

HPTPC R&D for CPV in the UK



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Outline

- Overview of diverse HPTPC activities in the UK
(& elsewhere)
➡ HPTPC-WG
 - Physics Studies
 - Best ways to use new data from HPTPC?
 - Software development
 - Building common tools for multiple users.
 - Hardware development
 - 1m³ prototype with optical readout, proposal for beam tests here
- ➡ **Use prototype as a platform for R&D with a wider collaboration**

UK HPTPC Groups

- Imperial College London
 - Dunne, Ma, M Uchida, Wascko
- Lancaster University
 - Brailsford, Dealtry, Nowak
- Liverpool University
 - Christodoulou
- Oxford University
 - Martin-Albo, Wark, Weber
- Royal Holloway University of London
 - Chen-Wishart, Kaboth, Monroe, Parker, Shitov, Walding, Ward
- Rutherford/Appleton Lab
 - Kaboth (also RHUL), Wark (also Oxford), Weber (also Oxford)
- Warwick University
 - Barker, Boyd, Denner, Haigh

Members of many collaborations:
T2K, HK, DUNE

Members have diverse experience:
DMTPC, SuperNEMO, NEXT

UK HPTPC funding

- Current LBN-HK project R&D grant:
 - software work—MC development
 - hardware work—gas measurements for tuning MC
- PRD (project R&D) line:
 - Goal: Build 1m³ HPTPC and use in beam test to measure p-nucleus cross section
 - start with CF₄, then try Ar, Ne, CH₄
 - Use optical readout design based on DMTPC
- Consolidated grants
 - Software development, detector design, physics studies
- LBN Pre-construction proposals in progress



HPTPC Event rates

CC-inclusive interactions per 10^{21} POT

| Gas | mass, 40 m³ at 10 bar, 30 C | JPARC (0.6 GeV) | FNAL (2–4 GeV)* |
|-----------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| He | 63.6 kg | 4.19E+03 | 1.46E+05 |
| Ne | 317 kg | 2.10E+04 | 7.29E+05 |
| Ar | 636 kg | 4.19E+04 | 1.46E+06 |
| CF ₄ | 1397 kg | 9.23E+04 | 3.21E+06 |

These J-PARC and FNAL numbers were calculated in a consistent manner.

*Using LBNE flux, c.2013

HPTPC-WG

- New biweekly WG meeting established (alternate Mondays)
- Connect and focus several HPTPC efforts
 - Focus on developing physics studies
 - report on software tools
 - report on hardware R&D
- Coordinate UK efforts with European and North American work, hope to expand to Japan as well
- Slides etc posted on RHUL Indico server
 - contact jocelyn.monroe@rhul.ac.uk for access
- Have an email list
 - contact m.wascko@imperial.ac.uk to join

HPTPC-WG

- Recent topics:
 - DUNE GAr-TPC, J Martin-Albo (Oxford)
 - Thoughts on sensitivity studies, D Sgalaberna (UniGe)
 - HPTPC MC, Yu Shitov (RHUL)
 - T2K/HK MC Truth Selection studies, M Scott (TRIUMF)
 - T2K/HK Transverse variables, P Dunne (Imperial)
 - TRex status, P Denner (Warwick)
 - DUNE Software framework, G Christodoulou (Liverpool)
- Wide variety of topics, not confined to one experiment only

Physics studies

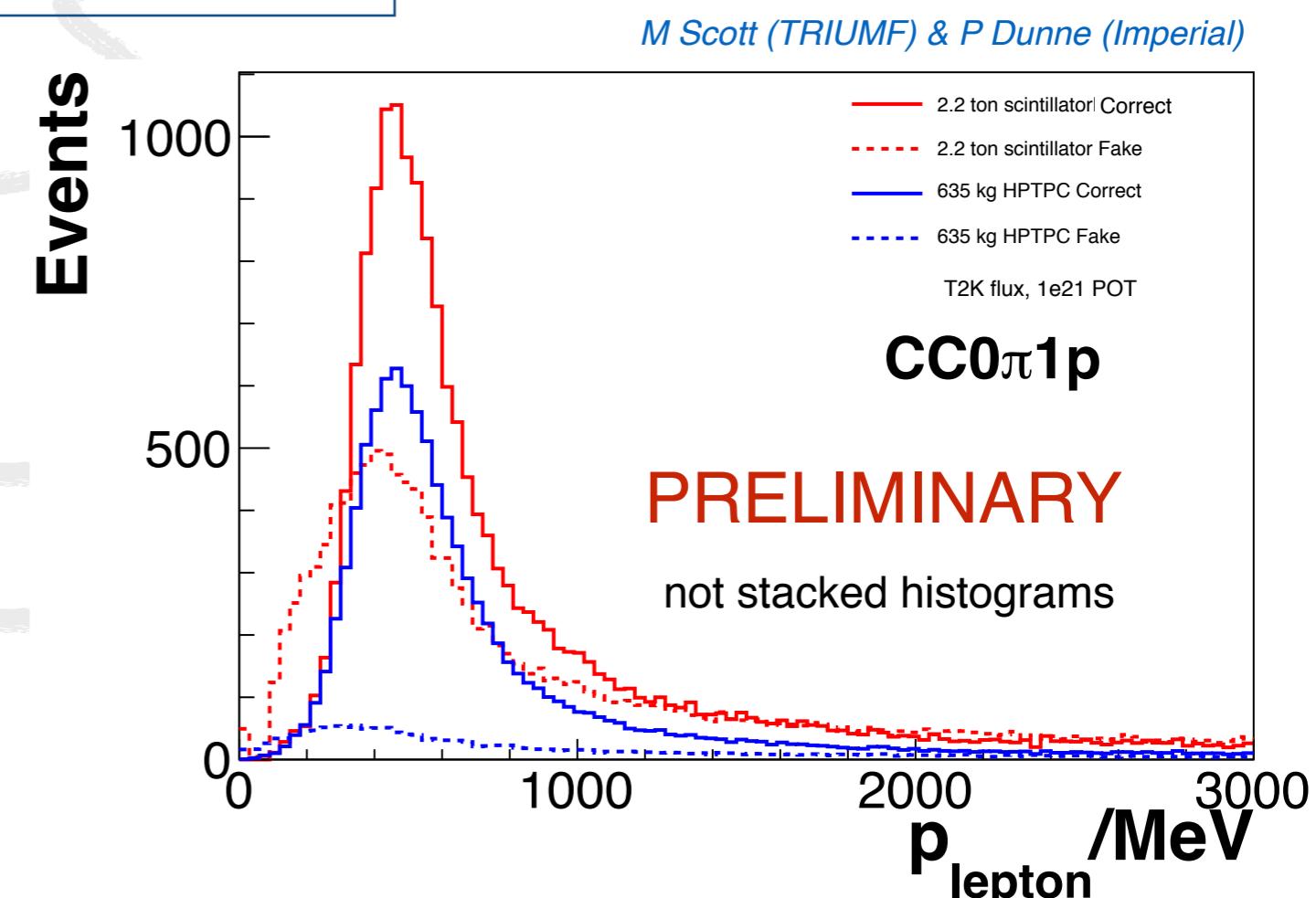
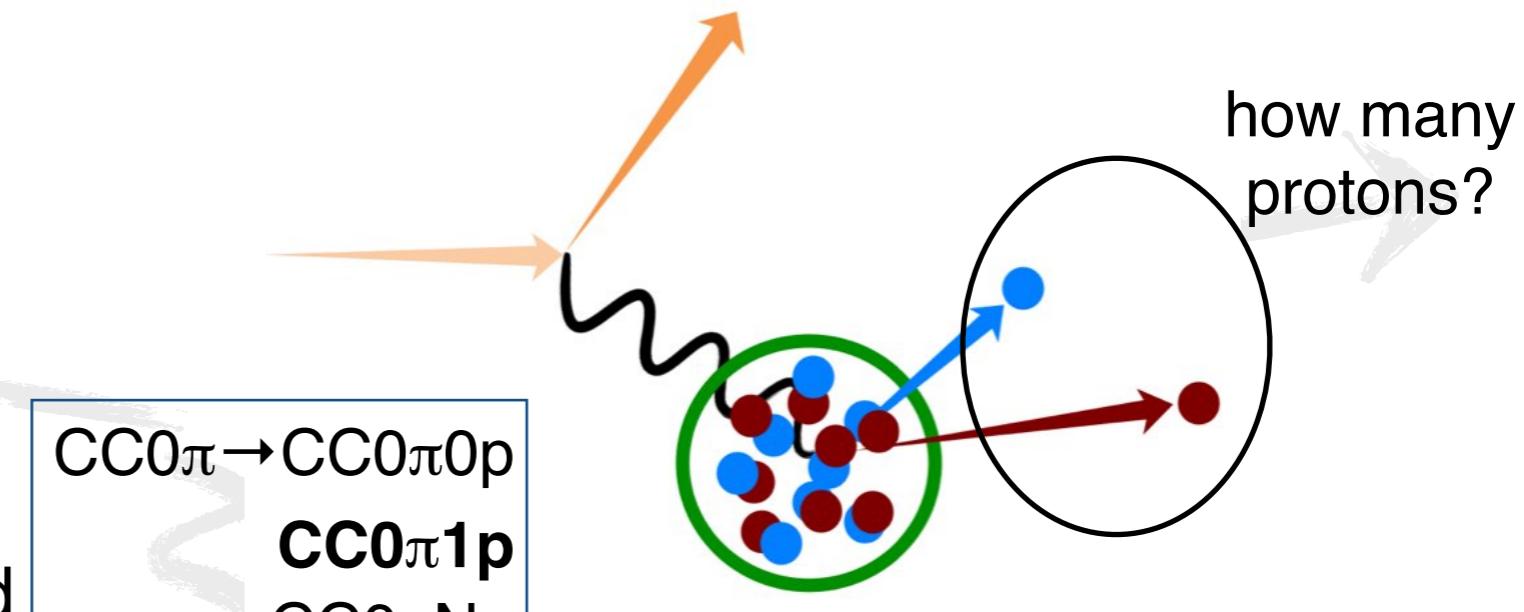
- Performing studies on how we would *actually use* an HPTPC
 - isolating specific event topologies
 - ➡ xsec model testing and tuning
 - Most studies currently targeting (elastic) 2p2h
 - understanding energy recon
 - calorimetric & kinematic
 - ➡ impact on neutrino oscillation sensitivity
- Building from T2K experience, but with a broader scope

Current study list

| STUDY | SUMMARY | PEOPLE | STATUS |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| FSI constraint | project tighter FSI constraints at FD, produce covariance matrix for OA fit | Kaboth, Dealtry | first step done |
| Greater sample purity | MC truth selection studies: split CC0pi and CC1pi samples and study effects of different detectors | M Scott, Sgalaberna | first pass complete |
| Use hadron information 1 | generator level studies developing ND analysis to use hadronic information; single transverse variables first | Dunne, M Scott | first pass complete |
| Use hadron information 2 | put new event samples (using hadron info) into ND fit | Parker, Kaboth | ongoing |
| Realistic HPTPC information | use full MC to develop event selection | Shitov, Dunne, Chen-Wishart, Parker | first pass MC working |

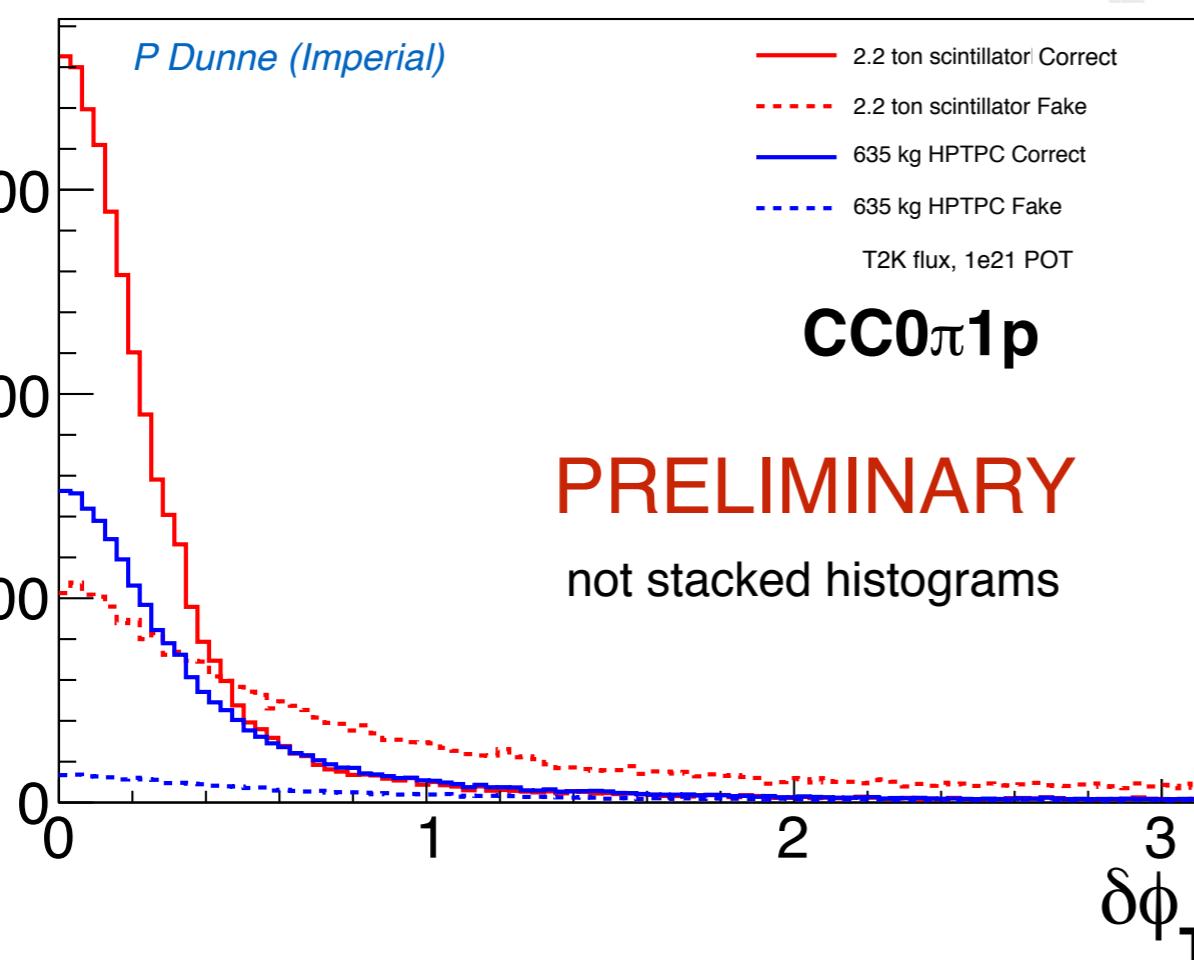
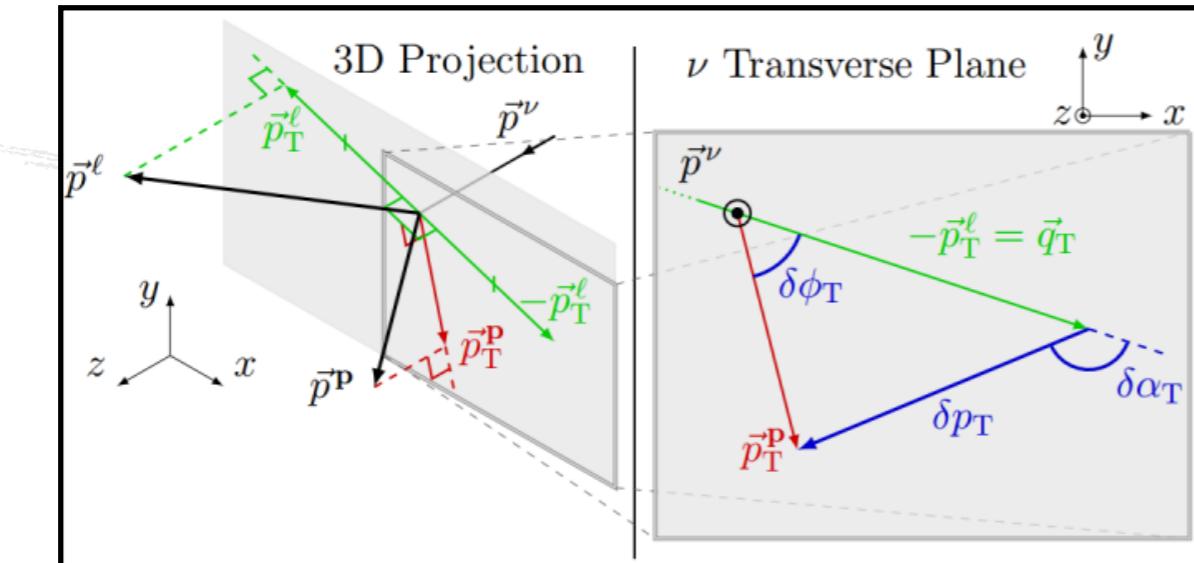
Improved sample purity

- Truth level MC studies
(assumed particle detection thresholds)
- Split T2K ND280 samples (CC0pi and CC1pi) into subsamples based on detected proton multiplicity
 - Higher purity in HPTPC
 - Higher stats in solid scintillator
- Simply inserting these samples into existing ND fits does not exploit the power of the HPTPC
 - Need more sophisticated variables / analysis



Use hadron information

[Lu, et al., Phys. Rev. C 94, 015503](#)



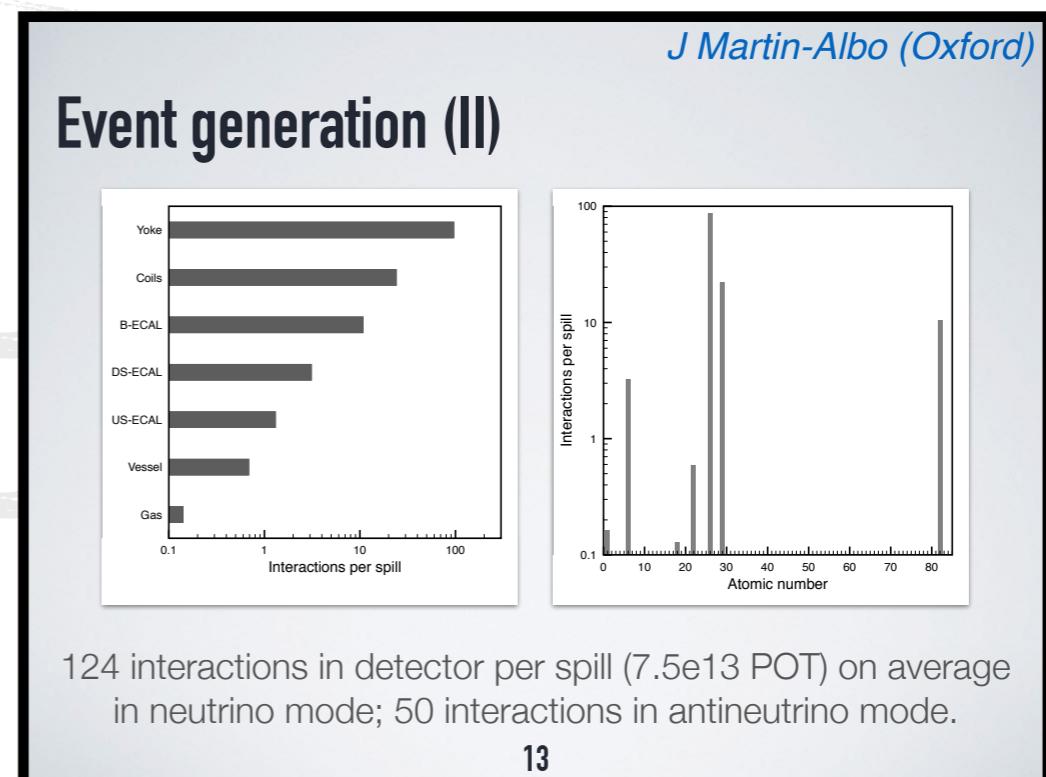
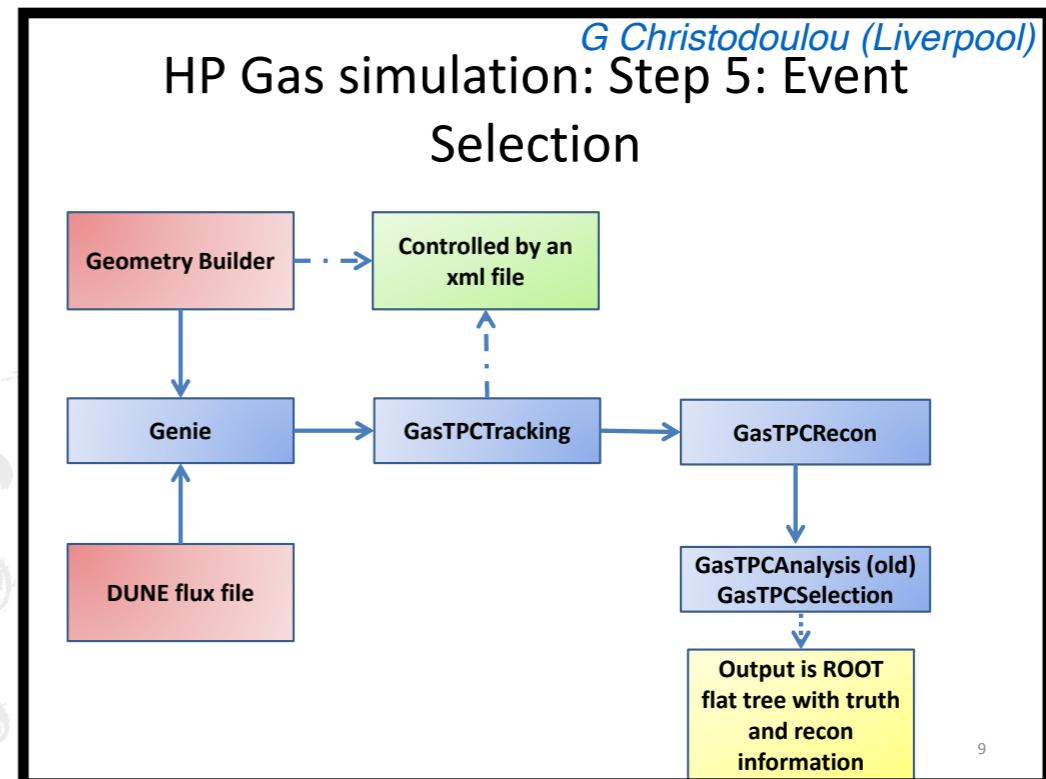
- Truth level MC studies
(assumed particle detection thresholds)
- Use detected protons to reconstruct momentum imbalance the transverse plane
 - Higher purity in HPTPC
 - Higher stats in solid scintillator
- Now studying how to use transverse variables in ND fit
 - First instance: 2D distributions of muon vs. hadron variables

Software development

- Overarching goals
 - Fully validated simulation of HPTPC
 - ➡ Detector design specification needed to achieve 2% total uncertainty
- Coordinating software development across multiple experiments
 - Inherited tools from LBNO, DMTPC, T2K
- Work Plan
 - develop HPTPC simulation to determine the momentum threshold and PID requirements for HPTPC to reduce CPV xsecs to 2%
 - determine optimum design parameters to achieve physics goals
 - pressure, readout pitch, gas mixtures to achieve consistent timing across target species, granularity
 - validate HPTPC detector simulation with measurements of gas physics in relevant range of targets

Software development

- Coordination between UK groups on HK, DUNE, and generic R&D
 - Coordinating software development across multiple experiments
 - Inherited tools from LBNO, DMTPC, T2K
- MC Development
- Reconstruction software development
- High level analysis software development



Software development

P Denner (Warwick)

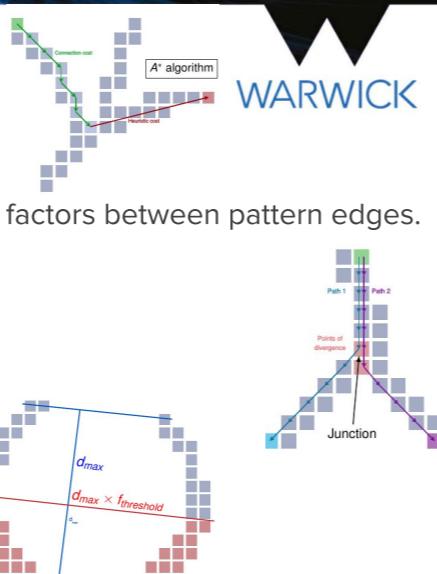
Pattern Recognition

by Eddy Larkin, Warwick

TREx uses the A* Algorithm for pathfinding

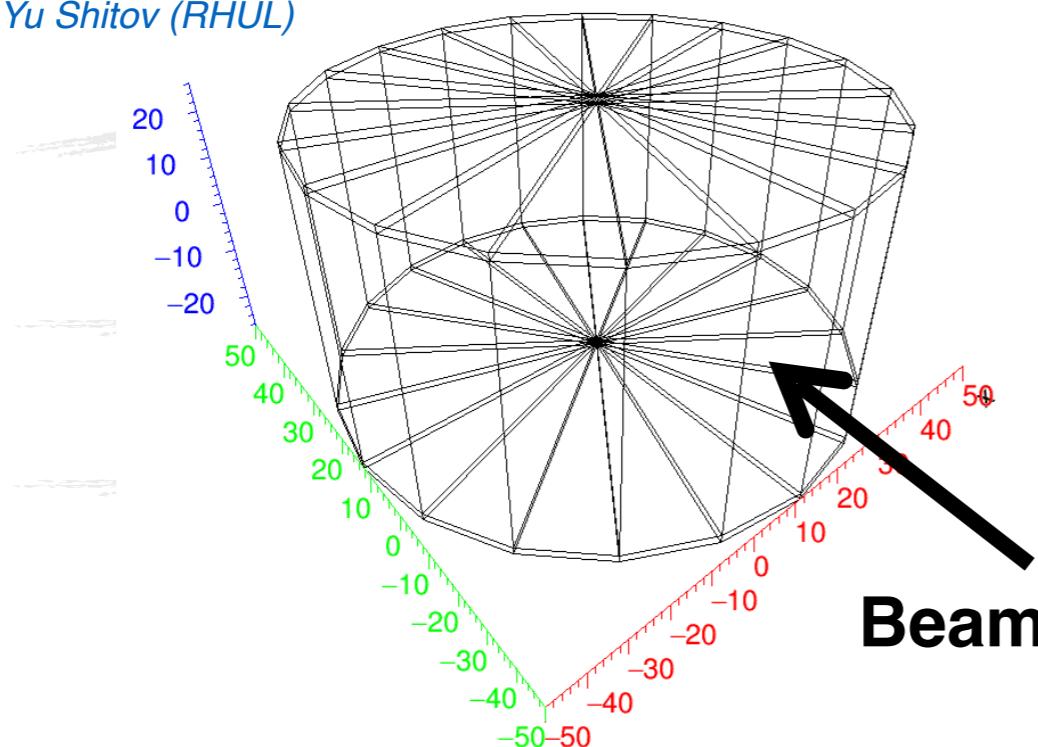
- Paths are formed according to connection cost factors between pattern edges.
- Diverging paths are used to identify junctions.
- Kink-finding can distinguish V-like two-track patterns from single curved tracks

TREx tutorial: <http://www.t2k.org/nd280/physics/xsec/subgroup/TPCInteractions/meetings/gas-interactions-2016-06-17/eddy-patrec-tutorial-2016-17-06/view>



T2K/DUNE/HPTPC

Yu Shitov (RHUL)



HPTPC

- UK groups (mainly Warwick) developing new TPC track reconstruction: “TREx”
- Primary tracks: Particle Gun application now takes input from neutrino event generators.
- Event generator: GENIE. Template interface program to process GENIE data and input to detector simulation written.
- Track Propagation: Simple drift model with parametrized gas physics.
 - Gas physics in TPC drift (Magboltz)
 - specifics properties (drift velocities, diffusion coefficients, attachments, etc) used for each gas
 - Gas physics in TPC amplification region (Garfield).
- Detector readout simulation in progress, using DMTPC noise measurements.



Software development

Protons & pions in the HP TPC prototype

Yu Shitov (RHUL)

Simulated configuration of HP TPC prototype: (10 bars of T2K gas)

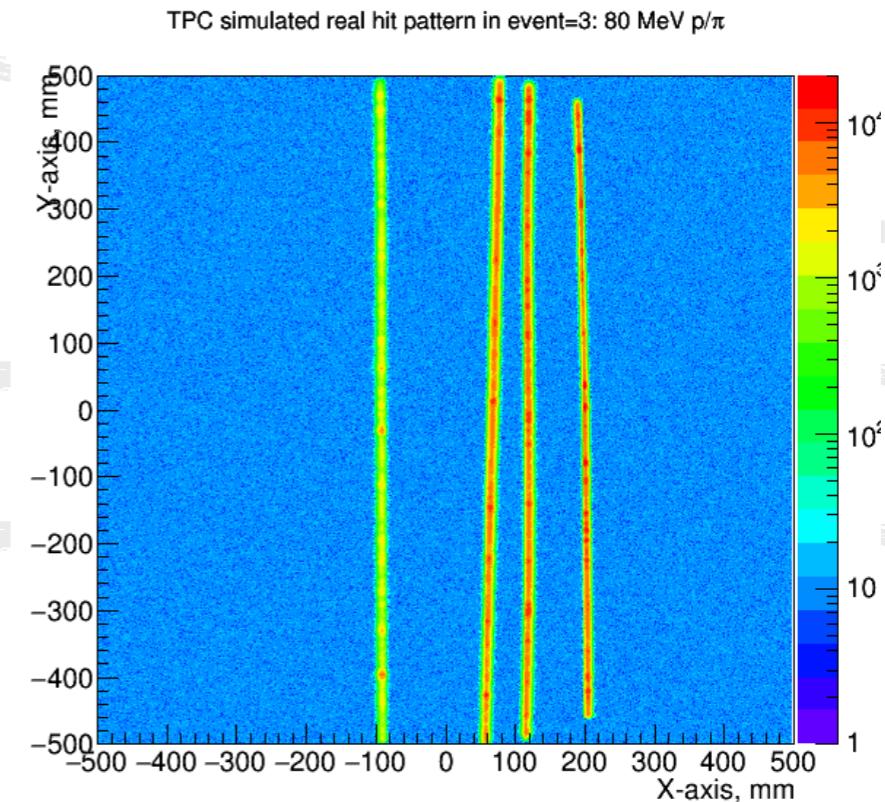
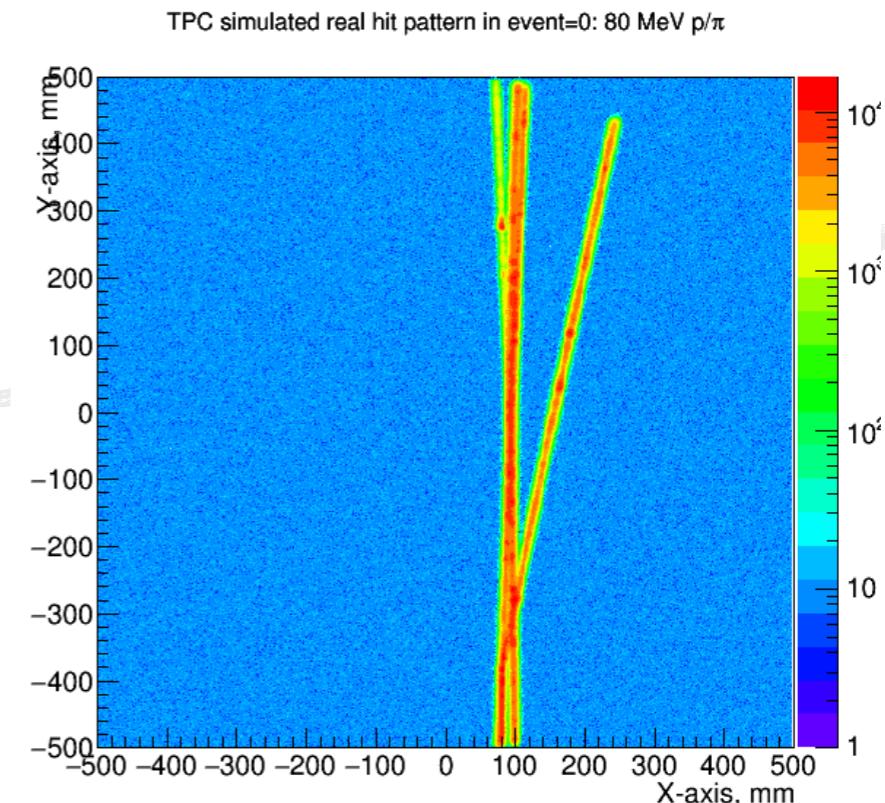
Size: Cylinder D=1 m x Length=0.5m;

Wall: 2 cm of Aluminum

Gas: T2K gas @ 10 bars

Beam: Gaus(pos=80 MeV, sig=7%)
protons and pions in 2D Gaussian beam
(sig=10 cm) are entering in (0,-0.6,0) m
point in +Y direction.

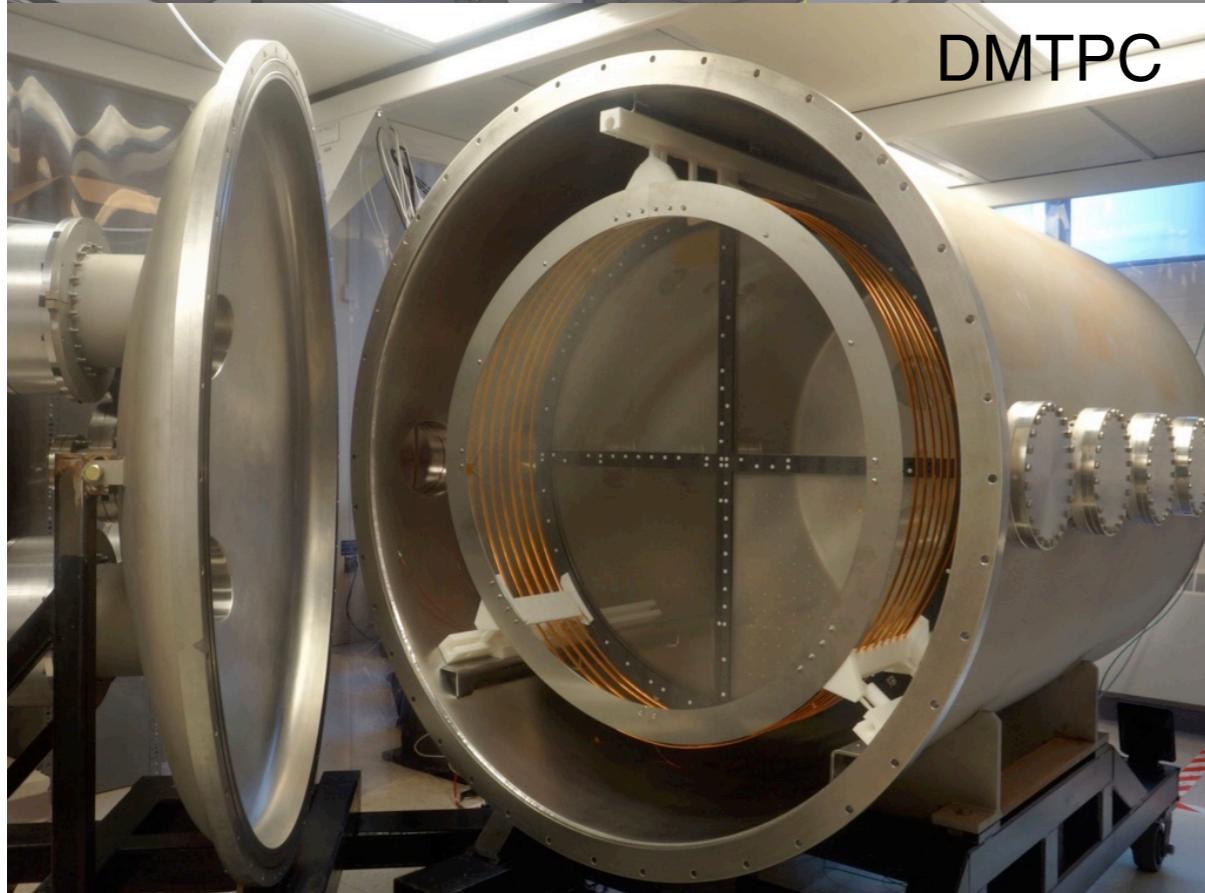
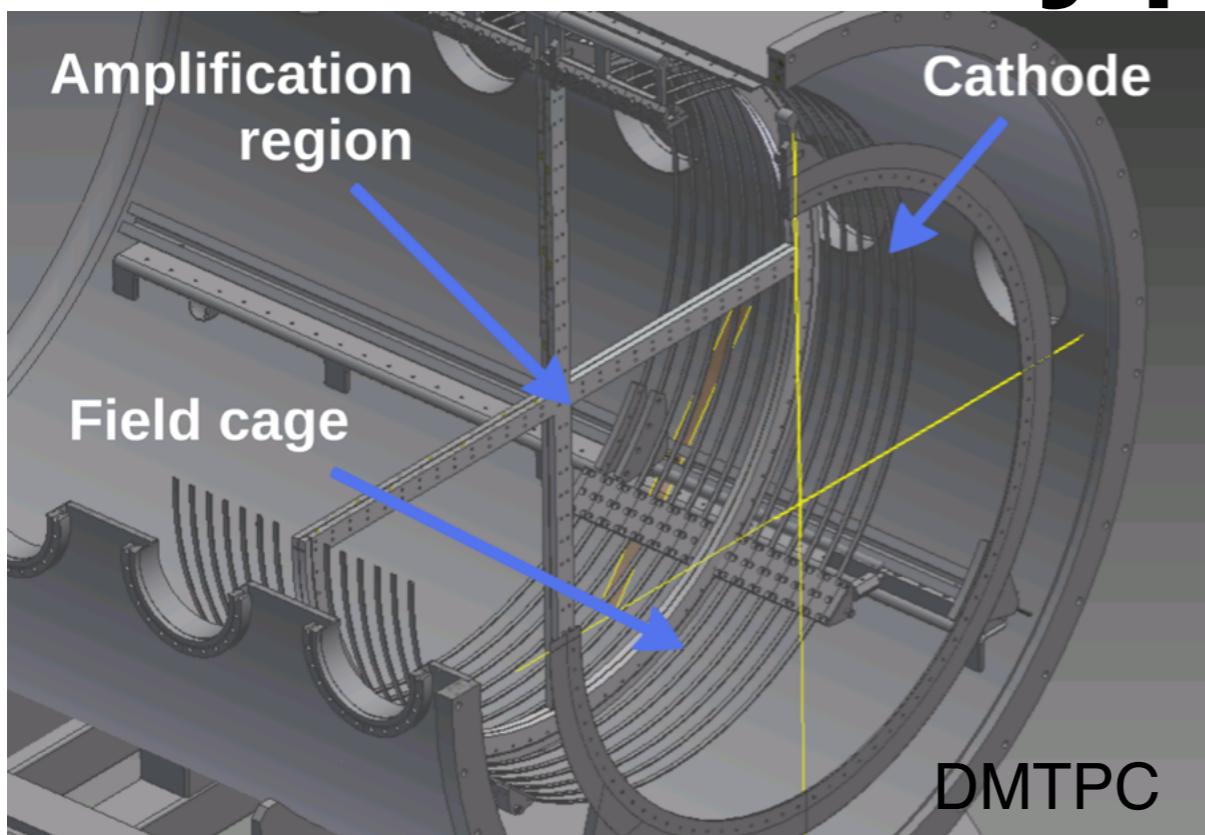
Looking at images and dEdX distros



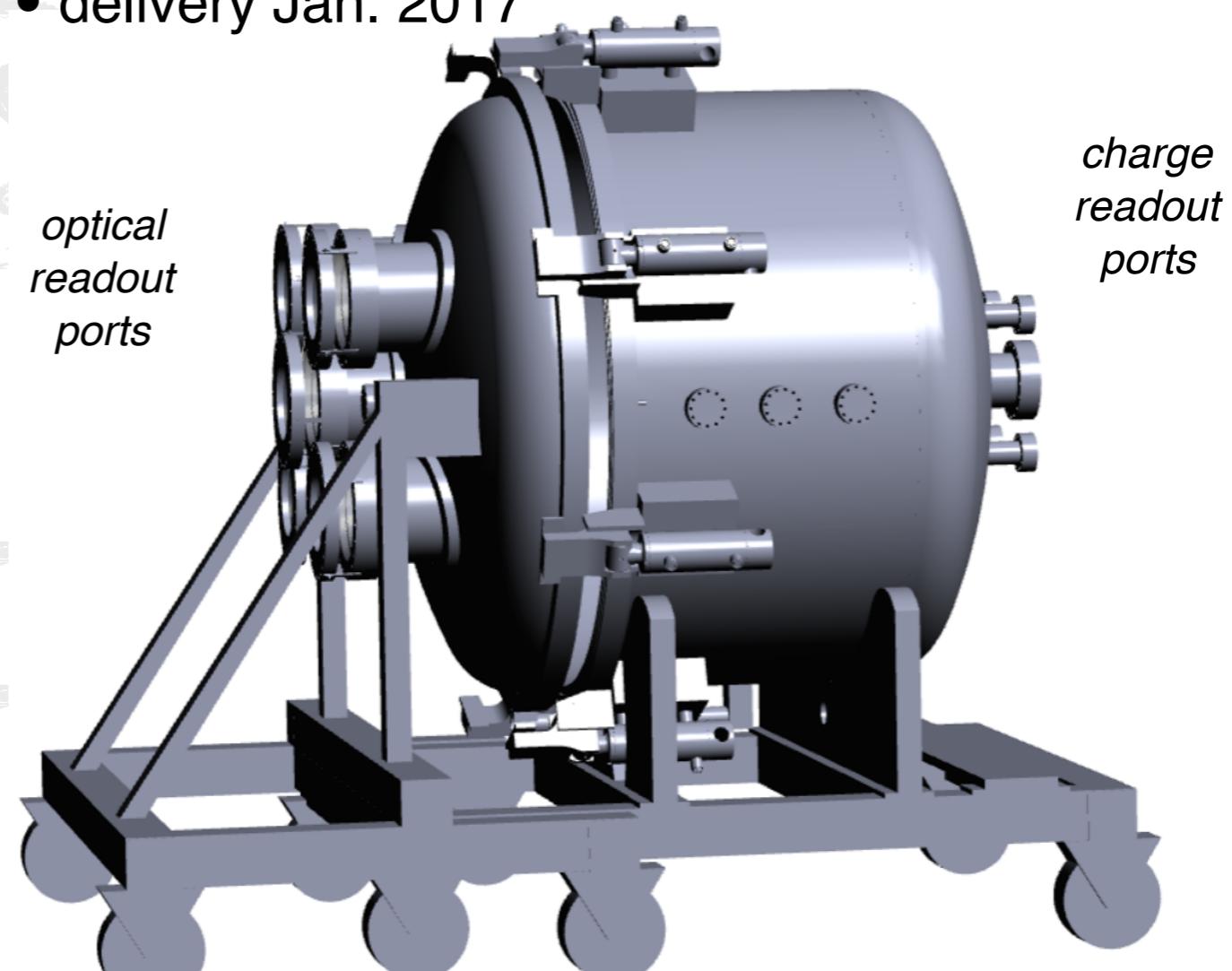
Hardware development

- Building 1 m³ HPTPC prototype with charge and optical readout
 - designed for 5 bar Ar and CF₄ gas targets, R&D on mixtures with N-CO₂ and Ne
 - 50 cm drift length, adjustable
- segmented amplification plane, test platform for micromegas or other amplification structures
 - aim for <100 MeV/c threshold for protons -> mm readout pitch
- Prototype goal: CERN beam test to measure proton/pion response, optimise pitch, and hadron scattering measurements
- Optical readout R&D to reduce cost of mm pitch readout
 - Combine optical pixel readout with charge strip readout to mitigate reconstruction ambiguity, and instrumental backgrounds
 - Building on expertise from DMTPC and T2K

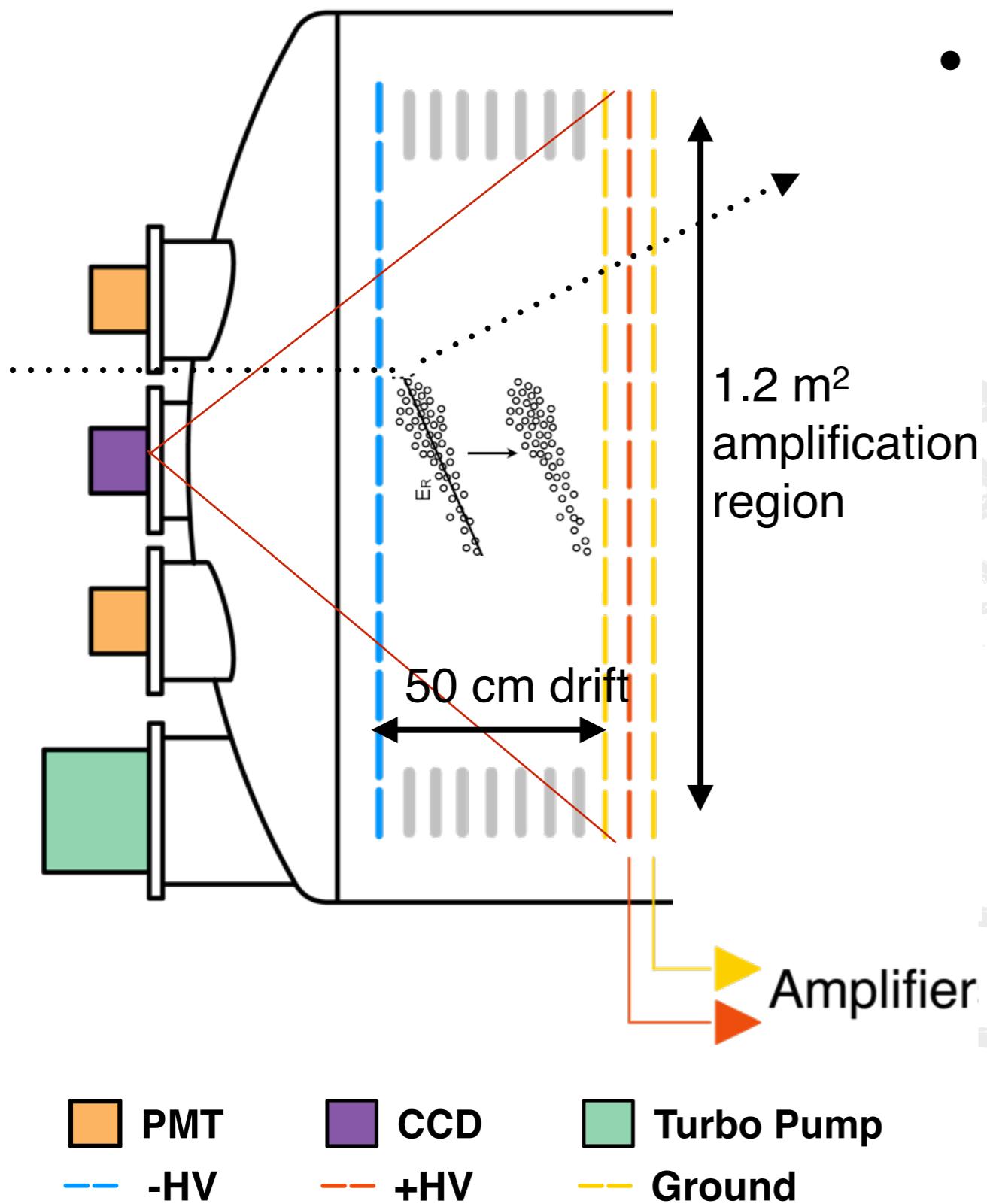
Prototype HPTPC



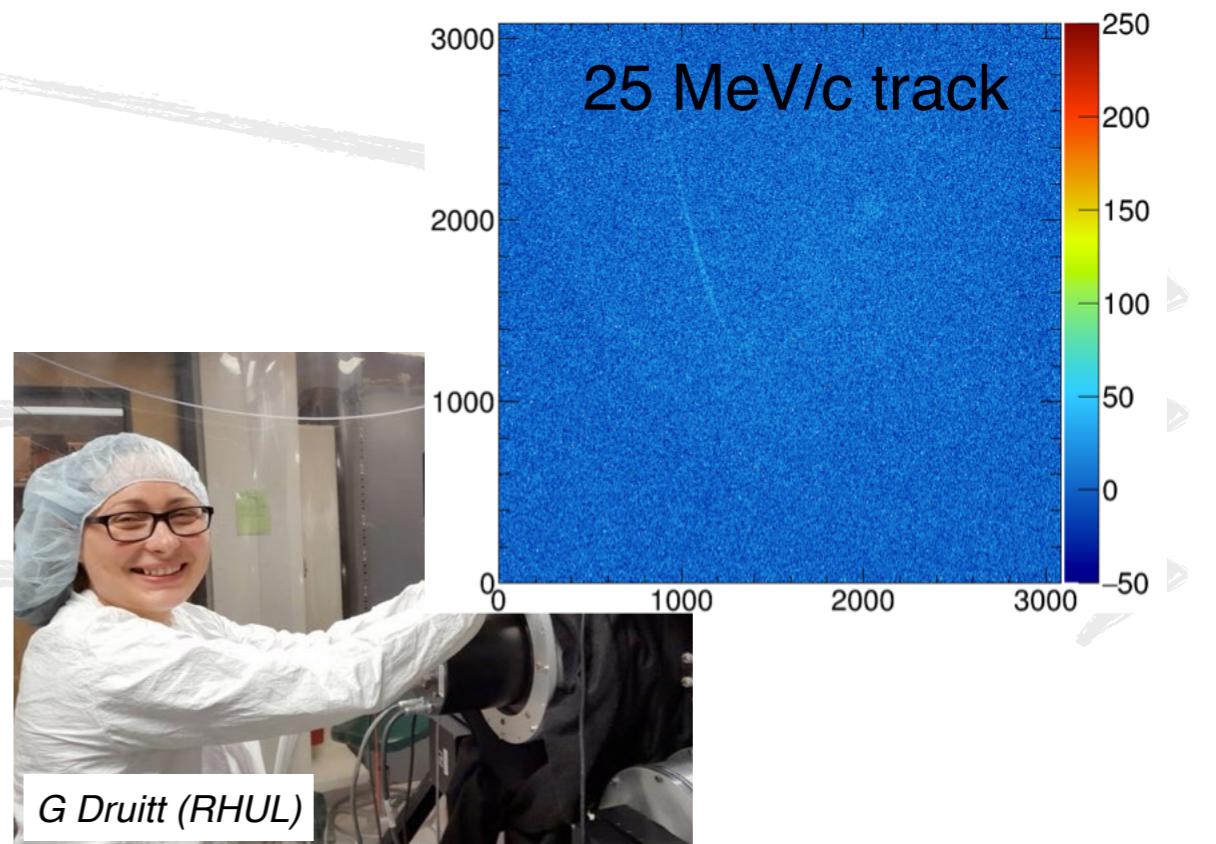
- UK HPTPC proto design based on DMTPC 1m³ detector
 - mesh amplification region, could be replaced with MPGD
- HPTPC vessel and gas system under construction by Cryovac (ES)
 - delivery Jan. 2017



Optical Readout



- CCD images scintillation produced in the amplification region
 - Fairchild 386 16 MPix CCD + lens outside pressure vessel
 - 90 cm object distance
 - results in 1 mm readout pitch with 4x4 readout binning

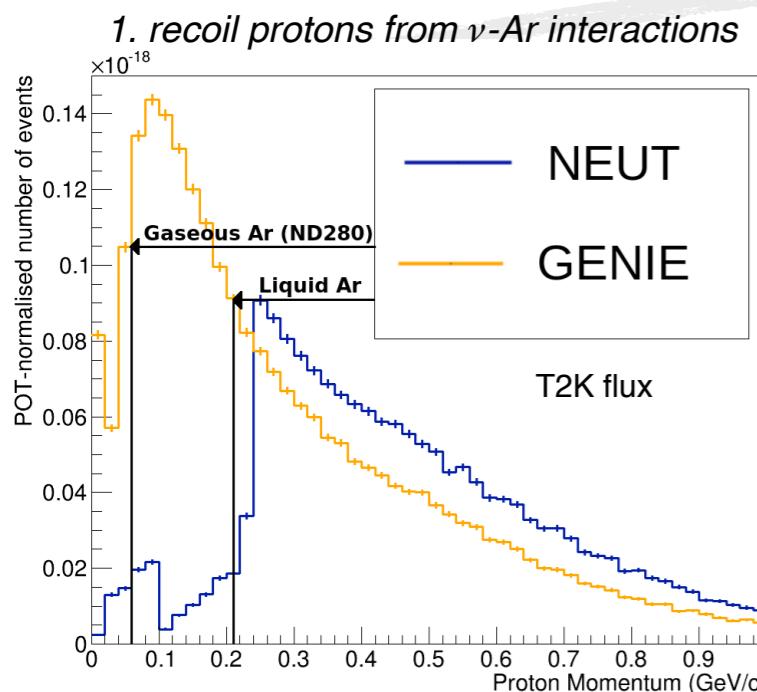


Testbeam measurements

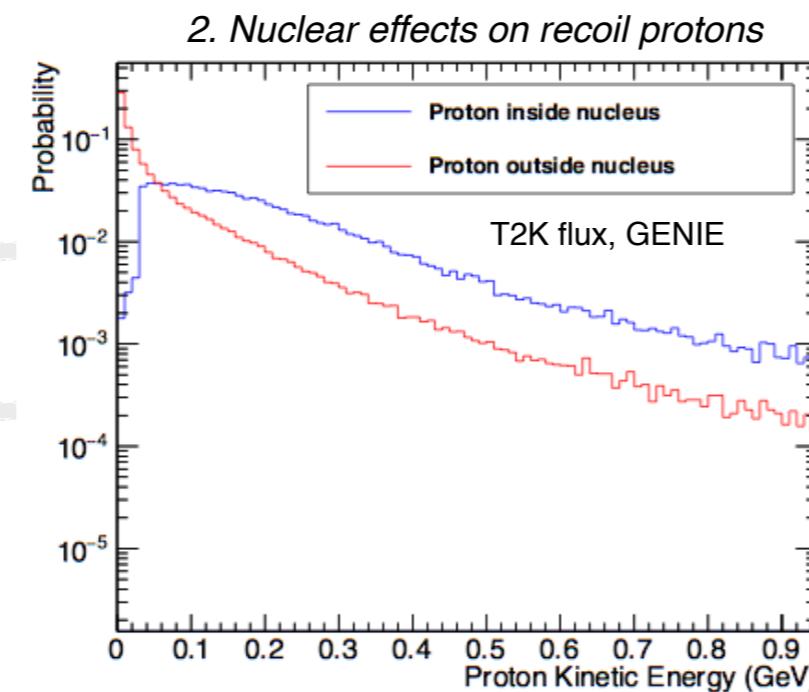
- Goals:

1. Make new proton-nucleus (and pion-nucleus) scattering measurements
 2. Tune neutrino interaction generators, demonstrate feasibility of <2% systematics
- Neutrino generators disagree in recoil particle multiplicity & kinematics (Fig 1)
 - Low energy final state protons are created at higher energy, lose energy exiting nucleus (Fig 2)
 - Need new data for tuning generator MC hadron scattering models (Fig 3)

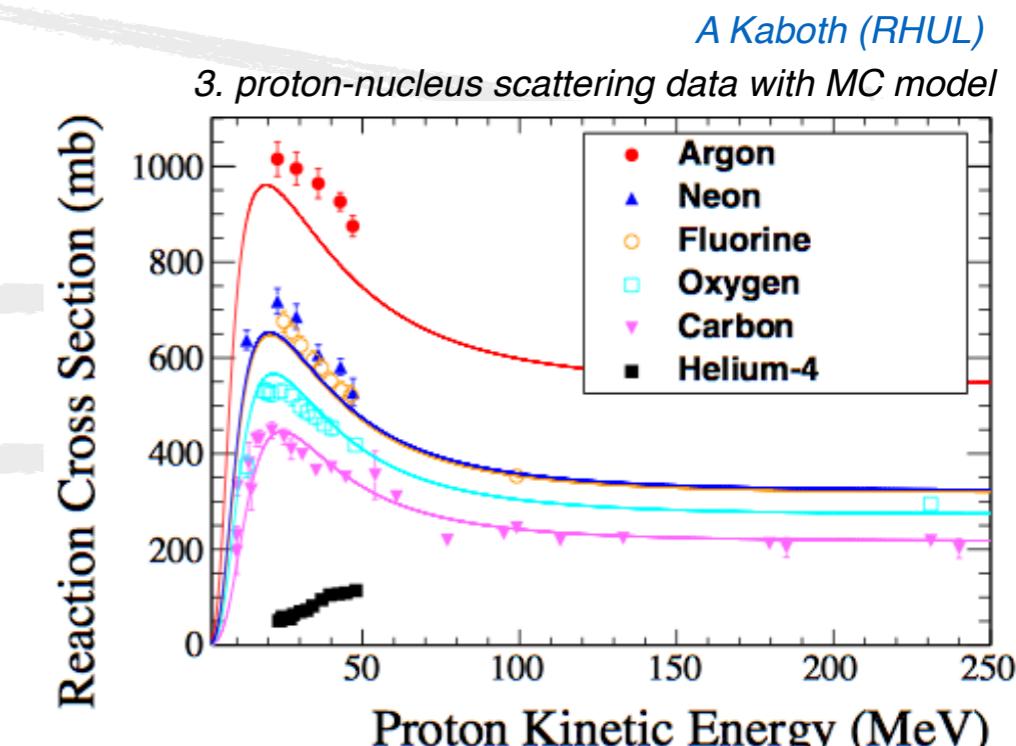
P Hamilton (now at Syracuse)



A Kabor (RHUL)

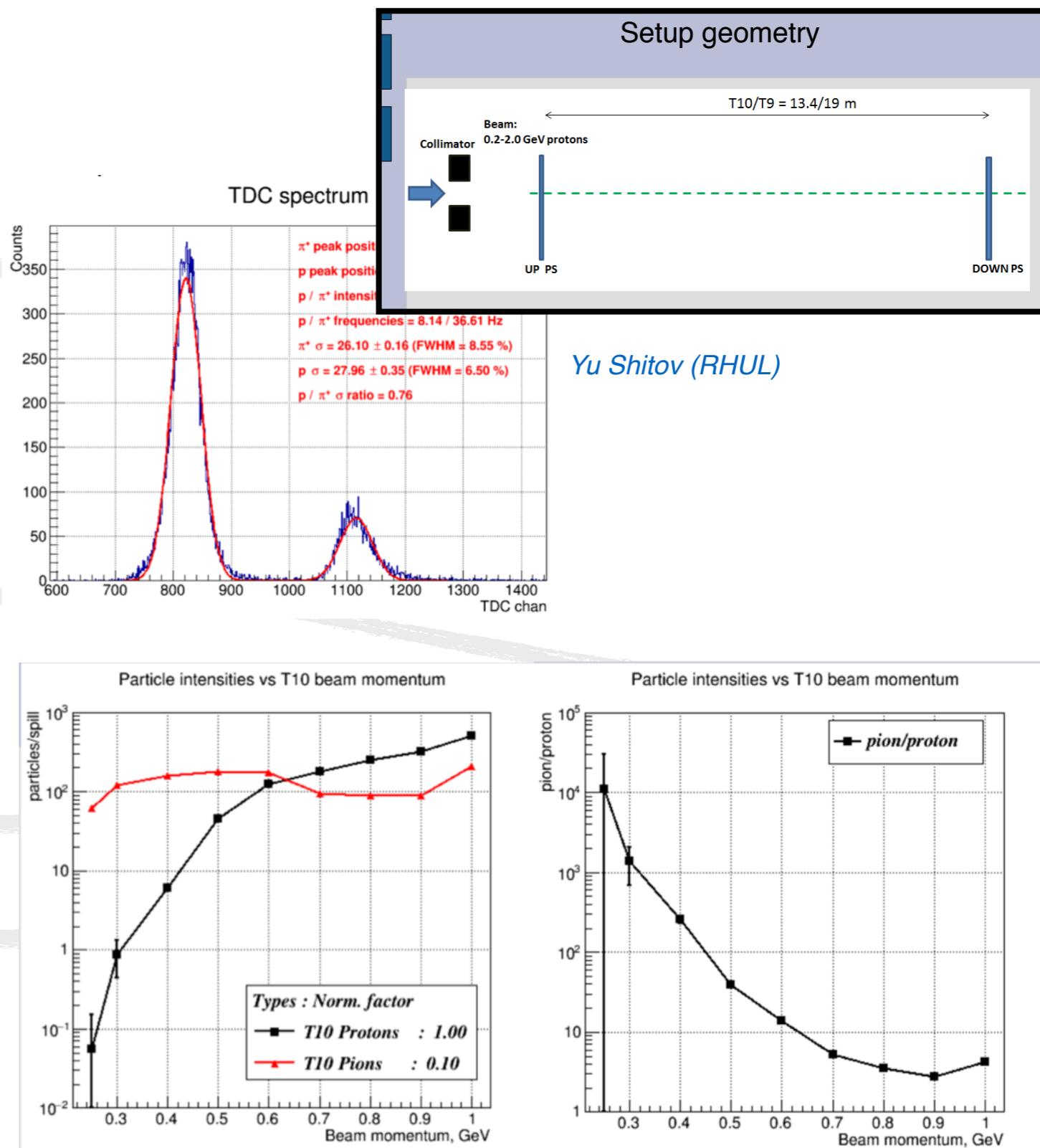


A Kabor (RHUL)



Testbeam fluxes

- Took data in T9 & T10 test beams
- Want to push proton measurements as low as possible in momentum
 - fluxes increasingly dominated by pions
- Exploring use of beam absorbers to get higher proton ratios
- Plan:
 - LOI for January 2017 SPSC meeting
 - Build and commission in UK 2017 (RHUL)
 - Transport to CERN after commissioning



Summary

- UK groups are coordinating efforts across multiple experiments for HPTPC R&D
- Physics Studies, software, and hardware development
 - 1m³ prototype with optical readout, preparation for CERN beam tests
 - We hope to exploit this prototype into a platform for much broader R&D
 - ➡ readout technologies, gas measurements, scattering measurements
 - **We welcome more collaboration and are actively seeking new partners for this!**
 - New HPTPC-WG formed—please join us!



Thank you for your
attention!

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