

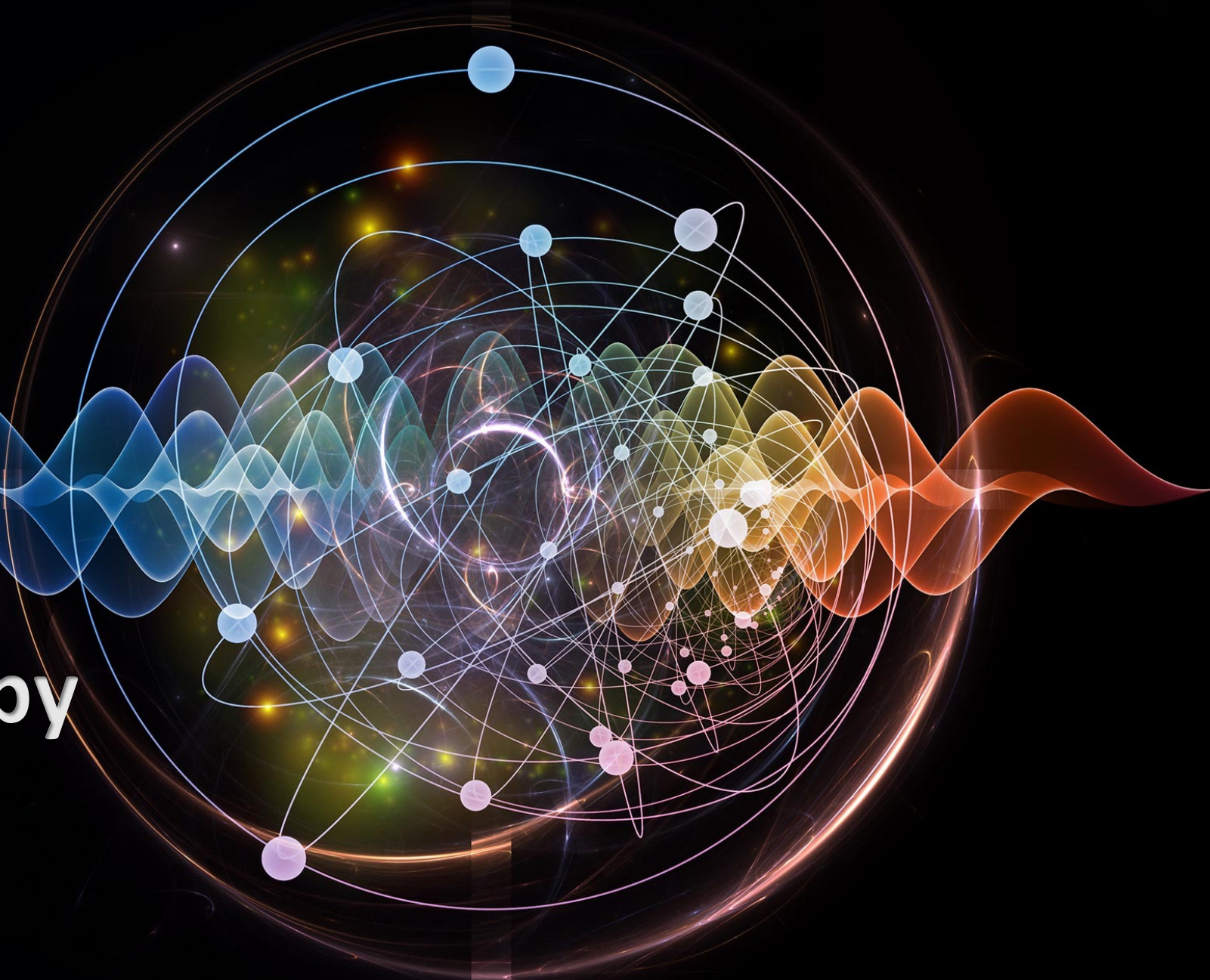
# CLINM : Nuclear data for particle therapy

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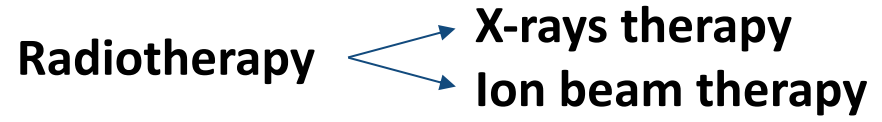
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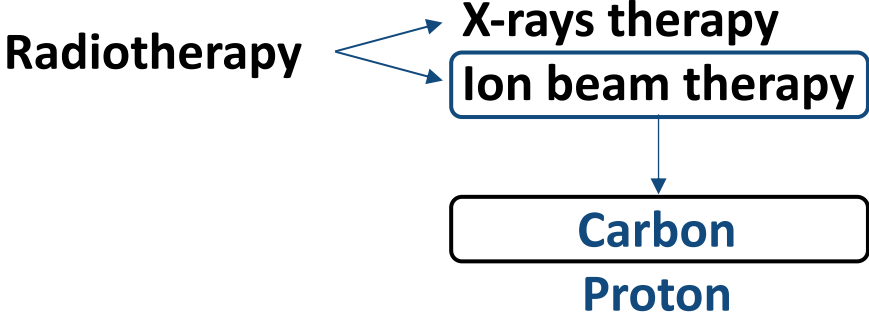
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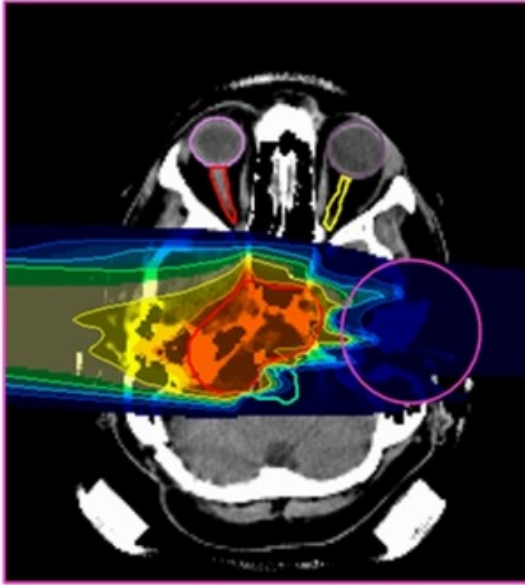
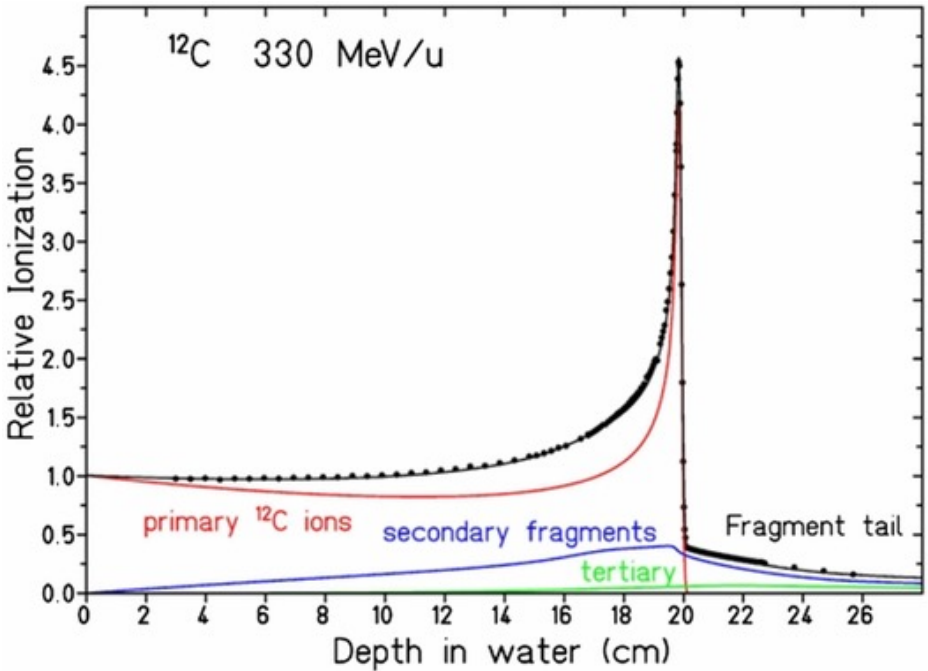
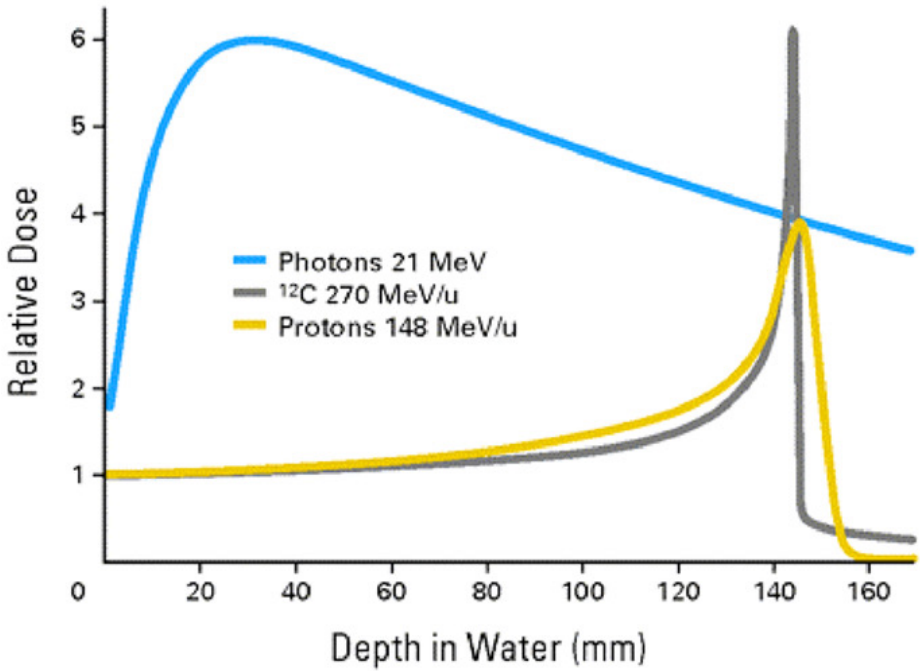
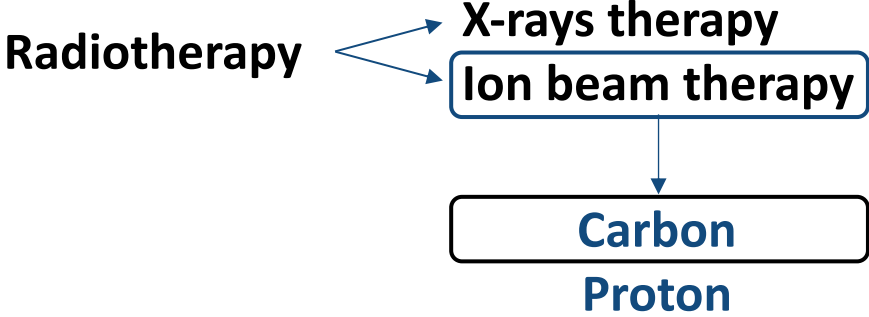
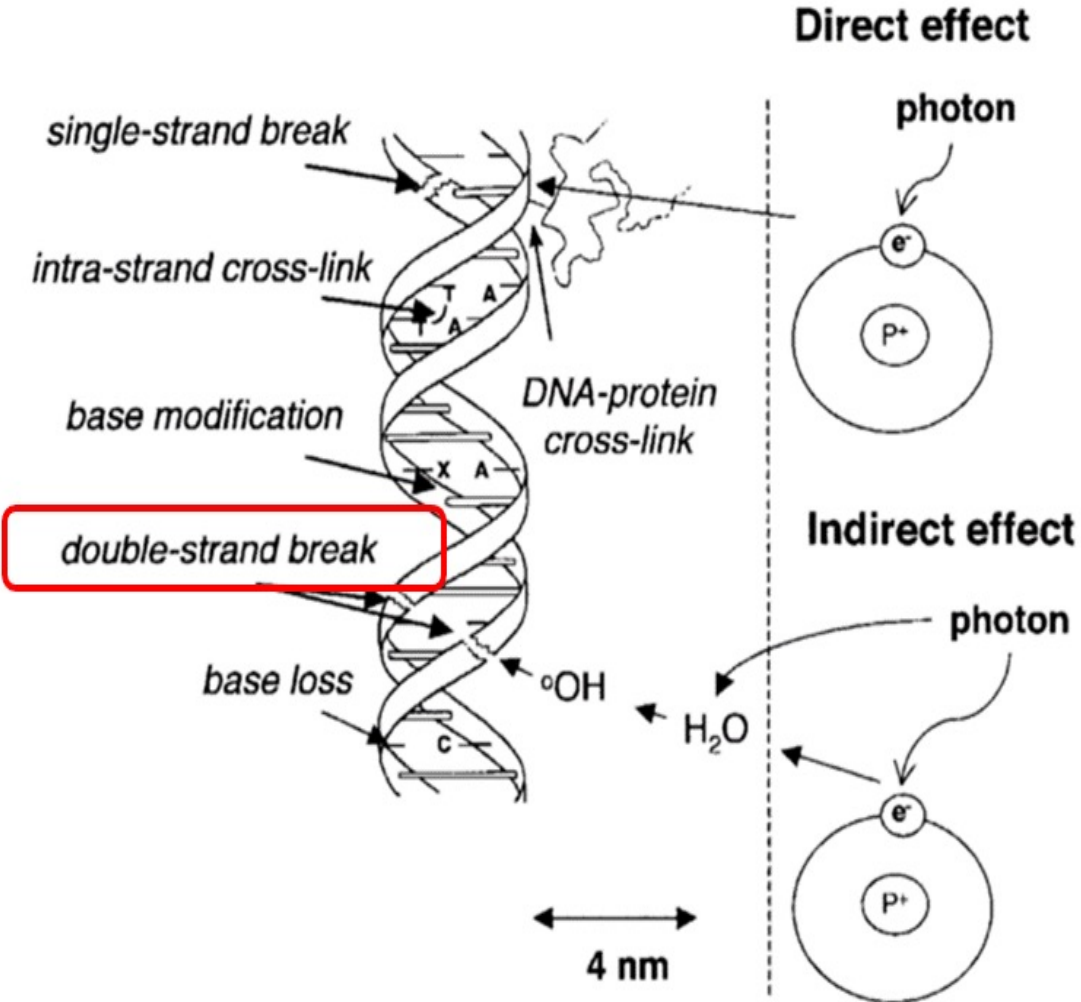


Figure - Depth-dose characteristics of 330 MeV/u  $^{12}\text{C}$  ions stopping in water (described in Sihver et al 1998)[17]

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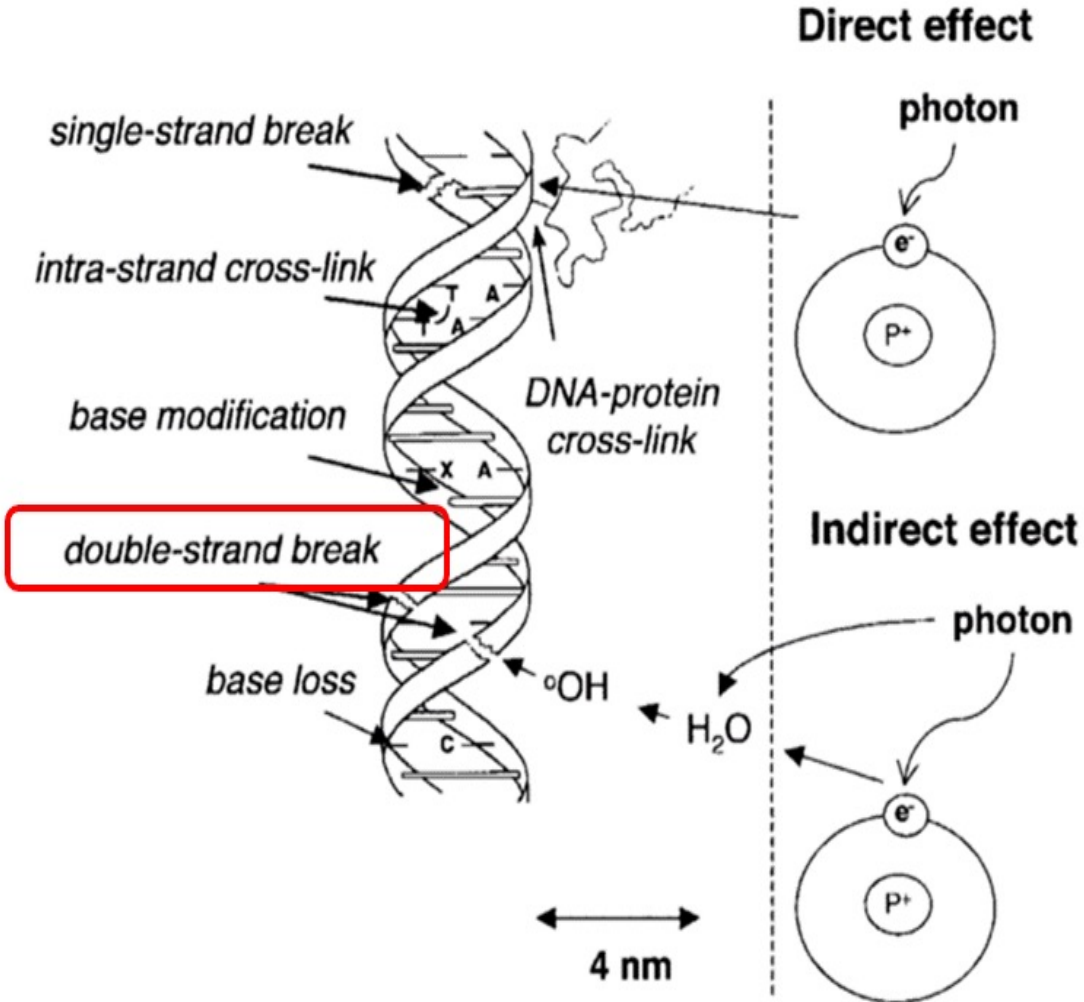
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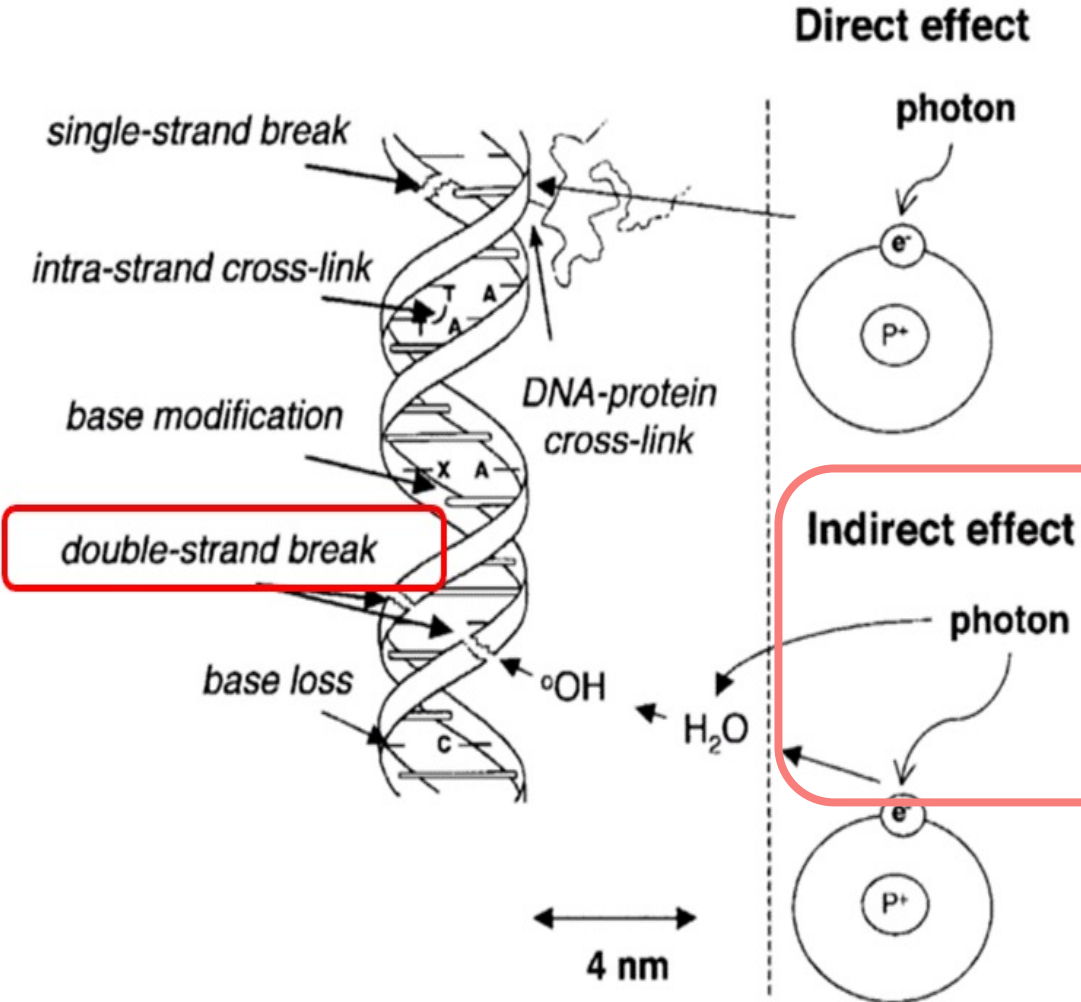


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### Indirect effect

### Water Radiolysis

Formation of highly reactive species :

HO• (hydroxyl radical)

e<sup>-</sup><sub>aq</sub> (hydrated electron)

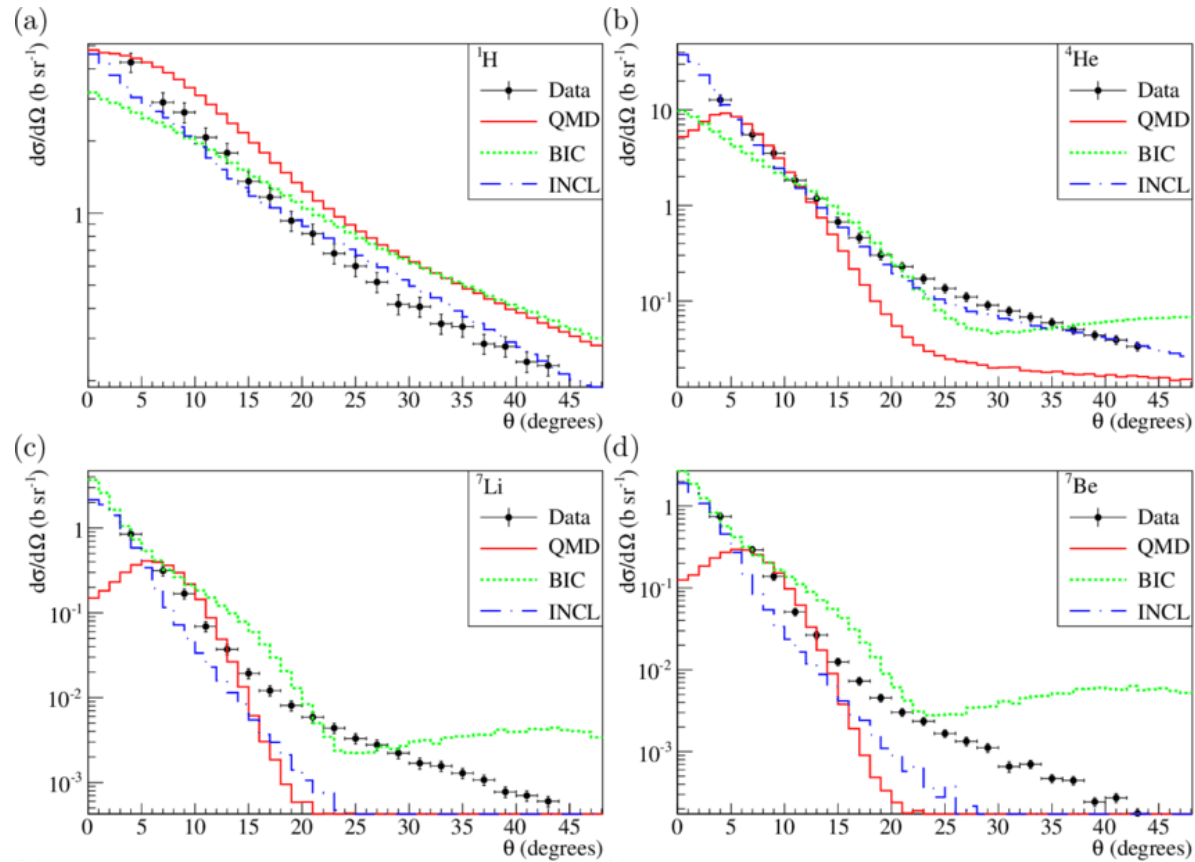
H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

~70% of cells damage



# Secondary particles in heavy ion therapy

## State of art



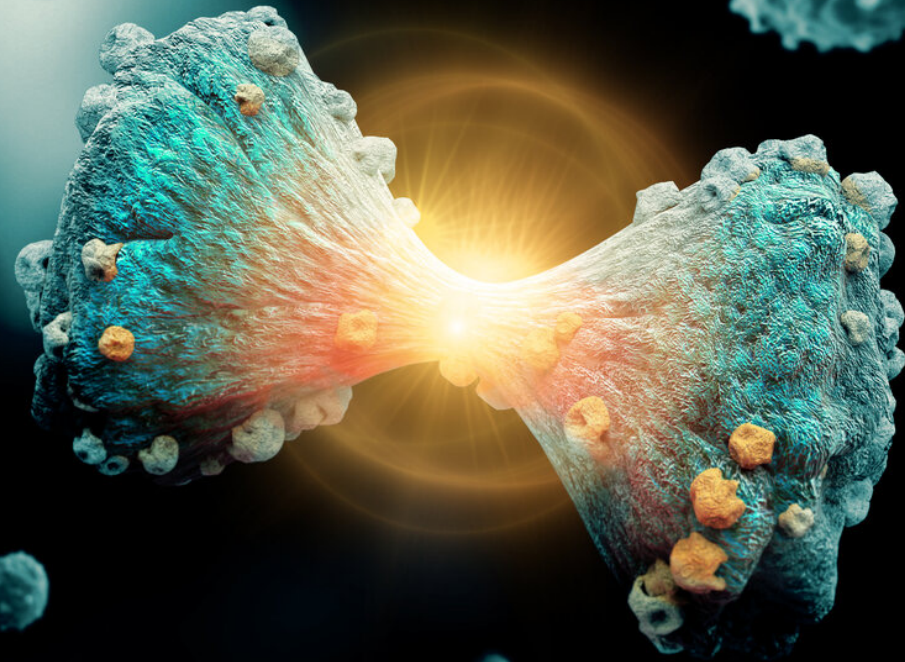
- Discrepancies between simulation codes / hadronic models
- Discrepancies between simulations code and experimental data

**Need to improve nuclear models to understand better the secondary particles production**

**Figure** - Absolute differential angular cross-sections of protons,  $^4\text{He}$ ,  $^6\text{Li}$ ,  $^7\text{Be}$ , obtained for the carbon target. [7]

## 02. CLINM – Secondary particles measurements

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# Secondary particles measurement

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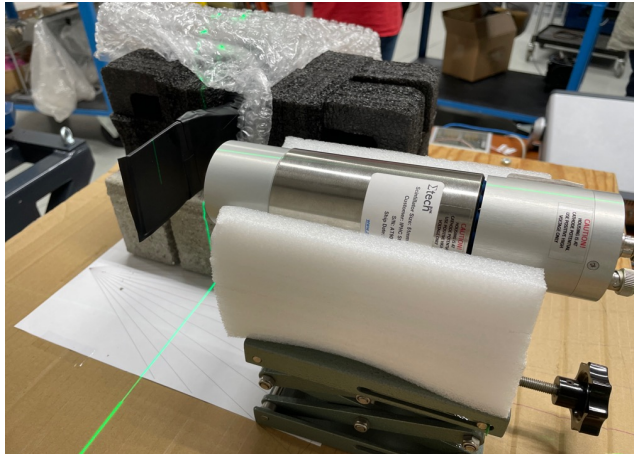
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CeBr<sub>3</sub> crystal scintillator + plastic scintillator



### CeBr<sub>3</sub> choice

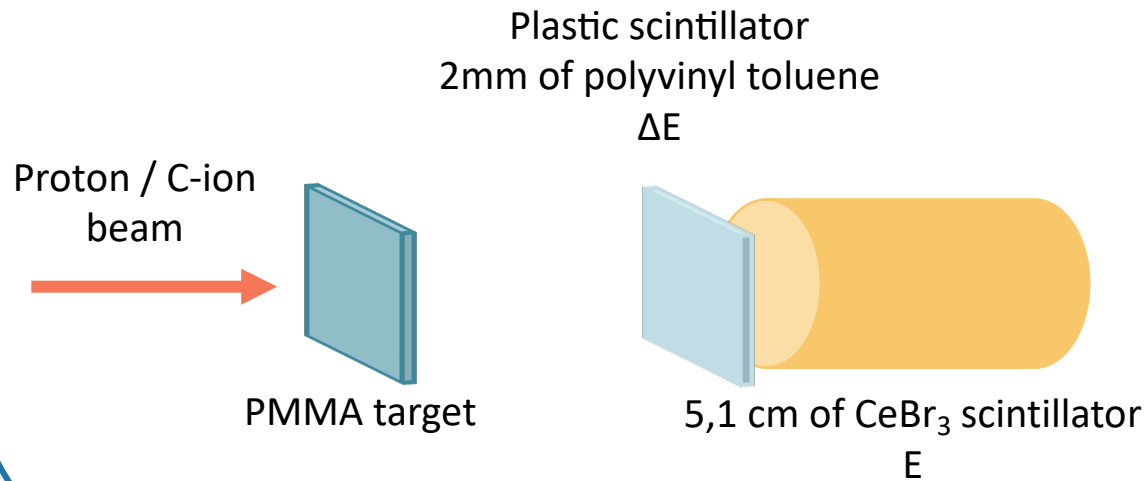
- Not only charged particles but also  $\gamma$  + neutrons
- Time measurement
- No intern radioactivity (unlike LaBr<sub>3</sub>)
- Energy resolution : 3.8keV
- Short decay time : 19ns

# Secondary particles measurement

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Secondary particles deposit energy in a plastic detector ( $\Delta E$ ), then in a  $\text{CeBr}_3$  detector where they stop (E).

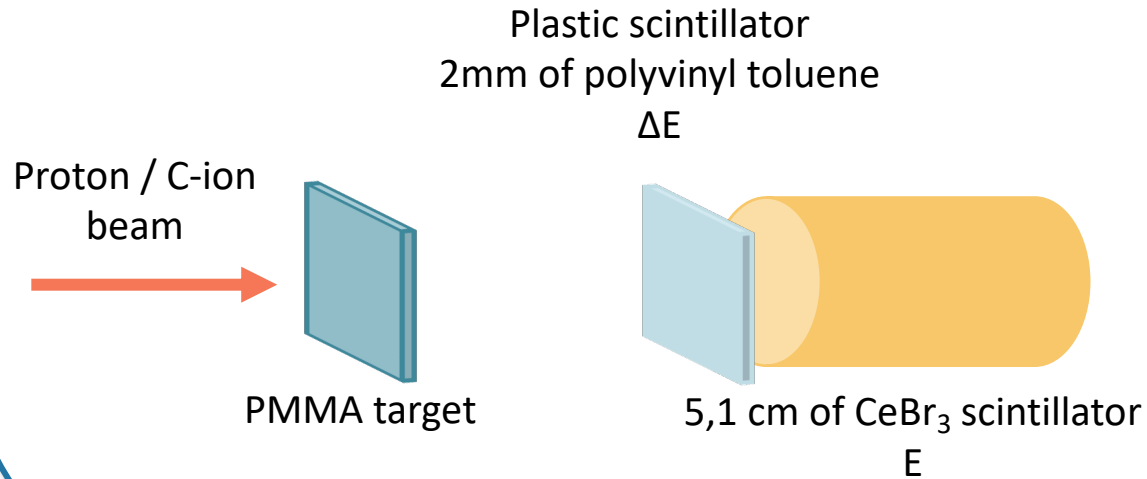


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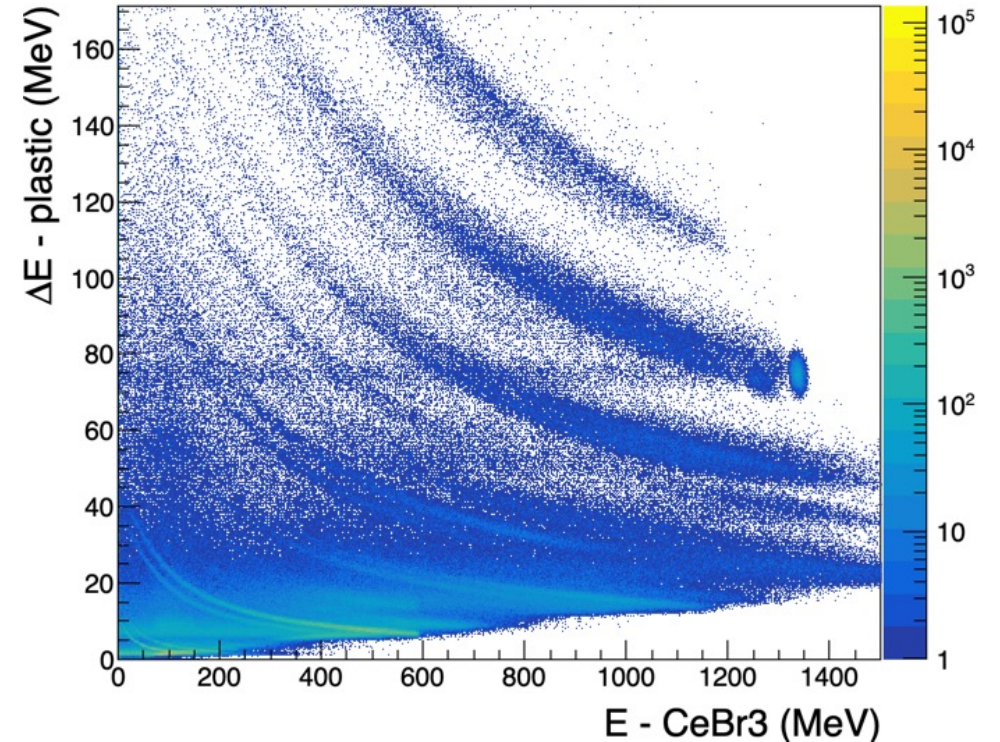
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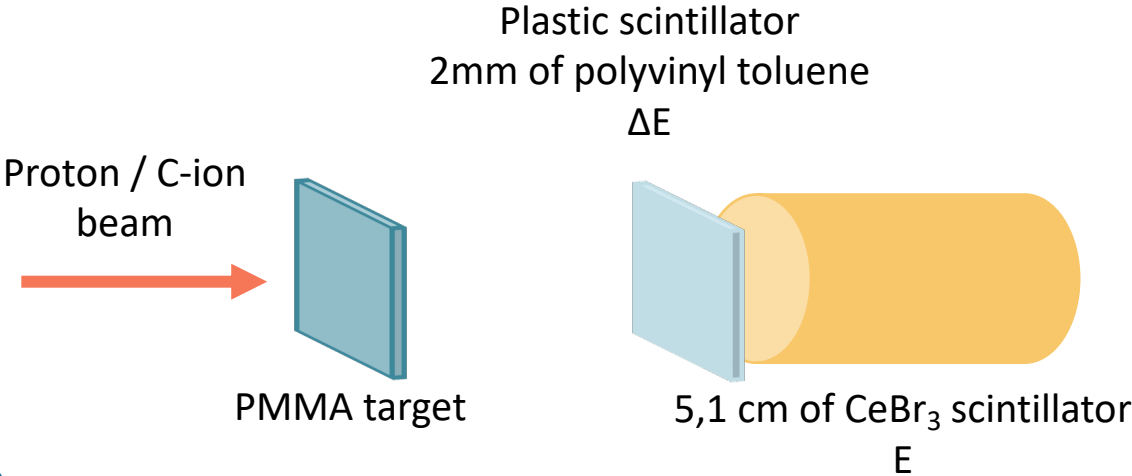
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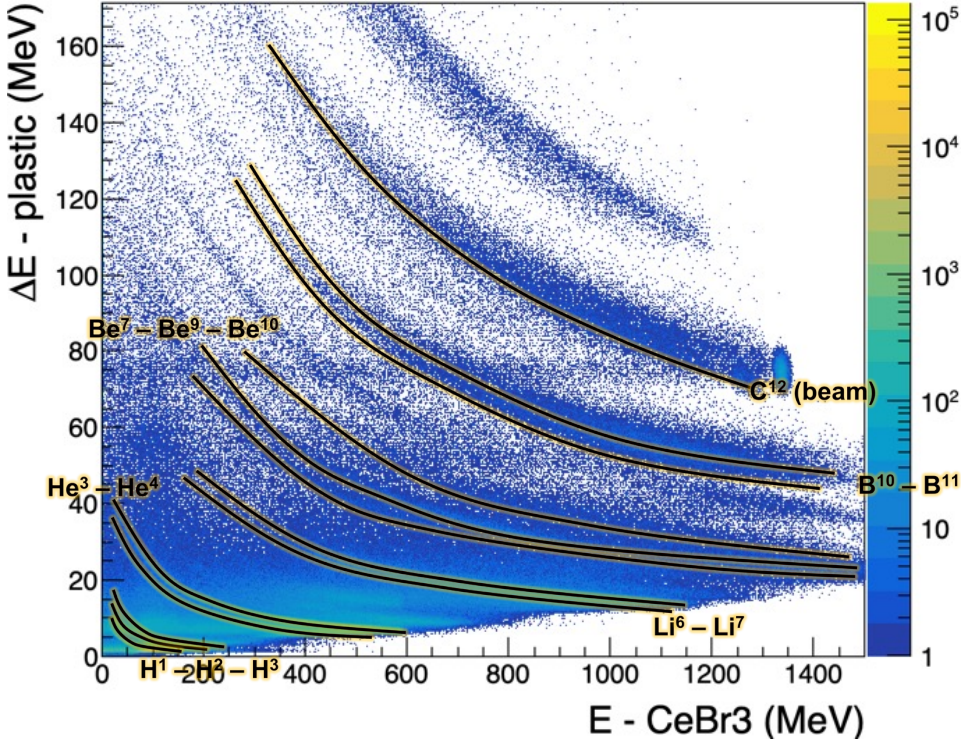
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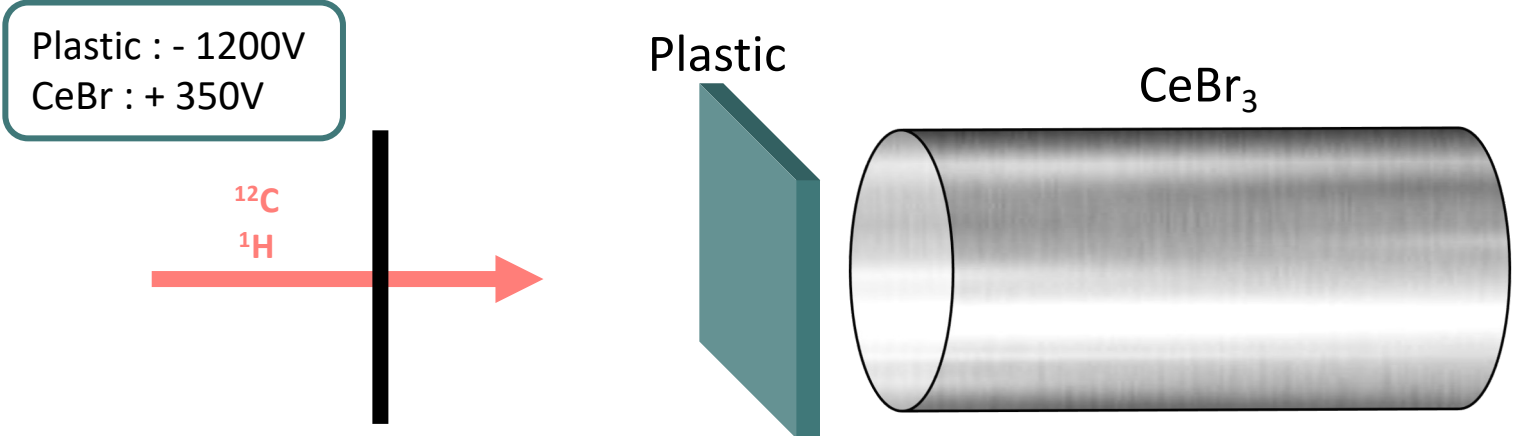
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# Secondary particles measurement

## Calibration measurements



Facility	Ion type	Energy
Cyrcé - Strasbourg	$^1\text{H}$	16 - 25 MeV
CAL - Nice	$^1\text{H}$	60 MeV
GSI - Darmstadt	$^{12}\text{C}$	110 - 180 MeV/u
CNAO - Pavia	$^{12}\text{C}$	120 - 200 MeV/u



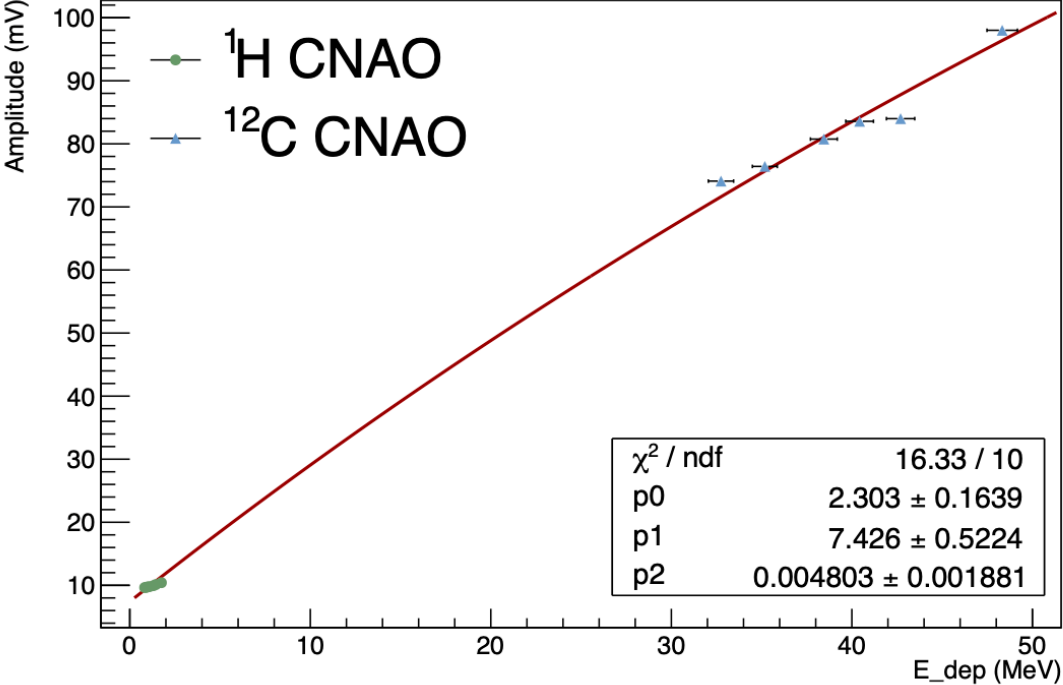
# Secondary particles measurement

## Plastic scintillator

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### Calibration in amplitude

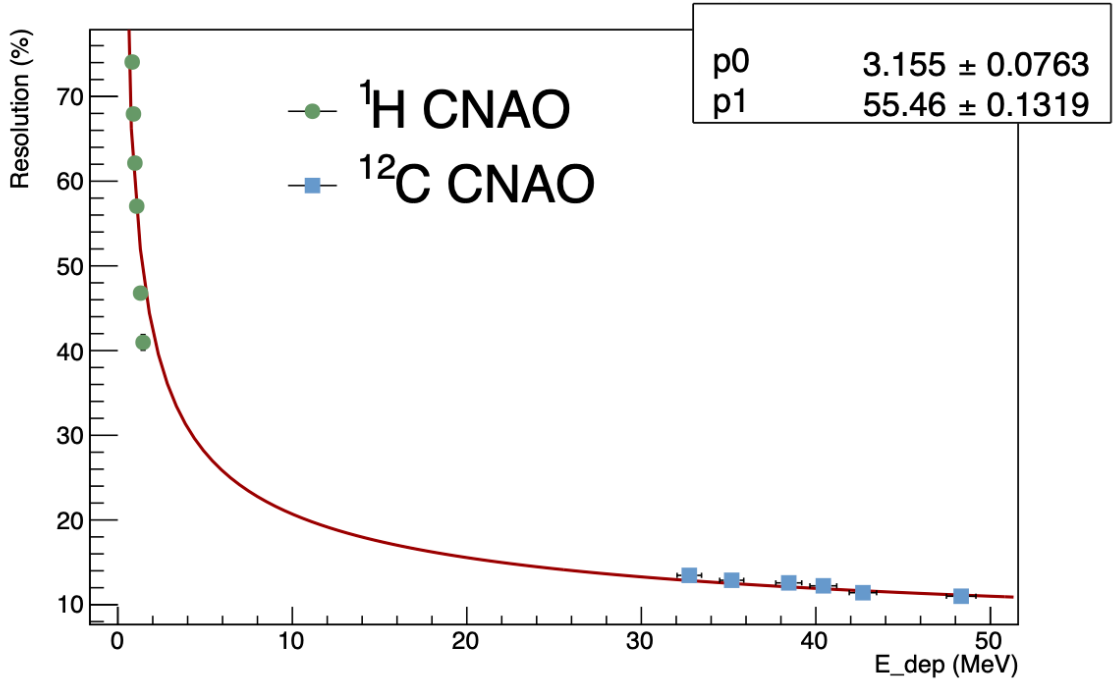
Voltage applied : -1200V



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### Energy resolution

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$$\text{Resolution : } \text{Res}[\%] = p_0 + \frac{p_1}{\sqrt{E}}$$

- Birk's law respected up to 50 MeV
- Energy resolution : from 70% to 10%

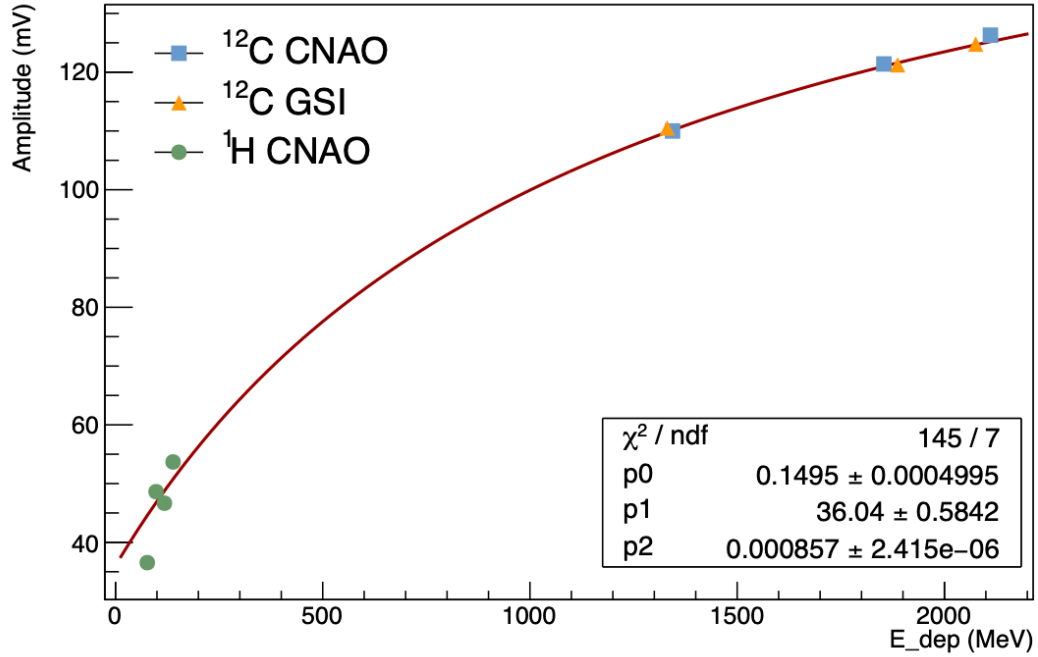
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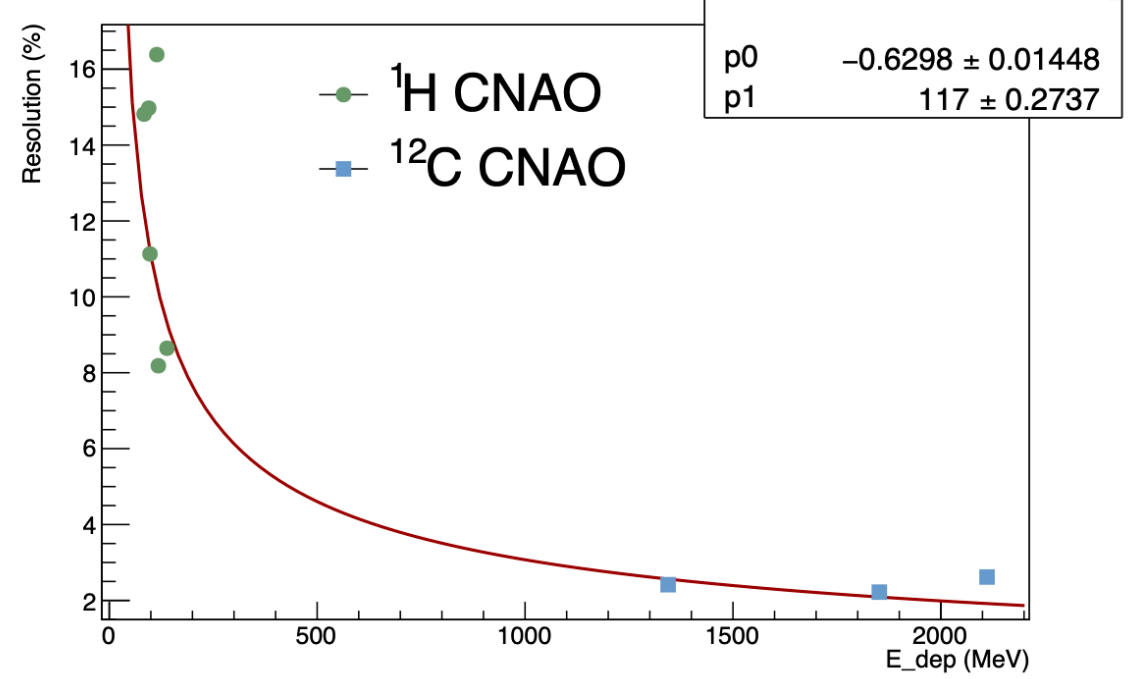


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➤ CeBr<sub>3</sub> response from few MeV to 2 GeV for both protons and carbons  
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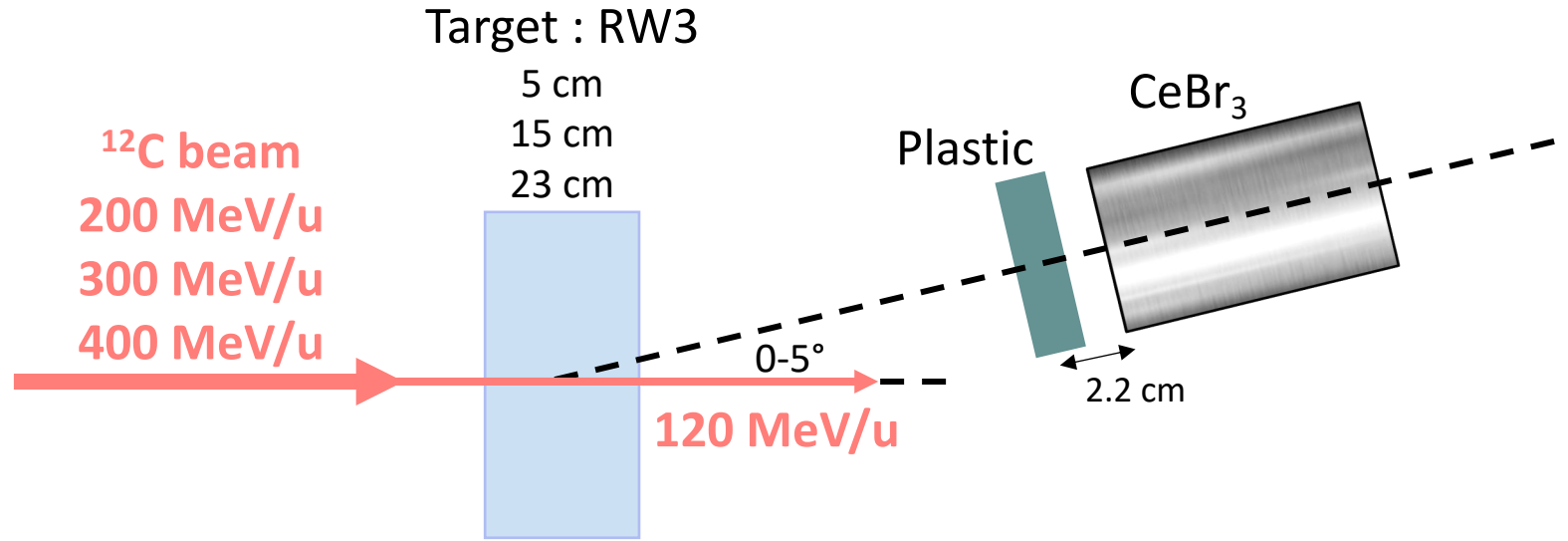


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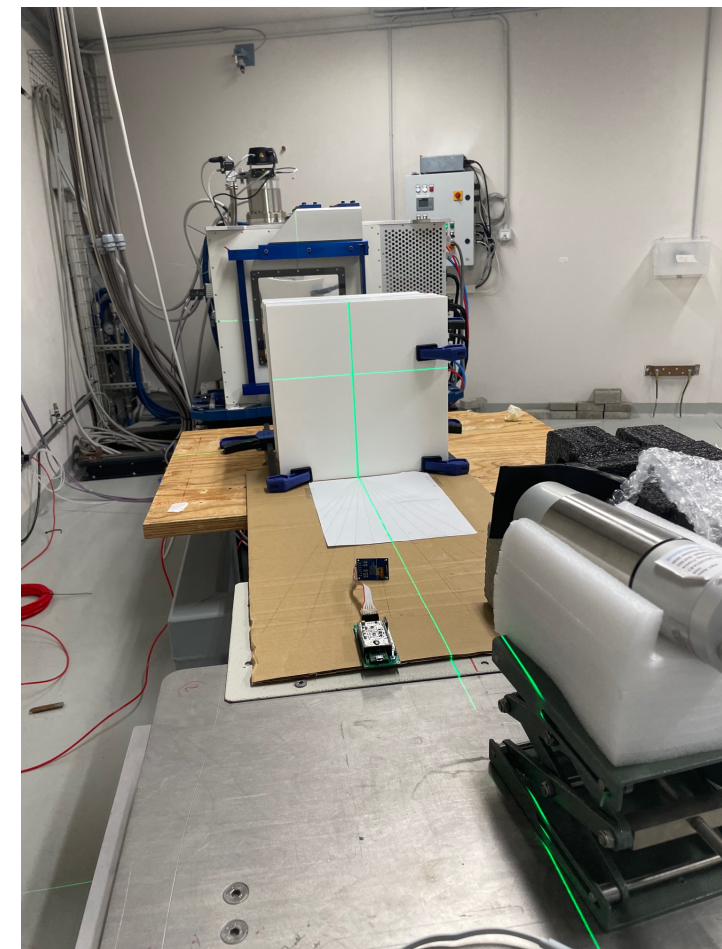
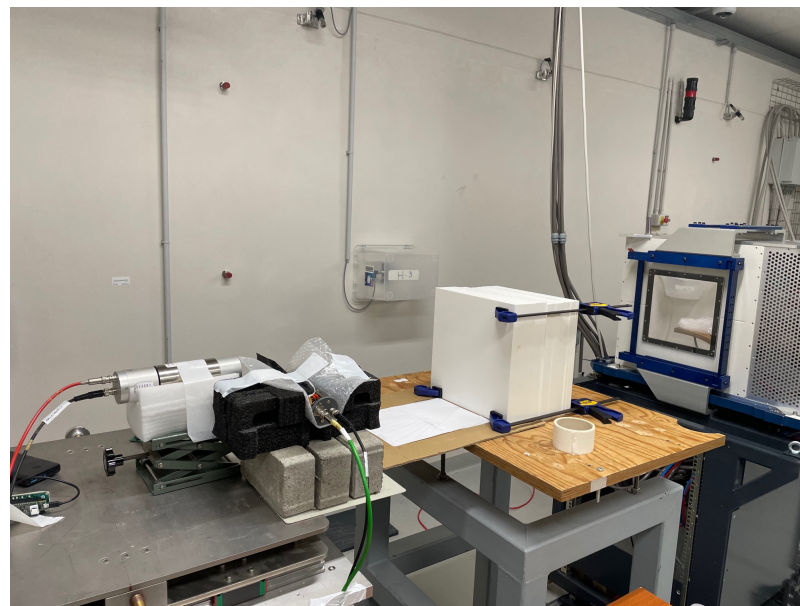
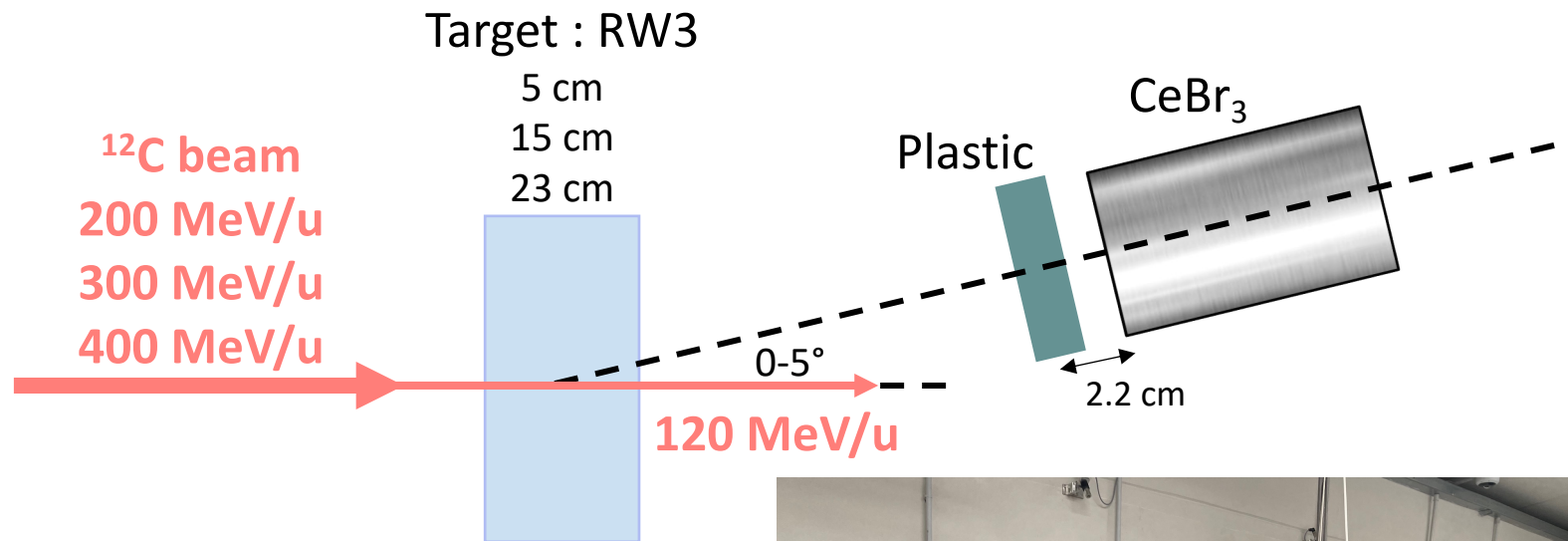
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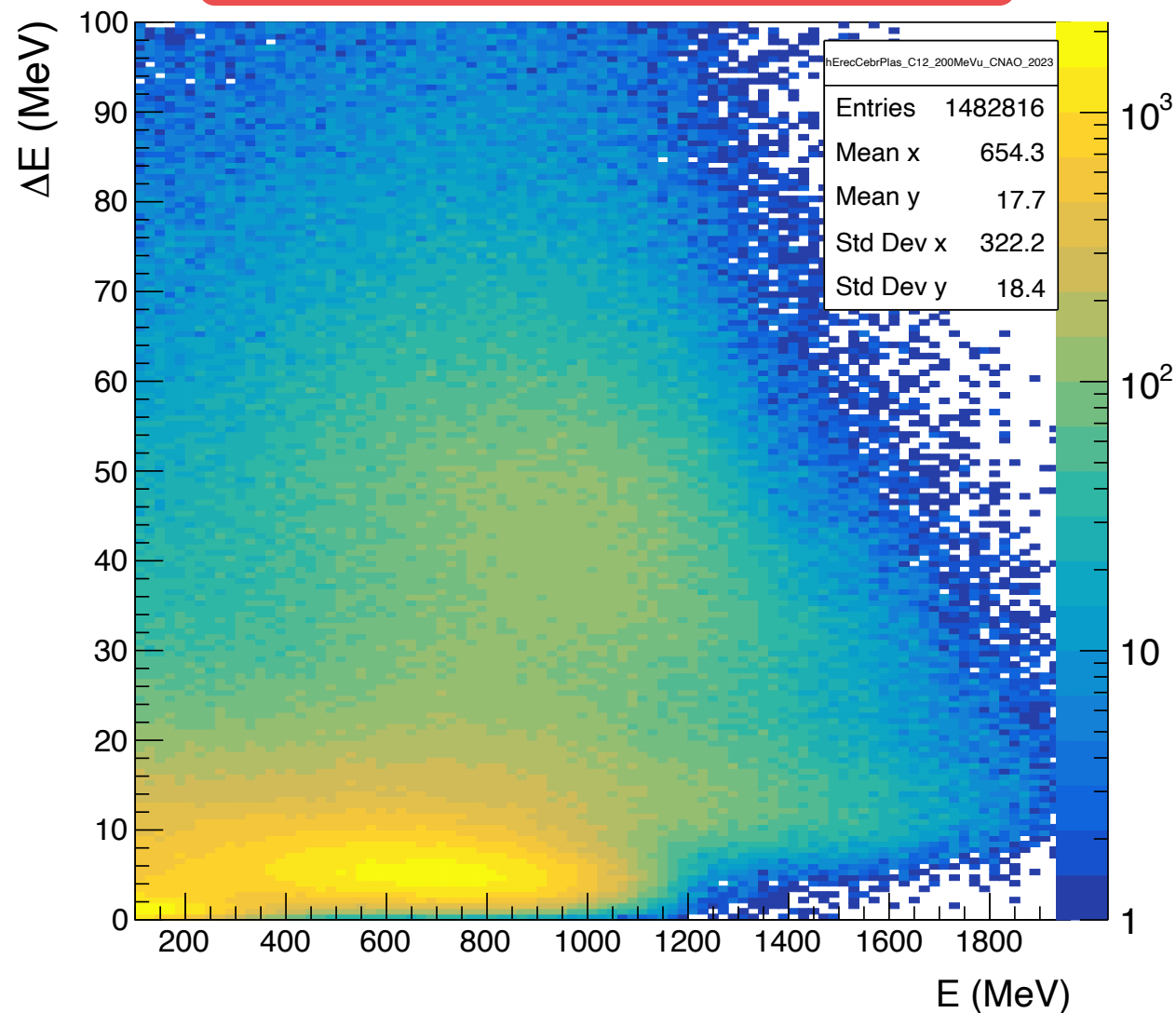


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$\Delta E$ -E measurement CNAO

5cm target - 200MeV/u - 5°

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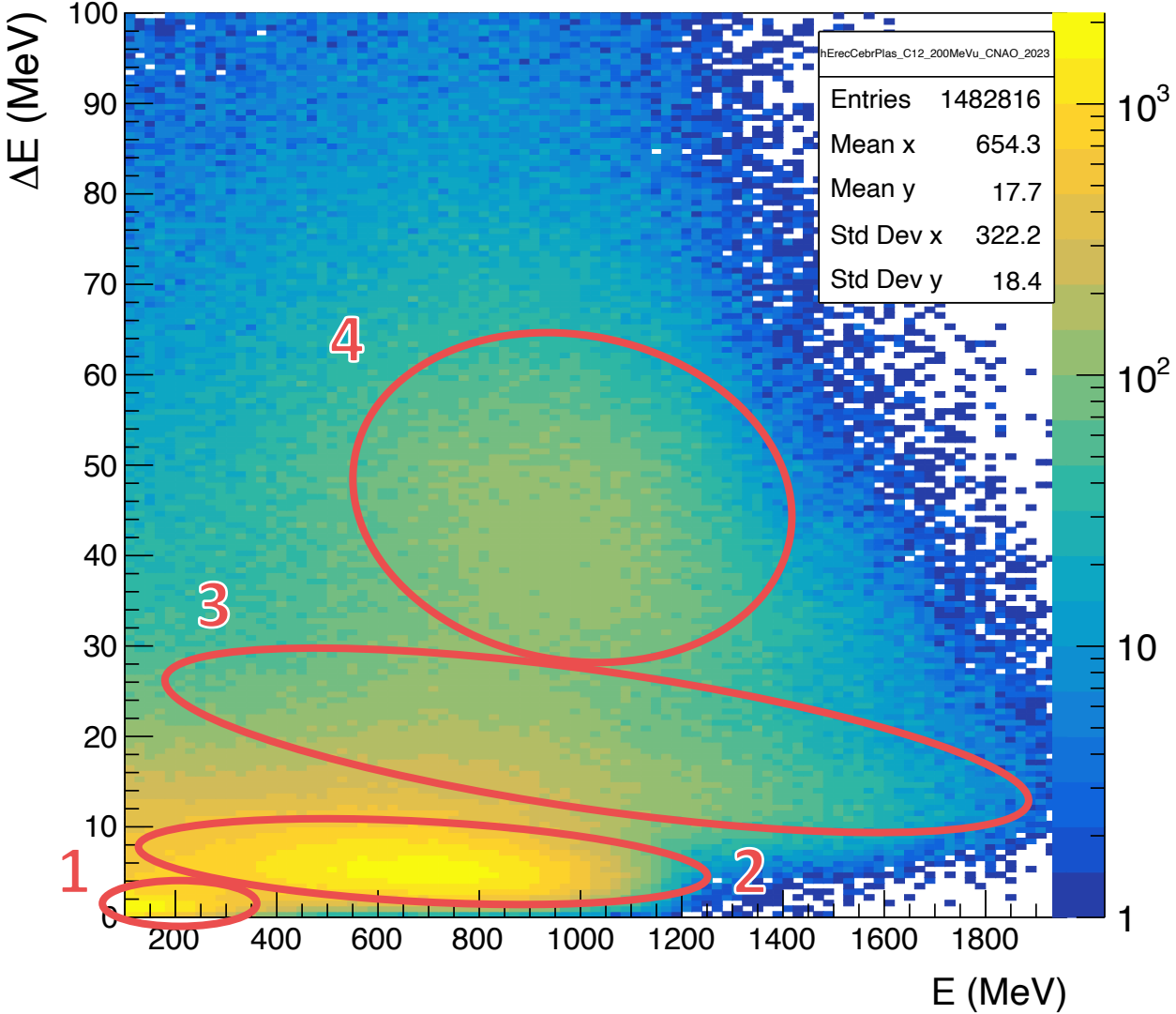
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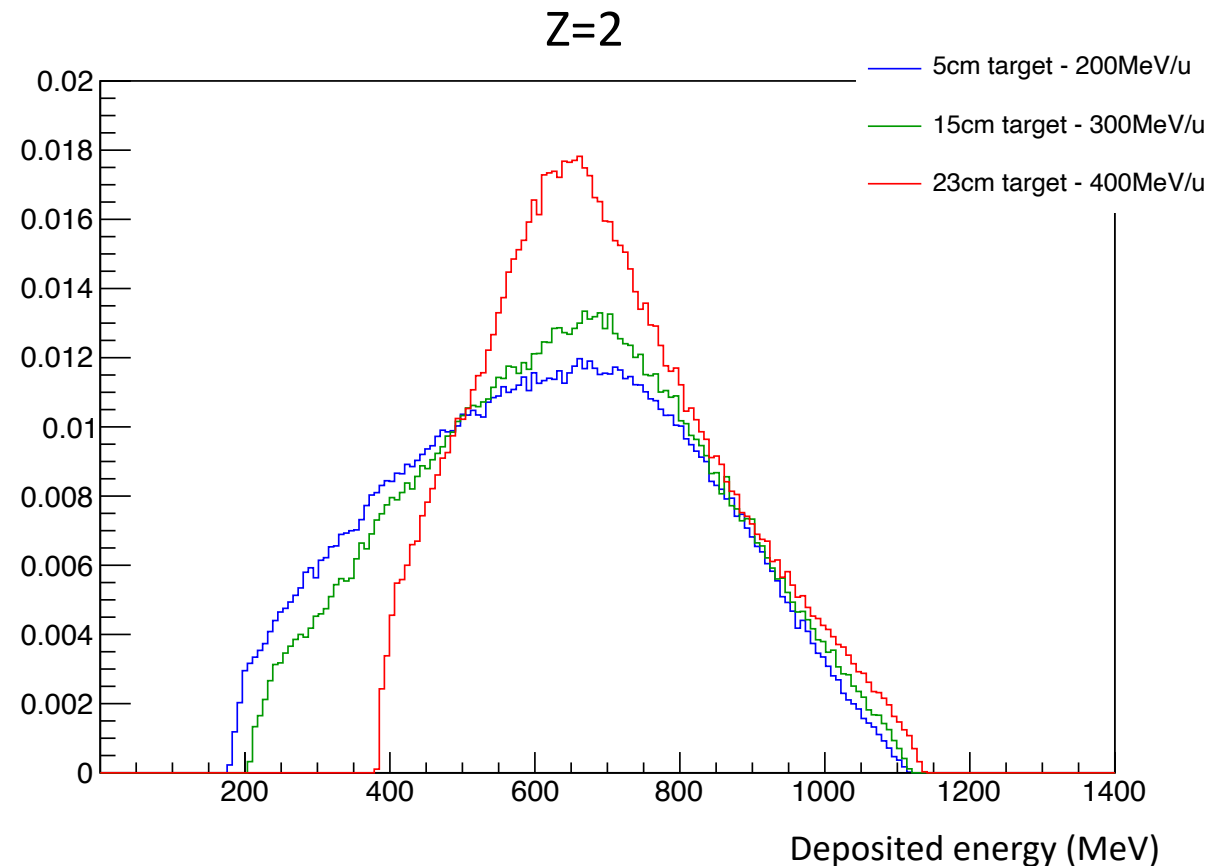
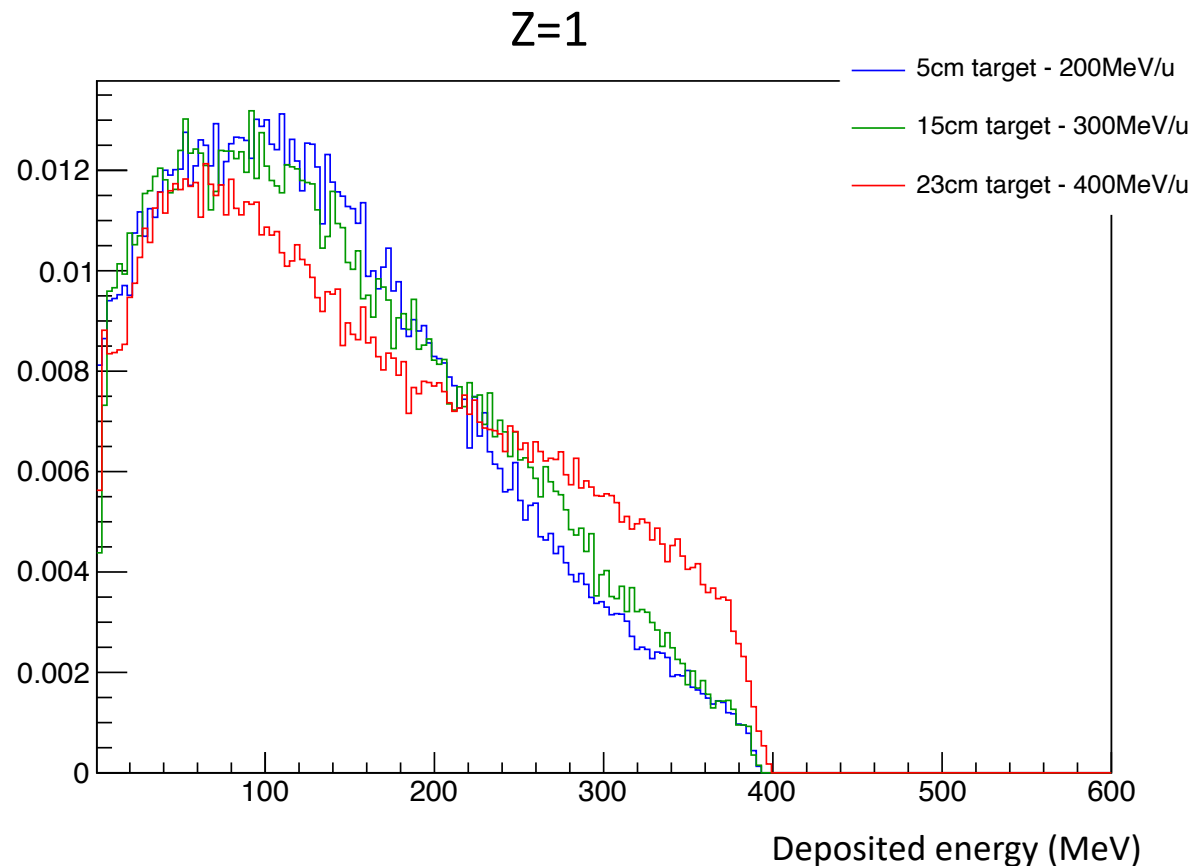
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Comparison between different target thicknesses at 5°

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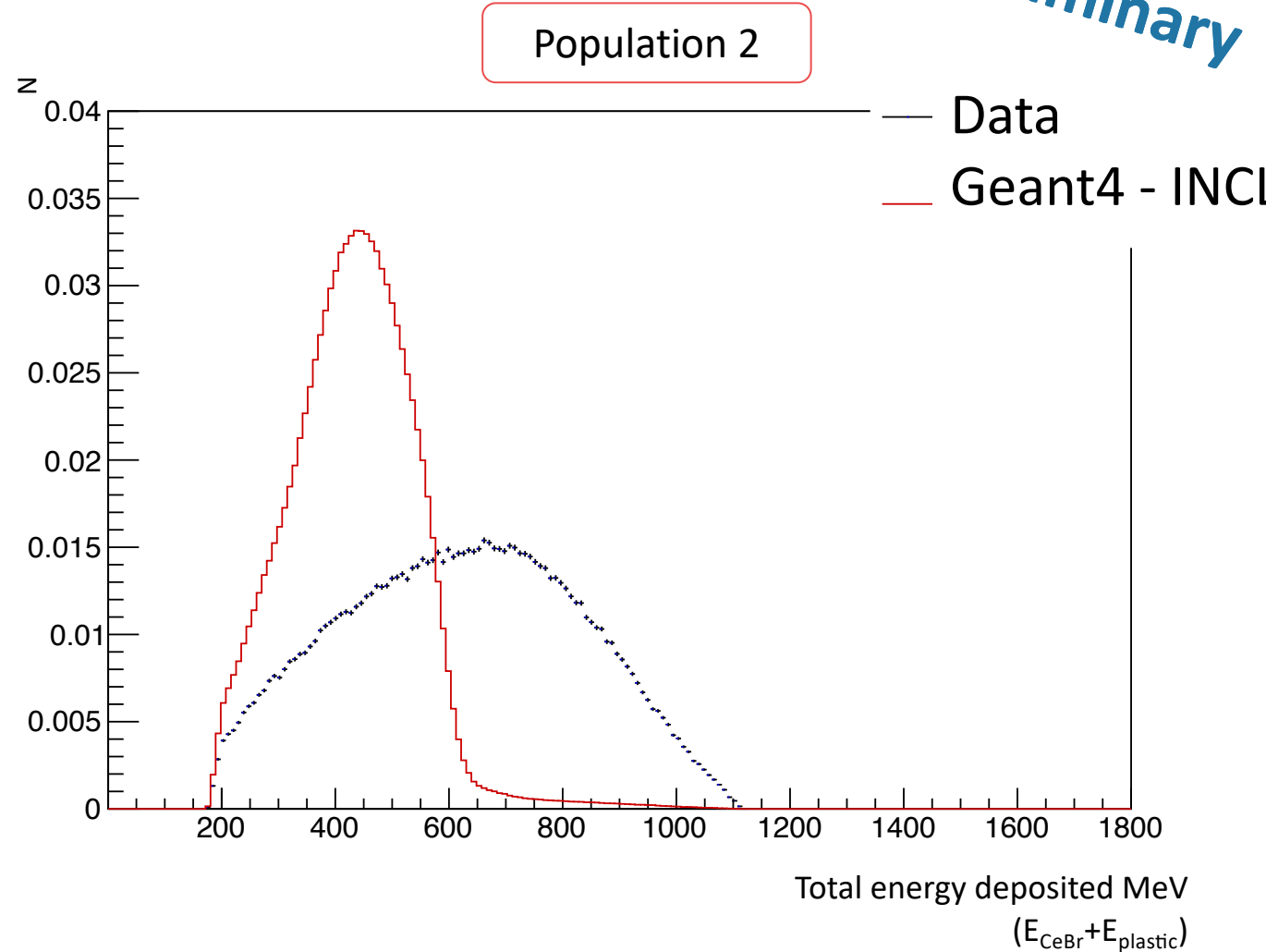
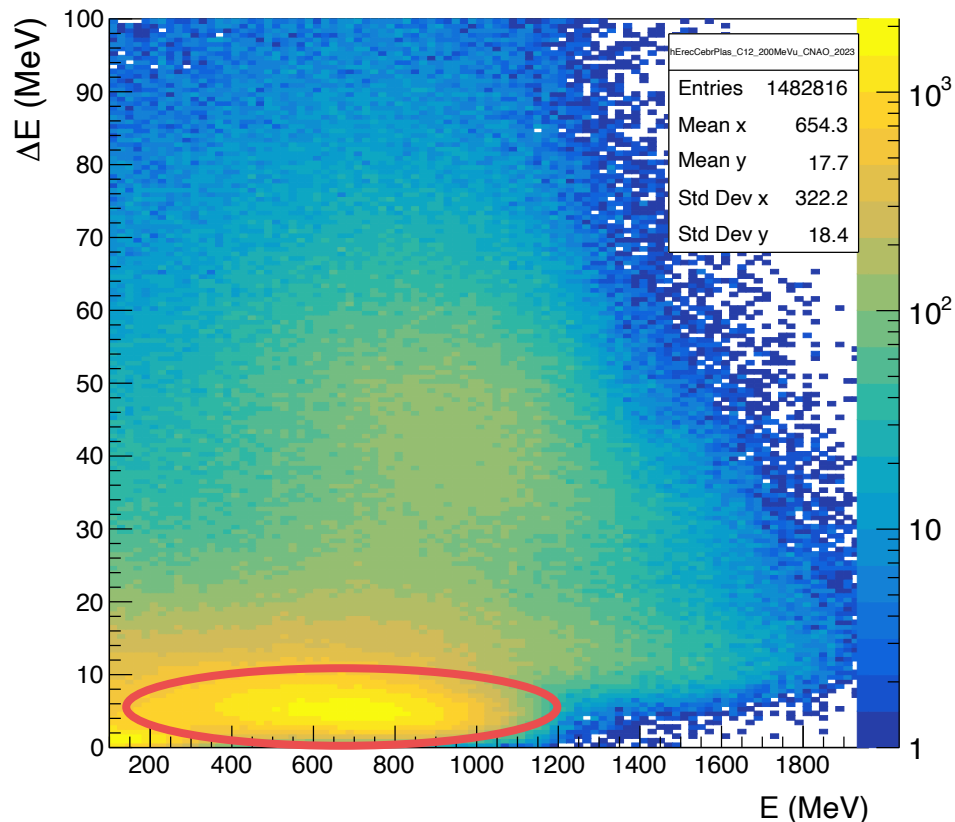


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Comparison between G4 simulation and experimental data  
5cm target and 200MeV/u beam, at 5°

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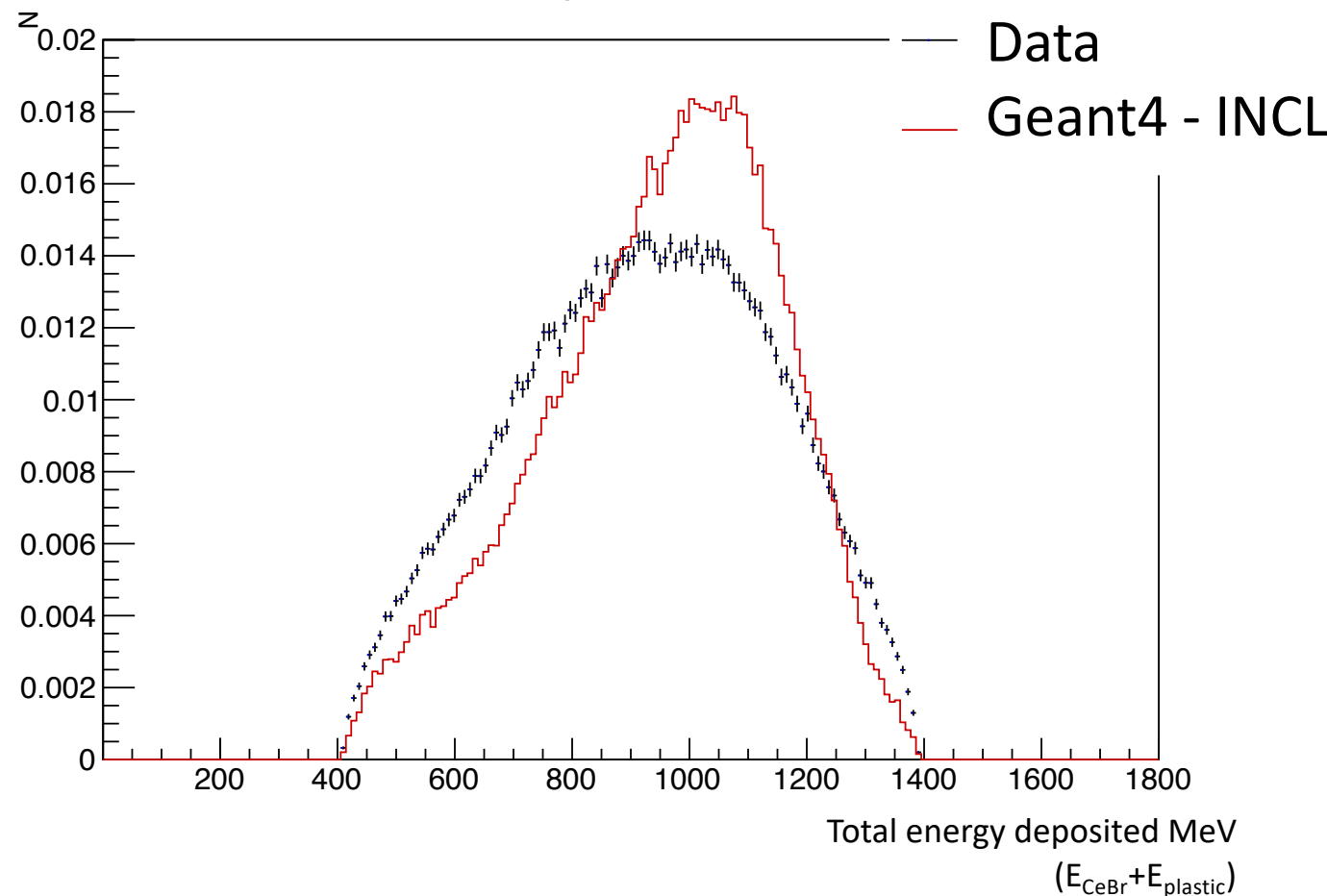
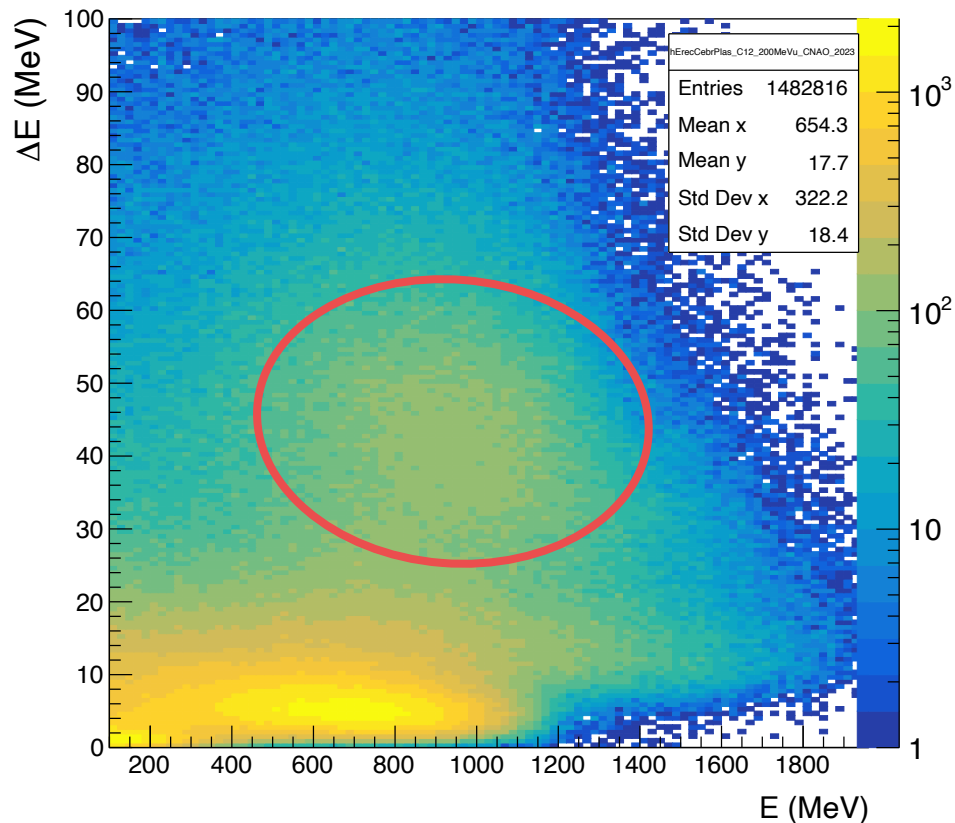




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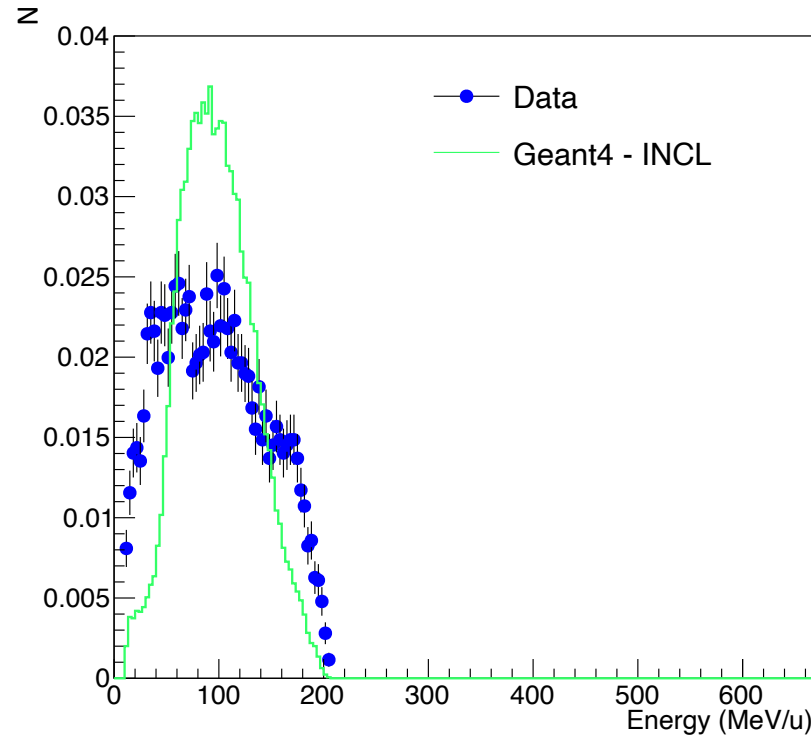
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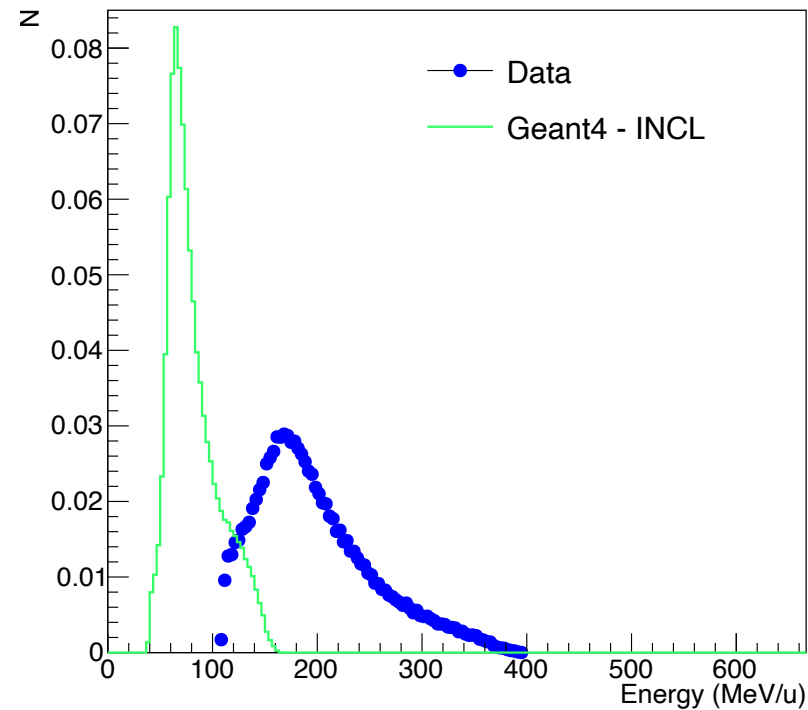
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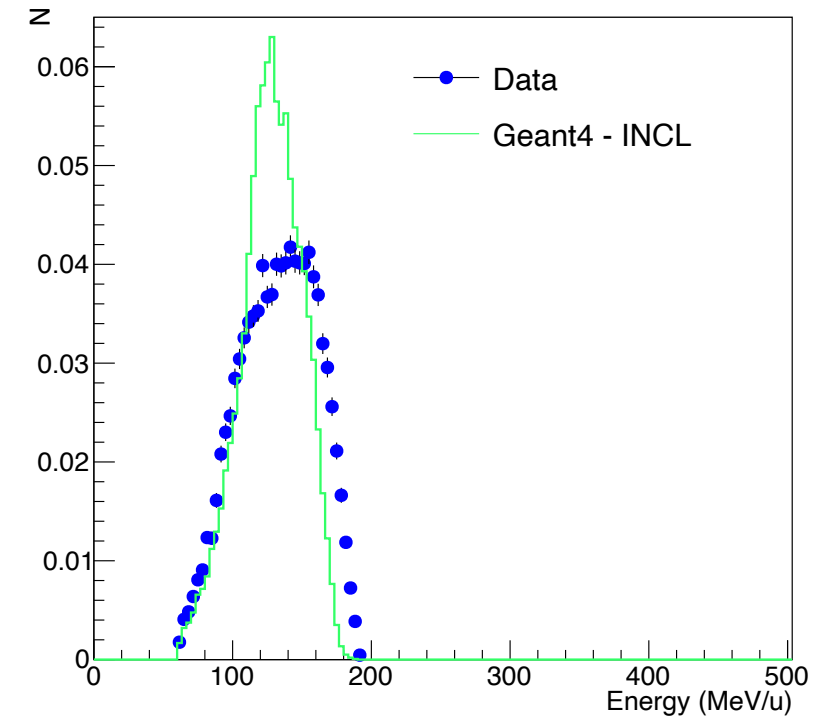
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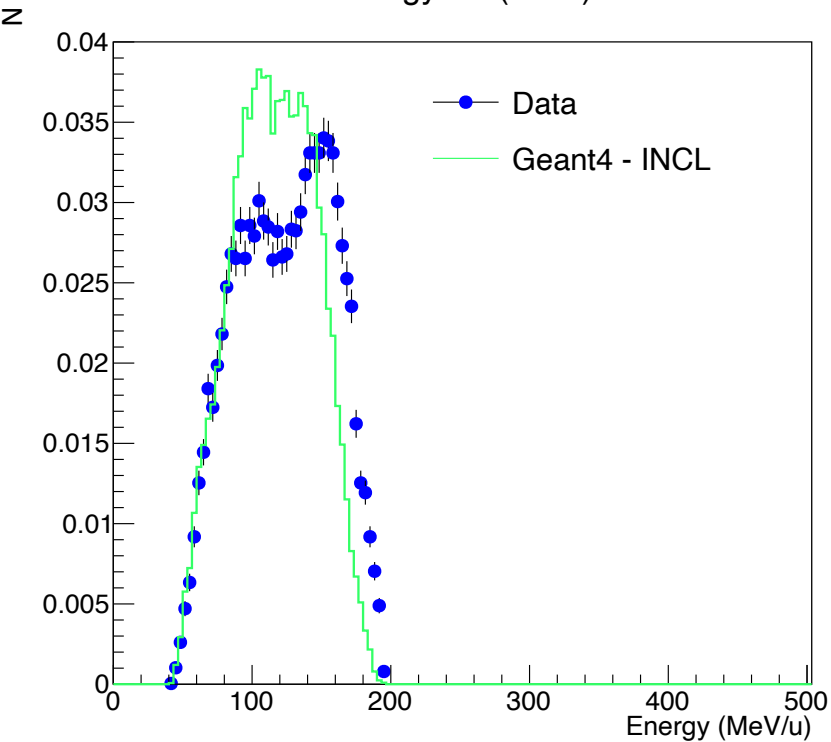
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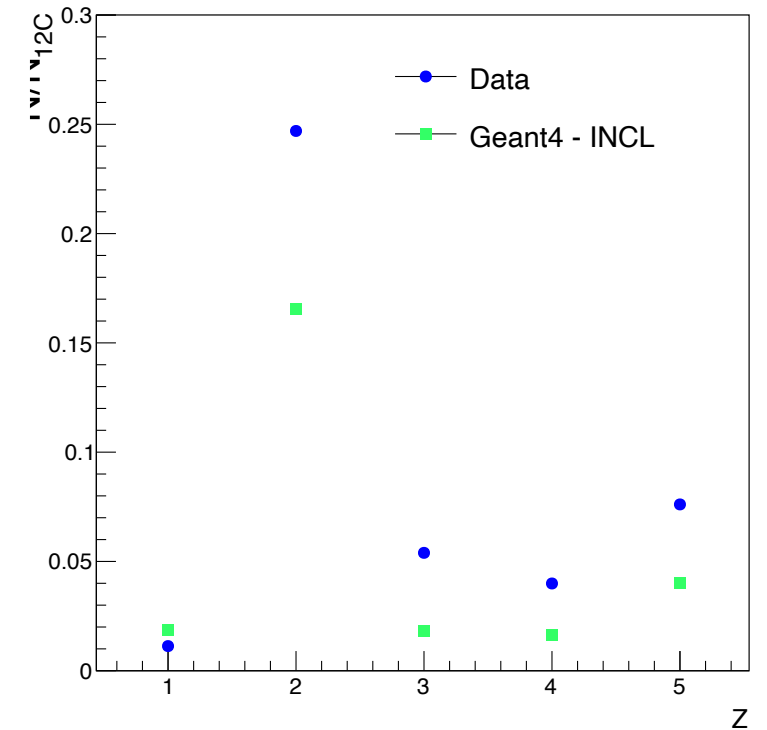
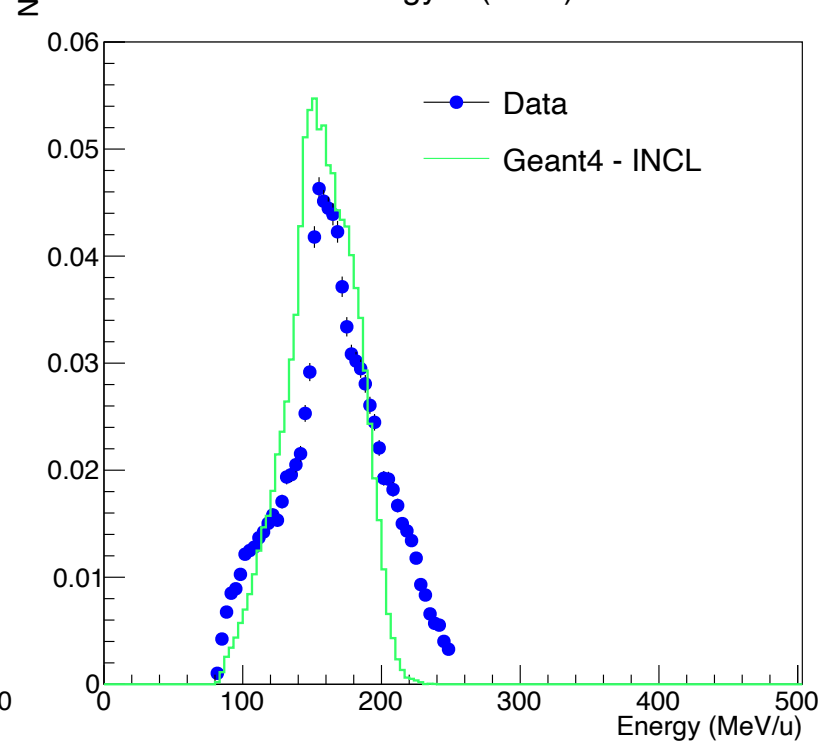
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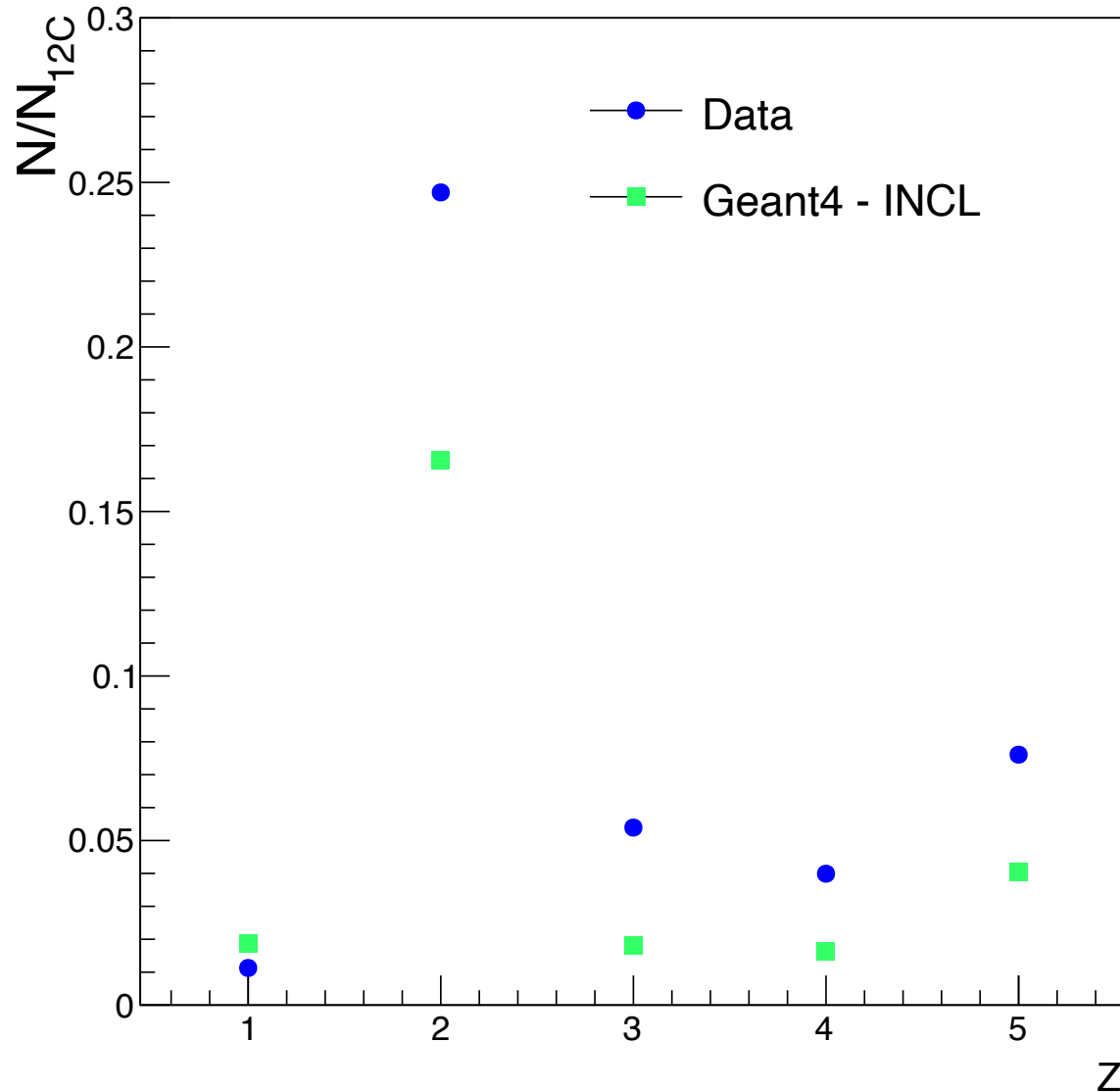
Energy B (Cebr)



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Underestimation of all secondary particles except  $Z=1$  by Geant4

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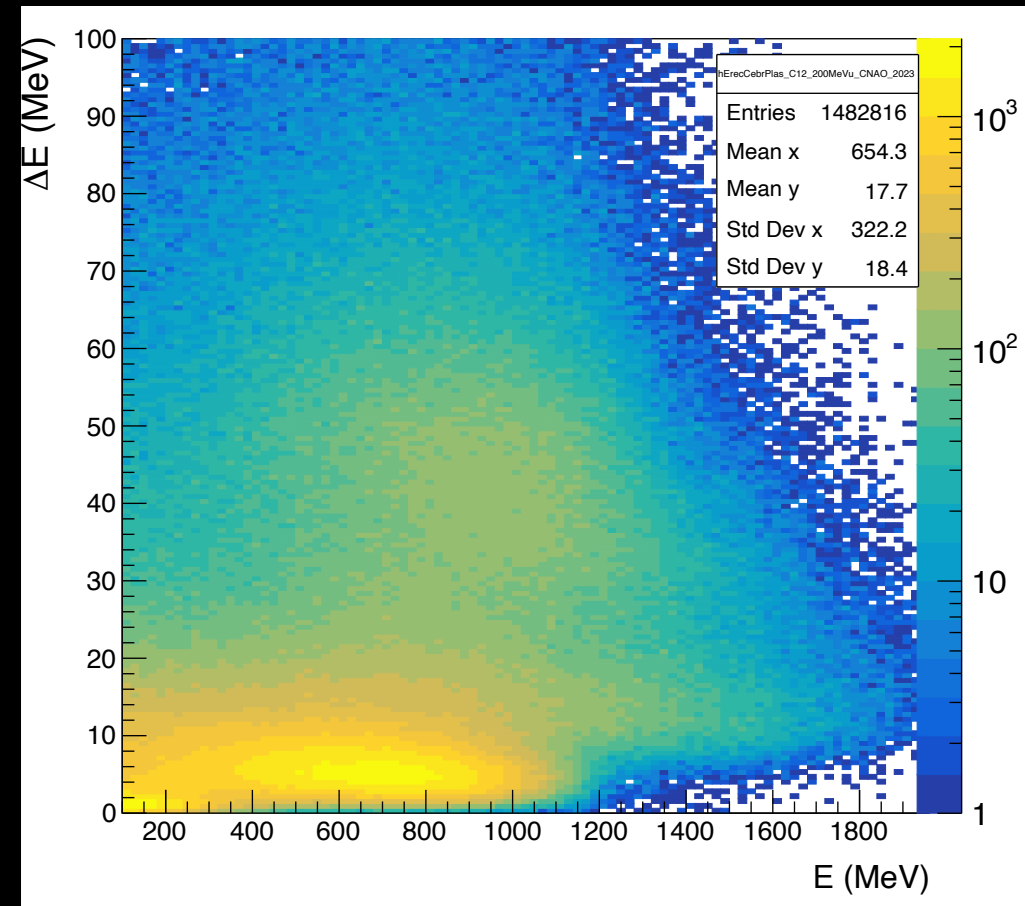
# Conclusion

## CLINM project

- Secondary charged particle identification
- Calibration of the  $\Delta E$ -E telescope detectors with protons and carbons
- First  $\Delta E$ -E measurements at CNAO
- Z identifications and comparison with G4 simulations

## Perspectives

- Implementation of data in simulation
- Comparison with radiolysis results
- Next beam time in spring 2024



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