

# ProtoDUNE-SP Proton Analysis

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# Introduction

- Neutrino oscillation experiments have ushered in a new era with precision measurements employed in the search for CP violation and mass hierarchy.
- Charged-current (CC) interactions are the primary detection channels for neutrino oscillation experiments. **Protons** are one of the final state particles in neutrino CC interactions such as CC quasi-elastic (CCQE) and CC resonance (CCRES) interactions, and hence they play an essential role in reconstructing the neutrino total energy in the interactions.
  - Must require **precise cross section measurements**
- Liquid argon time projection chambers (**LArTPC**) provide excellent tracking and calorimetric capabilities, enabling us to study neutrino-nucleus interactions in unprecedented detail.
- **ProtoDUNE-SP** experiment
  - Understand the **detector responses of different particles interacting in a LArTPC**
  - Prototype detector that form the building blocks for DUNE
- This talk will focus on the ProtoDUNE-SP beam proton analysis

# ProtoDUNE-SP Experiment: Setup

- ProtoDUNE-SP Detector\*

- LArTPC, 0.77 kt/ (7m x 7.2 m x 6 m)
- 2 drift volumes divided by the cathode plane assembly (CPA)
- 3 anode plane assemblies (APA) on each drift volume
  - 2 induction + 1 collection wire plane/APA
- 60 photon detectors
- Operation voltage: -180 kV on CPA / purity: ~5.5 ms electron lifetime

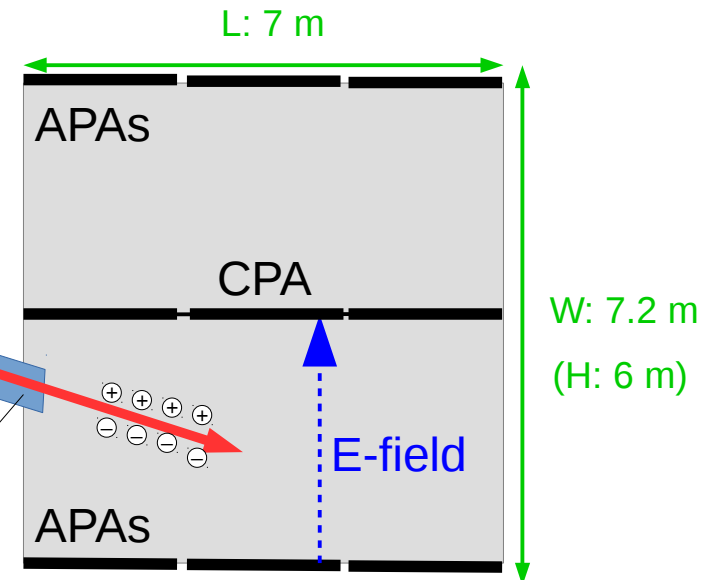
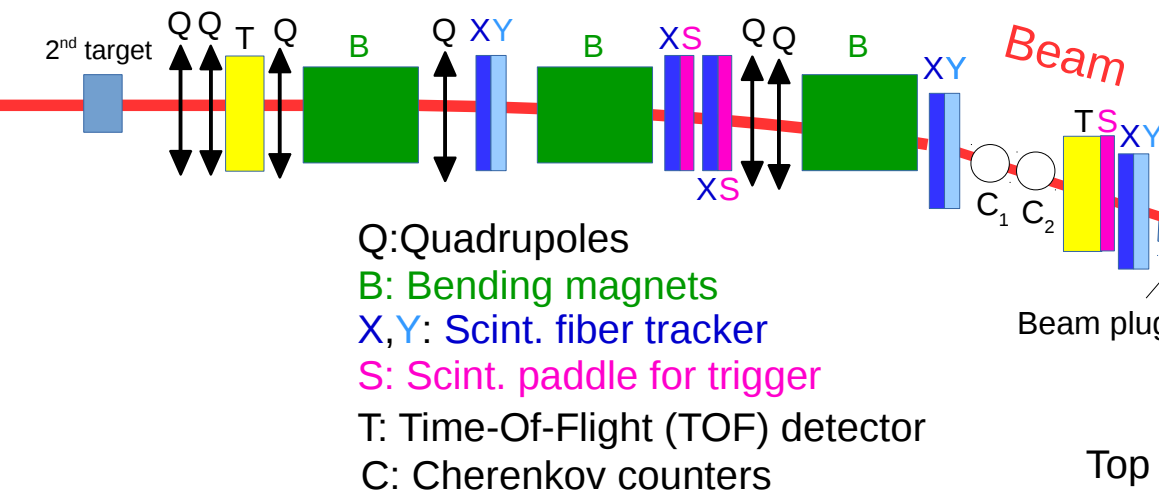
T12.00005, Hannah Elizabeth Rogers  
 Overview of ProtoDUNE-SP and Initial Study of Space Charge

L17.00004, Bryan J Ramson  
 The Photon Detection System (PDS) at ProtoDUNE

L17.00002, Wenqiang Gu  
 Signal Processing in the ProtoDUNE-SP LArTPC

- CERN H4 beamline & Beamline Instrumentation\*\*

- **Known particle type ( $p/e^-/\pi^+/\mu^+/K^+$  beam) & incident energies (0.5 – 7 GeV/c)**
- + Particle ID info from high/low pressure Cherenkov counters & TOF
- + Beam momentum info from spectrometers
- Well-controlled environment for better understanding the interactions taking place within the ProtoDUNE-SP detector!



Top view of the ProtoDUNE-SP detector  
 (NOT drawn to scale)

\* See details in arXiv:1706.07081, "The Single-Phase ProtoDUNE Technical Design Report"

\*\* PHYS. REV. ACCEL. BEAMS 20, 111001 (2017)

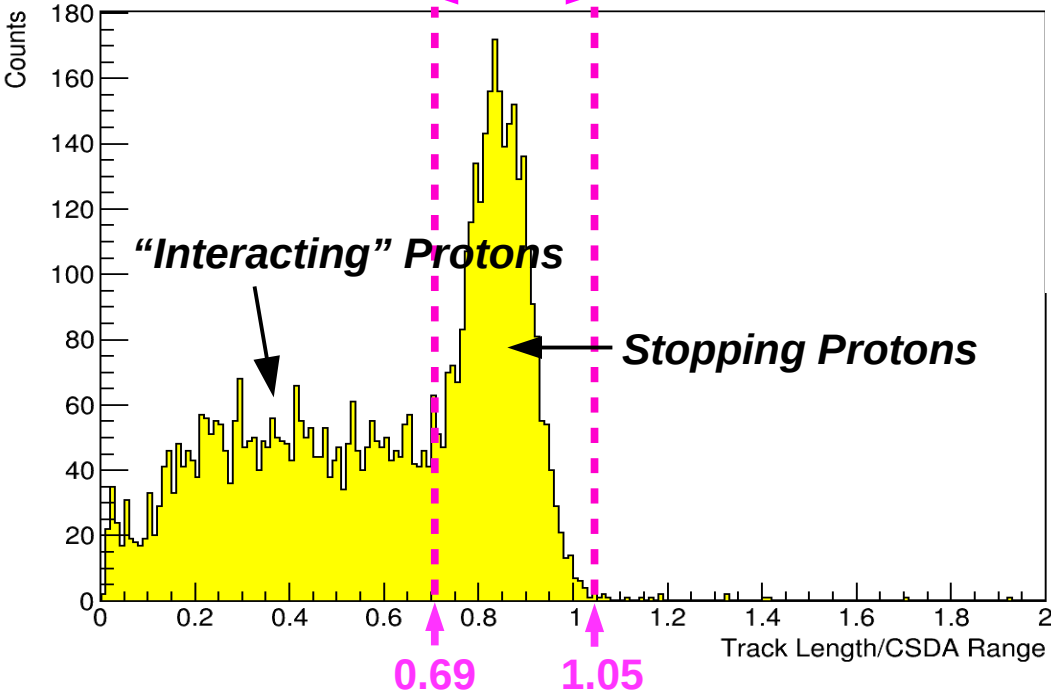
# Beam Event Selection & Reconstruction

- Detector response of protons in the LArTPC
  - Deposited energy calibration & reconstruction
    - ↳ stopping protons
- Sample: Run 5387 [1 GeV/c] / 180 kV / ~5.5 msec
- Data analysis
  - [1] Distinguish particle species based on the info from TOF & Cherenkov counters from the beanline instrumentation
  - [2] Use Pandora\* pattern recognition algorithms for track reconstruction
  - [3] Event selection cuts:
    - Data cleaning cuts
      - +Position cuts: start positions of primary proton tracks close to those of the beam track positions
      - +Angle cut (direction cosine between beam and primary track)
    - Stopping proton cut
      - Use a ratio cut (track length/CSDA) to select the stopping protons
  - [4] Calibration (translate charge deposition to energy deposition)

\*Pandora reconstruction algorithms: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1140/epjc/s10052-017-5481-6>

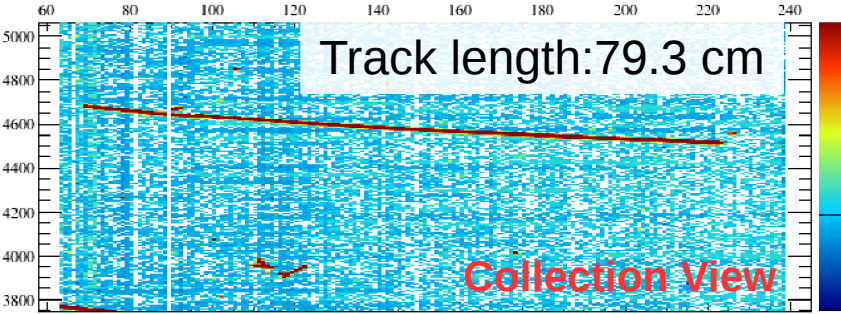
# Beam Protons (Data)

Cut to select stopping protons

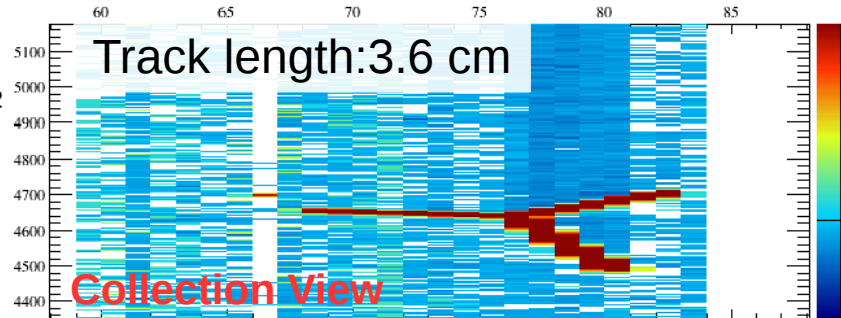


- Convert beam proton momentum to its CSDA range\*
- Use the ratio cut (track length/CSDA range) to select the stopping protons

## Stopping Proton



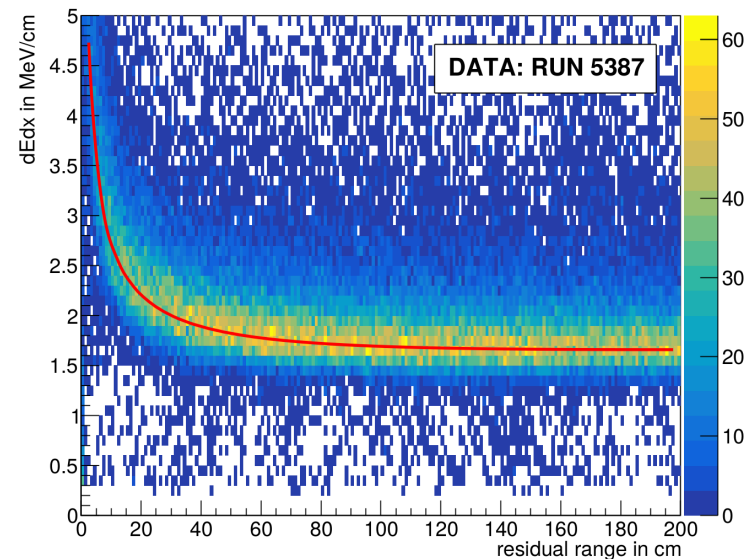
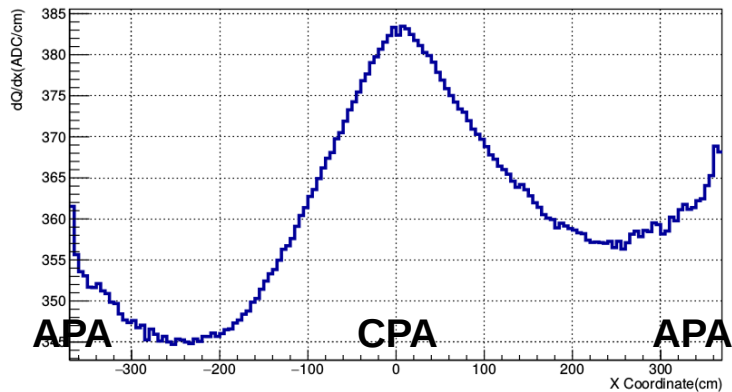
## Interacting Proton



\*CSDA range: Average path length traveled by a charged particle as it slows down to rest (continuous-slowing-down approximation)

# Calibration

- Calibration:  $dQ/dx$  [ADC/cm]  $\rightarrow$   $dE/dx$  [MeV/cm]



- Procedure
  - $dQ/dx$  correction
    - Use TPC crossing muon tracks for the  $dQ/dx$  calibration
    - Correct the non-uniform  $dQ/dx$  distribution caused by both **attenuation\*** and **space charge effect (SCE)\*\*** to the uniform  $dQ/dx$  distribution
  - $dE/dx$  calibration
    - Use the stopping muons<sup>†</sup> as a standard candle to translate  $dQ/dx$  [ADC/cm] to  $dQ/dx$  [fC/cm] (MIP region, 120-200 cm from the stopping point)
    - Apply the **modified box model**<sup>□</sup> to convert  $dQ/dx$  [fC/cm] to  $dE/dx$  [MeV/cm]
- It's a preliminary calibration scheme based on the over-all correction
- More dedicated SCE correction scheme is in development
  - $\rightarrow$  See Hannah Rogers' talk in: T12.00005 : "Overview of ProtoDUNE-SP and Initial Study of Space Charge" (04/15, Monday, 4:18 PM–4:30 PM)

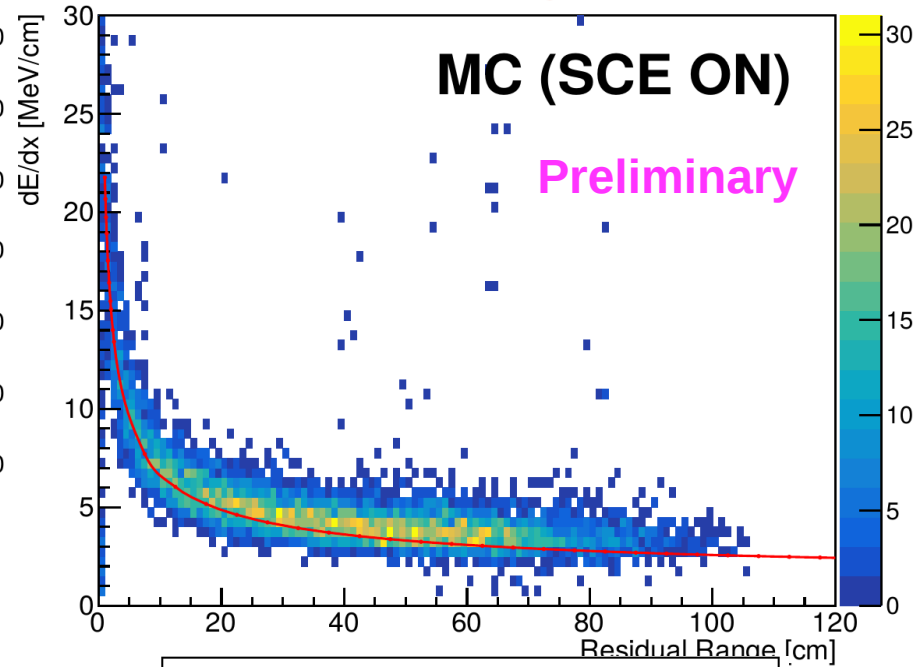
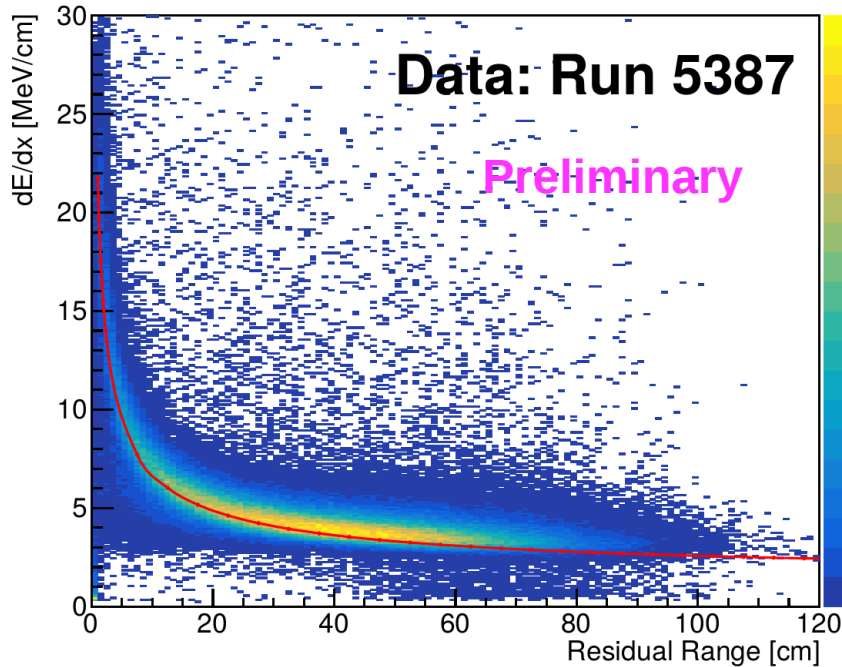
□ "A study of electron recombination using highly ionizing particles in the ArgoNeuT Liquid Argon TPC" (<https://arxiv.org/abs/1306.1712>)

\* Impurities absorb drifting electrons.

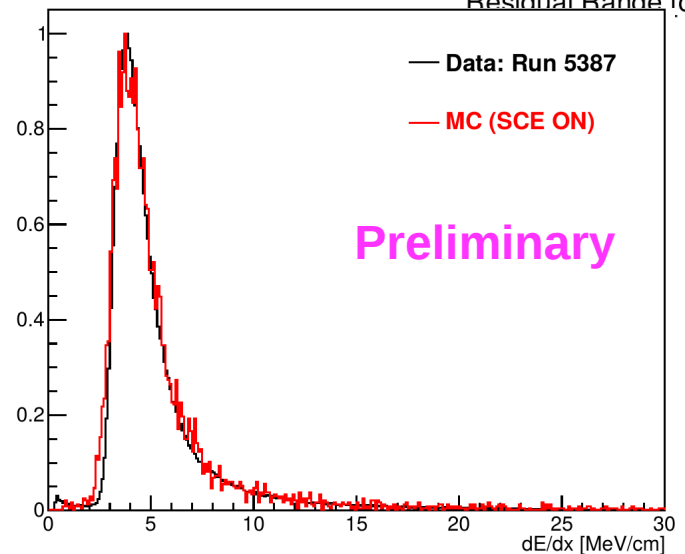
\*\* The space-charge effect occurs as a result of a build up of slow moving ions in a region of the TPC which distorts the E-field.

† Cathode piercing tracks which start outside the TPC and end inside the TPC

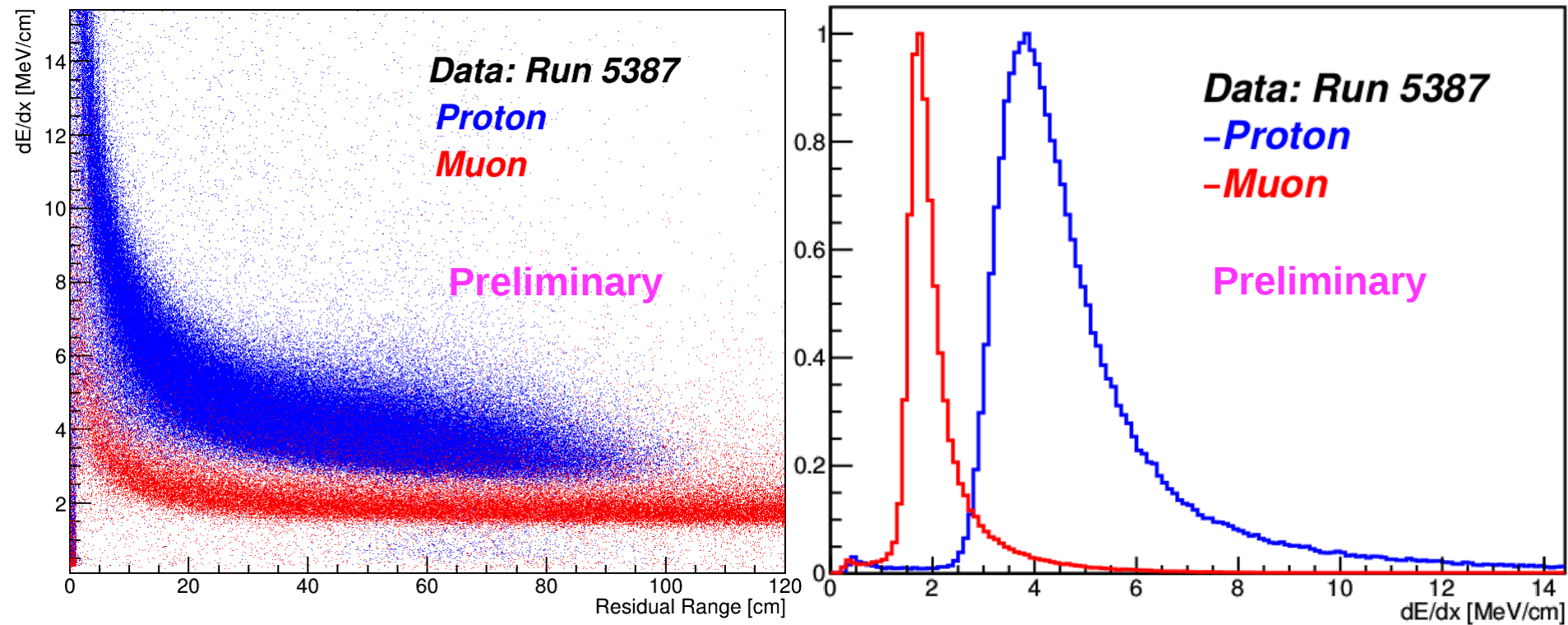
# Proton dE/dx vs Residual Range



- Very good agreement between data and MC
- Discrepancy between the data and the theoretical predicted curve (Landau-Vavilov)  
→ Residual SCE not completely accounted for in the preliminary correction procedure



# Particle Identification (Data)



- dE/dx as a function of residual range for stopping particles offers a robust method for particle identification in a LArTPC.
- ProtoDUNE-SP particle identification: clear  $\mu/p$  separation



# Summary & Outlook

- Preliminary result of the ProtoDUNE proton analysis
  - Track reconstruction
  - Event selection
  - Calibration scheme
  - Particle ID capability
- More analyses on the way
  - Kinetic energy reconstructions
  - Proton-Argon cross section

# Backup

# Modified Box Model

$$\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{\rho \varepsilon}{\beta} \left\{ \text{Exp} \left[ \frac{\beta W_{ion} \frac{dQ}{dx}}{c \rho \varepsilon} \right] - \alpha \right\}$$

$c$ : calibration const. [ADC/ion]  
( $c=6.155 \times 10^{-3}$  for run #5387)

$W_{ion}$ : 23.6 [eV/ion]

$\varepsilon$ : 0.5 [kV/cm]

$\rho$ : 1.38 [g/cm<sup>3</sup>]

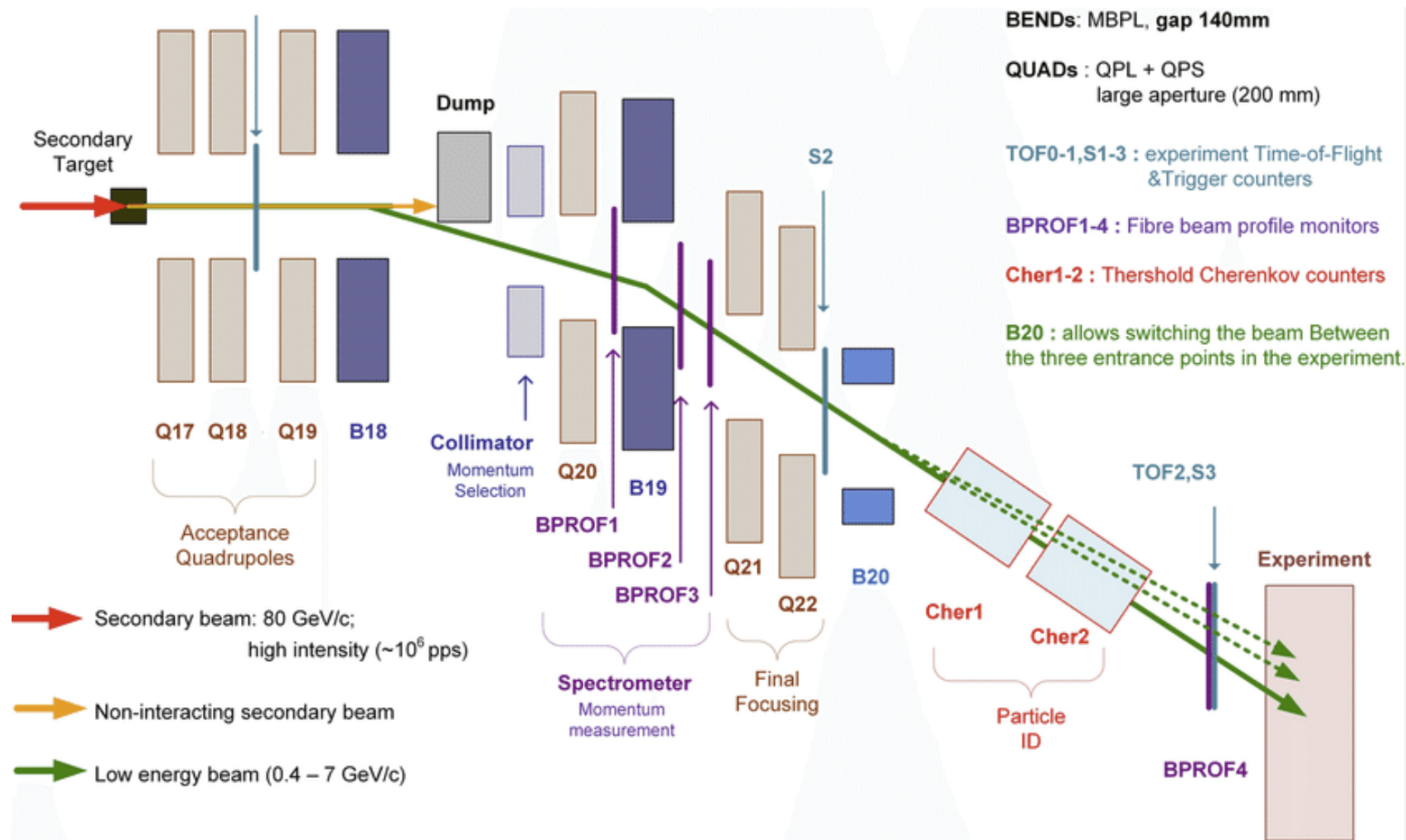
$\beta$ : 0.212 [(keV/cm)(g/cm<sup>2</sup>)/MeV]

$\alpha$ : 0.93

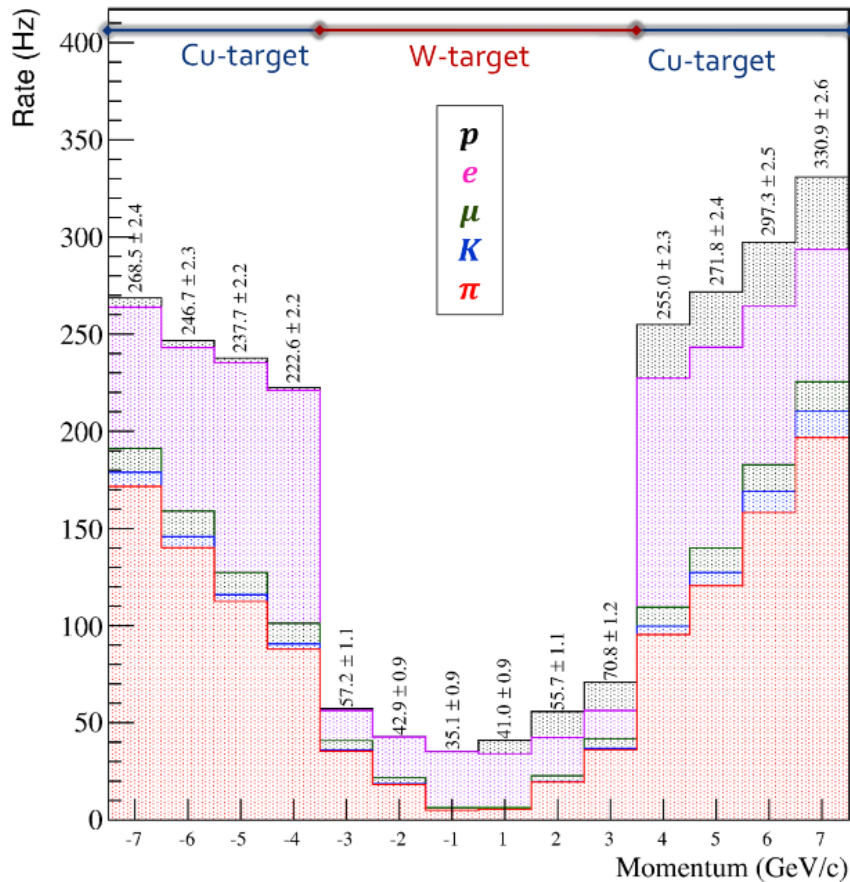


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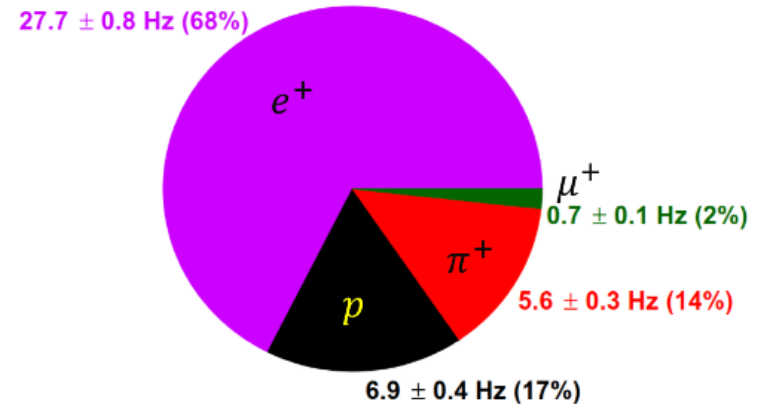


# Beamline Instrumentation



## Rates at 1 GeV/c

Rate with Collimator



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