

New Scintillators

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Introduction

Lo scopo di questo lavoro è la ricerca e la caratterizzazione di nuovi **scintillatori plastici organici** performanti per *fast detector*.

Le caratteristiche fisiche studiate sono:

- il Light Yield (in % rispetto all'Antracene);
- il guadagno in carica (in % rispetto all'Antracene);
- la risoluzione temporale;
- il rise time;
- la costante di decadimento.

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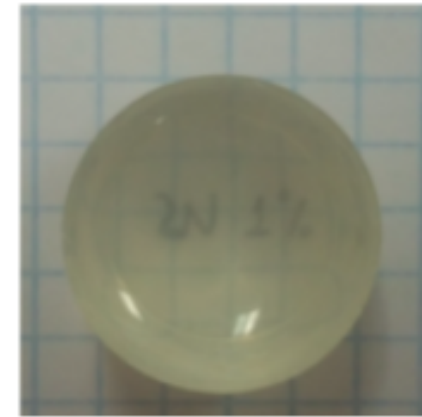
Il gruppo LEOS (Laboratory of Electro-Chemistry and Organic Synthesis) ha fornito soluzioni prima in forma liquida, successivamente in forma solida.

Tramite il dipartimento di SBAI si sono effettuate misure di spettroscopia e successivamente (tramite l'ausilio dei moduli VME QDC, TDC e WVD) misure di guadagno in carica, risoluzione temporale, tempo di salita e tempo di decadimento.

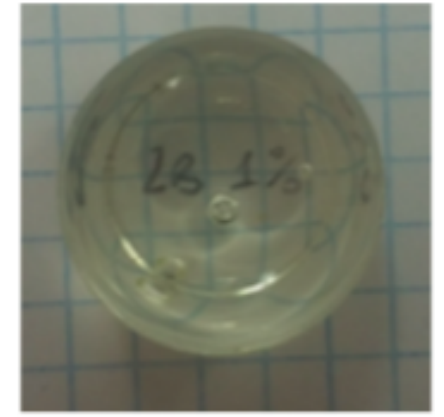
Antracene



2N



2B



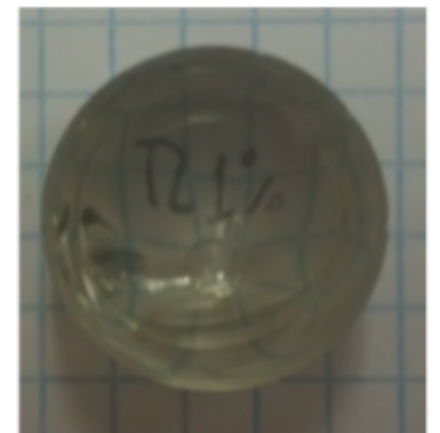
1N



P2 [1]



T2



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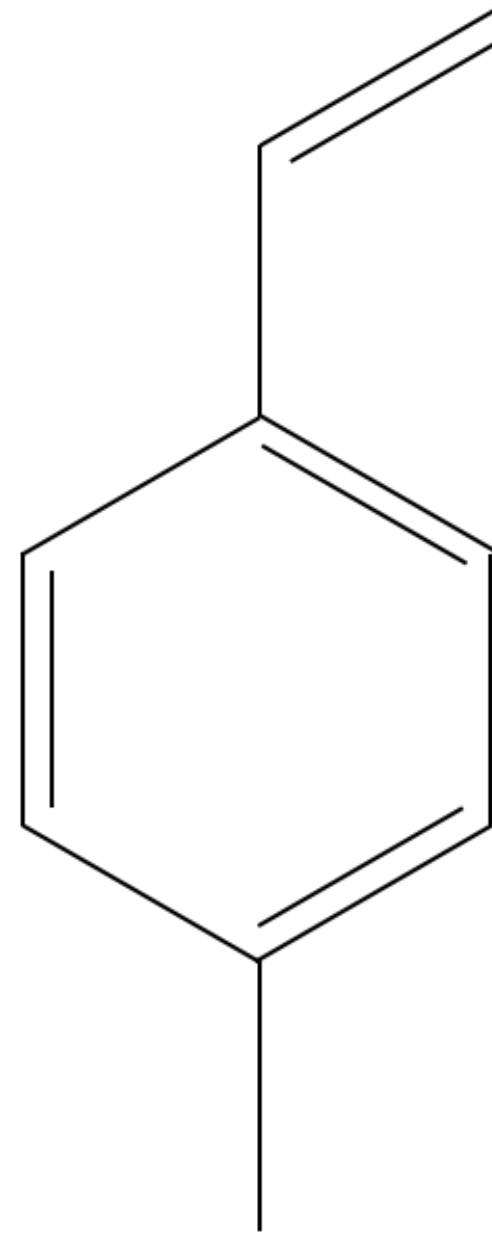
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Introduction

SOLVENTE: PVT

Gli scintillatori liquidi e solidi sono preparati in vial di uguale geometria. Nella prima fase viene inserita una soluzione costituita principalmente da **vyniltoluene** (con formula chimica C_9H_{10} e peso molecolare $MW = 354,537$ g/mol) e da una piccola percentuale di Azobisisobutirronitrile (con formula chimica $[(CH_3)_2C(CN)]_2N_2$) la cui funzione è quella di iniziare il processo di polimerizzazione. Si ottiene quindi il **Poli-VynilToluene**, materiale con cui è composto lo scintillatore commerciale di riferimento BC-412.

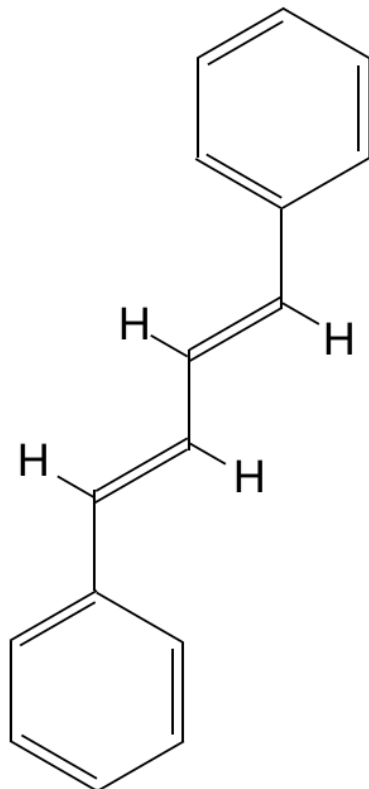
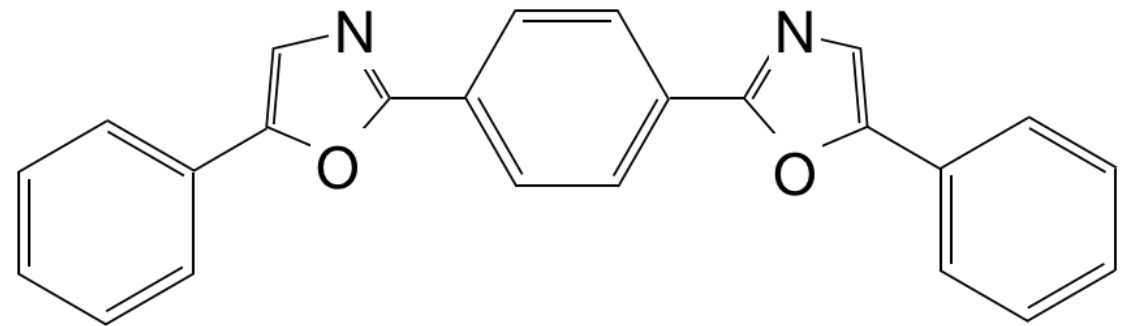
La concentrazione di materiale scintillante all'interno del solvente costituisce l'1% della soluzione. Al fine di limitare fenomeni come il ri-assorbimento, sono immesse quantità di dopante waveshifter pari allo 0,1% della soluzione.



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Dopanti Waveshifter

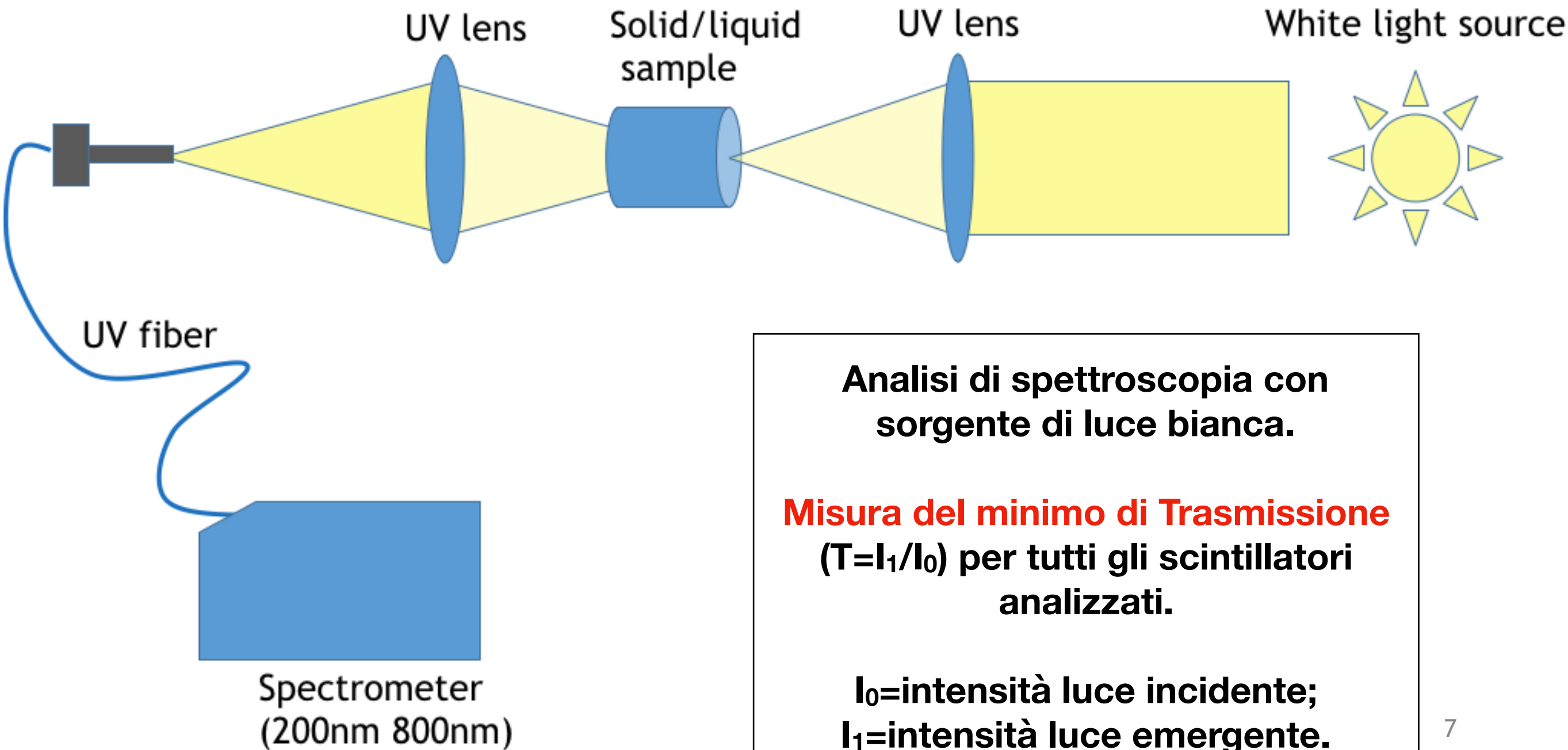
Il **POPOP** o 1,4-Bis(5-phenyl-2-oxazol-2-yl)benzene è uno scintillatore con formula chimica $C_{24}H_{16}N_2O_2$, peso molecolare $MW = 364,40$ g/mol e picco dello spettro in trasmissione $\lambda^t_{peak} = 474$ nm mentre il picco in riflessione è $\lambda^r_{peak} = 410$ nm.



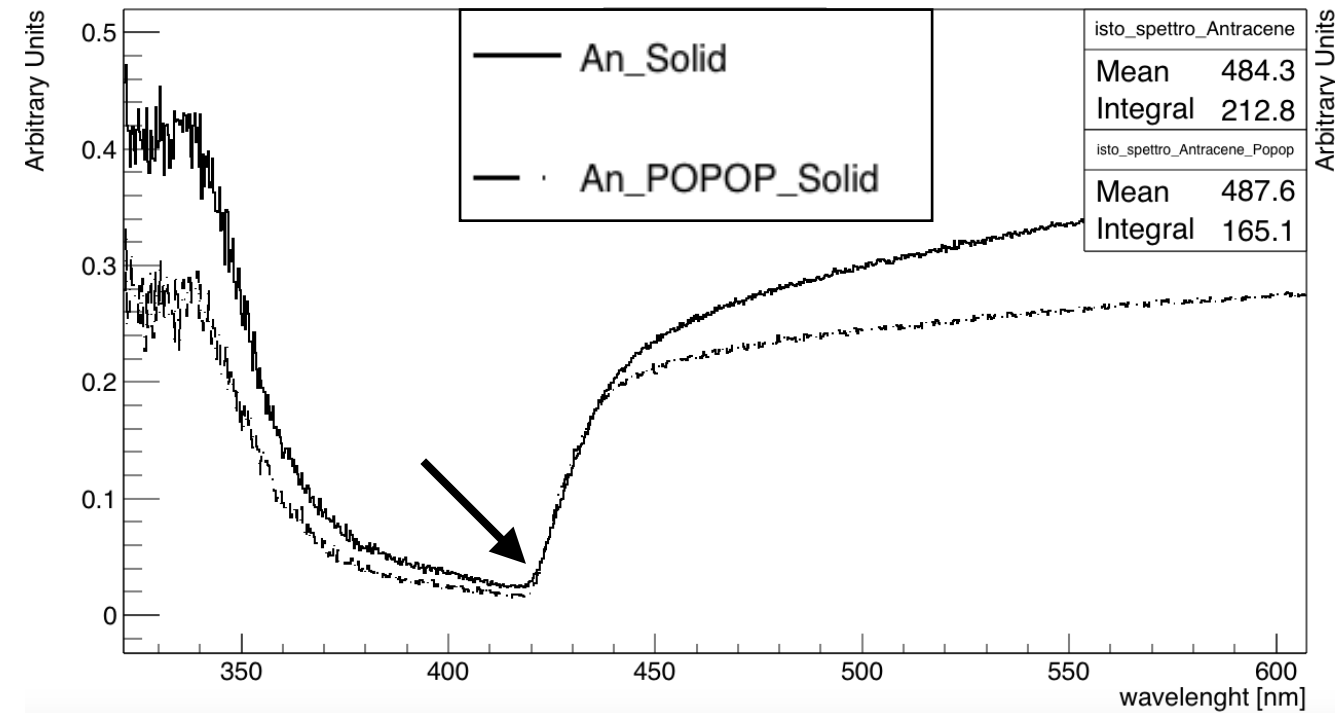
Il **DPB** o 1,4-Diphenyl-1,3-butadiene è un materiale scintillante con formula chimica $C_{16}H_{14}$, peso molecolare $MW = 206,29$ g/mol e picco dello spettro in trasmissione $\lambda^t_{peak} = 463$ nm.

Spectroscopy

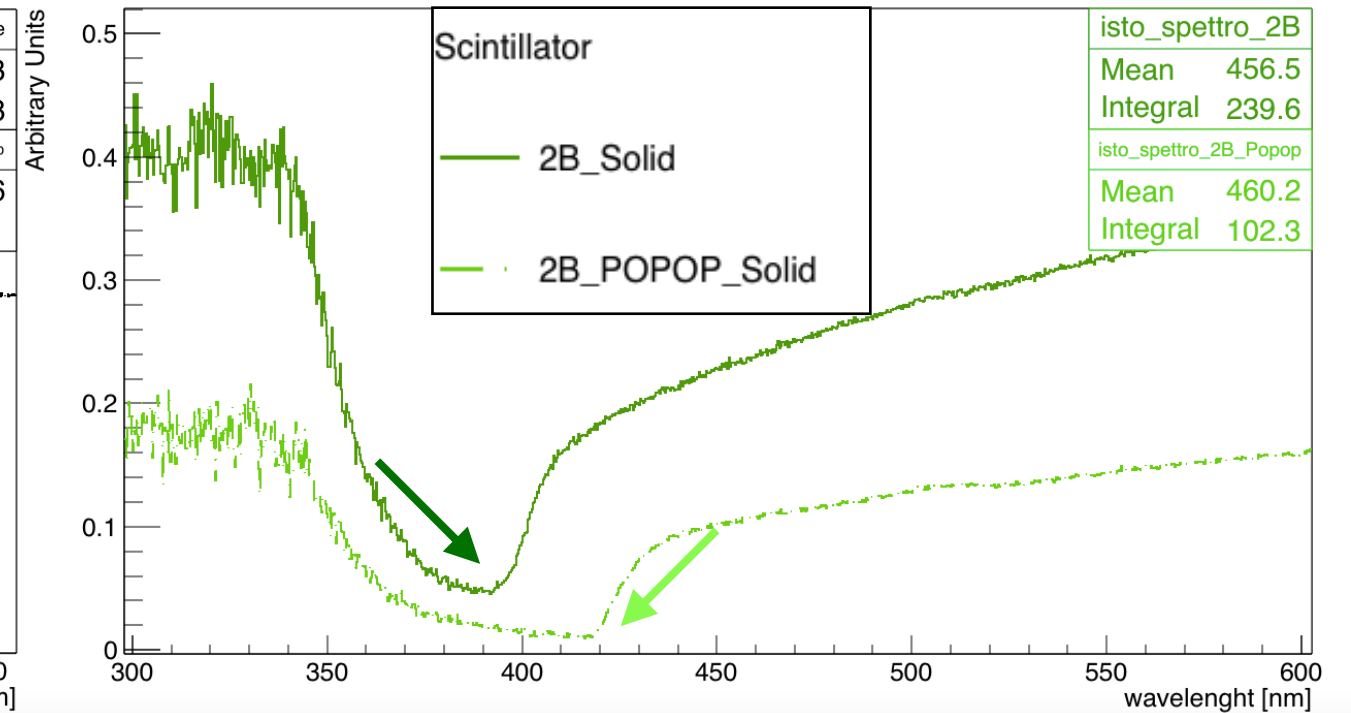
Transmission setup



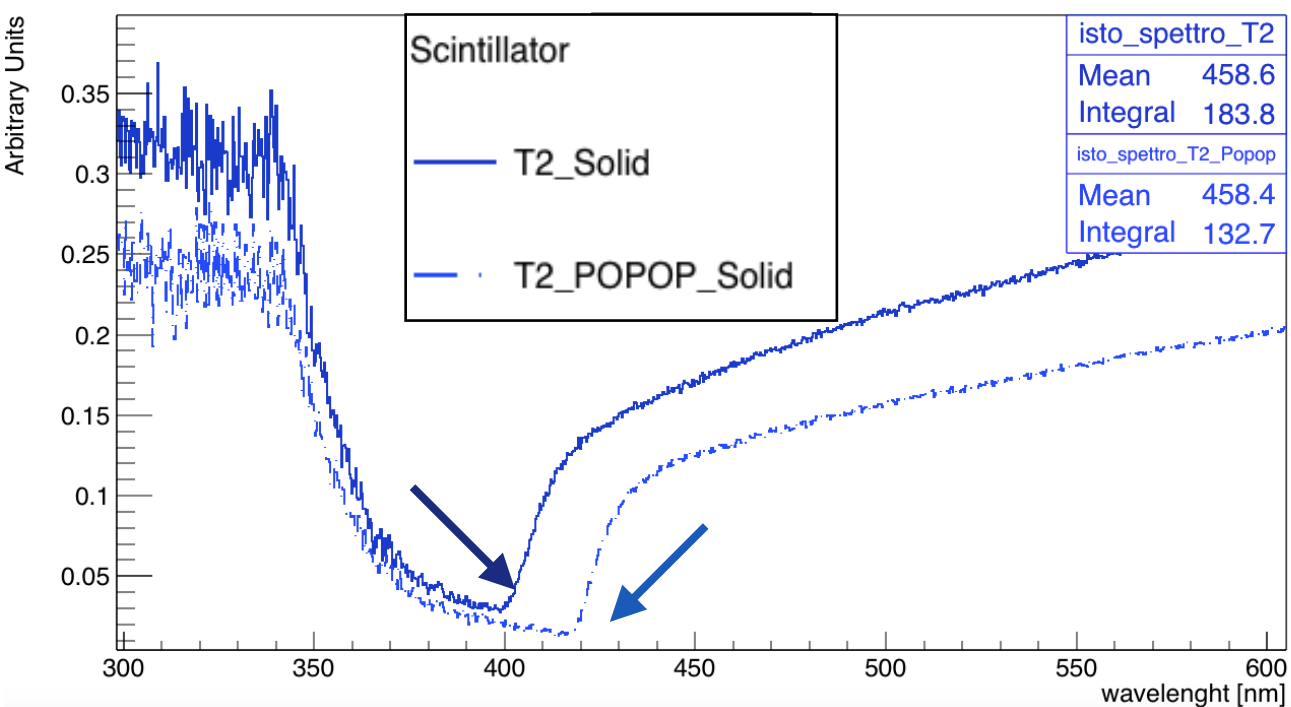
Spectroscopy in trasmission



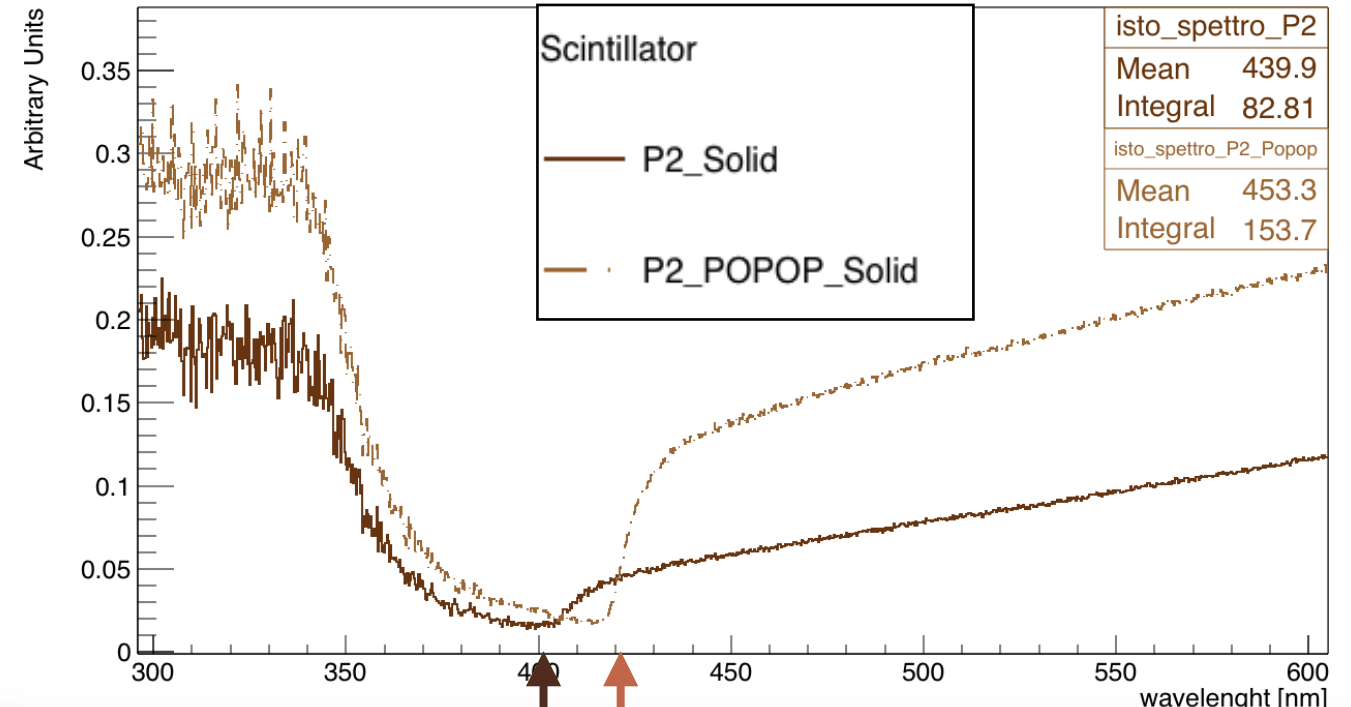
ANTHRACENE



2B



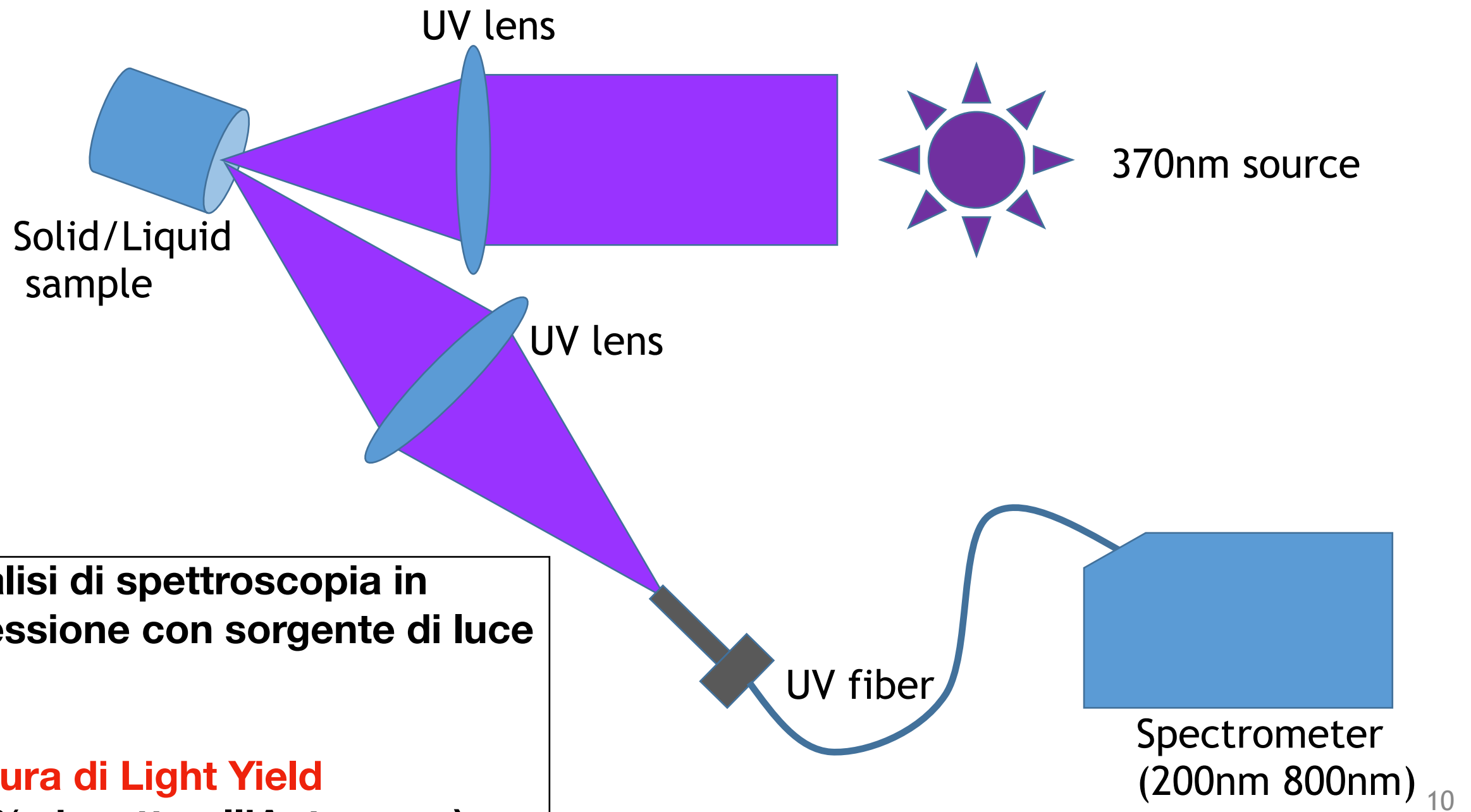
T2



P2

Transmission Minimum (nm)	Scintillator	Scintillator + POPOP
An	397 ± 1	399 ± 1
2N	402 ± 1	401 ± 1
1N	388 ± 1	397 ± 1
2B	380 ± 1	399 ± 1
P2	402 ± 1	398 ± 1
T2	379 ± 1	398 ± 1
BC-412	386 ± 1	X

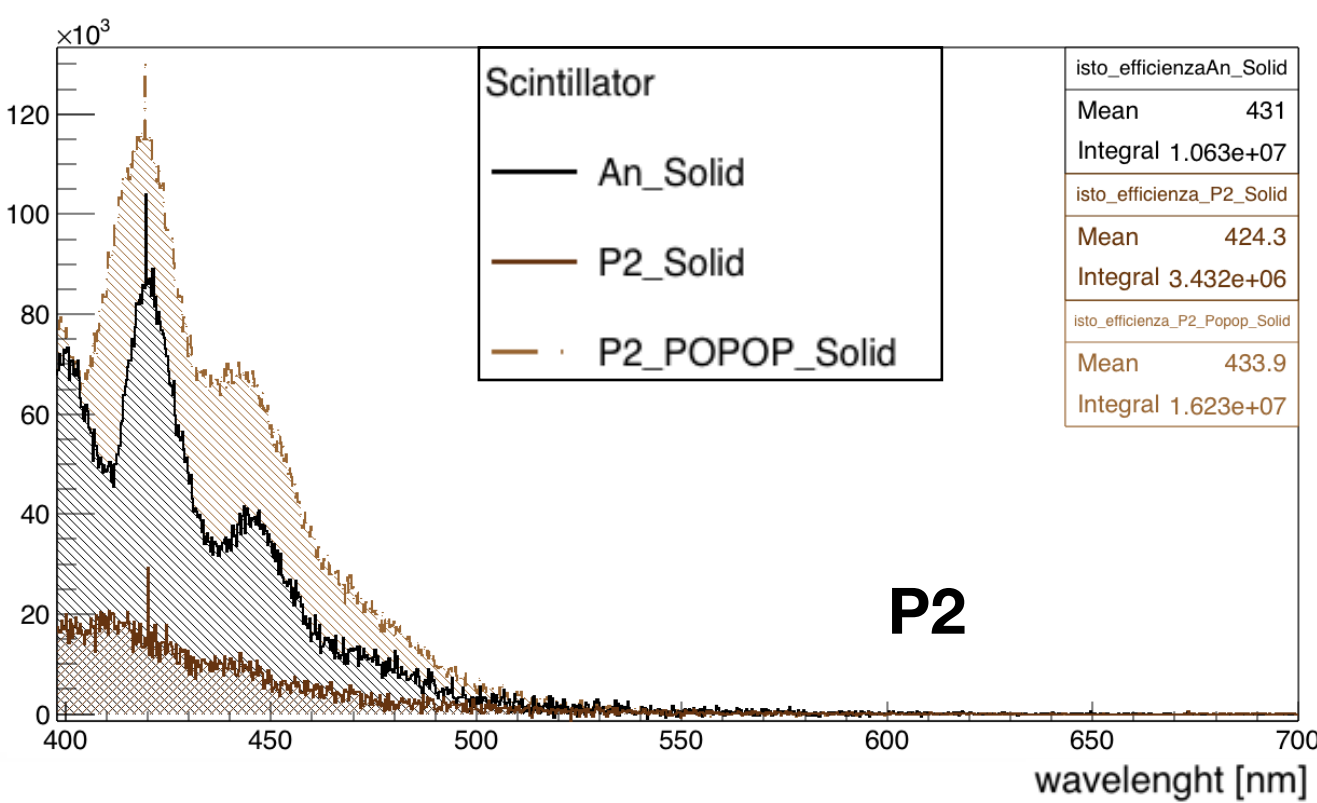
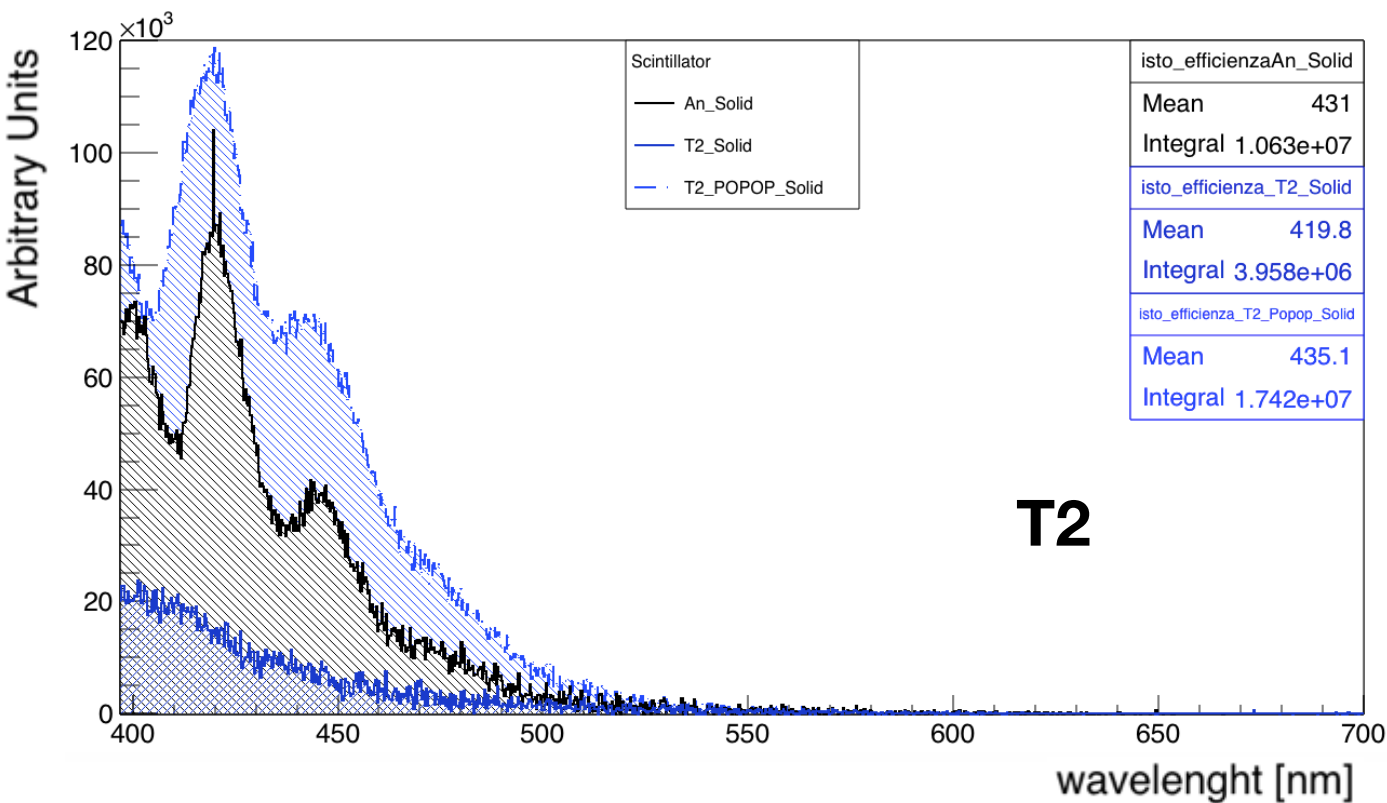
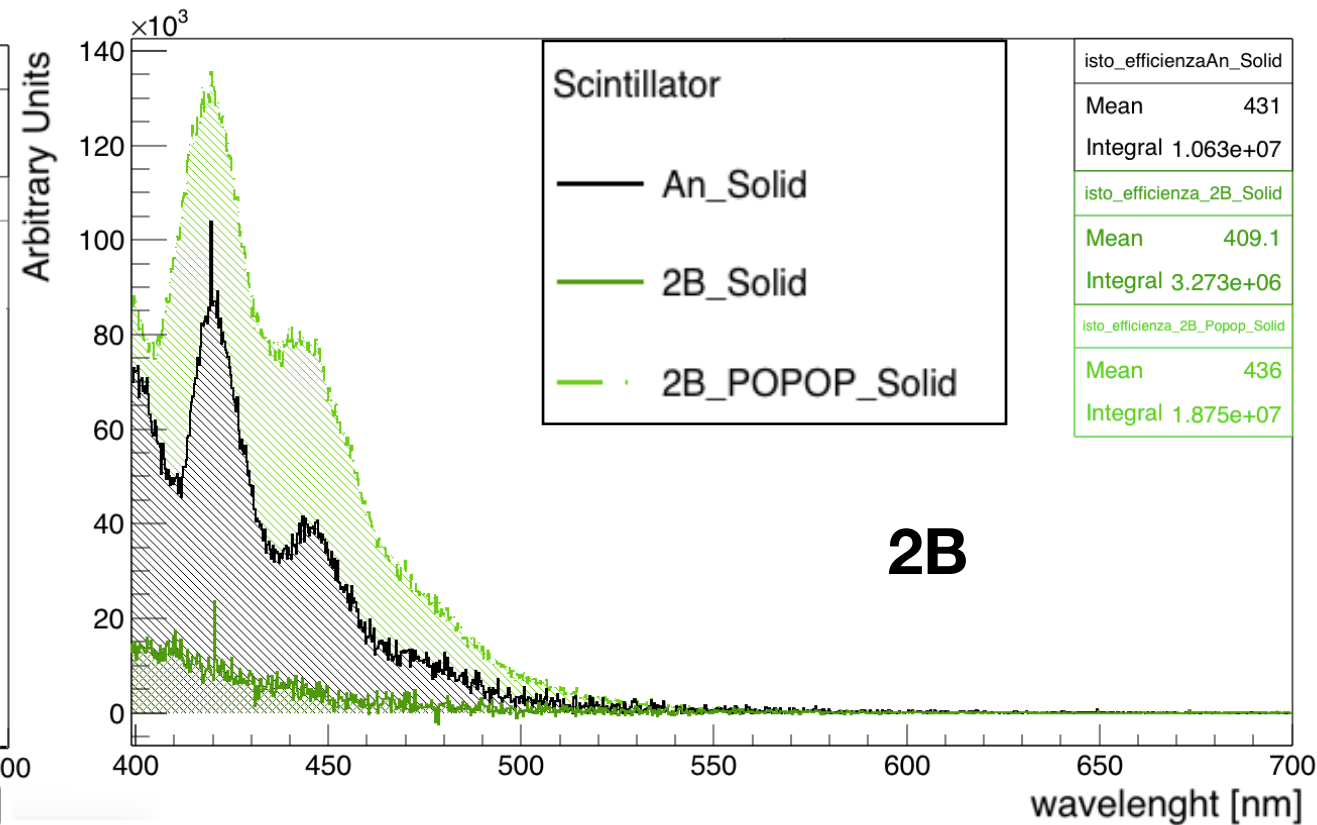
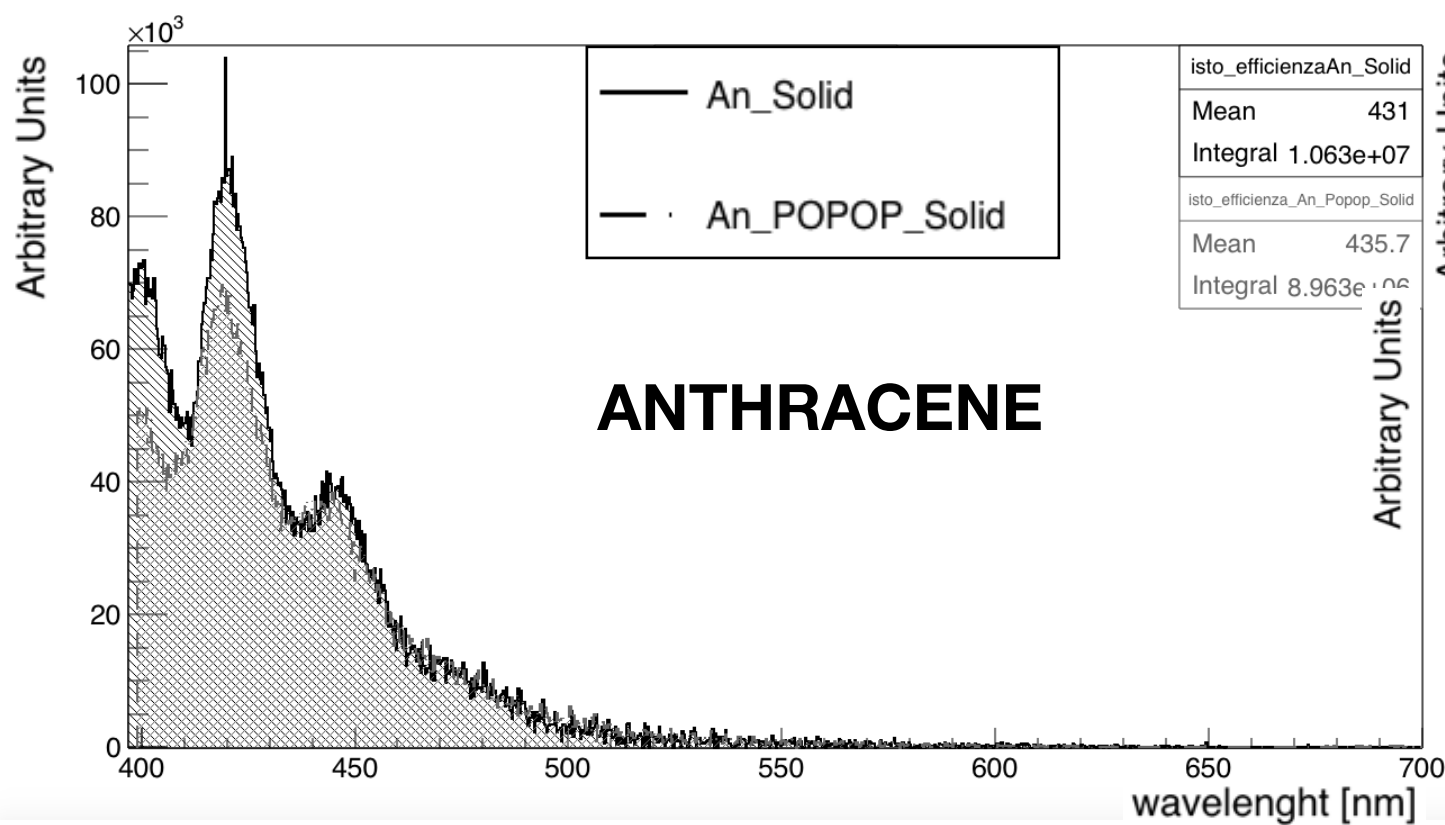
Luminescence in reflection Setup



Analisi di spettroscopia in riflessione con sorgente di luce UV.

Misura di Light Yield
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per tutti gli scintillatori analizzati.

Luminescence spectroscopy in reflection

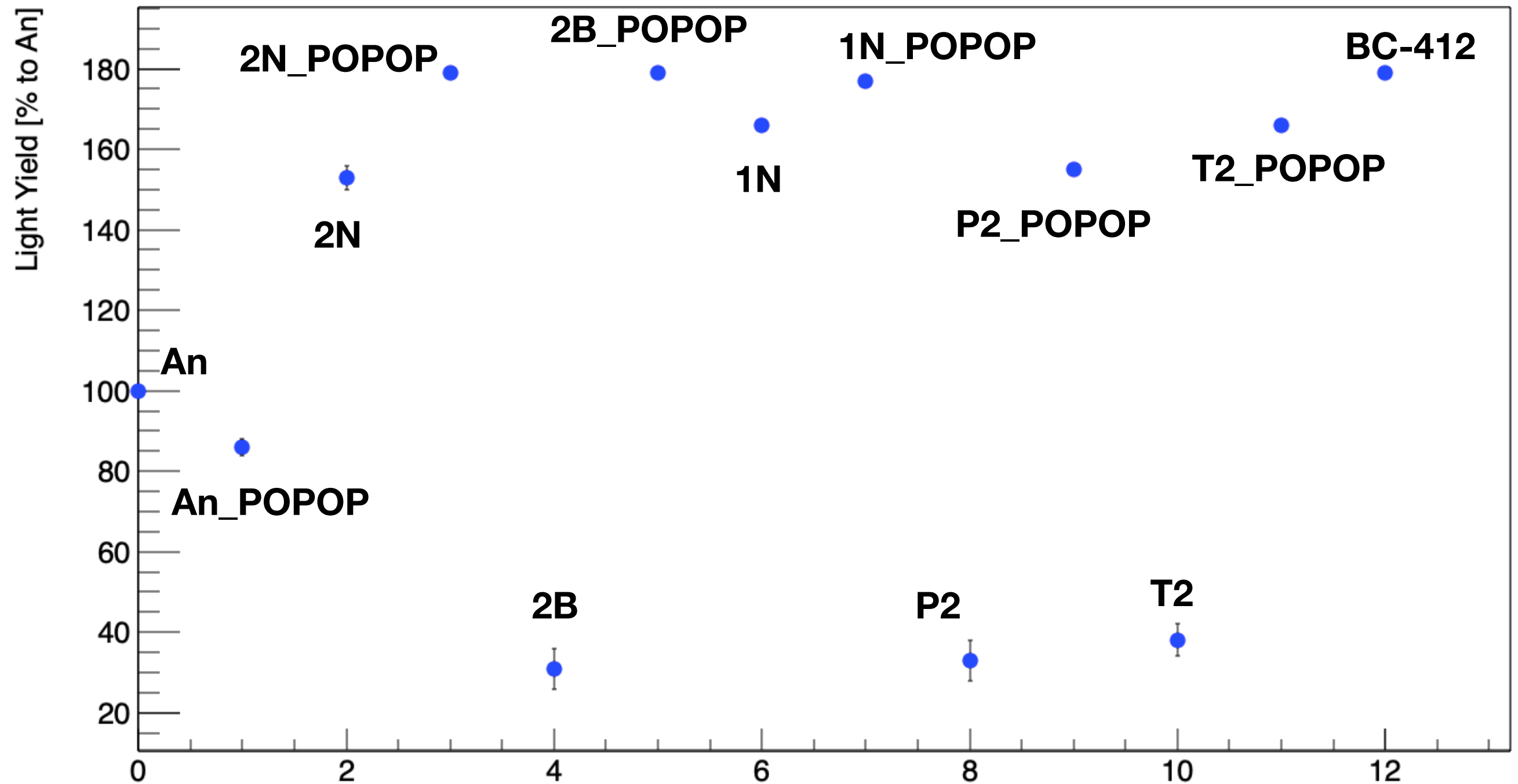


Light Yield (% to Anthracene)	Scintillator	Scintillator + POPOP
A	100.00	86 ± 2
2N	153 ± 3	179 ± 1
2B	31 ± 5	179 ± 1
1N	166 ± 1	177 ± 1
P2	33 ± 5	155 ± 1
T2	38 ± 4	166 ± 1
BC 412	179 ± 1	X

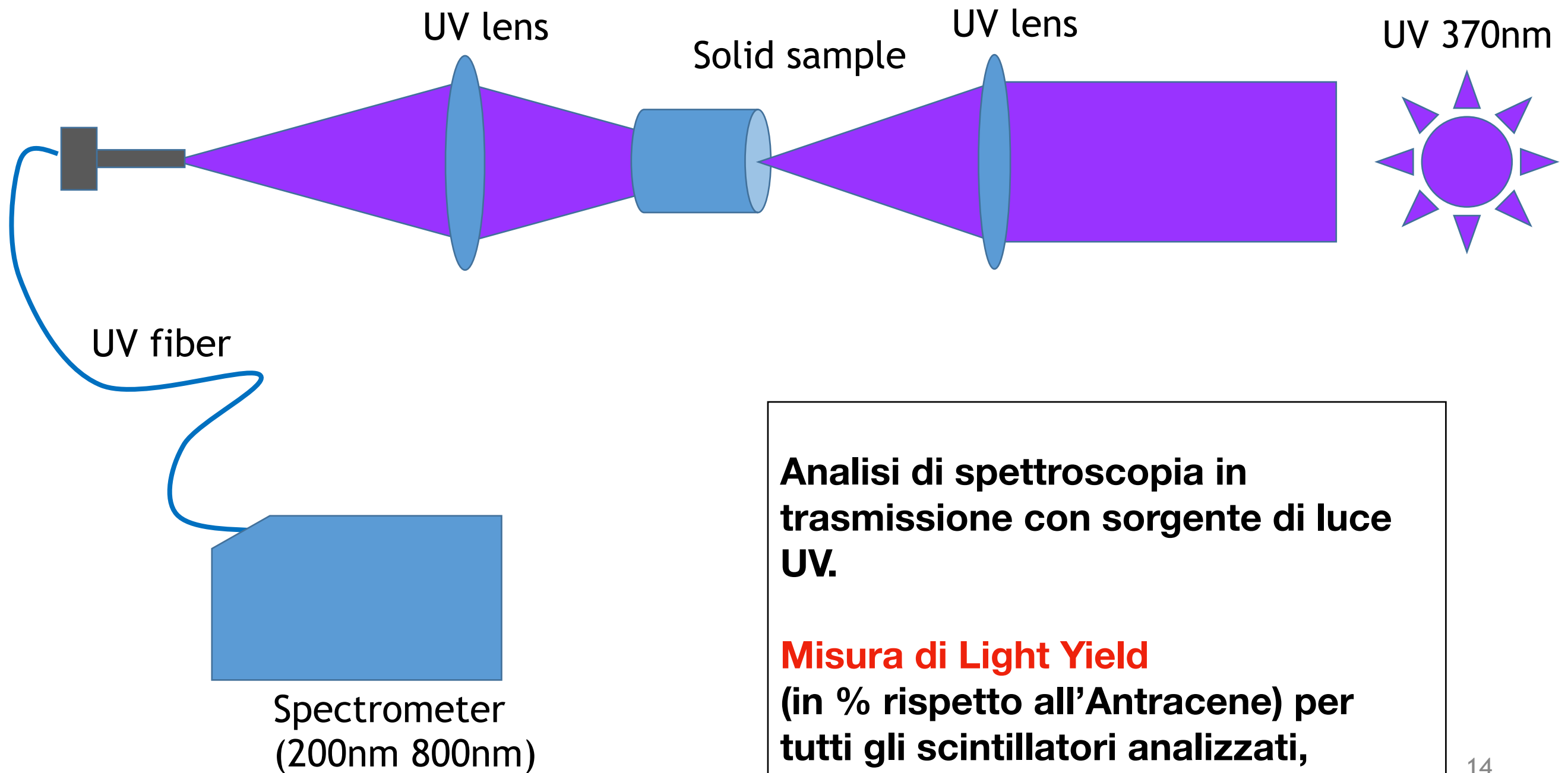
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Plot Light Yield [% to An] (in reflection) Scintillators



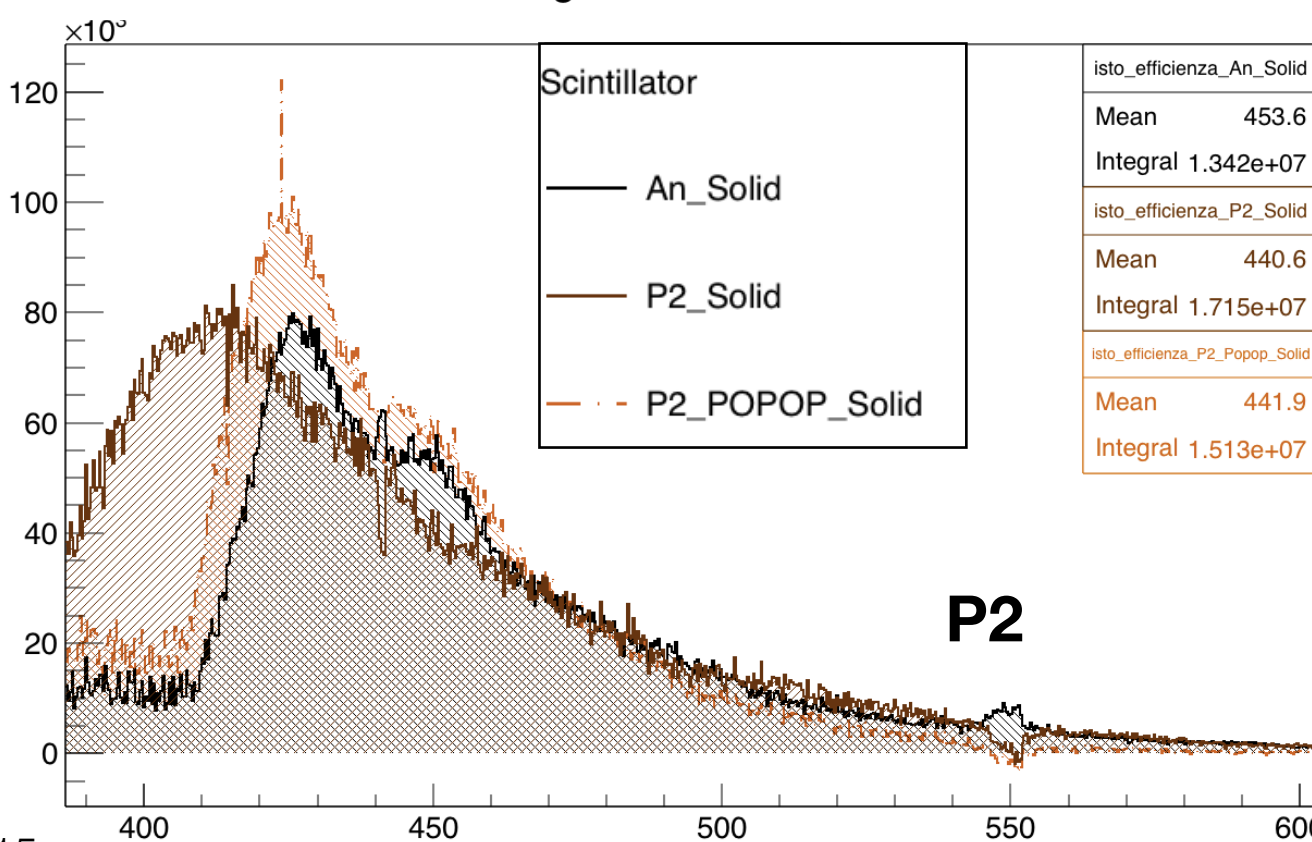
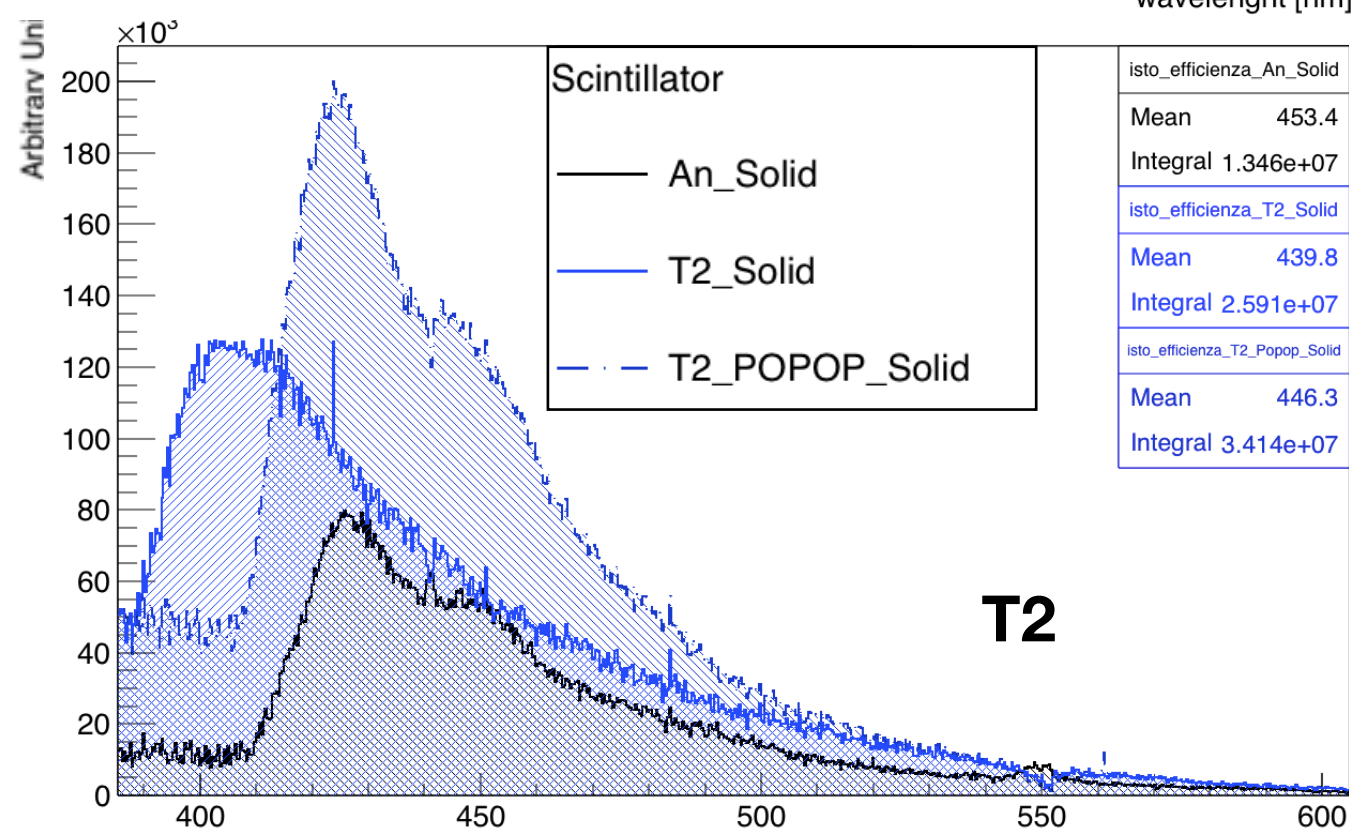
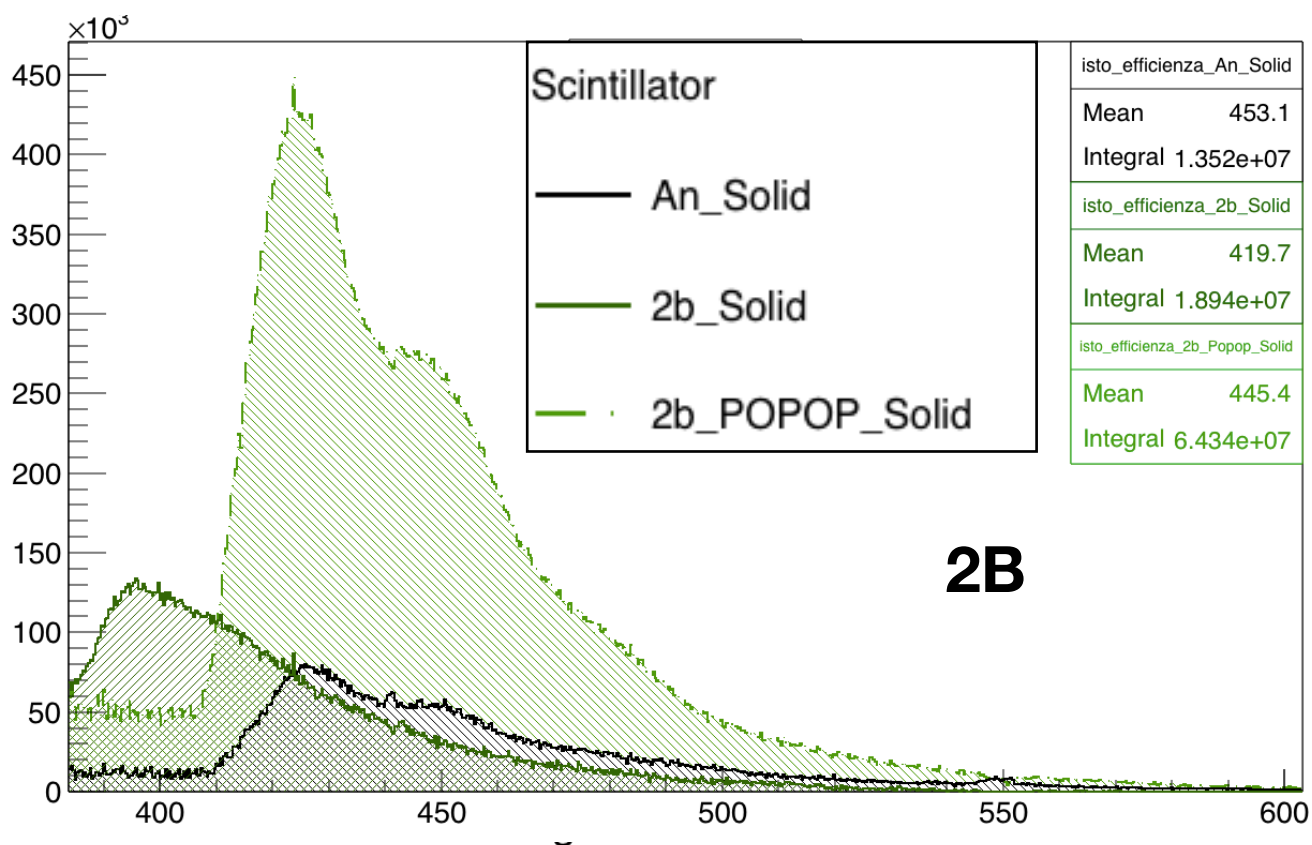
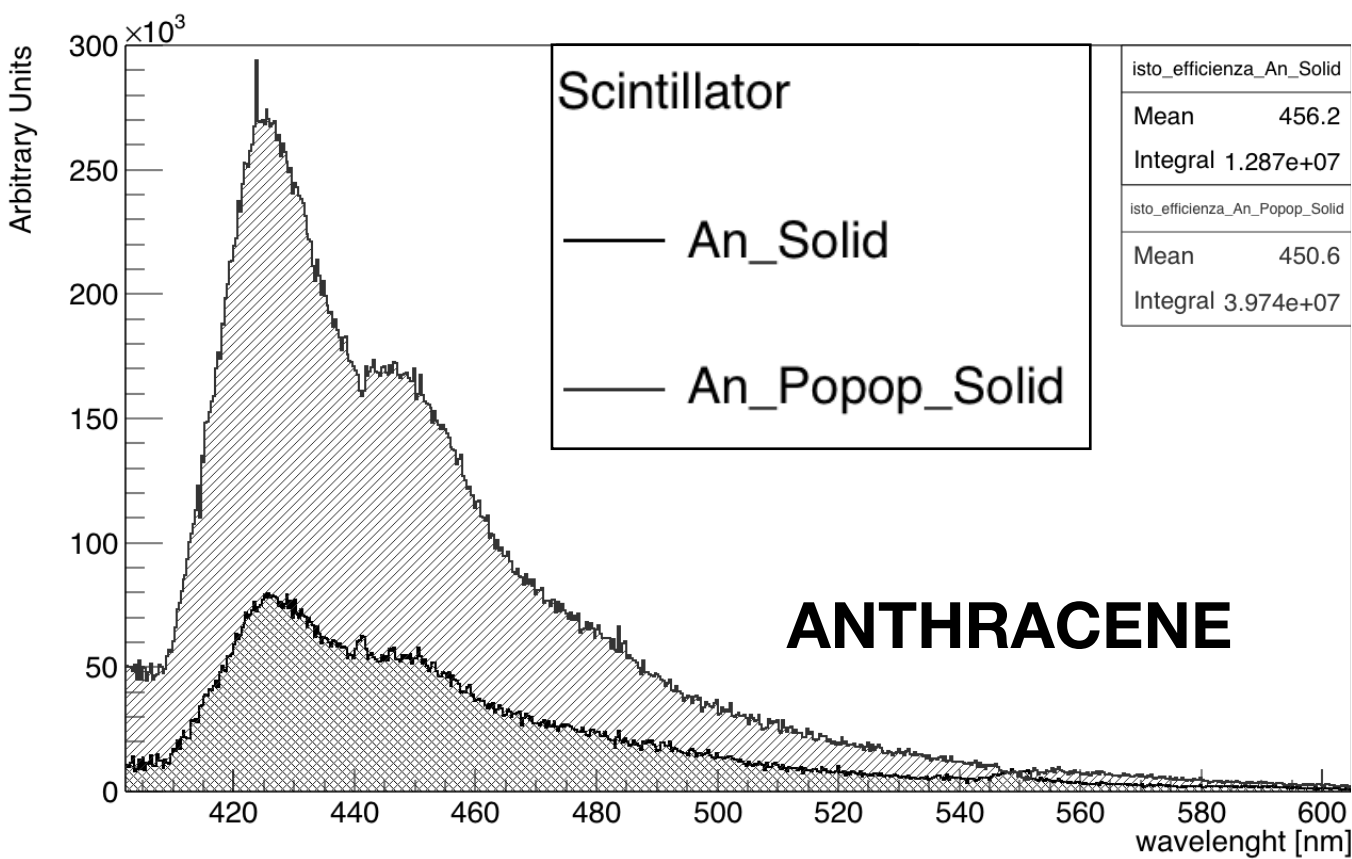
Luminescence in transmission setup



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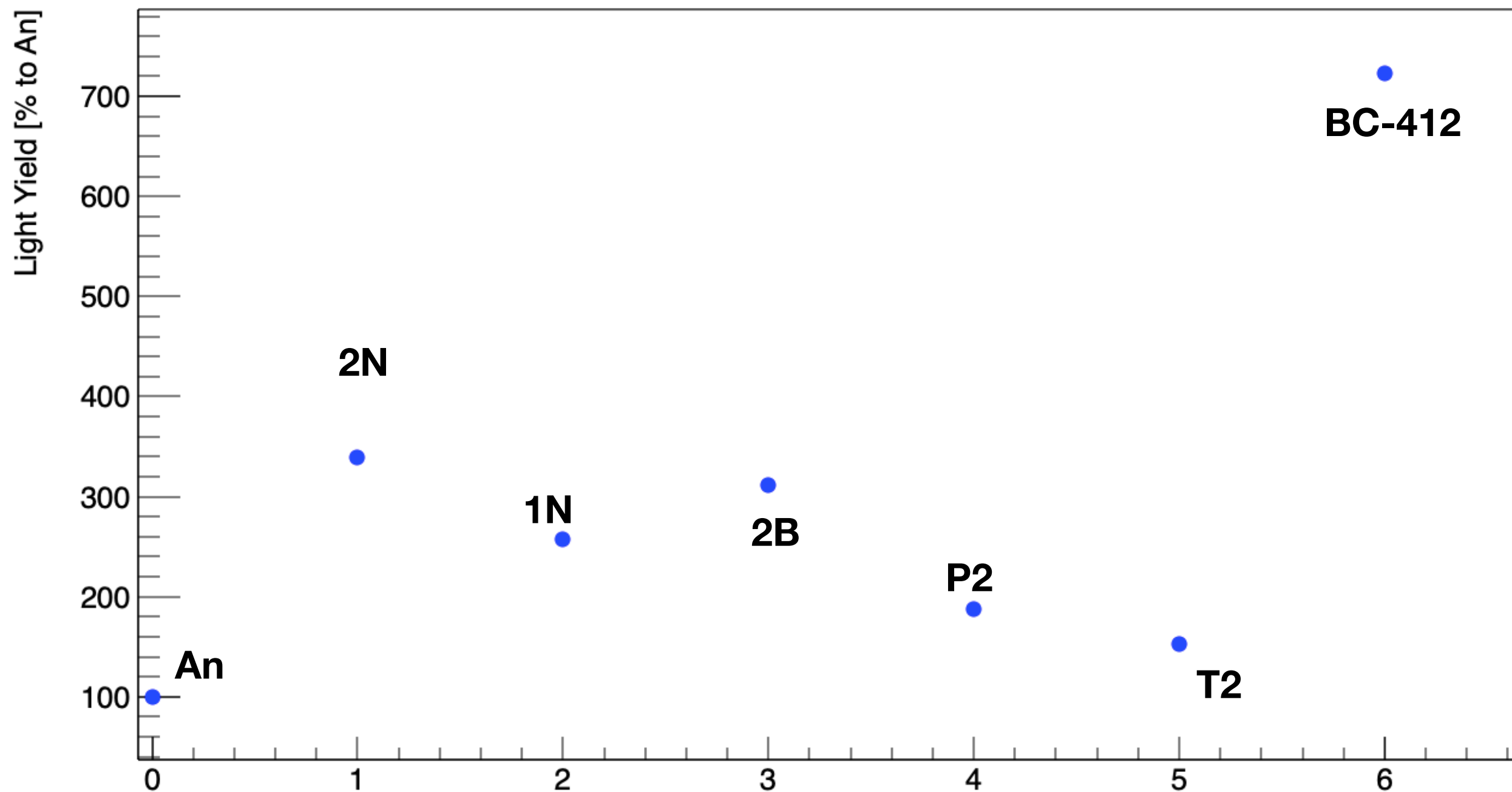
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Luminescence spectroscopy in trasmission

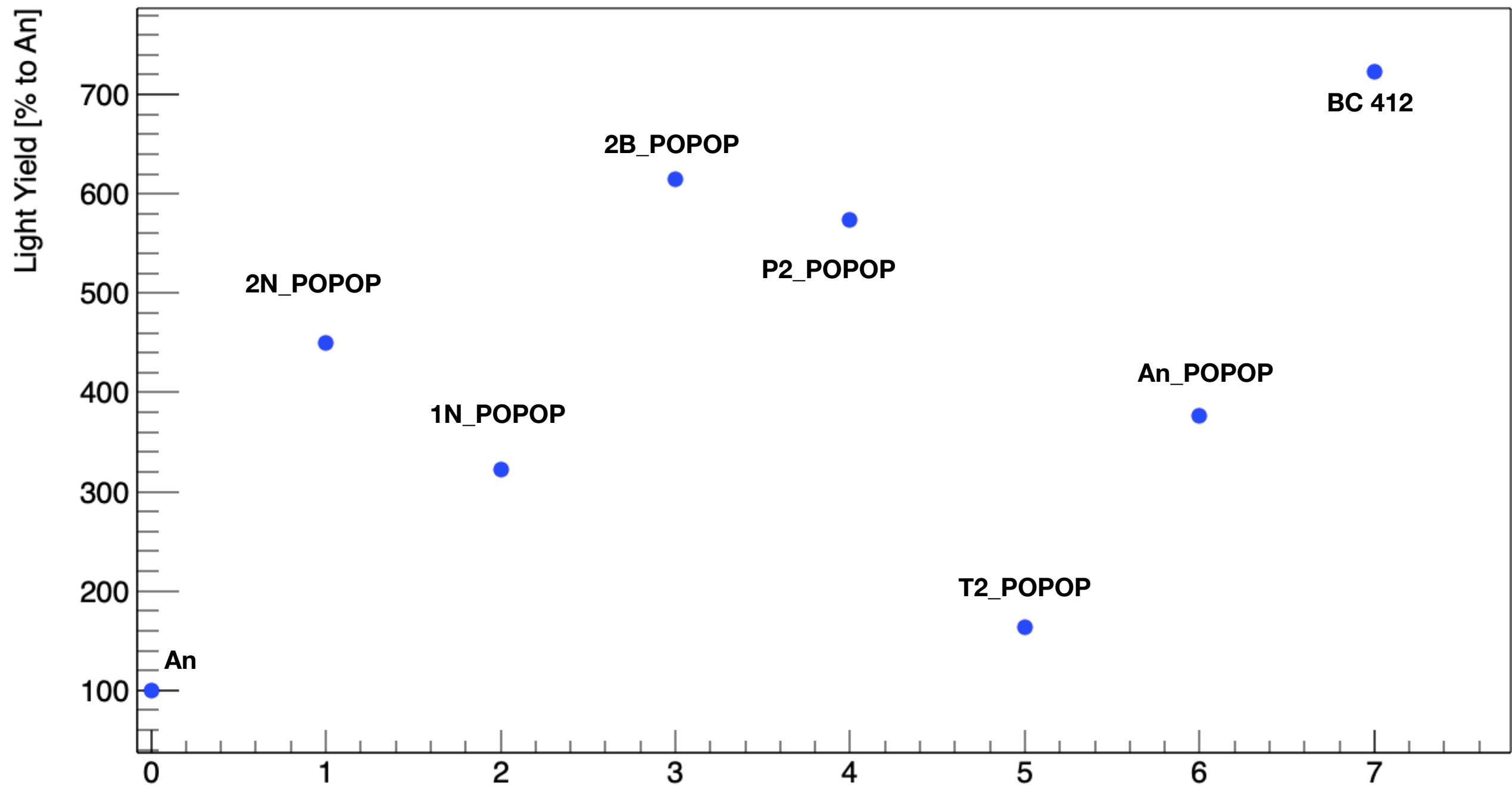


Light Yield (% to Anthracene)	Scintillatori	Scintillatori POPOP
BC 412	723 ± 1	X
An	100.00	450 ± 1
2N	339 ± 1	322 ± 1
2B	257 ± 1	615 ± 1
1N	312 ± 1	574 ± 1
P2	188 ± 1	163 ± 1
T2	253 ± 1	377 ± 1

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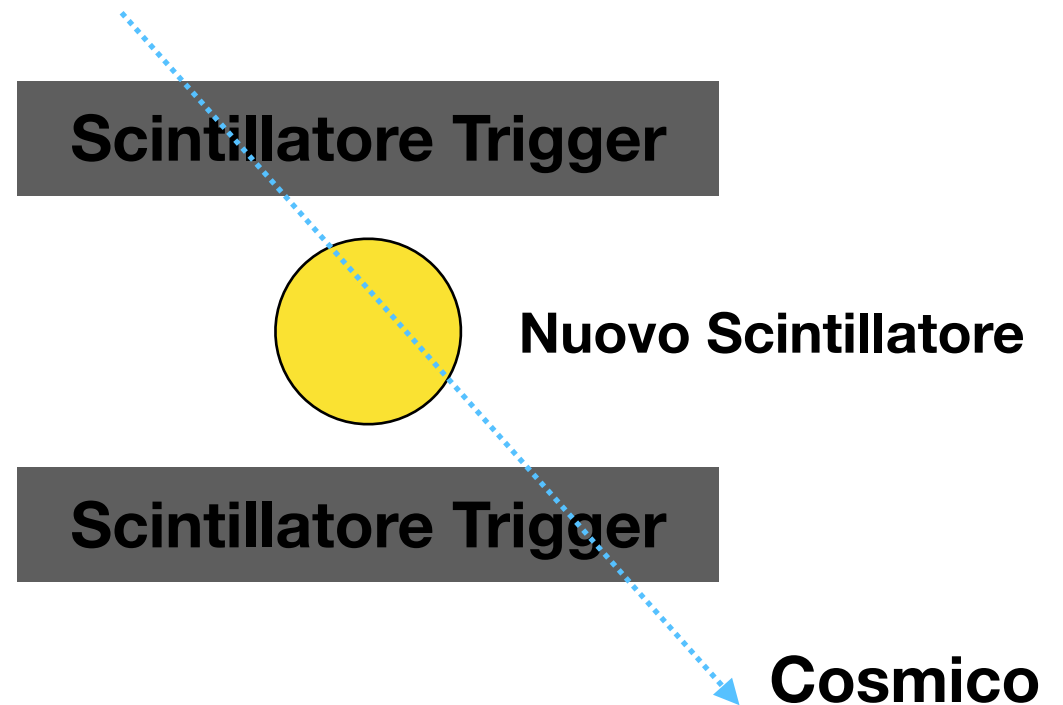


Plot Light Yield [% to An] (in trasmission) Scintillators + POPOP



Setup Sperimentale Solidi

Vista Frontale



Vista Laterale

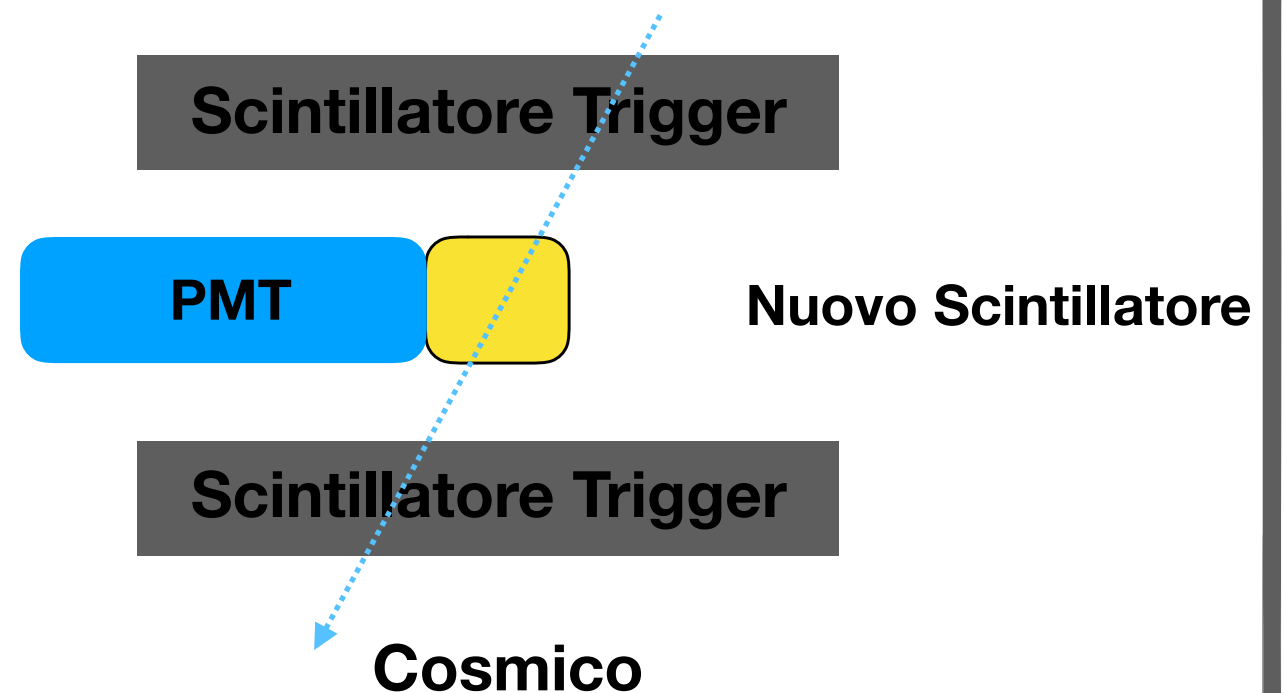
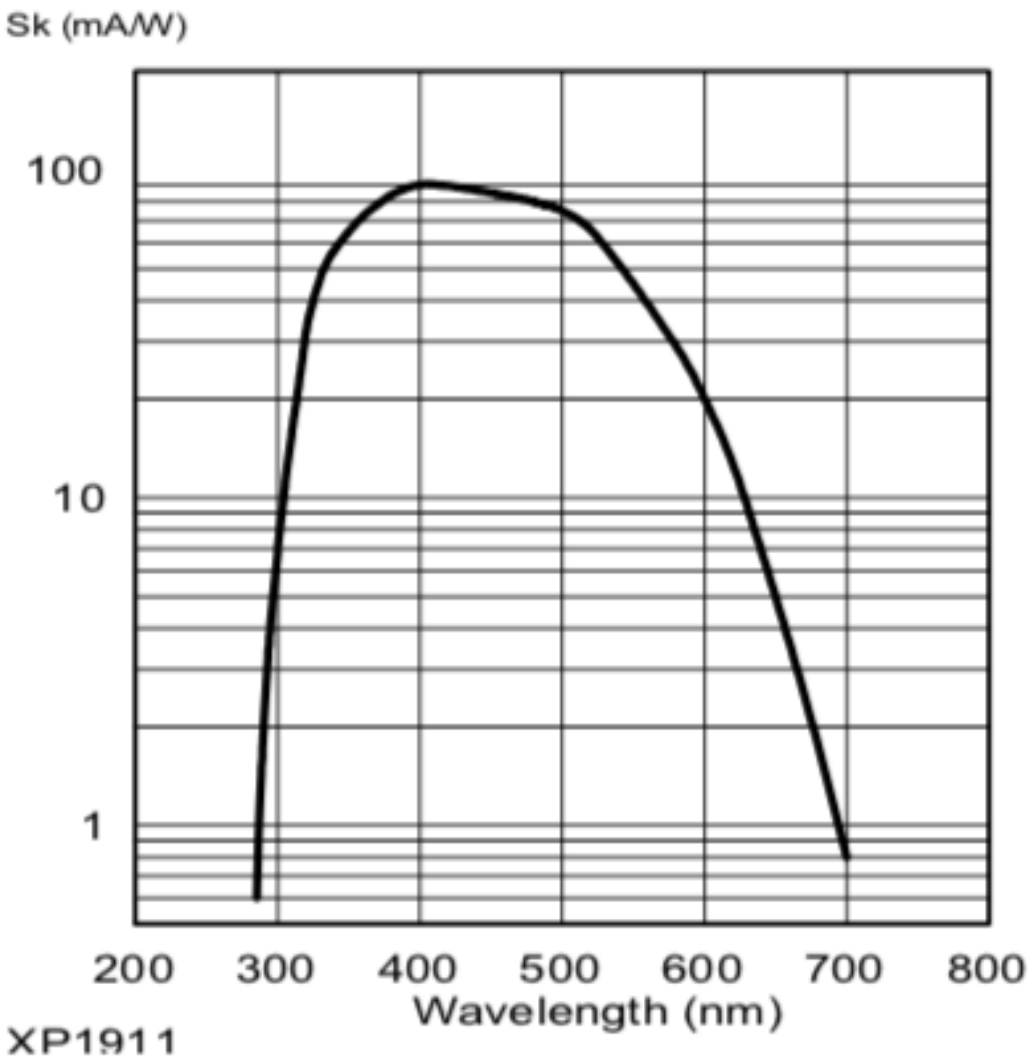


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PMT Properties	QE (% at peak)	Gain (1500V)	Rise Time (ns)	Wavelength (nm)
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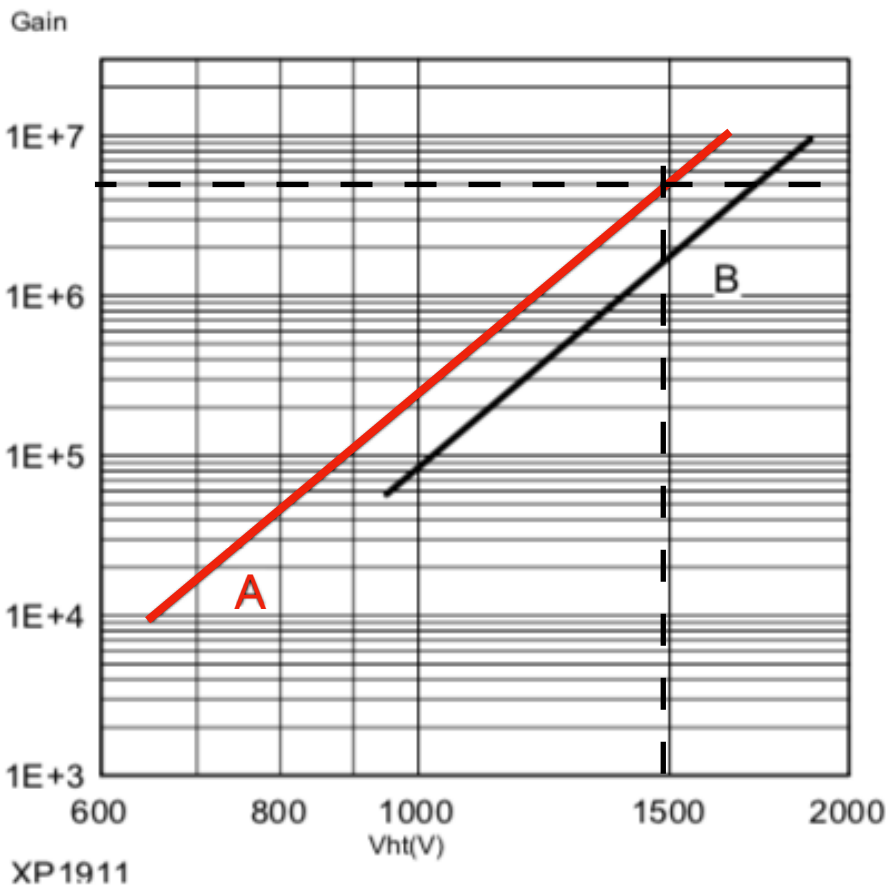
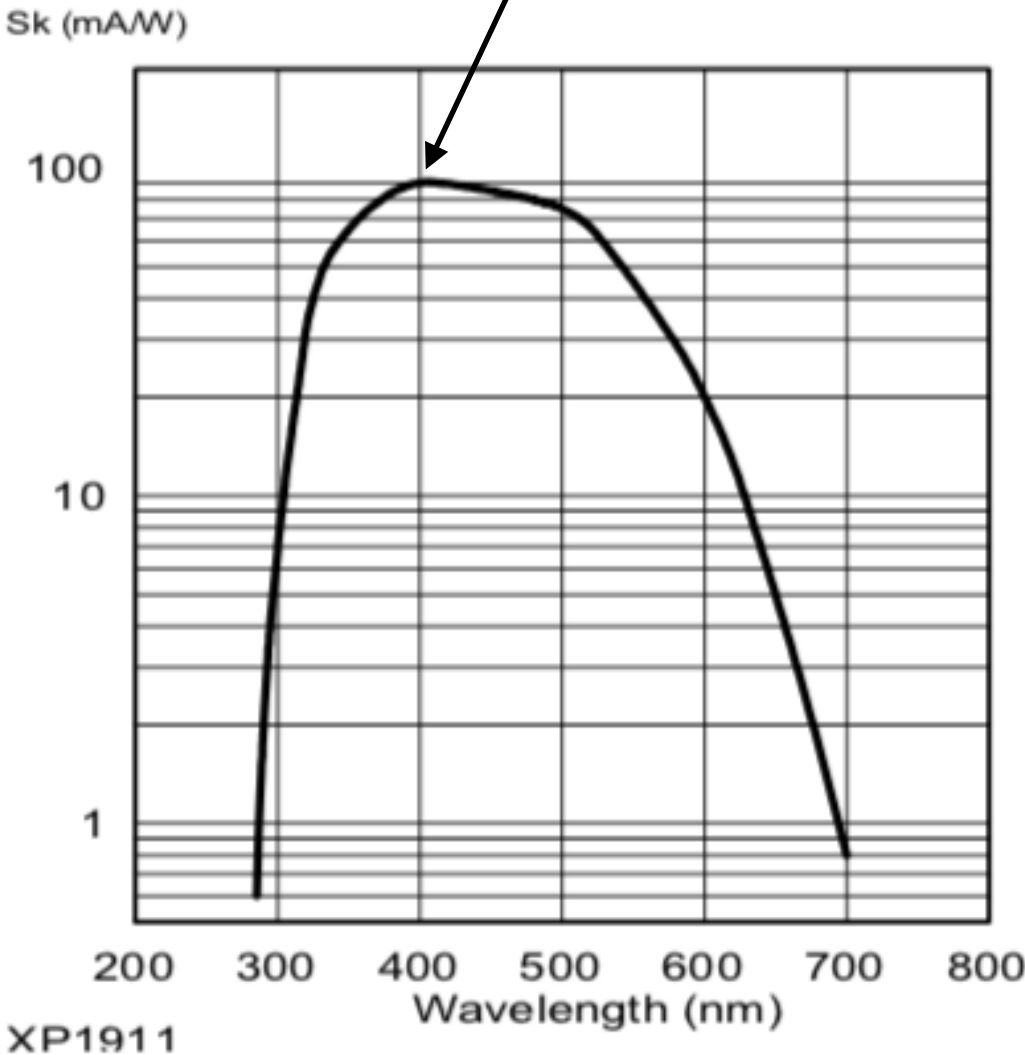


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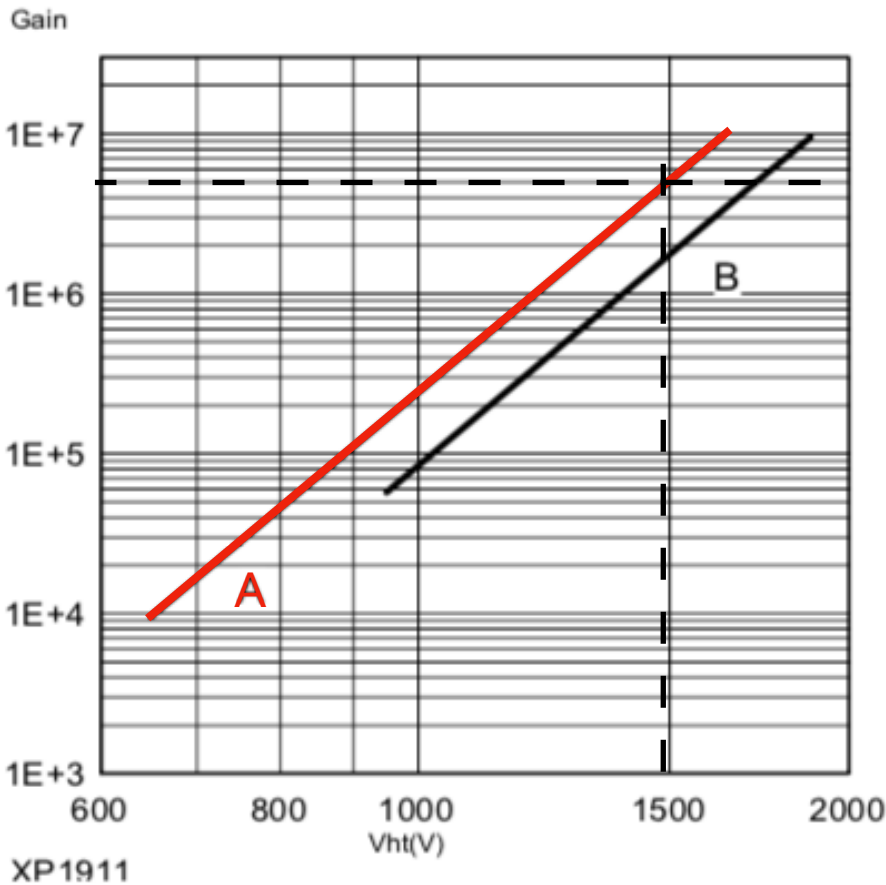
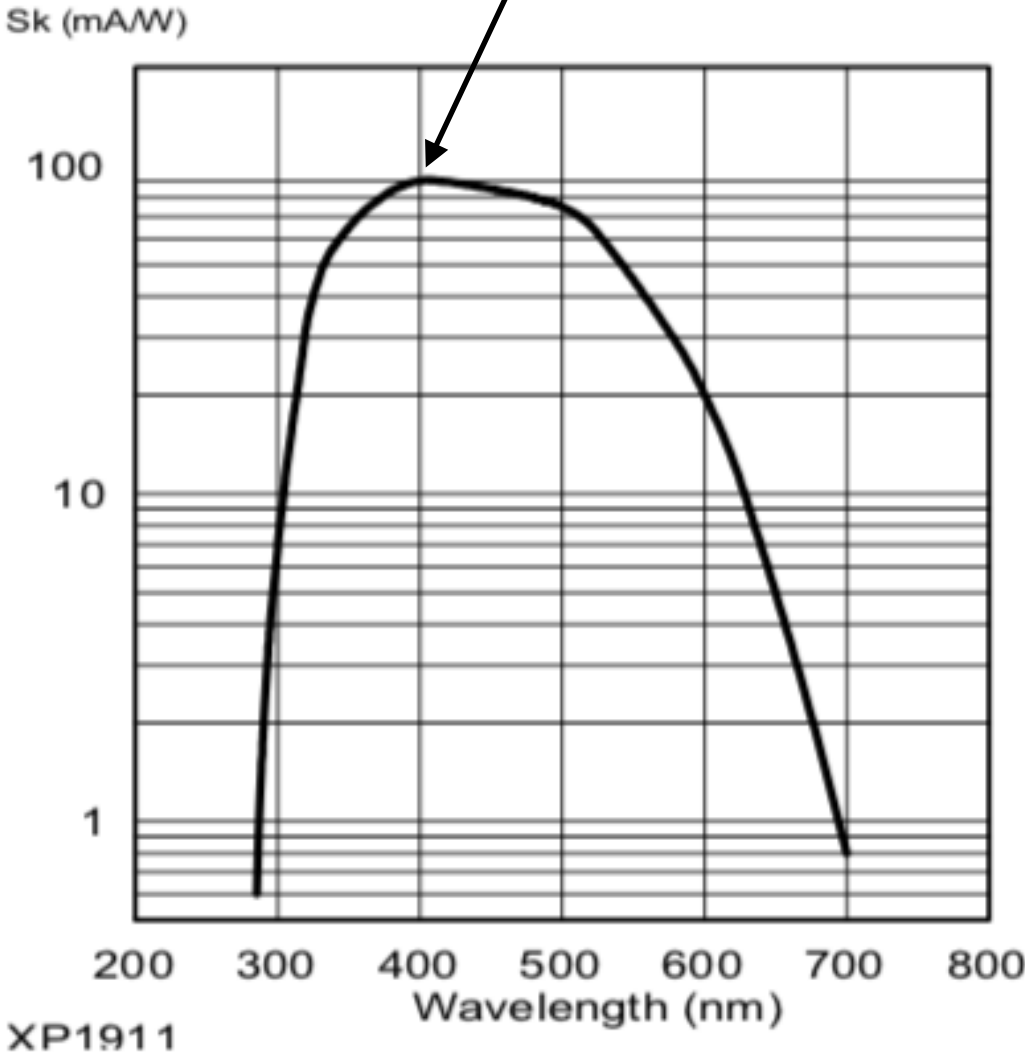


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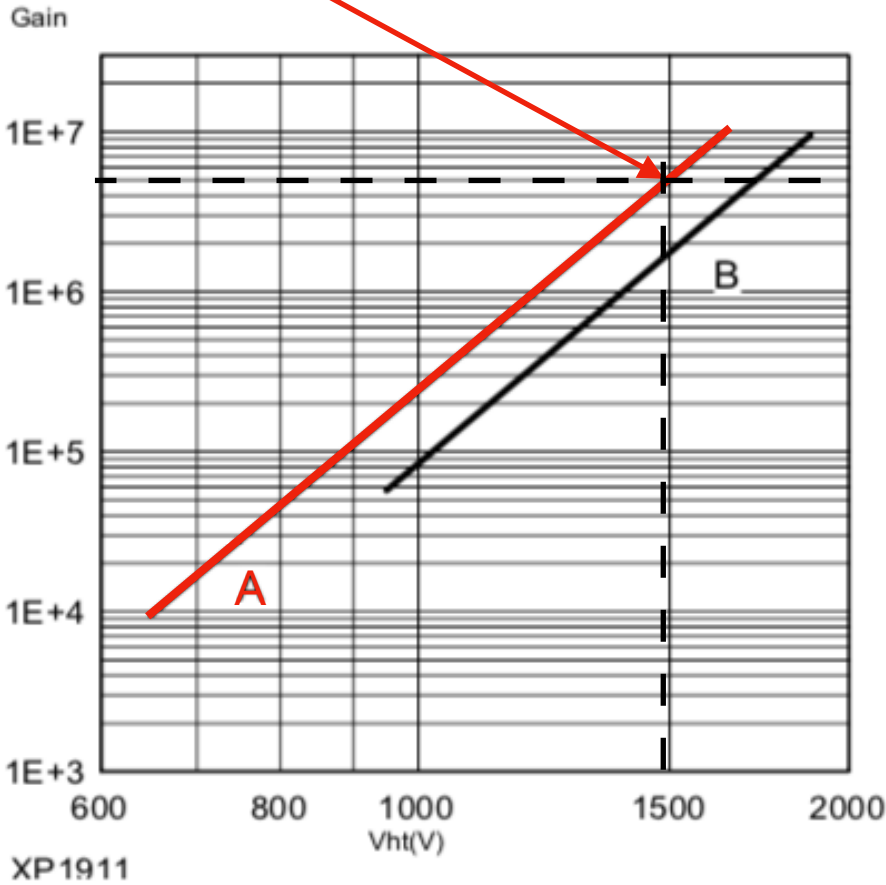
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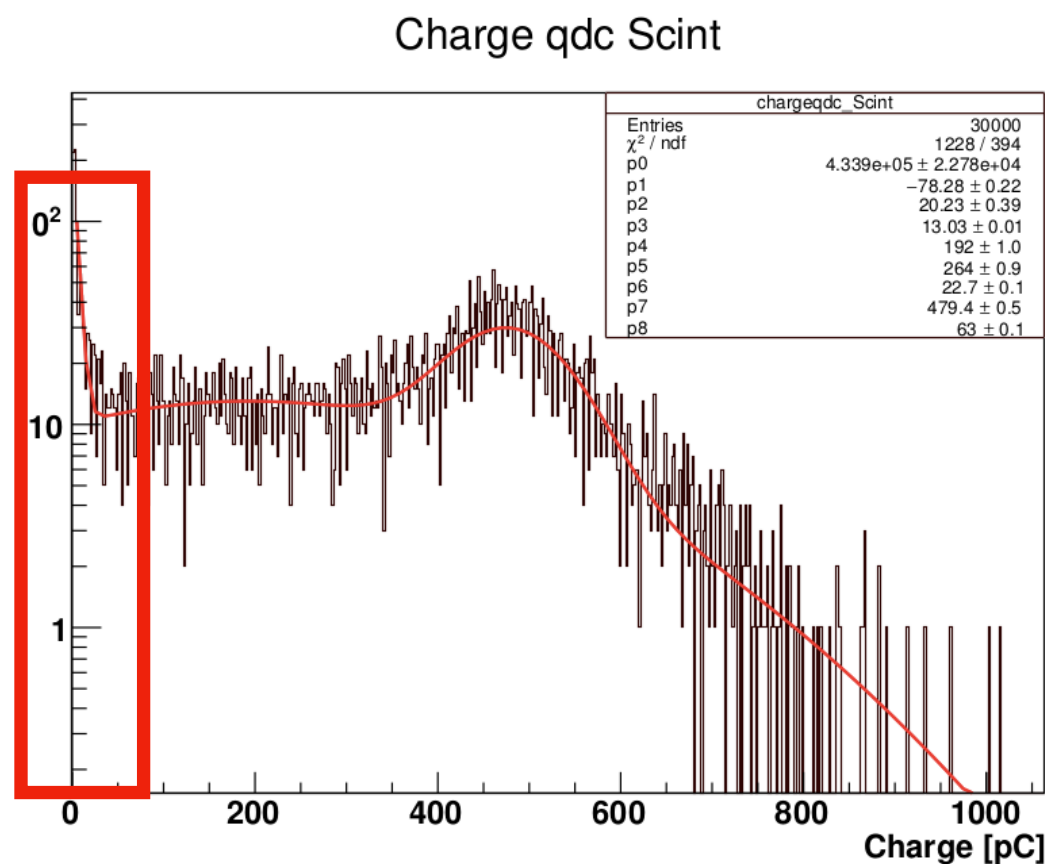


Charge

Cosmic ray effects

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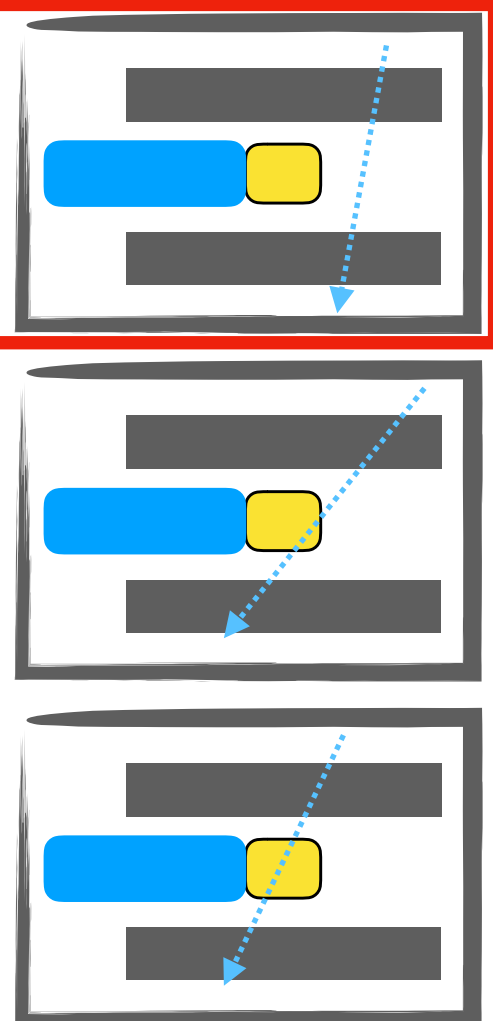
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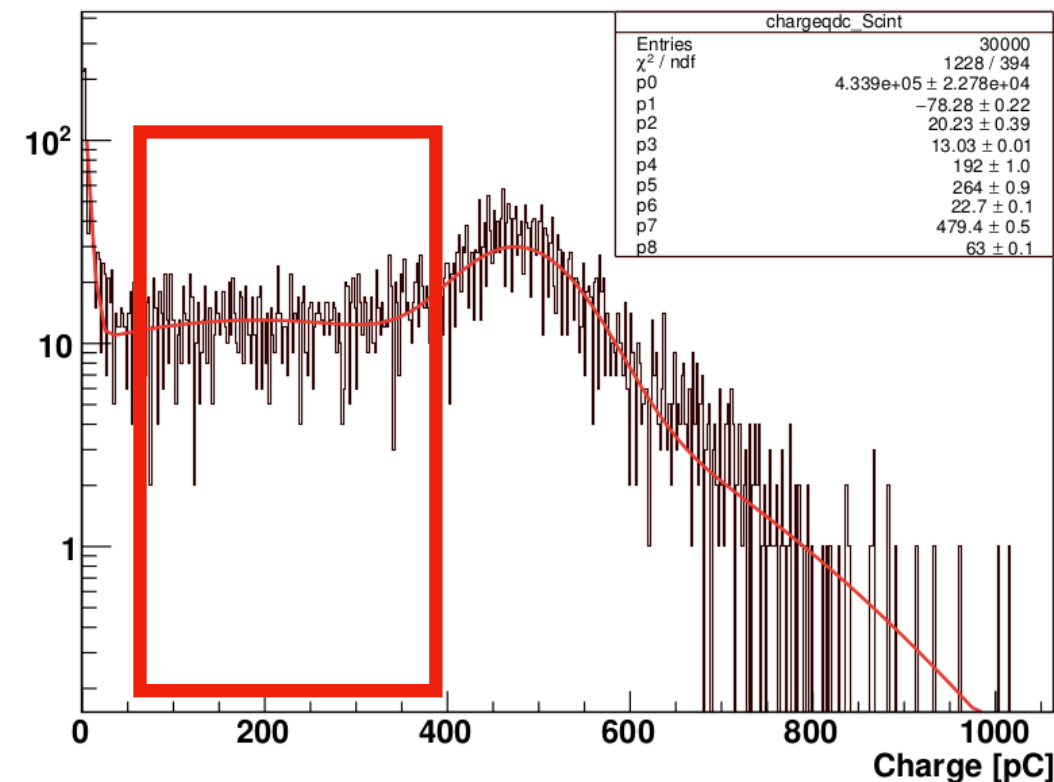


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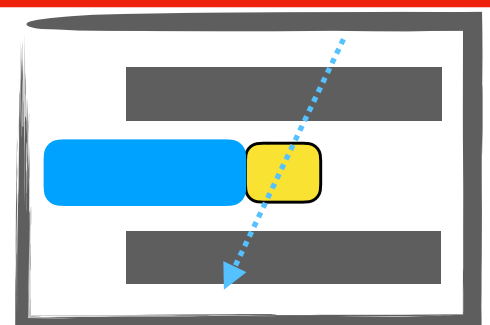
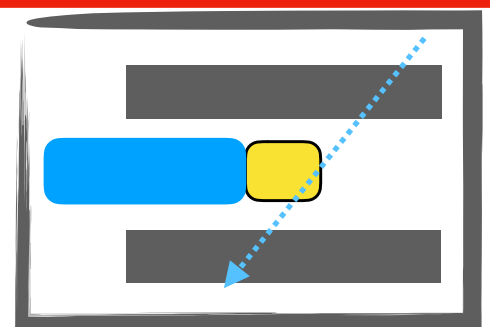
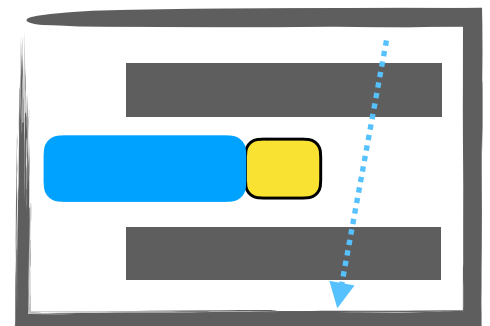
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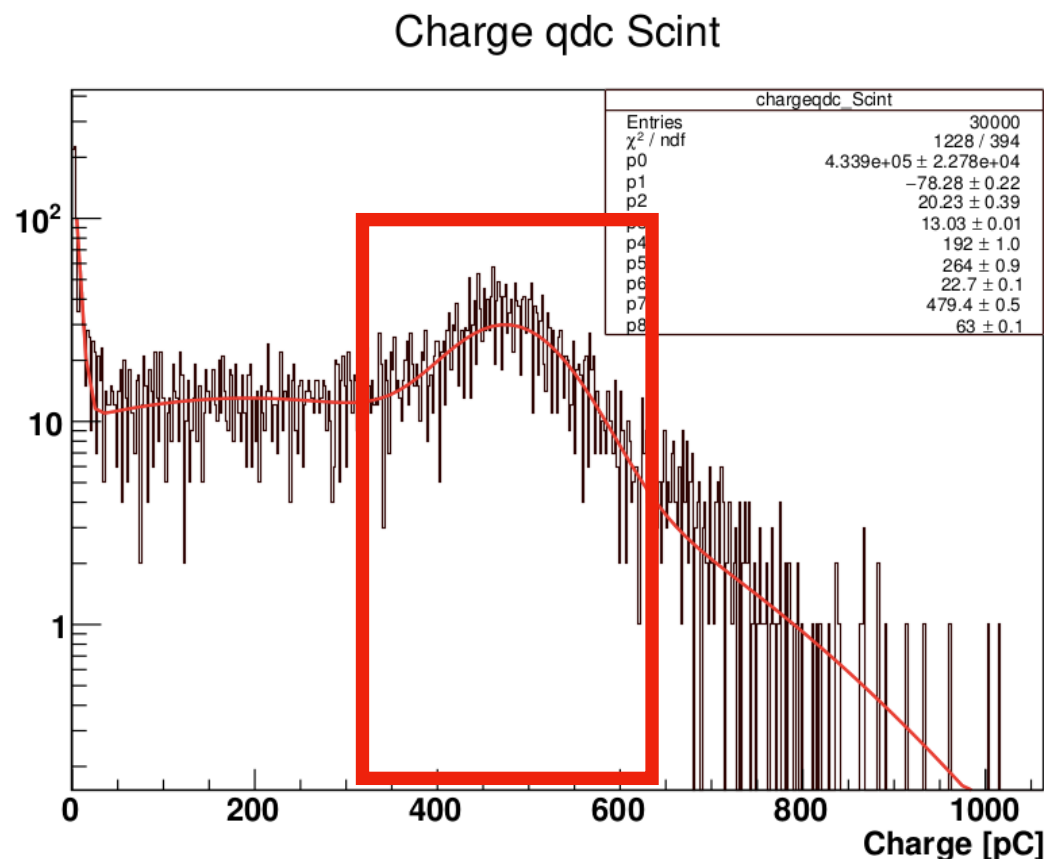


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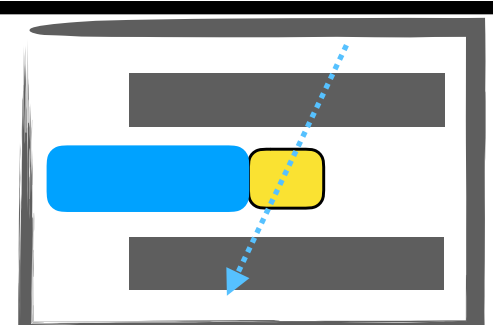
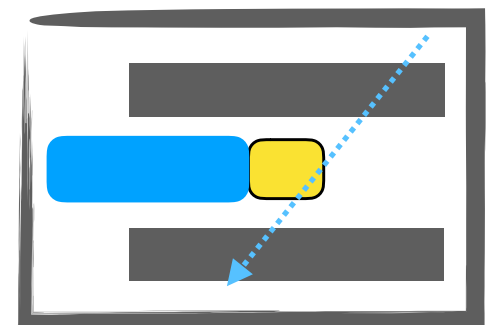
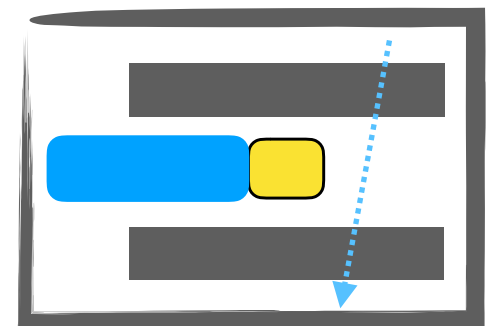
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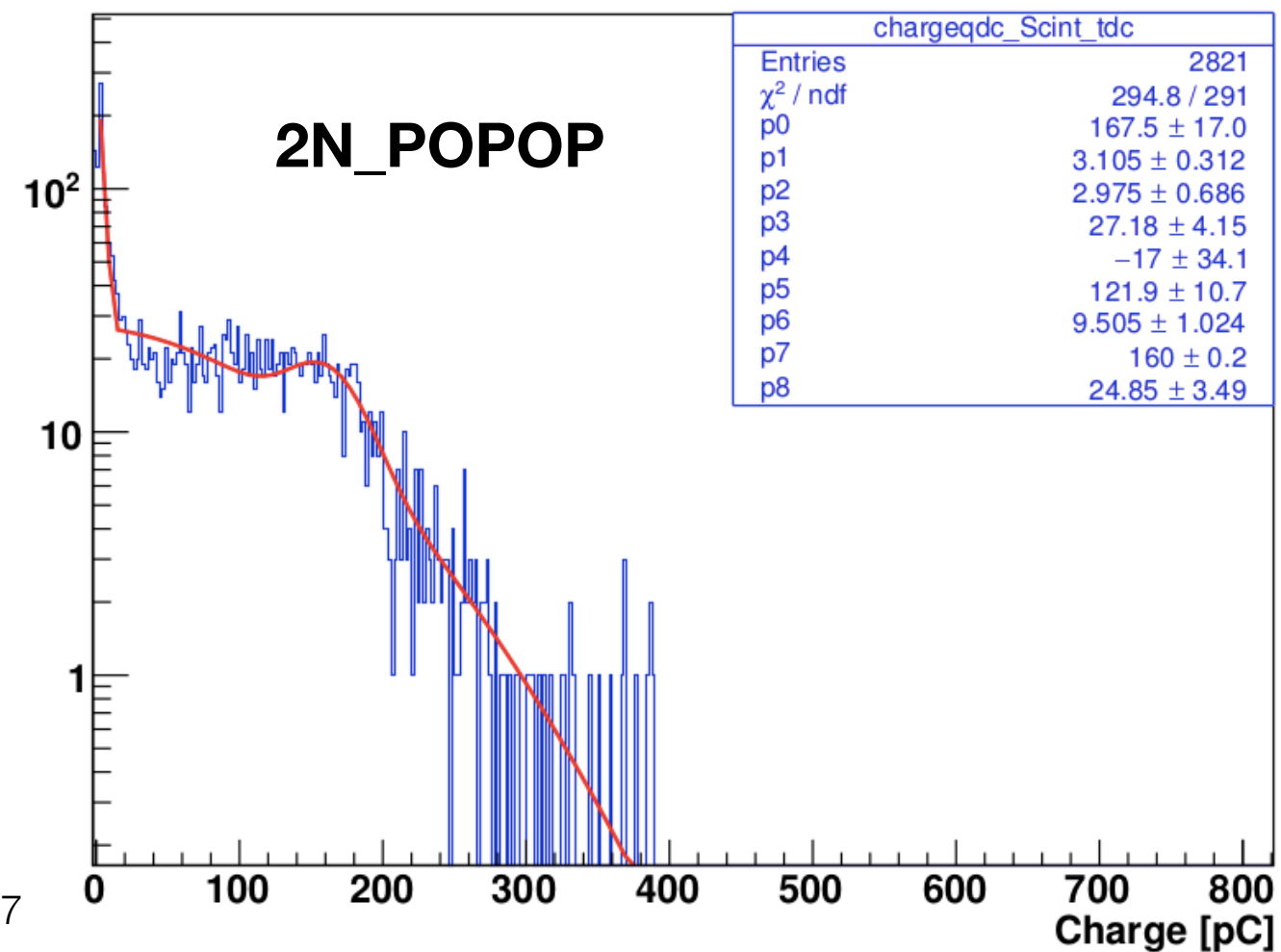
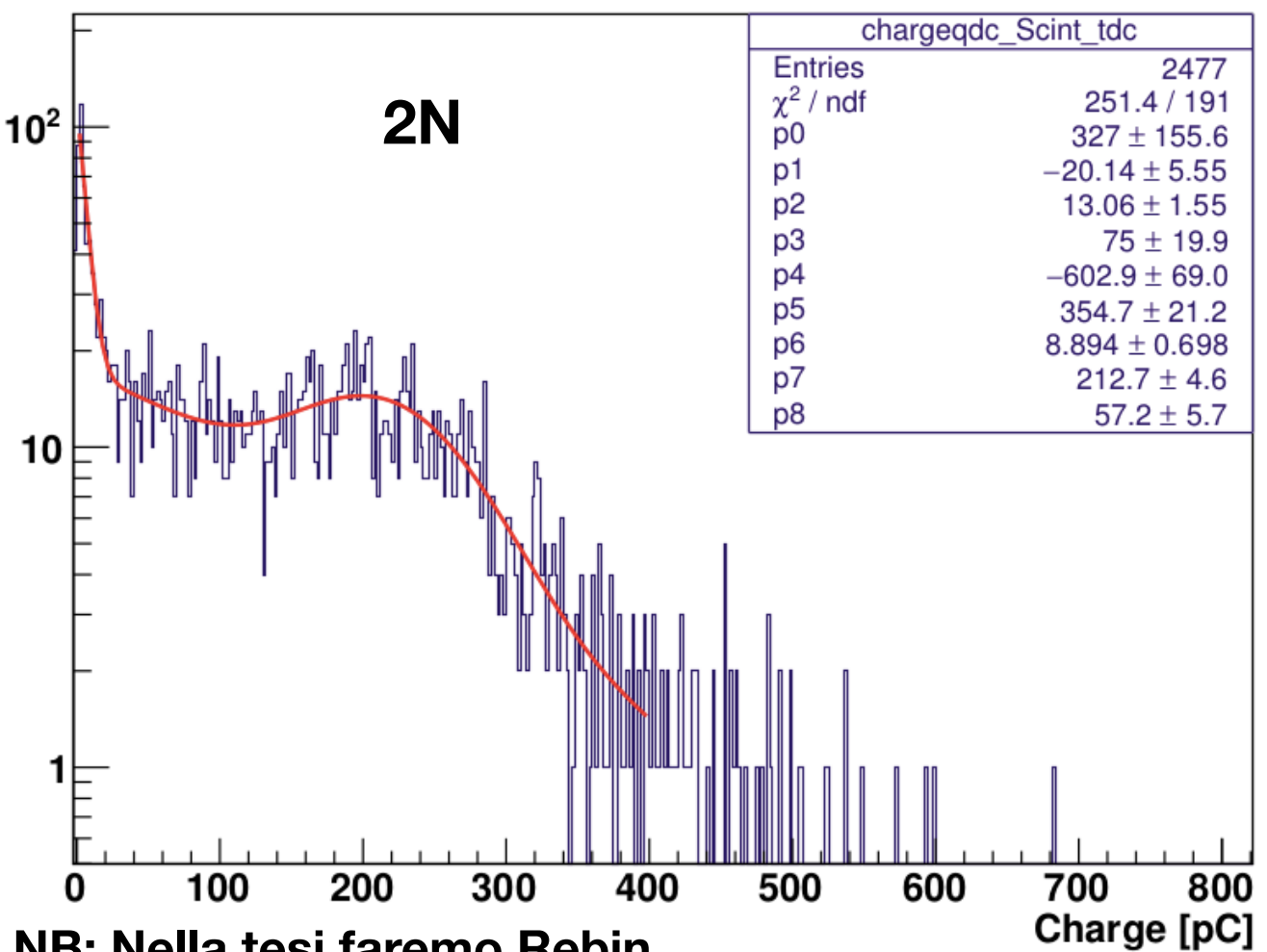
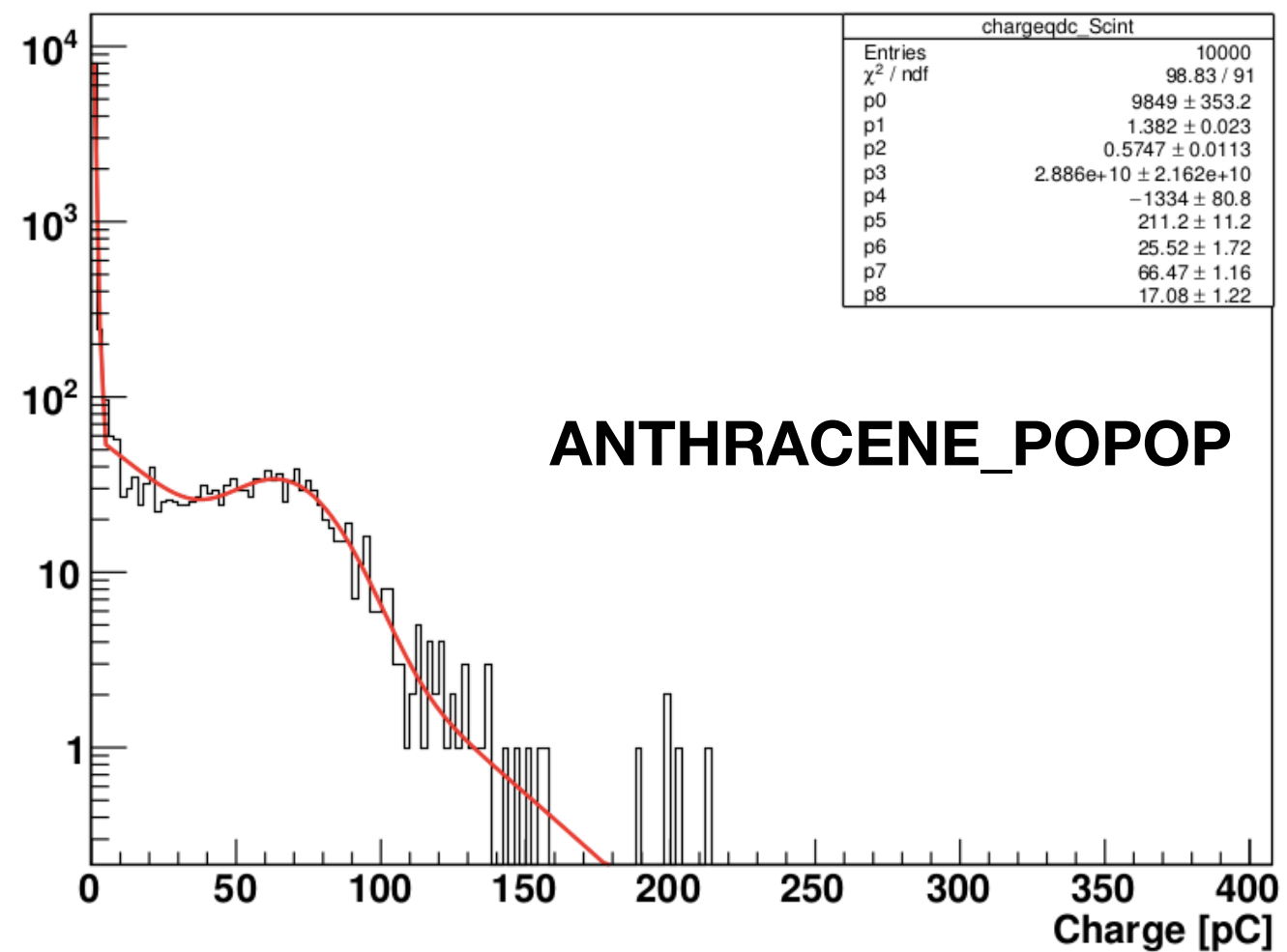
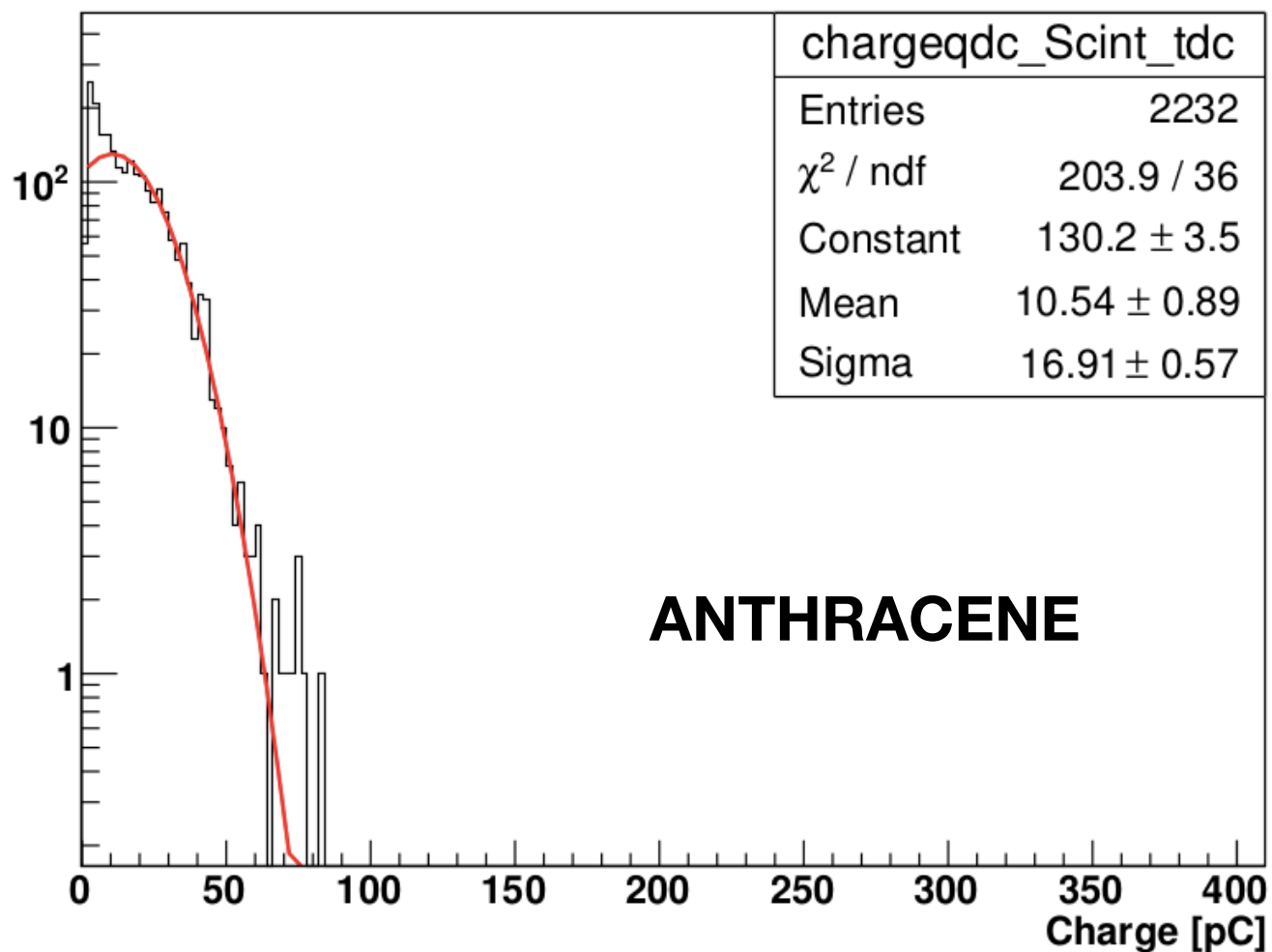
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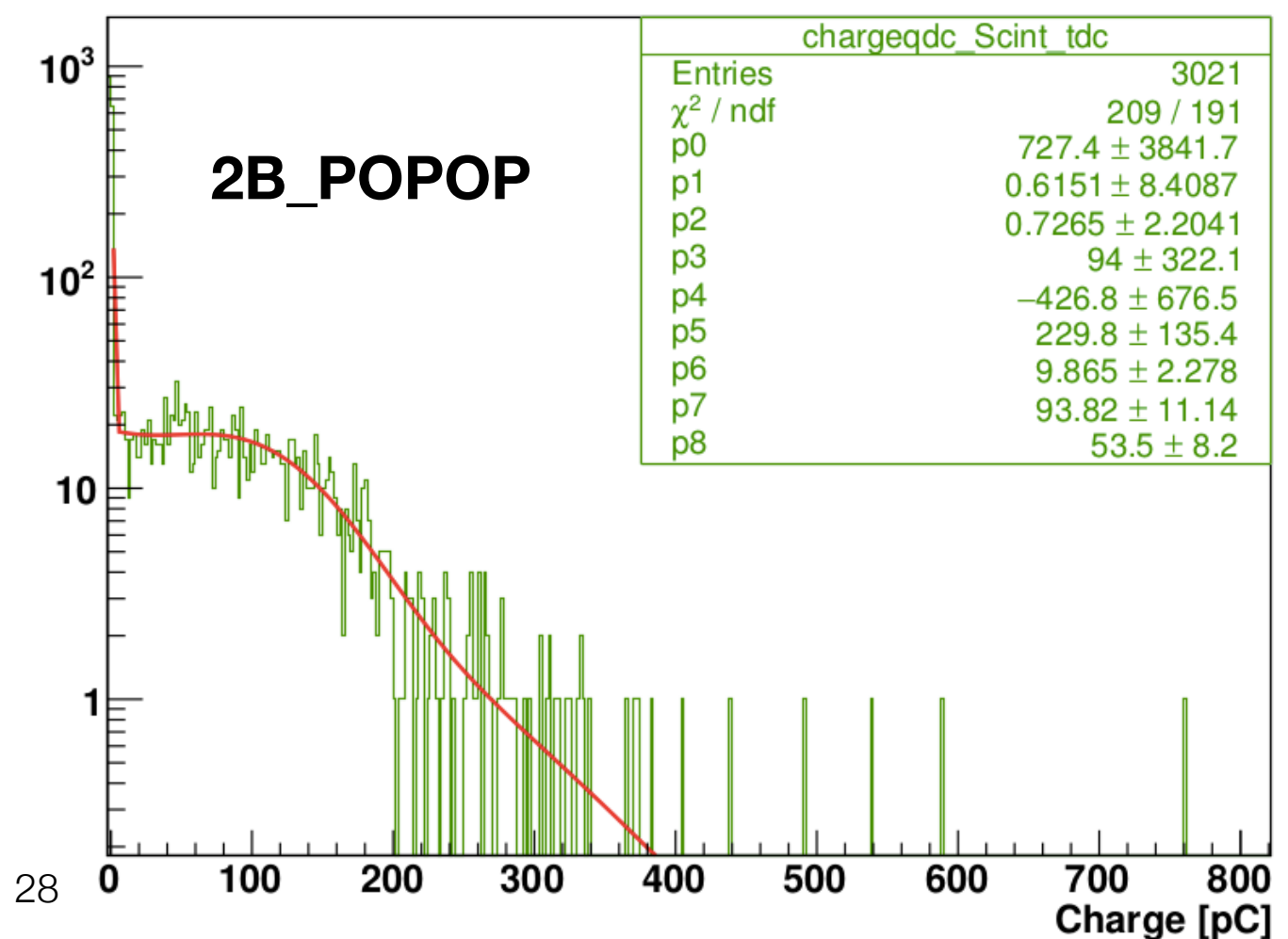
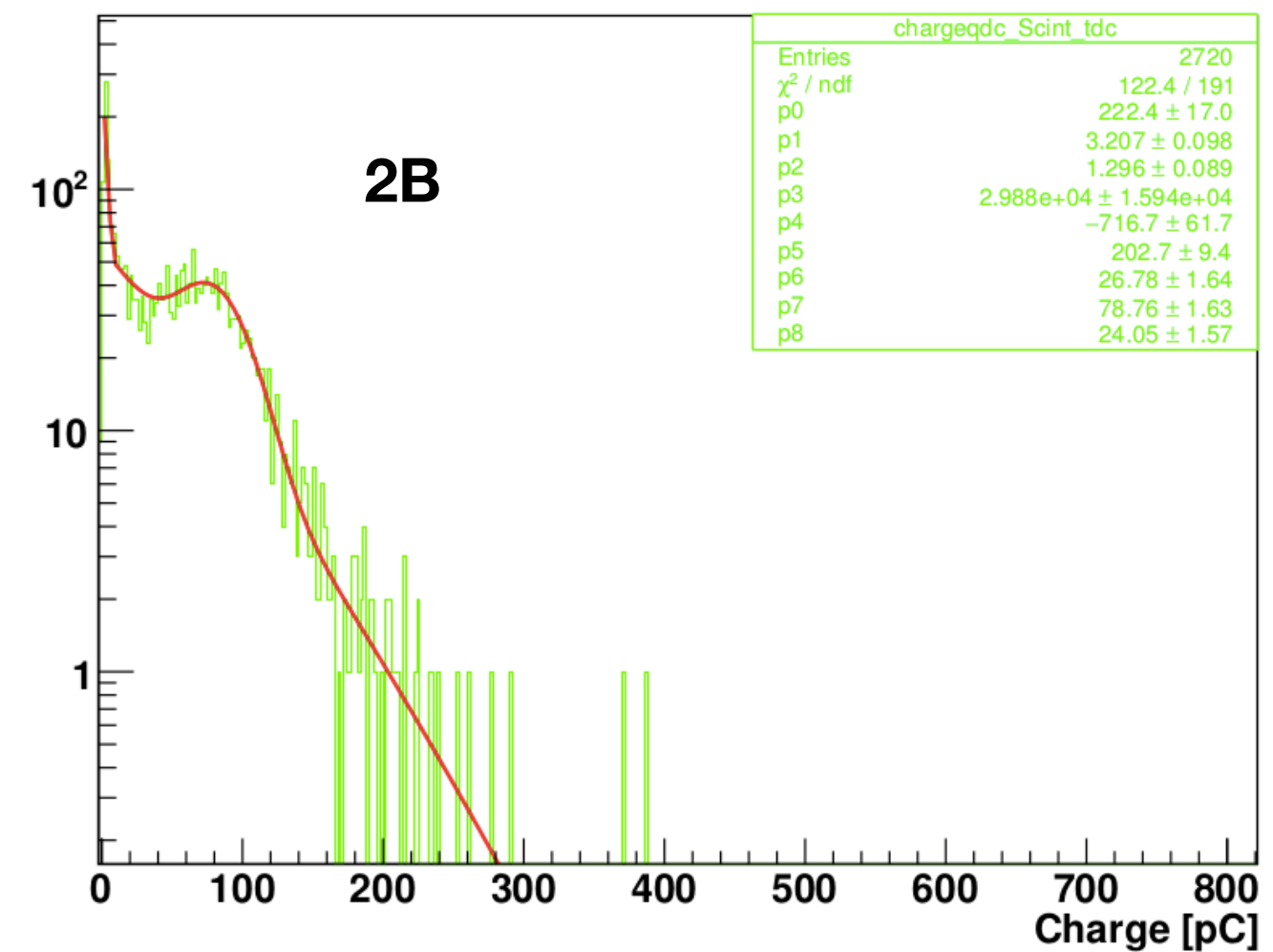
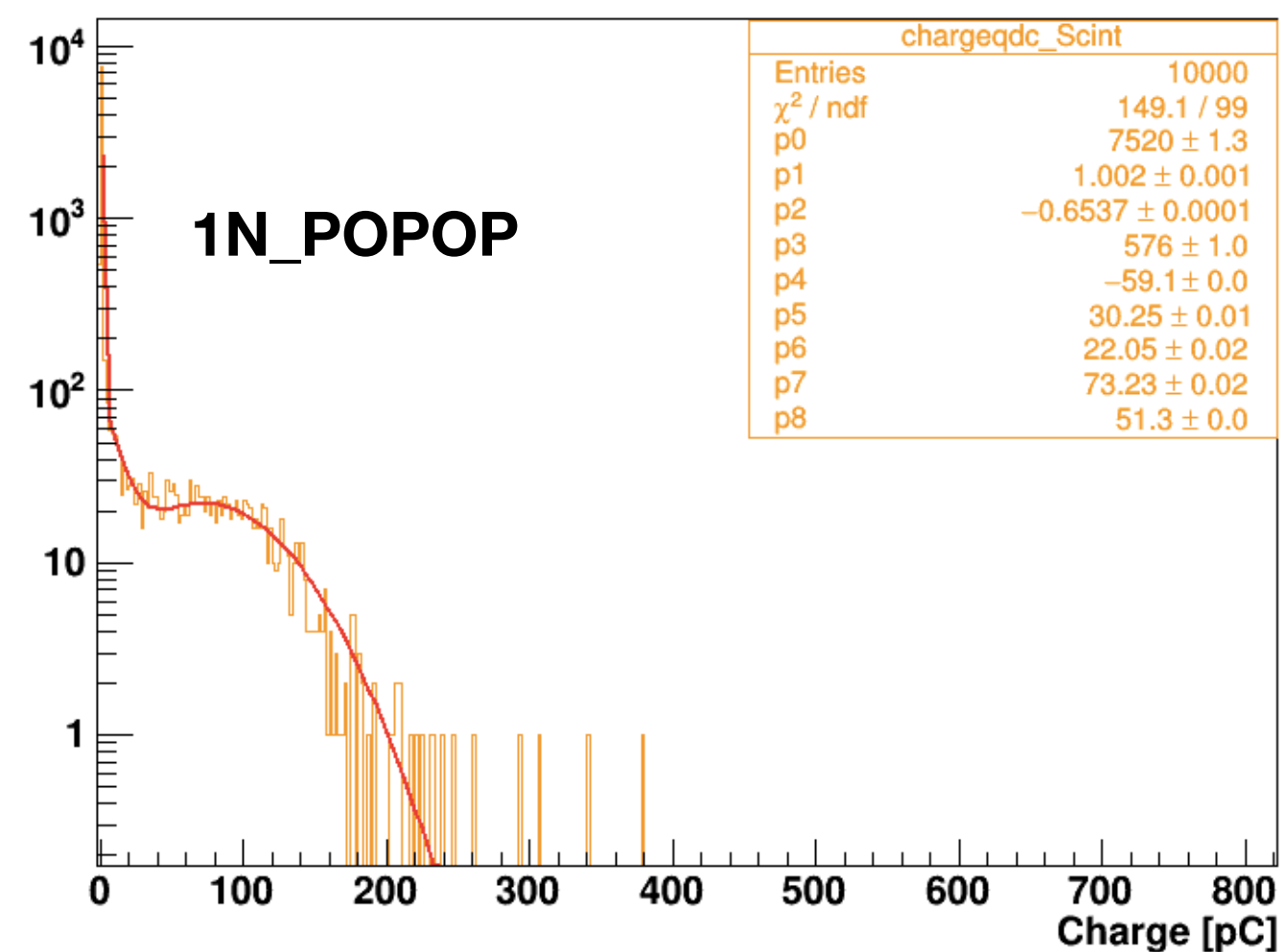
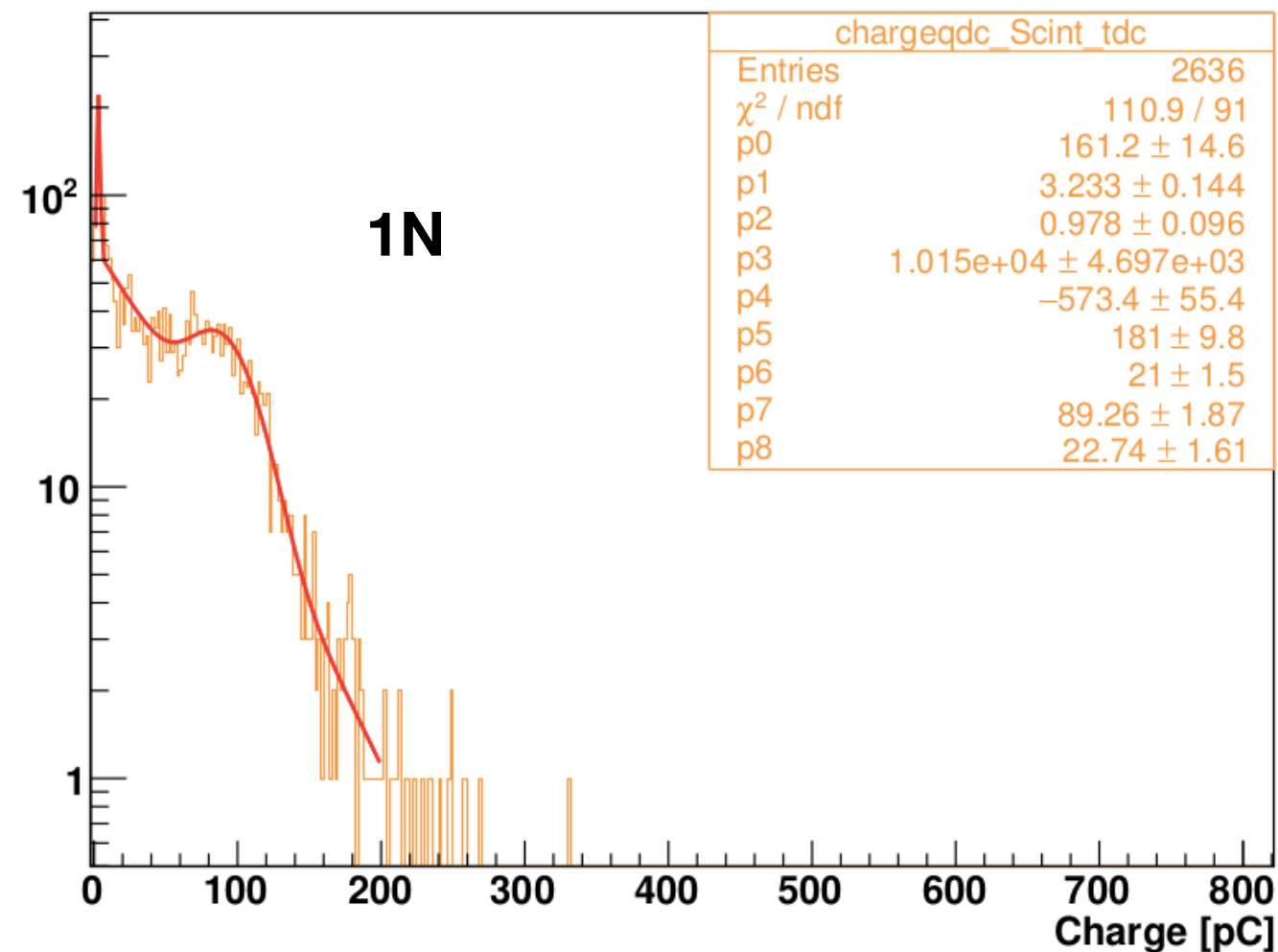
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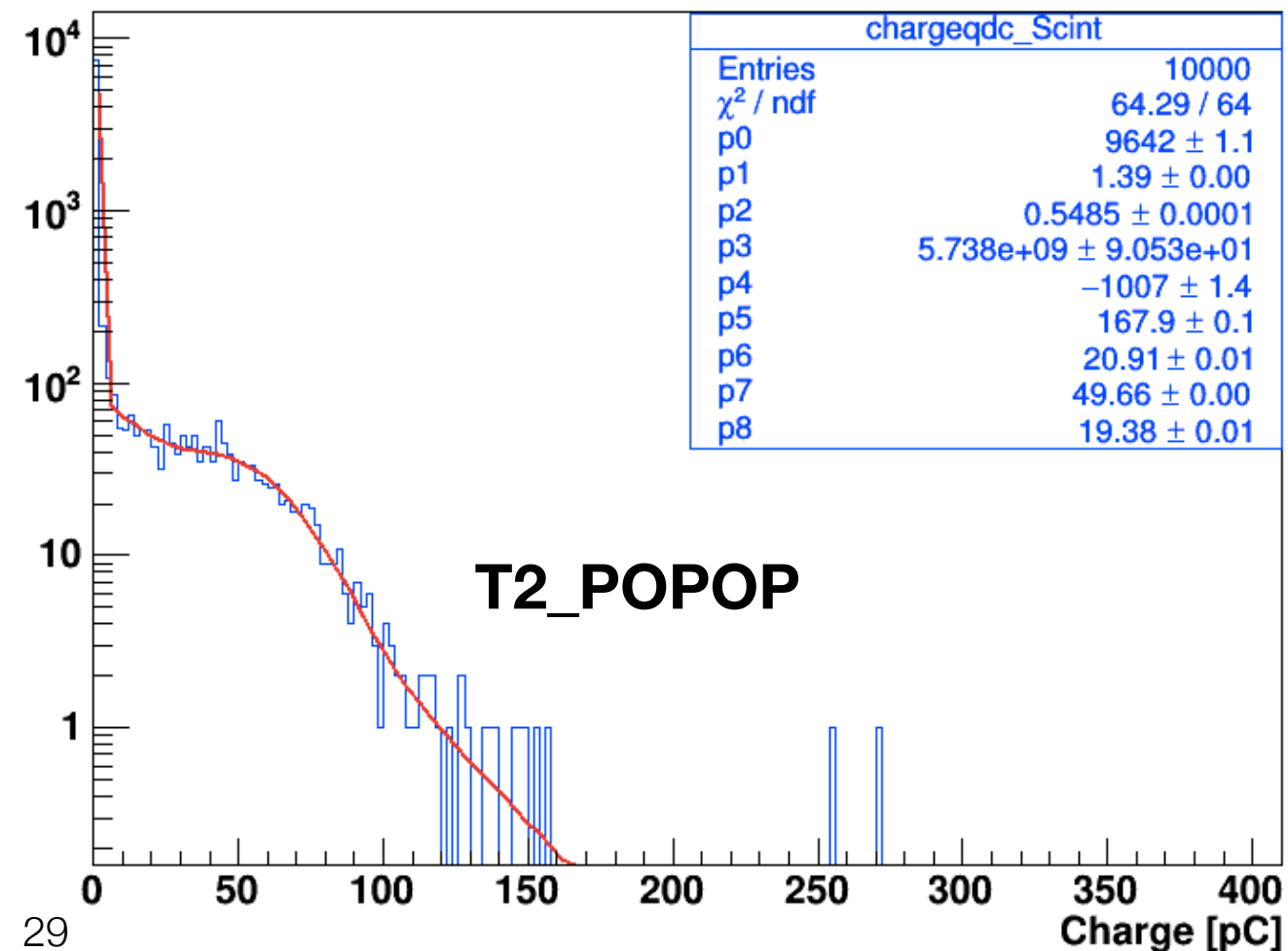
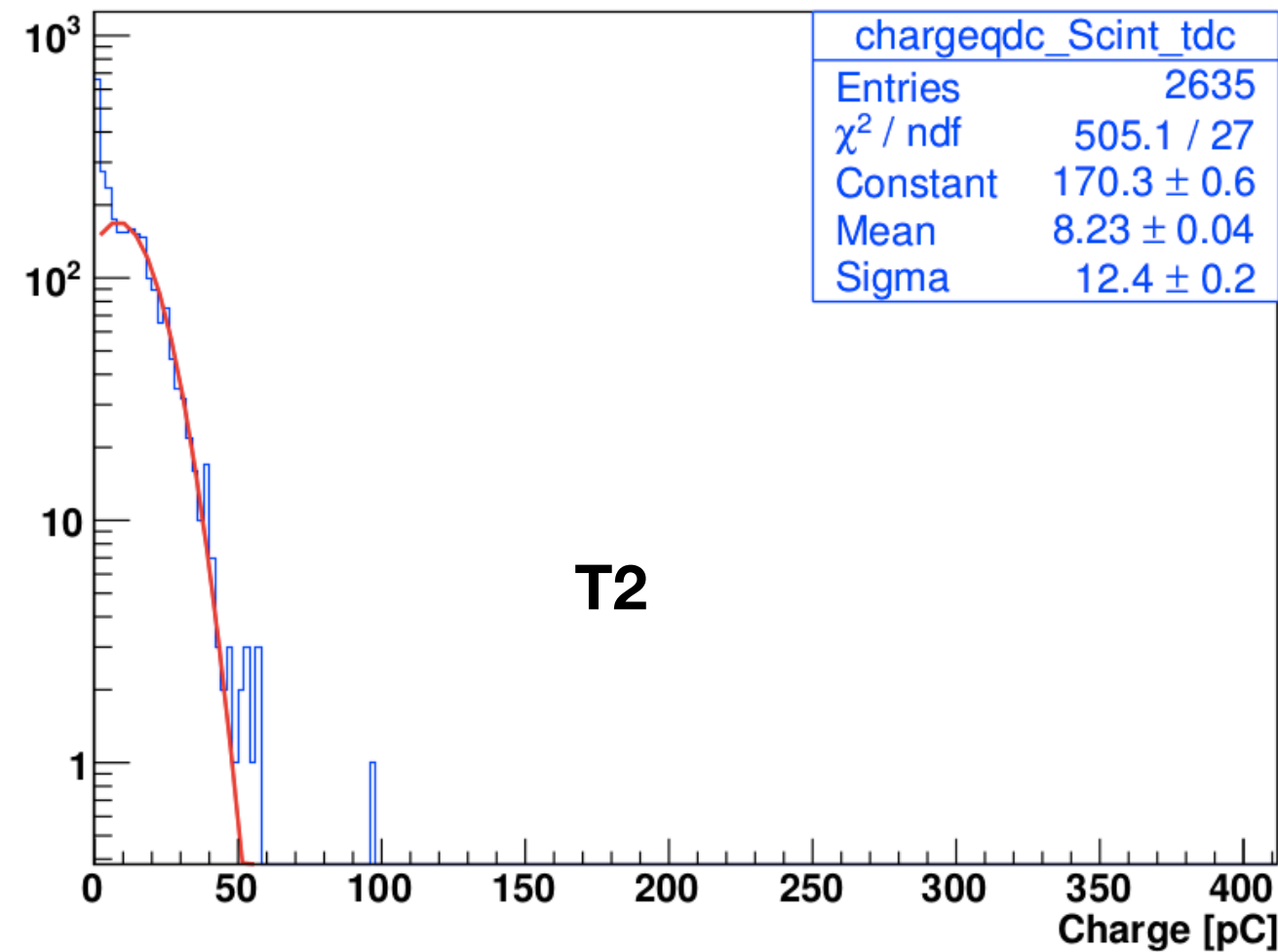
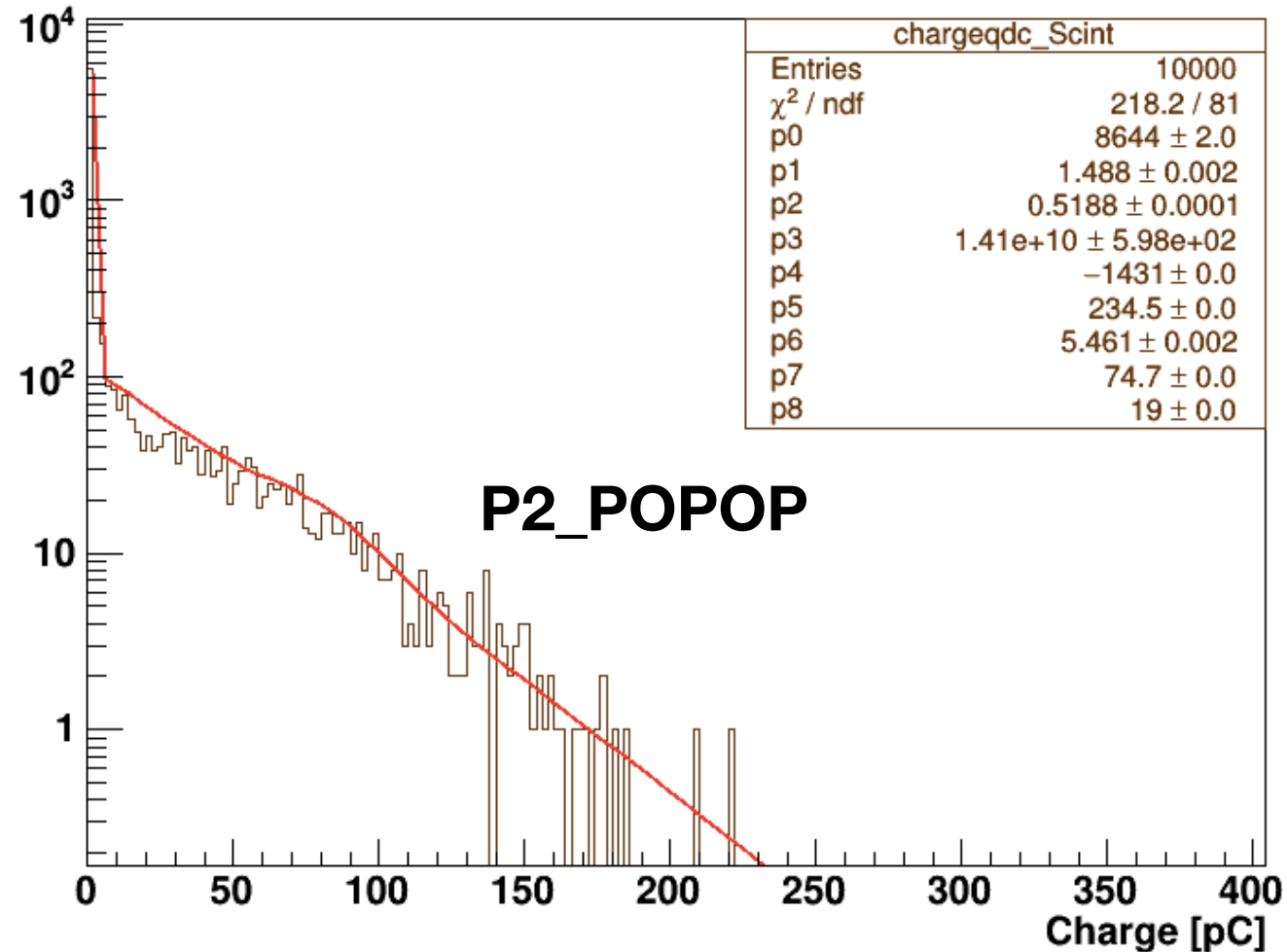
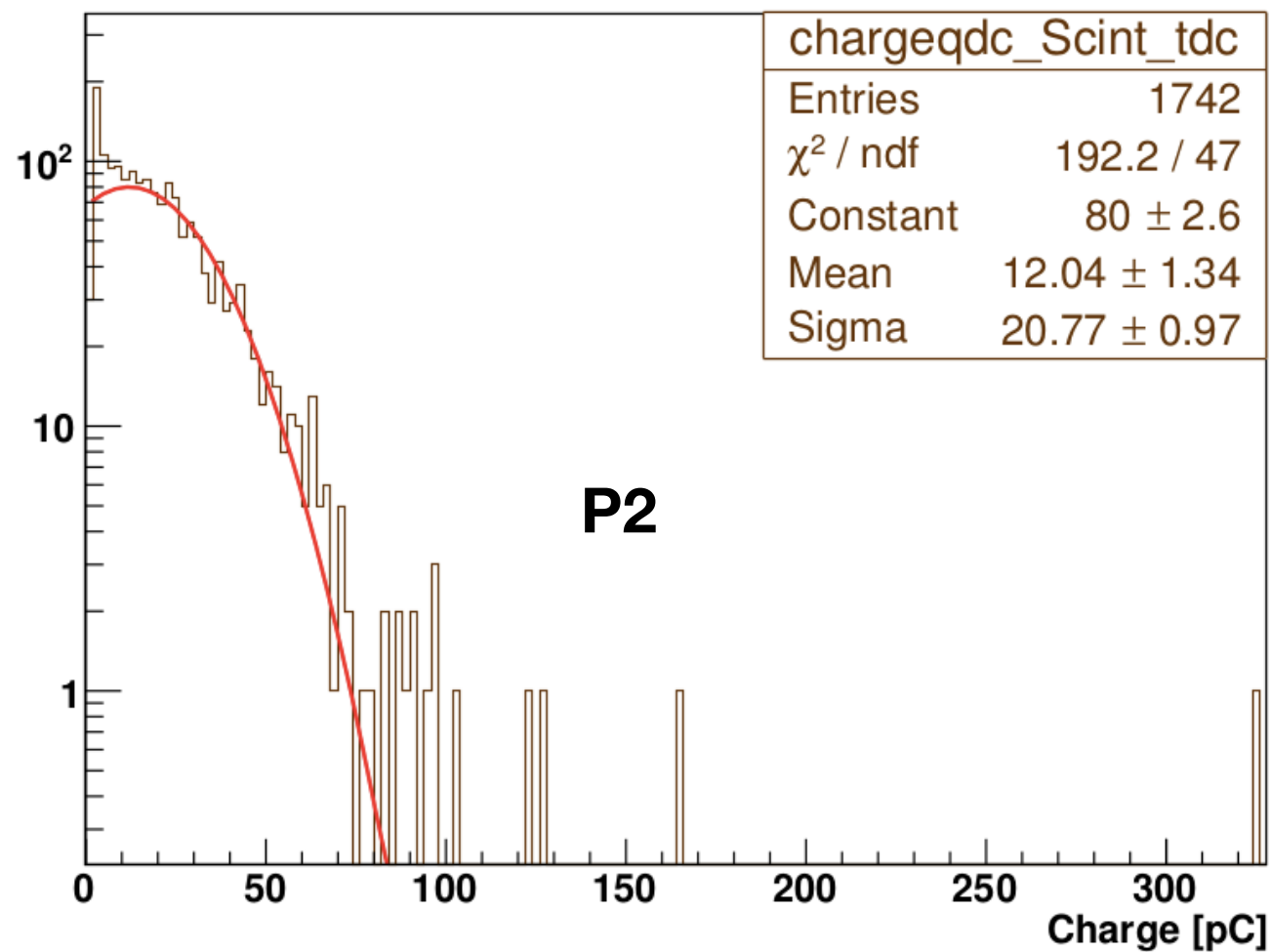


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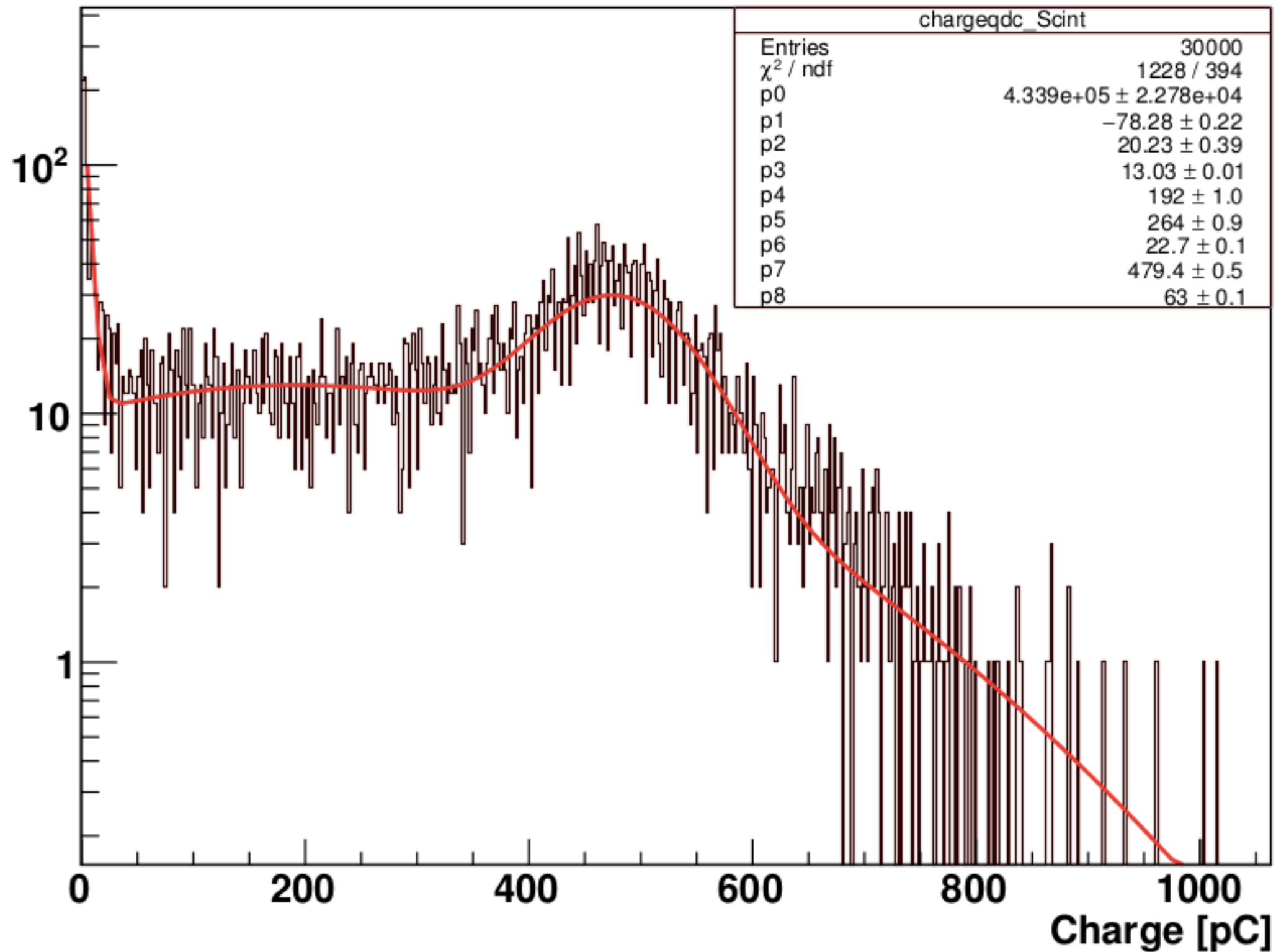


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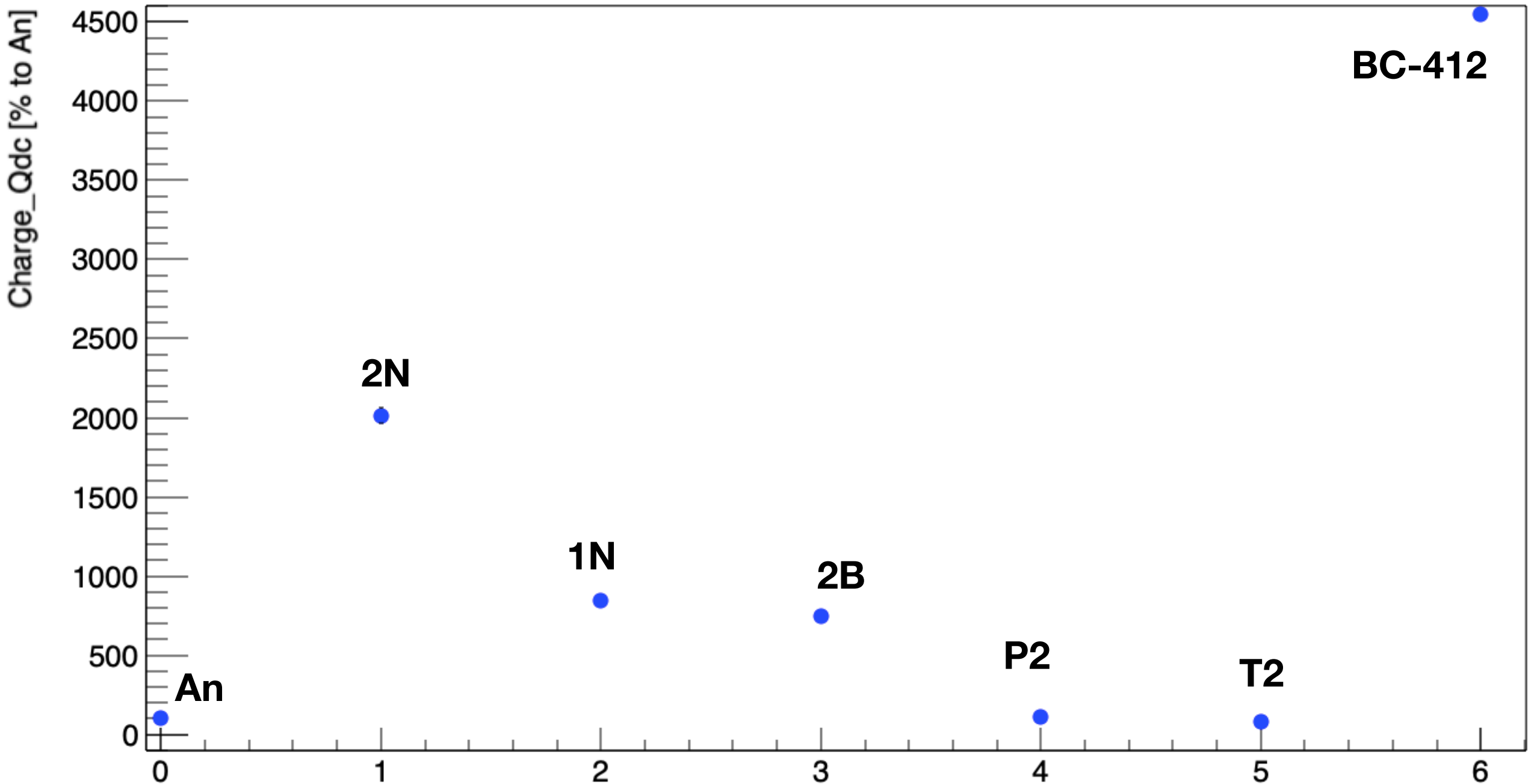


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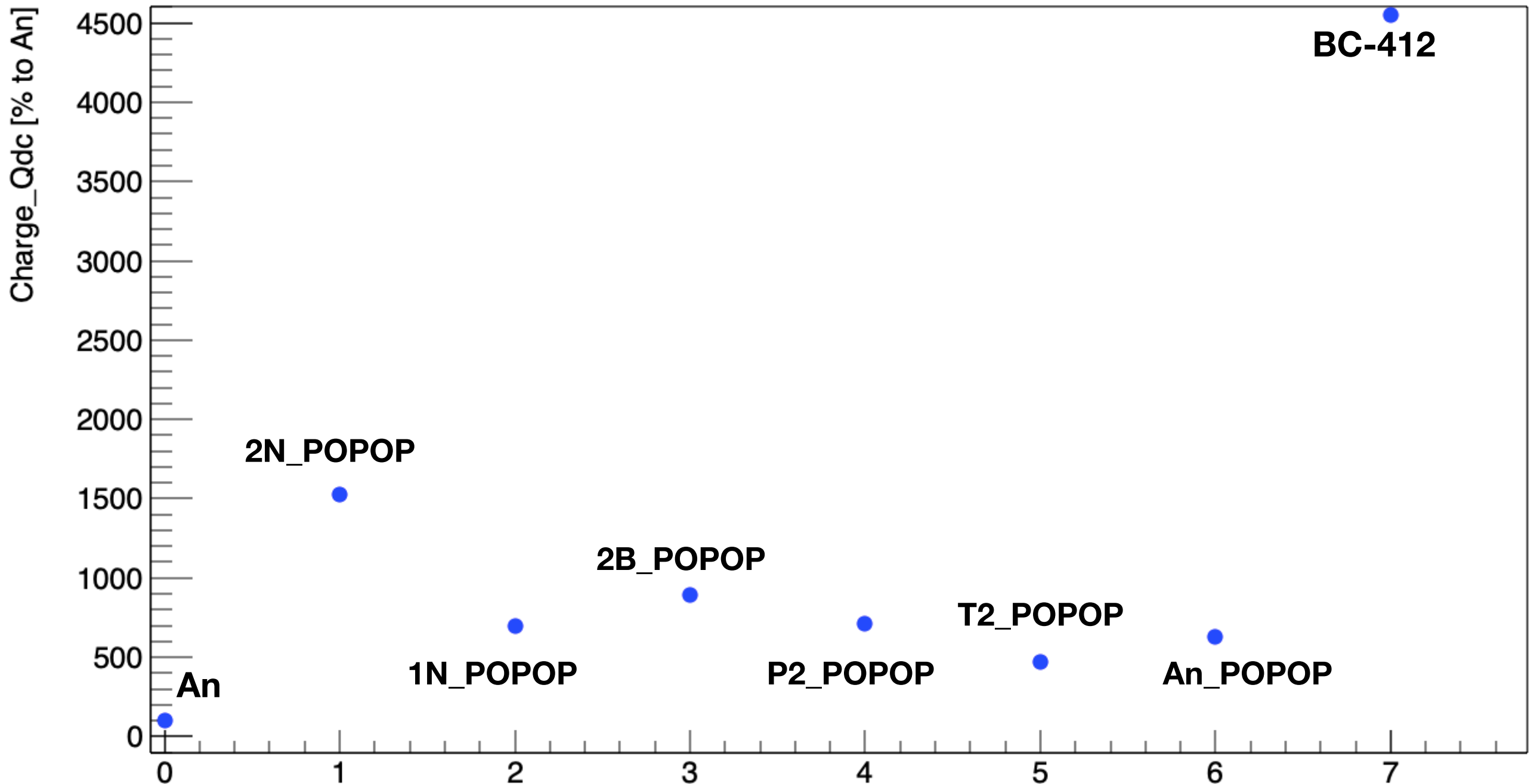


Mean Charge (% to An)	Scintillator	Scintillator + POPOP
BC 412	4548.3 ± 21.9	X
An	100	630.6 ± 11.0
2N	2013.4 ± 48.8	1523.8 ± 28.9
1N	846.9 ± 17.7	694.9 ± 12.9
2B	747.2 ± 15.5	890.1 ± 15.7
P2	114.2 ± 12.7	708.7 ± 16.5
T2	78.1 ± 0.4	471.2 ± 10.6

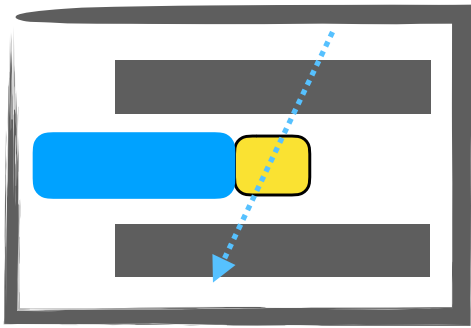
Plot Charge [% to An] Scintillators



Plot Charge [% to An] Scintillators + POPOP



Time Resolution



Calculation

Le risoluzioni temporali sono ricavate attraverso le seguenti relazioni.

- 1) Dal grafico STS1-STS2 (per semplicità ΔTime), si ricava la $\sigma = \sigma_{\Delta\text{time}}$, da cui:
($\sigma_{\text{STS1}} = \sigma_{\text{STS2}}$)

$$\sigma_{\Delta\text{time}} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\text{STS1}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{STS2}}^2} = \sqrt{2}\sigma_{\text{STS2}}.$$

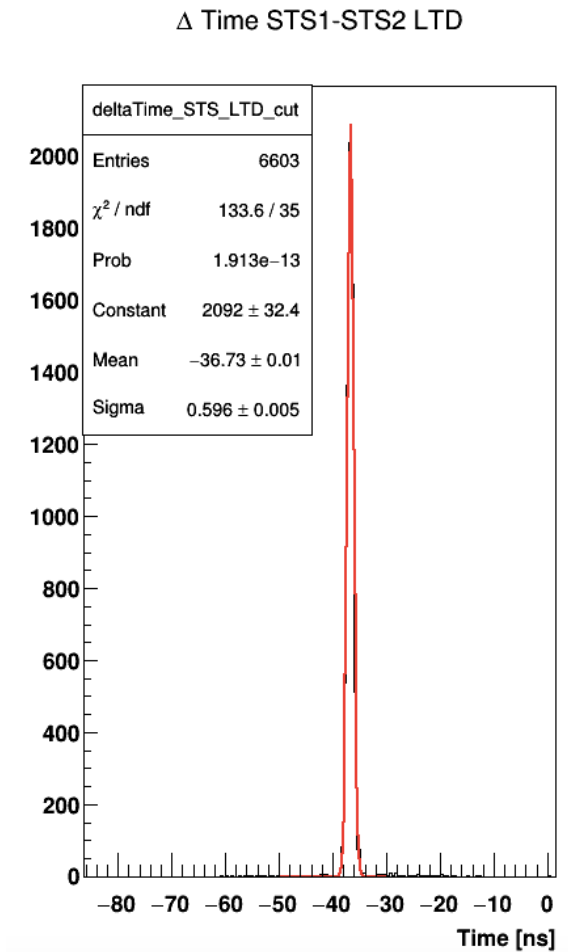
- 2) Dal grafico Scint-STS2, si ricava la $\sigma = \sigma_{\text{Scint-STS2}}$, da cui:

$$\sigma_{\text{Scint-STS2}} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\text{Scint}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{STS2}}^2}.$$

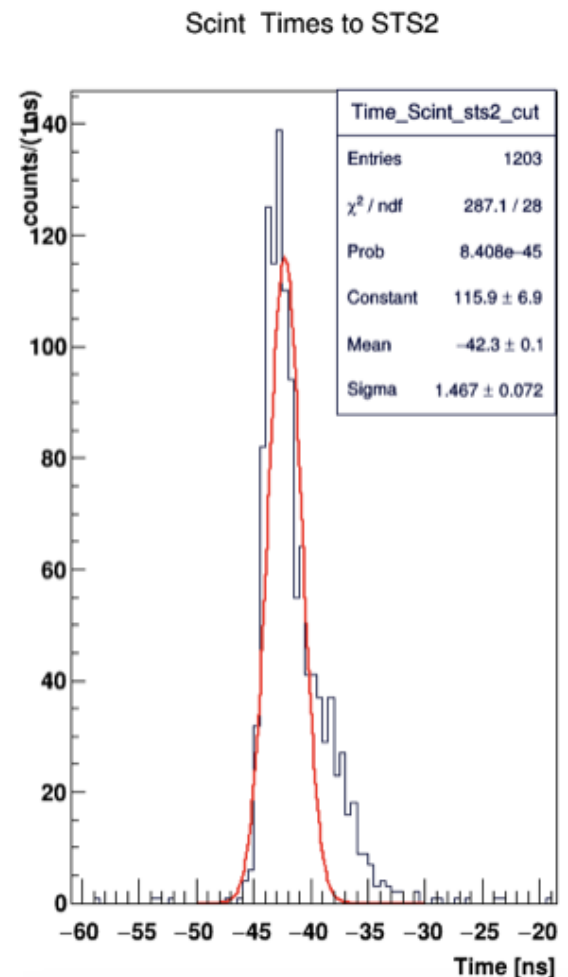
- 3) Si ottiene quindi il valore della risoluzione temporale dello scintillatore confrontando i due risultati ottenuti graficamente, per cui:

$$\sigma_{\text{Scint}} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\text{Scint-STS2}}^2 - \sigma_{\text{STS2}}^2}.$$

Discriminatore



Constant Fraction



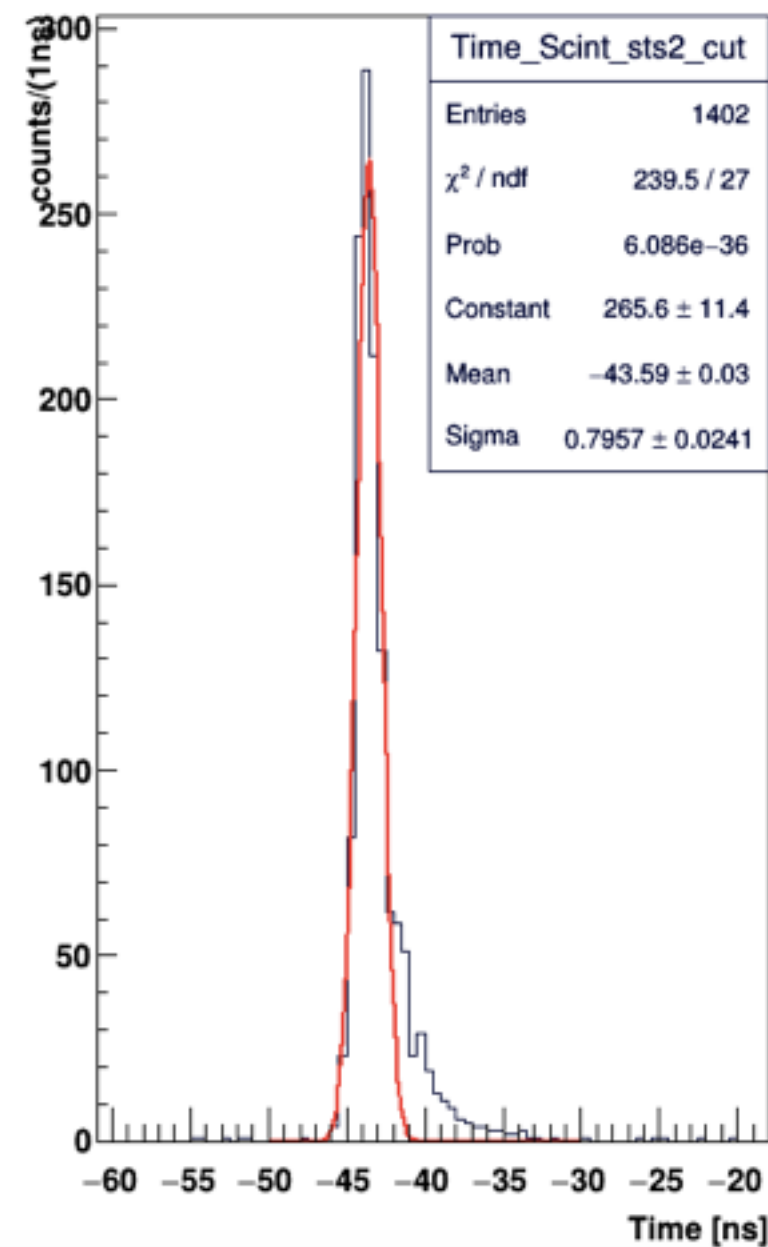
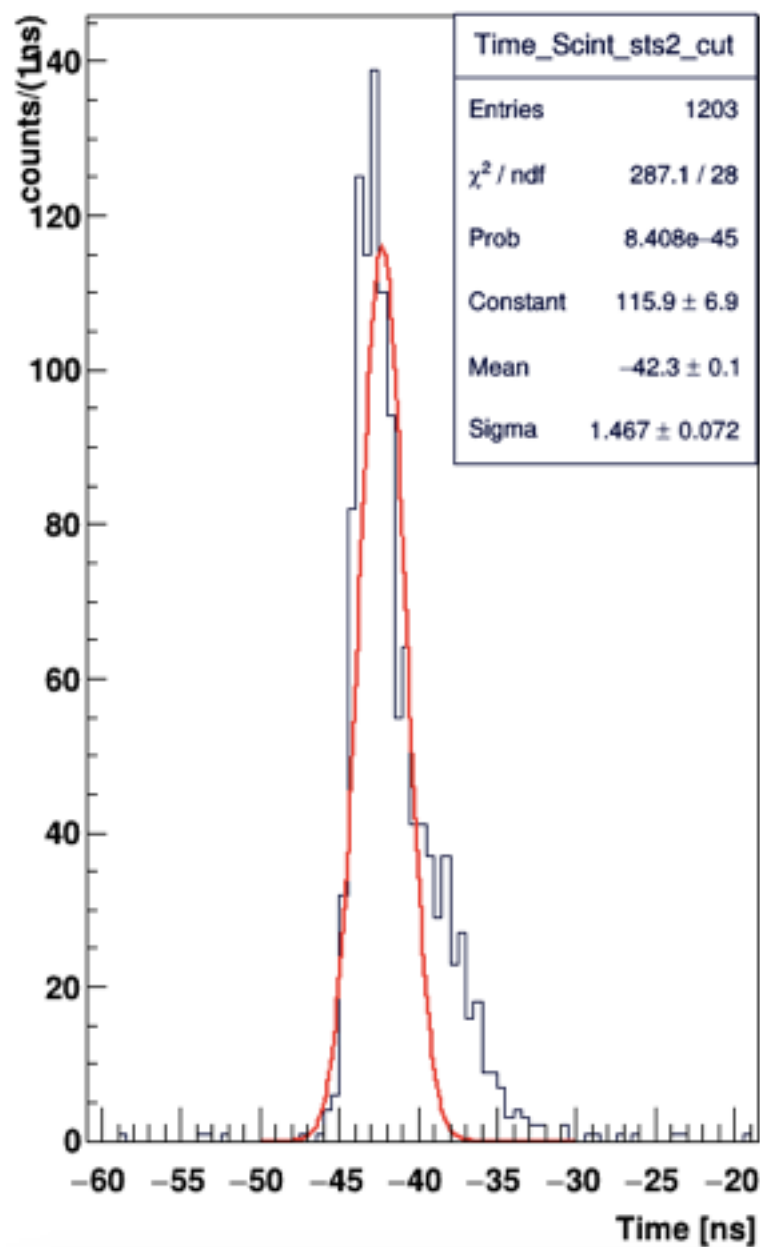
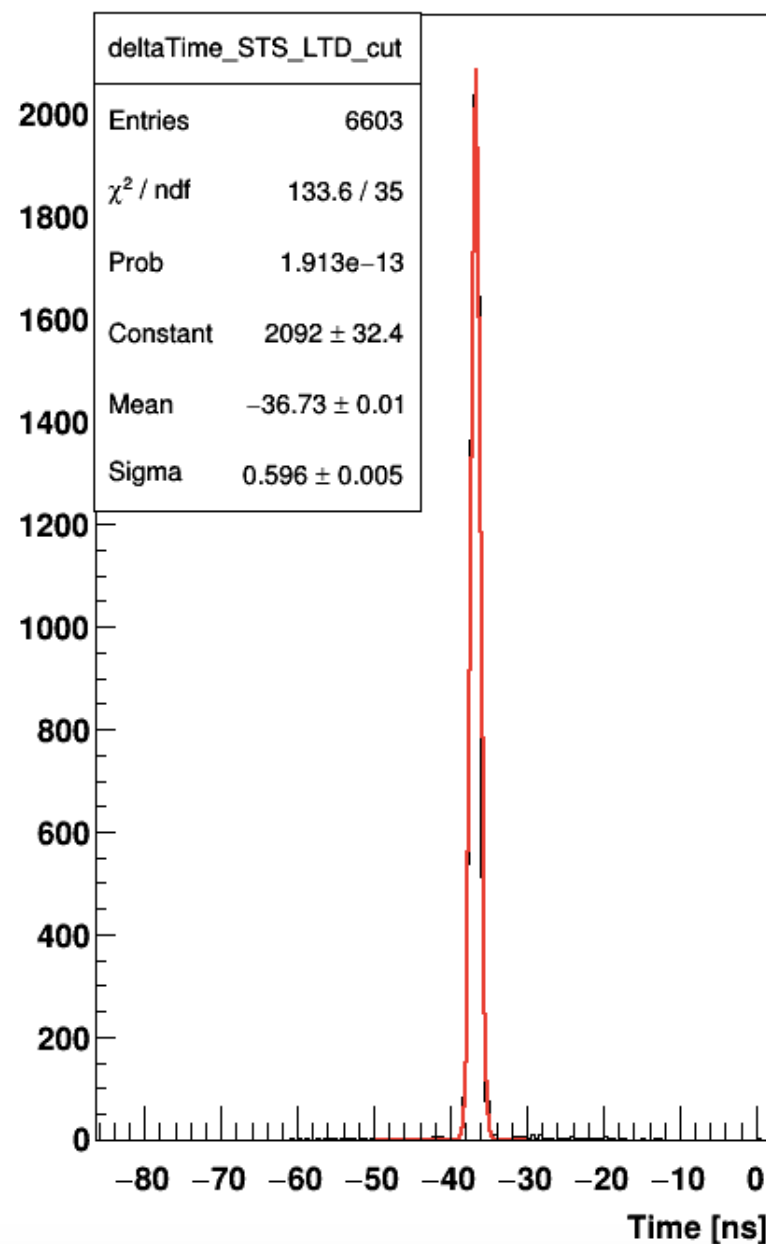
AN(1%)_Solido

AN(1%)_Solido_POPOP

Δ Time STS1-ST2 LTD

Scint Times to STS2

Scint Times to STS2



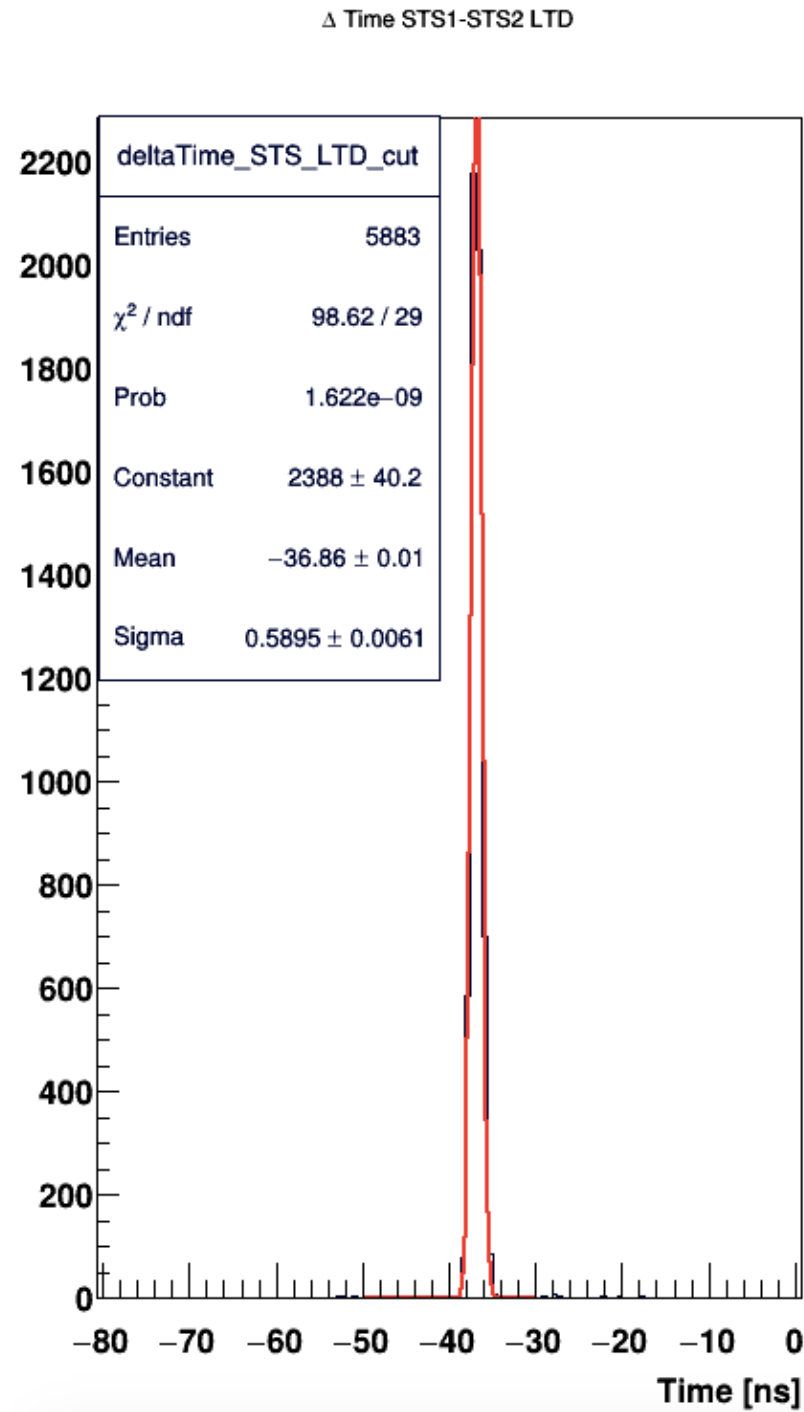
$$\sigma_{\text{sts2}} = 0.421 \pm 0.004 \text{ ns}$$

$$\sigma = 1.467 \pm 0.072 \text{ ns}$$

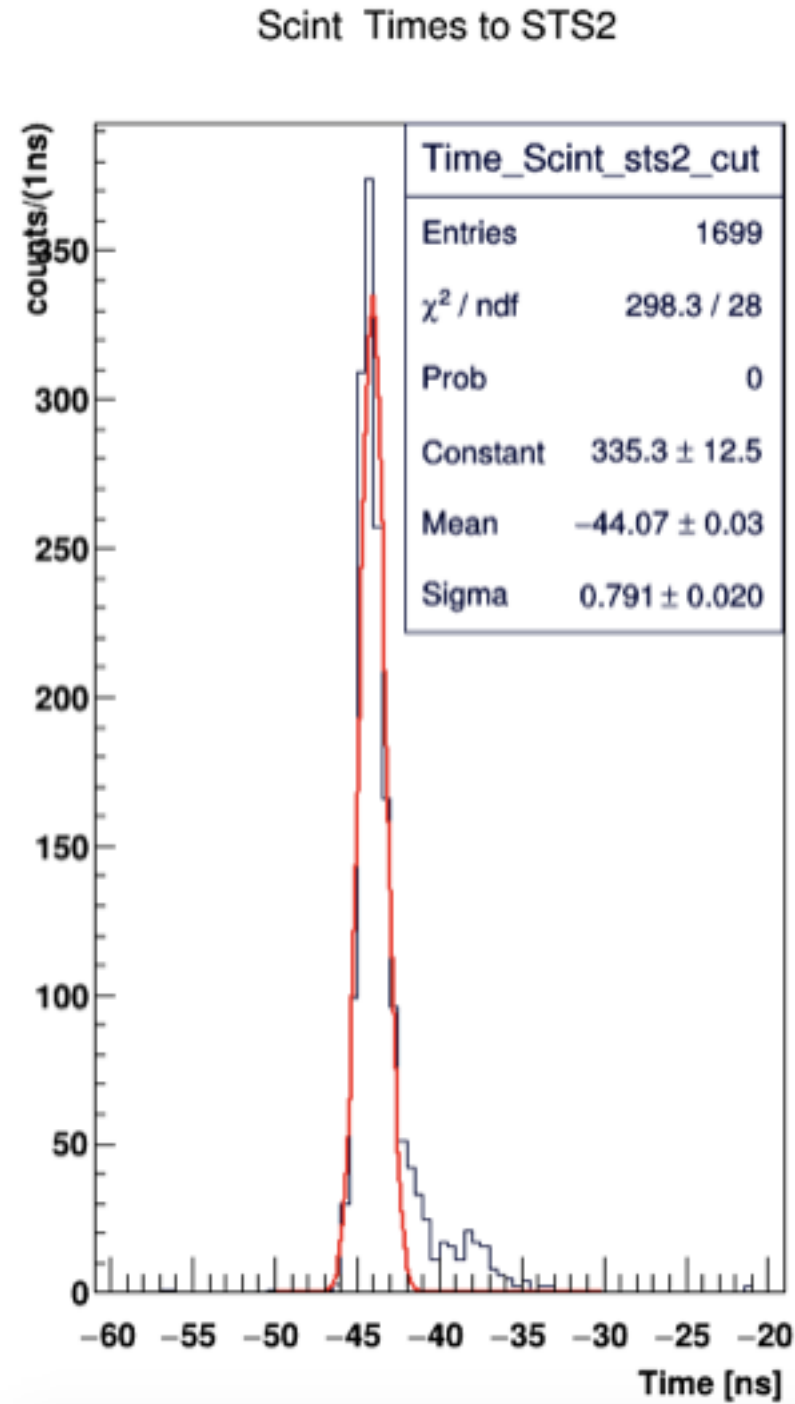
$$\sigma = 0.796 \pm 0.024 \text{ ns}$$

2N(1%)_Solido

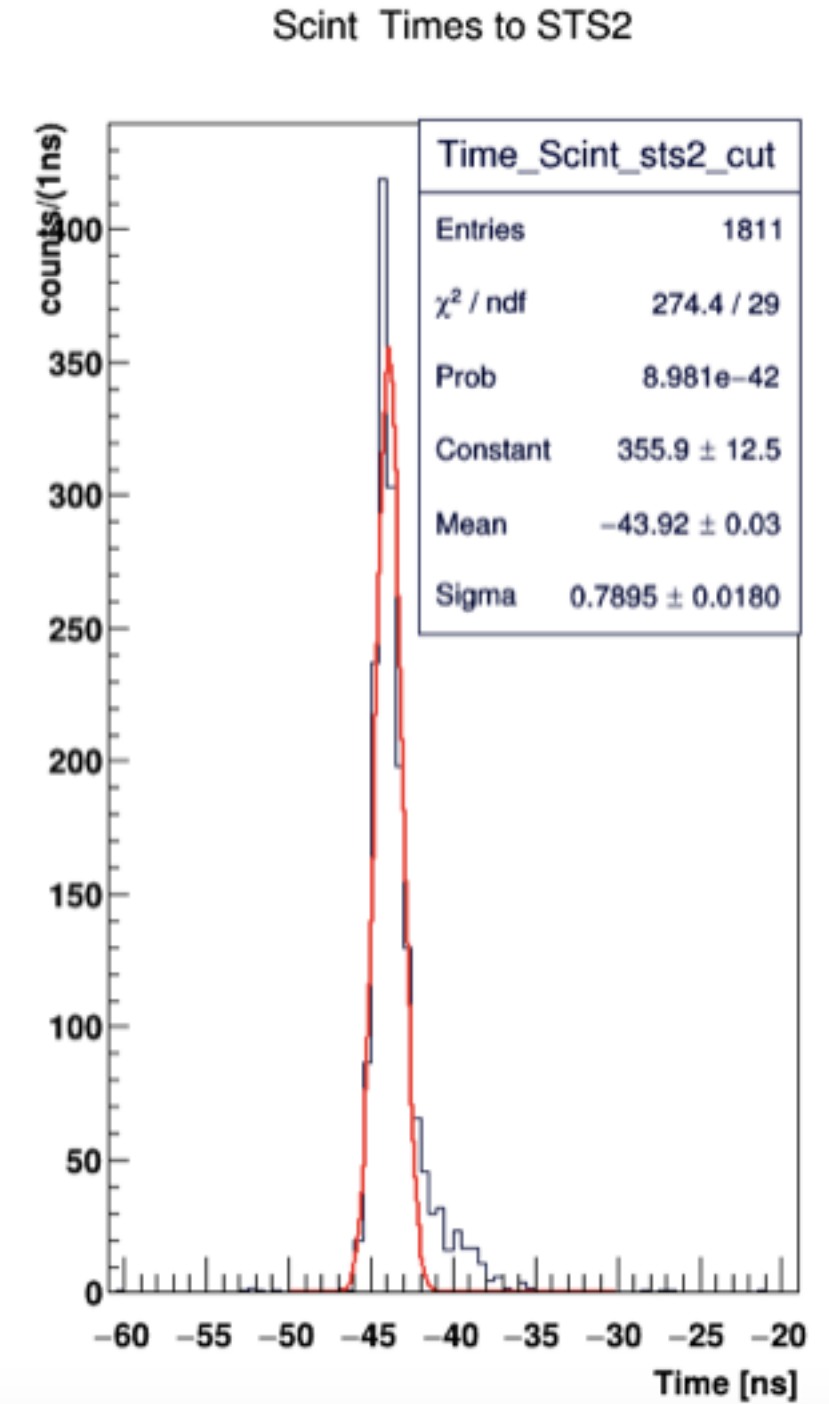
2N(1%)_Solido_POPOP



$$\sigma_{\text{sts2}} = 0.417 \pm 0.004 \text{ ns}$$



$$\sigma = 0.791 \pm 0.020 \text{ ns}$$



$$\sigma = 0.790 \pm 0.018 \text{ ns}$$

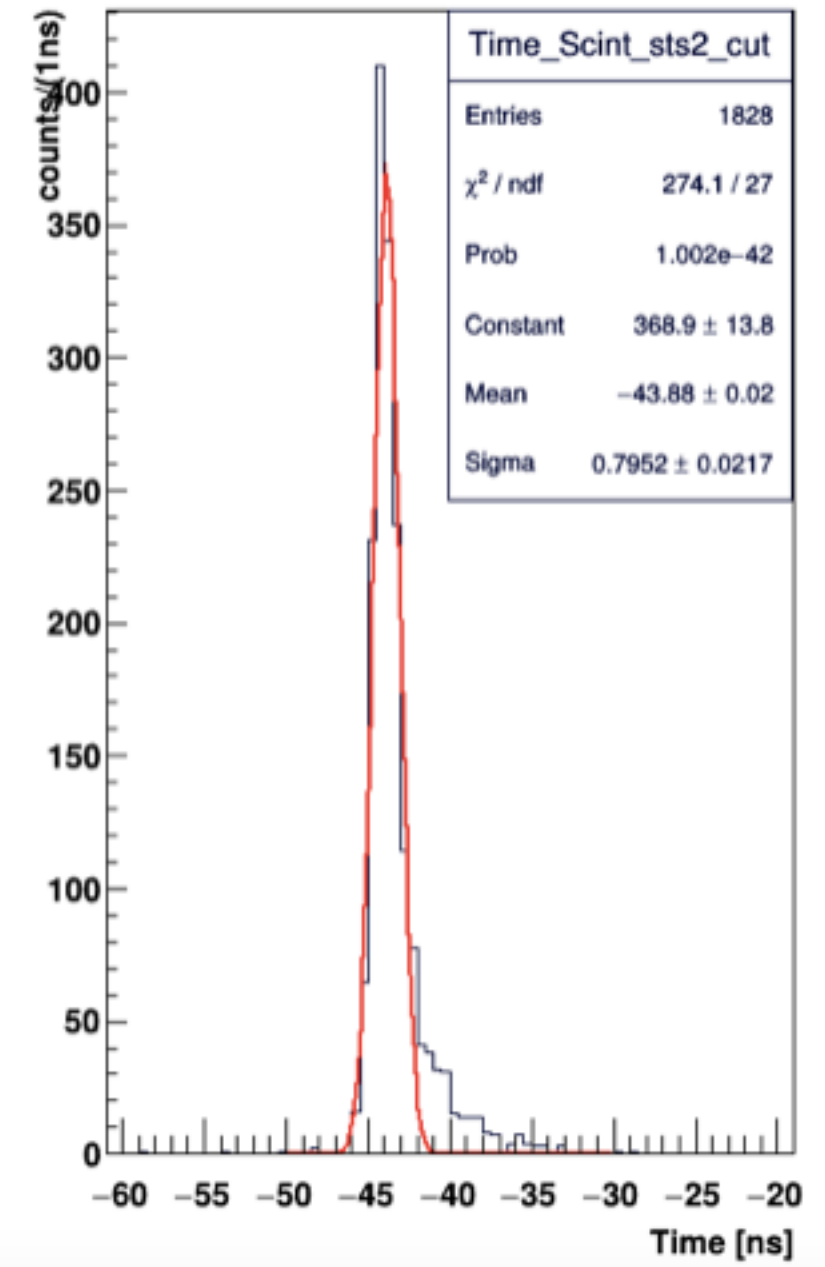
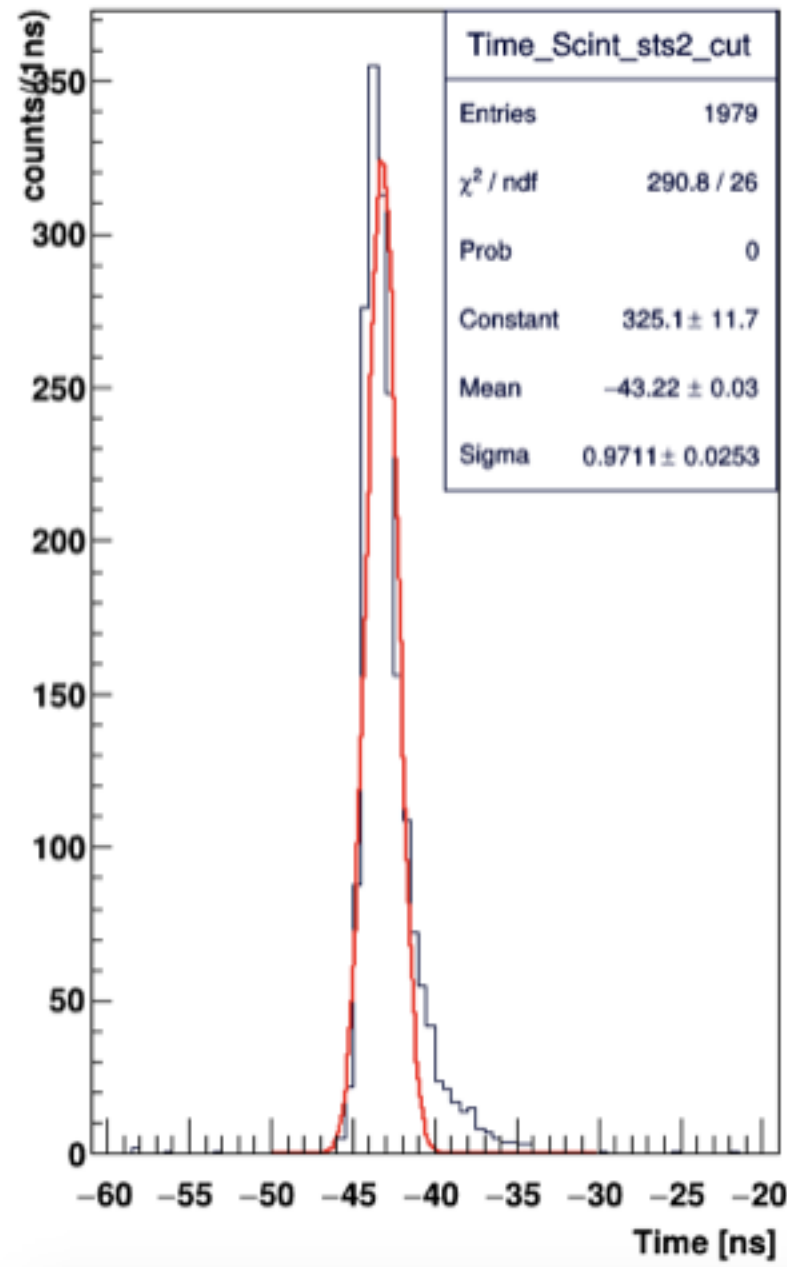
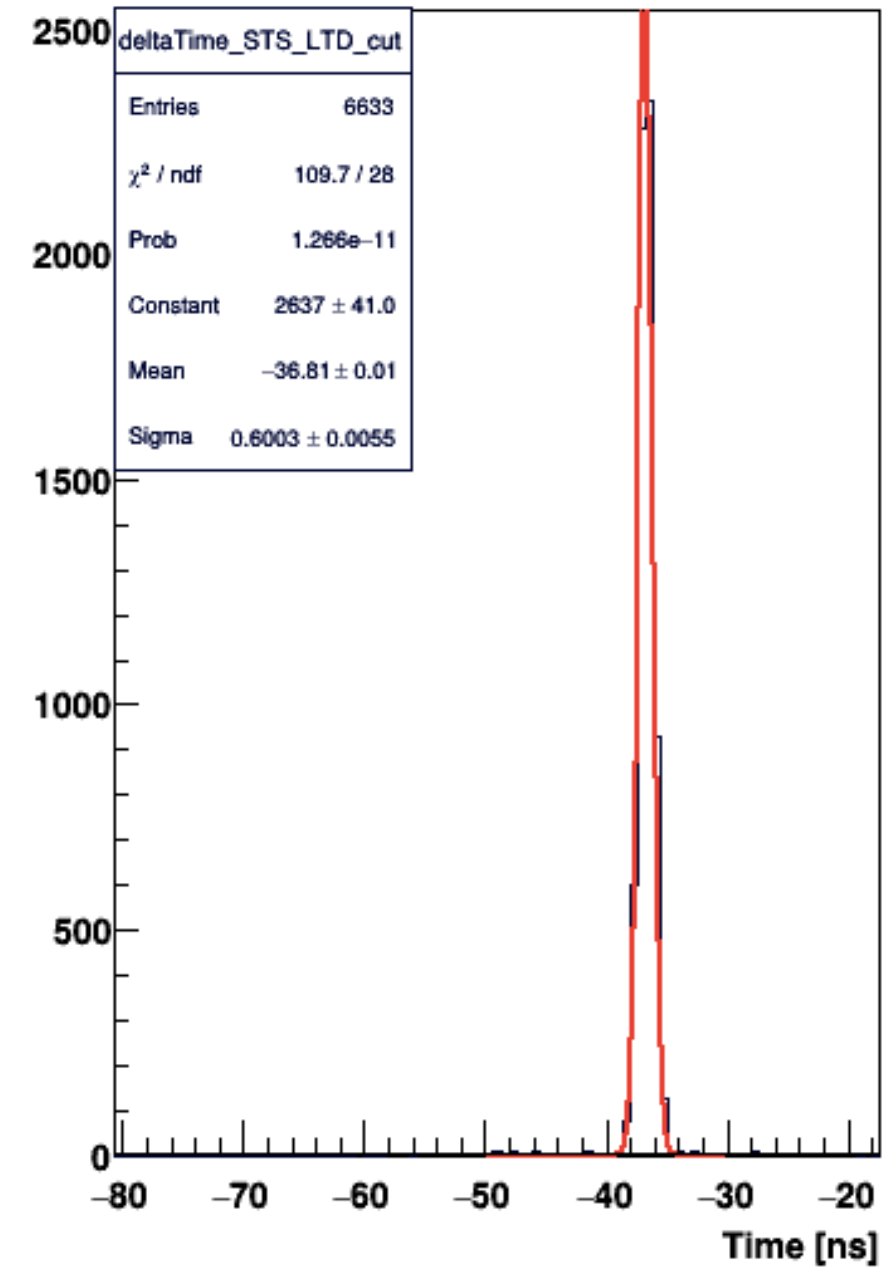
2B(1%)_Solido

2B(1%)_Solido_POPOP

Δ Time STS1-STs2 LTD

Scint Times to STS2

Scint Times to STS2



$$\sigma_{\text{sts2}} = 0.426 \pm 0.004 \text{ ns}$$

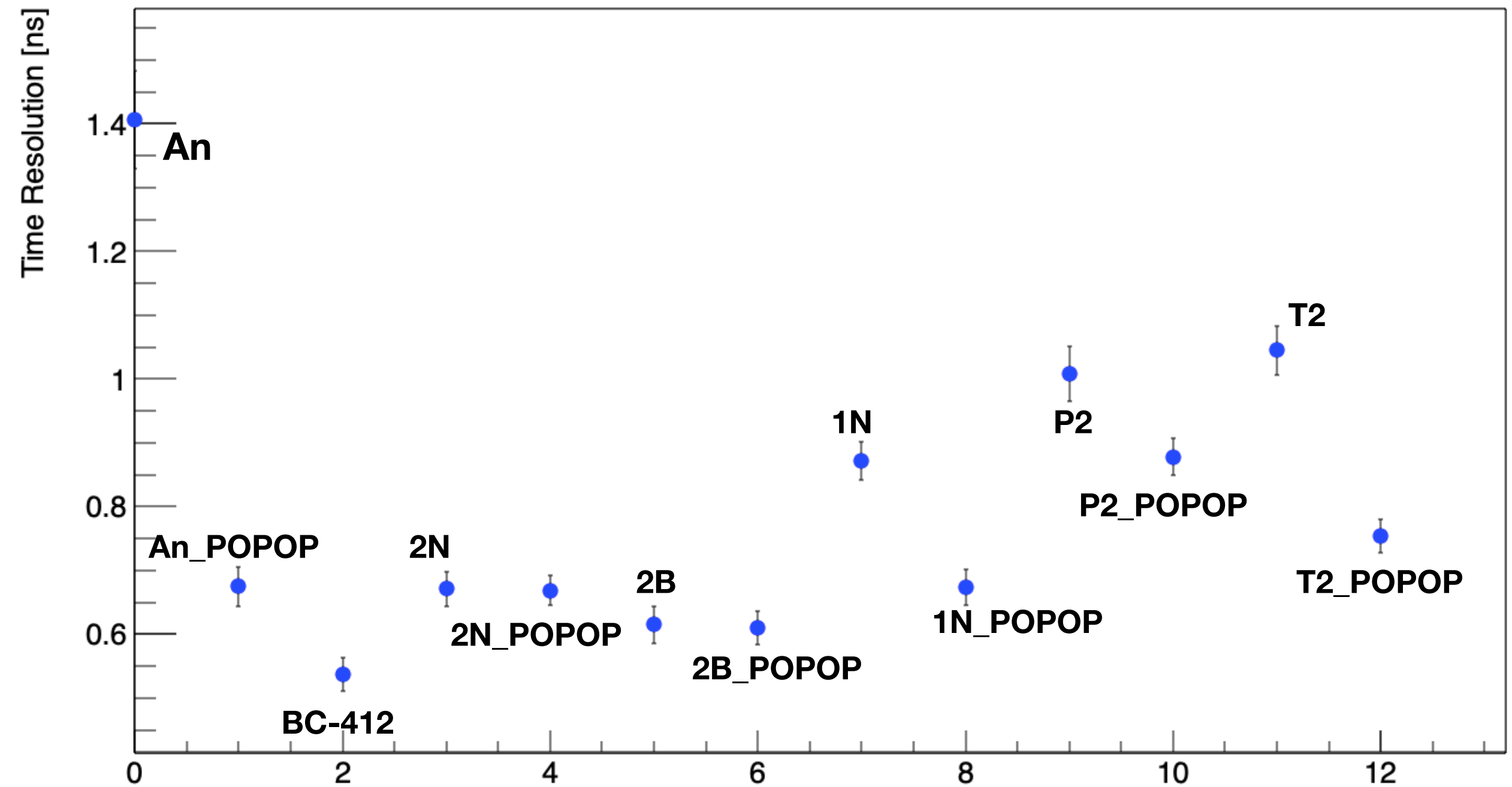
$$\sigma = 0.971 \pm 0.025 \text{ ns}$$

$$\sigma = 0.795 \pm 0.022 \text{ ns}$$

σ_{res} (ns)	Scintillator	Scintillator + POPOP
An	1.407 ± 0.077	0.675 ± 0.031
BC-412	0.538 ± 0.026	X
2N	0.671 ± 0.027	0.669 ± 0.024
1N	0.615 ± 0.029	0.610 ± 0.026
2B	0.871 ± 0.030	0.673 ± 0.028
T2	1.009 ± 0.043	0.878 ± 0.029
P2	1.045 ± 0.038	0.754 ± 0.027

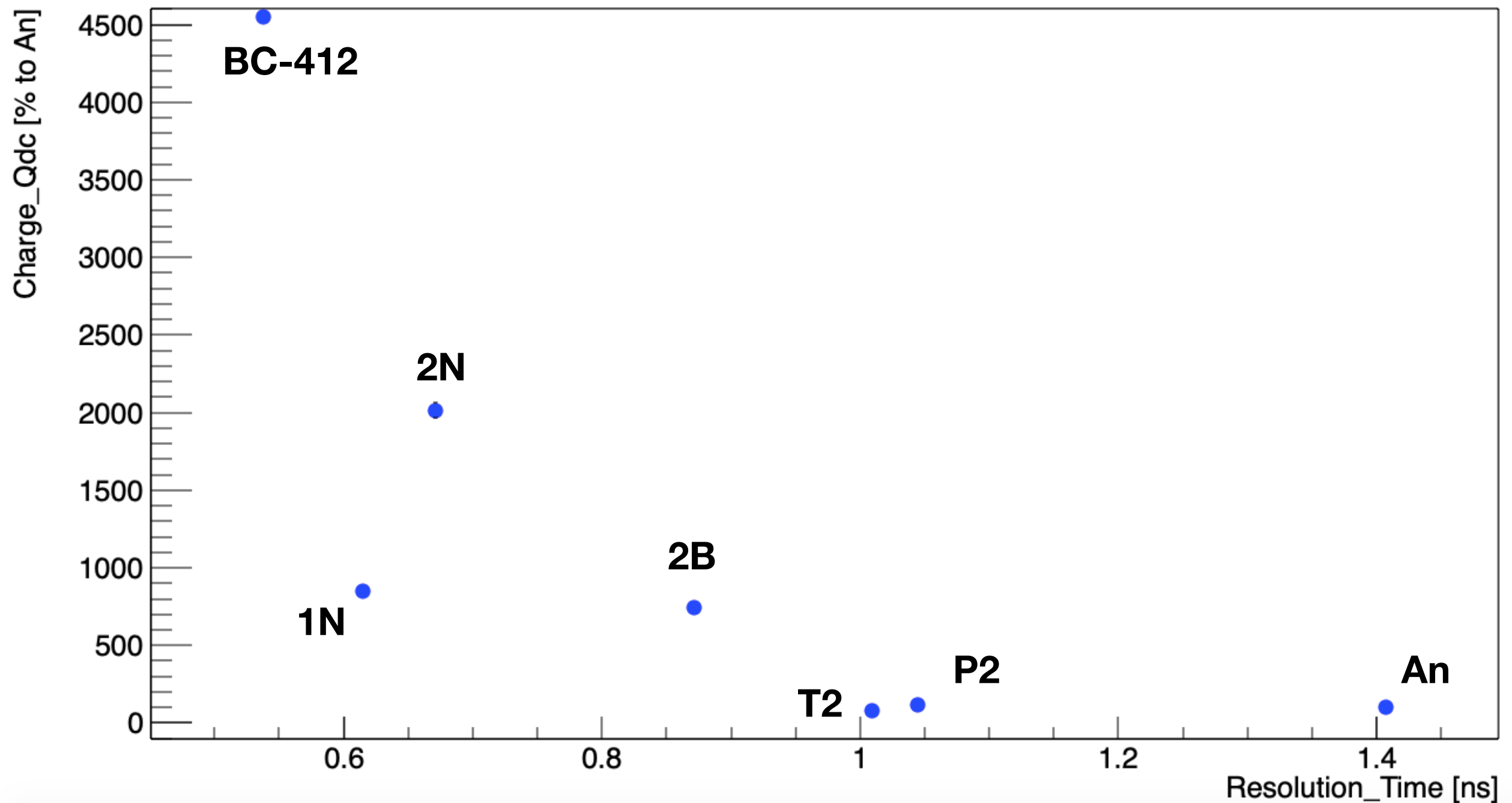
Plot Time Resolution [ns]

Scintillators + POPOP



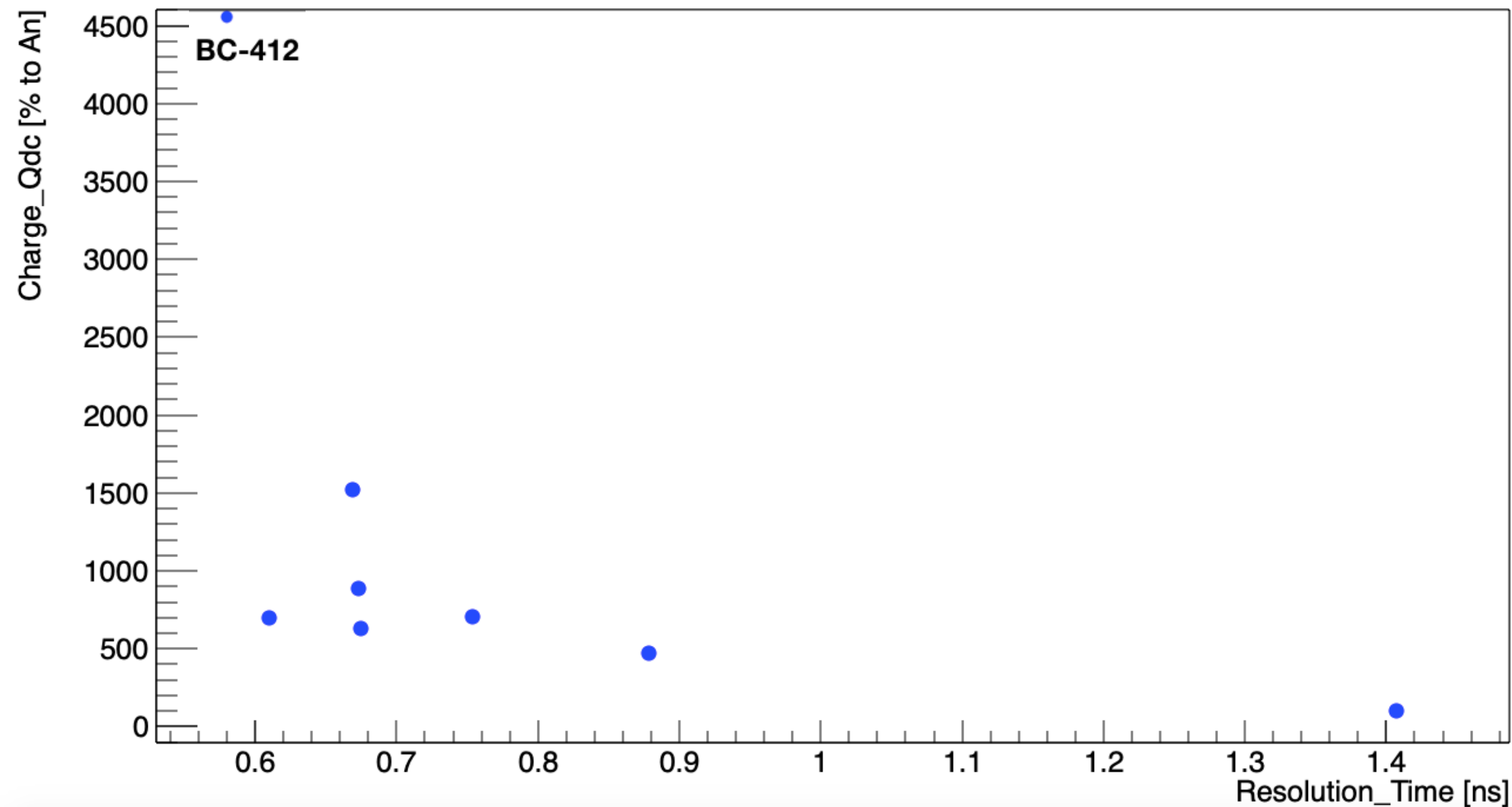
Plot Charge vs Time Resolution

Plot Charge [% to An] vs Time Resolution [ns] Scintillators



Plot Charge [% to An] vs Time Resolution [ns]

Scintillators + POPOP

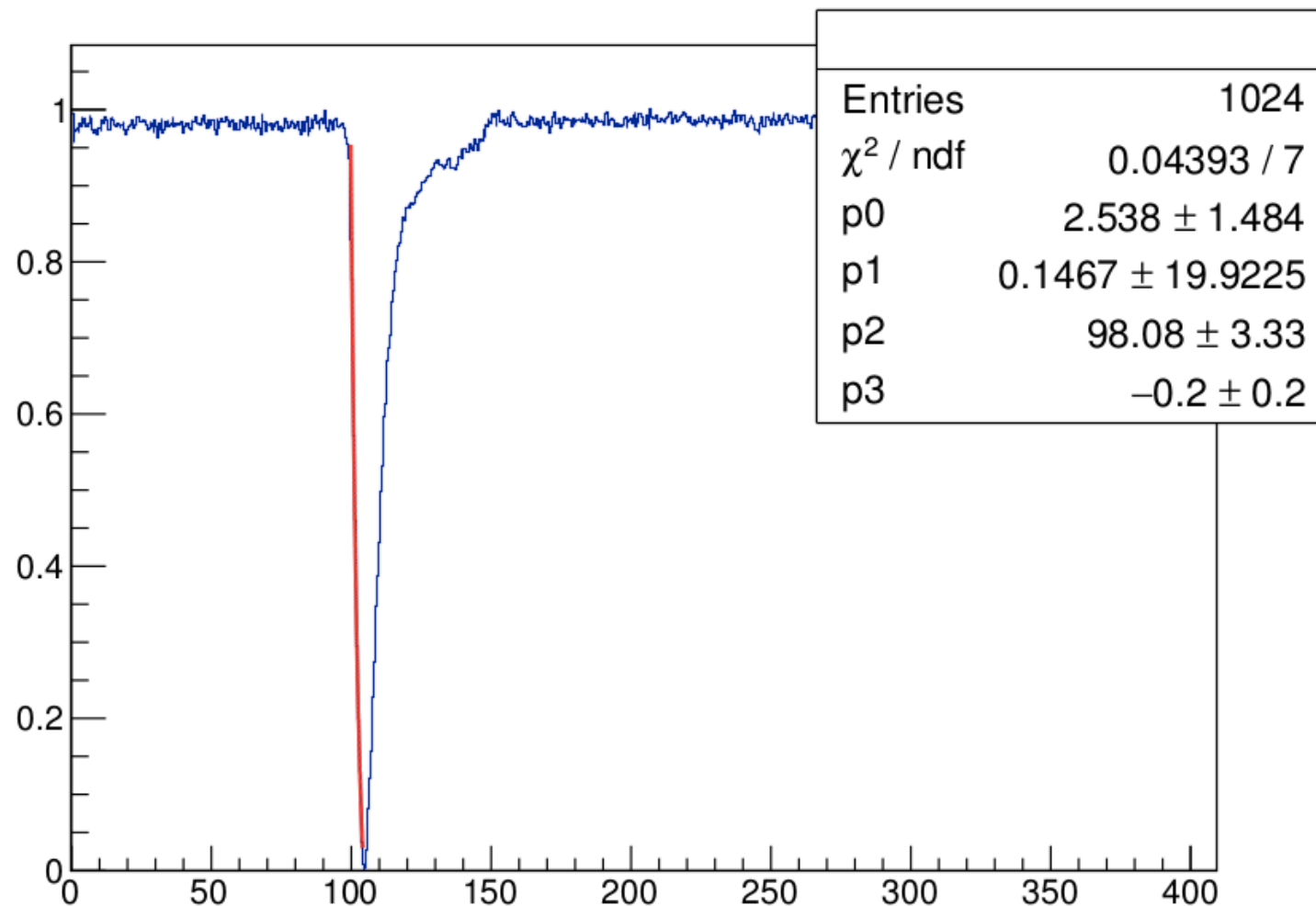


Rise Time

Fit del tempo di salita sulla singola onda

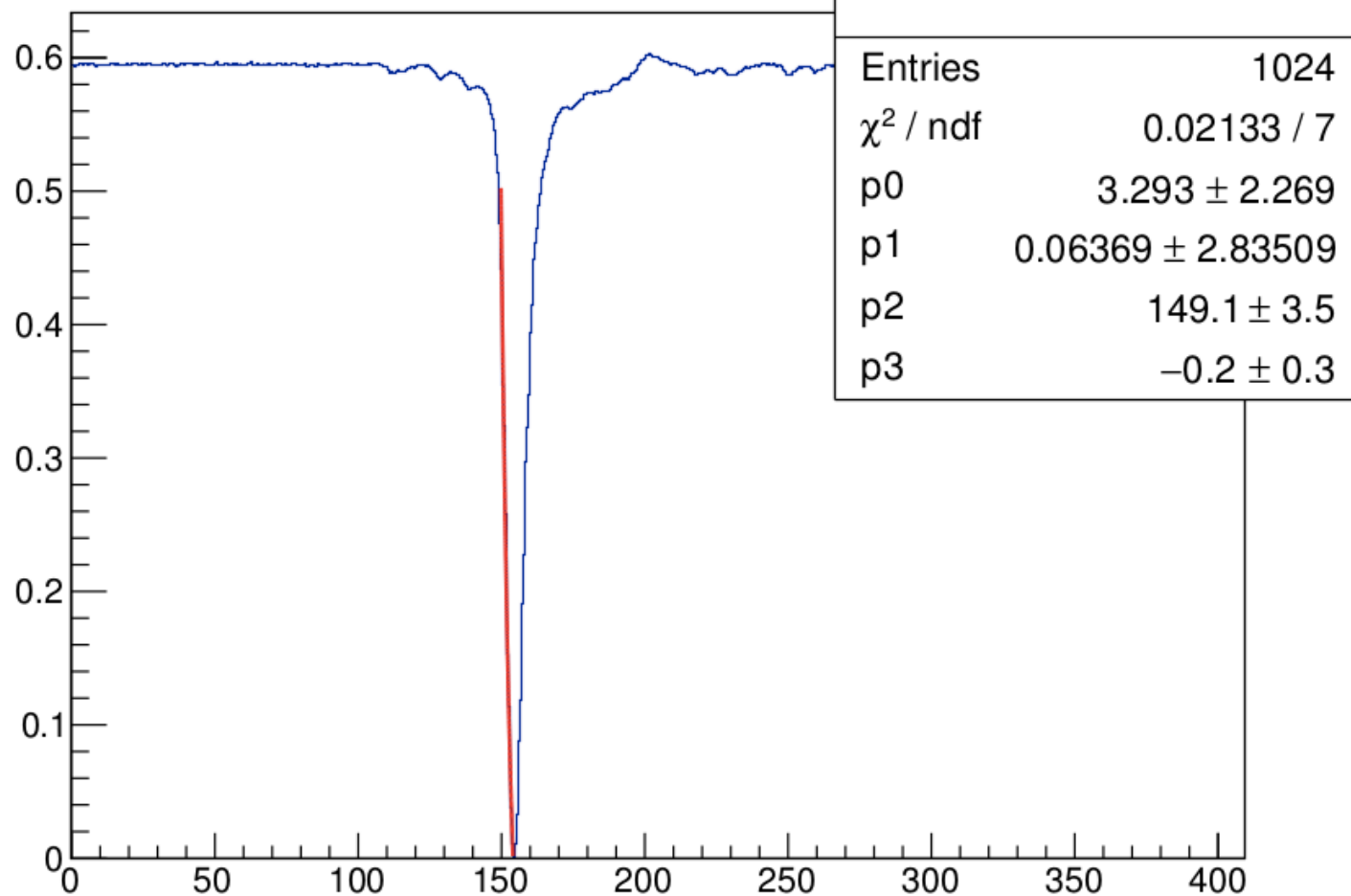
Il segnale in funzione del tempo
nella regione della salita dell'onda

$$V(t) = V_0 + \frac{At}{\tau_s^2} e^{-\frac{t-t_0}{\tau_s}}$$

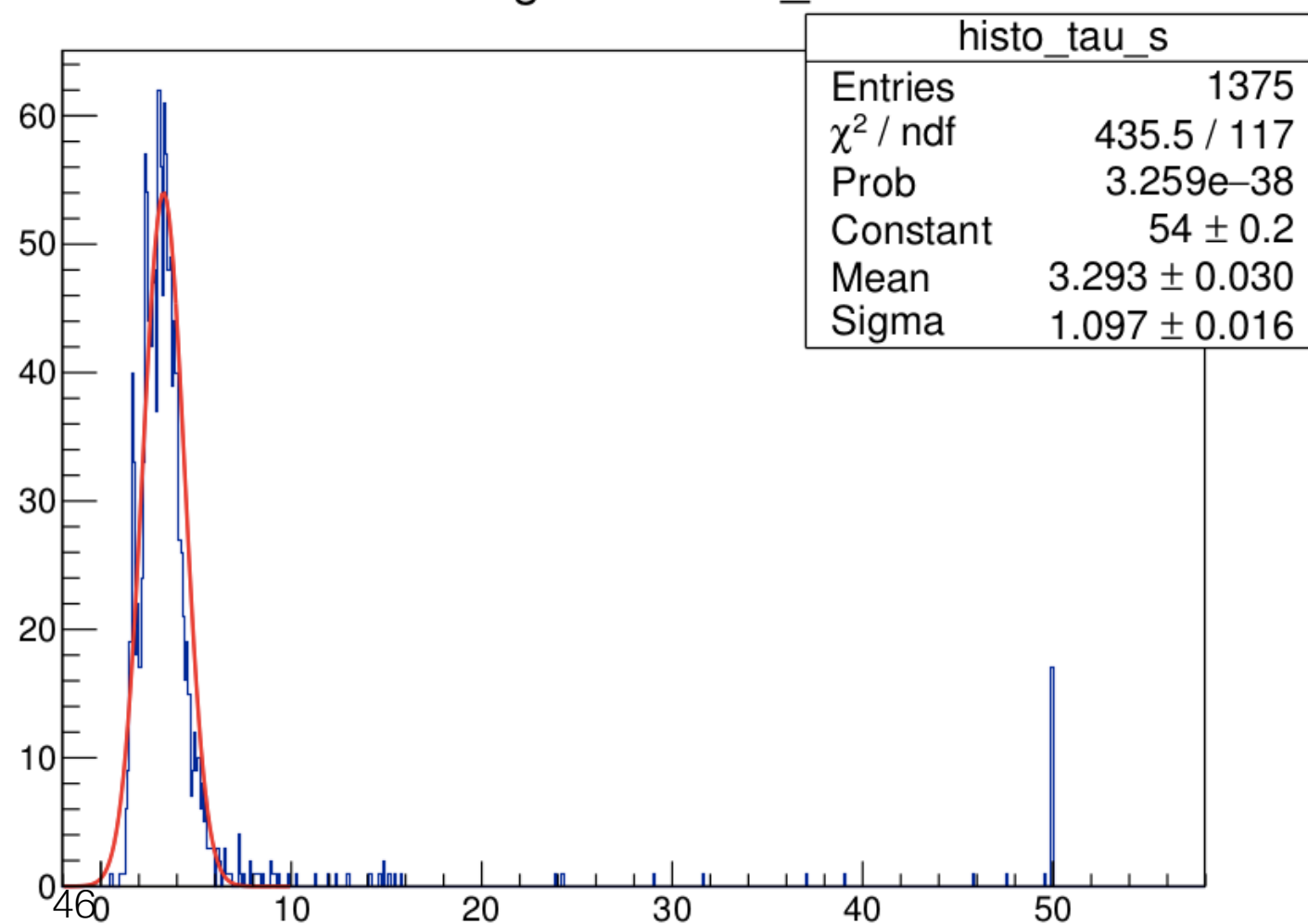


- 1) $\mathbf{p_0} = \tau_s$ = Rise time;
- 2) $\mathbf{p_1} = A$ = Constant;
- 3) $\mathbf{p_2} = t_0$ = Initial time;
- 4) $\mathbf{p_3} = V_0$ = Offset.

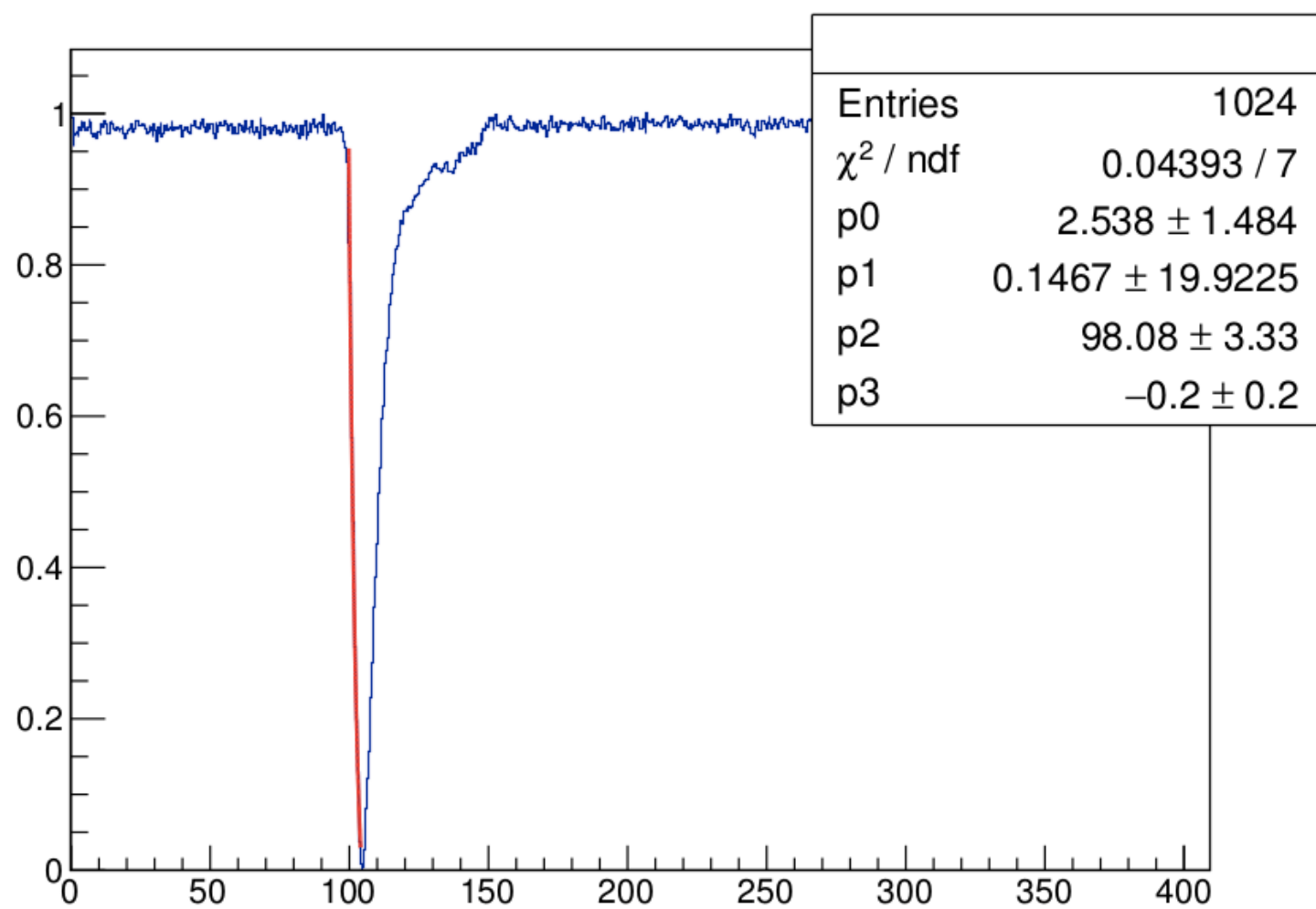
PMT



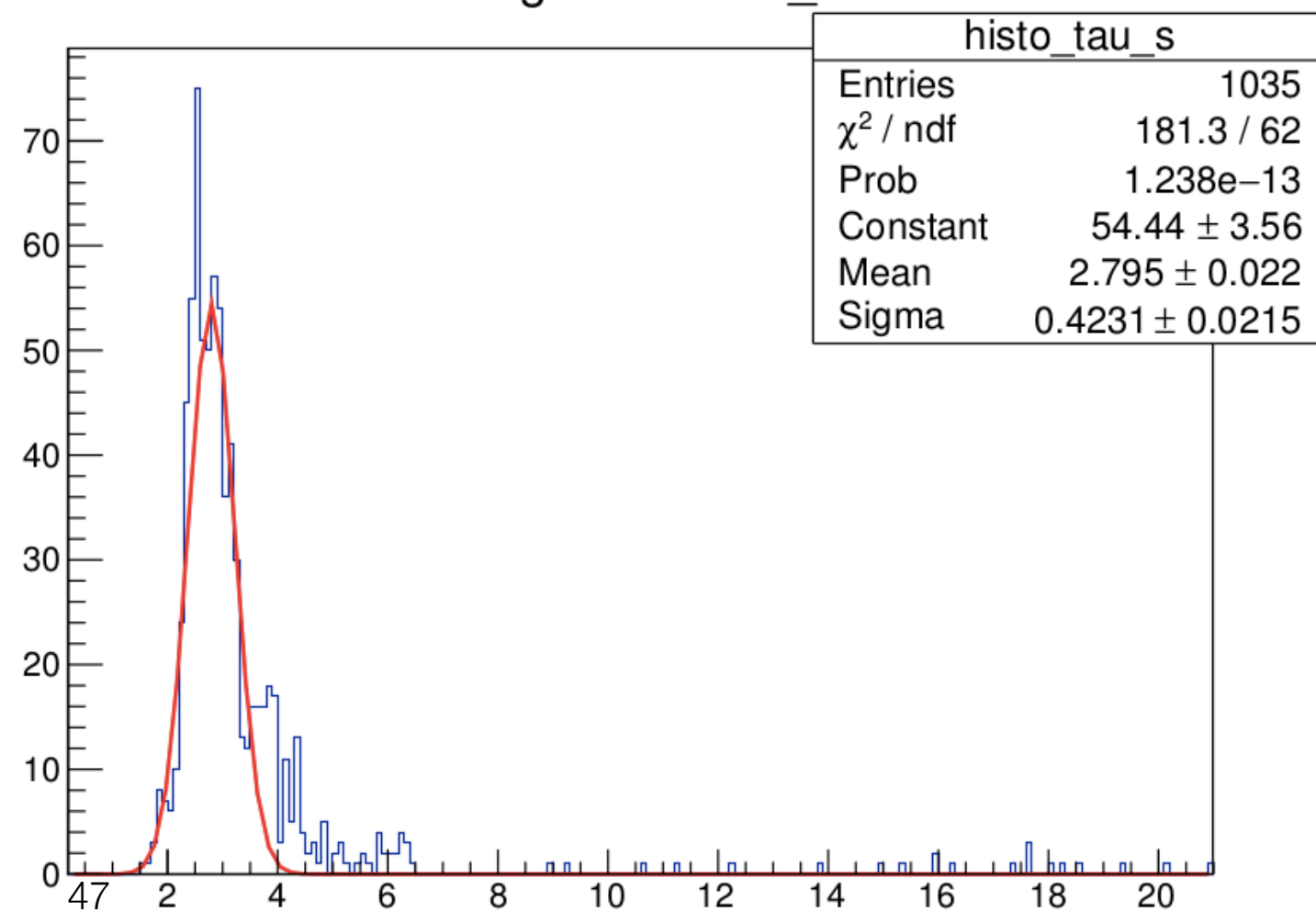
istogramma tau_s



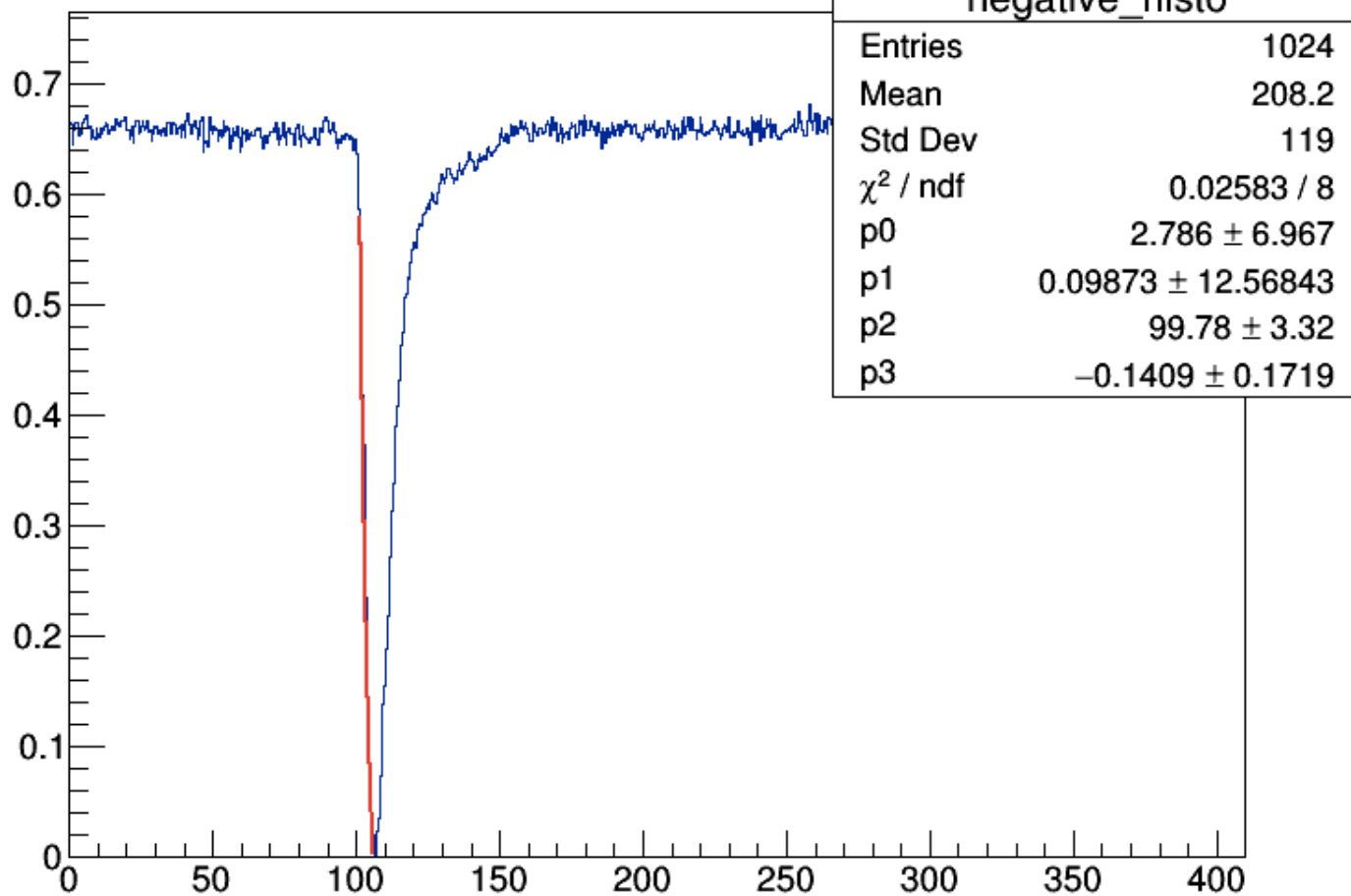
2N



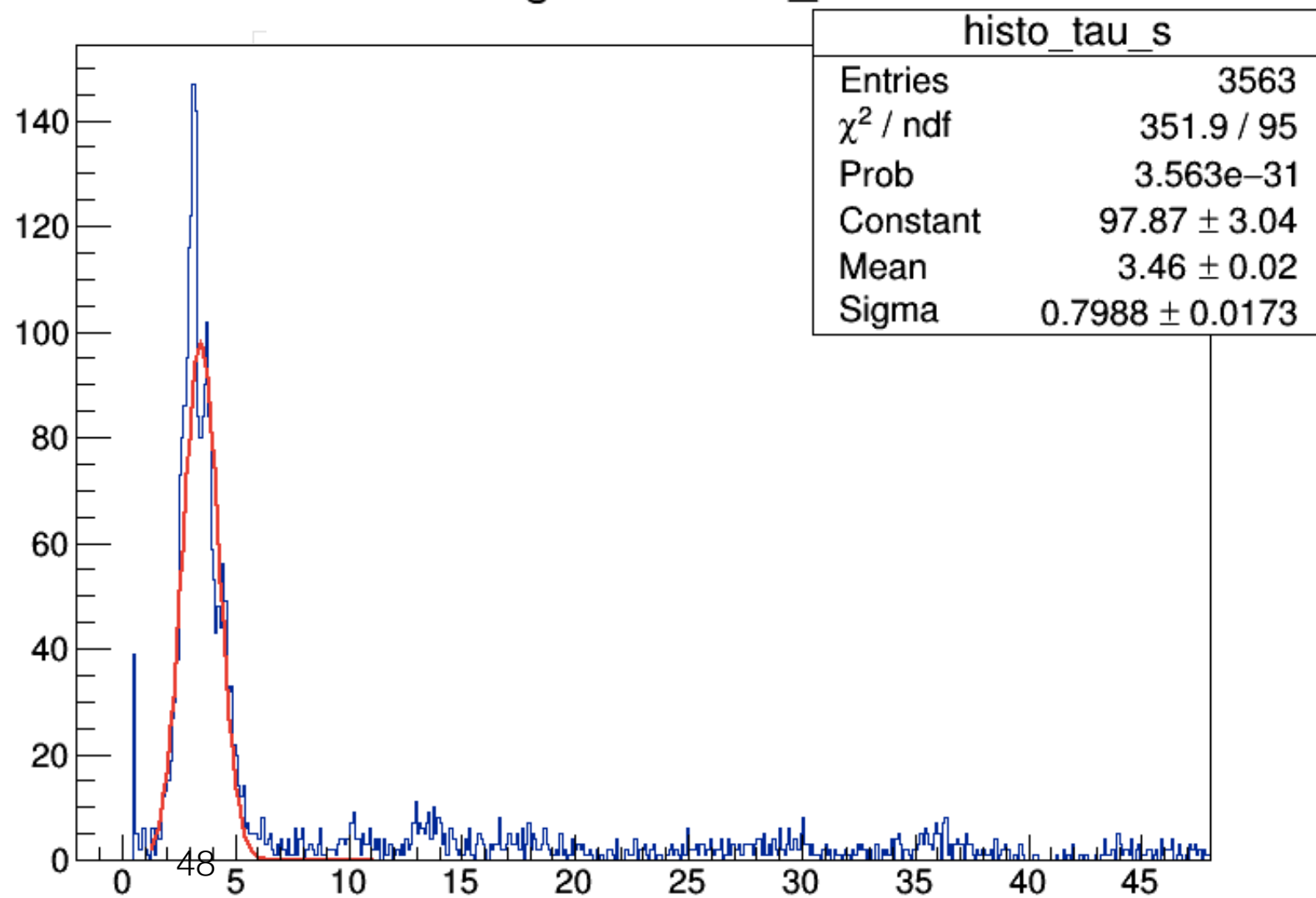
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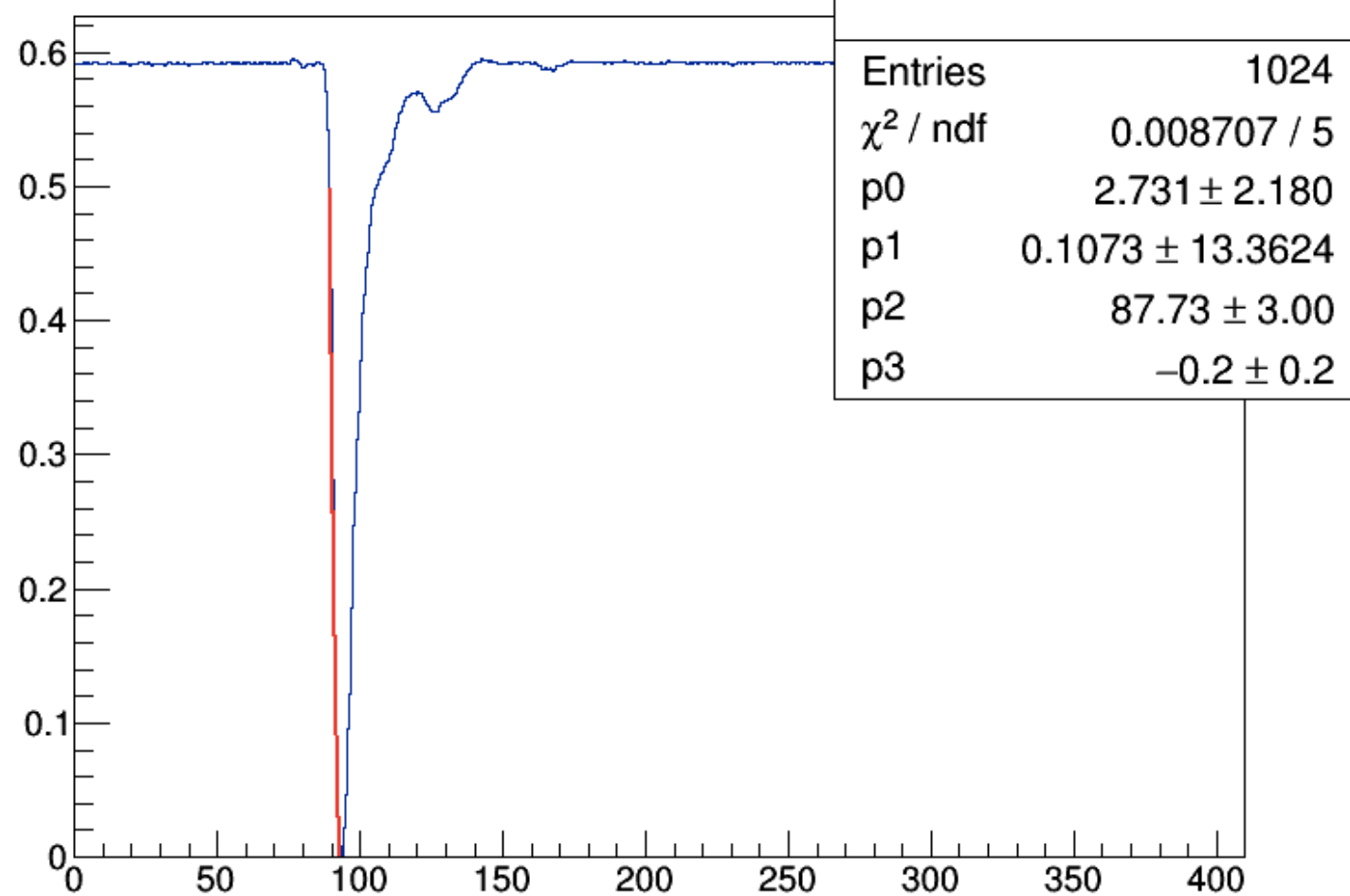
2N_POPOP



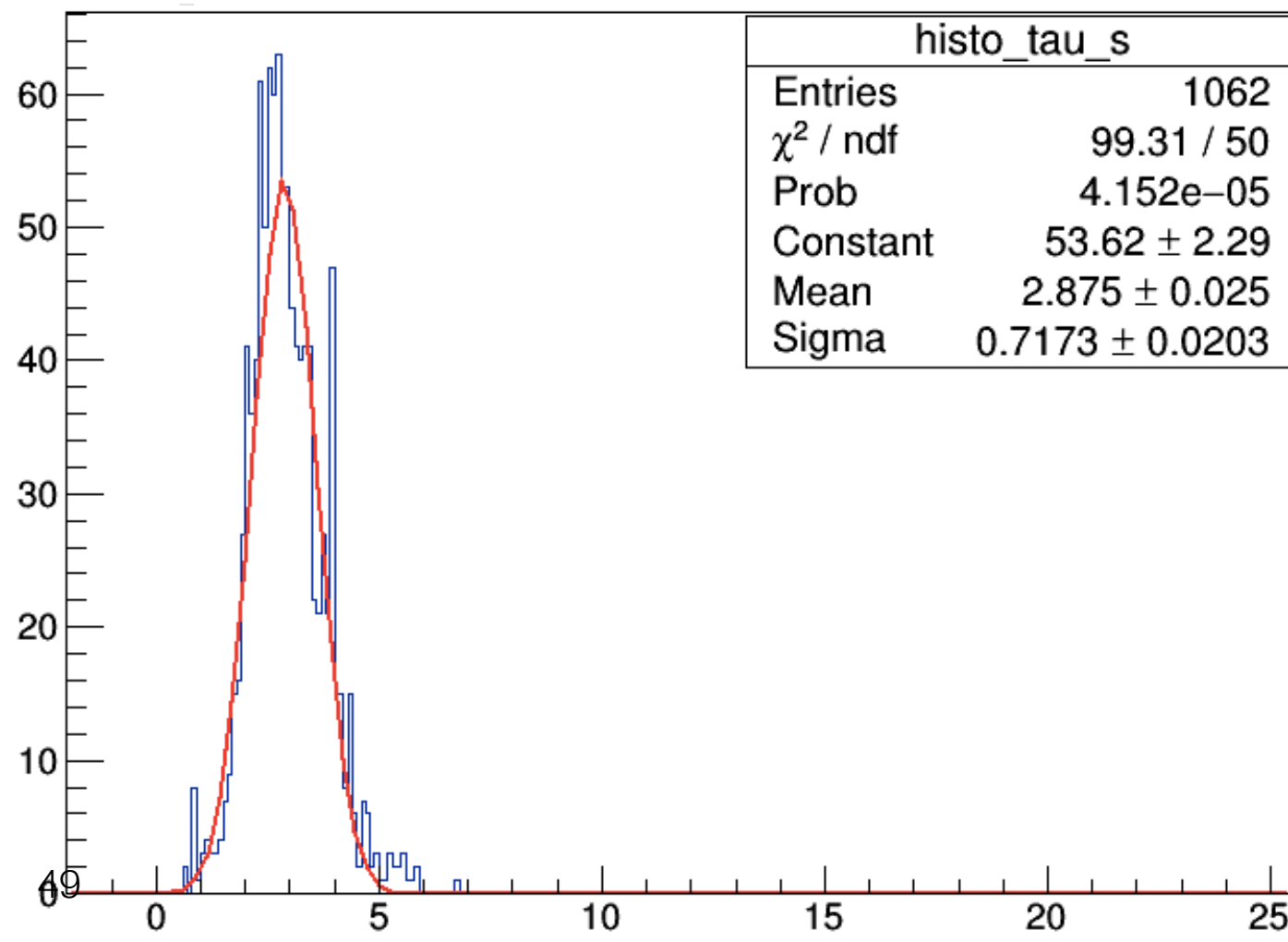
istogramma tau_s



2B



istogramma tau_s



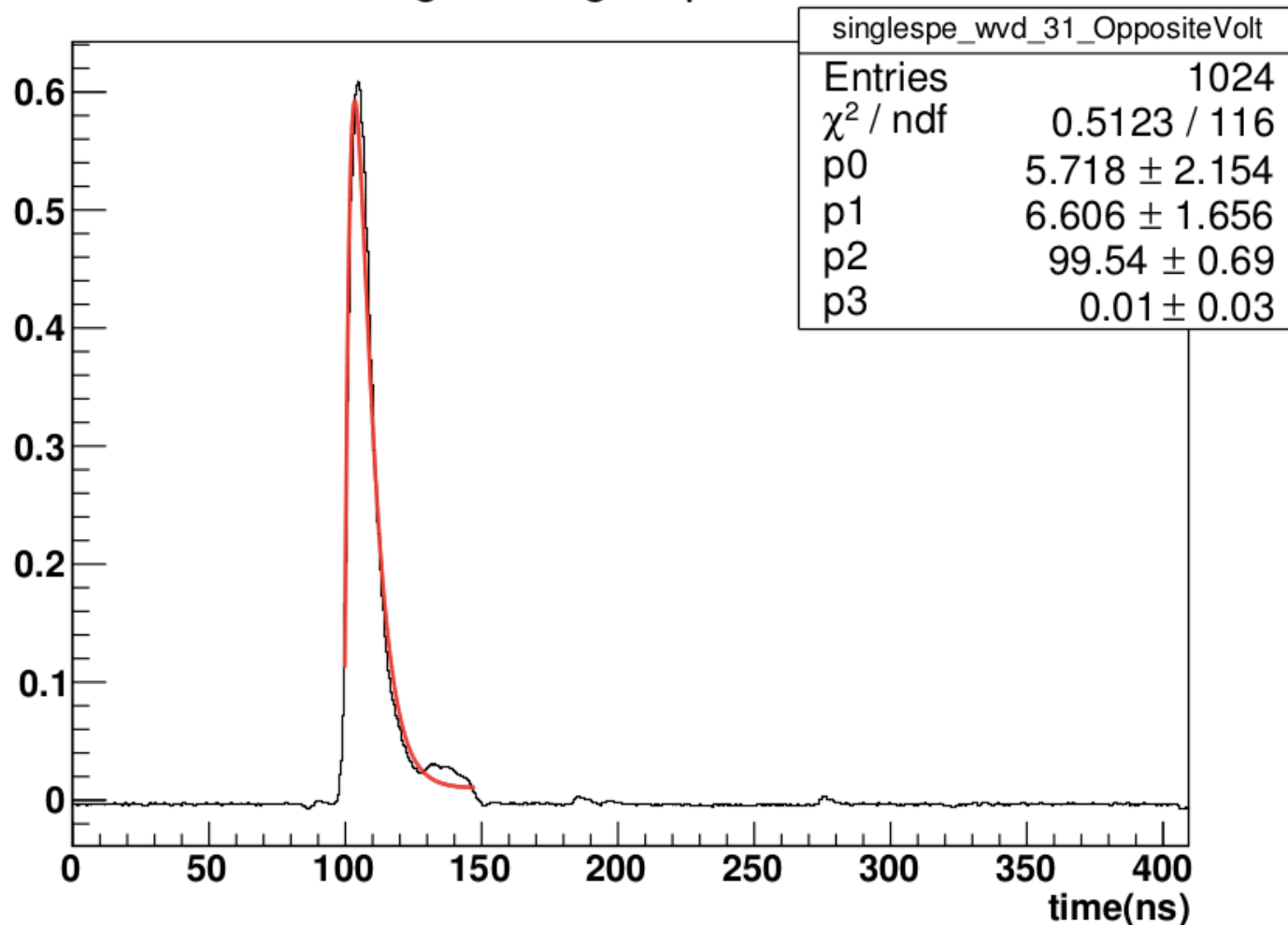
Decay Constant

Fit del tempo di decadimento sulla singola onda

Il segnale in funzione del tempo

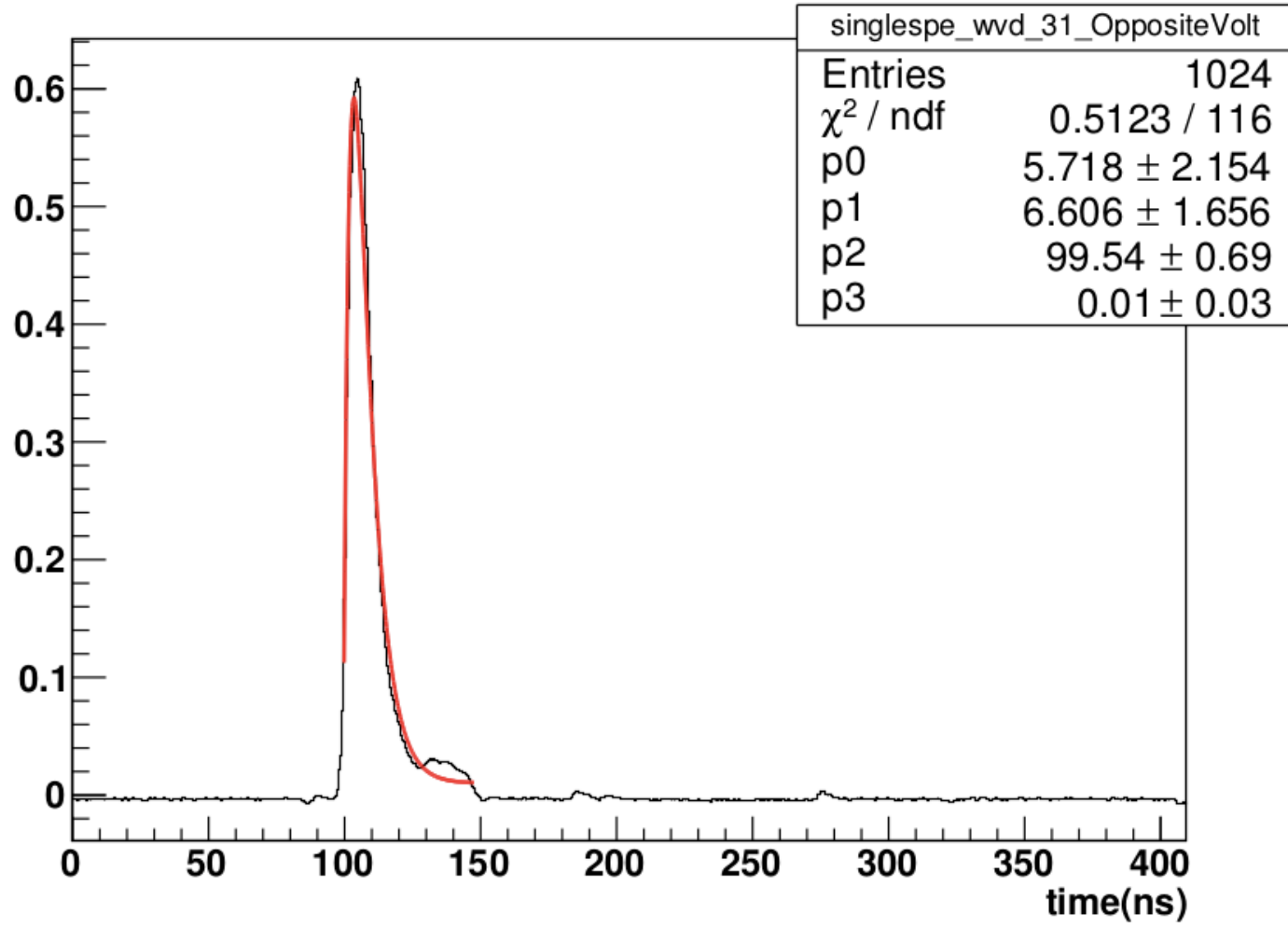
$$V(t) = V_0 + \frac{A}{\tau - \tau_s} \left(e^{-\frac{t-t_0}{\tau_s}} - e^{-\frac{t-t_0}{\tau}} \right)$$

WVD signal single spectrum in Volt



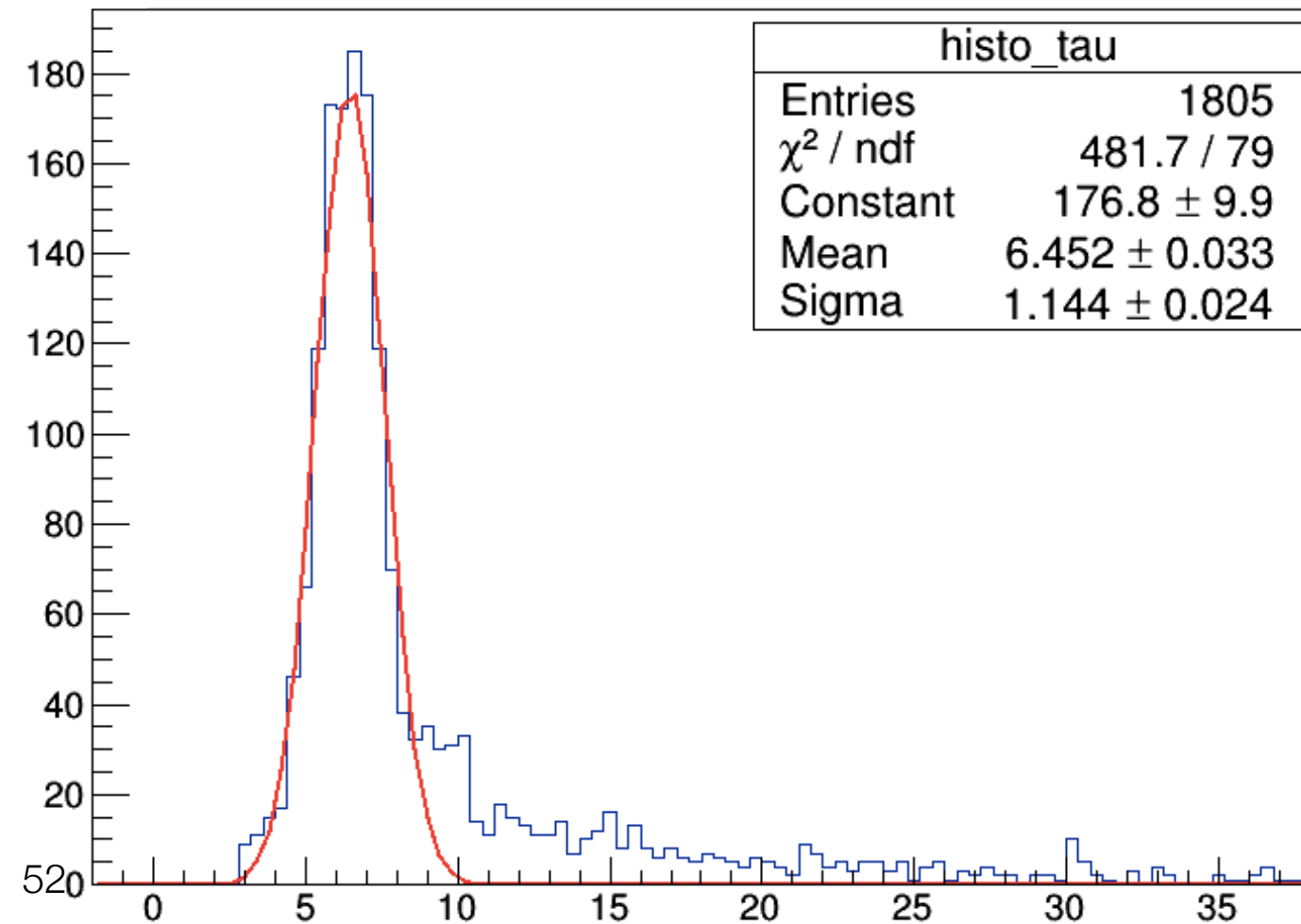
- 1) $p_0 = \tau$ = Decay constant;
- 2) $p_1 = A$ = Constant;
- 3) $p_2 = t_0$ = Initial time;
- 4) $p_3 = V_0$ = Offset;
- 5) p_4 = Fixed Rise Time.

WVD signal single spectrum in Volt

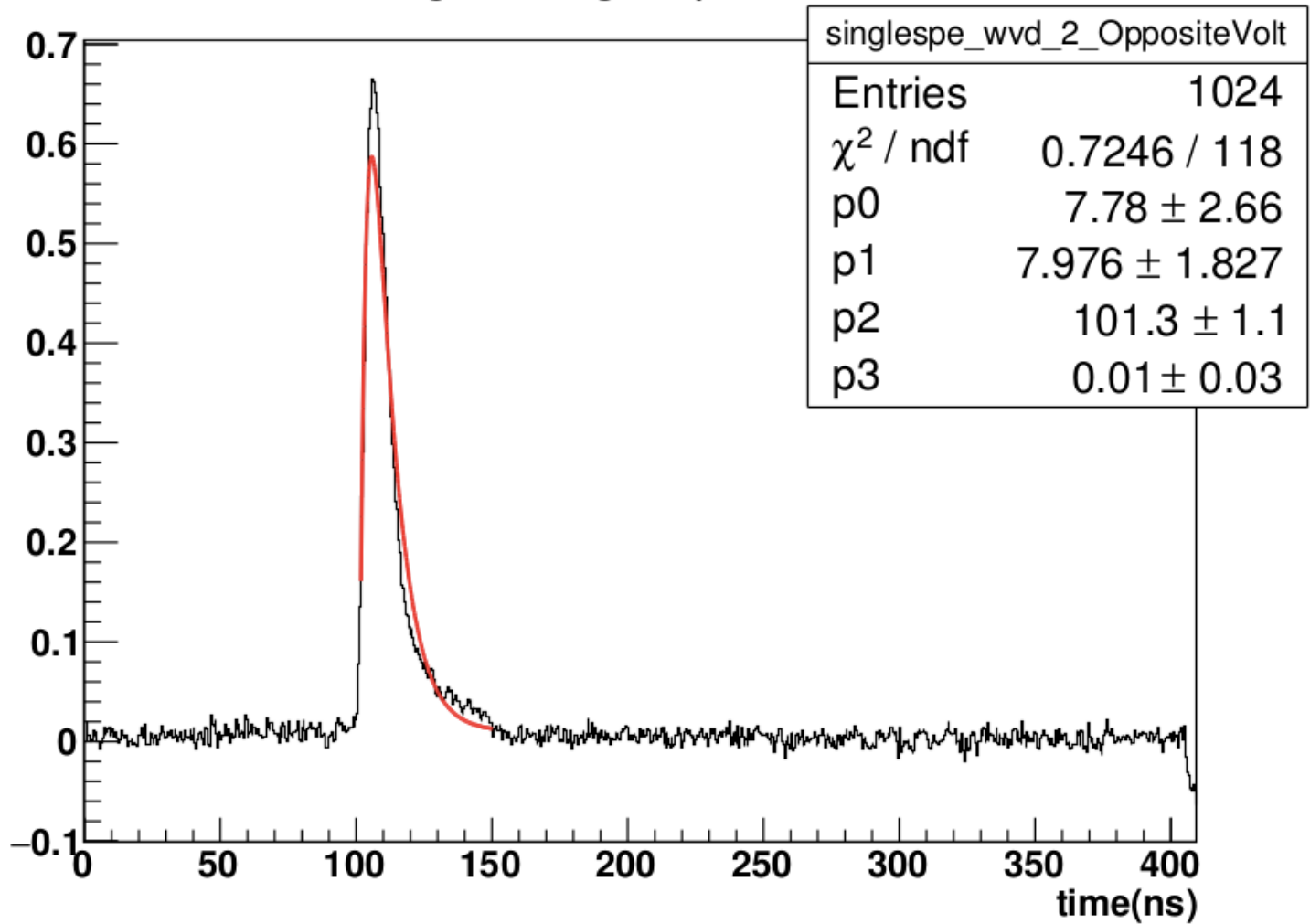


2N

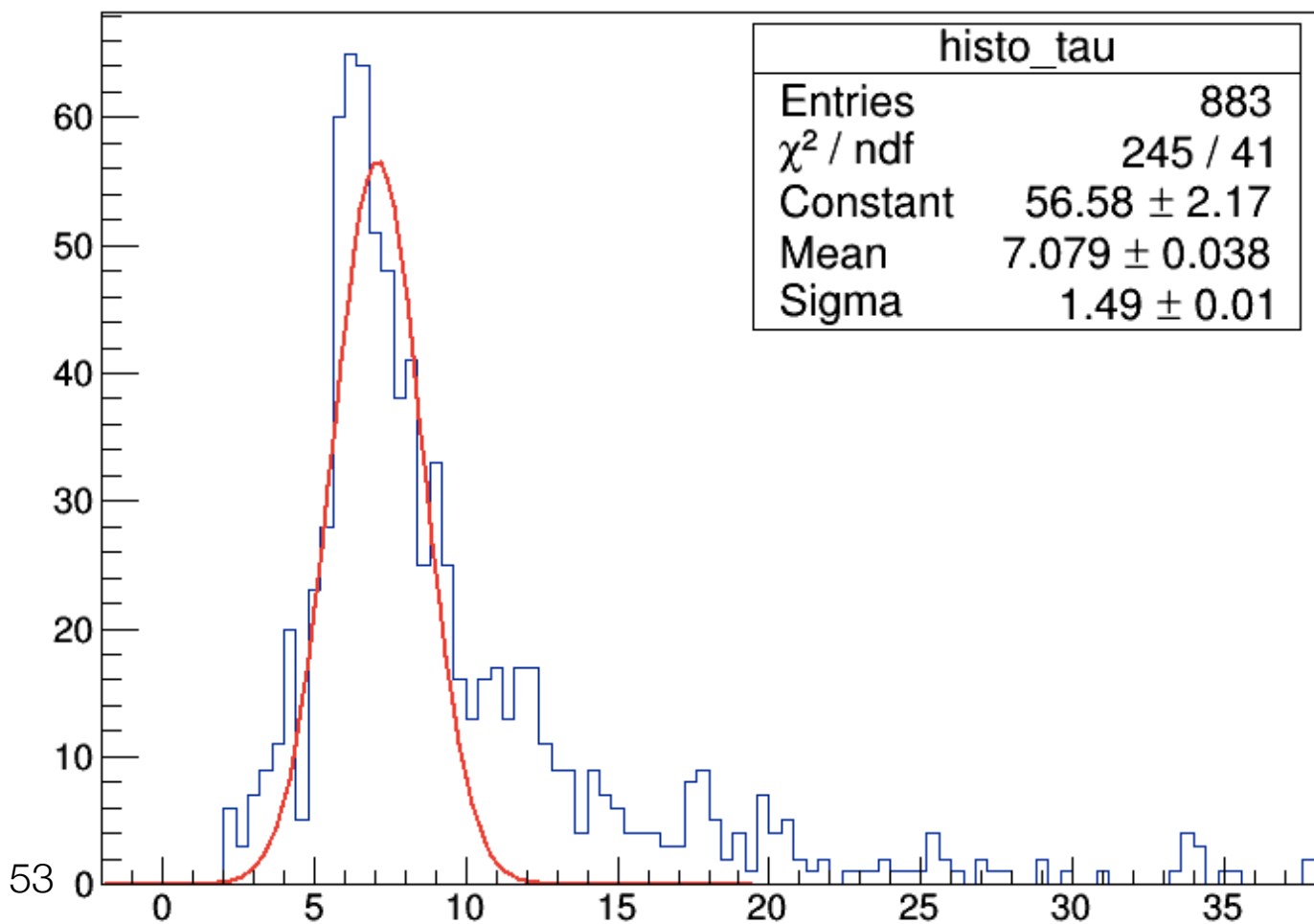
istogramma tau



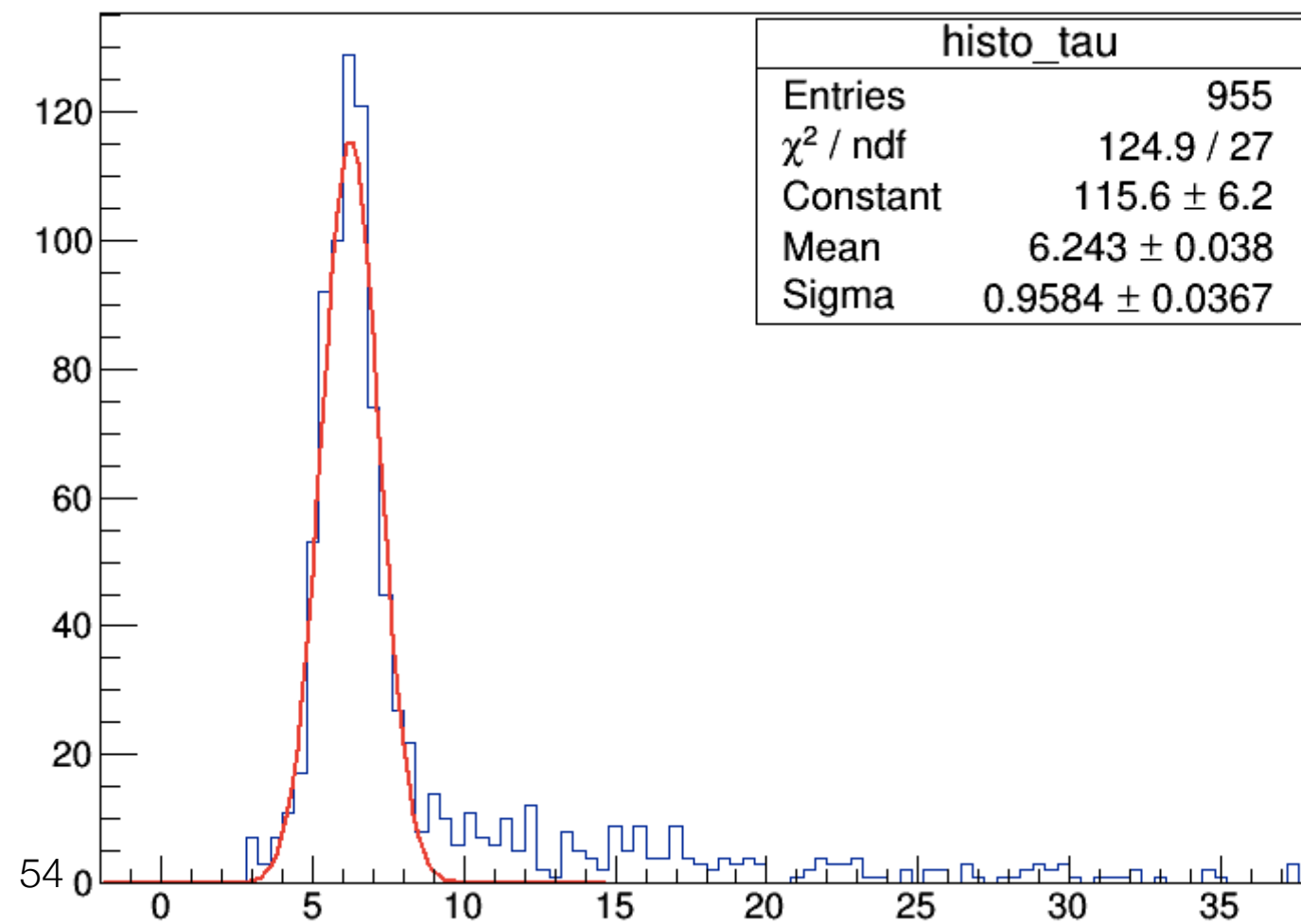
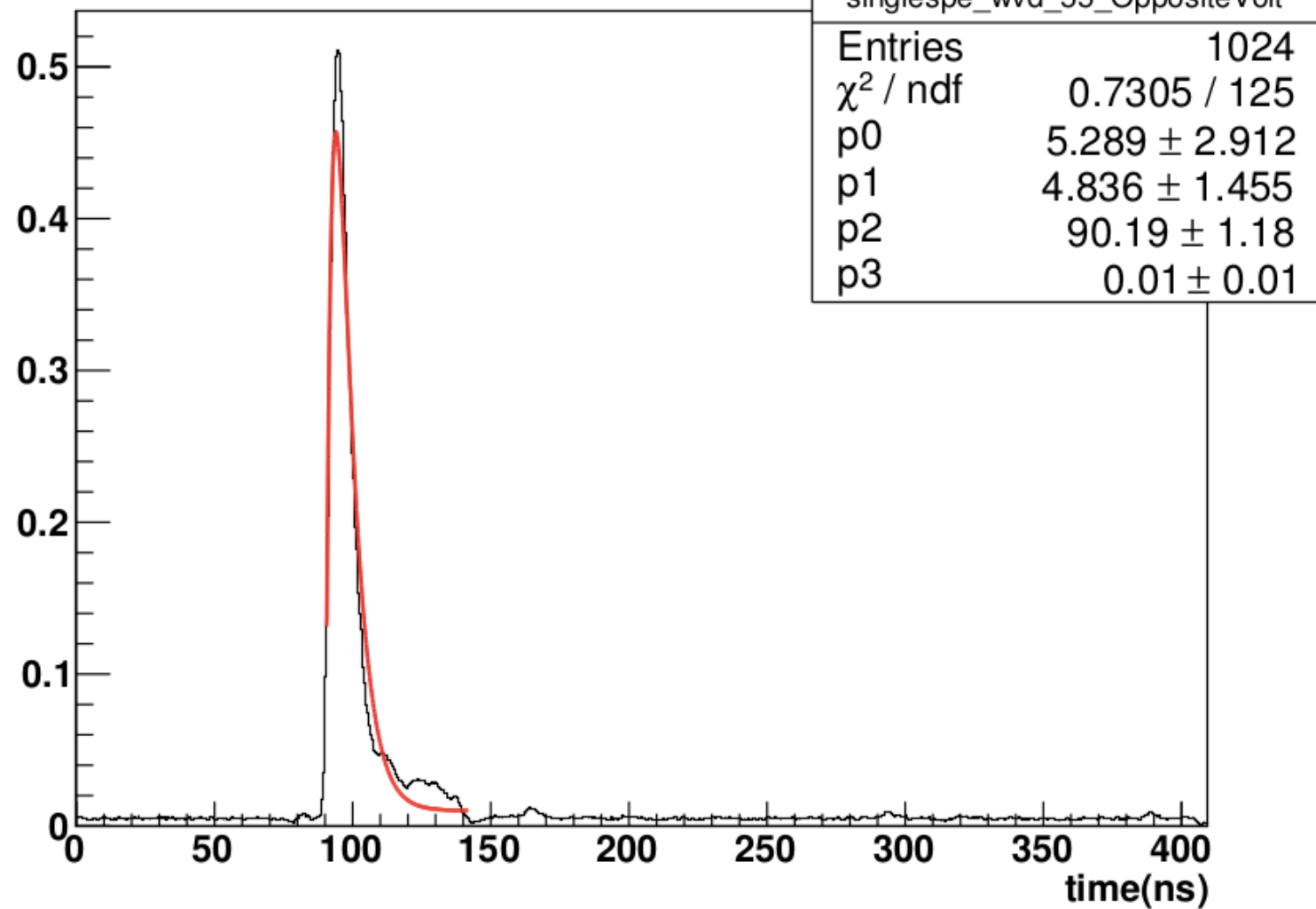
2N_POPOP



istogramma tau

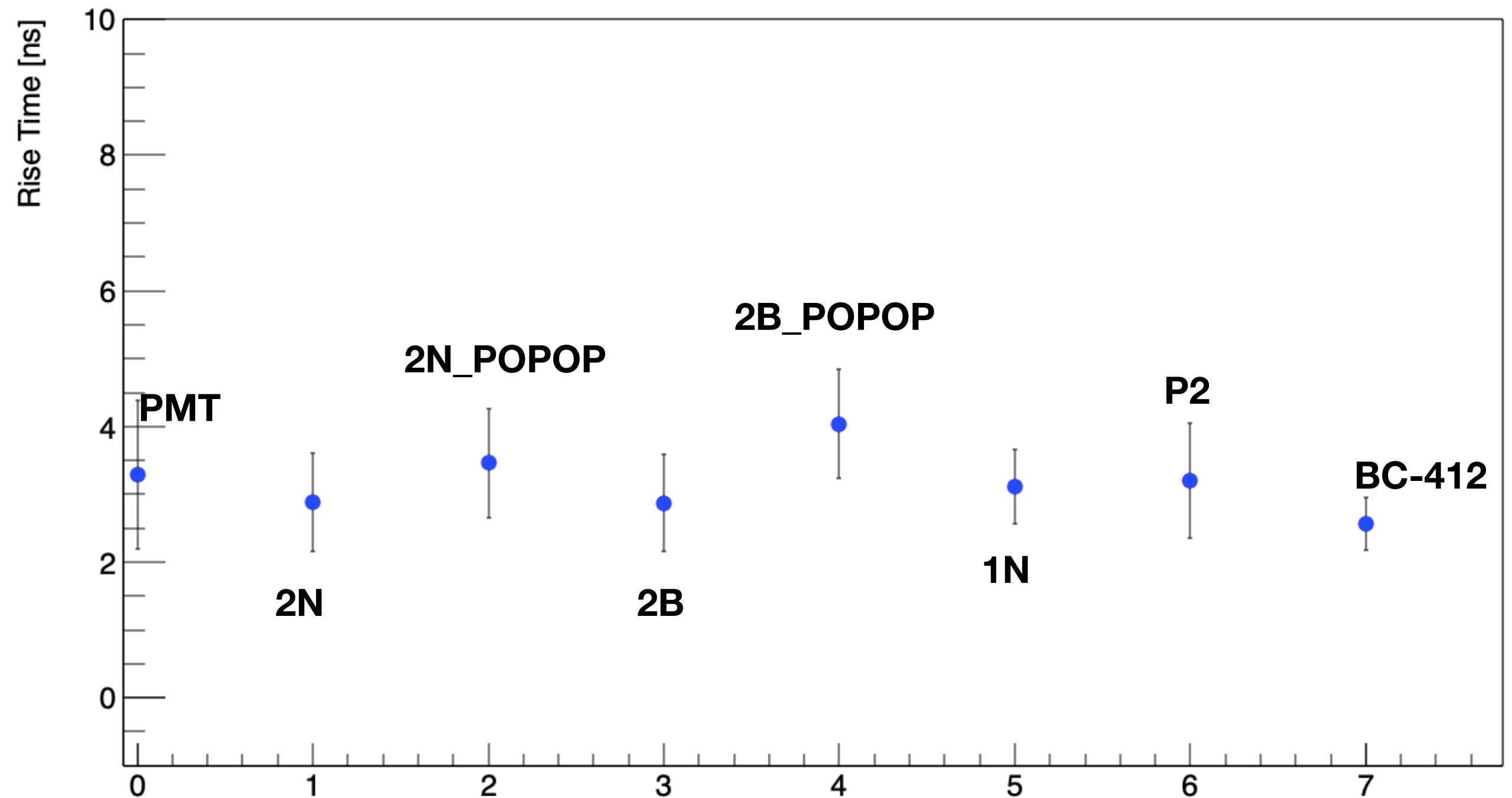


2B

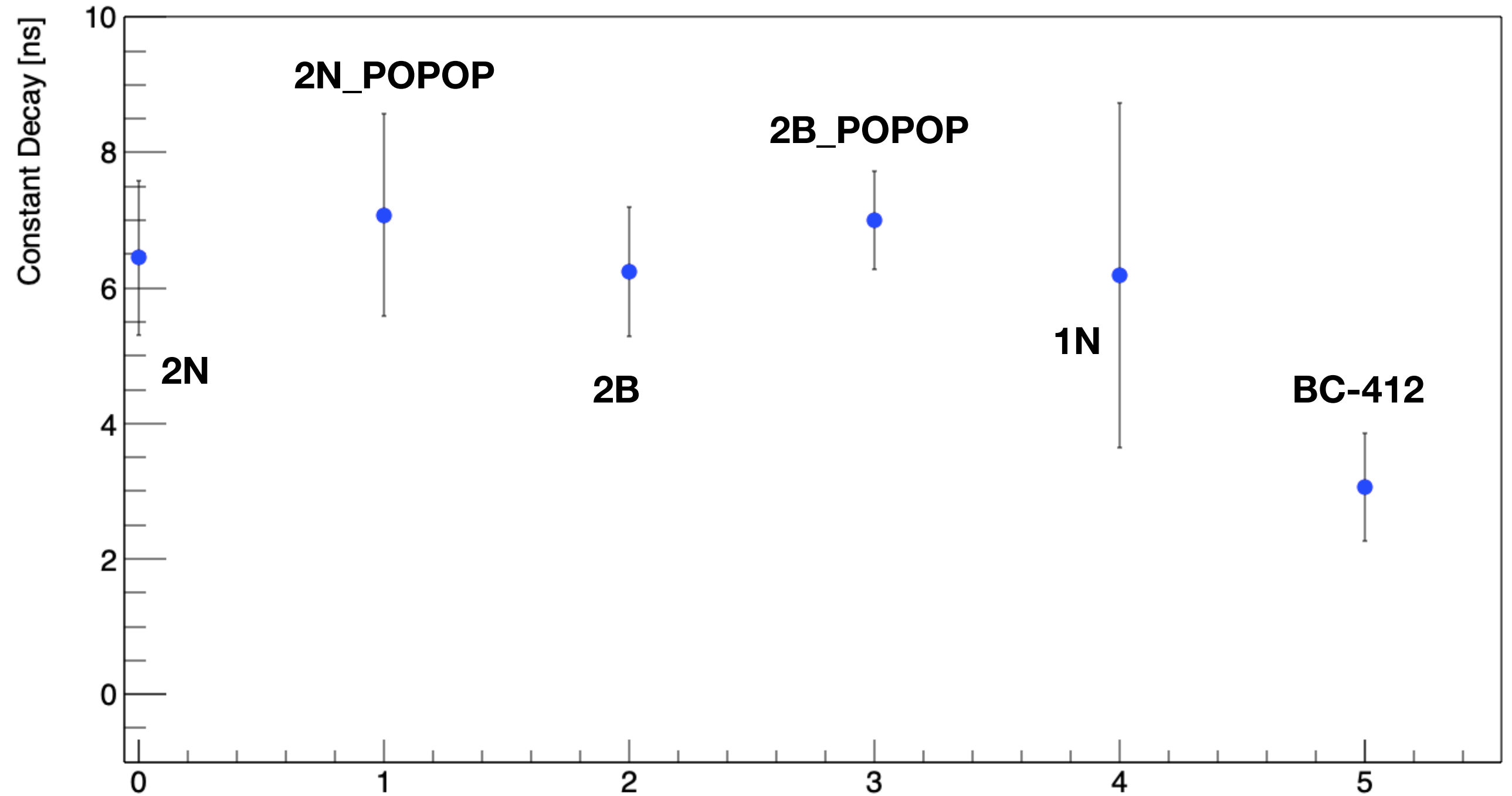


	Rise Time (ns)	Constant Decay (ns)
PMT	3.29 ± 1.10	X
2N	2.88 ± 0.72	6.45 ± 1.14
2N POPOP	3.46 ± 0.80	7.08 ± 1.49
2B	2.87 ± 0.72	6.24 ± 0.96
2B POPOP	4.04 ± 0.81	7.00 ± 0.73
1N	3.11 ± 0.55	6.19 ± 2.54
P2	3.20 ± 0.85	X
BC-412	2.56 ± 0.39	3.06 ± 0.79

Plot Rise Time [ns] Scintillators



Plot Constant Decay [ns] Scintillators



Conclusions

1. In base alle 4 proprietà fisiche principali ricavate (il guadagno in carica, la risoluzione temporale, il tempo di salita ed il tempo di decadimento), gli scintillatori più promettenti sono: il 2N, il 2B e l'1N.
2. Il confronto di questi parametri ha mostrato una netta differenza di prestazioni tra i nuovi scintillatori ed il commerciale BC-412, suggerendo la necessità di elementi aggiuntivi performanti.
3. Tutti i tempi di salita degli scintillatori analizzati, eccettuato l'antracene, sono talmente piccoli che la sensibilità del pmt non permette di rivellarli. ($\searrow$ Rise Time $\rightarrow$ $\searrow$ Time Resolution)
4. Utilizzando il tempo di salita del pmt, è stato comunque possibile ricavare i tempi di decadimento degli scintillatori, i quali risultano (tranne che per l'Antracene) tutti al di sotto dei 10 ns, come atteso.

Scint	Charge [% to An]	Time Resolution [ns]	Rise time [ns]	Constant Decay [ns]
PMT	X	X	3.29 ± 1.10	X
An	100	1.407 ± 0.077	X	13.00 ± 2.47
2N	2013.4 ± 48.8	0.671 ± 0.027	2.88 ± 0.72	6.45 ± 1.14
2B	747.2 ± 15.5	0.871 ± 0.030	2.87 ± 0.72	6.24 ± 0.96
2B POPOP	890.1 ± 15.7	0.673 ± 0.028	4.04 ± 0.81	7.00 ± 0.73
T2	78.1 ± 0.4	1.009 ± 0.043	X	X
T2 POPOP	471.2 ± 10.6	0.878 ± 0.029	X	X
P2	114.2 ± 12.7	1.045 ± 0.038	3.20 ± 0.85	X
1N	846.9 ± 17.7	0.615 ± 0.029	3.11 ± 0.55	6.19 ± 2.54
1N POPOP	694.9 ± 12.9	0.610 ± 0.026	X	X
BC-412	4548.3 ± 21.9	0.538 ± 0.026	2.56 ± 0.39	3.06 ± 0.79

To do per la tesi

1. Finalizzare la scrittura del cap. 3 e 4 (le misure);
2. Perfezionare l'analisi sulle forme d'onda e sulle distribuzioni di carica;
3. Acquisire il 2B 5%;
4. Post scrittura: Cross-Check risoluzione temporale con il waveform;

To do per luminarie

1. Cambiare il pmt (mettere uno più performante);