

# KSU Simulation Work, etc.

- Simulation tools
- Scintillator oil test setups
  - Simple setup to look at attenuation lengths, gain some experience.
  - Have secured 110 gal. of NuTeV oil, small sample of Gd-loaded oil.
  - Two students + technician+Noel Stanton involved.
- Wolf Creek
  - Have resumed contact after WC re-fueling operation (completed 12/9/03).
  - Attempting to negotiated "Excelon-type" type agreement.
  - Awaiting response from WCNOC.



# Simulation work--general

- Some progress in gathering tools (or gathering promises to gather tools):
  - − Byron  $\rightarrow$  time dependent flux.
  - − Josh  $\rightarrow$  PMT simulation from SNO.
  - − Jon  $\rightarrow$  Neutron propagation.
- KSU work:
  - Simple Geant4 geometry.
  - Simple neutrino event generator set up.
  - Simple fast simulation.
- Need:
  - A better way to work together.
  - = a "managed" Fermilab host computer.



#### Geant simulation

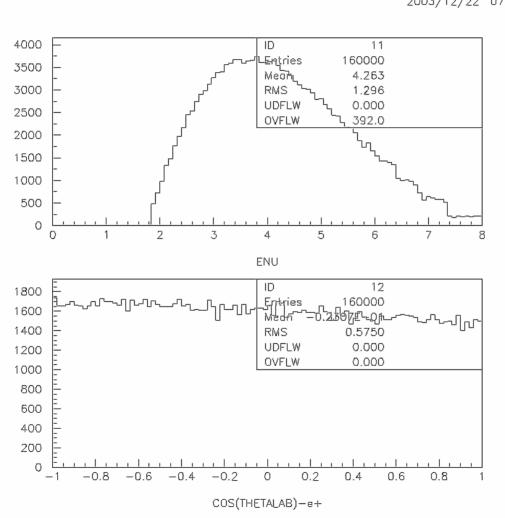
- Implemented simple geometry (Yu Fu)...
- Works for single particles, e.g. sums electron/positron path lengths
- But lost post-doc who did work!
- Plan: marry geometry with event generator over break (with E. von Toerne).



#### **Event Generator**

- Beacom/Vogel cross section with
  - $(\Delta/M)^1$  corrections;  $\Delta=M_n-M_p$ ;
  - Final state neutron kinematics.
  - "Inner" radiative corrections
- Features:
  - Slight negative asymmetry in  $\cos\theta_{L}(e^{+})$ .
  - KE(e+) → E(n)- $\Delta$ -m<sub>e</sub>-KE(n).
  - $\theta_{L,max}(n)$ ~55 deg.
  - KE<sub>max</sub>(n)~100 KeV.
  - Very close to  $(\Delta/M)^0$  result except near threshold.
- Flux from Gratta, Vogel RMP.

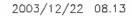


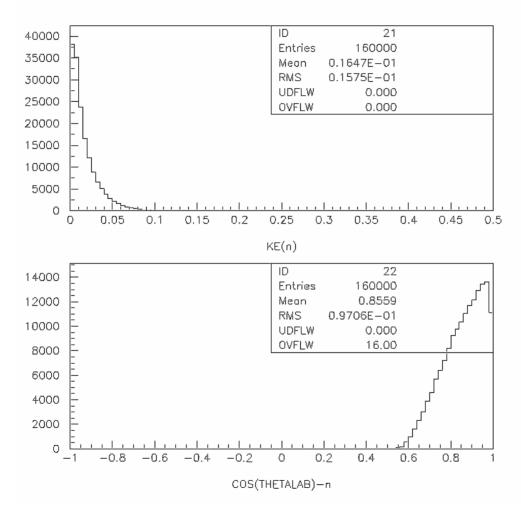


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## **Fast Detector Simulation**

- Allows way to check generator.
- Tool for cross-checking Geant.
- Maybe more useful than Geant for "simple" studies.
- Ingredients:
  - Event generator  $\rightarrow$  positron, neutron kinematics.
  - Generates gamma ray "secondaries".
    - Positron dE/dx via Bethe-Seltzer formula.
    - n-capture on H, Gd-155, or Gd-157.
  - Propagates secondaries
    - Gammas to first Compton scatter.
    - Neutrons via diffusion(fast) or stepping via cross section(slower).



# Secondary generation

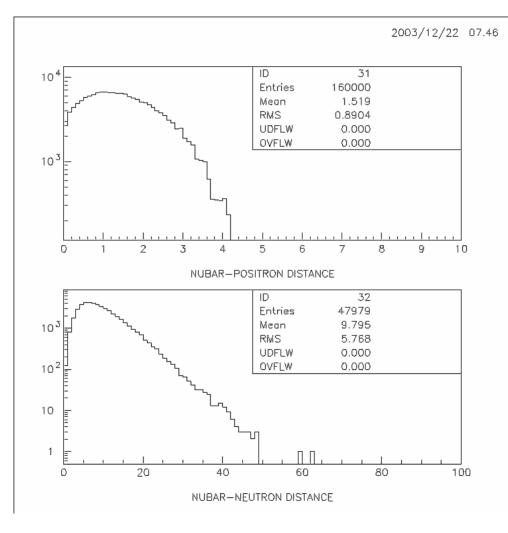
- Positron dE/dx via Bethe-Seltzer formula (but no MCS).
- $e^+e^-$  annihilation  $\rightarrow$  from rest.
  - Does not include time distribution from prompt and delayed (~3 ns) positronium contributions.
- n-capture on H, Gd-155, or Gd-157.
  - Single isotropic gamma from H.
  - "Minor" Gd isotopes ignored.
  - Capture on C ignored.
  - Gd is complicated!
  - Sweep under rug and approximate by Poisson distribution of phase-space generated photons.



## Neutrons

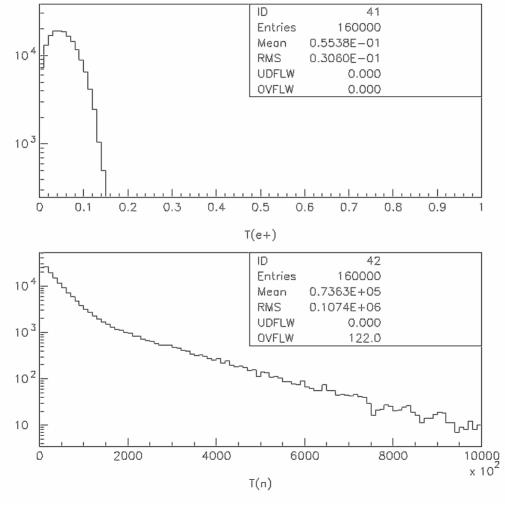
- Fast mode: diffusion with mean free path, mean time taken from Chooz.
  - <r > ~ 6(30) cm in Gd-loaded (unloaded) scintillator.
  - Capture time ~ 30(180) ms in Gd-loaded (unloaded) scintillator.
  - Simple minded at loaded/unloaded boundary: use constants at neutron vertex, then ignore boundary.
    - N propagate too far (not far enough) in transitioning into (out of) Gd-loaded region.
- Some experimentation with stepping mode.
  - Cross sections (ENDF) available from BNL (be mindful of temperature of target!).
  - Geant4 implements these as well.
  - Pretty close to fast mode, discovered bug in fast mode time distribution (should be exponential, not Gaussian).







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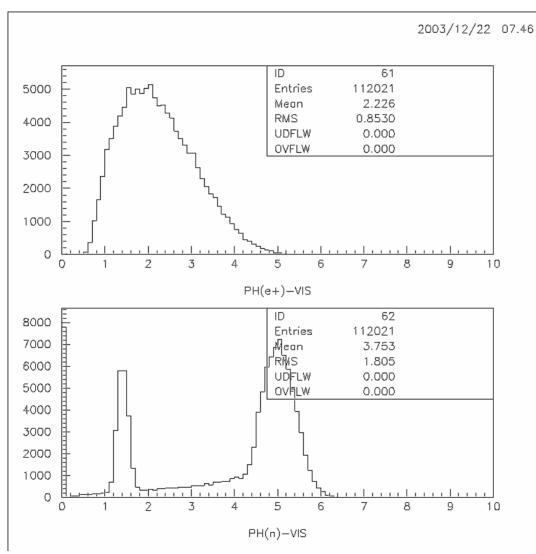
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## PMT simulation

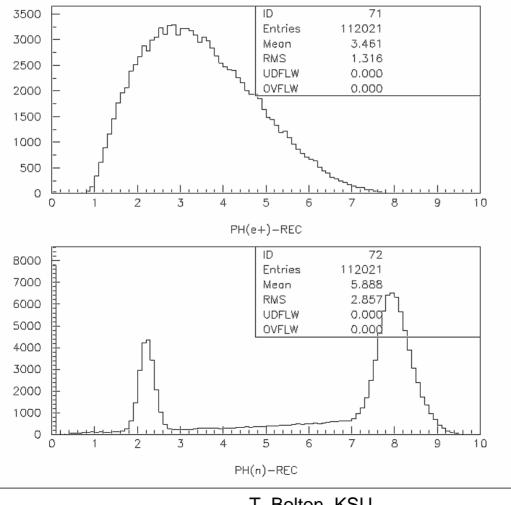
- Include attenuation using Chooz parameters (4m in Gd, 10 m in unloaded).
- 5300 photons/MeV (from Chooz).
- 20% PMT coverage with 8in. tubes.
- 20% QE  $\rightarrow$  Typical #photo-electrons ~ 3-5/tube.
- Time, PH, npe, attenuation length saved for each "hit".
- Mimic reconstruction by including photo-statistics and spread in attenuation correction (no real reconstruction).







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#### Some code details

- In "easy" C++ to use parts in Geant4.
- Calls some Fortran when needed.
- "Constants" class ReactorConstant.hh pretty handy compilation of parameters.
- Interfaces to PAW because I think more people know it.
- Easy to run several "models" at once for comparison.



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11
ReactorDetector DetectorA:
ReactorNtuple ModelA(1,"model A",dirName);
DetectorA.SetParam FastNeutronOption(0);
DetectorA.SetParam R0(200);
DetectorA.SetParam R1(200);
DetectorA.SetParam R2(275);
11
ReactorDetector DetectorB:
DetectorB.SetParam FastNeutronOption(0);
DetectorB.SetParam R0(175);
DetectorB.SetParam R1(200);
DetectorB.SetParam R2(275);
ReactorNtuple ModelB(2,"model B",dirName);
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// event loop
11
for (int events = 0;events<nevents;events++) {</pre>
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 // create neutrino event
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  ReactorEvent Event(rmaxgen);
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 // create fast detector simulation
  11
  DetectorA.LightsOut(Event);
 ModelA.Fill(Event, DetectorA);
  11
  DetectorB.LightsOut(Event);
 ModelB.Fill(Event,DetectorB);
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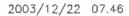
#### Detector models in ReactorFsim.

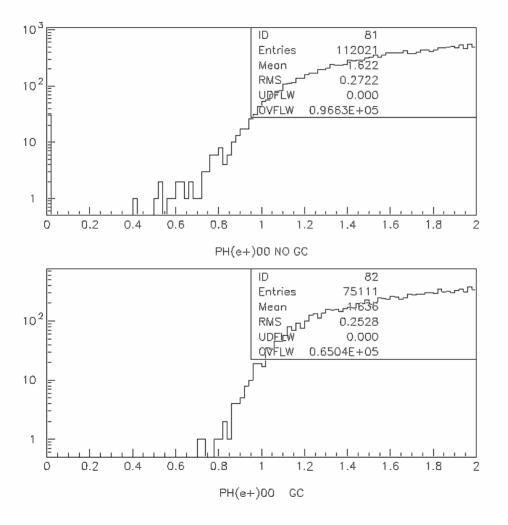


# Example: Effect of gamma catcher

- "Model A":
  - R0=200 cm = outer radius of Gd-loaded region.
  - R2=275 cm = outer radius of inactive oil region.
- "Model B":
  - R0=175 cm = outer radius of Gd-loaded region.
  - R1=200 cm = outer radius of active unloaded scintillator region.
  - R2=275 cm = outer radius of inactive oil region.



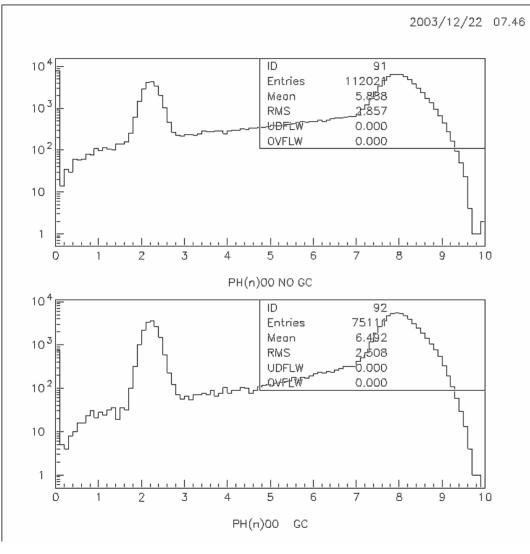




No gamma catcher → need positron energy cut?

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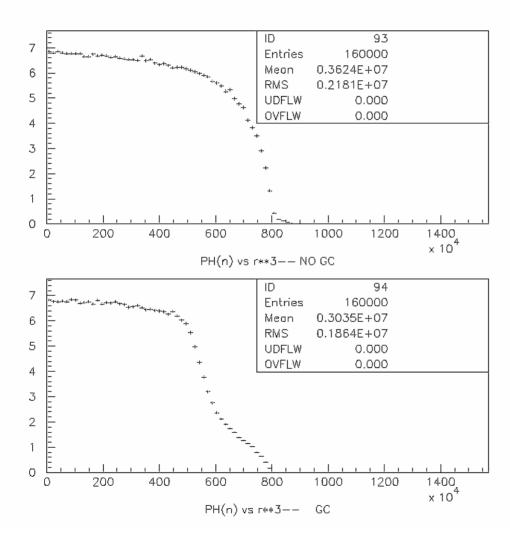




No gamma catcher→ higher acceptance correction for neutron.



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Gamma catcher sharpens fiducial.

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