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Updates on The CaFe Experiment

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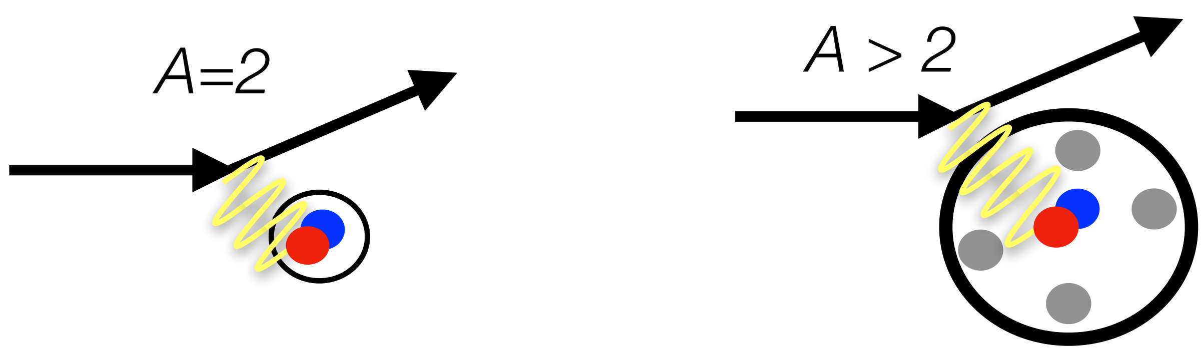
What have we learned about SRCs?

- (e,e'): scaling

  above $k_F \sim 250$ MeV/c all nuclei have similar nucleon momentum distributions (i.e., scaling)

- (e,e'p): np-dominance

  almost all high-momentum nucleons ($k_F > 250$ MeV/c) belong to np-SRC pairs ("np-dominance")



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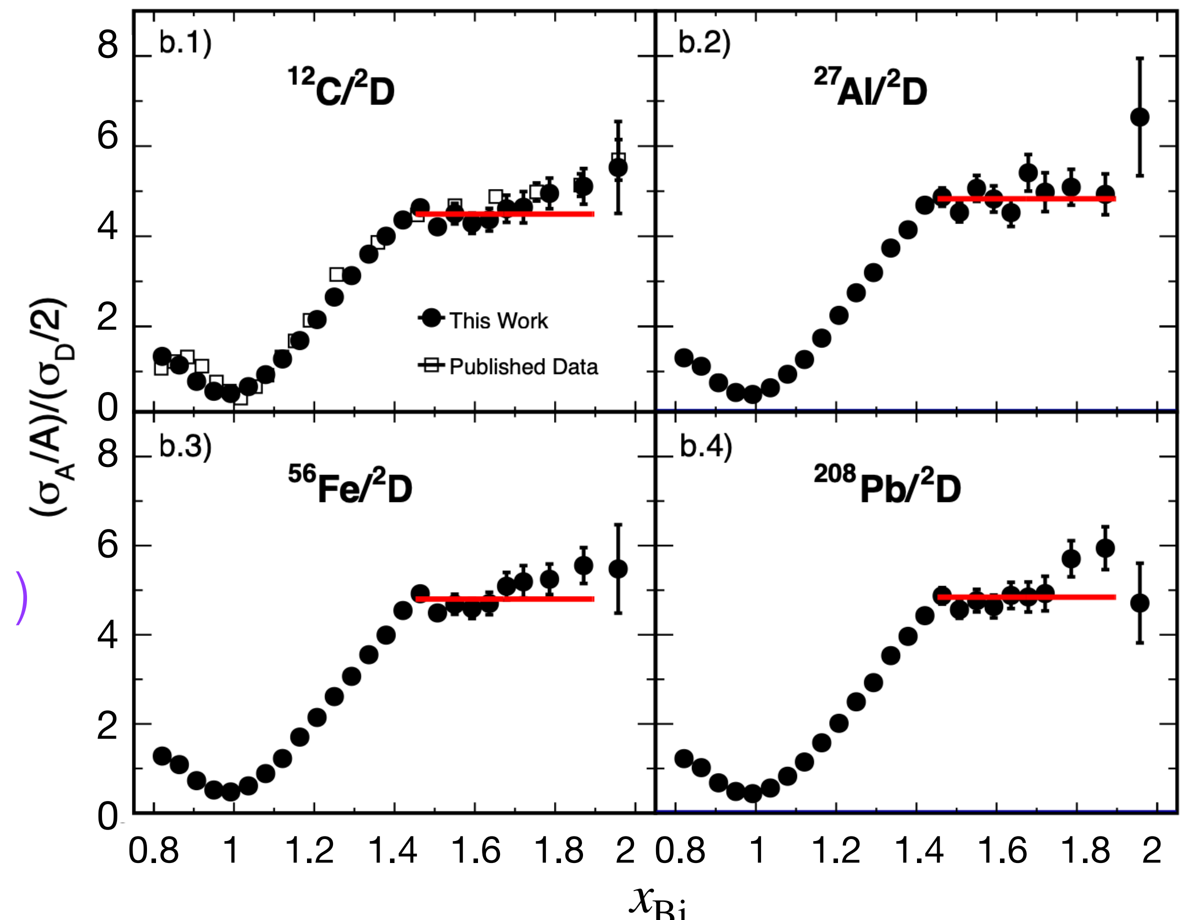

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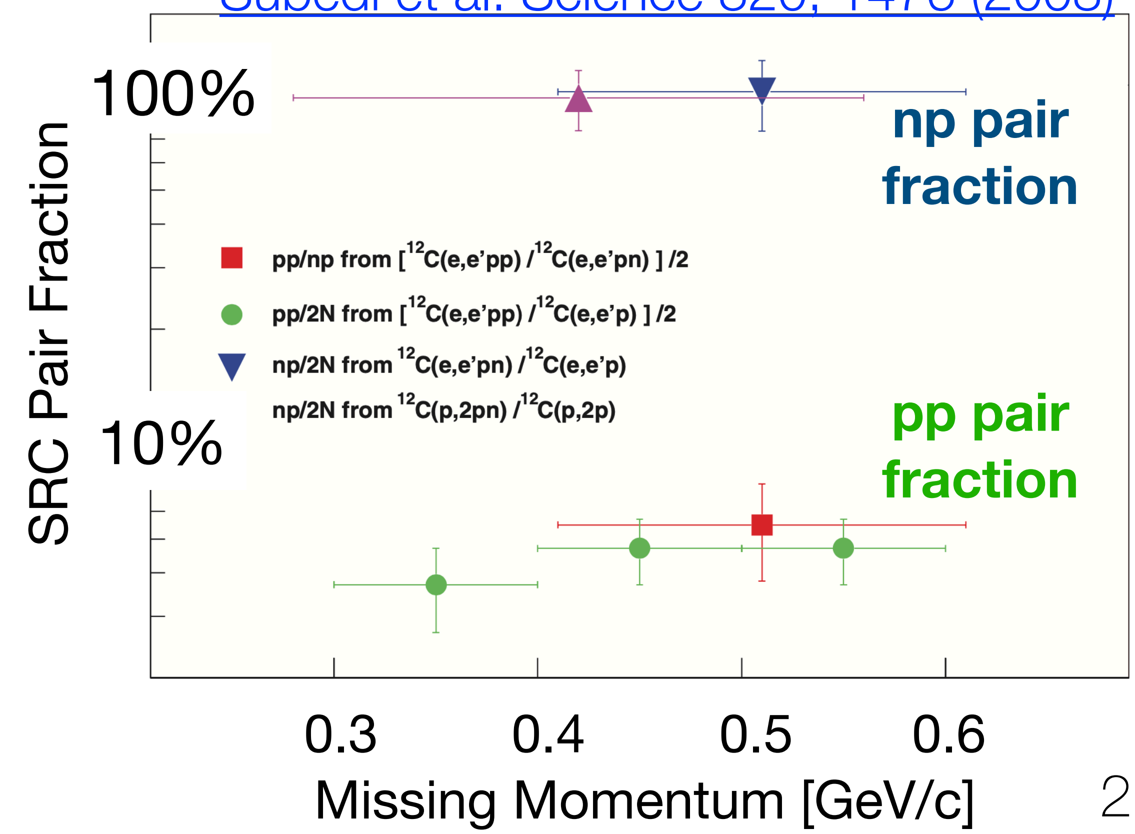

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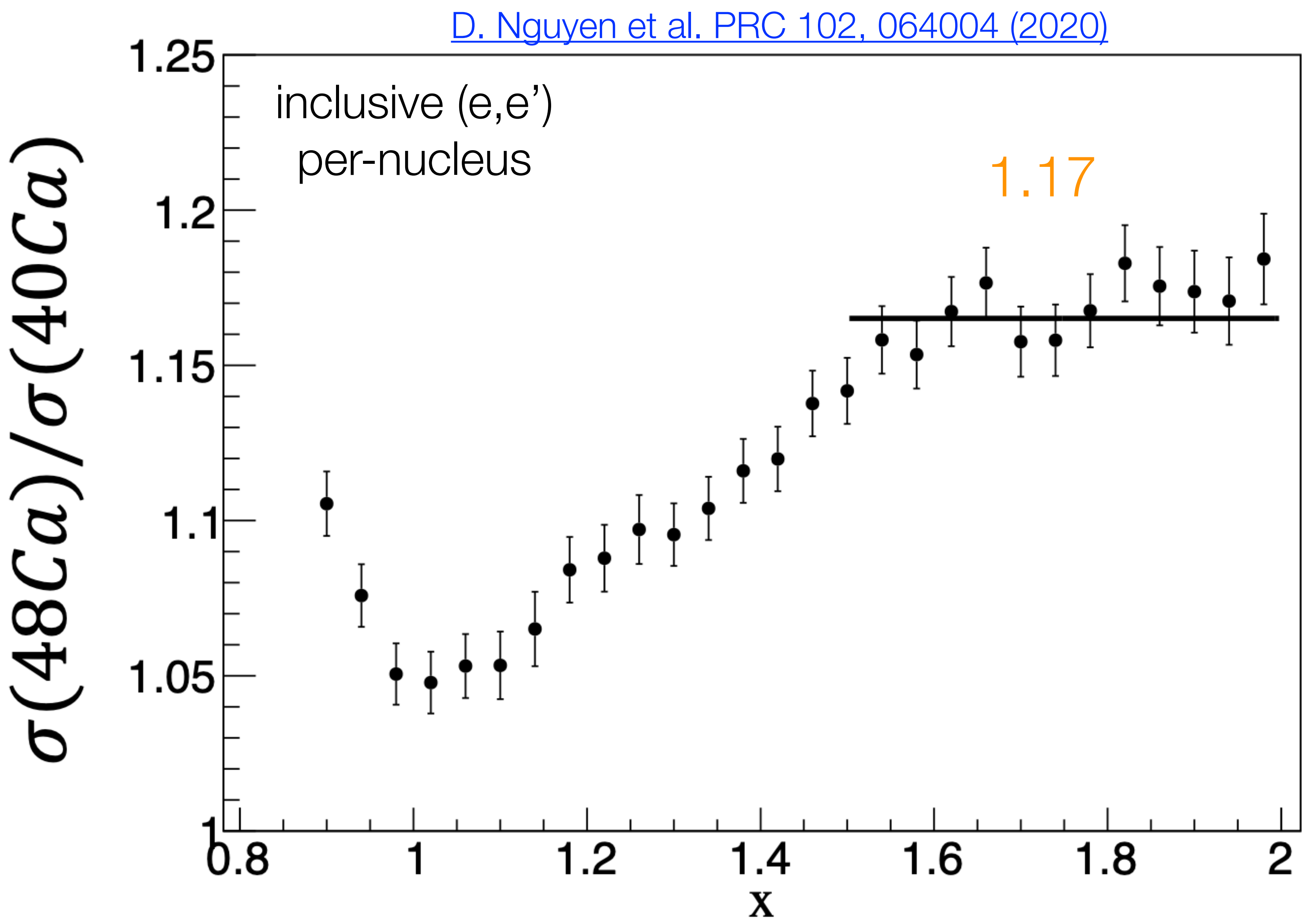
Motivation

- (e,e'):



tells us abundances, but cannot distinguish *pp, nn, np*

—> need (e, e'p) for different A and N/Z

Motivation

- (e,e'N):

SRC pairs:

- account for almost all high-p (>250 MeV/c) nucleons in nuclei
- are predominantly *np*, even in neutron-rich nuclei

Target	Z (protons)	N (neutrons)
C12	6	6
Al27	13	14
Fe56	26	30
Pb208	82	126

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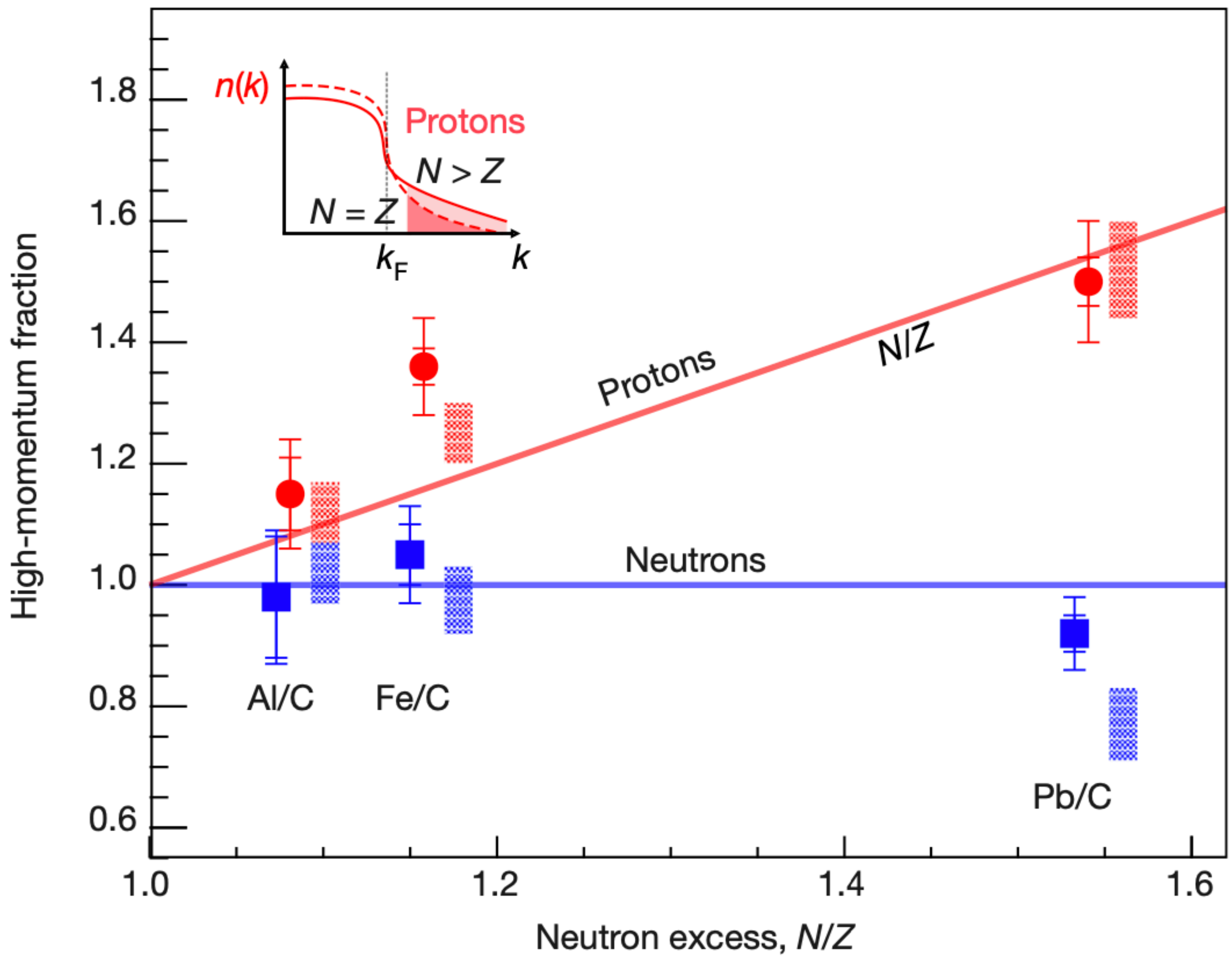

Motivation

- (e,e'p):

CaFe will answer:

- Which nucleons form pairs?
- How does adding neutrons speed up protons?
- How does NN-SRC pairing change with A and N/Z?

Target	Z (protons)	N (neutrons)
Be9	**4**	**5**
B10	**5**	**5**
B11	**5**	**6**
C12	**6**	**6**
Al27	13	14
Ca40	**20**	**20**
Ca48	**20**	**28**
Fe54	**26**	**28**
Fe56	26	30
Au197	**79**	**118**
Pb208	82	126

← NEW data taken Spring 2023 !

Projected CaFe Results

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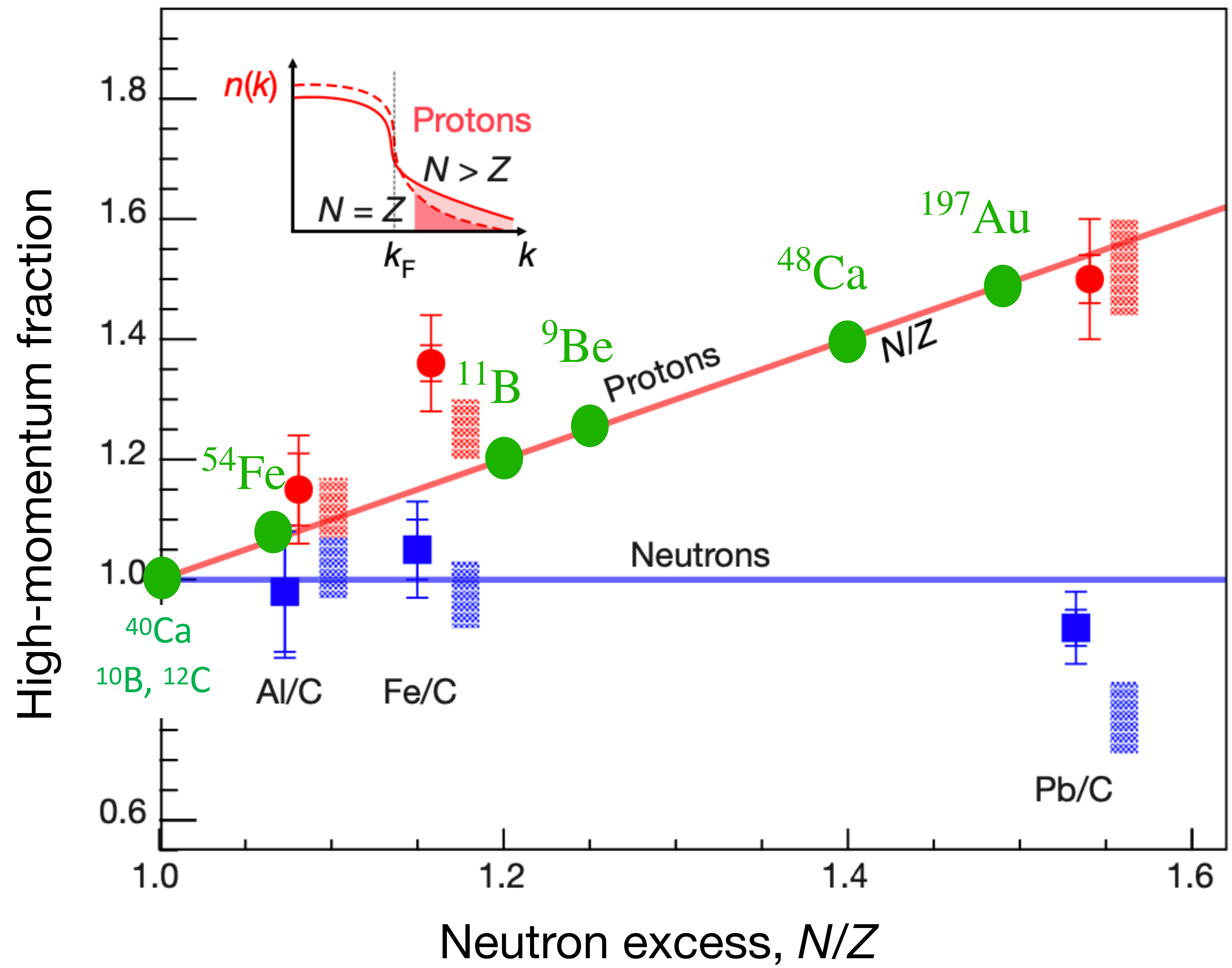
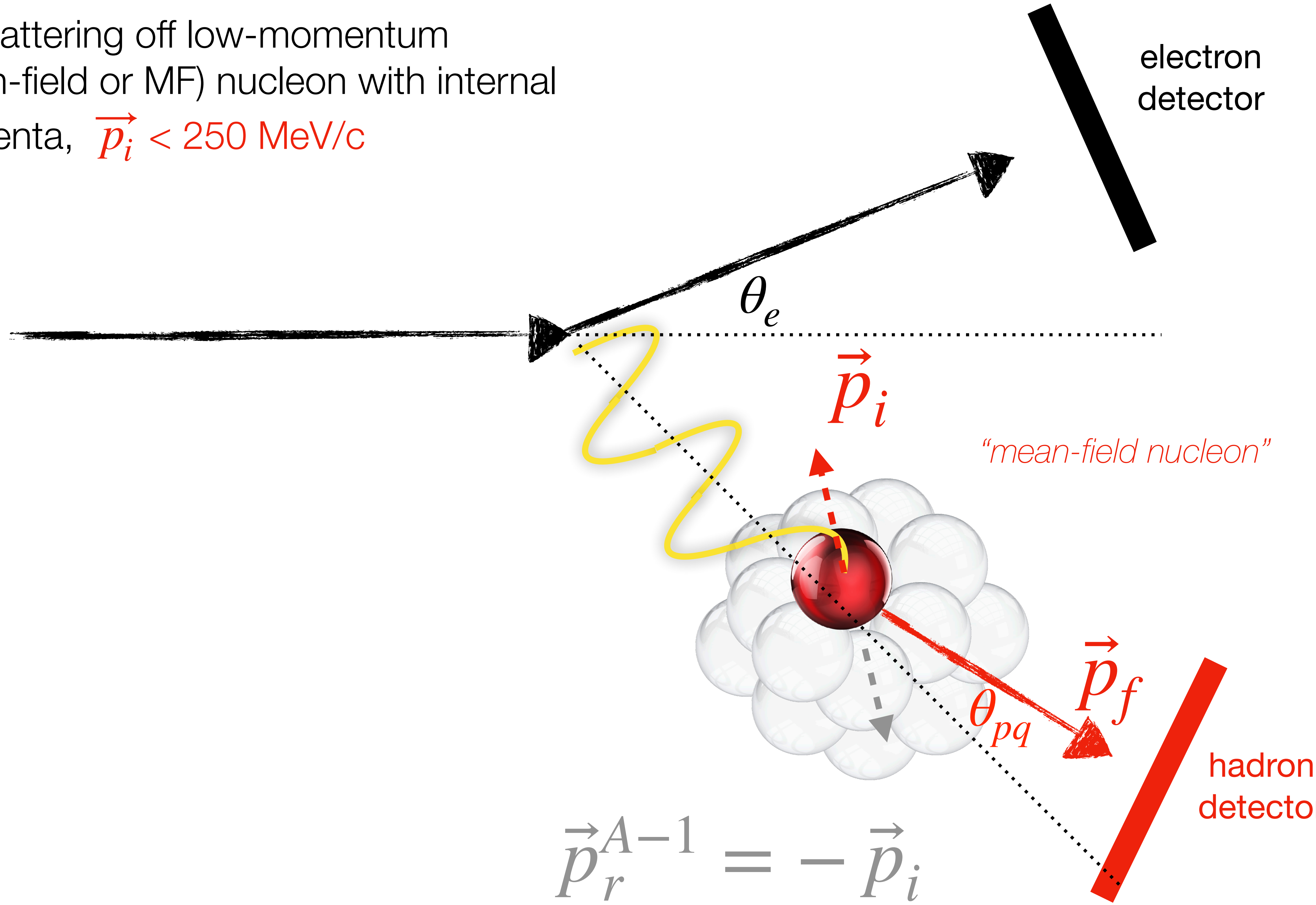


CaFe Experiment Setup

- e- scattering off low-momentum (mean-field or MF) nucleon with internal momenta, $\vec{p}_i$ < 250 MeV/c



CaFe Experiment Setup

- e- scattering off high-momentum (SRC) bound nucleon with internal momenta, $\vec{p_i}$ > 250 MeV/c
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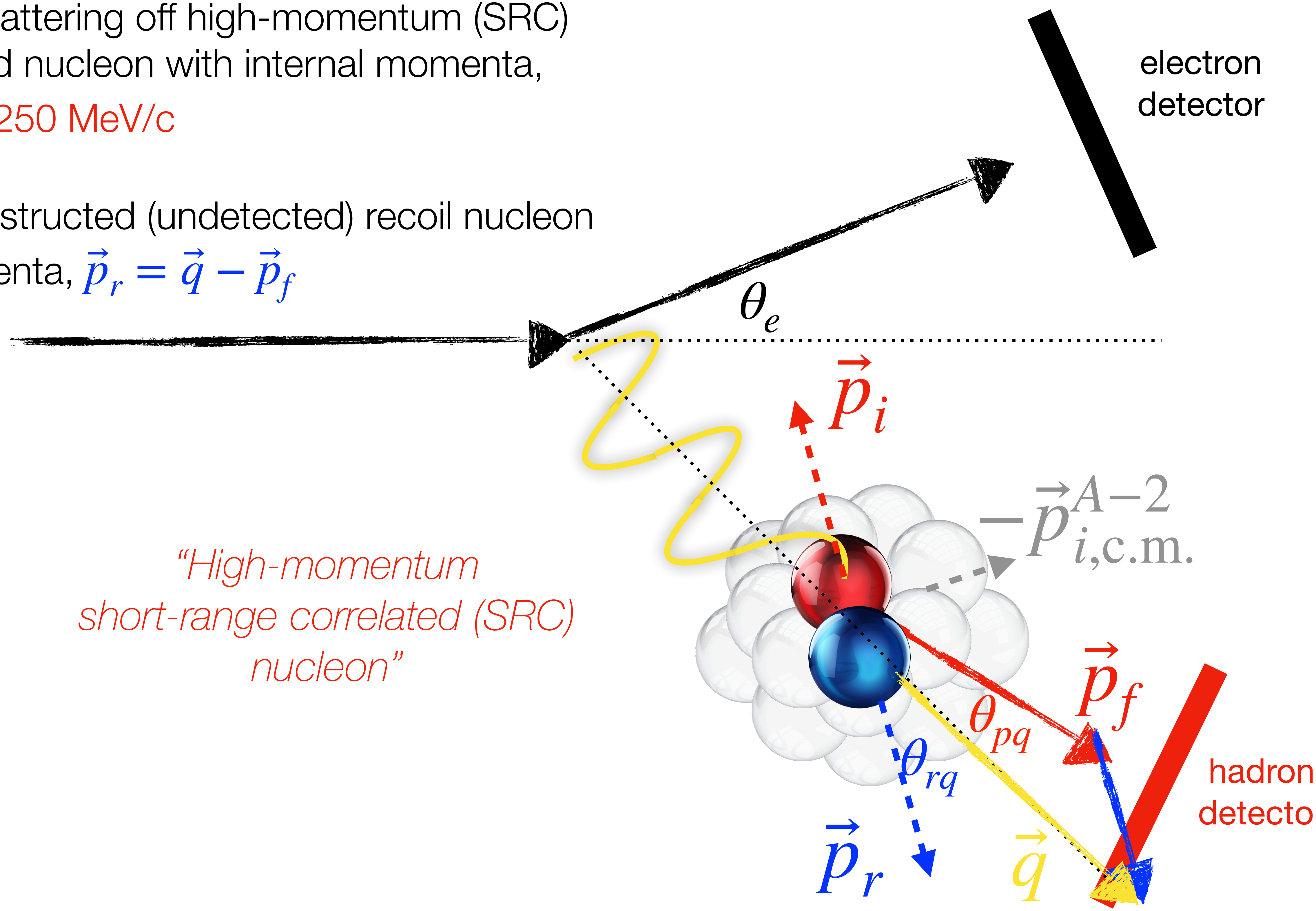

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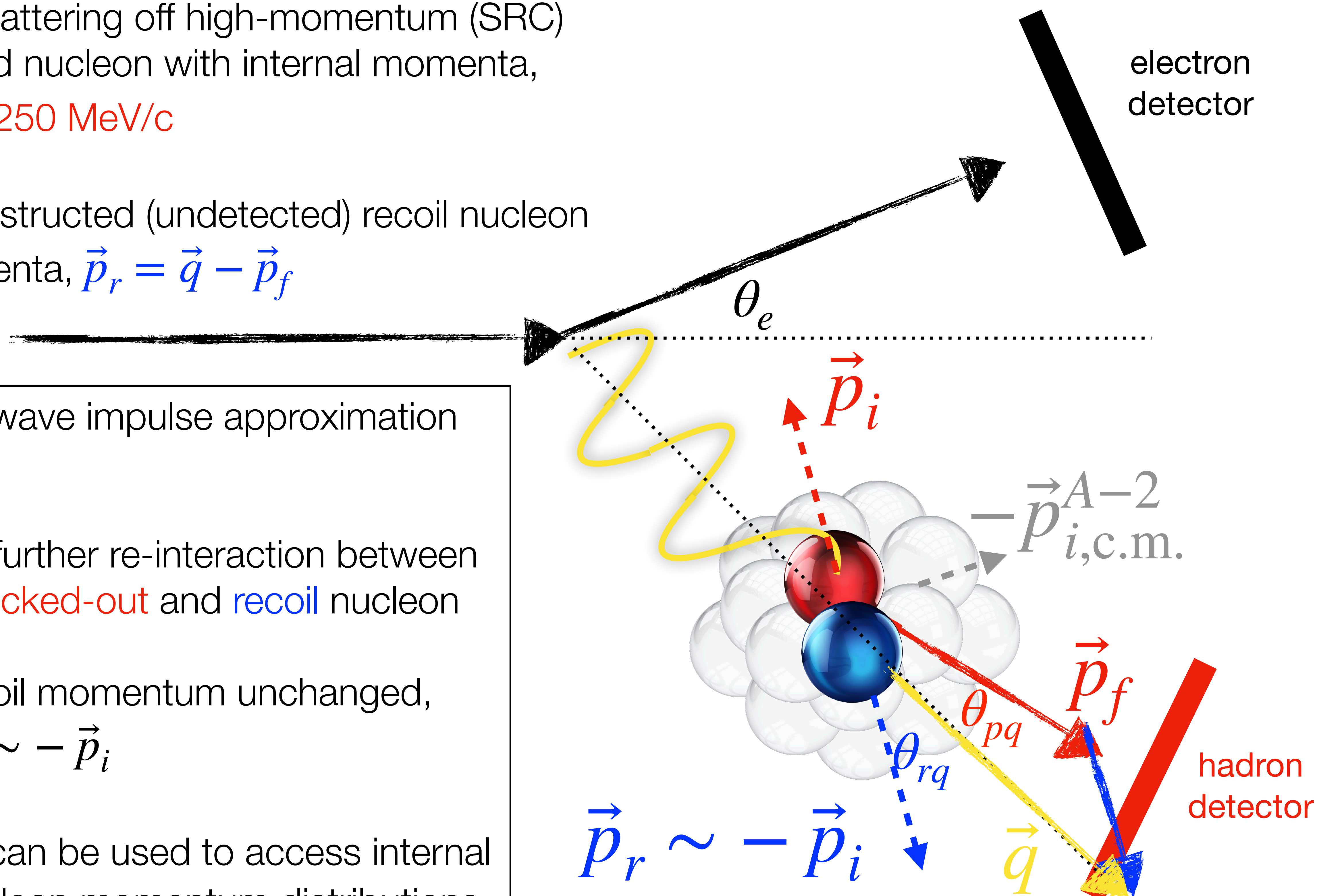

- plane-wave impulse approximation (PWIA)
  - no further re-interaction between knocked-out and recoil nucleon
  - recoil momentum unchanged, $\vec{p}_r \sim -\vec{p}_i$
  - $\vec{p}_r$ can be used to access internal nucleon momentum distributions

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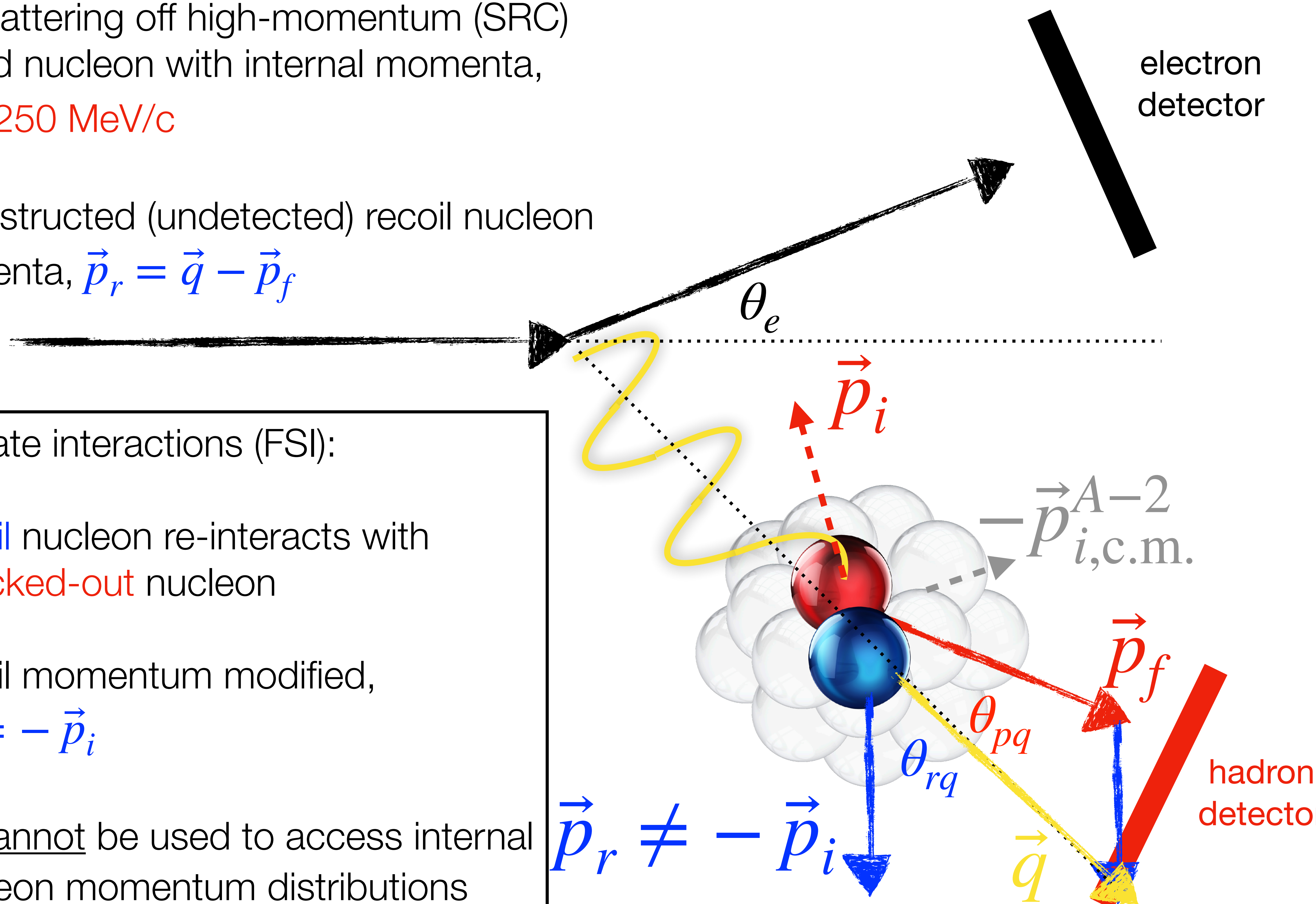
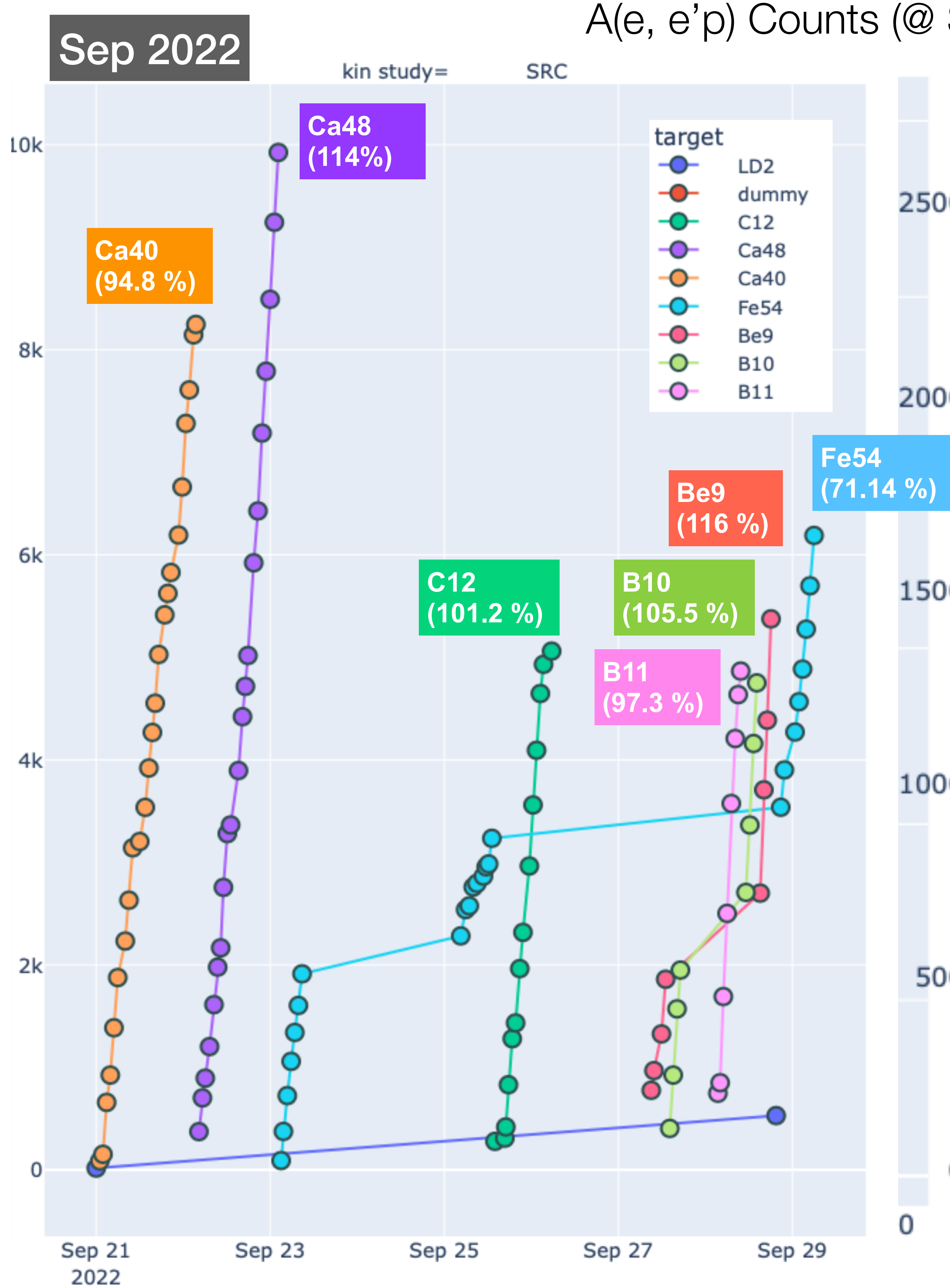
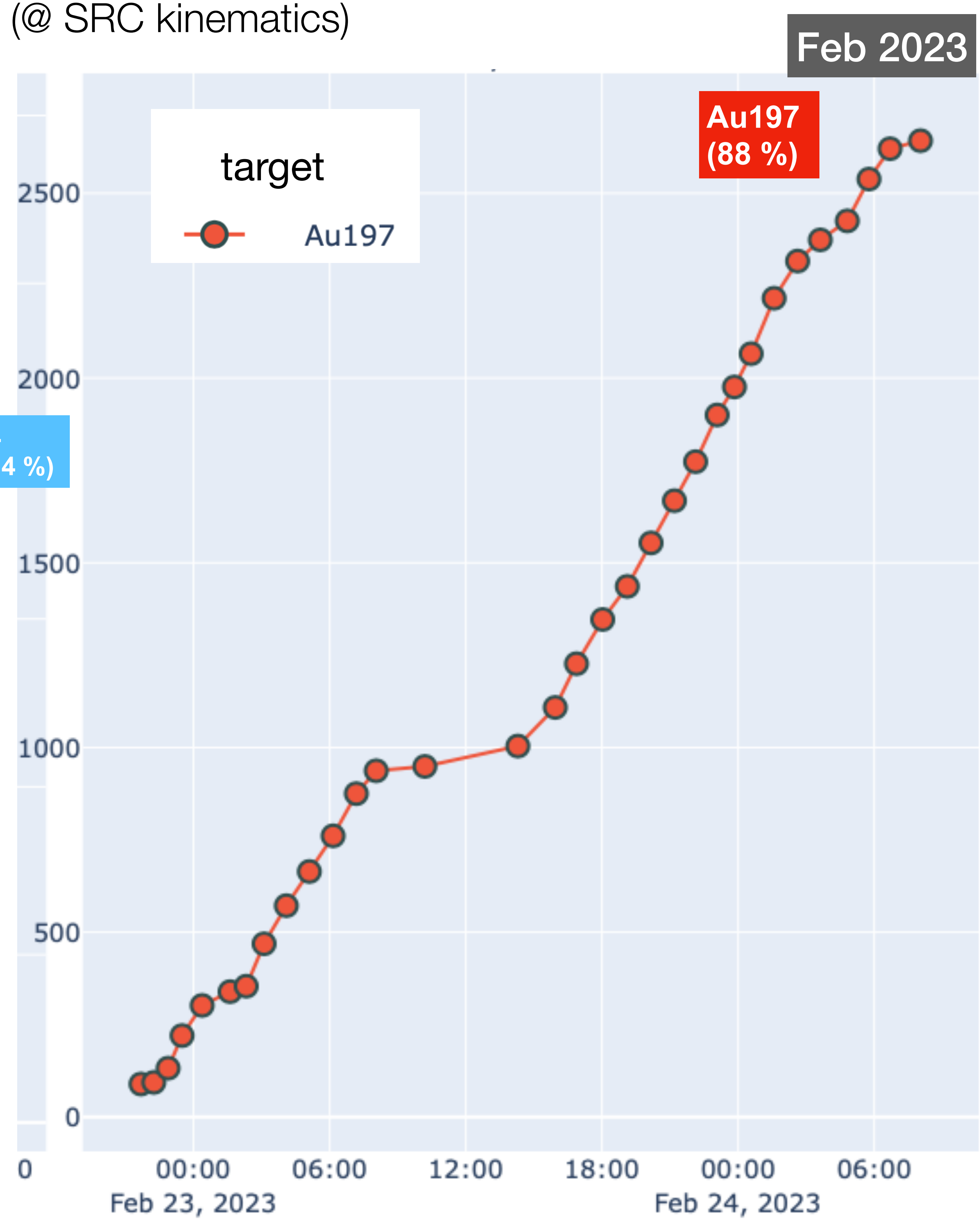


- Final-state interactions (FSI):
  - recoil nucleon re-interacts with knocked-out nucleon
  - recoil momentum modified, $\vec{p}_r \neq -\vec{p}_i$
  - $\vec{p}_r$ cannot be used to access internal nucleon momentum distributions

CaFe (online) statistics collected

A(e, e'p) Counts (@ SRC kinematics)





CaFe Analysis Status

Study	Status	Leading Effort
BCM calibration	COMPLETE	C. Yero
ref. times / time windows / detector calibrations	COMPLETE	C. Yero / N. Swan
SHMS optics	COMPLETE	H. Szumila-Vance
proton absorption	IN-PROGRESS	N. Swan
cuts sensitivity studies (analysis cuts systematics)	IN-PROGRESS	C. Yero
data-to-simulations h(e,e'p), c(e,e'p) checks	IN-PROGRESS	C. Yero / D. Nguyen / N. Swan
other sources of systematics (BCM, live time, efficiencies, kinematics, etc.)	PENDING	D. Nguyen
target boiling	PENDING	N. Swan / D. Nguyen

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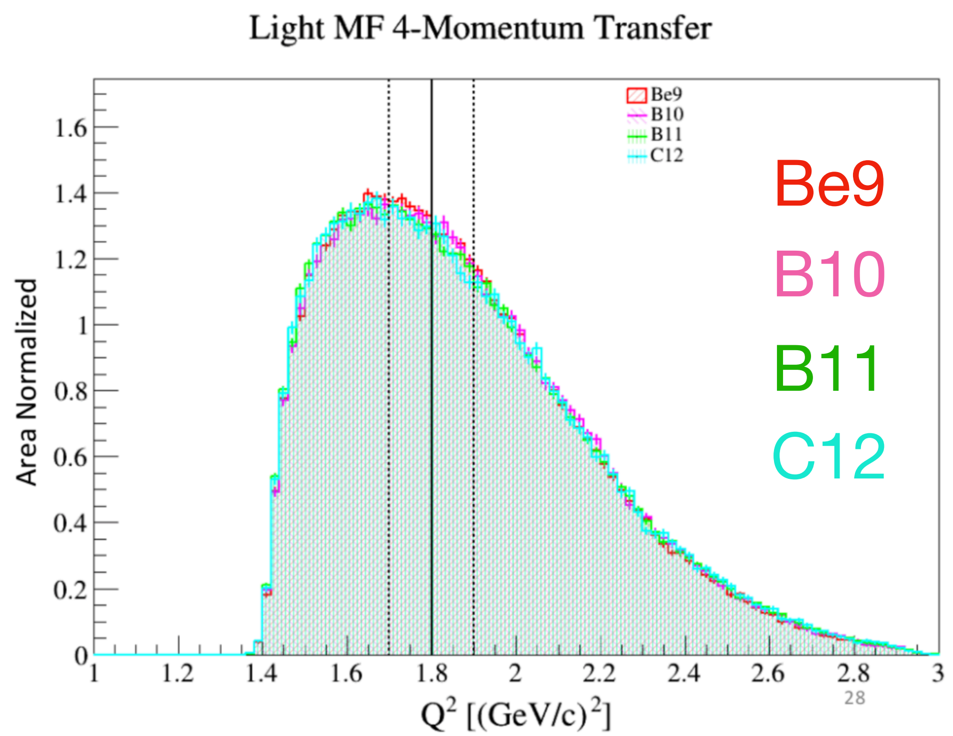

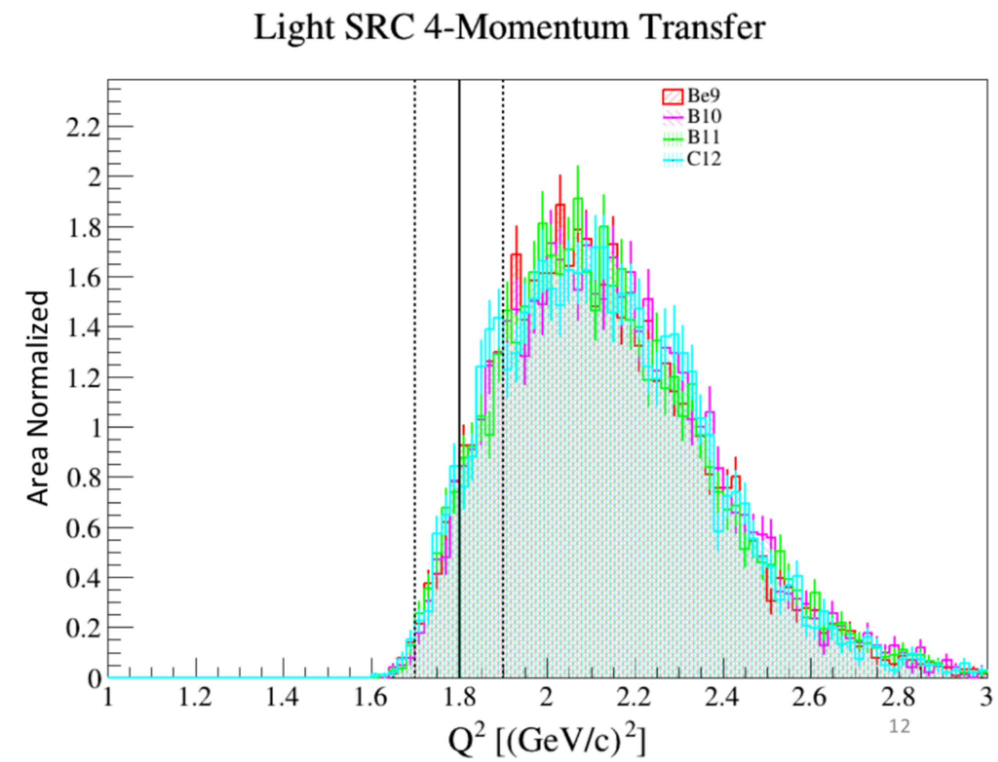

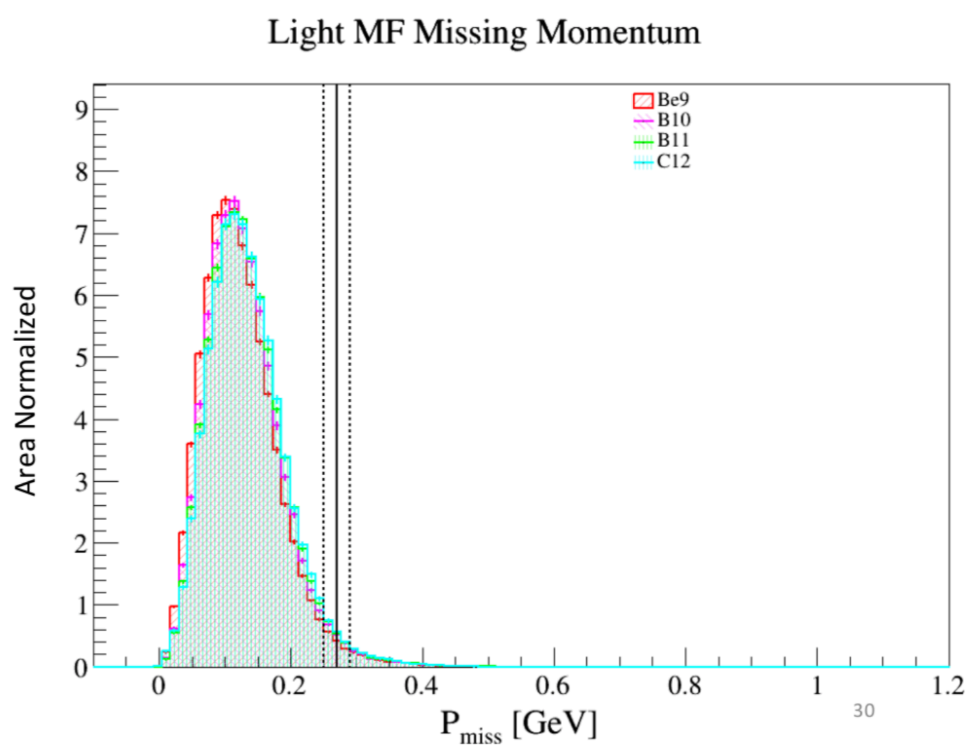

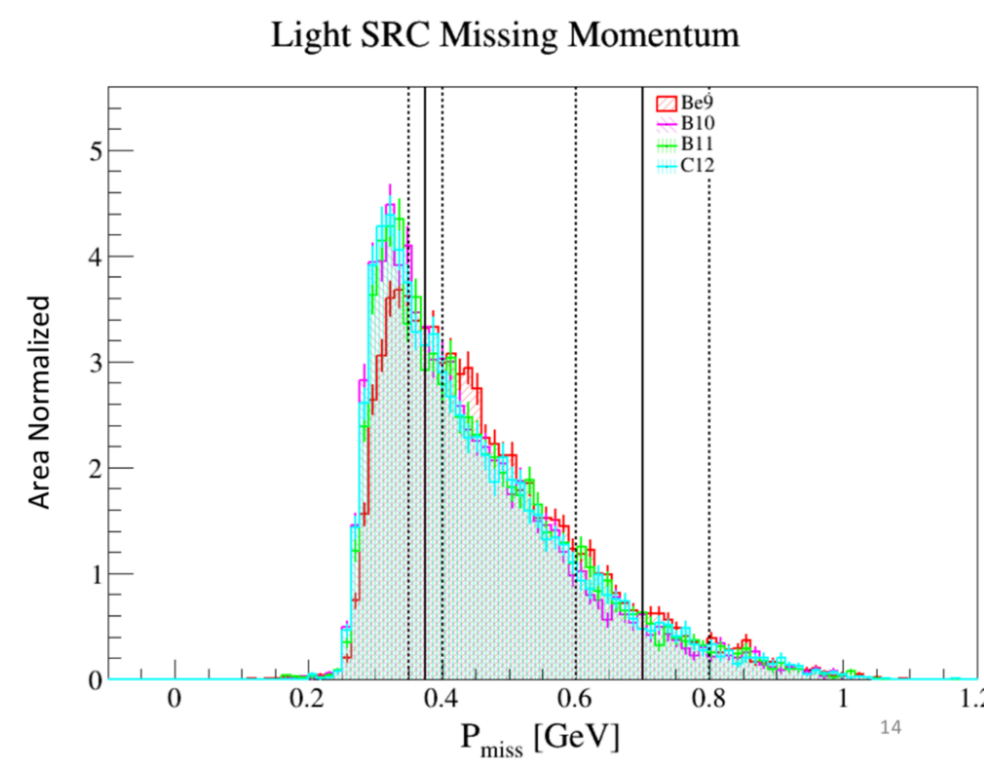

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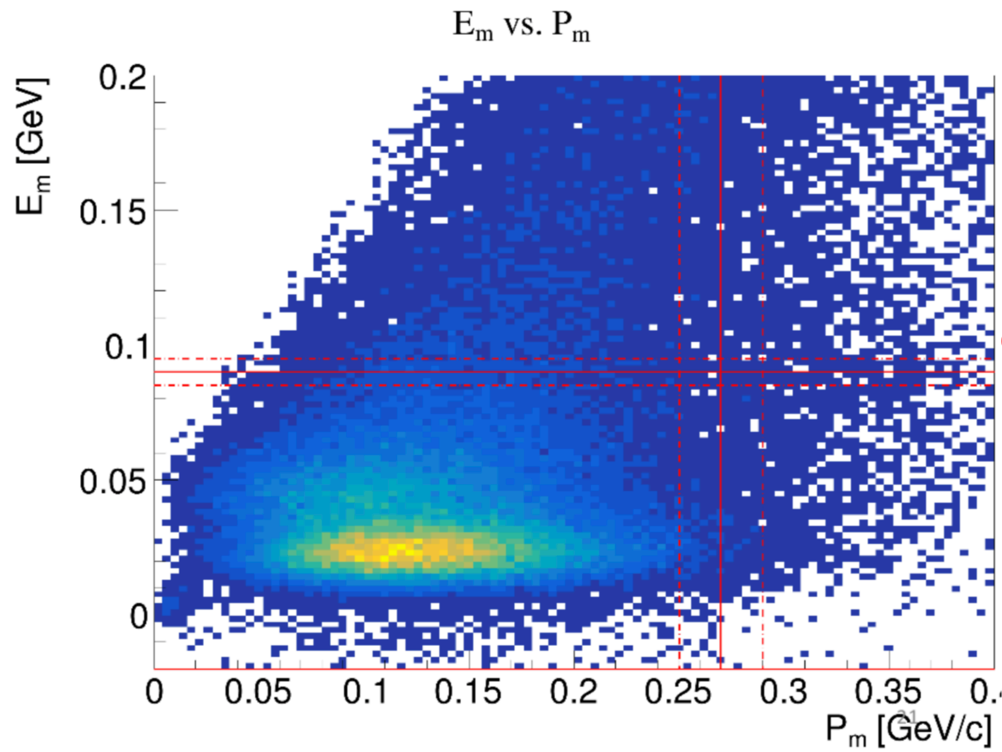

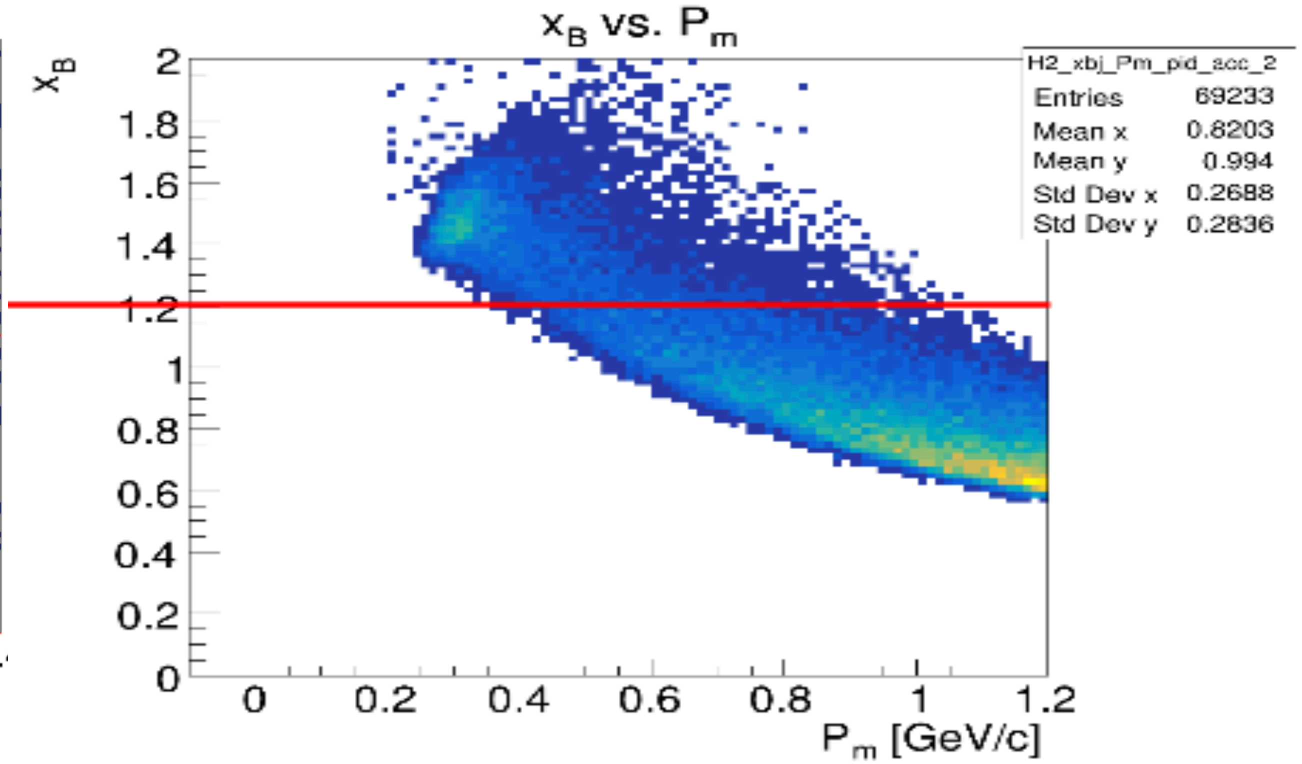

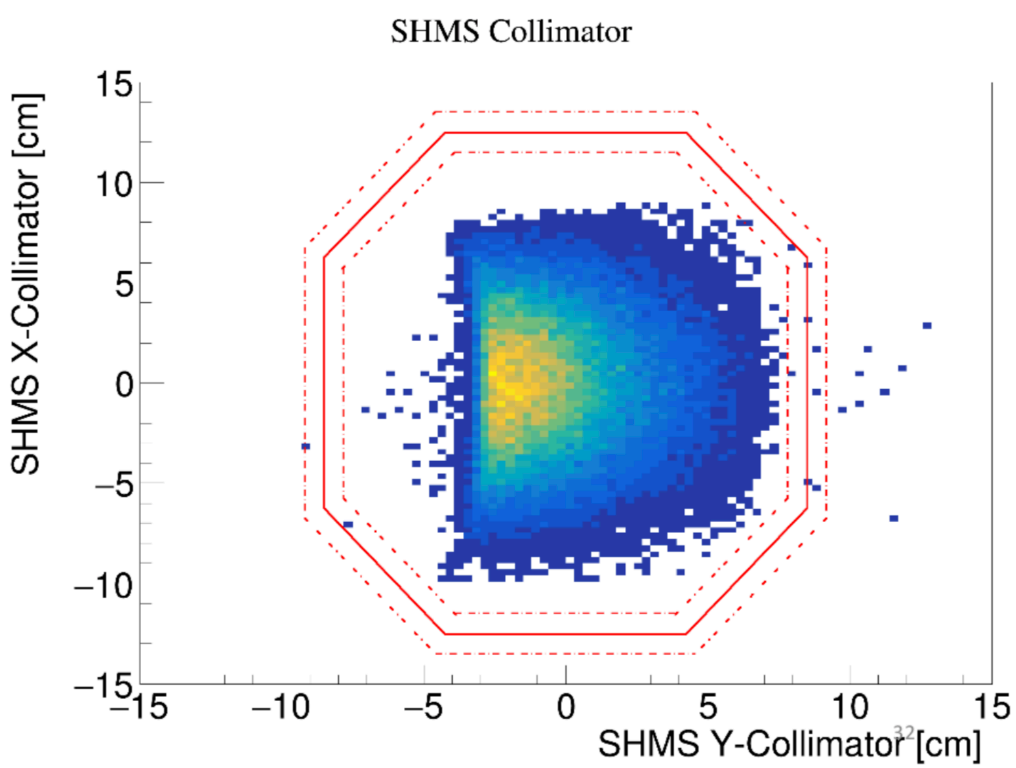

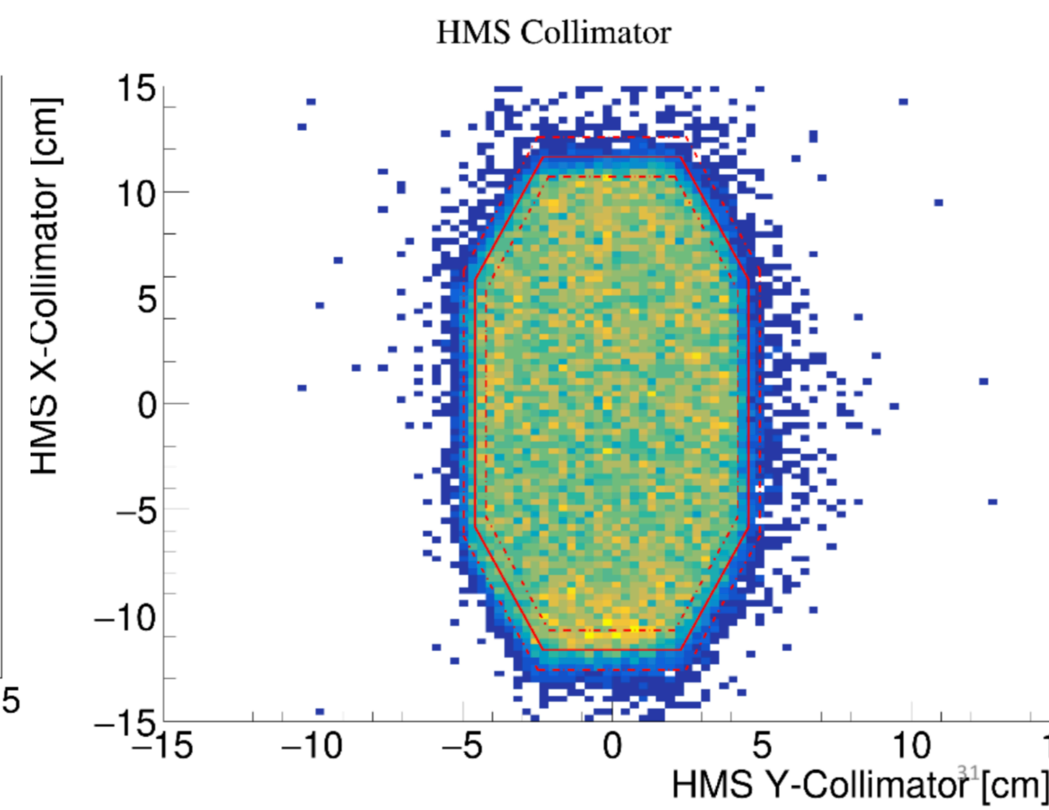

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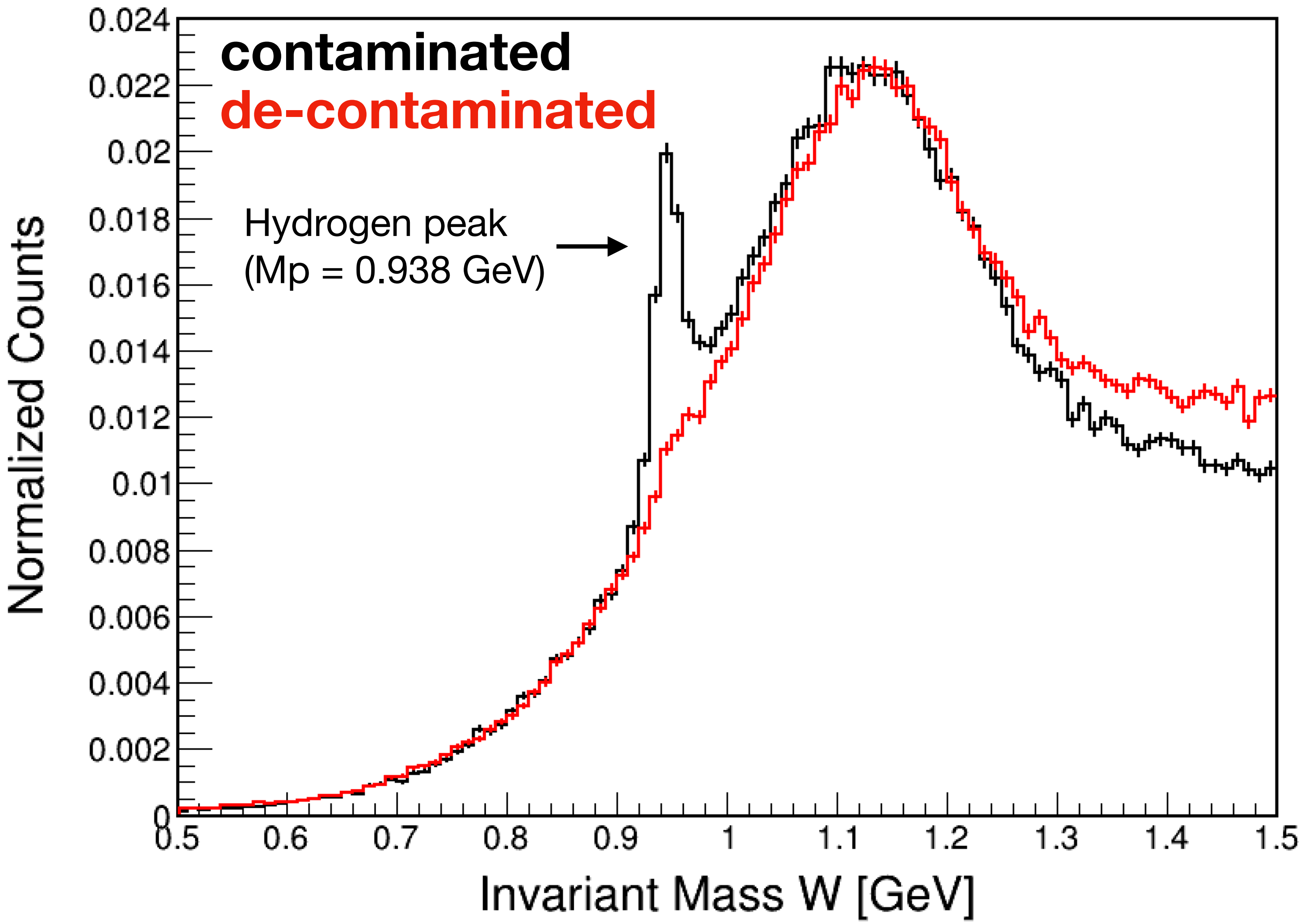
Data Analysis Challenges

Invariant Mass (Ca48, mean-field)



- Ca48 oil contamination
- rate-dependence
- double coin. time peak
- H(e, e'p) optics optimization
- data-to-simulation

Hypothesis:

- pure mineral oil (C + H) at surface of Ca-48 “washed off”on its own
- high beam current helped with decontamination process

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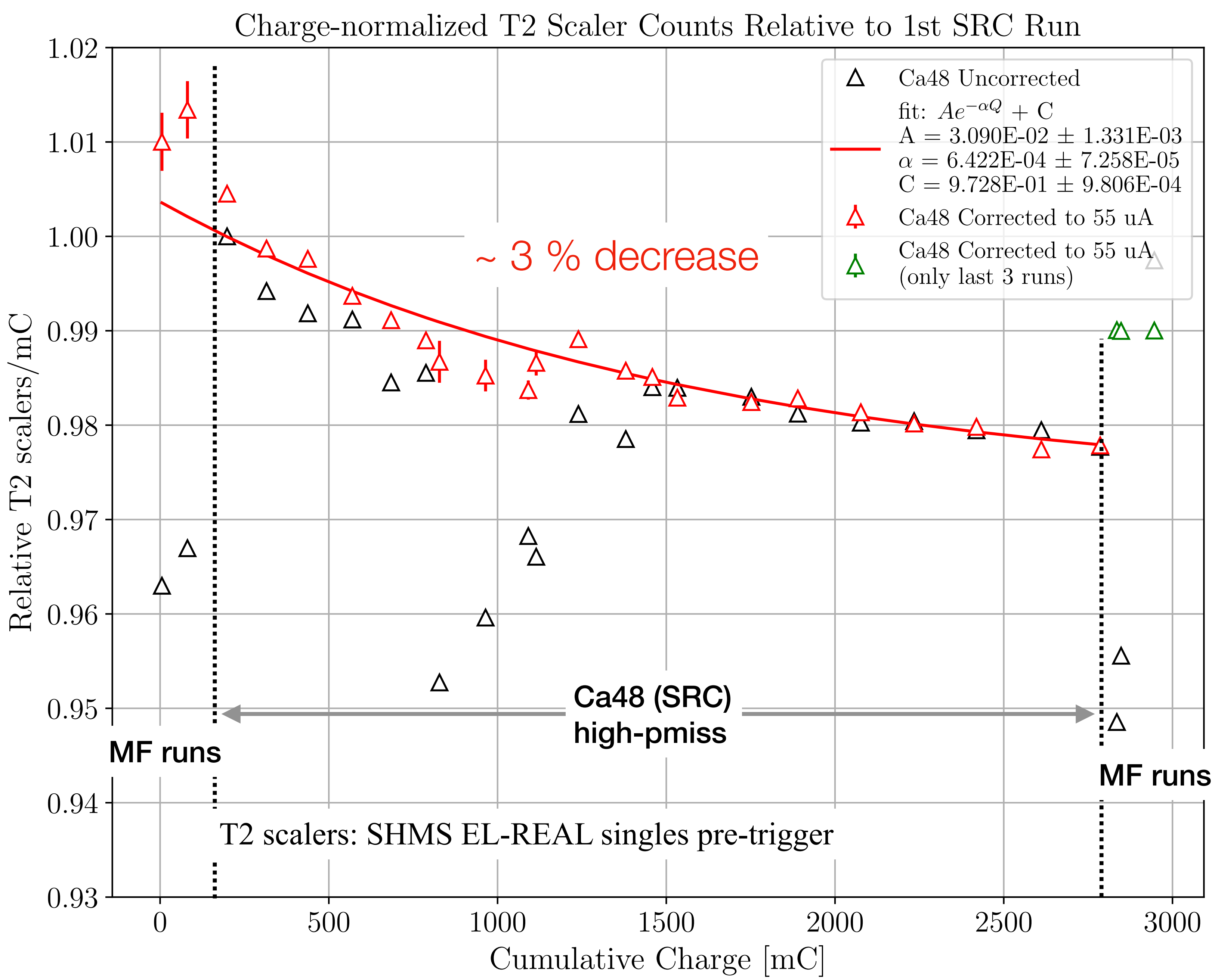

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Measurements:

- ~3 % absolute drop (3.1 to 0.65 %) in H-scaled Carbon contamination @ MF kin
- ~3 % relative drop in charge-normalized T2 (e- singles) scalers @ SRC kin

independent measurements of absolute and relative contamination consistent !

** still need further verification from chemical analysis (D. Meekins, in-progress)

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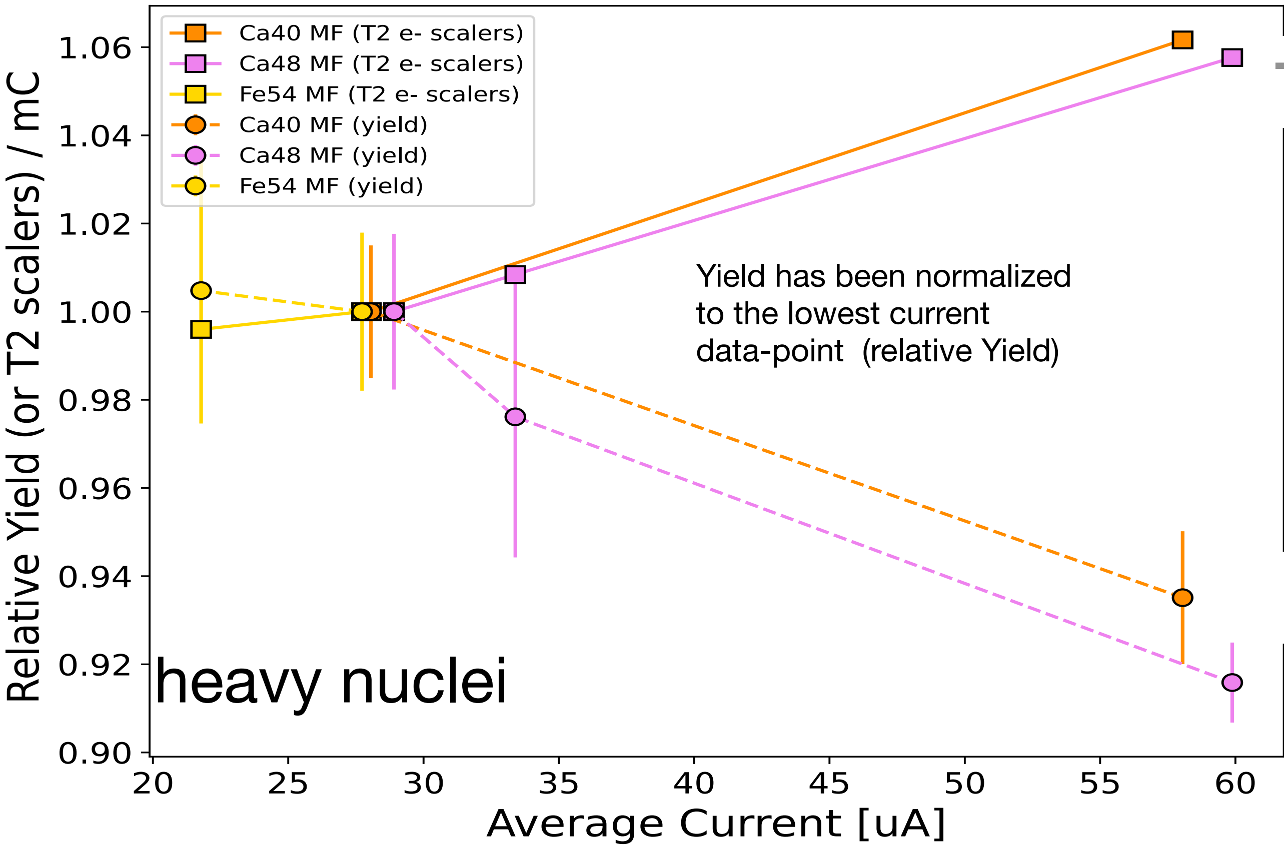

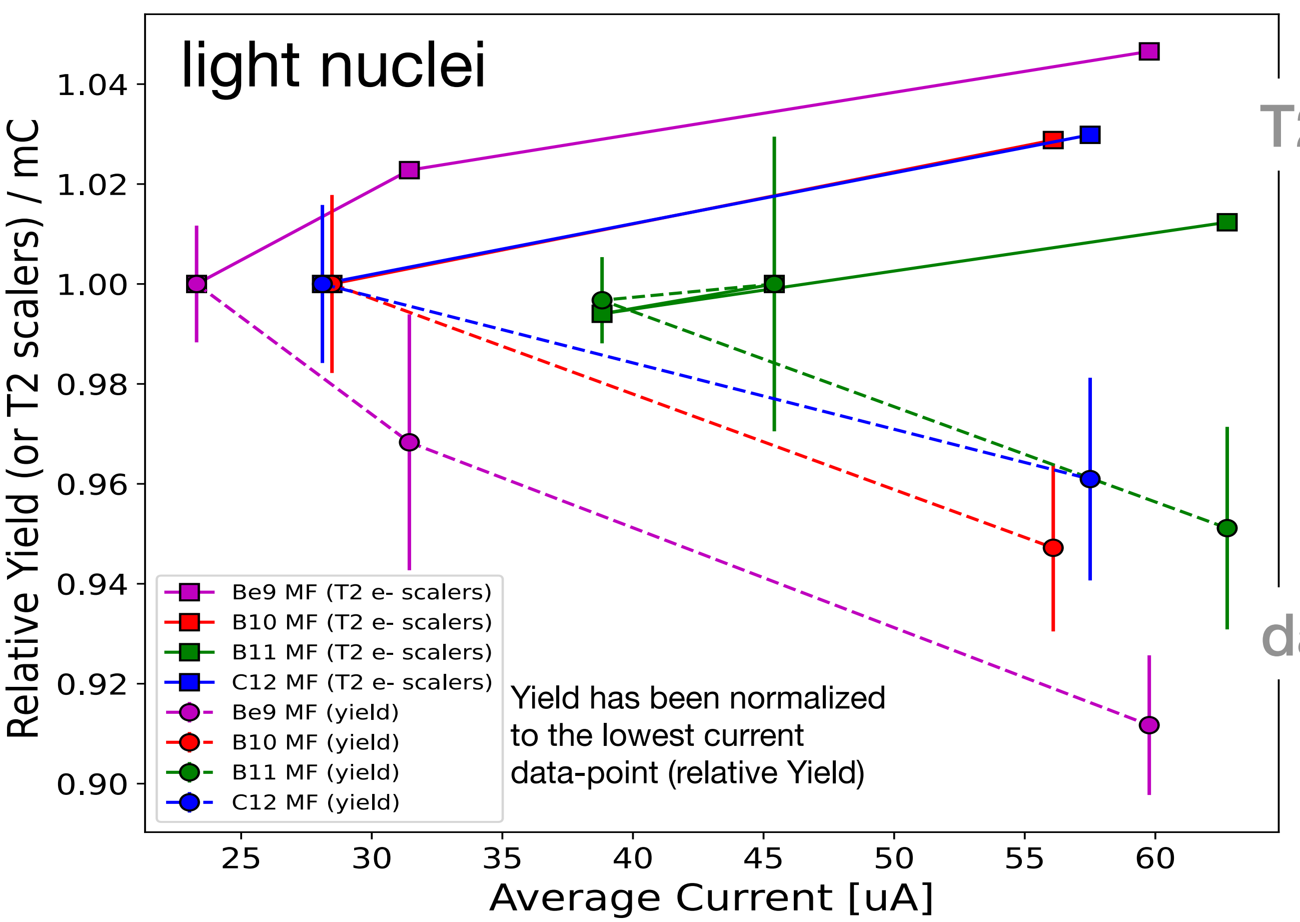

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observation: charge-normalized data yield depends on trigger rate (current) for all nuclei measured

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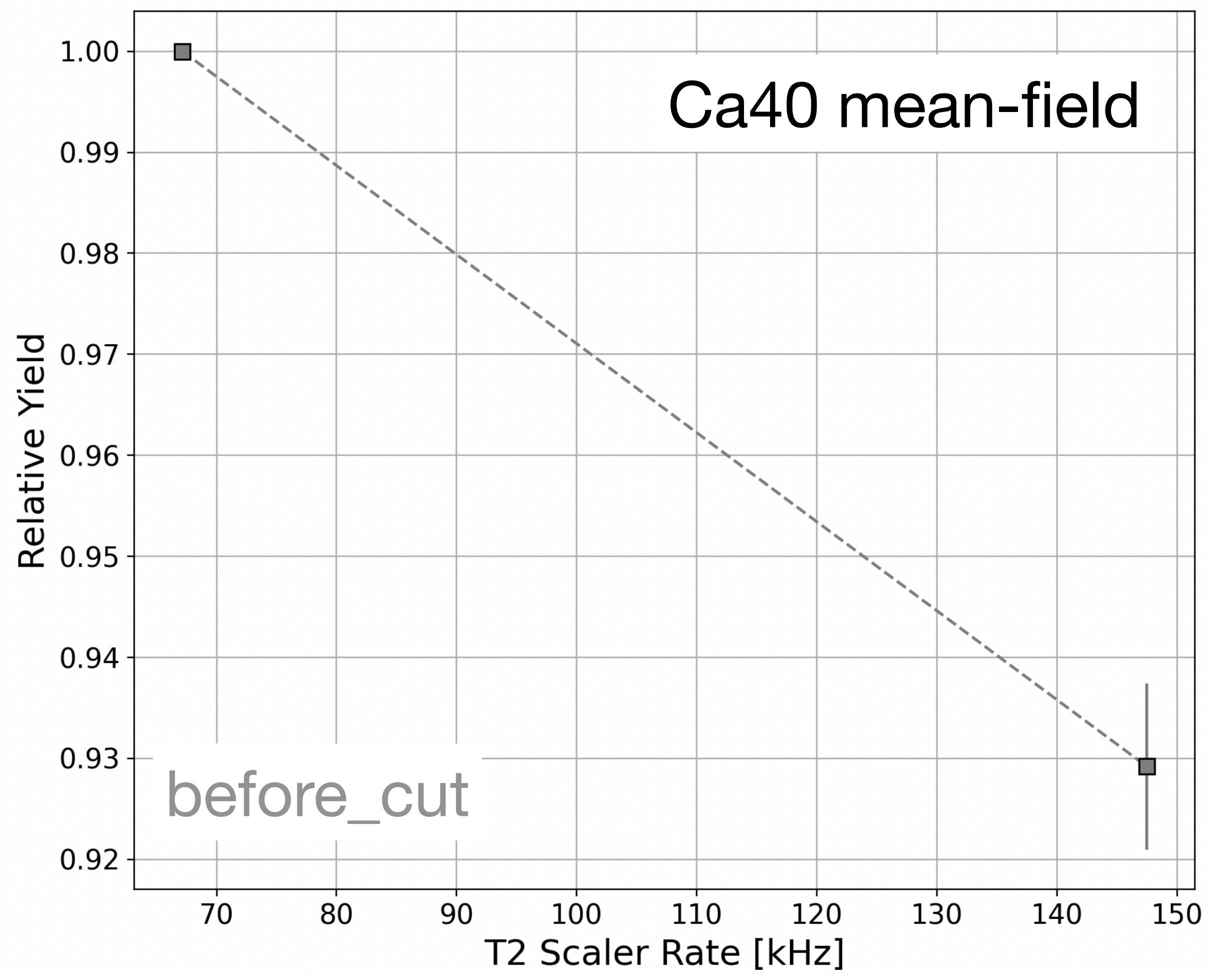

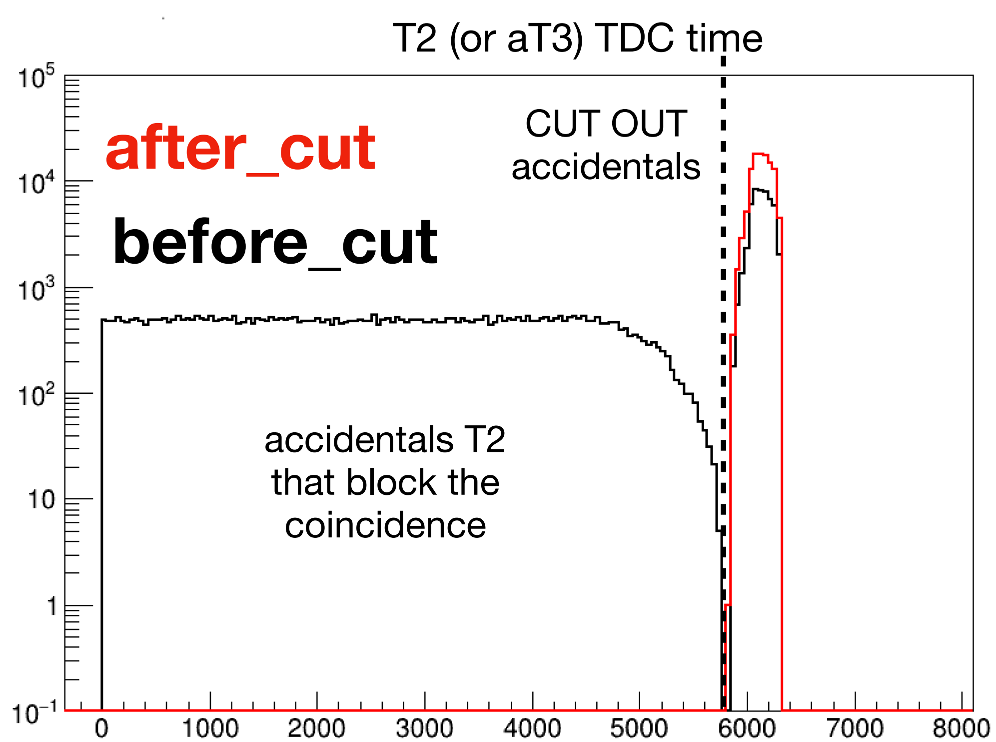

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problem: no trigger timing cuts made on T2 (and T3) triggers -> wrong (accidental) trigger used to form the coincidence lead to good coincidence signals blocked and drop of yield

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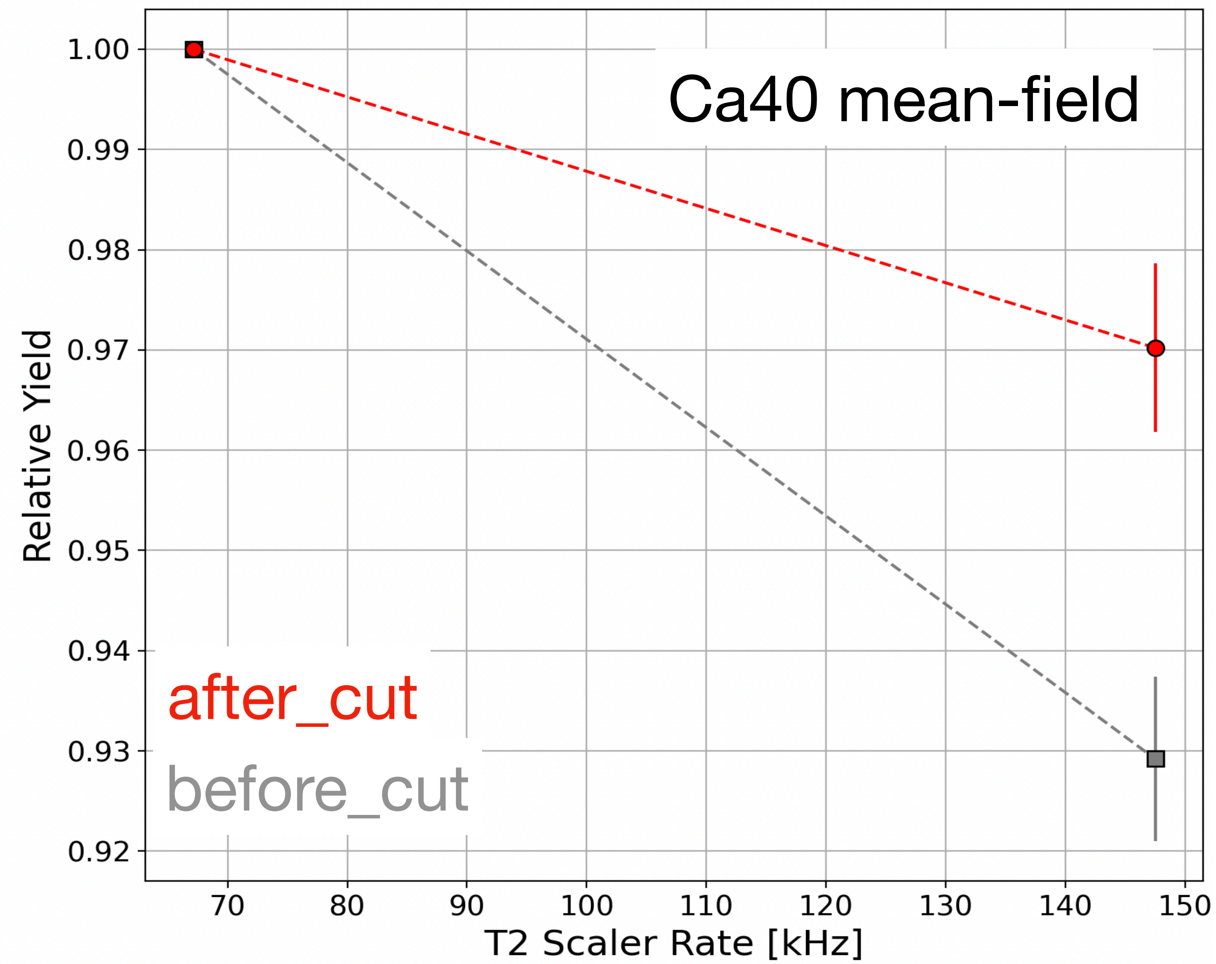
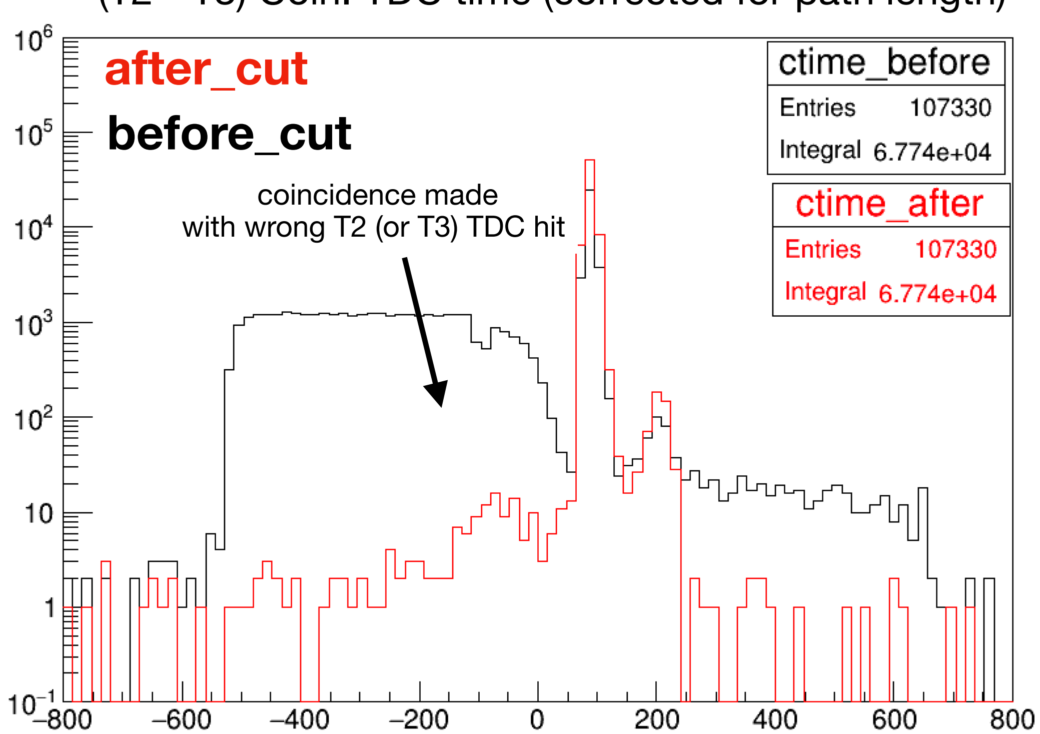


(T2 - T3) Coin. TDC time (corrected for path length)



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solution: apply timing cut to triggers (T2, T3) that form the coincidence signal -> use the correct trigger time to recover coincidences (and yield)

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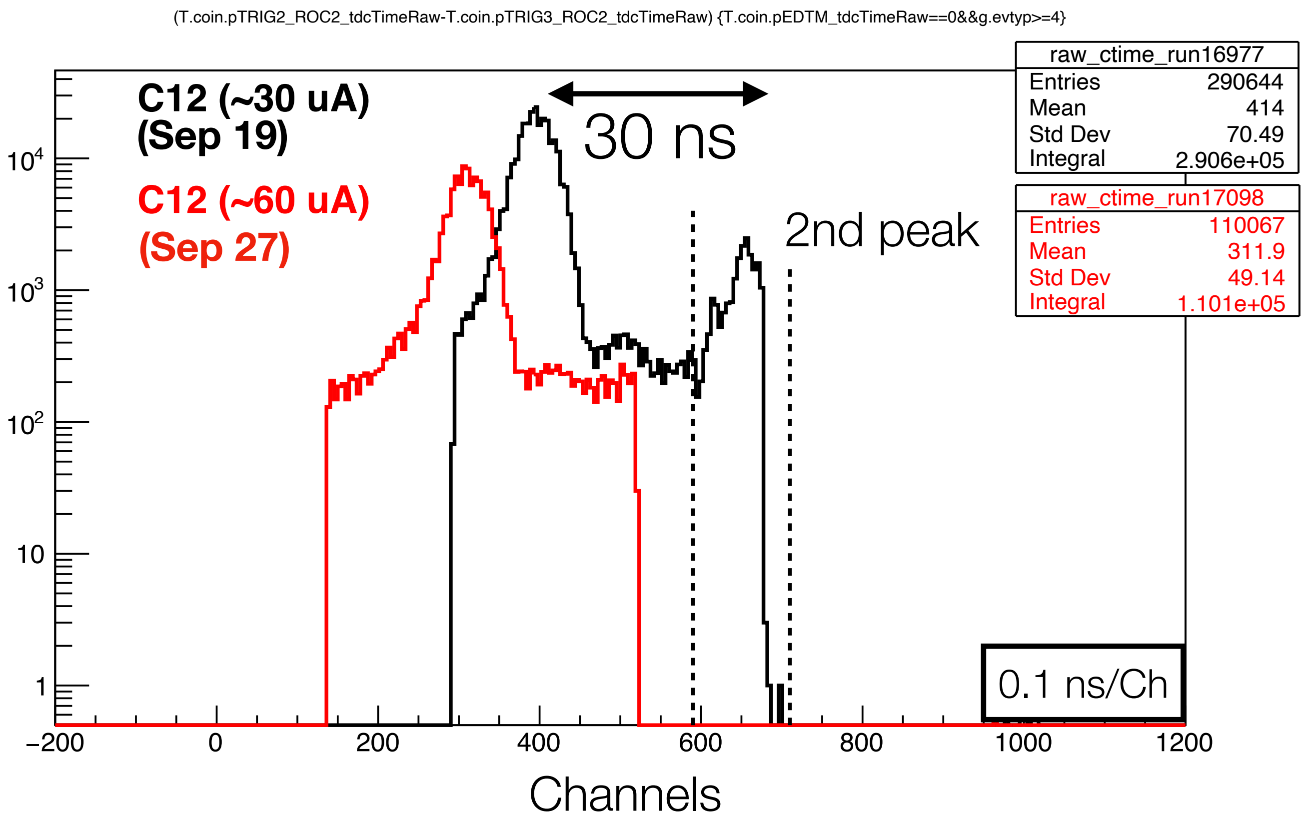

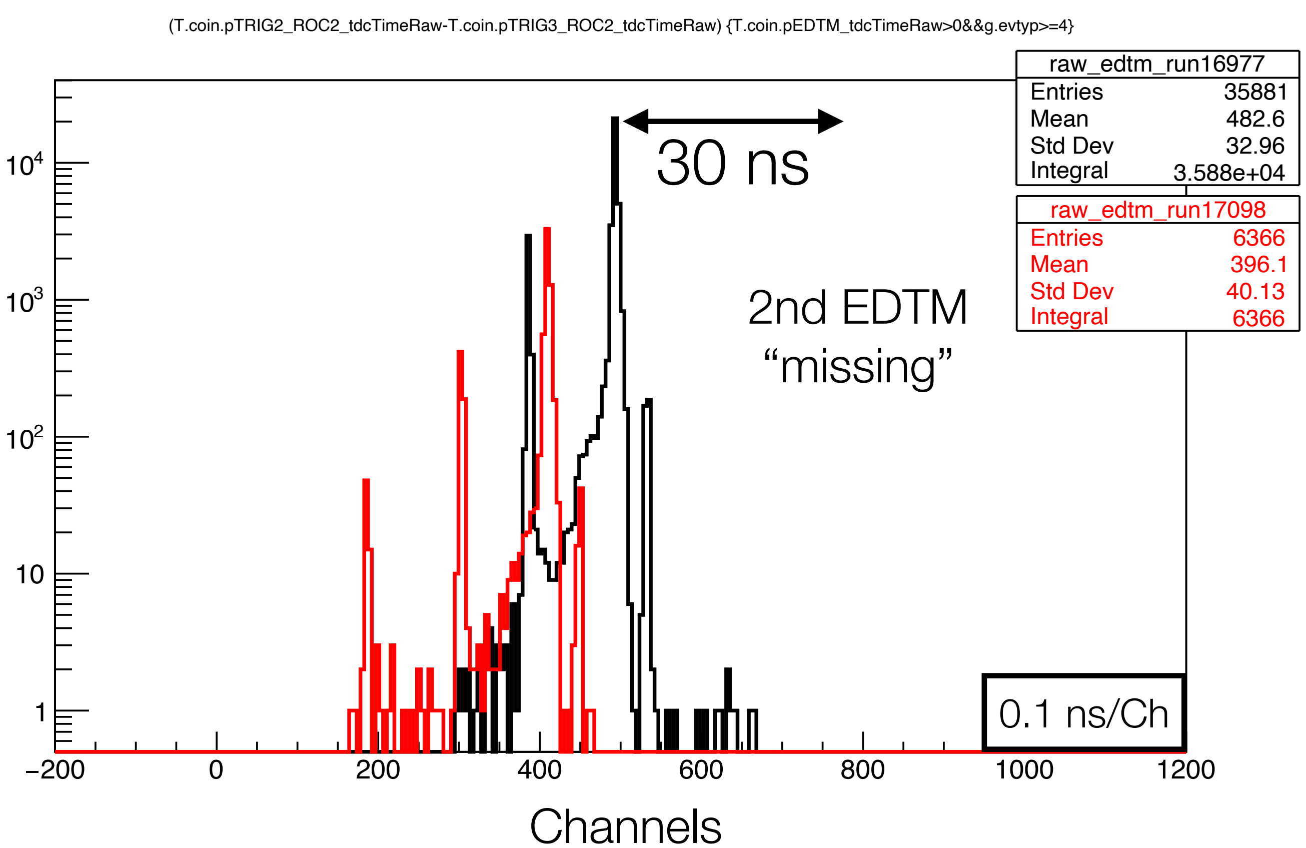

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problem:

- hardware trigger component offset +30 ns coincidence
  - part of good coincidence trigger offset
  - corresponding EDTM signal also offset (and missing)

solution:

- "missing EDTM" signal leads to lower DAQ live time and this also accounts for the lost (2nd peak) coincidence signals when correcting for the live time

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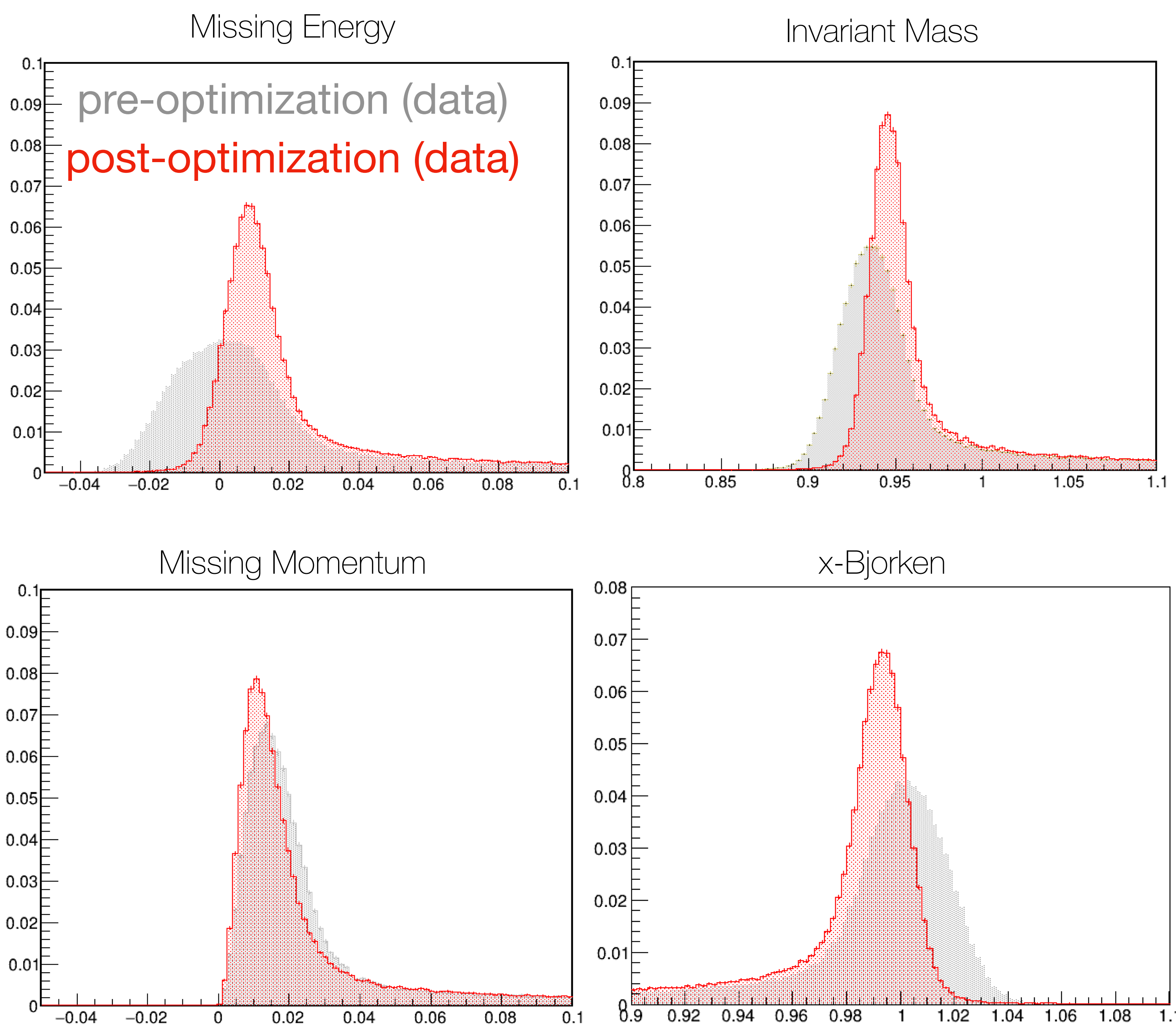
H(e, e'p) kinematics (after optimization+centroid alignment)



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*Thanks to **Holly Szumila-Vance** for H(e, e'p) angle/delta optimization*
(See references: [1] , [2])

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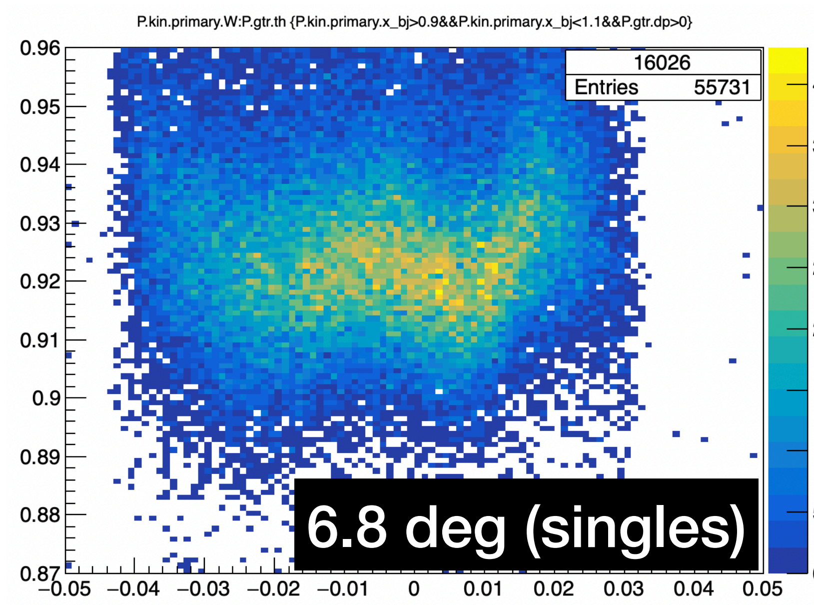
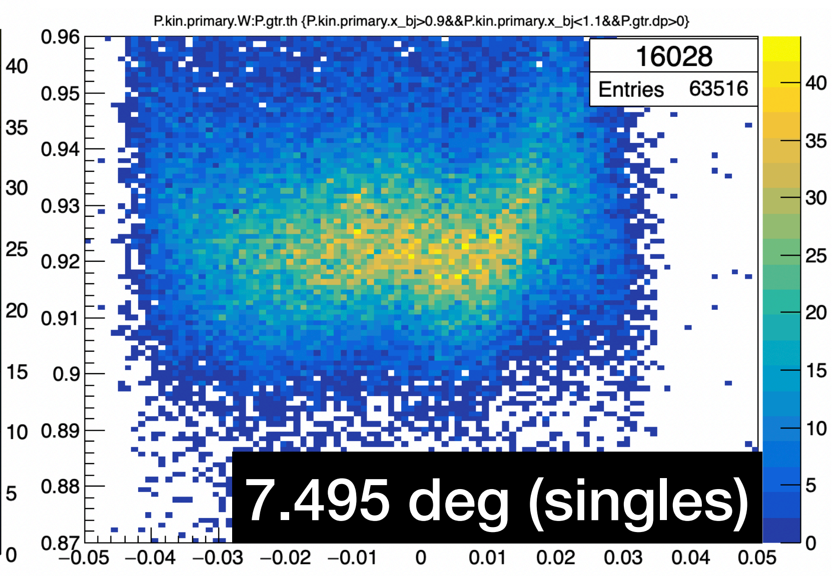
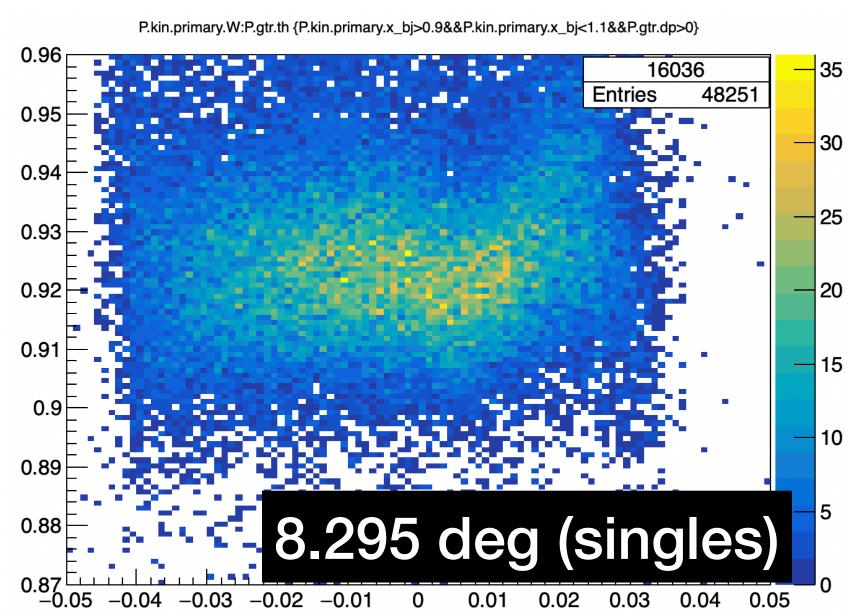
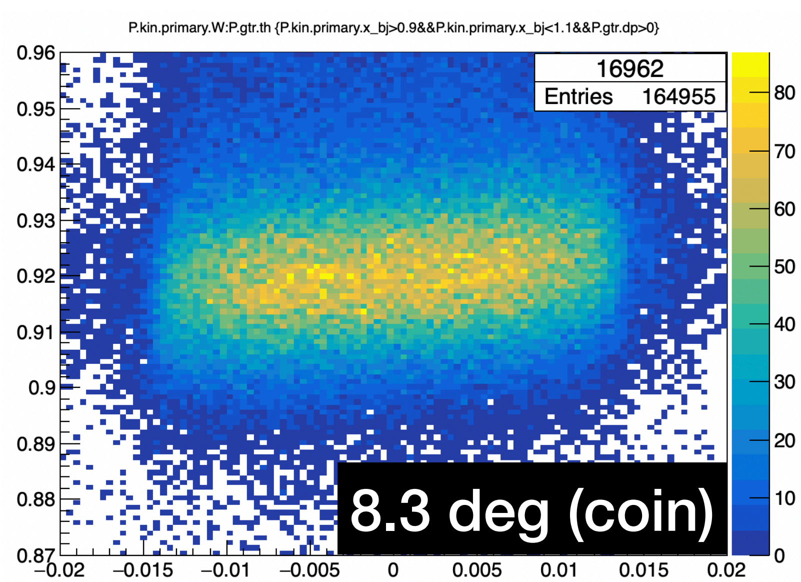
Invariant Mass W vs. SHMS x’tar (DATA)









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DATA W dependence on x’tar (relative out-of-plane) could distort location of W peak in each of the singles elastics runs (largest effect @ 6.8 deg)

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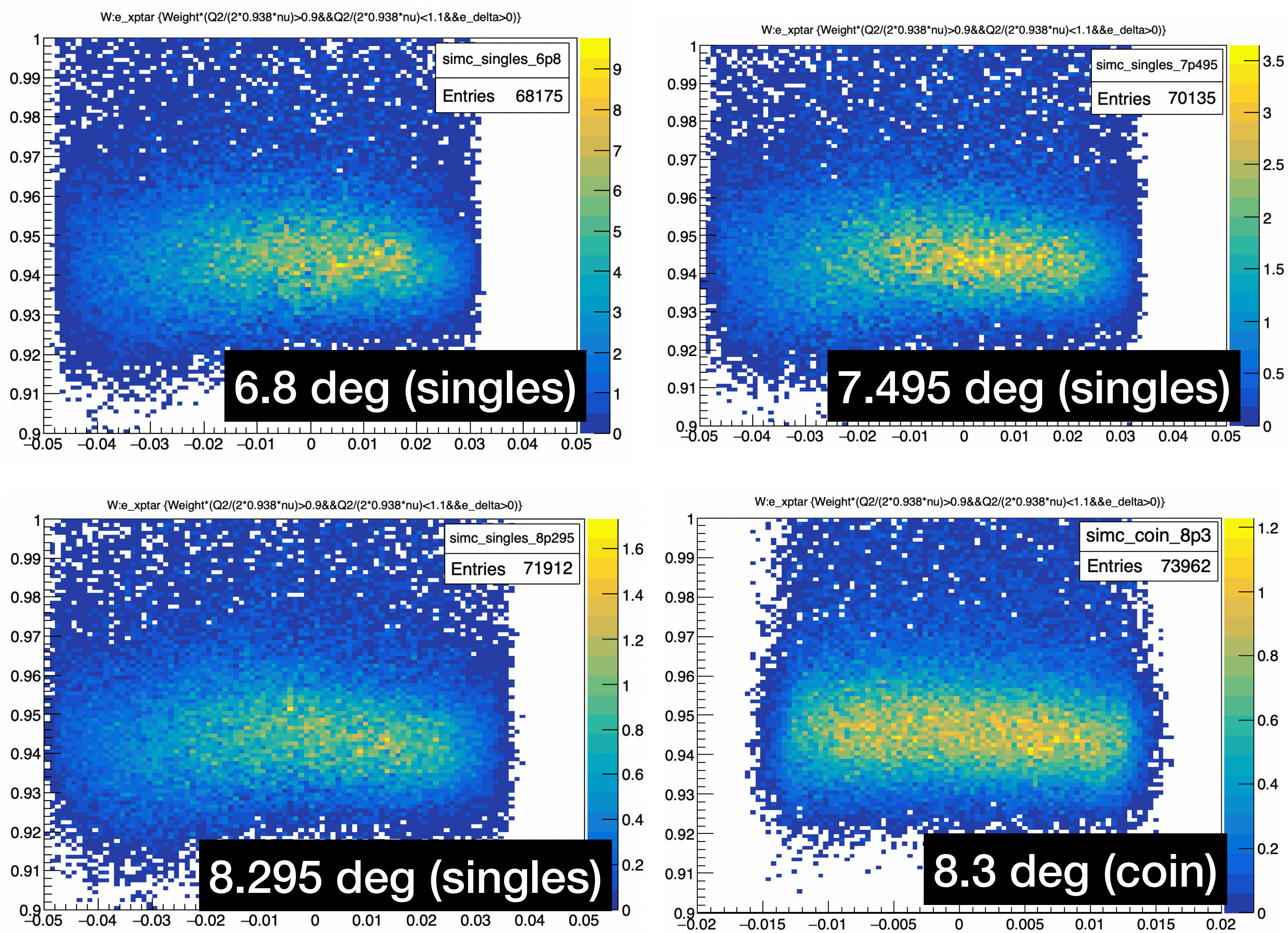
Invariant Mass W vs. SHMS x’tar (SIMC)



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NO SIMC W dependence on x’tar (relative out-of-plane) as expected, but since DATA has dependence, can affect centroid alignment of W

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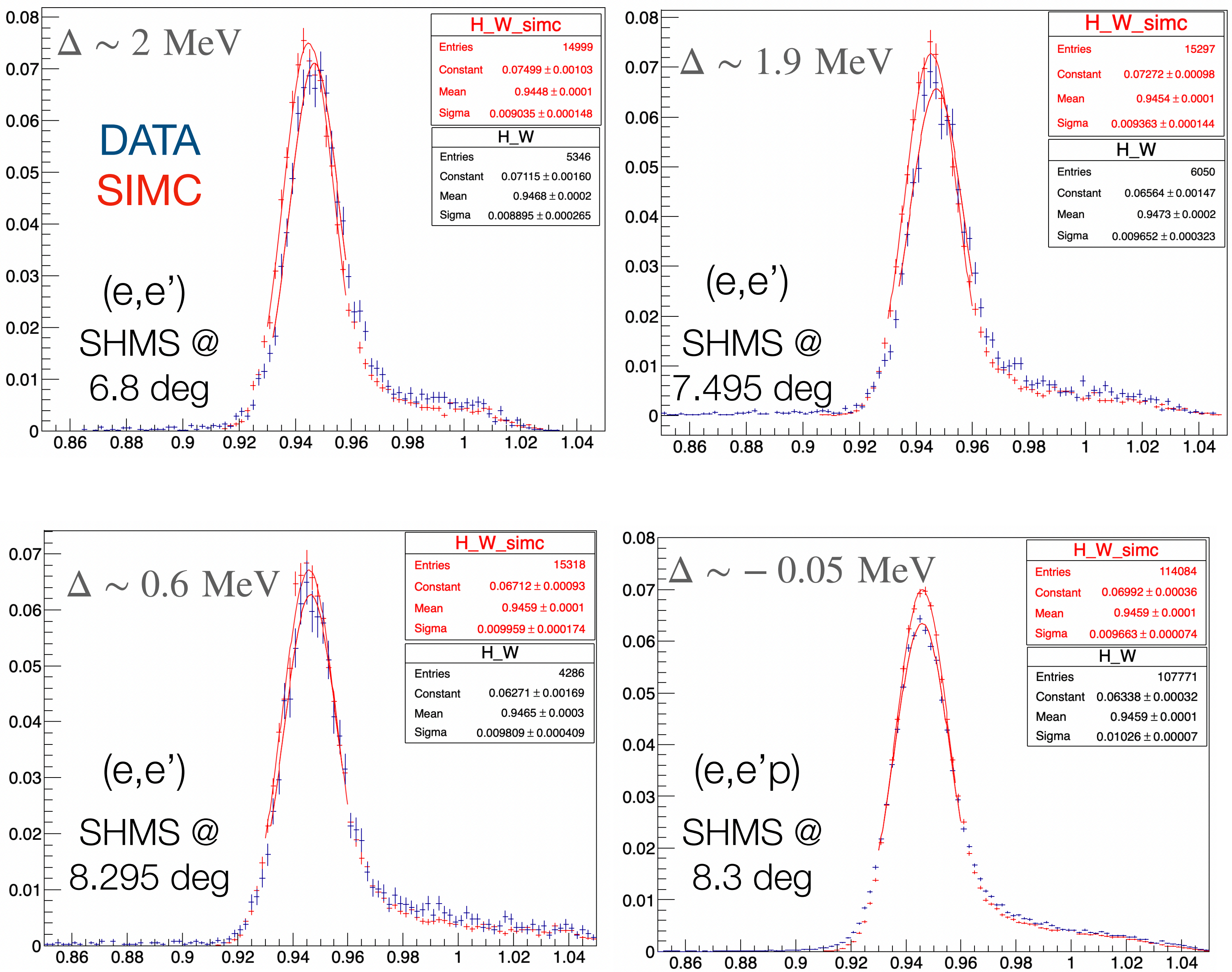

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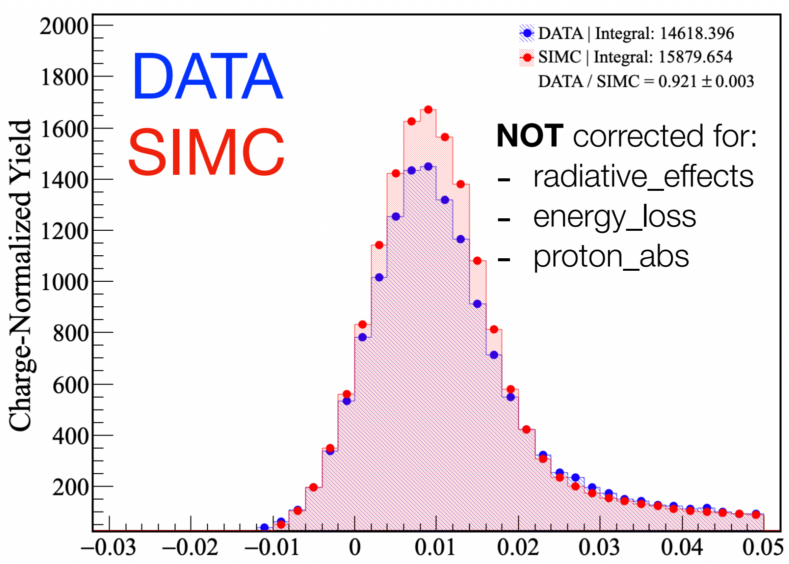
- ~1-2 MeV data/simc mis-alignment
- difficulty fitting higher order matrix elements to reduce x'tar dependence
  (may be best optimized matrix that can be done ?!)

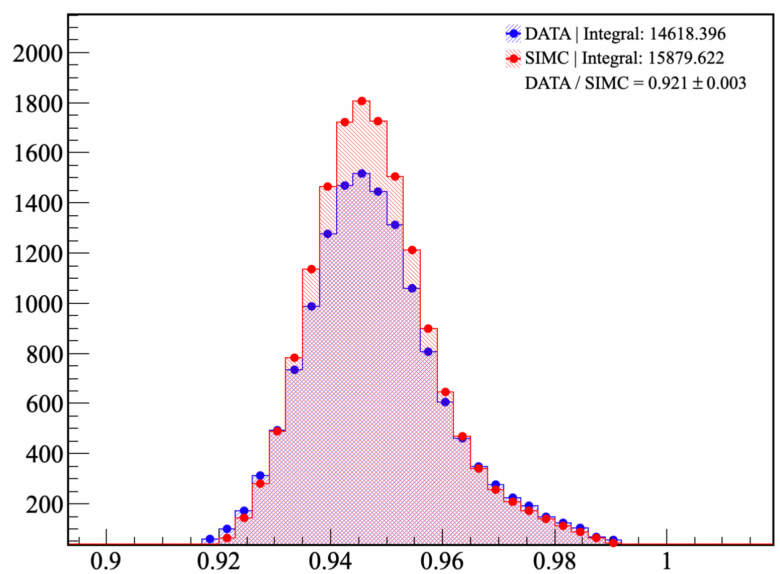
Data Analysis Challenges

H(e, e'p) Data / SIMC Yields

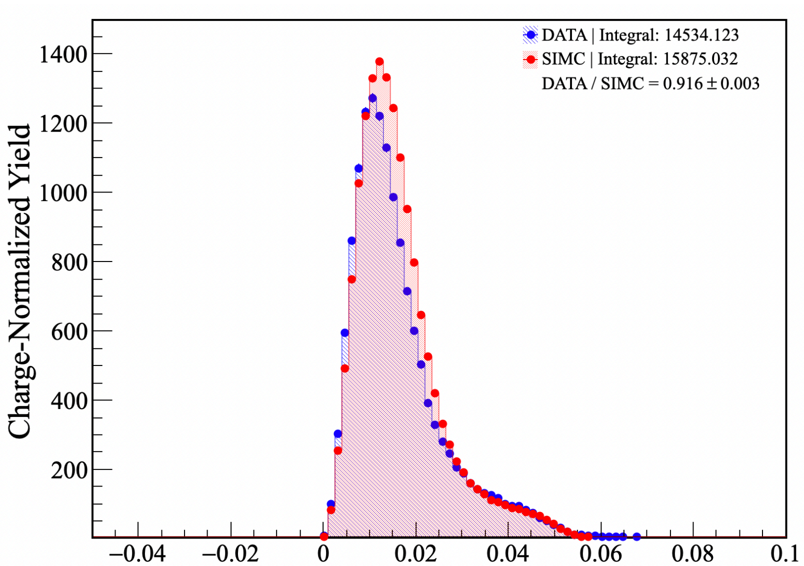
Missing Energy



Invariant Mass



Missing Momentum



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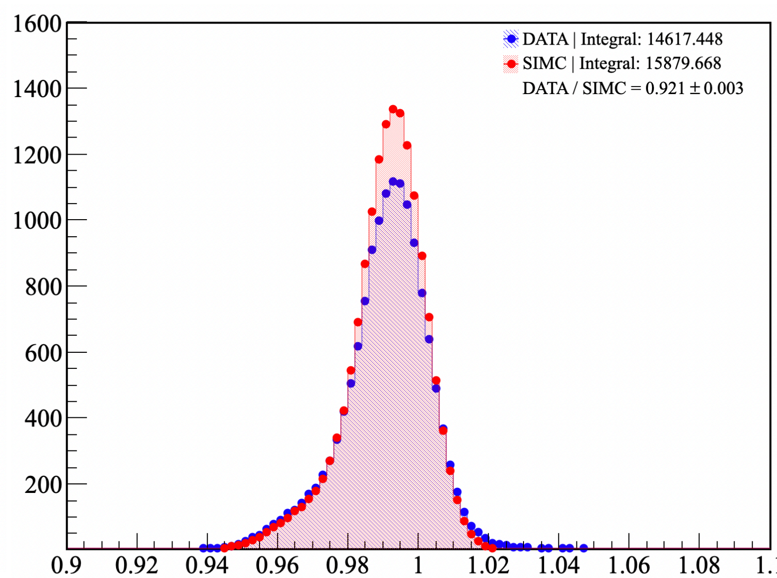

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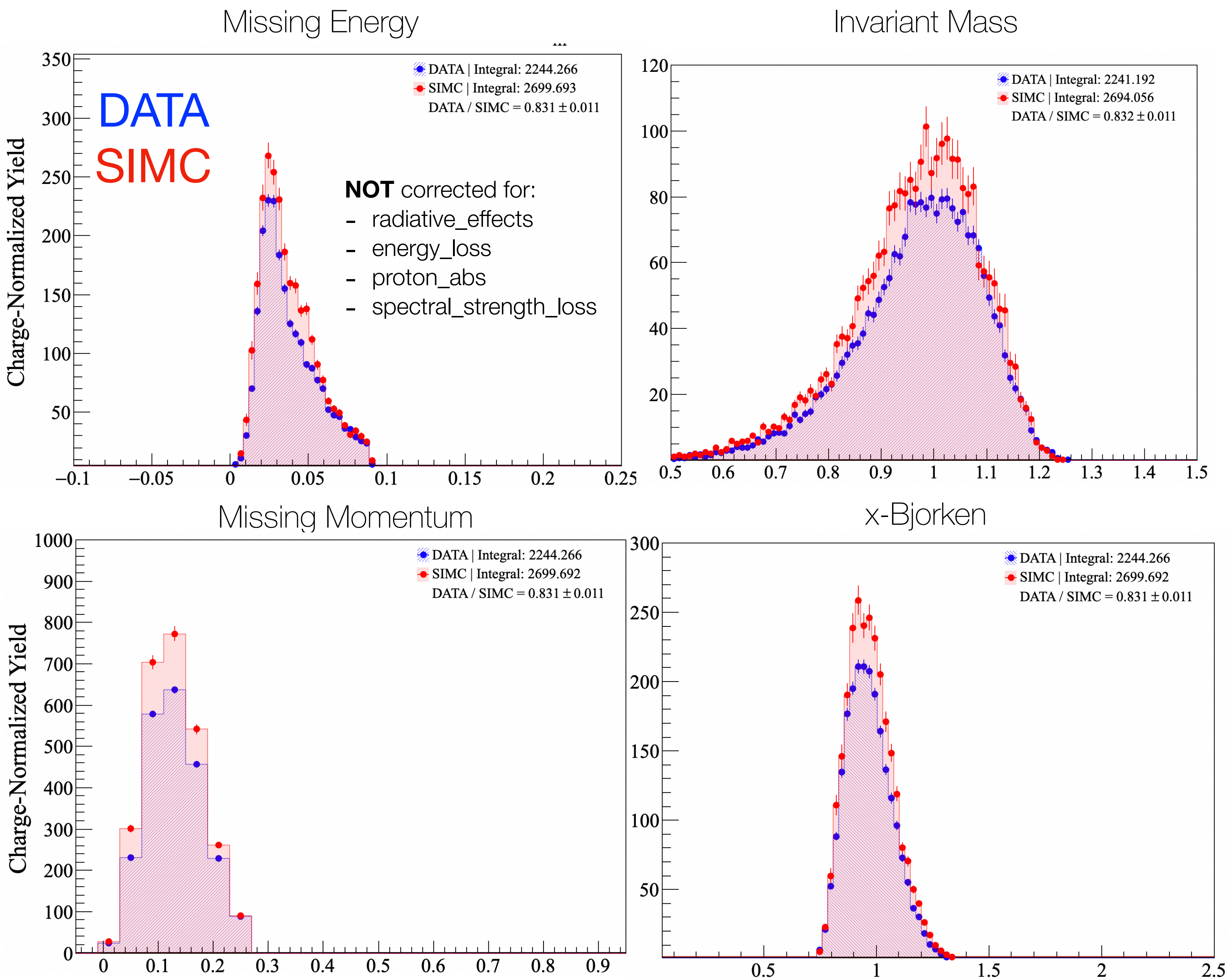
- Measured DATA/SIMC ~ 92 %
  (where are remaining counts?)

  - HMS proton absorption expected ~ 5%

$$Y = \frac{N_{(e,e'p)}}{Q \cdot \epsilon_{htrk} \cdot \epsilon_{etrk} \cdot \epsilon_{mult.trk} \cdot \epsilon_{LT} \cdot T_N \cdot \sigma_{thick}}$$

Data Analysis Challenges

C(e, e'p) Data / SIMC Yields



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- Measured DATA/SIMC ~ 83%, (where are remaining counts ?)
  - HMS proton absorption expected ~ < 5%
  - Loss of C12 spectral strength due to SRC ? (Hall C CT exp. Estimated ~11%)

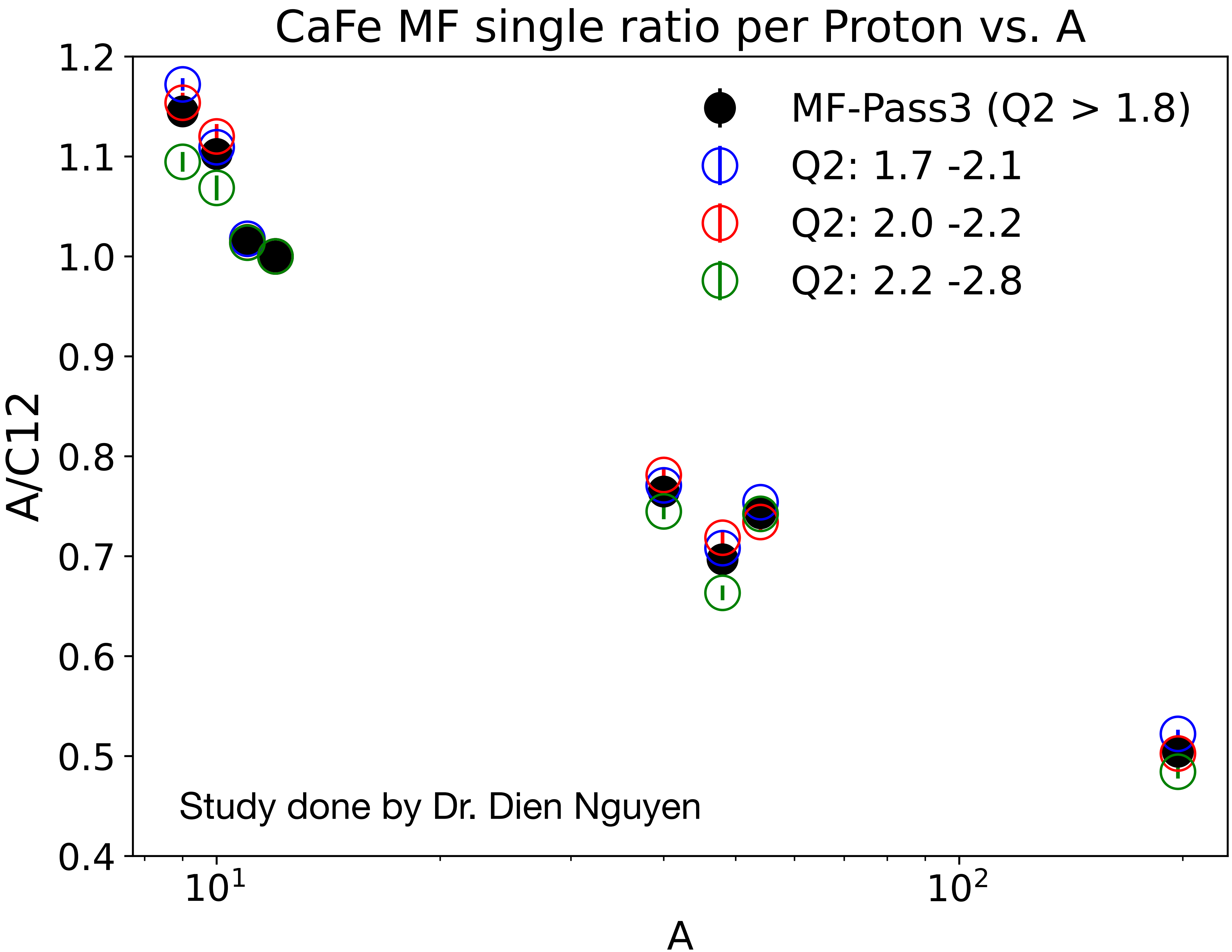
$$Y = \frac{N_{(e,e'p)}}{Q \cdot \epsilon_{htrk} \cdot \epsilon_{etrk} \cdot \epsilon_{mult.trk} \cdot \epsilon_{LT} \cdot T_N \cdot \sigma_{thick} \cdot Z/A}$$

Single Ratio Checks (per proton)

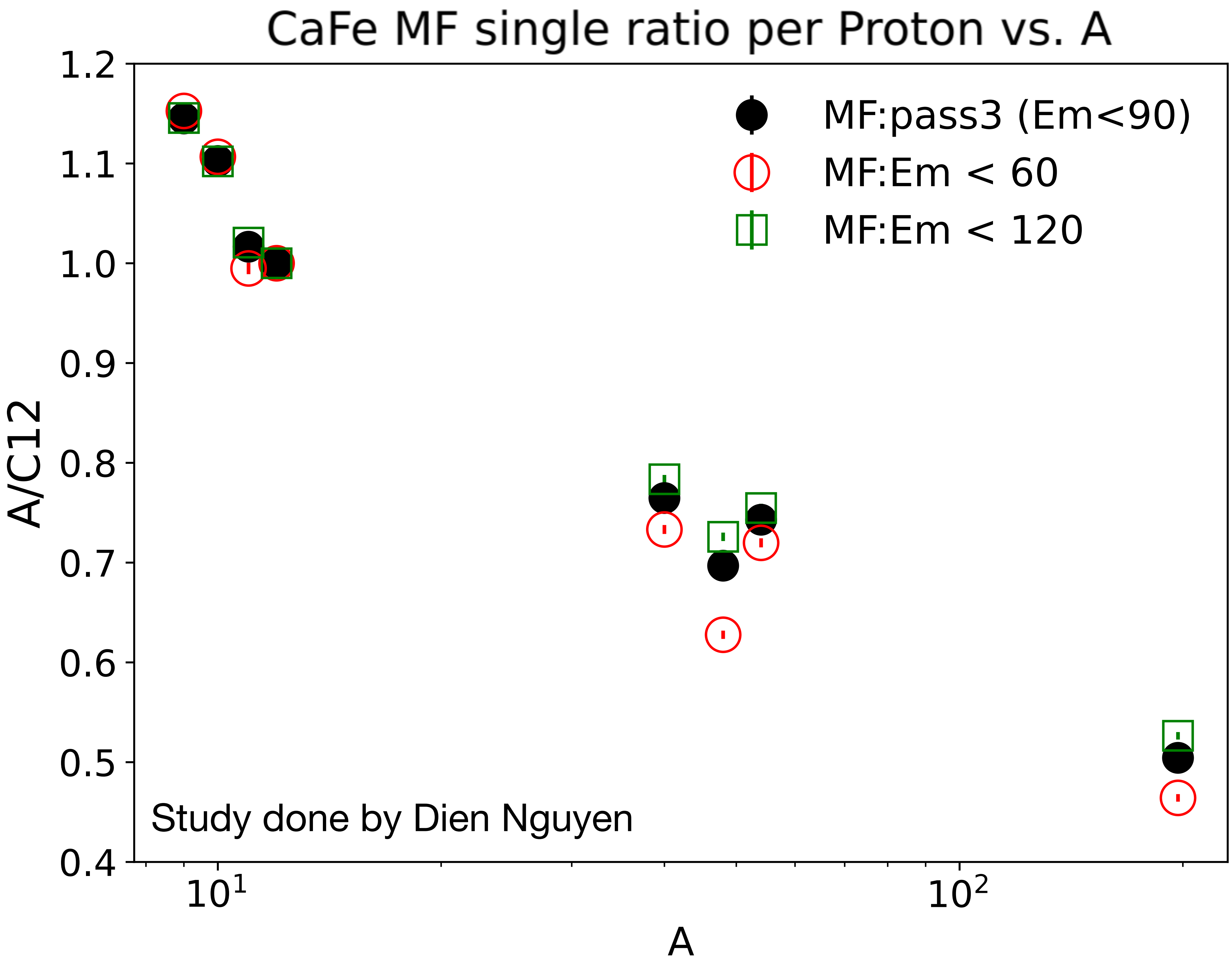
$$R \equiv \left.\frac{Y_A}{Y_{C12}}\right|_{MF}$$

$$Y_A \equiv \frac{N_{A(e,e'p)}}{Q \cdot \epsilon_{htrk} \cdot \epsilon_{etrk} \cdot \epsilon_{mult.trk} \cdot \epsilon_{LT} \cdot T_N \cdot \sigma_{thick} \cdot Z/A}$$

Q2 Dependence Study



Missing Energy Dependence Study



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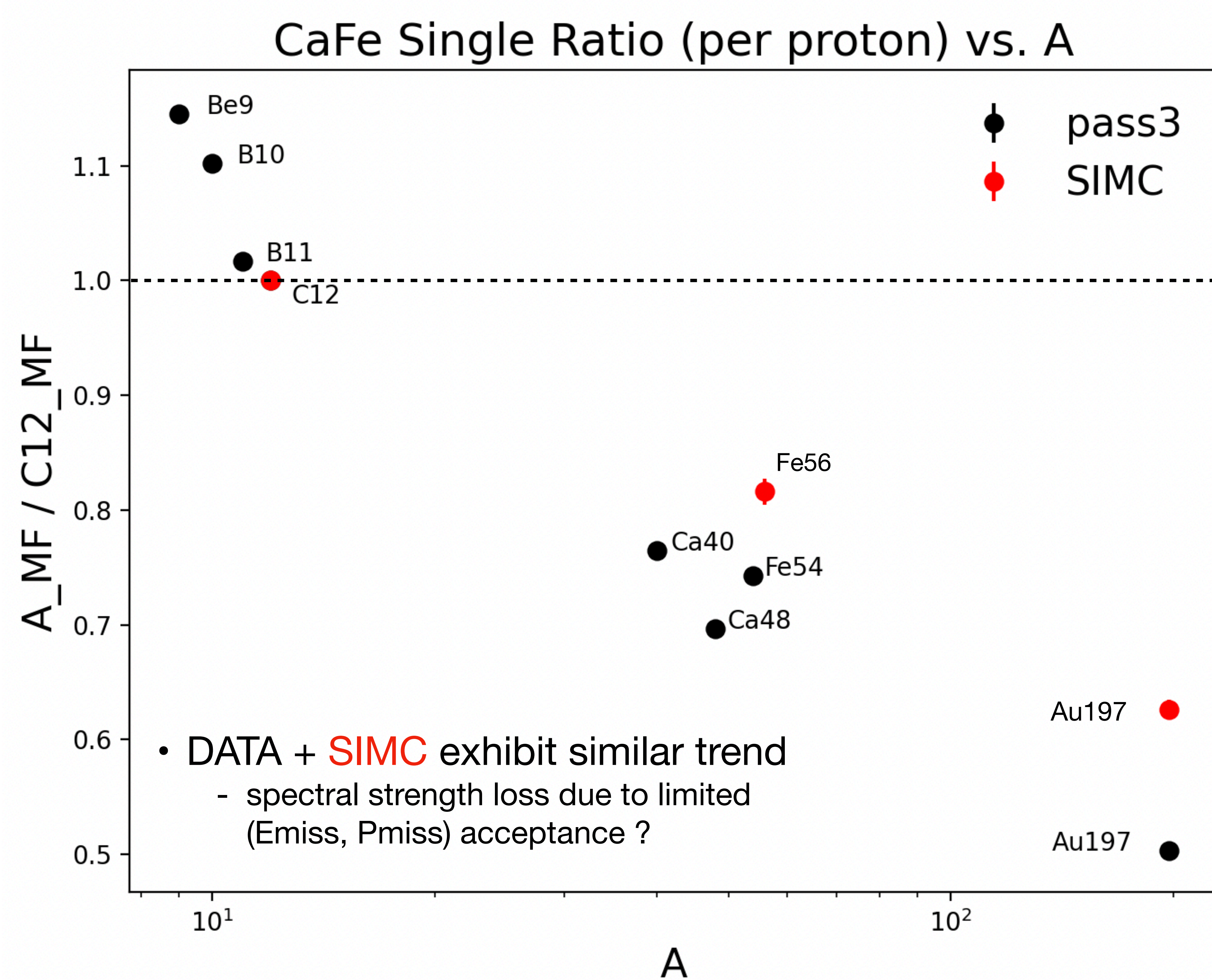
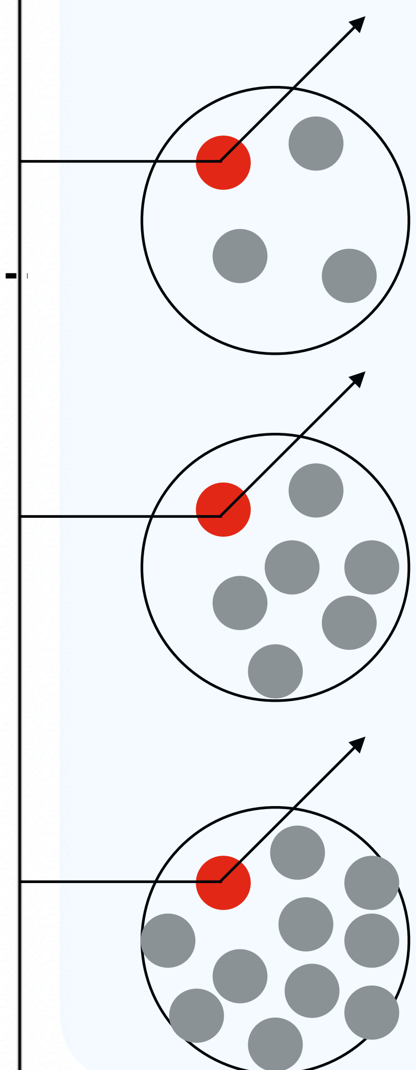


"Scattering off low-momentum proton should NOT depend on A"

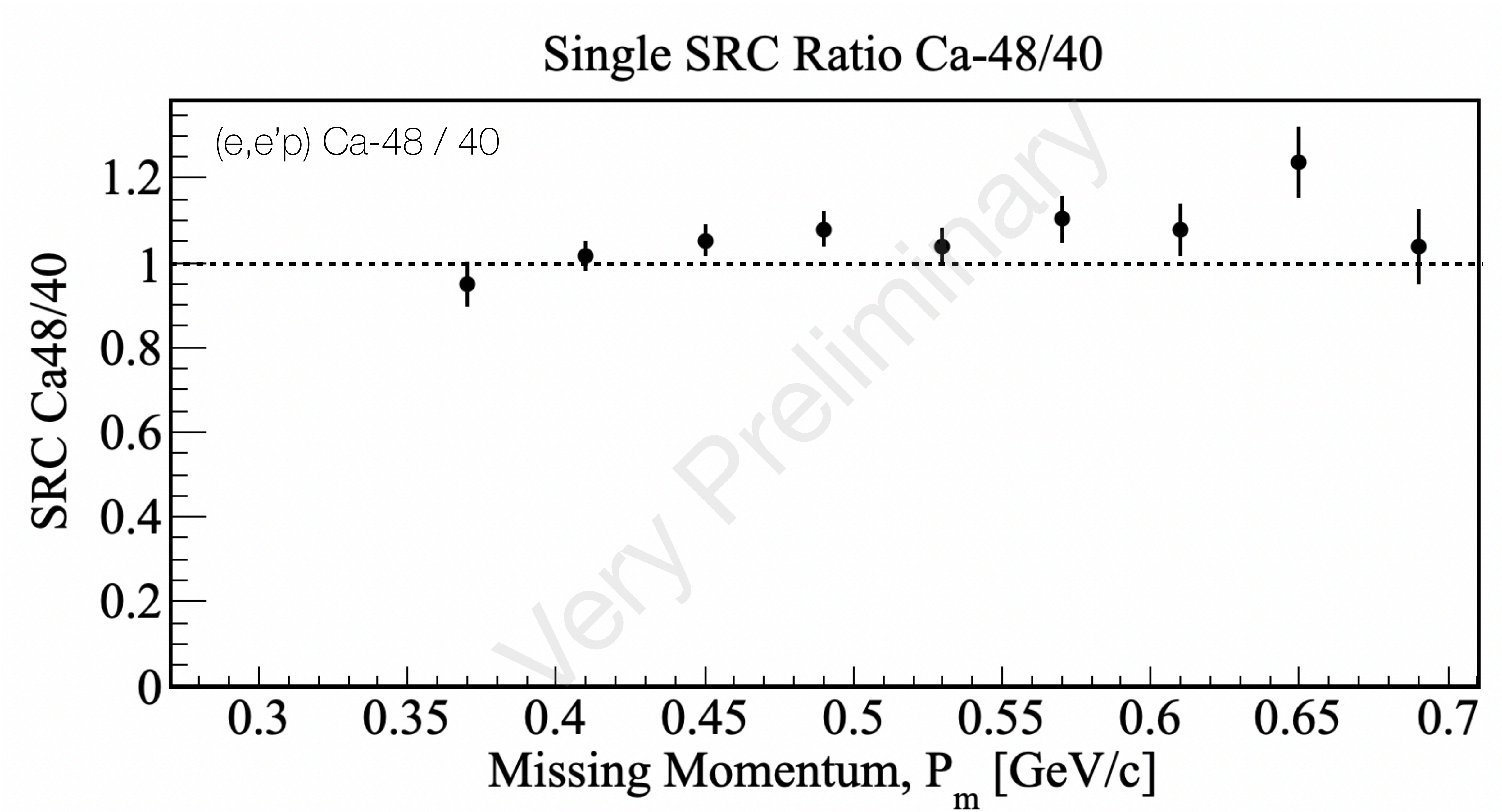


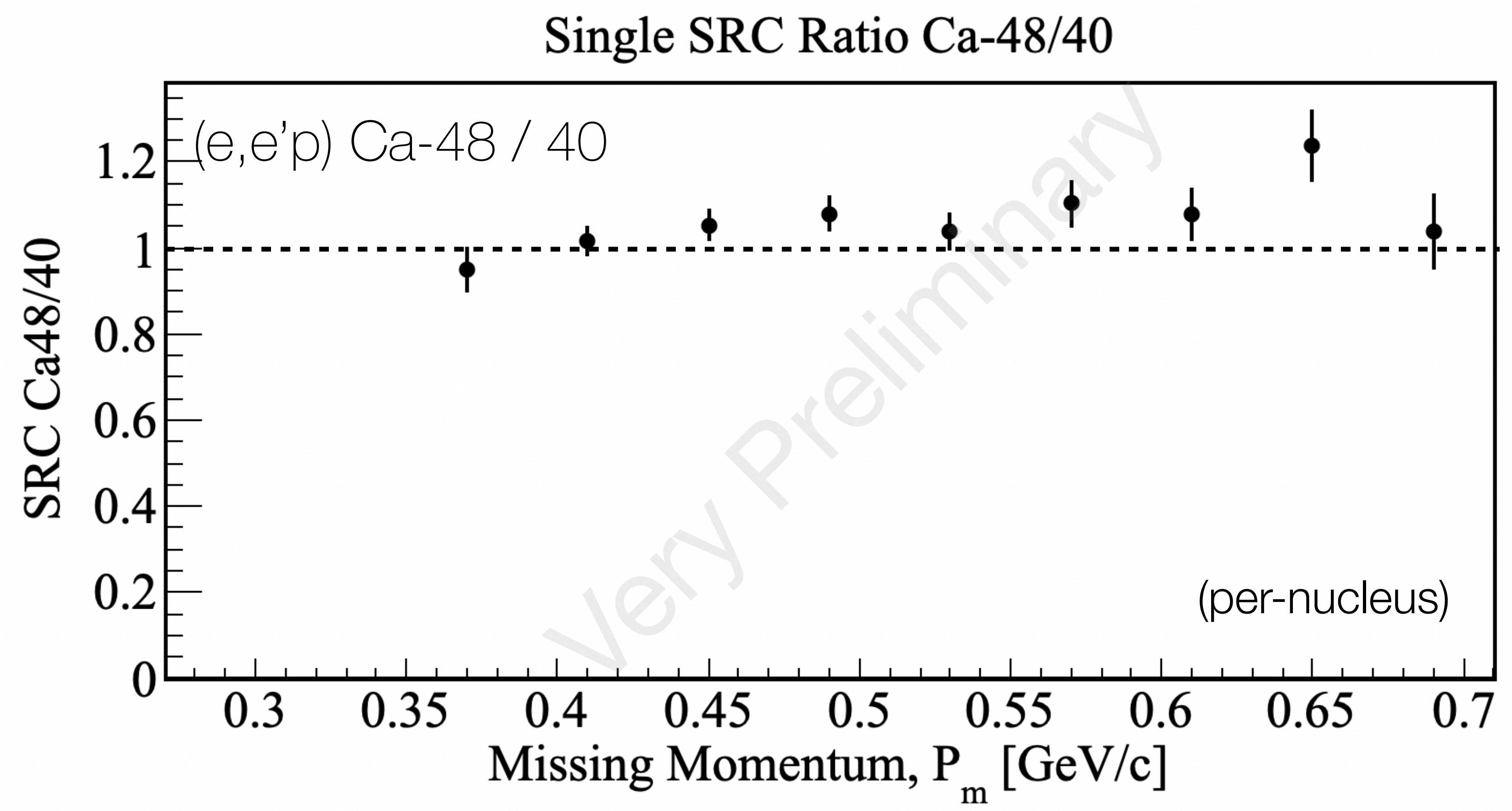
High-Momentum (SRC)
Single Ratio (per proton)

$$R \equiv \frac{Y_{\mathrm{Ca48}}}{Y_{\mathrm{Ca40}}}\Bigg|_{SRC}$$

$$Y_A \equiv \frac{N_{A(e,e'p)}}{Q \cdot \epsilon_{htrk} \cdot \epsilon_{etrk} \cdot \epsilon_{mult.trk} \cdot \epsilon_{LT} \cdot T_N \cdot \sigma_{thick} \cdot Z/A}$$

SRC Ca-48 / 40 Single Ratio (per proton)





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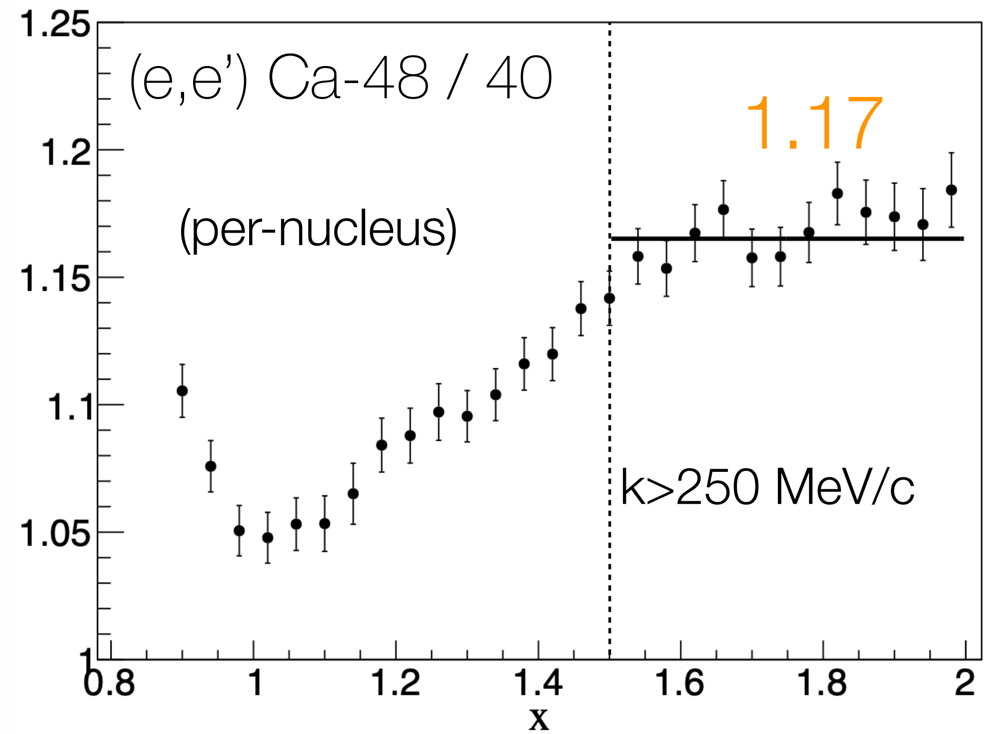

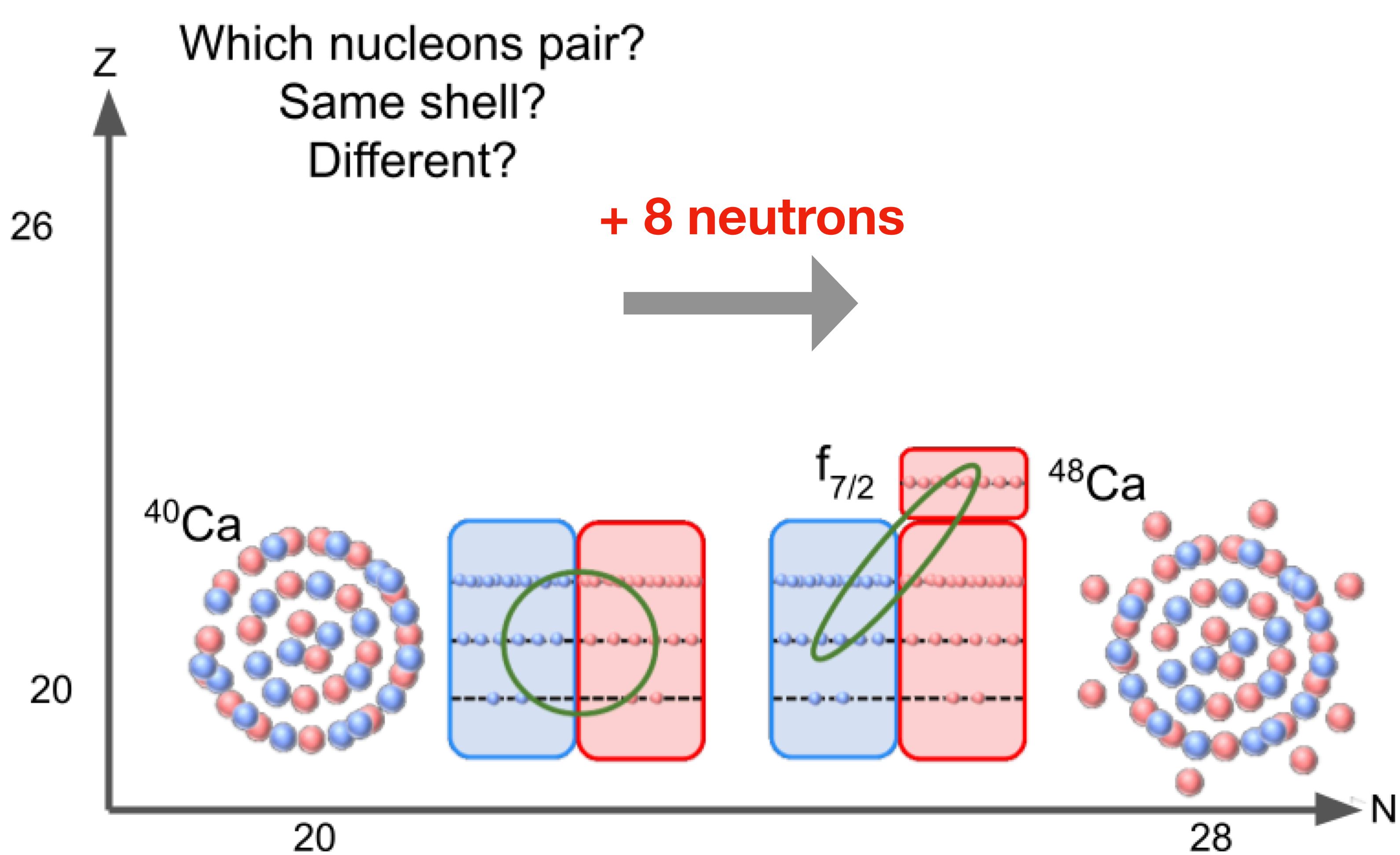

Summary

- great data collected

- need to finalize analysis
  - *data/simulation*
  - *proton absorption*
  - *systematic uncertainties*

- unexpected and interesting Ca-48/40 results imply importance of nuclear structure

- expect final results this fall !

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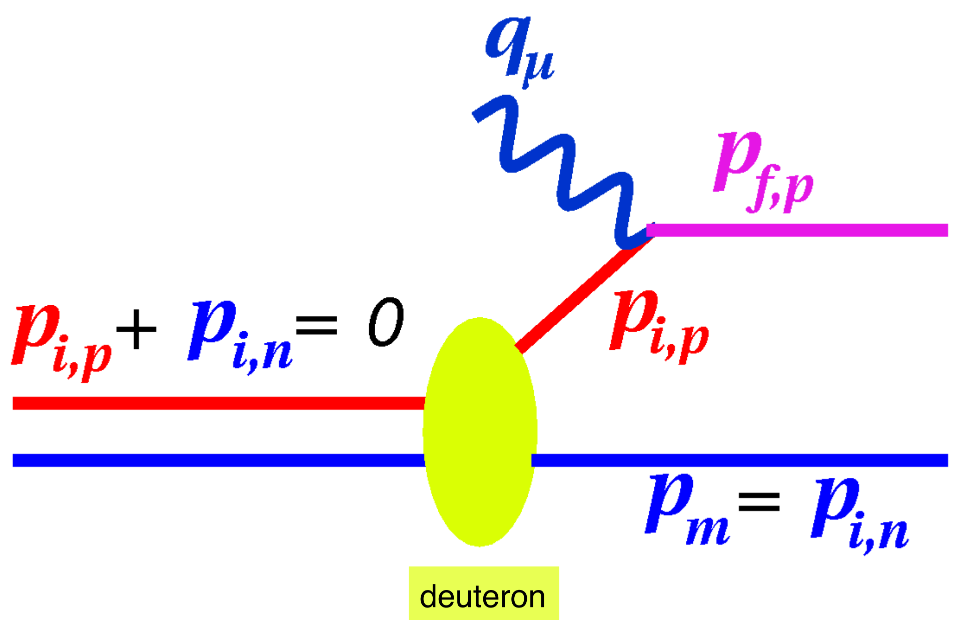
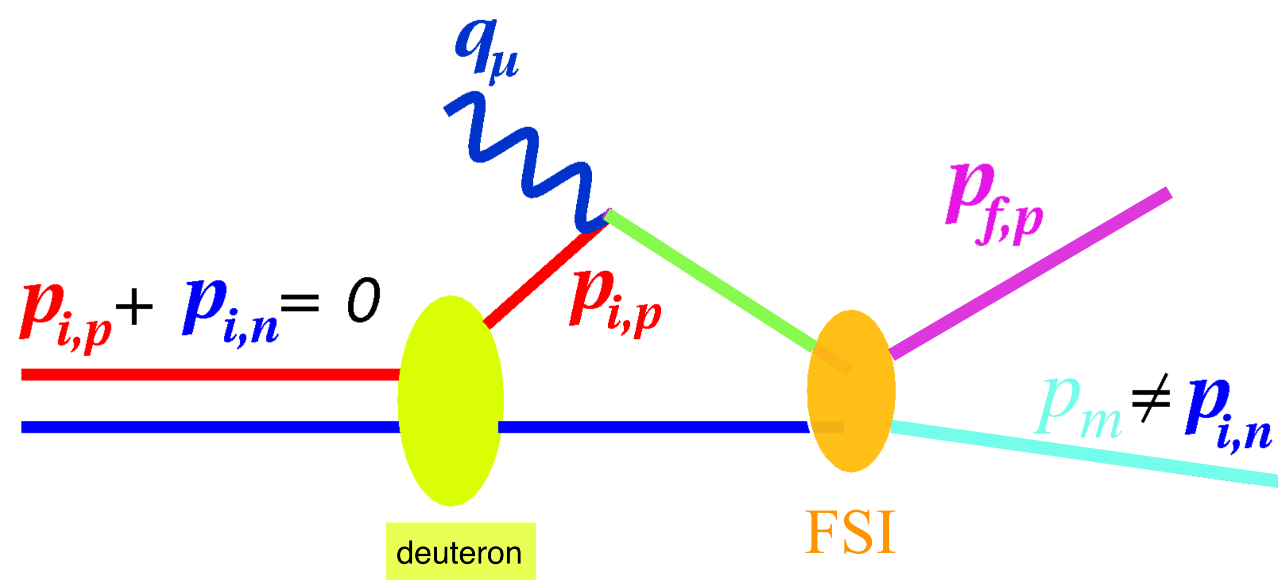
virtual photon - nucleus interactions

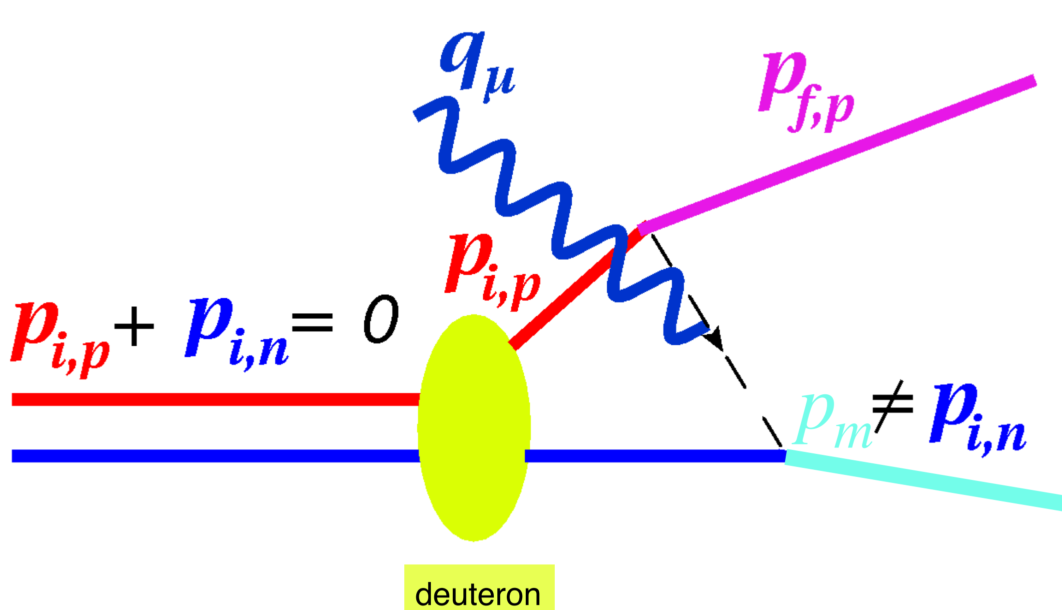


Plane Wave Impulse Approximation (PWIA)



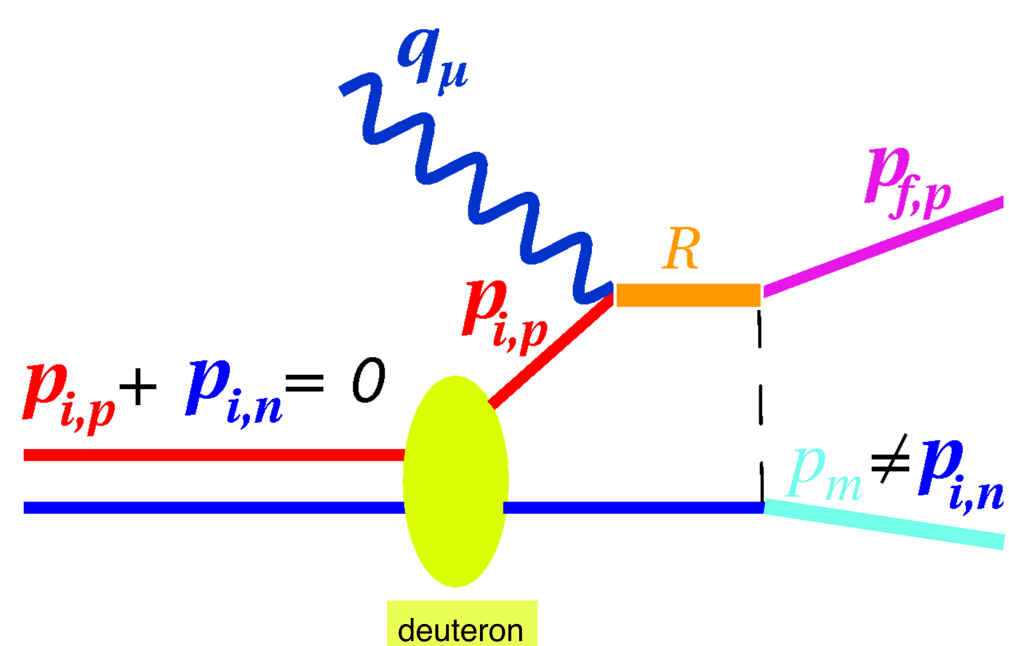
Final State Interactions (FSI)

suppressed at specific $\theta_{nq} < 40$ deg



Meson-Exchange Currents (MEC)

suppressed at $Q^2 > 1(\mathrm{GeV/c})^2$

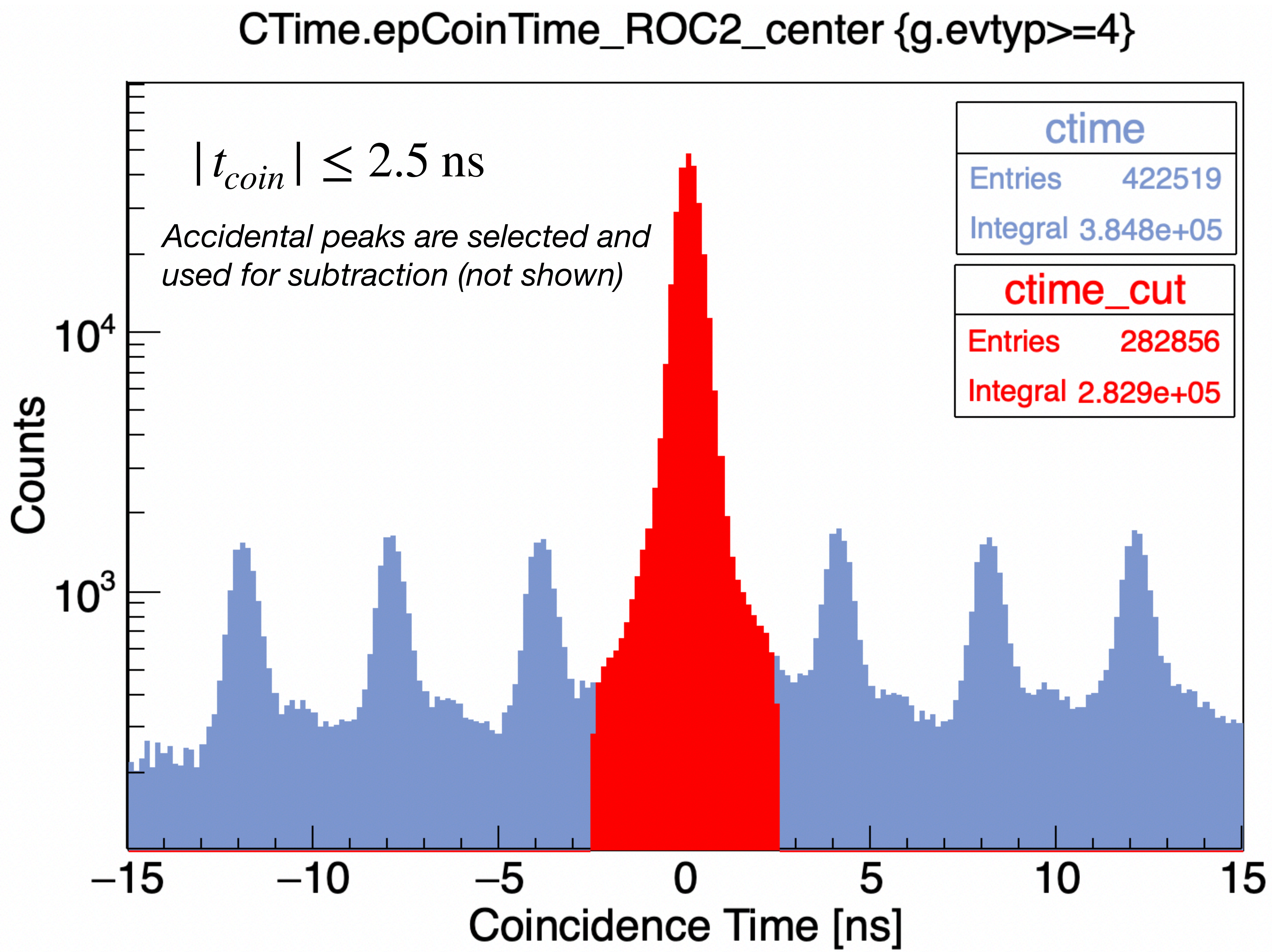


Delta, N* Resonance Excitations (IC)

suppressed at $x_{\mathrm{Bj}} > 1$

Event Selection (MF)

(For illustration purposes, Ca48 MF run 17096 is used)



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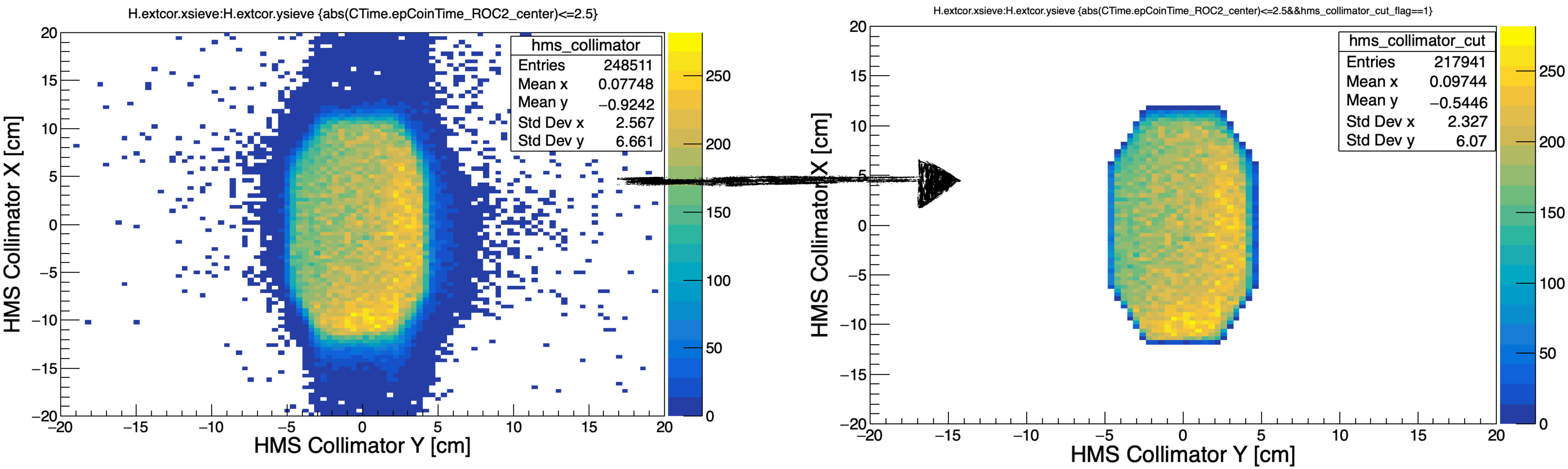

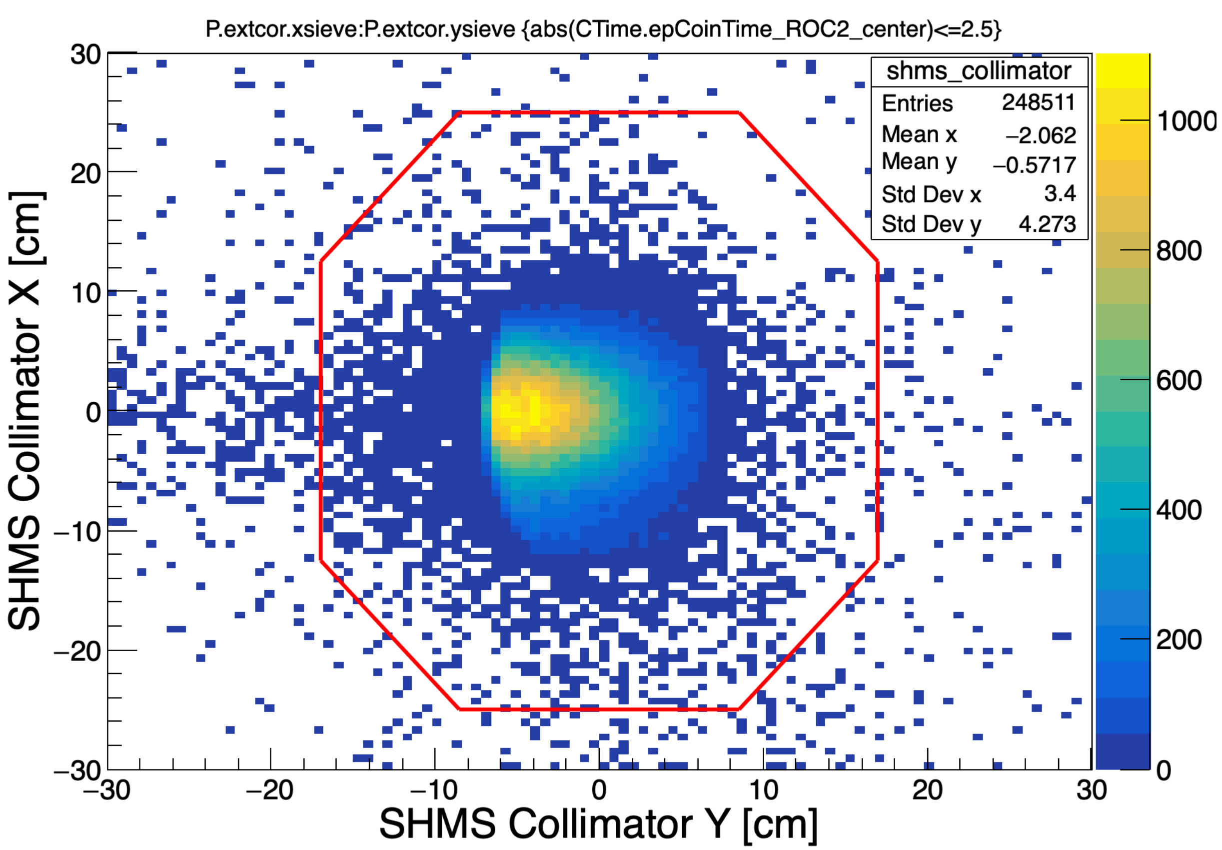

- SHMS acceptance determined (OR SET) by HMS (*angular cut will not do much, but is still applied*)

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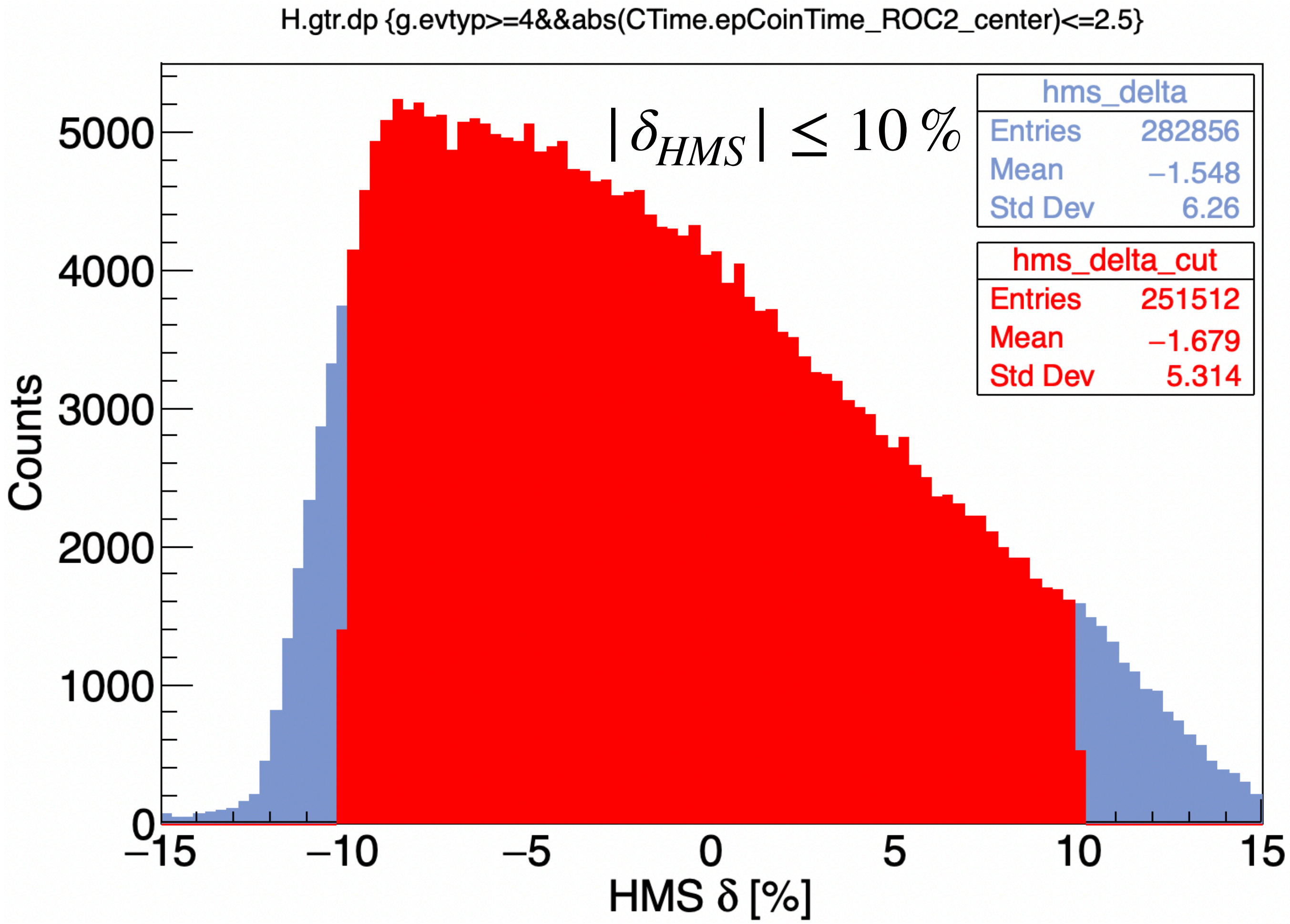
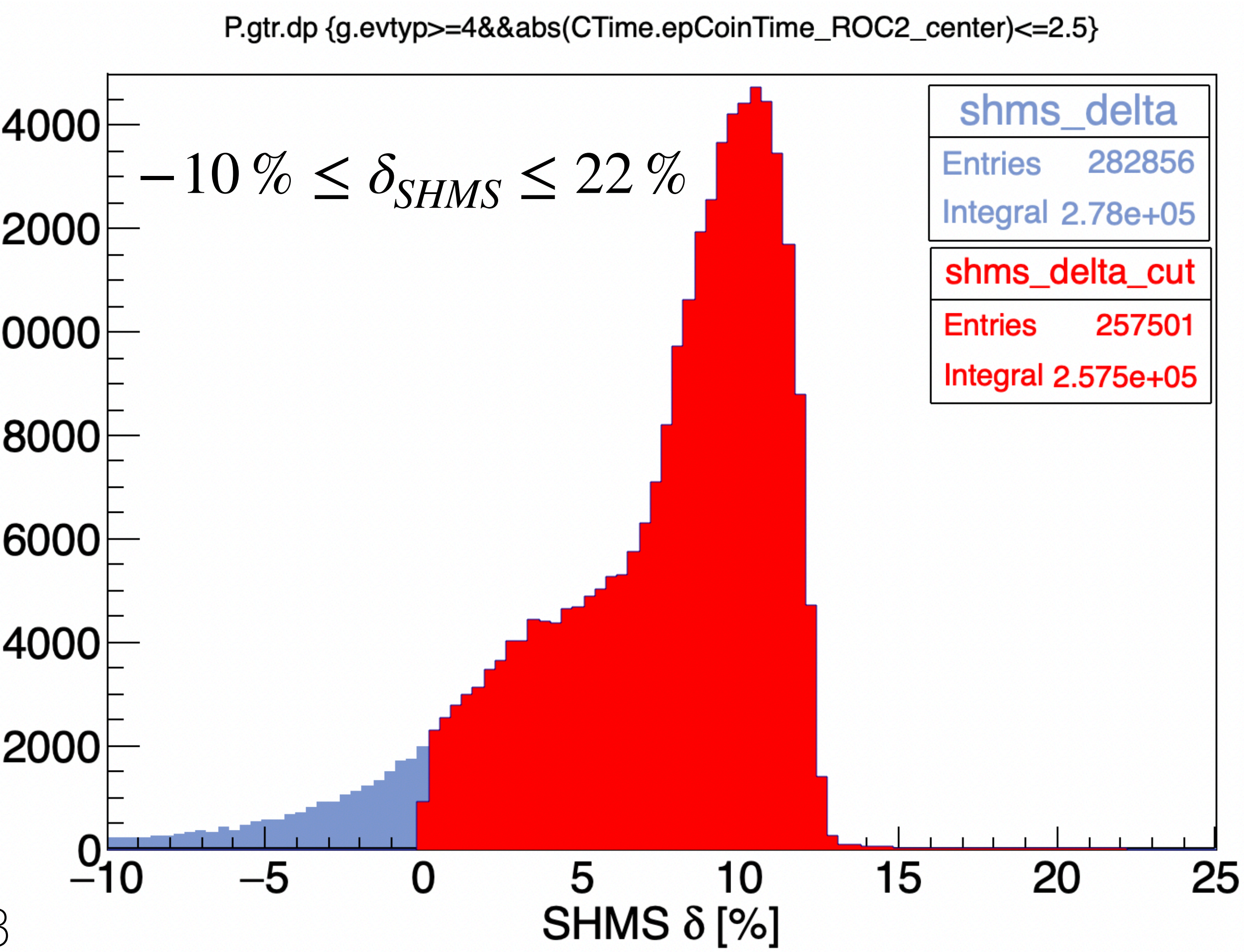


Momentum Acceptance Definition

$$\delta \equiv \frac{P - P_0}{P_0}$$

P_0 : Spectrometer central momentum

P : Particle track momentum



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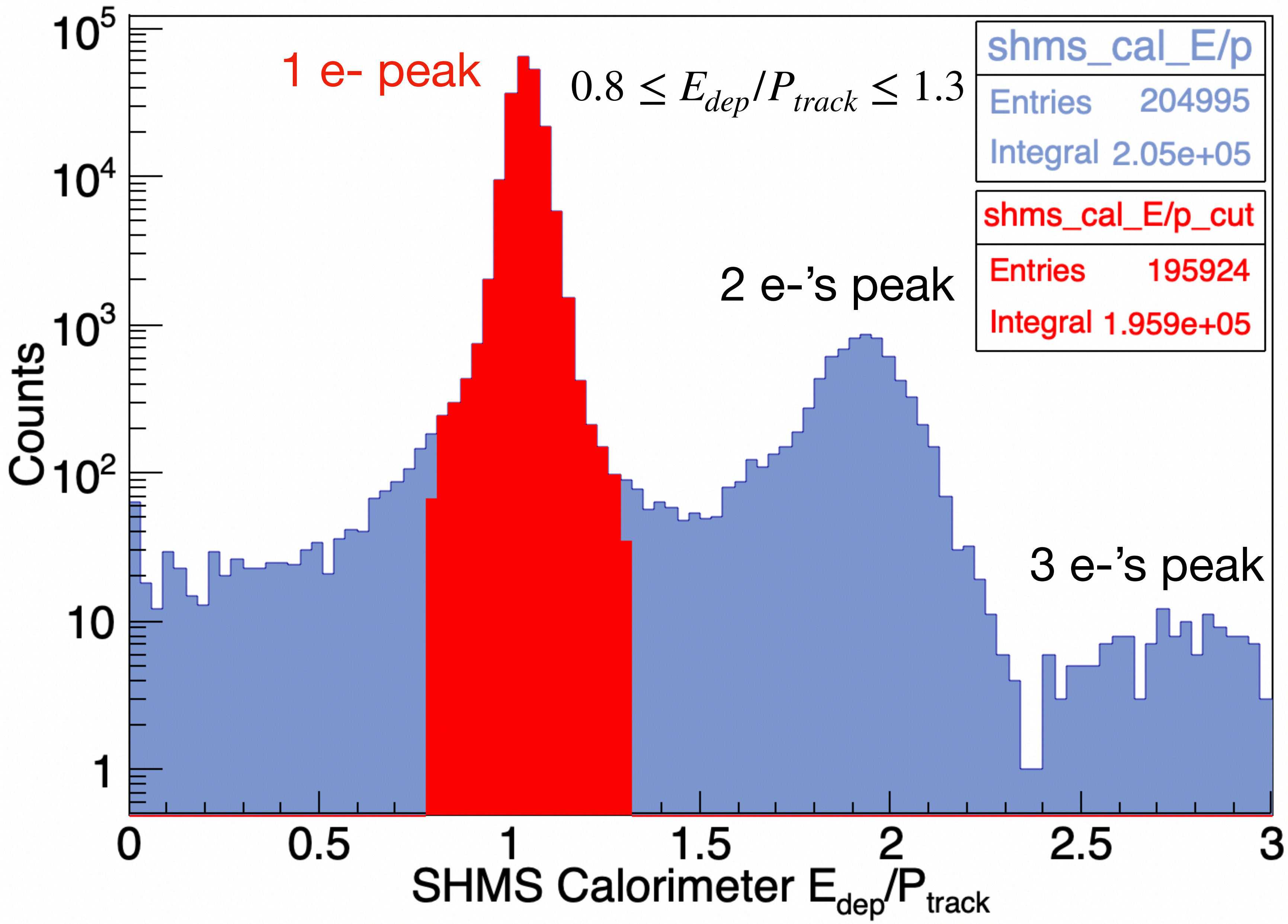

- Particle Identification: select electrons in SHMS
- multiple peaks constitue (~4-5%)
- *n* peak: *n times* the energy deposited (*n* valid electrons) *n*=1,2,3
- Account for multi-peak events: (multi-track efficiency)

$$\epsilon_{\mathrm{multi.trk}} = \frac{\sum_{n=2,3} E_{dep}/P_0}{\sum_{n=1} E_{dep}/P_0}$$

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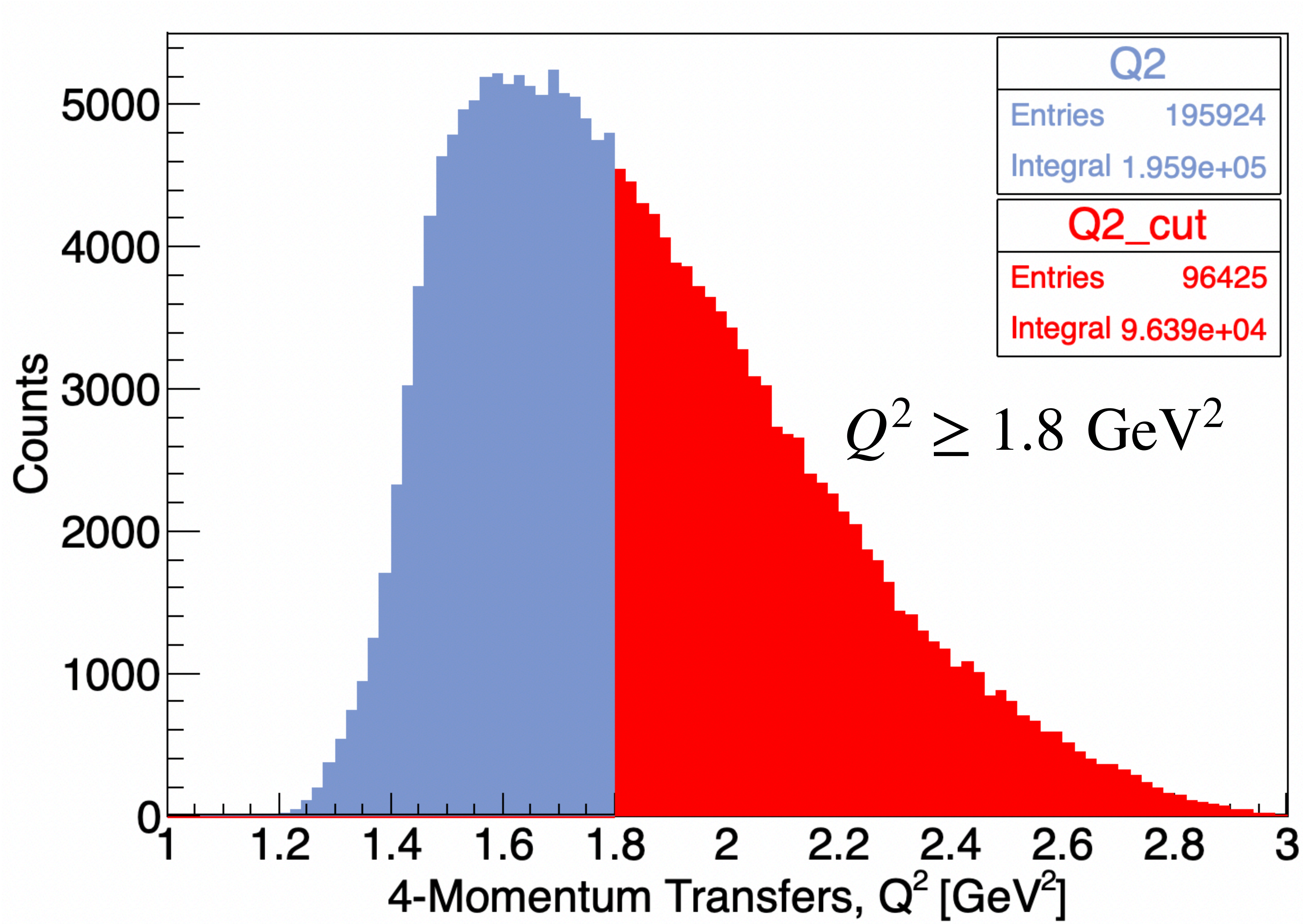

- Kinematic Cut to Suppress Meson-Exchange Currents (MEC)

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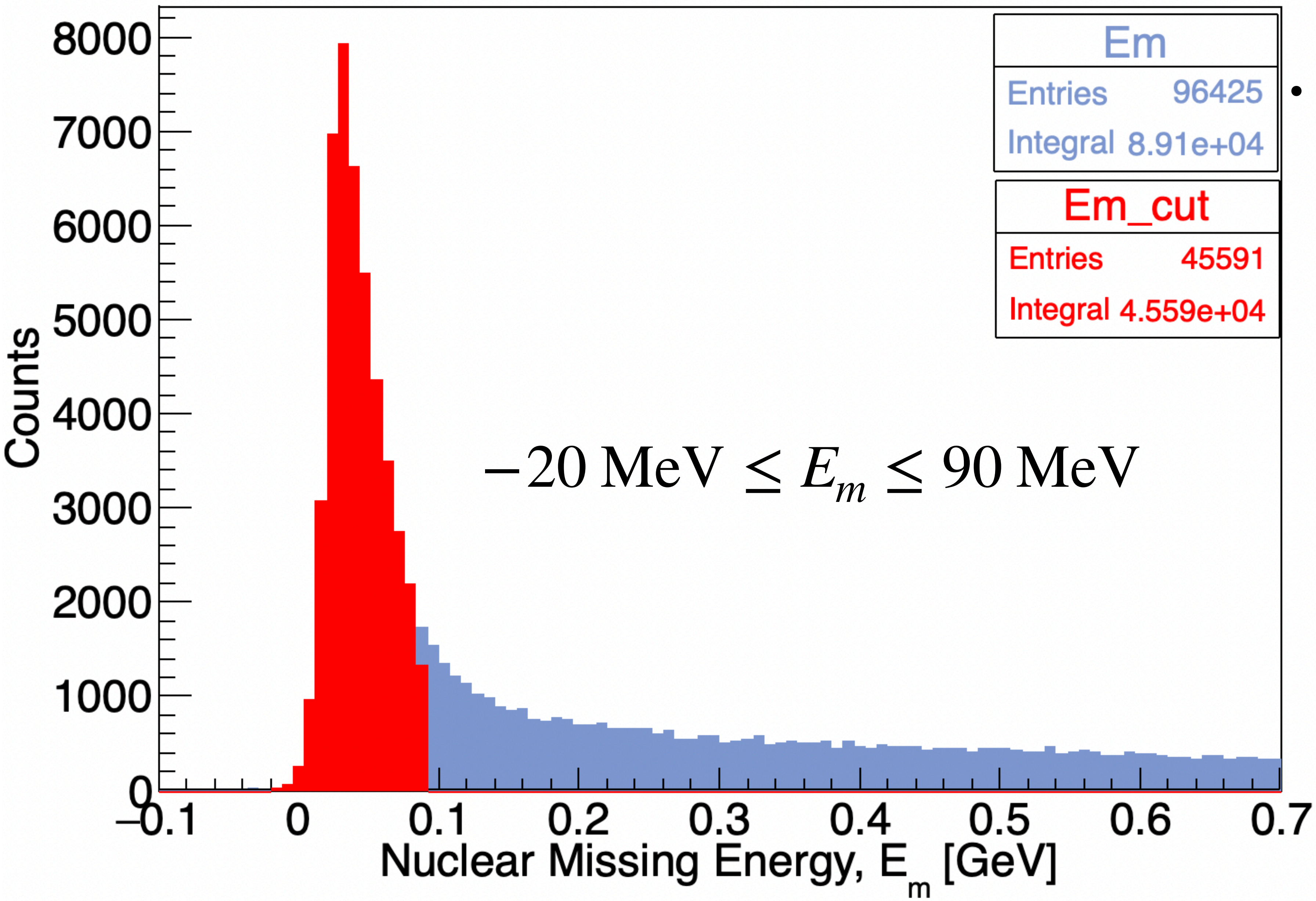
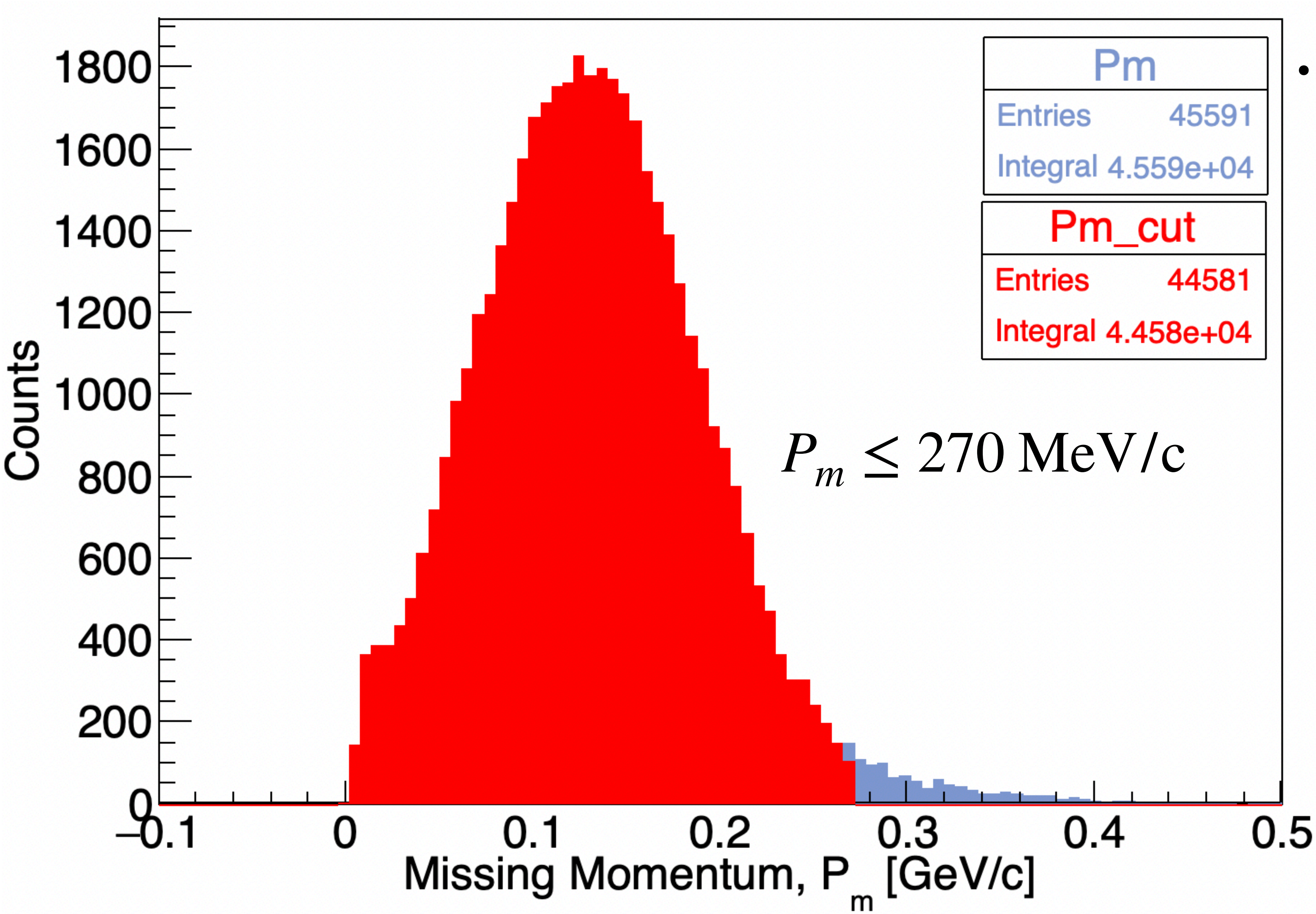


- Kinematic Cut to suppress radiative tail/ select (e, e'p) events

$$E_m = \nu - T_p - T_r$$

Event Selection (MF)

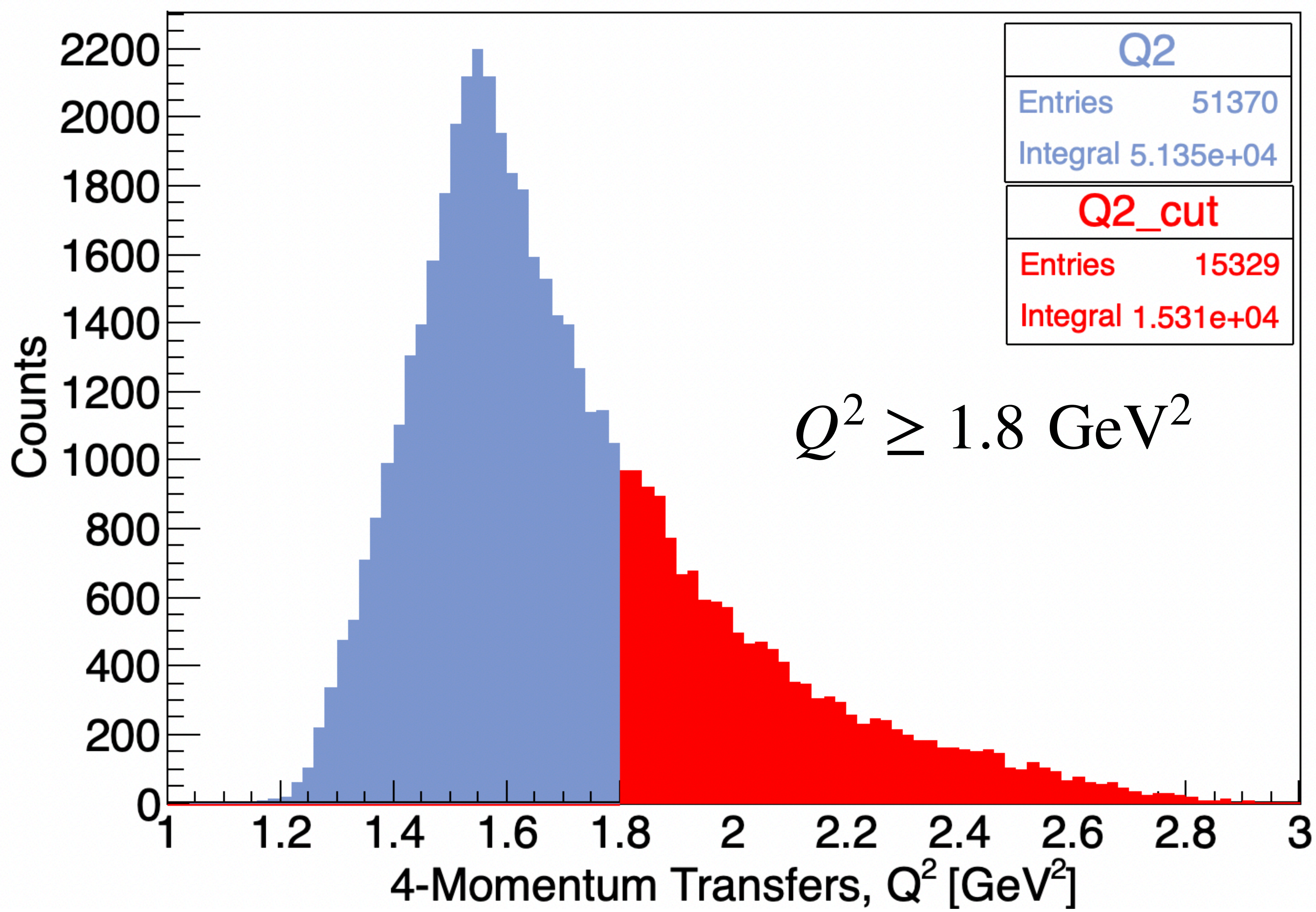


- Kinematic Cut to select mean-field (MF) nucleons

Event Selection (SRC)

(For illustration purposes, Ca48 SRC run 17057 is used)

*** coincidence time + acceptance + PID cuts are same as (MF) kinematics*



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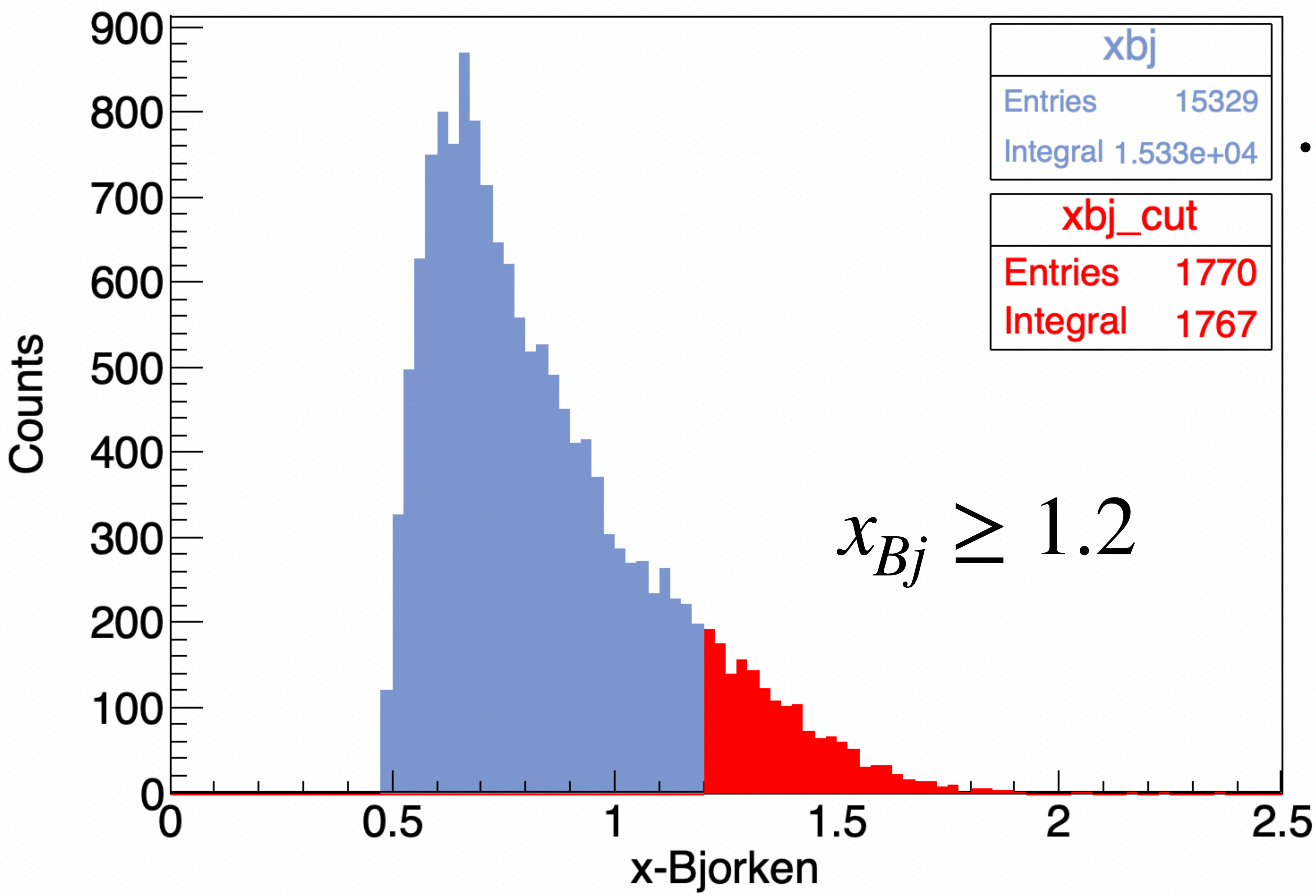
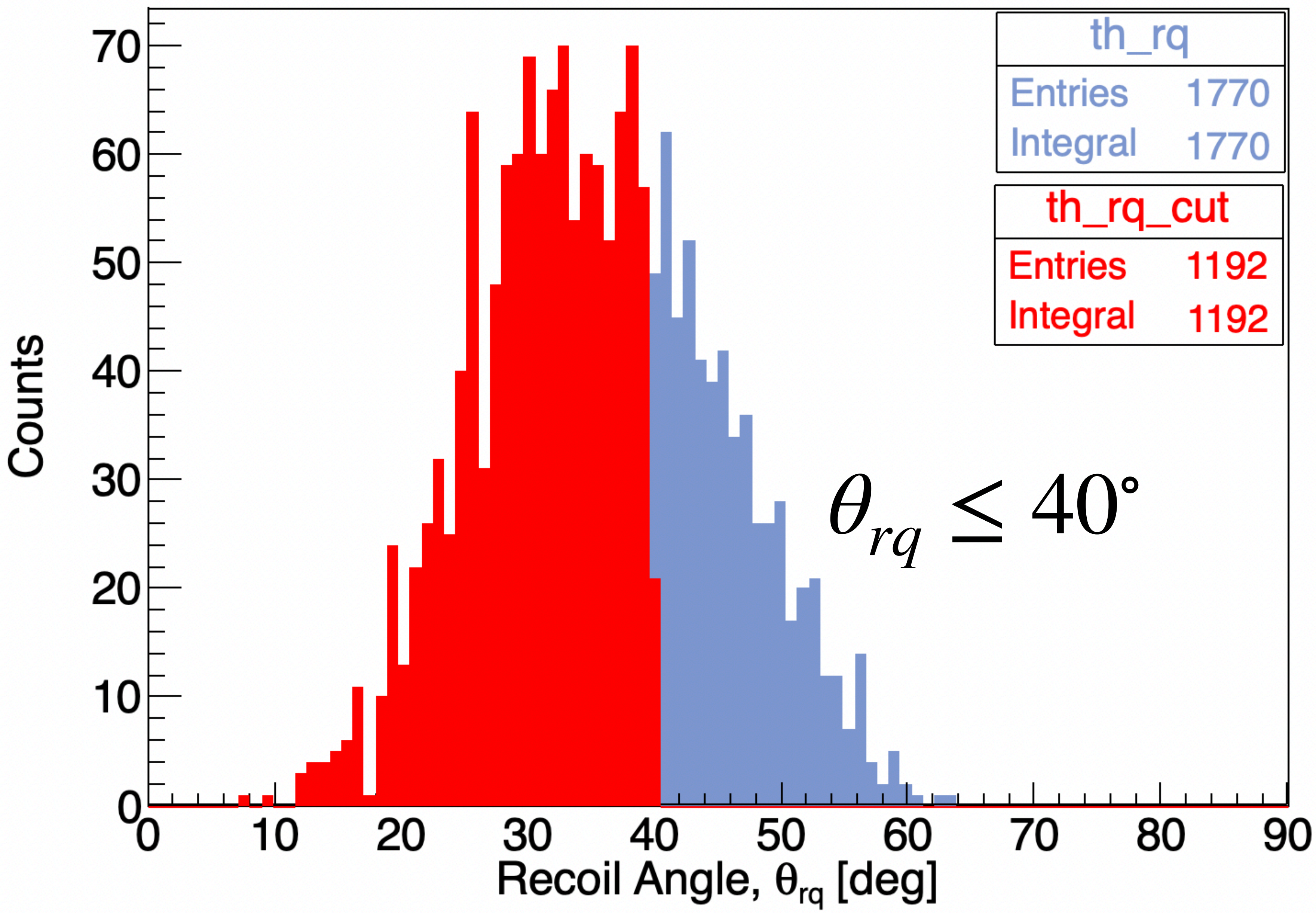


- Kinematic Cut to suppress inelastic + DIS events at x<1

(i.e., suppress Δ, N^* excitations)

Event Selection (SRC)

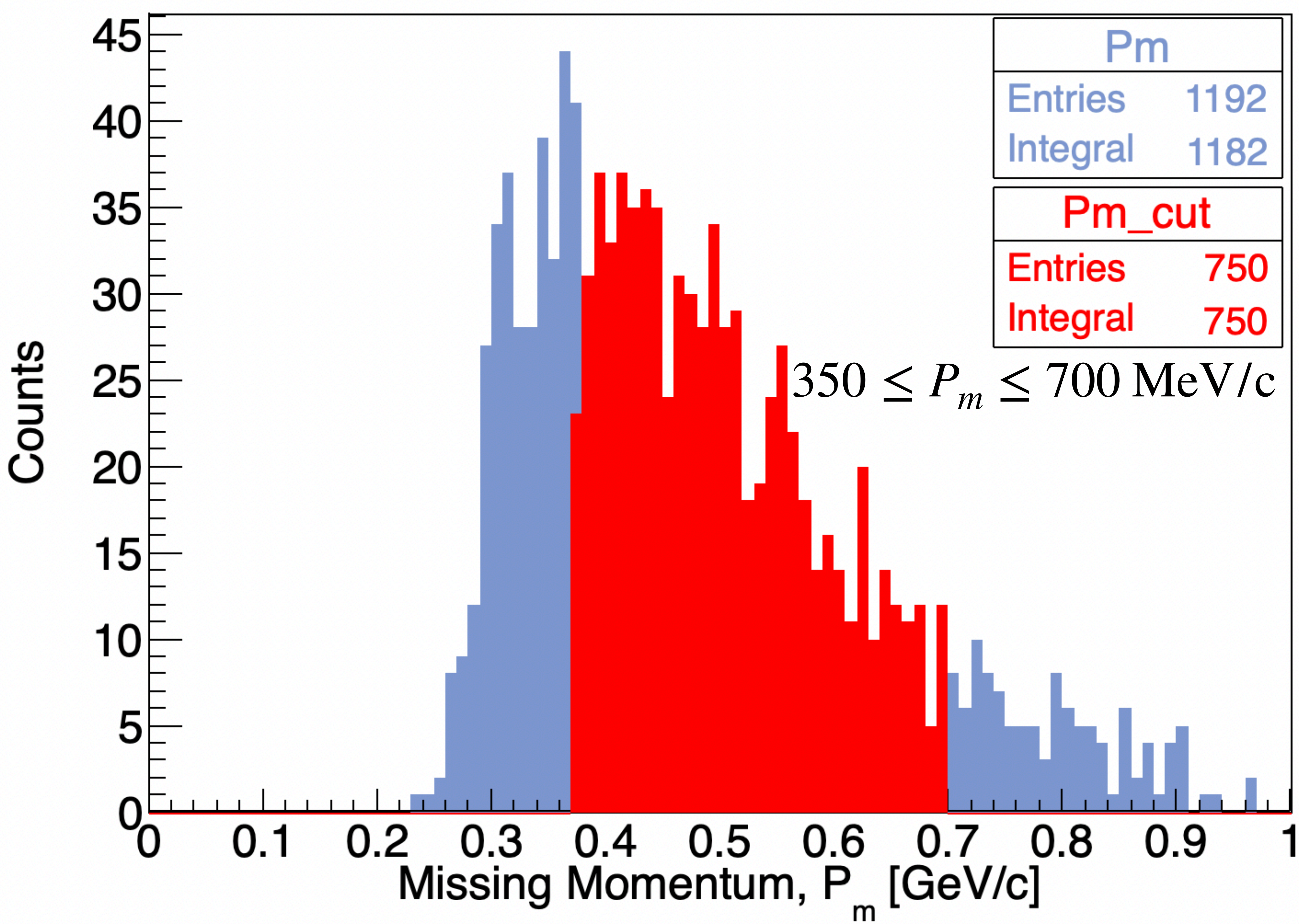


θ_{rq} :
- Angle between recoil system
- and virtual photon direction

- Kinematic Cut to suppress re-scattering of recoil SRC nucleon

  (i.e., suppress final-state interactions)

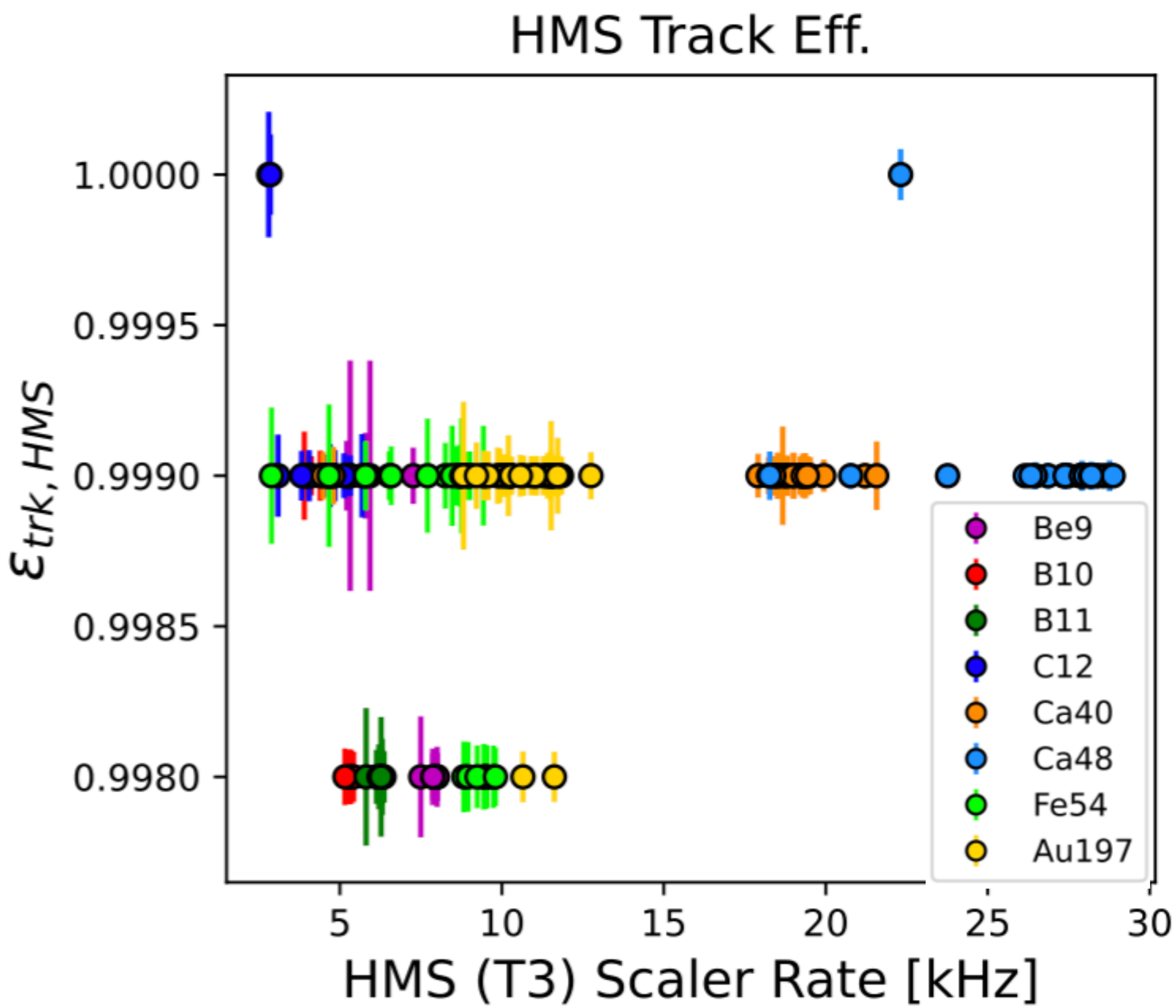
Event Selection (SRC)



- Kinematic Cut to select short-range correlated nucleon

Yield Extraction

$$Y = \frac{N_{(e,e'p)}}{Q \cdot \epsilon_{htrk} \cdot \epsilon_{etrk} \cdot \epsilon_{mult.trk} \cdot \epsilon_{LT} \cdot T_N \cdot \sigma_{thick}}$$



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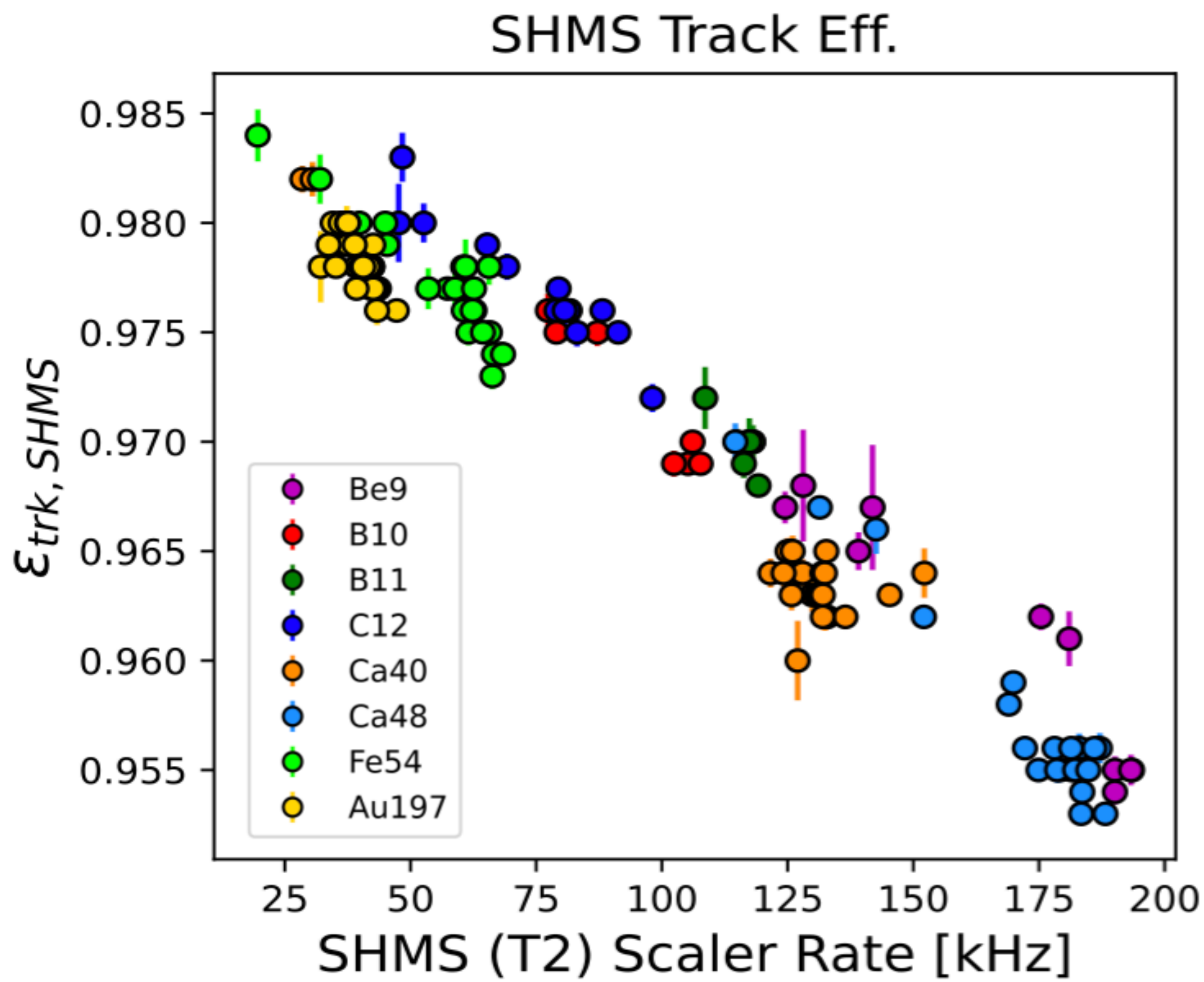

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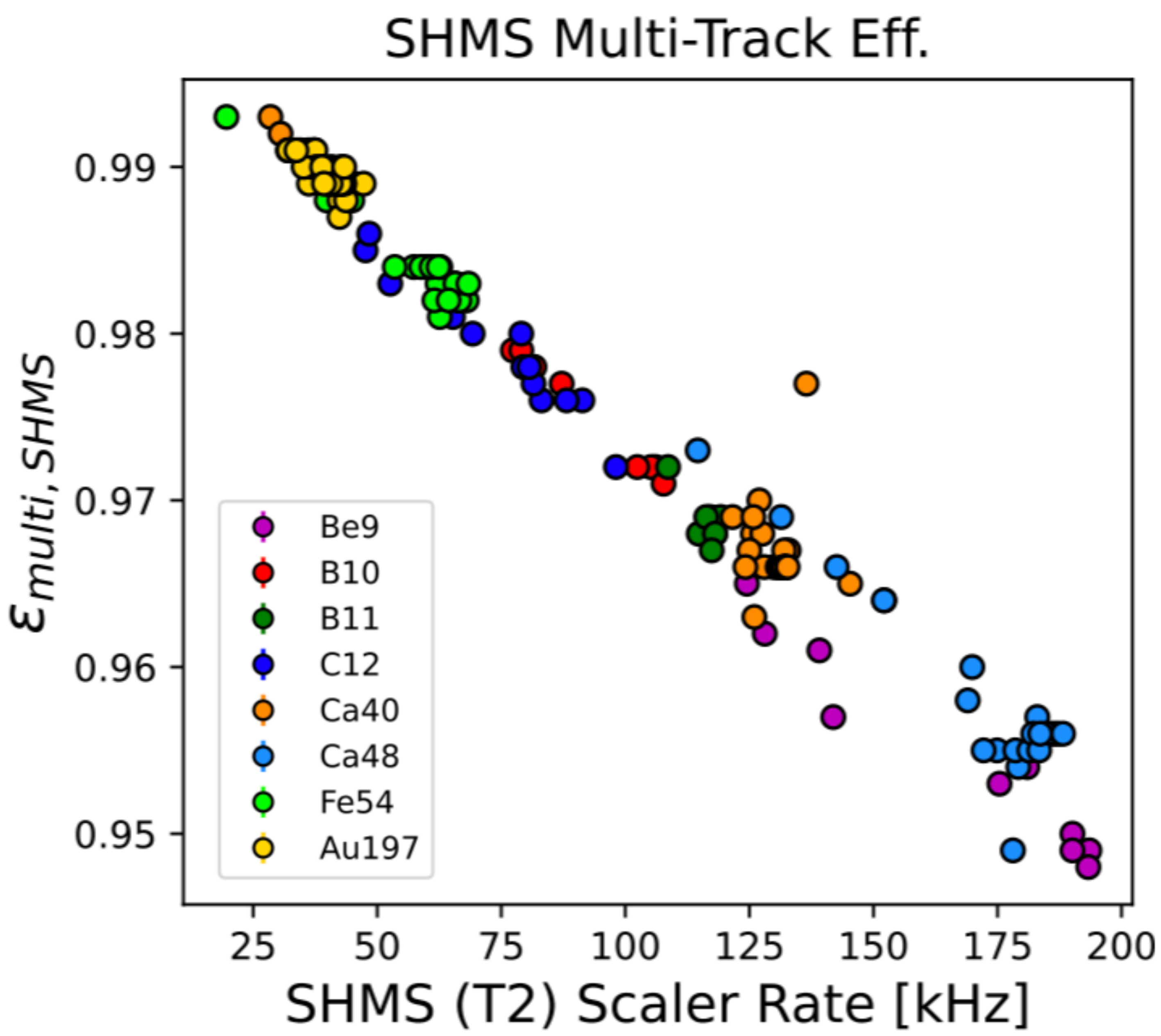

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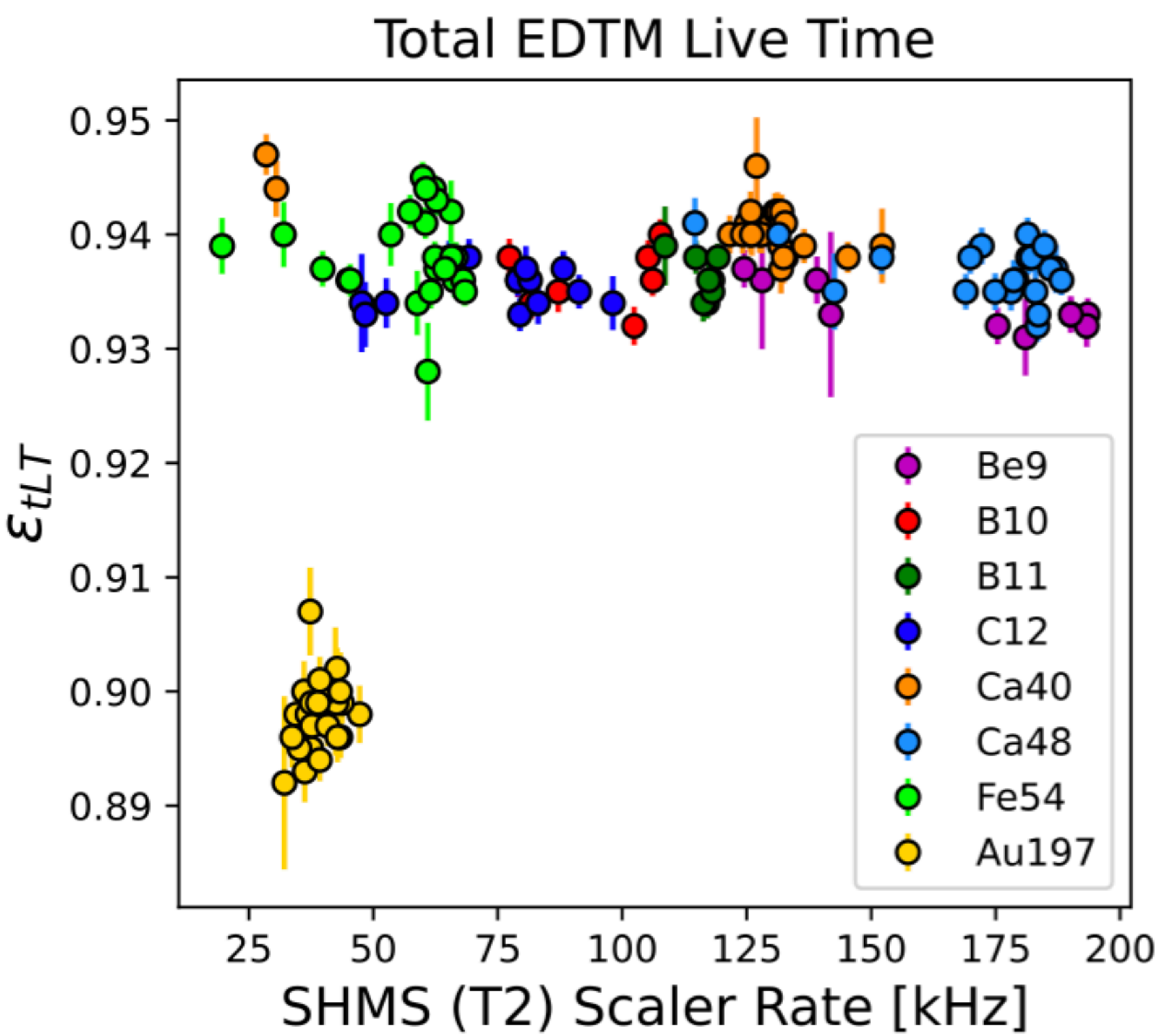

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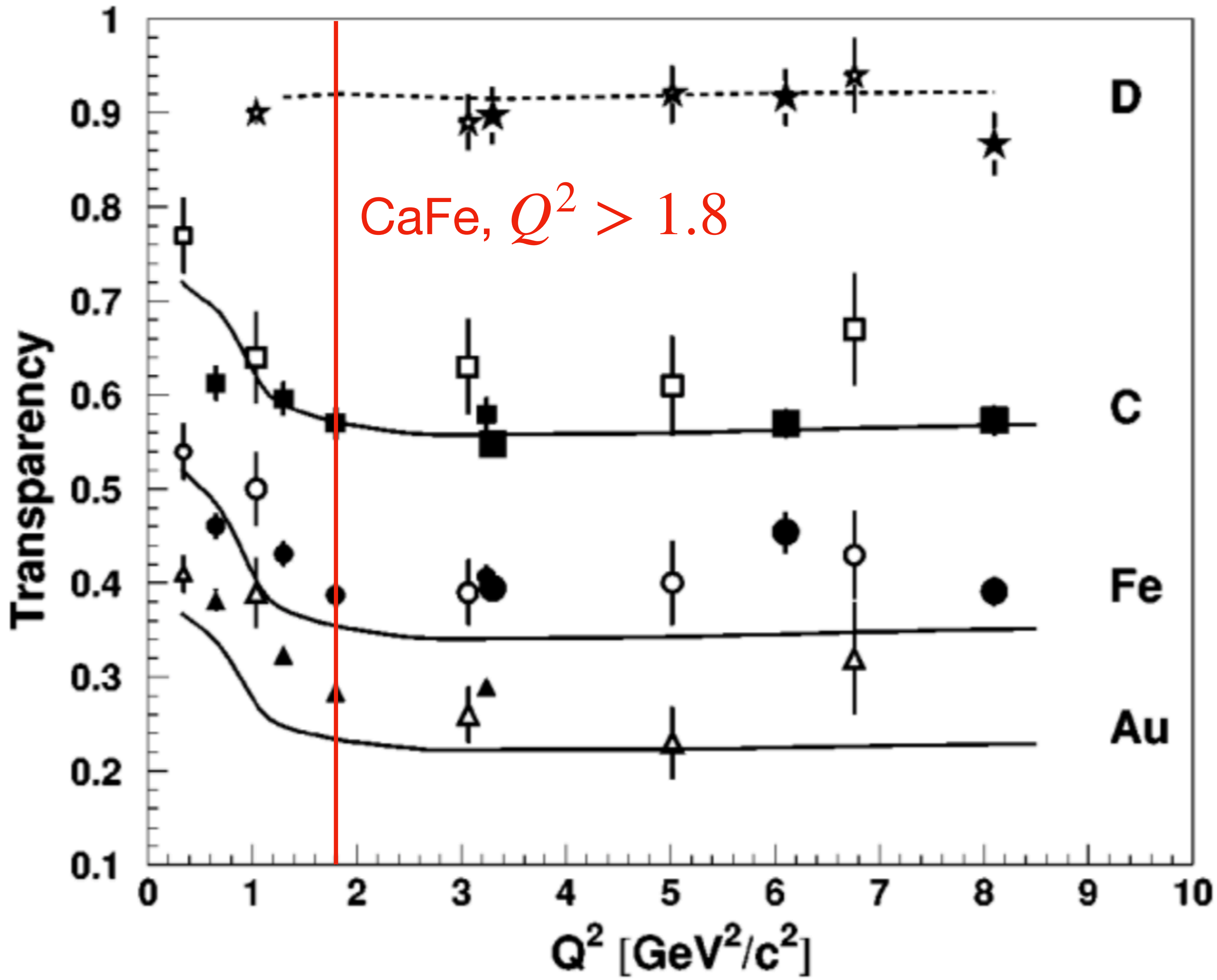


$$T_N = cA^{-\alpha(Q^2)}$$

For $Q^2 \gtrsim 2\text{GeV}^2$

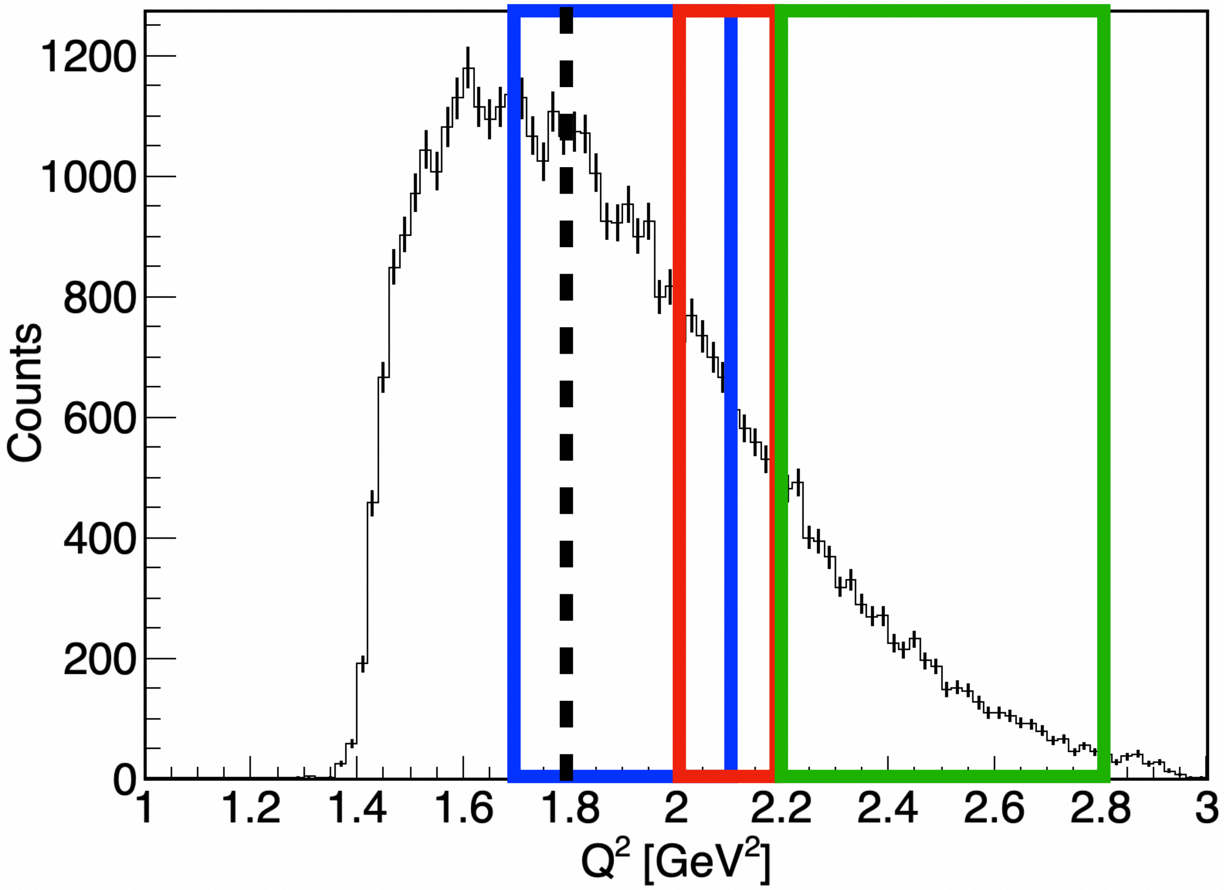
$c \to 1$

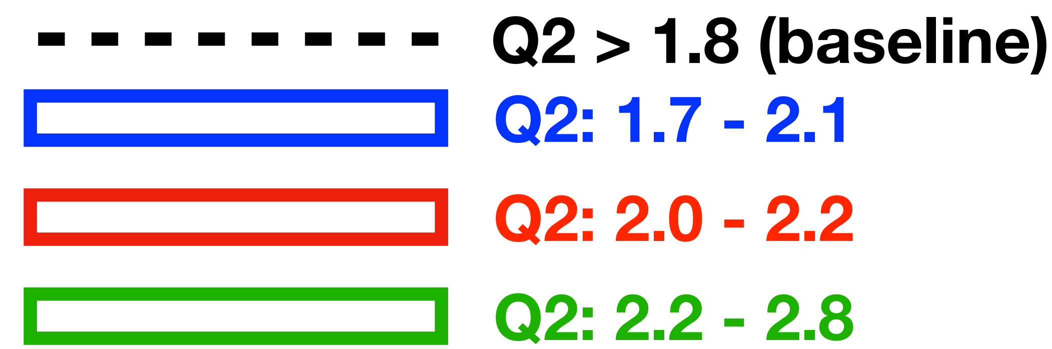
$\alpha \to 0.24$

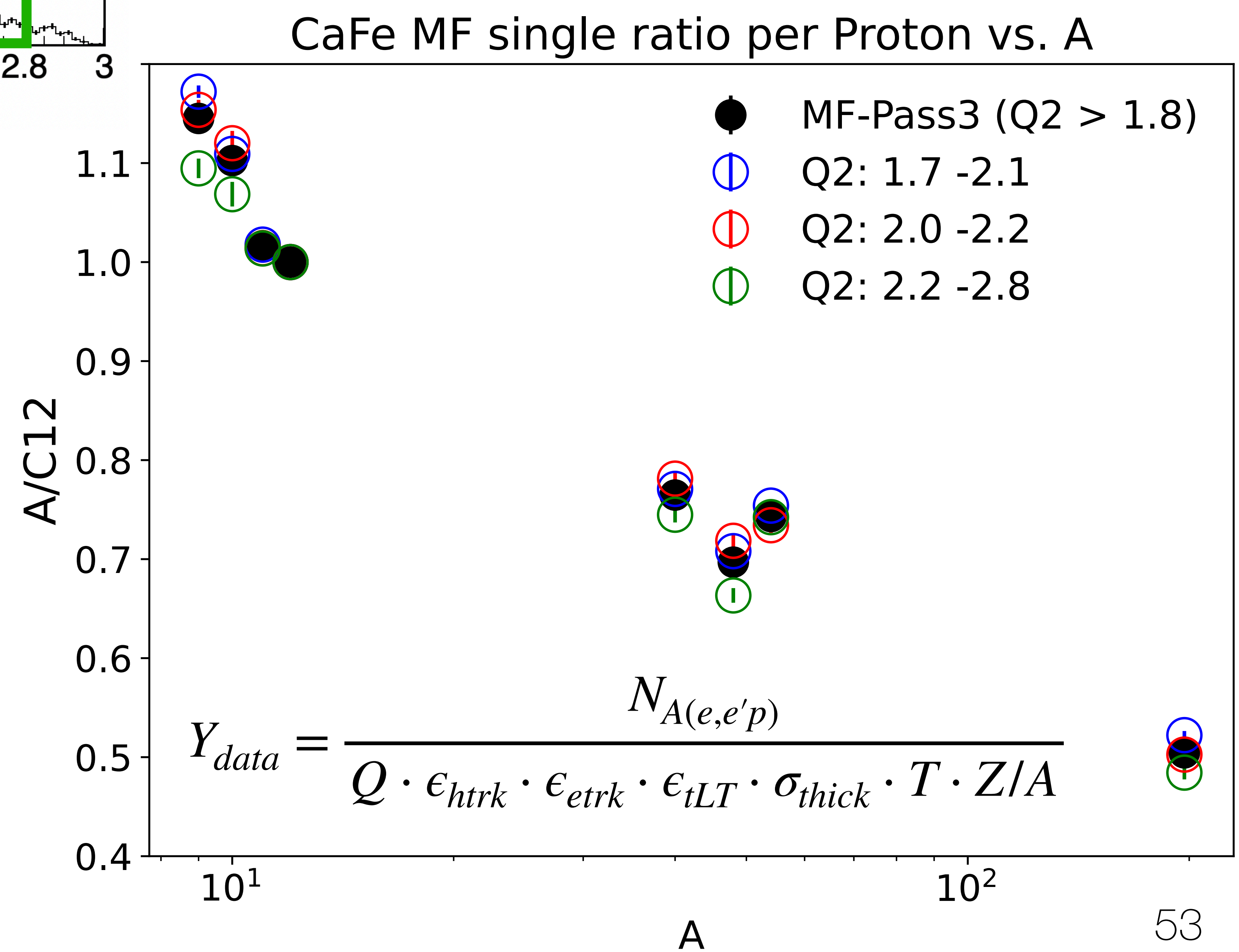
Single Ratio Checks

$$R = \left. \frac{Y_A}{Y_{C12}} \right|_{MF}$$

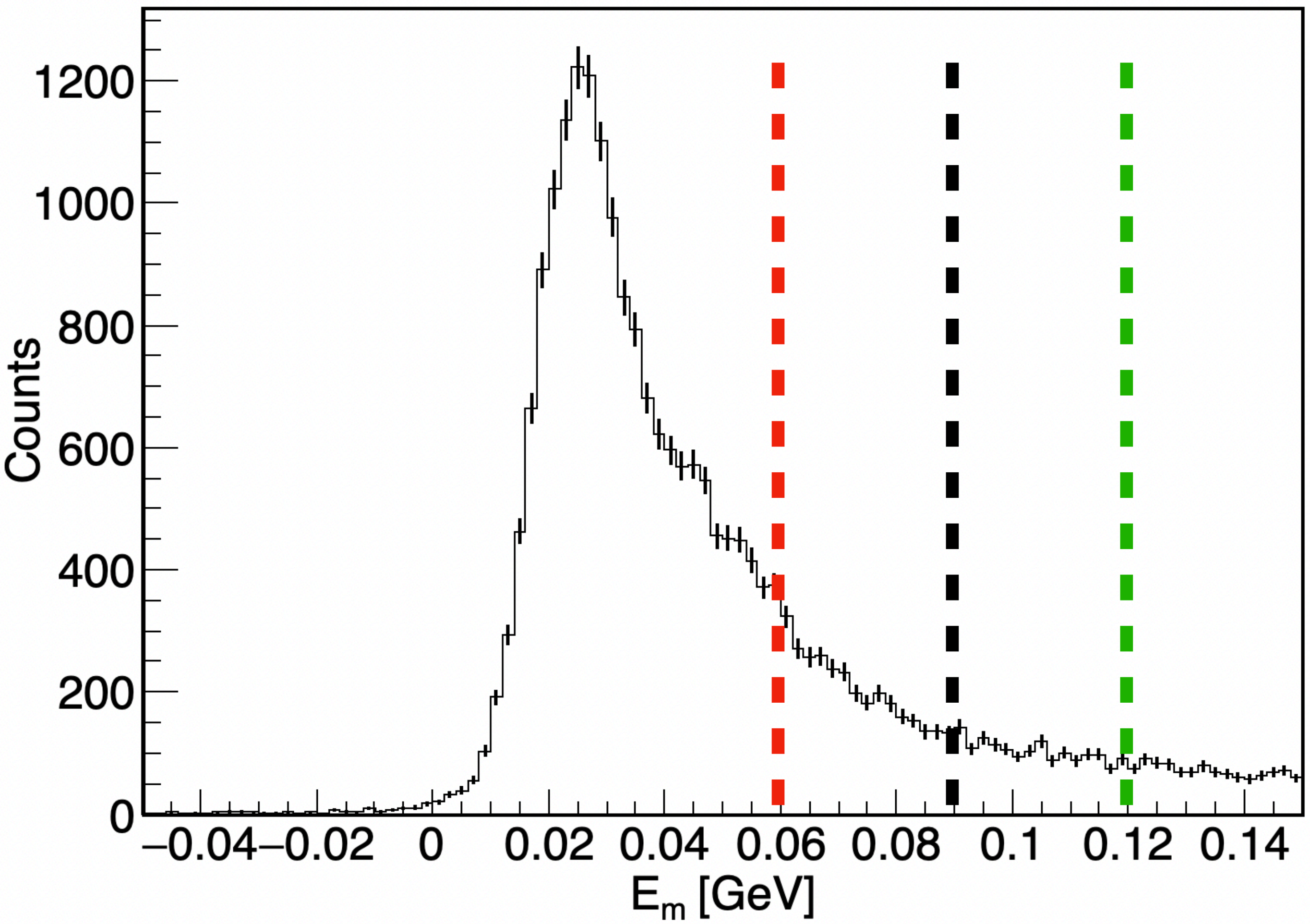
Q2 Dependence on Single Ratios: A_MF / C12_MF







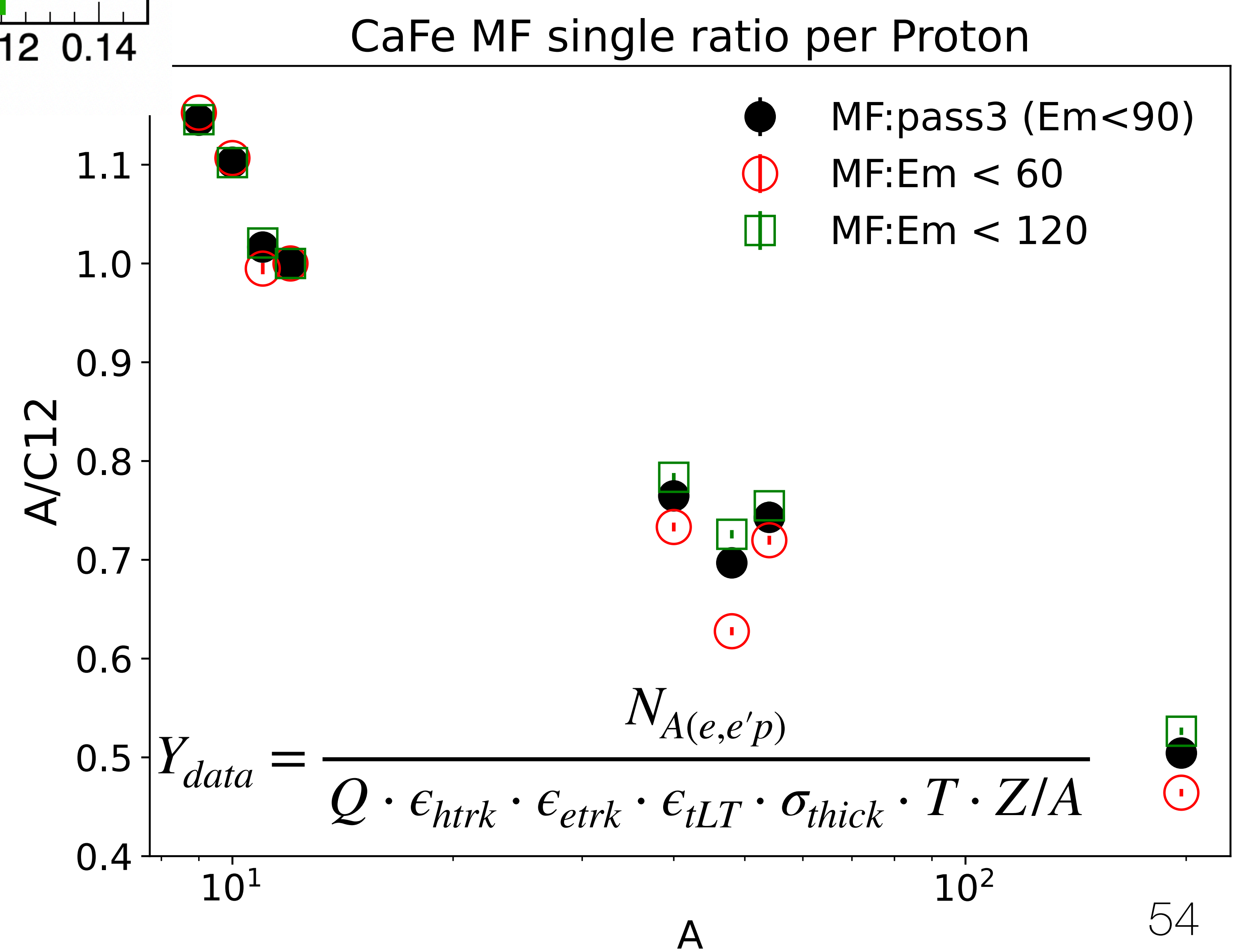
Missing Energy Dependence on Single Ratios: A_MF / C12_MF



Em < 90 MeV (baseline)

Em < 60 MeV

Em < 120 MeV

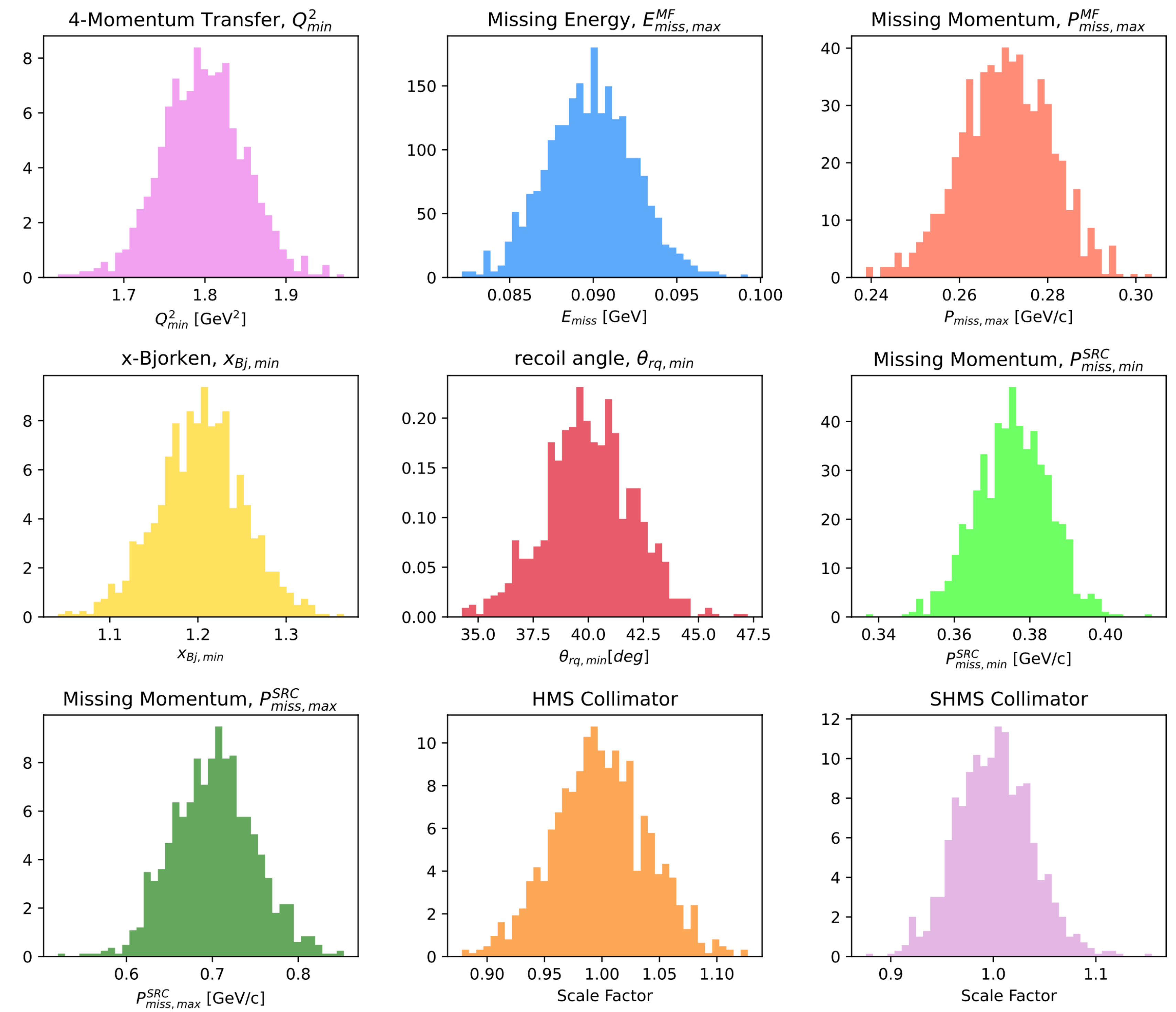


$$Y_{data} = \frac{N_{A(e,e'p)}}{Q \cdot \epsilon_{htrk} \cdot \epsilon_{etrk} \cdot \epsilon_{tLT} \cdot \sigma_{thick} \cdot T \cdot Z/A}$$

Systematics

example of how systematic cut sensitivity is studied in CaFe

- randomly-sampled gaussian for N=1000 distinct kinematical cut variations
- central kinematical cuts were varied by +/- 2 standard deviations
- data analysis performed for every N=1000 cut variations to determine the systematic spread



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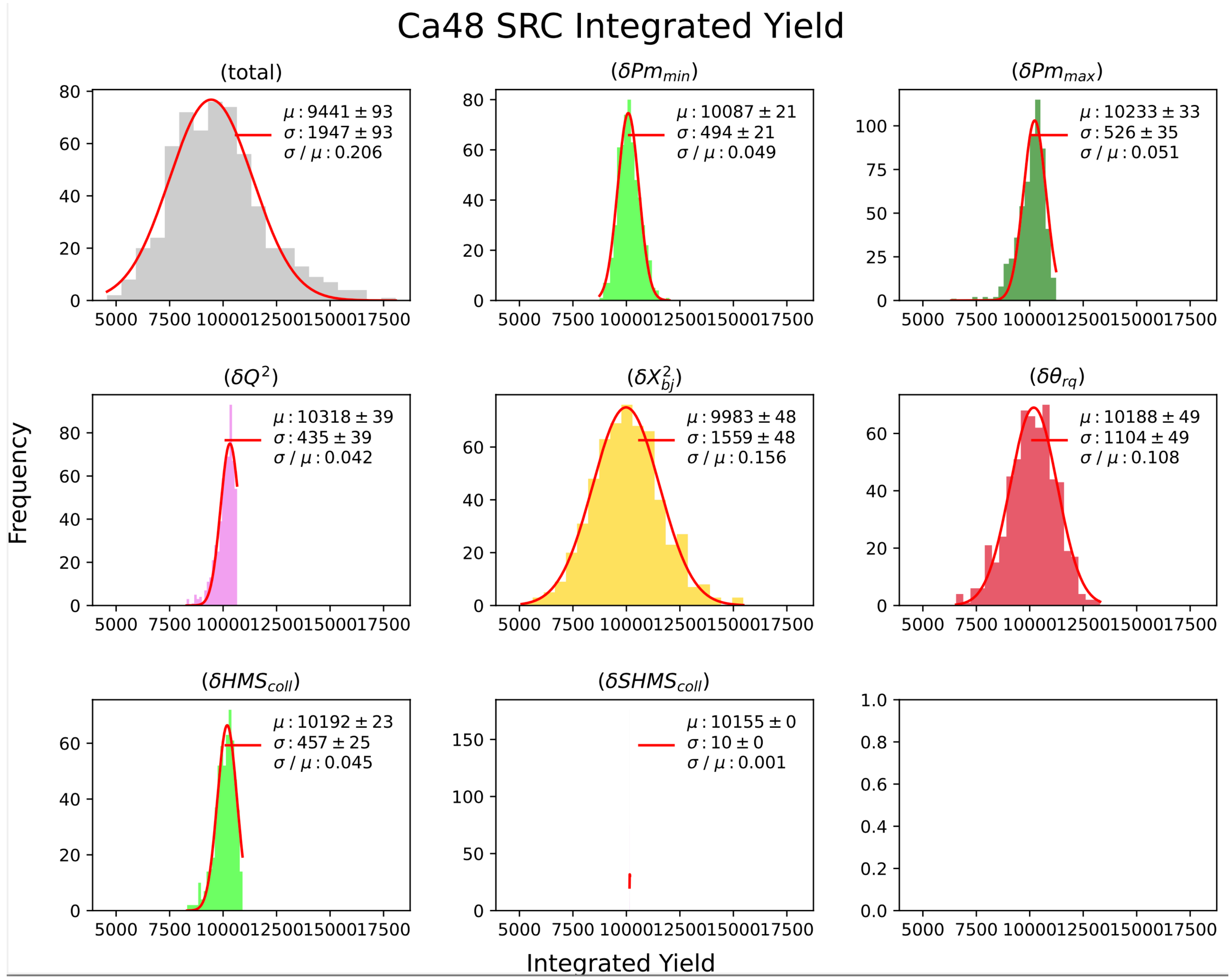

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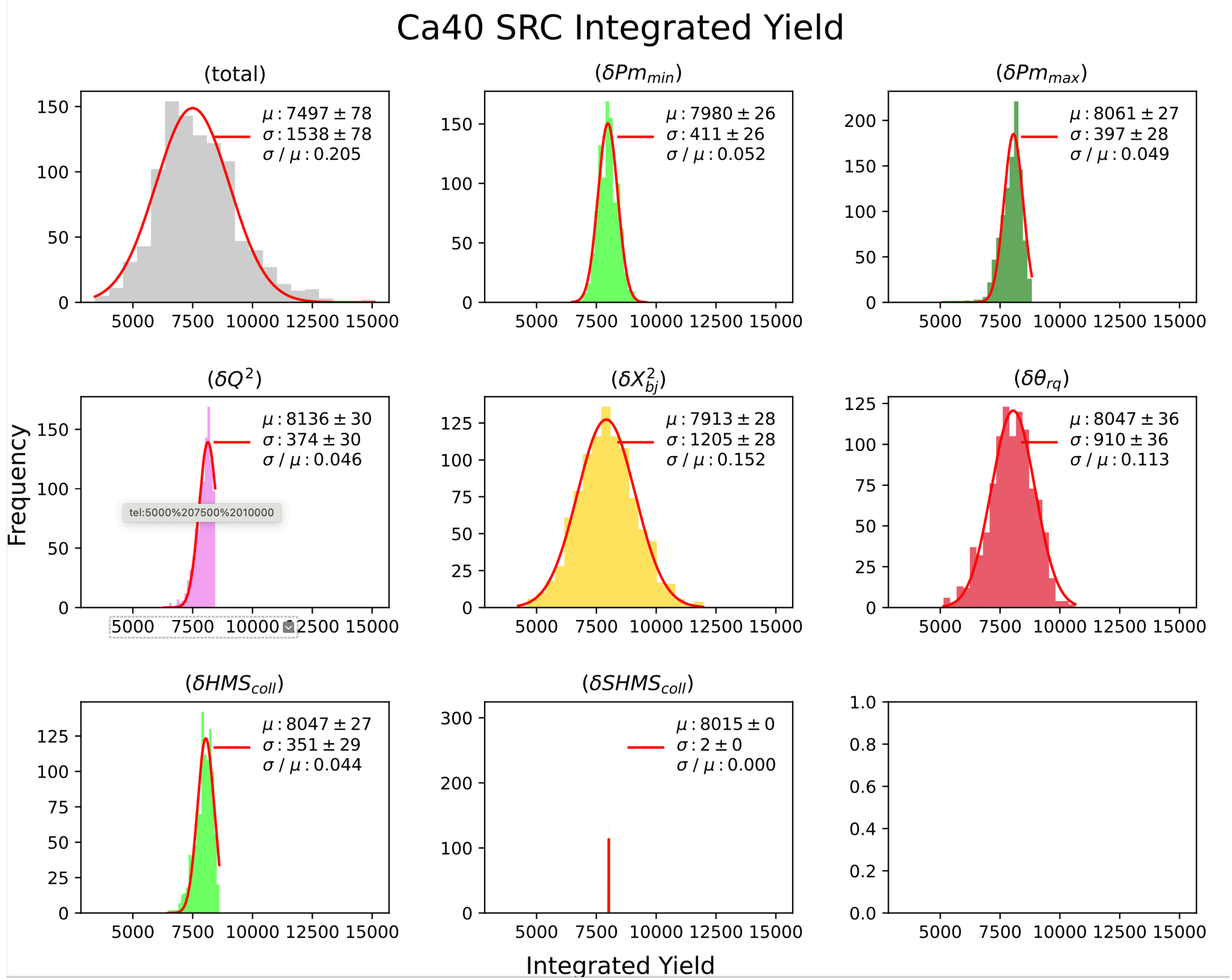

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- Typical systematics on single SRC ratios (example shown for SRC Ca48/40)
- Systematic effects on single ratio of SRC/SRC seem to be ~ 1 %