

# Hadron-argon Cross-section Measurements in ProtoDUNE-SP

## ► Outline

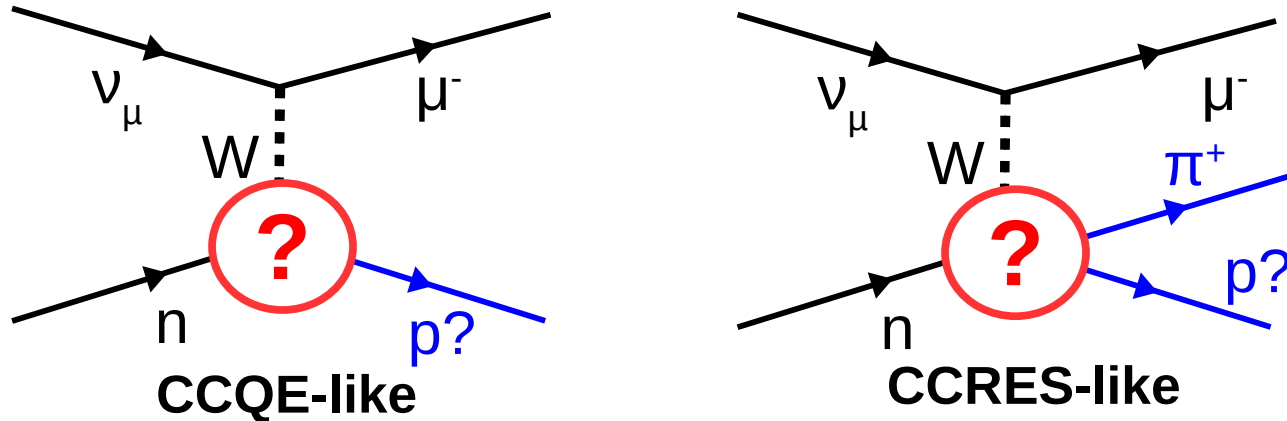
- Final state interactions
- ProtoDUNE-SP setup
- Cross section methods used in ProtoDUNE-SP
- Pion & proton interaction channels & event selections

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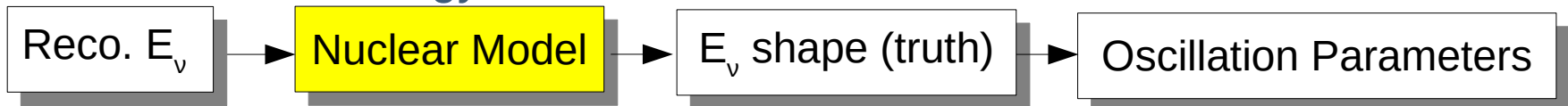


# Introduction

- ▶ Modern neutrino experiments use complex nuclei as neutrino targets
- ▶ **Final state interactions (FSI)**: Hadrons produced in a neutrino interaction can re-interact with the nuclear medium before leaving the nucleus
- ▶ **FSI is an important process in neutrino interactions**
  - FSI can change charge, multiplicity of outgoing hadrons, and altering their final state kinematics. → Misinterpret primary neutrino interactions



- FSI is a key component in neutrino event generators  
Heavily rely on the **nuclear models** to unfold reconstructed neutrino energy to true neutrino energy



- Validate FSI models by measurements

# ProtoDUNE-SP at CERN Neutrino Platform

- ▶ Main physics goal of ProtoDUNE single phase (ProtoDUNE-SP):  
**Measure hadron-argon cross sections**
  - Results provide critical information on **hadron scattering in the liquid argon** and aid better understanding of **FSI in neutrino-argon interactions**
  - Improved FSI model can reduce systematic uncertainties on neutrino energy reconstruction & neutrino signal selection → Crucial to achieve DUNE physics goals
- ▶ ProtoDUNE-SP milestone  
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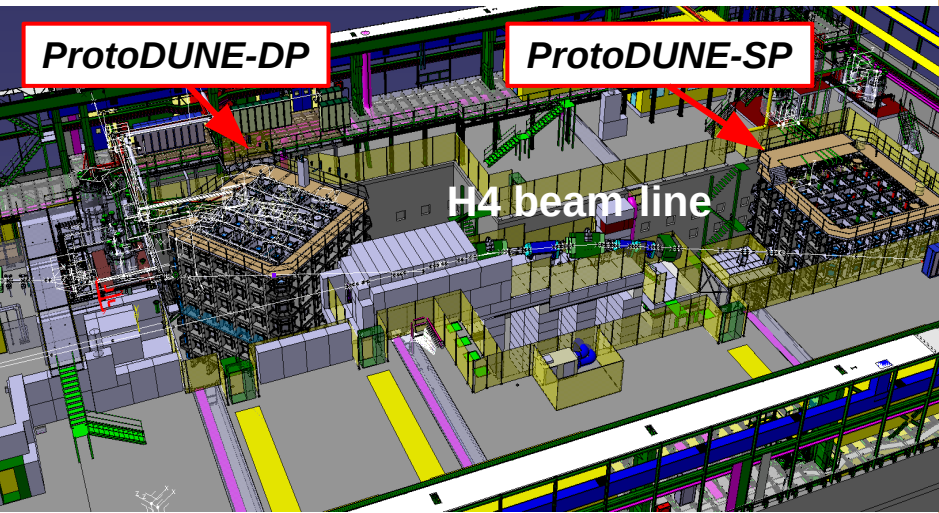
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## First results on ProtoDUNE-SP liquid argon time projection chamber performance from a beam test at the CERN Neutrino Platform

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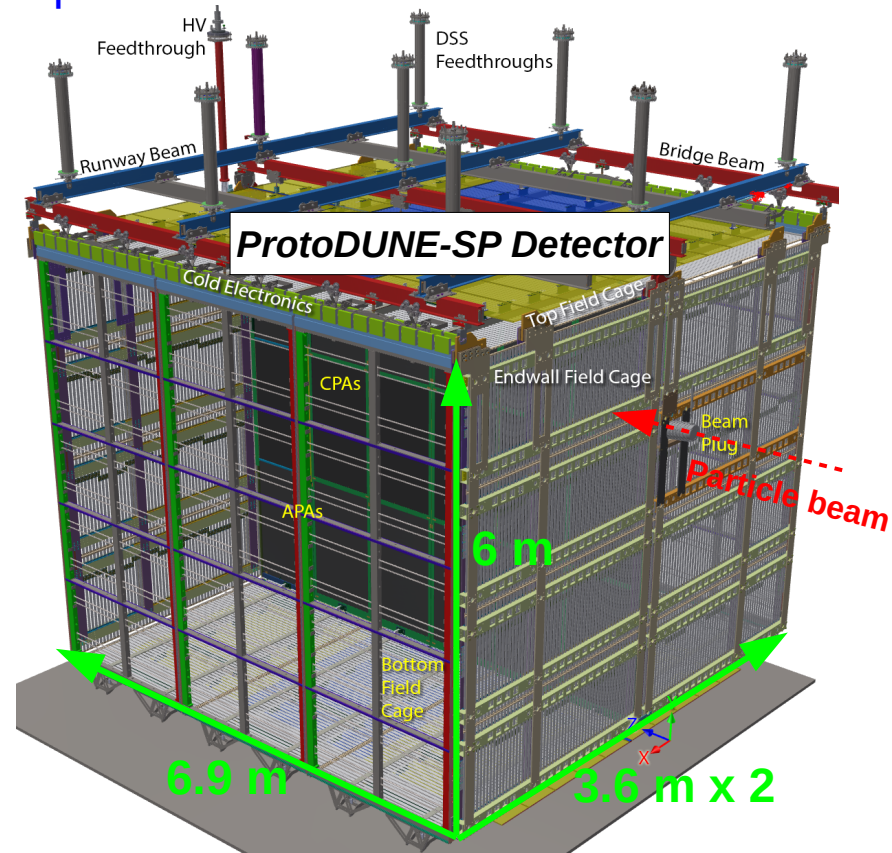
# ProtoDUNE-SP: Experimental Setup

- ▶ **Controlled environment**  
CERN H4 beamline with **known particle type (hadrons and electrons) & incident energies**



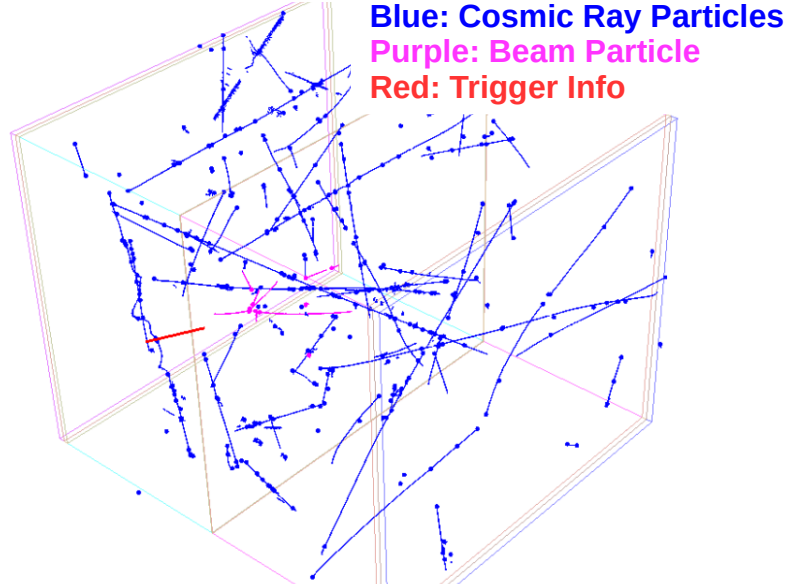
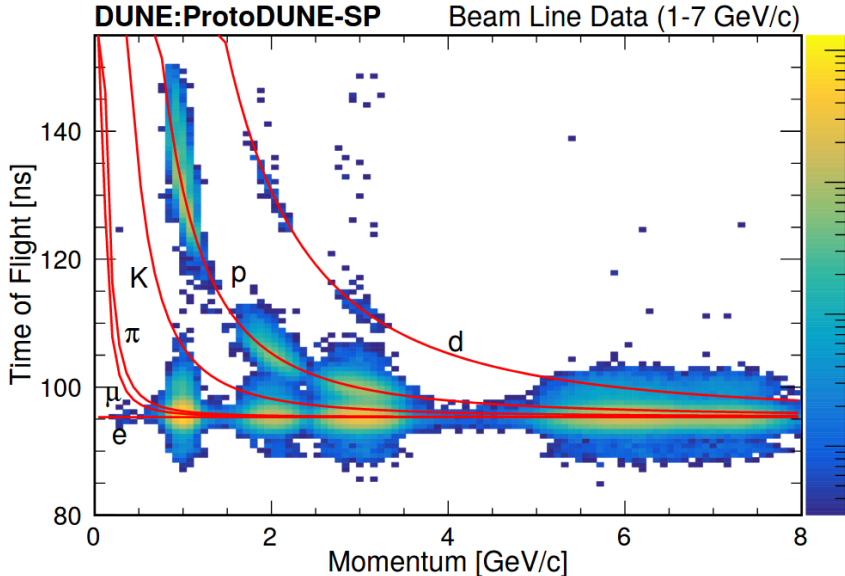
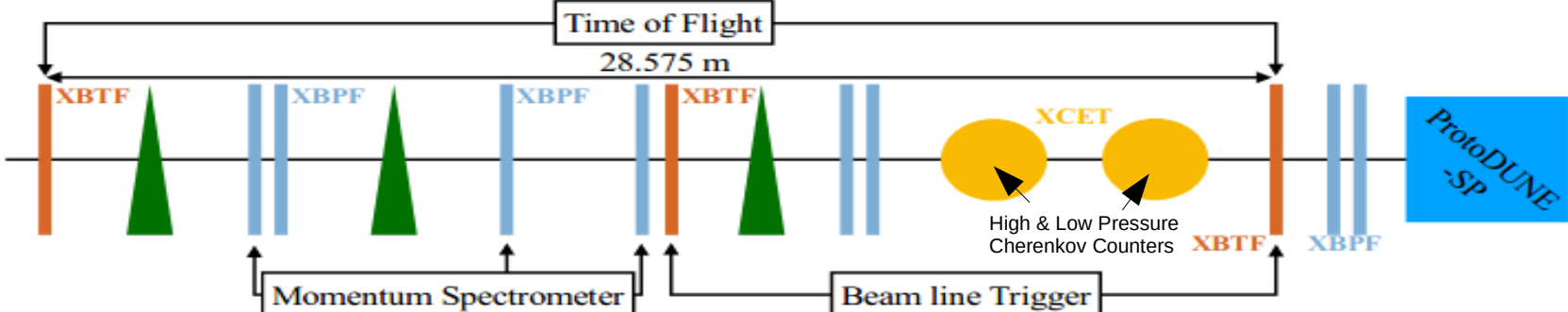
- ▶ **A variety of test-beam particles in broad range of momenta**  
0.5-7 GeV/c ( $\pi^+$ / $p$ / $K^+$ / $\mu^+$ / $e^-$ )
- ▶ **Rich data to study hadron-Ar interactions**  
**Over 4 million beam events collected (all momenta)**

- ▶ **LArTPC (main detector)**  
**Excellent tracking & calorimetric capabilities**



- One of the 2 prototypes for DUNE at CERN Neutrino Platform
- 7.2 x 6.0 x 6.9 m liquid largon time projection chamber (LArTPC) / ~740 tons of liquid argon

# Particle Identification & Event Reconstruction



Pandora Event Display (Data)

- ▶ Particle identification:
  - Use the info from **TOF & Cherenkov counters\***
- ▶ Event reconstruction:
  - Use **Pandora\*\*** multiple algorithms to reconstruct tracks/showers

\*Refer to page 19 for more details



# Proton Cross Section Channels

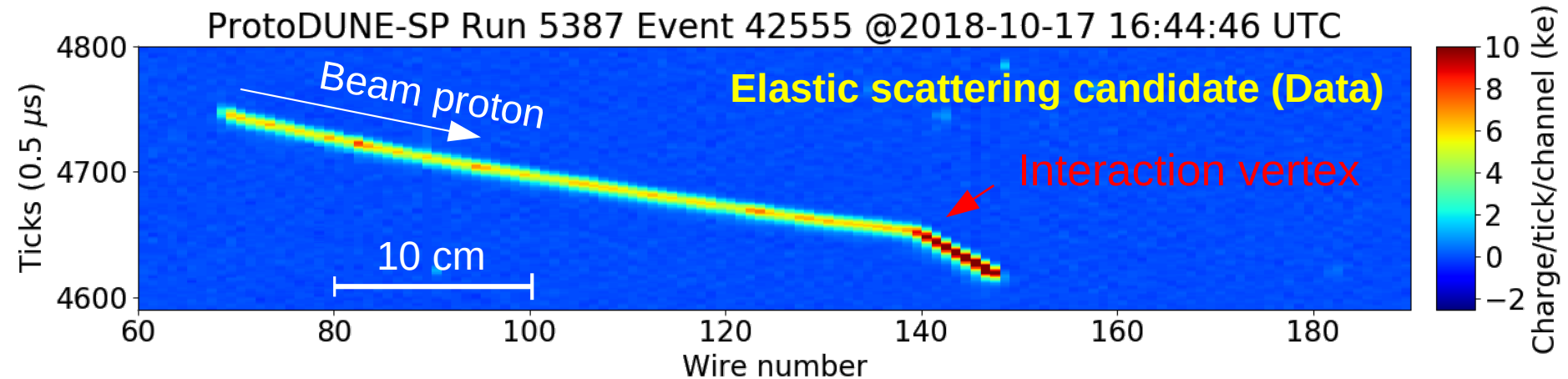
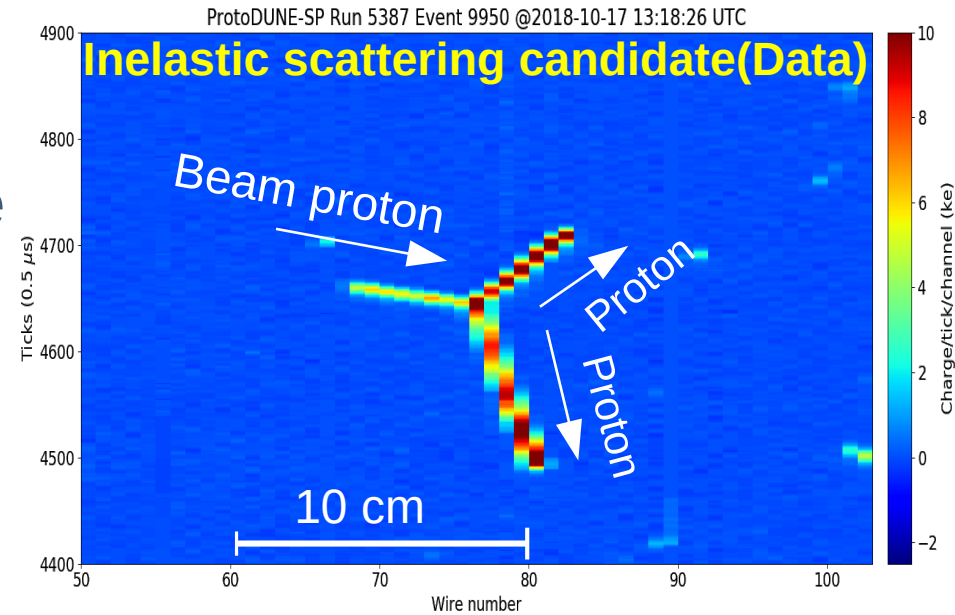
## ► Inclusive

### - Elastic

Nucleus is left in ground state

### - Inelastic

Nucleus is left in an excited state and/or one or more nucleons are knocked out



# Pion Cross Section Channels

## ► Inclusive

Elastic & Inelastic scattering

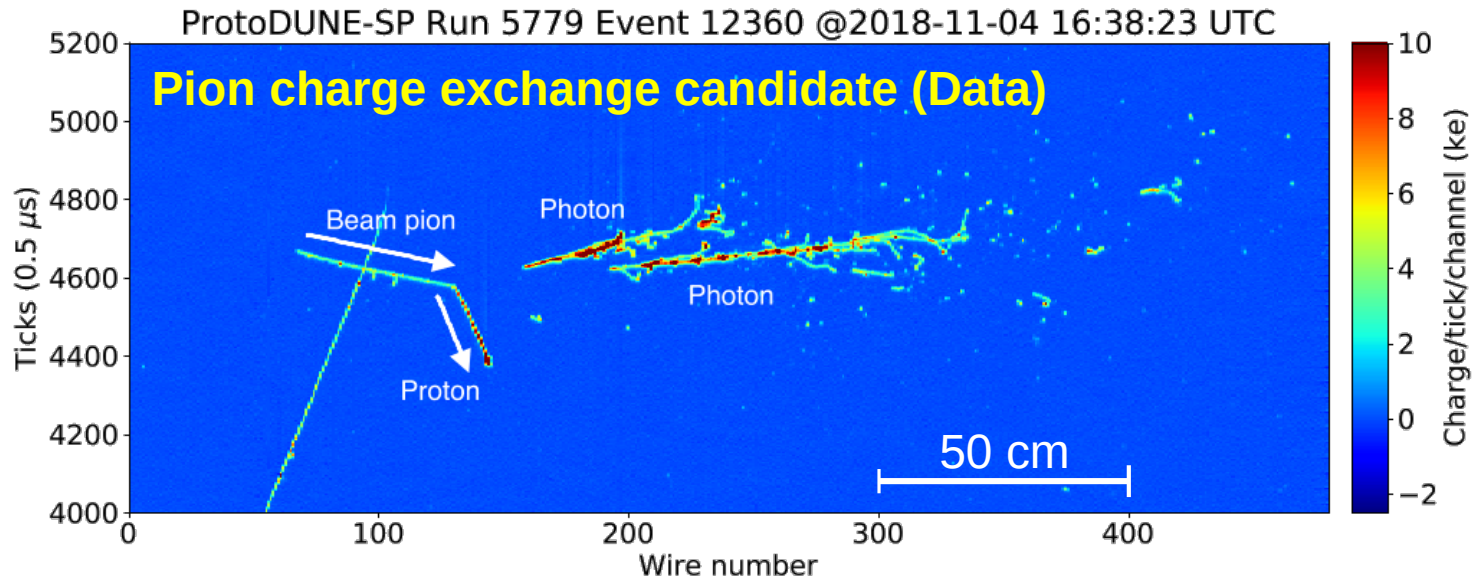
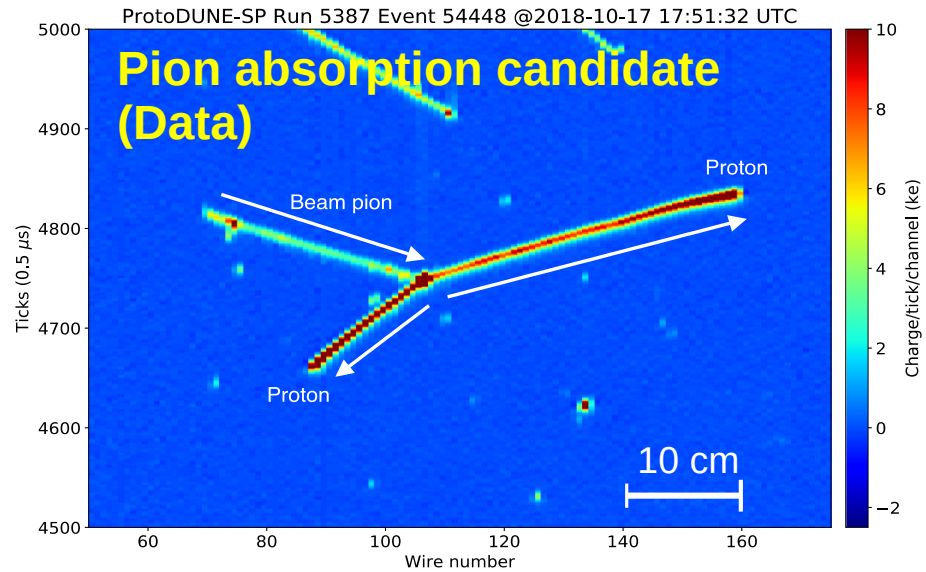
## ► Exclusive

### - Charge Exchange (CEx)

Final state pion charge differs by one unit from the initial pion charge  
e.g.  $\pi^+ \rightarrow \pi^0$

### - Absorption (Abs)

No pion in the final state.



# Cross Section Measurements: Methods

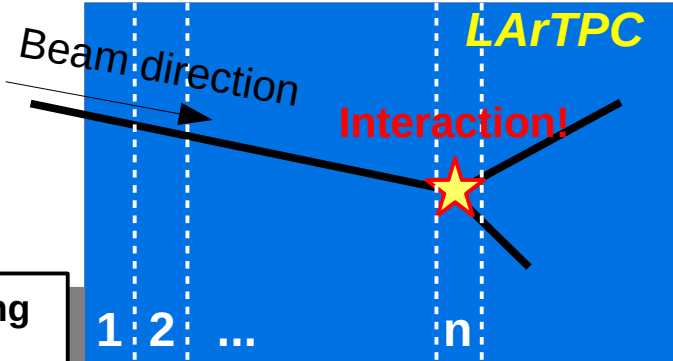
► Established a framework of cross section (XS) calculations

- **Thin slice method**

- Developed by LArIAT experiment\*
- Treat wire-to-wire spacing as a series of “thin-slab” targets
- Each thin-slab is an independent measurement
- XS formula:

$$XS(KE) = S_f \cdot \frac{N(KE)^{interacting}}{N(KE)^{incident}}$$

$S_f \sim 100$  barn for ProtoDUNE-SP

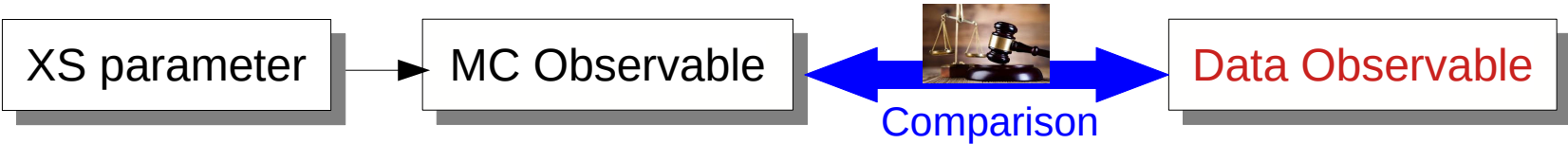


$N(KE)^{interacting}$
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$N(KE)^{incident}$
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- **Reweighting method**

- Event-by-event weighted observables by changing XS parameters



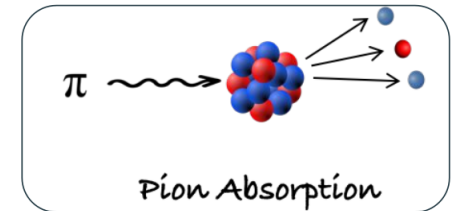
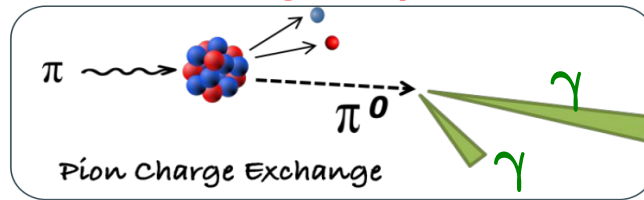
- Used for XS systematics estimation & model-dependent XS calculation
- Software package: Geant4Reweight (link)

\*Reference: arXiv:1611.00821

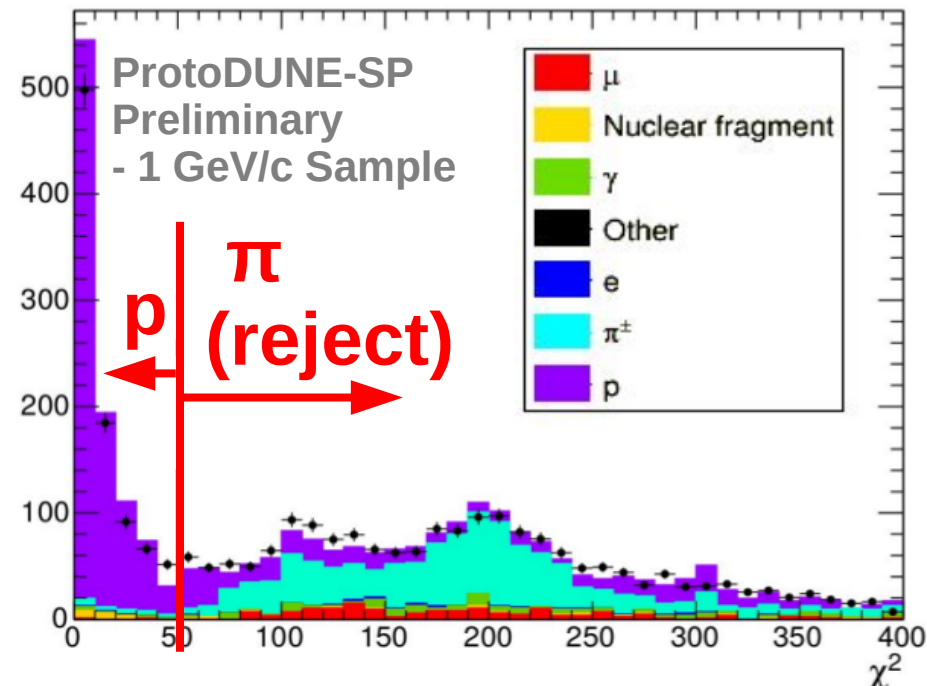
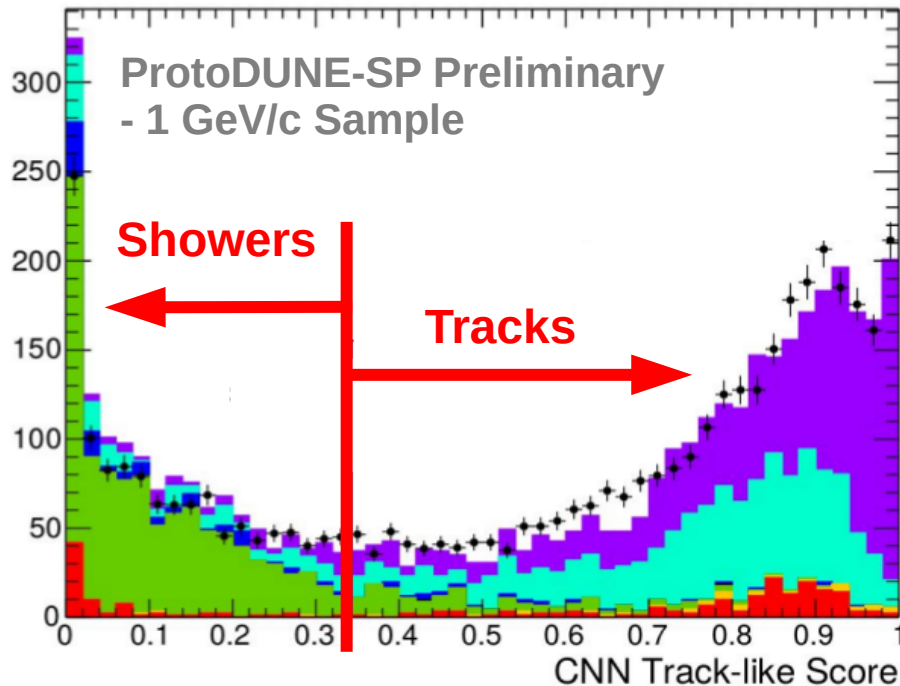


# Pion Event Selection

- Signature of CEx+Abs: **No charged pions in final state**

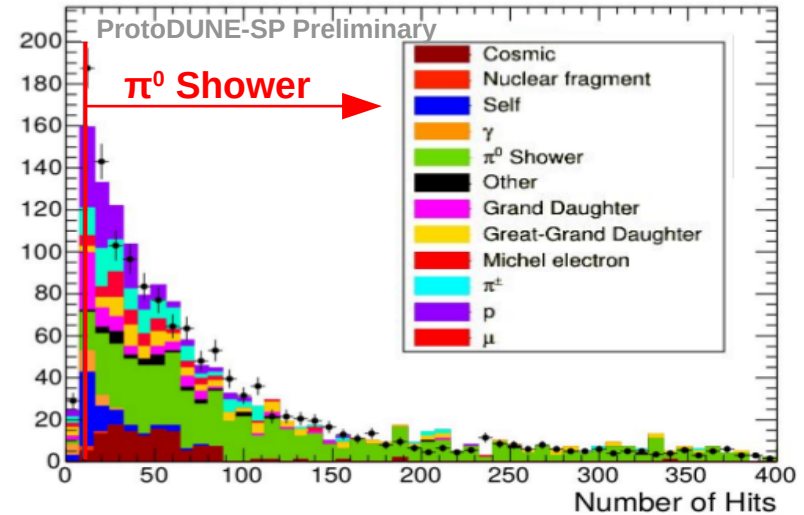
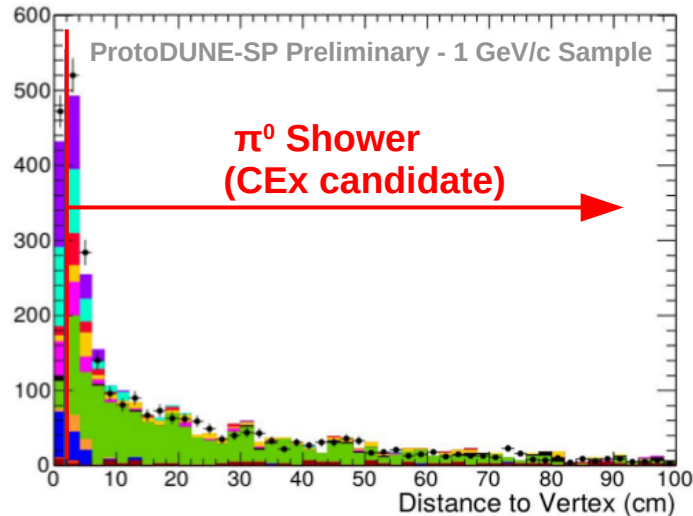


- Event Selection:
  - Daughter track/shower tagging using convolutional neural network (CNN)
  - Reject  $\pi^\pm$  daughter tracks using  $\chi^2$ -based PID



# Pion Event Selection: Performance

- ▶ CEx & Abs separation: Look for  $\pi^0$ -like showers  
CEx: Showers from  $\pi^0$  / Abs: No showers  
→ Use (1) distance to vertex cut & (2) hit distribution cut

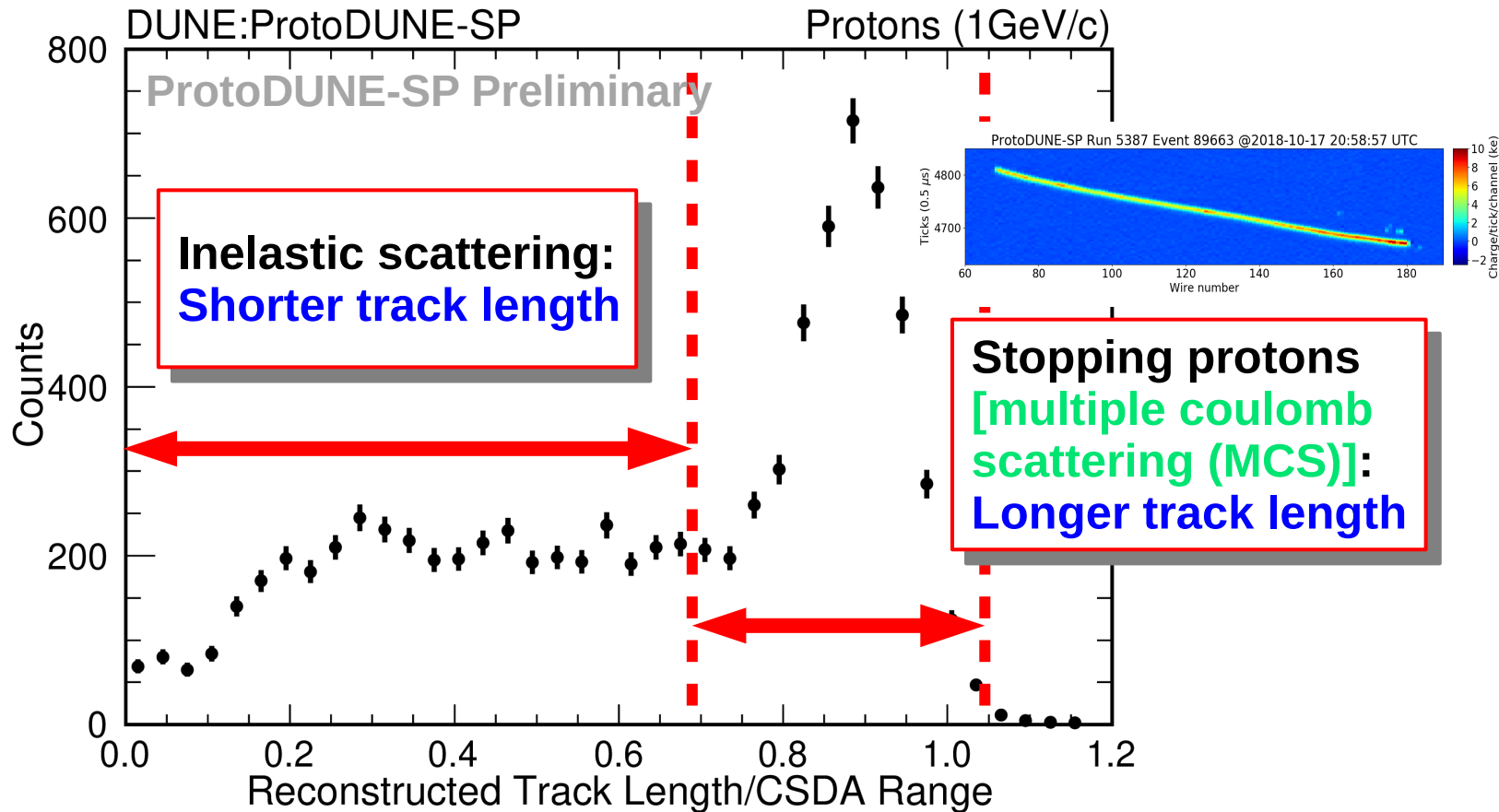


## ▶ Efficiency & Purity

	Efficiency	Purity
CEx + Abs	67 %	66 %
CEx	63 %	61 %
Abs	59 %	59 %

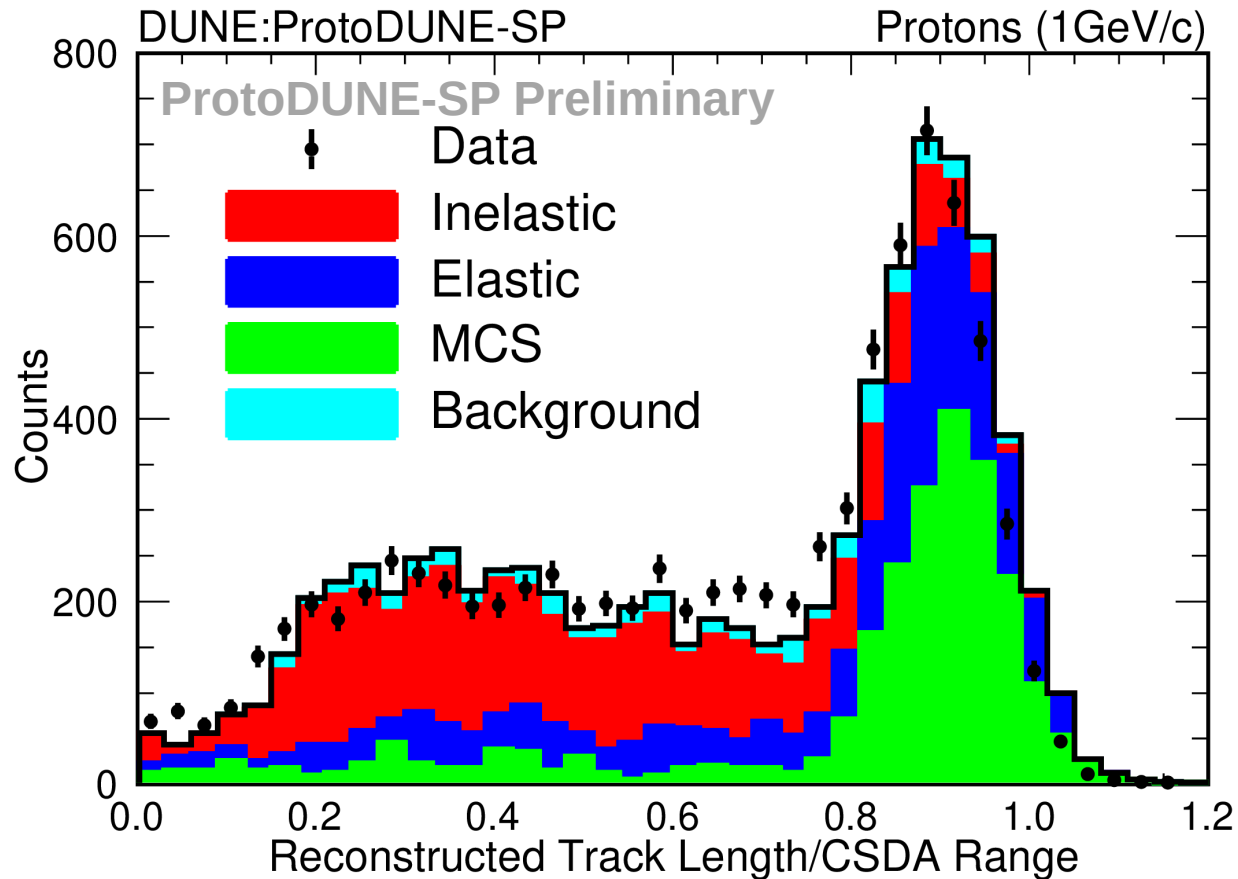
- ▶ Optimization of event selection in progress

# Proton: Event Selection Observable



- ▶ Proton event selection using **normalized track length** cut
  - Normalized track length := primary track length/ CSDA range
  - Convert proton beam momentum to its CSDA range
  - + CSDA range: Average track length of stopping protons

# Proton: Data & MC



- ▶ **Good Geant4 simulation to describe data observable**
  - Elastic, inelastic, and MCS components are clearly seen
- ▶ Reasonable agreement between data & MC ( $\chi^2/\text{ndf}$ :93.4/40)
- ▶ Normalized track length served as one observable for XS reweighting

# Summary & Outlook

- ▶ FSI is crucial to neutrino interactions
- ▶ ProtoDUNE-SP measures hadron-argon cross sections
  - Provide valuable inputs for better understanding of FSI
  - Important results to achieve DUNE physics goals and beneficial to neutrino community
- ▶ Rapid progress in both the pion-Ar and proton-Ar cross section analyses
  - Established entire framework for hadron-Ar XS estimations
  - Preliminary results on pion & proton event selections
- ▶ ProtoDUNE-SP will deliver many more physics results. Stay tuned!



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# Backup

# Impact of FSI on Oscillation Parameters

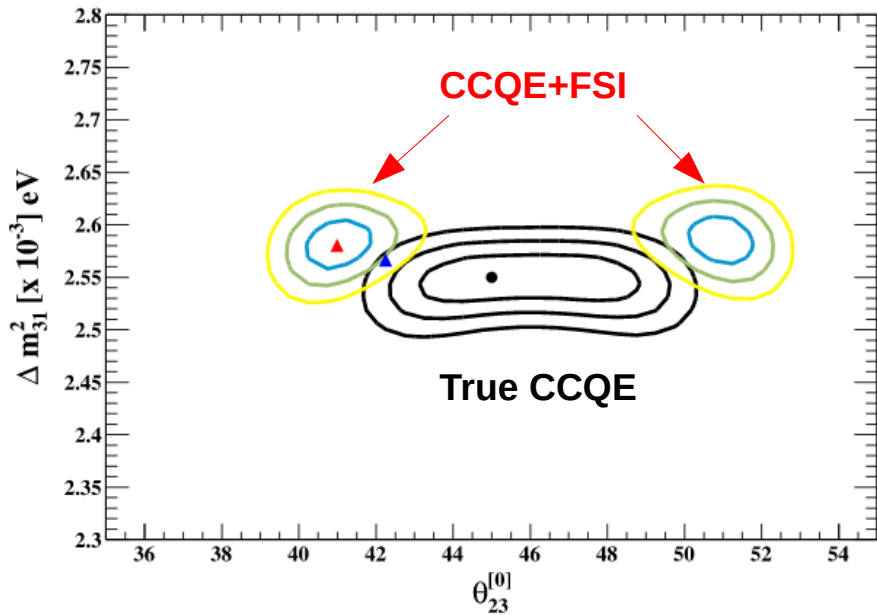


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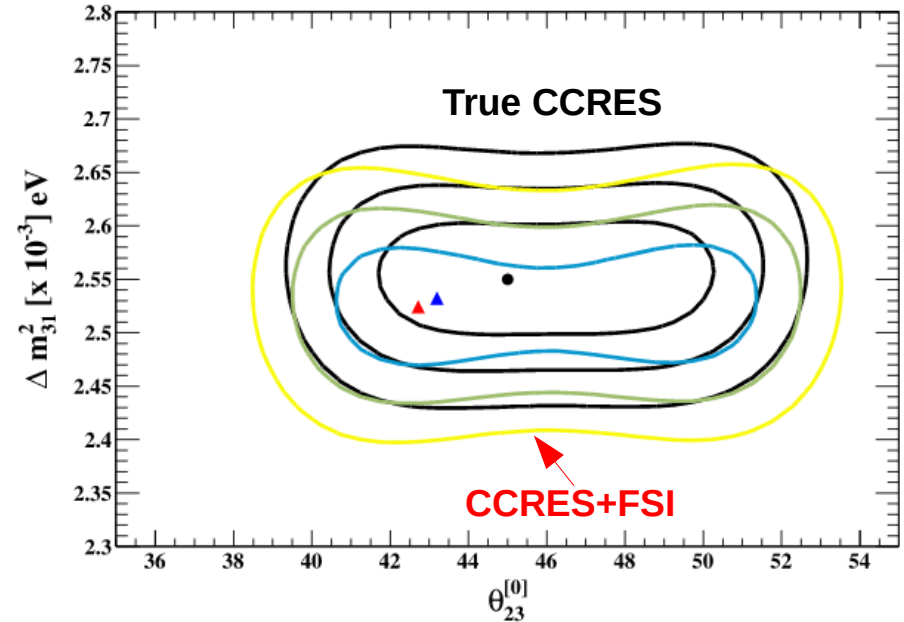


Fig. 7. Confidence regions in the  $(\theta_{23}, \Delta m_{31}^2)$  plane are obtained using the migration matrices pure Res (black lines) and Res-like (color lines) in the absence of detector cuts. The red ( $\alpha = 0$ ) and blue ( $\alpha = 0.3$ ) triangles show the best fit points of oscillation parameters while circle ( $\alpha = 1$ ) shows the true values of the oscillation parameters.

- ▶ Simulation on DUNE: 5 yrs neutrino mode + 5 yrs anti-neutrino mode
- ▶ Neutrino generator: GiBUU
- ▶ No detector effect involved, only FSI

Reference:

“Effect of final state interactions on neutrino energy reconstruction at DUNE”,  
Nuclear Physics B, Vol 933, Aug 2018, p40-52 (link)

# Impact of FSI on Oscillation Parameters

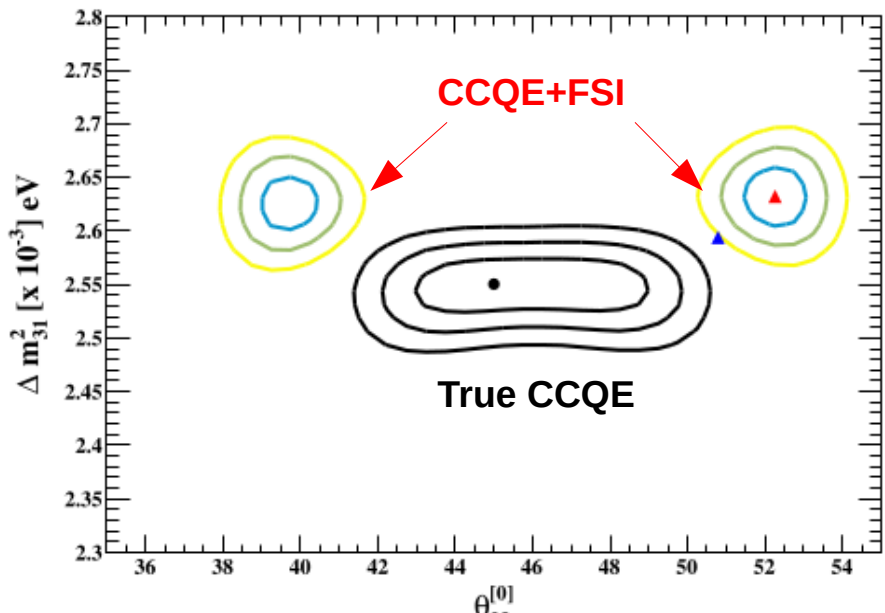


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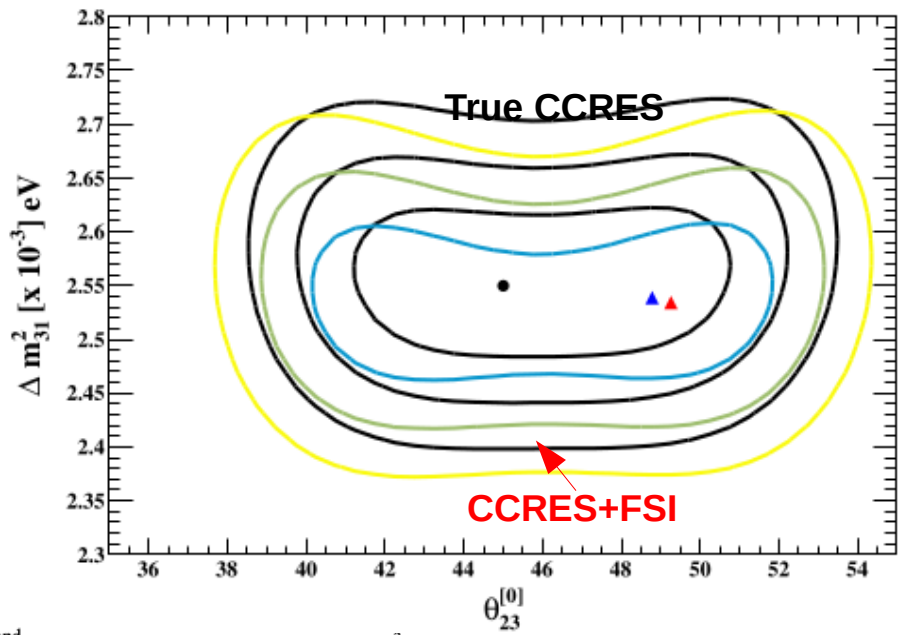


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## ► Detector effect involved + FSI

### ► Threshold kinetic energy cuts for particles.

Particle type	p	n	$\pi^+$	$\pi^-$	$\pi^0$	$\mu$
Threshold kinetic energy (GeV)	0.05	0.05	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.03

## ► Worse after including detector effect

$$N_i^{test}(\alpha) = \alpha \times N_i^{QE} + (1 - \alpha) \times N_i^{QE-like}$$

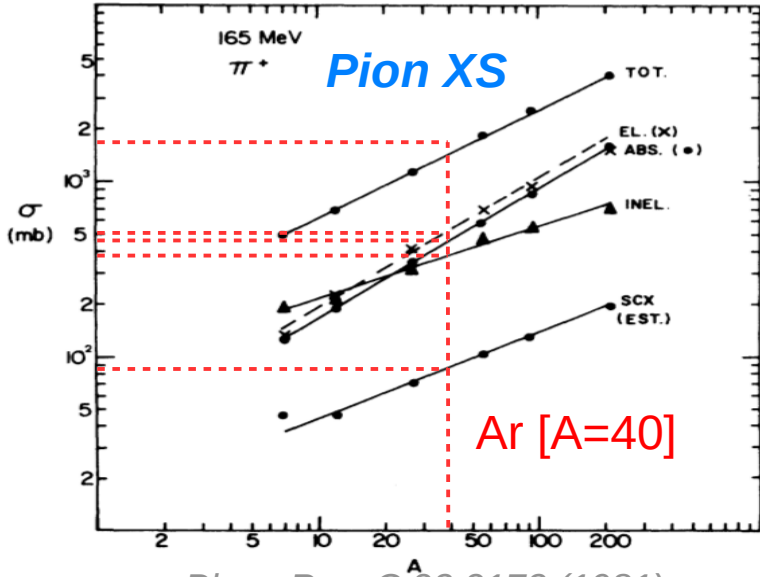
$$N_i^{test}(\alpha) = \alpha \times N_i^{Res} + (1 - \alpha) \times N_i^{Res-like}$$

1. When  $\alpha = 1$  (nuclear effects are completely disregarded).
2. When  $\alpha = 0$  (nuclear effects are perfectly known).

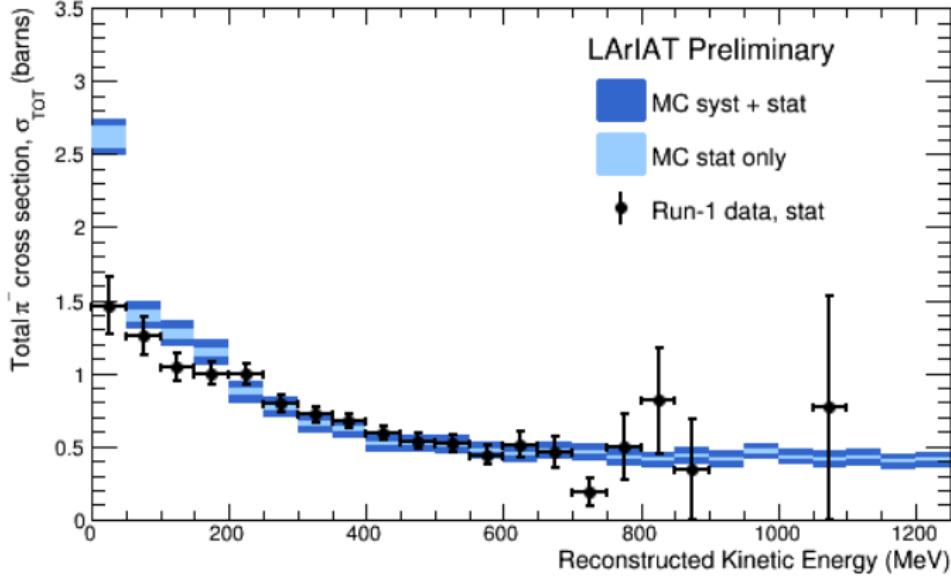


# Pion & Proton XS Measurements

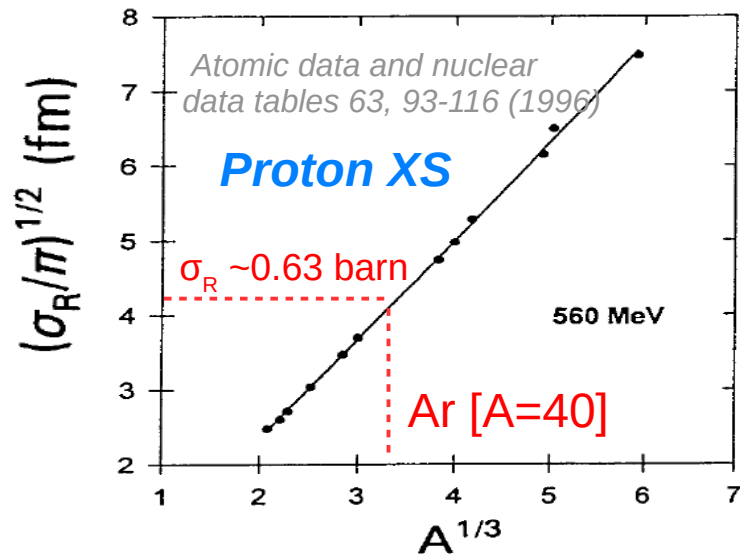
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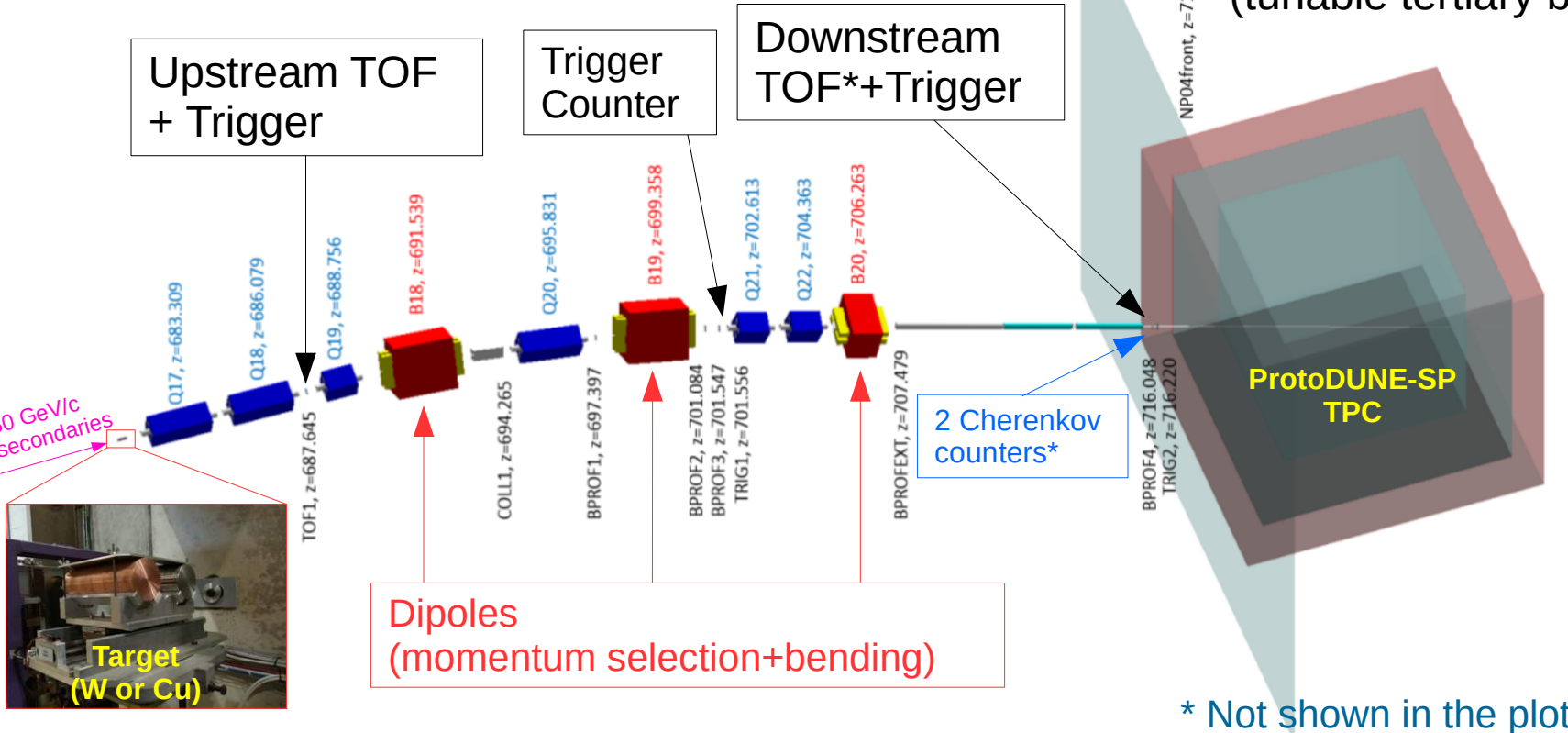
- ▶ Pion & proton XS predictions come from interpolation between heavier and lighter nuclei
- ▶ Only one  $\pi$ -Ar measurement from LarIAT experiment
- ▶ ProtoDUNE-SP measurements are important for LAr-based neutrino experiments



# ProtoDUNE-SP: Beamline Instrumentation

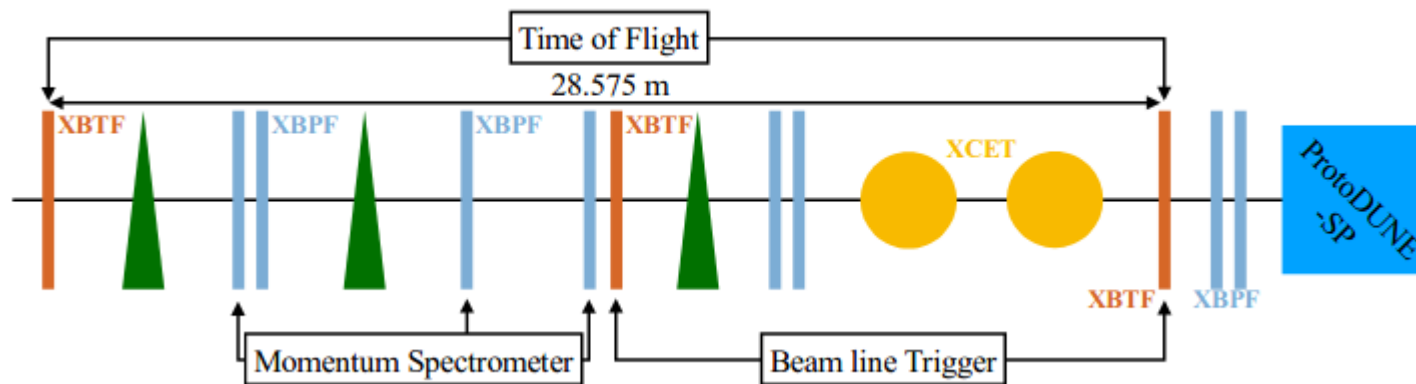
- ▶ CERN H4 beamline-extension & Beamline Instrumentation
  - Known particle type (hadrons and electrons) & incident energies

400 GeV/c protons → target → 80 GeV/c beam → target → **0.5 – 7 GeV/c**  
 (primary beam) (secondary beam)  **$\rho/\pi^+/K^+/\mu^+/e^-$  beam**  
 (tunable tertiary beam)



\* Not shown in the plot

# TOF & Cherenkov Info



		Momentum (GeV/c)			
		1	2	3	6 - 7
$e$	TOF (ns)	0, 105	0, 105	–	–
	XCET-L	1	1	1	1
	XCET-H	–	–	1	1
$\mu / \pi$	TOF (ns)	0, 110	0, 103	–	–
	XCET-L	0	0	0	1
	XCET-H	–	–	1	1
$K$	TOF (ns)	–	–	–	–
	XCET-L	–	–	0	0
	XCET-H	–	–	0	1
$p$	TOF (ns)	110, 160	103, 160	–	–
	XCET-L	0	0	0	0
	XCET-H	–	–	0	0

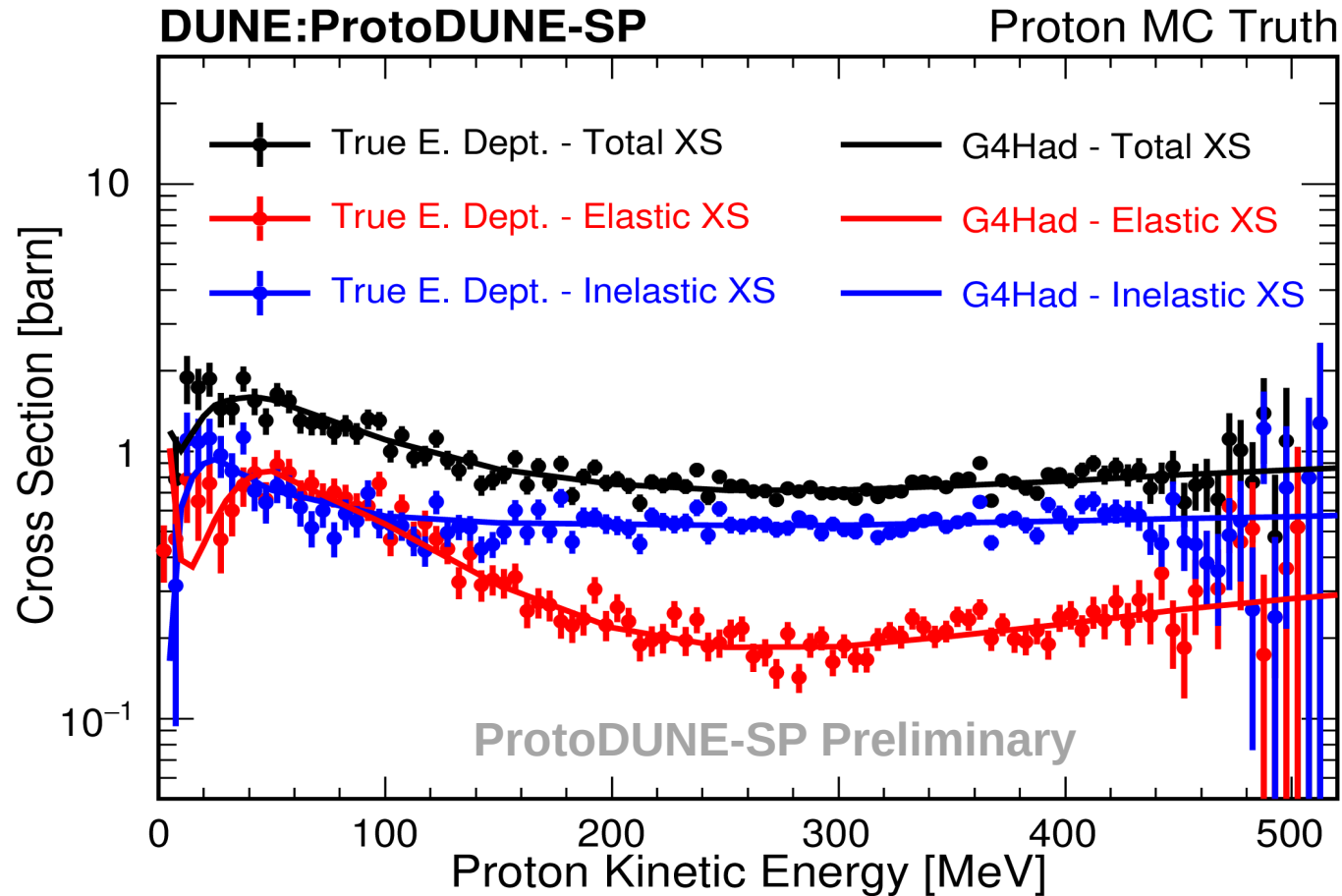
# Rich Data to Study Hadron-Argon Interactions

- ▶ A variety of test-beam particles in broad range of momenta  
0.5-7 GeV/c ( $\pi^+$ / $p$ / $K^+$ / $\mu^+$ / $e^-$ )
- ▶ **Over 4 million beam events (all momenta) collected**  
Data taking: from 09/21/2019 to 11/12/2019 [ $\sim$ 6 weeks beam run]
- ▶ Successful data collection as designed

Momentum	Data	Monte Carlo Simulation				
	Total Triggers	Total Triggers	Expected Pi Trigger	Expected Proton Trigger	Expected Electron Trigger	Expected Kaon Trigger
0.3 GeV/c	269K	242K	0	0	242K	0
0.5 GeV/c	340K	299K	1.5K	1.5K	296K	0
1 GeV/c	1089K	1064K	382K	420K	262K	0
2 GeV/c	728K	639K	333K	128K	173K	5K
3 GeV/c	568K	519K	284K	107K	113K	15K
6 GeV/c	702K	689K	394K	70K	197K	28K
7 GeV/c	477K	472K	299K	51K	98K	24K
All momenta	<b>4173K</b>	<b>3924K</b>	1694K	779K	1384K	73K

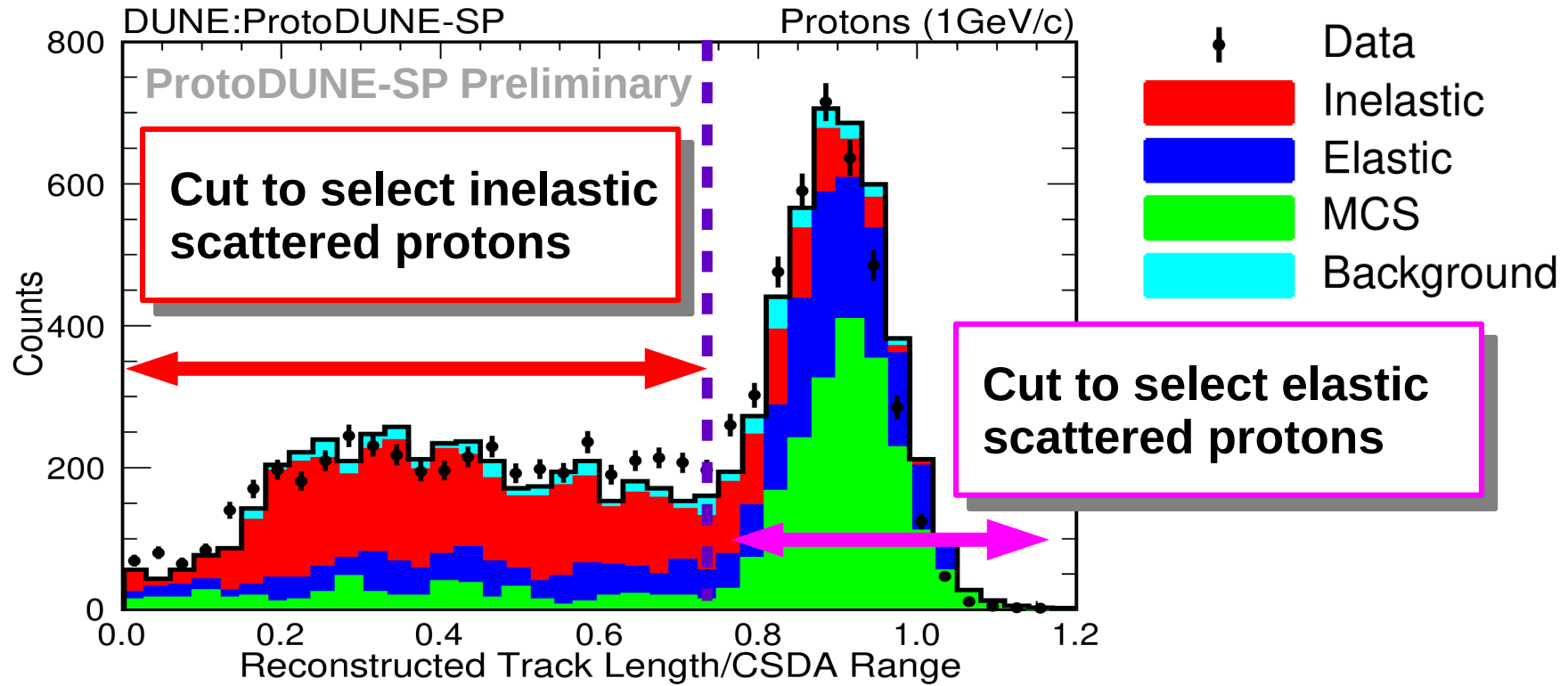
# Thin Slice Method: Proof-of-Principle

- Verification of the thin slice method using stand-alone Geant4 application (G4HadStudies\*)



\* Hans Wenzel's package: <https://github.com/hanswenzel/G4HadStudies>

# Proton: Event Selection Performance



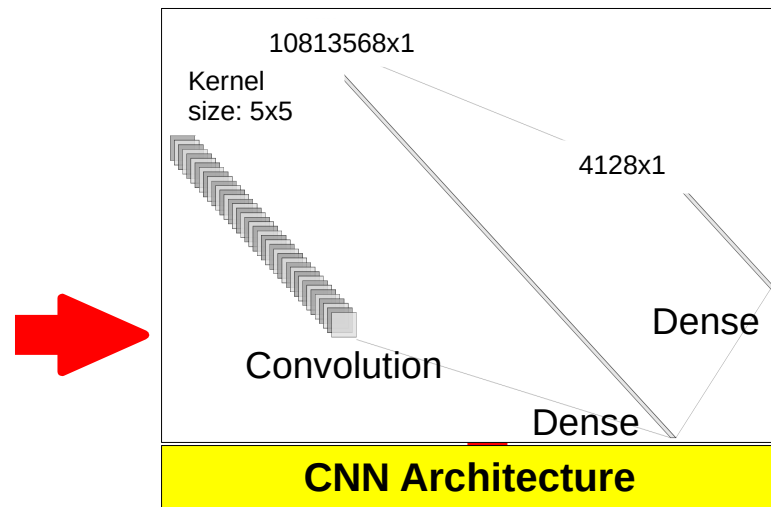
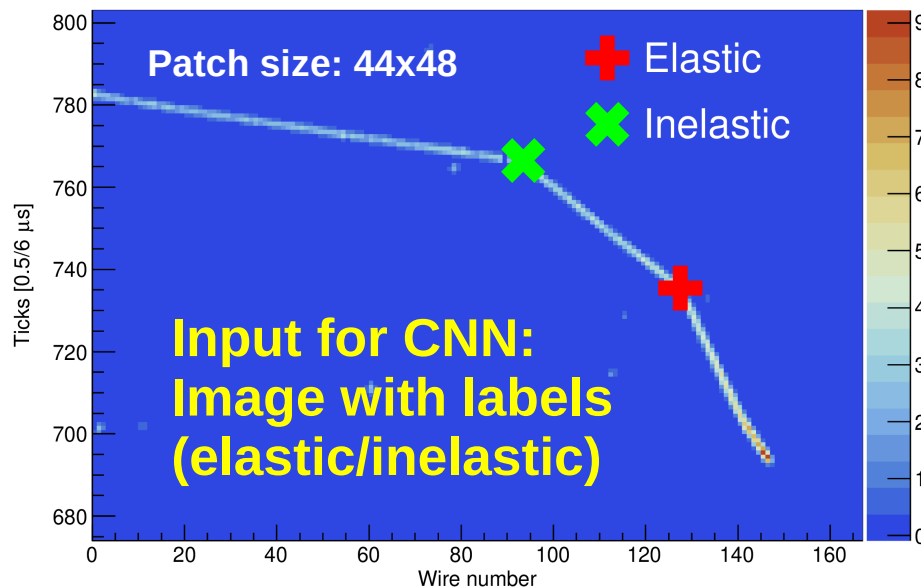
► Benchmark parameter: Efficiency\*Purity

**Inelastic**      **81 %**

**Elastic**        **37 %**

# Proton: Interaction Vertex Identification

- ▶ Vertex identification: Key to the success of XS measurement
- ▶ Vertex finding using CNN:



Output:  
Elastic/Inelastic score  
per pixel [0-1]

- ▶ Vertex identification efficiency

Good reco.:  $\Delta r(\text{truth-reco}) \leq 5\text{cm}$

**Inelastic 75 %**

**Elastic 31 %**

- ▶ Improvement on vertex-finding efficiency expected using sophisticated network structure