

# Towards Background Model 2

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# Background Model 2

Position	Isotope	Activity/Unit	Reference
LAr	$^{39}\text{Ar}$	0.00141 Bq/cc	MCC11
LAr	$^{42}\text{Ar}$	0.0001283768 Bq/cc	MCC11
LAr	$^{85}\text{Kr}$	0.00016 Bq/cc	MCC11
LAr	$^{222}\text{Rn}$	0.0000014 Bq/cc	New Goal
APA frame steel	$^{60}\text{Co}$	0.000082 Bq/cc	MCC11, MPIK
APA frame steel	$^{238}\text{U}$	0.0216 Bq/cc	Requirement
APA frame steel	$^{232}\text{Th}$	0.00018 Bq/cc	ProtoDUNE I Beam
APA CuBe wires	U early	0.000000258 Bq/cc	Measurement
APA CuBe wires	U late	$\leq 0.00000000034$ Bq/cc	Measurement
APA CuBe wires	Th early	0.0000000086 Bq/cc	Measurement
APA CuBe wires	Th late	0.00000001 Bq/cc	Measurement
APA CuBe wires	$^{40}\text{K}$	0.0000039 Bq/cc	Measurement
APA electronic boards	$^{40}\text{K}$	0.0000037 Bq/cc	Majorana
APA electronic boards	$^{238}\text{U}$	0.0000058 Bq/cc	Majorana
APA electronic boards	$^{232}\text{Th}$	0.0000036 Bq/cc	Majorana
CPA	$^{40}\text{K}$	0.0027195 Bq/cc	MCC11
CPA	$^{238}\text{U}$	0.06105 Bq/cc	Requirement
PDs	$^{222}\text{Rn}$	0.000005 Bq/cc	MCC11
PDs	$^{210}\text{Po}$	0.0000001 Bq/cc	Estimation
Field Cage	$^{40}\text{K}$	0.000348 Bq/cc	EDELWEISS
Field Cage	$^{226}\text{Ra}$	0.000216 Bq/cc	EDELWEISS
Field Cage	$^{228}\text{Th}$	0.000427 Bq/cc	EDELWEISS

Table 1: Background Model 2

- Same as BG Model 1.0
- New radiopurity goal
- Measurements of materials
- Estimation based on others' experiments.

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# New Radiological fcl File

- Materials: more materials are now included, such as APA wires, Field Cage, etc.
- Isotopes: more radioactive isotopes in detector components and materials, especially those from  $^{232}\text{Th}$  Chain and  $^{208}\text{Tl}$ .
- Activities: up-to-date activity.

# Isotopes in U and Th Chains

Checked the whole decay chain to make sure we have all “dangerous” alpha and beta emitter considered.

isotope	decay mode	energy (MeV)	in decay0	note
<sup>238</sup> U	alpha	4.270	yes	
<sup>234</sup> Th	beta	0.273	yes	
<sup>234m</sup> Pa	beta	2.195	yes	
<sup>234</sup> U	alpha	4.859	yes	
<sup>230</sup> Th	alpha	4.770	yes	
<sup>226</sup> Ra	alpha	4.871	yes	
<sup>222</sup> Rn	alpha	5.590	yes	
<sup>218</sup> Po	alpha	6.114	yes	beta (0.02%) Q=0.265
<sup>214</sup> Pb	beta	1.024	yes	
<sup>214</sup> Bi	beta (99.979%)	3.272	yes	to <sup>214</sup> Po
	alpha (0.021%)	5.617	yes	to <sup>210</sup> Tl
<sup>214</sup> Po	alpha	7.833	yes	BiPo event
<sup>210</sup> Tl	beta	5.489	no	
<sup>210</sup> Pb	beta	0.063	yes	alpha(1.9E-6%)
<sup>210</sup> Bi	beta	1.162	yes	alpha(1.32E-4%) Q=5.036
<sup>210</sup> Po	alpha	5.407	yes	

Table 1: Alpha and beta emitters in <sup>238</sup>U Chain.

isotope	decay mode	energy (MeV)	in decay0	note
<sup>232</sup> Th	alpha	4.083	no	
<sup>228</sup> Ra	beta	0.046	yes	
<sup>228</sup> Ac	beta	2.127	yes	
<sup>228</sup> Th	alpha	5.520	no	
<sup>224</sup> Ra	alpha	5.789	no	
<sup>220</sup> Rn	alpha	6.405	no	
<sup>216</sup> Po	alpha	6.907	no	
<sup>212</sup> Pb	beta	0.574	yes	
<sup>212</sup> Bi	beta (64.06%)	2.254	yes	to <sup>212</sup> Po
	alpha (35.94%)	6.207	yes	to <sup>208</sup> Tl
<sup>212</sup> Po	alpha	8.954	yes	BiPo event
<sup>208</sup> Tl	beta	5.001	yes	

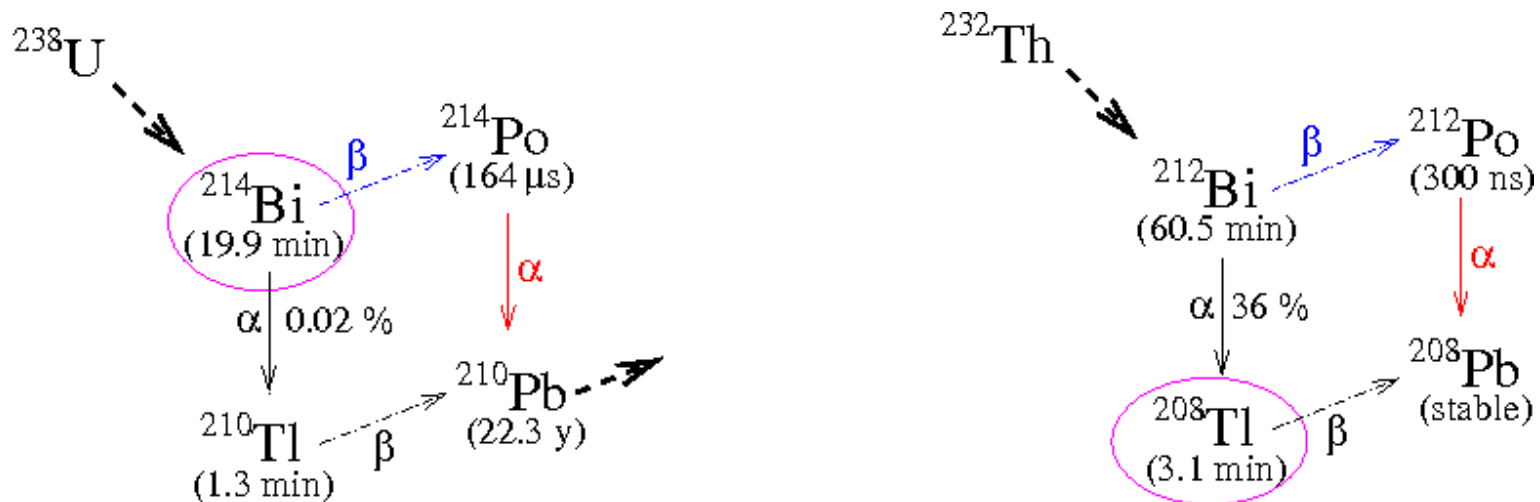
Table 2: Alpha and beta emitters in <sup>232</sup>Th Chain.

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# Adding Tl208 & Tl210

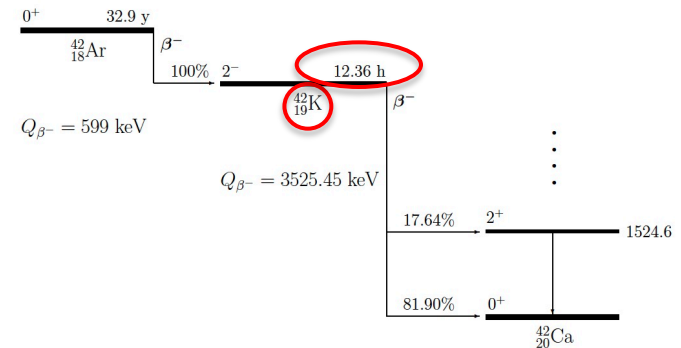
Added some decays that were not considered in MCC11, such as: Tl208, Tl210. BiPo event was generated automatically, but the Tl was ignored in the past. And unfortunately can not be simply added to the chain.

My solution: treat them as separate isotopes, and use the modified activity = branching ratio \* activity of the Th232/U238 chain respectively.



# Positive $^{42}\text{K}$ ions

- GERDA observed positive  $^{42}\text{K}$  ion collection on the surface by E-field.



Simplified decay scheme of  $^{42}\text{Ar}$ .

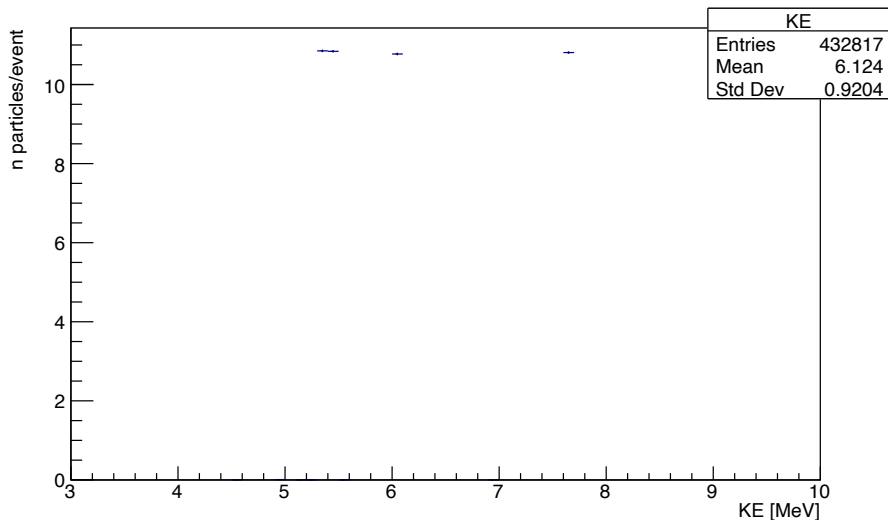
- Exo-200 reported that, in LXe ( $76.4 \pm 5.7$ )% of  $^{214}\text{Bi}$  ions from  $^{214}\text{Pb}$   $\beta$ -decay are positive.
- I would suggest that we use  $\sim 80\%$  for  $^{42}\text{K}$  as positive ions in LAr from  $^{42}\text{Ar}$   $\beta$ -decay
- 80% on CPA, 20% (neutral) uniform in LAr.

# Simulation of Radon in LAr

- Start with  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  Chain in LAr. This is a very preliminary study.
- Full BG simulation is coming soon.
- Larsoft and dunetpc version:  
larsoft\_v09\_10\_02\_e19\_prof  
dunetpc develop branch (v09\_10\_02)
- Generator: RadioGen vs DECAY0

# $\alpha$ Energy of $^{222}\text{Rn}$ Chain

$\alpha$  energy generated by decay0 generator is **5.48948 MeV (99.922%)** and **4.986 MeV (0.078%)**, and it was **5.5903 MeV** from in RadioGen module used for MCC11.

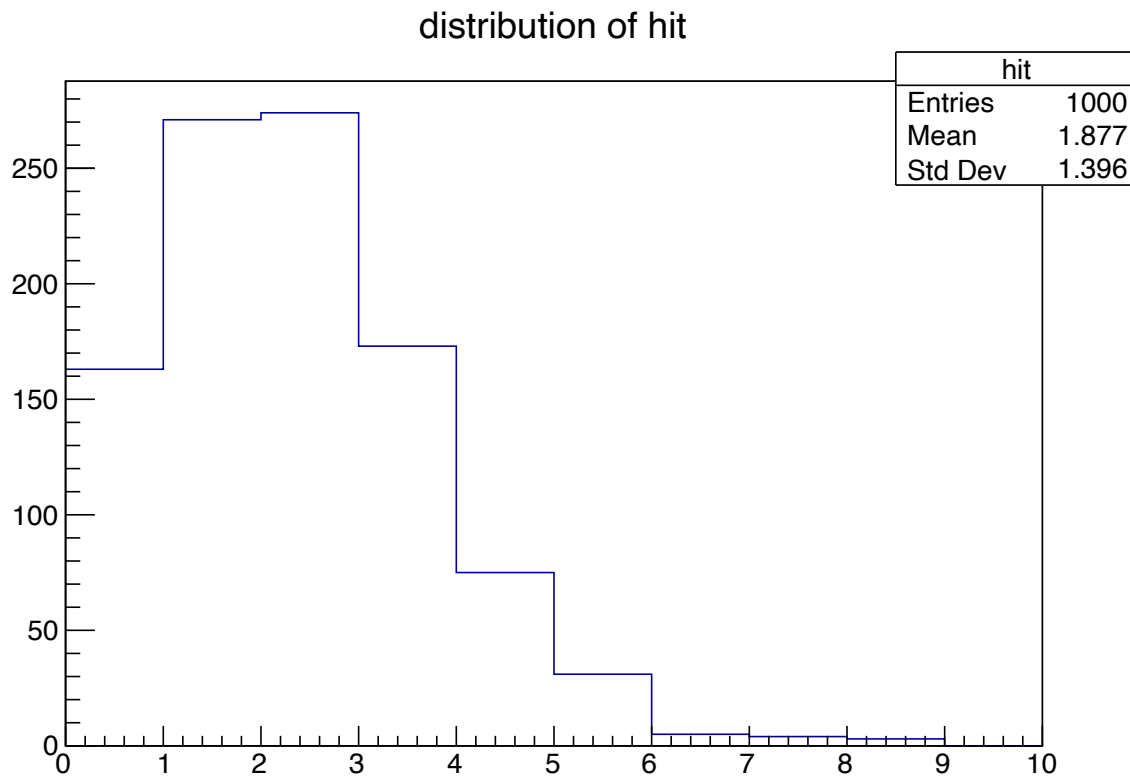


Alpha KE generated by decay0 generator

Isotope	KE
Rn-222	5.48948 MeV
Po-218	6.002 MeV
Po-214	7.687 MeV
Po-210	5.306 MeV



# Distribution of Hits – RadioGen

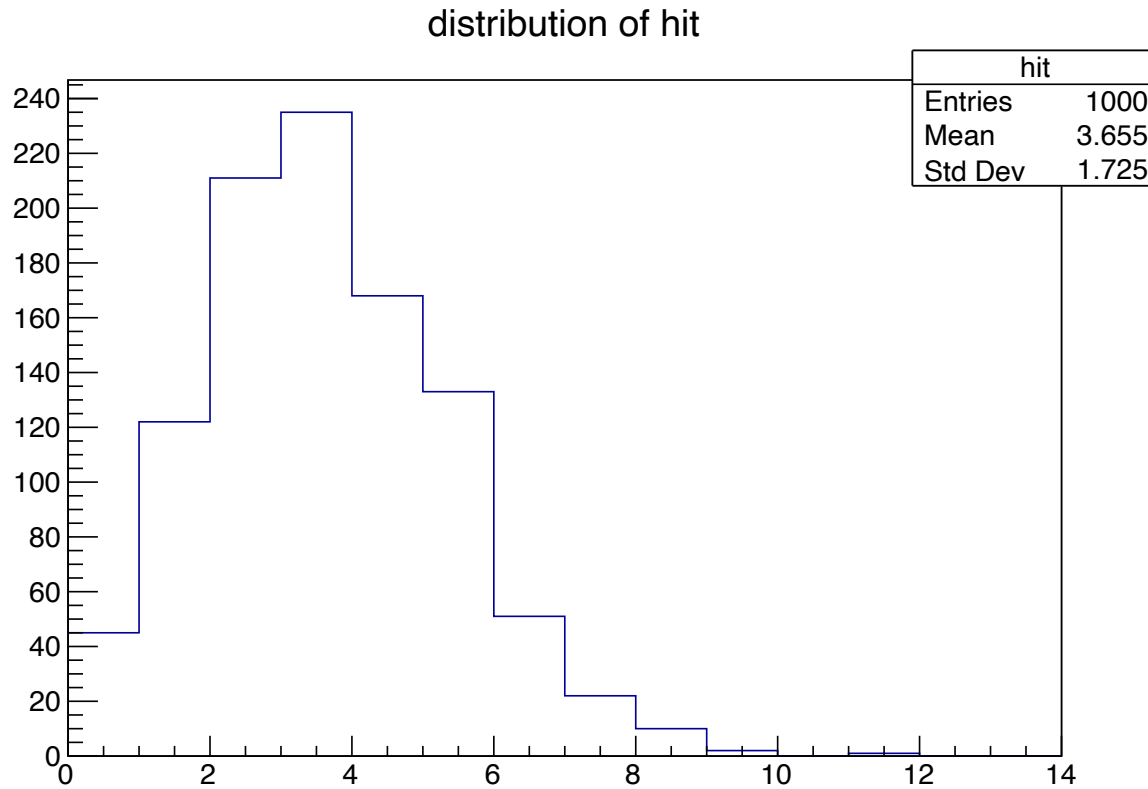


Rn: 5.584E-6 Bq/cc  
(1.4E-6Bq/cc \* 4 alphas)  
0.1 mBq/kg

Simulated 1000 events

0 hit 16.3%  
1 hit 27.3%  
2 hits 27.4%  
3 hits 17.3%  
4 hits 7.5%  
5 hits 3.1%  
6 hits 0.6%  
7 hits 0.4%  
8 hits 0.3%

# Distribution of Hits – Decay0



Rn: 1.4E-6 Bq/cc

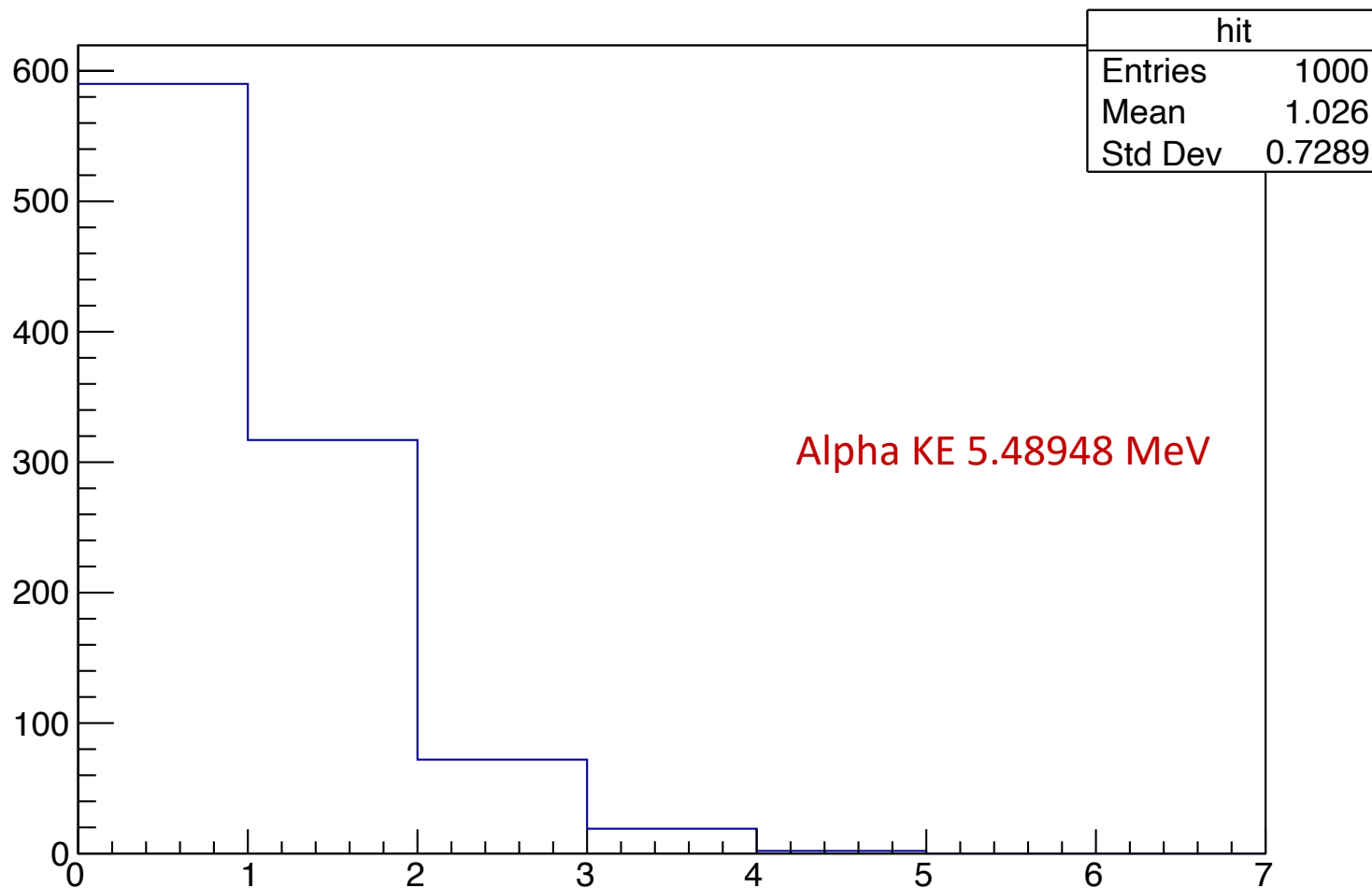
Simulated 1000 events

- 0 hit 4.5%
- 1 hit 12.3%
- 2 hits 21.1%
- 3 hits 23.5%
- 4 hits 16.8%
- 5 hits 13.3%
- 6 hits 5.1%
- 7 hits 2.2%
- 8 hits 1.0%
- 9 hits 0.2%
- 10 hits 0%
- 11 hits 0.1%

Possible reason: pile-up events

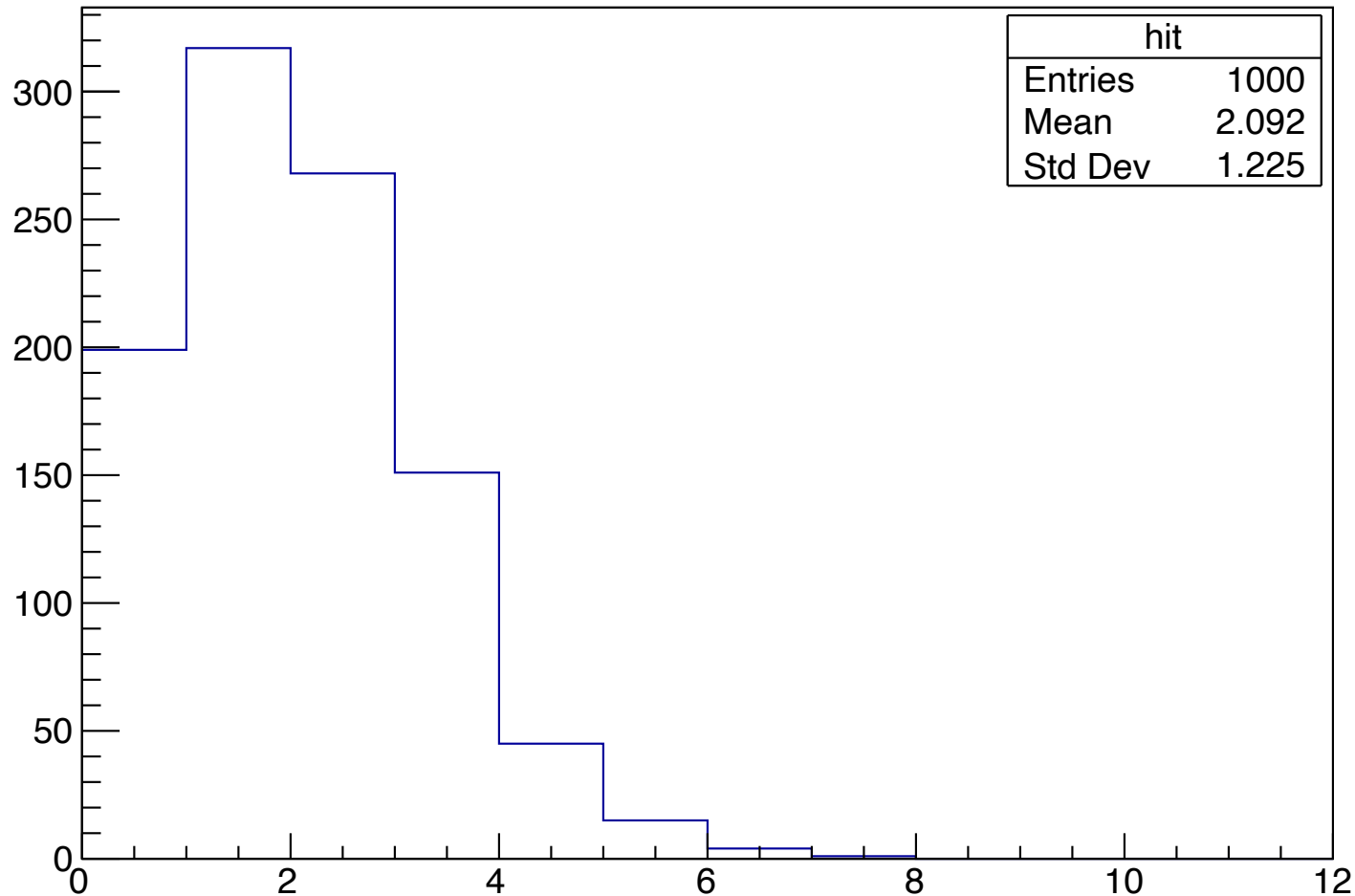
# Distribution of Hits – $^{222}\text{Rn}$

distribution of hit



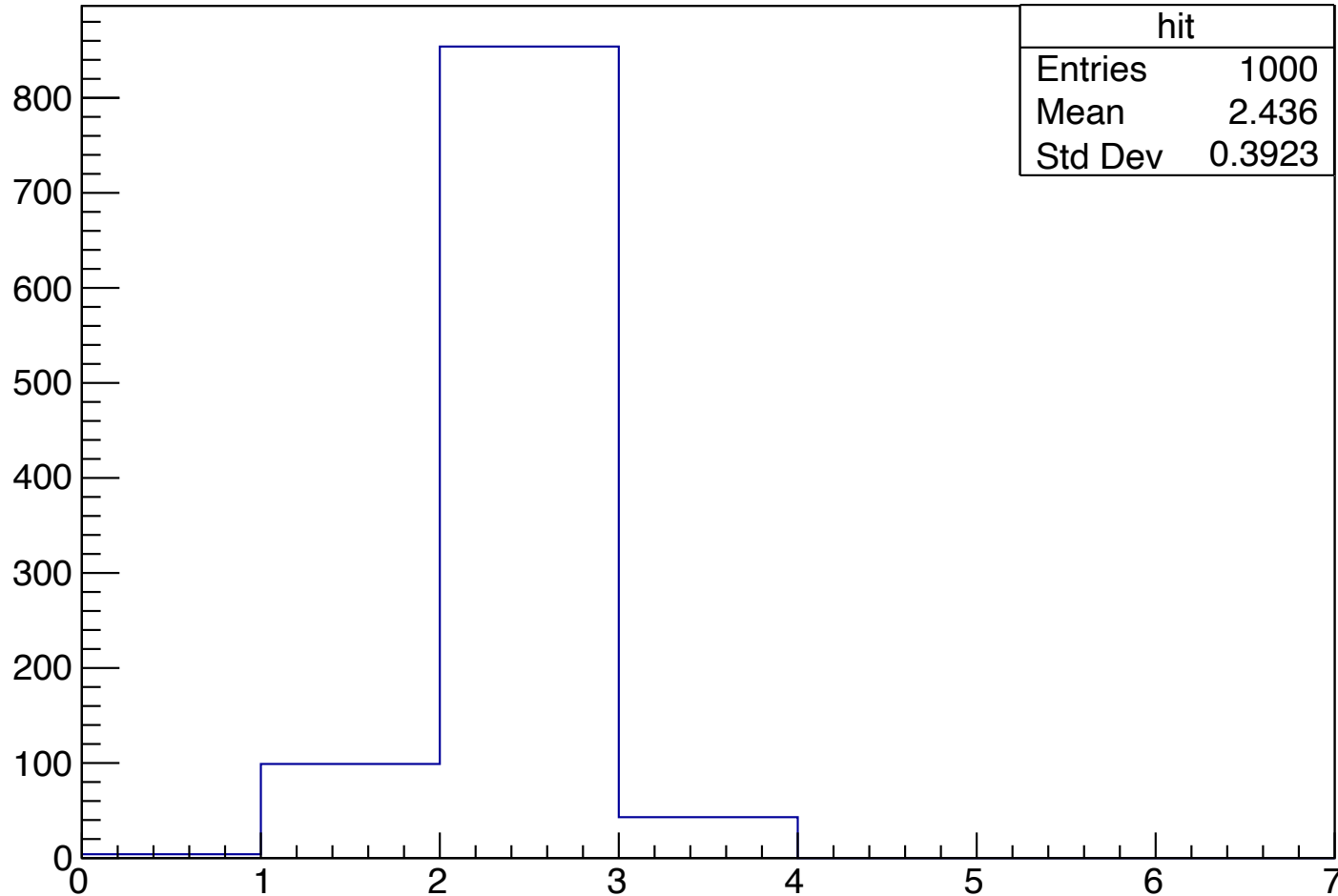
# Distribution of Hits – $^{214}\text{Po}$

distribution of hit



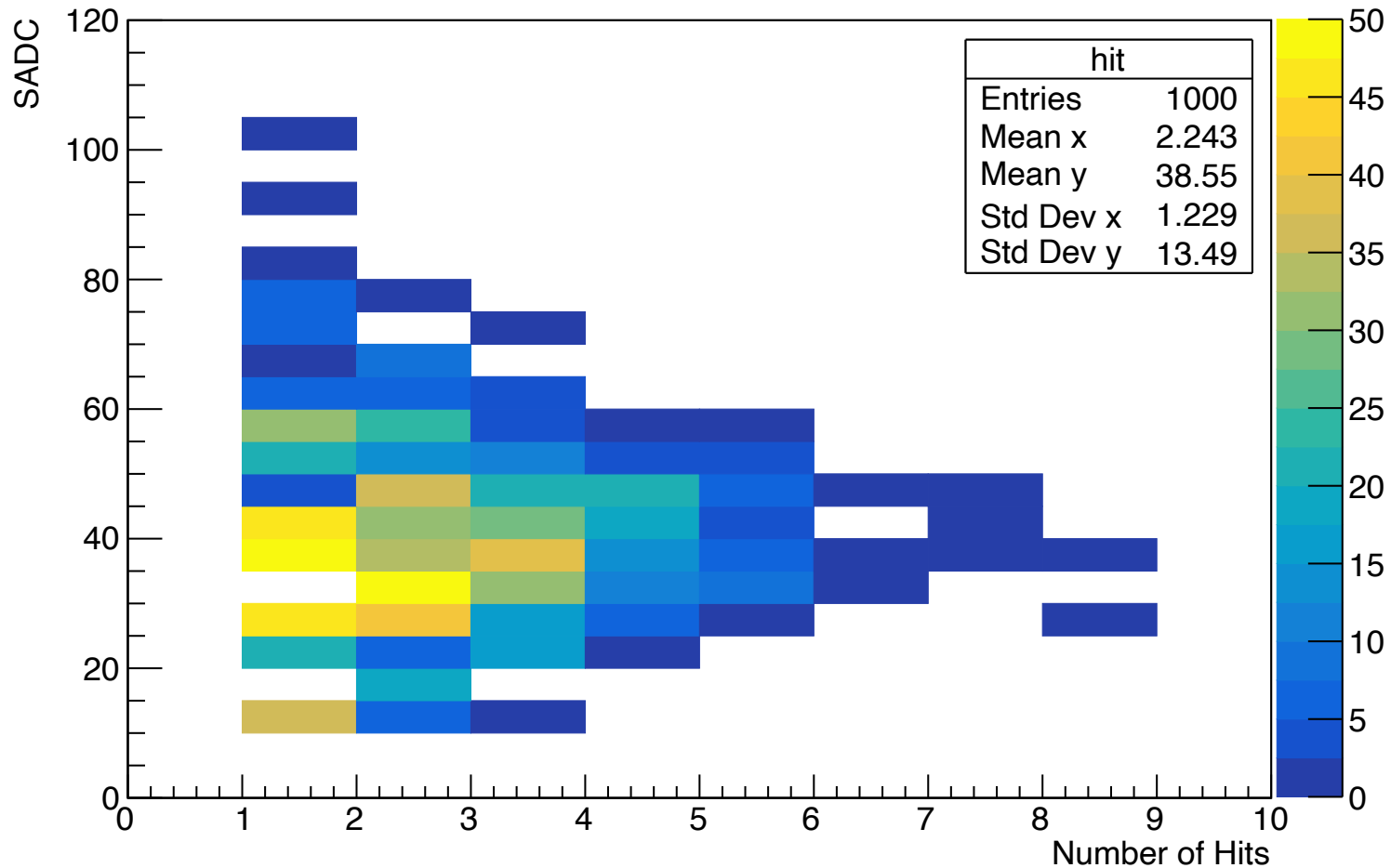
# Distribution of Hits – Beta@2.18 MeV

distribution of hit



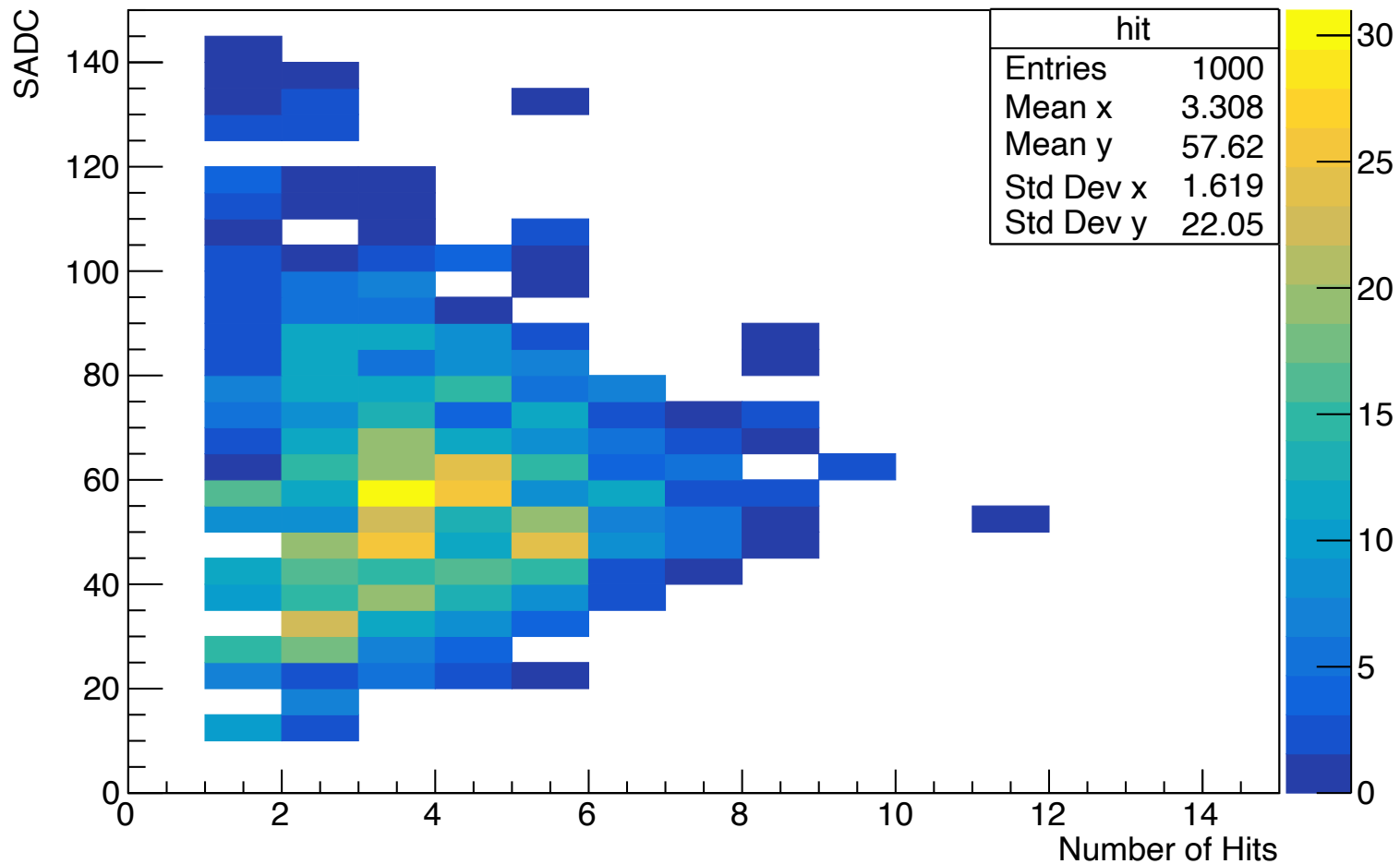
# Hits & Summed ADC – MCC11

distribution of hits and SADC



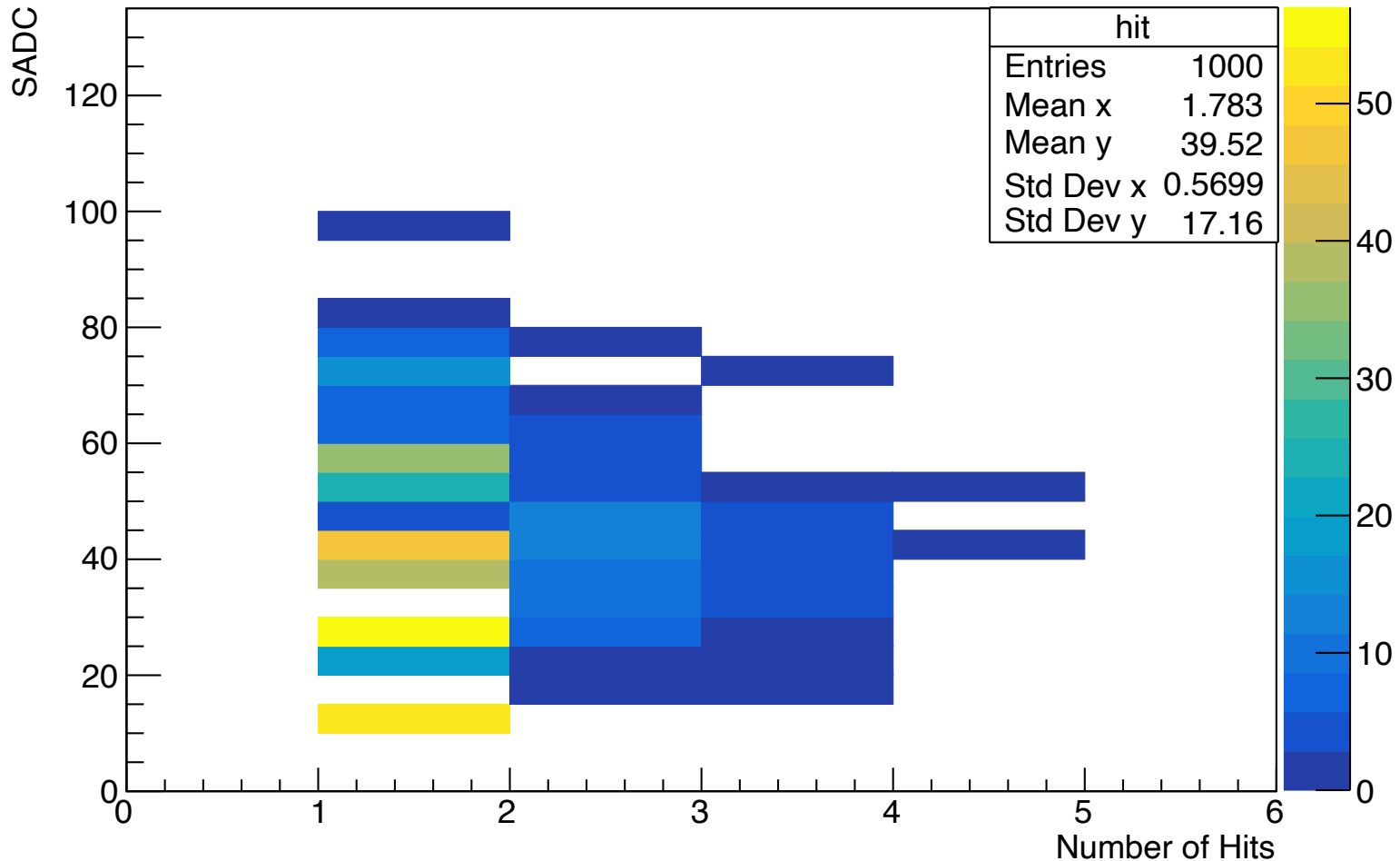
# Hits & Summed ADC – Decay0

distribution of hits and SADC



# Hits & Summed ADC – $^{222}\text{Rn}$

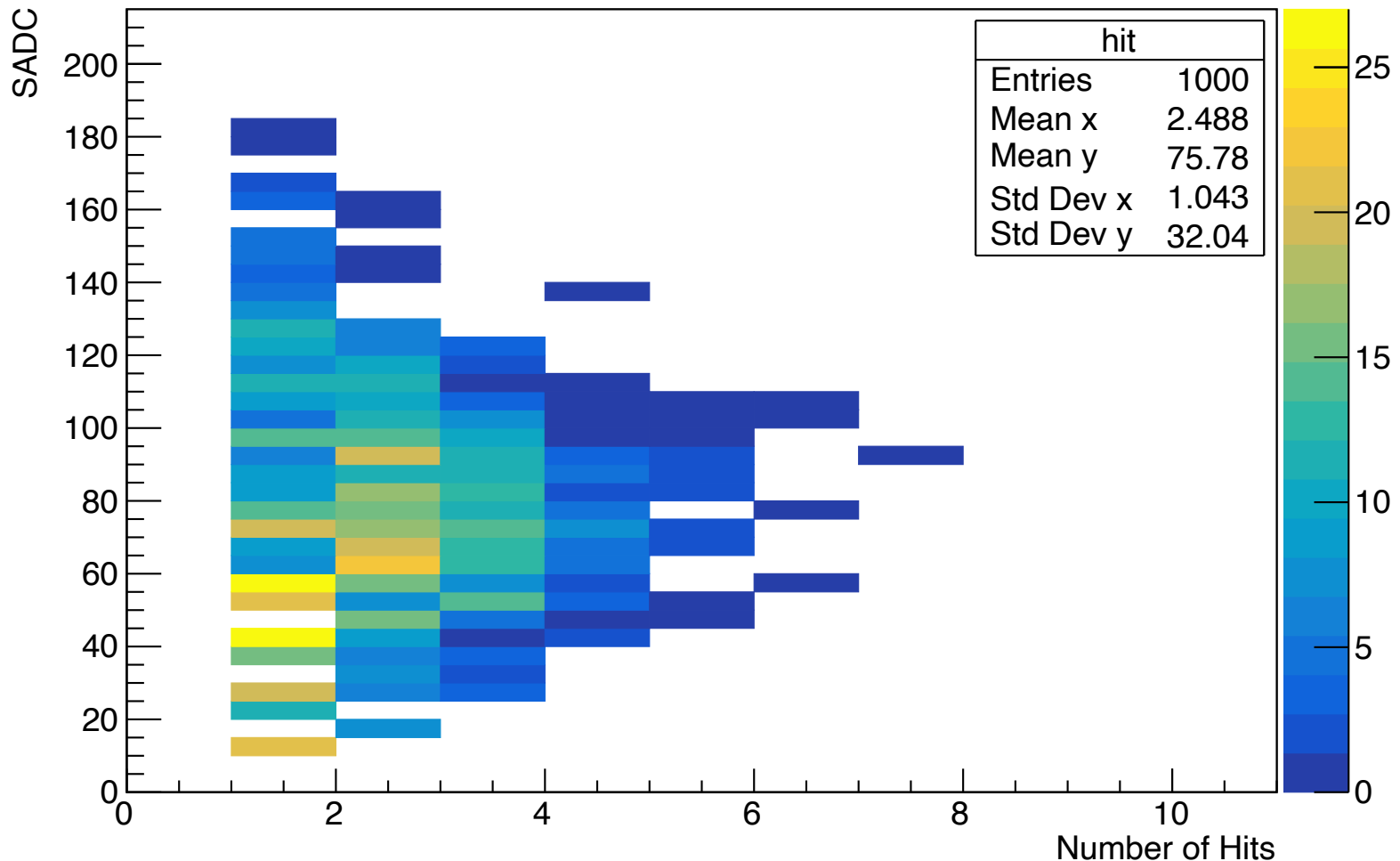
distribution of hits and SADC





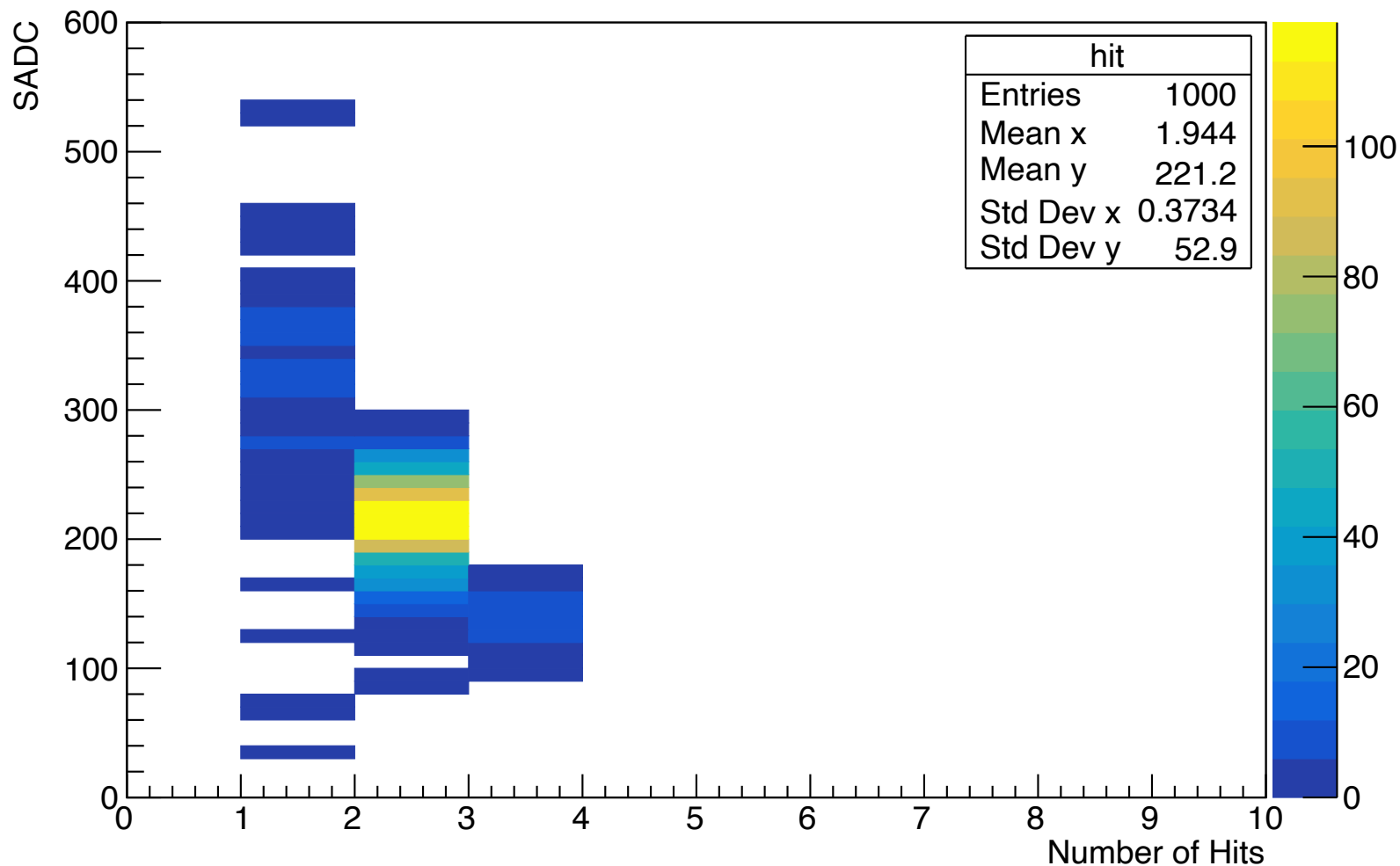
# Hits & Summed ADC – $^{214}\text{Po}$

distribution of hits and SADC



# Hits & Summed ADC – Beta@2.18 MeV

distribution of hits and SADC



# Looking forward

- Radon only -> full BG simulation
- Compare the difference of alpha and beta particles in terms of detector performance.
- Replace the generator for individual isotopes with full decay chains. Solve the particle track problem.
- Determine an approximate upper limit that the SN trigger can tolerate for each of the BGs.