LOW RADIOACTIVITY MEASURES AND ANALYSIS

STEPS OF ANALYSIS:

We discussed some details about these steps with Matthias

- ➤ Calibration of spectrum
- ➤ Counting of events in the ROI
- ➤ Estimation of activity concentration of each radionuclides by using the data of simulation
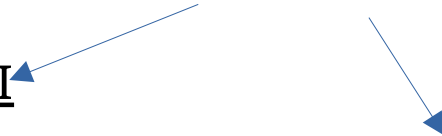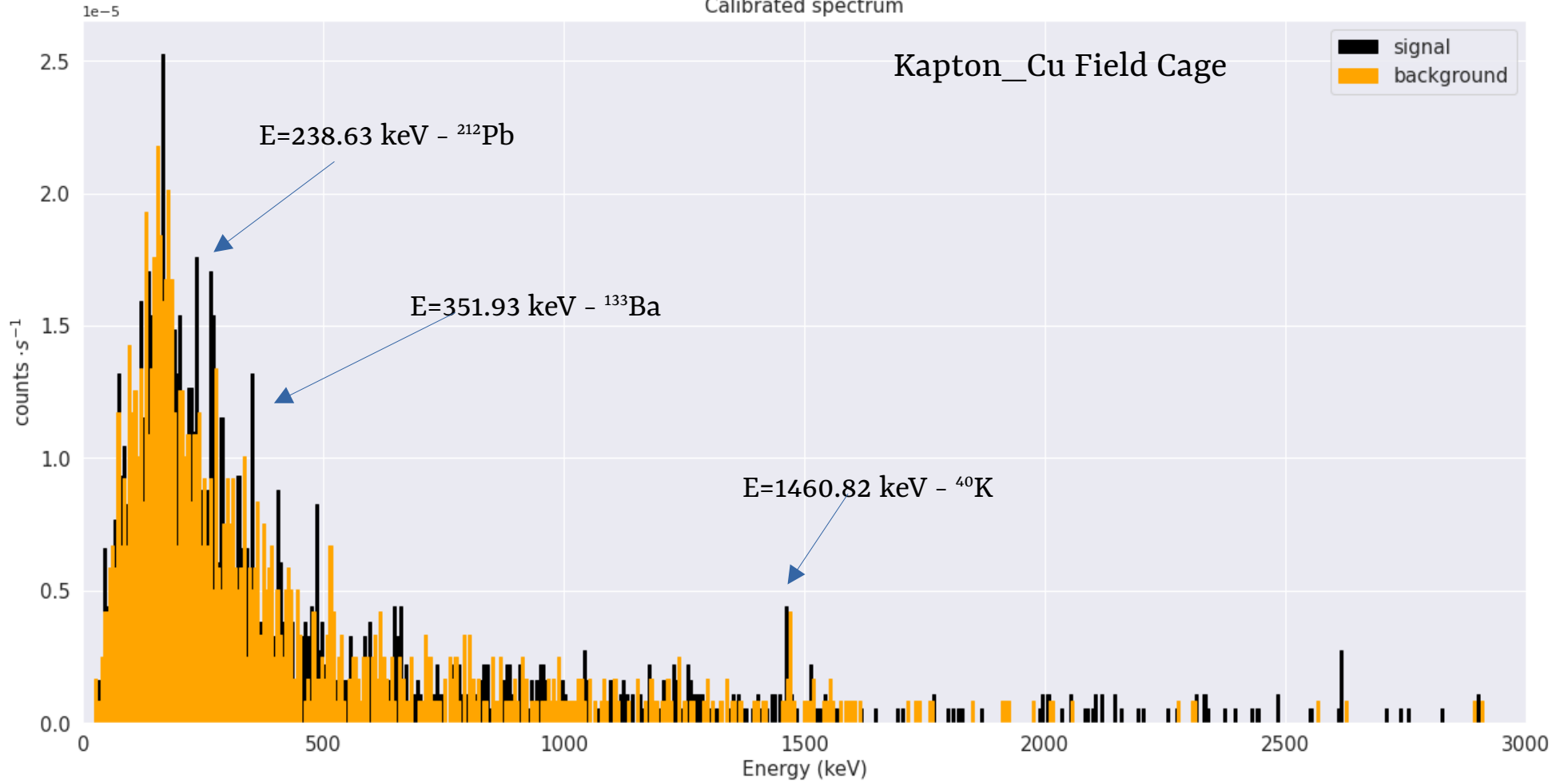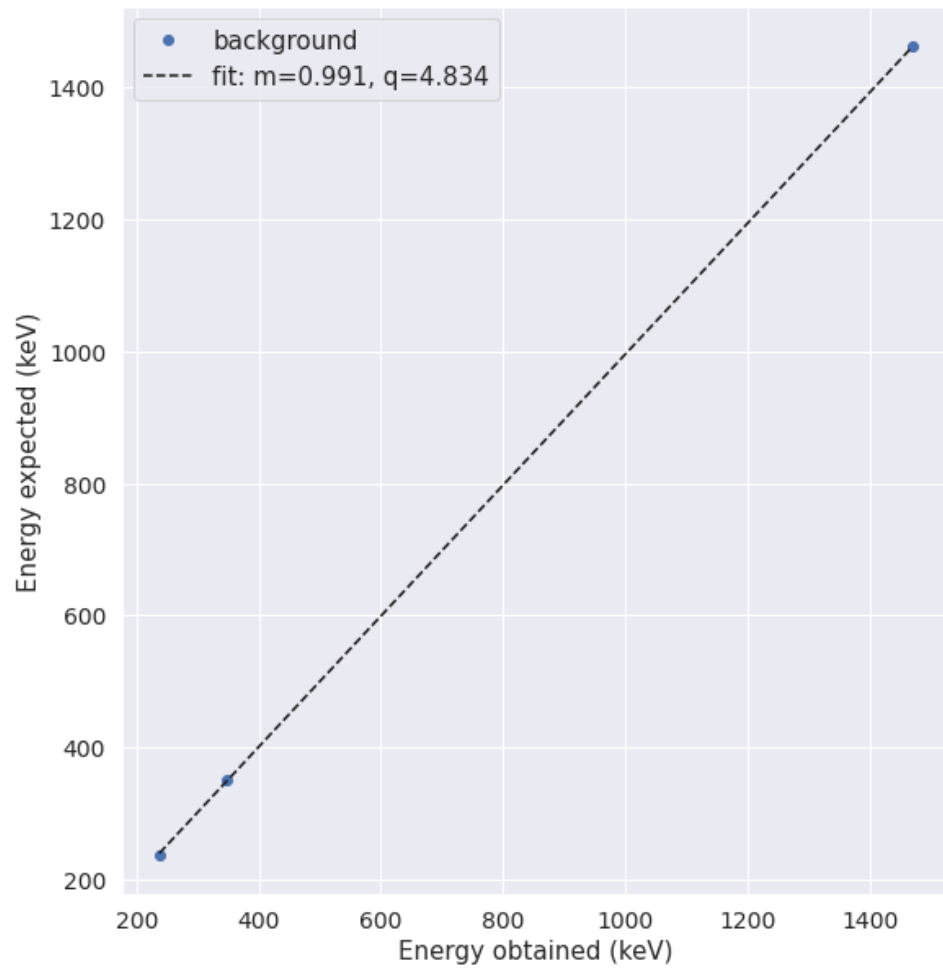
CALIBRATION OF SPECTRUM

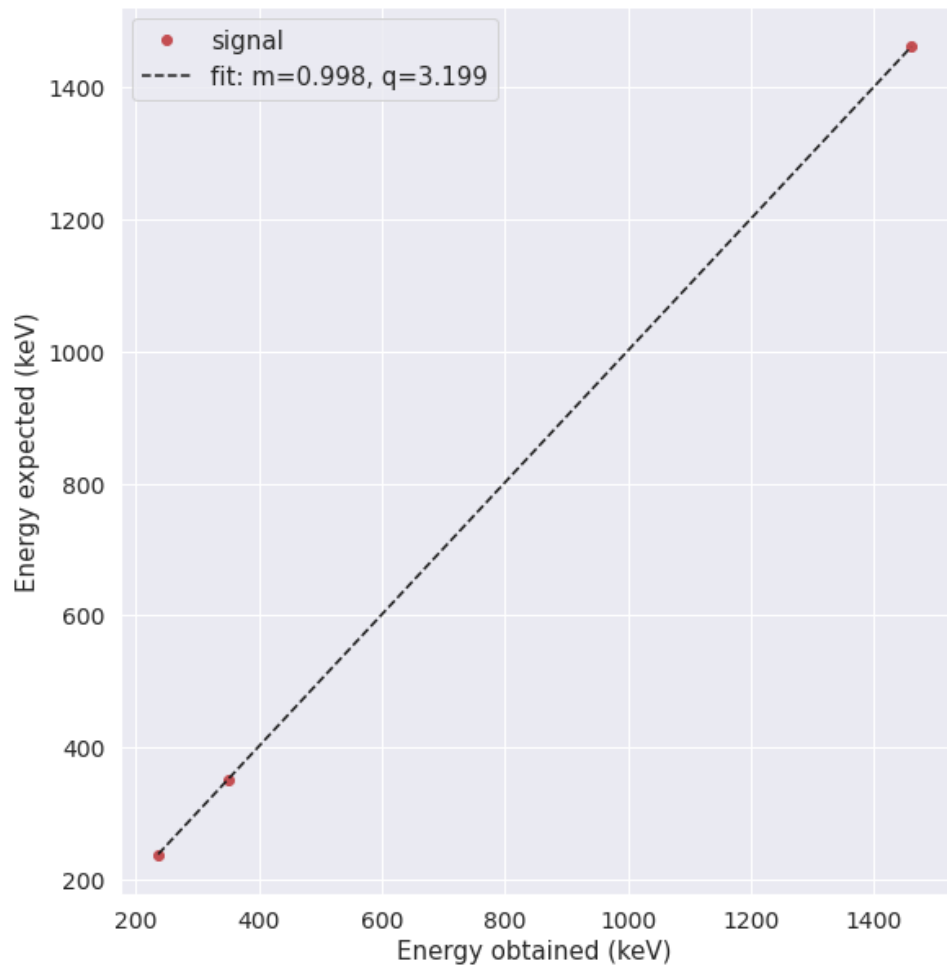For each sample, the output file contains:

➢ informations about the sample

➢ two columns of data: channels and counts

➢ the coefficients of calibration

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CuKapton foil, CYGNO,(500x250x0.07),inPEbag
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DETDESC#
AP# GammaVision Version 6.08
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04/12/2024 09:00:00
$MEAS_TIM:
1820579 1820579
$DATA:
0 16383

$MCA_CAL:
3
1.009113E+000 5.771547E-001 1.915398E-007 keV
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Calibrated spectrum

Kapton__Cu Field Cage

E=238.63 keV – ^{212}Pb

E=351.93 keV – ^{133}Ba

E=1460.82 keV – ^{40}K

signal
background

counts $\cdot s^{-1}$

Energy (keV)

Calibrated spectrum

Kapton_Cu Field Cage
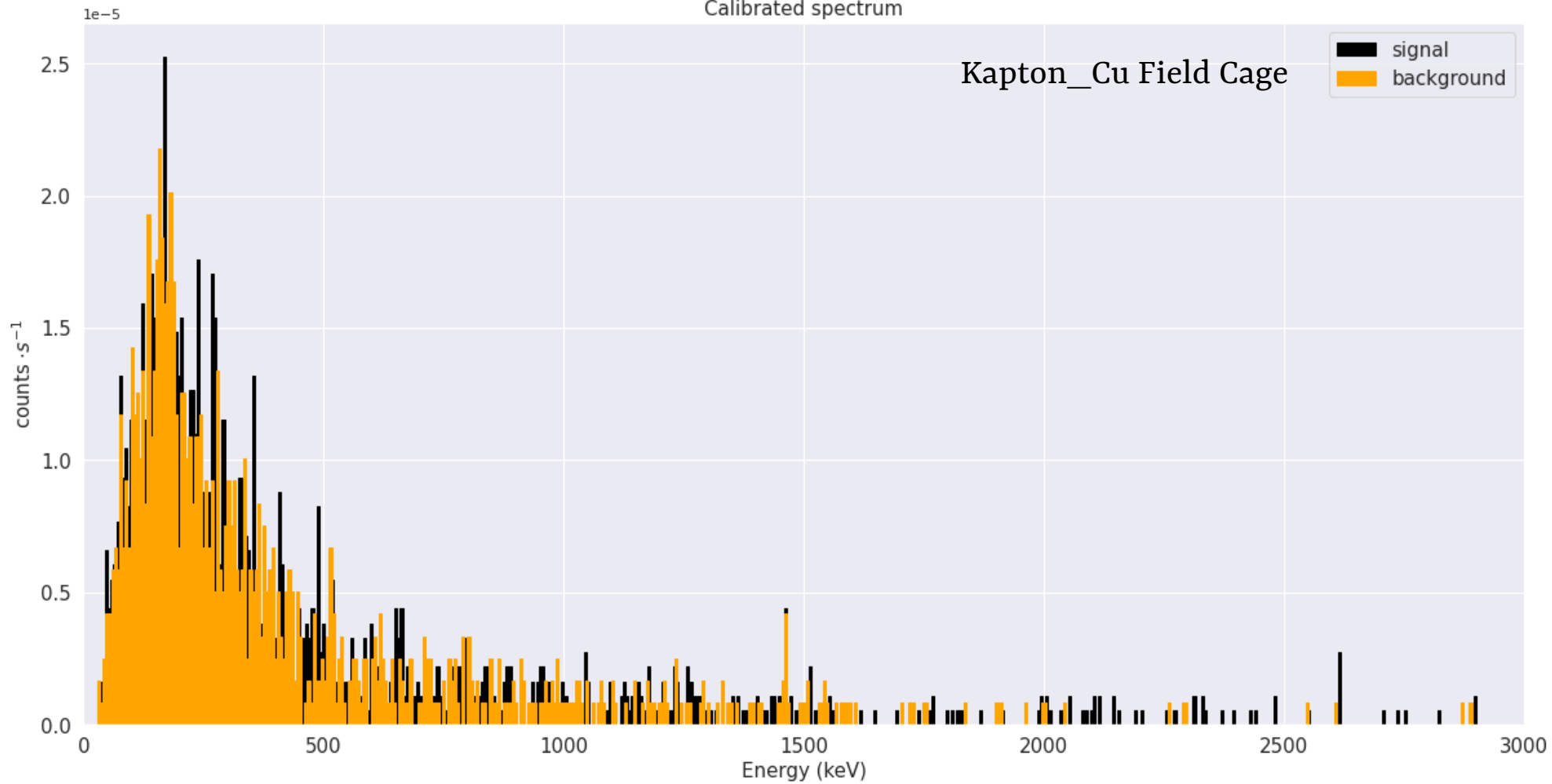
COUNTING EVENTS IN THE ROI

➤ To select a region of interest (ROI) I used the following formula

$$ROI = E \pm \Delta E$$

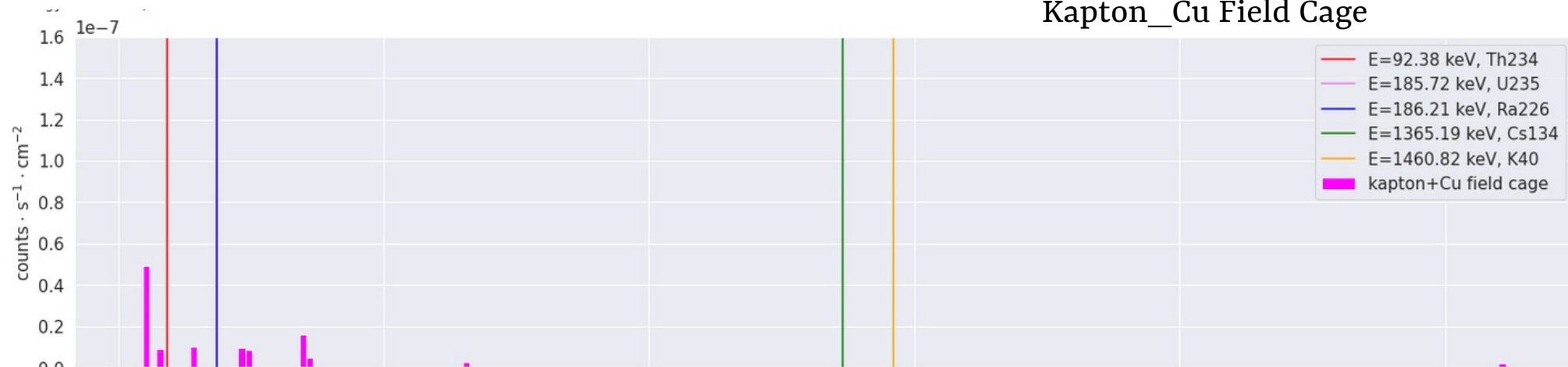➤ For each ROI I need to determine the detection limit (L_D) to select probable signal events

$$L_D = 2.71 + 3.29 \cdot \sqrt{N_B \cdot \left(1 + \frac{t_S}{t_B}\right)}$$

➤ First, I need to subtract the background from the signal → $N_N = N_S - N_B$

➤ Then, I select probable signal events: $N_N > L_D$ → I found a signal peak

Kapton_Cu Field Cage

Legend (top)
E=92.38 keV, Th234
E=185.72 keV, U235
E=186.21 keV, Ra226
E=1365.19 keV, Cs134
E=1460.82 keV, K40
kapton+Cu field cage

PET_Cu Field Cage

Legend (bottom)
E=92.38 keV, Th234
E=185.72 keV, U235
E=186.21 keV, Ra226
E=1365.19 keV, Cs134
E=1460.82 keV, K40
PET+Cu field cage
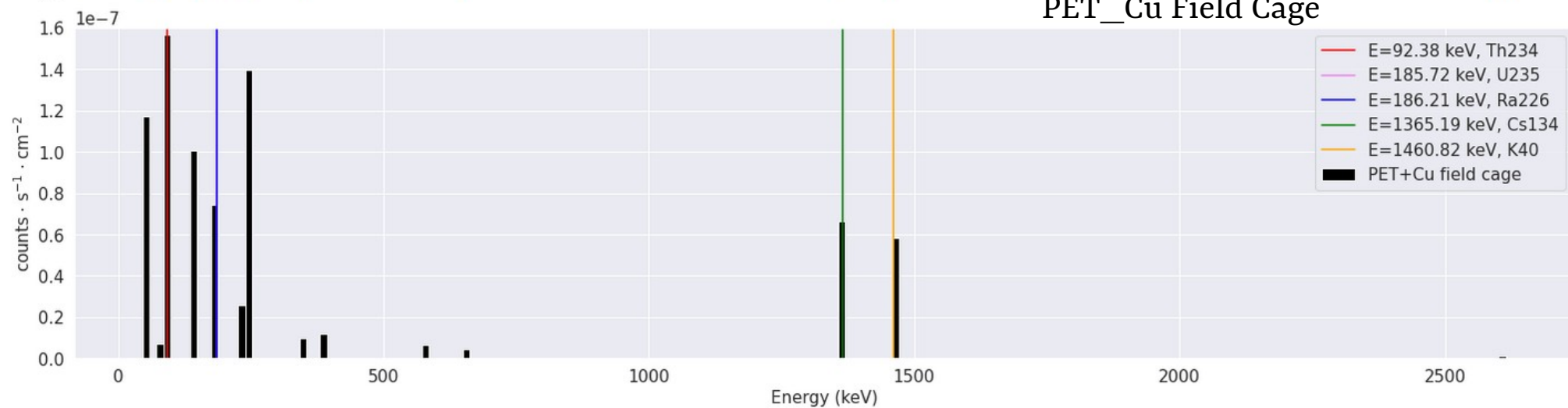
ESTIMATION OF ACTIVITY CONCENTRATION

➤ If I have more than one energy emission line for the same radionuclide:

   ✔ I need to determine the activity for every line

   ✔ Then, I estimate the weighted average of activities

$$A \pm \sigma_A$$

$$A_W = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{\sigma_{A_i}^2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{\sigma_{A_i}^2}}$$

➤ If the activity value is comparable to its uncertainty, I need to put an upper limit estimated as 3sigma

➤ To estimate the activity concentration of each radionuclide I need values of efficiency

➤ These values outcome from the simulation of the detector used to measure samples

➤ **At the moment I have not yet received the simulation files, so I cannot determine the activity values necessary for the simulation of our detector**

CONCLUSIONS AND UPDATES

Results of this first analysis show that:

➢ Kapton_Cu FC → ^{133}Ba, ^{210}Pb, ^{235}U, ^{214}Pb, ^{137}Cs, ^{208}Tl

➢ PET_Cu FC → ^{133}Ba, ^{210}Pb, ^{235}U, ^{214}Pb, ^{137}Cs, ^{208}Tl, ^{226}Ra, ^{212}Pb, ^{134}Cs

Update on the status of the samples:

	alias	LNF	LNGS	in measure	measured	analysed
FC-kapton+Cu			x	no	yes	on-going
FC-PET+Cu	PVC		x	no	yes	yes
FC-PET+Cu no glue	PVC no glue		x	no	yes	on-going
FC-PET+Cu+glue	forato	x				
nylon6	PA6		x	no	yes	on-going
Foglio GEM			x	no	no	no
Viti in nylon			x	yes		
Viti per montare le gem			x	yes		
Resistenze SMD			x	yes		
telecamera				no	yes	no

PET+Cu

No rebin

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Rebin=5

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Rebin=10

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Kapton+Cu

No rebin

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Rebin=5

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Rebin=20

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