



Directional Dark Matter Detection

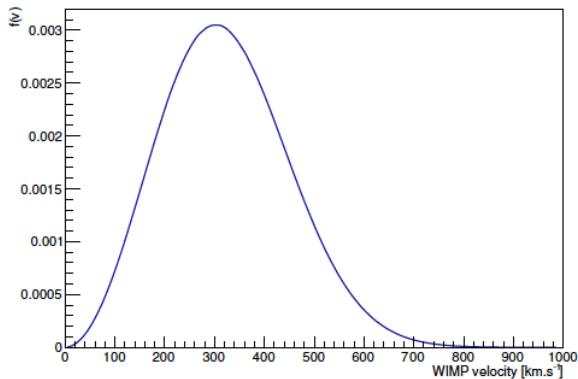
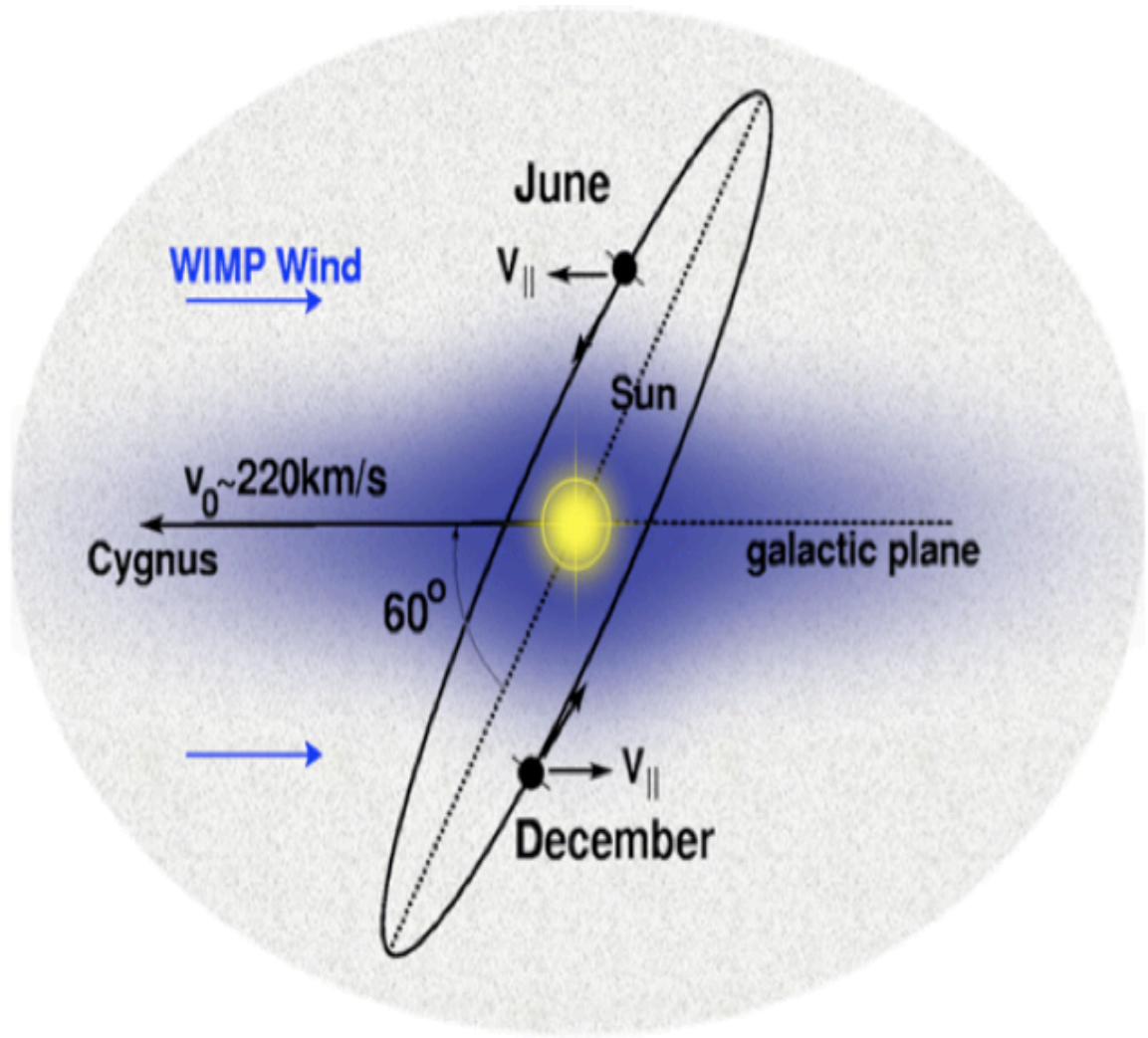
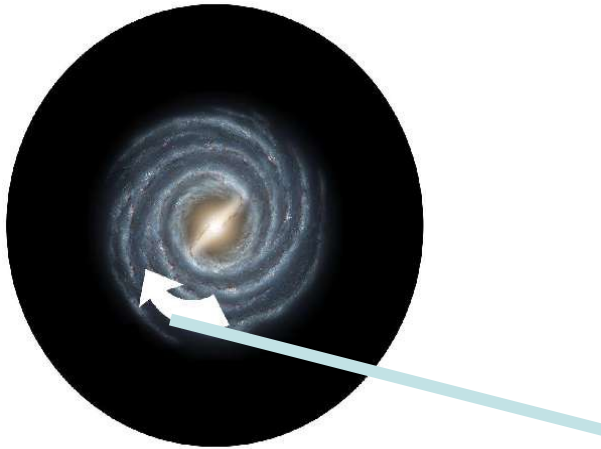
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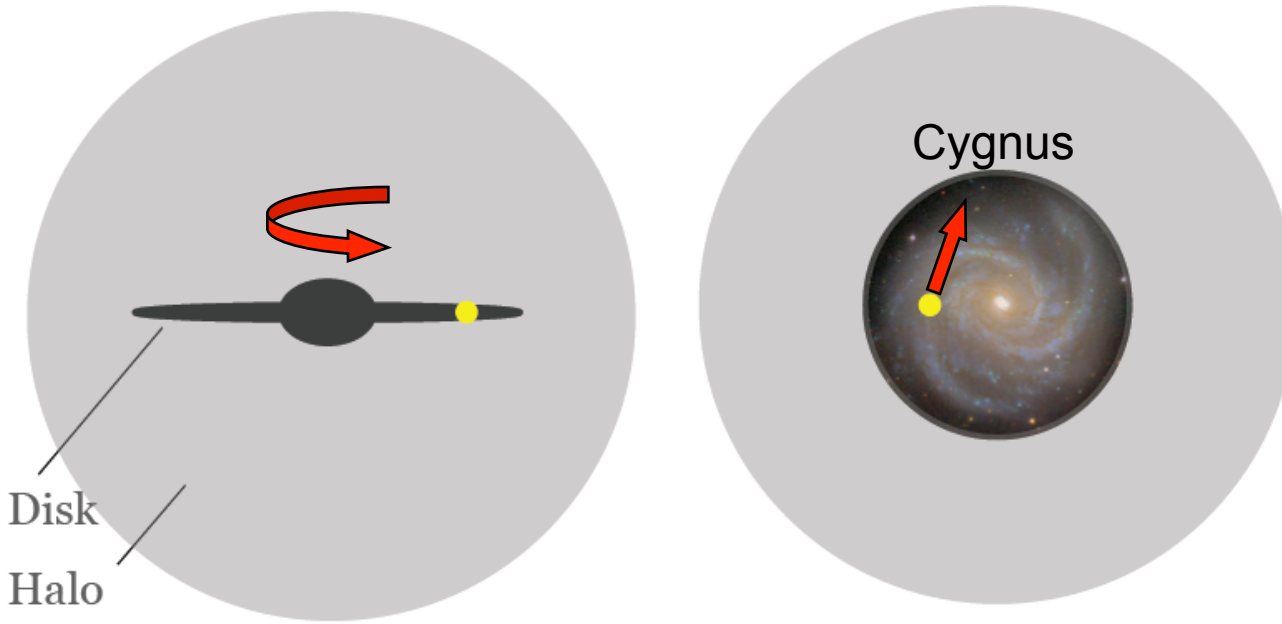
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Directional detection: principle



Directional detection



$$\langle V_{\text{rot}} \rangle \sim 220 \text{ km/s}$$

The signature, the only one (!), able to correlate the events in a detector to the galactic halo !!

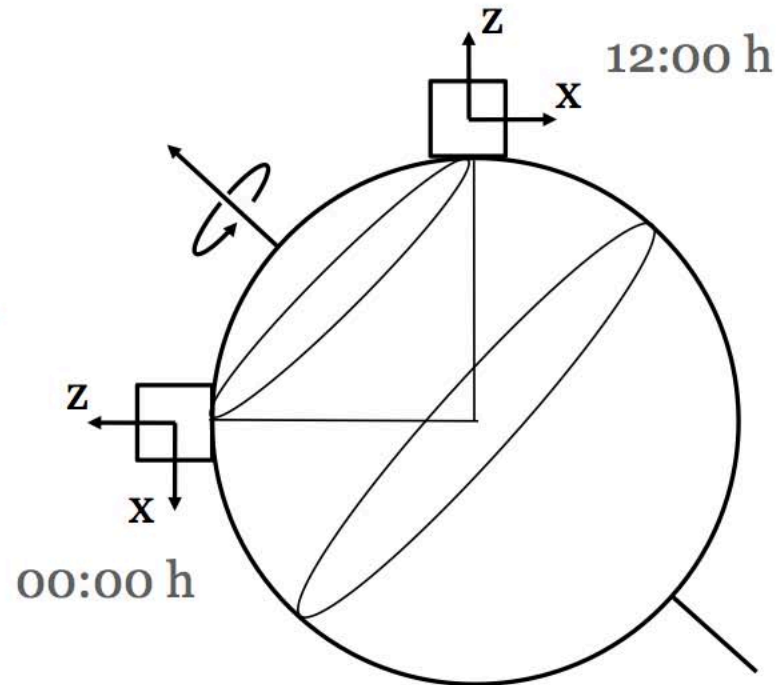
Angular modulation of WIMP flux

Modulation is sidereal (tied to stars) not diurnal (tied to Sun)

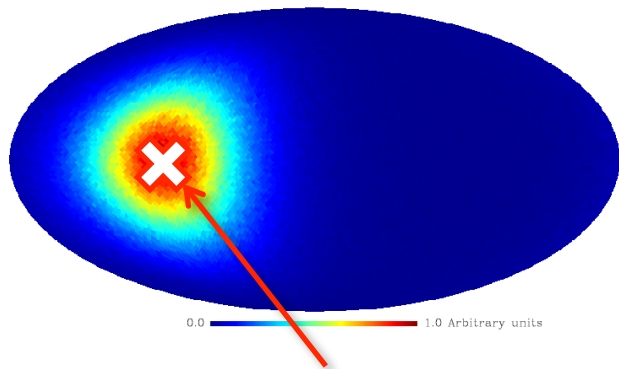
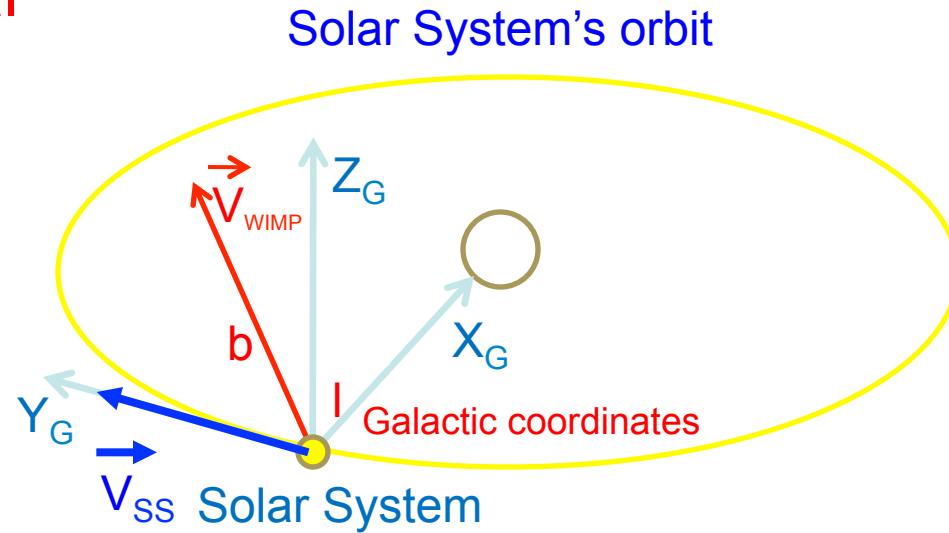
Cygnus



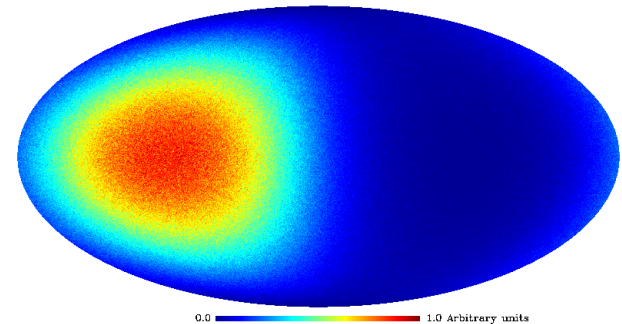
Direction of
Earth motion



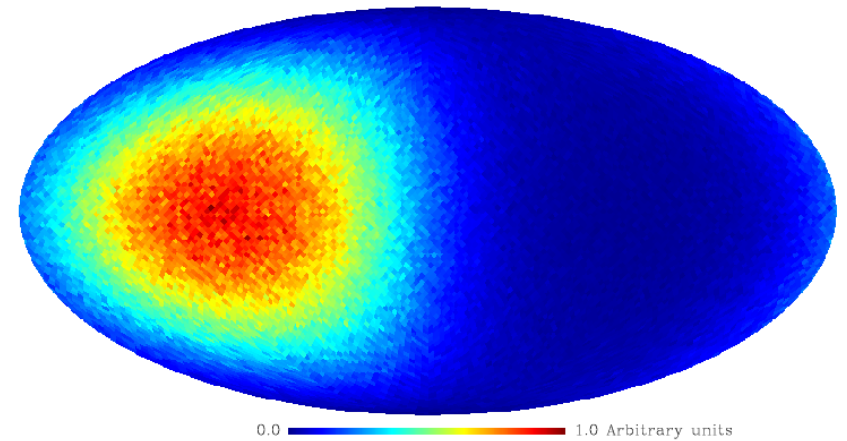
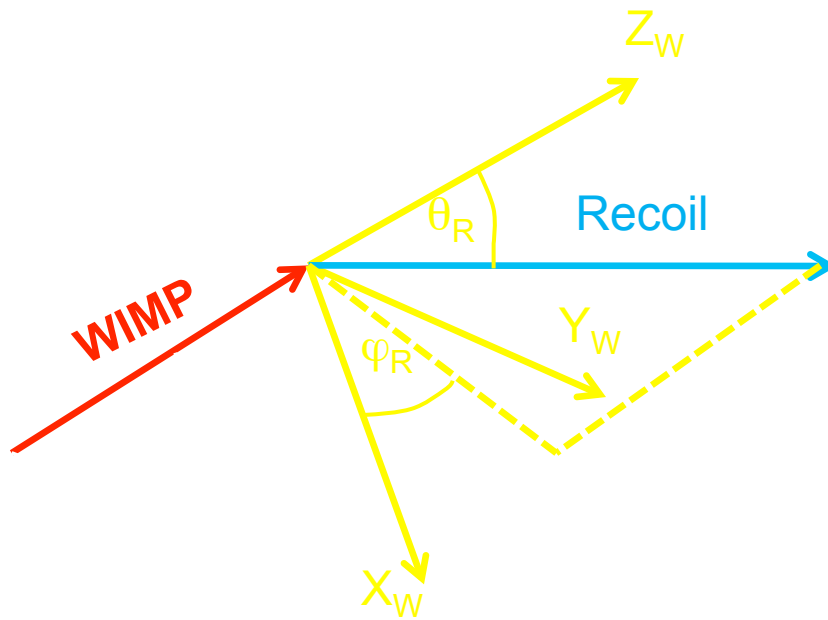
WIMP signal



After collision



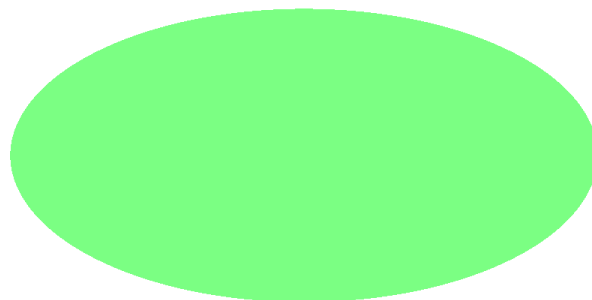
There are many “angles” for nuclear recoils...



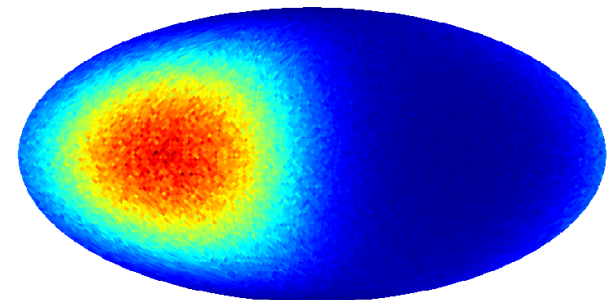
Map of recoils in galactic coordinates (HealPix)

10^8 Events with $E_R = [5, 50]$ keV

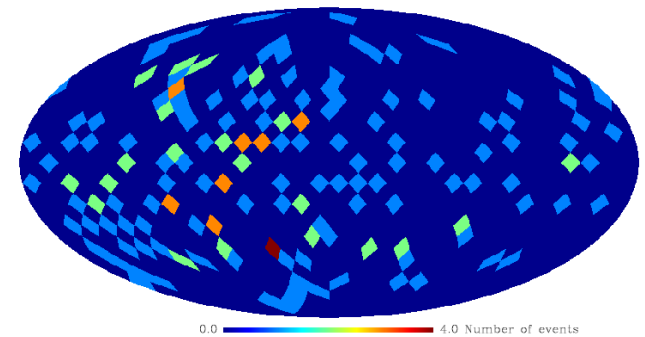
100 WIMP evts + 100 Background evts



Background



Wimp recoils

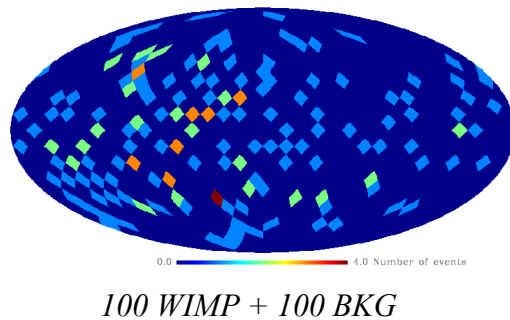


Phenomenology: **Discovery**

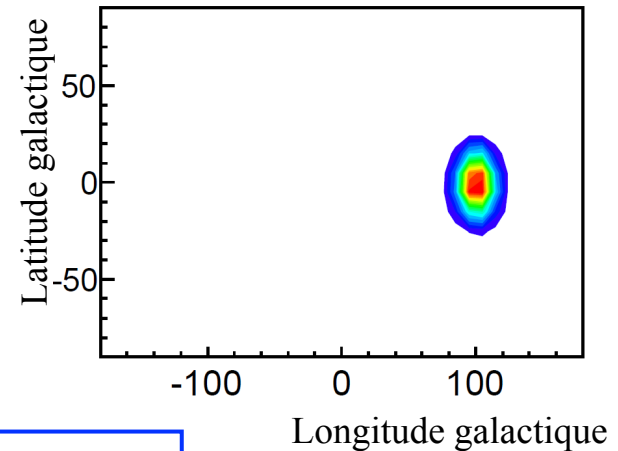
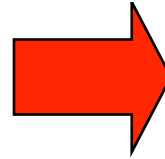
J. Billard *et al.*, PLB 2010
J. Billard *et al.*, arXiv:1110.6079

Proof of discovery: **Signal pointing toward the Cygnus constellation**

Blind likelihood analysis in order to establish the galactic origin of the signal



$$\mathcal{L}(\ell, b, m_\chi, \lambda)$$



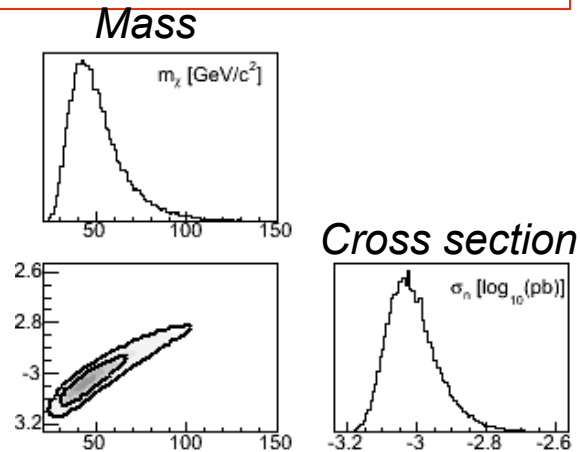
Strong correlation with the
direction of the Constellation
Cygnus **even with a large
background contamination**

Directional Detection : identification

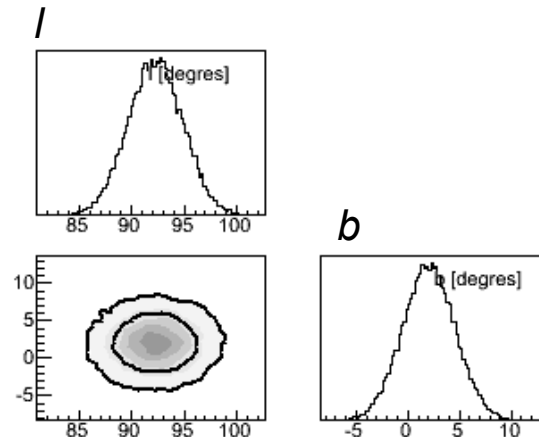
J. Billard *et al.*, PRD 2011

8 parameters simultaneously constrained by only one 3D experiment

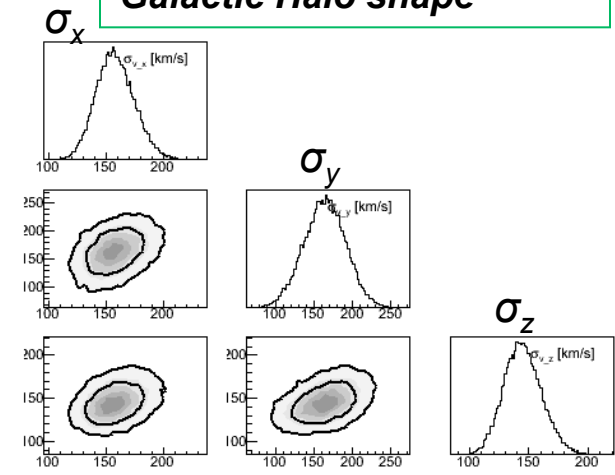
Mass – cross section



Dark Matter signature



Galactic Halo shape



	m_χ (GeV/c ²)	$\log_{10}(\sigma_n$ (pb))	$\ell_\odot$ (°)	$b_\odot$ (°)	σ_x (km.s ⁻¹)	σ_y (km.s ⁻¹)	σ_z (km.s ⁻¹)	β	R_b (kg ⁻¹ year ⁻¹)
Input	50	-3	90	0	155	155	155	0	10
Output	$51.8^{+5.6}_{-19.4}$	$-3.01^{+0.05}_{-0.08}$	$92.2^{+2.5}_{-2.5}$	$2.0^{+2.5}_{-2.5}$	158^{+15}_{-17}	164^{+27}_{-26}	145^{+14}_{-17}	$-0.073^{+0.29}_{-0.18}$	10.97 ± 1.2

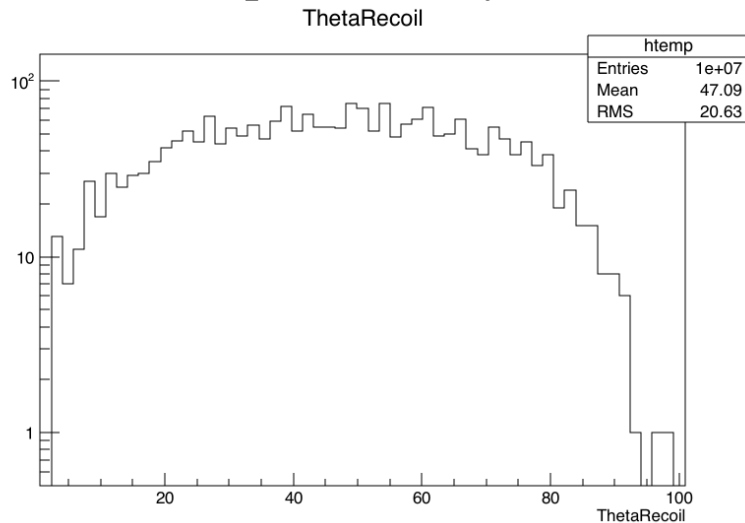
There are many angles to measure in 3D! 1D and 2D are not enough !

^{19}F recoils ($E_{\text{kin}} = 1\text{-}110\text{ keV}$)

Angular distribution in the laboratory
(with respect to the neutron direction)

Produced by neutrons of 565 keV

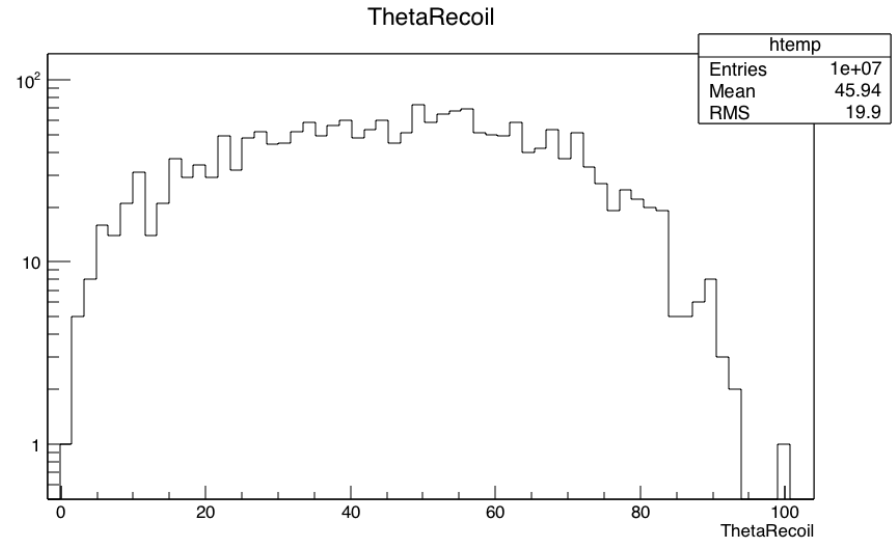
Validated experimentally at Cadarache !!



^{19}F recoils ($E_{\text{kin}} = 1\text{-}40\text{ keV}$)

Angular distribution in the laboratory

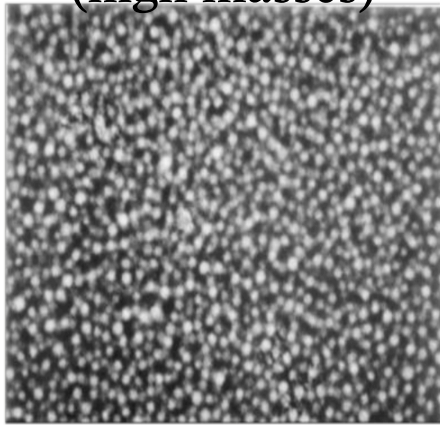
Produced by neutrons of 200 keV



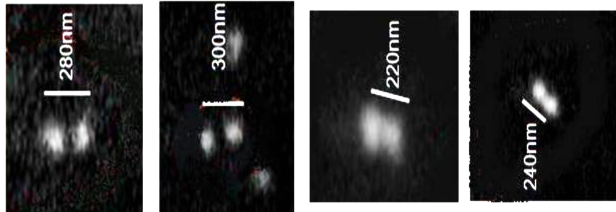
Geant4 simulations (N. Sauzet, DS. (2016))

Directional detection: comparison of strategies

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

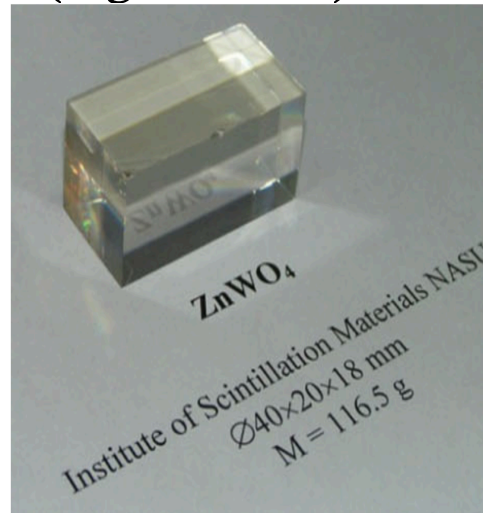


size 40 ± 9 nm



D'Ambrosio et al. 2014

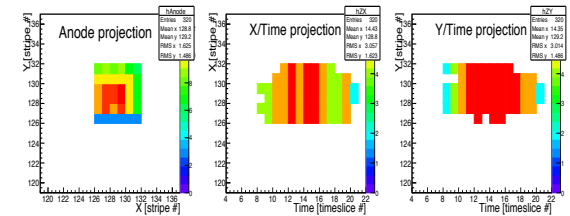
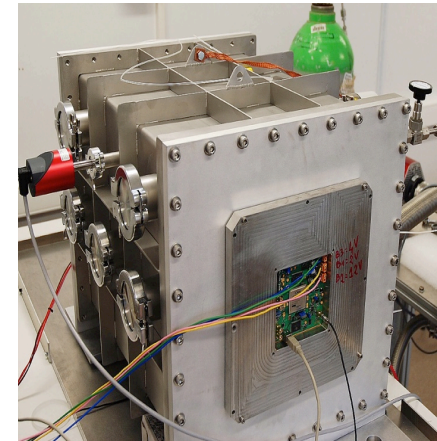
- Anisotropic crystals
target = O (low masses), Zn, W (high masses)



No tracks ; only statistical distributions (!)

Capella et al. 2013

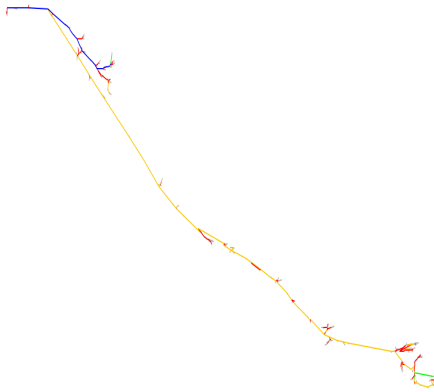
- Low pressure TPCs
target = F



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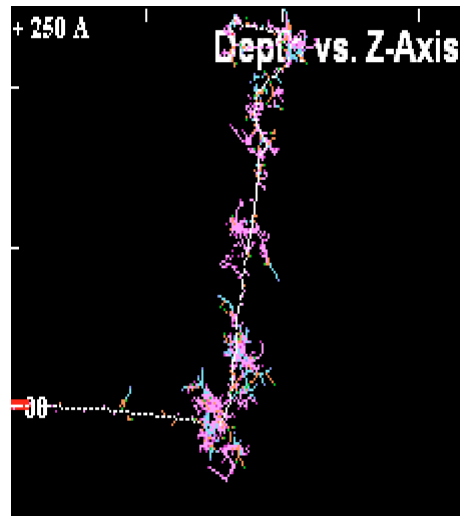
Directional detection: comparison of strategies

- Emulsion



~100 nm

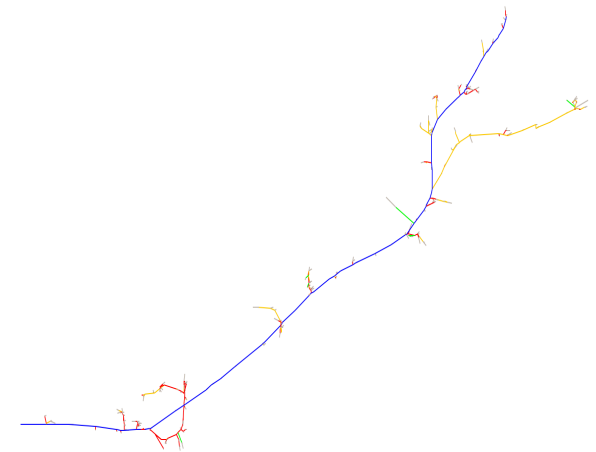
- Anisotropic crystals



~10 nm

(SRIM simulations)

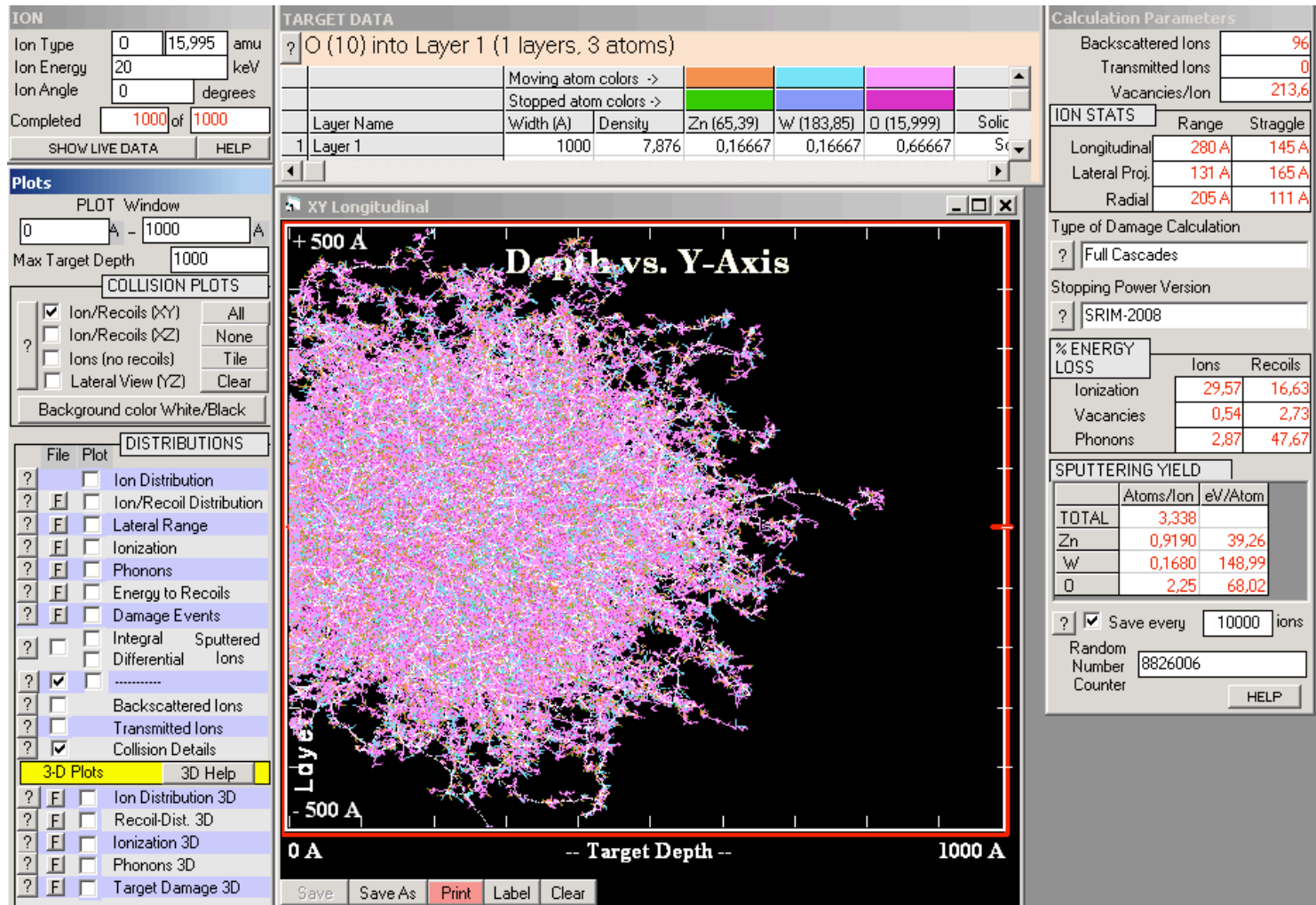
- Low pressure TPCs



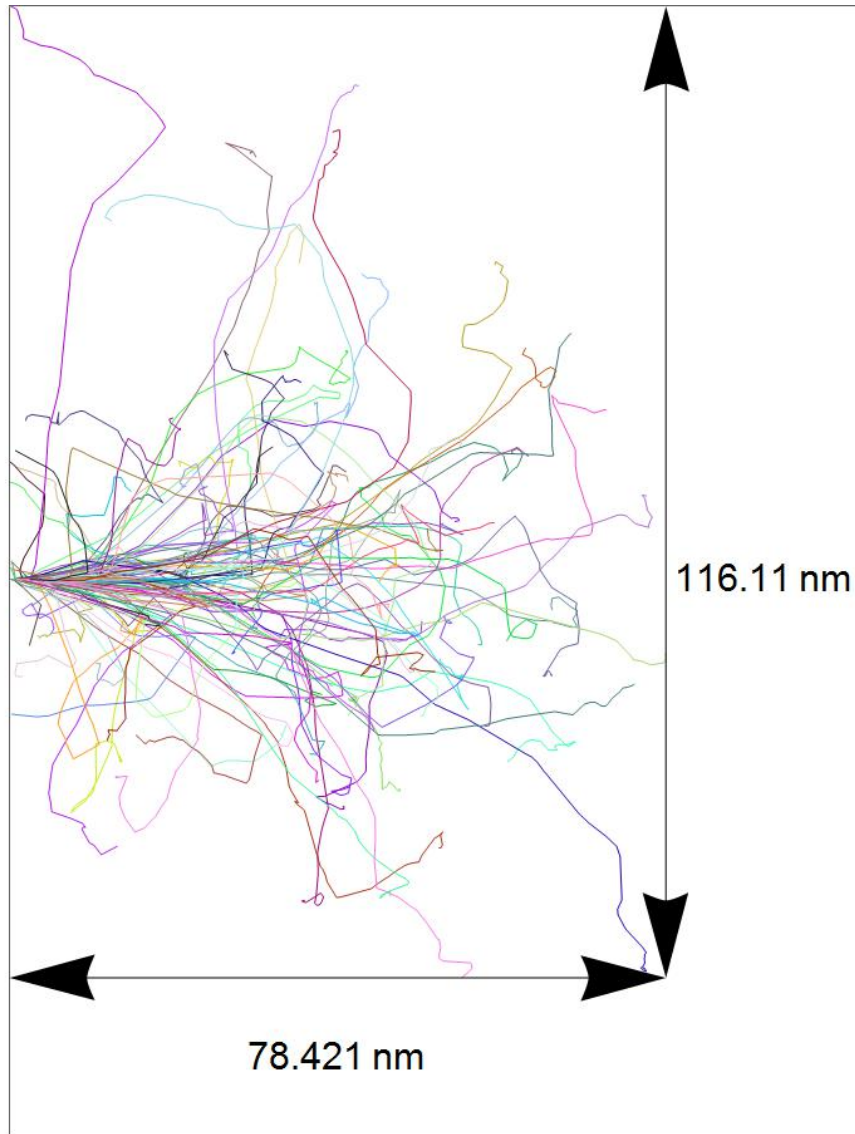
~1 mm

(10^5 times longer !!)

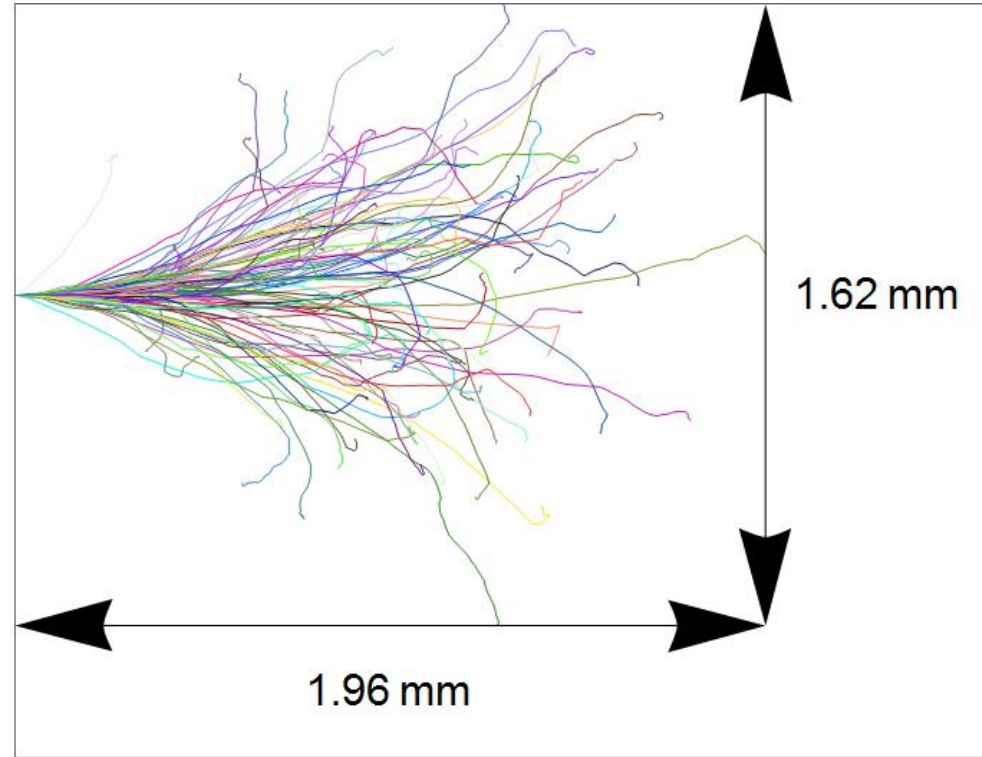
SRIM simulation of O (20 keV) in ZnO₄W showing the secondary recoils



SRIM simulations...

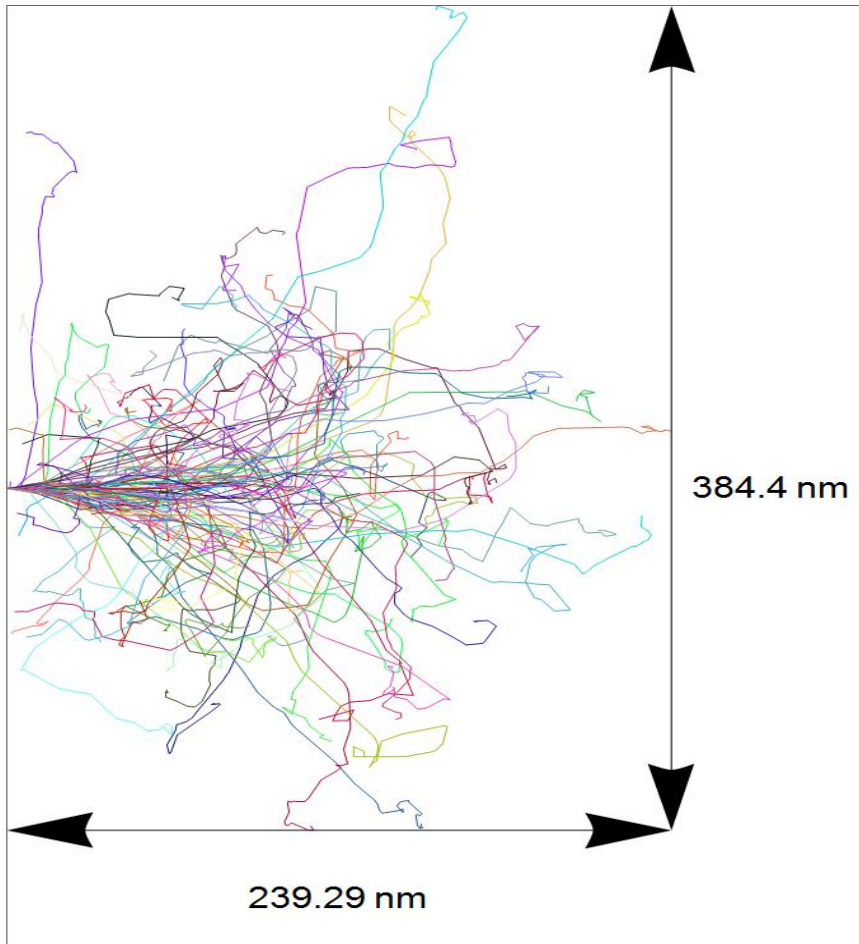


O in Crystal (29keV)



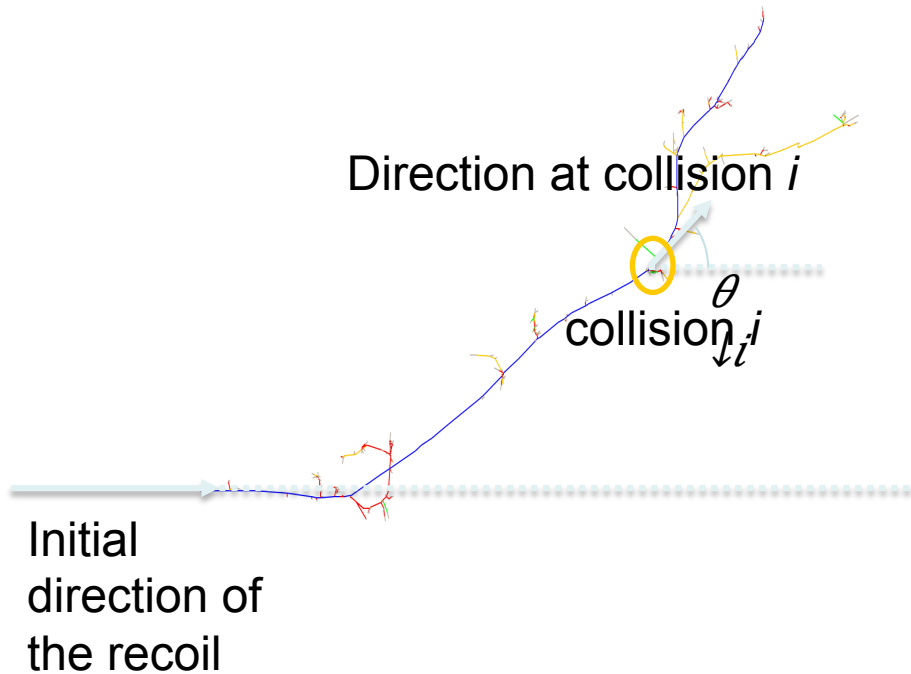
F in MIMAC (34keV)

C (22 keV) in emulsion (SRIM simulation)



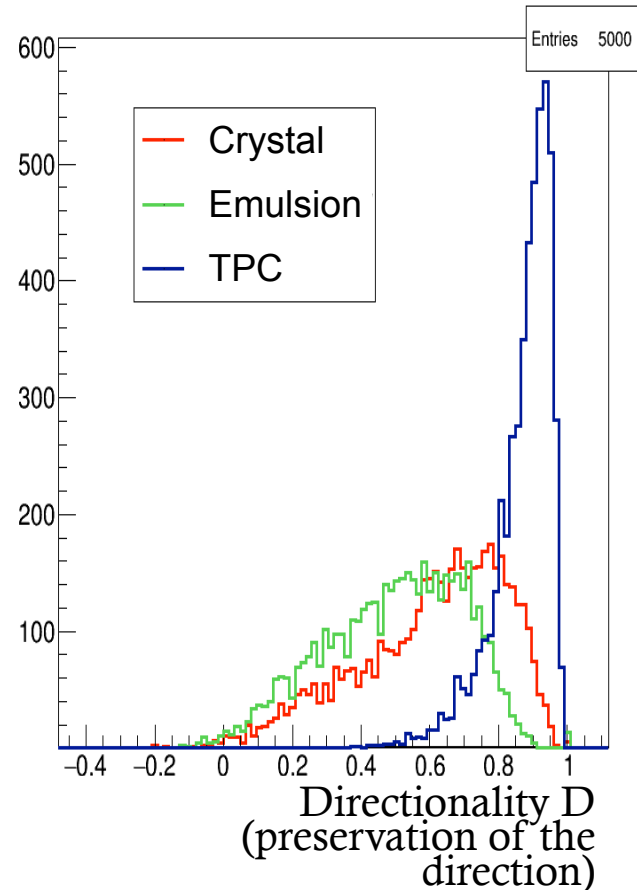
**In emulsions and solids
the transverse
development is in
general greater than
the longitudinal !!**

Directional detection: Directionality ‘D’



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

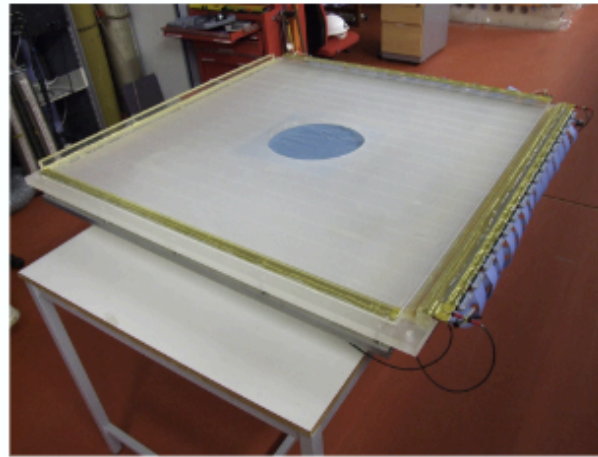
For more information on the comparison:
[Couturier et al. \(JCAP 01/2017\)](#)



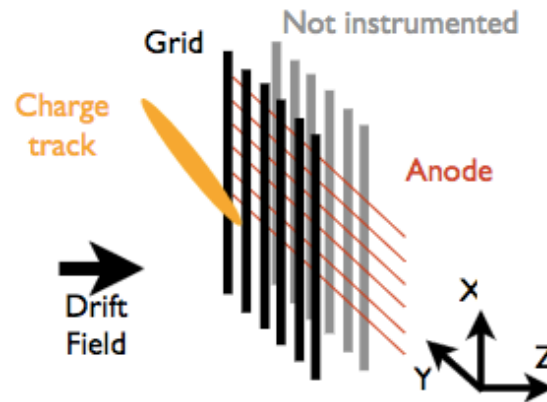
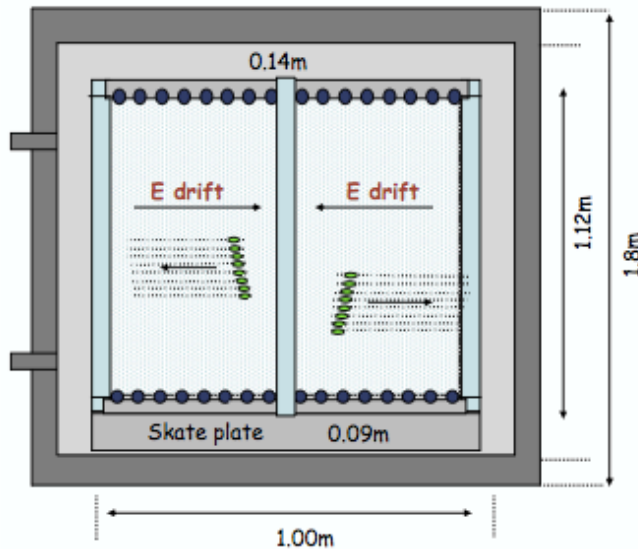
Directional experiments around the world



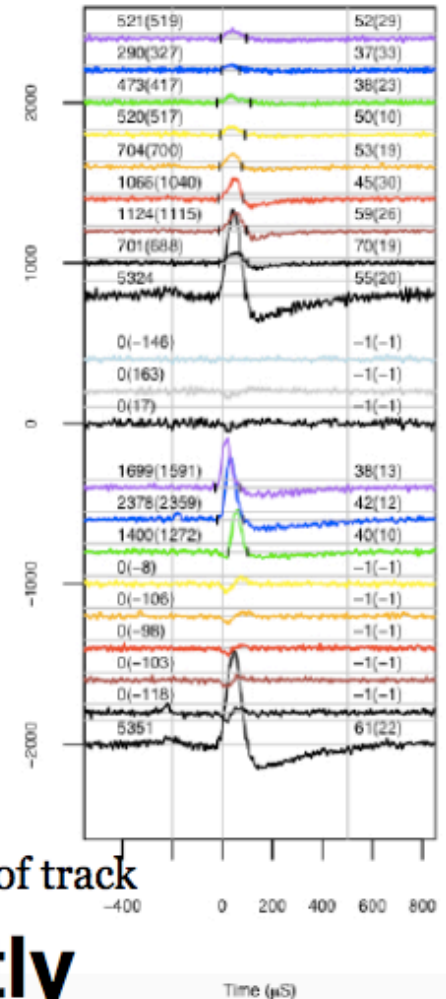
DRIFT Basics



DRIFT IIa, b, c, d, e



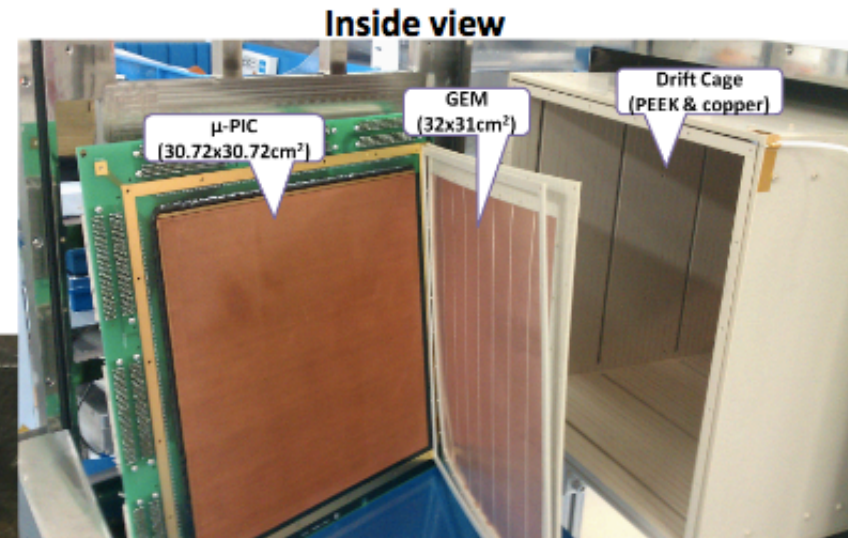
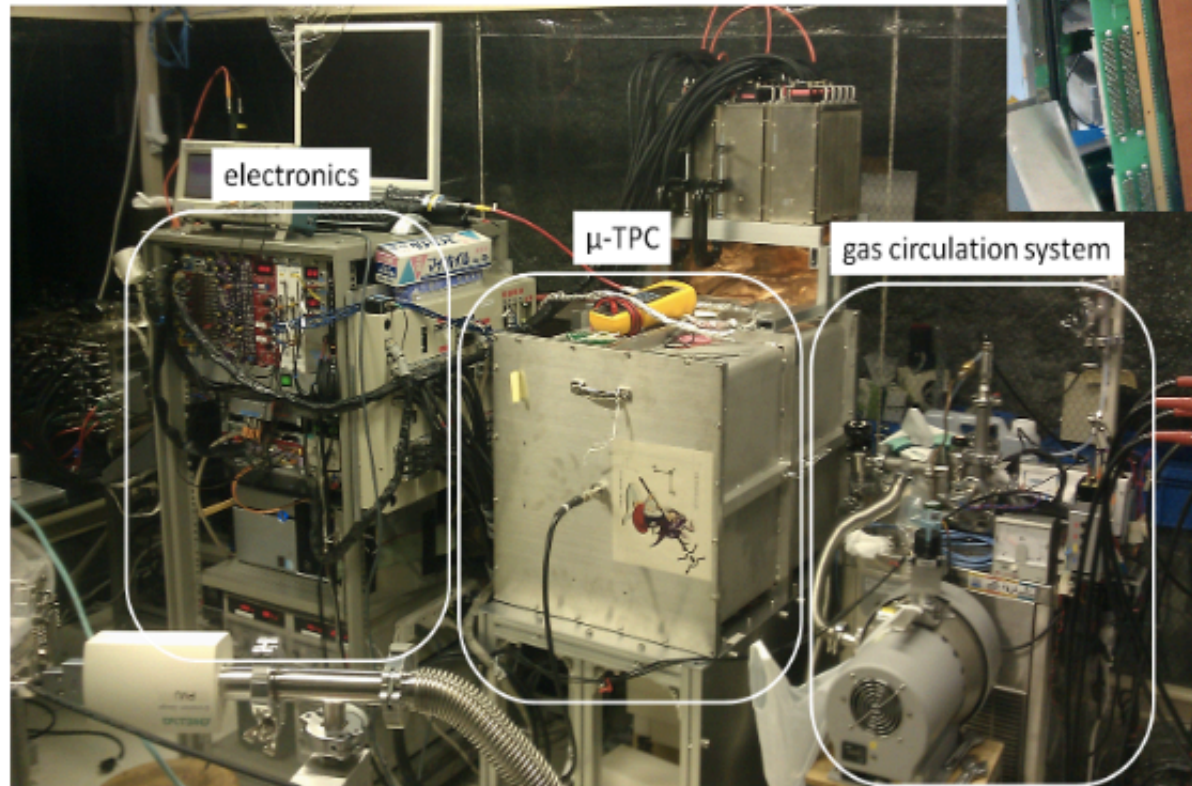
ΔX : Number of anode wires crossed
 ΔY : Progression across grid wires
 ΔZ : Drift time between start and end of track



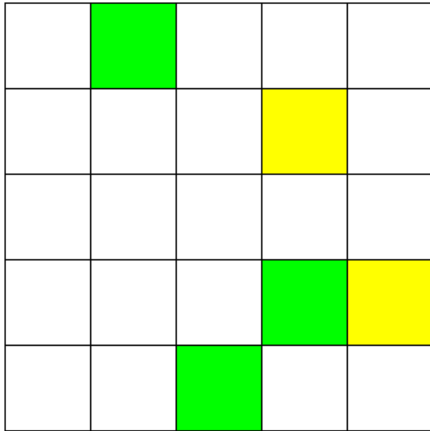
Significant advances recently

NEWAGE-0.3b' Detector

- Detection Volume: $31 \times 31 \times 41\text{cm}^3$
- Gas: CF_4 at 76Torr (50keVee threshold)
- Gas circulation system with cooled charcoal
- Installed in Kamioka Laboratory



The MIMAC project



A low pressure multi-chamber detector

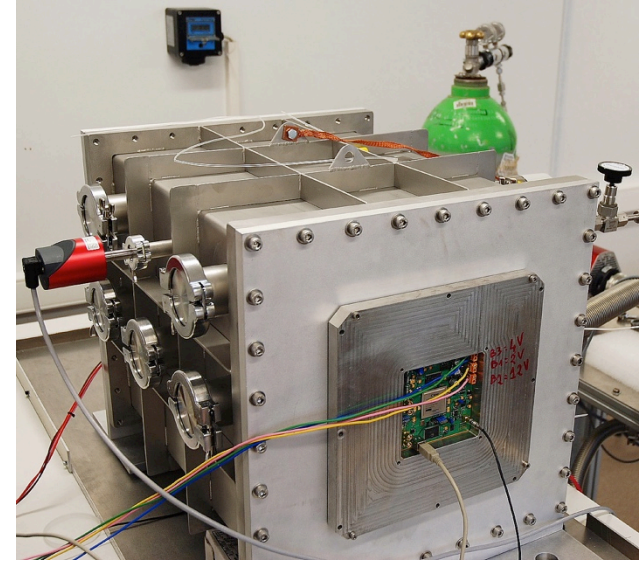
- Energy and 3D Track measurements
- Matrix of chambers (correlation)
- μ TPC : Micromegas technology
- CF_4 , CHF_3 , and ^1H : $\sigma(A)$ dependancy
- Axial and scalar weak interaction
- **Directionnal detector**

Strategy:

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

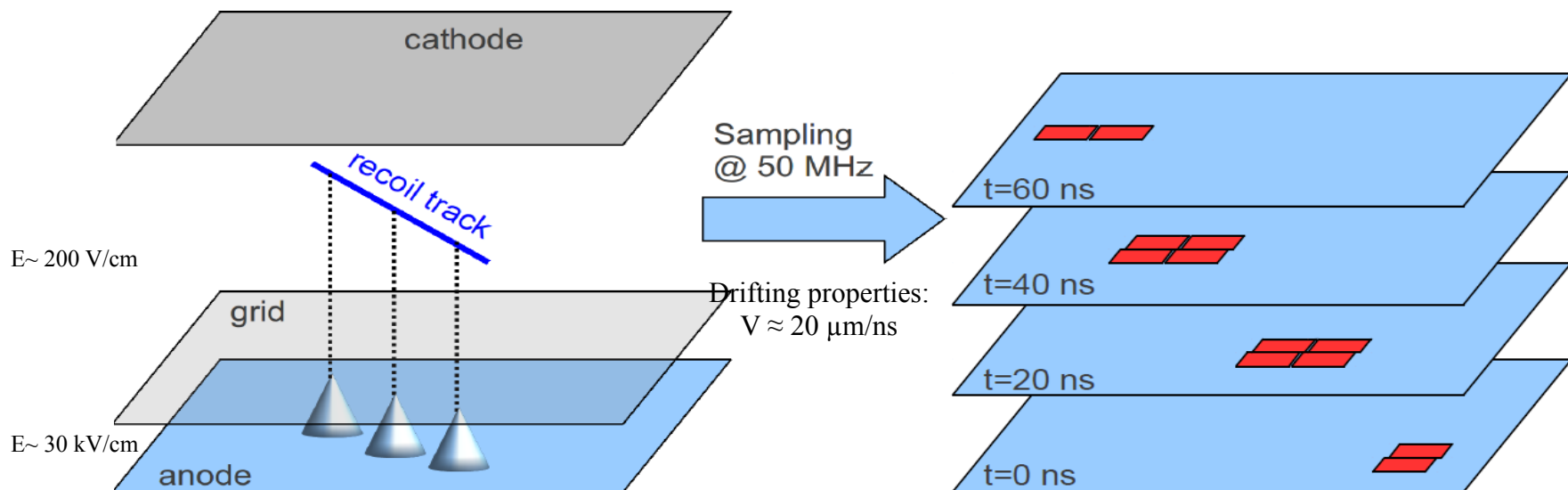
The target (gas) can be changed to explore other mass response

H , ^4He , ^{20}Ne , ^{40}Ar , $^{129,130}\text{Xe}$



Bi-chamber module
2 x (10.8x 10.8x 25 cm³)

MIMAC: Detection strategy



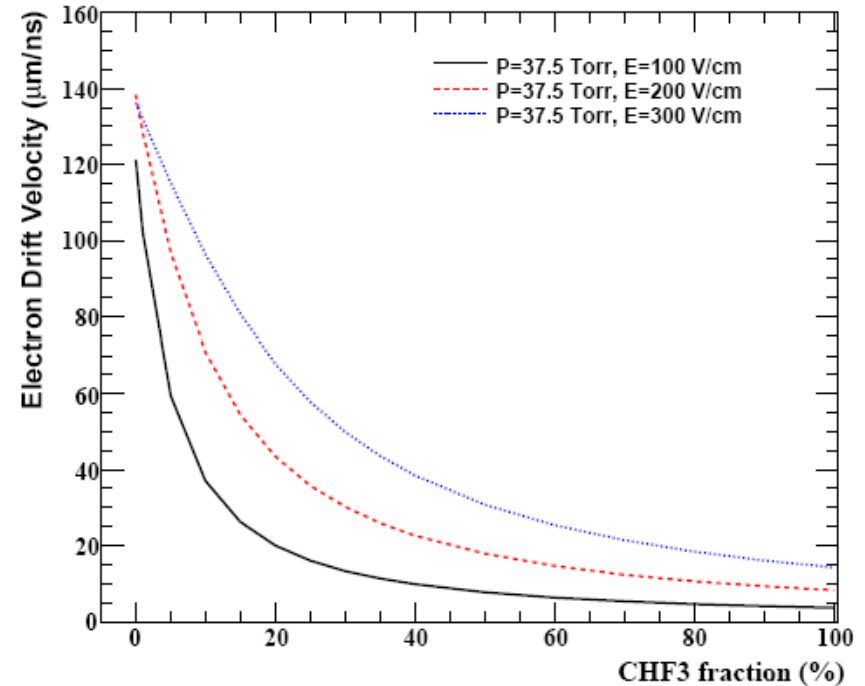
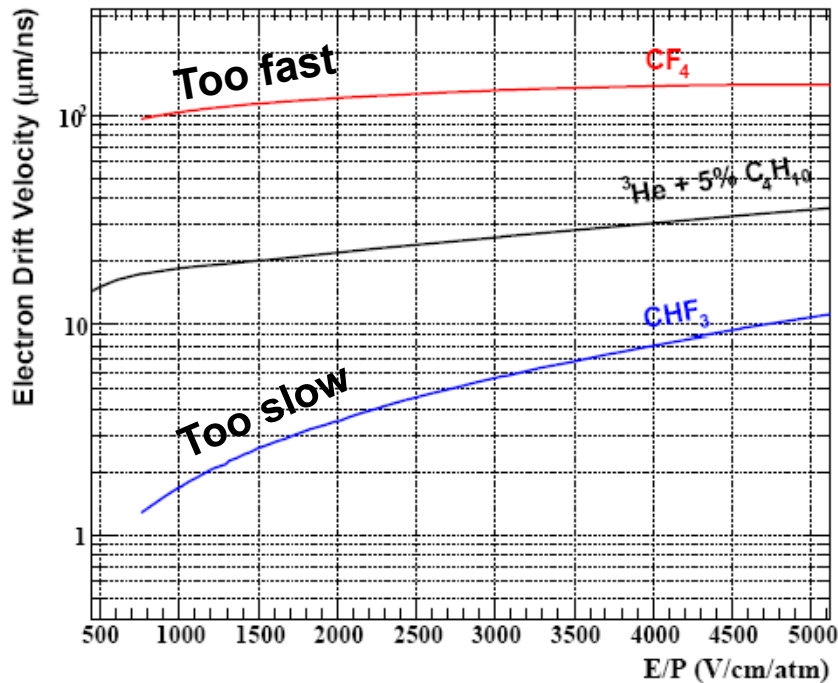
Scheme of a MIMAC μ TPC

Evolution of the collected charges on the anode

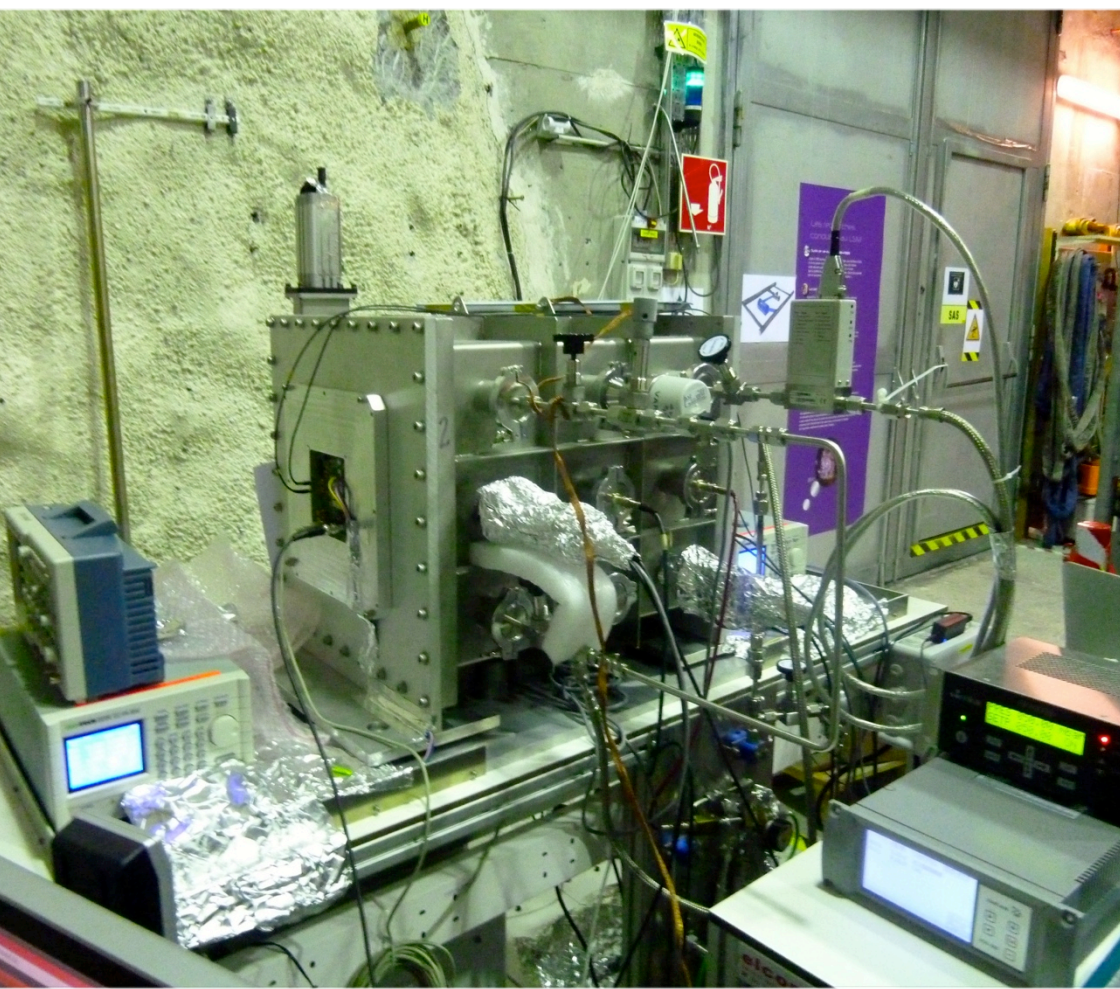
Measurement of the ionization energy: Charge integrator connected to the mesh coupled to a FADC sampled at 50 MHz

3D Tracks: Drift velocity

Magboltz Simulation



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



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

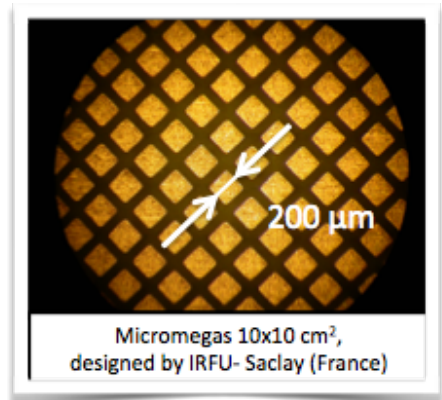
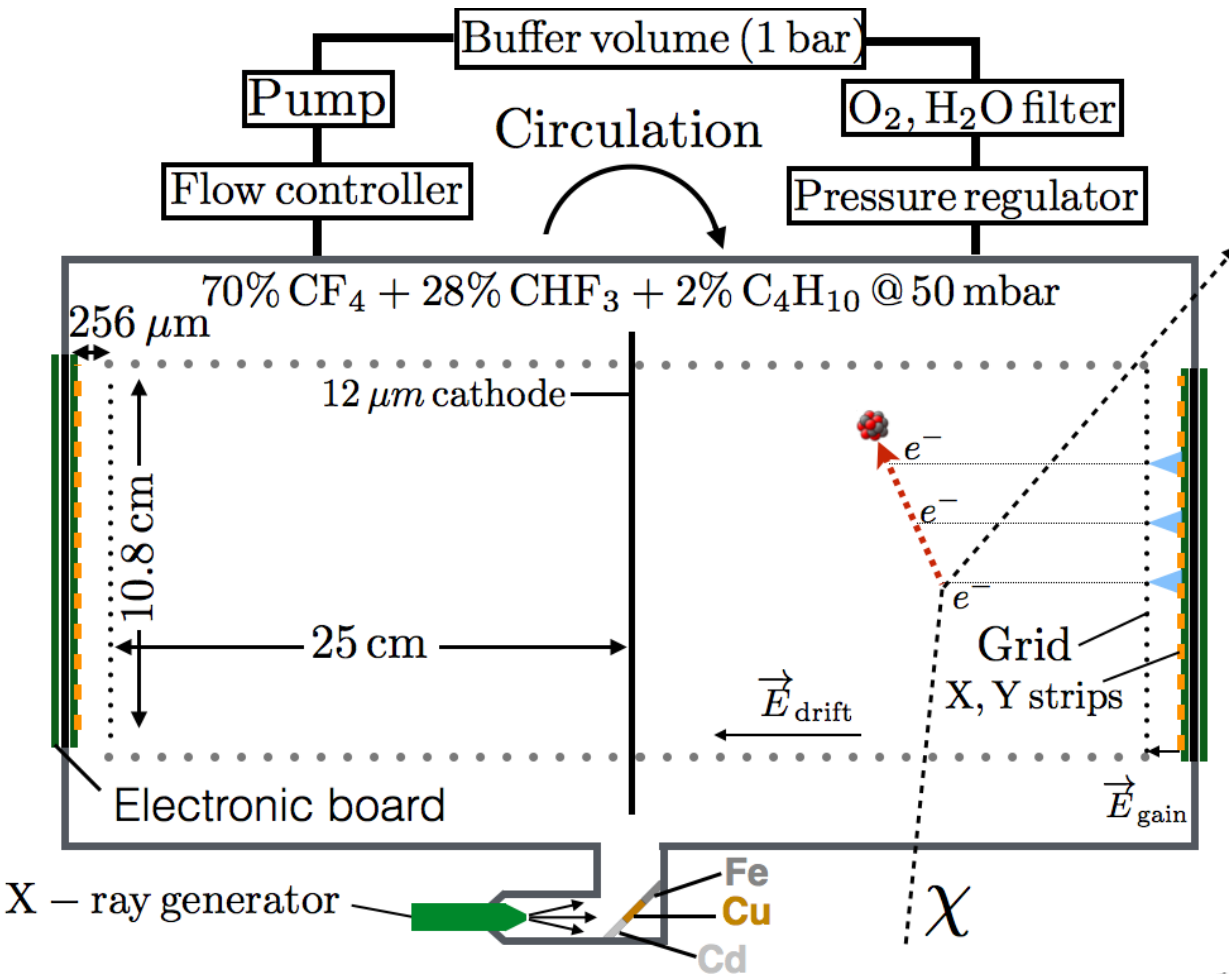
since June 22nd 2012.

Upgraded in June 2013, and
in June 2014.

- working at 50 mbar
($\text{CF}_4 + 28\% \text{CHF}_3 + 2\% \text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}$)
- in a permanent circulating mode
- Remote controlled
and commanded
- Calibration control twice per week

Many thanks to LSM staff

MIMAC-bi-chamber module prototype



MIMAC Target: ¹⁹F

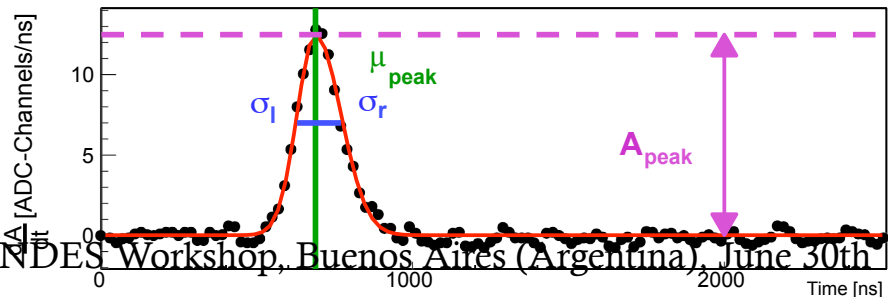
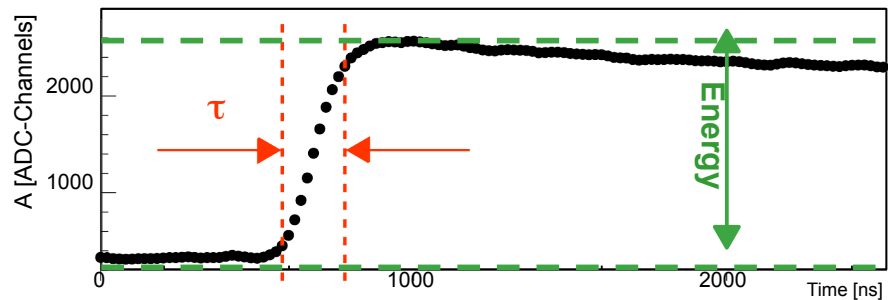
- Light WIMP mass
- Axial coupling

MIMAC readout

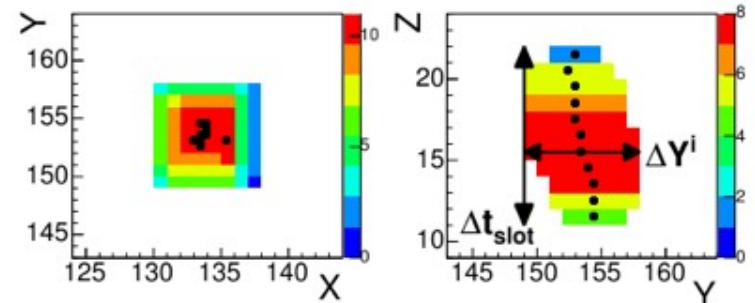
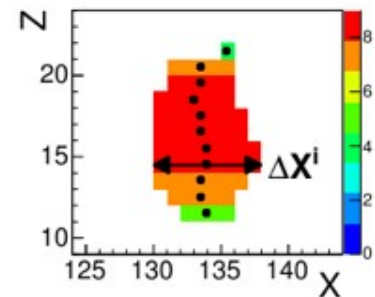


Dedicated fast electronics (self-triggered)
Based on the MIMAC chip (64 channels)

preamplifier signal + FADC: Energy



3D - track



Detector calibration (not at the maximum gain!)

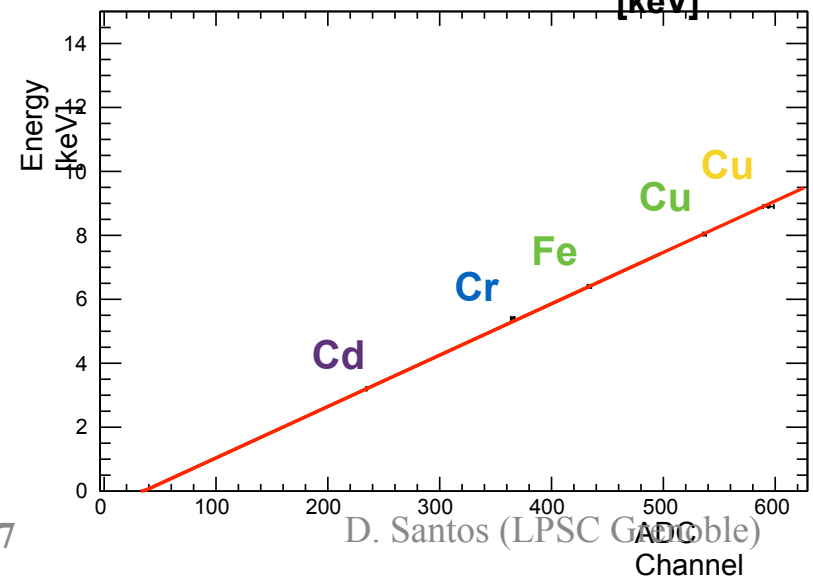
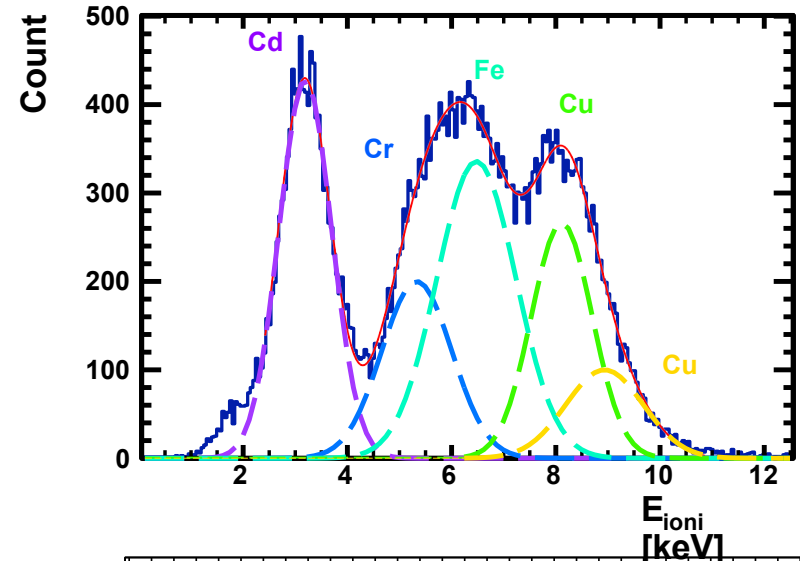
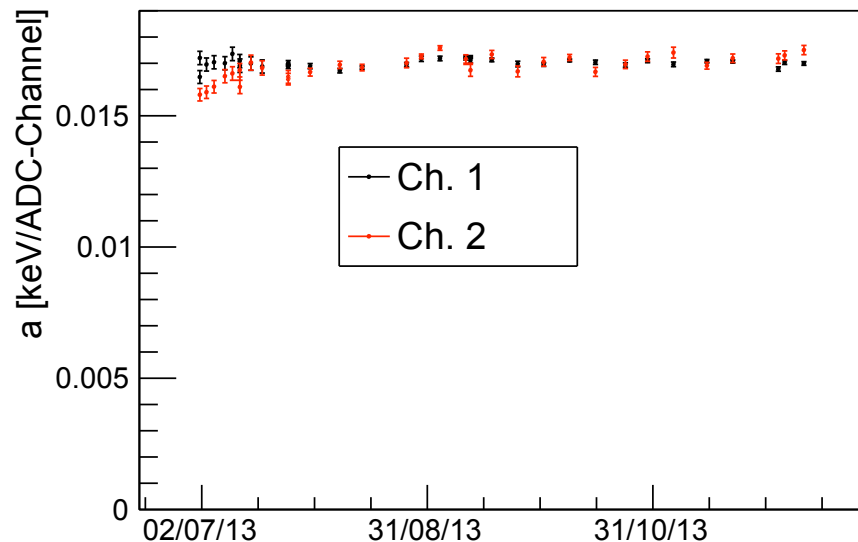
Calibration: (once a week)

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

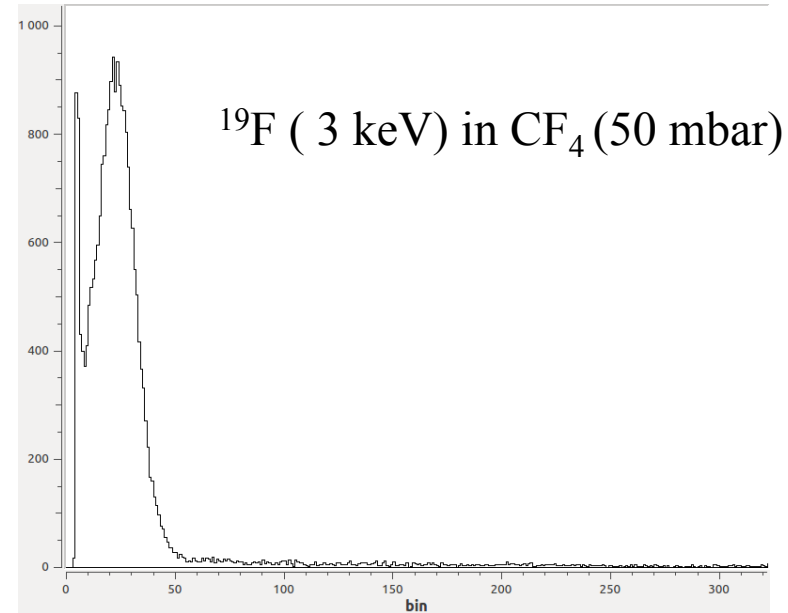
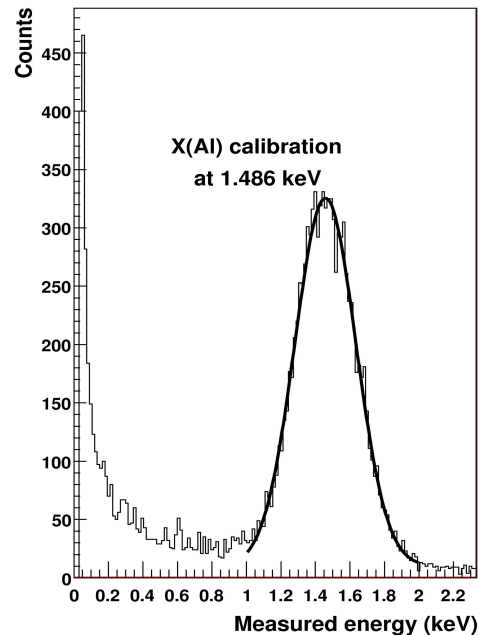
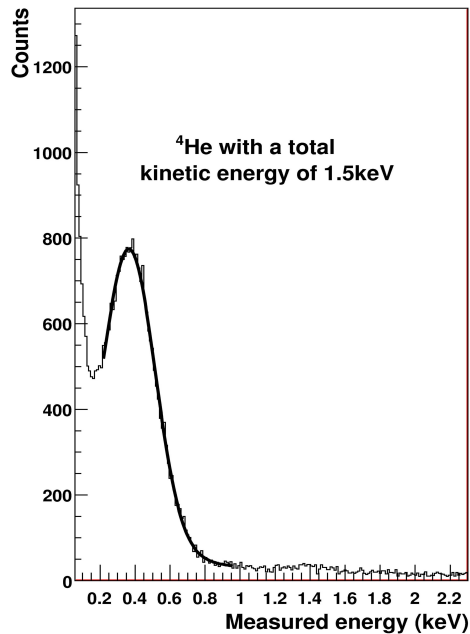
Threshold ~ 1 keV

Circulation system:

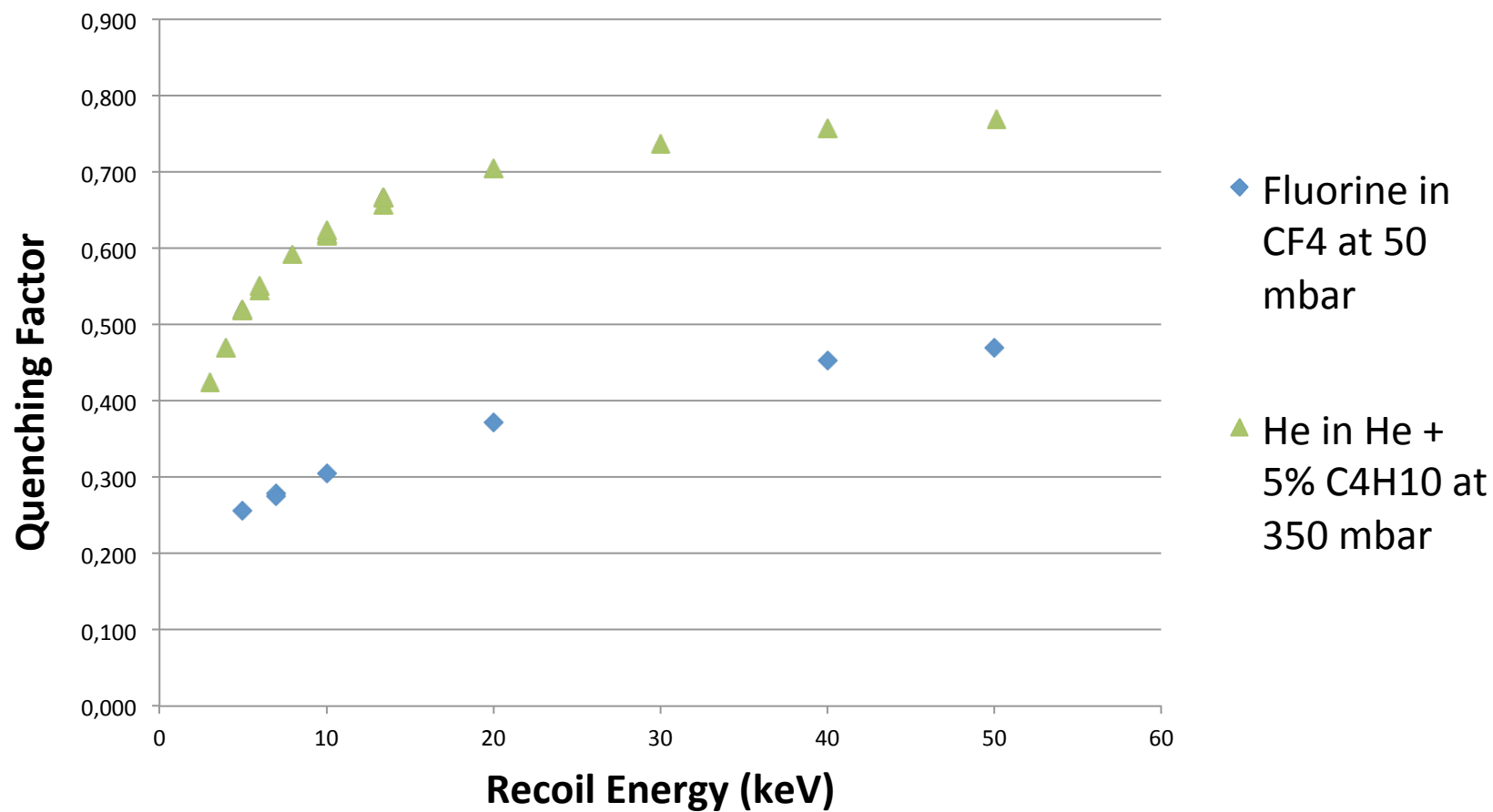
Excelent Gain stability in time



Ionization Quenching Factor Measurements at LPSC-Grenoble

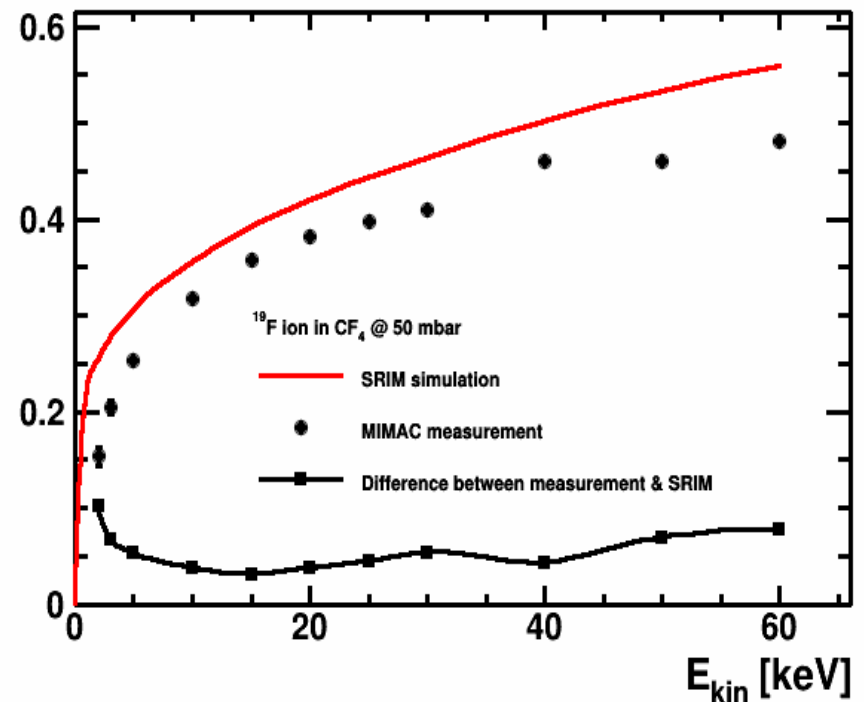
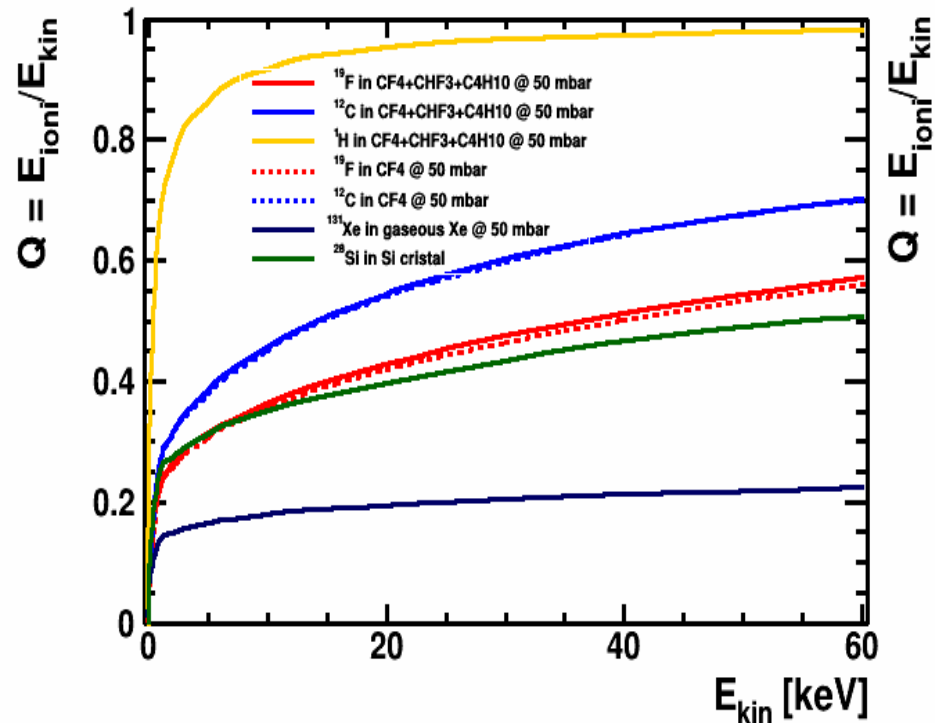


Ionization Quenching Factor for Fluorine in pure CF₄ at 50 mbar

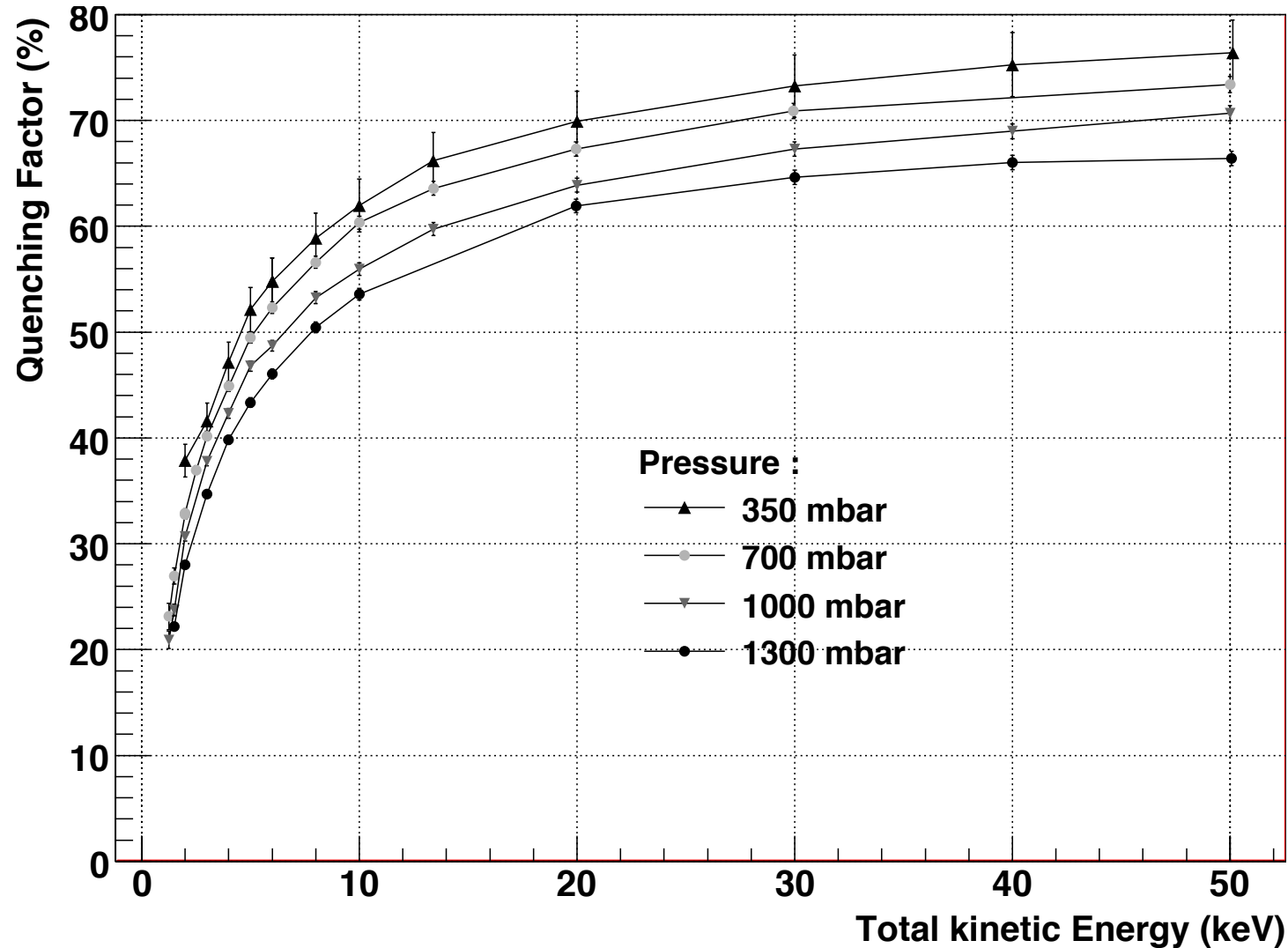


Ionization Quenching Factors

Simulations and Measurements (LPSC)



IQF in ^4He + 5% isobutane for different pressures!!



MIMAC validation with neutrons

Neutron monochromatic field:

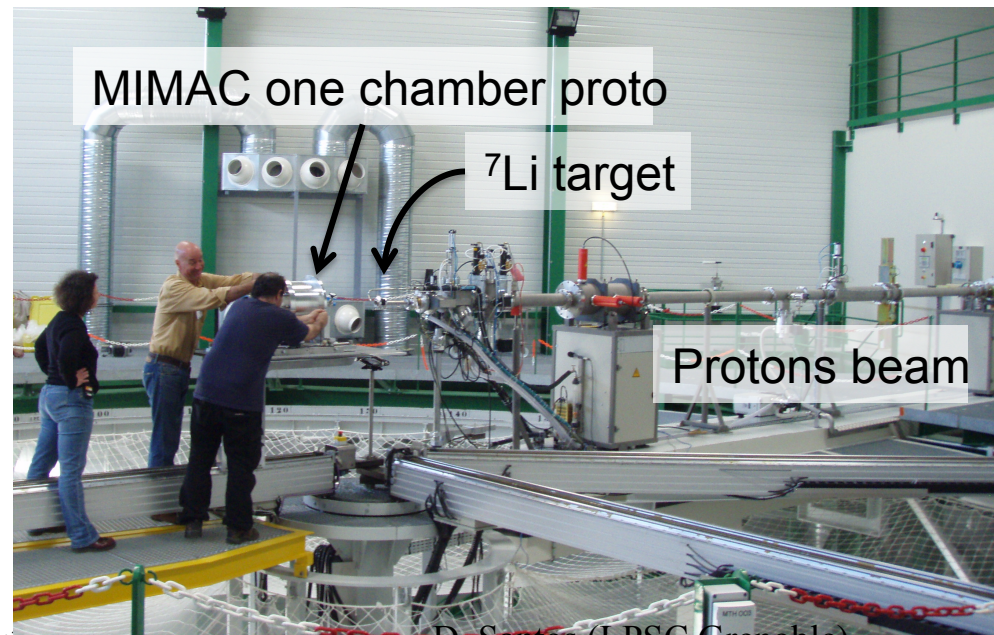
AMANDE facility at IRSN of Cadarache

- Neutrons with a well defined energy from resonances of ^7Li by a (p,n) reaction

$$E_{\text{Recoil}} = 4 \frac{m_n m_R}{(m_n + m_R)^2} E_{\text{neutron}} \cos^2 \theta$$

Calibration:

^{55}Fe (5.9 keV) and ^{109}Cd (3.1 keV) sources

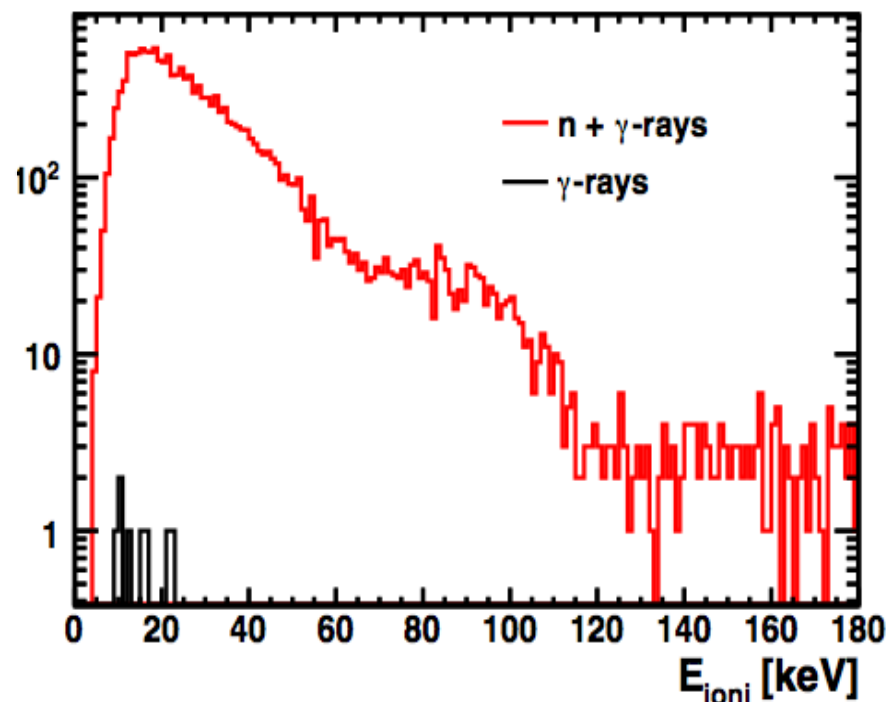
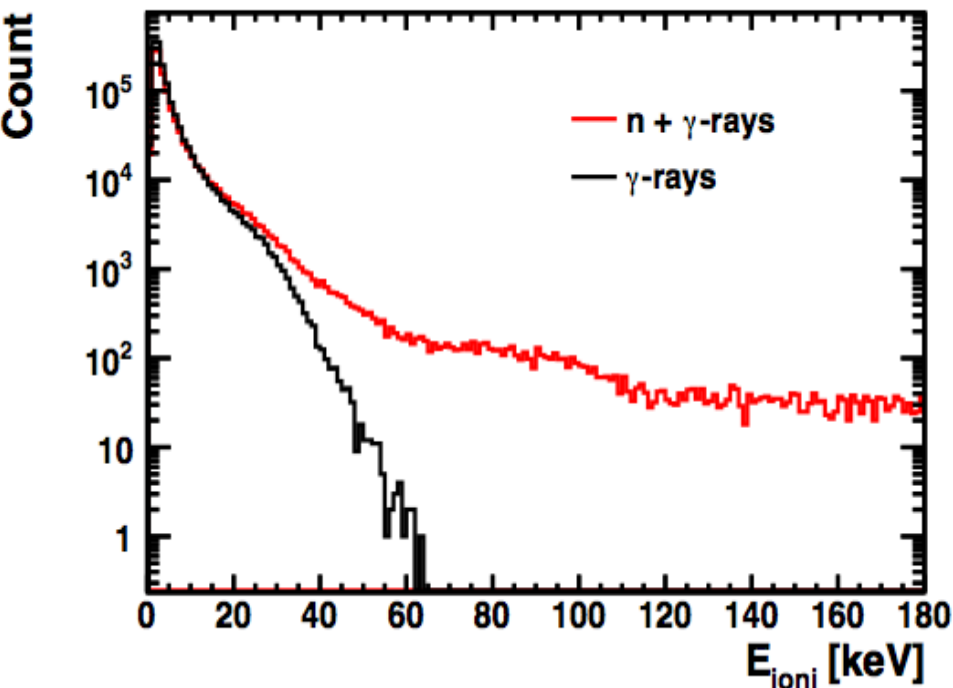


Electron-Recoil Discrimination

^7Li (p,n (565 keV)) nuclear reaction

Neutrons (from Li) $\longrightarrow$ F, C, H, nuclear recoils

γ - rays (from F Al backing) $\longrightarrow$ Electrons



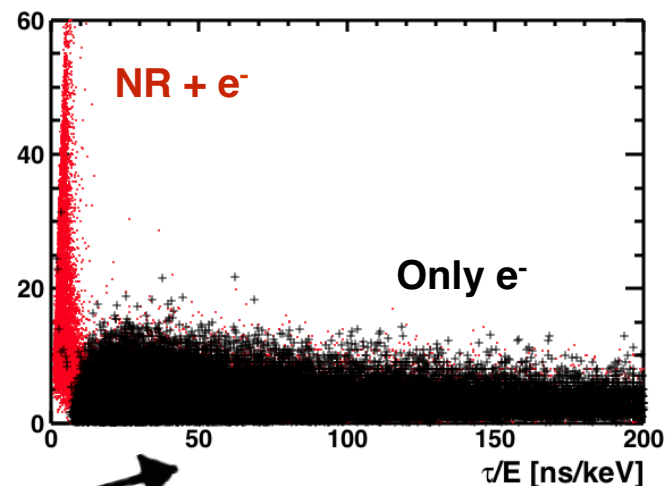
$$N_{\text{acpt}}/N_{\text{tot}} = 1.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ electron integrated rejection}$$

22 observables built using the MIMAC readout.... and more ... (Q. Riffard et al. arXiv: 1602.01738 (2016))

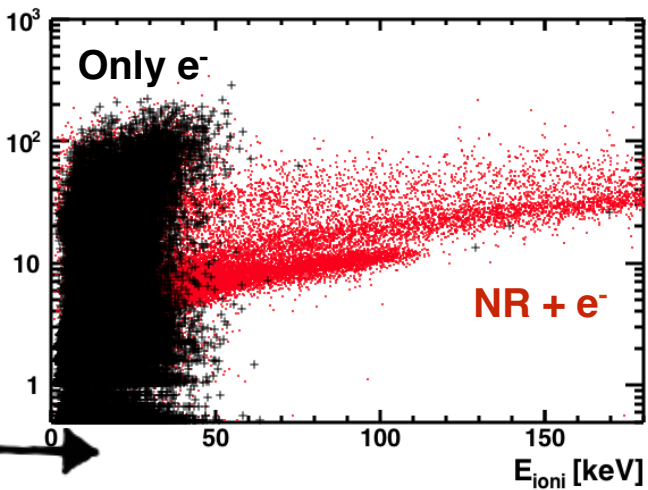
With fast neutrons

Variable	Type
Minimals	
$S[0]$	Pulse-shape
Track is outside	Track
Clustering	Track
$\Delta X > 1$ or $\Delta Y > 1$	Track
Discriminantanting	
N_{Coinc}	Track
$\rho_{track}/\Delta t_{slot}$	Track
N_{Strip}	Track
A_{peak}	Pulse-shape
ρ_{track}	Track
NIS	Track
τ	Pulse-shape
t_{slot}^{start}	Track
Δt_{slot}	Track
$t_{start}^{pulse} - t_{slot}^{start}$	Both
χ_{peak}^2	Pulse-shape
σ_{Long}	Track
μ_{peak}	Pulse-shape
τ/E_{ioni}	Pulse-shape
L_C	Track
$V(\Delta X \Delta Y)$	Track
E_{ioni}	Pulse-shape
$\sigma_{Trans}^{(1)} - \sigma_{Trans}^{(2)}$	Track

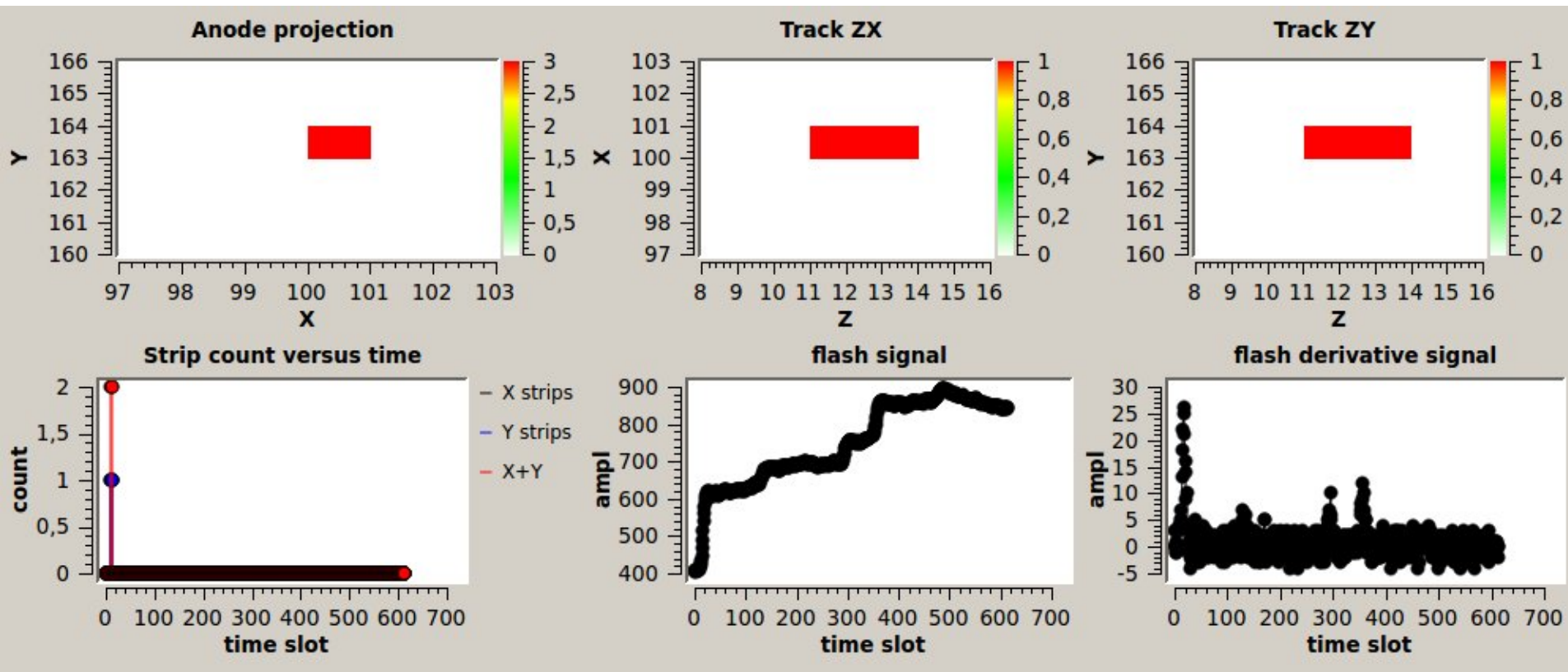
ρ_{track} [Arb.]



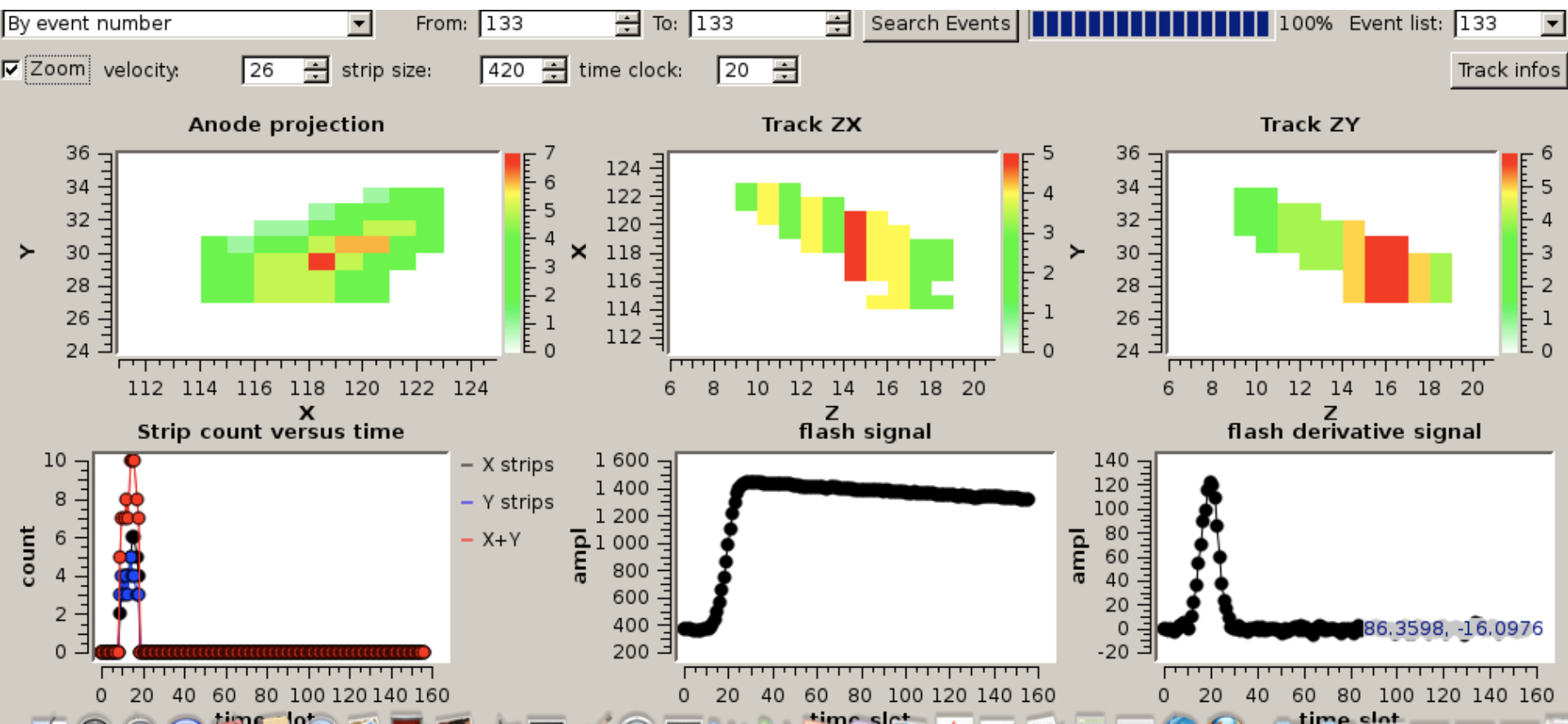
L_C [mm]



An Electron event (18 keV)



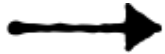
A “recoil event” (~ 34 keVee)



Radon Progeny

^{222}Rn chain:

- 4 β -decays



Electron event (background)

- 4 α -decays



-particle emission:

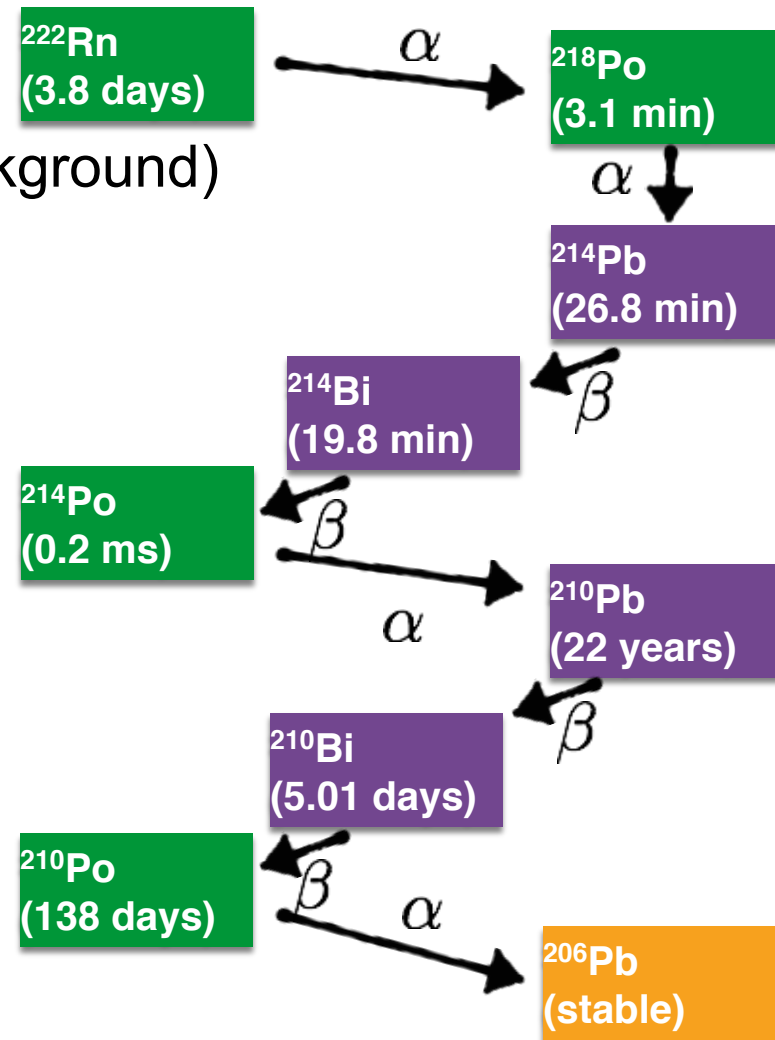
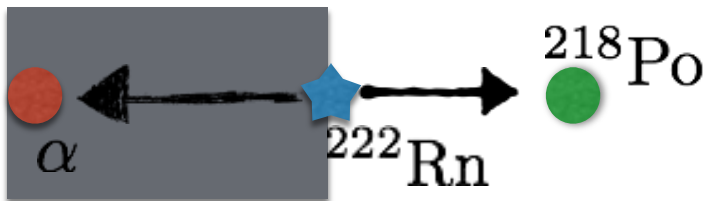
$E_\alpha \sim 5 \text{ MeV} \longrightarrow$ Saturation

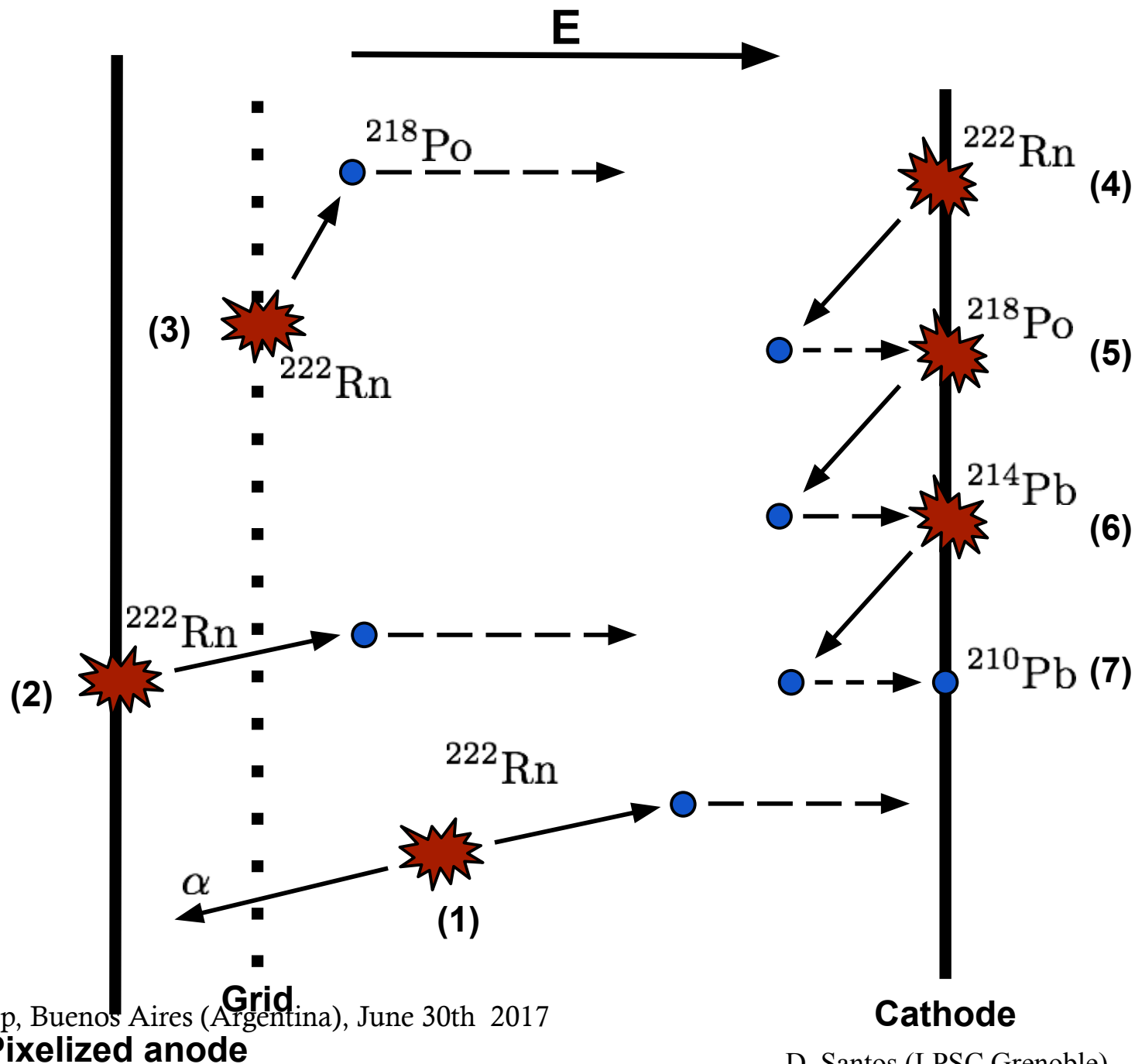


Daughter nucleus recoil
(surface event):

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

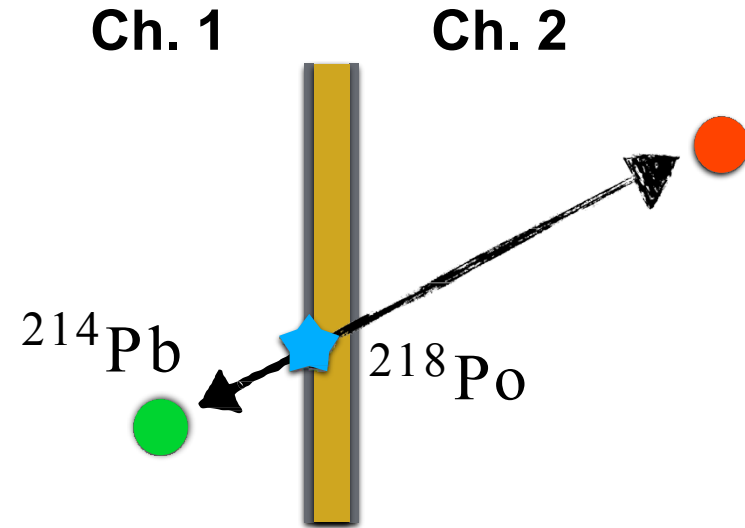
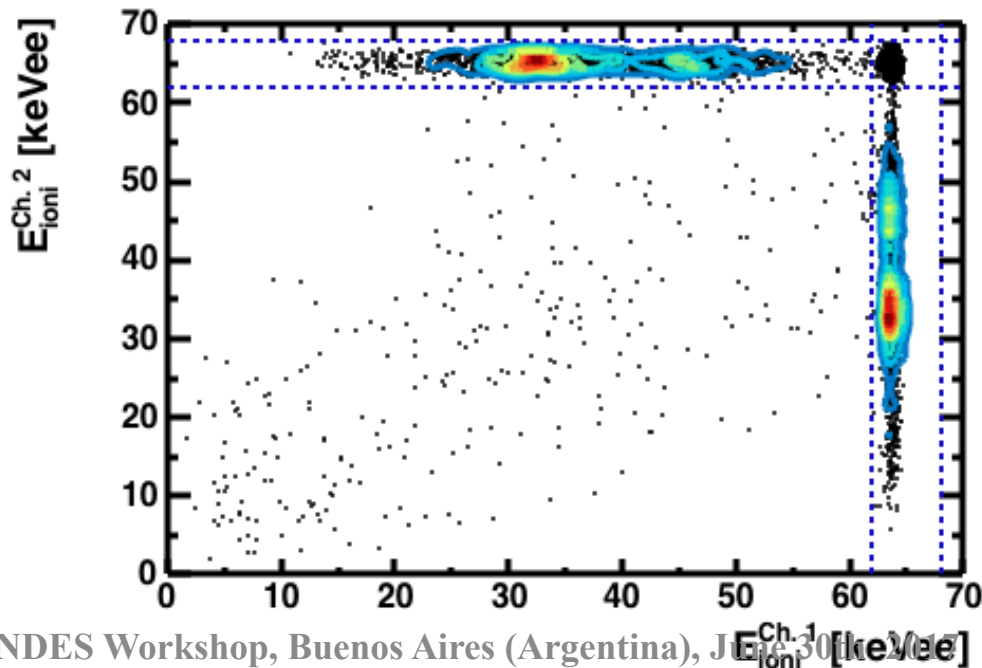
Simulation (SRIM)





RPR: « In coincidence » events

Chamber coincidences:



3D tracks from nuclear recoil
of radon progeny detection

First detection of 3D tracks of Rn progeny

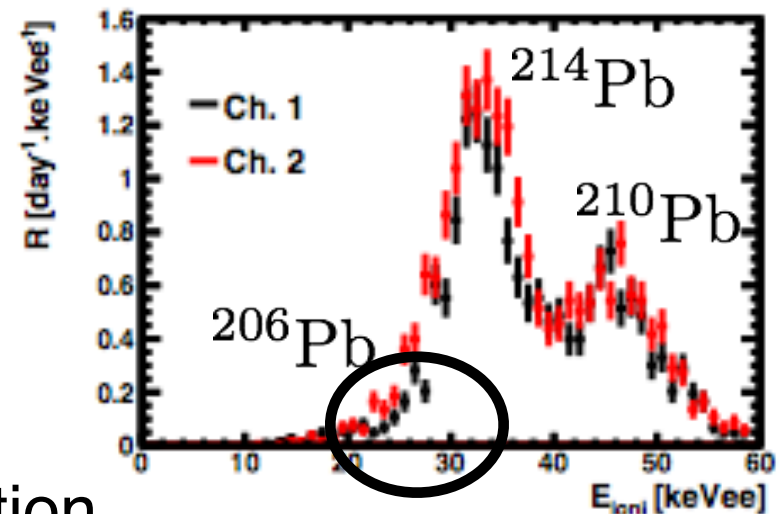
Electron/recoil discrimination

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

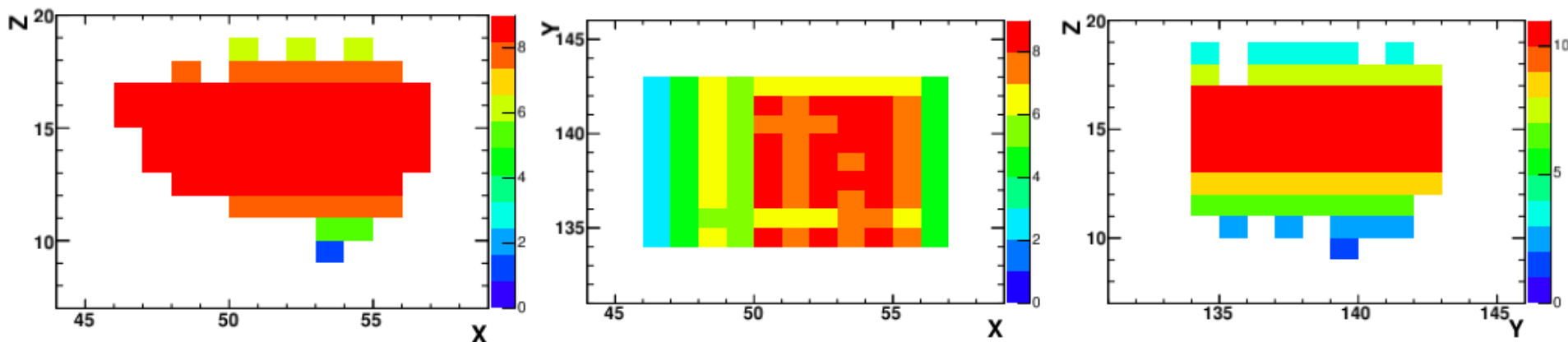
First measurement of 3D nuclear-recoil tracks coming from radon progeny

→ MIMAC detection strategy validation

Nuclear recoil spectra



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

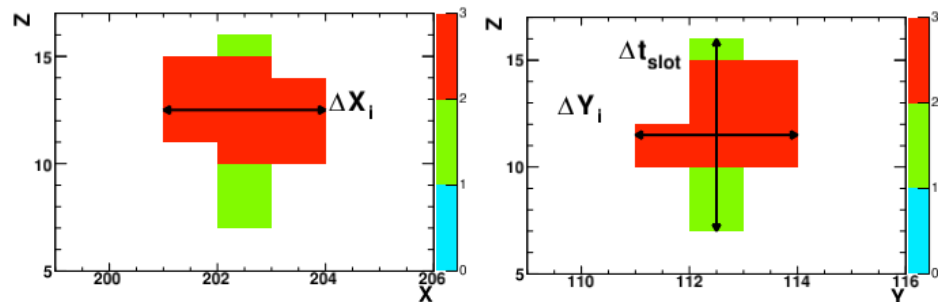


RPR events occur at different positions in the detector...

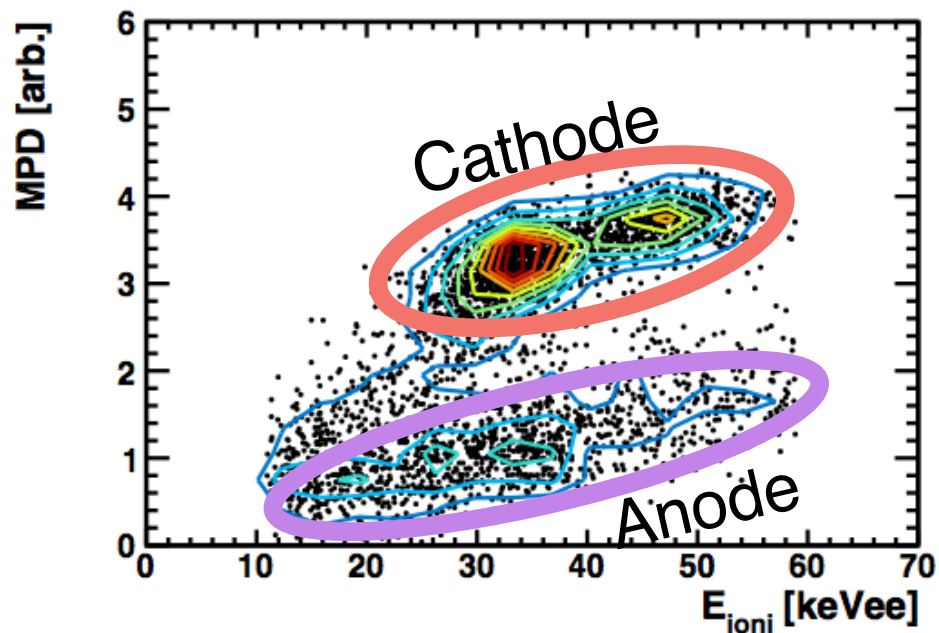
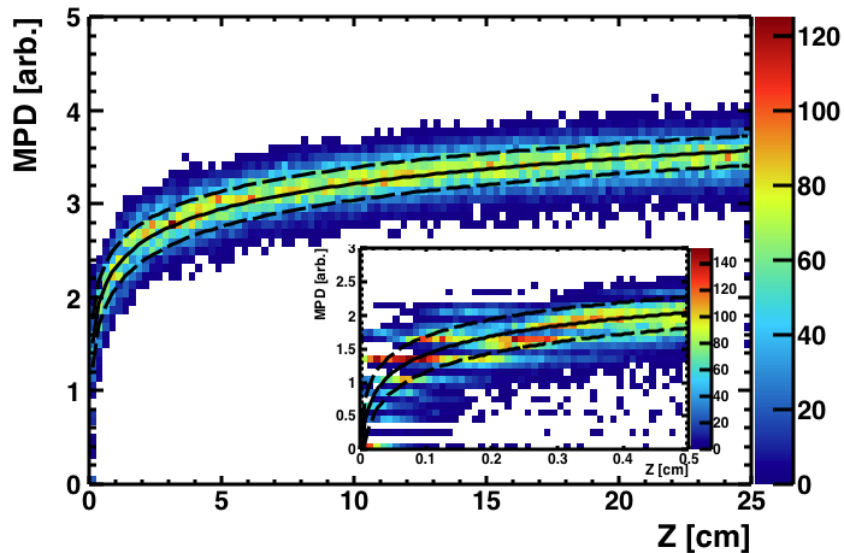
$z_0 \longleftrightarrow$ Diffusion

$$\begin{cases} D_T = 237.9 \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{\text{cm}} \\ D_L = 271.5 \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{\text{cm}} \end{cases}$$

« Anode » event



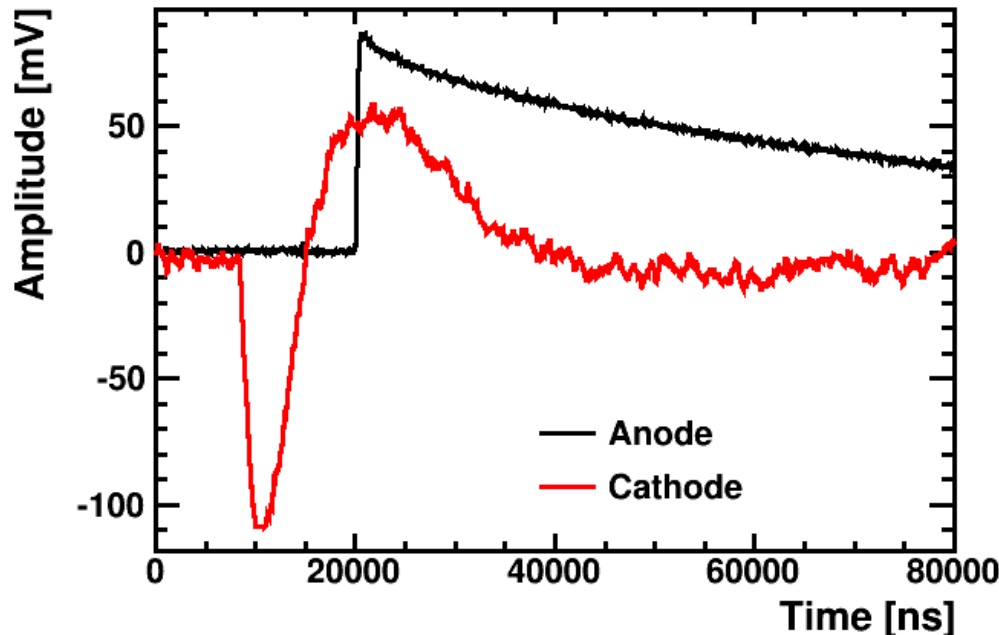
Mean Projected Diffusion: $\overline{D} = \ln (\overline{\Delta X} \times \overline{\Delta Y})$



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)

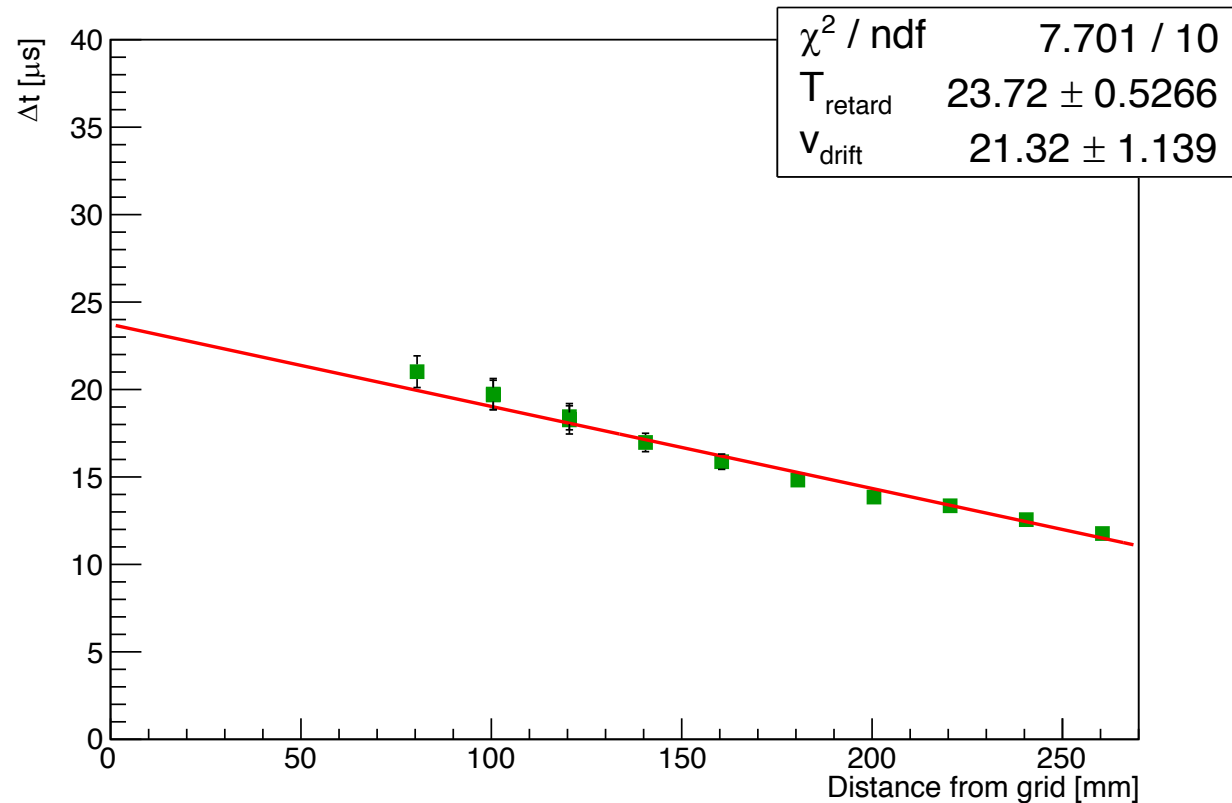
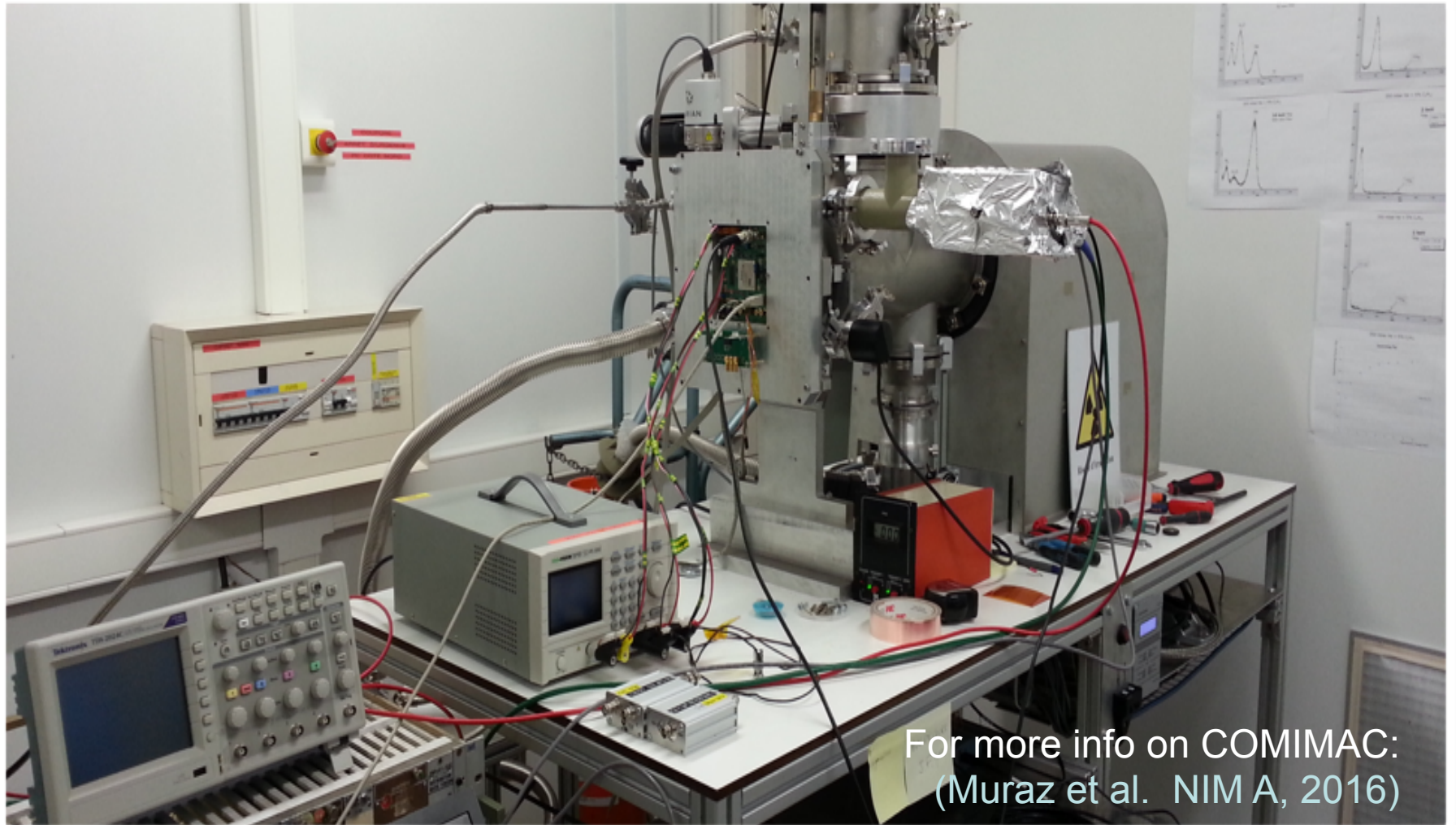


Figure 4. Measure of the time differences (TAC) between the grid signal and the delayed cathode signal in the “START Grid” configuration, as a function of the distance of the α source from the anode (green points) ; error bars correspond to the standard deviation of the mean. A linear fit of these points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

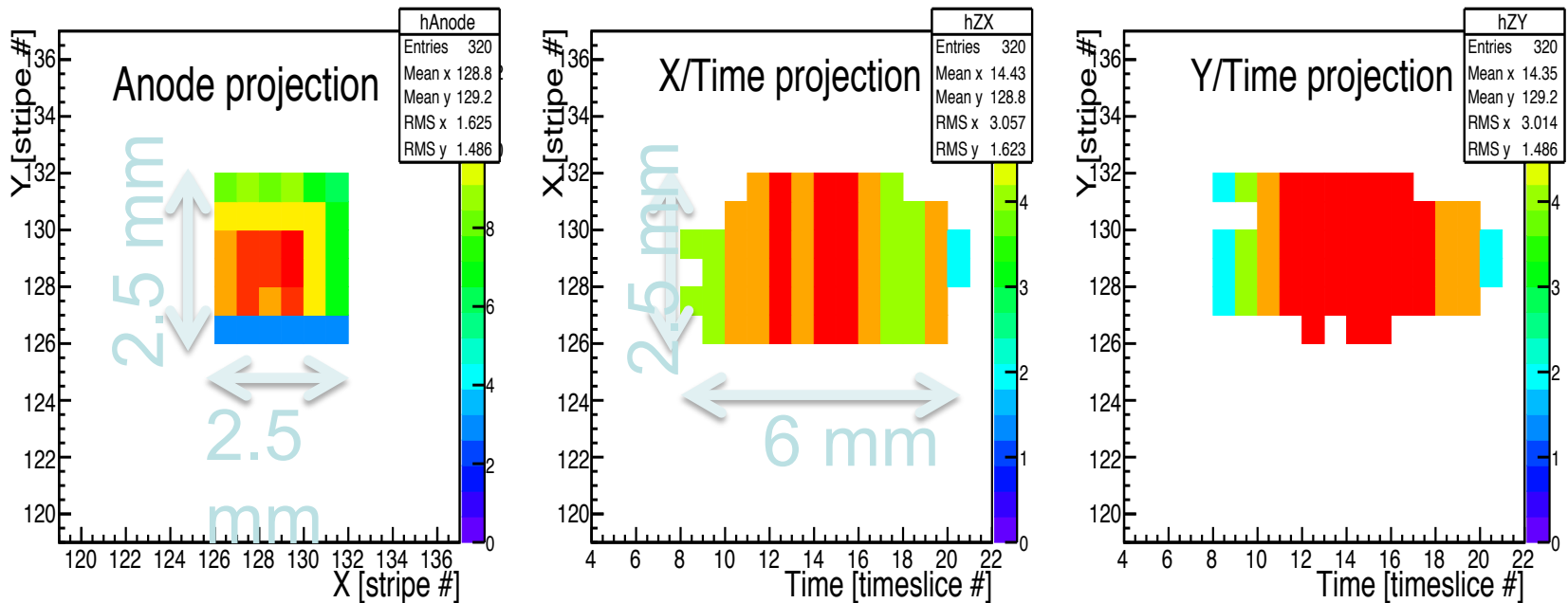
First controlled Fluorine tracks, using COMIMAC



For more info on COMIMAC:
(Muraz et al. NIM A, 2016)

COMIMAC: first measurements on controlled tracks of Fluorine

25 keV (kinetic) Fluorine $\rightarrow$ ~ 9 keVee

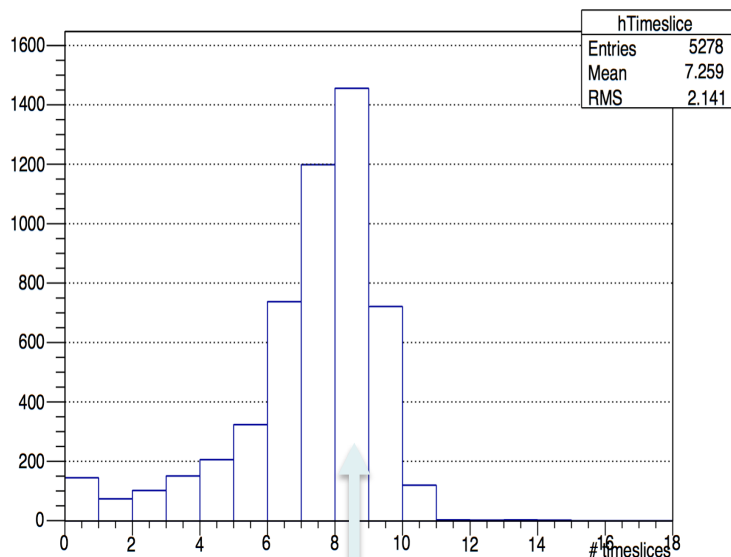


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COMIMAC: first controlled tracks of ^{19}F

8 keV kinetic $\rightarrow$ 2 keVee

25 keV kinetic $\rightarrow$ 9 keVee

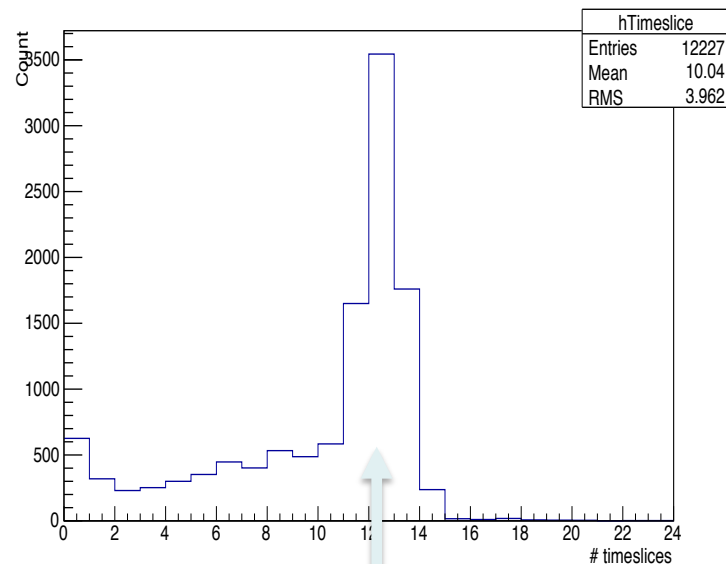


8 timeslices

* 20 ns/timeslices

* 23.5 $\mu\text{m}/\text{ns}$

= 3.8 mm



12 timeslices

* 20 ns/timeslice

* 23.5 $\mu\text{m}/\text{ns}$

= 5.8 mm

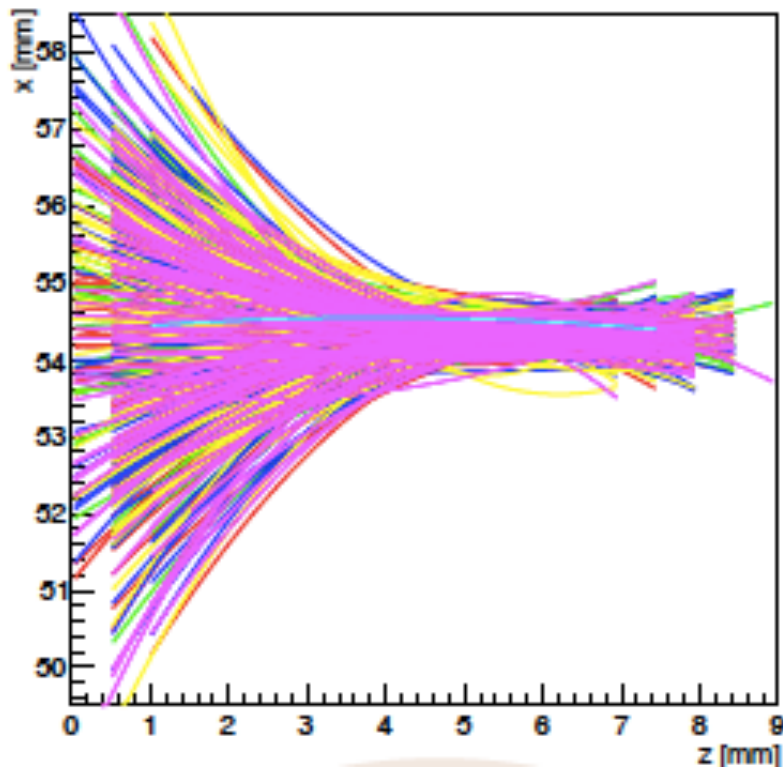
C. Couturier, I. Moric, Y. Tao et al. (in preparation)

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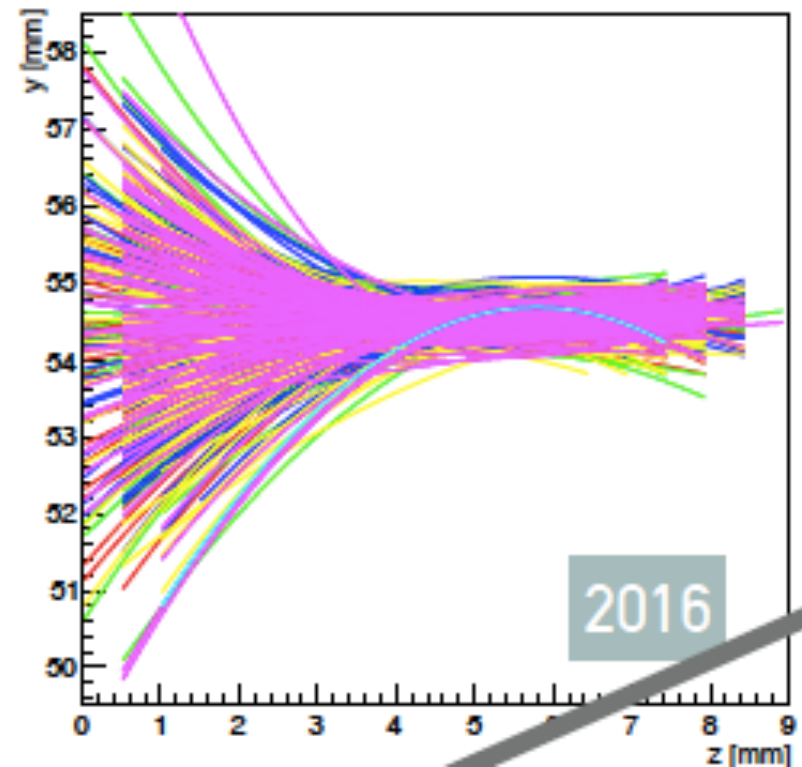
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3D ^{19}F tracks reconstruction from COMIMAC measurements (Yi Tao et al. preliminary (2017))

Pol2-fit curves ZX

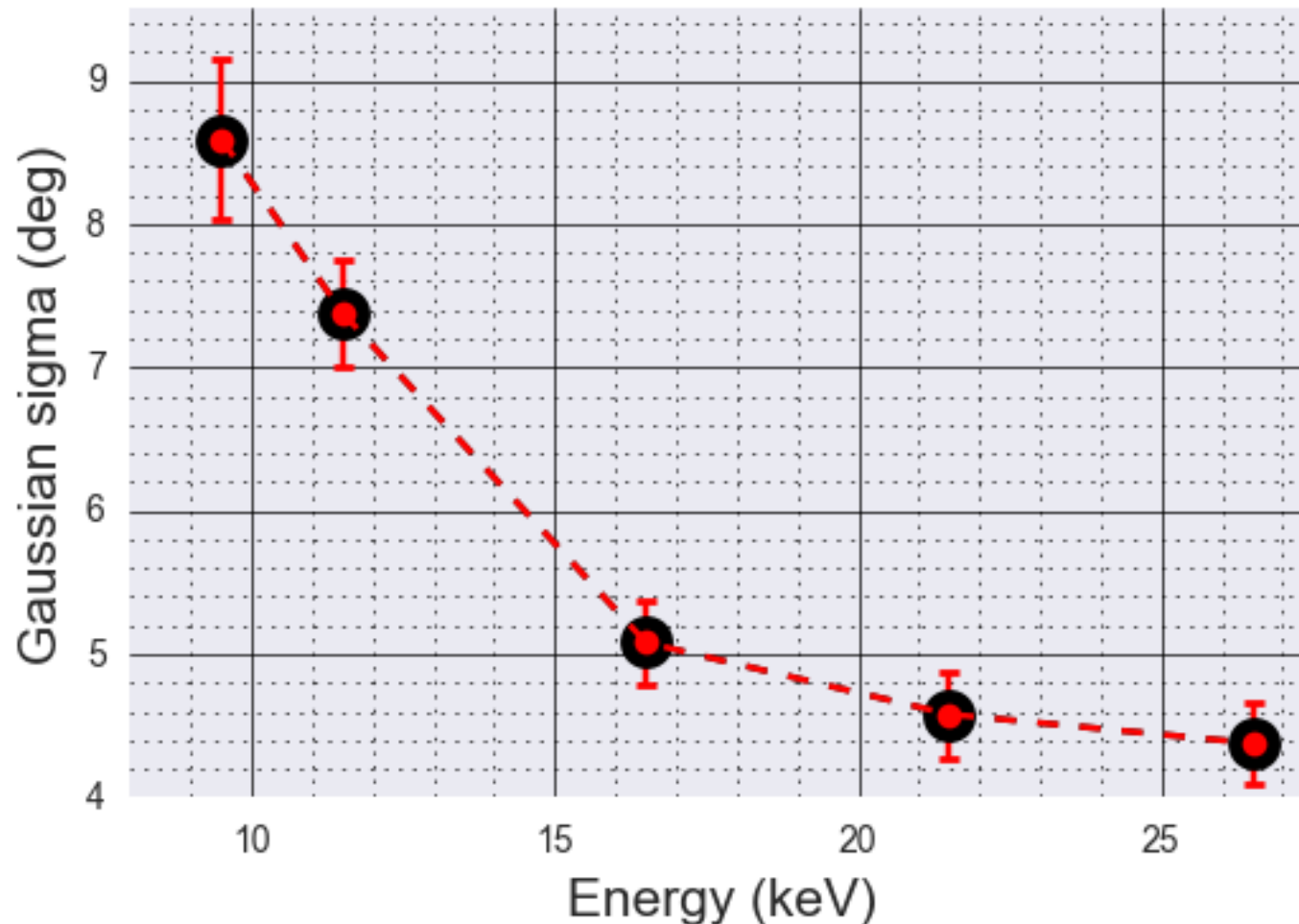


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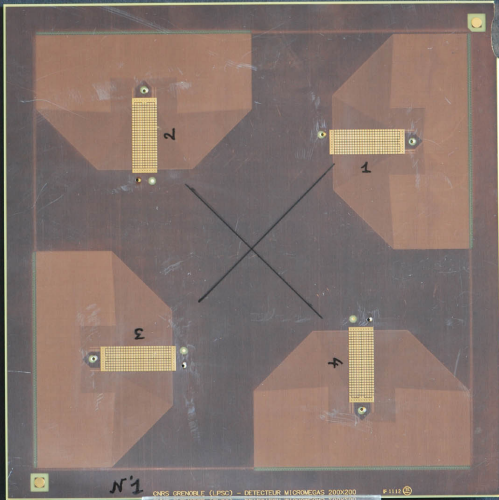
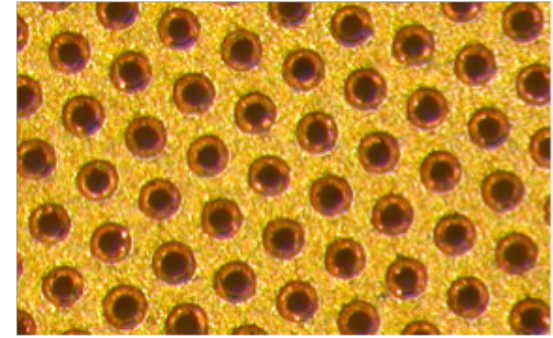
Angular resolution measured with COMIMAC (^{19}F ions at known kinetic energies)

(I. Moric, Y. Tao, C. Couturier et al. (2016 data, preliminary))



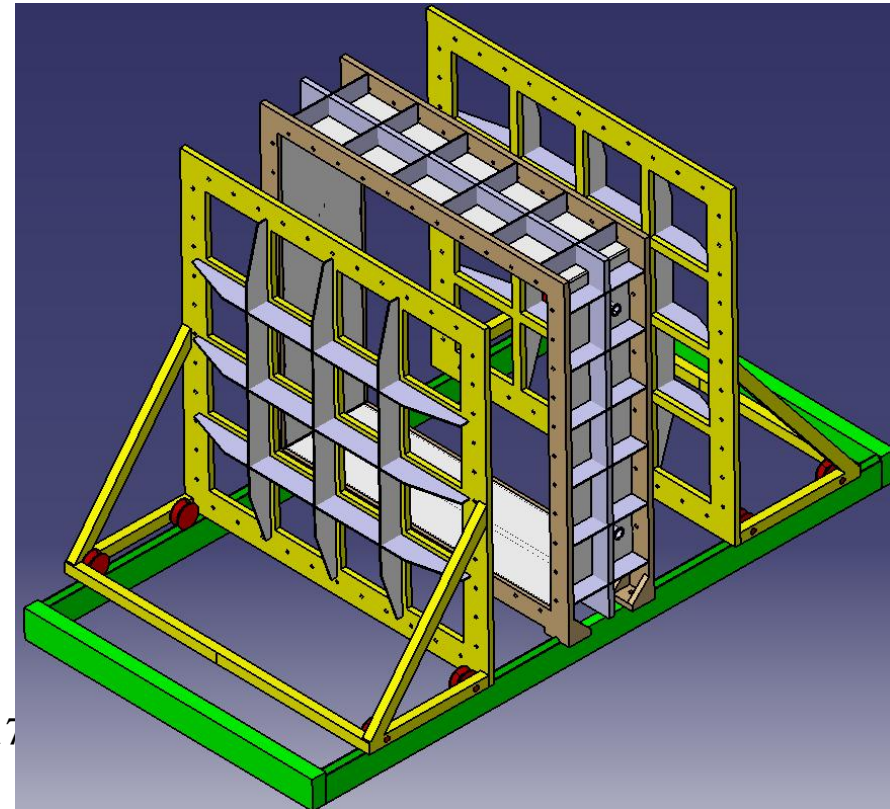
MIMAC – $1\text{m}^3 = 16 \text{ bi-chamber modules } (2 \times 35 \times 35 \times 26 \text{ cm}^3)$

- i) New technology anode $35\text{cm} \times 35\text{cm}$
- ii) Stretched thin ($12 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$) grid at $512\text{ }\mu\text{m}$.
- iii) New electronic board (1920 channels)
- iv) Only one big chamber

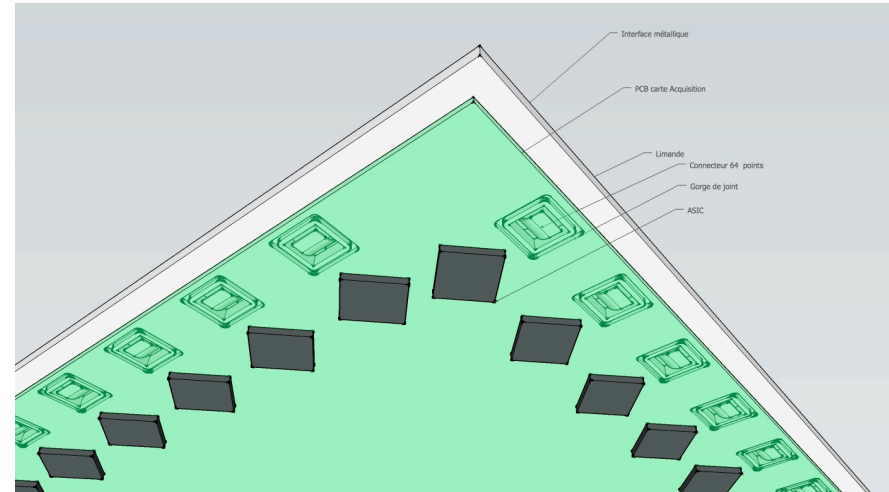
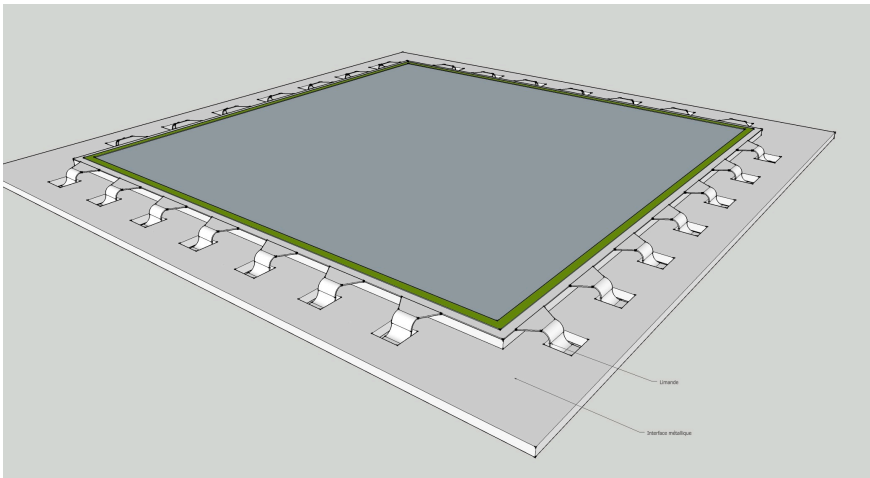


New $20\text{cm} \times 20\text{cm}$ pixellized anode
(1024 channels)

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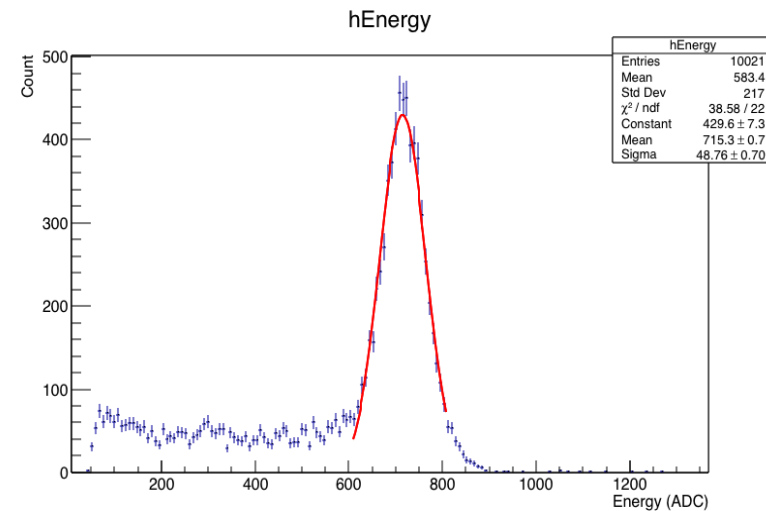
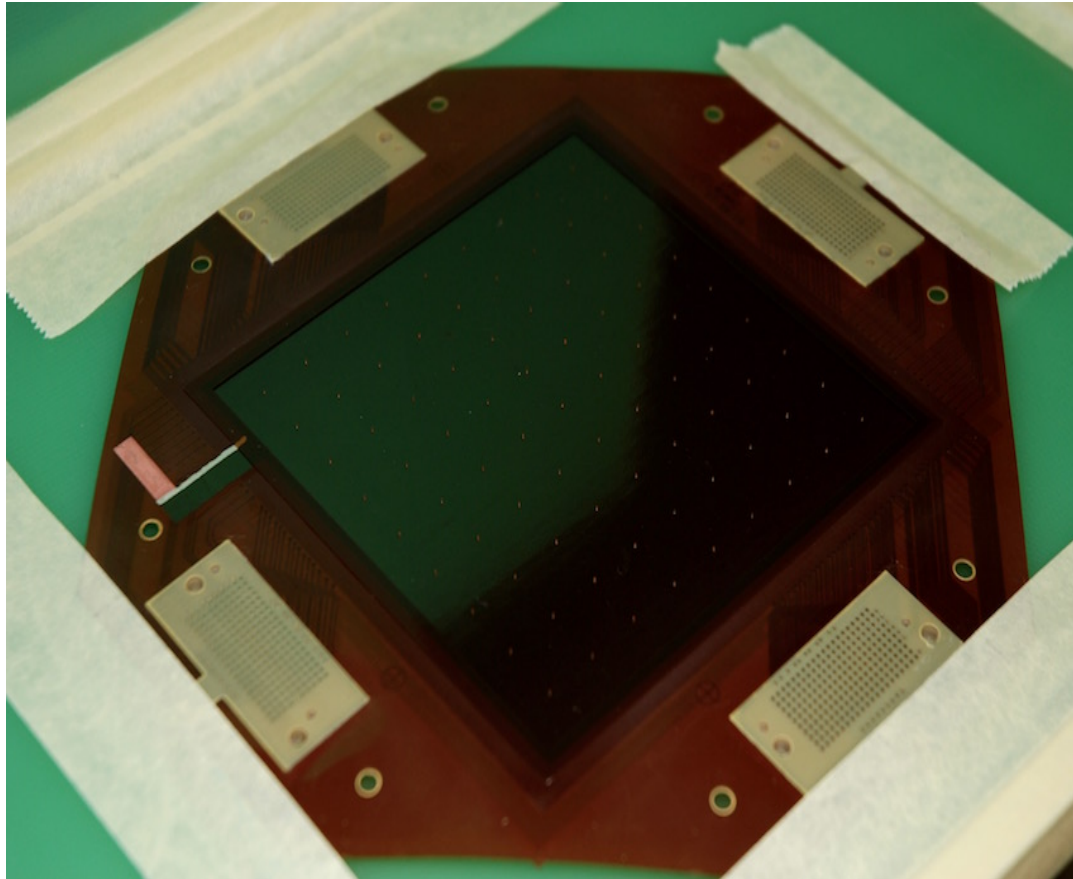
New 35 x 35 cm² low background detector design (1920 channels) (O. Guillaudin et al. 2016)



Left: Top view of the new detector design using kapton and plexiglass instead of PCB.

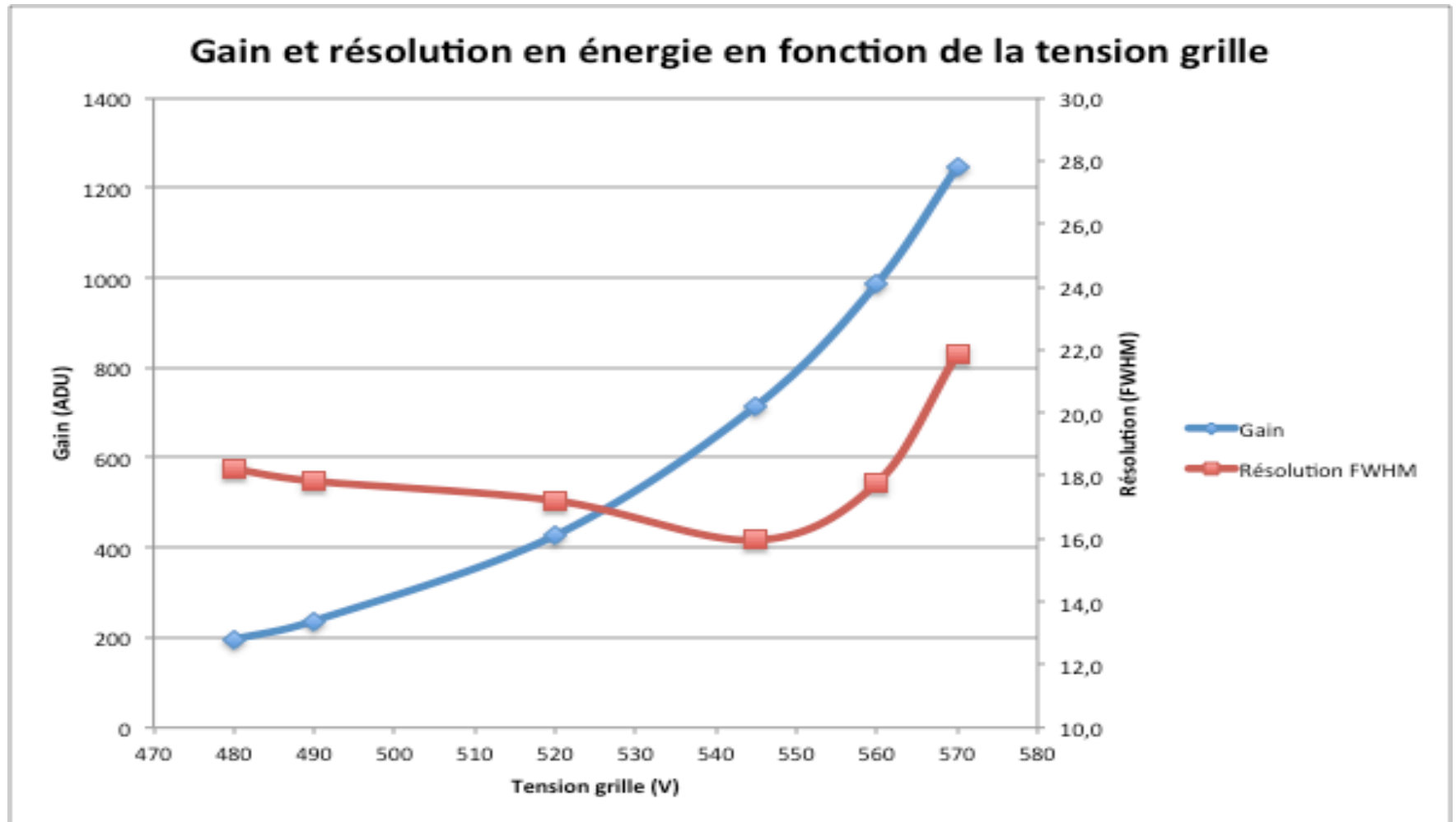
Right: Bottom view, showing the ASICs distribution to minimize the length of the connections.

New low background MIMAC detector (10cmx10cm, 512 channels)(1/2017) (O.Guillaudin et al. (2016))

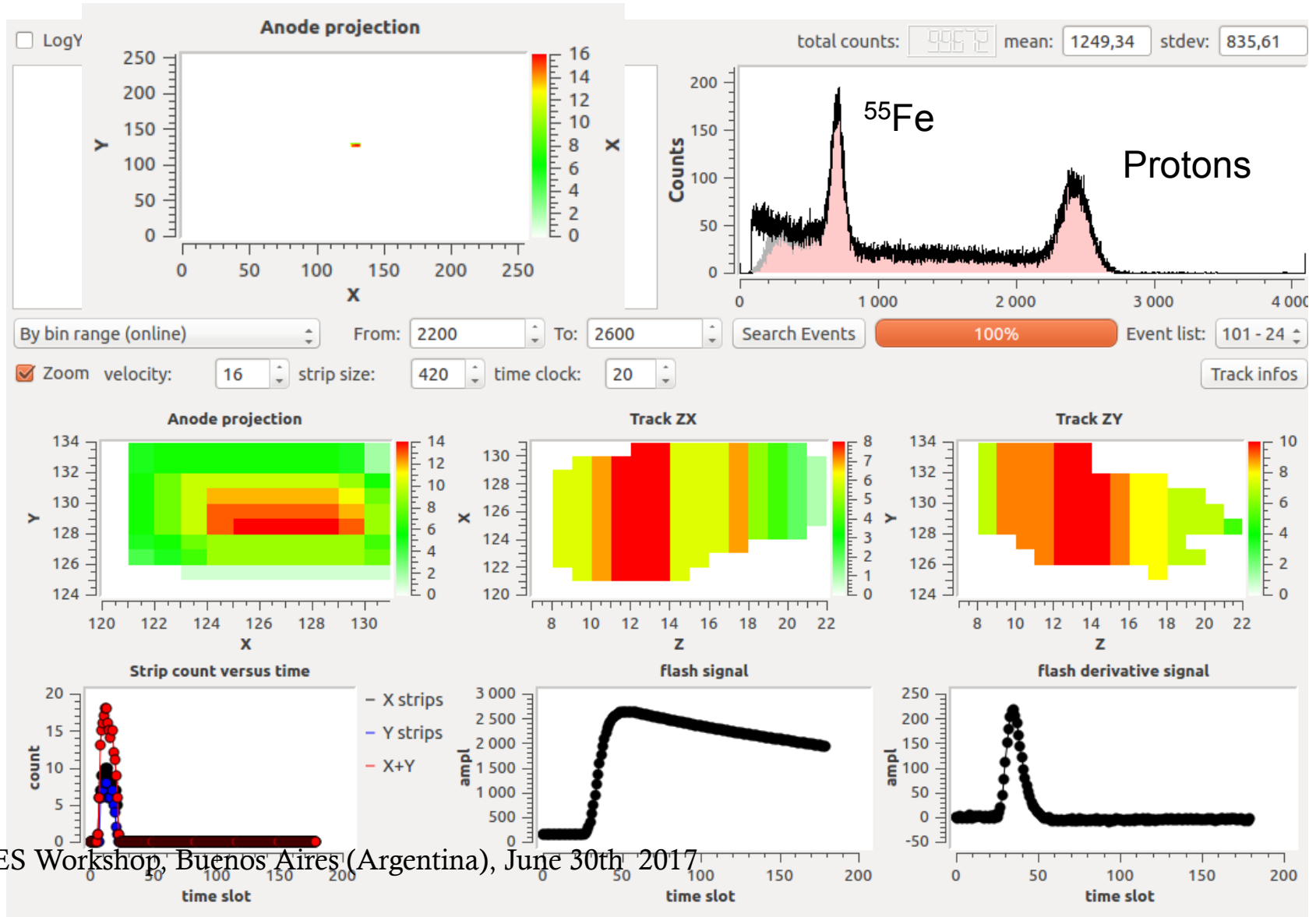


^{55}F source,
16 % of resolution !!

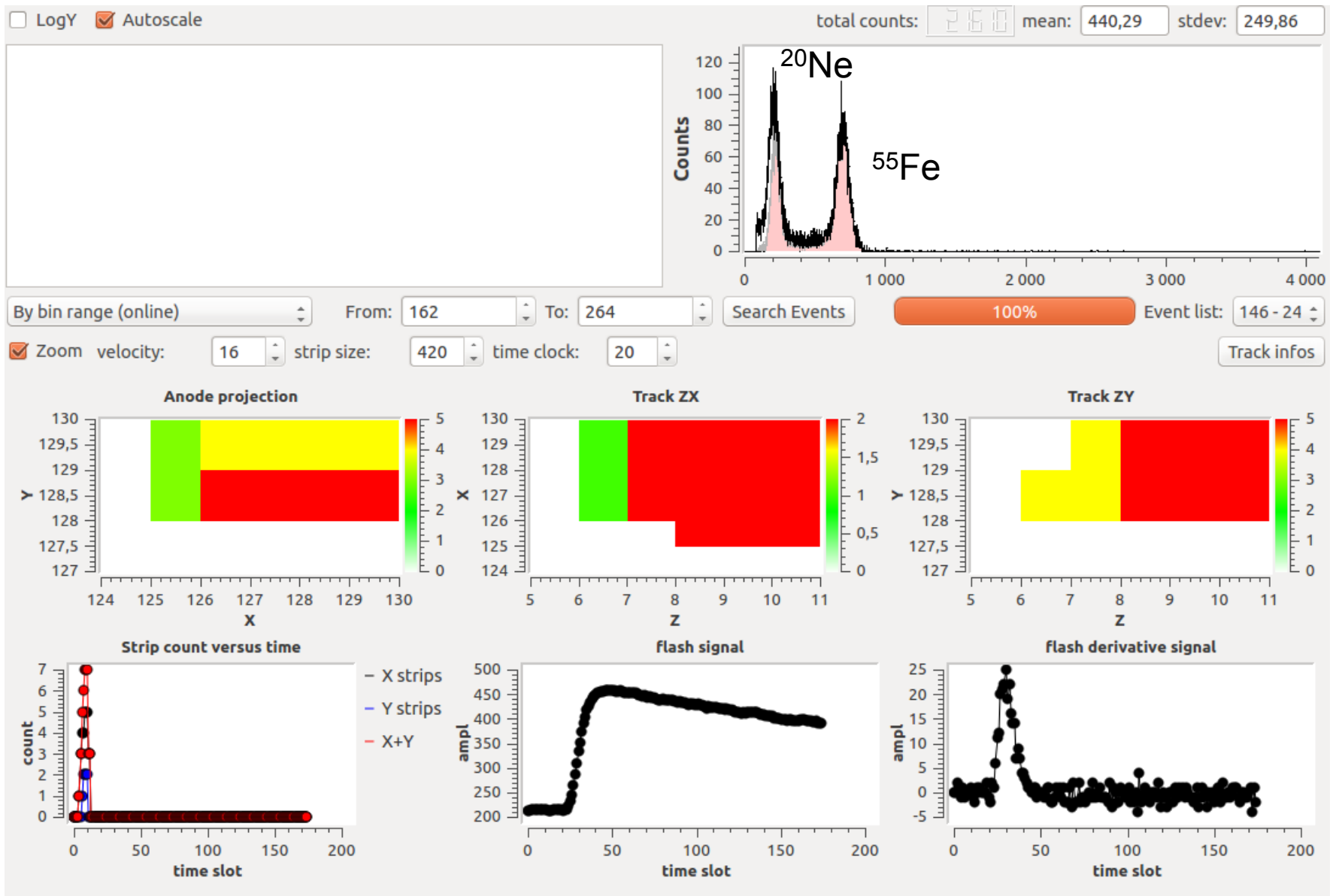
Gain and resolution as a function of grid voltage



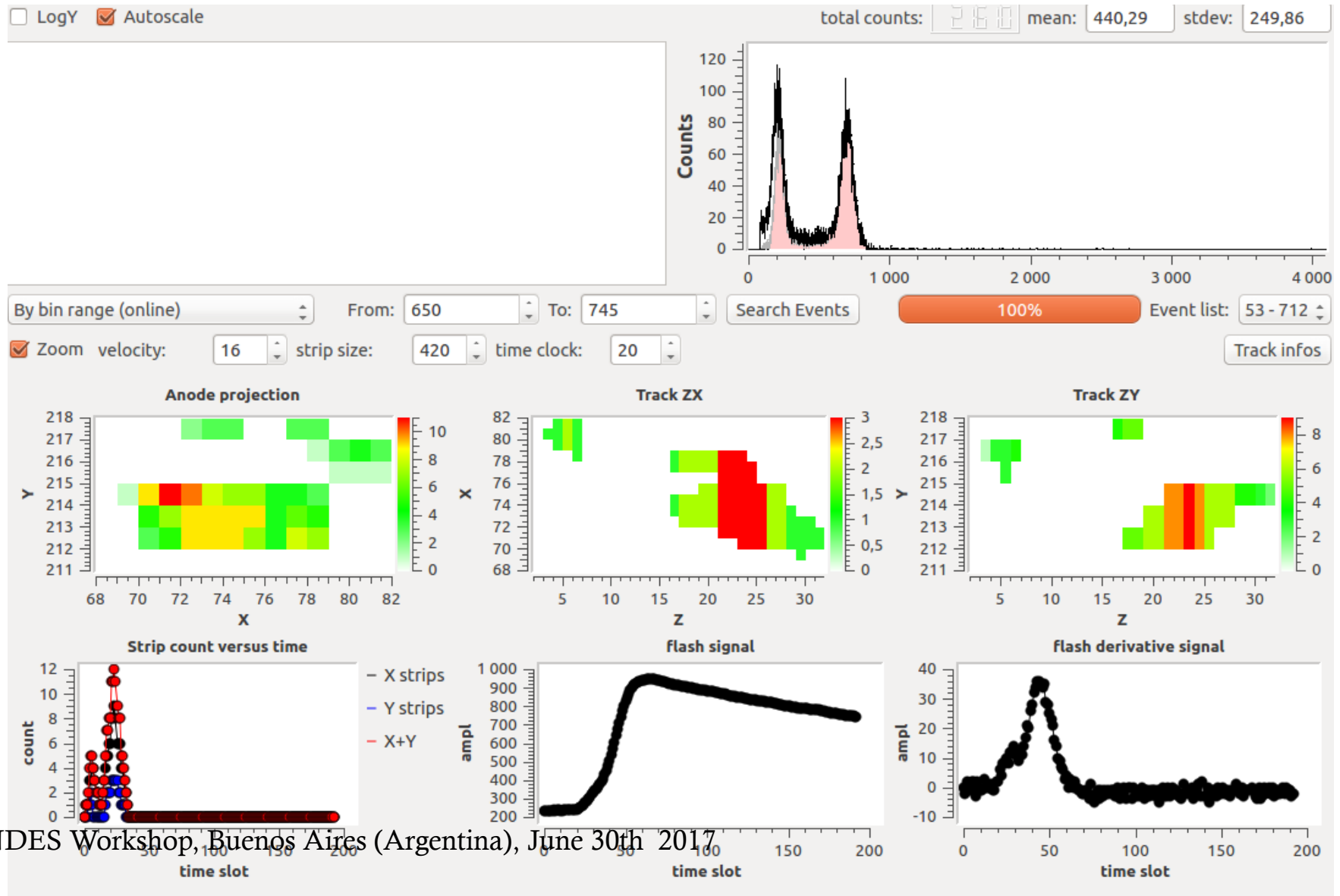
Proton ($E_{\text{kin}} = 25 \text{ keV}$) in MIMAC gas with the new low-background detector (05/2017)



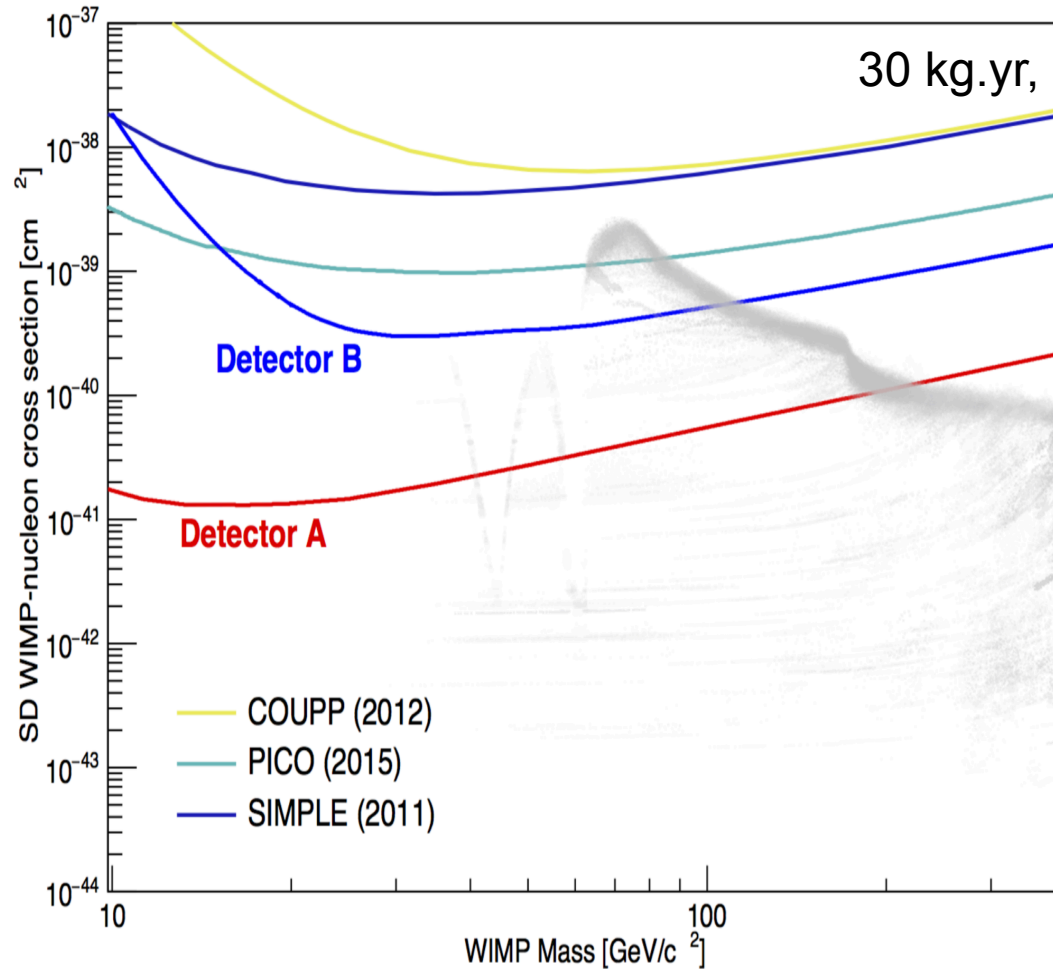
^{20}Ne ($E_{\text{kin}} = 7.3 \text{ keV} !!$)



An Electron event (5.9 keV) with the new MIMAC low-background detector (05/2017)



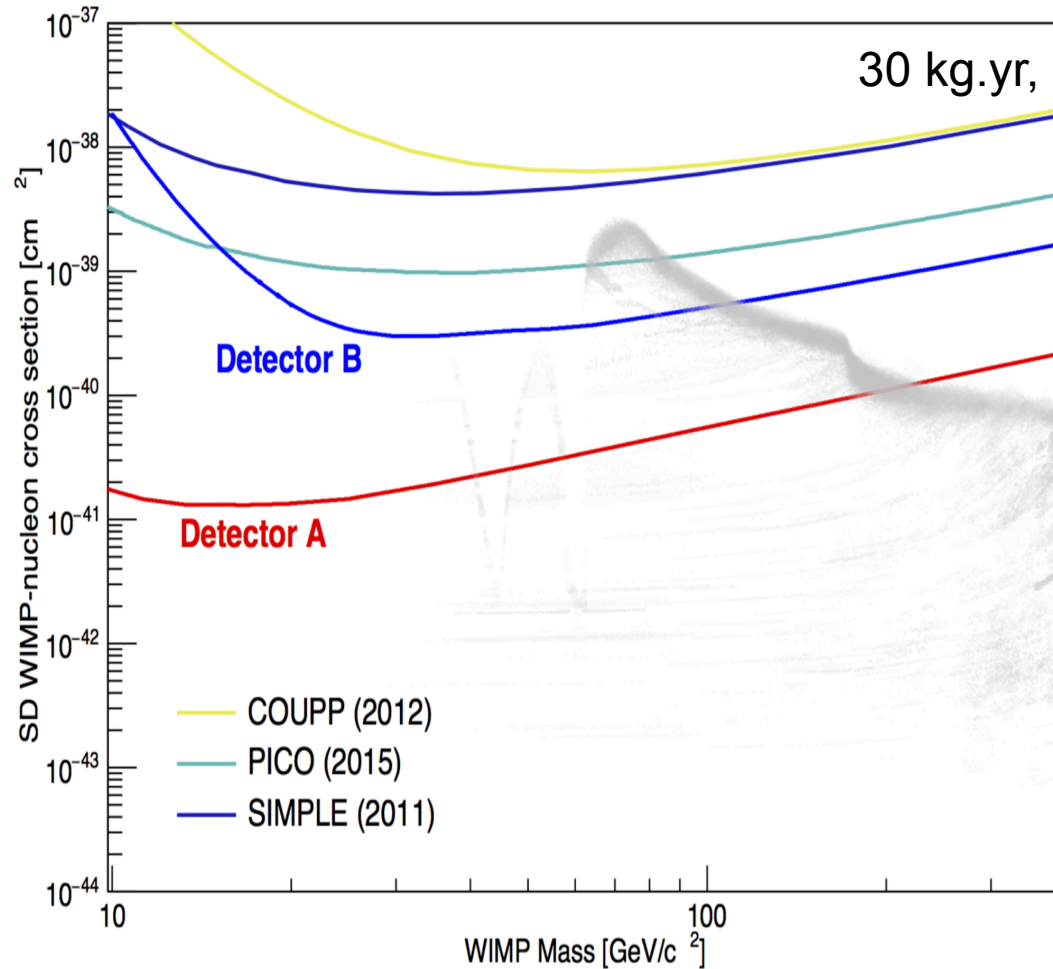
Exclusion limits



A: 5 keV (threshold)
no background
3D track with head-tail
angular resolution 20°

B: 20 keV
background = 10 evt/kg yr
angular resolution 50°
3D with no head-tail

Exclusion limits

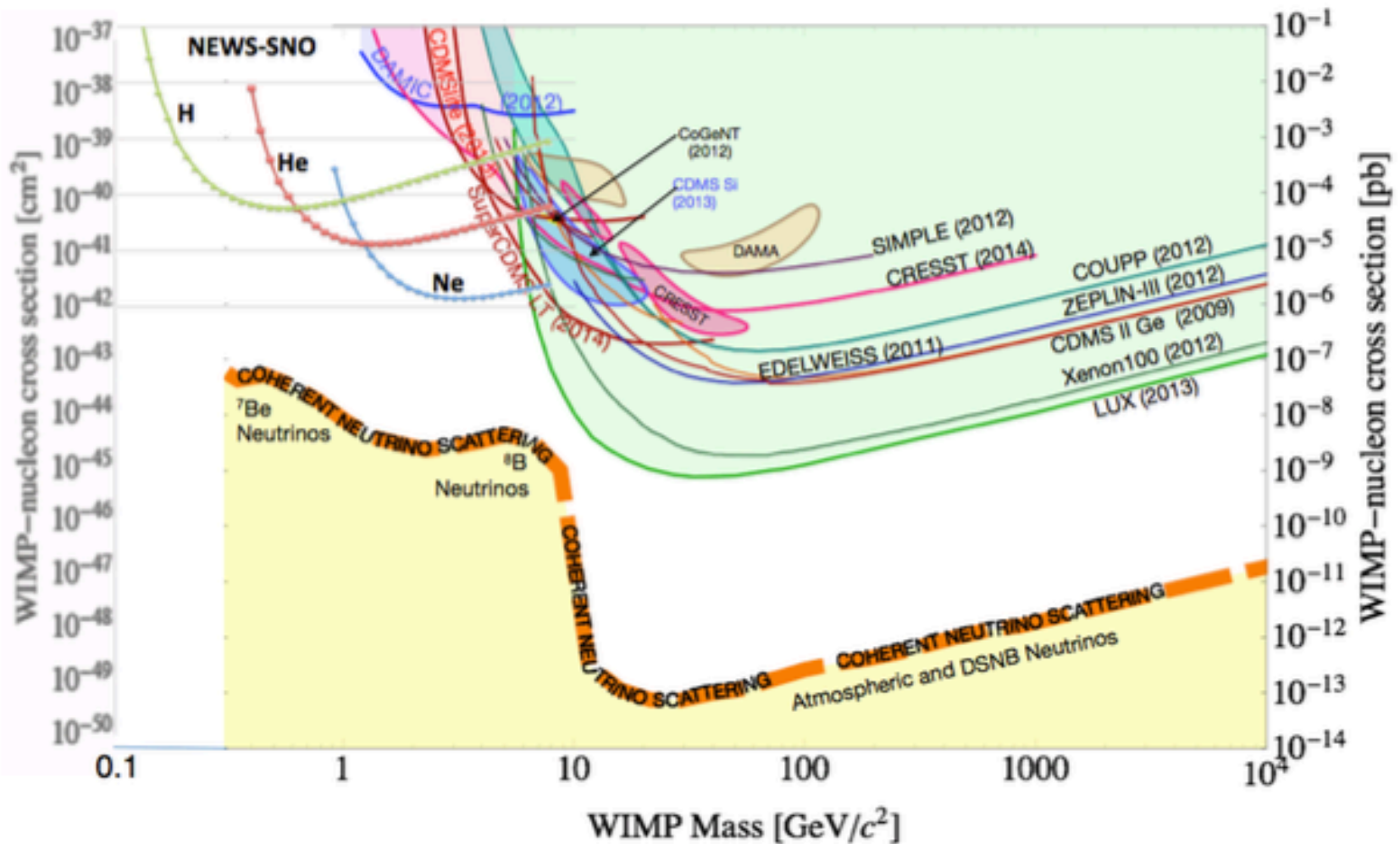


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WIMP Light Mass window

MIMAC- NEWS complementarity



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.
- MIMAC bi-chamber module has been installed at Modane Underground Laboratory in June 2012. An upgraded versions in June 2013 and June 2014 and it shows an excellent gain stability.
- For the first time the 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 are now possible with COMIMAC.
- **The 1 m³ will be the validation of a new generation of a large DM high definition DIRECTIONAL detector (a needed signature for DM discovery)**
- **The ANDES laboratory could be an important partner in this challenge**

MIMAC (Micro-tpc MAtrix of Chambers)

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- Electronics : **G. Bosson, J. Bouvier, J.L. Bouly,
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- Data Acquisition: **T. Descombes**

- Mechanical Structure : **J. Giraud**

- COMIMAC (quenching) : **J-F. Muraz**

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Tsinghua University (Beijing-China): C. Tao, I. Moric (post-doc), Y. Tao (Ph.D)

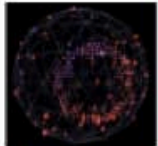
XAO (Xinjiang-China): Chung-Lin Shan

Neutron facility (AMANDE) :

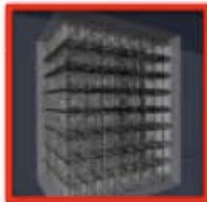
IRSN (Cadarache): V. Lacoste, B. Tampon (Ph. D.)

How big is a 1 tonne directional detector?

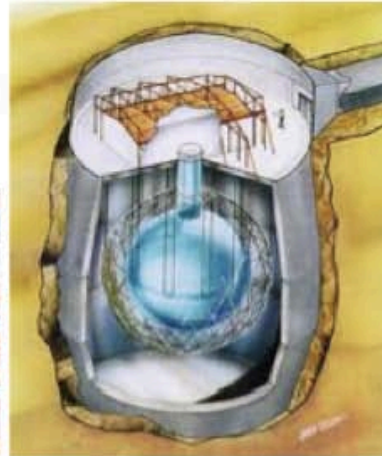
14 m x 14 m x 14 m
directional dark matter
detector



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]

Some important and common points concerning Directional Dark Matter and Coherent Neutrino Scattering Detection

Low energy recoils detection requires:

- Low energy thresholds (sub-keV) incompatible with very long strips !!
- Ionization quenching factors very well measured and controlled.
- Excellent ($\sim 10^5$) electron-recoil discrimination.

In addition, the directionality requires:

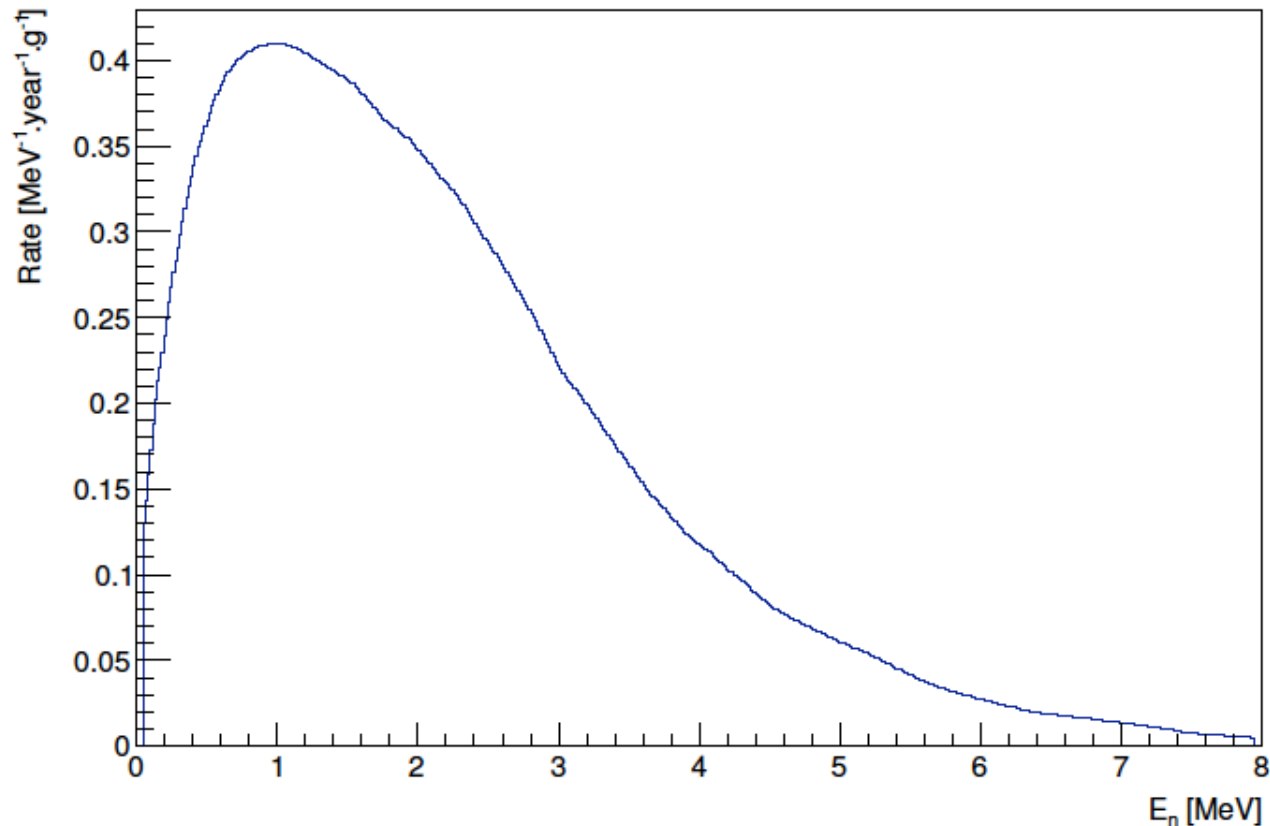
- 3D tracks description (event by event)
- Angular distribution acceptance (there are many angles to detect)
- Good angular resolution

What we can call a High Definition (HD) detector

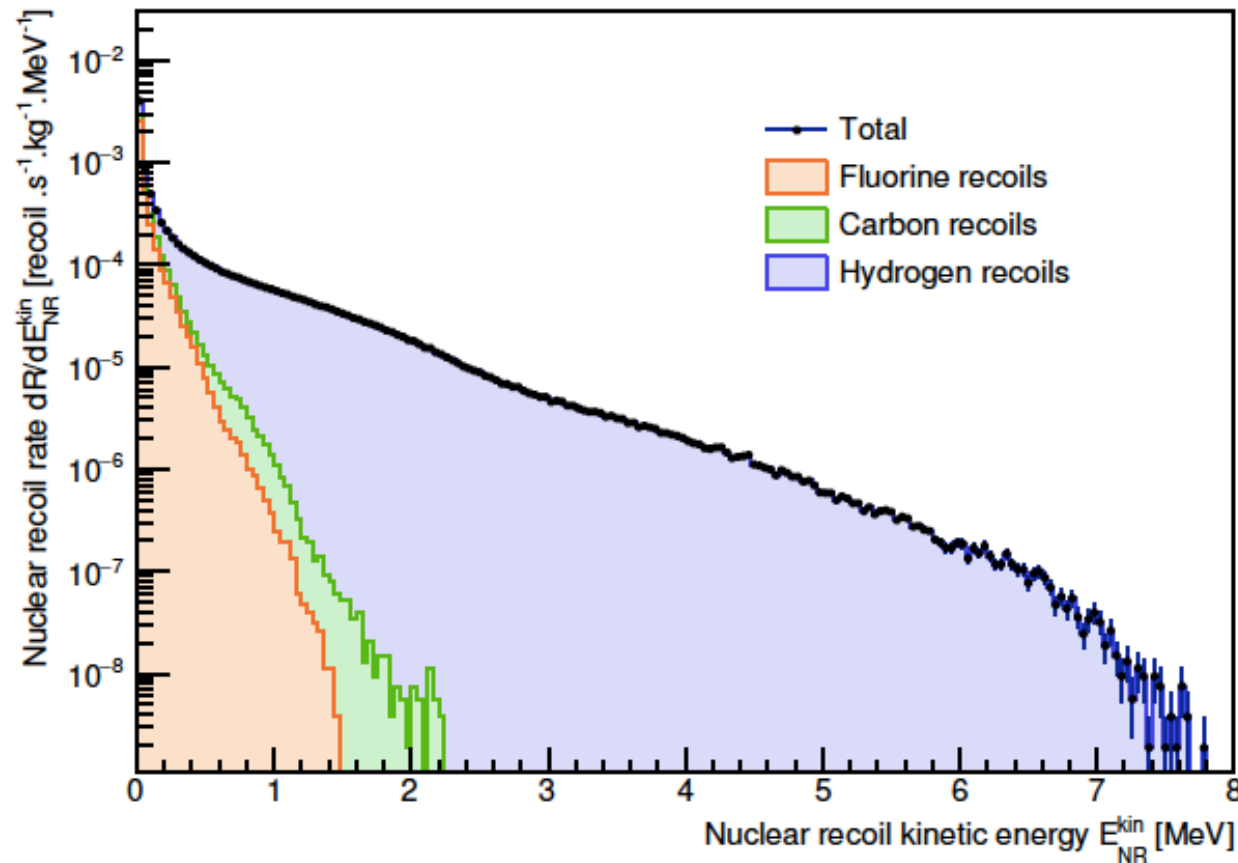
Neutron spectrum from the rock at Modane laboratory (SOURCES simulation)

77% (α ,n)

23% spontaneous fissions (^{238}U (0.84 ppm, ^{232}Th (2.45 ppm))

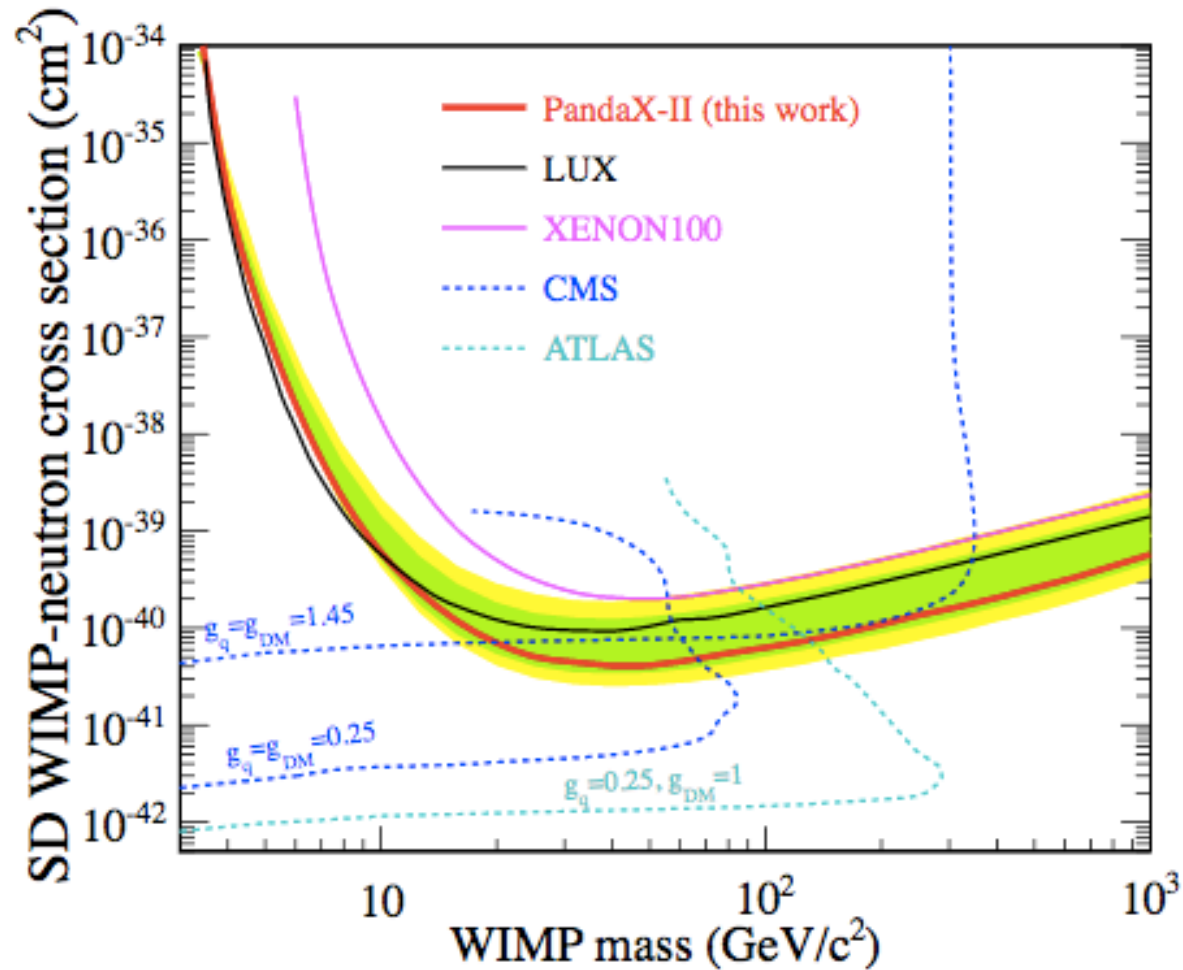


Nuclear recoils energy distribution in MIMAC (without any shielding) produced by neutrons coming from the LSM (Modane) rock cavern (Q. Riffard , Ph.D thesis (2015))

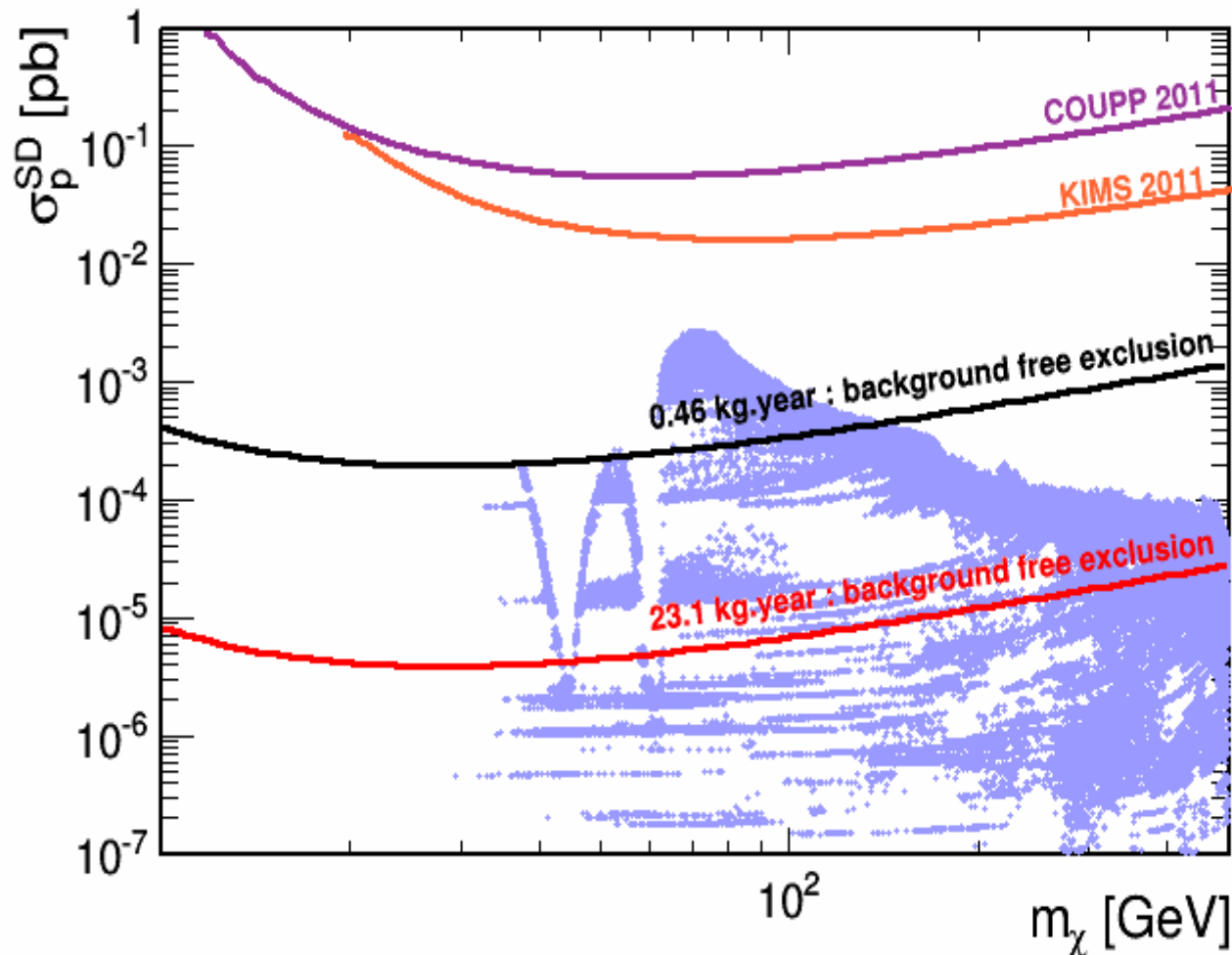


Direct Detection without directionality: PandaX-II compared with LUX and Xenon...

arXiv:1611.06553.pdf

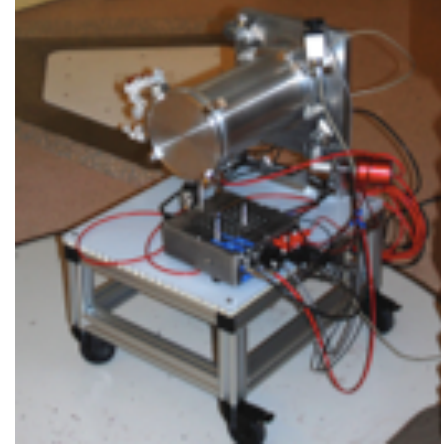


Exclusion curves for MIMAC (1 and 50 m³)

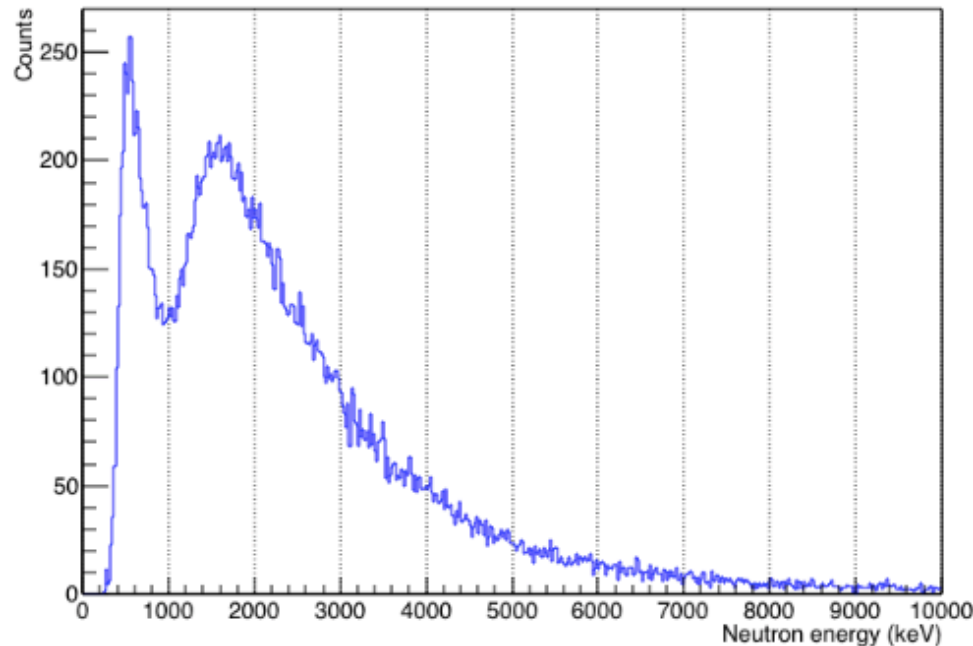


Fast neutron detection from a ^{252}Cf source ! measured with MIMAC-FastN

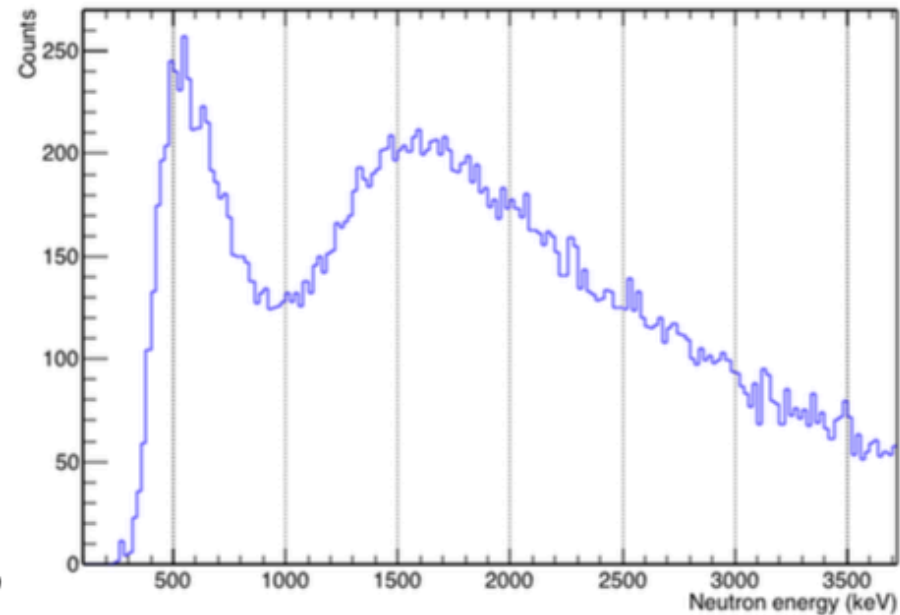
(N. Sauzet et al. (2017))



Neutron Energy normalized to reaction cross-section



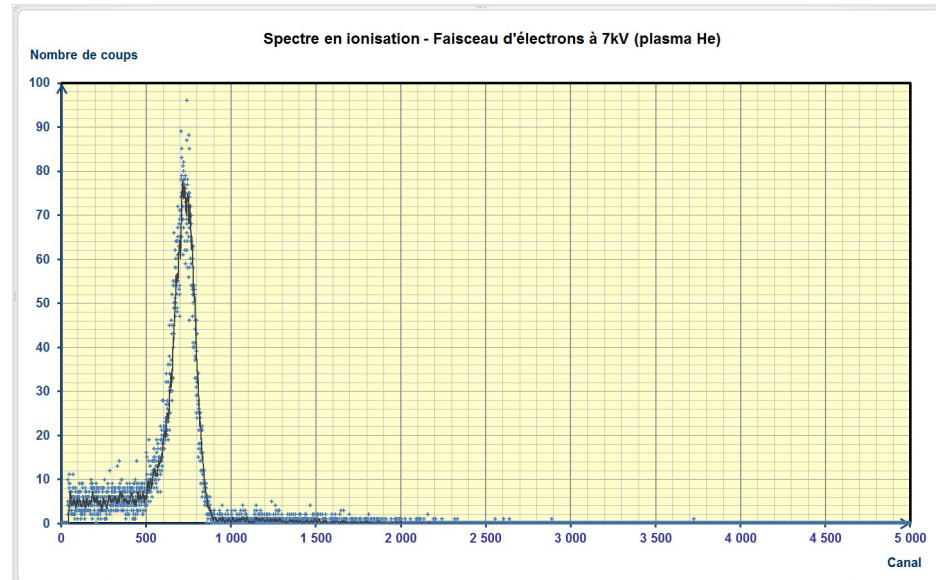
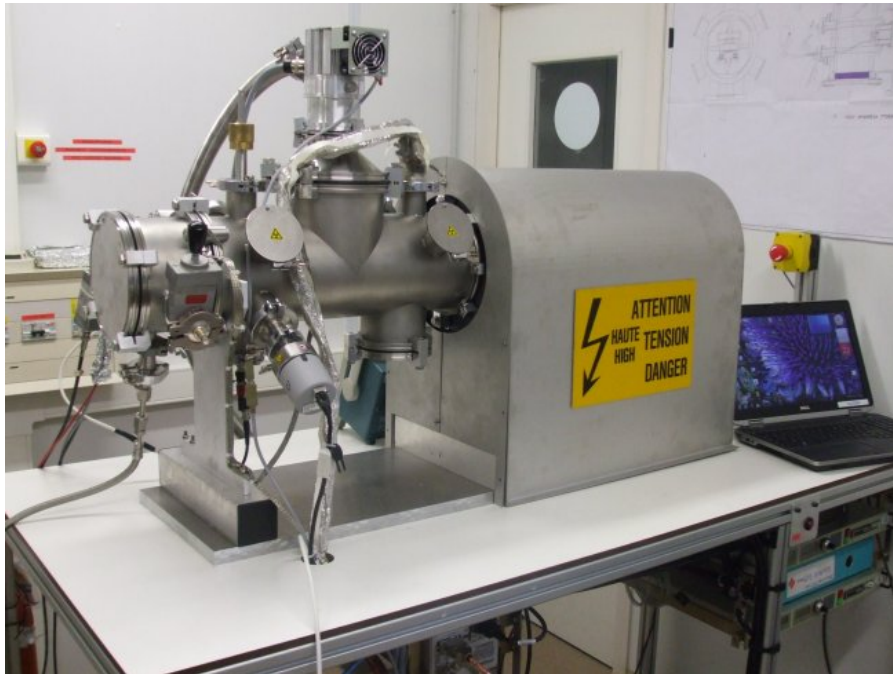
Neutron Energy normalized to reaction cross-section



(the first peak are probably beta delayed neutrons from fission fragments not taken into account in any MC calculation)

Portable Quenching Facility (COMIMAC)

(Electrons and Nuclei of known energies)



Electrons of 7 keV

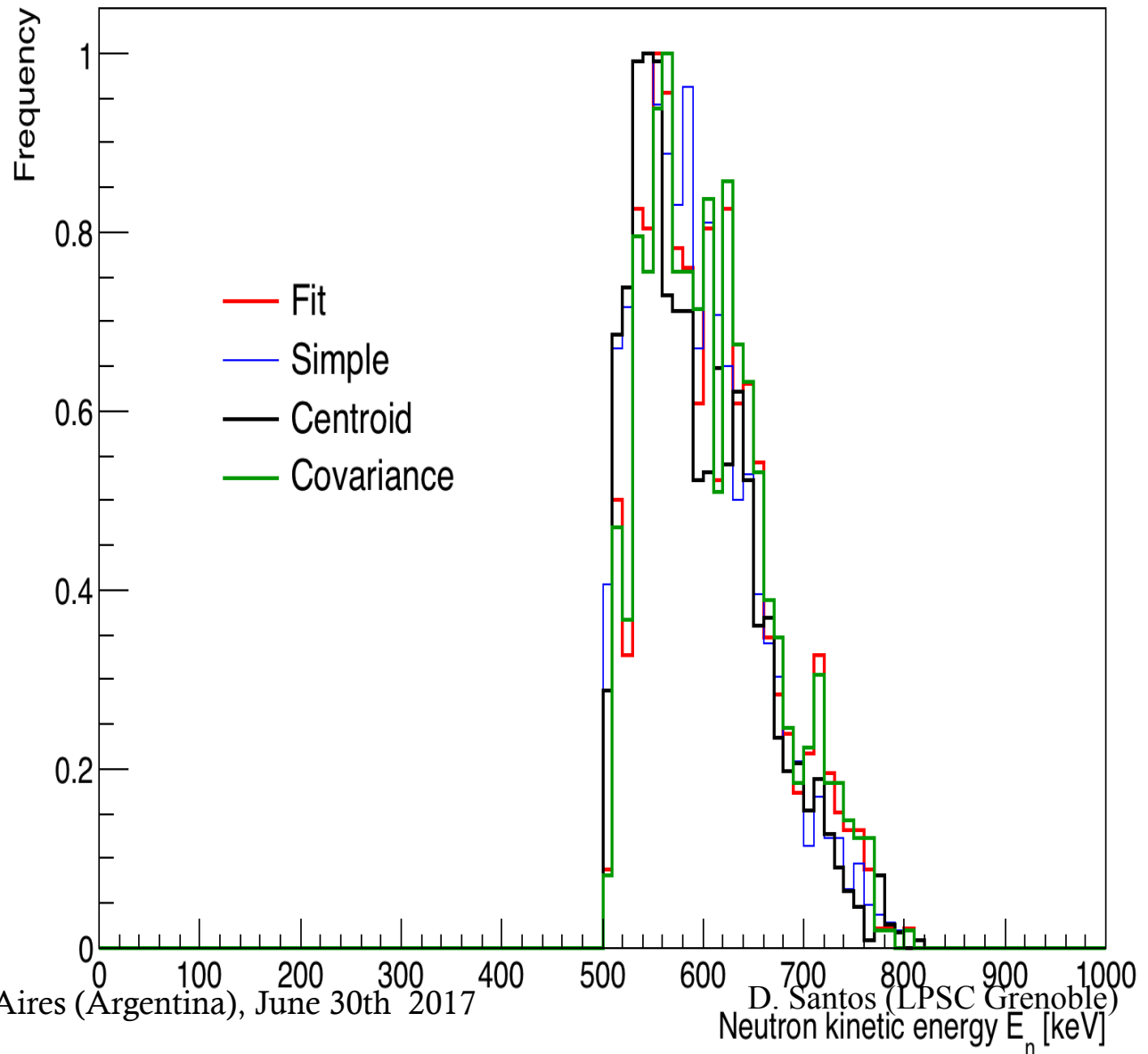
**In a gas detector the IQF depends strongly on the quality of the gas.
The IQF needs to be measured periodically (in-situ) in a long term run experiment.**

Neutron kinetic energy distribution

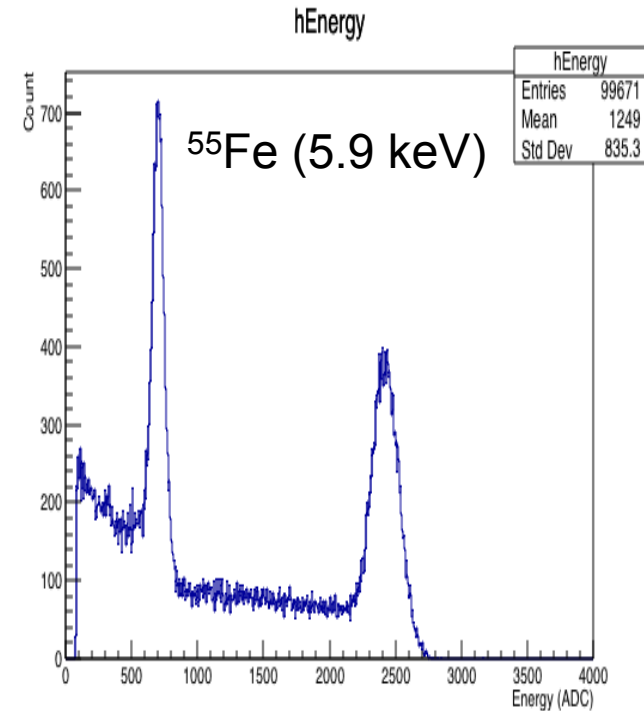
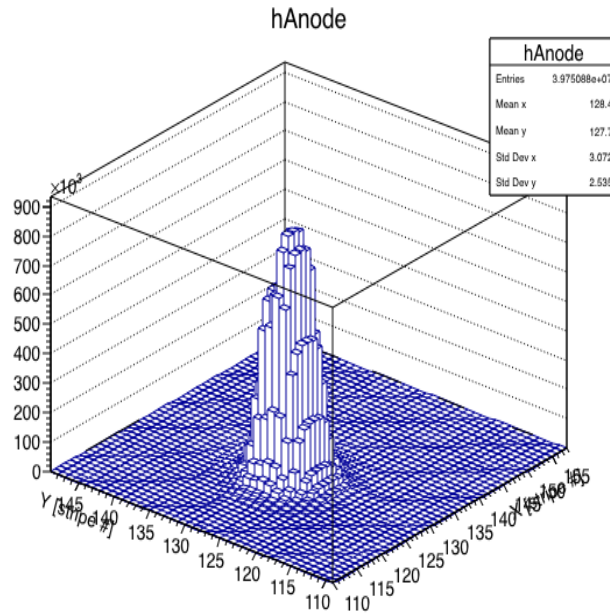
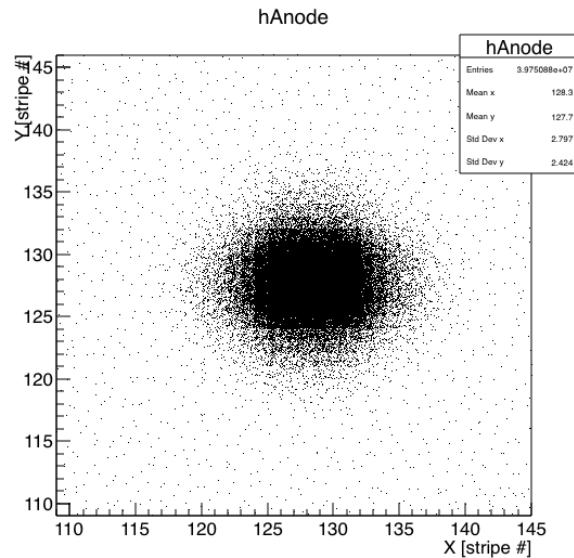
Focusing on the
“Fluorine
Endpoint”:

- ionization
energies
above 50
keV
- $\theta < 0.5$
rad

max ~ 550 keV



Protons (25 keV (kinetic))



Track “Lengths” measured with COMIMAC

(I. Moric, Y. Tao, C. Couturier, et al. 2016 data, preliminary)
(important differences with respect to the SRIM simulations !)

