

Studies of tracking in the transition region between FD and CD

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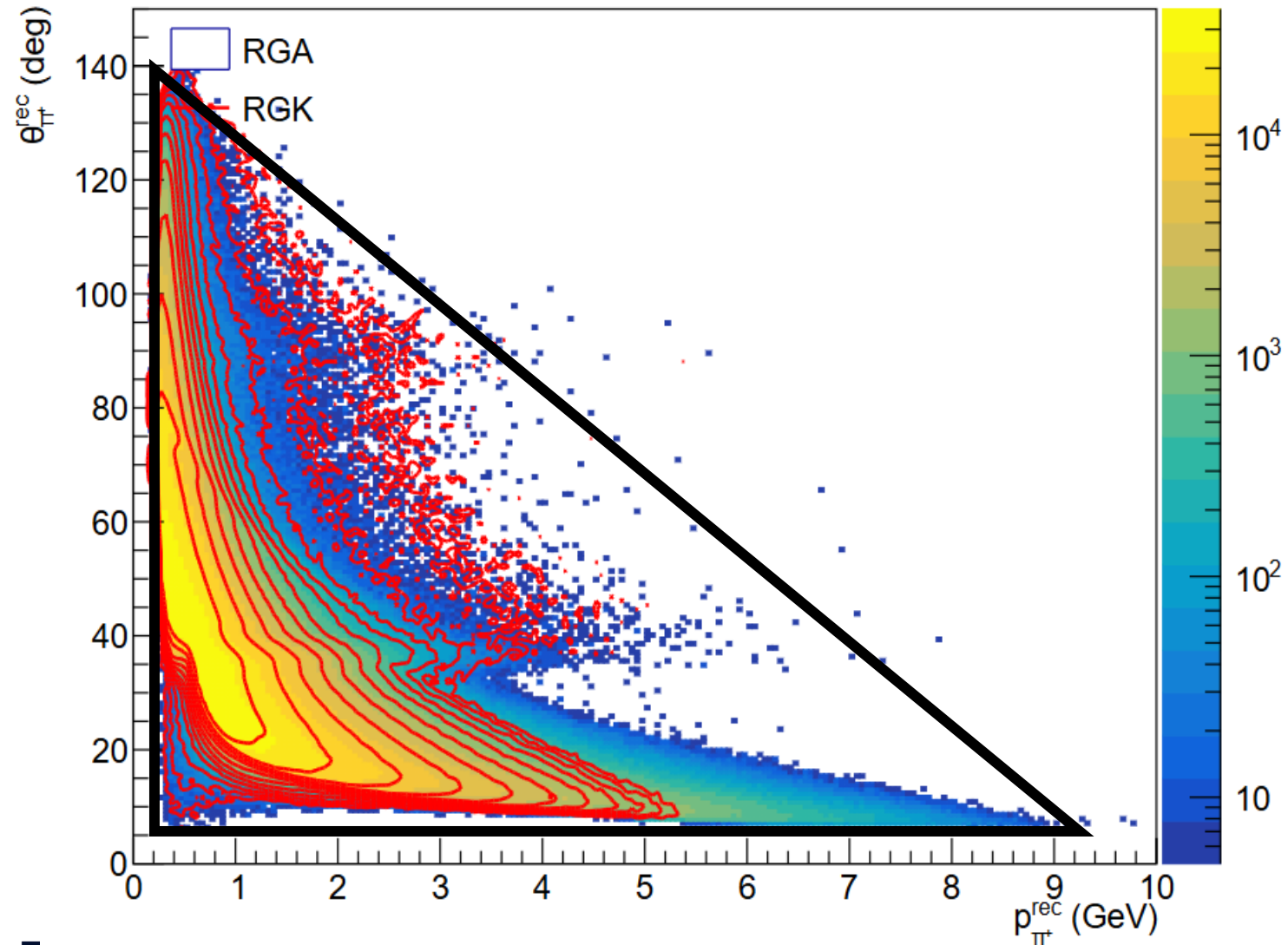
Motivation of my talk

Kinematic Corrections

- **Phase 1: Energy-loss corrections**
 - Correct for energy lost by charged particles as they pass through detector material
- **Phase 2: Kinematic corrections**
 - Use exclusive reactions to correct for detector misalignment, magnetic-field mismapping, and related effects
- Done for electrons in FD. Still **needs to be done for hadrons**
- In the **Central Detector**, energy-loss corrections are already applied during reconstruction
- Equivalent corrections are still needed for **Forward Detector tracking**
- This talk will present a part of **hadron energy-loss corrections in the FD**, focusing on the **FD-CD transition region**

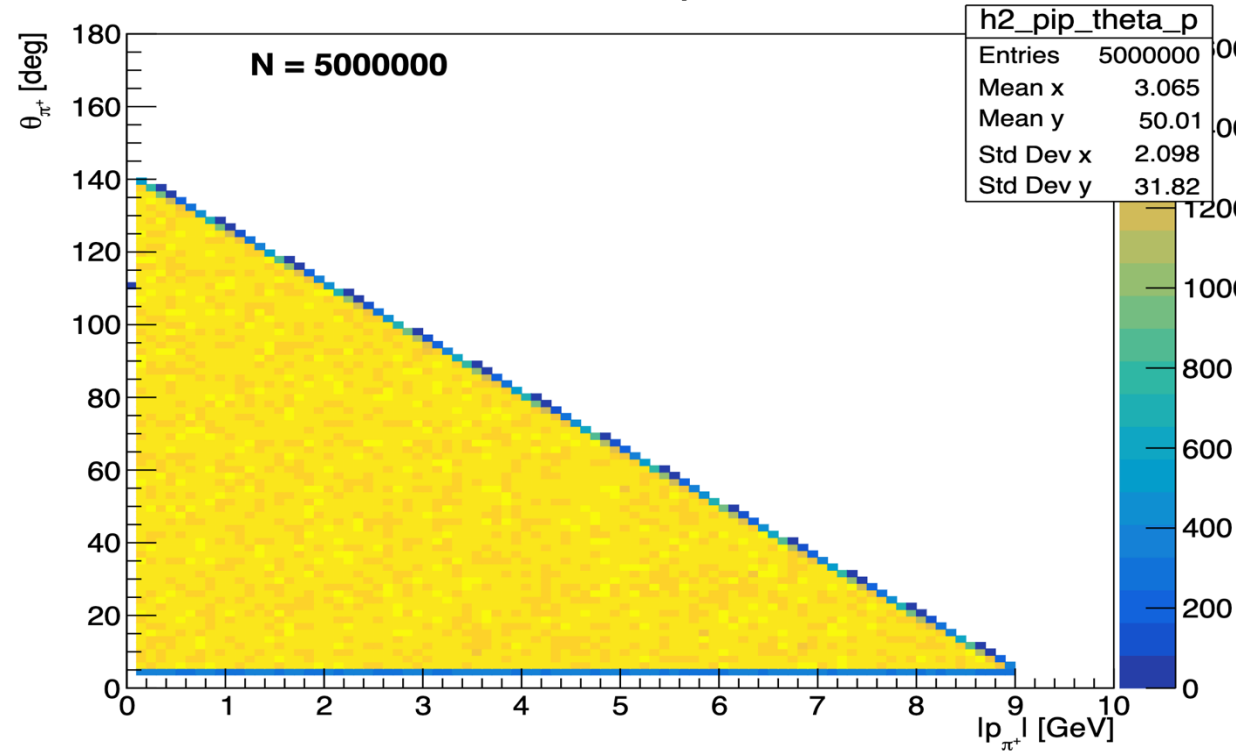
Simulation preparation for π^+ in the phase space of RGA+RGK

RGA + RGK



Simulation: one electron and one uncorrelated π^+ per event

Generated π^+ phase space π^+ θ vs $|p|$



Final state: Generated electron kinematics (trigger particle)

Momentum: $1.5 < p_e < 10.6$ GeV

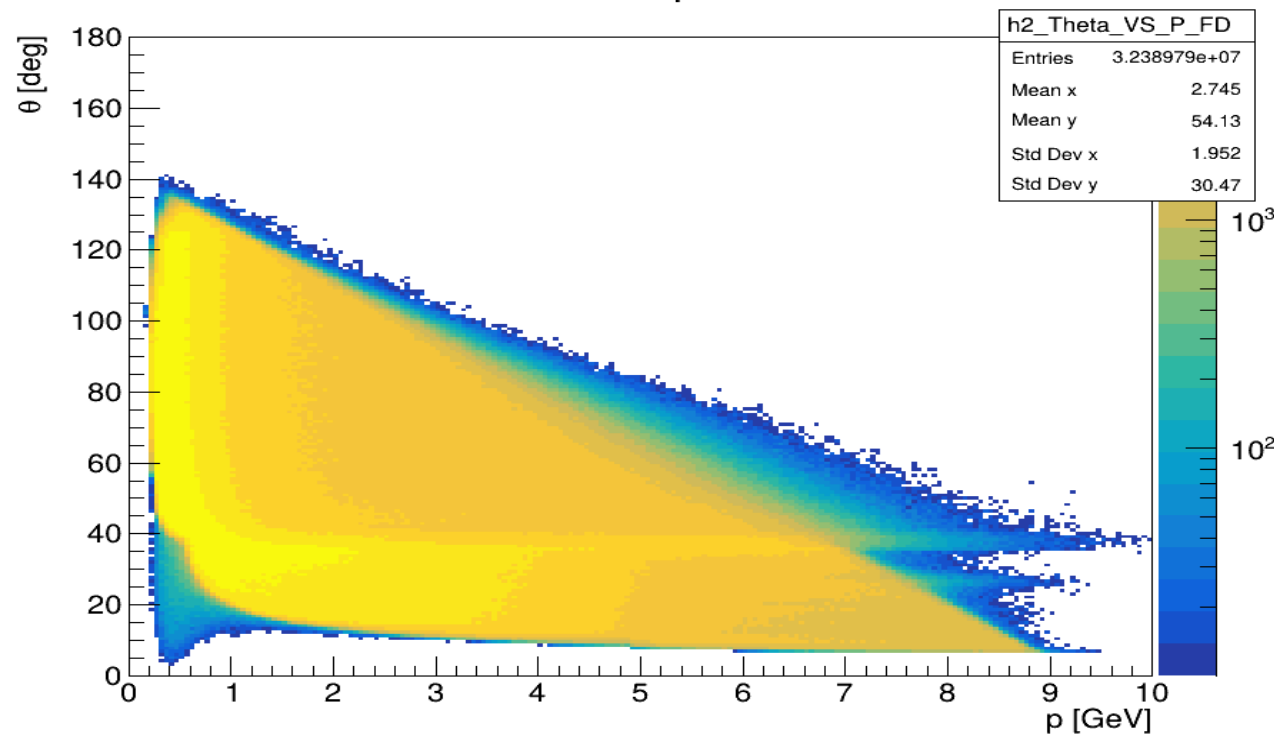
Polar angle: $5^\circ < \theta_e < 25^\circ$

Generated π^+ kinematics: triangular region

Momentum: $0.1 < p_{\pi^+} < 9.0$ GeV

Polar angle: $5^\circ < \theta_{\pi^+} < 140^\circ$

Reconstructed π^+ phase space θ vs p



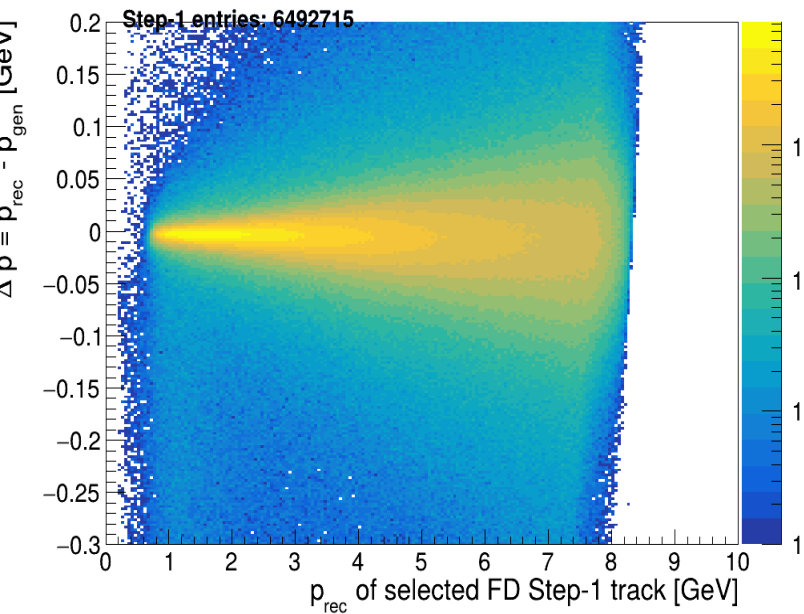
- **Configuration:** rga_fall2018
- **Software versions:** gemc/5.13, coatjava/10.0.7
- **Magnetic fields:** Torus +1.00, Solenoid -1.00
- **Negative outbending**

2D distributions in FD

- We select events with at least 1 positive track reconstructed in FD
- Choose the track with momentum closest to the generated one
- $\Delta p = p_{rec} - p_{gen}$
- θ_{rec} – defined at the vertex

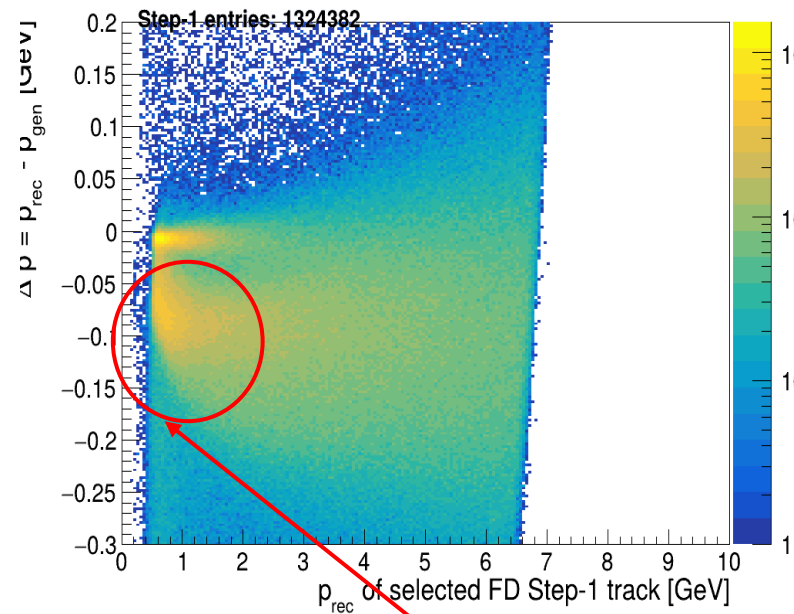
Δp vs p_{rec} in good region

FD Step 1: Δp vs p_{rec} , $15 \leq \theta_{rec} < 25$ deg



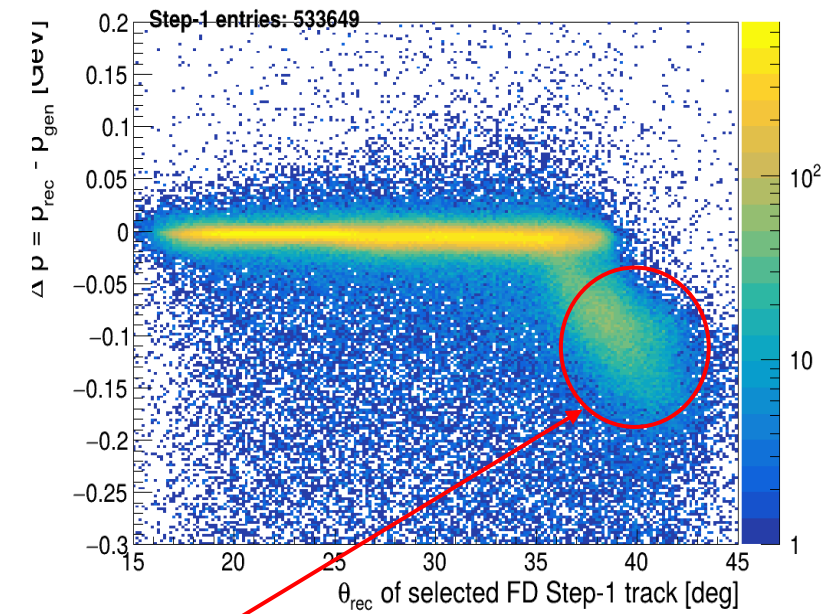
Δp vs p_{rec} in problematic region

FD Step 1: Δp vs p_{rec} , $37 \leq \theta_{rec} < 42$ deg



Δp vs θ_{rec}

FD Step 1: Δp vs θ_{rec} , $1.0 \leq p_{rec} < 1.2$ GeV

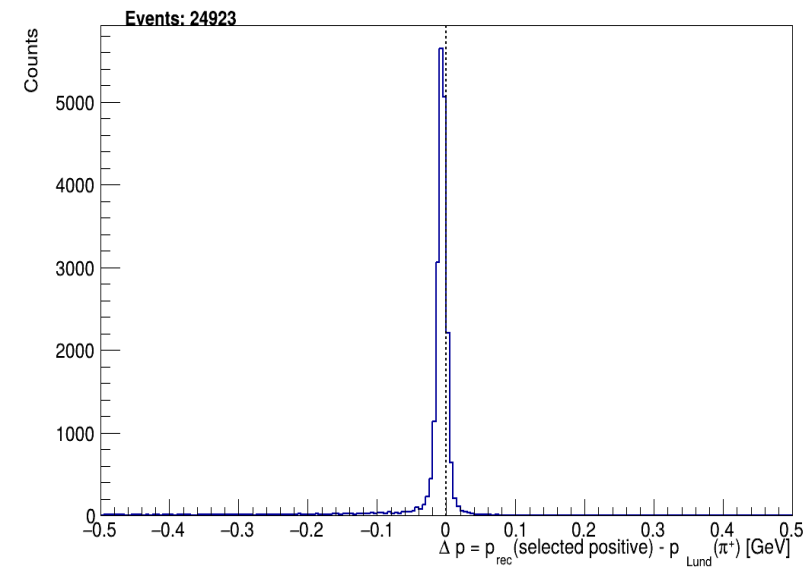


Symptoms of a problem at higher angle

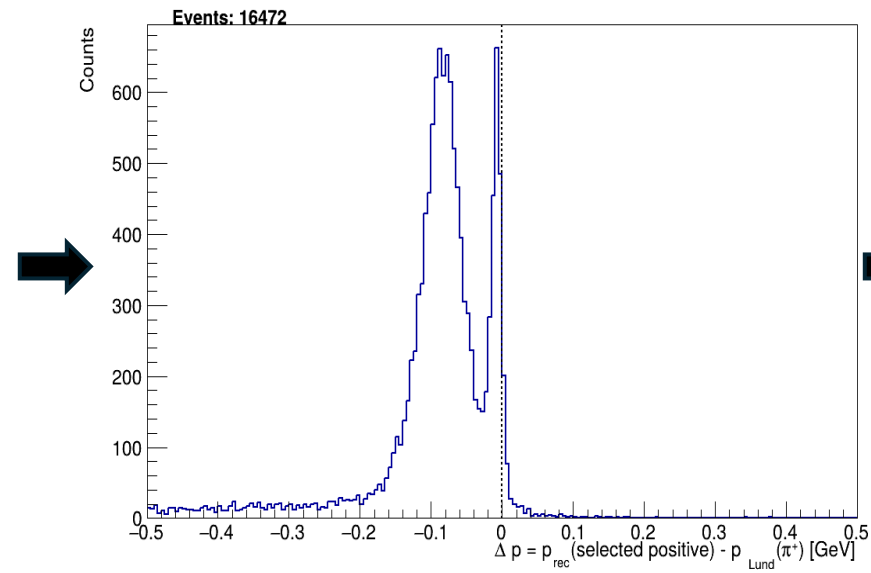
1D Δp distributions in FD

We fix momentum bin: $p_{rec} \in [1,1.2] GeV$

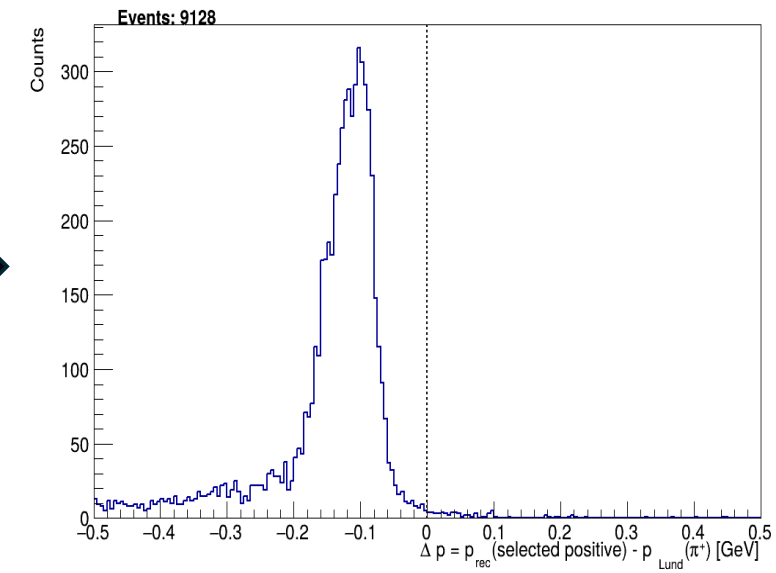
$\theta \in [30,31]^\circ$



$\theta \in [38,39]^\circ$



$\theta \in [40,41]^\circ$

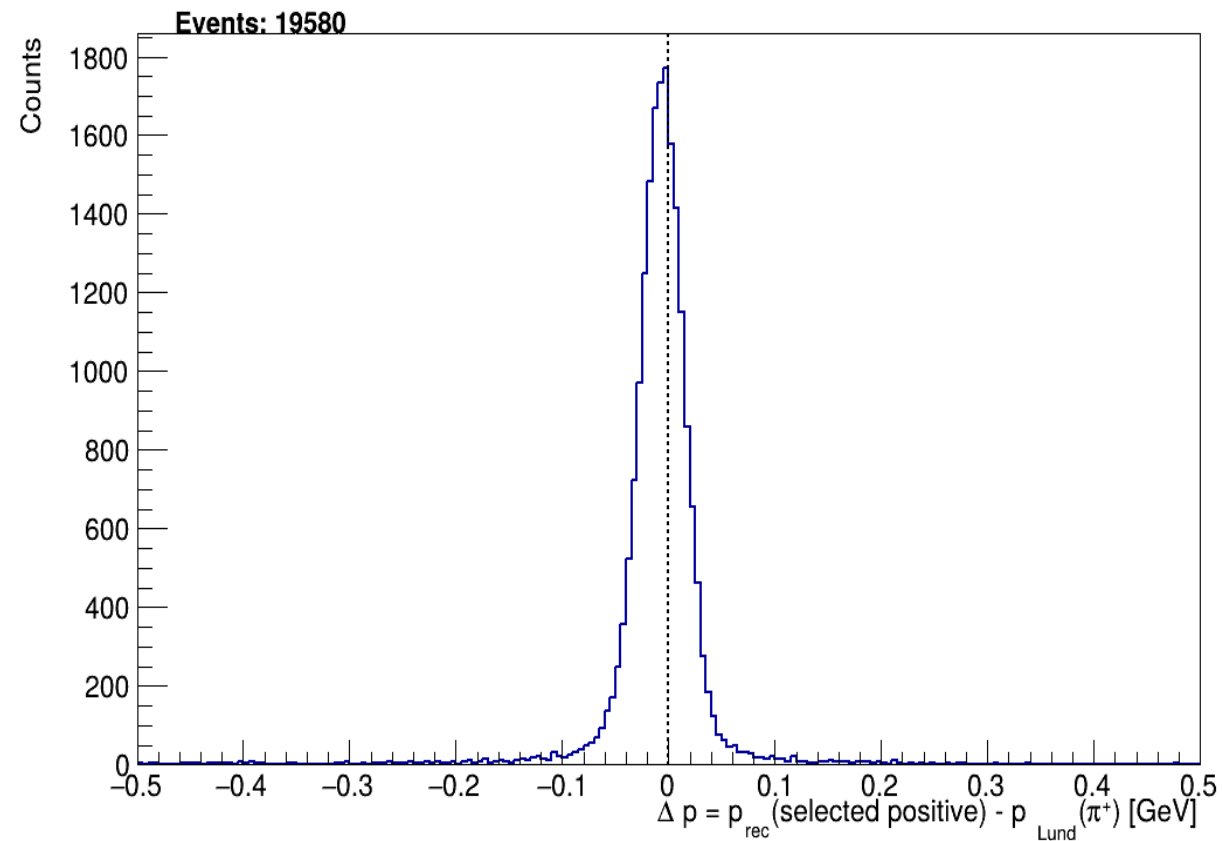


Forward detector. Safe region: $\theta \in [20^\circ, 21^\circ]$, Momentum $\in [4.0, 4.2]$ GeV

One narrow peak. Only 1 reconstructed positive track.

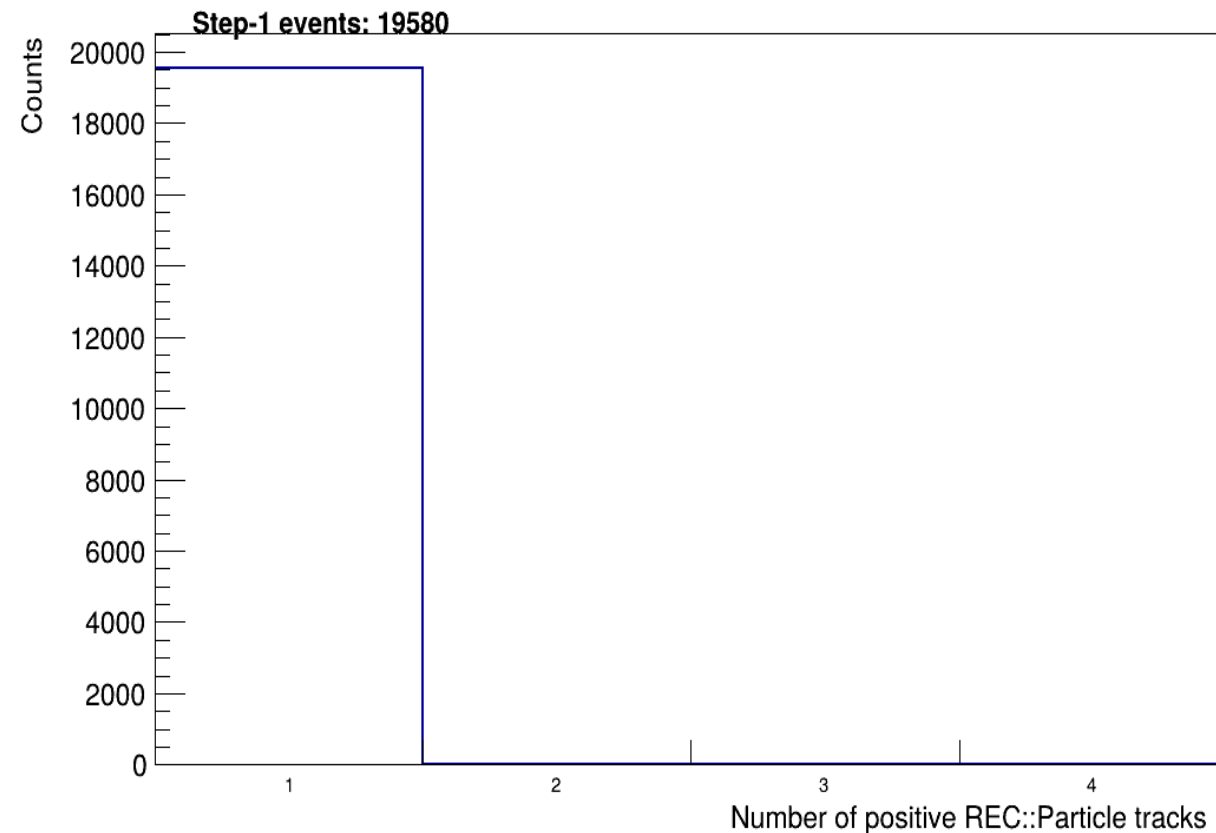
Δp distribution

Step 1: selected detector-positive track, FD, $\theta_{\text{rec}} \in [20, 21]$ deg, $p_{\text{rec}} \in [4, 4.2]$ GeV, migration allowed



Positive track multiplicity

Step 1: positive-track multiplicity, FD, $\theta_{\text{rec}} \in [20, 21]$ deg, $p_{\text{rec}} \in [4, 4.2]$ GeV, migration allowed

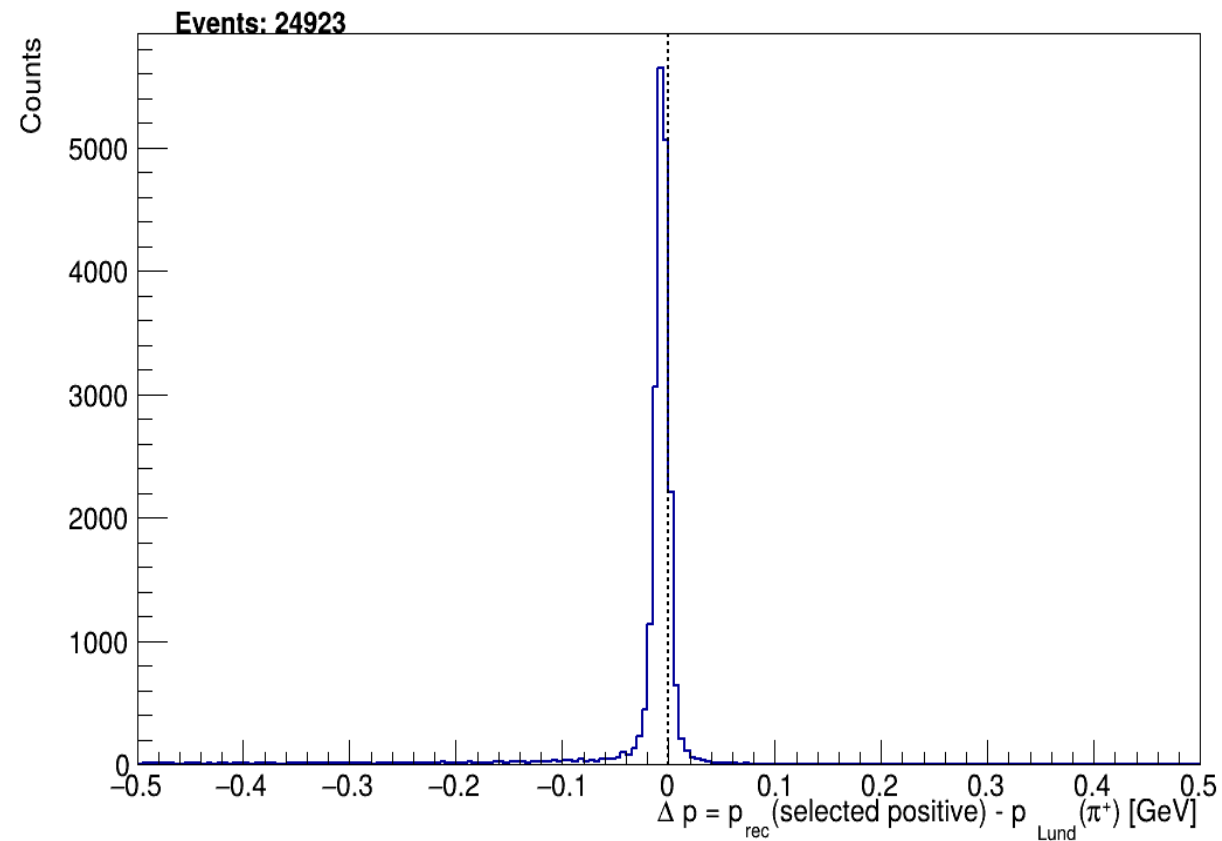


Forward detector. Good region: $\theta \in [30^\circ, 31^\circ]$, Momentum $\in [1.0, 1.2]$ GeV

One narrow peak. Mostly 1 reconstructed positive track.

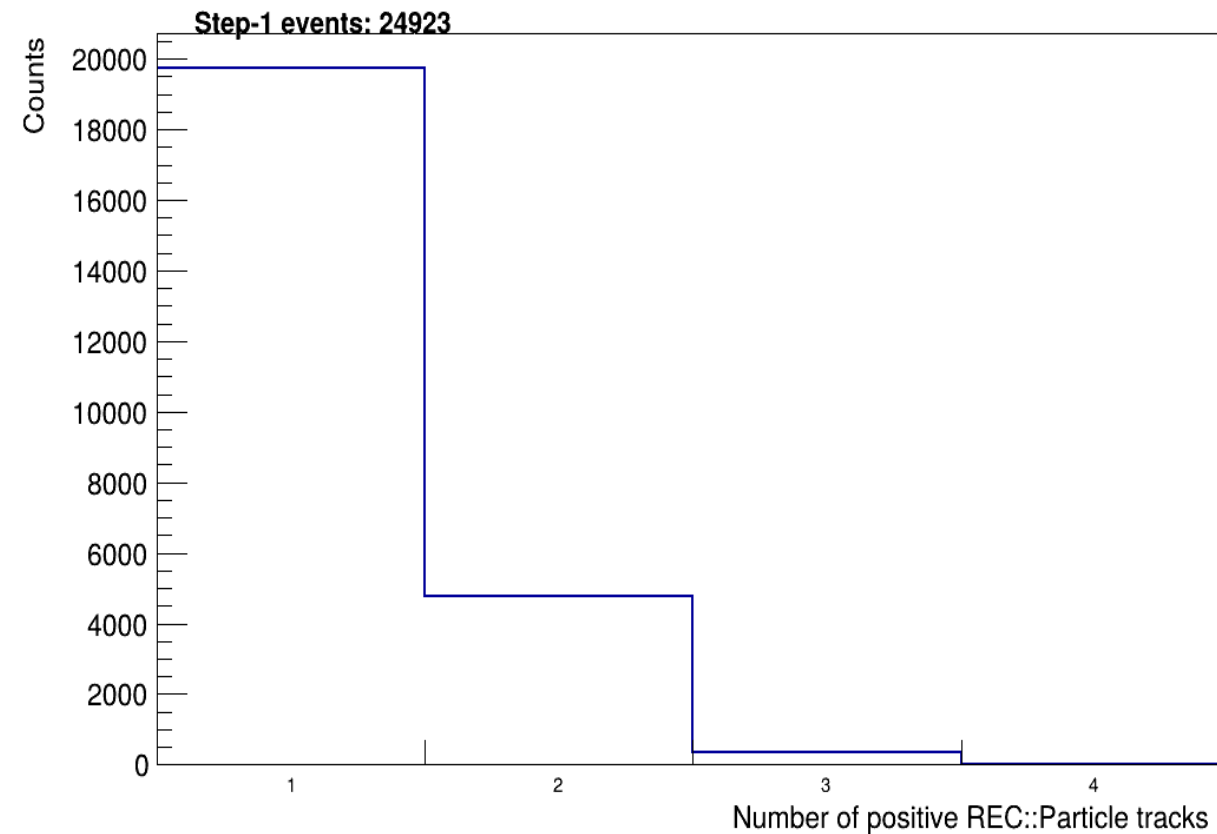
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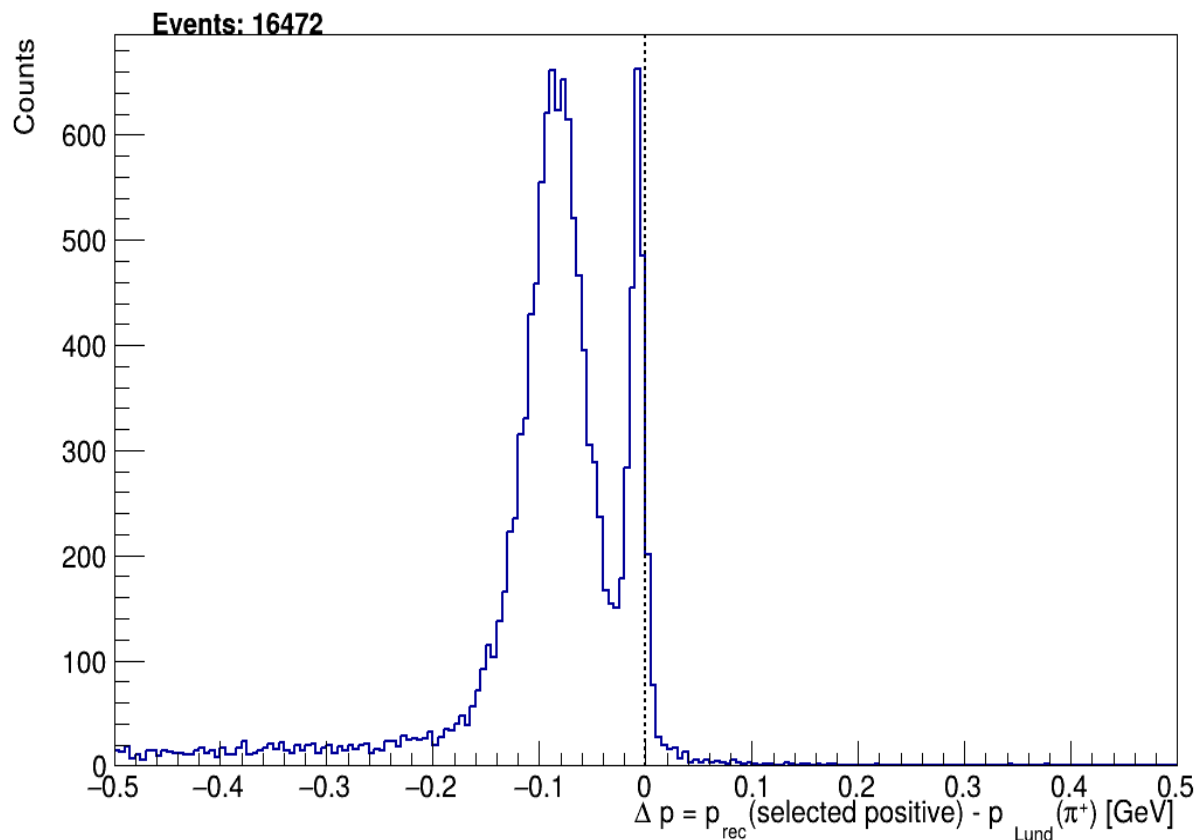


Forward detector. Problematic region: $\theta \in [38^\circ, 39^\circ]$, Momentum $\in [1.0, 1.2]$ GeV

Narrow peak and wide peak. Mostly 2 reconstructed positive tracks

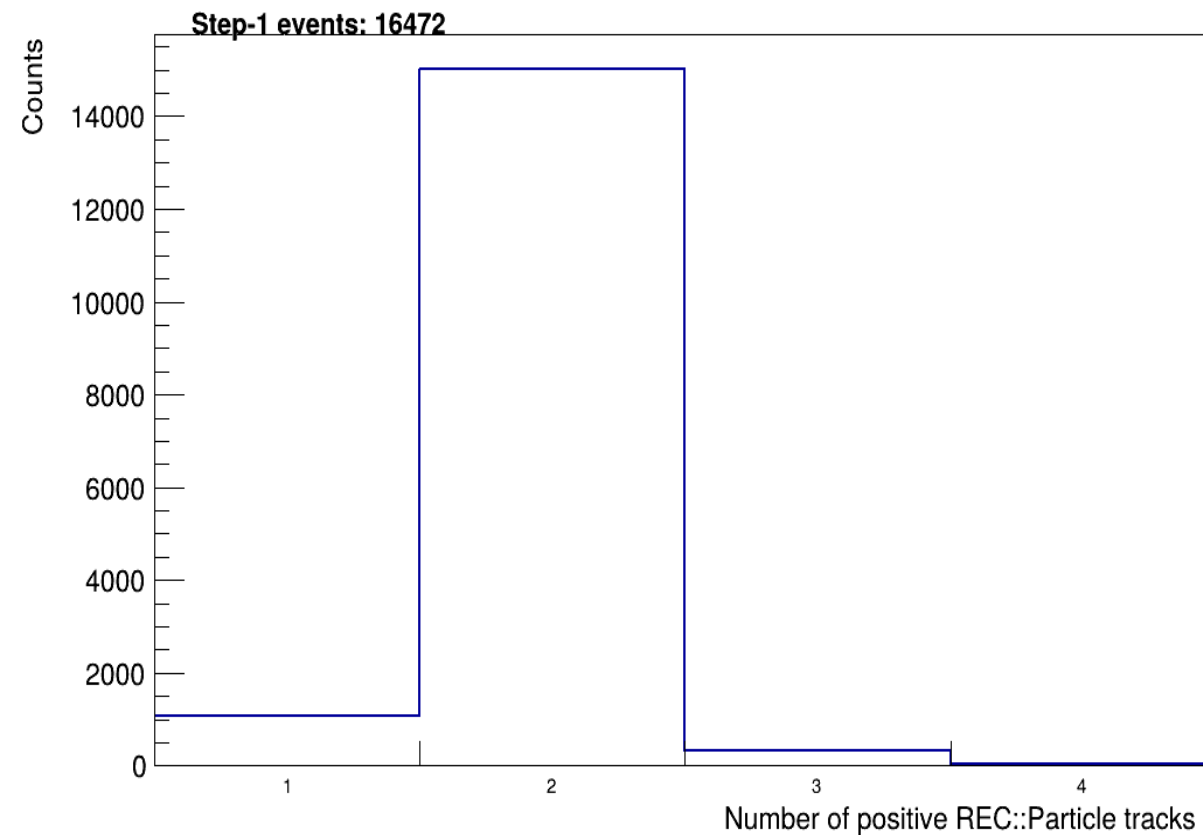
Δp distribution

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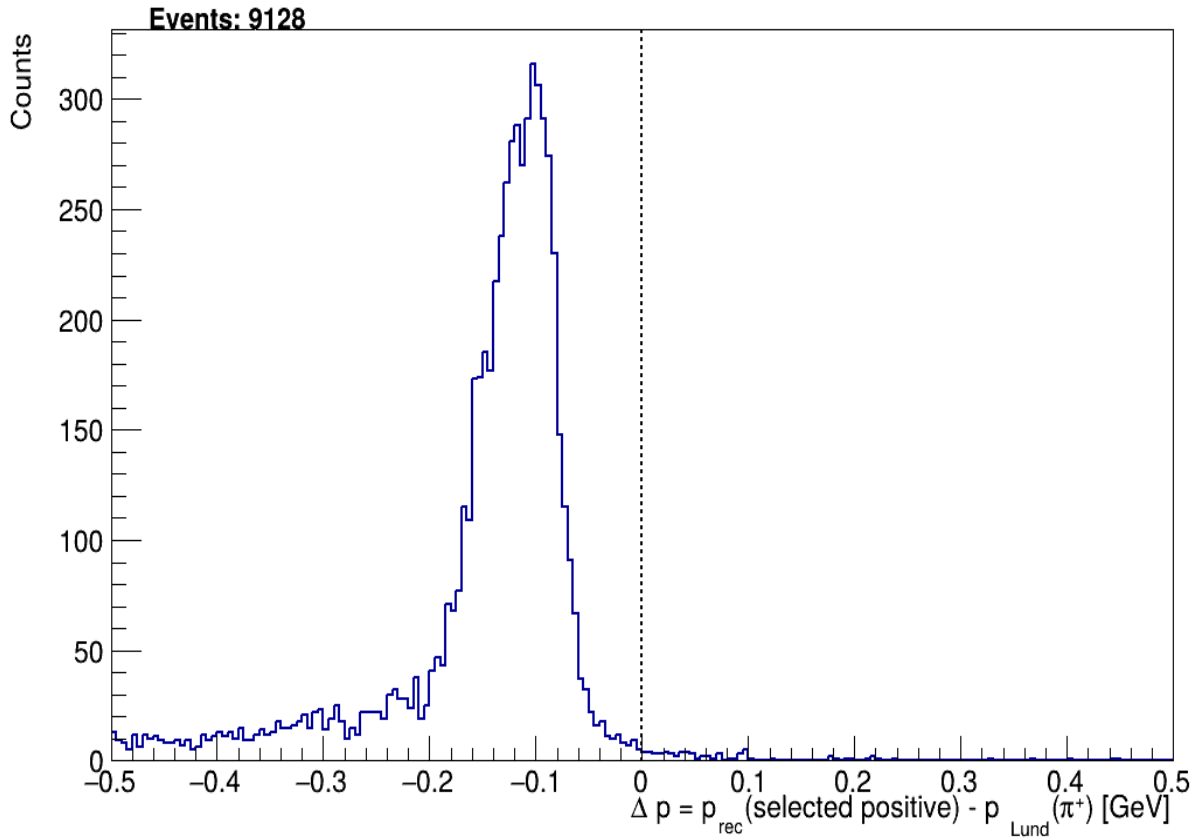


Forward detector. Bad region: $\theta \in [40^\circ, 41^\circ]$, Momentum $\in [1.0, 1.2]$ GeV

No narrow peak, only wide peak. Mostly 2 reconstructed positive tracks

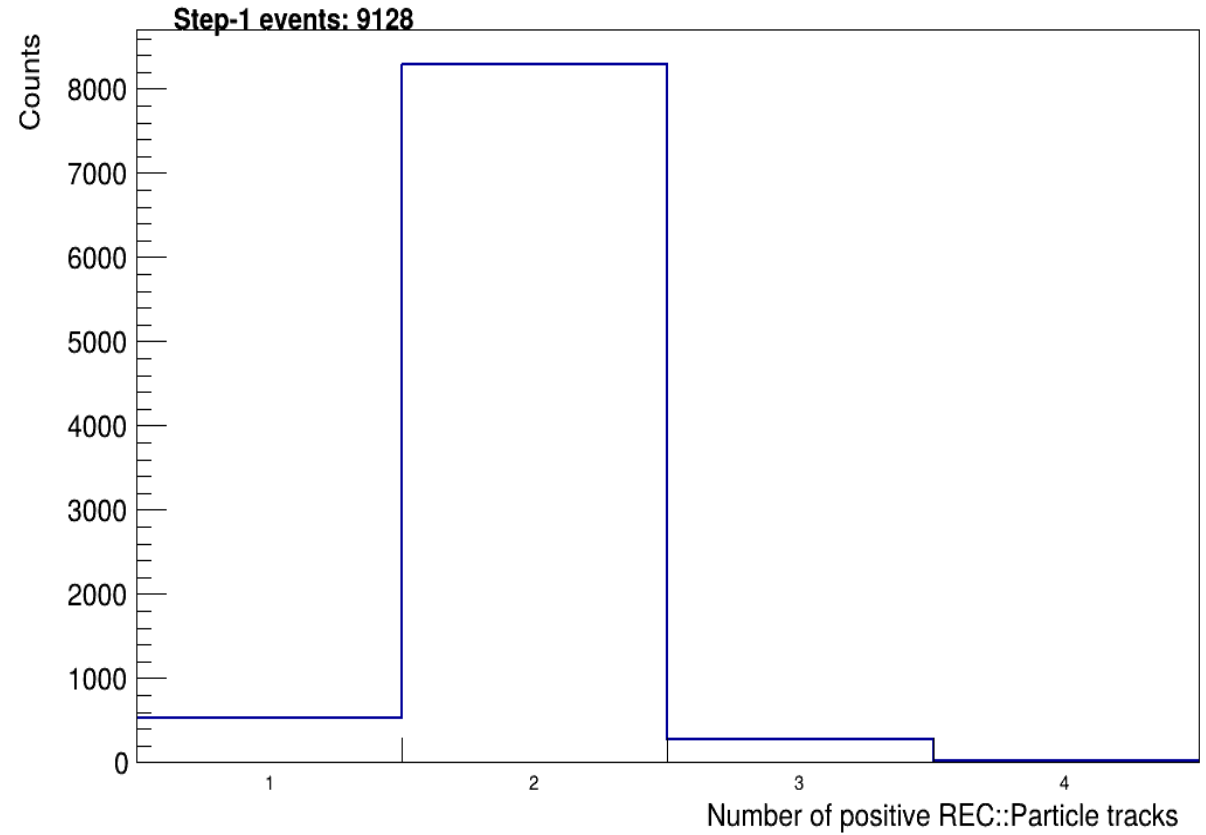
Δp distribution

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Positive track multiplicity

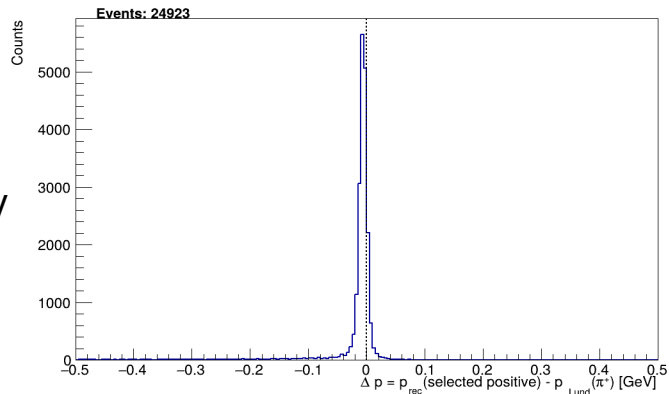
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Δp distribution

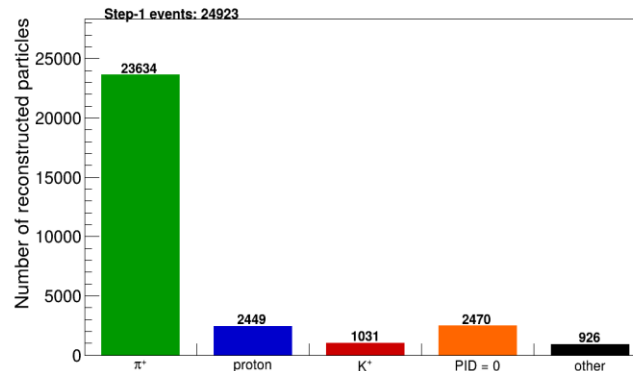
≥ 1 positive track in the event

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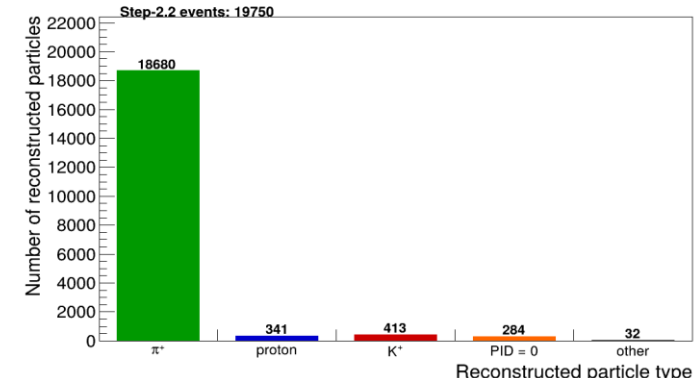
Particle type multiplicity

≥ 1 positive track in the event



Particle type multiplicity

require exactly 1 positive track



Good region

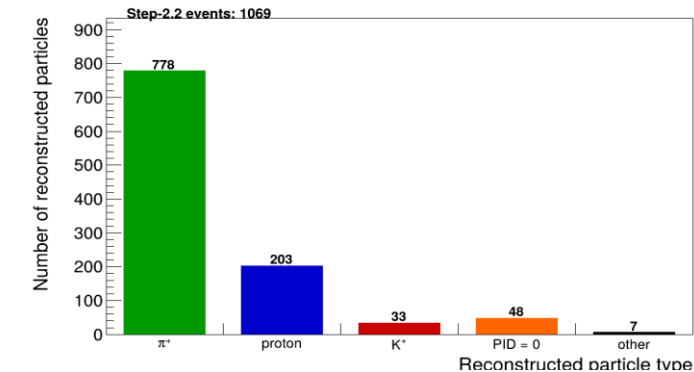
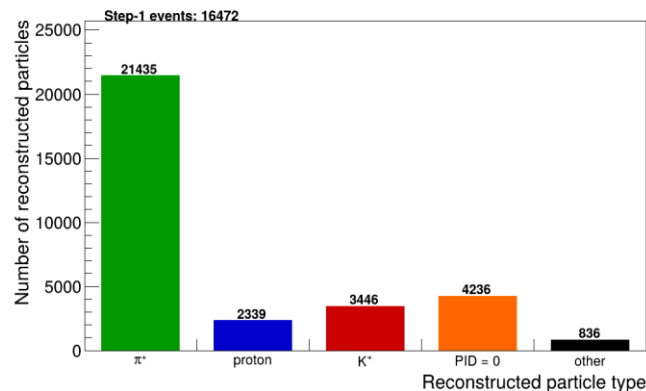
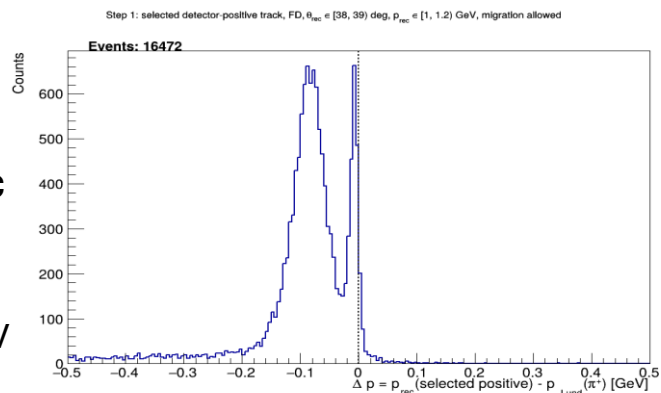
$\theta \in [30^\circ, 31^\circ]$

$P \in [1.0, 1.2]$ GeV

Problematic region

$\theta \in [38^\circ, 39^\circ]$

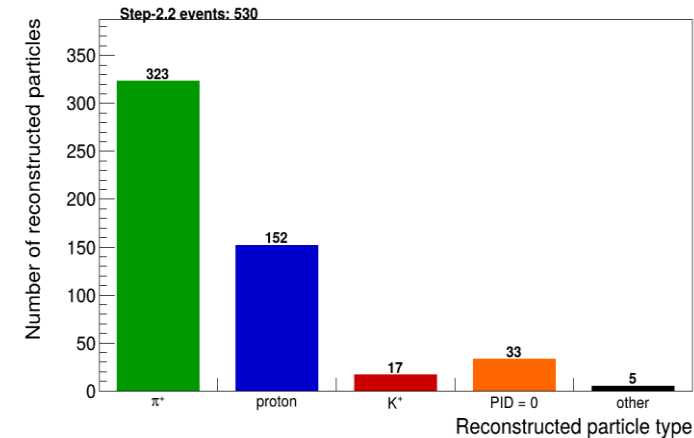
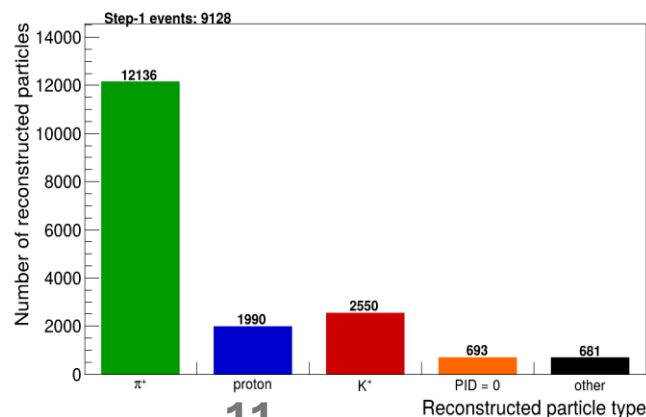
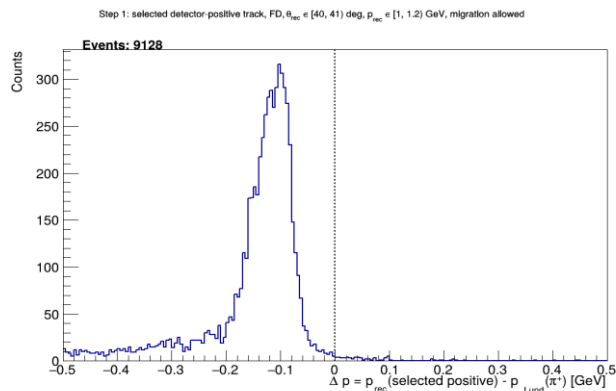
$P \in [1.0, 1.2]$ GeV



Bad region

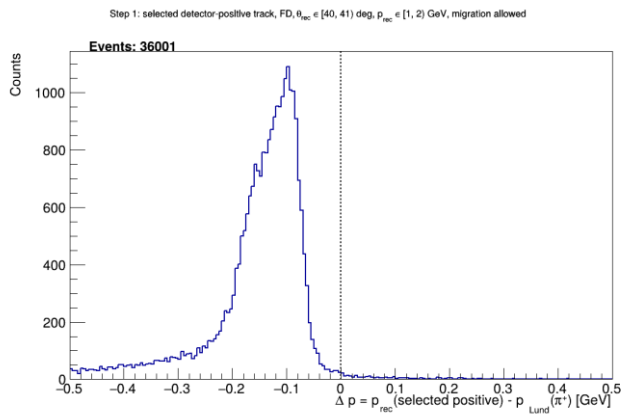
$\theta \in [40^\circ, 41^\circ]$

$P \in [1.0, 1.2]$ GeV



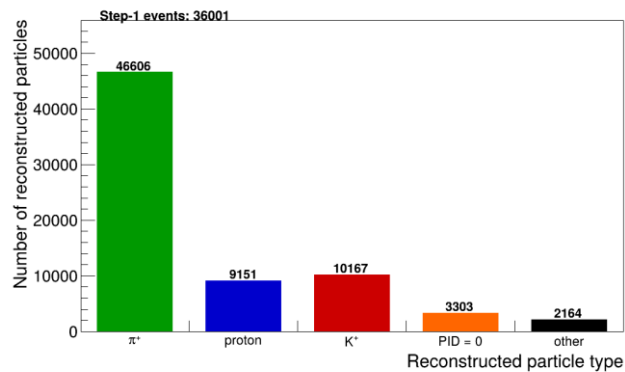
Now we fix polar angle bin $\theta \in [40^\circ, 41^\circ]$ and scan full momentum range in FD

Δp distribution ≥ 1 positive track in the event

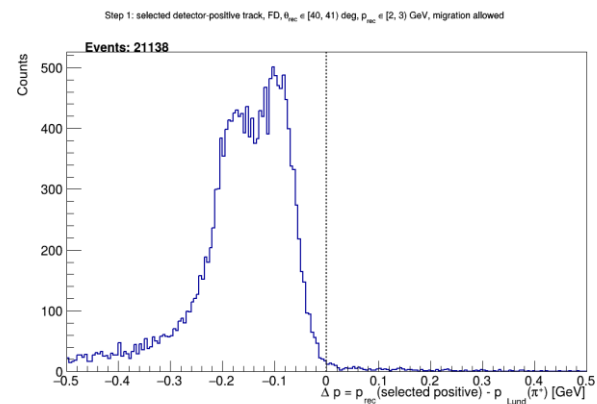
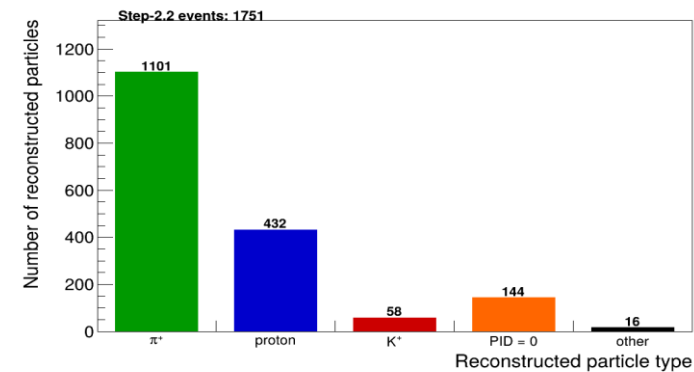


$\theta \in [40^\circ, 41^\circ]$
 $P \in [1, 2] \text{ GeV}$

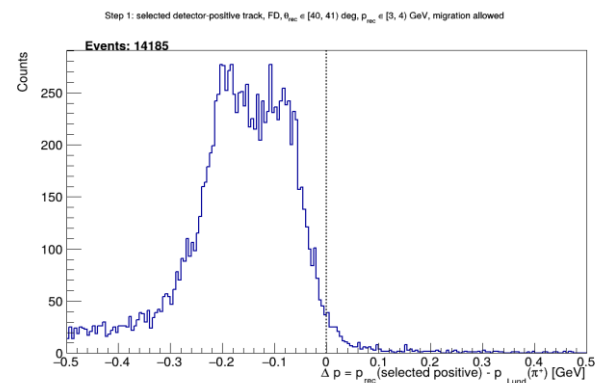
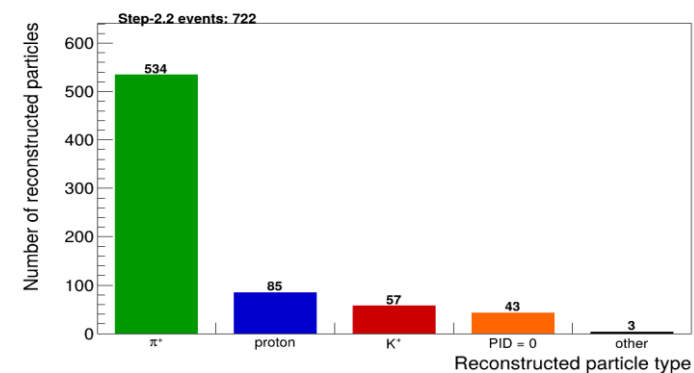
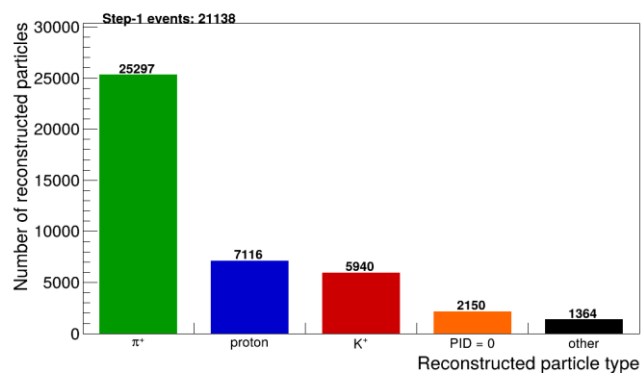
Particle type multiplicity ≥ 1 positive track in the event



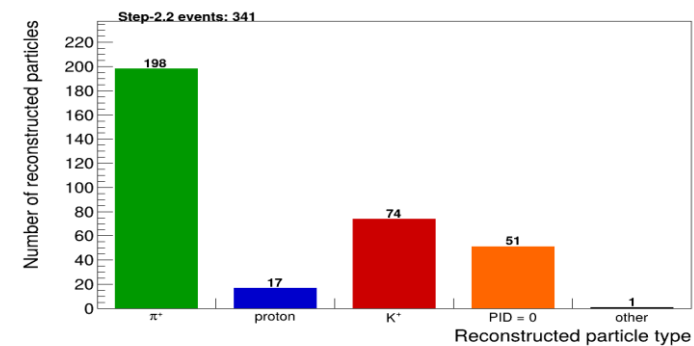
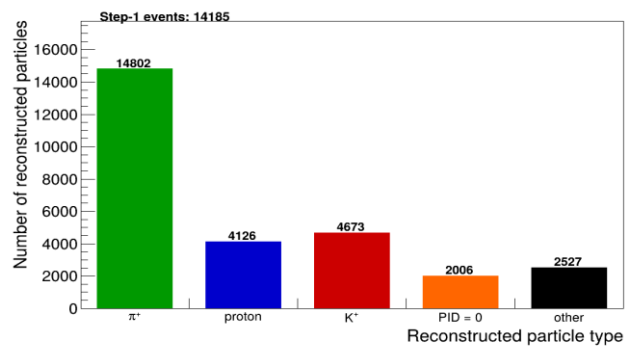
Particle type multiplicity require exactly 1 positive track



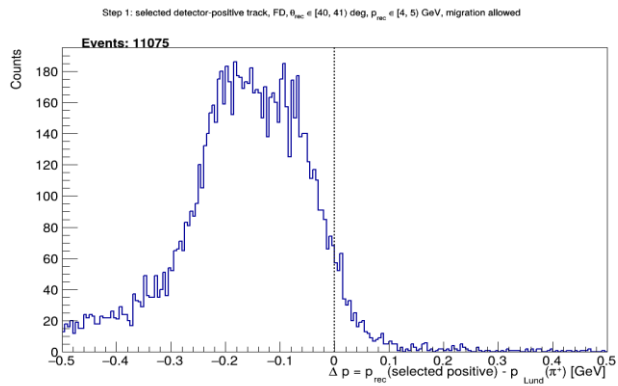
$\theta \in [40^\circ, 41^\circ]$
 $P \in [2, 3] \text{ GeV}$



$\theta \in [40^\circ, 41^\circ]$
 $P \in [3, 4] \text{ GeV}$

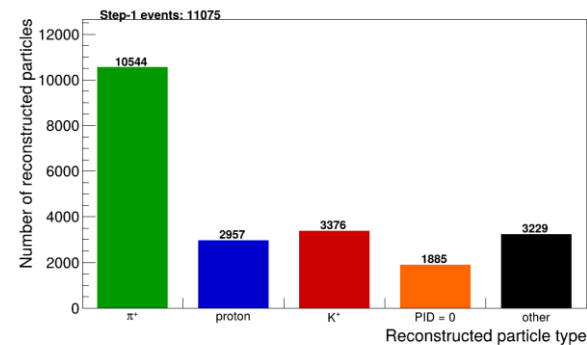


Δp distribution ≥ 1 positive track in the event

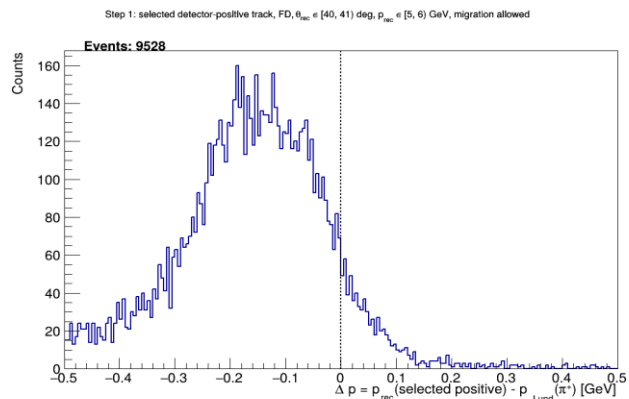
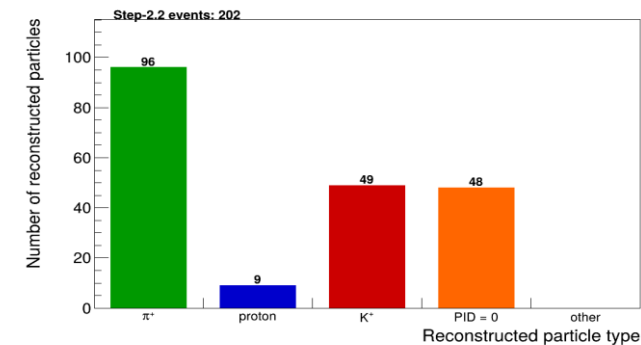


$\theta \in [40^\circ, 41^\circ]$
 $P \in [4, 5]$ GeV

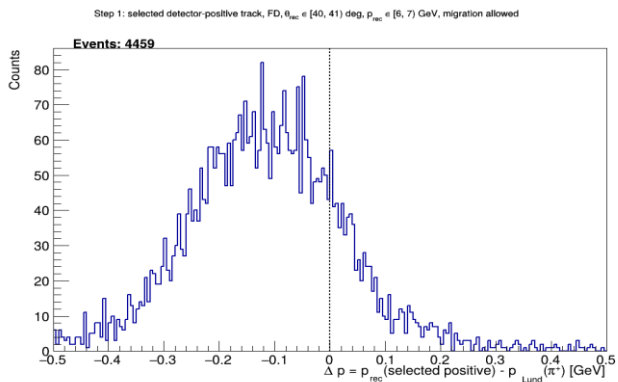
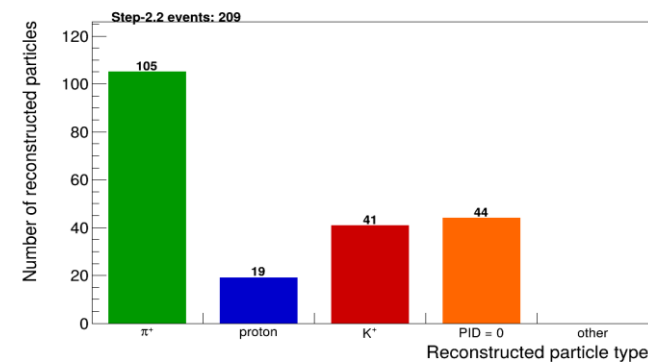
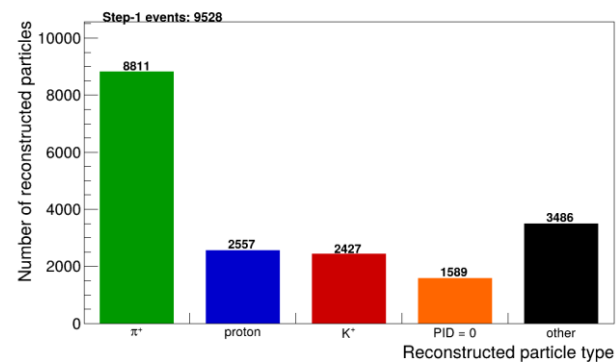
Particle type multiplicity ≥ 1 positive track in the event



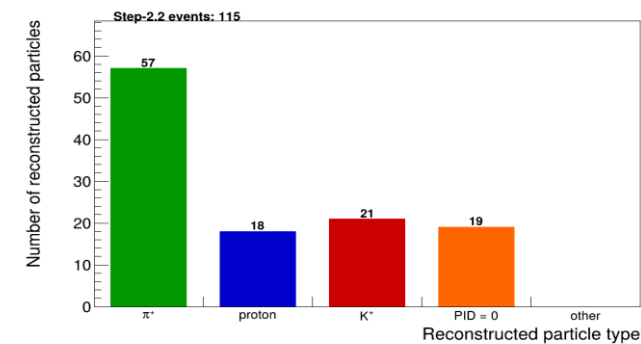
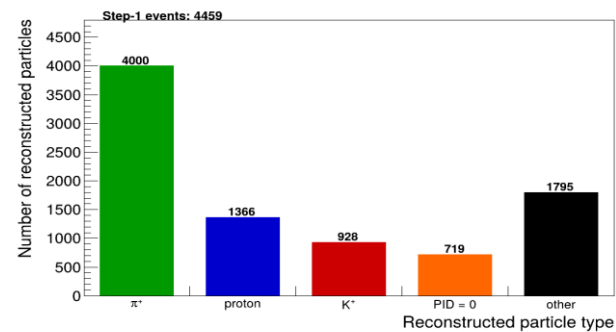
Particle type multiplicity require exactly 1 positive track



$\theta \in [40^\circ, 41^\circ]$
 $P \in [5, 6]$ GeV



$\theta \in [40^\circ, 41^\circ]$
 $P \in [6, 7]$ GeV



Now let's change event selection

Before

Select events with at least 1 positive track reconstructed in FD.
Choose track with closest momentum to generated pion



After

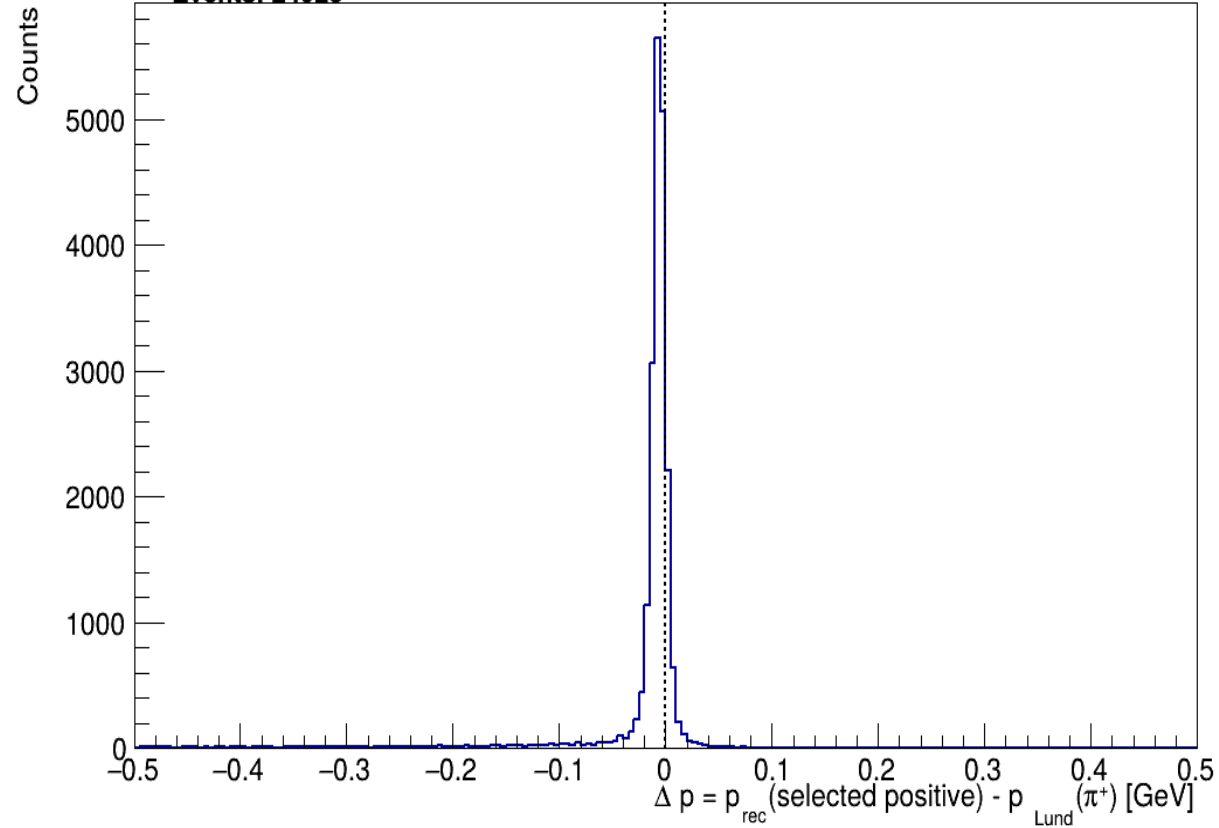
Select events with exactly 1 positive track reconstructed in FD.

Forward detector. Good region: $\theta \in [30^\circ, 31^\circ]$, Momentum $\in [1.0, 1.2]$ GeV

Before

Step 1: selected detector-positive track, FD, $\theta_{\text{rec}} \in [30, 31]$ deg, $p_{\text{rec}} \in [1, 1.2]$ GeV, migration allowed

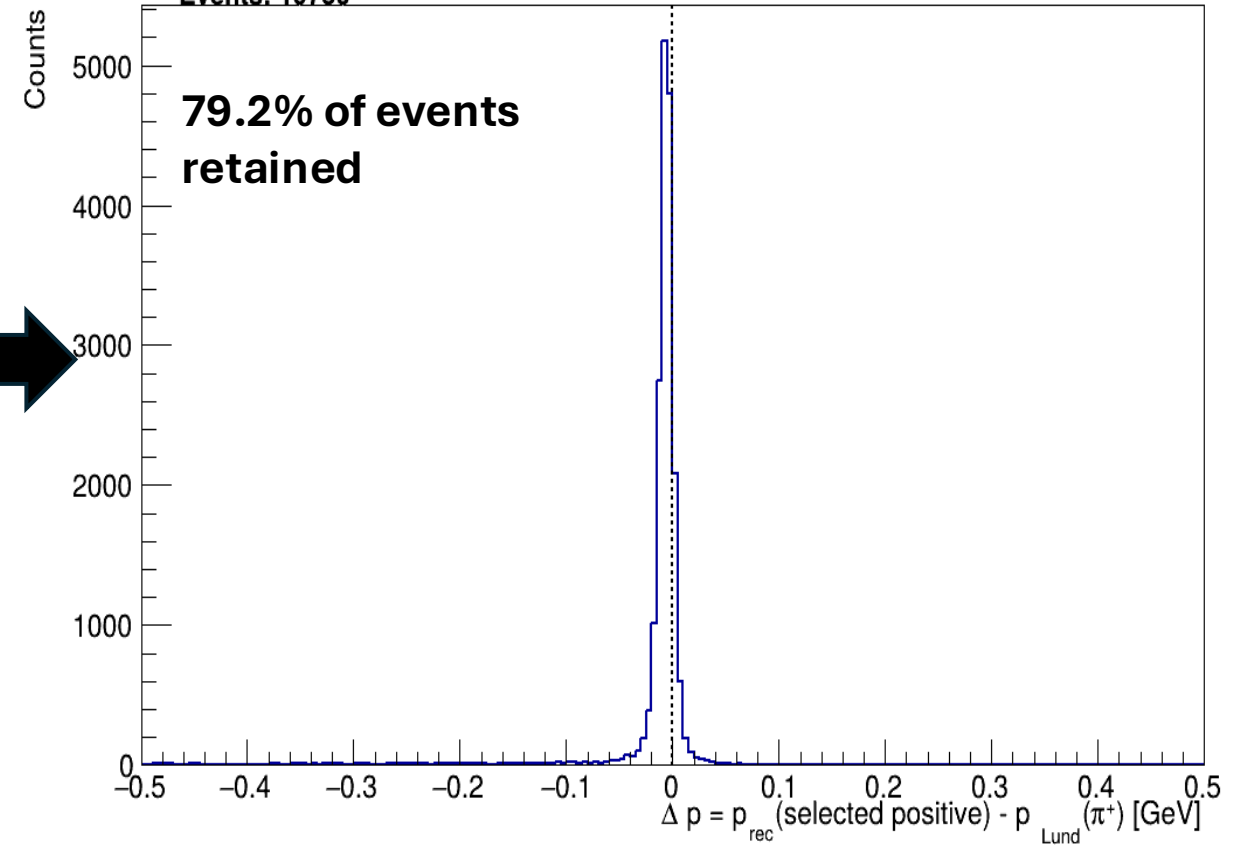
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After

Step 2.2: exactly one positive track total, FD, $\theta_{\text{rec}} \in [30, 31]$ deg, $p_{\text{rec}} \in [1, 1.2]$ GeV, migration allowed

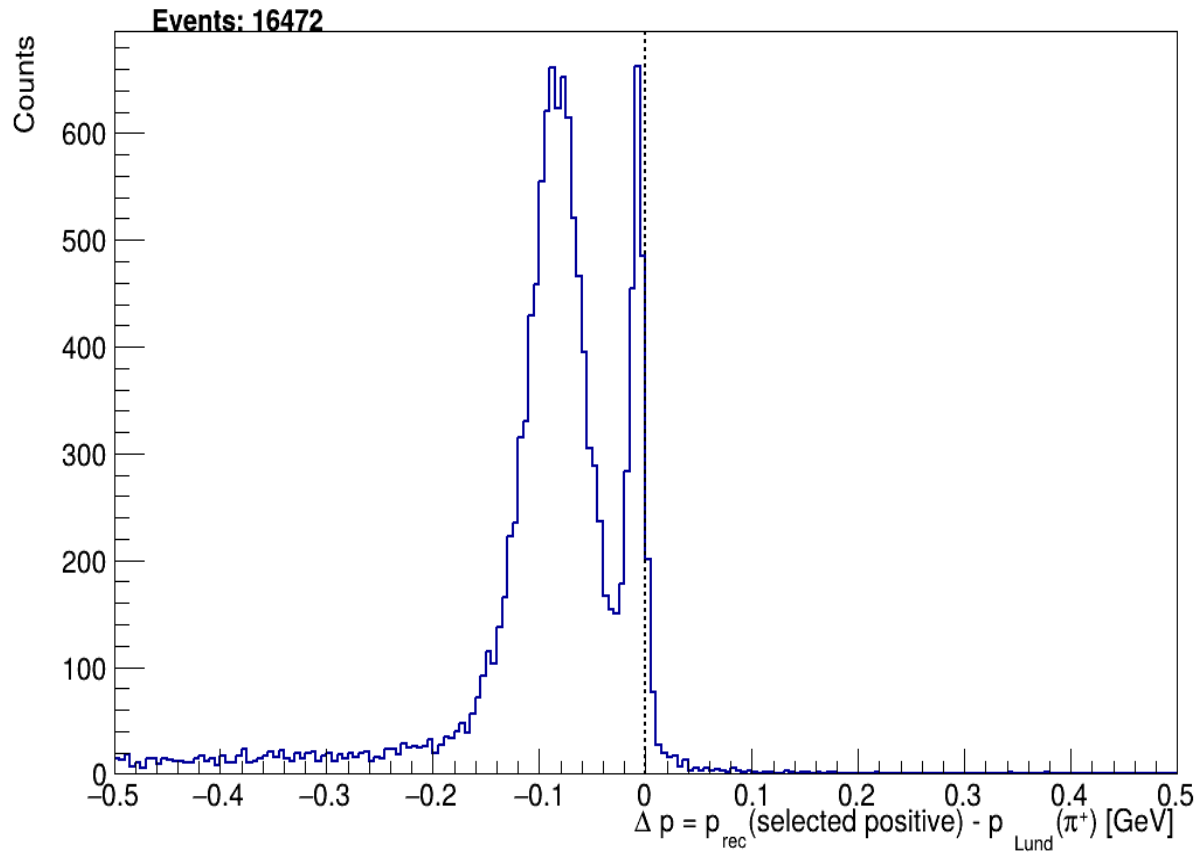
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Forward detector. Problematic region: $\theta \in [38^\circ, 39^\circ]$, Momentum $\in [1.0, 1.2]$ GeV

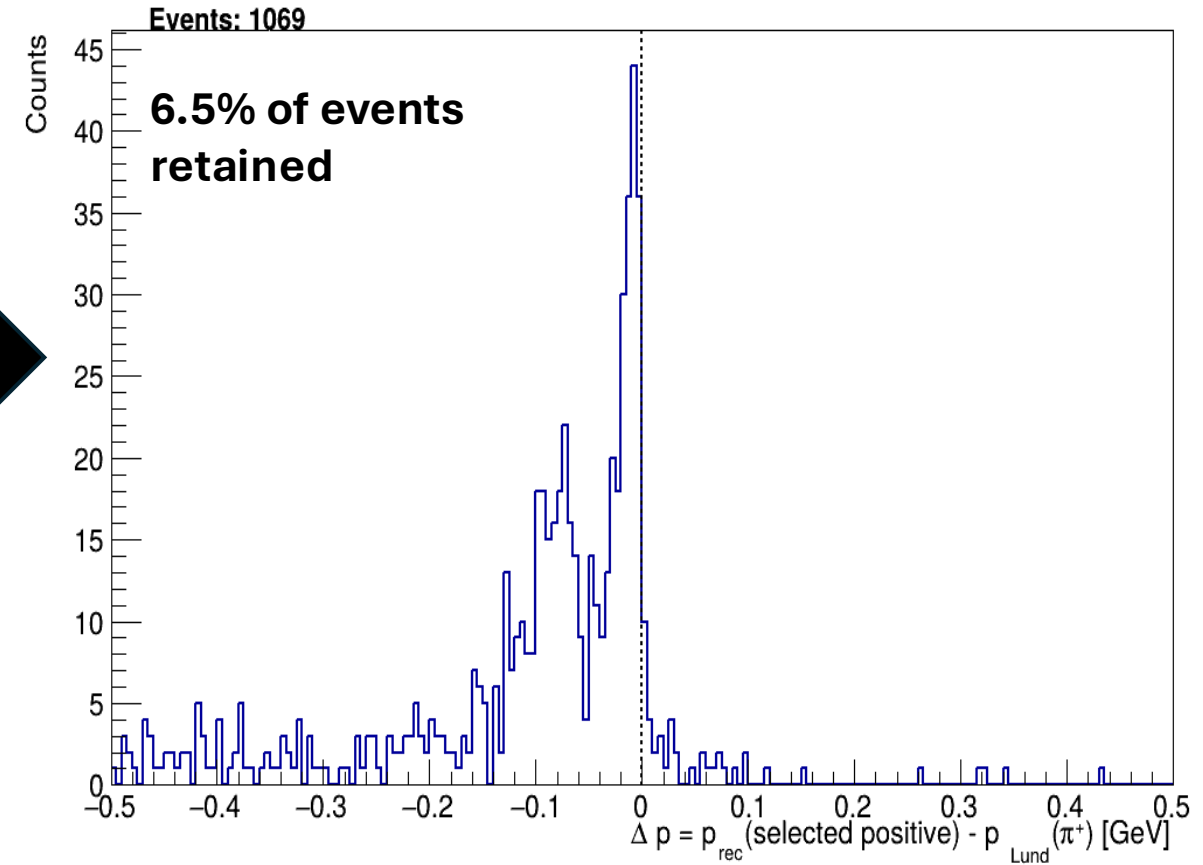
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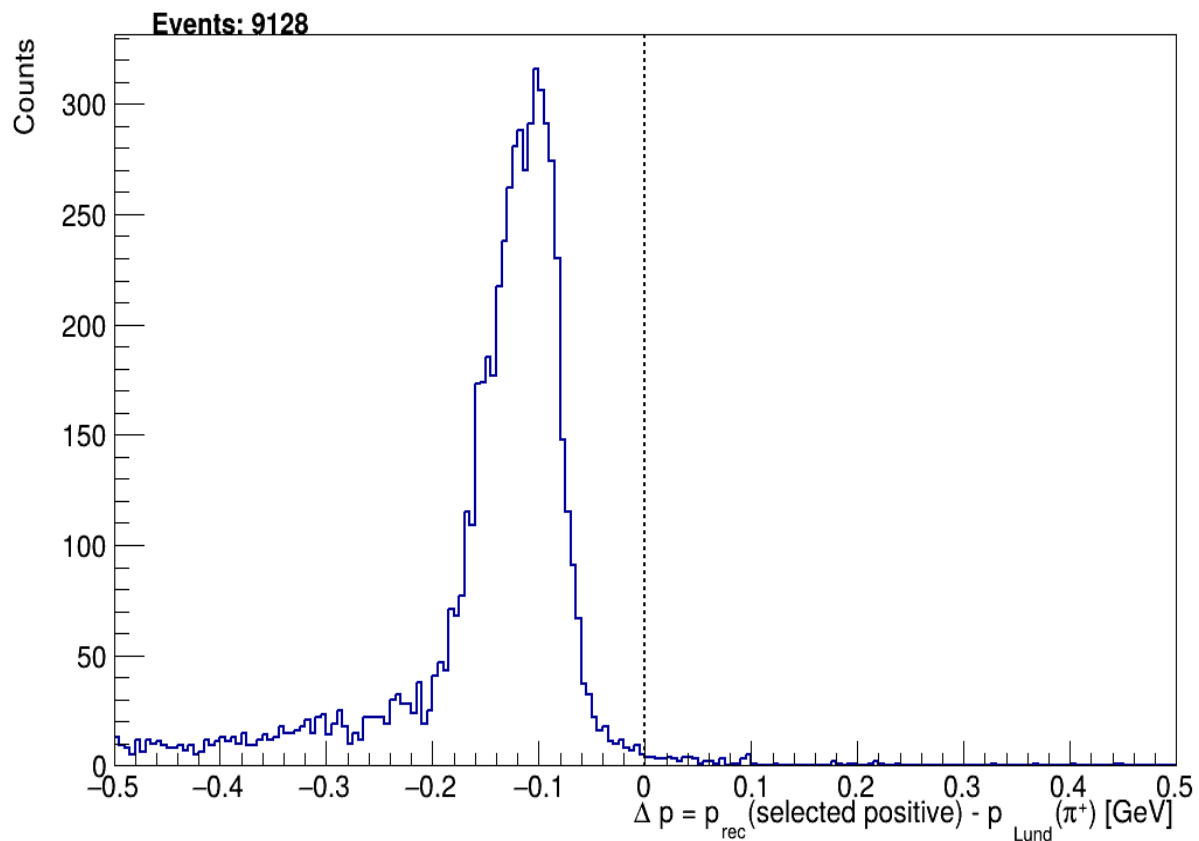
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Forward detector. Bad region: $\theta \in [40^\circ, 41^\circ]$, Momentum $\in [1.0, 1.2]$ GeV

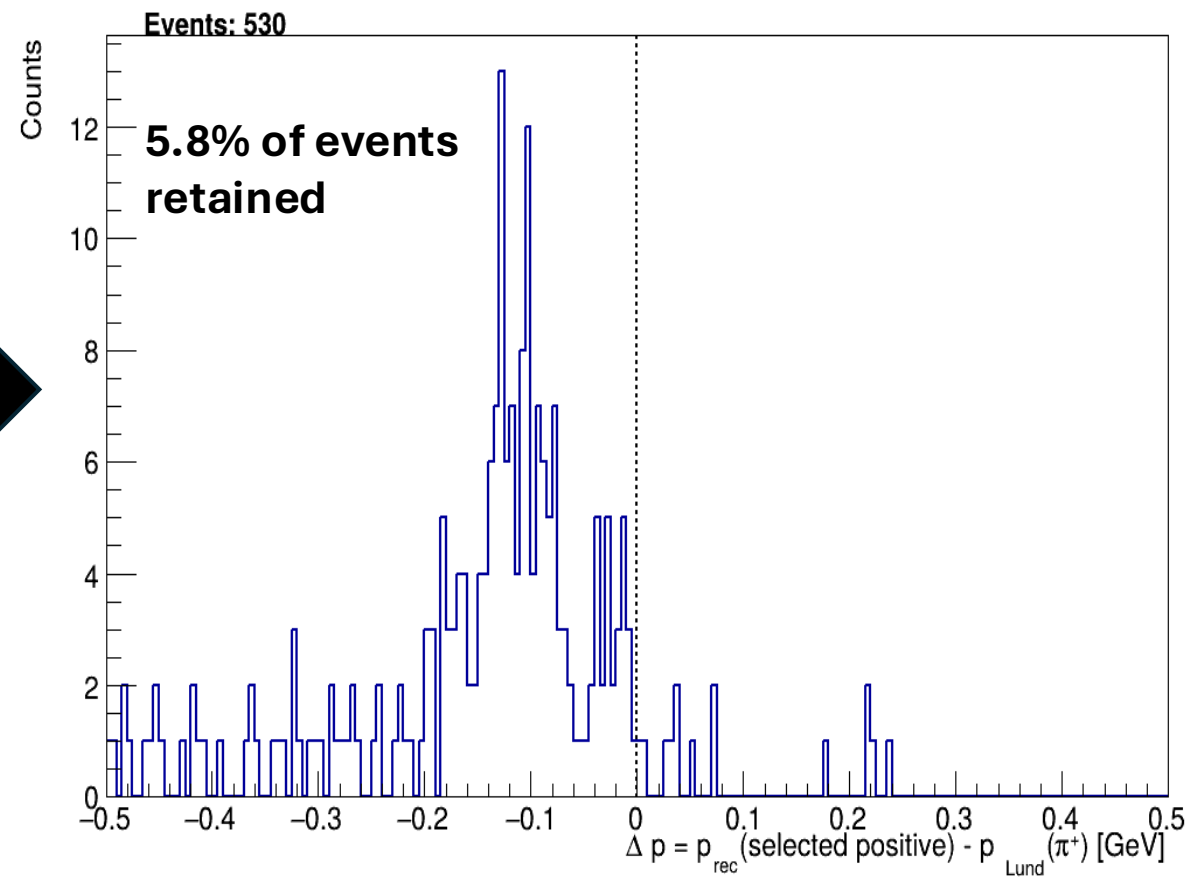
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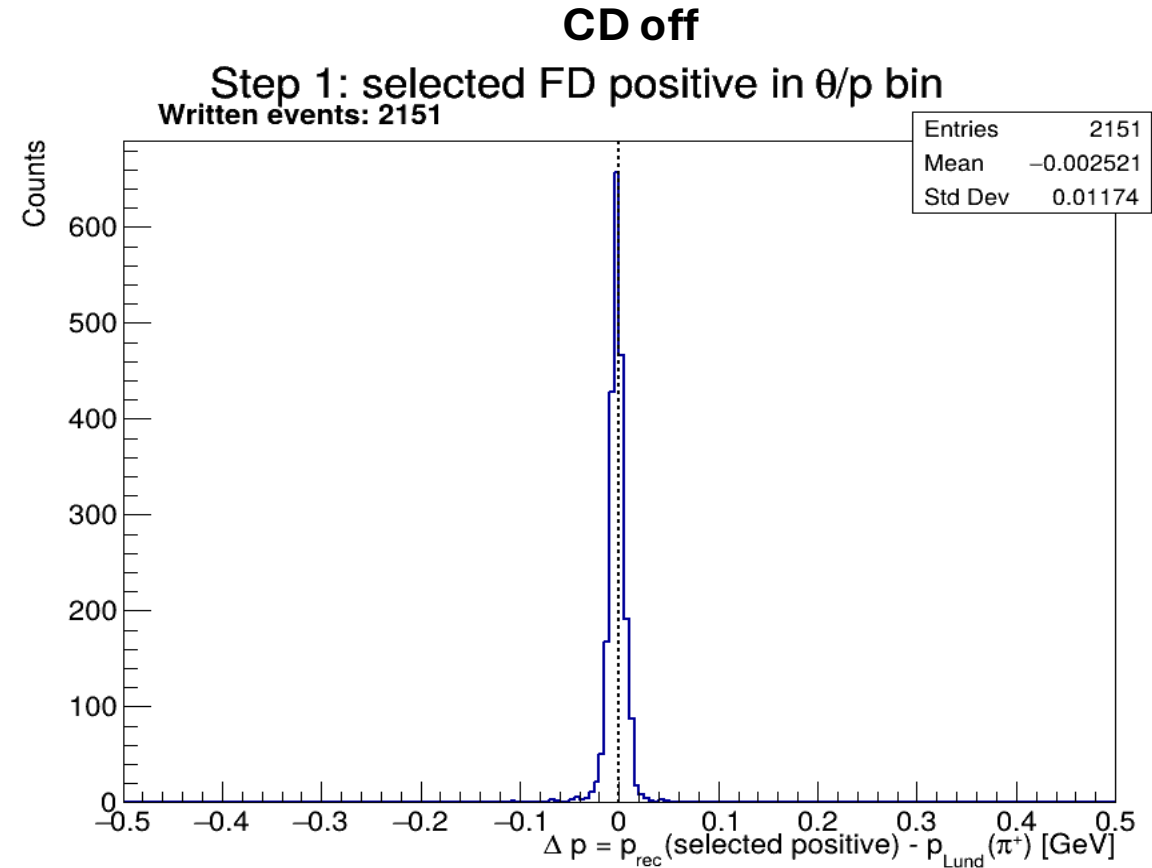
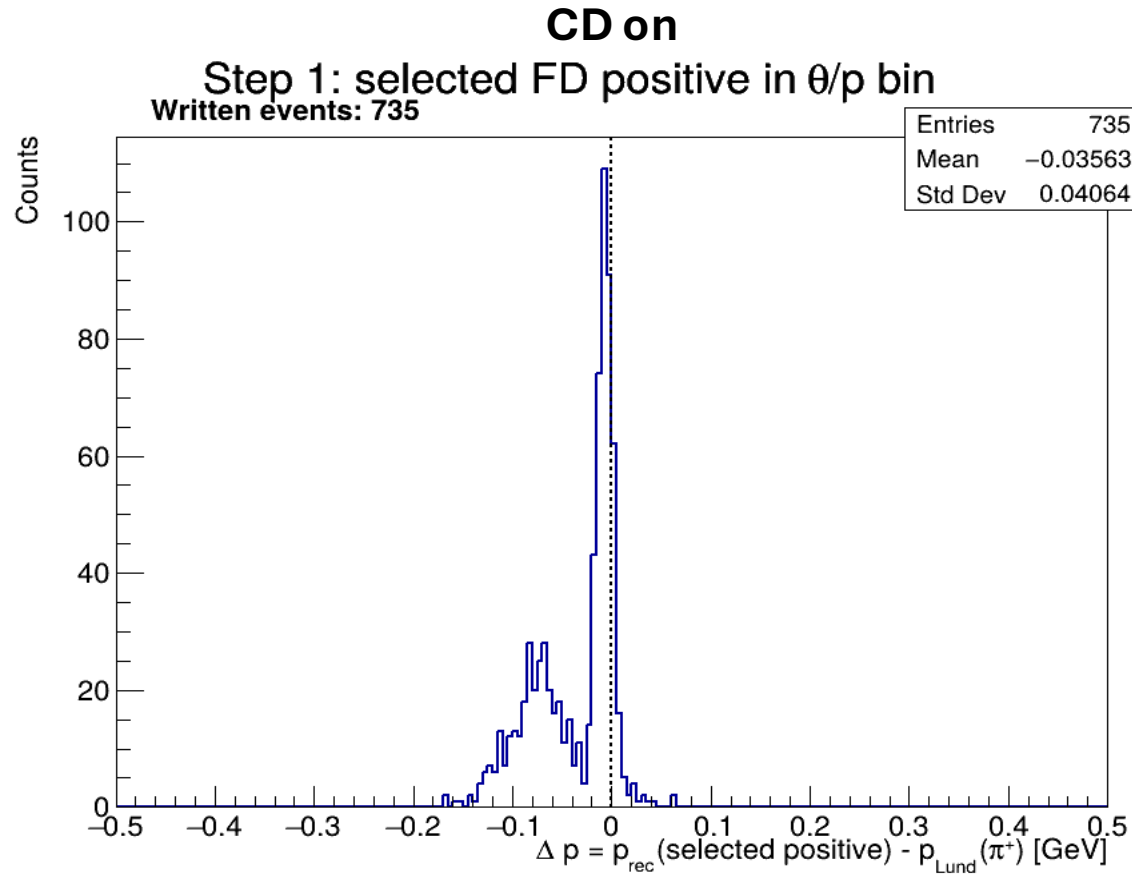


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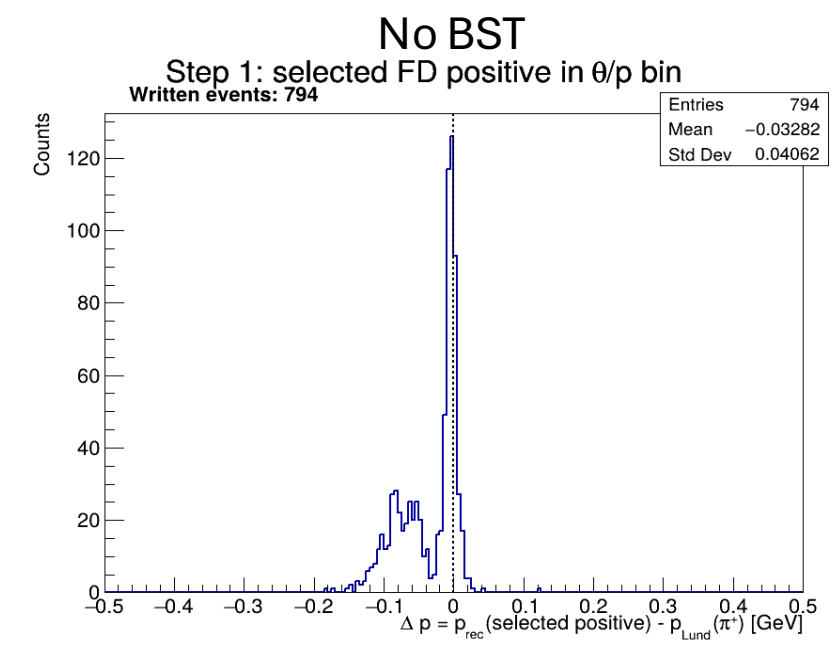
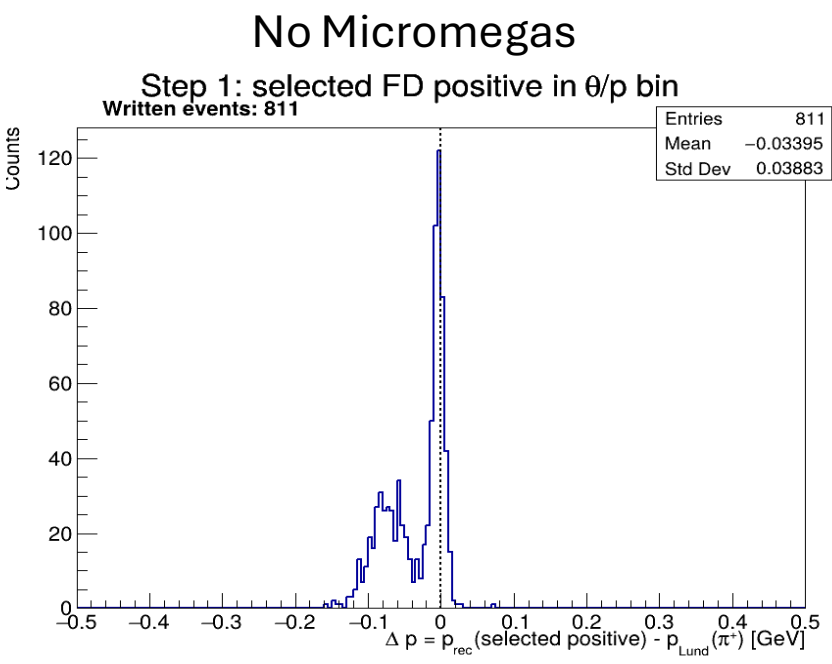
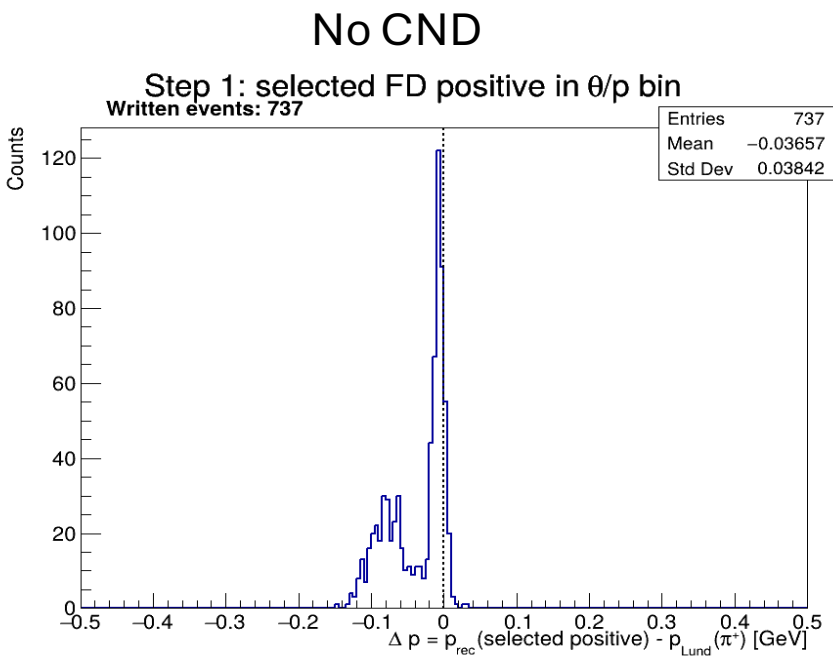
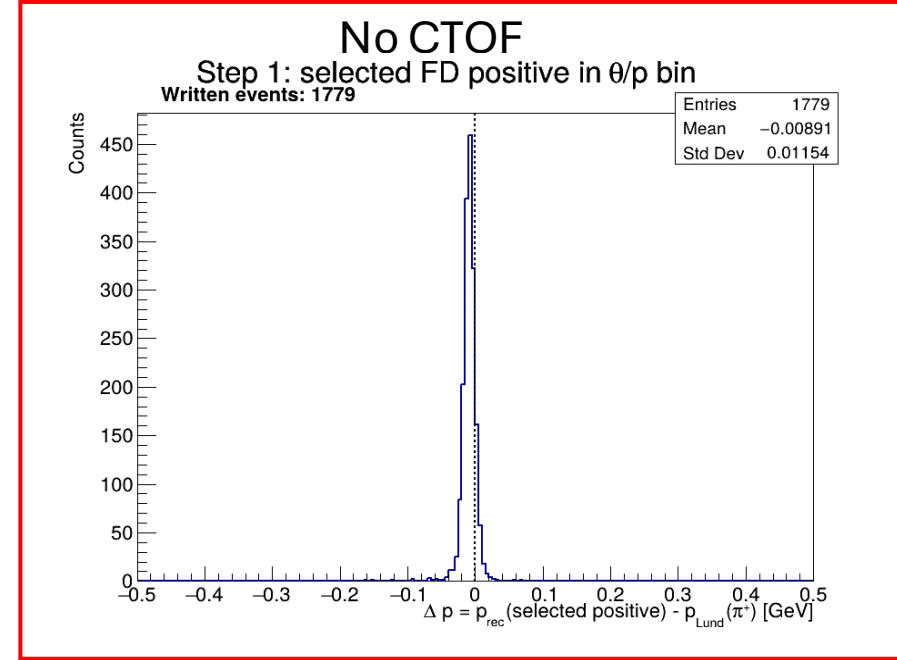


- It is possible to run a custom GEMC simulation, where we can enable/disable CD and see, what effect it will have on the wide peak
- I use small statistics here – only **5000** generated events
- I select events with at least 1 positive track in FD and choose the closest to generated in momentum
- **Problematic region:** $\theta \in [38^\circ, 39^\circ]$, Momentum $\in [1.0, 1.2]$ GeV
- **Left:** FD and CD turned on; **Right:** FD turned on, CD turned off



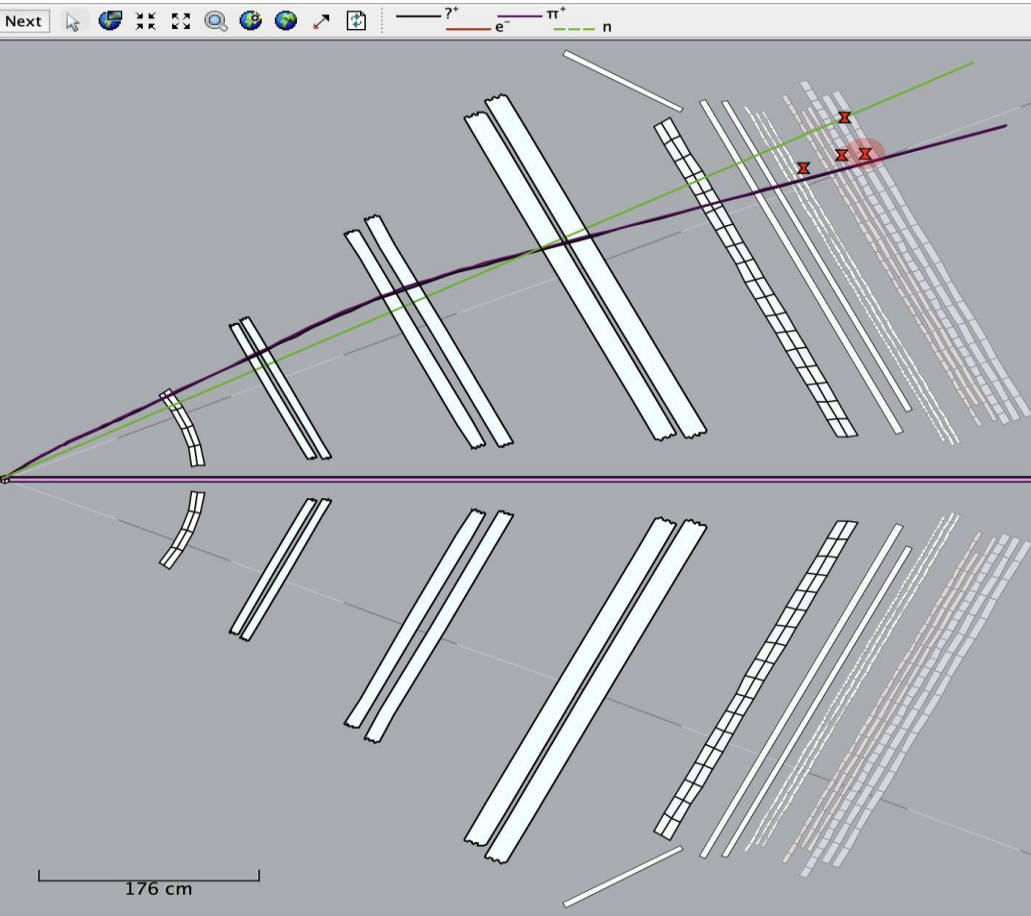
Something in CD is responsible for the wide bump!

- Let's narrow down our search: let's not disable the whole CD, but separate parts of it
- $\theta \in [38^\circ, 39^\circ]$, Momentum $\in [1.0, 1.2]$ GeV
- We find out that when we turn off **CTOF** the wide peak disappears

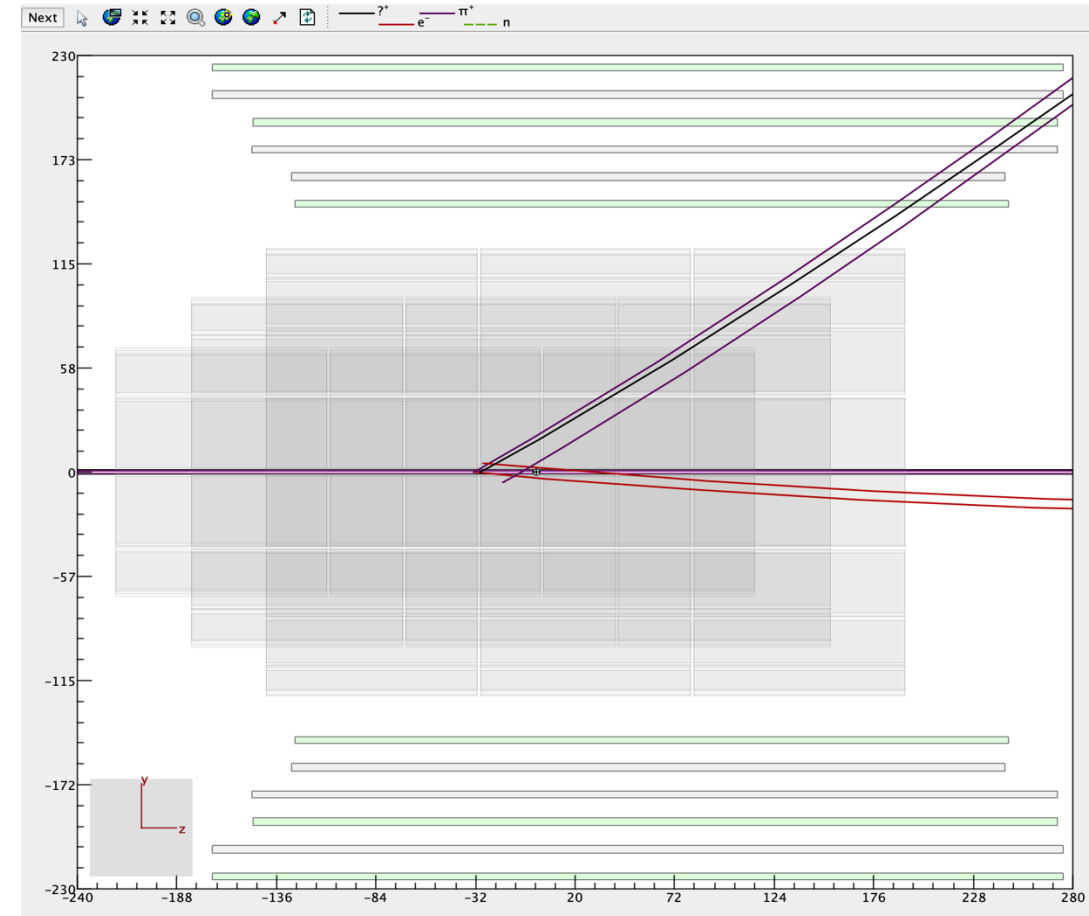


- We sample events from **narrow peak** and visualize them in CED program

FD view

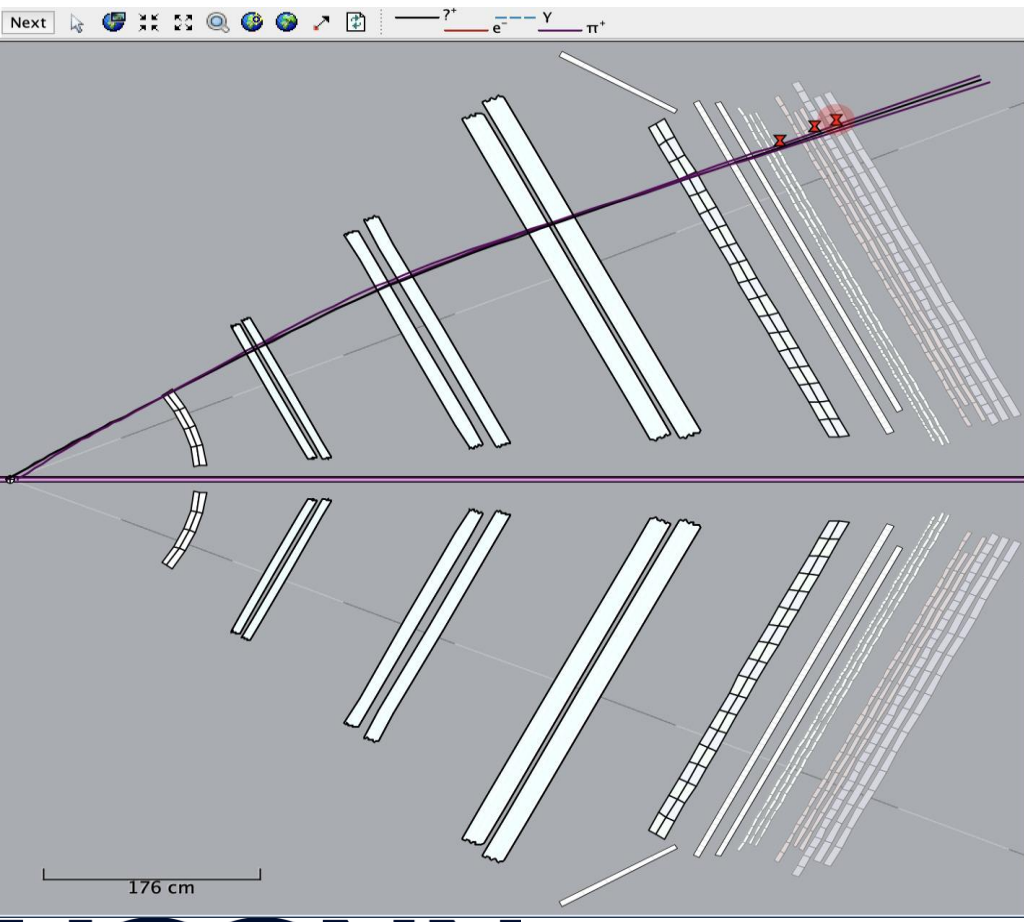


CD view

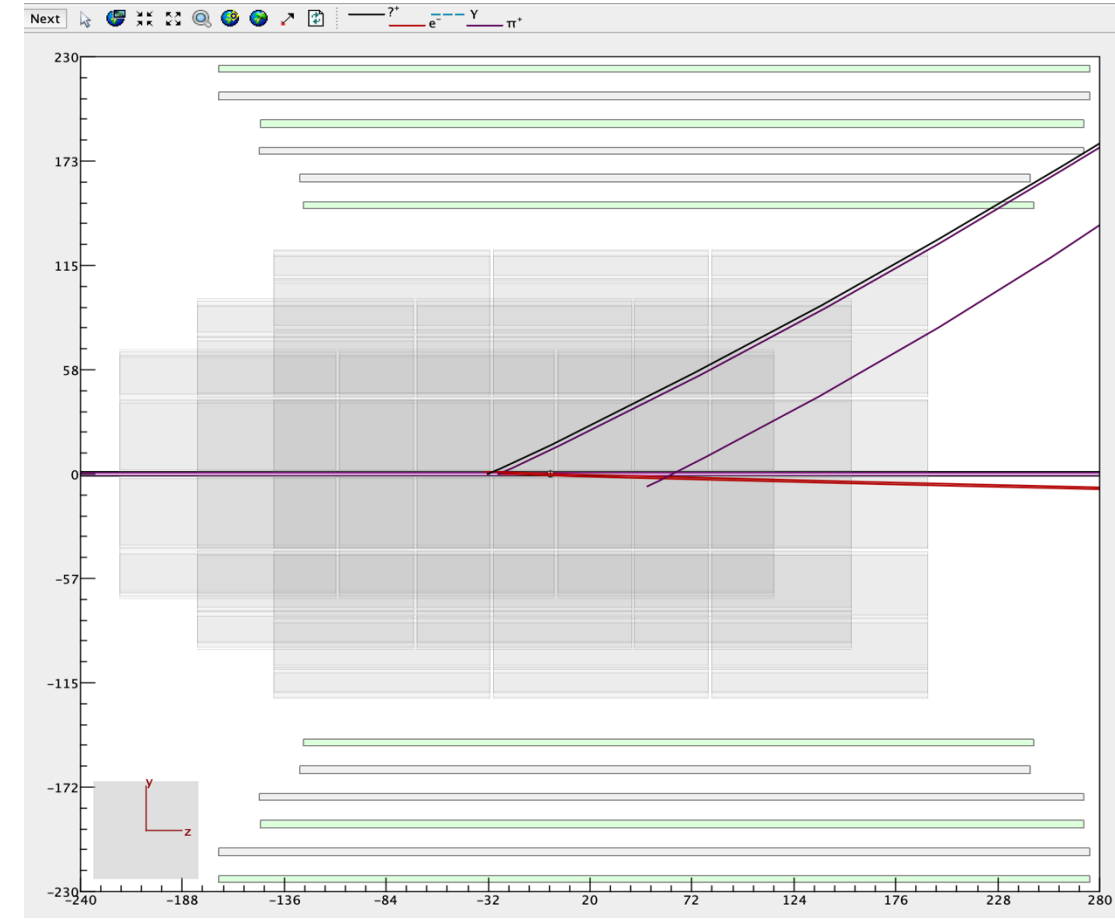


- We sample events from **wide peak** and visualize them in CED program
- Events from wide peak are still reconstructed in FD, even though they touch the CTOF

FD view



CD view

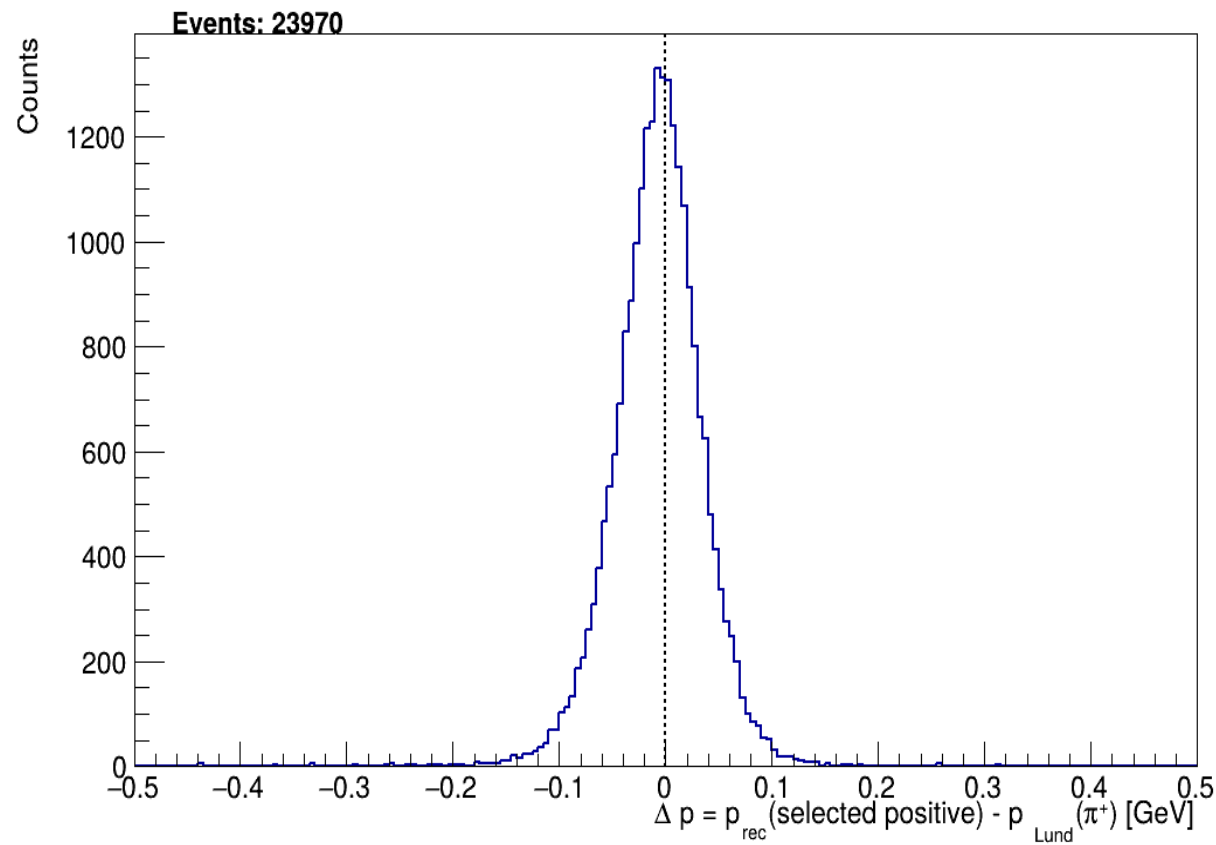


- Let's also look at the Central detector
- Now we select events with at least 1 positive track **in CD** and choose the closest momentum to generated π^+
- We fix momentum bin to be [1 , 1.2] GeV and decrease theta, starting from “safe” high polar angle and go down to the problematic zone
- On the left side will show Δp histogram, on the right side – positive track multiplicity
- Note that Δp distribution is centered around 0, because energy loss correction is applied at the reconstruction level

- **Central detector.** $\theta \in [90^\circ, 91^\circ]$, Momentum $\in [1, 1.2]$ GeV
- Mostly single-track events

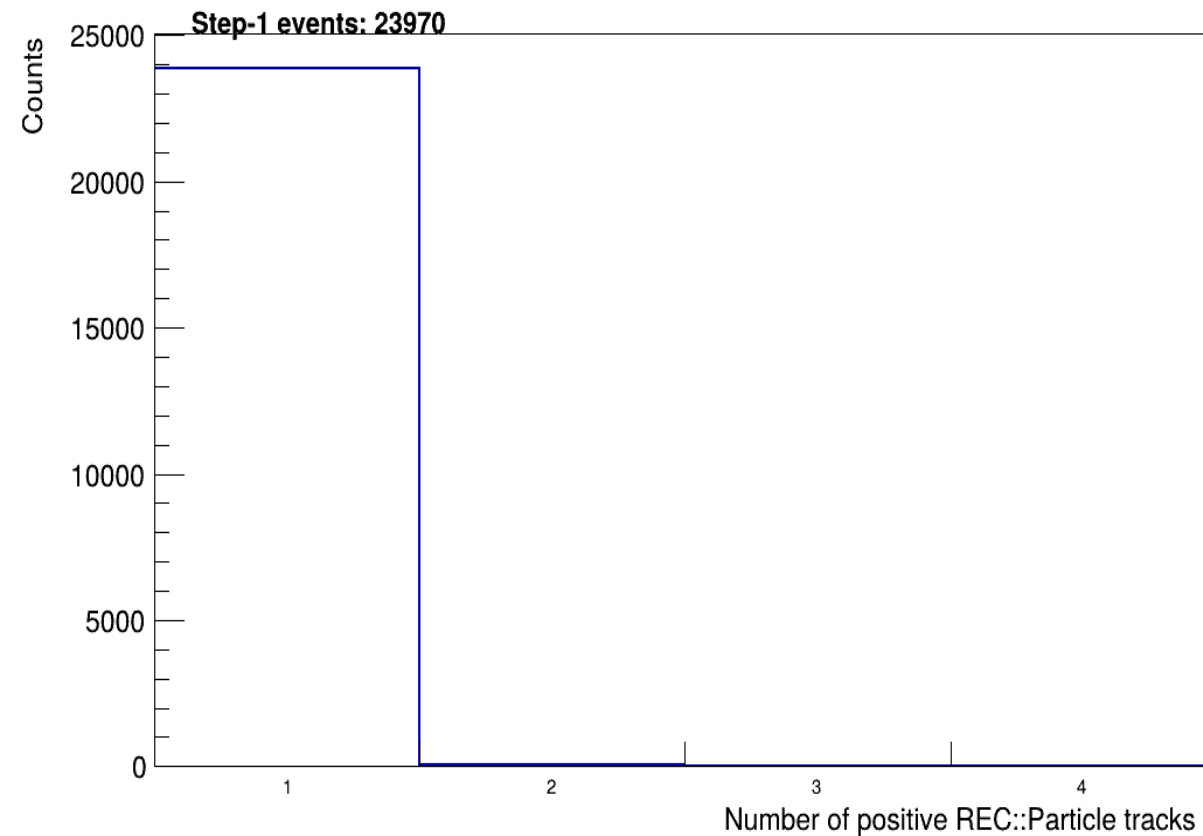
Δp distribution

Step 1: selected detector-positive track, CD, $\theta_{\text{rec}} \in [90, 91)$ deg, $p_{\text{rec}} \in [1, 1.2)$ GeV, migration allowed



Positive track multiplicity

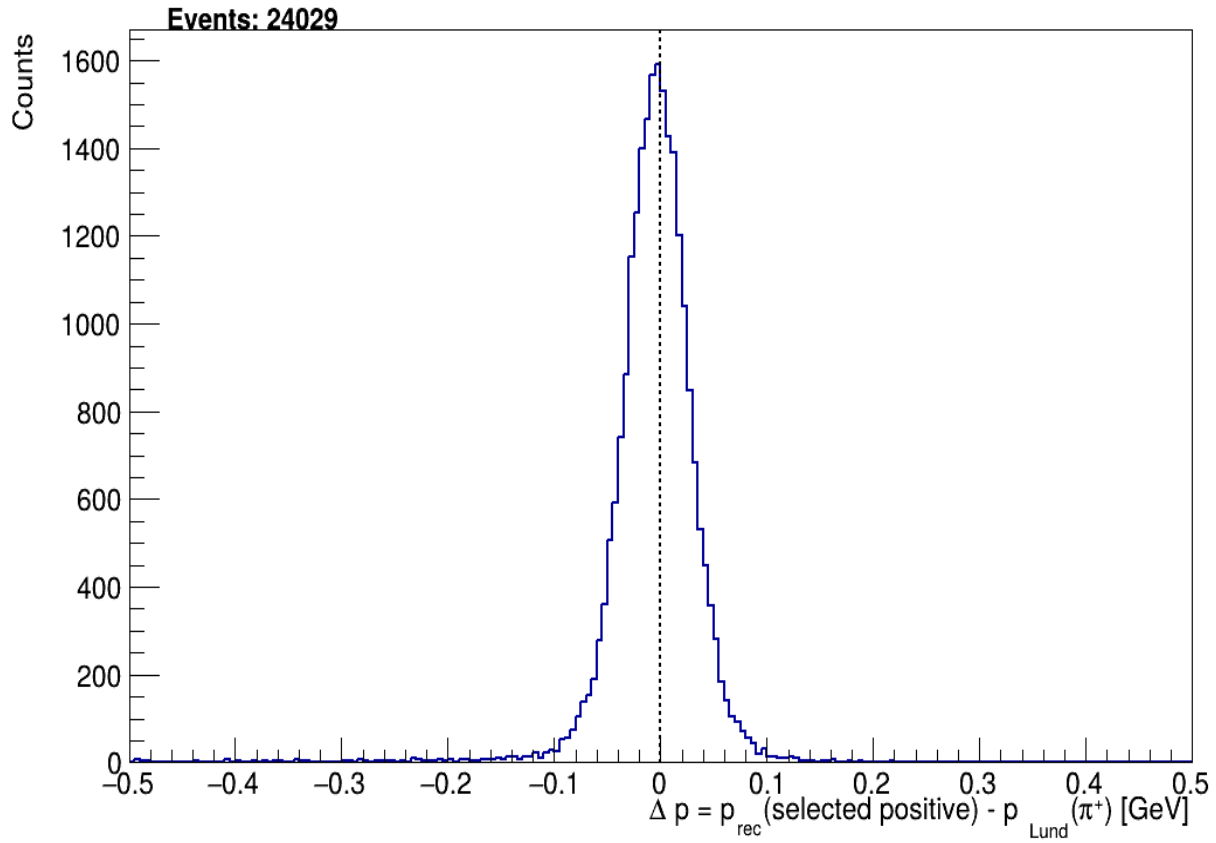
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- **Central detector.** $\theta \in [45^\circ, 46^\circ]$, Momentum $\in [1, 1.2]$ GeV
- Mostly single-track events

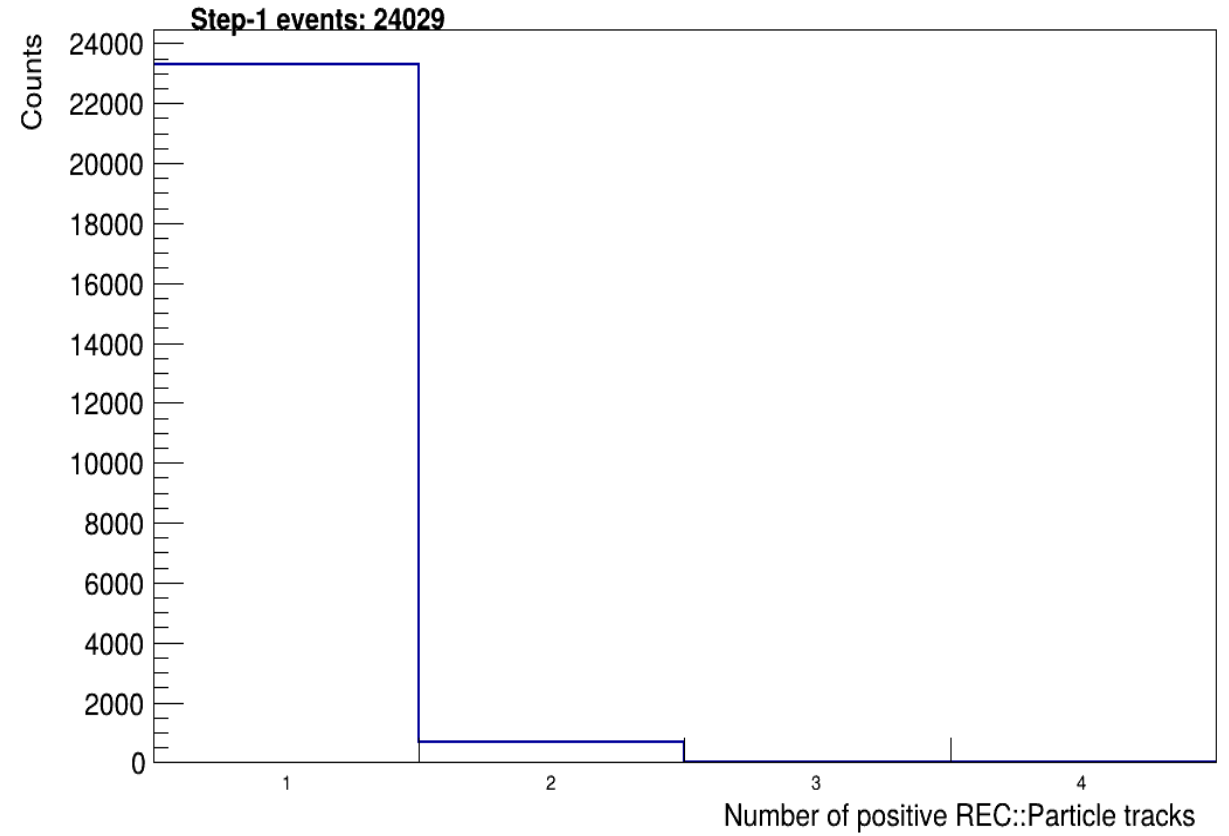
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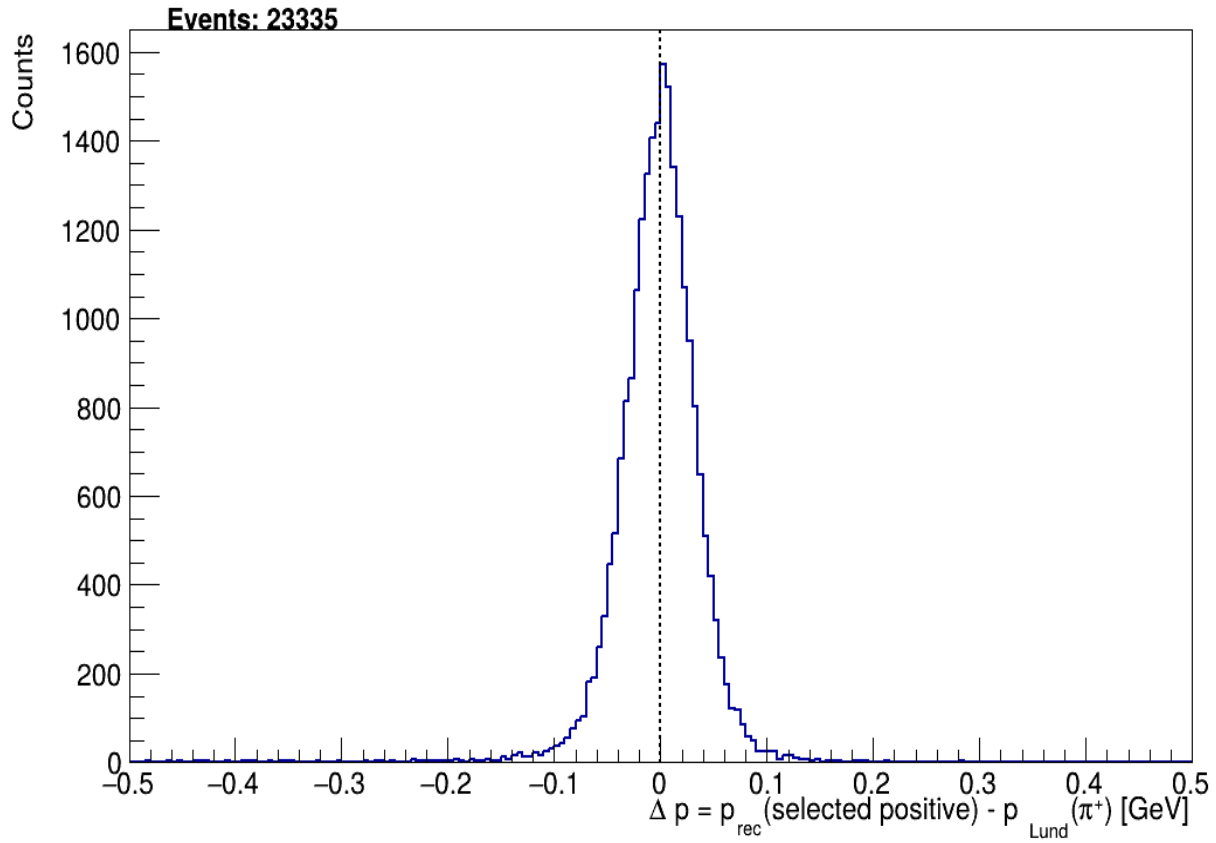
Step 1: positive-track multiplicity, CD, $\theta_{rec} \in [45, 46]$ deg, $p_{rec} \in [1, 1.2]$ GeV, migration allowed



- **Central detector.** $\theta \in [38^\circ, 39^\circ]$, Momentum $\in [1, 1.2]$ GeV
- Most of events are 2 positive track, but there is a significant fraction of single-track events

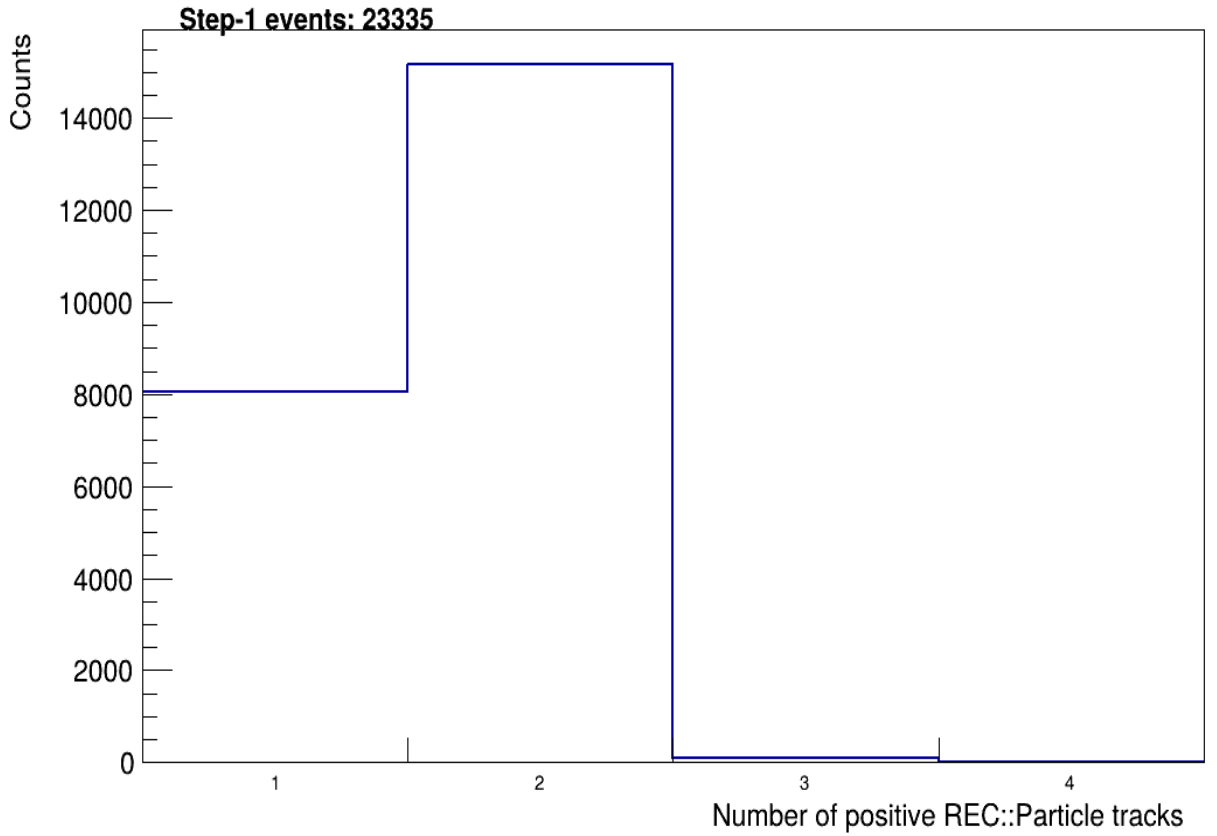
Δp distribution

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Positive track multiplicity

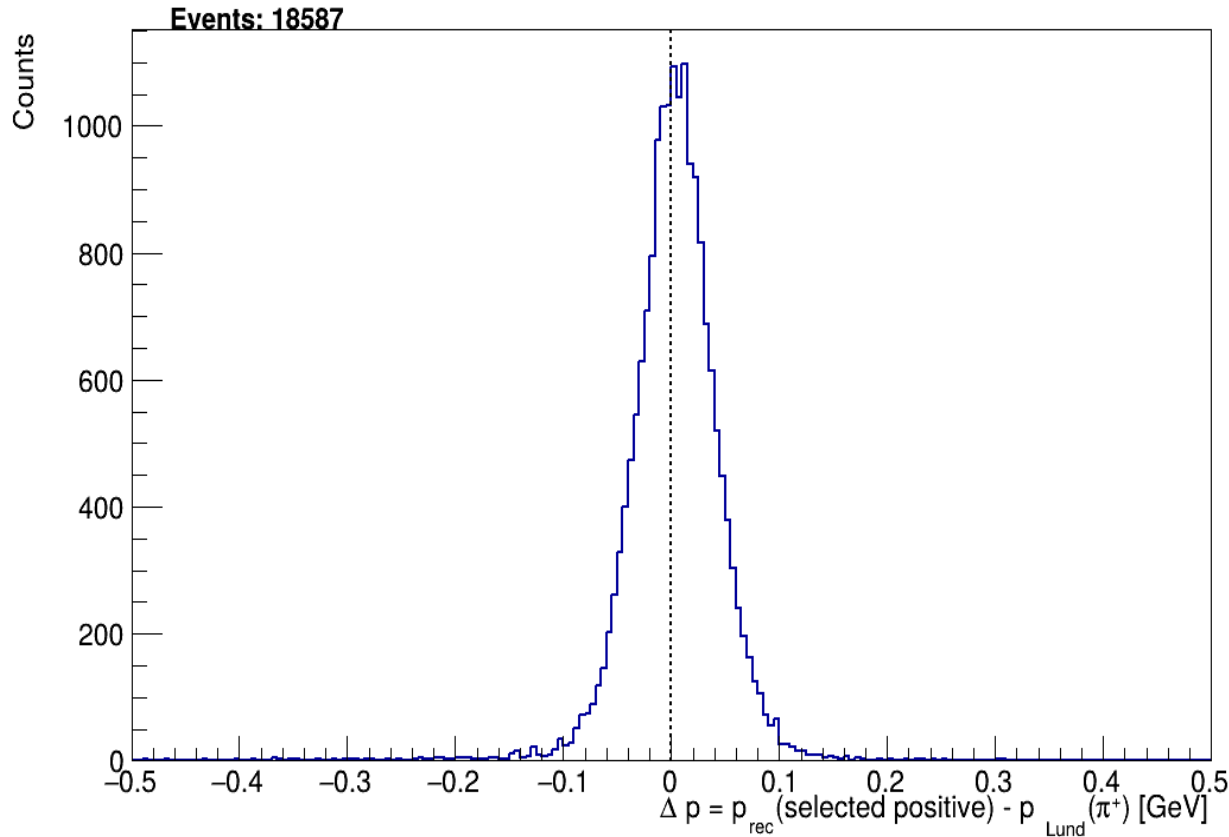
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- **Central detector.** $\theta \in [35^\circ, 36^\circ]$, Momentum $\in [1, 1.2]$ GeV
- Predominantly 2 positive track events

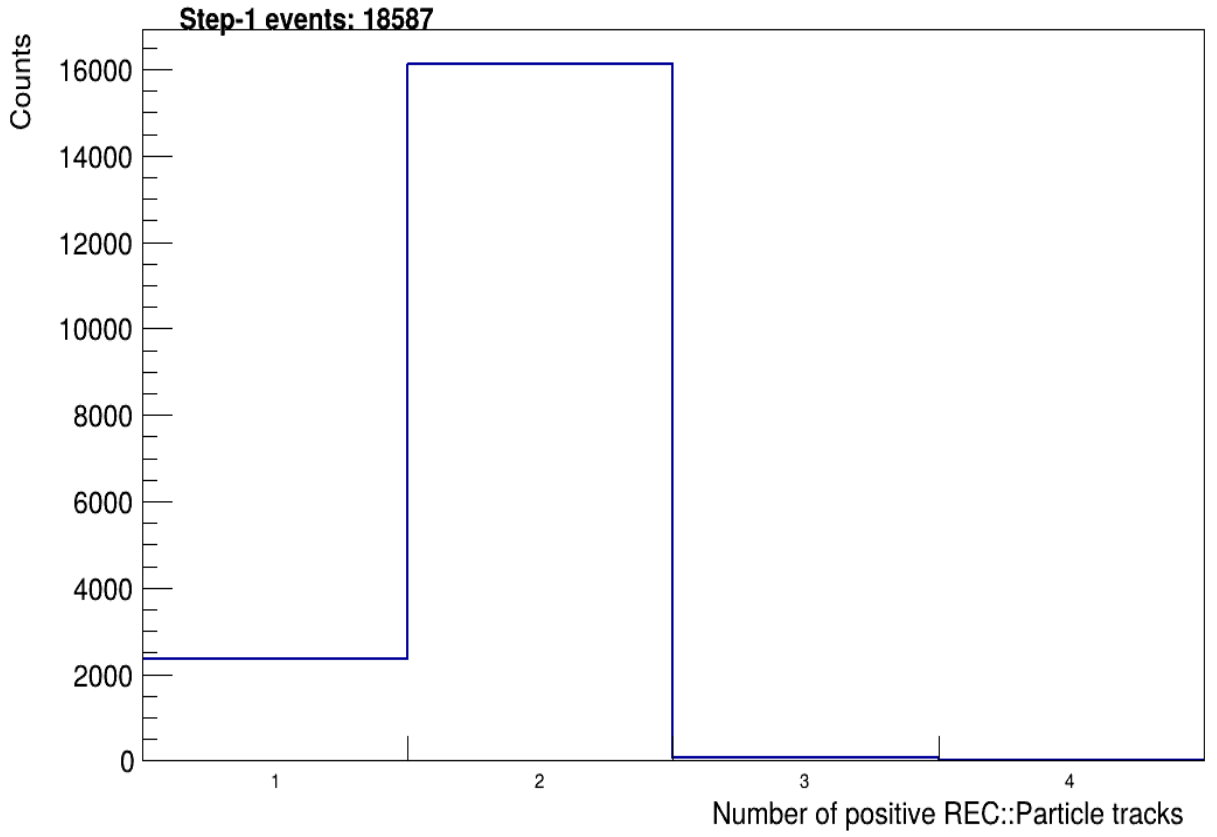
Δp distribution

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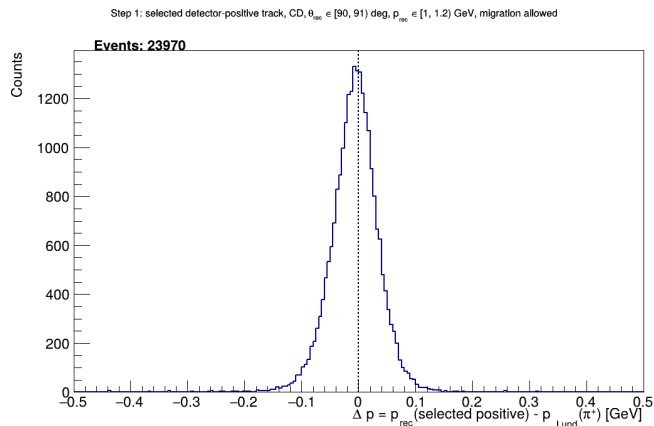


Positive track multiplicity

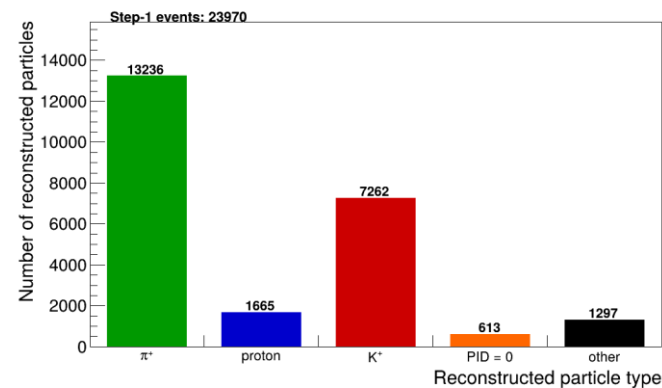
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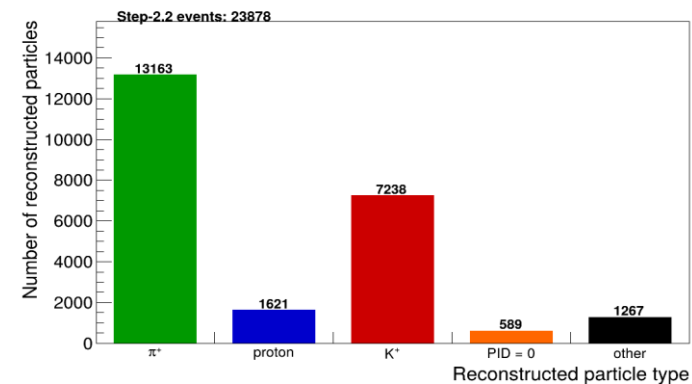
Δp distribution
 ≥ 1 positive track in the event



Particle type multiplicity
 ≥ 1 positive track in the event

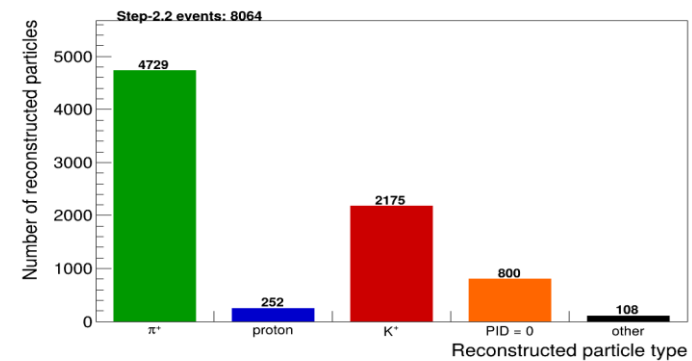
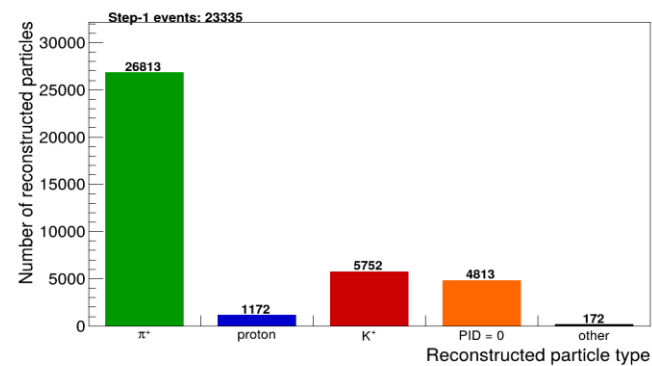
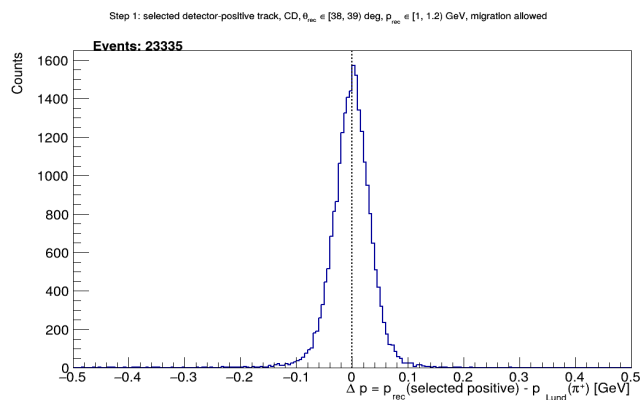


Particle type multiplicity
require exactly 1 positive track



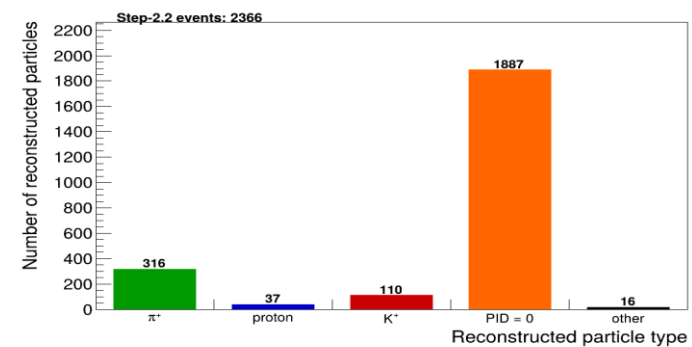
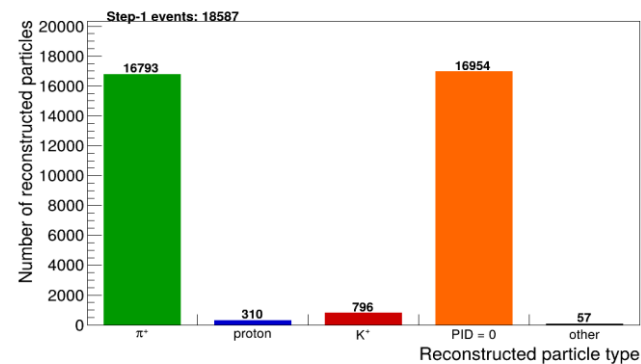
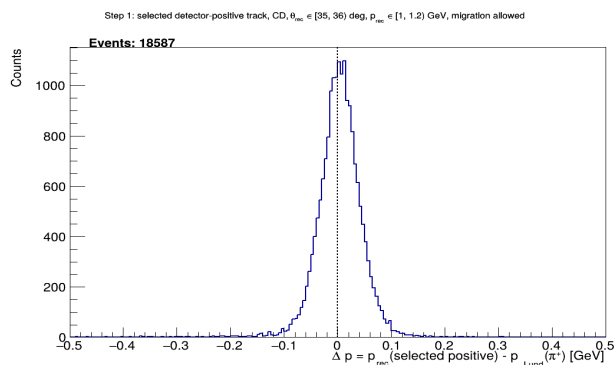
Good region

$\theta \in [90^\circ, 91^\circ]$
 $P \in [1.0, 1.2]$ GeV



Problematic region

$\theta \in [38^\circ, 39^\circ]$
 $P \in [1.0, 1.2]$ GeV

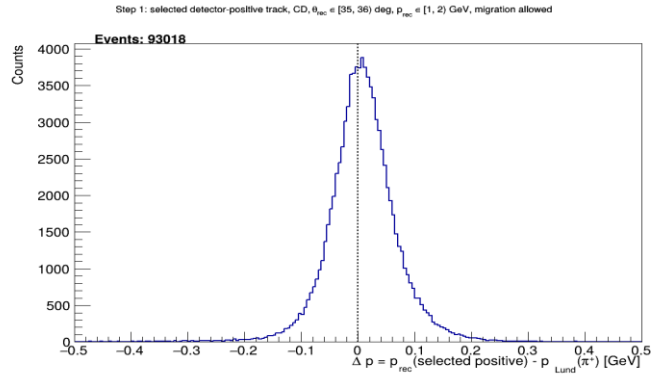


Bad region

$\theta \in [35^\circ, 36^\circ]$
 $P \in [1.0, 1.2]$ GeV

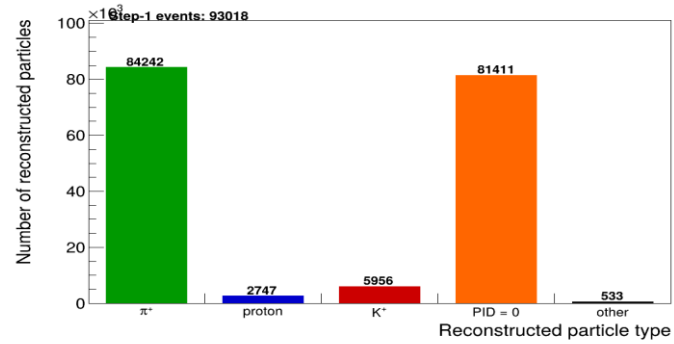
Now we fix polar angle bin $\theta \in [35^\circ, 36^\circ]$ and scan full momentum range in CD

Δp distribution ≥ 1 positive track in the event

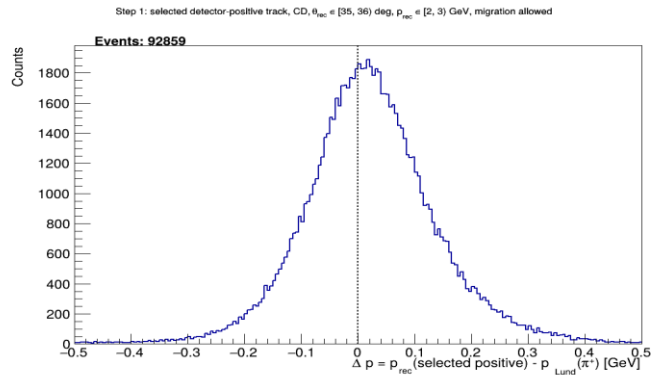
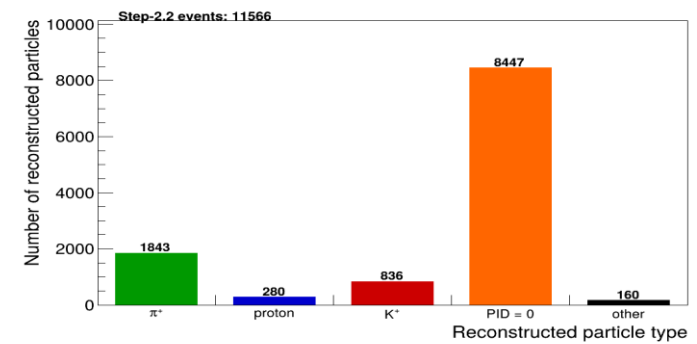


$\theta \in [35^\circ, 36^\circ]$
 $P \in [1, 2]$ GeV

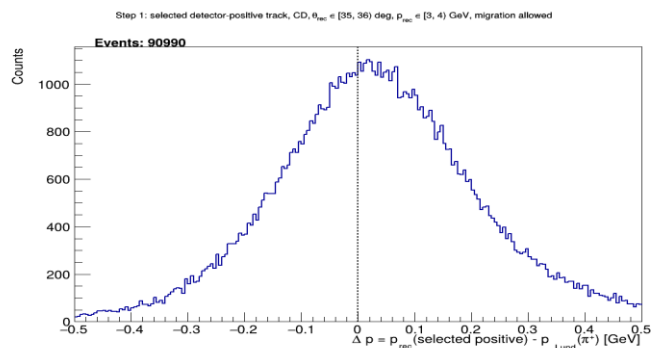
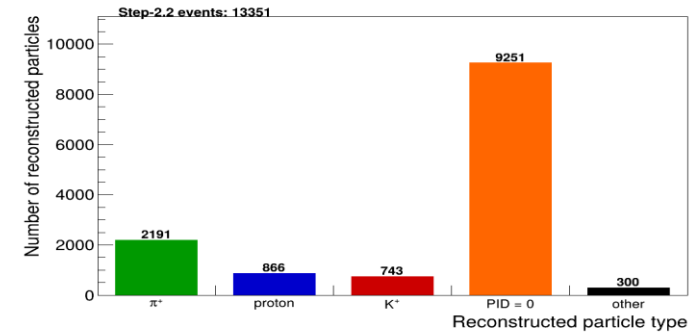
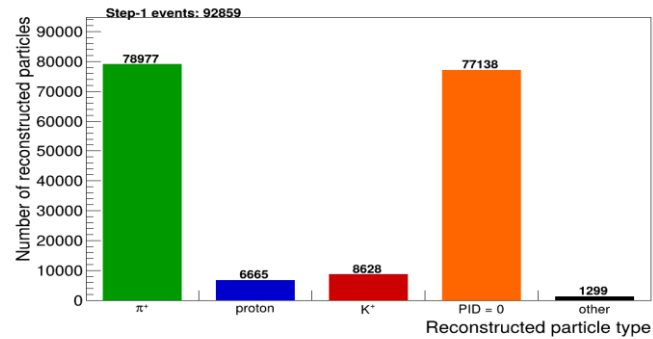
Particle type multiplicity ≥ 1 positive track in the event



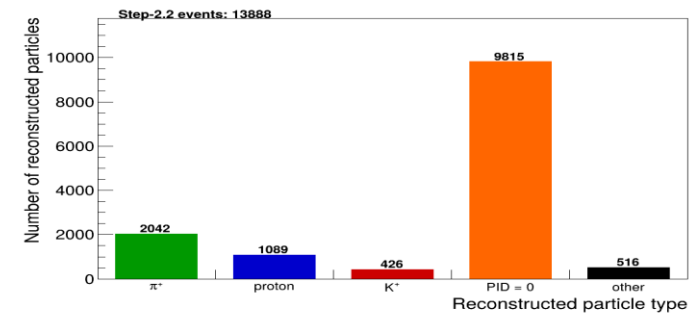
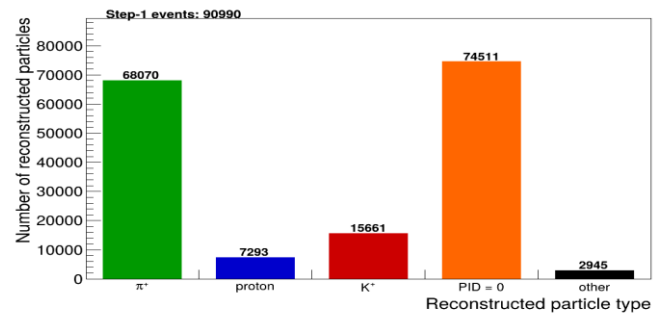
Particle type multiplicity require exactly 1 positive track



$\theta \in [35^\circ, 36^\circ]$
 $P \in [2, 3]$ GeV

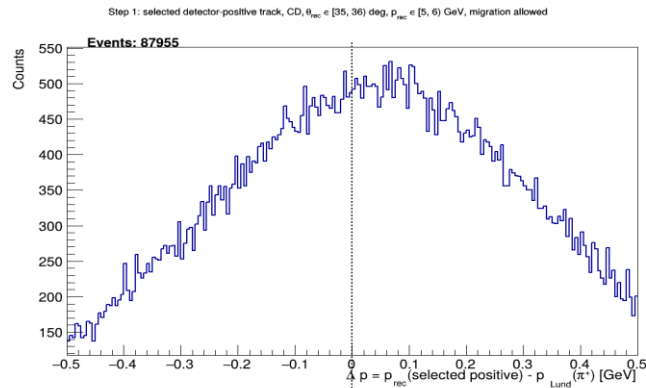
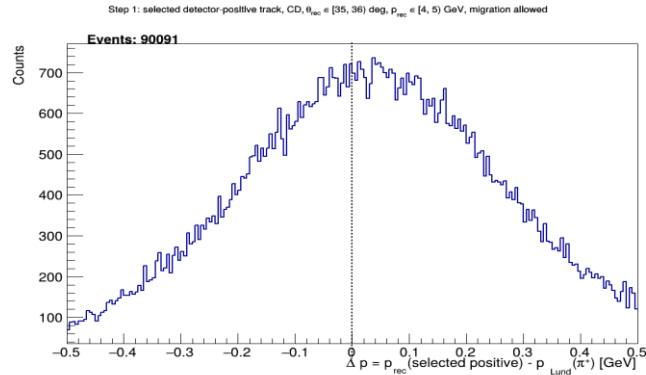


$\theta \in [35^\circ, 36^\circ]$
 $P \in [3, 4]$ GeV

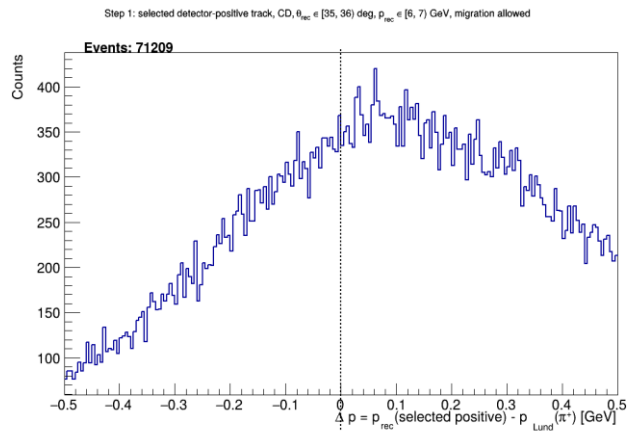


Δp distribution ≥ 1 positive track in the event

$\theta \in [35^\circ, 36^\circ]$
 $P \in [4, 5] \text{ GeV}$

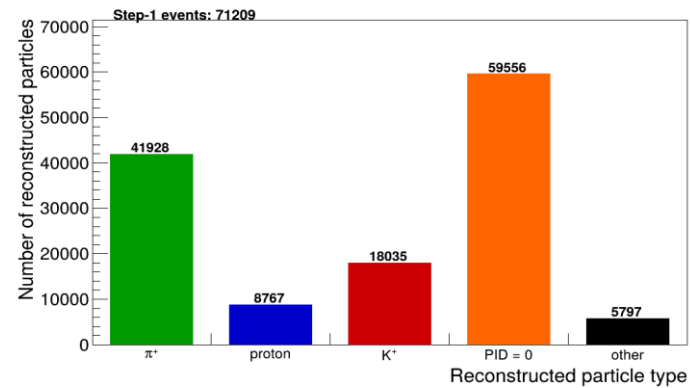
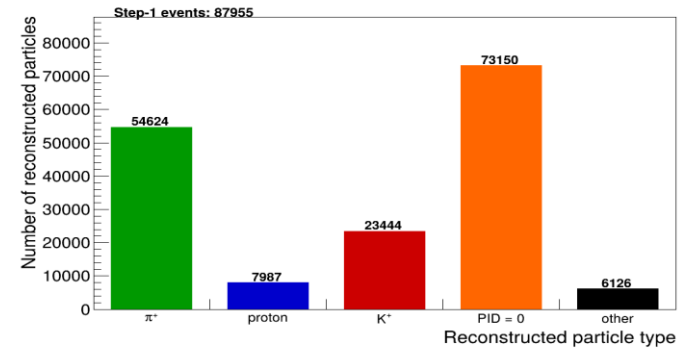
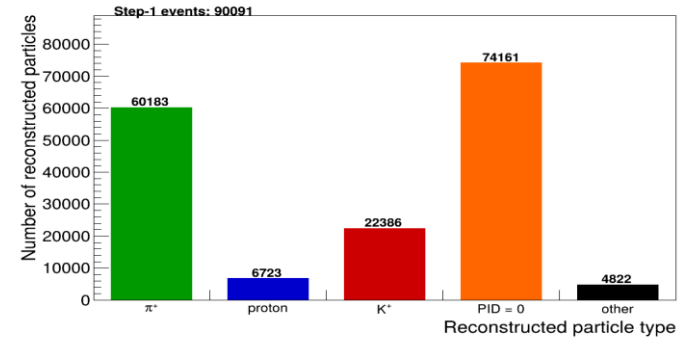


$\theta \in [35^\circ, 36^\circ]$
 $P \in [5, 6] \text{ GeV}$

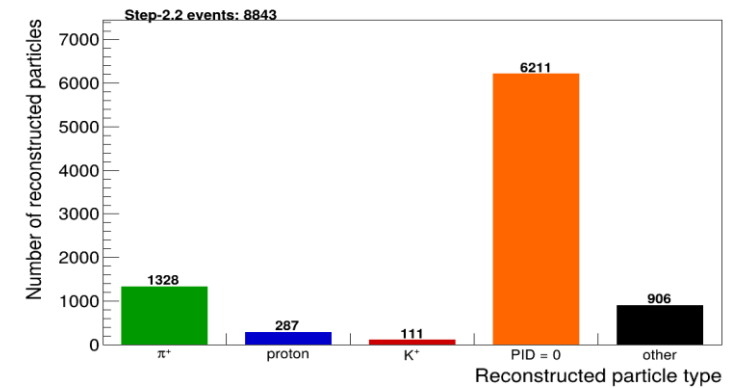
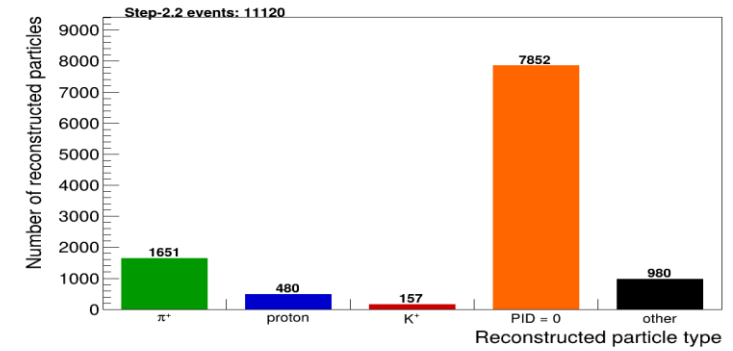
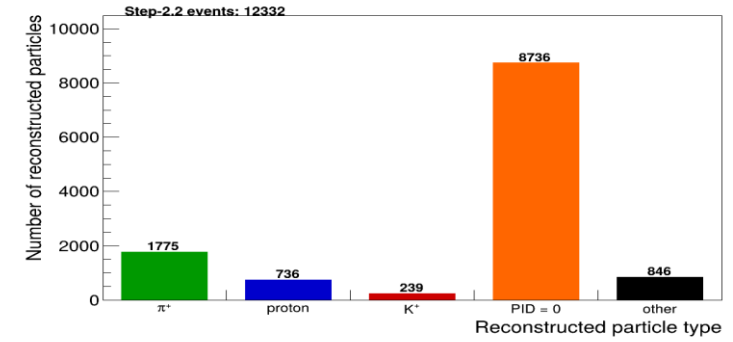


$\theta \in [35^\circ, 36^\circ]$
 $P \in [6, 7] \text{ GeV}$

Particle type multiplicity ≥ 1 positive track in the event



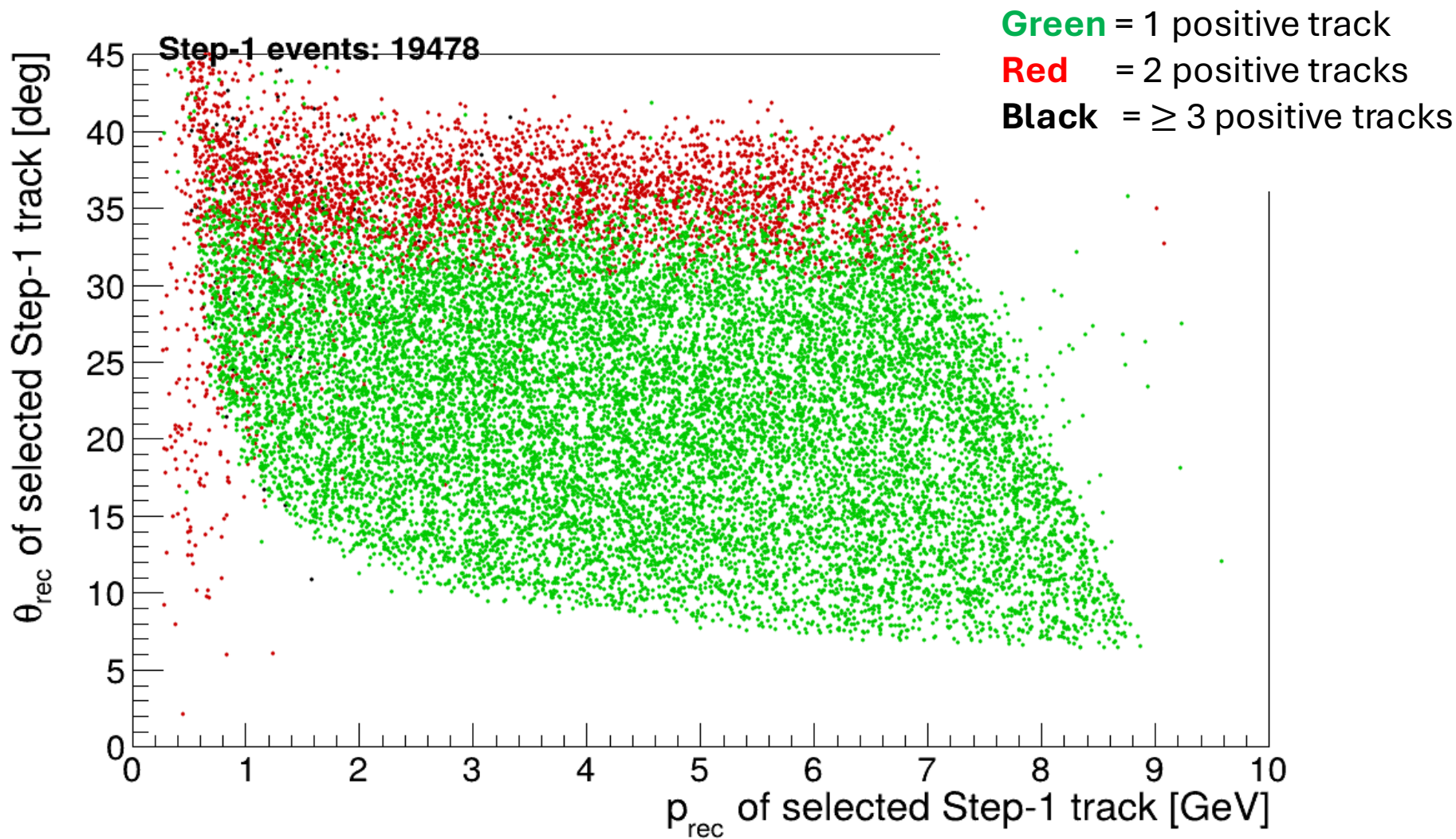
Particle type multiplicity require exactly 1 positive track



- Now I will show how positive track multiplicity is correlated with theta/momentum on a 2D plot for both FD and CD

Positive track multiplicity map. **Forward detector**

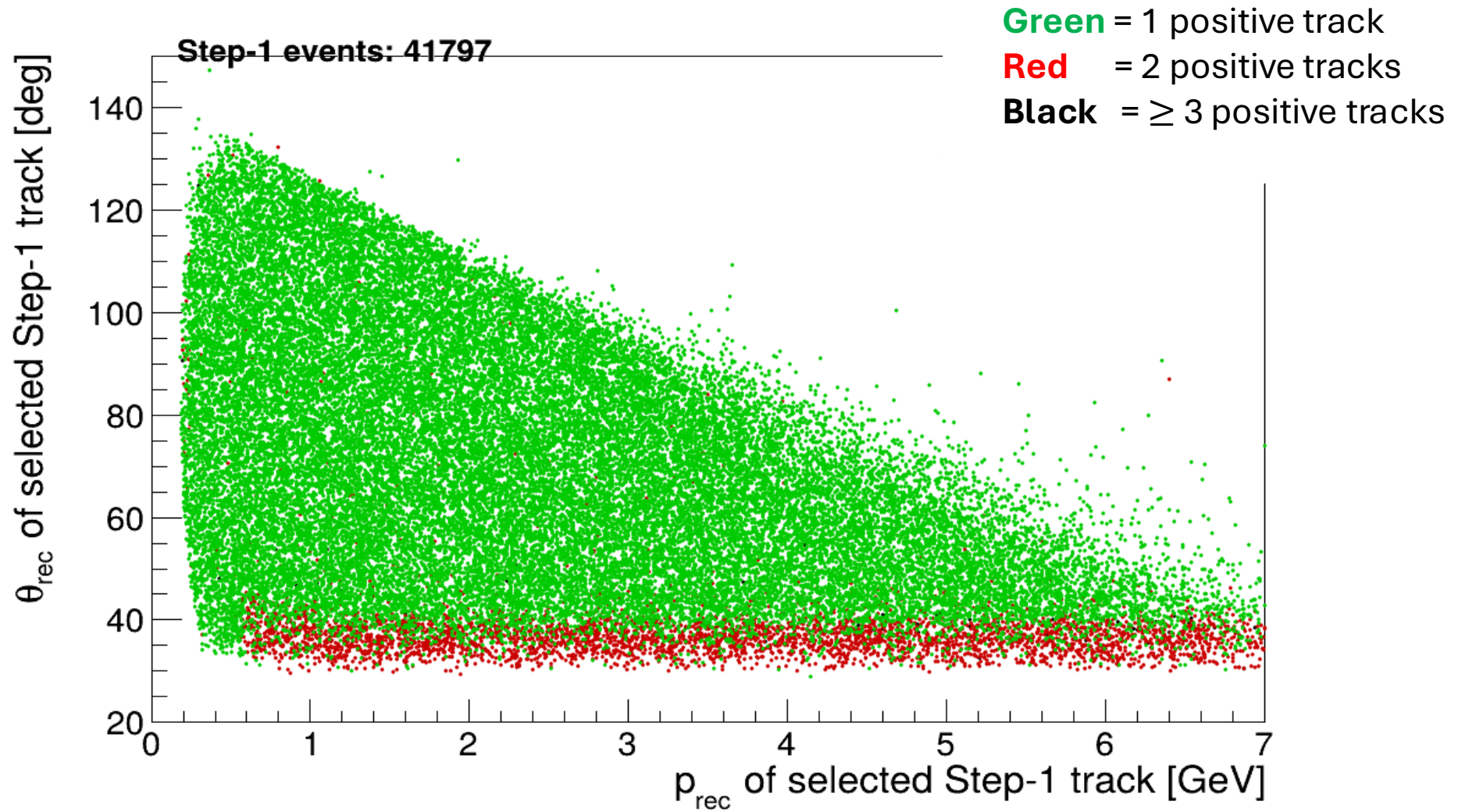
FD Step 1: positive-track multiplicity



*not full available statistics

Positive track multiplicity map. **Central detector**

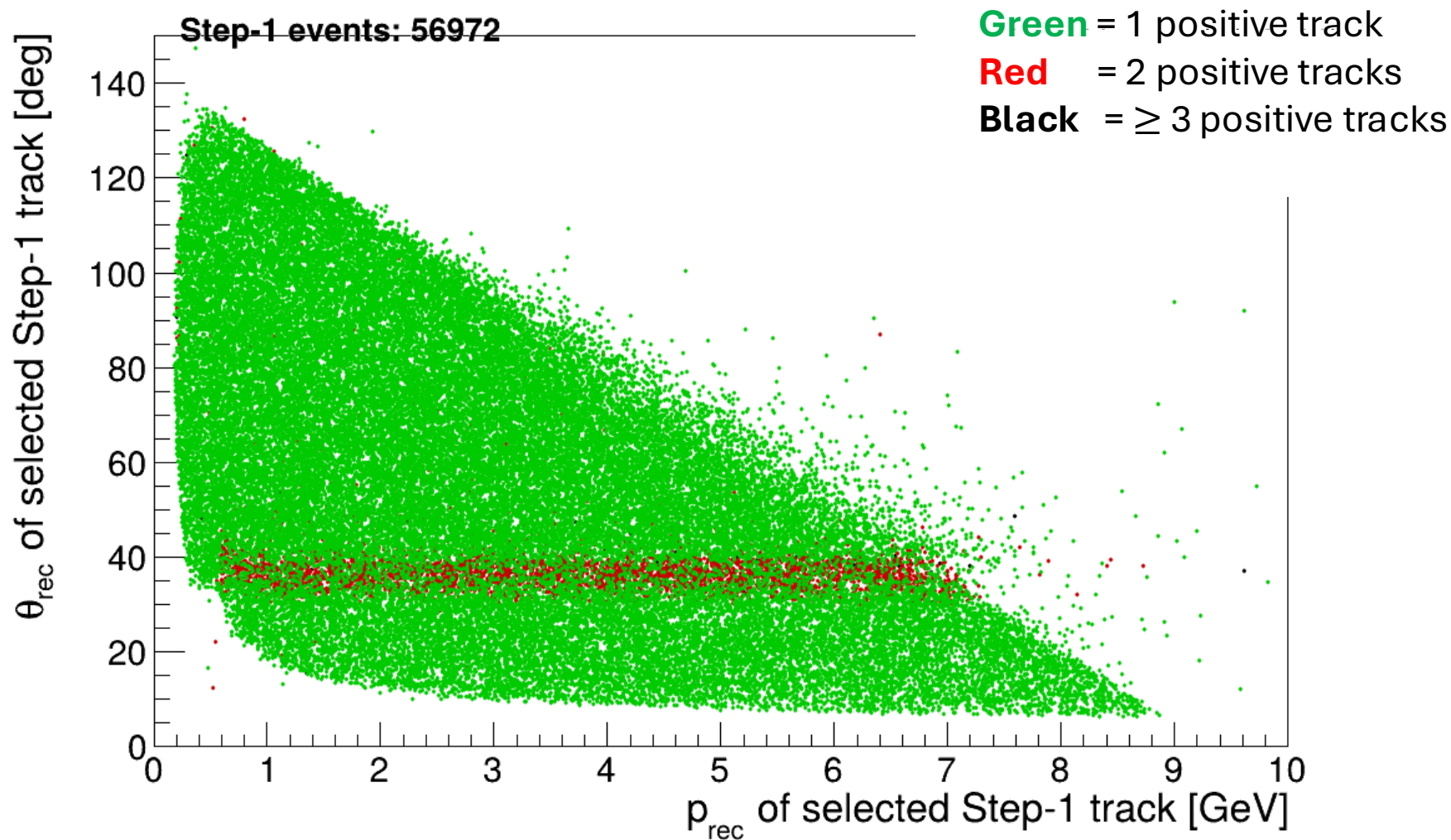
CD Step 1: positive-track multiplicity



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Positive track multiplicity map. **Forward and Central detector together**

FD + CD Step 1: positive-track multiplicity



*not full available statistics

- As we can see, the problematic theta/momentum regions are highly correlated with multi-positive reconstructed events

Conclusions

- A broad high-loss Δp structure appears near the **FD–CD transition region**
- It is strongly correlated with **multiple reconstructed positive tracks**
- Tracking multiplicity increases from both the **FD and CD sides** as we move closer to the transition region
- Near the transition region, **pion PID purity decreases**
- Requiring exactly one positive track reduces, but does not eliminate, contamination
- The broad peak disappears when **CTOF is disabled**
- Wide-peak tracks remain reconstructed as **FD tracks**, even when they touch CTOF
- Future analyses should **exclude the unreliable transition region**

Thank you for your attention



Back up slides

Base selection

- Exactly one reconstructed electron per event
- The electron must be the trigger particle (negative status)
- Discard events with reconstructed negative hadrons



Step 1: Select the candidate positive track

- Require at least one positive track in the Forward Detector
- Select the FD track whose momentum is closest to the generated π^+ momentum
- Require the selected track to fall inside reconstructed theta/momentum bin
- Plot $\Delta p = p_{\text{rec}} - p_{\text{gen}}$
- Plot positive track multiplicity histogram



Step 2.1: Apply particle identification first

- Require the selected FD track to be identified as a π^+
- Other positive tracks may still be present
- Plot the Δp distribution



Step 3.1

- Require no additional positive tracks in the event
- Final state contains exactly one positive track
- That track is in the FD and is identified as a π^+
- Plot the Δp distribution



Step 2.2: Apply multiplicity selection first

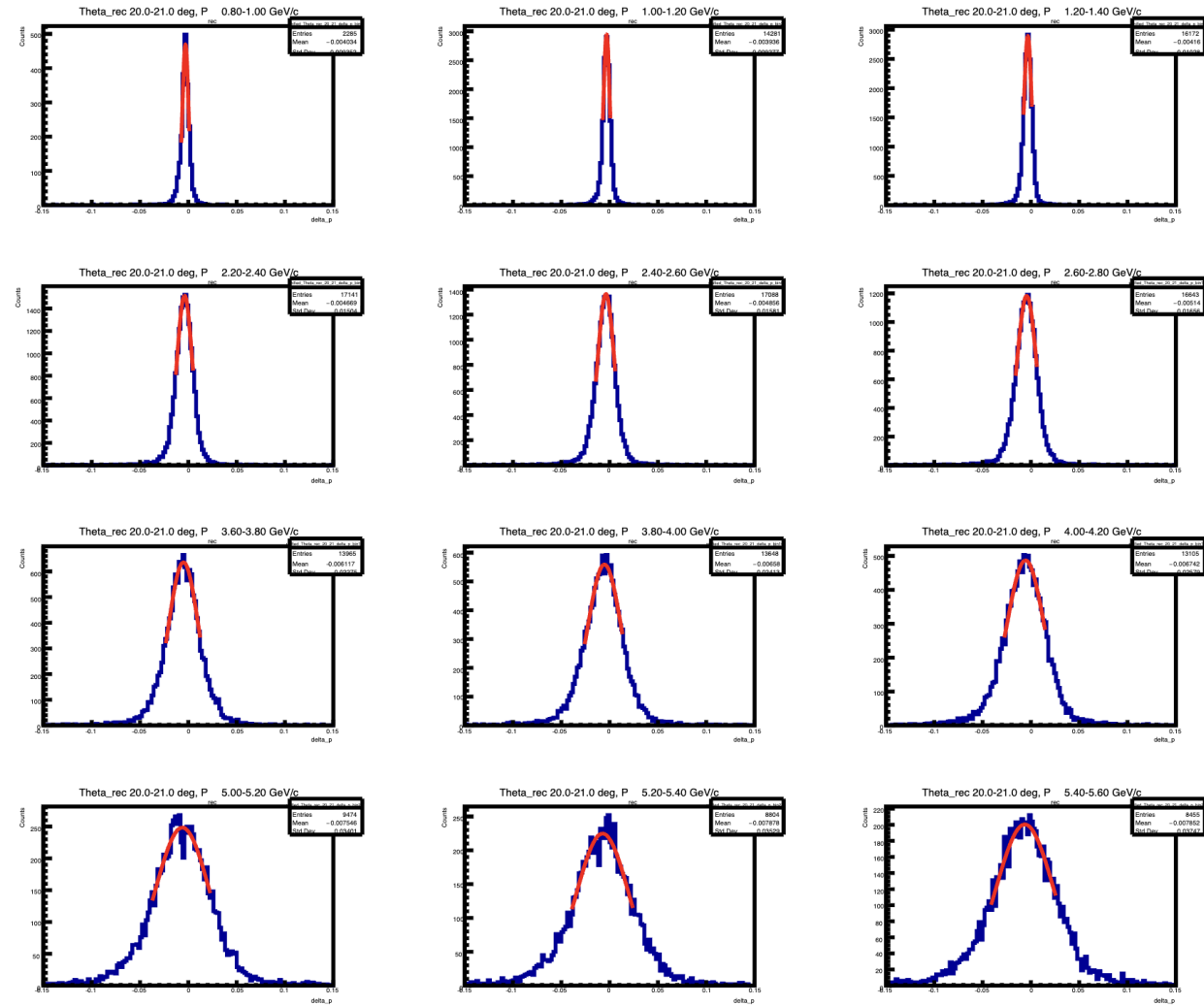
- Require exactly one positive track in the event
- Because of Step 1, this track is the selected FD track
- Plot the Δp distribution



Step 3.2

- Require the selected track to be identified as a π^+
- Final state is equivalent to Step 3.1
- Plot the Δp distribution

- Example of corrections. $\theta \in [20,21]$ deg



Zoom Out

(all sectors): Mean delta_p vs Momentum Bin (Theta_rec_20_21)

