



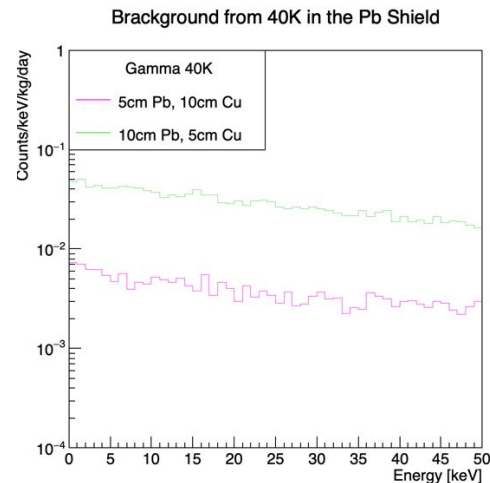
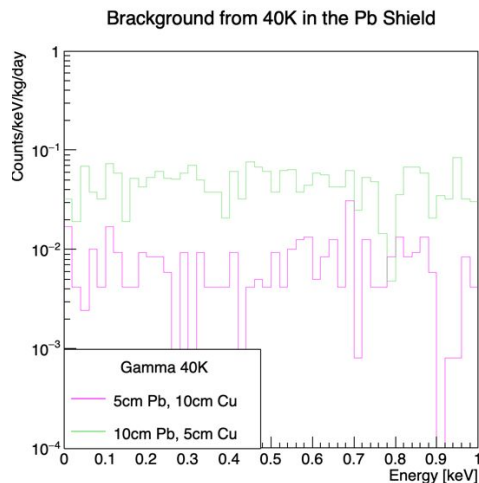
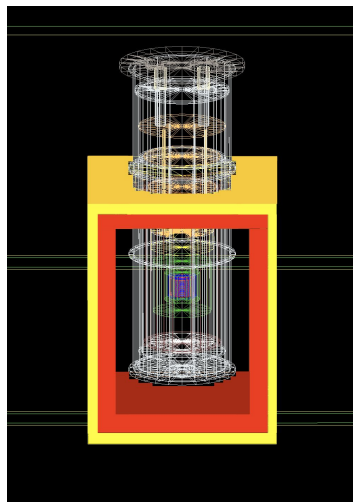
Update in the BULLKID-DM Shielding (neutron contribution)

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External Shielding

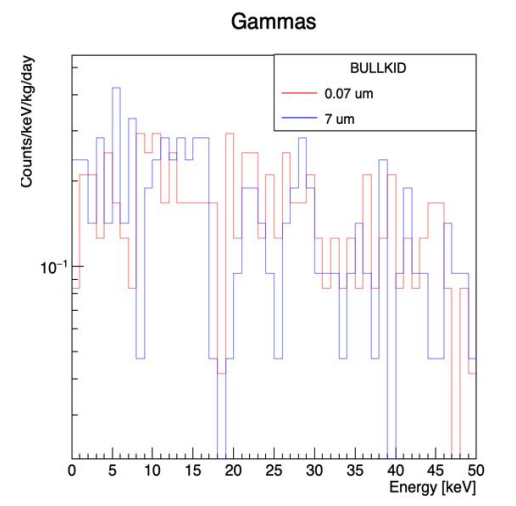
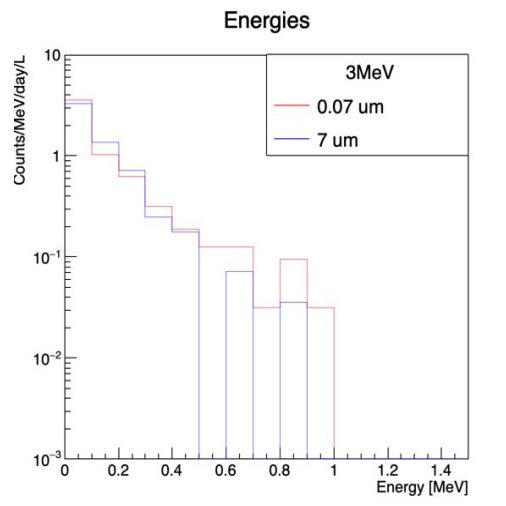
- Developed a design with a hat shield to reduce contribution from gammas
 - yellow: Lead
 - red: Copper
- Considered 5 cm thick of Pb plus 10 cm thick of Cu and a second case with 10 cm thick of Pb and 5 cm thick of Cu
 - second case reduced the mass of Cu by 2.1 T, but the limits in radiopurity of Pb (OPERA) have to be around 1 order of magnitude lower



External Shielding

- The minimum radiopurity for the external Cu was estimated
- Modifying the cut value of energy for e^- , e^+ and γ when simulating gammas from the hall, does not show a considerable difference
 - it might be important for cosmogenic

Isotope	Minimum purity [mBq/kg]
^{40}K	0.57
^{60}Co	0.04
^{226}Ra	85.39
^{232}Th	1811.21*
^{234}Th	7.57

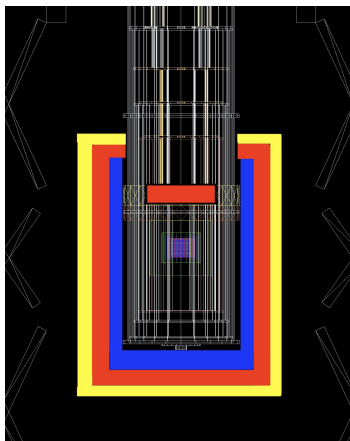


Estimating neutron contribution (radiogenic)

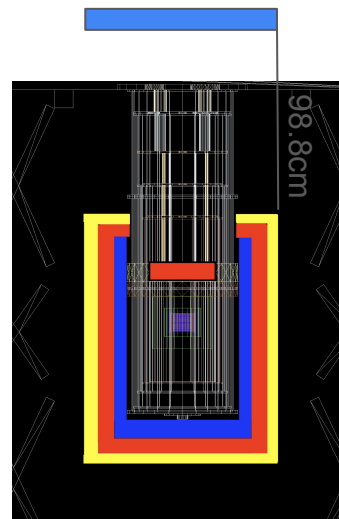
- Radiogenic neutron flux $(7.5 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Analyze different cases

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Blue: PE

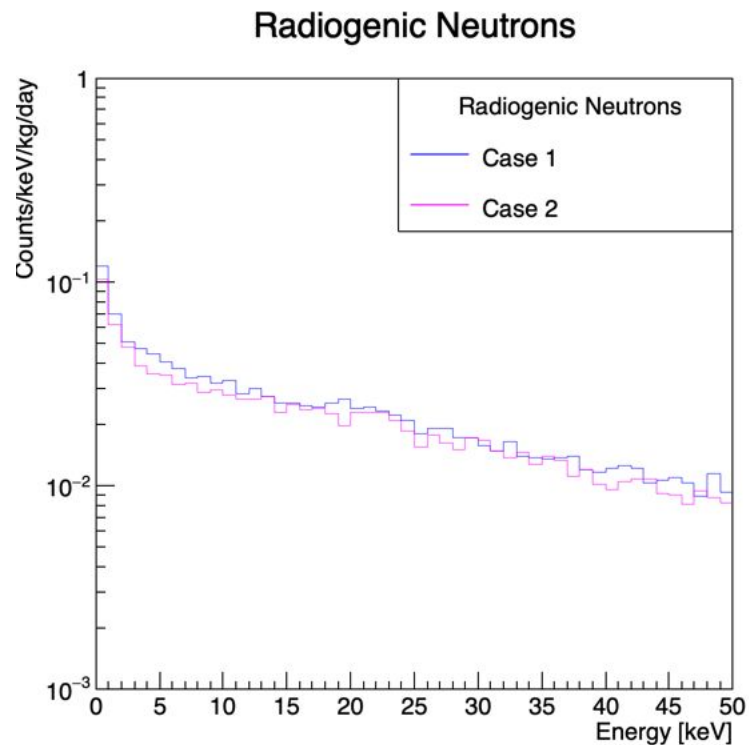
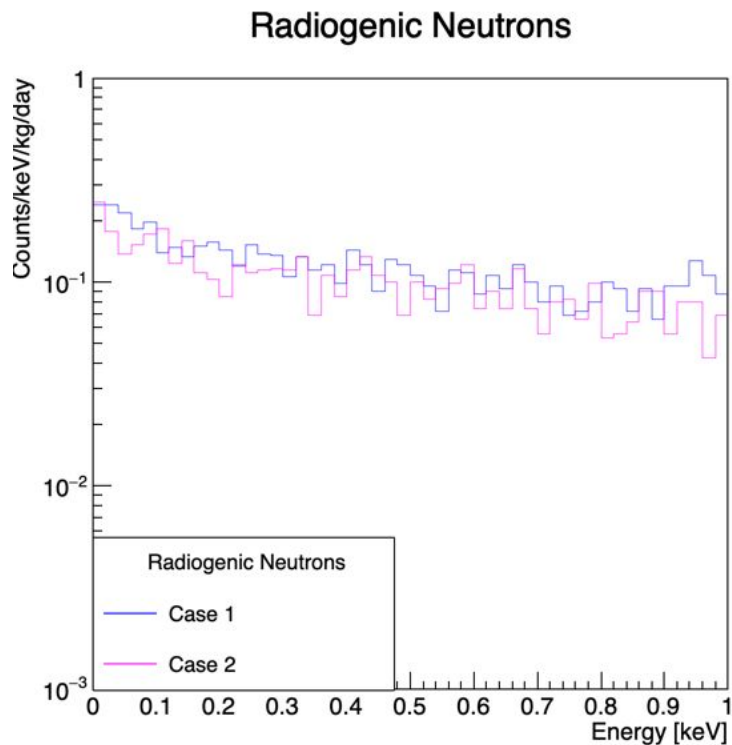


Case 1



Case 2

Radiogenic Neutrons



Summary

- We have design for the external shielding with 5 cm thick of Pb and 10 cm thick of Cu
 - option to reduce amount of Cu it depends on limits for radiopurity of Pb (OPERA)
- There is an estimated purity for the external Cu shielding
- As expected, for radiogenic neutrons there is not considerable difference between the two cases analyzed
- We need neutron shielding outside the Pb and Cu shielding
- Estimation for cosmogenic neutrons is still in progress