

**Kaon Decay workshop for Young Physicists**

**Study of separation of neutron from  $\gamma$ -ray  
up to 12 GeV with SLSD.**

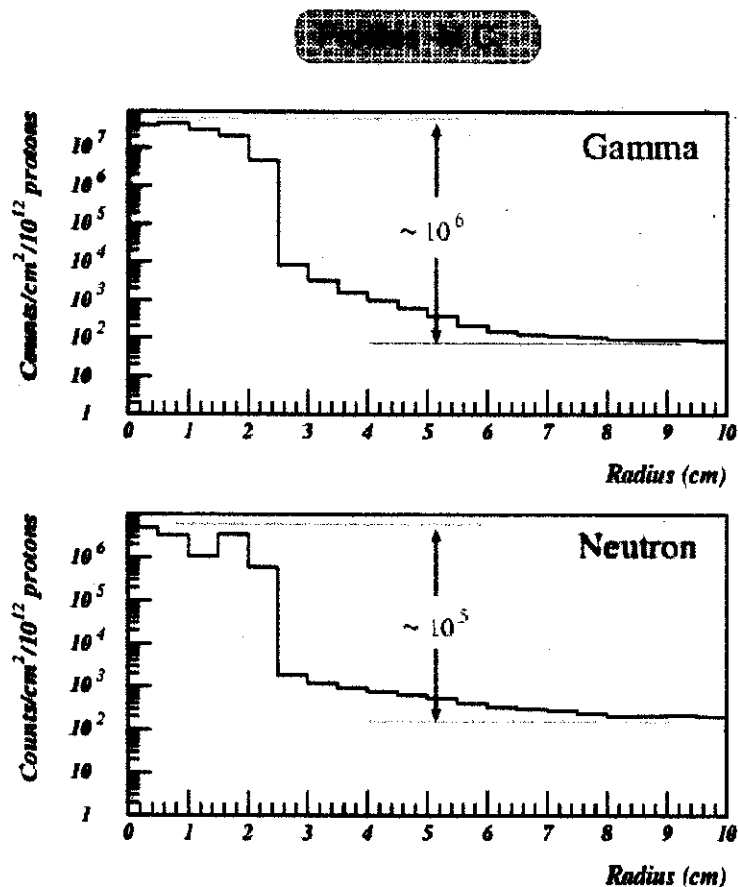
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E391a experiment,  $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$

→ Neutron flux, energy spectrum, profile(G.Y. Lim talked).

KEK-PS E391a (Search for  $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$  Decay)



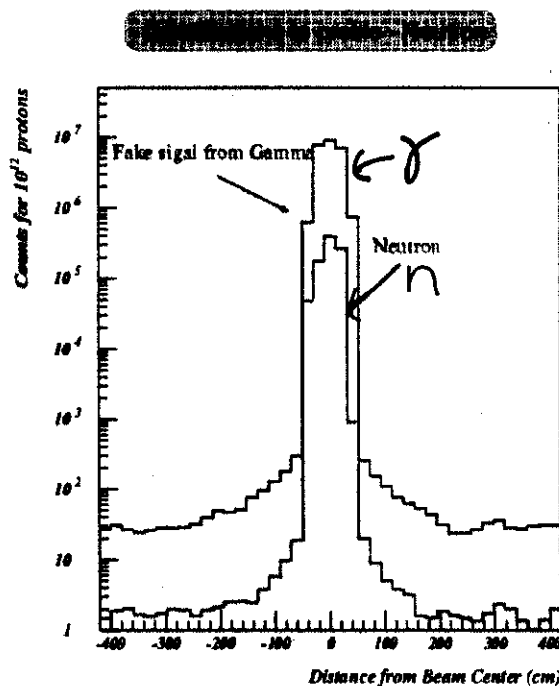
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requirement : S/N ratio > 100

## conventional neutron detector

- Single block of plastic scintillator.  
→  $S/N \sim 1$
- Hydrogen enrich scintillator, NE228(H/C ratio=2.11)  
→  $S/N \sim 2$
- Pulse Shape Discrimination of scintillators or CsI  
→ good performance up to 30 MeV.

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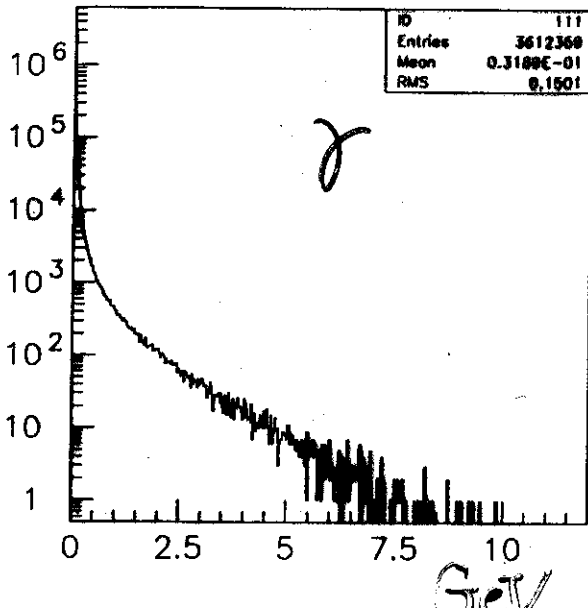
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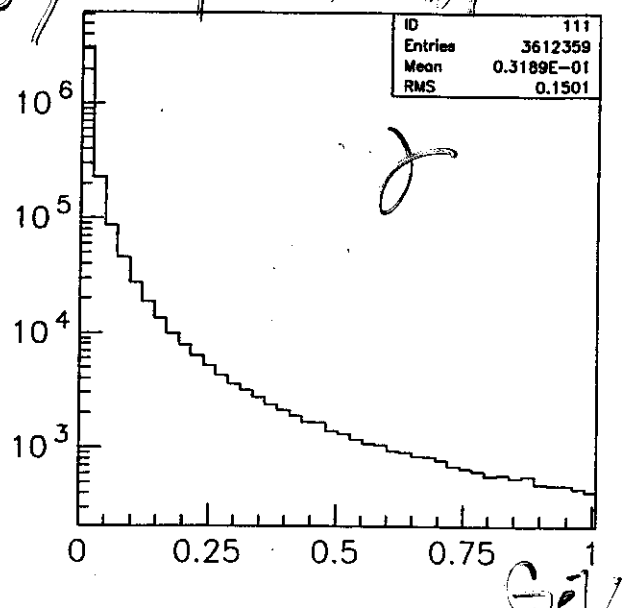
Scintillator-Lucite Sandwich Detector(SLSD).

# M.C. Simulation

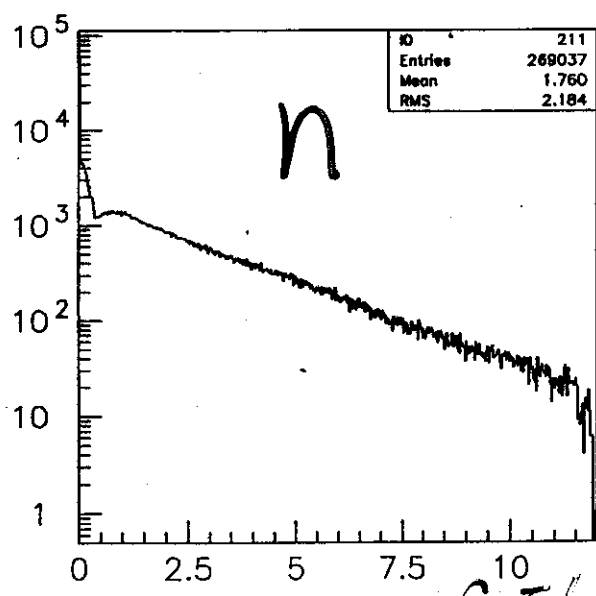
## Energy spectrum



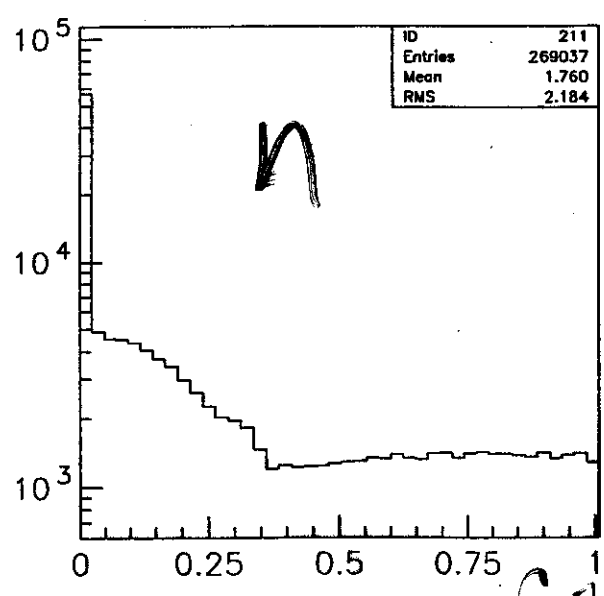
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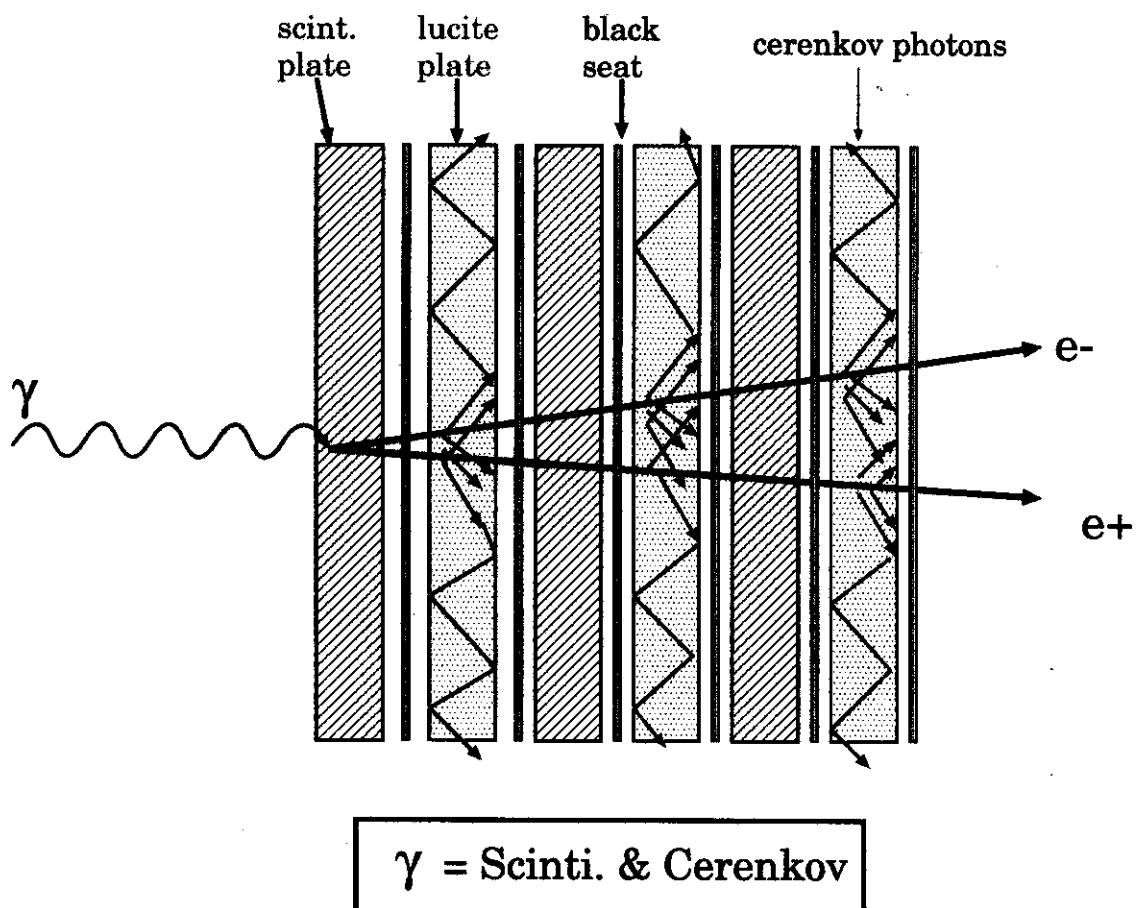
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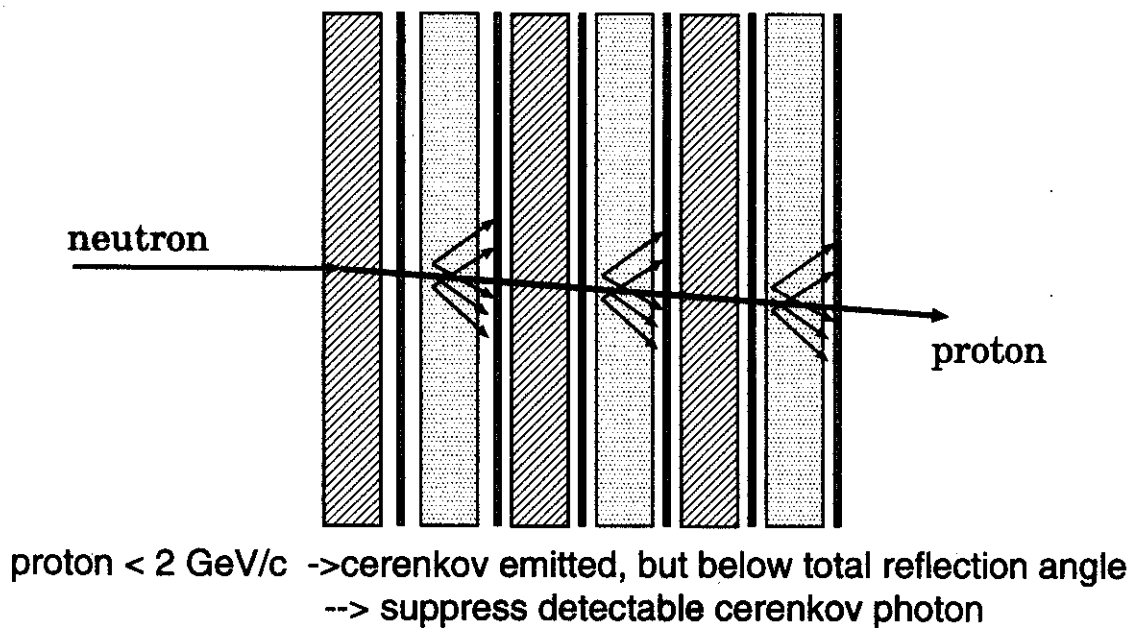
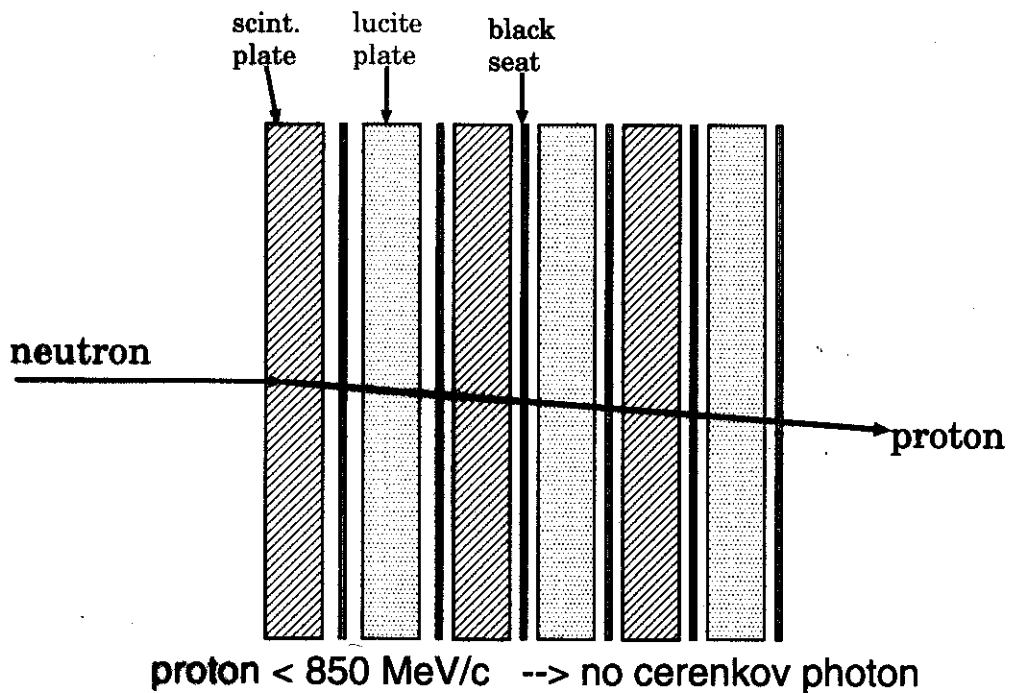
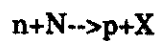
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Lucite optical property :

- index  $n=1.49 \rightarrow \beta_C > 0.67$
- total reflection angle  $n=42^\circ \rightarrow \beta_C > 0.9$

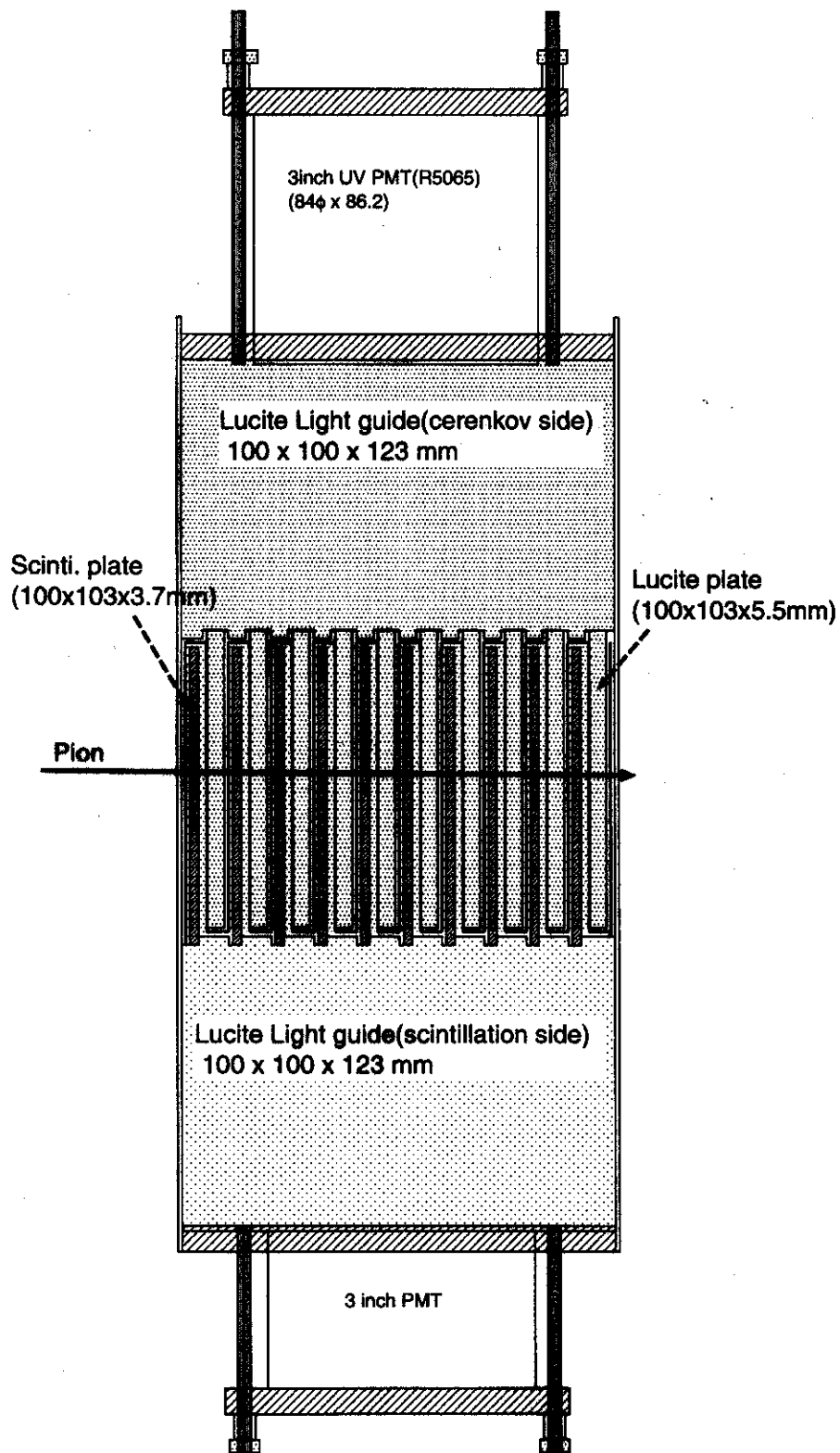
Response for  $\gamma$ 

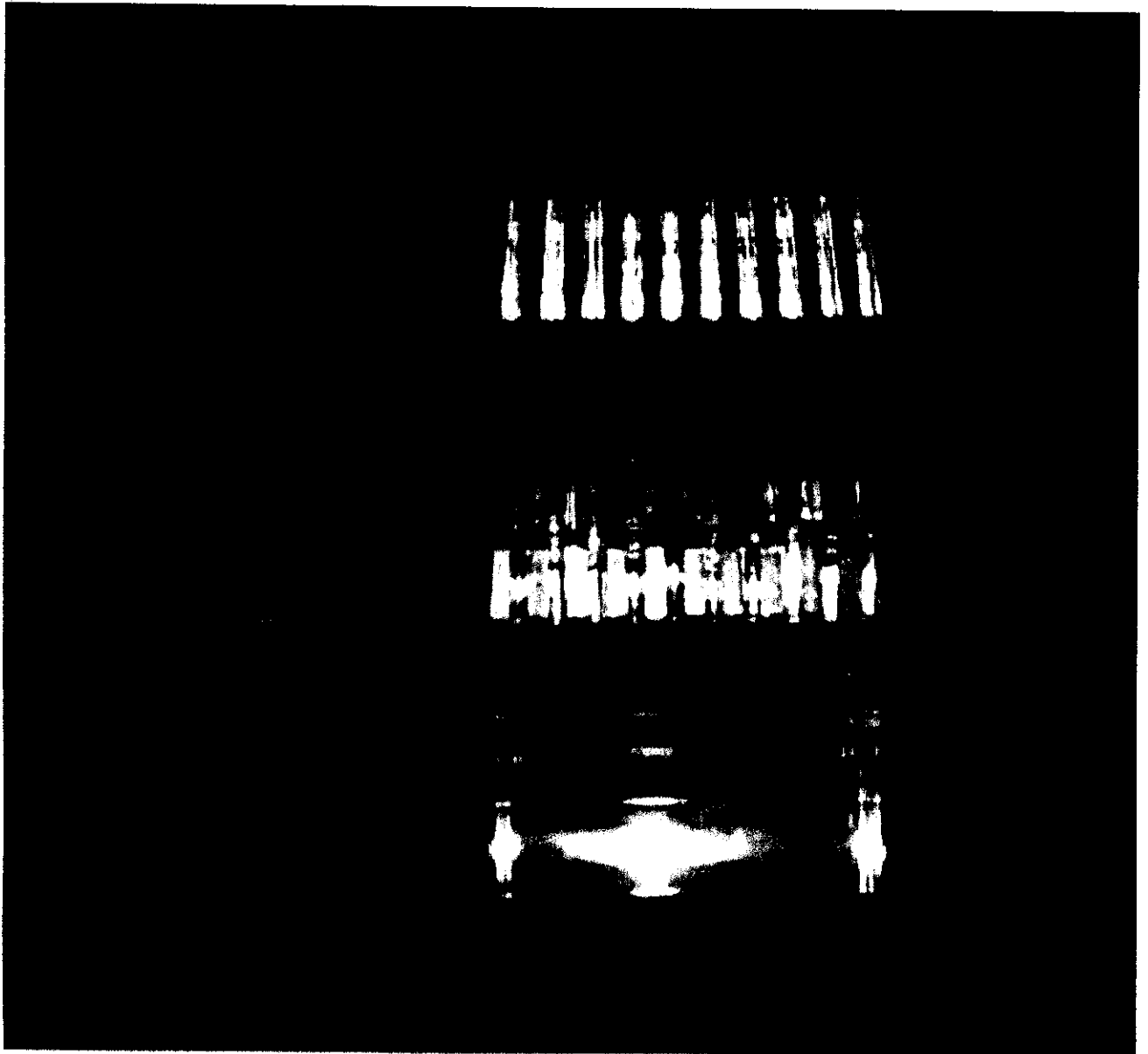
## Response for neutron



Neutron = Scinti. & Cerenkov

# Design and Production





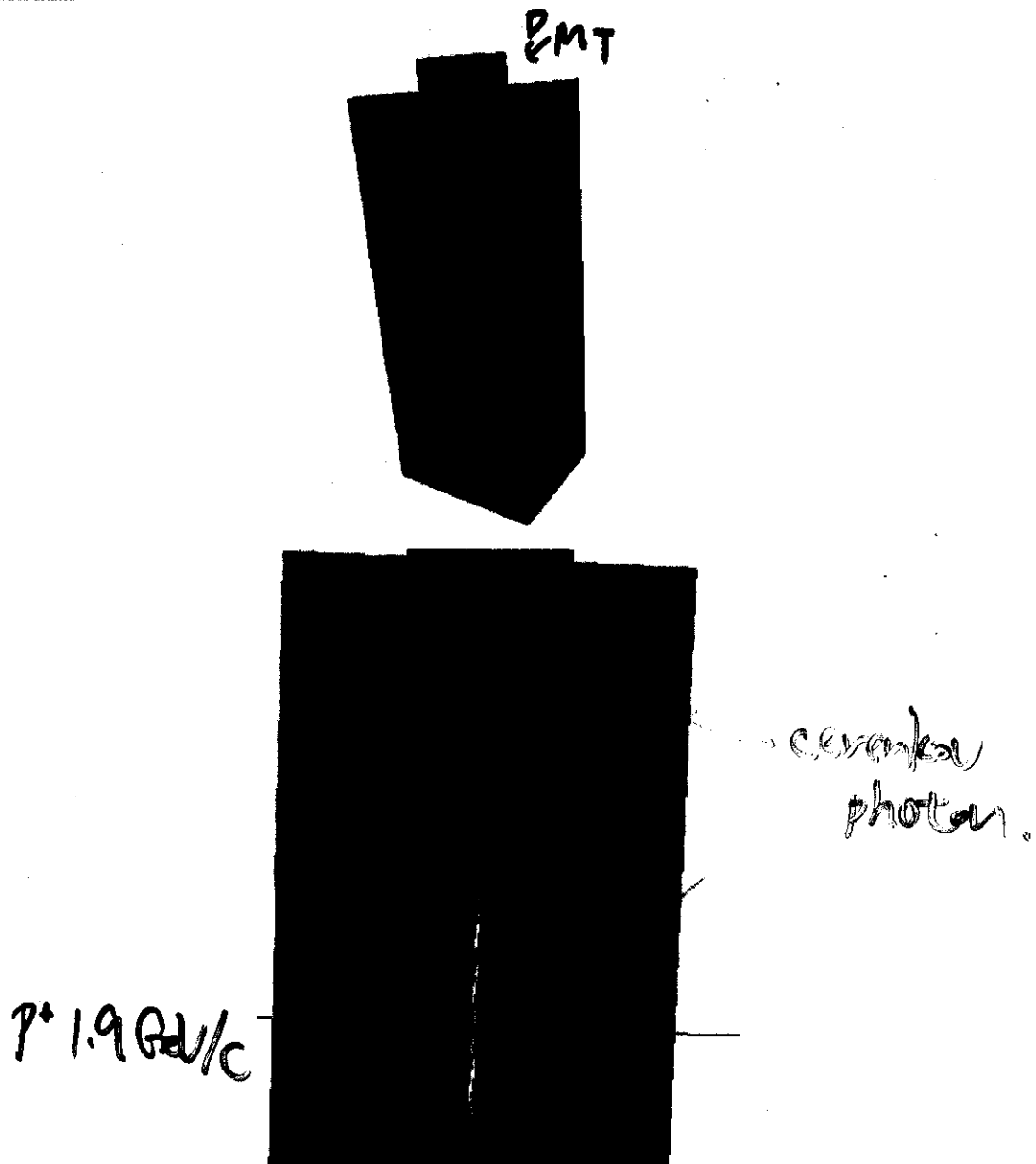


## Monte carlo simulation.

Cerenkov generator and optics → GEANT4.

- detectable wavelength of cerenkov photon: 400 to 550 nm.
- PMT quantum efficiency is 15% and flat response for wavelength.
- absorption of silicon rubber : 14%
- Unknown factor : absorption length of lucite.

## Geometry



## Strategy

n/ $\gamma$  separation  $\rightarrow$  Cerenkov yield !!



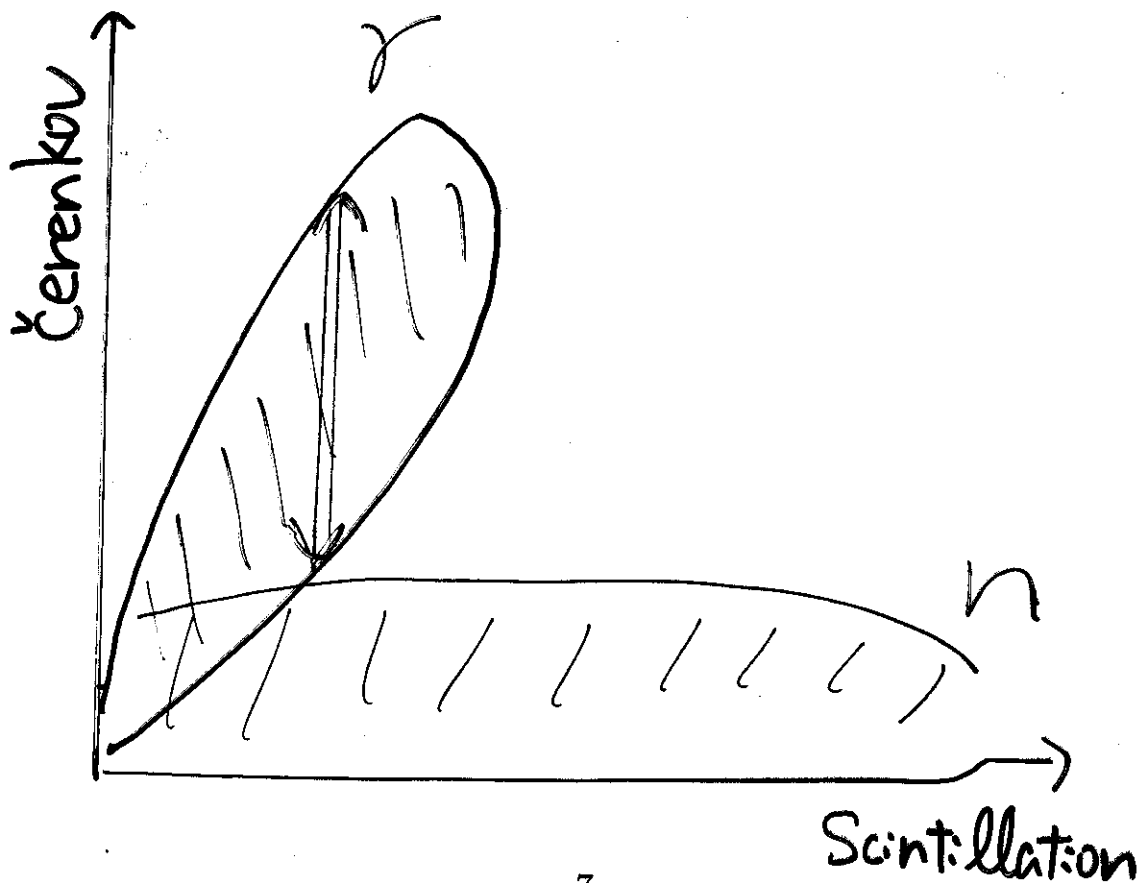
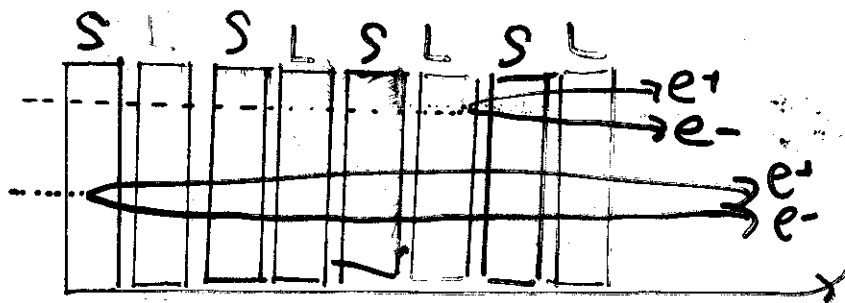
Monochromatic neutron and  $\gamma$  up to GeV/c  $\rightarrow$  difficult!



Proton,  $\pi$ , electron  $\rightarrow$  Cerenkov yield



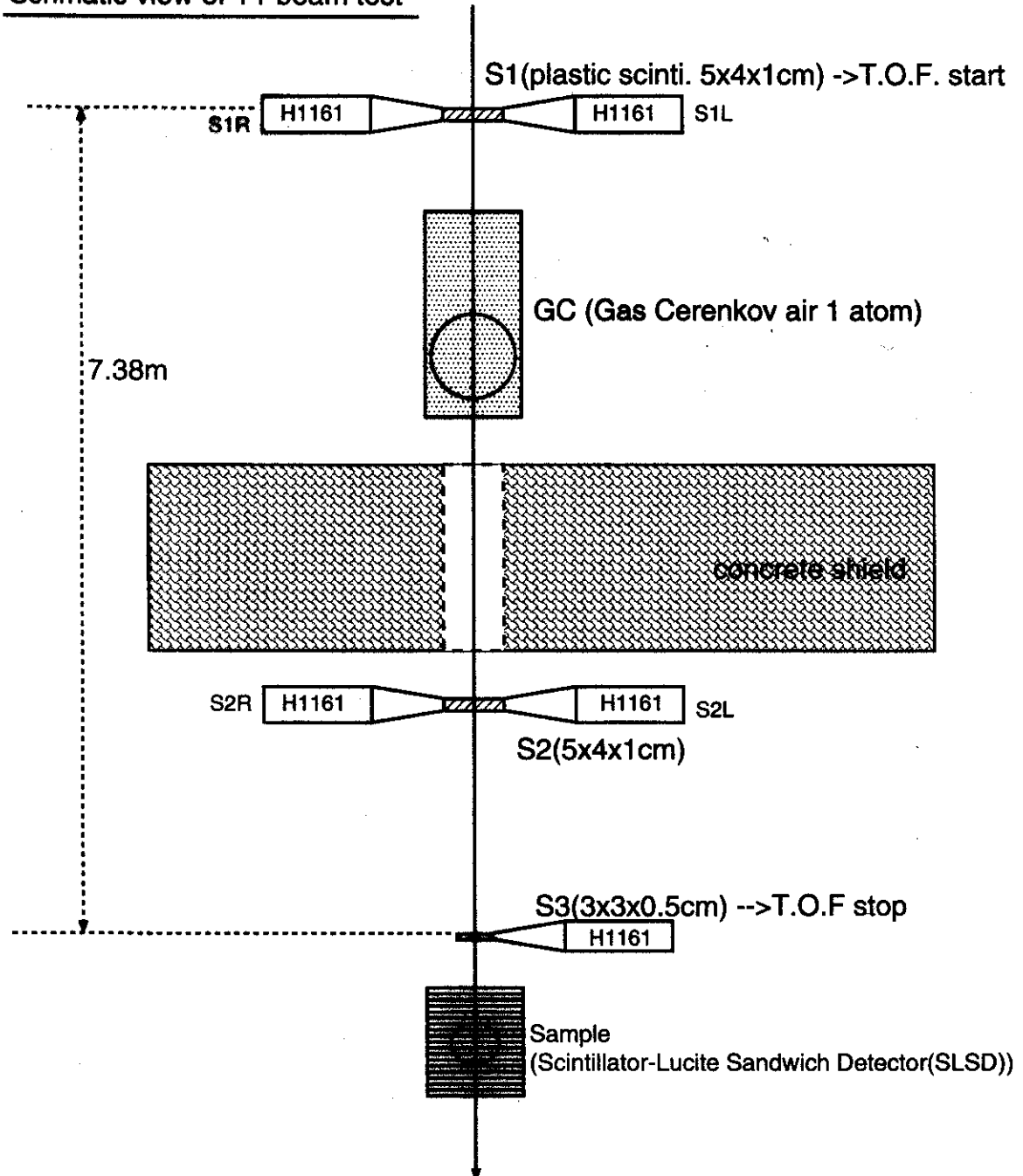
Monte Carlo



**Beam test of SLSD**  
using proton, pion, electron  
in the T1 beam line.

- $p^+/\pi^+$  : 0.5, 0.8, 1.0, 1.2, 1.5, 2.0 GeV/c ( 10 kevent)
- Electron : -0.8 GeV/c ( 3000 event)
- Particle ID: Time Of Flight, Gas Cerenkov, dE/dx

Schmatic view of T1 beam test



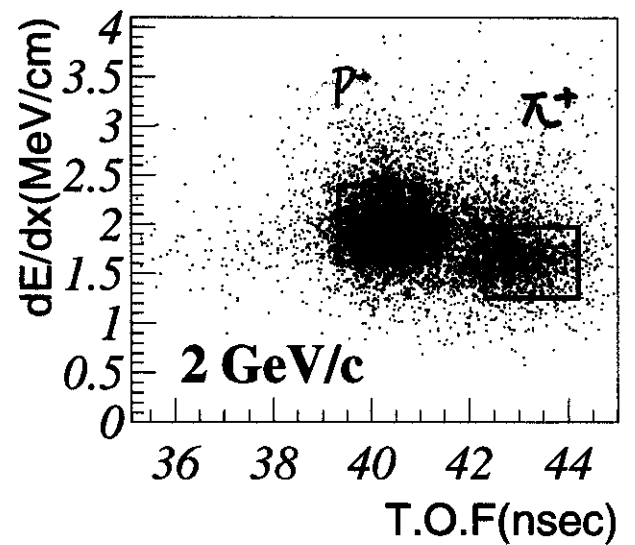
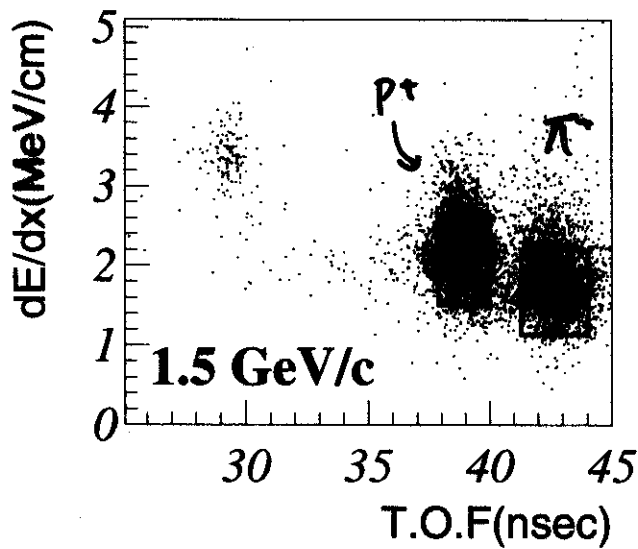
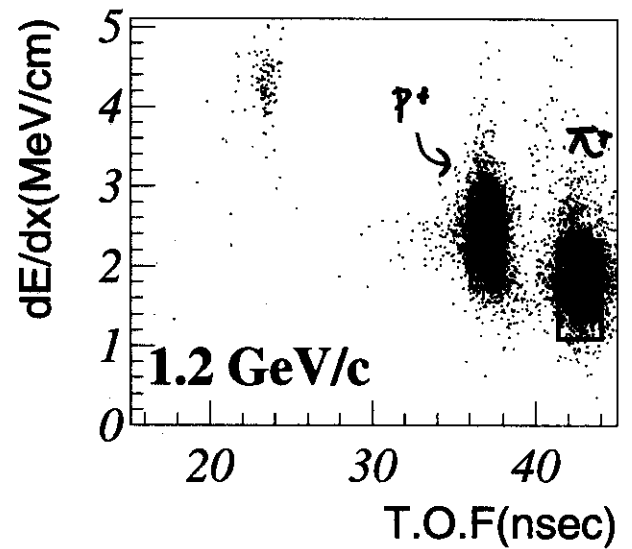
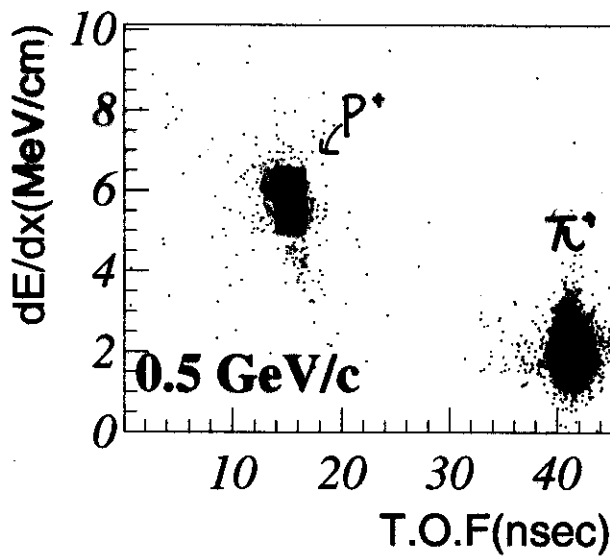
Trigger conditions

Hadron trigger : (S1L & S1R) &(S2L & S2L) & S3 -> ~100 event/spill

Electron trigger : (S1L & S1R) &(S2L & S2L) & S3 &(GS) -> ~ 1 event/spill

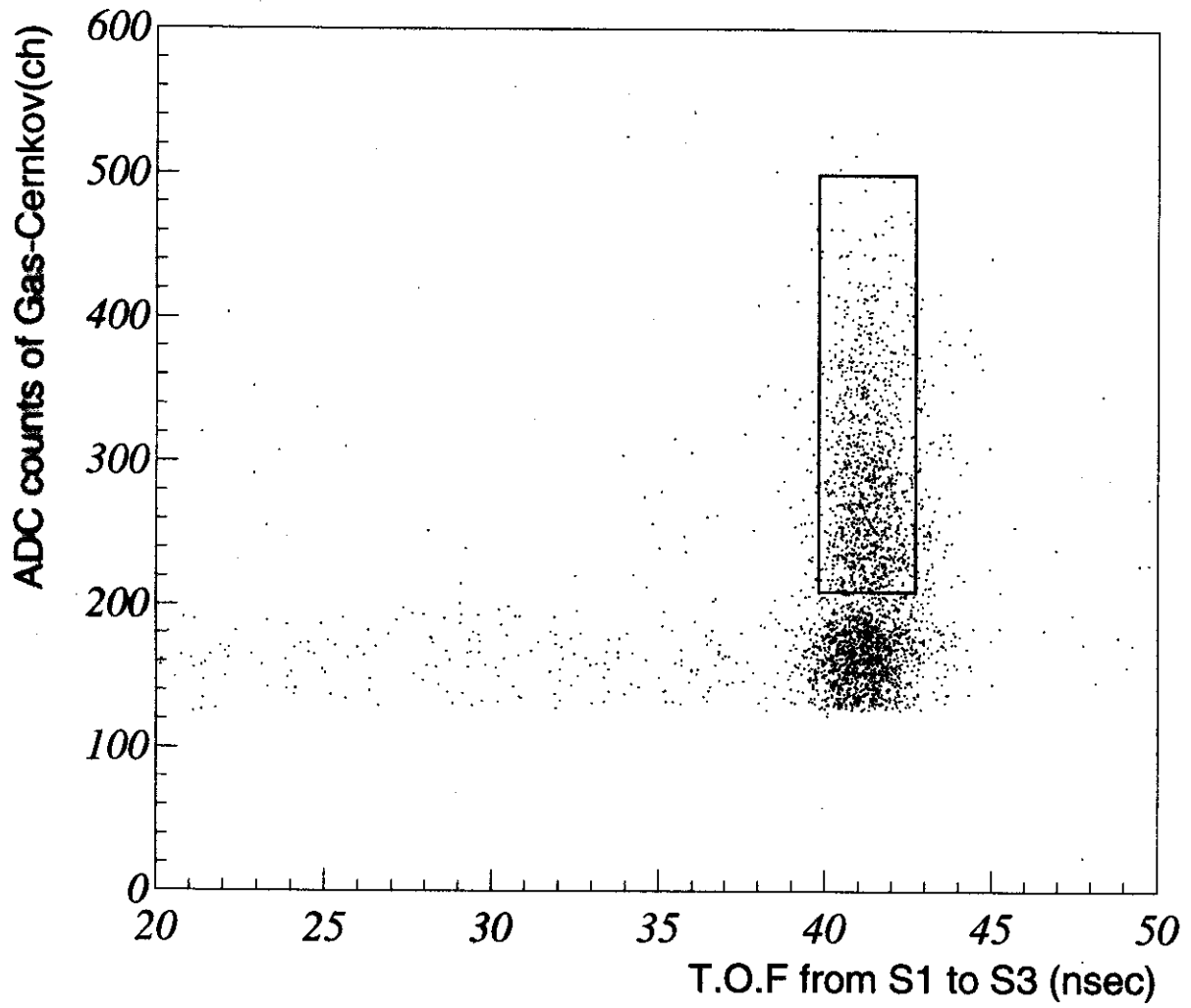
$\pi/p$  separation using T.O.F and  $dE/dx(S1+S2+S3)$

*T.O.F. vs  $dE/dx$*



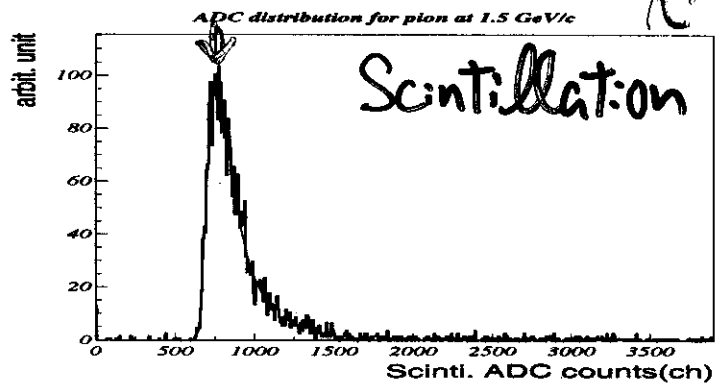
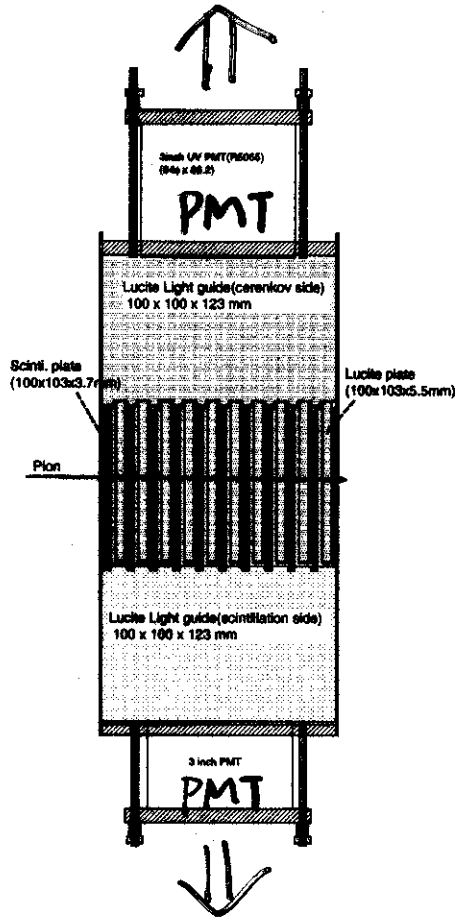
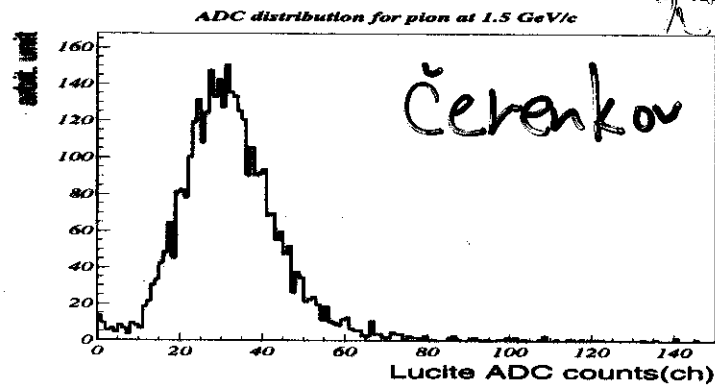
# Gas Cerenkov for $e/\pi$ separation

*Electron trigger at 0.8 GeV/c*



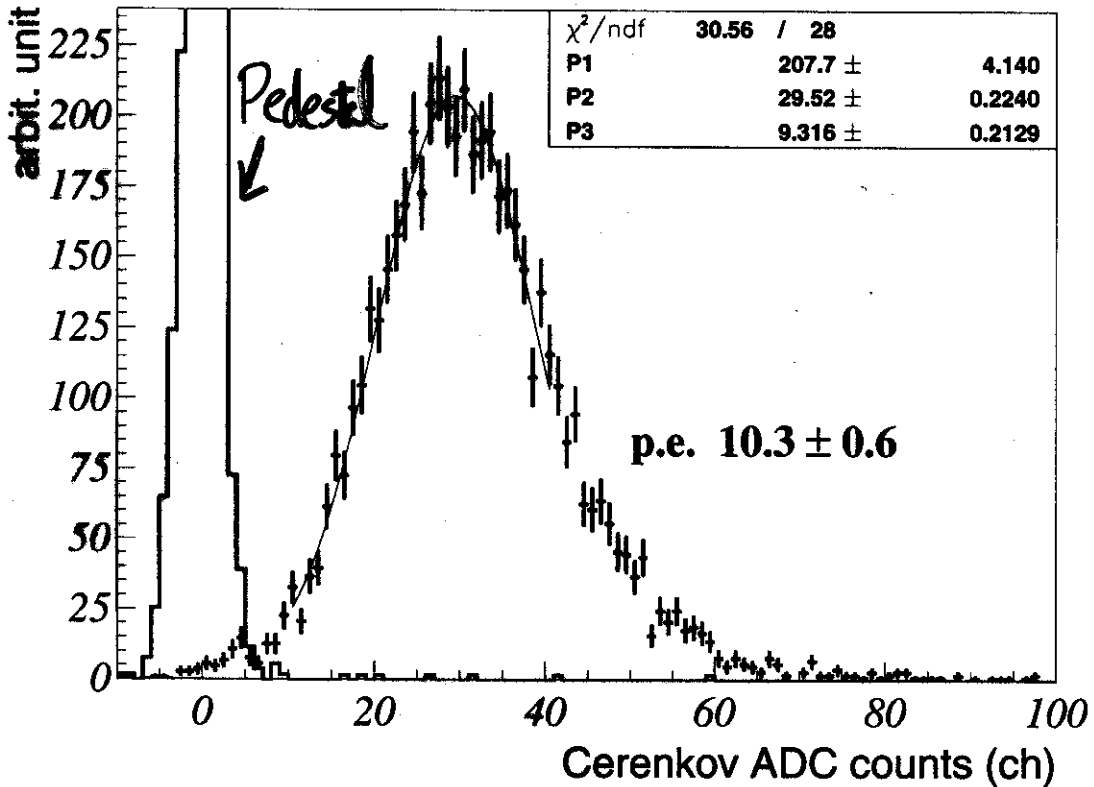
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high purity  $\pi^+/p^+/e^-$

**Sample(SLSD) analysis.**



Calibration of Cerenkov

*Pion incident at 1 GeV/c*



$N_{p.e.} \Rightarrow$  MIP ( $\pi^+$ ) 0.8 ~ 1.5 GeV/c

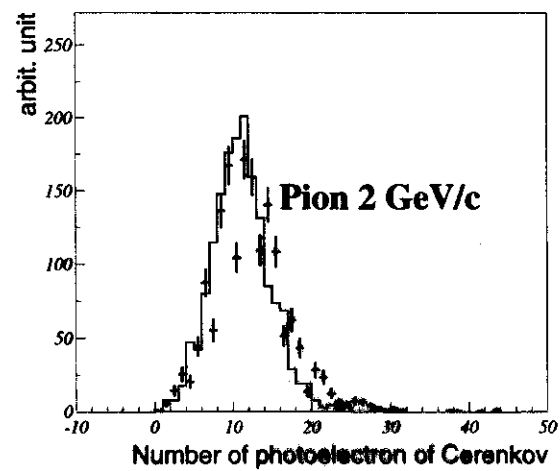
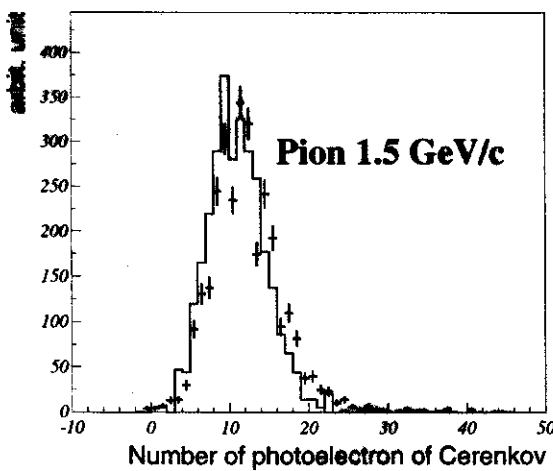
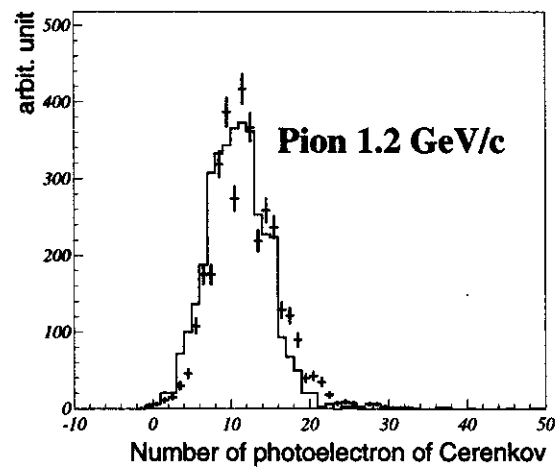
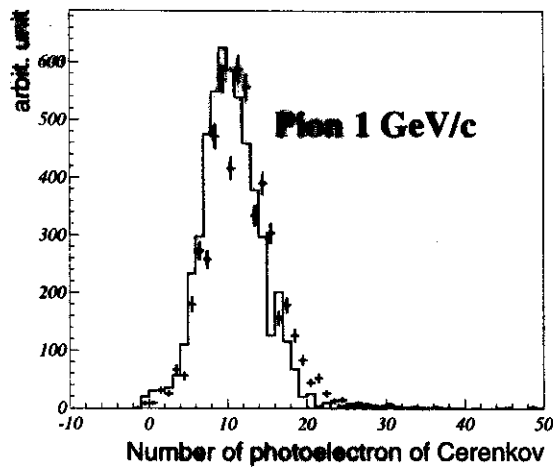
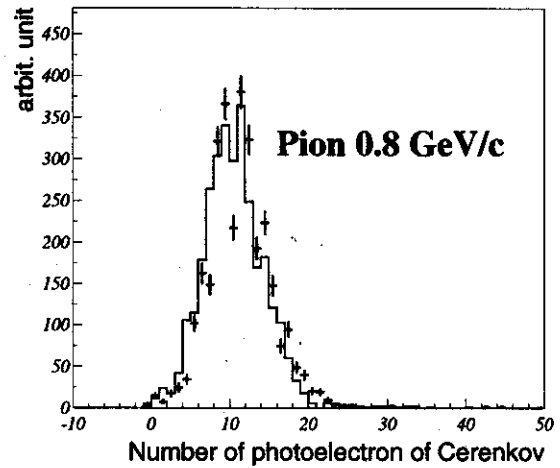
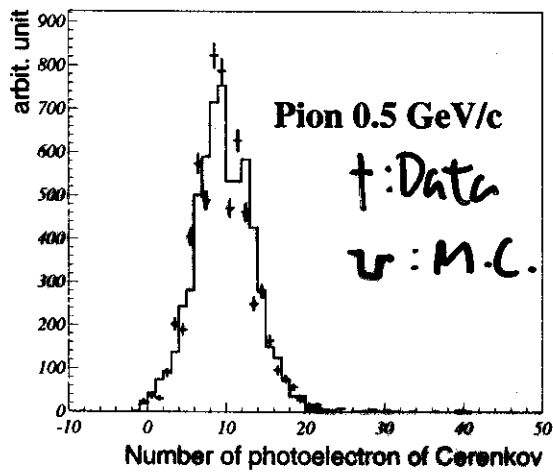
~ 11 p.e.

$\Rightarrow$  ~ 1 p.e. / layer.

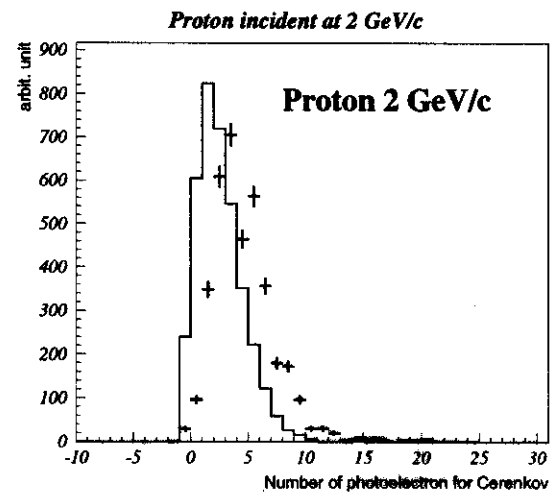
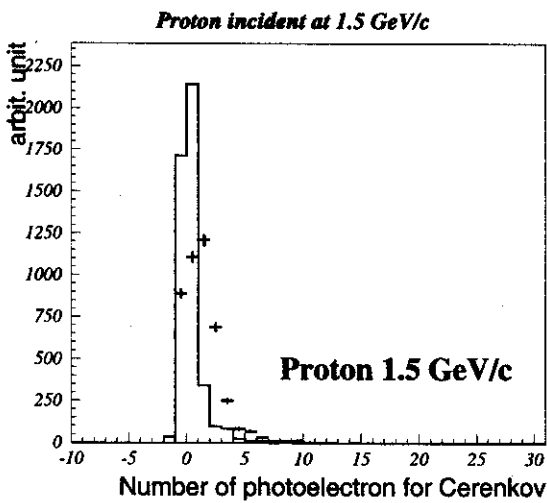
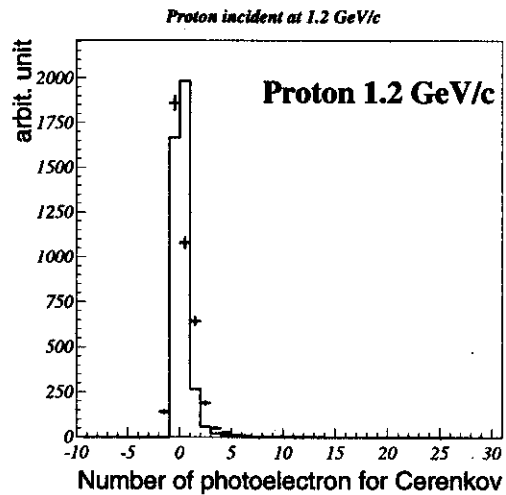
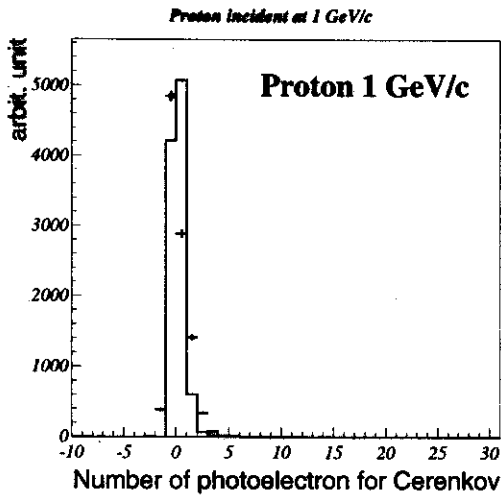
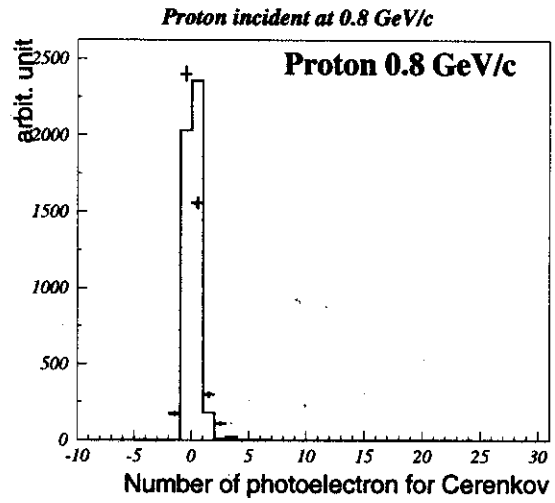
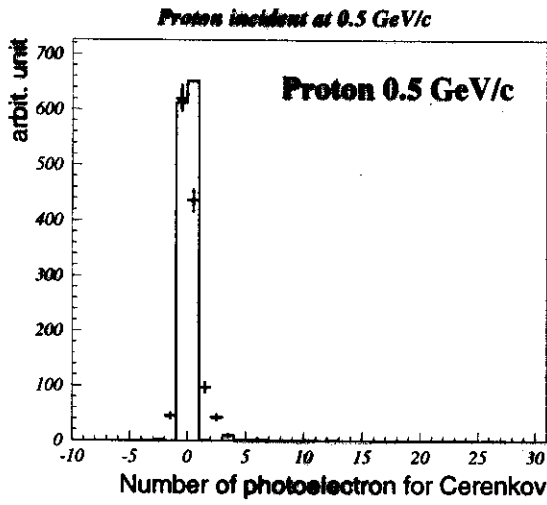
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Input to M.C. simulation.

## Data vs M.C. for Pion

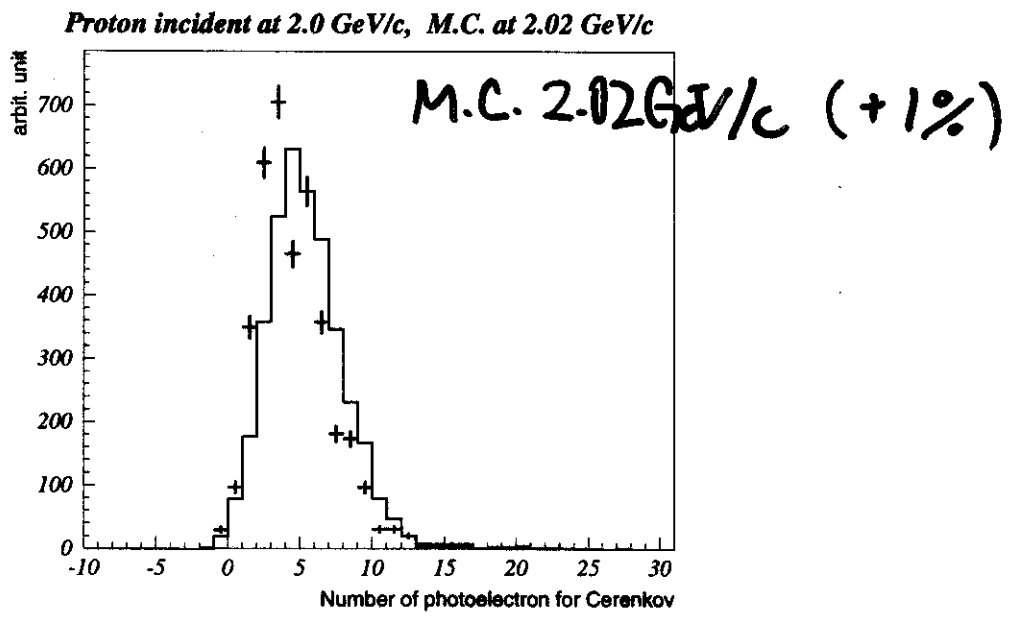
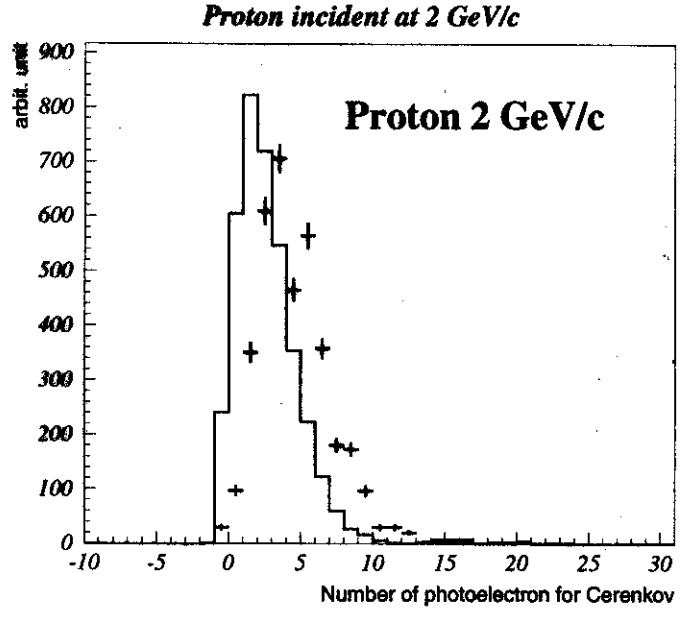


Data vs M.C. for Proton

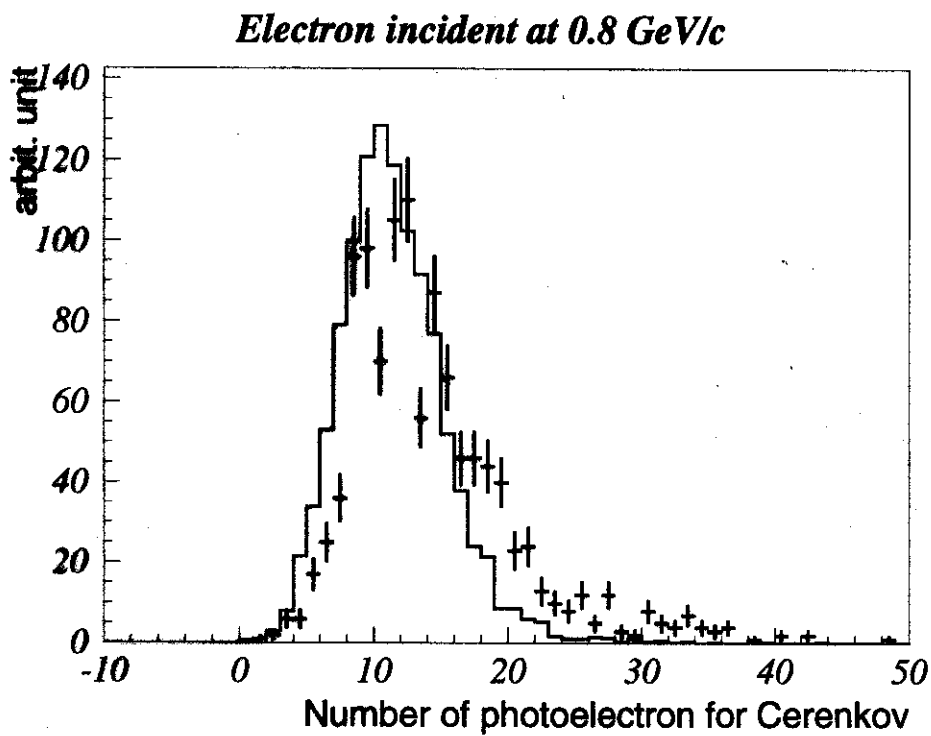


total reflection angle  
 $P > 2.008 \text{ GeV/c}$

Data vs M.C. for Proton at 2 GeV/c and 2.02 GeV/c

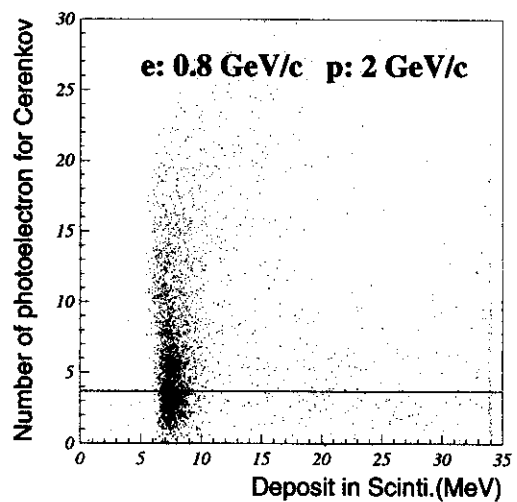
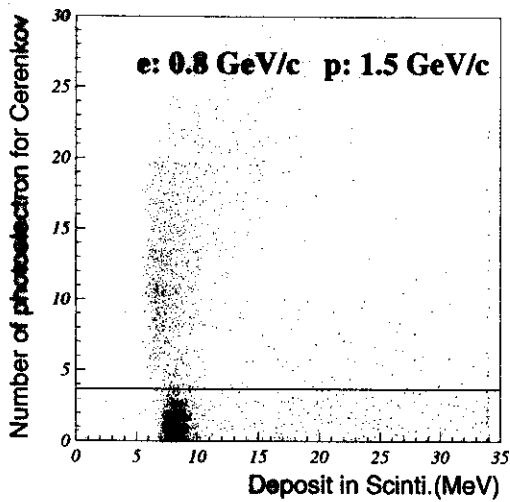
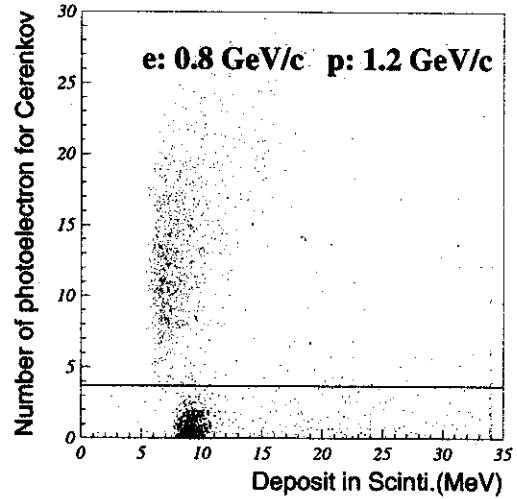
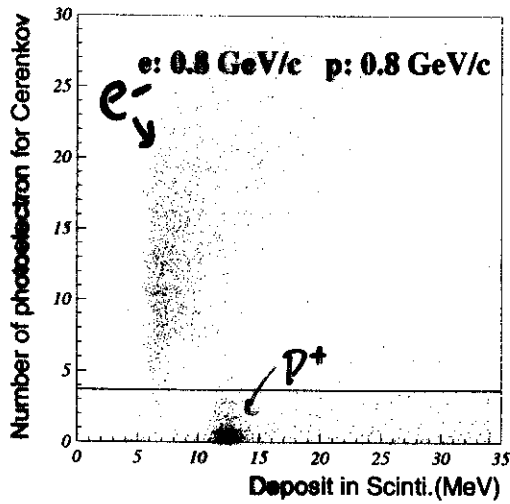


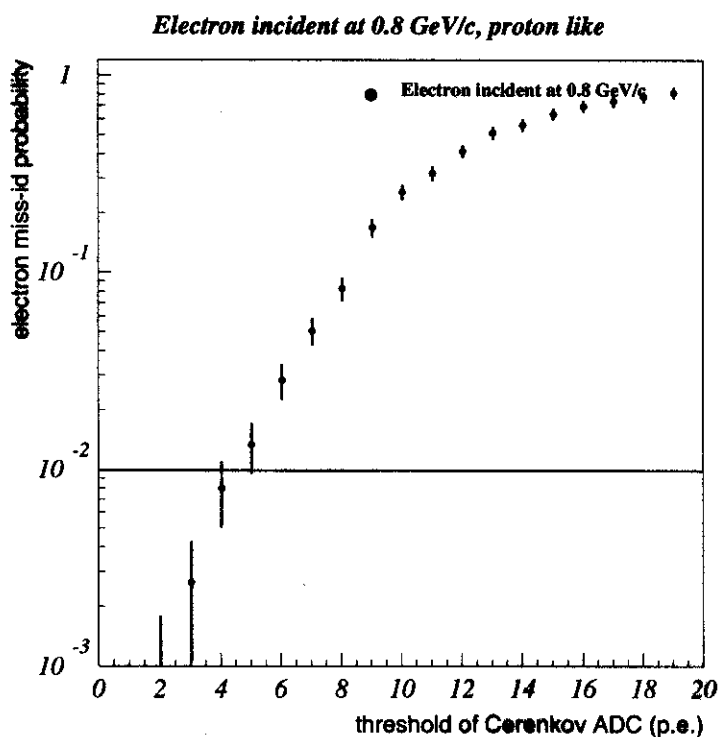
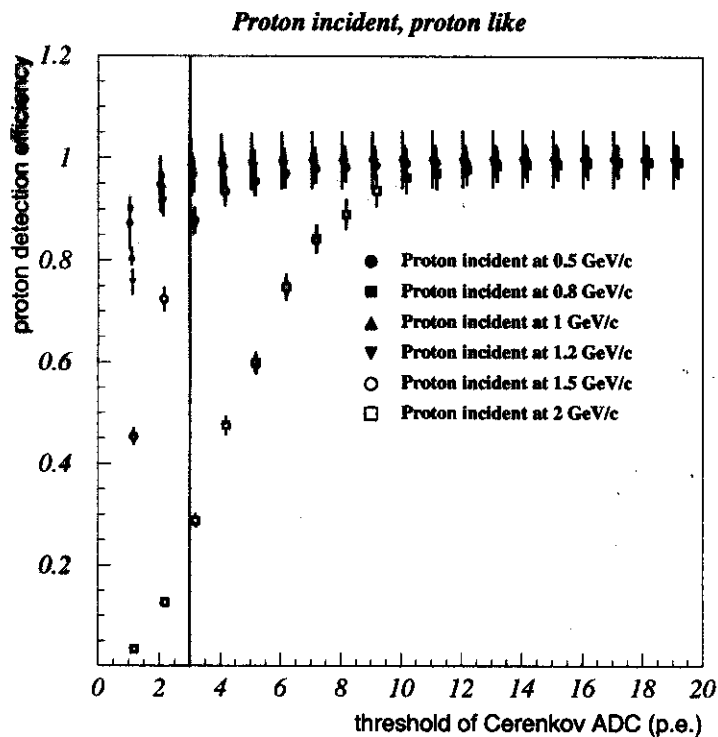
→ Difference between data and M.C. at 2 GeV/c proton can be explained within resolution of beam momentum.

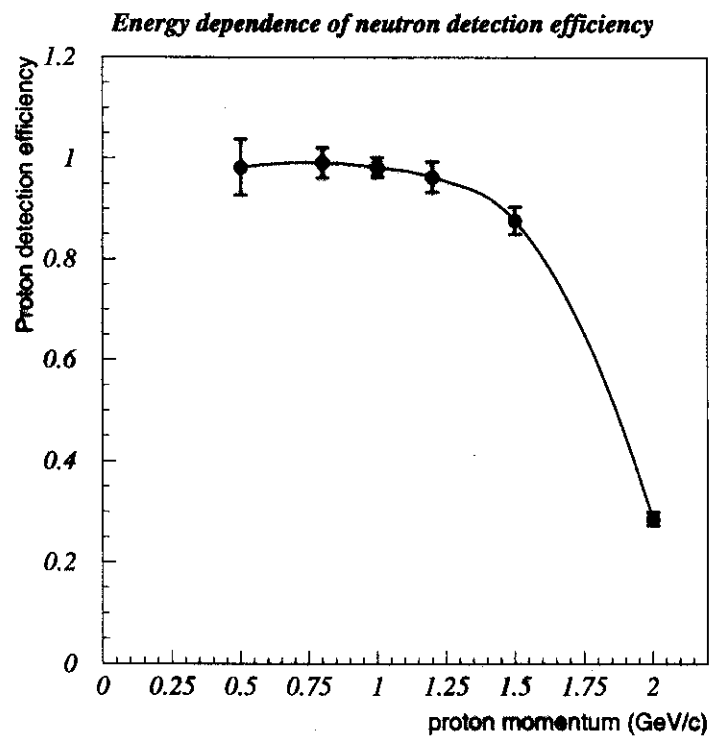
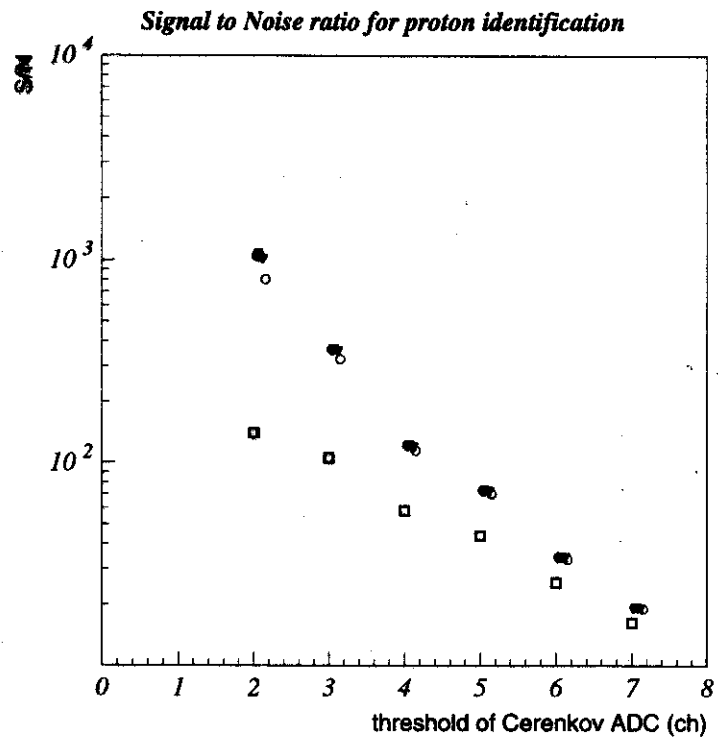
Data vs M.C. for electron

→ difference between data and M.C. :  $+2.5 \pm 1.7$  p.e..

## Threshold study for e/p separation.



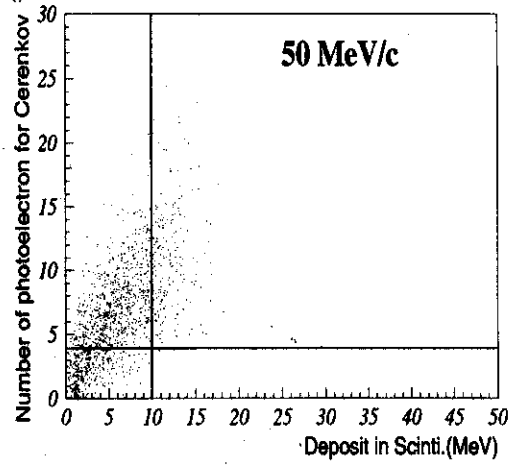
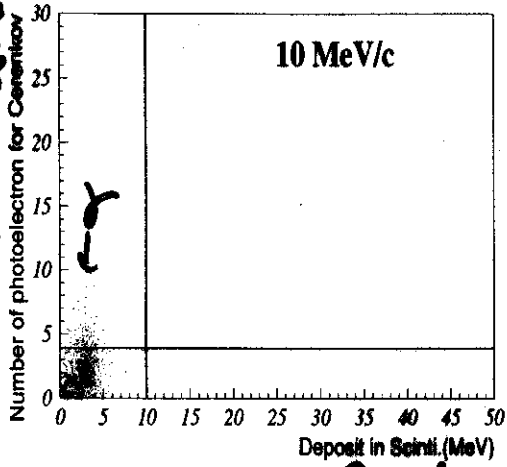




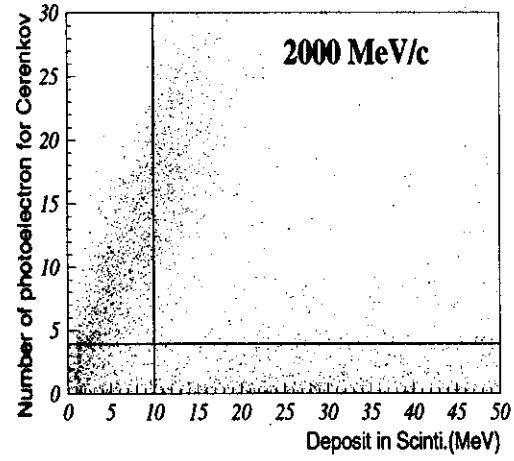
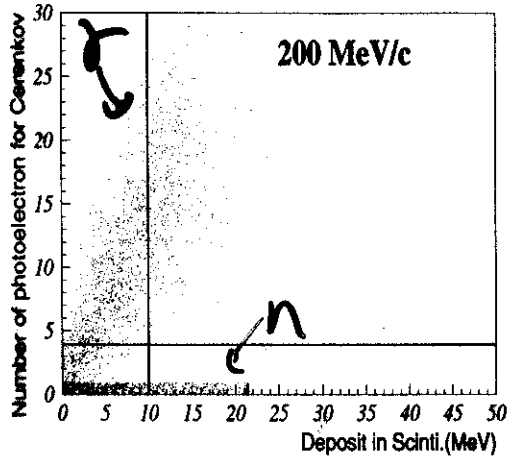
Monte Carlo Study of  
neutron and gamma separation  
with GEANT4.

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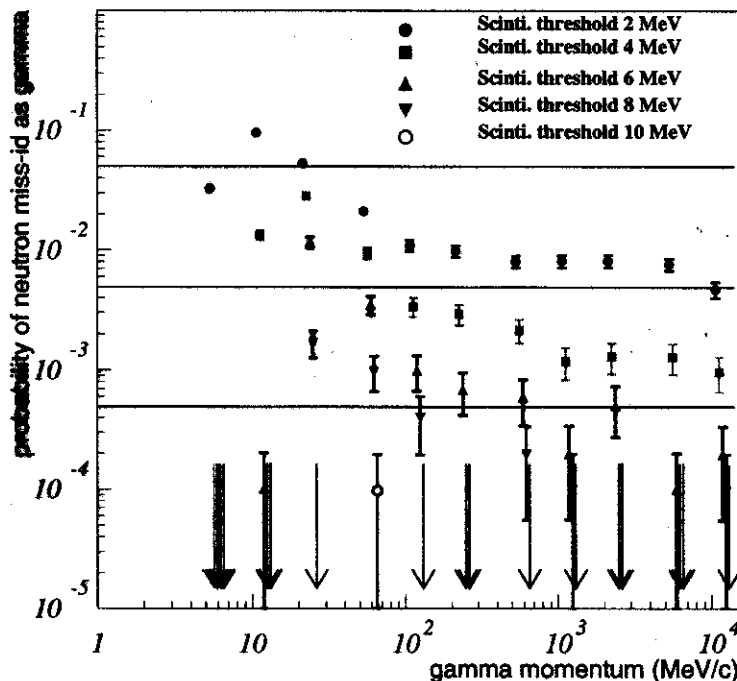


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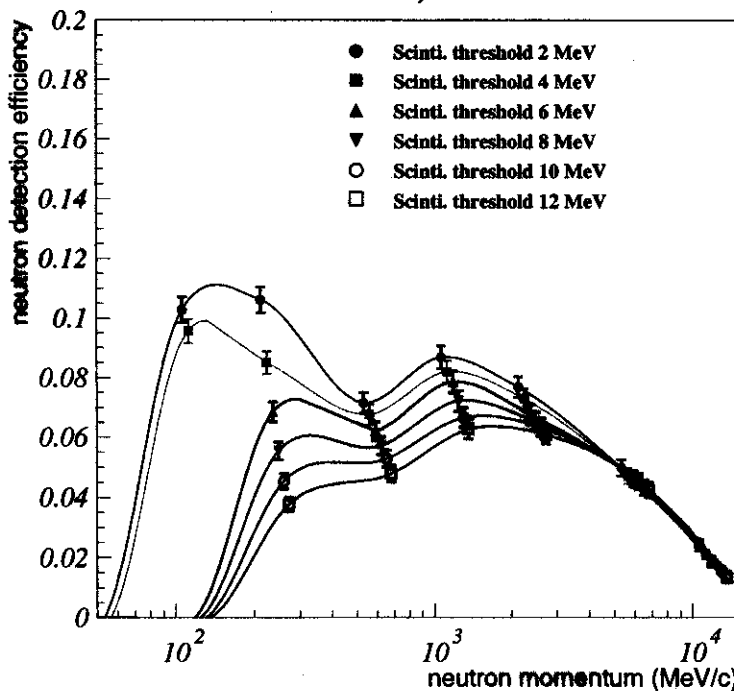
Study of scinti. threshold for neutron detection.

*Gamma incident, neutron like*



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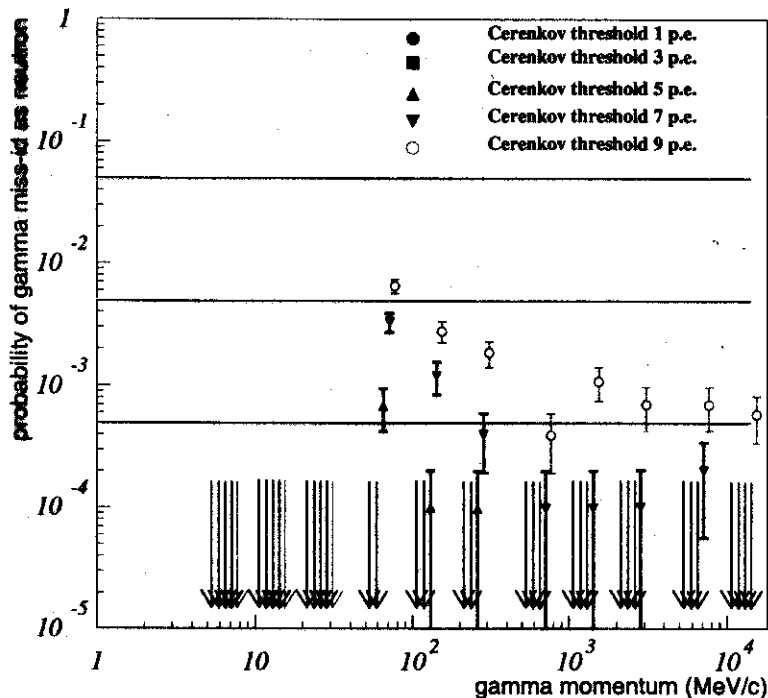
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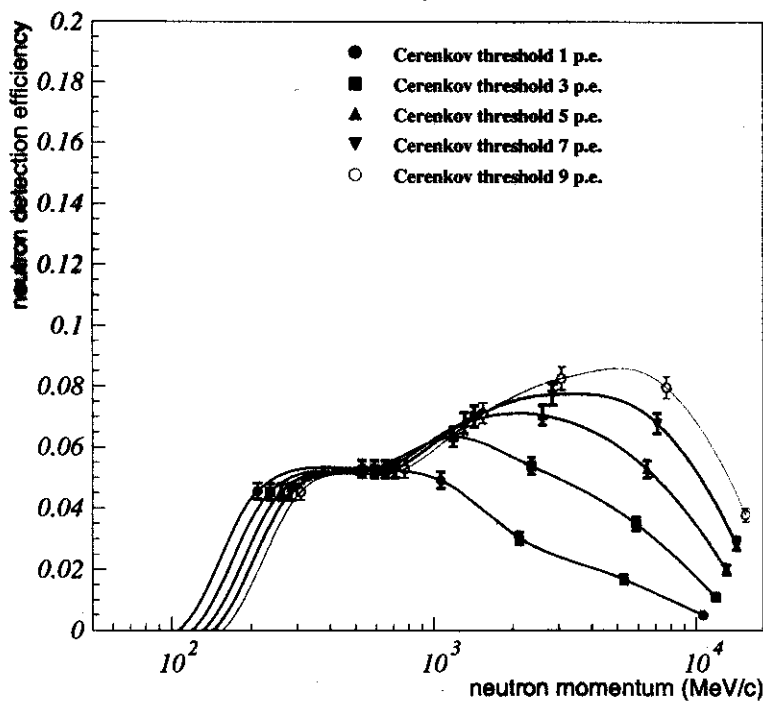
Gamma incident, neutron like



*γ incident*

*n-like*

Neutron incident, neutron like



*n incident*

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