

Analysis Status of S490

Experimental Search for η' -mesic Nuclei

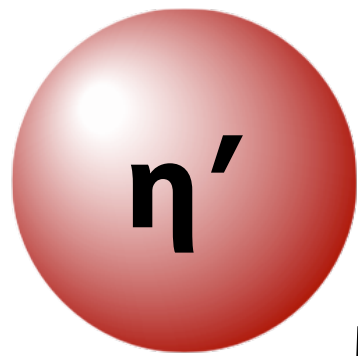
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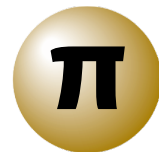


η' and other PS mesons

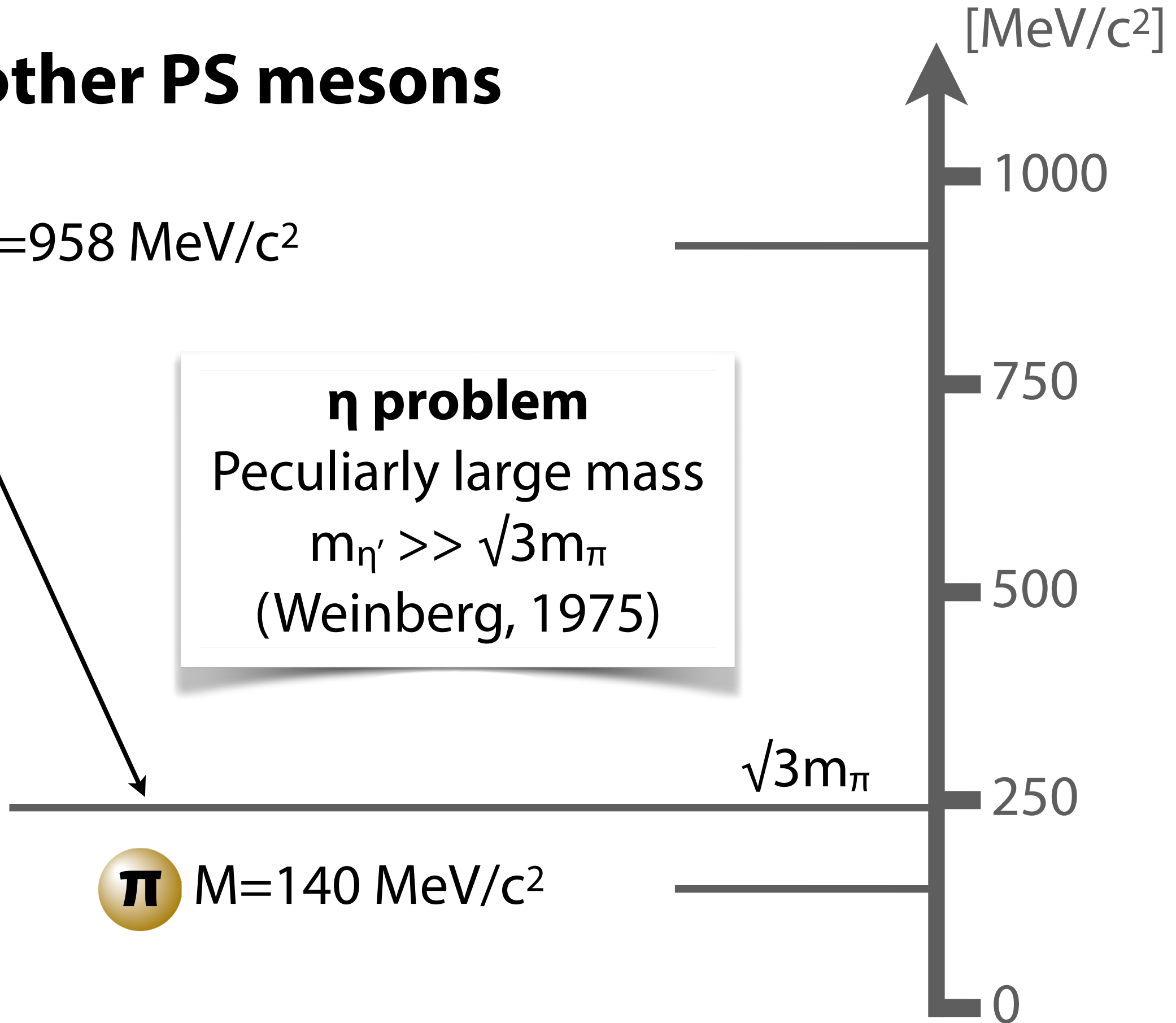


$M=958 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

η problem
Peculiarly large mass
 $m_{\eta'} \gg \sqrt{3}m_{\pi}$
(Weinberg, 1975)

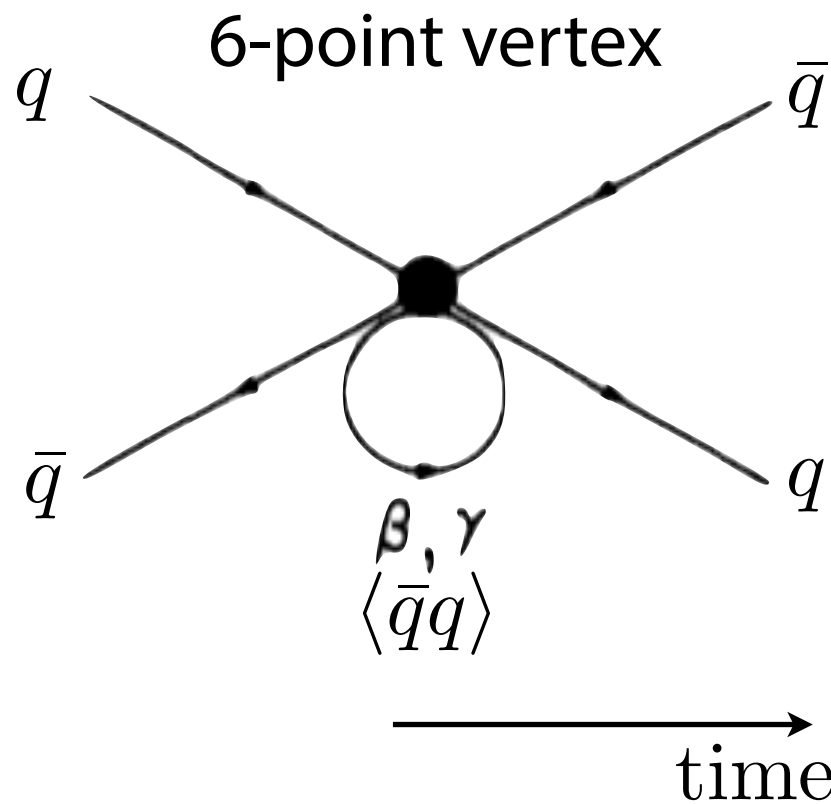


$M=140 \text{ MeV}/c^2$



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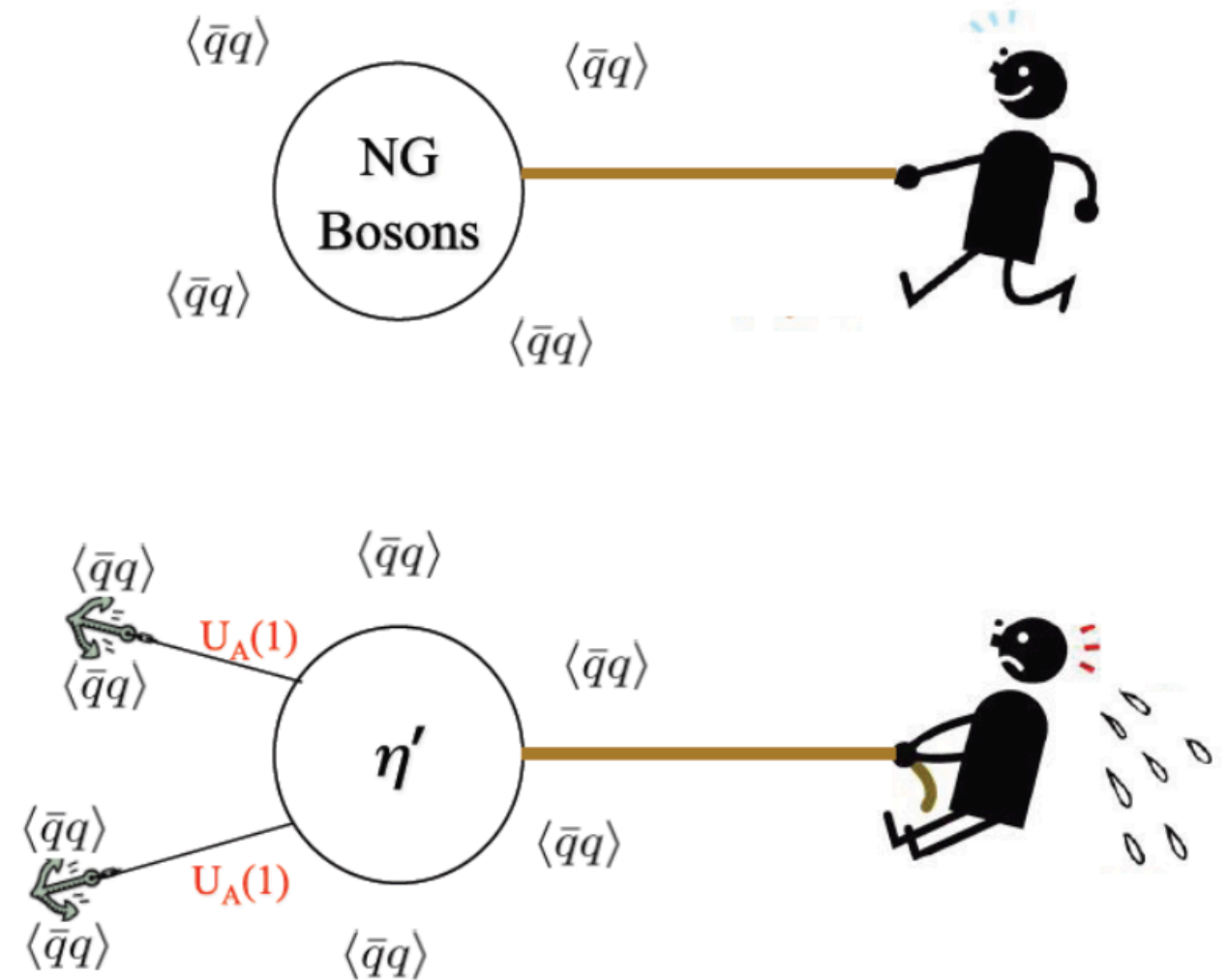
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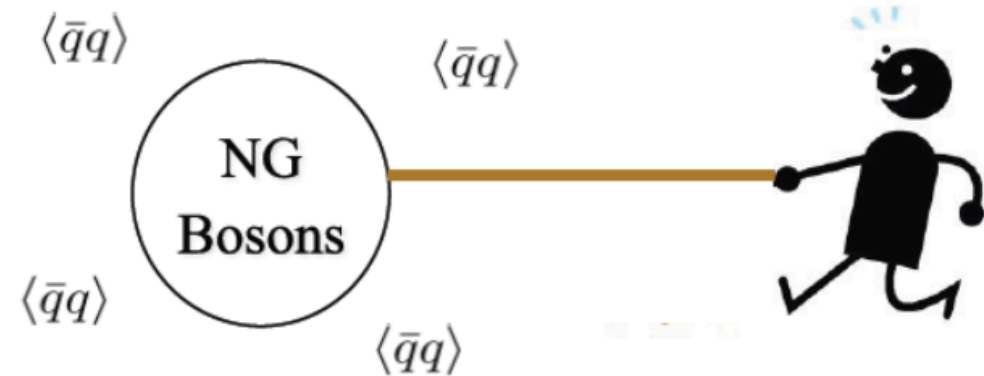


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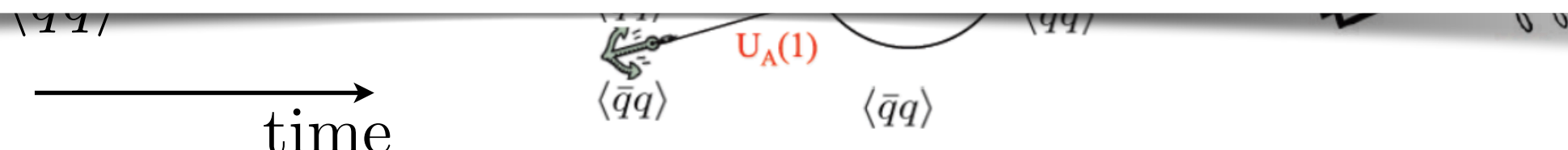
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η' -mesic nuclei will give us a hint of understanding the structure of the vacuum



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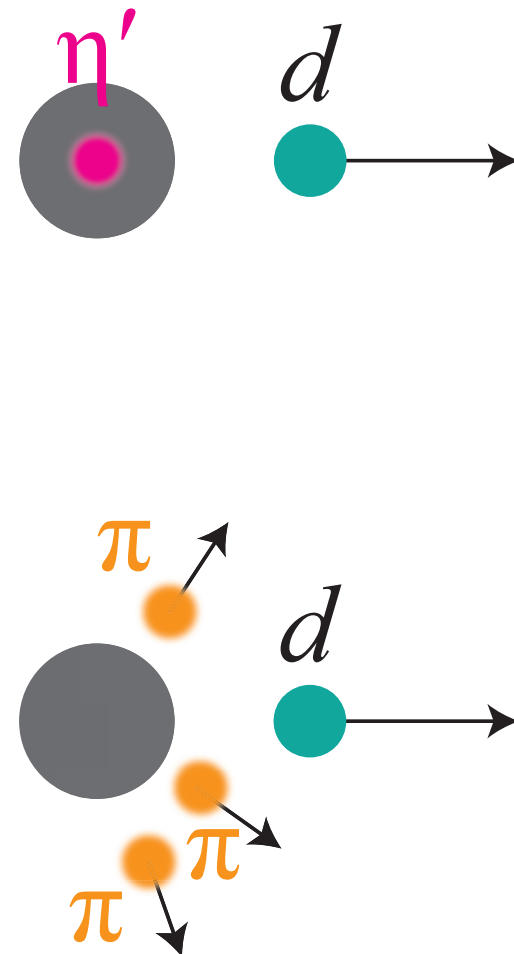
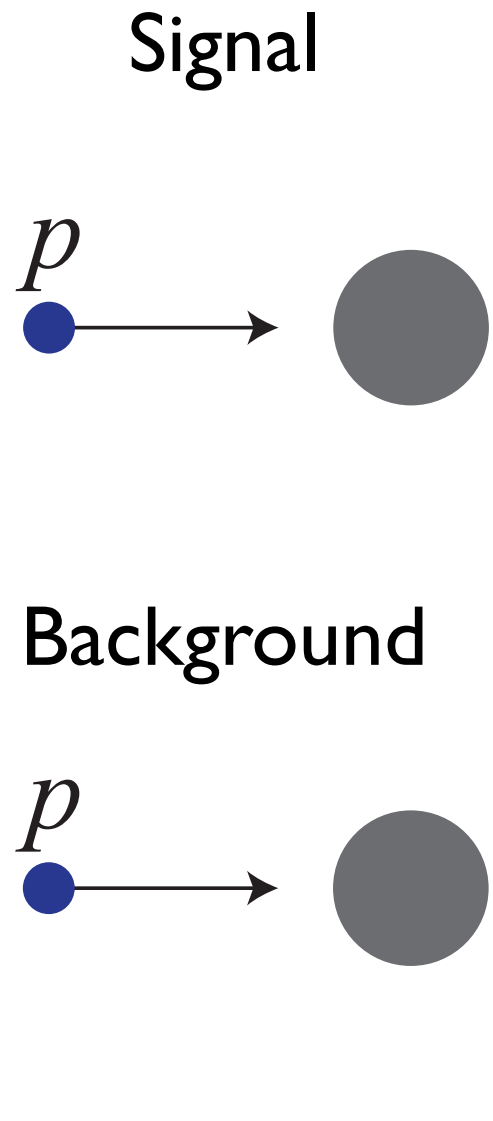
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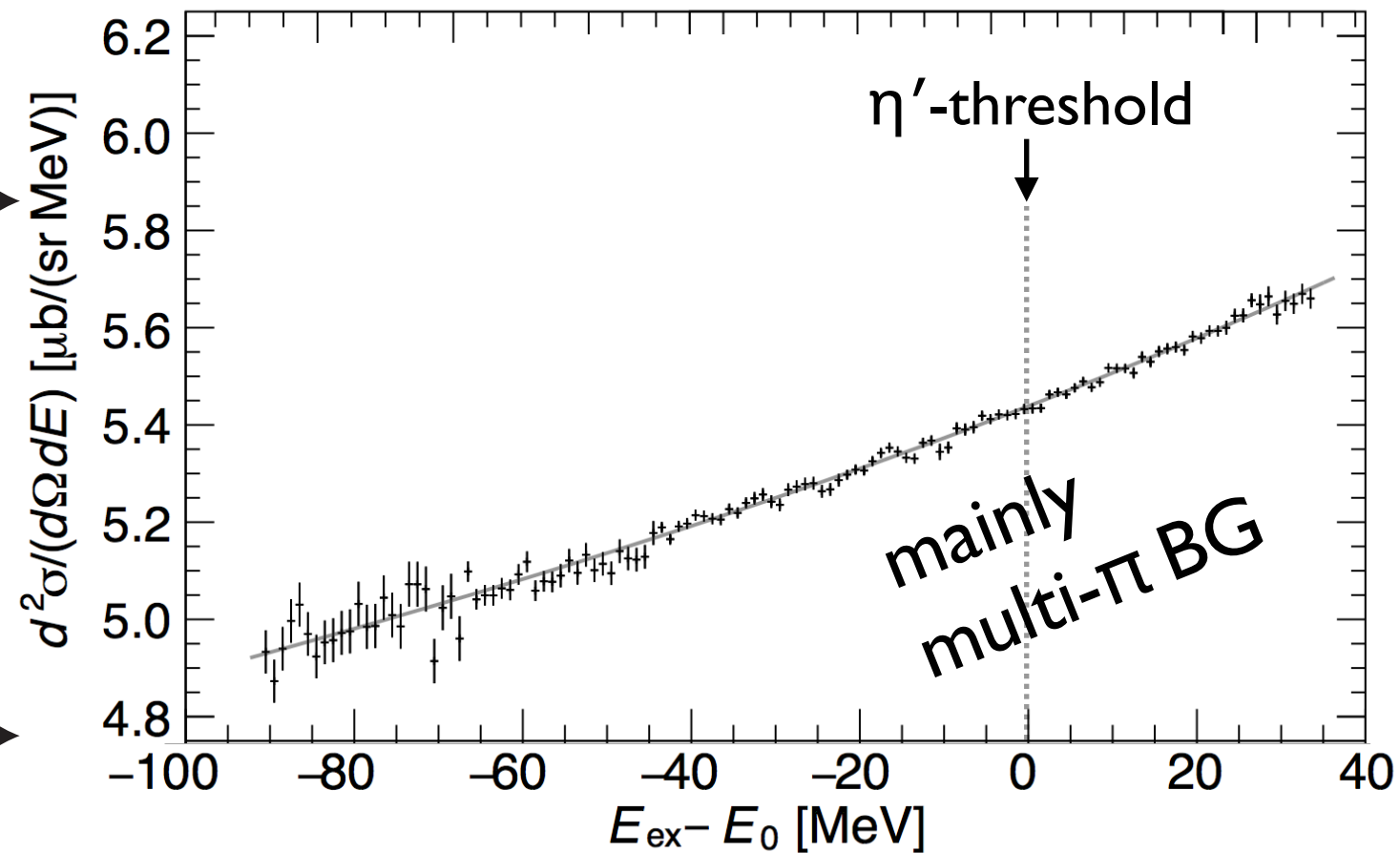
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Step1: Missing-mass of (p,d) **inclusive** measurement



S437 $^{12}\text{C}(p,d)$ in 2014 at FRS/GSI

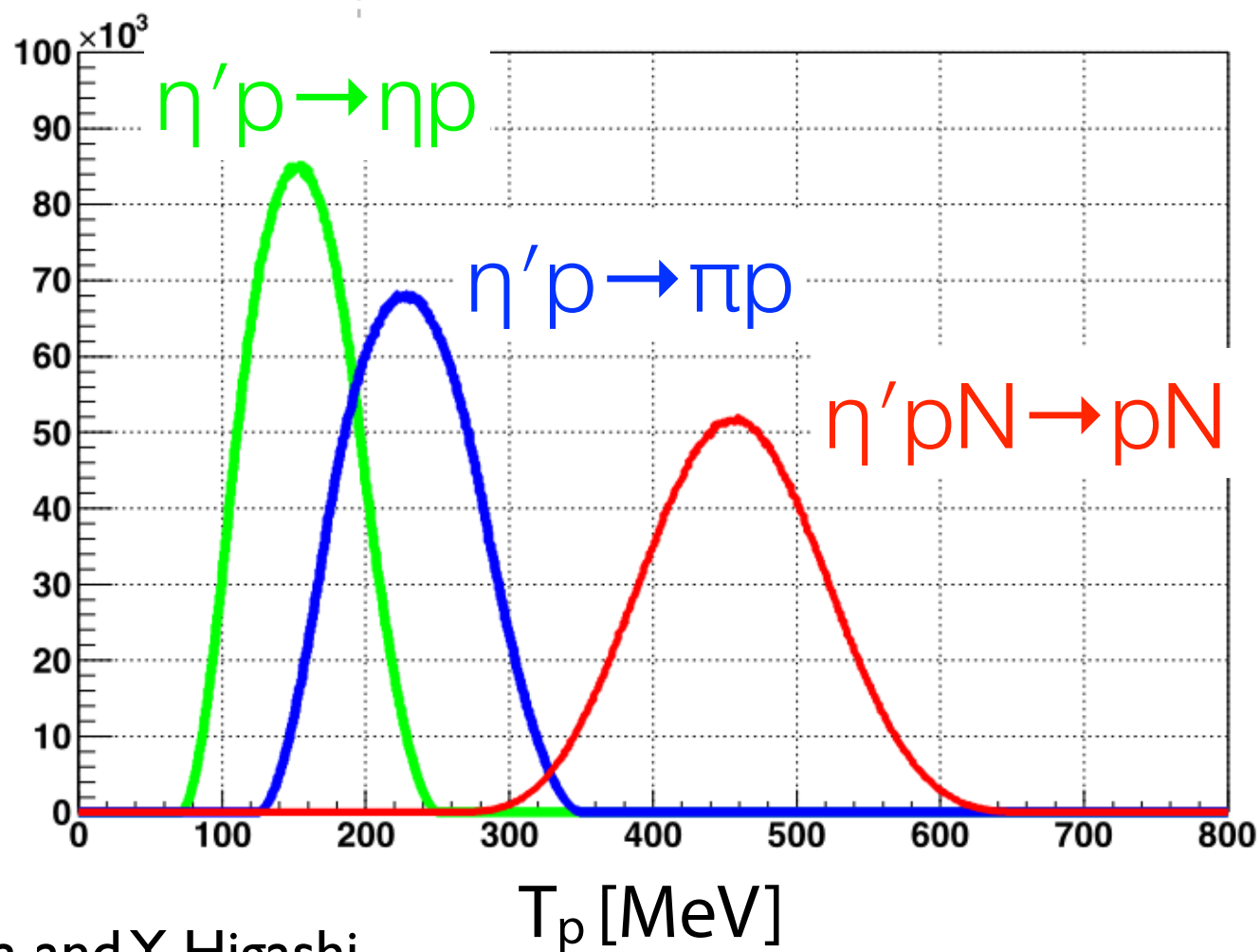
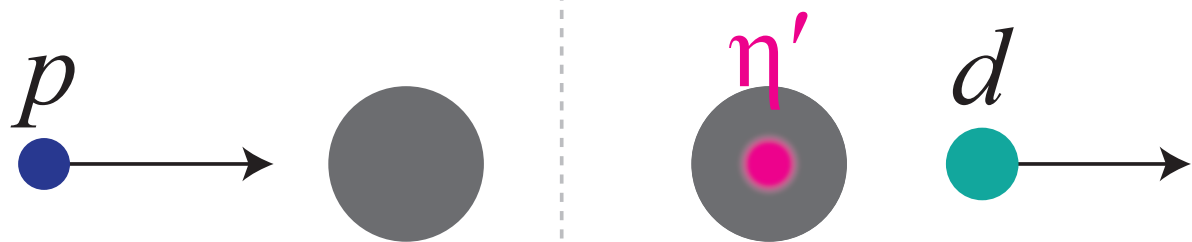


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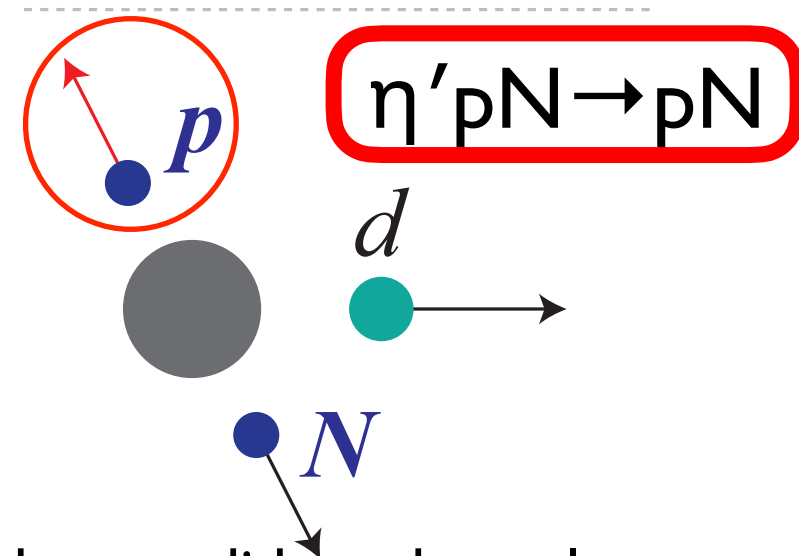
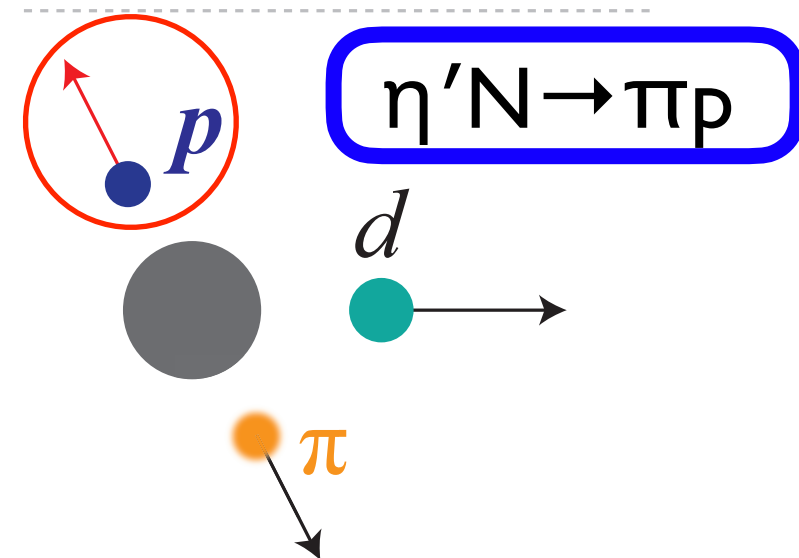
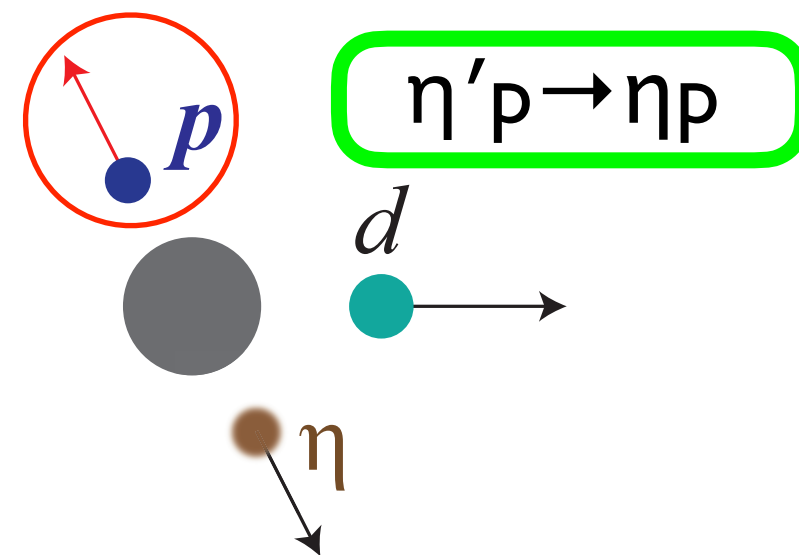
We achieved extremely high statistical sensitivity demonstrating very good performance of FRS. But, no peak was observed. Major BG=multi π . S/BG cross sections must be $\sim 1/100$

Step 2: **Semi-exclusive** measurement of $^{12}\text{C}(p,d)$ reaction (GSI-S490, 2022)

Signal



3 major decay modes of η' -mesic nuclei

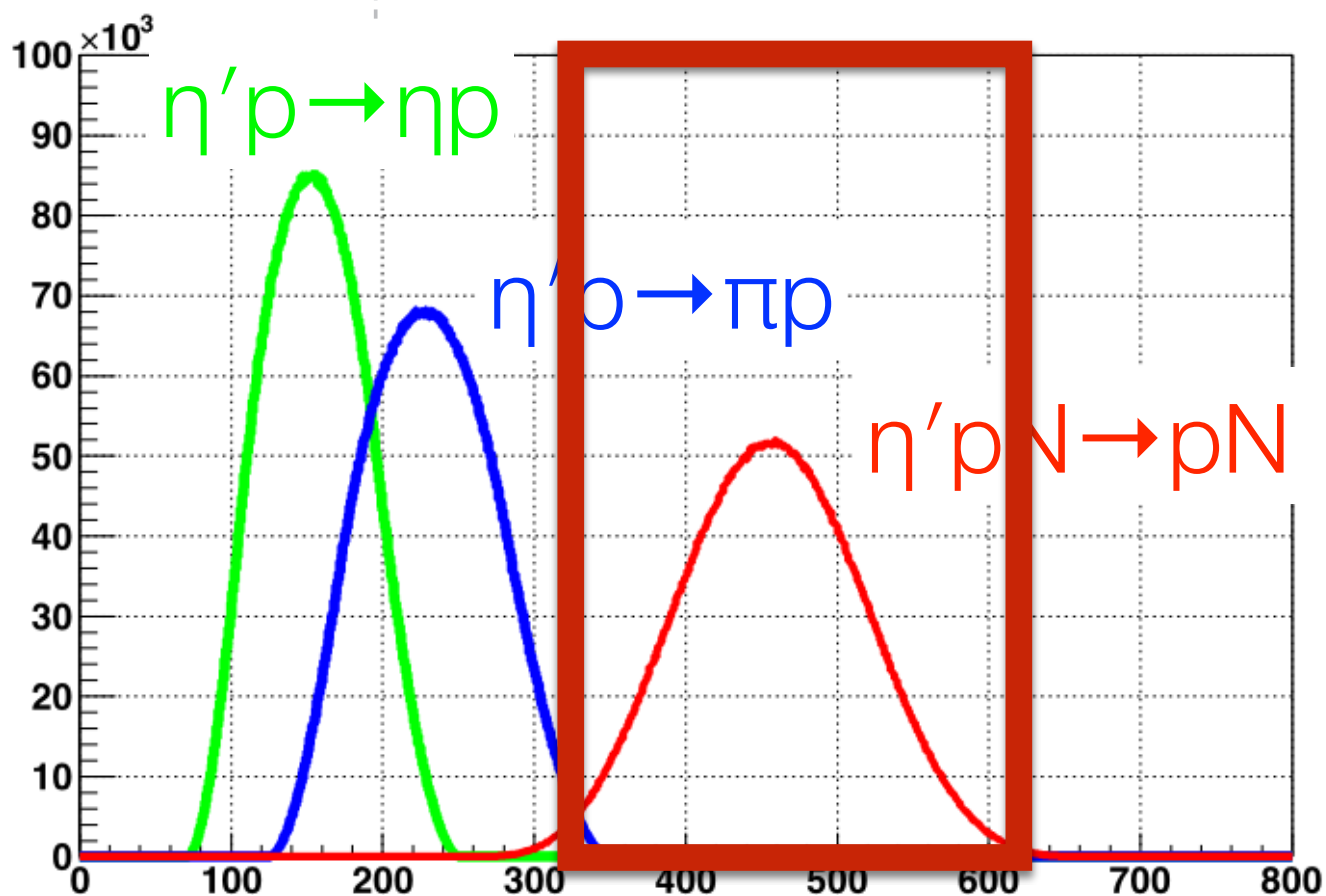


Other candidate channels: ωp or $K\Lambda$

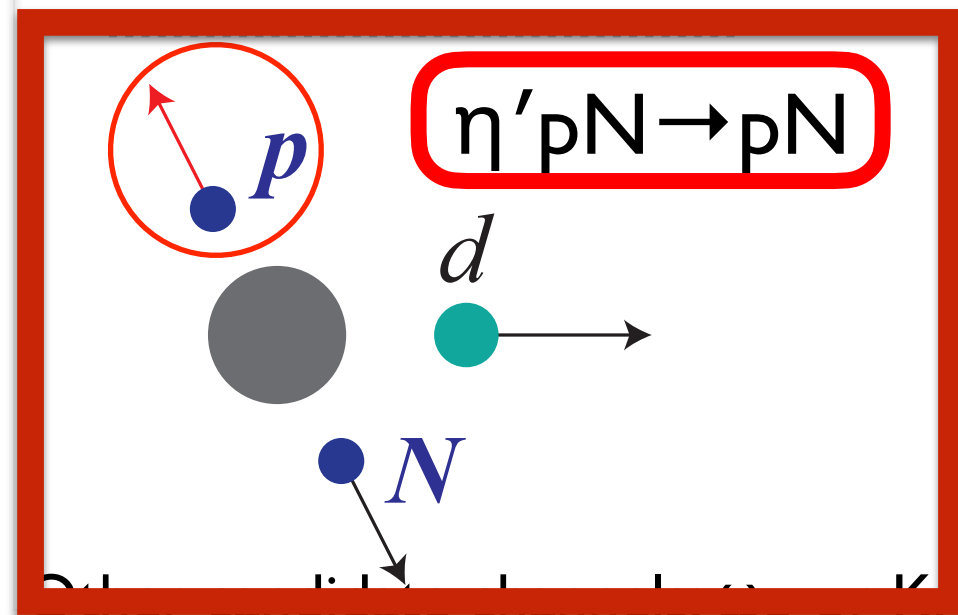
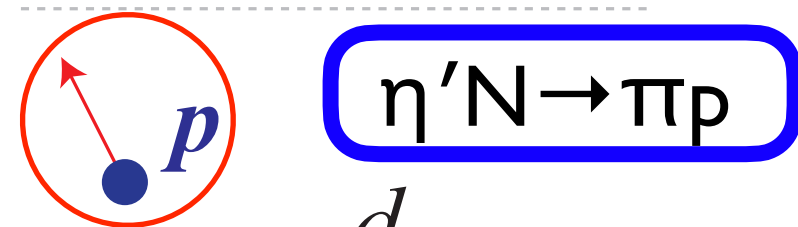
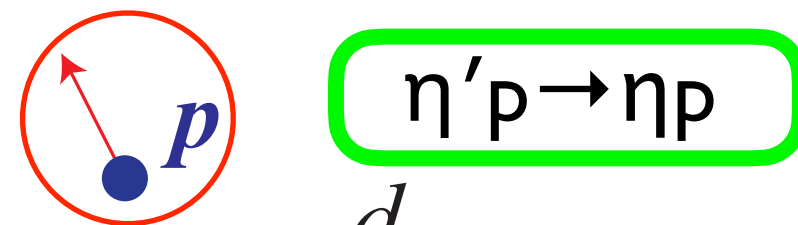
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p

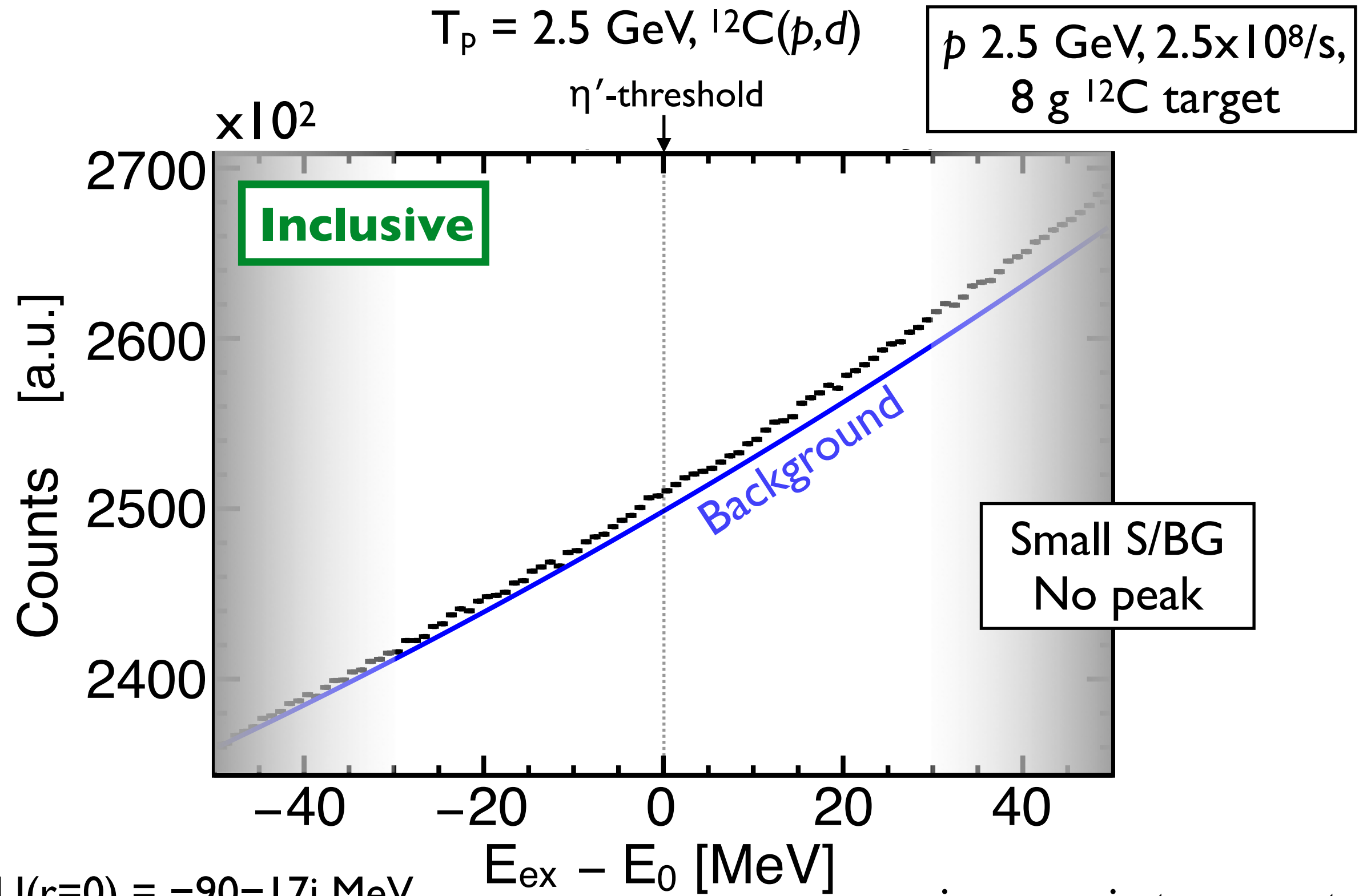
Detect p (300-600 MeV) emitted in the decay of η' -nuclei for semi-exclusive measurement.
 $f \sim 100$ improvement in S/BG



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Expected spectrum in 4 days of DAQ at FRS



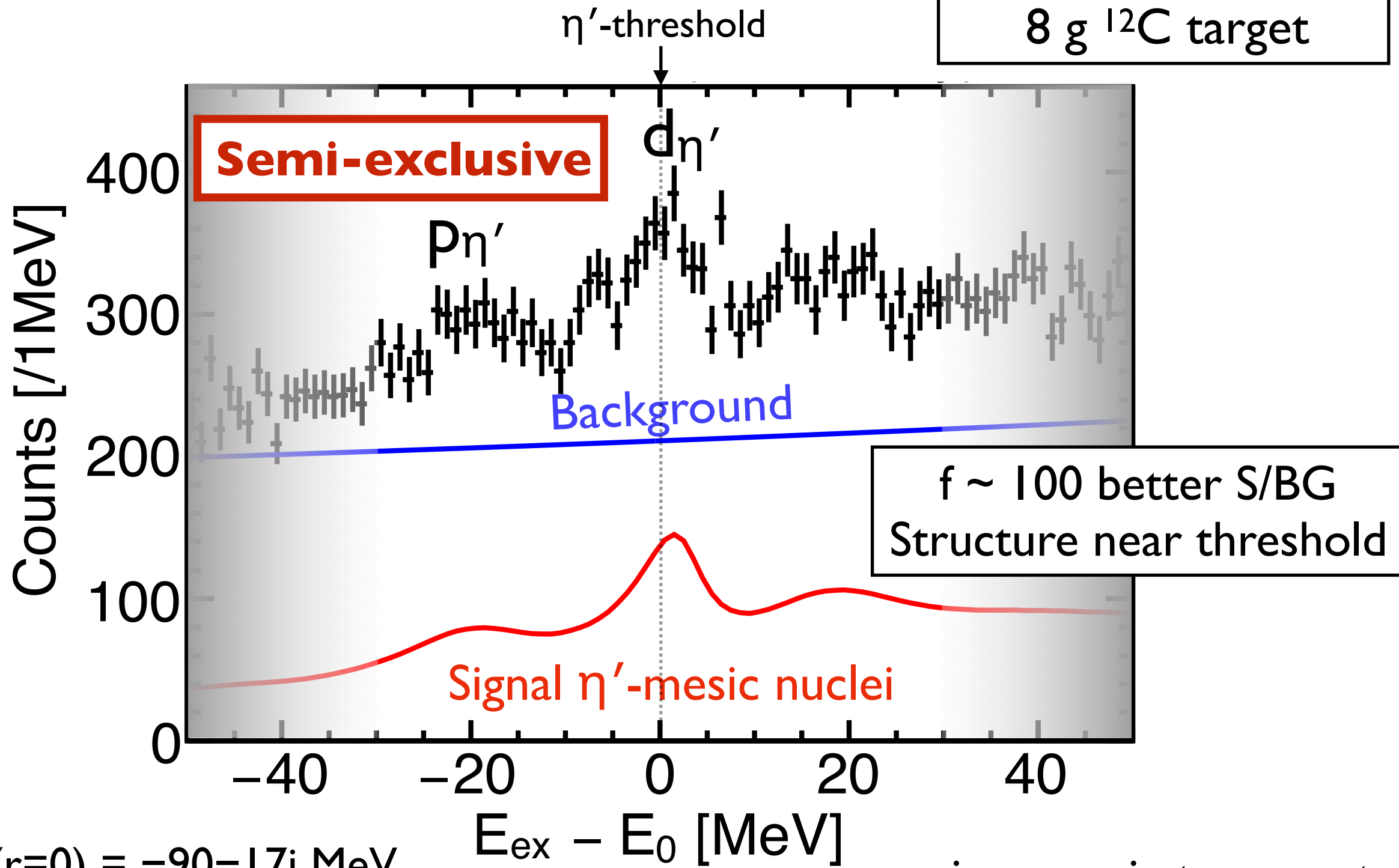
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microscopic transport
simulation

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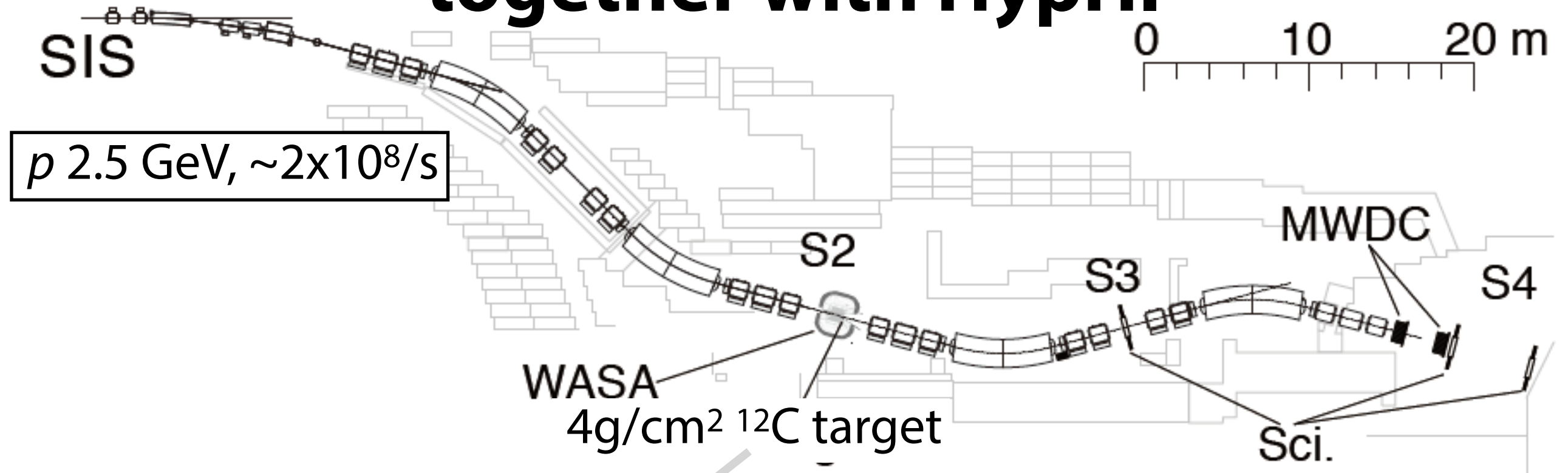
p 2.5 GeV, $2.5 \times 10^8/\text{s}$,
8 g ${}^{12}\text{C}$ target



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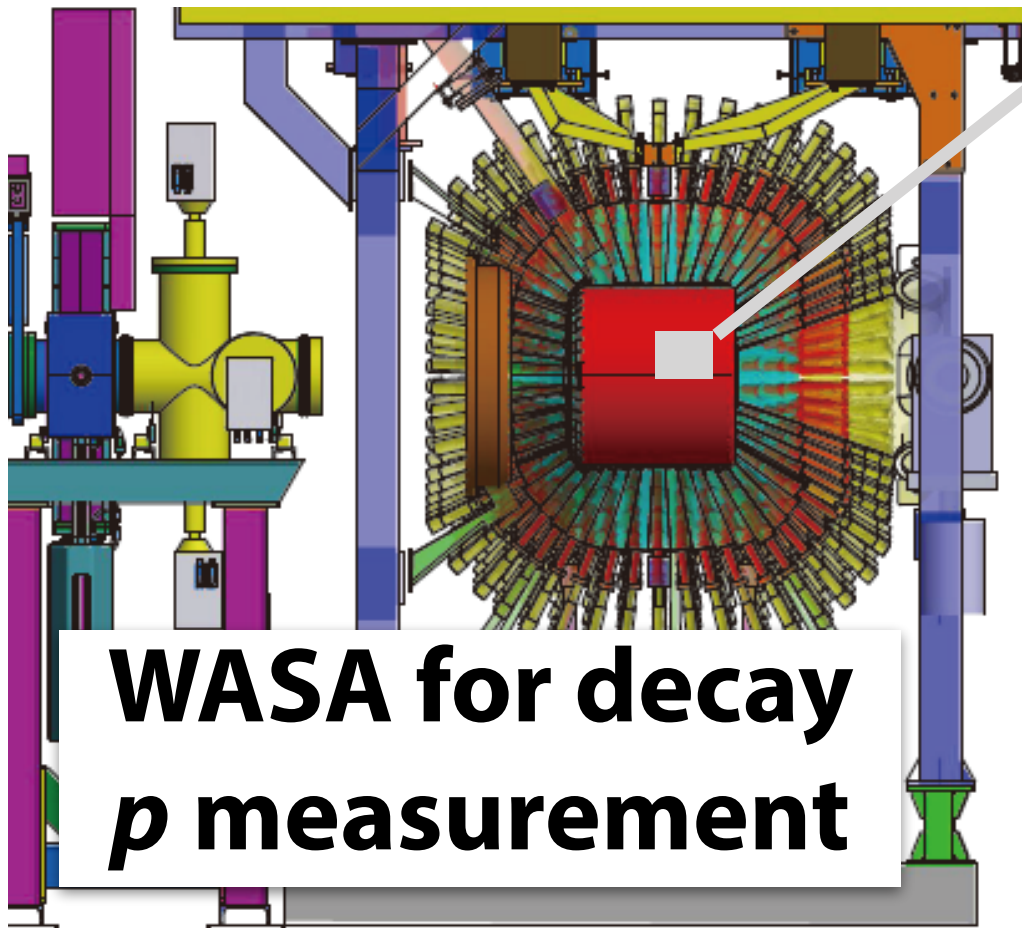
Experimental setup : $^{12}\text{C}(p,dp)$ in Feb. 2022 together with HypHI



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**Momentum analysis of (p,d)
for Missing Mass Spectroscopy**

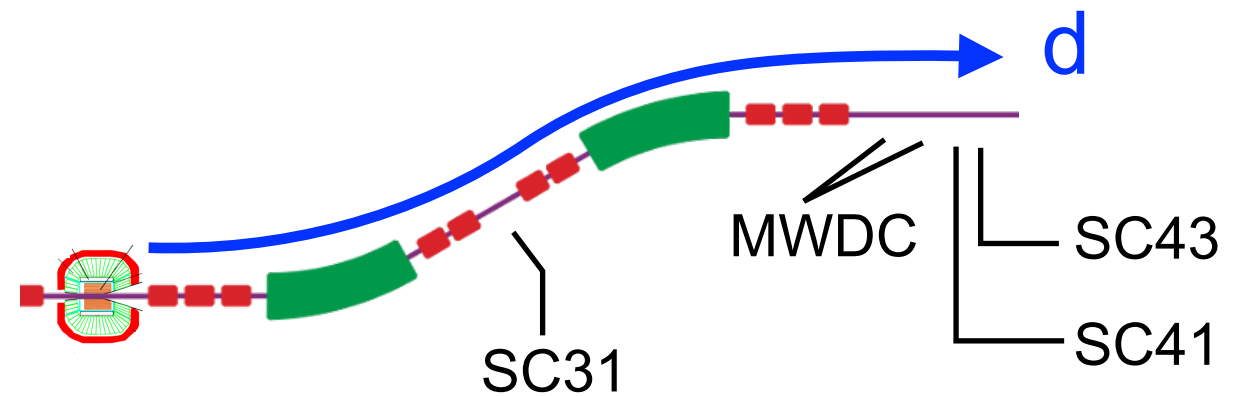
**Combination of forward
high-res. spectrometer and
large solid angle detector**

**WASA for decay
 p measurement**

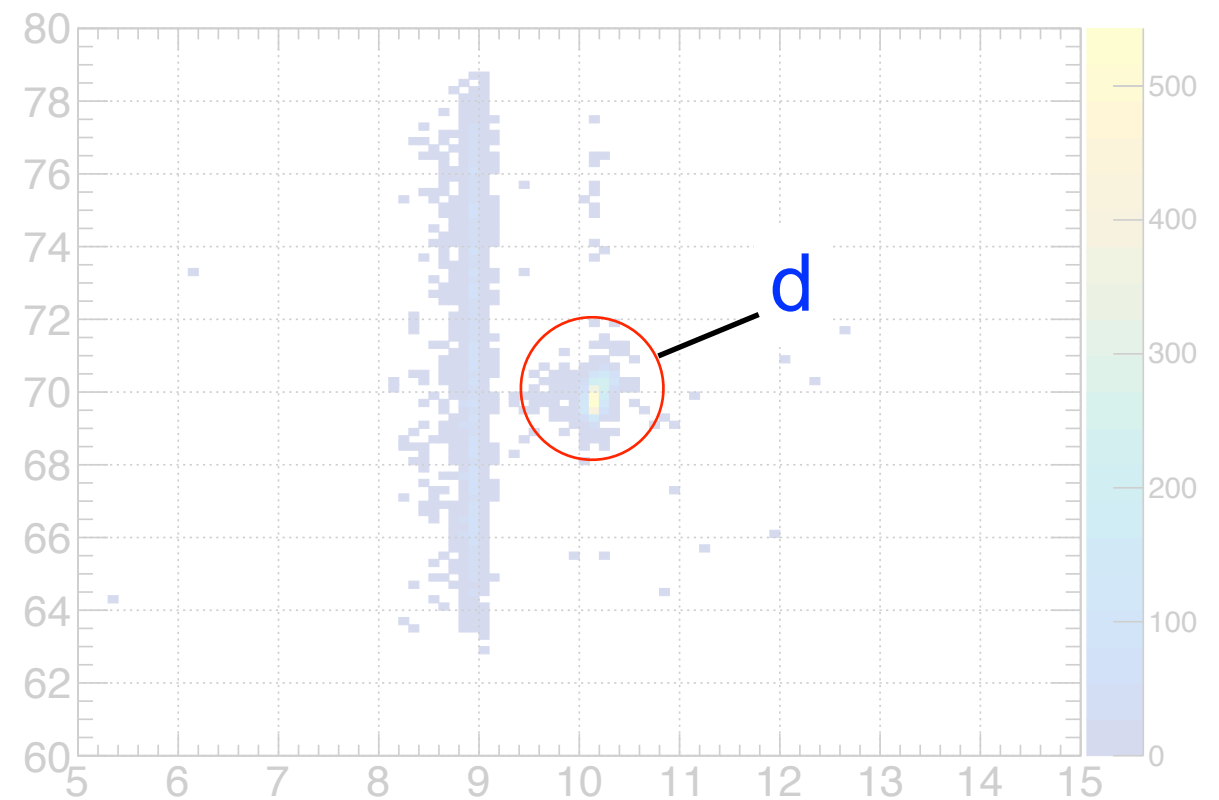
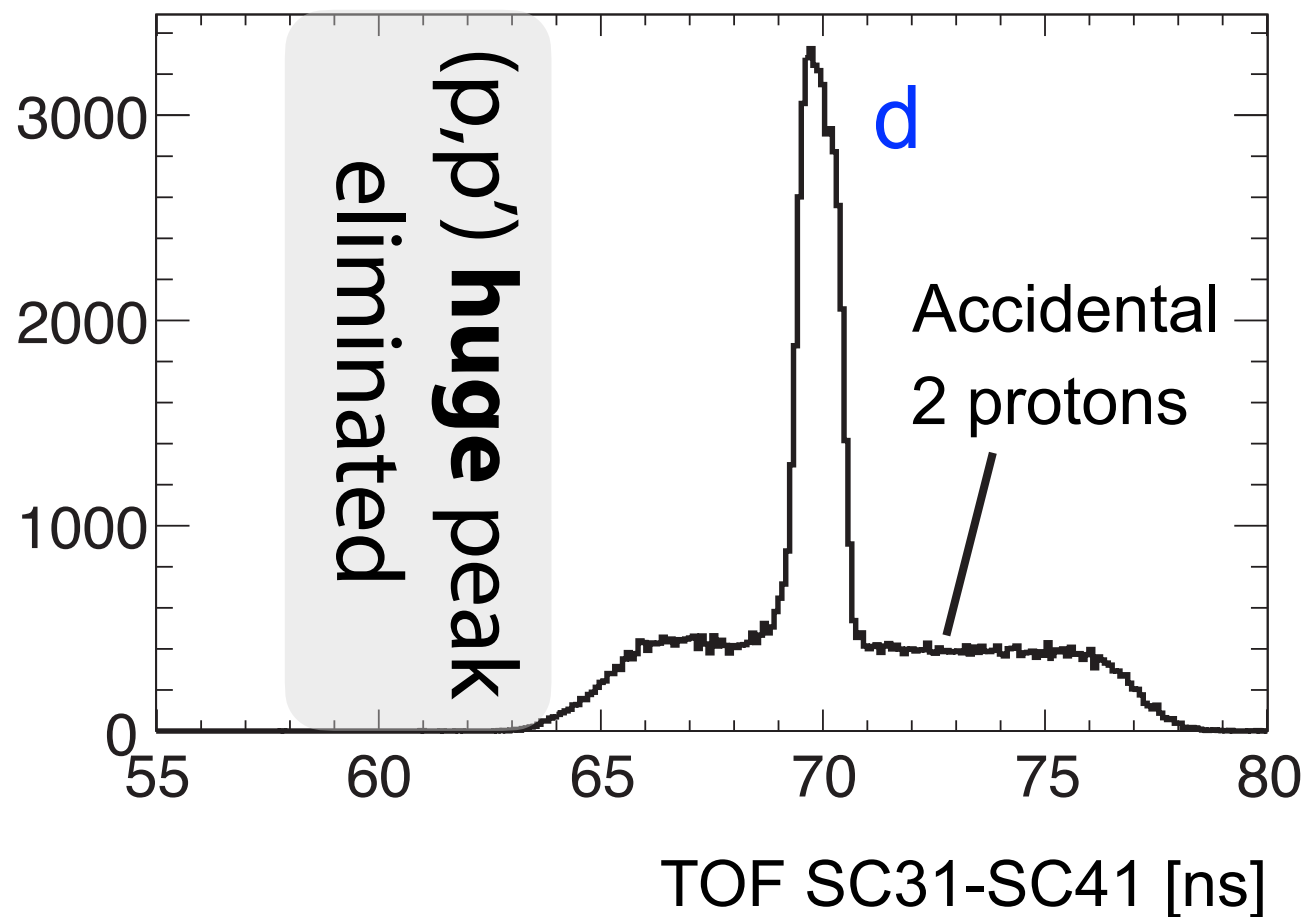


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p/d ratio at S4 > 1000
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→ p/d ratio ~10

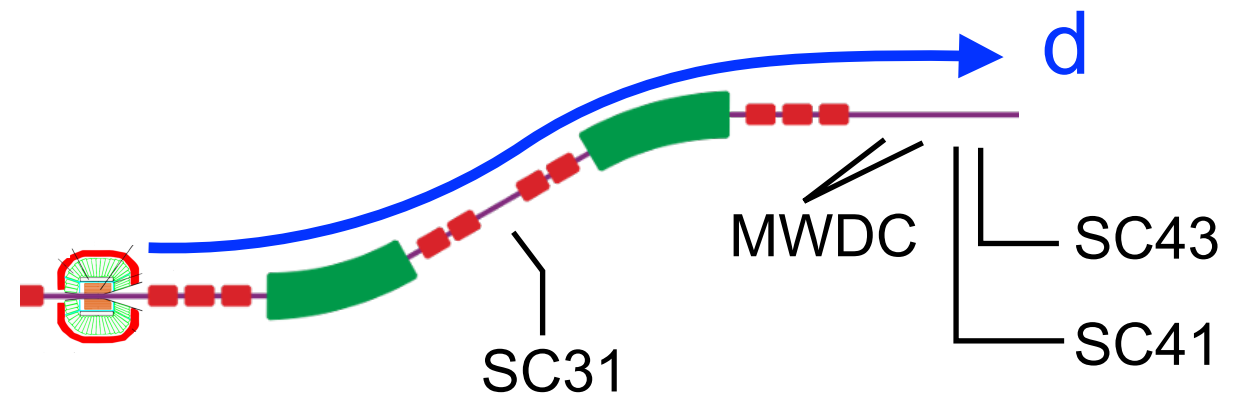


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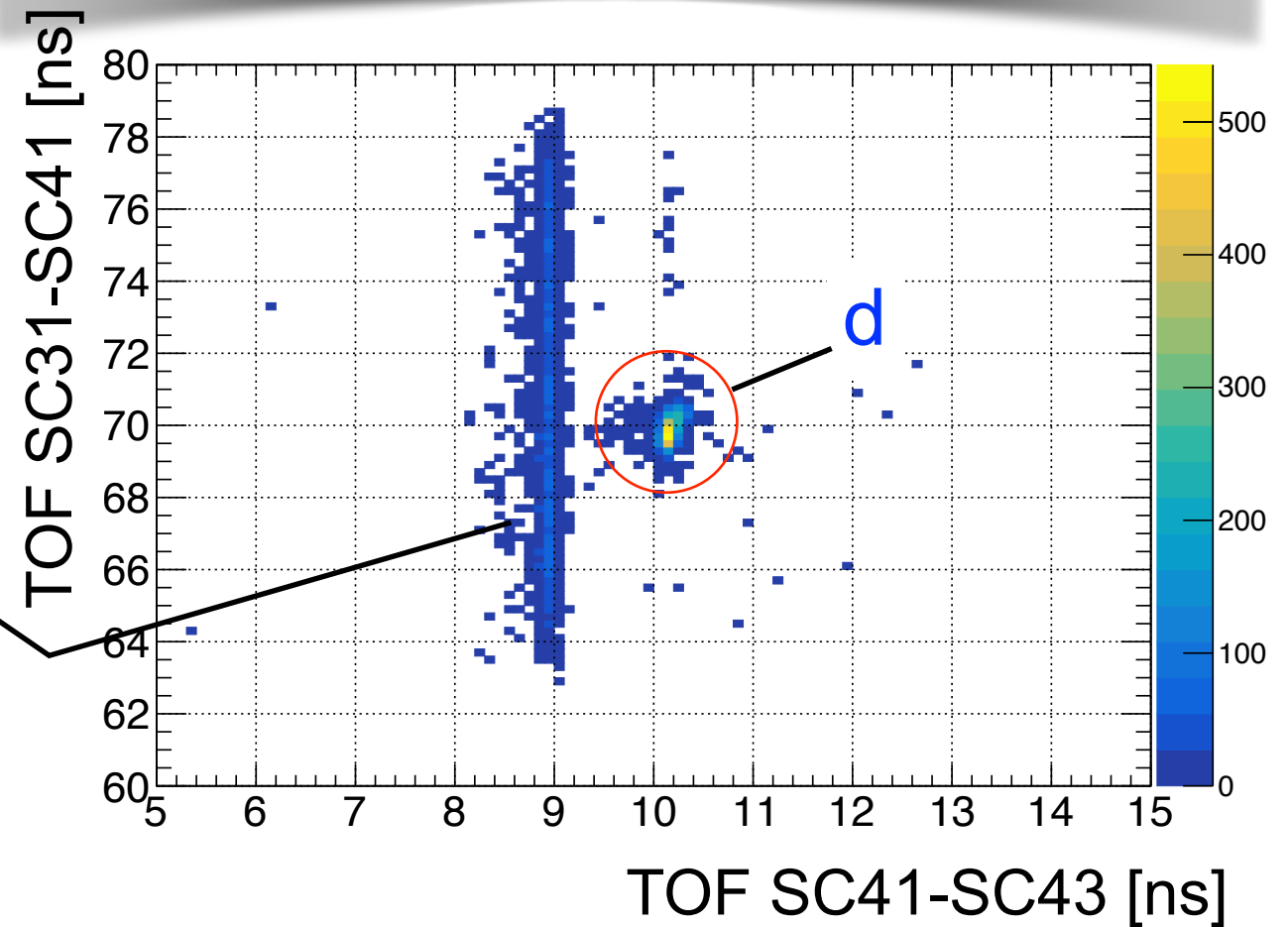
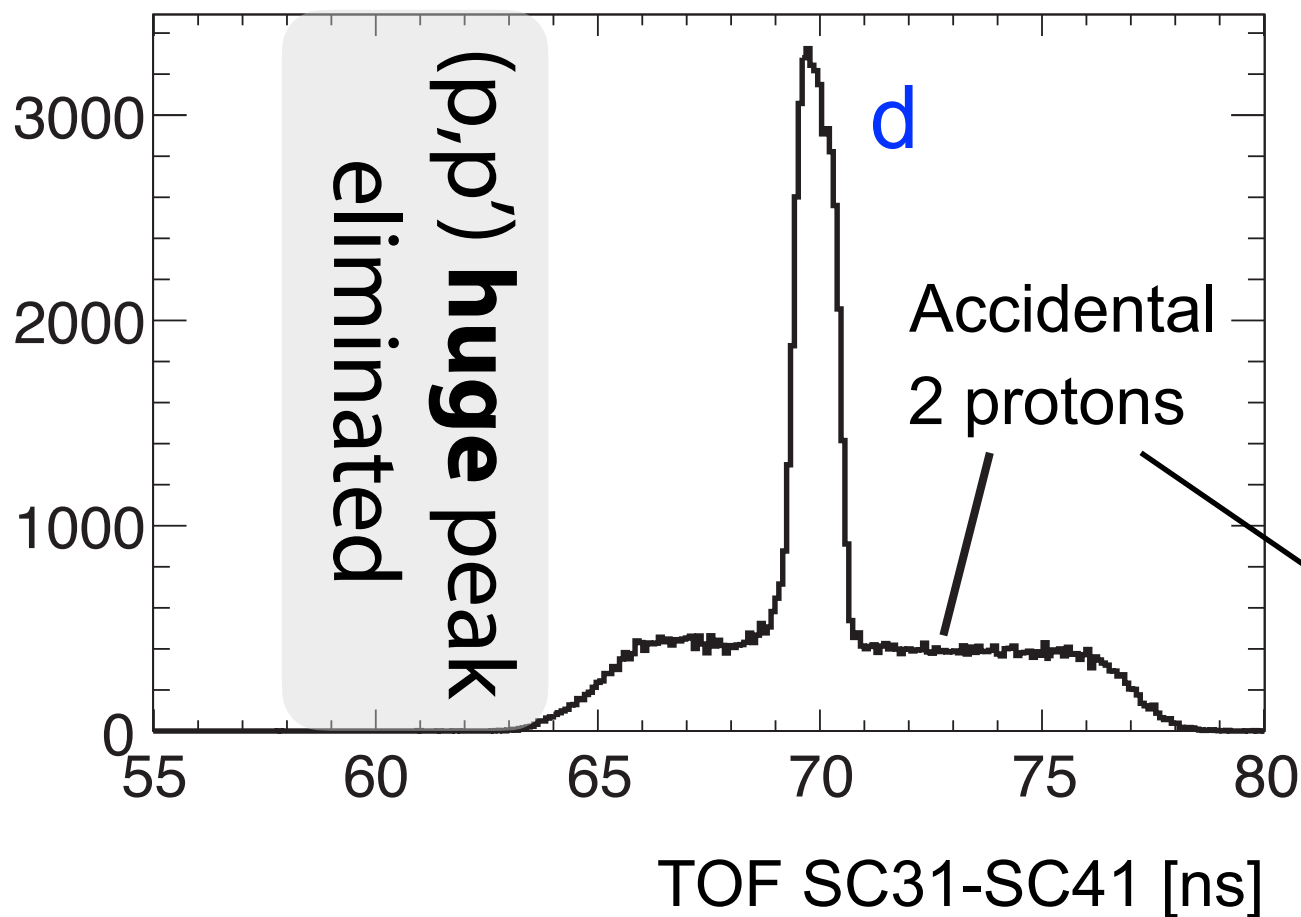
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SC31-SC41-SC43 TOF
made **perfect offline PID**

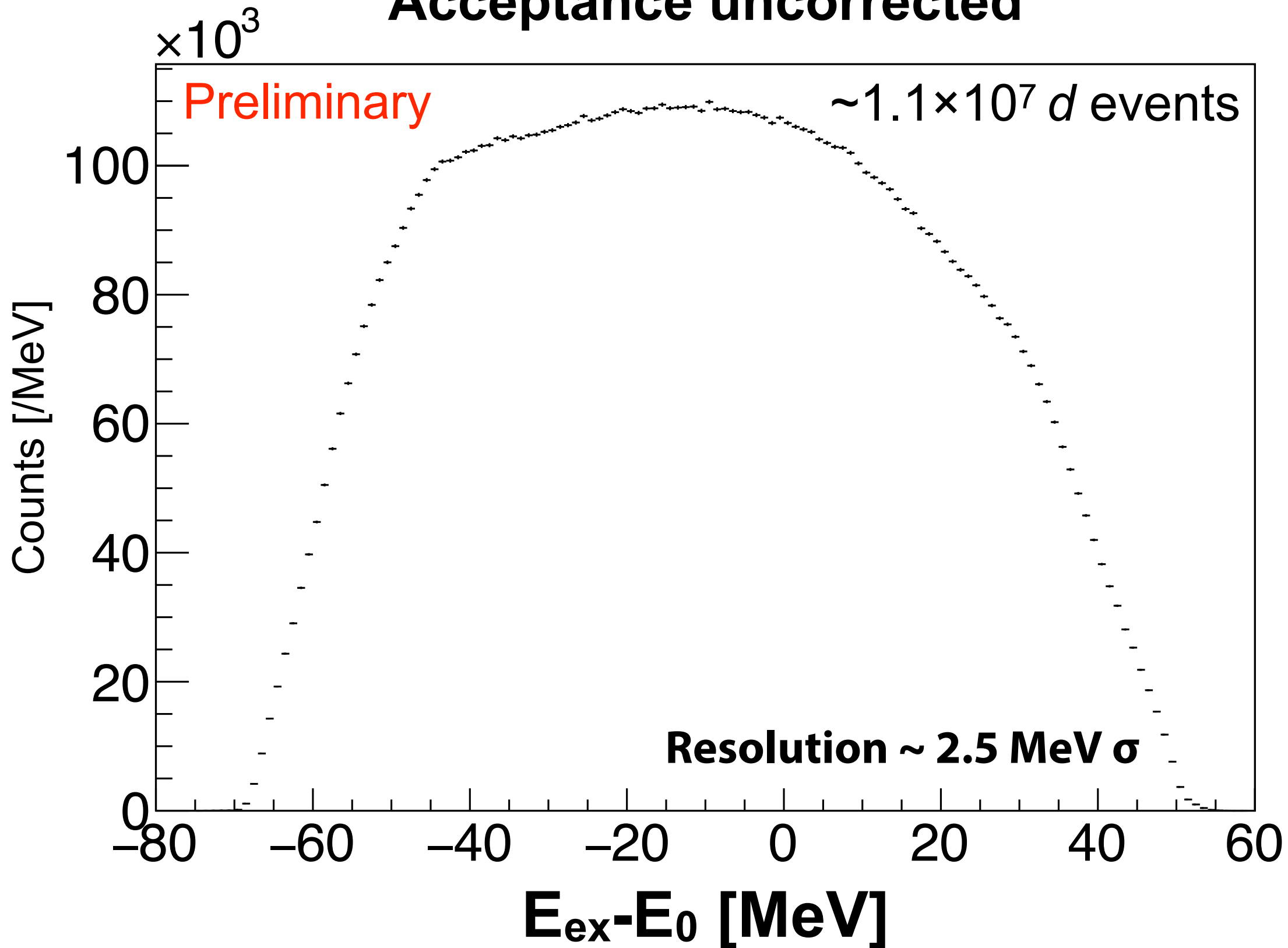
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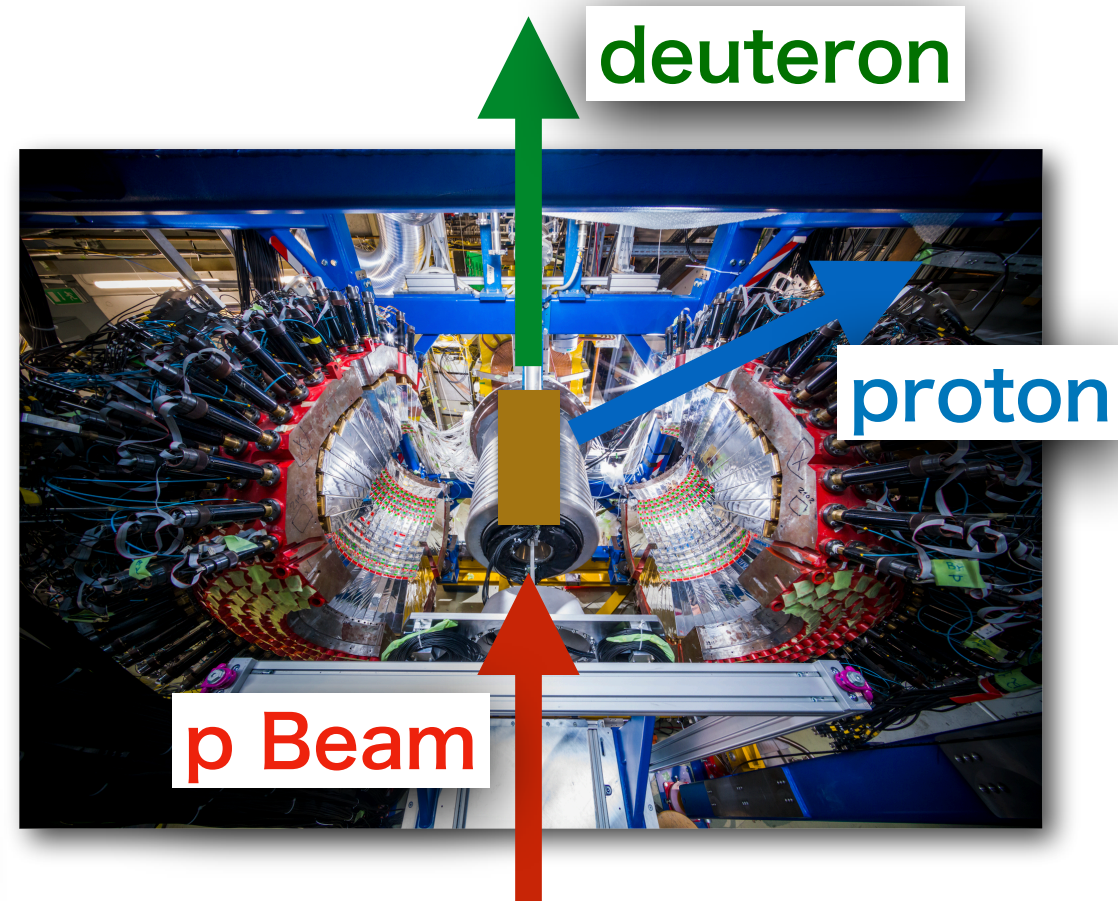
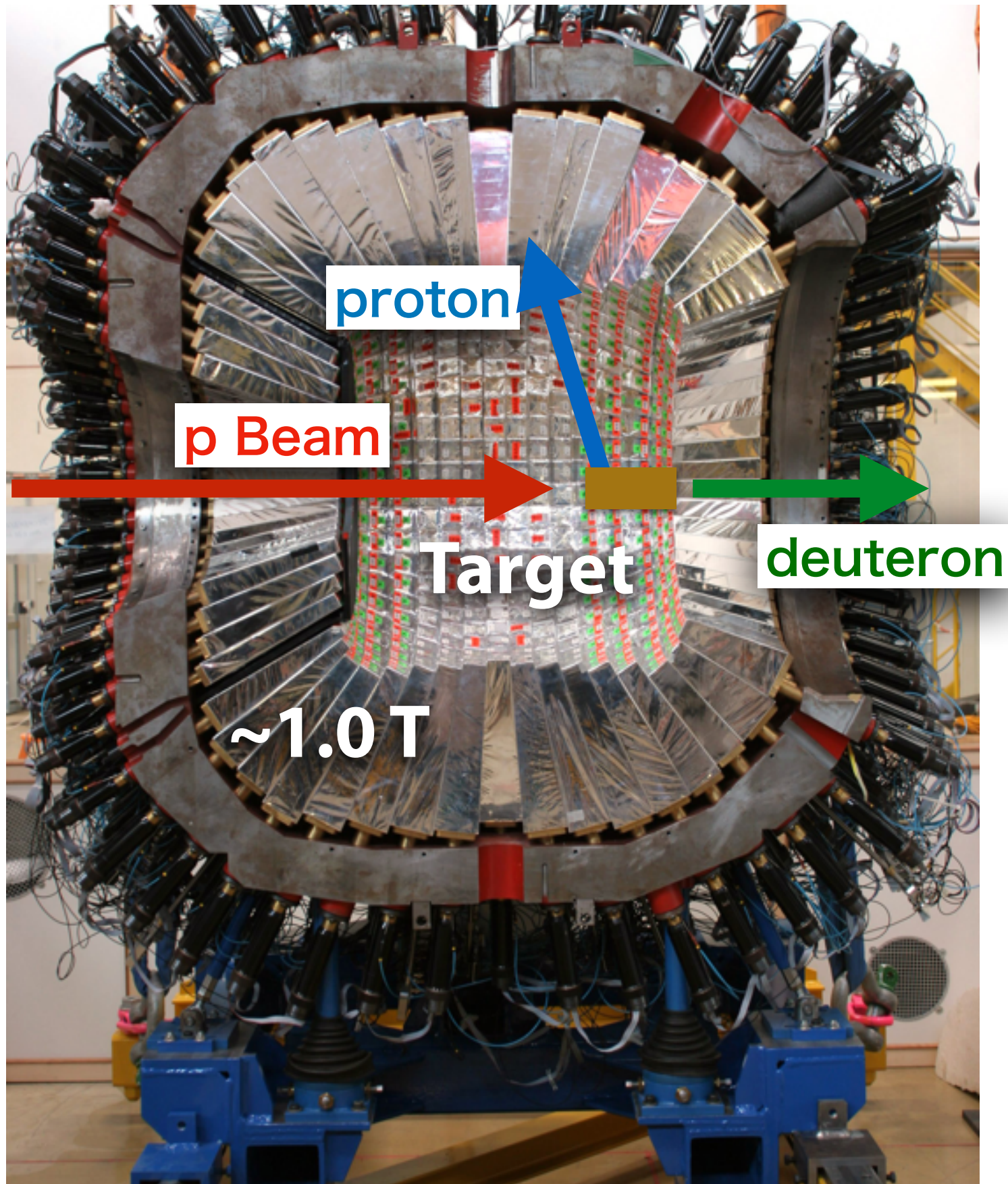
Inclusive Spectrum at S4

comparable to S437

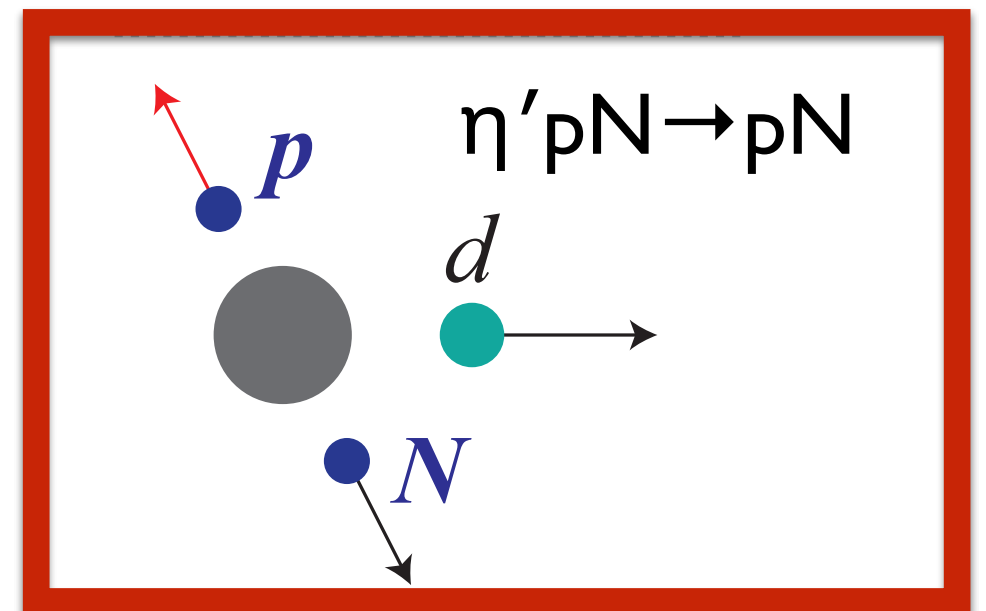
Acceptance uncorrected



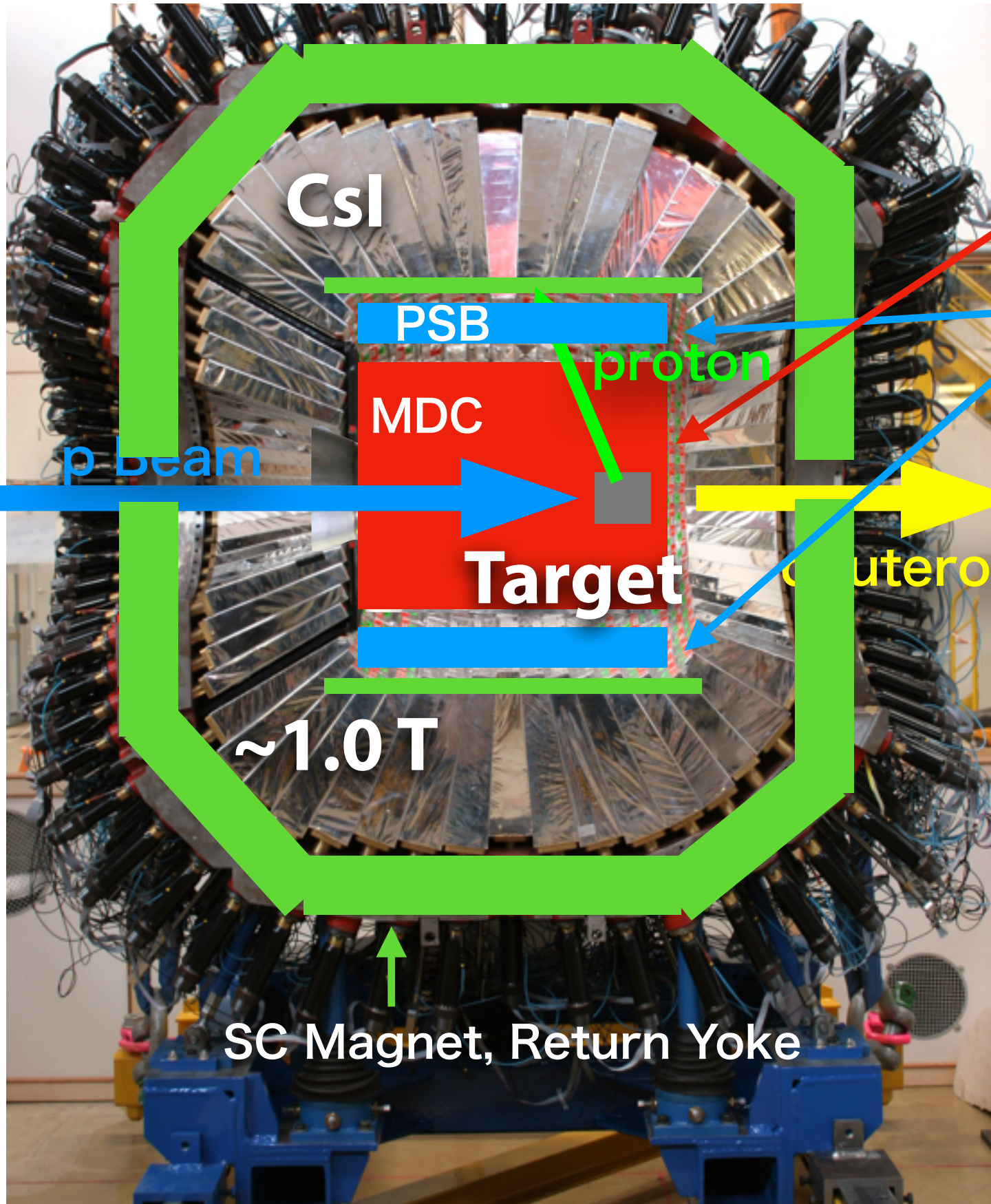
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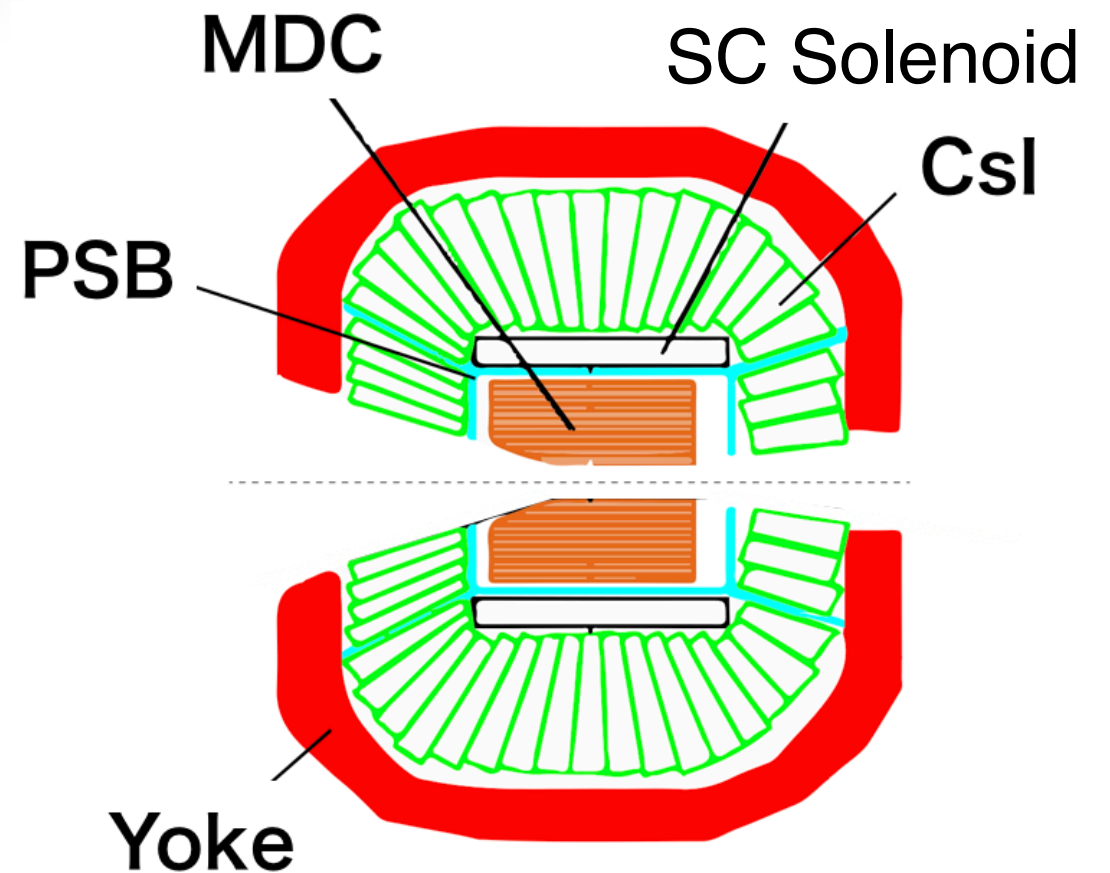
High energy proton tagging
in coincidence with *forward d*



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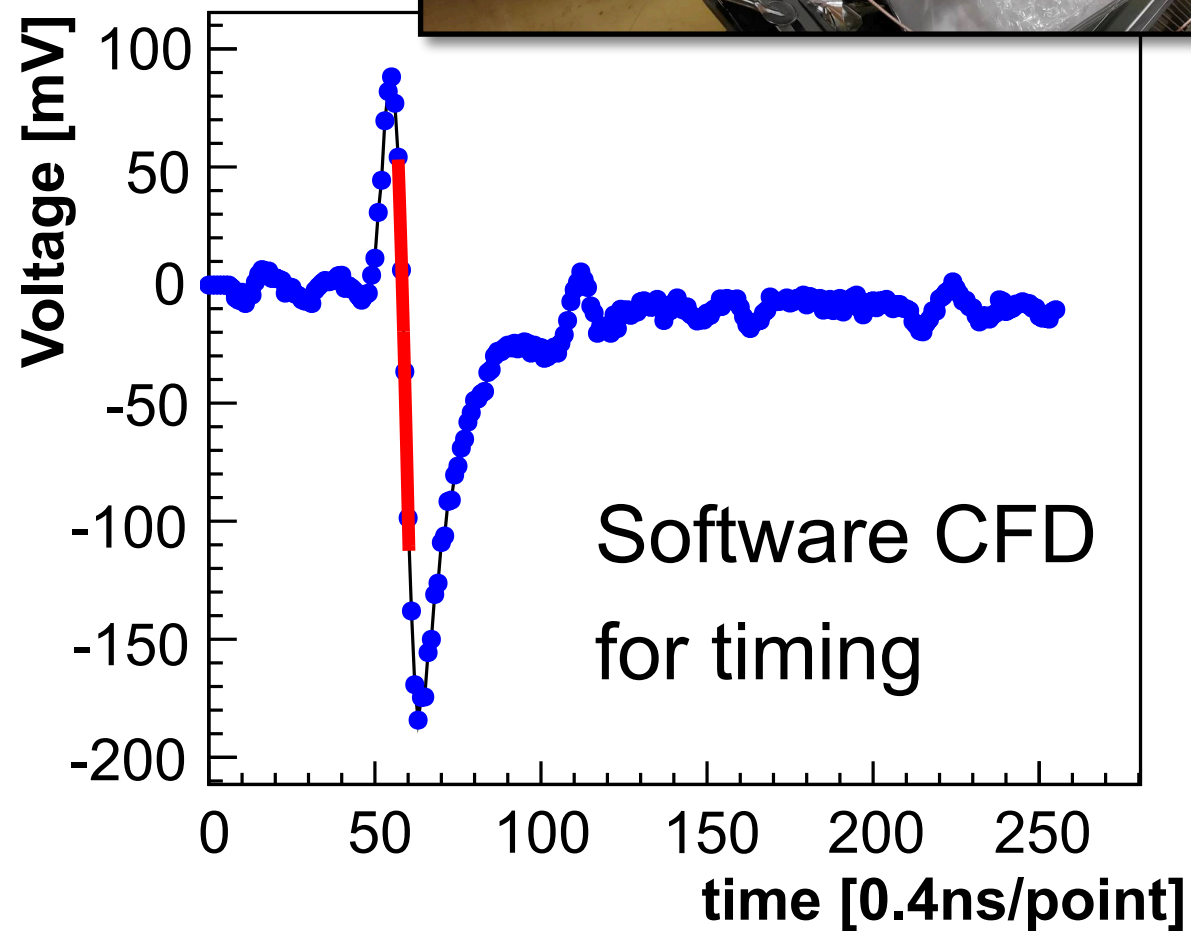
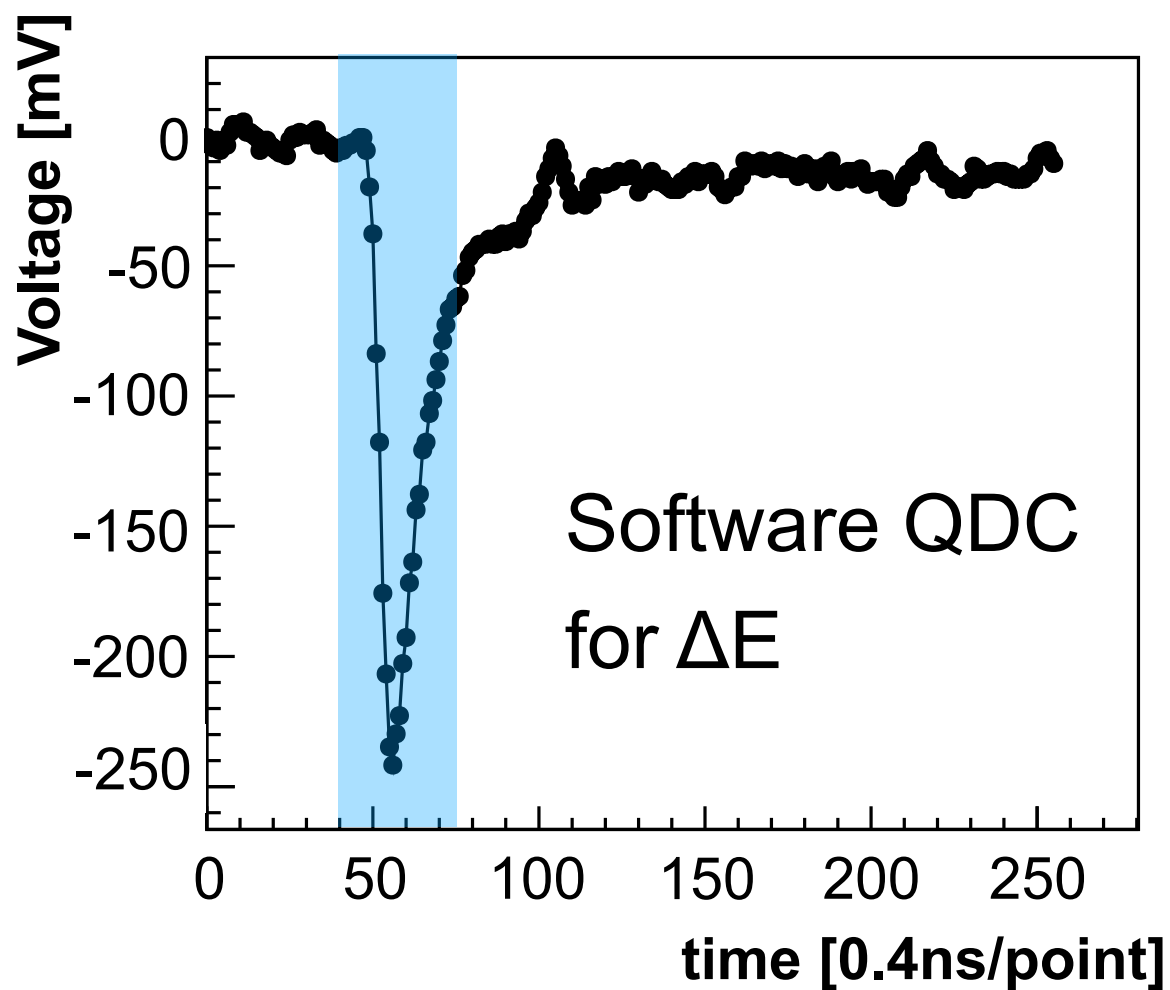
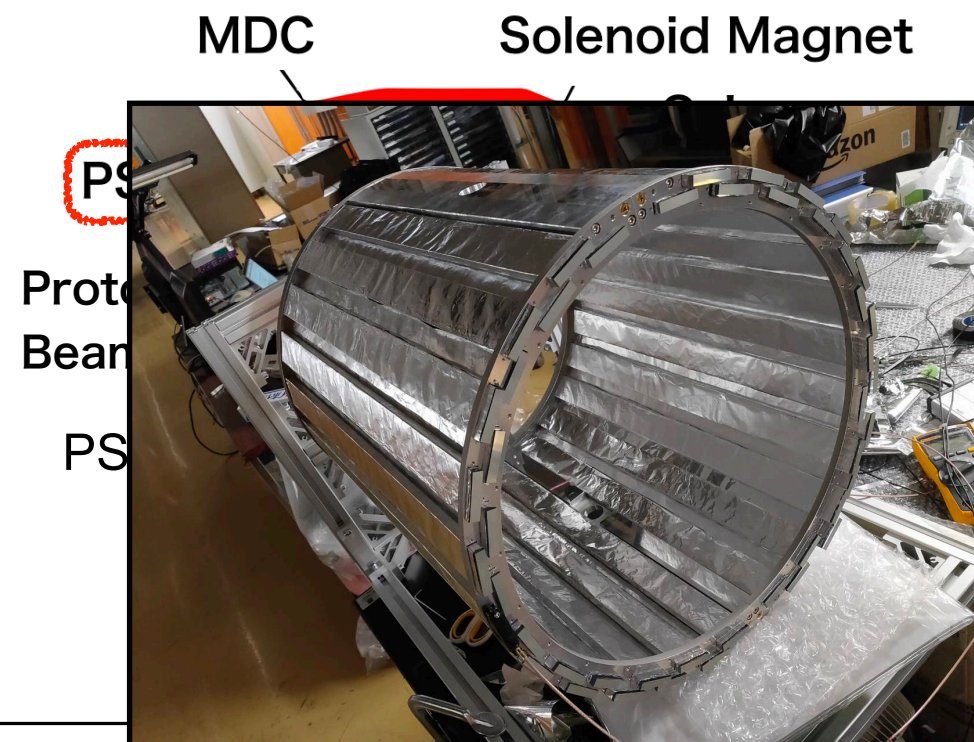


- MDC (Mini Drift Chamber)
Charged particle tracking
- PSB (Plastic Scintillator Barrel)
 ΔE + Timing measurement
- Csl
 γ detection for calibration



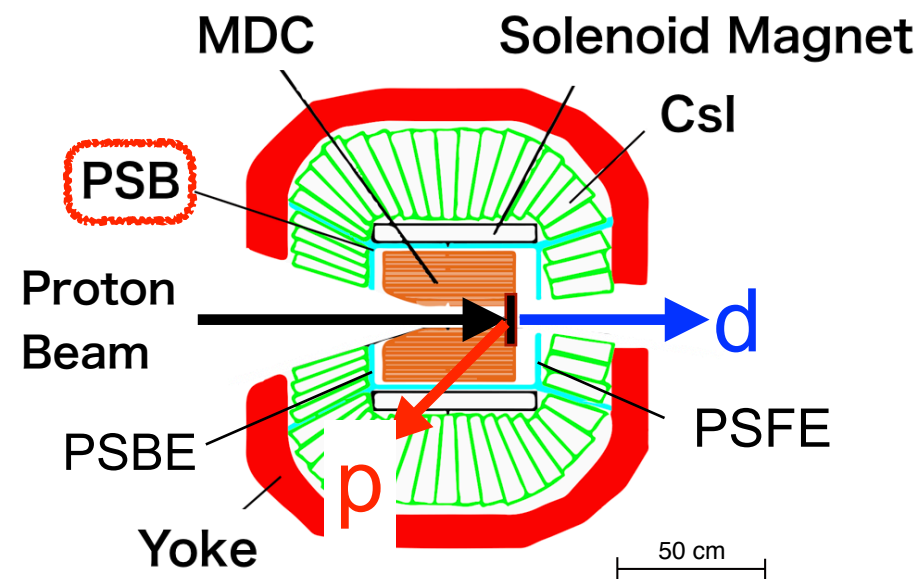
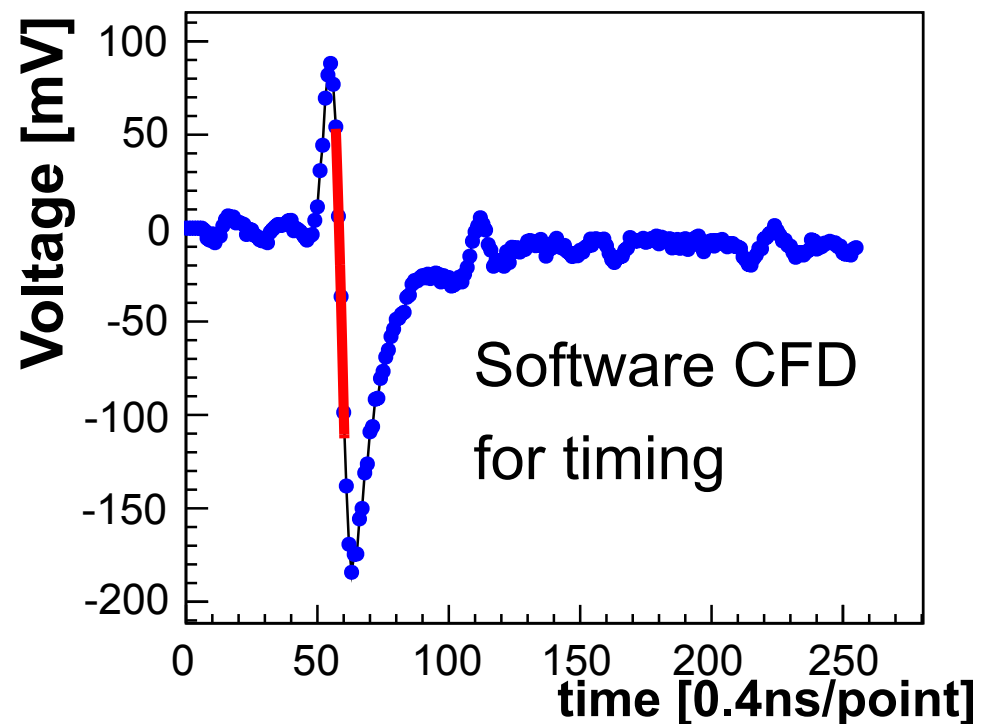
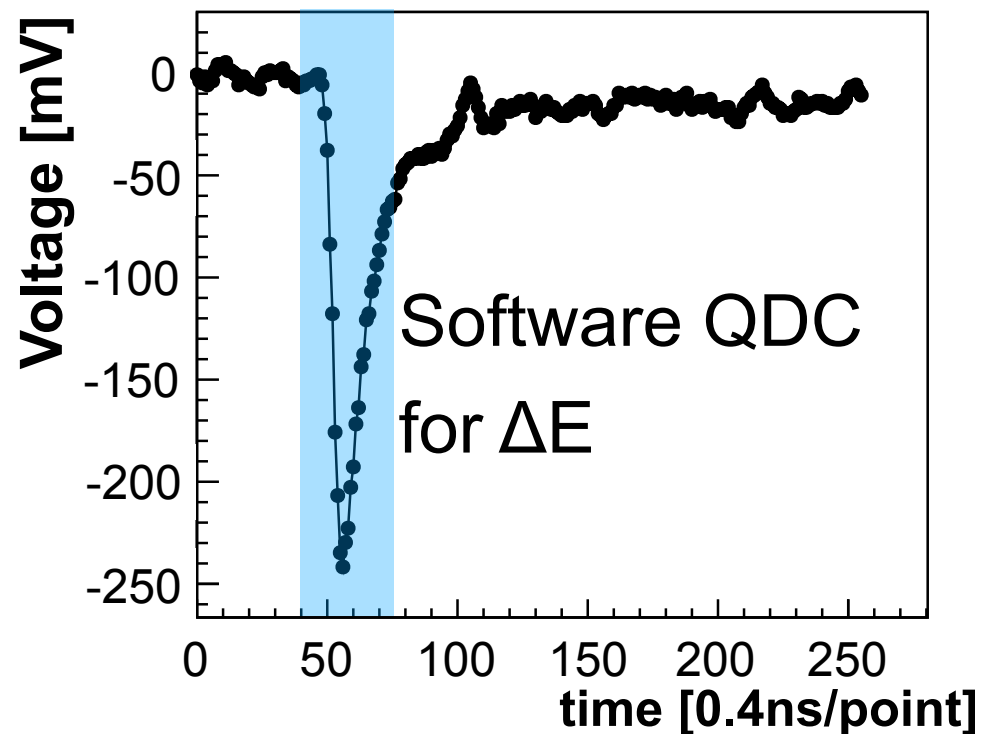
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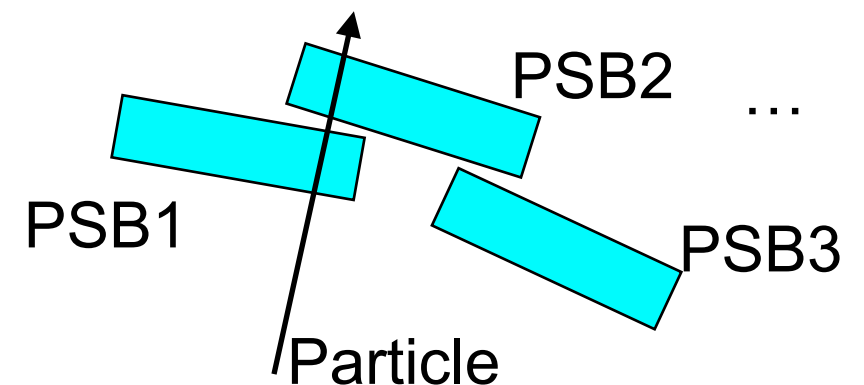
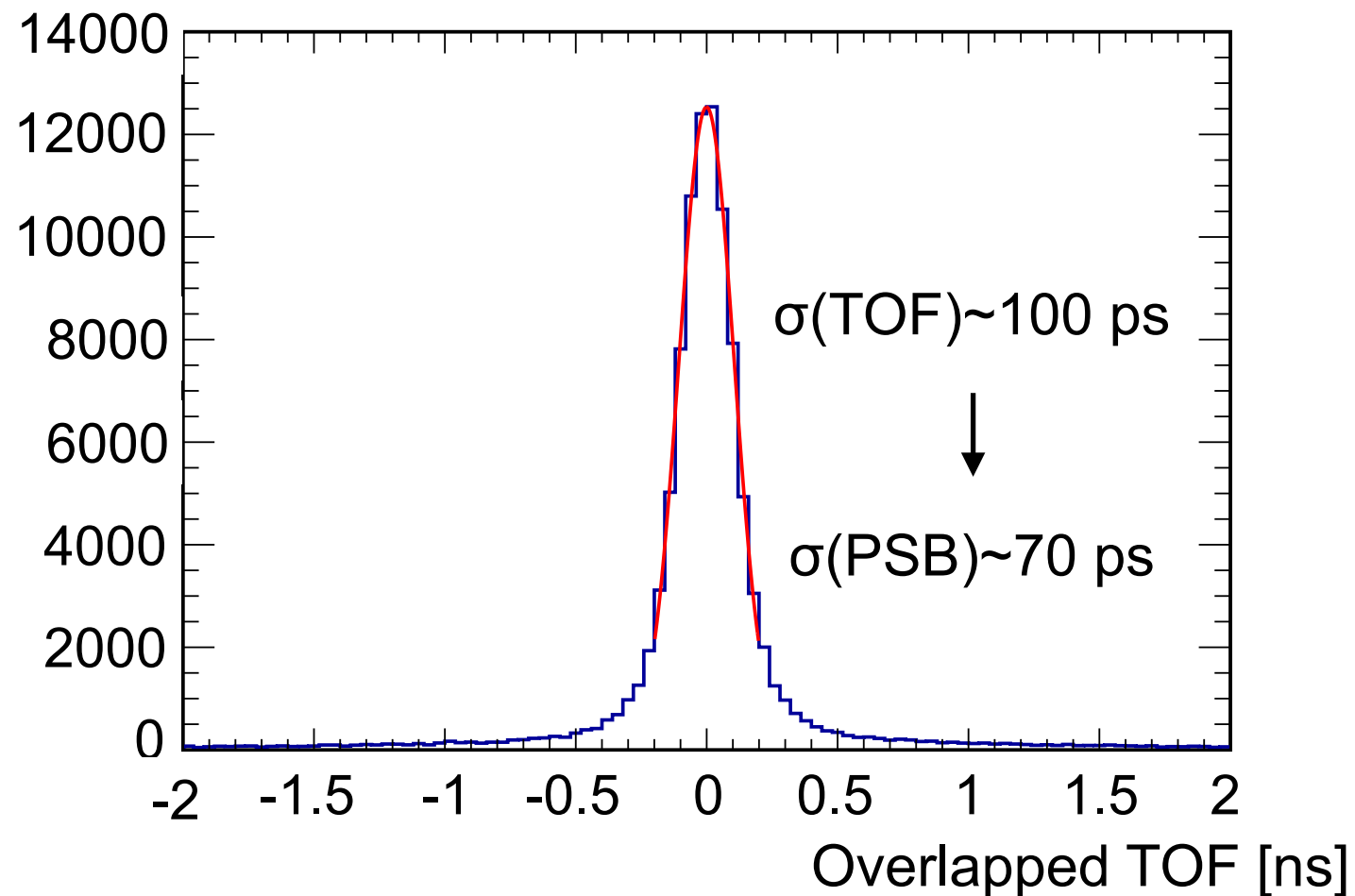
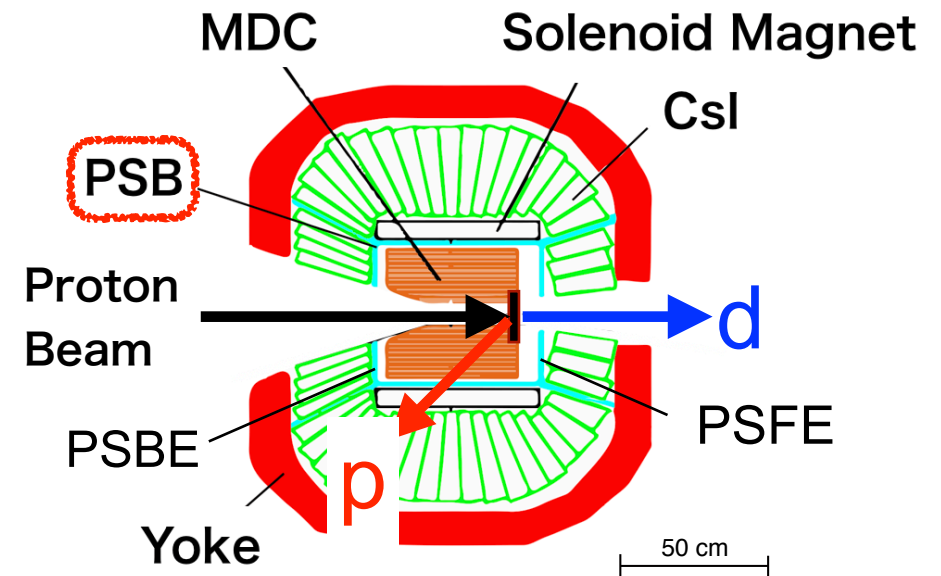
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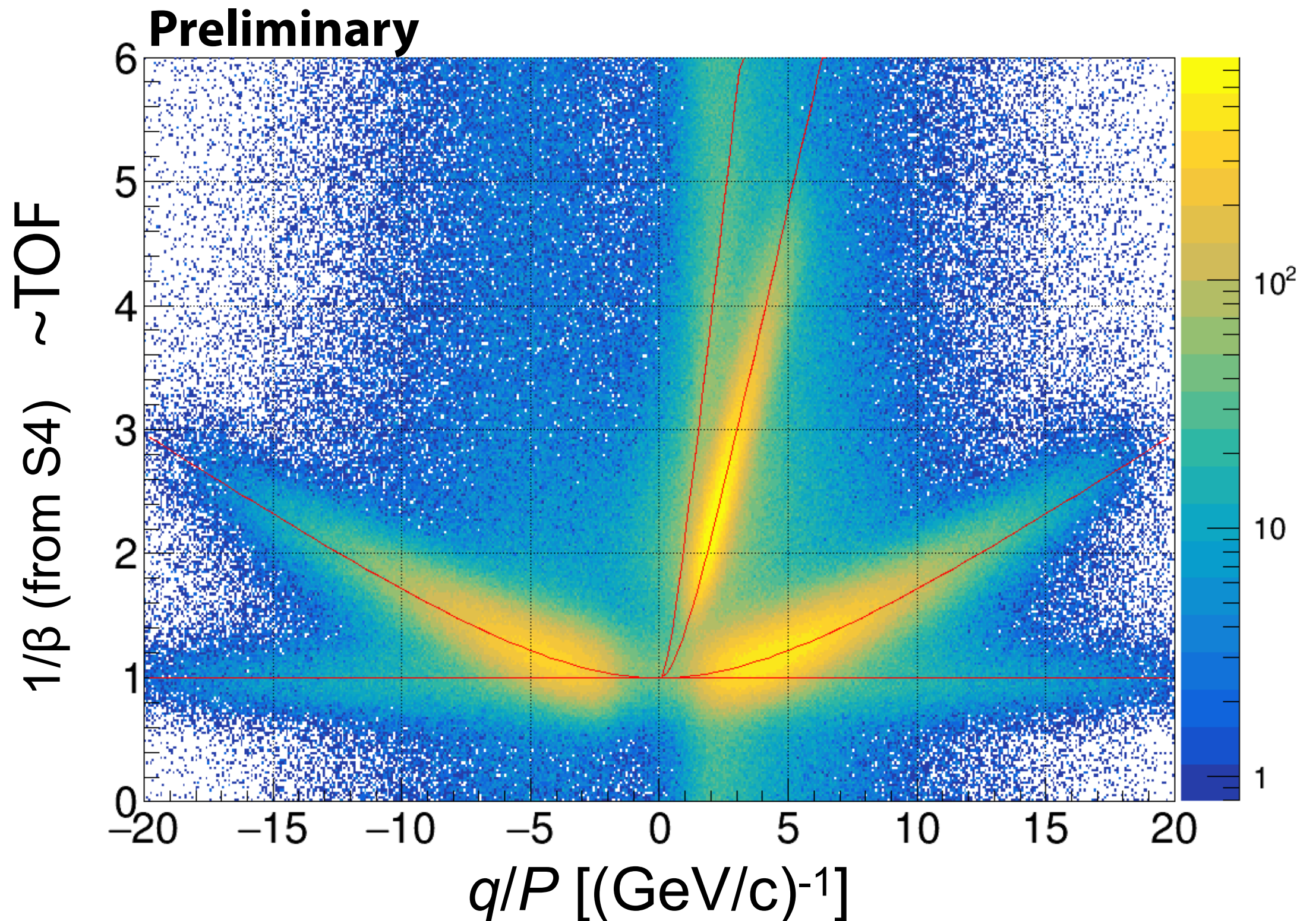
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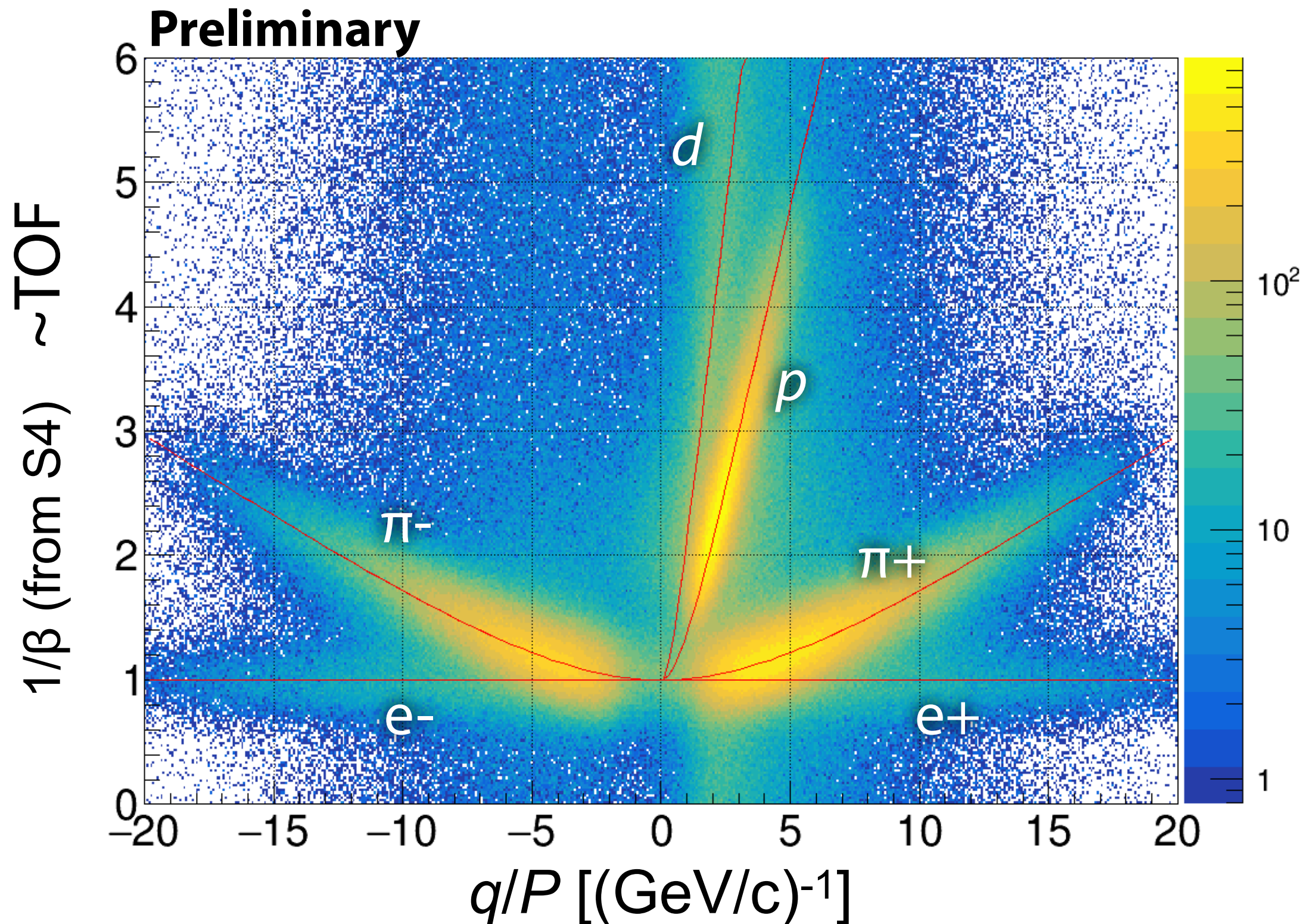
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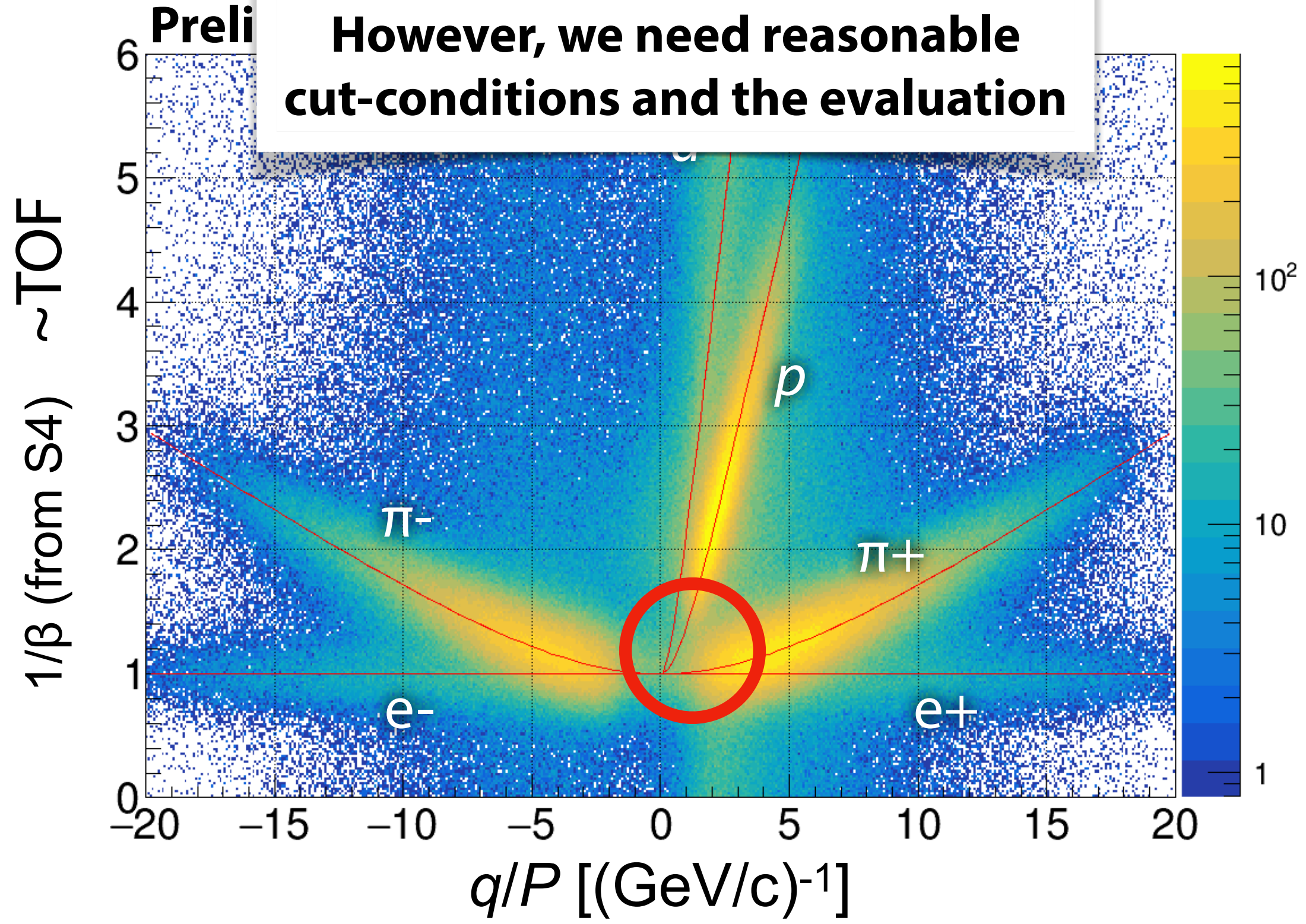


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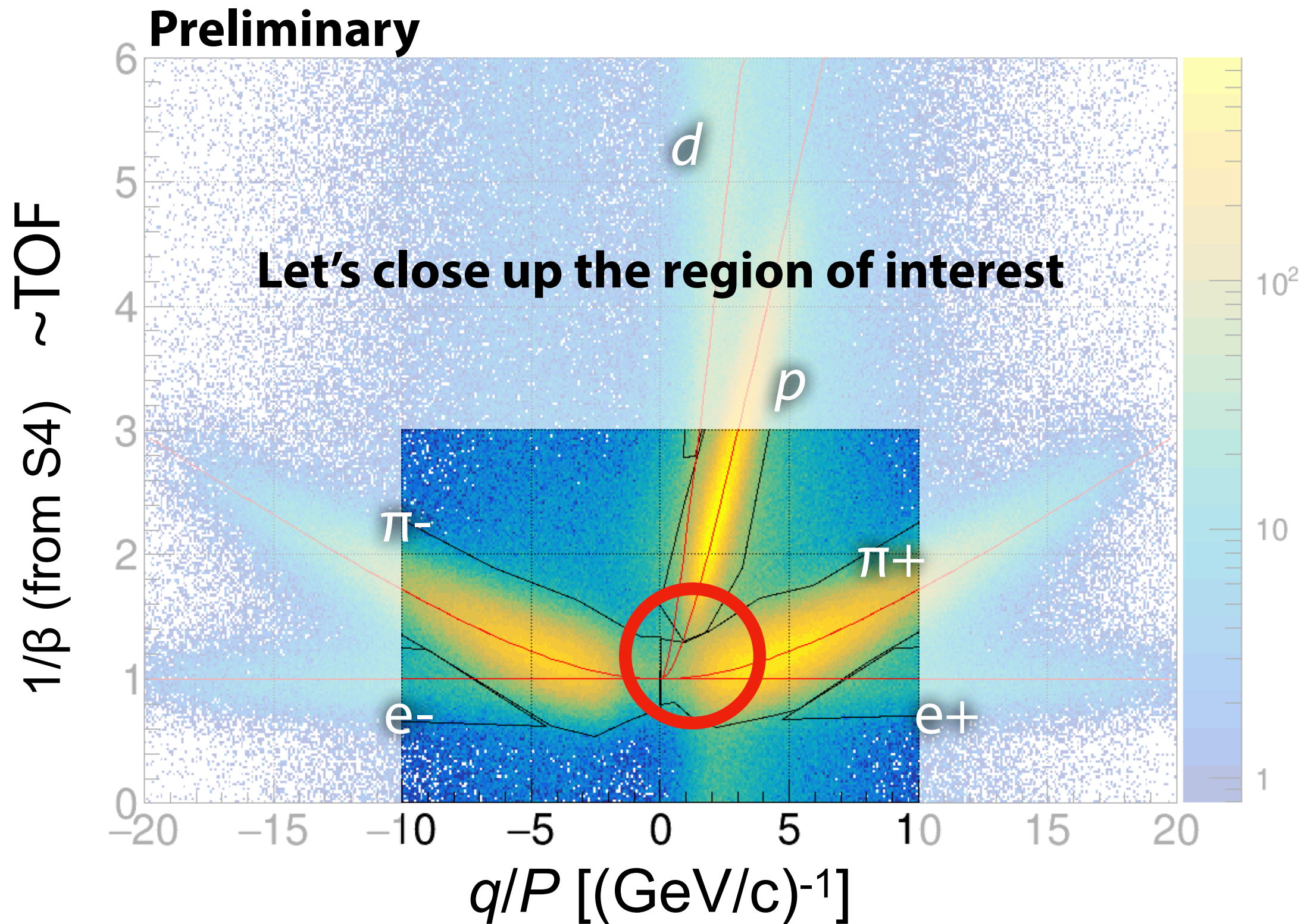
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Information in FRS

PID seems to work fine
Reduction of 1/200
However, we need reasonable cut-conditions and the evaluation

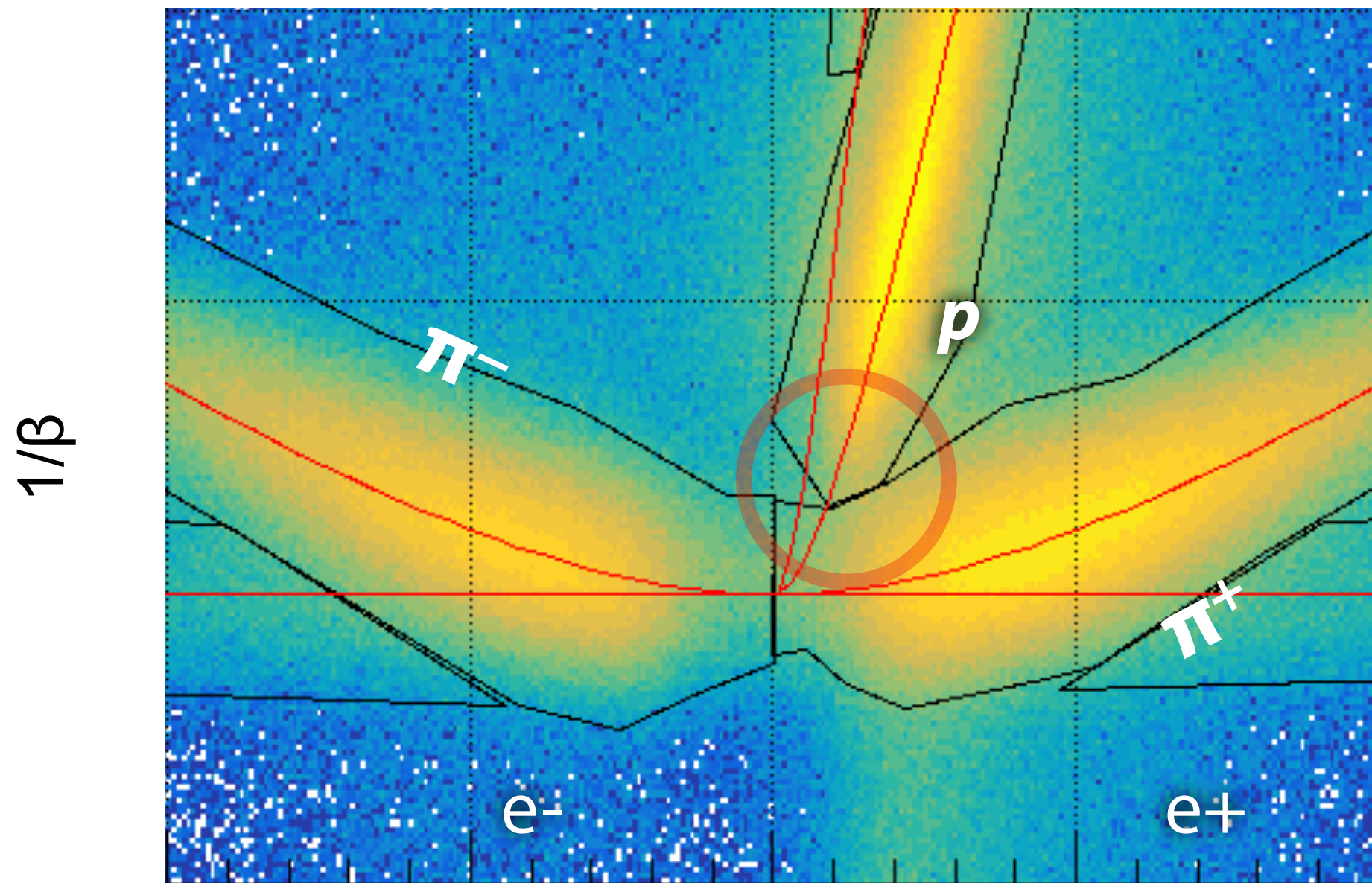


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Preliminary



We hope to have
better p/π separation

$q/P \text{ [(GeV/c)}^{-1}]$

For better momentum resolution

3 measurables in PSB and MDC are combined

- TOF $\rightarrow 1/\beta$
- $\Delta E \rightarrow 1/\beta^2$
- $p \rightarrow m_0\beta\gamma = m_0\beta/\sqrt{1-\beta^2}$

Given physical mass m_0 ,
all 3 give information of β

- TOF / ΔE need calibration + “brushup”
- We need resolution depending on θ and β for statistically correct estimation.

“Brushup”

Jitter correction

TOF resolution in WASA

Start: ScS4

Stop: PSB

120 ps (σ) achieved!

ΔE in WASA-PSB

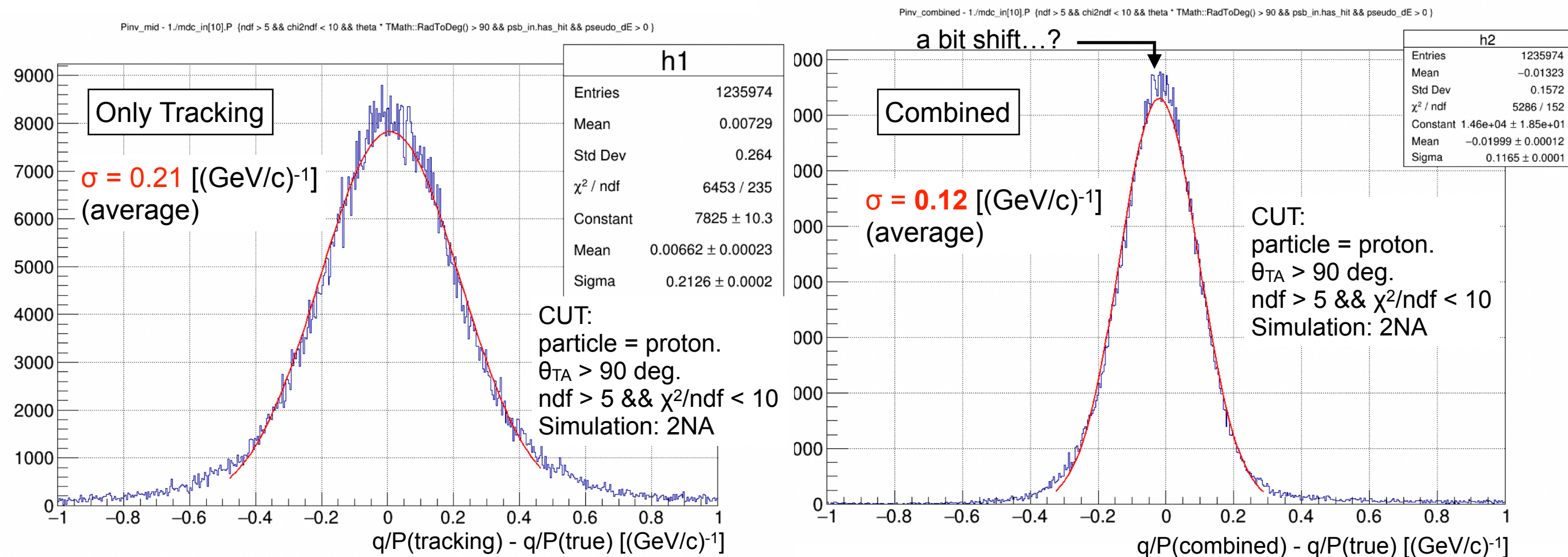
Resolution evaluated in

ΔE -TOF plane

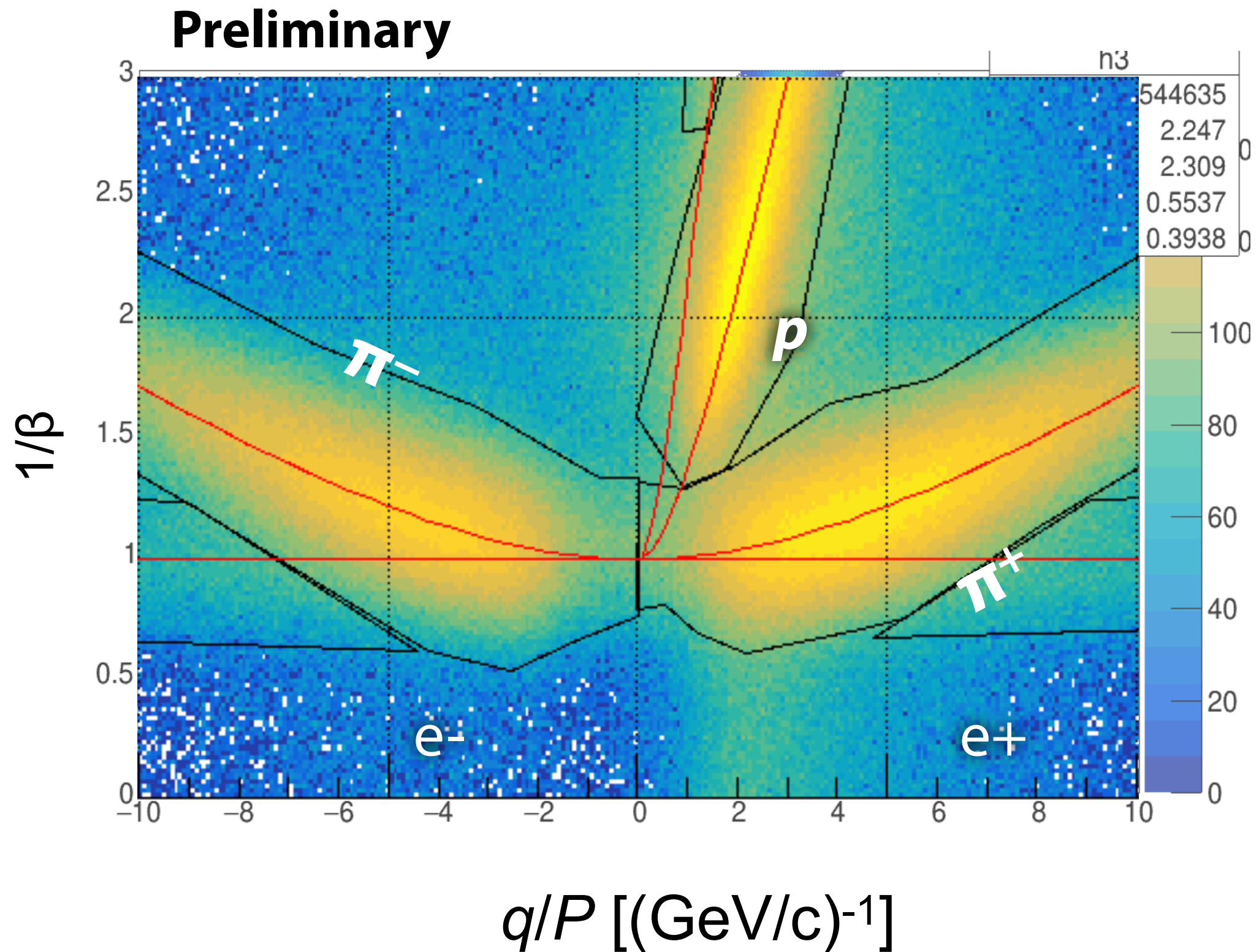
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Improvement of momentum resolution evaluated by GEANT4 (in mixed event method)

- The performance of the combined momentum in case of proton is tested with 2NA simulation.
- Left: $q/P(\text{tracking}) - q/P(\text{true})$
- Right: $q/P(\text{combined}) - q/P(\text{true})$.
- The combined q/P resolution becomes roughly **twice better** than only with tracking!



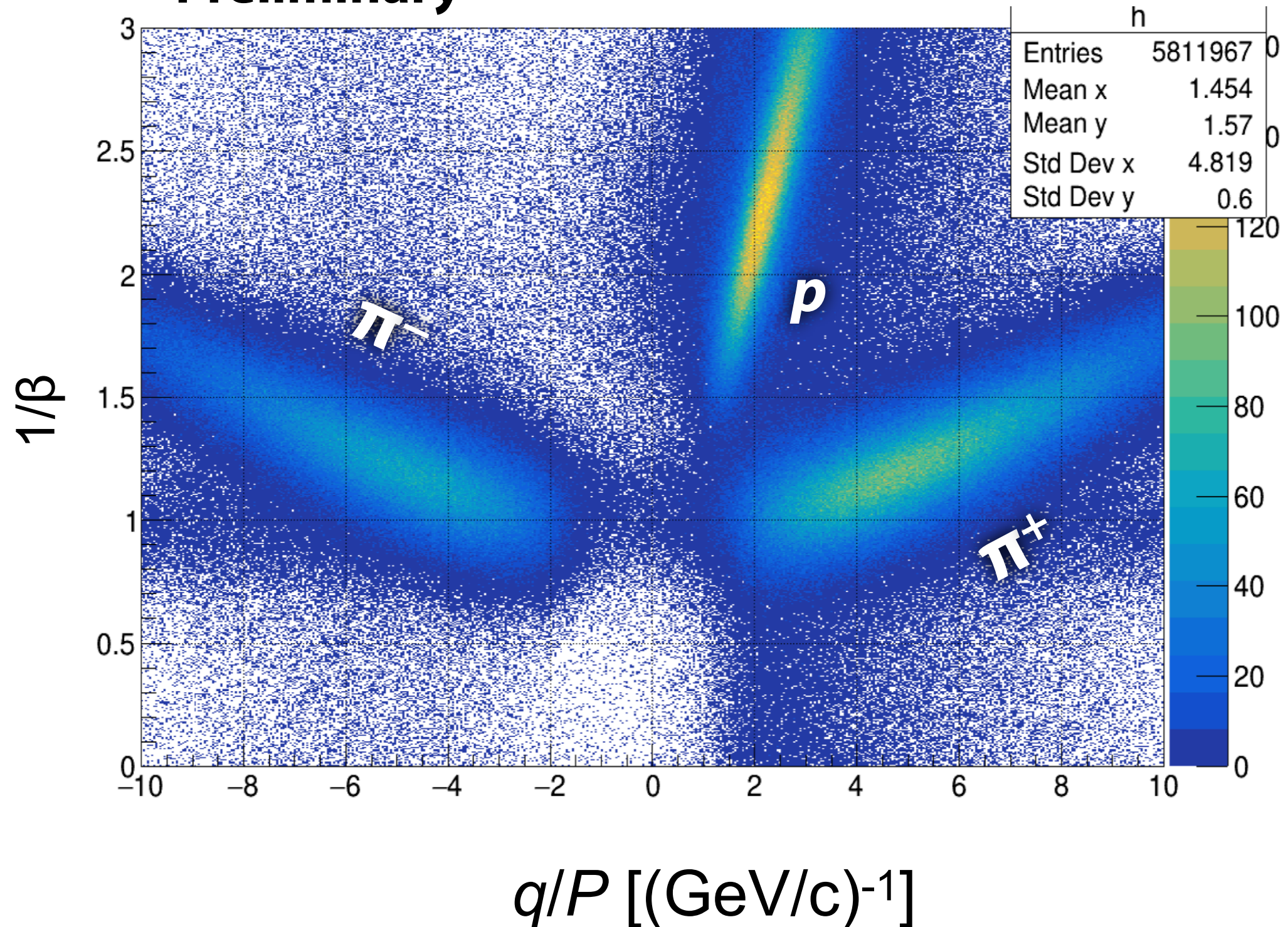
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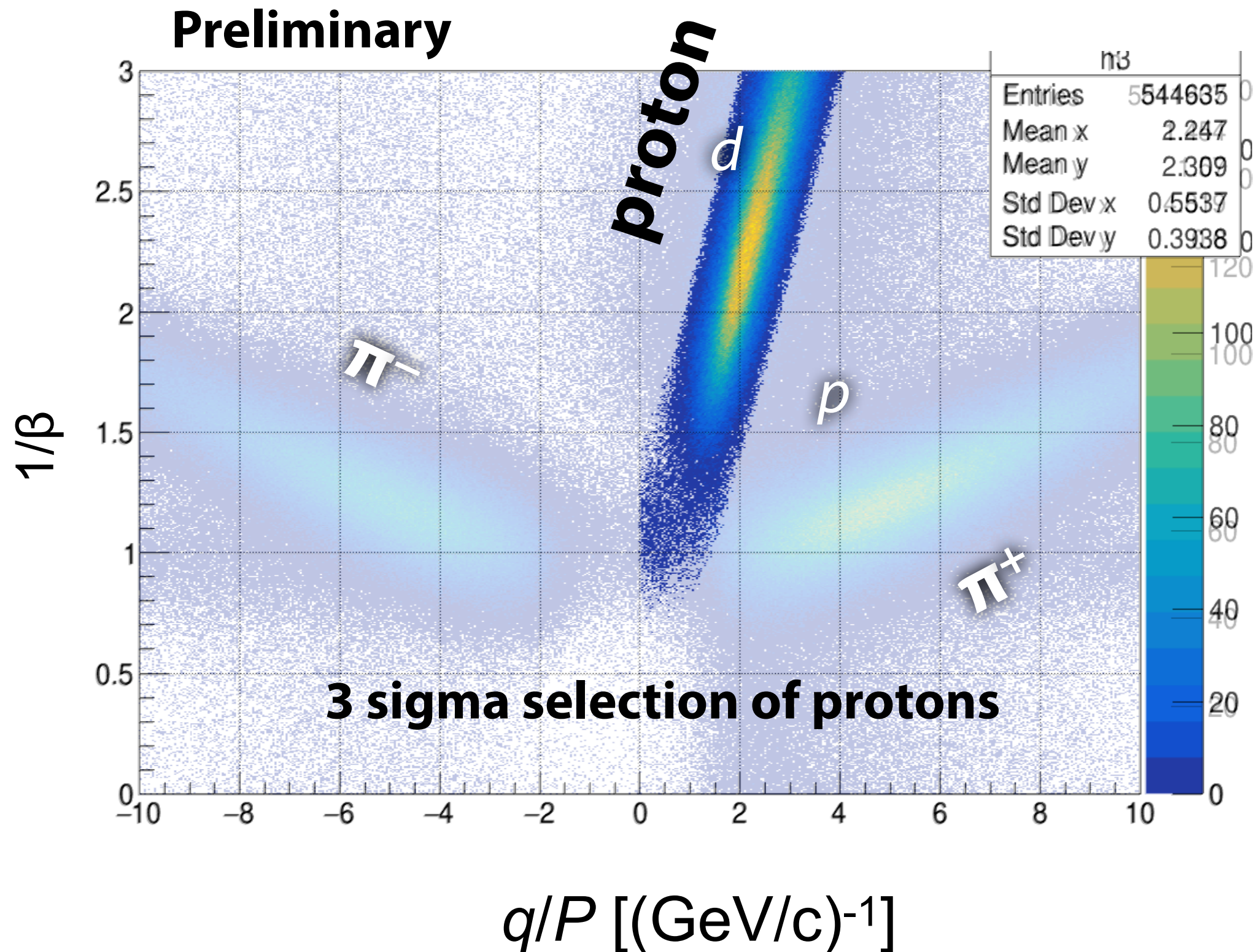
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Summary

- We have conducted missing-mass spectroscopy of $^{12}\text{C}(p,d)$ reaction with tagging ~ 1 GeV/c proton emitted nearly isotropically in two nucleon absorption of η'
 $\eta'NN \rightarrow NN$. WASA worked nicely for tagging the protons
- We accumulated 1.1×10^7 forward d in the inclusive spectrum of (p,d) by FRS, which corresponds to **110% of the proposed value**. Detected proton number with WASA in coincidence with forward d roughly agrees with simulations
→ **BG suppression of $\sim 1/200$!!**
- WASA PID works fine with TOF, tracking, and ΔE information
- WASA momentum resolution was by a factor of 1.4-1.5 worse compared with simulation. However, we combined ΔE , TOF, and tracking information to make “kinematical fitting” for better momentum resolution, which improved the resolution by a factor of ~ 2 .
- We have started considerations about next experiment.