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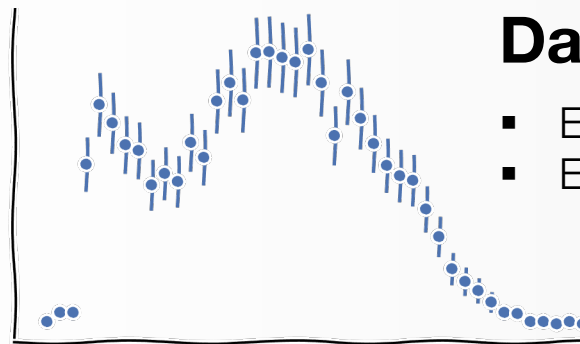
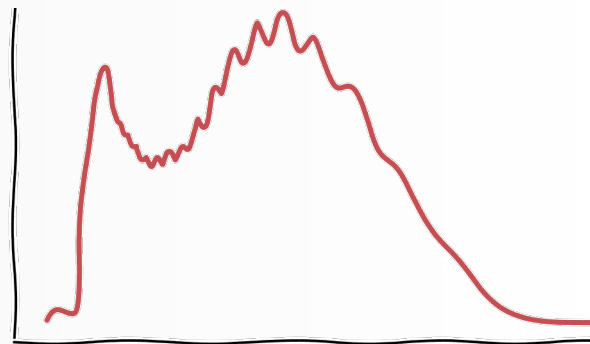
Towards the atmospheric mass splitting Δm_{31}^2 in JUNO

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- Backgrounds model
- Covariances
- SNIPER
- Detector response



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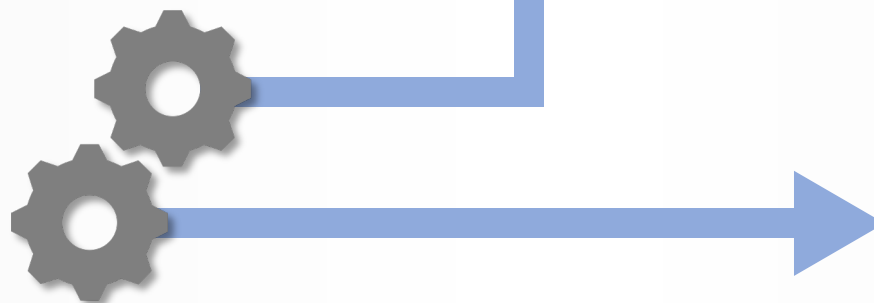
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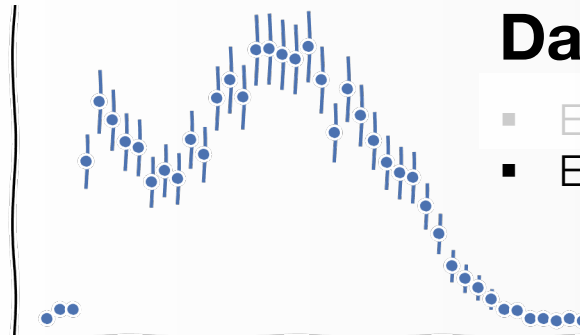
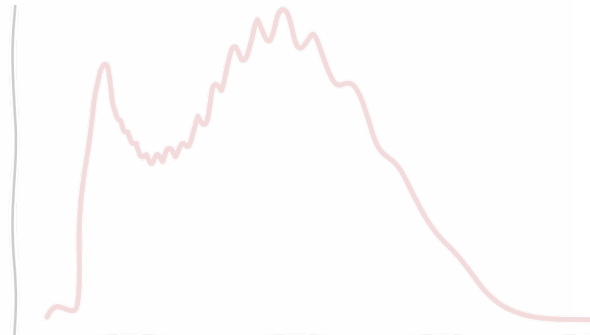


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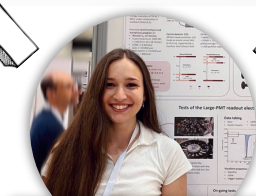
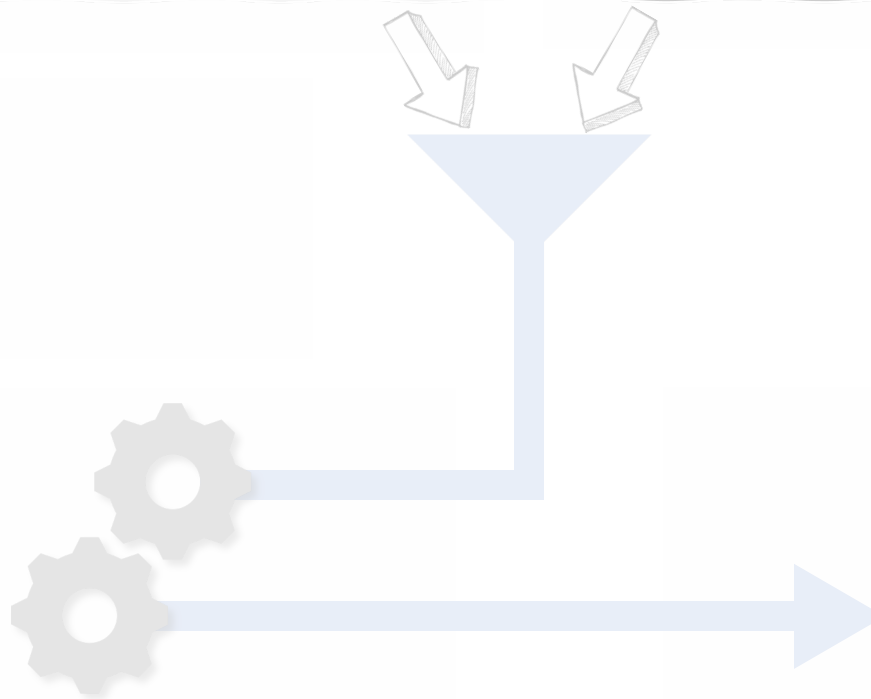
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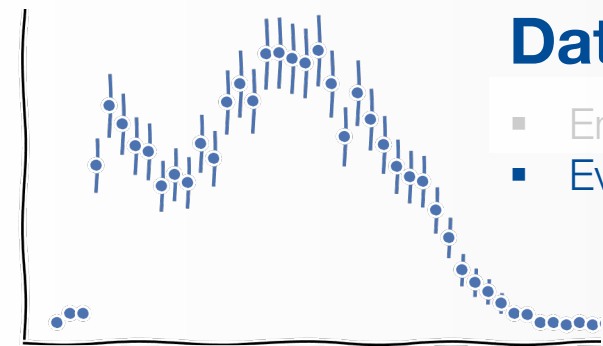
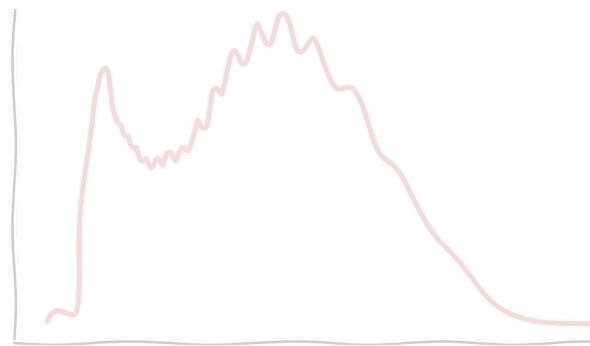


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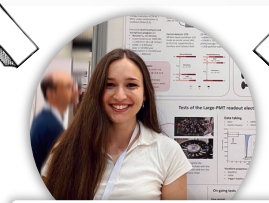
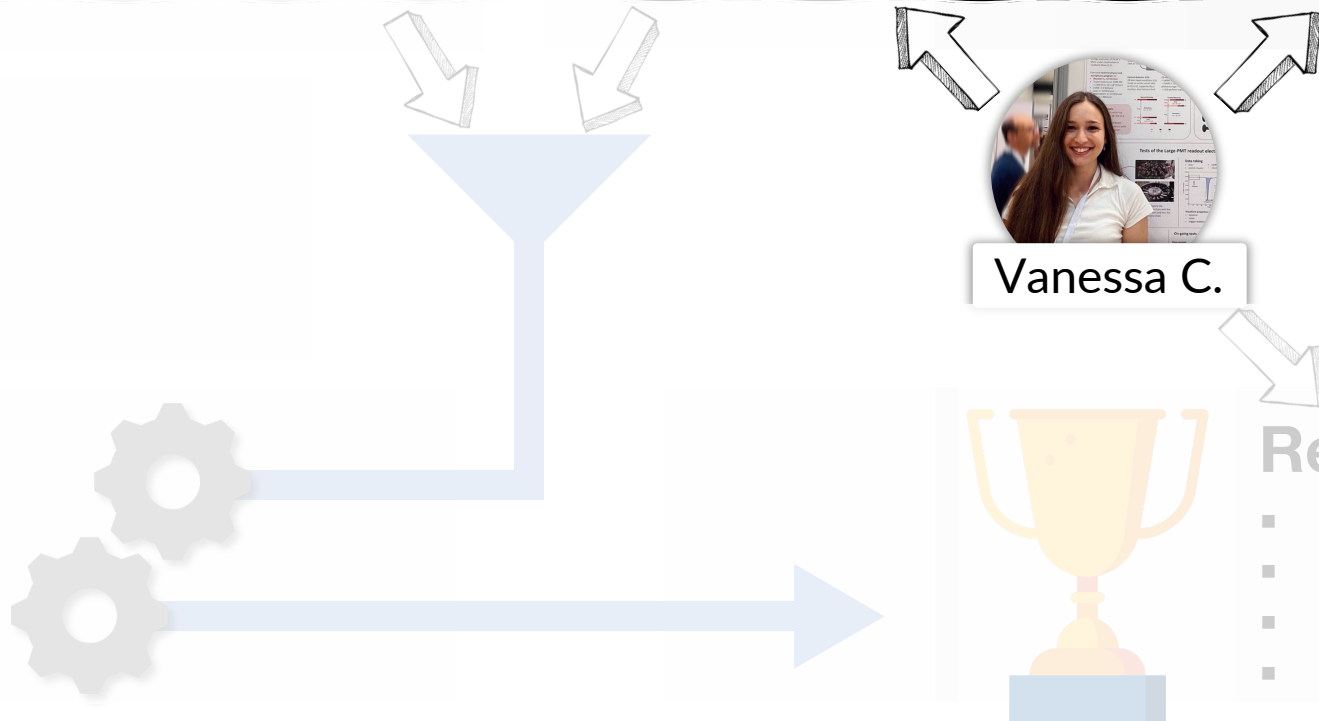
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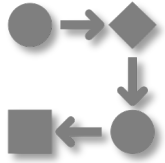
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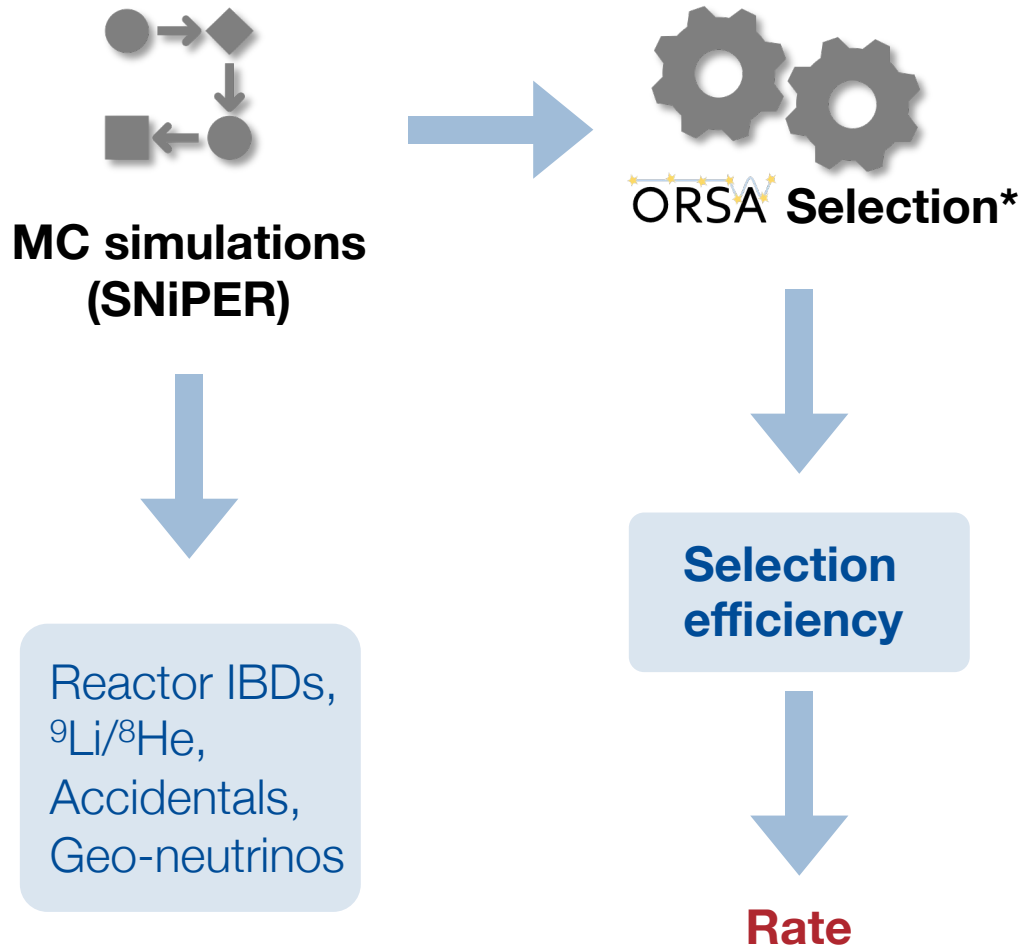


**MC simulations
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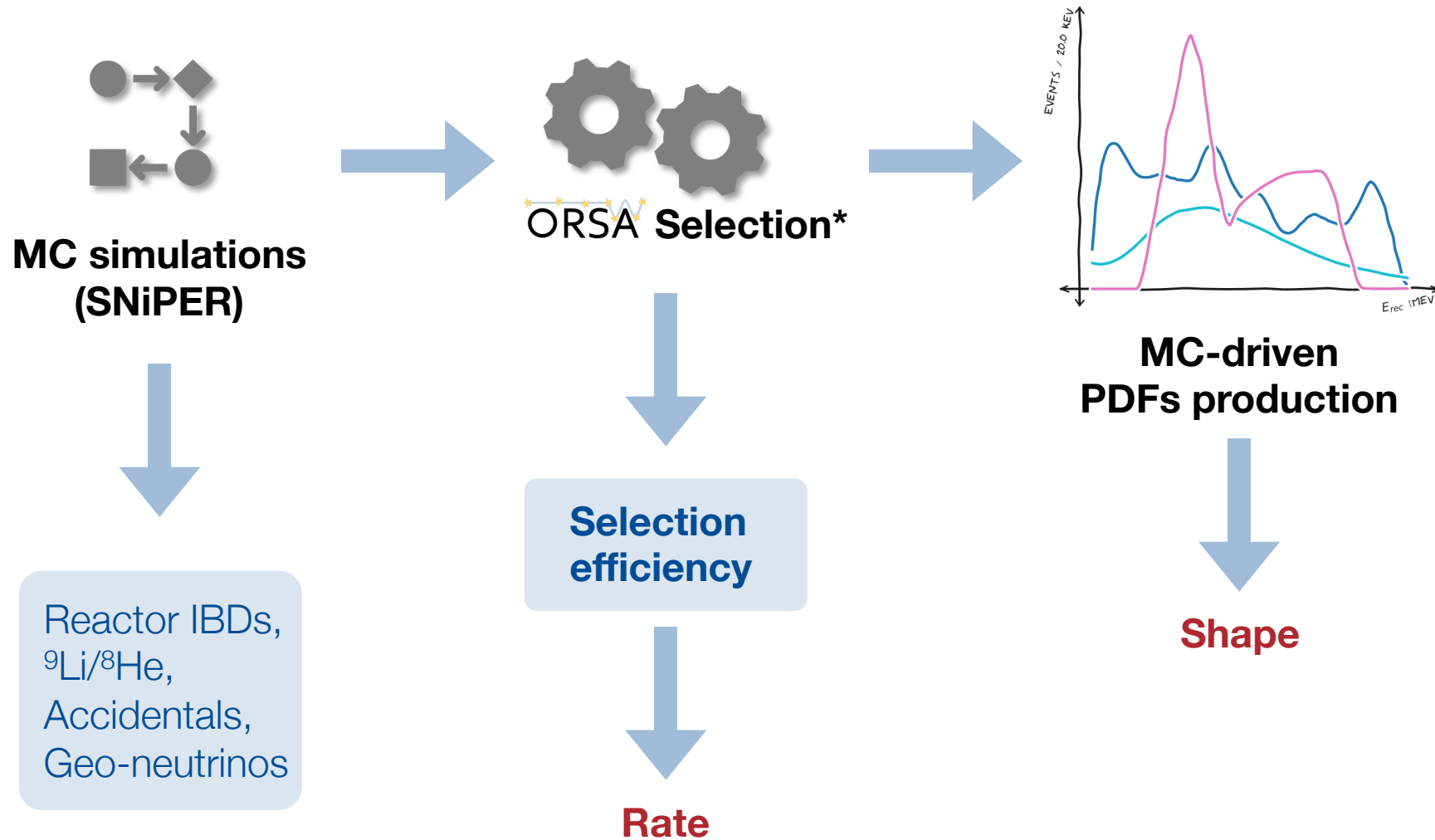


Reactor IBDs,
 ${}^9\text{Li}/{}^8\text{He}$,
Accidentals,
Geo-neutrinos

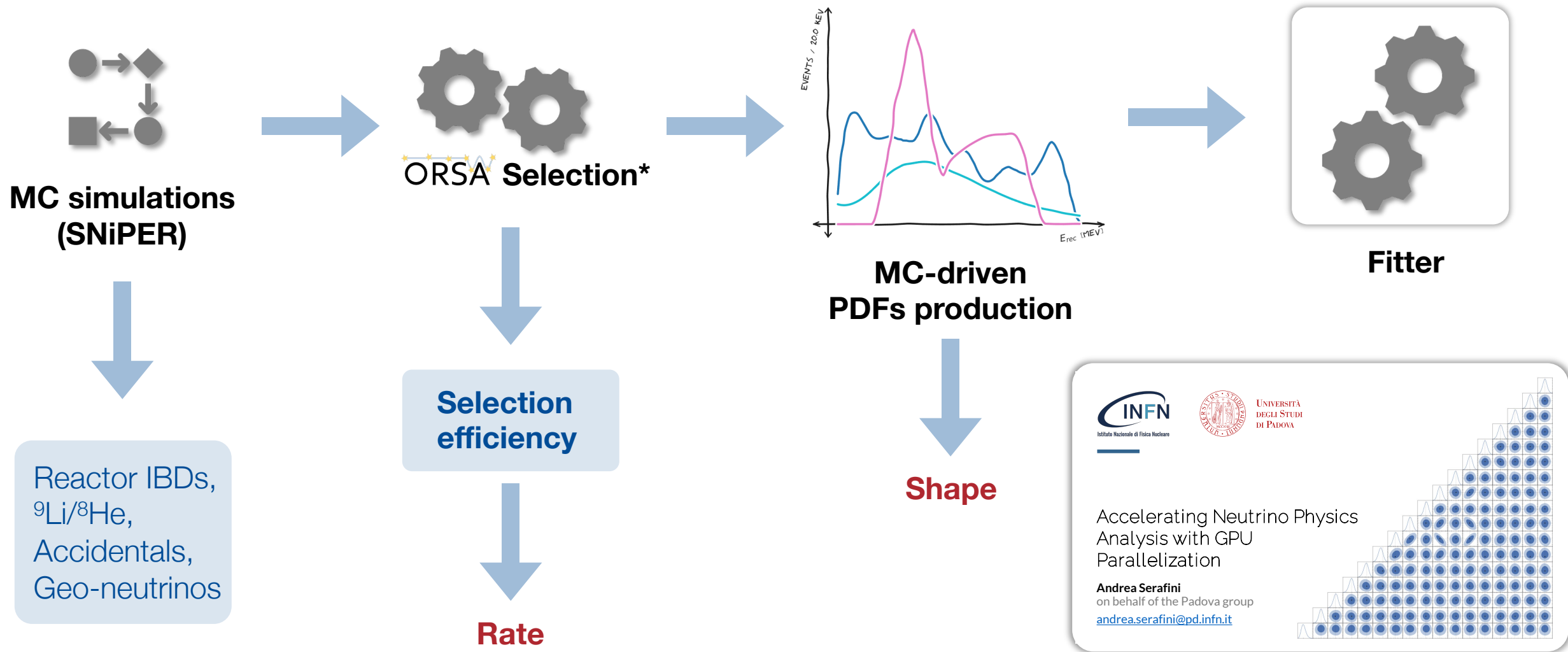
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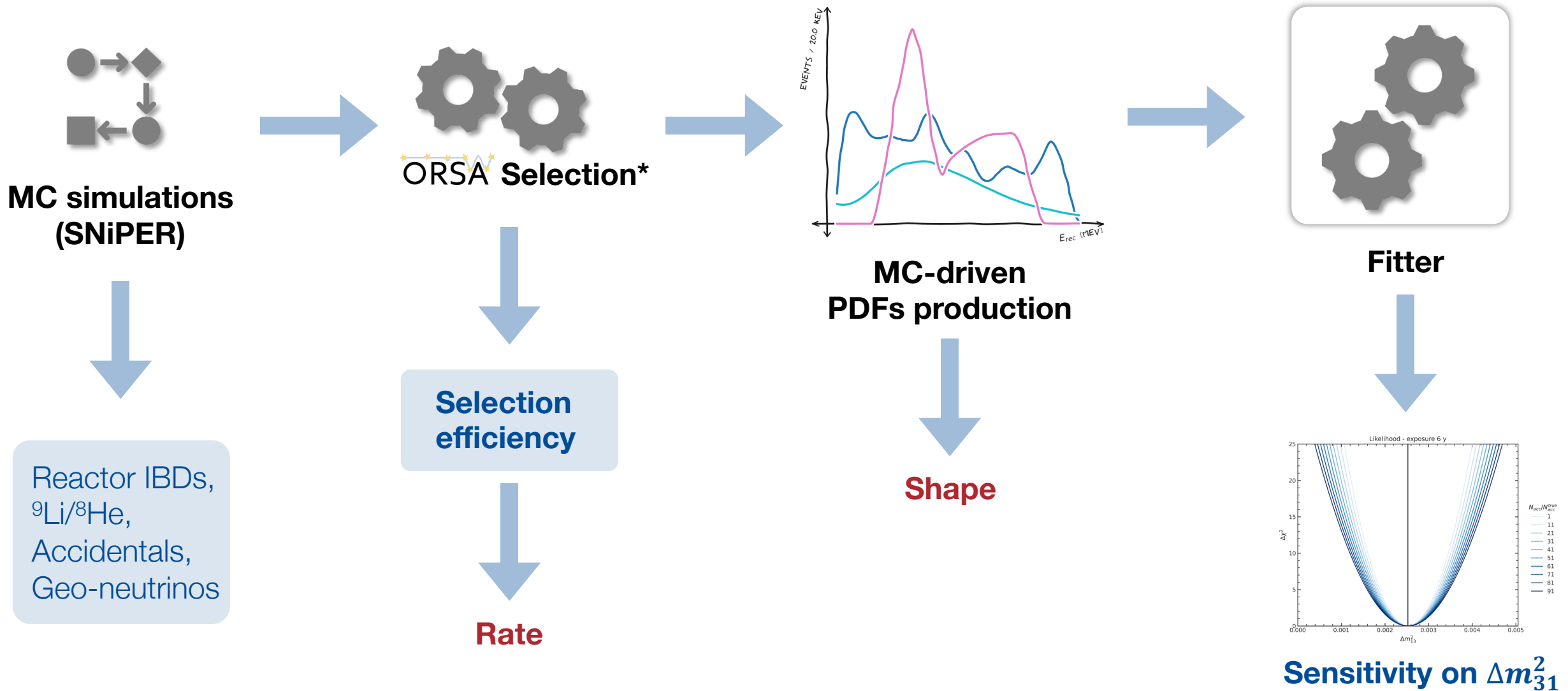
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Accelerating Neutrino Physics
Analysis with GPU
Parallelization

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IBD dataset and pre-selection

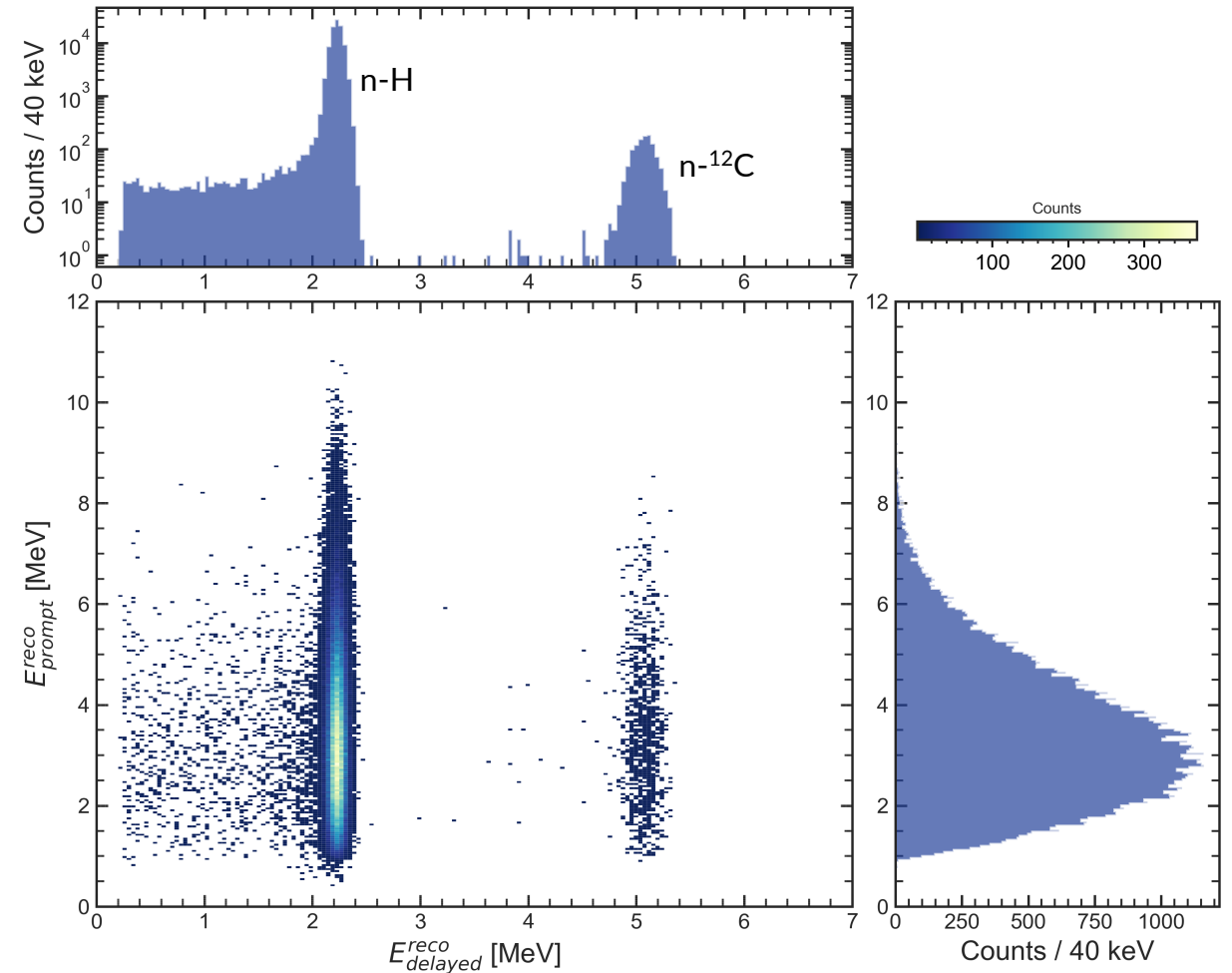
Production configuration:

- Offline software version: J22.1.0-rc4
- Reconstruction algorithm: OMILRec*
- Unoscillated IBD events: ~96k

ORSA *selection configuration:

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- FV cut: No

Energy distribution



*DocDB 9177-9405

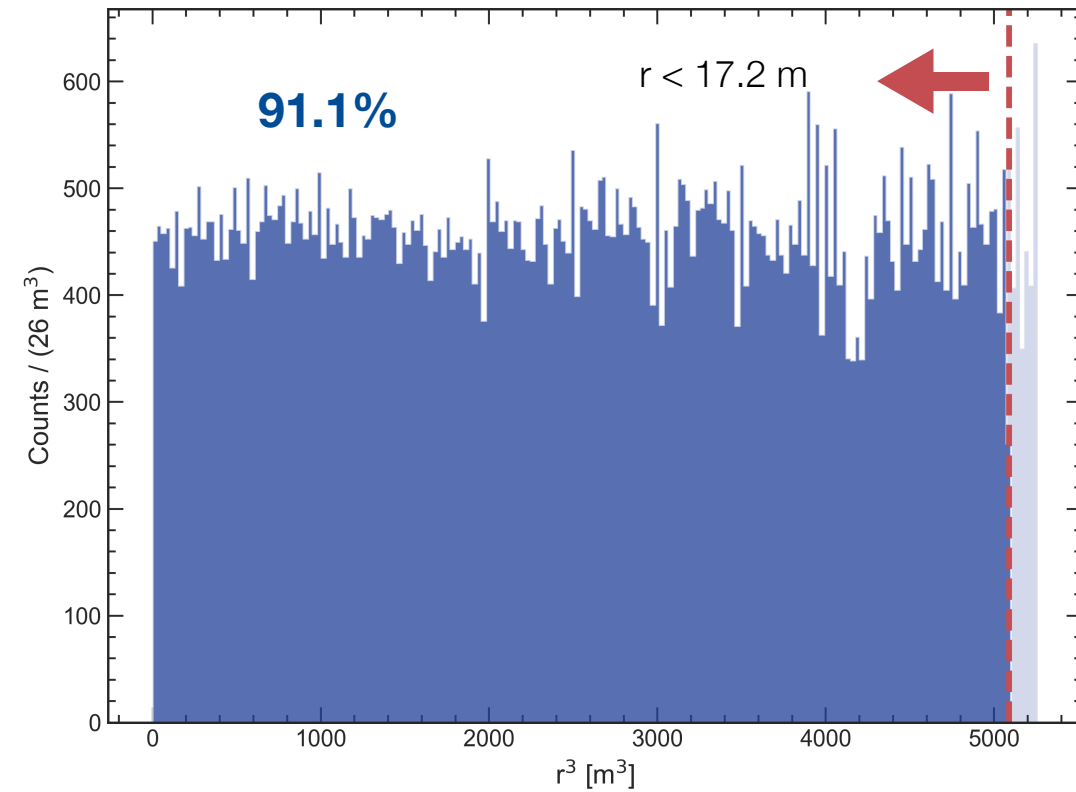
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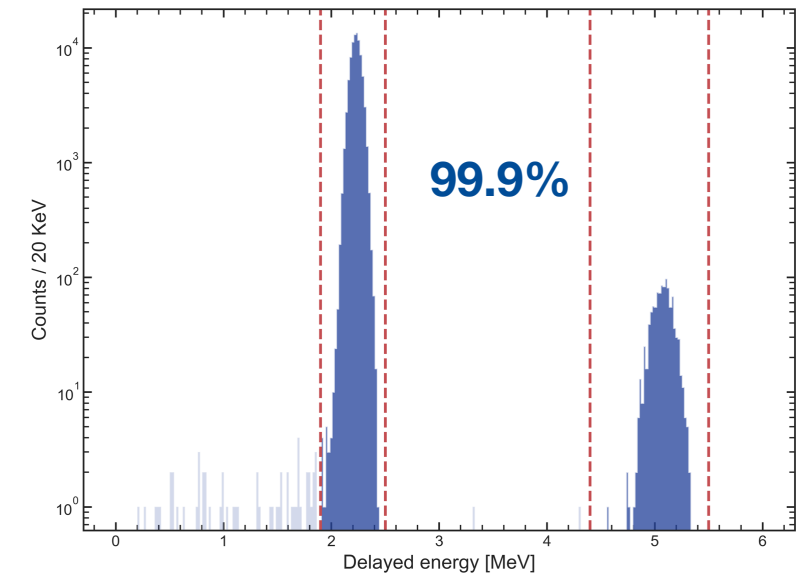
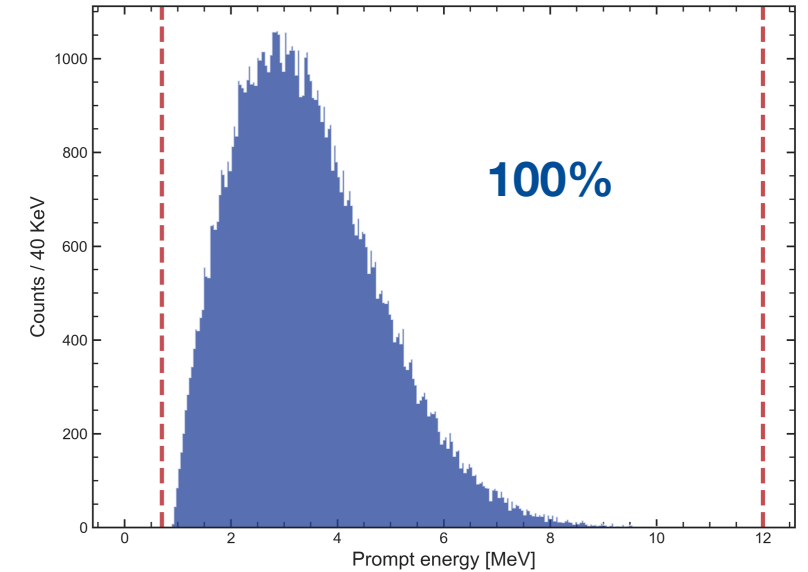
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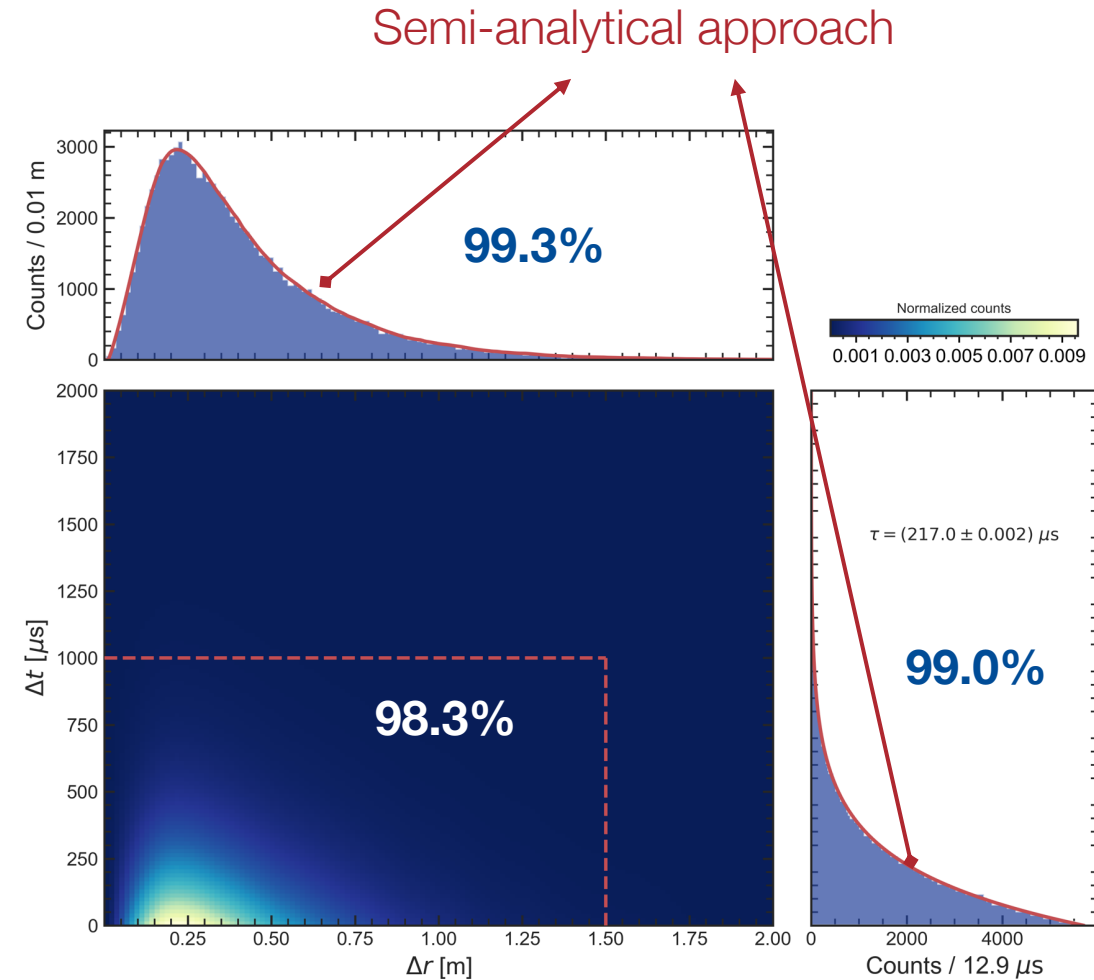
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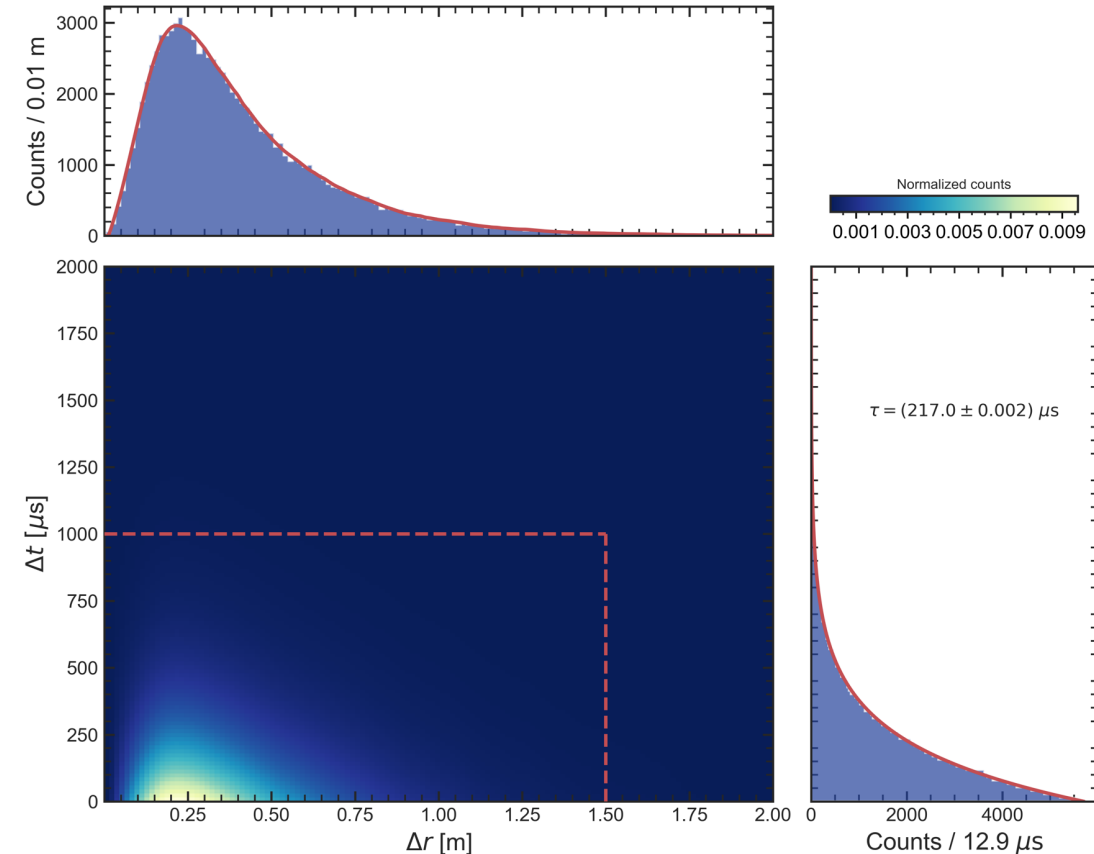
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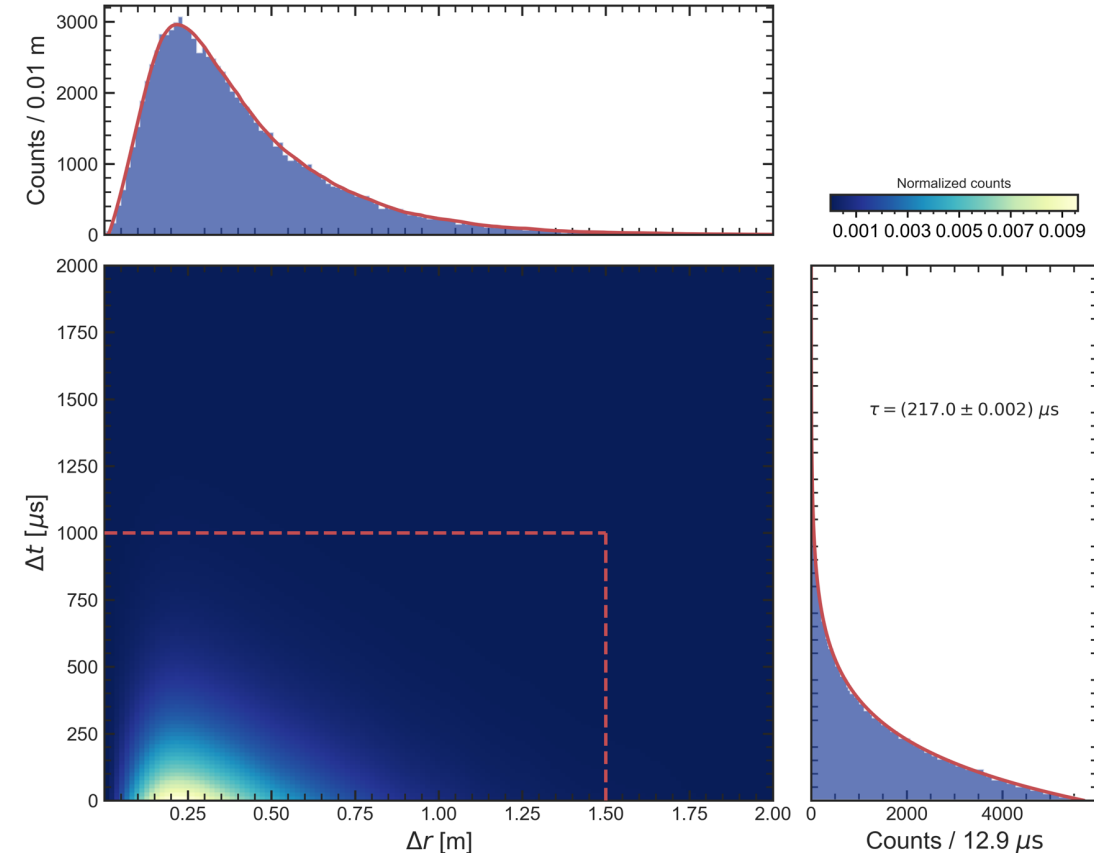
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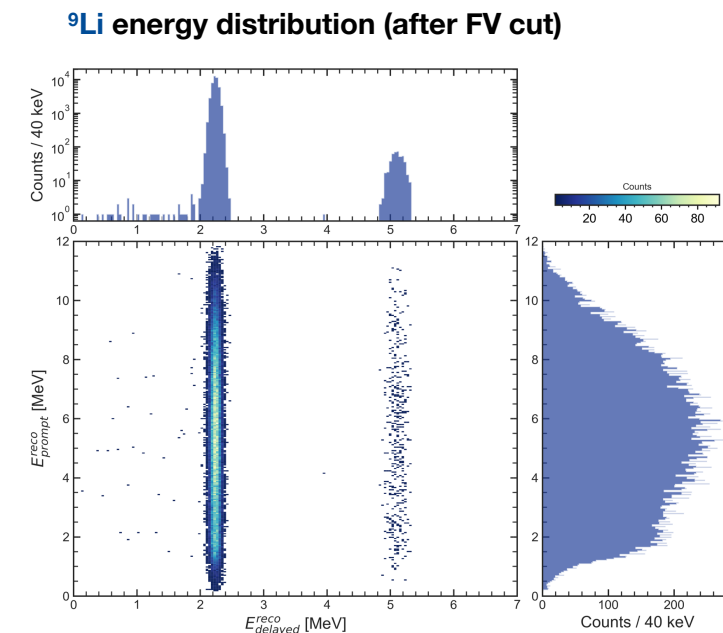
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4. Muon veto (temporal + spatial) [1]	91.6%	47.1
Combined efficiency	82%	47.1



$^9\text{Li}/^8\text{He}$ cosmogenic background

- Energetic cosmic muons interacting with ^{12}C in the LS can produce radioactive isotopes
- ^9Li and ^8He are the major correlated cosmogenic background source
 - They can decay emitting a β^- and a neutron mimicking a reactor IBD signal
- Total background level after new muon veto strategy: 0.9 cpd*
 - Apply IBD selection cuts to residual contribution



Isotope	Branching ratio**	Expected yield [2][3]	Rate after muon veto*
^9Li	51 %	127.1 cpd	0.81 cpd
^8He	16.1 %	40.4 cpd	0.09 cpd

**in a neutron-unstable excited state

[2] Physical Review C 81.2 (2010): 025807.

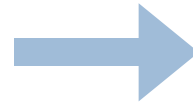
[3] Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics 2013.08 (2013): 049.

${}^9\text{Li}/{}^8\text{He}$: selection efficiency

	${}^9\text{Li}$		${}^8\text{He}$	
	Efficiency	Evts/day	Efficiency	Evts/day
	100%	0.81 [4]	100%	0.09 [4]
1. Fiducial volume (FV) cut $r < 17.2$ m	91.2%	0.75	91.4%	0.082
2. Energy cut				
• Prompt energy $E_p \in (0.7, 12)$ MeV	99.6%	0.74	99.8%	0.082
• Delayed energy $E_d \in (1.9, 2.5) \cup (4.4, 5.5)$ MeV	99.9%	0.74	99.9%	0.082
3. Time/vertex cut				
• $\Delta t < 1$ ms $\Delta r < 1.5$ m	98.4%	0.72	98.3%	0.08
Combined efficiency	89%	0.72	90%	0.08

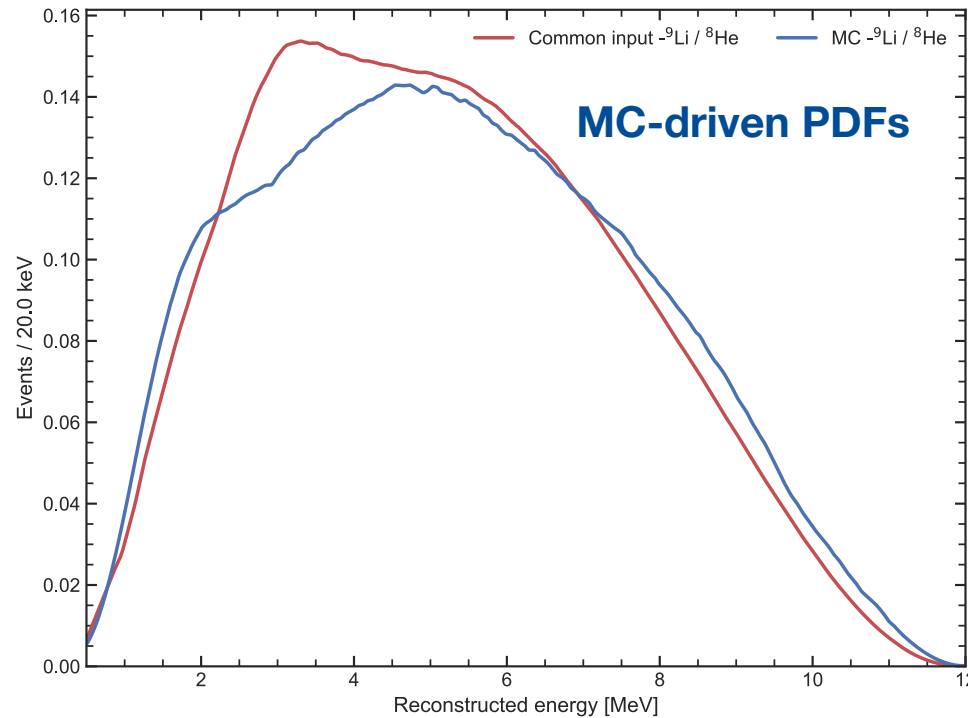
$^9\text{Li}/^8\text{He}$ shape and rate

- ^9Li rate after IBD selection cuts: 0.72 cpd
- ^8He rate after IBD selection cuts: 0.08 cpd



**Total
residual rate**

0.8 cpd

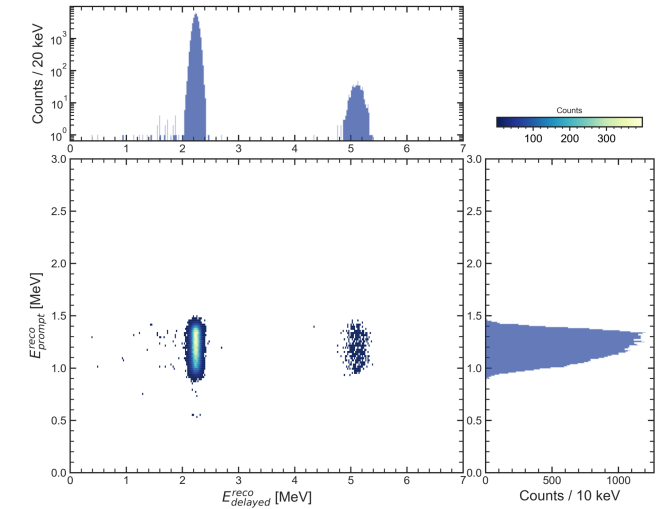


Geo-neutrinos background

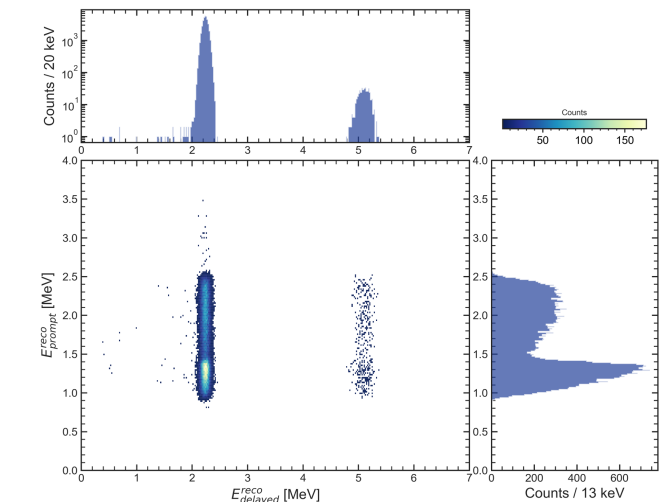
- Geo-neutrinos are produced by radioactive decay chains of Uranium and Thorium inside the Earth
- Detected geo-neutrinos are $\bar{\nu}_e$ originating from β^- decay branches of ^{238}U and ^{232}Th
 - They can be detected through IBD \rightarrow same signature as the reactor antineutrinos.

Isotope	Contribution [1]	Expected yield
^{238}U	77 %	1.155 cpd
^{232}Th	23 %	0.345 cpd

^{232}Th geo- ν energy distribution (after FV cut)



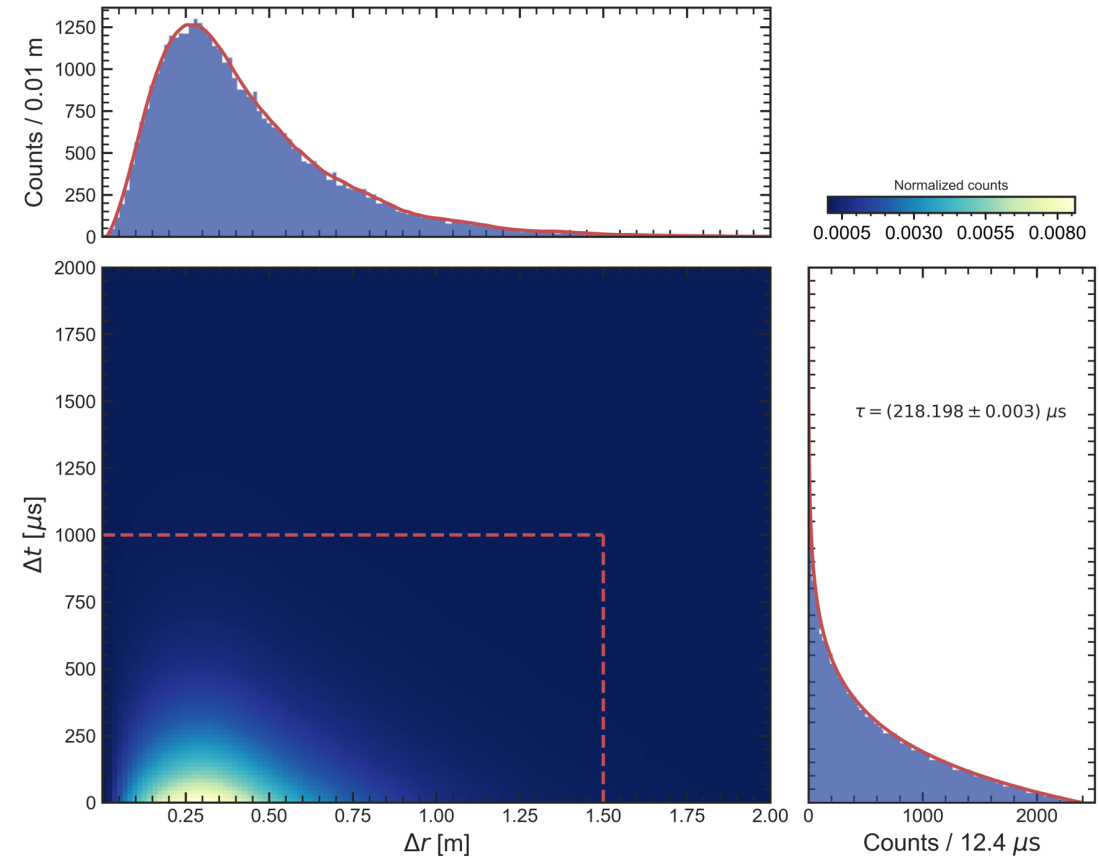
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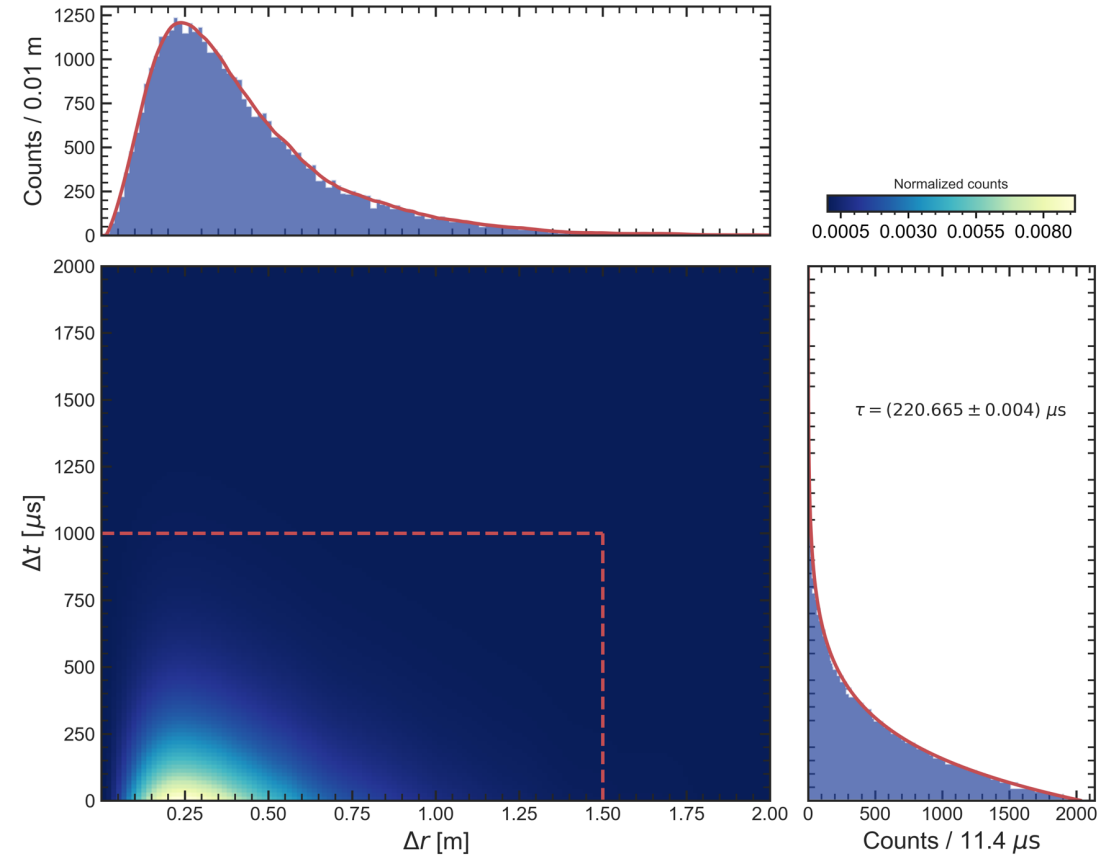
^{232}Th geo- ν : selection efficiency

	Efficiency	Evts/day
	100%	0.345
1. Fiducial volume (FV) cut $r < 17.2$ m	91.2%	0.31
2. Energy cut		
• Prompt energy $E_p \in (0.7, 12)$ MeV	99.99%	0.31
• Delayed energy $E_d \in (1.9, 2.5) \cup (4.4, 5.5)$ MeV	99.89%	0.31
3. Time/vertex cut		
• $\Delta t < 1$ ms $\Delta r < 1.5$ m	98.3%	0.30
4. Muon veto (temporal + spatial) [1]	91.6%	0.28
Combined efficiency	82%	0.28



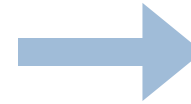
^{238}U geo- ν : selection efficiency

	Efficiency	Evts/day
	100%	1.155
1. Fiducial volume (FV) cut $r < 17.2$ m	91.0%	1.05
2. Energy cut		
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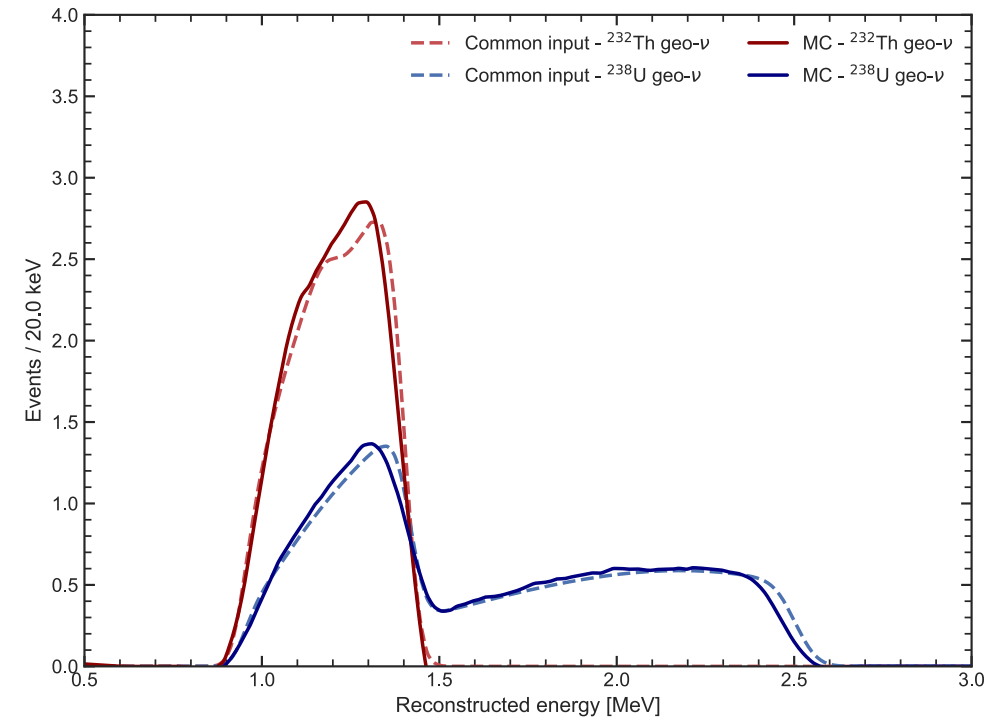
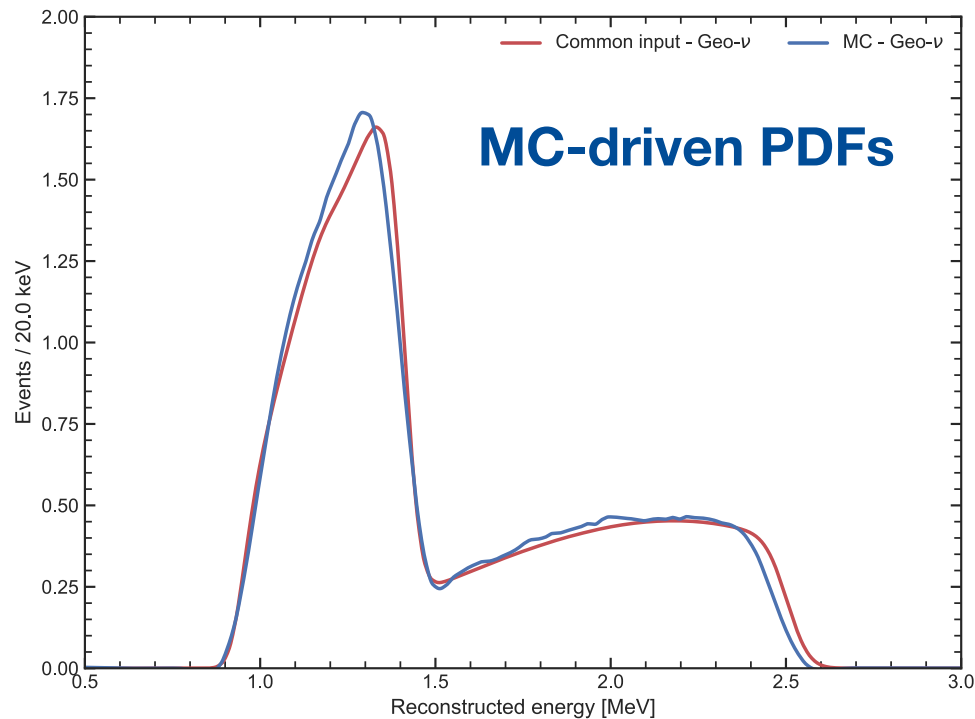


Geo- ν shape and rate

- ^{232}Th geo- ν rate after IBD selection cuts: 0.28 cpd
- ^{238}U geo- ν rate after IBD selection cuts: 0.94 cpd



Total residual rate **1.22 cpd**



Radioactivity dataset

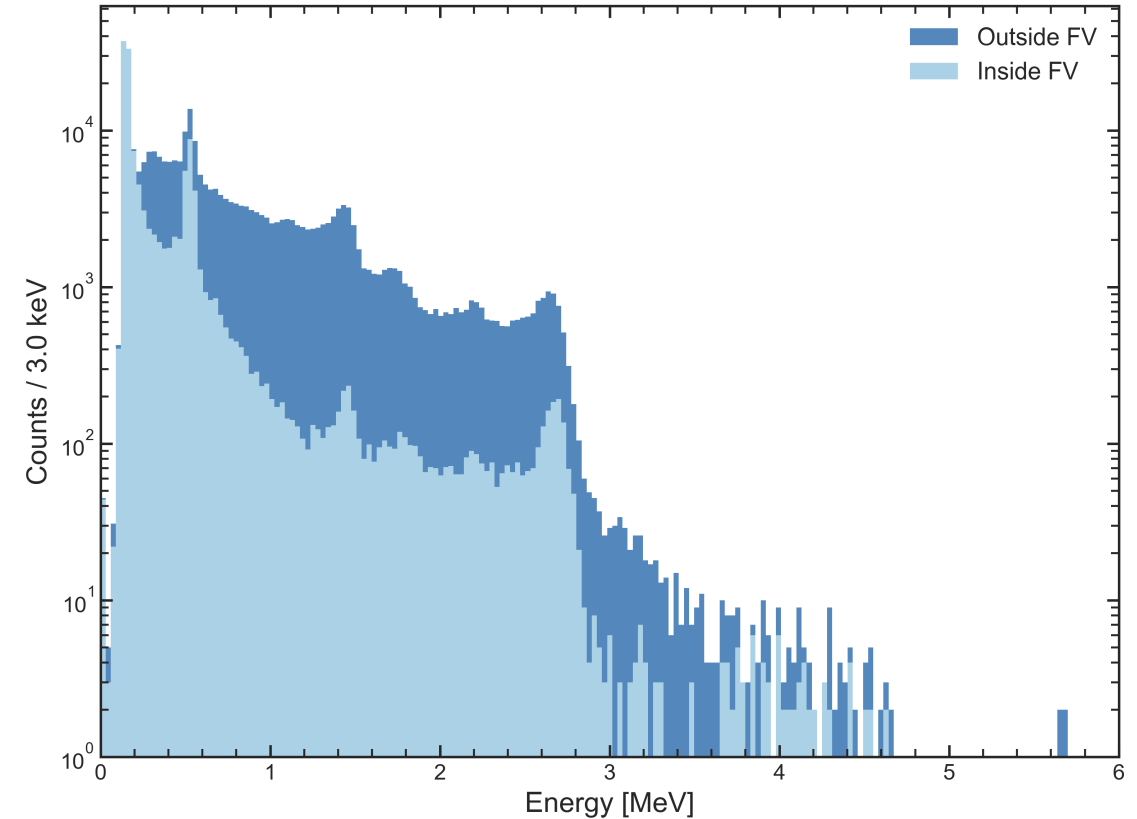
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Uncorrelated coincidences energy spectrum



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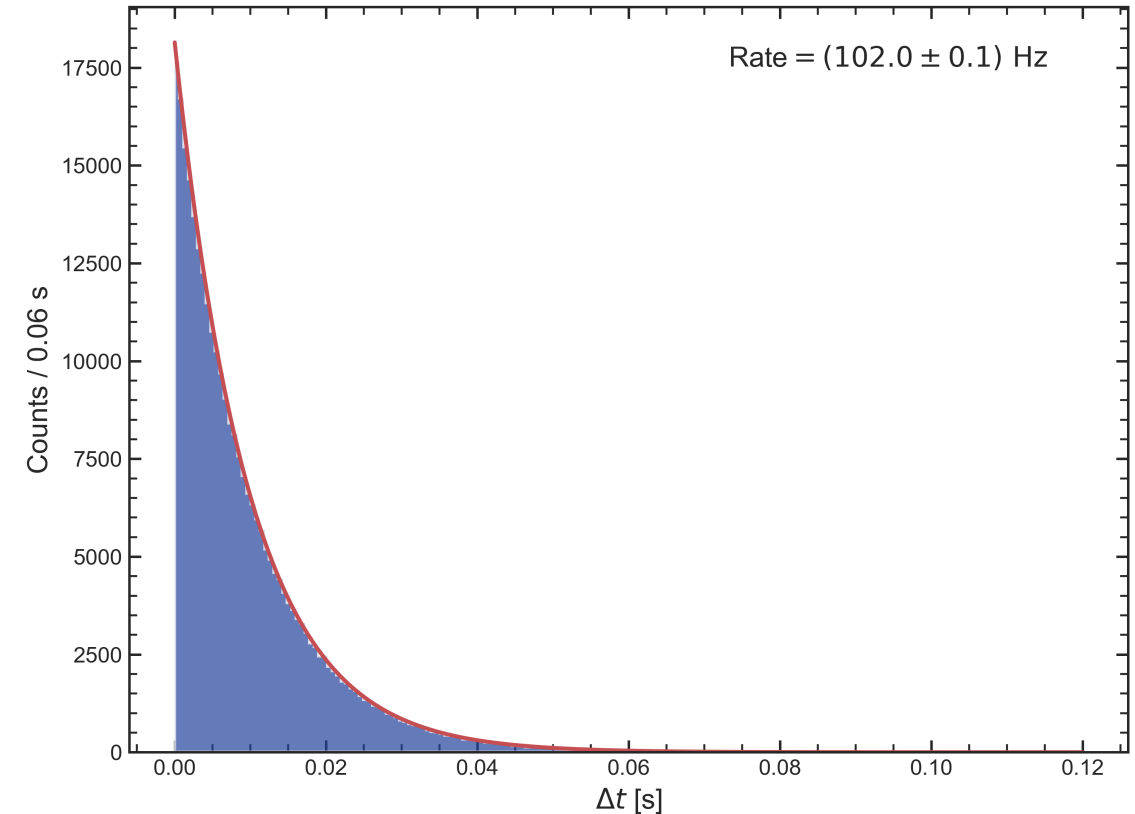
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Rate of radioactivity from MC sample (102.0 ± 0.1 Hz) $\approx 8.8 \times 10^6$ evts/day



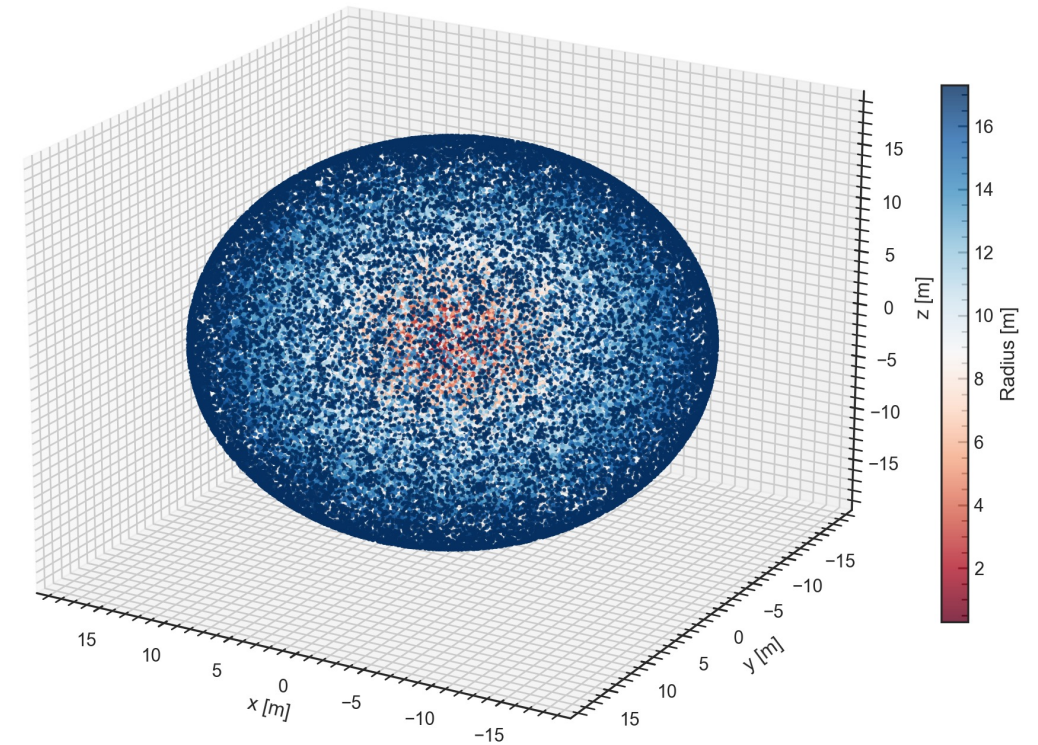
Accidental background: different approach

- Selection efficiency terms cannot be computed independently for radiogenic background
 - IBD-like approach is an approximation and leads to a biased accidentals rate
 - **Vertex** and **energy** selection efficiencies cannot be calculated individually and then combined
- Analytical approach (similar to [5])
 - Accounts for energy-radius correlation
 - Radioactive background **rate** is computed from the MC sample **data**

- **Rate of accidentals:** $R_{acc} = R_d \cdot R_p \cdot \Delta t \cdot \varepsilon$

Accidentals: efficiency factor

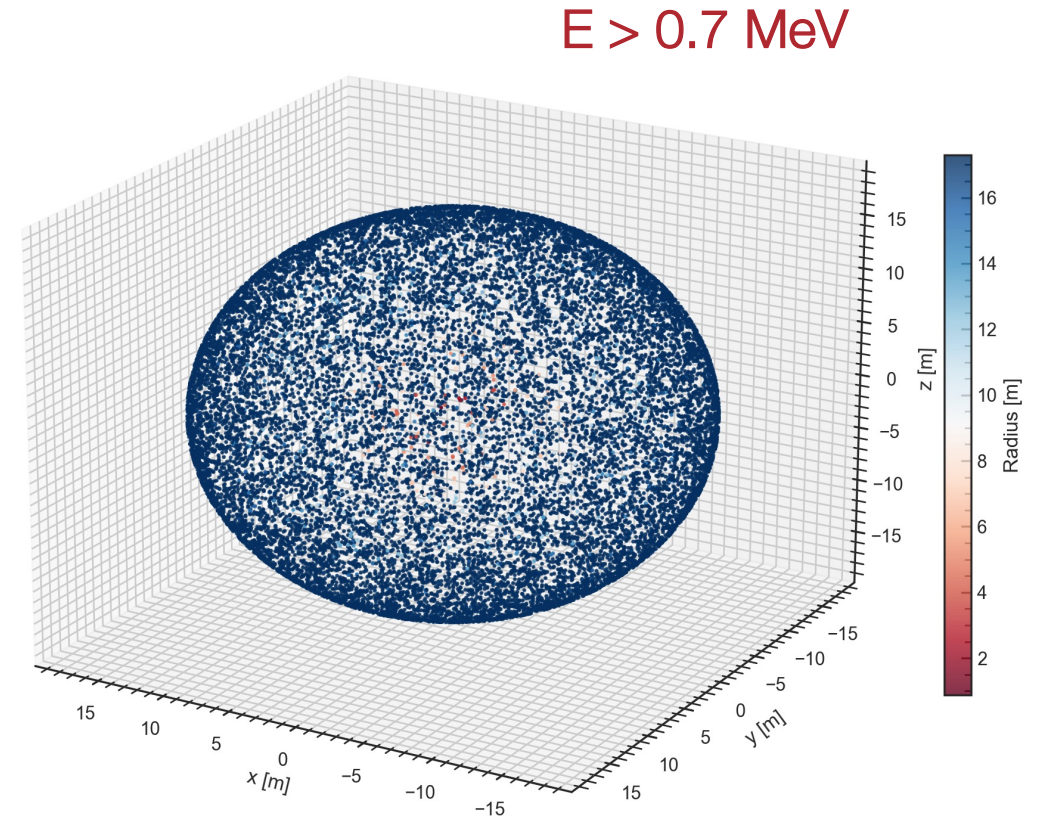
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50k events displayed

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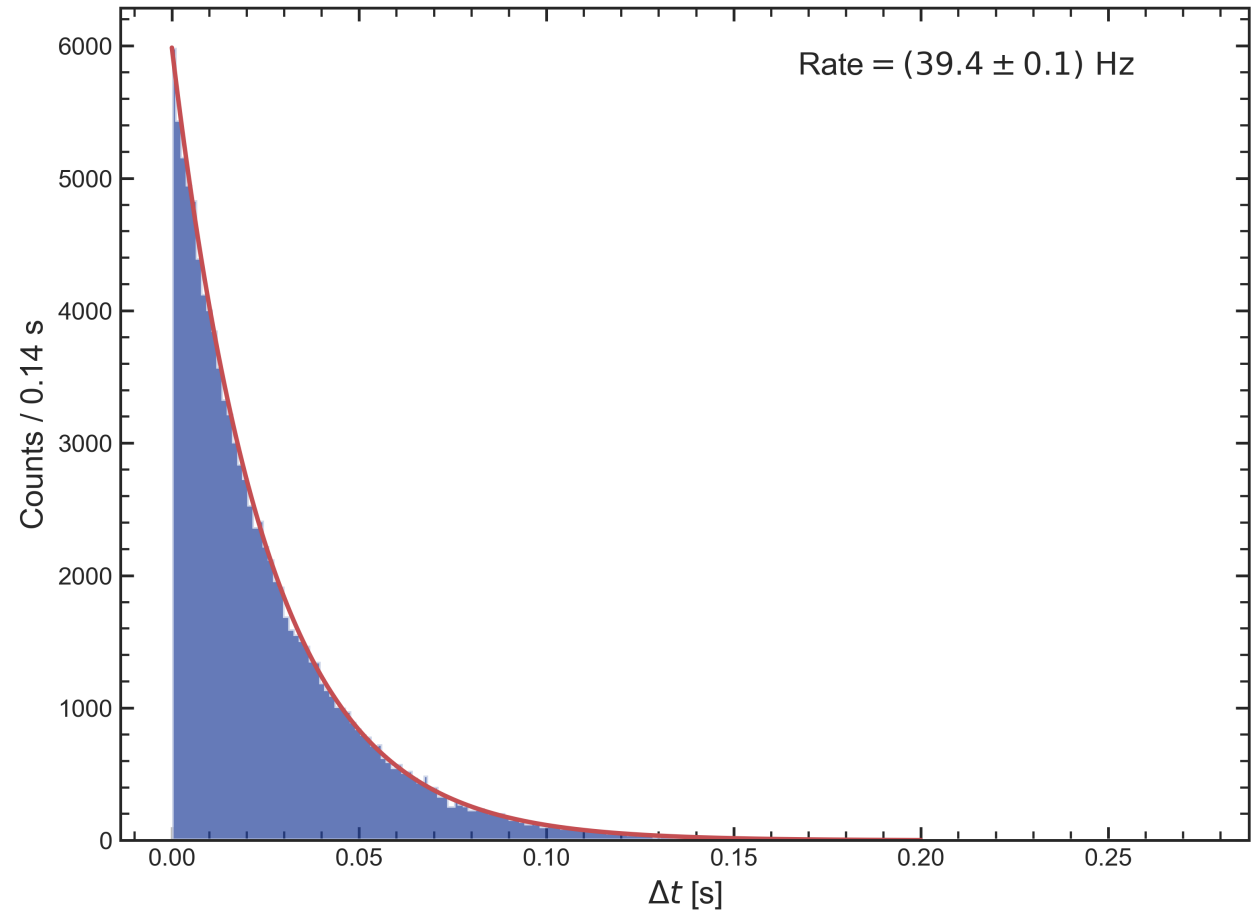
Accidentals rate calculation

$$R_{acc} = R_d \cdot R_p \cdot \Delta t \cdot \varepsilon$$

- $$\varepsilon = \frac{N_{sel}}{N_{comb}} = (1.41 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-6}$$

Accidentals: background rate

- Radioactivity background rate is obtained directly from the dataset
- Consider only events with $E > 0.7$ MeV
- Calculate time difference between consecutive events
- Uncorrelated events $\rightarrow R_p = R_d$



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3. $\Delta t = 1 \text{ ms}$
4. $R_{acc} = (0.189 \pm 0.002) \text{ evts/day}$

With muon veto: $R_{acc} = (0.172 \pm 0.002) \text{ evts/day}$

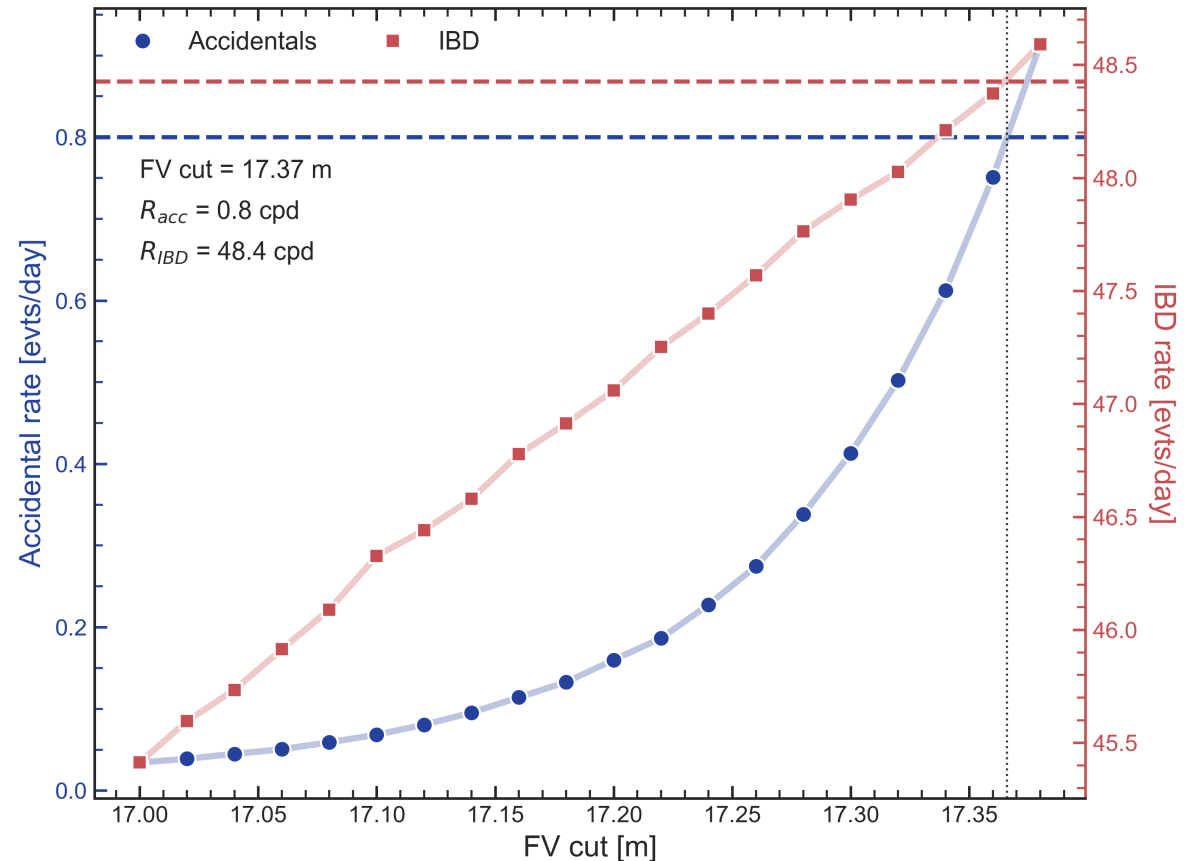
Signal and background rates

		Event type	Rate from SNIPEr MC [events/day]	Rate from common input [events/day]
From MC	}	IBD candidate	47.1	47.1
		${}^9\text{Li}/{}^8\text{He}$	0.8	0.8
		Geo-ν	1.22	1.2
		Accidentals	0.17	0.8
From [1]	}	World reactors	1.0	1.0
		Atmospheric ν	0.16	0.16
		Fast neutrons	0.1	0.1
		${}^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n){}^{16}\text{O}$	0.05	0.05

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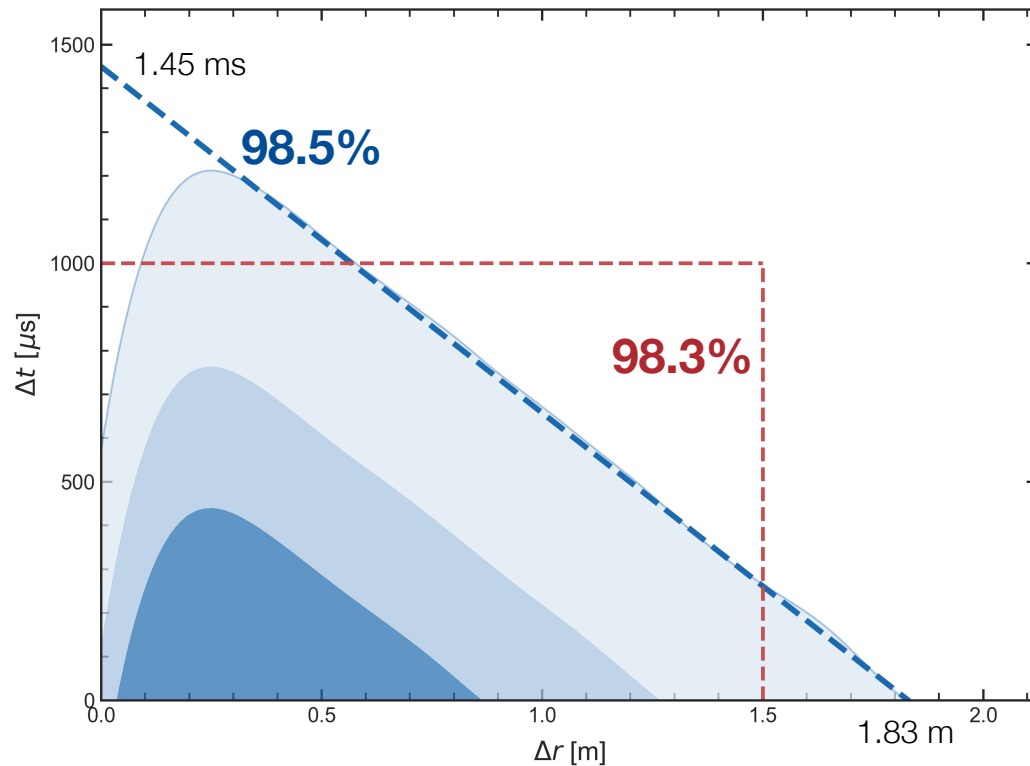
*for a room temperature density of 0.86g/mL
arXiv:2107.03669v2

- According to this calculation 0.8 evts/day correspond to a FV of \approx **17.37 m**
- With FV cut at 17.37 m, IBD rate increases from 47.1 to **48.4 evts/day**
- Volume is increased by \approx 2.7 %
- FV gain corresponds to \approx **535 ton of liquid scintillator*** (1.9 x Borexino active mass!)



Outlook: optimization of selection cuts

- Optimization of selection cuts to further increase signal to noise ratio
 - Cut following $(\Delta r, \Delta t)$ equiprobability curves



IBD

Standard cut

Optimized cut

47.1 cpd

47.1 cpd

Accidentals

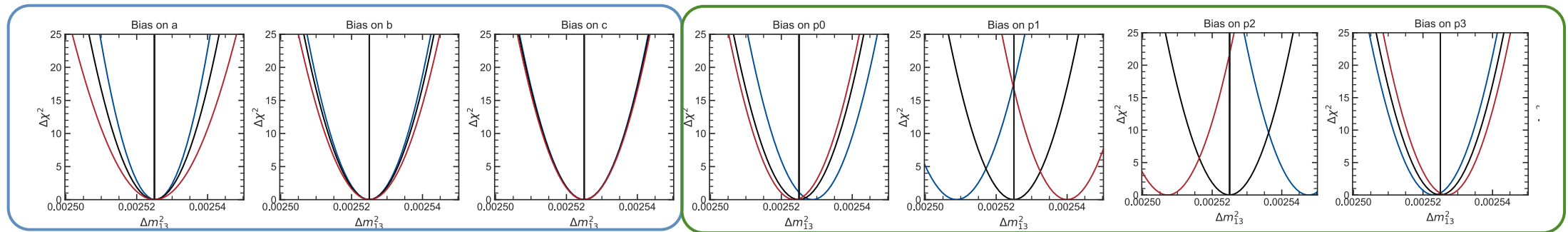
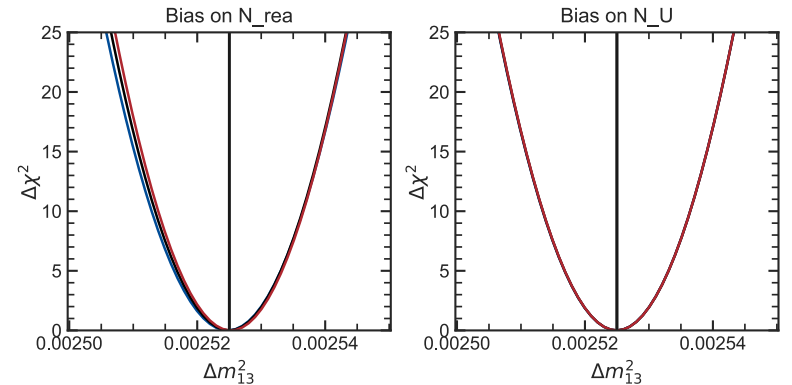
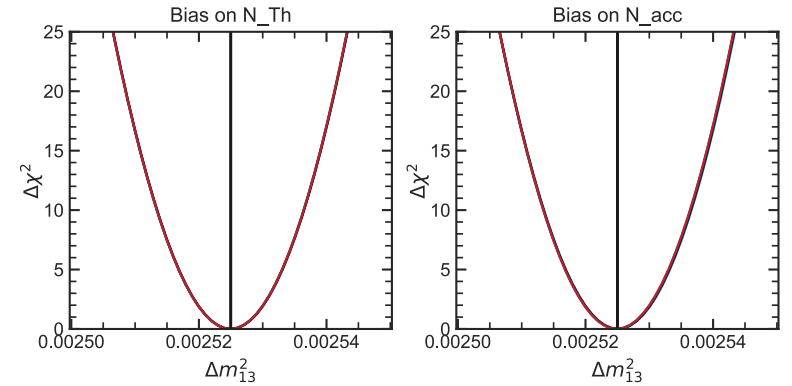
0.172 cpd

≈ 0.13 cpd*

*scaled with analytical method

Future outlook: sensitivity to Δm_{31}^2

- Optimization of selection cuts for this specific physics channel
- Sensitivity to Δm_{31}^2 :
 - Non-linearity and resolution parameters highly affect the estimation of Δm_{31}^2
 - No significant dependence on background rates
 - Possibility to enlarge FV to increase signal rate



Resolution

Non-linearity

Summary

- SNIKER MC simulations of spectral components used to extrapolate **rate** and **shape**
 - Residual rate after IBD selection cuts is obtained for reactor IBD signal and for some major background components (geo-neutrinos, ${}^9\text{Li}/{}^8\text{He}$, accidentals)
- IBD, geo-neutrinos, ${}^9\text{Li}/{}^8\text{He}$ rates are found to be comparable with common inputs
- **Accidental coincidences rate** of \approx **0.17 cpd** lower than previous calculation (0.8 cpd)
 - Critical input parameter for NMO analysis
 - Needs further discussion and crosschecks
- Possibility to enlarge fiducial volume + optimized cuts: better signal to noise ratio

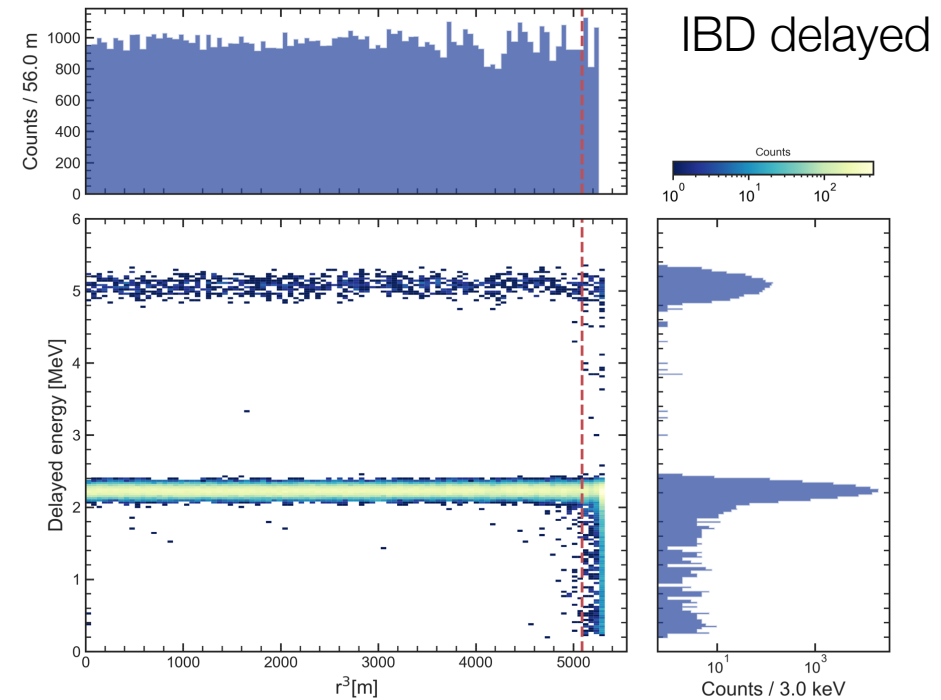
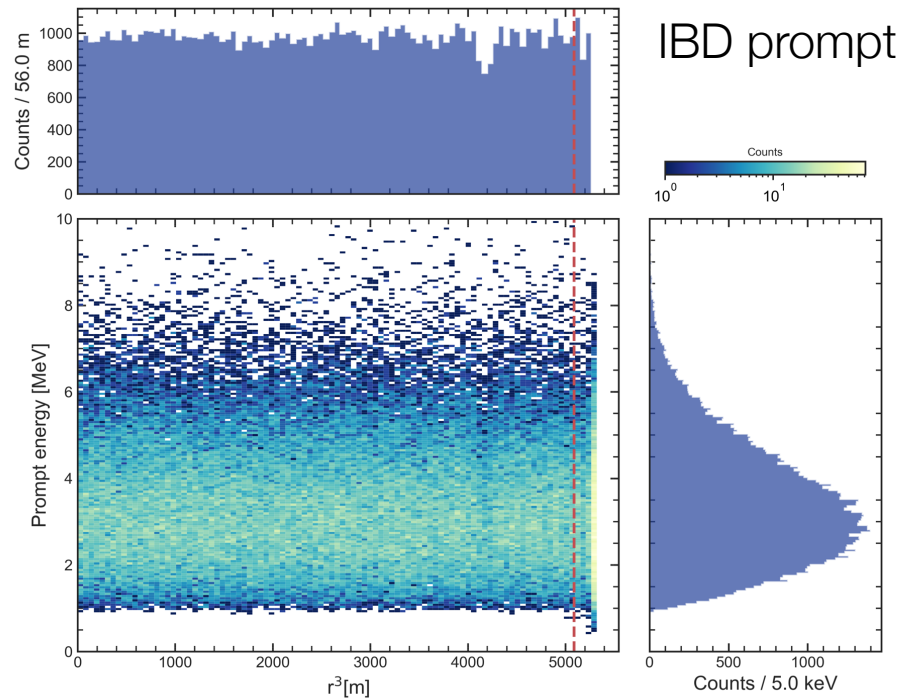
Thank you

Backup

IBD distributions

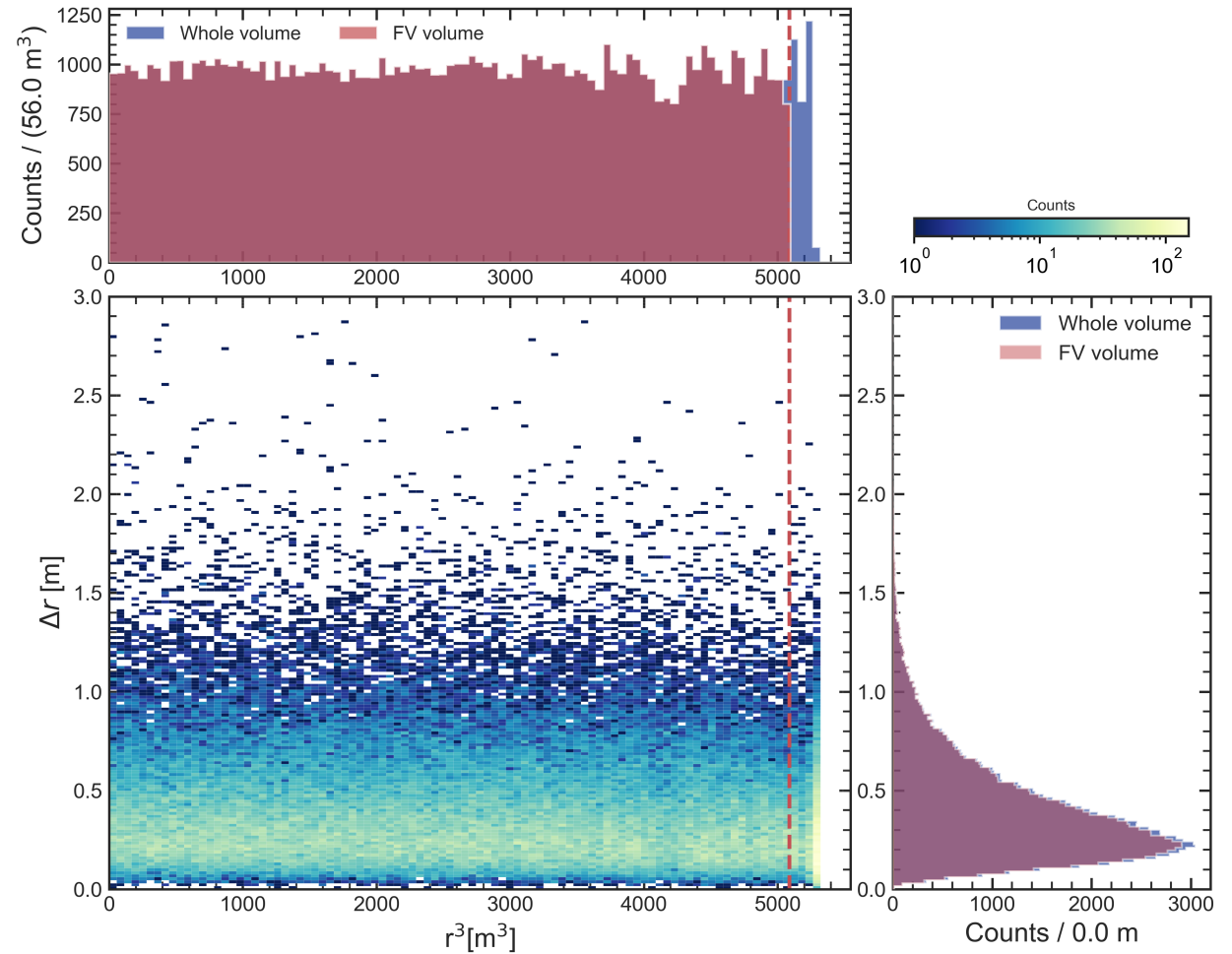
- Treating selection variables as uncorrelated (IBD-like approach) works if:
 - Events are uniformly distributed inside LS → Δr distribution does not depend on FV cut
 - Energy distribution is independent of radius → After FV cut energy distribution is uniform

Ok for IBD



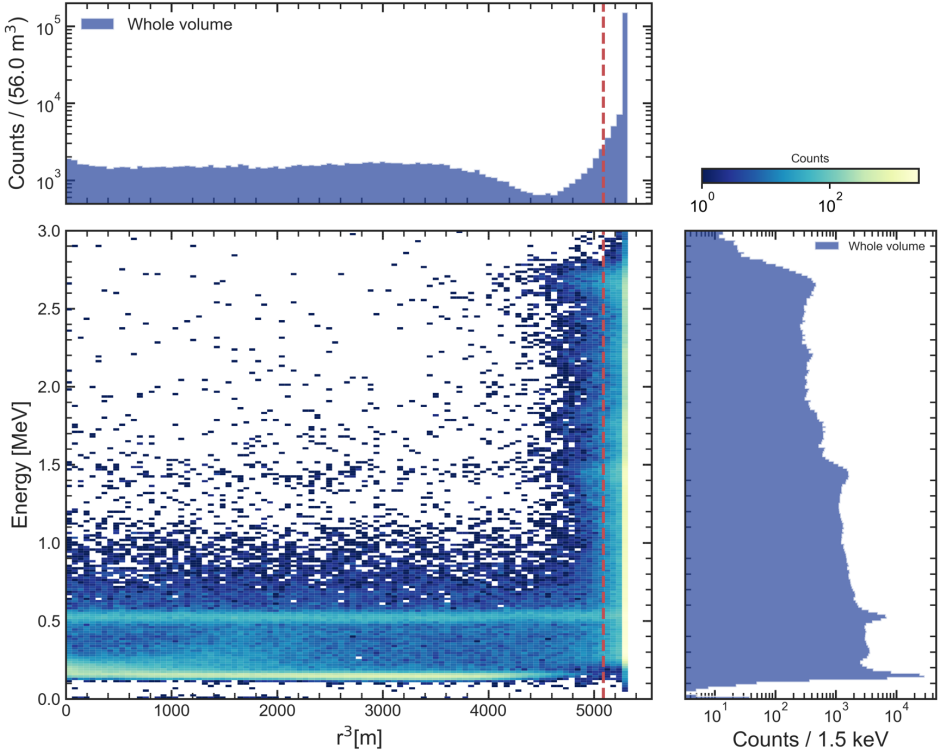
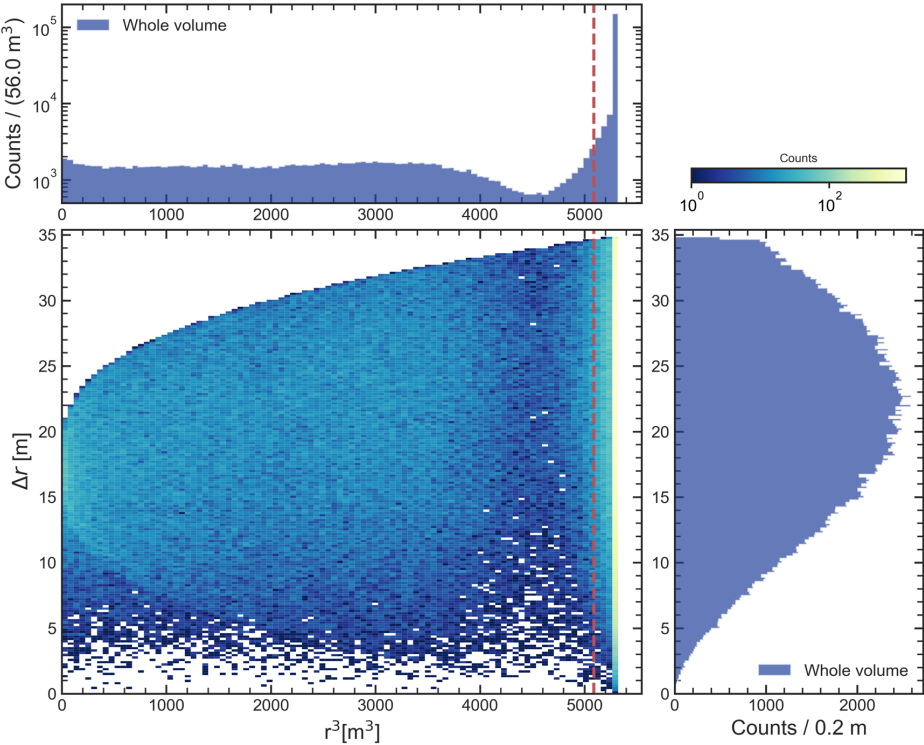
IBD: radial distribution

- Events are uniformly distributed inside LS \rightarrow Δr distribution does not depend on FV cut
- This plot is for delayed event



Accidental background distributions

- Are events uniformly distributed inside the detector? Is Δr distribution depending on FV cut?
- Is energy distribution independent of radius and uniform after FV cut?

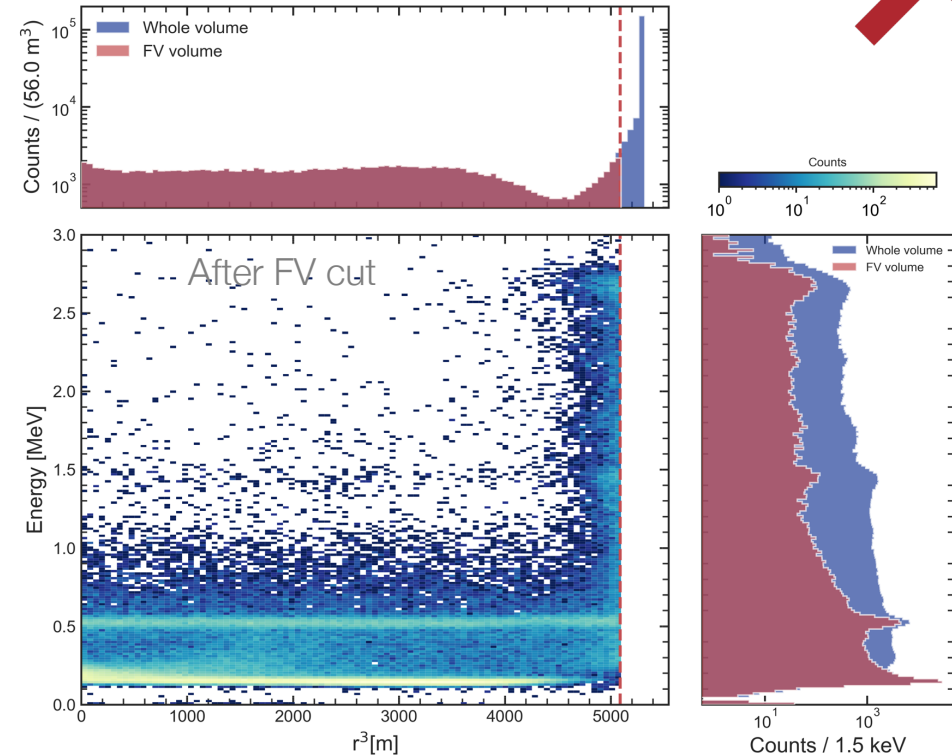
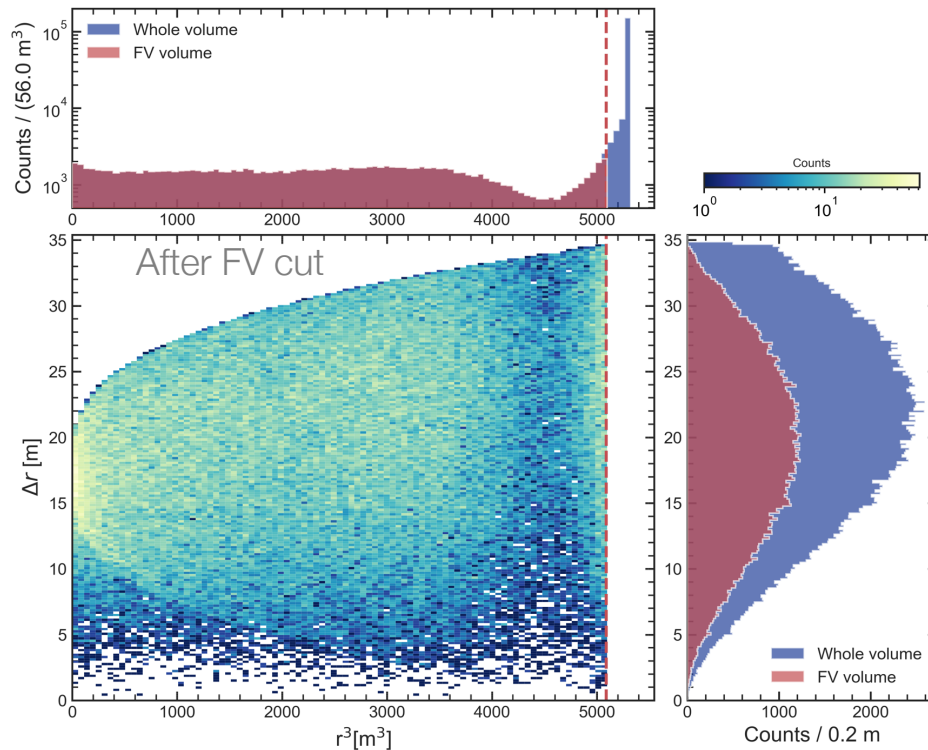


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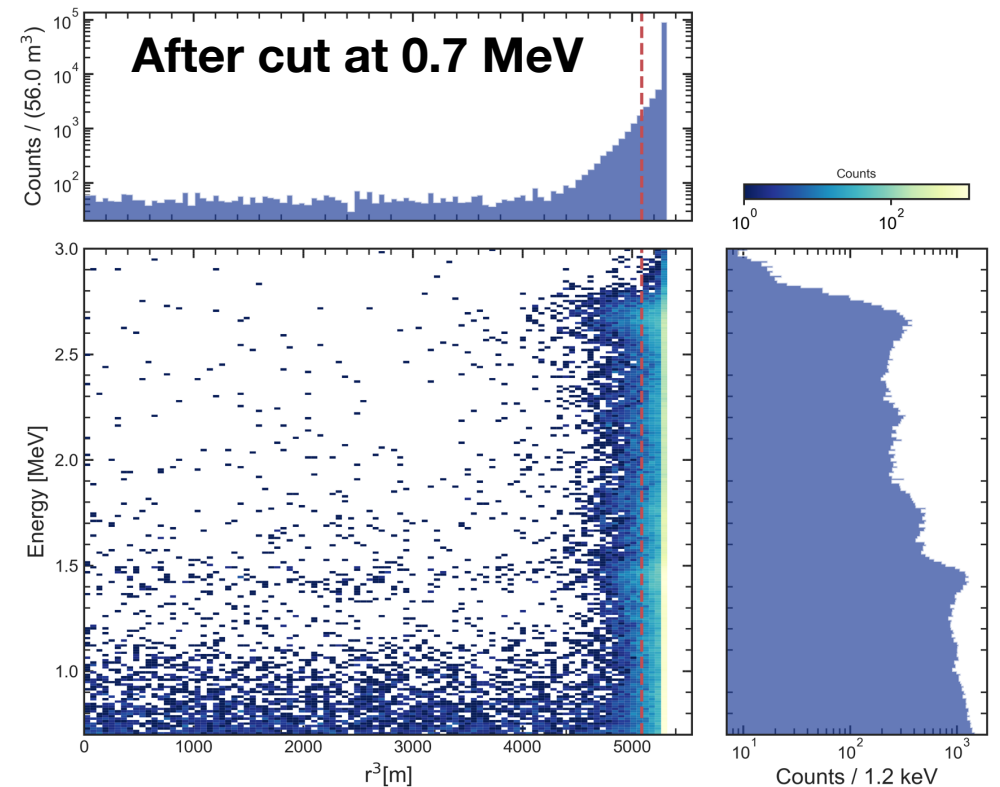
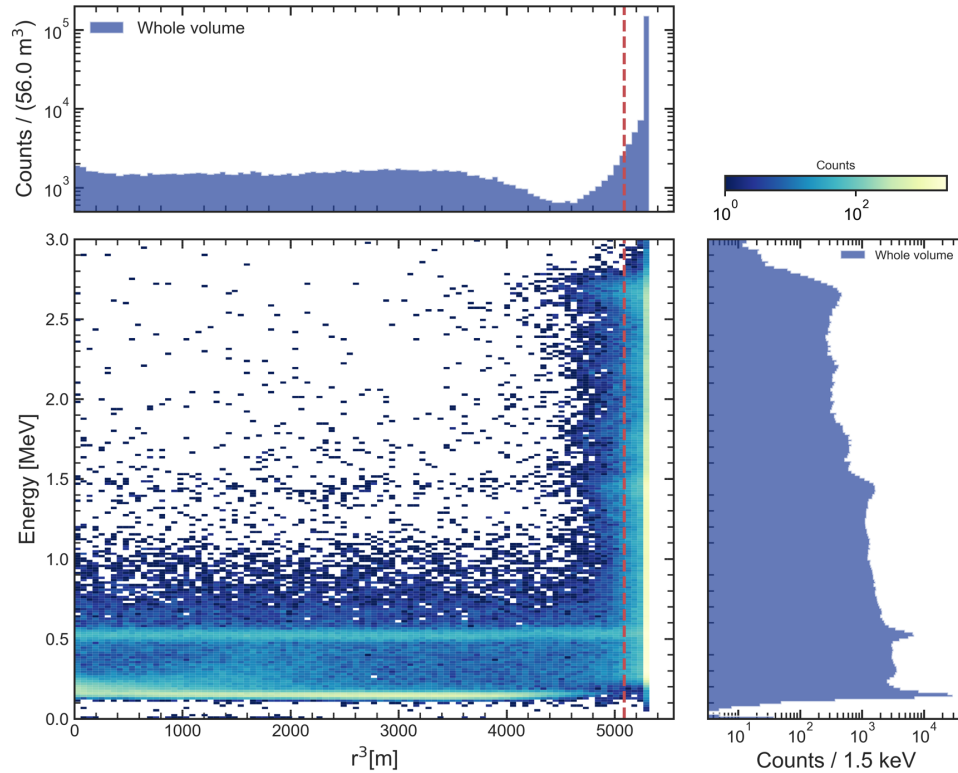
- Is energy distribution independent of radius and uniform after FV cut?

Not ok



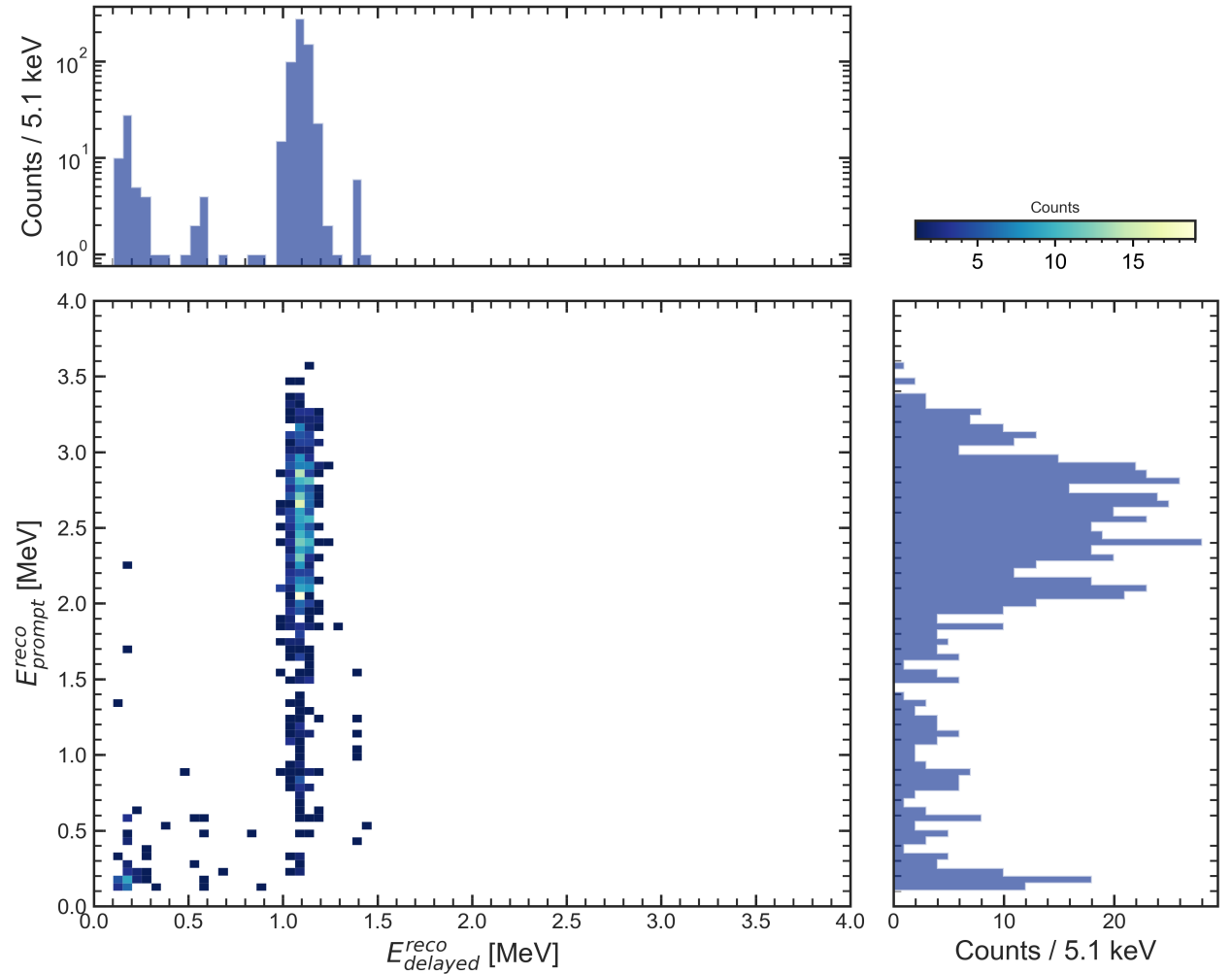
Accidentals: energy distribution

- Most events inside LS are due to ^{14}C (β spectrum end point at ≈ 156 KeV)
- Note: still no access to MC truth of secondary particles



Radioactivity correlations

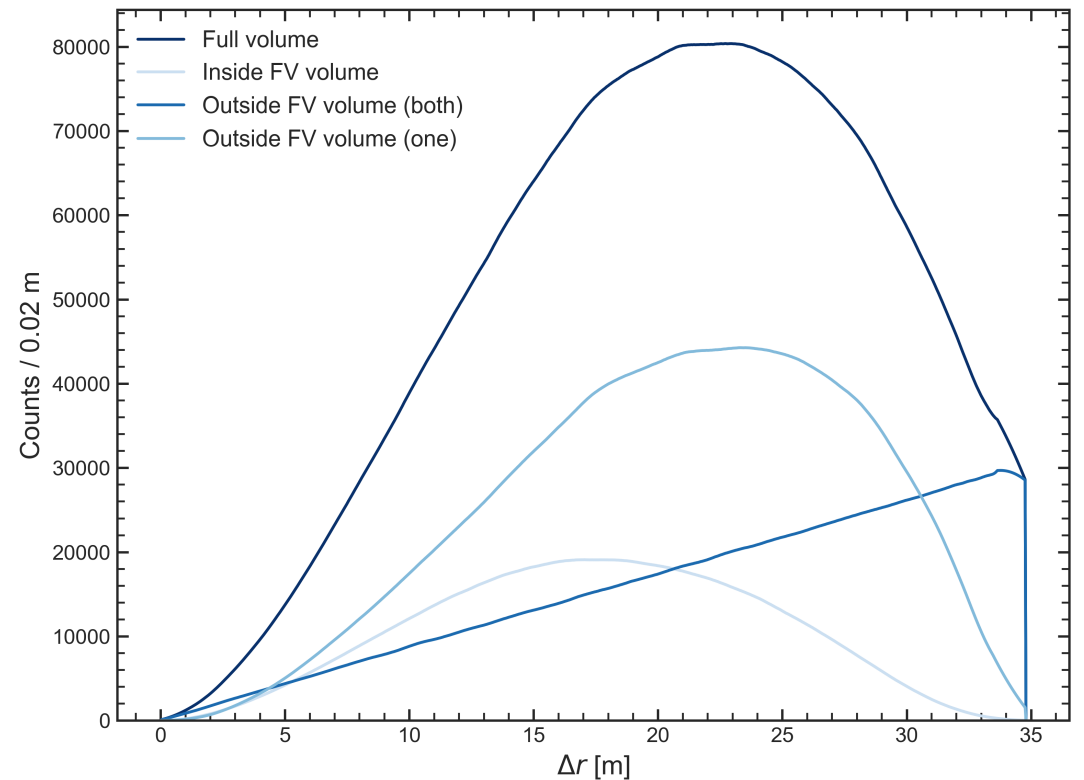
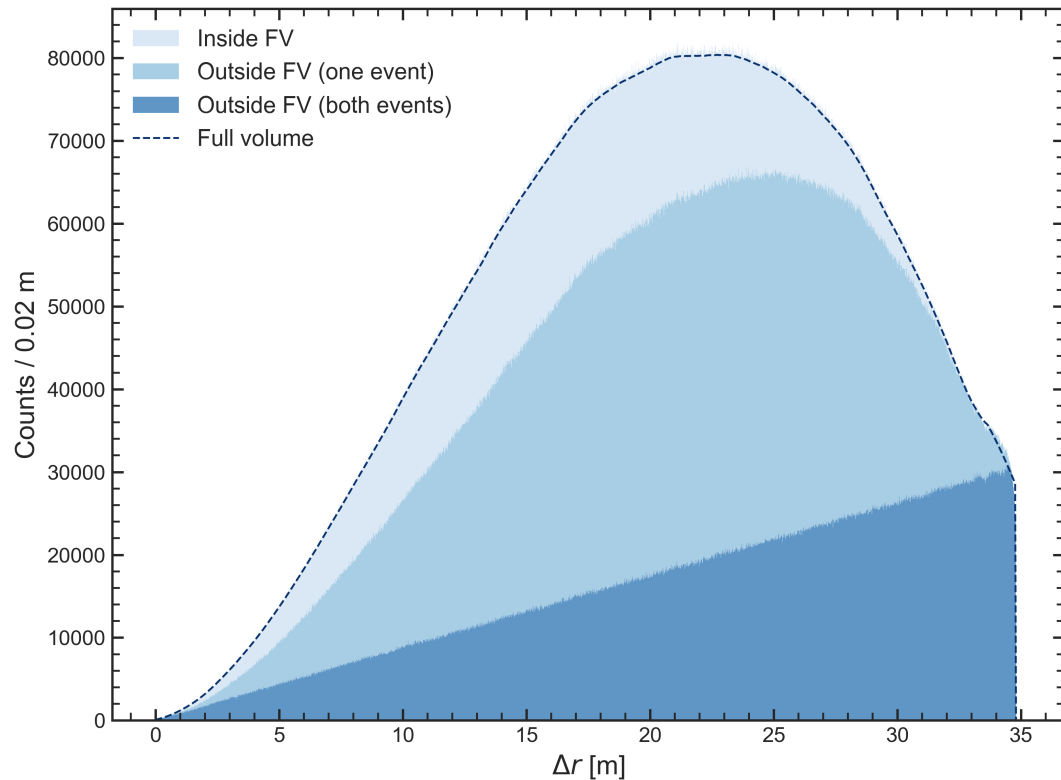
- Correlated pairs are identified thanks to selection algorithm



Accidentals: Δr distribution ($\approx 10^8$ combinations)

- Δr distribution for accidentals

- $f(r) = A \cdot \frac{3}{R^3} \left(r'^2 - \frac{3r'^3}{4R} + \frac{r'^5}{16R^3} \right)$ [6] where $r' = a + r \cdot b$



Accidentals rate calculation (prompt energy cut at 0.8 MeV)

$$R_{acc} = R_d \cdot R_p \cdot \Delta t \cdot \varepsilon$$

1. $\varepsilon = \frac{N_{sel}}{N_{comb}} = (1.30 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-6}$

2. $R_p = R_d = (39.4 \pm 0.1) \text{ Hz}$

3. $\Delta t = 1 \text{ ms}$

4. $R_{acc} = (0.175 \pm 0.002) \text{ evts/day}$

Accidentals rate calculation (including correlated pairs)

$$R_{acc} = R_d \cdot R_p \cdot \Delta t \cdot \varepsilon$$

1. $\varepsilon = \frac{N_{sel}}{N_{comb}} = (1.57 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-6}$
2. $R_p = R_d = (40.6 \pm 0.3) \text{ Hz}$
3. $\Delta t = 1 \text{ ms}$
4. $R_{acc} = (0.224 \pm 0.004) \text{ evts/day}$

Accidentals rate calculation (with correlated pairs + $E_{\text{prompt}} > 0.8 \text{ MeV}$)

$$R_{acc} = R_d \cdot R_p \cdot \Delta t \cdot \varepsilon$$

1. $\varepsilon = \frac{N_{sel}}{N_{comb}} = (1.45 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-6}$

2. $R_p = R_d = 58.9 \text{ Hz}$ from radiopurity paper [7]

3. $\Delta t = 1 \text{ ms}$

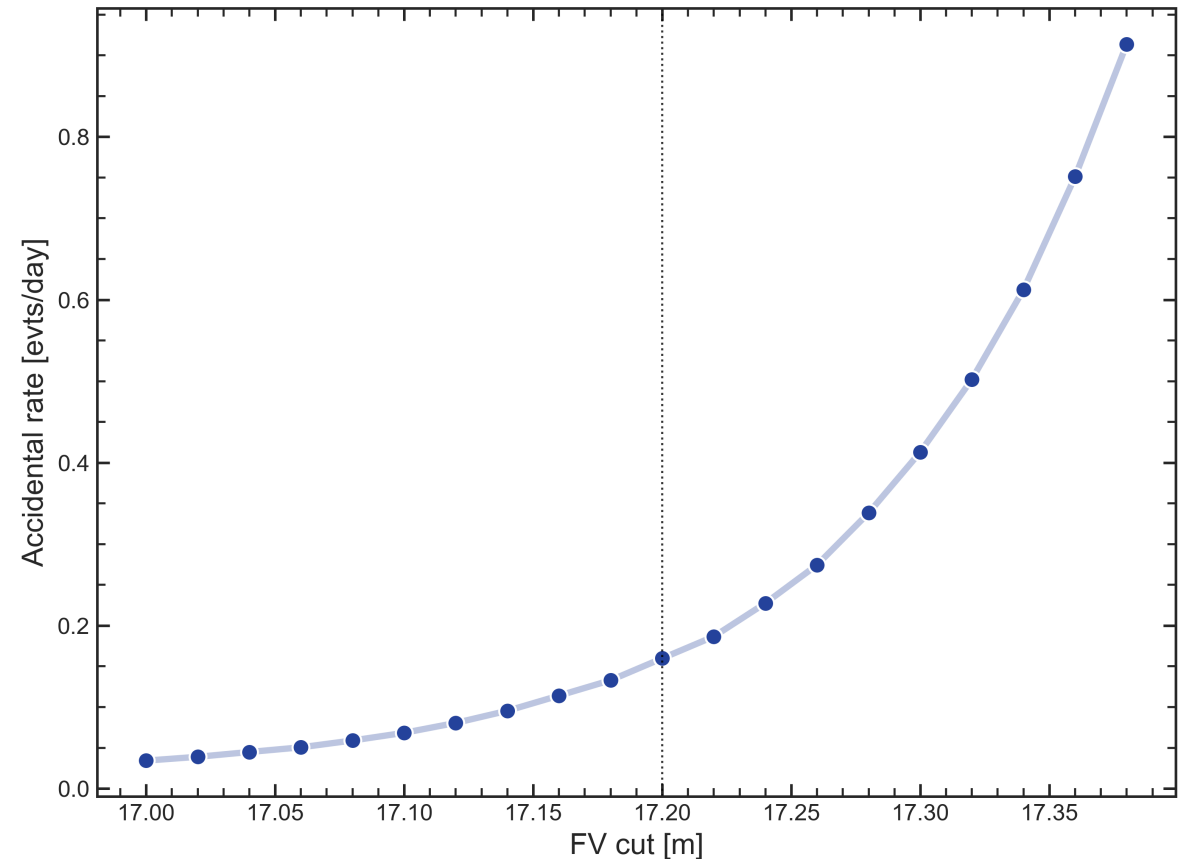
4. $R_{acc} = (0.435 \pm 0.003) \text{ evts/day}$

[7] arXiv:2107.03669v2

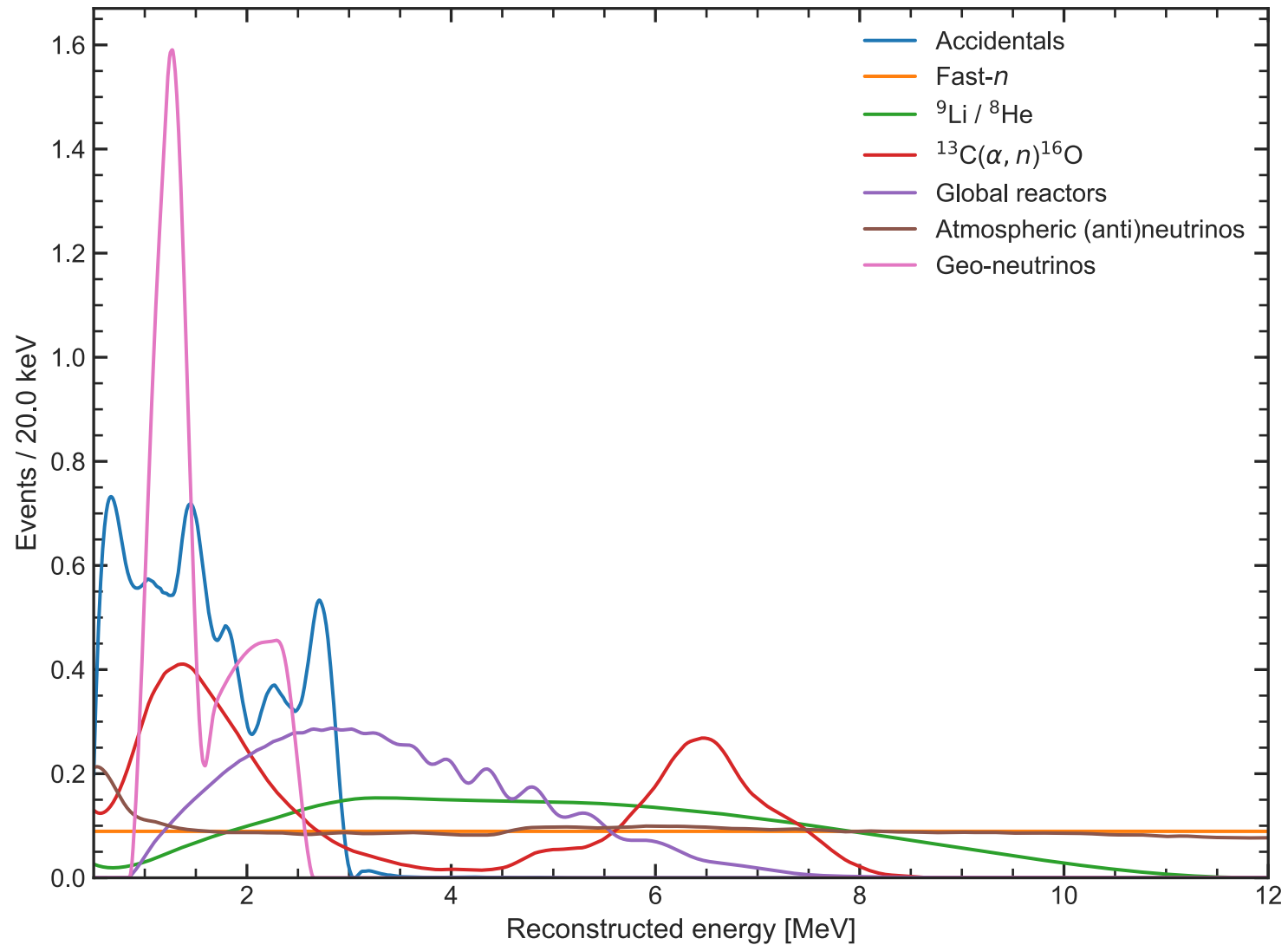
Accidentals rate

*for a room temperature density of 0.86g/mL
arXiv:2107.03669v2

- According to this calculation 0.8 evts/day correspond to a FV of \approx **17.37 m**
- With FV cut at 17.37 m, IBD rate increases from 47.1 to 48.4 evts/day
- Volume is increased by \approx 2.7 %
- FV gain corresponds to \approx 535 ton of liquid scintillator* (1.9 x Borexino active mass!)

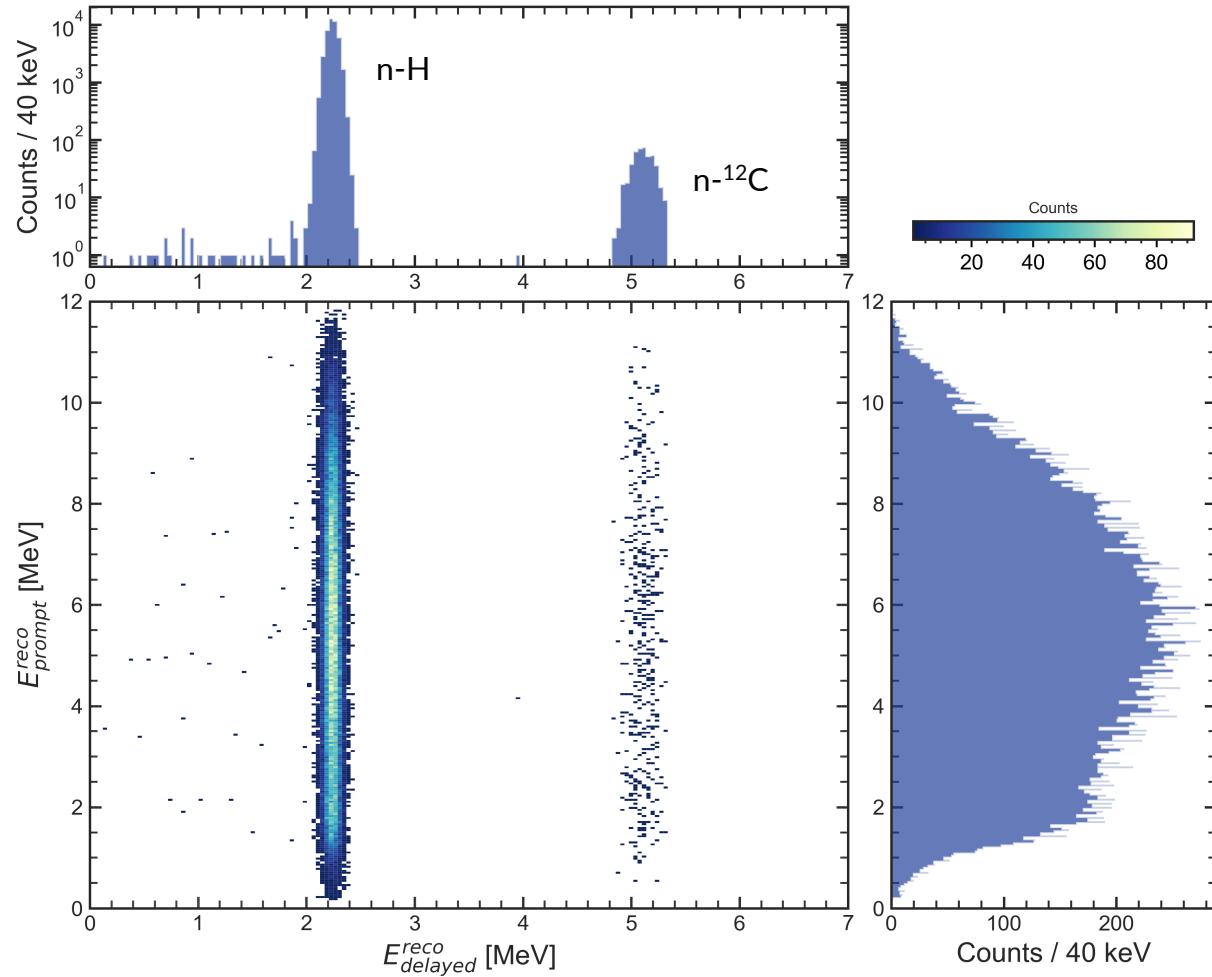


Background spectra (Cl)

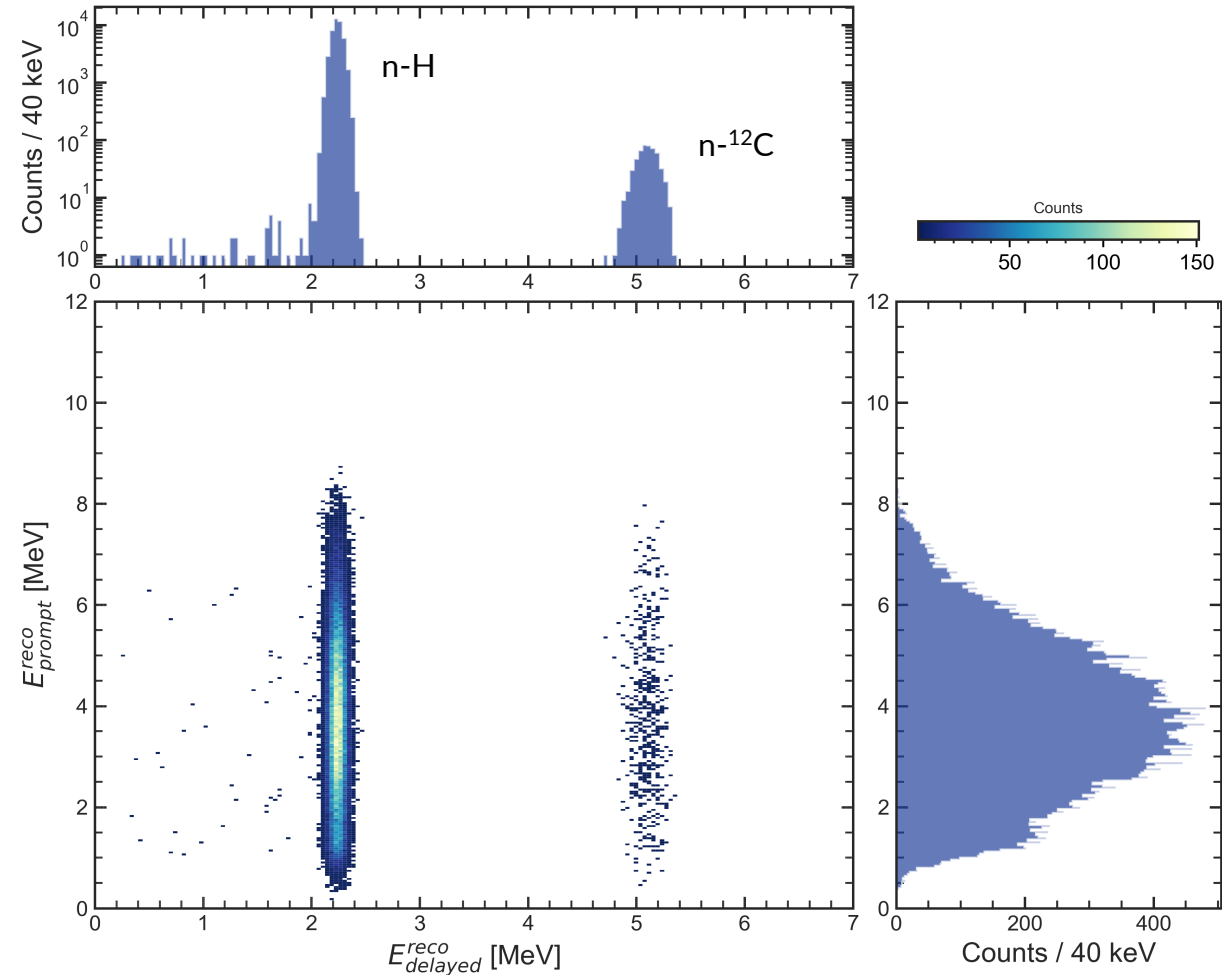


${}^9\text{Li}/{}^8\text{He}$ energy distributions

${}^9\text{Li}$ energy distribution (after FV cut)



${}^8\text{He}$ energy distribution (after FV cut)



^9Li dataset and pre-selection

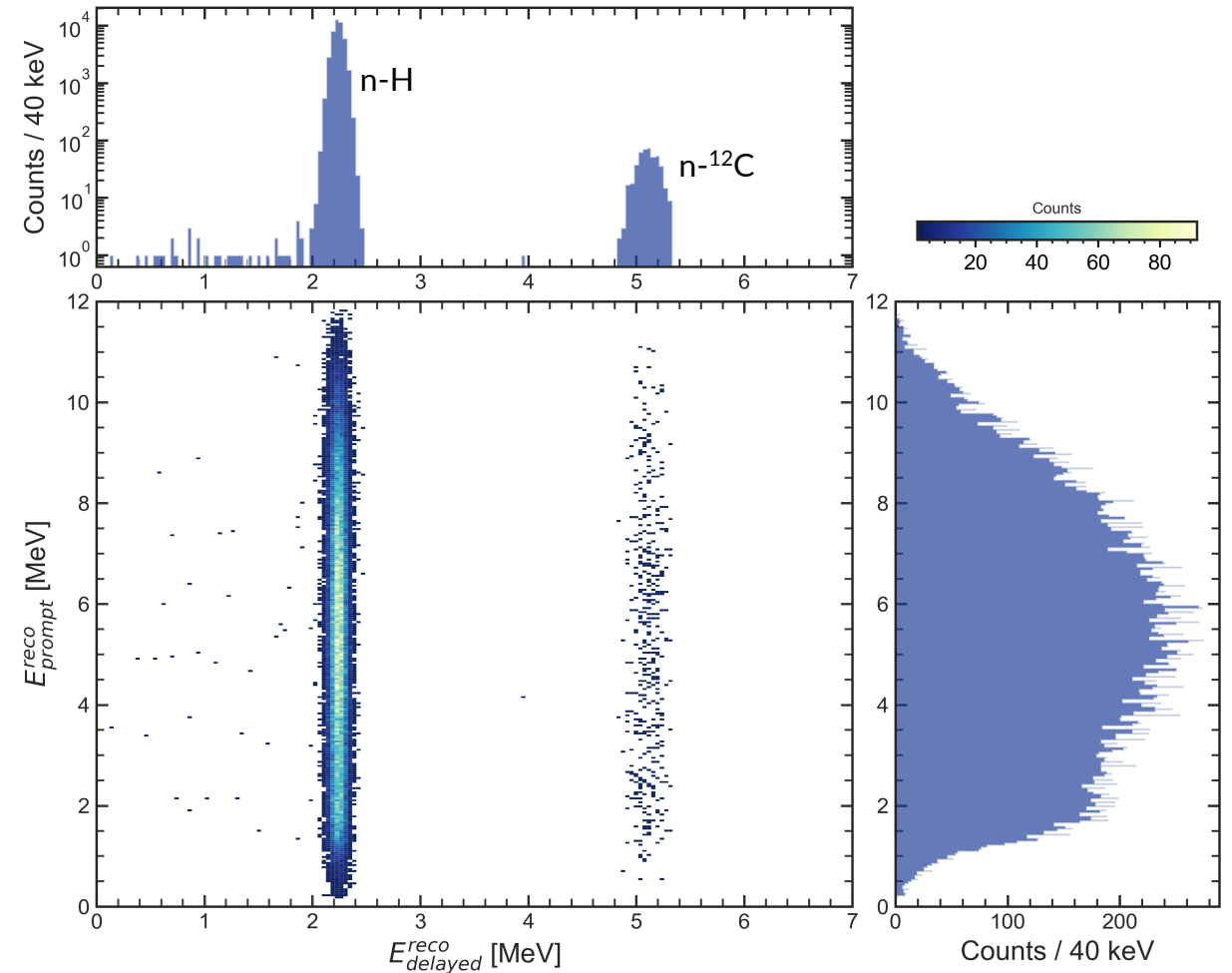
Production configuration:

- Offline software version: J22.1.0-rc4
- Reconstruction algorithm: OMILRec
- Number of events: ~50k

ORSA selection configuration:

- Spatial selection cut: $\Delta r < 3$ m
- Temporal selection cut: $\Delta t < 2$ ms
- Energy cuts: None
- FV cut: No

Energy distribution (after FV cut)



^8He dataset and pre-selection

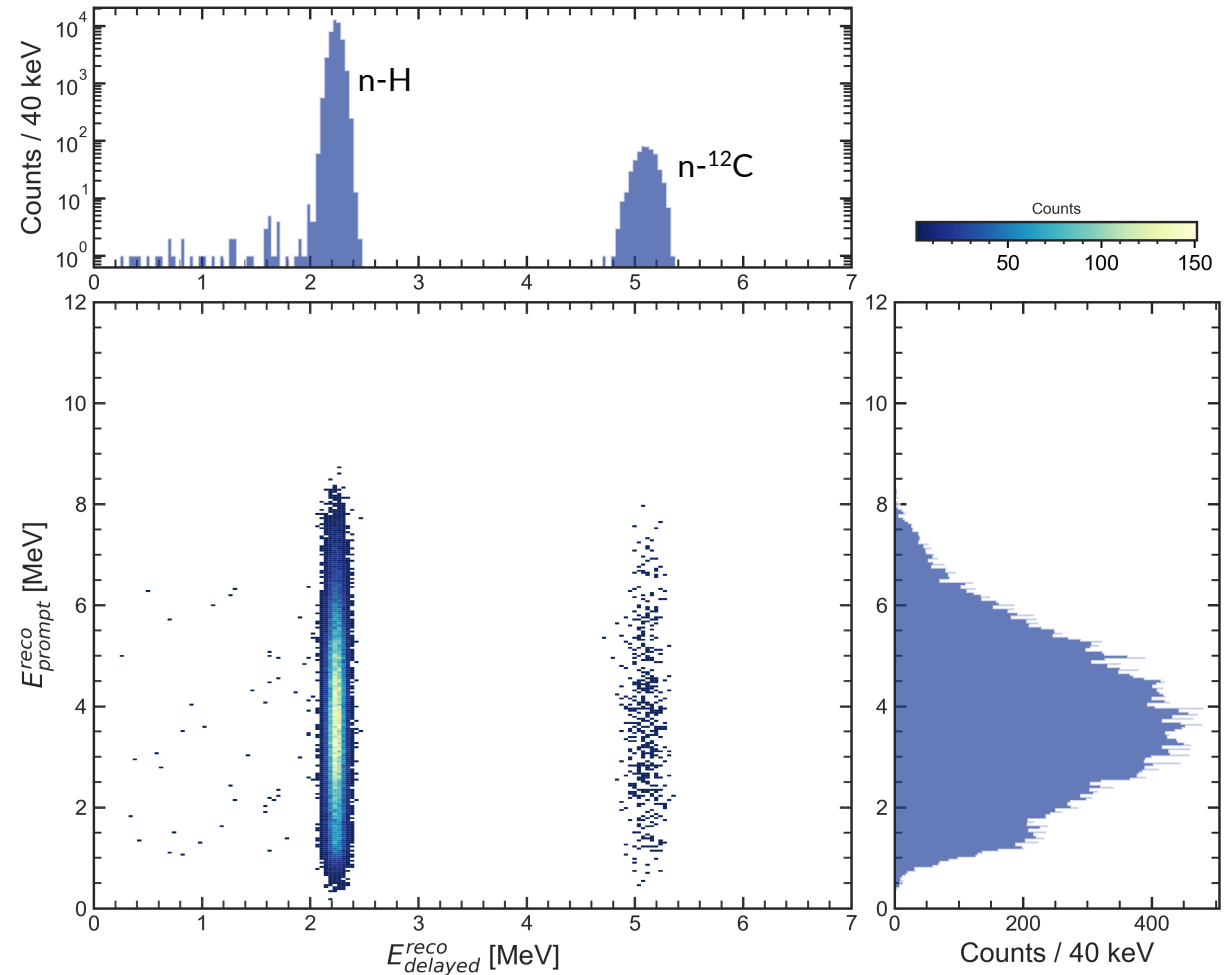
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- Number of events: $\sim 50\text{k}$

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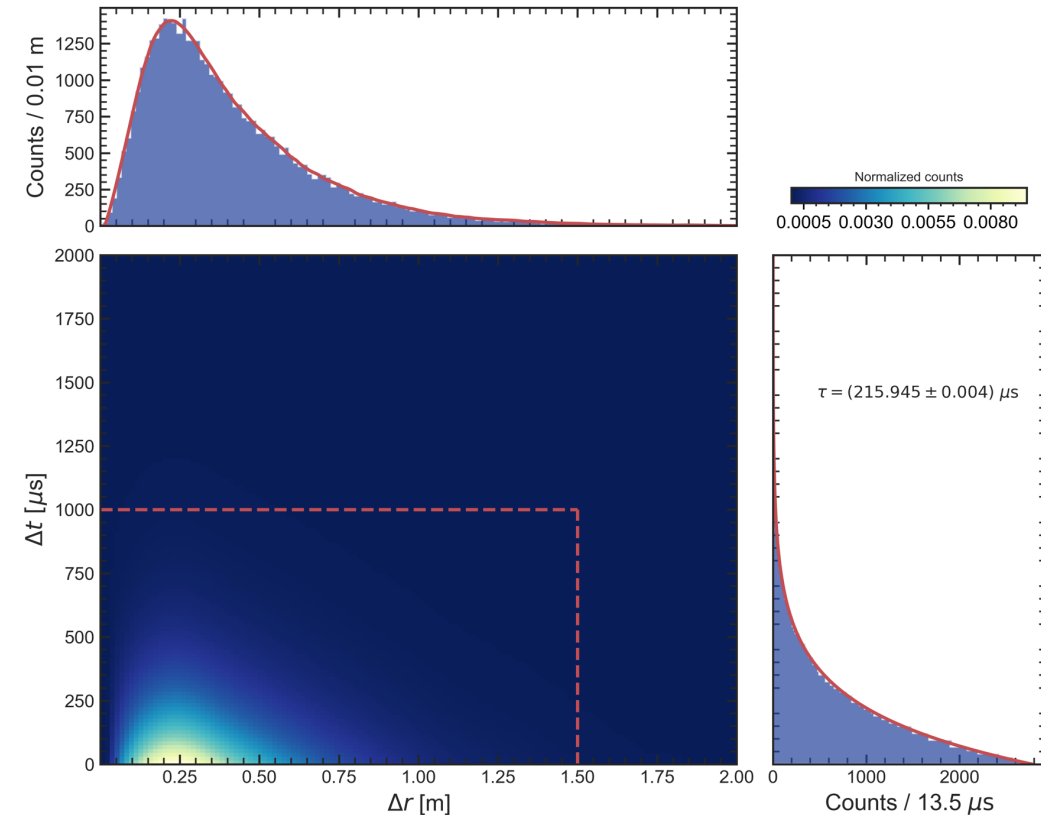
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Energy distribution (after FV cut)



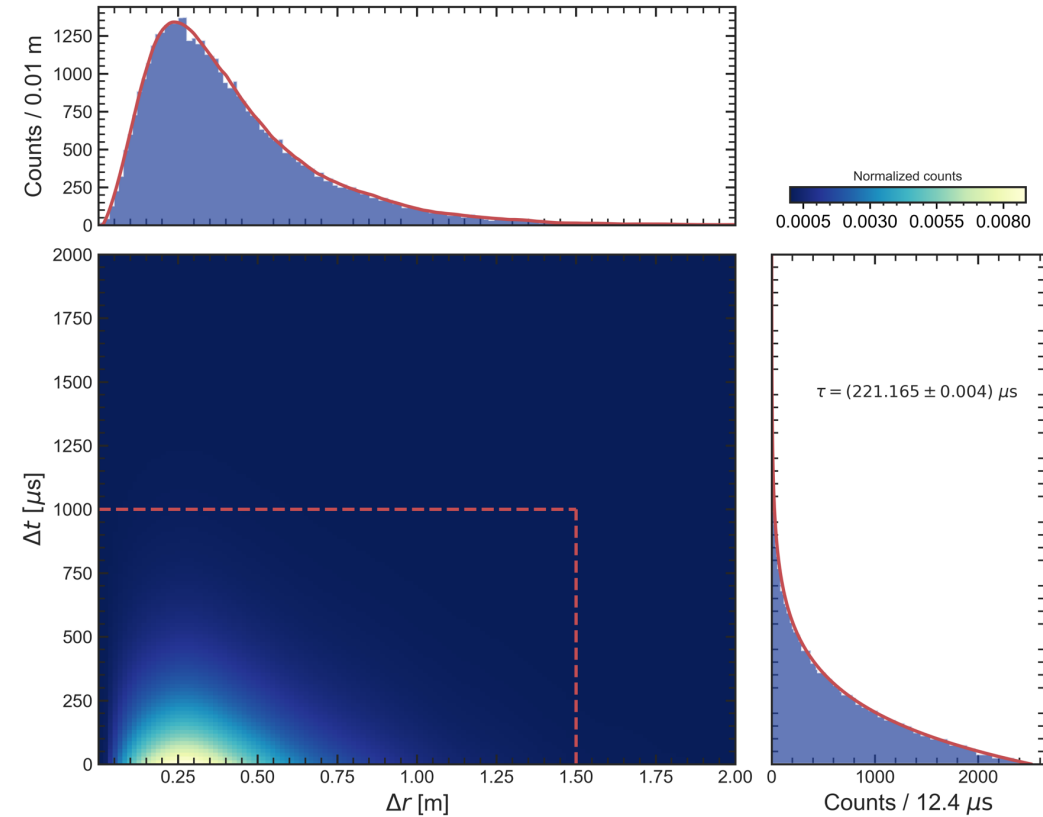
^9Li : selection efficiency

	Efficiency	Evts/day
	100%	0.81 [4]
1. Fiducial volume (FV) cut $r < 17.2$ m	91.2%	0.75
2. Energy cut		
• Prompt energy $E_p \in (0.7, 12)$ MeV	99.6%	0.74
• Delayed energy $E_d \in (1.9, 2.5) \cup (4.4, 5.5)$ MeV	99.9%	0.74
3. Time/vertex cut		
• $\Delta t < 1$ ms $\Delta r < 1.5$ m	98.4%	0.72
Combined efficiency	89%	0.72



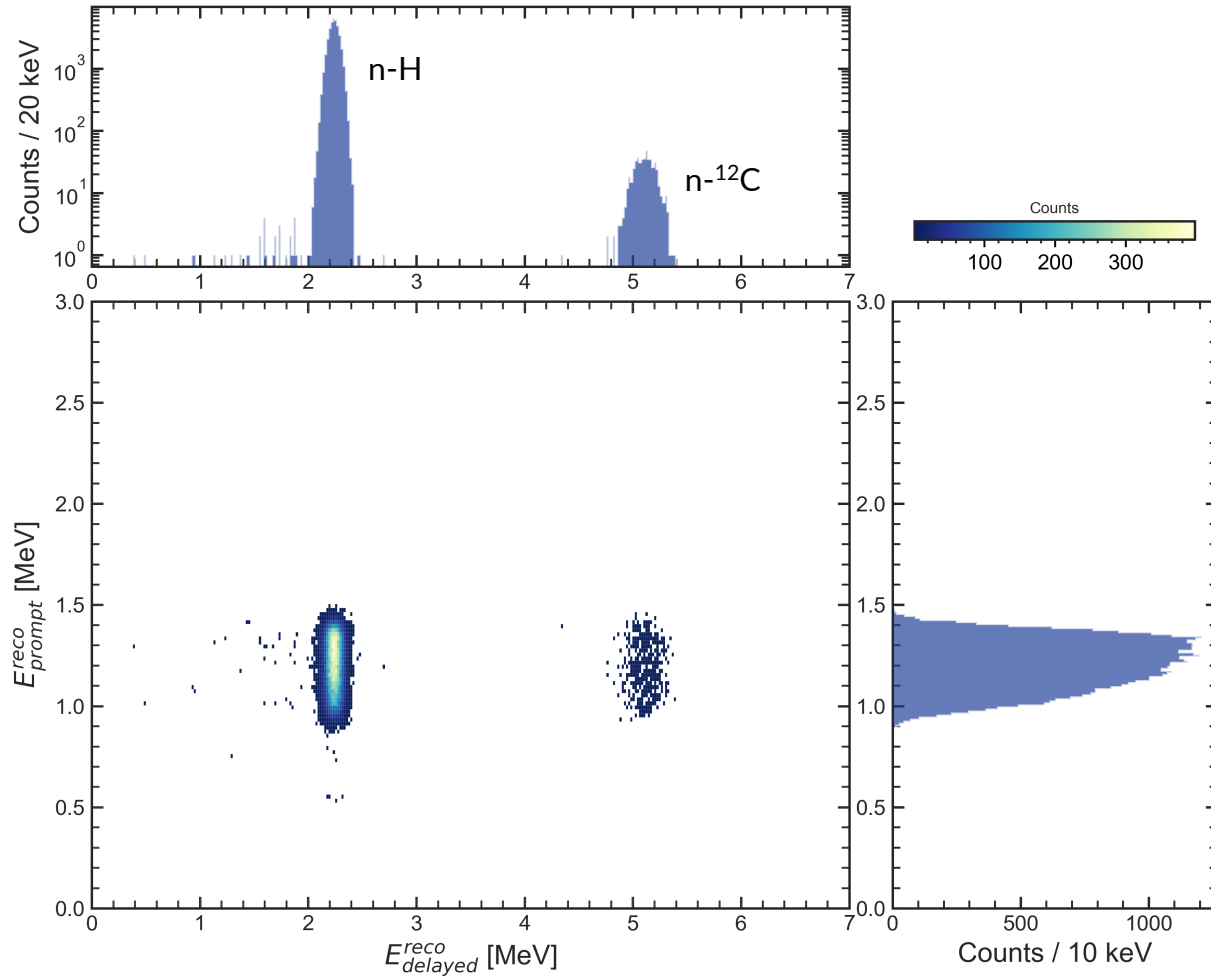
^8He : selection efficiency

	Efficiency	Evts/day
	100%	0.09 [4]
1. Fiducial volume (FV) cut $r < 17.2$ m	91.4%	0.082
2. Energy cut		
• Prompt energy $E_p \in (0.7, 12)$ MeV	99.8%	0.082
• Delayed energy $E_d \in (1.9, 2.5) \cup (4.4, 5.5)$ MeV	99.9%	0.082
3. Time/vertex cut		
• $\Delta t < 1$ ms $\Delta r < 1.5$ m	98.3%	0.08
Combined efficiency	90%	0.08



Geo- ν energy distributions

^{232}Th geo- ν energy distribution (after FV cut)



^{238}U geo- ν energy distribution (after FV cut)

