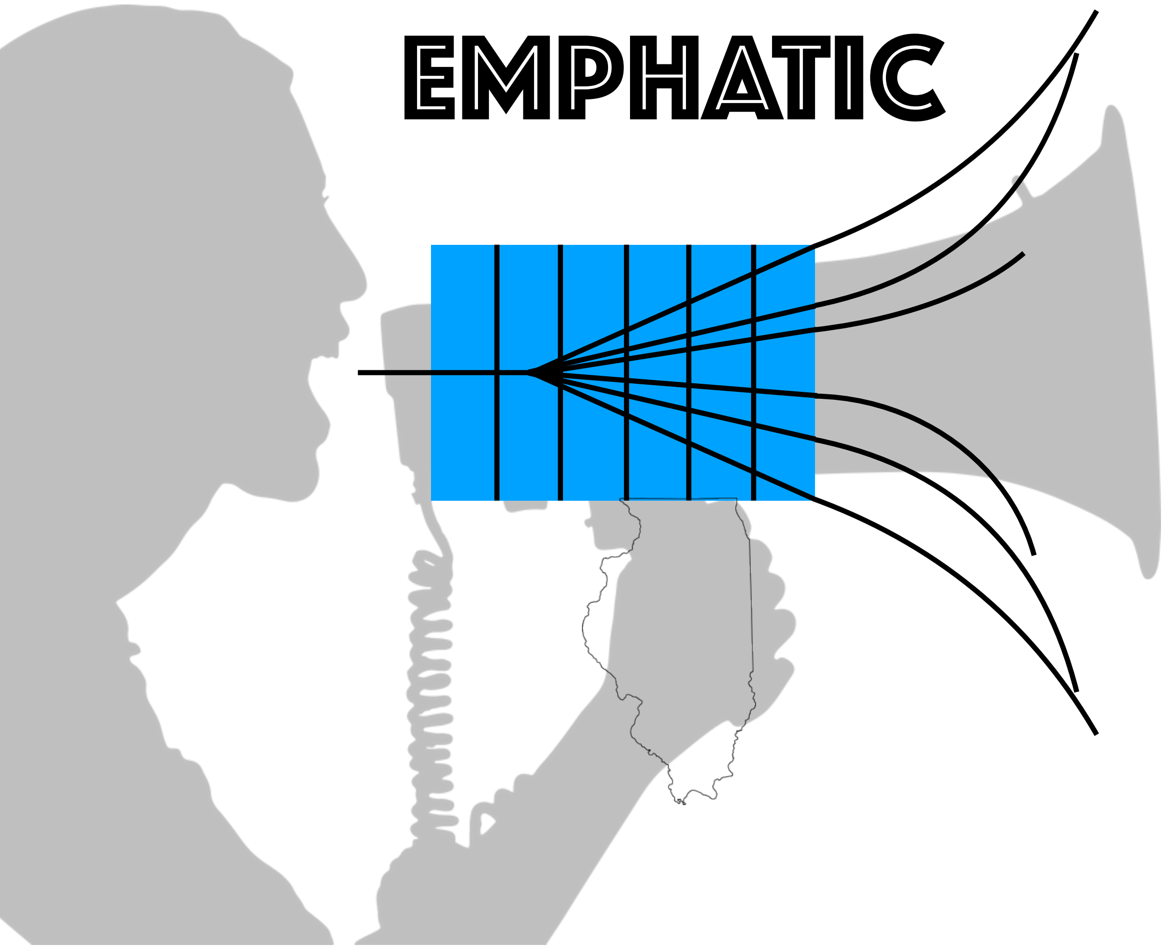

A new hadron production experiment for improved neutrino flux predictions

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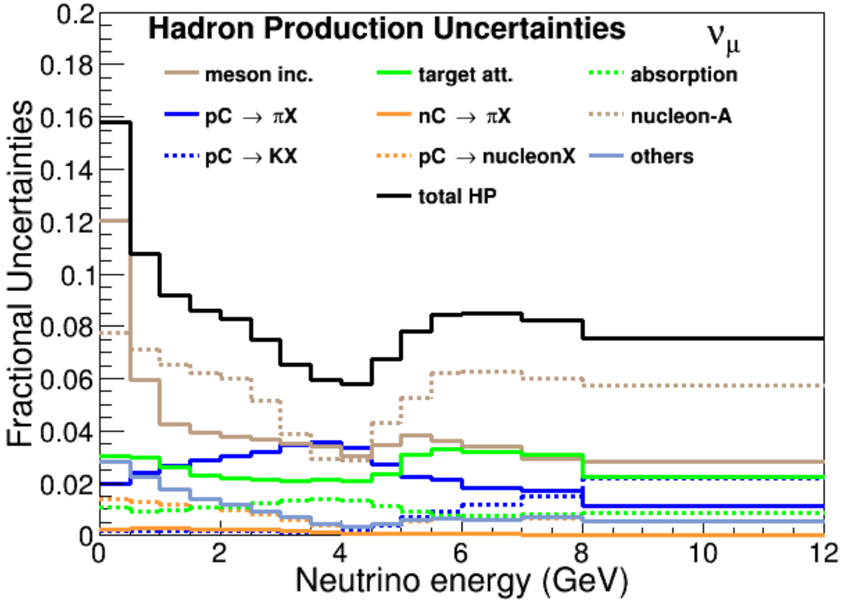
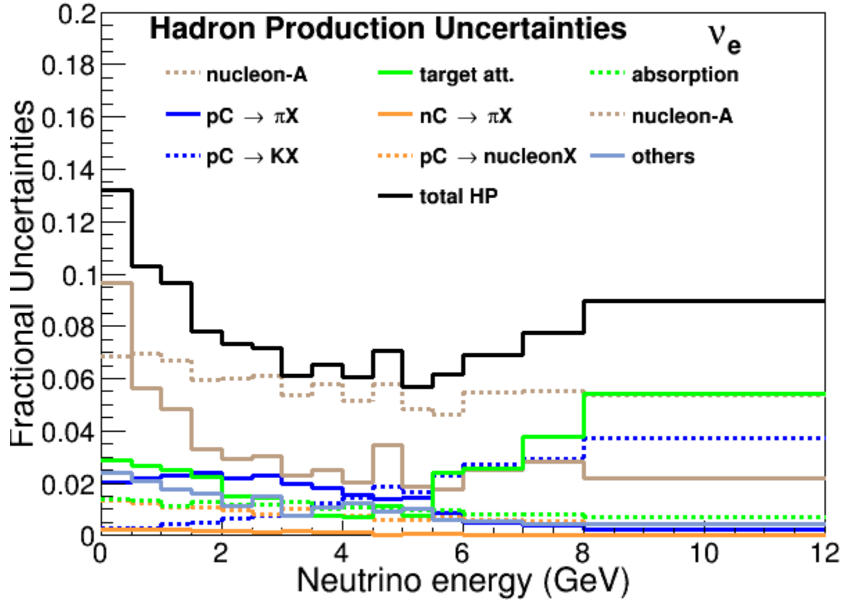
DUNE Flux Uncertainties





plots from Leo Aliaga

- Dominant flux uncertainties come from 40% xsec uncertainties on secondary protons interacting in non-carbon materials in the target and horns.
- Lack of proton and pion scattering data at lower beam energies that NA61 cannot obtain.
- **Reduction of flux uncertainties improves physics reach of most DUNE near detector analyses. New hadron production measurements support the DUNE oscillation program by increasing confidence in the flux a-priori predictions and ND measurements.**

DUNE Flux Uncertainties - Can we do better?

- Reasonable assumptions:
  - Inelastic cross sections:
    - No improvement for pions (5%)
    - 10% uncertainty for kaons (currently 60-90% for p<4 GeV/c, 12% for p>4 GeV/c)
  - 10% on p + C[Fe,Al] —> p + X (down from 40%)
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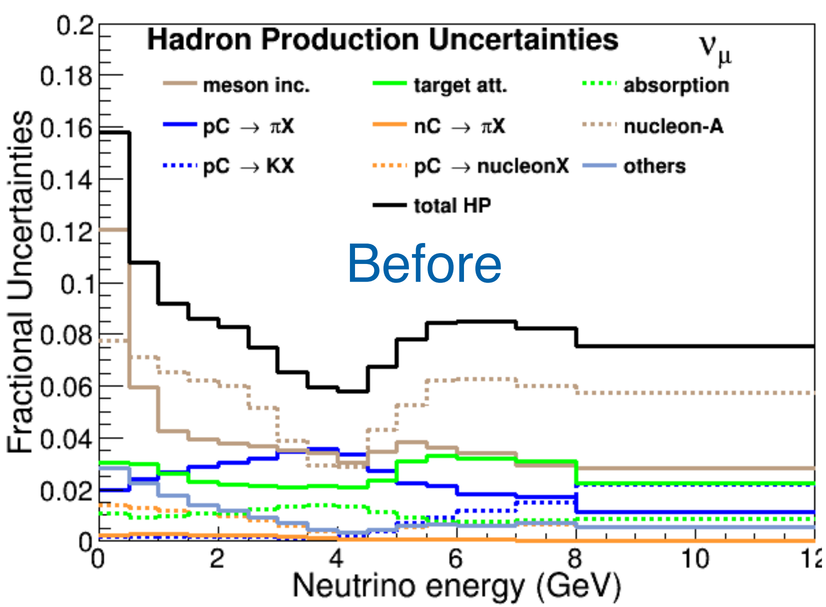

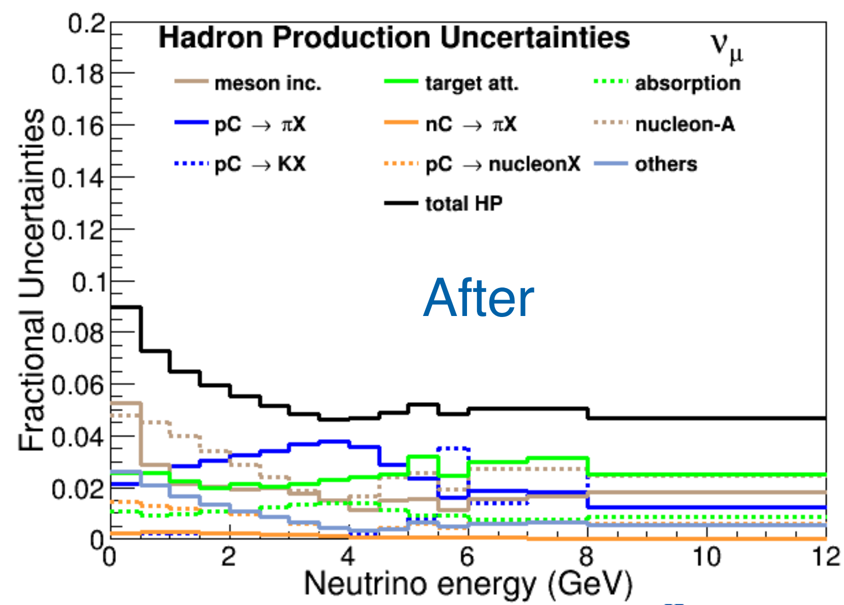

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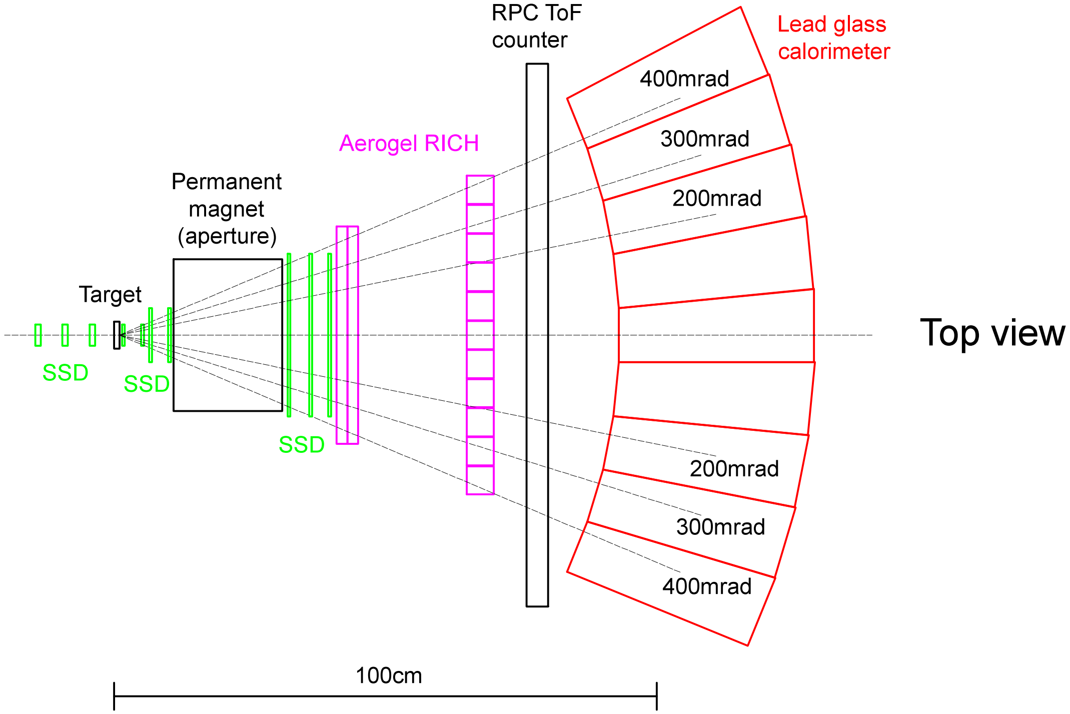

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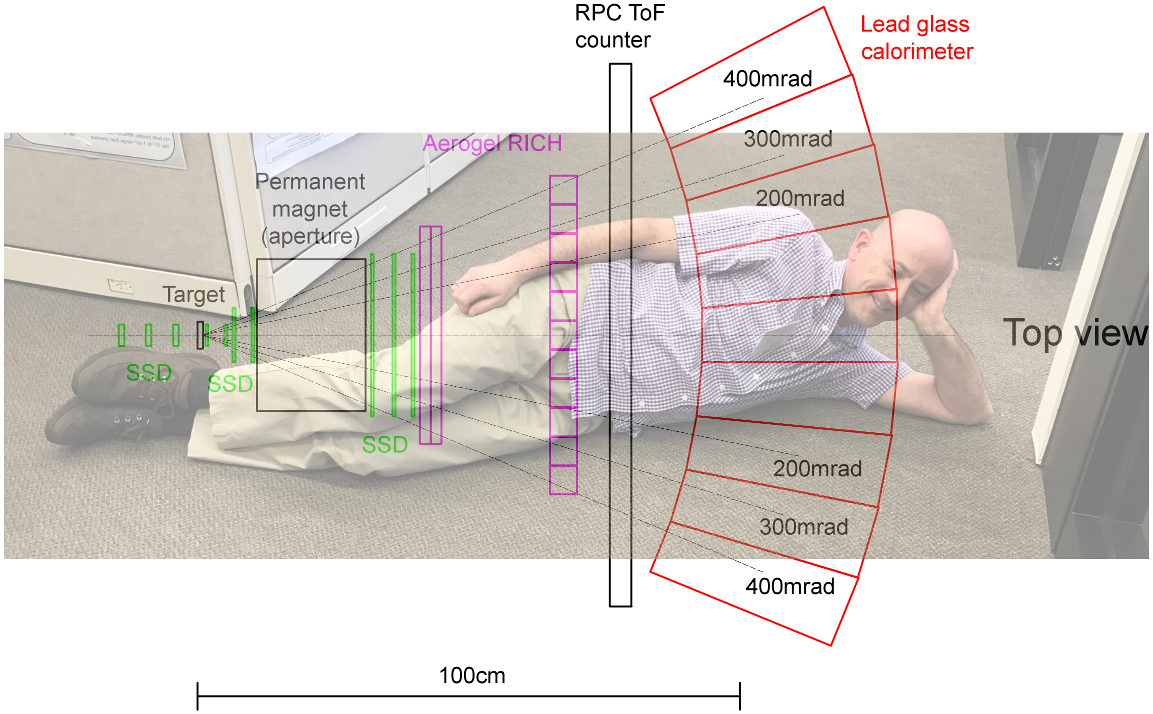

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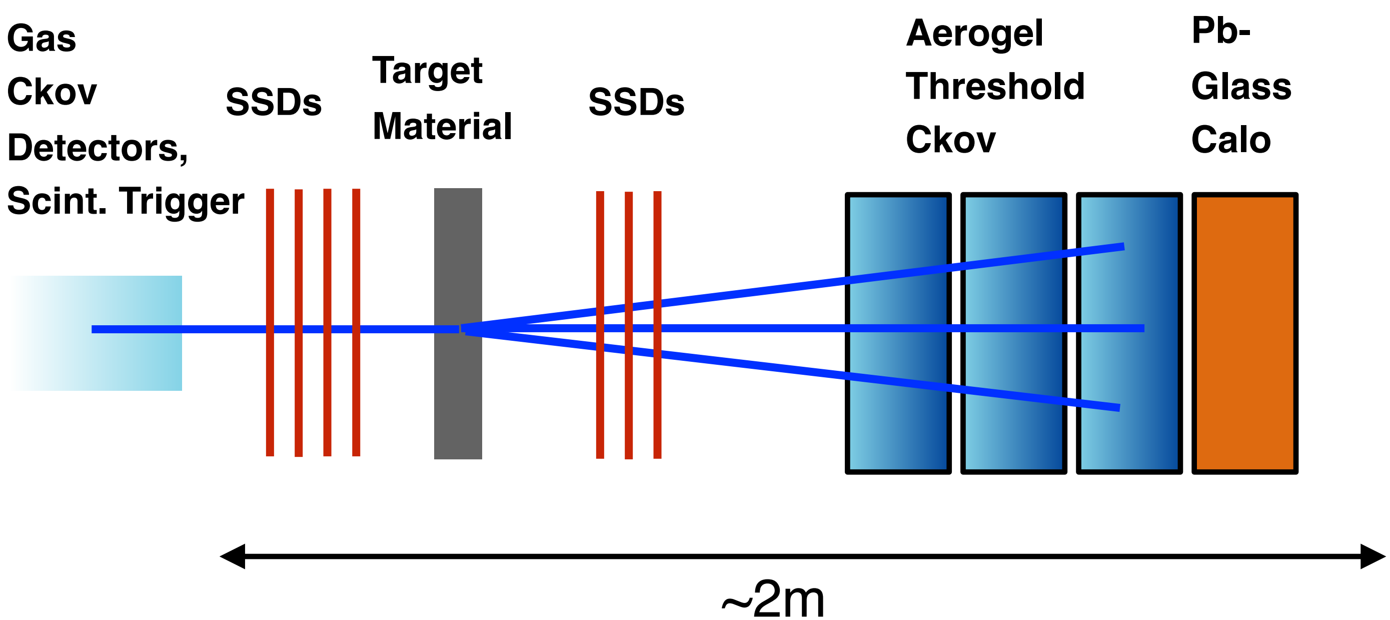
- Proof-of-principle/engineering run enabled primarily by 2017 US-Japan funds
  - Japan: aerogel detectors, emulsion films and associated equipment, travel
  - US: emulsion handling facility at Fermilab
  - Critical DAQ, motion table and manpower contributions from TRIUMF

- ~20M beam triggers collected in ~7 days of running
- Beams of p,π at 20,31,120 GeV
- Targets: C, Al and Fe (+ MT)



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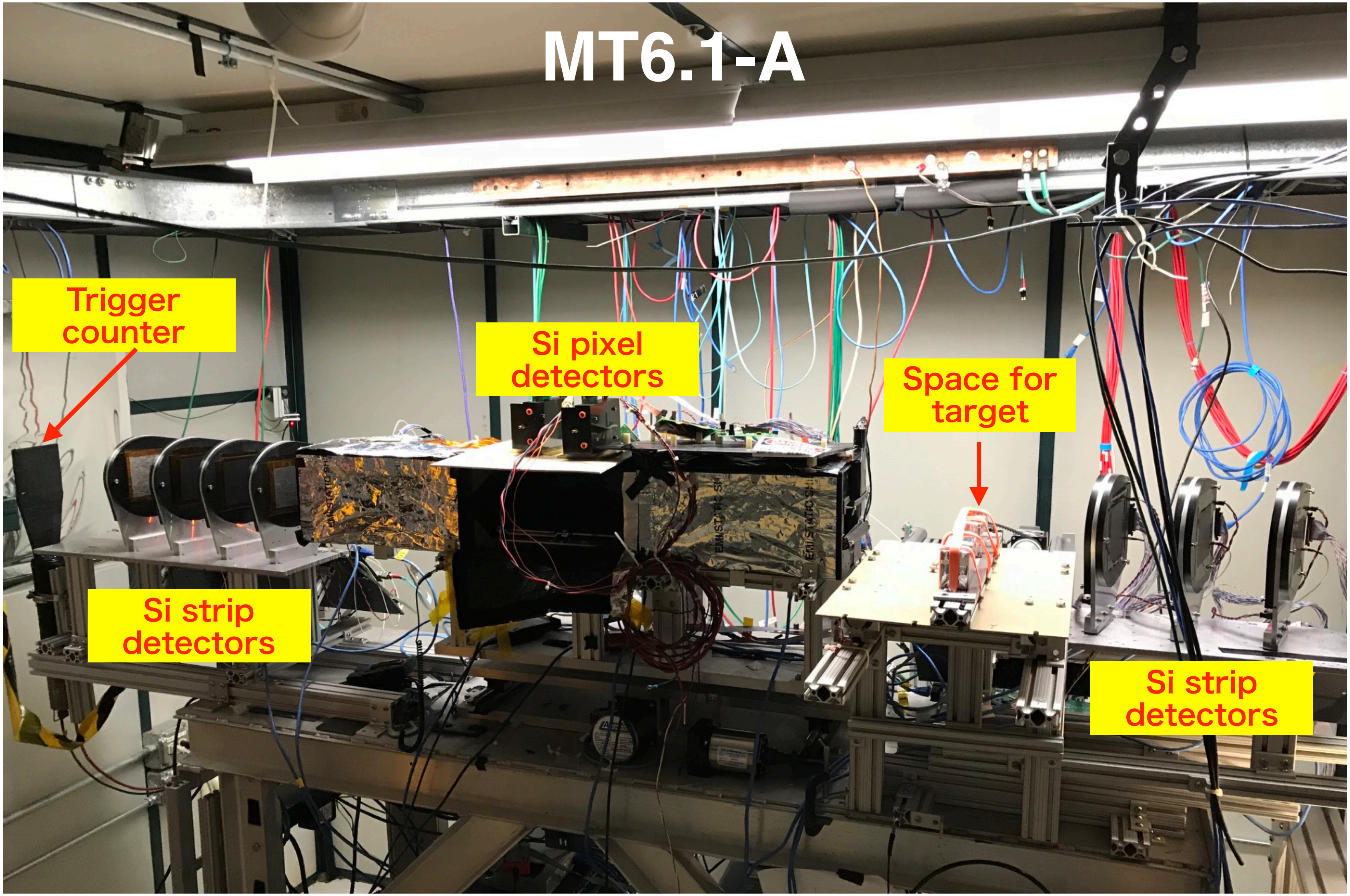

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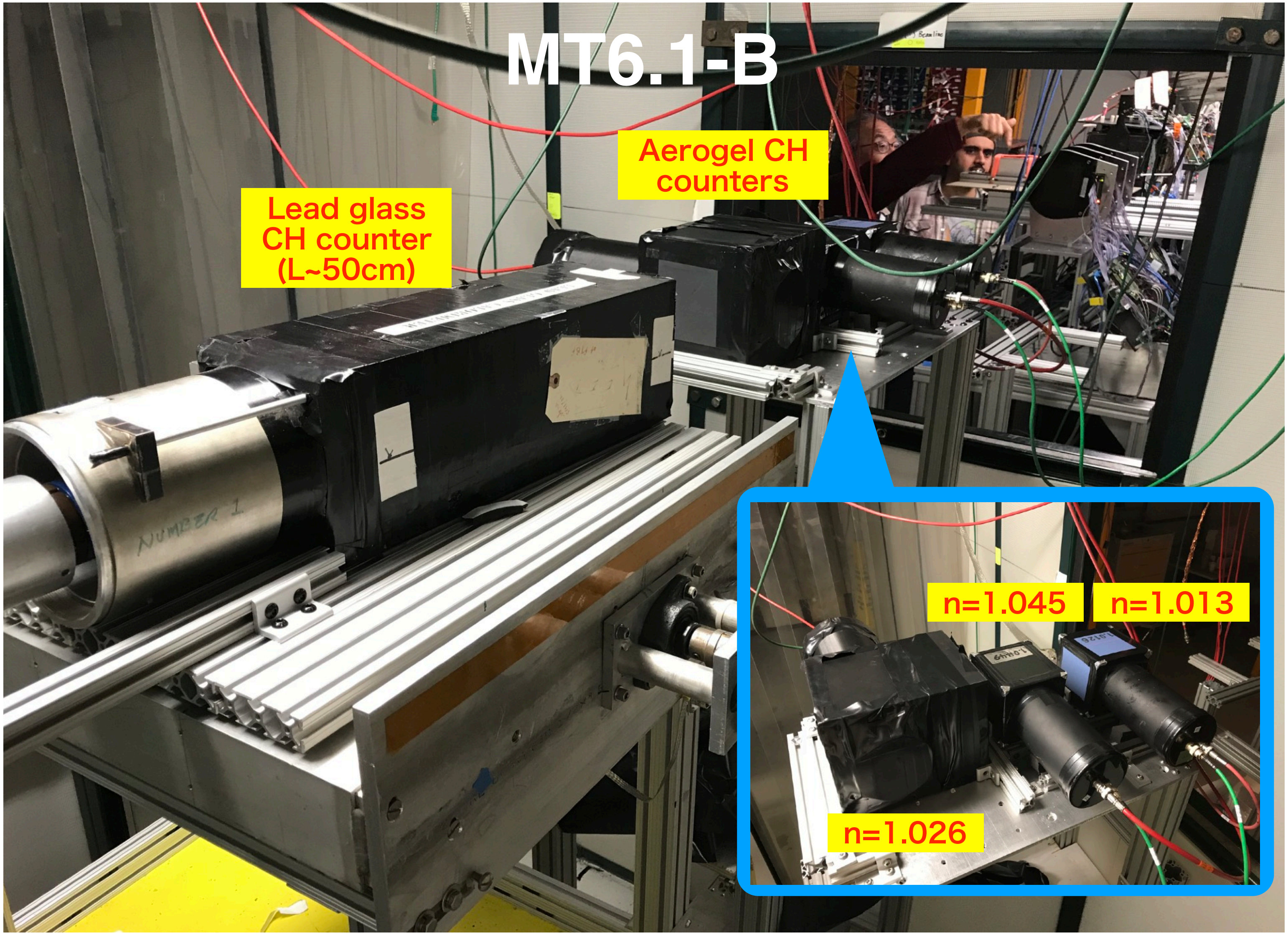

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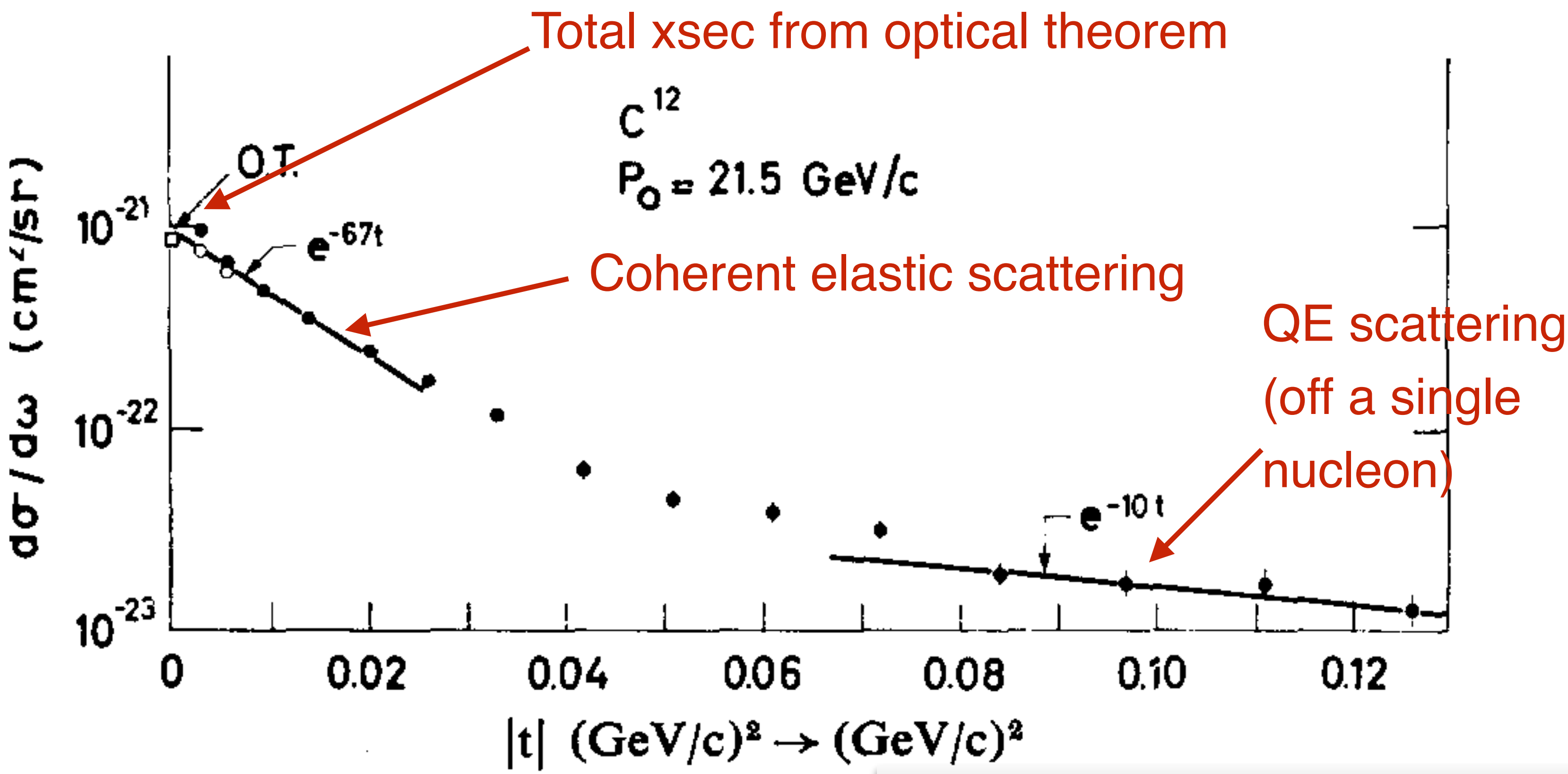

G. Bellettini et al., Nucl. Phys. 79, 609 (1966)

$$|t| \simeq p_{beam}^2 \theta_{scatt}^2$$

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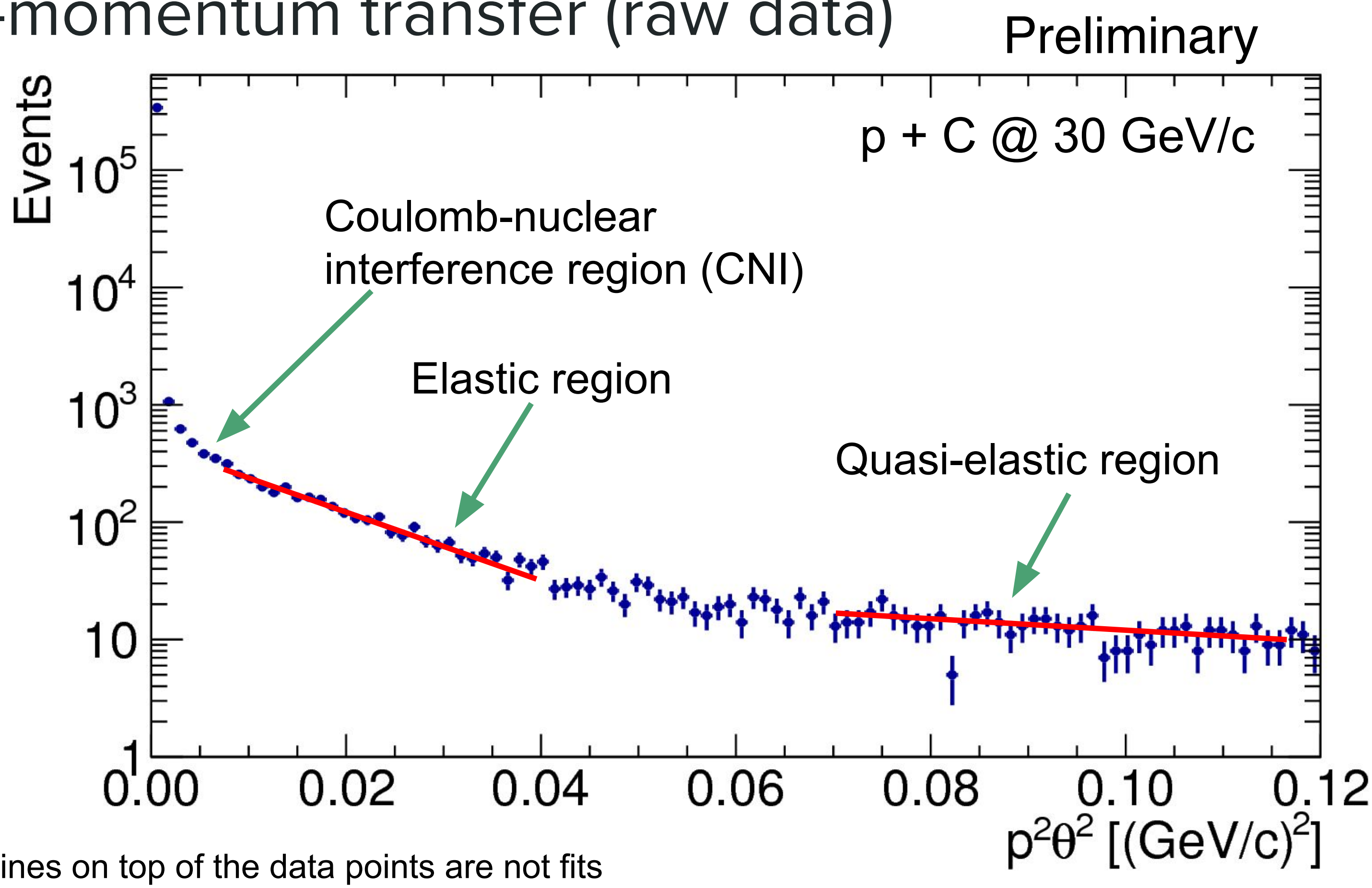
4-momentum transfer (raw data)



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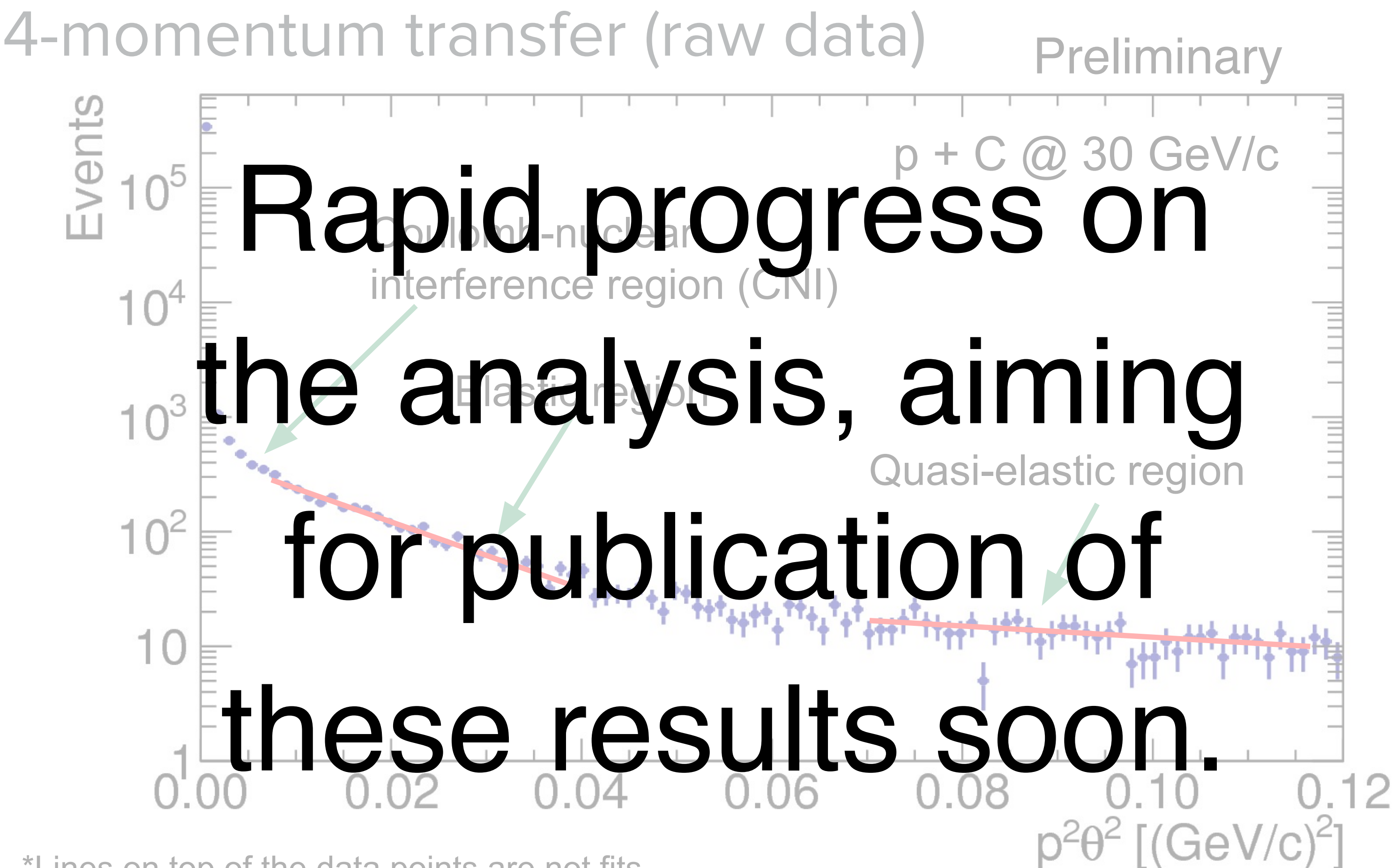

Rapid progress on the analysis, aiming for publication of these results soon.

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Summary

- **New hadron production data are needed if we want to reduce our neutrino flux uncertainty.**
- **EMPHATIC offers a cost-effective approach to reducing the hadron production uncertainties by at least a factor of 2.**
- **We have developed an initial design of the spectrometer, run plans for 2019-21, and are putting together a proposal (should be on arXiv very soon).**
- **Hardware contributions from Fermilab, Canada and Japan. Possibilities for new institutions: VME-based electronics, DAQ development, people power.**
- **Great training ground for young scientists, data will be useful for *many* HEP experiments**
- **Useful data collected during an engineering run in January 2018, analysis is progressing rapidly. Aiming for publication of results soon.**

BACKUP

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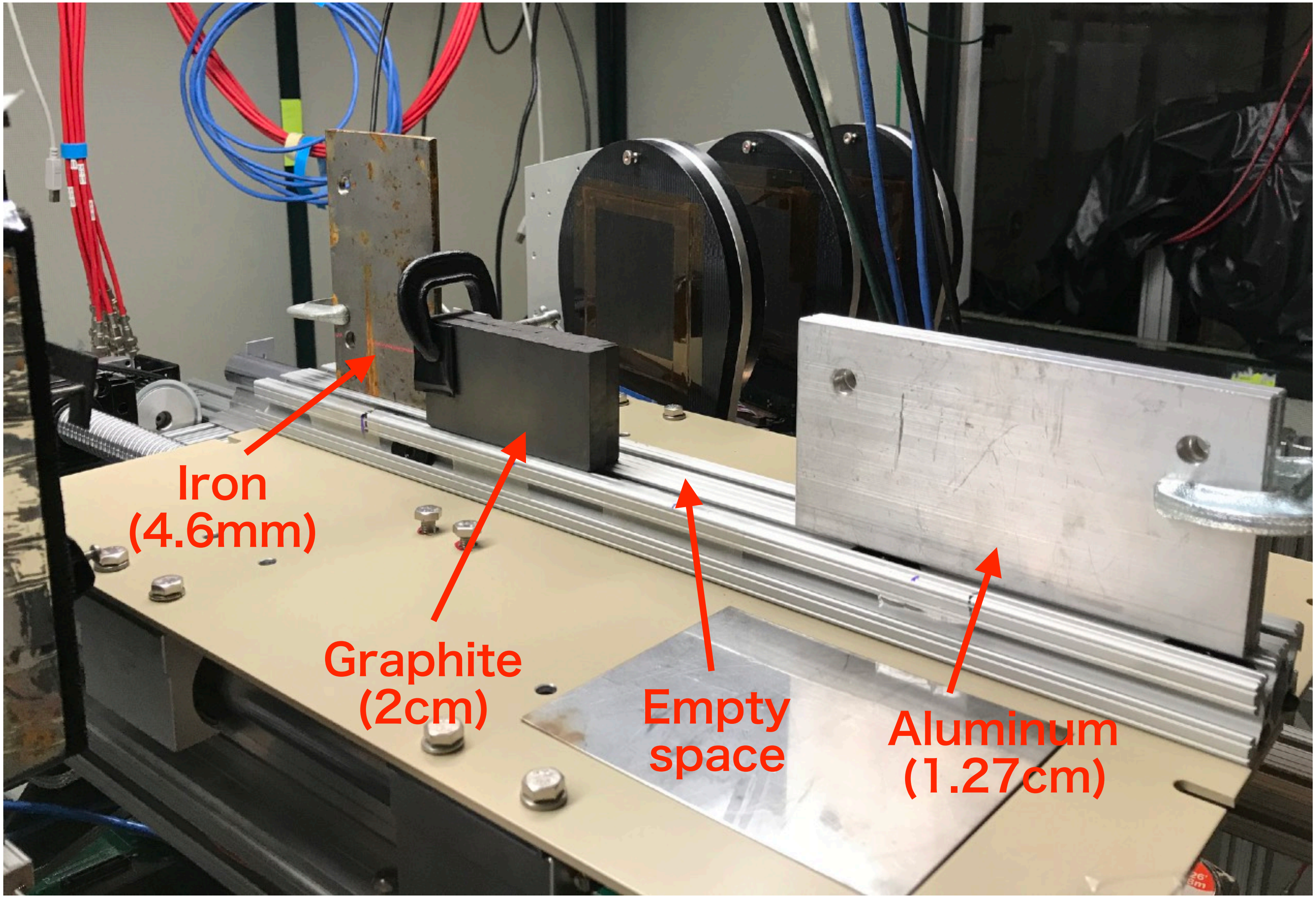

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Number of min. bias triggers

	Graphite	Aluminum	Iron	Empty
120 GeV	1.63M	0	0	1.21M
30 GeV/c	3.42M	976k	1.01M	2.56M
-30 GeV/c	313k	308k	128k	312k
20 GeV/c	1.76M	1.76M	1.72M	1.61M
10 GeV/c	1.18M	1.11M	967k	1.17M
2 GeV	105k	105k	183k	108k

Note: min. bias trigger efficiency is 100%

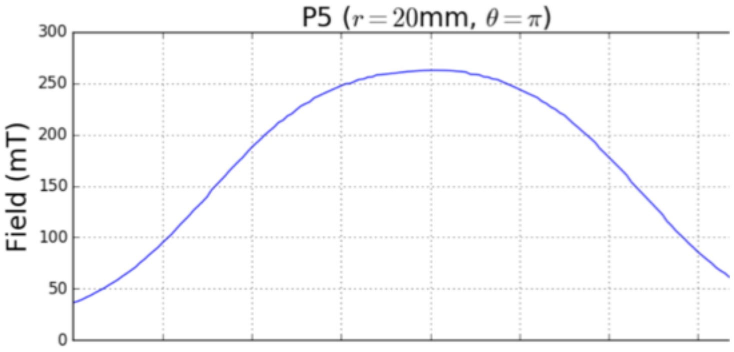
EMPHATIC: Magnet

Neodymium permanent magnet

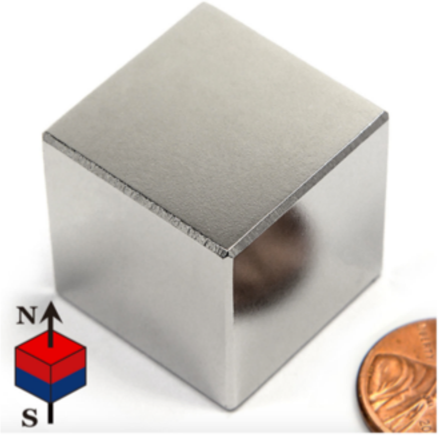
- Internal field: 1.44T
- Low cost: ~$10 for 1-inch cube

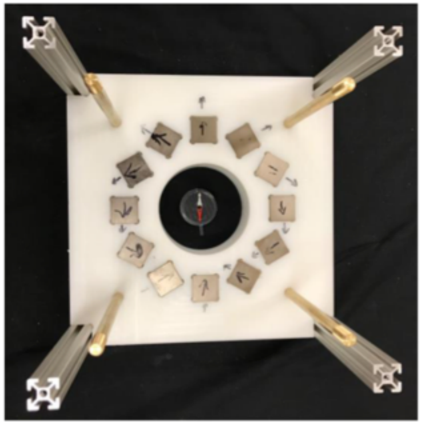
Halbach array build by M. Lang

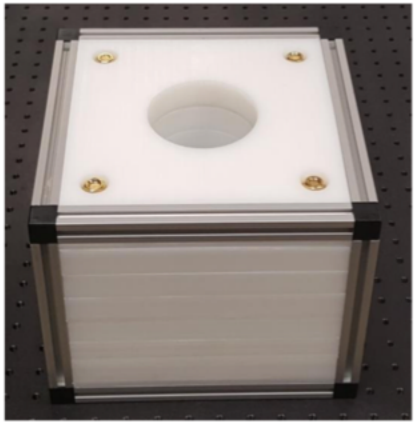
- 10cm bore radius and B=0.25T



~$1000 magnet







- **Need to scale up bore radius by ~3x**

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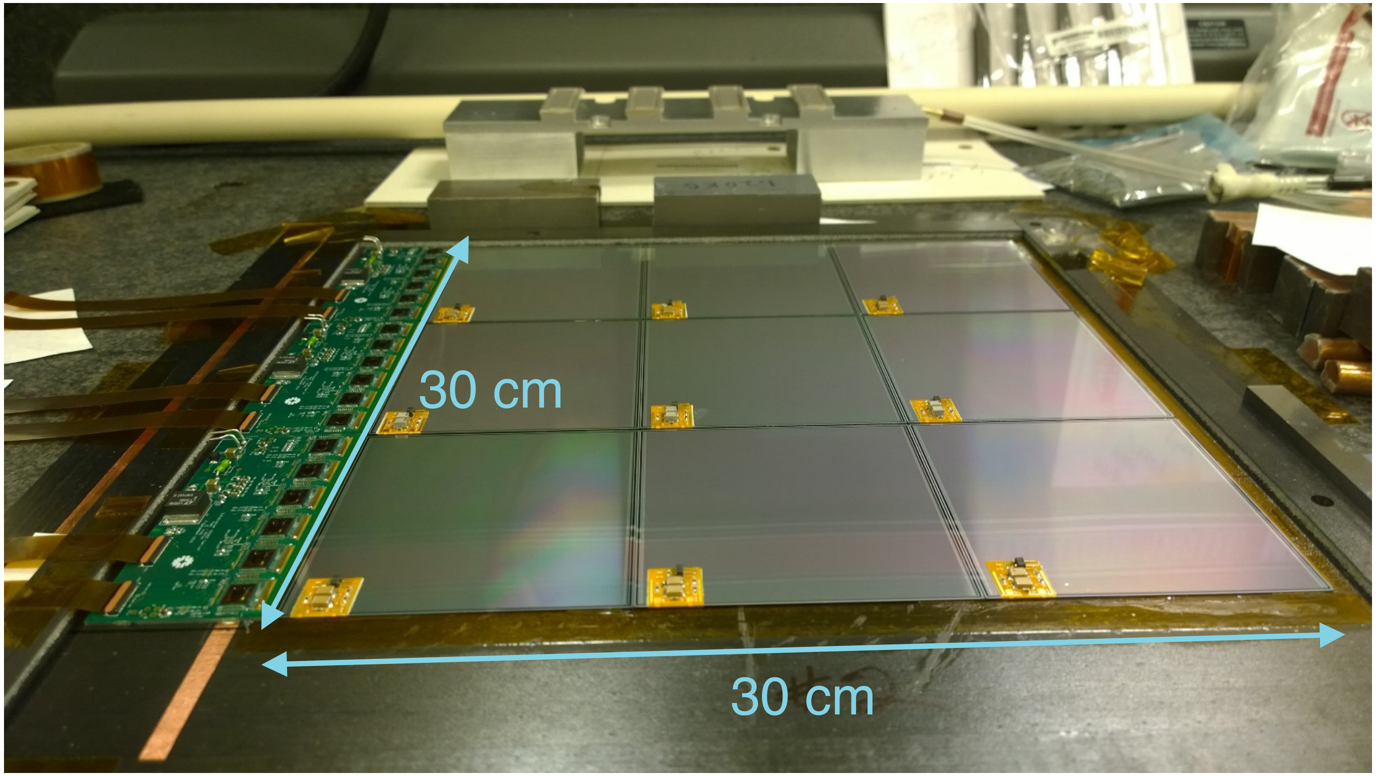
EMPHATIC: Si Strip Detectors



- Large-area SiSDs available from Fermilab SiDet. Existing DAQ system. Resolution good enough for downstream tracking.
- Existing SiSDs at FTBF meet requirements for upstream tracking.

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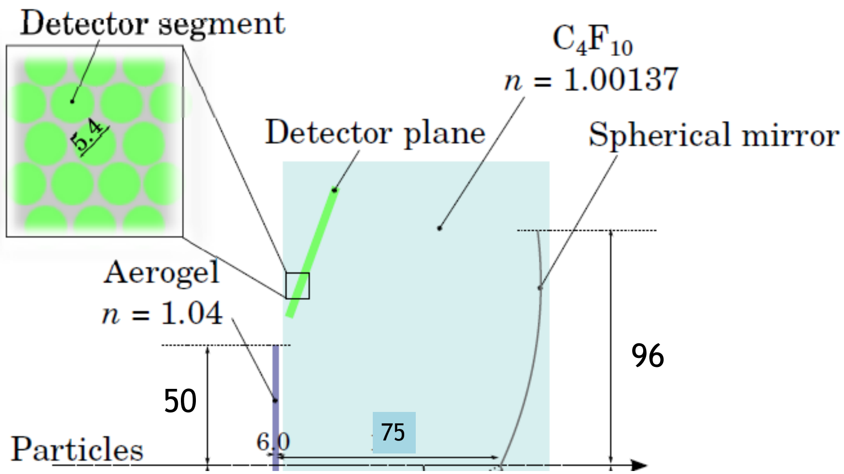
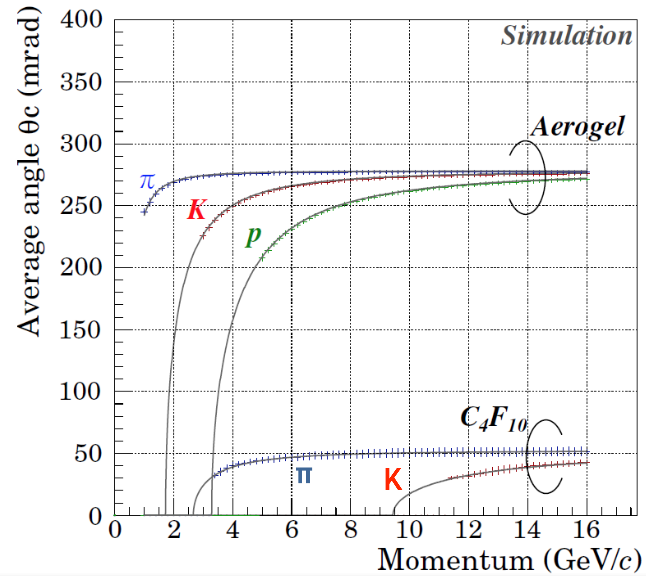
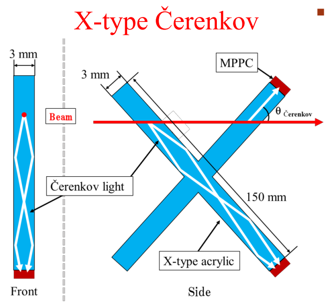
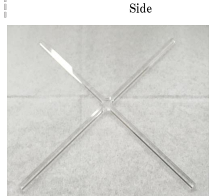




X-type Čerenkov counter





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  - Čerenkov lights emit in an extremely short time.
    - ✓Reduce the time spread of photons reaching to the optical sensor
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    - ✓It has the advantage to measure the better time resolution.
  - Use "Cross shape" acrylic, called X-type, which is cut from an acrylic board
    - ✓In order to cancel position dependences of the time resolution in the Čerenkov radiator
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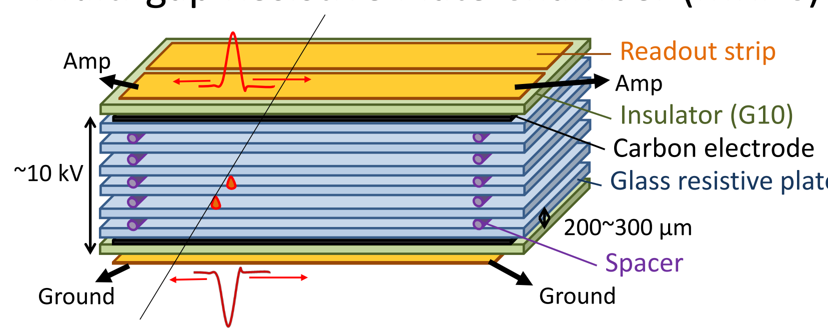

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→ E50 Pole face & Internal TOF detector

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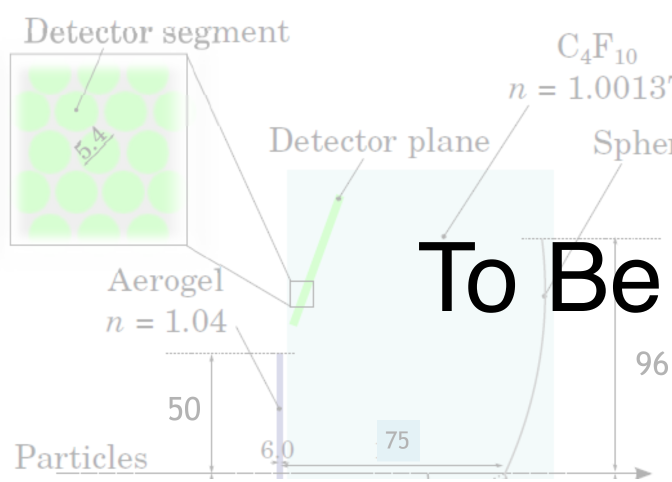

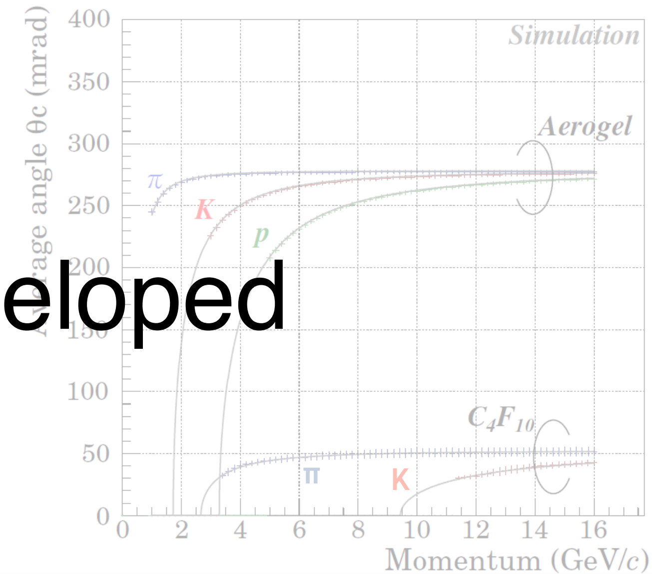

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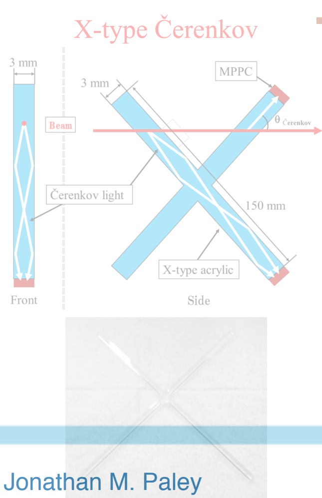

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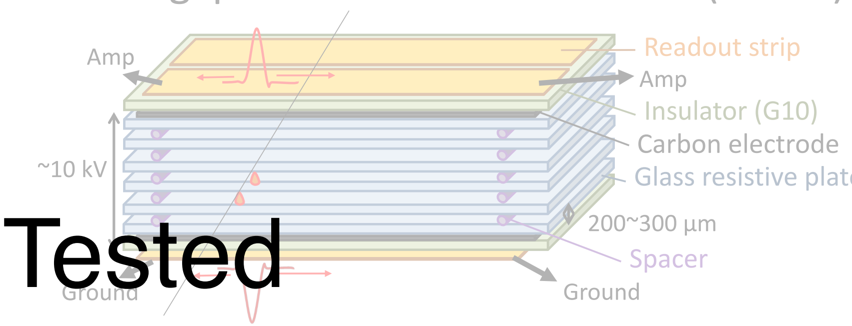

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