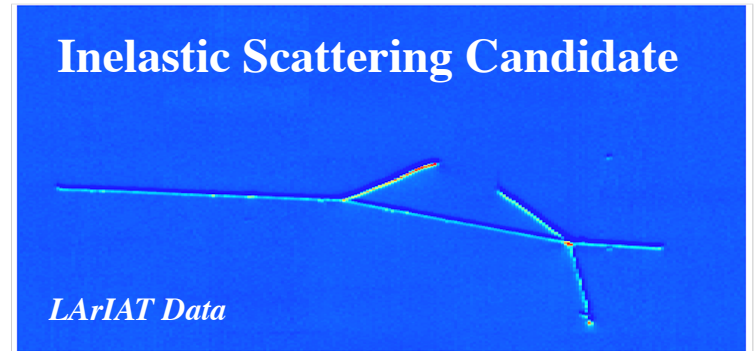
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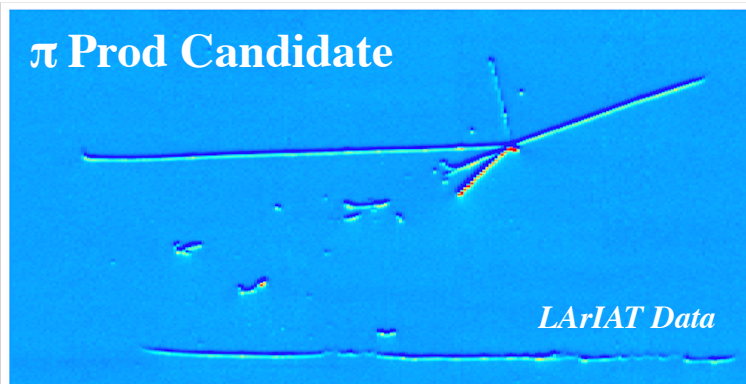
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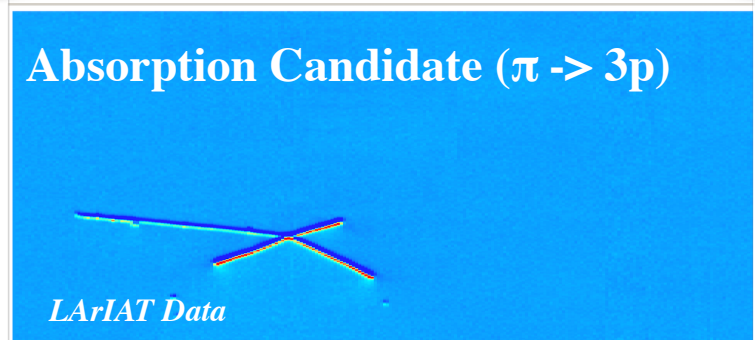
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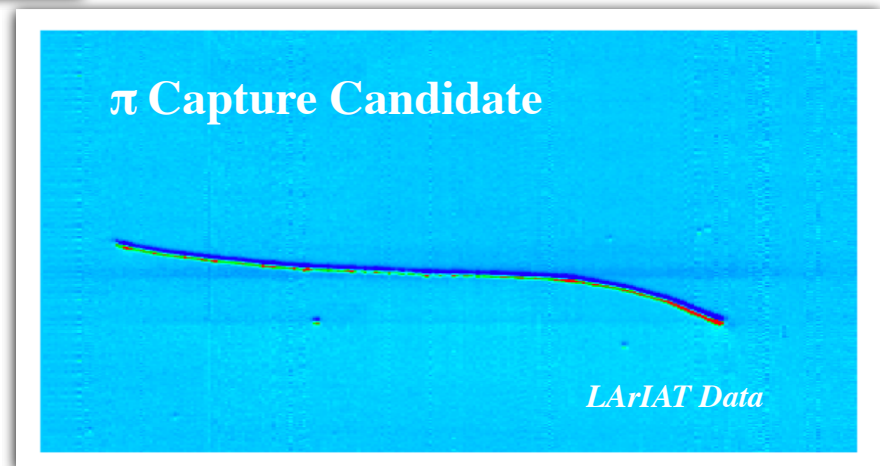
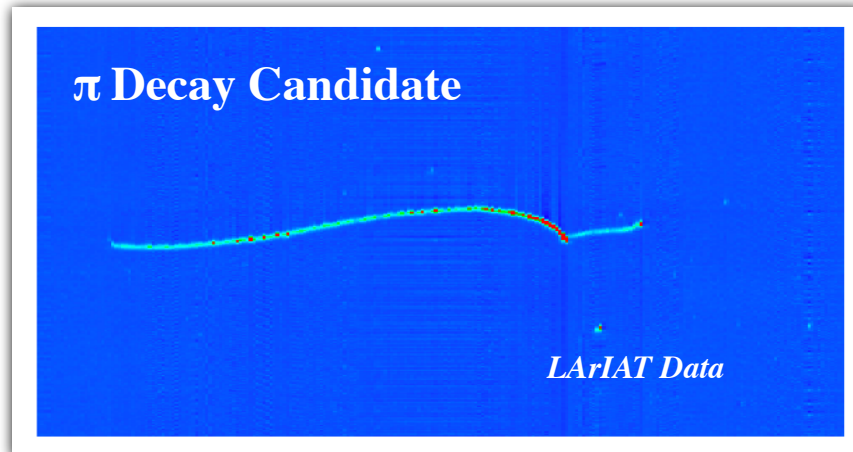
## $\pi$ Prod Candidate



## Absorption Candidate ( $\pi \rightarrow 3p$ )



# Intrinsic and Beamline Backgrounds



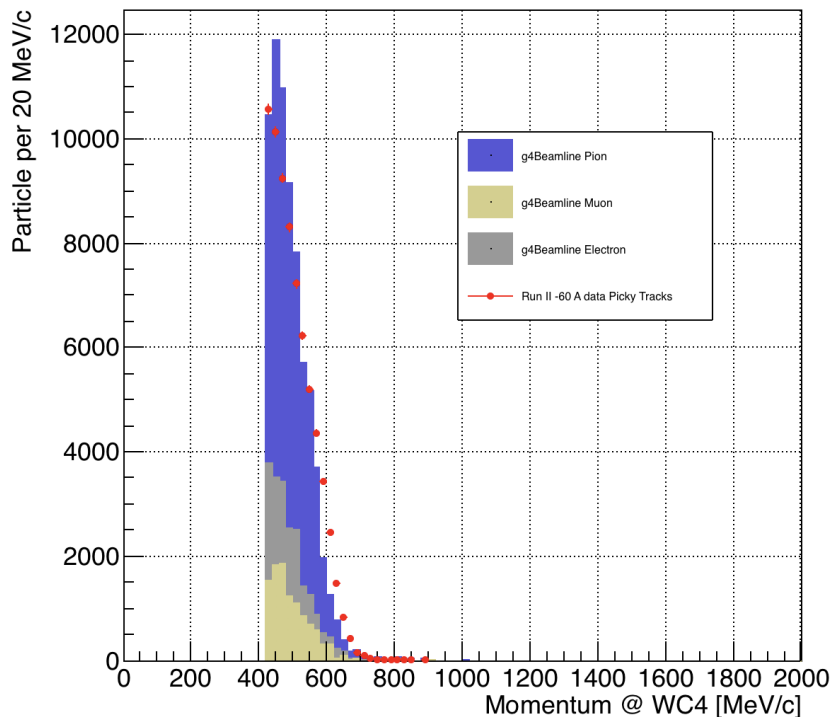
+ residual electrons & muons



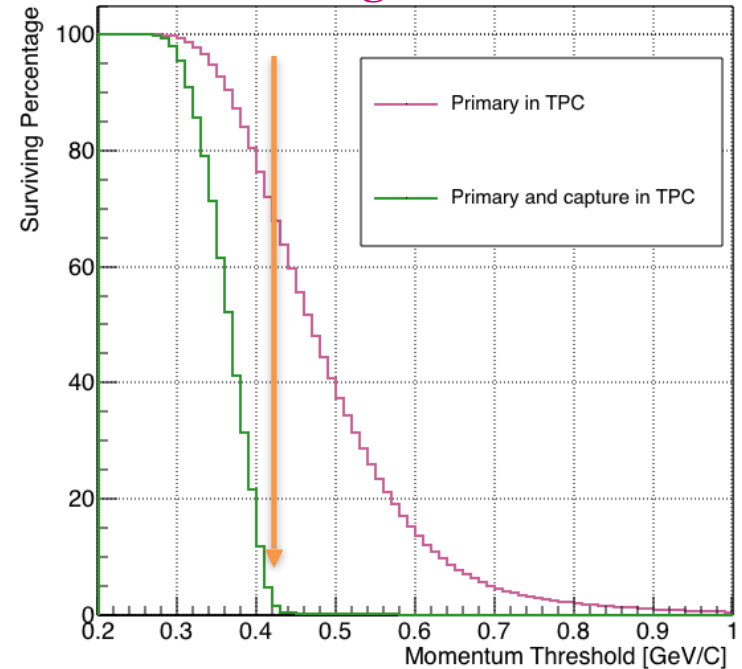
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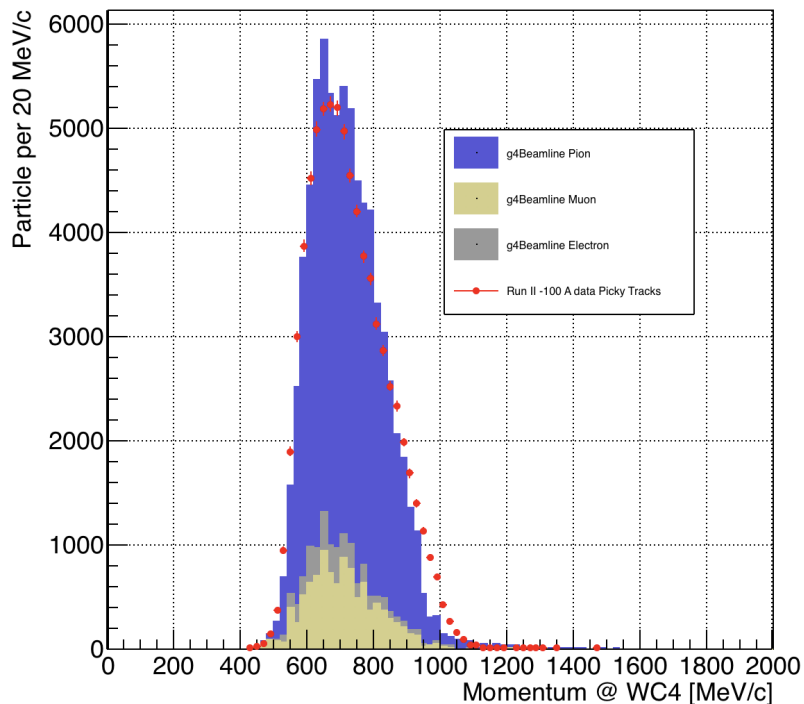
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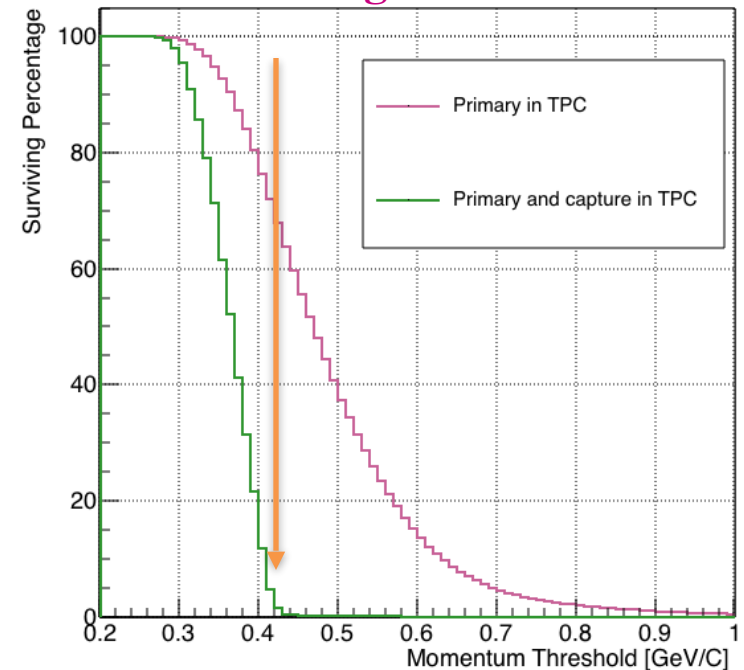
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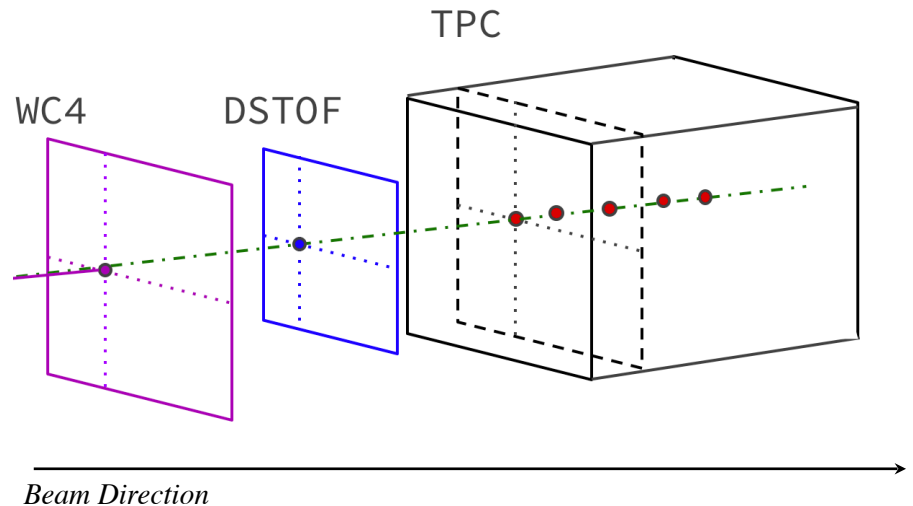
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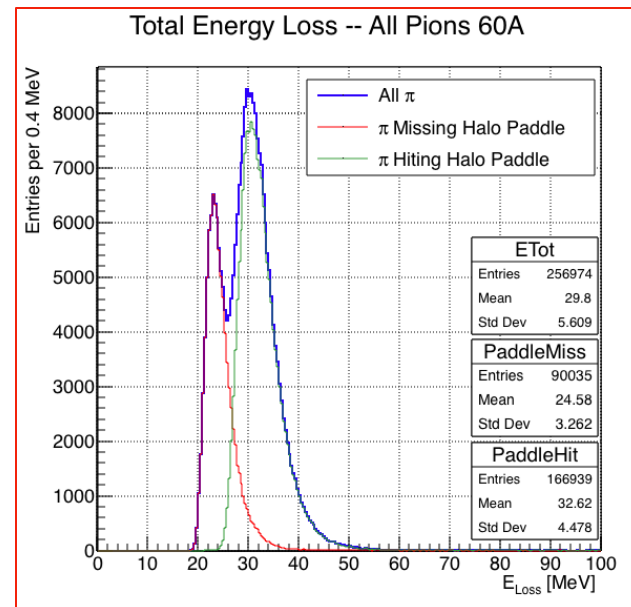
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2%  $p_{Beam}$ 
6 MeV



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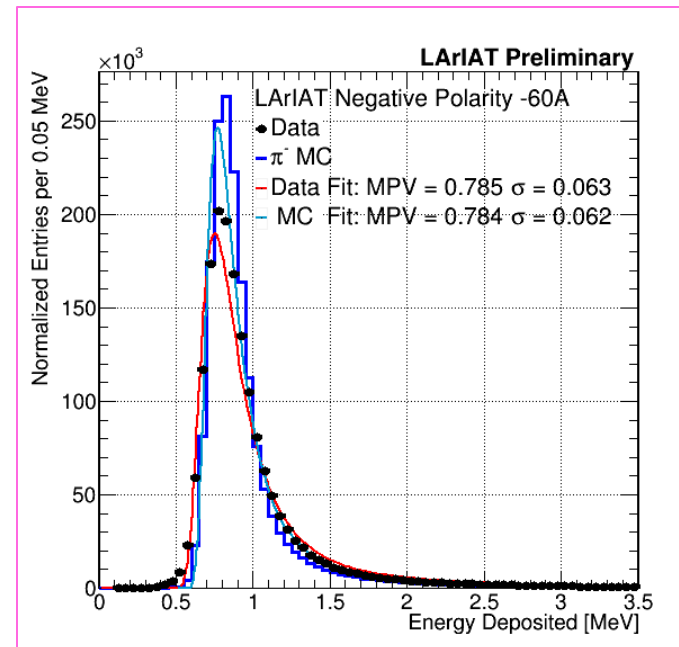
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Propagation to the cross section

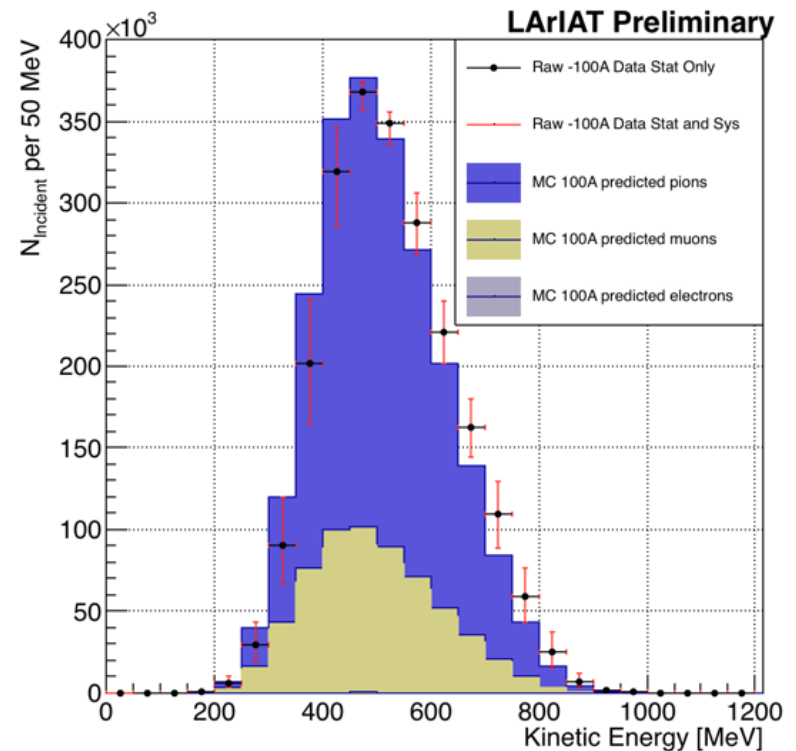
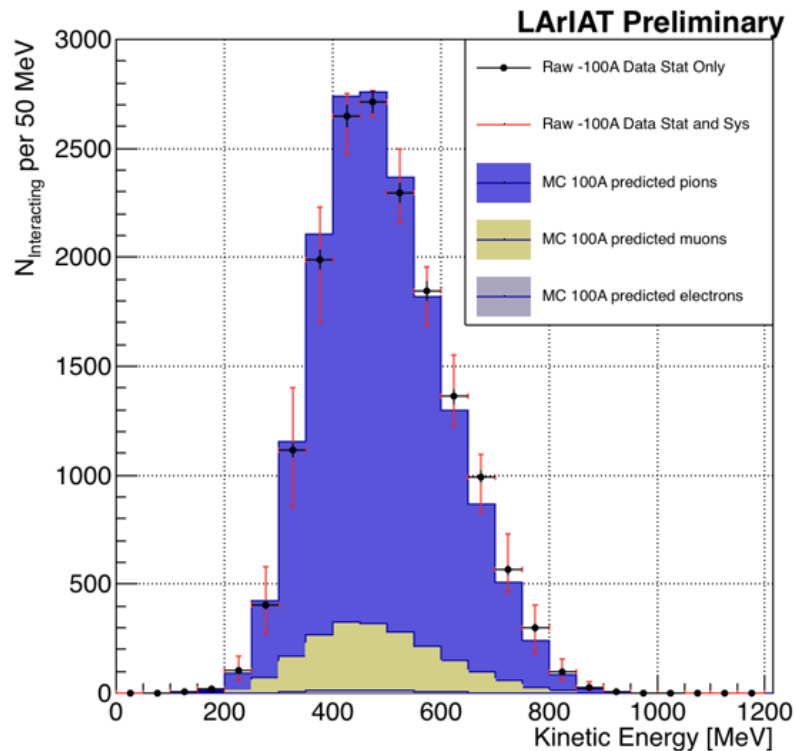
Calculate Interacting and Incident Plots for 3 cases:

$E_i$ ,  $E_i + \delta E$ ,  $E_i - \delta E$

take ratio separately: 100% correlation

# XS Formula: Raw Count

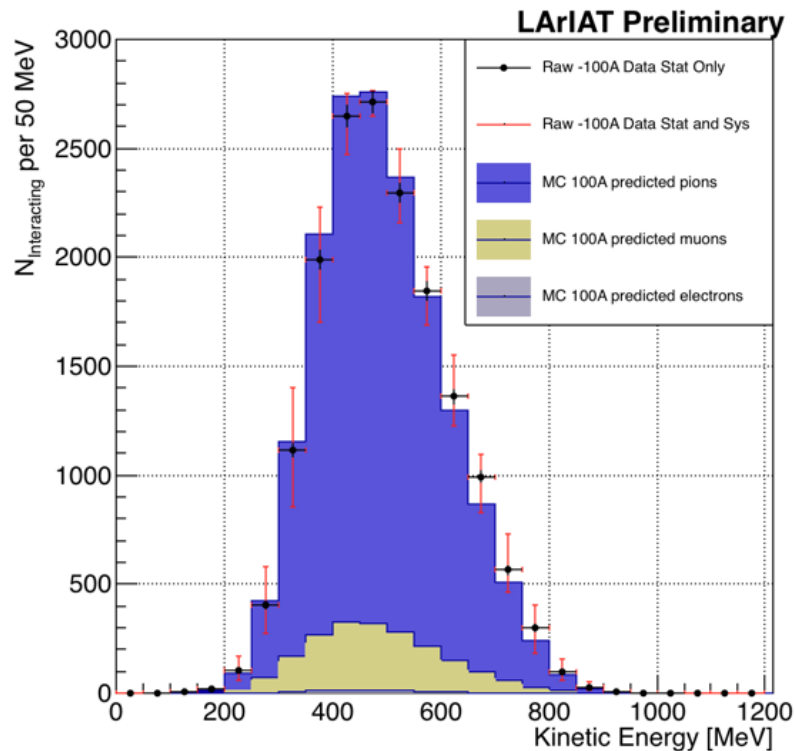
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A.k.a. Pion Content

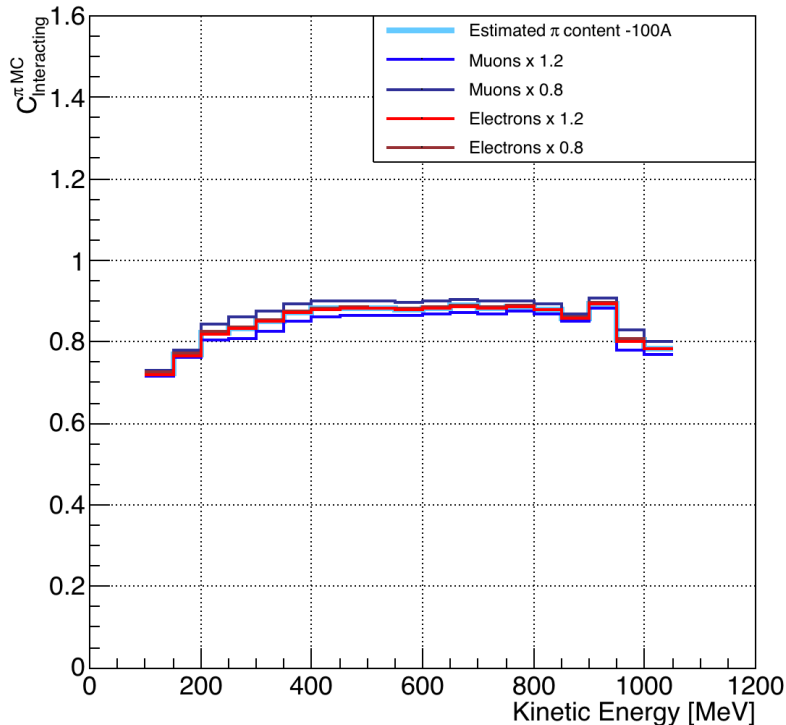
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Background Correction, Interacting



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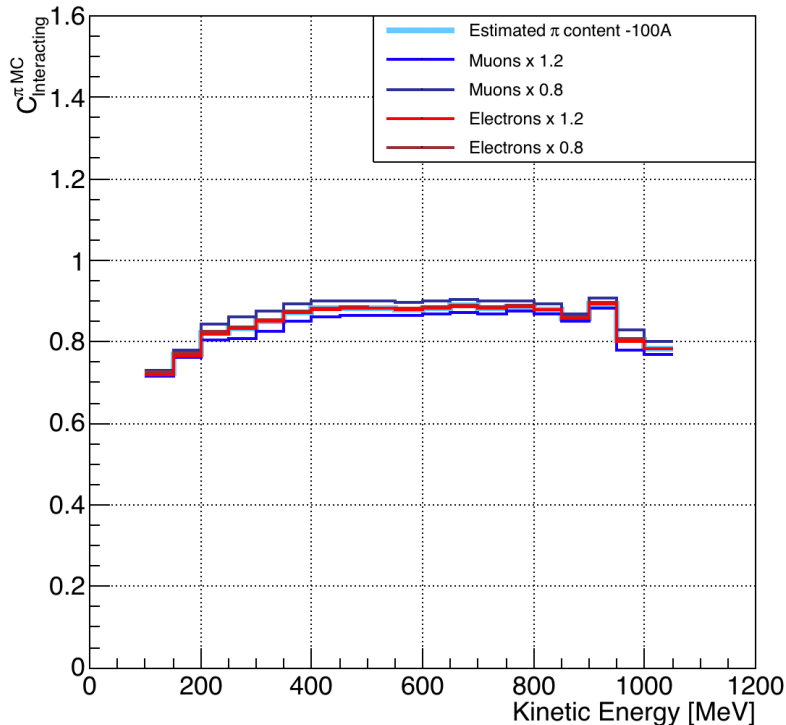
+/-20% variation in electron

+/-20% variation in muon

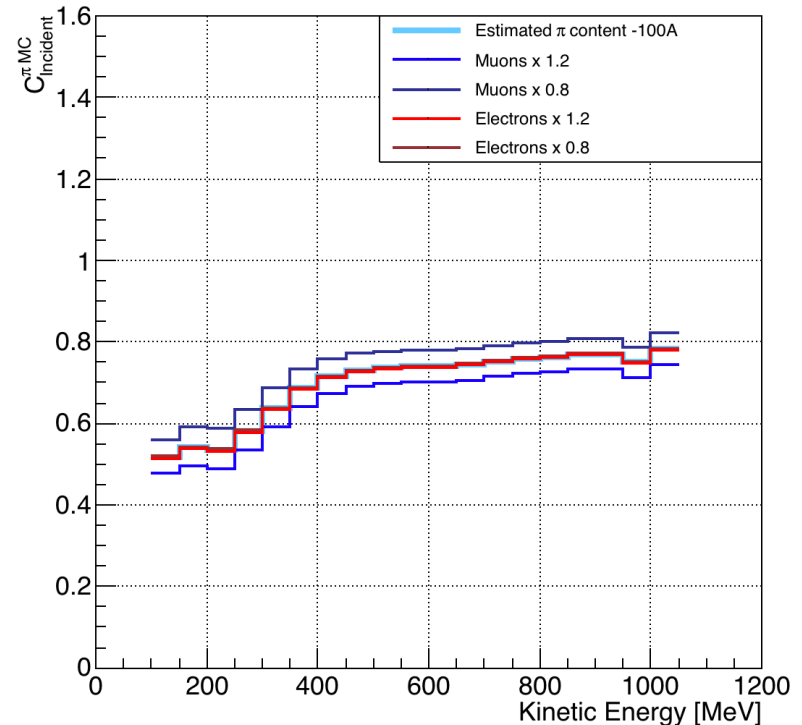
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Background Correction, Interacting



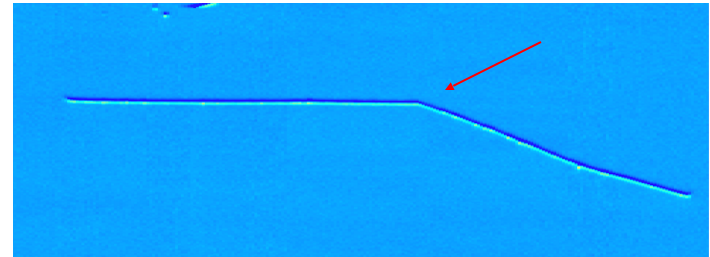
Background Correction, Incident



# XS Formula: Reconstruction Effects

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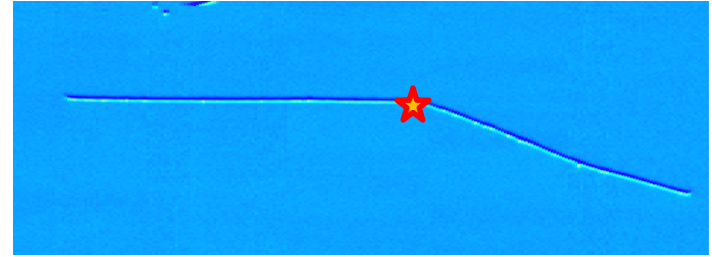
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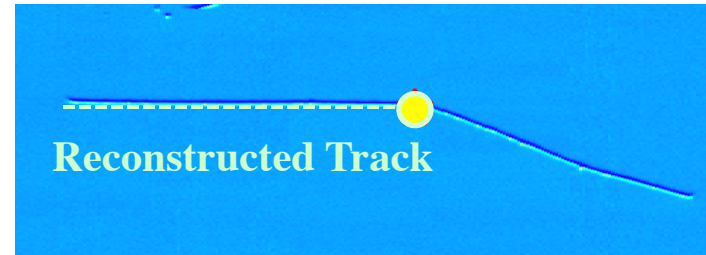
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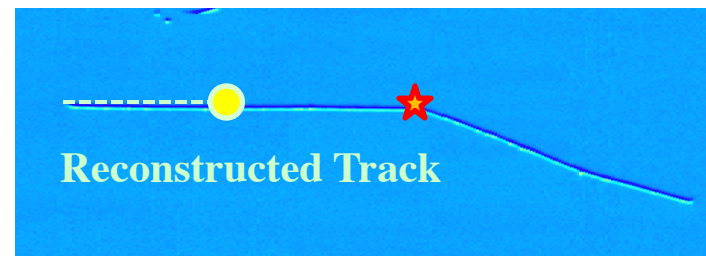
Correct Interaction ID



Missed Interaction



Early Stop



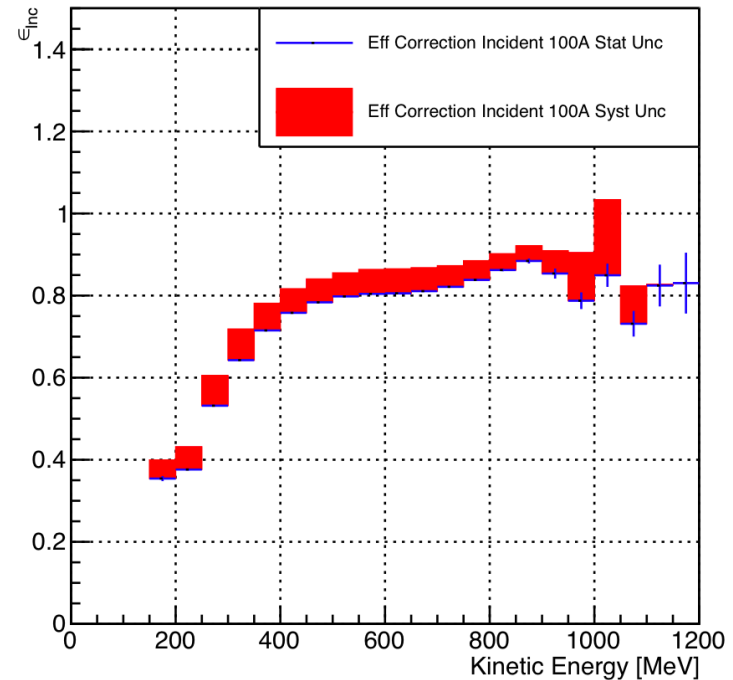
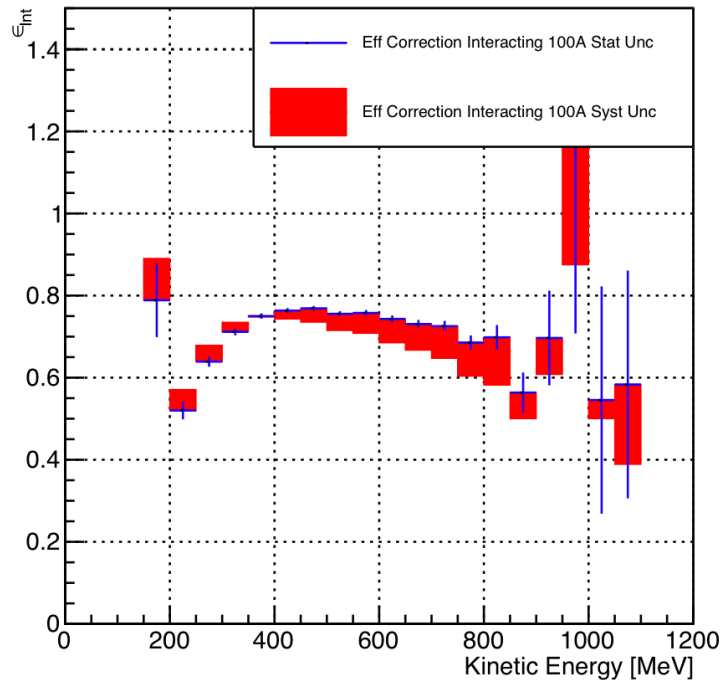
No sensitivity for angles < 5 deg

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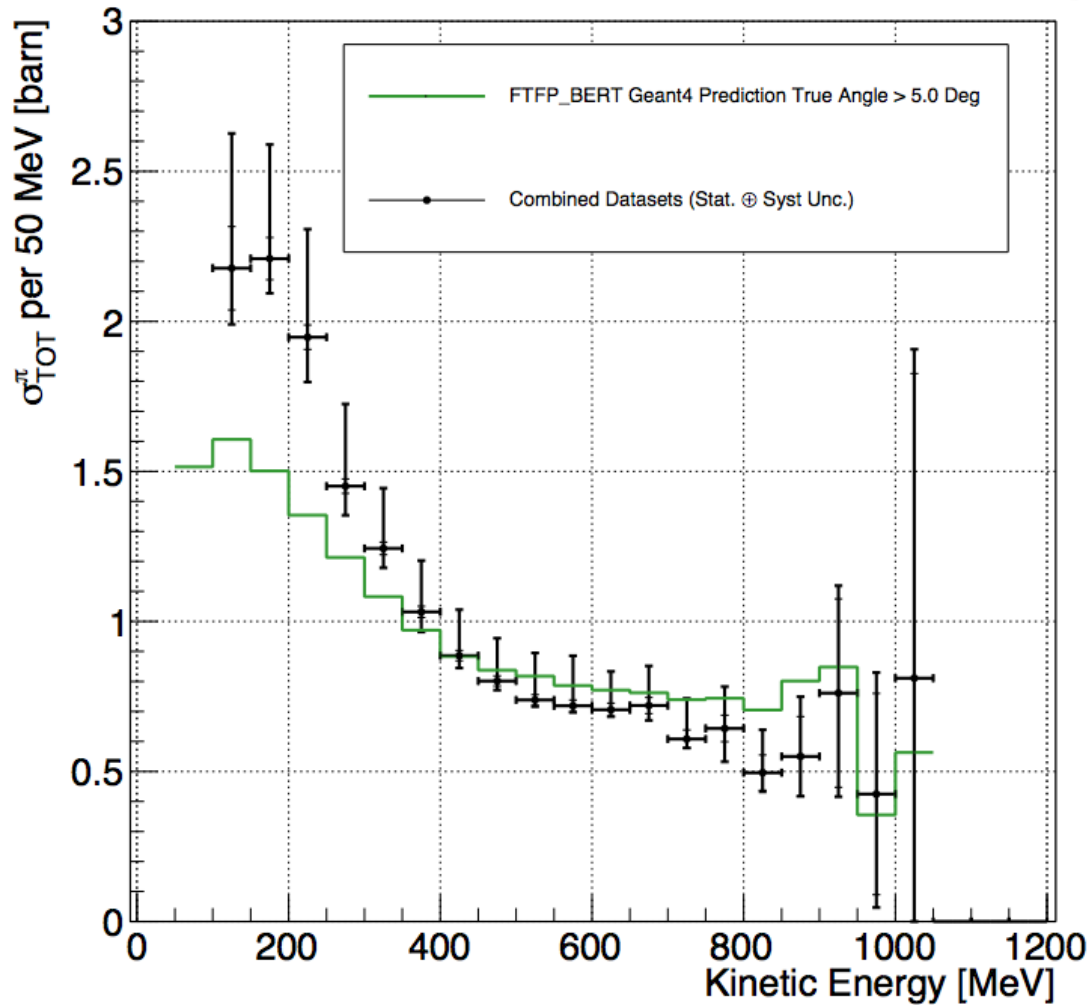
$$\epsilon_i^{Int} = \frac{N_{Int,i}^{Reco MC \pi}}{N_{Int,i}^{True MC \pi}}$$

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# Cross Section Measurement

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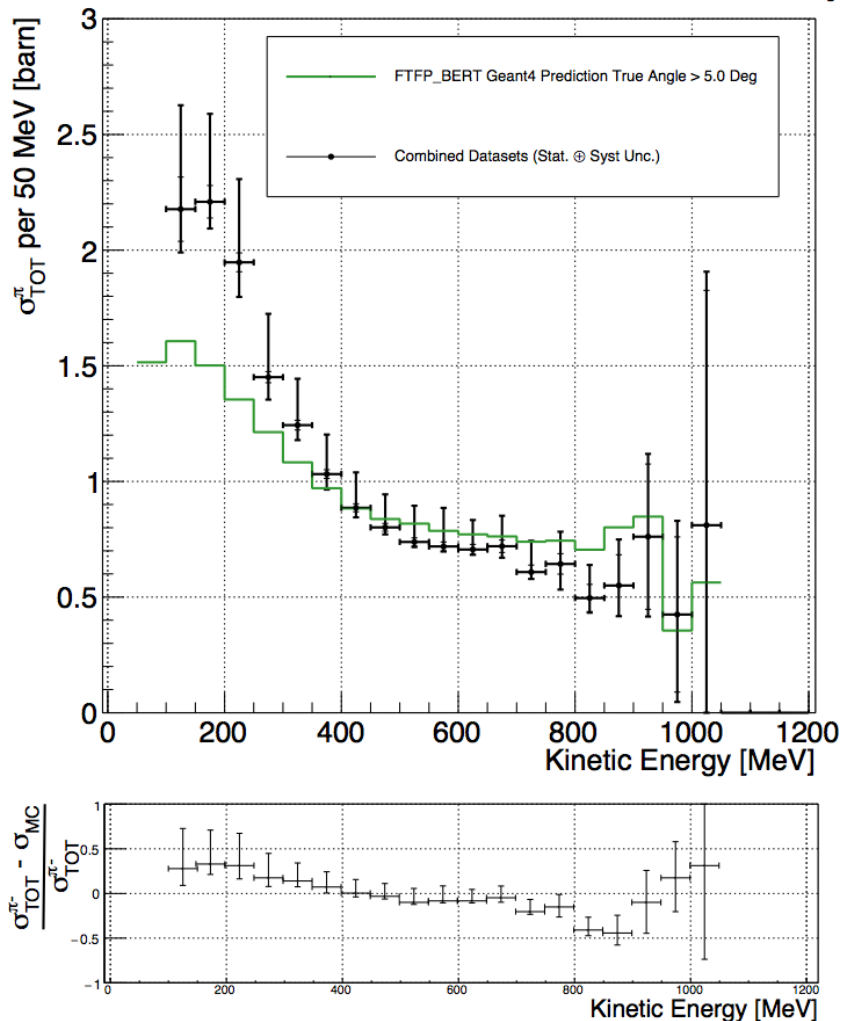




# Conclusions & Prospects: ( $\pi^-$ , Ar) XS

## ( $\pi^-$ , Ar) Total Hadronic XS

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The  $\pi^-$  total hadronic cross section has been measured for the **first time on Argon** in the 100-1050 MeV kinetic energy range.

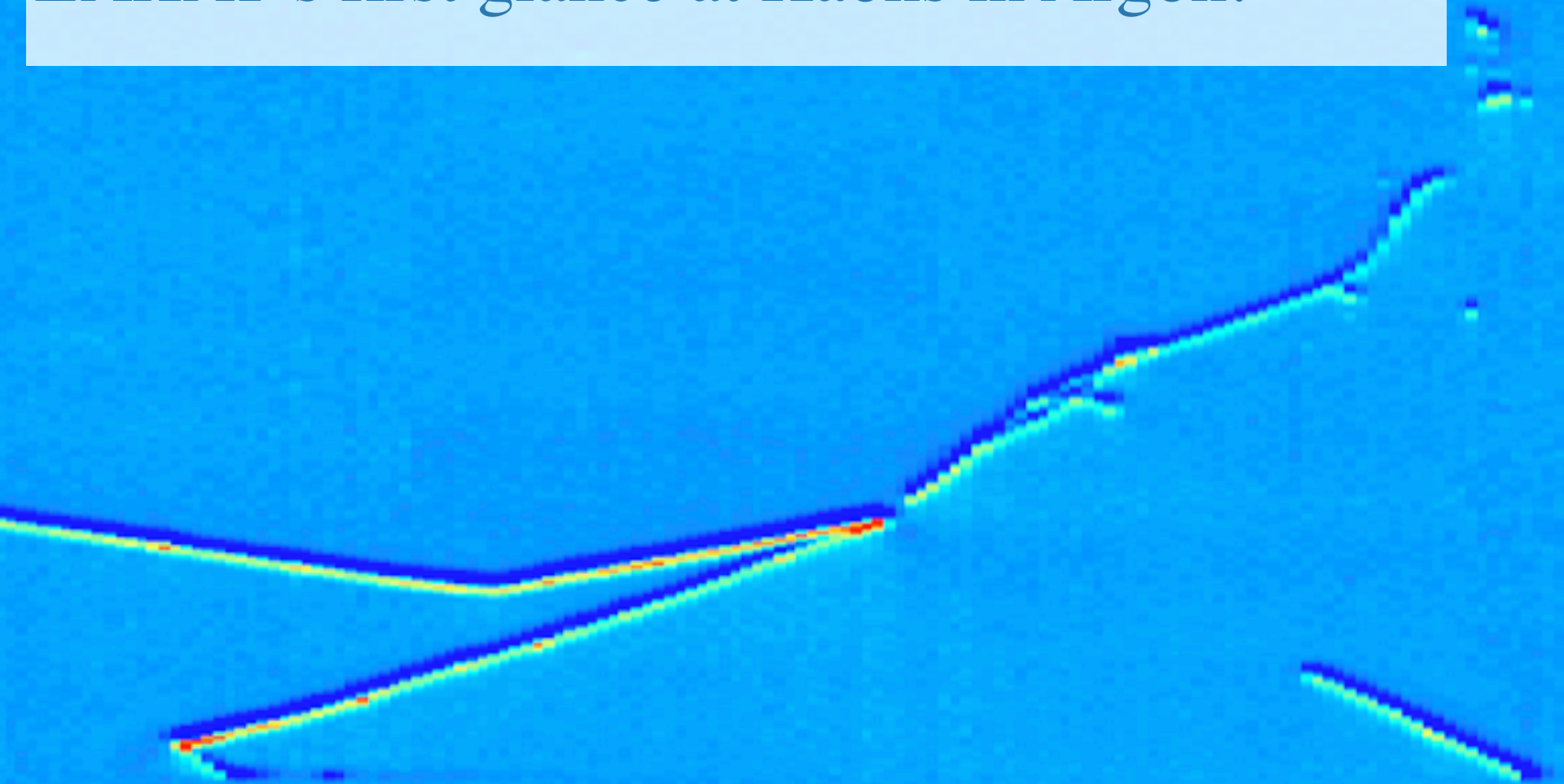
With the exception of the highest KE bins, the uncertainty is mostly dominated by the **systematics**.

**Agreement** with Geant4 FTFP\_BERT predictions outside the  $\Delta$  peak. Hint to a shape difference, ground for exciting developments.

Possible updates: improve statistics & background removal from data

# $K^+$ Total Cross Section

LArIAT's first glance at Kaons in Argon.

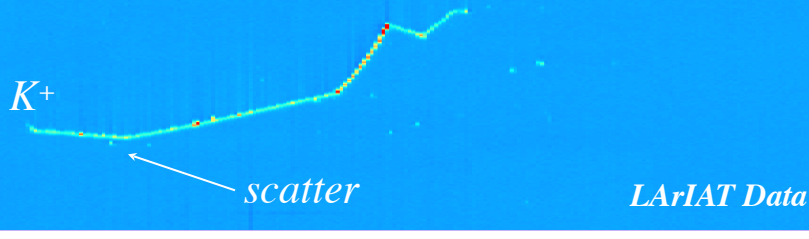


# Signal & Background Topologies

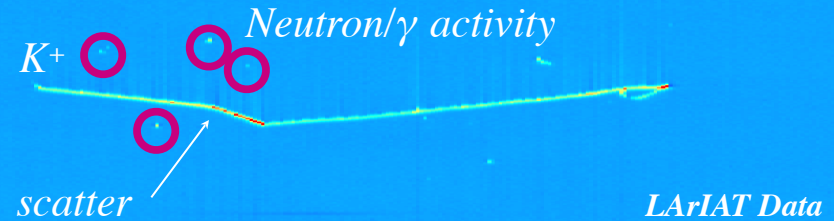
Signal: **All Hadronic Interactions**

$$\sigma_{\text{Tot}} = \sigma_{\text{Elastic}} + \sigma_{\text{Reaction}}$$

## Elastic Scattering Candidate



## Inelastic Scattering Candidate



Backgrounds: **Kaon Decay**

## $K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu$ candidate



## $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$ candidate



# (K<sup>+</sup>,Ar) Cross Section

**1081 Kaon Candidates** for XS:  
the uncertainty is mostly dominated by **statistics**.

Data driven assessment of beamline contamination:

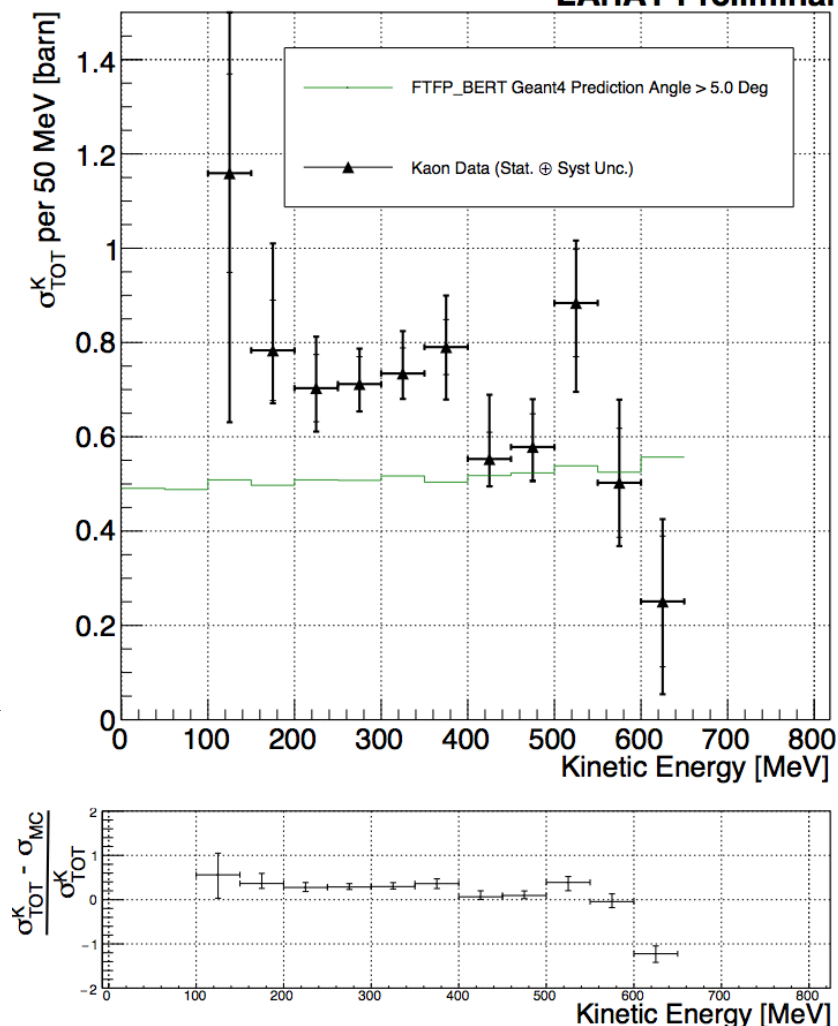
$0.2 \pm 0.5$  % from protons  
 $5 \pm 2$  % from  $\pi/\mu/e$

Statistical removal of decay in flight.  
Systematics: energy and tracking reconstruction.

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# Coming soon from LArIAT

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Exclusive channels: Pion absorption & charge exchange, p inelastic

Anti-proton characterization

Light-augmented calorimetry



THANKS!!!



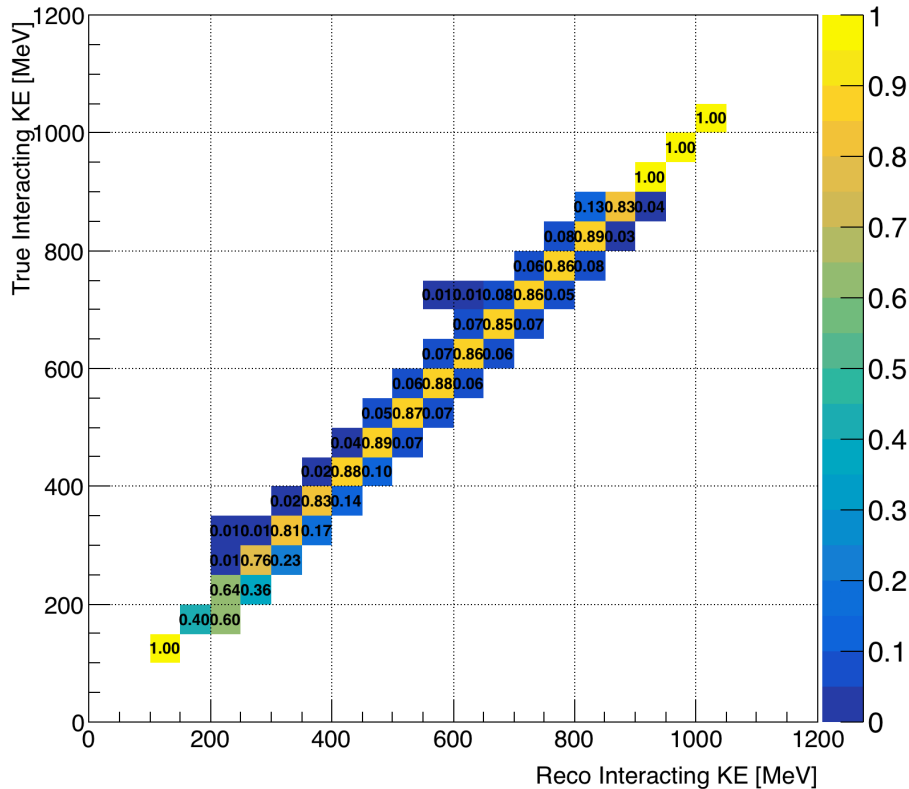
BACKUP



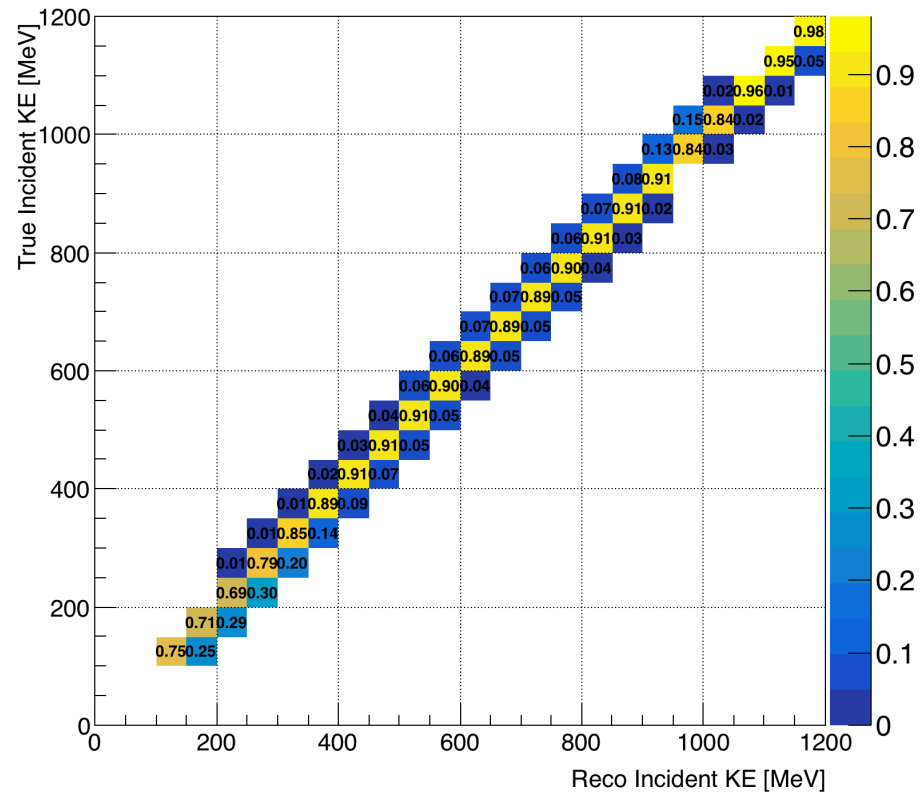
# Pion smearing matrices

## High Energy Beam Negative Pion

Smearing Matrix when right experiment identified



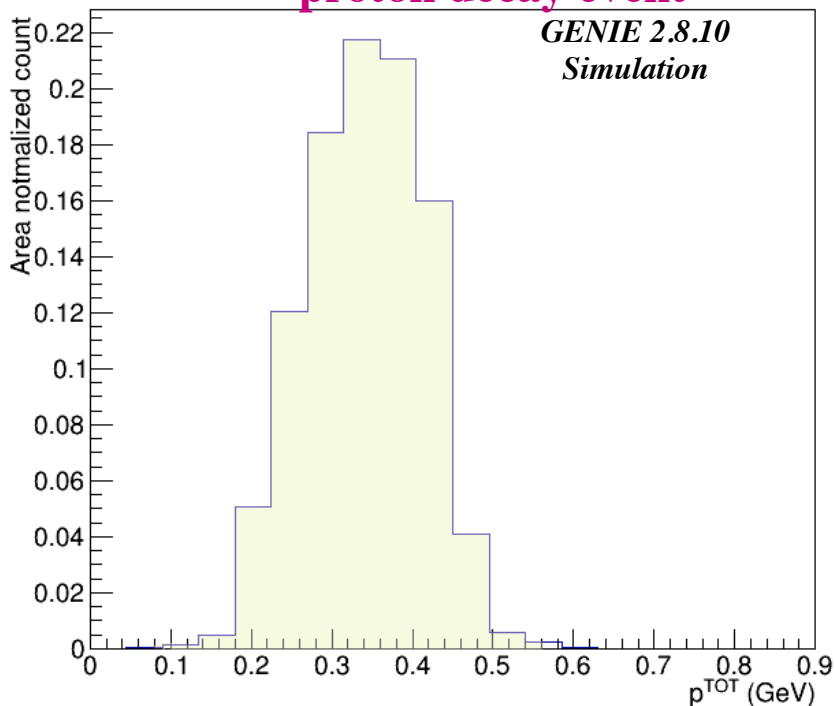
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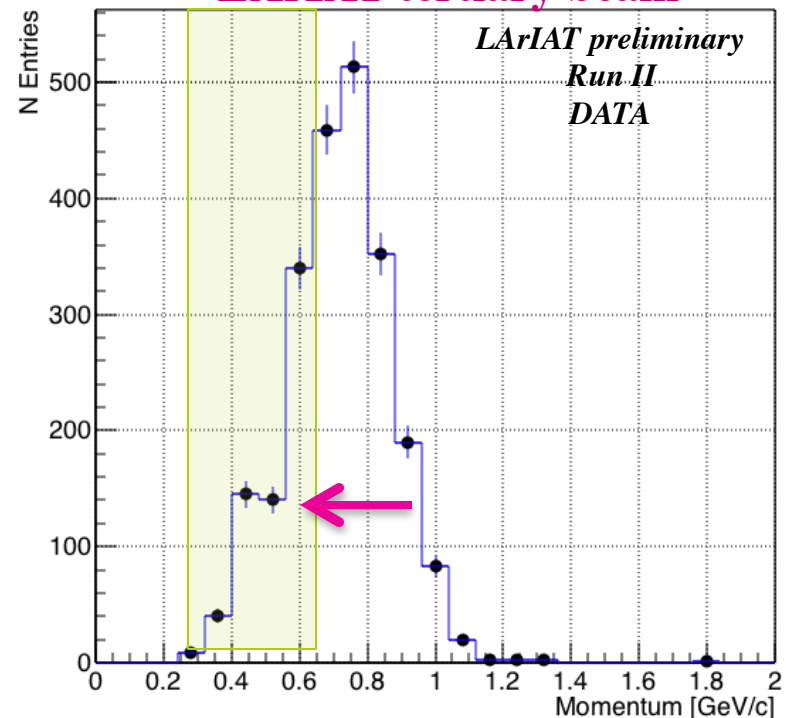
# Why LArIAT is the best (place to study Kaons)

The momentum distribution for Kaons in the LArIAT TPC **overlaps** completely with the momentum spectrum expected for the Kaon on a proton decay event.

**GENIE simulation of  $p_K$  for proton decay event**



**Kaon Initial Momentum in LArIAT tertiary beam**





# Beamline Contamination

Data Driven method from beamline mass distribution.

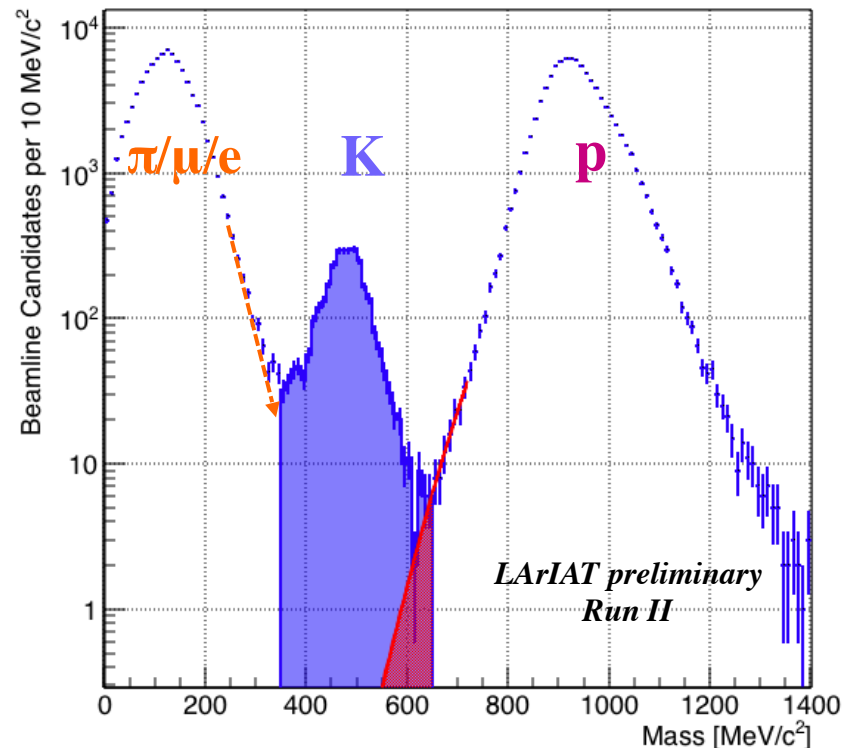
We **estimate the bleed over** from high and low mass peaks under the kaon peak.

Issue: we **don't know** the **shape** of those tails: iterative fit method.

With 12 iterations of the fit we find:

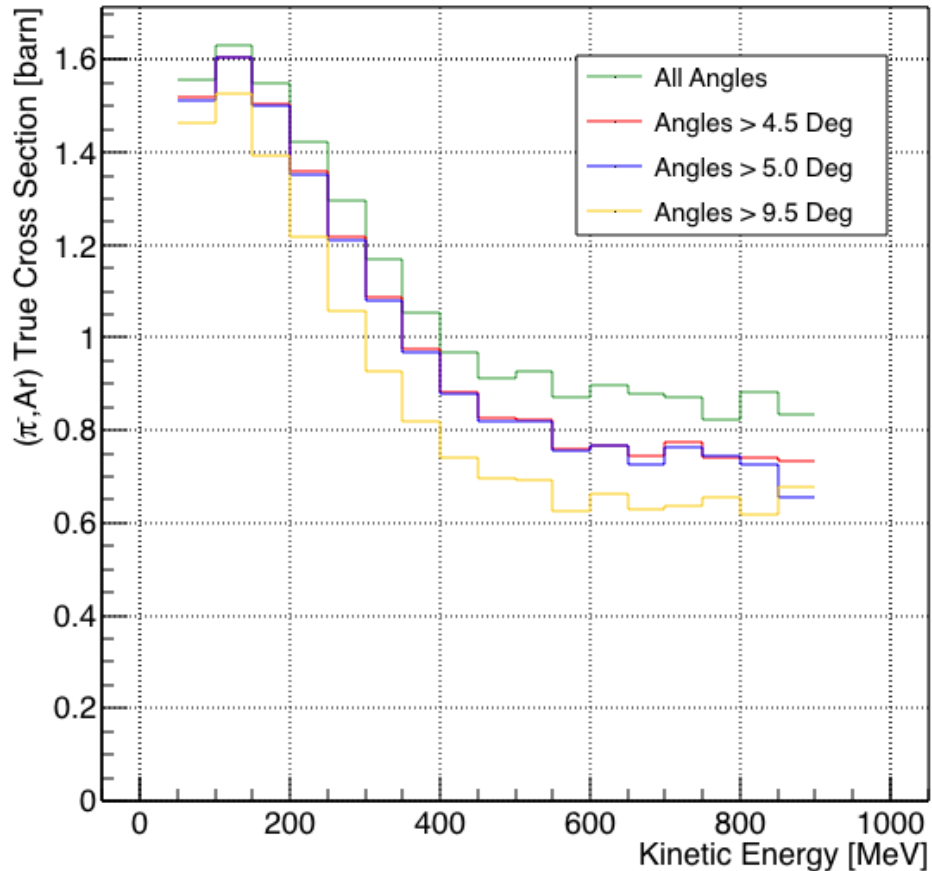
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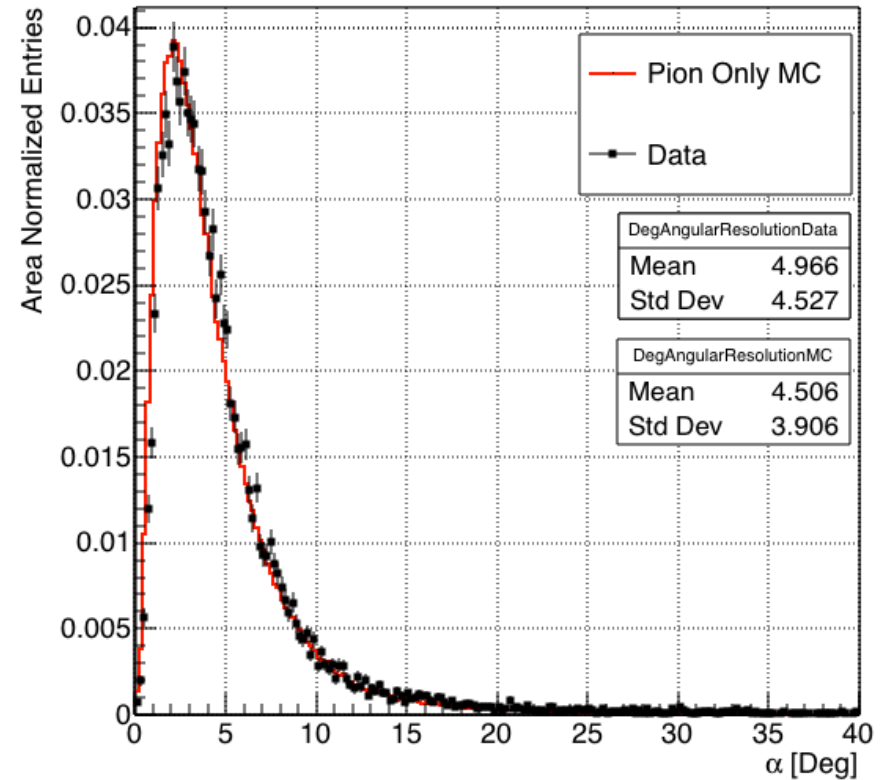


# What angles are invisible to us?

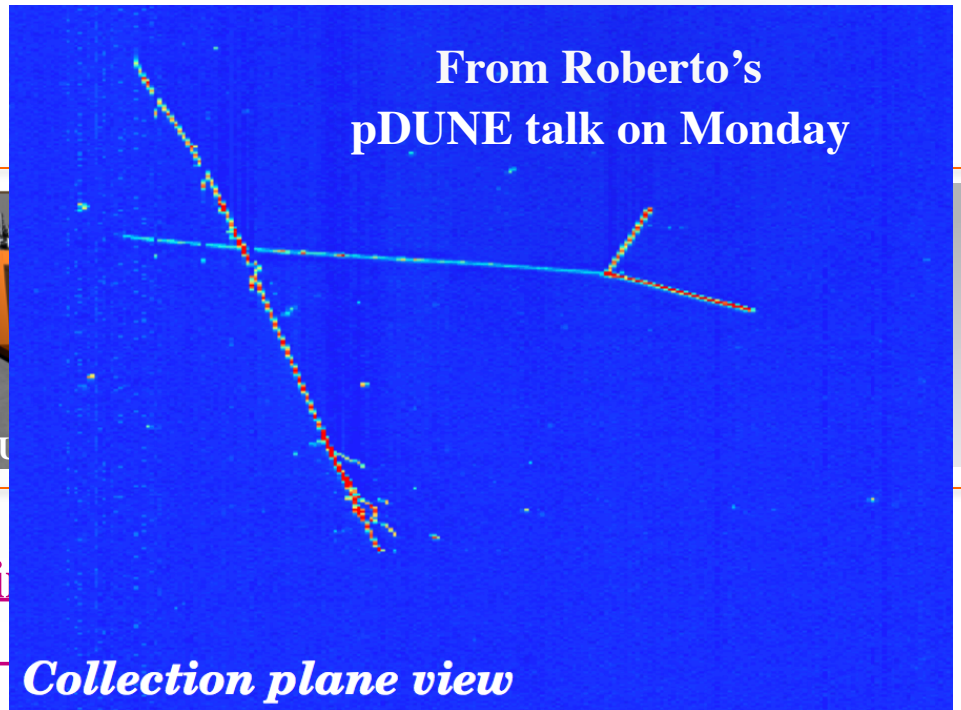
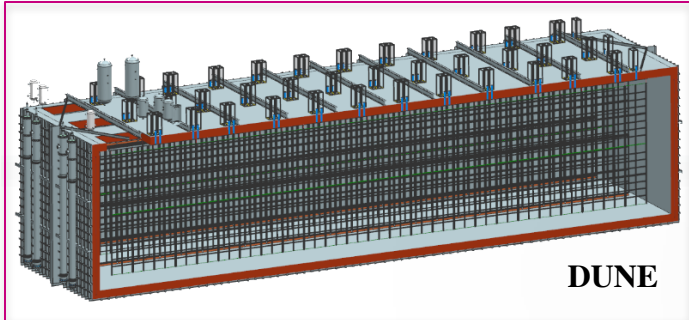
Geant4 ( $\pi^-$ ,Ar) True Cross Section



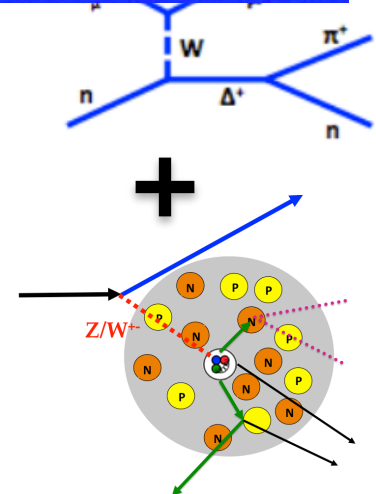
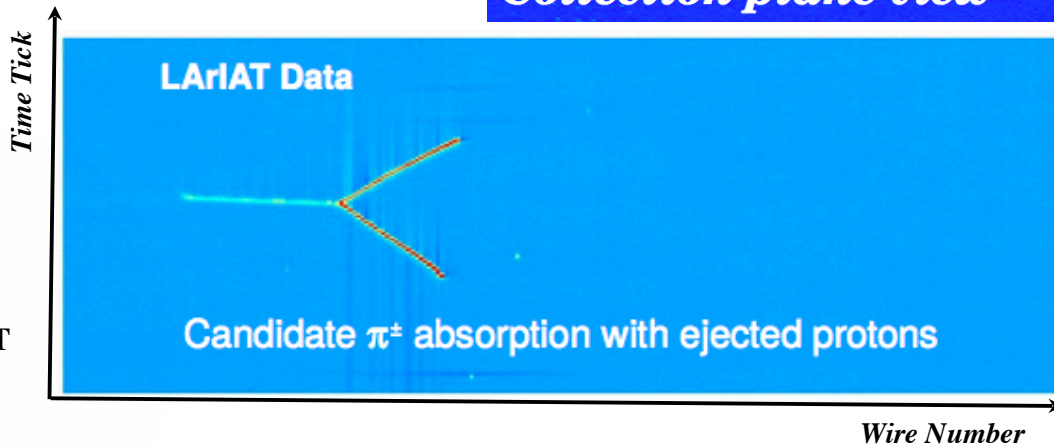
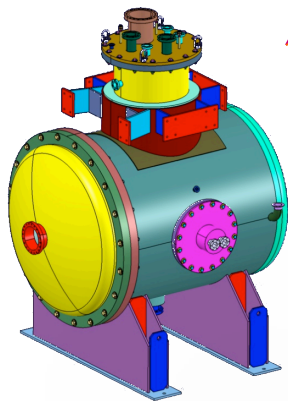
Angular Resolution



# LArIAT's Goals



Hadron-Ar interaction  
( $\pi, Ar$ )



# Inside LArIAT's hall: MWPCs

