

# XIV FOOT Collaboration Meeting

*TW calibration for HIT2022*

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# Experimental setup



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${}^4\text{He}(100-140-200-220 \text{ MeV/u})$  on  ${}^{12}\text{C}$

11 Mevts (min bias)  
4 Mevents (frag. trig)



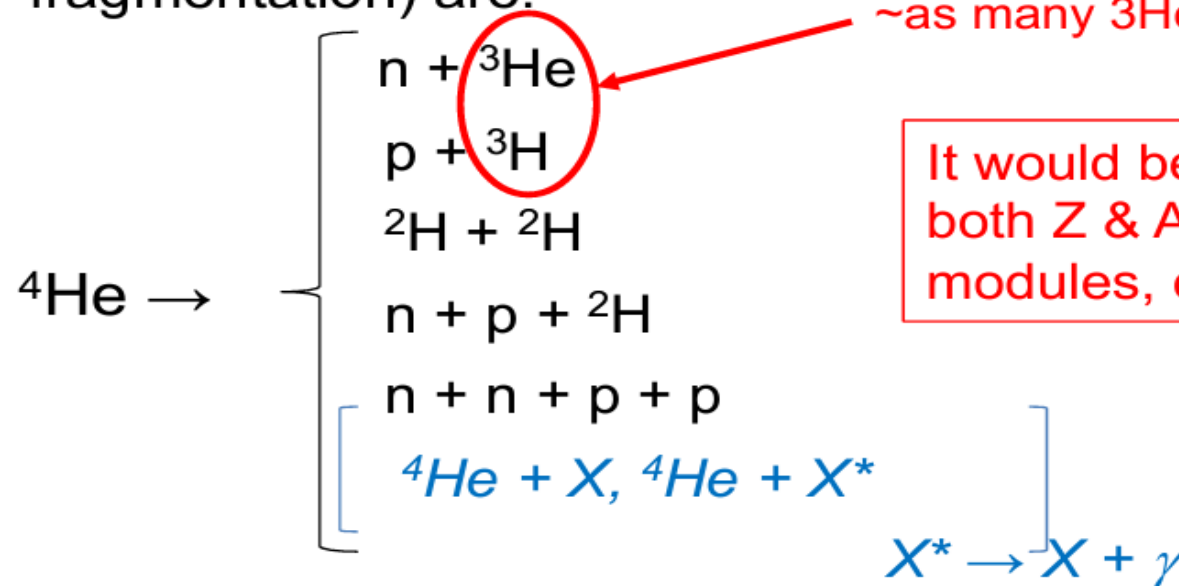
The FOOT HIT  
2022 setup

- Start Counter
- Beam Monitor
- Micro Strip Detector
- ToF-Wall
- 7 modules (63 crystals) of the calorimeter



## Available Fragmentation Channels

Using  $^4\text{He}$  projectiles, the only final state channels (excluding target fragmentation) are:



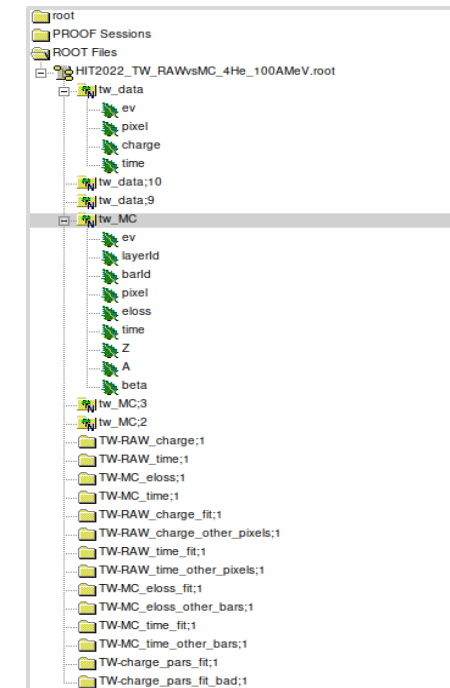
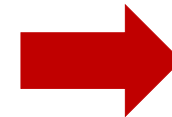
It would be fundamental to aim to both Z & A identification using the BGO modules, even in a limited solid angle

$$E_{\text{sep}}(^4\text{He} \rightarrow n + ^3\text{He}) = E_{\text{bind}}(^4\text{He}) - E_{\text{bind}}(^3\text{He}) = 28.3 - 7.7 = 20.6 \text{ MeV}$$

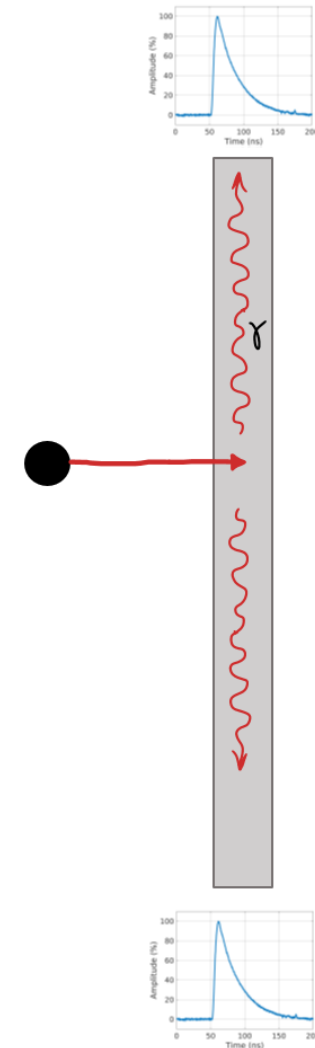
$$E_{\text{sep}}(^4\text{He} \rightarrow ^2\text{H} + ^2\text{H}) = E_{\text{bind}}(^4\text{He}) - E_{\text{bind}}(^2\text{H}) = 28.3 - 2.23 = 26.07 \text{ MeV}$$

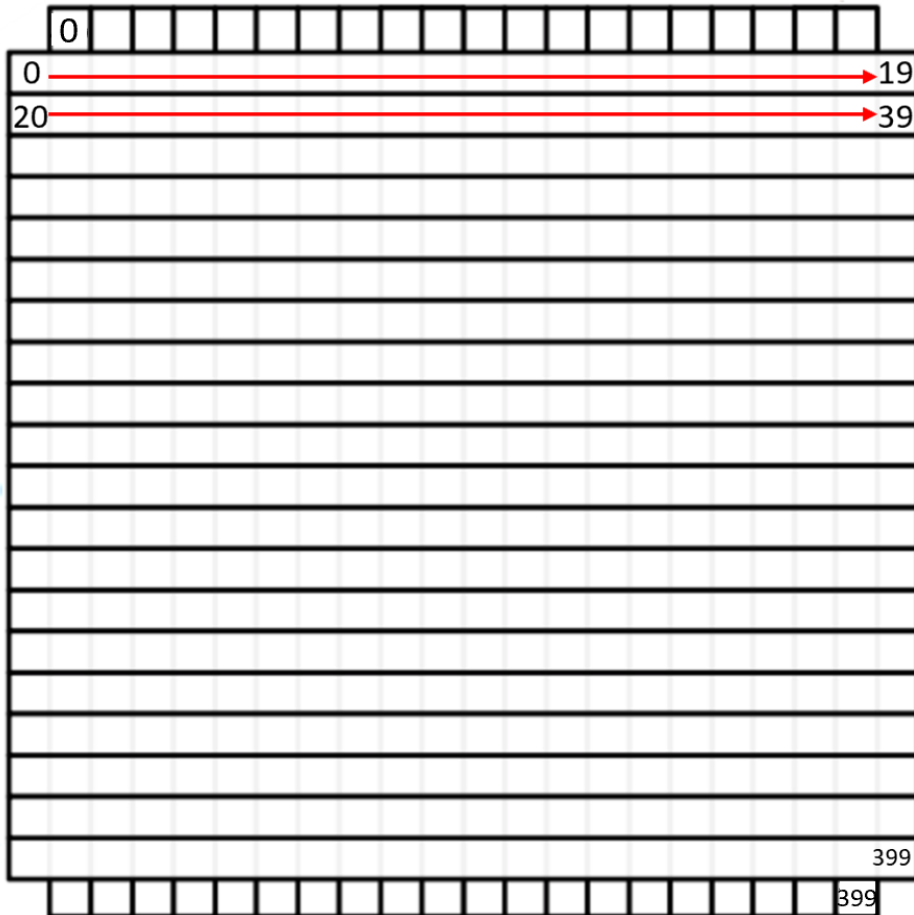
- We analyzed data acquired in the **HIT 2022 campaign** that refer to  $^4\text{He}$  beam on a 5 mm graphite target at energies of (100-140-200-220) MeV/u
- Global gain of the TW set to  $\sim 2.5$  (instead of  $\sim 1$  as in the previous FOOT data taking)
- First step: data acquired written by the DAQ system in binary format (.dat) are unpacked and a ROOT Tree is generated

$^4\text{He}$ BEAM ENERGY	RAW DATA EVENTS	MC EVENTS
100 MeV/u	4.4 M	5 M
140 MeV/u	4.1 M	5 M
200 MeV/u	8.3 M	5 M
220 MeV/u	2.4 M	5 M



- We need to extract the energy loss of the fragments passing through this detector
- The total charge values were obtained directly from the TW signals. The two channels of each bar involved in the event were processed separately and the charge collected in each of them ( $Q_A$  and  $Q_B$ ) was evaluated as the integral of the signals
- The raw energy loss of the particles that pass through the bar was defined as:
$$Q = \sqrt{Q_A \cdot Q_B}$$
- Once this quantity is retrieved, analyzing each event, it is possible to obtain the mean values of the deposited energy of the fragments, and plot them according to the expected MC energy releases

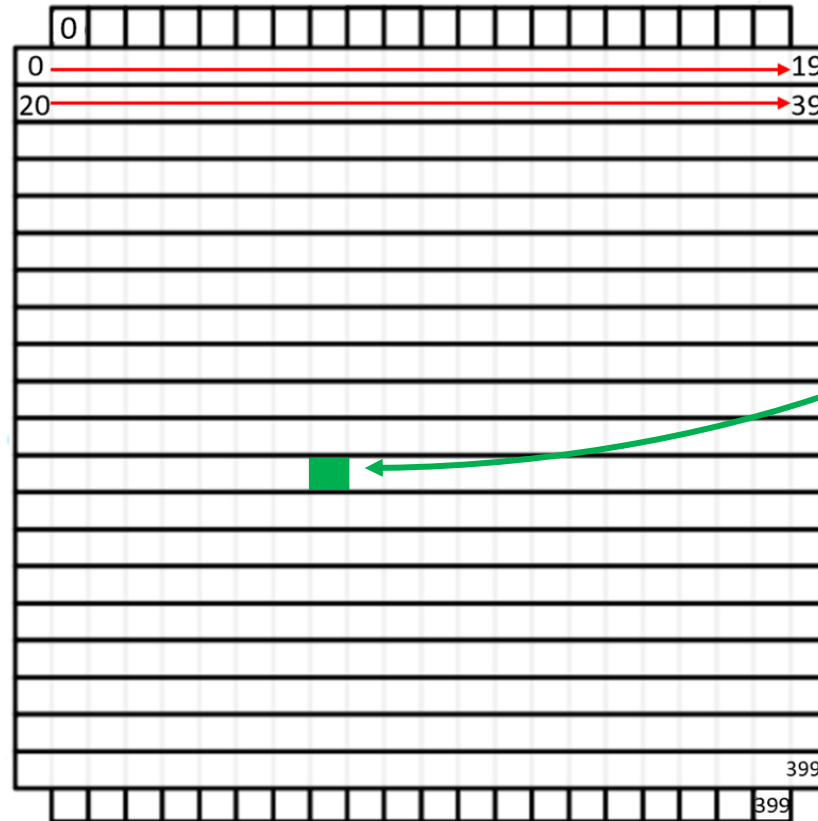




- Each of the two layers was ideally divided into 400 equal regions with an area of  $2 \times 2 \text{ cm}^2$  that we called *pixels*
- A pixel is identified as the area of intersection between a horizontal bar on the front layer and a vertical bar on the rear layer
- The pixel numbering for both layers goes from 0 to 399
- At the end we will obtain 800 well-calibrated positions



- All the steps of the TW energy and TOF calibration procedure for the pixel n. 228 are presented as an example

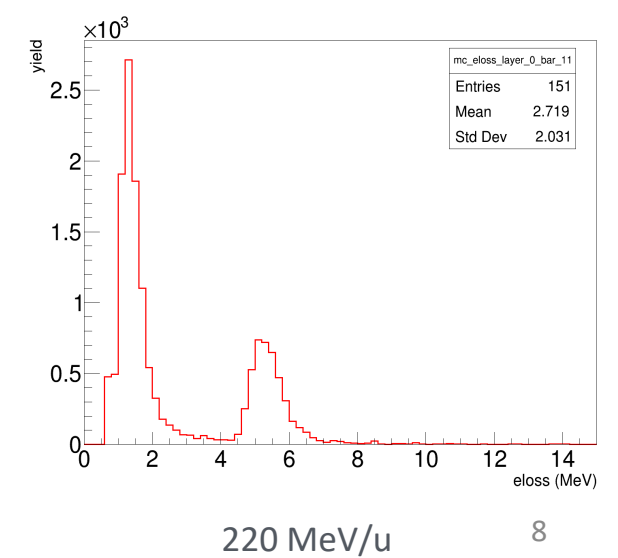
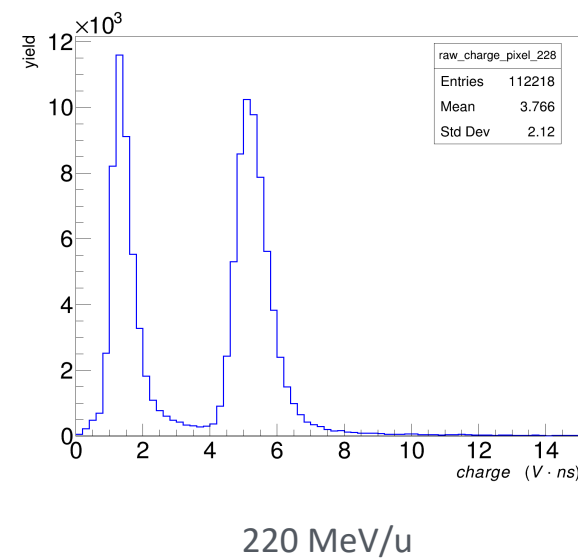
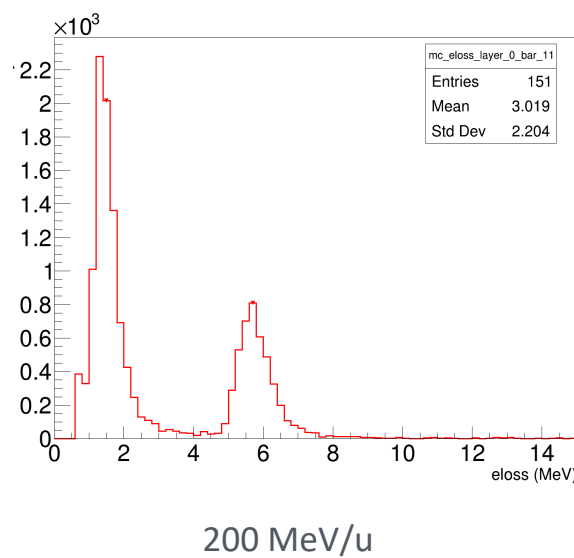
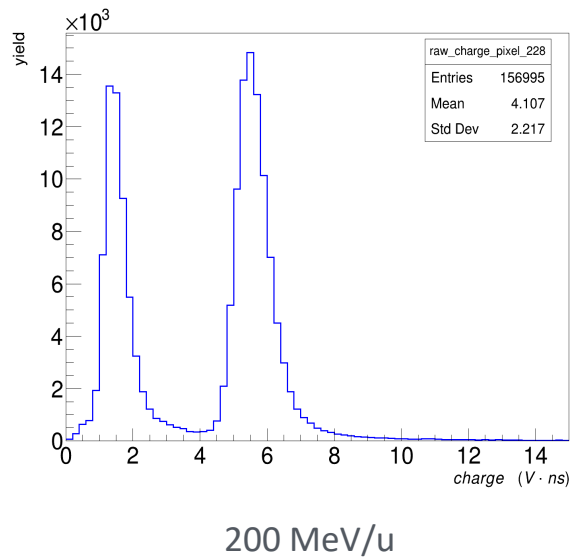
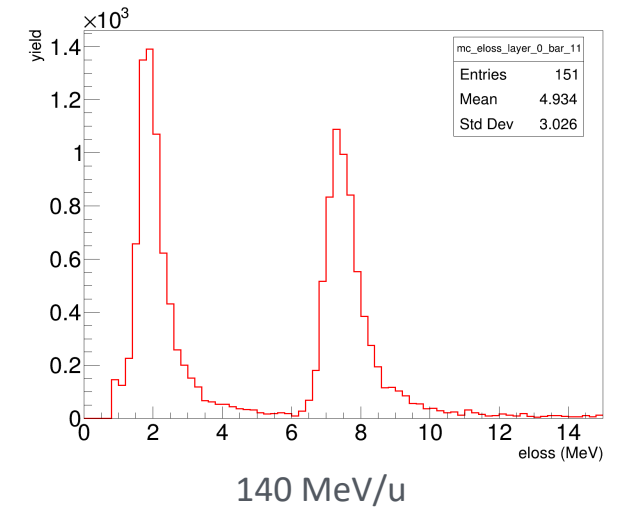
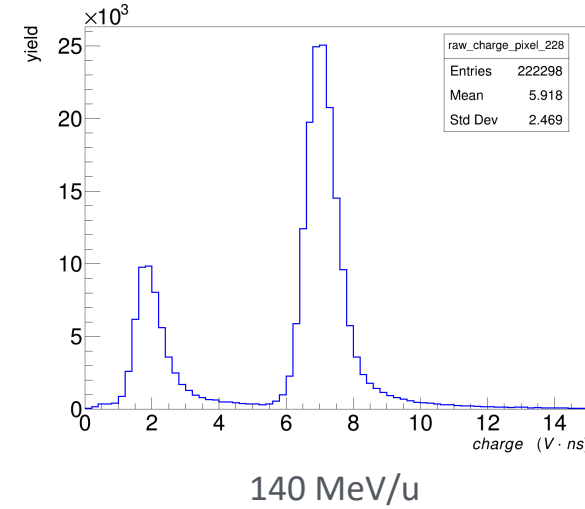
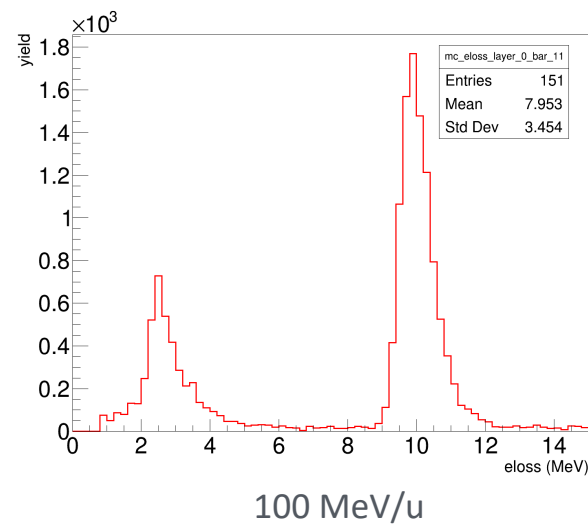
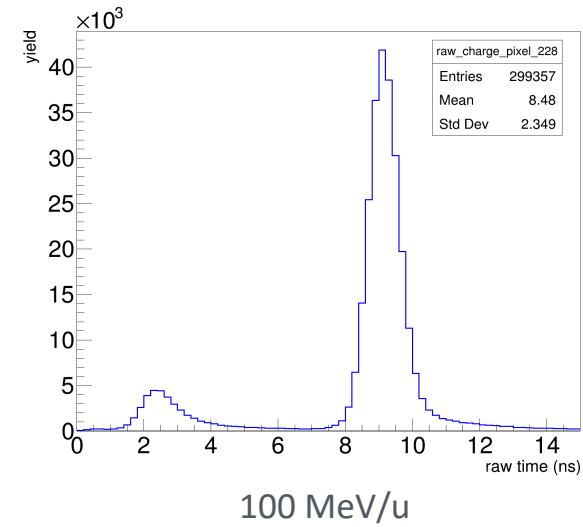


- We repeated recursively the same procedure for all the 800 pixels in order to obtain a complete calibration map containing all the calibration parameters

# Energy loss distributions for pixel n. 228

MC DATA

RAW DATA





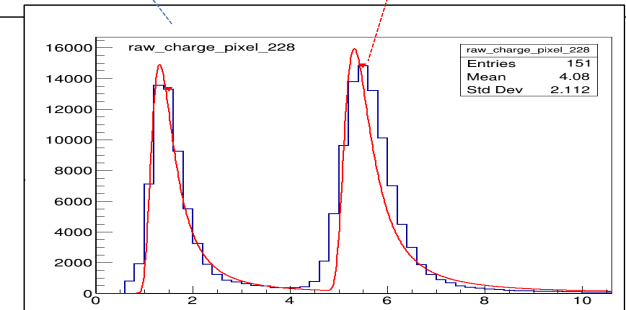
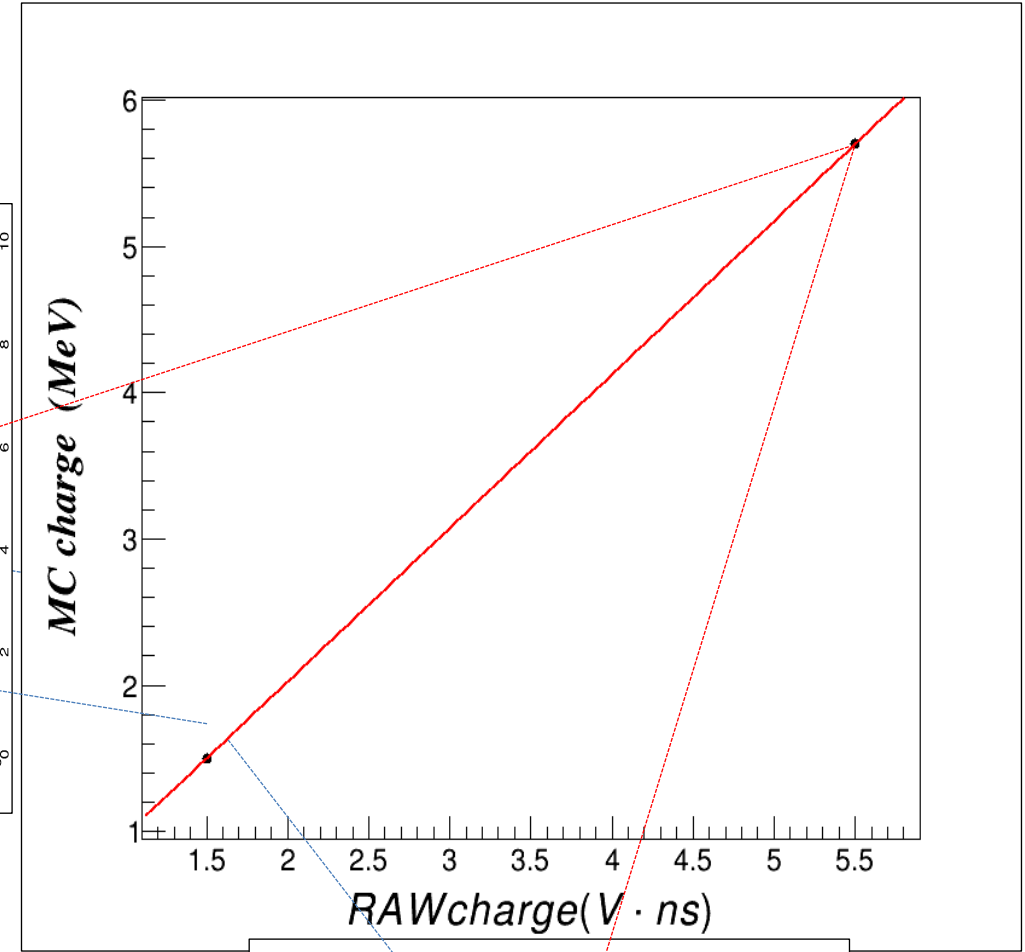
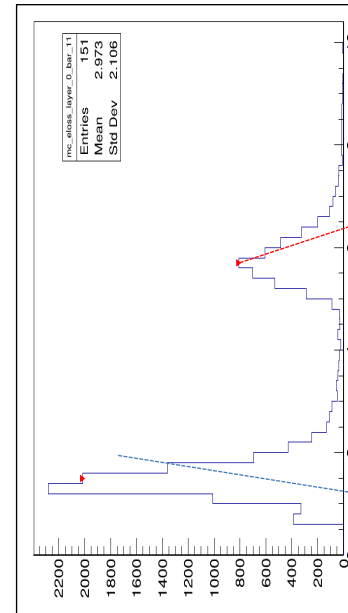
➤ The two fit with a Landau curve and the mean value of both raw charpeaks of the raw energy loss distribution are automatically extracted

➤ The mean values of both MC energy loss peaks are extracted with the support of the ROOT TSpectrum class

➤ Linear fit:  $\mu(\Delta E_{MC}) = p_0 \cdot \mu(Q) + p_1$

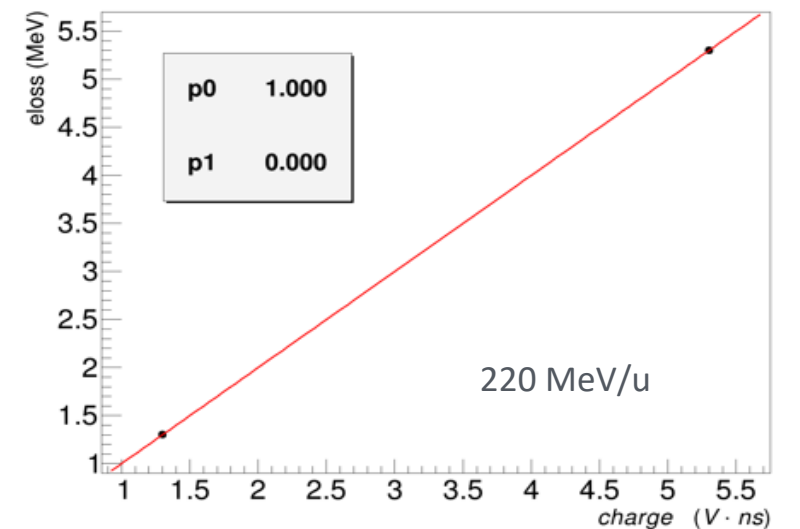
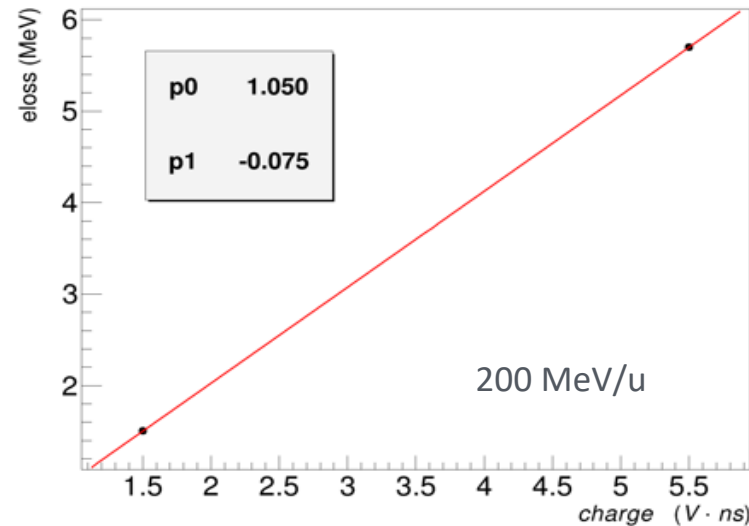
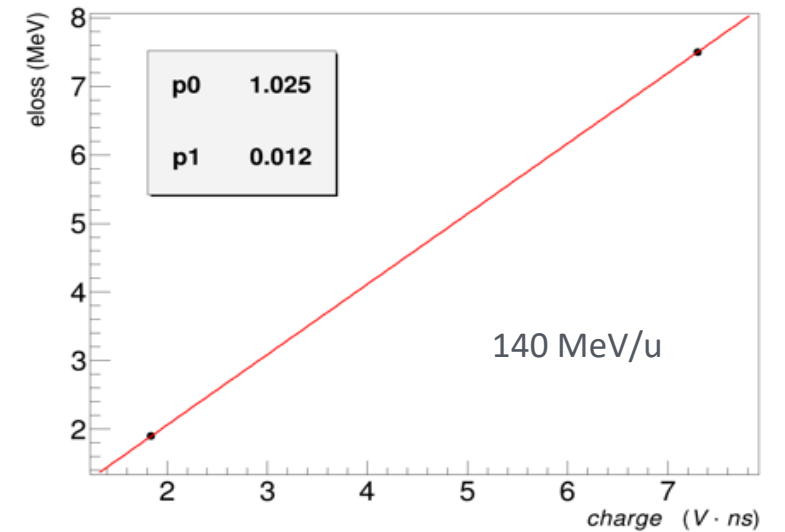
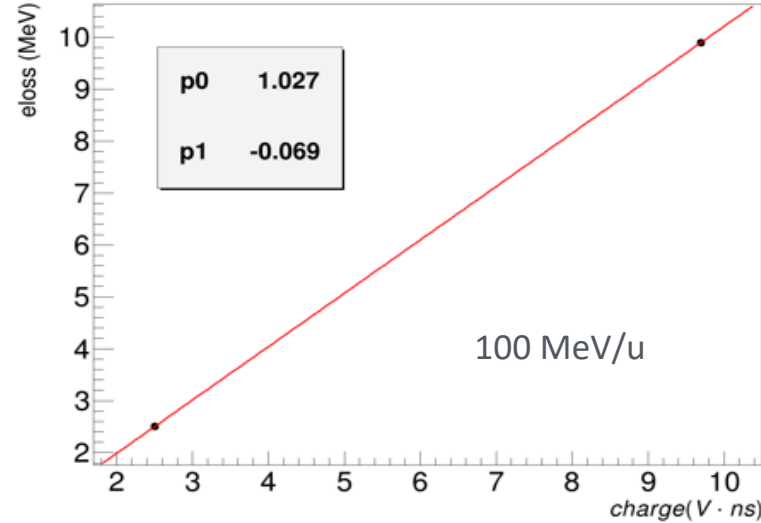
- $p_0$  ( $MeV/V \cdot ns$ ) represents the charge conversion factor between the MC and the experimental data

- $p_1$  has the dimensions of  $MeV$



# Energy Calibration Lines

- The same procedure is repeated for each energy value
- In the final energy calibration file that will be pushed in SHOE for each pixel will be given the correspondent parameters  $p_0$  e  $p_1$

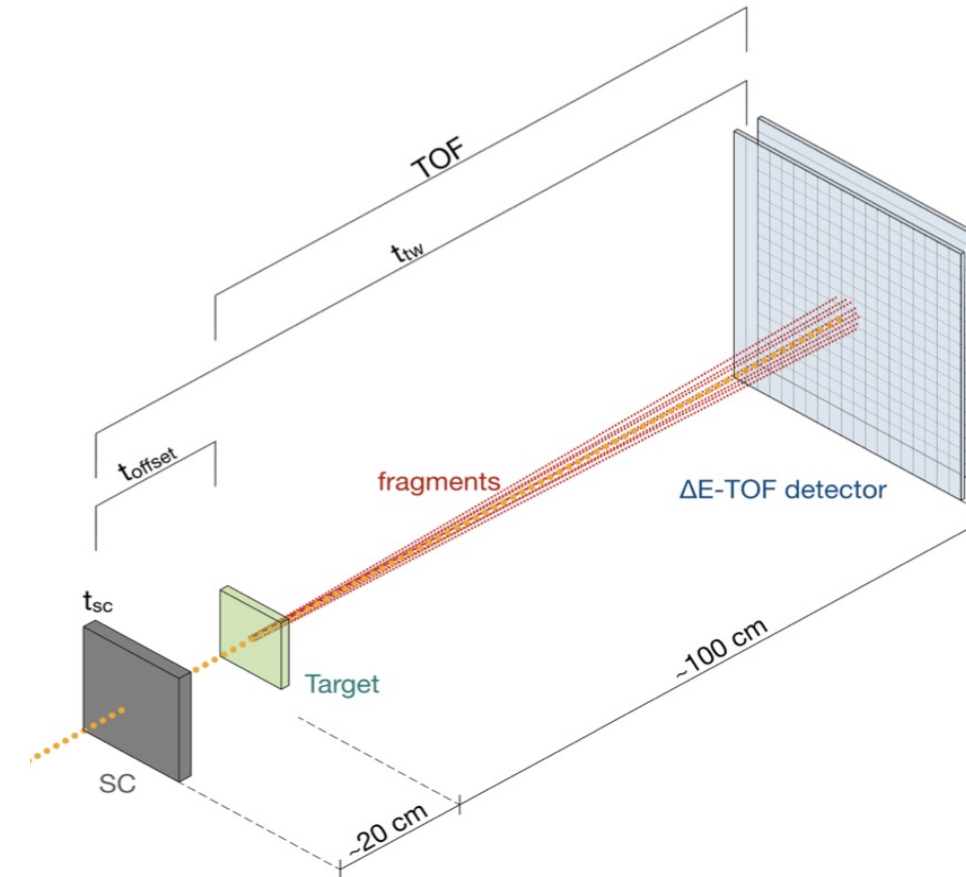


# Time-Of-Flight (TOF) Calibration

- The start time  $t_{st}$  of each event was extracted from the SC waveforms
- The arrival time  $t_{tw}$  of the passing fragments was extracted from the TW signals.

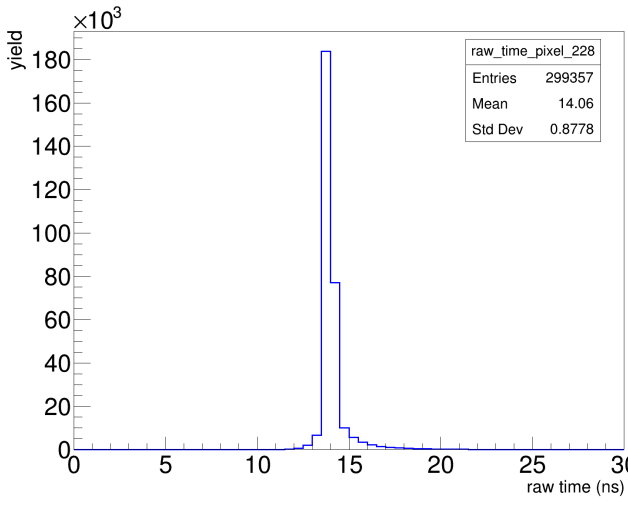
$$TOF_{raw} = t_{tw} - t_{st} = \frac{t_A + t_B}{2} - t_{st}$$

- where  $t_A$  and  $t_B$  are the timestamps taken at right and left side of the detector's bar
- For the TOF calibration we referred to the same calibration map of the energy
- We calibrated the TOF for all the 800 pixels

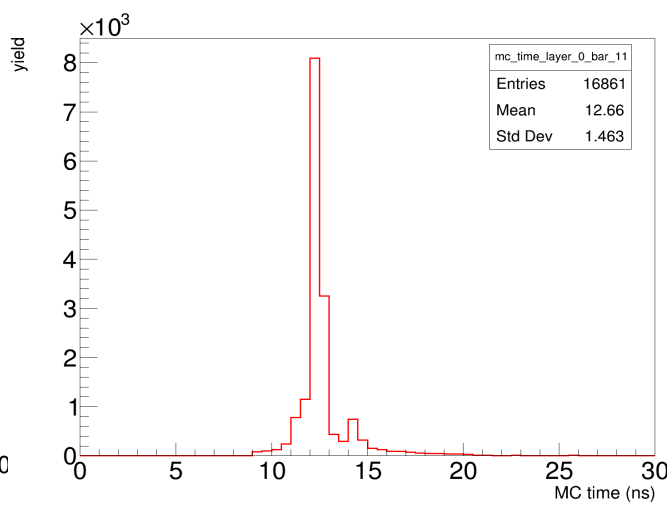


# TOF distributions for pixel n. 228

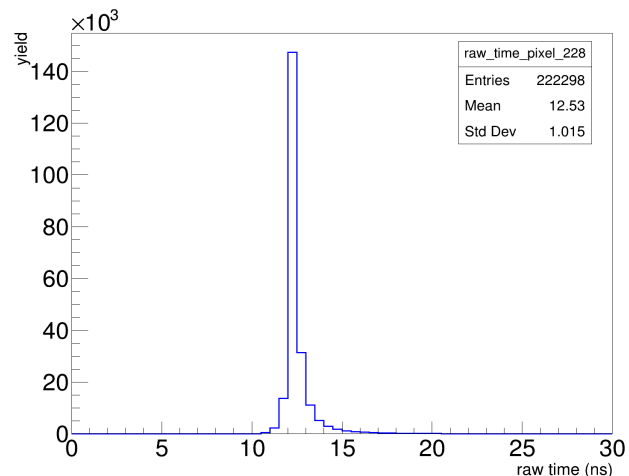
■ MC DATA  
■ RAW DATA



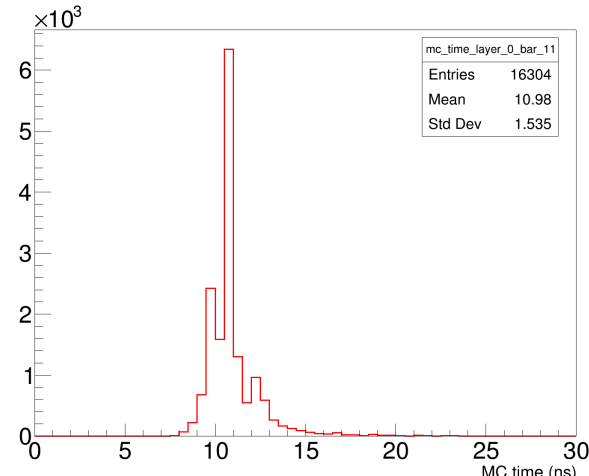
100 MeV/u



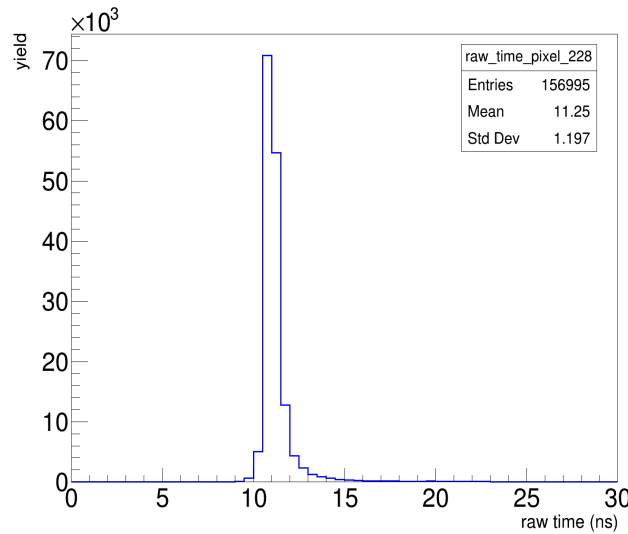
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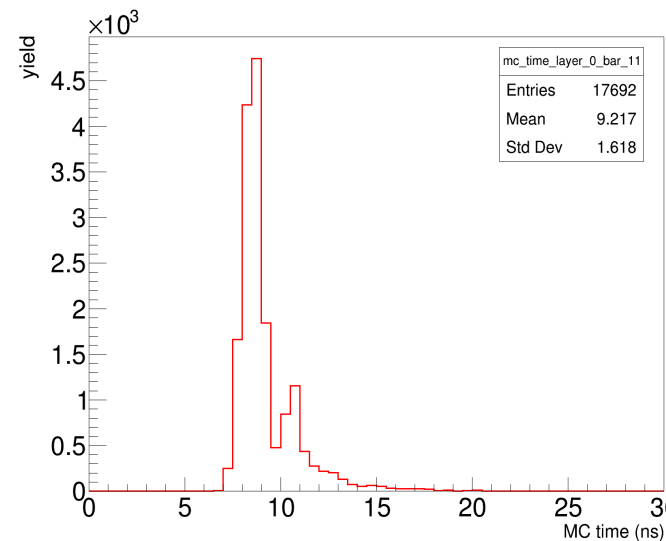
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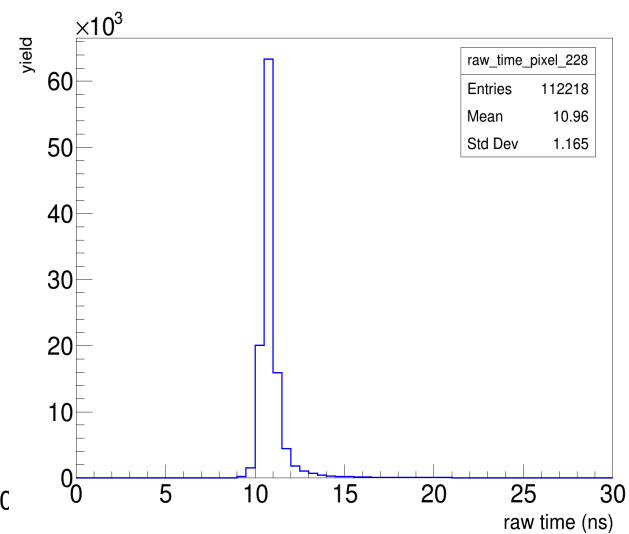
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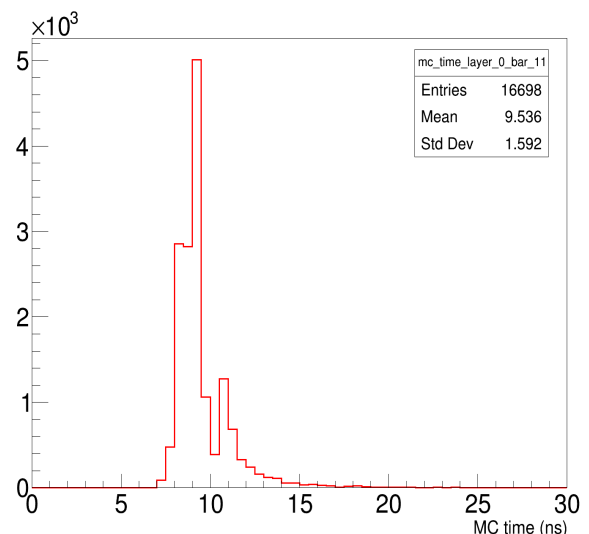
200 MeV/u



200 MeV/u



220 MeV/u



220 MeV/u





- TOF calibration consists in relating the mean value of the  $TOF_{raw}$  distribution the mean value of the  $TOF_{MC}$  one:

$$\mu(TOF_{MC}) = \mu(TOF_{raw}) - \Delta t$$

- We derived  $\mu(TOF_{MC})$  and  $\mu(TOF_{raw})$  once again with the ROOT TSpectrum class
  - The variable  $\Delta t$  considers all the possible experimental time offsets due for instance to electronics and signal propagation delay through cables
- In the time calibration file that will be pushed in SHOE for each pixel will be given the correspondent parameter  $\Delta t$ . For pixel n. 228 we obtained  $\Delta t = 1.5 \text{ ns}$  for each value of beam energy

# Conclusions



- ✓ A TW calibration (energy and ToF) for the HIT2022 data taking which has involved  $Z = 1$  and  $Z = 2$  fragments was done. All the files are ready to be uploaded on SHOE.



1. Isotopic fragments identification combining the measures of TW and calorimeter is under way
2. Hopefully final goal is to study differential cross sections for the FOOT HIT2022 campaign