

NINJA Prospects

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- NINJA = **N**eutrino **I**nteraction research with **N**uclear emulsion and **J**-PARC **A**ccelerator
- Interaction on water with 200 MeV/c proton threshold.

NINJA so far...

1. Detector test runs -> published [Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 063C02 \(2017\)](#)
[Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 063H02 \(2017\)](#)
2. Run 6 (60 kg Fe) -> submitted to PTEP [arxiv:2012.05221](#)
3. Run 8 (3 kg H₂O) -> published [Phys. Rev. D 102, 072006 \(2020\)](#)
4. Physics Run a (75 kg H₂O) -> now in analysis

What we can see?



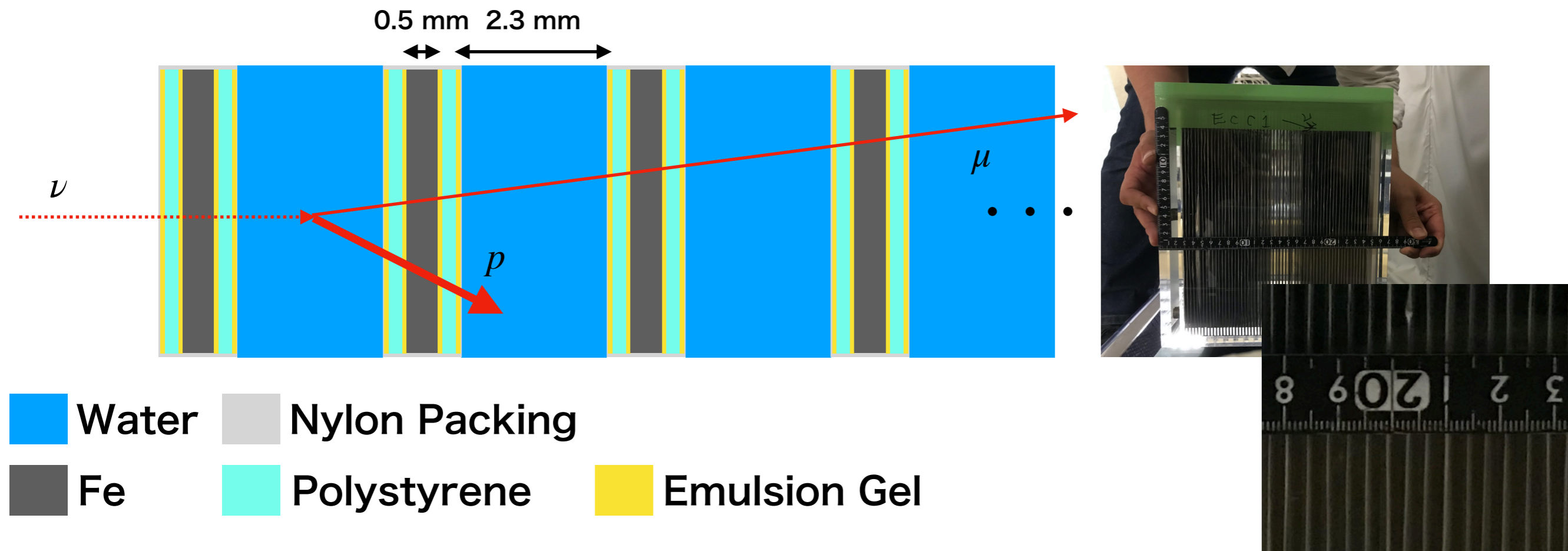
- ECC: charged particle's vector (position & angle) information in each film with high spatial resolution and PID (by dE/dx & momentum information)
-> reconstruct secondary particle tracks as a connection of tracks in each film
- Baby MIND: dE/dx information as photoelectrons in each scintillator bar
-> Muon identification, momentum measurement by sufficient range and curvature due to the magnet.

What we cannot see? ✨ NINJA

- Neutral particle: since emulsion film doesn't have timing information and is insensitive to charged particles, neutral particle tracks cannot be tagged to the interaction vertices.
-> Neutrons, Neutral pions, Photons, and so on are hard to detect in NINJA.

ECC

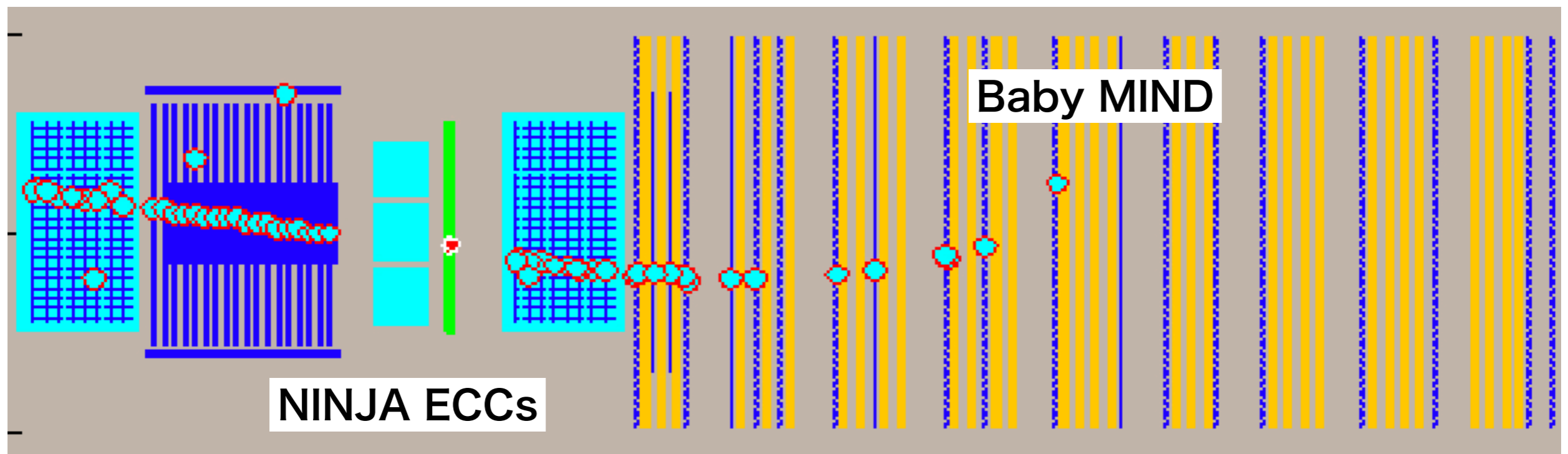
- Alternate structure of target material and tracking plane.
- Position, angle, and dE/dx at each plane is provided.
- We used 9 ECCs in PRa. \rightarrow H₂O: 75kg, Fe: 130 kg



Baby MIND



- Plastic scintillators and magnetized iron
- Provide muon id, position, angle, range, and time.
- Muon momentum can be measured by range or curvature in Baby MIND.



Sand muon event candidate

Muon Momentum



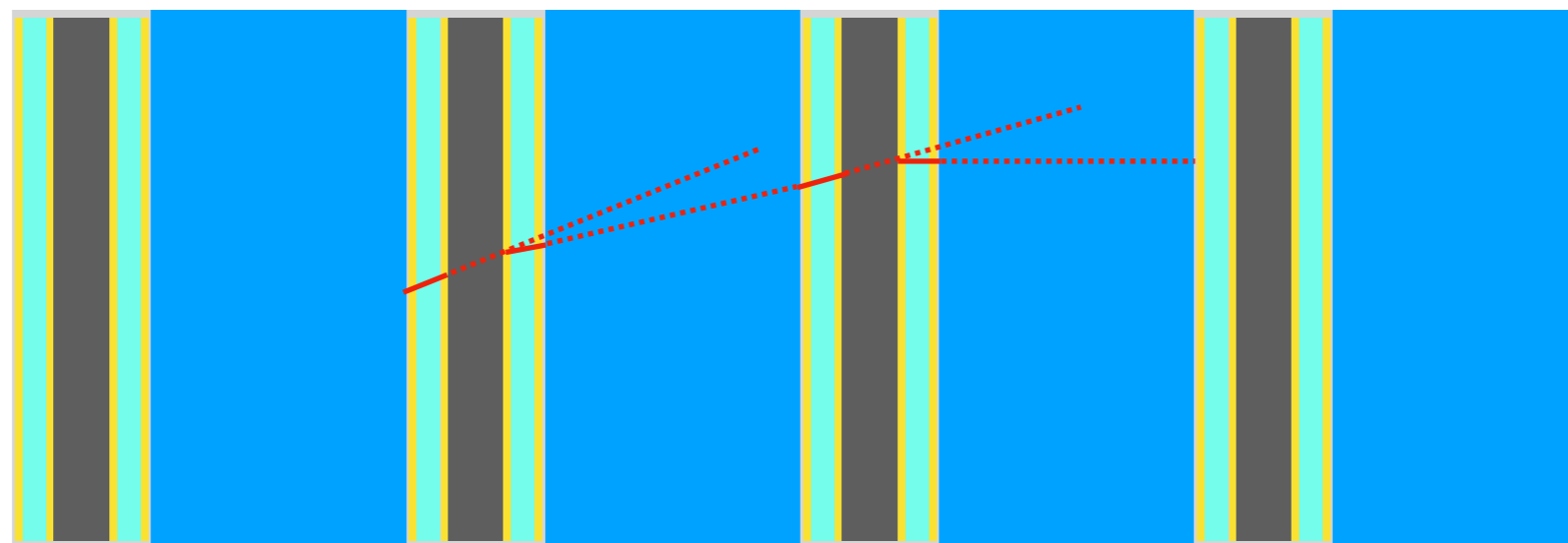
- NINJA requires Baby MIND tracks to identify muons
-> momentum threshold ~ 300 MeV/c
- We have several choices to measure momentum
 1. Baby MIND Range (< 1.5 GeV/c)
several % resolution but the track should be fully contained in Baby MIND fiducial volume
 2. Baby MIND Curvature ($< a$ few GeV/c?)
Resolution is worse but measurable for penetrate and side escaping tracks
 3. ECC Multiple Coulomb Scattering (next slide)

MCS

- We can estimate the momentum of charged particle from the deviation of angle difference by MCS

$$\theta_0 = \frac{13.6 \text{ MeV}}{\beta c p} z \sqrt{\frac{x}{X_0}} \left[1 + 0.038 \ln \left(\frac{x z^2}{X_0 \beta^2} \right) \right]$$

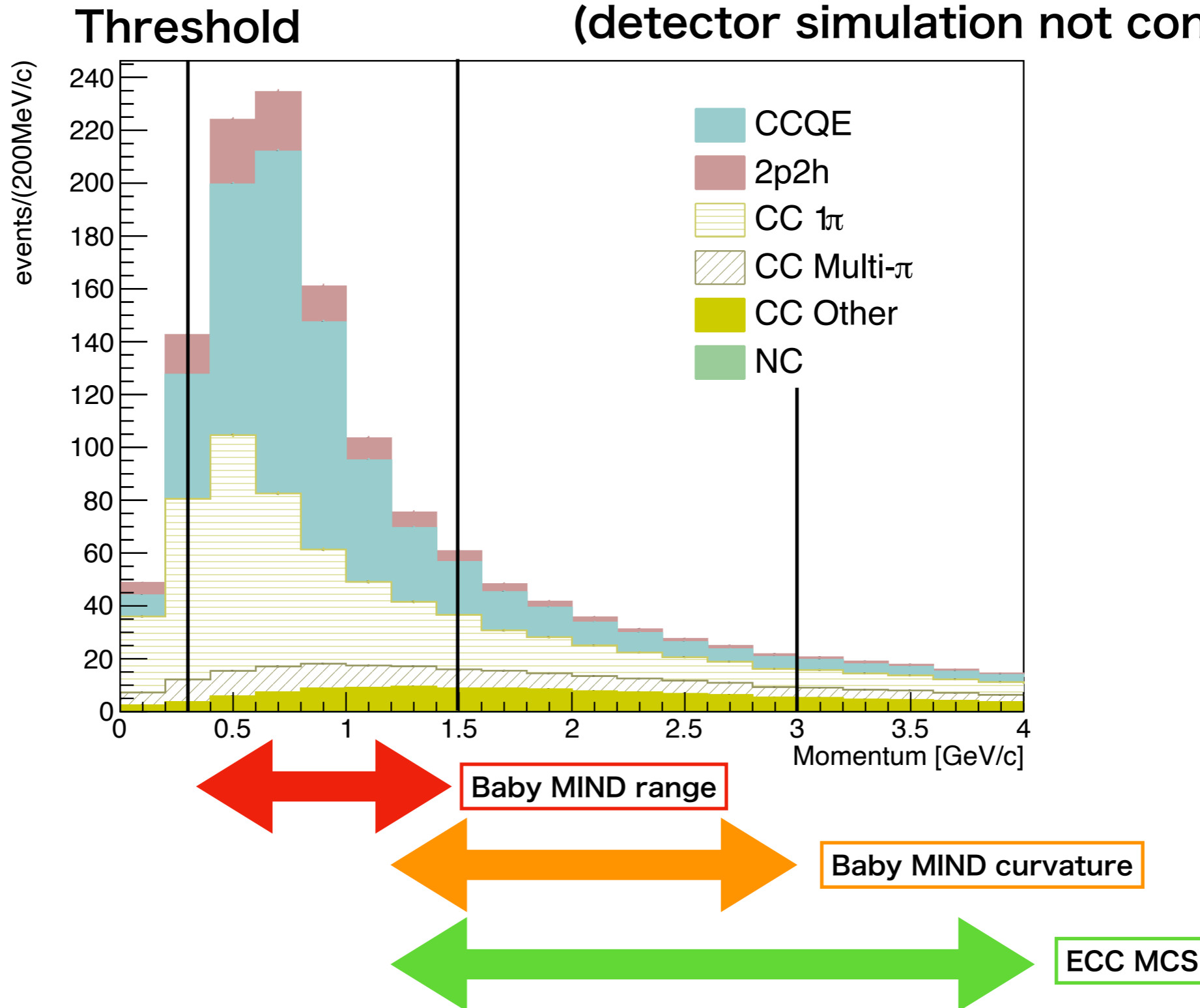
- Good angle resolution allows us this calculation!!
- 30% resolution up to 5 GeV/c



Muon Momentum

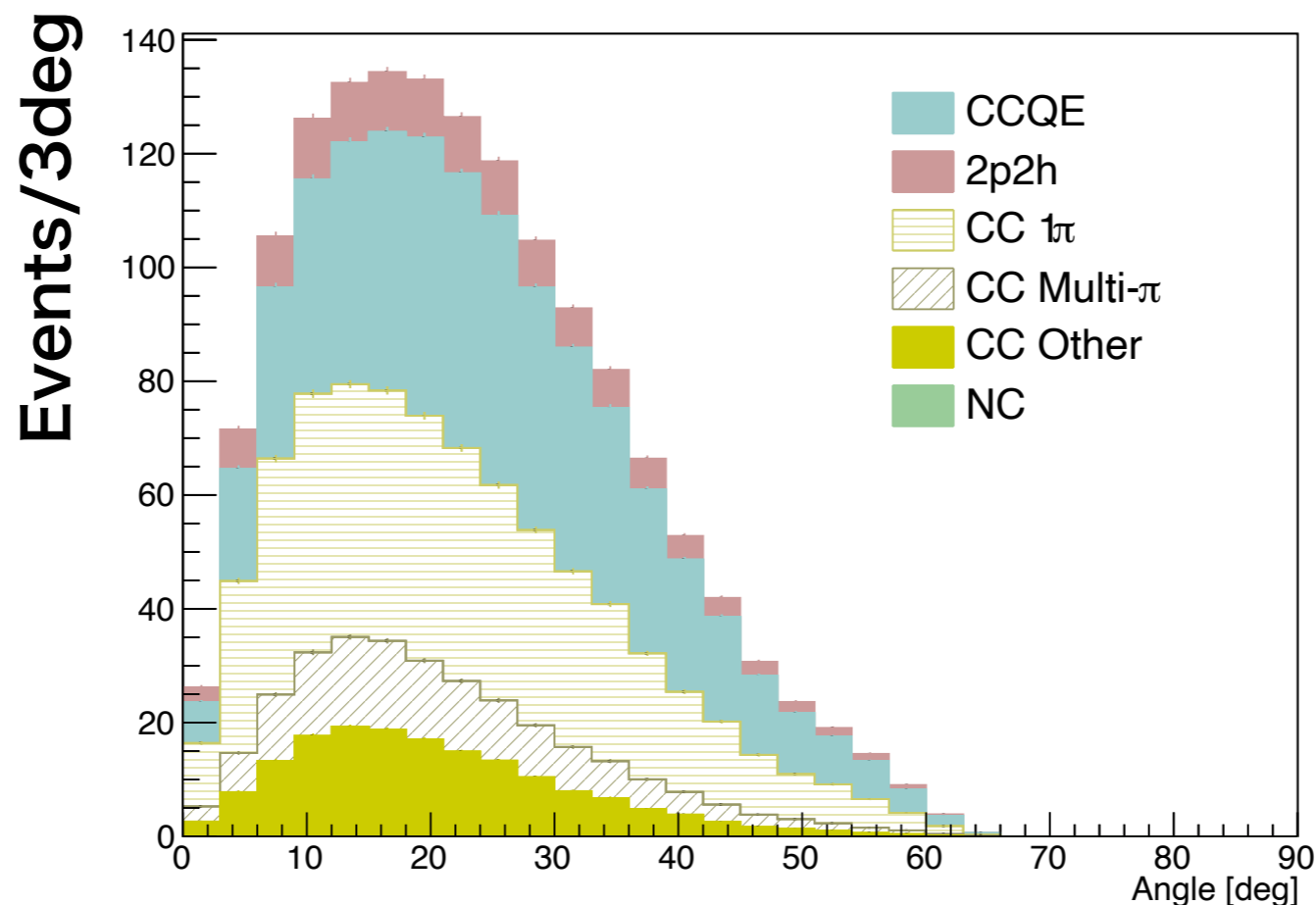


All plots later is NEUT generator level
(detector simulation not considered)



Muon Angle

- After matching between emulsion and Baby MIND, we can measure muon angle by film information -> precise angle information $\sim O(\text{mrad})$
- Angle acceptance is ruled by Baby MIND



Summary of Muon Phase Space



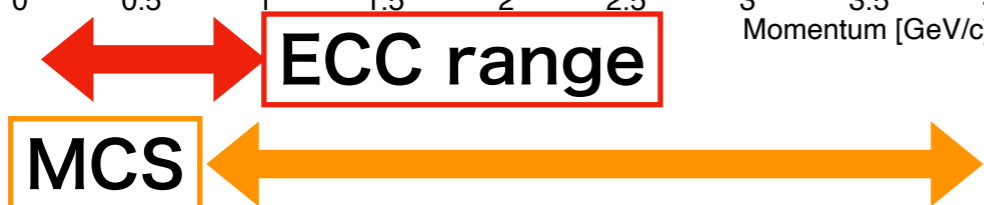
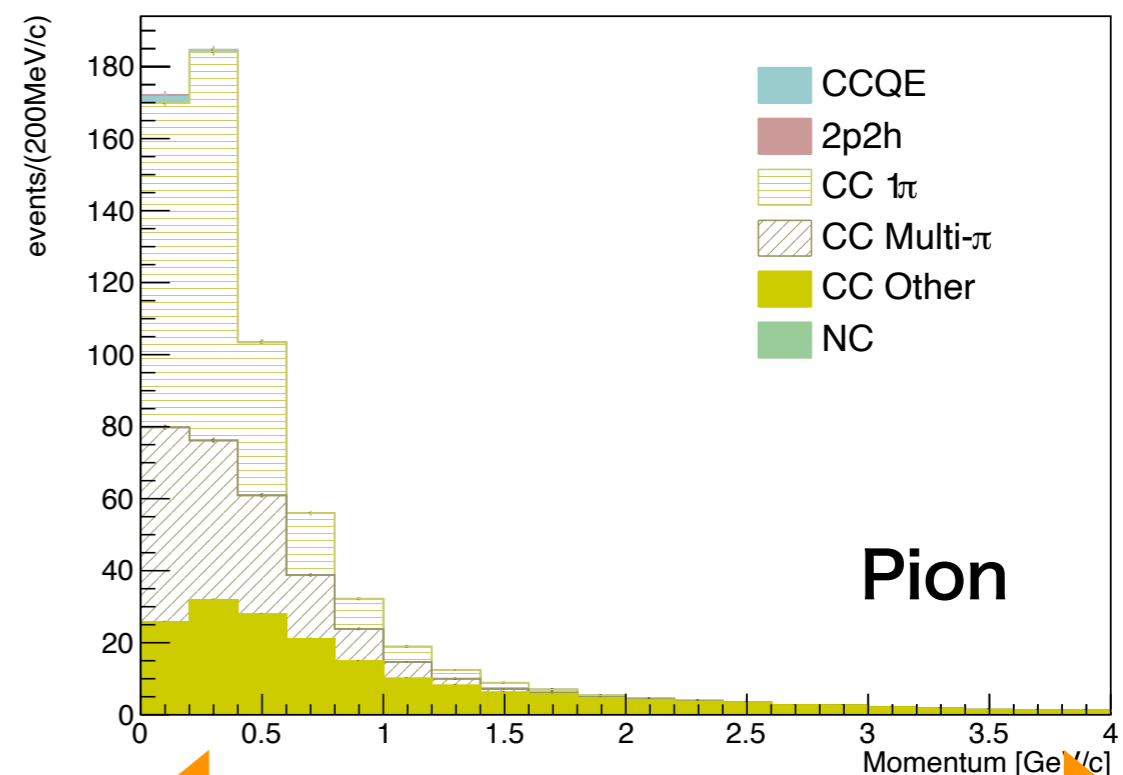
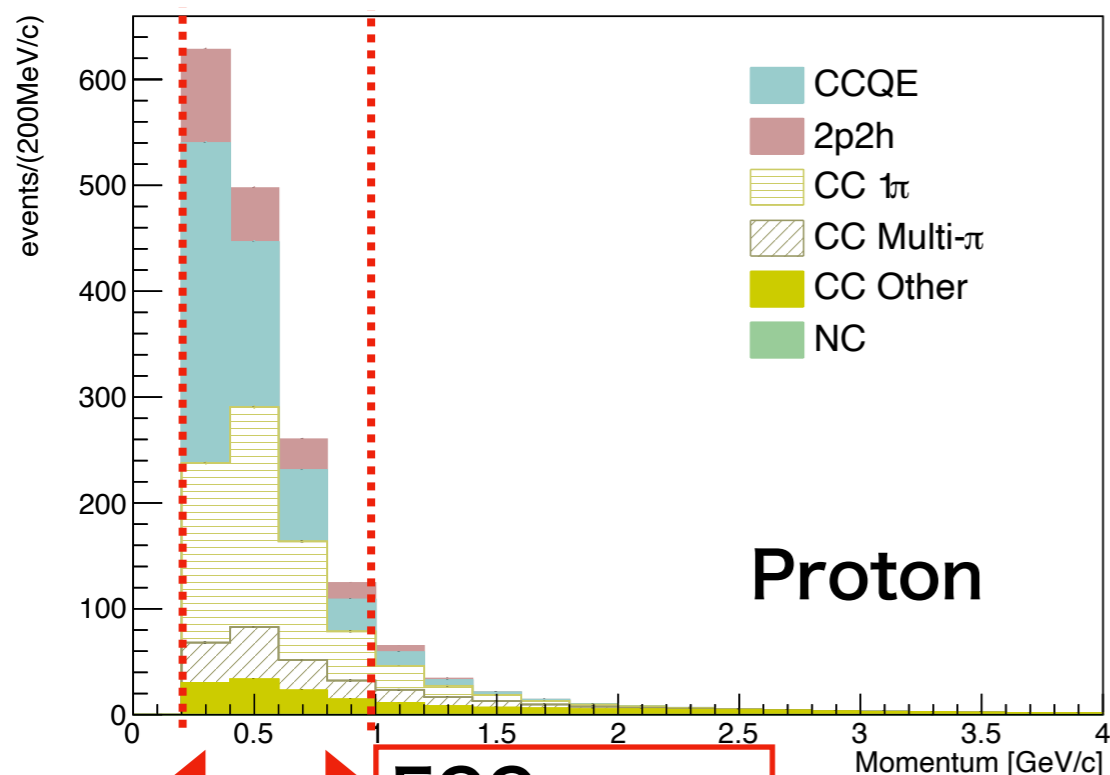
		Baby MIND Range	Baby MIND curvature	ECC MCS
Momentum	Minimum	300 MeV/c (3 layers of Baby MIND)		
	Maximum	1.5 GeV/c	A few GeV/c	~5 GeV/c
	Resolution	5%	30%	30%
Angle	Maximum	$ \tan \theta_{x(y)} < 1.5 - 2.5$		
	Resolution	O(mrad)		

- Charge ID efficiency: > 90%, purity: 99.5%

Charged Pion/Proton Momentum



1. ECC range: fine segmentation for fully contained tracks (~5% resolution)
2. ECC MCS: same as the muon momentum measurement and applicable even for escaping tracks (30-40% resolution)

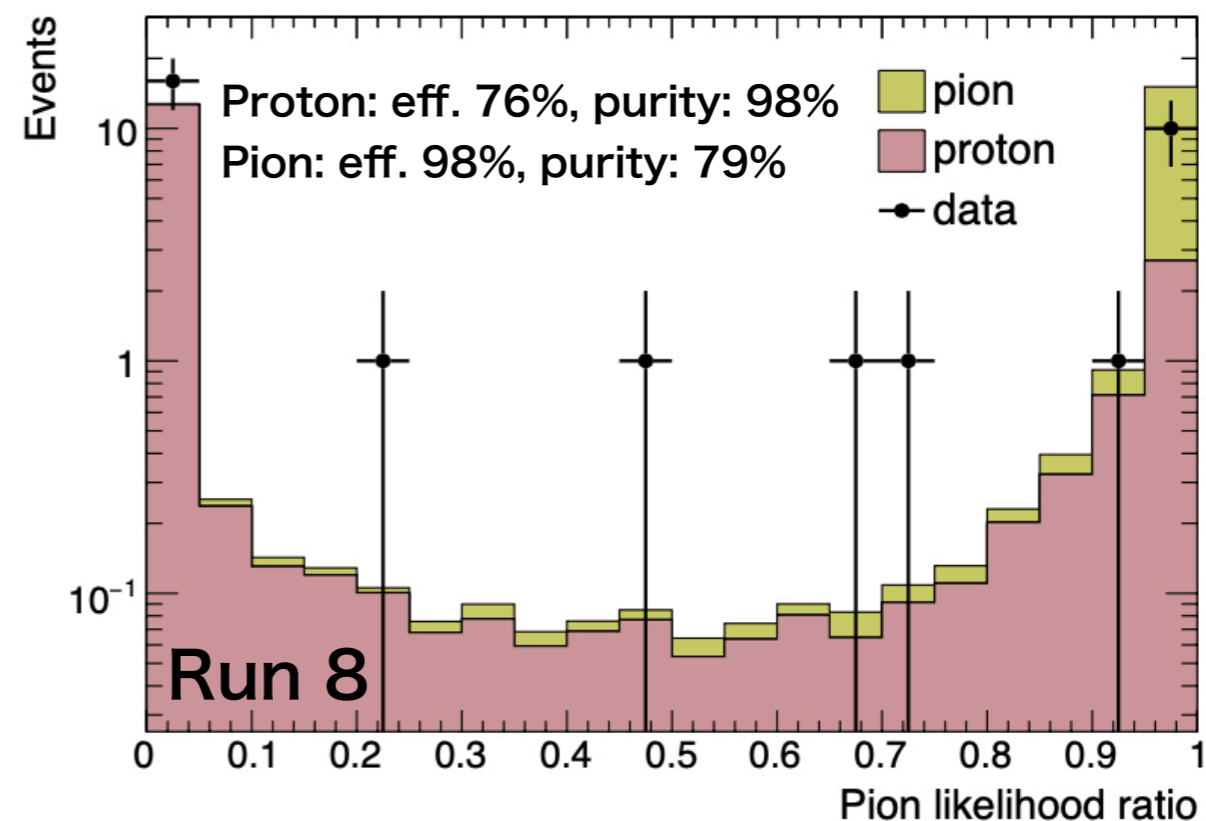
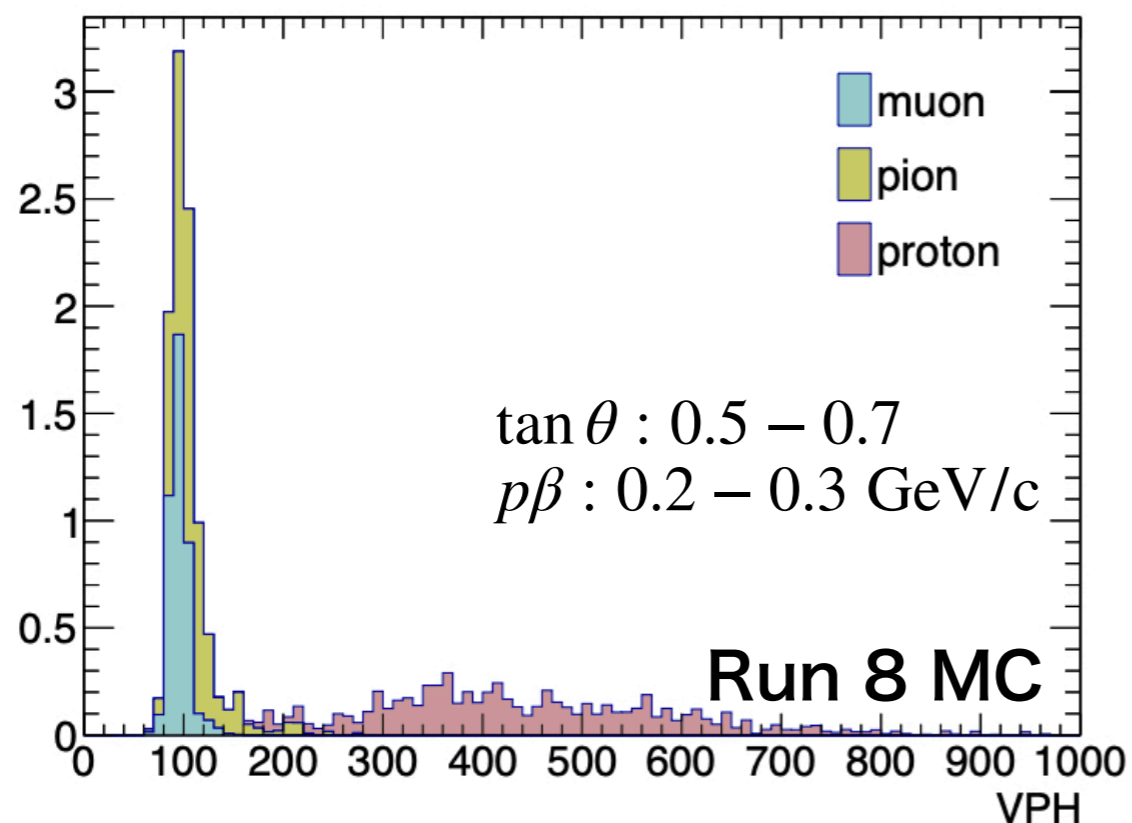


Almost all pions don't stop inside ECC

Charged Pion/Proton PID



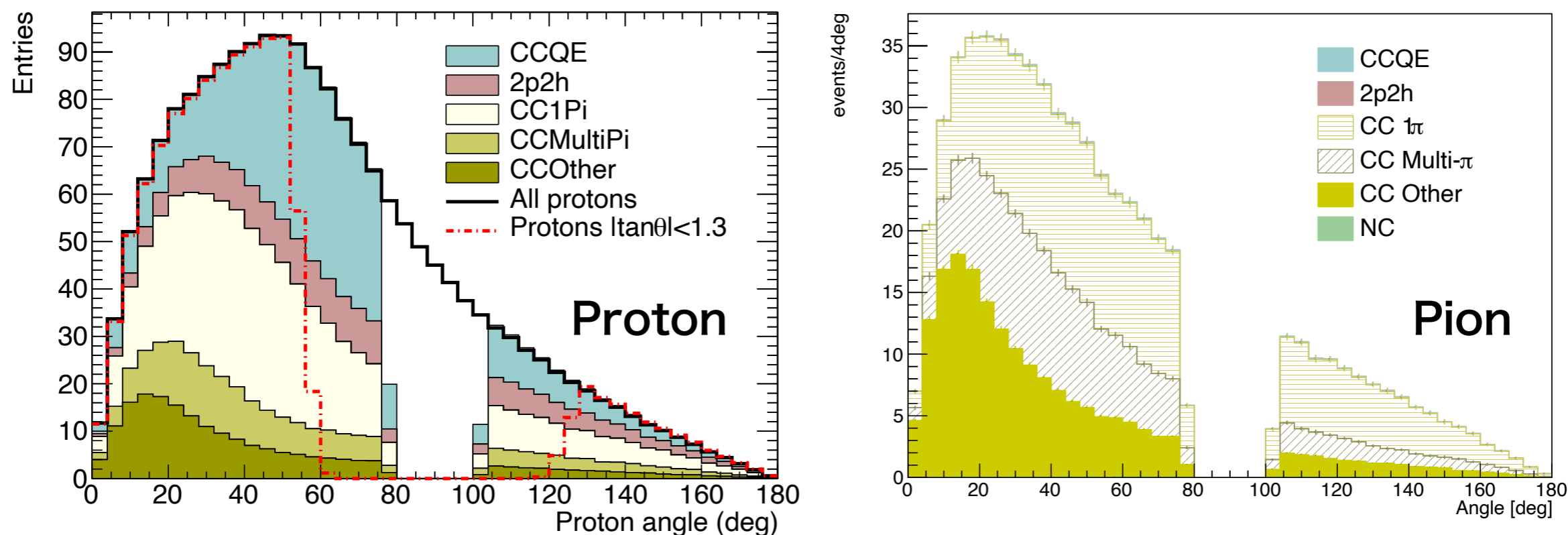
- Particle identification for hadrons is possible using momentum ($p\beta$) and track blackness (dE/dx).
- # of pixels in a track is measured during film scanning \rightarrow MIP (π) and black (p) peaks



Charged Pion/Proton Angle



- Secondary hadron acceptance is ruled by scanning acceptance. (Currently $|\tan \theta_{x(y)}| < 4.0$)
- O(mrad) resolution of emulsion films



Summary of Charged Pion/Proton Phase Space

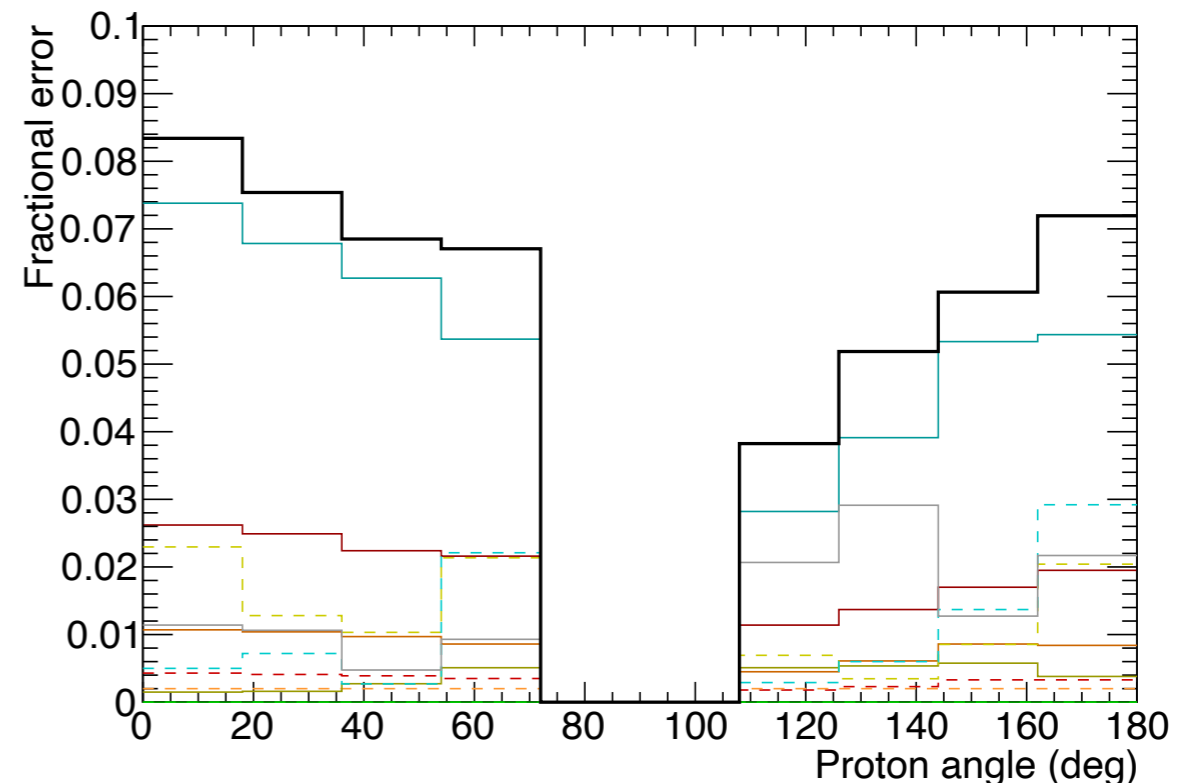
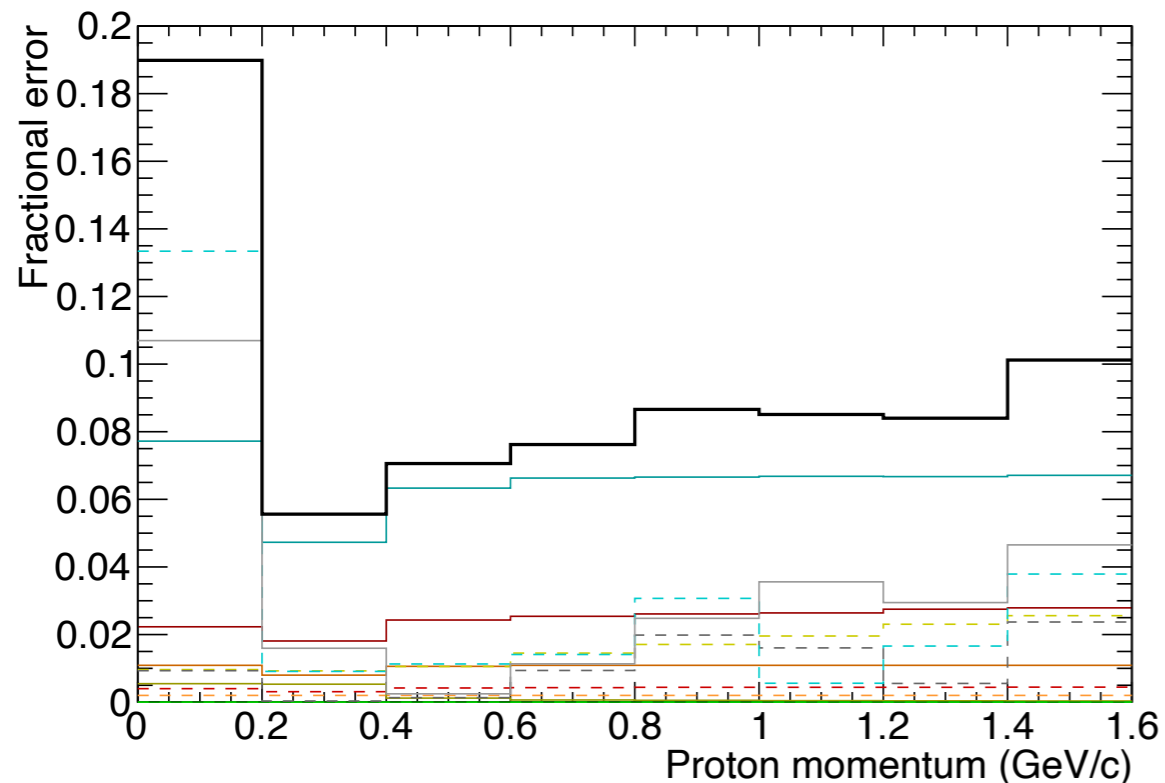
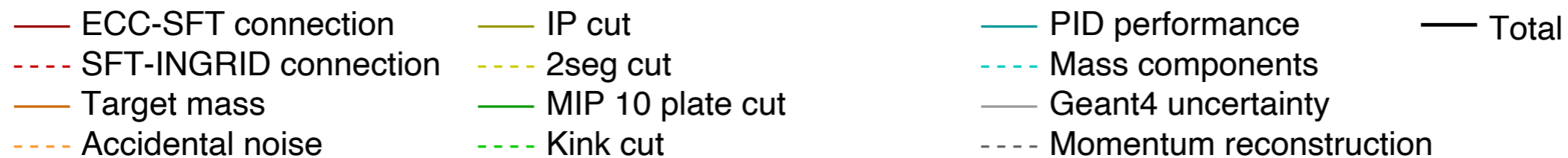


- Proton PID efficiency: 76%, purity: 98%
- Pion PID efficiency: 98%, purity: 79%

	Range	MCS
Momentum	Minimum 200 MeV/c (p) 50 MeV/c (π)	-
	Maximum < 1 GeV/c (p)	~5 GeV/c
	Resolution	5% 30-40%
Angle	Maximum $ \tan \theta_{x(y)} < 4.0$	
	Resolution	O(mrad)

Detector Uncertainty NINJA

- Uncertainty from detector response for muon is ~ a few %, while for hadrons is ~ 10%
- To be reduced ~ a few % (PID performance)



Analysis overview



1. Position/angle reconstruction in each detector (ECC, Shifter, Tracker, Baby MIND)
2. Connect tracks of each detector using position/angle/timing information
-> Muon identification
3. Analysis of emulsion film tracks

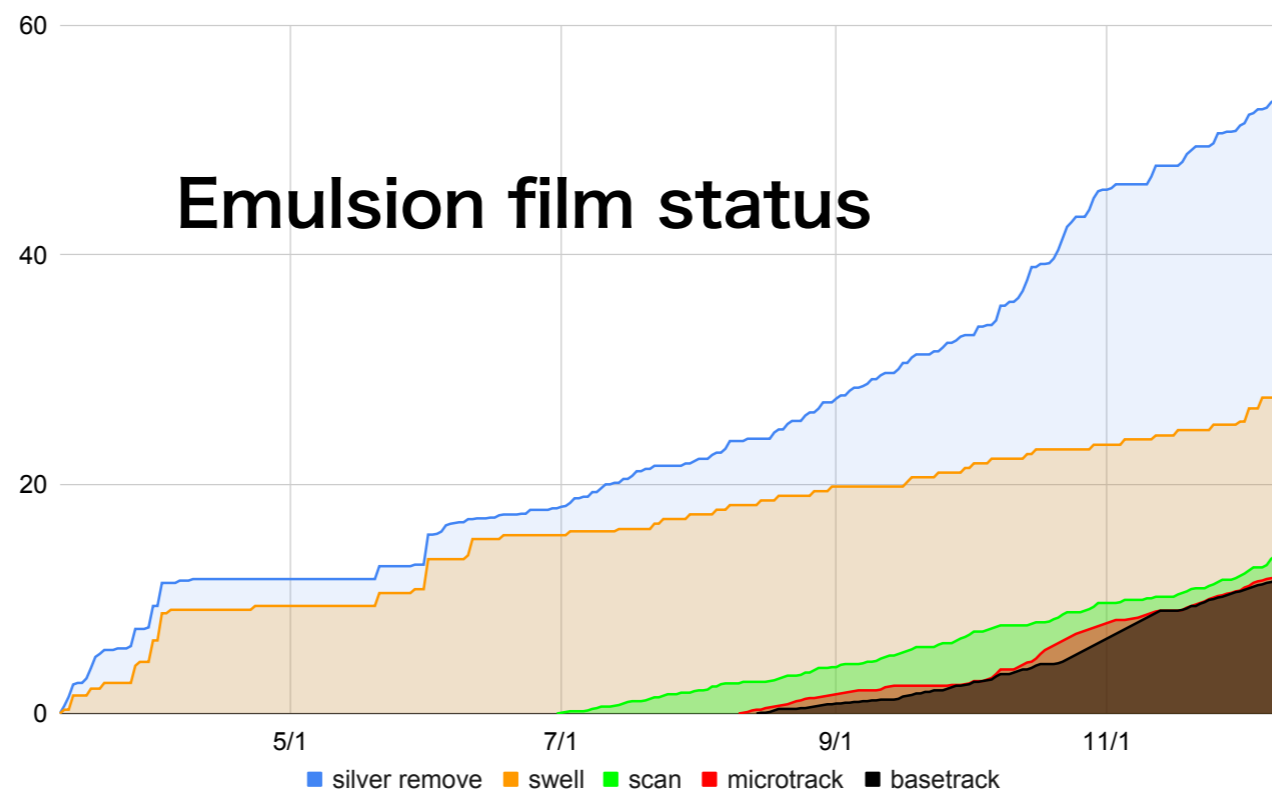
We can measure...

- (Charged) particle multiplicity
- Position/angle of each track
- dE/dx and $p\beta$ -> particle id

Analysis Prospects



- We finished 1 ECC scanning (analysis preparation)
-> Our first target is to measure numu CC interaction with ~8 kg water within this JFY.
- BabyMIND-ECC muon matching and ECC analysis are now ongoing.



Current Analysis Plan NINJA

- We have a few students to analyze the data.
- Our first goal is to measure **muon neutrino-water(/iron) charged-current p - θ differential cross section (phase space limited) w/ proton multiplicity (no charged pion and phase space limited)**
- CCN π N'p? Emulsion/plastic interaction? Electron neutrino interaction? (In the future)

How can we contribute to T2K?



1. Internal constraint

Fitting NINJA data after BANFF

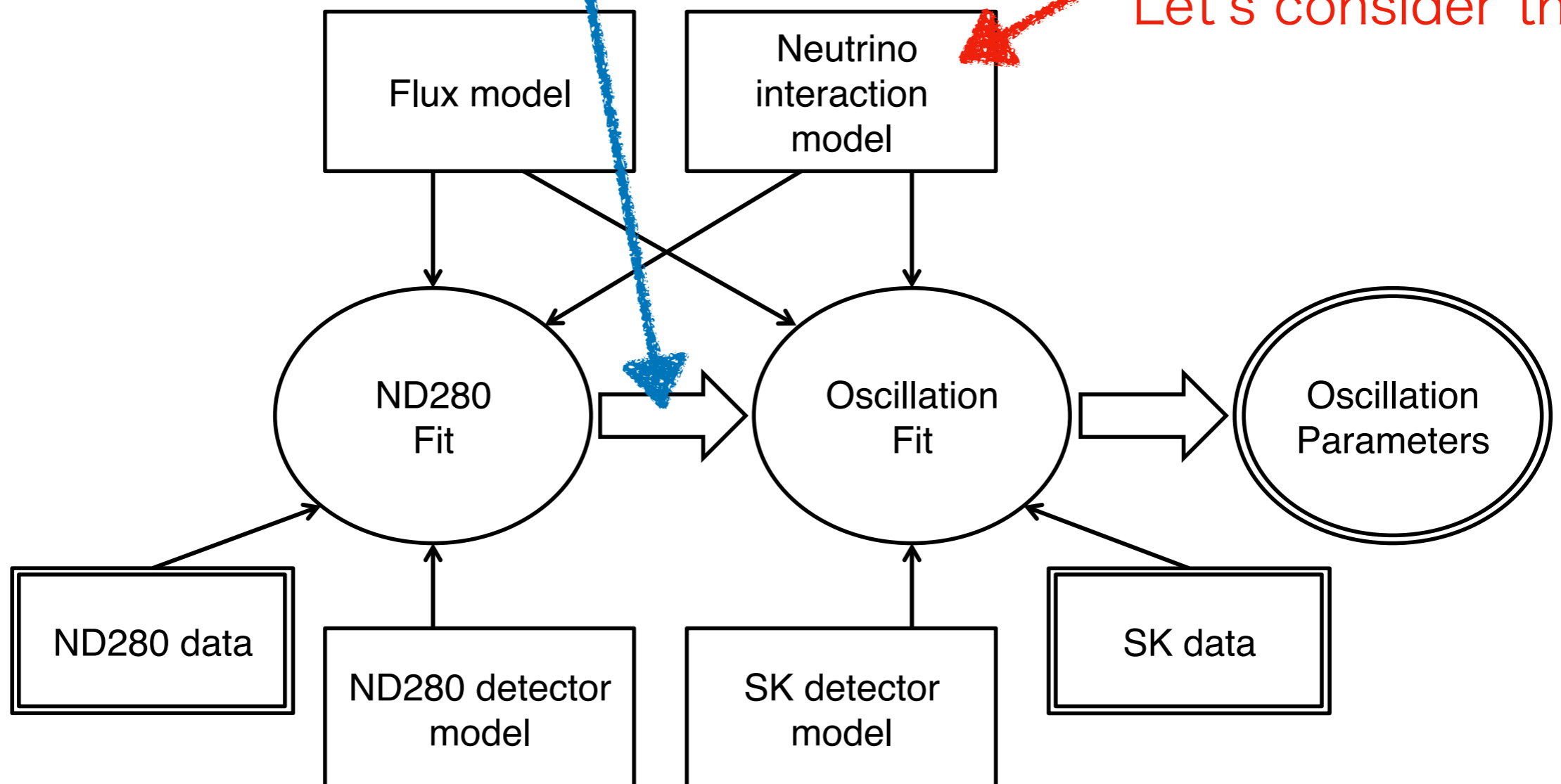
=> not strong ...

2. External constraint

Test/validate models by

NINJA measurements

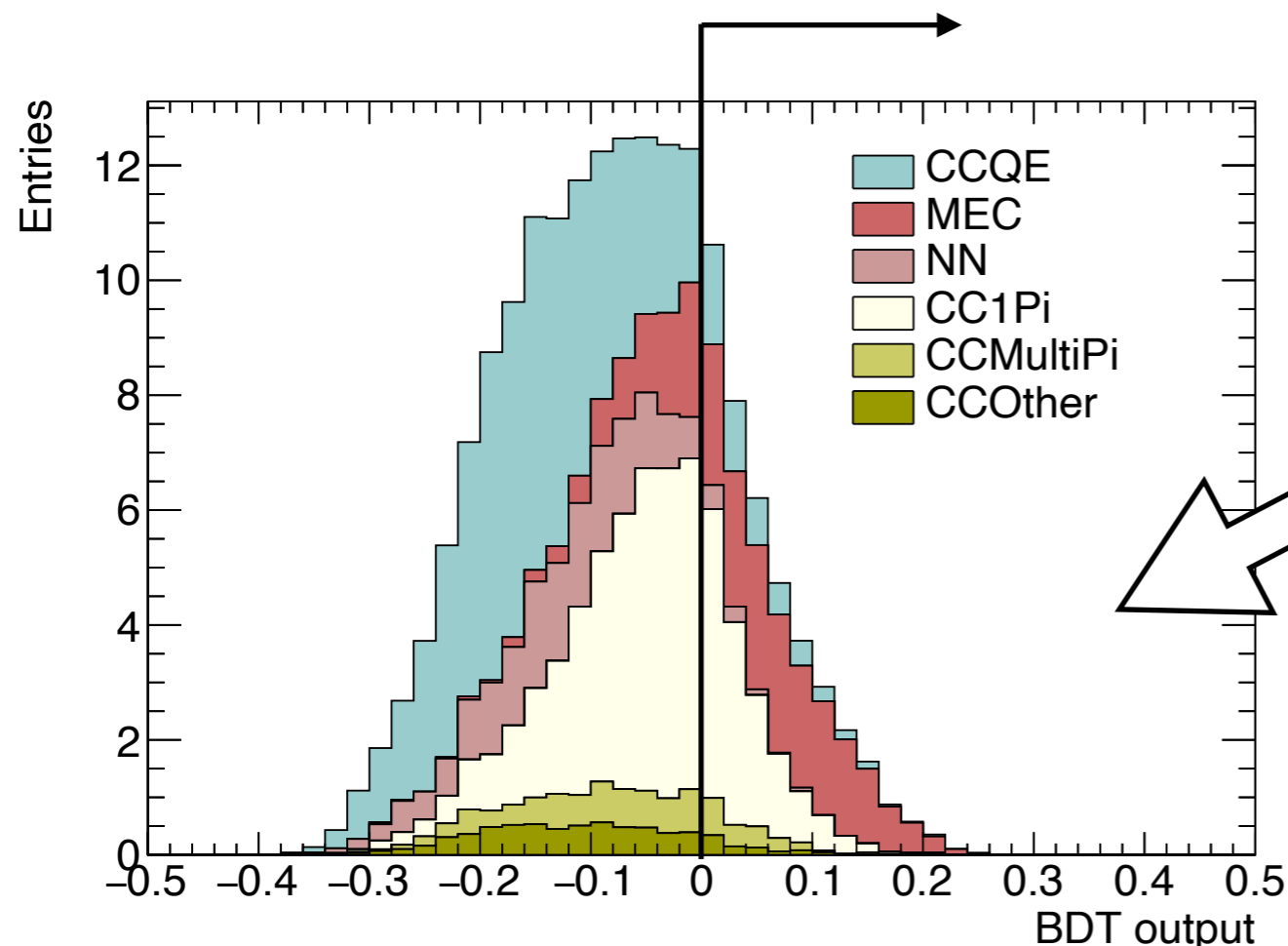
Let's consider this



Multivariate analysis NINJA

- NINJA can obtain precise proton information
-> Multivariate analysis using muon & proton kinematics

e.g.) Extracting MEC-like interactions in CC0pi2p sample



(E71a stat.)

MEC: 18.5 events

Background: 23.3 events

Background uncertainty: ~15%

Schedule



PRa
(T2K run10)

Run 9
(T2K run11)

PRb
(T2K run12?)

1 ECC scan finish
Establish analysis
procedure

New detectors
now prepared

Beam exposure

JFY2021

Development

**Full target mass
result**

Performance study
for PRb

Mass production
of emulsion films

Feedback

JFY2022

Beam exposure

Summary



- NINJA experiment measures neutrino-nucleus interactions with nuclear emulsion detectors.
- Muon momentum is basically measured by Baby MIND and detailed angle information around the vertices can be acquired in ECCs.
- Charged hadron measurement by ECCs
PID, and momentum, angle phase space are described.
- Physics run analysis, OA sensitivity study, and future experiment preparations are now ongoing.

Backup