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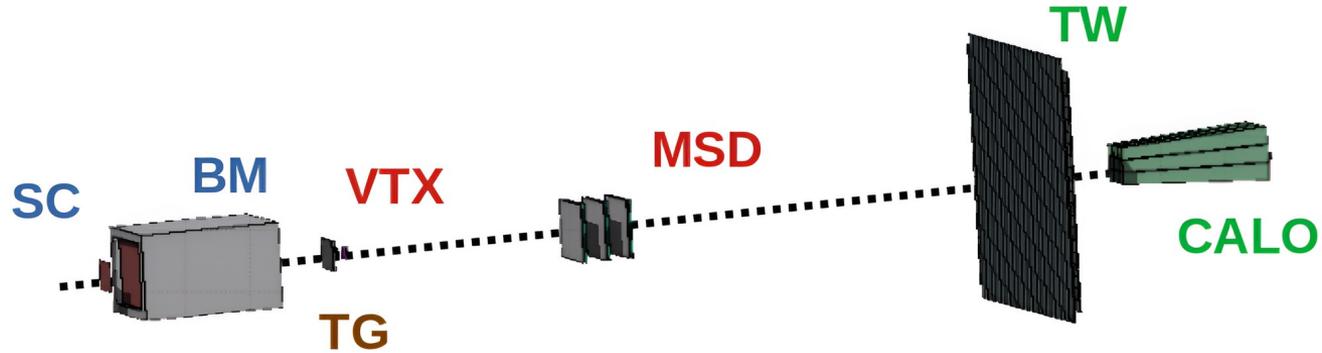


$O+C_2H_4$, $O+H$ and $H+O$ cross sections at GSI2021

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GSI2021 setup



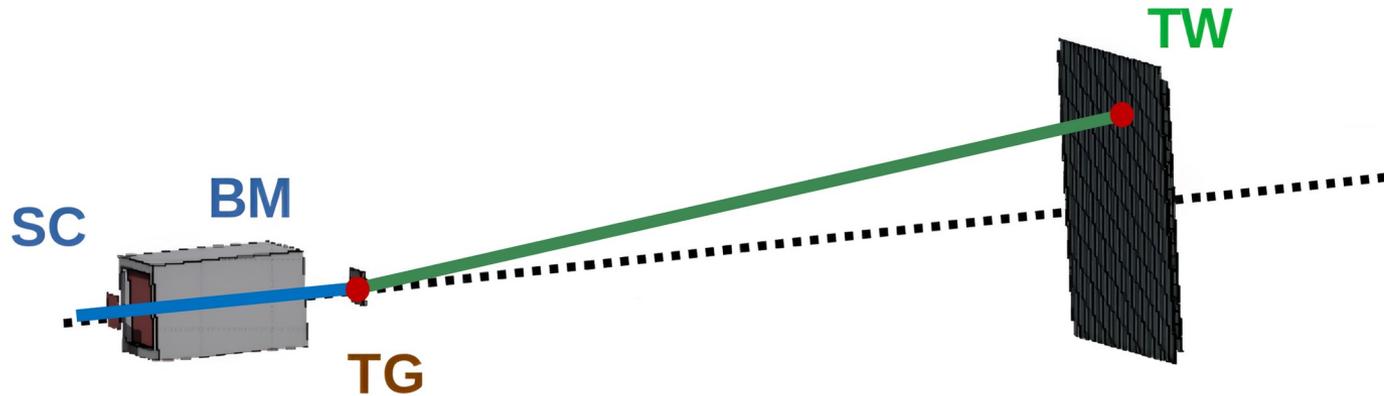
GSI2021 data

- **SC**, **BM** and **TW** information used in the analysis
- **400 MeV/u** beam on C target (5 mm) and C₂H₄ target (10 mm)

Cross section measurement

Angular differential cross section

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- **Number of primaries:** evaluated after selection cuts on SC and BM
- Rescaling factor for **fragmentation trigger** events
- Small background statistics (only ~57000 events)
- **Total cross section:** integrated from angular cross section ($0^\circ - 5.7^\circ$)

Analysis flow

- **Efficiencies** and **purities** calculated from the Monte Carlo simulations
- Purities applied **separately** for signal and background
- **Background subtraction** from a no target run
- **Unfolding** to solve **angle mixing**
- **Cross section** calculation (with **efficiencies**)

New binning

- Increase number of bins?

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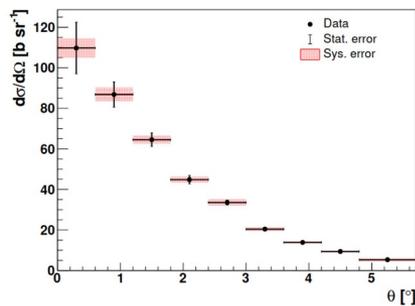
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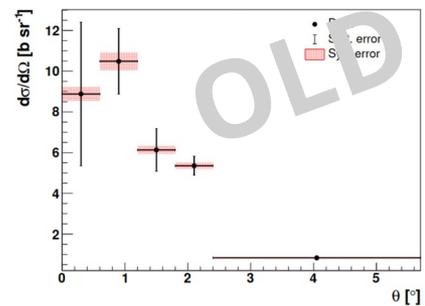
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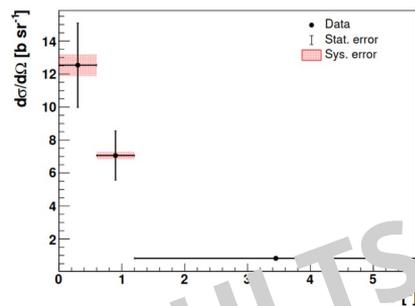
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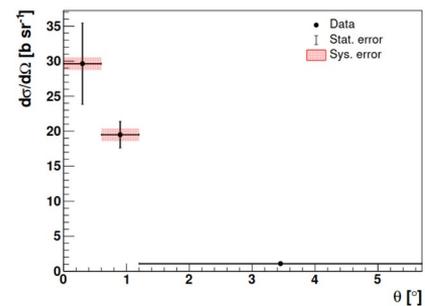
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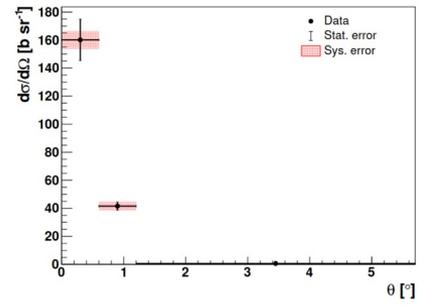
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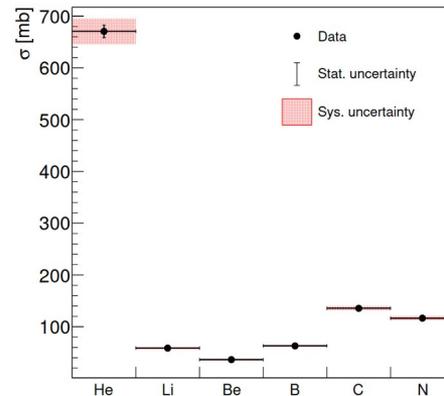
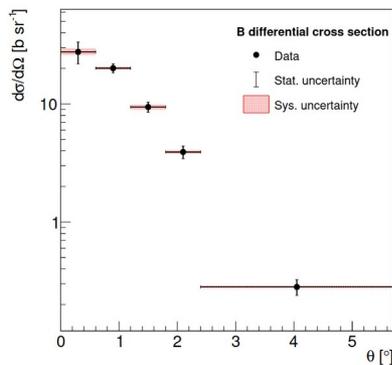
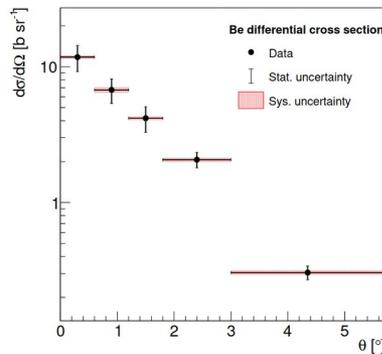
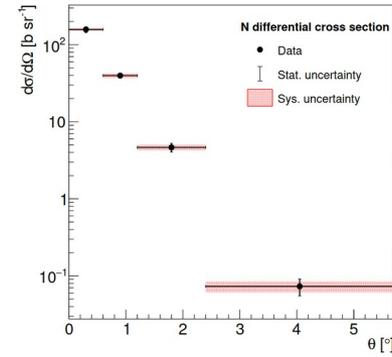
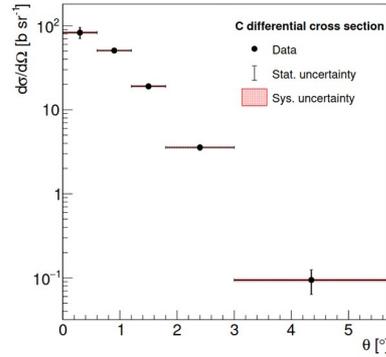
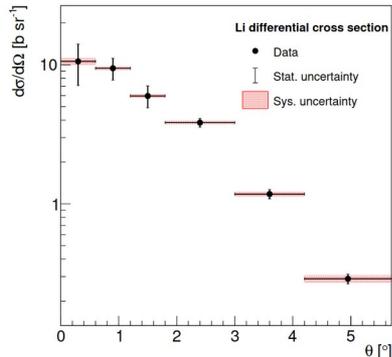
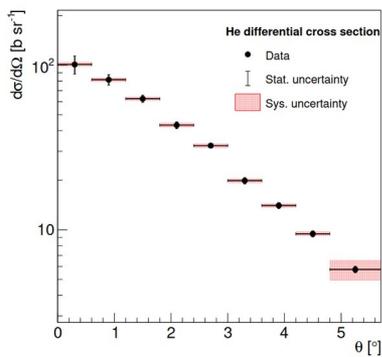
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OLD RESULTS

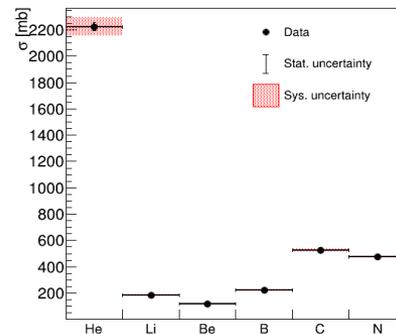
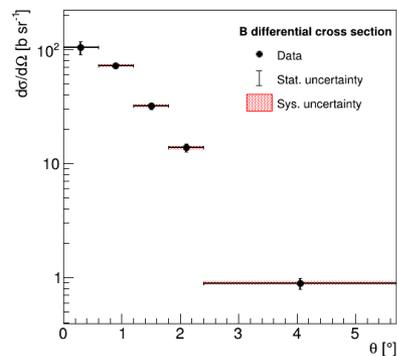
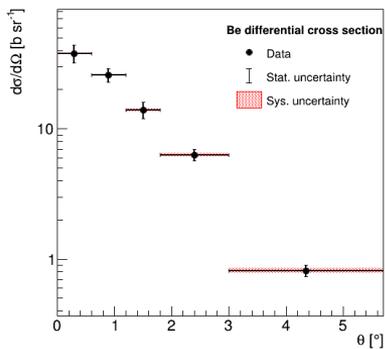
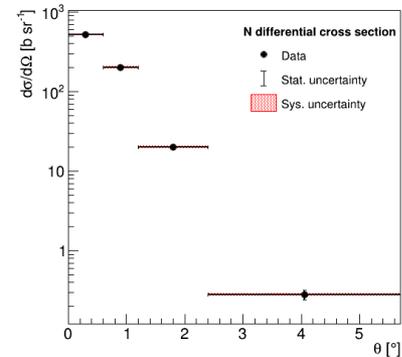
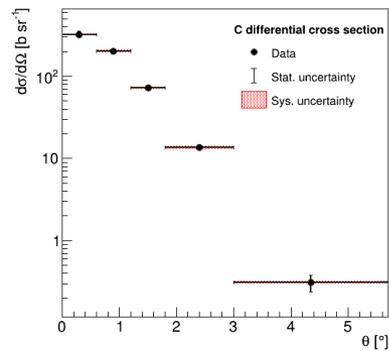
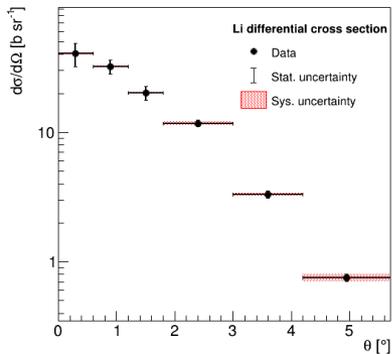
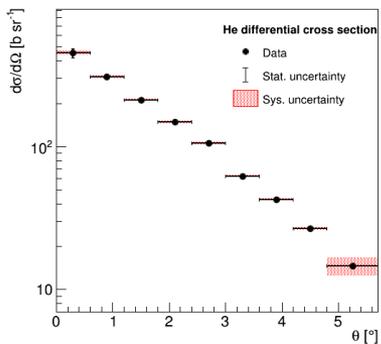
NEW results O + C

New binning

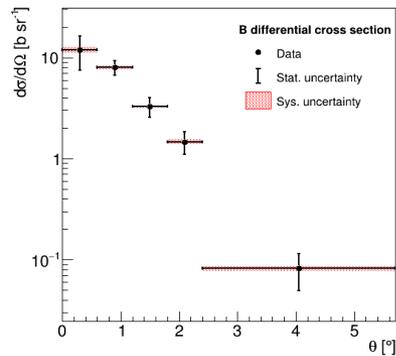
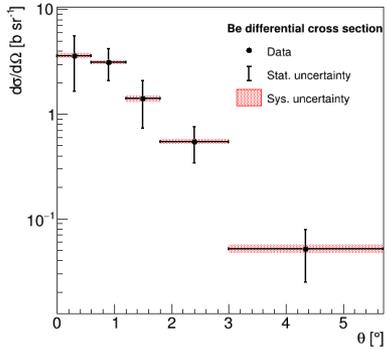
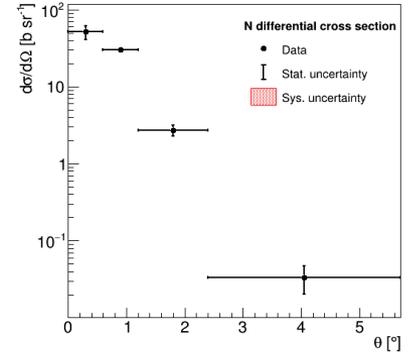
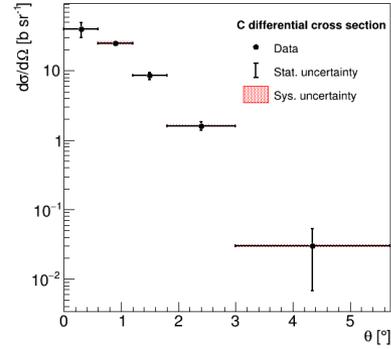
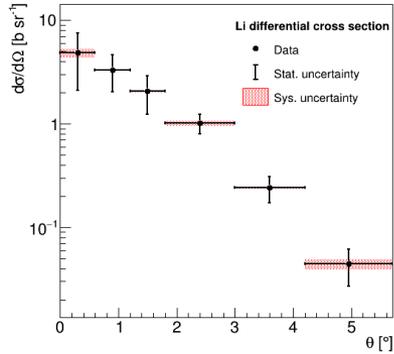
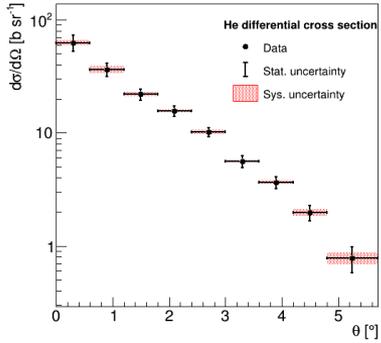


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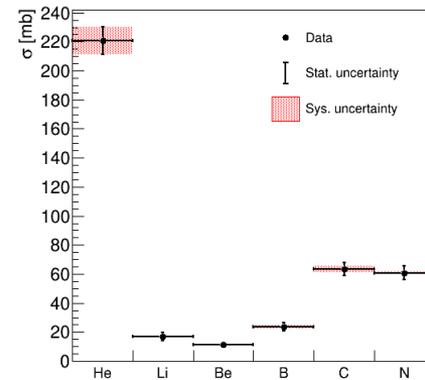
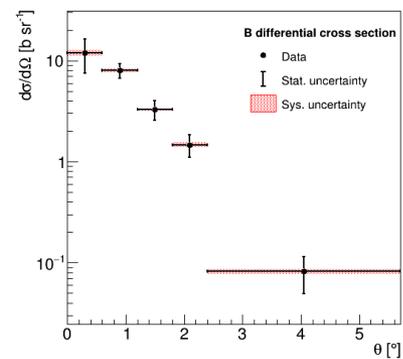
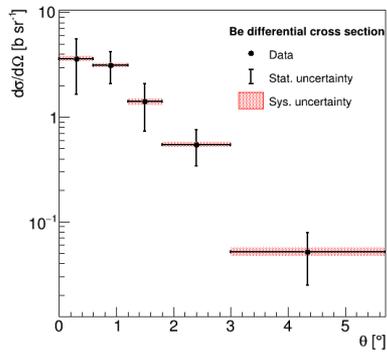
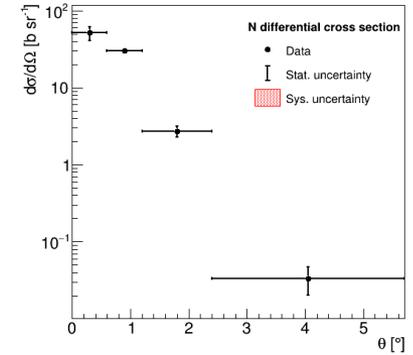
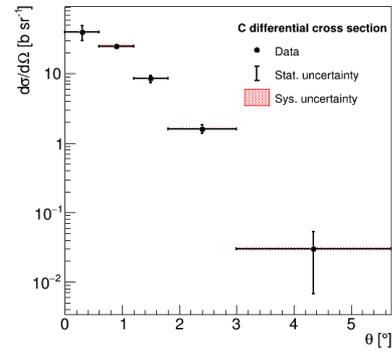
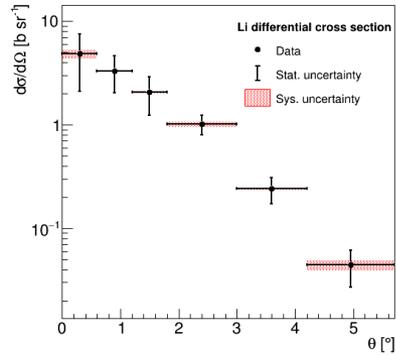
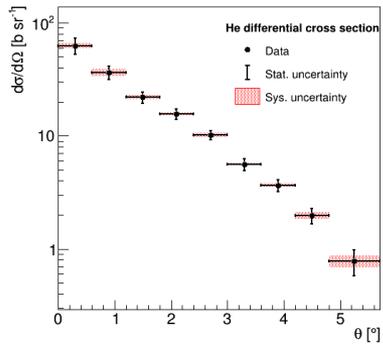


Cross section for O+H



- Systematic uncertainty accounts for reconstruction strategy (reconstructed MC vs true MC result) and stoichiometric subtraction

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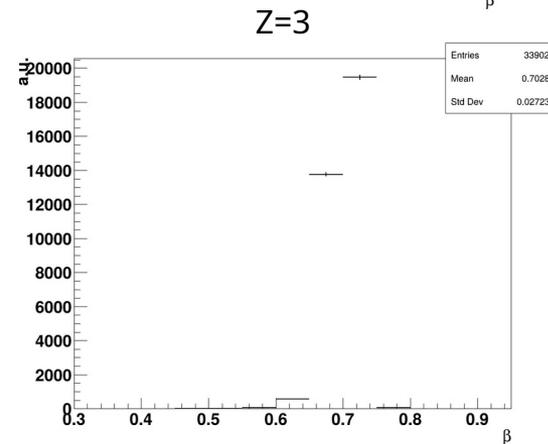
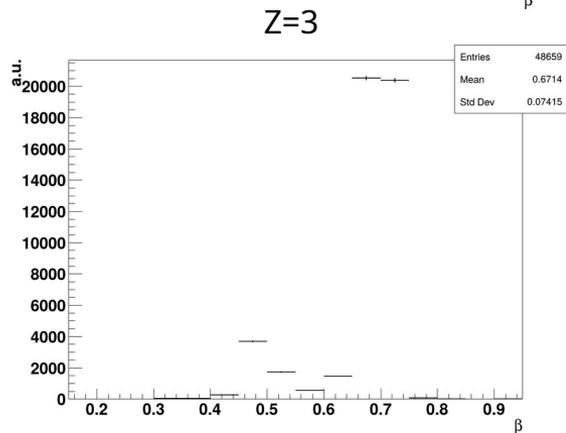
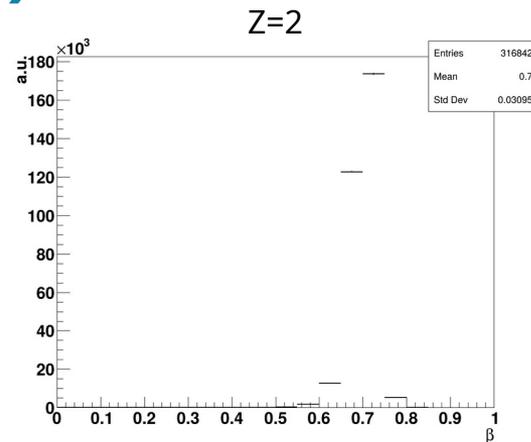
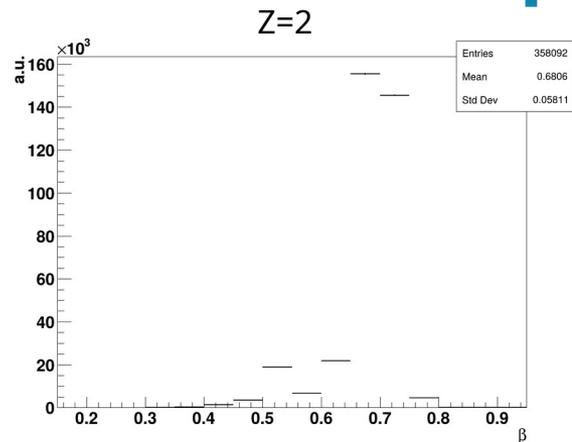


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β distributions (MC)

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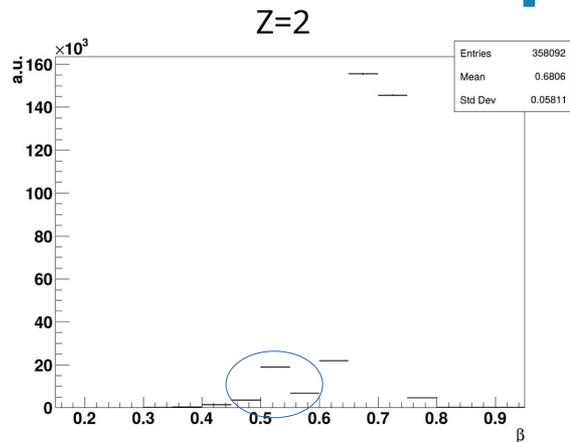
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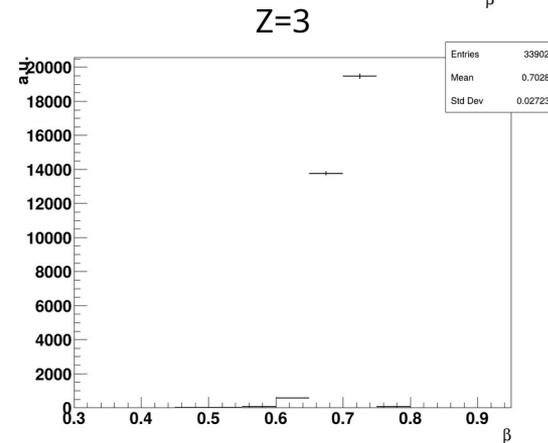
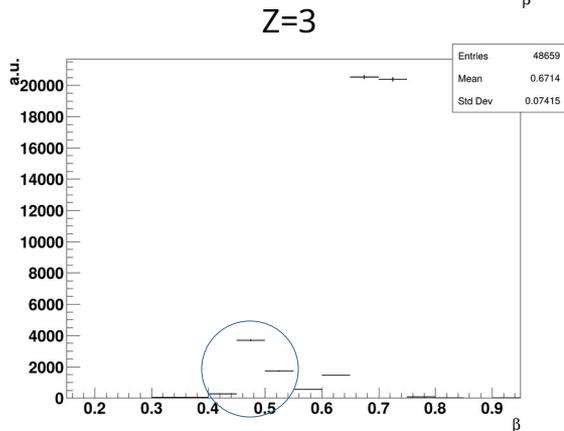
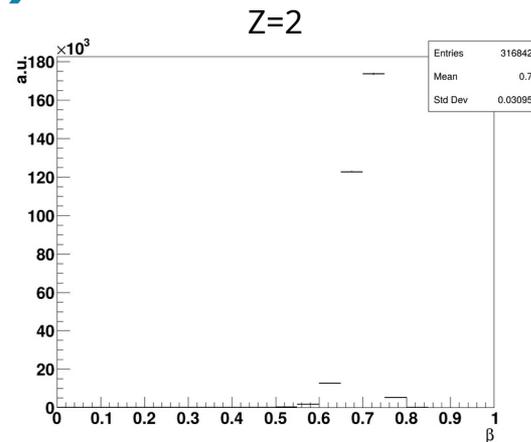
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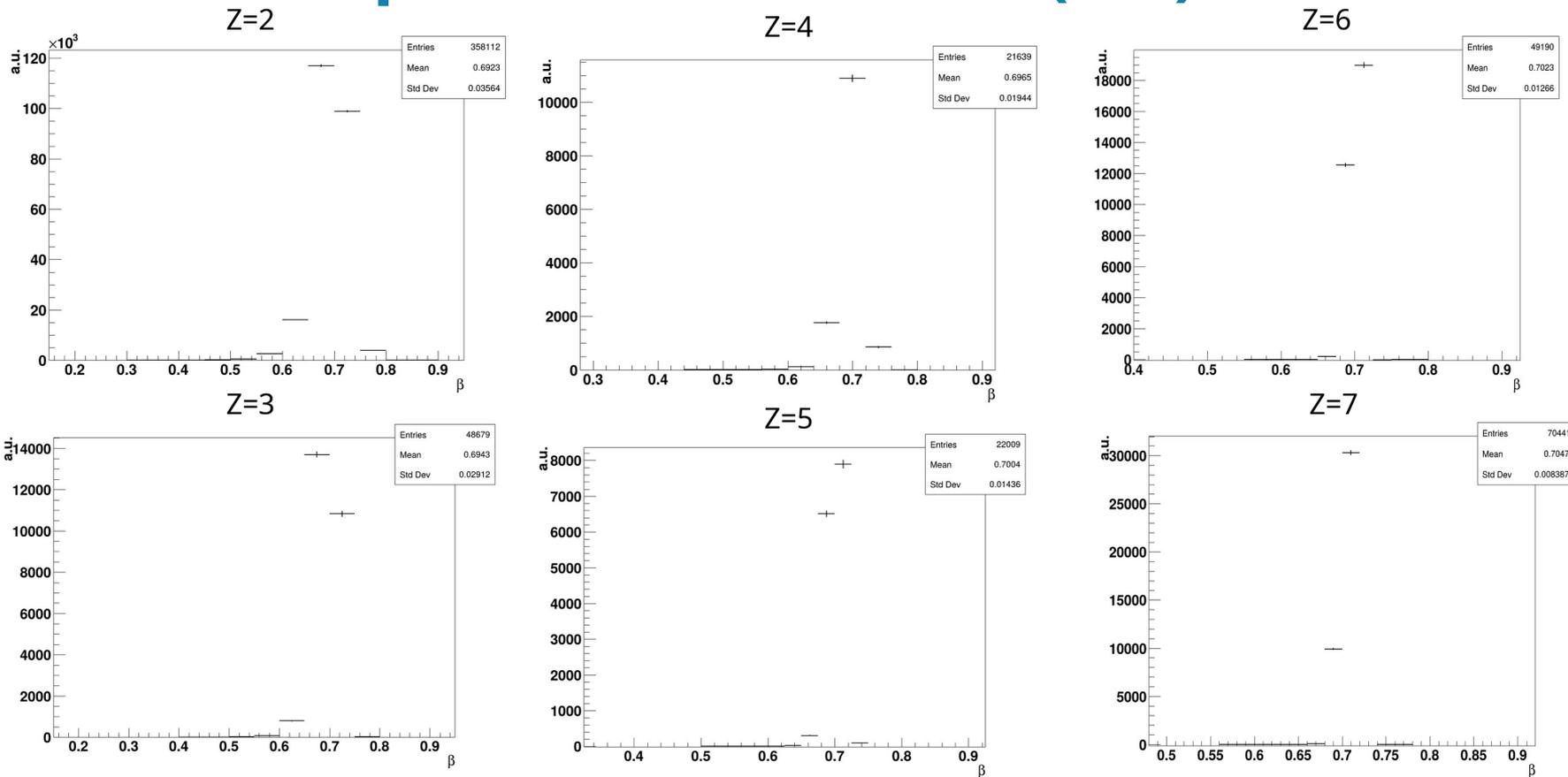


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- Raw yields \rightarrow need to be corrected for purity and background subtraction



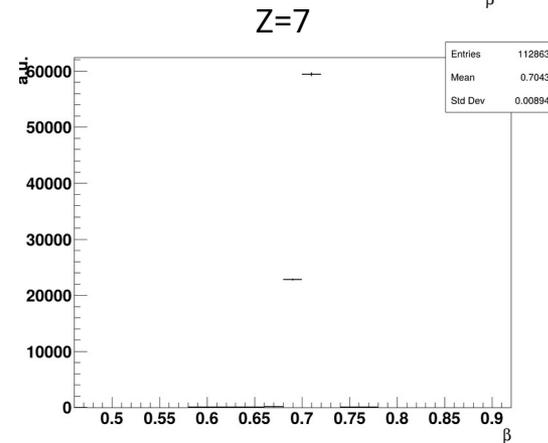
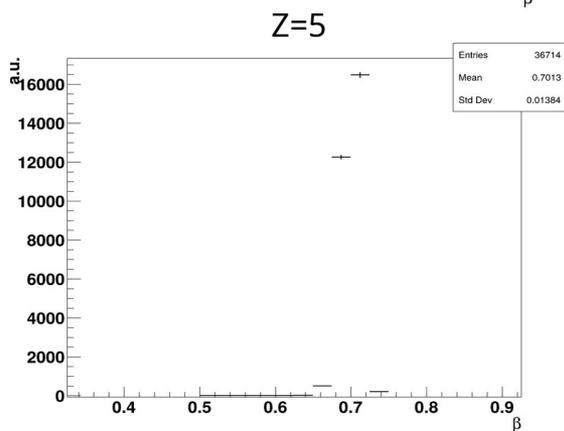
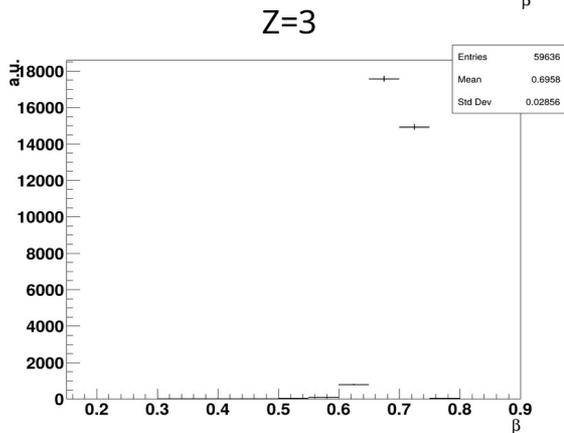
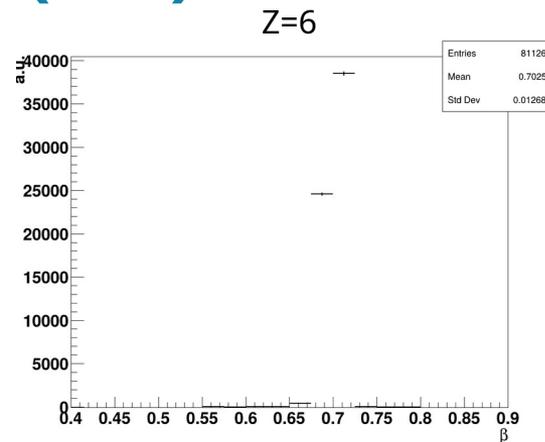
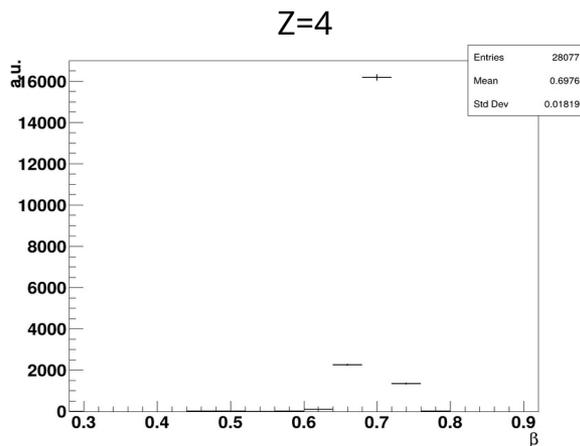
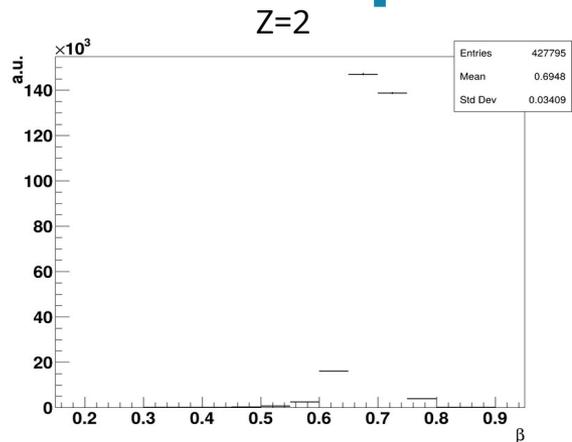
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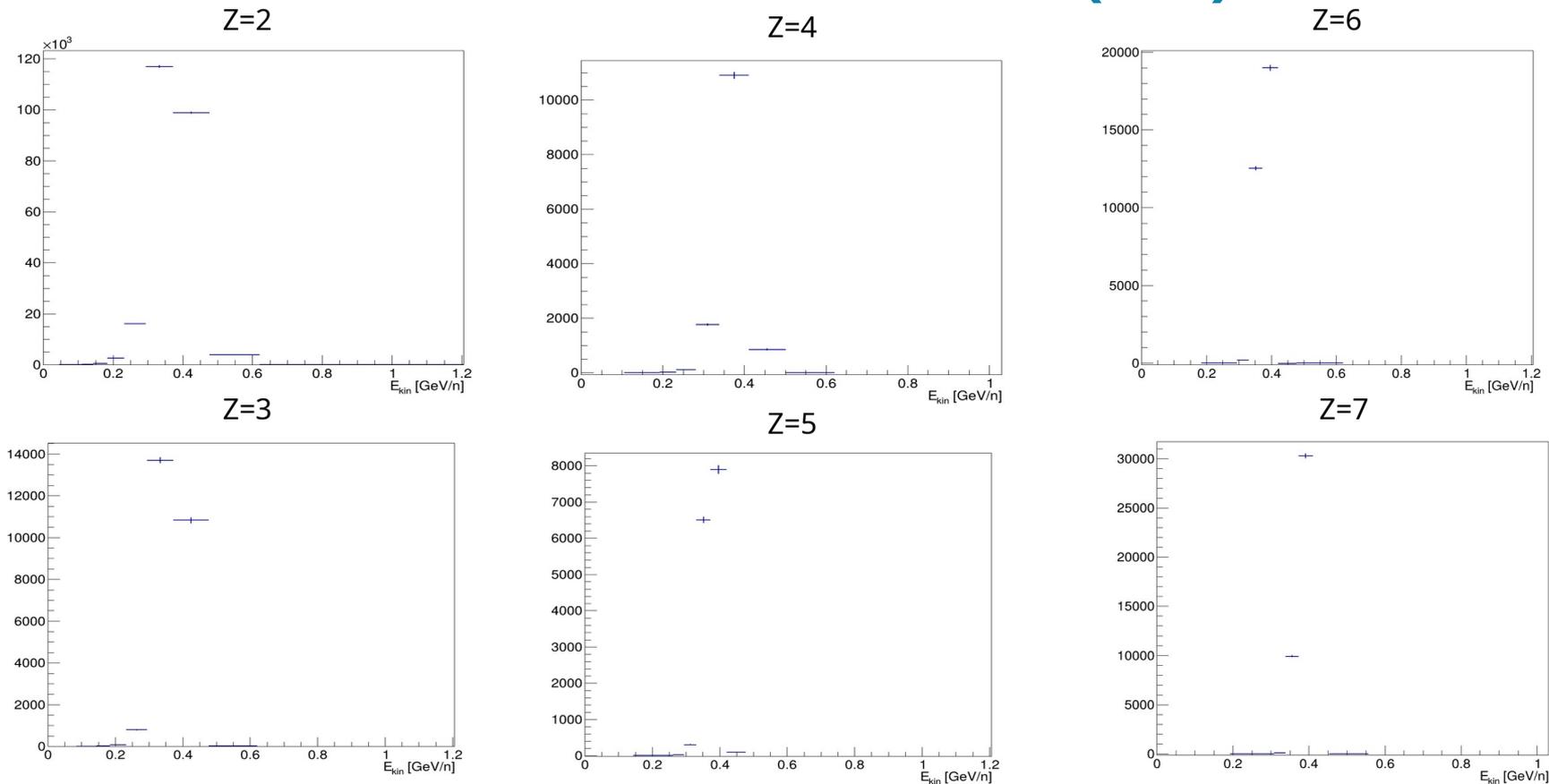


E_{kin} distributions

- E_{kin} distribution using mass of a single isotope: valid approximation for some isotopes (^4He , ^{12}C , ^{14}N)
- Necessary for inverse kinematics

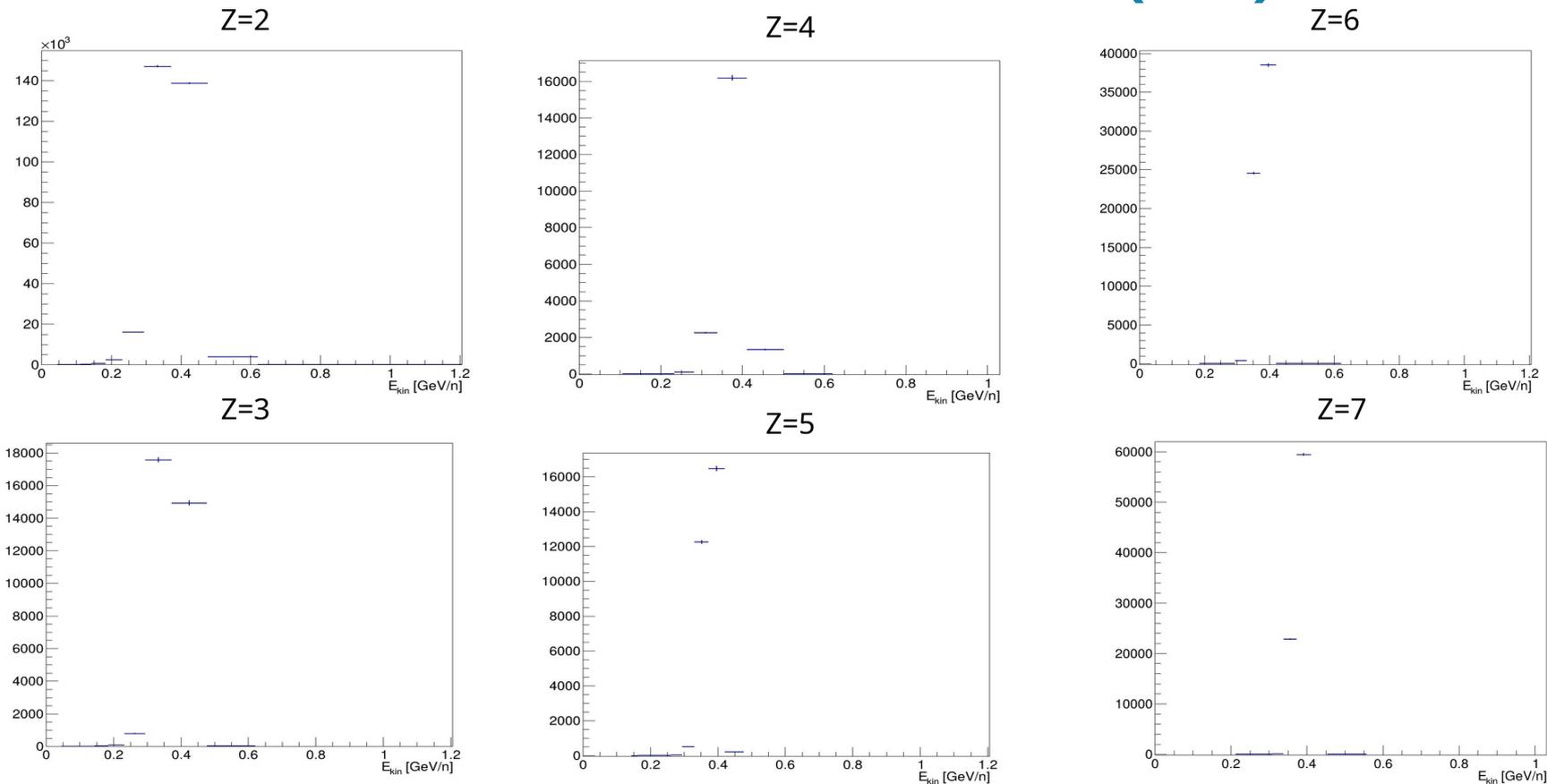
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Inverse kinematics

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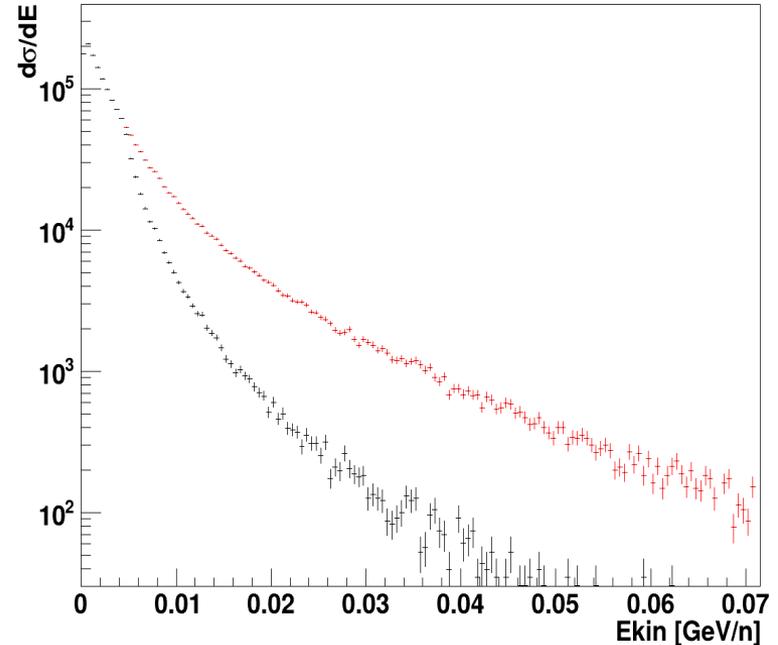
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- Some considerations in the next slides

Angle limitations for He

- TW acceptance within $5.7^\circ \rightarrow$ in inverse kinematics some fragments are lost at higher energy
- Relevant for He

— With cut in angle
— Without cut in angle

Inverse kinematics energy cross section
calculated with MC truth C+O
 $Z=2$

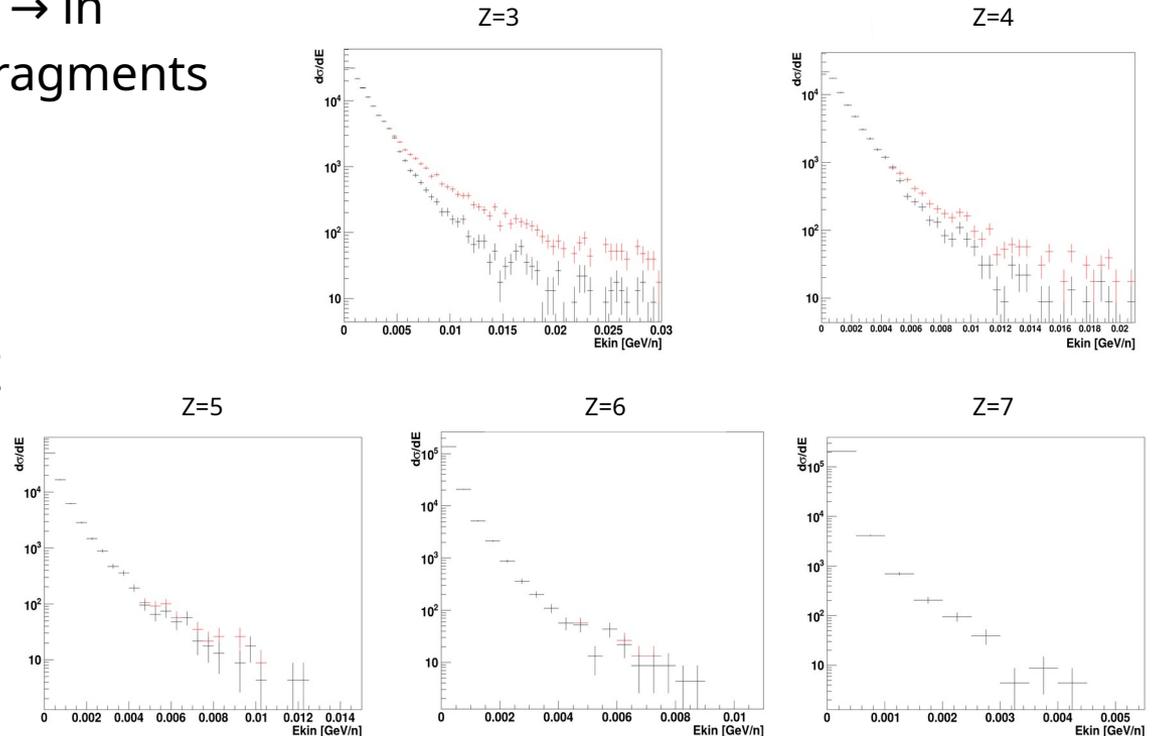


Angle limitations for He

Inverse kinematics energy cross section
calculated with MC truth C+O

- TW acceptance within $5.7^\circ \rightarrow$ in inverse kinematics some fragments are lost at higher energy
- Relevant for He
- Not so relevant for other Z

— With cut in angle
— Without cut in angle

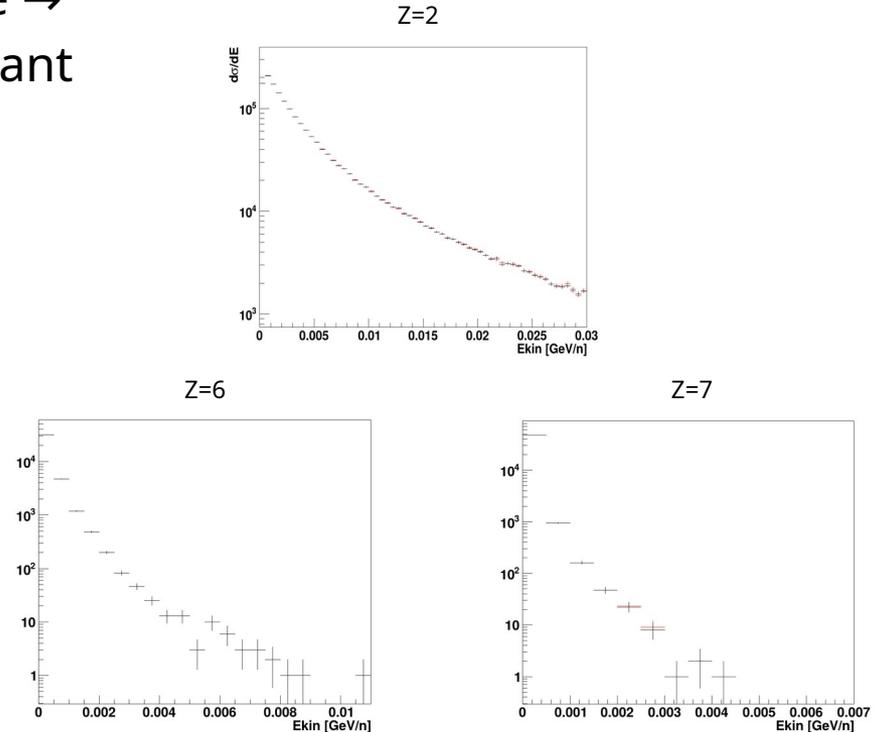


Mass fixed vs true mass

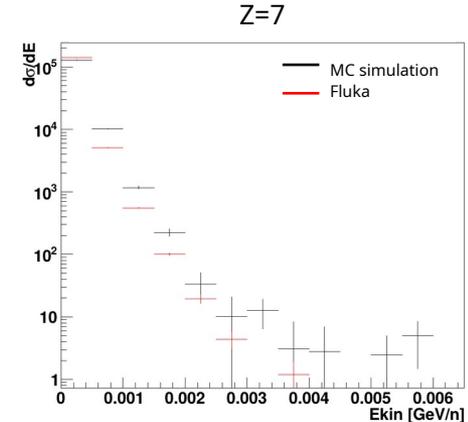
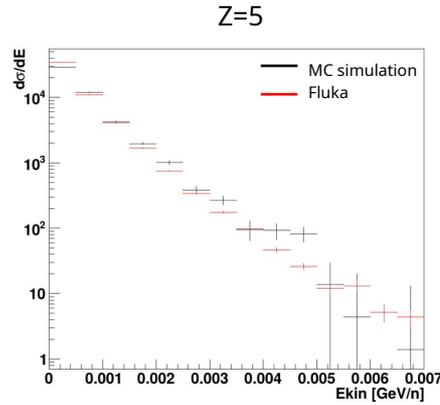
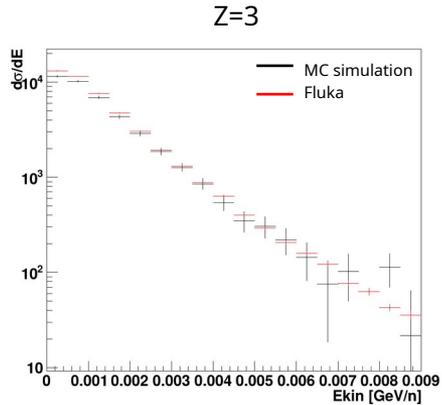
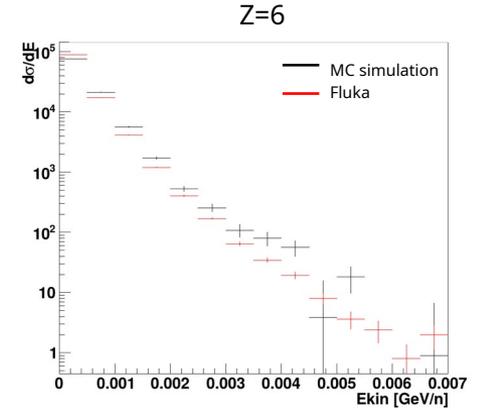
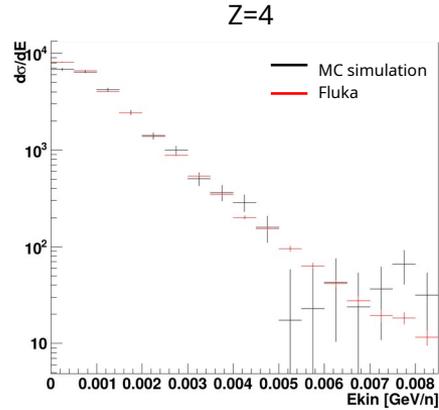
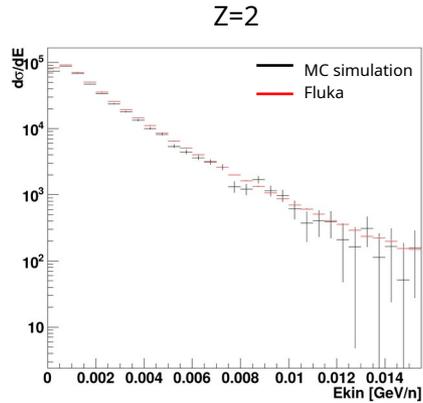
Inverse kinematics energy cross section
calculated with MC truth C+O

- No mass reconstruction possible → use the mass of the most abundant isotope
- Used mass of ^4He , ^{12}C and ^{14}N

— With mass of single isotope
— With true mass



MC inverse kinematics (MC truth) vs fluka H + O



Conclusions and next steps

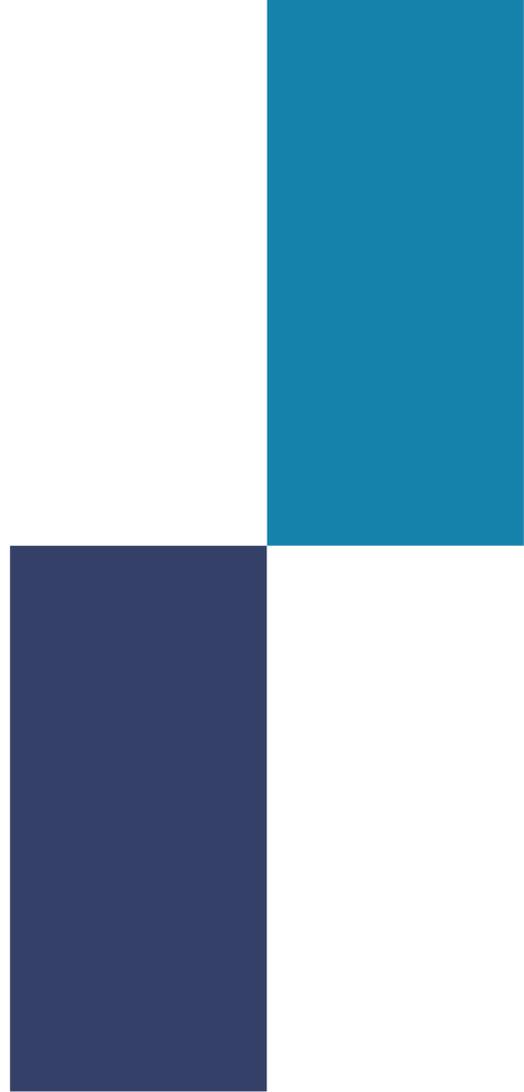
- Correctly calculate reconstructed cross section in kinetic energy in inverse kinematics for the MC sample for C+O and C₂H₄+O with also background subtraction for the chosen isotopes
- Subtract the two cross sections to obtain H+O
- Apply same steps to data

Thank you for your attention !

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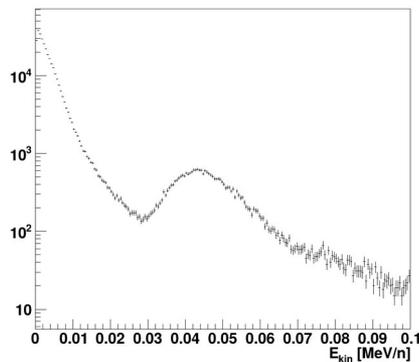


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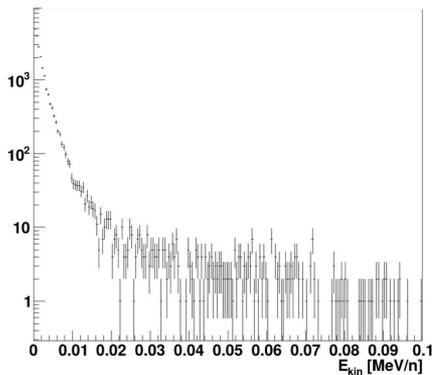


First reconstruction attempt (MC reco) C+O

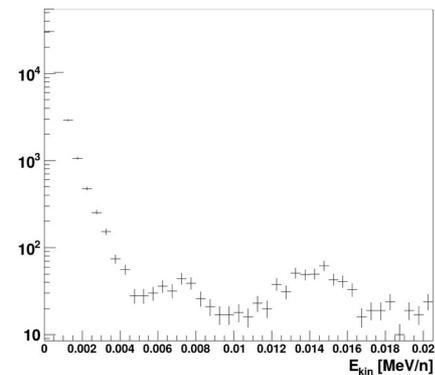
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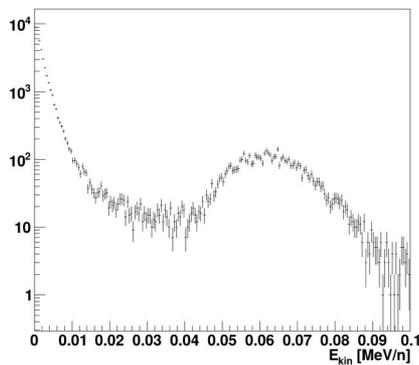
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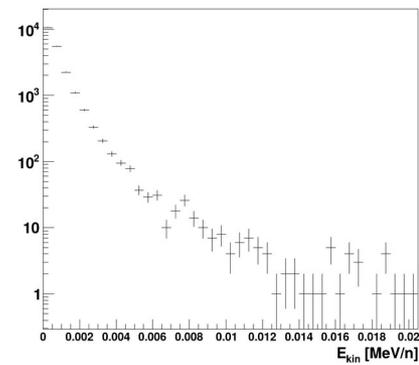
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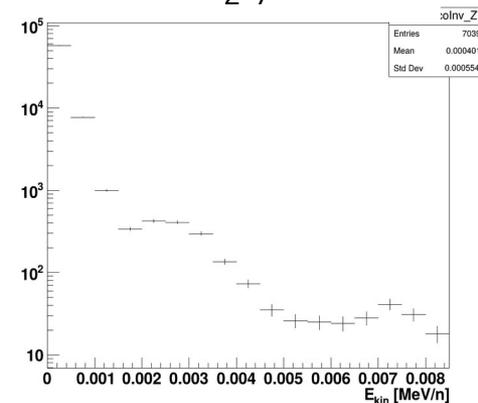
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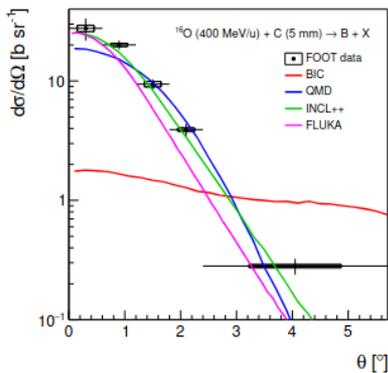
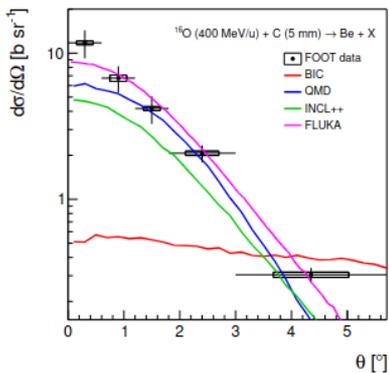
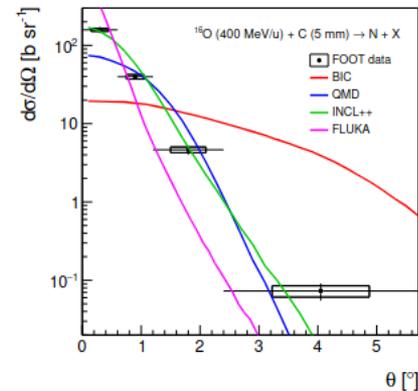
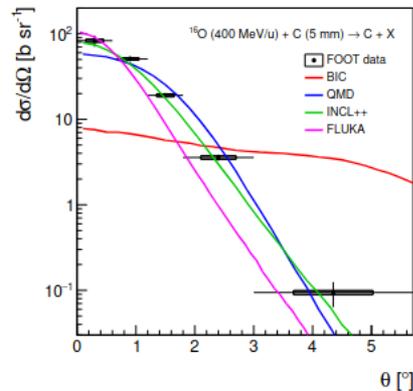
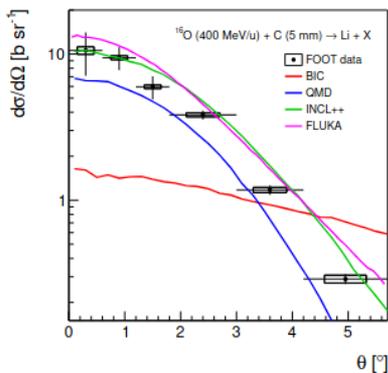
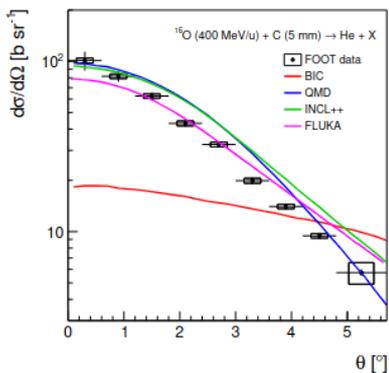
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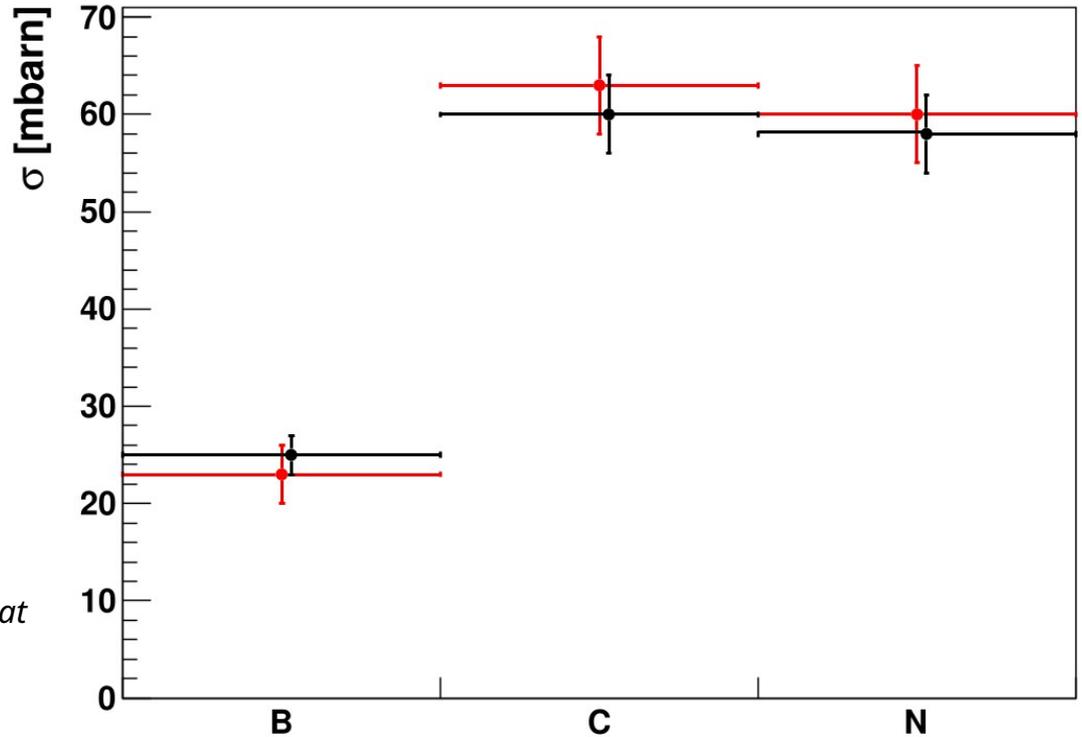
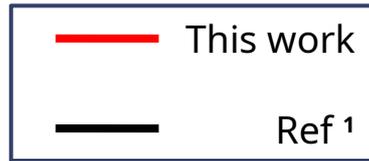


Comparison with nuclear models



- FLUKA
- Geant4 hadronic models:
 - Binary Ion Cascade (BIC)
 - Quantum Molecular Dynamics (QMD)
 - Liège Intranuclear Cascade (INCL++)

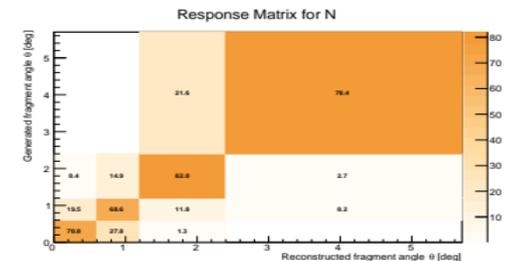
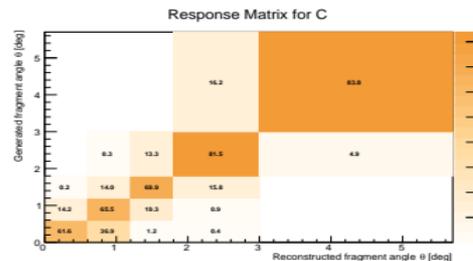
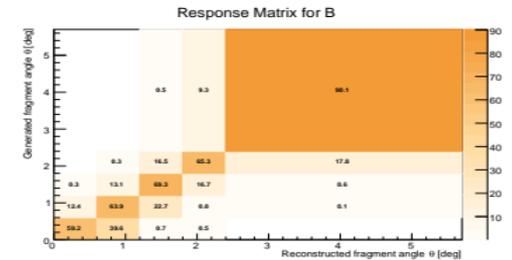
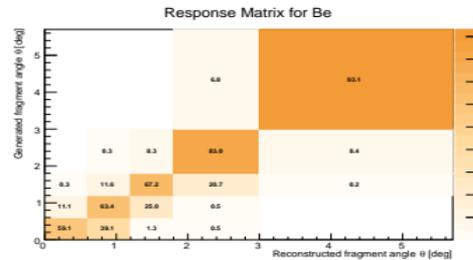
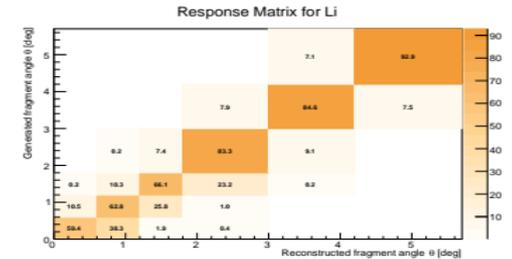
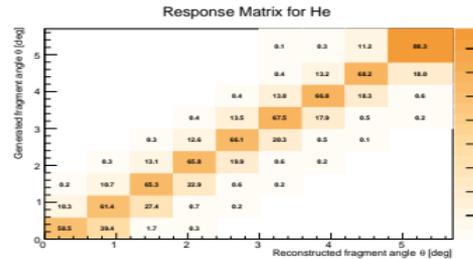
Literature comparison



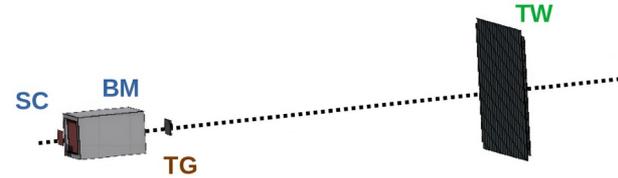
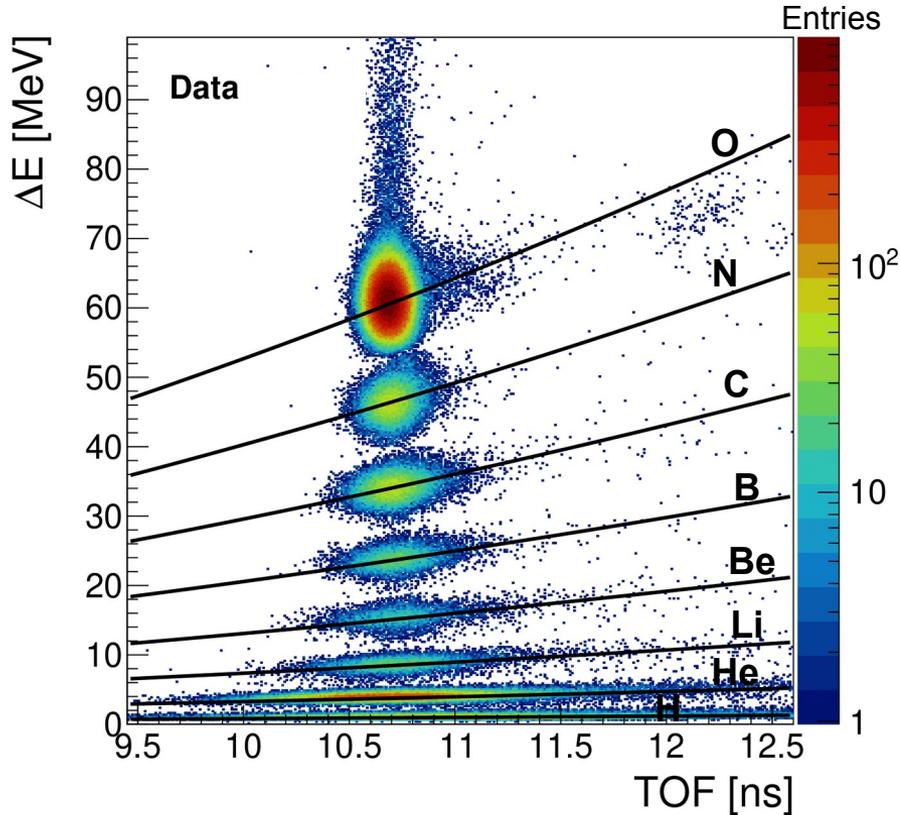
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MC simulation: unfolding

- **Monte Carlo** simulations used to extract **purities** and **efficiencies**
- **Unfolding** to solve **angle mixing**



Cross section measurement



Charge identification

- Data for **400 MeV/u** beam on a 1 cm thick target