

**FIRST** Fragmentation of Ions  
Relevant for  
Space and Therapy  
**EXPERIMENT**

# Monte Carlo Simulation of the Full Experimental Set-up

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Introduction, Status Report, and First Studies

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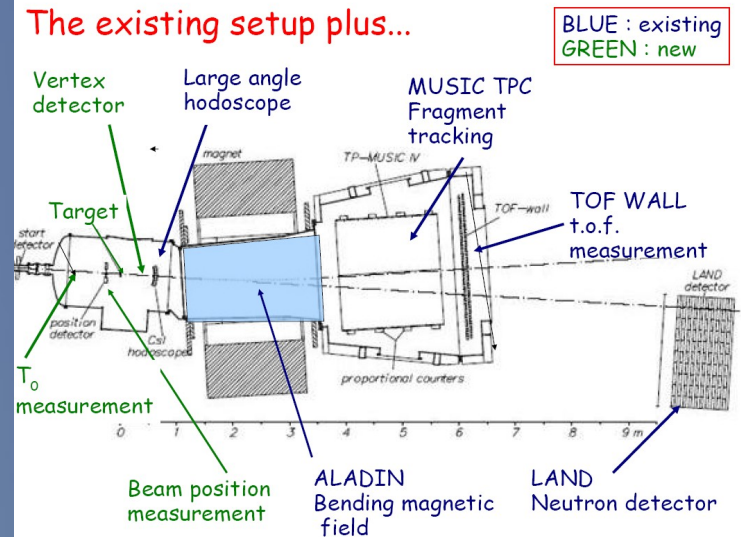
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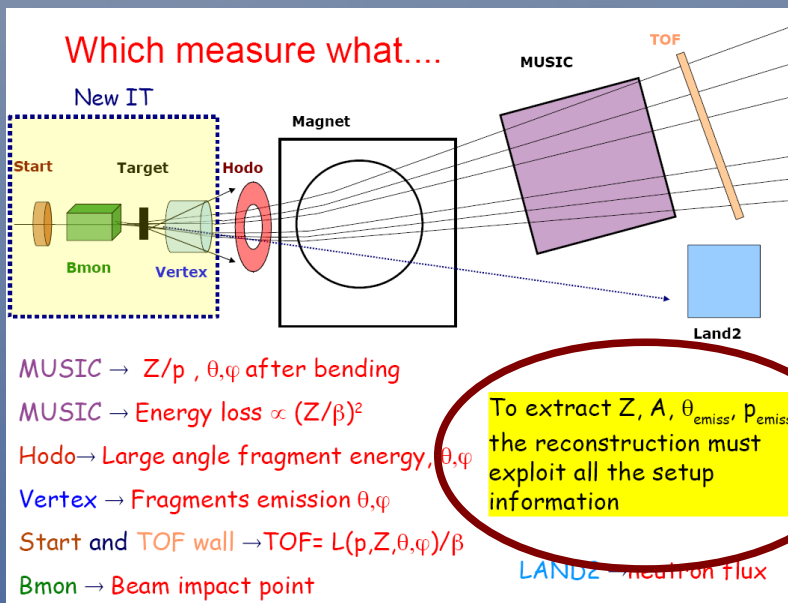
Conclusion and Outlook

# Scope and Objectives

It's a patchwork set-up ...



Which measure what....

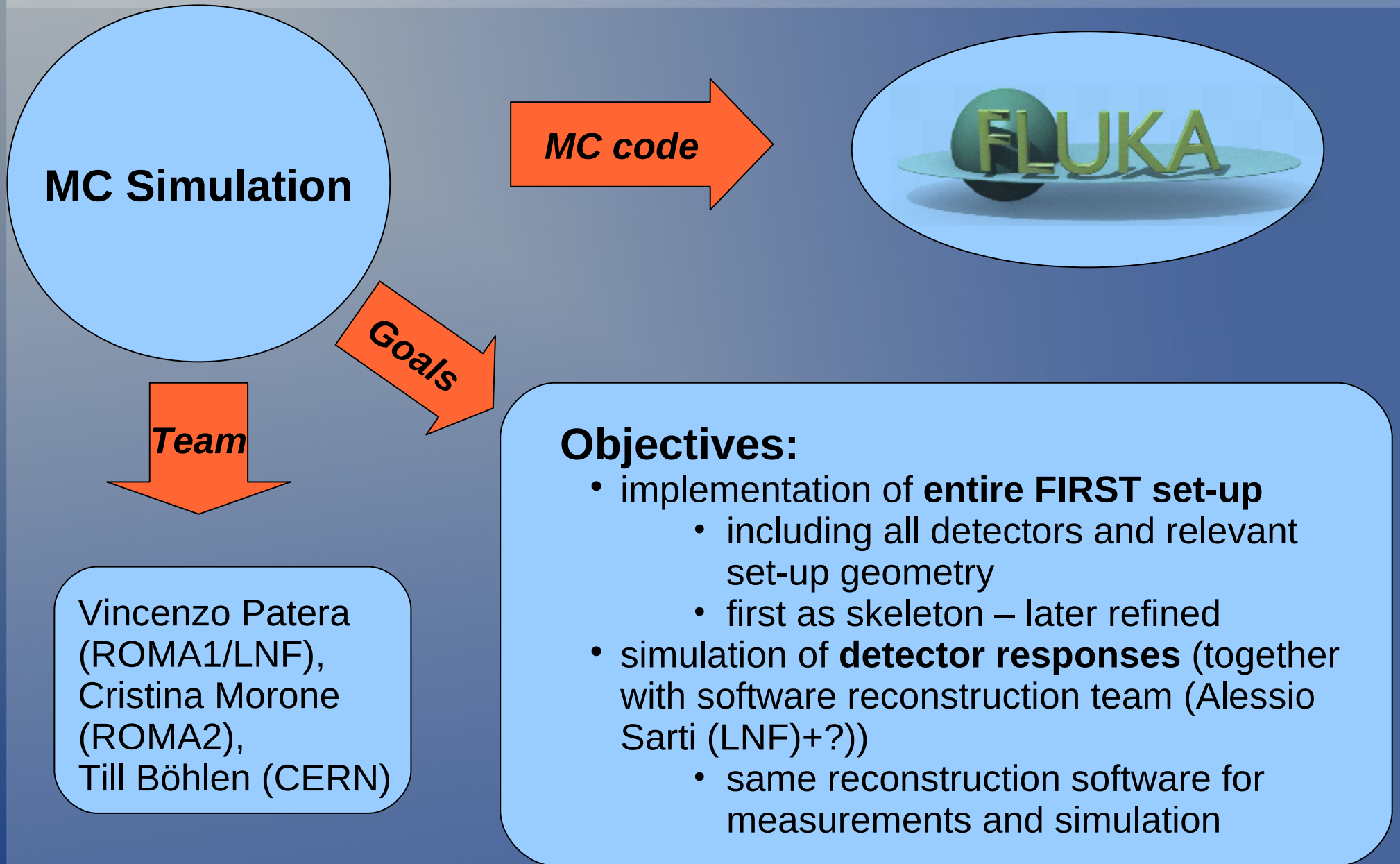


MC Simulation of Full Set-up

addresses:

- design decisions
- set-up optimization
- training reconstruction code
- efficiencies and systematic evaluation

# Scope and Objectives



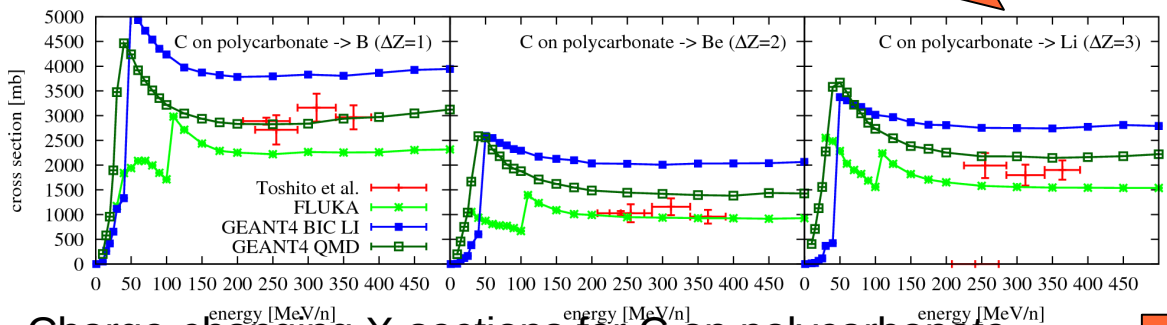
# Reliability of MC ?

MC Simulation

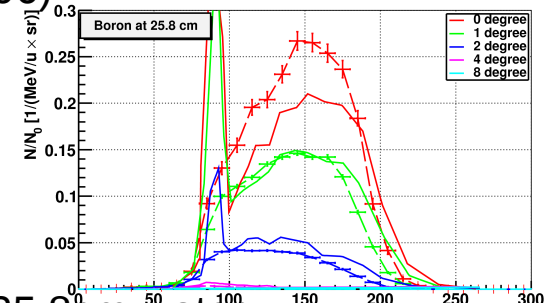
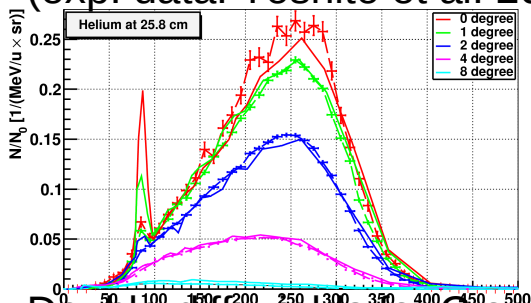
Accuracy?



Validation



Charge-changing X-sections for C on polycarbonate (exp. data: Toshito et al. 2006)



Double-diff. yields for C on 25.8cm water (exp. data: Haettner 2006)



- benchmarked with some fragmentation data – but limited!

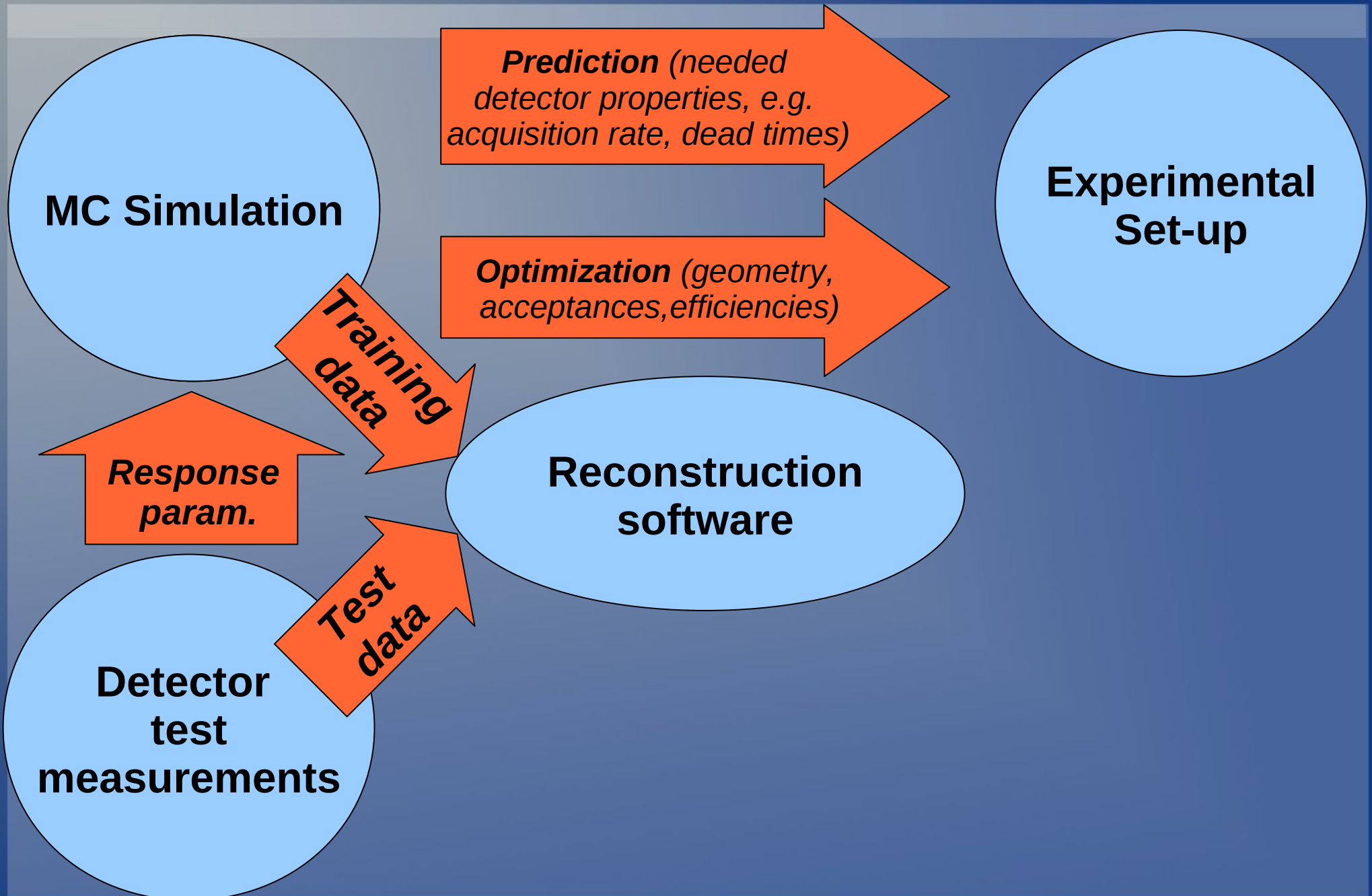


- only gives rule of thumb indication of fragmentation physics

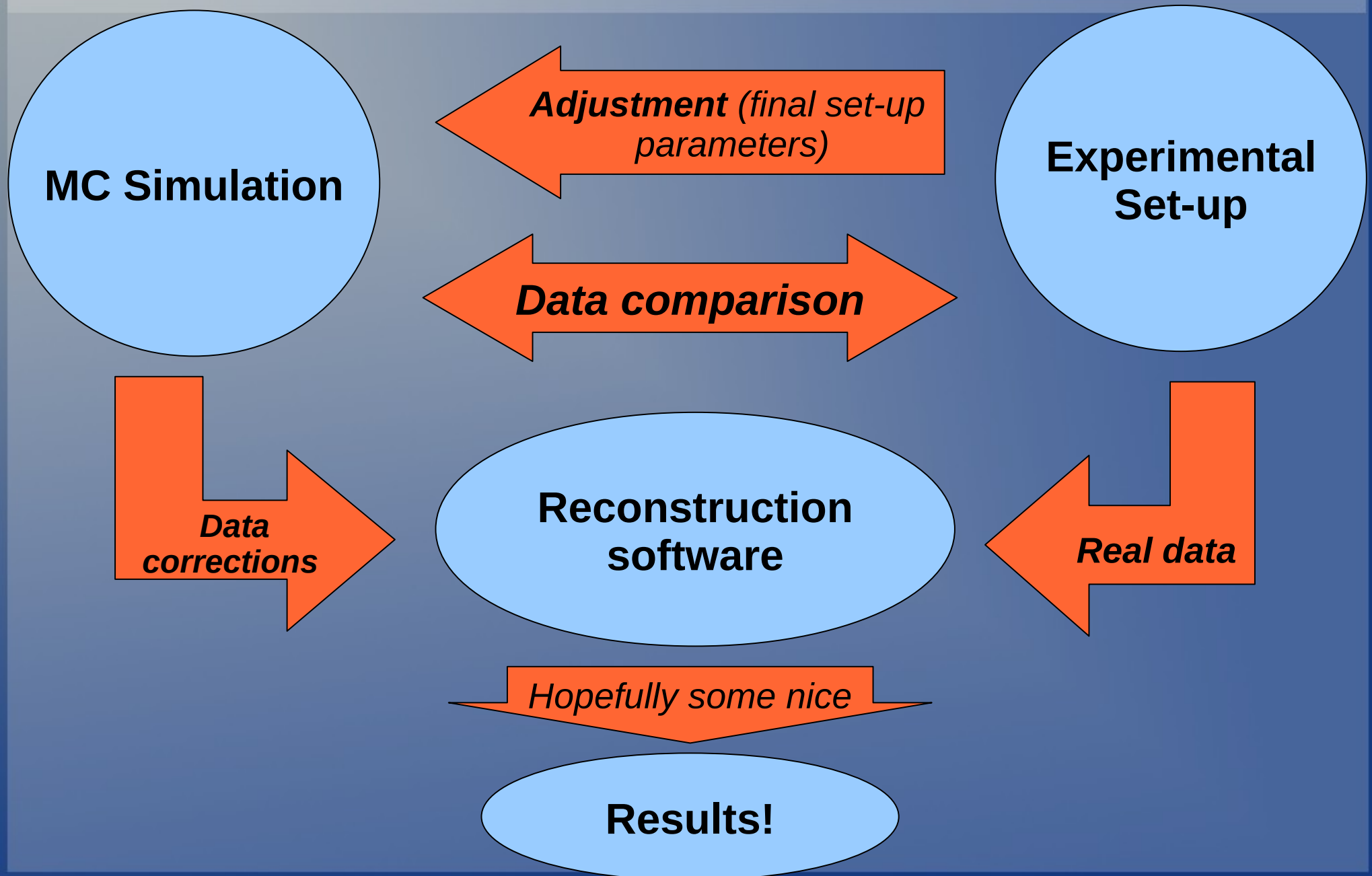


- but gives a feeling for distributions, acceptances and efficiencies

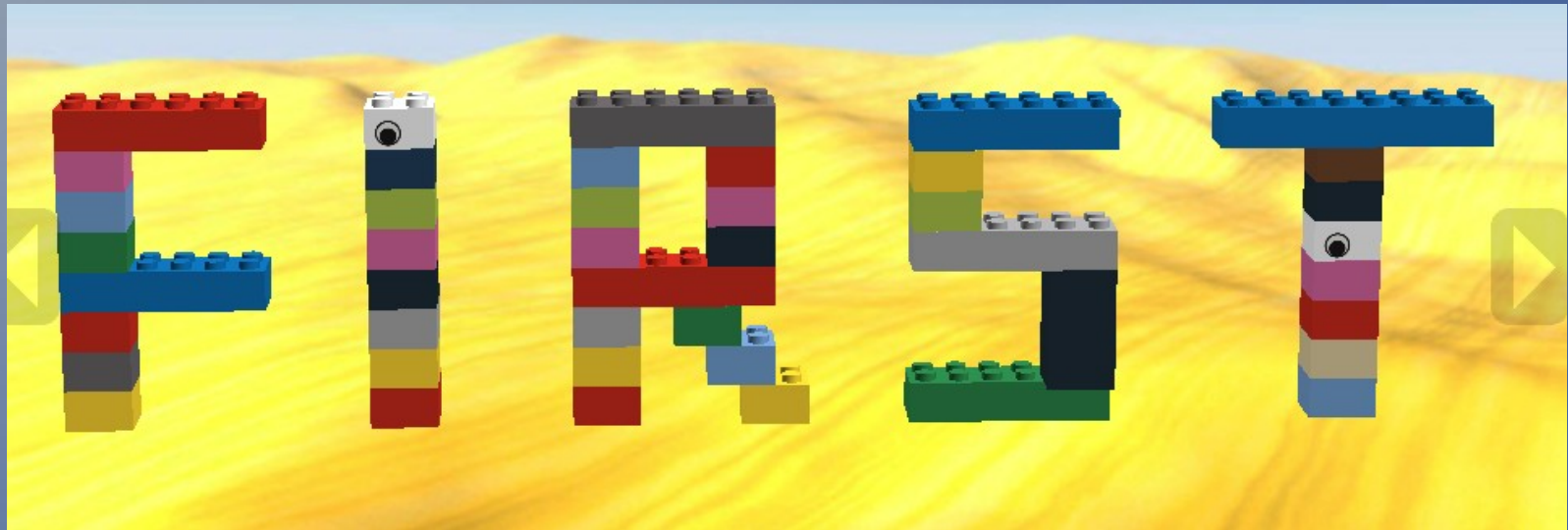
# 1 Preparatory Stage



# 2 Stage with Exp. Data

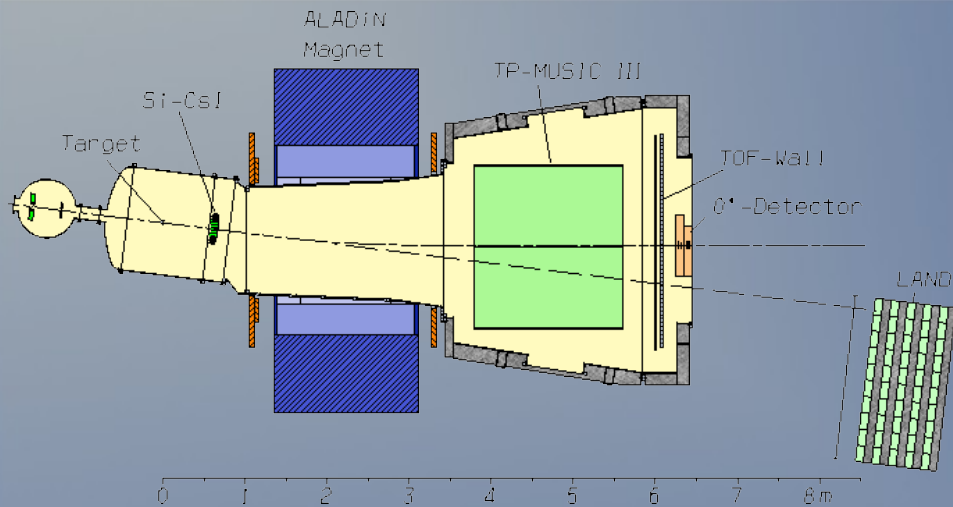


# Structure and Status



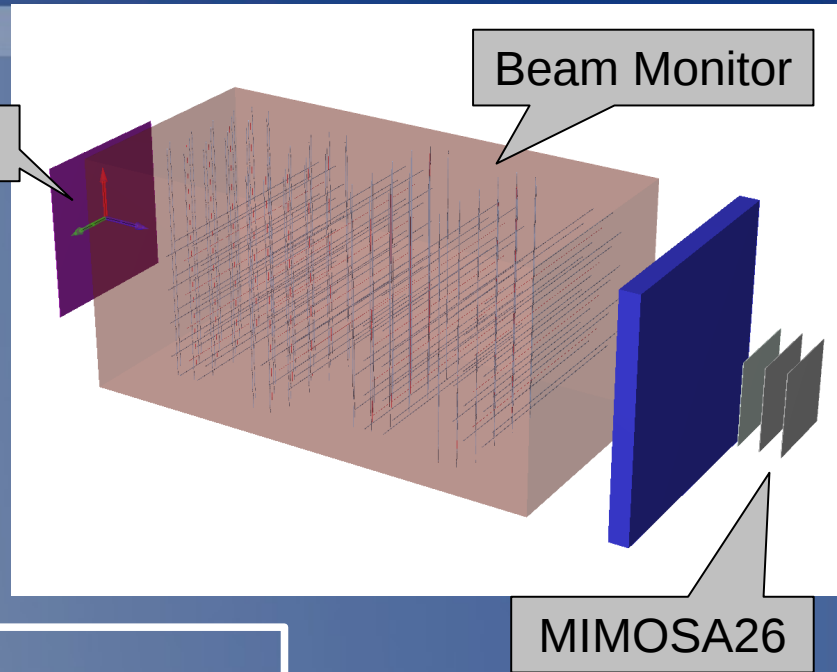
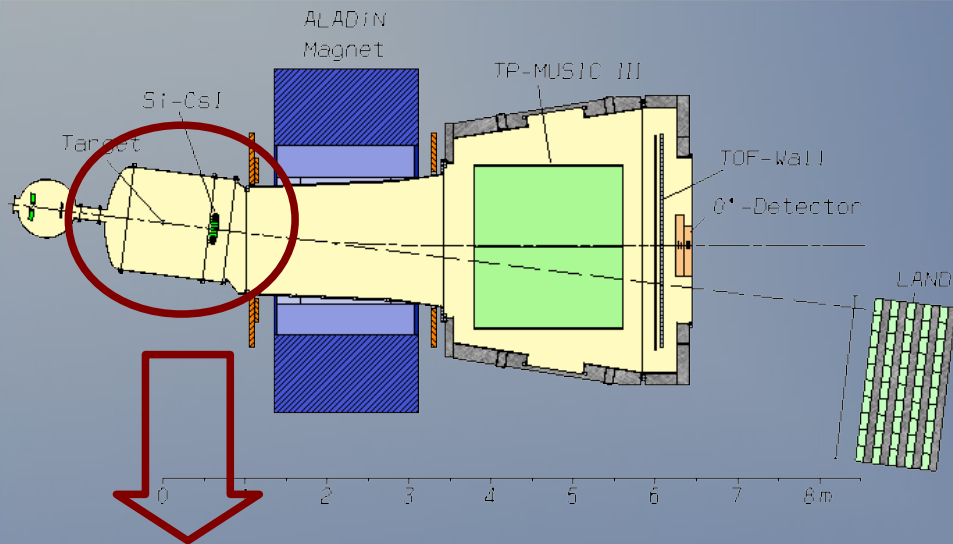
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initial modeling trial (by Vincenzo)





## Generalities:

- ✓ Set-up of large detectors oriented on SPALADiN geometry
  - ✓ distances and angles between detectors ( $7.7^\circ$ )
- ✓ Tracks of all particles in set-up scored
  - ✓ to calculate detector response
  - ✓ No EM particle tracks scored for the moment
- ✓ FLUKA version 2008.3 + BME, using HADROTherapy defaults
- ✓ For the moment disregarding delta-rays (high cut values)

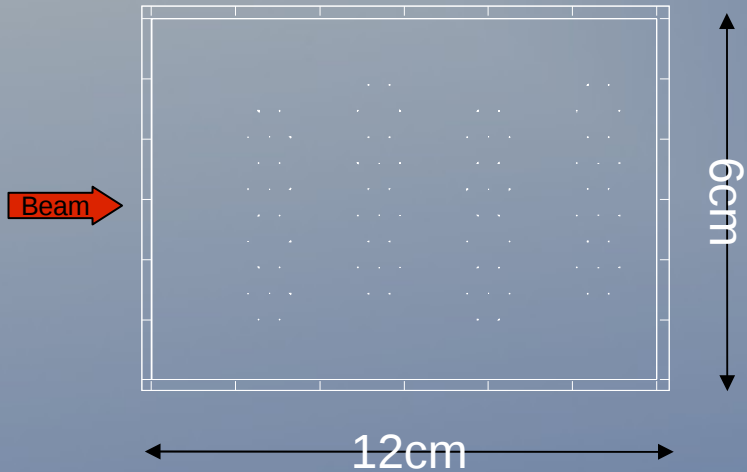


## Interaction region:

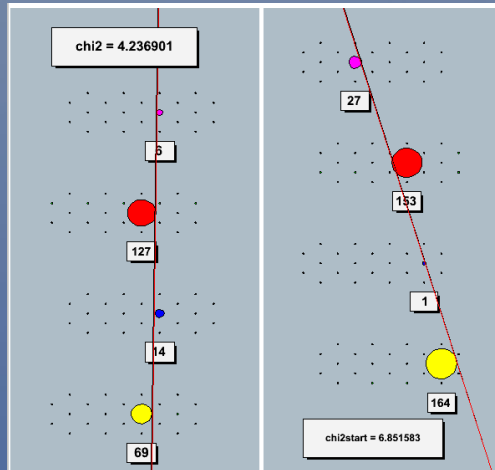
- ✓ Start Counter
  - ✓ geom. & track scoring + quenched energy
- ✓ Beam Monitor
  - ✓ geom. with wires & scoring
  - ✓ soon first comparison with data (see Alessio's talk)
- ✓ MIMOSA26 vertex detector
  - ✓ geom. & scoring in prep., codes to be merged
- ✗ Catania large-angle hodoscope
  - ✓ FLUKA geometry existing, codes to be merged

# Status: Beam Monitor

Top view

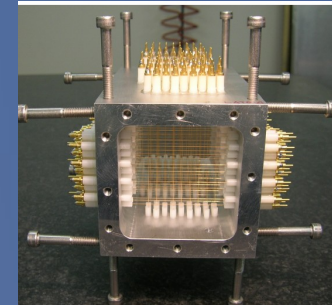


wires: 30/80 $\mu$ m, aluminium/tungsten



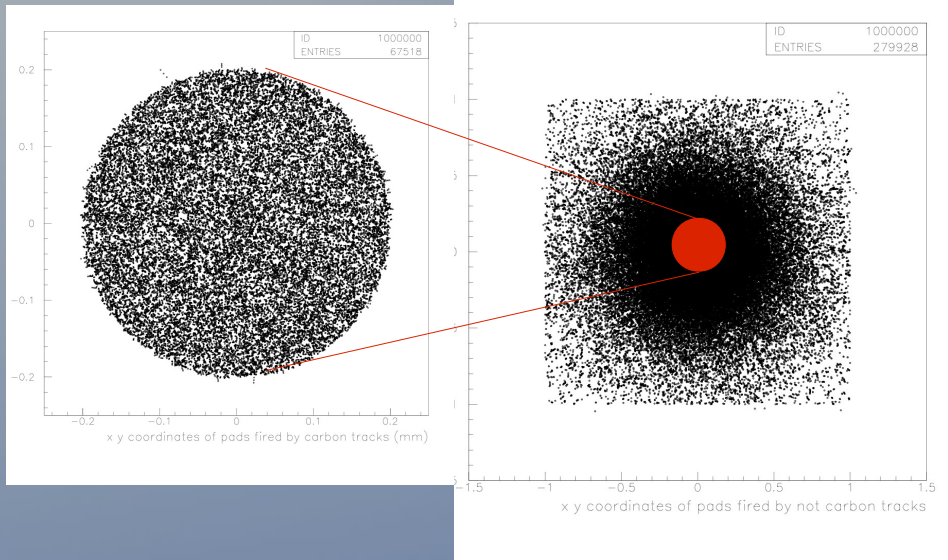
## Beam Monitor:

- ✓ geometry
  - ✓ with wires
- ✓ scoring
  - ✓ currently:
    - ✓ point of closest passage
  - ✓ **in future:**
    - ✓ via space-time relation (from Catania measurements)
    - ✓ including diffusion terms



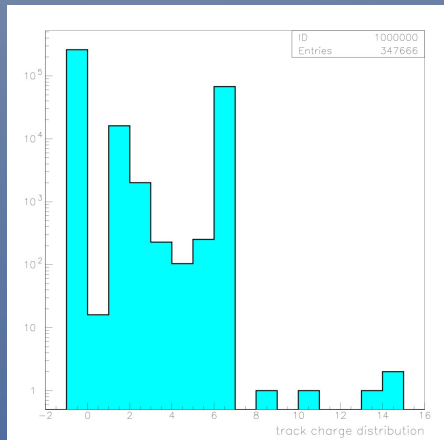
# Status: MIMOSA26

C 300MeV/n



Pads fired by carbon

Pads fired by particles other than carbon



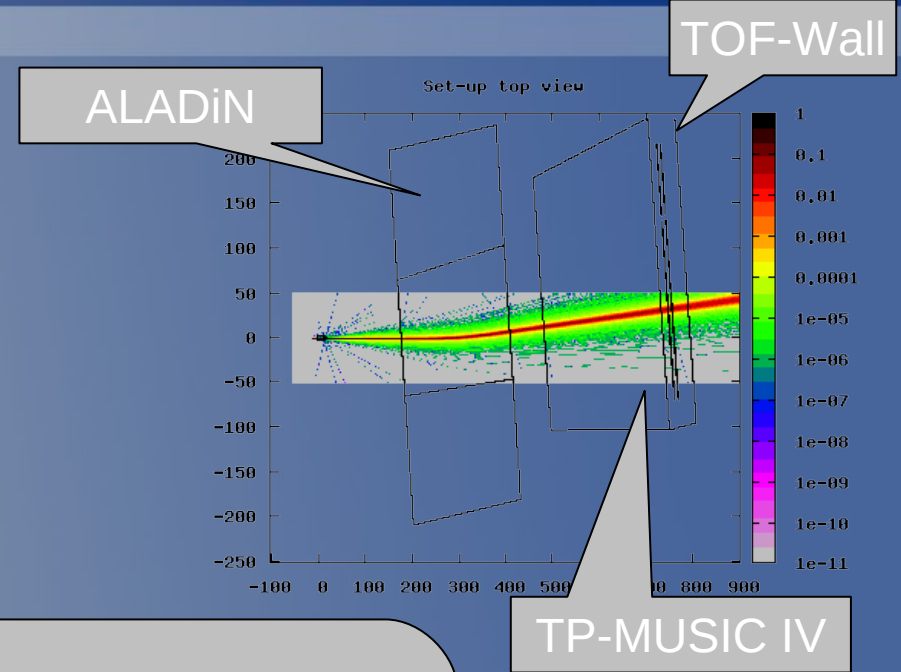
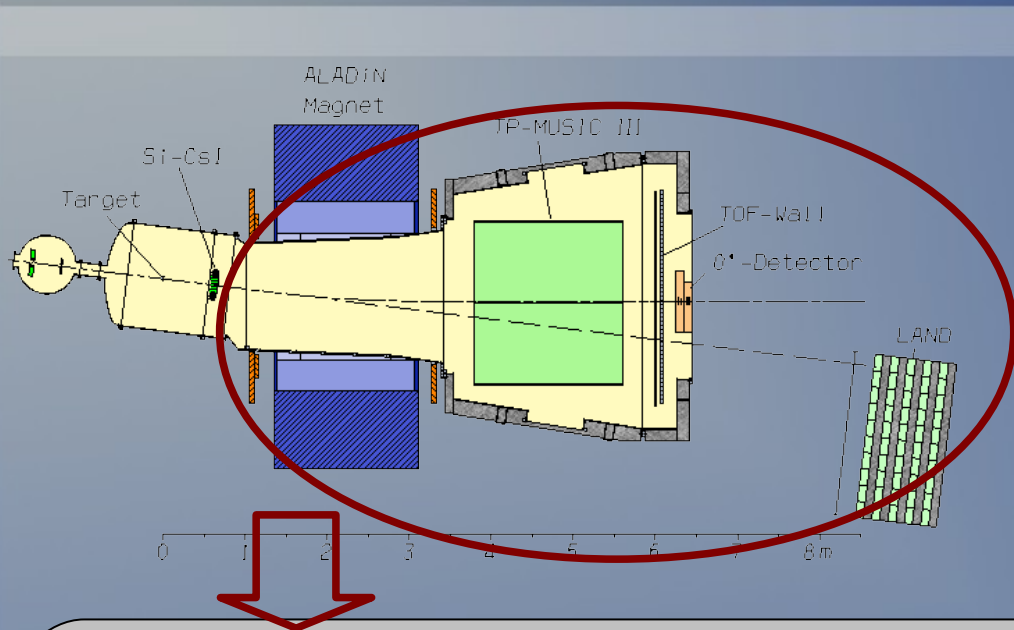
Track-charge distribution

## MIMOSA26:

- ✓ simple geometry (3 planes)
- ✓ scoring
  - ✓ 1.3M sensitive pads per plane (18 $\mu$ m distance)
  - ✓ Prod. cut  $\delta$ -ray 100keV

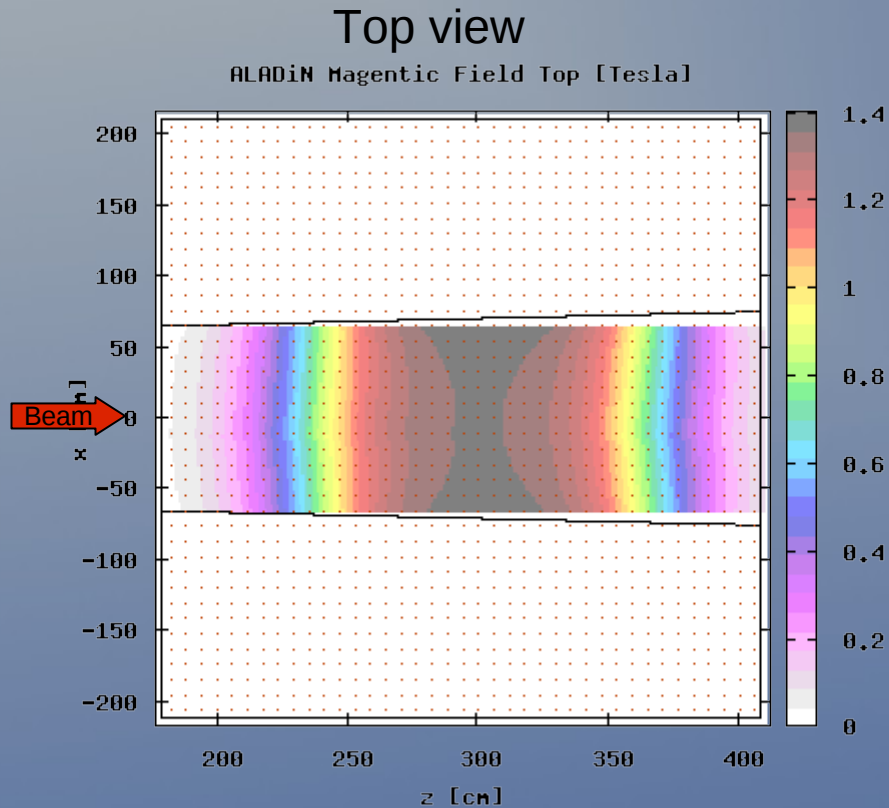


# Status: Large Detector Region



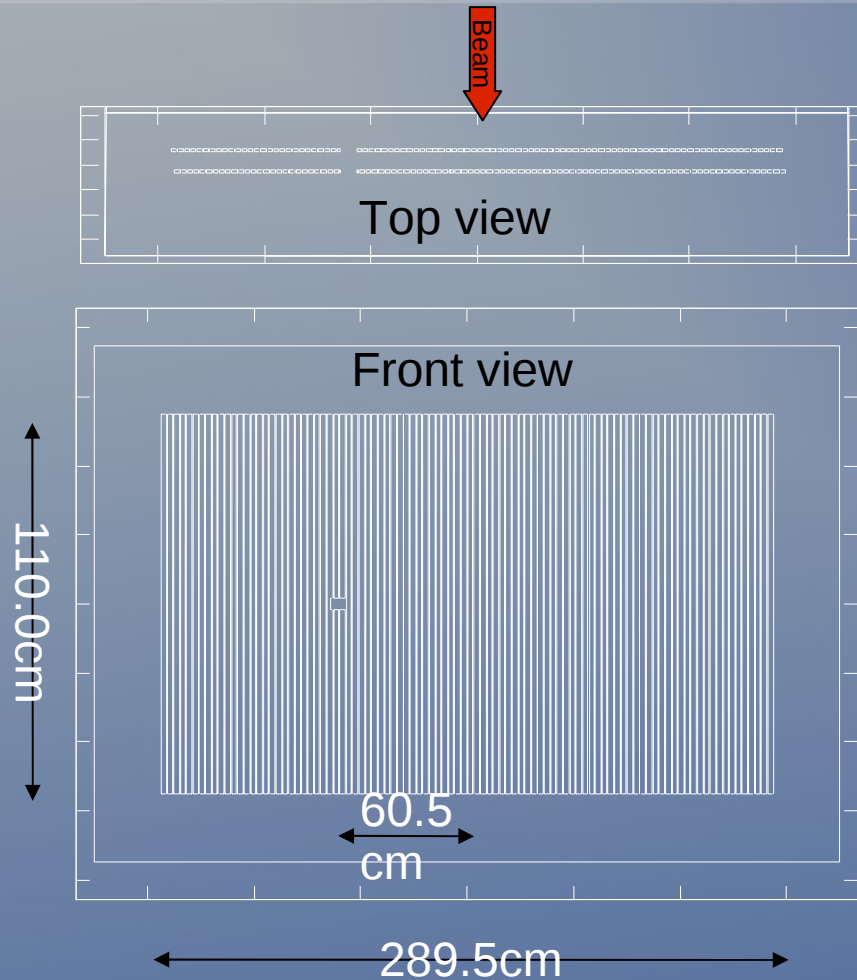
## Large detector region:

- ✓ ALADiN Spectrometer
  - ✓ geom. & magnetic field
- ✓ TP-MUSIC IV
  - ✓ simple geom. with windows and P10
  - ✗ no scoring
- ✓ TOF-Wall
  - ✓ geom. with slats & scoring in prep.
- ✓ LAND2
  - ✓ simple geom.
  - ✗ no scoring



## ALADiN:

- ✓ geometry
  - ✓ iron
  - ✓ windows
- ✓ magnetic field
  - ✓ centered to middle of magnet
  - ✓ trilinear spatial interpolation
  - ✓ linear scaling of field strength (meas. at 25A)
  - ✓ **in future:** linear interpolation of 10 meas. fields



## TOF-Wall:

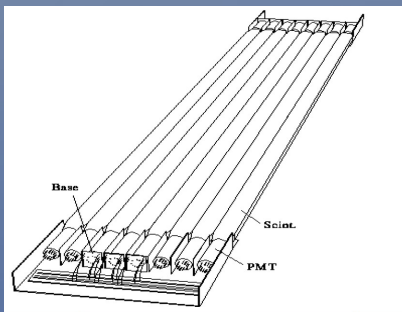
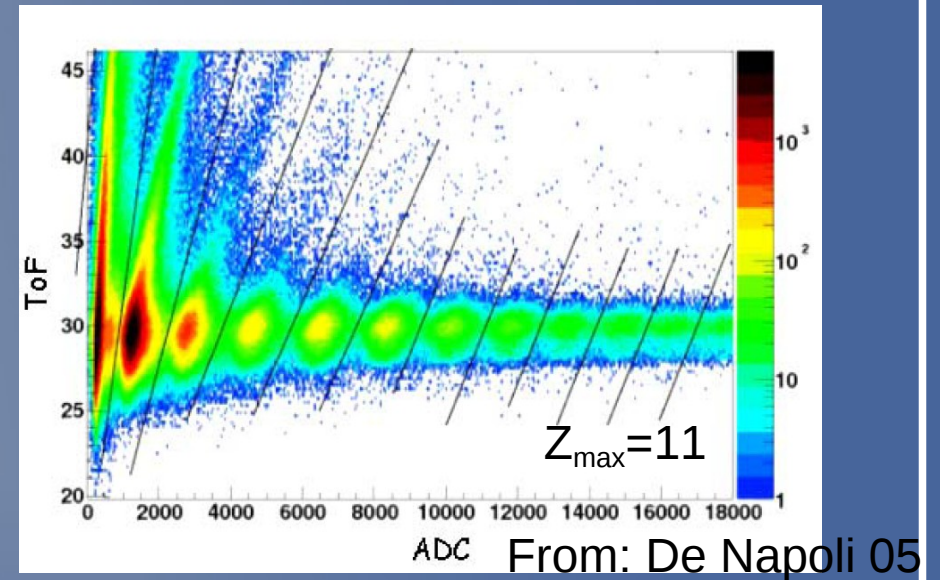
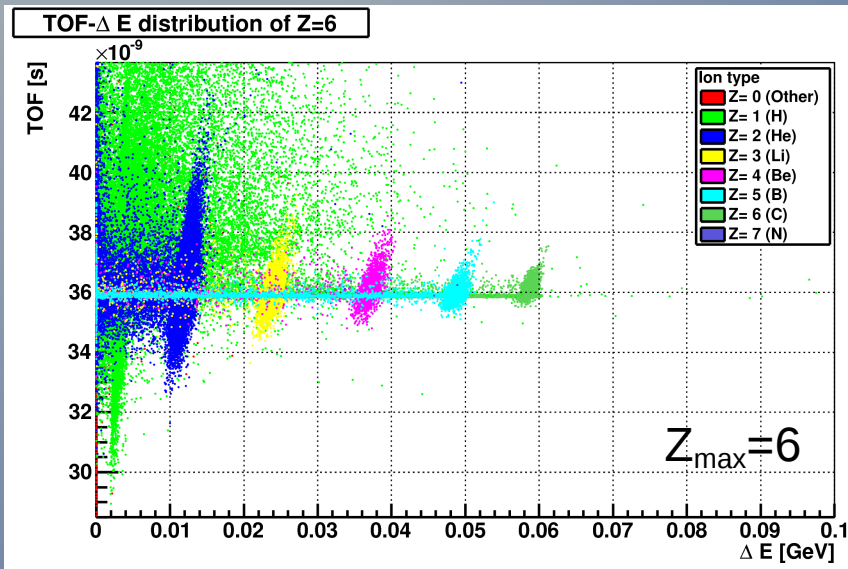
- ✓ geometry
  - ✓ housing
  - ✓ windows
  - ✓ front and rear wall with slats and beam hole
- ✓ scoring tracks per slat
  - ✓ including quenched energy
  - ✓ **in future:**
    - ✓ amplitude of light output
    - ✓ signal arrival time

## Details:

- 96 slats per wall, distance between slats set to 5mm!, hole: 3.4x7.2 cm<sup>2</sup>
- slat material: BC408, TOF-Wall gas N<sub>2</sub> @ 1bar

# Towards TOF-Wall Signal Simul.

Correlation between time and amplitude for all slats superimposed.



TOF-Wall module consisting of 8 slats

- Scoring and read-out for all slats exists
- Quenching implemented (Birks law)
- Next step:
  - integrate attenuation of light and arrival time
  - calibration curve: light yield vs. track-length (Serfling '93)

$$ADC_{top} \propto L_{top} = L_0 e^{-h_{top}/\tau}$$

$$ADC_{bottom} \propto L_{bottom} = L_0 e^{-h_{bottom}/\tau}$$

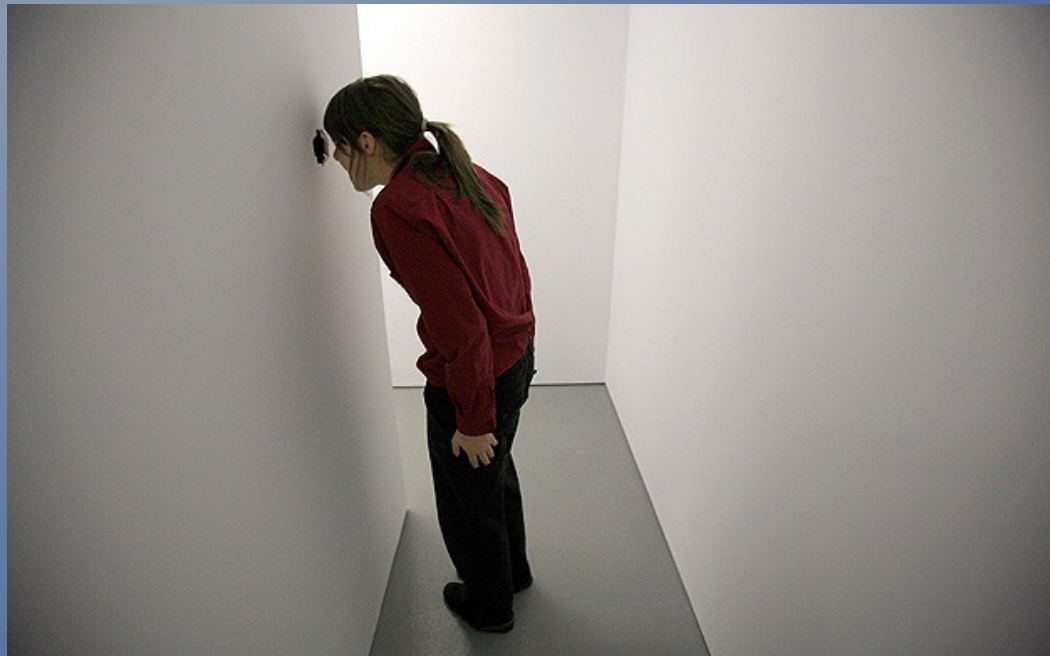


## How to simulate detector signals?

An approach in four basic steps:

- ✓ **scoring** of MC information
  - ✓ particle properties, track data, energy released
- ✓ **modeling** of simple detector responses
  - ✓ e.g. Birks law, light attenuation in scintillators, etc.
- ✓ **parametrization** of complexer detector responses (measurements!)
  - ✓ efficiencies
  - ✓ resolutions
  - ✓ saturation effects, gauge quantities, e.g. track-length-light output
- ✓ **digitization and adapting** output format
  - ✓ TDC, ADC

# What can we expect?





Watch out: playground!  
It's a preliminary implementation  
of geometry and materials  
→ to be refined in future!

### **Beam-target modalities:**

- Gaussian beam 3mm FWHM
- C-C @ 200, 400 MeV/n
- O-C @ 400 MeV/n
- He-C @ 200 MeV/n
- Li-C @ 250 MeV/n
- Target thickness: 5,10 mm

As default for comparison:

- C-C @ 400 MeV/n Target:5mm

# Primary Interaction

Fraction of interacting primaries:

Proj	T[MeV/n]	Targ[mm]	Target	Whole Set-up
C	200	C 5	4.3 %	13.8 %
C	400	C 5	4.3 %	8.3 %
C	400	C 10	8.4 %	13.5 %
He	200	C 5	2.0 %	
Li	250	C 5	3.5 %	7.5 %
O	400	C 5	5.0 %	9.5 %

C 400MeV/n on C 5mm

The interactions of primaries are distributed between set-up regions as follows (given as fraction of all interacting primaries):

**interactions in the target:** 51.4 +/- 0.2 %

**interactions before the target:**

in beam mon and start det: 3.8 %

**interactions after the target:**

in gaseous subst. of det.: 14.3 %

in windows of det.: 3.6 %

in vertex tracker: 4.2 %

in holes in TOFW: 0.1 %

missing percentages mainly produced in the TOF-Wall slats

“Filtering”



Big fraction

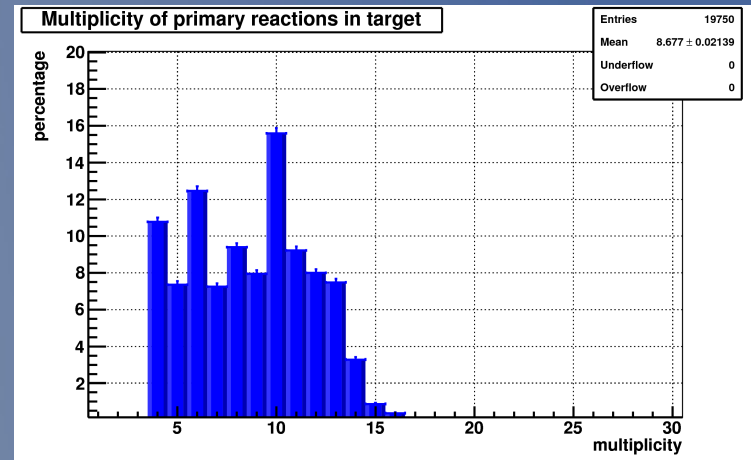
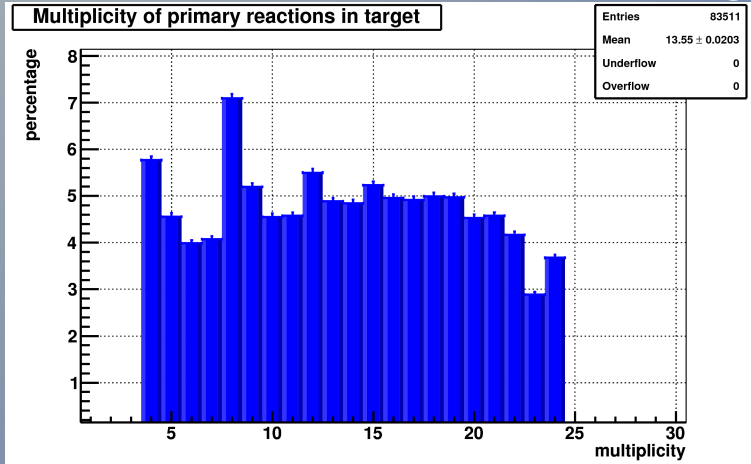


# Multiplicities

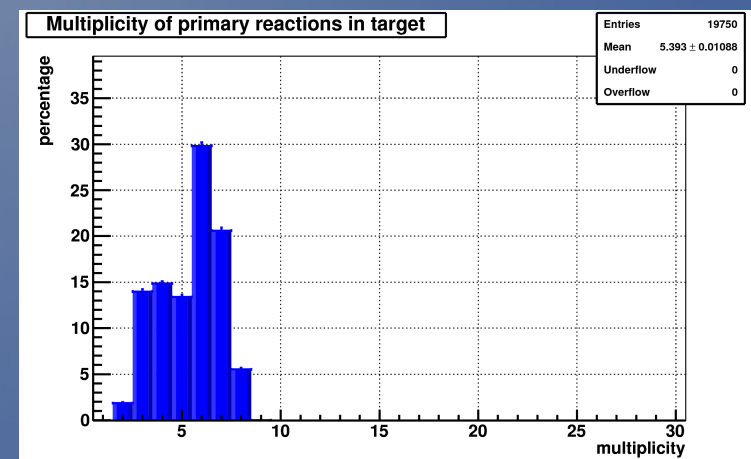
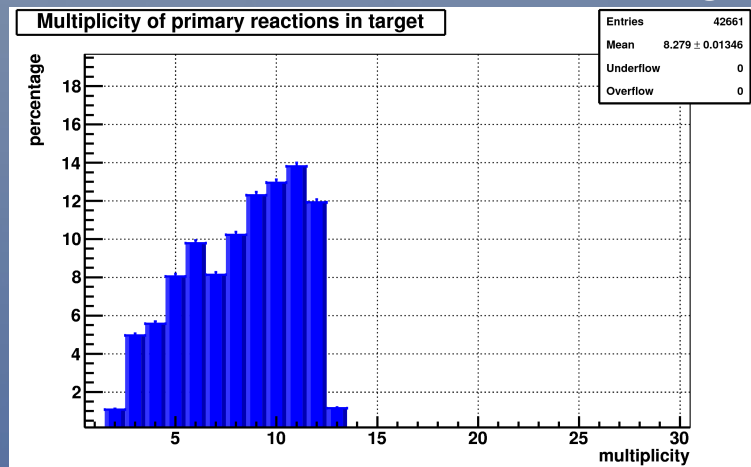
C on C @ 400MeV/n

He on C @ 200MeV/n

counting n, p, and ions



counting only p, and ions



- At least 2 small fragments, up until full spallation
- How reliable are FLUKA models?

# Particle Yields

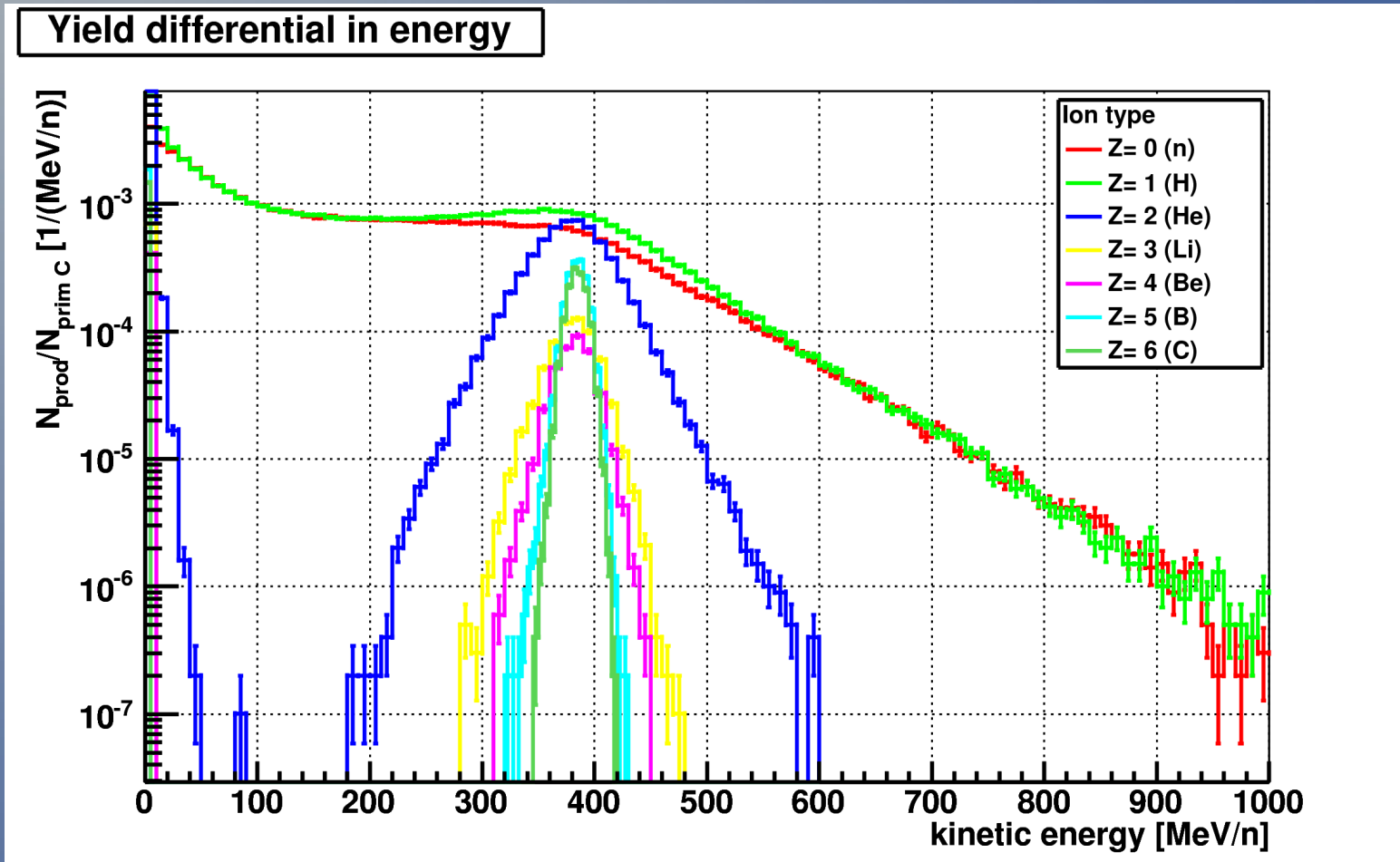
C on C 10mm @ 400MeV/n

Fragment yield per primary (particles produced in target) w/o and with  $T > 30$  MeV/n cut

Particle type	n	H	He	Li	Be	B	C	Total
Yield Cut	0.377	0.417	0.062	0.006	0.004	0.009	0.007	0.882
Yield	0.472	0.554	0.148	0.013	0.008	0.018	0.014	1.228
Ratio	0.798	0.753	0.419	0.479	0.480	0.484	0.488	0.718

# Particle Yields - Energies

C on C 10mm @ 400MeV/n



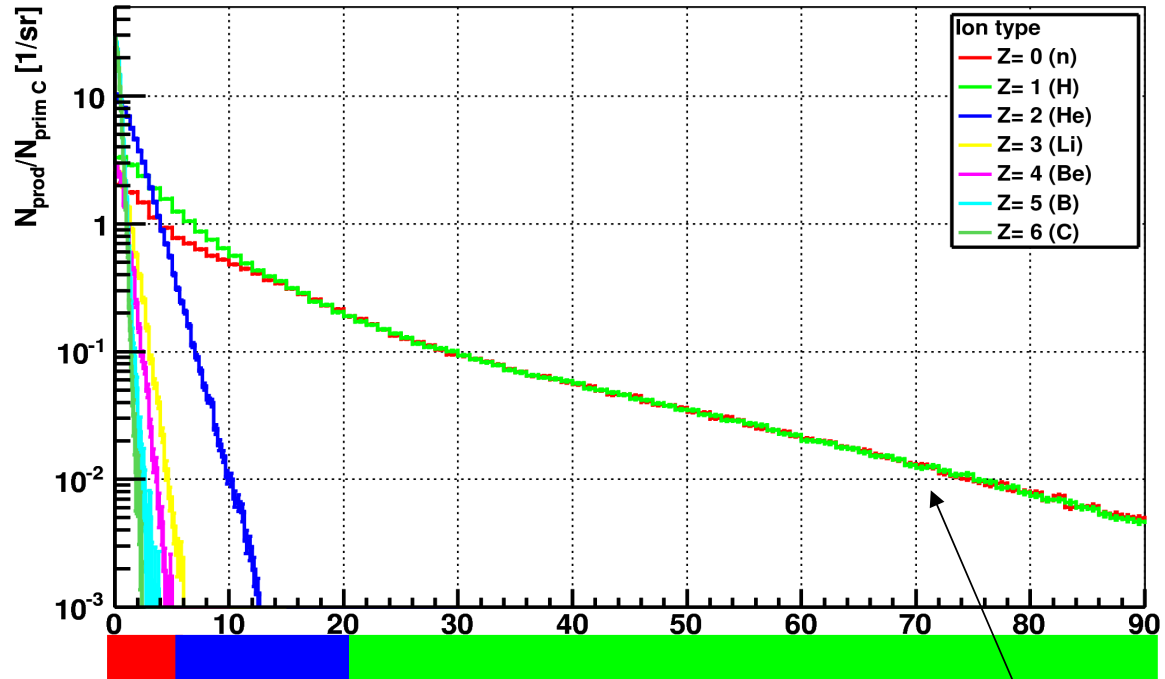
- p and n up to double of beam energy (Fermi motion)
- $Z > 2 \Rightarrow$  projectile like

# Particle Yields - Angles

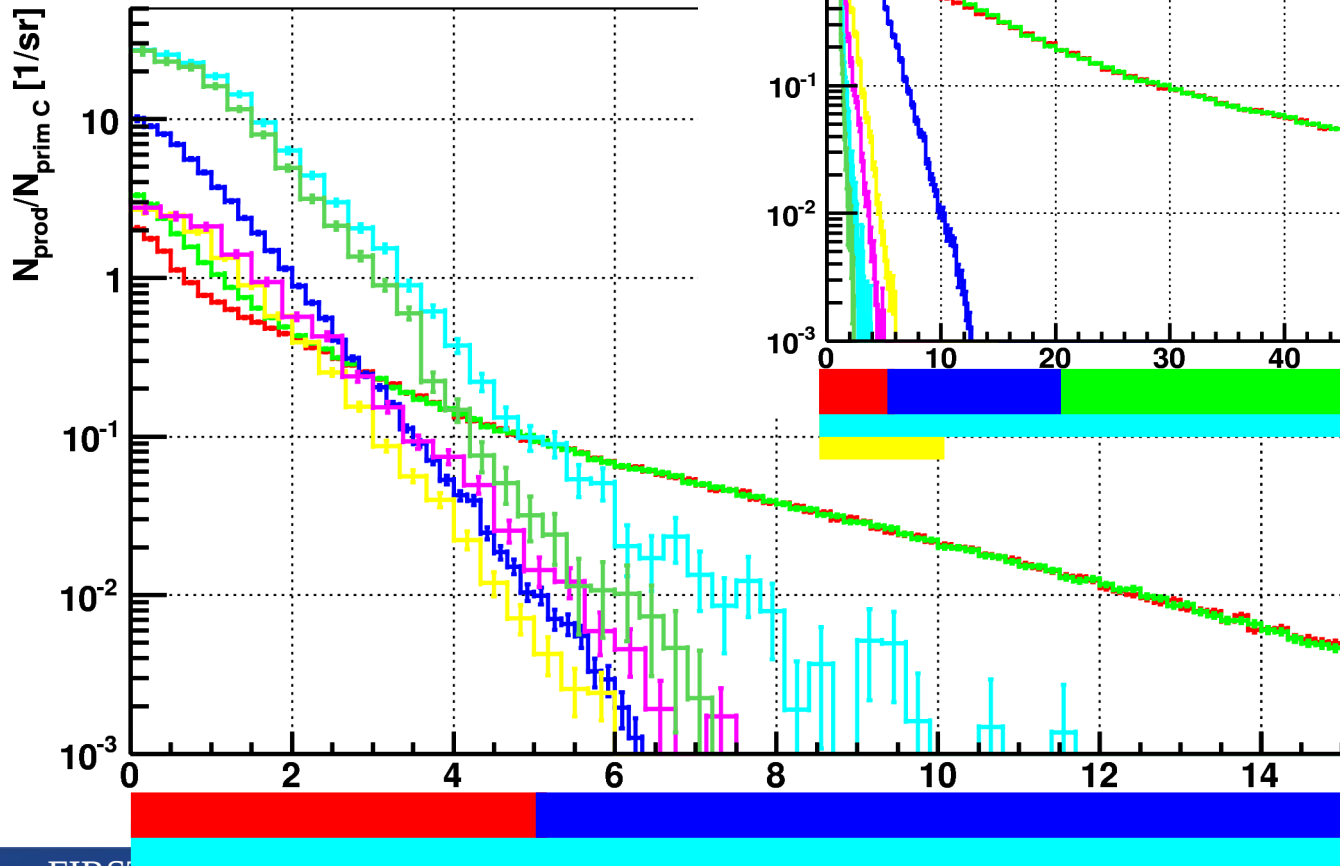
C on C 10mm @ 400MeV/n

ALADiN set-up  
CT Hodoscope  
Calorimeter?  
MIMOSA  
LAND

Yield differential in angle for  $T > 30.0$  MeV/n



Yield differential in angle for  $T > 30$



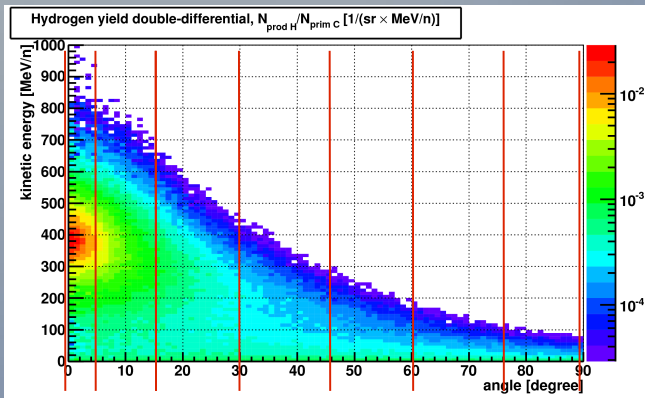
>1% until ~70°  
for Z>2

Covered partially by  
Vertex - but no energy  
information

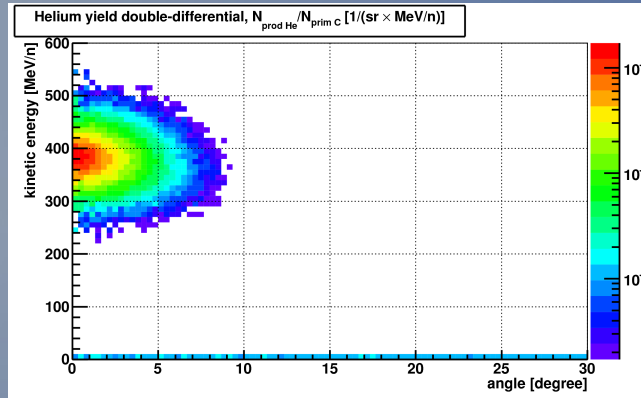


# D-D Particle Yields

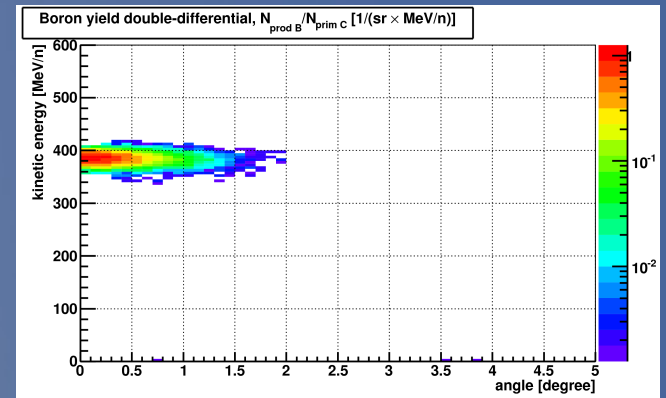
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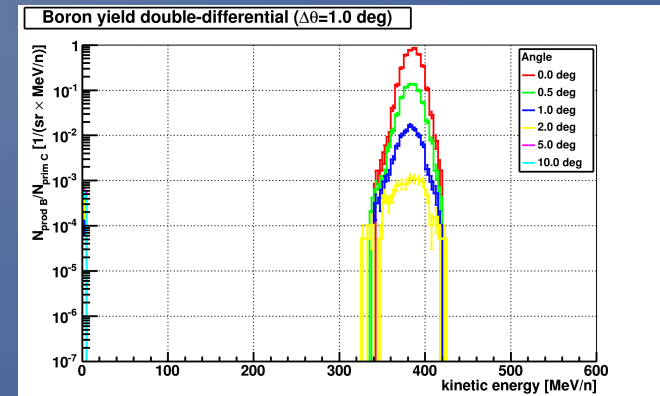
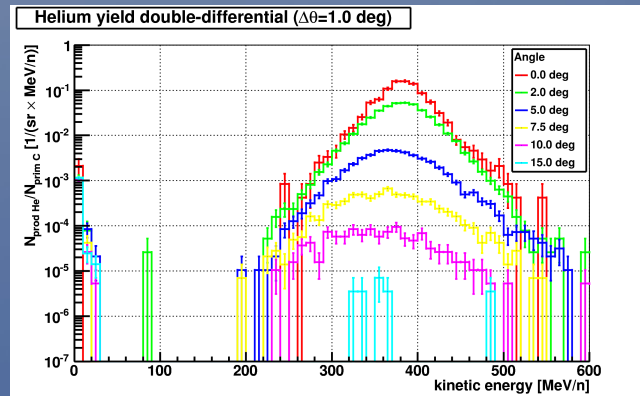
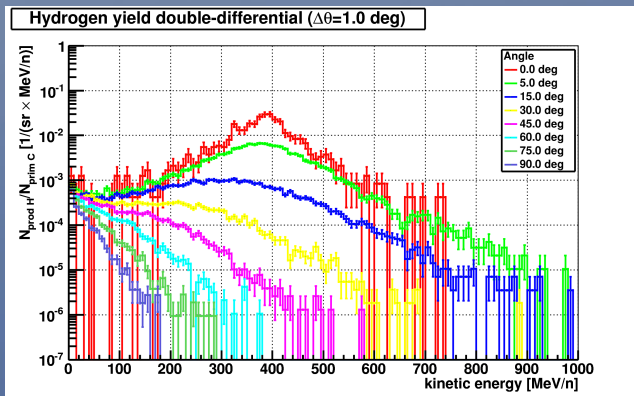
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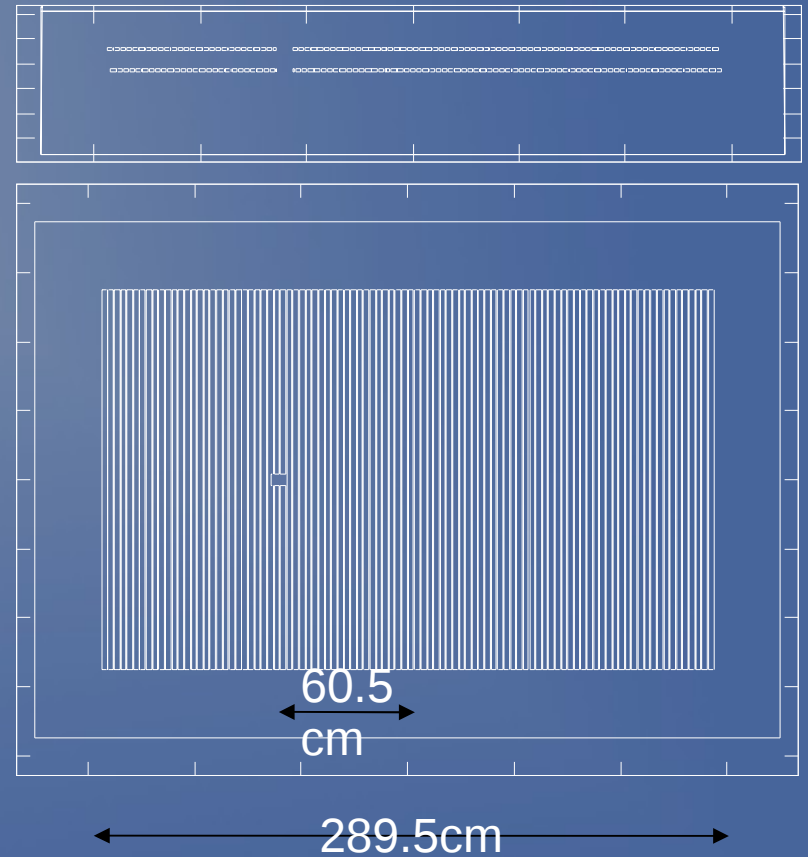
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# TOF-Wall Study



## Motivations:

- 1) **Constraining factor for event rate:** Due to TP-MUSIC and to **TOF-Wall read out time** the primary beam rate is of the order of kHz (“pile-up effect”).
  - Investigate possibilities for a **veto trigger** on TOF-Wall to increase possible event rate.
- 2) Several **TOF-Wall scintillator slats** are **not working**.
  - Investigate **consequences of reduced number of slats** (single wall).
- 3) Due to granularity of TOF-Wall scintillator slats (2.5cm width) **multiple hits on a slat** are **possible per event**.
  - What is the **probability** of such **multiple hits**?

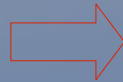
# “Set-up Efficiencies”

Which fraction of particles produced in the target arrives at the TOF-Wall?

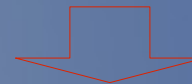
- looking only at fragments exiting target with angles smaller than  $4.5^\circ$  (hodoscope)
- accounting for scattering, removal by inelastic interactions, energy losses

C on C 10mm @ 400MeV/n  
Magnet current: 20.5A (max 25A)

Z	“Set-up efficiency”
1	0.459 +/- 0.004
2	0.924 +/- 0.006
3	0.977 +/- 0.018
4	0.982 +/- 0.022
5	0.984 +/- 0.015
6	0.985 +/- 0.017



Geometric acceptance of TOF-Wall is  $\sim 4.5^\circ$ .  
Why are H and He lost?

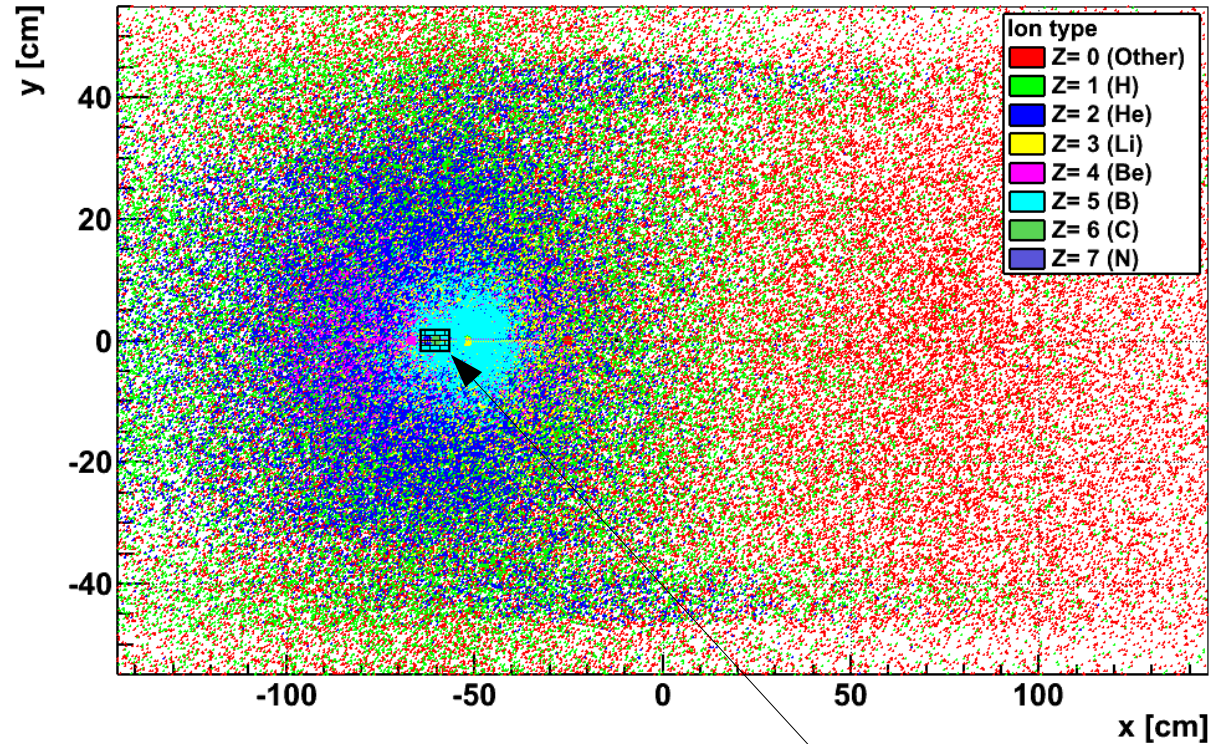


**Loss causes:**

- $\sim 10\%$  of H: acceptance of ALADiN in height:  $\sim 4^\circ$   
=> have ALADiN close to target (1.6m for simulations)
- $\sim 40\%$  of H: Small magn. rigidity of p, slow p's are lost  
=> how strong does magn. field have to be for isotopic separation and mom. resolution? (MUSIC resolution!)

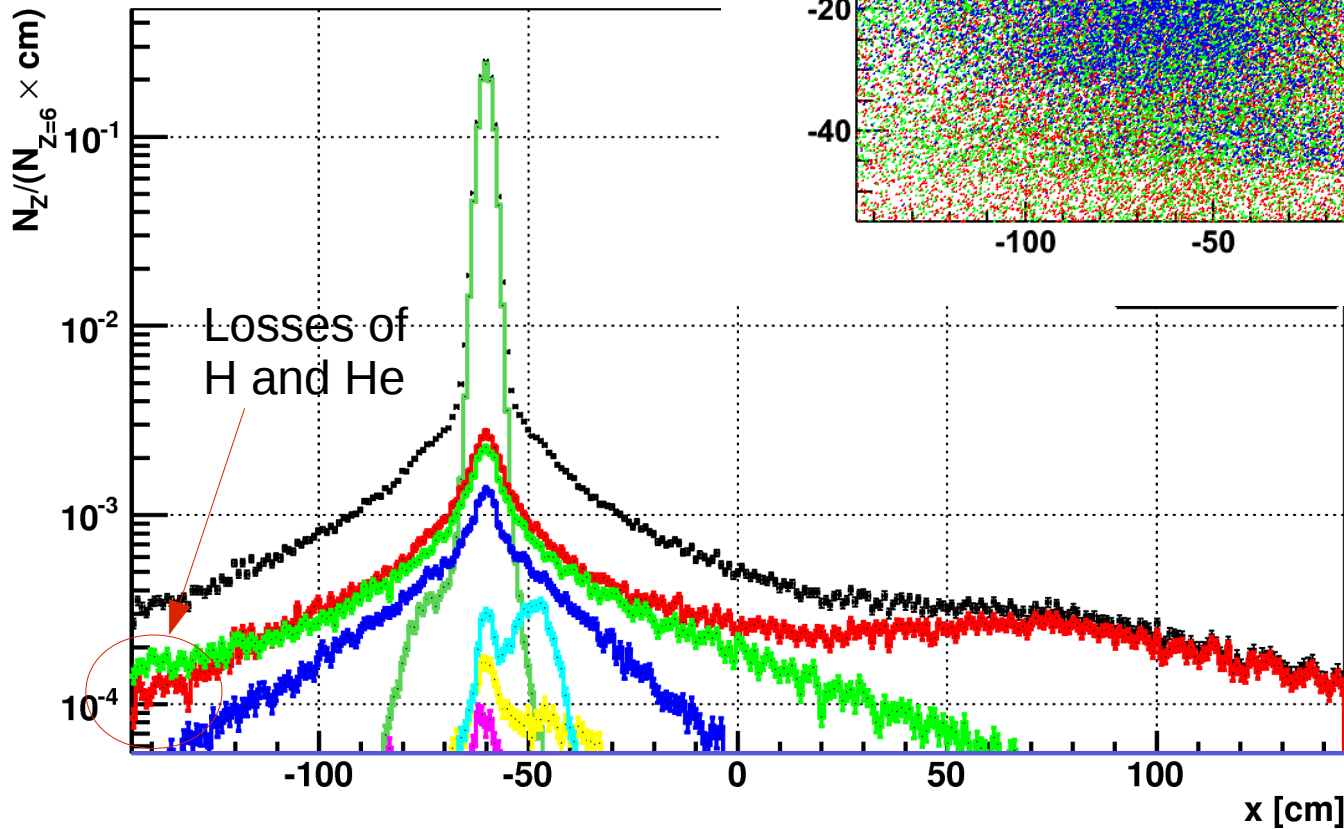
# Fragment Distrib. on TOF-Wall

**x-y distribution of Z=6**



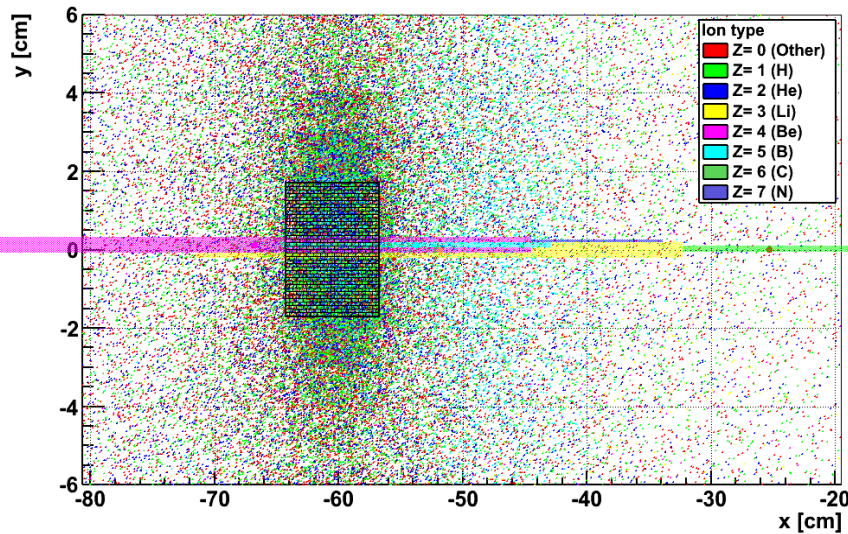
Position of the hole in the TOF-Wall for the beam (7.5cm x 3.4cm, is movable!)

**horizontal distribution on TOF-Wall**



# Hole and Veto Trigger

Purpose of Hole: avoid pile-up by reducing triggering of “unwanted events”

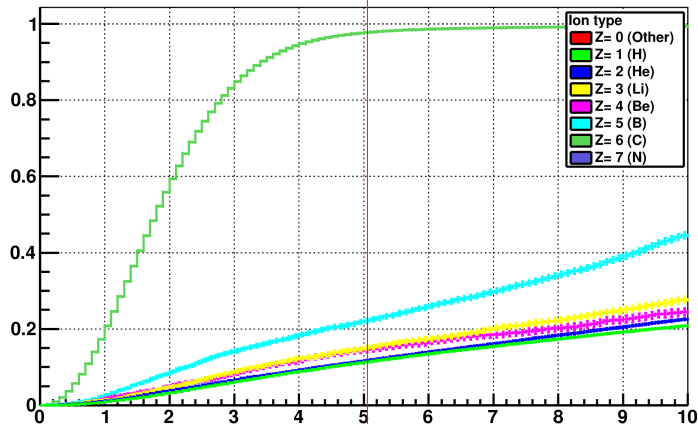


Fraction of particles in hole (at x=-60.5cm):

H	He	Li	Be	B	C
0.053	0.059	0.077	0.079	0.131	0.764

Idea: adding a veto detector in front of hole with larger size to exclude even more not-wanted events with minimum bias (A. Sciubba).

integral fraction by radius of Z=6



- With a veto detector of 5cm radius: >98% of primary C vetoed

Under investigation:

- Use  $\Delta E$ -threshold to veto only primaries?
- Extrapolation to recover lost particles?
- Use multiplicity on TOF-Wall as additional selection criteria?

work-in-progress

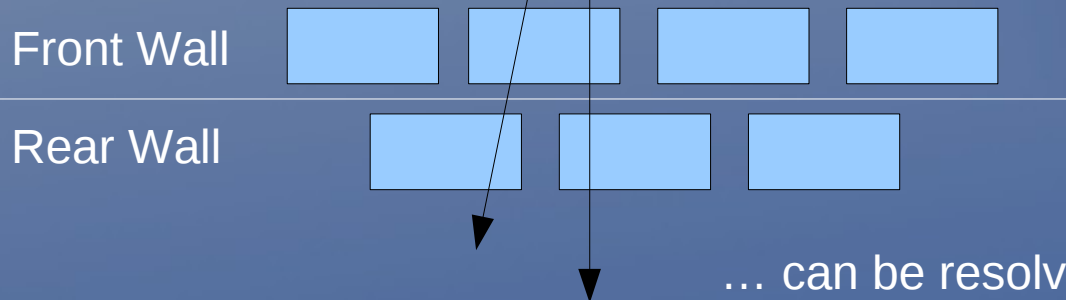
# Multi-hit Analysis

**Problem:** Granularity of detector (slat width is 2.5 cm). This leads to the possibility of having **multiple hits for which several particles are counted as one** (often with the wrong charge).

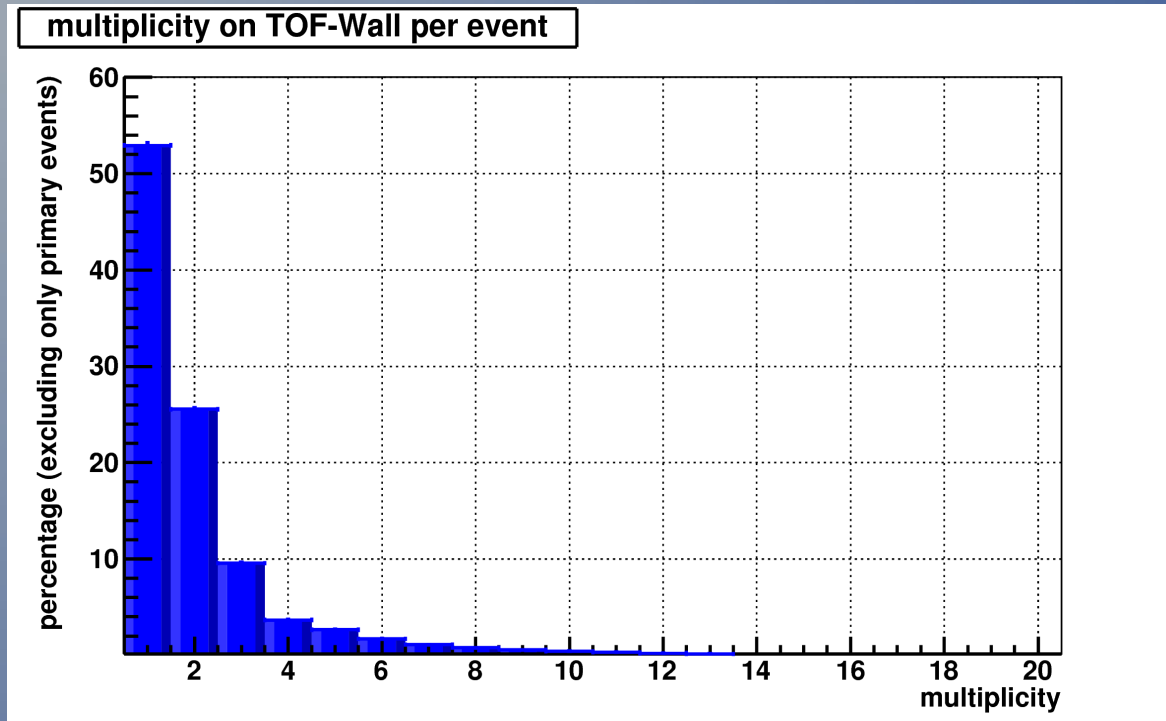
Details see diploma thesis V. Serfling '93.

A **second row “reduces the granularity”** and **covers gaps** in front row.  
(Number of working slats, usable for the second row, is currently not known.)

Double-hit in front wall ...



# Multiplicities on Whole TOF-Wall



C on C @  
400MeV/n

- only nuclear reaction events counted
- scoring: p, ions (no n!) for multiplicity
- also particles out-of-target interactions!

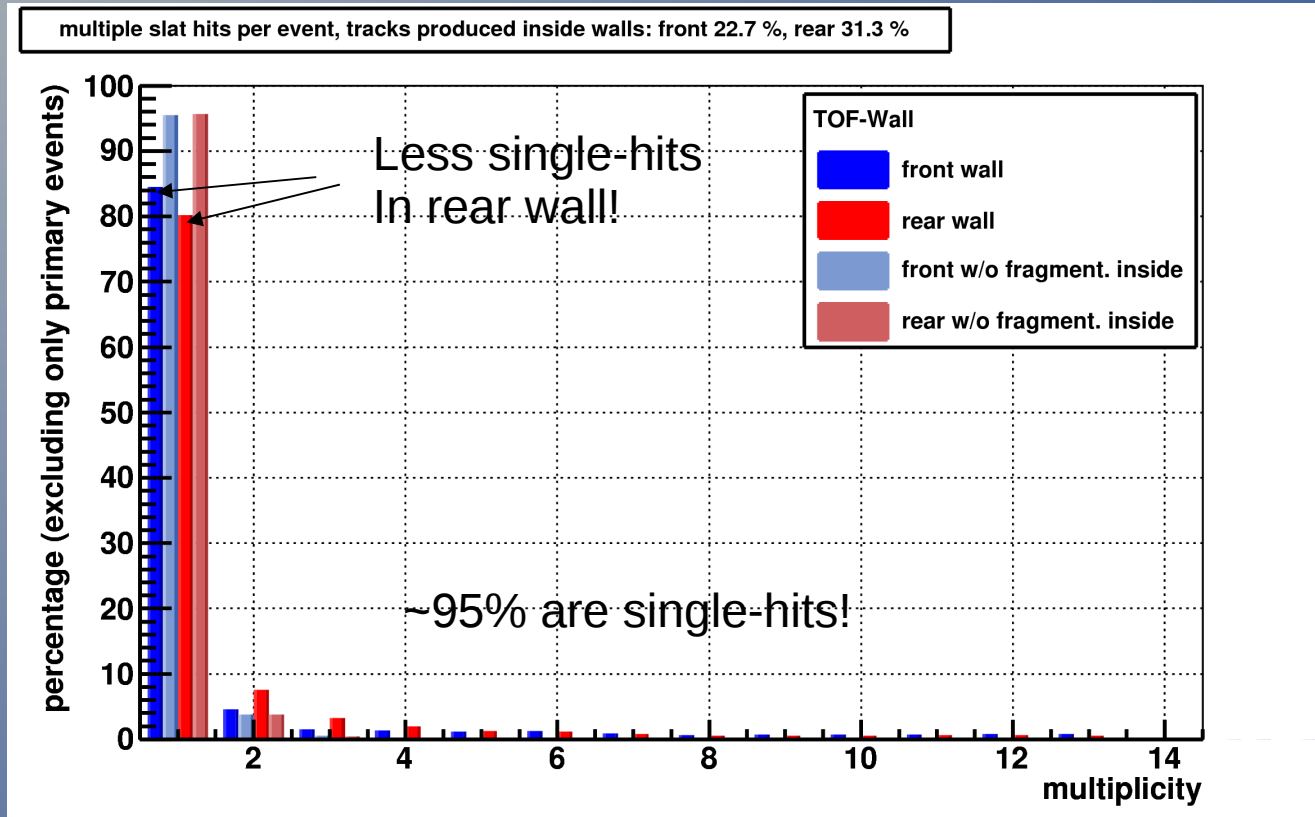


## Scenario used for simulations:

- Assuming only front wall complete
- and some slats for rear wall
- Study done for C @ 400MeV/n on C

# Multi-hits on TOF-Wall

Multiple hits of scintillation slats scoring: p, ions (no n!) for multiplicity

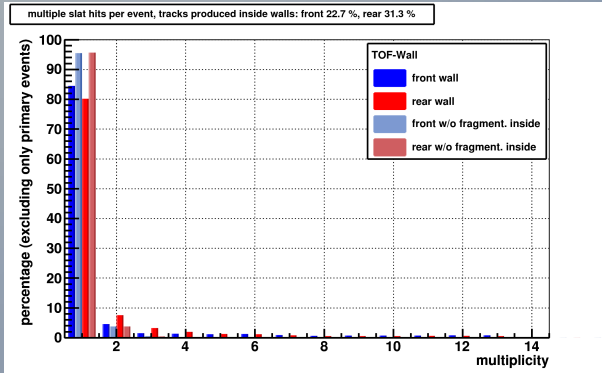


C on C @  
400MeV/n

## Significant particle production in TOF-Wall slats!

- compare: thickness target: 5-15mm, slats: 2x10mm
- consequences: signal modification:
  - wrong amplitude (charge!)
  - timing information in wall where produced should be ok
- consequences: increased multiple hit rate in rear wall

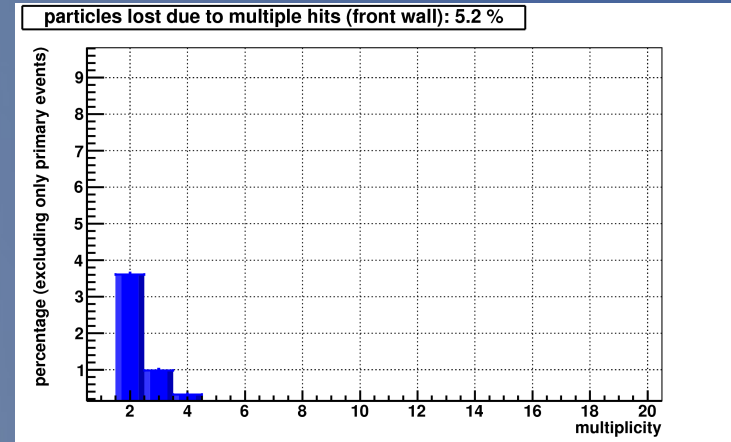
# Multi-hits on TOF-Wall



Particle losses  
due to multi-hits

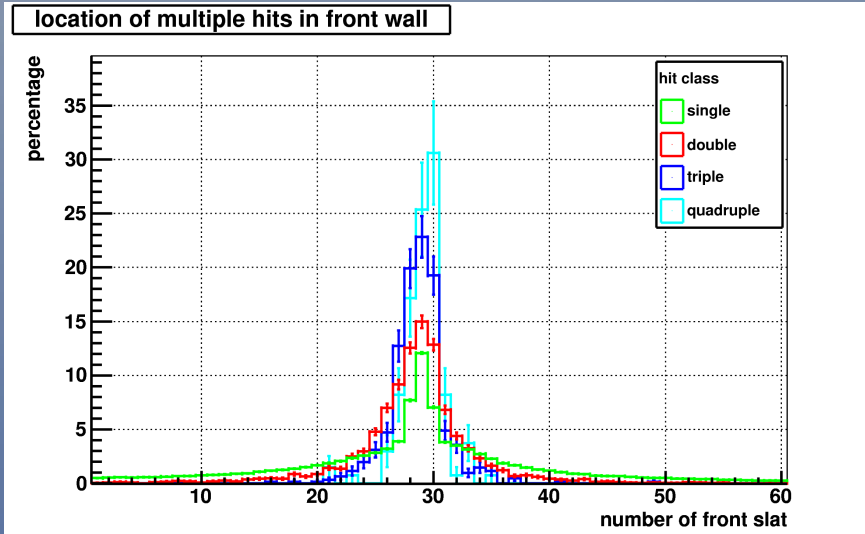


Assuming multiple hits are identified as one particle (of wrong charge).



Of course vertex tracker and MUSIC help detecting correct multiplicity.

Location of multi-hits  
In front wall



- concentrated to ~10 slats!
- expect significant improvement when adding a second row only for this area

Excluding in both graphs  
interactions in the TOF-Wall  
slats themselves!

## Discussion of results/further investigations:

### Where do high multiplicities in slats come from?

(multiplicities up until 5 observed)

- origin mainly from H and He produced in gas of MUSIC and TOF-Wall (P10, N<sub>2</sub>) and some from the window between MUSIC and TOF-Wall (set to titanium)

### Electrons are not included in the analysis!

- projectile-like electrons of low quantities are of noise level (info C. Sfienti)
- but electron shower (building up in gas in front of wall) can cause multi-hit (specifically on front wall)
  - reported by V. Serfling '93 (causing double-hit ratio front/rear wall: 54%/46%)
  - would need full signal modeling (and detector efficiencies) to answer this question

### How many double-hits can we correctly identify with a second row?

- necessitates the implementation of the TOF-Wall reconstruction
- should be done in future with the reconstruction software team

## Next steps for the MC simulation

- Signal modeling:
  - TOF-Wall (preliminary, exp. data needed)
  - Beam Monitor (space-time relation, diffusion)
  - Close future interaction with the reconstruction software team
- Merging with simulation of MIMOSA and Catania Hodoscope (C. Morone)
- Modeling of TP-MUSIC IV?
- We hope to get a first “overall simulation” ready by Mai 2010

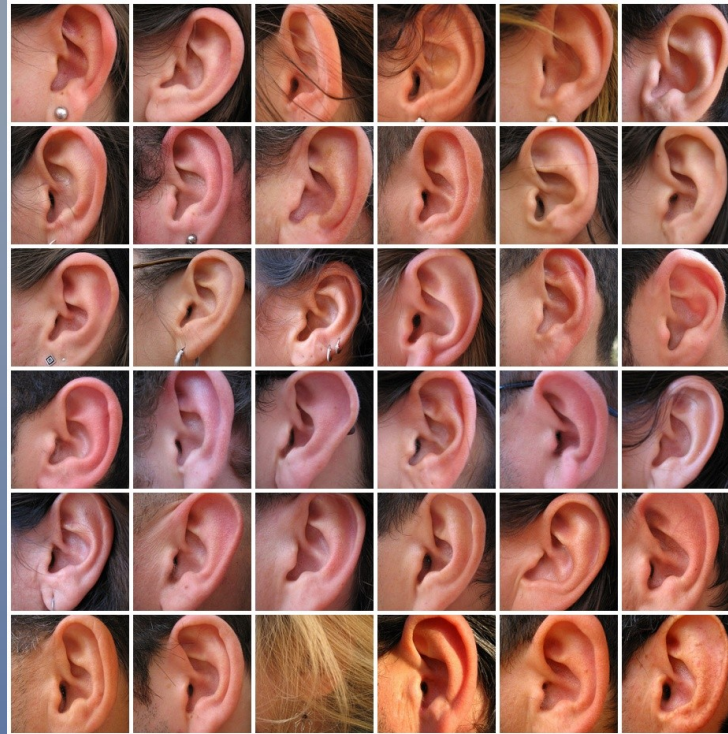
## Summer 2010: Measurements @ LNS, Catania

- measure response of MIMOSA to p and carbon
  - compare to simulations

## Wanted: your input

- Issues that should (can) be addressed with the simulation

Thanks for attentive ...



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Materials in the beam (beam view):

- start:
  - > scintillator 200um SCSN38
- beam monitor:
  - > window 100um mylar
  - > air 12cm with wires: 30/80um, aluminium/tungsten
  - > window 100um mylar
- target:
  - > 0.5-1.5cm carbon
  - > - vertex tracker:
    - > 3x200um silicon
- ALADiN:
  - > window 100um titanium
  - > vacuum 230cm (with He @  $p=1e-4$  bar,  $\rho=1.64E-8$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>)
  - > window 100um titanium
- TP-MUSIC IV:
  - > window 100um titanium
  - > P10 250cm ( $\rho=0.001677$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> @  $p\sim=1$  bar)
  - > window 100um titanium
- TOF-Wall:
  - > nitrogen gas 57.5cm ( $\rho=.001251$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> @  $p\sim=1$  bar)
  - > scintillator BC408 2x1cm
  - > window 100um titanium

# Yields (Add.)

## Li250 on C 5mm

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fragment yield per primary (particles produced in target) w/o and with T>30.000000 MeV/n cut

Particle type	n	H	He	Li	Be	B	C	Total
Yield Cut	0.126	0.112	0.015	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.255
Yield	0.169	0.169	0.049	0.005	0.002	0.004	0.003	0.402
Ratio	0.745	0.661	0.304	0.362	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.633

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## He200 on C 5mm

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fragment yield per primary (particles produced in target) w/o and with T>30.000000 MeV/n cut

Particle type	n	H	He	Li	Be	B	C	Total
Yield Cut	0.043	0.048	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.094
Yield	0.066	0.078	0.023	0.002	0.001	0.003	0.002	0.176
Ratio	0.652	0.607	0.127	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.531

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## O400 on C 5mm

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fragment yield per primary (particles produced in target) w/o and with T>30.000000 MeV/n cut

Particle type	n	H	He	Li	Be	B	C	N	O	Total
Yield Cut	0.250	0.277	0.042	0.004	0.002	0.002	0.005	0.007	0.004	0.592
Yield	0.304	0.355	0.086	0.008	0.004	0.007	0.009	0.007	0.004	0.783
Ratio	0.822	0.780	0.487	0.514	0.452	0.304	0.571	1.000	0.999	0.756

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# “Set-up Efficiencies” (Add.)

C on C 10mm @ 400MeV/n  
Magnet current: 20.5A (max 25A)

Z	“Set-up efficiency”
1	0.459 +/- 0.004
2	0.924 +/- 0.006
3	0.977 +/- 0.018
4	0.982 +/- 0.022
5	0.984 +/- 0.015
6	0.985 +/- 0.017

What are max. efficiencies we can reach when:

- removing all materials in the beam,
- having all fragment distributions centred in the middle of the TOF-Wall)?

Z	“Set-up efficiency”
1	0.878 +/- 0.006
2	0.952 +/- 0.006
3	0.989 +/- 0.018
4	0.998 +/- 0.023
5	1.000 +/- 0.015
6	1.000 +/- 0.017

TOF-Wall area:  
110cm x  
289.5cm (due  
to gaps,  
normally 110cm  
x 240cm)

## Some numbers:

distance Target-TOF-Wall: DtT 726.75cm

distance Target-hodoscope: DtH 60cm

distance Target-ALADiN s: DtAs ~160cm

distance Target-ALADiN e: DtAe 390

ALADiN gap height: 50cm

ALADIN gap s,e: 130cm, 150cm

ALADIN thick: 230cm

$2 * DtAs * \tan(4.5^\circ) = 25.2\text{cm}$

$2 * DtAe * \tan(4.5^\circ) = 61.4\text{cm}$

$2 * DtH * \tan(4.5^\circ) = 45.6\text{cm}$

$50 / 61.4 = 0.81$

geometric acceptance of the ALADIN

magnet for the

produced fragments is ~4o in theta and

~9o in phi

$4 / 4.5 = 0.889$

target-hodoscope:

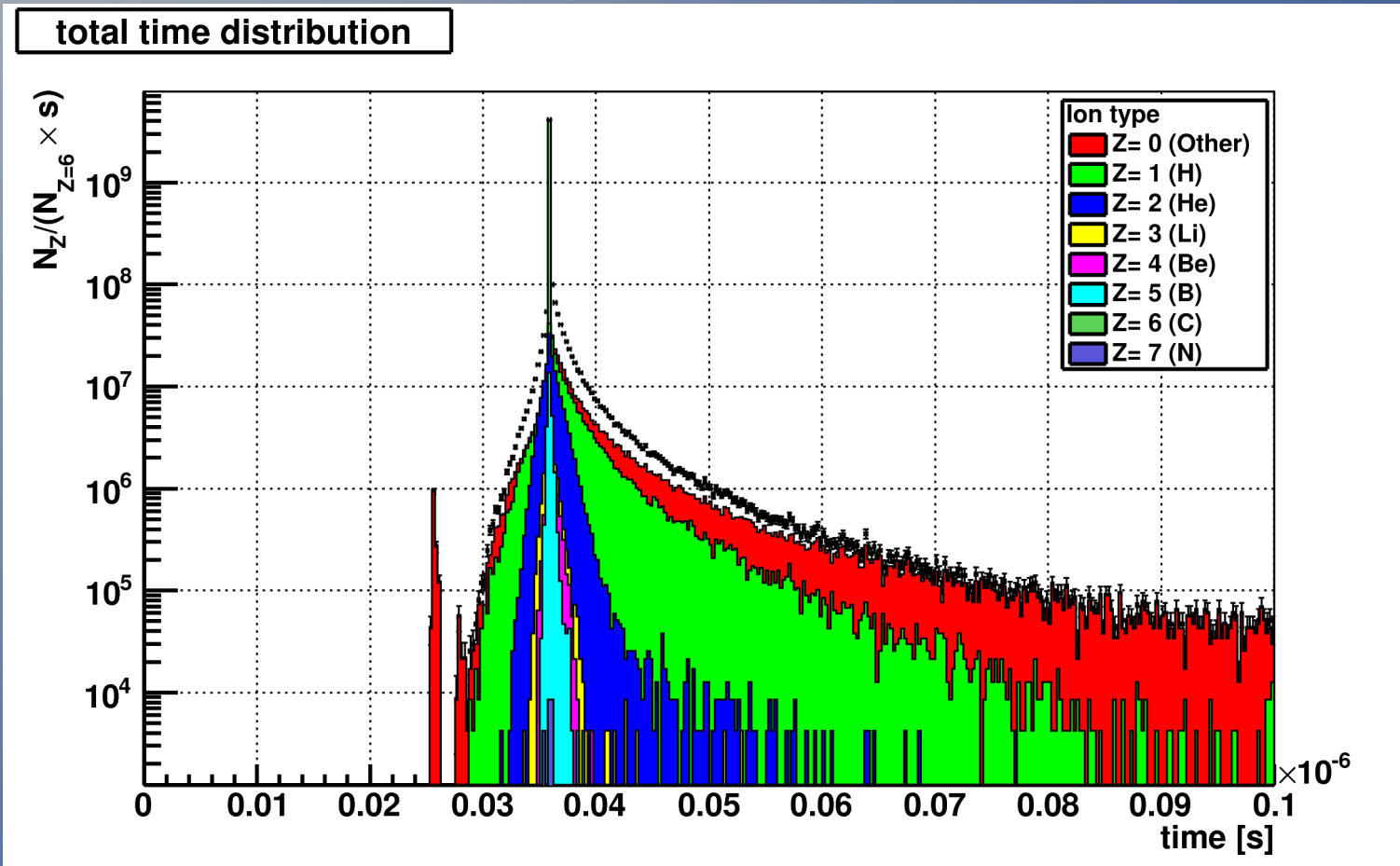
$2 * DtT * \tan(4.5^\circ) = 114.4\text{cm}$

TOF-Wall y= 110cm

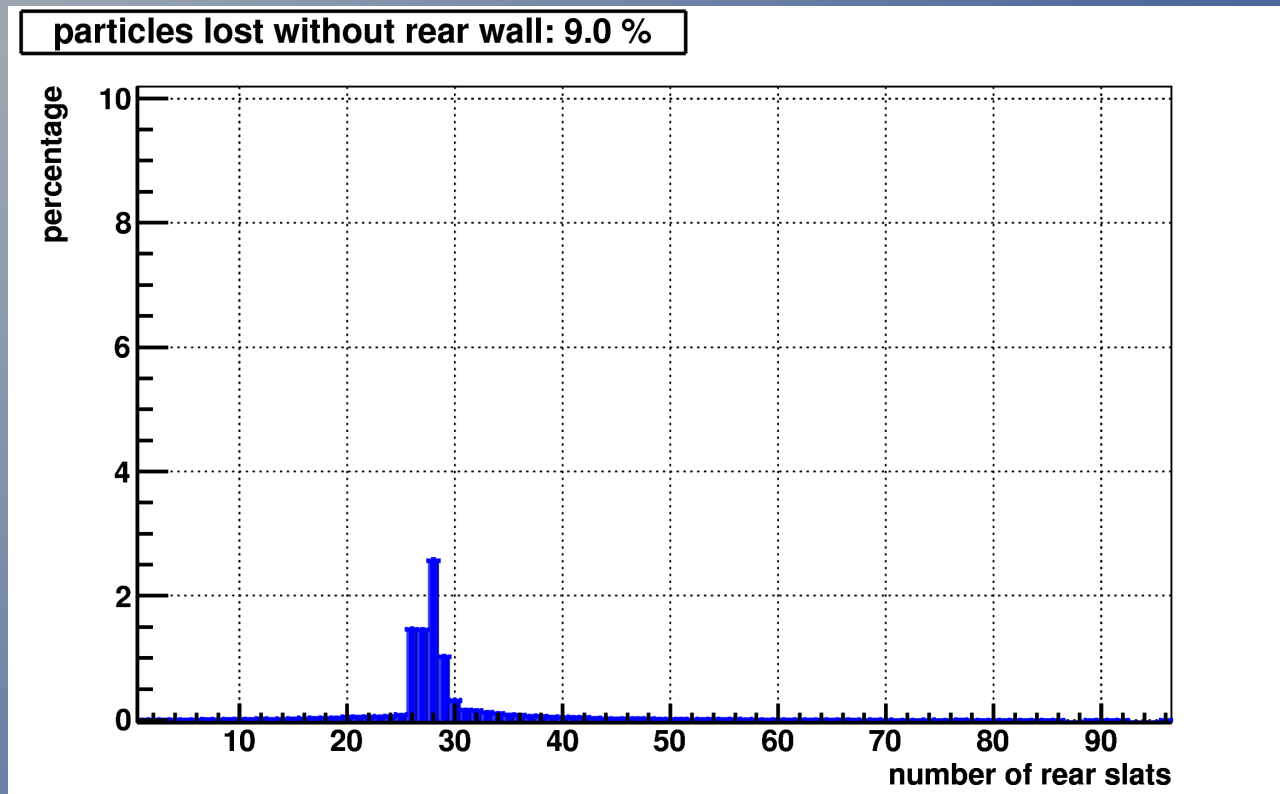
TOF-Wall x= 289.5cm (240cm)

$110 / 114.4 = 96.1538462$

# TOF-Wall (Add.)



# Losses due to gaps (Add.)



Expected losses due to a simple geometry consideration:  
gaps in surface:  $0.5\text{cm}/(2.5\text{cm}+0.5\text{cm})=16.7\%$ .

WARNING: gaps were chosen large for this simulation (5mm),  
They will be hopefully smaller for real set-up.

## Effects of multi-hits:

- without recognition software -> counted as one event (particle loss and misidentification!)
- amplitude larger as than for single hit, consequence: under-estimation of charge
- effect on time information, two cases:
  - $c < dy/dt$ : signal velocity smaller than quotient of distance in time and vertical space
    - time signal gives something similar to distance of the two particles on slat
  - $c > dy/dt$ 
    - time signal gives position of first particle

Details see V. Serfling '93

## Possibilities for identification of Multihit (V. Serfling '93):

- > "Simple criteria: isolated double hits": in front row one slat is hit with neighbouring slats not hit - in back row two slats are hit
  - **BUT**: also "crossers" (angles of incoming particles between -6.4 and +3.1 degree), nuclear reactions, delta-rays (MeV regime=> some mm in scintillation material, some meter in gas)
    - not sufficient as criteria (additionally: in vertical direction at least 10cm apart)
  - > big vertical distance of two hits in the koinzident slats
  - > asymmetry of amplitudes of koinzident slats  
( $asym = \frac{ampl_l - ampl_r}{ampl_l + ampl_r}$ )
  - > "detection of non-isolated double hits" together with other detectors (TP-MUSIC IV (res. of mm) and vertex) is possible!
- > correction of missing multiplicities by MC analysis is possible

description multi-hit reconstruction routine (V. Serfling '93):

- simple track recognition routine:
  - subtract cross-talk (due to optics+electronics, empirical factor: 4%)
    - $AMP_{pr} = AMP - 0.04 * (AMPI + AMP_r)$
  - sort out  $AMP_{pr} \leq 0$
  - determine vertical position
    - preferable by time:  $y = (T_{top} - T_{bot}) / -2c$  (due to better resolution) (c: signal velocity = 16.8 cm/ns (is ~10% smaller than light velocity in scintillator: 19cm/ns, refractive index: 1.58))
    - if time wrong by :  $y = 1 / (2 * \lambda) * \ln(AMP_{top} / AMP_{bot})$
  - sort in first and second order hits
    - 1st order criterium: AMP bigger than AMPI and AMP<sub>r</sub>
    - 2nd order criterium: AMP smaller than AMPI or AMP<sub>r</sub>
- track recognition step
  - sort
    - first: 1st order hits by amplitude
    - second 2nd order hits by amplitude
  - for finding coincident slat from other wall for 1st order hit
    - look in two partner slats (left/right) in this order:
      - if one of partner slats is 1st order hit -> select this one
      - if one of partner slats is 2nd order hit -> select this one
      - if both partner slats are 2nd order hits -> select higher amplitude
      - no coincident slat was found -> save as single (assume lost particle due to: gap, stopped particle, broken detector)
  - for finding coincident slat from other wall for 2nd order hit
    - same as above but if no coincident slat is found -> throw away (assume cross talk effects)
  - connect all coincident slats to tracks (x resolution better by second slat: move by 6.25mm in correct direction)

possibilities for detection of multi-hits (V. Serfling):

- simple criteria: isolated double hit
  - but recognizes also "crossers", reactions in the scintillator and delta-rays!!!!
- big (reconstructed) vertical distance between coincident slats
- asymmetry of coincident amplitudes ( $asy = (AMPI - AMP_r) / (AMPI + AMP_r)$ ) (not applicable due to strongly non-linear behaviour)

routine for multi-hit recognition:

- simple criteria + 100mm distance between coincident slats (~1/4 of all real double hits were identified)
- calculate time and charge from other particle

## Some boundary conditions

- Out of target interactions must be kept **below ~ per cent** level with respect to the on target interactions.
- Trigger rate **must be  $\leq$  kHz** due to pile-up in the MUSIC TPC ( 10% pile-up @4kHz)
- Considering a maximum target thickness of 10 mm, we expect at maximum **~10% of interaction probability**.
- The beam spot for Carbon projectiles can be **~ 3mm FWHM**
- The geometric acceptance of the ALADIN magnet for the produced fragments is **~4° in  $\theta$  and ~9° in  $\phi$**