

# Search for Light Neutral Bosons in the TREK/E36 Experiment at J-PARC

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# The TREK/E36 Experiment at J-PARC: An Overview

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- TREK/E36 Apparatus

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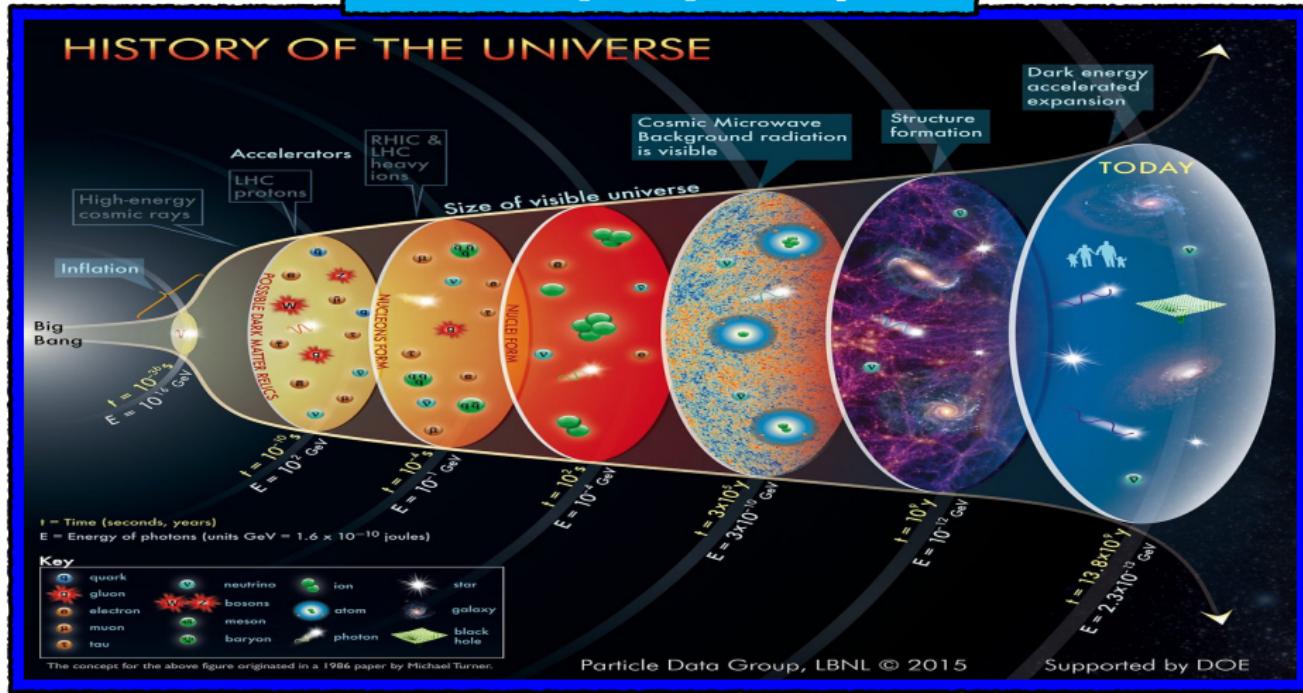
- $A'$  Search

## 5 Closing

- Summary

# Big Bang Nucleosynthesis to Present

From the Big Bang to the present

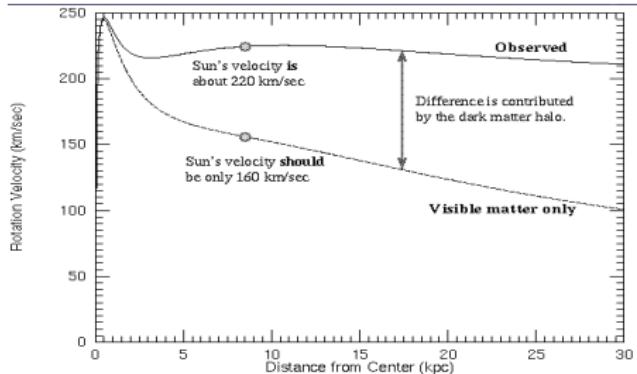
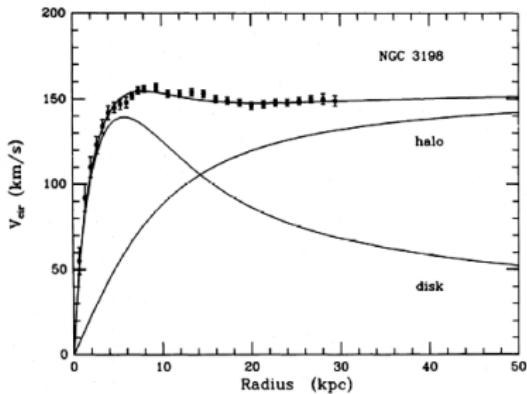


# Rotation Curves of Galaxies



Vera Rubin

DISTRIBUTION OF DARK MATTER IN NGC 3198

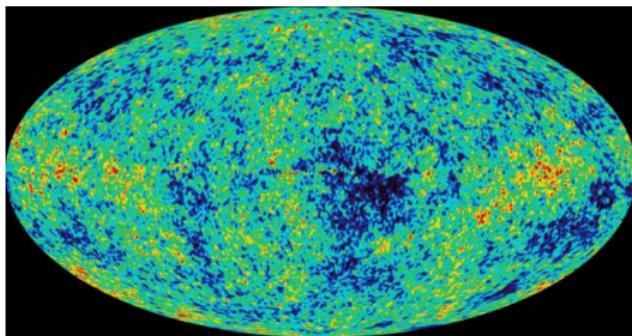


Vera Rubin:

- Zwicky noticed that galaxies in the Coma Cluster were moving too rapidly to be explained by the amount of stellar material
- Rubin studied rotation curves of galaxies
- Velocity of objects (stars or gas) orbiting the centers of galaxies, rather than decreasing as a function of the distance from the galactic centers, remain constant
- Found that they are FLAT!

► Katherine Freese (Public lecture)

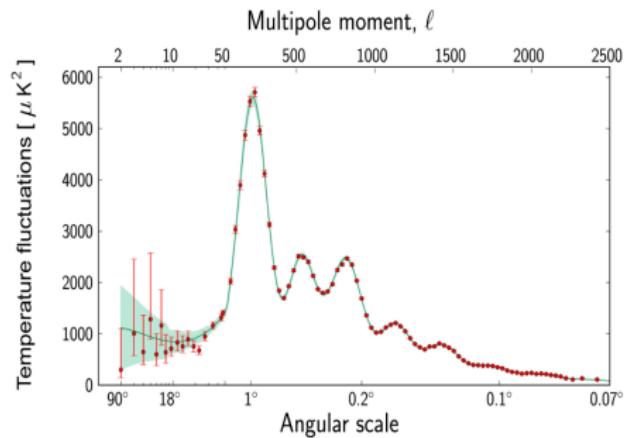
# Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)



Jeff Filippini (► UC Berkeley Cosmology Group)

CMB and power spectrum:

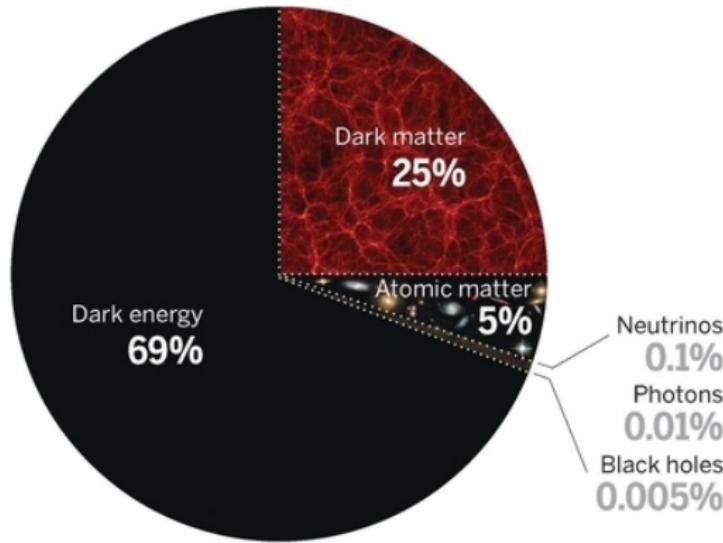
- Left over heat of the Big Bang
- Almost uniform background of radio waves that fill the universe
- Due to redshifting as the universe expands
- Power spectrum of CMB measures the amount of fluctuation in the CMB



temperature spectrum at different angular scales

- The peak at 1 degree is consistent with a flat geometry of the universe, the height of the second peak with 5%, and the second and third peaks with 26% dark matter

# Energy of the Universe



2014 P5 report

"It is imperative to search for dark matter along every feasible avenue," and the breadth of "well-motivated ideas for what dark matter could be, [which] include weakly interacting massive particles (WIMPs), gravitinos, axions, sterile neutrinos, asymmetric dark matter, and hidden sector dark matter"

# Anomalies



Has a Hungarian physics lab found a fifth force of nature?

Radioactive decay anomaly could imply a new fundamental force, theorists say.

## Popular Mechanics

Given the excitement over the new experiment at Arizona State University, our new experiment called DarkLight that could confirm this gap. Randal Walker Popular Mechanics through what this new is understand dark matter, and how DarkLight might prove it exists.

"DARK MATTER MIGHT INTERACT WITH ITSELF VIA  
SOME YET UNKNOWN 'DARK FORCE.'"

## THE DAILY GALAXY

The experiment known as DarkLight, developed by MIT physics professor Peter Fisher and Milner in collaboration with researchers at the Jefferson National Accelerator Laboratory in Virginia and others, will look for evidence of a massive dark photon with a specific energy postulated in one particular theory about

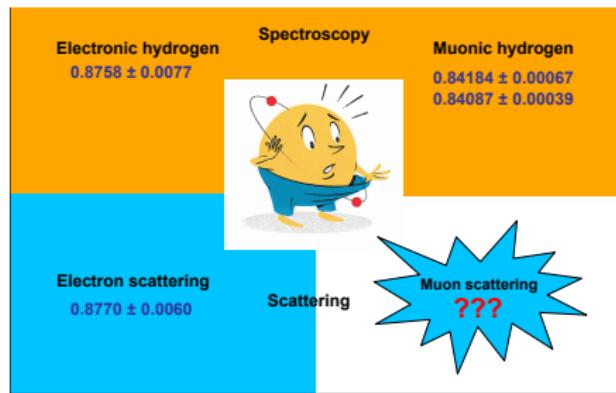
## PHYS.ORG

The paper uploaded by the UoC team has created some excitement, as well as public examinations of doubt—reports of the possibility of a fifth force of nature have been heard before, but none have panned out. But still, the idea is intriguing enough that several teams have announced plans to repeat the experiments conducted by the Hungarian team, and all eyes will be on the DarkLight experiments at the Jefferson Laboratory, where a team is

R. Corliss, MIT

## PHOTON

Experiment DarkLight u Jefferson Laboratoriju, koji trazi tamne fotone, moći će za raznjeđe godinu dana provjeriti ovo tvrdnju. MIT fizik Ivica Frčić je istraživač



- Proton radius puzzle,  $(g - 2)_\mu$
- Strong CP problem
- Positron excess and  $^8\text{Be}$  anomaly

# Neutral Boson Search in Stopped $K^+$ Decays

$K^+$  decays  $\sim 10^{10}$

Signal 1:  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ A'$ ,  $A' \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

Background:  $\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ e^-) \sim 2.9 \times 10^{-7} \sim 2,900 \text{ ev.}$

Signal 2:  $K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu A'$ ,  $A' \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

Background:  $\text{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu e^+ e^-) \sim 2.5 \times 10^{-5} \sim 250,000 \text{ ev.}$

Add. background from  $K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu \pi^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu e^+ e^- (\gamma)$

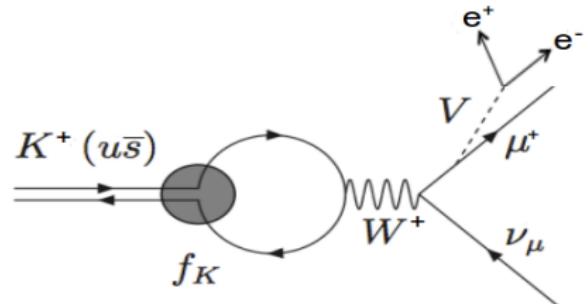
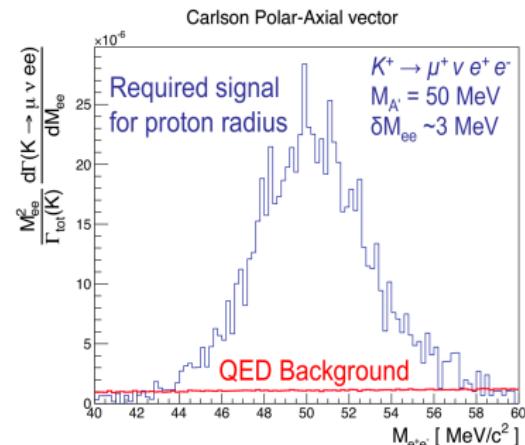
$\pi^0$  decays 1)  $3 \times 10^8$

2)  $2 \times 10^9$

$\pi^0$  production:  $K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu \pi^0$  (3.3%)     $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$  (21.1%)

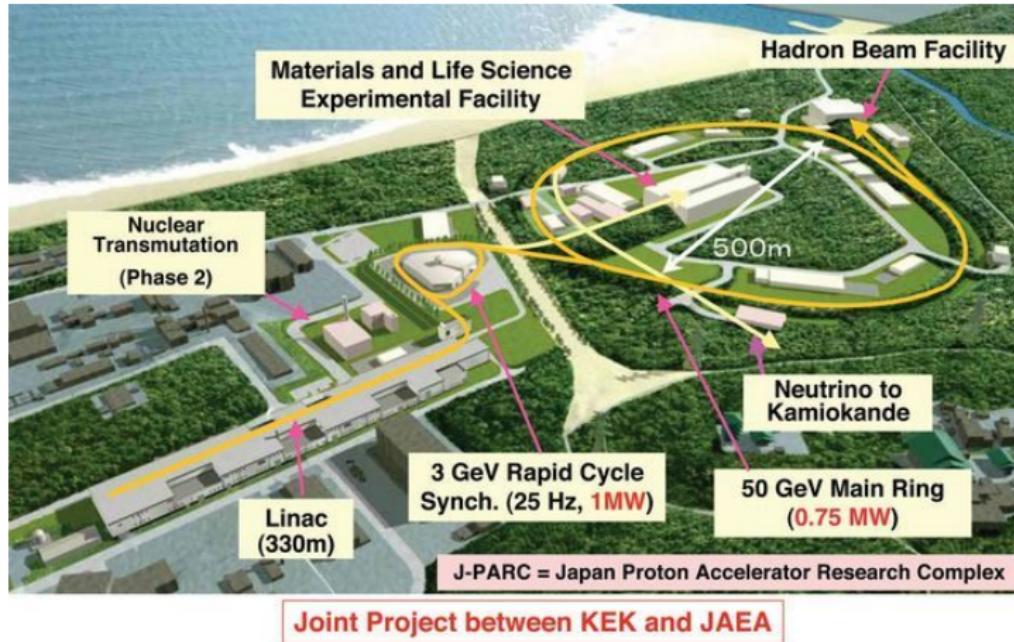
Signal 3:  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma A'$ ,  $A' \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

Background:  $\text{BR}(\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^-) \sim 1.2\% \sim 0.3 (2.3) \times 10^7 \text{ ev.}$



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# Bird's Eye View of J-PARC



# Timeline of TREK/E36

TREK: Time Reversal Experiment with Kaons



December 2014

- Installed detector components

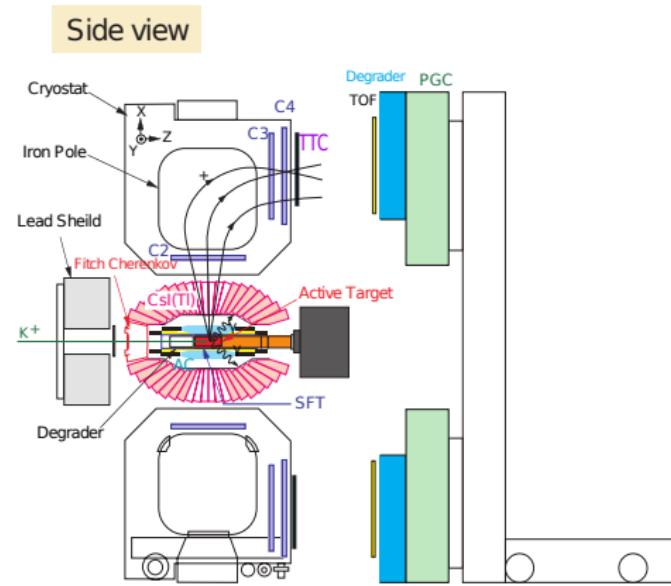
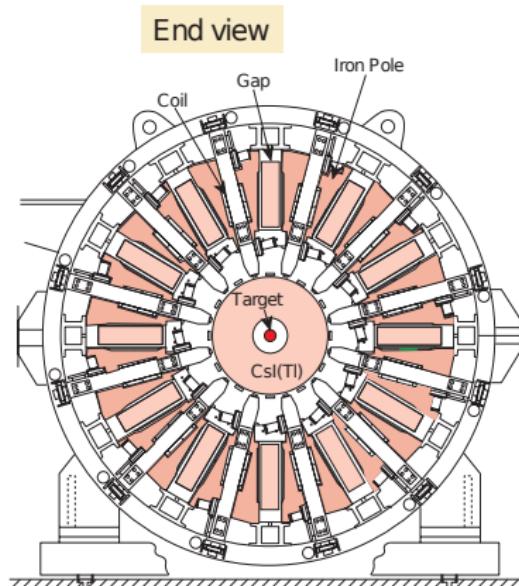
February - June 2015

- Completed installation of C3 & C4
- Cabling
- Detector maintenance

September - December 2015

- Physics run
- Data taking

# E36 Detector Geometry



Stopped  $K^+$  method  
K1.1BR beamline  
 $K^+$  stopping target

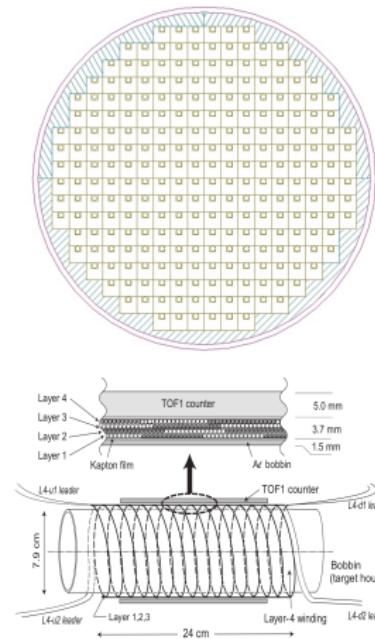
Momentum measurement  
MWPC (C2, C3, C4)  
Spiral fiber tracker (SFT)  
Thin trigger counter (TTC)

Particle ID  
TOF  
AC  
PGC

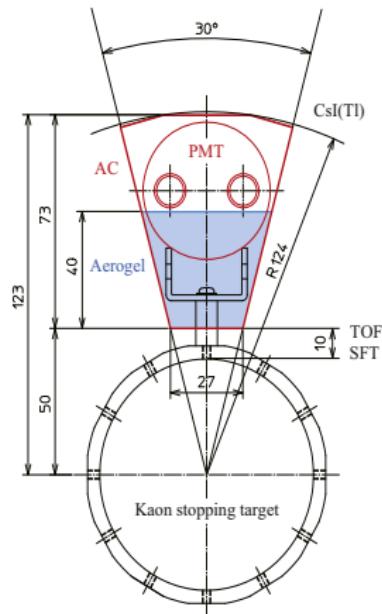
Gamma ray  
CsI(Tl)

# E36 Central Detector Geometry

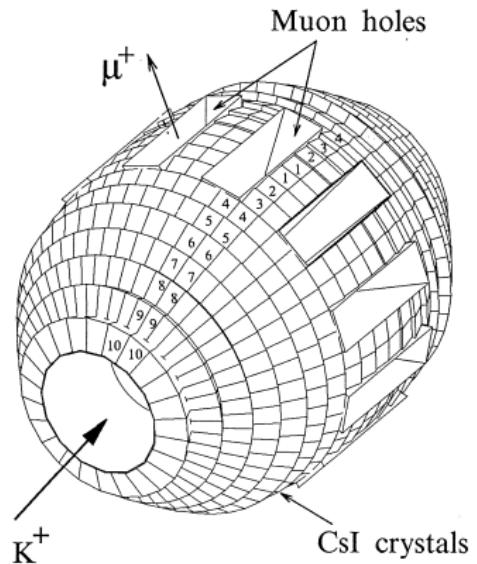
Target &amp; SFT



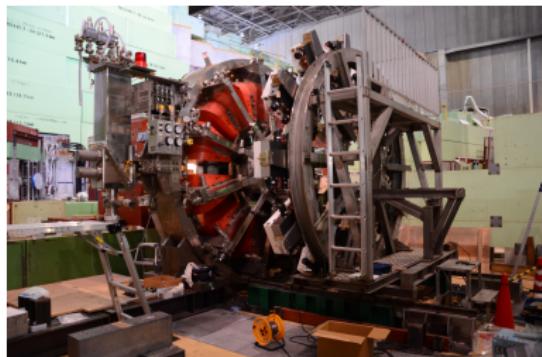
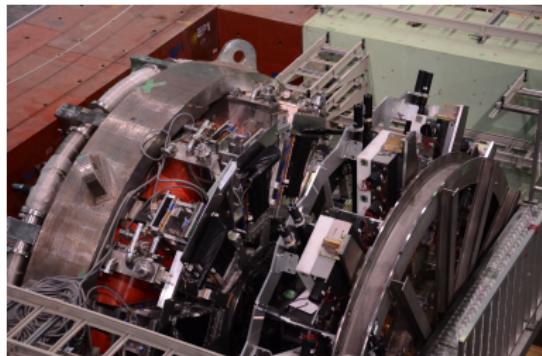
Aerogel Čerenkov



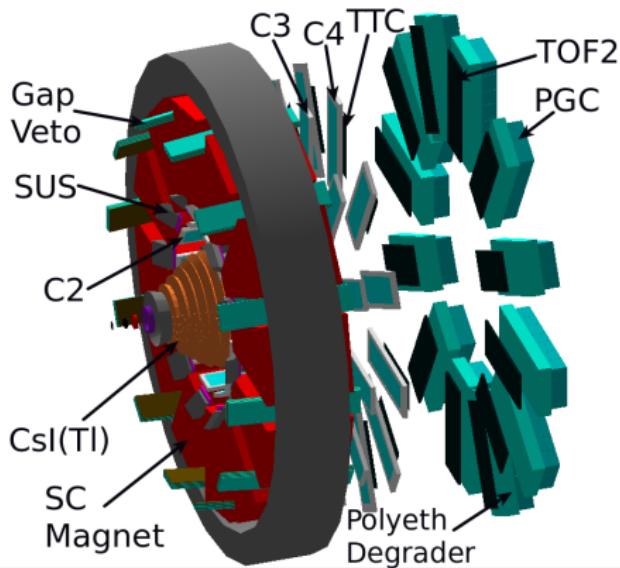
Muon holes



# Geant4 Generated Geometry

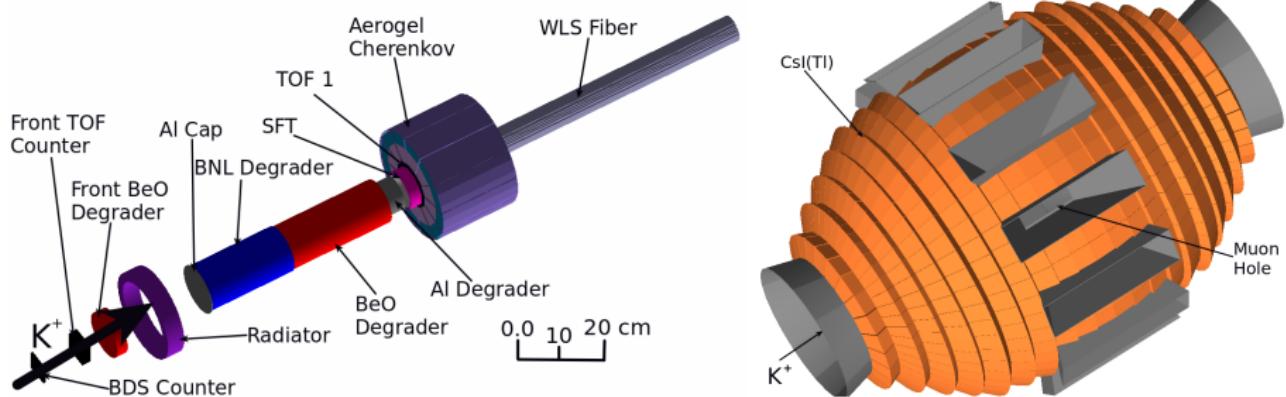


- Detector Assembly



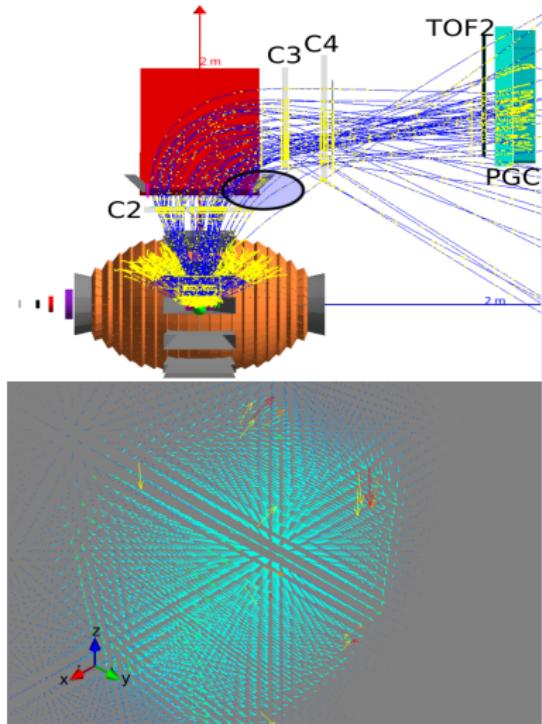
- e36g4MC detector geometry

# Geant4 Cont.: Central Detector



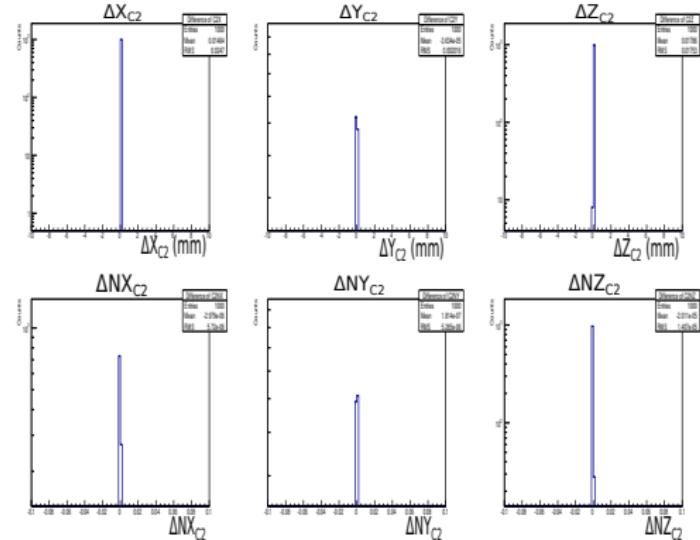
- Central Detector

# Tracking Package and the e36g4MC Comparison

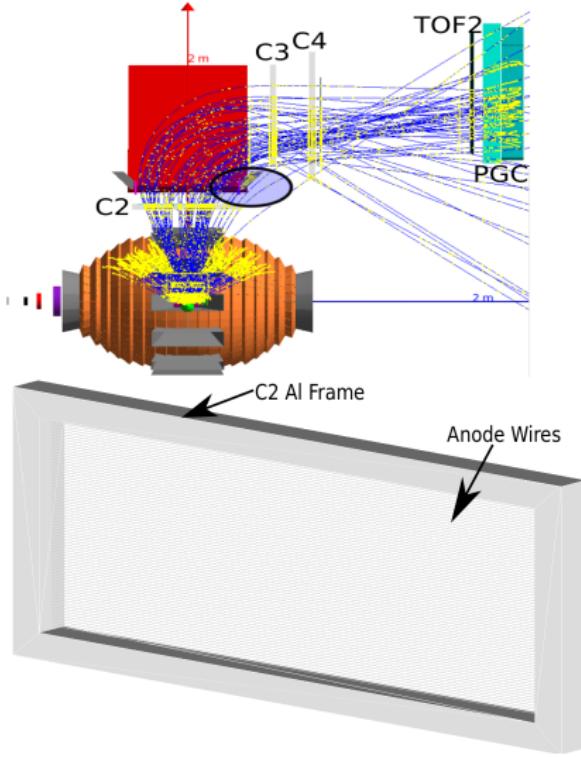


TOSCA generated field (P. Monaghan)

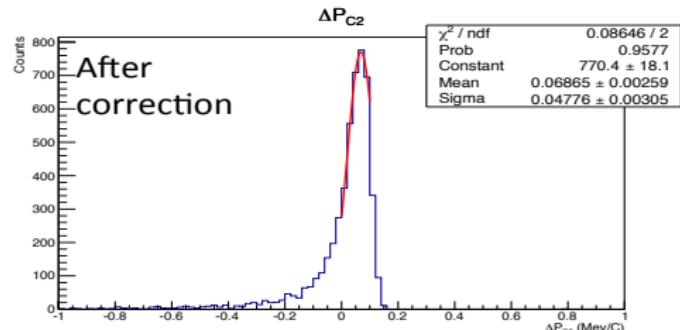
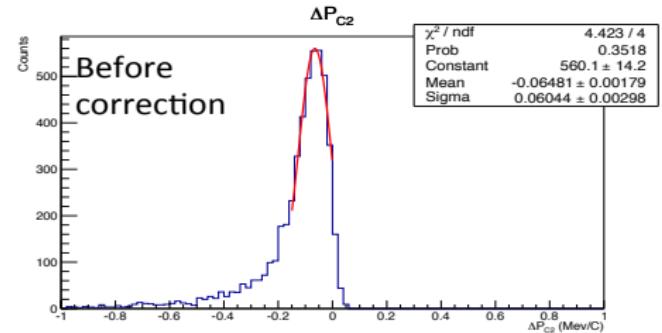
- Consistency check: propagation and magnetic field evaluation
- Simulated data: tracks propagated and reconstructed with Kalman Filter (KF)
- Compared differences at C2 coordinates  $\Delta X_{C2}$ ,  $\Delta Y_{C2}$ ,  $\Delta Z_{C2}$
- Compared differences at C2 direction cosines  $\Delta N X_{C2}$ ,  $\Delta N Y_{C2}$ ,  $\Delta N Z_{C2}$
- KF tracking/propagation fully consistent with G4



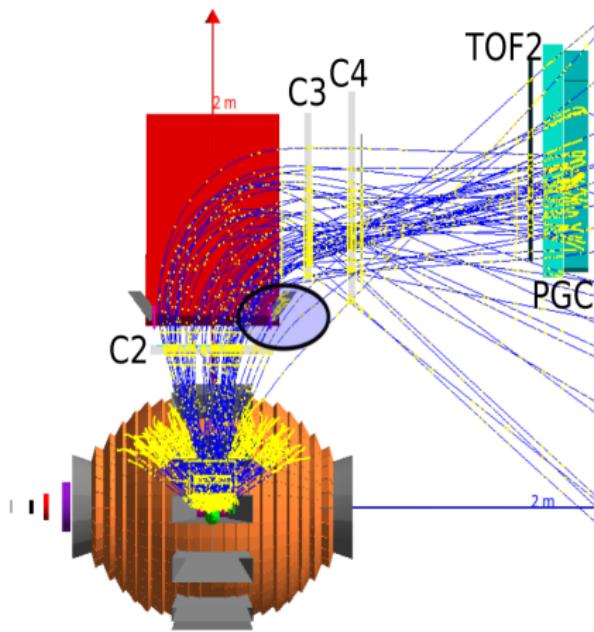
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- Energy loss check & e36g4MC material budget
- $\Delta p_{C2}$ : momentum difference at C2 between reconstructed MC from tracking package and MC
- Anode plane → anode wires

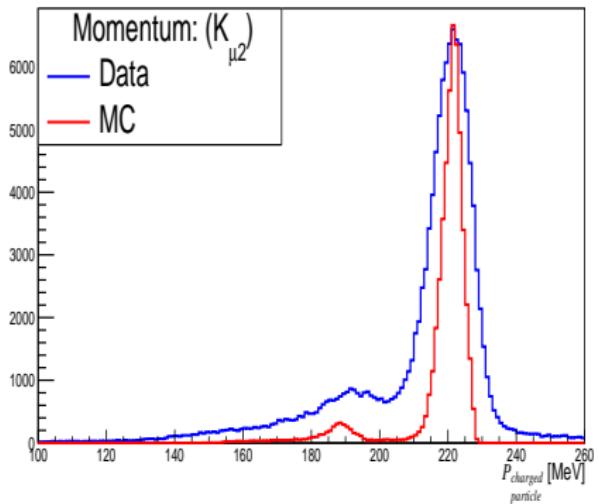


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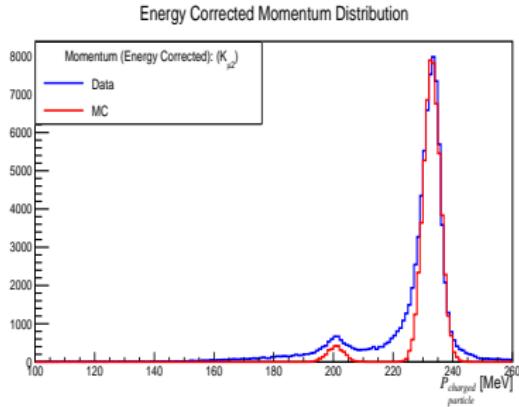
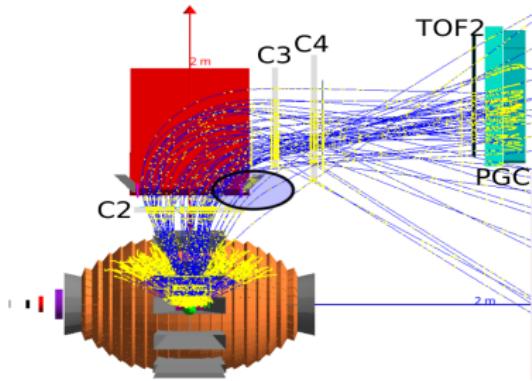


- Energy loss check & e36g4MC material budget
- Charged particle momentum at C4
- Applied offset (-2.5 MeV) to MC due to incorrect field map
- No detector resolution in the simulation

Momentum at C4

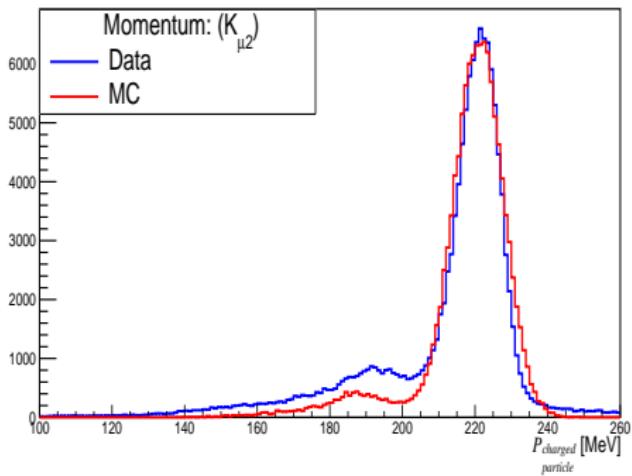


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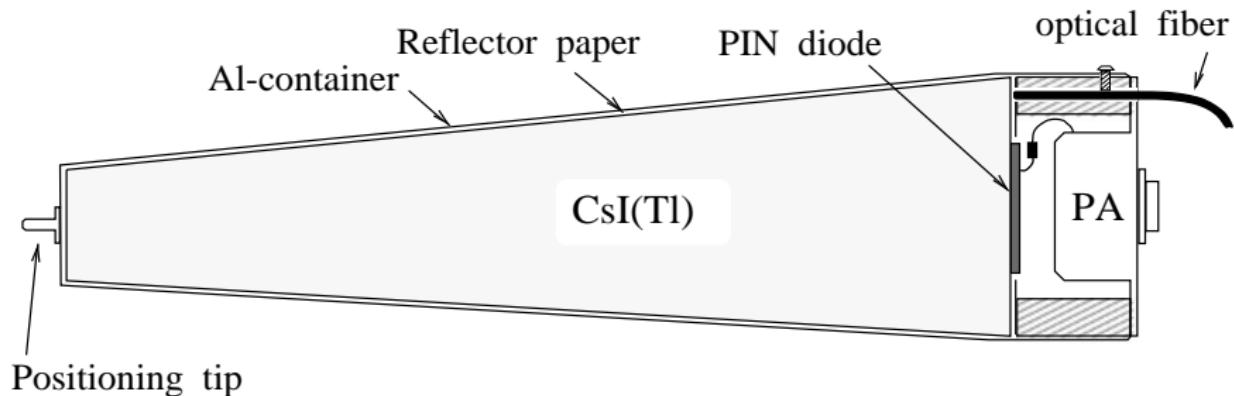


- Energy loss check & e36g4MC material budget
- Charged particle momentum at C4
- Applied offset (-2.5 MeV) to MC due to incorrect field map
- Energy corrected momentum distribution
- Applied smearing of 2.86 MeV (energy corrected) and 6.01 MeV (C4)
- Smearing value was obtained by fitting a Gaussian to data

Momentum at C4



# CsI(Tl) Analysis



CsI Crystal: length (25 cm),  $\theta = \varphi = 7.5^\circ$

- PIN photodiodes: readout the scintillation light of the CsI(Tl) crystals
- PIN diodes and pre-amplifier was assembled in an Al container
- Output signal from pre-amplifier was fed into shaping amplifier with 1  $\mu$ s shaping time
- VF48 flash ADCs used to record shaping amplifier outputs

J. A. Macdonald (Nucl. Instrum. Meth., A506 2003)

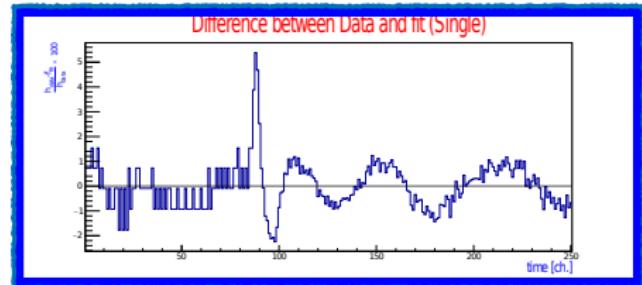
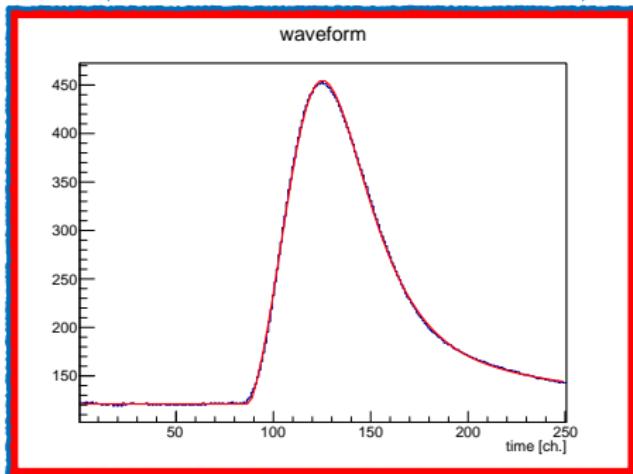
# CsI(Tl) Waveform Analysis

- $\mu$  rising factor

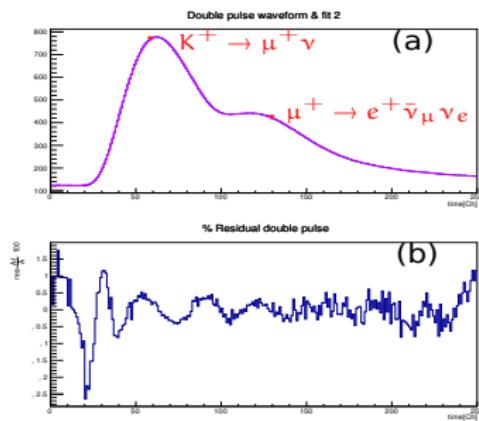
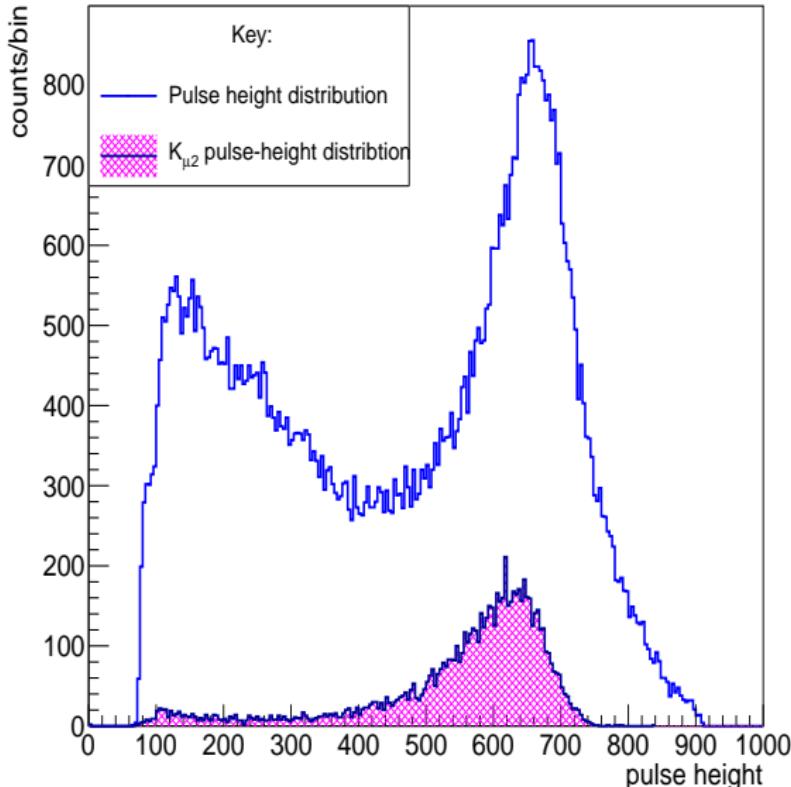
$$F(t) = \frac{A}{1 - e^{-(t-\tau_0)/\lambda}} \cdot \text{Freq} \left[ \frac{t-\tau_0-d}{\mu} \right] \cdot \left( \frac{t-\tau_0}{\tau_1} e^{\left[1 - \frac{t-\tau_0}{\tau_1}\right]} + e^{\frac{t-\tau_0}{\tau_2}} e^{\left[1 - \frac{t-\tau_0}{\tau_2}\right]} \right)$$

- $\lambda$  is slow shape constant
- $\tau_0$  is rise time
- $\tau_1$  decay constant
- $\tau_2$  local decay constant

H. Ito (Nucl. Instrum. Meth., A901 2018)



# Pulse Fitting in Action: Pulse Height Distribution

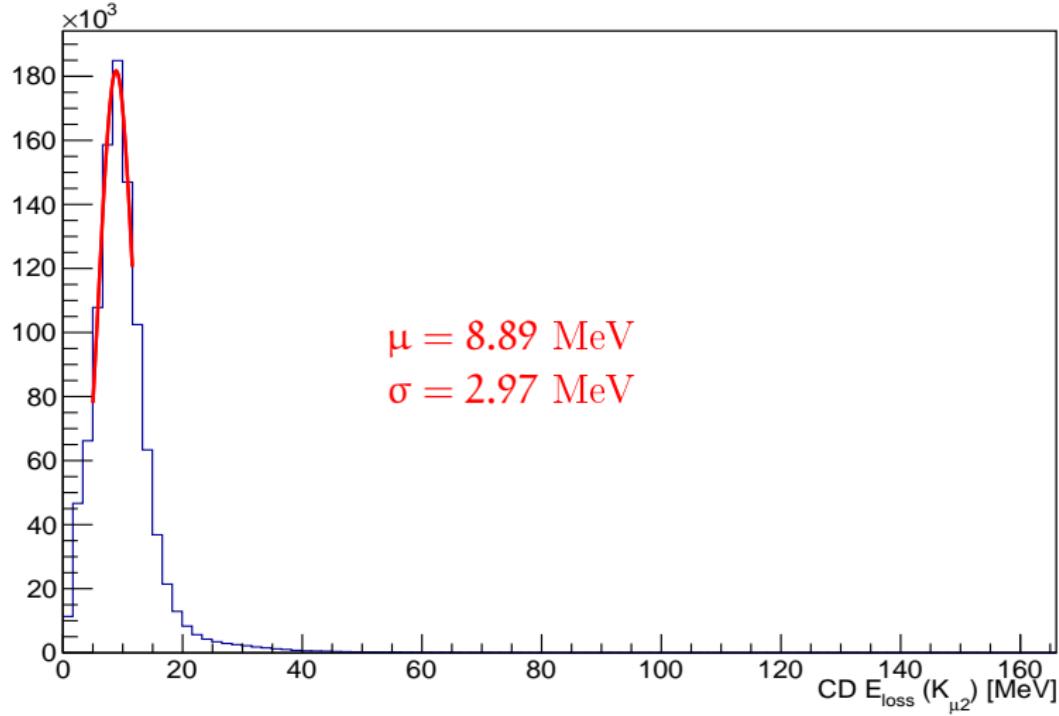


## $K_{\mu 2}$ selection criteria

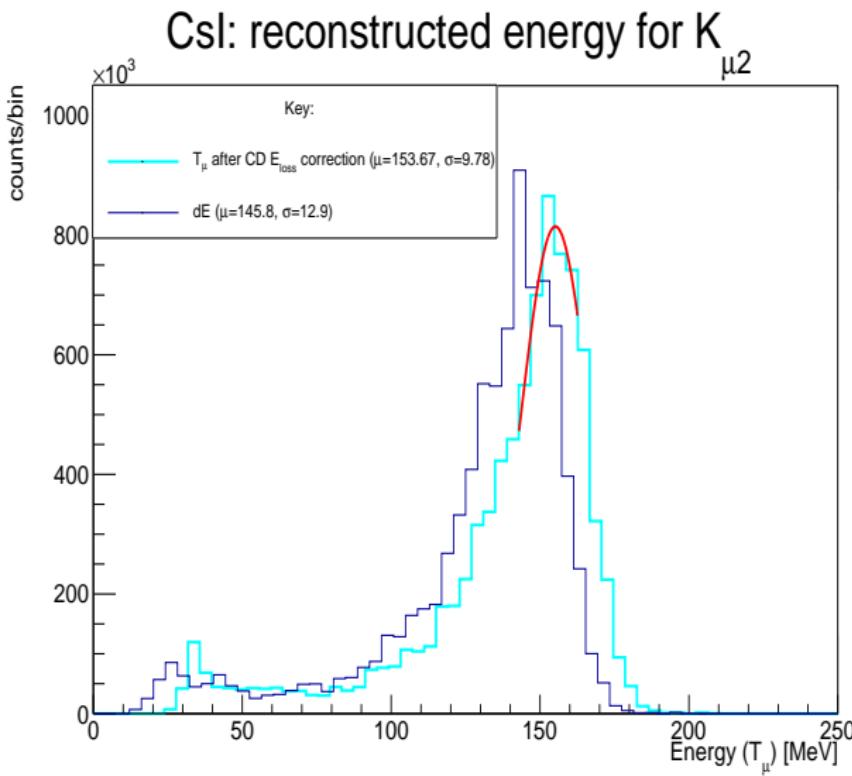
- Require single crystal per event
- First pulse time coincides with the  $K^+$  decay
- Require a second peak

# Pulse Fitting in Action: Energy Calibration from $K_{\mu 2}$

Energy loss from Central Detector (CD  $E_{loss}$ ) using e36g4MC

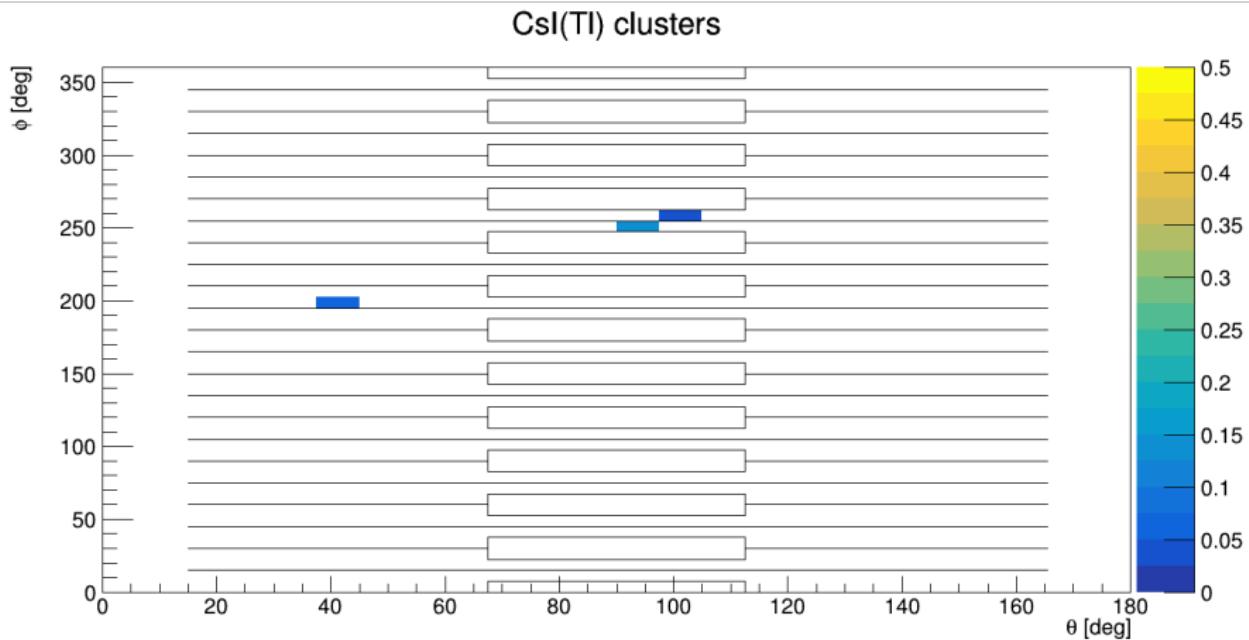


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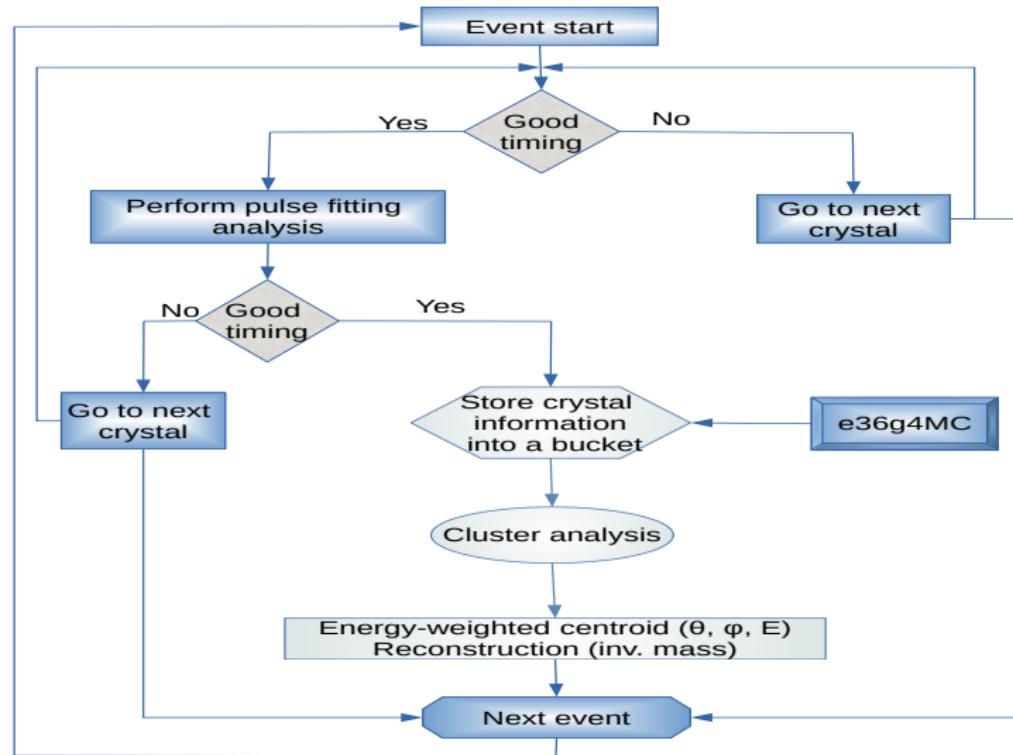
- Calibration coefficients  $C_i$  to convert pulse heights into energy
- $C_i = \frac{dE_{CsI}}{(A-P)_i}, i = 1, \dots, 768$
- $dE_{CsI}$  : deposited energy
- $A$  : waveform amplitude
- $P$  : baseline
- $T_\mu = dE_{CsI} + CDE_{loss}$
- Correction for energy loss from CD system

# Cluster Analysis: Event Viewer

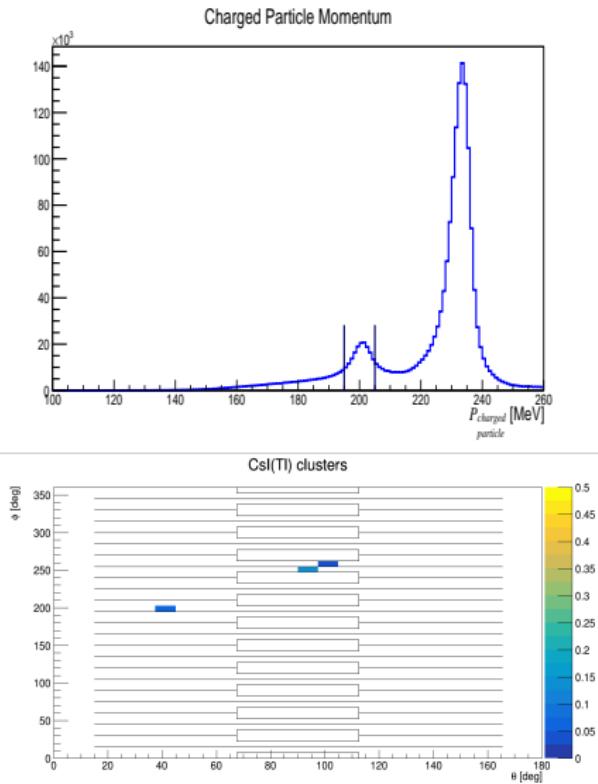


- Single event
- Reconstructed  $m_{\pi^0}$  from  $M_{\gamma\gamma} = 123.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- PDG:  $m_{\pi^0} = 134.9766 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

# CsI Cluster Analysis



# CsI Cluster Analysis Cont...

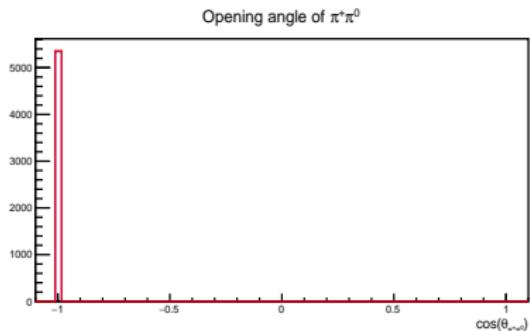
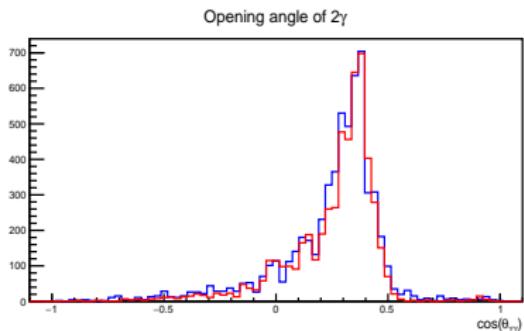
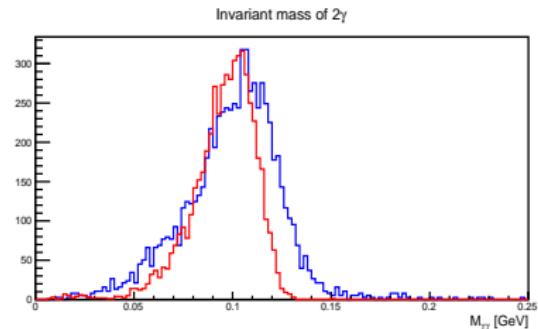
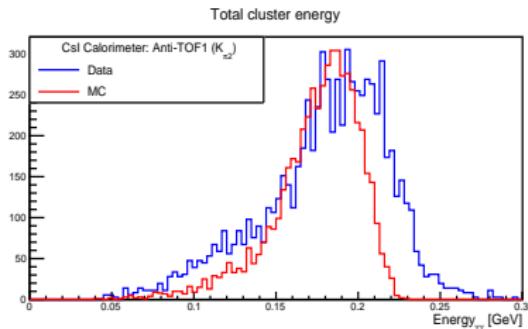


Cluster criterion:  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$

- High hardware trigger due to high rate
- Several clustering patterns need to be considered
- Currently single crystal clusters are considered as well
- Analysis is performed for prompt  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ , while only considering two cluster events
- Suppress backgrounds by requiring only single TOF1 counter has fired
- Apply tight angle cut:  

$$\cos(\theta_{\pi^+ \pi^0}) \leq -0.99$$

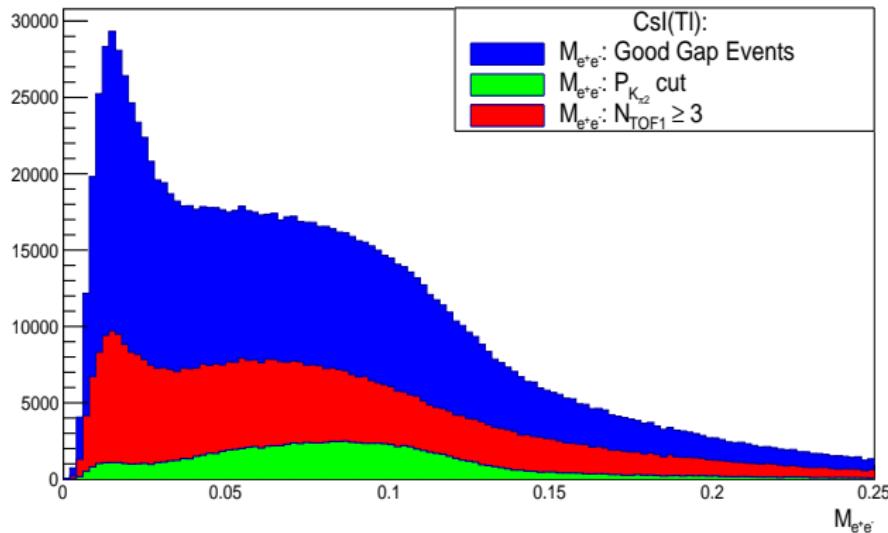
# CsI $K_{\pi 2}$ Cluster Analysis



- Preselected  $K_{\pi 2}$  events (from two CsI clusters)

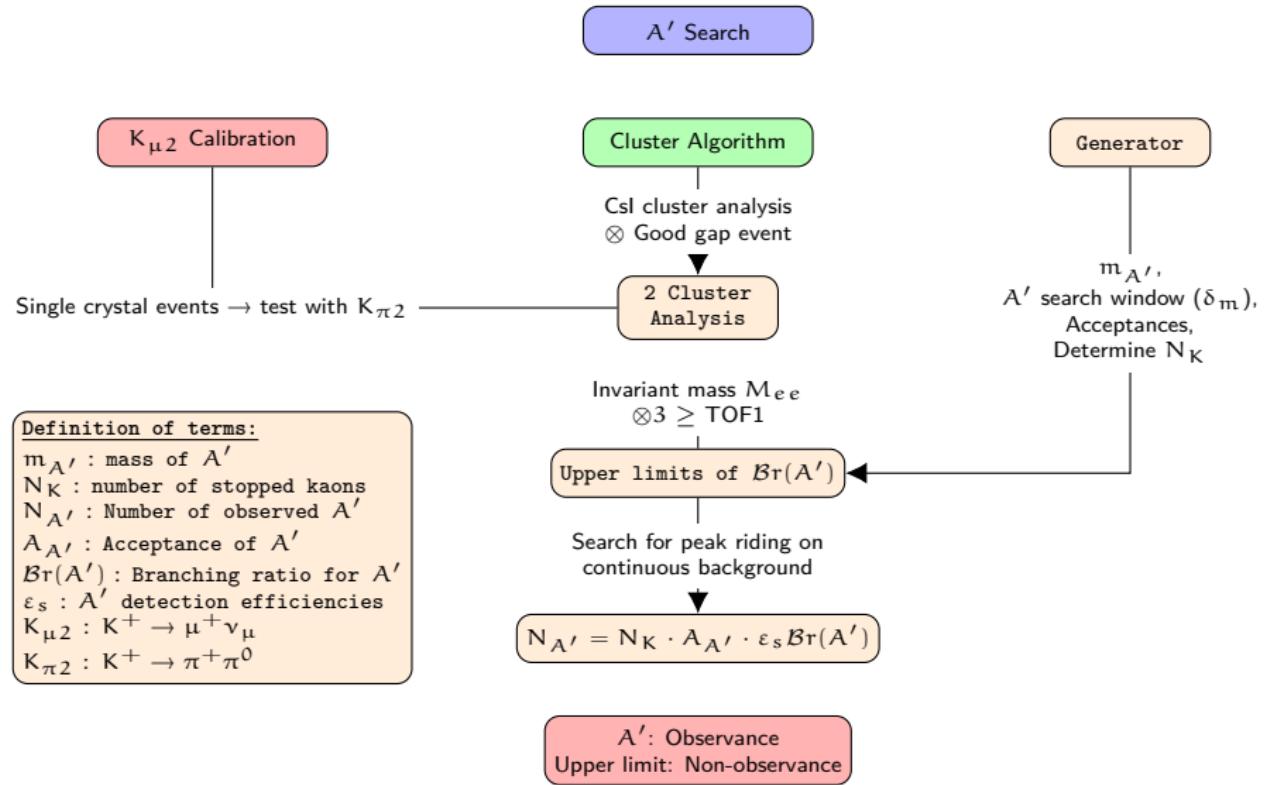
- $\cos(\theta_{\pi^+\pi^0}) \leq -0.99$ : tight opening angle cut

# Invariant Mass Spectrum

Invariant mass of  $e^+e^-$ 

- Invariant mass spectrum under the 3 cut conditions
- The blue histogram contains all events
- Green histogram has pronounced bump around the  $\pi^0$  mass
- Interested in the red histogram for the  $A'$  search

## Analysis Strategy for A' Search



# Generator Channels

## K<sup>+</sup> Channels

Label	Branch	Ratio
0	$K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu$	$1.582 \times 10^{-5}$
1	$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu$	$6.355 \times 10^{-1}$
2	$K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0 \nu$	$5.07 \times 10^{-2}$
3	$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^0 \nu$	$3.352 \times 10^{-2}$
4	$K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0 \pi^0 \nu$	$2.55 \times 10^{-5}$
5	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ \nu$	$4.247 \times 10^{-5}$
6	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \mu^+ \nu$	$1.4 \times 10^{-5}$
7	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$	$2.067 \times 10^{-1}$
8	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \pi^0$	$1.760 \times 10^{-2}$
9	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	$5.583 \times 10^{-2}$
10	$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu \gamma$	$6.2 \times 10^{-3}$
11	$K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu \gamma$	$9.4 \times 10^{-6}$
12	$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^0 \nu \gamma$	$1.25 \times 10^{-5}$
13	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$	$1.04 \times 10^{-4}$
14	$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu A'$	$\epsilon^2 \times \text{ratio of channel 16}$
15	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ A'$	$\epsilon^2 \times \text{ratio of channel 17}$
16	$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ e^+ e^- \nu$	$2.5 \times 10^{-5}$
17	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ e^-$	$3 \times 10^{-7}$

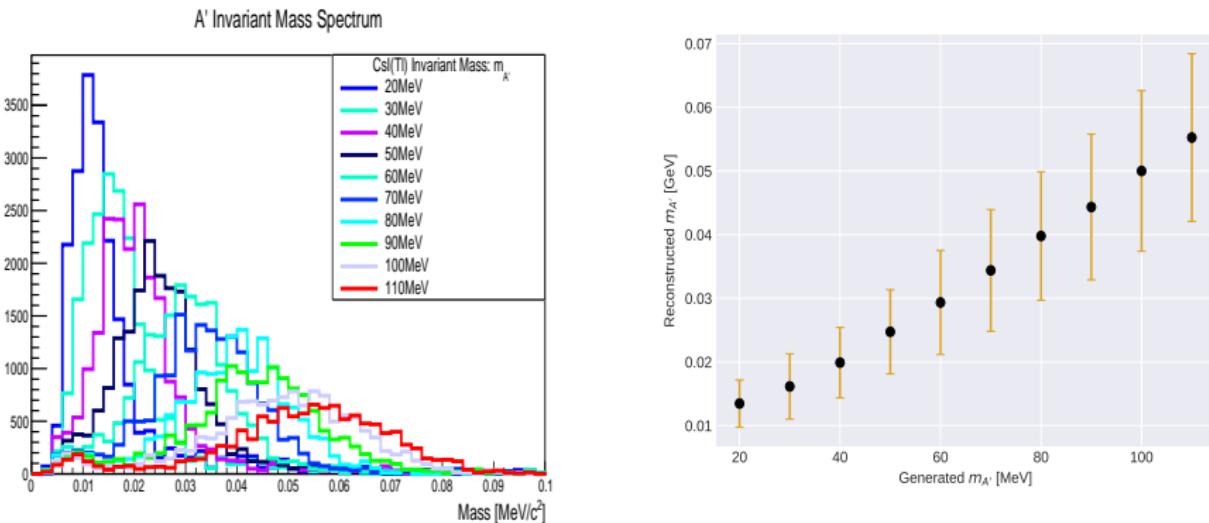
## $\pi^0$ Channels

Label	Branch	Ratio
0	$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$	$9.8823 \times 10^{-1}$
1	$\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^- \gamma$	$1.174 \times 10^{-2}$
2	$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma A'$	$\epsilon^2 \times \text{ratio of channel 2}$

## ROOT based generator

- Interactive: utilizes Messenger Classes
- Allows for selection of decay modes and branching ratios

# A' Acceptance and $m_{A'}$ Distribution

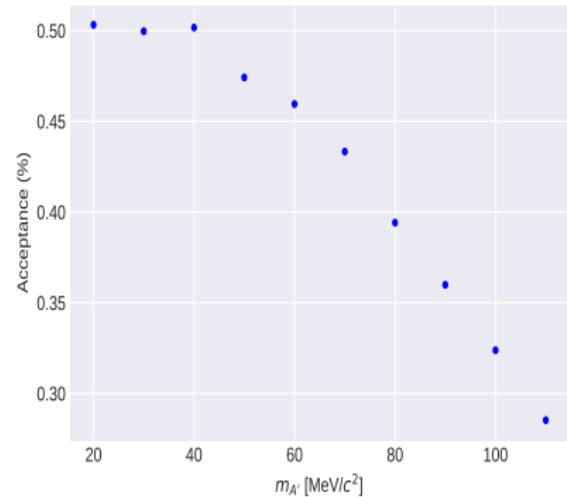
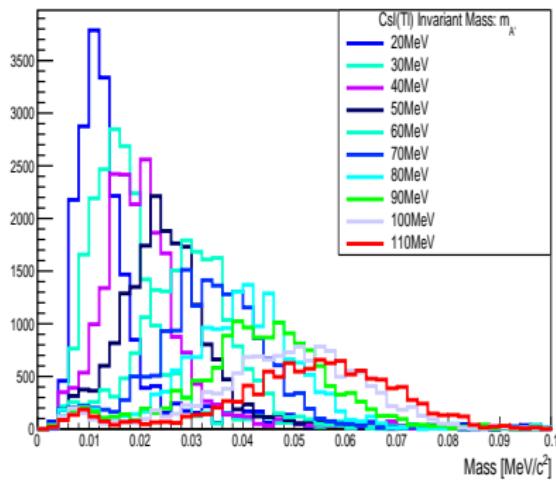


- $A'$  masses generated on interval 20 – 110 MeV
- $m_{A'}$  reconstructed from  $e^+e^-$  clusters in the CsI

- Mean  $m_{A'}$  obtained by fitting Gaussian
- Mass window of  $\sigma(m_{A'})$  was obtained from fit

# A' Acceptance and $m_{A'}$ Distribution

A' Invariant Mass Spectrum

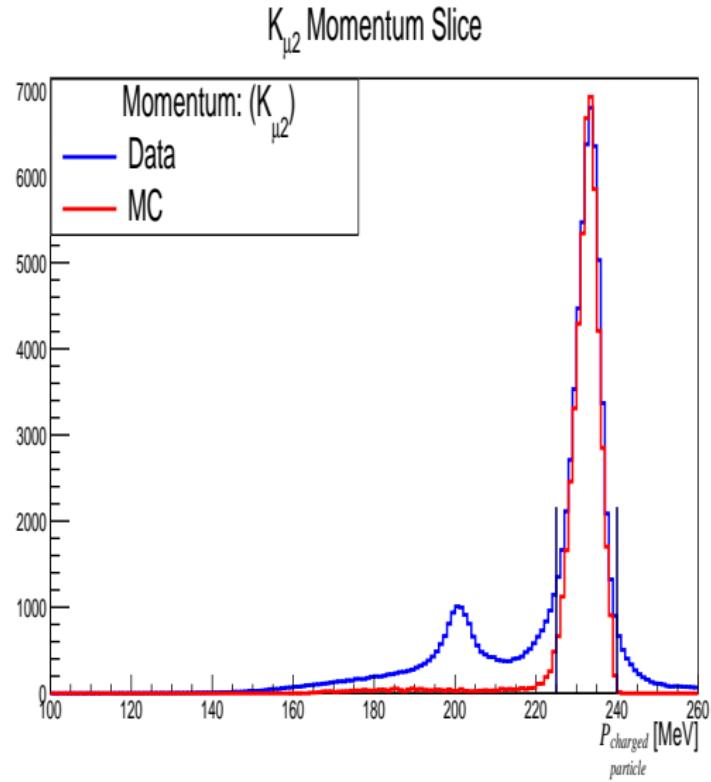


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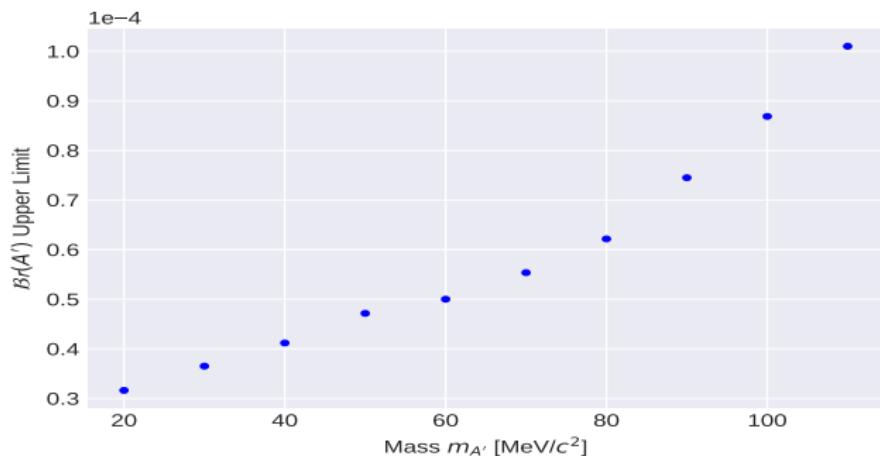
# Number of Stopped $K^+$ ( $N_K$ )

$$N_K = \frac{N_{\mu 2}}{\mathcal{Br}(\mu 2) PS(\mu) A_\mu LT(\mu)} \\ = 2.81 \cdot 10^9$$

- $N_K$ : number of stopped kaons
- $N_{\mu 2}$ : number of muons
- $A_{\mu 2}$ : number of muon accepted events
- $PS = 49$ : muon prescale factor
- $LT(\mu) = 1.0$ : muon lifetime fraction
- $\mathcal{Br}(\mu 2)$ :  $K_{\mu 2}$  branching ratio
- Select  $1\sigma$  cut around mean  $P_\mu$ , from  $K_{\mu 2}$  decays



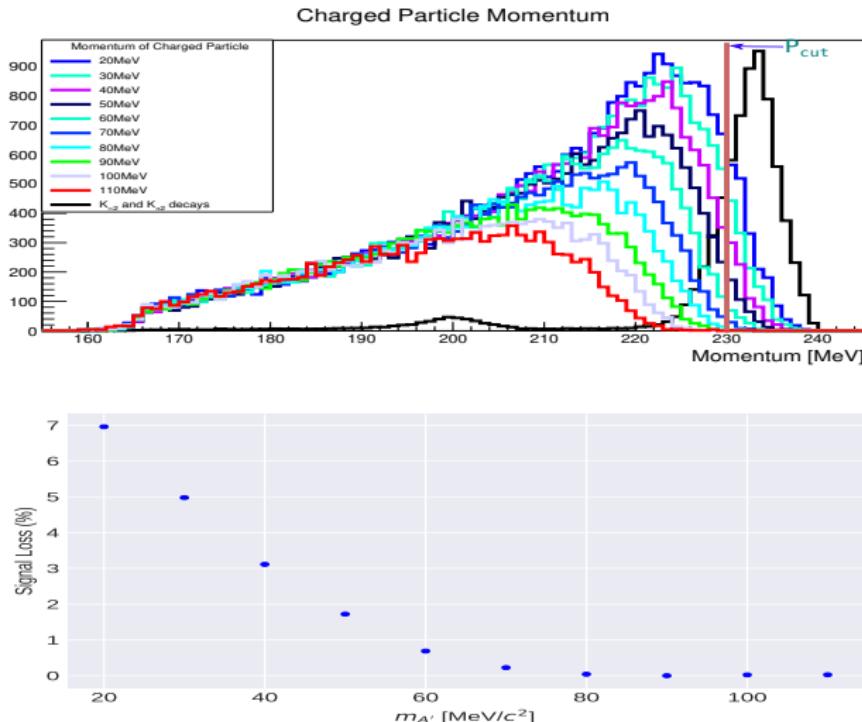
# Upper Limit Extraction



$$\mathcal{B}\mathbf{r}(A') < \frac{2\sqrt{N_{\mu\nu ee}}}{N_{K} A' LT}$$

- No peak in  $M_{ee}$  spectrum  $\rightarrow$  twice background fluctuation in search window
- $2\sigma$  limit:  $\sim 95\%$  CL of no signal observance
- $A_{A'}$ : acceptance ratio of the  $A'$  with a given mass, determined from e36g4MC
- $N_{\mu\nu ee}$ : Integrated number of events in a given  $A'$  search window

# $K_{\mu 2}$ Contamination Reduction

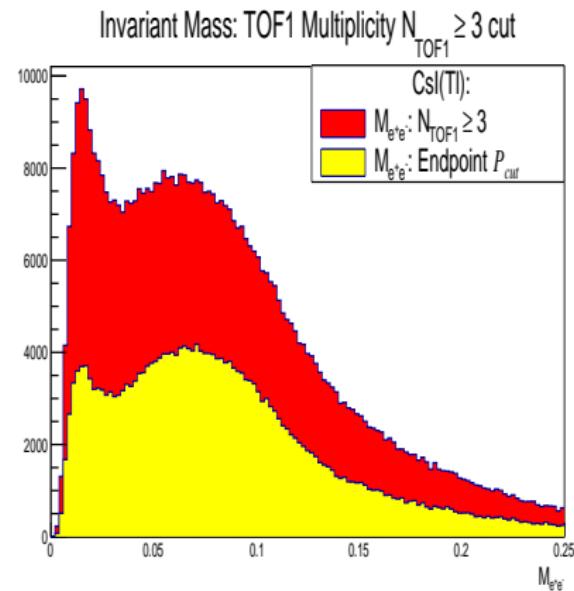
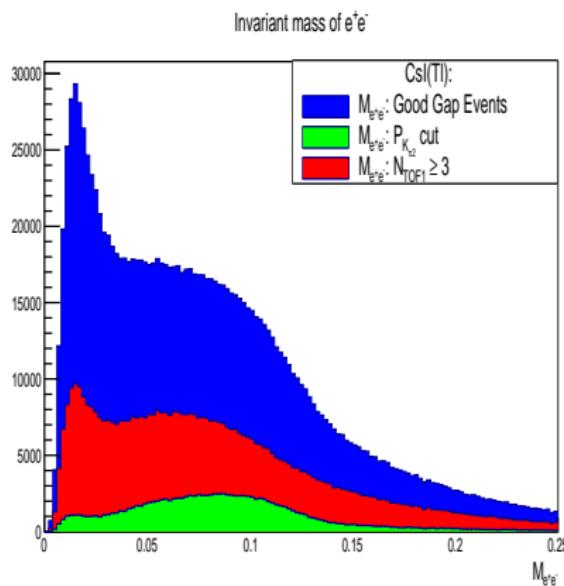


- Signal Loss  $S_L = \frac{S_{cut}}{S_{tot}}$

- $S_{cut}$  is integrated signal that survives cut

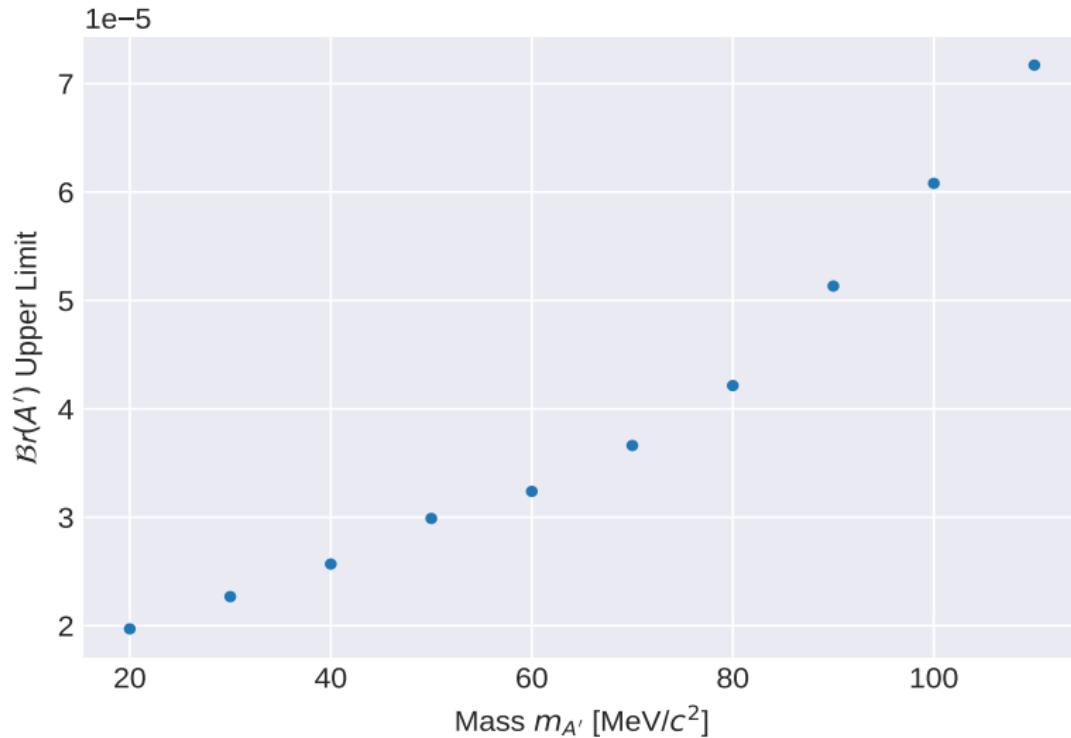
- $S_{tot}$  is total integrated signal

# Invariant Mass Spectrum $M_{ee}$ after $K_{\mu 2}$ Cut



- From 105 runs ( $\sim 8.08\%$  of total Fall data)
- Analysis of more data files is currently underway

# Background Suppressed Upper Limits



# Summary

## Summary and Future Work

- Universe is littered with anomalies that must be explained (**exciting times!**)
- TREK/E36 experiment has been successfully conducted, completed data-taking, decommissioned and analysis is currently underway
- e36g4MC has been developed from ground-up
- $K^+$  decay generator has been implemented into the e36g4MC
- Energy calibration for CsI(Tl) using  $K_{\mu 2}$  and checked with  $K_{\pi 2}$
- CsI cluster finder developed within Cooker analysis framework
- We have generated various masses for  $A'$
- Upper limits for  $\mathcal{Br}(K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu A')$  have been extracted for various  $m_{A'}$
- Improvements from PID analysis for reducible background reduction
- Digitizing e36g4MC CsI can improve comparison with data
- Improve CsI calibration with  $K_{\pi 2}$ , global gain correction

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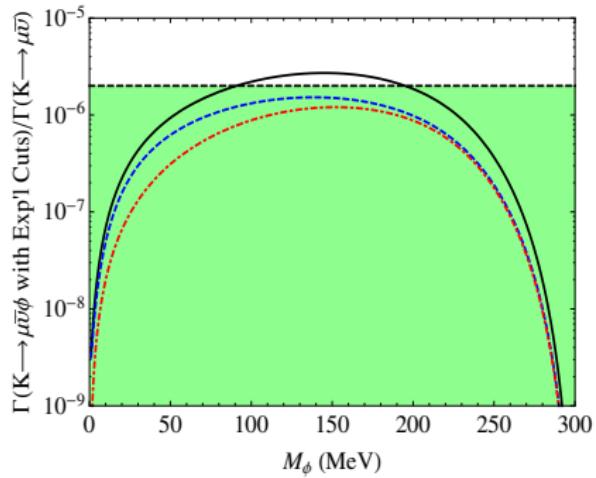
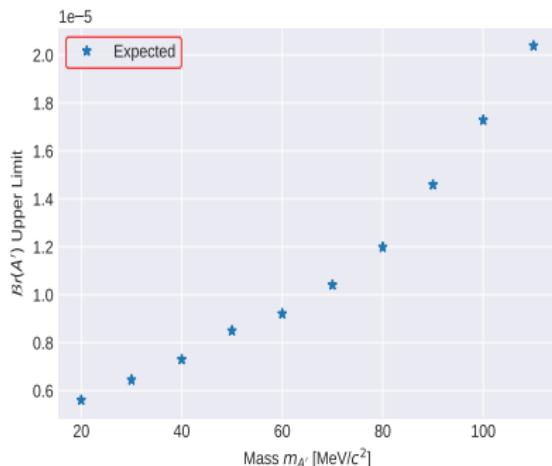
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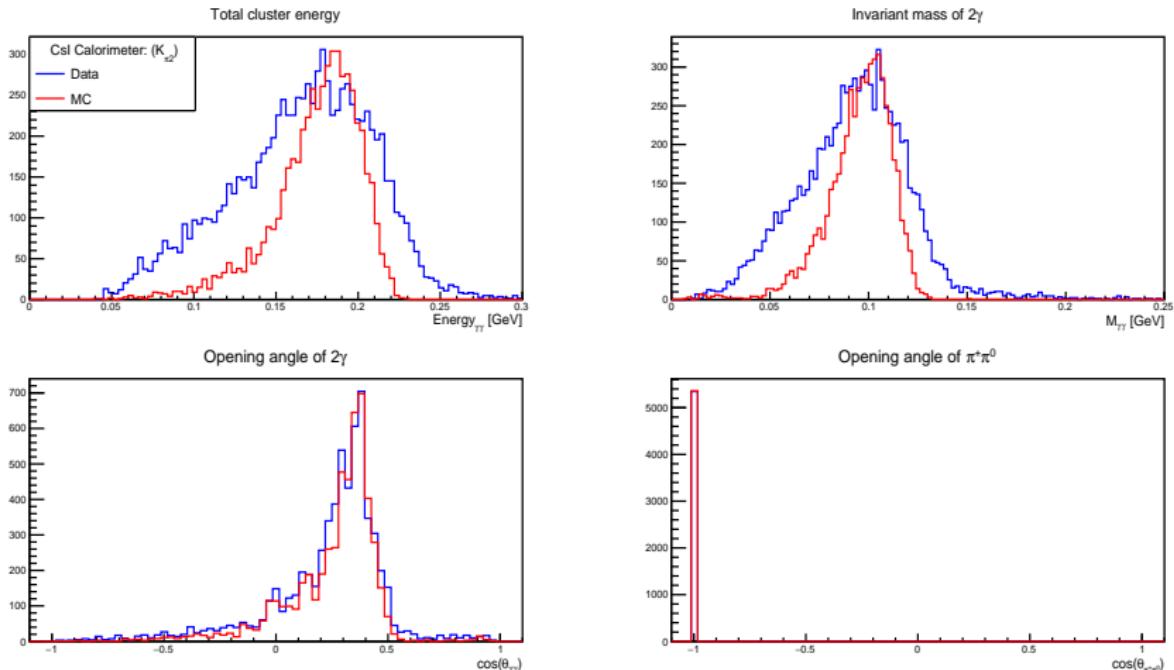
# Backup

# Expected Upper Limits



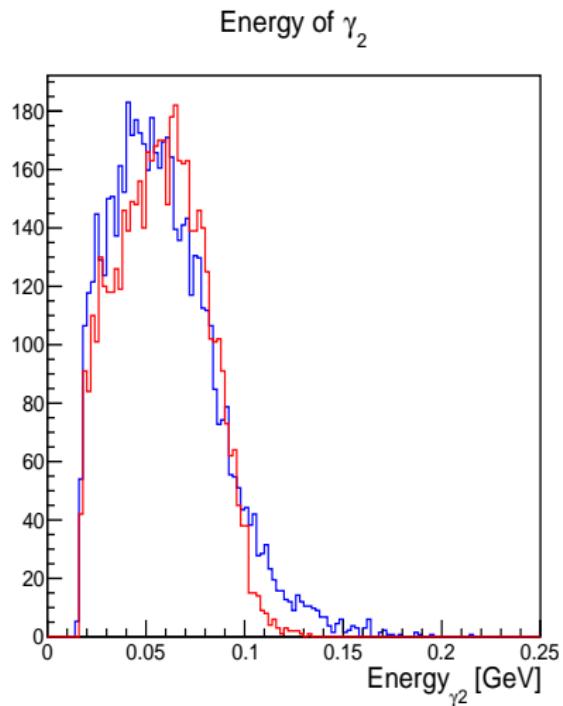
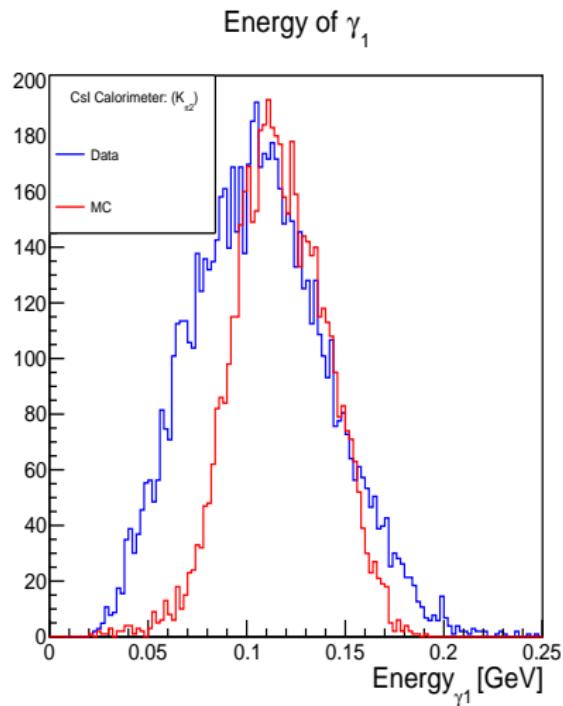
- Solid curve full result satisfying proton radius and  $(g-2)_\mu$
- Shaded region is allowed  $< \mathcal{O}(-6)$

# CsI 2 Cluster Events



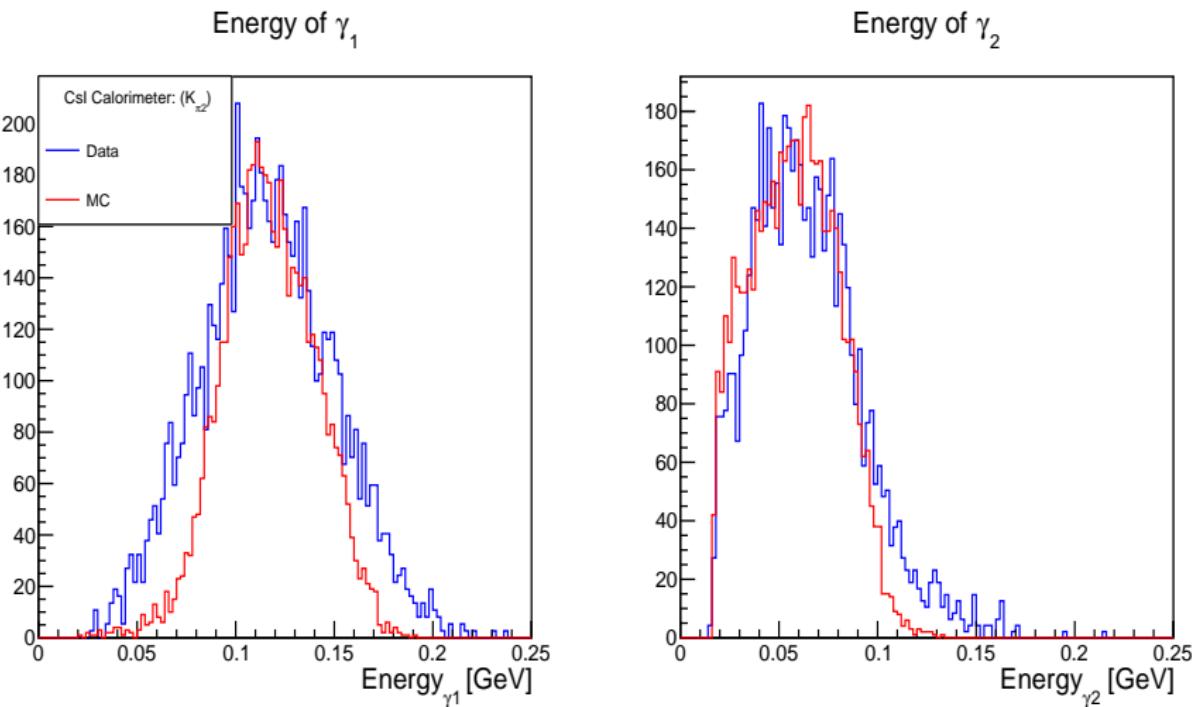
- Two cluster events under K <sub>$\pi^2$</sub>  momentum cut
- e36g4MC: Generator channel 7 was used

# Energy of $\gamma 1$ and $\gamma 2$



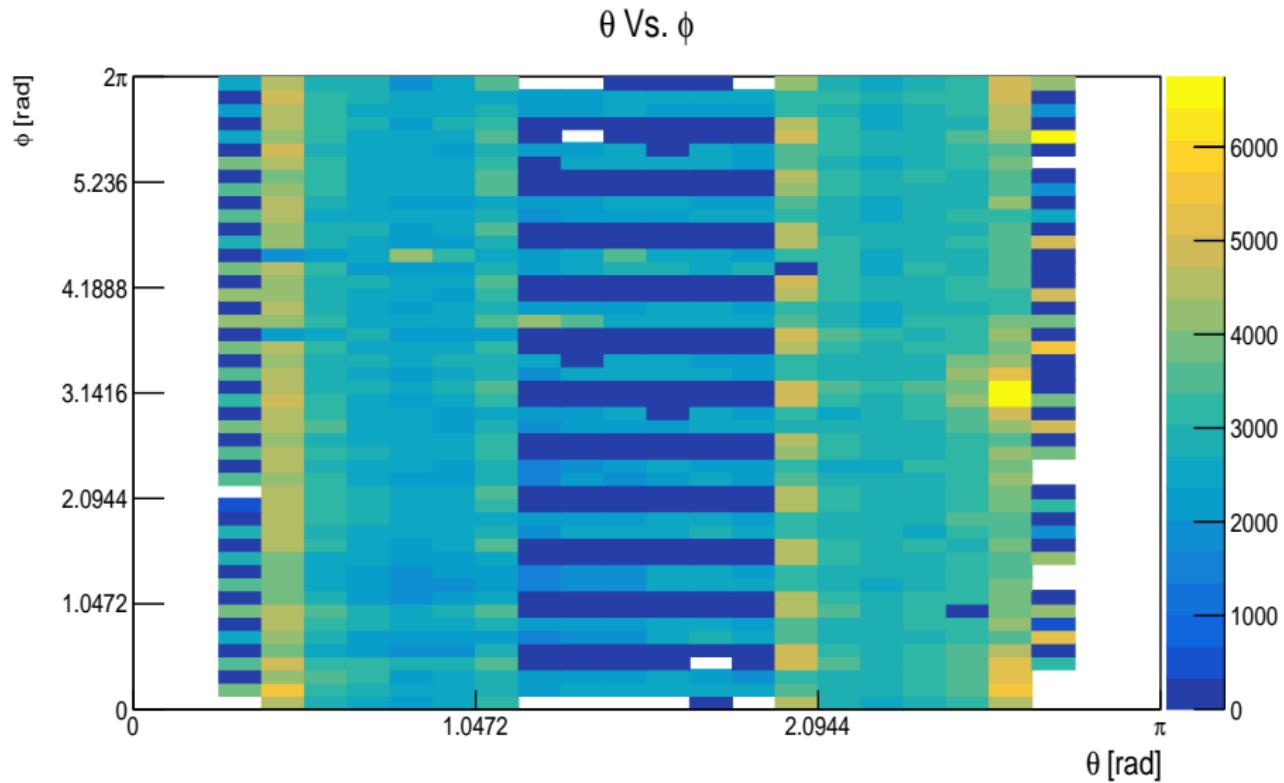
- $\cos(\theta_{\pi^+ \pi^0}) \leq -0.995$

# Energy of $\gamma_1$ and $\gamma_2$ TOF1 cut

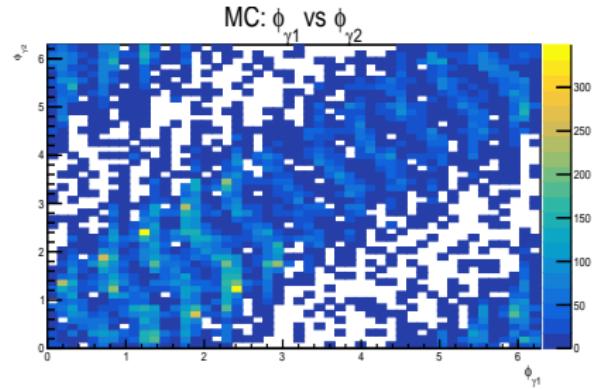
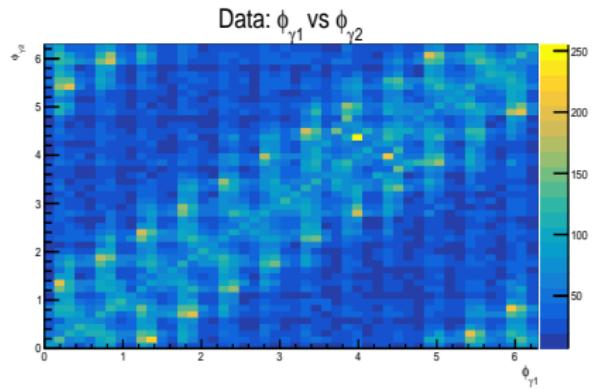
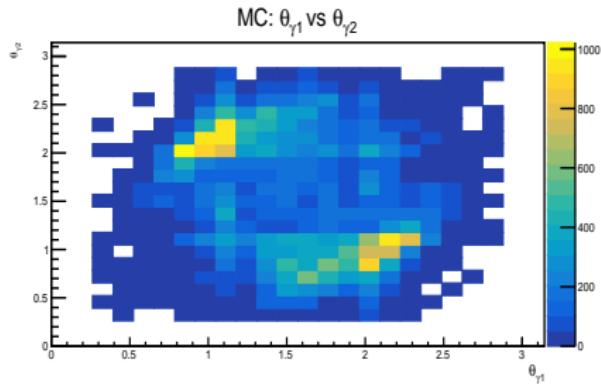
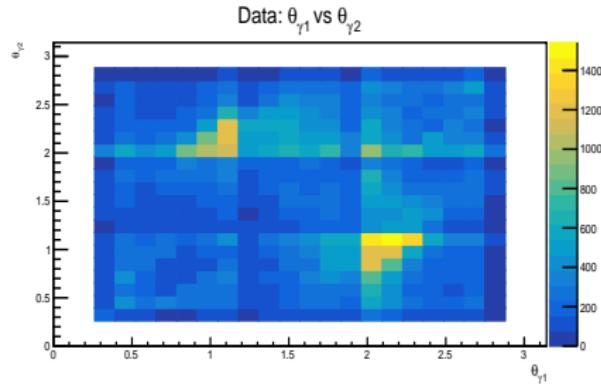


- $\cos(\theta_{\pi^+ \pi^0}) \leq -0.995$
- only one TOF1 counter has fired

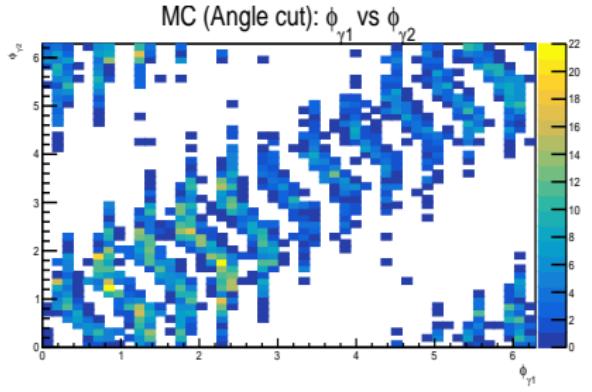
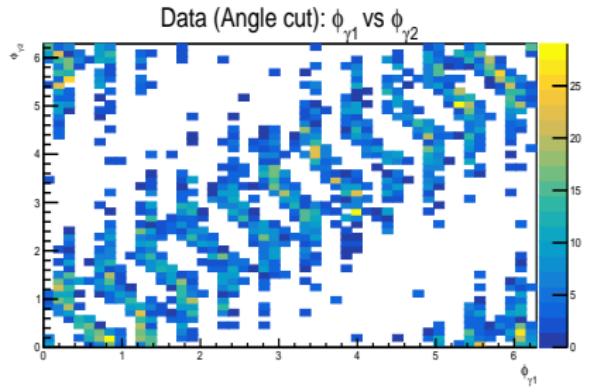
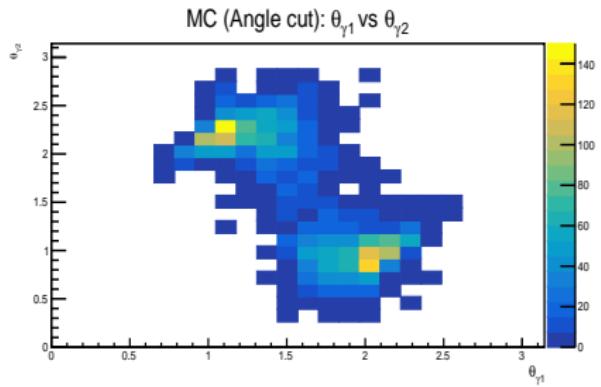
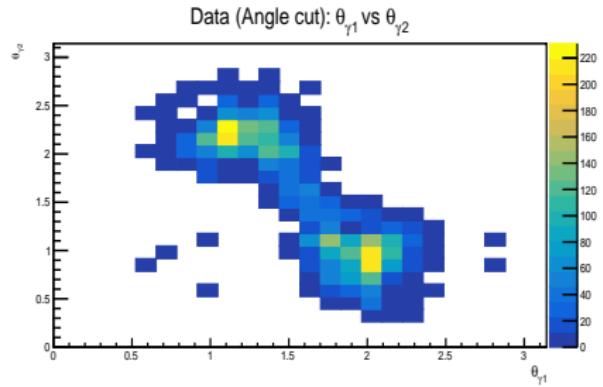
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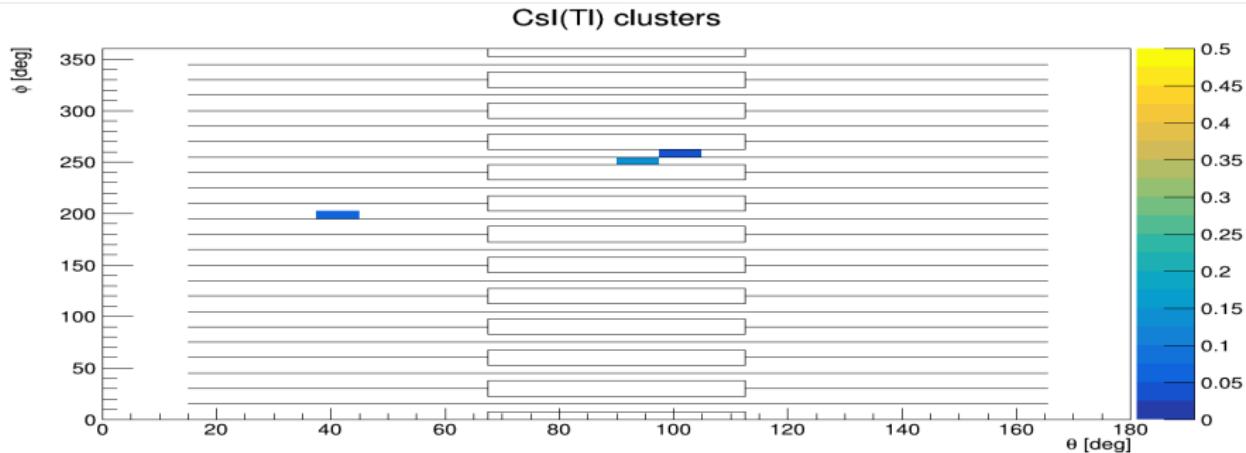
# Angular Correlations: $\theta_{\gamma 1}$ vs. $\theta_{\gamma 2}$



# Angular Correlations: $\theta_{\gamma 1}$ vs. $\theta_{\gamma 2}$ ( $\cos(\theta_{\pi^+\pi^0})$ cut)



# Cluster Analysis



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piPecking total Cluster Energy: 0.228424
Angular1 checking (centriod) (1.6597, 4.40859)
Angular2 checking (centriod) (0.719948, 3.46884)
Checking pi0 InvMass: 0.123707
Checking cos(theta): 0.32072
Checking vertex opening -0.900161
cluster multiplicity: 2

Number of clusters is : 1
Number of single clusters is: 1
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