

FOOT: Fragmentation of Target Experiment

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FOOT goal

Hadrontherapy

Target fragmentation

$d\sigma/dE$ and $d\sigma/d\omega$ with 5% precision of the fragment production
X sections in inverse kinematics
 p, C, O beams
Hadrontherapy energies (200-400 MeV/u)

Projectile fragmentation

same but in direct kinematics



Radiobiology request: to have a more precise Treatment Planning System (TPS)

Radioprotection in space



$d\sigma/dE$ and $d\sigma/d\omega$ with 5% precision of the fragment production X sections in direct and inverse kinematics

p, He, Li, C, O beams (the most common in space)
Radioprotection energies (around 700 MeV/u)

FOOT Collaboration

FOOT approved by the INFN on September 2017 (CSN3)



101 members (60% staff):

- * 10 INFN Sections
- * 5 laboratories: Frascati, CNAO, Trento, GSI, IPHC (Strasbourg)
- * 12 Italian Universities
- * 2 foreign Universities: Aachen, Nagoya
- * Centro Fermi

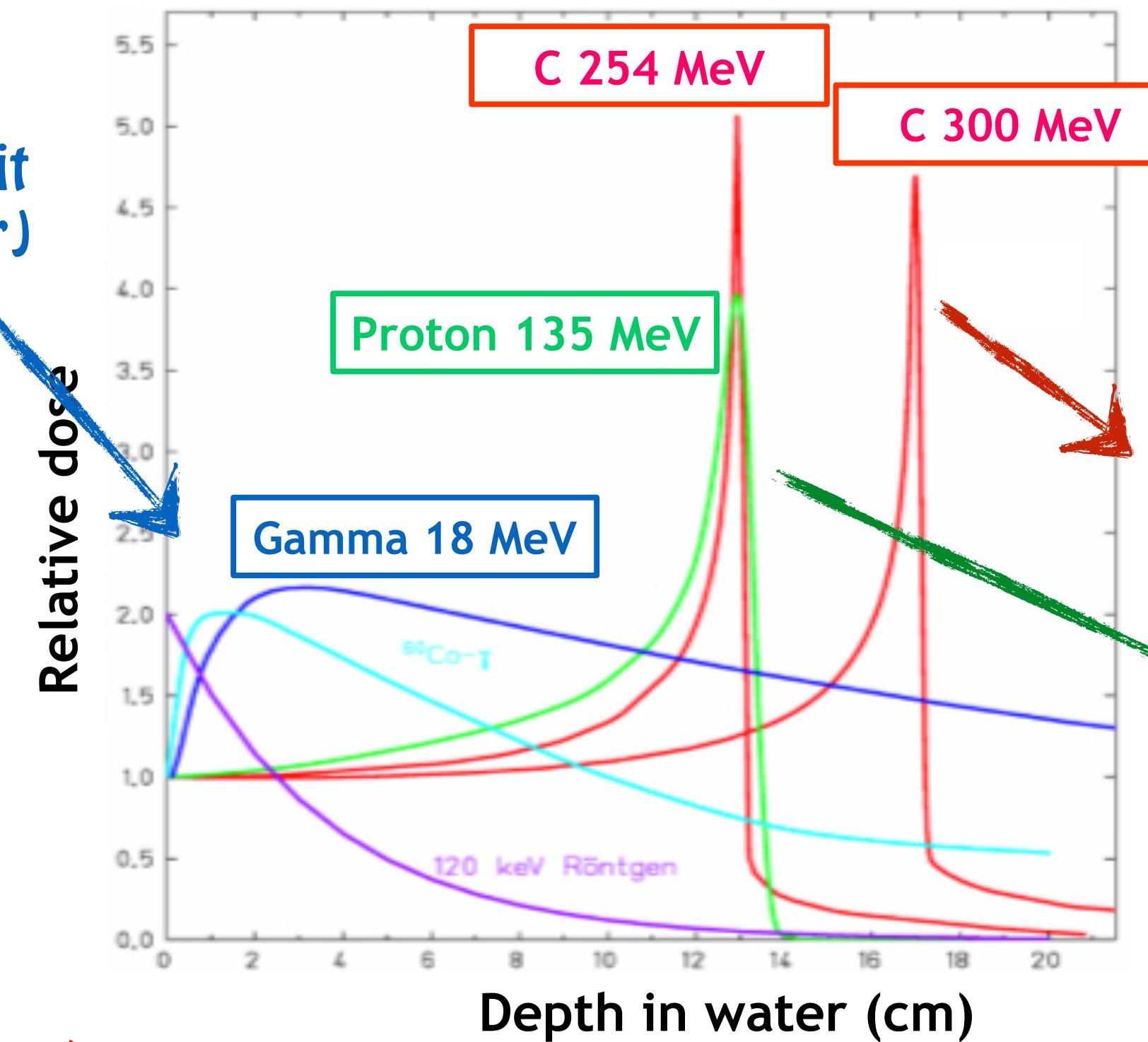
Physics program:

- * Hadrontherapy:
- * Nuclear fragmentation @ 200 MeV/u
- * Radioprotection in Space:
- * Nuclear fragmentation @ 700 MeV/u



Hadrontherapy Vs Radiotherapy

Gamma
Superficial Energy deposit
Ionization (Compton, pair)



Pros and cons

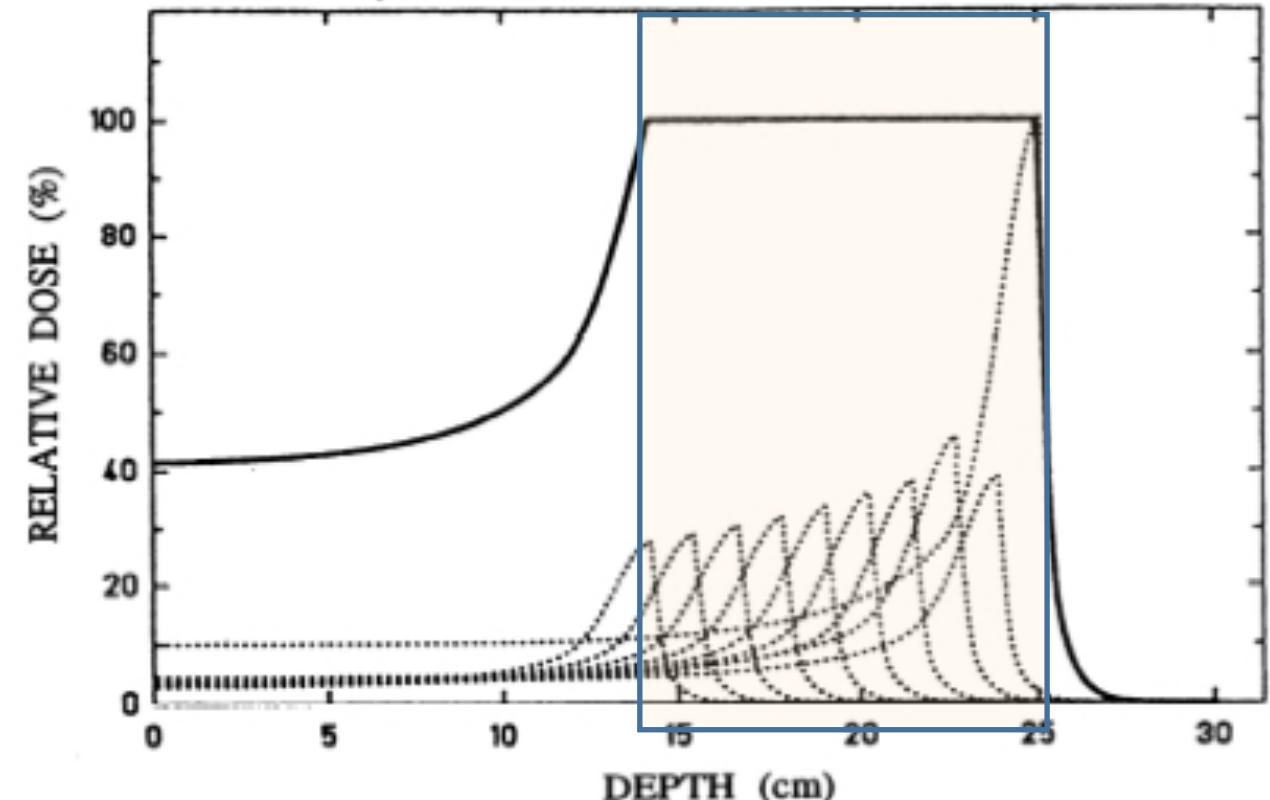
😊 Dose release maximum at the end

😊 Penetration depends on energy

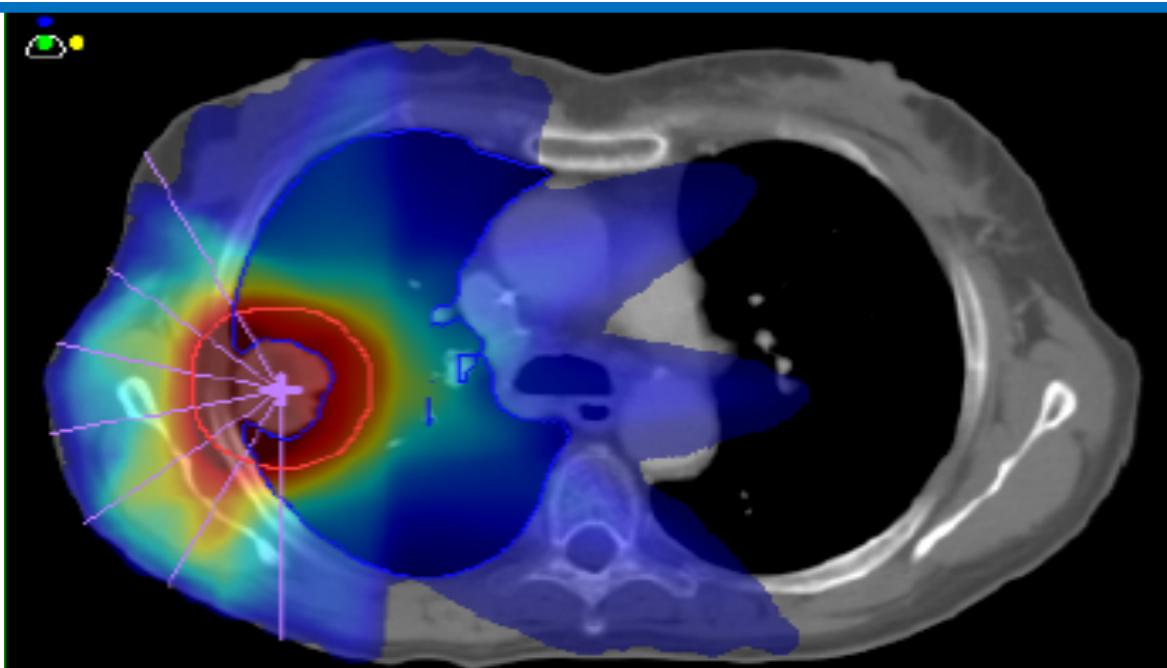
😊 More efficient than γ

😊 Less damage outside tumour

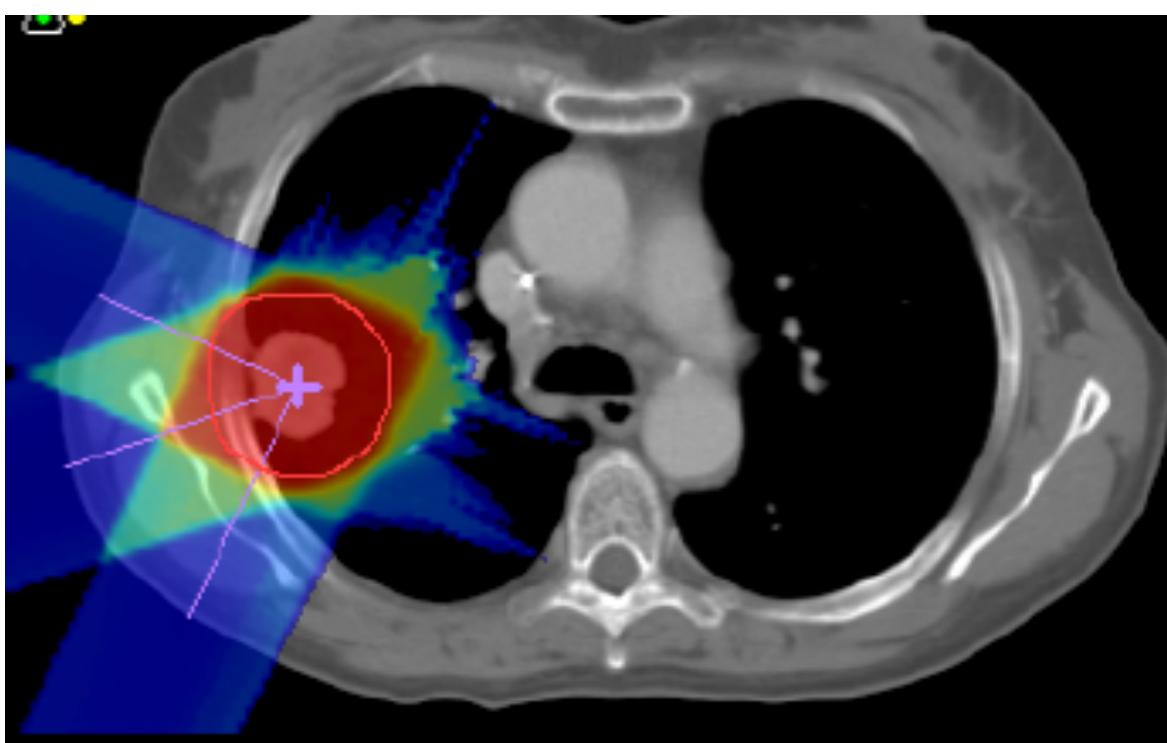
😢 MORE expensive than γ



Radiotherapy, IMRT 7 fields



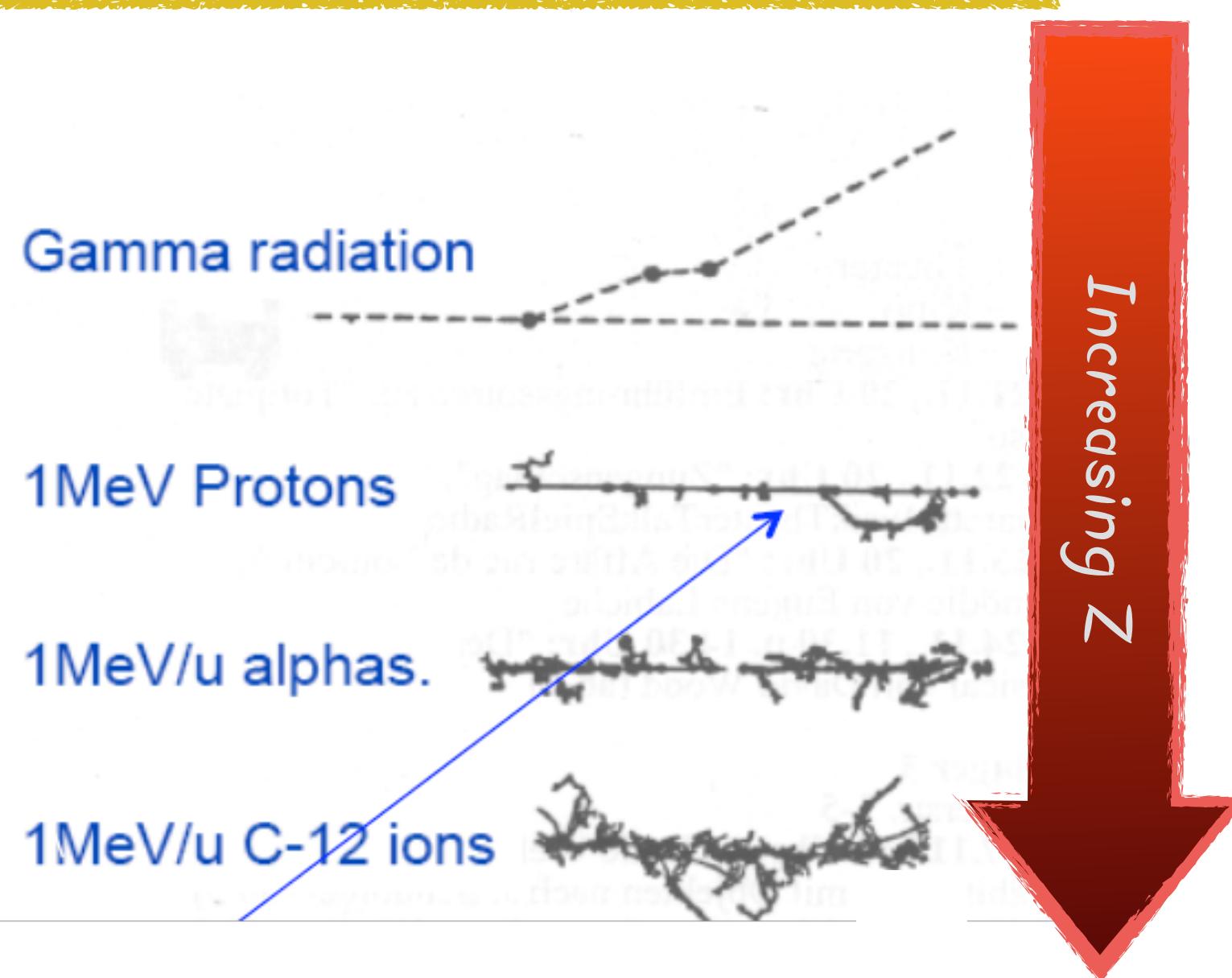
Hadrontherapy, proton



Damage on DNA

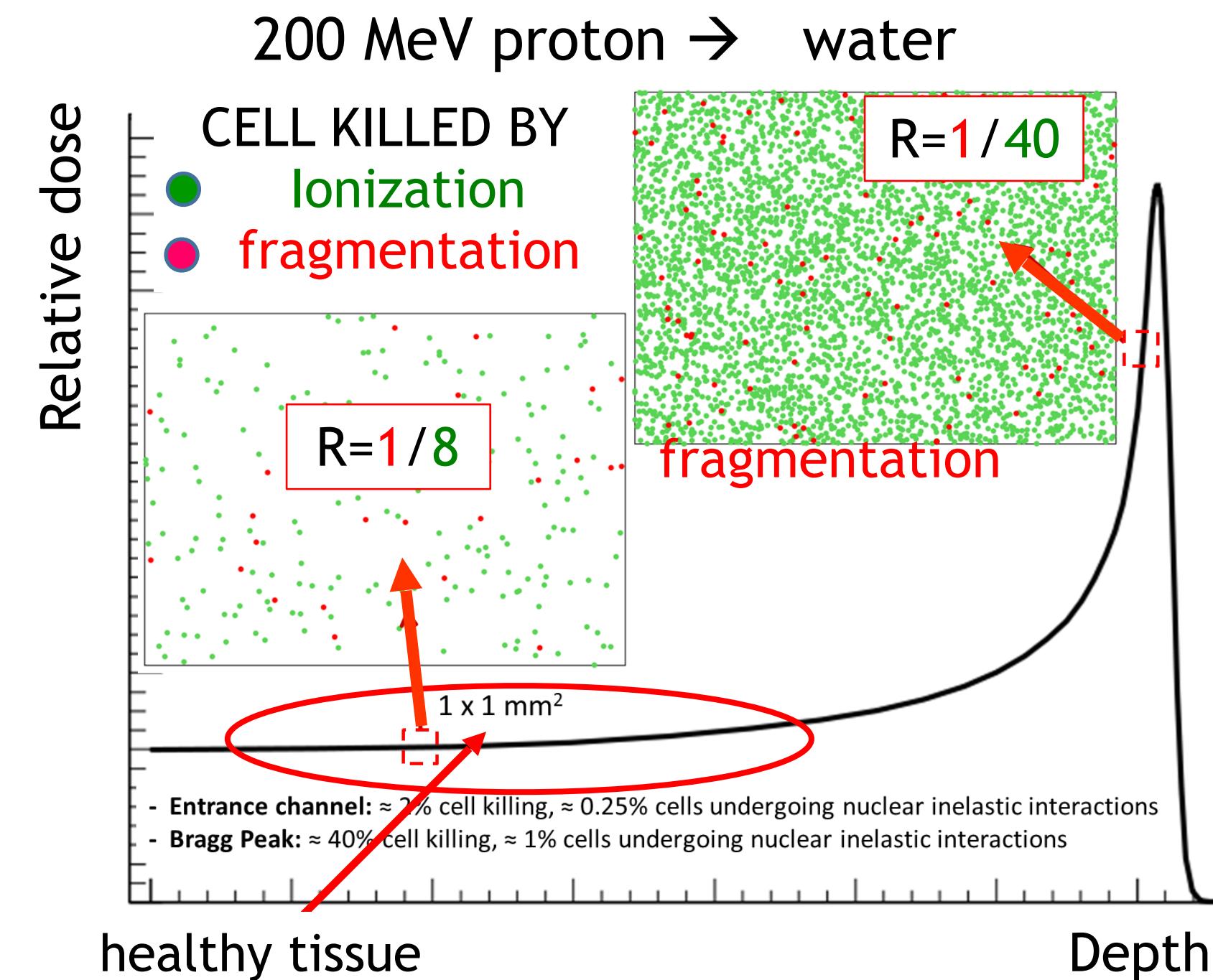
Tumor is a cellular alteration → not controlled proliferation → stop the proliferation → damage on DNA

Ionising tracks @ nanoscale

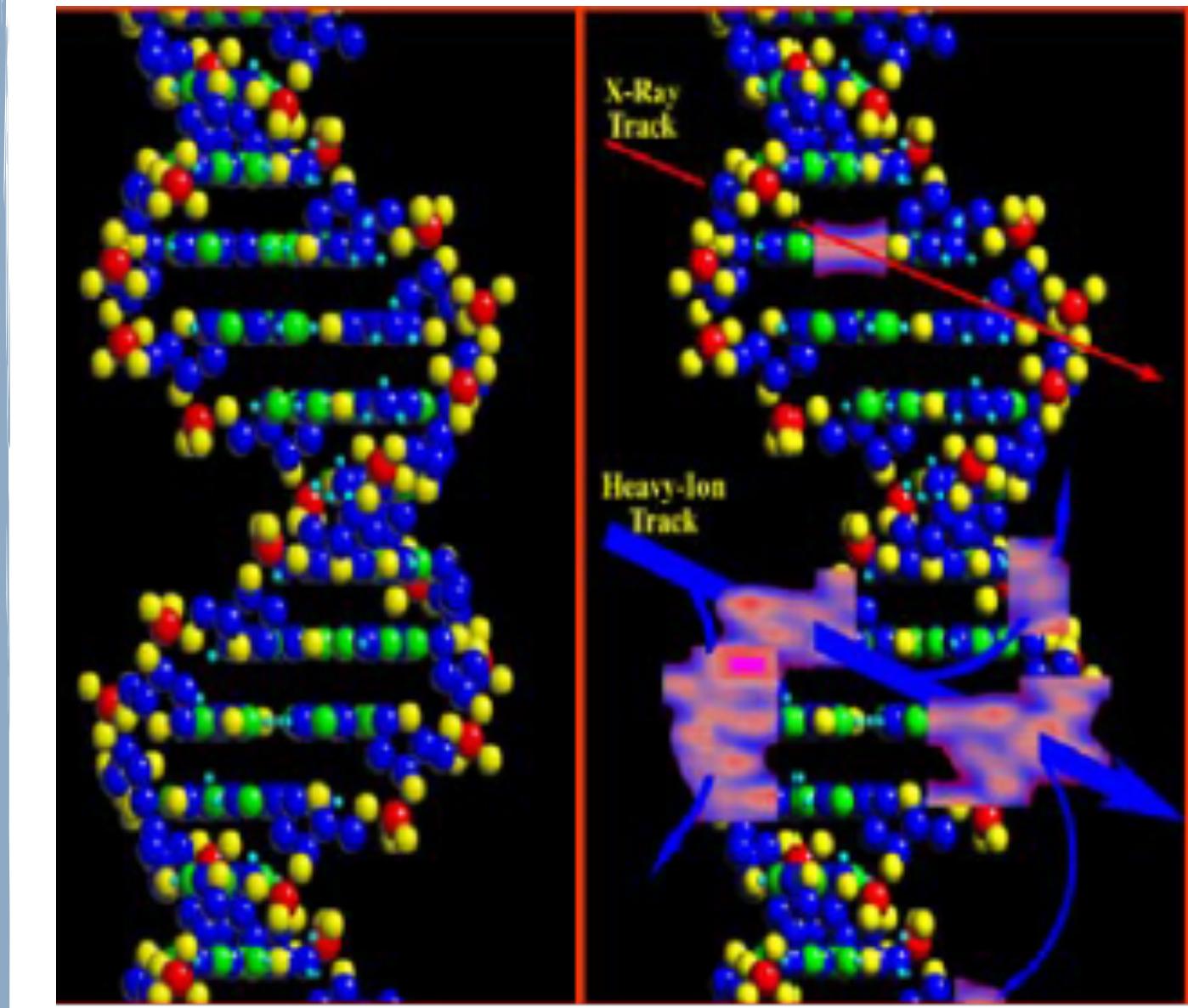


Higher Z → Higher damage

... but necessary to know the Nuclear fragmentation cross sections

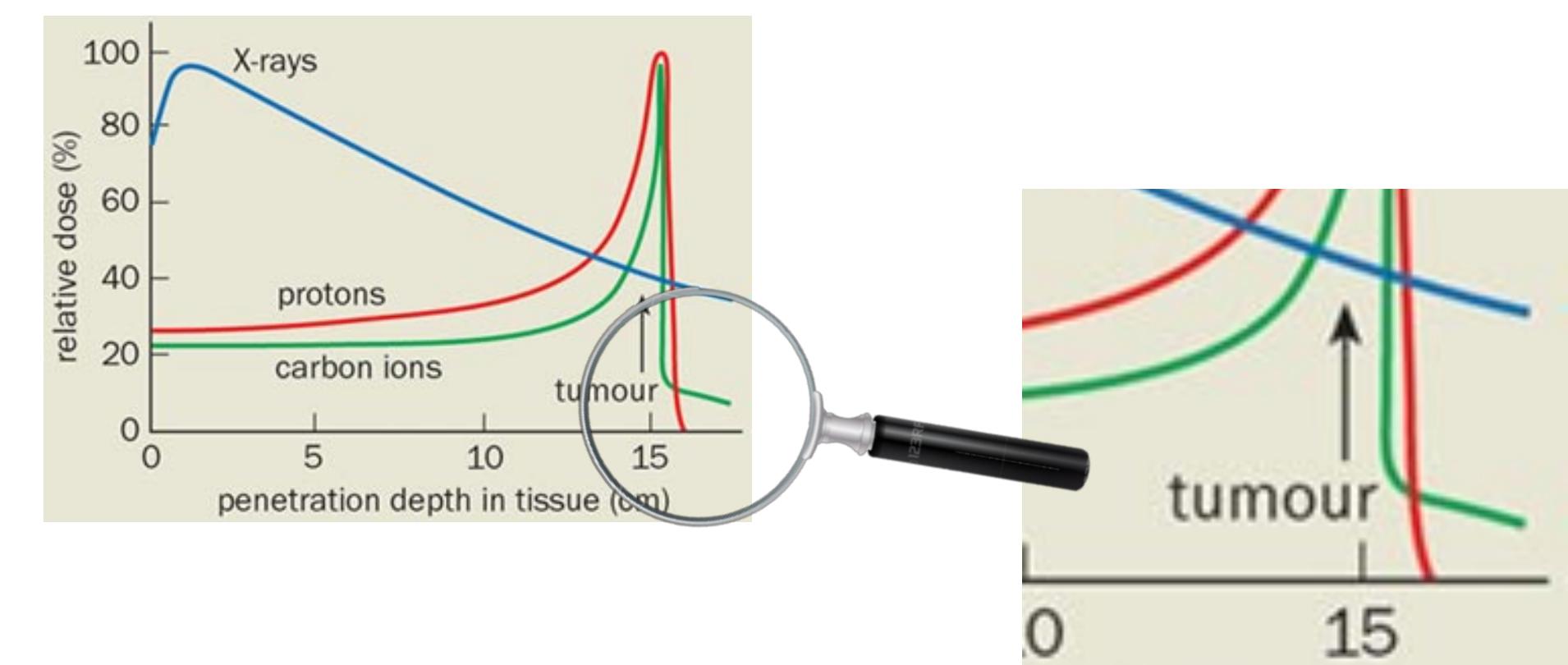
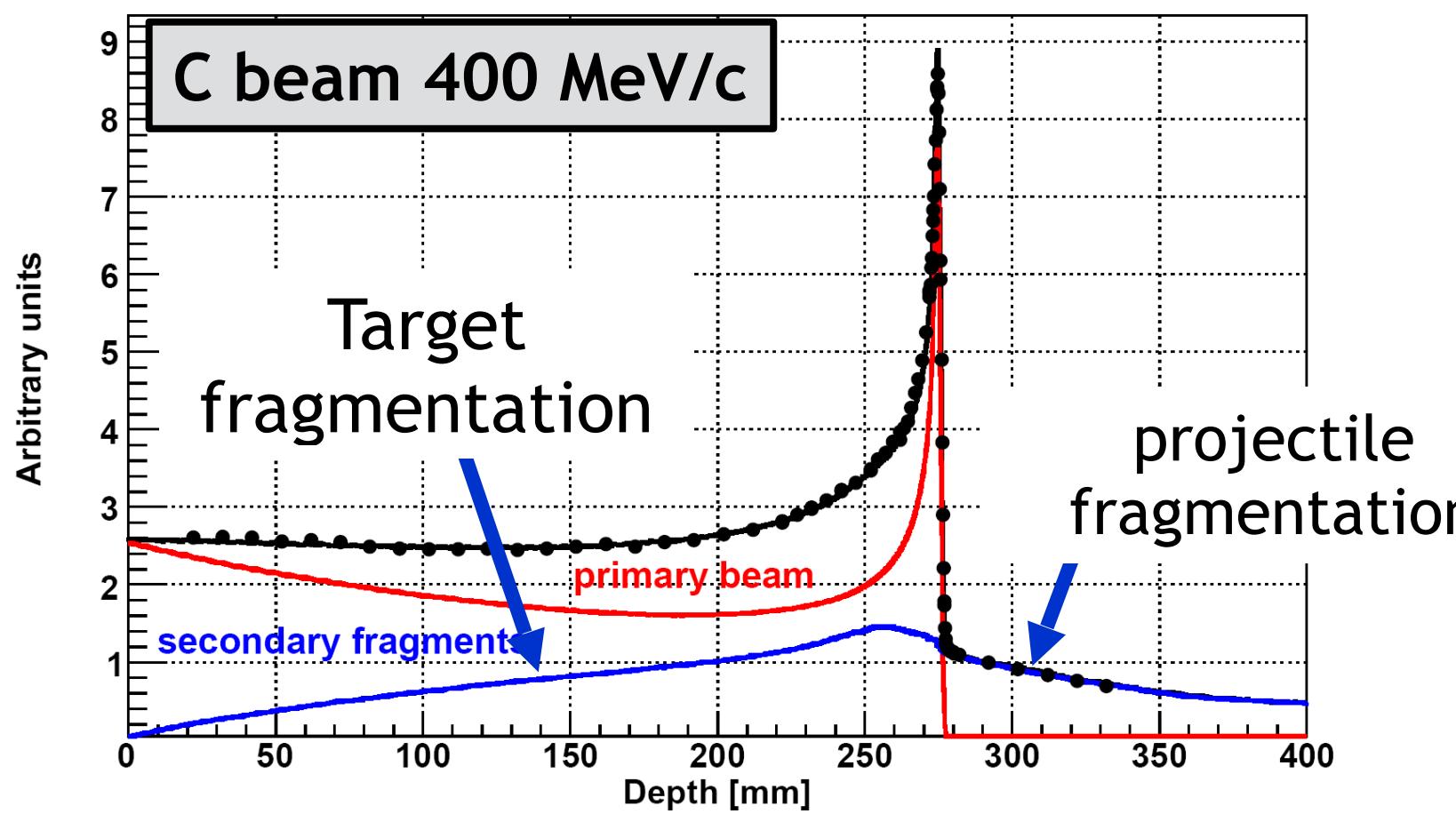
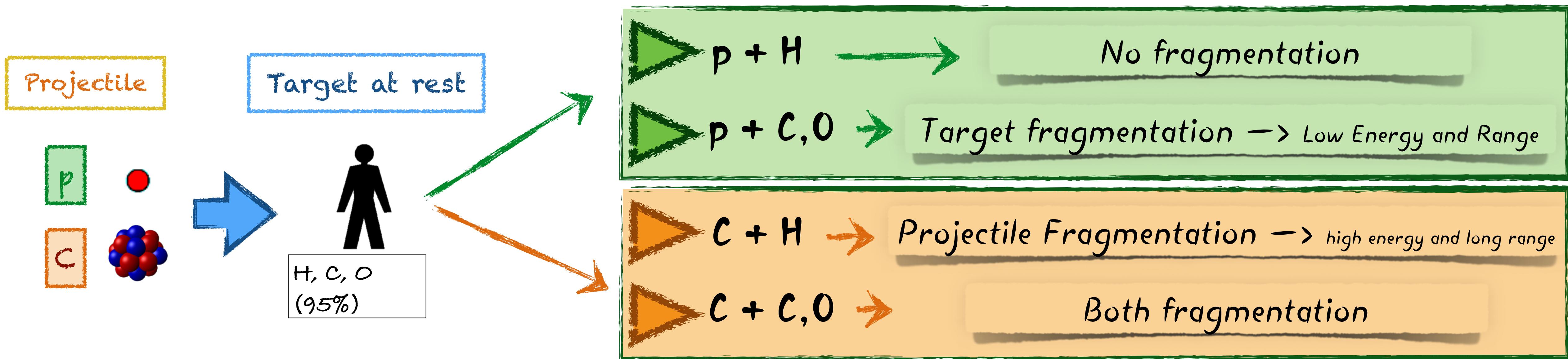


Courtesy of NASA



Double strand break
irreparable damage

Target–Projectile fragmentation

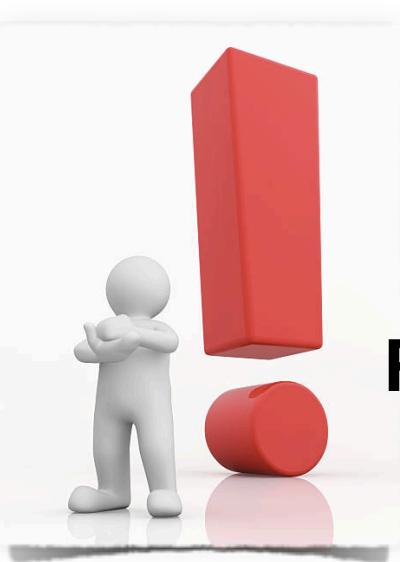
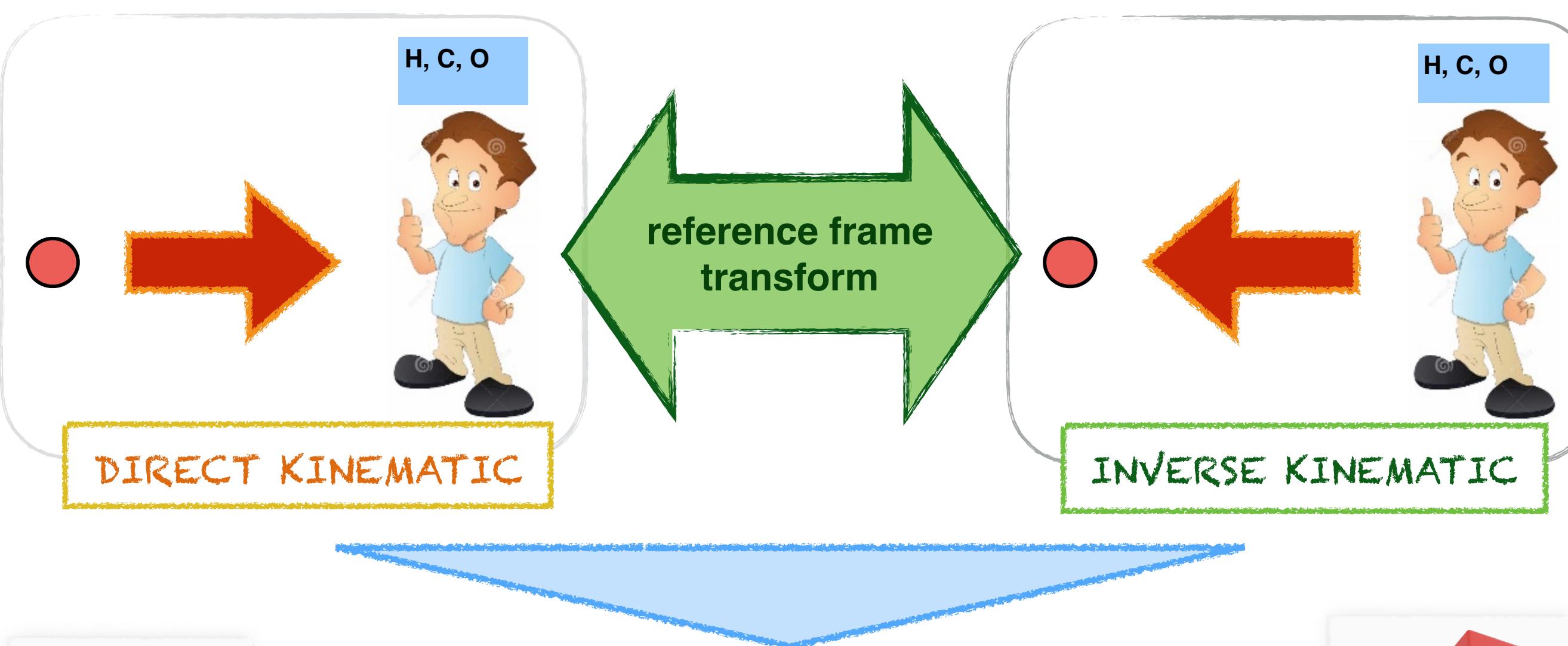


Tail present only when using Carbon



Target fragmentation measurement

Problem: Need to measure target fragments
BUT fragments remain in target



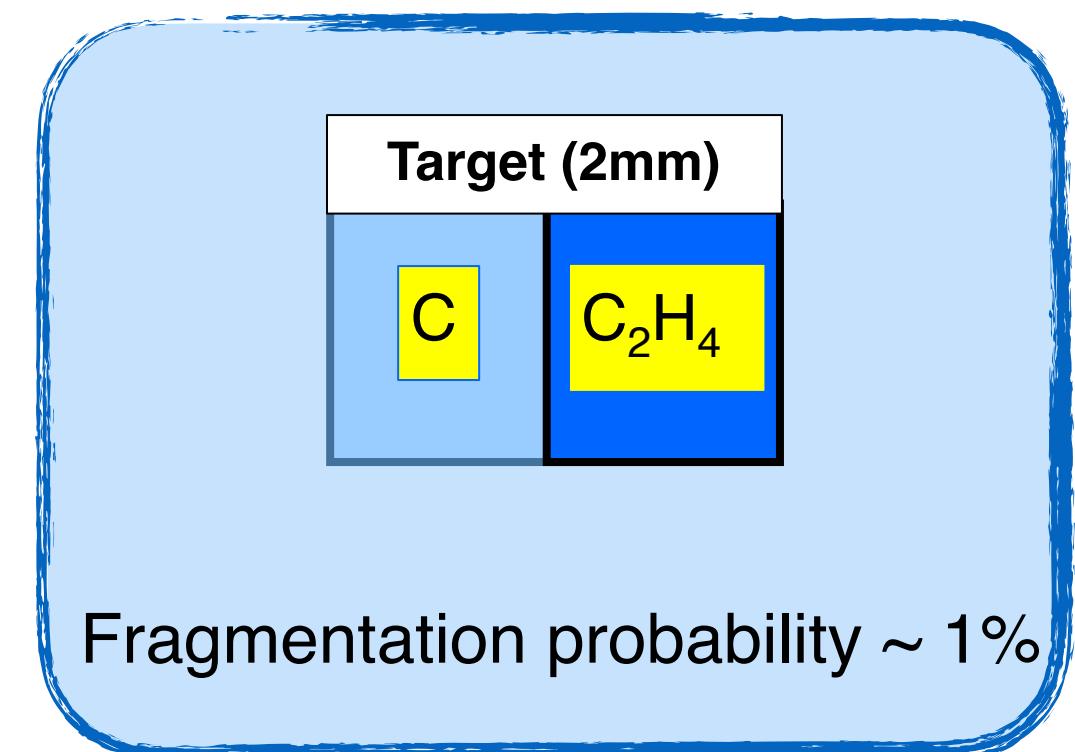
Shoot C,O (,H) on proton beam

Reference frame back-transformation = Lorentz boost
to the final products (subtract the projectile momentum).



Problem (again): Hydrogen target

Solution

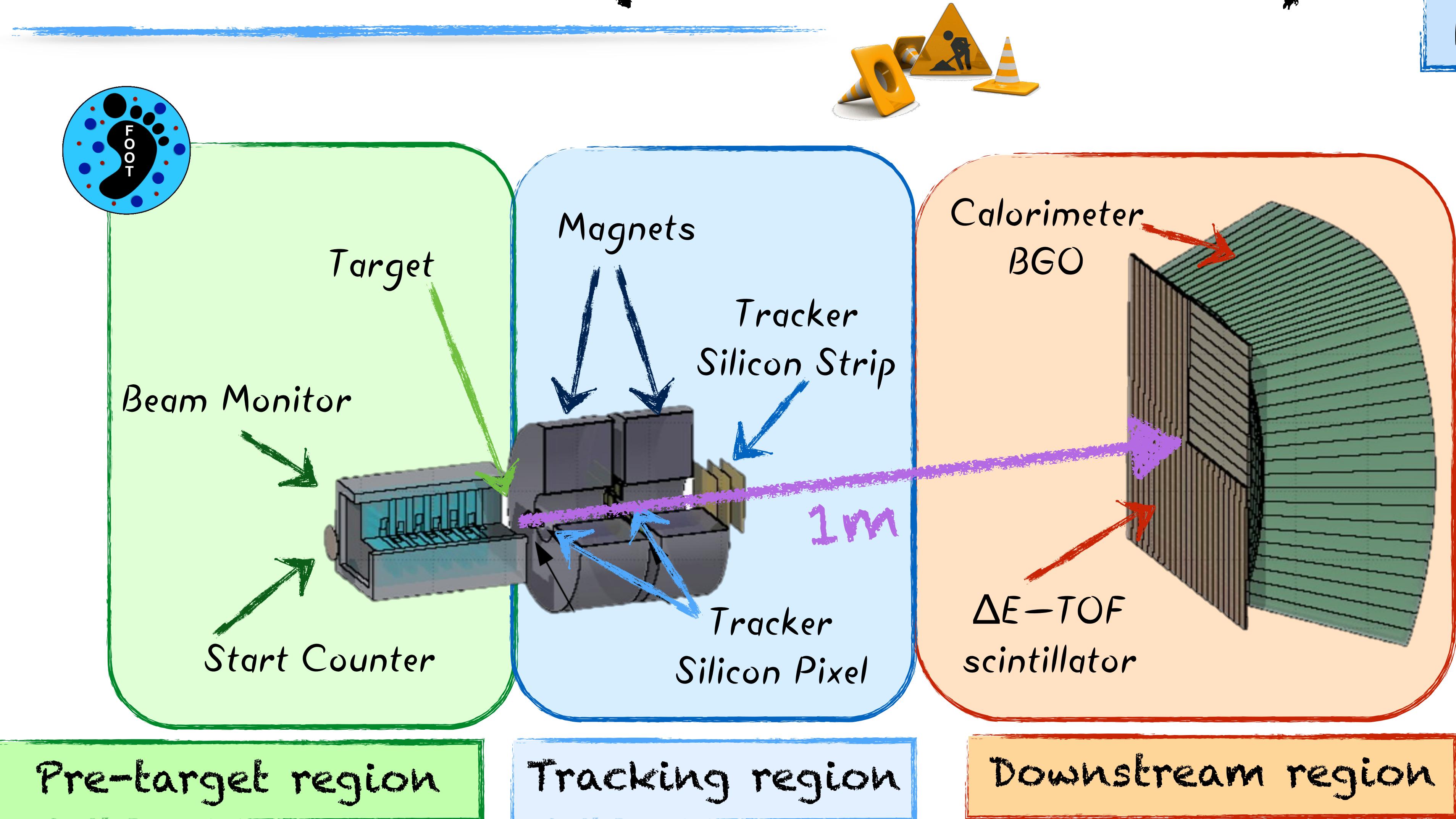


- Polyethylene target C₂H₄ + carbon target (graphite)
- Subtract the cross section on carbon to the one on polyethylene

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_{kin}}(H) = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dE_{kin}}(C_2H_4) - 2 \frac{d\sigma}{dE_{kin}}(C) \right)$$

FOOT Detector (in construction)

Electronic Setup



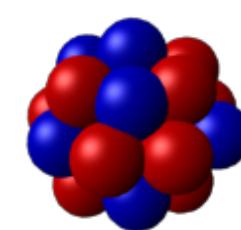
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Light fragments
(ρ , He)

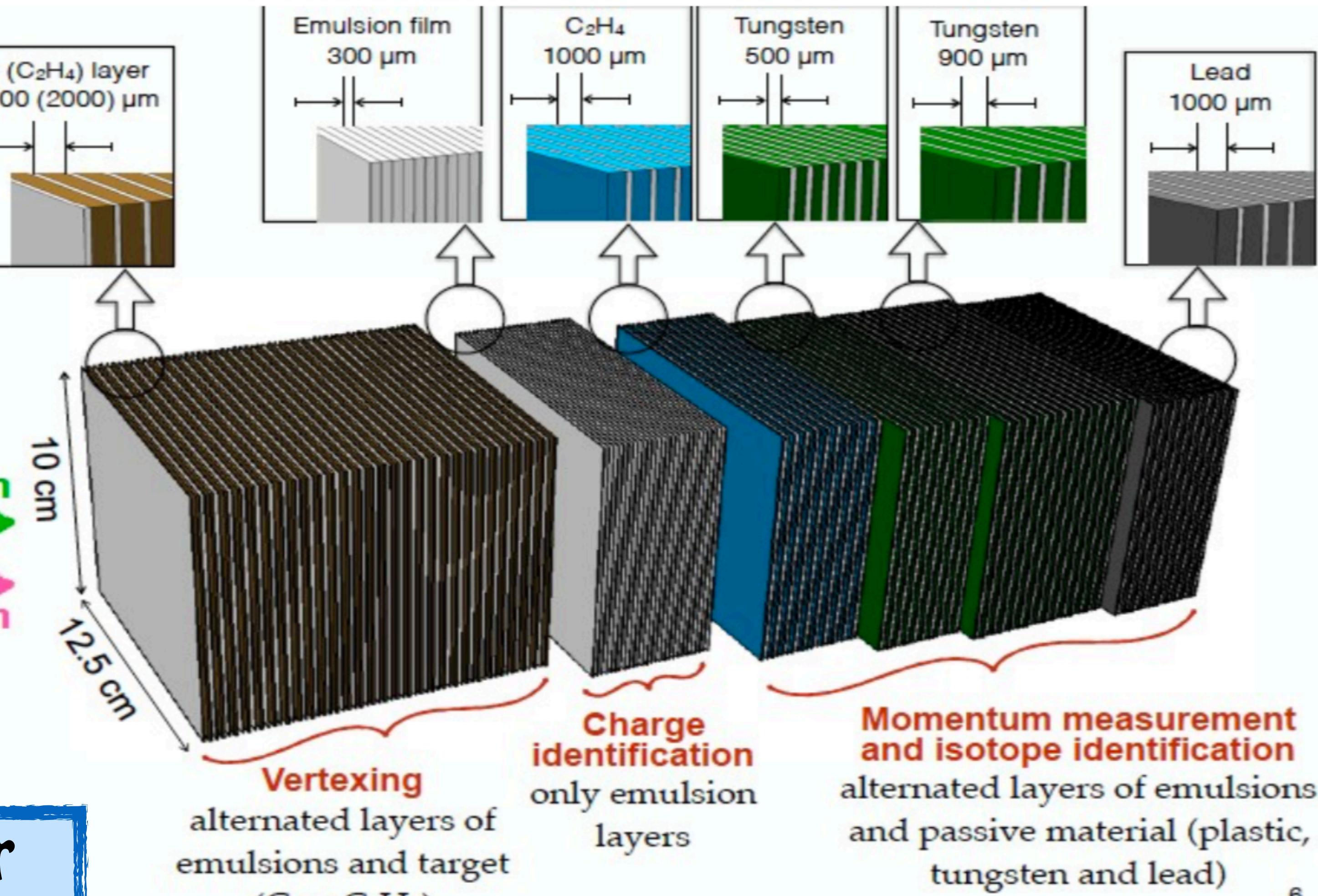
Angular open
 $\pm 70^\circ$

Emulsion Chamber
Setup



^{16}O @

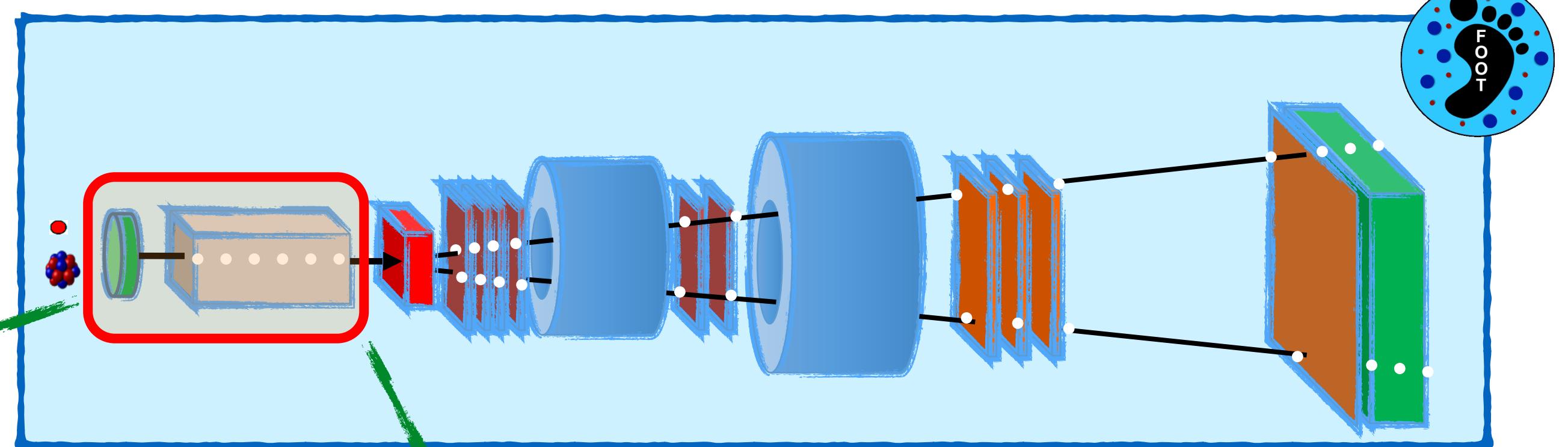
200 MeV/n
400 MeV/n



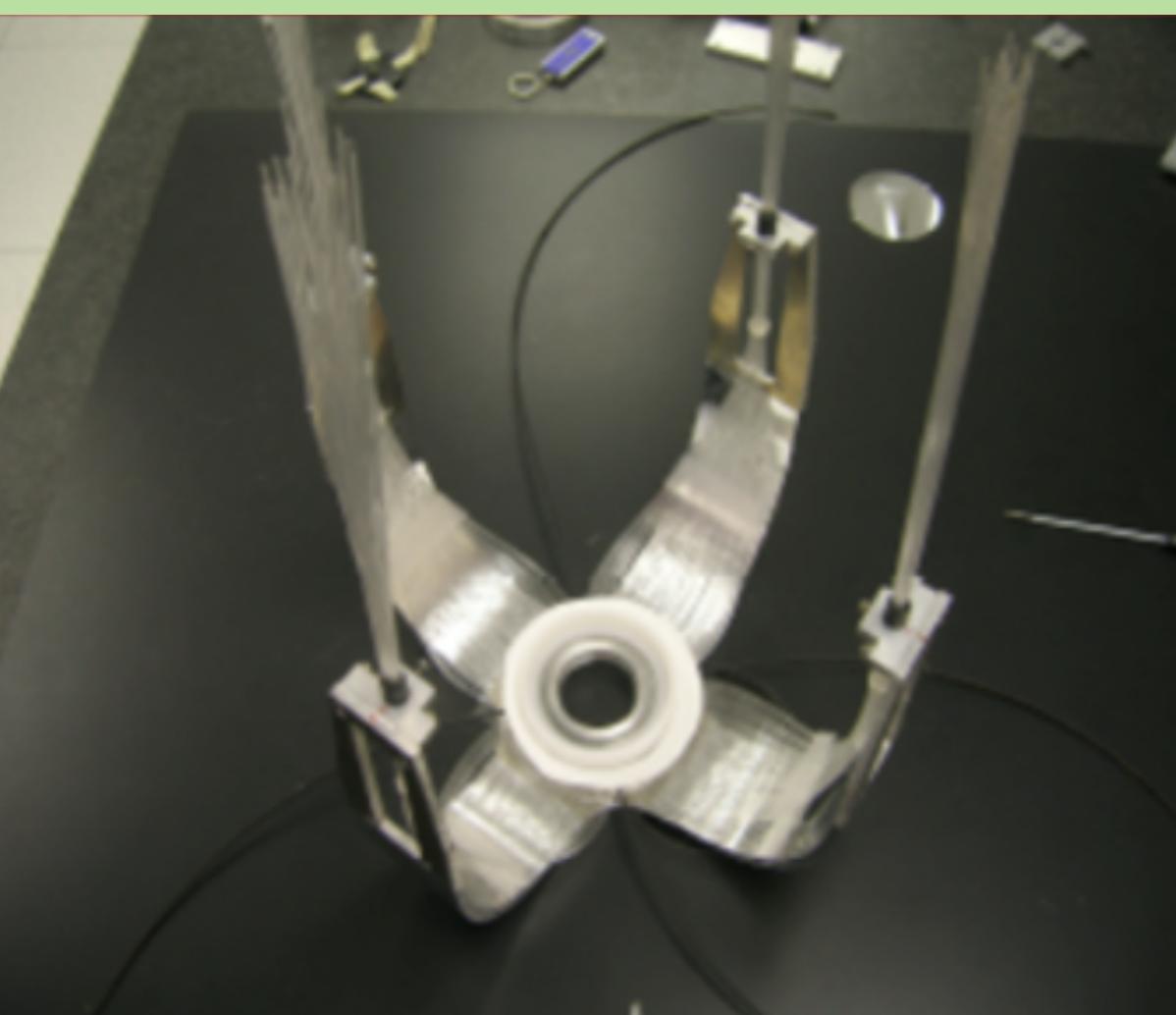
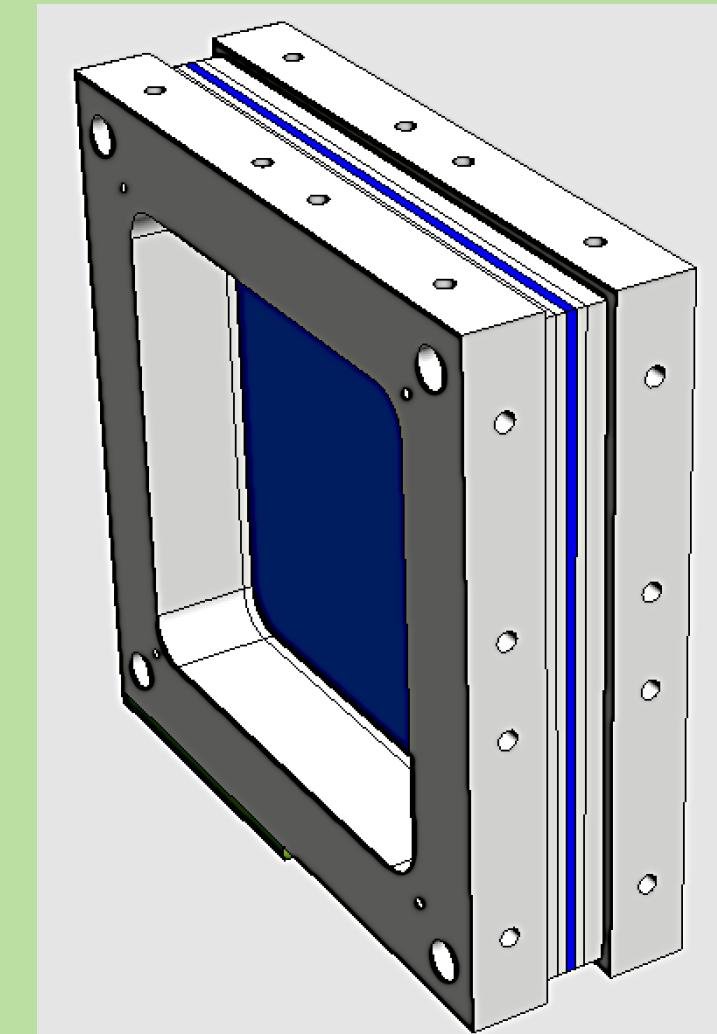
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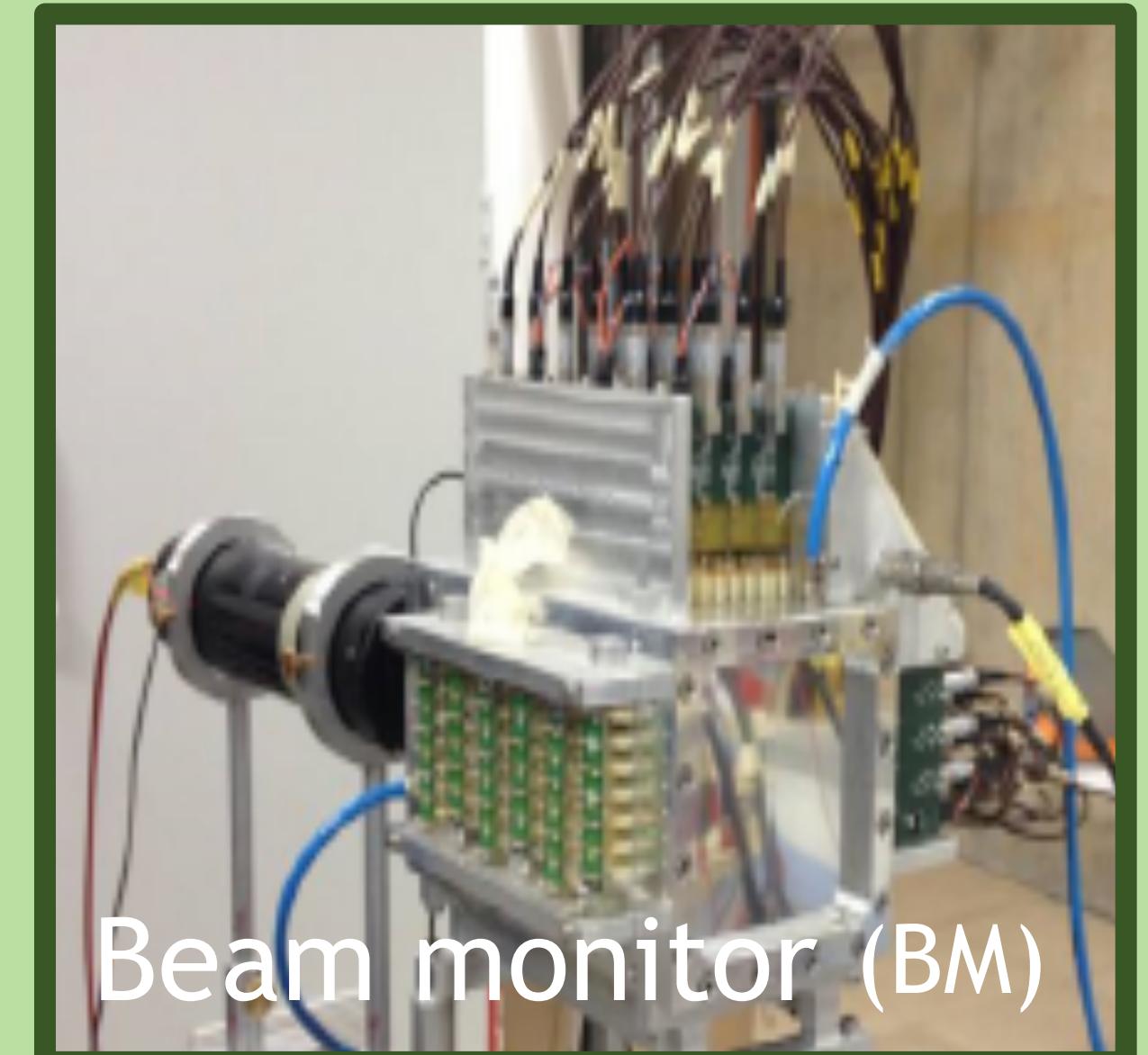
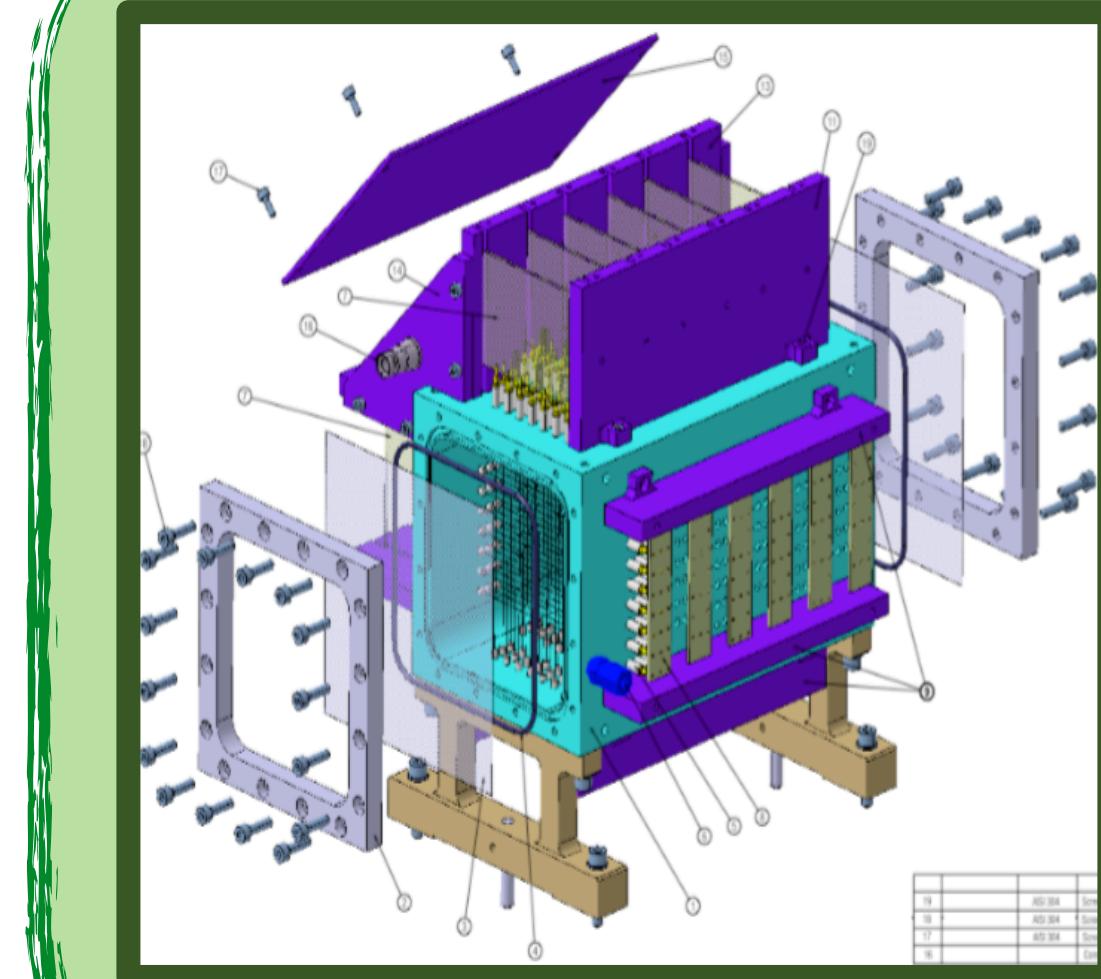
Pre-target region



Start Counter (SC)



Beam Monitor (BM)



Trigger and ToF start

250 μm –1 mm thick plastic scintillator (depending on E beam)

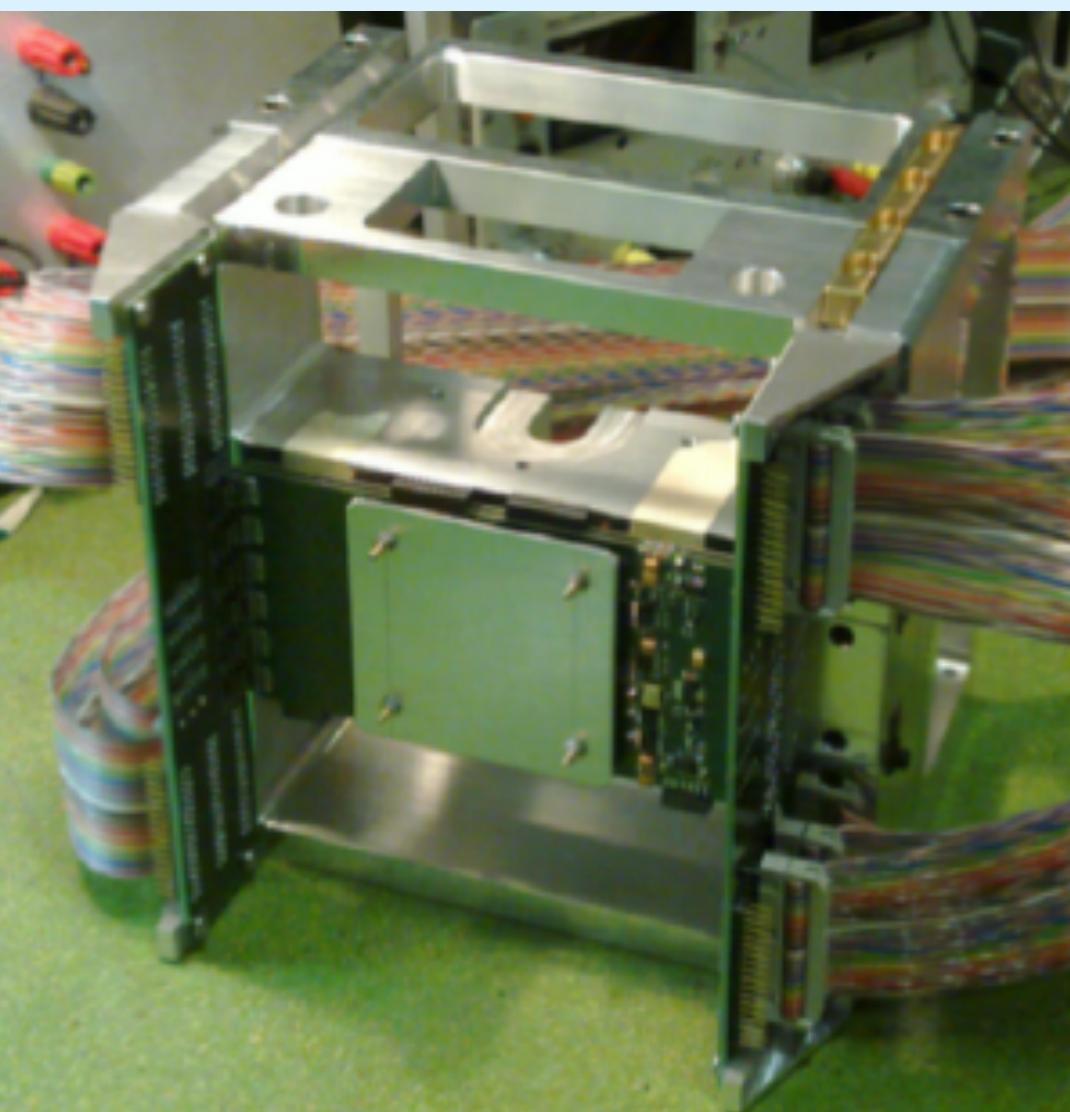
50 mm radius

~ 400 optical fibers \rightarrow 4 bundles to 4 PMTs

Beam momentum/direction & fragmentation

Drift chamber
Gas: Ar/CO₂ (80/20%)

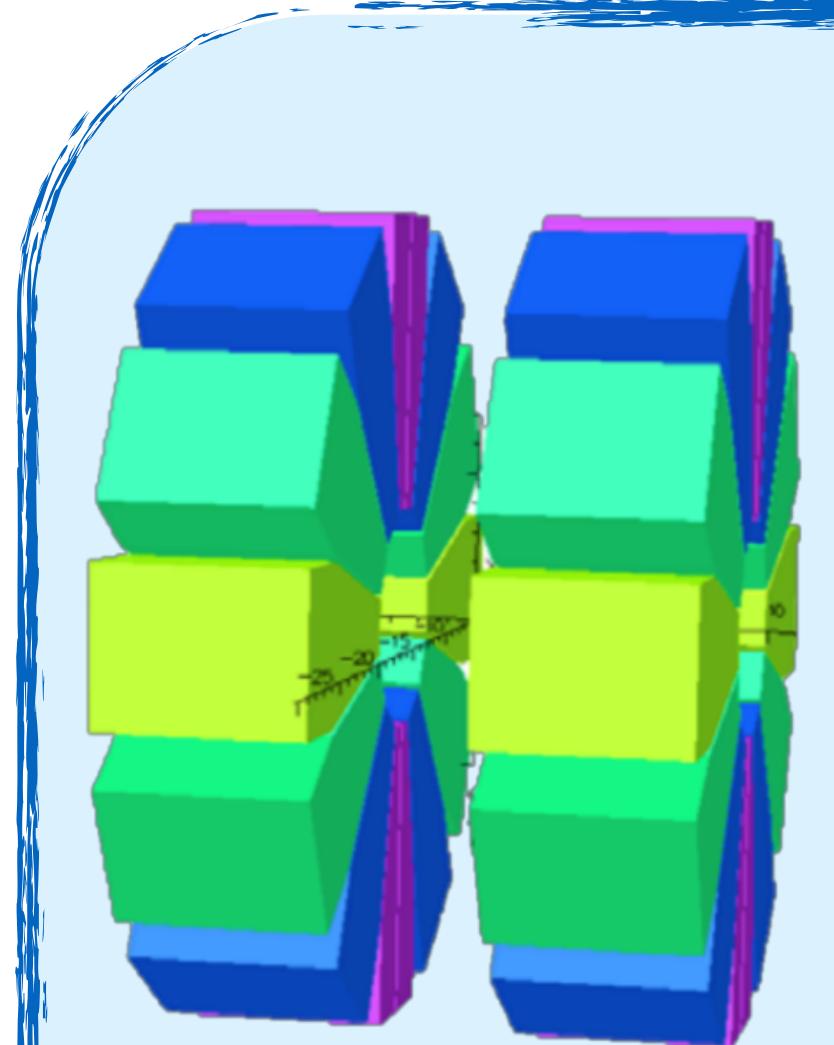
Tracking region



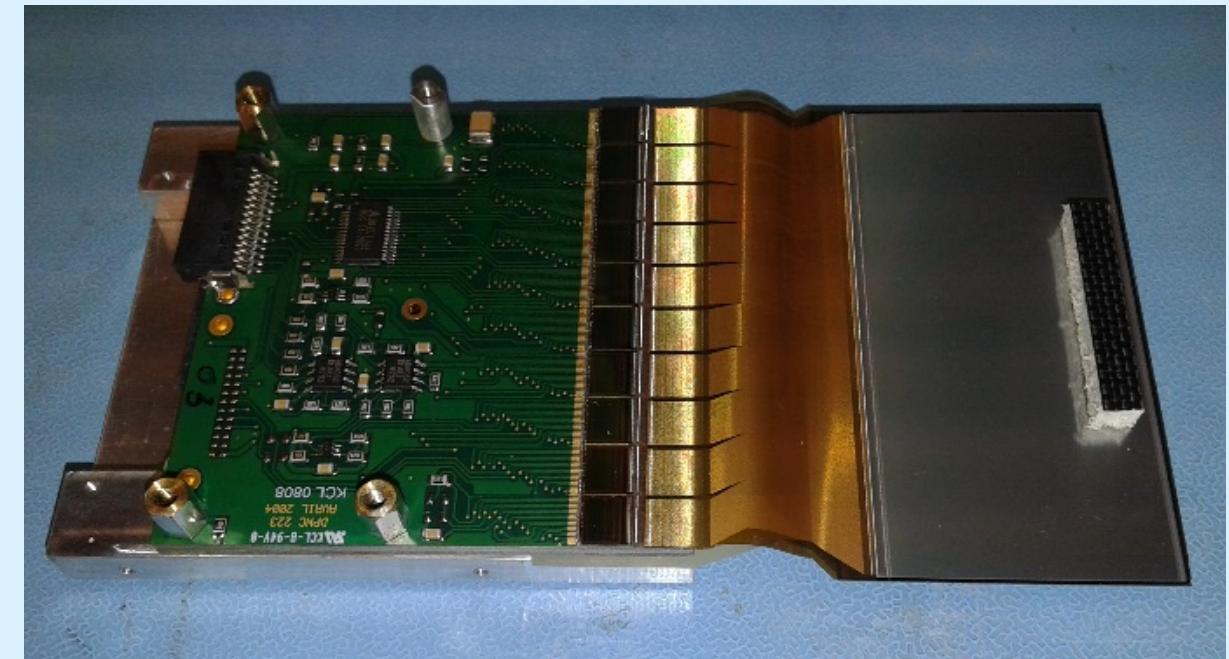
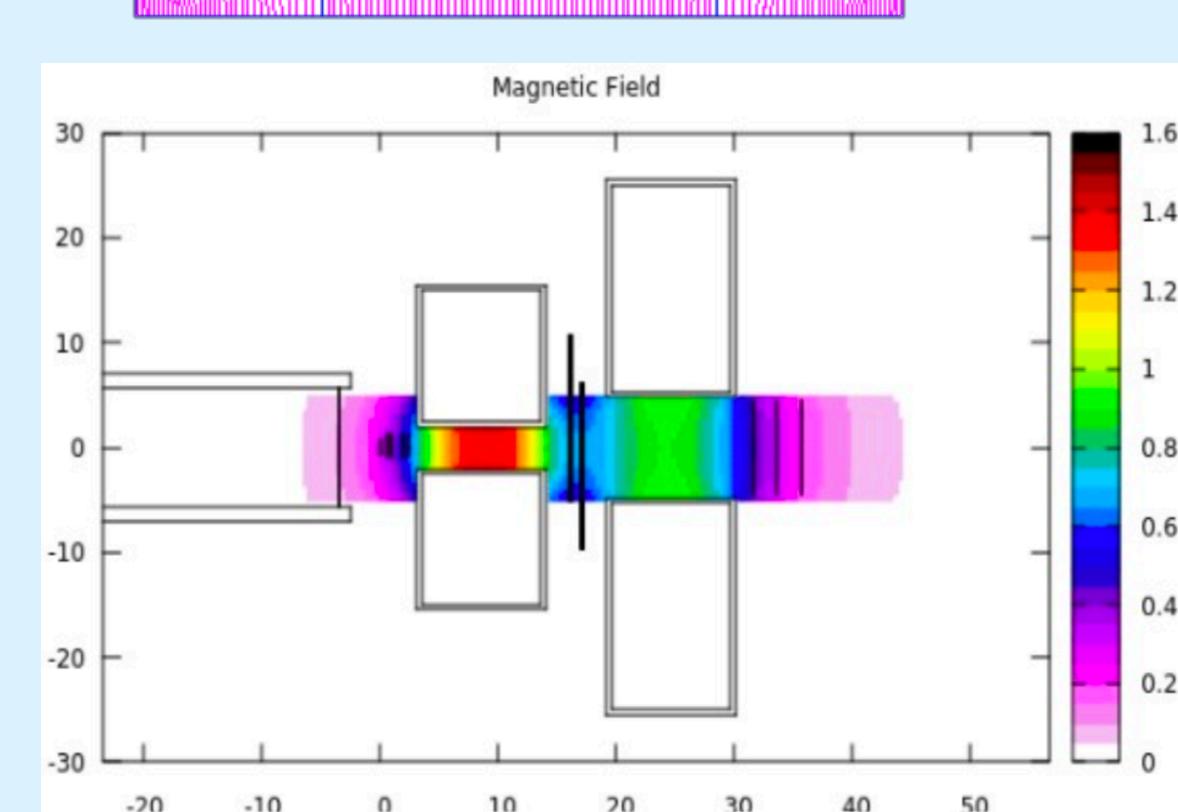
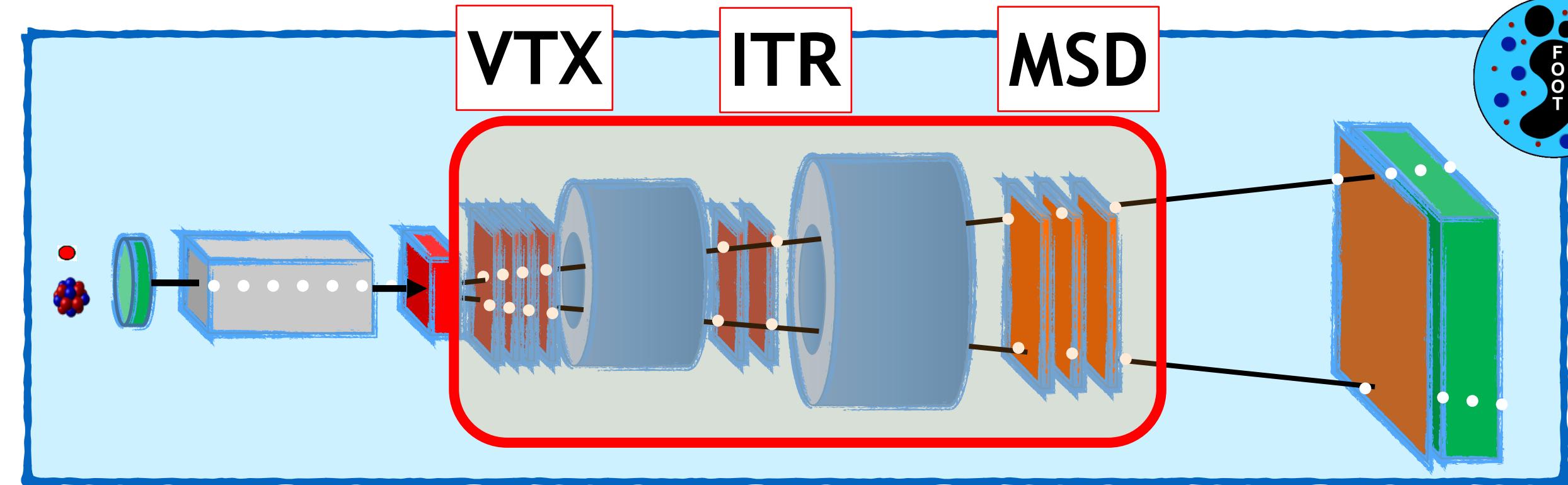
VTX: 4 layers of Si pixel ($20 \times 20 \mu\text{m}$)
ITR: 2 layers of Si pixel ($20 \times 20 \mu\text{m}$)

Vertex & Inner
Tracker

Magnet



2 permanent Hallbach magnets
B field in y axis (max 0,9 and 1.1 T respectively)

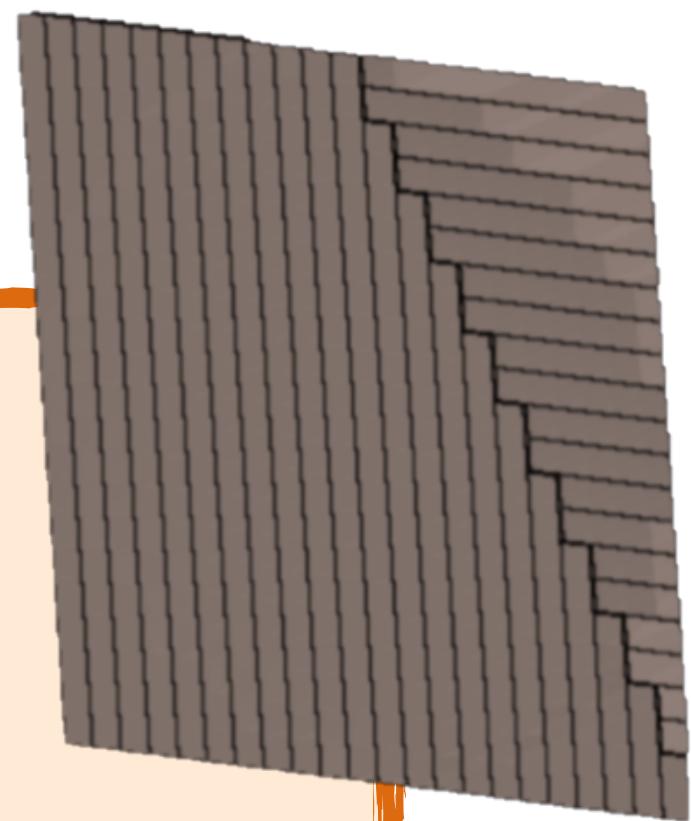


3 layers of Si strips
($120 \mu\text{m} \times 9 \text{ cm}$)

Micro Strip Detector
(MSD)

Downstream region

Scintillator (SCN)



ΔE -Tof

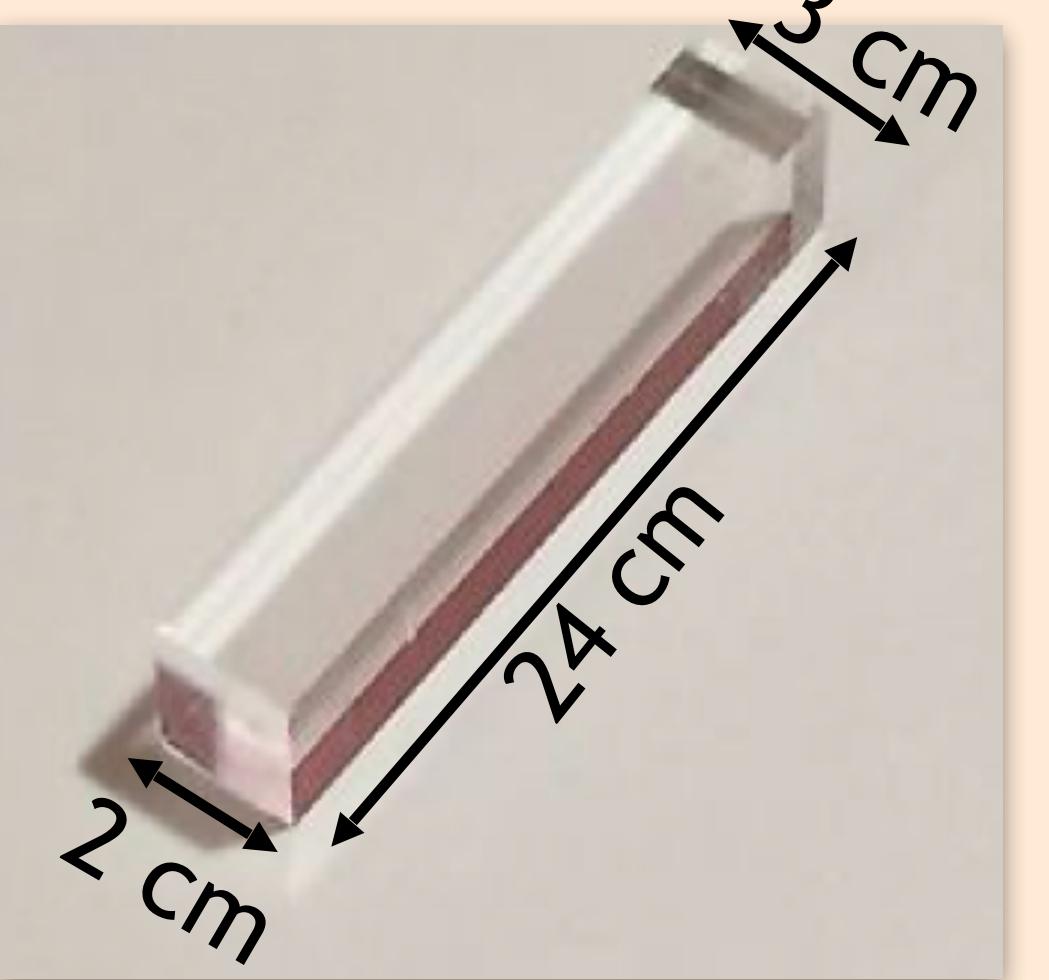
40 x 2 cm plastic scintillator bars

3 mm thickness

2 layers of 20 bars

Silicon PhotoMultiplier (SiPM)

Calorimeter (CAL)



SiPM. Pitch 50 μm
Voltage breakdown 53 V



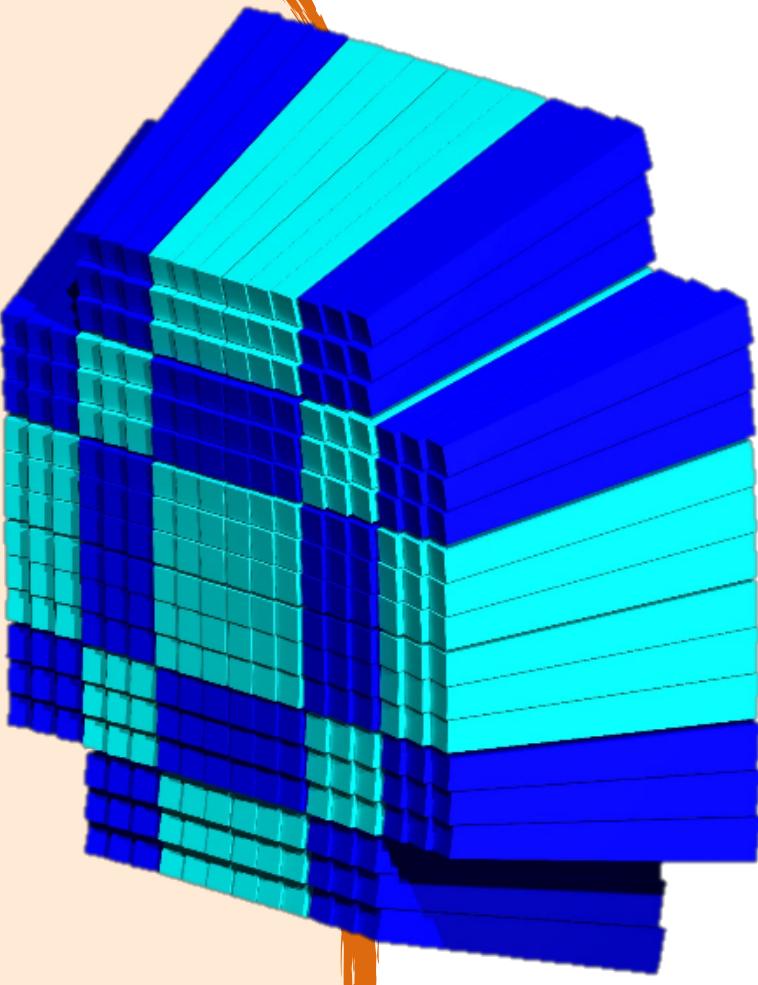
BGO - $(\text{Bi}_4\text{Ge}_3\text{O}_{12})$
Inorganic scintillator

$$Z_{\text{Bi}} = 83$$

$$\rho_{\text{BGO}} = 7.13 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

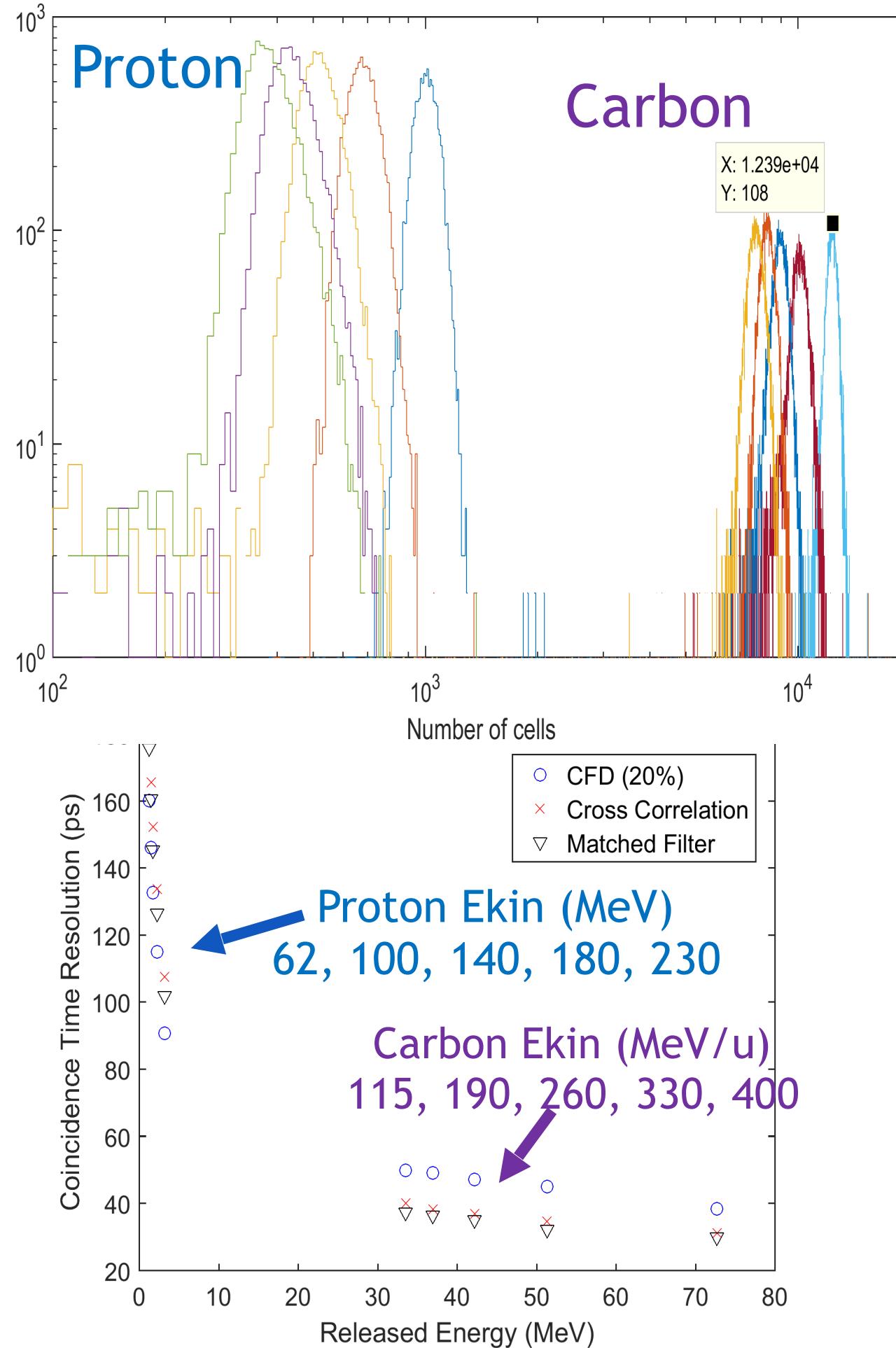
$$\text{Weight} = 1.027 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Total weight } 330 \text{ Kg}$$



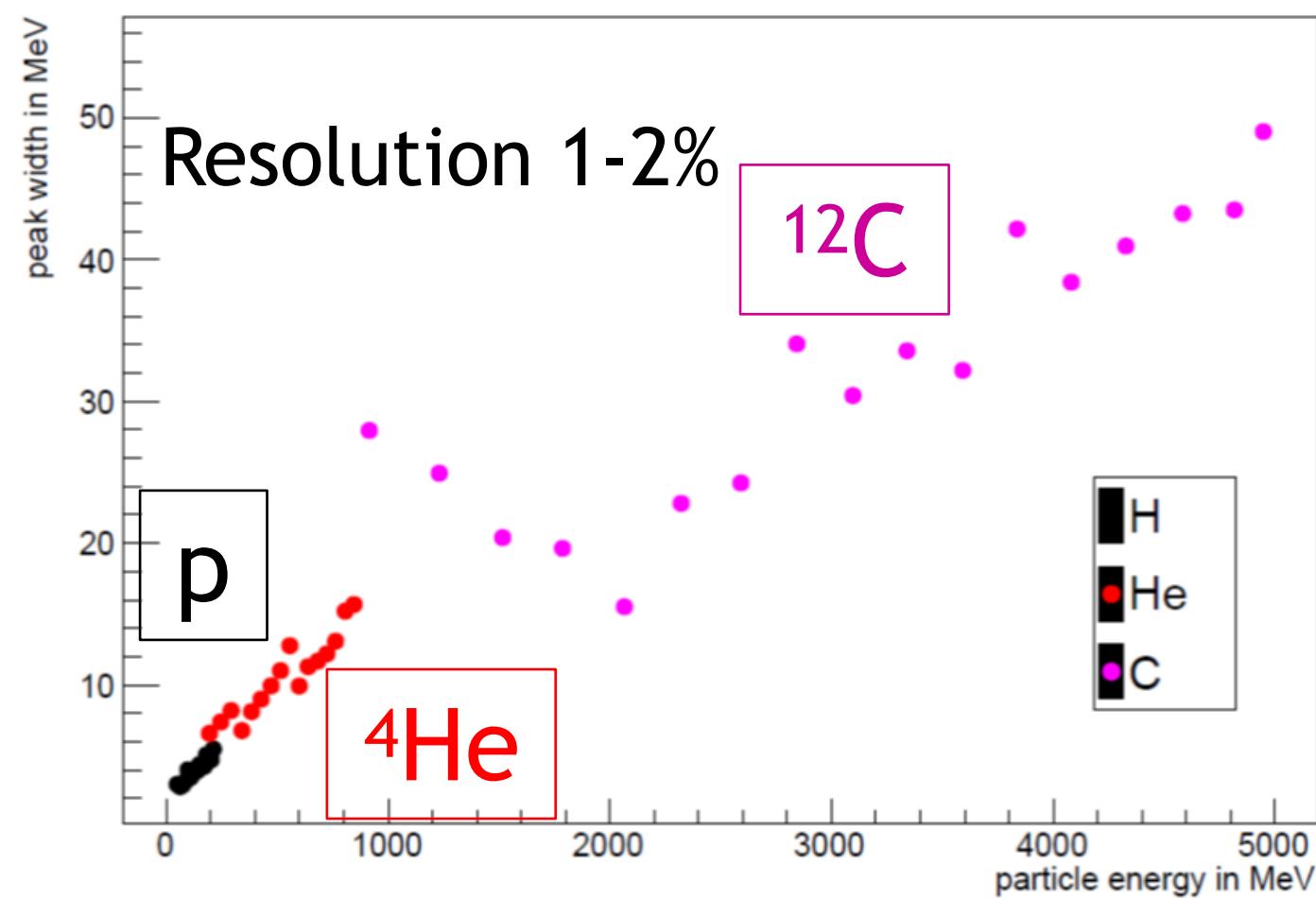
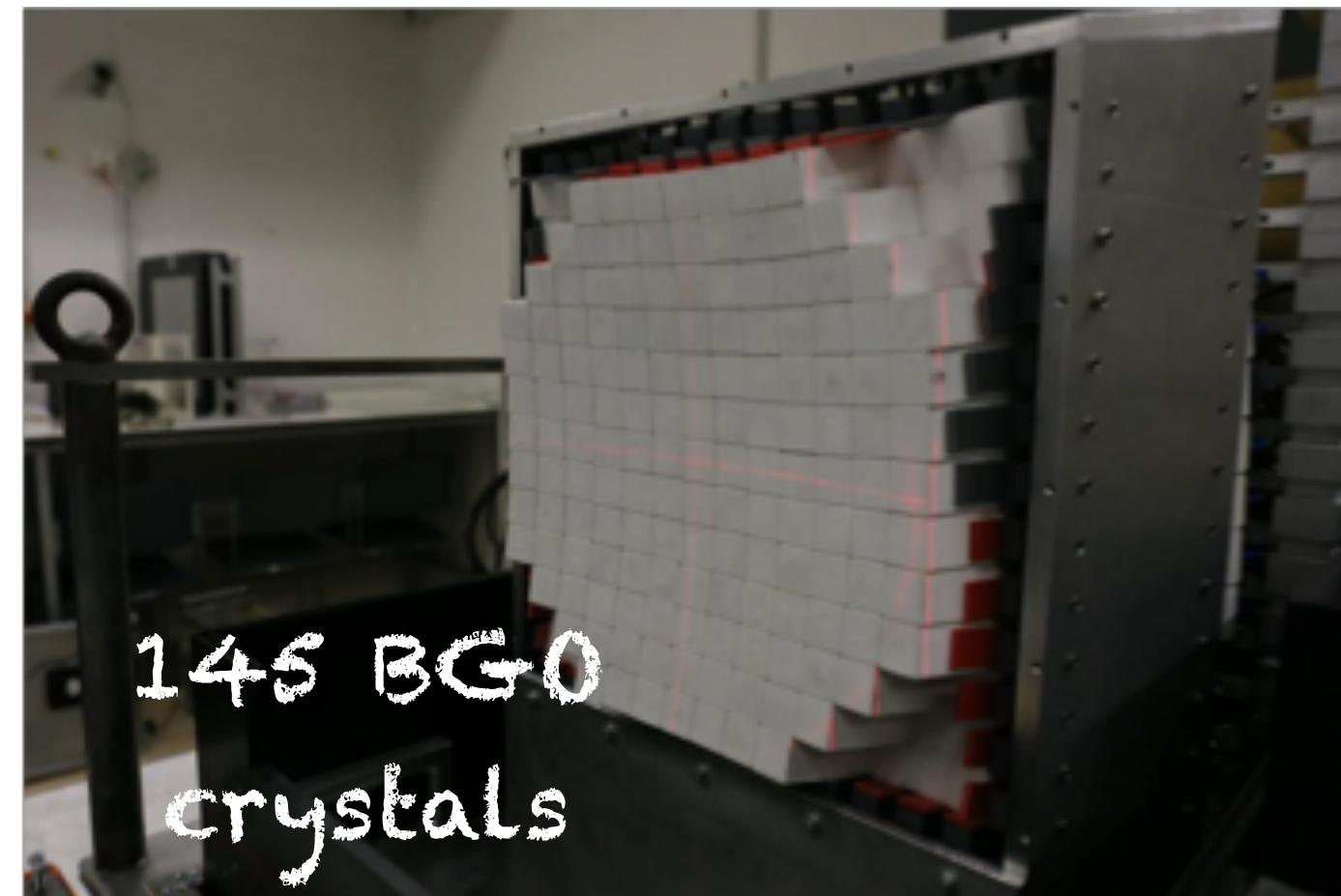
Beam tests results

ΔE -Tof test beam @CNAO



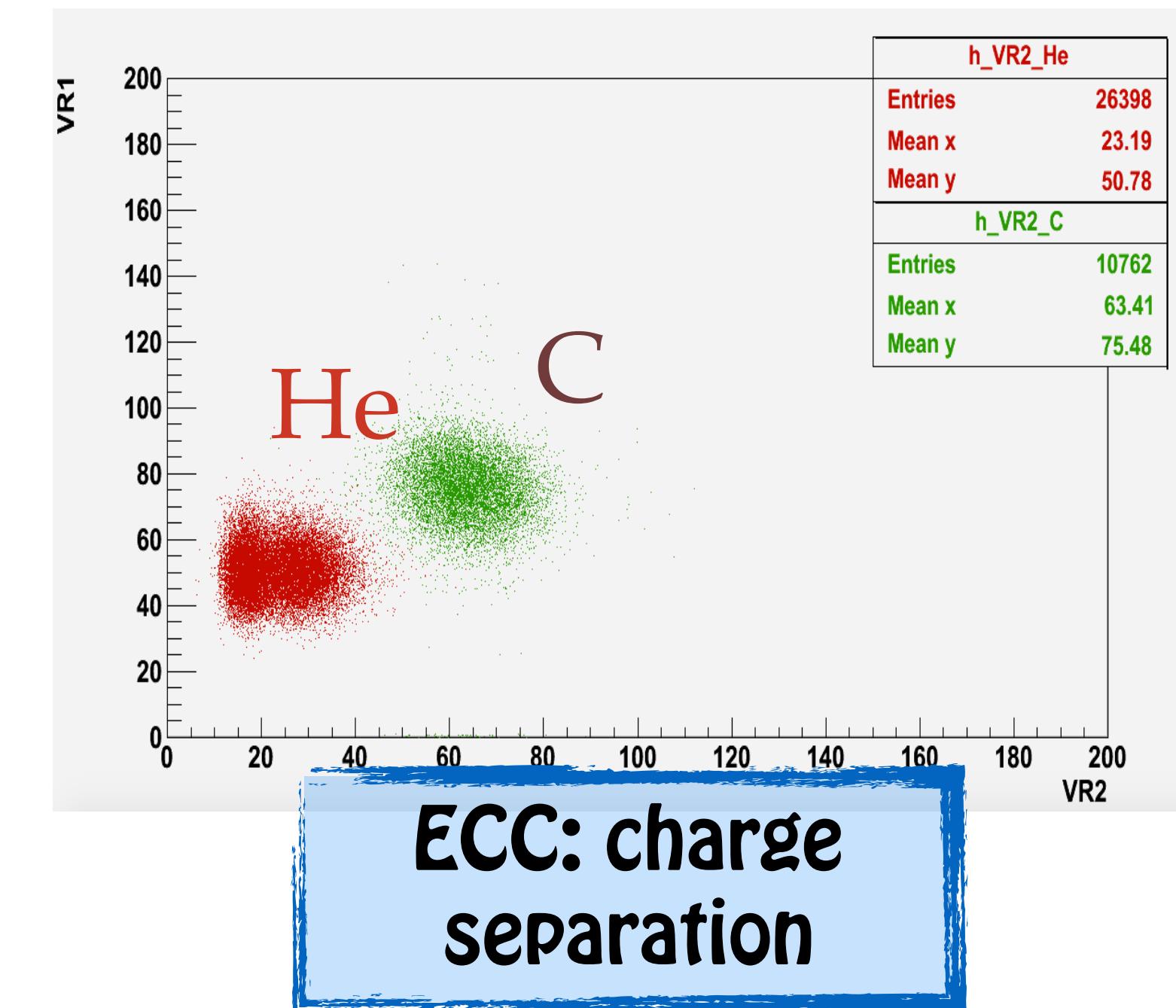
Tof resolution (C) better 40 ps

Calorimeter: test beam @HIT



Kinetic energy resolution at 1-2%

Emulsion test beam @LNS and Trento



Performances: charge Z reconstruction

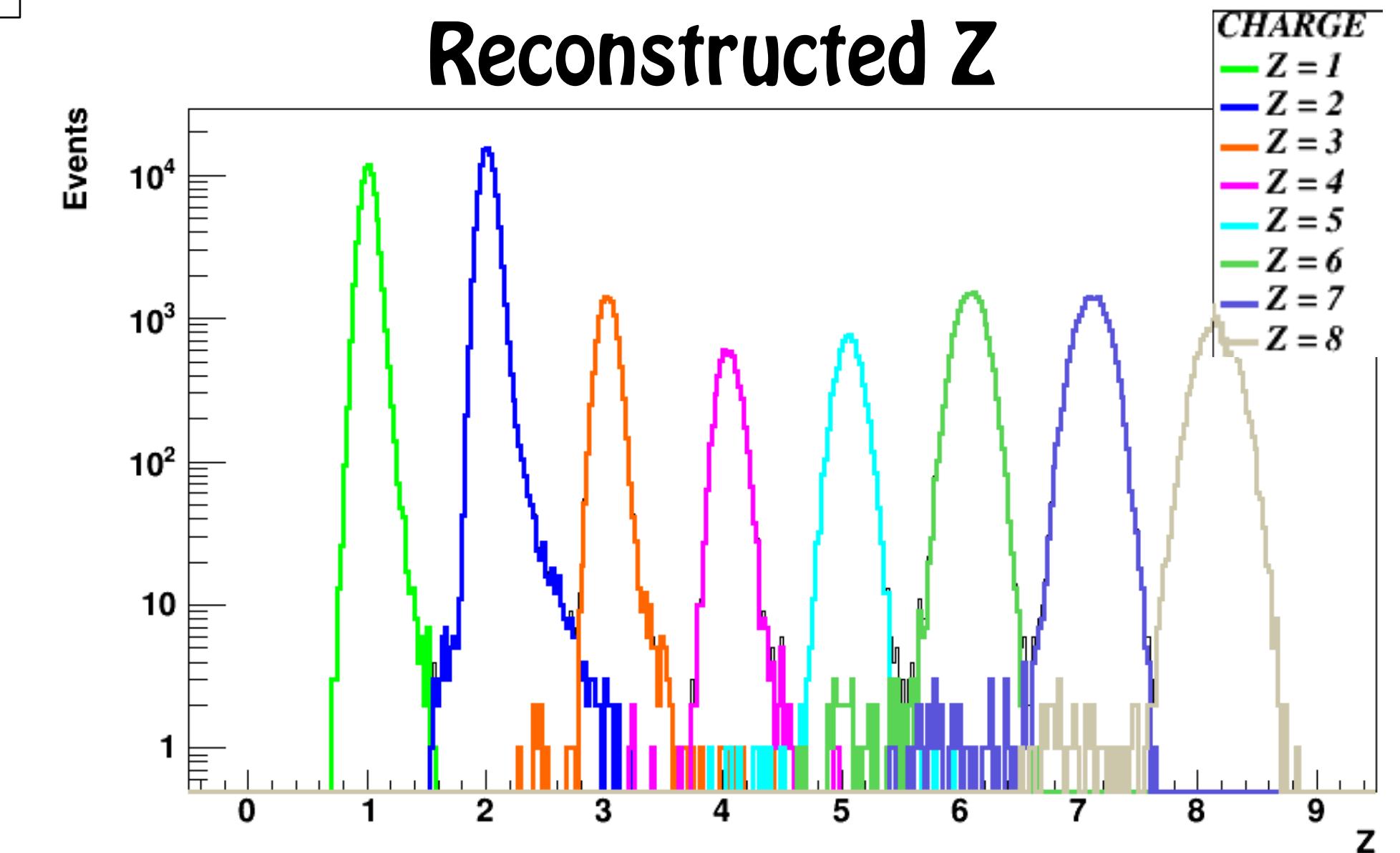
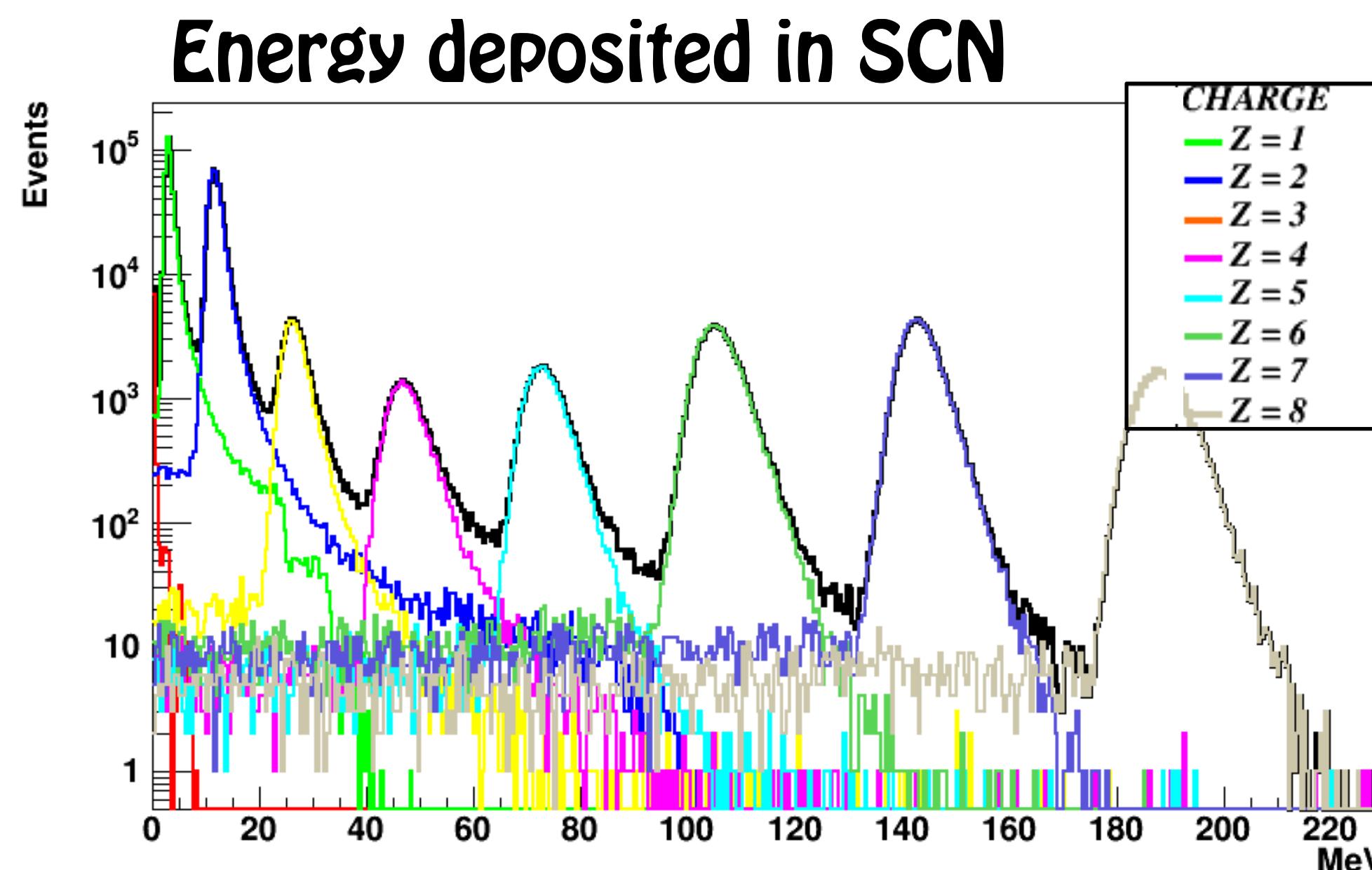
^{16}O (200 MeV/u) $\rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$

Fluka
simulation

SCN

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{\rho \cdot Z}{A} \frac{4\pi N_A m_e c^2}{M_U} \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m_e c^2} \right)^2 \frac{z^2}{\beta^2} \left[\ln \left(\frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2}{I \cdot (1 - \beta^2)} \right) - \beta^2 \right]$$

TOF



Z resolution = 2.0% (9% p, 6% He)

^1H	^4He	^7Li	^9Be	^{11}B	^{12}C	^{14}N	^{16}O
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.01 ± 0.09	2.01 ± 0.06	3.03 ± 0.08	4.05 ± 0.09	5.06 ± 0.10	6.09 ± 0.12	7.11 ± 0.14	8.15 ± 0.15

Charge
misidentification < 1%



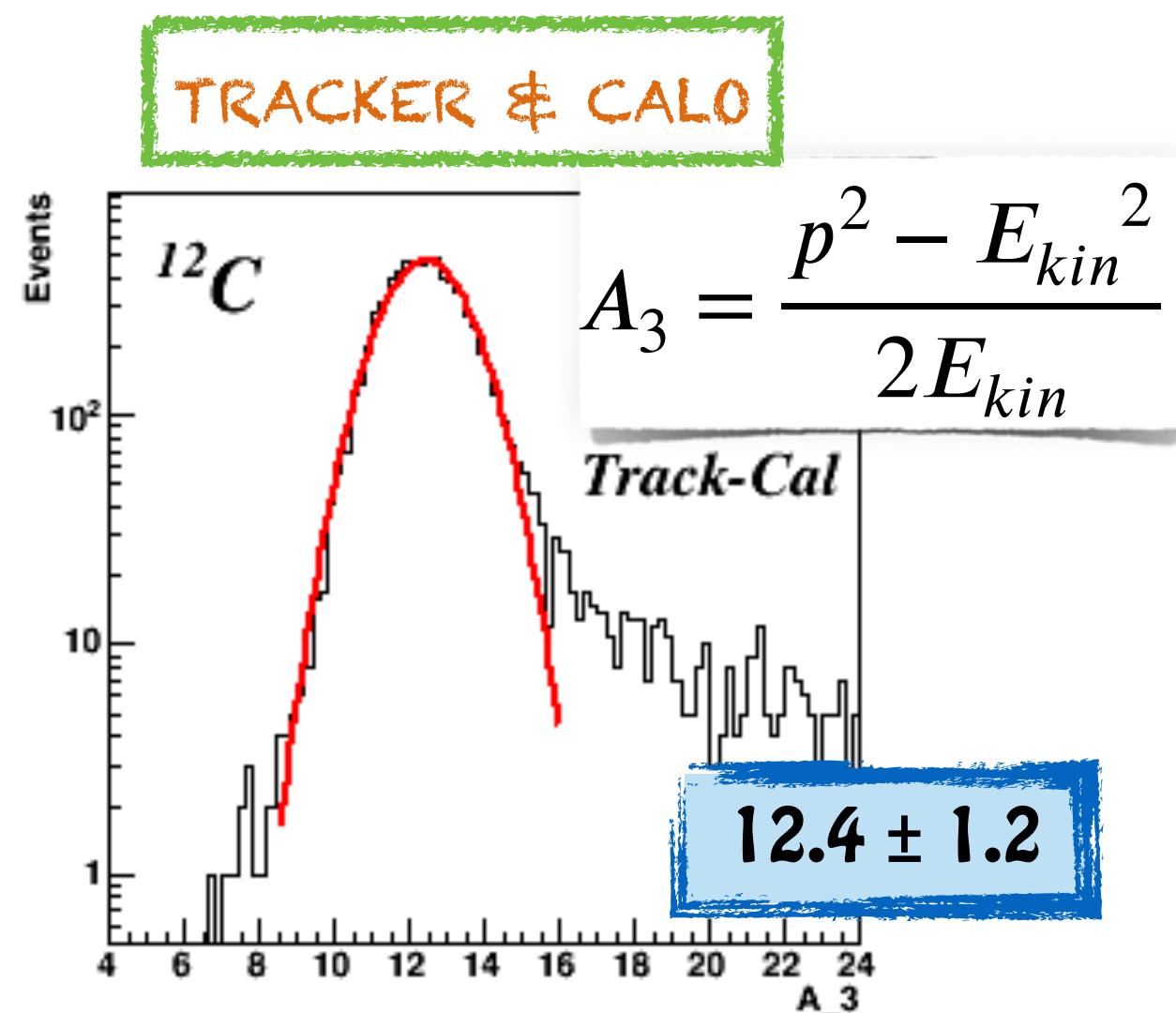
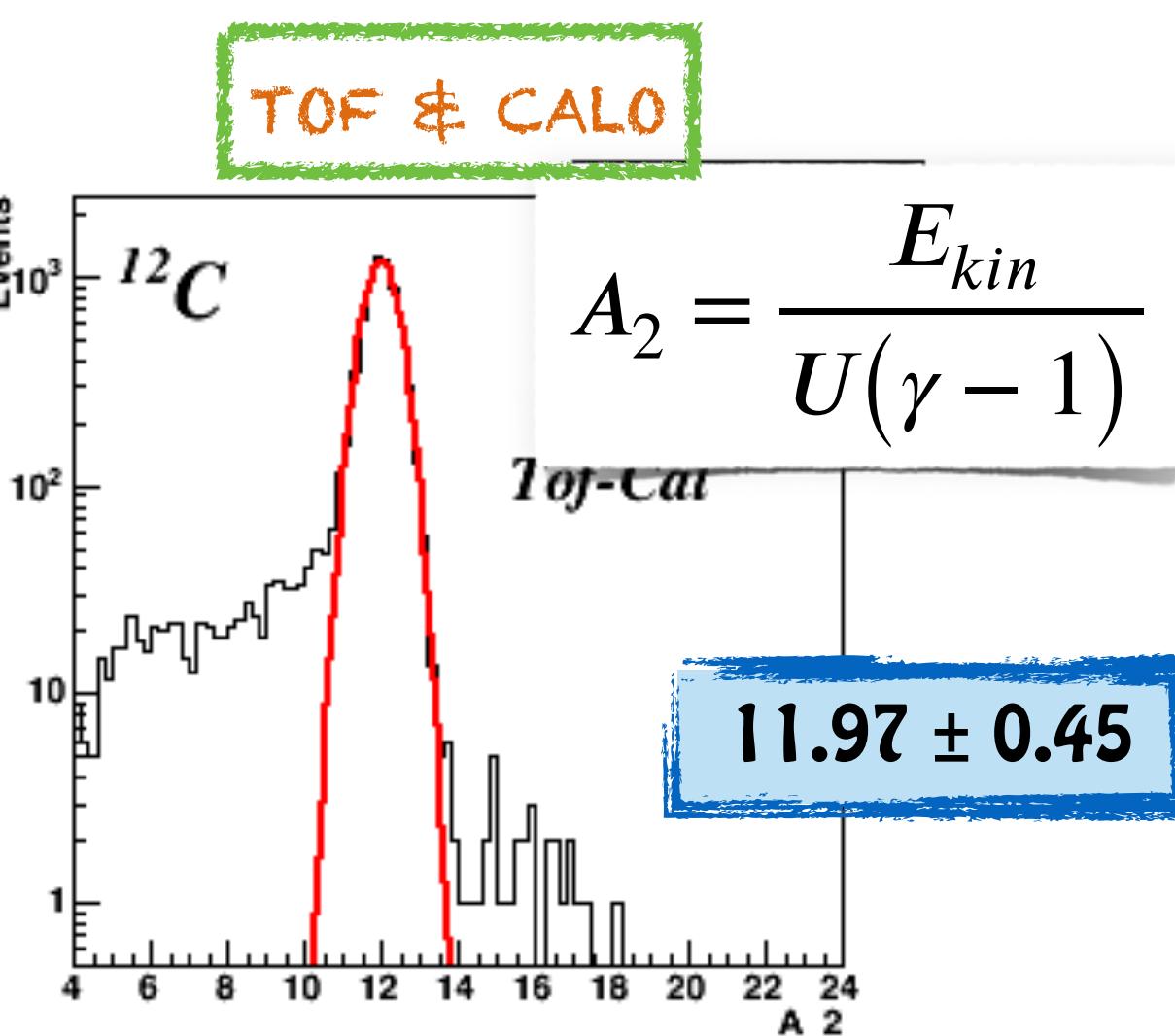
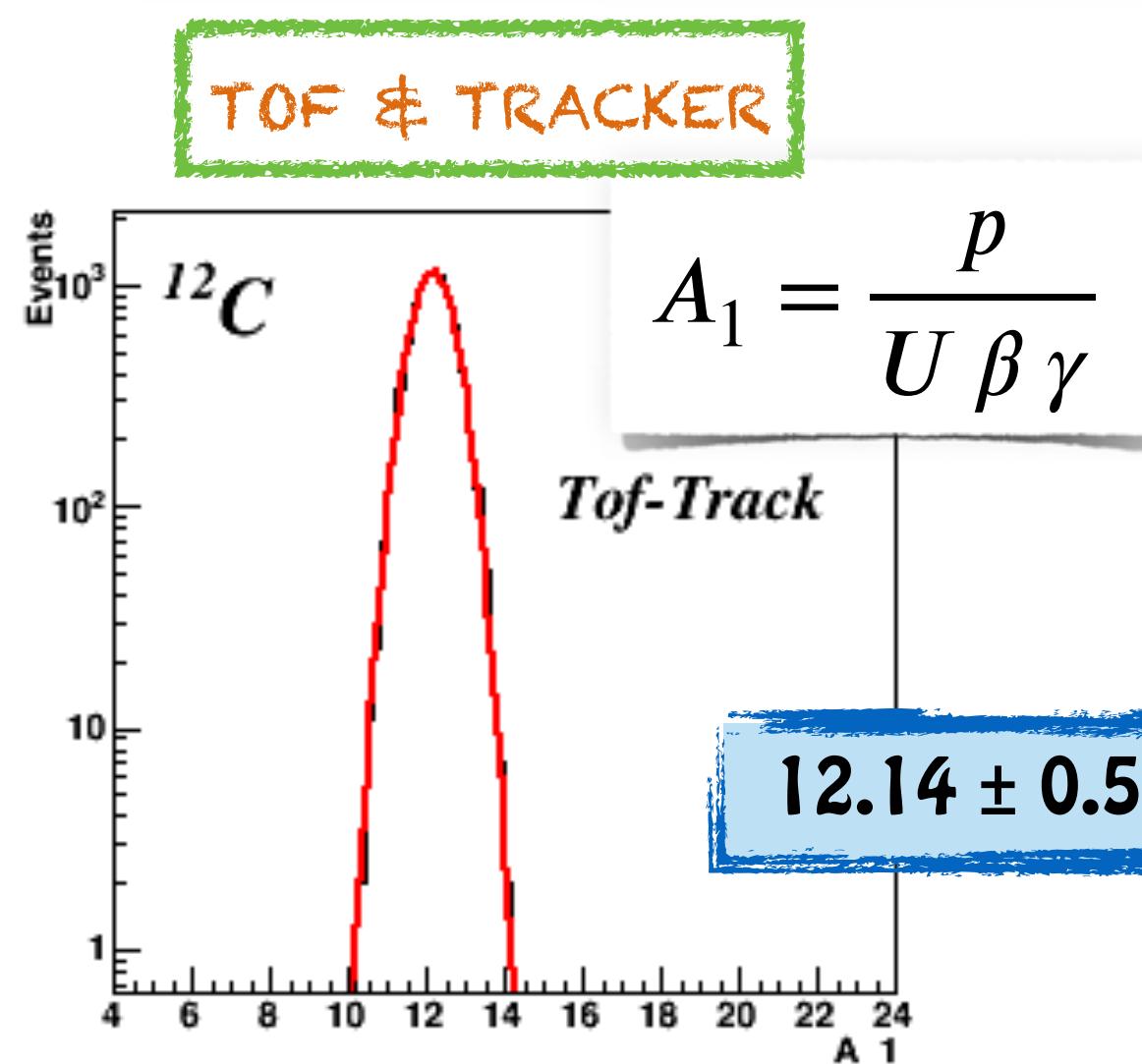
Number of mass A

REDUNDANT Detector

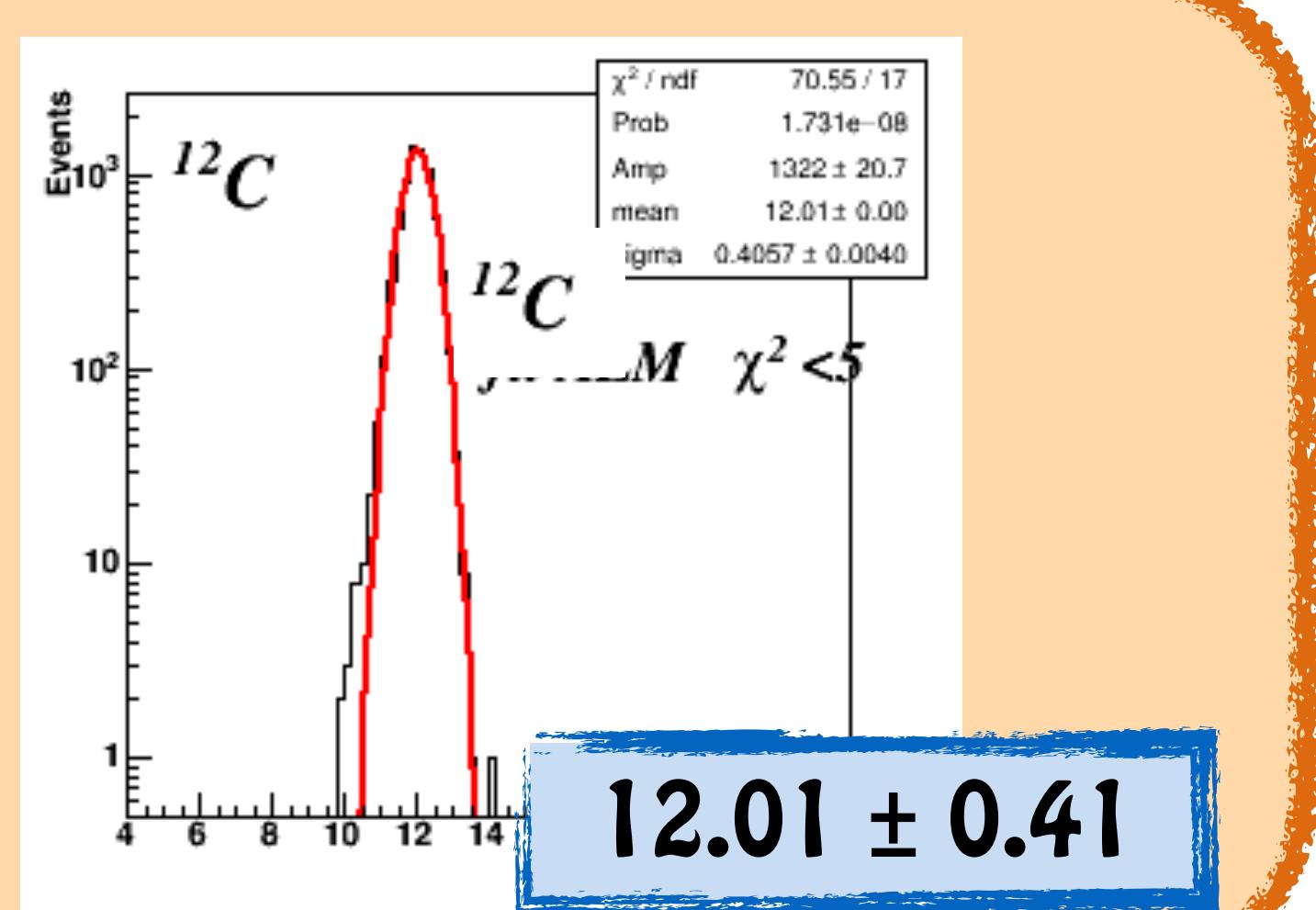
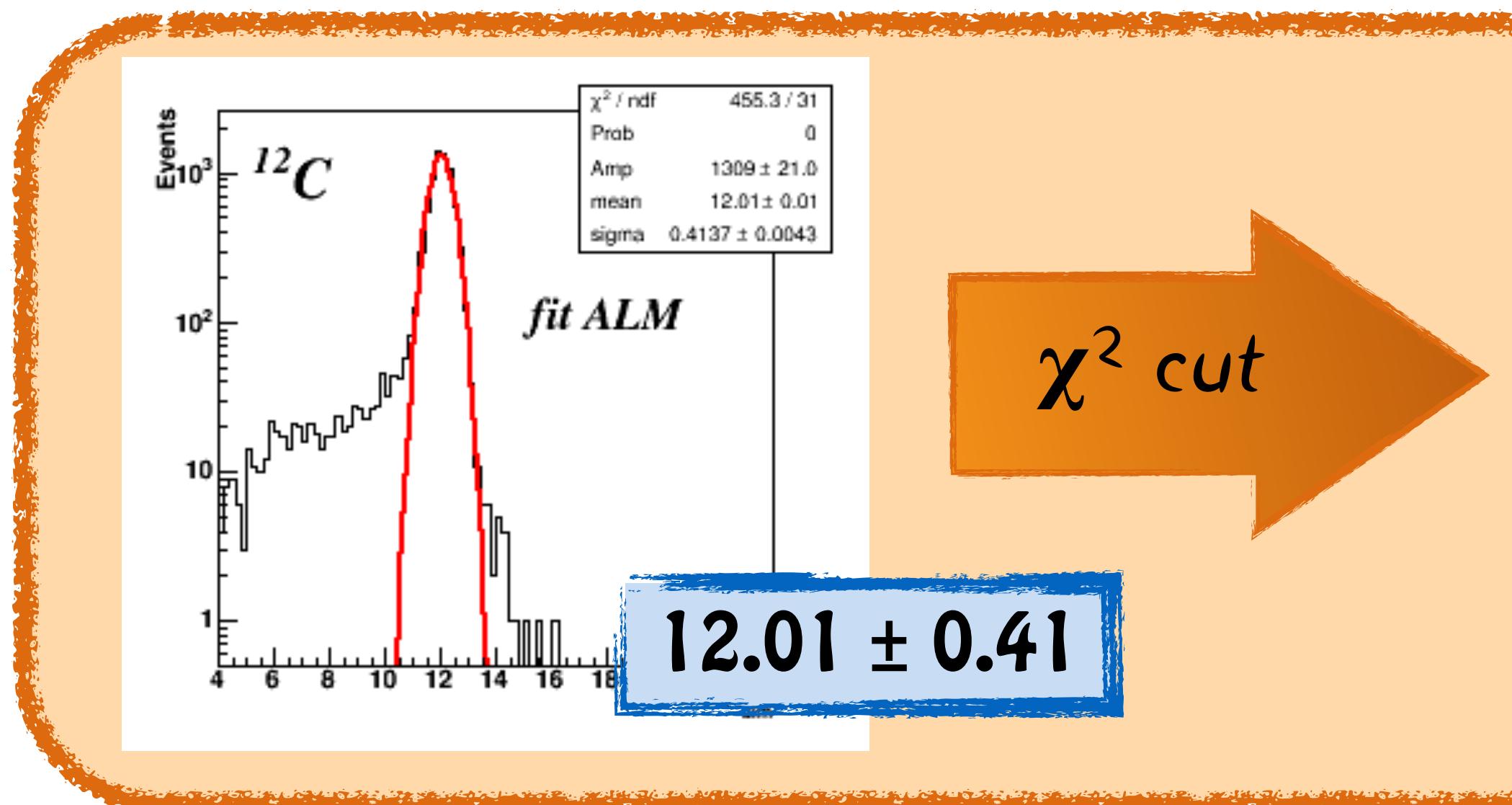
different ways to determine A

$^{16}\text{O} (200 \text{ MeV/u}) \rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$

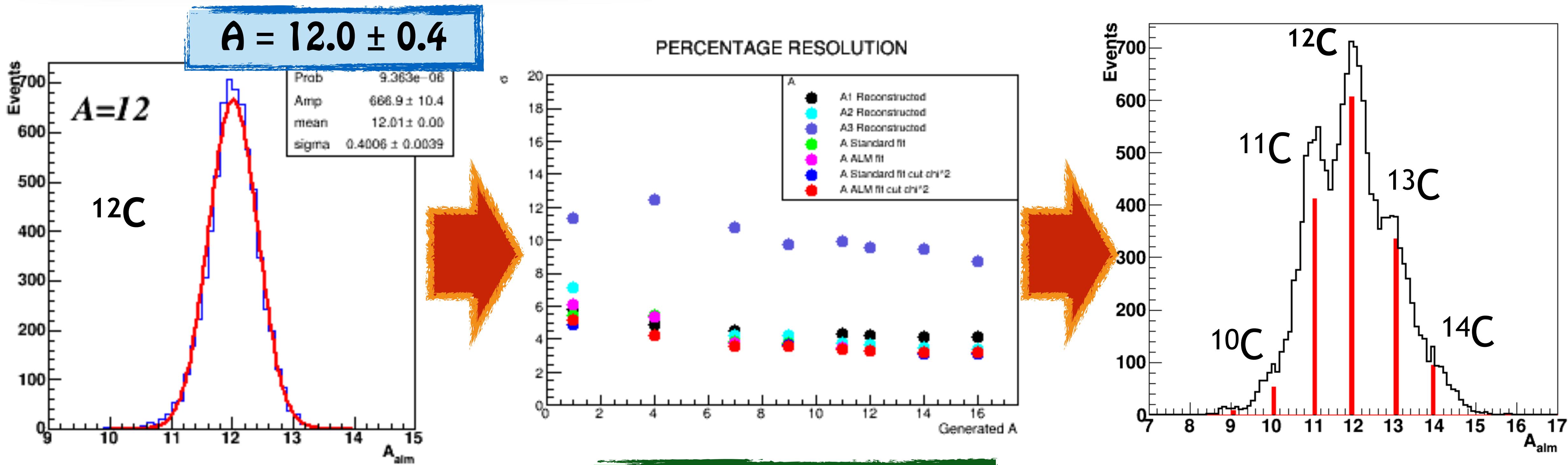
Fluka
simulation



Final result with
Augmented
Lagrangian Fit
(ALM)



Mass reconstruction



Conservative Resolutions

$$\Delta p/p \rightarrow 4\%$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{kin}}/E_{\text{kin}} \rightarrow 1.5\%$$

$$\Delta \text{TOF} \rightarrow 70-140 \text{ ps}$$

$$\Delta(dE)/dE \rightarrow 3-10\%$$

Resolution for heavy
fragments $\sim 3-4\%$

Possibility to disentangle
isotopes!!!
(C most difficult)

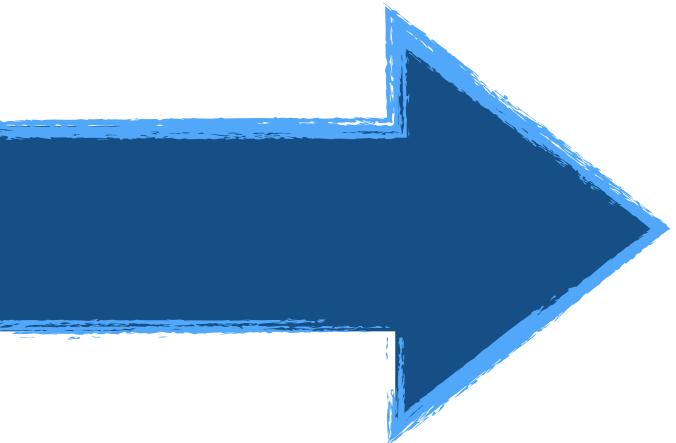


Isotopes separation

Conservative Resolutions

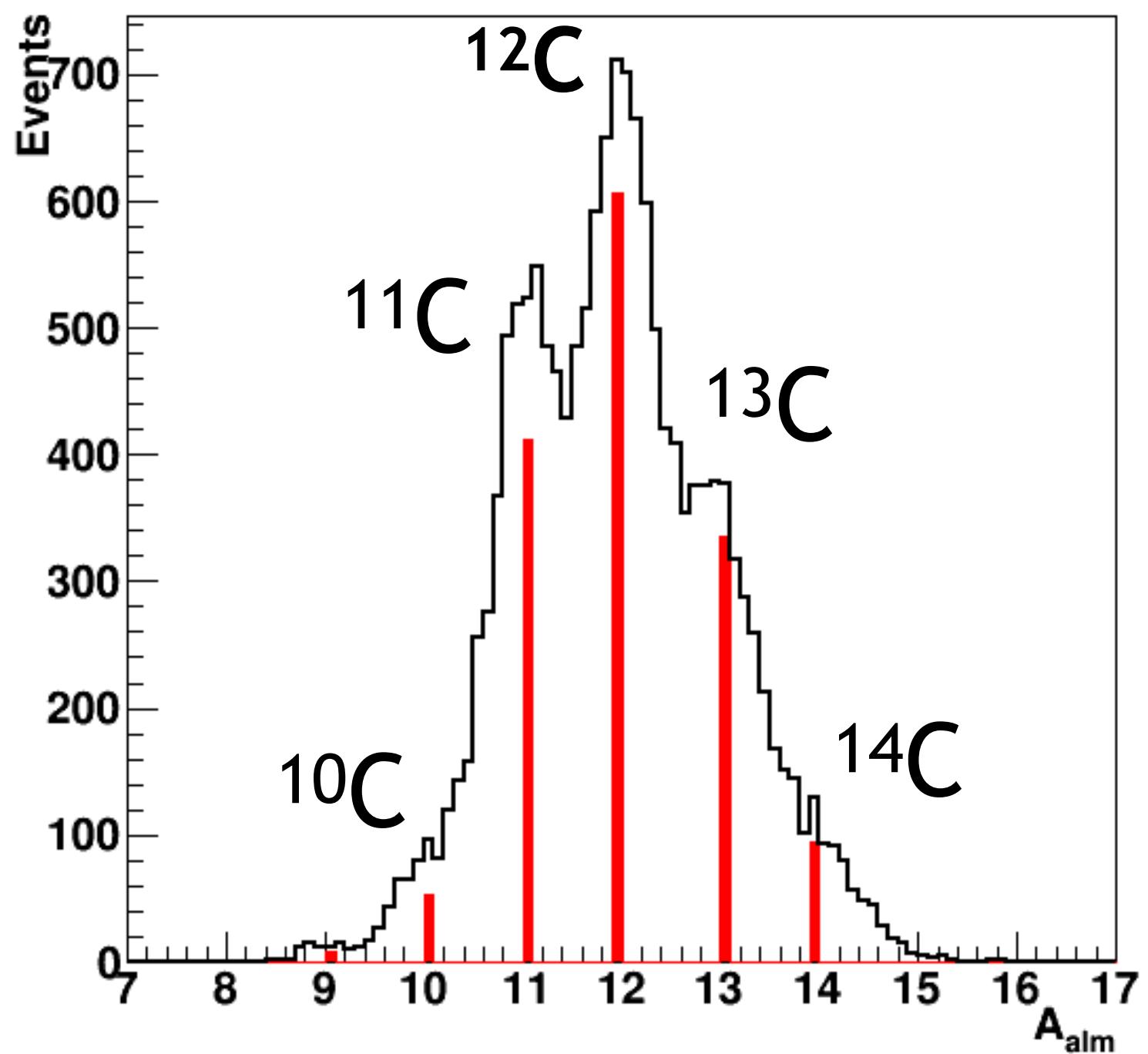
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Test Beam
updates



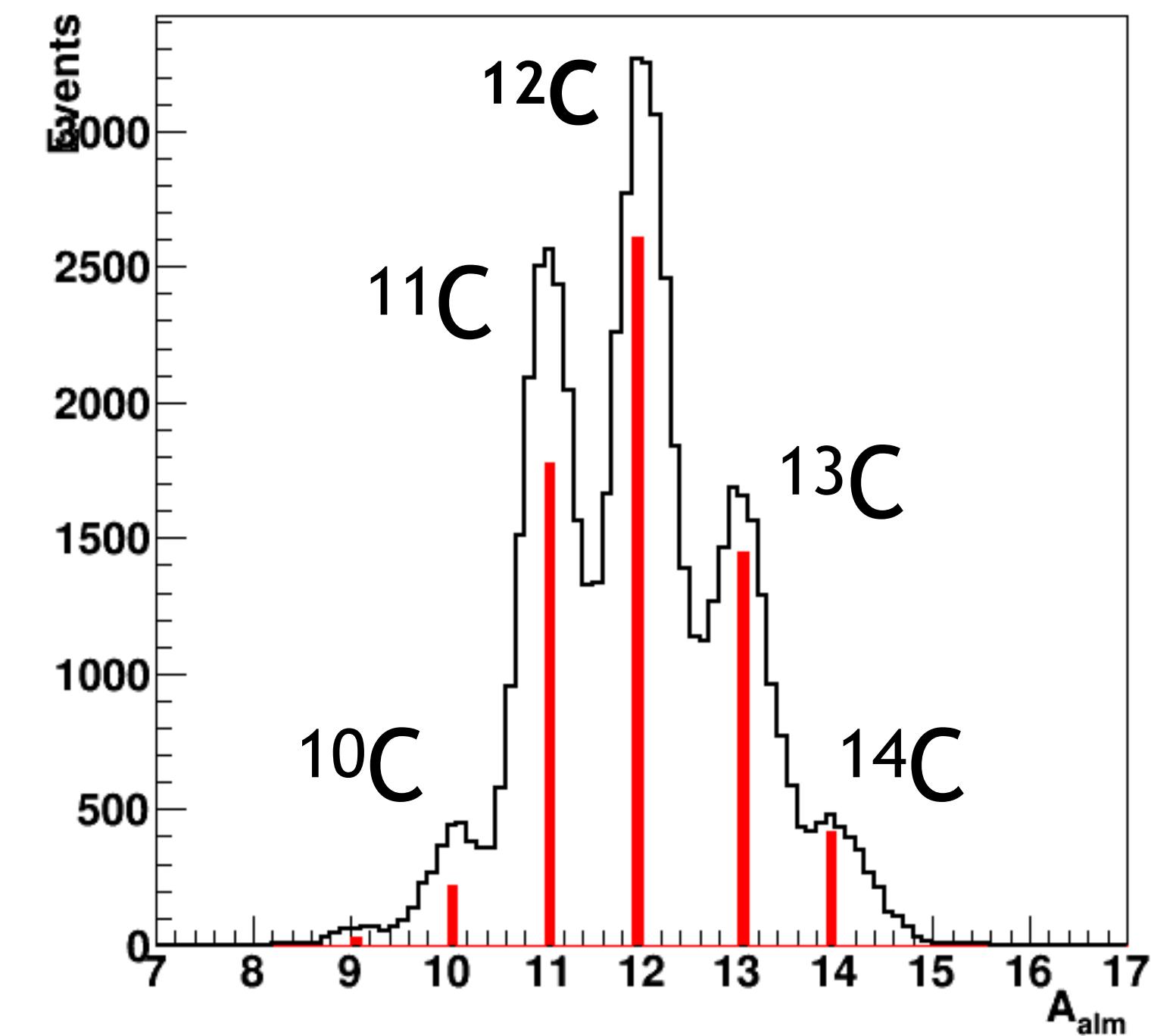
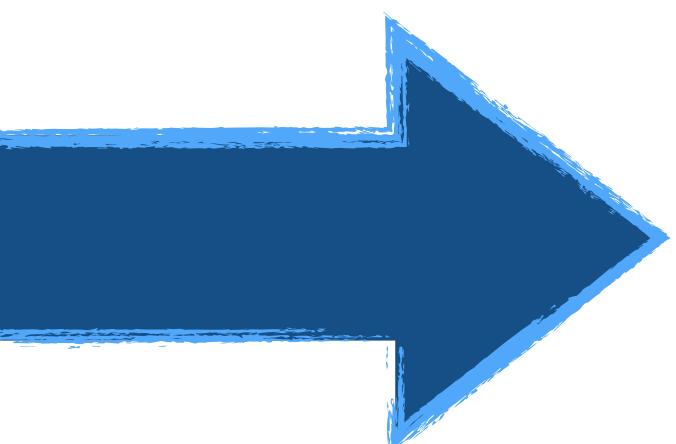
Test Beam Resolutions

- $\Delta p/p \rightarrow 4\%$
- $\Delta E_{\text{kin}}/E_{\text{kin}} \rightarrow 1.0\%$
- $\Delta \text{TOF} \rightarrow 100 \text{ ps}$
- $\Delta(dE)/dE \rightarrow 3\text{-}10\%$



$\Delta E\text{-Tof}$ test beam @CNAO
Tof resolution (C) better 40 ps

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Kinetic energy resolution at 1-2%



Space radio-protection

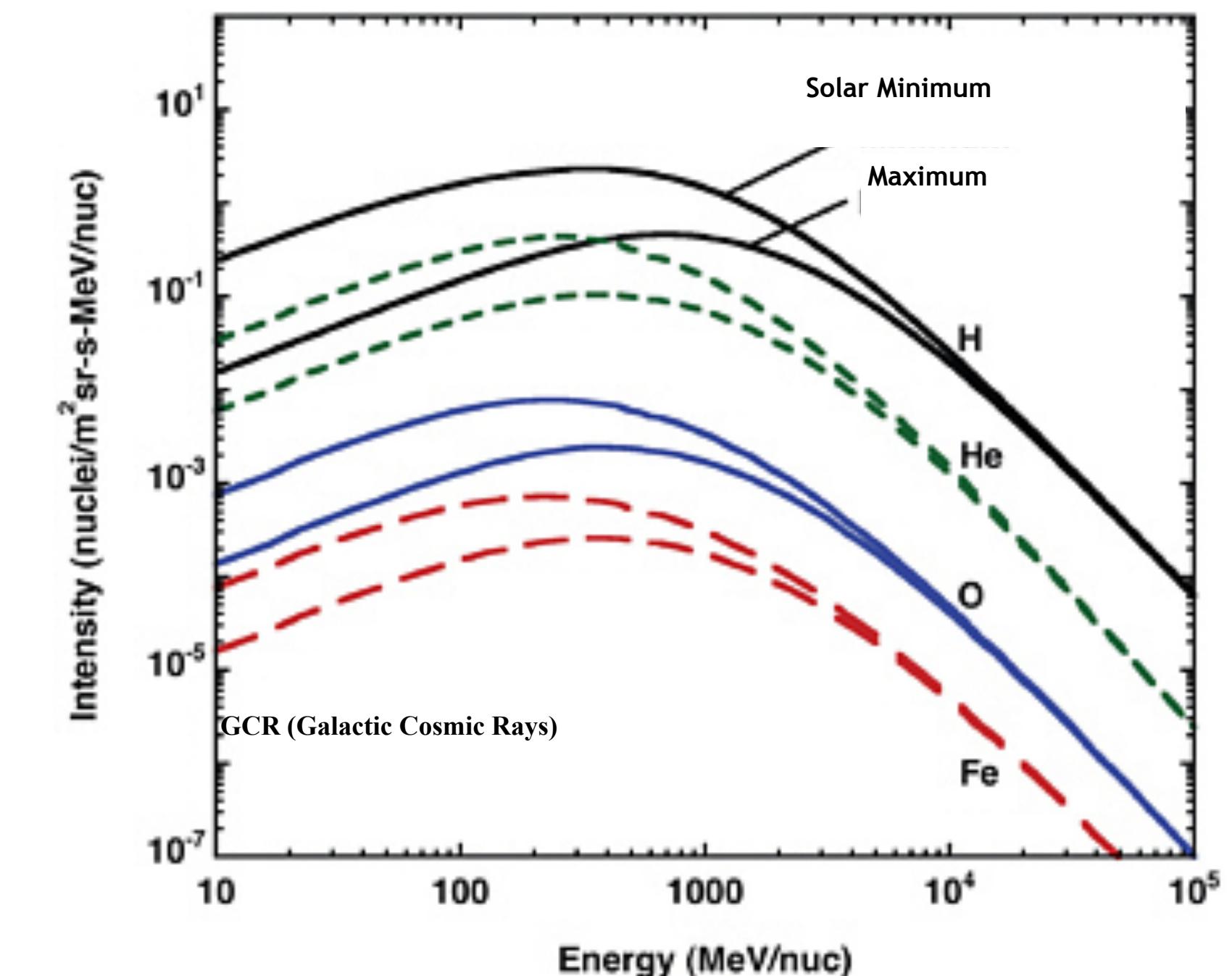


Mission to Mars!

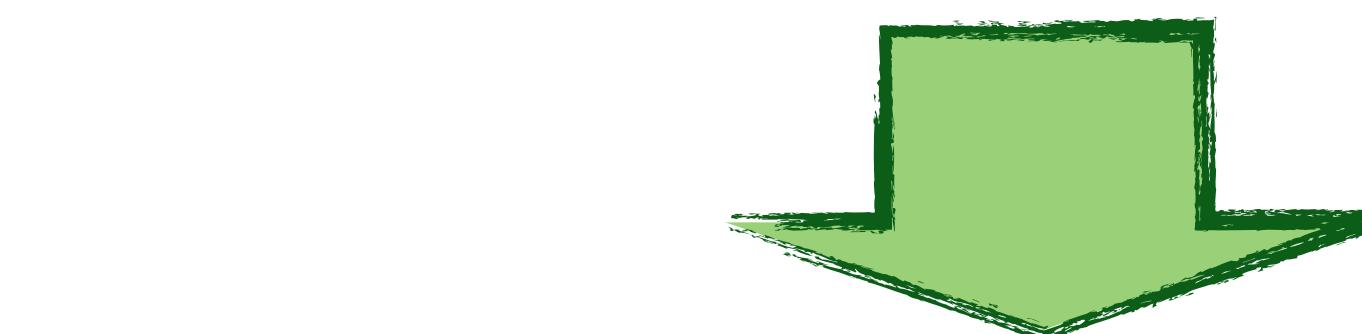
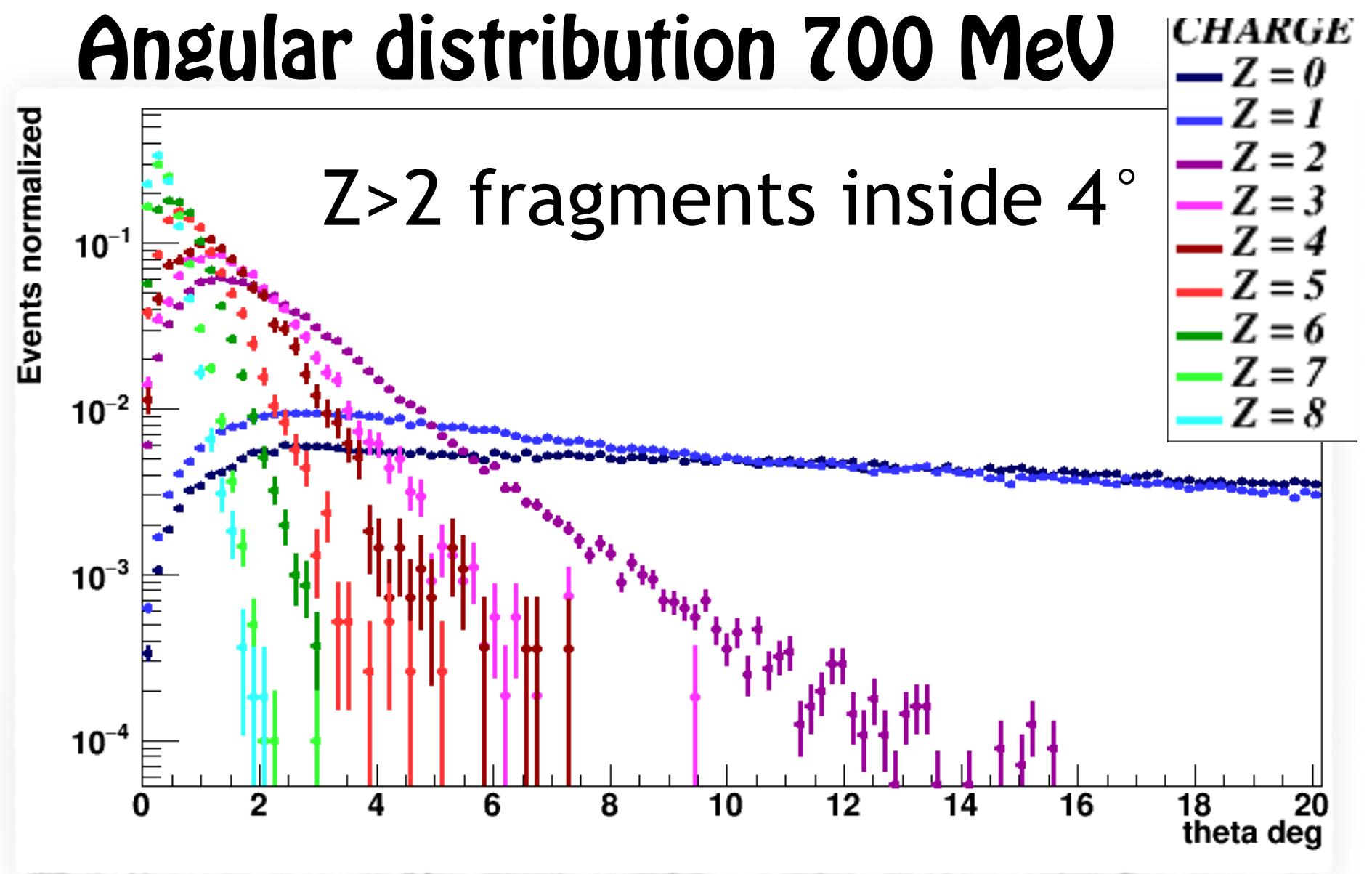
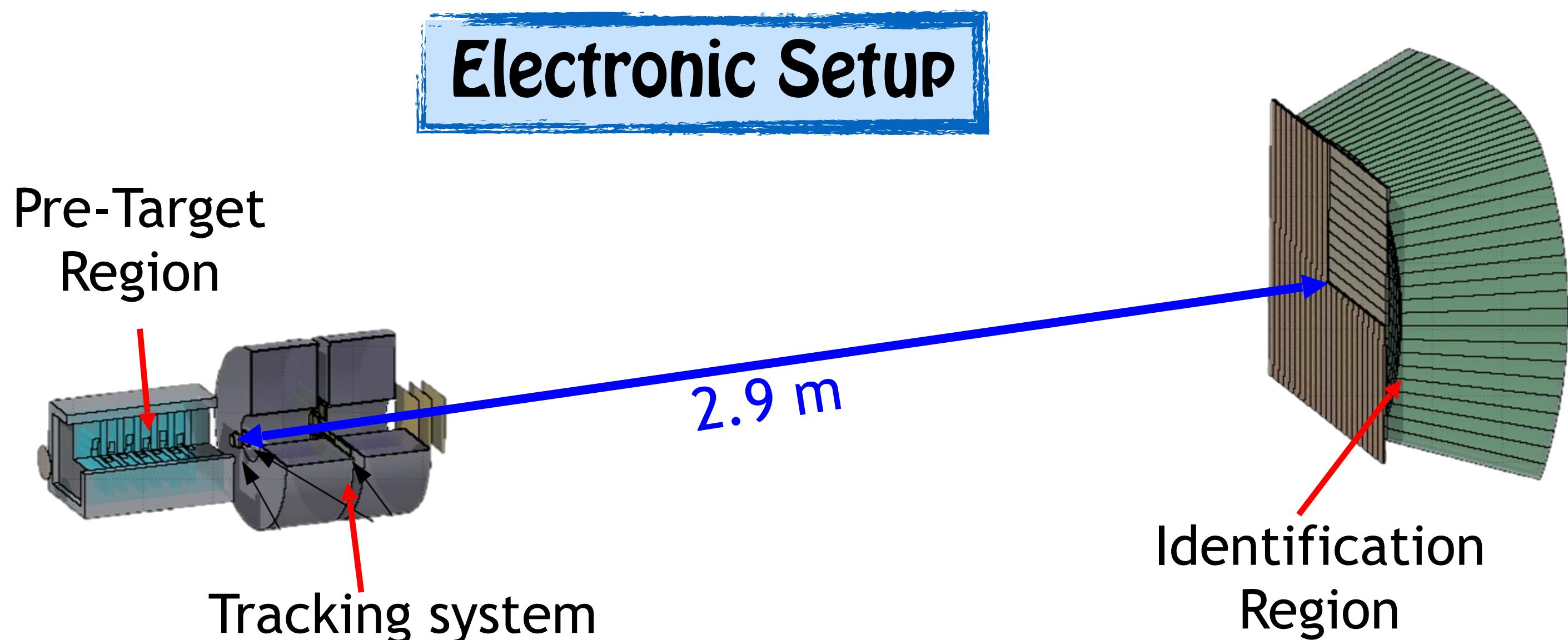
- * Long cruise (180 days each way), no natural protection from radiation
- * Mars has thin atmosphere and no magnetosphere
 - ★ no protection against CR and Solar Particle Events (SPE)
- * Mars exploration constrained by Mars-Earth periods relation (270 days, best guess)

- * Mars voyage total radiation: > 1 Sv/y
 - Travel: 1.8 mSv/day (GCR + SPE)
 - On Mars: 0.64 mSv/day (base) + ~1 Sv (surface walk)
- * On earth: 2.64 mSv/year

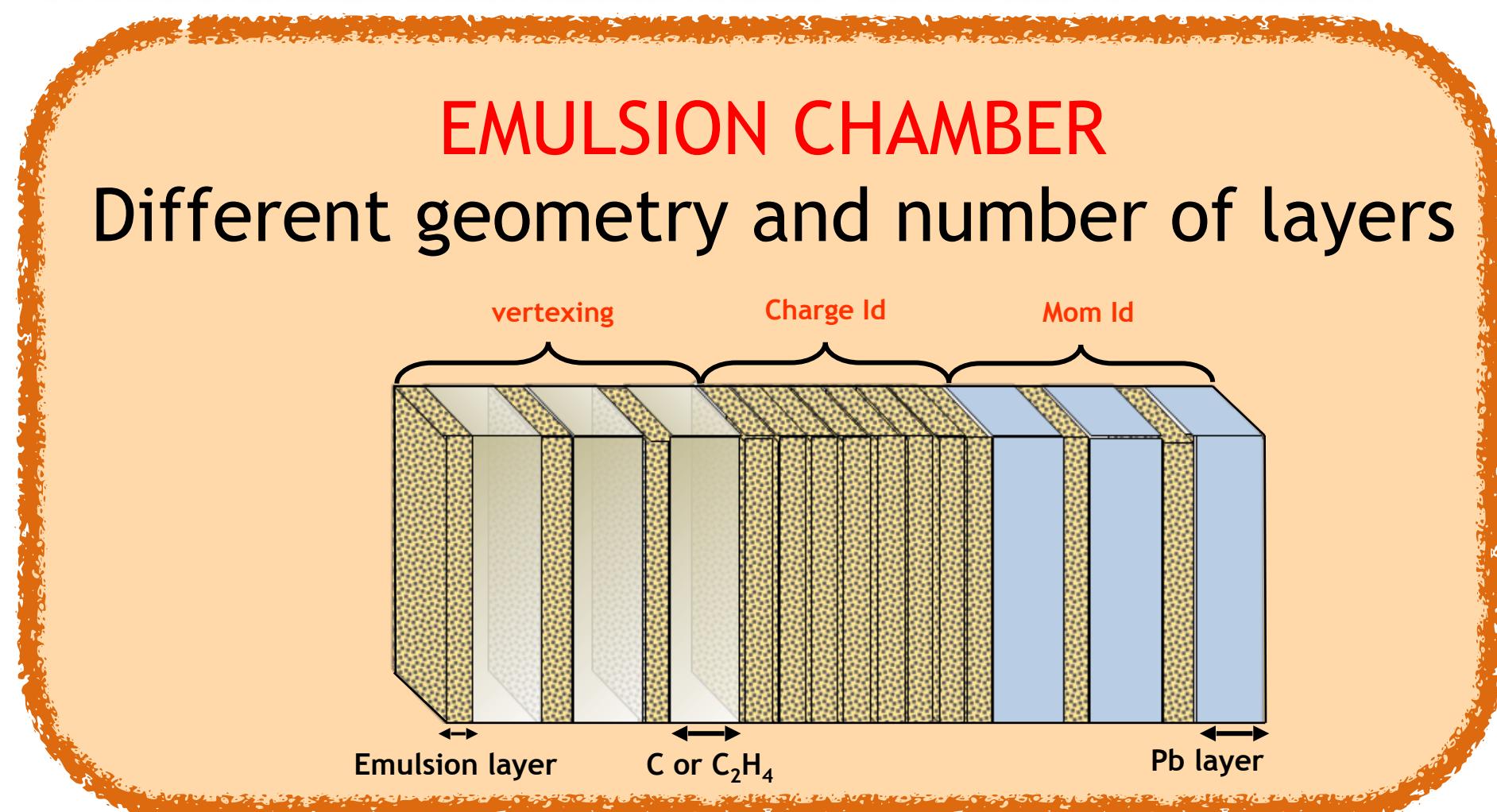
Since 1 Sv
(increase the cancer probability of ~3%)
astronauts need shielding !



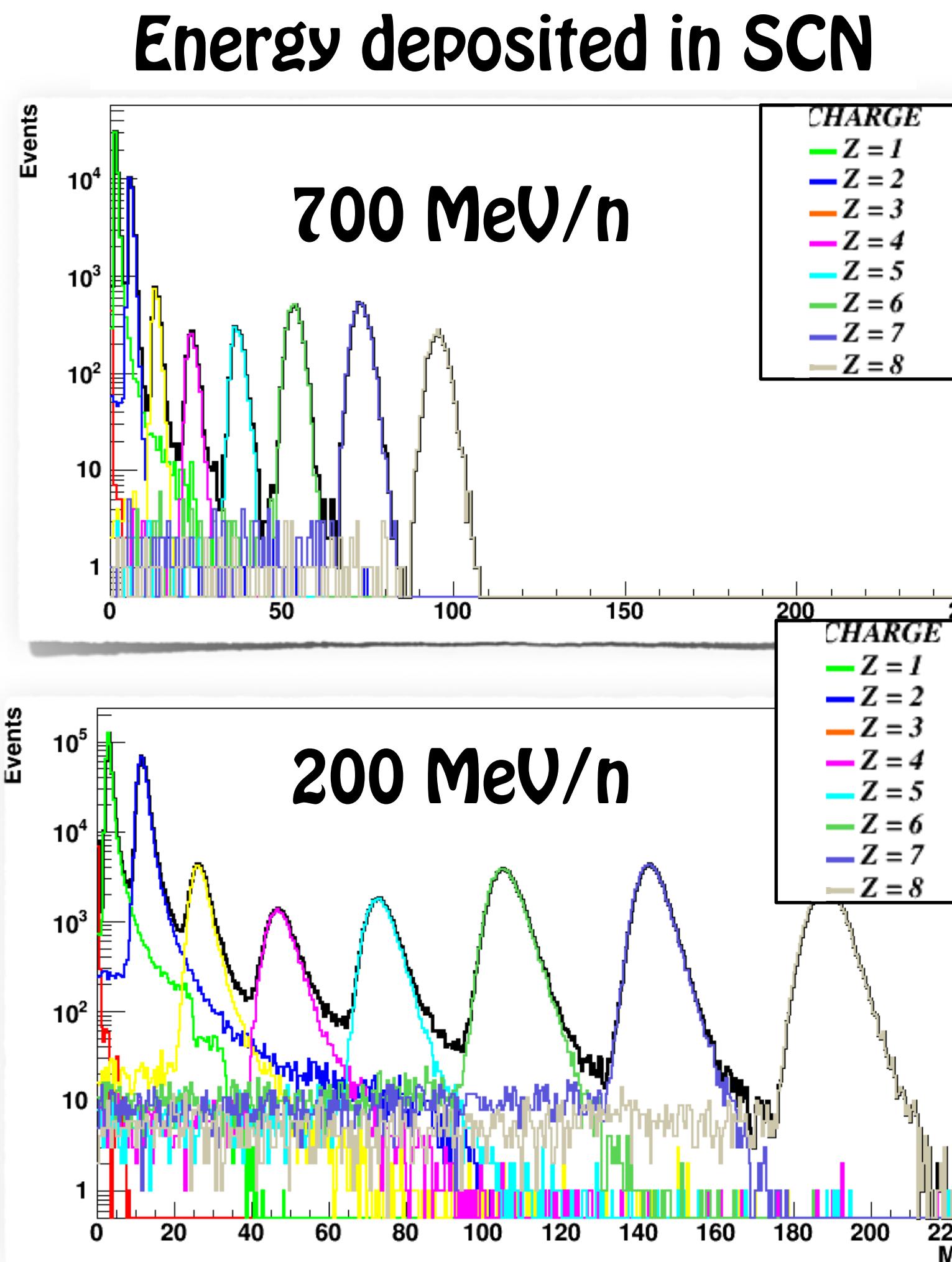
FOOT Setup for higher energy



- Same acceptance as @ 200 MeV/u
- High resolution on β
- Crucial for Z & A determination



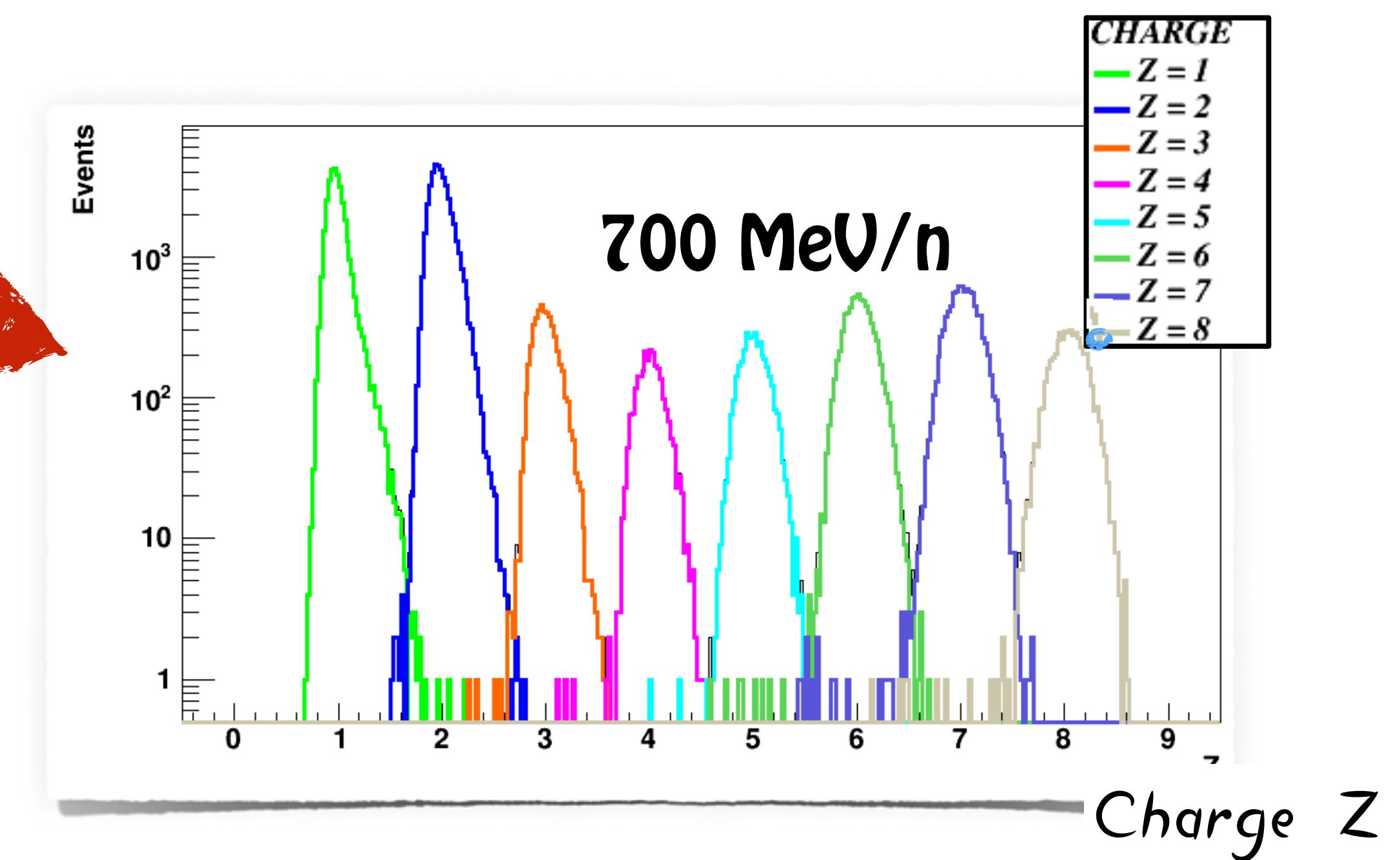
Z reconstruction performance @700 MeV/u



SCN

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TOF



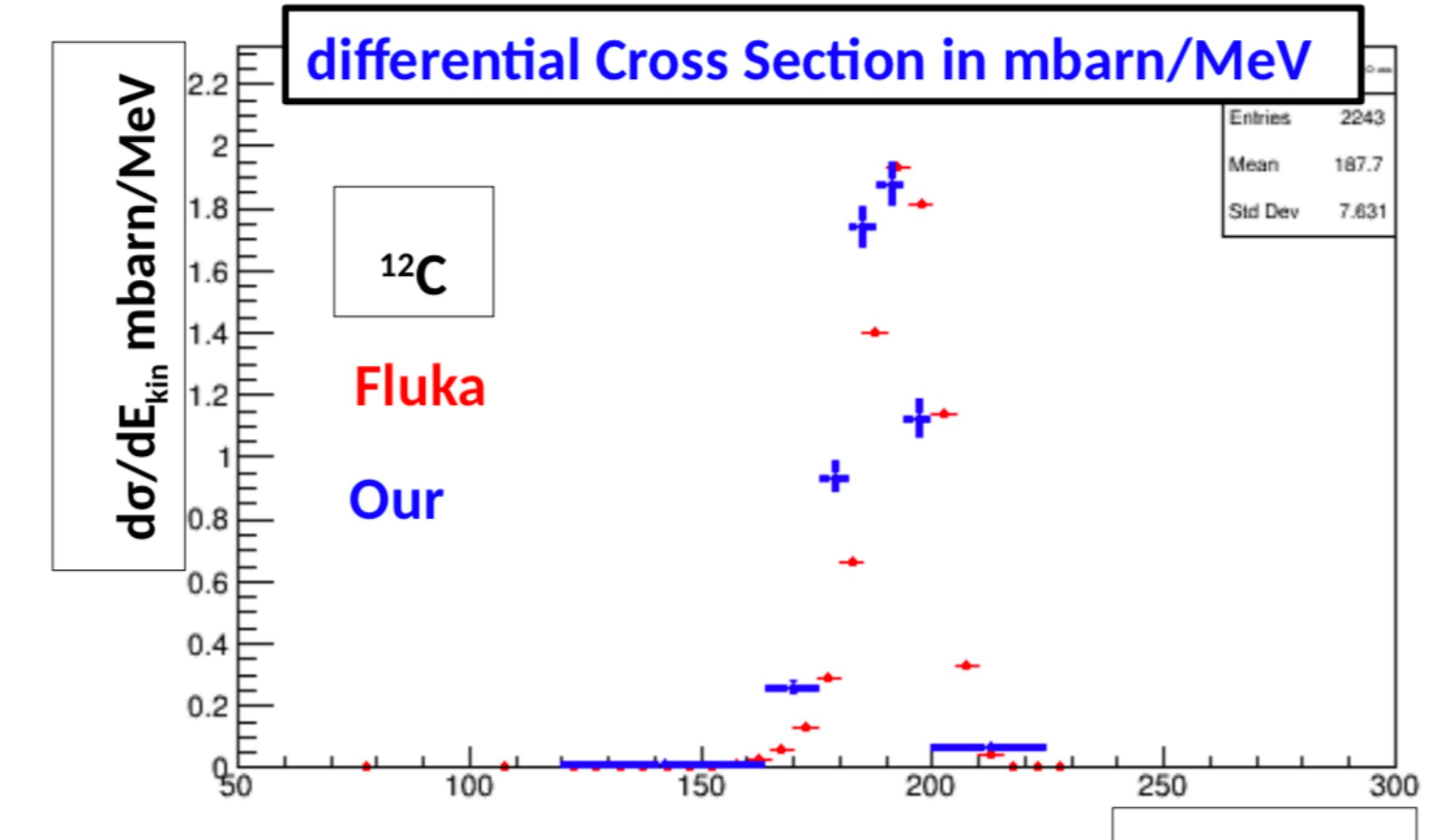
Z:
Resol (200 MeV):
Resol (700 MeV):

1	9%
2	3.0%
3	2.0%
4	2.0%
8	2.0%
1	9%
2	4.5%
3	3.6%
4	3.0%
8	2.1%



Cross Section Closure test

- * Set up the full machinery to evaluate the differential (in energy, Z, A) cross section
- * Unfolding technique used to recover bin migrations of events
- * Performed a closure test comparing the reconstructed cross section (from MC events) with the expected one!



Total σ mbarn	FLUKA	OUR
$^{16}\text{O} + \text{C} \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{C} + \text{X}$	$39.3 \pm 0.2\%$	39.4 ± 0.5

f fragment: all Carbon Isotopes
 $(Y_f - Bkg_f)^U$ Unfolded (Yield – Bkg) of the fragment
 N_{prim} number of primary events
 N_t number of scattered center per unit area $N_t = \frac{\rho \cdot N_A \cdot \text{depth}}{A}$
 ϵ_f efficiency
 Ω_{Ekin} phase space
 $\Omega_{Ekin} = Ekin_{max}^f - Ekin_{min}^f$



Conclusion and Future

- * Wide physic program on both Hadrontherapy and Space Radioprotection
 - Both projectile and target fragmentation
 - Fragment ID in both Z and A !
 - Differential fragmentation $Xsec$ (in angle and energy) with < 5% precision!
- * Many encouraging MC studies & successful beam tests
- *  Detector under construction
- * Scheduled data taking (partial detector setup) in April 2019, with Oxygen beam @ GSI
- * Full data taking foreseen in 2020, with Carbon, Oxygen and Helium beams.



Thanks

... e Buon Appetito!

Backup



Test Beam / Data Taking

- Test beam during 2018-2019 at CNAO, Trento, Catania to finalize the detector
- GSI: FOOT approved for the IBER-2017 ESA program
- Last week 11/2018: 16 h beam (He or C)
test of EMC
- Electronic setup: BM, SC, prototype of MSD, SCN
- GSI: 12/2019 Data taking with almost complete apparatus (~ first data taking)
- 2020-21 Data taking with the complete apparatus



Publications

- SCN detector (NIM): in publication
- General Apparatus Paper: in preparation
- $d\sigma/dE$ for light fragments (p, d, T, He) at 4 angles ($34^\circ, 52^\circ, 60^\circ, 90^\circ$): in preparation
- Data taking at CNAO: C beam from 115-352 MeV/u on H, C, O targets
- Setup: SCNs for Tof & charge and CAL (LYSO 8 cm) for Energy

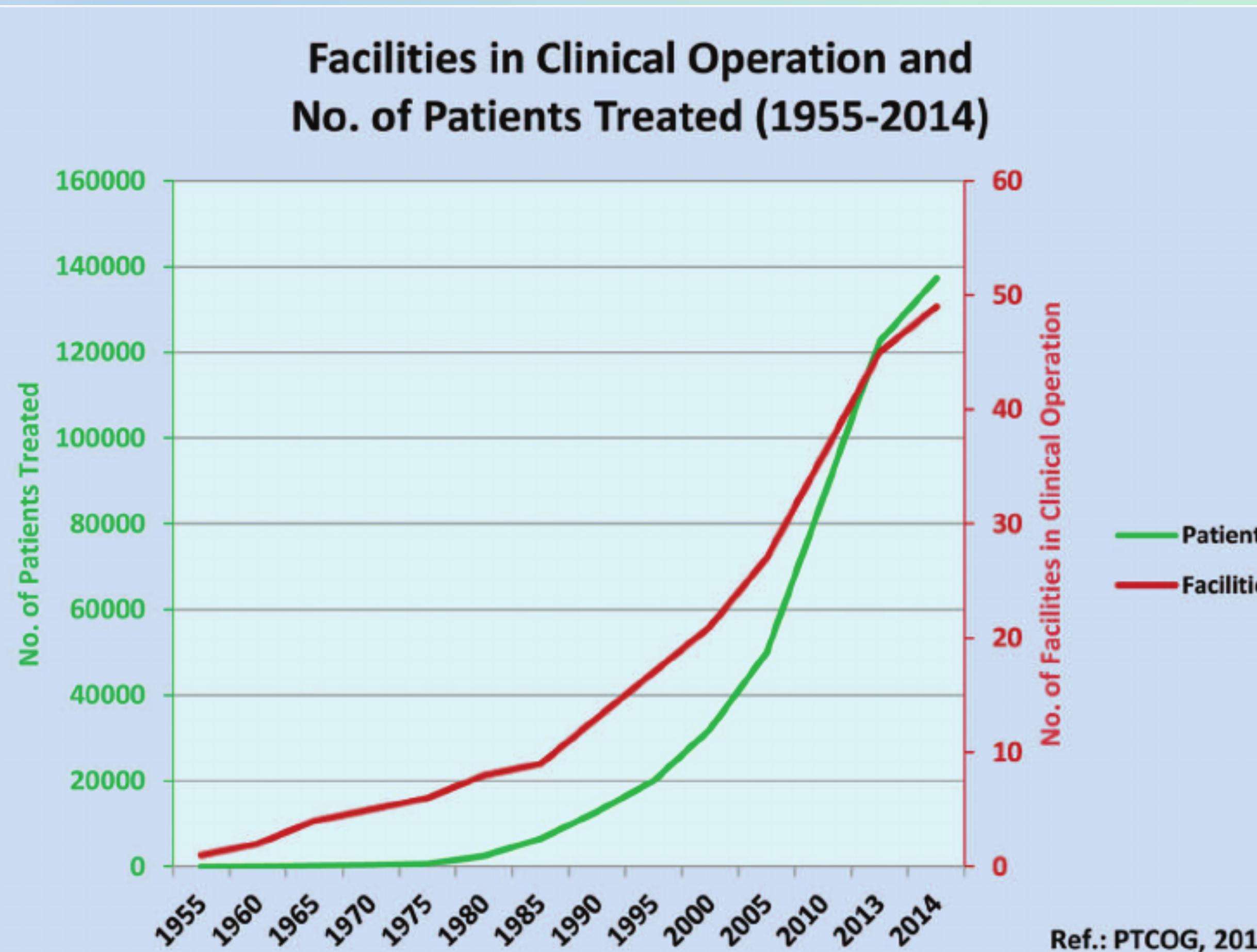


Trento Proton Therapy Center



Hadrontherapy in the world

Continuous expansion in the last 50 years



Facility (2014):

- ❑ operative
 - ❑ 44 proton/7 heavy ion centers
- ❑ Under construction
- ❑ 25 proton/4 heavy ion centers

Treated patients (2014):

- ❑ 120000
- ❑ 107000 with p (in USA 54000)
- ❑ 13000 with 12C (in Japan 11000)

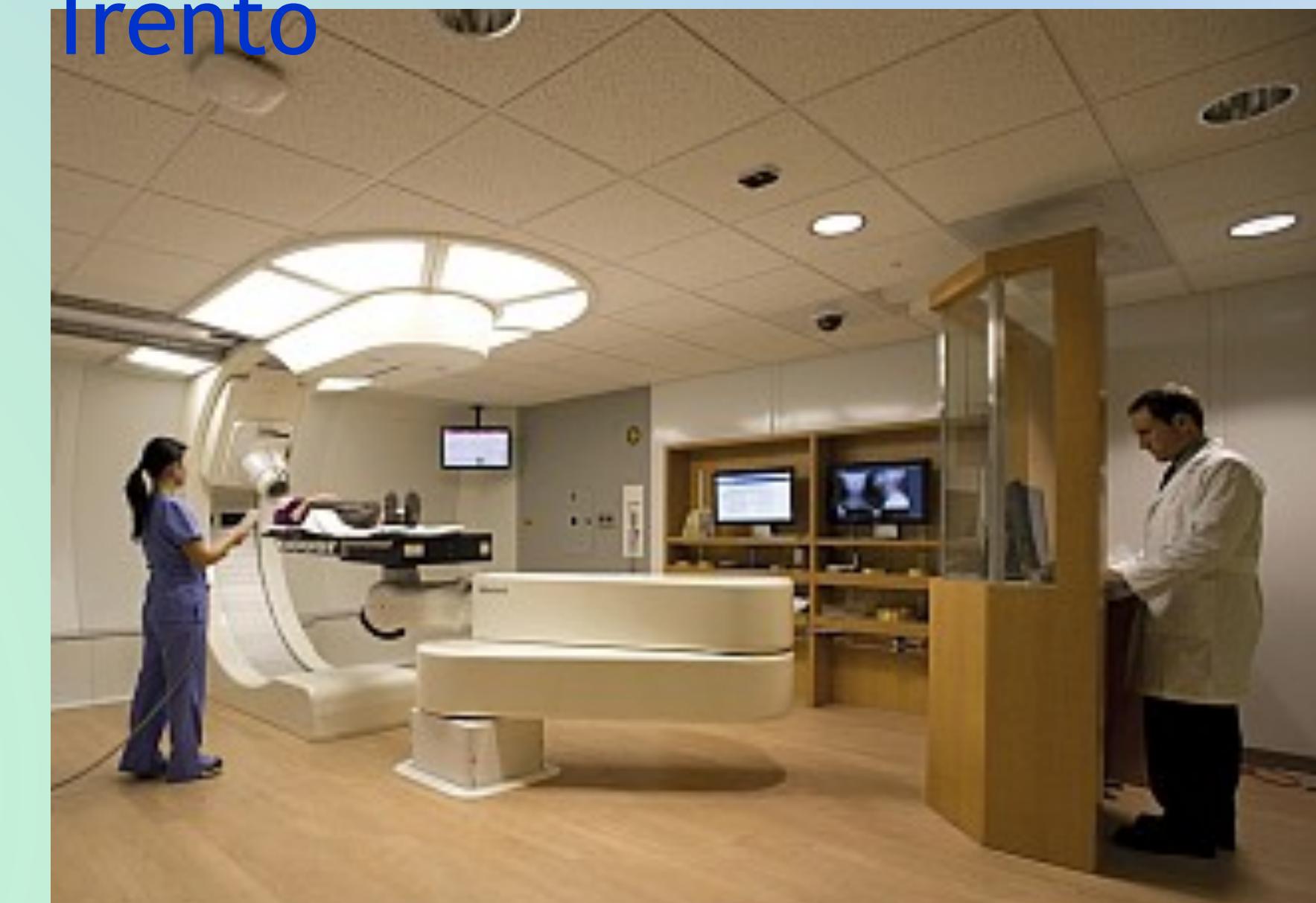
From 2010: 10000 patients per year

Hadrontherapy in Italy

CATANA Proton Therapy beam
line



Proton therapy Center -
Trento



CNAO Pavia
Centro Nazionale Terapia
Oncologica



- Proton beam till 250 MeV
 - Carbon beam till 400 MeV
 - Active since 2011
 - First 5 years → 828 patients (70-90% success)
 - Till now 1200 patients
 - Active since 2015
 - Proton beam (60-230 MeV)
 - Full body treatment
 - Experimental halls
- Proton beam (till 60 MeV)
 - Active since 2002
 - Eye tumour: 363 patients (98% survived)

Fragment	E (MeV)	LET (keV/μm)	Range (μm)
^{15}O	1.0	983	2.3
^{15}N	1.0	925	2.5
^{14}N	2.0	1137	3.6
^{13}C	3.0	951	5.4
^{12}C	3.8	912	6.2
^{11}C	4.6	878	7.0
^{10}B	5.4	643	9.9
^8Be	6.4	400	15.7
^6Li	6.8	215	26.7
^4He	6.0	77	48.5
^3He	4.7	89	38.8
^2H	2.5	14	68.9

A Reconstruction and fit

TOF (β) - TRACKER (p)

$$A_1 = \frac{m}{U} = \frac{p}{U \beta \gamma}$$

TOF (β)- CALO (E_{kin})

$$A_2 = \frac{m}{U} = \frac{E_{kin}}{U(\gamma - 1)}$$

TRACKER (p) - CALO (E_{kin})

$$A_3 = \frac{m}{U} = \frac{p^2 - E_{kin}^2}{2E_{kin}}$$

- **Standard χ^2 Fit**

- Taking into account the correlation between A_1 , A_2 and A_3

$$f = \left(\frac{(tof_{reco} - t)}{\sigma tof_{reco}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{(p_{reco} - p)}{\sigma p_{reco}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{(E_{kin,reco} - E_{kin})}{\sigma E_{kin,reco}} \right)^2 + (A_1 - A \quad A_2 - A \quad A_3 - A) \begin{pmatrix} C_{00} & C_{01} & C_{02} \\ C_{10} & C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{20} & C_{21} & C_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1 - A \\ A_2 - A \\ A_3 - A \end{pmatrix}$$

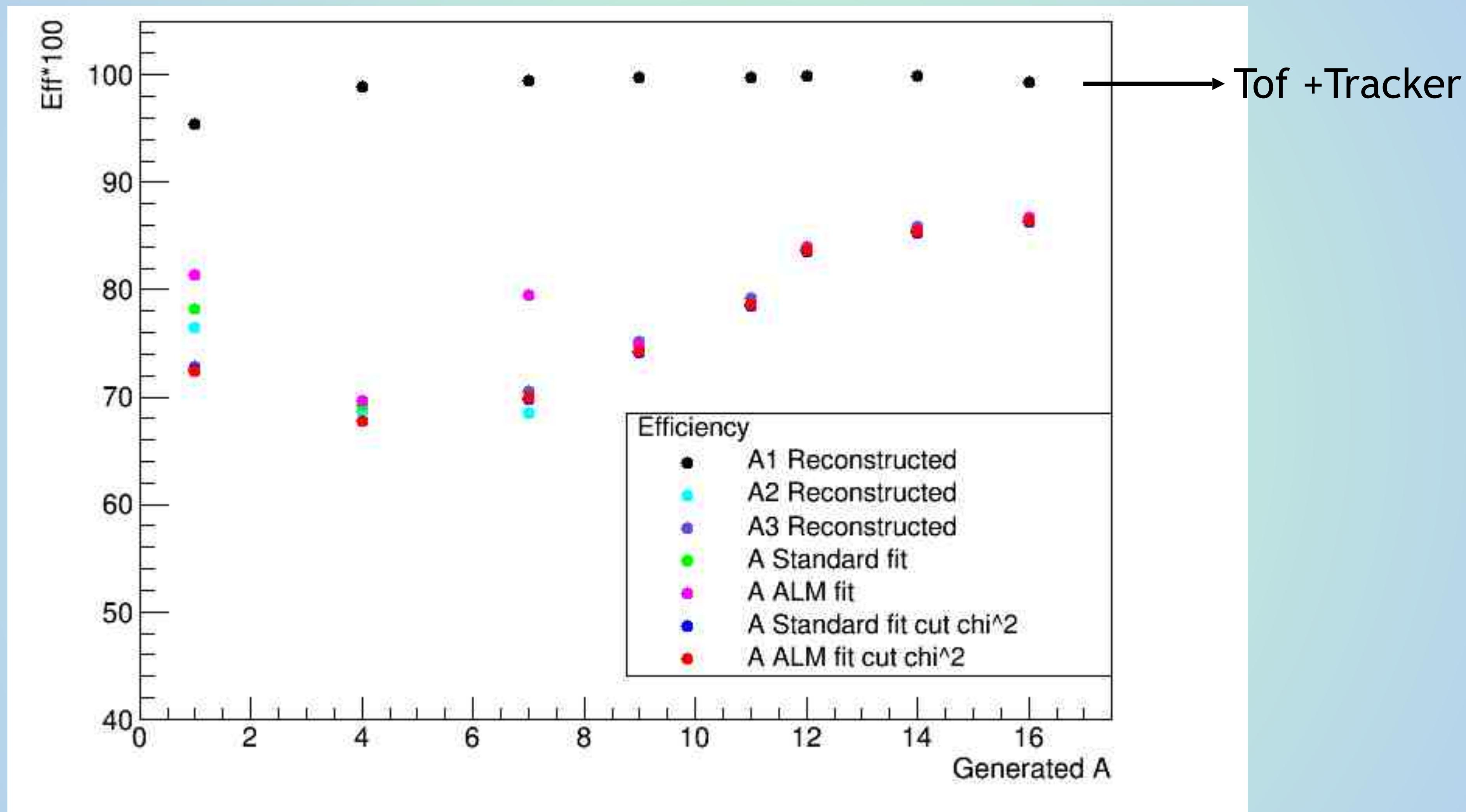
$$C = (A \bullet A^T)^{-1}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial t} dt & \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial p} dp & 0 \\ \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial t} dt & 0 & \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial E_{kin}} dE_{kin} \\ 0 & \frac{\partial A_3}{\partial p} dp & \frac{\partial A_3}{\partial E_{kin}} dE_{kin} \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Augmented LagrangianFit (ALM)**

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}(\vec{x}; \lambda, \mu) \equiv f(\vec{x}) - \sum_a \lambda_a c_a(\vec{x}) + \frac{1}{2\mu} \sum_a c_a^2(\vec{x}).$$

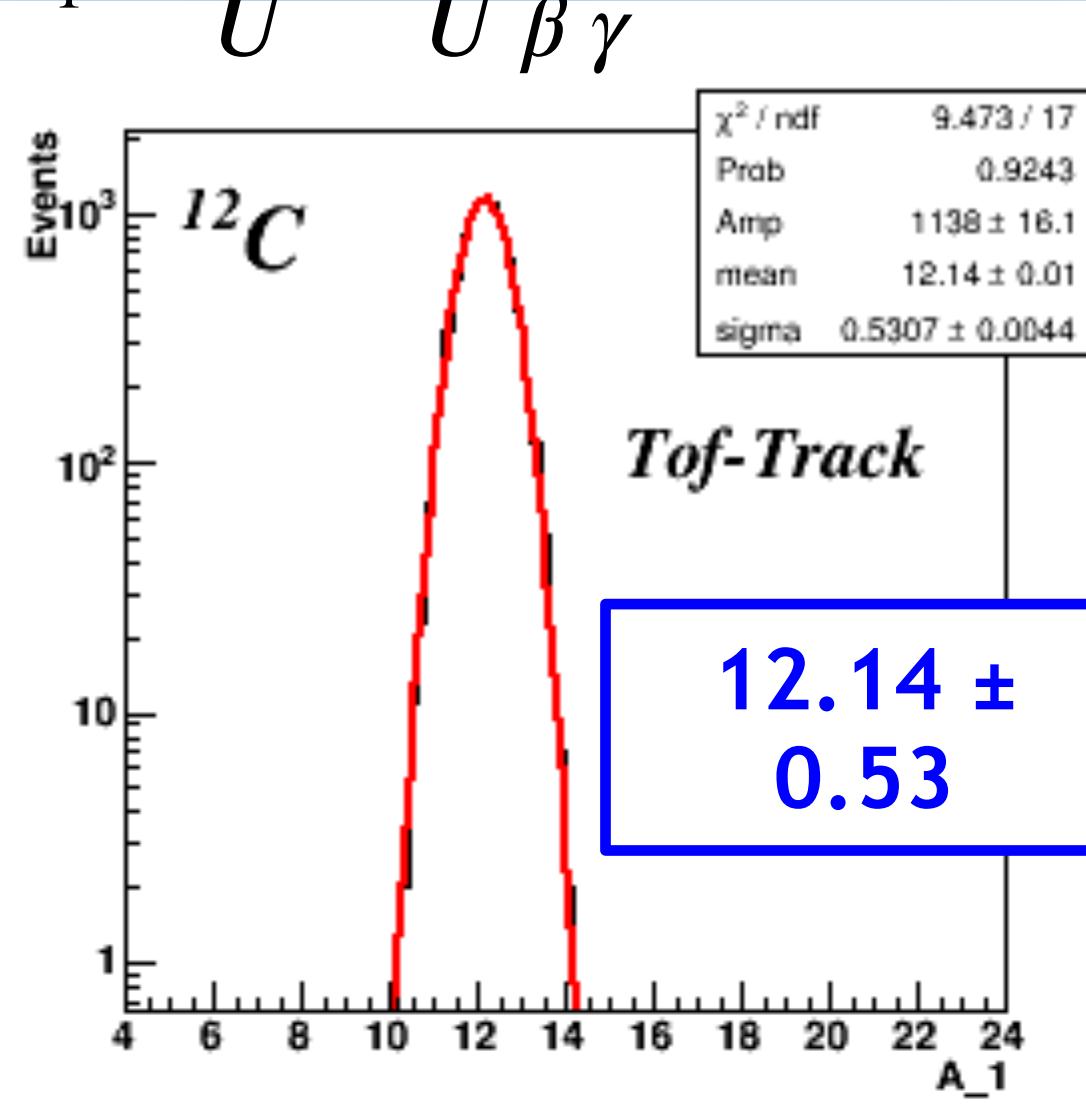
A reconstruction efficiency



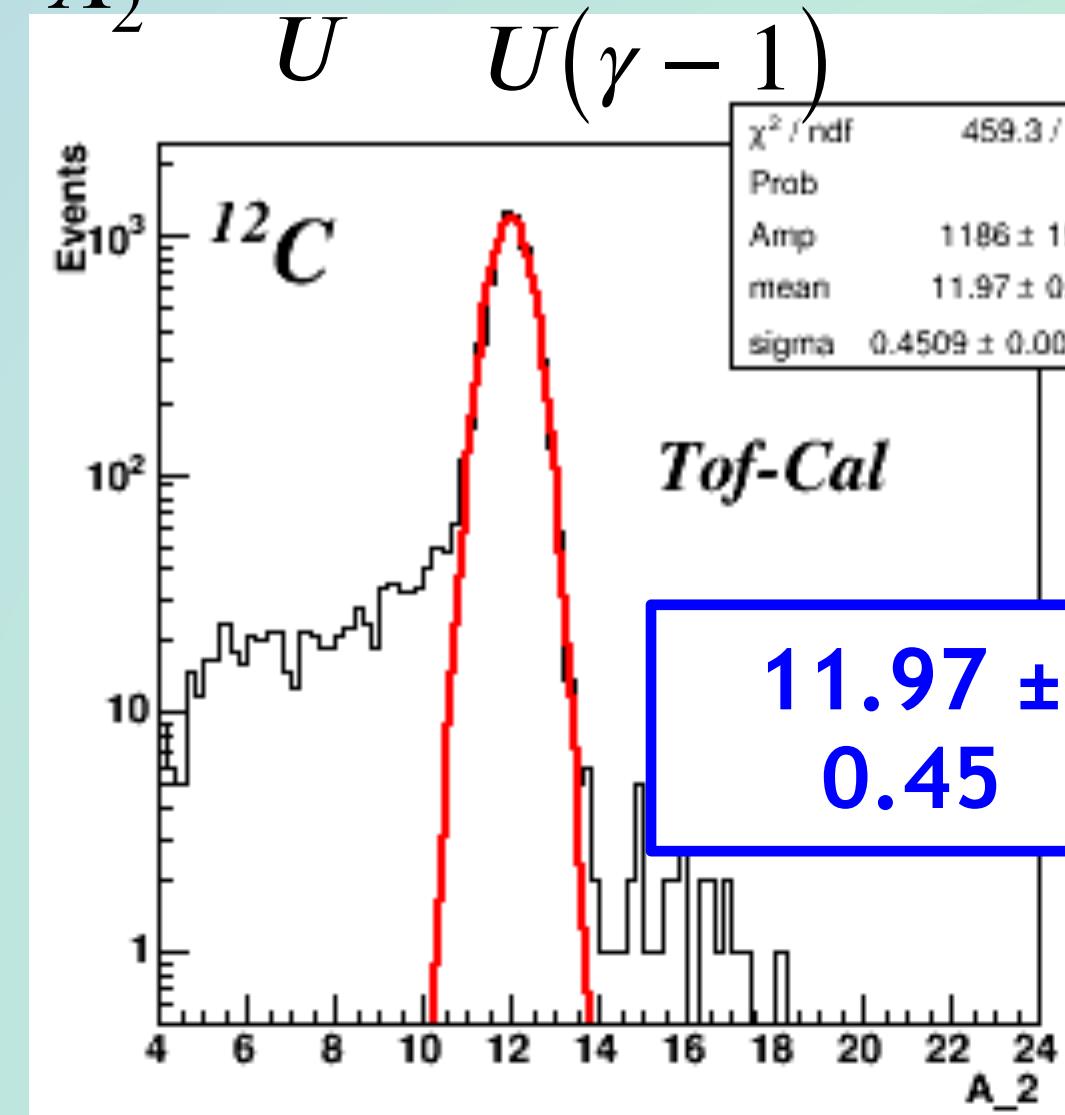
Reconstruction efficiency ~ 70-80 % depending on the fragment

Number of mass reconstruction: example of ^{12}C

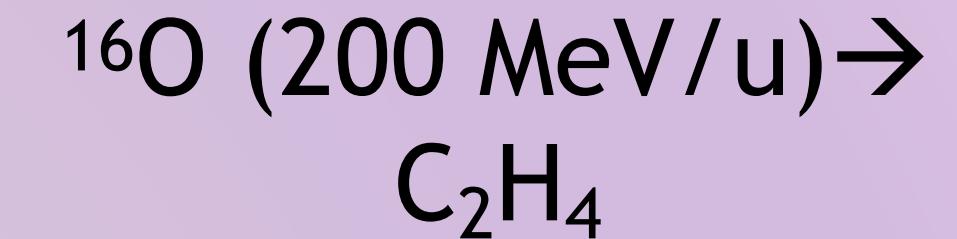
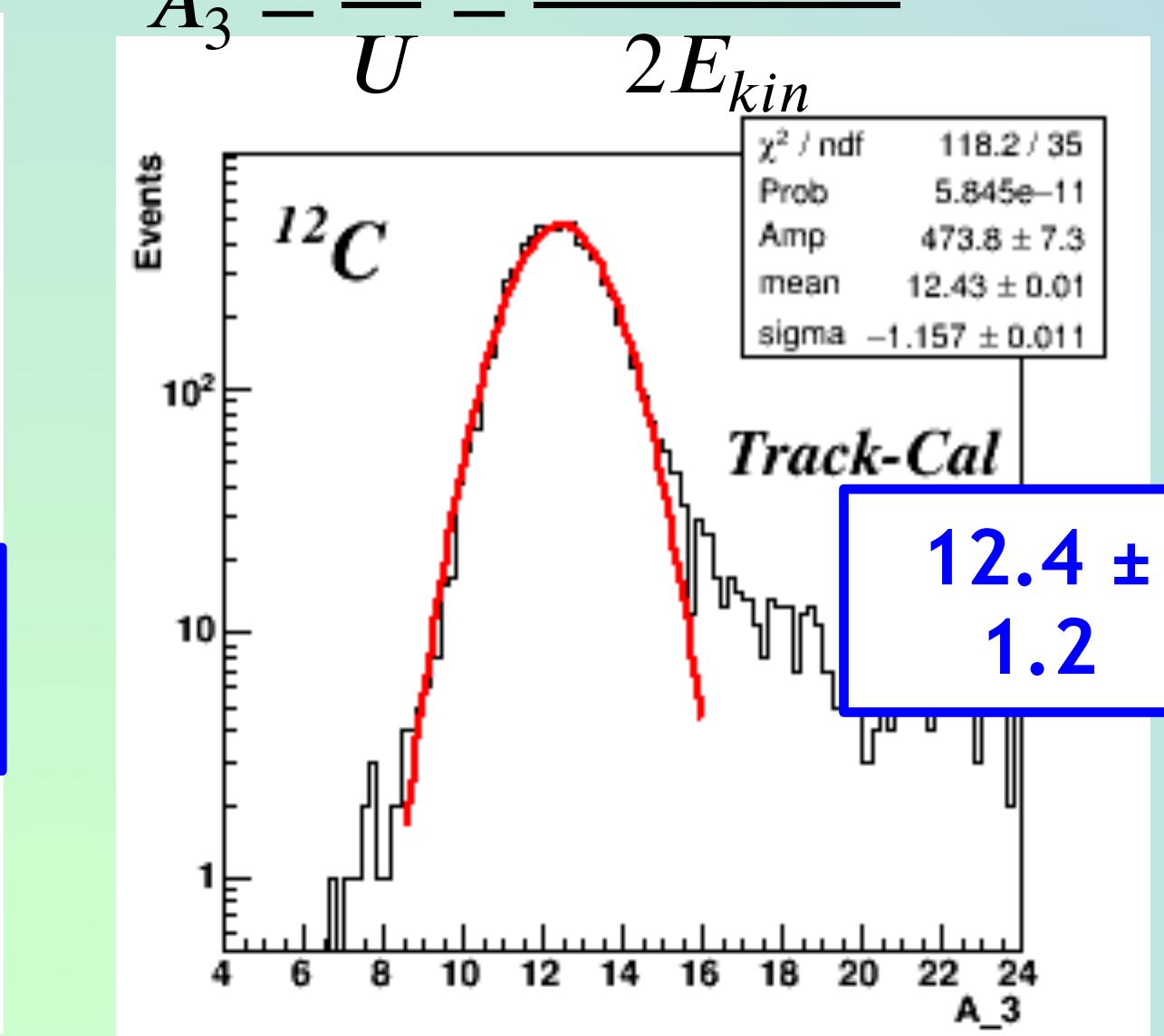
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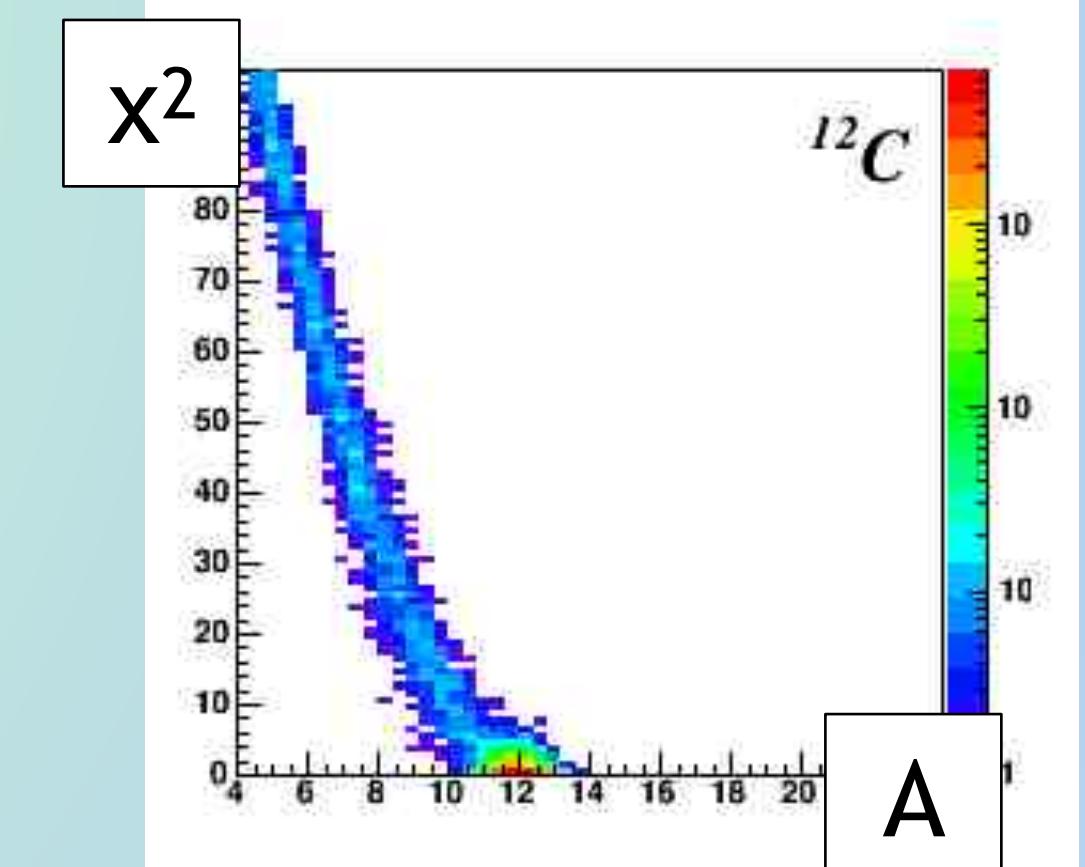
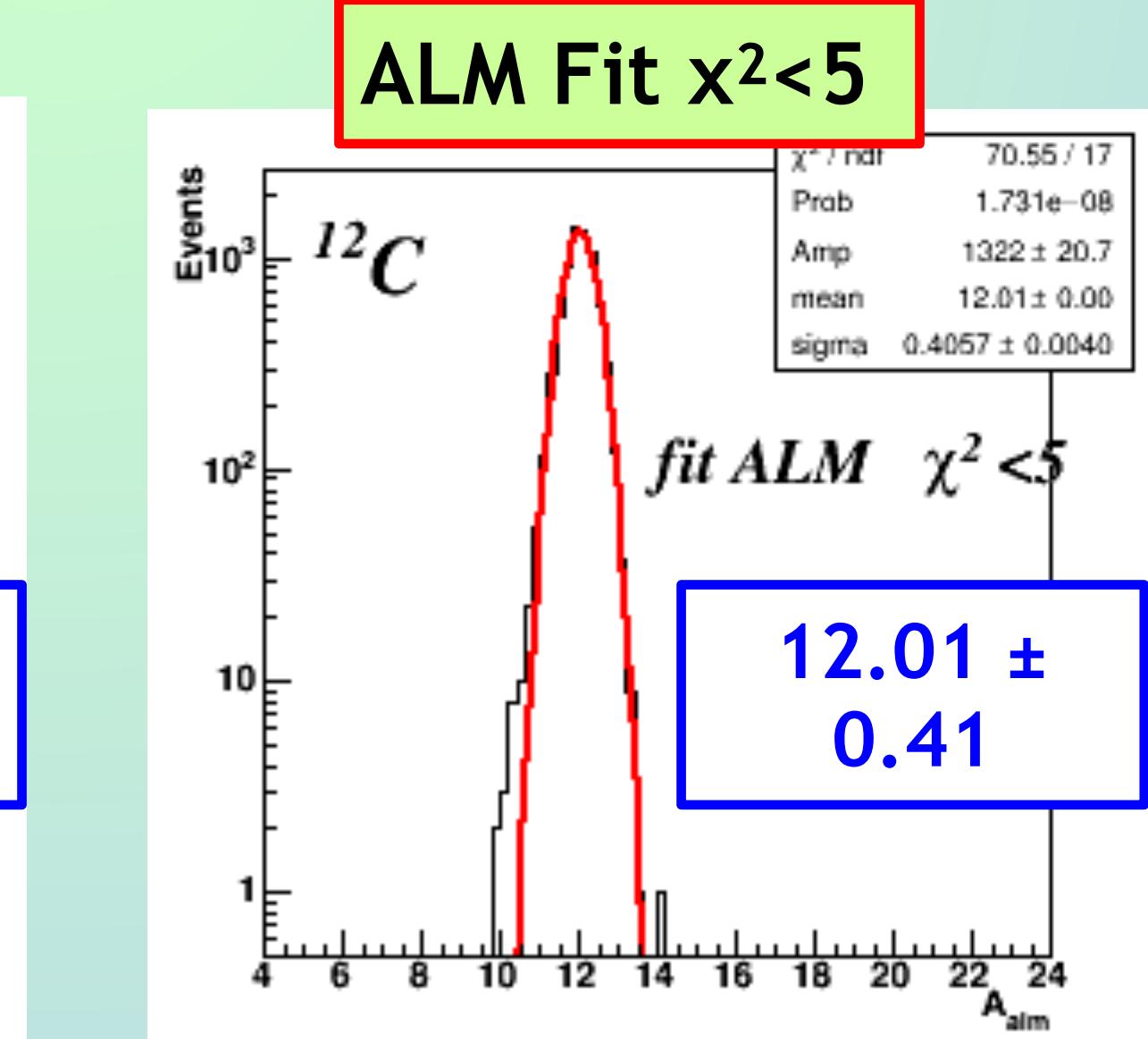
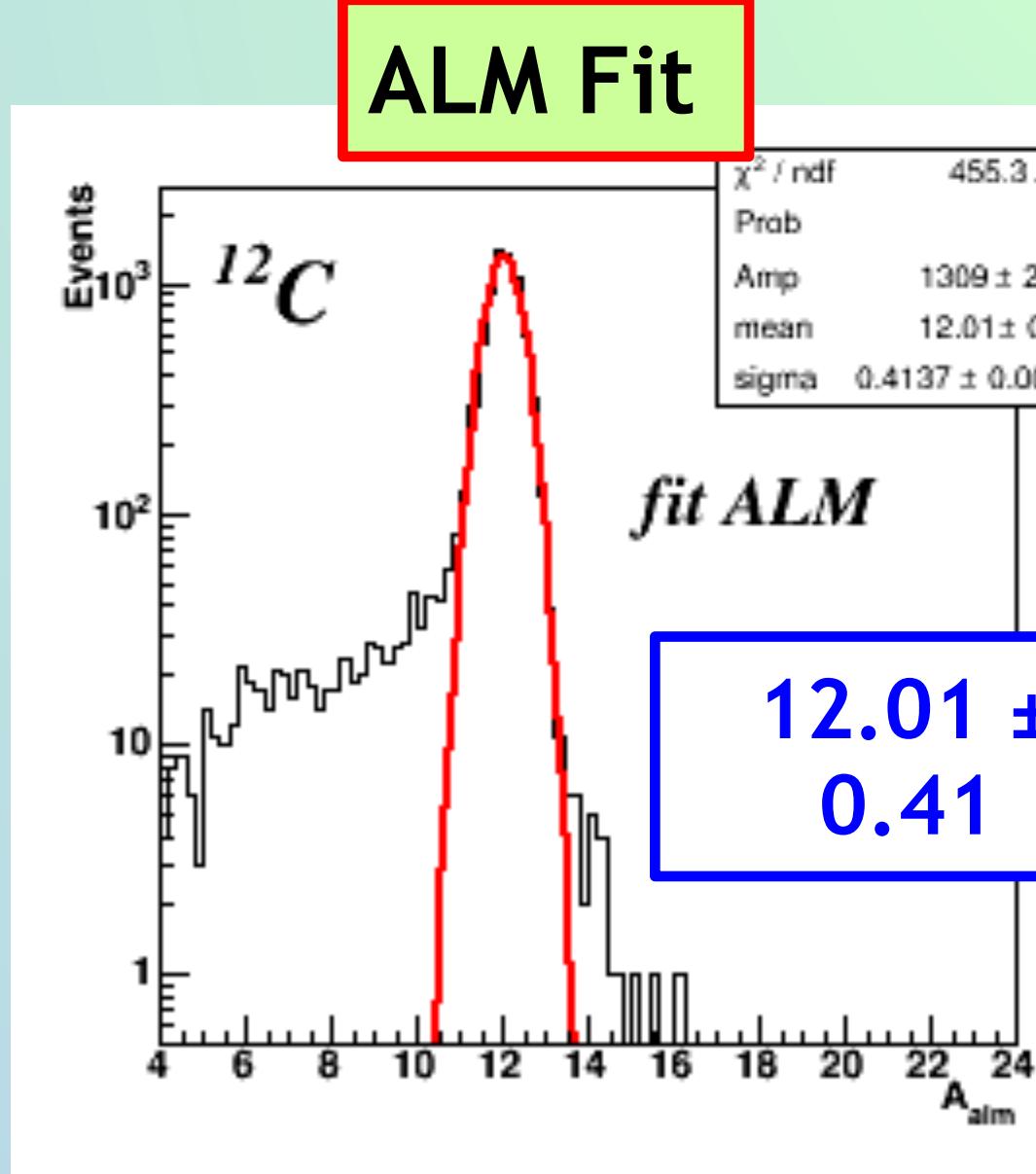
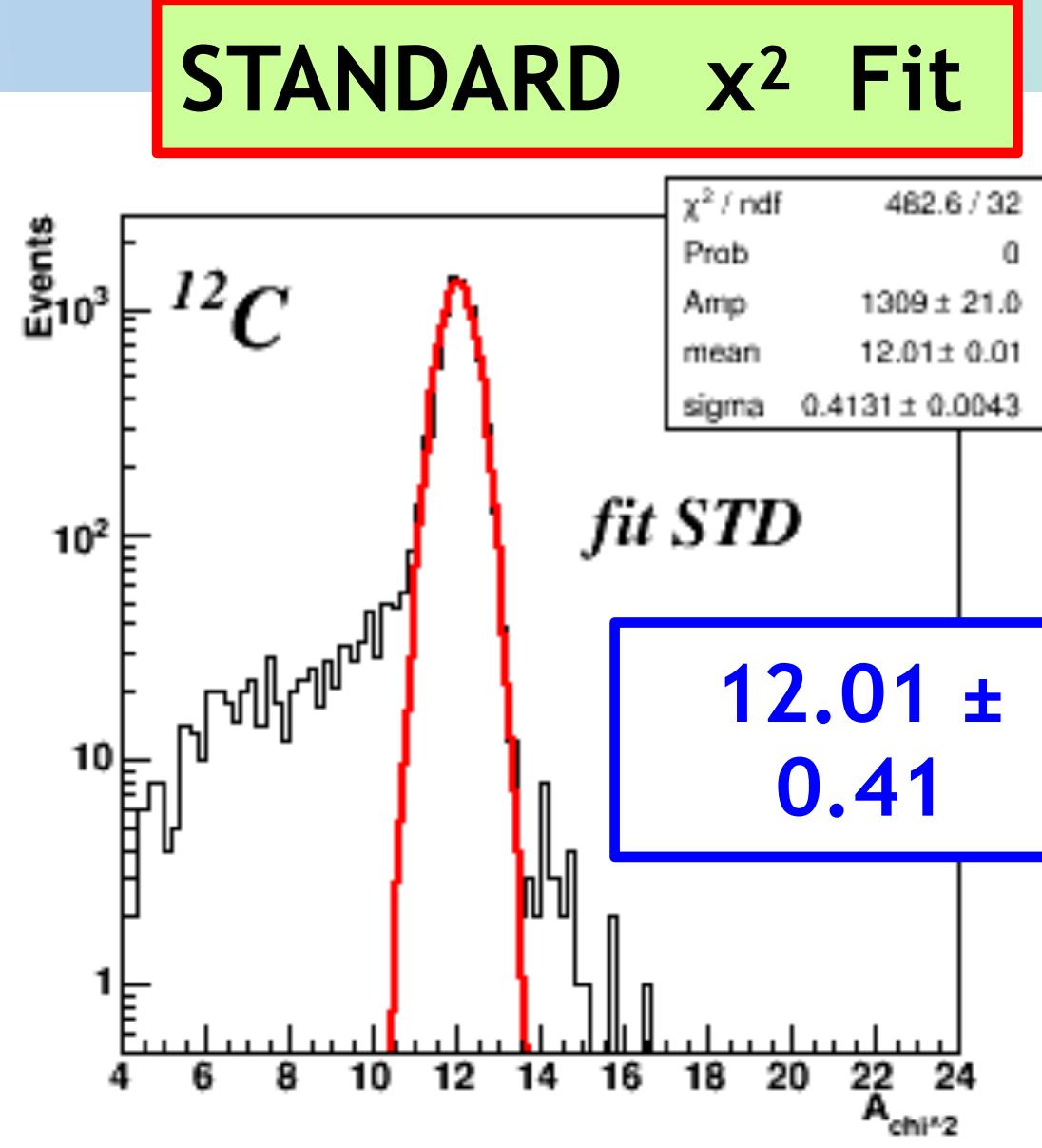


$$A_3 = \frac{m}{U} = \frac{p^2 - E_{kin}^2}{2E_{kin}}$$



Data simulated by Fluka

Tail: nuclear interaction on BGO of calorimeter



Fit allows to cut the wrong reconstructed fragments

FOOT Performances: Number of mass reconstruction

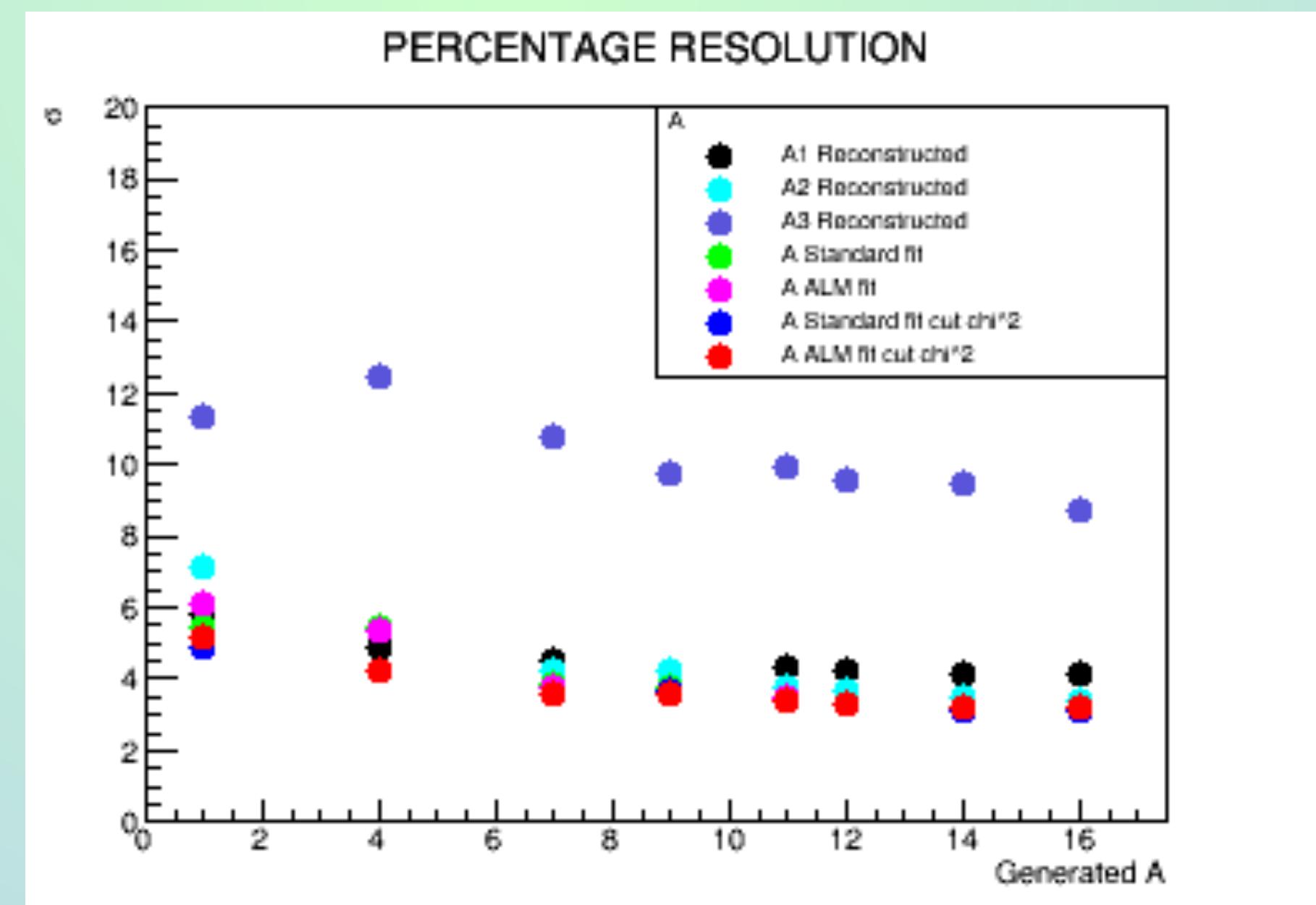
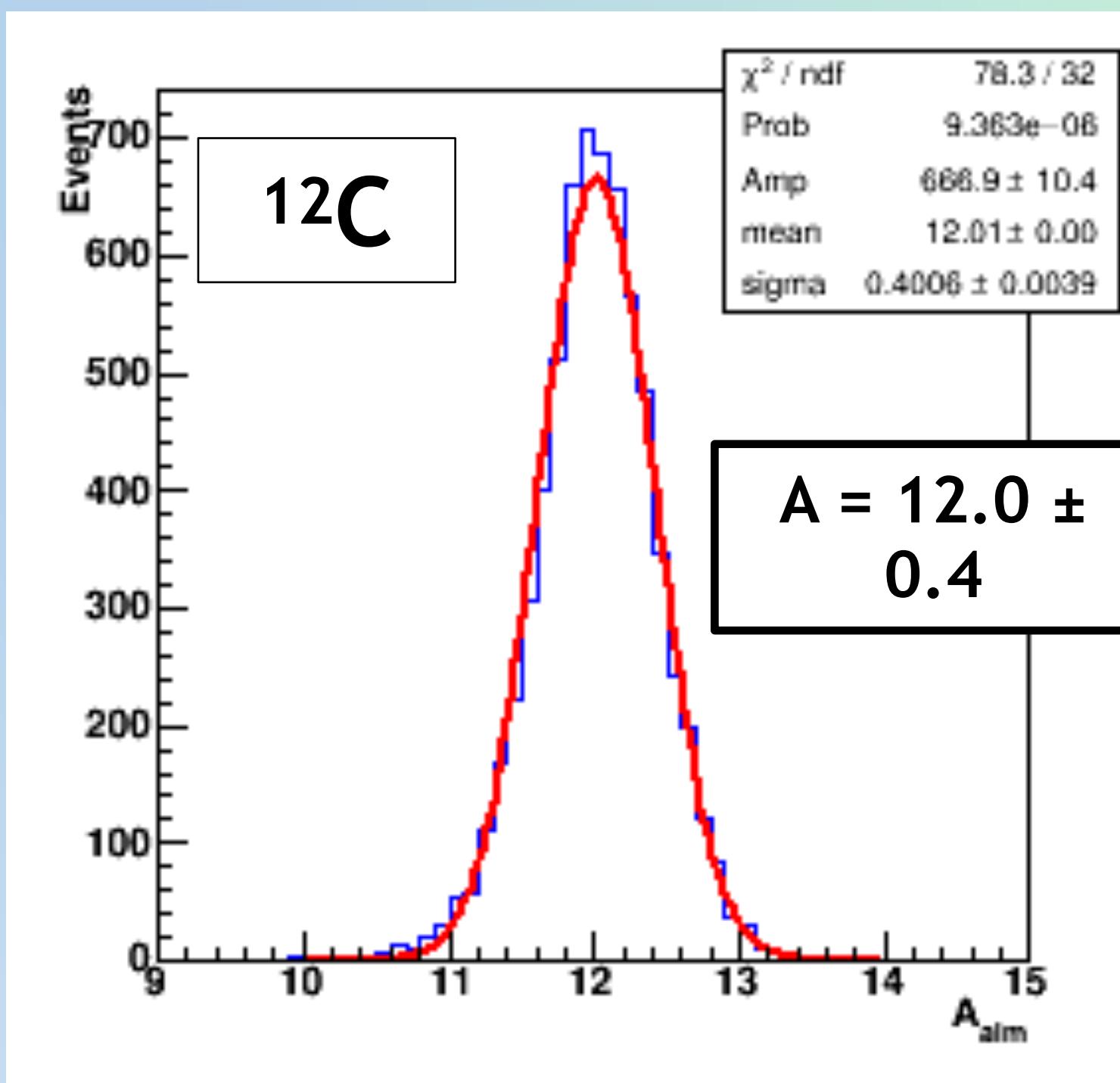
- Reconstruction

$$A_1 = \frac{m}{U} = \frac{p}{U\beta\gamma}$$
$$A_2 = \frac{m}{U} = \frac{E_{kin}}{U(\gamma - 1)}$$
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TRACKER CALO TRACKER

TOF TOF CALO

- Fit Methods: STANDARD χ^2 and ALM

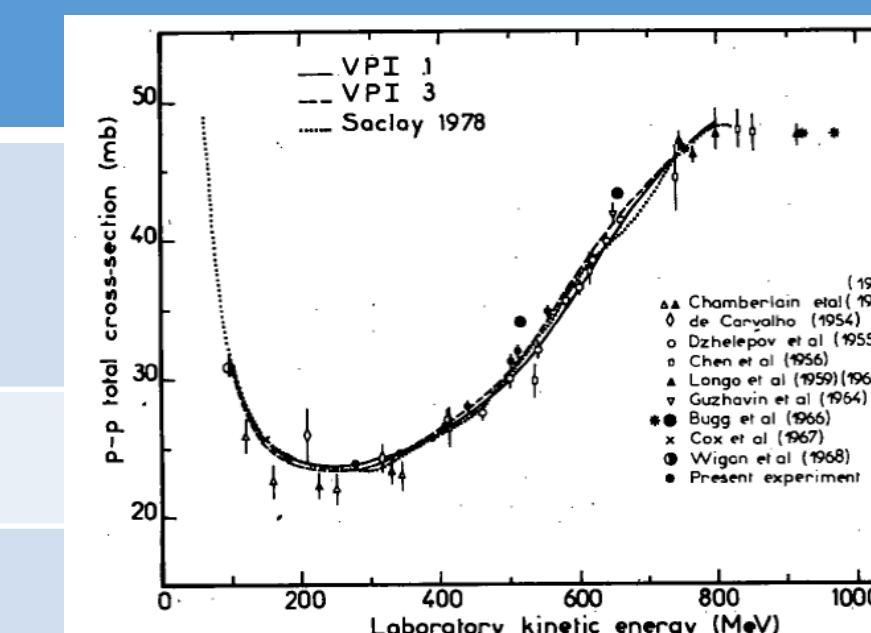
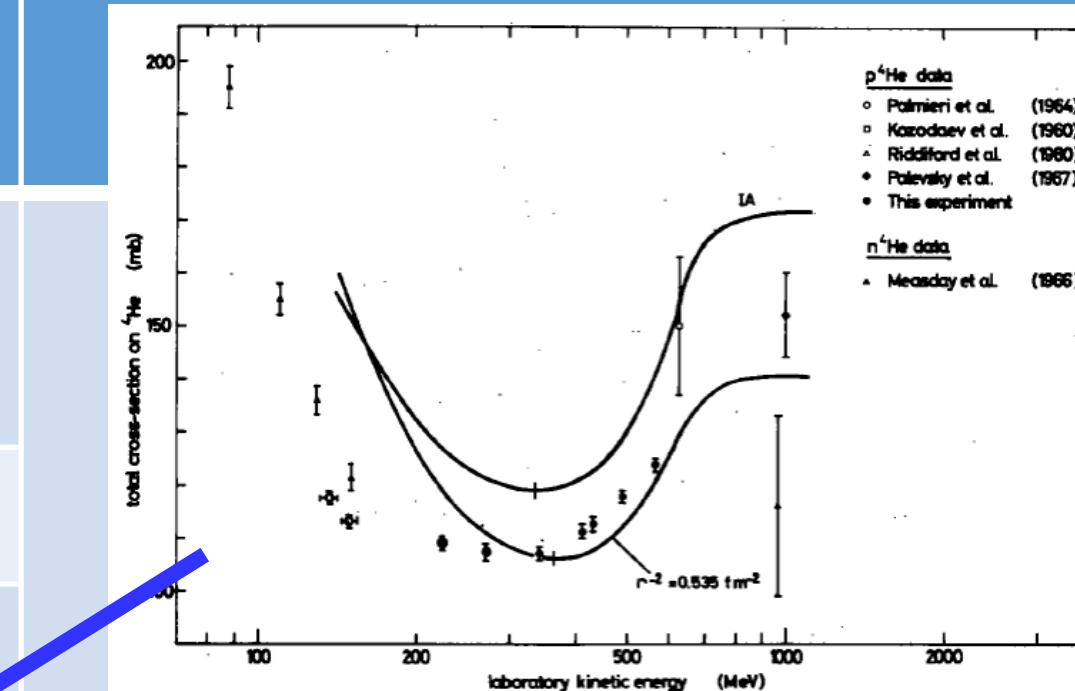
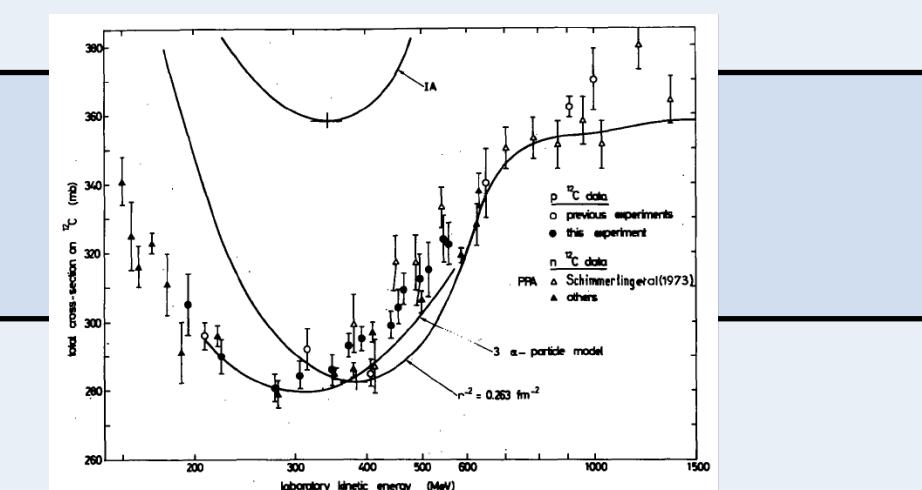
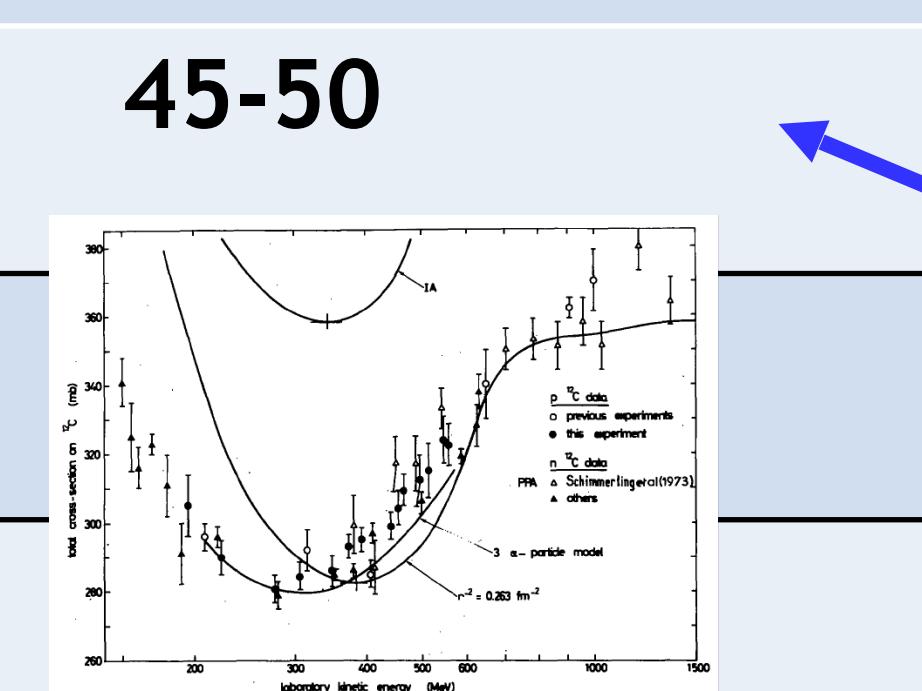
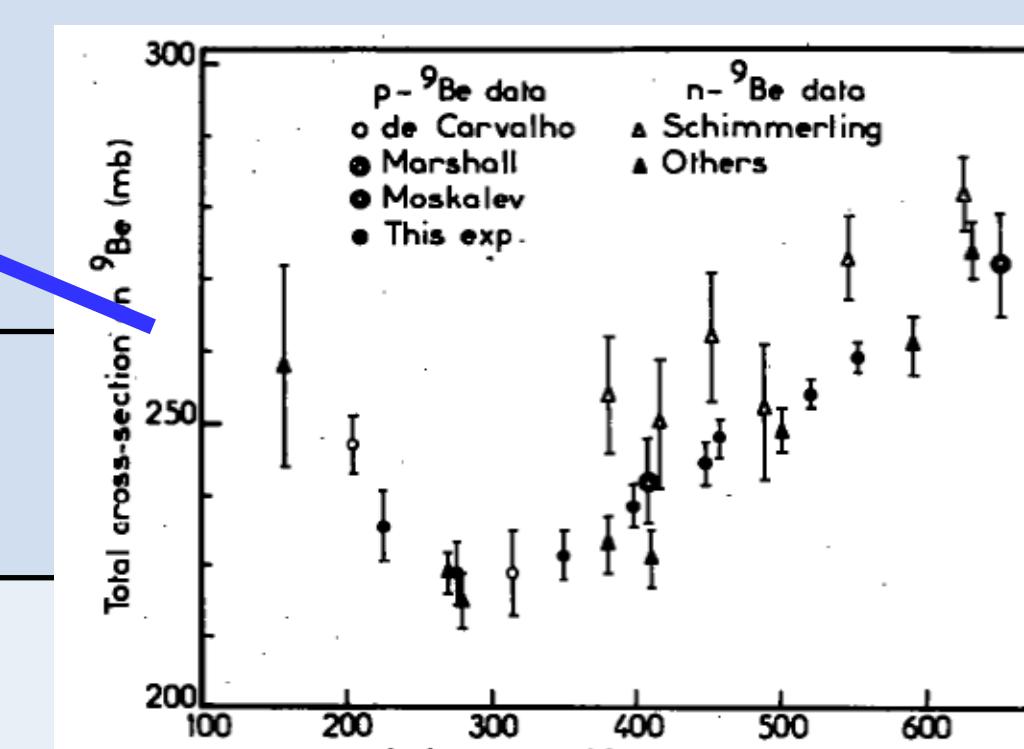
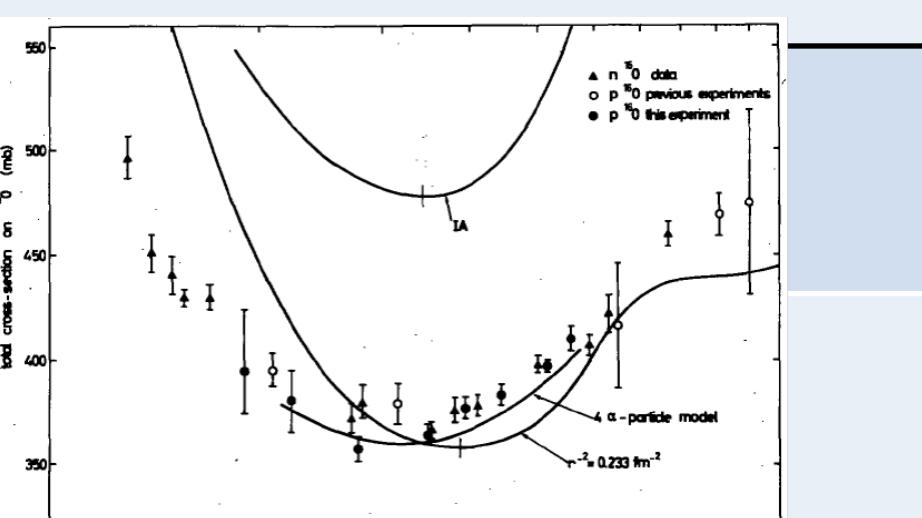
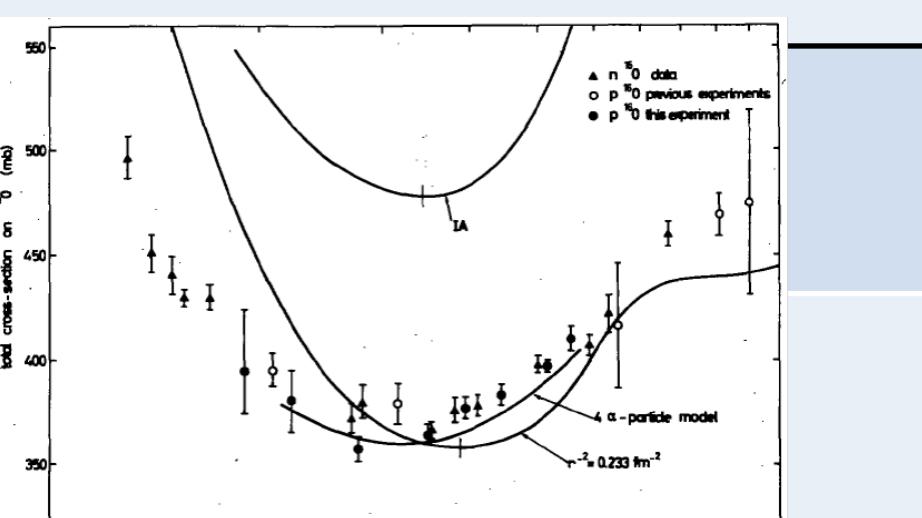
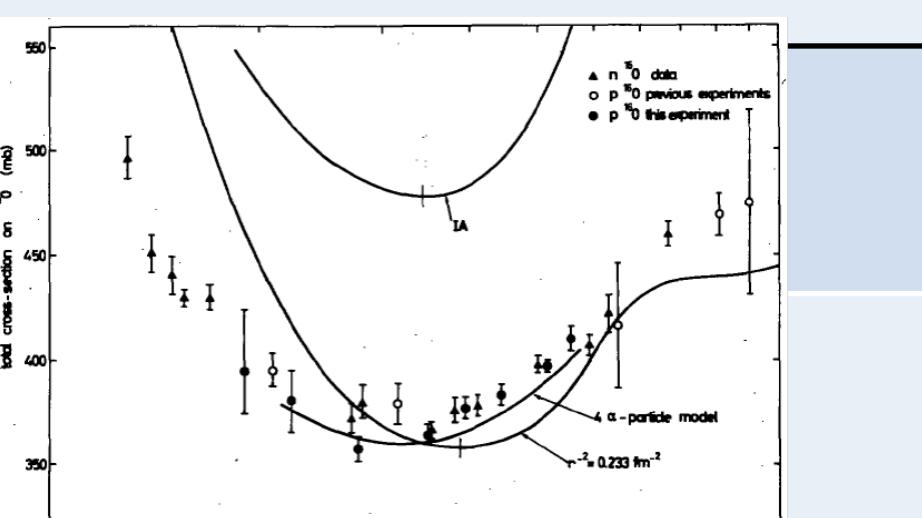
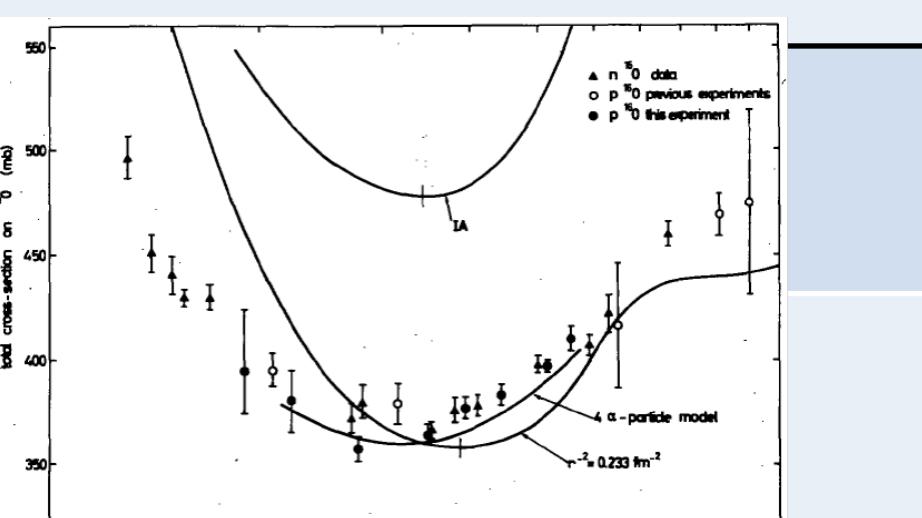
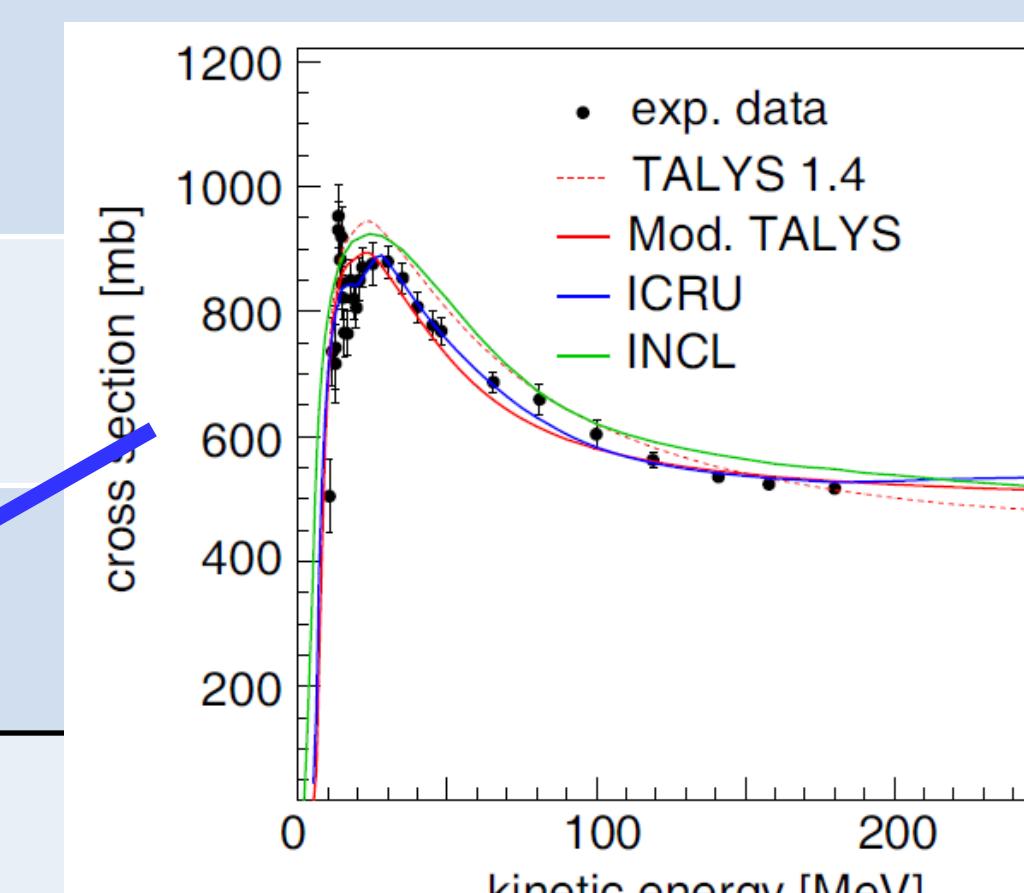
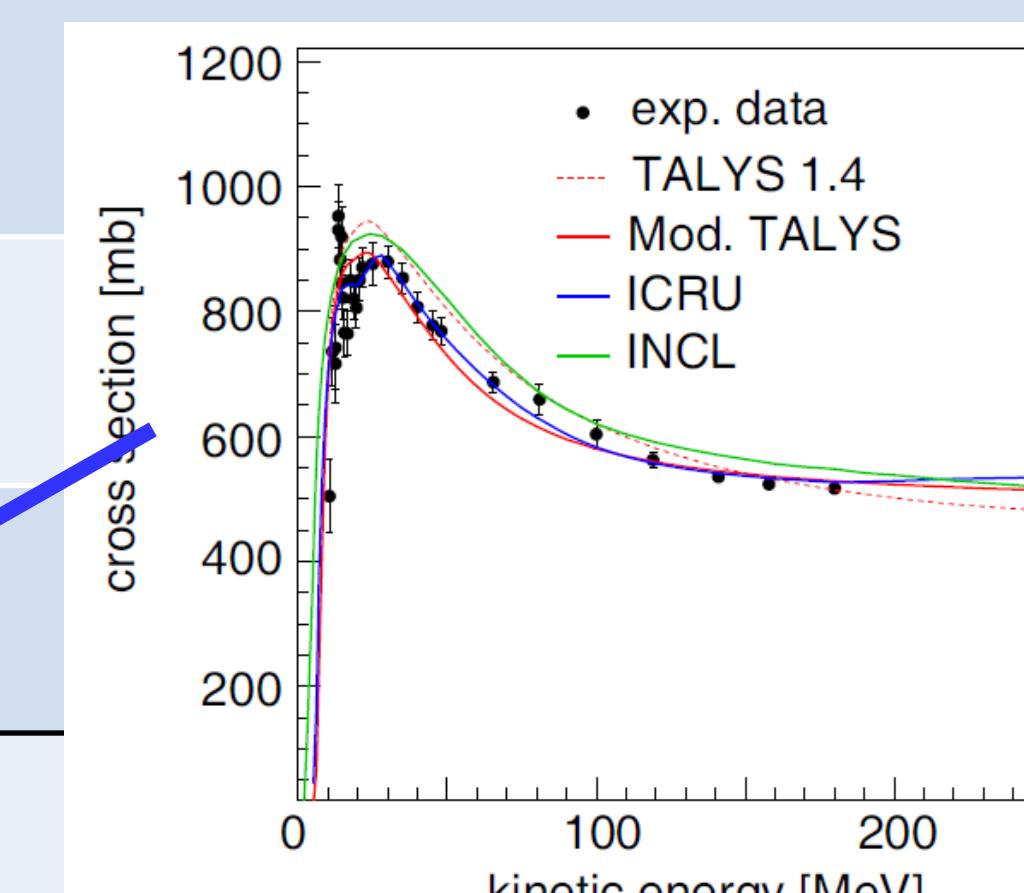


^{16}O (200 MeV/u) \rightarrow
 C_2H_4

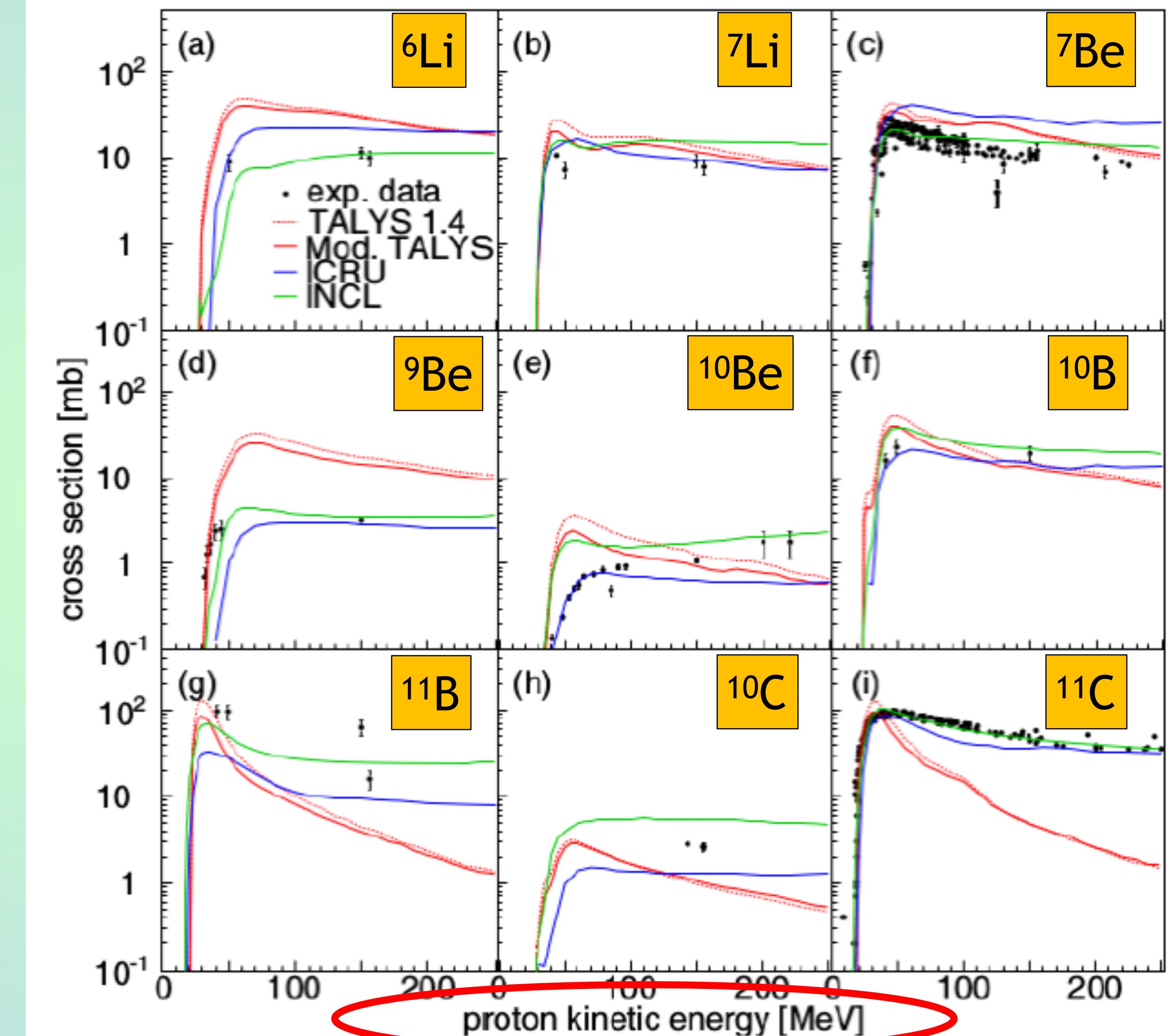
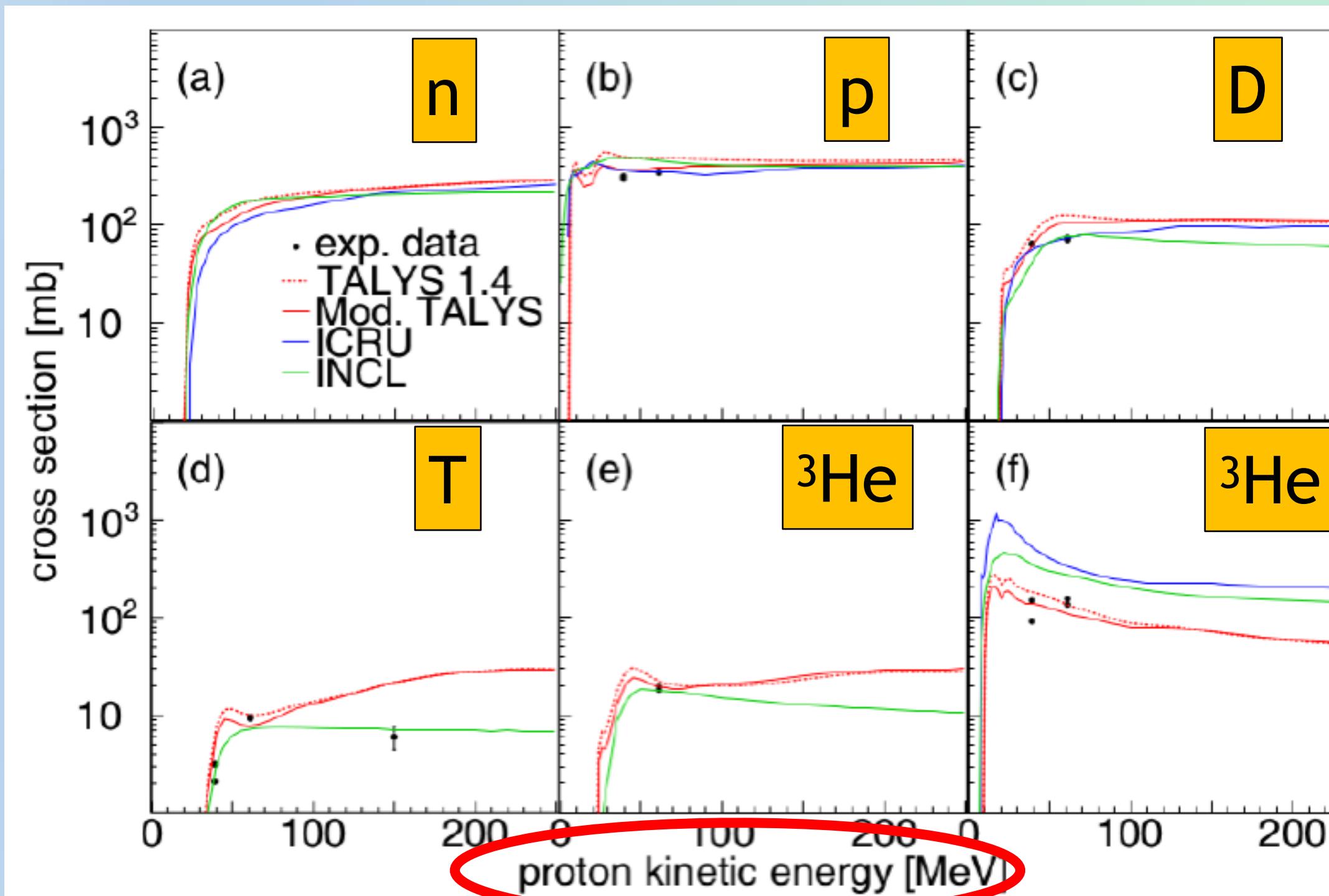
Data simulated by
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Resolution for
heavy fragments ~
3-4%

brief experimental panorama on proton cross section

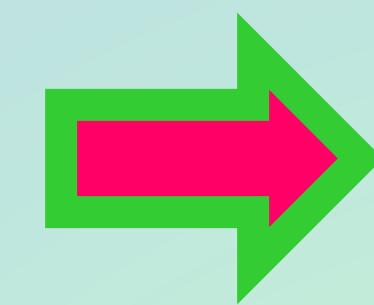
Reaction	E_{Kin} MeV	σ_{TOT} (mb)
$p \rightarrow p$	10	
$p \rightarrow p$	100	
$p \rightarrow p$	180-500	
$p \rightarrow p$	600-2000	
$p \rightarrow {}^4\text{He}$	150-600	
$p \rightarrow {}^9\text{Be}$	200-600	
$p \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{C}$	50	
$p \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{C}$	100-200	
$p \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{C}$	200-1000	
$p \rightarrow {}^{16}\text{O}$	20	
$p \rightarrow {}^{16}\text{O}$	550	

brief experimental panorama on $p \rightarrow {}^{12}C$ differential cross section



Relative Biological Effectiveness (RBE)

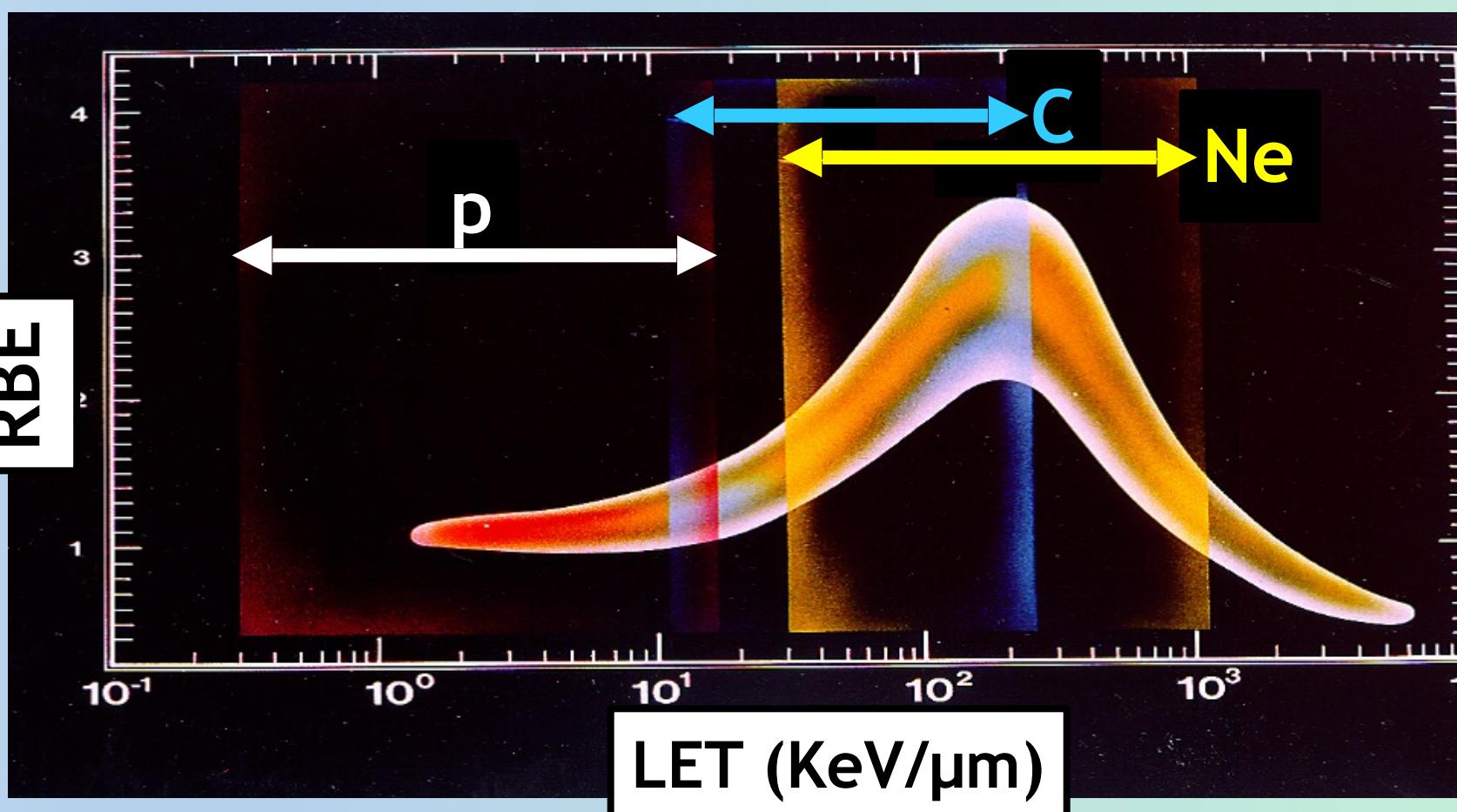
$$R.B.E = \left(\frac{D_{X-ray}}{D_H} \right)_{\text{Same effect}}$$



quantify the strength of different radiation types



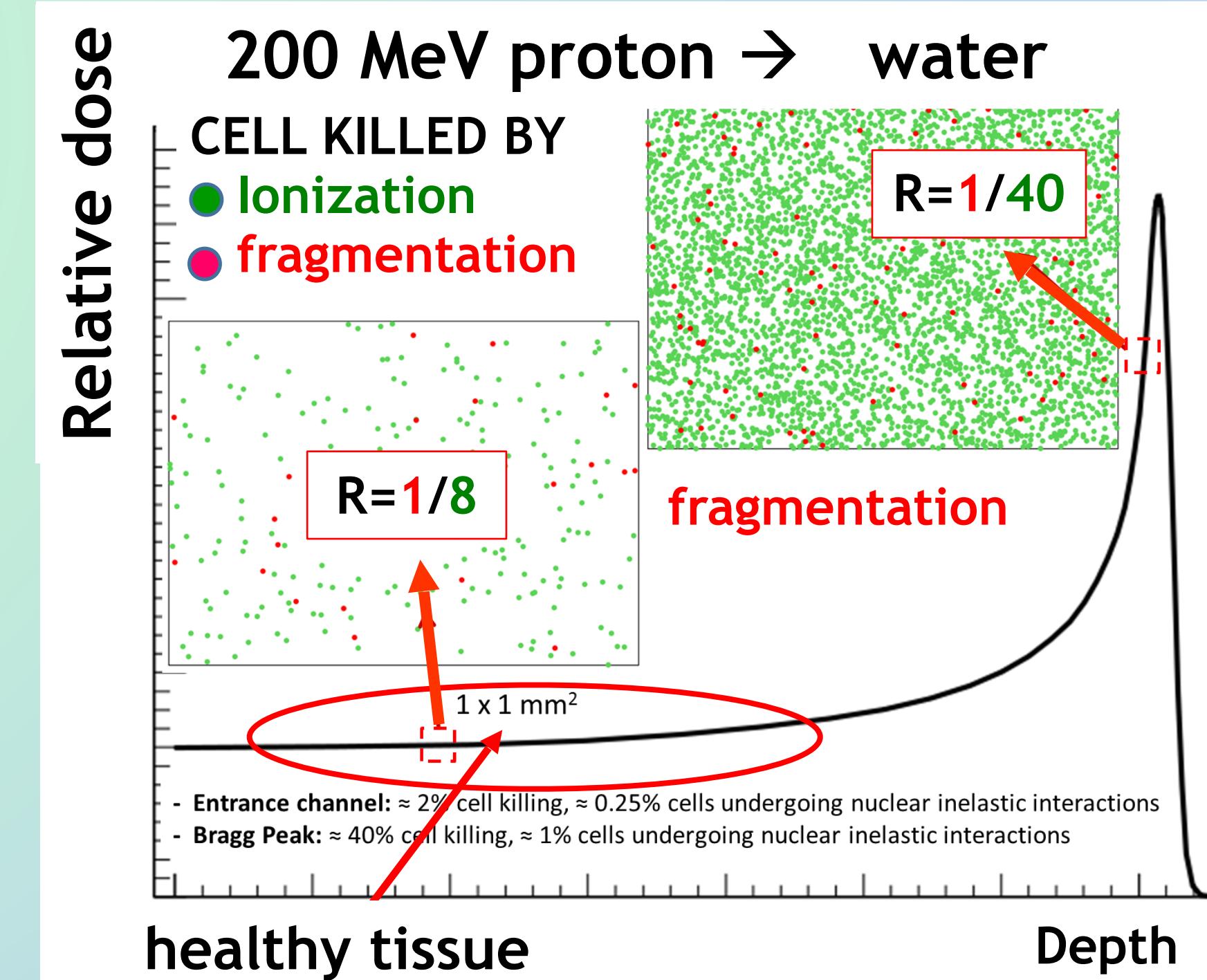
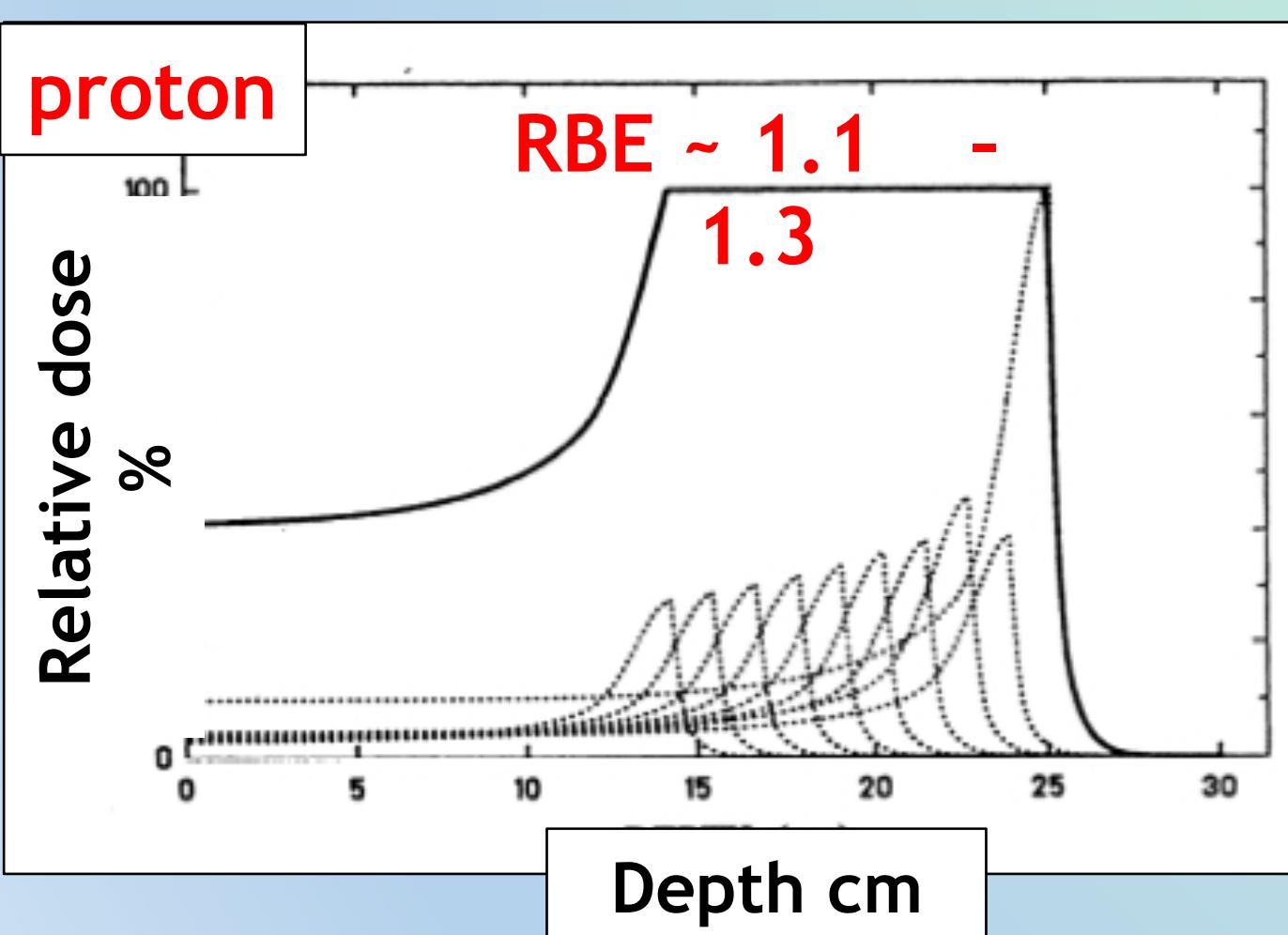
High RBE → high effect wrt radiation



- RBE depends on
- LET
 - Dose
 - Depth in the body
 - Beam energy
 - Vivo/vitro
 - Tissue type ...
 - Nuclear interaction

not considered

proton RBE =
1.1



Nuclear interaction

Hadrontherapy
energies:

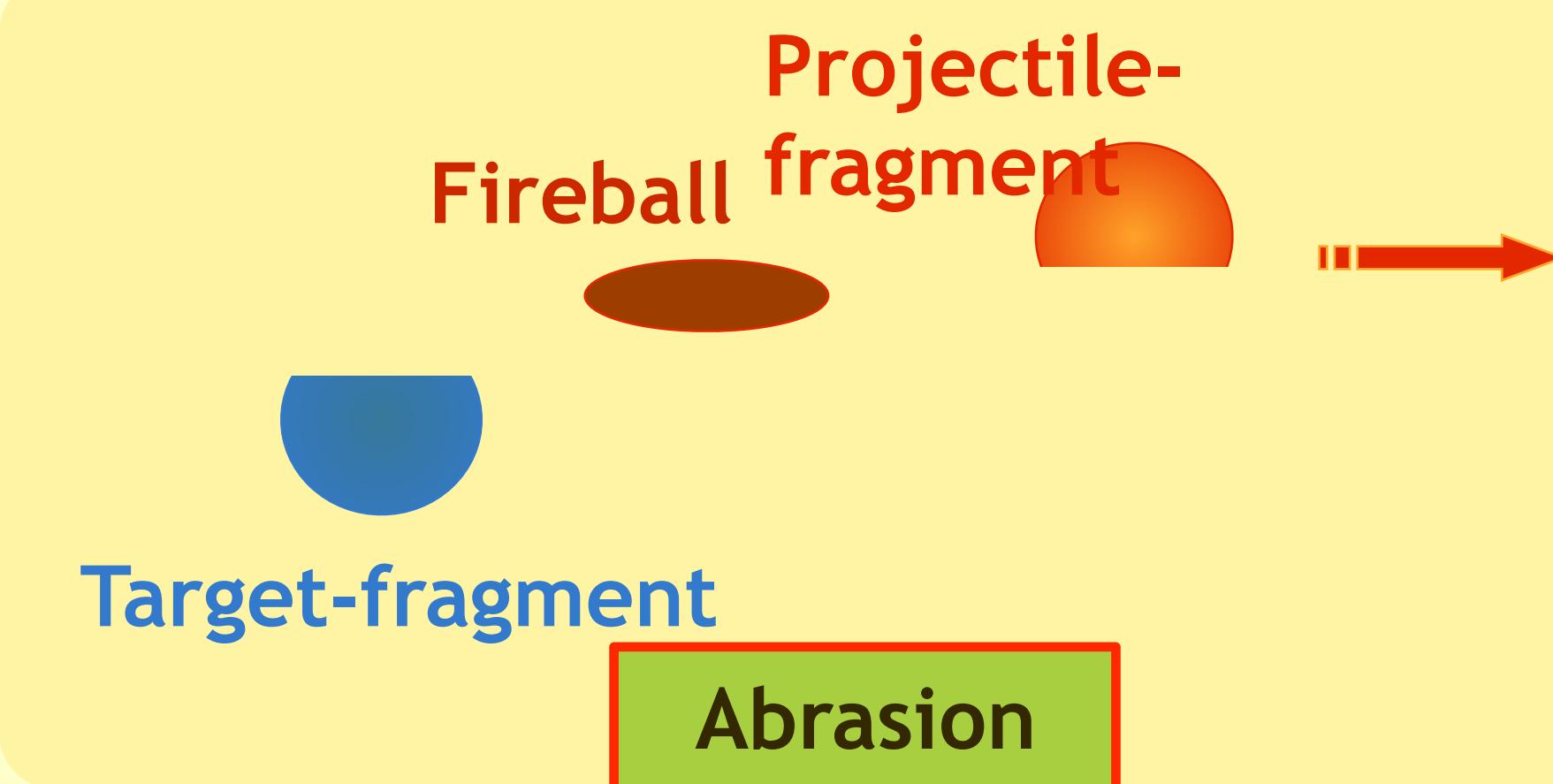
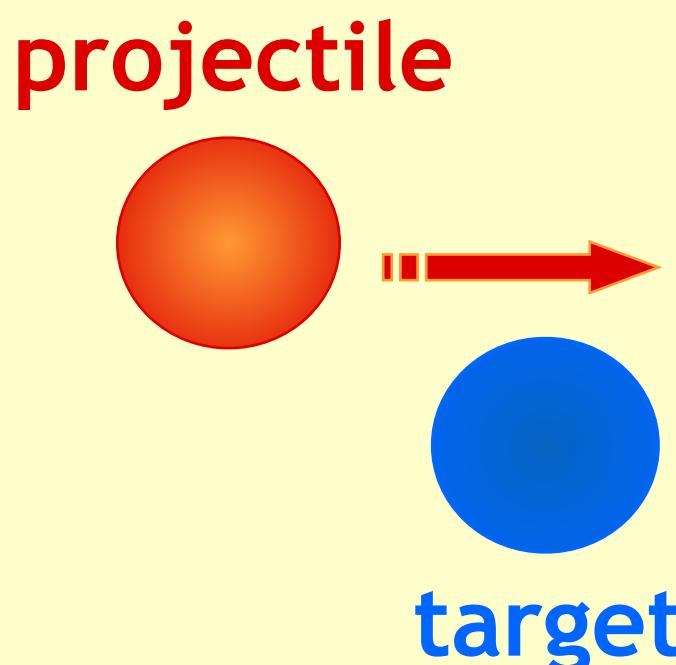
$$p \rightarrow 200 \text{ MeV}$$

$$^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow 400 \text{ MeV/u}$$



Most probable nuclear process:
Fragmentation
peripheral interaction between projectile
(p , $^{12}\text{C}, \dots$) and target (H , C , O , ...)

Abrasion-Ablasion model \rightarrow 2 stages



No quarks
in nuclei

Protons \neq photons * 1.1
due to Nuclear
interaction

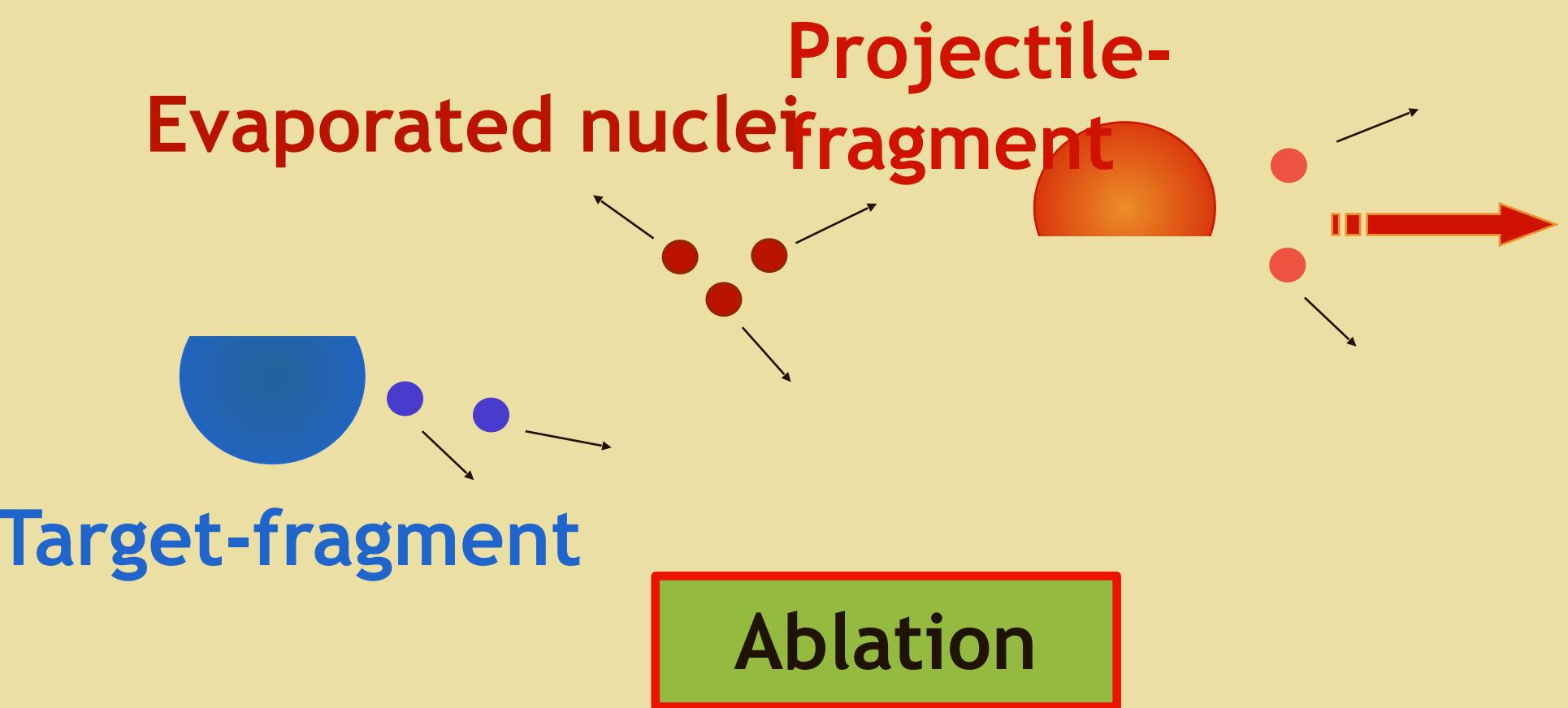


No Standard Treatment

Planning for
hadrontherapy

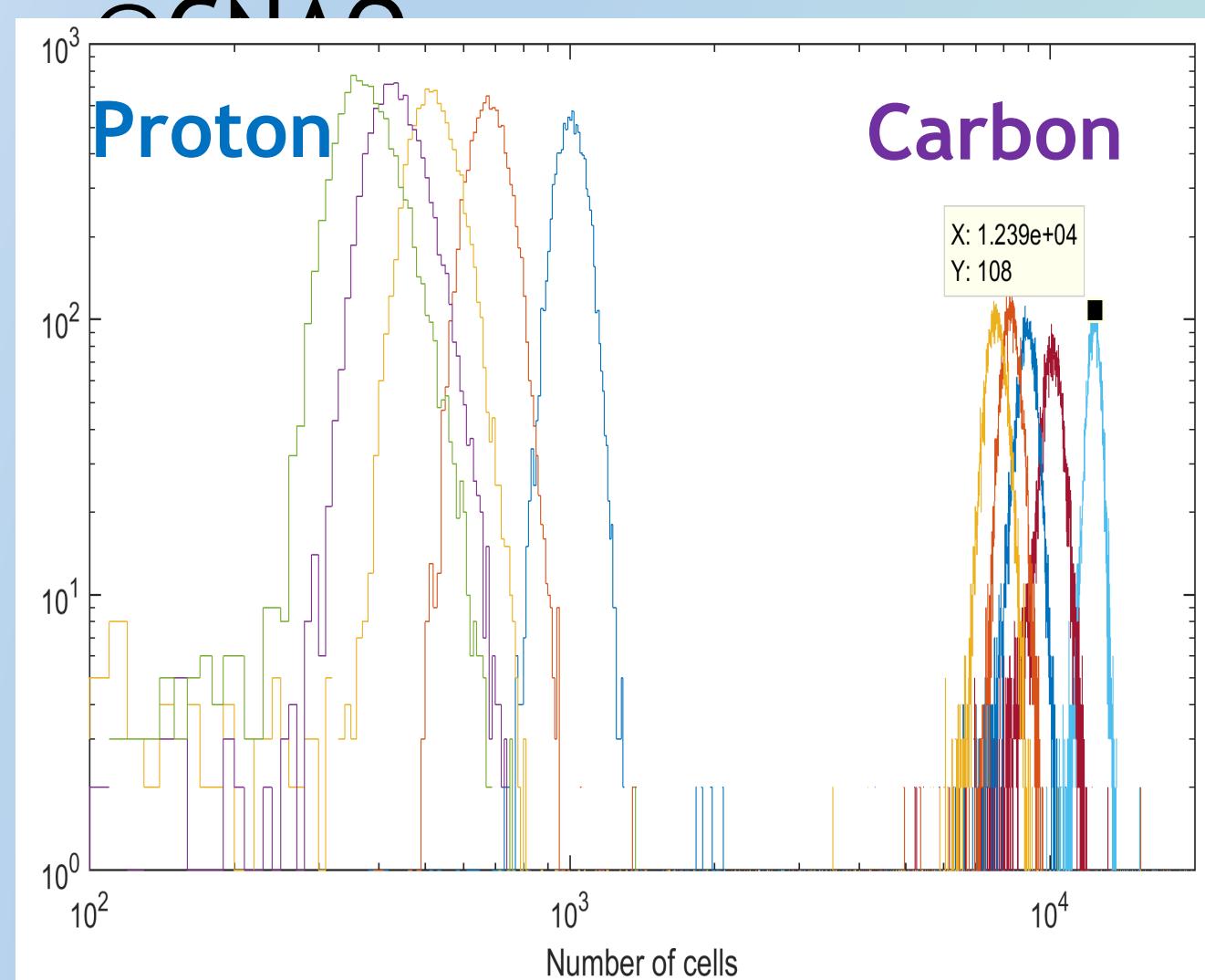


Study of the Target-Projectile

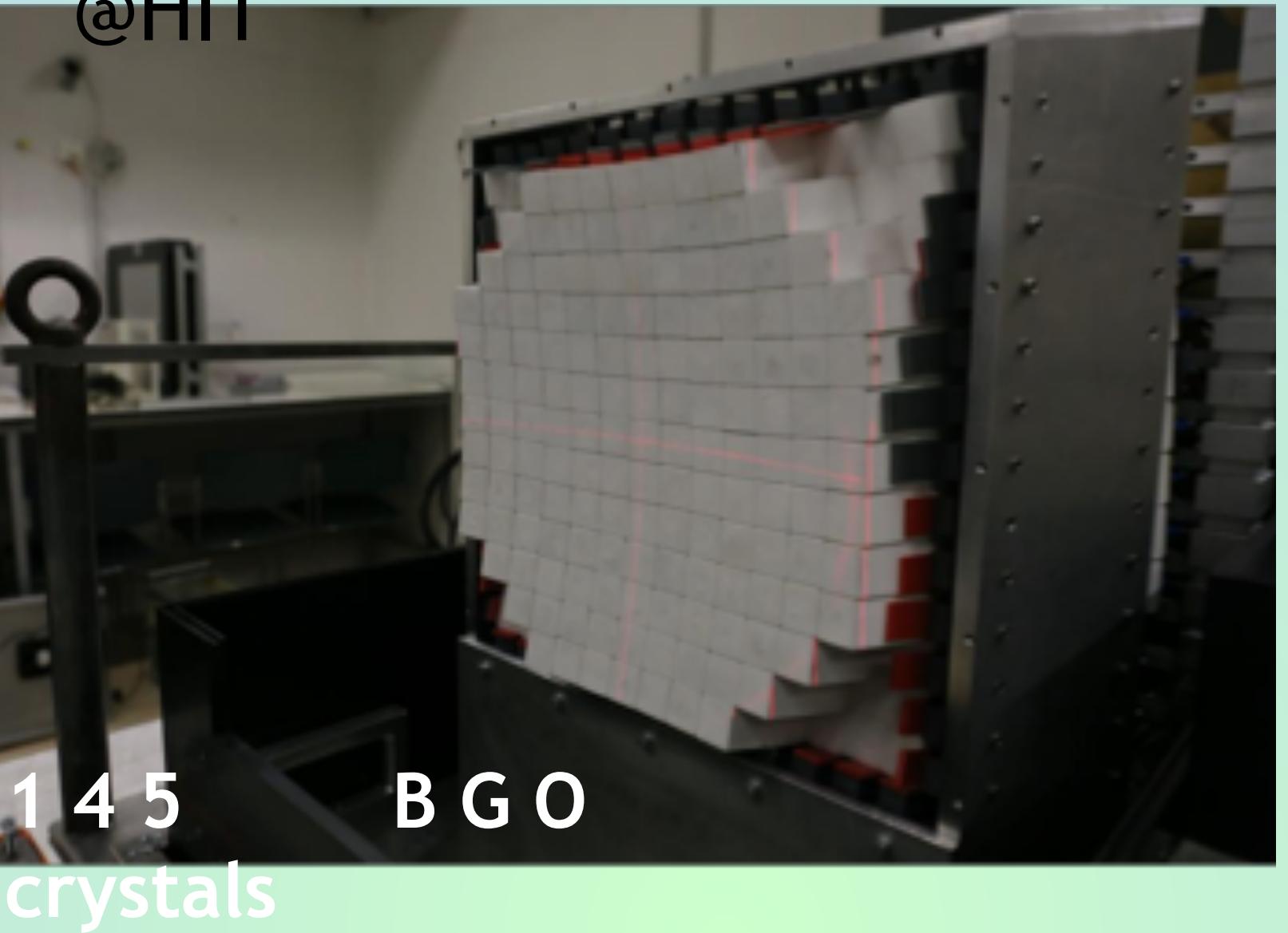


ΔE -Tof

test beam

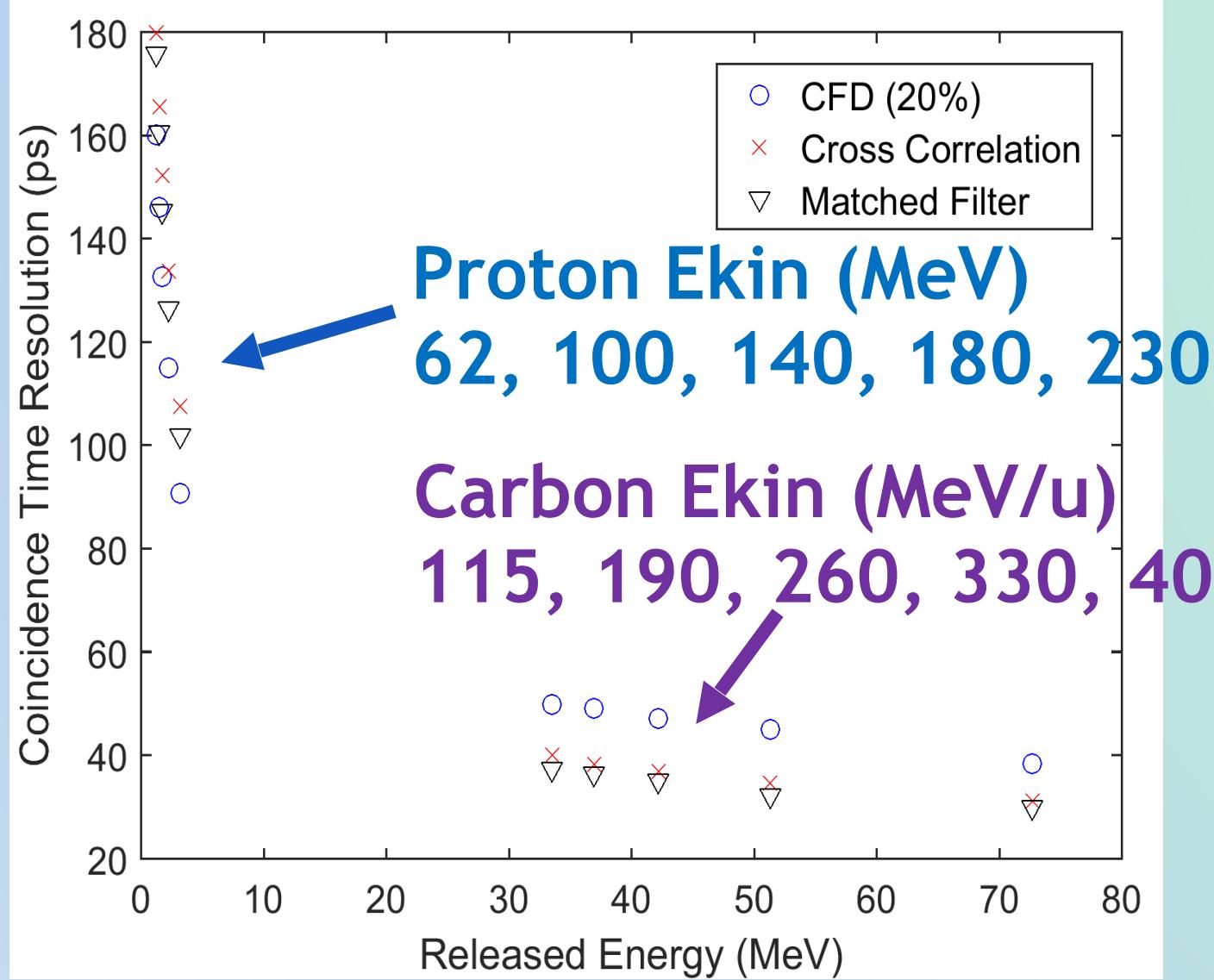


Calorimeter: test beam
@HIT

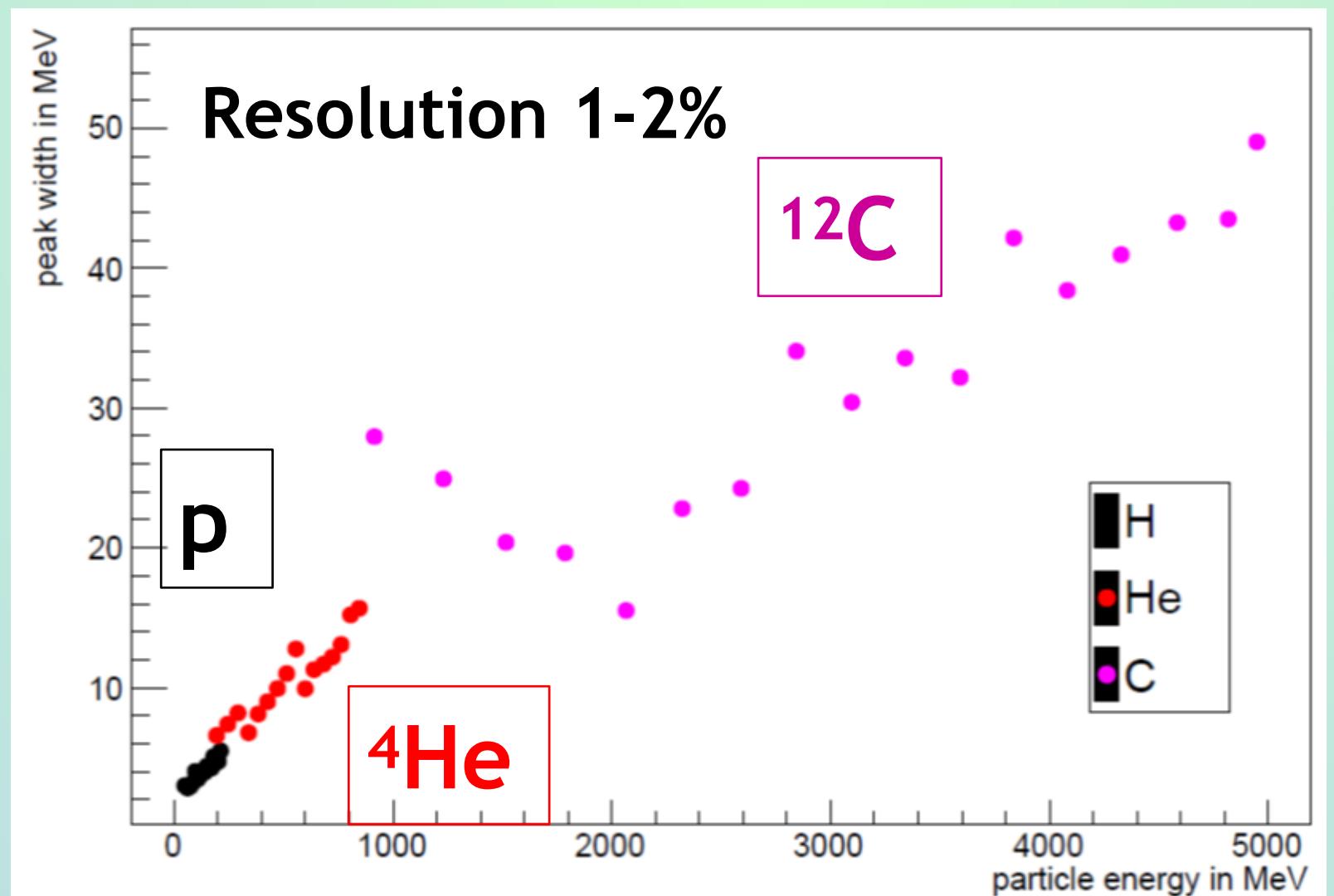


Test beam results

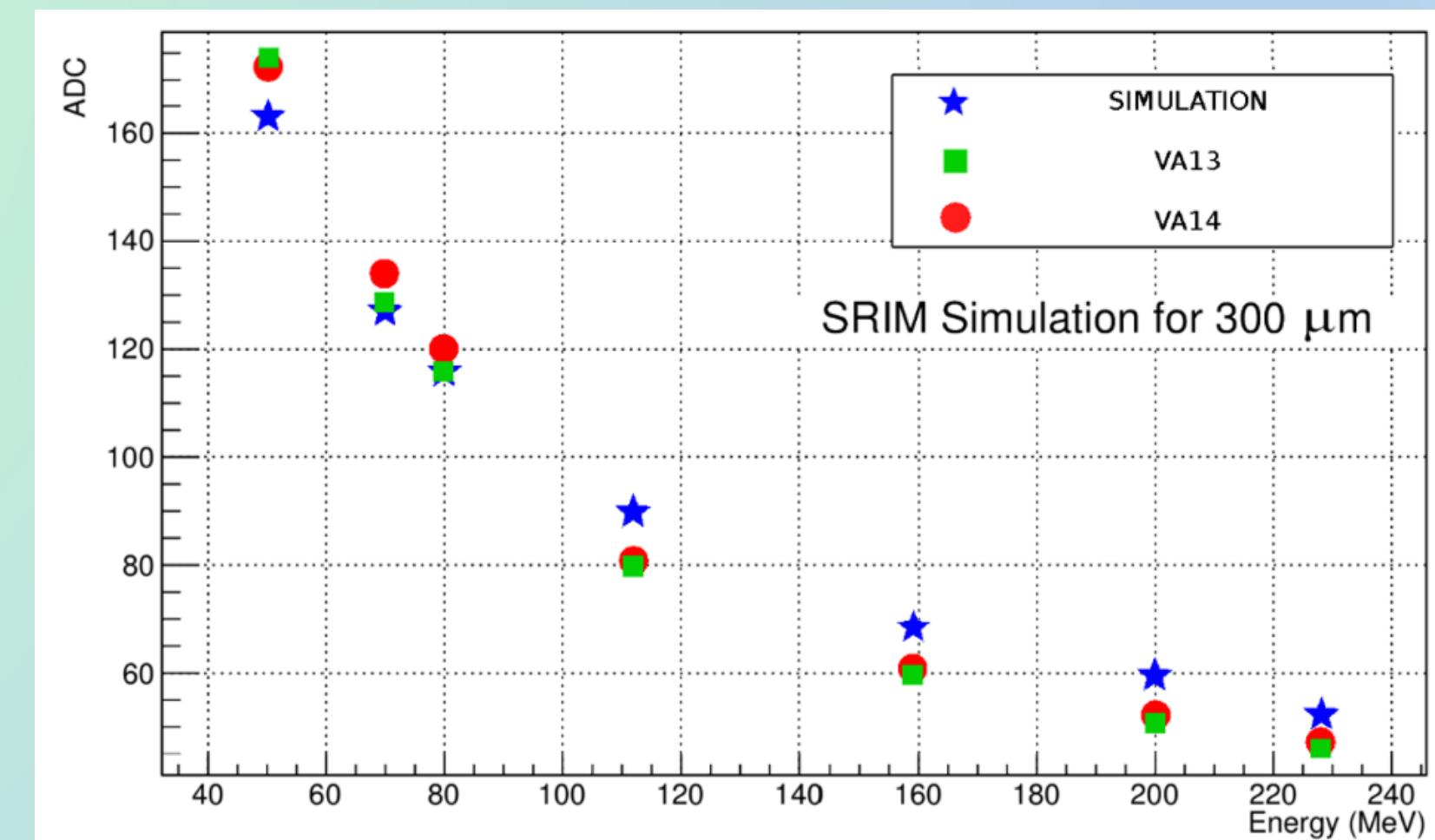
MSD: test @ Trento



Tof resolution (C) better 40 ps



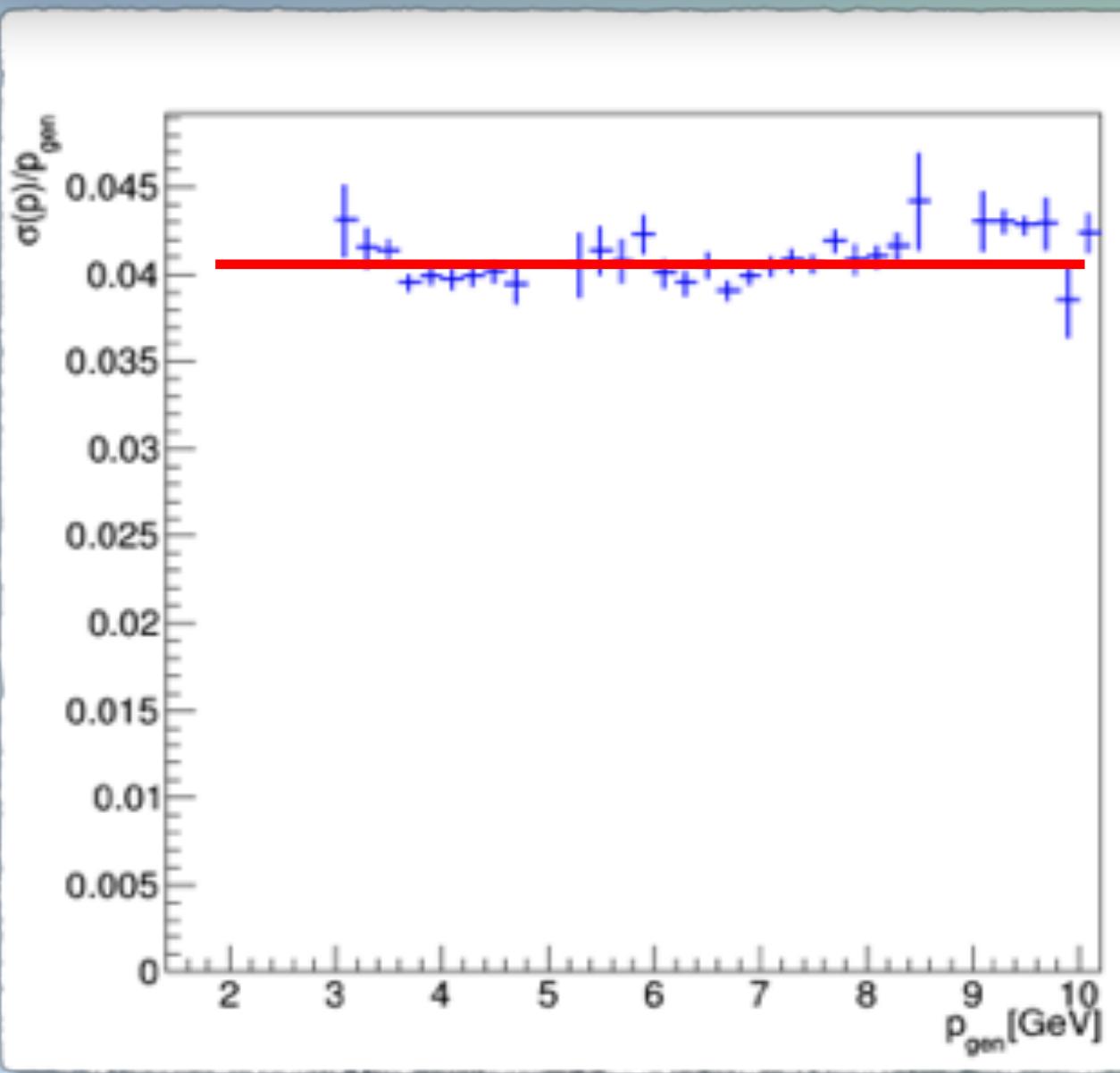
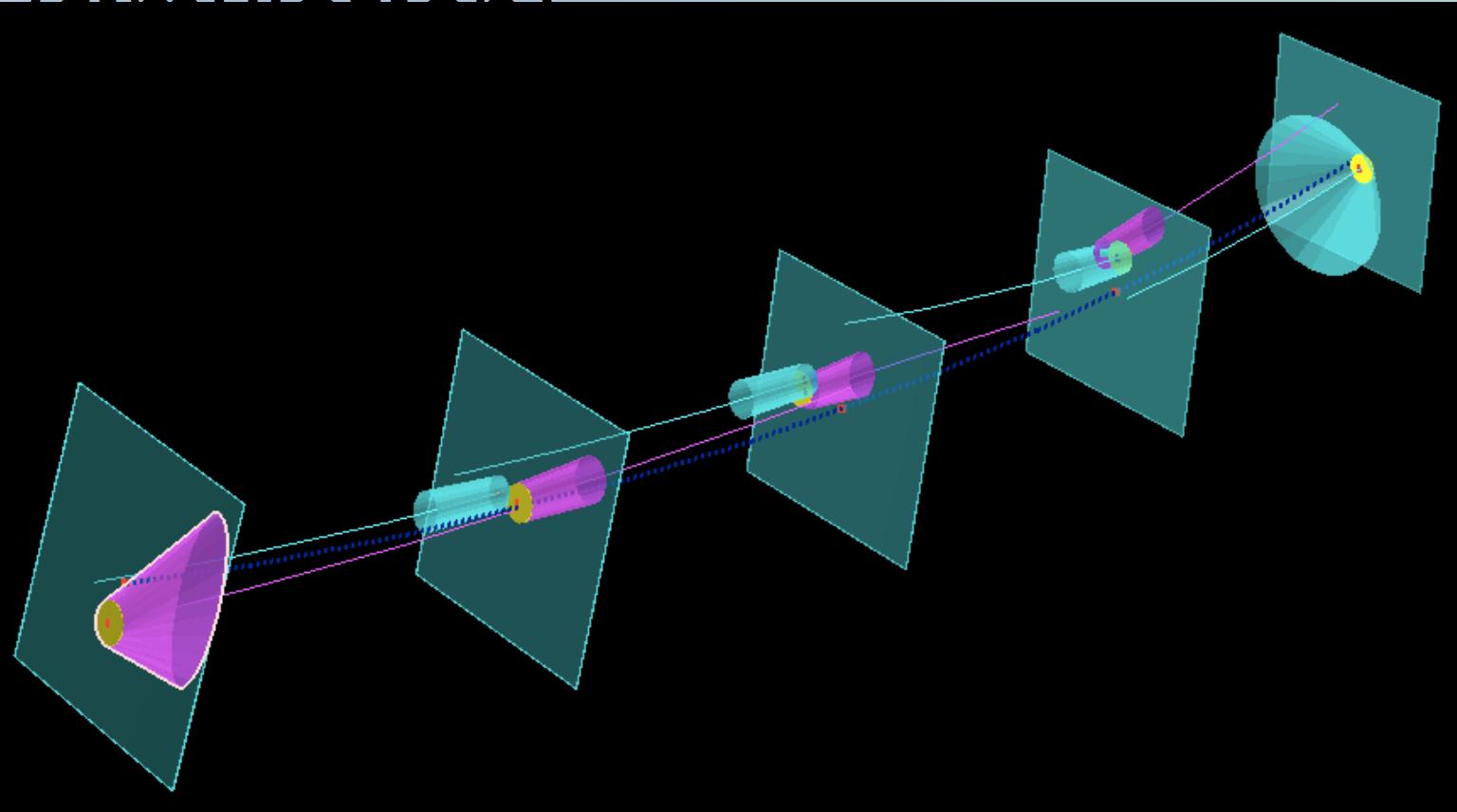
Kinetic energy resolution at 1-2%



Agreement simulation data in few %

Test beam and simulation results

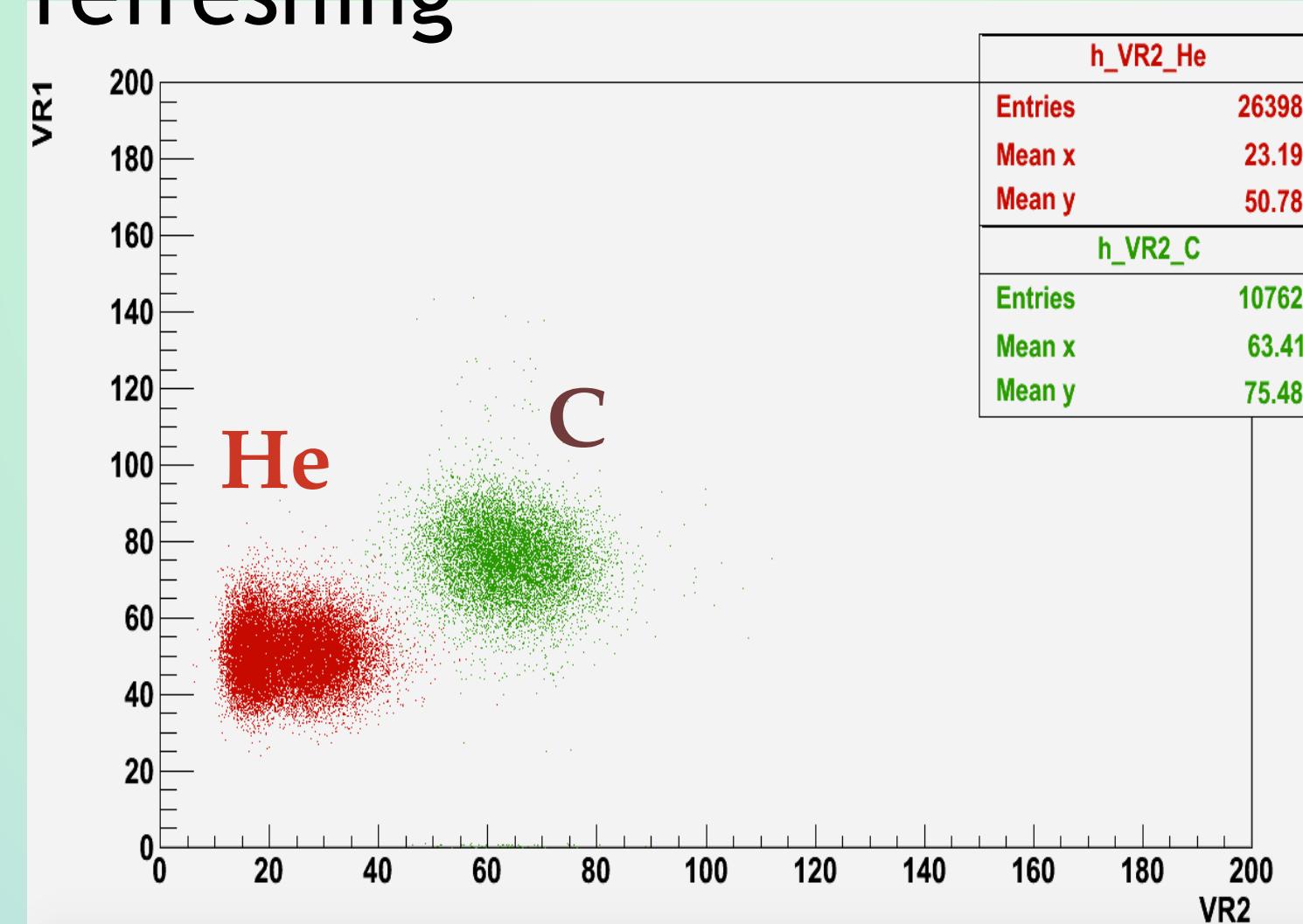
Tracking
(simulation) Kalman Filter



p resolution at level of 10%

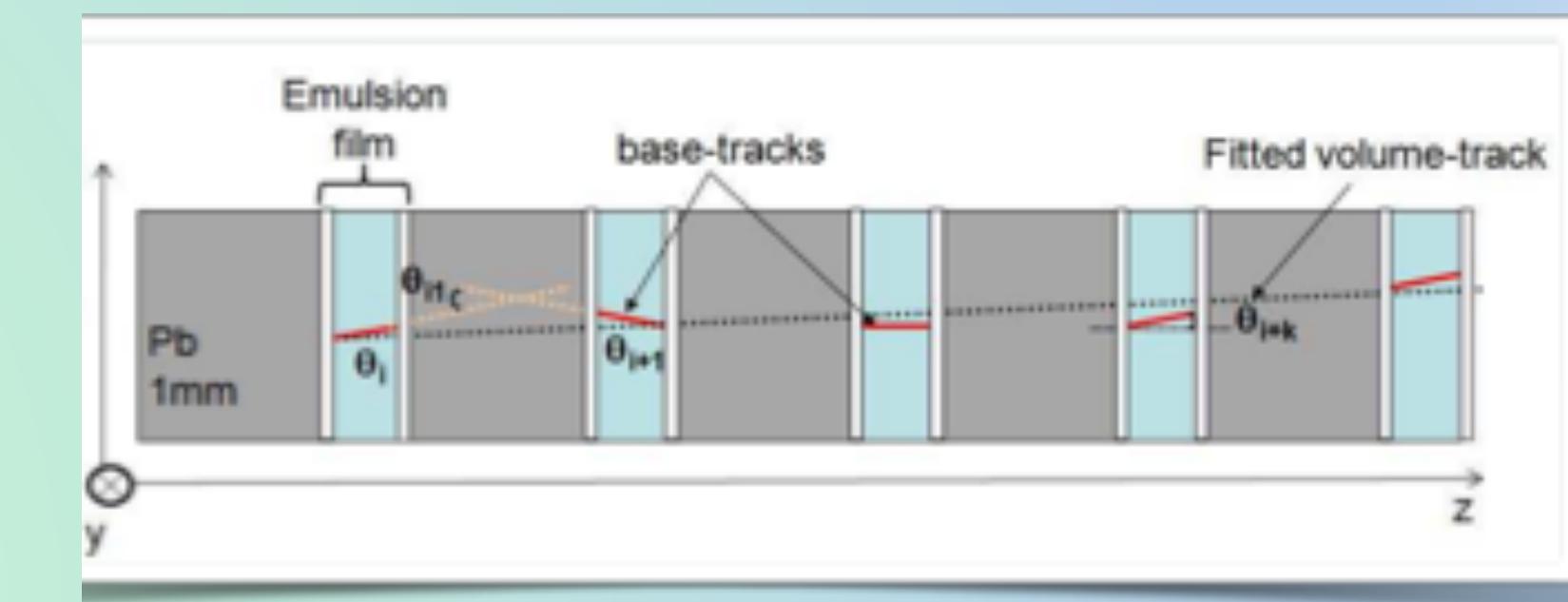
Emulsion chamber test beam @LNS (p, D, He, C)
and Trento (p at 50, 80, 200 MeV)

Fragments charge determined by volume of points after refreshing

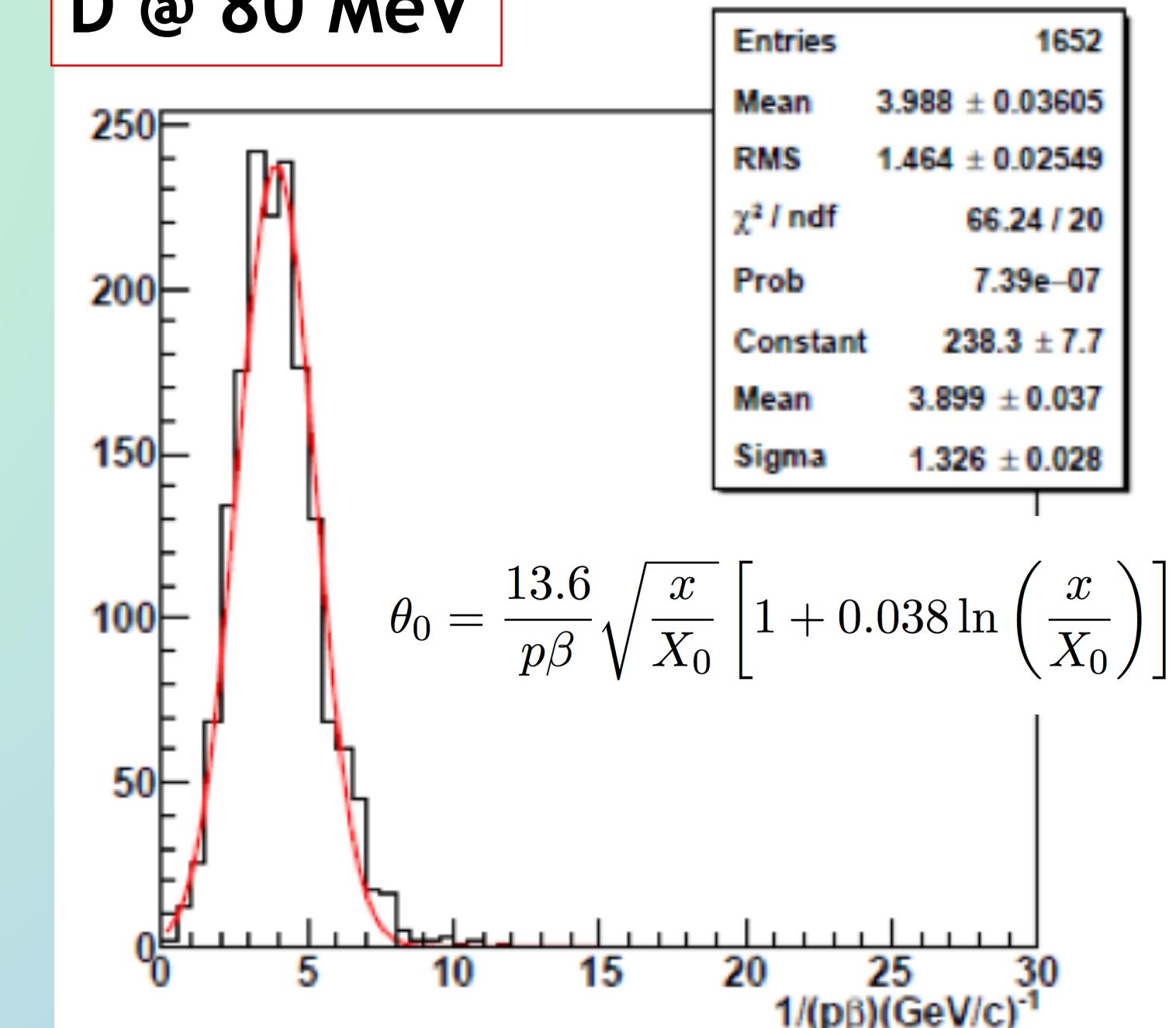


ECC: charge separation

$p \cdot \beta$ by Multiple Coulomb Scatt

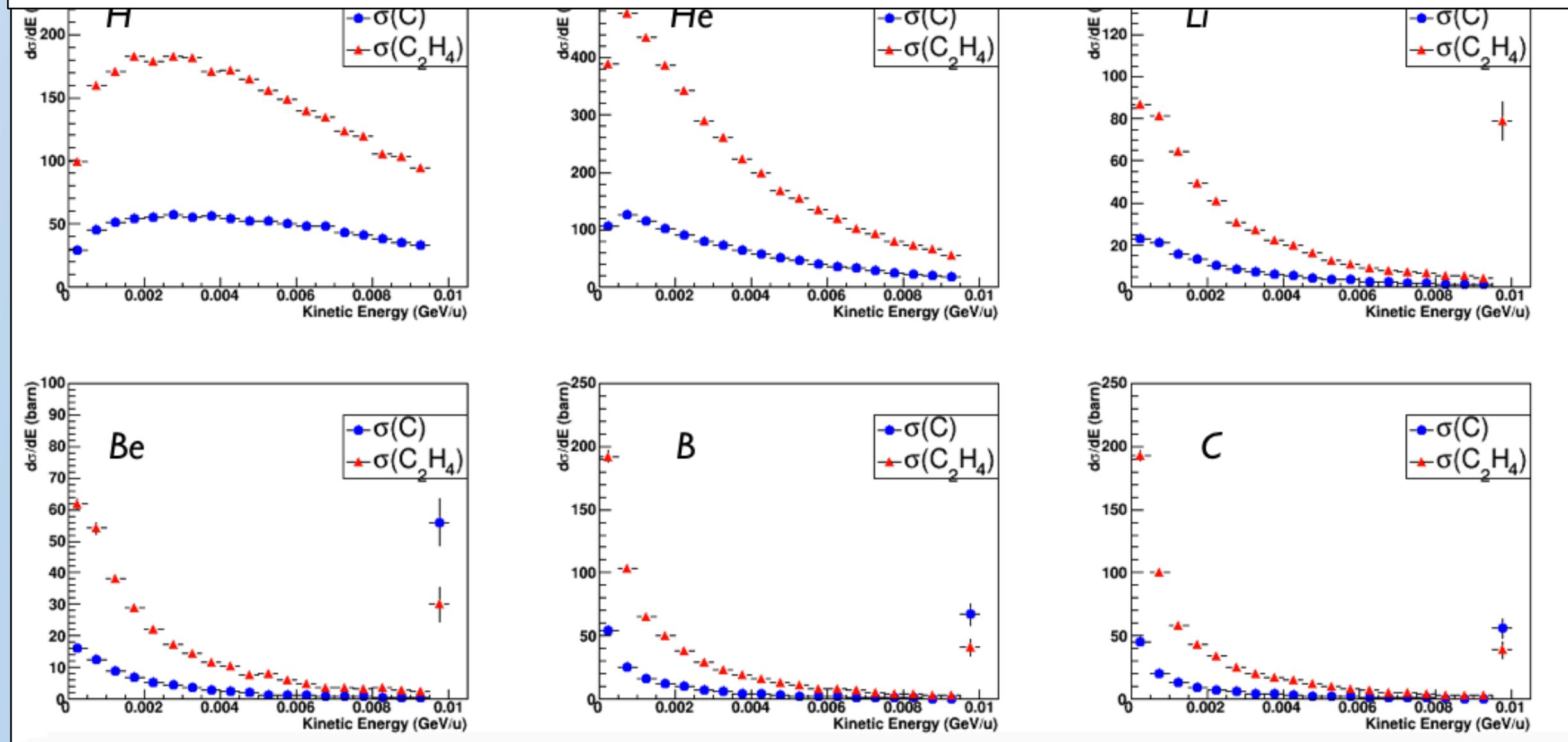


D @ 80 MeV

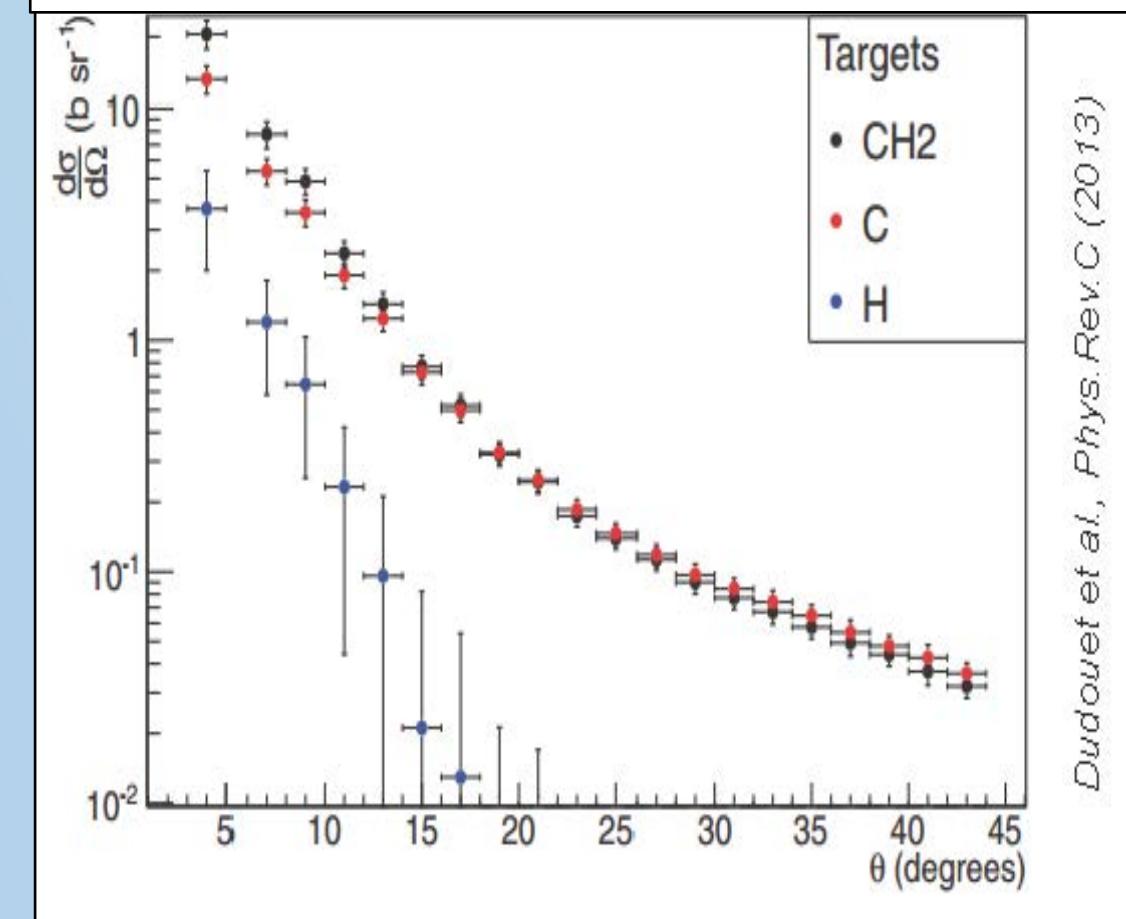


Target Fragmentation cross sections

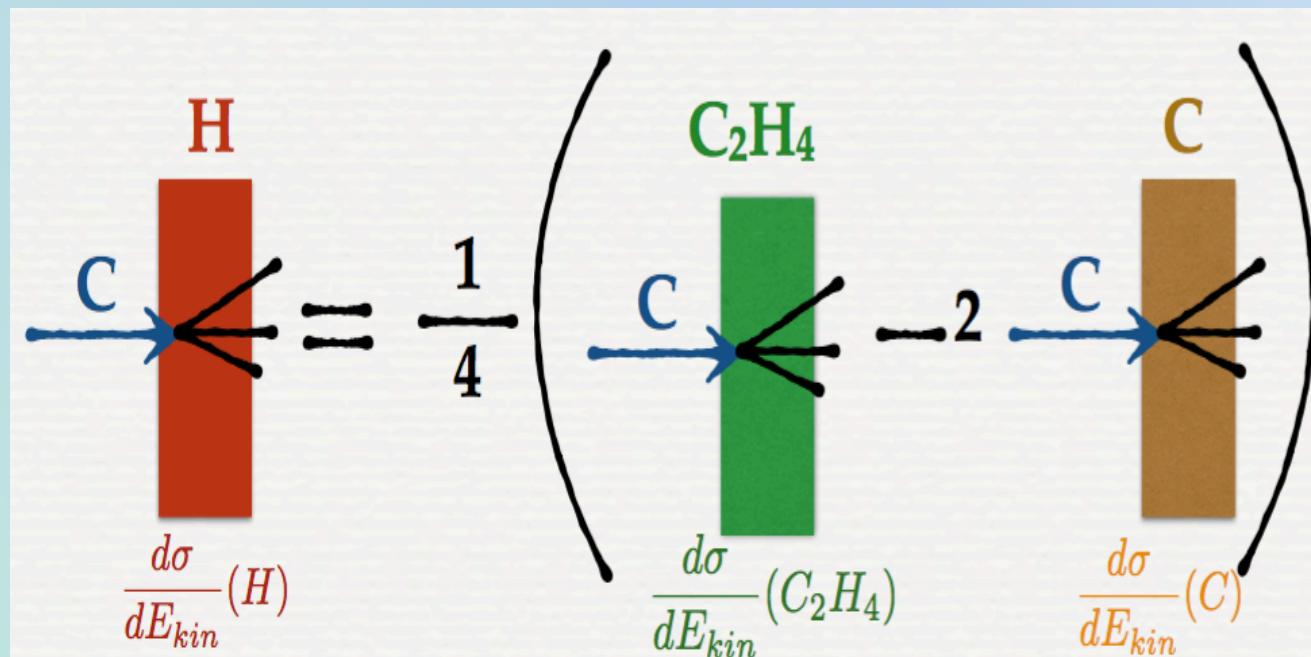
$d\sigma/dE_{kin}(\text{fragment})$ in C & C_2H_4 targets (inverse kinematic)



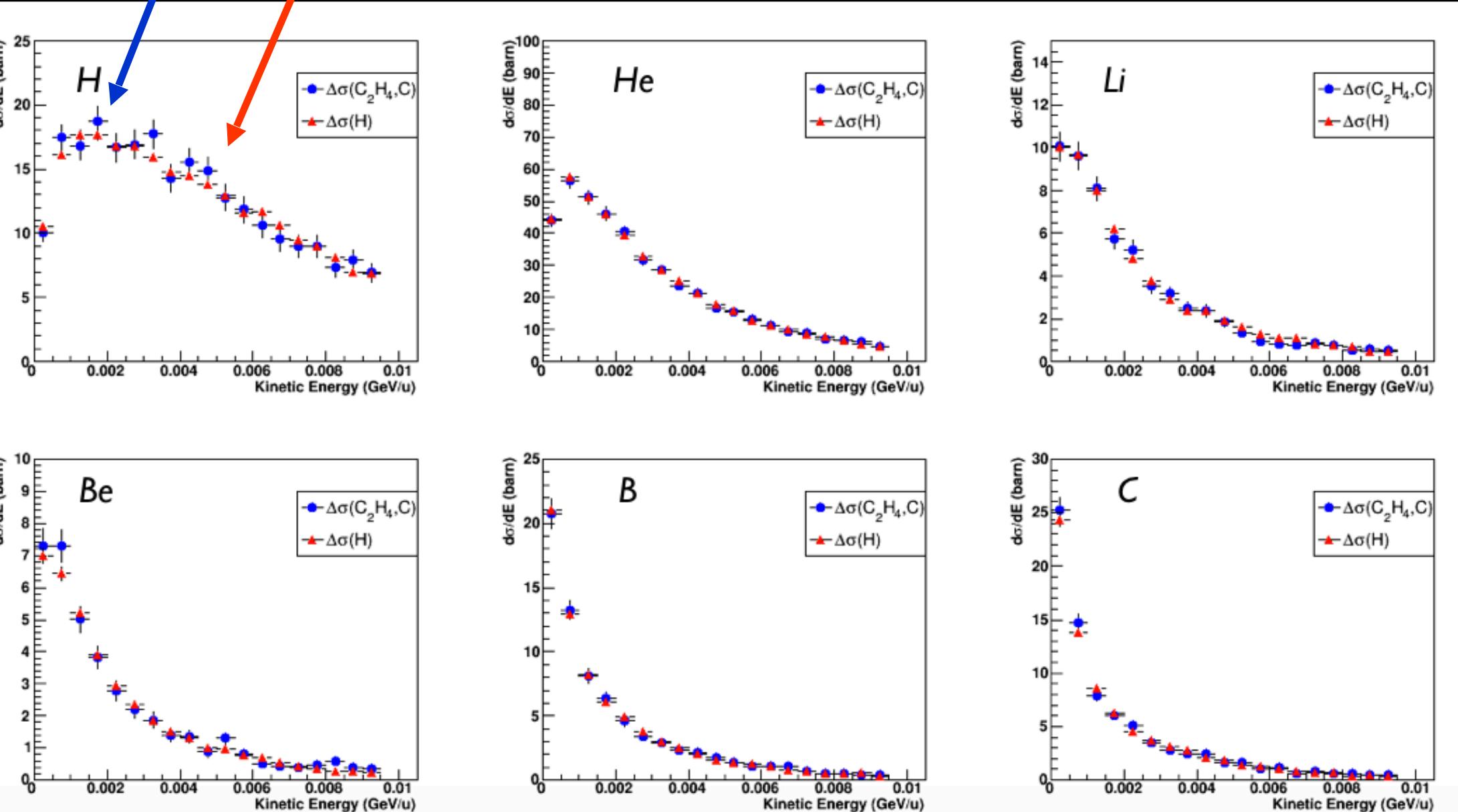
Ganil experimental data



Fluka Simulation
 ^{12}C (200 MeV/u) \rightarrow C_2H_4 & H

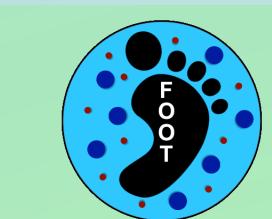


$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_{kin}}(H) = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dE_{kin}}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4) - 2 \frac{d\sigma}{dE_{kin}}(\text{C}) \right)$$



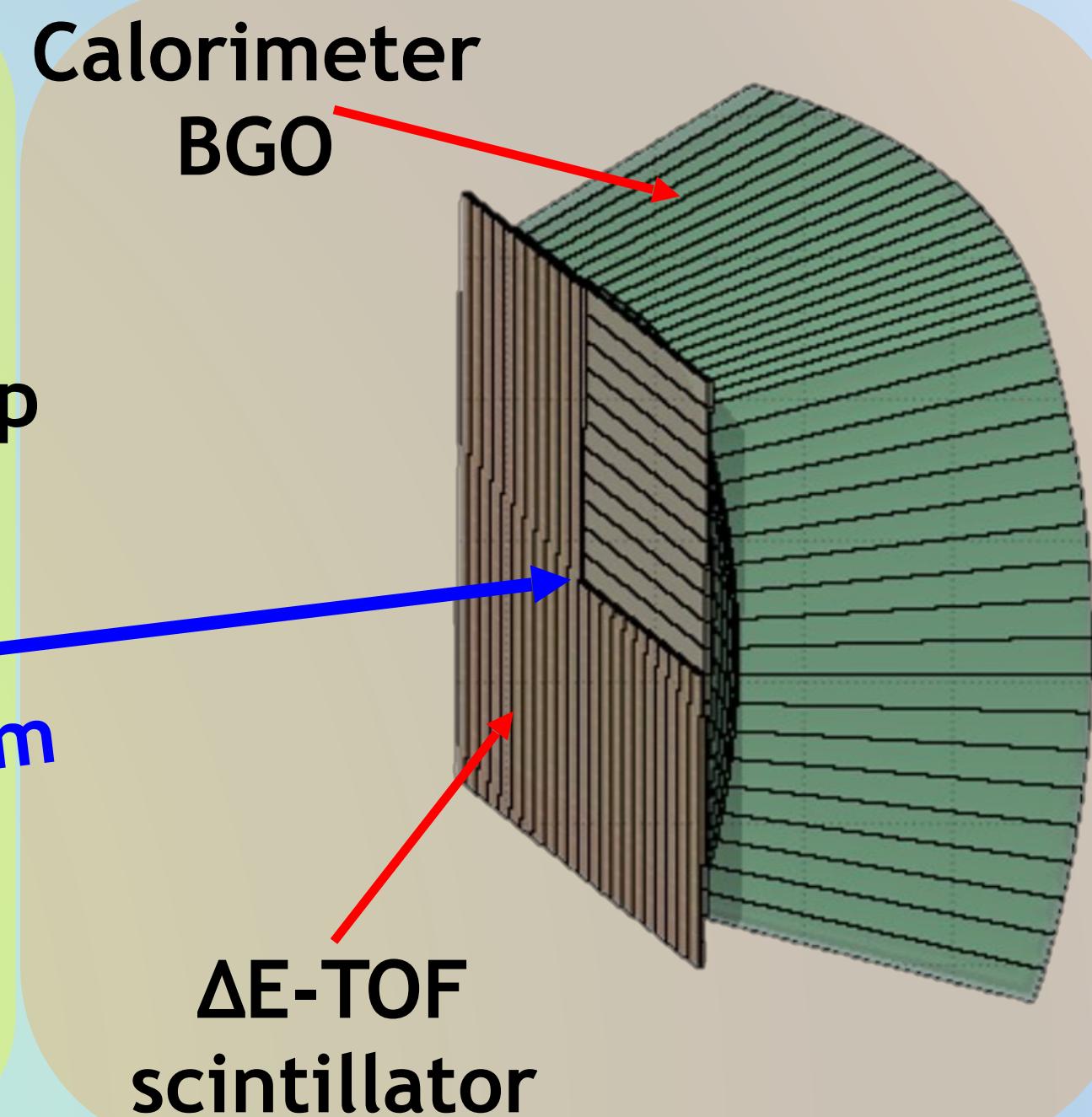
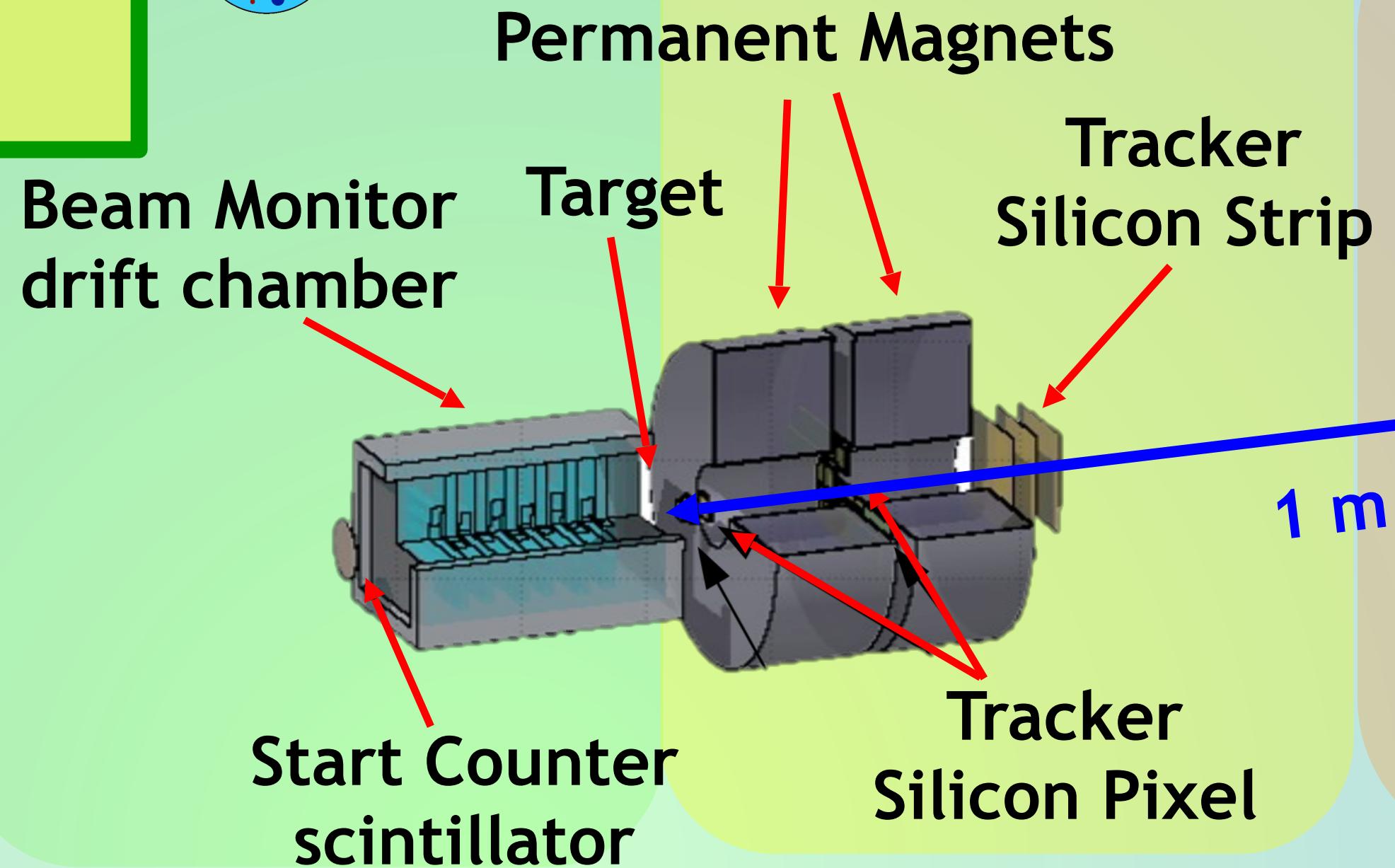
Agreement between the two methods

FOOT Detector: electronic Setup



Detector in construction and test beam phase

- Optimized for heavy ($Z \geq 3$) fragments
- < 2 m (@200 MeV/u) → portability
- Angular acceptance $\rightarrow \pm 10^\circ$



Sub-detector	Main Characteristic	Pre-target region	Tracking region	Identification region
Start Counter	Plastic scintillator 250 μm			
Beam monitor	Drift chamber (12 layers of wires)			
Target	$\text{C} + \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ (2 mm)			
Vertex	4 layers silicon pixel (20x20 μm)			
Magnet	2 permanent dipoles (Halbach geometry 0.8 T)			

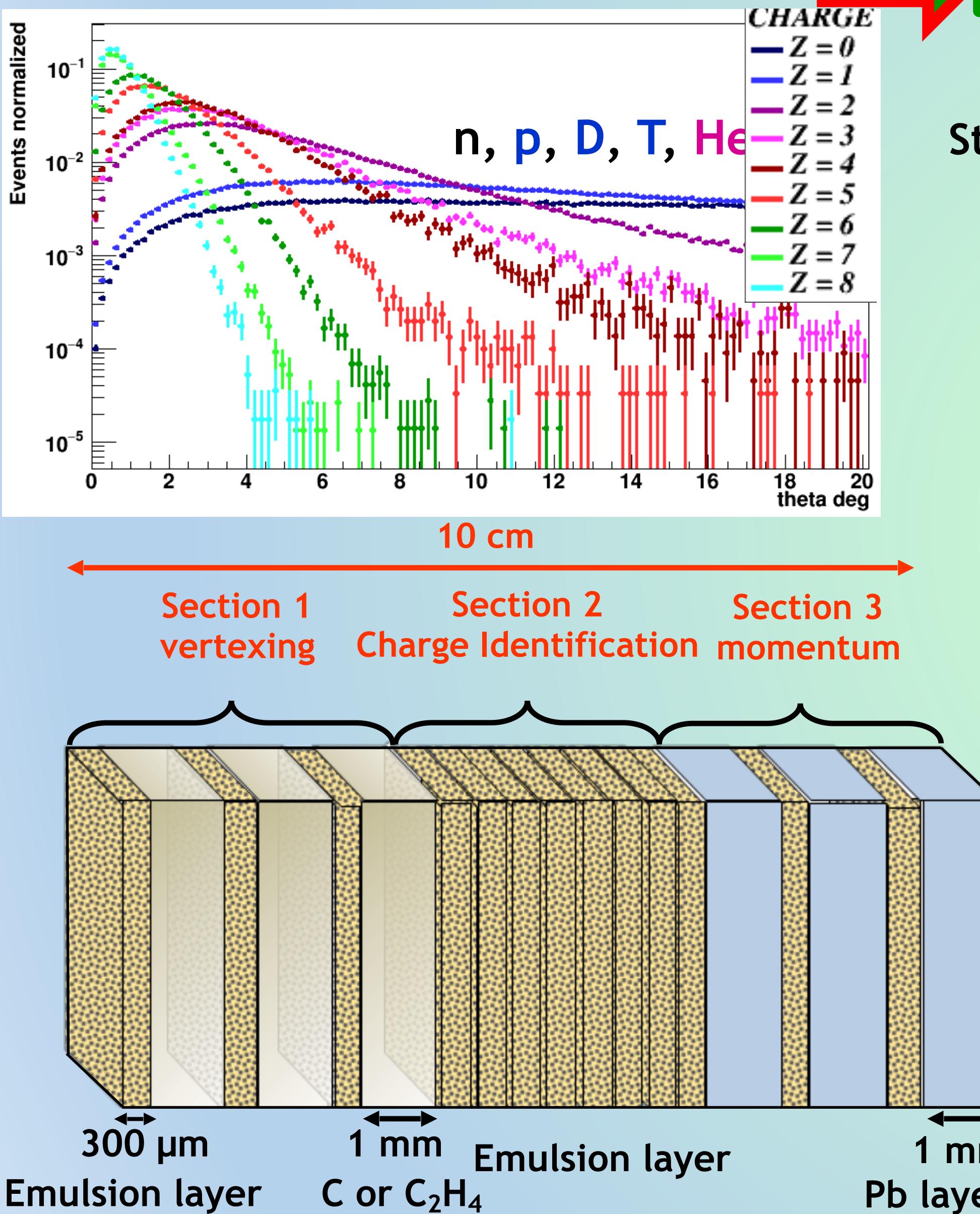
Events normalized

CHARGE

- $Z = 0$
- $Z = 1$
- $Z = 2$
- $Z = 3$
- $Z = 4$
- $Z = 5$
- $Z = 6$
- $Z = 7$
- $Z = 8$

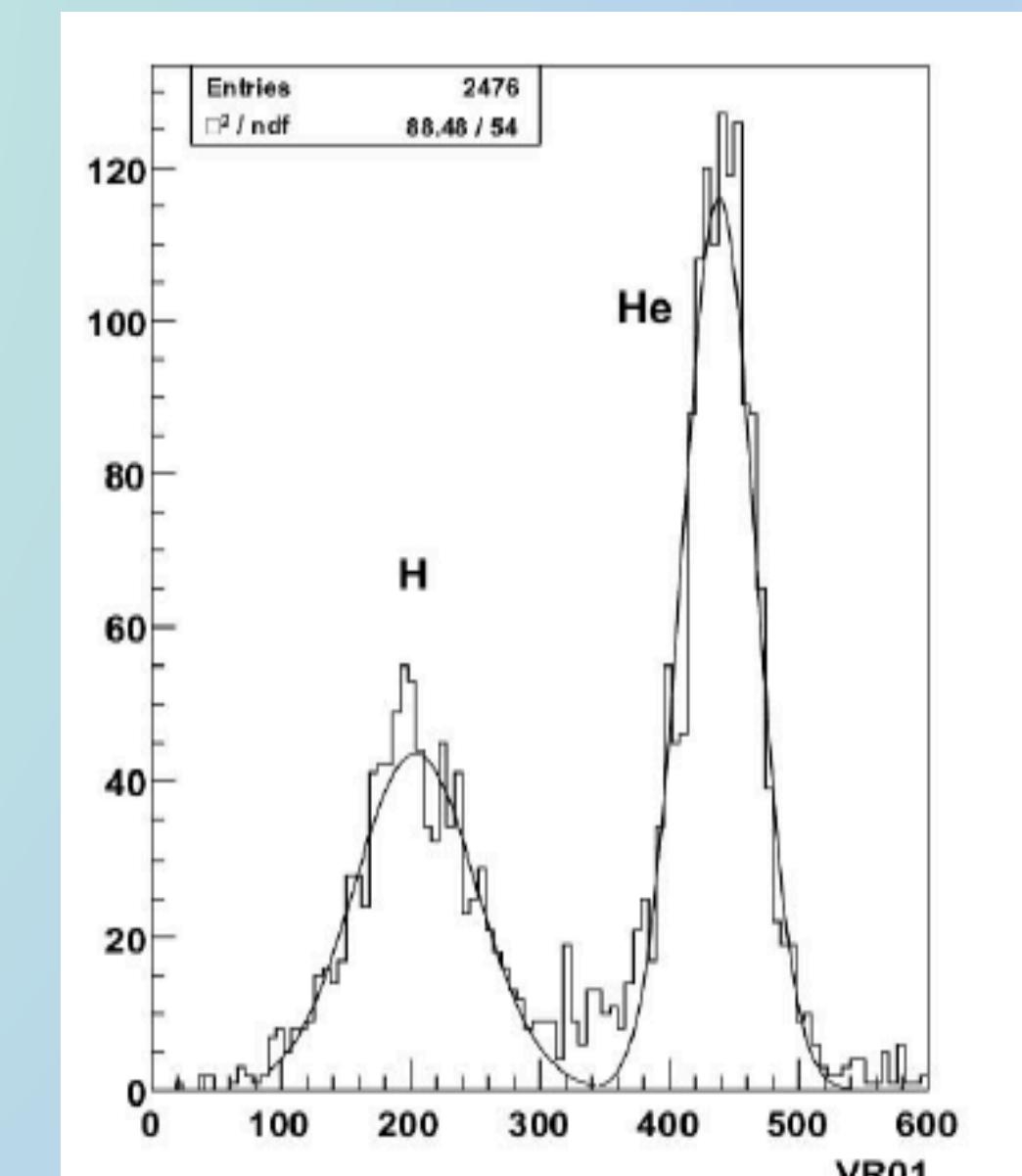
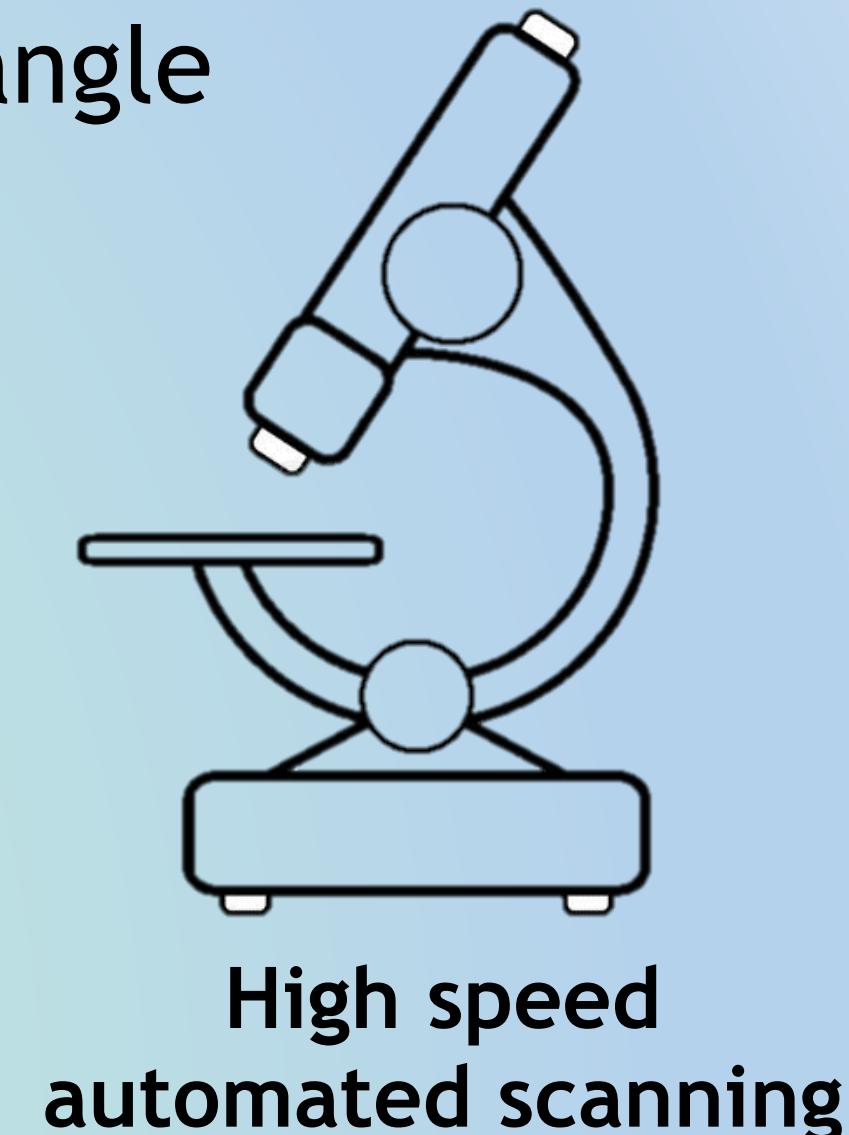
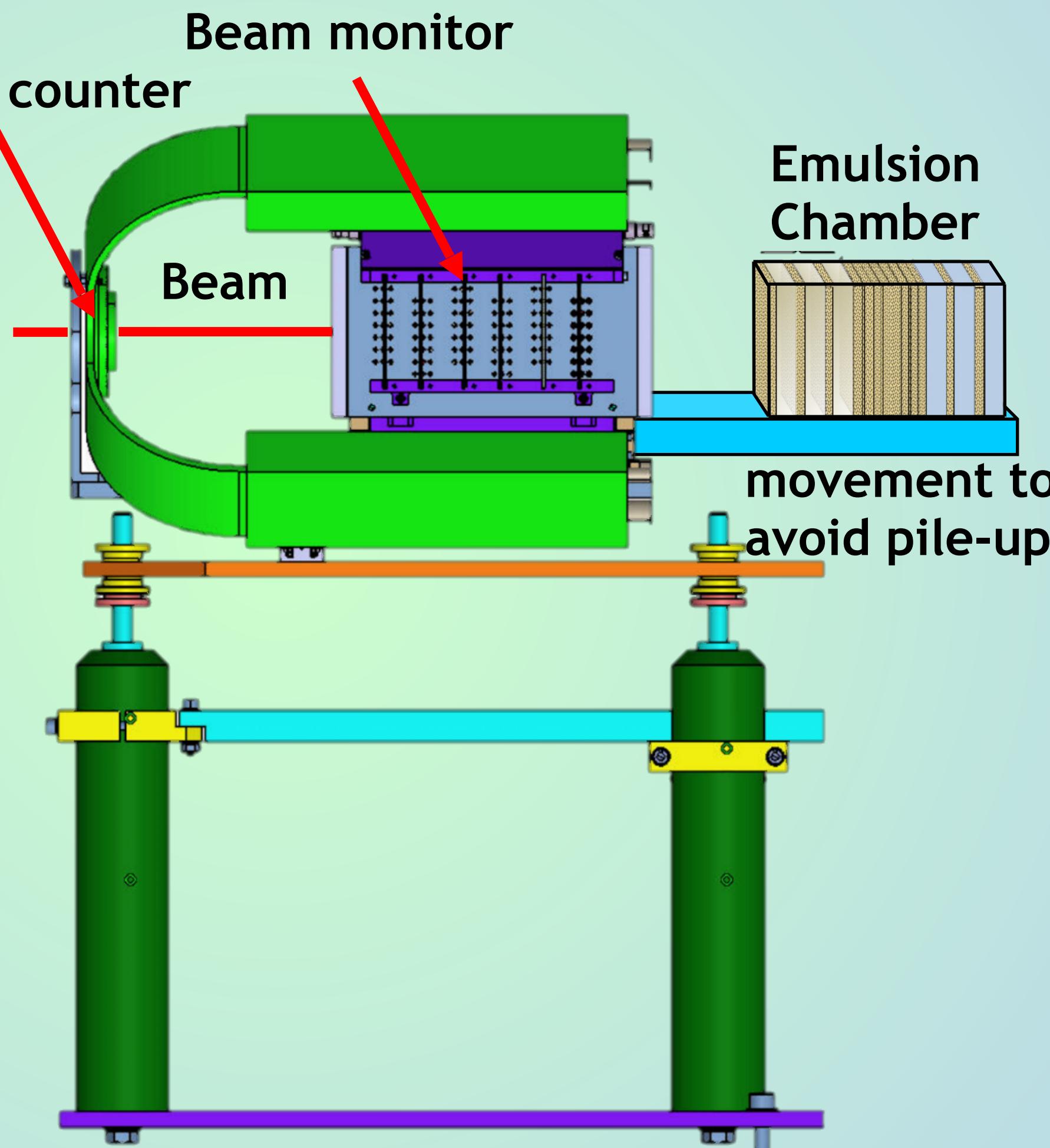
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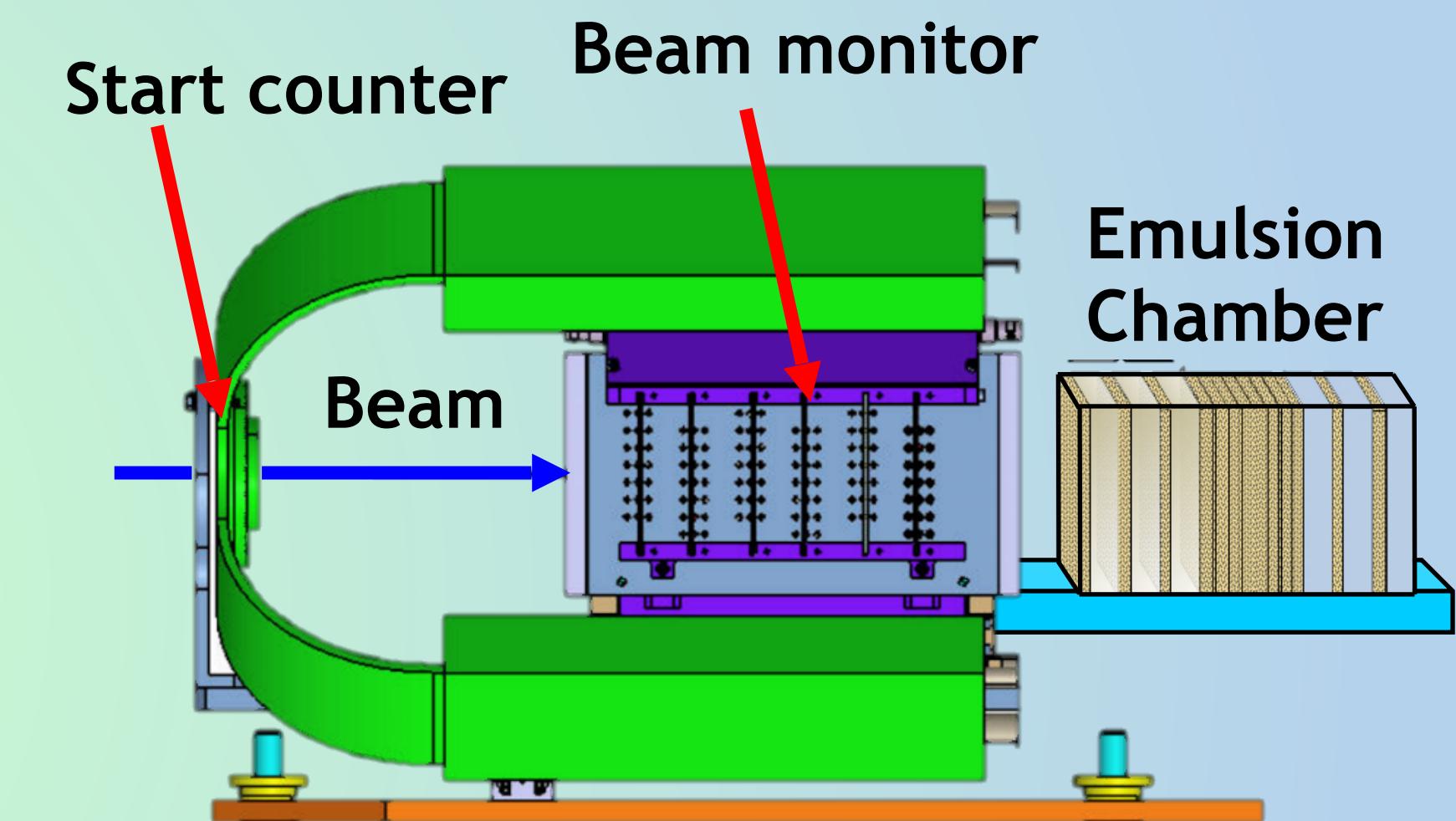
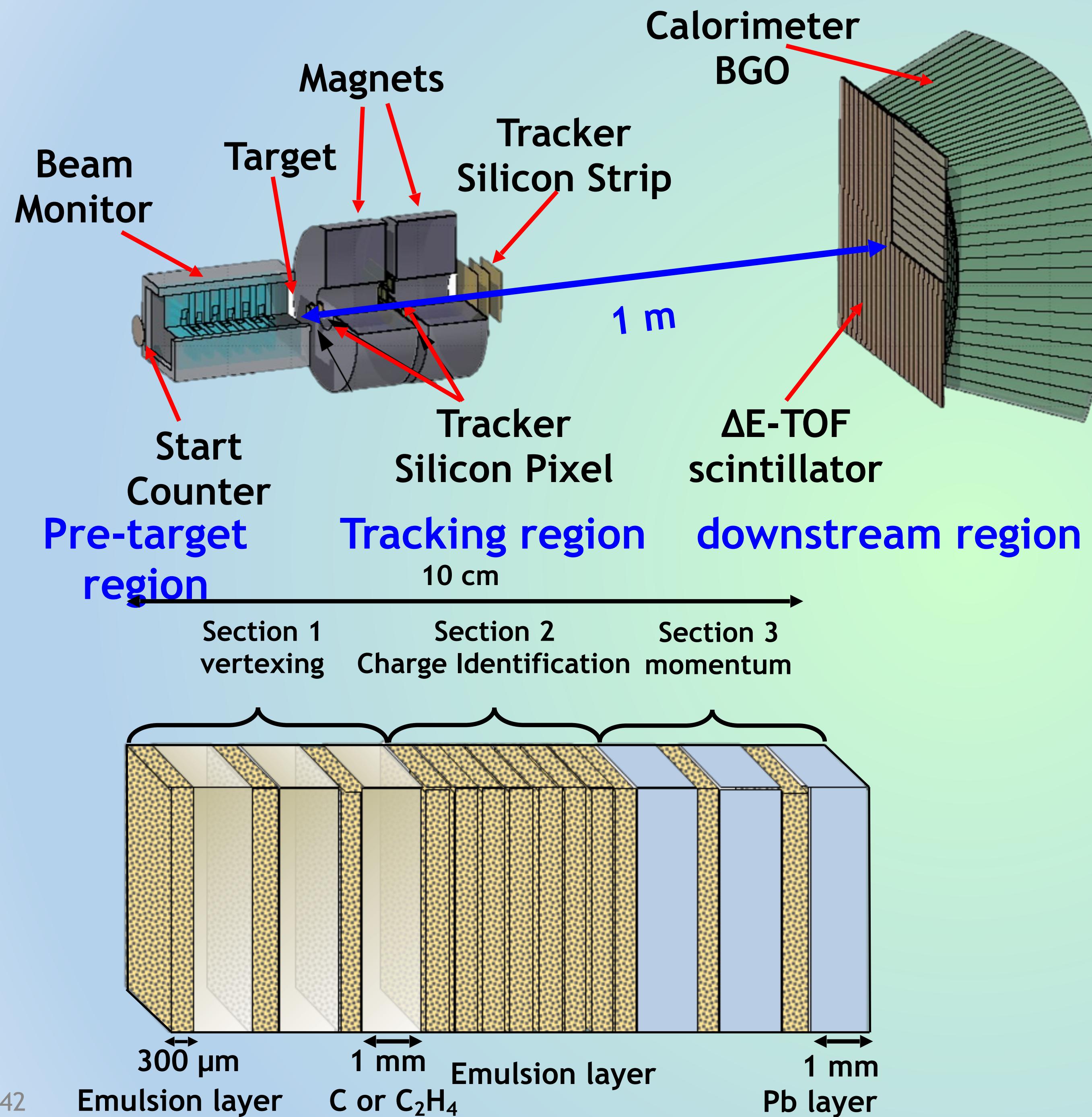
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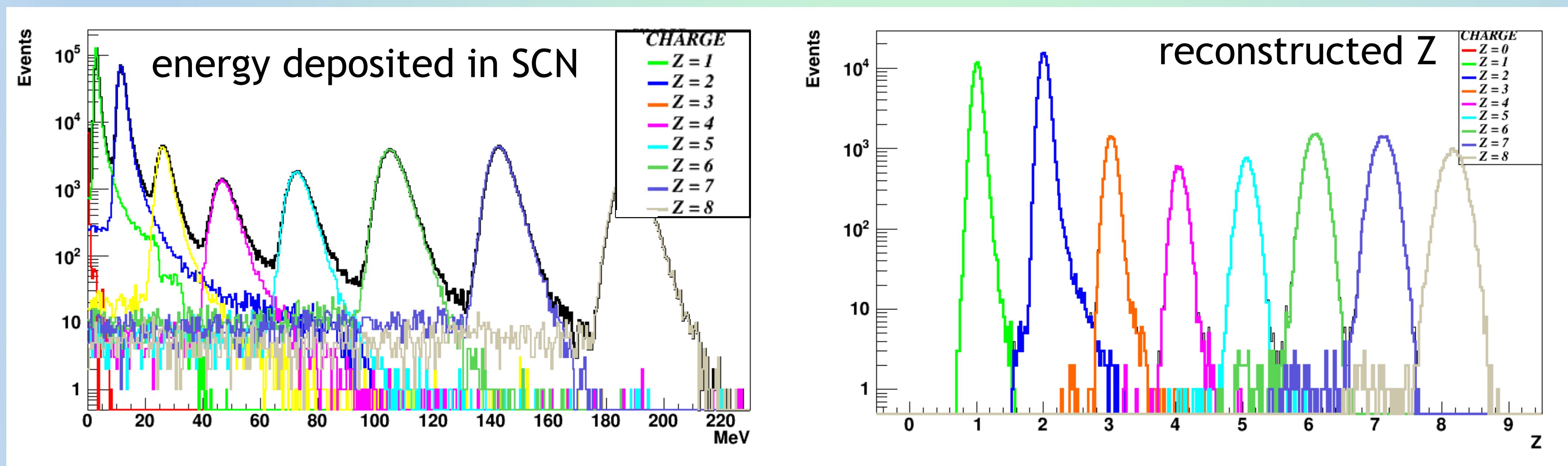


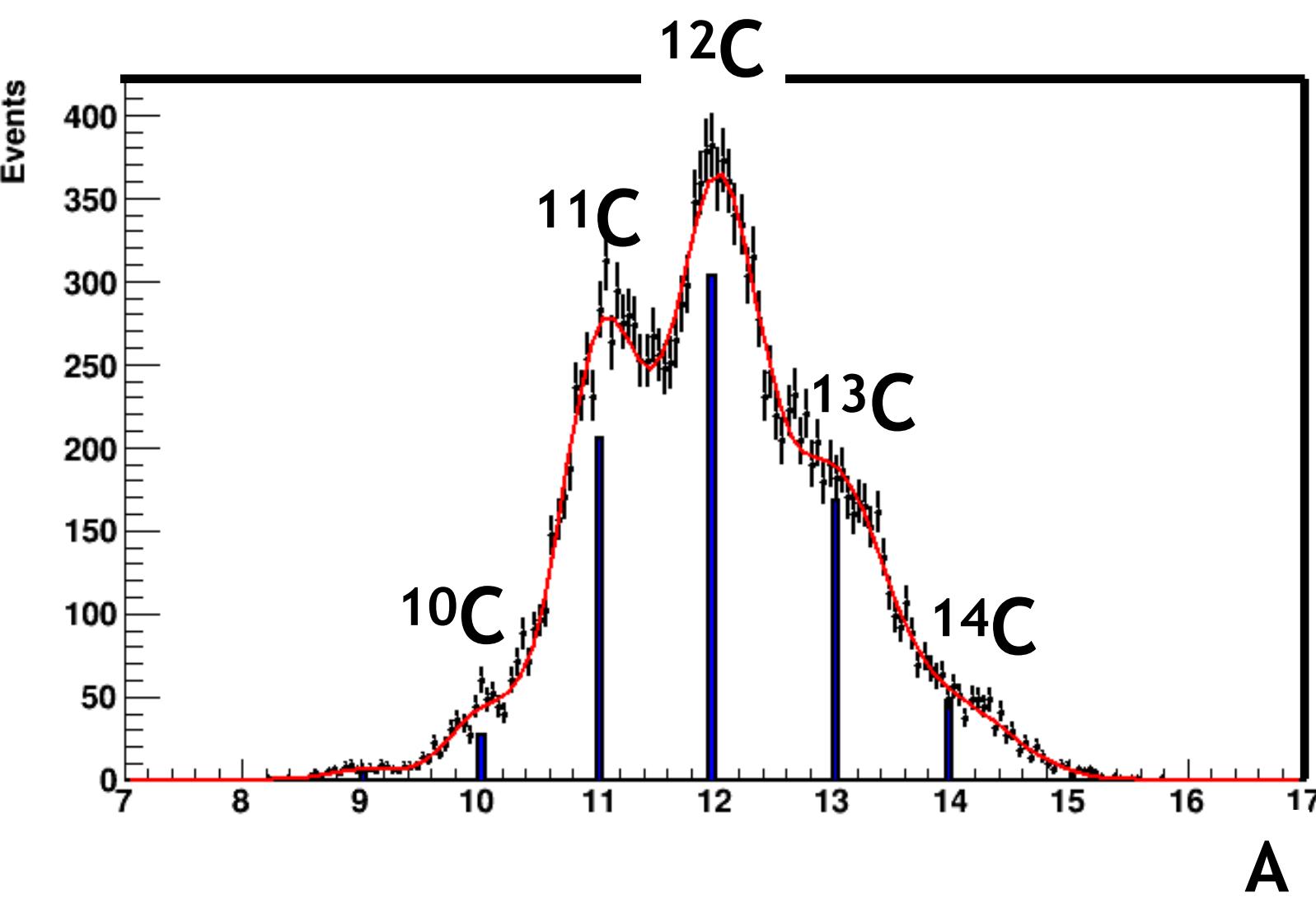
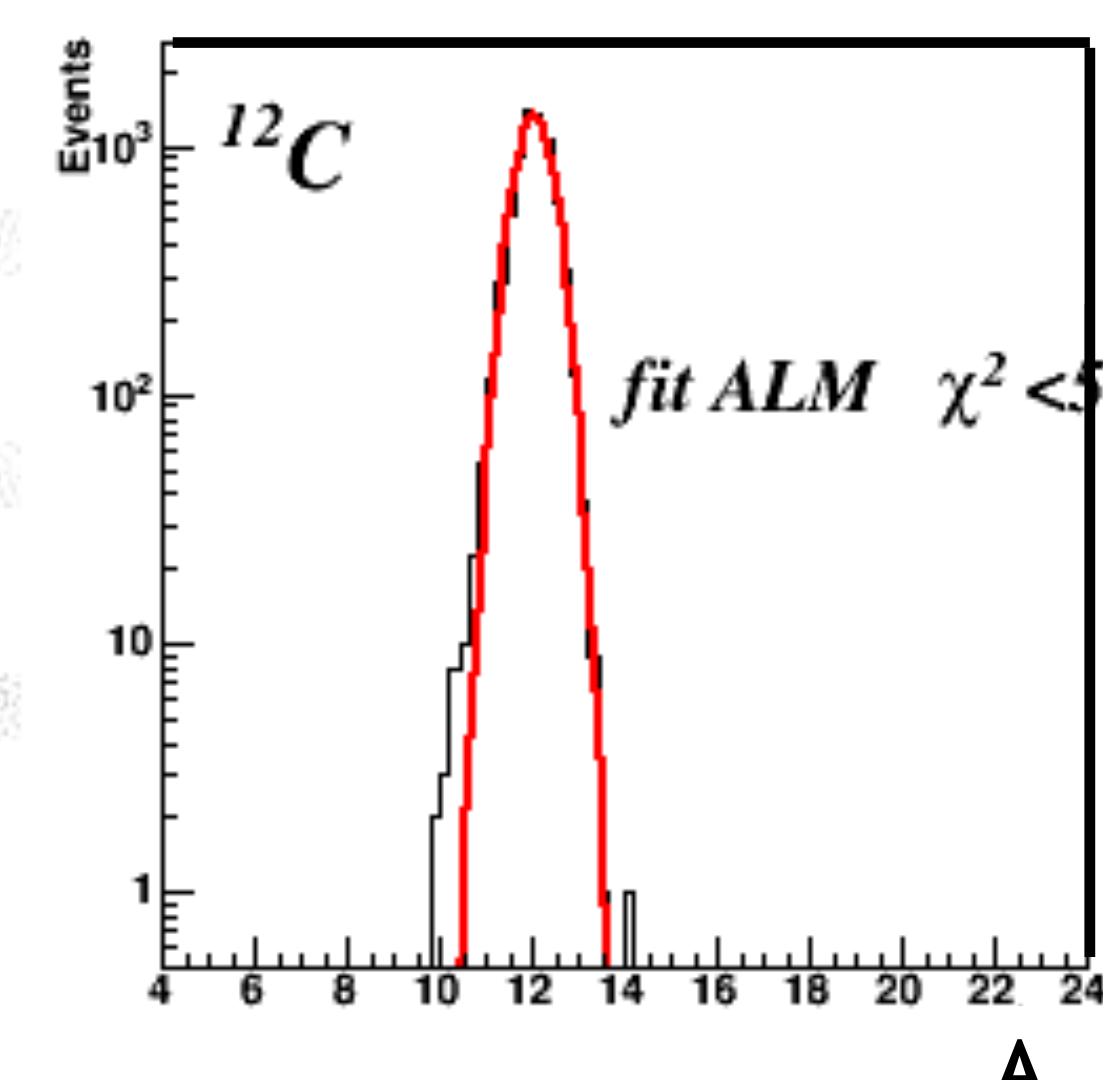
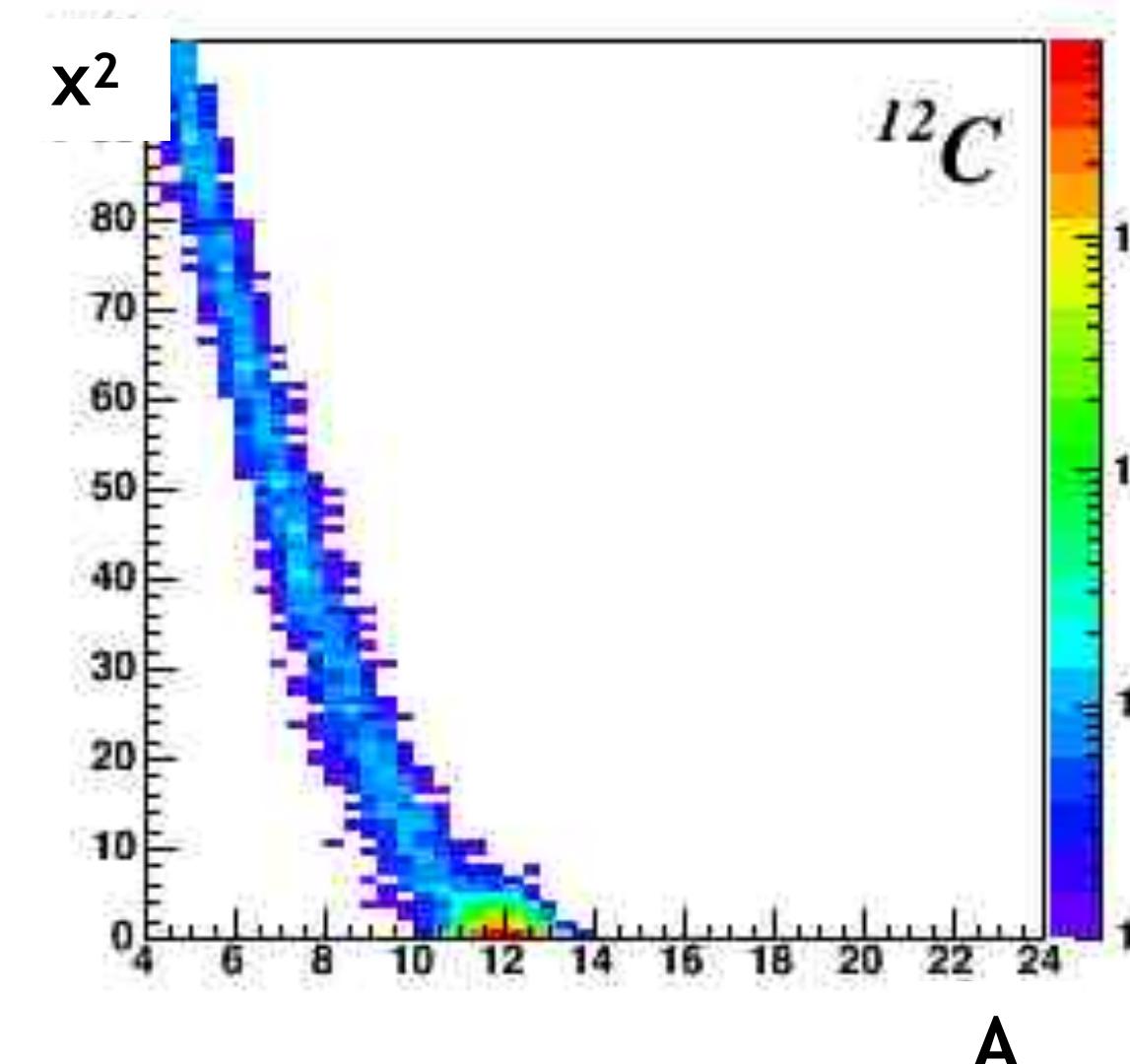
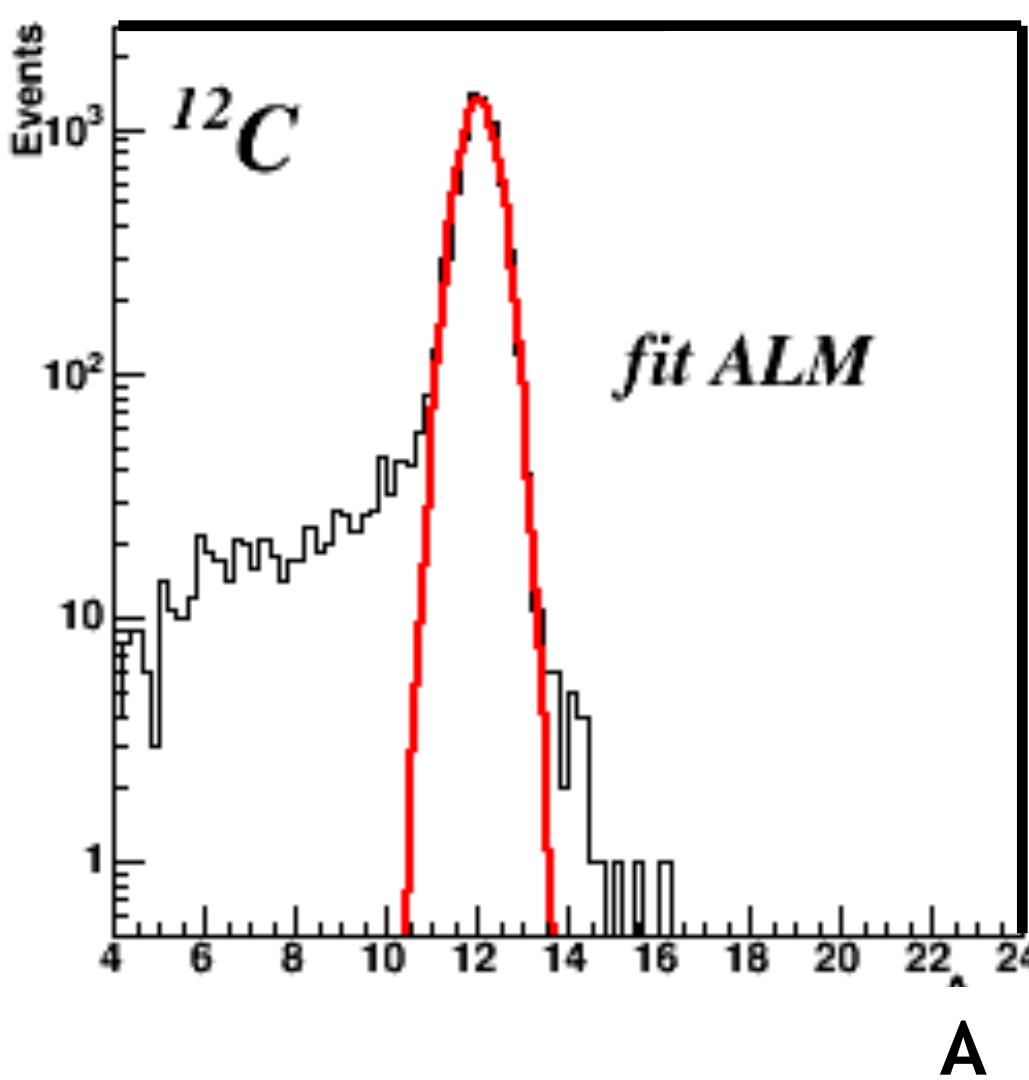
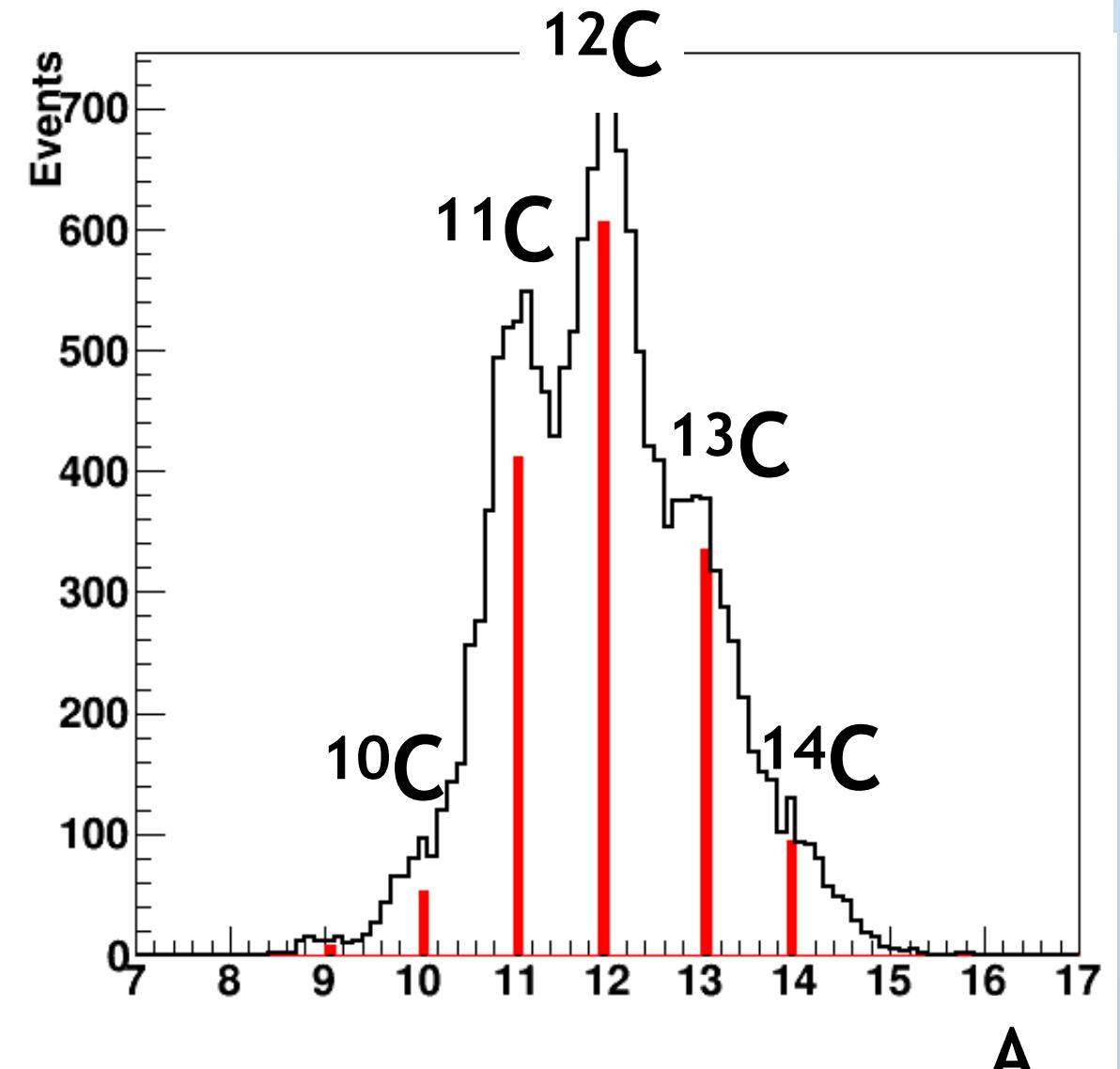
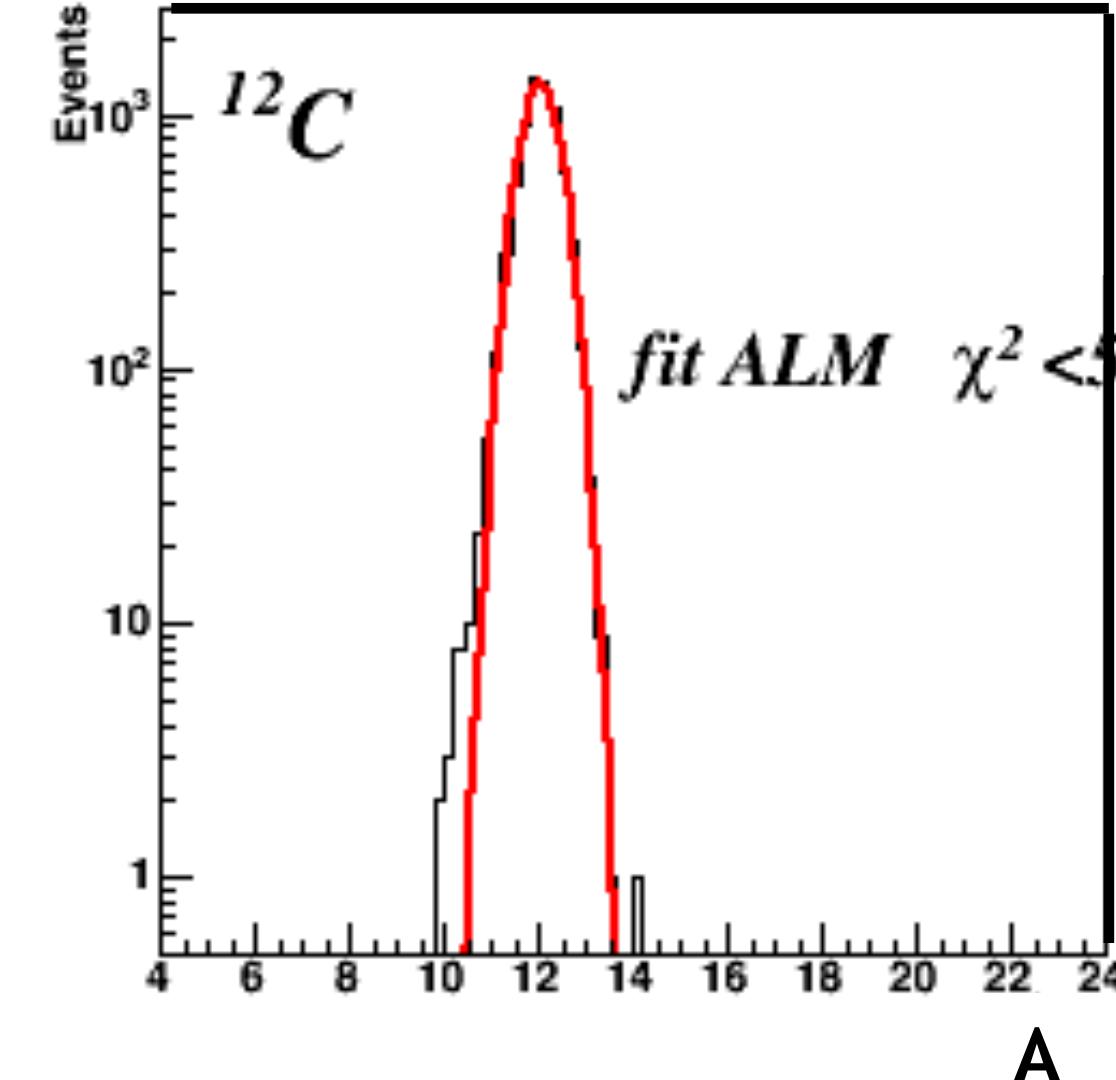
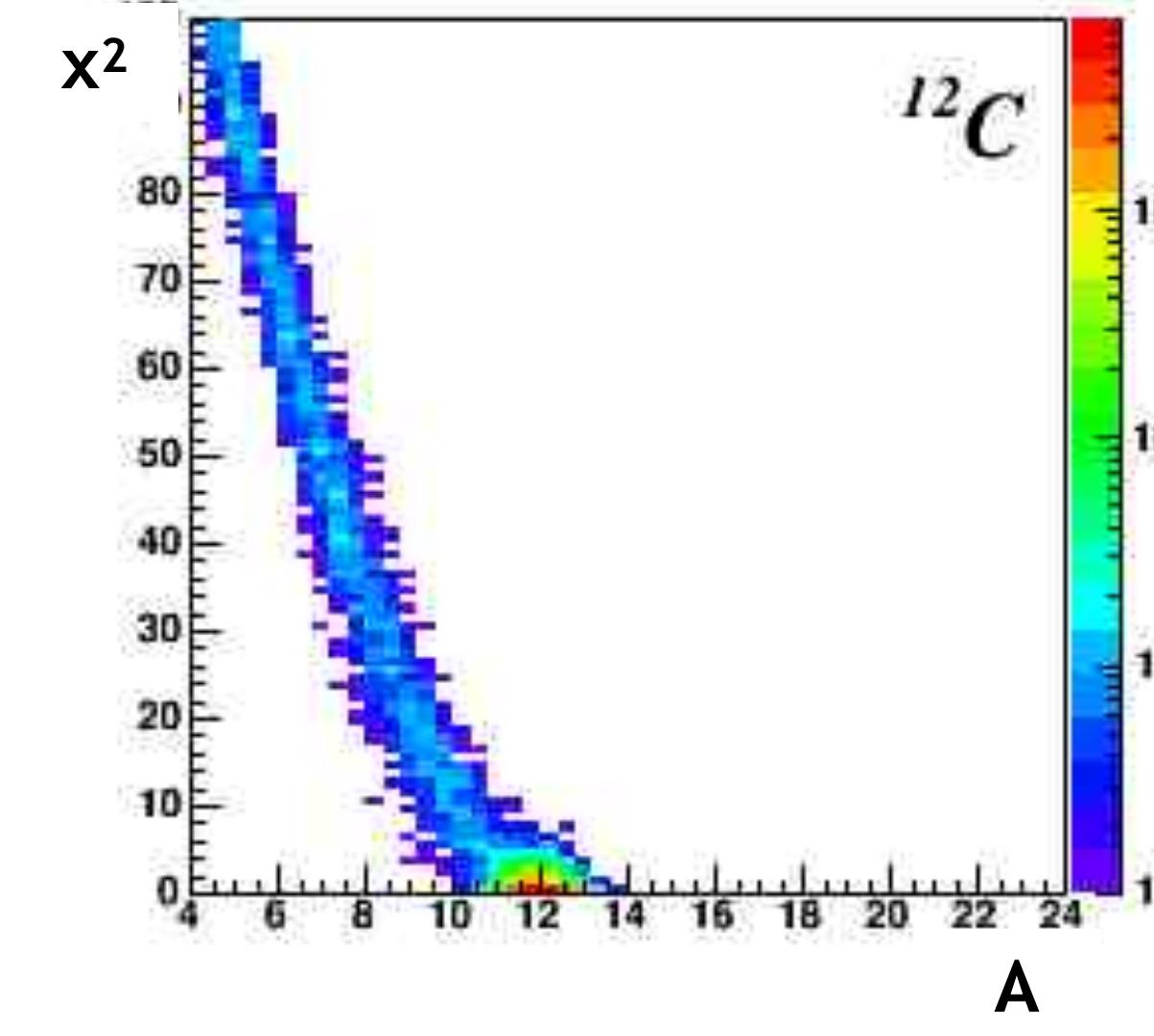
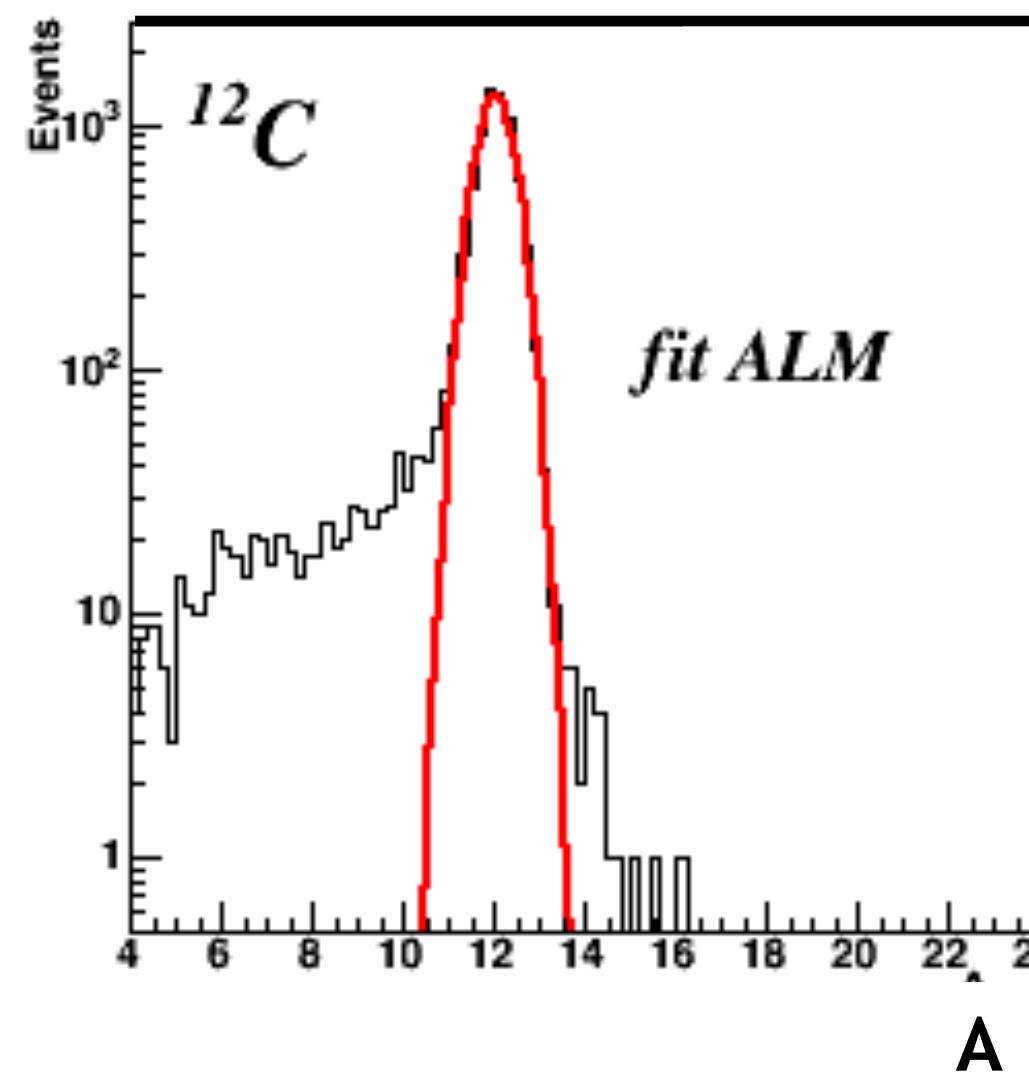
FOOT: Emulsion chamber

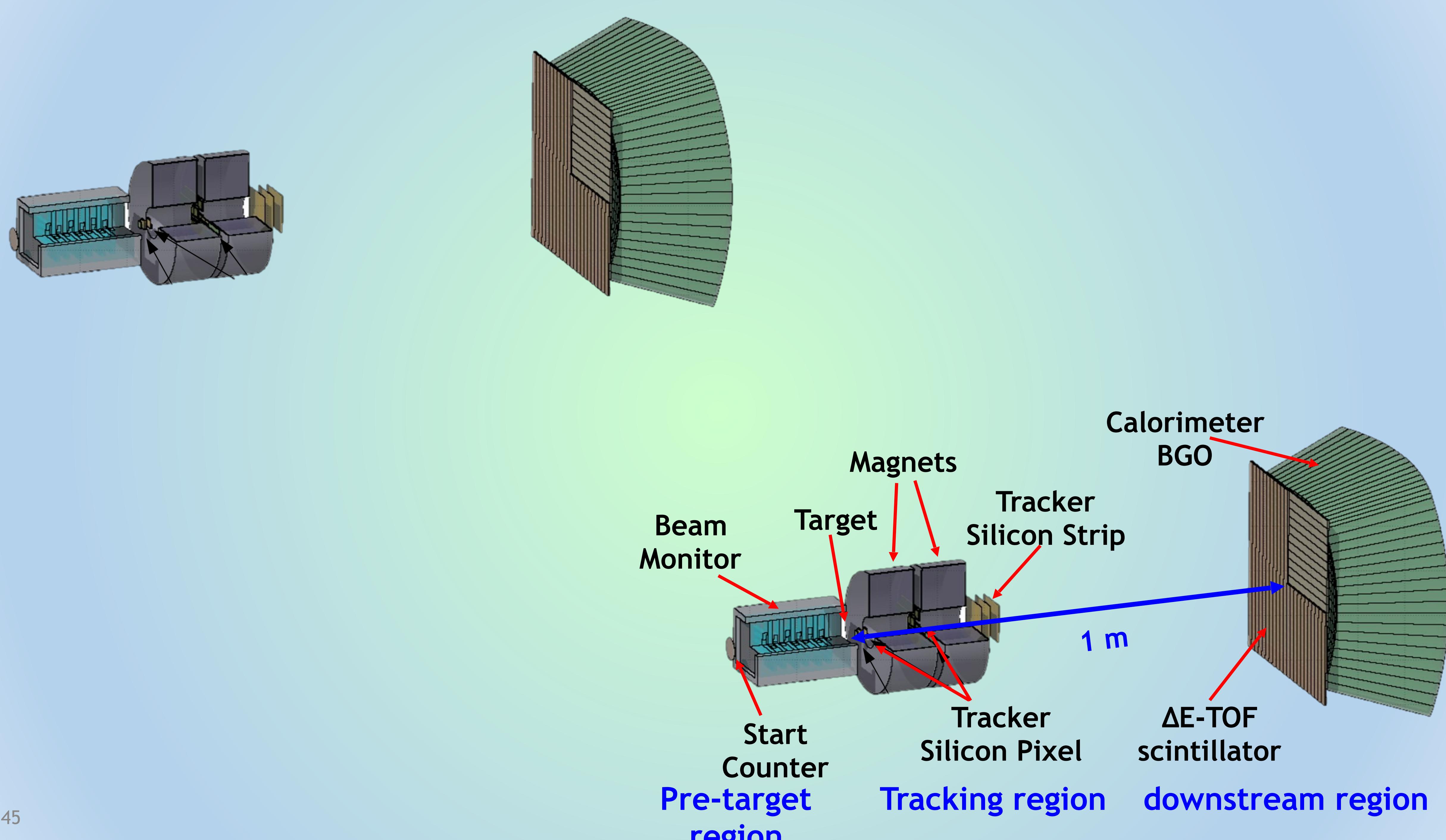
Light fragments ($Z < 3$) produced at wide angle (~75°)











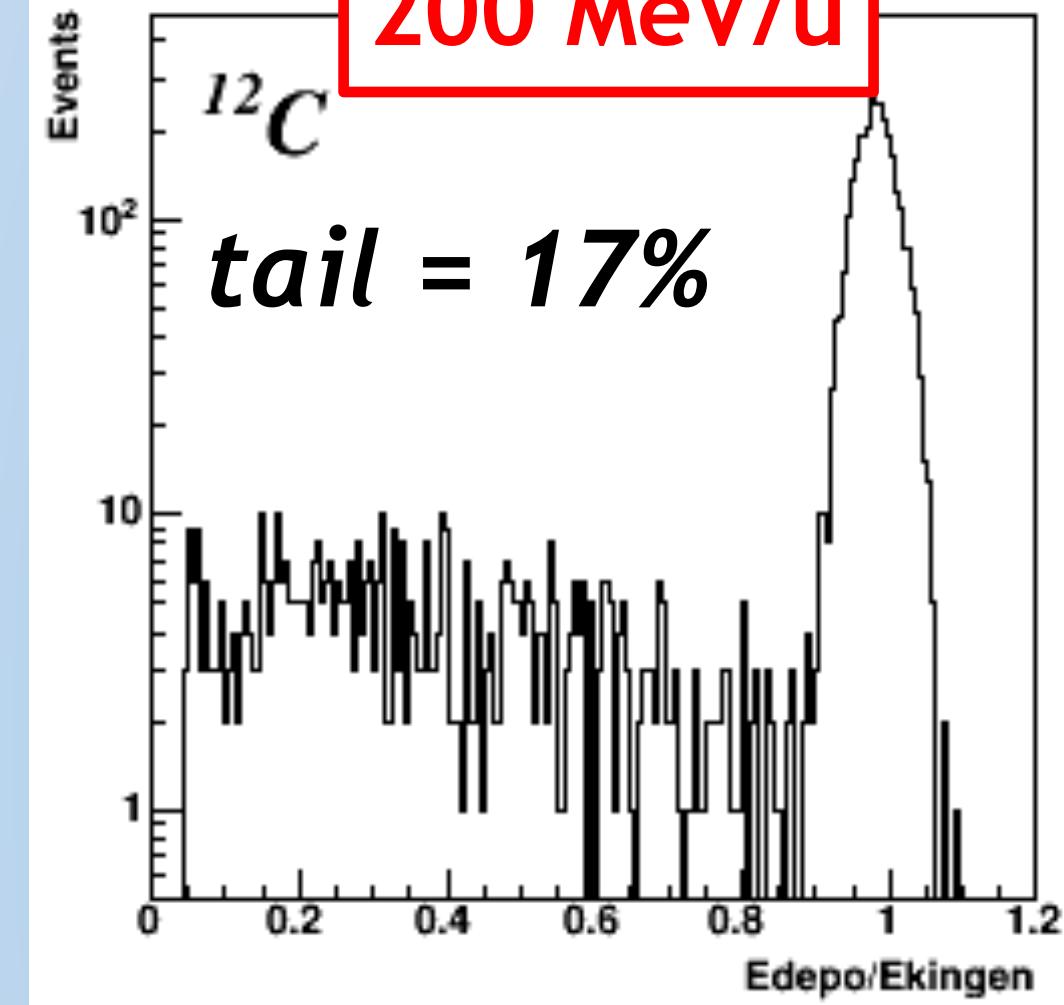
Problems with higher energy: example of

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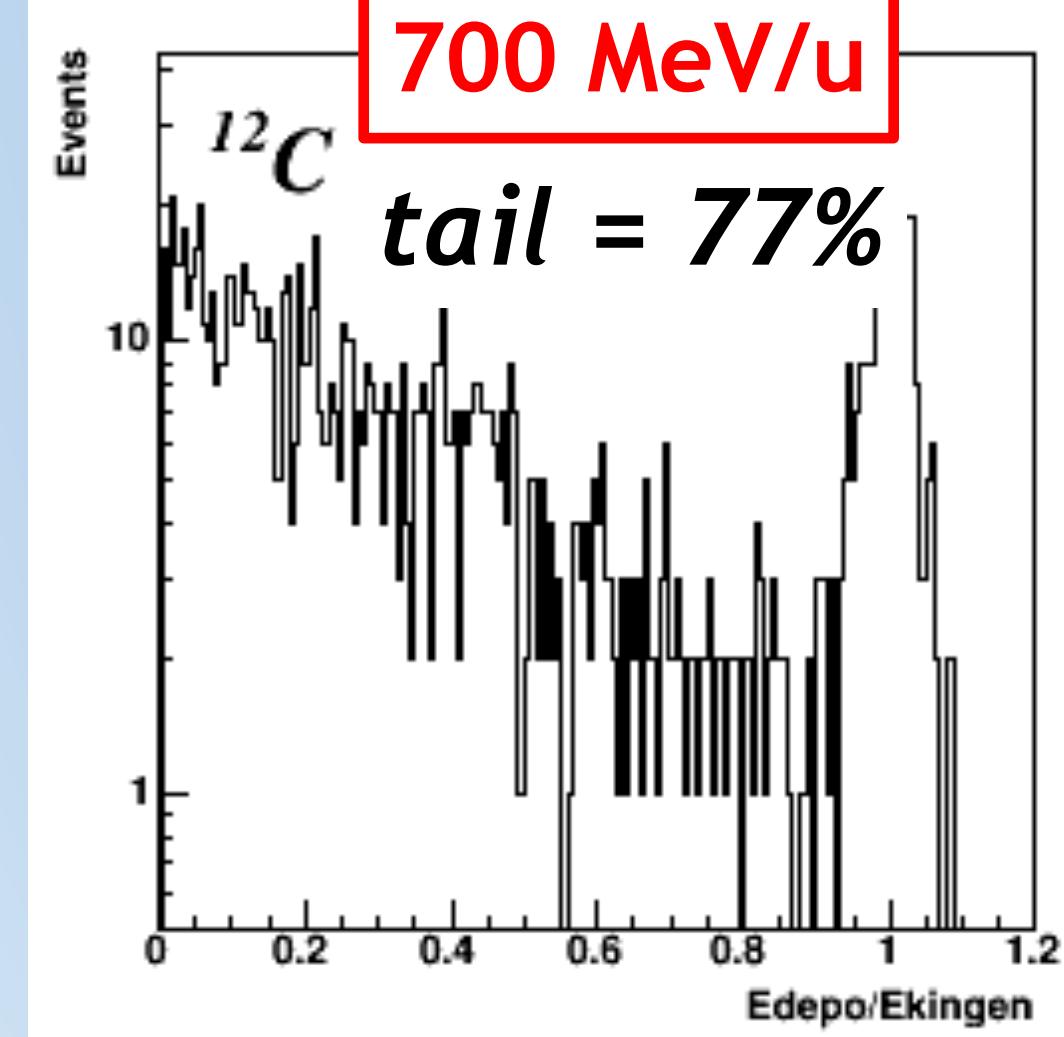
Fragments with larger energy \rightarrow higher probability to fragment in CALO

Fraction of deposited energy

200 MeV/u



700 MeV/u



Larger neutrons production



missed energy in CAL

A with Tof & Tracker



FOOT
redundancy

\sim performance @ 700 MeV/u

20% of well reconstructed

