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### MSD clustering and η-correction

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# The MSD workflow



Step-by-step review of the MSD data processing!

- RawHit  $\rightarrow$  Hit
  - → VA gain correction added
  - ➤ Correct flagging of noisy/dead strips
- Hit  $\rightarrow$  Cluster
  - → Clustering algorithm re-checked and updated
  - → η-correction
- MChit  $\rightarrow$  Hit  $\rightarrow$  Cluster
  - → Updated to match new containers



# **RawHit** → **Hit: VA gain correction**

### **Strip-wise ADC correction**

- 640 strips  $\rightarrow$  10 Voltage Amplifiers of 64 channels each
- Correct for gain difference
  - → Fit Landau distribution for strip  $\Delta E$  in each VA
  - ➔ Normalize MPVs
- New calibration file in SHOE
  - shoe/Reconstruction/calib/\*/TAMSD\_VA\_gain.cal

Same for all campaigns!!



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- 4) Avoid noisy/dead strips for signal/position calculation

$$S_{clus,raw} = \sum_{i}^{good} S_i \qquad \qquad x_{clus} = \frac{\sum_{i}^{good} S_i \cdot x_i}{S_{clus,raw}}$$



### η parameter: refresh



readout

capacitance

loating strip r

0.7

0.8

0.9

### Floating strip configuration → charge collection depends on particle hit position!





$$\eta = \frac{S_L}{S_L + S_R}$$

 $S_{L/R}$  = two highest strips in cluster

### $\eta$ = relative signal fraction of 2 highest strips

- Center of gravity in readout pitch units
- Peaks due to capacitive coupling
- Non-linear signal division btw strips



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0.1

silicon bulk (150 μm)

0000 julie

5000

4000

3000

2000

1000

readout

capacitance

Floating strip regio

0.3

nterstrip region

interstrip

capacitance

backplane

nterstrip regior

st-to-third strip capacitance

Readout regior

nterstrip regior

### η parameter: refresh





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Data taking w/ focused laser



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### η parameter: GSI2021 data





### GSI2021 run 4303-4312

- <sup>16</sup>O @ 400 MeV/u
- Both MB and frag triggers
- Both C and PE targets

- $\sqrt{S_{raw}}~(\propto Z)$  as a function of  $\eta$
- Different Z populations noticeable
- No event selection
  → some background everywhere
- Many low signal clusters

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# η correction: calibration strategy





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### η correction: charge division





- Charge identification + tracking coherent!!!!
- Fragmentation in air/MSD visible

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Fit signal as function of  $\eta$ 

Low statistics for p w/ this selection  $\rightarrow$  Use other sample

### η correction: signal-η fit





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### η correction: calibration





#### *Fit works fine for all Z>1, but what about protons?*

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# **η correction: protons calibration**



#### Look at only one sensor!

- Sensor response compatible btw each other •
- Less low-signal background ٠



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### **η correction: calibration map**

### Putting everything together $\rightarrow \eta$ -correction map!!





### η correction: application to data!



### Apply $\eta$ -correction $\rightarrow$ Sensor response correctly flattened!!



### **η correction: application to data!**





### $\eta$ correction: energy loss in one sensor





• Energy loss  $\rightarrow$  double peak due to  $\eta$  removed

• Still some artifact from saturation (N-O)

### $\eta$ correction: multi-sensor energy loss





- Average energy loss between all sensors
- Too many peaks!!
- Mostly artifacts of noisy clusters/sensors

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- Switch to median???

### Mean vs Median

· Choosing mean or median as the best expectation value of a distribution depends on the outliers



• Median, as the central value of a ordered set, is more robust in presence of outliers



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### η correction: multi-sensor energy loss





- Much better!!!
- Get rid of artifacts
- Very good energy resolution!

### η correction: multi-sensor energy loss













- Very good MSD-TW correlation!
- Possible to recognize many physics and reconstruction effects
  - Good correlation
  - → Out-of-target fragmentation
  - \* 2- $\alpha$  pile-up
  - Noise artifacts
  - → Event pile-up (?)













### Bonus: η correction in CNAO2023



### Apply $\eta$ -correction $\rightarrow$ Same map works also for CNAO2023 (all sensors to be checked!)



# **Summary of software updates**

- Macro for η-correction map (shoe/Reconstruction/macros/ComputeMsdEtaCorrection.C)
- TAMSDrawHit
  - → GetCharge() → strip raw ADC readout
  - → Fixed IsSeed and IsFired flags
  - → Noisy/dead strip flagged correctly (from pedestal calibration files)
- TAMSDhit
  - → GetEnergyLoss() → strip ADC with VA gain correction
- TAMSDcluster
  - → Clustering algorithm updated!
  - →  $\eta$ -correction now properly implemented k( $\eta$ , S<sub>raw</sub>)
    - Map will be used imported in all campaigns
  - → GetEnergyLossNoEta() → Non-calibrated energy loss
  - → GetEnergyLoss() →  $\eta$ -calibrated energy loss [MeV]
- TAMSDcalibrationMap
  - → Loaded and applied 2D  $\eta$ -correction map (+ 2D interpolation of correction factors)

TAMChit

 $\rightarrow$  Updated to match changes in data containers

### Conclusions

MSD updates!

- Checked whole reconstruction chain from raw to cluster
- Updated clustering
- $\eta$ -correction -> calibrated  $\Delta E$  in MSD
- Very good correlation w/ TW and glb tracks
- Very good energy resolution in MSD!



- Need to re-check all MSD pedestals and clustering thresholds!! (IMPORTANT)
- No check performed on MSD tracking or MSDpoints!
- Need for someone else to do this, so... volunteers are welcome!

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# **Backup slides**