#### Status report

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#### Activities summary

Background study for the neutron  $A_N$ .

- Protons by elastic scattering.
- Charged particles by inelastic scattering.
- Surviving efficiencies depending on energy threshold of FoCal-E.
- AUM2022 slide.

## Elastic scattering sample



- In the MC, there is a forward detector in front of the RHICf detector.
- Most left-side hits of the forward detector is already beyond the RHICf acceptance.
- Effect of the elastic-scattered proton to the neutron A<sub>N</sub> should be negligible. Effect of shower particles by proton-beam pipe interaction will also be studied.

### x distribution of data



- There is a structure in front of the RHICf detector which makes number of hits of the RHICf detector around it lower.
- There is no difference in the x distribution between with and without front counter condition.

### **Reconstruction of the FC distribution**



By fitting the FC distribution of data, we know the PMT response.

Referring to this PMT response, we can estimate how much fraction of charged hadron background is included in the neutron event after a cut condition of ~1 MIP is applied.

#### Energy deposits used for trigger



- Energy deposits of 72 channels were summed from 5 to 8 layer.
  - An event was survived when the highest energy deposit sum (among 110 energy deposit sums) is larger than a threshold.

# Surviving efficiency



- Surviving efficiency of an event type was calculated by number of triggered events divided by number of original events.
- As the threshold increases, the efficiencies of high- $p_T \pi^0$  and direct photon don't much drop while those of MB and general  $\pi^0$  steeply decrease to ~50%.
- More HGCROC and a clustering algorithm should be studied for higher rejection + higher efficiency.