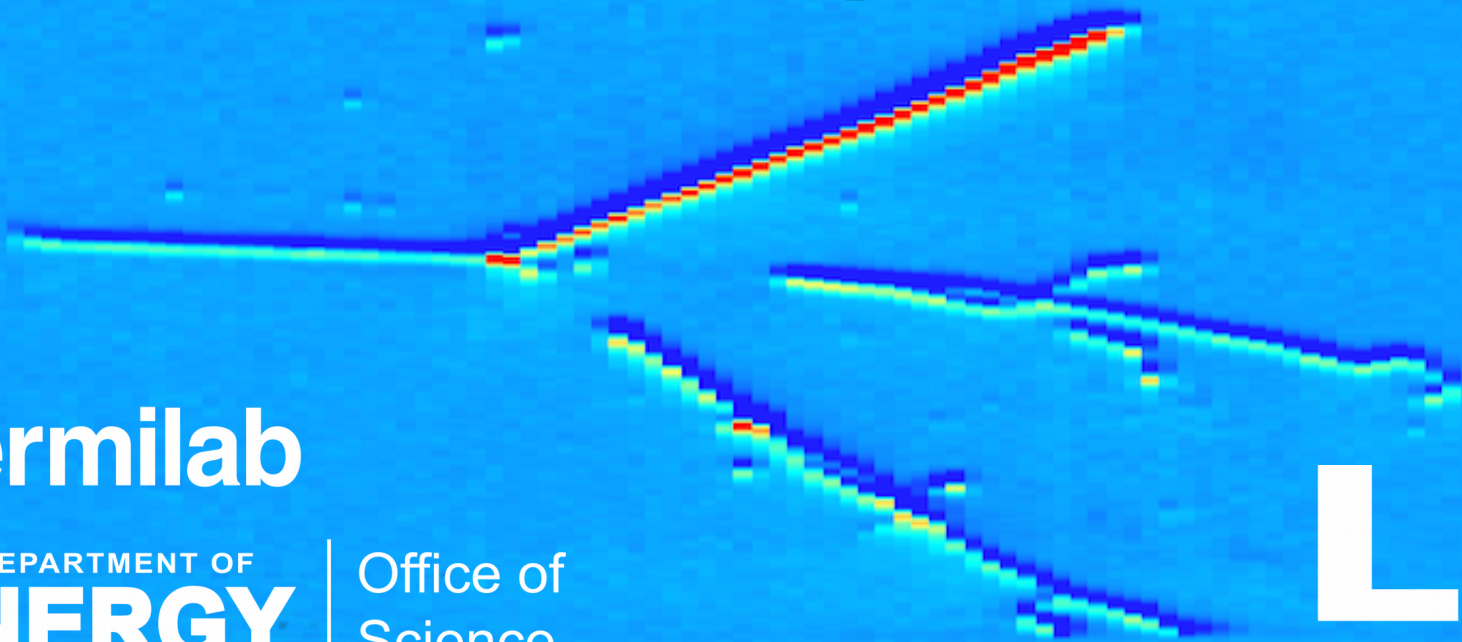


# Fermilab Test Beam Facility and LArIAT Experiment



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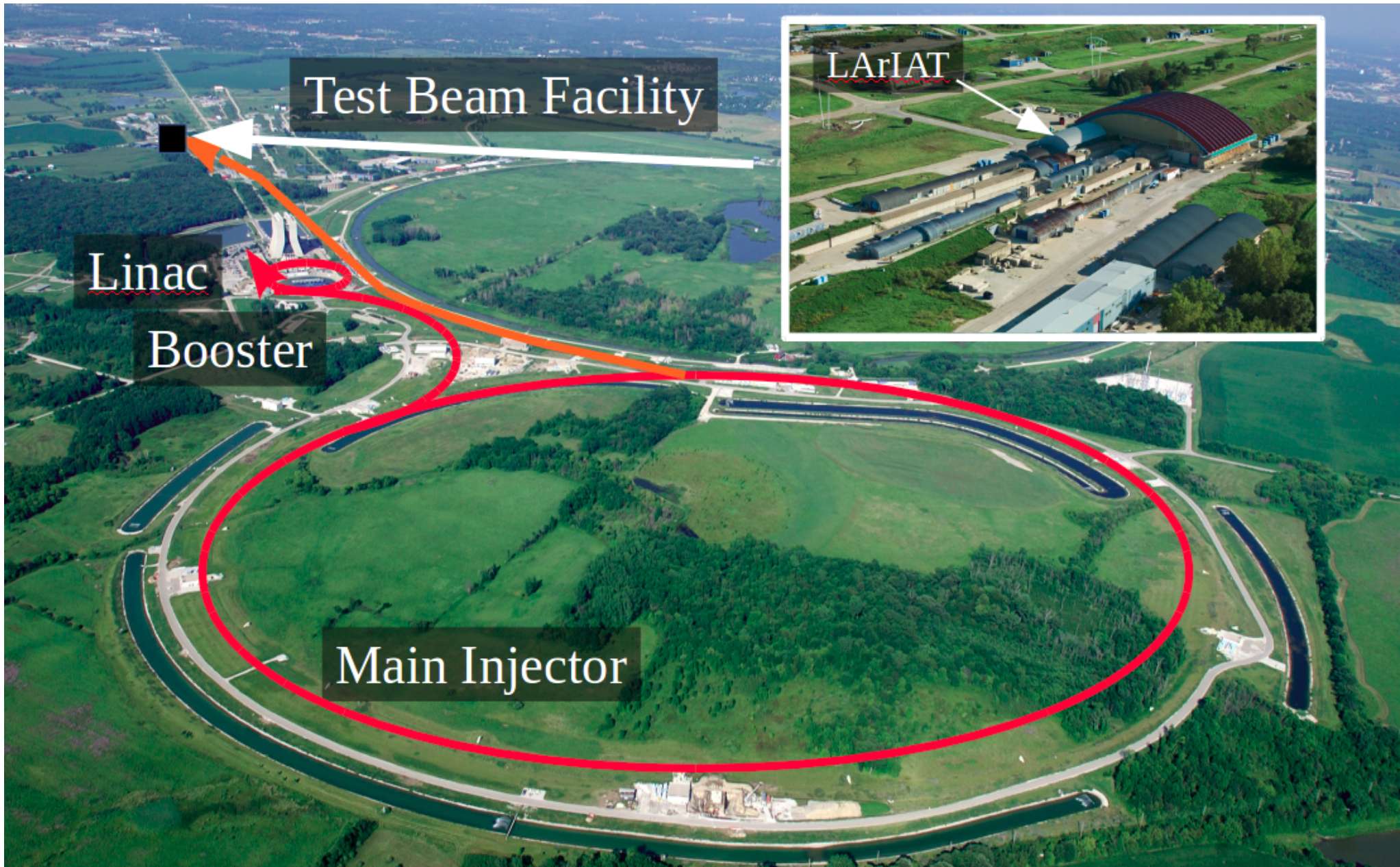
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**Justin Hugon**  
**Louisiana State University**  
**On behalf of the Fermilab Test Beam Facility**  
**and LArIAT experiment**

# Fermilab Test Beam Facility (FTBF)



# Fermilab Test Beam Facility (FTBF)

- Full details can be found: <http://ftbf.fnal.gov/beam-overview/>
  - 4 sec spill every 60 seconds
  - Tunable rate (100 Hz – 100,000 Hz)
  - Beam available 24/7
- MTest Beamline
  - 120 GeV protons (primary)
  - 1 – 60 GeV secondary beam
  - Spot size about 2cm
- MCenter Beamline
  - Tertiary beamline down to 200 MeV
  - Currently have cryogenic support for LArIAT (Liquid Argon In A Test Beam)

# Facility Instrumentation



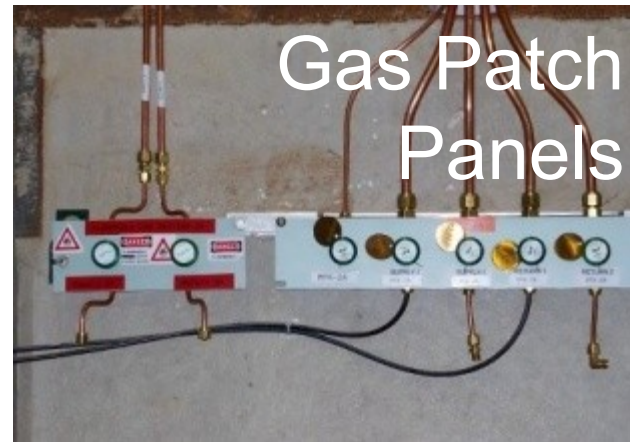
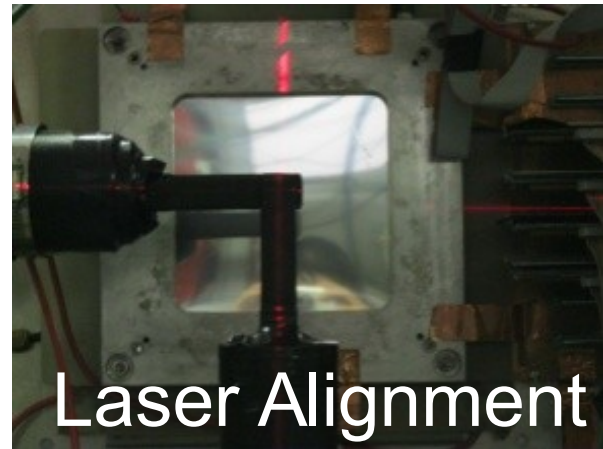
Cherenkov Detector



4 MWPC Trackers



# Infrastructure in MTest



Signal, Network, &  
High Voltage Patch  
Panels



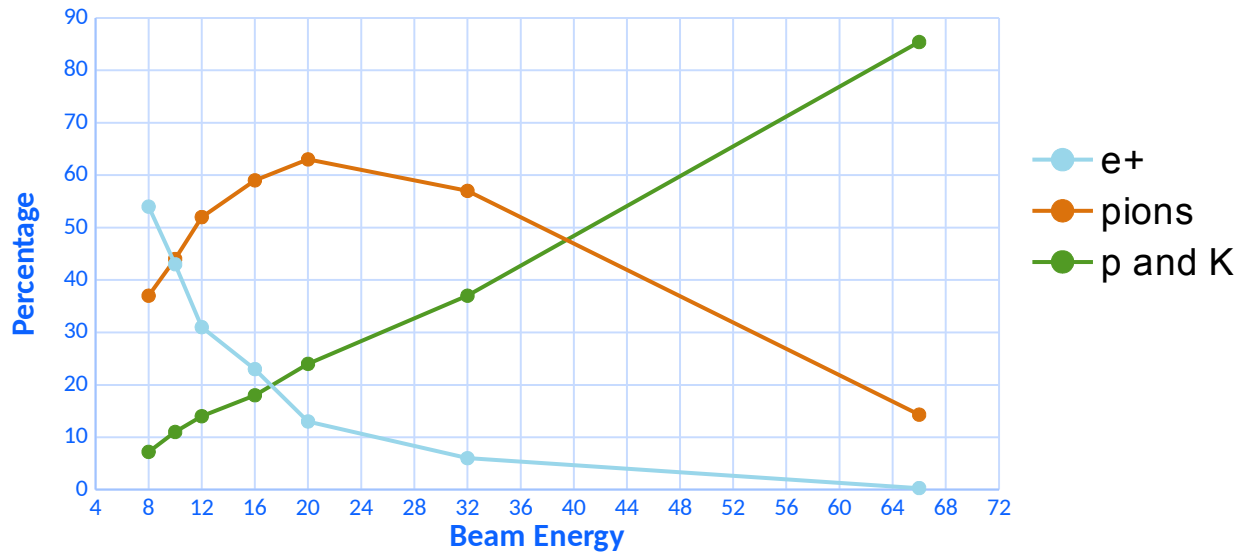
Climate Controlled Huts  
& 30 Ton Crane

Web Cameras



# Beams Composition Studies—In Progress

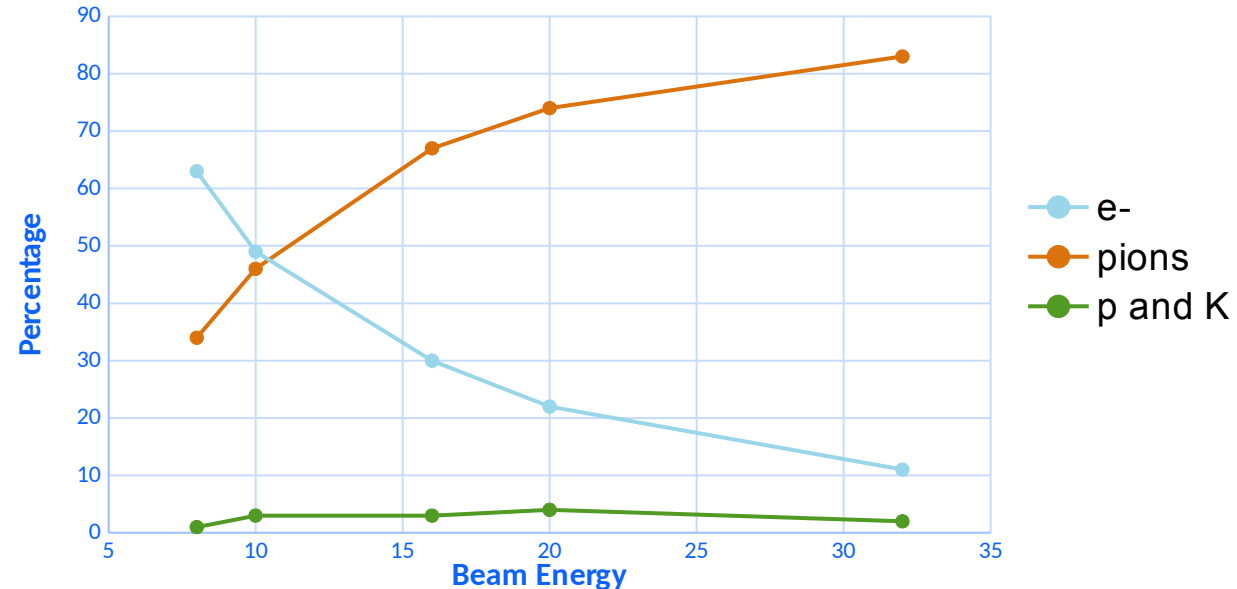
Positive Beams Composition, Open Collimators 2016



Studies done by E. Skup and D. Jensen

- **MTest Secondary Beam**
- Plans to continue this study as schedule allows
- Put into a database with all running conditions recorded

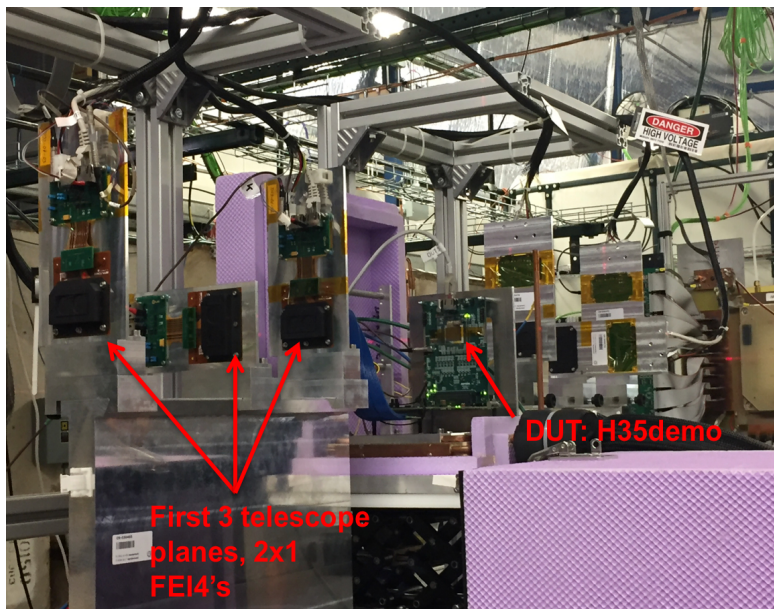
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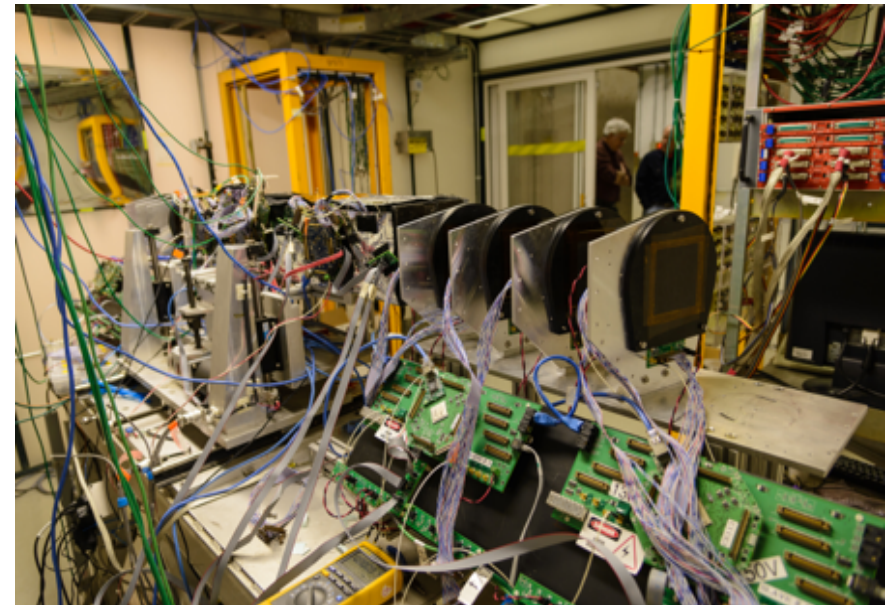
# Tests for LHC Experiments (CMS, ATLAS)

- CMS Outer Tracker, CMS Pixels, CMS timing all had test beams this year
- ATLAS pixels also ran for several weeks.
- Both groups used the test beam heavily this year.

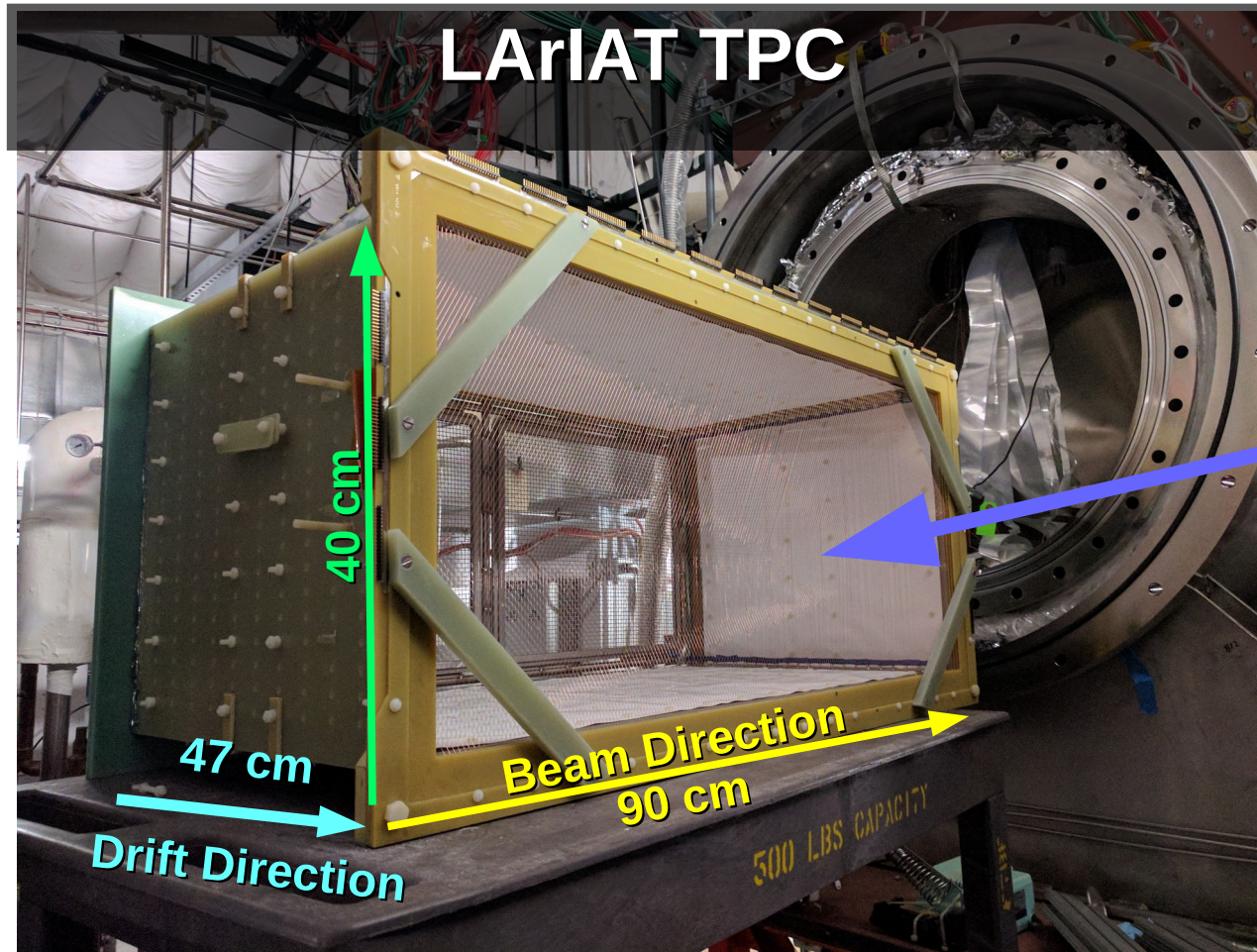
## ATLAS Test Beam Setup



## CMS Test Beam Setup



# Liquid Argon in a Test Beam (LArIAT)

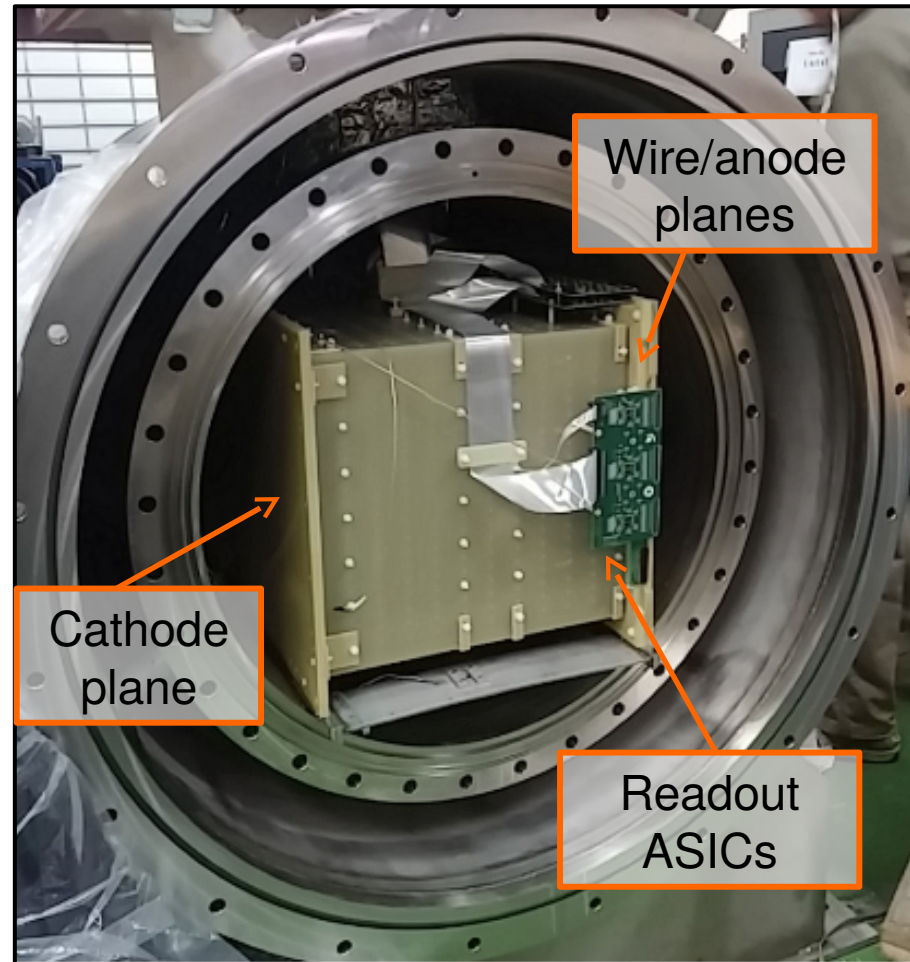


**170 L**  
**0.25 tons**  
**of LAr**

**Reuse the ArgoNeuT TPC in the MCenter  
(long-duration test) beamline**



# Liquid Argon in a Test Beam (LArIAT)



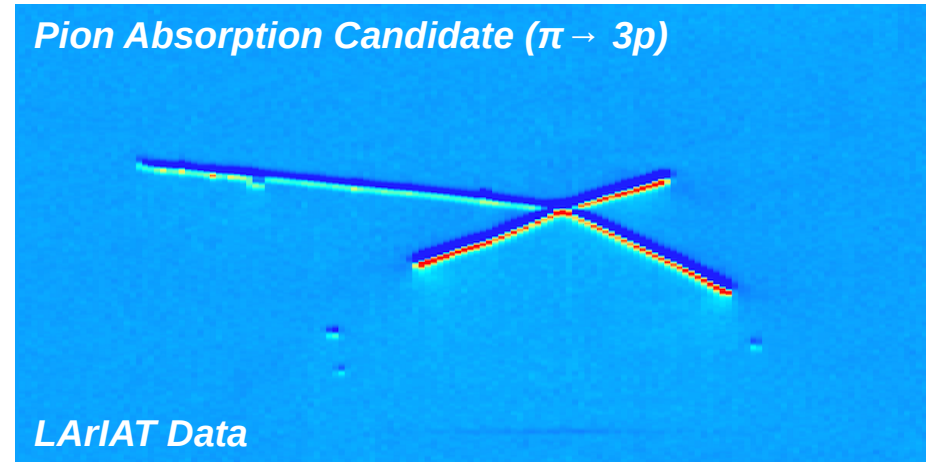
## Changes from ArgoNeuT:

- New wireplanes
- Cold front-end electronics ASICs from MicroBooNE

# LArIAT Goals

## • Physics Goals

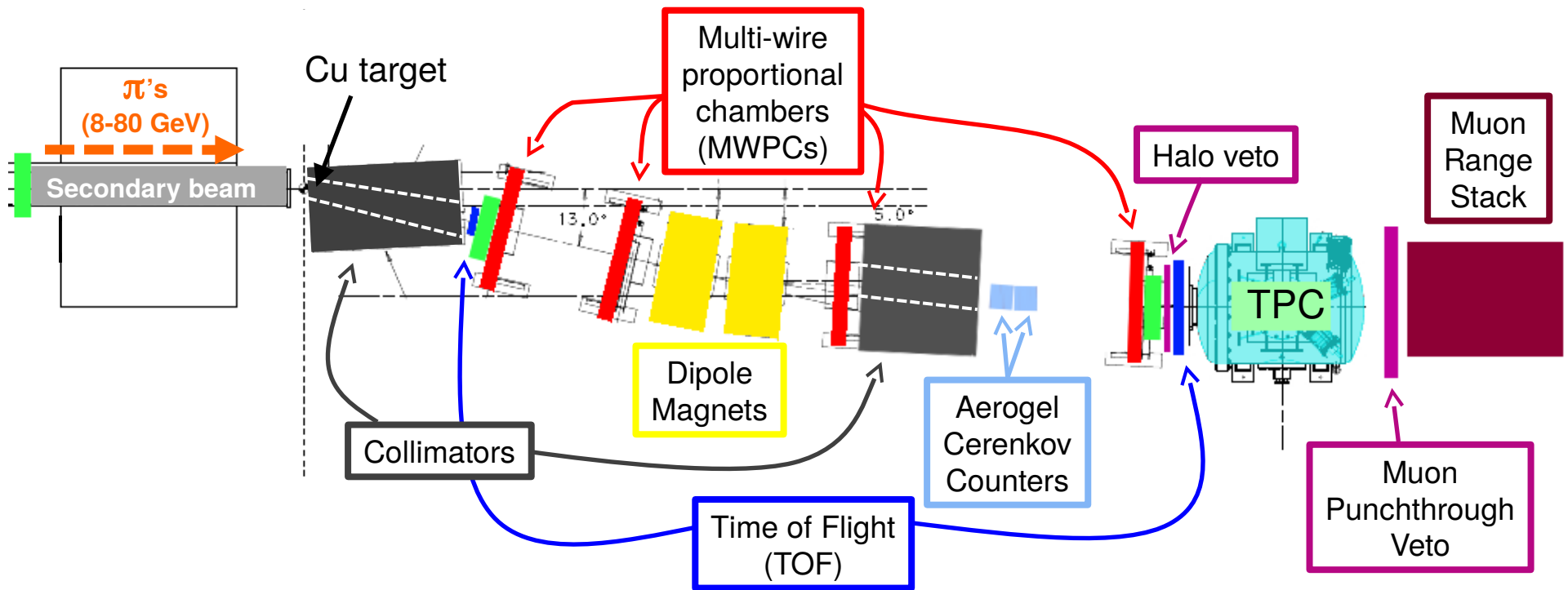
- Hadron-Ar interaction cross sections
  - $\pi^{+/-}$ -Ar to support  $\nu$  cross-sections
  - $K^{+/-}$  - Ar, supporting nucleon decay
  - Geant4 validation
- e/ $\gamma$  shower identification capabilities
- Anti-proton annihilation at rest
  - Similar to BSM  $n$ - $\bar{n}$  oscillation signature
- Particle sign determination in the absence of a magnetic field, utilizing topology
  - e.g. decay vs capture



## • R&D Goals

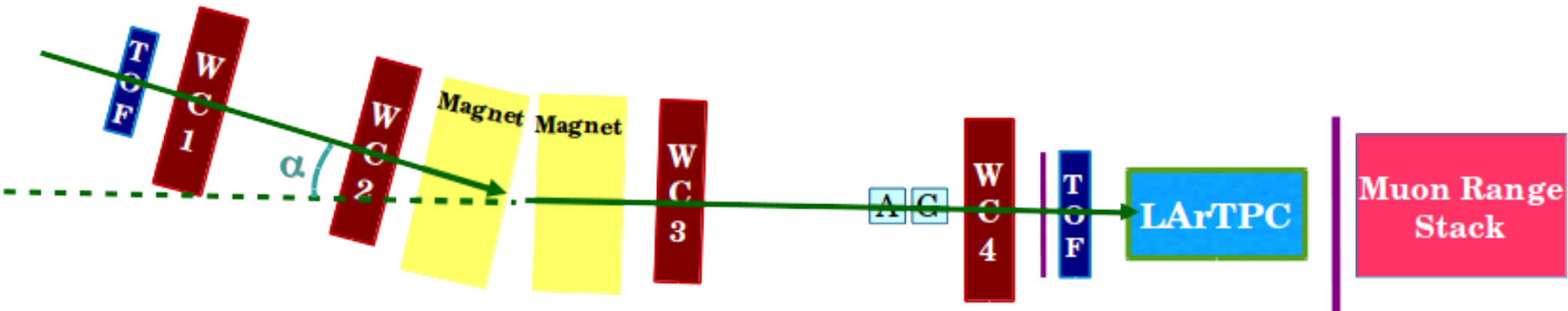
- Ionization and scintillation light studies
  - Charge deposited vs. light collected for stopping particles of known energy
- Optimization of particle ID techniques
- LArTPC event reconstruction
  - Compare 3mm, 4mm, 5mm wire pitch

# LArIAT Tertiary Beamline

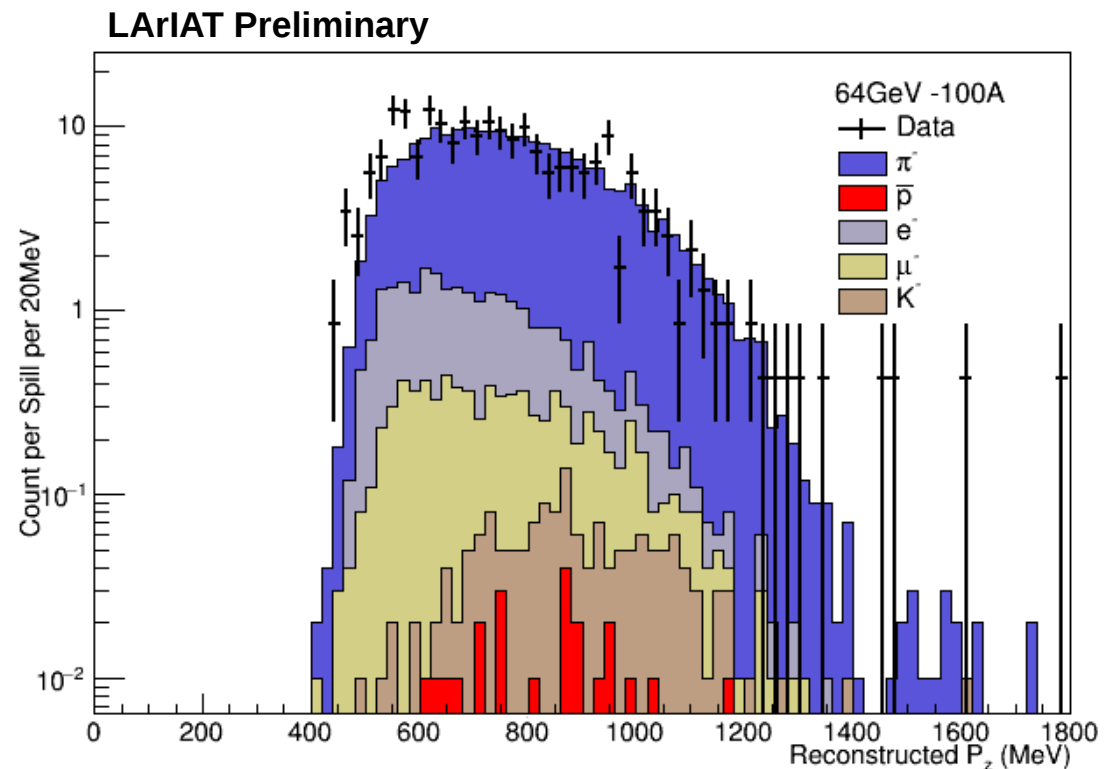


**Instrumented beamline identifies and characterizes particles both online and offline**

# LArIAT Beamline: Wire Chambers



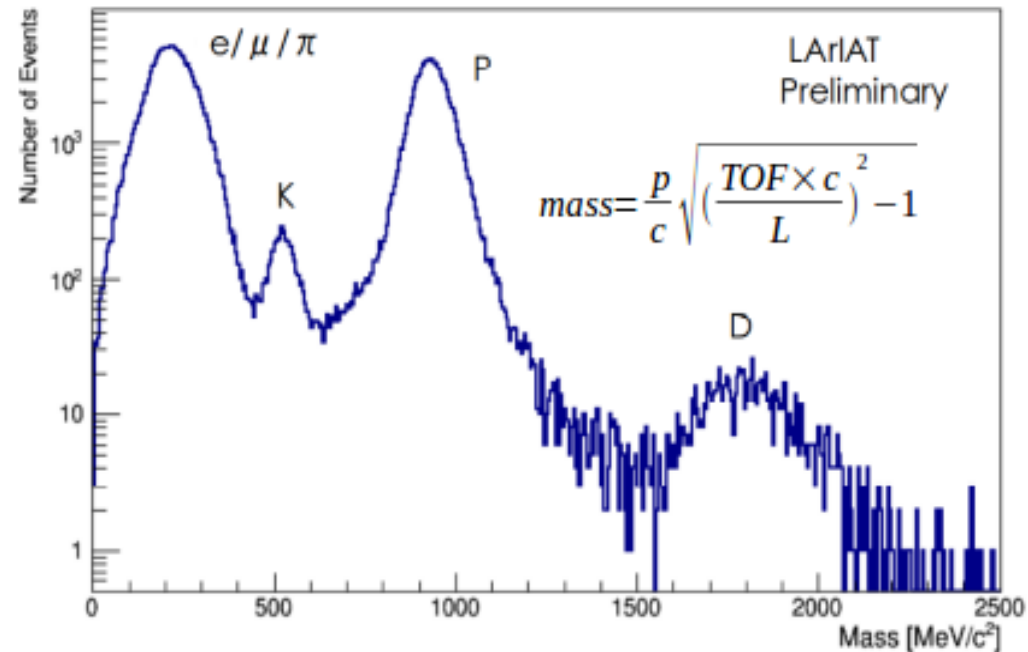
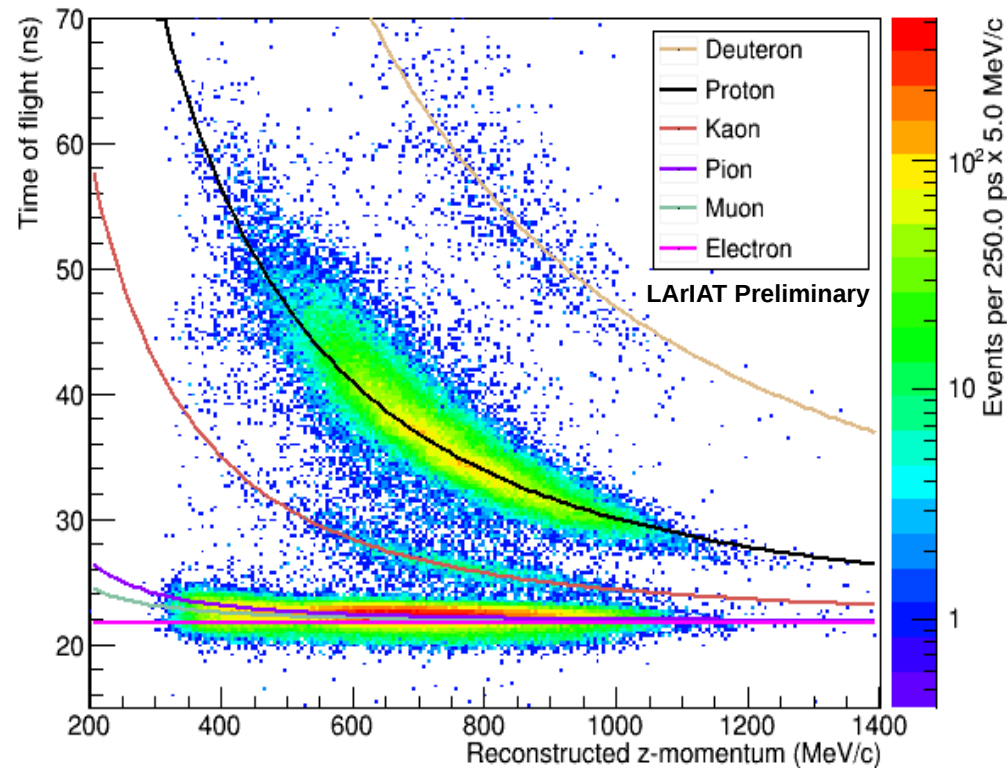
**Wire chambers reconstruct the position and momentum of the particles in the beamline**



**Wire chamber reconstructed momentum compared to simulation** 12

# LArIAT Beamline Detectors

TOF vs reconstructed momentum

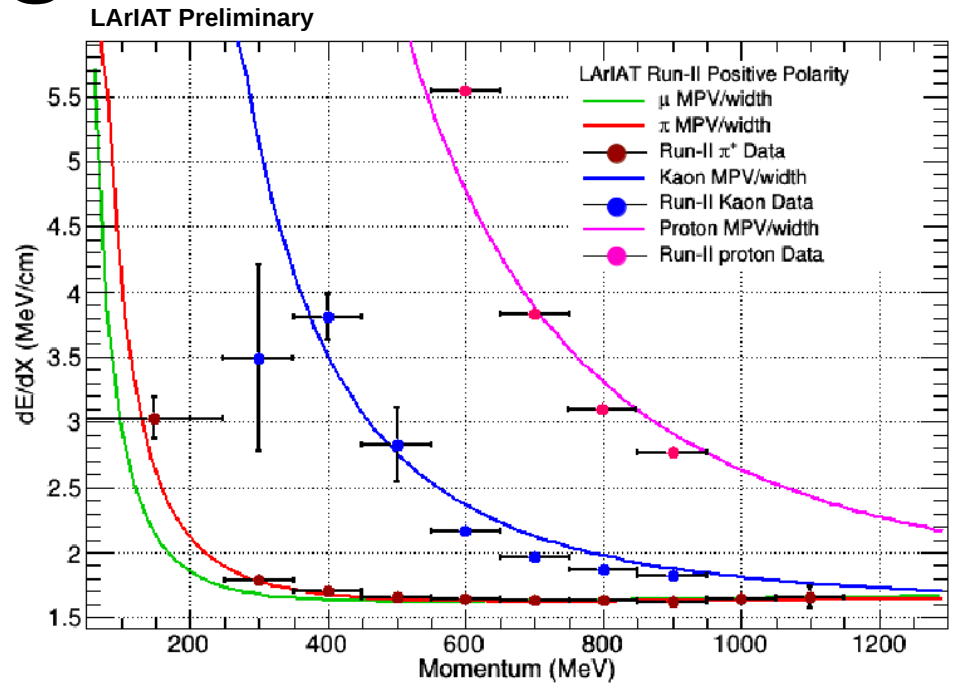
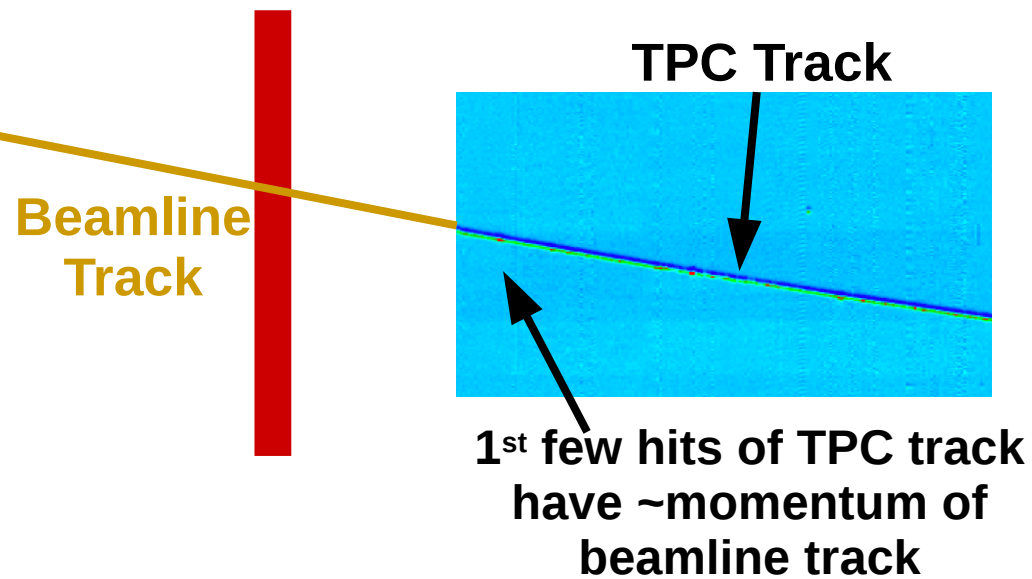


Combining the momentum and TOF allows for  $\pi/\mu/e$ , K, proton separation

Additionally, using the known masses of the K and proton we can constrain the momentum scale to 3%

# Calibrating the TPC

## Wire Chamber 4



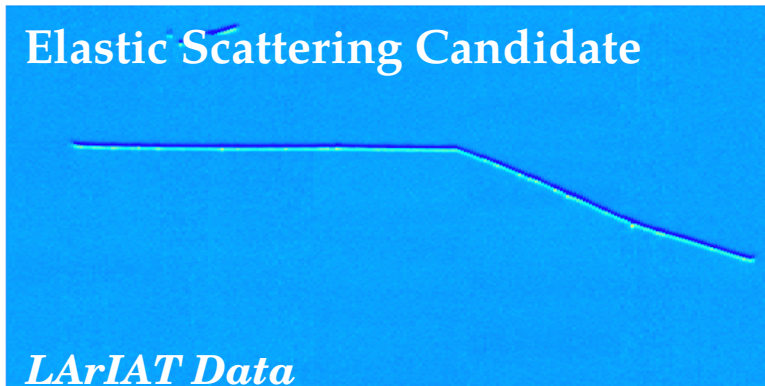
- Match beamline track to TPC track
- Fit  $dE/dx$  for various beamline momenta
- Calibrate detector response to follow Bethe-Bloch formula
- Calibrate using pions; check on kaons/protons

# Pion Cross-Section

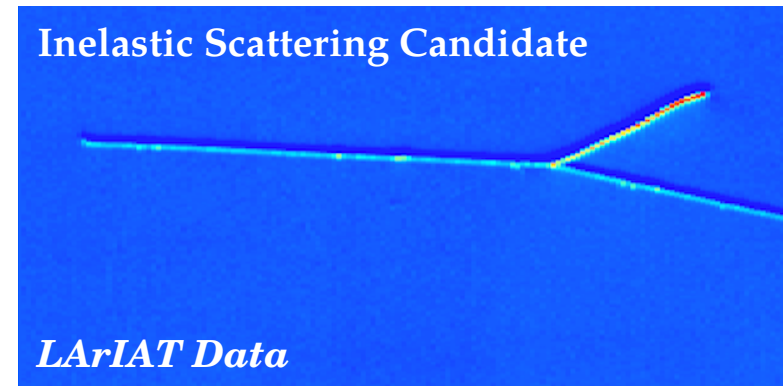
- The total  $\pi^-$ -Argon Cross-Section includes

$$\sigma_{\text{Total}} = \sigma_{\text{elastic}} + \sigma_{\text{inelastic}} + \sigma_{\text{ch-exch}} + \sigma_{\text{absorp.}} + \sigma_{\pi\text{-production}}$$

Elastic Scattering Candidate

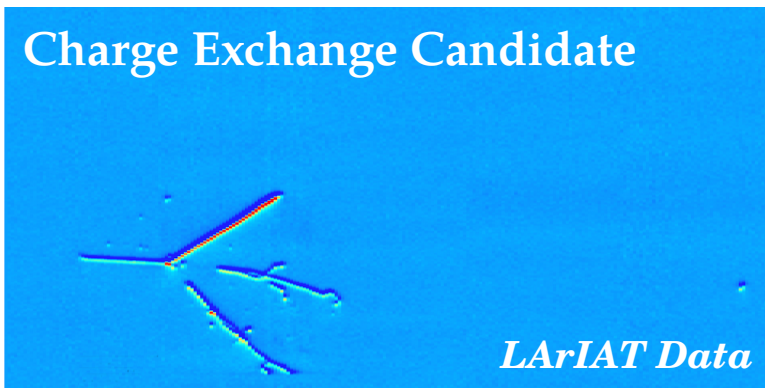


Inelastic Scattering Candidate



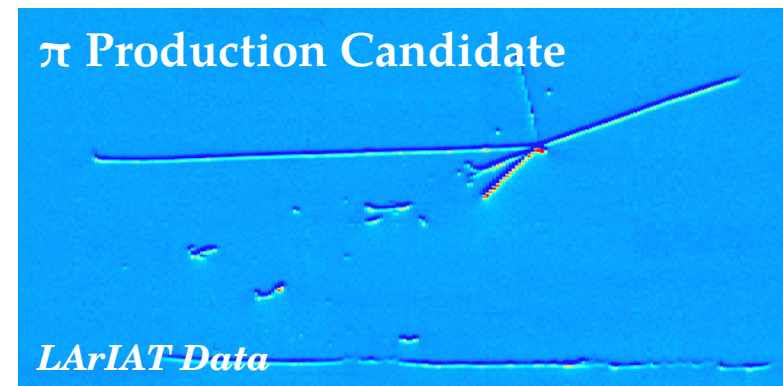
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Charge Exchange Candidate



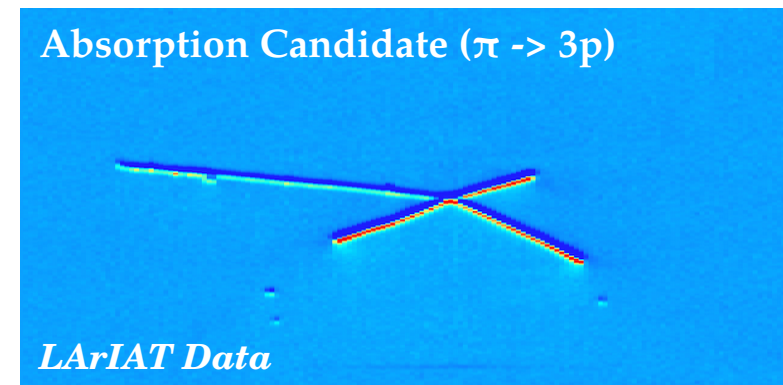
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$\pi$  Production Candidate



+

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

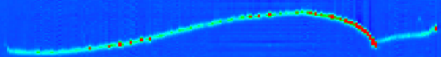


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# Pion Cross-Section

- **Backgrounds are:**

$\pi$  Decay Candidate



*LArIAT Data*

$\pi$  Capture Candidate



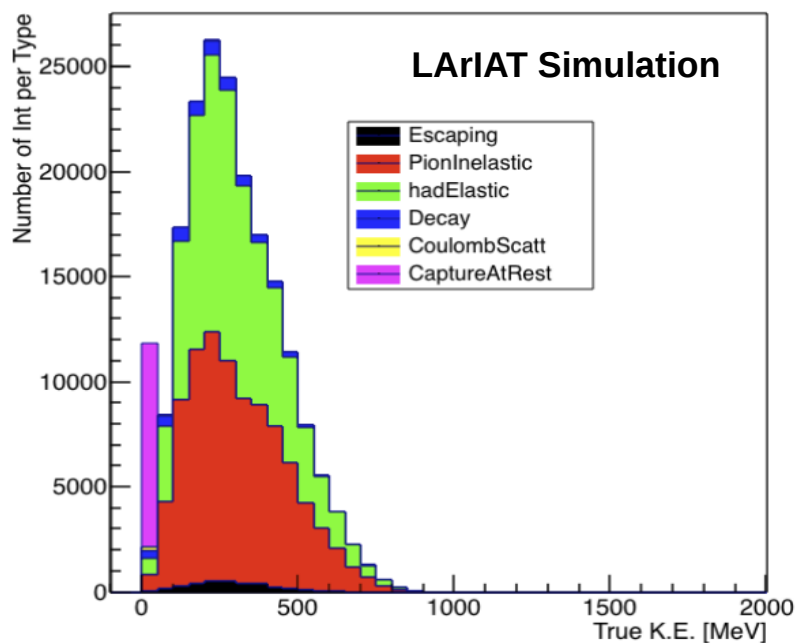
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Muon Background

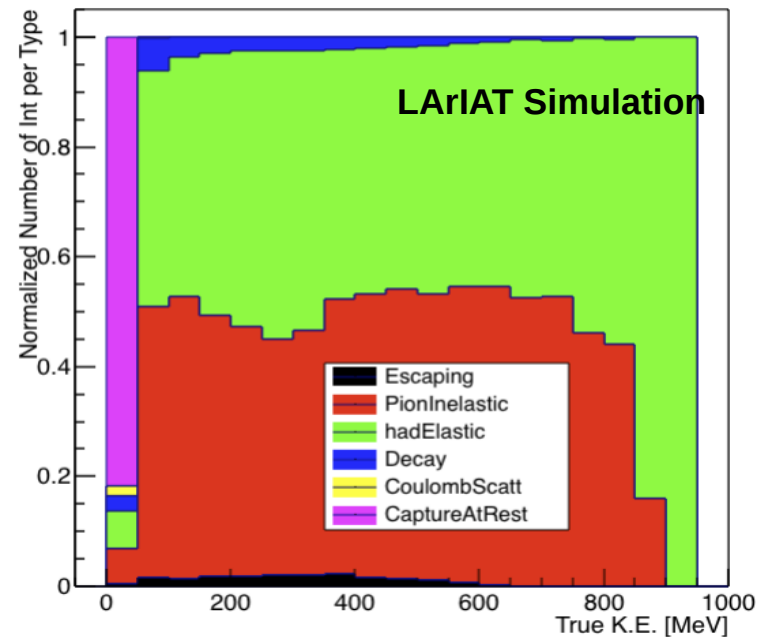


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Pion Interaction Type per Kinetic Energy



Pion Interaction Fraction per Kinetic Energy



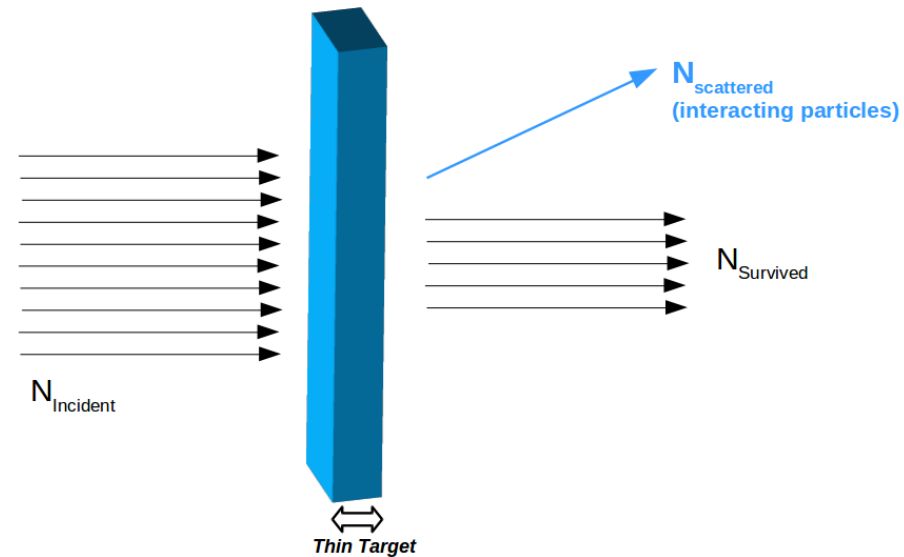
**Note: Pion decay backgrounds are small component which remain in our result.  
Capture dominates the lowest energy bin and is thus excluded**



# Thin Slice Cross-Section

$$P_{\text{Survival}} = e^{-\sigma n z}$$

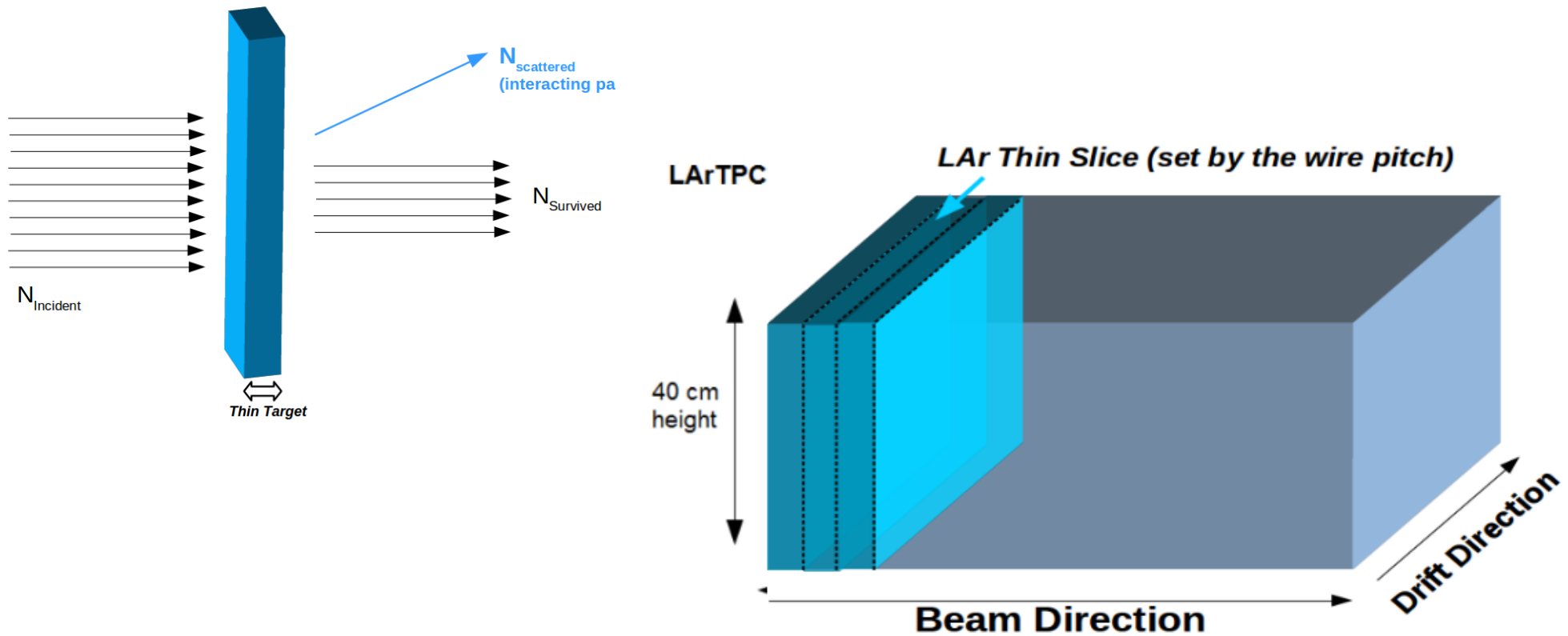
$$P_{\text{Interacting}} = 1 - P_{\text{Survival}} = 1 - e^{-\sigma n z}$$



$$\frac{N_{\text{interacting}}}{N_{\text{Incident}}} = P_{\text{Interacting}} = 1 - e^{-\sigma n z} \approx 1 - (1 - \sigma n z + \dots)$$

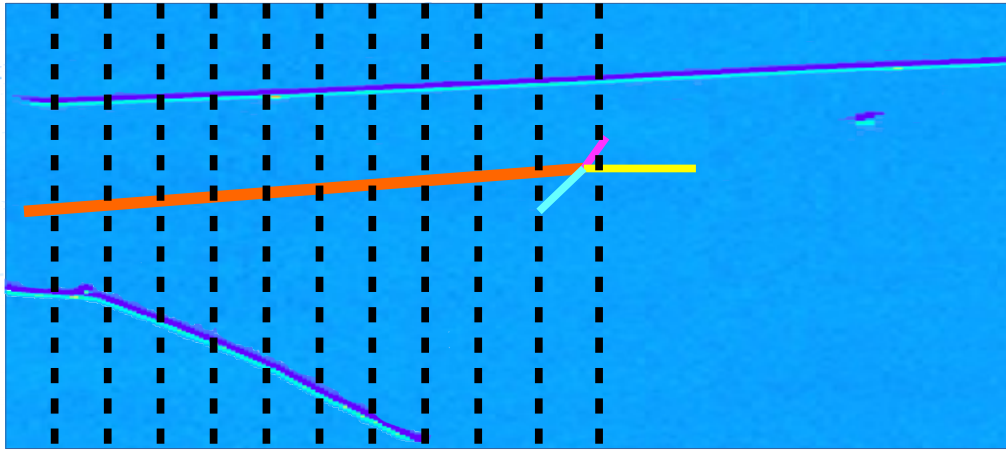
$$\sigma \approx \frac{1}{n z} \frac{N_{\text{interacting}}}{N_{\text{Incident}}}$$

# Thin Slice TPC Method

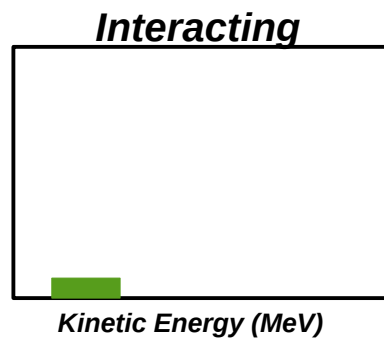
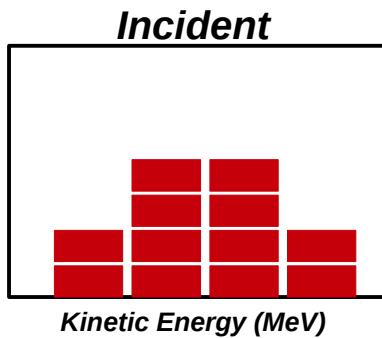


**Treat the TPC wire-to-wire spacing as a series of “thin-slice” targets**

# Pion Cross-Section

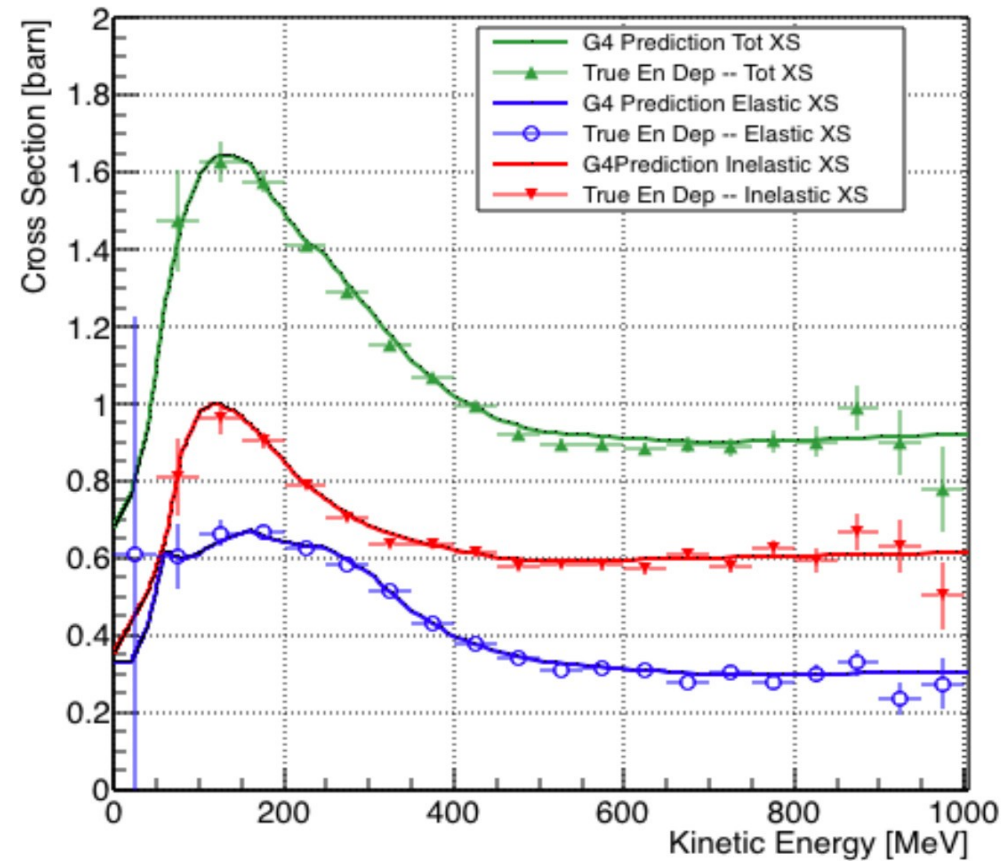


$$KE_i = KE_{beamline} - \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} dE/dX_j \times Pitch_j$$

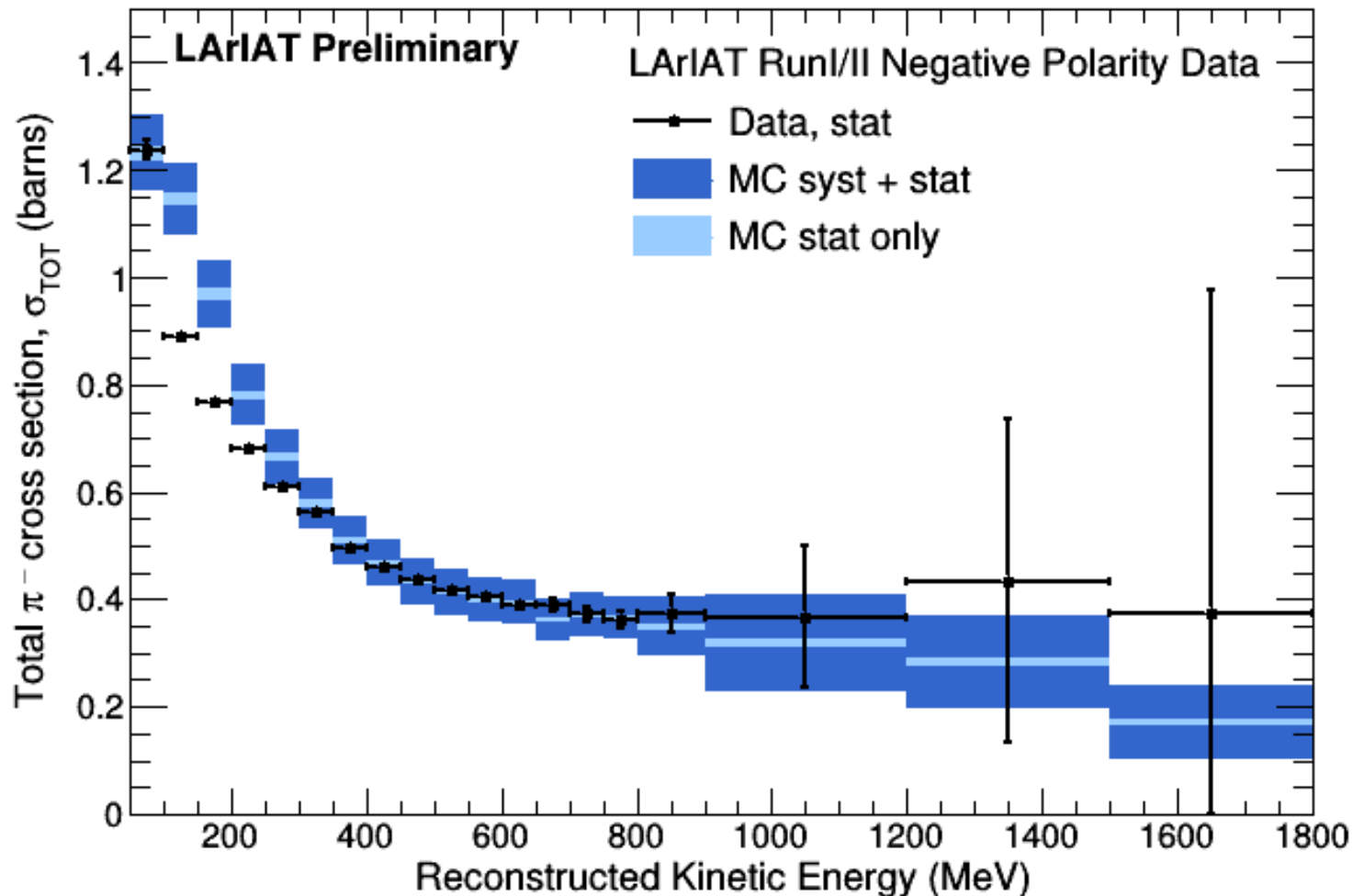


$$\sigma \approx \frac{1}{nz} \frac{N_{interacting}}{N_{Incident}}$$

Simulation Test of the Method  
for  $\pi^- + Ar$



# Pion Cross-Section



## Systematics Considered Here

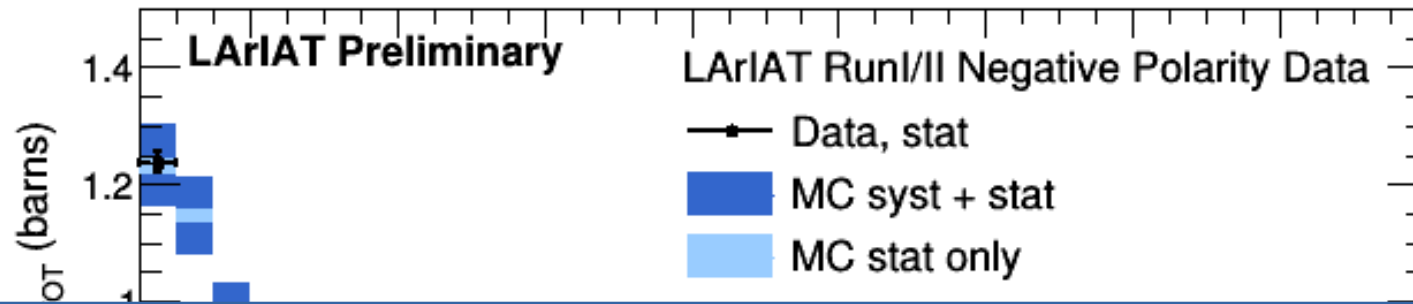
dE/dX Calibration: 3%

Energy Loss Prior to entering the TPC: 3.5%

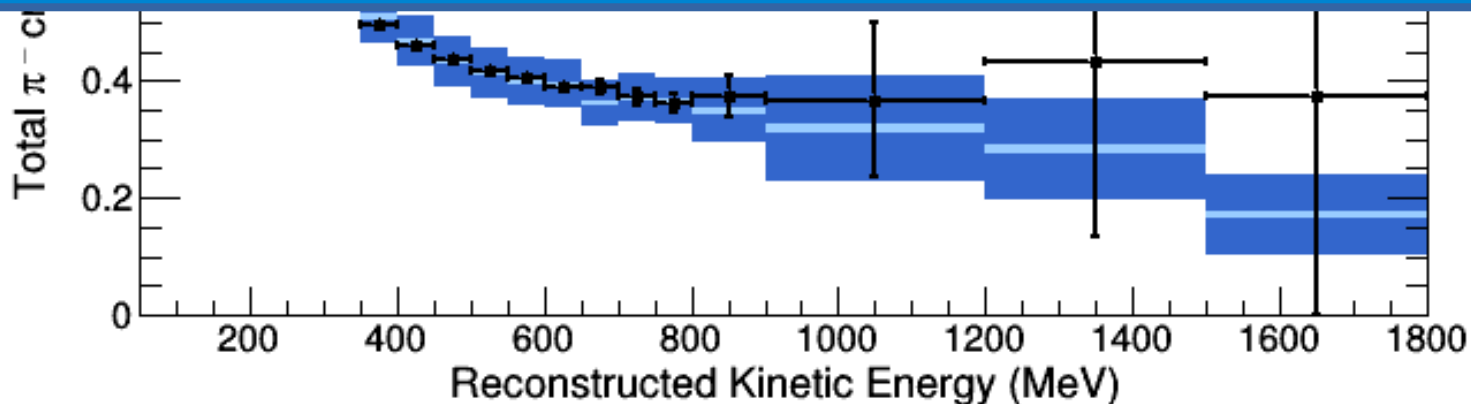
Through Going Muon Contamination: 3%

Wire Chamber Momentum Uncertainty: 3%

# Pion Cross-Section



## Update in Progress



### Systematics Considered Here

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Through Going Muon Contamination: 3%

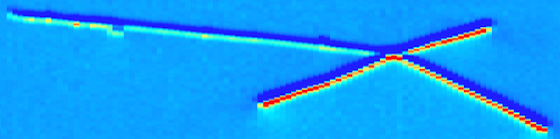
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# Toward Exclusive Pion Channels

Signal Events:

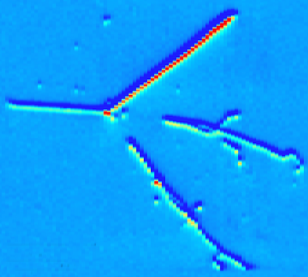
0 Secondary  $\pi^\pm$

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



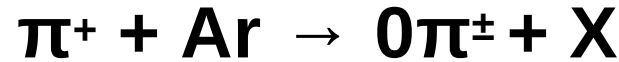
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Charge Exchange Candidate



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- Working on absorption + charge exchange:

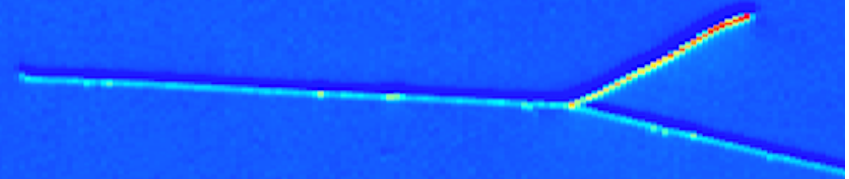


- Useful for modeling contamination of  $\nu$  CC QE from CC RES
- Need to identify outgoing pions v. protons

Background Events:

Contain Secondary  $\pi^\pm$

Inelastic Scattering Candidate

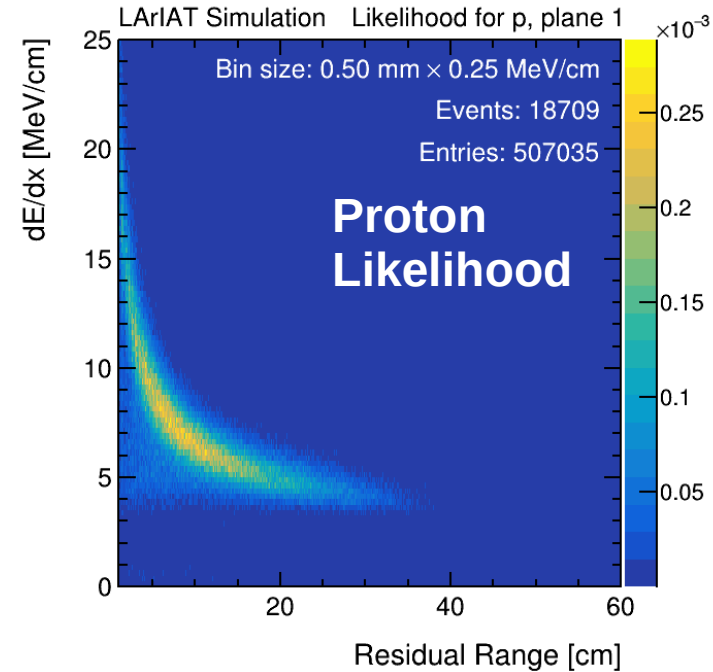
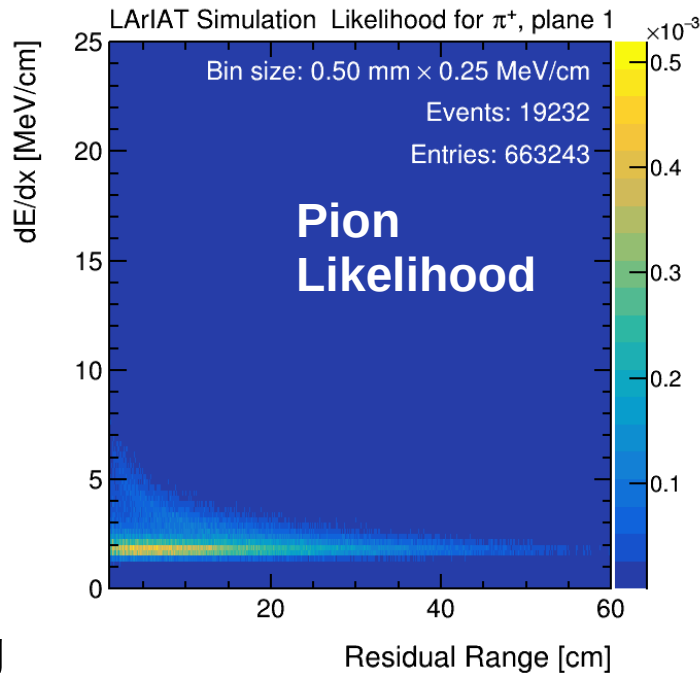
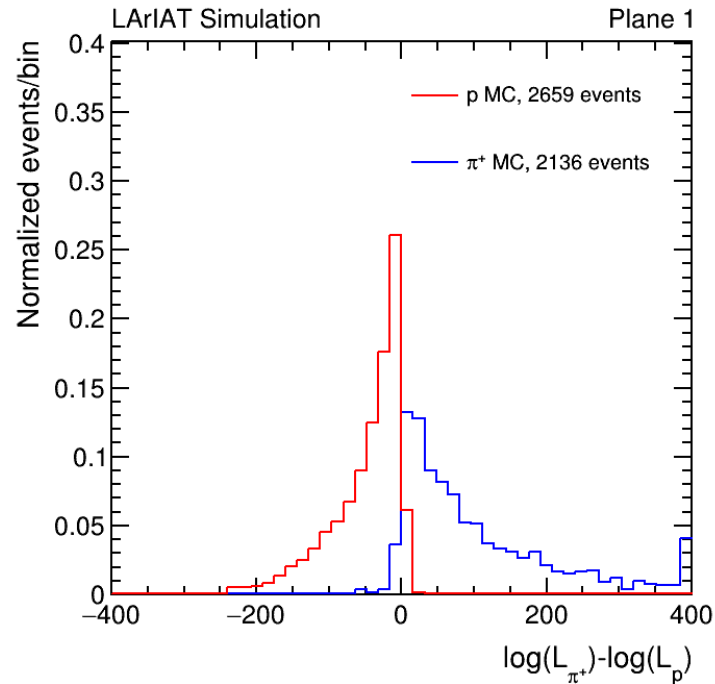


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# Likelihood-Based Particle ID

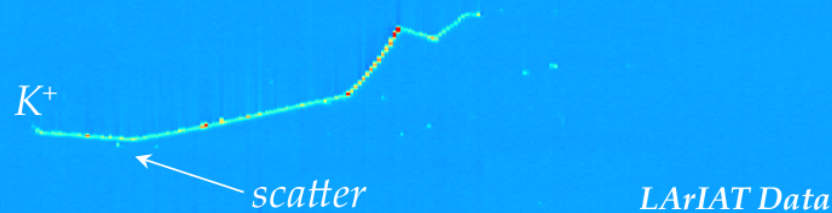
- **Likelihood of  $dE/dx$  versus residual range of each track hit**

- Constructed from simulated tracks
- Evaluate using likelihood-ratio of all hits on a track

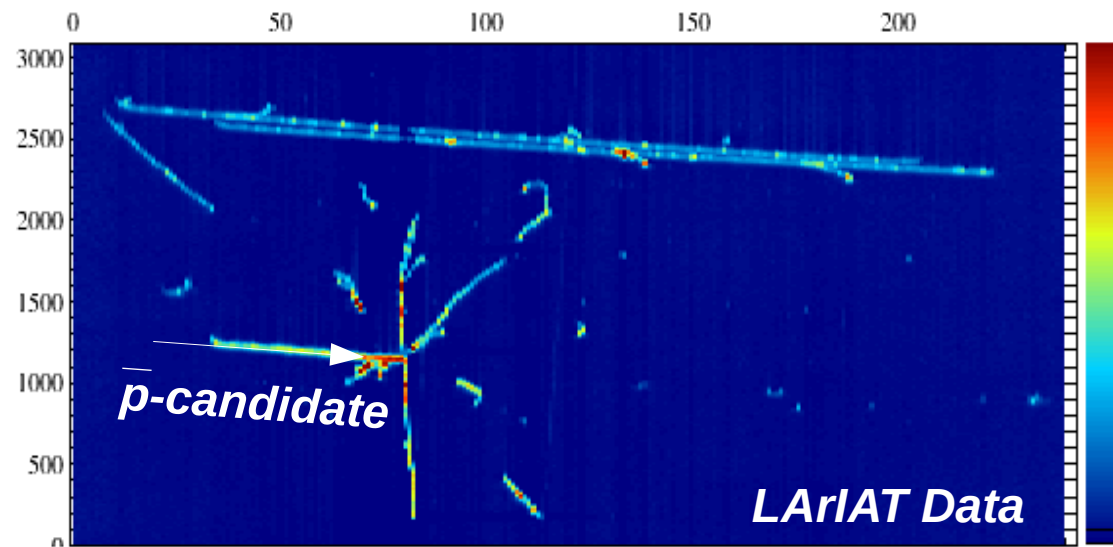


# Kaon Cross-section & Anti-proton Anihilation at Rest

## Elastic Scattering Candidate



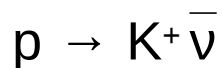
## Inelastic Scattering Candidate



- **Inclusive  $K^+$  cross-section has  $\mathcal{O}(2000)$  Elastic/Inelastic interactions identified**

- Inclusive cross-section coming soon
  - First time measured on argon

- **DUNE plans search for proton decay:**



- **Cross-section information will help ensure signal efficiency is modeled properly**

- **LArIAT has identified  $\mathcal{O}(20)$  anti-proton annihilation at rest candidates**

- $\mathcal{O}(70)$  annihilation in flight

- **Similar to BSM  $n$ - $\bar{n}$  oscillation signature**

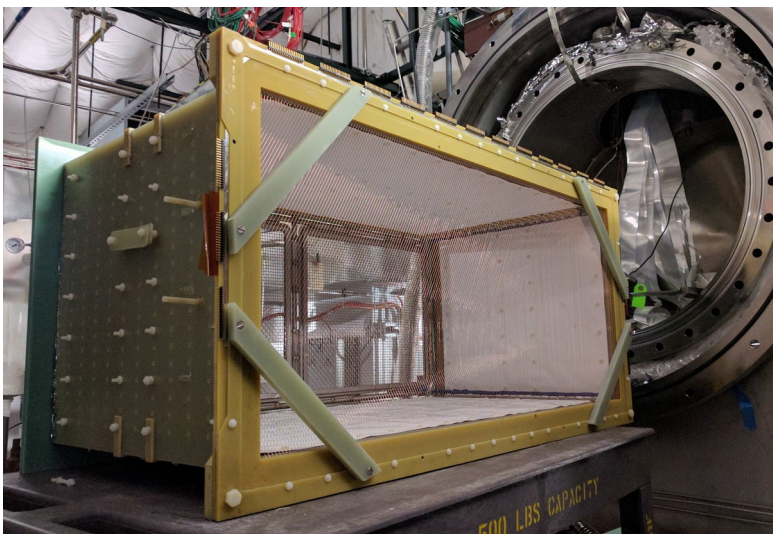
- DUNE planning search

- **Working to reconstruct these final state topologies**

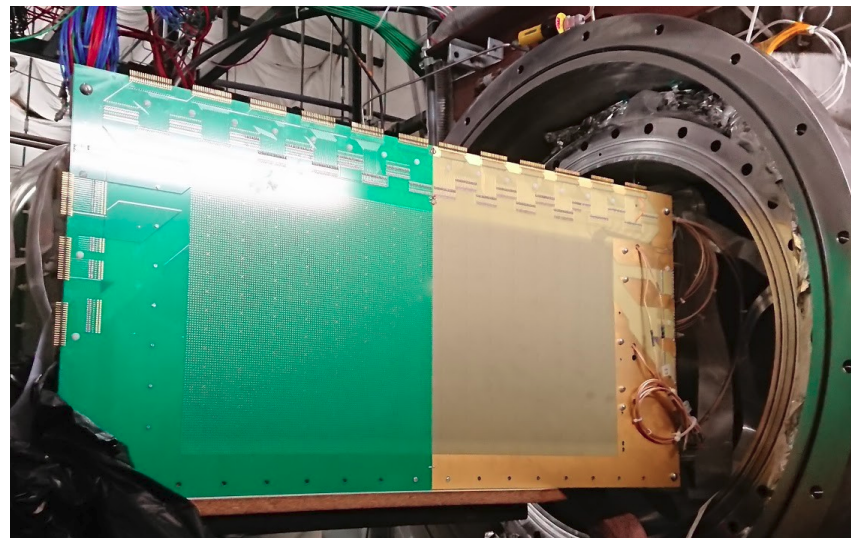


# PixLAr & Detector R&D

## LArIAT → Wires

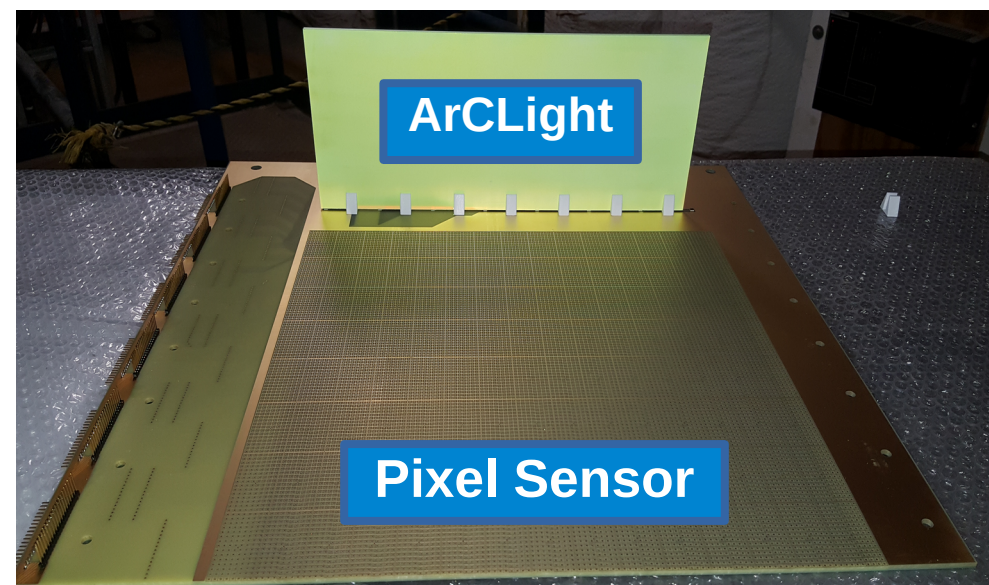


## PixLAr → Pixels



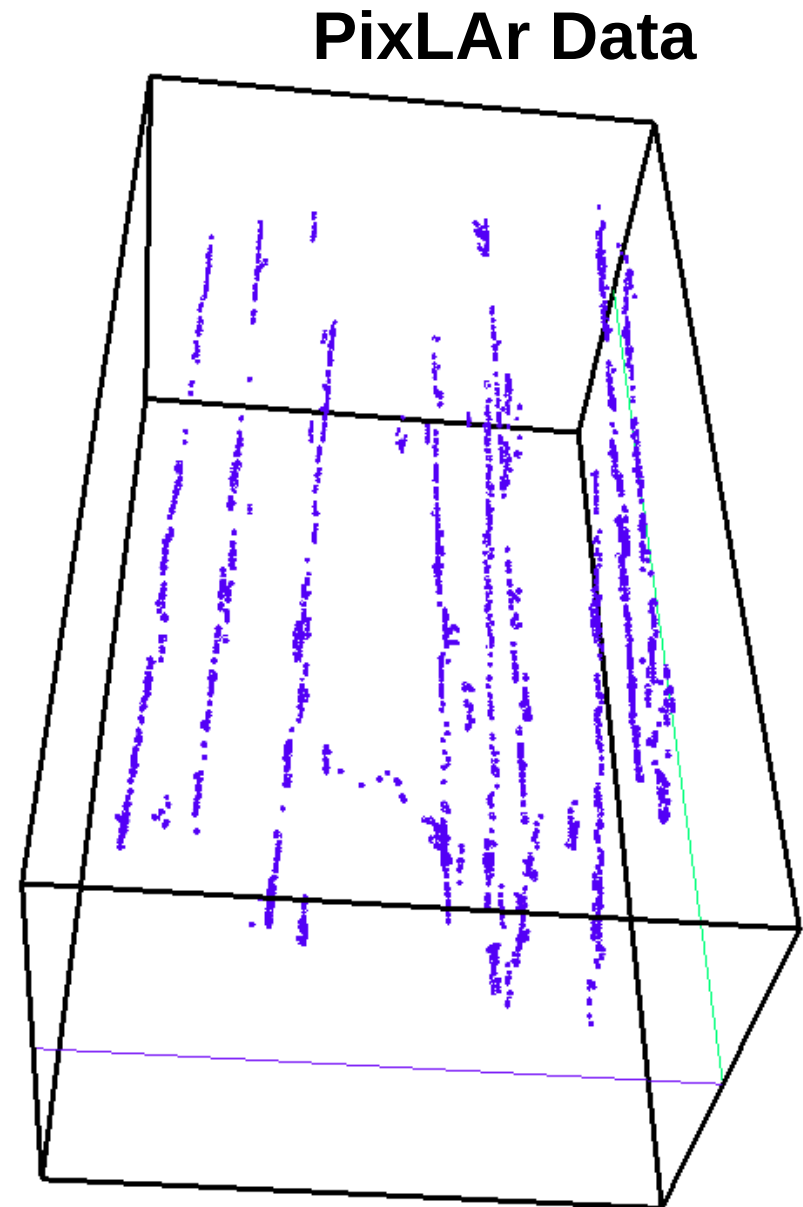
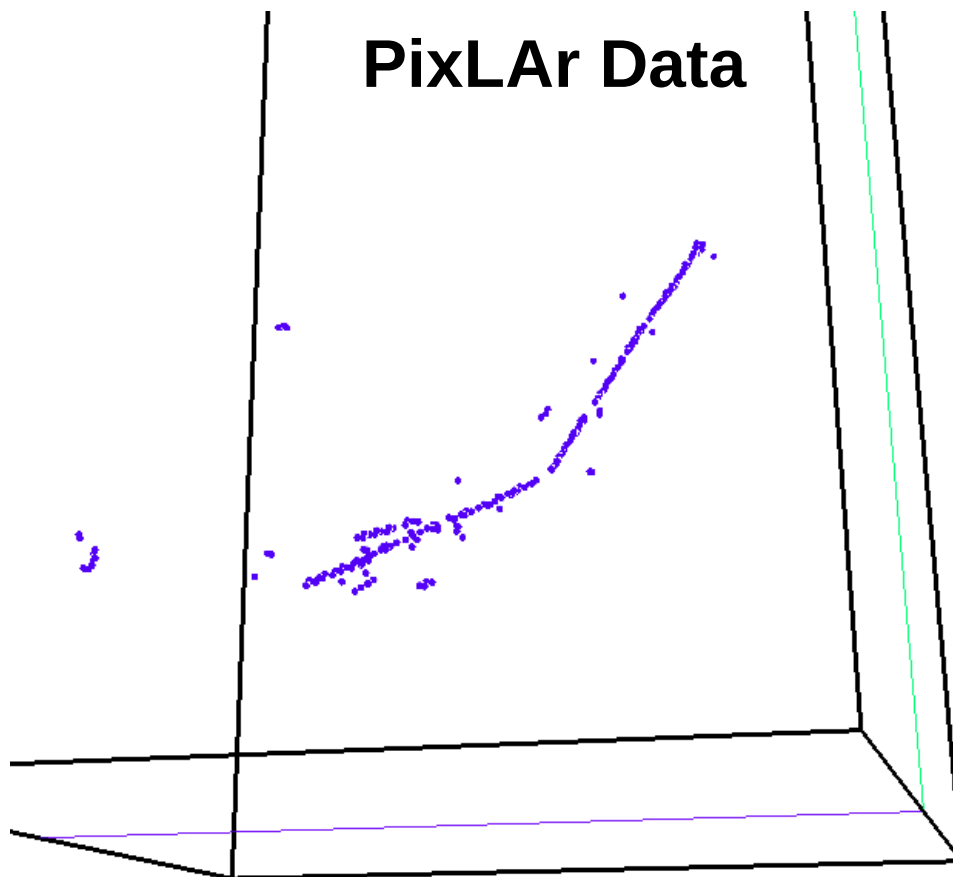
- LArIAT ran with few different wire spacings and light detector configurations
  - Run-I / Run-II: 4mm wire pitch
    - Hadronic cross-sections
    - Scintillation Light R&D
  - Run-III: 3mm / 5mm wire pitch comparison
    - LArTPC particle ID R&D
    - New mesh cathode (for SBND)
    - New ARAPUCA Light Detection System

## PixLAr Readout Plane



# PixLAR Data

- PixLAR event displays demonstrate pixel readout
- PixLAR ganged-pixel readout worked even with high particle multiplicity



# Conclusions

- **FTBF busy with:**
  - LHC upgrades
  - sPHENIC/EIC upgrades
  - Variety of neutrino programs
  - Generic detector R&D
- **FTBF has many instruments available to users**
- **LArIAT working on many physics results**
  - Inclusive cross-sections for  $\pi^-$ -  $K^+$  and exclusive cross-sections
- **LArIAT & PixLAR working on detector results**
  - 3mm/4mm/5mm wires and pixel reconstruction
  - Scintillation light collection with PMTs, SiPMs, ARAPUCA, ArCLight detectors



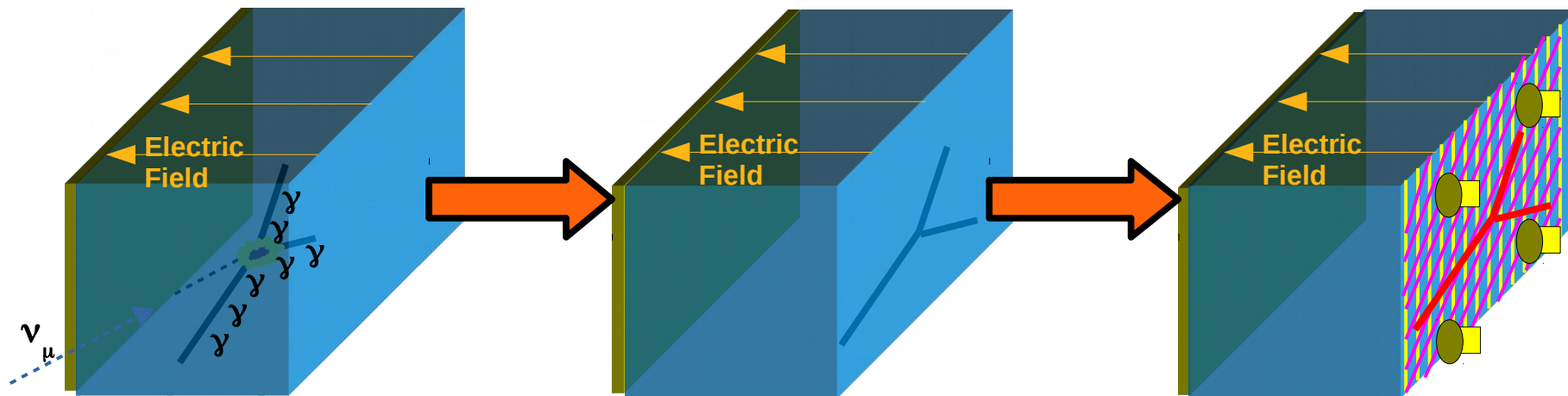
# Thank you!

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# Backup Slides

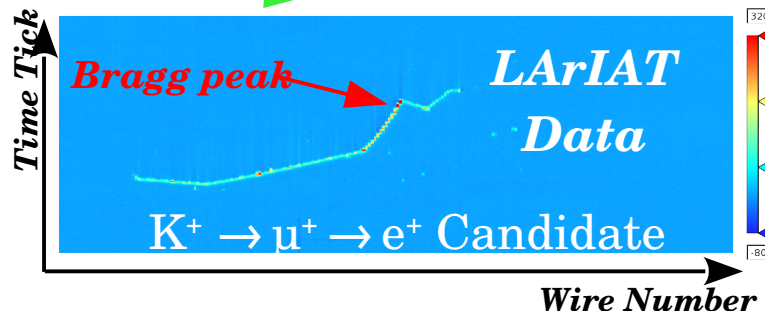
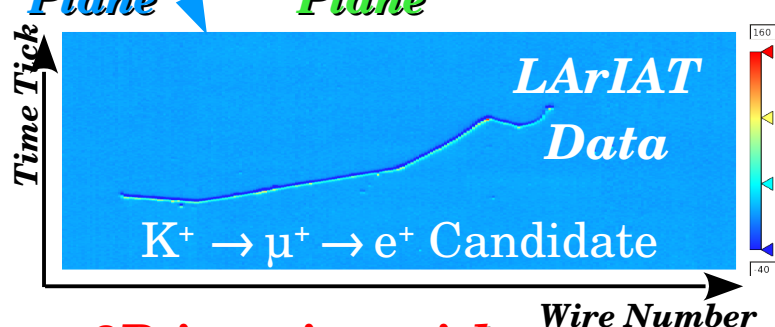
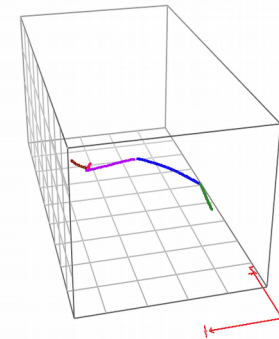
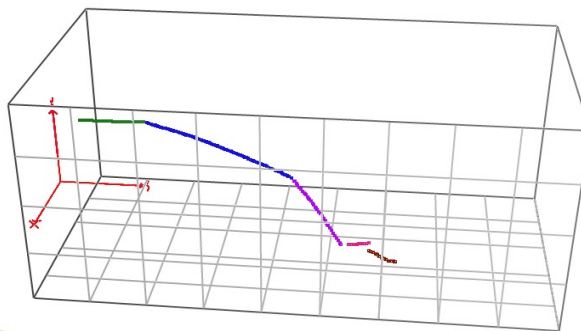
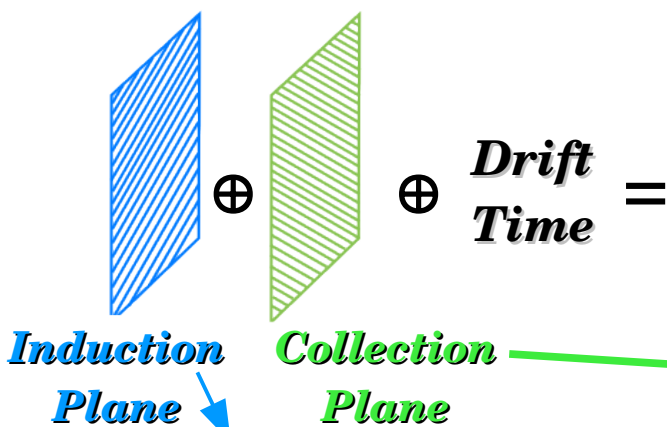
# Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber



Neutrino interaction in LAr produces ionization and scintillation light

Drift the ionization charge in a uniform electric field

Read out charge and light produced using precision wires and PMT's

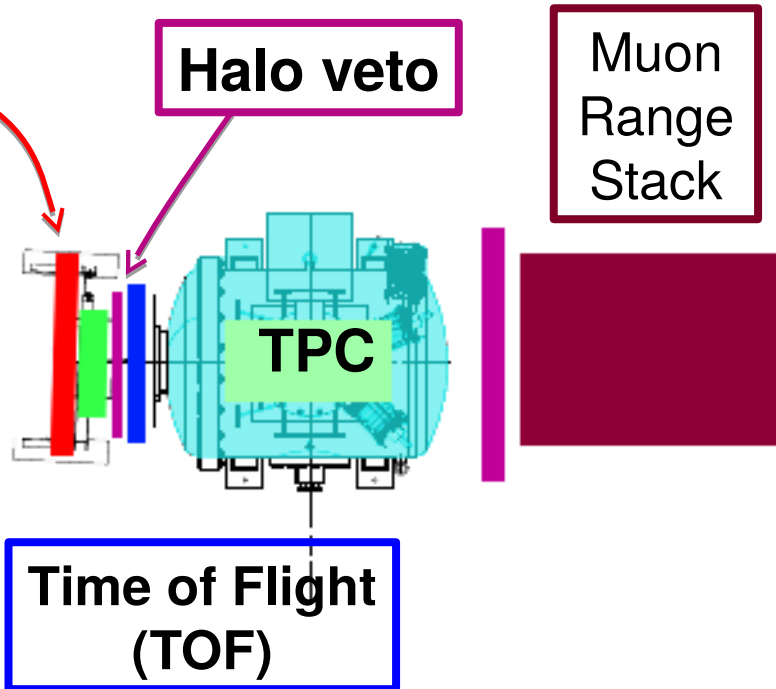


✓ **3D imaging with mm space resolution**

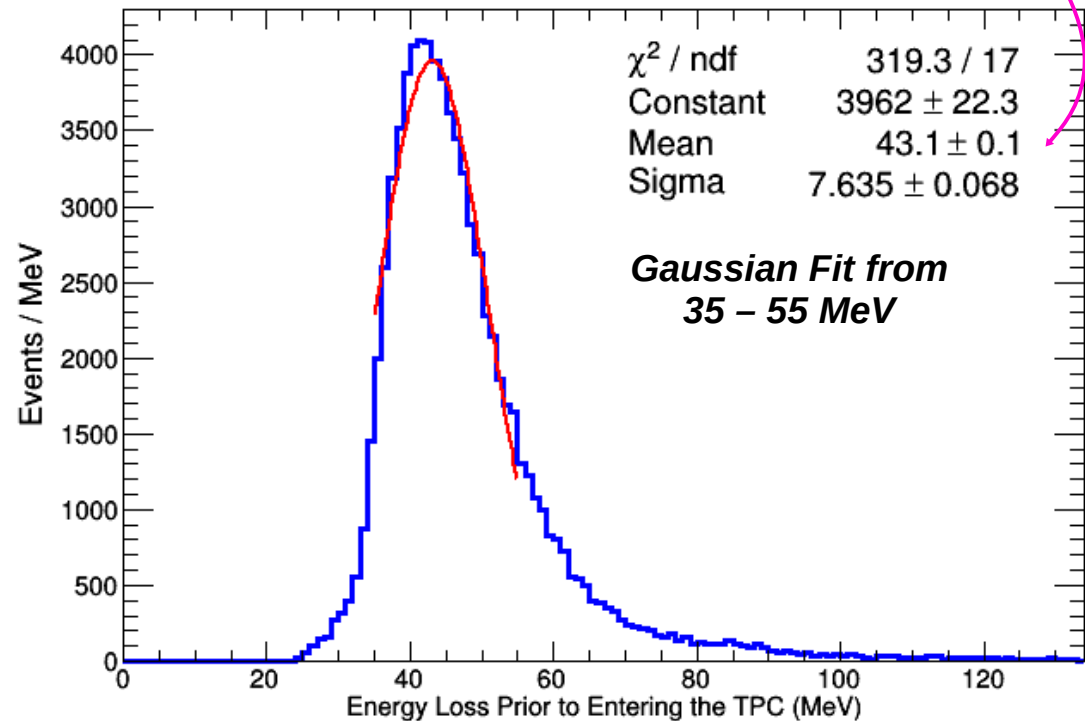
✓ **Calorimetry information**

✓ **PID capabilities**

# Energy Corrections

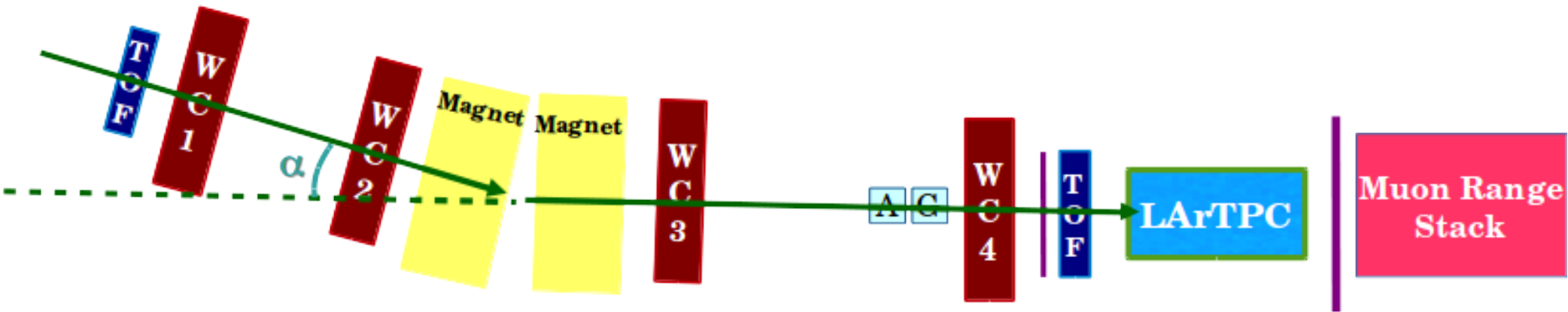


$$KE_i = \sqrt{p^2 + m_\pi^2} - m_\pi - E_{\text{Flat}}$$

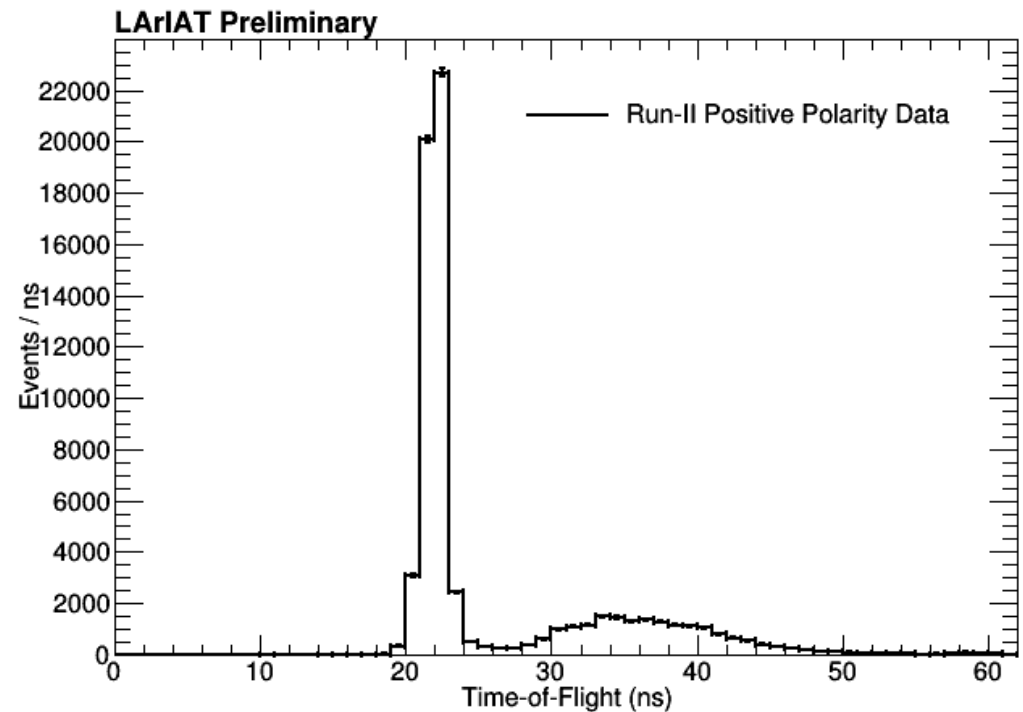


- Adding up all the energy which a pion loses in the region before it enters the TPC (**TOF**, **Halo**, **Cryostat**, **Argon**) gives us the “energy loss” by the pion in the upstream region

# LArIAT Beamline: Time of Flight

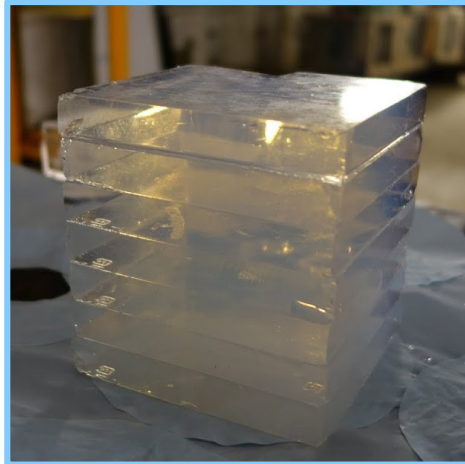
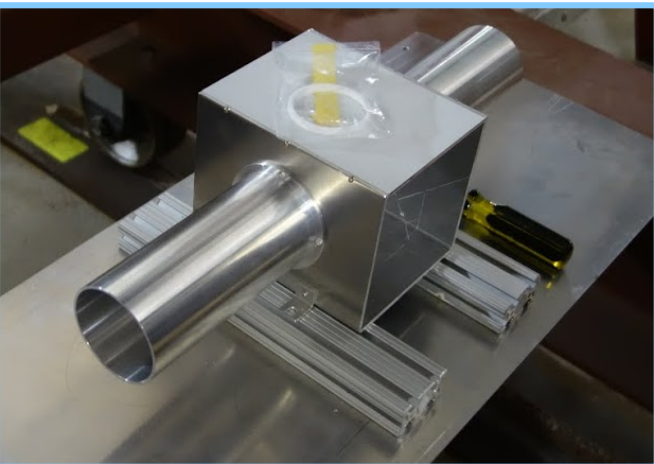


**2 scintillator counters  
w/ ~1ns sampling,  
provide the time of  
flight (TOF)**



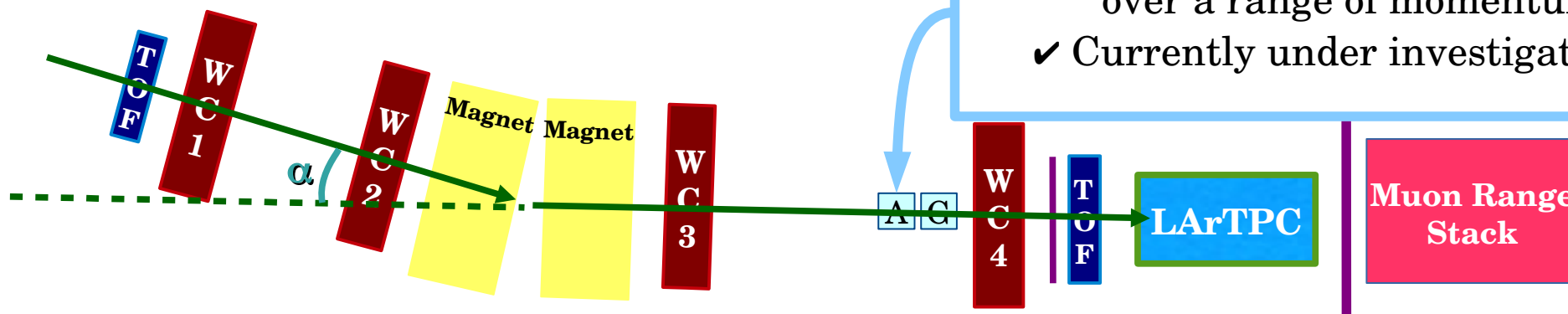


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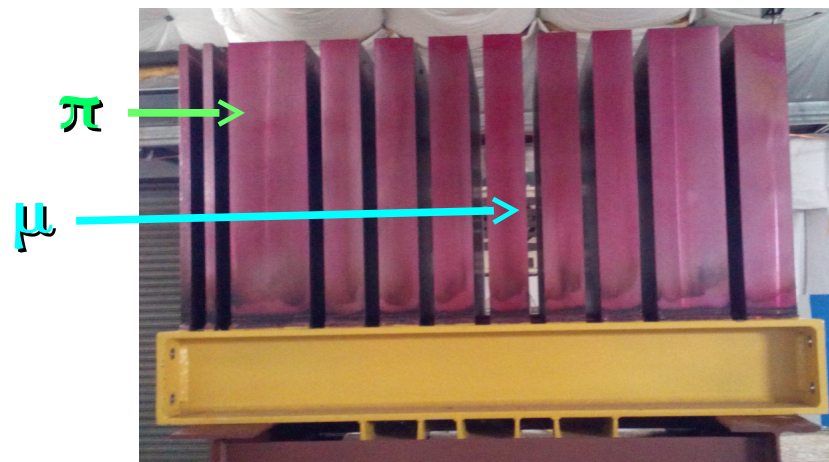


	n=1.11 Aerogel	n=1.057 Aerogel
200-300 MeV/c	$\mu$ $\pi$	$\mu$ $\pi$
300-400 MeV/c	$\mu$ $\pi$	$\mu$ $\pi$

- ✓ Allows to perform  $\pi/\mu$  separation over a range of momentum
- ✓ Currently under investigation

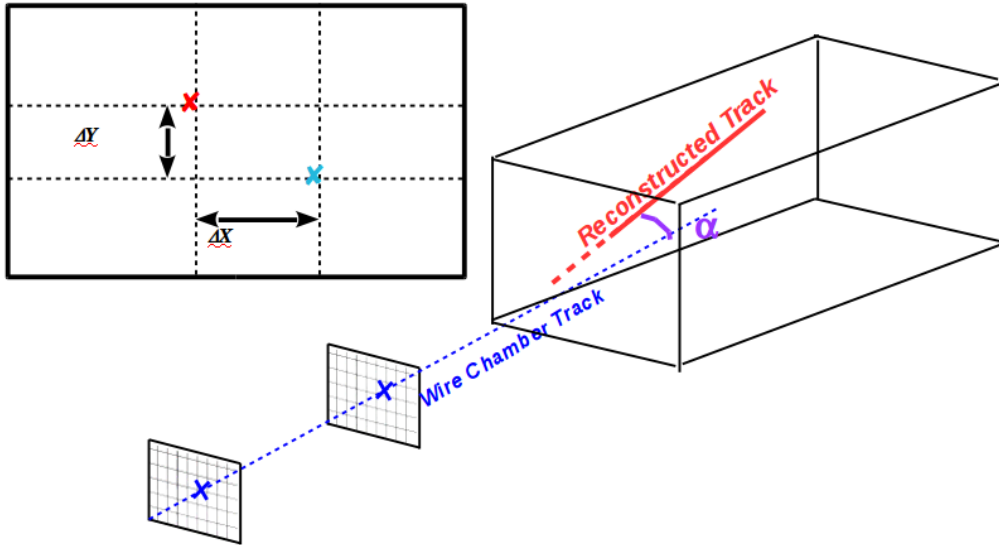


- ✓ Four layers of XY planes sandwiched between (pink) steel slabs
- ✓ Each plane is composed by 4 scintillating bars connected to a PMT
- ✓ Allows to discriminate  $\pi/\mu$  exiting the cryostat
  - ✓ Currently under investigation

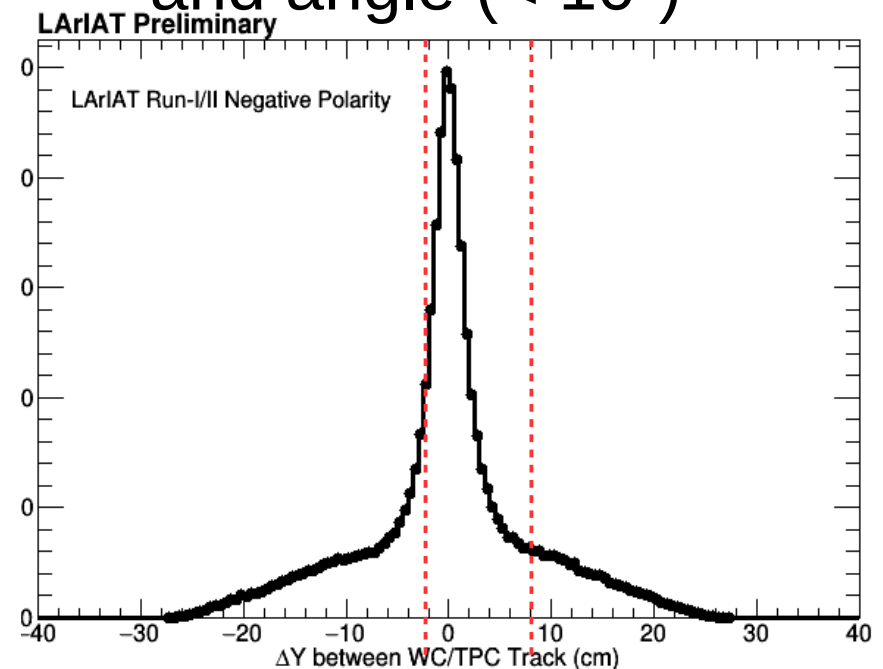
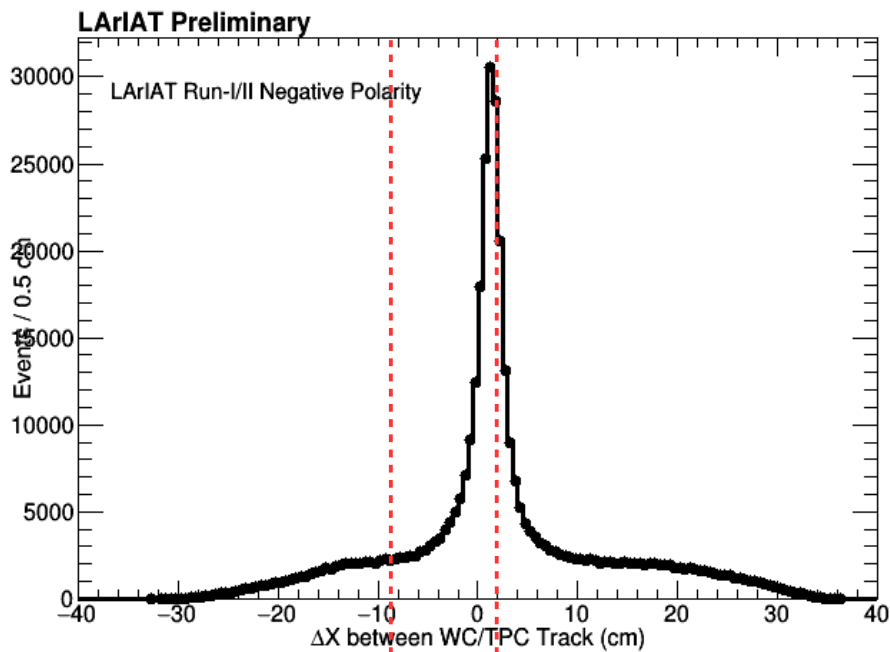


# Matching Beamline to the TPC

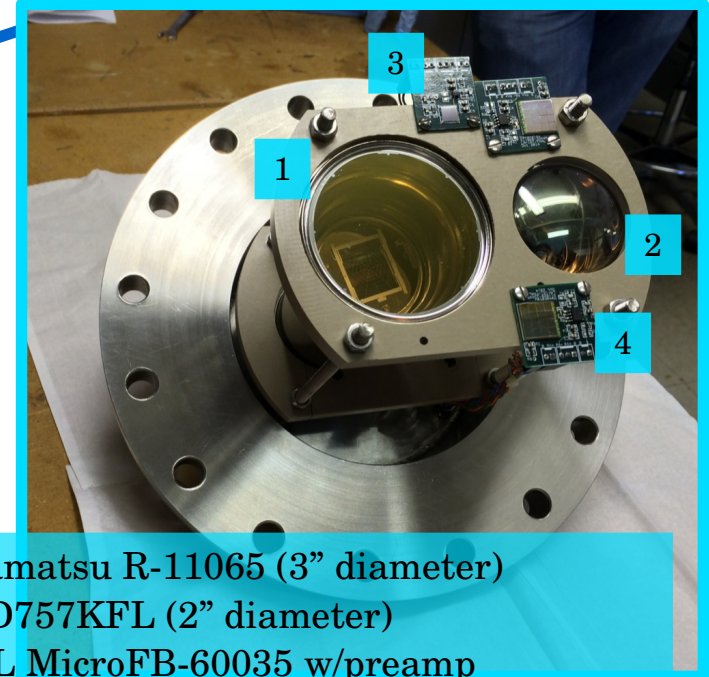
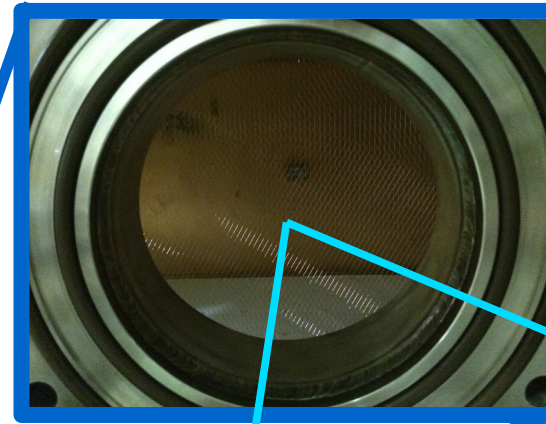
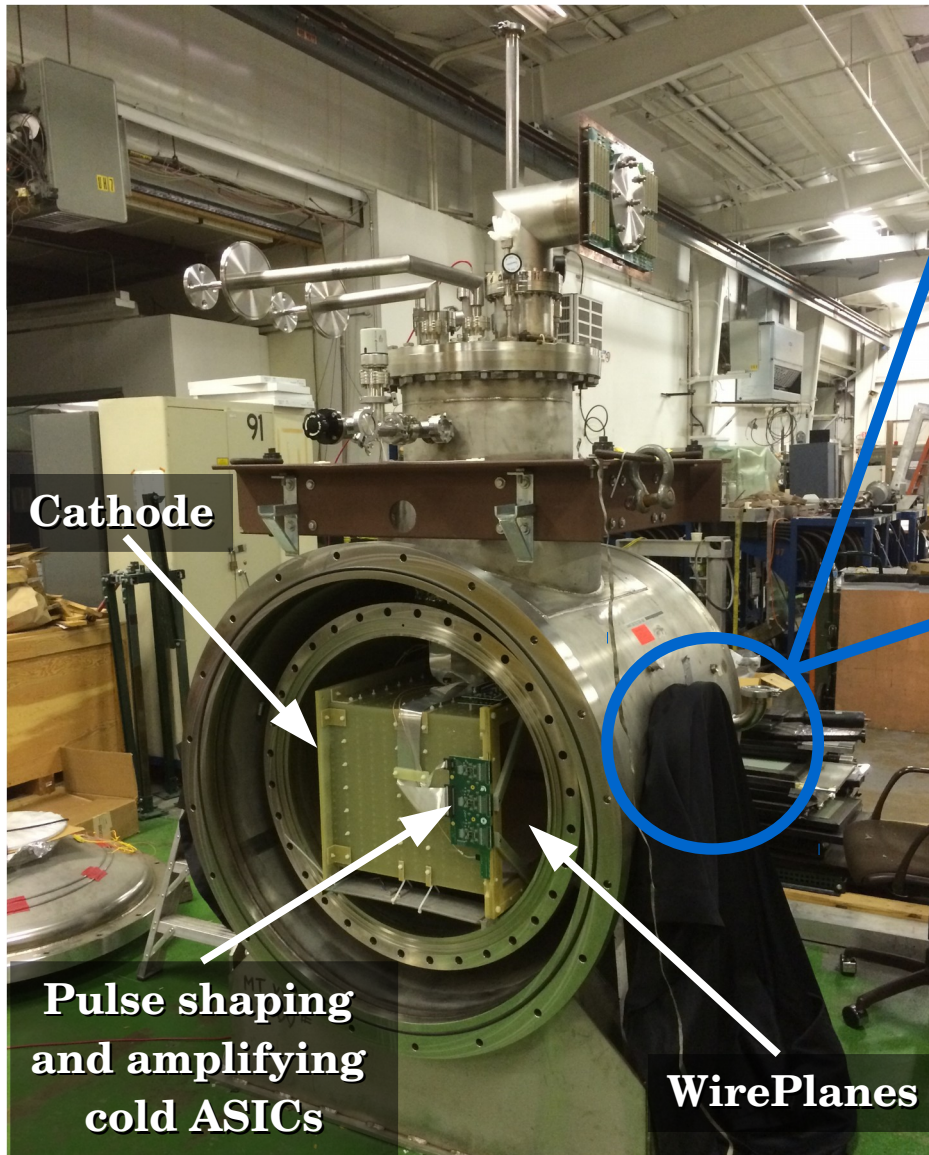
TPC Front Face



- We can take this track reconstructed in the beamline and extrapolate it to the LArTPC and look for a match
  - We match in both position ( $\pm 5$  cm about the mean) and angle ( $< 10^\circ$ )

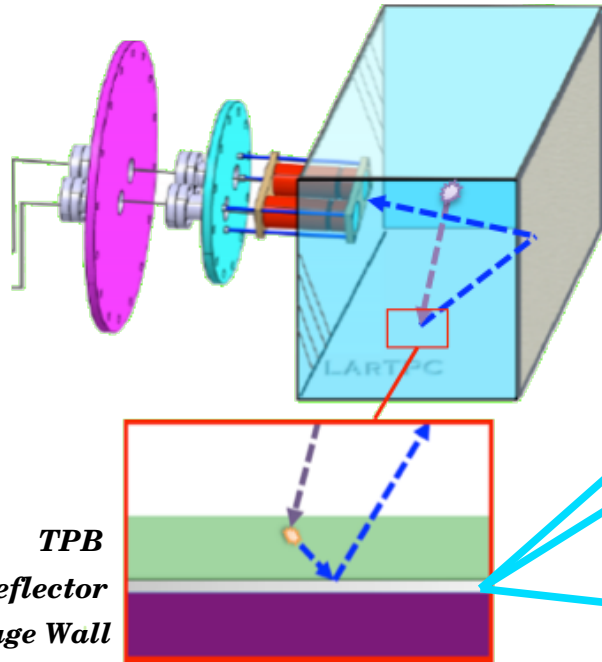


# Inside the cryostat: TPC and light collection system

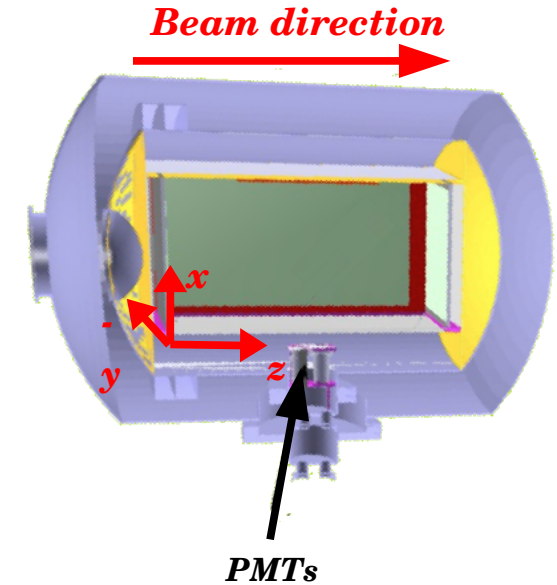
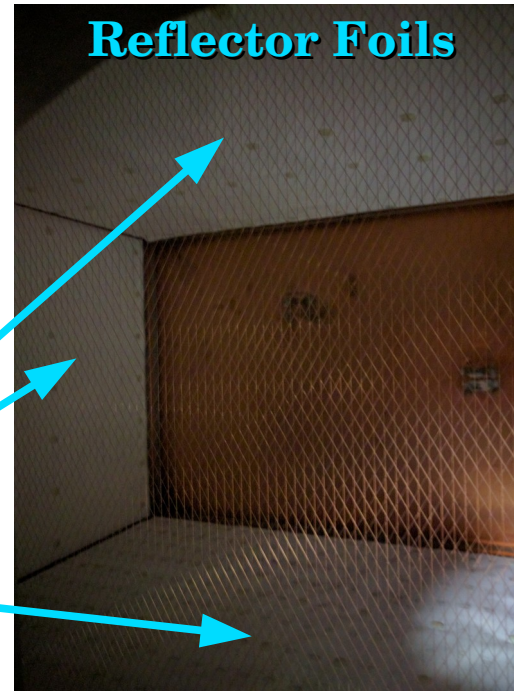


1. PMT: Hamamatsu R-11065 (3" diameter)
2. PMT: ETL D757KFL (2" diameter)
3. SiPM: SensL MicroFB-60035 w/preamp
4. SiPM: Hmm. S11828-3344M 4x4 array (Run I)  
SiPM: Hmm. VUV-sensitive (Run II)

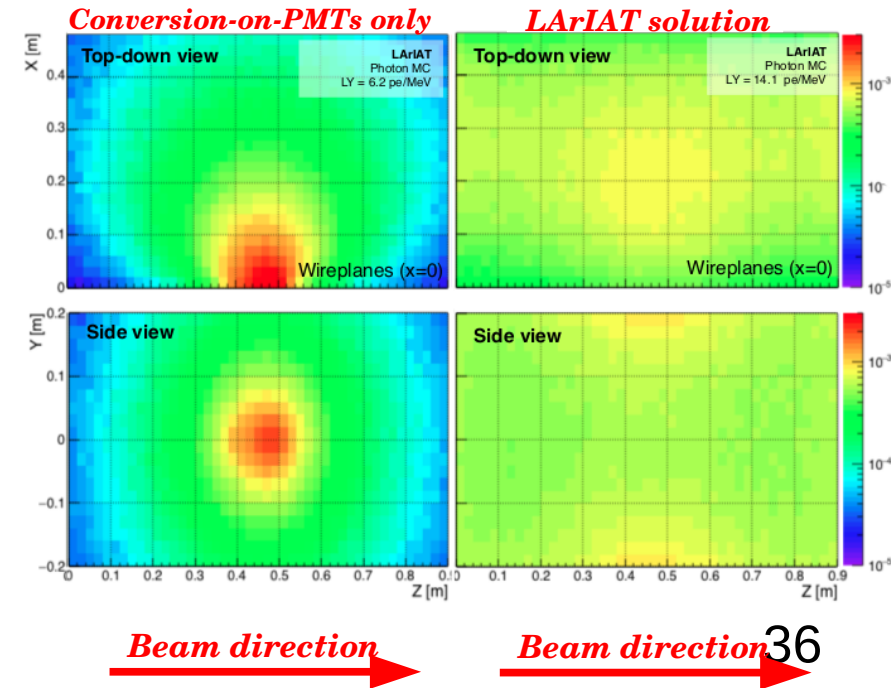
# Light Collection System



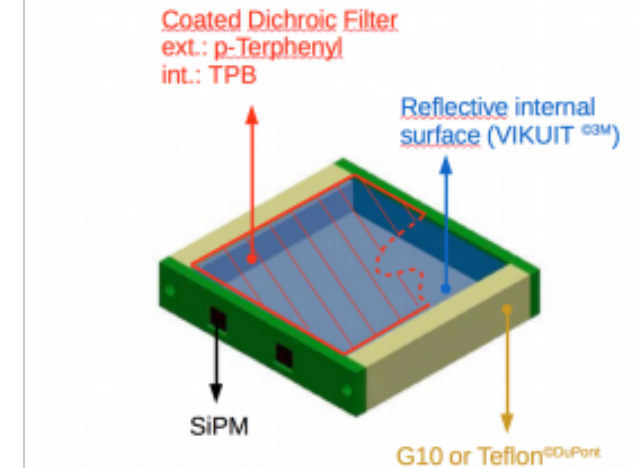
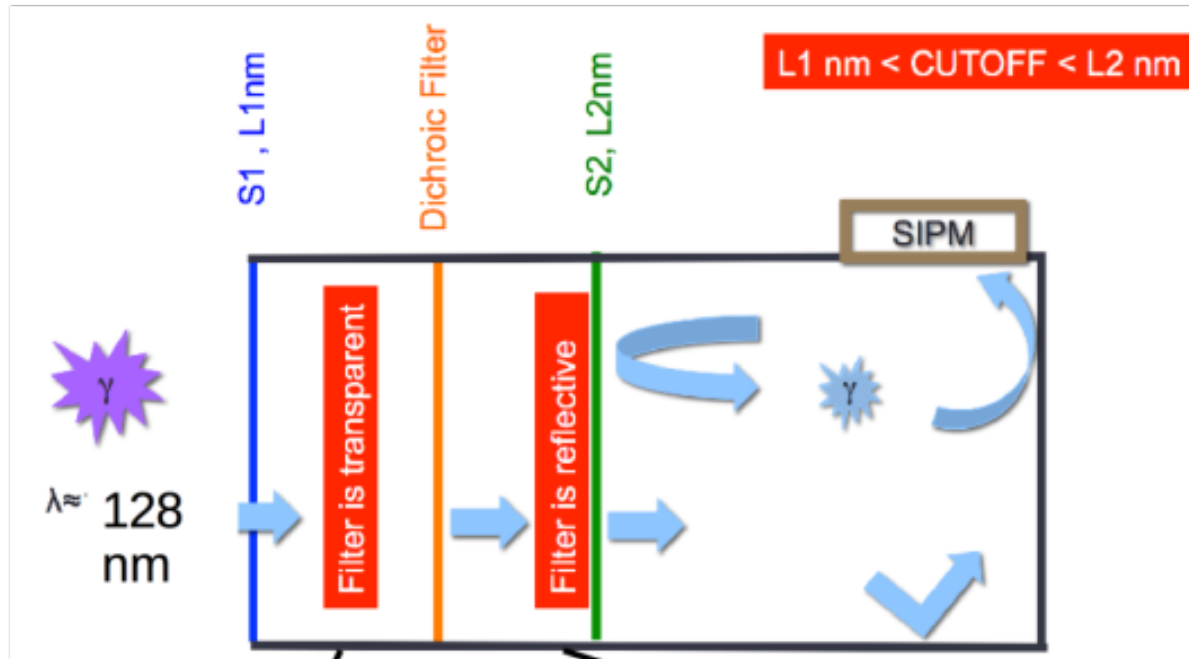
Credit: W. Foreman



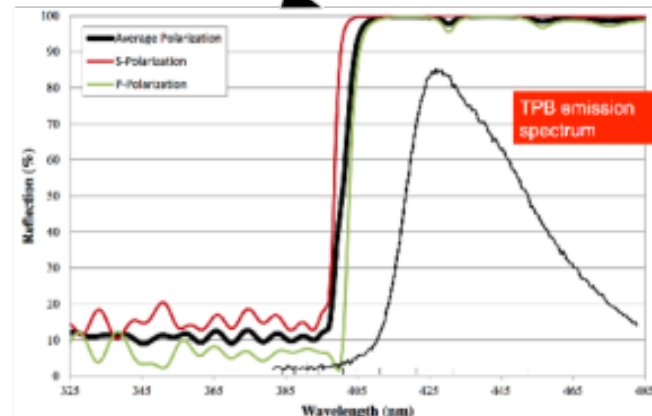
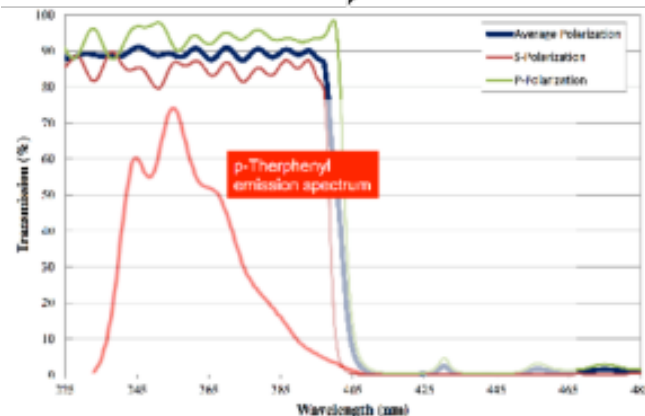
- ✓ Wavelength shifting (evaporated) reflected foils on the four field cage walls
  - ✓ Technique borrowed from dark matter experiments
  - ✓ Provides greater ( $\sim 40$  pe/MeV at zero field) and more uniform light yield respect to “conversion-on-PMTs-only” light systems
  - ✓ R&D for future neutrino experiments as a way to improve calorimetry and triggering
- Justin Hugon, Louisiana State University



# New ARAPUCA Light Collection System

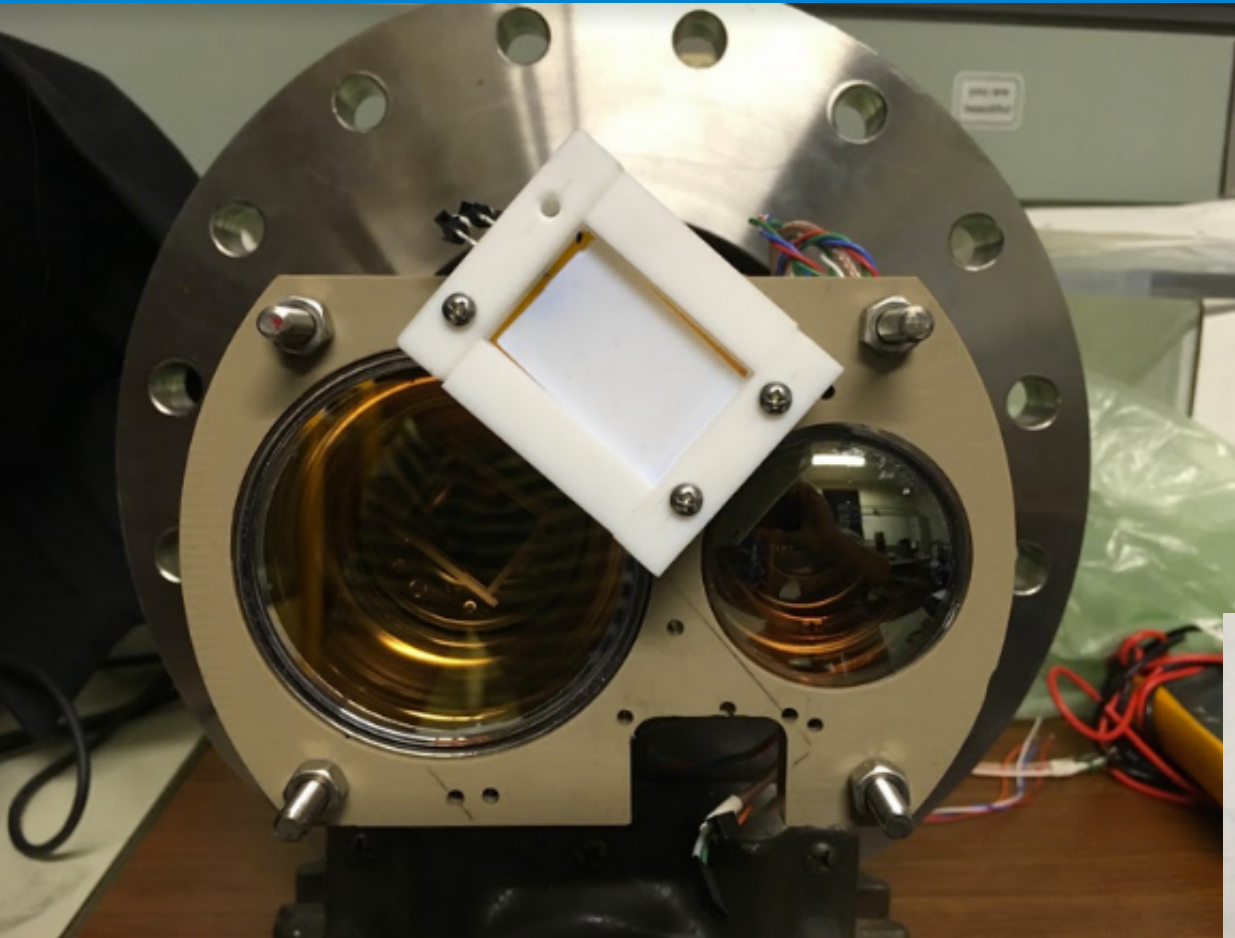


- **Dichoric filter + wavelength shifter**
  - Trap light inside device
- **Inner walls made of Teflon**
  - Trapped light reflected until detected by SiPM

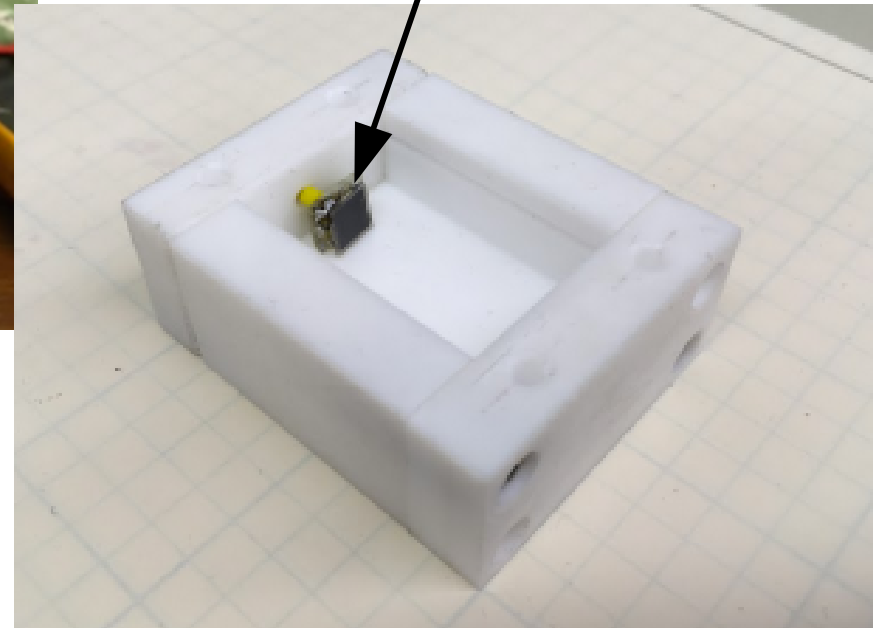


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# *New ARAPUCA Light Collection System*



**2x Ganged SiPM**

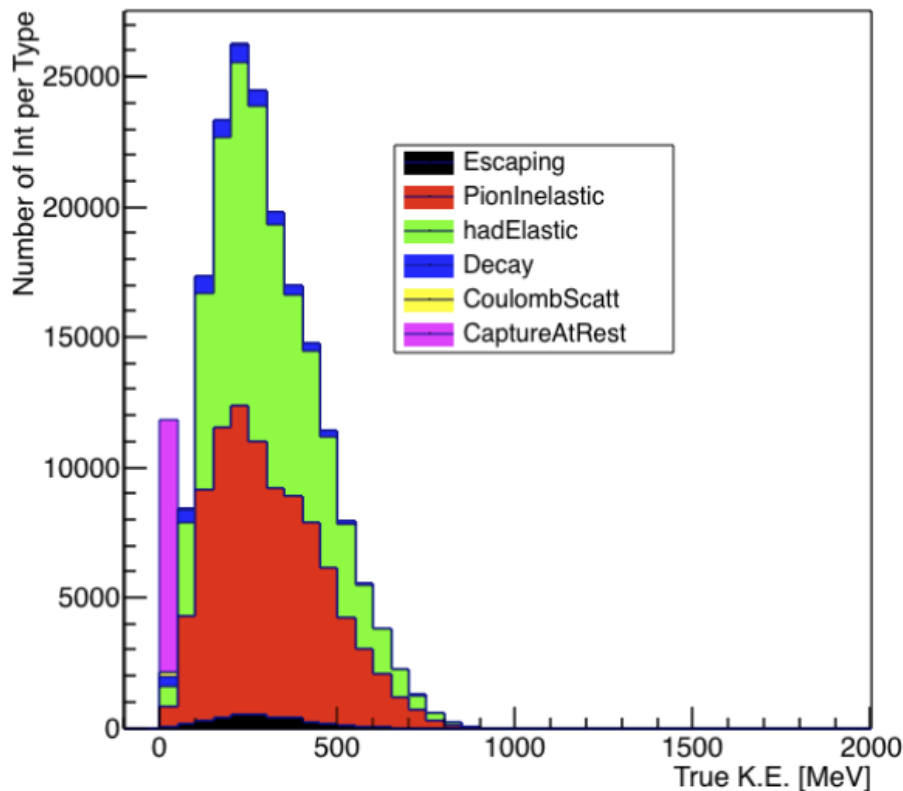


- **ARAPUCA mounted near existing PMTs**
  - Compare ARAPUCA performance to PMTs

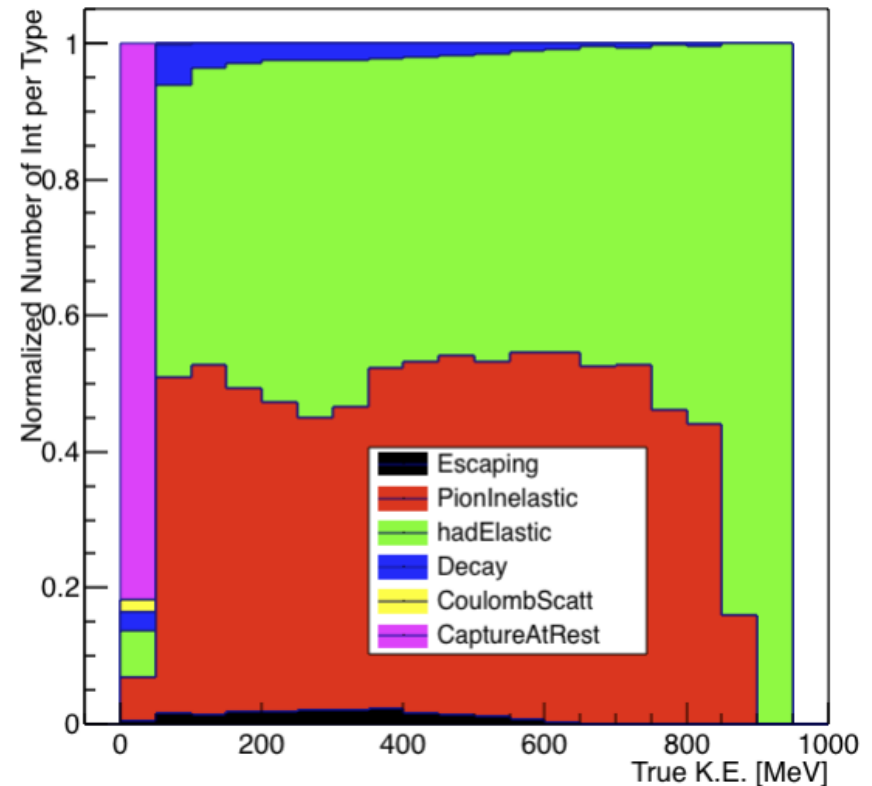
# Cross-Section

- We begin by looking at the bin content of the cross-section from MC
  - Here we show events / 50 MeV bin to mimic the binning used in the data
  - Plot the true kinetic energy
- Pion capture-at-rest dominate in the lowest energy bin ( $0 \text{ MeV} < \text{KE} < 50 \text{ MeV}$ )
  - Constitutes  $\sim 80\%$  of the interactions in that bin
  - This is not a process we want to include in the cross-section measurement

Interaction Type Per True Energy Bin



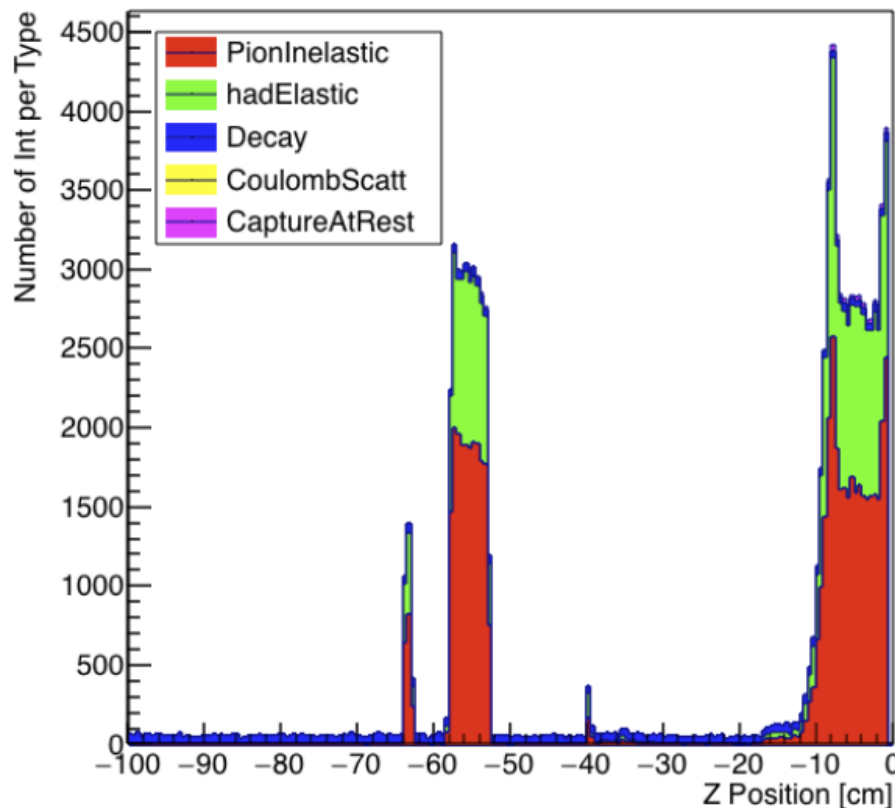
Percentage of Interaction Type Per True Energy Bin



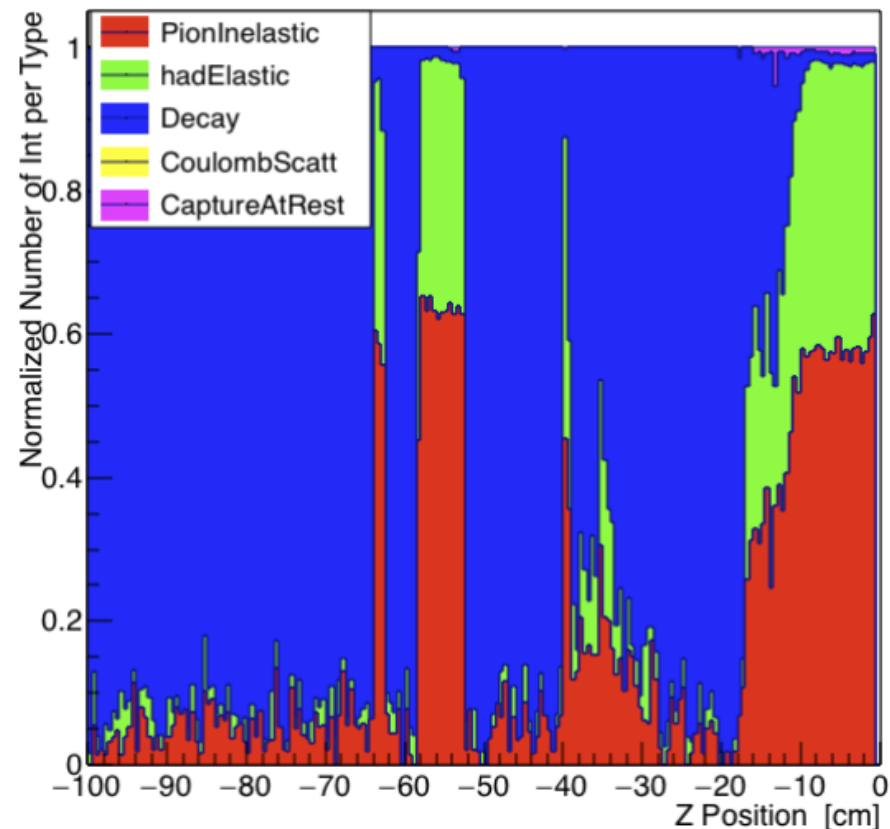
# What happens in the upstream

- About 1% of the time the pion actually stops before reaching the TPC
  - The remaining portion there is actually an interaction

Interaction Type Before TPC



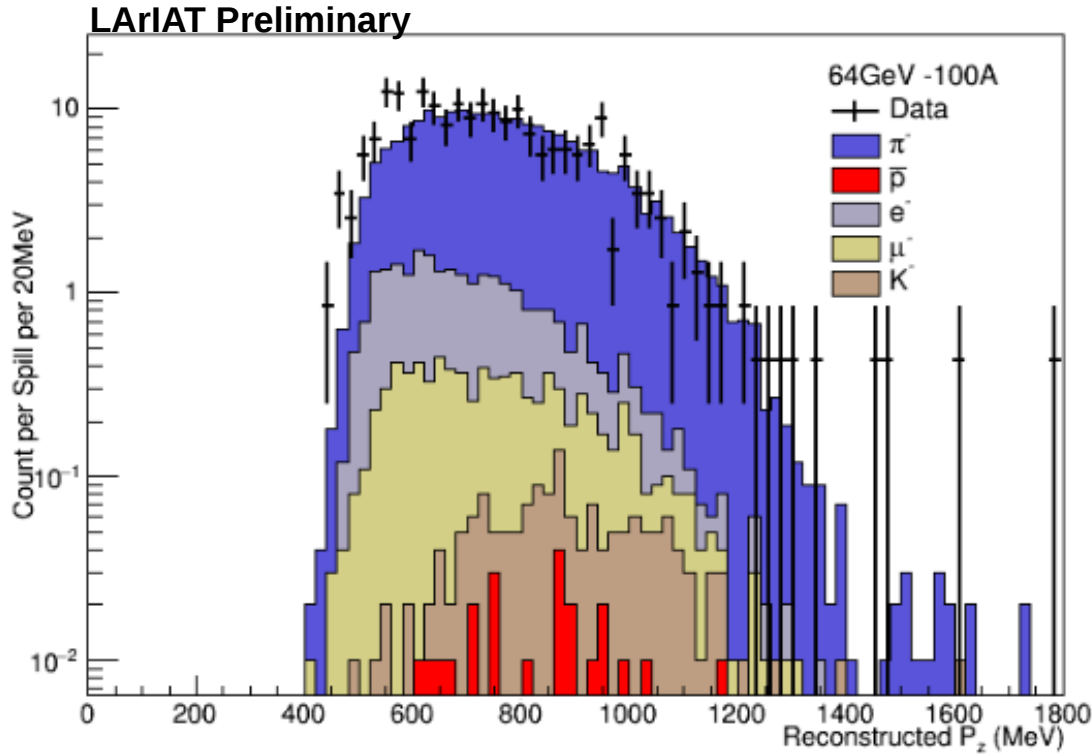
Percentage of Interaction Type Before TPC





# Pion Event Selection

- Our MC allows us to estimate what our fractional beam composition and our selection efficiencies are for the various particle species



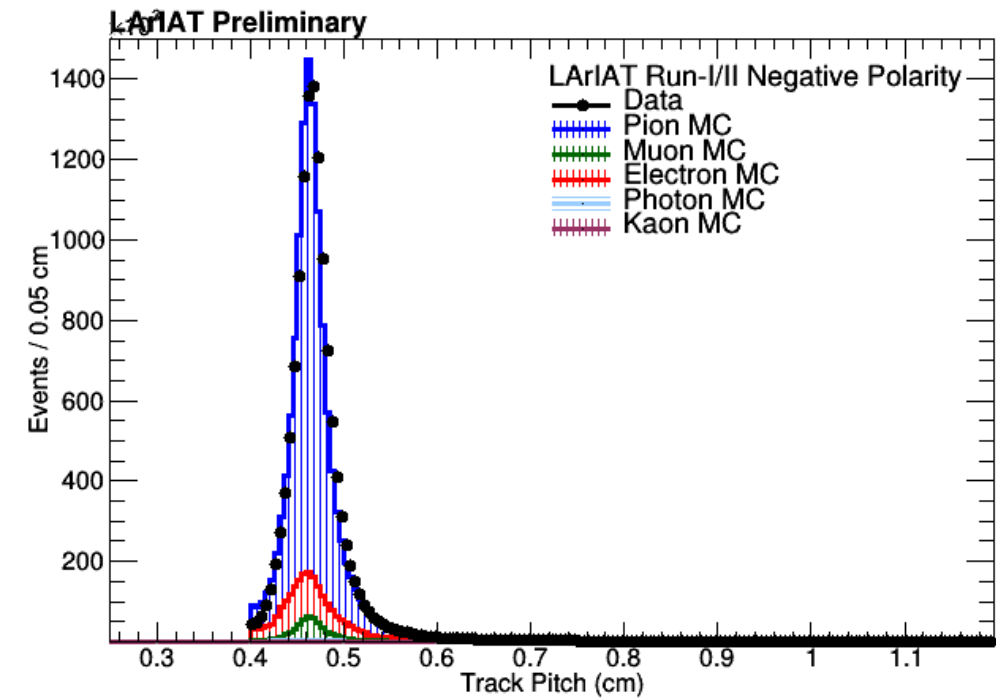
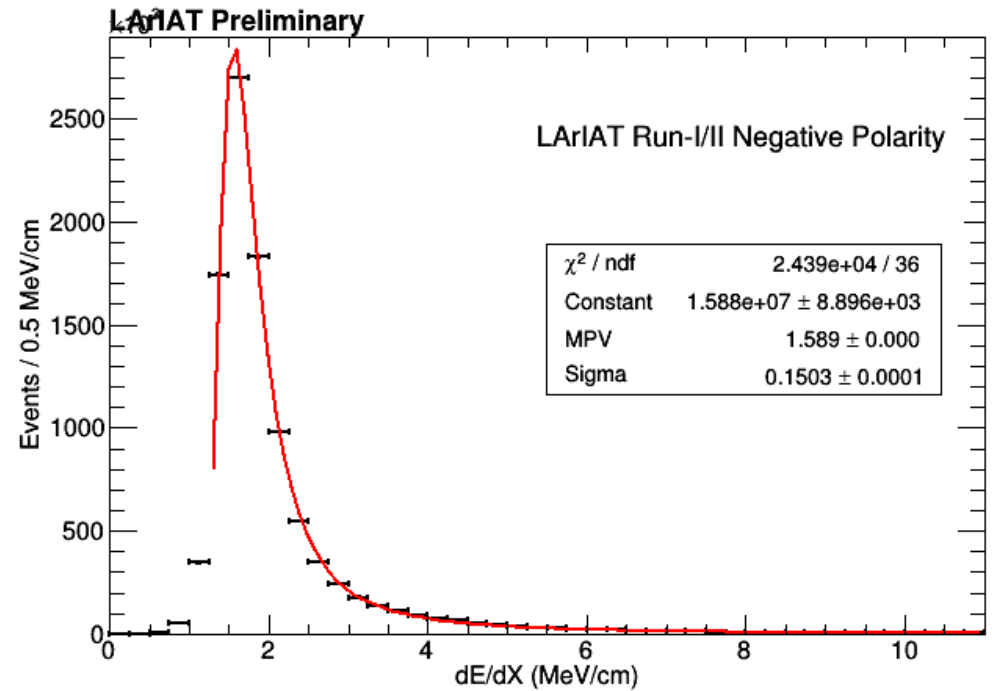
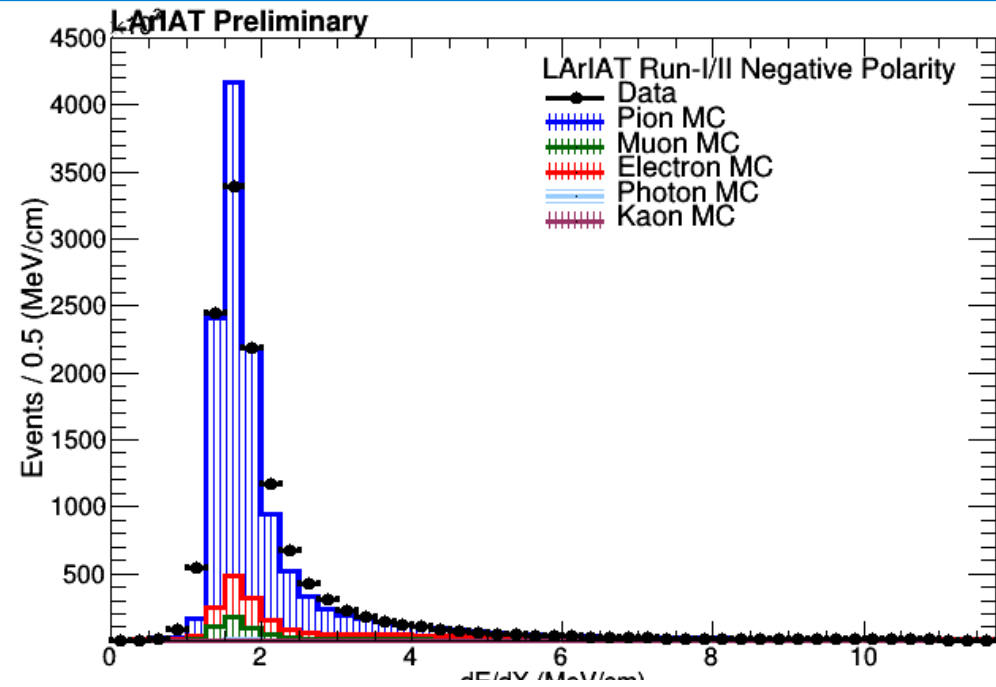
	$\pi^-$	$e^-$	$\gamma$	$\mu^-$	$K^-$	$\bar{p}$
Beam Composition (%)	48.4	40.9	8.5	2.2	0.035	0.007

Table 1: Beam Composition - Negative polarity configuration (from MC)

	$\pi^-$ MC	$e^-$ MC	$\gamma$ MC	$\mu^-$ MC	$K^-$ MC
Percent of events passing cut	73.5%	14.2 %	2.3%	73.4%	70.6%

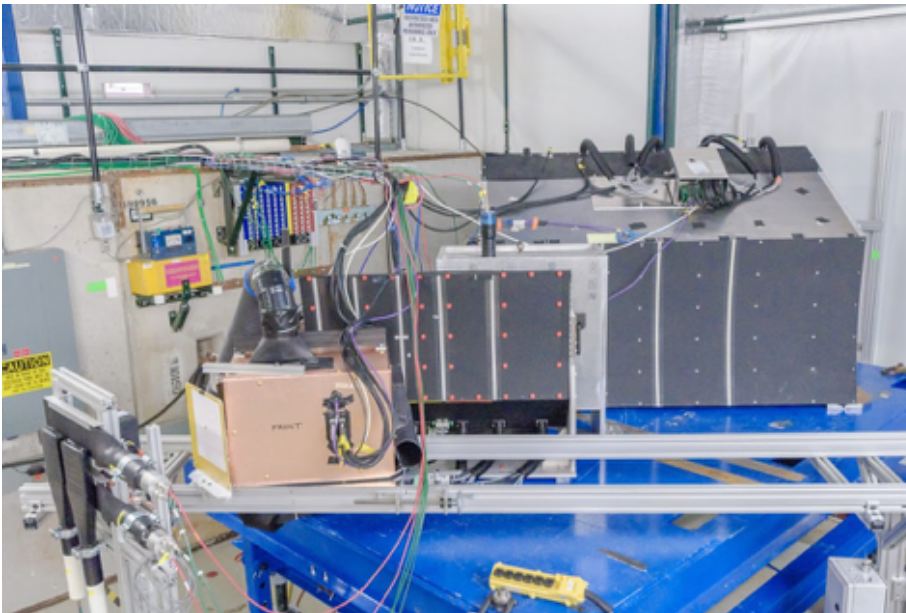
Table 8: Fraction of MC Events passing inclusive pion analysis cuts.

# Validation Plots



# Non-LHC Collider Tests

- sPHENIX (Brookhaven)
  - Continuing tests of EMCal and Hadronic calorimeter including new readout electronics
  - Used the results for their CD review.
  - Will be returning next year
  - Continues to send other users our way as well.



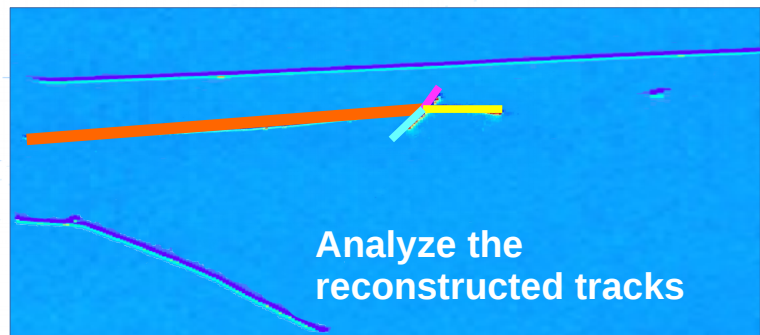
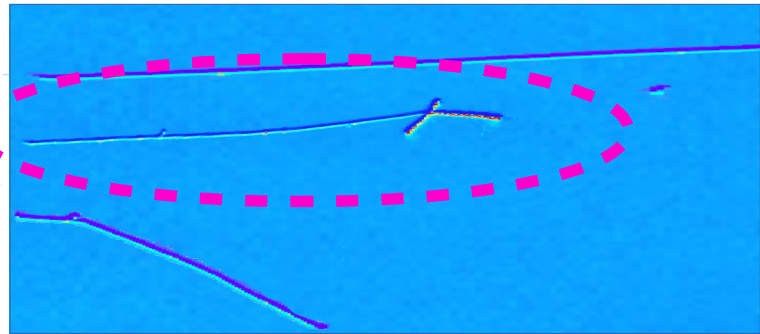
# Pion Cross-Section

- Now we have a matched WC track and TPC track
- We calculate the  $\pi$ -candidate's initial kinetic energy as

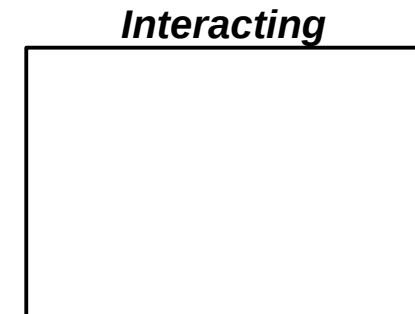
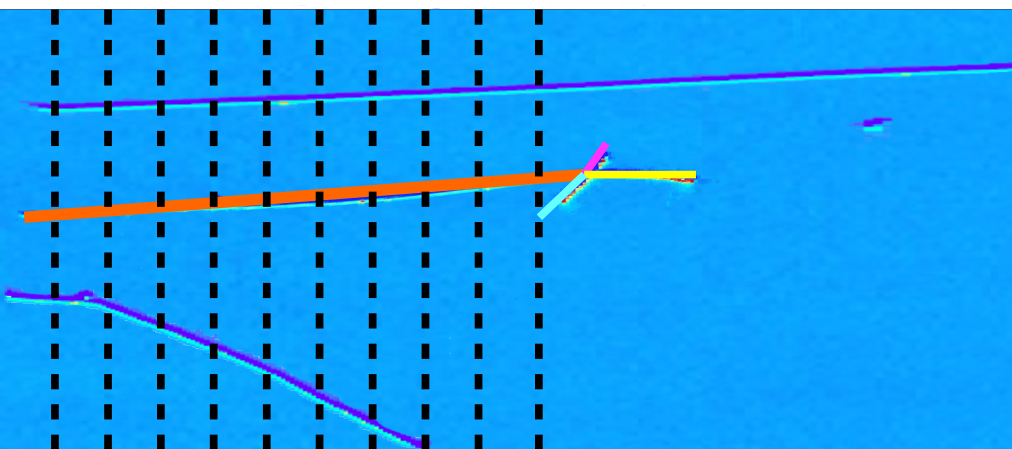
$$KE_i = \sqrt{p^2 + m_\pi^2} - m_\pi - E_{\text{Flat}}$$

we take into account energy loss due to material upstream of the TPC (argon, steel, beamline detectors, etc)

- We then follow  $\pi$ -candidate track treating each point as a “thin slice” of argon which the pion is incident to at a known energy

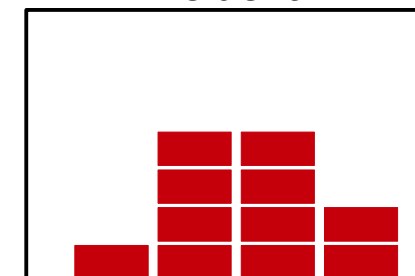


$$KE_{\text{Interaction}} = KE_i - \sum_{i=0}^{n\text{Spts}} dE/dX_i \times \text{Pitch}_i$$



Kinetic Energy (MeV)

*Incident*



Kinetic Energy (MeV)