

Study of tau neutrino production property with measuring open-Charms at 400 GeV proton beam dump

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Current status on neutrino CC cross section measurements

ν_μ : measured by many experiments

Average over 30 - 200 GeV

$$\sigma_{\nu\mu}^{const} = (0.51 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-38} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

~2% error

ν_τ : **only the DONuT experiment**

Beam source : $D_s \rightarrow \tau + \nu_\tau$

$\tau \rightarrow X + \nu_\tau$

$$\sigma_{\nu\tau}^{const} = 7.5(0.335 n^{1.52}) \times 10^{-40} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

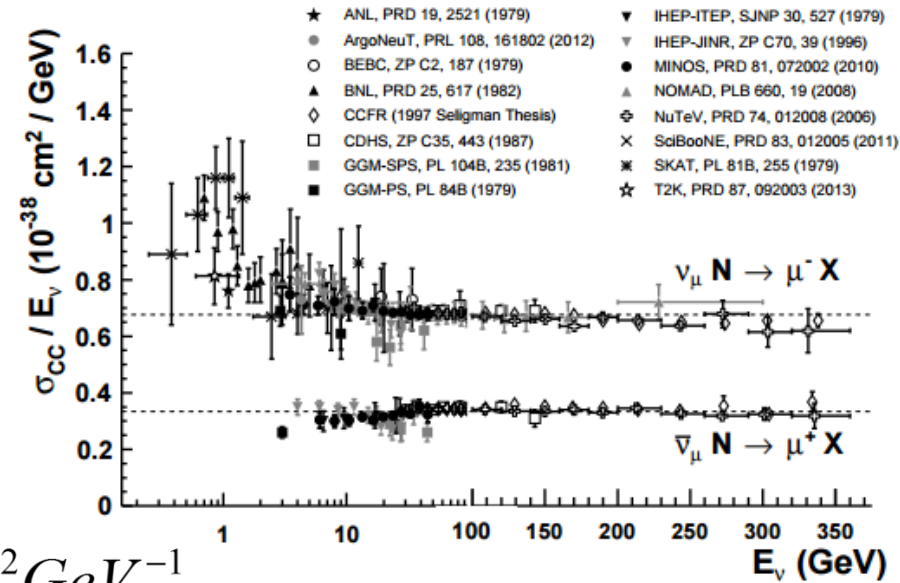
Measured as a function of a parameter n

describing $d\sigma(D_s)/dx_F \sim (1 - |x_F|)^n$

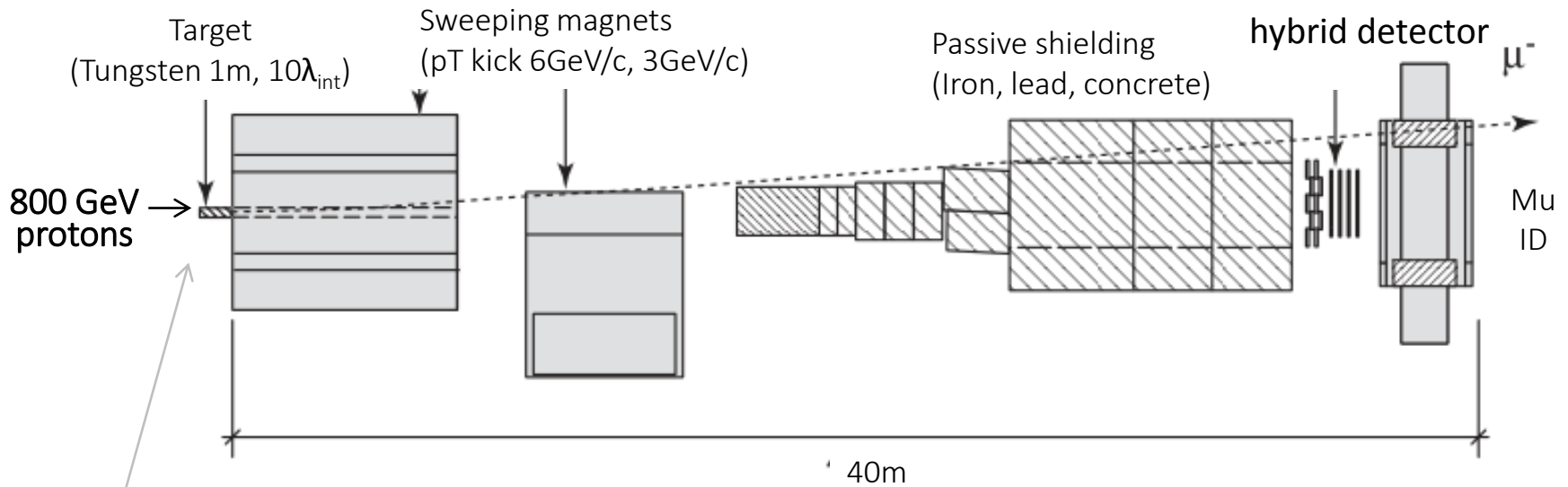
No experimental data giving n for D_s

-> 50% systematic uncertainty

Muon neutrino CC inclusive cross sections
(PDG 2014)

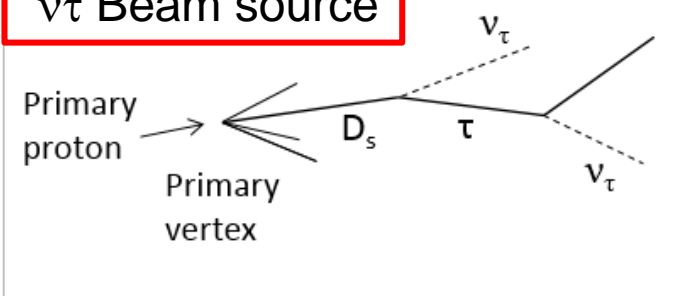


Neutrino beam line in DONuT

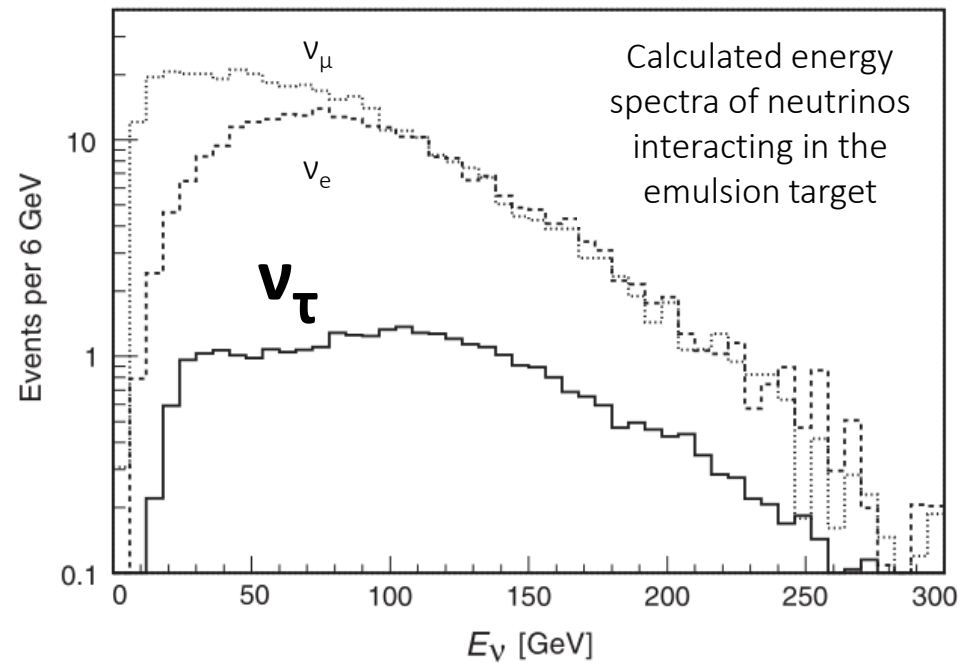


$\nu\tau$ detector

$\nu\tau$ Beam source

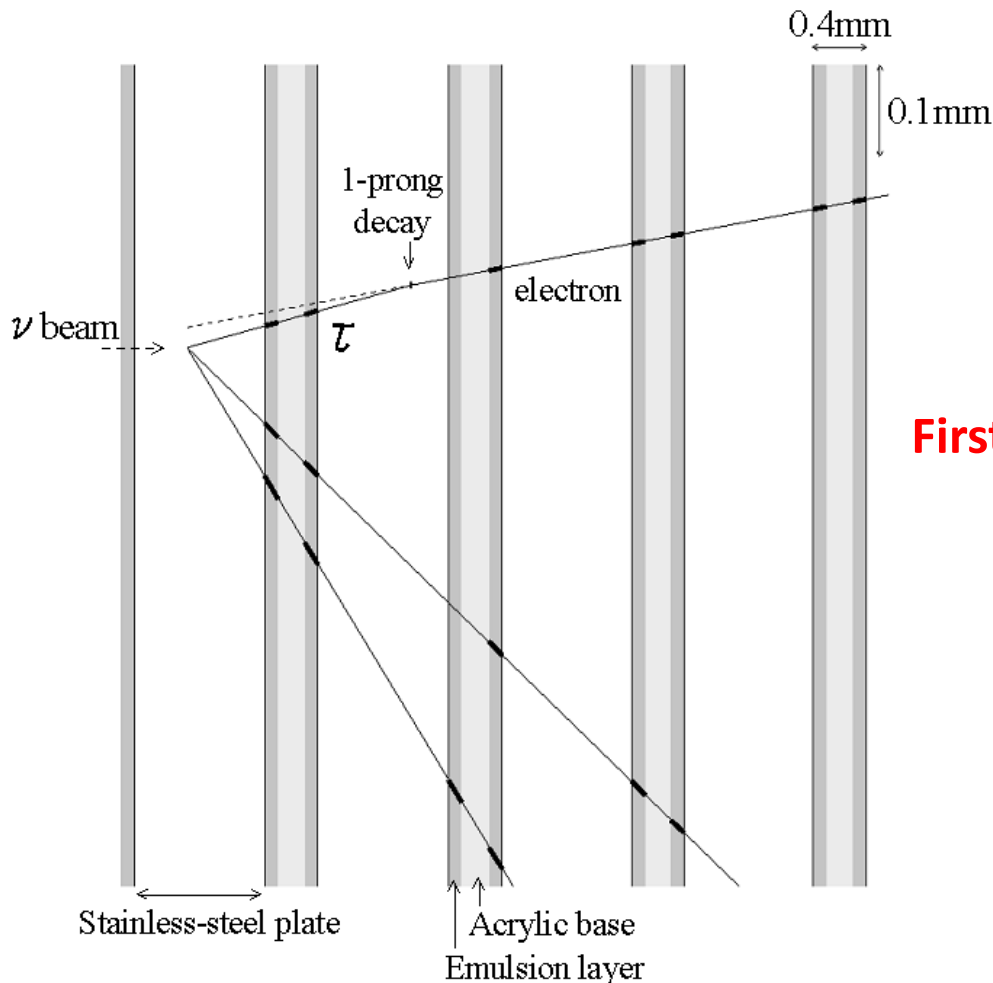


	Main source
ν_e	$D^0, D^\pm, D_s, \Lambda_c$
ν_μ	$D^0, D^\pm, D_s, \Lambda_c, \pi, K$
ν_τ	D_s



The DONuT experiment (Fermilab E872)

- Designed to observe ν_τ CC interactions by identifying τ
- **The first direct observation of ν_τ interactions (2000)**



Final result with
total analyzed statistics
(**578** neutrino interactions)

9 ν_τ CC events observed

First measurement of ν_τ CC cross section

“Final tau-neutrino results from
the DONuT experiment”,
Physical Review D 78, 5 (2008)

Results from DONuT

ν_τ CC cross section

$$\sigma_{\nu\tau}(E) = \sigma_{\nu\tau}^{const} \times E_{\nu\tau} \times K_\tau(E)$$

ν_τ CC cross section was calculated as a function of one parameter. The energy-independent part was parameterized as

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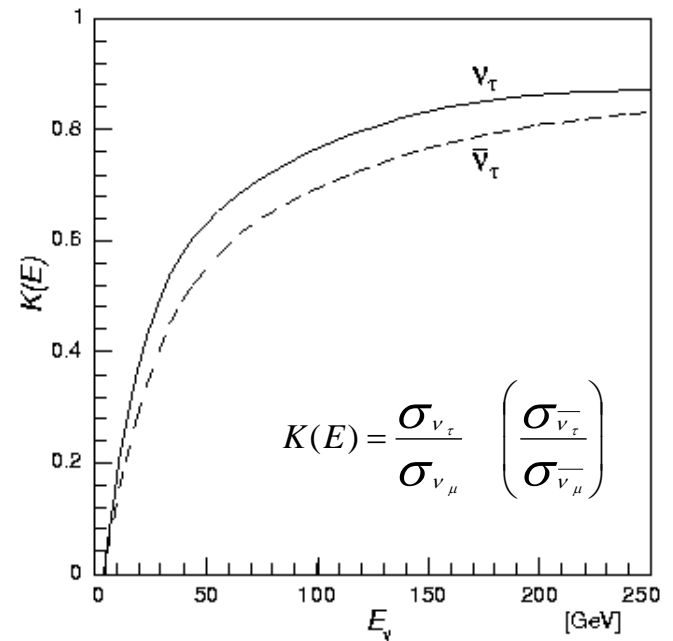
where n is the parameter controlling the longitudinal part of the D_s differential cross section

Phenomenological formula

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx_F dp_T^2} \propto \underbrace{(1 - |x_F|)^n}_{\text{longitudinal dependence}} \underbrace{\exp(-bp_T^2)}_{\text{transverse dependence}}$$

longitudinal
dependence

transverse
dependence



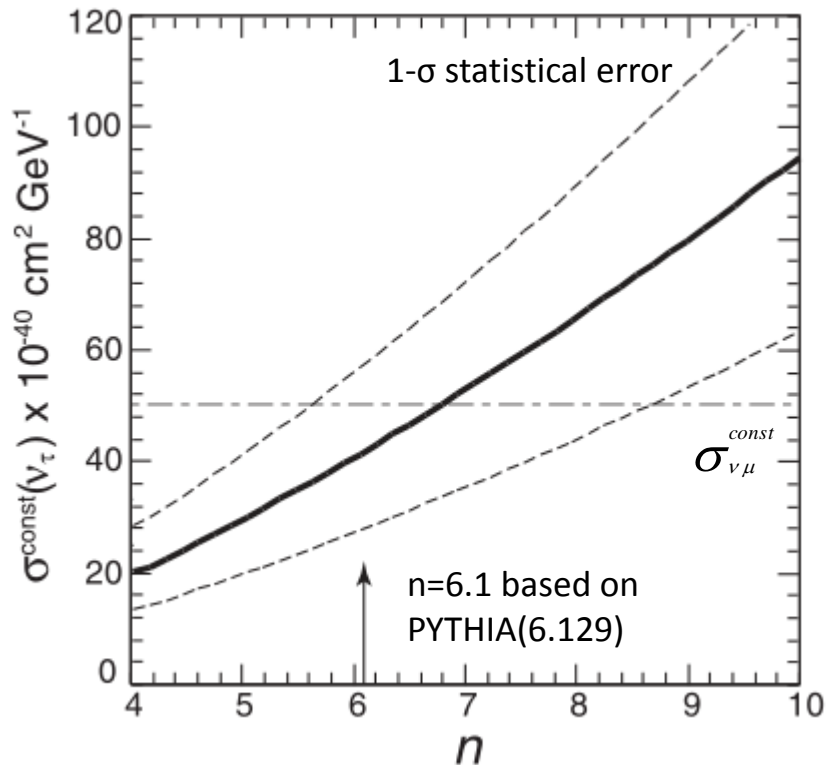
x_F is Feynman x

($x_F = 2p_z^{CM} / \sqrt{s}$)

p_T is transverse momentum

Results from DONuT

ν_τ CC cross section as a function of the parameter n



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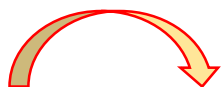
No published data giving n for D_s produced by 800 GeV proton interactions

Systematic uncertainties	
D_s differential cross section (x_F dependence)	$\sim 0.5!?$
Charm production cross section	0.17
Decay branching ratio	0.23
Target atomic mass effects (A dependence)	0.14

**The main uncertainty is ..
How (hard/soft) $D_s(\nu_\tau$ source) are produced !**

DsTau project : New experiment to re-evaluate ν_τ cross section

- ν_τ cross section was measured by DONUT with large uncertainty (~50%) on ν_τ flux at beam source.
 - The uncertainty reduction on ν_τ production cross section is important.
 - $D_s \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow X$ precision measurement in high energy proton interactions
- Re-evaluation of ν_τ cross section & useful results for future ν_τ experiments**



Systematic uncertainties	DONUT	With DsTau
D_s differential cross section (x_F dependence)	~0.5	0.1
Charm production cross section	0.17	0.05
Decay branching ratio	0.23	
Target atomic mass effects (A dependence)	0.14	

Observable of the experiment

- D_s production x decay branching ratio

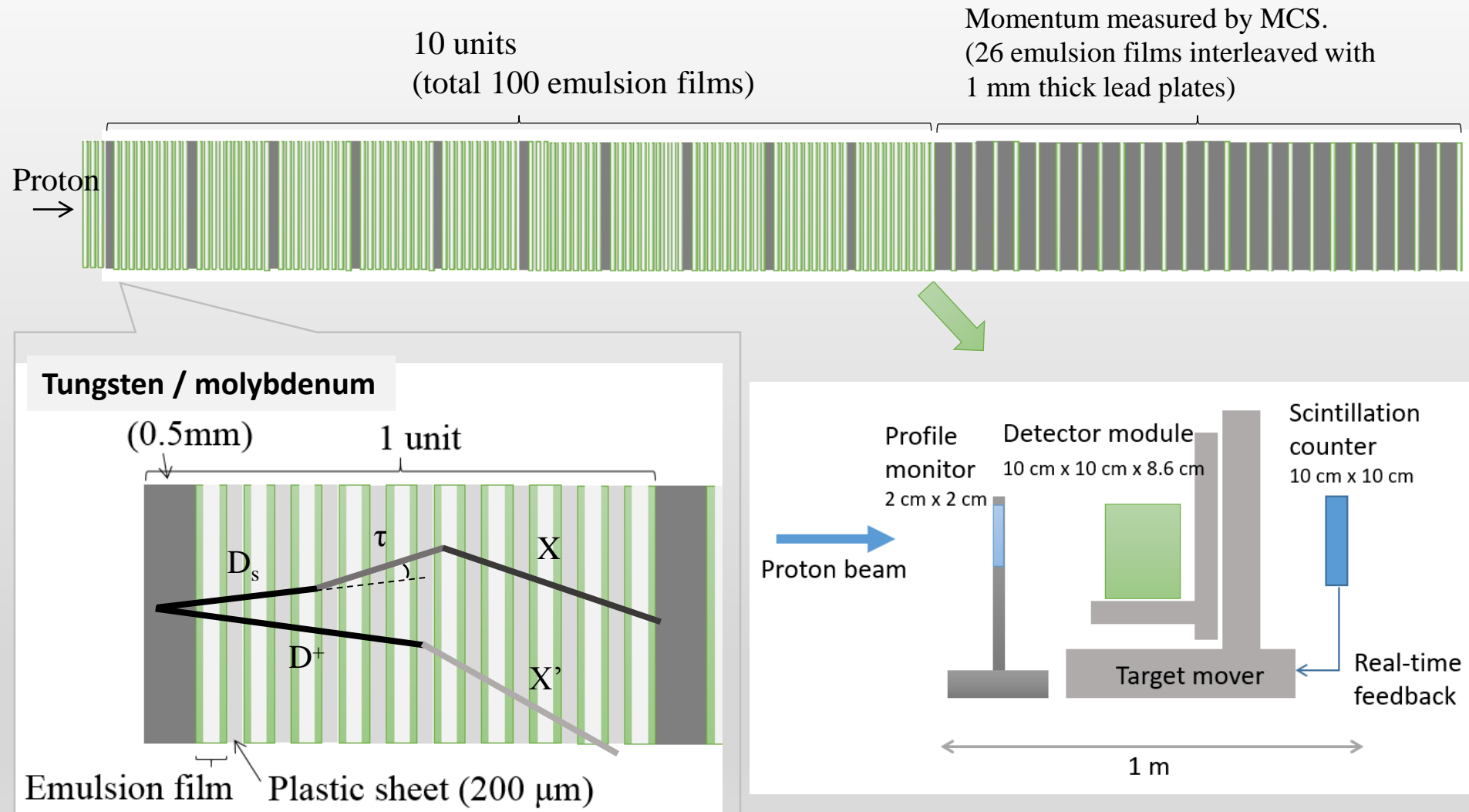
$$\frac{N_{\nu_\tau}^{beam}}{N_{pot}} = \frac{2 \times \sigma(pW \rightarrow D_s X) \times BR(D_s \rightarrow \nu_\tau \tau)}{\sigma(pW)}$$

With collecting **1000** detected $D_s \rightarrow \tau$

- Angular distribution of $D_s \rightarrow \tau$ events
- Energy distribution → x_F dependence

2.3×10^8 proton W interactions stored in Emulsion Cloud Chambers

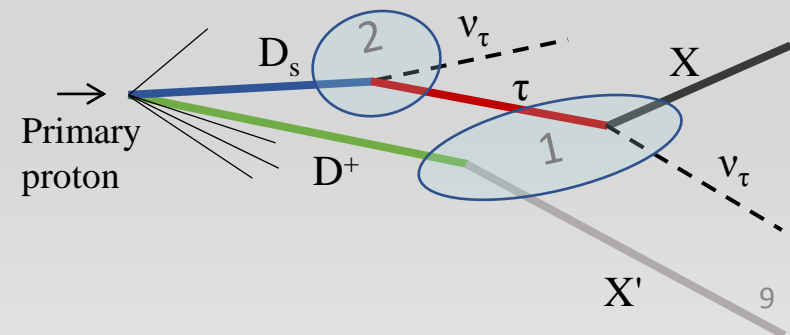
$D_s \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow X$ measurement detector (ECC)



400 ECCs will be exposed to accumulate 2.3×10^8 int₈

Analysis plan

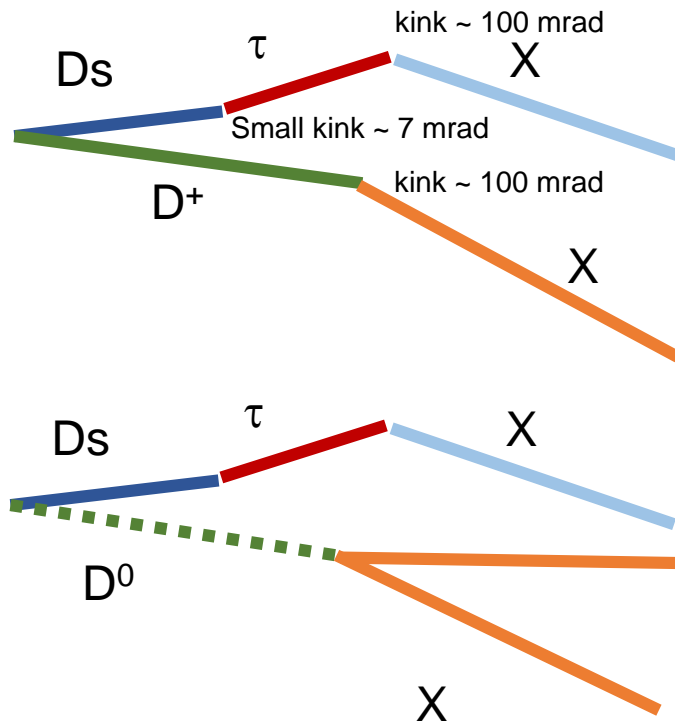
- Expectations
 - Detailed analysis in 2.3×10^8 proton interactions (4.6×10^9 pot)
 - 4×10^5 charm-pairs produced
 - 9×10^4 Ds produced
 - 5000 Ds \rightarrow τ events produced
 - 1000 Ds \rightarrow τ events detected
 - (Preliminary estimates: efficiency 20%, background 9×10^{-9} per proton interactions)
- Steps in Double-kink search
 1. High speed scanning of full area (scanning speed $0.5 \text{ m}^2/\text{h}$)
 - to select $\tau \rightarrow X + \text{partner-charm}$ decays ($\Delta\theta \sim 100 \text{ mrad}$)
 2. Precision measurement
 - to detect Ds $\rightarrow \tau$ decay (a few mrad)



Signal and background

- Signal = a double kink + a charmed particle decay

5×10^{-6} / proton interaction

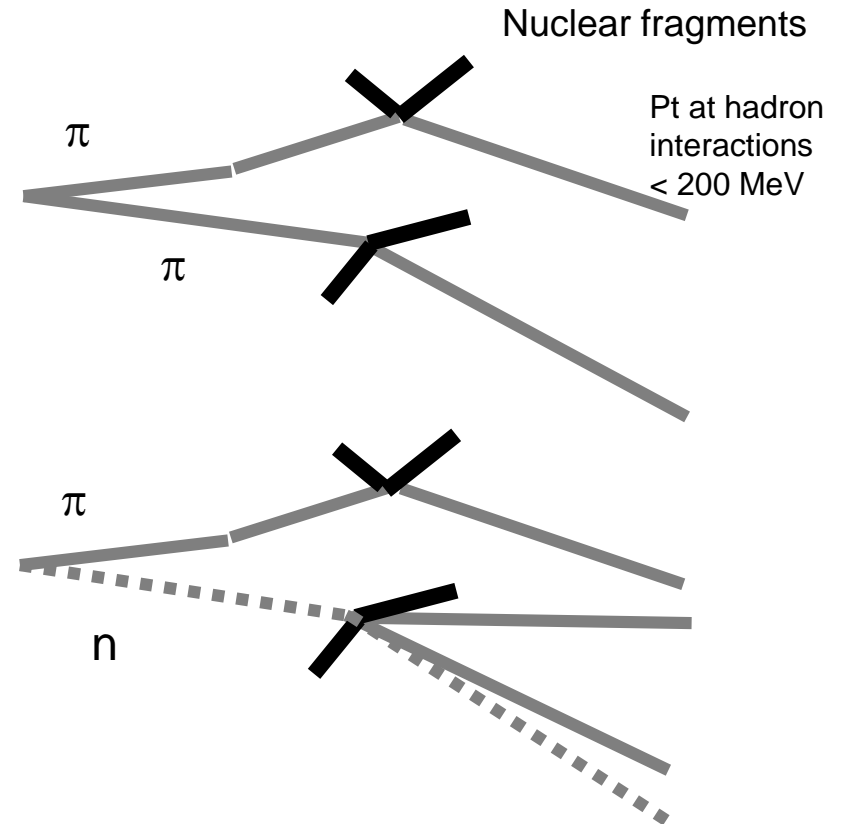


Very preliminary

- Background = hadron interactions

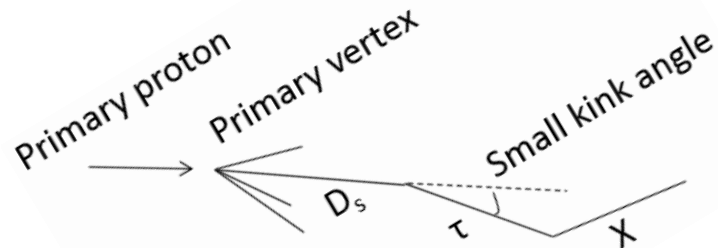
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White kink mean free path 11m is assumed



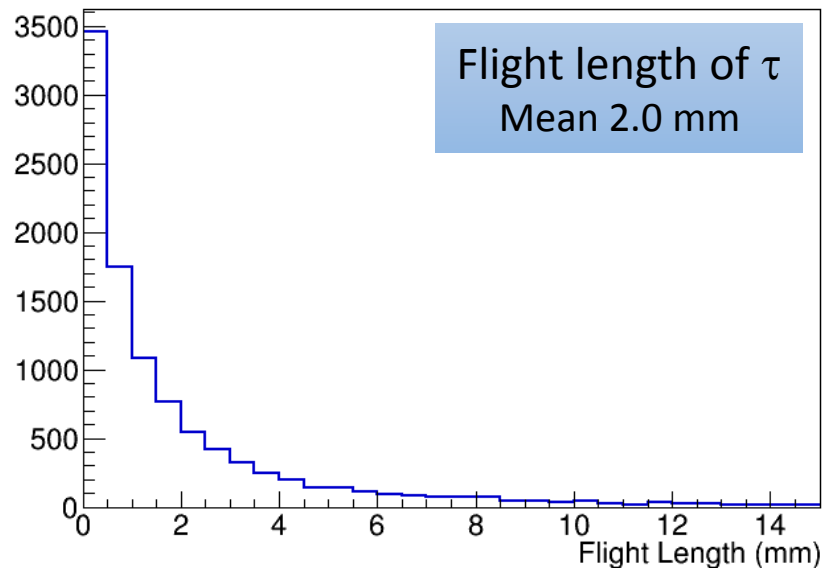
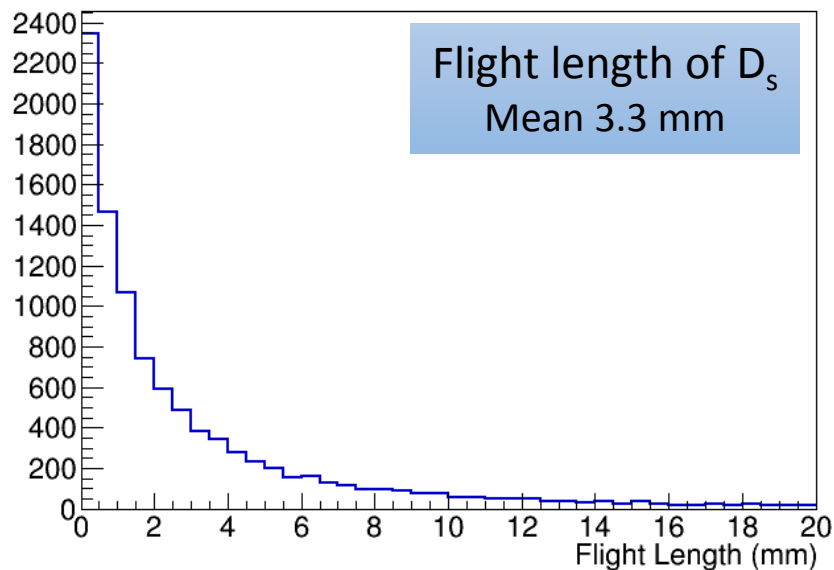
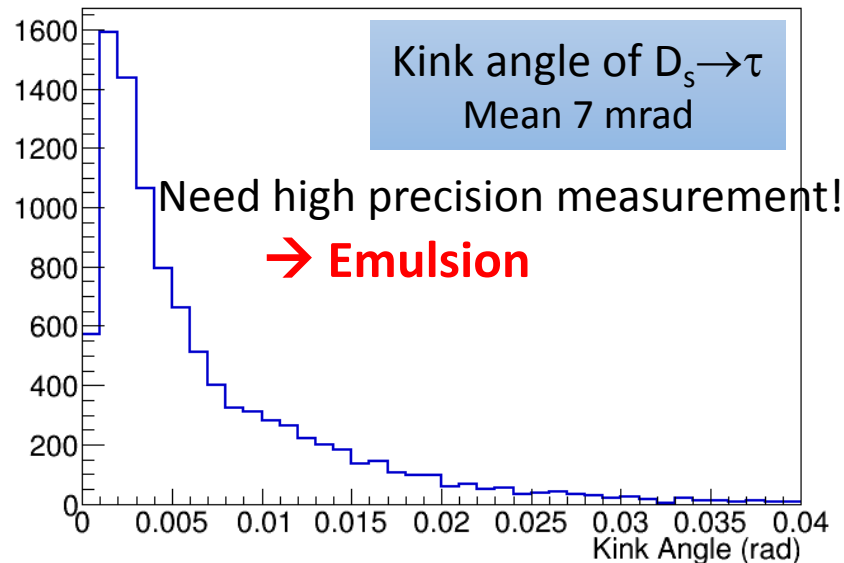
Detection of $D_s \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow X$ events (double-kink topology)

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The analysis chain:

- 1) Tag $\tau \rightarrow X$ decay (mean ~ 100 mrad)
- 2) Perform high precision measurement to detect $D_s \rightarrow \tau$ decay



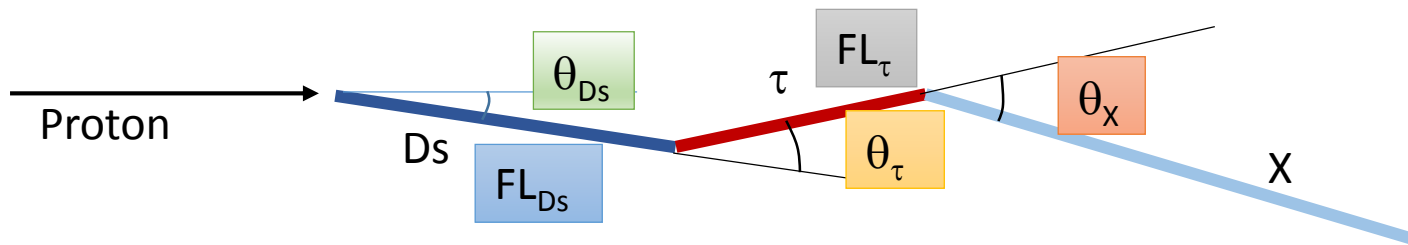
Preliminary selection :

1 film $< FL(D_s) < 5\text{mm}$ & $\Delta\theta(D_s \rightarrow \tau) > 2\text{mrad}$ & $FL(\tau) < 5\text{mm}$ & $\Delta\theta(\tau) > 15\text{mrad}$ & pair charm detection

\rightarrow Efficiency **20%** (will be further optimized using more careful simulations)

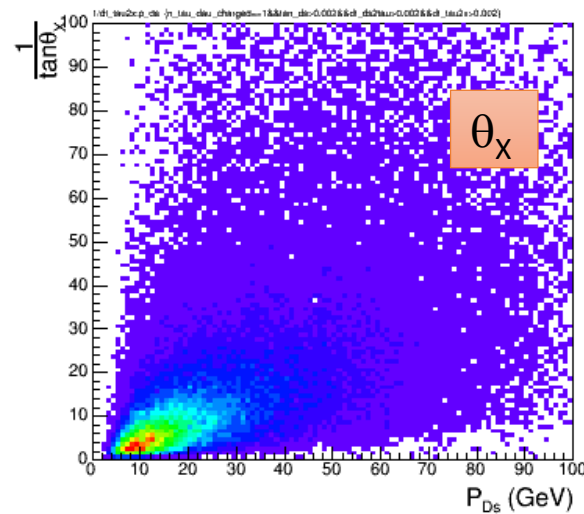
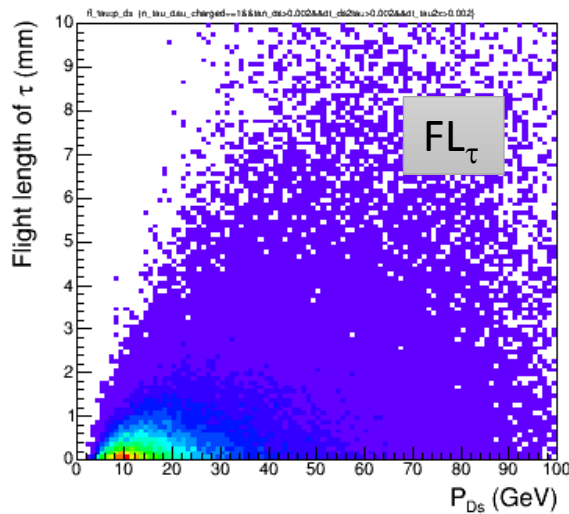
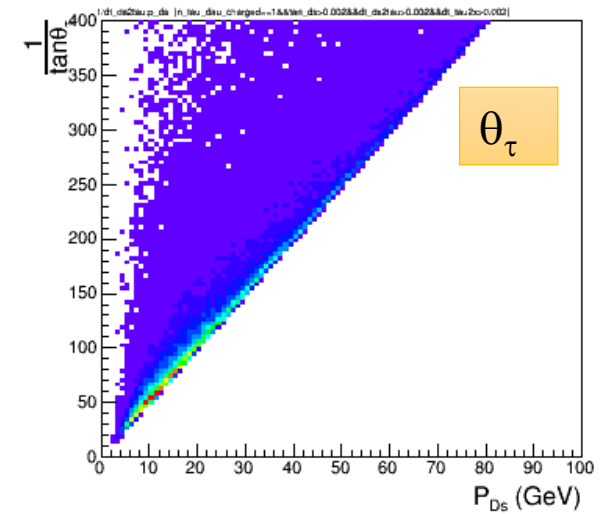
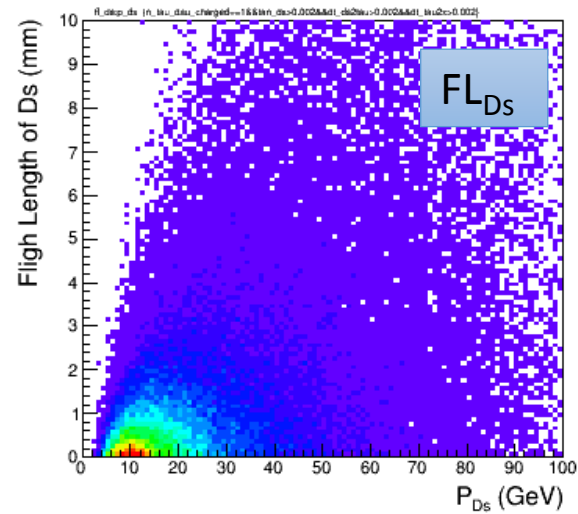
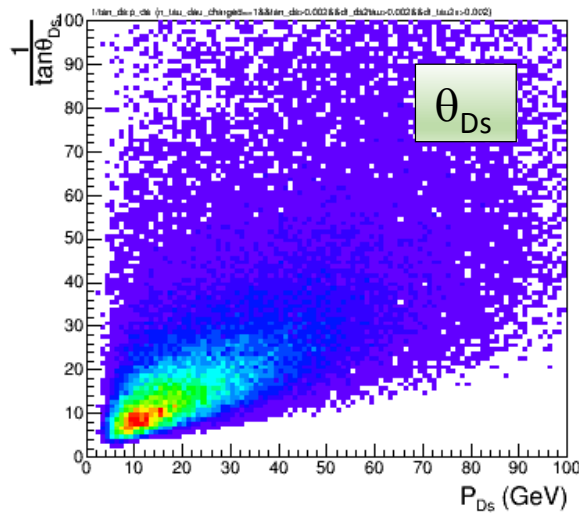
Key technique for X_F measurement : Ds momentum reconstruction from topological variables

- x_F is a longitudinal profile of Ds: $x_F = 2p_z^{CM}/\sqrt{s} = 2\gamma(p_{D_s}^{Lab}\cos\theta_{D_s} - \beta E_{D_s}^{Lab})/\sqrt{s}$
- Ds decays quickly, unable to measure P directly
- Need a method to estimate P_{D_s} from topological variables

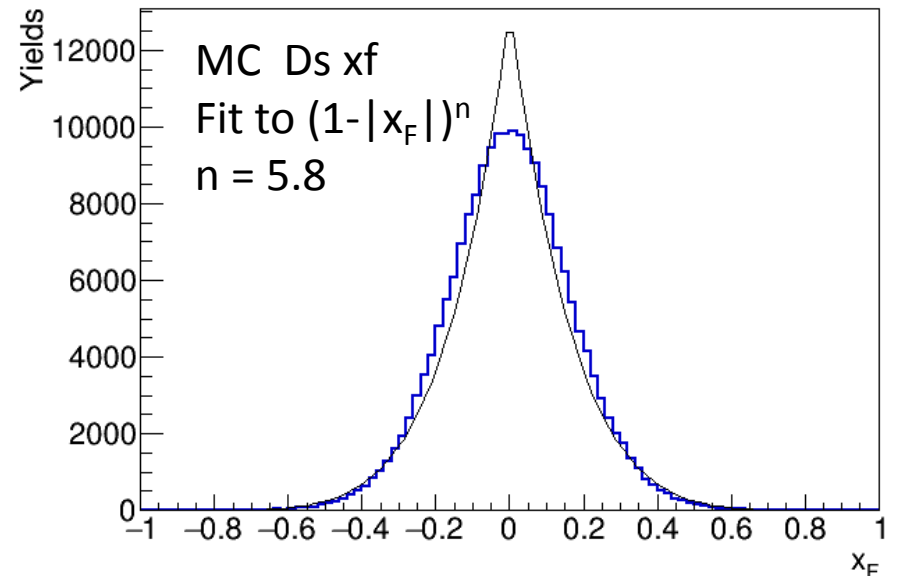
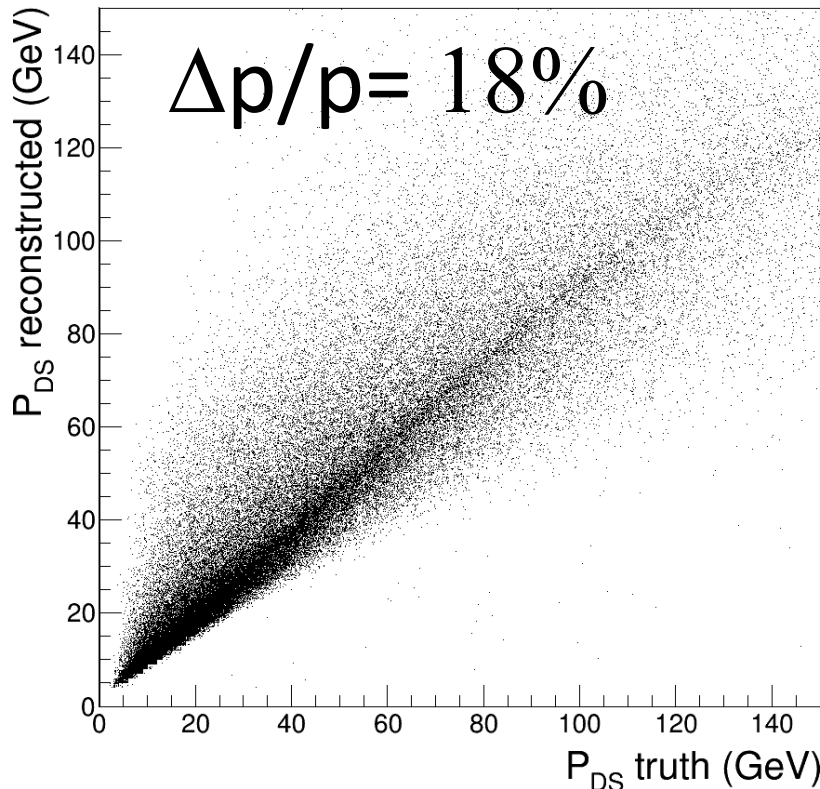
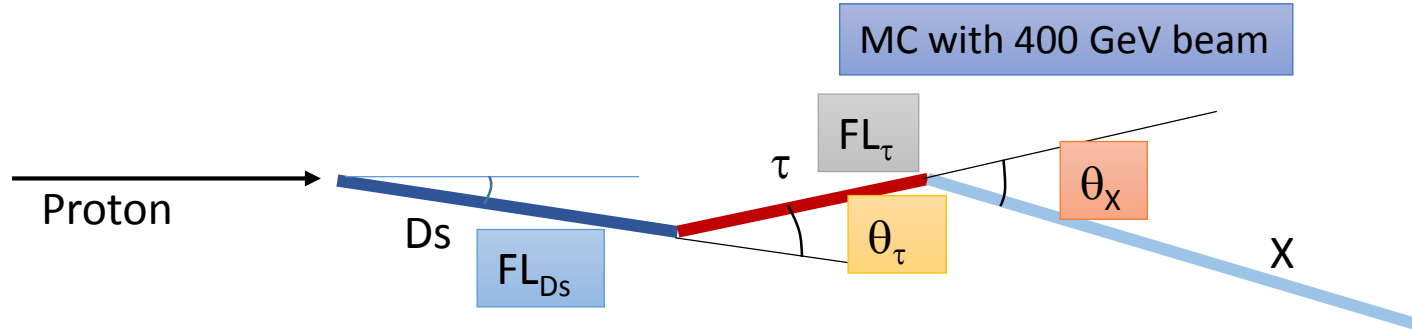


Topological variables: correlation with P_{D_s}

Sample: tau single prong decay



Ds momentum reconstruction by Artificial Neural Network (ANN) using 4 variables



We will measure Ds xf distribution with 1000 detected Ds \rightarrow tau events !

Proton beam exposure schedule

Run	Beam time	Emulsion surface	Goal
2016 test beam		(10 modules)	Test of the setup Proof of principle
2017 test beam		(~2 modules)	Improvement of exposure scheme
2018 pilot run (approved)	1 week	48 m ² (30 modules)	Test of large data taking and analysis BG estimation with data Physics results (~80 D _s → τ detected)
2021 physics run (recommended)	2 weeks	545 m ² (338 modules)	Physics results (~1000 D _s → τ detected)
2022 physics run	2 weeks		

Letter of Intent, Feb. 2016

Proposal (SPSC-P-354), Aug. 2017

The proposal has been reviewed during the SPSC meeting

→ **Positive feedback**

"The 2018 run has been approved and the Committee recommends that the beam time requested for 2021 will be granted."

Expected performance

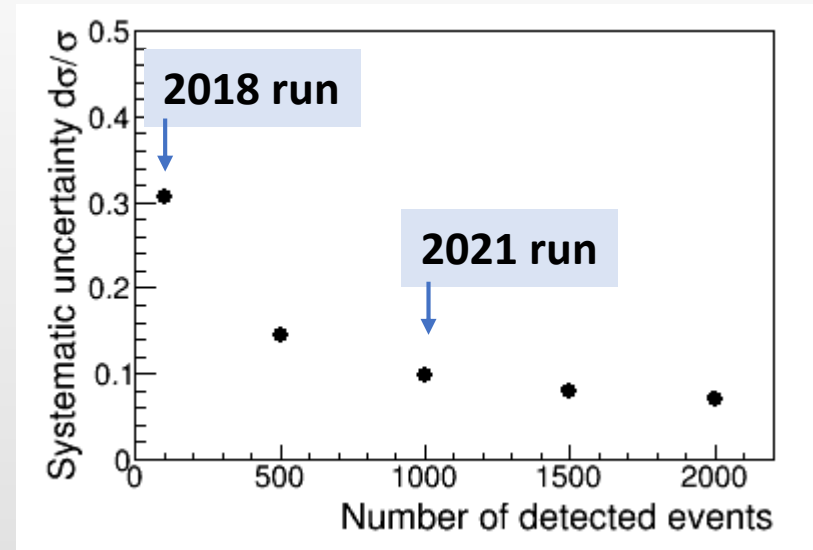
**Relative systematic uncertainty
for cross section measurement:**

~30% with 2018 run

→ Re-evaluation of the DONUT result

~10% with 2021-2022 run

→ Input for future measurement



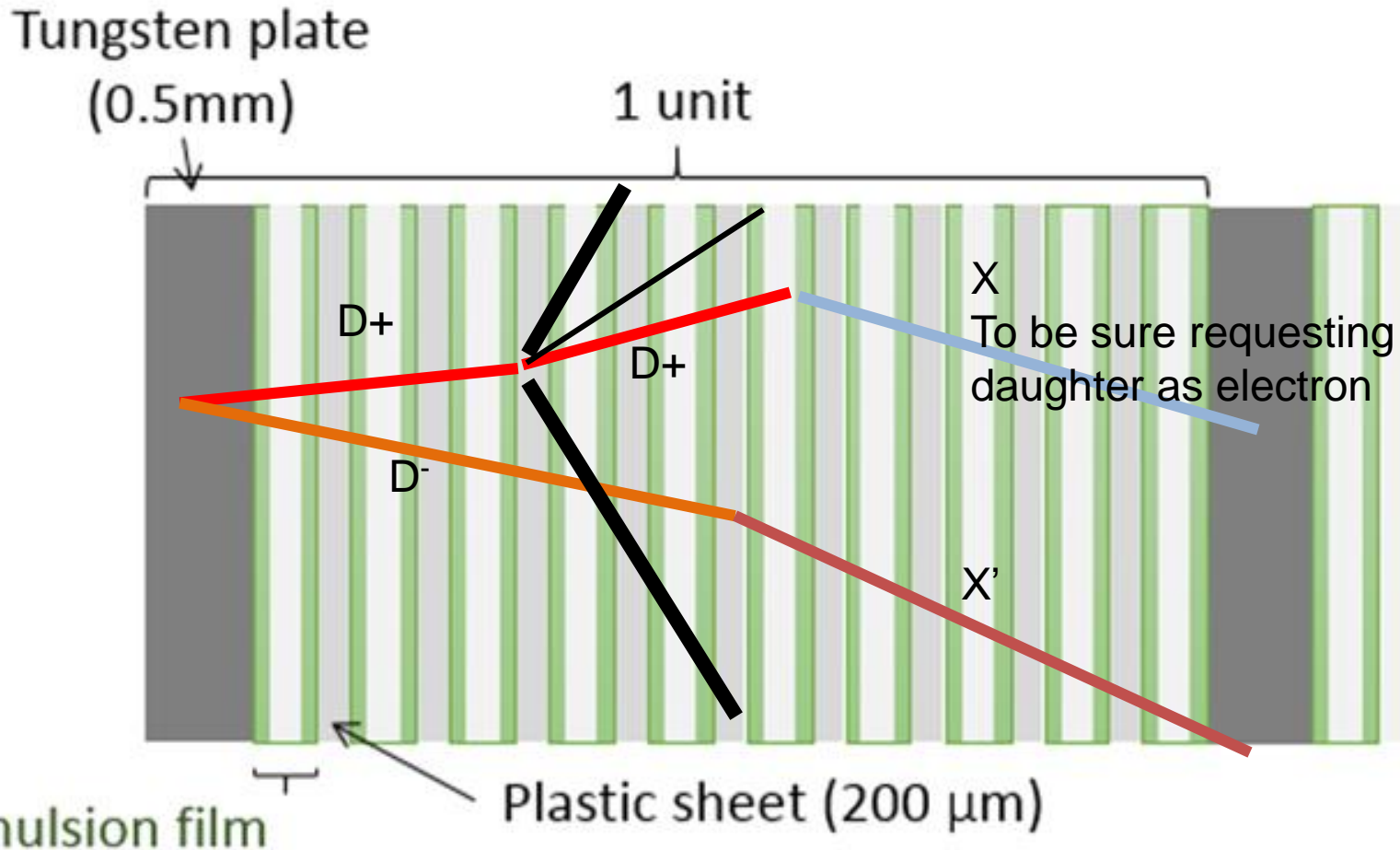
Uncertainties in cross section measurement

	DONuT	Systematic uncertainty after DsTau outcome	Future ν_τ measurement with DsTau outcome
ν_τ statistics	0.33		0.02
D_s differential cross section (x_F dependence)	>0.50	0.10	0.10
Charm production cross section	0.17	0.05	0.05
Decay branching ratio ($D_s \rightarrow \tau$)	0.23 (0.04 at present)		
Target atomic mass effects	0.14		

Aiming at 10% precision to look for new physics effects in ν_τ -nucleon CC interactions

A byproduct ::

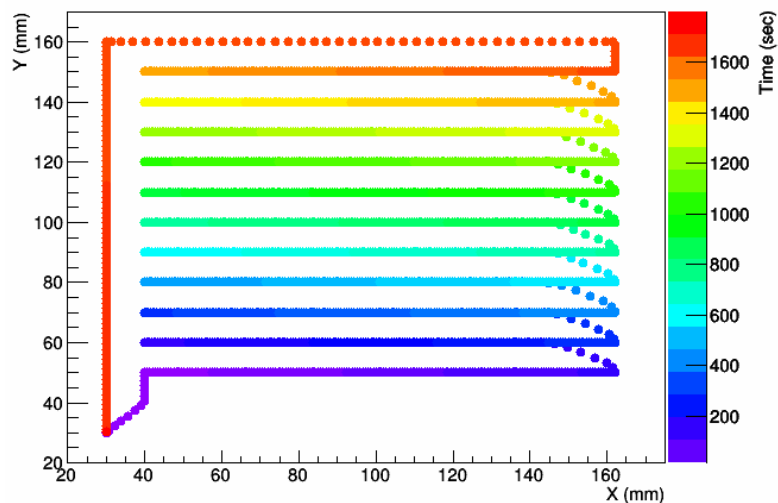
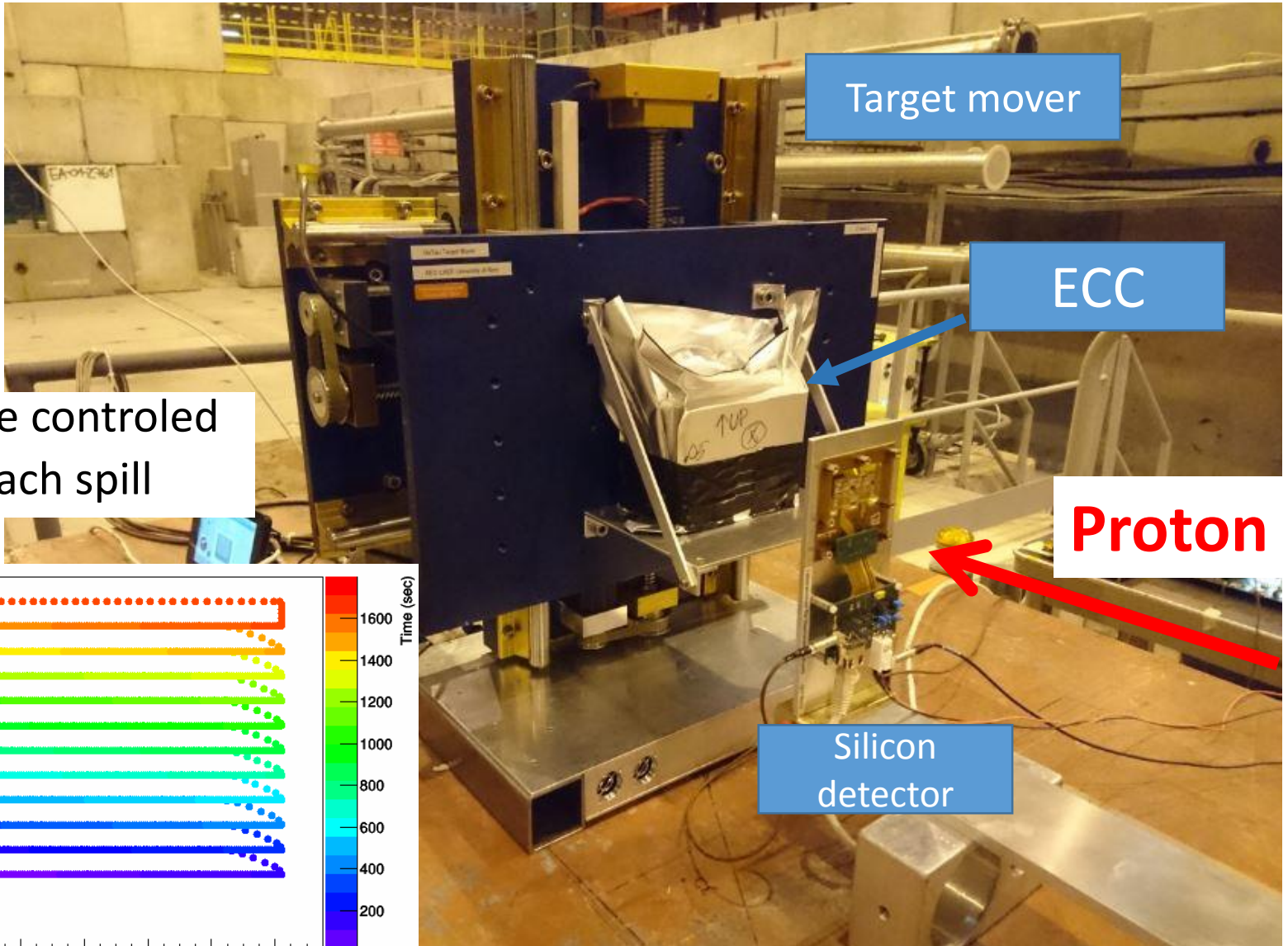
Charmed hadron interaction Cross section measurement (about 1000 charm interactions)



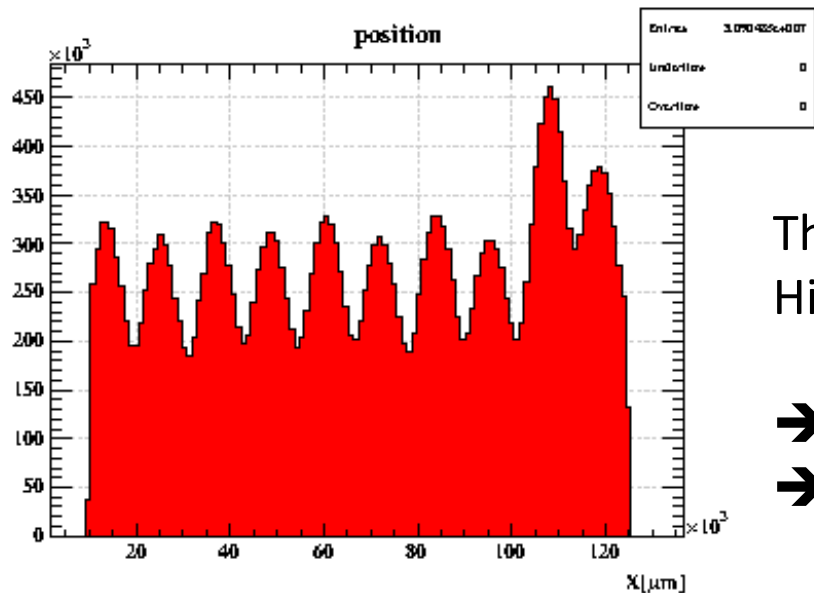
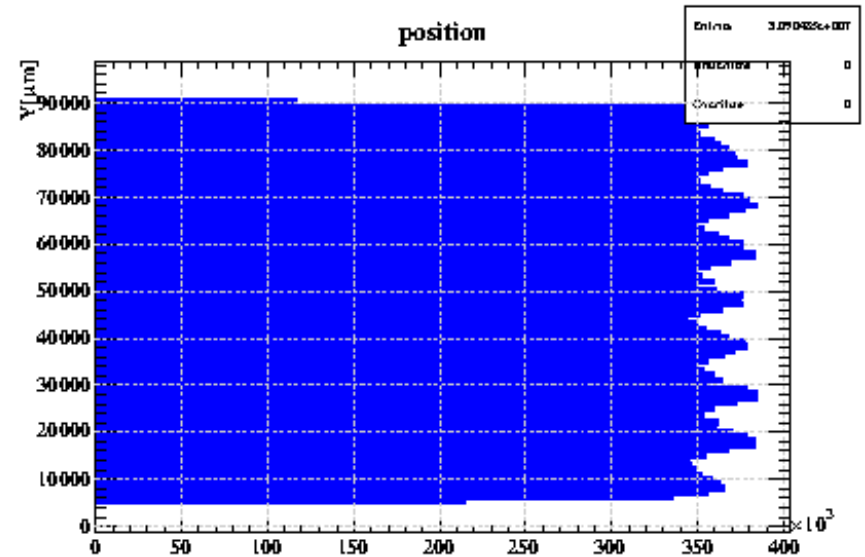
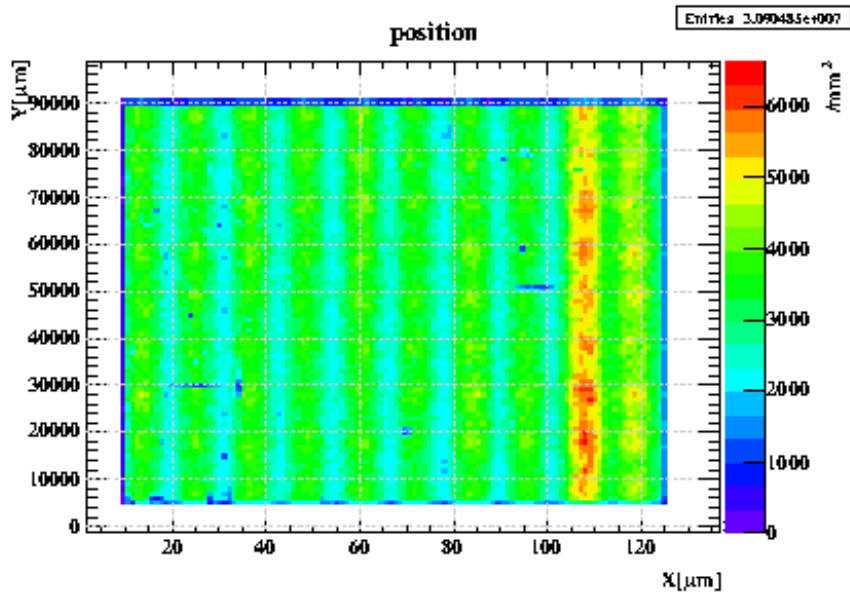
Emulsion film
(50 μm thick emulsion layers on both
sides of a 200 μm thick plastic base)

The analysis status

Detector setup @ CERN H4 beam line 2016 beam test



Track density distribution



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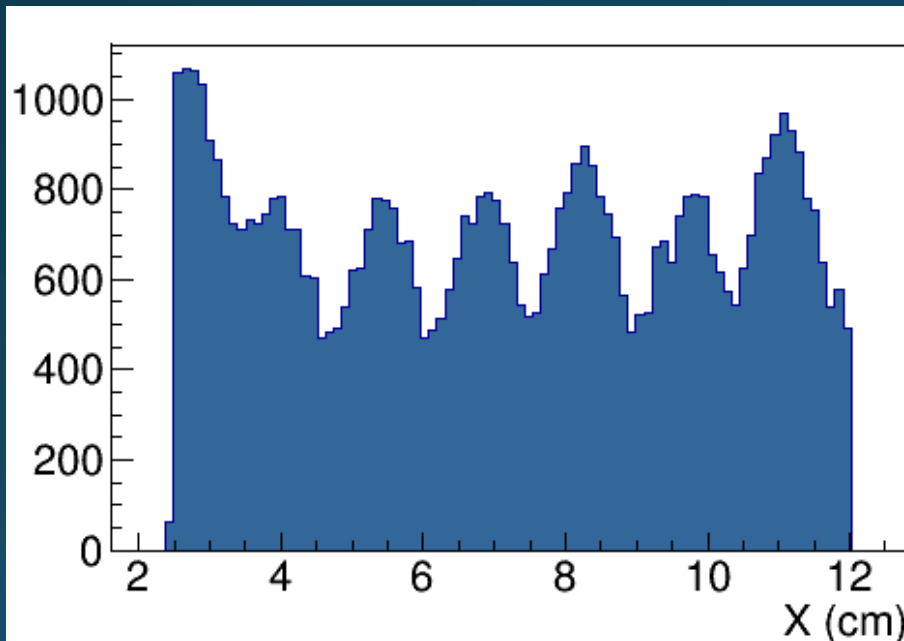
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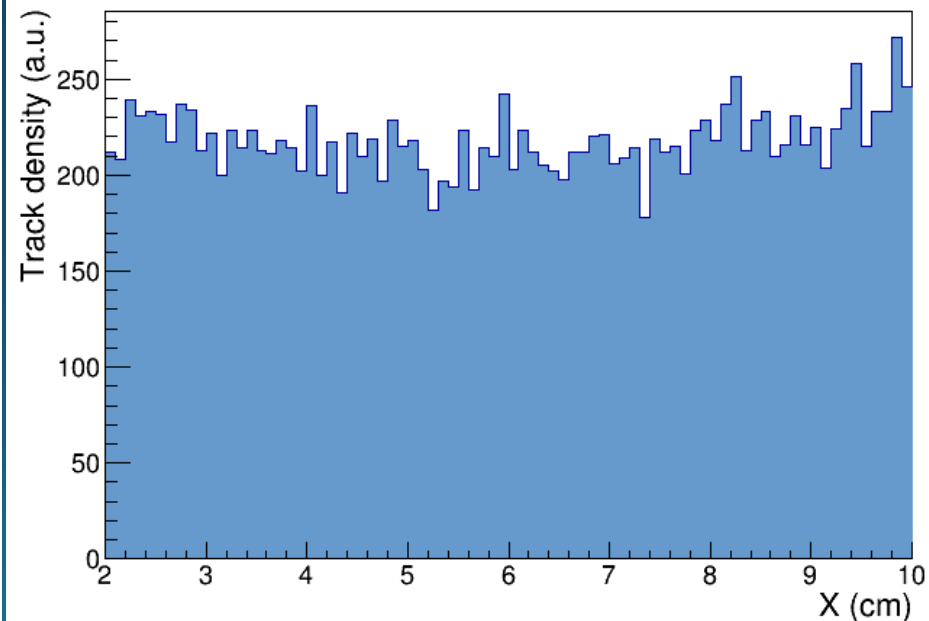
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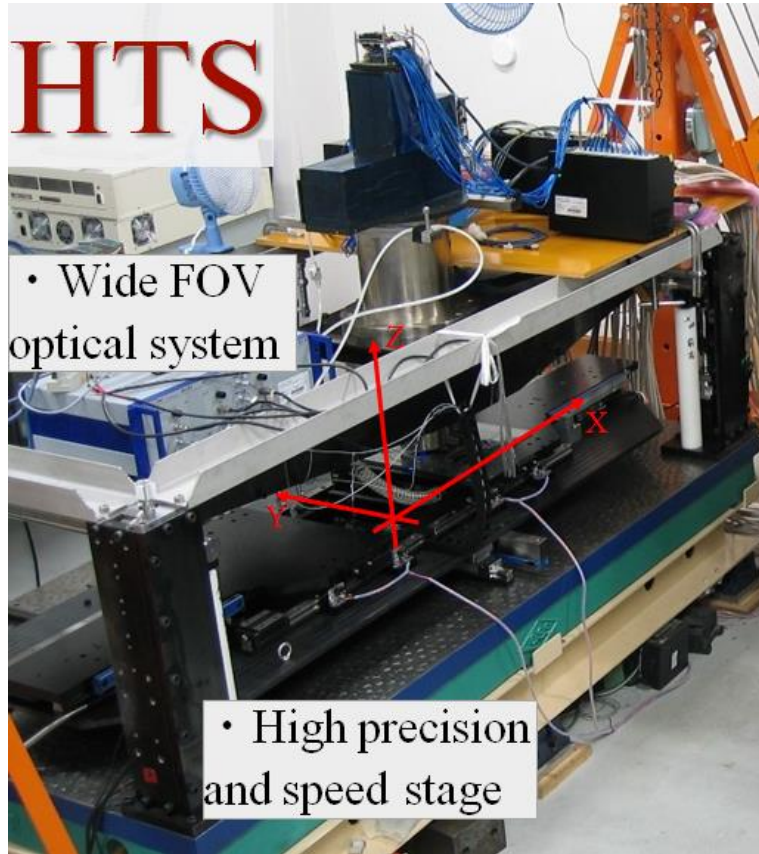
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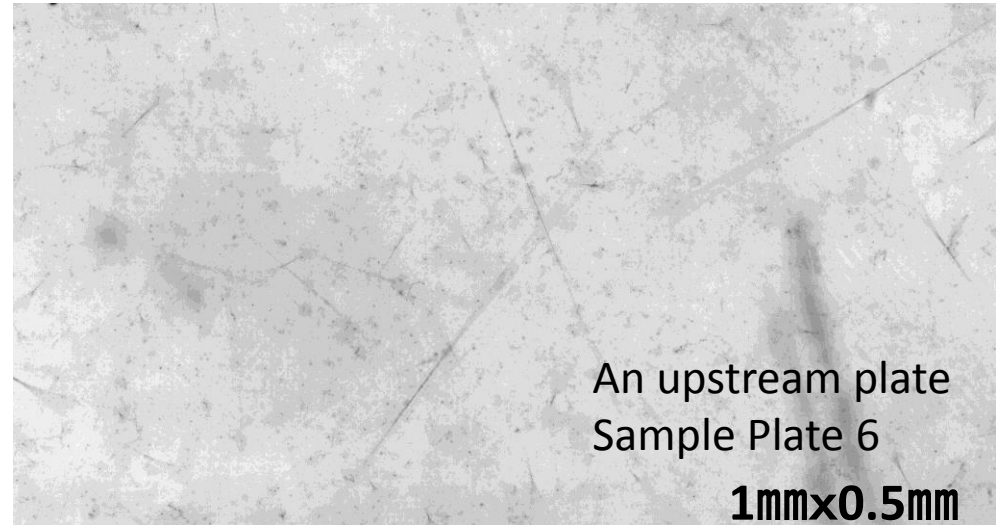
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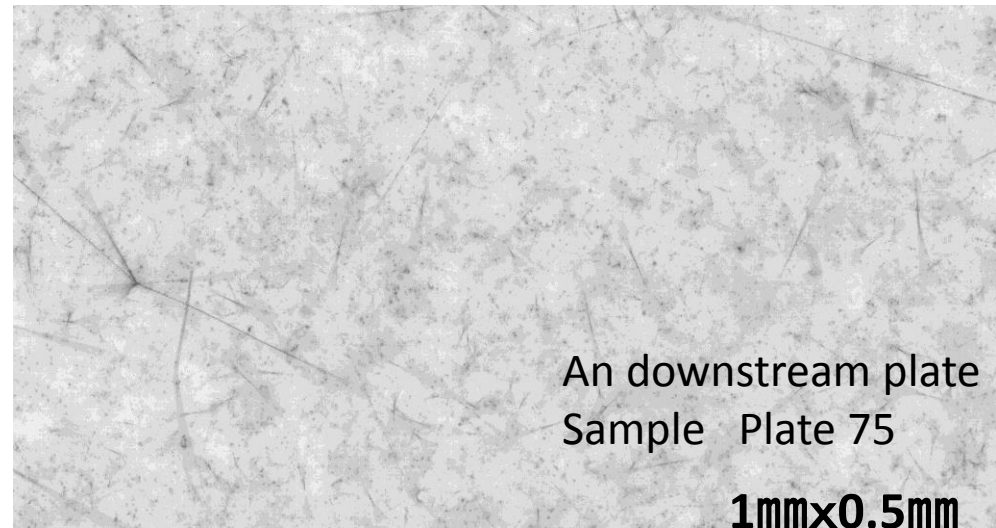
A microscope view data of the films



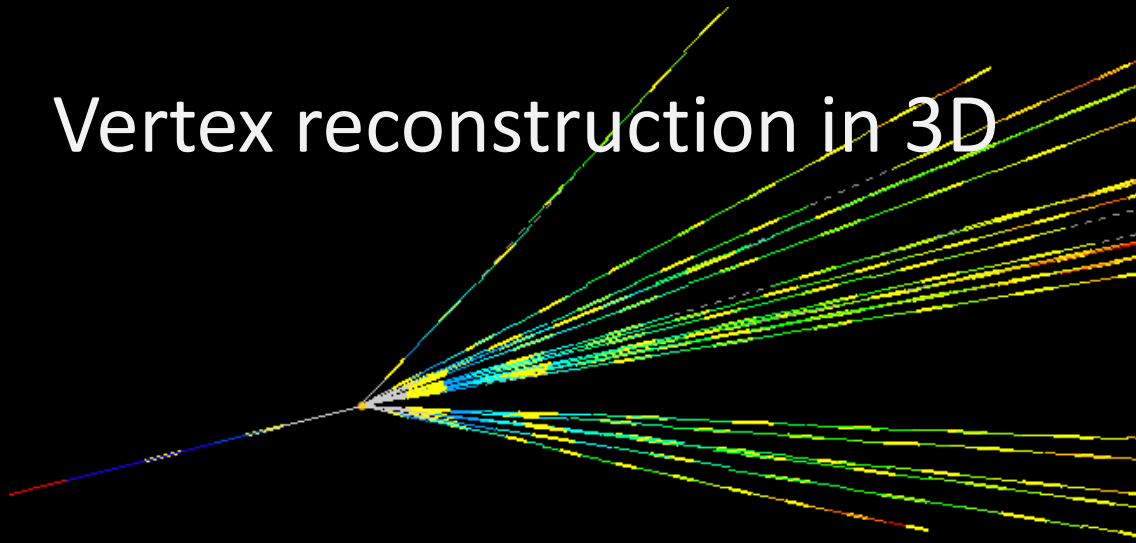
Scanning system working at Nagoya Univ,
scanning speed of 9000 cm²/h (22 m²/day)



Getting dirty ↓



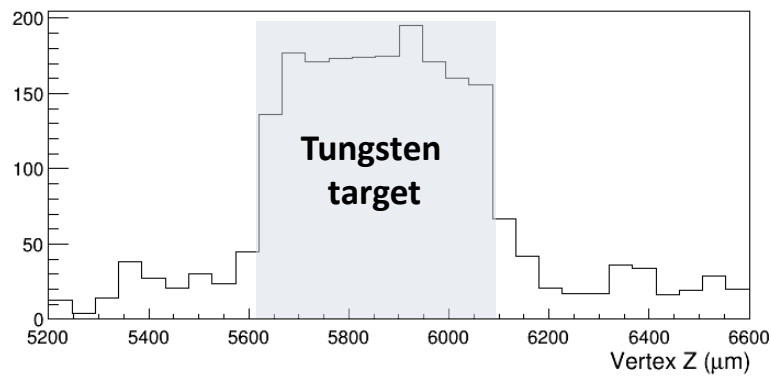
Vertex reconstruction in 3D



200 μm

Measured proton beam density in the analyzed region: 4.36×10^5 beam tracks/ 3.61 cm^2

Z distribution of observed vertices

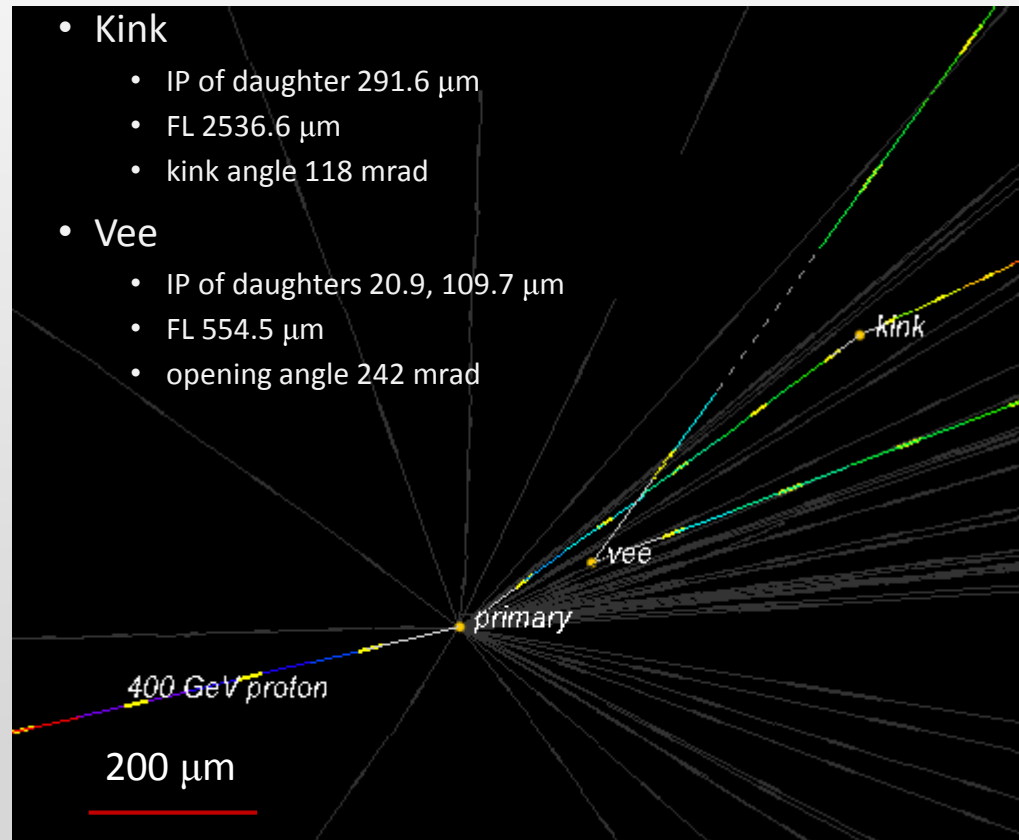
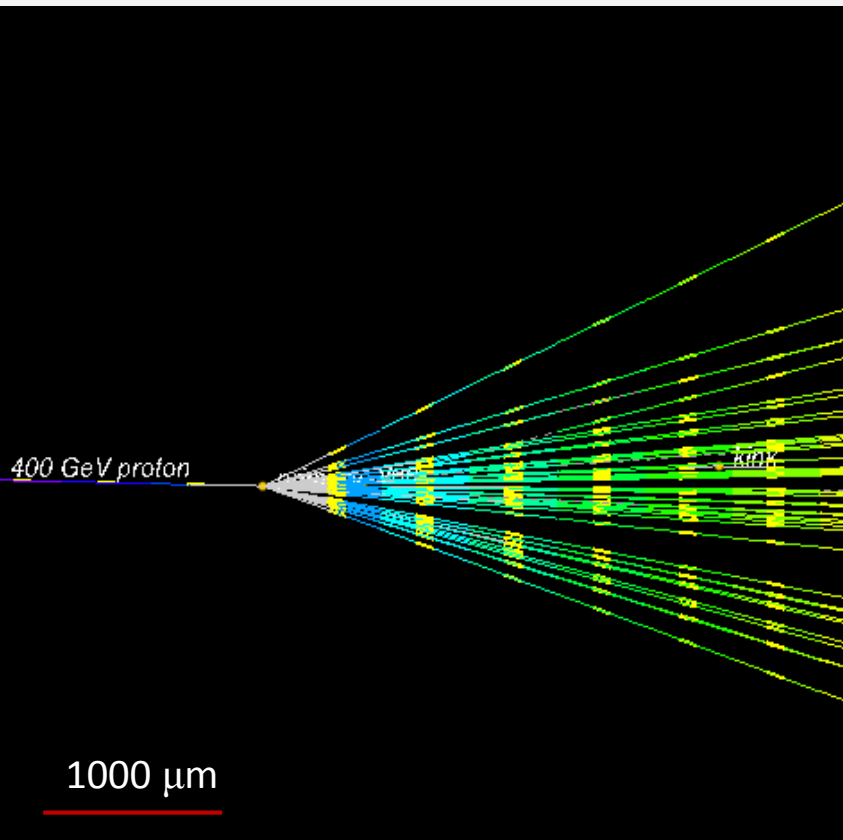


Interactions in a tungsten plate

		N vertices
Expected		1860
Observed	With parent	1832
	Without parent	130

- Consistent with the expectation
- Uncertainty due to reconstruction will be reduced by further study

Hunting of Double-decay topology event (open charm) Just started.



Summary

- The goal of the DsTau project is **the reduction of tau neutrino production uncertainty** by precise measurement of **1,000 Ds→tau→X**.
- **Measurement of Charmed hadron interaction length** (byproduct)
- **Test beam exposure performed in 2016 and 2017**
In 2016 a small scale of physics run.
Improvement on uniformity of track density in 2017 test beam.
- Analyzing **ECCs exposed with $10^5/\text{cm}^2$ track density**.
- **5.5 ECCs data taken have been finished.**
- The **tracking efficiency** is kept as more than **95%** / emulsion film.
- **Systematical search for Charm pair events being started.**
- **In 2018, 1st Physics run collects 3 times events of 2016 test beam.**
- **R&D is on going toward the 2nd Physics run, 10 times of 1st Physics run.**
- **2.3×10^8 proton + W interactions will be analyzed in total**

Backup

Charm production cross section results

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx_F dp_T^2} \propto (1 - |x_F|)^n \exp(-bp_T^2)$$

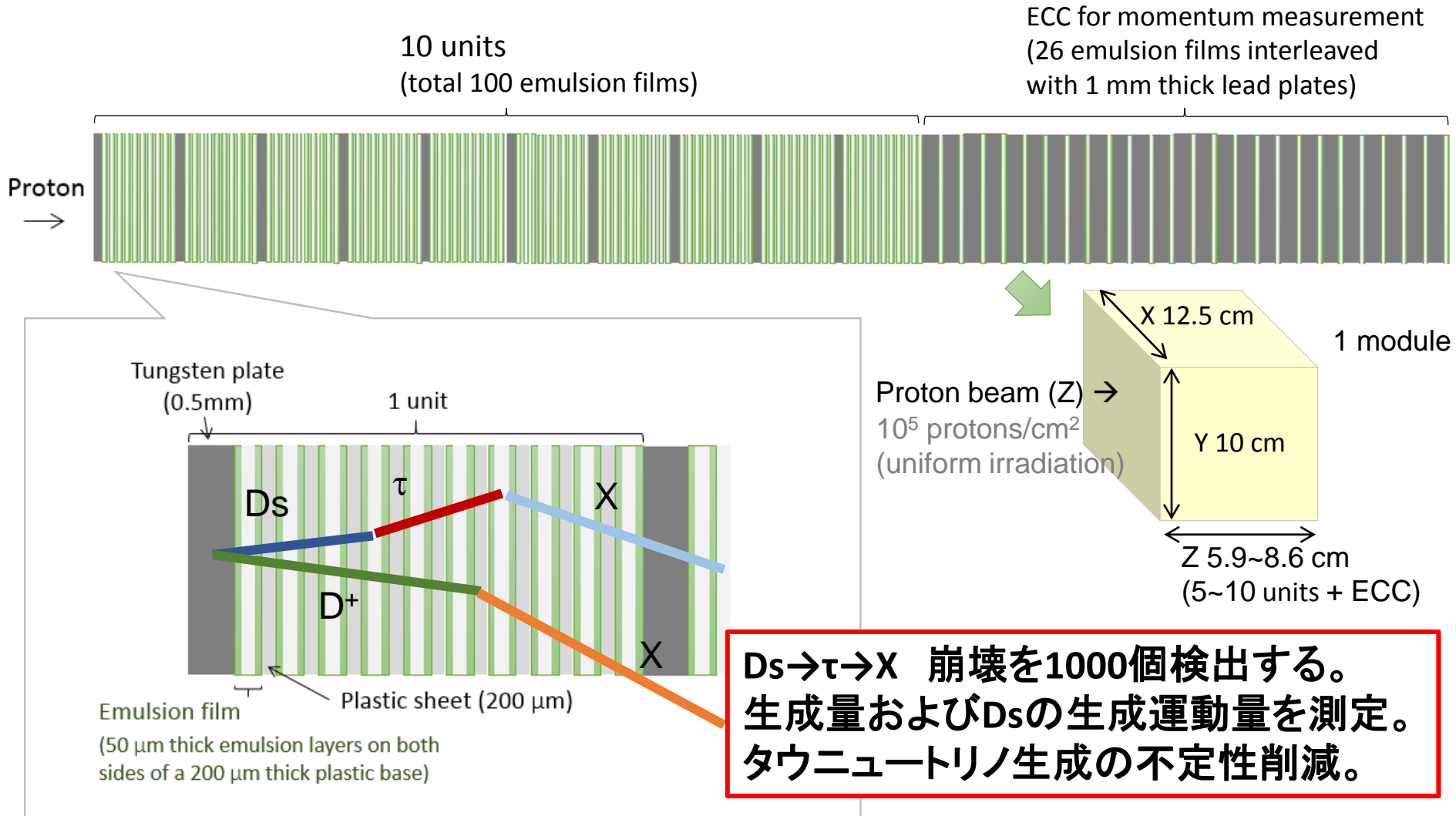
Experiment	Beam type / energy (GeV)	$\sigma(D_s)$ ($\mu\text{b}/\text{nucl}$)	$\sigma(D^\pm)$ ($\mu\text{b}/\text{nucl}$)	$\sigma(D^0)$ ($\mu\text{b}/\text{nucl}$)	$\sigma(\Lambda_c)$ ($\mu\text{b}/\text{nucl}$)	x_F and p_T dependence: n and b (GeV/c) ²
HERA-B	p / 920	18.5 ± 7.6 (~11 events)	20.2 ± 3.7	48.7 ± 8.1	-	$n(D^0, D^+) = 7.5 \pm 3.2$
E653	p / 800	-	38 ± 17	38 ± 13		$n(D^0, D^+) = 6.9^{+1.9}_{-1.8}$ $b(D^0, D^+) = 0.84^{+0.10}_{-0.08}$
E743 (LEBC-MPS)	p / 800	-	26 ± 8	22 ± 11		$n(D) = 8.6 \pm 2.0$ $b(D) = 0.8 \pm 0.2$
E781 (SELEX)	Σ^- (sdd) / 600					~350 D_s^- events, ~130 D_s^+ events ($x_F > 0.15$) $n(D_s^-) = 4.1 \pm 0.3$ (leading effect) $n(D_s^+) = 7.4 \pm 1.0$
NA27	p / 400		12 ± 2	18 ± 3		
NA16	p / 360		5 ± 2	10 ± 6		
WA92	π / 350	1.3 ± 0.4		8 ± 1		
E769	p / 250	1.6 ± 0.8	3 ± 1	6 ± 2		320 ± 26 events (D^\pm, D^0, D_s^\pm) $n(D^\pm, D^0, D_s^\pm) = 6.1 \pm 0.7$ $b(D^\pm, D^0, D_s^\pm) = 1.08 \pm 0.09$
E769	π^\pm / 250	2.1 ± 0.4		9 ± 1		1665 ± 54 events (D^\pm, D^0, D_s^\pm) $n(D^\pm, D^0, D_s^\pm) = 4.03 \pm 0.18$ $b(D^\pm, D^0, D_s^\pm) = 1.08 \pm 0.05$
NA32	π / 230	1.5 ± 0.5		7 ± 1		

(Results from LHCb at $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8$ or 13 TeV are not included since the energies differ too much)

No experimental result effectively constraining the D_s differential cross section at the desired level or consequently the ν_τ production

Module structure for $D_s \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow X$ measurement (current baseline)

- $0.05 \lambda_{\text{int}}$ in 10 units tungsten $\rightarrow 4.6 \times 10^9$ pot needed to get 2.3×10^8 proton int.
- Track density in emulsion: **keep $< 10^5$ tracks/cm²** at the upstream side
- To expose 4.6×10^9 pot \rightarrow **detector surface 4.6×10^4 cm² (368 modules)**



Event rates of interesting events

- **Ds- \rightarrow tau exclusive production*decay rate for reducing uncertainty on tau neutrino flux.**

2.5 detected Ds- \rightarrow tau events /ECC

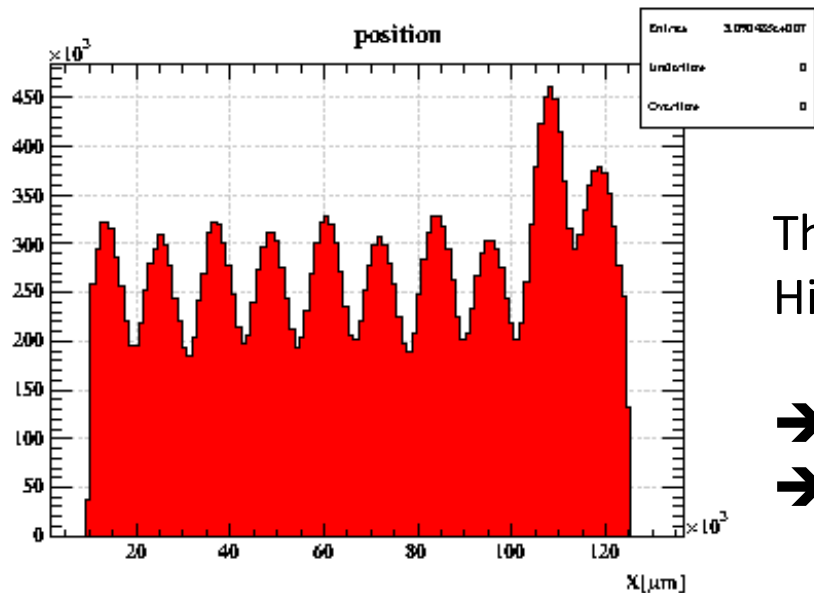
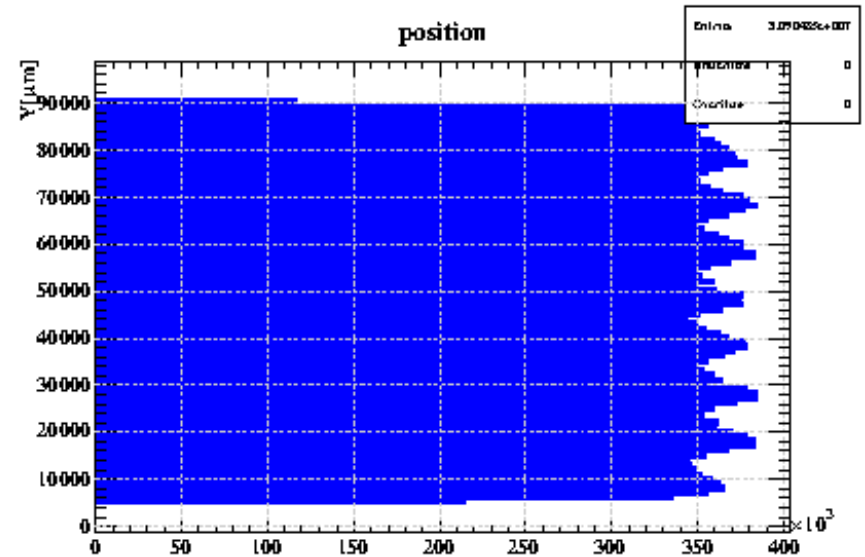
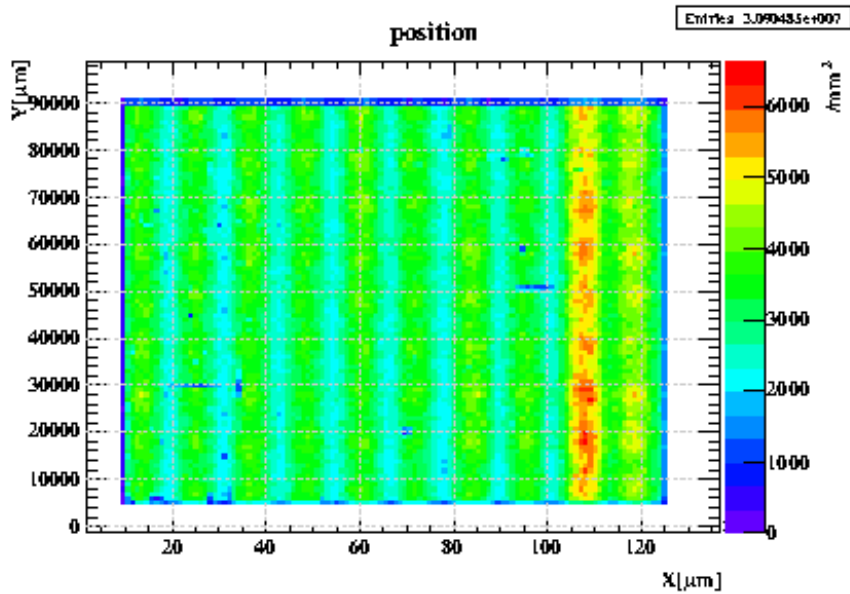
- **Charm hadron interaction length measurement.**

500 ϵ Charm events /module

$\lambda_w = 0.005$, $\lambda_{em} = 0.0055$

2.8 ϵ x 2 x η detected Charm interaction/ ECC

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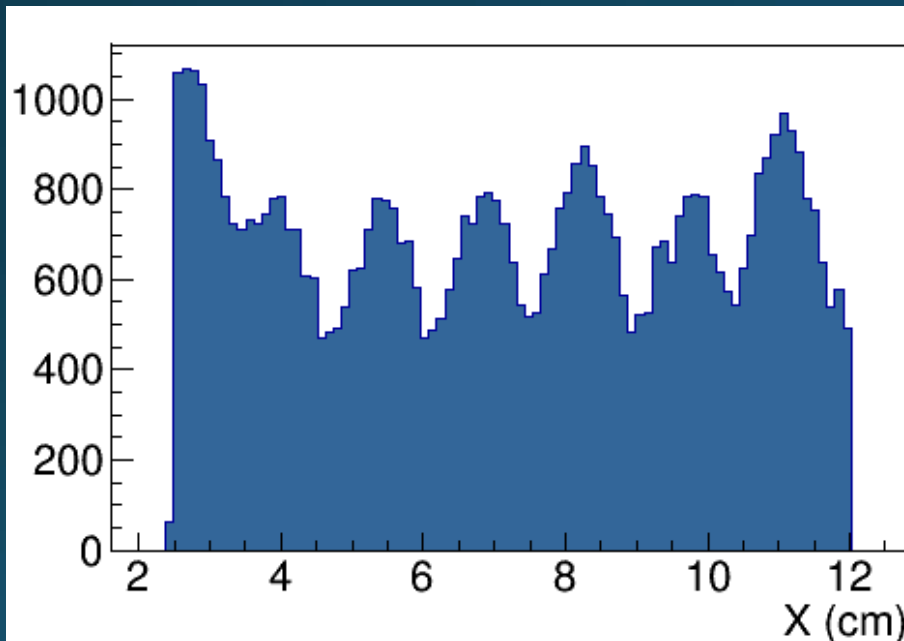
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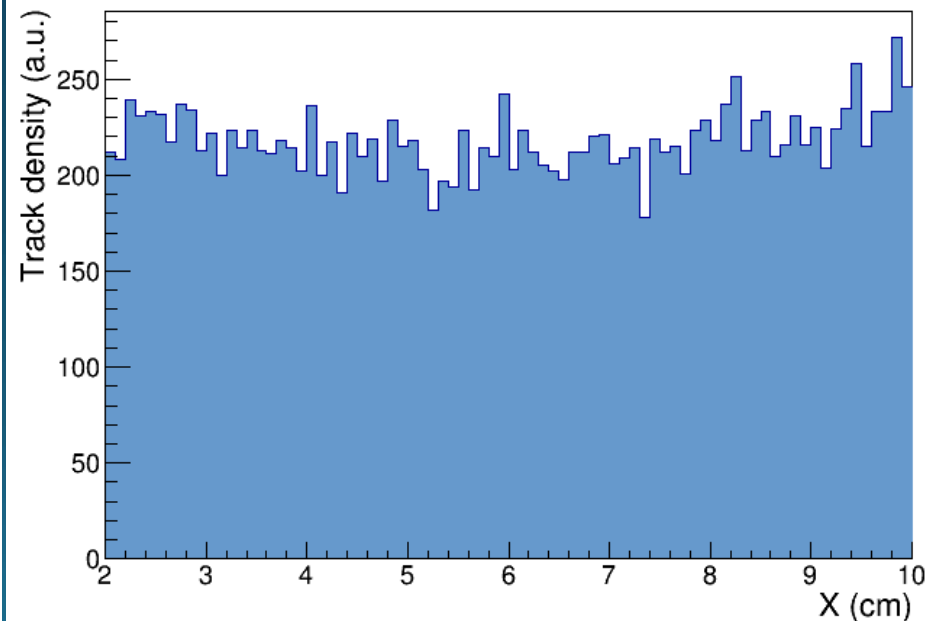
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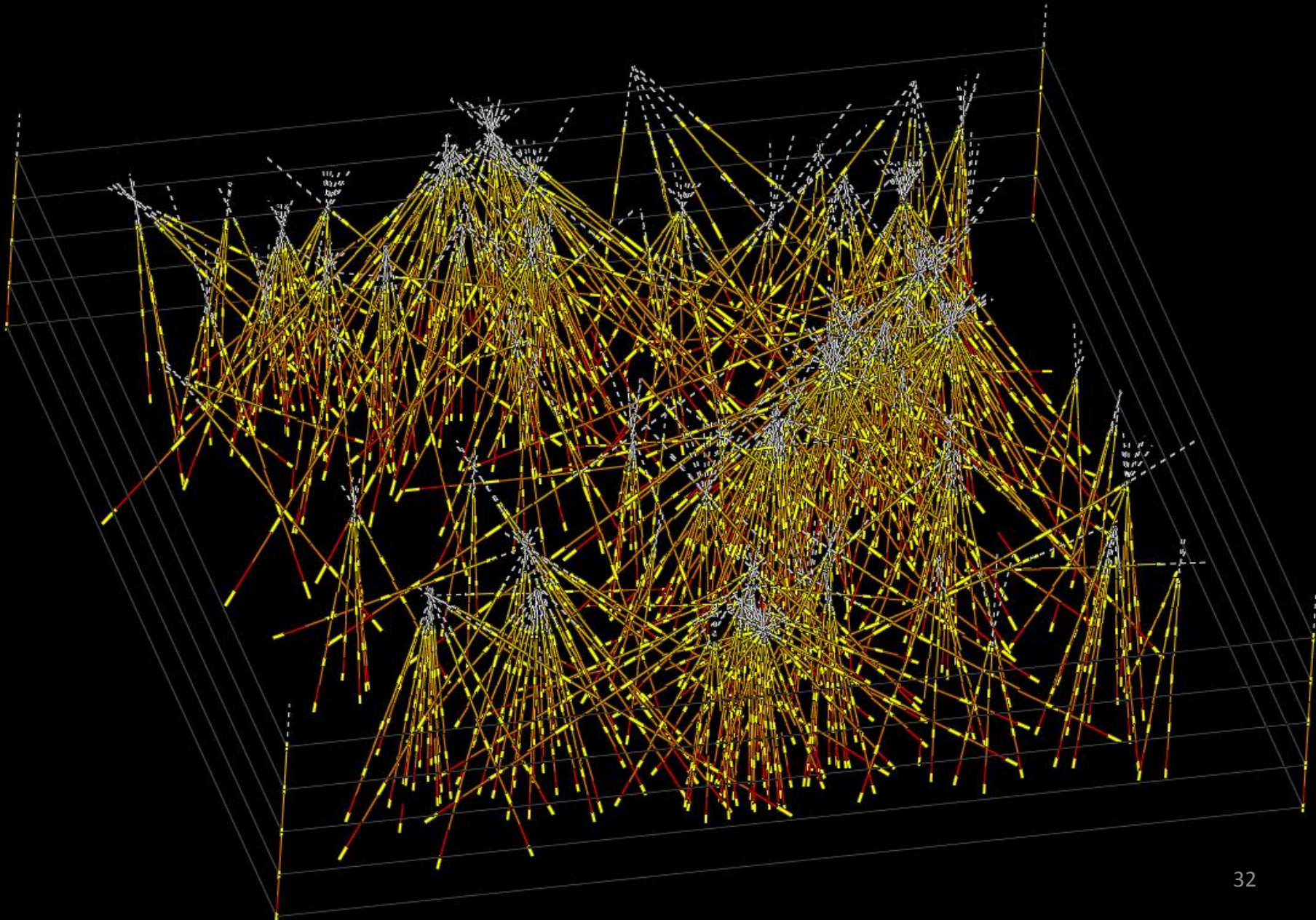
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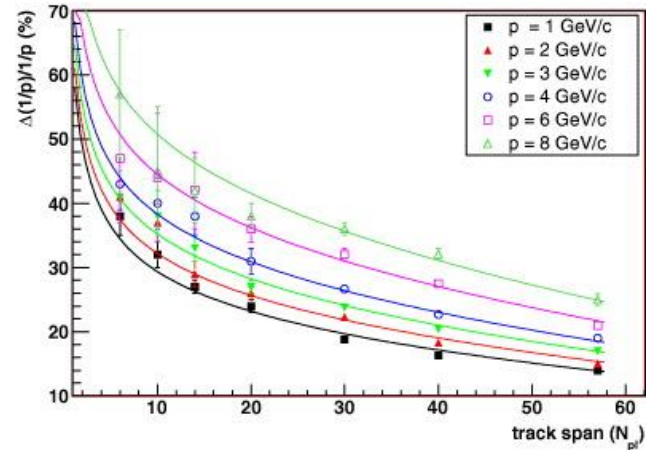
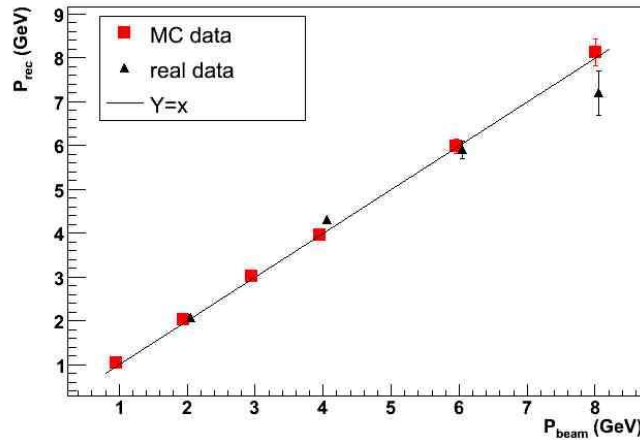


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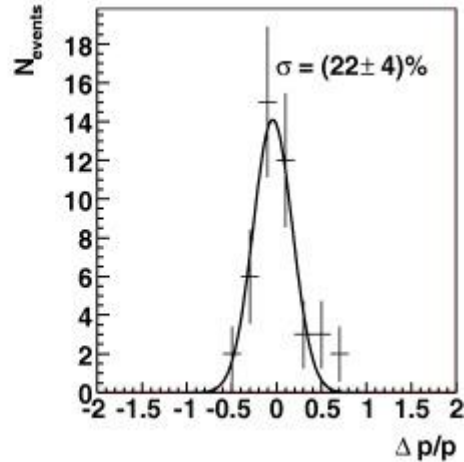
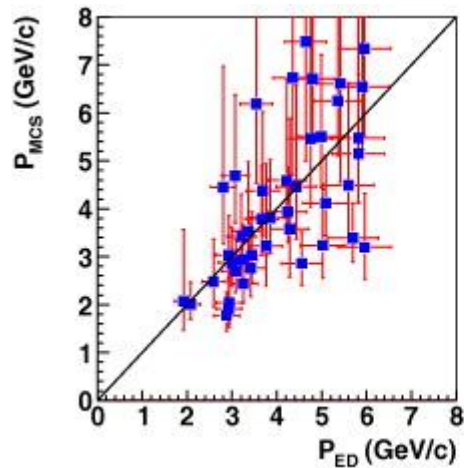


Momentum measurement through multiple Coulomb scattering

π test beam



Muon momenta measured by MCS in OPERA

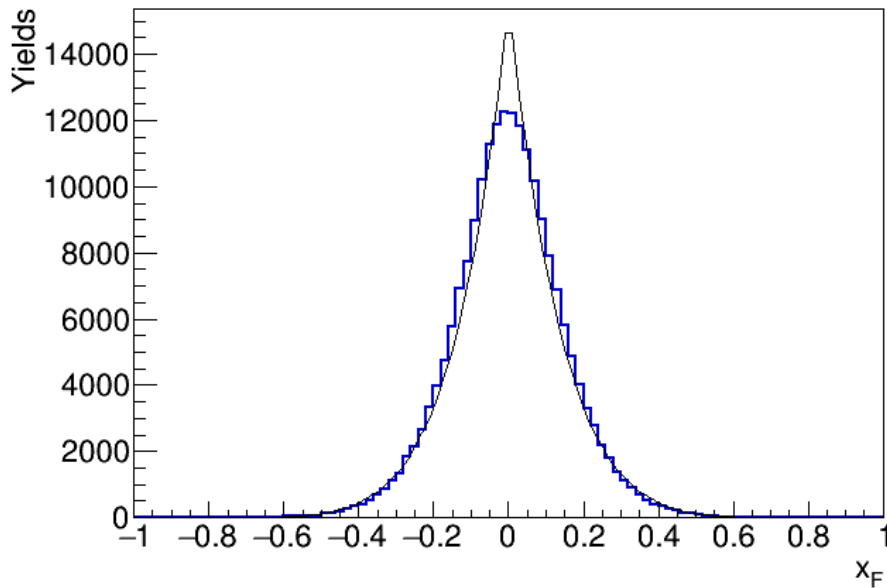


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Ds^\pm x_F distributions

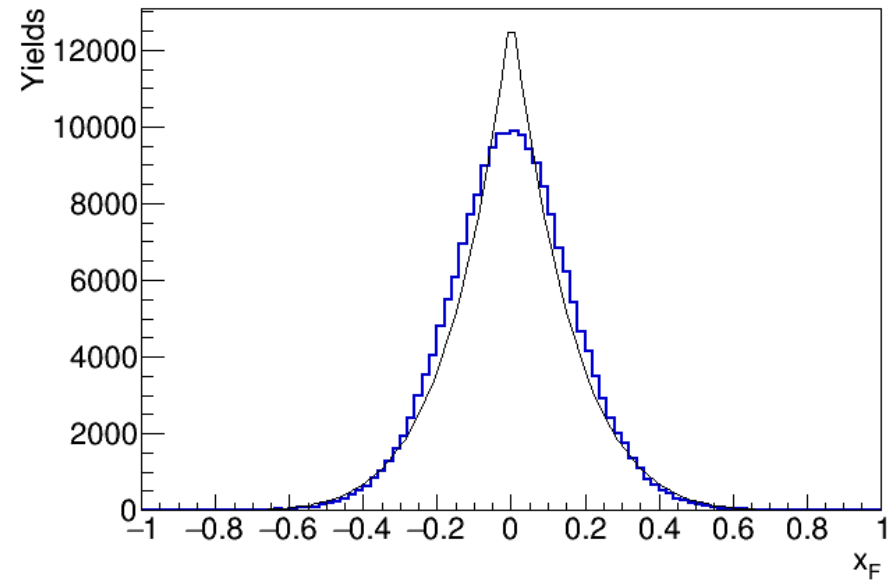
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MC with 800 GeV beam



Fit of the yields to $(1-|x_F|)^n$
 $n = 6.9$

MC with 400 GeV beam

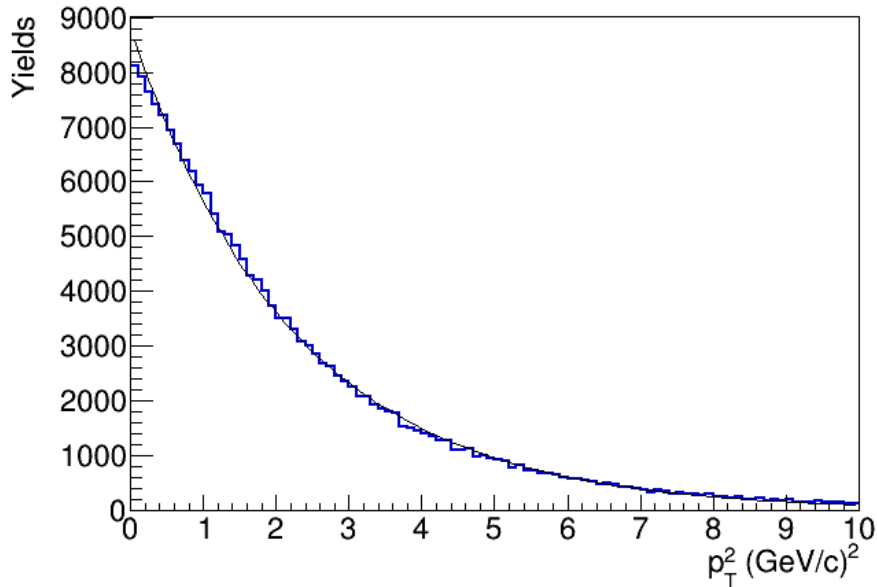


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We will measure this x_F distribution with
1000 detected $Ds \rightarrow \tau$ events !

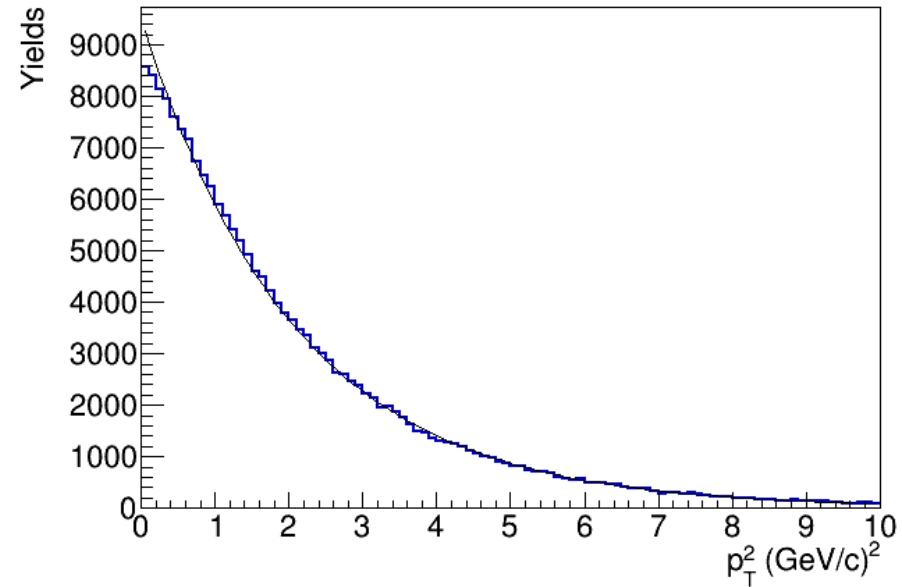
p_T distributions for D_s^\pm

MC with 800 GeV beam



Fit of the yields to $\exp(-bp_T^2)$
 $b = 0.44$

MC with 400 GeV beam



Fit of the yields to $\exp(-bp_T^2)$
 $b = 0.48$

We will measure this P_t distribution with
1000 detected $D_s \rightarrow \tau$ events !