

# Изучение энергетического отклика ближнего детектора SFGD

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# The Tokai-to-Kamioka (T2K) experiment)

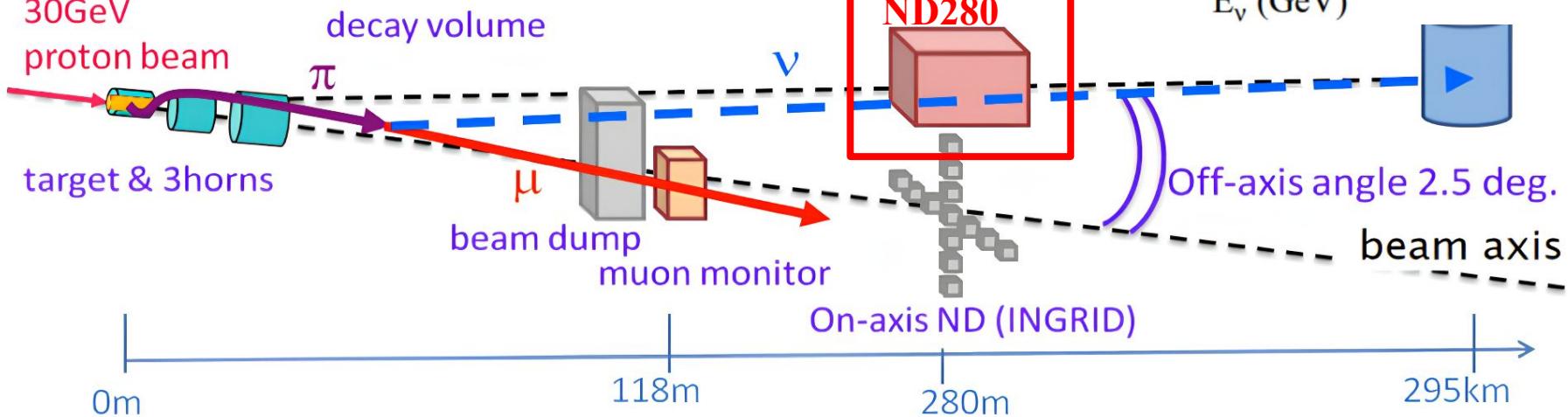
The T2K experiment is a long baseline neutrino oscillation experiment

- Discovery of  $\sin^2\theta_{13} > 0$  with accelerator neutrinos
- Leading sensitivities to  $\Delta m^2_{23}$ ,  $\theta_{23}$
- Rich variety of neutrino cross-section measurements
- Beyond the Standard Model studies

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30GeV

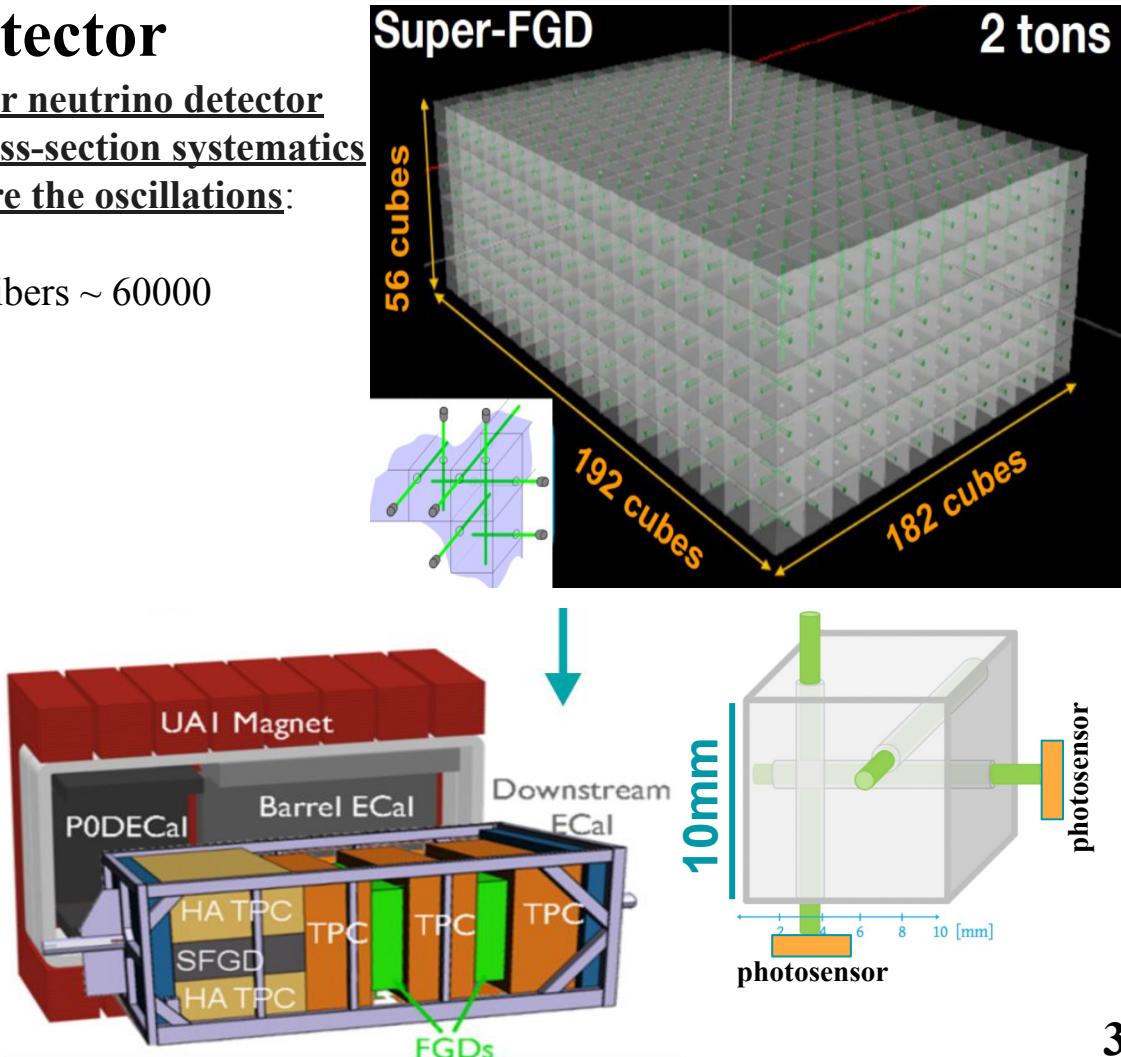
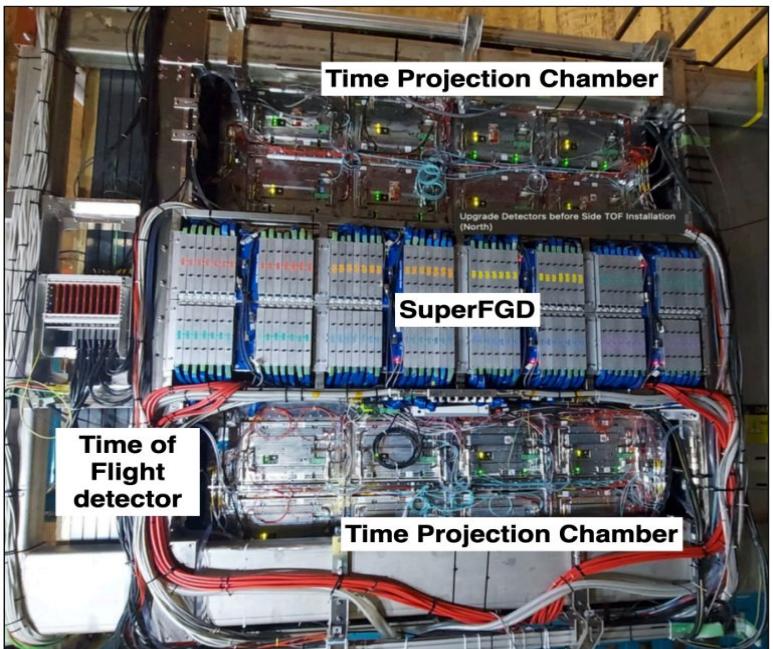
proton beam



# ND280: The SuperFGD detector

Fully active and highly granular  $4\pi$  scintillator neutrino detector  
created to tune and constrain the flux and cross-section systematics  
model by selecting neutrino interactions before the oscillations:

- Total volume  $\sim 192 \times 182 \times 56 \text{ cm}^3$
- 3 projections per each cube via optical fibers  $\sim 60000$  channels
- MPPC read-out



# Motivation

Birks' law relates the detected light yield to the energy deposited in the scintillator, accounting for quenching effects. The main goal is to determine this relation for SFGD detector.

The observable is  $dE/dx$ , the energy deposition in the scintillator,

- $k_B$ : Birks' constant, describing the scintillator quenching.
- $k_E$ : Calibration coefficient (Data/MC ratio).
- $k_{Ch}$ : Correction factor for Cherenkov light losses.

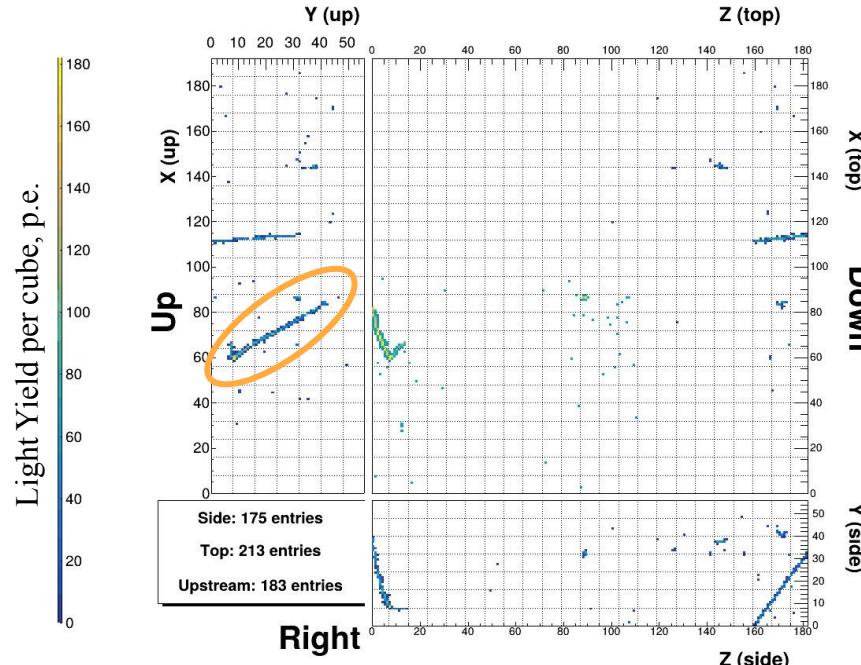
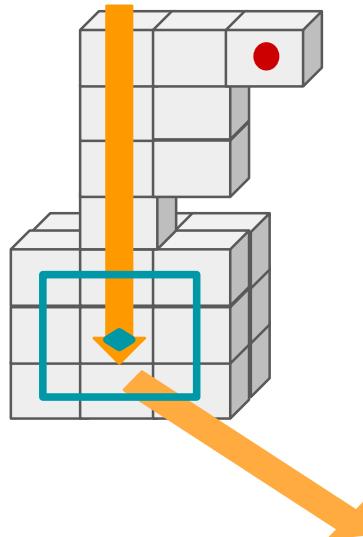
**PID reconstruction analysis is based on particles Bragg peaks!**

$$\frac{dL}{dx} = \frac{k_E \frac{dE}{dx}}{1 + k_B \frac{dE}{dx}} + \underbrace{k_{CH} e^2 \left( 1 - \frac{E^2}{n^2(E^2 - m^2)} \right)}_{\text{Cherenkov contribution}}$$

$$\chi^2(K_B, K_E, K_{Ch}) = \sum_{n=0}^{N_{layers}} \frac{\left( \frac{dE}{dx} n, MC - \frac{dE}{dx} n, Data \right)^2}{\sigma^2}$$

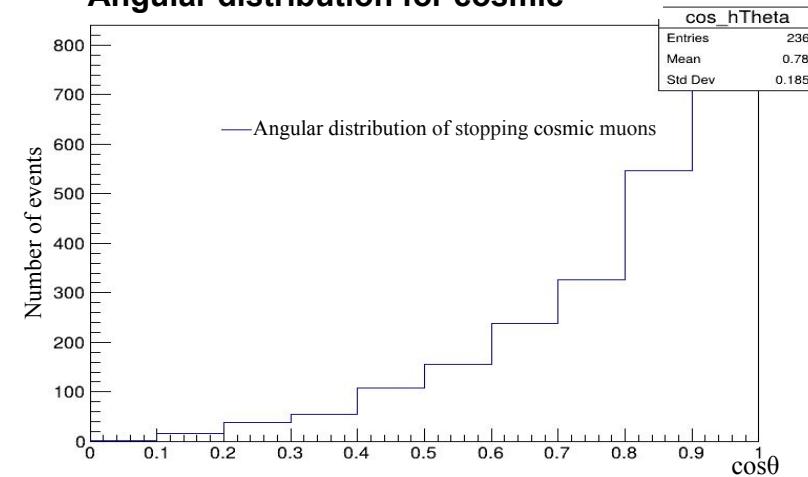
# Cosmic Muon Stopping Sample: Selection

- An event is split into time clusters ( $\Delta t \geq 40$  ns)
- Each time cluster is divided into spatial clusters ( $\geq 15$  cubes in cluster for primary)
- Each spatial cluster in the first time cluster is checked to satisfy:
  - 1) **The cluster does not pass through the entire detector** (if  $y_{\text{max}} > 52$  and  $y_{\text{min}} = 0$ , the track is discarded).
  - 2) **The cluster stops inside the FV** ( $3 < x_{\text{stop}} < 189$  &  $3 < z_{\text{stop}} < 179$  &  $3 < y_{\text{stop}} < 52$ ).
- The spatial clusters in the second time clusters must have  $\geq 5$  cubes
- Each spatial track in the second time cluster is checked to start in the stop cube or in the neighbour to the stop cube



# Cosmic Stopping Sample: MC

## Angular distribution for cosmic

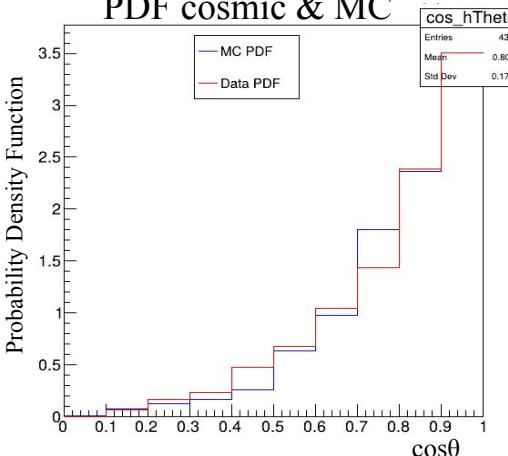


-  $\mu^+/\mu^-$  proportion in MC should be taken as expected in real data ( $(44.1 \pm 0.3)\%$  of stopping muons are  $\mu^-$  at sea level)

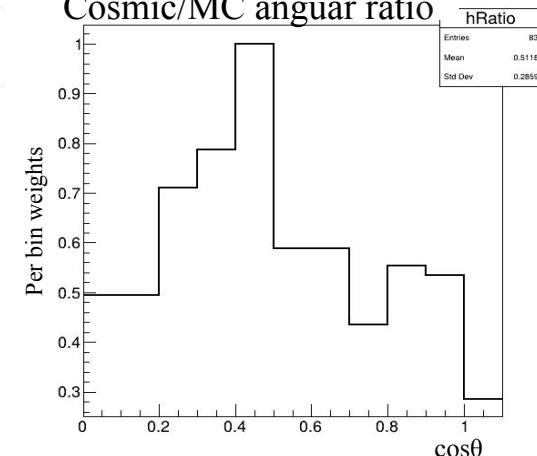
- muon angular distribution in MC and data should match in order to make an adequate Bragg curve comparison

1. The angular Probability Density Function (PDF) from data defines the required Monte Carlo (MC) statistics.
2. Normalization is conserved between data and simulation.
3. The known  $\mu^+/\mu^-$  ratio ( $(44.1 \pm 0.3)\% \mu^-$ ) is applied to the final angular distribution to estimate the number of  $\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$  events.

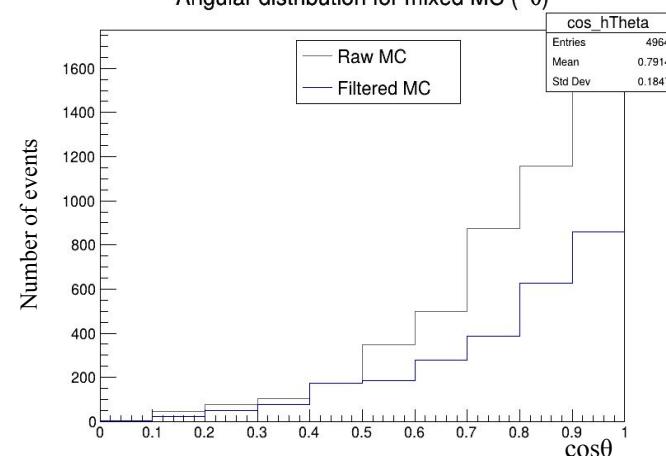
## PDF cosmic & MC



## Cosmic/MC angular ratio

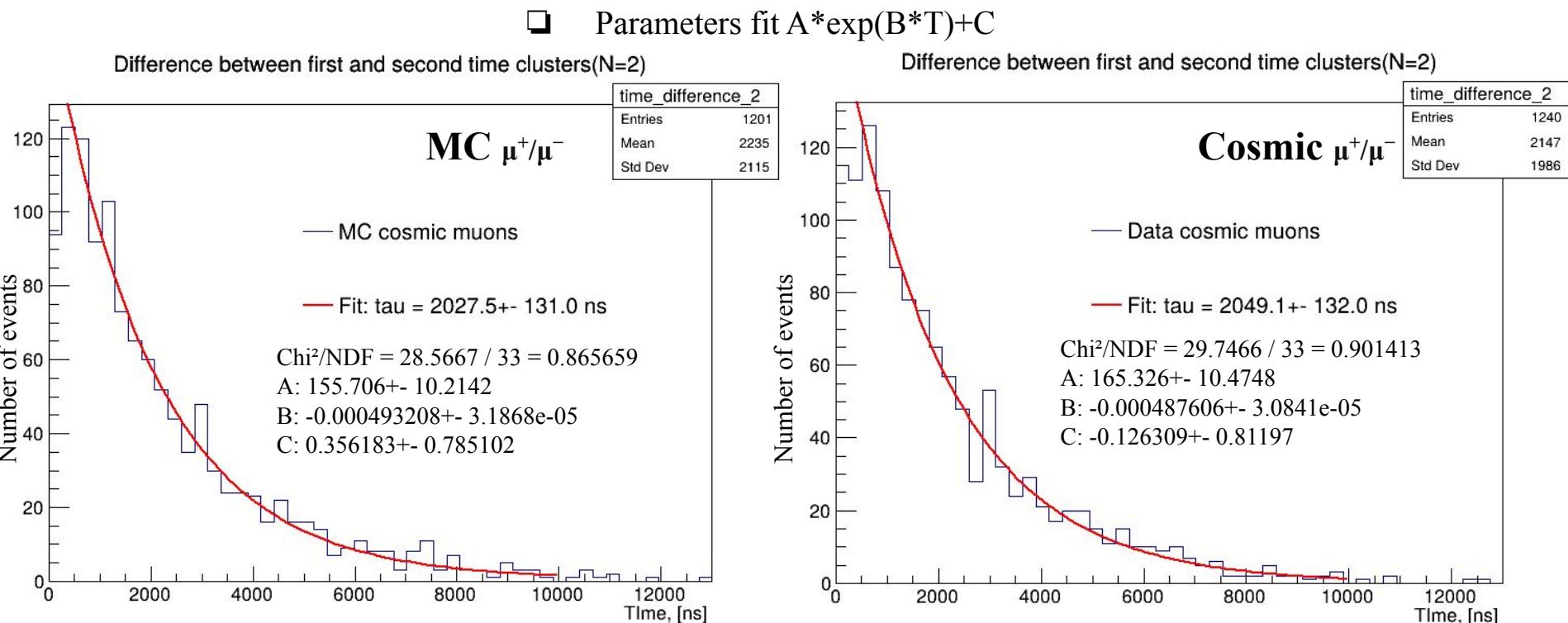


## Angular distribution for mixed MC ( $\theta$ )



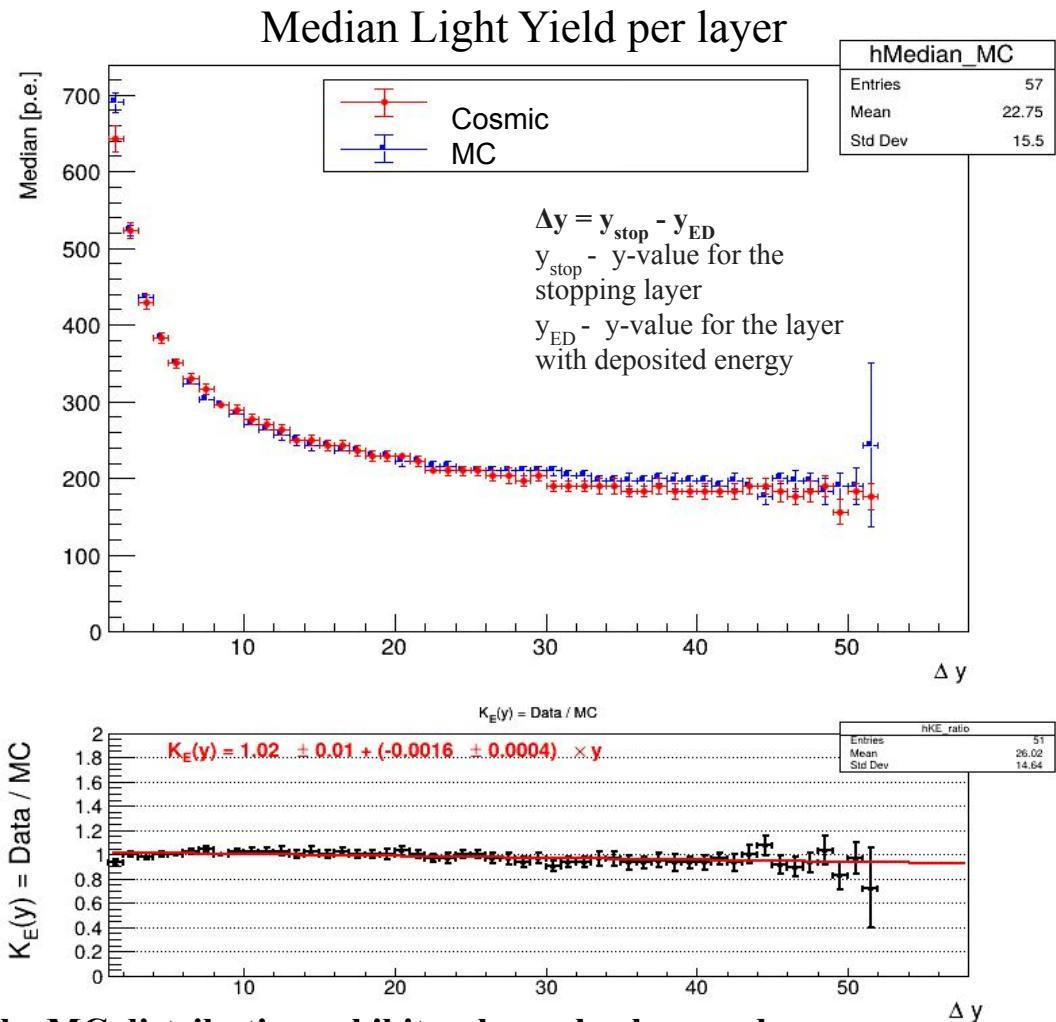
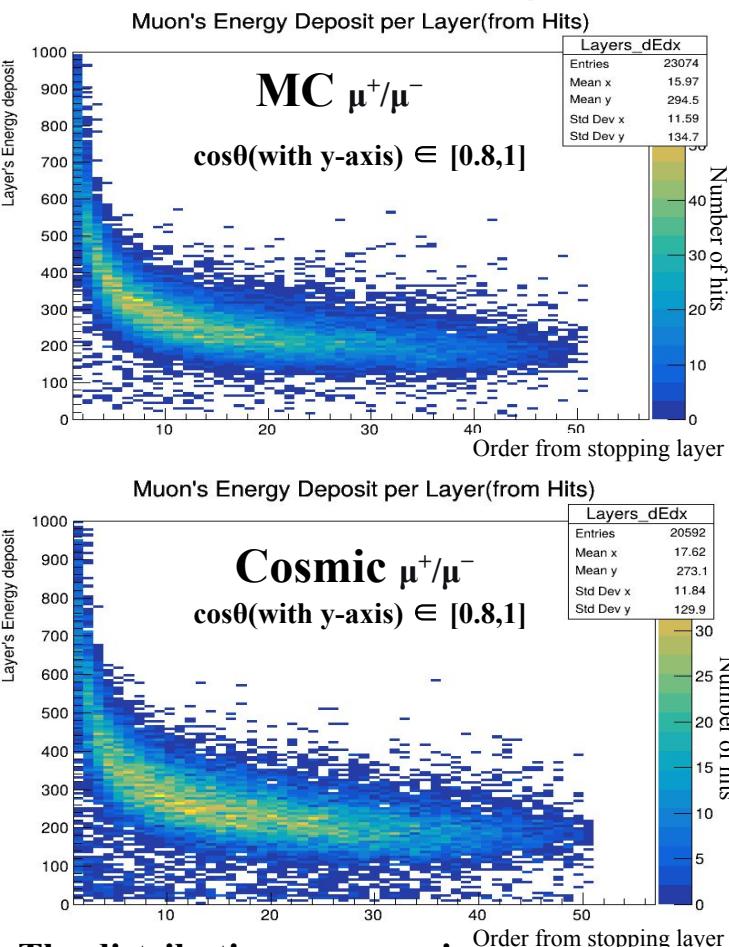
# Cosmic Stopping Sample: Selection Validation

To validate the selection, reconstructed  $\mu$  lifetime was compared with the expected value.



The mixed MC dataset yielded results compatible with the data within errors. However, a difference in the shapes of the distributions is observed, which requires further study.

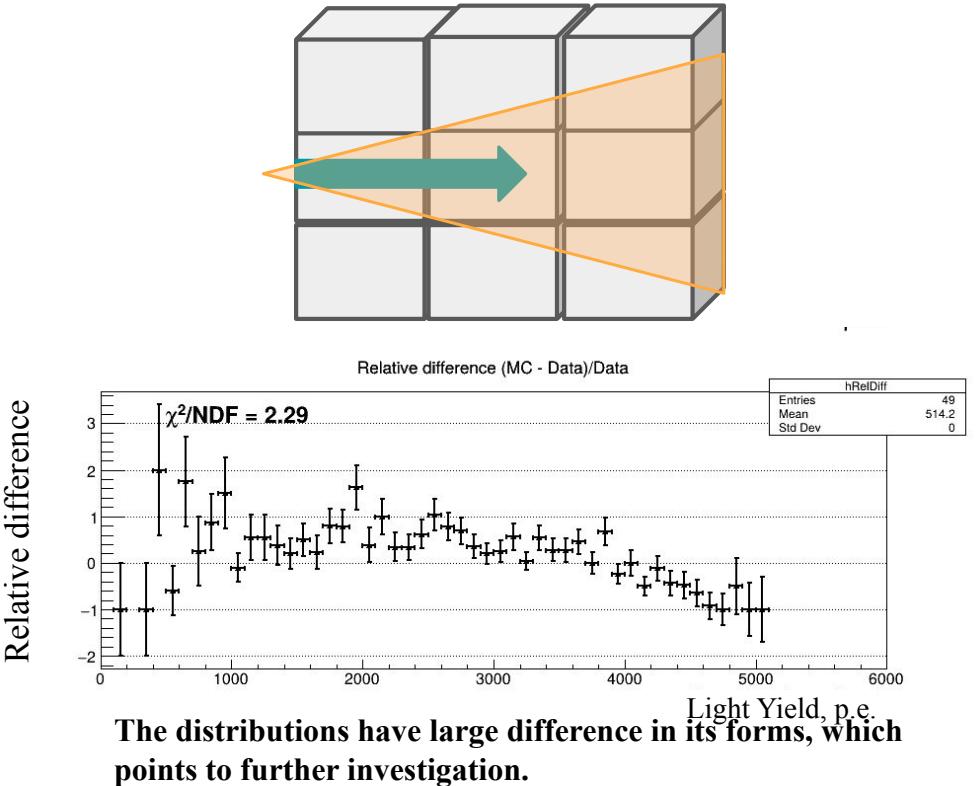
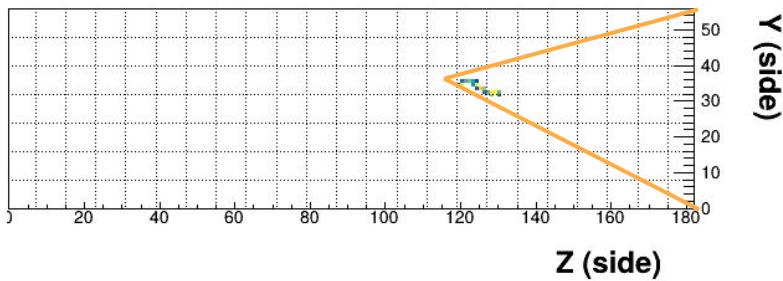
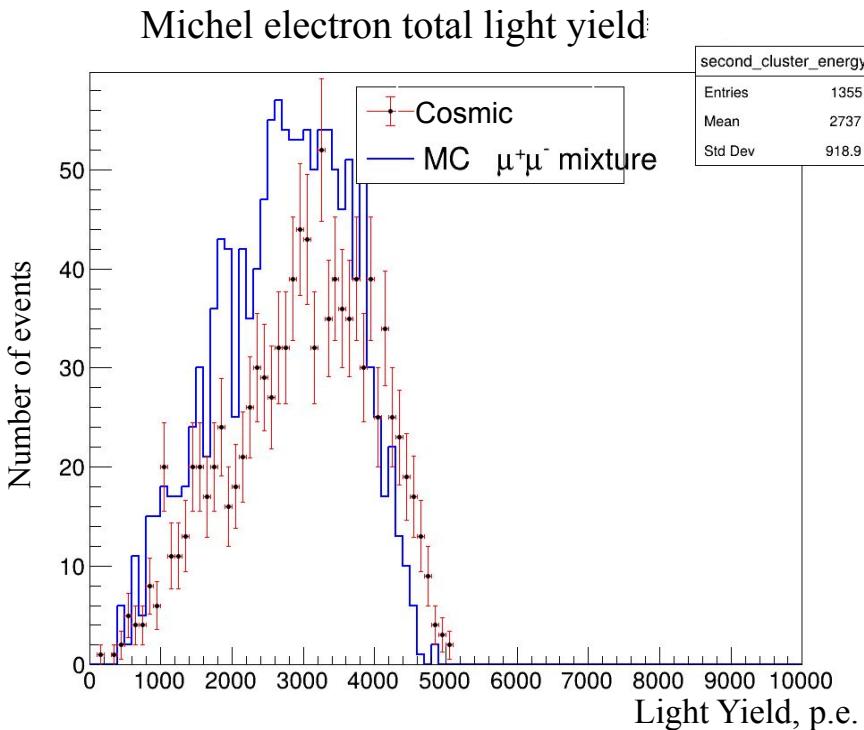
# Cosmic Stopping Sample



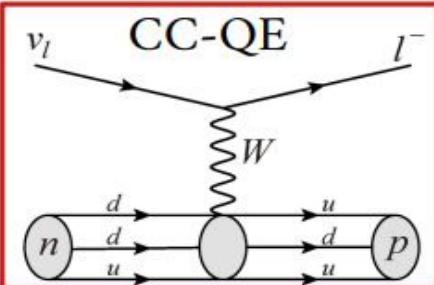
The distributions appear visually similar, however, the MC distribution exhibits a lower background.

# Reco info: Michel electron

Michel electron spectrum is reconstructed by summing the 3D read-out light yield from the electron track and the electromagnetic showers within a selected cone.



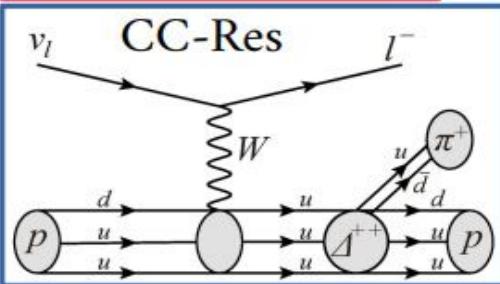
# Neutrino Interaction Modes



**Charged-current quasi elastic (CCQE)** - muon and proton at the final state:

$100\text{MeV} < E_\nu < 1\text{GeV}$

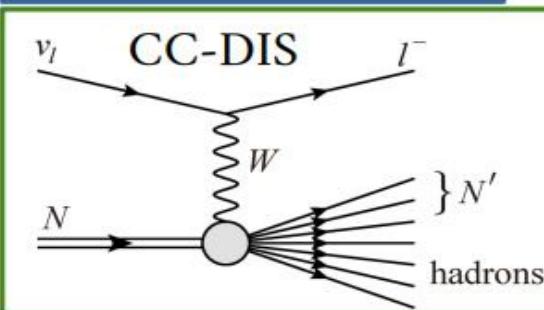
$$\begin{aligned}\nu_\mu + n &\rightarrow \mu^- + p \\ \bar{\nu}_\mu + p &\rightarrow \mu^+ + n\end{aligned}$$



**Resonance Production (CCRES)** - muon and proton at the final state:

$400\text{MeV} < E_\nu < 5\text{GeV}$

$$\begin{aligned}\nu_\mu + N &\rightarrow \mu^- + \Delta^{++} \rightarrow \mu^- + p + \pi^+ \\ \bar{\nu}_\mu + N &\rightarrow \mu^+ + \Delta^- \rightarrow \mu^+ + n + \pi^-\end{aligned}$$



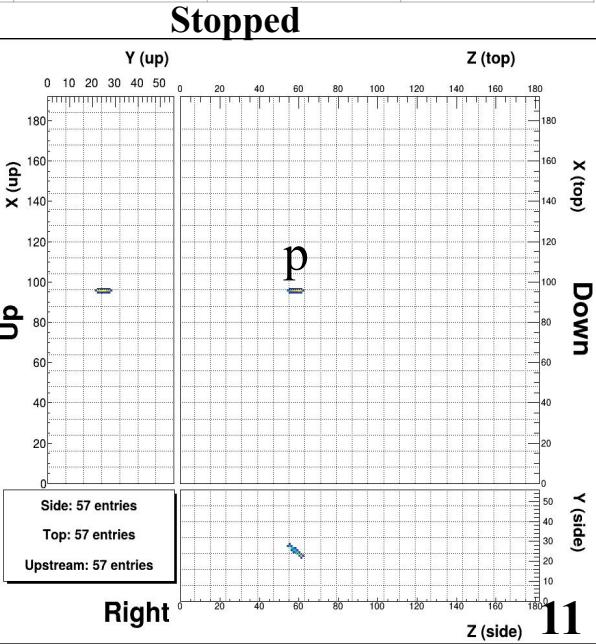
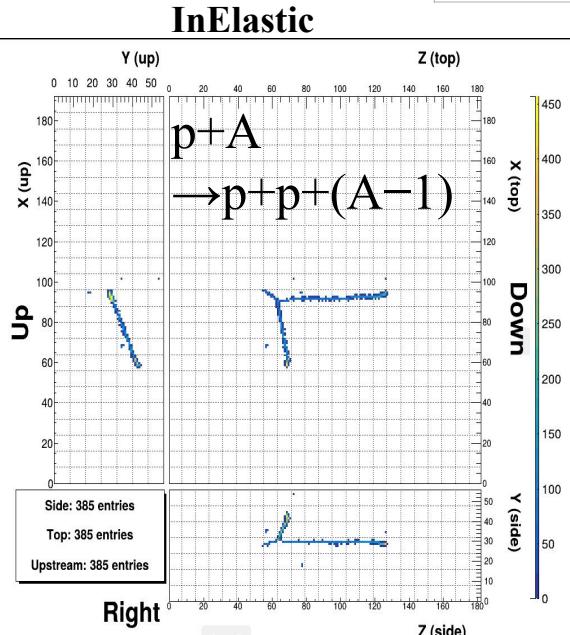
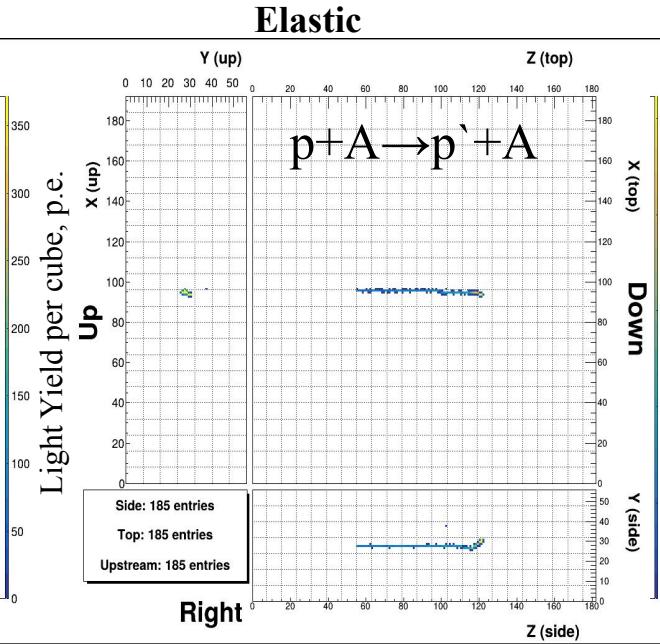
**Deep Inelastic Scattering (CCDIS)** - muon and proton at the final state:

$E_\nu > 5\text{GeV}$

$$\begin{aligned}\nu_\mu + N &\rightarrow \mu^- + X \\ \bar{\nu}_\mu + N &\rightarrow \mu^+ + X\end{aligned}$$

# Proton Stopping Sample: MC true

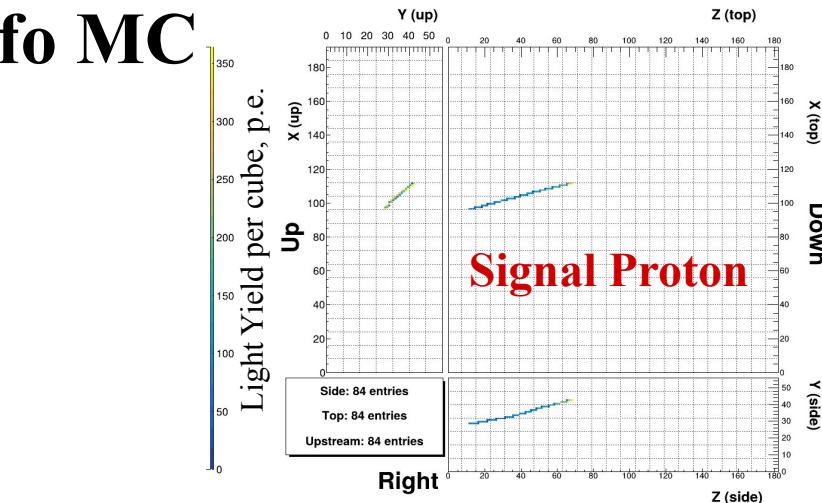
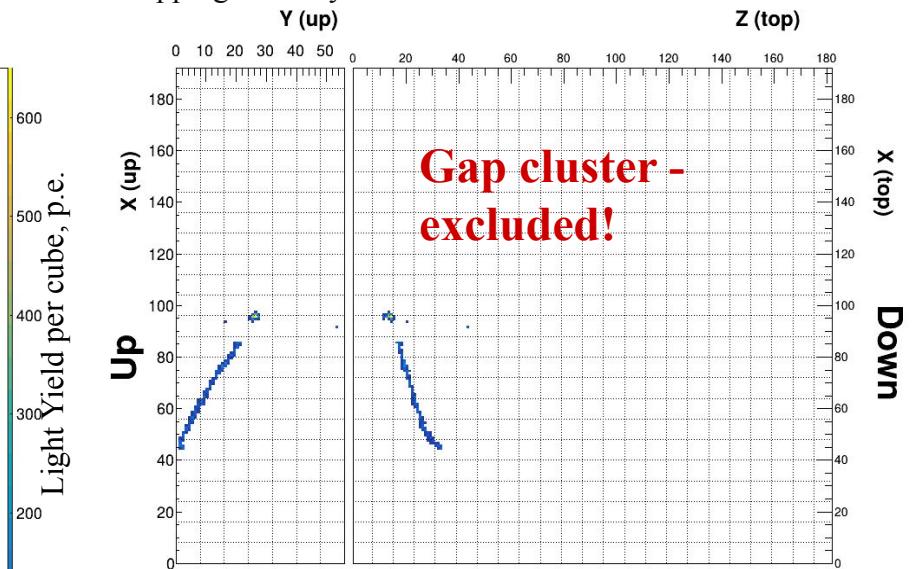
- ❑ Protons are generated along the Z-axis with an angular distribution. Particles start in the SFGD. Every MC set has fixed energy ranging from 30 to 600 MeV.



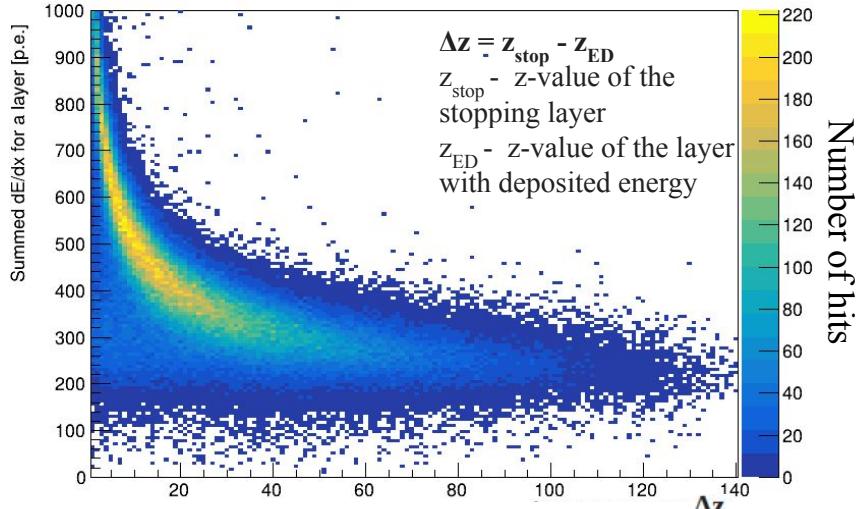
Type	100 MeV	200 MeV	400 MeV
Events total	5000	5000	5000
Elastic	96	672	1875
Inelastic	1	26	582
Stopped	4902	4270	2323
Divided	1	0	0
Escaped	0	32	220

# Proton Stopping Sample: Hits info MC

- Only unique hits are used
- Hits within an event are sorted by Z and grouped into spatial clusters
- Isolated clusters are selected (no common vertices within 2 cubes of track start/end)
- Clusters with gaps are rejected (direction and alignment cut)**
- Clusters must be straight ( $\chi^2$  cut)
- Isolated clusters must stop inside the fiducial volume (FV)
- Clusters with fewer than 6 cubes are excluded
- Clusters in all directions are used
- Stopping cube layer is excluded from distribution



Protons's Energy Deposit per Layer(from Hits)



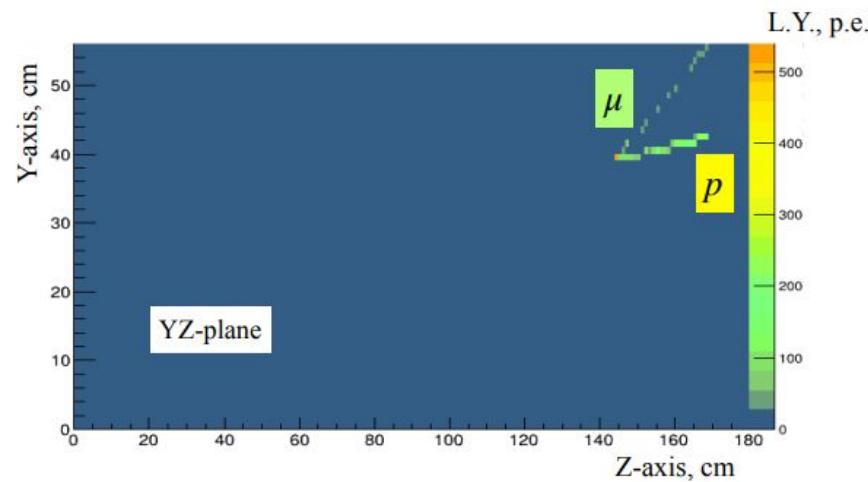
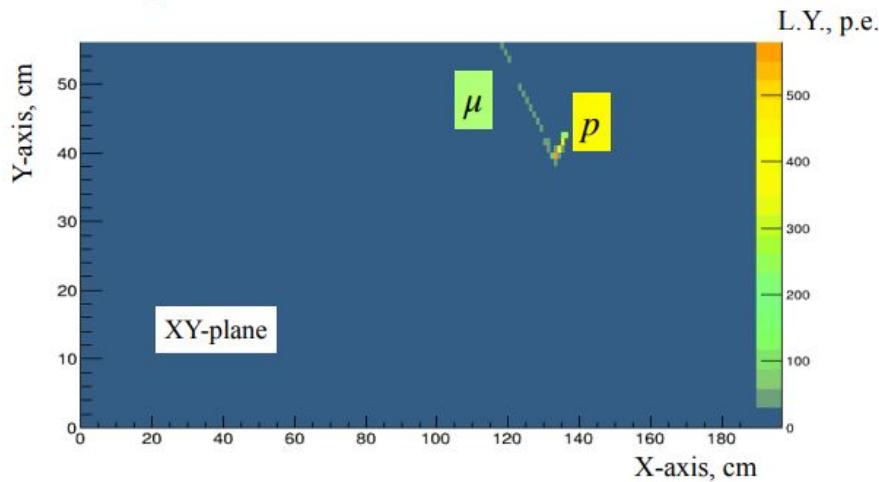
# Summary

## □ Lifetime Measurement & Bragg Peak Analysis:

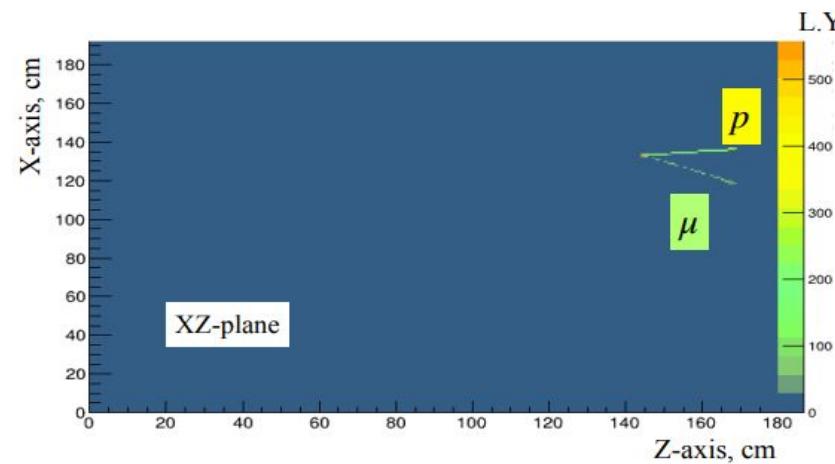
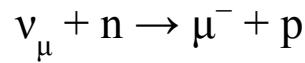
- Muon Selection: The selection of stopped muons has been validated. The reconstructed muon lifetime of  $2049.1 \pm 132$  ns is in good agreement with the PDG world average  $2196.9811 \pm 0.0022$  ns
- Bragg Curve Agreement: The Bragg curves show good agreement between data and Monte Carlo simulation, produced specially for SFGD. Further refinement of the Birks' constant is expected to improve this agreement.
- Michel electron spectra: Reconstructed spectra significantly differs for data/MC, which requires further studies.

# BACK UP

# SFGD current status - neutrino event display



Charged-current quasi elastic (CCQE) scattering of  $\nu_\mu$  on CH gives muon and proton at the final state:

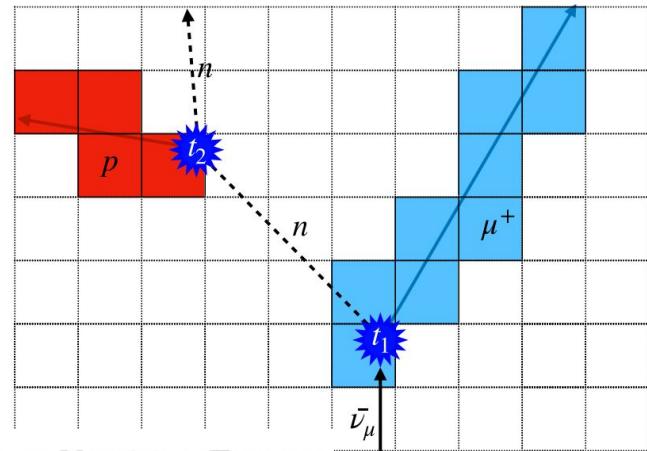


# SuperFGD test beams - 2019/2020

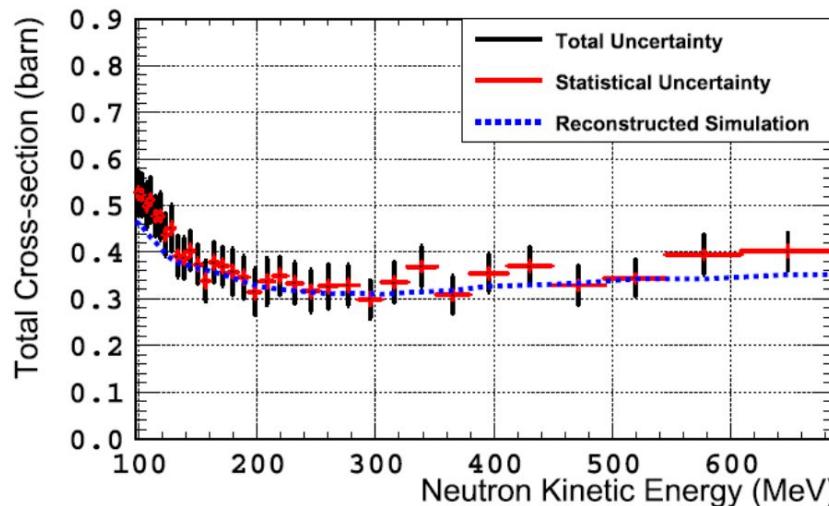
2019-2020: 2 Super-FGD prototypes have been exposed to a neutron beam in Los Alamos

- Important measurement to demonstrate neutron detection capability
- First measurement of neutron cross-section in scintillator
- Achieved time resolution for neutrons is 0.5 ns

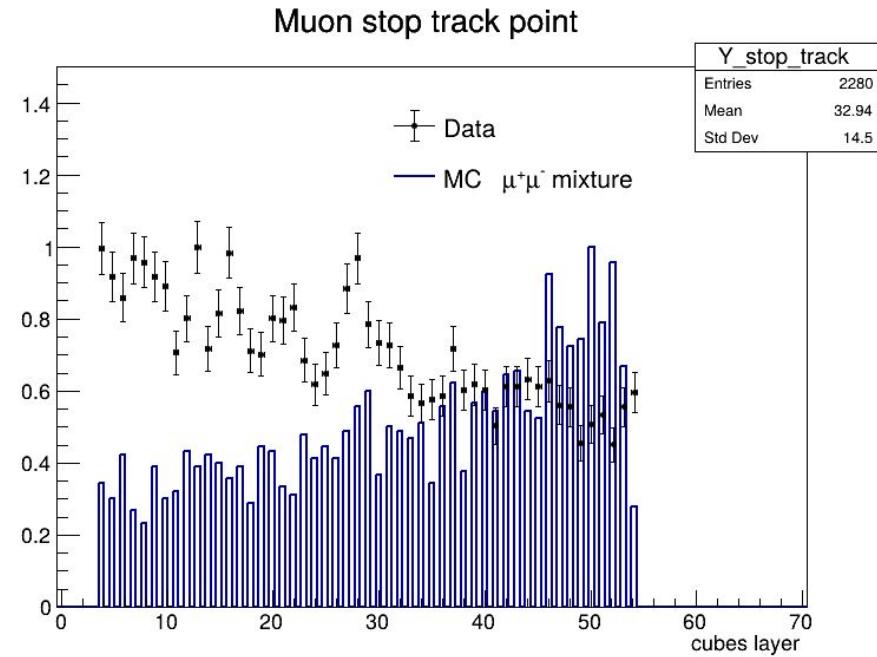
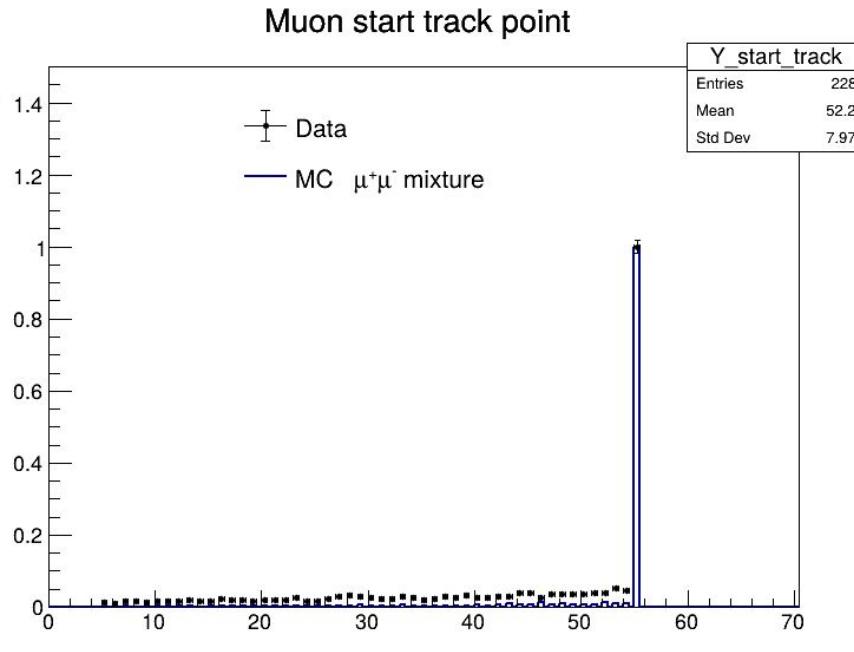
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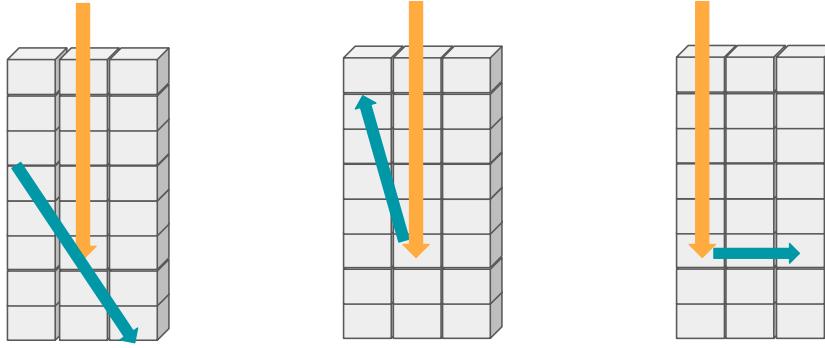
**Neutron Cross Section vs Neutron Energy**



# Muon Stopping Sample: MC sample issues

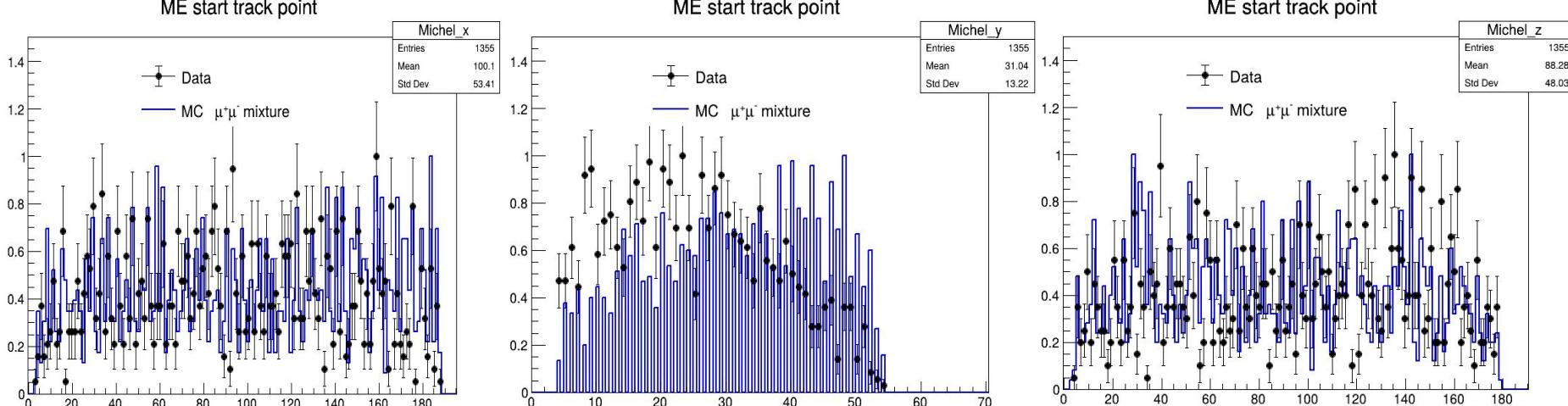


# Reco info: Secondary



Evaluation of the Distance to the Stopping Point:

- 1) The **track's axis** is defined by the highest  $\Delta$ .
- 2) Distances from both ends of the track to the muon stop point are calculated.
- 3) **The end with the shorter distance is defined as the start of the secondary track.**
- 4) **This starting point is checked if it lies within the muon stop cube or its neighbors.**



# Reco info: ME

For pairs of muon+ME selected via previous analysis the difference in muon stopping point and ME starting point was evaluated.

- ❑ **Distribution of the distance between the ME and muon for MC and Data have different shapes, which also points to the MC/DATA inconsistency.**

Distance between muons stop and ME start

