

Position sensitive neutron detector

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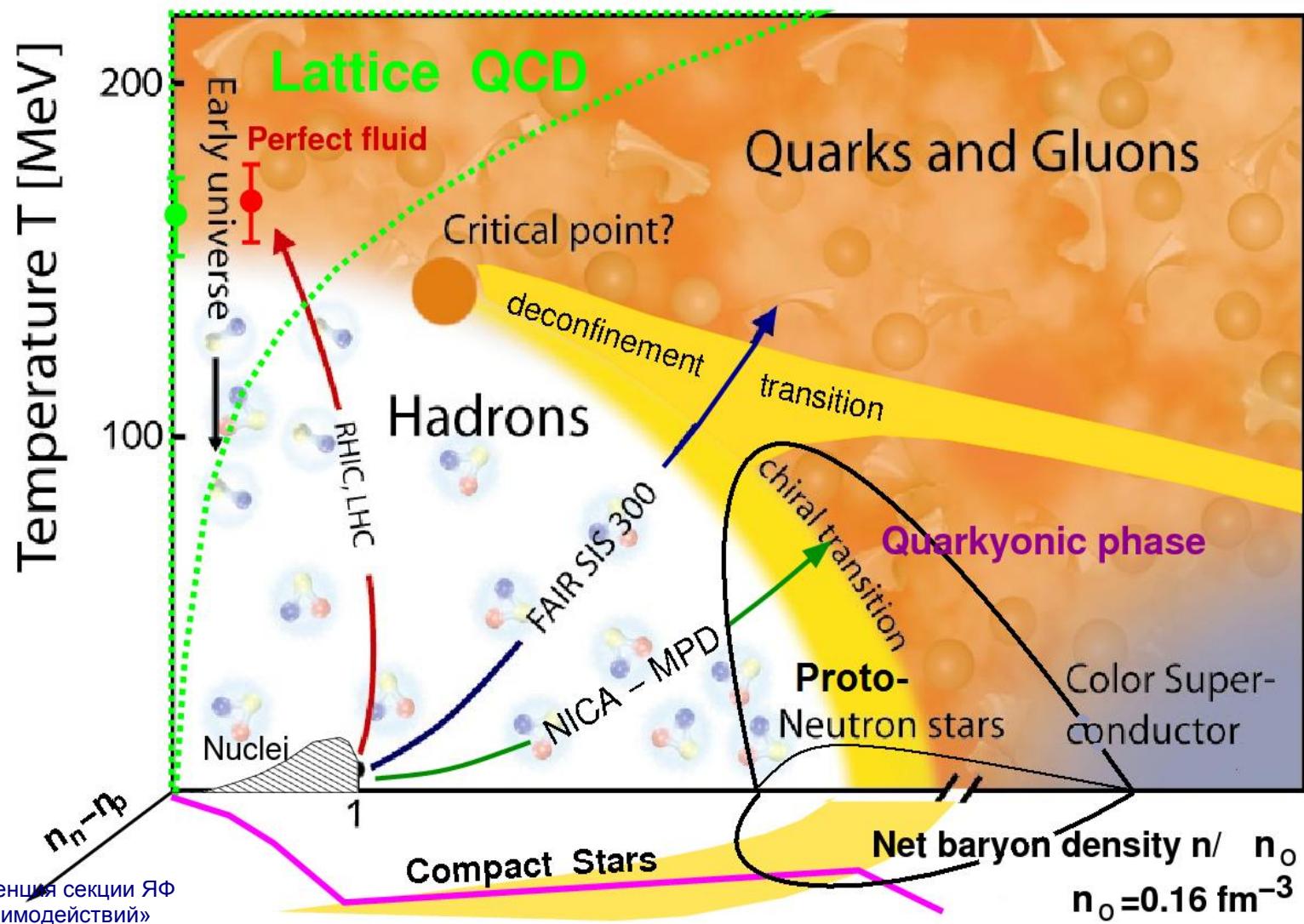
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Position sensitive neutron detector is for FLINT experiment
and

Also for MPD?

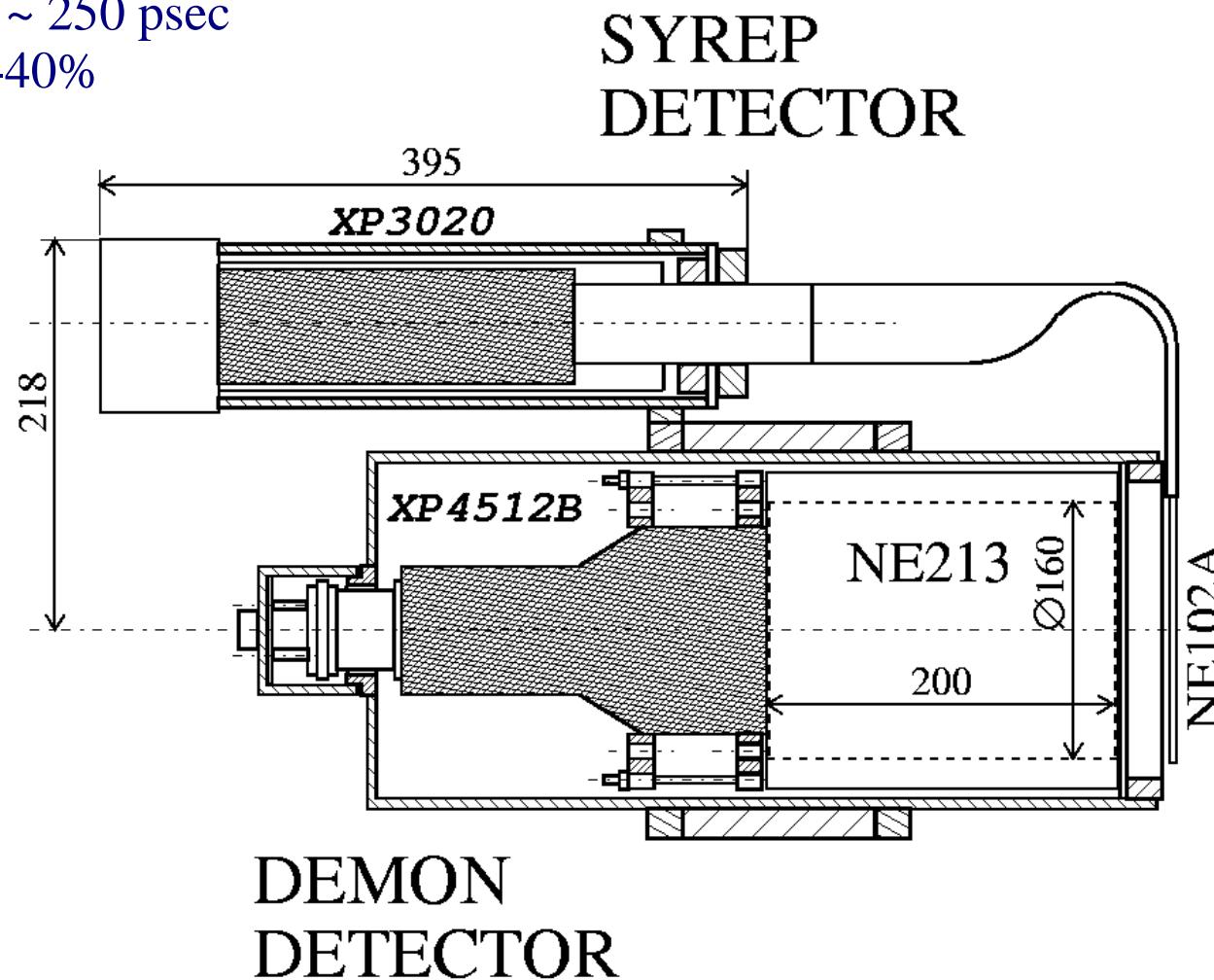
3d phase diagram



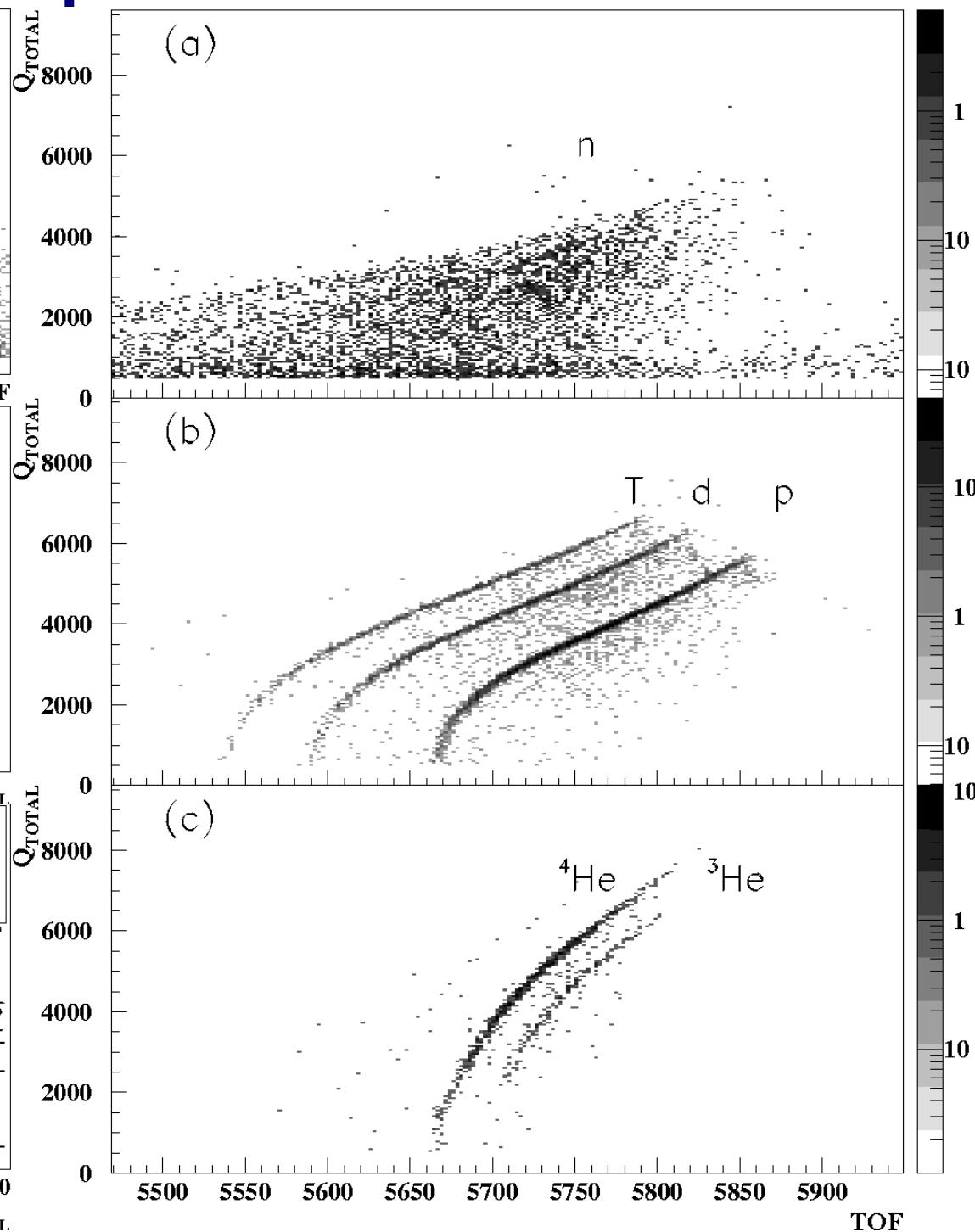
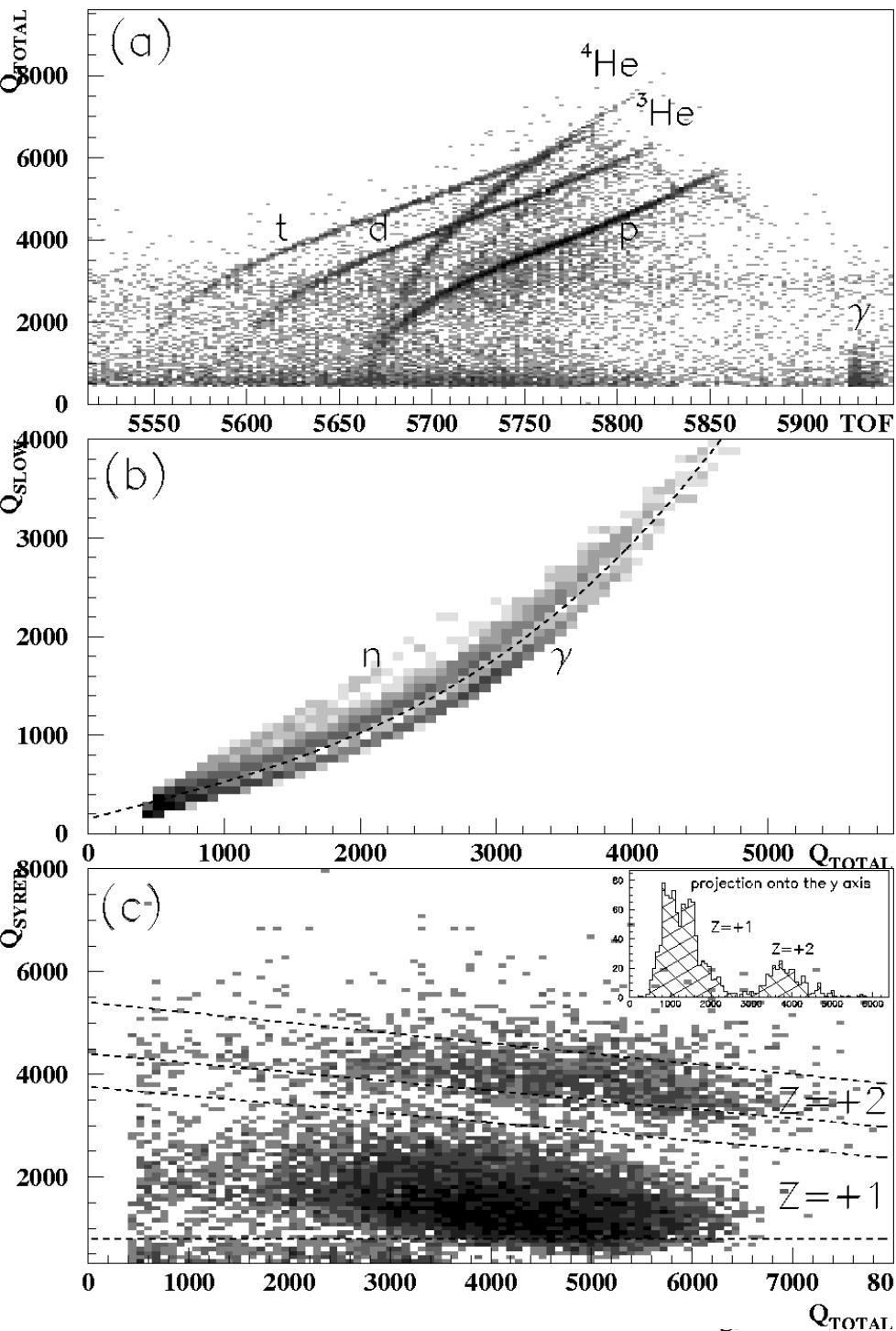
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DeMoN detector

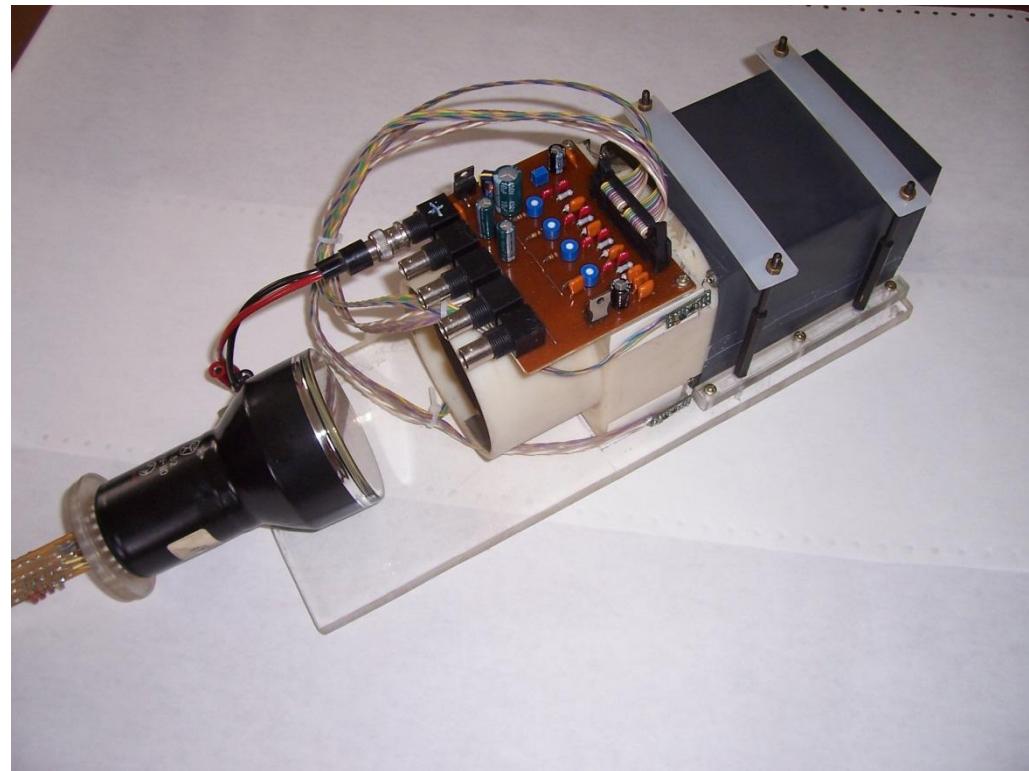
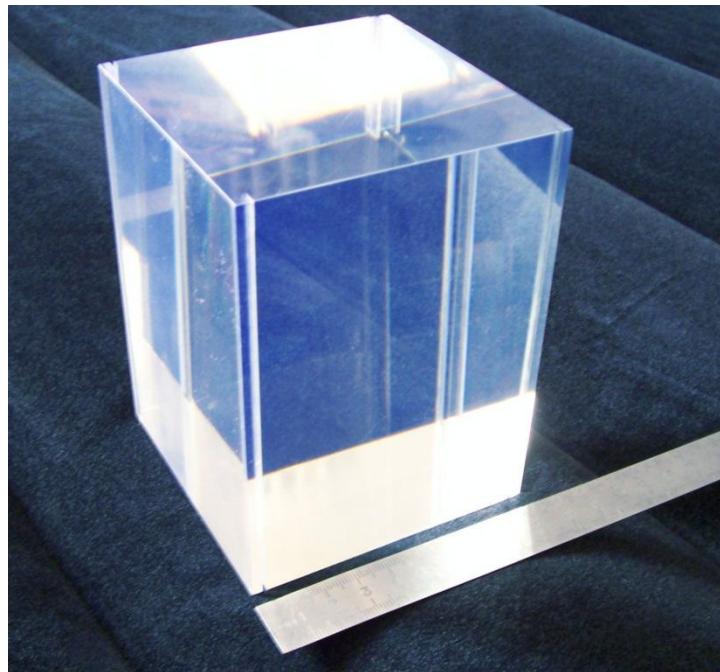
Time resolution ~ 250 psec
Efficiency ~ 30-40%



E286 experiment



The prototype of Ndet



Plastic Scintillator 96 * 96 * 128 mm³

Fiber: KYRARAY,Y-11,d =1mm,
wavelength shift

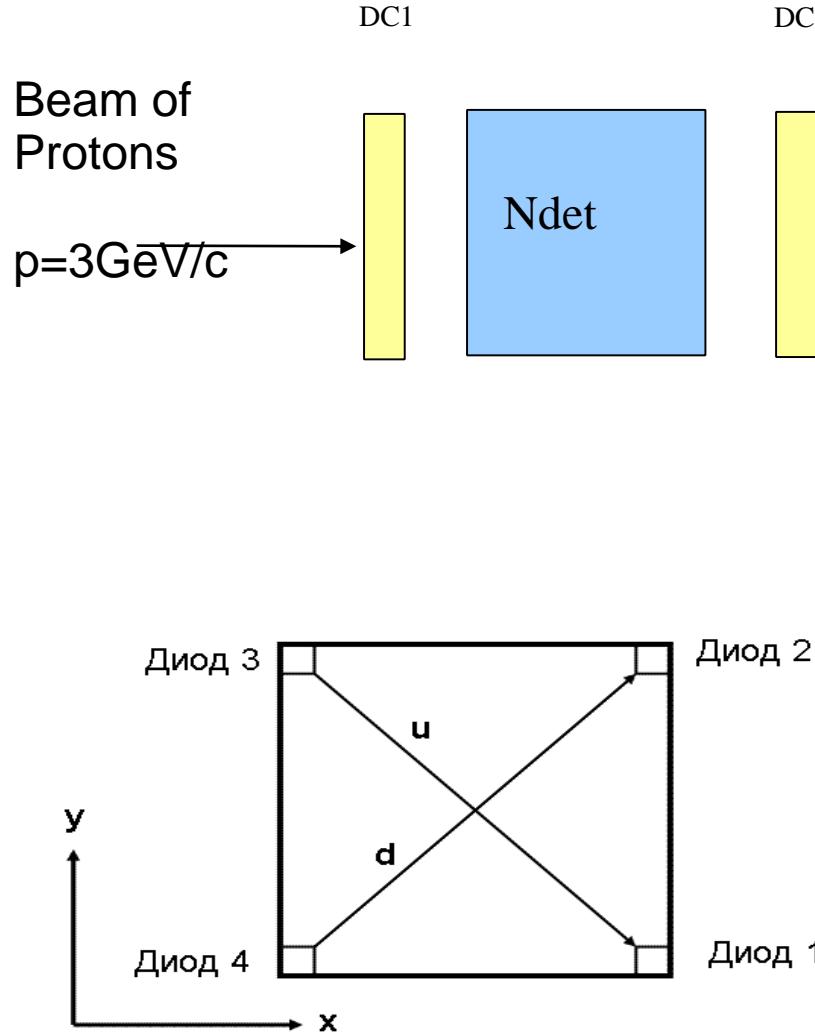
MRS APD & Amplifier - CPTA(Golovin)

PMT for test EMI 9839A

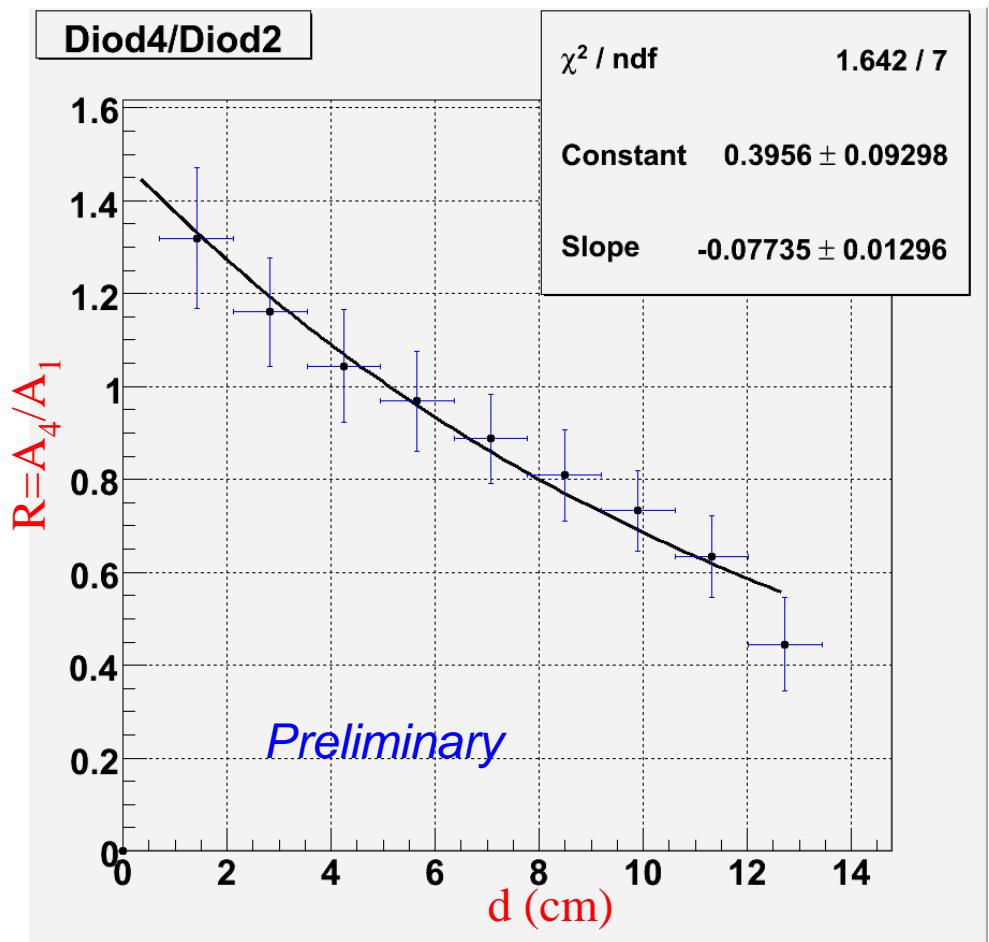
Efficiency (estimate) 15%

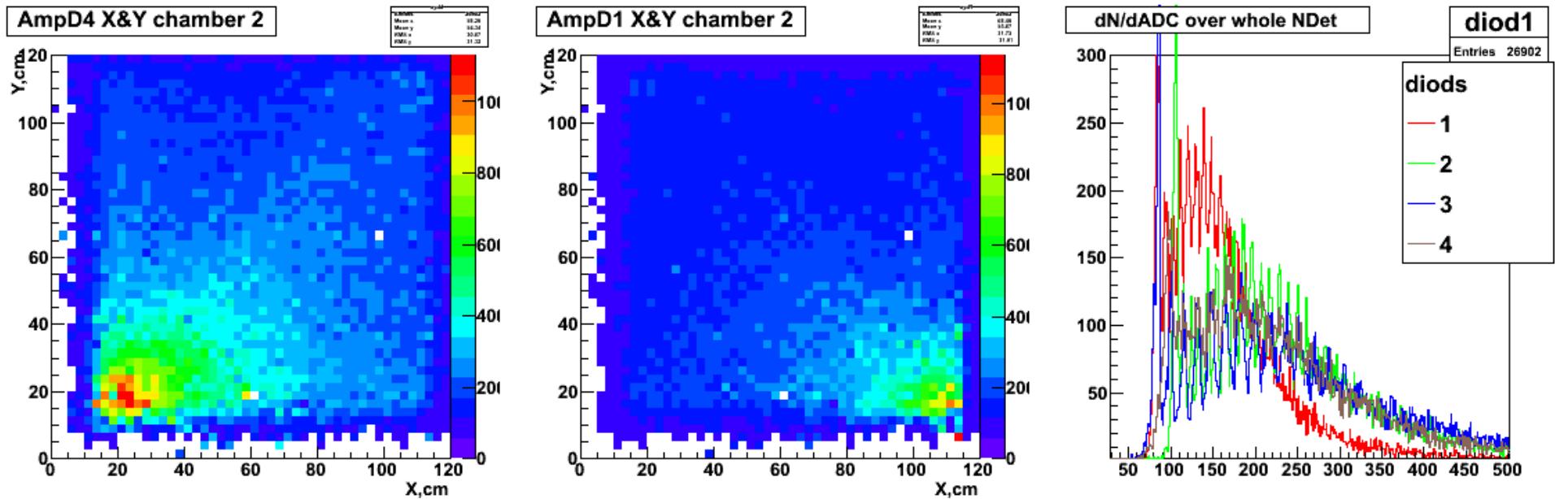
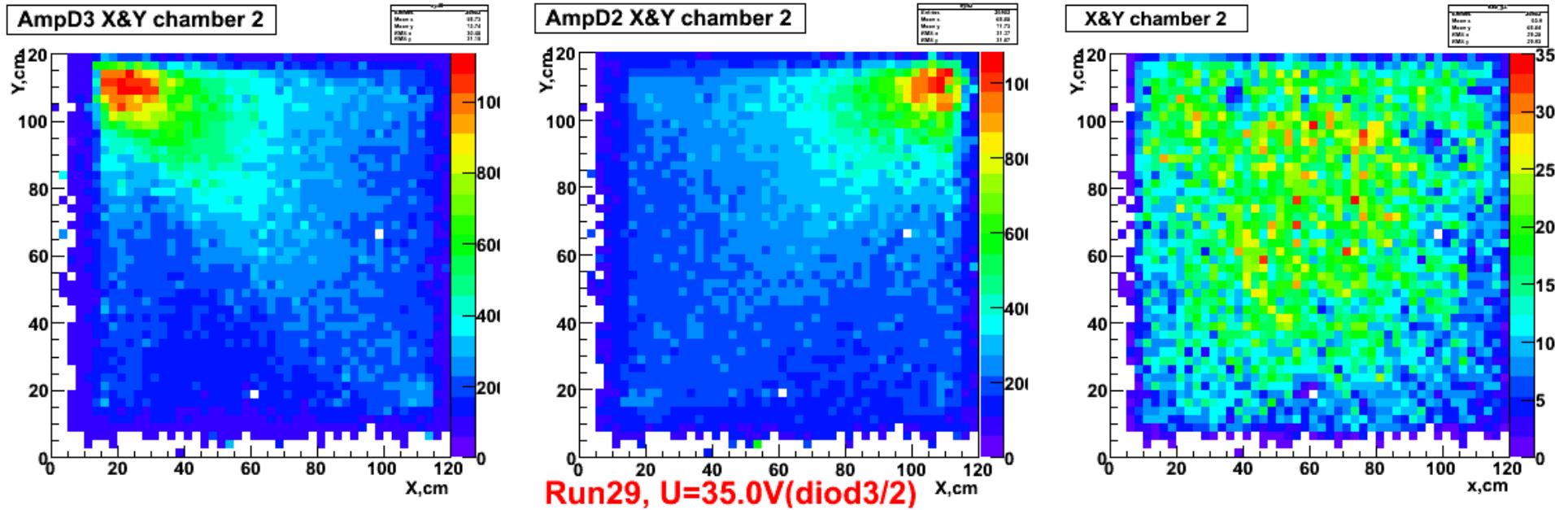
Matrix for FLINT 6x6=36
Matrix for NICA(ring with r=155cm)
about 3000 neutron detectors

Beam tests of prototype



Ratio ($R=A_4/A_1$) of amplitude as $\exp(-R/d)$

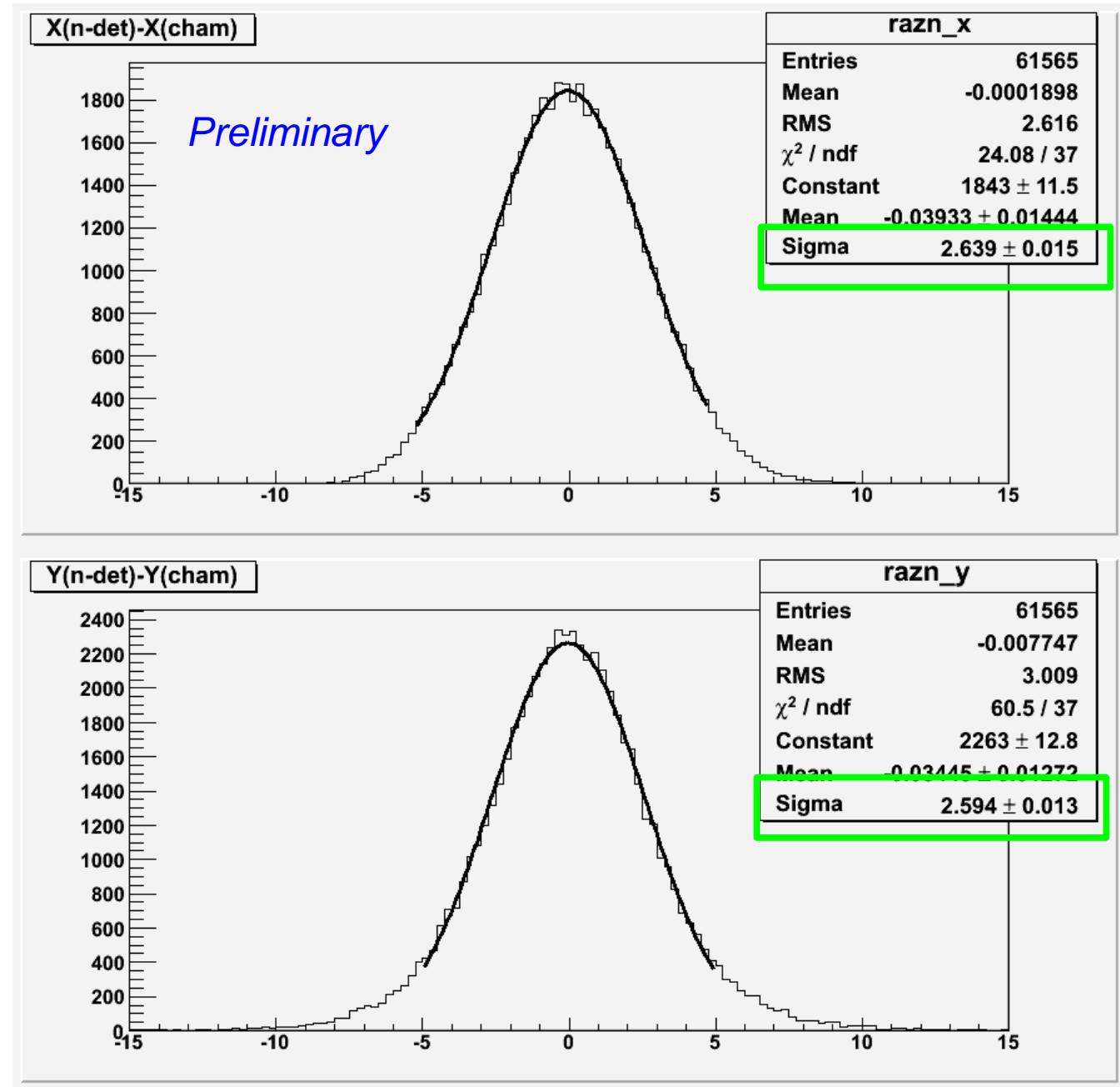




Beam test: Ndet space resolution

Preliminary resolution
of neutron detector

$$\sigma_x \approx \sigma_y \approx 2.6 \text{ cm}$$



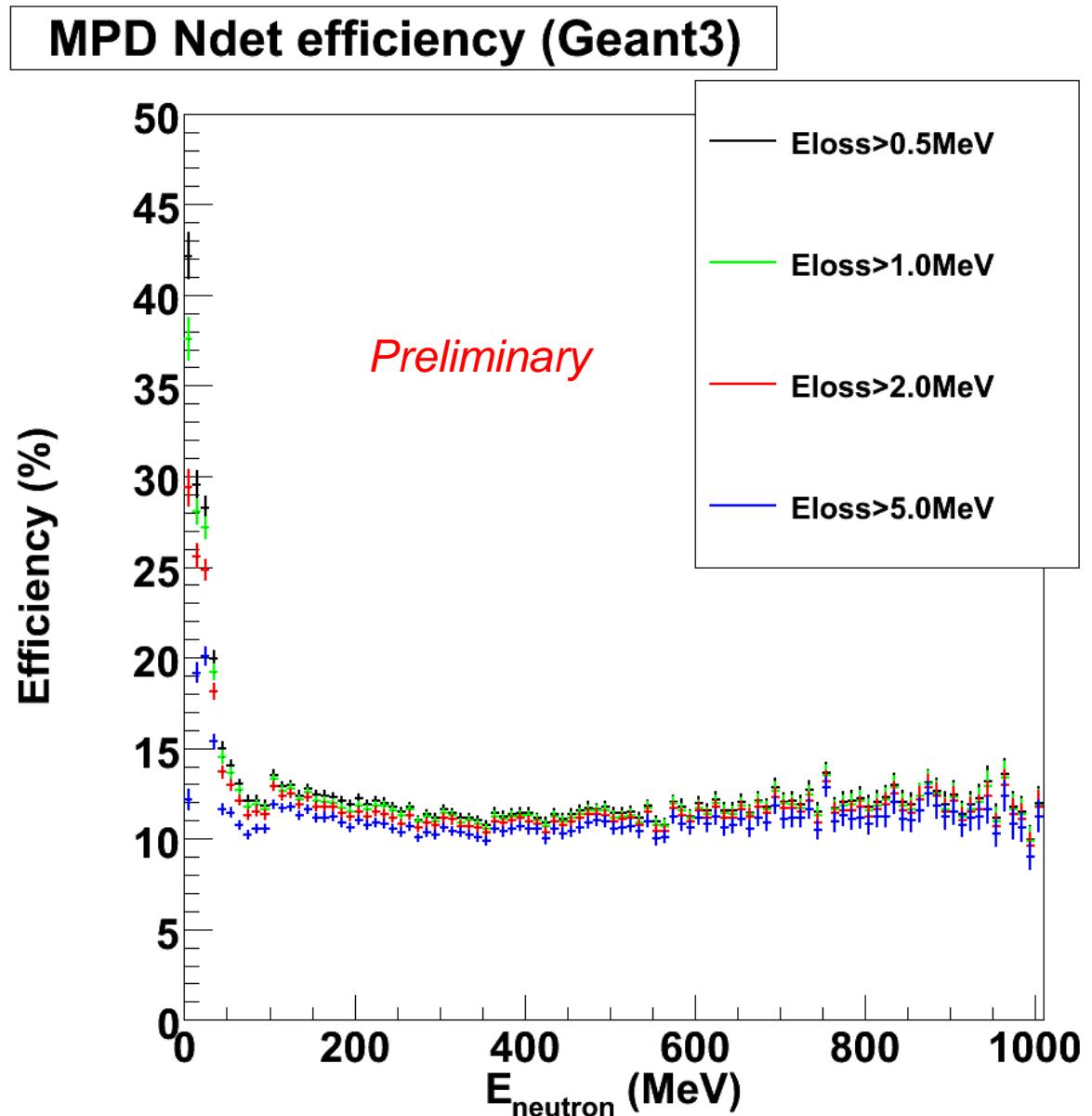
First step to the efficiency

- 10^4 UrQMD AuAu central events $\text{sqrt}(S)=3.8\text{GeV/nucleon}$
- MPD root with Geant3
- Preliminary Ndet efficiency with primary neutrons
- Comparison with DeMoN detector efficiency

Ndet efficiency

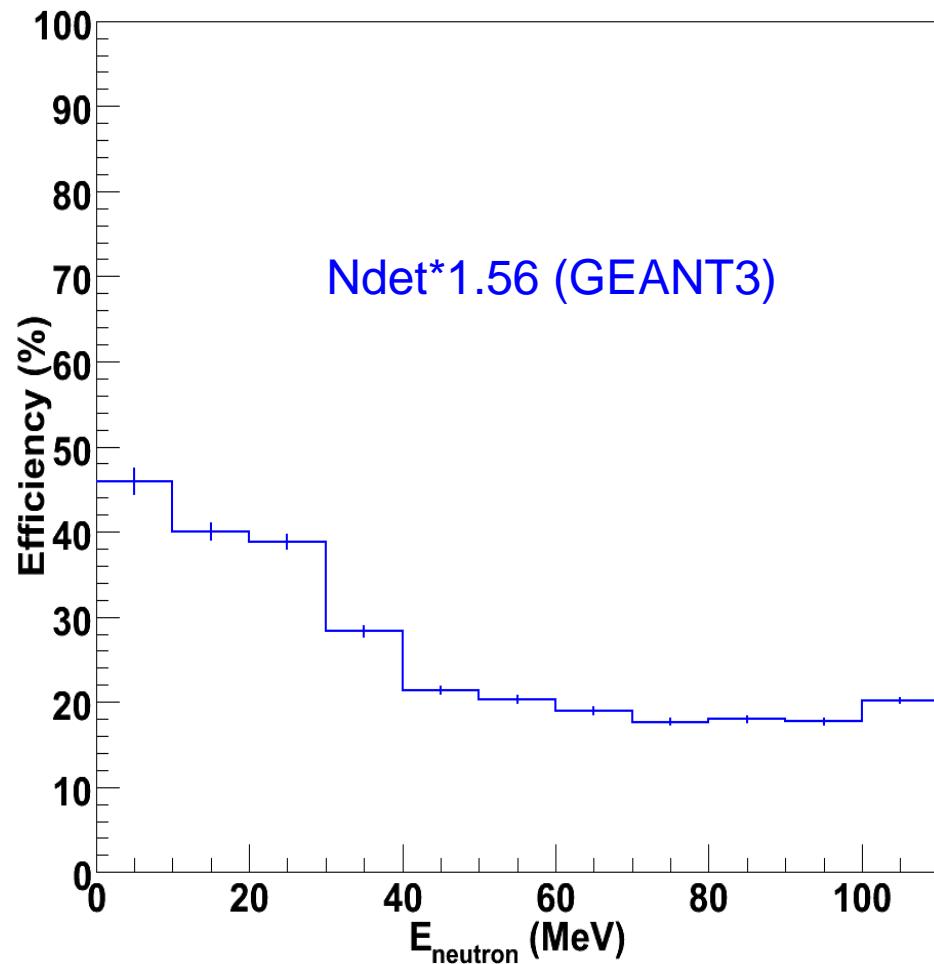
The efficiency of neutron registration is about 13%
(length of Ndet is 128mm)
at $E_n > 100$ MeV

Proton momentum > 500 MeV/c
We have to know Ndet efficiency
Starting from $E_n > 50$ MeV

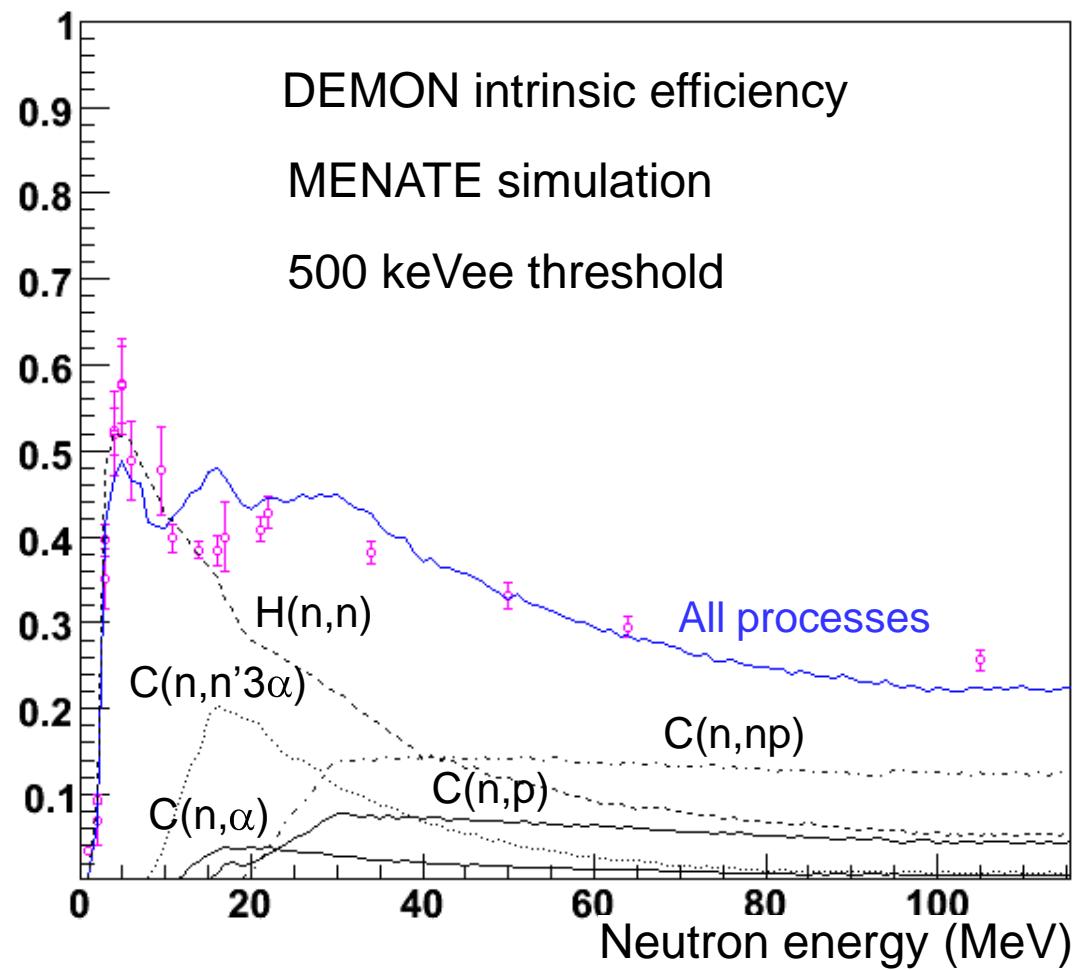


Ndet and DeMoN

Ndet efficiency "scaled" to Demon ($E_{loss} > 2\text{MeV}$)



Present calculation roughly corresponds to DeMoN efficiency



P. Désesquelles et al, NIM A 307, 366 (1991)

Motivation for NICA

1. Increase a list of measurable baryons with NDET (+):

n	p	$\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$	$\Sigma^+ \rightarrow n\pi^+$	$\Sigma^- \rightarrow n\pi^-$	$\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma$	$\Xi^- \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^-$	$\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^0$	$\Omega \rightarrow \Lambda K^-$
+	+	+	+	+		+		+

2. AntiNeutron, anti Σ^+ , anti Σ^- with Ndet
(and possible help for other antibaryons)

3. New ratios: n/p, Σ/p , ...

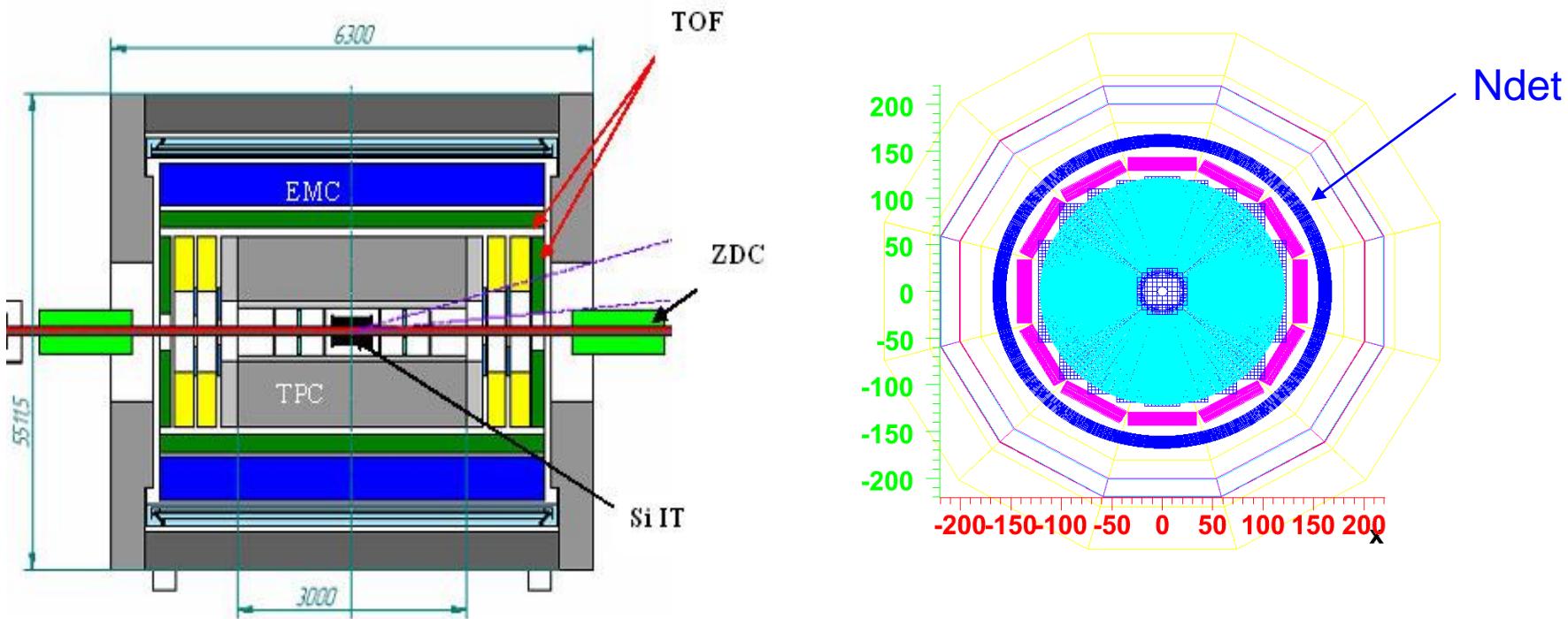
4. 3-dimension phase diagram (add axis Nn-Np)

5. Femtoscopy nn, np, pp, Σp , Σn , ...

Unknown low energy scattering parameters for ΣN

6. Study of Dense Cold Matter (our proposal for NICA MPD):
If we have not neutron detector, we will lose a half of information

Ndet in MPD root



First version of Ndet is in MPDROOT trunk/ndet

**(ring of plastic with $r=155\text{cm}$ and width 12.8cm , box $9.6\times9.6\text{cm}$ Zlength~ 3m
Matrix ~ 3000 detectors)**

Test with MC central events AuAu at $\sqrt{s}=3.8\text{ GeV}/c$

Background

In a modular detection system the same neutron can interact in several modules. If neutron is scattered in one module without being registered and later on is detected in another one then the *diaphony* take place.

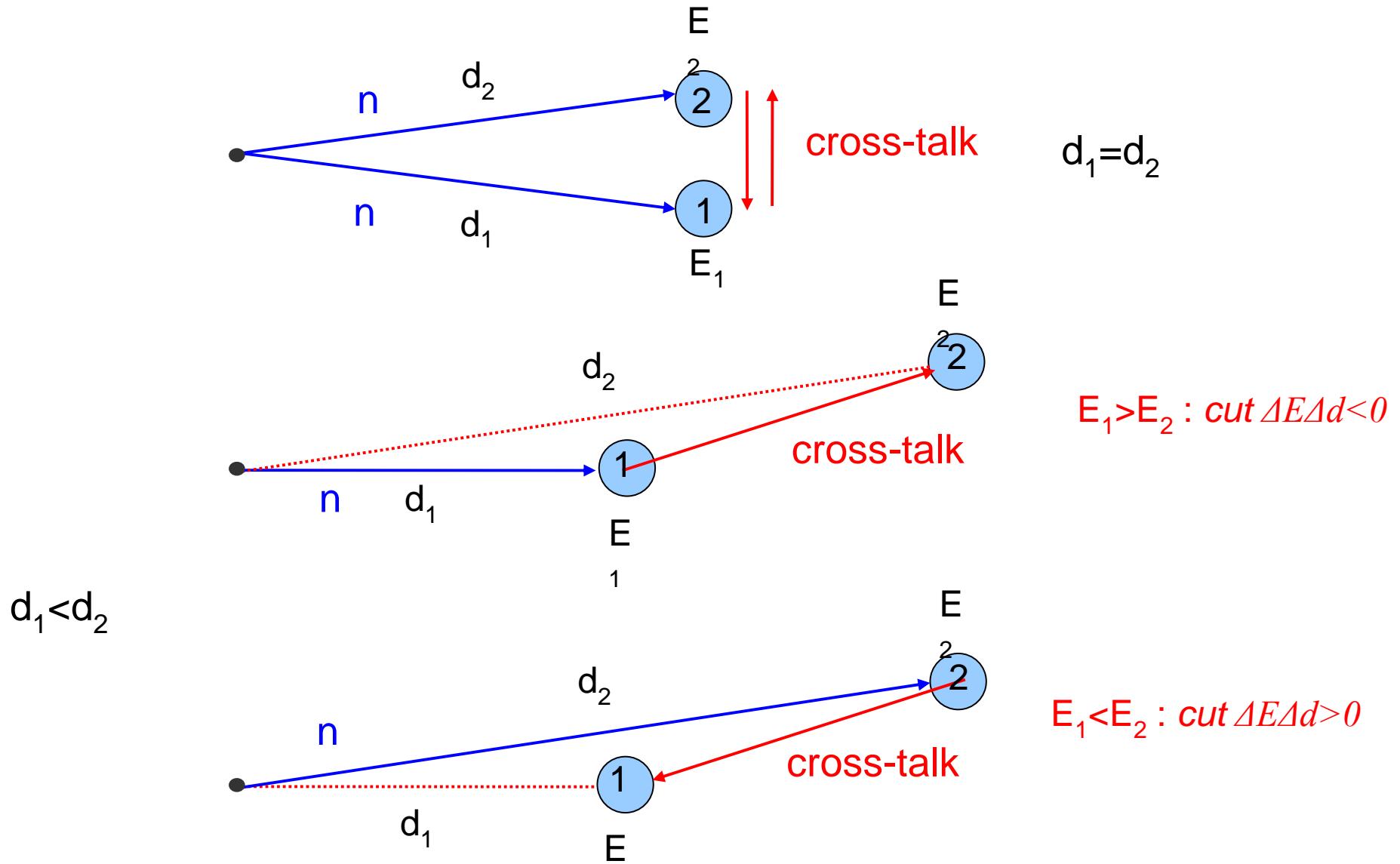
If the same neutron is registered in two or more detectors – the *cross-talk* effect occurs.

Diaphony: distortion of the emission angle and the energy

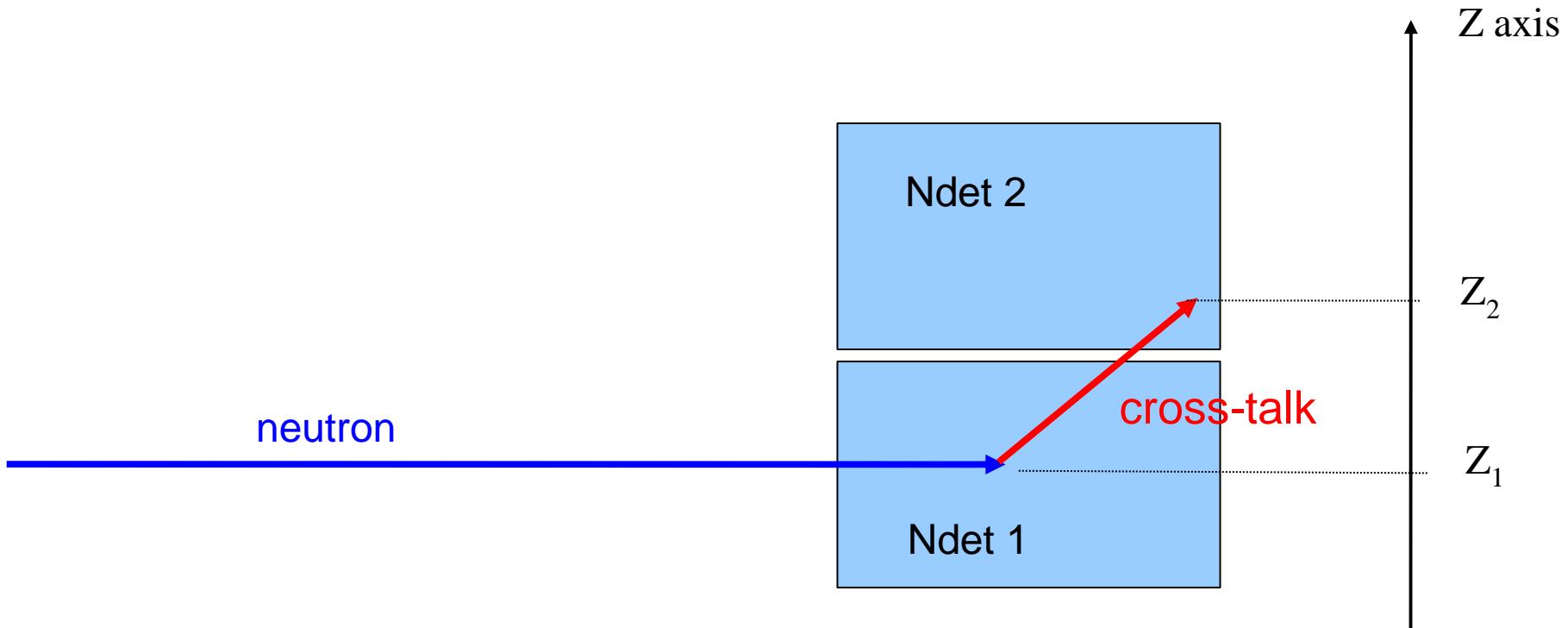
Cross-talk: simulates of two or more neutrons in coincidence leading to a strong spurious correlation. In case of one-particle distribution the cross-talk effects are usually small, but in femtoscopy measurements this effect is quite important and dangerous.

Cut Cross-Talks

J.Pluta et al. NIM A411(1998) 417



Ndet Cross-Talks



Position sensitive neutron detector could be help to reject cross-talk if we do the cut on coordinate?

Sigma selection criteria

- Cut on neutron TOF: reject >20 ns (cut $\beta < 0.3$ and reduce secondary neutrons from MPD detector components)
- Cut on pion vertex (distance from reaction vertex) $d1 > 0.1$ cm to select decays

$$\Sigma^+ \rightarrow n\pi^+ (48\%) \text{ c}\tau = 2.404 \text{ cm}$$

$$\Sigma^- \rightarrow n\pi^- \text{ c}\tau = 4.434 \text{ cm}$$

Background processes:

$$K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- \text{ c}\tau = 2.68 \text{ cm}$$

$$\Lambda^0 \rightarrow p\pi^- \text{ c}\tau = 7.89 \text{ cm}$$

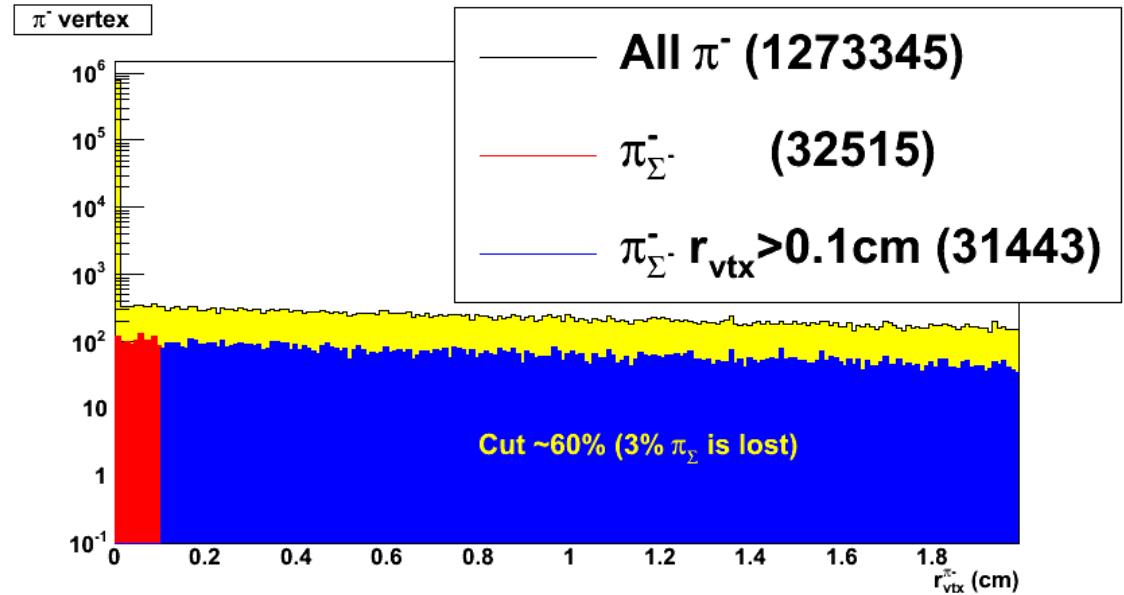
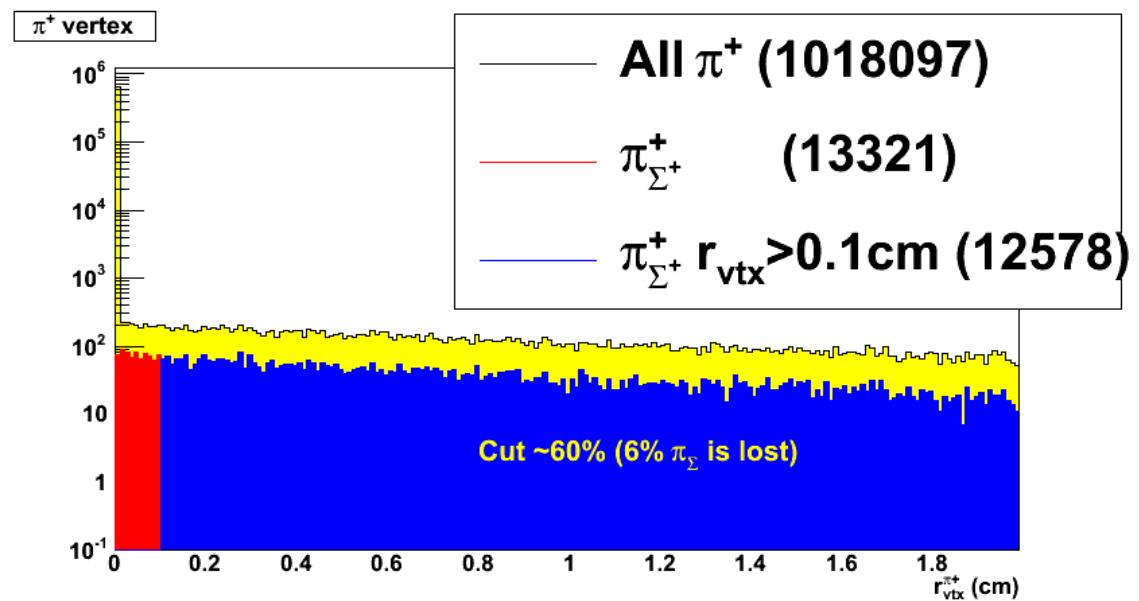
- Cut on vertex of reconstructed Σ , distance from collision point to Σ momentum line less than $d2 < 0.1$ cm
- Cut on pion momentum > 0.15 GeV/c (reduce combinatorial BG)

Pion Vertex cut

Most pions come from collision vertex

Cut on pion vertex > 0.1 cm

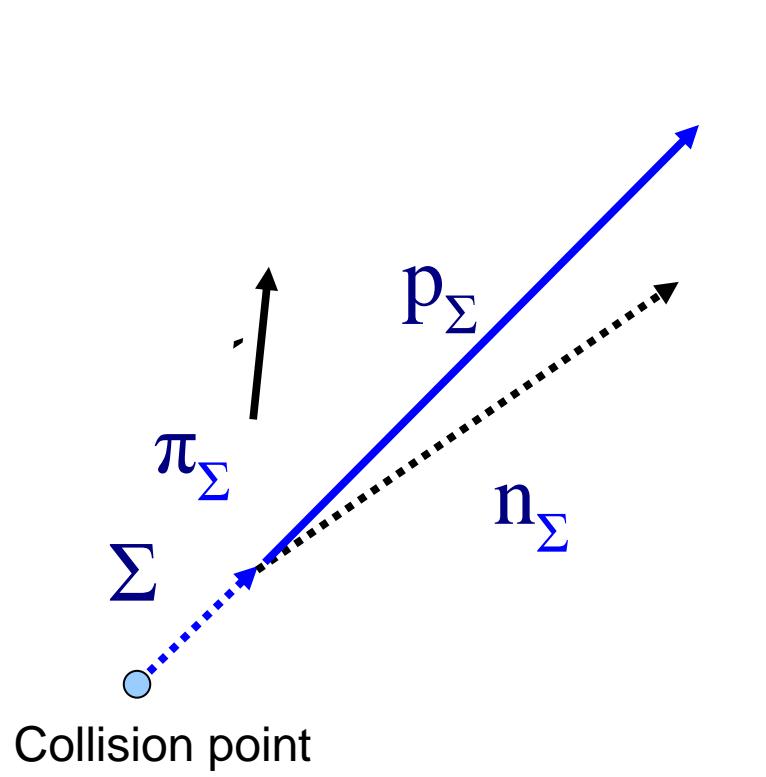
We cut about 60% of all pions and lost a few percents of pions from Sigma decay!



Vertex cut for Sigma

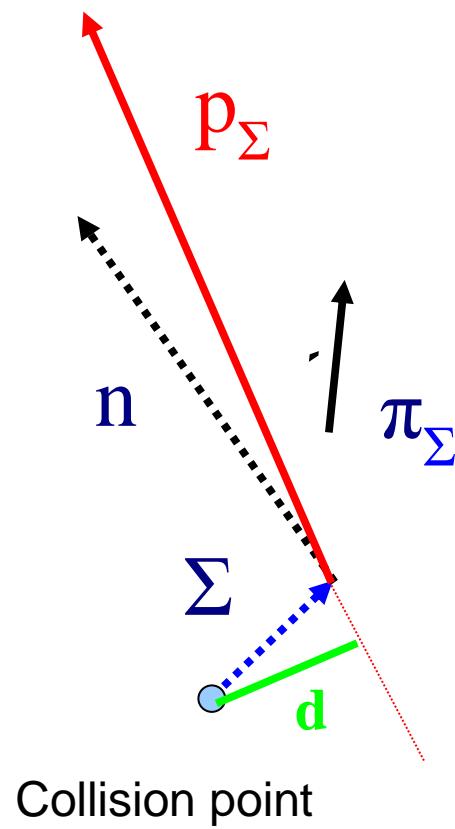
Real Σ comes from collision point (cp)

Σ is at collision point



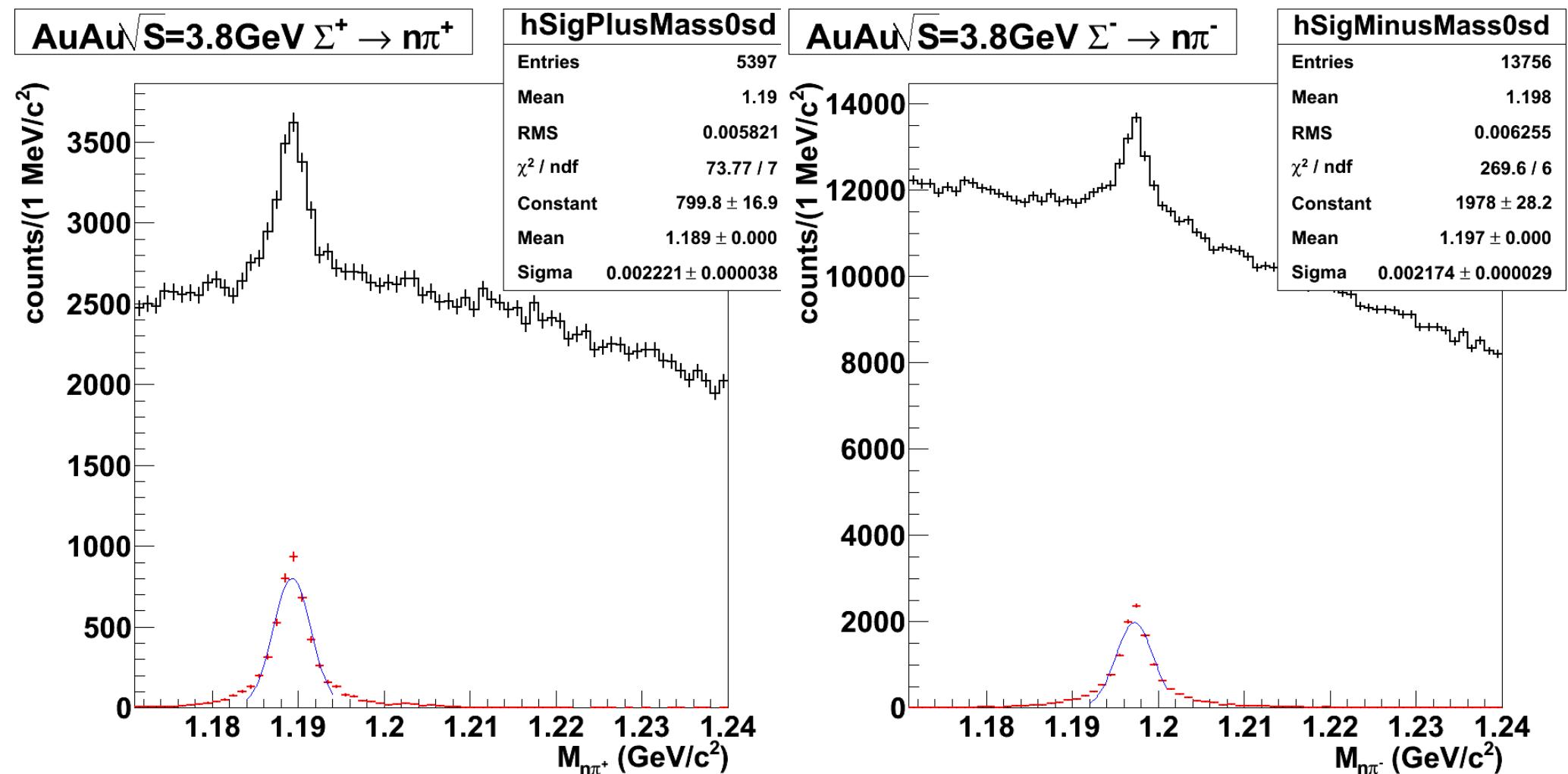
Fake Σ does NOT come from collision point (cp)

Cut on distance of closest approach (d)



Feasibility of Σ detection

10^4 AuAu central events at $\sqrt{S_{NN}}=3.8$ GeV



Conclusions

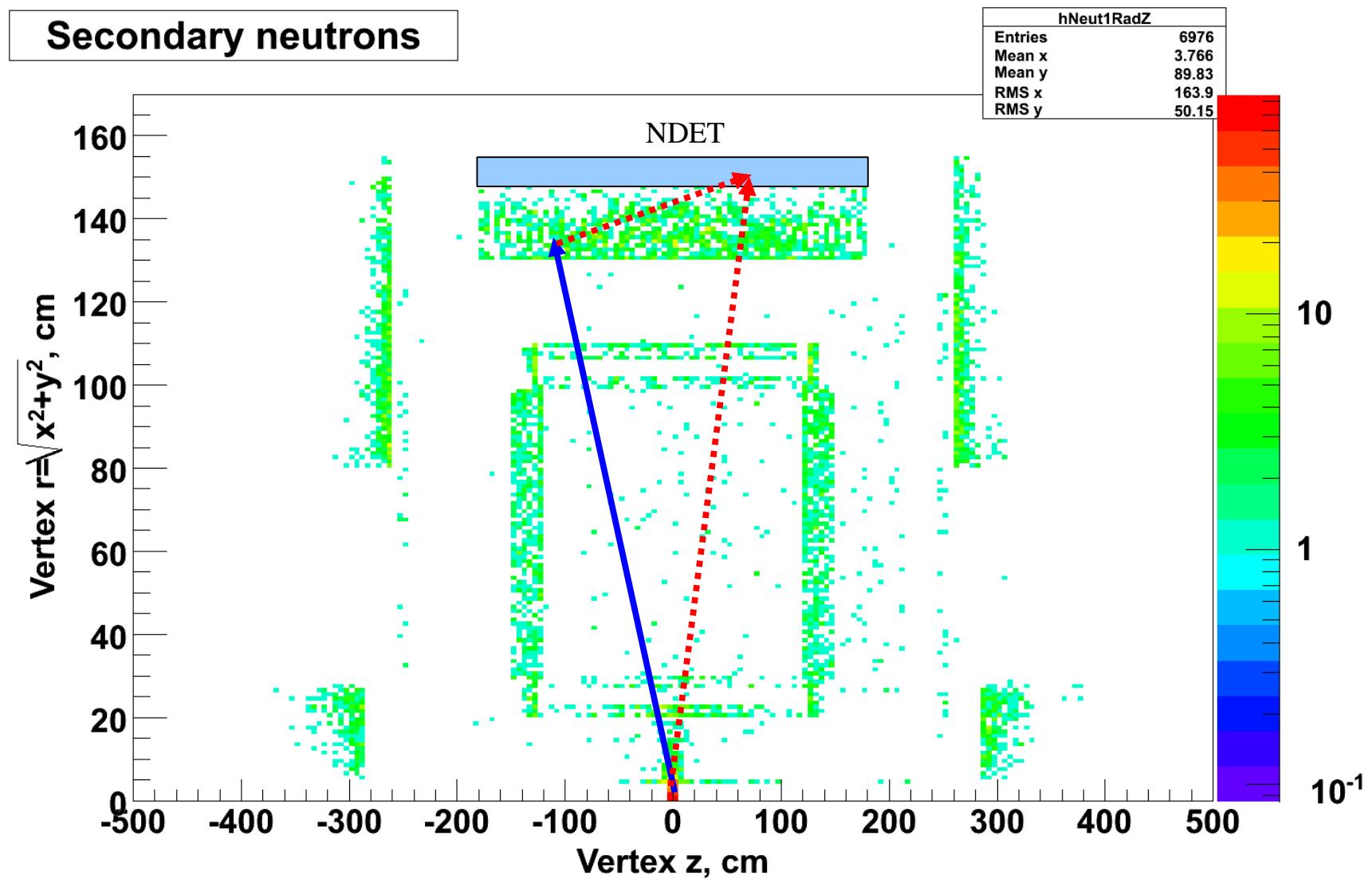
1. First beam tests of Ndet is started in ITEP
2. Space resolution is about 2.5 cm
3. Ndet is in MPD ROOT
4. Preliminary estimation of Ndet efficiency with GEANT3 is done
5. First study of Sigma (+ and -) response in MDP is done

Next Steps

1. Continue study of prototype:
 - a) Beam tests (we have a run right now)
 - b) Study of time resolution of Ndet
 - b) Configuration of prototype
2. Continue simulations of Ndet in framework of MPD root
 - a) More realistic simulations of sigma signal with tracking of charge particles
 - b) Cross-talk, diaphony study
 - c) Study of antineutron reconstruction
 - d) Efficiency simulation with Geant4

Extra

Fake neutrons



Ndet momentum resolution

Momentum resolution of neutron detector is a combination of time resolution and space resolution

Time resolution

$\beta = L/TOF$, where L distance from collision point to Ndet

Suppose TOF smeared by $Gaus(TOF, \sigma_{TOF})$ and one can expect $\sigma_{TOF} < 0.3\text{ns}$ (to be measured)

Smeared momentum due to time

$$P_{\text{smeared}} = m\beta_{\text{smeared}} / (1 - \beta_{\text{smeared}}^2)$$

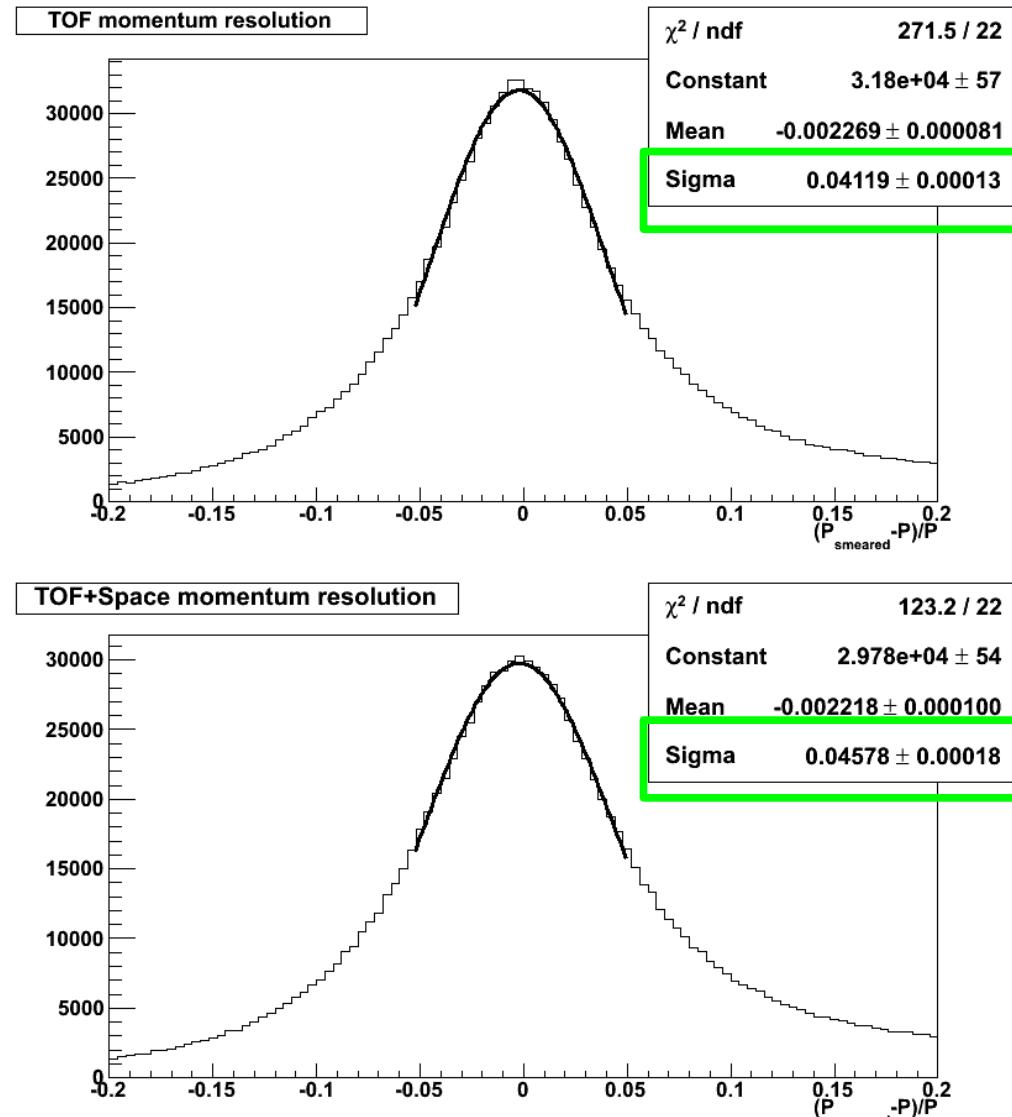
Space resolution depends on

Angle $\Phi_{\text{smeared}} = Gaus(\Phi, \sigma_s/R)$
and

$Z_{\text{smeared}} = Gaus(Z, \sigma_s)$,
where $\sigma_s = 3\text{cm}$ Ndet space resolution
 R is radius of Ndet ring (155 cm)

$$Y_{\text{smeared}} = \cos(\Phi_{\text{smeared}}) R$$

$$X_{\text{smeared}} = \sin(\Phi_{\text{smeared}}) R$$



Simple simulation of Σ

- Simulation in MPD ROOT with Ndet package
- Standard staistics AuAu $\sqrt{S} = 3.8$ GeV (UrQMD 10^4 events)
 - Smearing due to Ndet tof resolution 0.3 ns
 - Smearing due to Ndet space resolution 0.3 cm
 - Suppose (for now) 100% neutron efficiency
 - Do not use tracking information for pions and
 - do not smear pion momentum

Beam test: Ndet time resolution

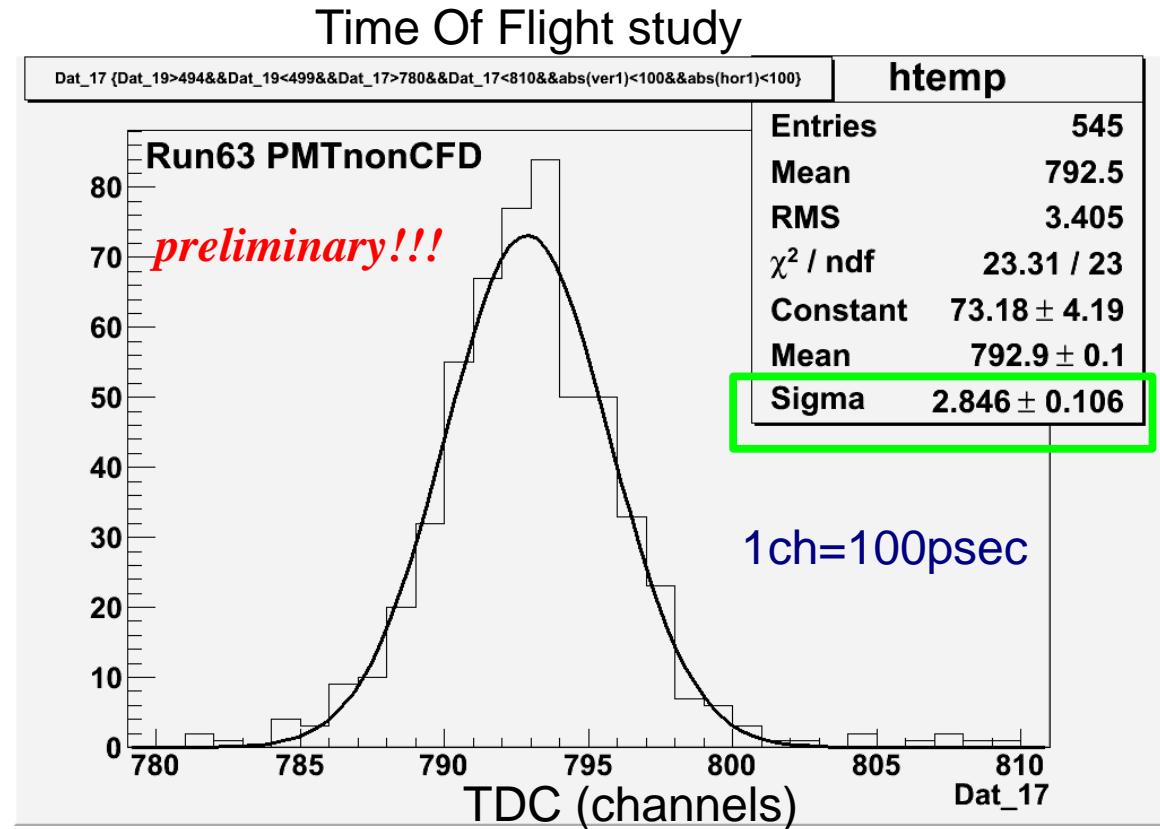
Very very preliminary!!!

*Beam tests of time resolution of Ndet
are in progress.*

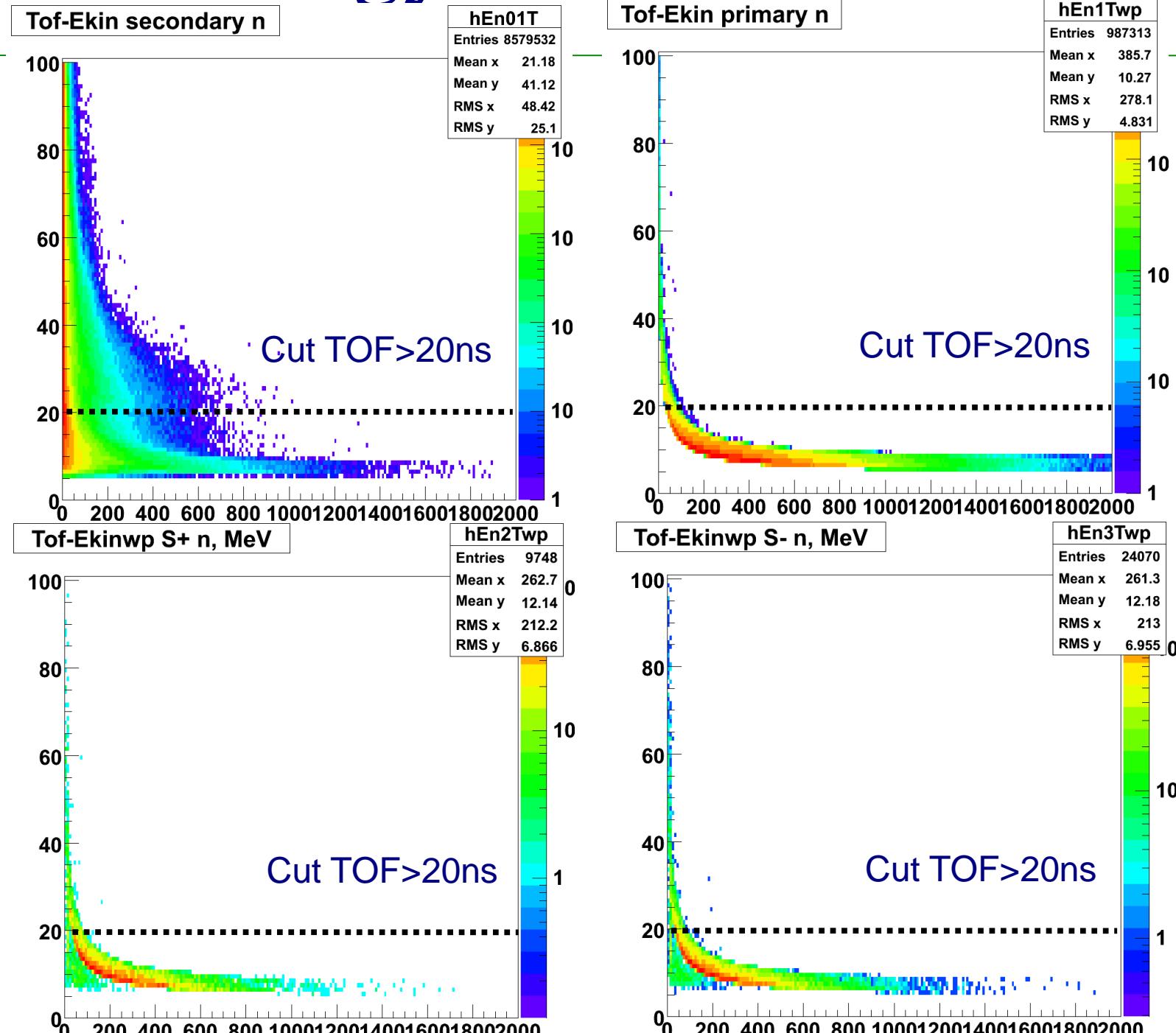
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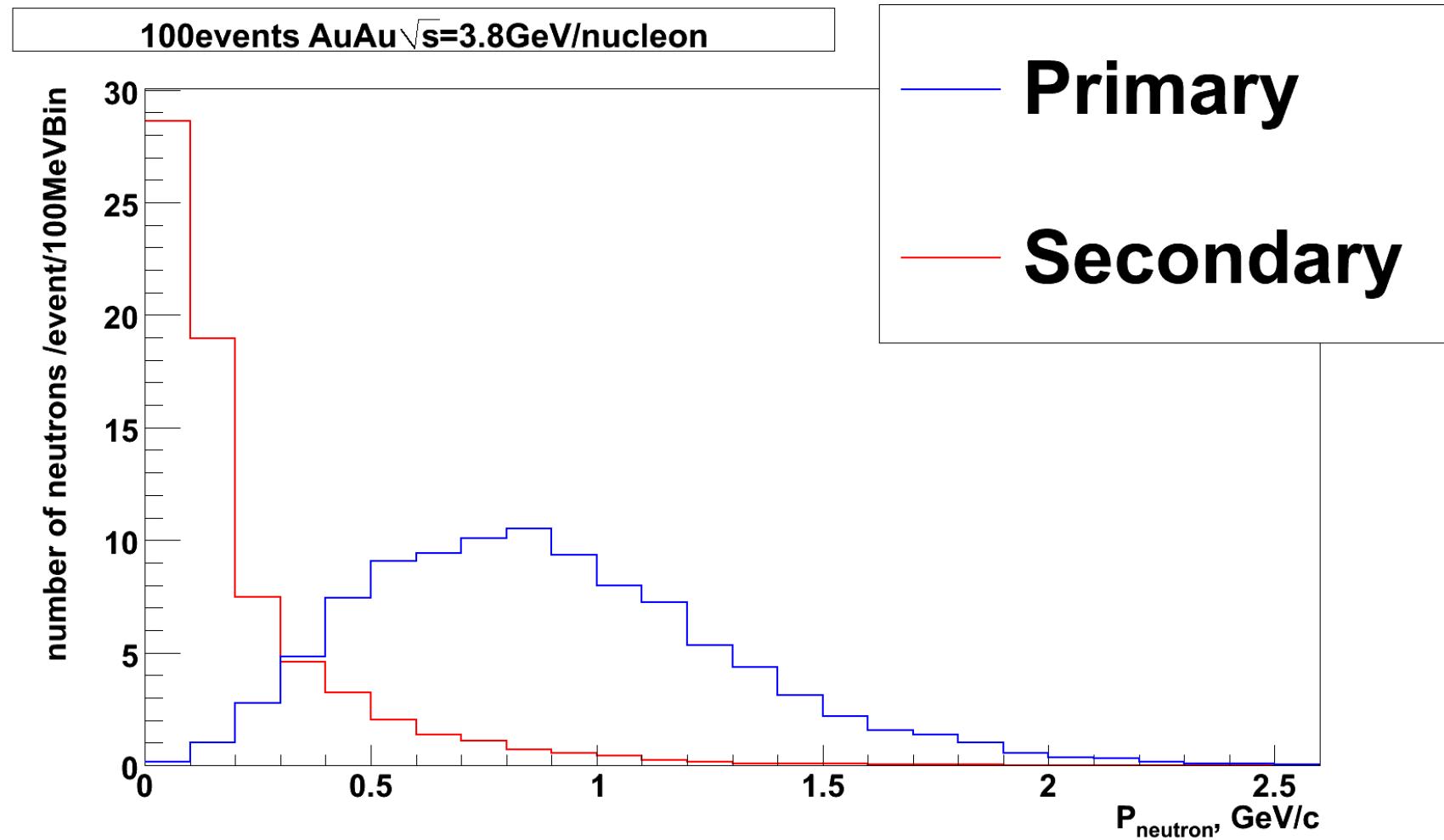
Time resolution with PMT $\sim 0.3\text{nsec}$



Energy-TOF neutrons



Primary and secondary momentum



$|\eta| < 1$, $\Sigma \rightarrow n\pi$

$\langle E_n \rangle \sim 250 \text{ MeV}$ ($730 \text{ MeV}/c$ $\beta \sim 0.6$)

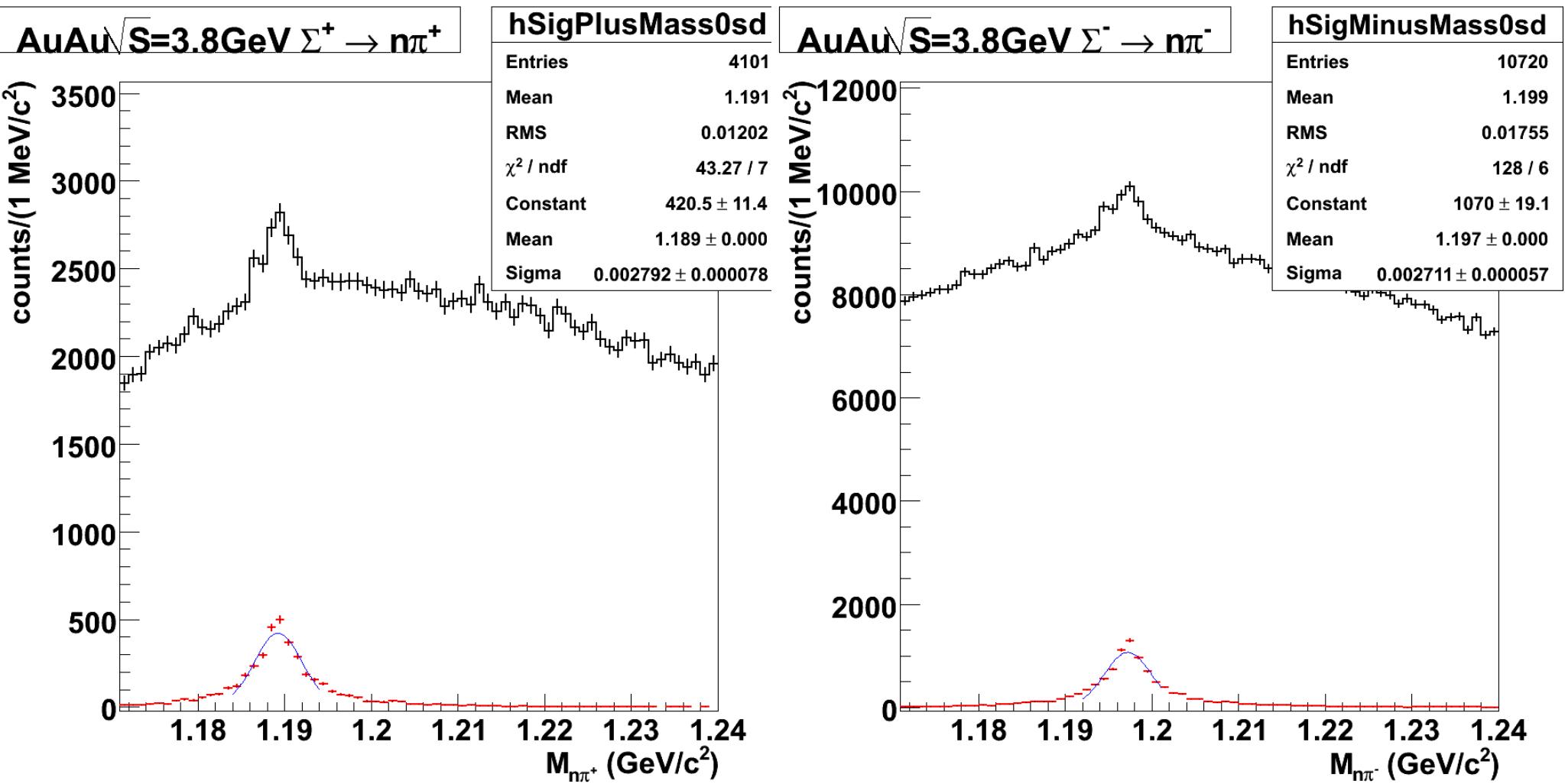
$\langle P_\pi \rangle \sim 230 \text{ MeV}/c$

$\langle P_\Sigma \rangle \sim 800 \text{ MeV}/c$

Σ detection (800 psec)

10^4 AuAu central events at $\text{sqrt}(S_{\text{NN}}) = 3.8 \text{ GeV}$

Time of flight resolution 800 psec





**Средняя множественность для центральных Au+Au
событий (прицельный параметр $b < 3$ фм) вычисленная
по URQMD**

Part.	4 GeV		7 GeV		11 GeV	
	4π	$ \eta < 1,$ $p > 100$ MeV/c	4π	$ \eta < 1,$ $p > 100$ MeV/c	4π	$ \eta < 1,$ $p > 100$ MeV/c
charged	430	250	870	430	1300	550
p	170	91	160	63	160	49
n	200	110	180	68	170	53
π^+	110	65	310	160	470	230
π^-	120	78	340	170	520	240
π^0	120	72	340	180	510	240
K^+	12	7.6	38	19	57	24
K^-	1.3	0.82	12	6.2	26	12
K^0	12	7.7	38	19	57	26
Λ	10	6.2	26	12	31	12
Σ^+	3.4	2.1	8.0	3.7	9.2	3.6
Σ^-	4.0	2.4	8.8	4.0	10	3.8
Σ^0	3.2	1.9	7.9	3.6	9.4	3.8
Ξ^-	0.16	0.11	0.87	0.42	1.7	0.66
Ξ^0	0.13	0.077	0.86	0.42	1.3	0.62
Ω^-	0.003	0.002	0.022	0.011	0.038	0.015

Эксперимент E286



“Data on light-fragment correlations in $^{40}\text{Ar}+^{58}\text{Ni}$ at 77MeV/nucleon”

Eur. Phys. J. A18 (2003) p.645-651. Коллаборация E286.

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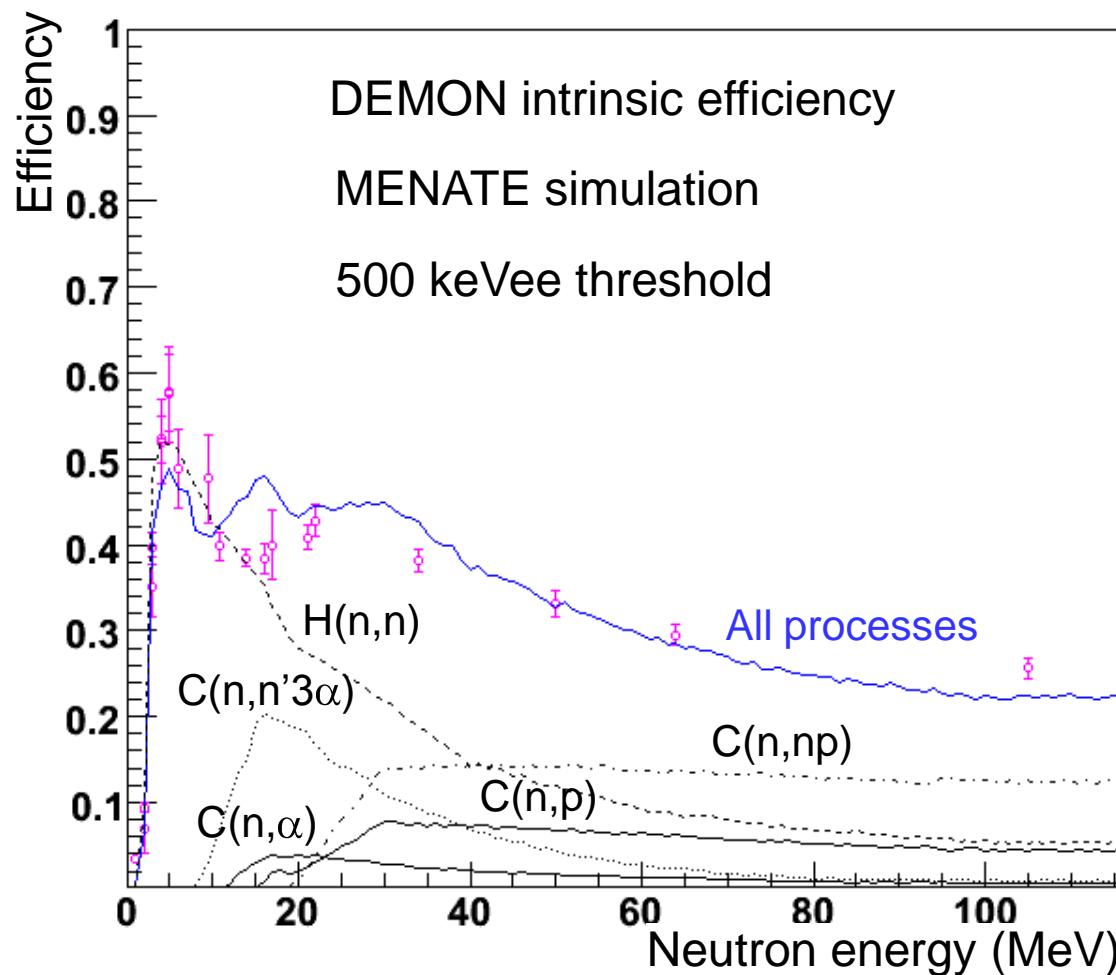
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DEMON efficiency with Menate



Simple
Reasonably accurate
Only cylindrical detectors with NE213 scintillator

P. Désesquelles et al, NIM A 307, 366 (1991)

Discriminating plastic

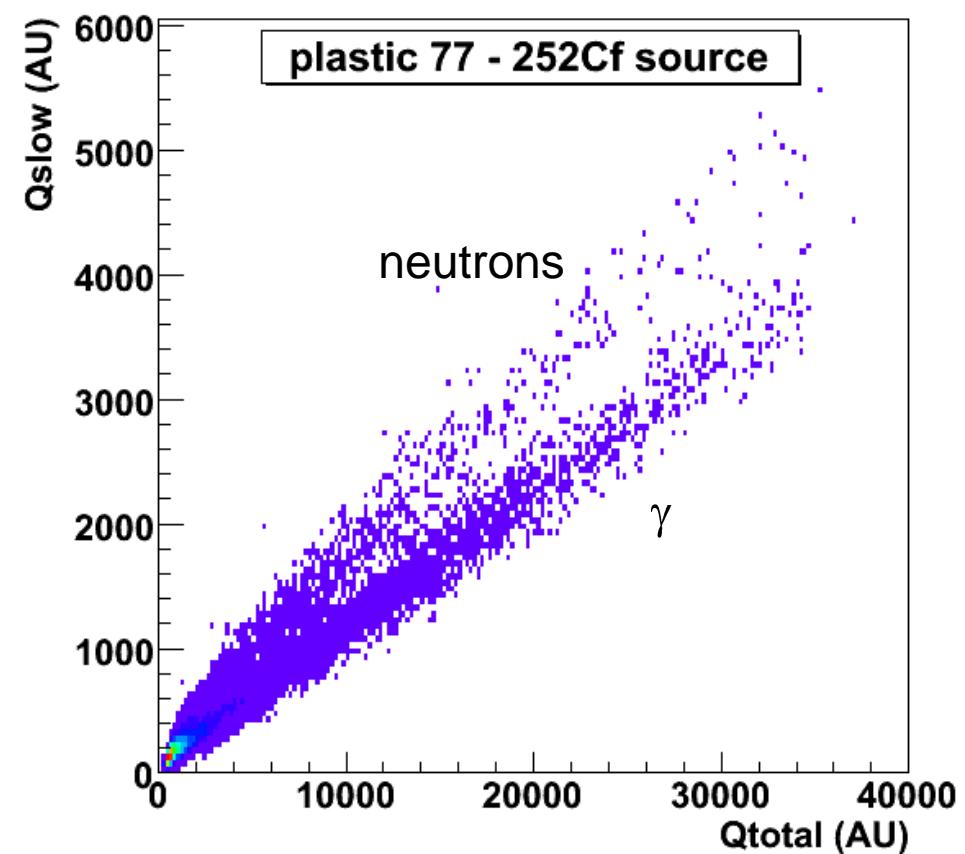
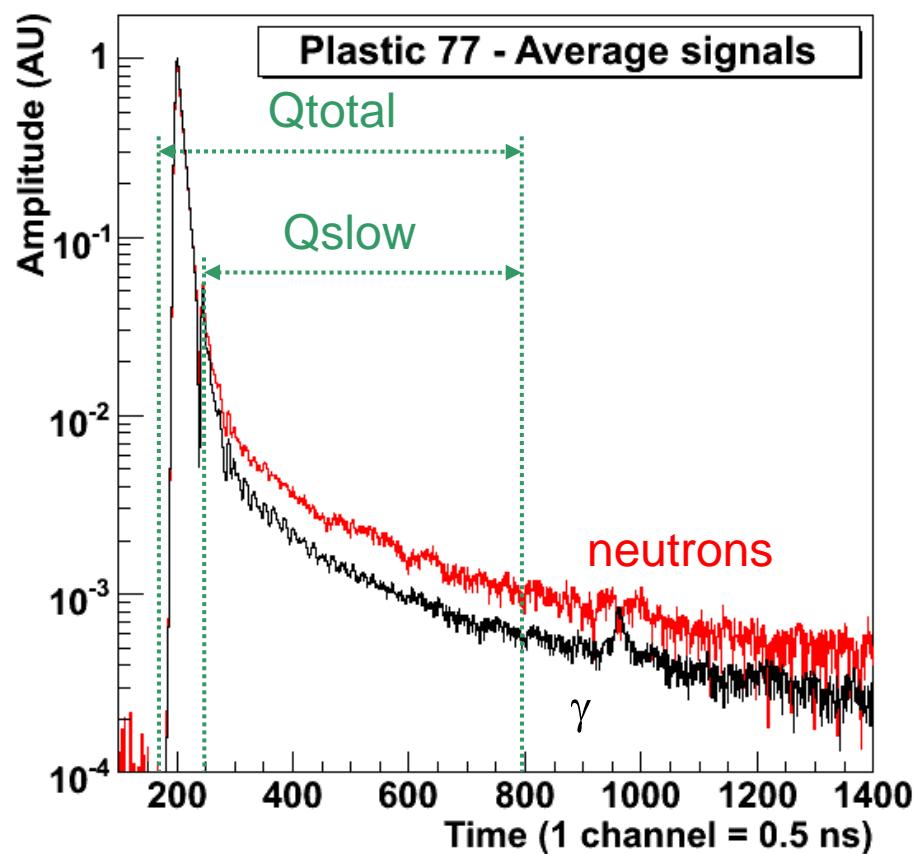
« plastic 77 », Brooks et al, IRE Trans. Nucl. Sci., NS-7, 35 (1960)

No exotic compounds (similarities with NE213)

Light output ~ BC400

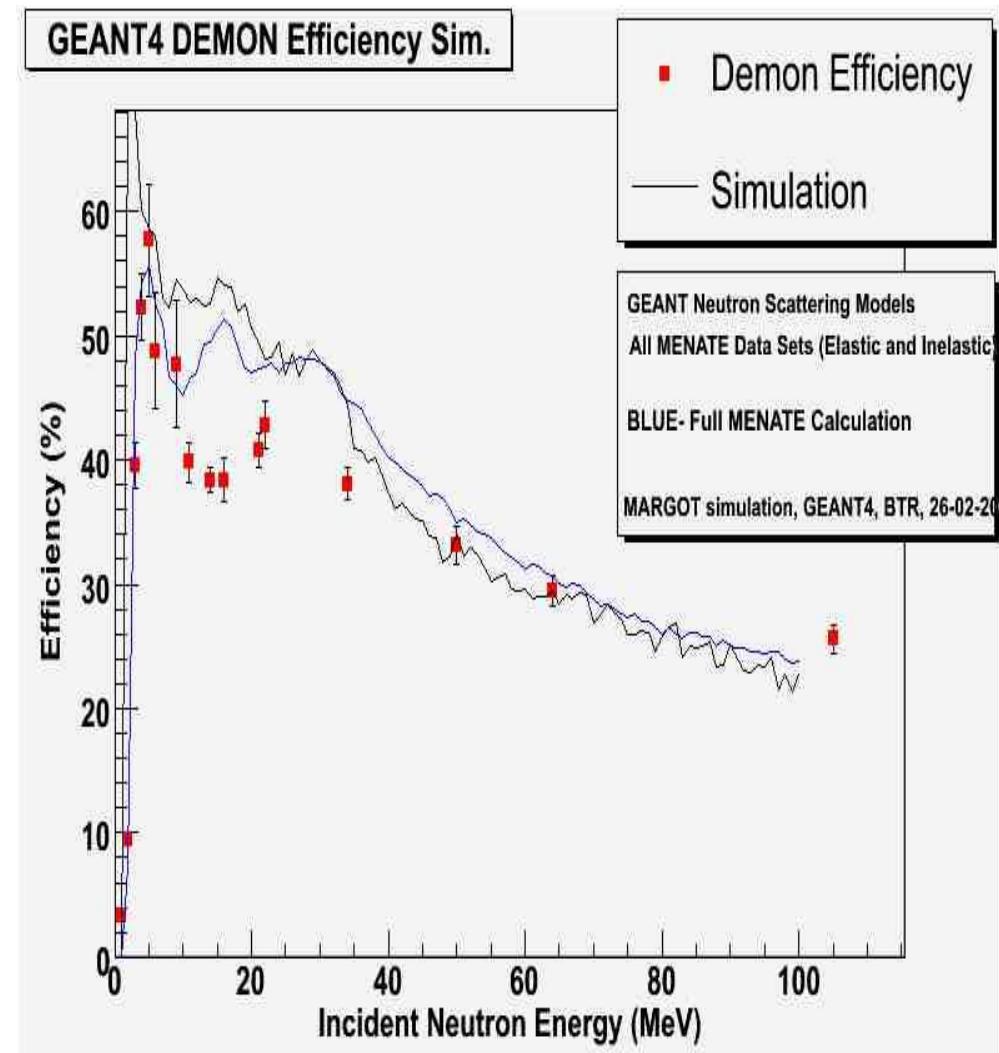
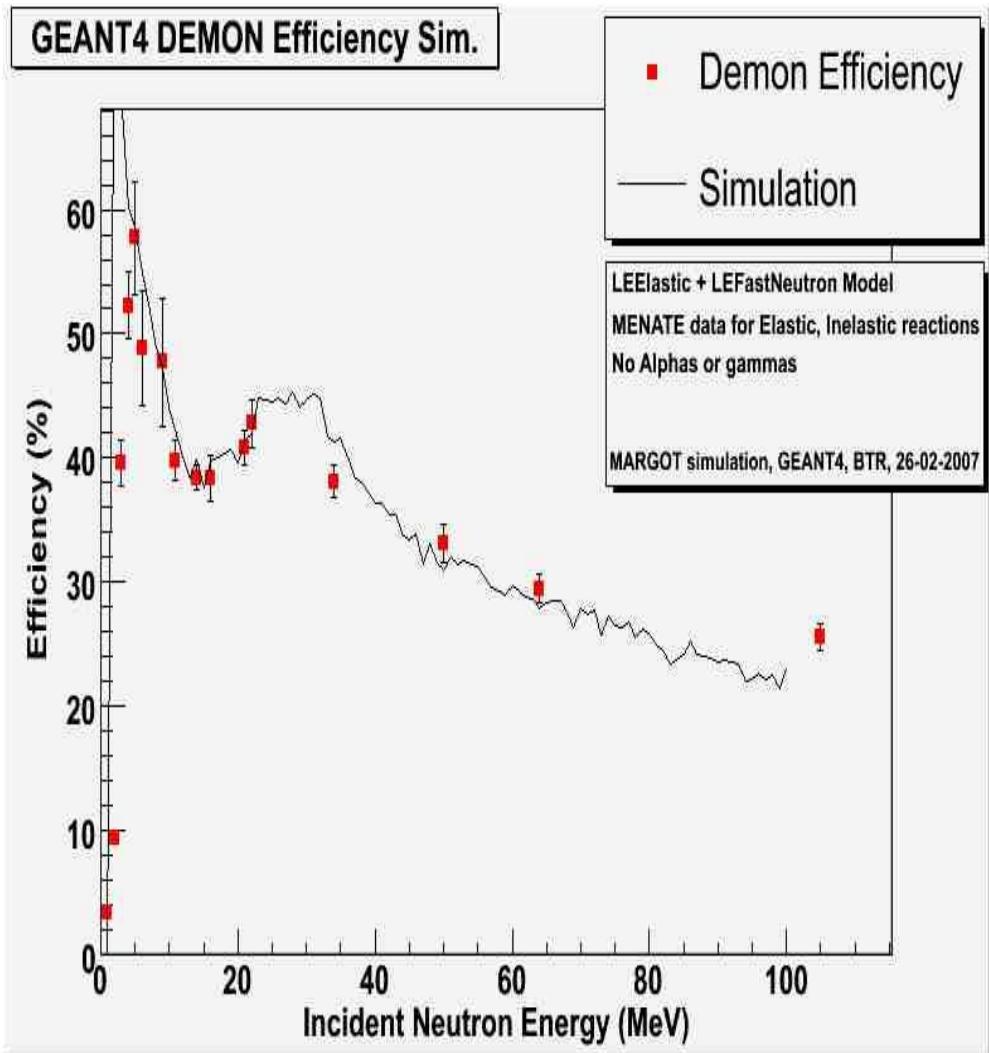
Clean synthesis process (CEA Saclay)

Test at LPC with digital ADC : 2 GHz, 12 bits, 2500 samples (1.25 μ s), low rate

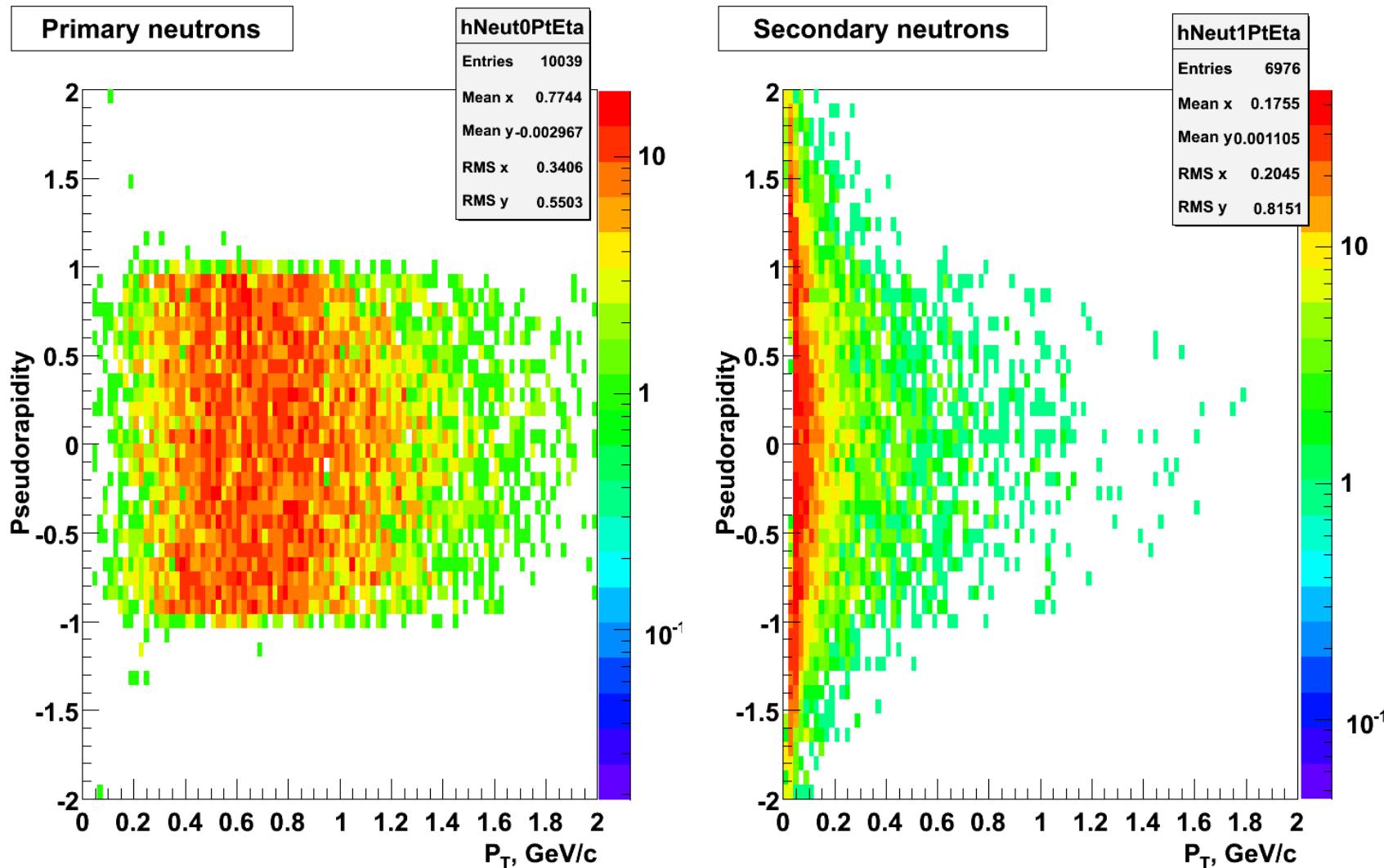


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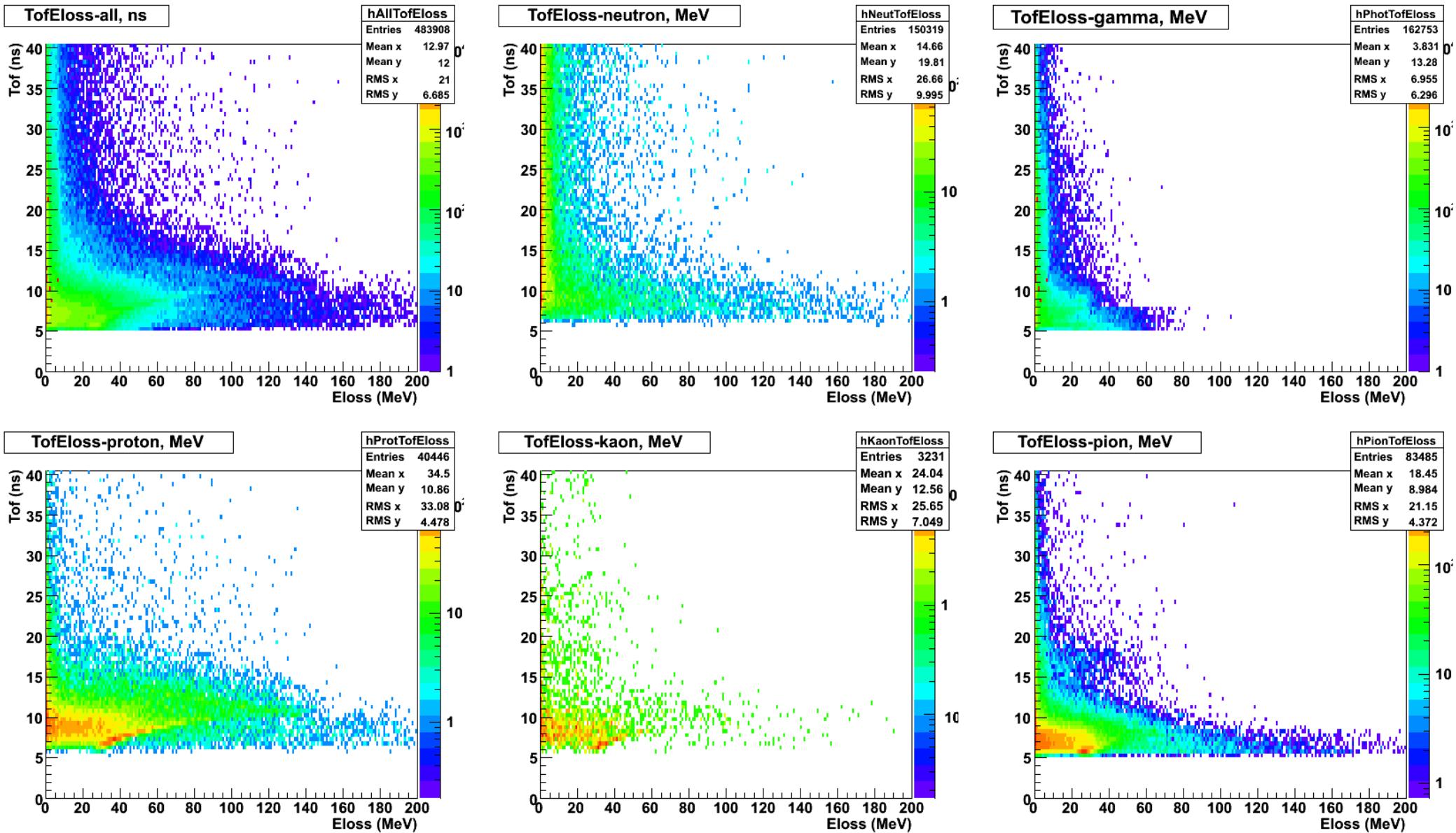
Results of LEFastNeutron model



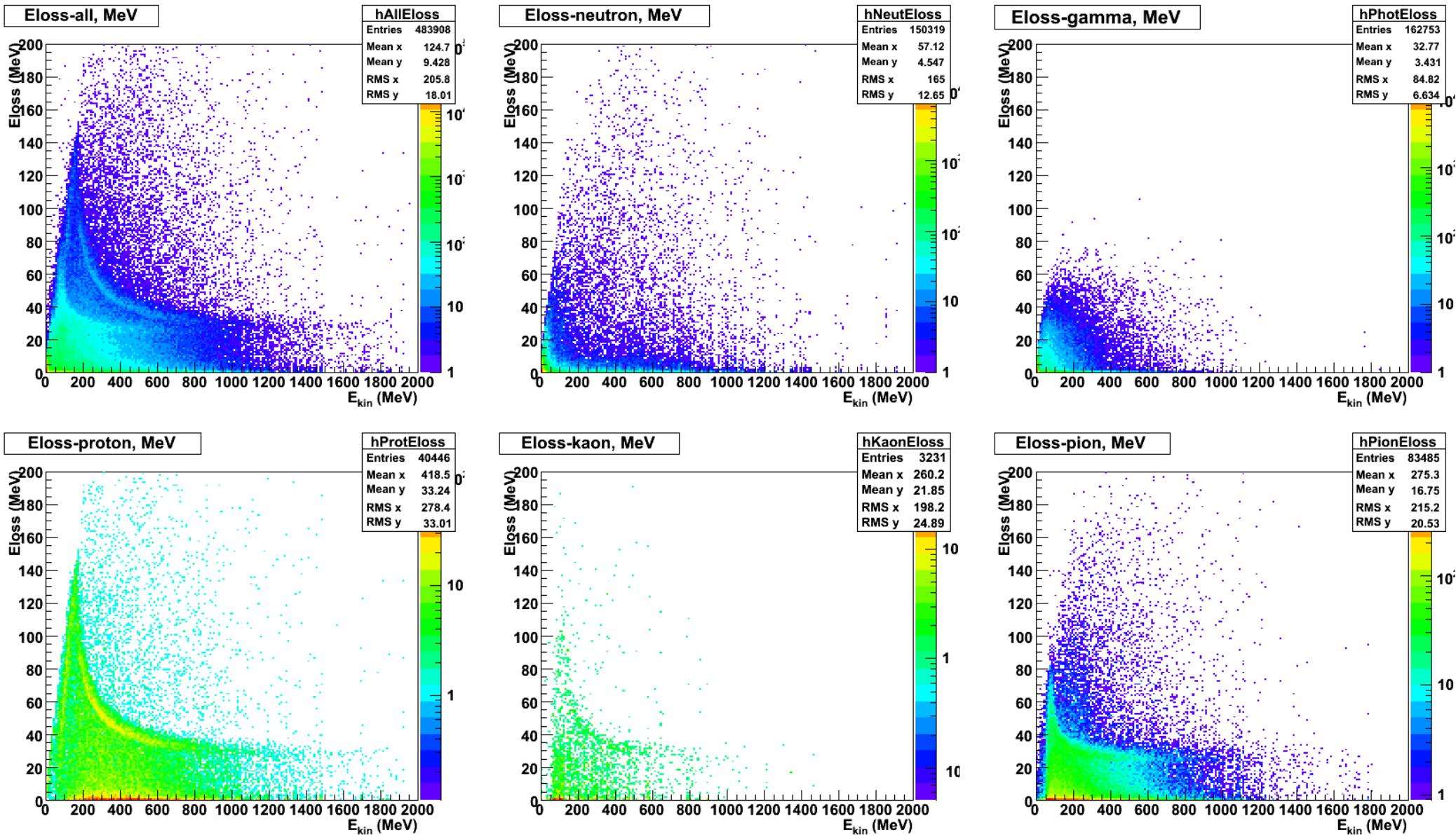
Neutron detector: eta-Pt



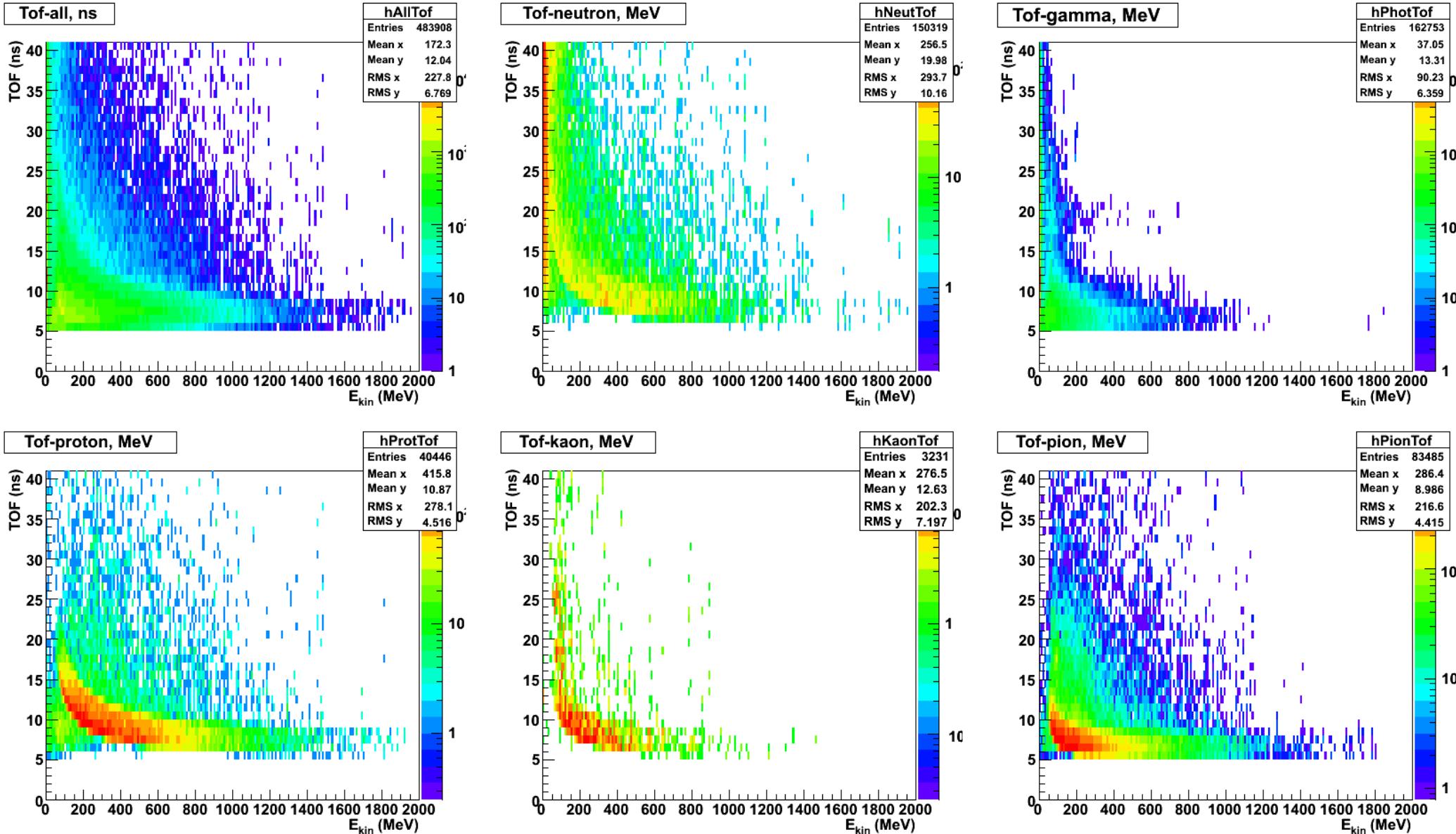
TOF-Eloss(prim&seco part.)



Energy Loss(prim&seco part.)



TOF(prim&seco part.)



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