The performance of scintillating fibre based beam profile monitor for ion beam therapy

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Beam-on profile detector for Heidelberg Ion Therapy (HIT)

- Proton/Helium/Carbon/Oxygen beams at different intensity / energy/ focus
- **Beam-on profile detector** is designed to support a **raster scanning dose delivery method** (Scanning magnets to change the direction of the beam)

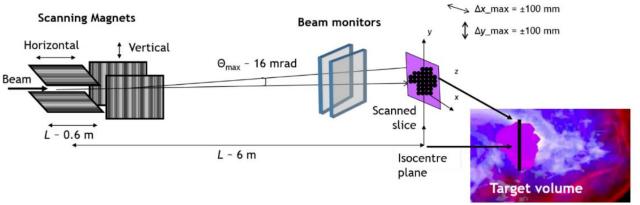
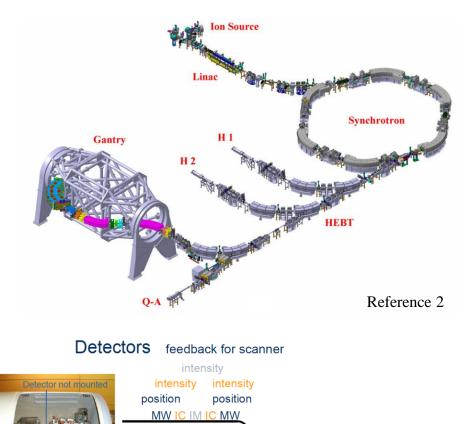


Fig. 9: Example of a fixed horizontal beamline for modulated spot scanning delivery Reference 3

- Vertical and Horizontal **MWPC**(Multi-wire proportional chamber) detector to monitor the **Position** / **Focus** of the beam
- IC(ionization chamber) \rightarrow Intensity of the beam



 Beam
 Ripple-filter

 Ripple-filter
 Range-shifter

 Optional Modulators
 Widen Iso-Energy-slices
 Decrease depth @ E_{min}

 Reference 1

Why Beam on detector for raster scanning dose delivery method?

- Bragg peak → a low entrance dose increasing to a maximum beyond, which there is a sharp reduction in dose deposition
- This can give less dose to normal tissues and maximum dose to the target if the beam is on the right area!
- But if the beam is at wrong position(outside of the treatment plan) → damage the healthy tissue!
- Beam-on profile detector can give a immediate feedback to the system if the beam is on the wrong area
- It also give the profile of the beam on real time so that it can minimize the dose of the normal tissue at the edge of the tumor

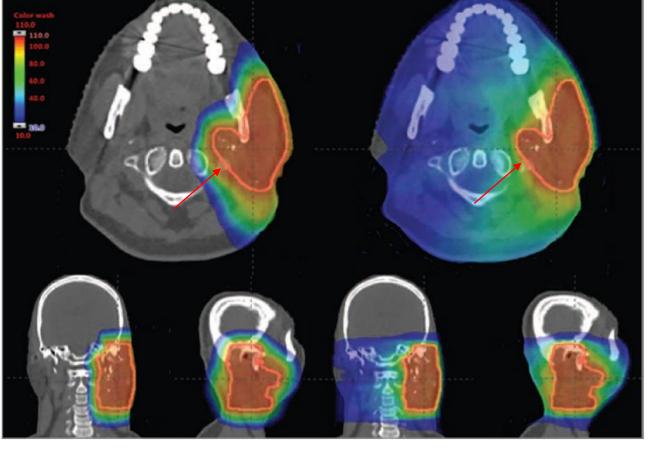


Figure 1. Representative Proton and Photon Treatment Plan for a Patient With Head and Neck Cancer

Proton Therapy

Photon Therapy Reference 6

Beam profile detector

Old gas-based detectors

MWPC(Multi-wire proportional chamber)

- \rightarrow limited the intensity (gas detector limit --sparking)
- →ionize gas drift time ~1 ms/raster point
- → the granularity of the MWPC is limited by the 2 mm wire spacing
- → Sensitive to magnetic field and acoustic noise

Upgrade the monitor system (~2030)

Value
1–33 mm
< 0.2 mm
< 0.4 mm
4–8 kHz
$< 250 \mu s$
$< 0.35 \text{ mm H}_2\text{O}$ eq./plane

Four ions beam intensity : $10^6 \sim 10^{10}$ per second

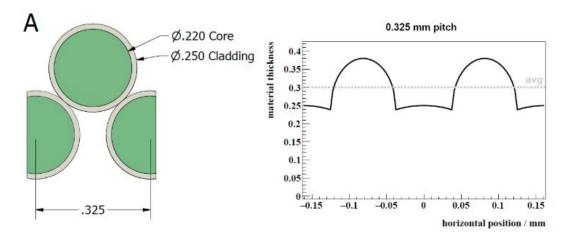
Table 1. The energies and intensities available at the HIT Clinic. The energy range is divided into 255 possible settings, E1–E255. There are typically 10 different intensity settings available for use, I1–I10.

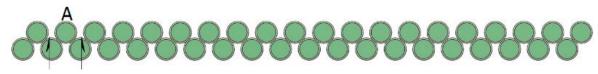
	Protons	Helium	Carbon	Oxygen
Energy [MeV/u]	48-221	51-221	89-430	104-515
Intensity [s ⁻¹]	$8 \cdot 10^7 - 3.2 \cdot 10^9$	$2 \cdot 10^7 - 8 \cdot 10^8$	$2 \cdot 10^6 - 8 \cdot 10^7$	$1 \cdot 10^{6} - 4 \cdot 10^{7}$

Scintillating fibre based detectors

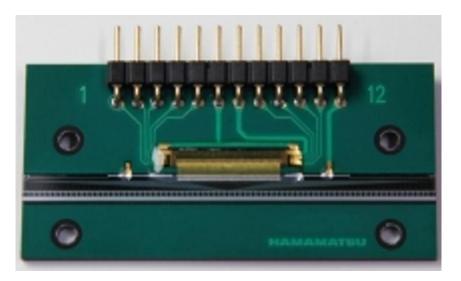
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• Fibre : Kuraray green 3HF scintillating fibres Minimize the material: 2 layer of scintillator fibre (no epoxy 0.3 mm polyethylene have similar density with water)





• Hamamatsu S11865-64 photodiode arrays with a pitch of 0.8 mm (64 channel)

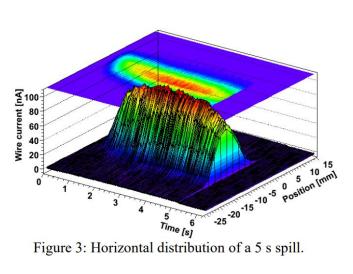


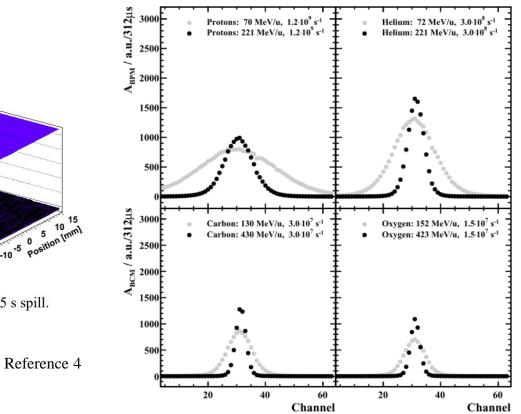
 Integration time: 100 μs-100 ms (adjustable)

The different shape of the beam

- Shape depends on energy, intensity and ion species
- Collecting photon for each 100 µs frame have statistical differences
- Beam is not perfectly stable in time; fluctuations in RF kicker beam extraction
- Shape is dependent on the momentum of the particles (multiple scattering)
- Position /focus /peak resolution is directly related to the reconstruction algorithm

Need a reliable and fast real time **reconstruction algorithm** which can be programmed in the FPGA to analyze each data frame(100 µs)





Reference 5

isocenter

Experimental setup

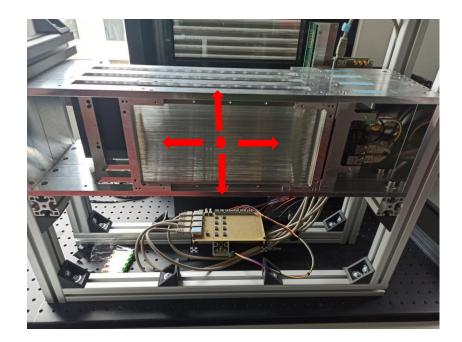
Experiment of detector with epoxy and without epoxy

4 boards are in the same direction → horizontal board 0 is the rear detector

Board 0: two layers fibre with epoxy / 400mm / no mirror at the end Board 1: two layers fibre with epoxy /400mm/ radiation damage / mirror Board 2: two layers fibre without epoxy / 300mm / mirror Board 3: two layers fibre without epoxy / 300mm / mirror

Collect the data : energy scan, intensity scan, position scan etc.....

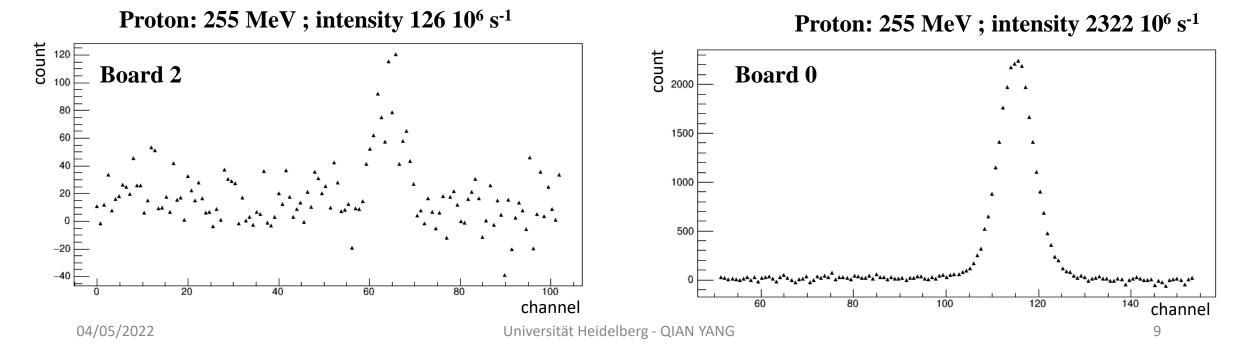
Development History : 5 layer fibres with epoxy \rightarrow 2 layer fibres with epoxy \rightarrow 2 layer fibres without epoxy



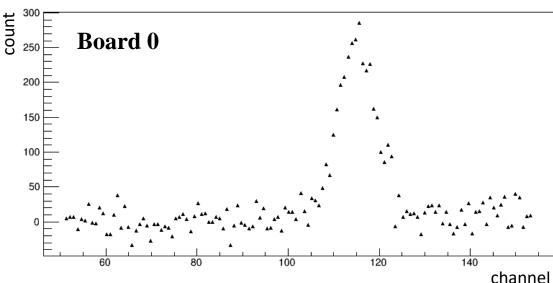


Example of frame profile

- Example of high/low intensity ٠
- From the low intensity frame we can clearly see the ٠ systematic bias of the signal which could probably caused by light production, optical coupling, radiation damage, photosensor \rightarrow need **calibration**!



200 150 100 50



Proton: 255 MeV ; intensity 126 10⁶ s⁻¹

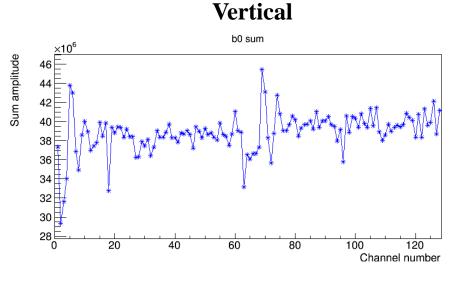
Calibration

Purpose:

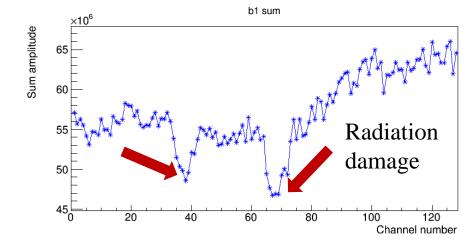
Calibrate the variations among channels (light production, optical coupling, radiation damage, photosensor) \rightarrow systematic bias of the signal

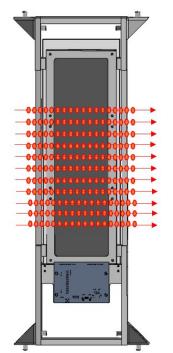
Method:

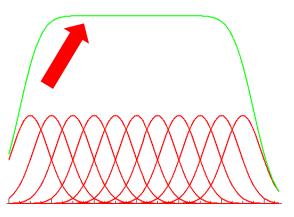
Use 2 Beam plans (XY and YX scan) \rightarrow Scan the x and y direction in steps of 1 mm to get the sum of the signal to correct vertical and horizontal plan



Horizontal





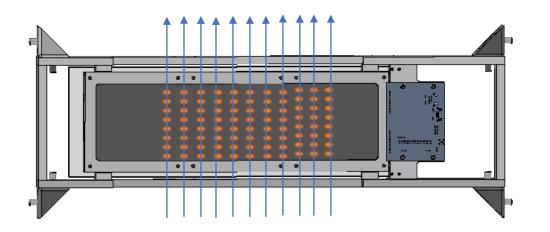


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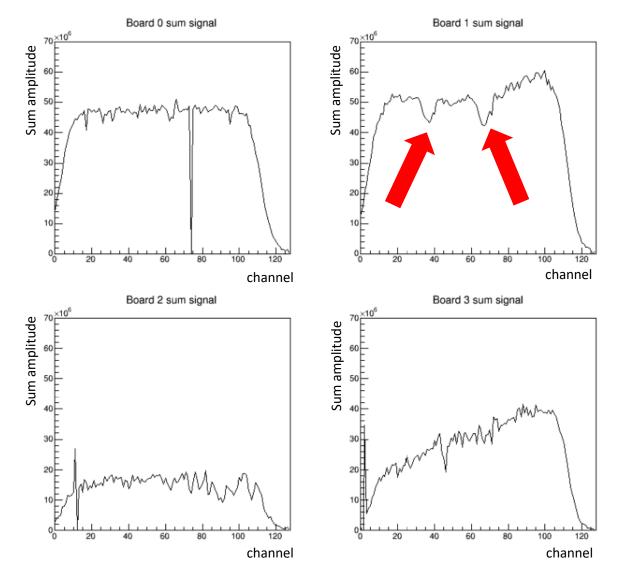
Sum of the signal

Scan across the board at different height of the fibre

Sum up the signal per each channel

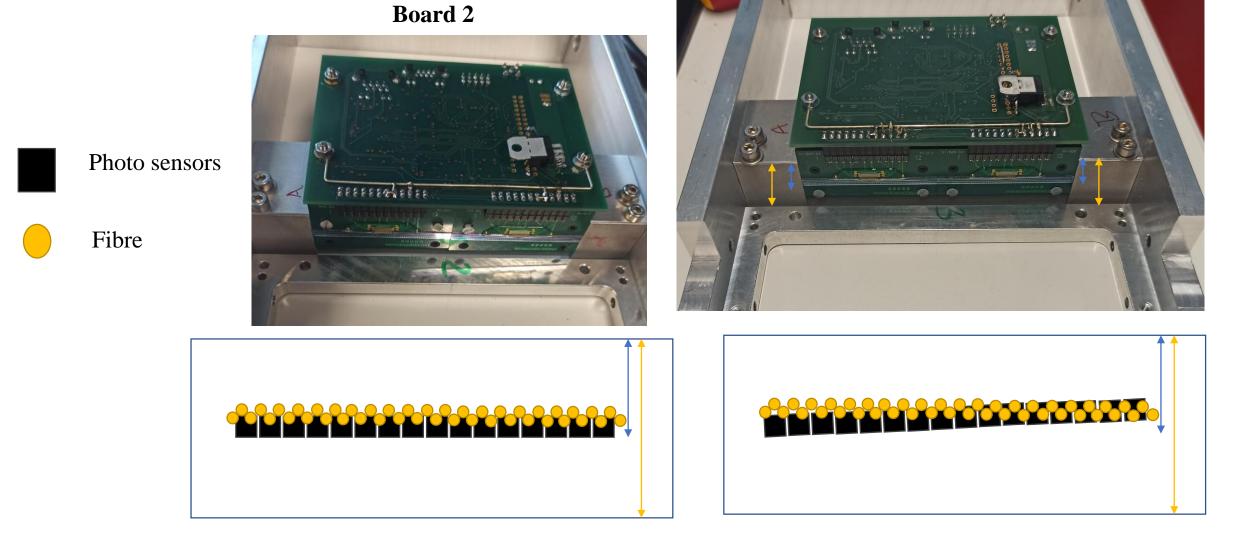


Scan at different height (10 mm interval) of the fibre mat with the beam step of 1 mm



Misalignment

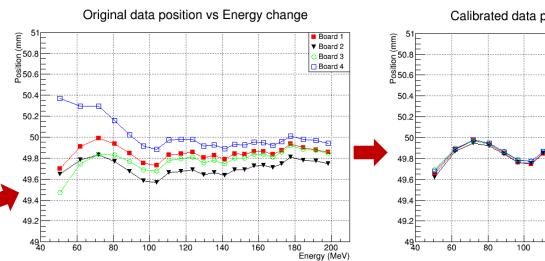
Board 3



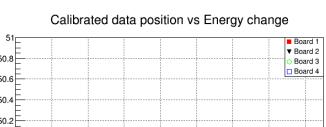
Calibration

The calibration factor is calculated by using constant divided by the sum amplitude during the scan per each channel

We have already proven that calibration can give much more reliable reconstruction information than non-calibrated one



Uncalibrated



Calibrated + correct offset of the 4 boards

Calibration factor Calibration factor 2.4 1.5 2.2 1.4 2 1.2 1.8 1.1 1.6 20 40 60 80 100 120 20 n 0 Channel number

b0 the calibration factor

b1 the calibration factor

60

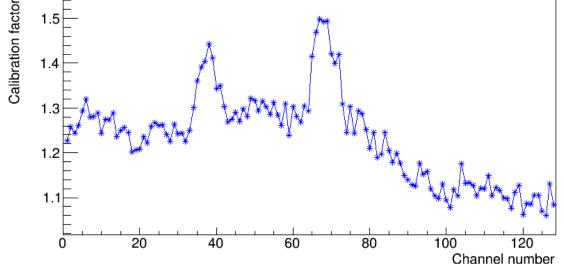
80

100

120

140

160



60

80

100

120

140

160

180 200 Energy (MeV)

Calibration improvement possibility

Existing calibration have a very nice correction but still can we do it better? the sum signal of the scan of all the position of the fibre (all height)→ can not correct the light attenuation

Possible to correct at each scan row?

constant divided by the sum signal as correction factor

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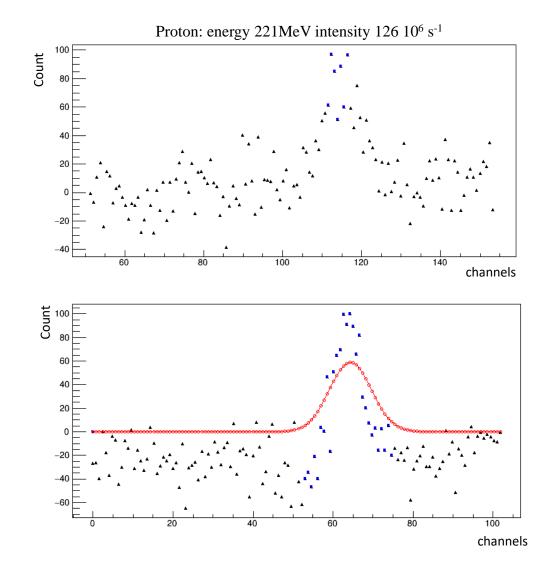
Is there any other way to give better calibration factor?

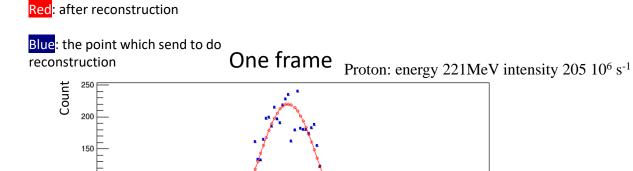
Reconstruction algorithm

Low intensity – low SNR

This algorithm should not only perform well in high SNR situation but also well for low SNR situations

Example of bad reconstruction for low SNR



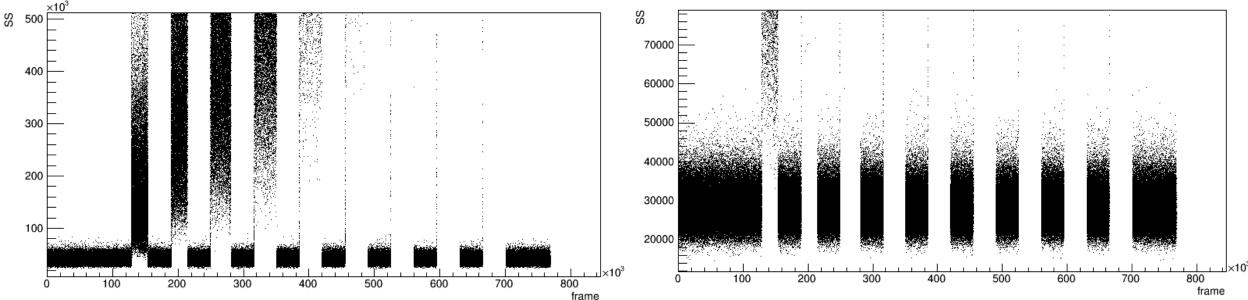


100

Beam-on state

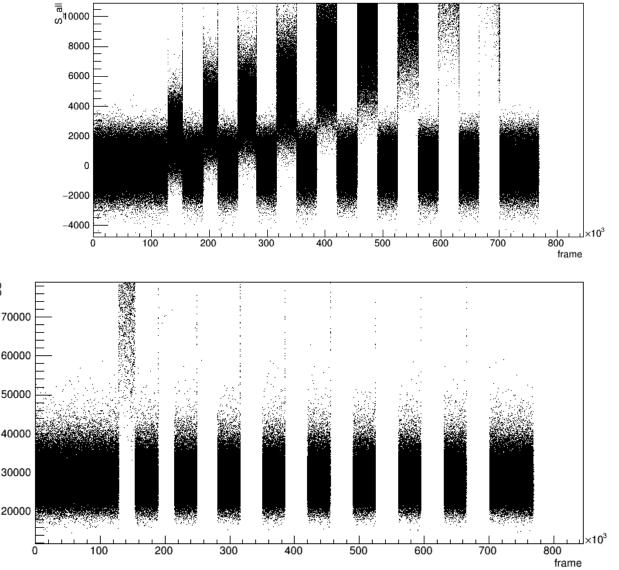
Discriminate the "beam on" signal (when the beam comes this setting condition should be very sensitive to the signal changes) ٠

$$SS = N * \sigma^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{128} (A_k - A_{mean})^2 \qquad S_{all} = \sum_{k=0}^{128} A_k$$



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From the lowest intensity to highest intensity



Linear regression of gaussian distribution

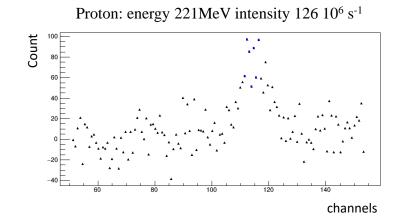
Quick and robust method to find out the position and width of the distribution

Linear regression \rightarrow Highly depend on how we chose the data \rightarrow to do the "prediction"

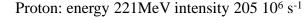
 $(x_1, f_1), (x_2, f_2), \dots, (x_k, f_k), \dots, (x_n, f_n)$

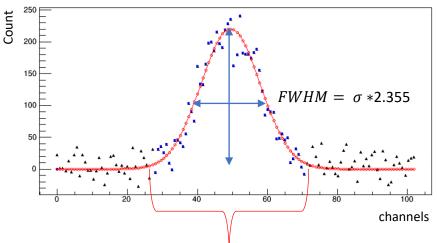
- Set a basic threshold, select the longest cluster of data •
- Take their average position (x_{mean})
- According to the x_{mean} , take the $\pm 3 * \sigma$ length of the data

This is very meaningful for the low intensity \rightarrow increase the sensitivity of the detector

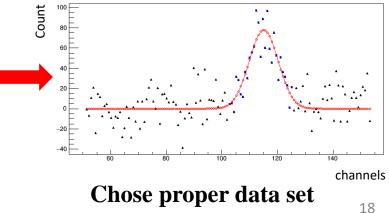


Example: Proton beam: Energy = 221 MeV**Focus** = 8.1 mm Channel size: $8.1 \times 6/2.355/0.8 = 26$





99.7% of the distribution: $6 * \sigma$



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Subtract the noise level

Subtract the noise base level \rightarrow there exist the fluctuation of the noise level

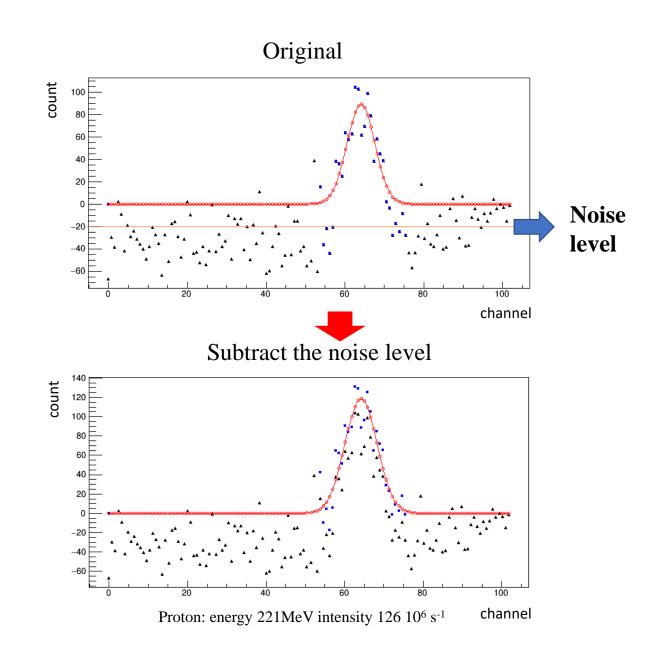
Blue point :

the data which are sending to do the reconstruction

Red point: reconstruction result

Black point: original data

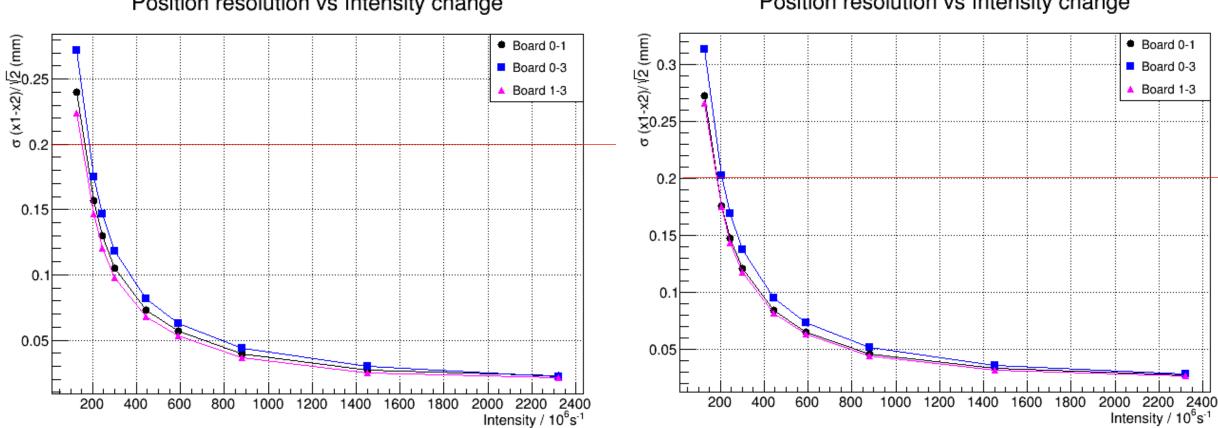
Sending the $(x_1, f_1), (x_2, f_2), ..., (x_k, f_k), ..., (x_n, f_n)$ to do the linear regression (based on integration-Jean Jacquelin)



Proton with energy 221 MeV / intensity scan

Gaussian fitting

Gaussian Linear regression



Position resolution vs Intensity change

Position resolution vs Intensity change

 $100\mu s$ per each frame for this detector

For low intensity, we can change the integration time to get better resolution

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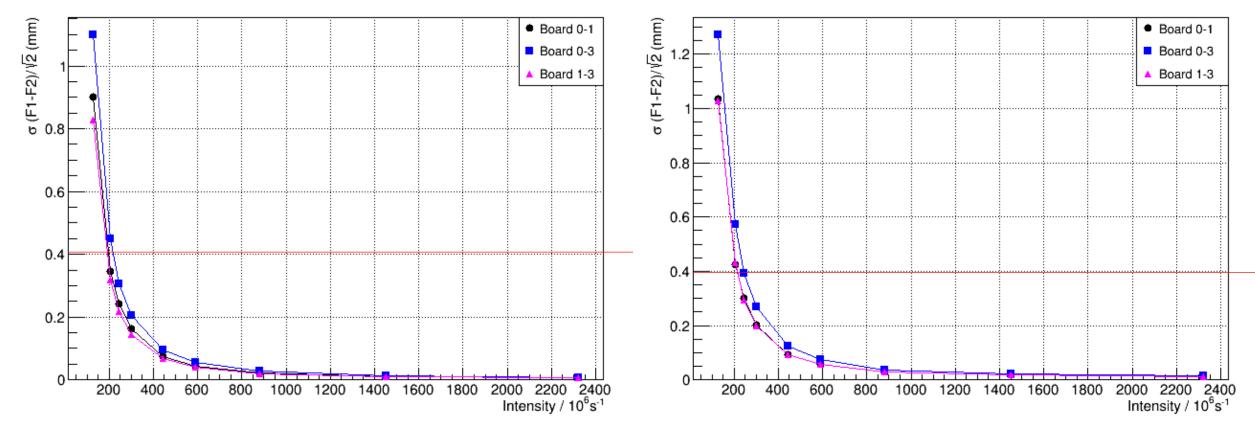
Proton with energy 221 MeV / intensity scan

Gaussian fitting

Gaussian Linear regression

Focus resolution vs Intensity change

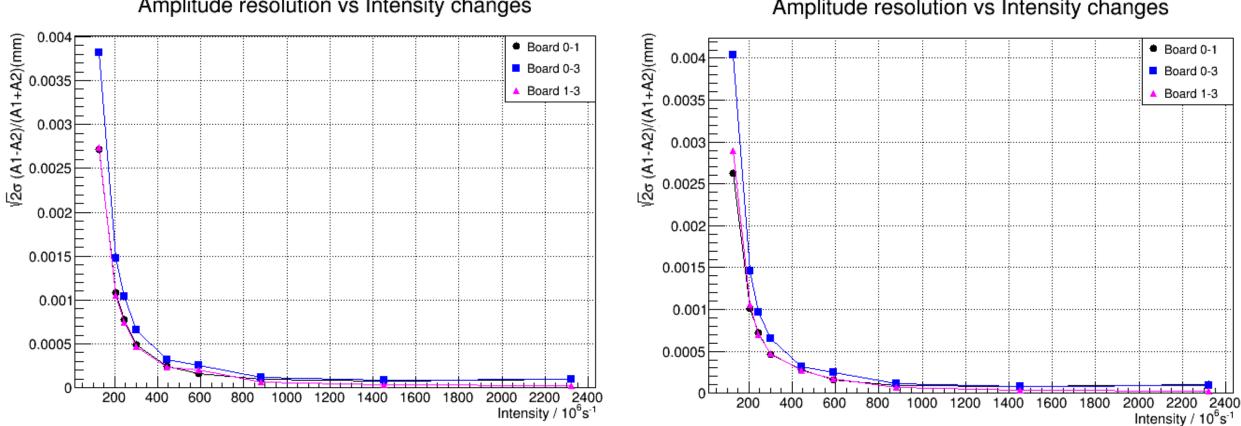
Focus resolution vs Intensity change



Proton with energy 221 MeV / intensity scan

Gaussian fitting

Gaussian Linear regression



Amplitude resolution vs Intensity changes

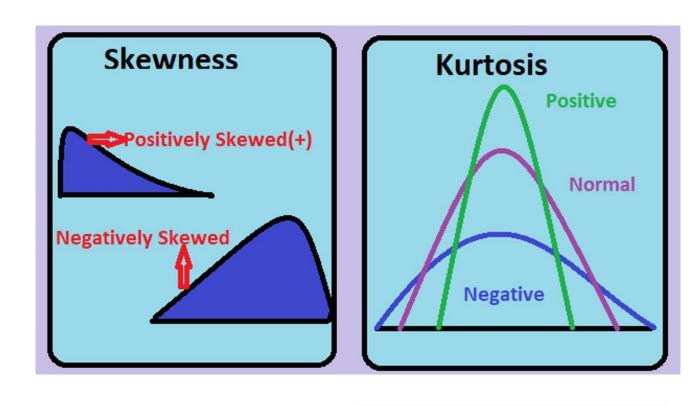
Amplitude resolution vs Intensity changes

Shape of the beam and reconstruction difference

- What are **Gaussian fitting** and **linear regression** differences based on the same data?
- Is the beam gaussian distribution?

The **kurtosis** measures how sharply peaked a distribution is, relative to its width. The kurtosis is normalized to zero for a Gaussian distribution.

The **skewness** measures the asymmetry of the tails of a distribution.



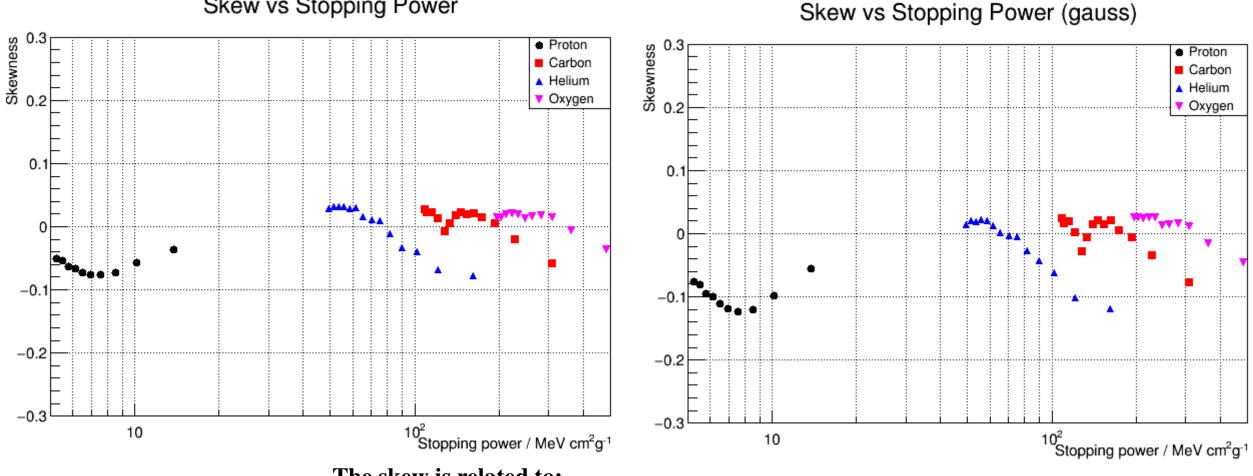
$$skew = \frac{1}{N} \sum \left(\frac{x_i - \hat{\mu}}{\hat{\sigma}}\right)^3$$

$$kurtosis = \left(\frac{1}{N}\sum \left(\frac{x_i - \hat{\mu}}{\hat{\sigma}}\right)^4\right) - 3$$

Linear regression

Skew vs Stopping Power

Gaussian fitting

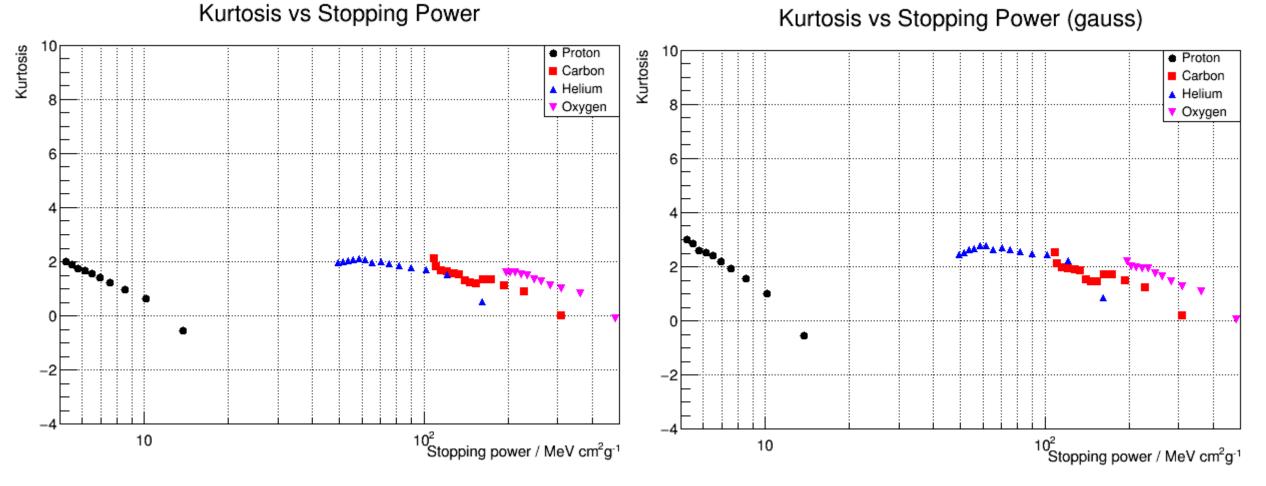


The skew is related to:

- **Different Ion types' shape are different (from HIT)** •
- Reconstruction •

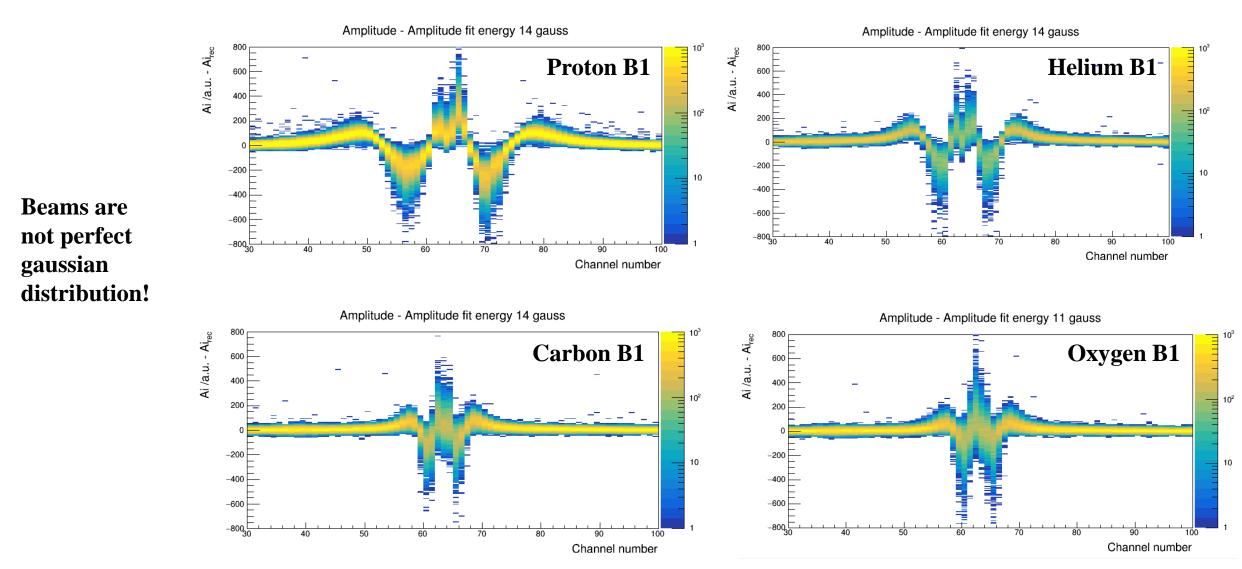
Linear regression

Gaussian fitting



The kurtosis is largely related to: Reconstruction

The subtraction between the real signal and reconstruction (Intensity 2322 10⁶ s⁻¹)



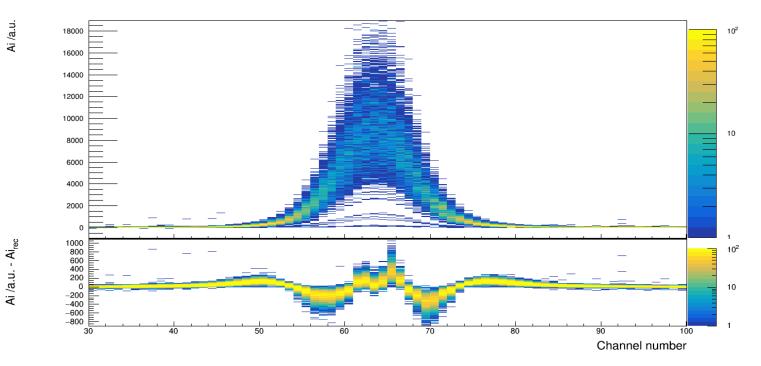
The ratio

The ratio:

Shows how much is the proportion of difference between the reconstruction signal and real signal to the real signal

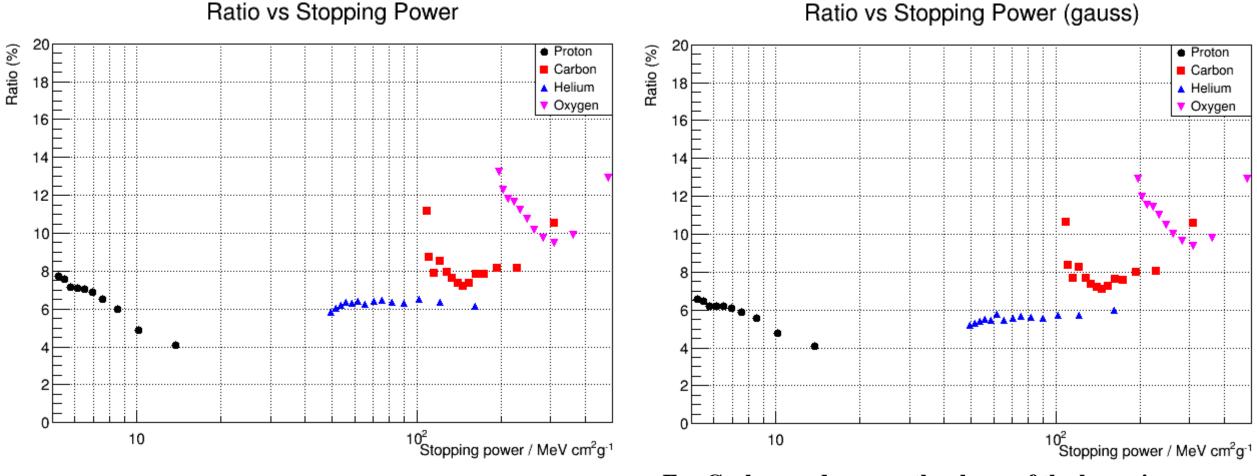
the average of each frame's Sum(abs(Ai_{rec} – Ai)) / Sum(abs(Ai))

Helium energy: 162 MeV Intensity 2322 10⁶ s⁻¹



Linear regression

Gaussian fitting

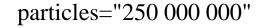


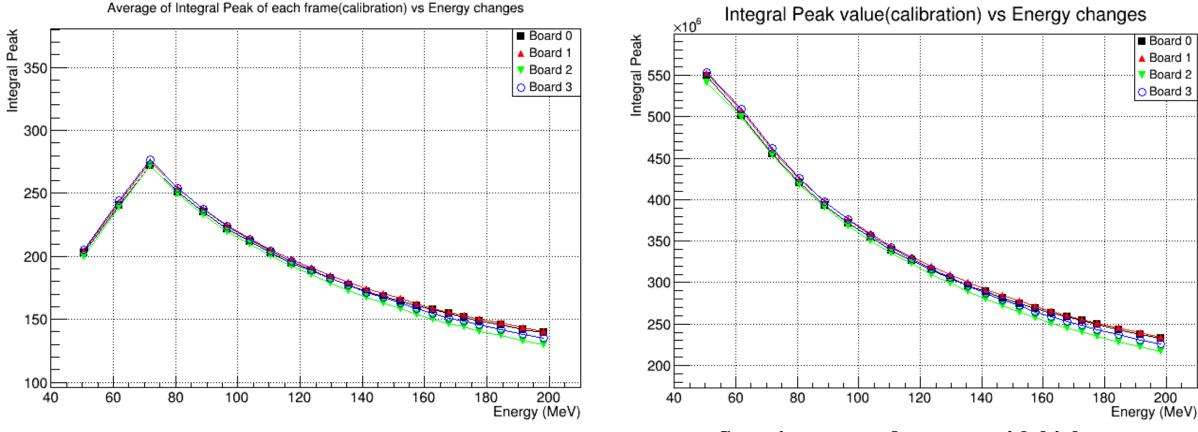
Linear regression have slightly bigger ratio than the gaussian fitting

For Carbon and oxygen the shape of the beam is narrow **!!!** When the Stopping power is high→ Low energy→ the intensity is lower than setting value!!!

HIT setting feature

Below 70 MeV the intensity is lower than the setting So the integration of the peak of each frame is smaller than expectation Even though the intensity is lower than setting, but the particle numbers are the same



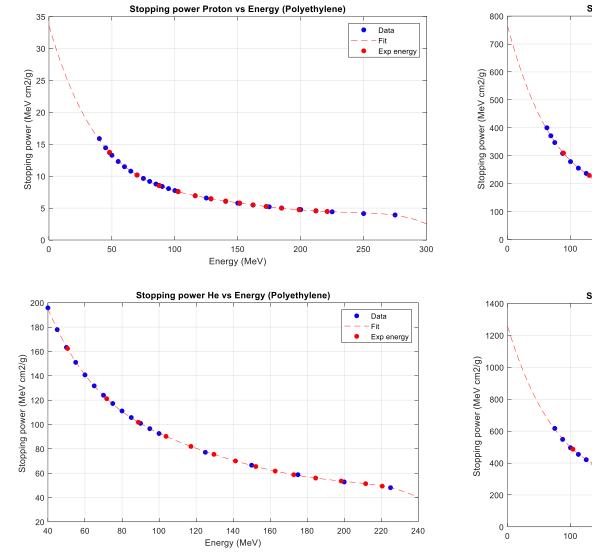


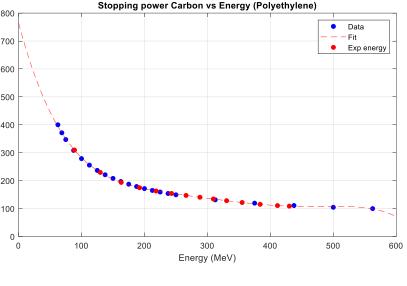
Stopping power decreases with higher energy

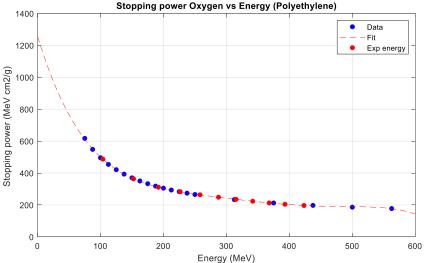
Energy - stopping power

Transform the energy towards the corresponding material stopping power

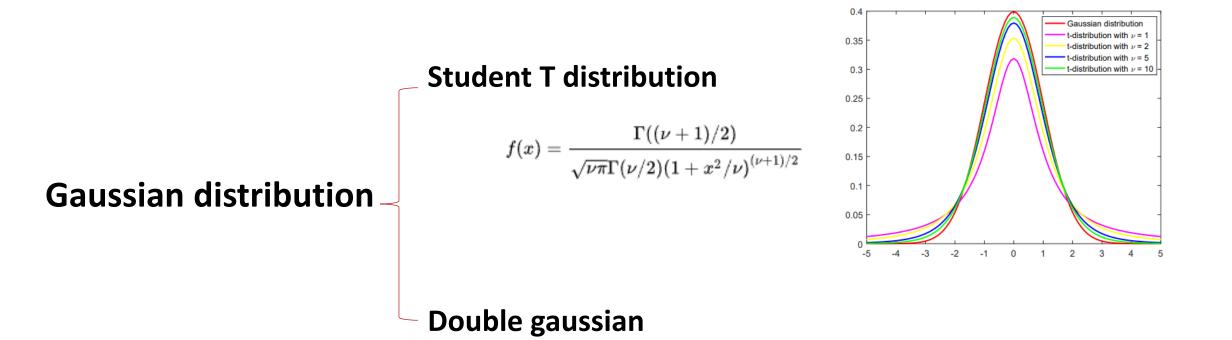
Protons and alphas: PSTAR and ASTAR. Carbon and oxygen: MSTAR







Future work



Test in magnetic field

Test without the beam in Helmholtz coil

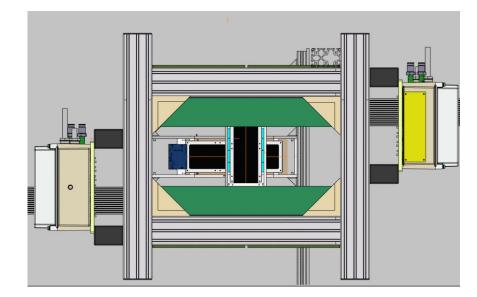
Investigate research of the MR-guidance ion beam therapy \rightarrow The targeting accuracy of proton therapy (PT) for moving soft-tissue tumors is expected to greatly improve by real-time magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) guidance.

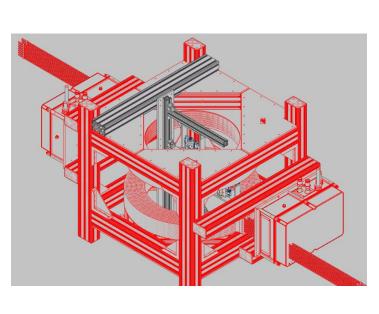
how magnetic field effect beam-on monitor detector ?

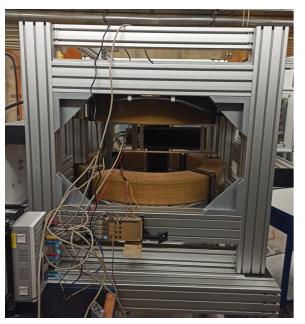
 \rightarrow no impact on scintillating fibre (made from plastic, no electron signal)

 \rightarrow only electronic is affected

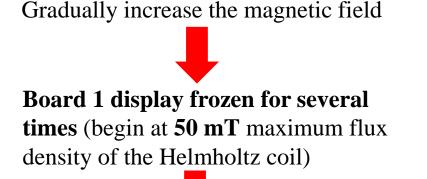
Put one vertical and one horizontal detector inside the Helmholtz coil







Operation in magnetic field



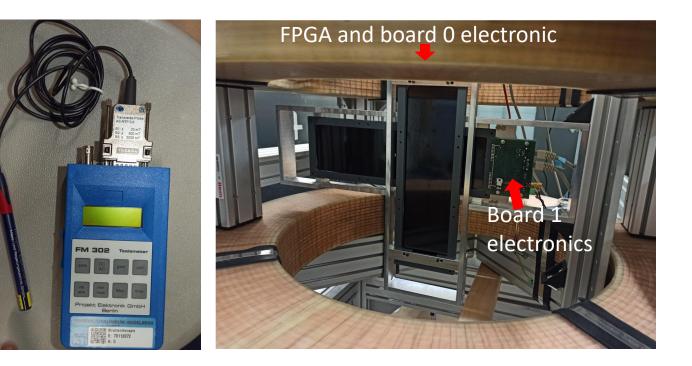
Magnetic field affect electronics

- New detector system under development with electronics outside magnetic field.

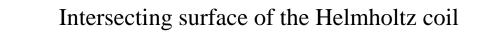
- Use optical fibre to extract signal without loss of spatial resolution.

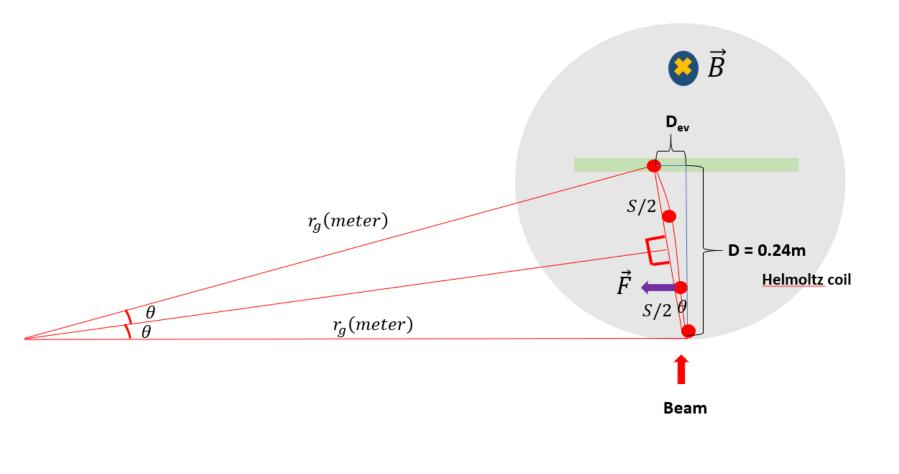
- For now: Only measurements at low magnetic fields

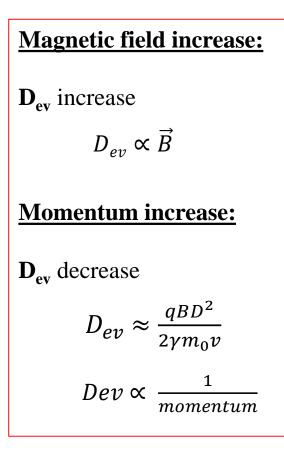
Mg set (mT)	Electronics (center) (mT)	FPGA point (mT)
~10	~10.37	~5
~20	~20.6	~15
~100	~104	~75



Inferences







We use the maximum flux density as the constant magnetic field during the whole path inside the Helmholtz coil

Experimental Results

- We can only calculate their statistical result (average position of all frames)
- Beams are not ideal beams: for the same position setting but different energy or for different spills, the real beam position might be different → need to subtract the offset
- We have already improved before that : the detector's position resolution is better than
 0.05 mm for this intensity
- Very precis value to be measured

E1 - 48.12 MeV 1.2 E21 - 70.03 MeV E101 - 128.72 MeV E255 - 221.06 MeV 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0.02 0.04 0.06 0.08 0 0.1 Magnetic field (T)

Deviation vs Magnetic field change (Proton)

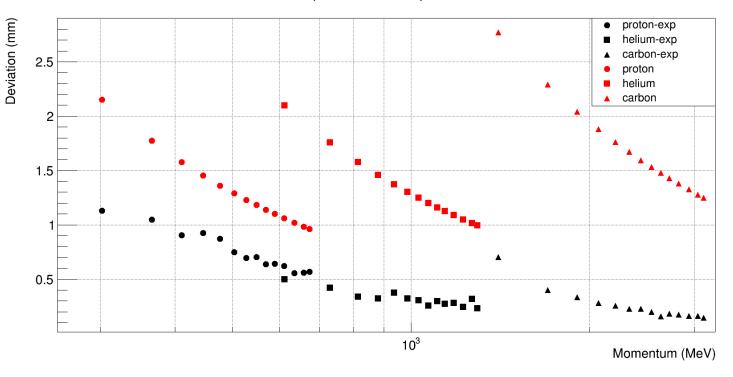
Deviation (mm)

Results and deductions

Red points from calculation for a constant magnetic field

- \rightarrow Expected to be too large
- \rightarrow Calculations need to be refined using magnetic field maps

Deviation (0T to 0.075T) vs Momentum



Conclusion and Future work

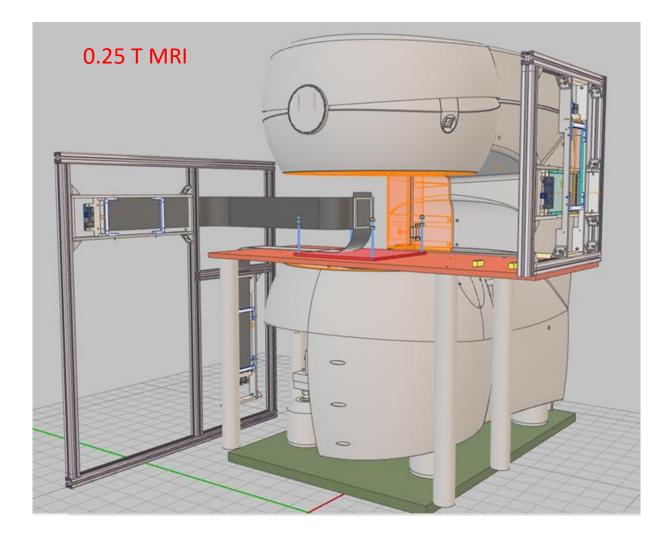
The magnetic field effect the electronics of the beam-on profile detector \rightarrow not clear how magnetic field affects electronics

Complementary work about magnetic field will be further developed

In the practical situation, the electronics are placed outside of the magnetic field (less flux density than this situation)

We will test the new version of the detector with the 0.25 T MRI and higher

Improve the reconstruction and calibration process



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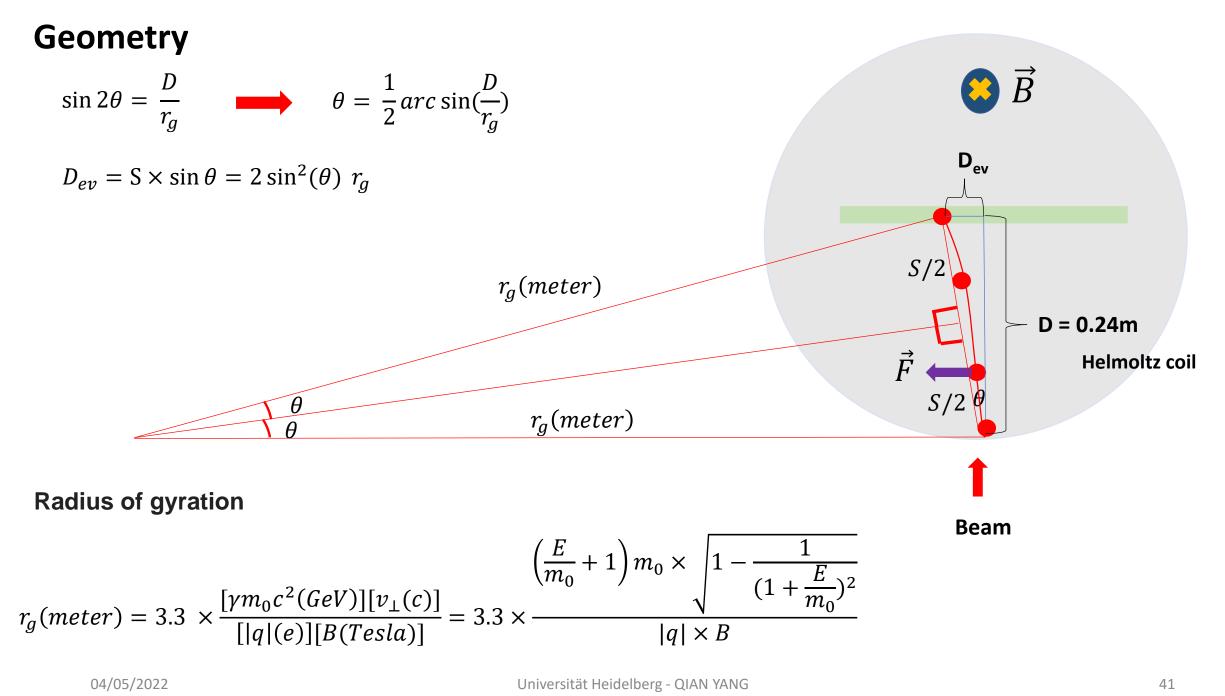
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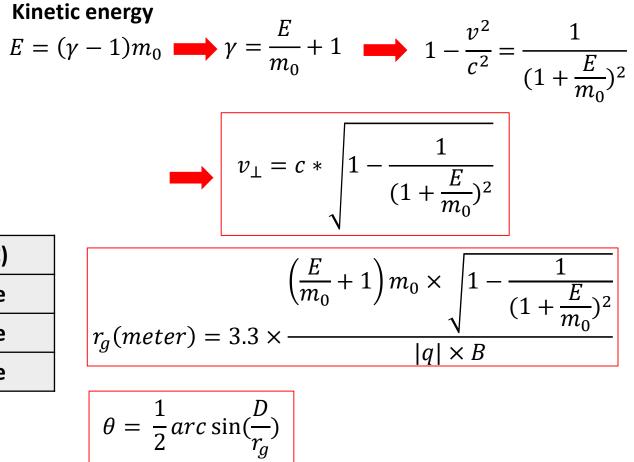


Calculate in Relativistic

- Suppose the beams are ideal beams
- Suppose the beam propagate in vacuum
- Suppose magnetic field is constant (using the maximum flux density across the inner path of the Helmholtz coil)

	m_0 (MeV)	$m_0^{}(kg)$	q(C)
Proton	938	1.67*10 ⁻²⁷	1*e
Carbon	938*12	1.67*10 ⁻²⁷ *12	6*e
Helium	938*4	1.67*10 ⁻²⁷ *4	2*e

D = 0.24 m



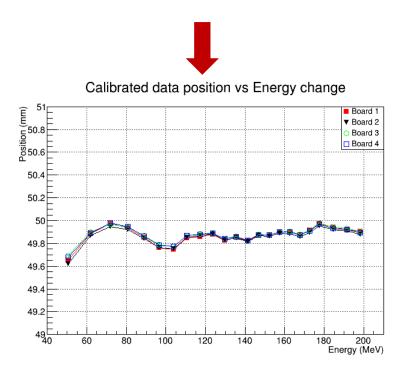
Drifting path:

$$D_{ev} = S \times \sin \theta = 2 \sin^2(\theta) r_g$$

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The energy scan

- 255 energy settings to chose for each ions
- Each energy have its own focus setting (6 to chose) → several focus but normally we use the **F1** as the setting focus
- For same position in beam plan, different energies have the slightly different position shift



Proton from 48.12 MeV to 221.06 MeV Helium from 88.8 MeV to 430 MeV Carbon from 50.57 MeV to 220.51 MeV

For beam plan, we chose **14 energies** and make the energy scan

For proton (energy unit: MeV):

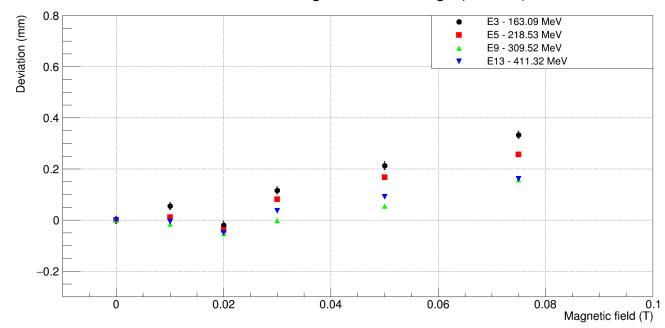
E1	E21	E41	E61	E81	E101	E121	E141	E161	E181	E201	E221	E241	E255
48.12	70.03	87.53	102.61	116.20	128.72	140.41	151.50	162.21	172.62	184.81	198.76	212.06	221.06

For carbon(energy unit: MeV):

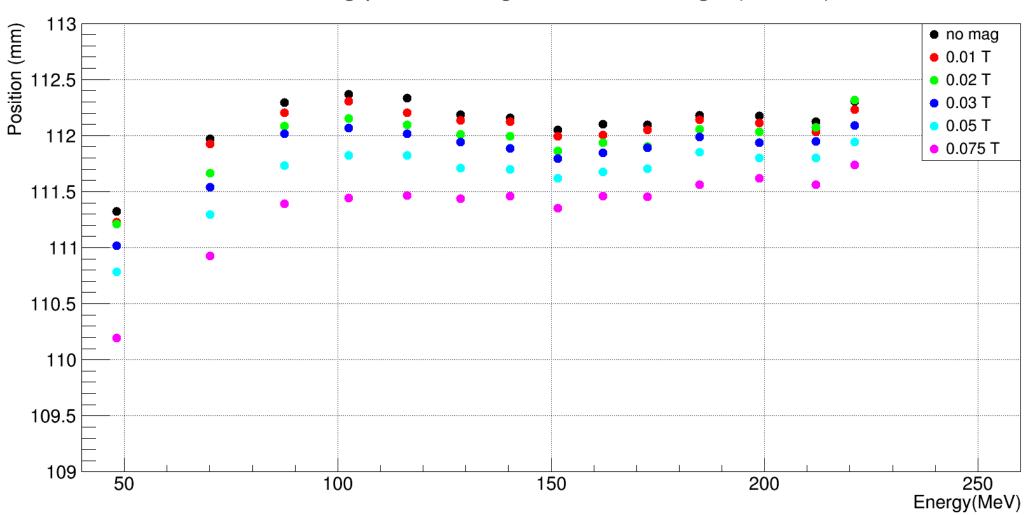
E1	E21	E41	E61	E81	E101	E121	E141	E161	E181	E201	E221	E241	E255
88.83	129.79	163.09	192.09	218.53	243.03	266.08	288.10	309.52	330.48	355.22	383.78	411.32	430.10

For helium(energy unit: MeV):

E1	E21	E41	E61	E81	E101	E121	E141	E161	E181	E201	E221	E241	E255
50.57	71.73	88.85	103.76	117.23	129.64	141.27	152.26	162.73	172.77	184.56	198.36	211.57	220.51

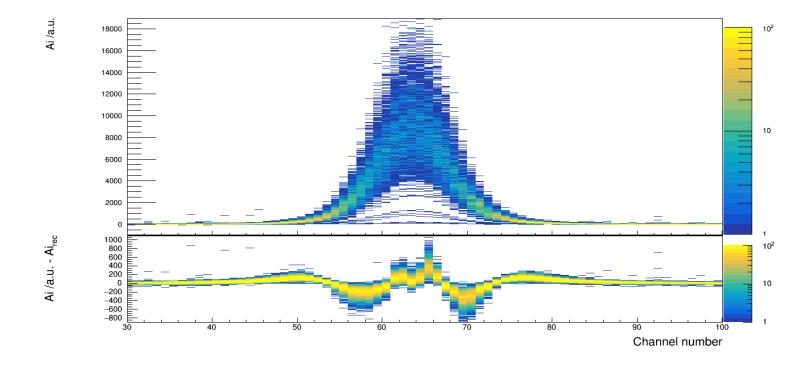


Deviation vs Magnetic field change (Carbon)

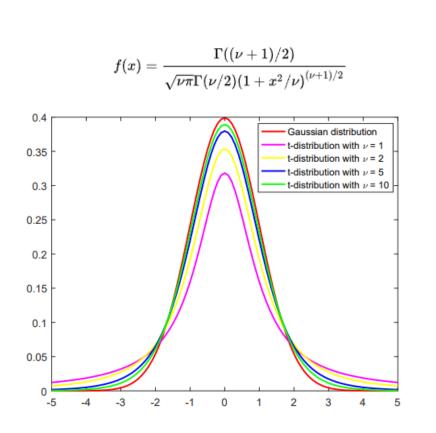


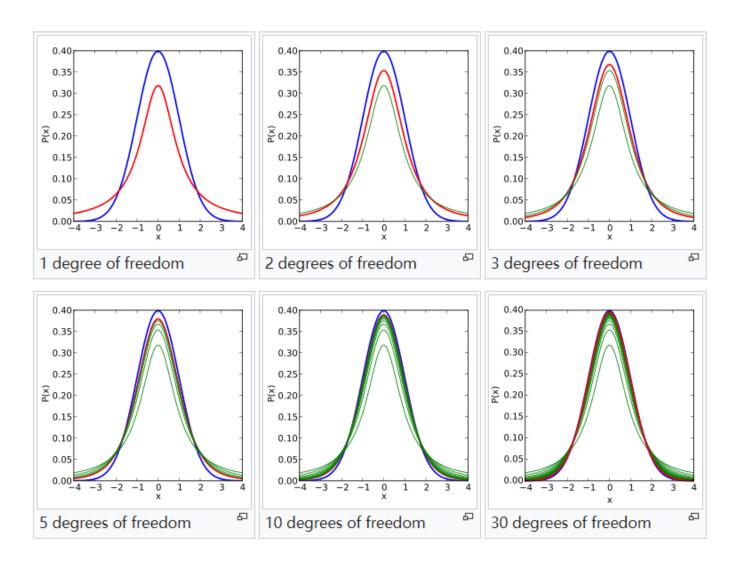
Drifting path vs Magnetic field change (Proton)

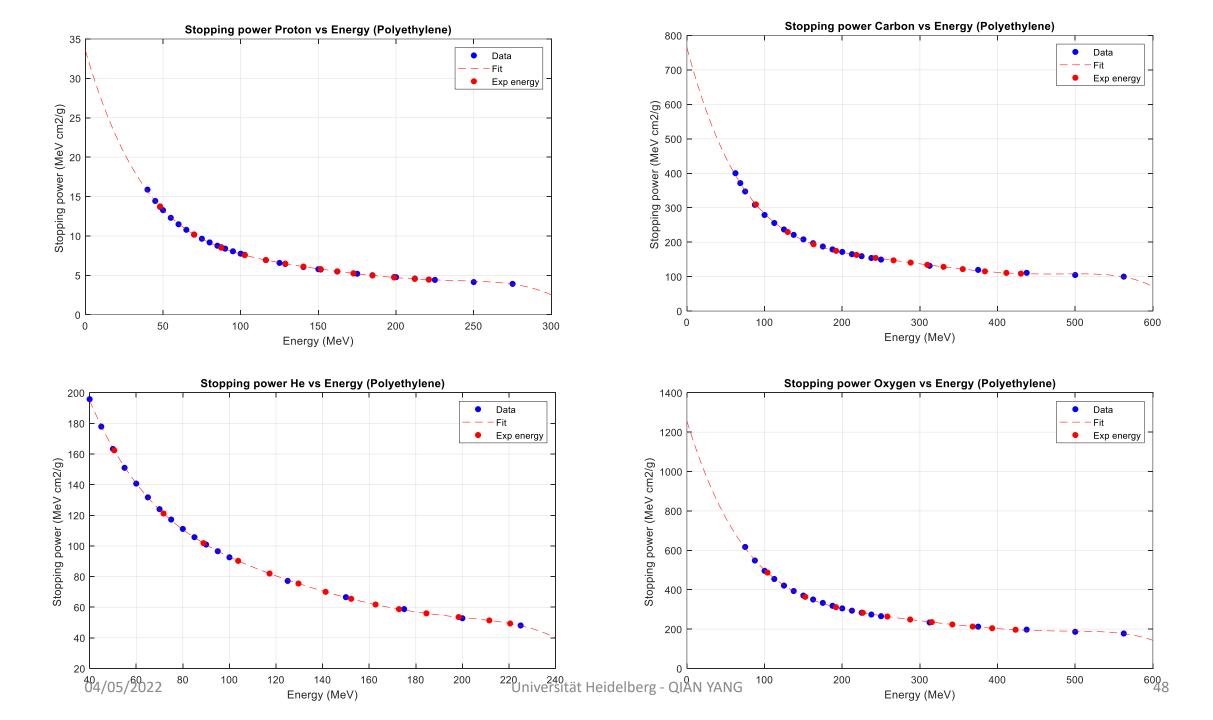
The beam shape

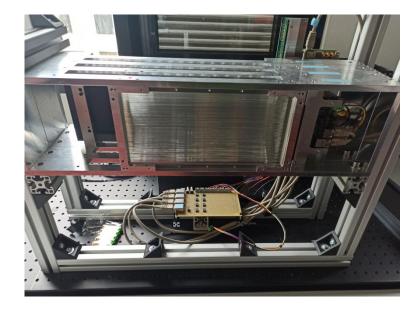


Student T distribution









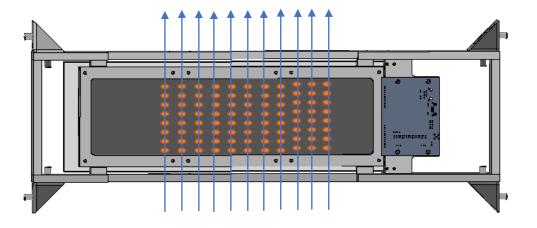
4 boards are in the same direction \rightarrow horizontal

Board 0 : two layers fibre with glue / 400mm /no mirror at the end

Board 1 : two layers fibre with glue /400mm/ radiation damage/mirror

Board 2 : two layers fibre without glue/ 300mm/mirror

Board 3 : two layers fibre without glue/ 300mm/mirror



Method 1 Step 1

3000

2500

2000

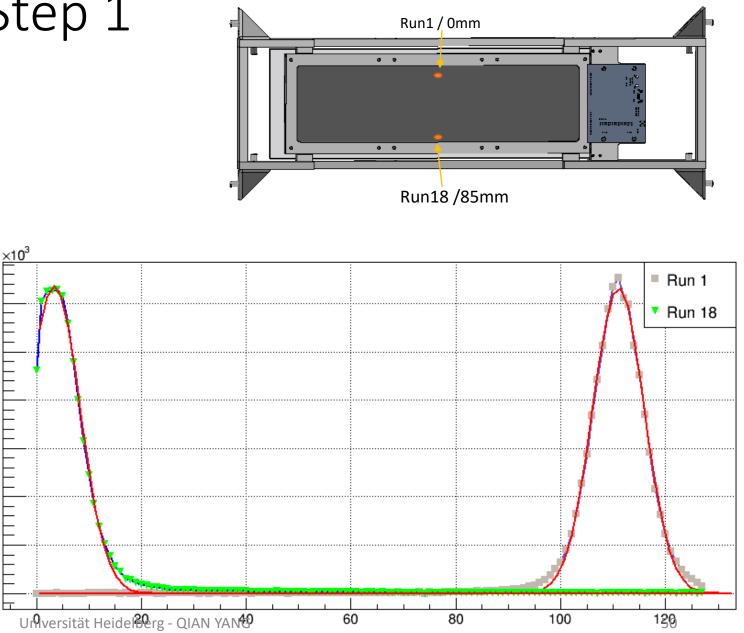
1500

1000

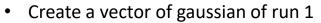
500

- Gaussian fit the run 1 and run18
- Run1:0 mm (HIT)
- Run 18: 85 mm (HIT)
- Find peak position, peak amplitude and sigma

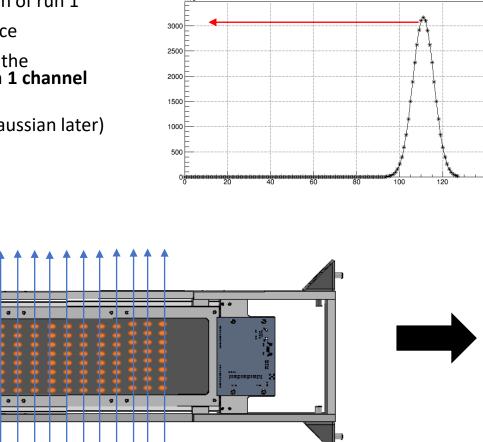
run1 mean value: 111 run18 mean value: 3.36785 run1 peak value: 3.1609e+06 run18 peak value: 3.18349e+06 run1 sigma value: 4.91876 run18 sigma value: 4.90804

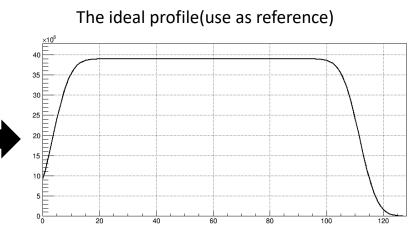


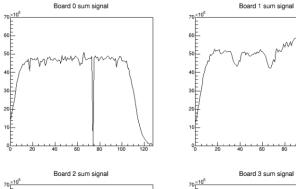
Step 2 The added profile

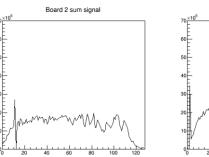


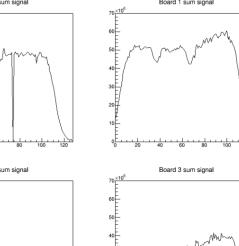
- Move it to the 85 mm place ٠
- Move the vector and add the ٠ distribution together with 1 channel step
- (need to chose another gaussian later) ٠





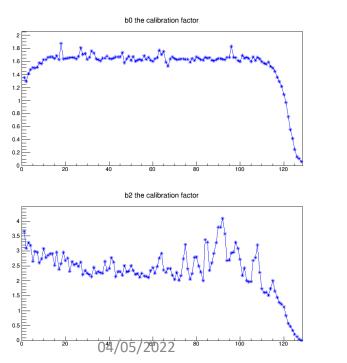


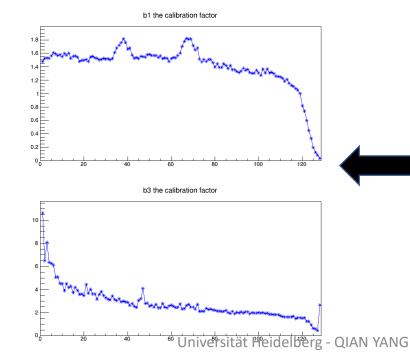


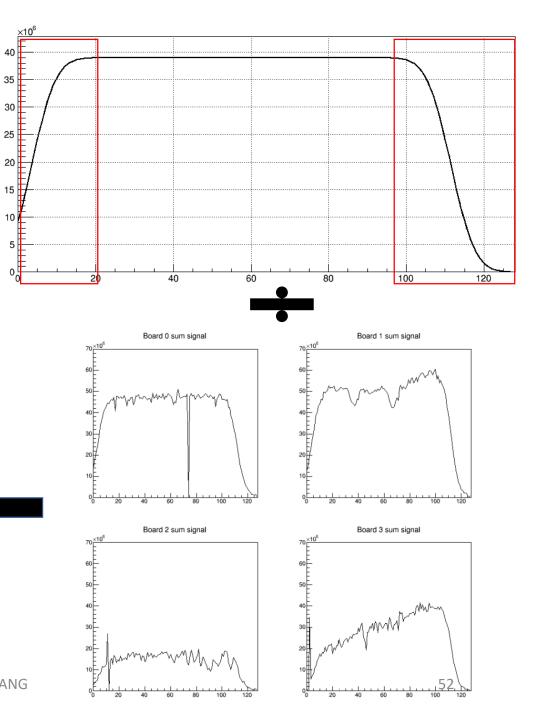


Step 3 calibration

- Due the limit of the scan, after 115 128 is not well corrected
- The next experiment the scan should cover the plan(!)







$$\begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{Donn\acute{es}}} : (x_{1}, f_{1}), (x_{2}, f_{2}), \dots, (x_{k}, f_{k}), \dots, (x_{n}, f_{n}) \\ - \text{Calcul des } S_{k} : \\ \begin{cases} S_{1} = 0 \\ S_{k} = S_{k-1} + \frac{1}{2}(f_{k} + f_{k-1})(x_{k} - x_{k-1}) & k = 2 \rightarrow n \\ - \text{Calcul des } T_{k} : \\ T_{1} = 0 \\ T_{k} = T_{k-1} + \frac{1}{2}(x_{k}, f_{k} + x_{k-1}, f_{k-1})(x_{k} - x_{k-1}) & k = 2 \rightarrow n \\ - \text{Calcul de} : \sum (S_{k})^{2}, \sum S_{k}T_{k}, \sum (T_{k})^{2}, \\ \sum (y_{k} - y_{1})S_{k}, \sum (y_{k} - y_{1})T_{k} \\ - \text{Calcul de } A_{1} \text{ et } B_{1} : \\ \begin{pmatrix} A_{1} \\ B_{1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum (S_{k})^{2} & \sum S_{k}T_{k} \\ \sum S_{k}T_{k} & \sum (T_{k})^{2} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \sum (y_{k} - y_{1})S_{k} \\ \sum (y_{k} - y_{1})T_{k} \end{pmatrix} \\ - \text{Calcul de } \sigma_{1} \text{ et } \mu_{1} : \sigma_{1} = -\frac{1}{B_{1}}\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} ; \mu_{1} = -\frac{A_{1}}{B_{1}} \\ \frac{R\acute{esultat}}{R} : \sigma_{1} \text{ et } \mu_{1} \text{ sont les valeurs approchées de } \sigma \text{ et } \mu \end{array} \right]$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^{2}\right)$$

$$\int_{x_{1}}^{x} (t-\mu) f(t) dt = -\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sigma \left(f(x) - f(x_{1})\right)$$

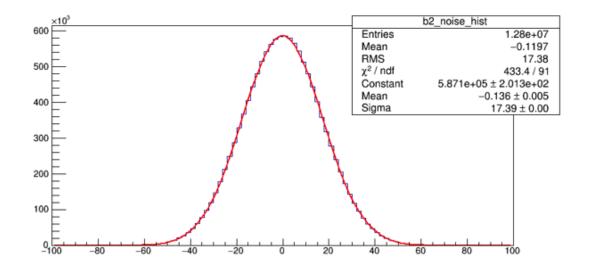
$$\begin{cases} f(x) - f(x_{1}) = A \int_{x_{1}}^{x} f(t) dt + B \int_{x_{1}}^{x} t f(t) dt \\ \text{avec} : A = \frac{\mu}{\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \quad \text{et} \quad B = -\frac{1}{\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}}$$

$$\begin{cases} S_{1} = 0 \\ S_{k} = S_{k-1} + \frac{1}{2} (f_{k} + f_{k-1})(x_{k} - x_{k-1}) \quad k = 2 \to n \\ T_{1} = 0 \\ T_{k} = T_{k-1} + \frac{1}{2} (x_{k} f_{k} + x_{k-1} f_{k-1})(x_{k} - x_{k-1}) \quad k = 2 \to n \end{cases}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \varepsilon_k^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \left(-(f_k - f_1) + A S_k + B T_k \right)^2$$
$$\binom{A_1}{B_1} = \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} (S_k)^2 \sum_{k=1}^{n} S_k T_k \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} (y_k - y_1) S_k \right)$$
$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} (y_k - y_1) T_k$$
$$\sigma_1 = -\frac{1}{B_1} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \quad ; \quad \mu_1 = -\frac{A_1}{B_1}$$

SNR

- SNR = Peak value (amplitude) / noise distribution FWHM
- FWHM : 2.355 * sigma of gaussian distribution



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i1	128242	153905	25663	325	126,6414683
i2	189153	214458	25305	520	205,4929856
i3	249174	281067	31893	780	244,5677735
i4	316100	350488	34388	1040	302,4310806
i5	385081	420089	35008	1560	445,6124314
i6	454989	490299	35310	2080	589,0682526
i7	524963	560437	35474	3120	879,517393
i8	594884	630677	35793	5200	1452,798033
i9	664878	700694	35816	8320	2322,984141

