

MIMAC

MIcro-tpc MAtrix of Chambers
for Directional Dark Matter Detection and Neutron Spectroscopy...

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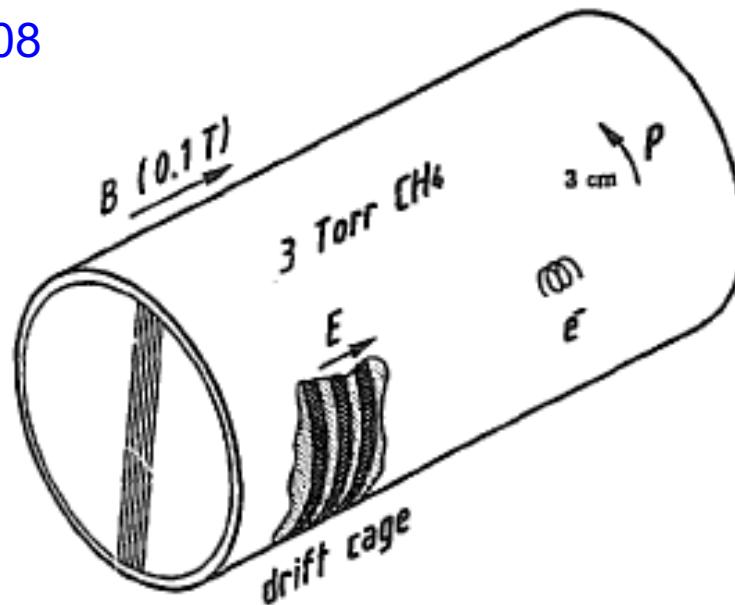
Many other people : Julien Billard, Quentin Riffard, Zhou Ning, Dai Changjiang, Wang Qing...

An old idea: Dark matter detection with hydrogen proportional counters

G. Gerbier, J. Rich, M. Spiro, C. Tao

Nuclear Physics B - Proceedings Supplements

Volume 13, February 1990, Pages 207-208

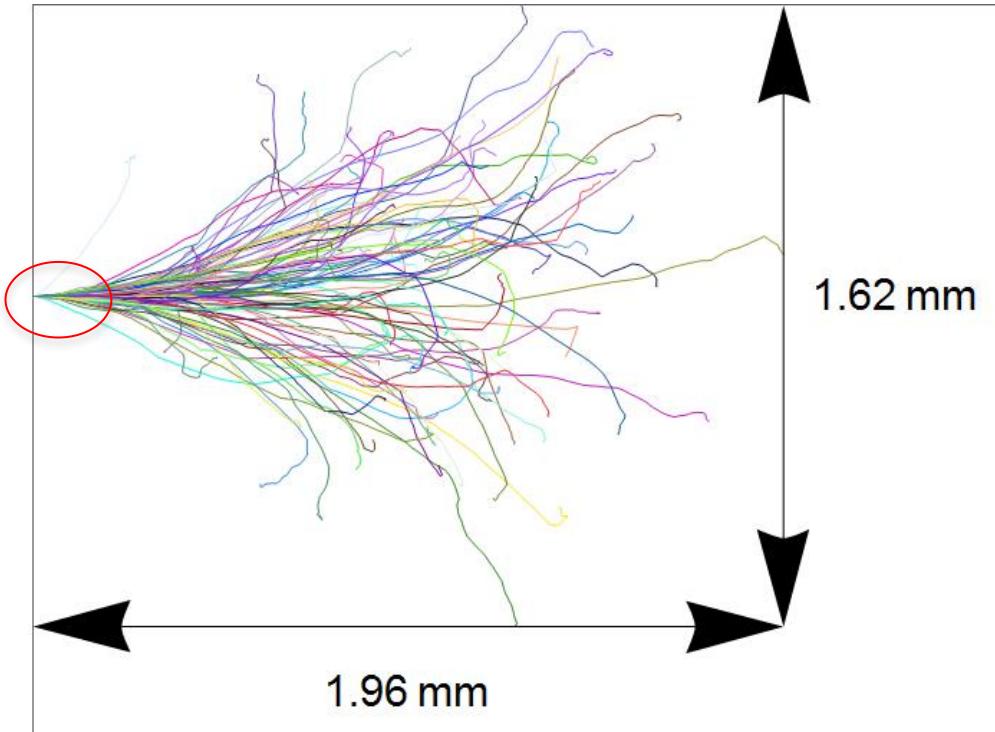


Problems:

- technical : low pressure, short track length expected
- Is DM Cold? N-body simulations issues

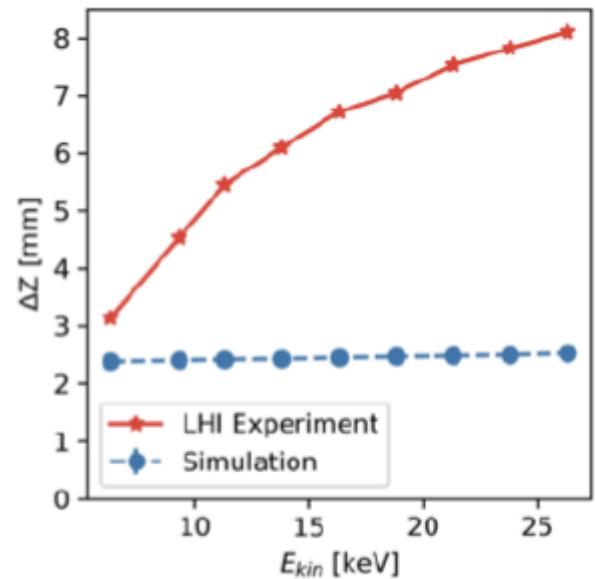
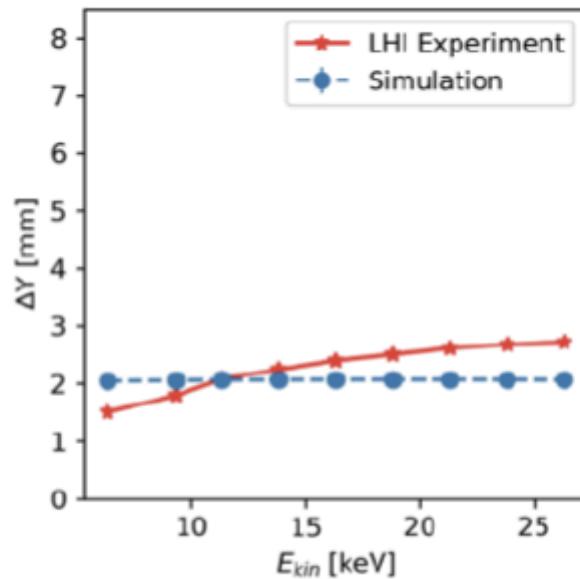
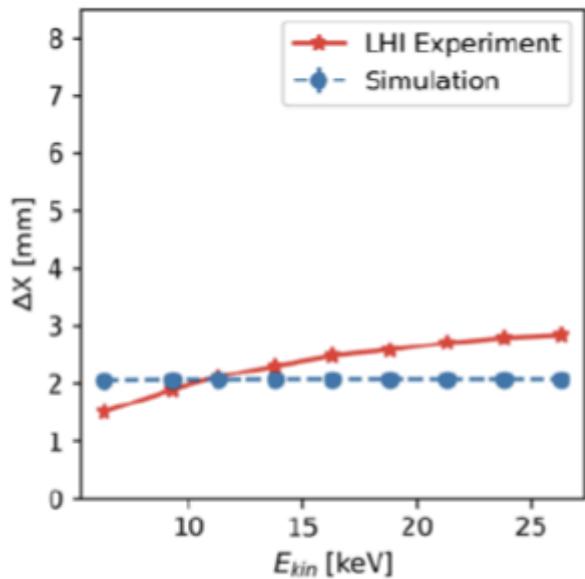
SRIM simulations

For
directionality :
zoom on track
head



F in MIMAC (34keV)

Simulations had been misleading us!



Factor of > 6 longer tracks in real experiments !

More later on our latest results with LHI ion source !

Breakthrough in 2011: 5-10 x lower drift velocity possible

Add 30% CHF₃ to the standard CF₄ gaz

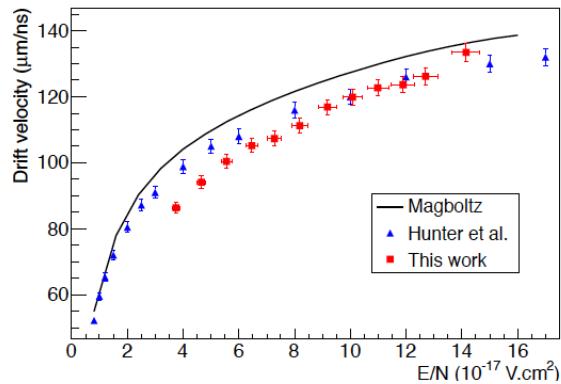


Figure 10. Electron drift velocity measurement v_d ($\mu\text{m}/\text{ns}$) in a pure CF₄ gas at 50 mbar as a function of E/N (10^{-17}Vcm^2), for an amplification field $E_a = 14.5 \text{ kV/cm}$. The data (red squares) have been obtained with the likelihood analysis strategy. We also present the Magboltz simulation (black line) and previous experimental data (blue triangle) [38].

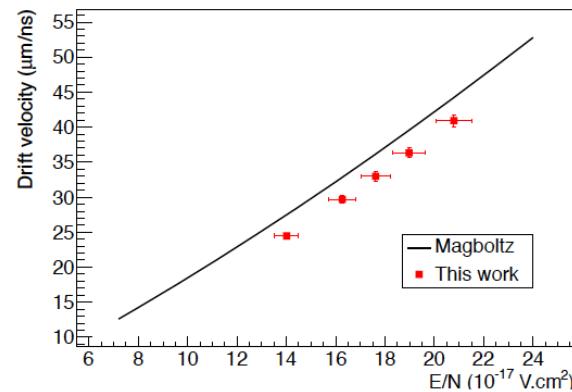


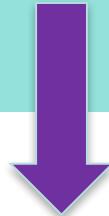
Figure 11. Electron drift velocity measurement v_d ($\mu\text{m}/\text{ns}$) in a 70%CF₄ + 30%CHF₃ gas mixture at 50 mbar as a function of E/N (10^{-17}Vcm^2), for an amplification field $E_a = 15.6 \text{ kV/cm}$. The data (red squares) have been obtained with the likelihood analysis strategy. We also present the Magboltz simulation (black line). To our knowledge there is no other experimental data with this gas mixture.

Billard et al. 1305.2360

Angular resolution < 20deg: R&D studies for requirements

Billard et al 2010

- Measurable track length
- Measurable directionality
- Head-tail separation
- Ion/electron separation
- Quenching factor
- Reconstruction of initial recoil angle
- ,...

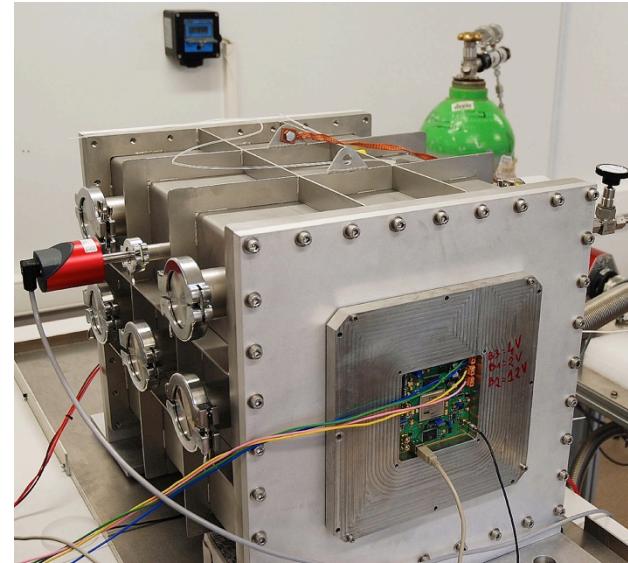


The MIMAC project

The MIMAC DM Directional Detector

A low pressure multi-chamber detector

- Energy and 3D Track measurements
- Matrix of chambers (correlation)
- μ TPC : Micromegas technology



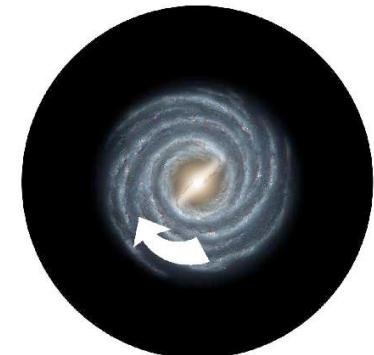
MIMAC main Target:

- ^{19}F : Light WIMP mass
 : Axial coupling

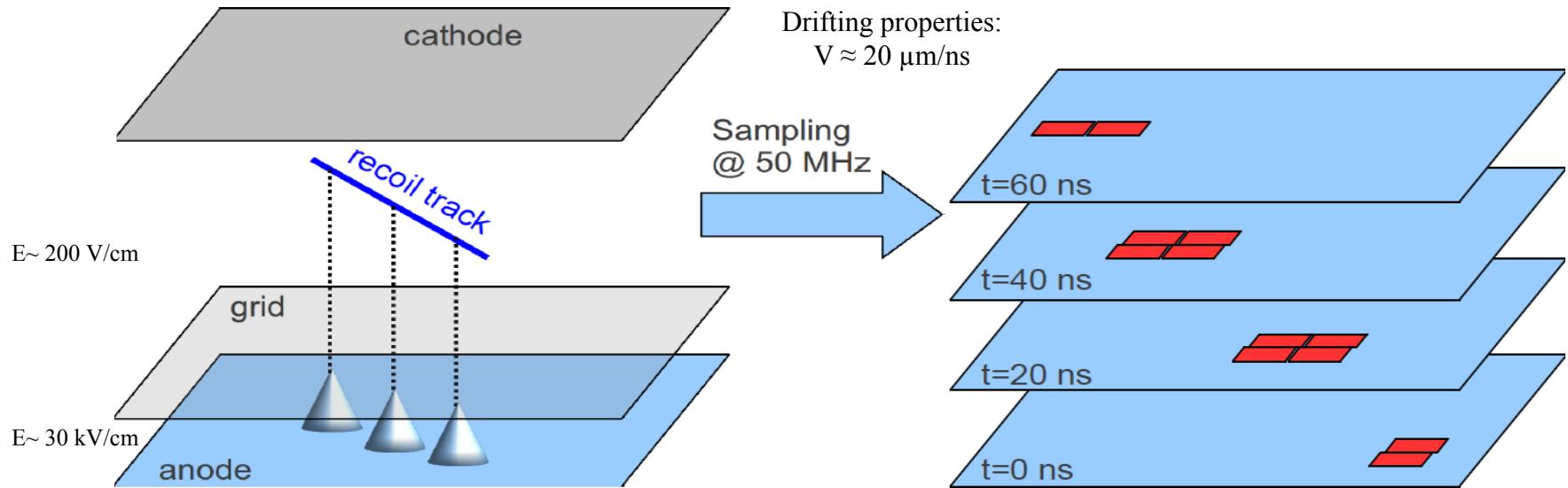
Bi-chamber module
2 x (10.8x 10.8x 25 cm³)
Now in THCA

Strategy:

- Directional direct detection
- Energy (Ionization) AND 3D-Track of the recoil nuclei
- Prove that the signal “comes from Cygnus ”



MIMAC measurement principle



Scheme of a MIMAC μ TPC

Evolution of the collected charges on the anode

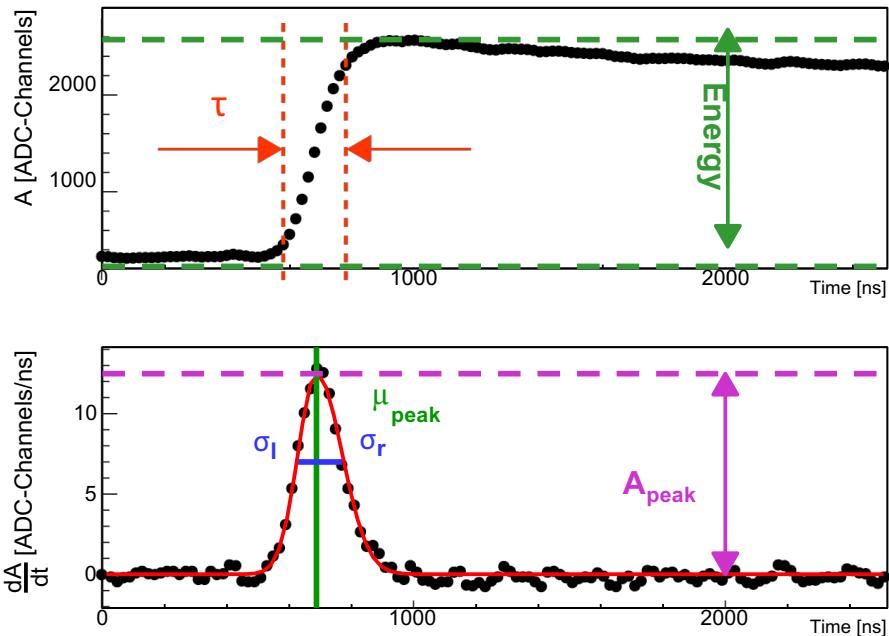
- *Micromegas detector*
- *ionization energy*: Charge integrator connected to the mesh coupled to a FADC sampled at 50 MHz

MIMAC readout

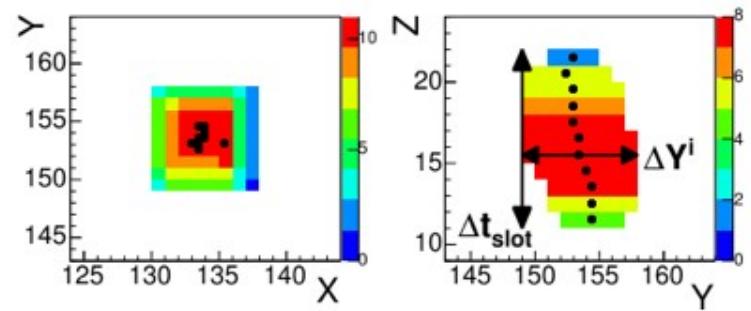
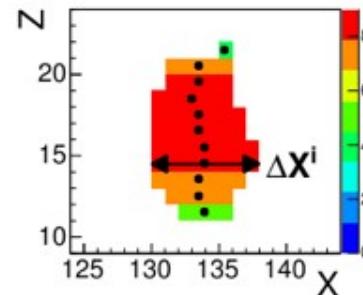


Dedicated fast electronics (self-triggered)
Based on the MIMAC chip (64 channels)

preamplifier signal + FADC: Energy

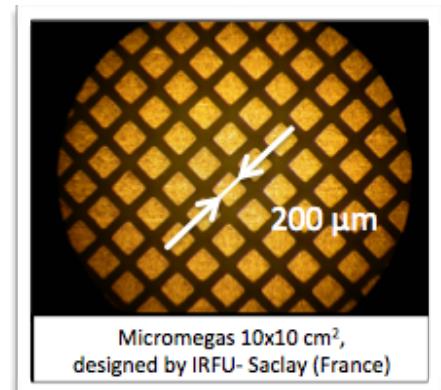
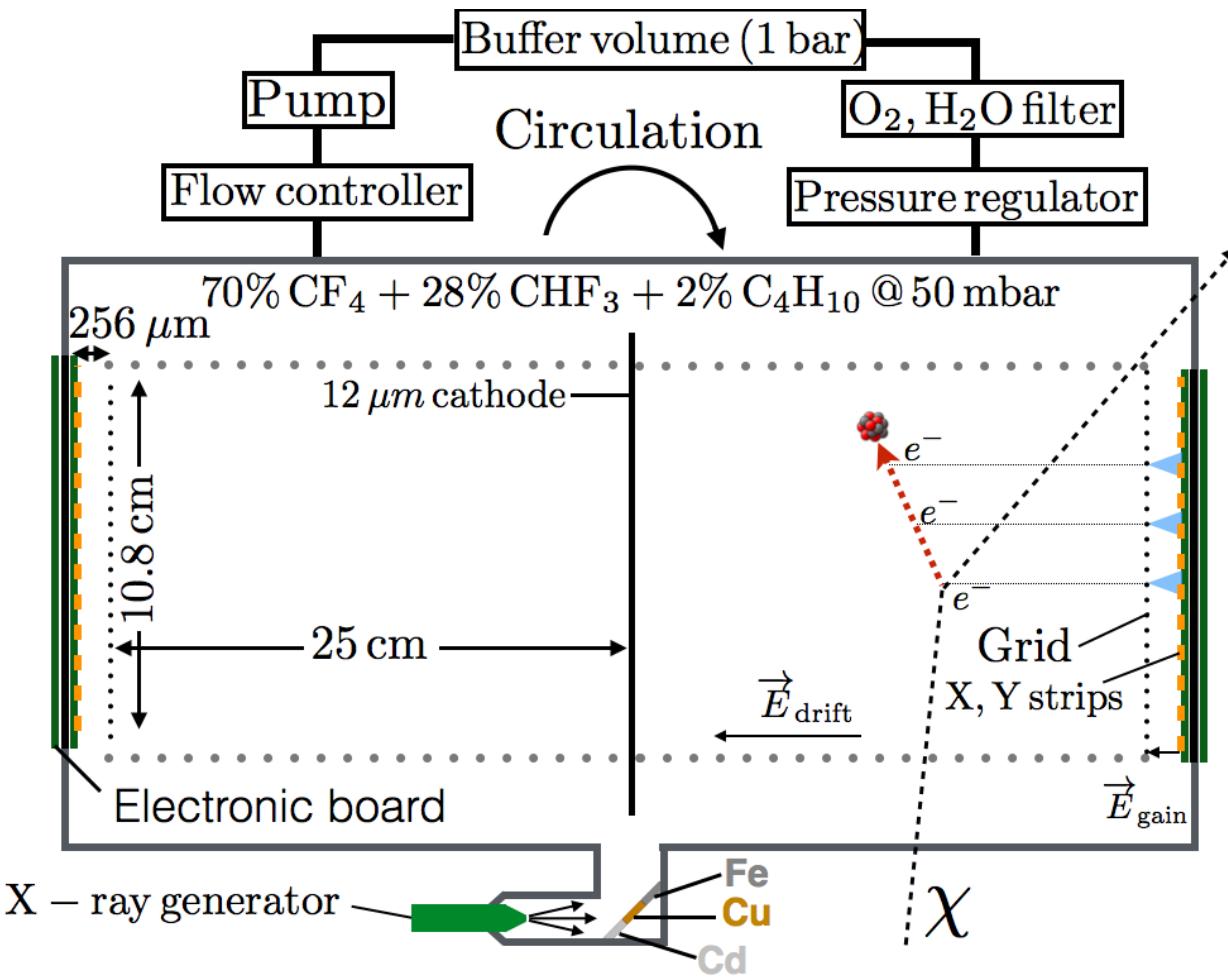


3D - track



MIMAC-bi-chamber module prototype

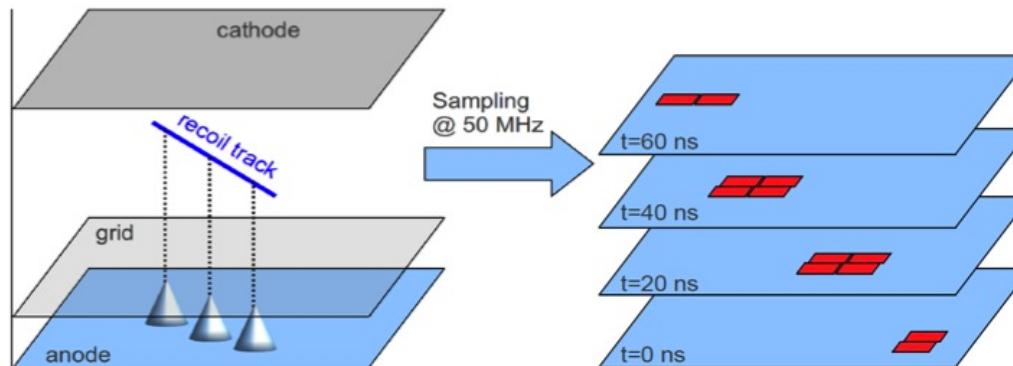
two chambers : one cathode 10cm x10 cmx 25 cm



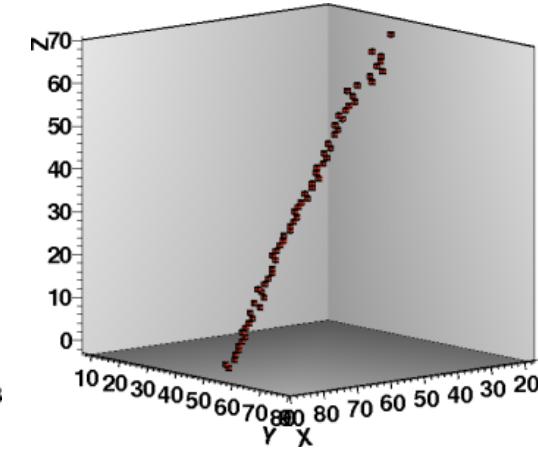
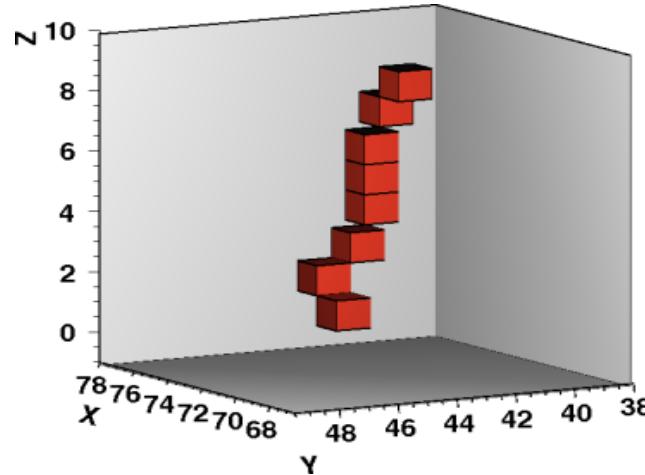
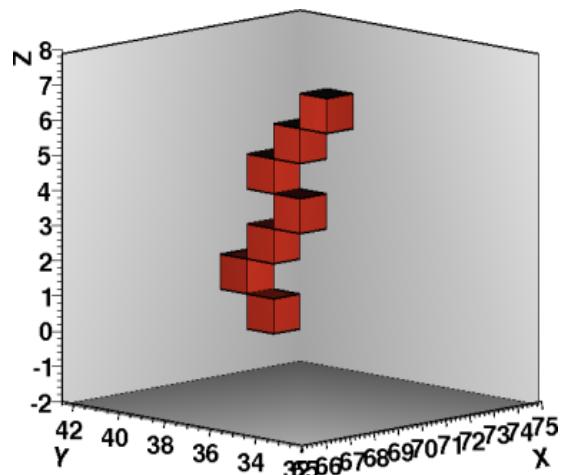
MIMAC Bi-chamber prototype

- two chambers : one cathode 10cm x10 cmx 25 cm
- $70\% \text{CF}_4 + 28\%\text{CHF}_3 + 2\%\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}$ at a pressure of 50mbar.
- The primary electron- ion pairs : grid of **a bulk micromegas**; avalanche in a very thin gap (256μ).
- Special electronics developed by LPSC Grenoble
- Track reconstruction : anode read every 20 ns. 3D track reconstructed, from the consecutive number of images

arxiv 1311.0616

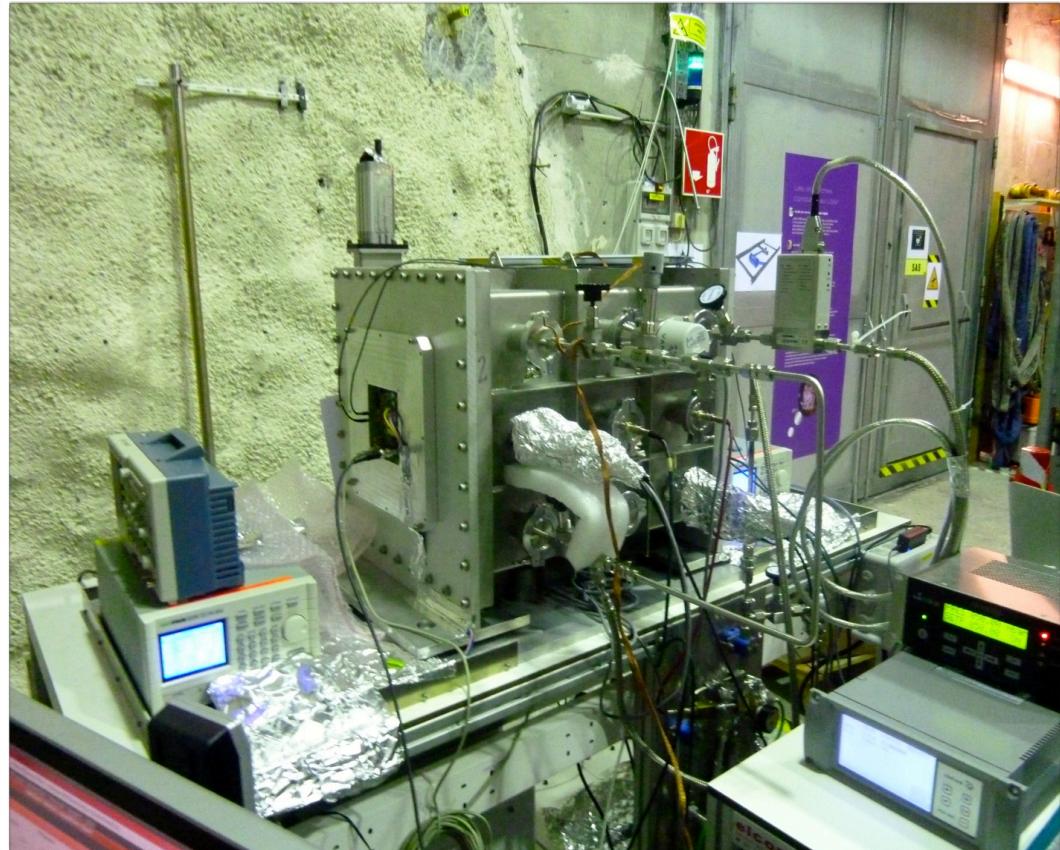


Some tracks in MIMAC prototype from measurements in Cadarache (AMANDE monoenergetic neutron facility)



8 keV hydrogen nucleus in 350 mbar $4\text{He} + 5\% \text{C4H10}$, a fluorine nucleus leaving 50 keV in ionization in 55 mbar (70% CF_4 + 30% CHF_3) and a 5.5 MeV alpha particle in 350 mbar $4\text{He} + 5\% \text{C4H10}$

MIMAC first bi-chamber module at Modane Underground Laboratory (France)

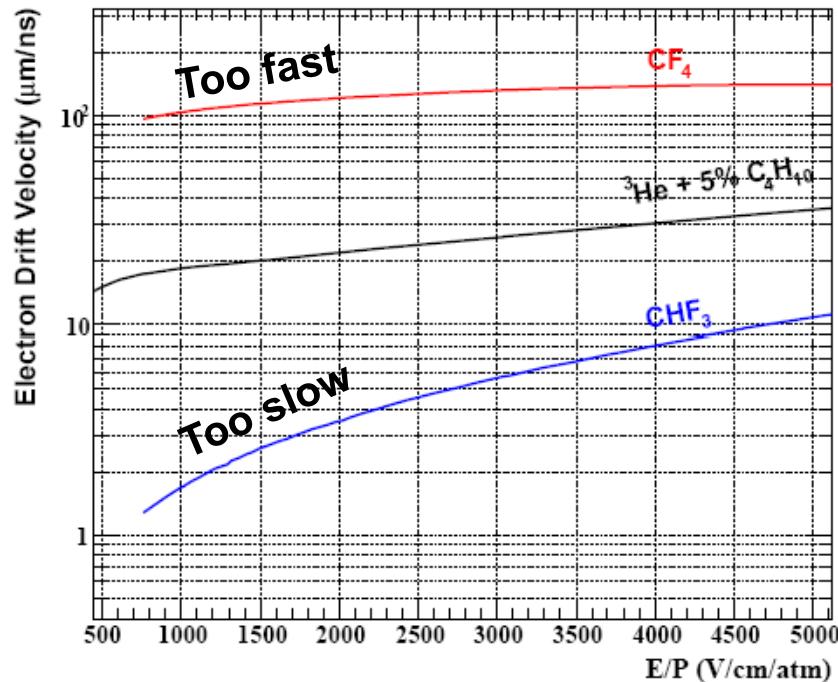


since June 22nd 2012.
Upgraded in June 2013, and
in June 2014.

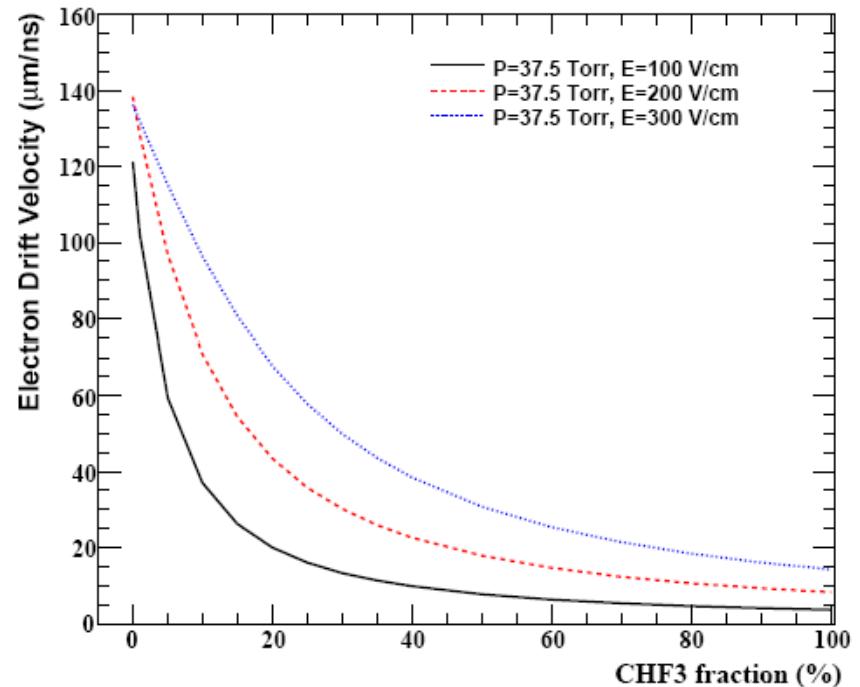
- working at 50 mbar
(CF₄+28% CHF₃ + 2% C₄H₁₀)
- in a permanent circulating mode
- Remote controlled
and commanded
- Calibration control twice per week

Many thanks to LSM staff

3D Tracks: Drift velocity

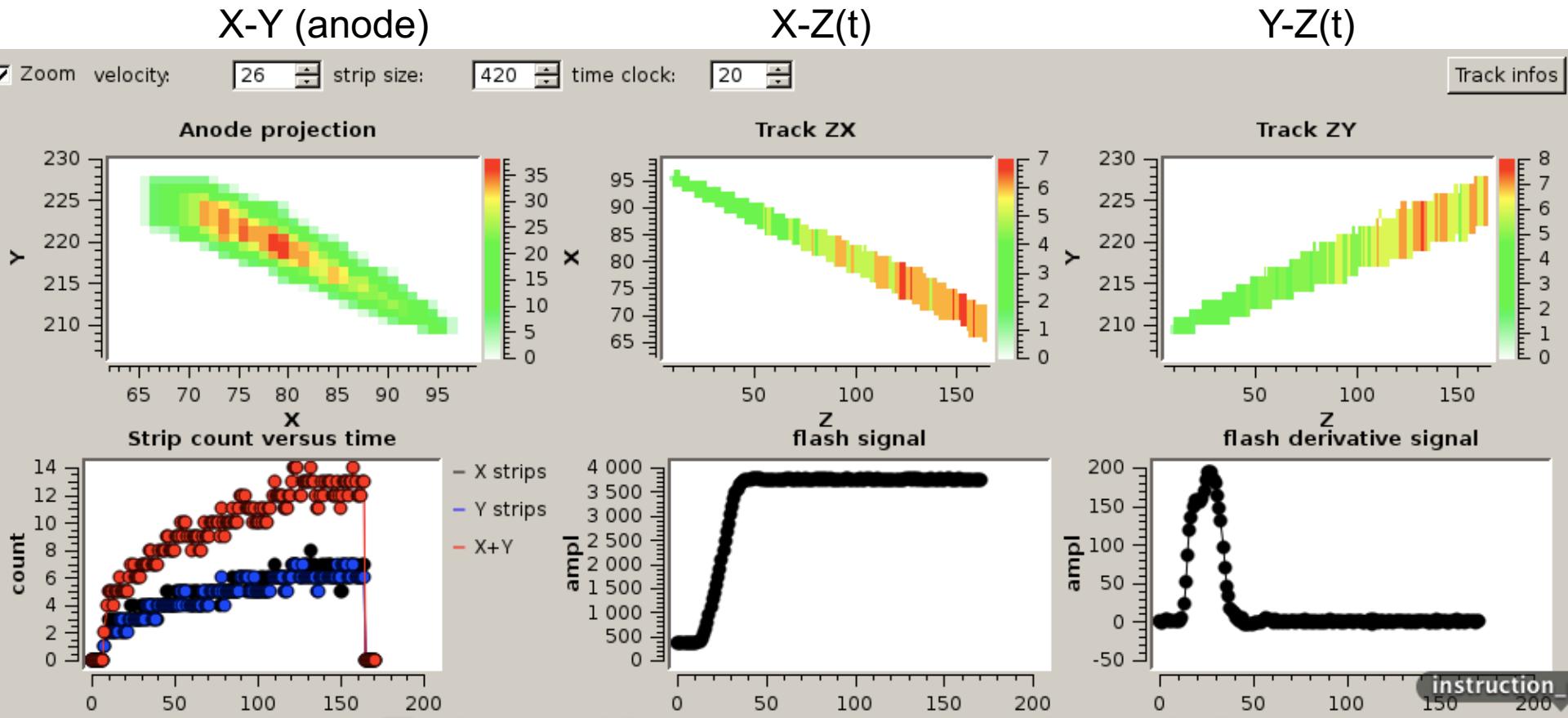


Magboltz Simulation



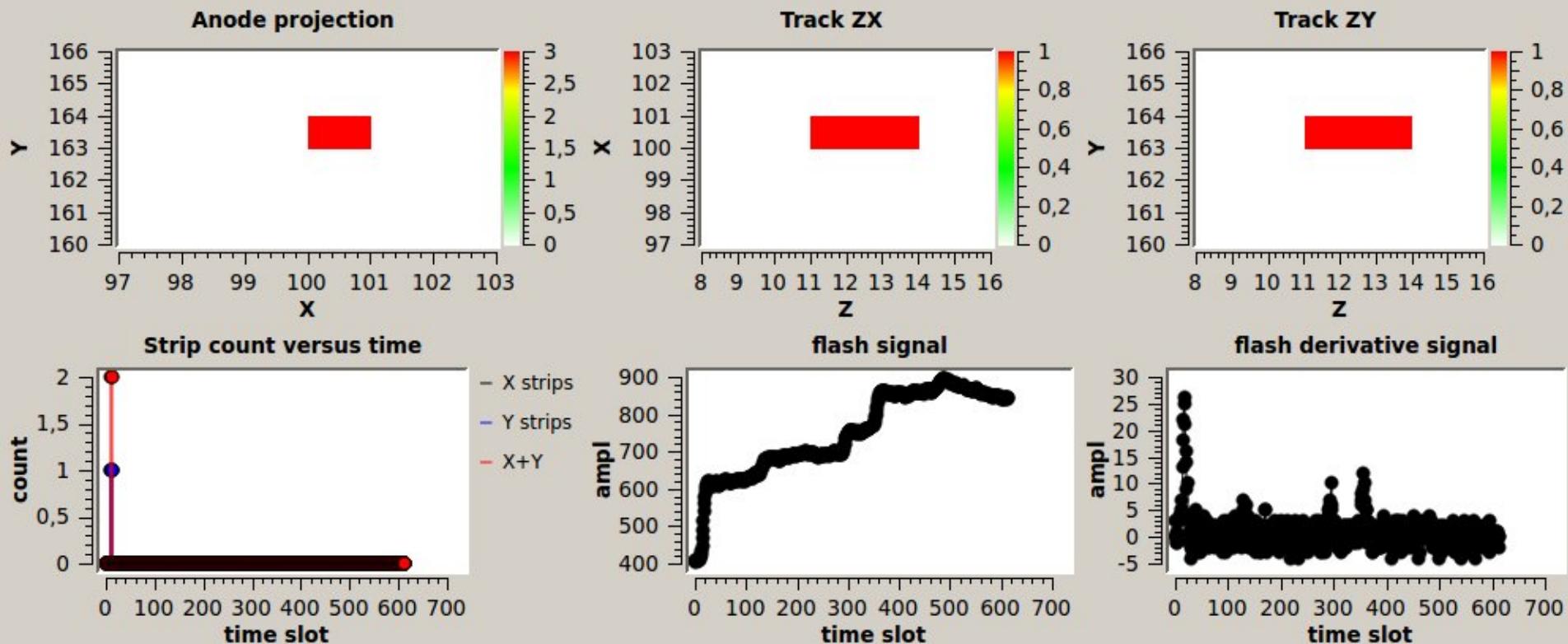
- mixed gas MIMAC target : $\text{CF}_4 + x\% \text{CHF}_3$ ($x=30$)

An alpha particle crossing the detector

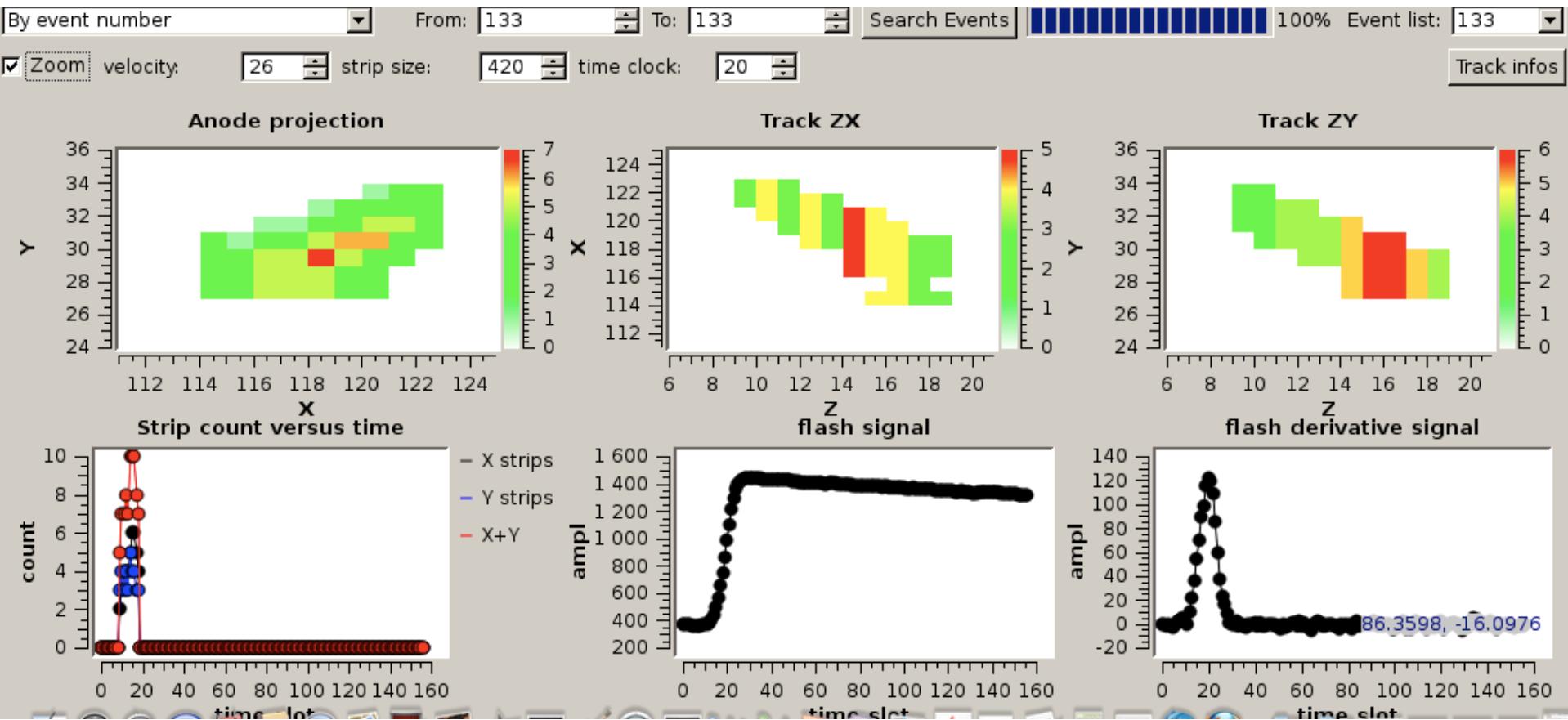


an illustration of the MIMAC observables

An electron event (18 keV)



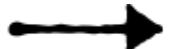
A “recoil event” (~ 34 keVee)



Radon Progeny

^{222}Rn chain:

- 4 β -decays



- 4 α -decays



$$E_\alpha \sim 5 \text{ MeV}$$

Electron event (background)

-particle emission:

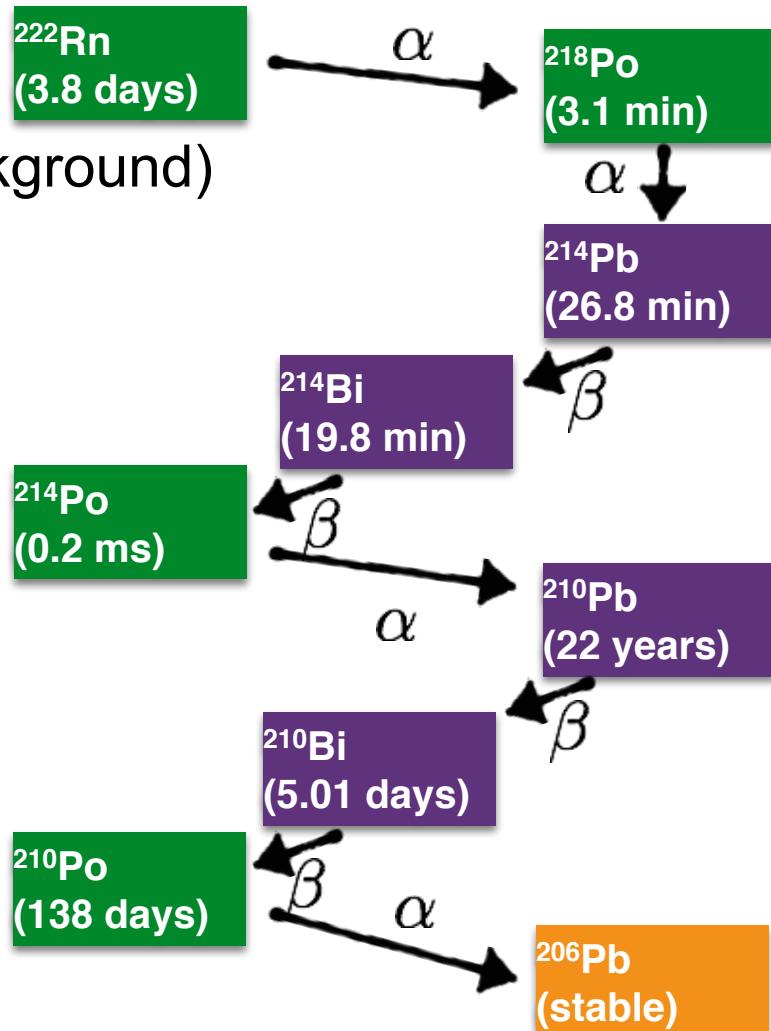
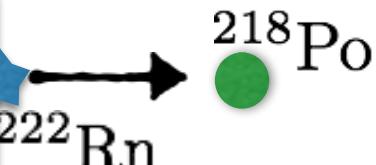
Saturation

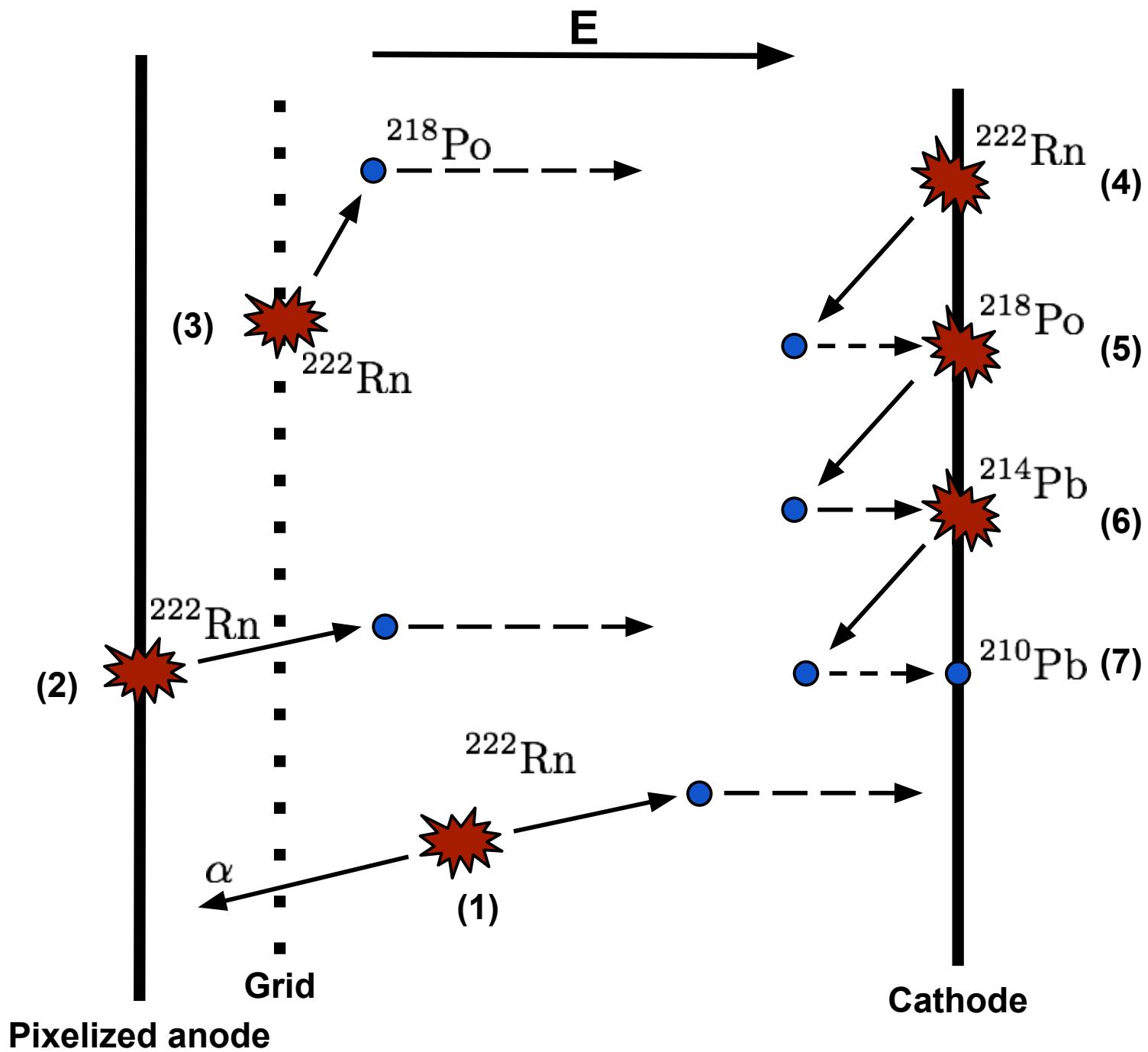


Daughter nucleus recoil
(surface event):

Parent	Daughter	E_{recoil}^{kin} [keV]	E_{recoil}^{ioni} [keV]
^{222}Rn	^{218}Po	100.8	38.23
^{218}Po	^{214}Pb	112.3	43.90
^{214}Po	^{210}Pb	146.5	58.78
^{210}Po	^{206}Pb	103.1	39.95

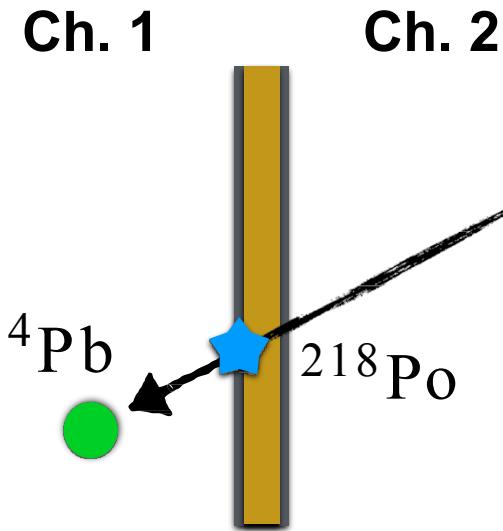
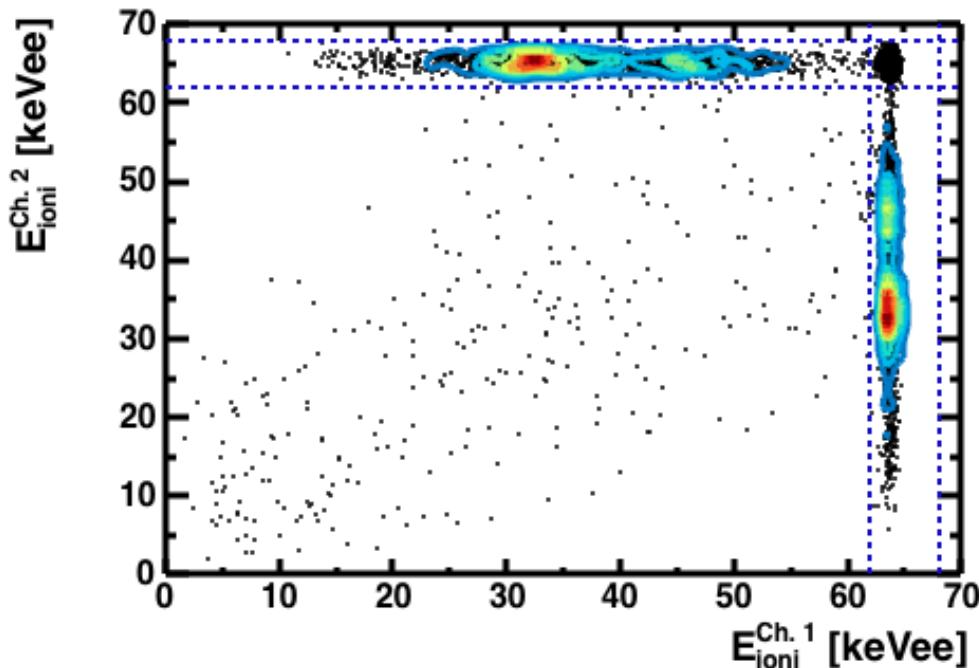
Simulation (SRIM)





RPR: « In coincidence » events

Chamber coincidences:



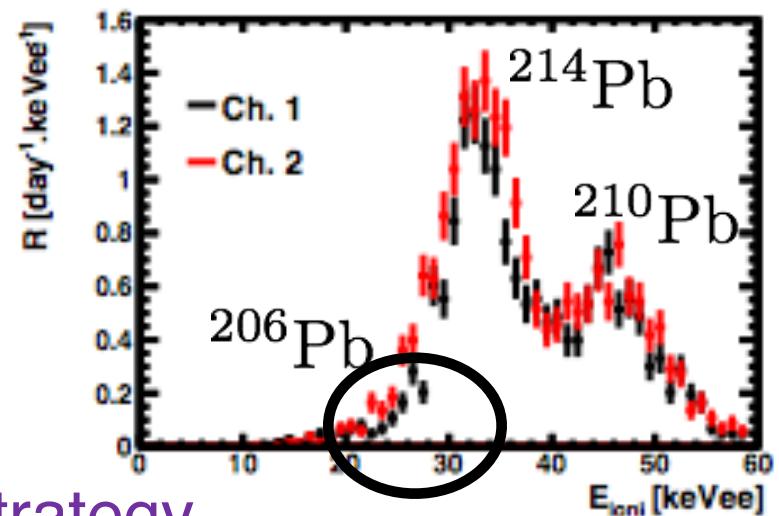
3D tracks from nuclear recoil
of radon progeny detection

First detection of 3D tracks of Rn progeny

Electron/recoil discrimination

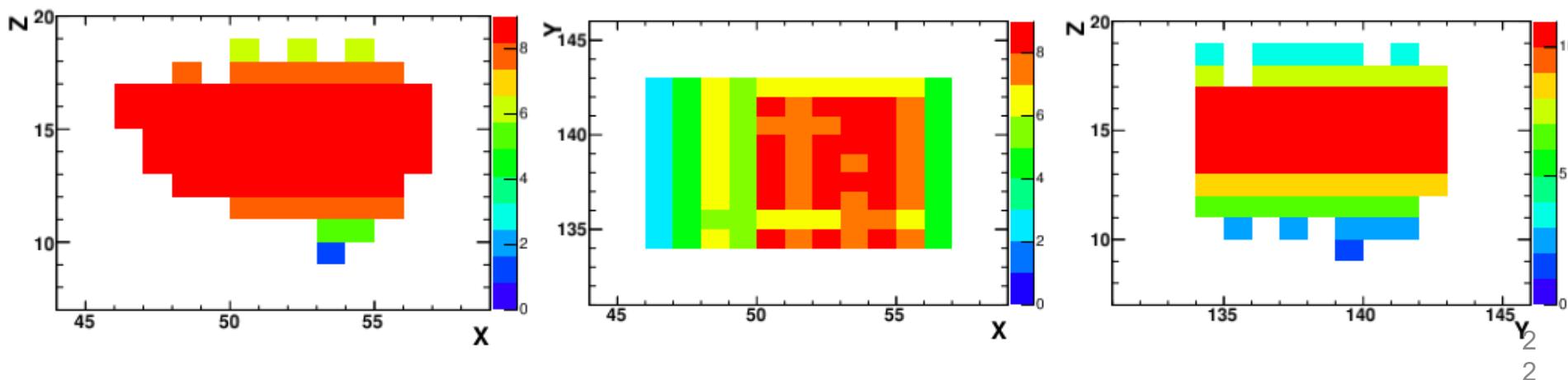
Measure $\begin{cases} E_{ioni}(^{214}\text{Pb}) = 32.90 \pm 0.16 \text{ keVee} \\ E_{ioni}(^{210}\text{Pb}) = 45.60 \pm 0.29 \text{ keVee} \end{cases}$

Nuclear recoil spectra



$$R_{^{206}\text{Pb}} \sim 0.25 \text{ day}^{-1} \cdot \text{keVee}^{-1}$$

→ Validation of MIMAC detection strategy

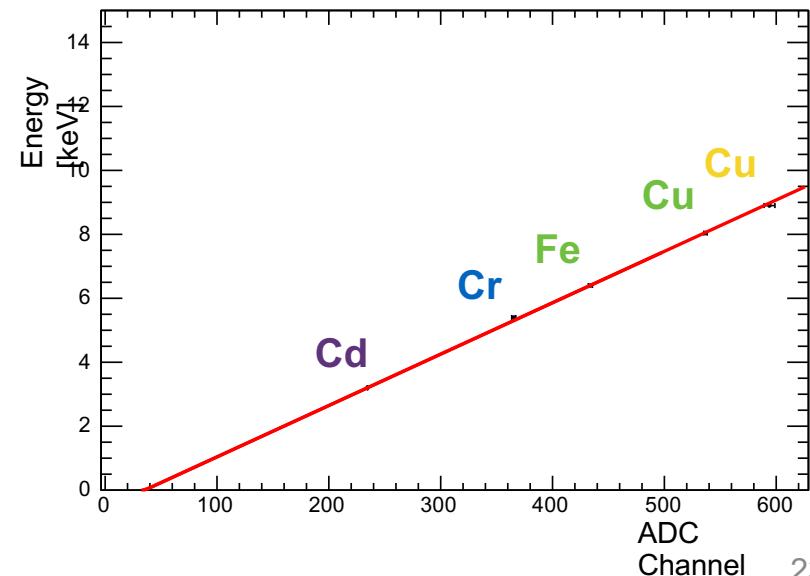
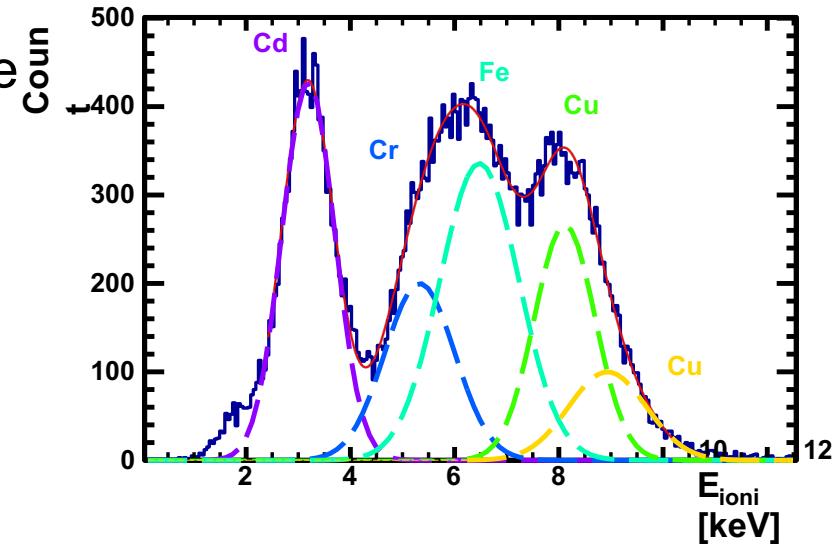
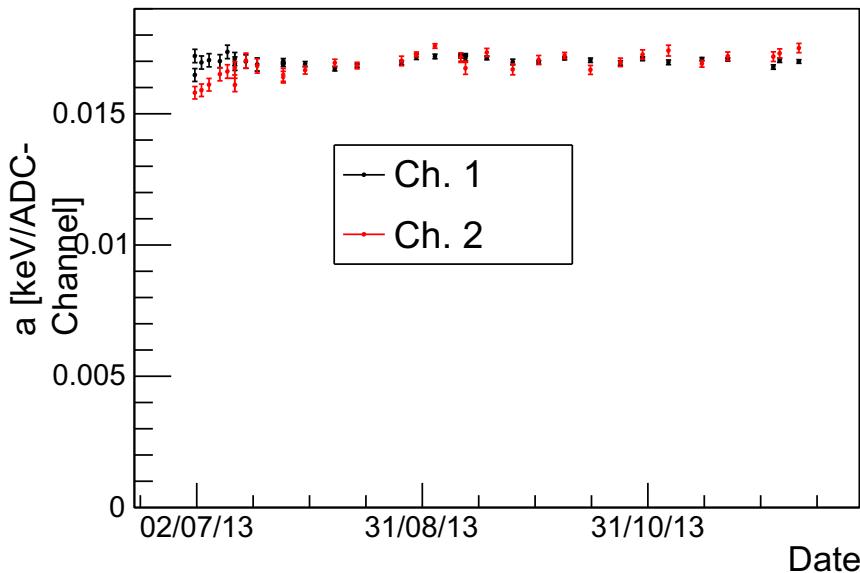


MIMAC calibration with X-rays stable in LSM

X-ray generator producing fluorescence photons from Cd, Fe, Cu foils.

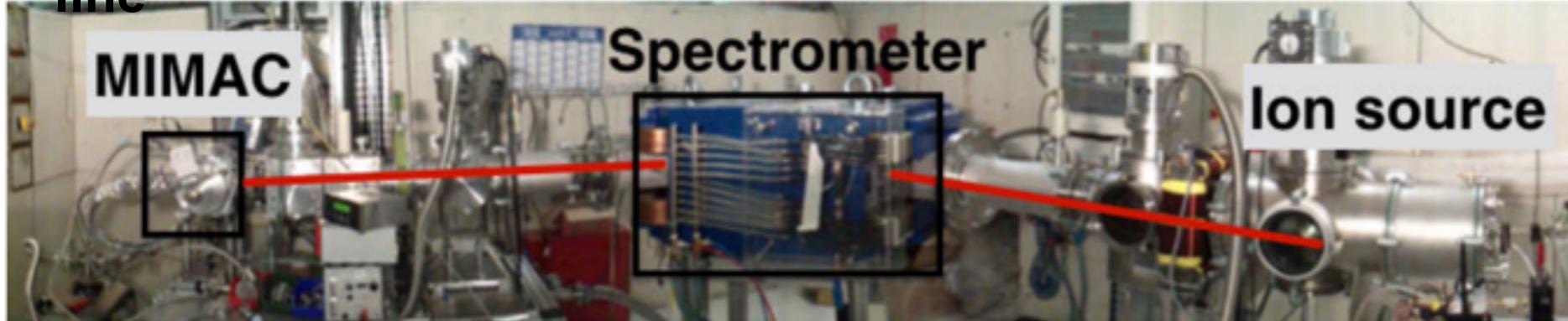
Threshold ~ 1 keV

Circulation system:
Excellent Gain stability in time



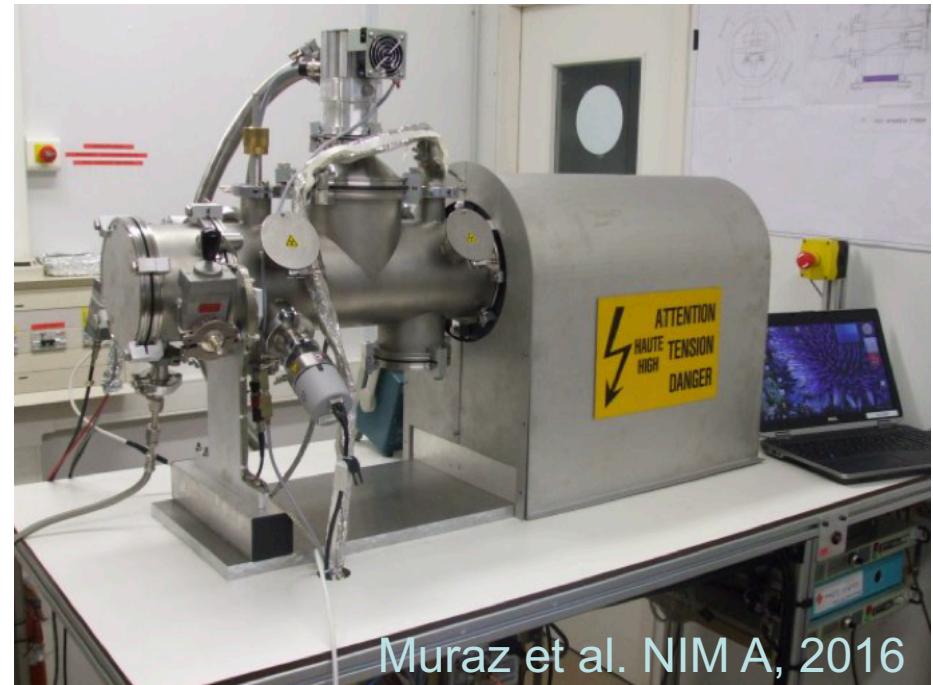
Ion Beams

**LHI beam
line**



**COMIMAC – A
Portable Quenching
Facility**

**Target: ^{19}F (but
flexible to change)**

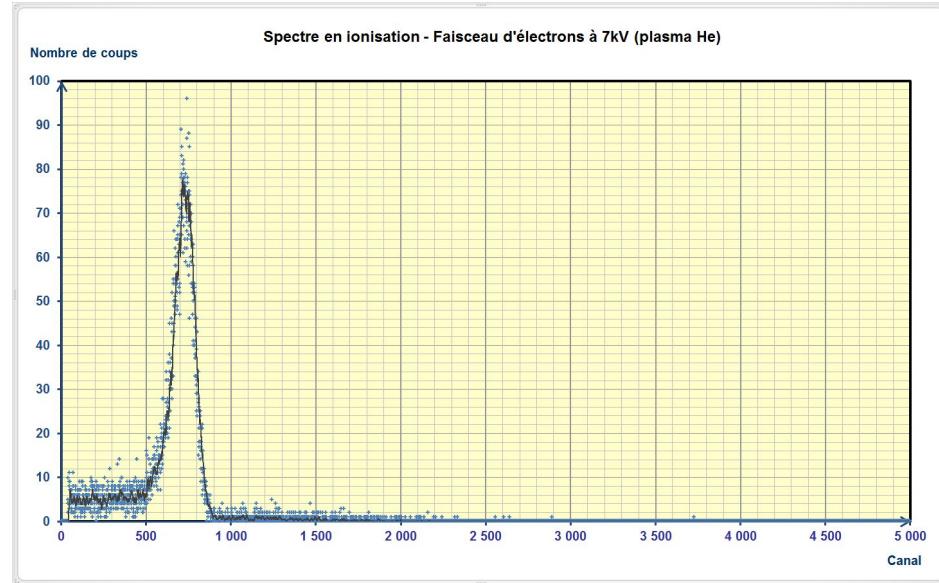
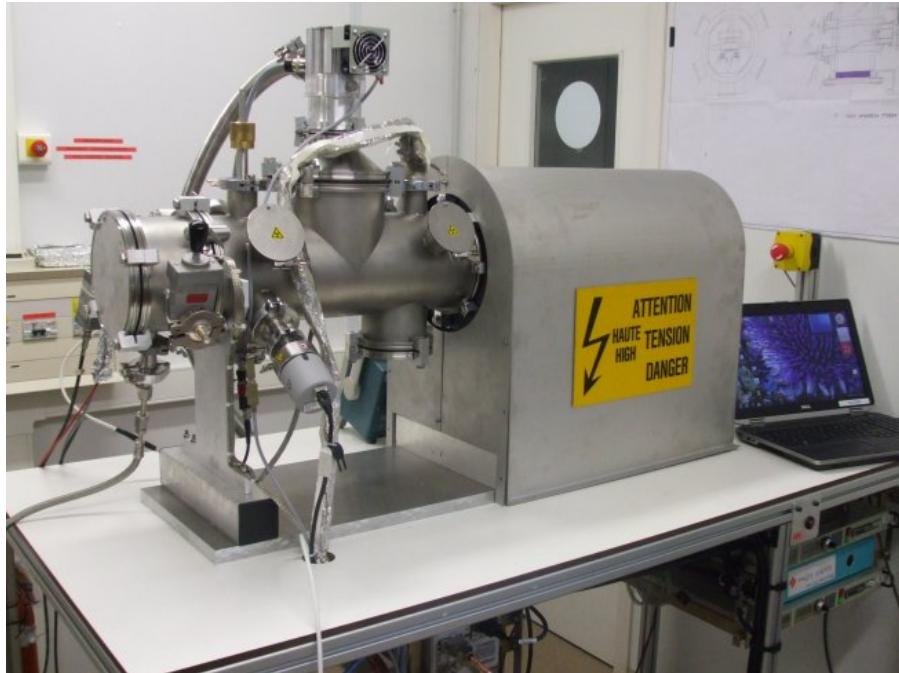


Muraz et al. NIM A, 2016

Portable Quenching Facility

COMIMAC

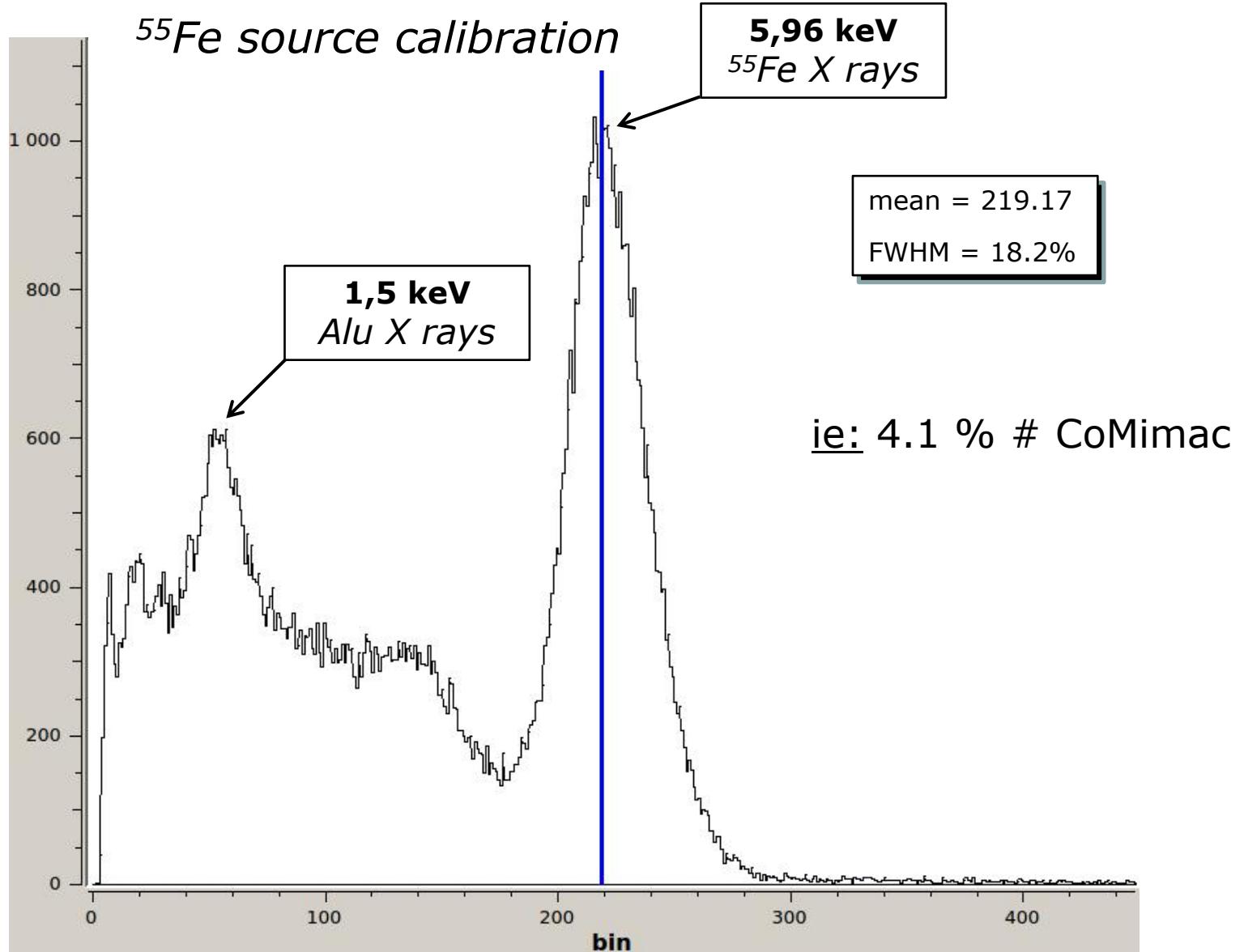
Electrons and IONS of known energies

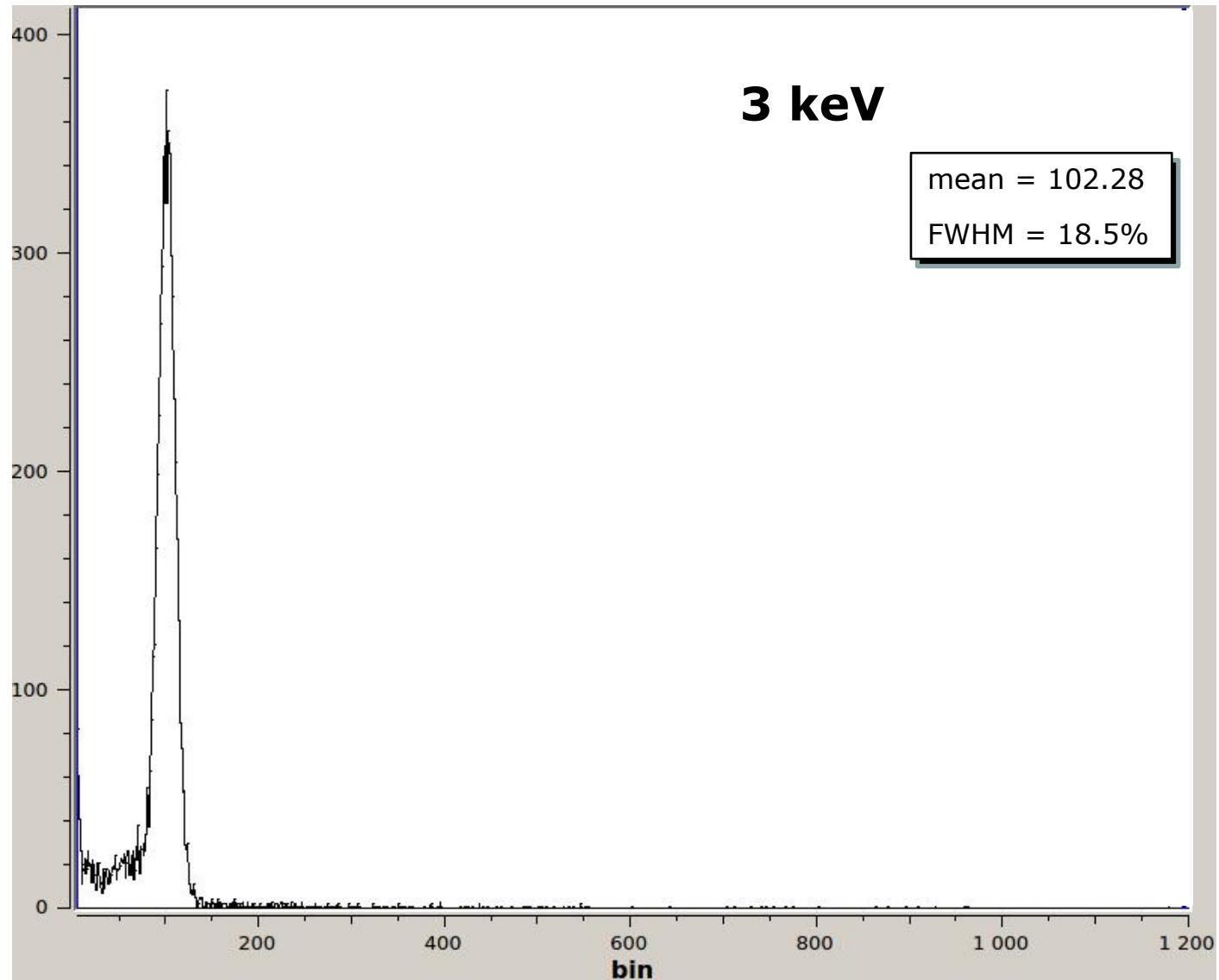


Electrons of 7 keV

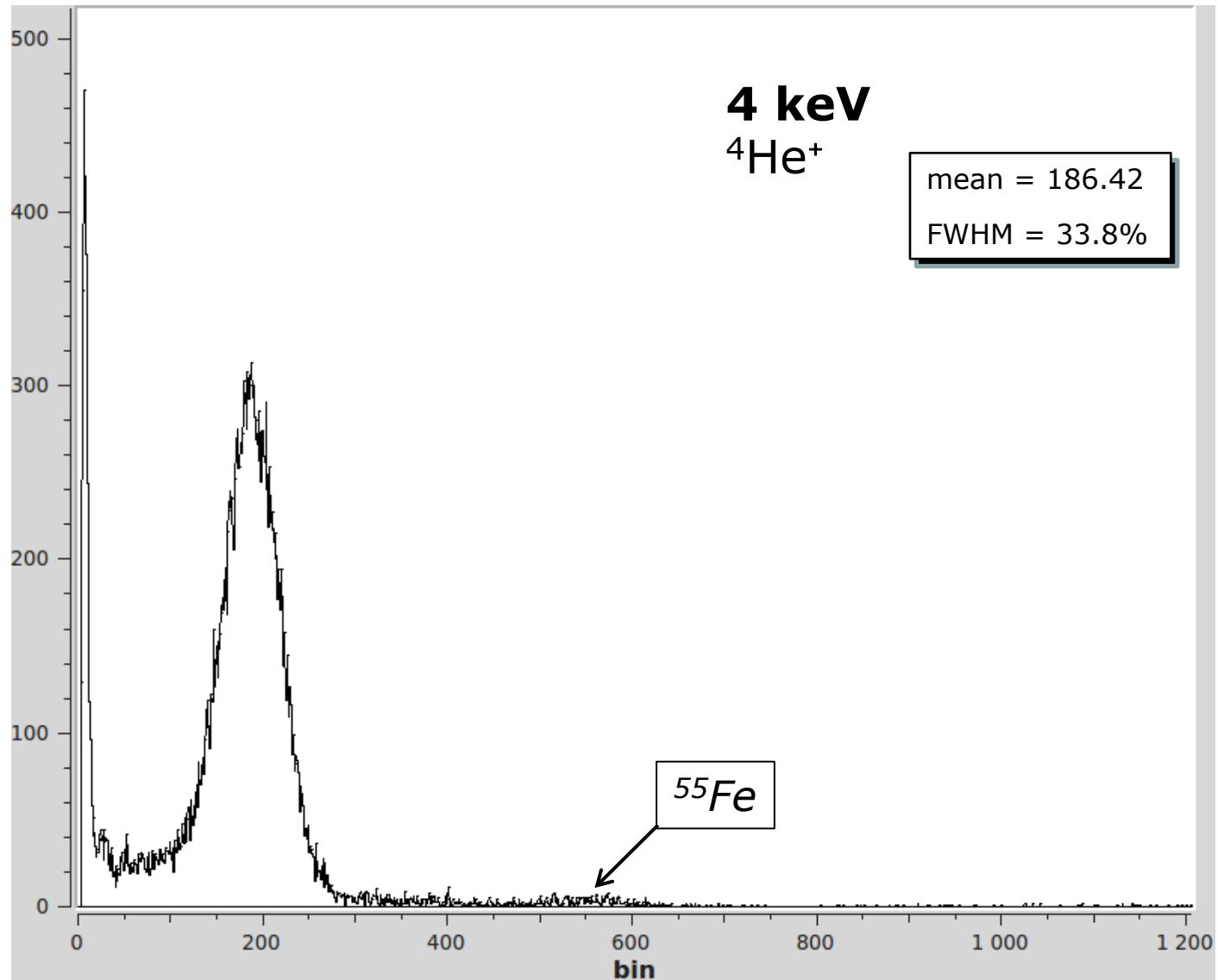
In a gas detector the IQF depends strongly on the quality of the gas.
The IQF needs to be measured periodically (in-situ) in a long term run experiment.

Electrons Performance



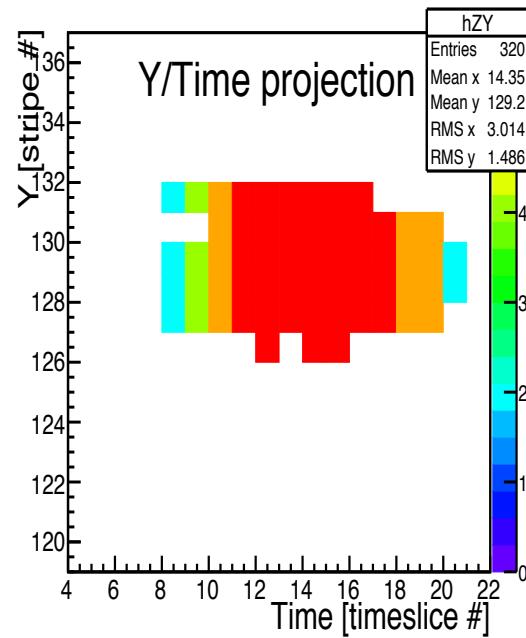
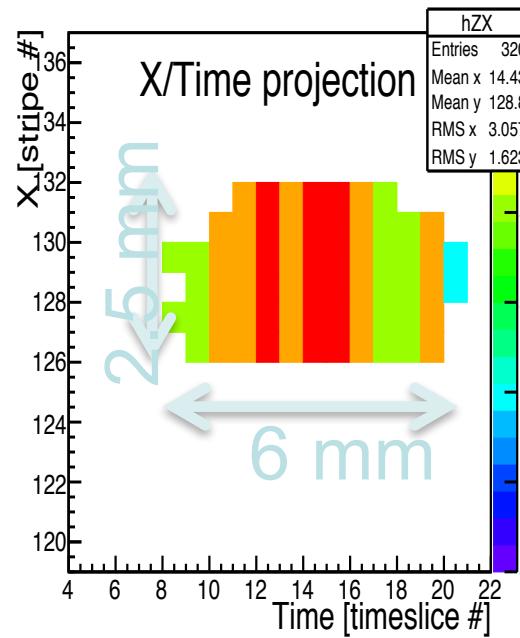
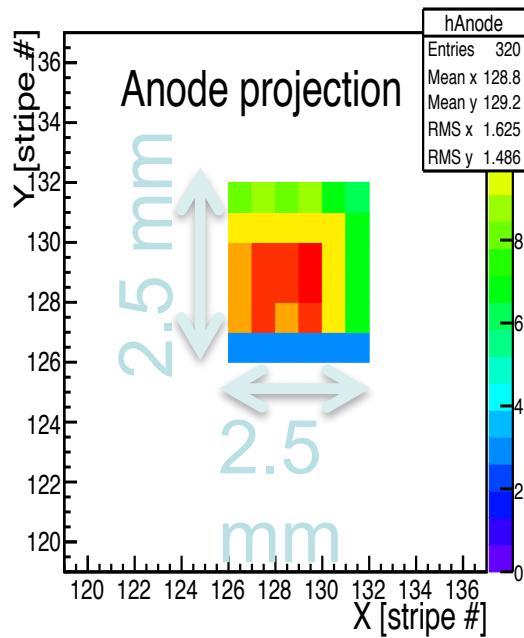


Ions Performance



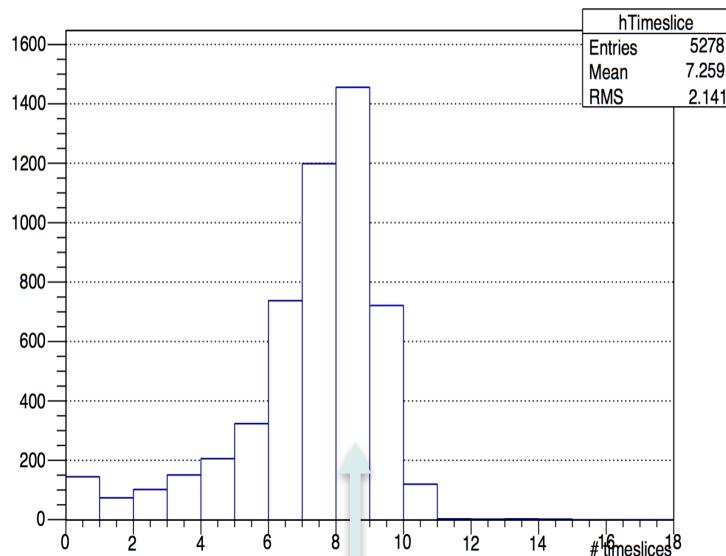
COMIMAC: first measurements on controlled tracks of Fluorine

25 keV (kinetic) Fluorine $\rightarrow \sim 9$ keVee
ionization



COMIMAC: first controlled tracks of ^{19}F

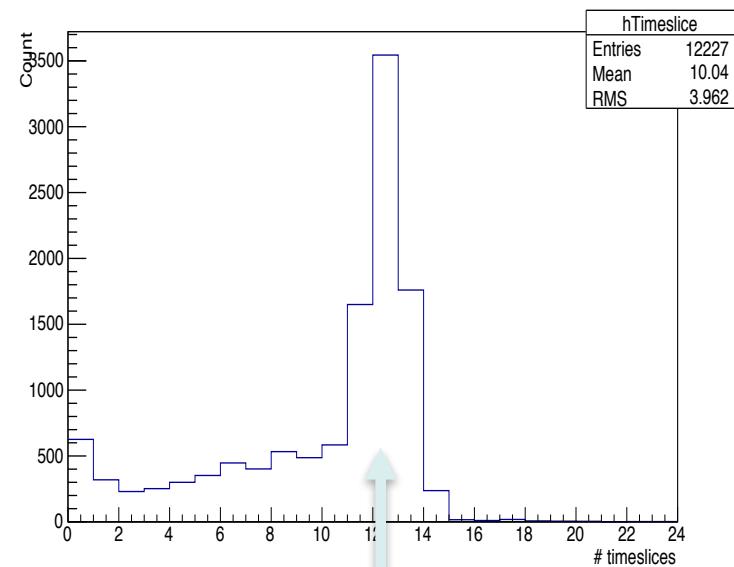
8 keV kinetic \rightarrow 2 keVee



8 timeslices

- * 20 ns/timeslices
- * $23.5 \mu\text{m}/\text{ns}$
- = 3.8 mm

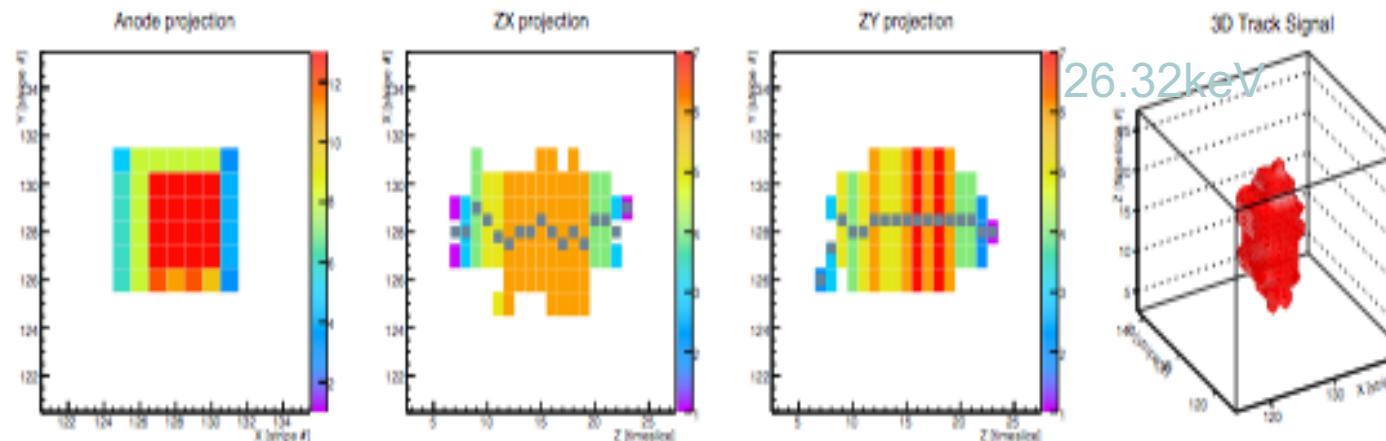
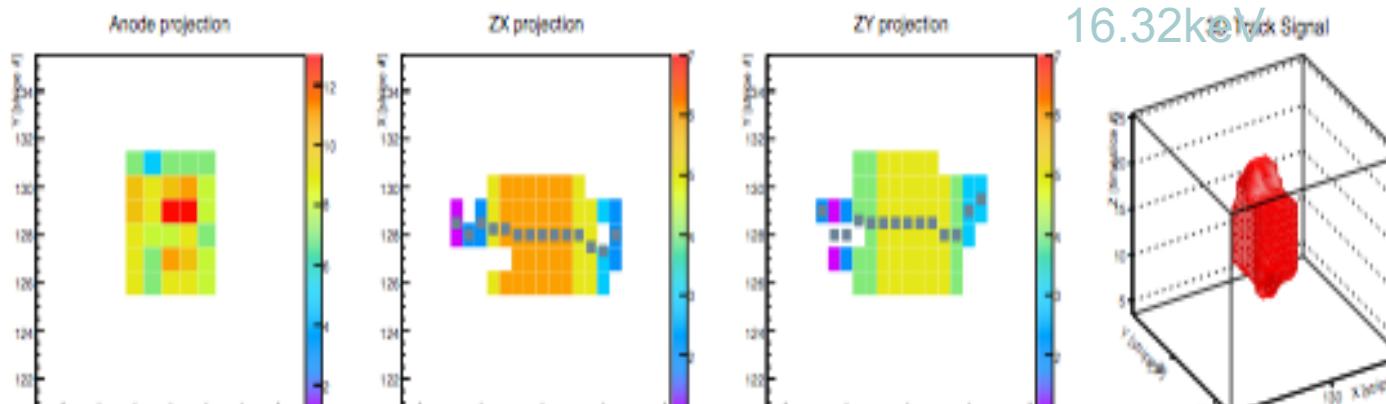
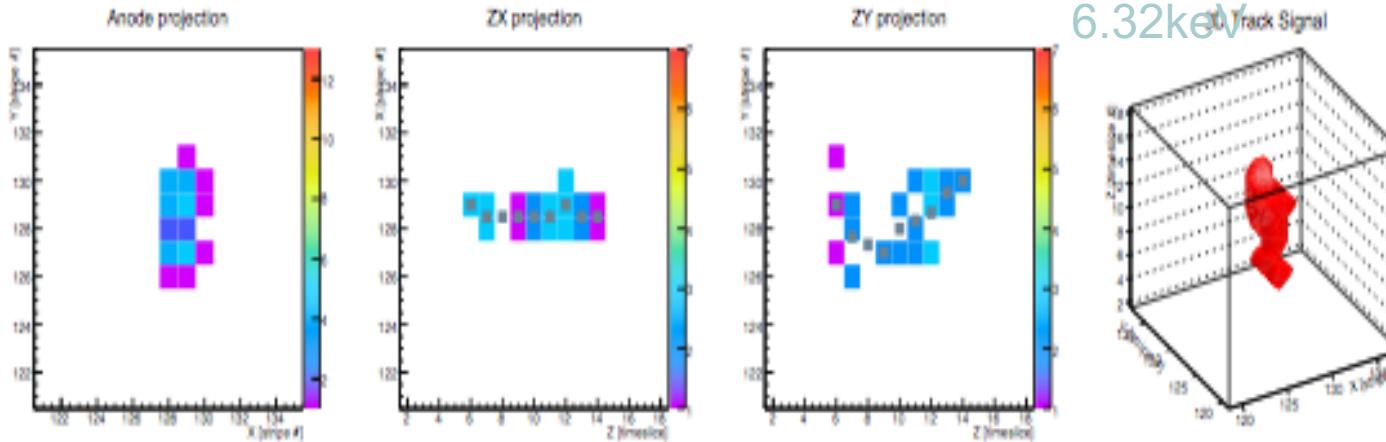
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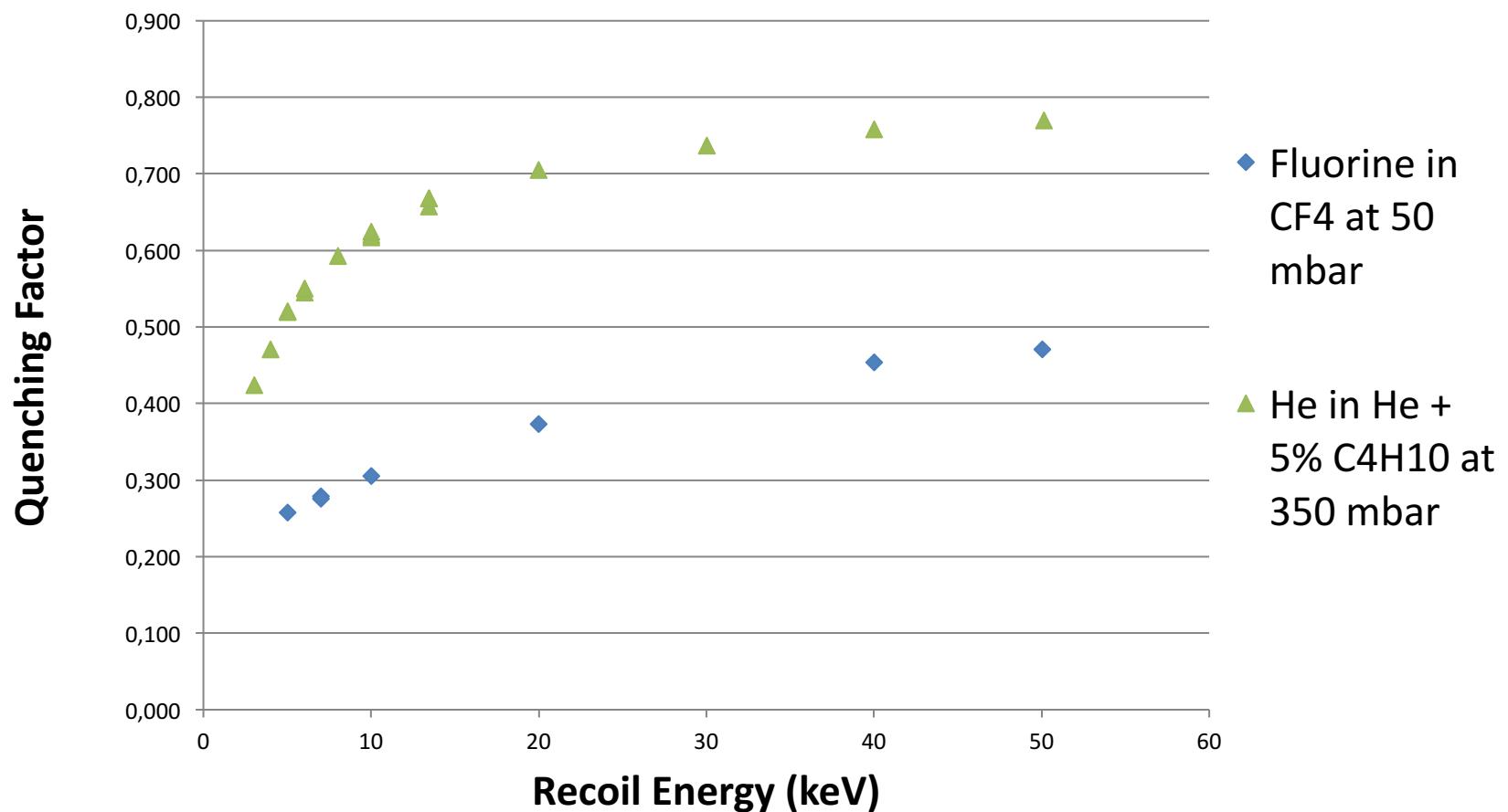
12 timeslices

- * 20 ns/timeslice
- * $23.5 \mu\text{m}/\text{ns}$
- = 5.8 mm

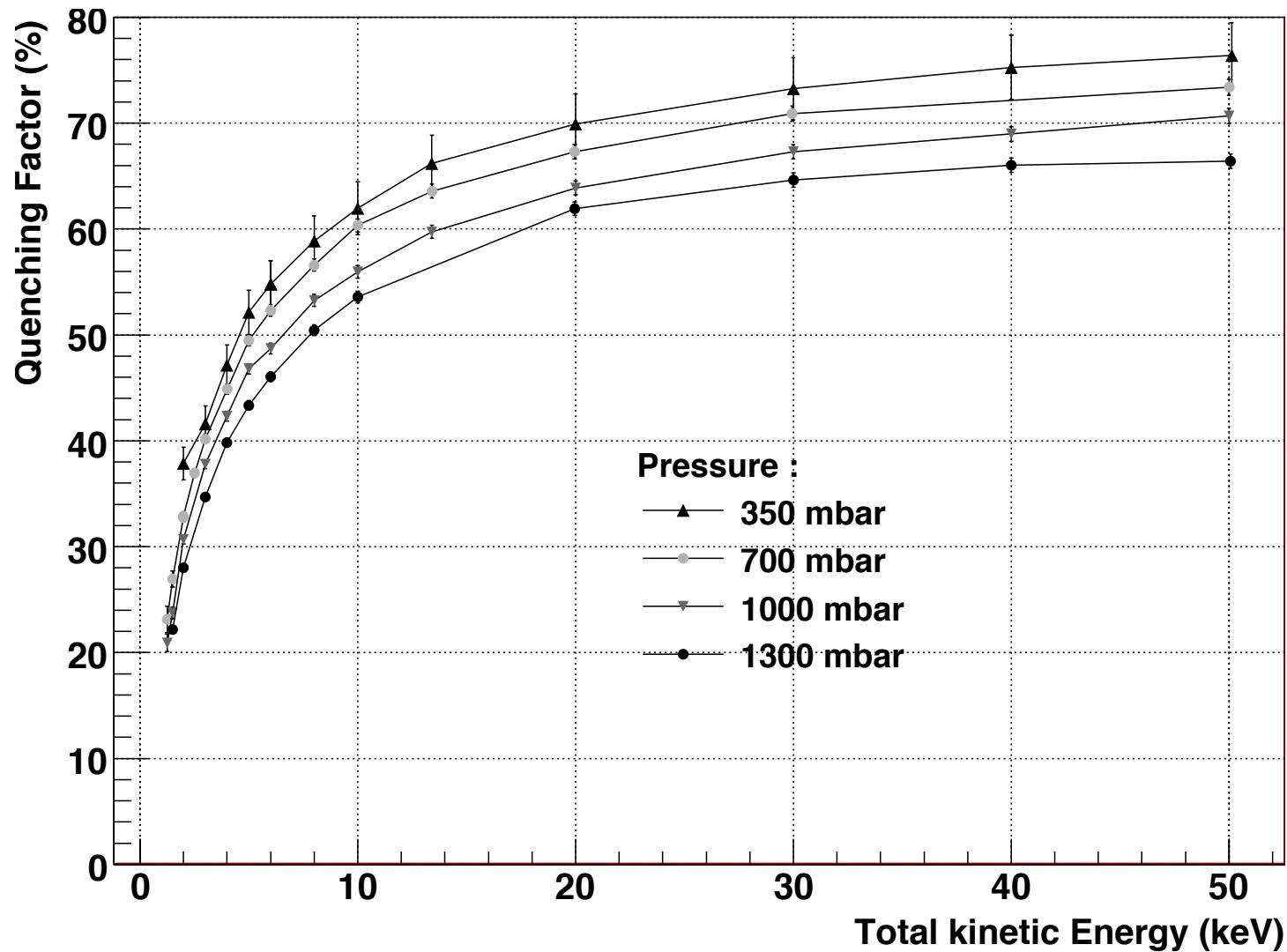
Reconstructing Track Projections



Ionization Quenching Factor for Fluorine in pure CF₄ at 50 mbar



IQF in ${}^4\text{He} + 5\%$ isobutane for different pressures!!

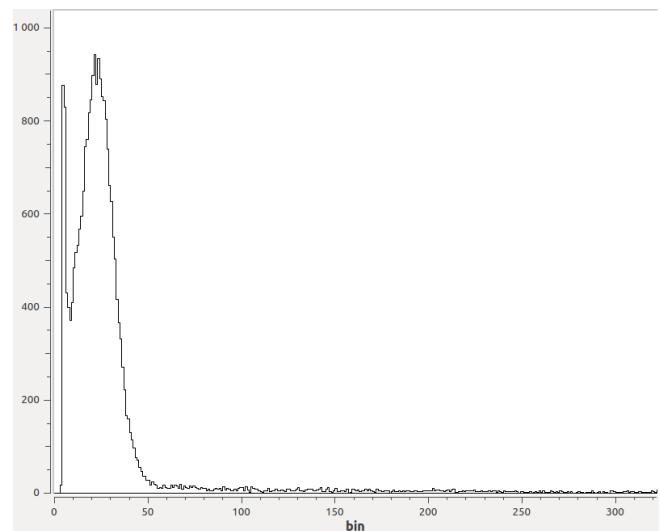
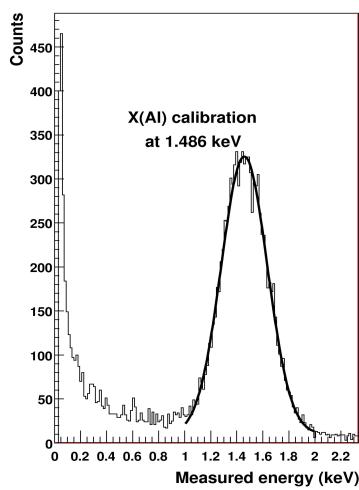
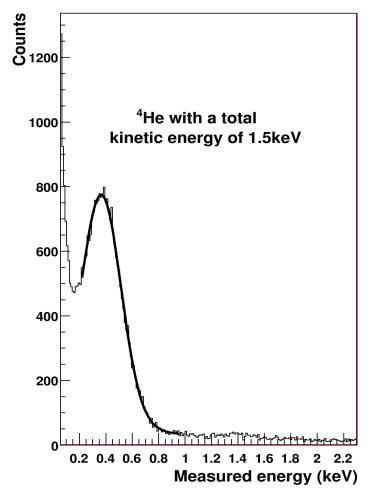


Ionization Quenching Factor Measurements with LHI at LPSC-Grenoble



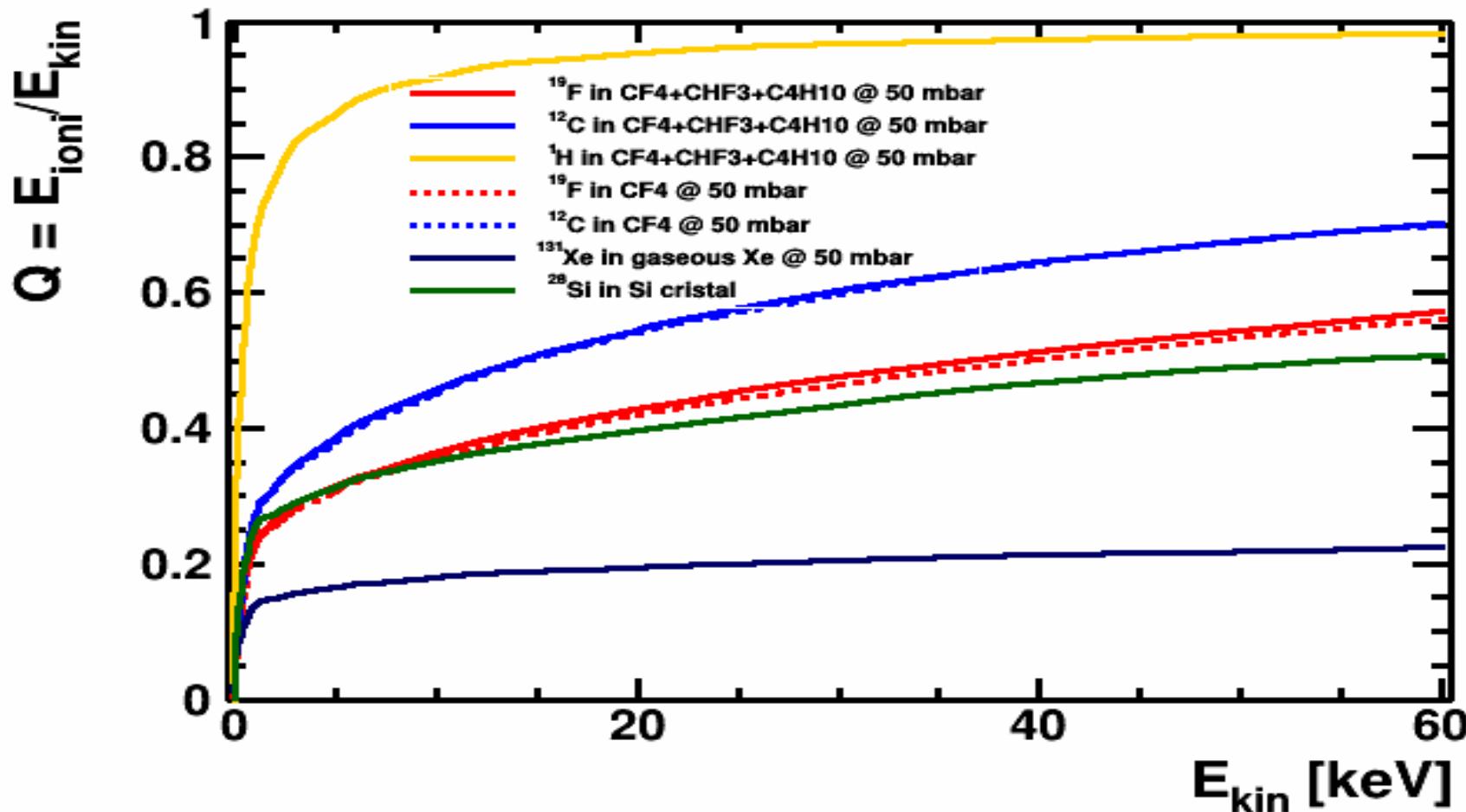
8.5 GHz ECR ion source;
high resolution magnetic spectrometer separates the ion masses based on q/m f
trajectory : arc of circle $r = 0.7$ m with $B = 0.23$ T/m.
Energy resolution 1%

^{19}F (3 keV) in CF_4 (50 mbar)

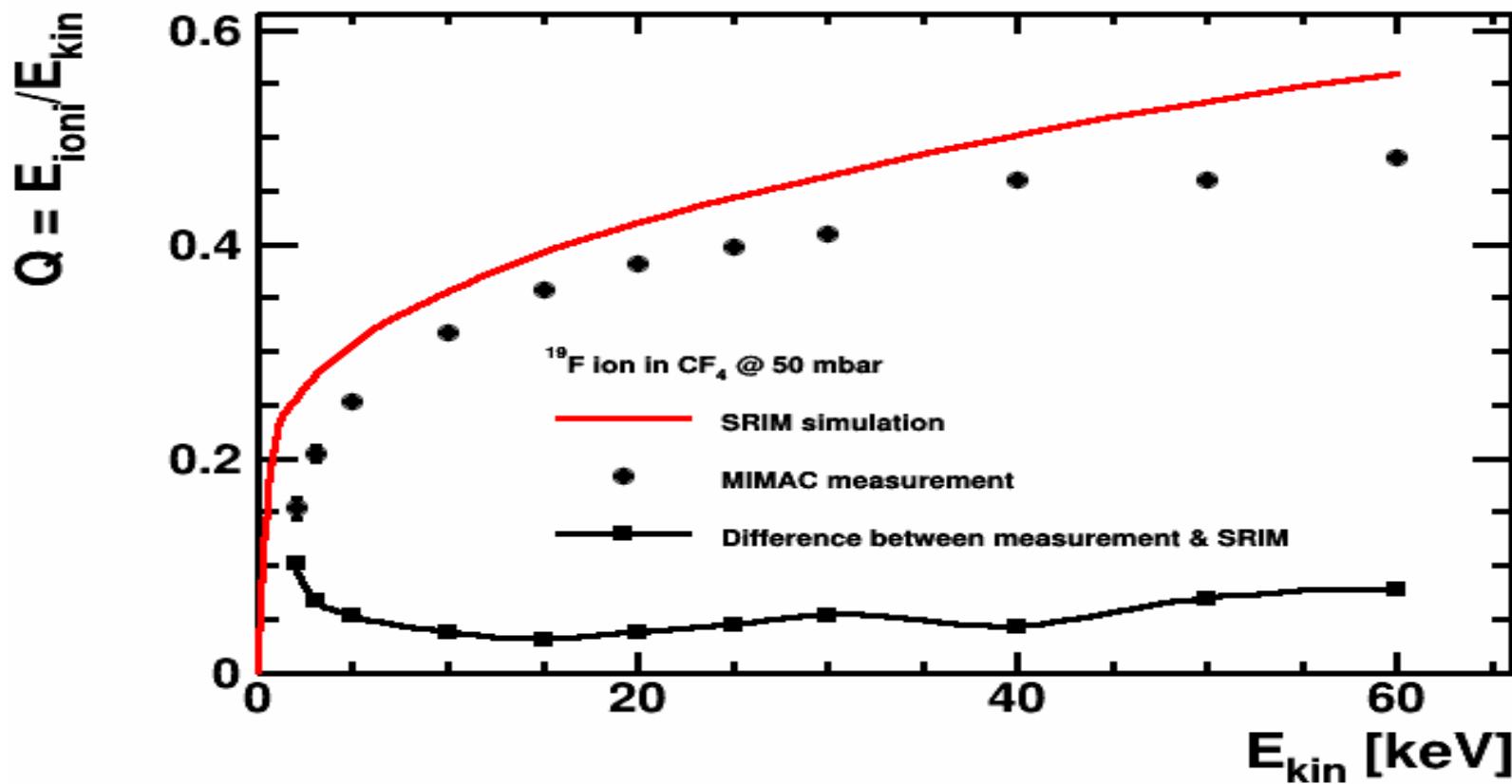


Ionization Quenching Factors

SRIM-Simulations (LPSC)

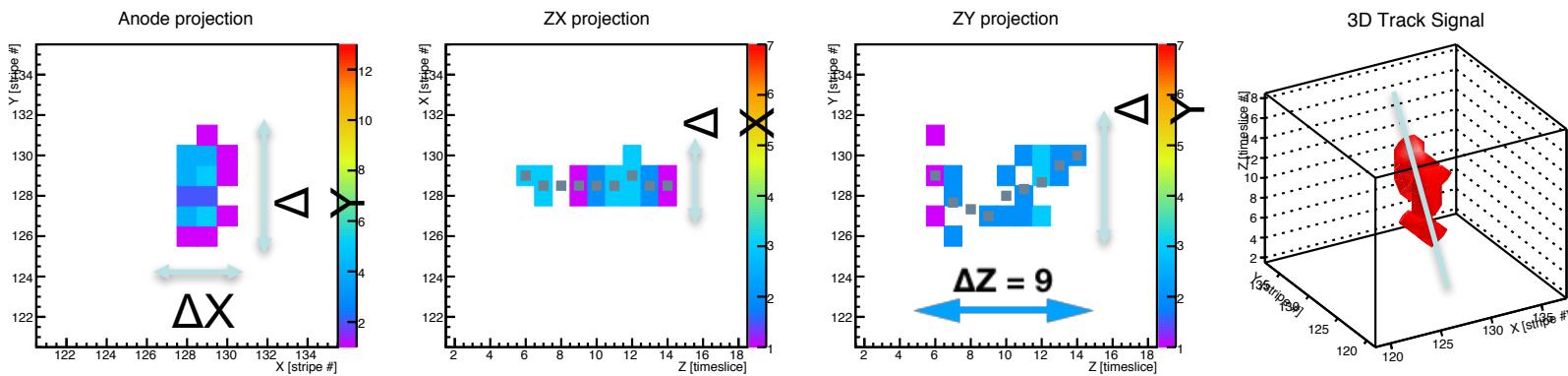


^{19}F - IQF Measurements vs SRIM

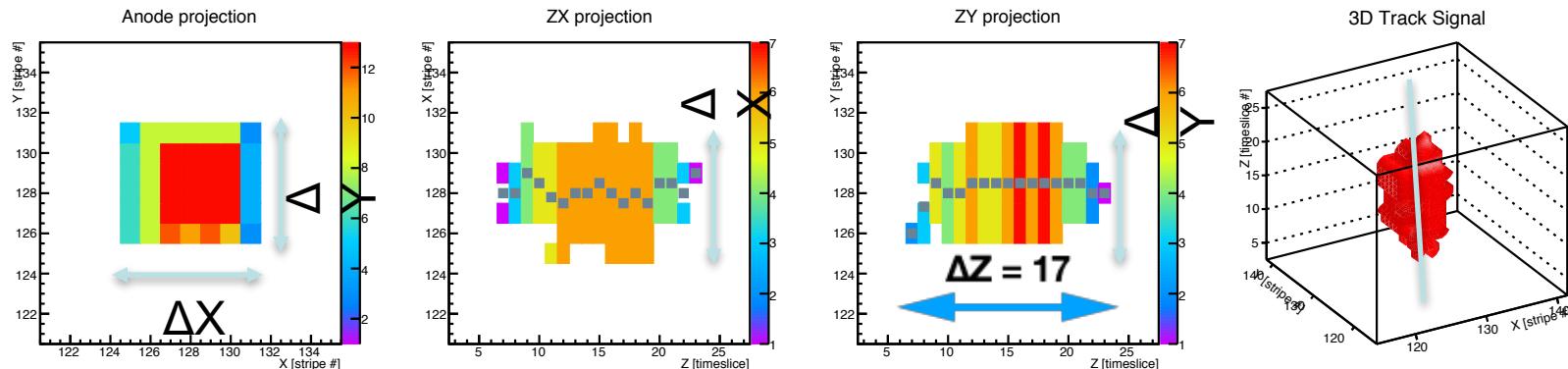


MIMAC: has 3D-reconstructed keV tracks.

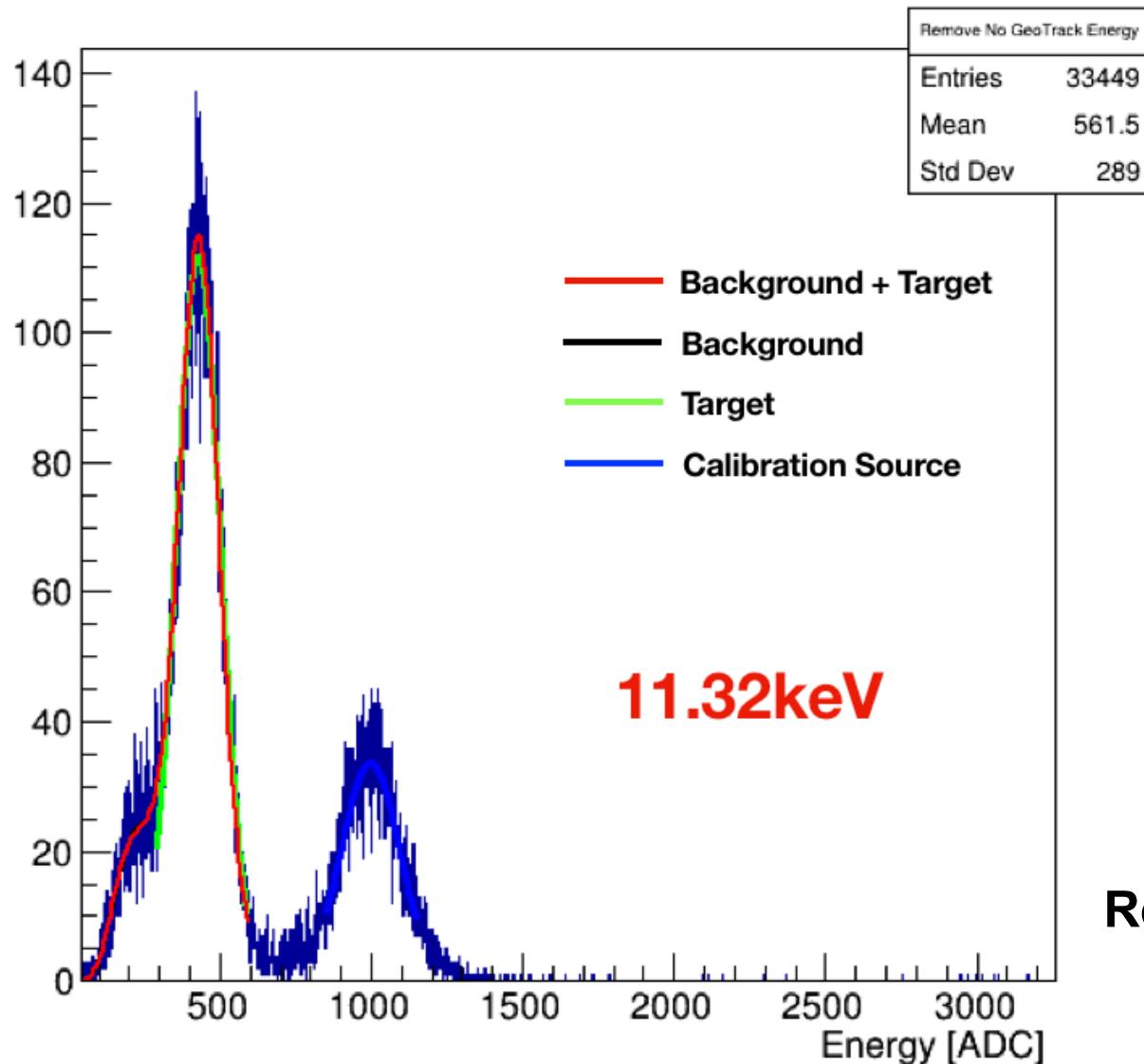
Fluorine 6.3 keV (~2 keVee)



Fluorine 26.3 keV (~9 keVee)



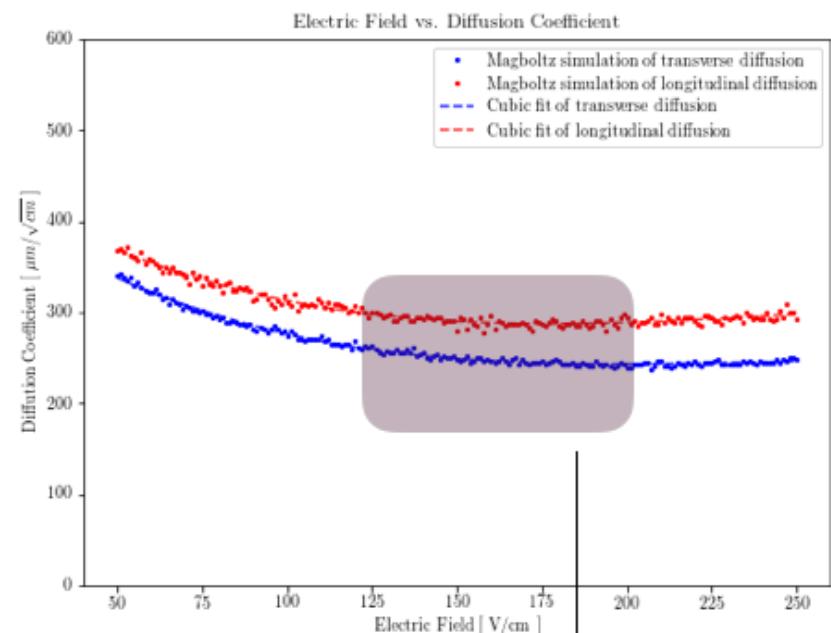
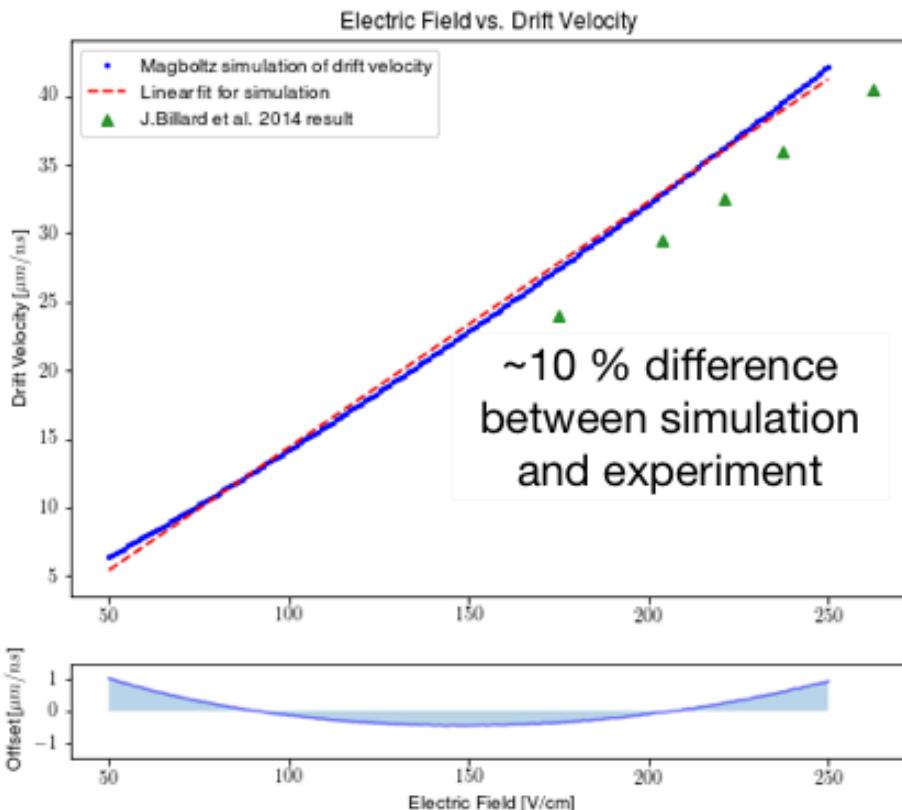
Energy Resolution < 15% (FWHM)



Energy Spectrum
of a 11.32 keV F
ion run as an
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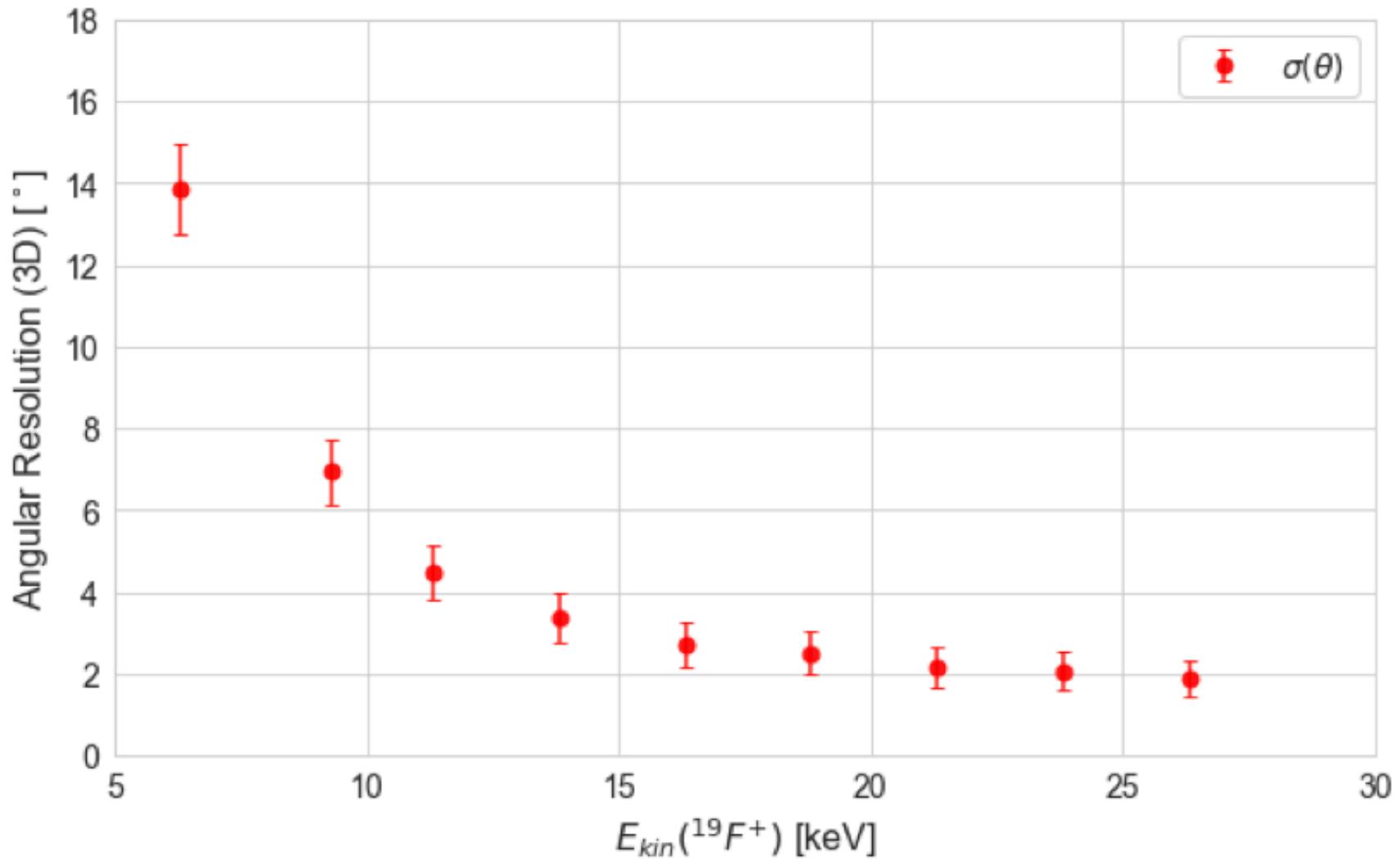
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Drift Velocity and Diffusion Coefficient Results from MAGBOLTZ Simulation



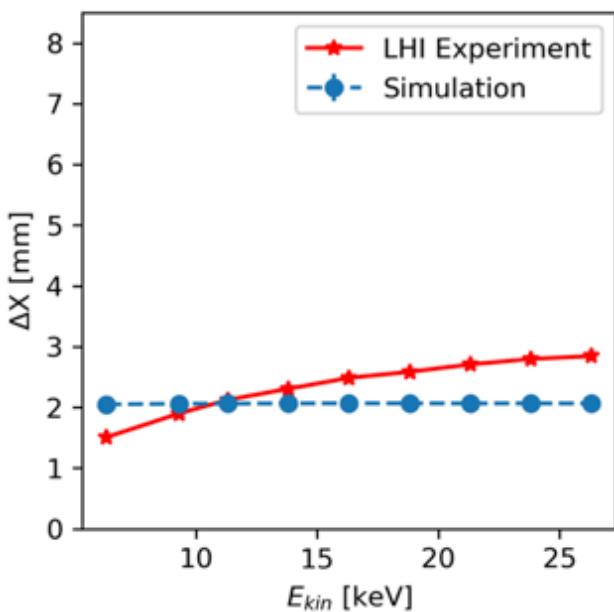
Conclusion: In the experimental range, simulation only give a few difference between transversal and longitudinal diffusion impact (But this difference will be enhanced if the drift distance is large enough)

Angular Resolution: better than required 20deg

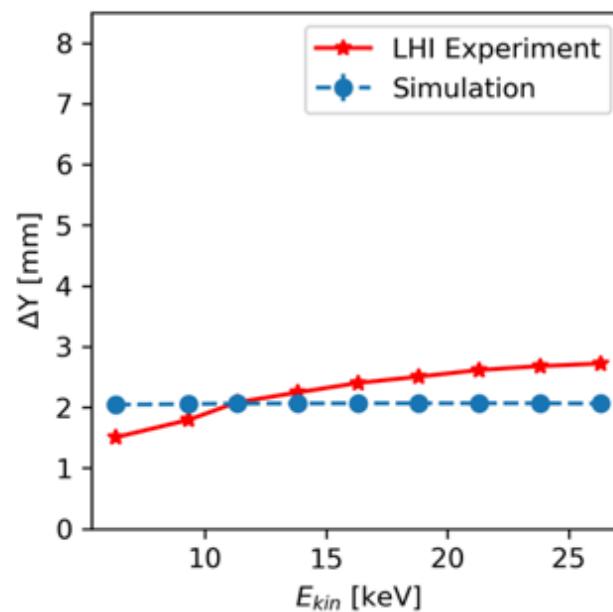


Comparison with Simulation (SRIM + MAGBOLTZ)

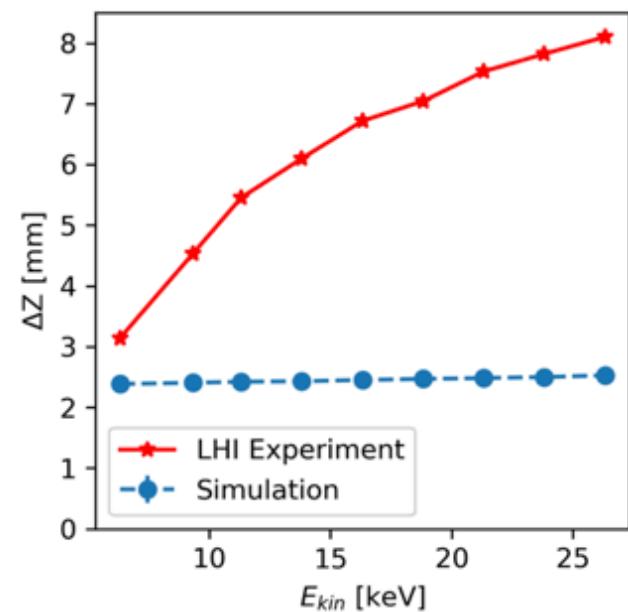
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Width Y



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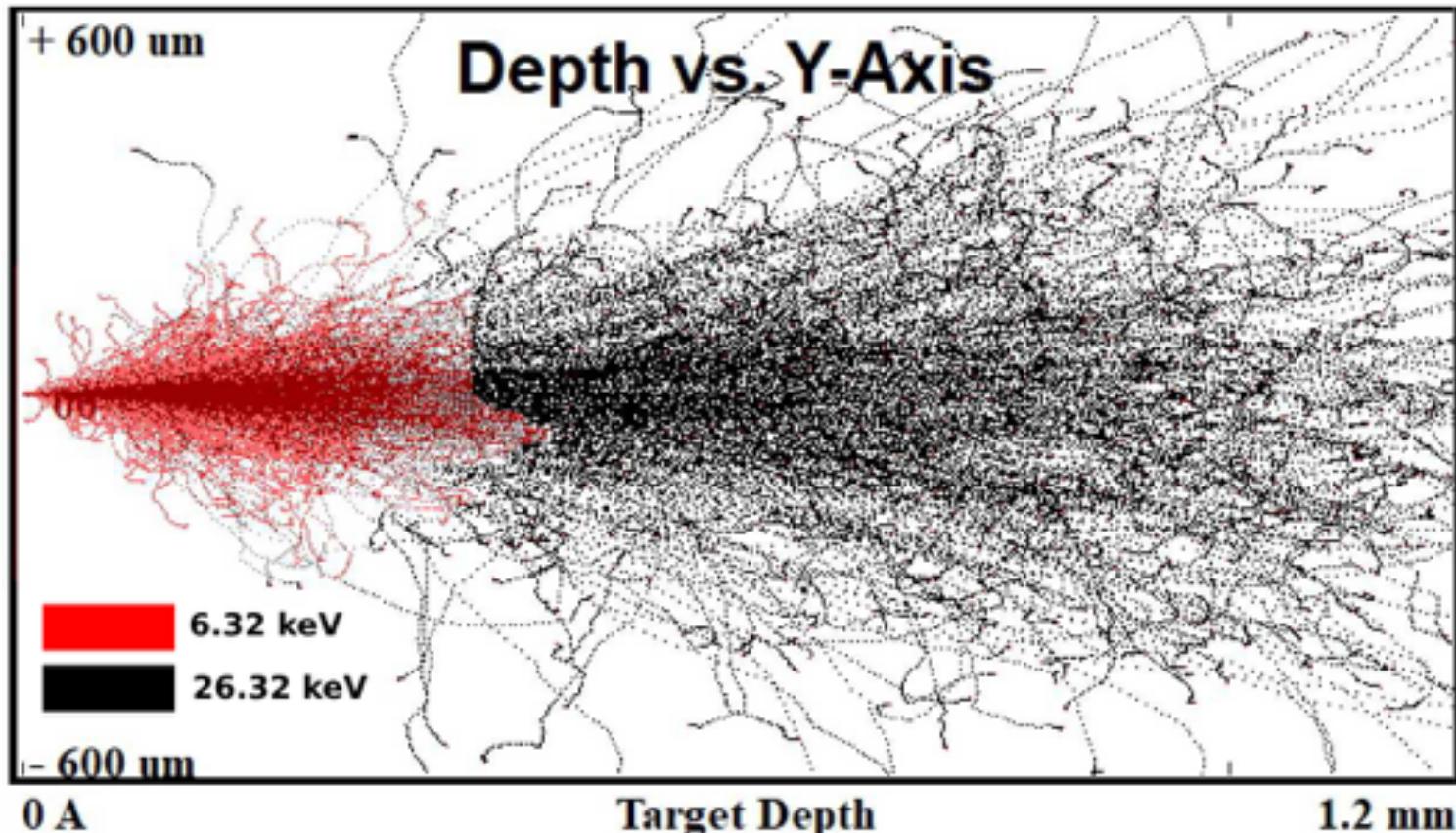


Large discrepancy !!

Molecular effect ?

SRIM Simulation Results

Drift Direction



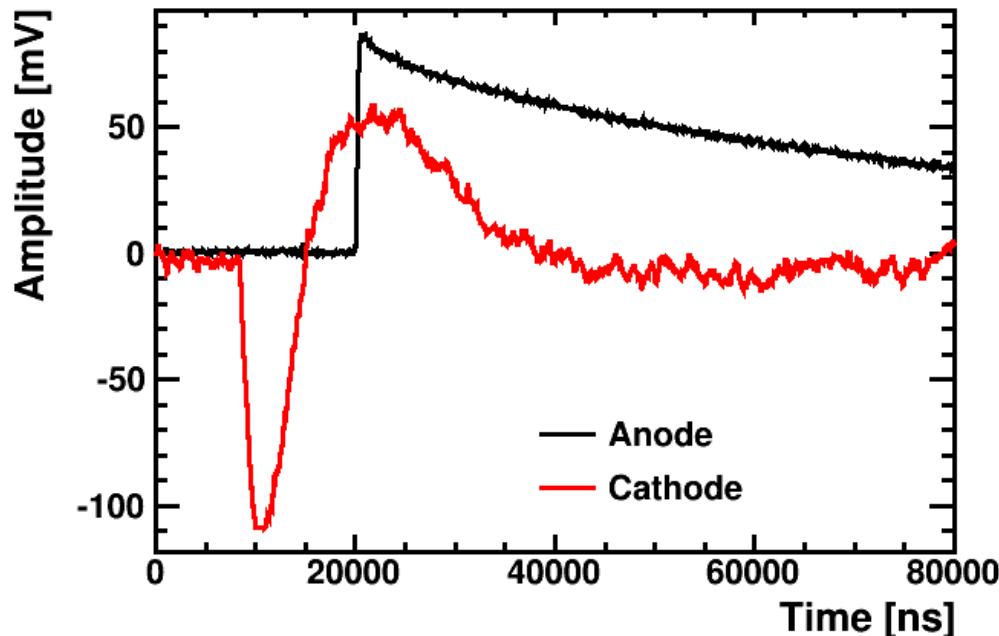
SRIM (Stopping and Range of Ions in Matter)

- Key Points: No external fields applied

Cathode Signal to place the 3D-track

- The cathode signal is produced by the primary electrons. It is produced before the anode signal produced by the avalanche.

(C. Couturier, Q. Riffard, N. Sauzet et al. in preparation)



Measurement in a MIMAC chamber of an alpha passing through the active volume parallel to the cathode at 10 cm distance.

MIMAC-Cathode Signal measurements

C. Couturier, Q. Riffard, N. Sauzet et al. 2016

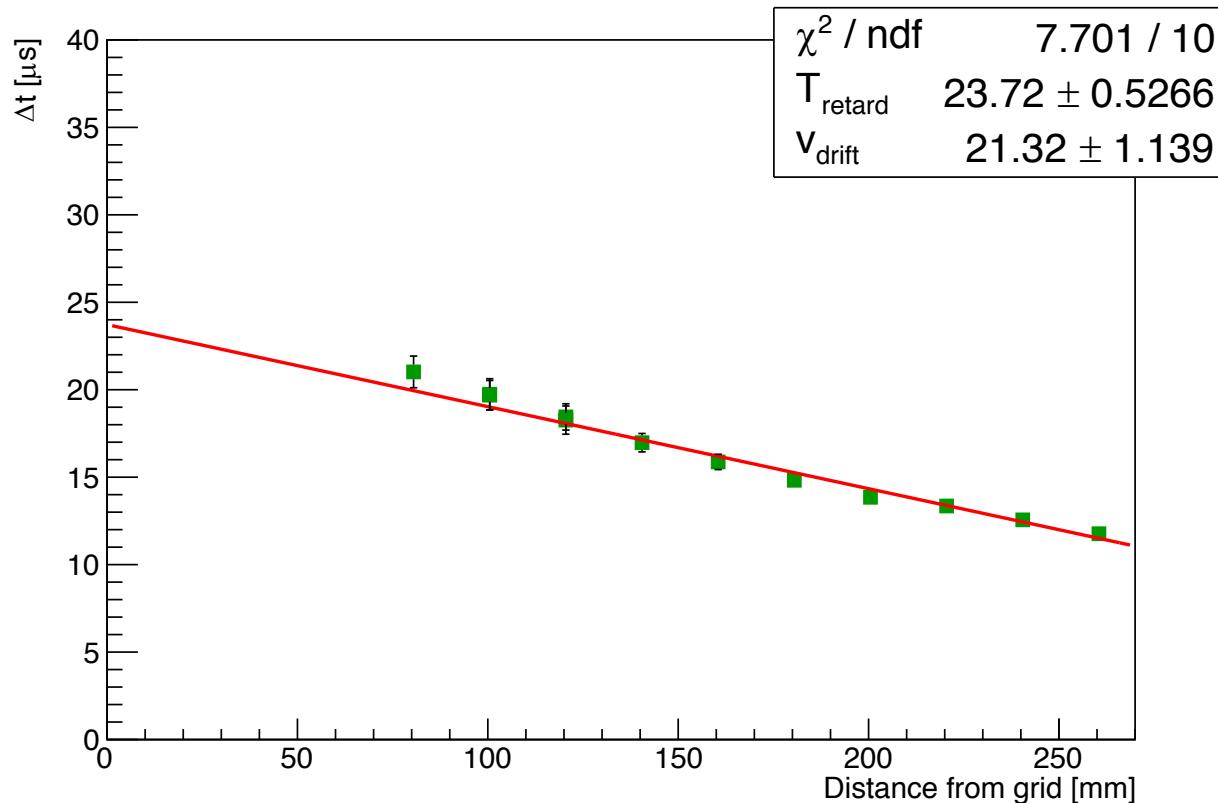
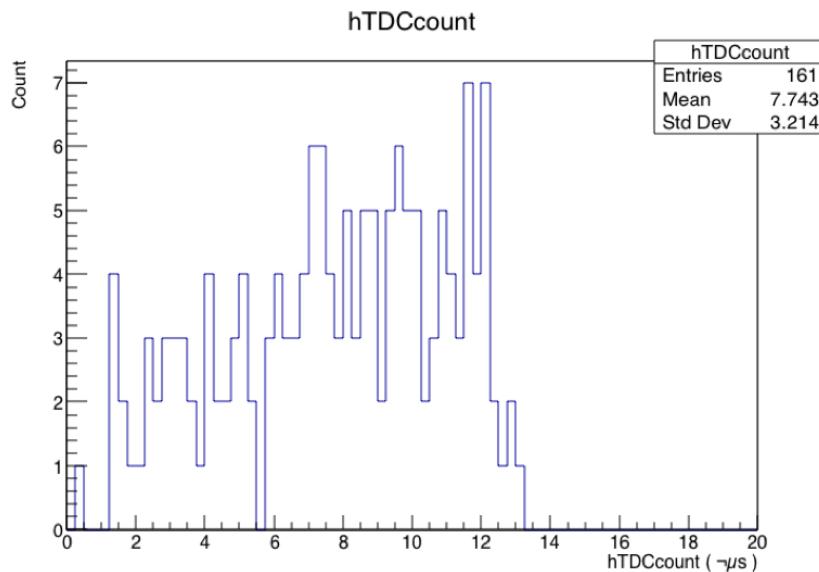


Figure 4. Measure of the time differences (TAC) between the grid signal and the delayed cathode signal in the “START Grid” configuration, as a function of the distance of the α source from the anode (green points) ; error bars correspond to the standard deviation of the mean. A linear fit of these points is superimposed in red and provides the values of the drift velocity and the additional delay.

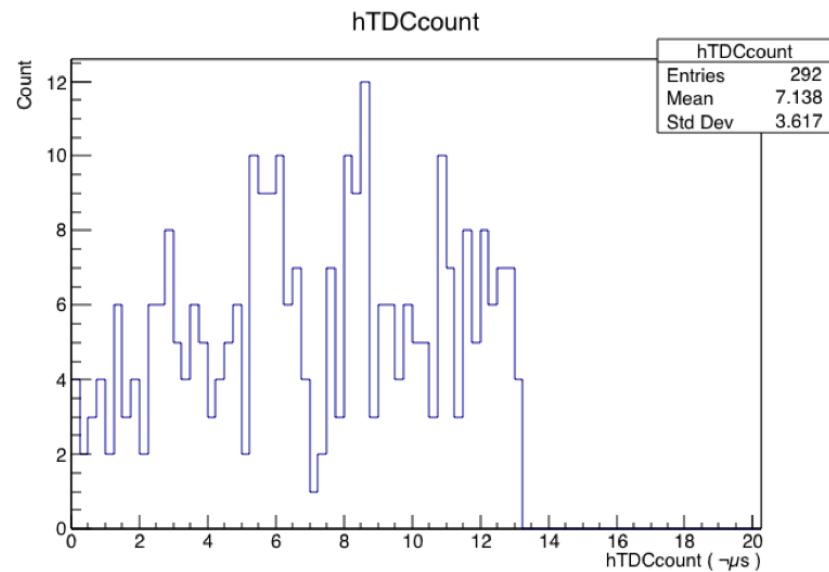
First Cathode Signals from the MIMAC bichamber background

(O. Guillaudin, D.S. et al. October 2018)

Chamber 1

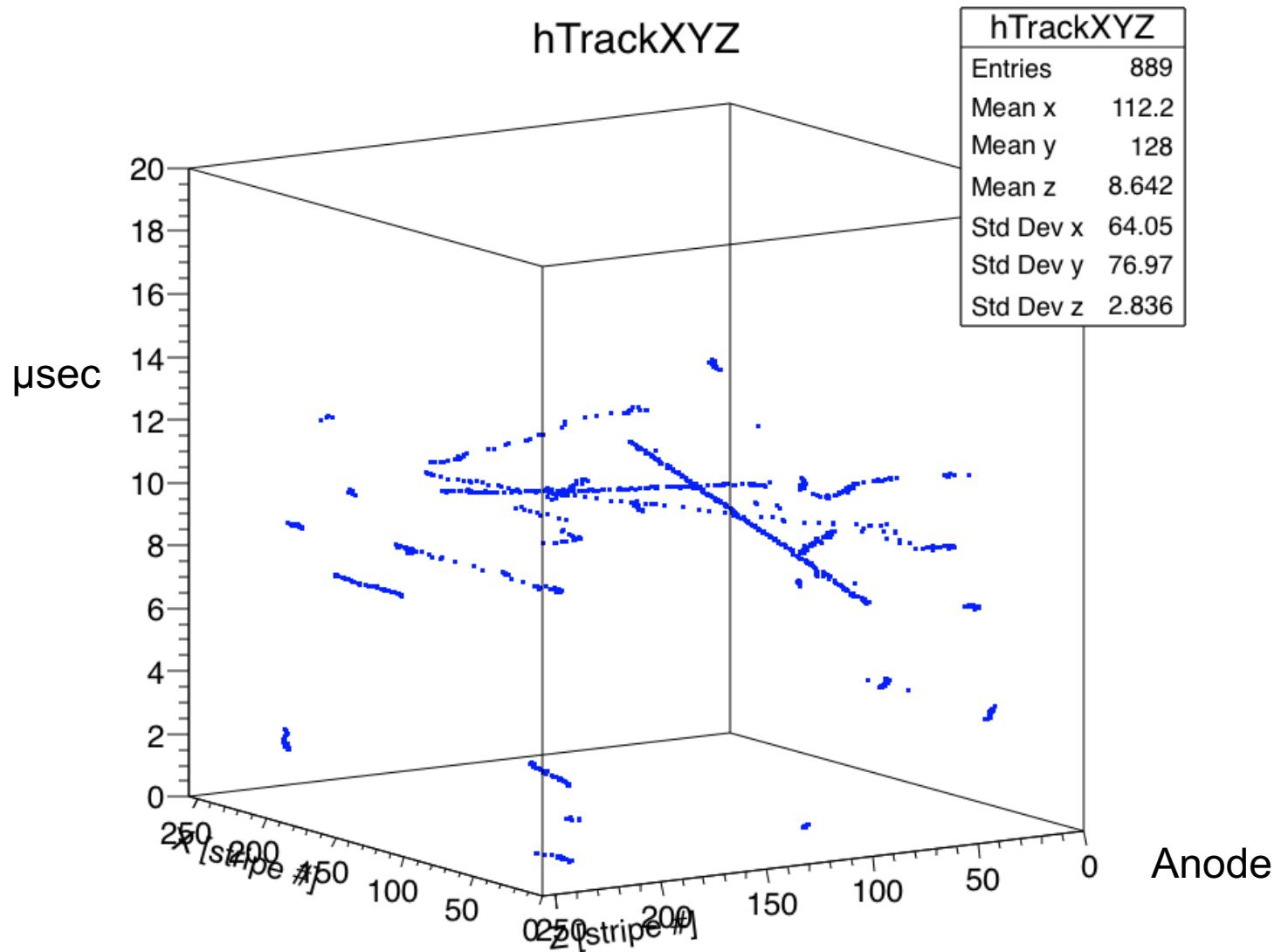


Chamber 2



Measuring the time between the “event production” and the avalanche signal !!
Covering the 26 cm drift distance (13 us x 20 um/ns) !!

3D event-localization in MIMAC



MIMAC validation with neutrons

Neutron monochromatic field:

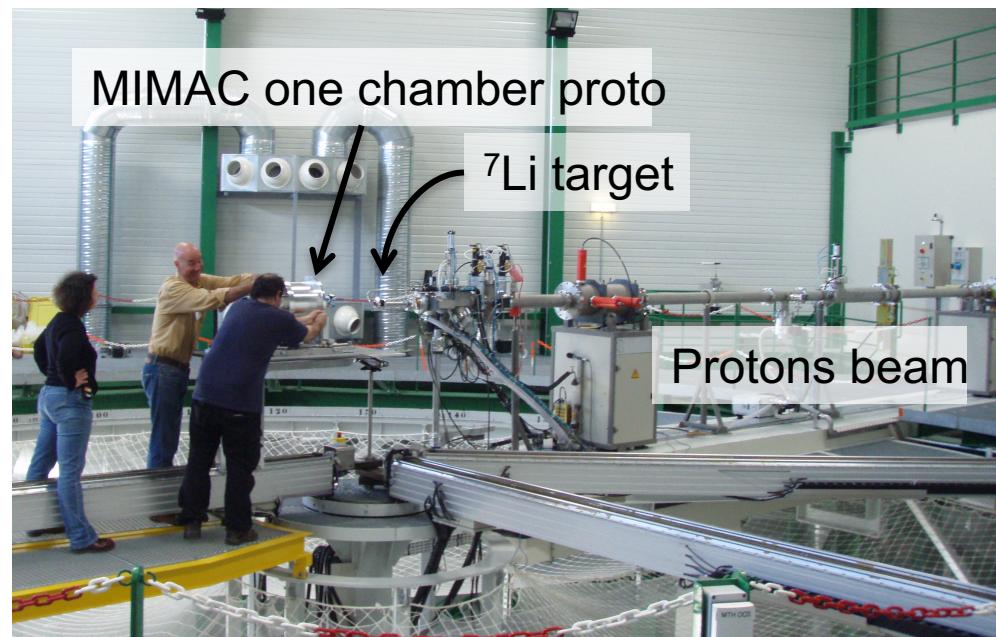
AMANDE facility at IRSN of Cadarache

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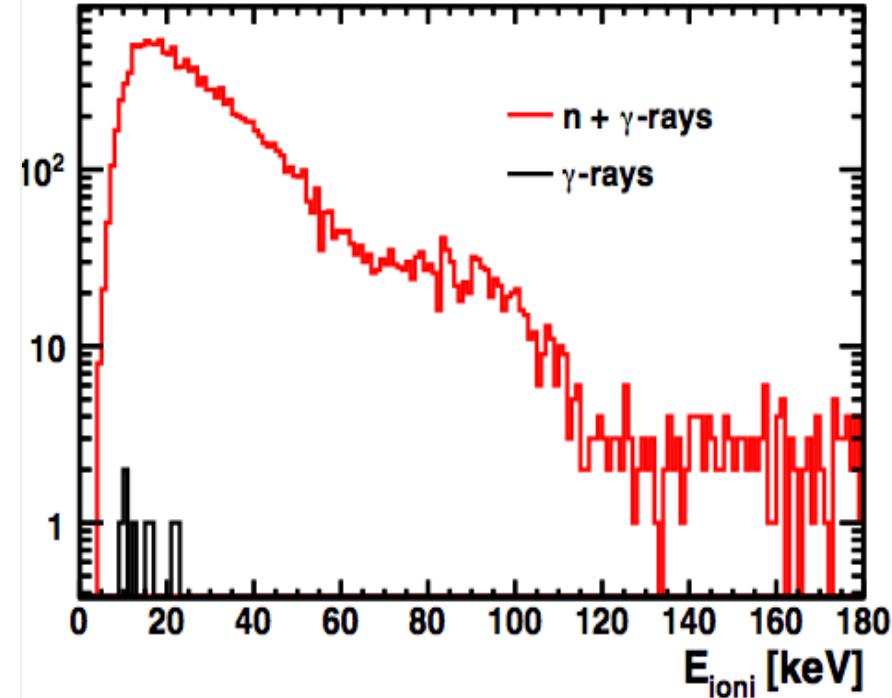
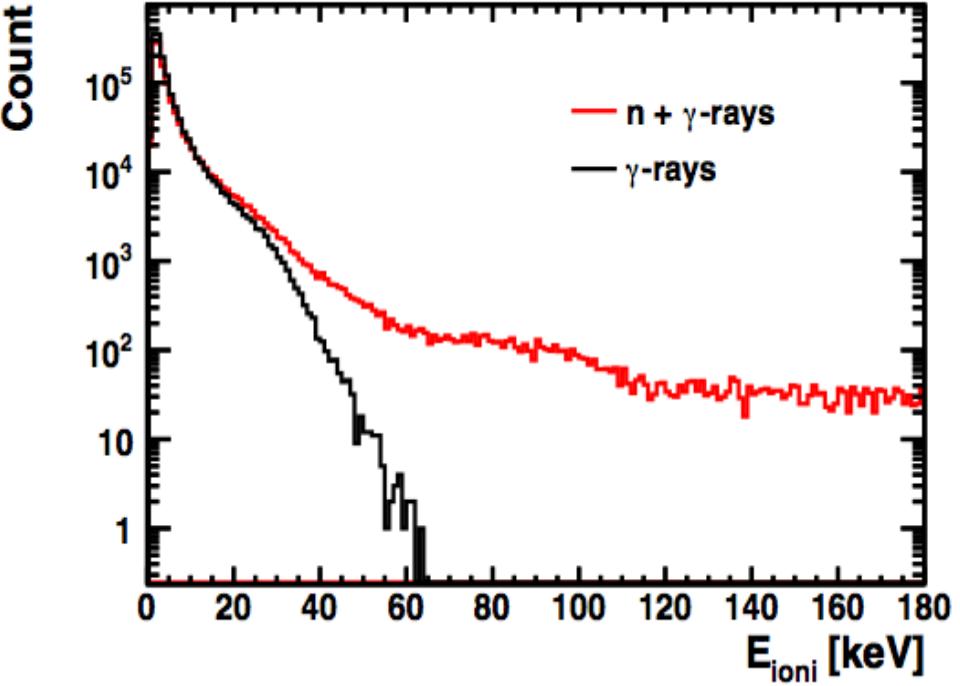
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Electron-recoil Discrimination

${}^7\text{Li}$ (p,n (565 keV)) nuclear reaction

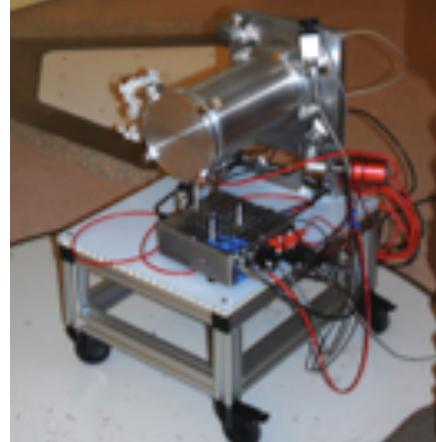
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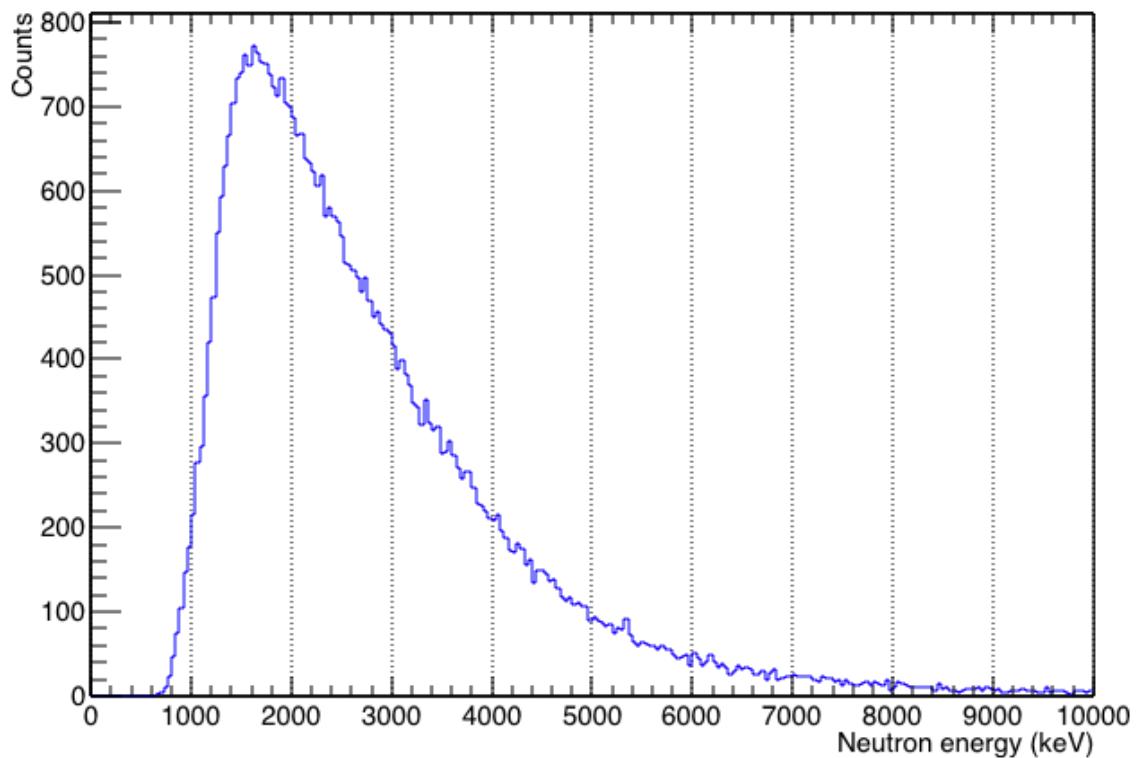
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Neutron Energy normalized to reaction cross-section



MIMAC 1m^3 in preparation

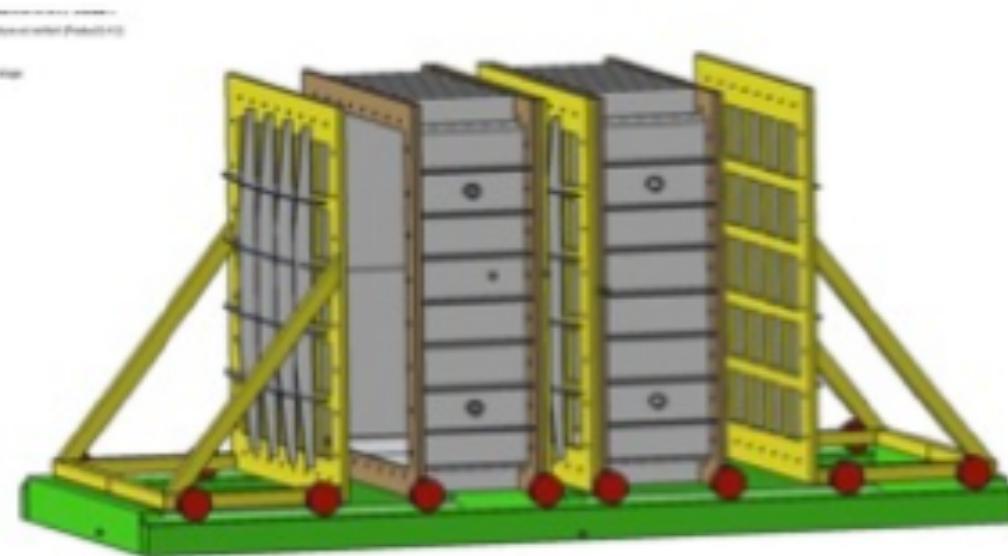
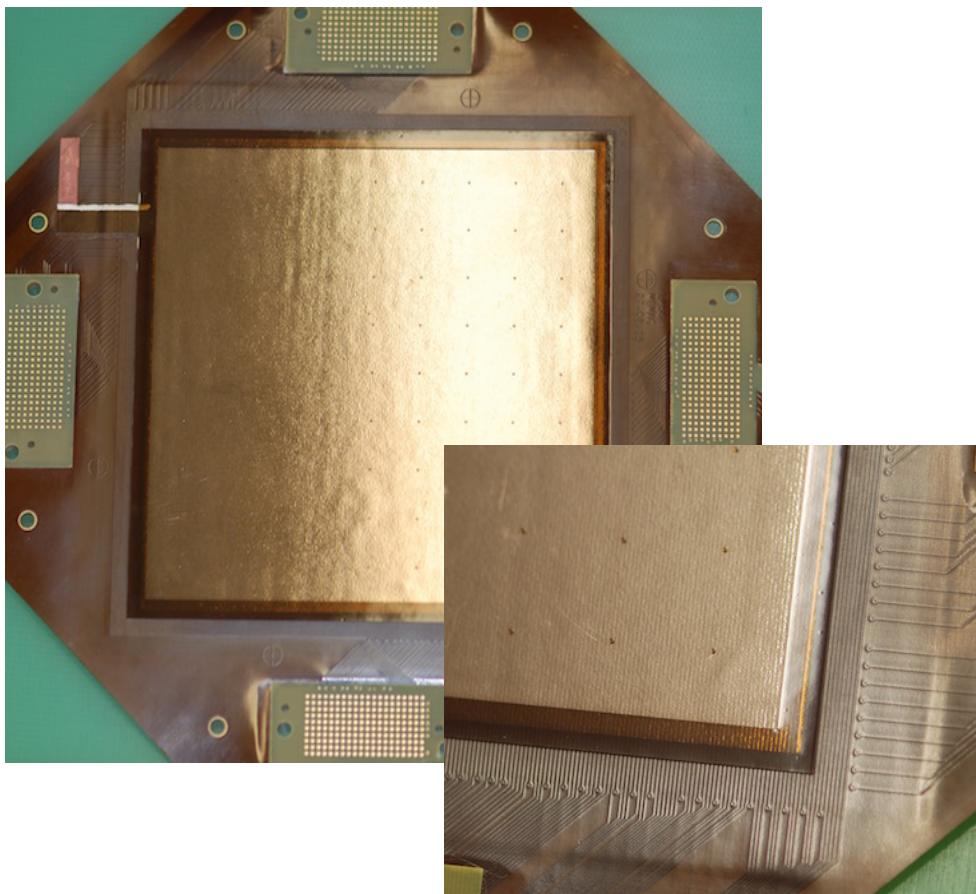


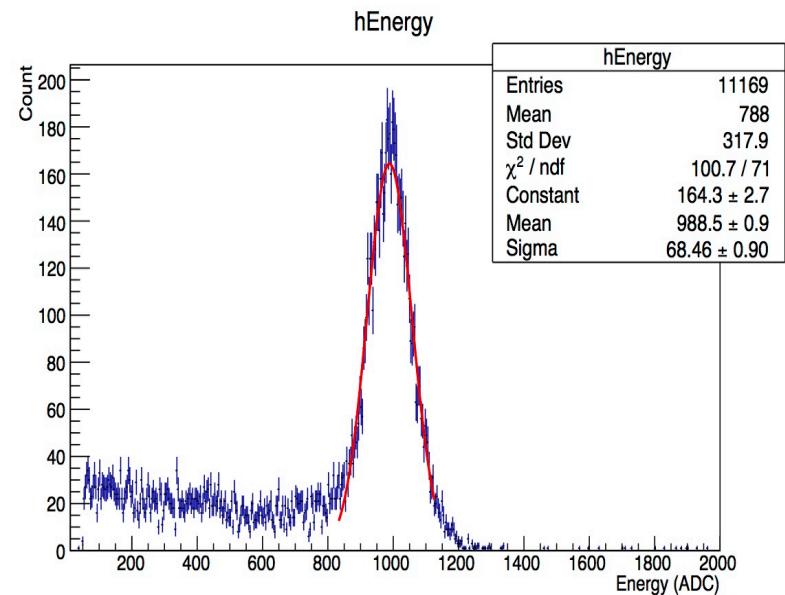
Figure 5. The preliminary mechanical design of the demonstrator of MIMAC - 1 m^3 .

Installation in 2020 in LSM ?

New MIMAC low background detector



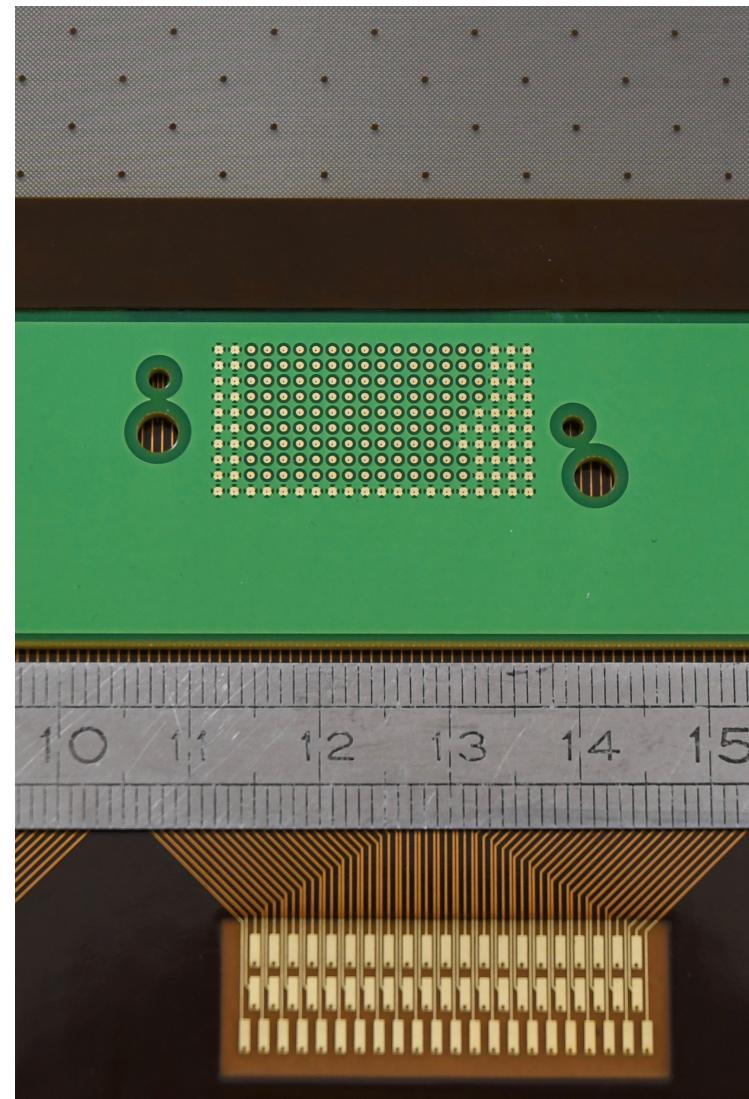
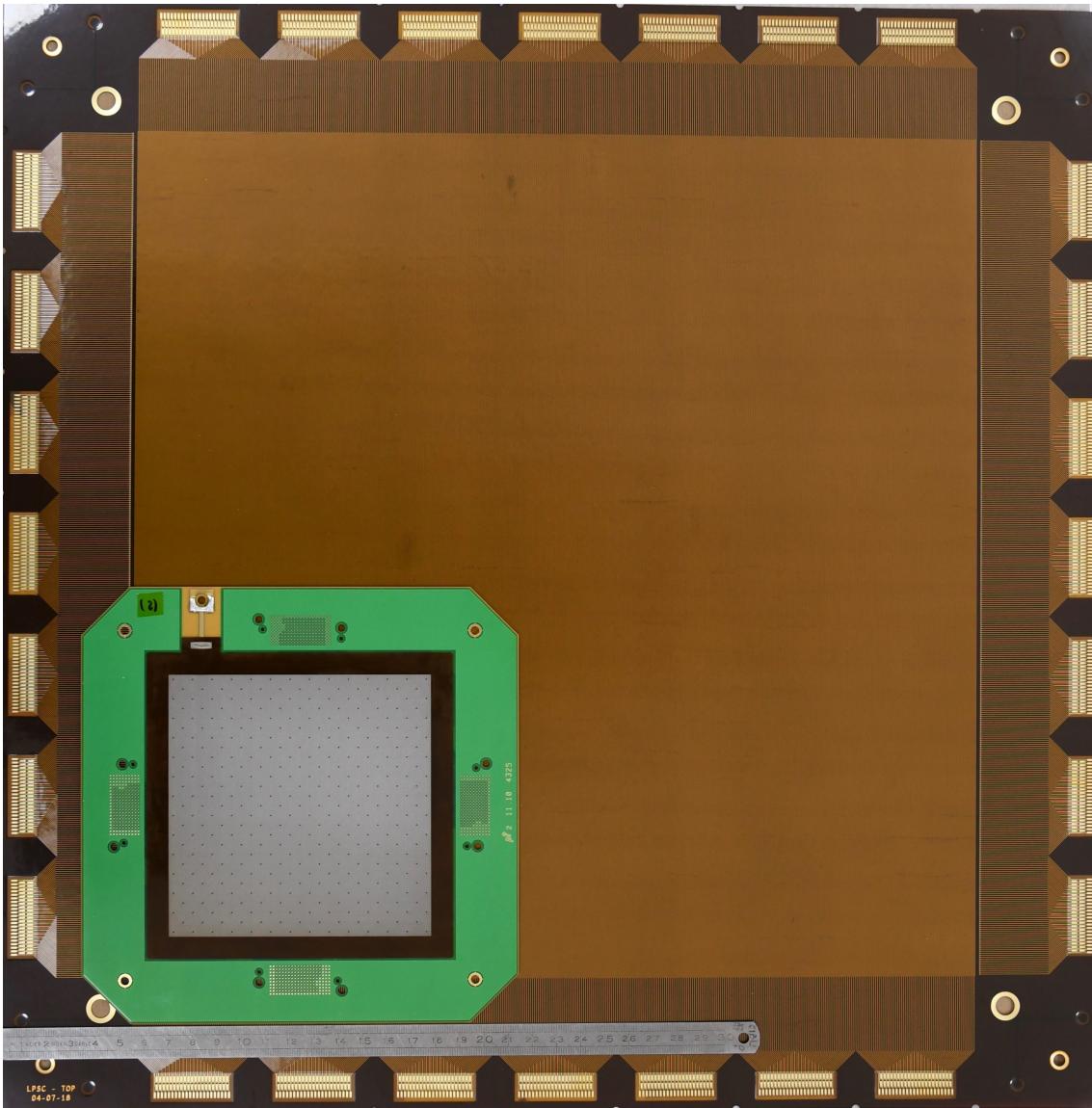
Kapton micromegas readout
Piralux Pilar



Gaz : MIMAC 50 mbar
HT grille : -560 V
Drift field : -150 V/cm

16,3 % FWHM (6 keV)
Gain ~25 000
Energy threshold <1 keV

The new 35 cm “new technology” MIMAC detector compared to the old one



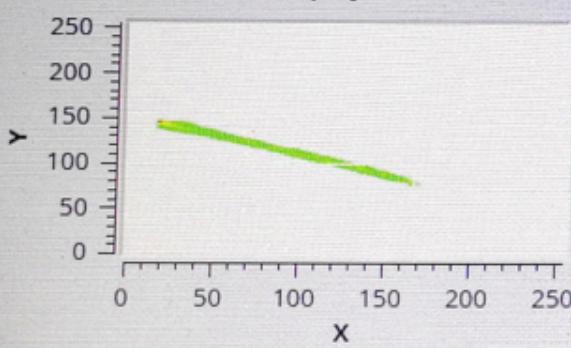
Future

- 1m³ with larger surfaces and low background in LSM
- prototypes in ion beams and neutrons
 - Angular resolution at all angles
 - Head tail
 - ...
- **International Collaboration :**
 - China, Argentina, Japan (K.Miuchi),
 - USA, India...
 - Cygnus/Cygno collaborators,...

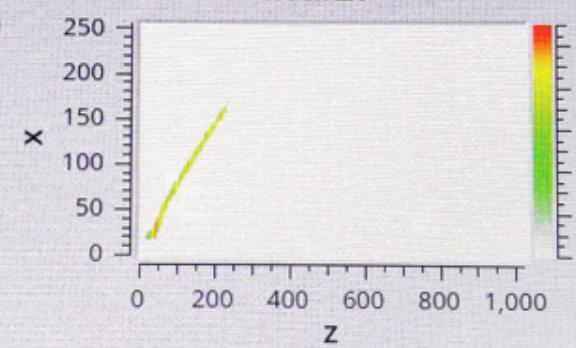
MIMAC Bi Chamber in Beijing (IHEP)



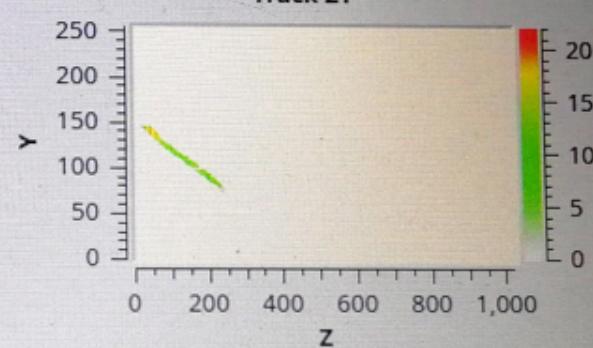
Anode projection



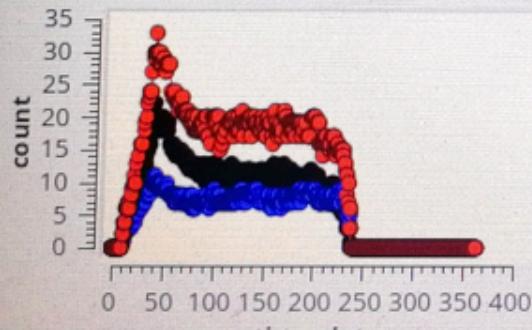
Track ZX



Track ZY

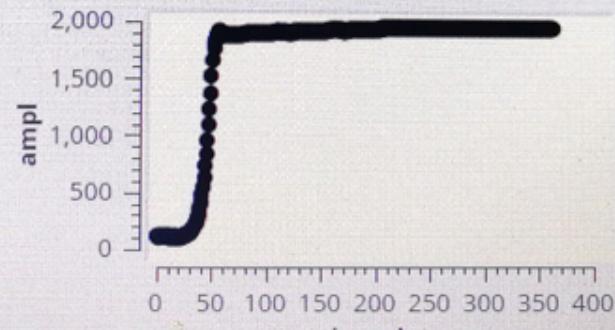


Strip count versus time

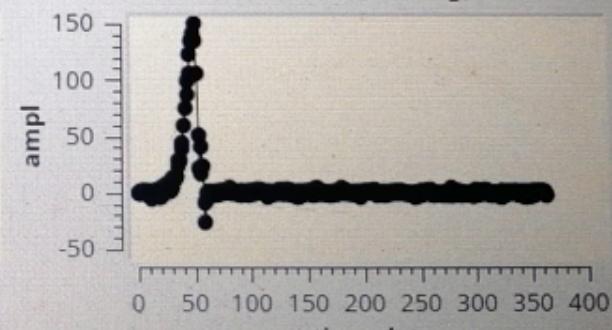


- X strips
- Y strips
- X+Y

flash signal



flash derivative signal



Conclusions

- A new directional detector of nuclear recoils at low energies has been developed giving a lot of flexibility on targets, pressure, energy range...
 - Ionization quenching factor measurements have been determined experimentally and they can be checked in-situ.
 - 3D nuclear recoil tracks from Rn progeny have been observed.
 - New degrees of freedom are available to discriminate electrons from nuclear recoils to improve the DM search for.
 - Angular resolution and directional studies of 3D tracks have been performed with COMIMAC and LHI.
- Neutron Spectroscopy with MIMAC is possible and opens a large energy range.
- MIMAC with its 3D tracks at high spatial resolution opens a new window in the exploration of rare events !
- **The 1 m³ MIMAC will be the validation of a new generation of a large DM high definition detector including directionality (a needed signature for DM discovery)**

How to convince the scientific community to invest in DDDMD ?

- 1) A prototype that
 - is low radioactivity,
 - has angular resolution <10deg at 10keV
 - Head-tail
 - Excellent electron rejection
- 2) A signal in non-directional DM detectors or LHC LSP-like!

**Wealth of evidence for DM
is astrophysical !**

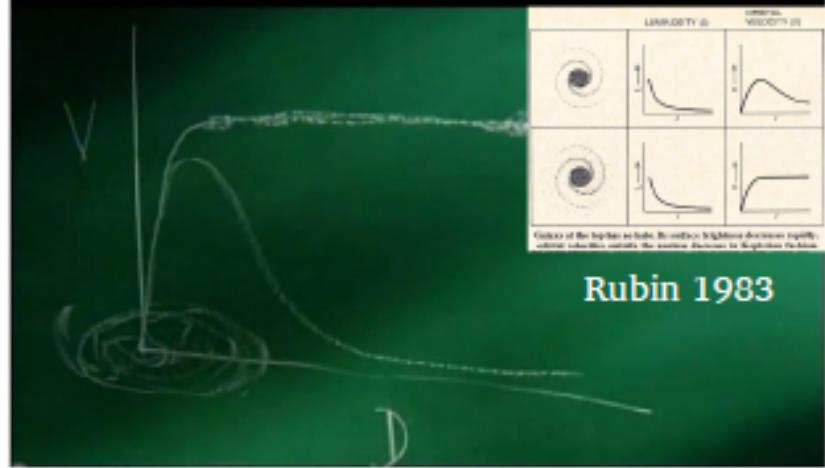
More complex than presented usually!

DM: some revisits

Rotation curves : what is often said [incorrectly] to be expected



Rubin 2006, BBC

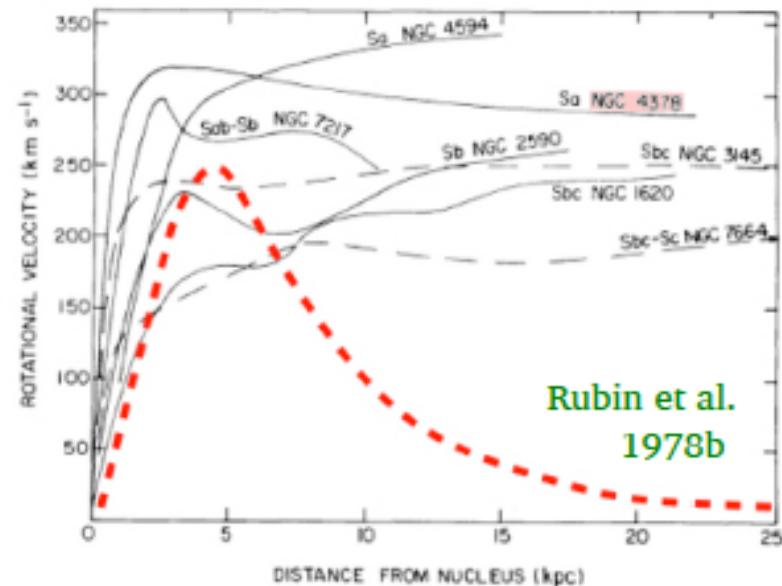


Rubin 1983

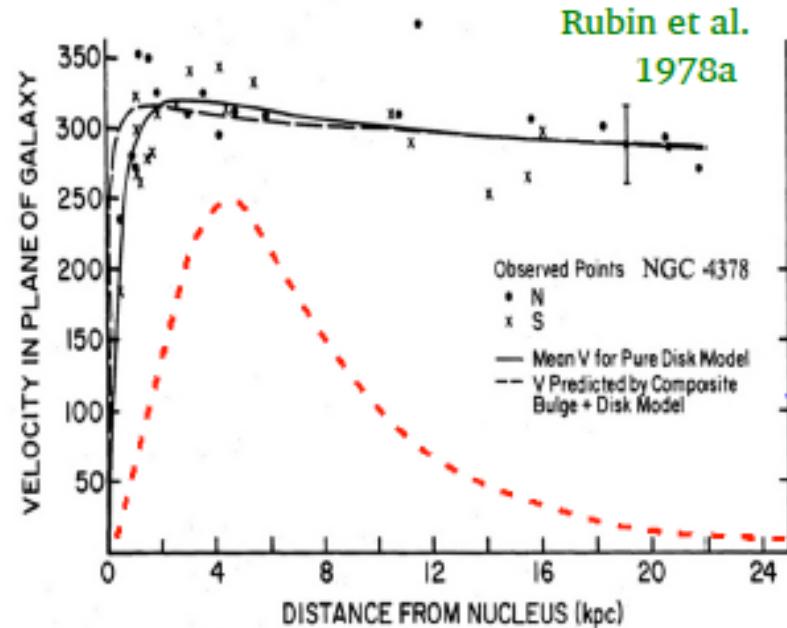
Galaxy at the top has no halo. Its surface brightness decreases rapidly, orbital velocities outside the nucleus decrease in Keplerian fashion.

Keplerian behaviour just outside the nucleus can NOT be expected

A. Bosma



Rubin et al.
1978b



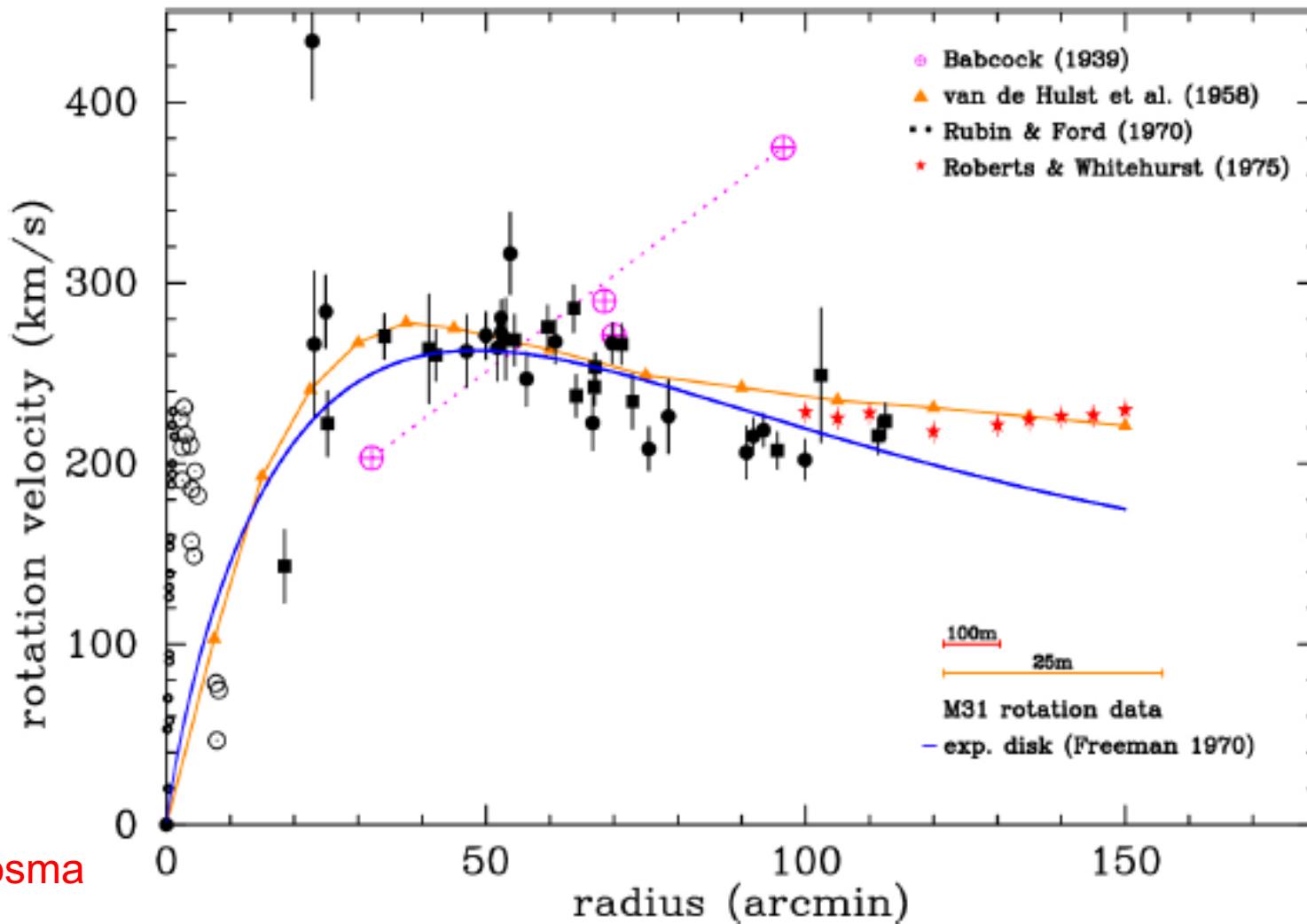
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1978a

Observed Points NGC 4378
• N
x S
— Mean V for Pure Disk Model
--- V Predicted by Composite Bulge + Disk Model

Freeman 1970, appendix

For NGC 300 and M33, the 21-cm data give turnover points near the photometric outer edges of these systems. These data have relatively low spatial resolution; if they are correct, then there must be in these galaxies additional matter which is undetected, either optically or at 21 cm. Its mass must be at least as large as the mass of the detected galaxy, and its distribution must be quite different.

M31 – Need for dark matter based on radio data



Rotation curve analysis

From data to mass models

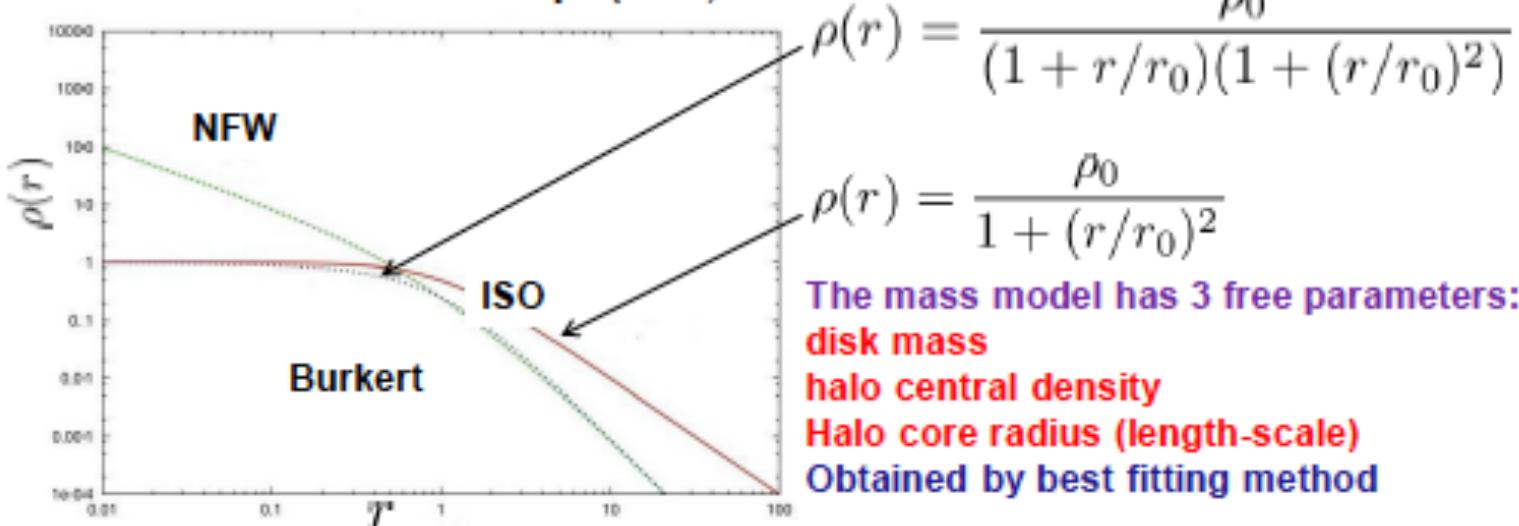
$$V^2(R) = V_{halo}^2(R) + V_{HI}^2(R) + V_{disk}^2(R)$$

observations = model

- ↪ V_{disk}^2 from I-band photometry
- ↪ V_{HI}^2 from HI observations
- ↪ V_{halo}^2 different choices for the DM halo density

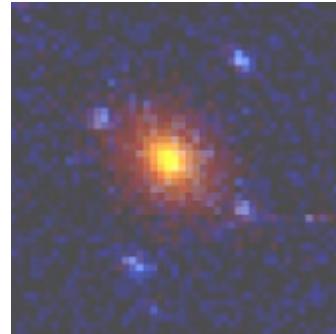
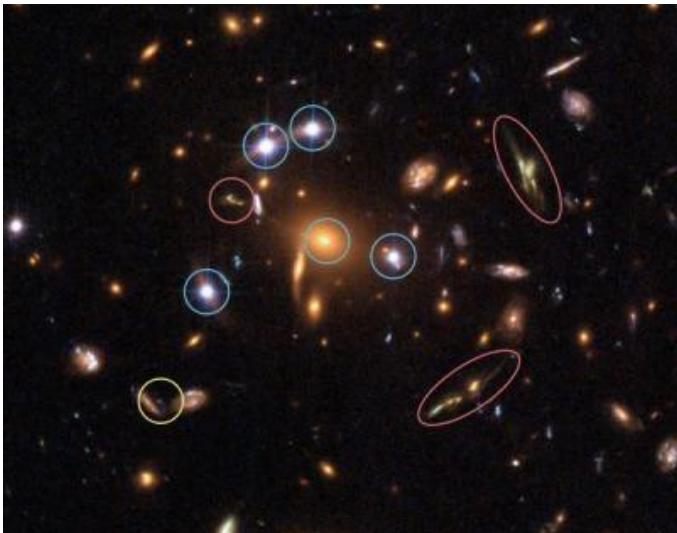
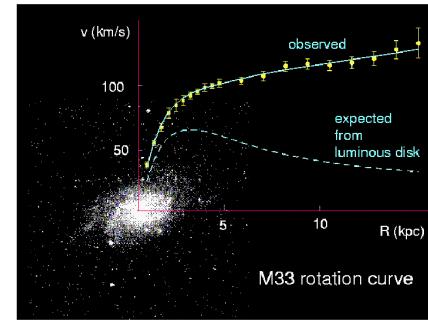
Dark halos with central constant density (Burkert, Isothermal)

Dark halos with central cusps (NFW, Einasto)



Wealth of Evidence for DM

- Galaxy rotation curves (V. Rubin) Bosma (HI)
- Dynamics of galaxy clusters (Zwicky)
- Gravitational lensing mass reconstruction



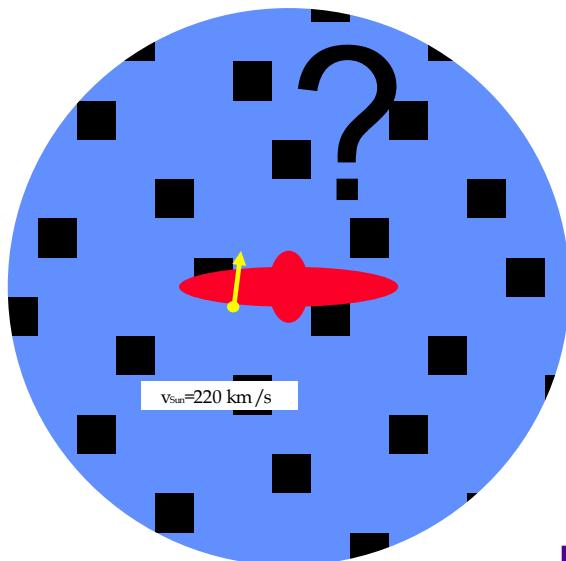
- Bullet cluster (Clowe+, 2006)



DM distribution in our Galaxy

Usual assumptions:

$\rho_{\text{DM}} = 0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$, $\beta = 10^{-3}$,
Maxwellian distribution of
velocities, $v_{\text{rms}} = 270 \text{ km/s}$



« Simplified
Model »of Matter in
our Galaxy: **SMMG**

Used for most comparisons...

But is it the reality? Clumps? Corotation?

Galactic scale N-body simulations with Baryons

- Ling+ 2009 Dark Matter Direct Detection Signals inferred from a Cosmological N-body Simulation with Baryons

→ 2 DM populations : halo+disk DM
 → only measurements can tell

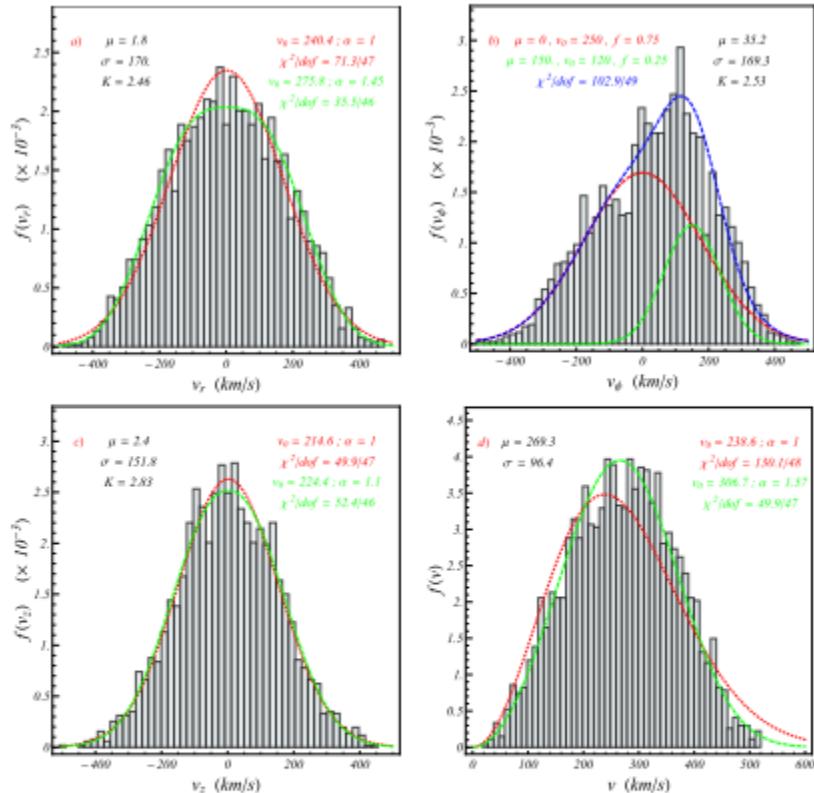


Figure 5: Velocity distributions of dark matter particles ($N_{\text{ring}} = 2,662$) in a ring $7 < R < 9$ kpc, $|z| < 1$ kpc around the galactic plane.

a) Radial velocity v_r , with Gaussian (red) and generalized Gaussian (green) fits (cfr. Eq. (2.1)).
 b) Tangential velocity v_ϕ , with a double Gaussian fit. f indicates the fraction of each component.
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 μ , σ (both in km/s) and K stand for the mean, the standard deviation and the Kurtosis parameter of the distribution. The goodness of fit is indicated by the value of the χ^2 vs. the number of degrees of freedom (dof).

Analysis of Gaia results

- second release april 2018: high-precision positions, velocities, and distances for **1.3 billion stars**

- 1) GD-1 stream from Gaia → a new level of precision in simulating a stream-dark-matter encounter (A. Bonaca et al., 2019).



Need a clump of $10^7 M_\odot$!

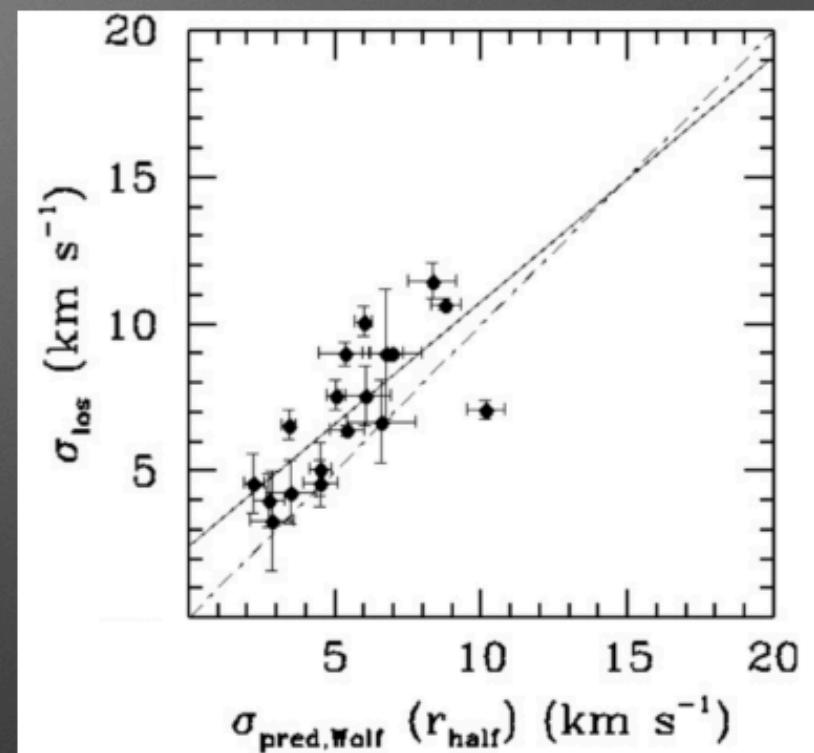
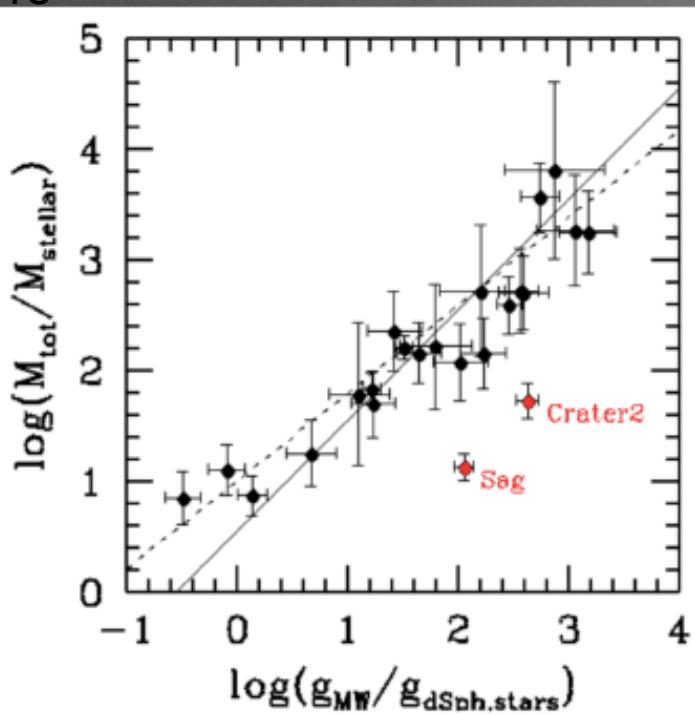
- 2) Lisanti et al 2019: 2 non disk populations of stars :
 - i) Old, isotropic velocity distributions
 - ii) Young, large radial velocities from merger 7 billion years ago!

Each should have its own DM population!!!

Galactic forces rule dynamics Milky Way dwarf galaxies

Yang Yanbin in Yunnan Sino french meeting Nov
2018

Hammer et al. 2018, ApJ



$$\sigma_{\text{los}, \text{MW}}^2 = \sqrt{2} g_{\text{MW}} r_{\text{half}}$$

MW tidal shock predicts

This correlation falsifies the hypothesis of neglecting the MW impact!

NGC1052-DF2 : a Galaxy without DM?



→ Evidence « for » DM! (against modified gravity)

**Thank you
for your attention!**

MIMAC validation with neutrons

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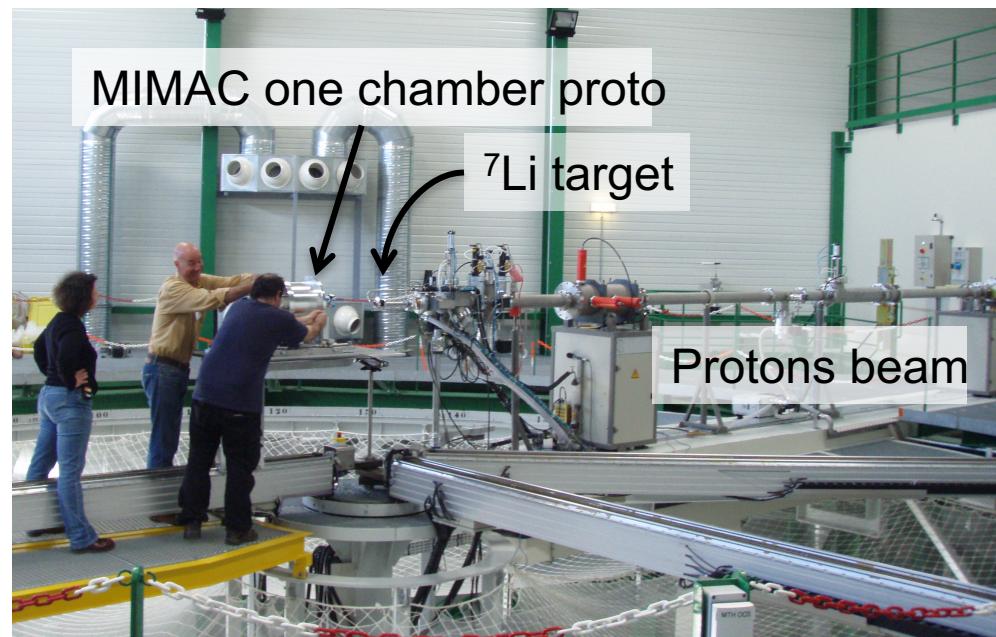
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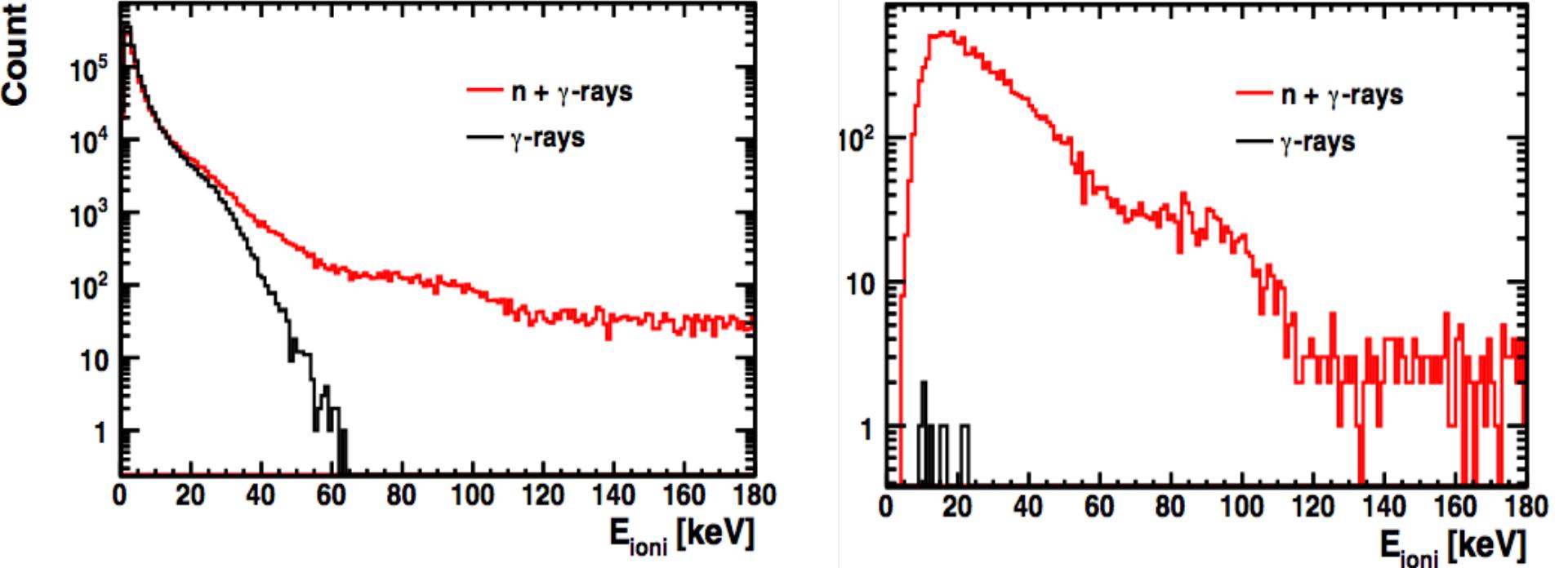
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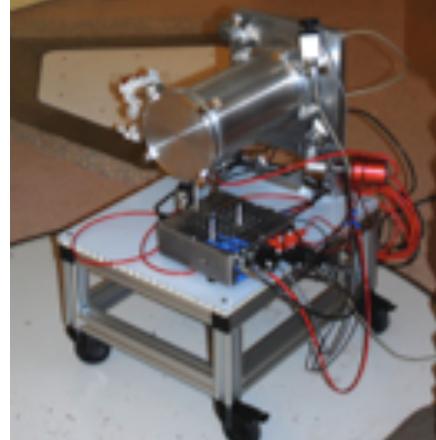
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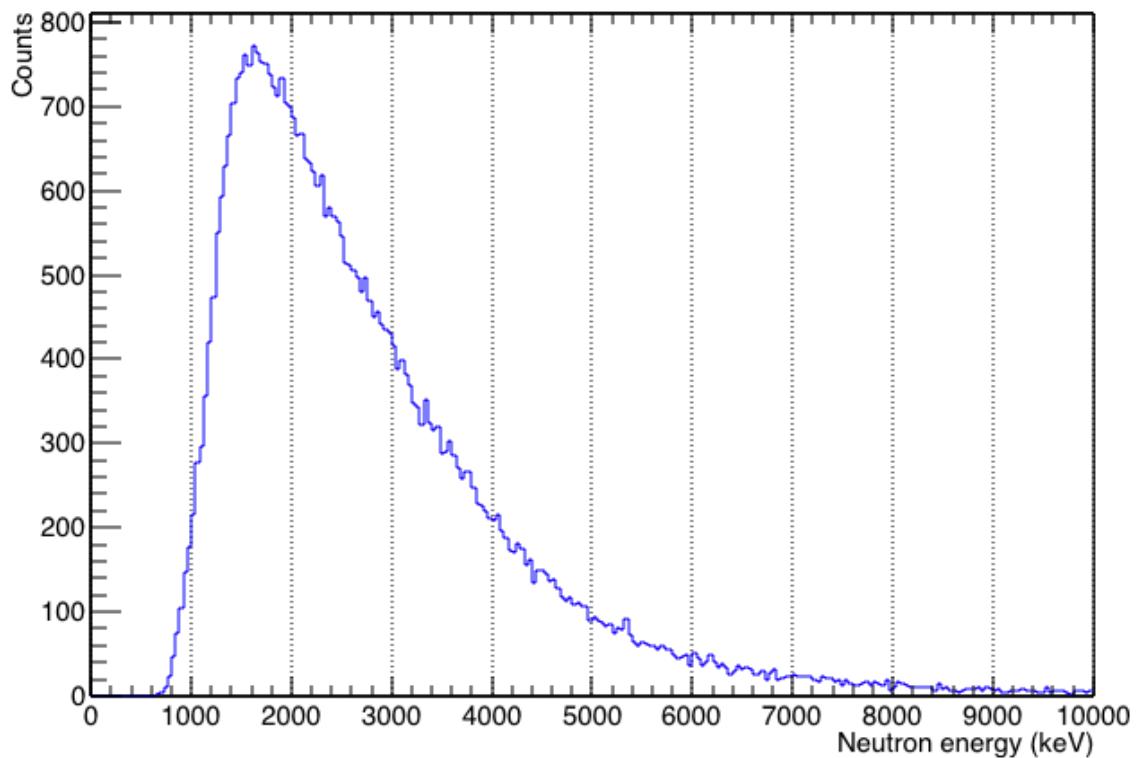
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N. Sauzet et al. (2017)



Neutron Energy normalized to reaction cross-section



Direction of ${}^4\text{He}$ recoil tracks : head-tail signature

Detector perpendicular to the beam direction

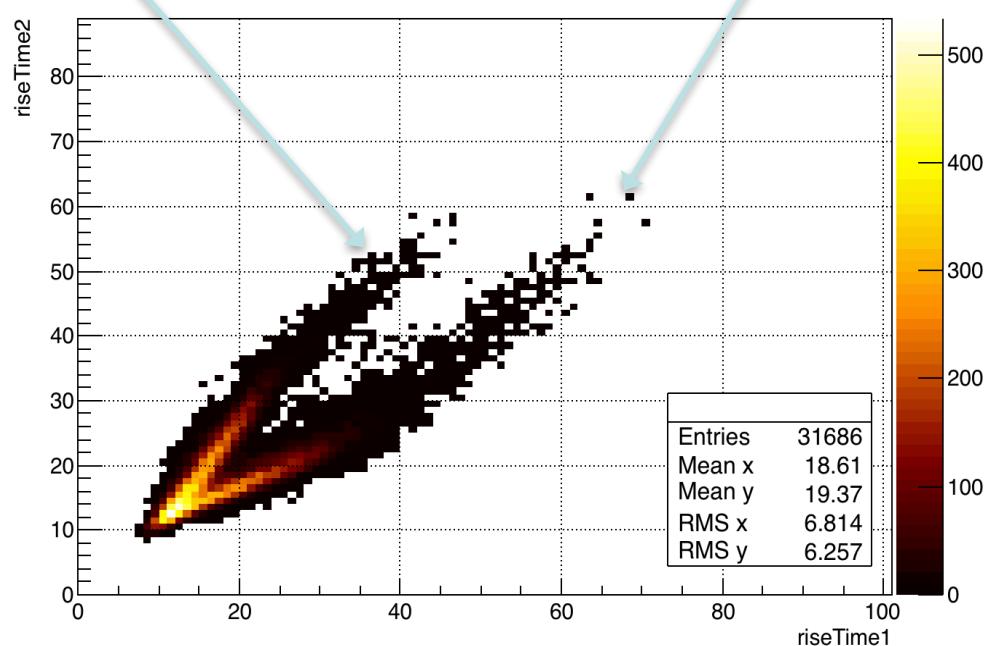
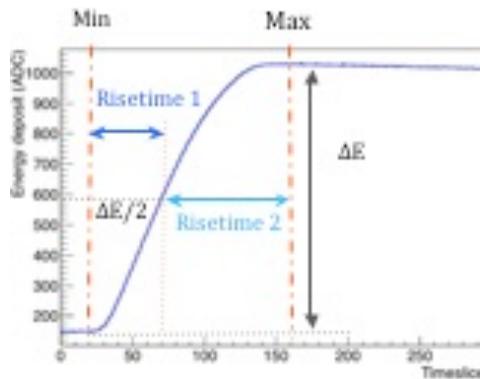
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Cathode direction

2

Anode direction

Analysis from the charge deposit profile on the grid :

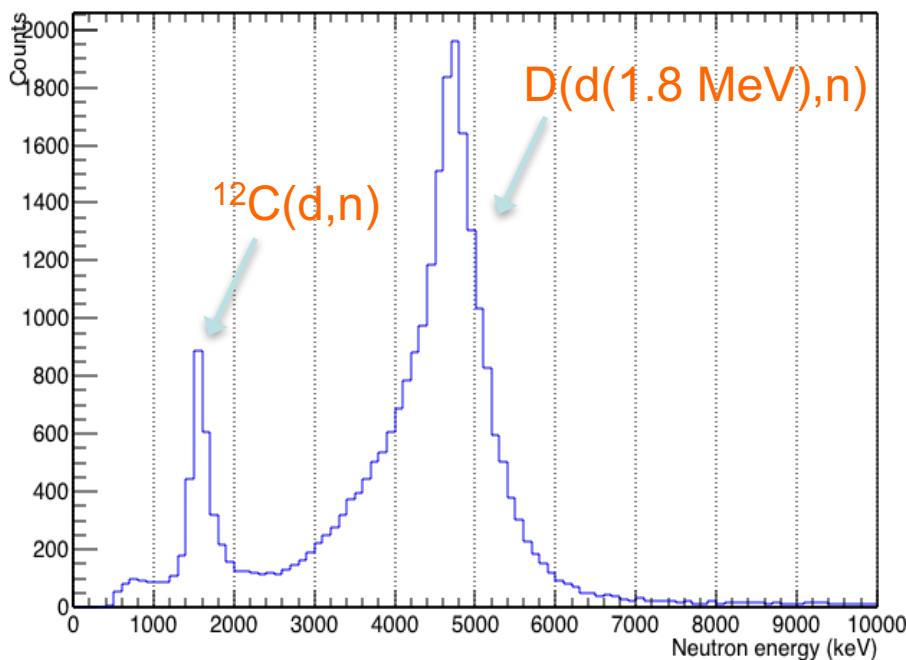


The track direction is essential for
the definition of the interaction
point

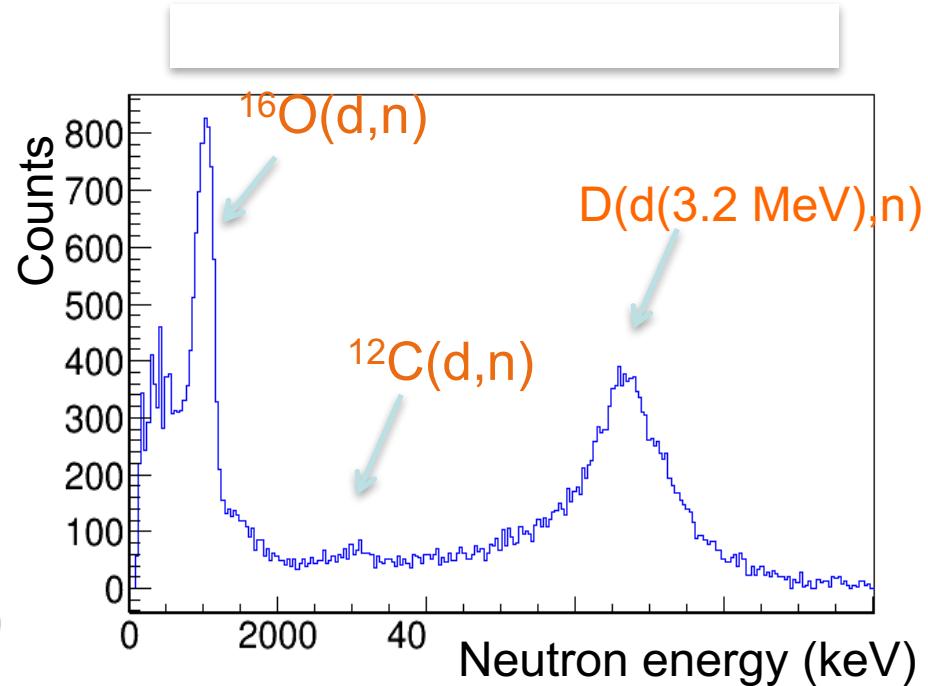
IRSN /AMANDE (Cadarache)
 ${}^3\text{H}(\text{p}(3357 \text{ keV}),\text{n})$
Monoenergetic neutrons of 2.5 MeV

MIMAC-FastN: Neutron Spectroscopy detection of target pollution

$D(d(1.8 \text{ MeV}), n)$: neutrons of 5 MeV



$D(d(3.2 \text{ MeV}), n)$: neutrons of 6.5 MeV



NPL / (UK)

700 mbar He/CO₂ (5%)

IRSN /
AMANDE
(Cadarache)

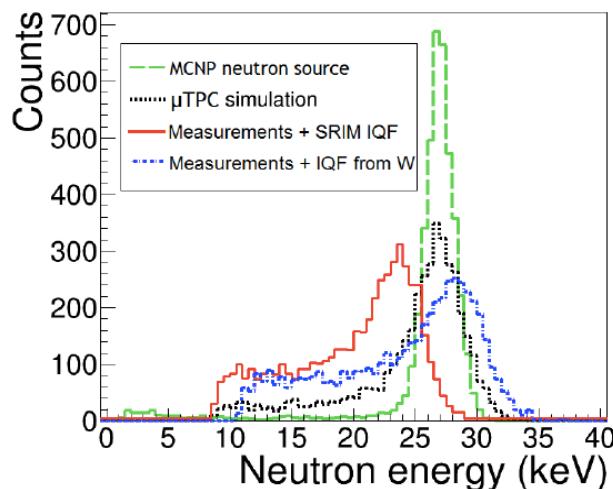
A large energy range

50% C₄H₁₀ 50% CHF₃
30 mbar

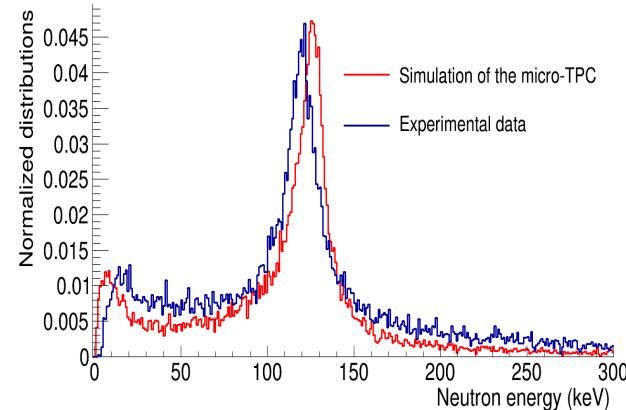
60% C₄H₁₀ 40% CHF₃
50 mbar

95% ⁴He 5% CO₂
700 mbar

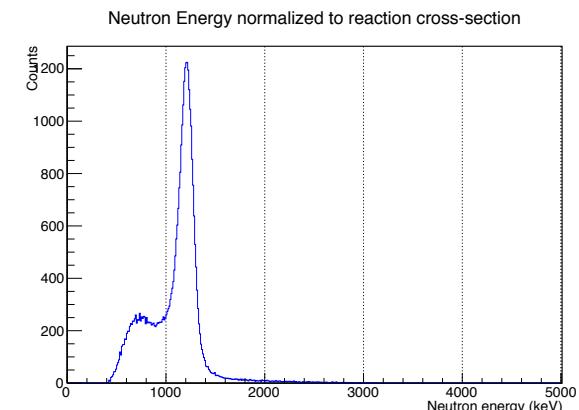
$E_n=27 \text{ keV}$



$E_n=127 \text{ keV}$



$E_n=1.2 \text{ MeV}$



D. Maire *et al.*

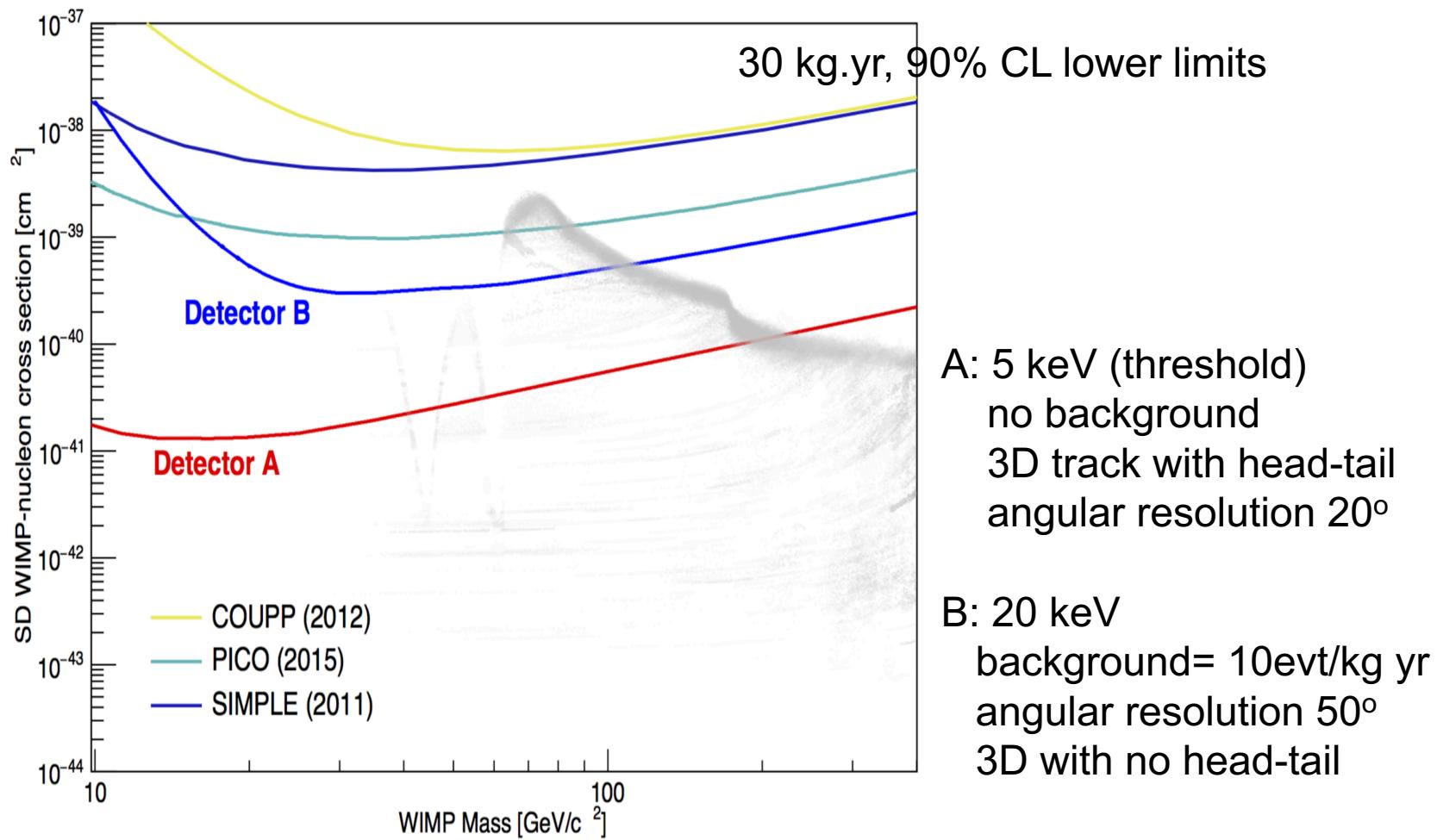
« Neutron energy reconstruction and fluence determination at 27 keV with the LNE-IRSN-MIMAC μ -TPC recoil detector »
IEEE Transactions on Nuclear Science, 63(3) : 1934-1941, June 2016

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Nuclear Science, IEEE Transactions, 61(2014) 2090

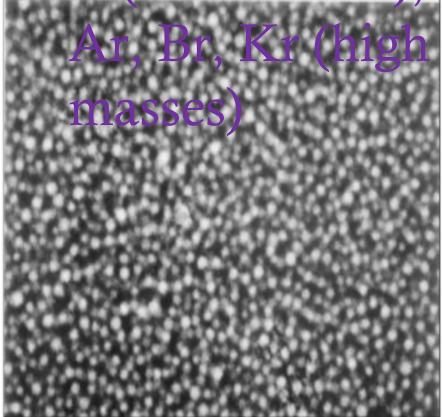
Paper to be submitted

MIMAC-Exclusion limits

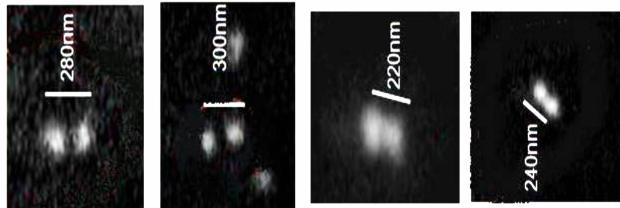


Directional detection: comparison of strategies

- Emulsion layers target = C (low masses), Ar, Br, Kr (high masses)

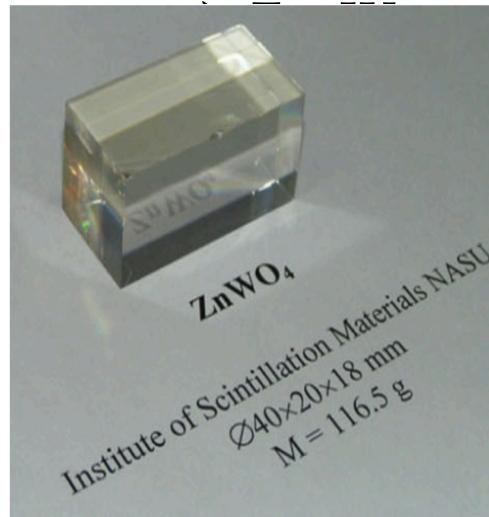


size 40 ± 9 nm



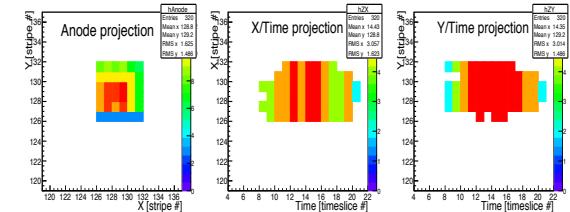
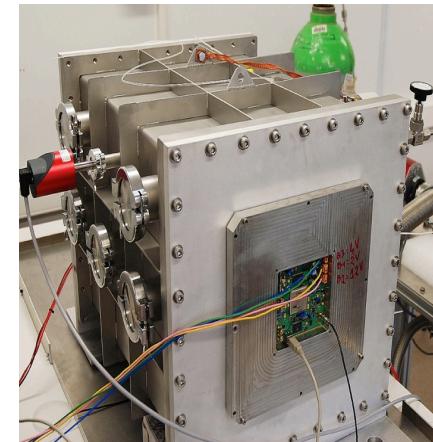
D'Ambrosio et al. 2014

- Anisotropic crystals target = O (low)



No tracks ; only statistical distributions (!)

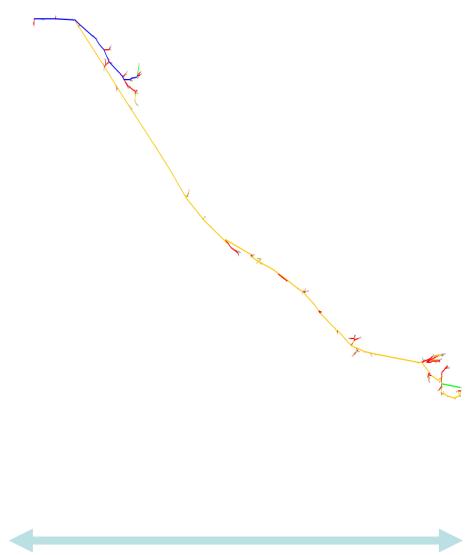
- Low pressure TPCs target = F



Capella et al. 2013

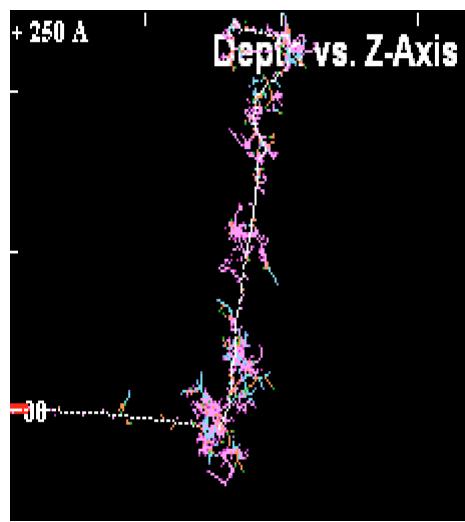
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- Emulsion



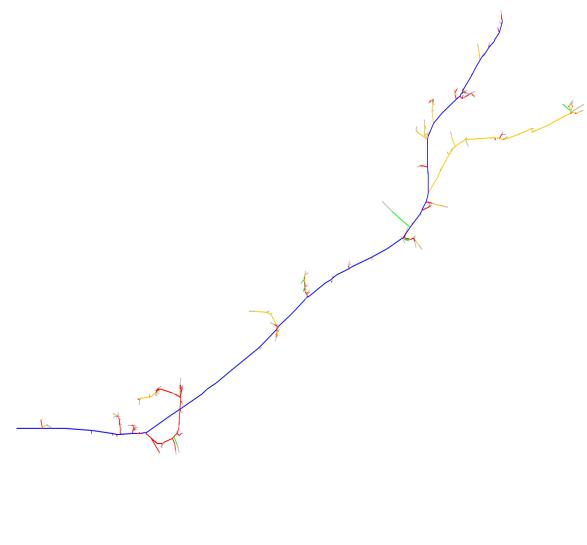
~100 nm

- Anisotropic crystals



~10 nm

- Low pressure
TPCs

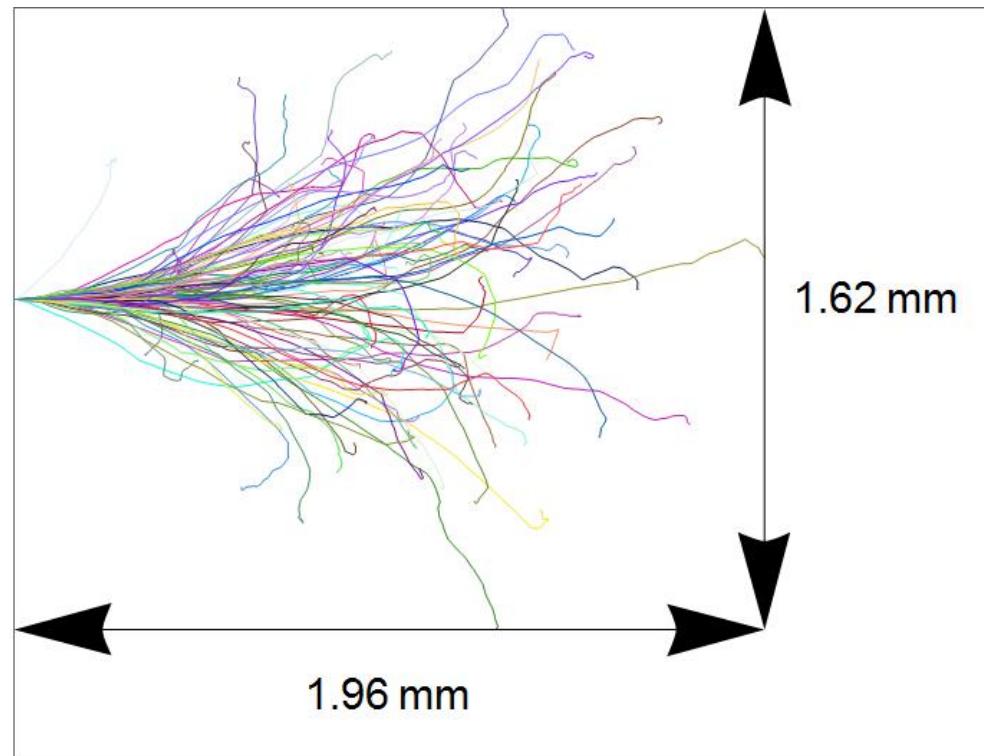
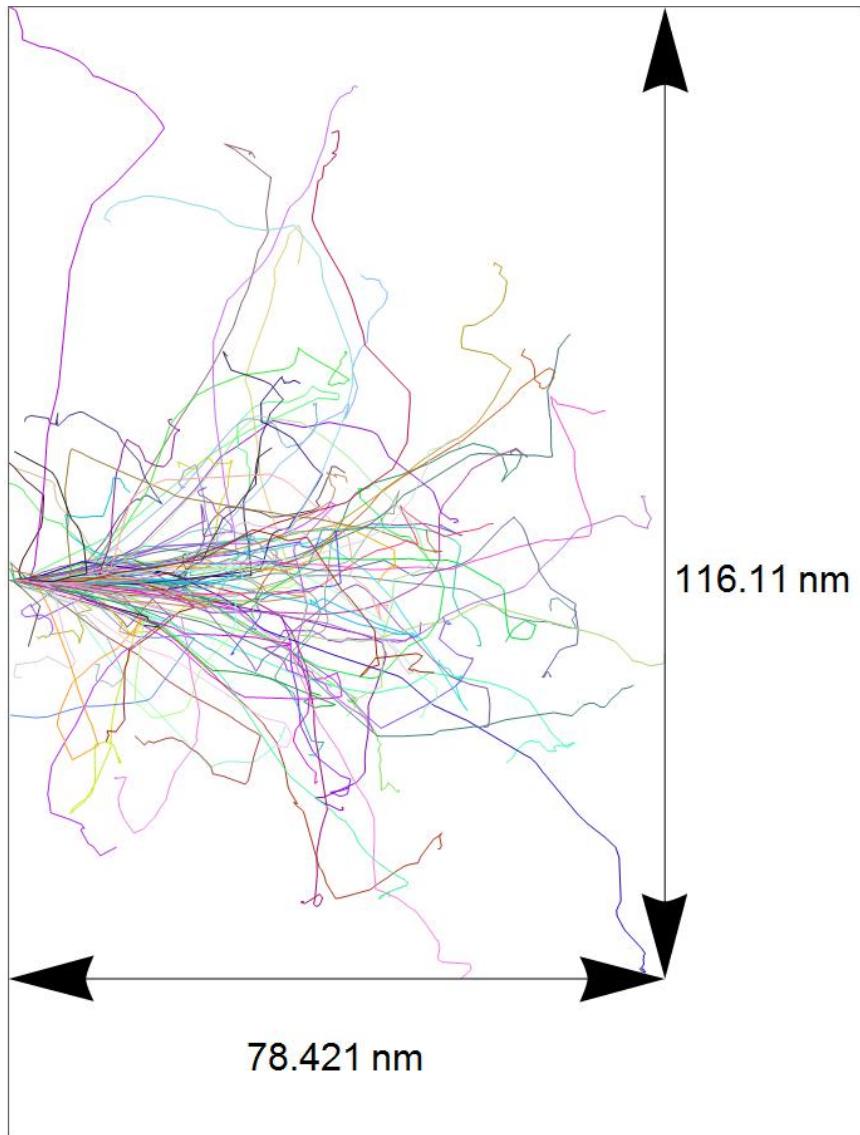


~1 mm

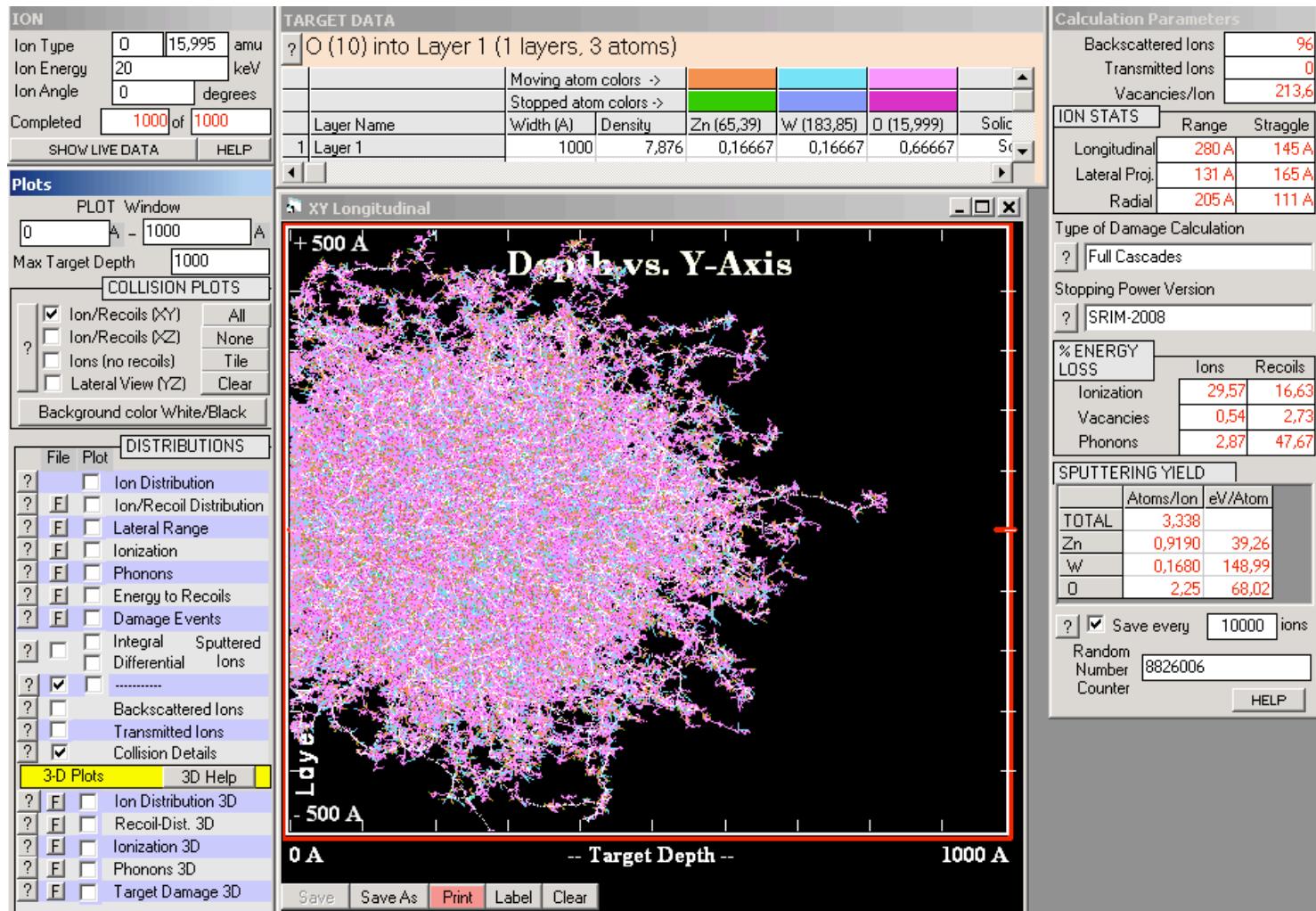
(10^5 times longer !!)

(SRIM simulations)

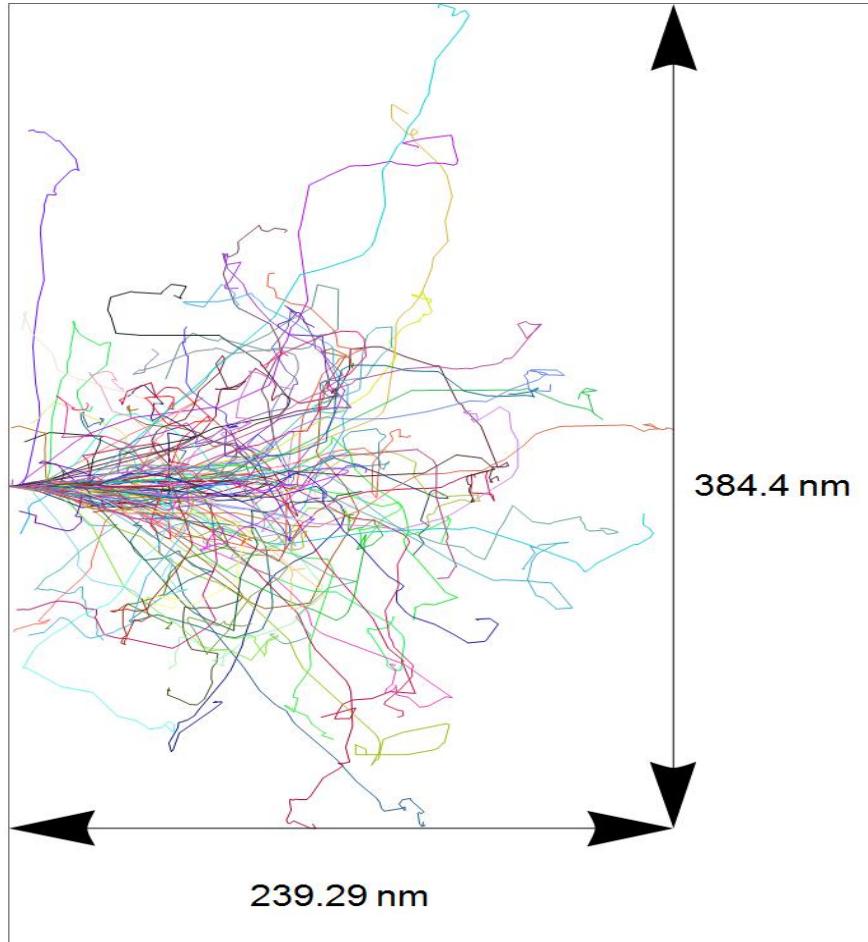
SRIM simulations...



SRIM simulation of O (20 keV) in ZnO₄W showing the secondary recoils

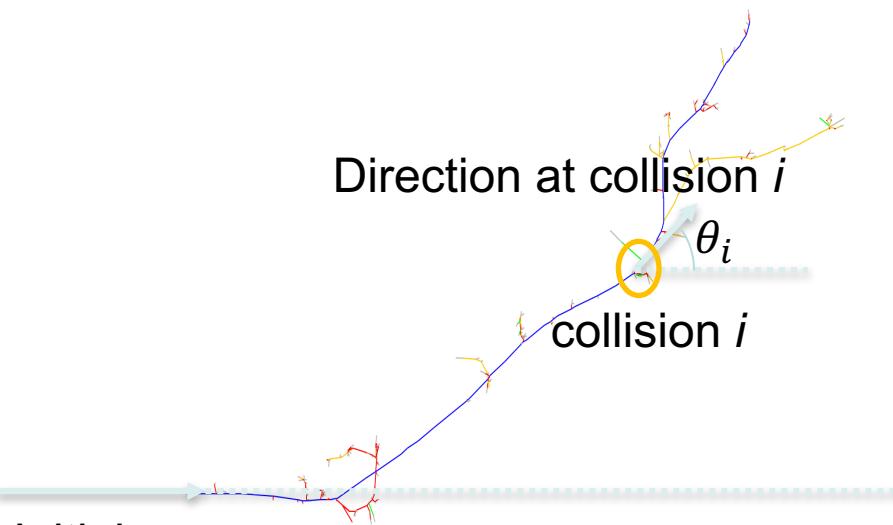


C (22 keV) in emulsion (SRIM simulation)



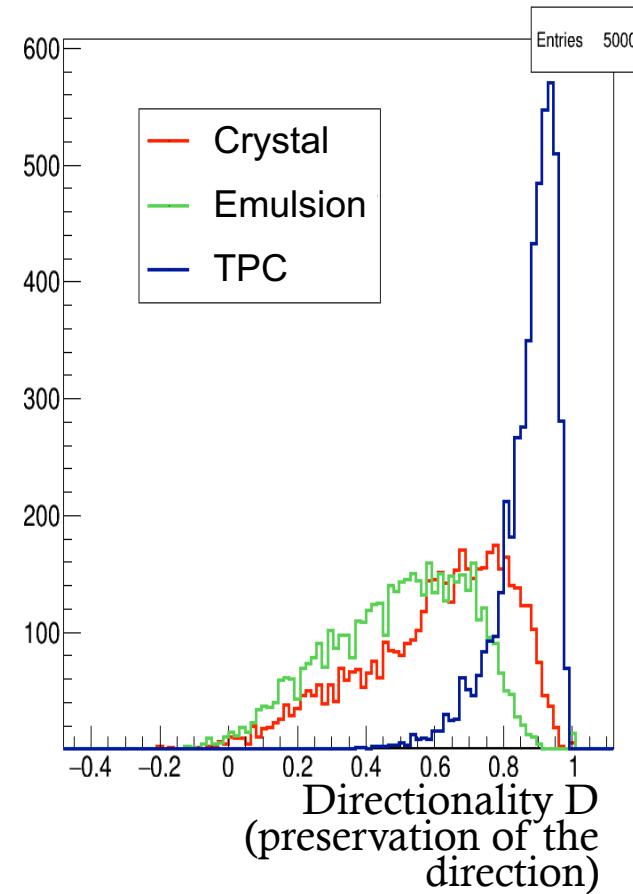
**In emulsions and solids
the transverse
development is in
general greater than
the longitudinal !!**

Directional detection: Directionality ‘D’



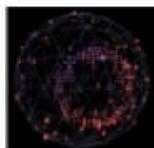
$$D = \frac{\langle \cos(\theta) \cdot E \rangle_{track}}{\langle E \rangle_{track}} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{N_{collisions}} \cos(\theta_i) \cdot E_i}{\sum_{i=0}^{N_{collisions}} E_i} = \frac{\sum_i \cos(\theta_i) \cdot E_i}{N_{collisions} \cdot \langle E \rangle_{track}}$$

For more information on the comparison:
Couturier et al. (in preparation)

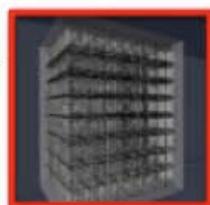


How big is a 1 tonne directional detector?

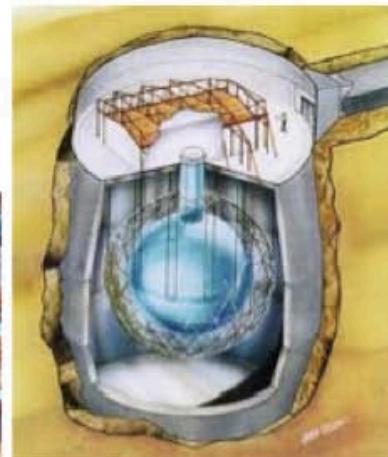
14 m x 14 m x 14 m
directional dark matter
detector



Mini-
BooNE



MINOS



SNO



Super-Kamiokande

TPC directional detectors

	DRIFT	MIMAC	NEWAGE	DMTPC
	Boulby	Modane	Kamioka	SNOLAB
Gas mix	73%CS2 +25%CF4 +2%O2	70%CF4 +28%CHF3 +2%C4H10	CF4	CF4
Current volume	800 L	6 L	37 L	1000 L
Drift	ion, 50 cm	e-, 25 cm	e-, 41 cm	e-, 27 cm
Threshold (keVee)	20	1	50	20
Readout	Multi-Wire Proportional Counters	Micromegas	micro-pixel chamber +GEM	CCD

Adapted from Mayet et al. [arXiv:1602.03781]