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MIcro-tpc MAtrix of Chambers

A Large TPC for Directional non baryonic Dark Matter detection

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MIMAC: (MIcro-tpc MAtrix of Chambers)

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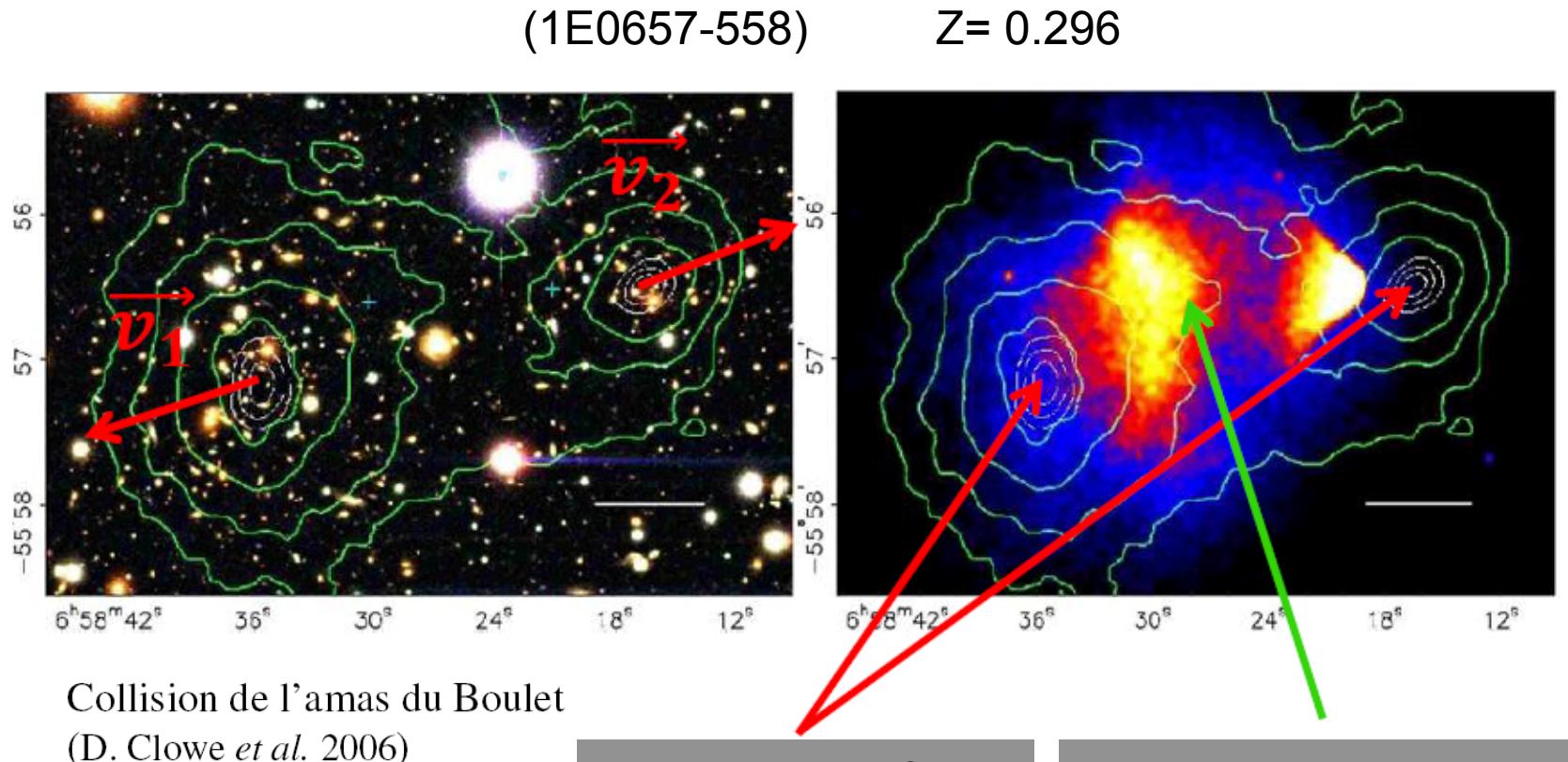
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At the galaxy cluster scale...



Non-baryonic matter is 6 times more important than baryonic one...

Matière sombre non-baryonique : halo galactique

Modèle standard de halo galactique : *référence pour comparaisons*

Sphère isotherme et isotrope

$$f(\vec{v}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma_v^2)^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(\vec{v} + \vec{v}_\odot)^2}{2\sigma_v^2}\right)$$

avec : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} - \vec{v}_\odot : \text{vitesse du Soleil} \\ - \sigma_v = v_0/\sqrt{2} : \text{dispersion des vitesses} \\ - v_0 : \text{vitesse asymptotique de rotation} \end{array} \right.$

Valeurs de référence :

- $\rho_0 = 0,3 \text{ GeV}/c^2/cm^3$ \longleftrightarrow $0,2-0,8 \text{ GeV}/c^2/cm^3$
- $v_0 = 220 \text{ km/s}$ \longleftrightarrow $\sim 20-30\%$

Alternatives :

- Halo ellipsoïdal (triaxial)
- Anisotrope
- En rotation ?

Détection directe : principes

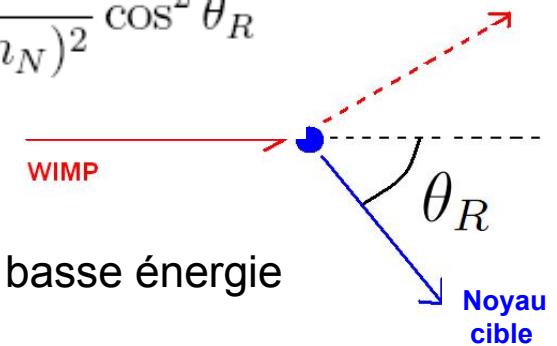
Détection directe :

mesure de l'énergie déposée

lors de la diffusion élastique WIMP-noyau

- énergie typique : 1-100 keV
- Taux d'événements très faible

$$E_R = \frac{2v^2 m_\chi^2 m_N}{(m_\chi + m_N)^2} \cos^2 \theta_R$$



détecteur basse énergie

$$R = \sigma \times \left(\frac{\rho_0}{m_\chi} \right) \times \langle v \rangle \times \frac{1}{m_N} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} - \rho_0 : \text{densité locale de WIMP} \\ - \sigma : \text{section efficace WIMP-noyau} \\ - \langle v \rangle : \text{vitesse relative moyenne des WIMP} \\ - m_N : \text{masse du noyau cible} \end{array} \right.$$

En tenant compte de la distribution de vitesse $f(v)$, du facteur de forme $F(q)$:

$$\frac{dR}{dE_r} = \frac{\sigma_0}{2m_\chi m_r^2} \times F^2(q) \times \rho_0 \int_{v_{min}}^{v_{esc}} \frac{f(\vec{v})}{v} d^3v$$

- nucléaire
- Astro
- SUSY

Détection directe : scalaire vs axial

Interaction WIMP-quark :

Interaction scalaire :

$$\sigma_{SI}({}^A X) \propto \sigma_{SI}(p) \times A^4$$

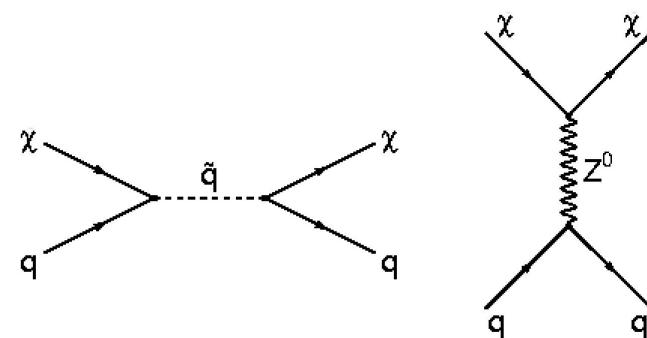
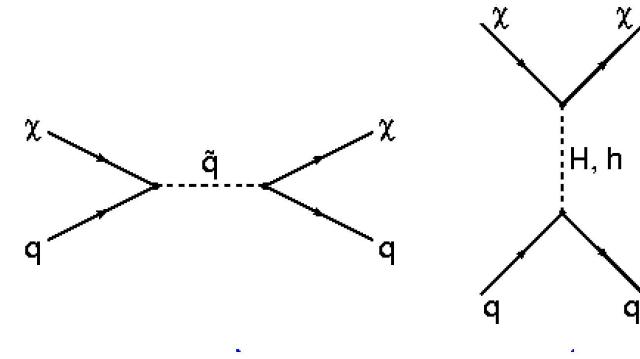
Noyaux lourds : Ge, Xe, ...

Interaction axiale : (couplage spin)

$$\sigma_{SD}({}^A X) \propto \sigma_{SD}(p) \times A^2$$

Noyaux de spin non-nuls : ${}^1\text{H}$, ${}^3\text{He}$, ${}^{19}\text{F}$,

Ou fraction isotopique (${}^{73}\text{Ge}$, ${}^{129}\text{Xe}$)



Interactions faiblement corrélées



Stratégies de détection complémentaires

Détection directe : contenus en spin

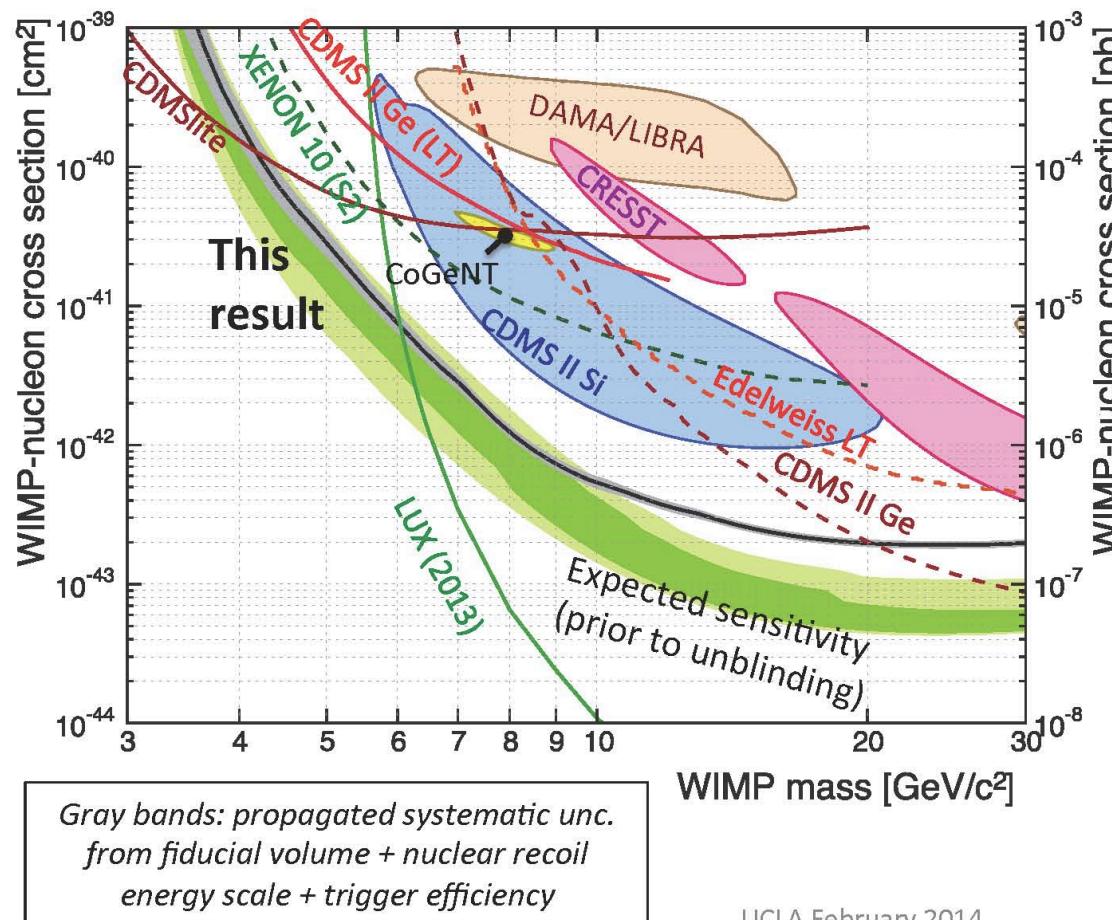
Noyau	J^π	$\langle S_p \rangle$	$\langle S_n \rangle$	Ref.	frac. iso.	Expériences
^3He	$1/2^+$	-0,021	0,462	[42]	100 %	MIMAC
^{19}F	$1/2^+$	0,441	-0,109	[43]	100 %	MIMAC, COUPP [44], Picasso [45]
^{73}Ge	$9/2^+$	0,030	0,378	[46]	7,73 %	Edelweiss [47], CDMS [48]
^{127}I	$5/2^+$	0,309	0,075	[49]	100 %	KIMS [50]
^{129}Xe	$1/2^+$	0,028	0,359	[49]	26,4 %	Xenon [51], Zeplin III [52]
^{131}Xe	$3/2^+$	-0,041	-0,236	[53]	21,2 %	Xenon [51], Zeplin III [52]
^{133}Cs	$7/2^+$	-0,370	0,003	[54]	100 %	KIMS [50]

^{19}F : contenu en spin selon les auteurs

Modèle	$\langle S_p \rangle$	$\langle S_n \rangle$	Ref.
odd-group	0.5	0.	
Pacheco & Strottman	0.441	-0.109	[43]
Divari <i>et al.</i>	0.475	-0.0087	[68]

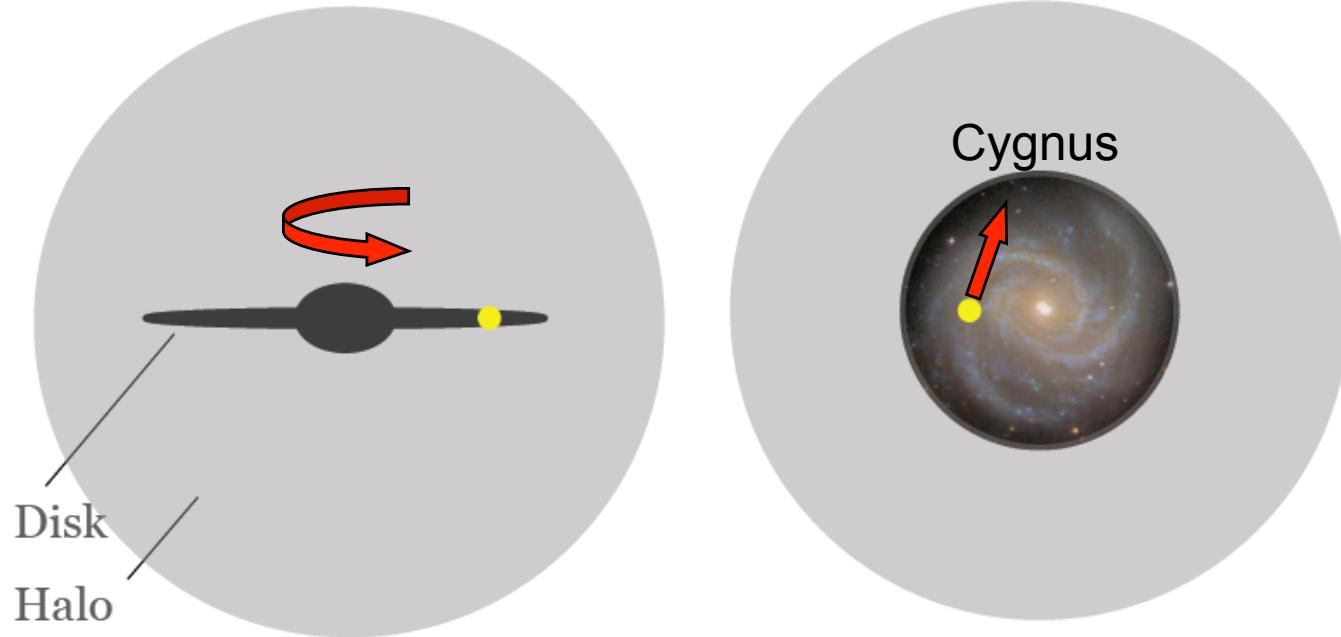
Spin-independent Scattering Constraints

90% C.L. optimal interval upper limit, no background subtraction, treating all observed (eleven) events as WIMP candidates



- CoGeNT strongly disfavored in model-independent scenario
- CDMS II (Si) disfavored under assumption of standard halo model and A^2 coupling
- Explores new parameter space below $6 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- Competitive constraint for Ge up to $20 \text{ GeV}/c^2$; dedicated HT analysis yet to come
- Disagreement between limit and sensitivity at high WIMP mass due to events on T5Z3.
- For CDMSlite: please see:
PRL 112, 041302 (2014)

Directional detection : principle



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

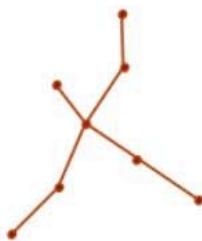
« A wind of WIMPS coming from the Cygnus constellation »

The signature able to correlate the events found to the galactic halo !

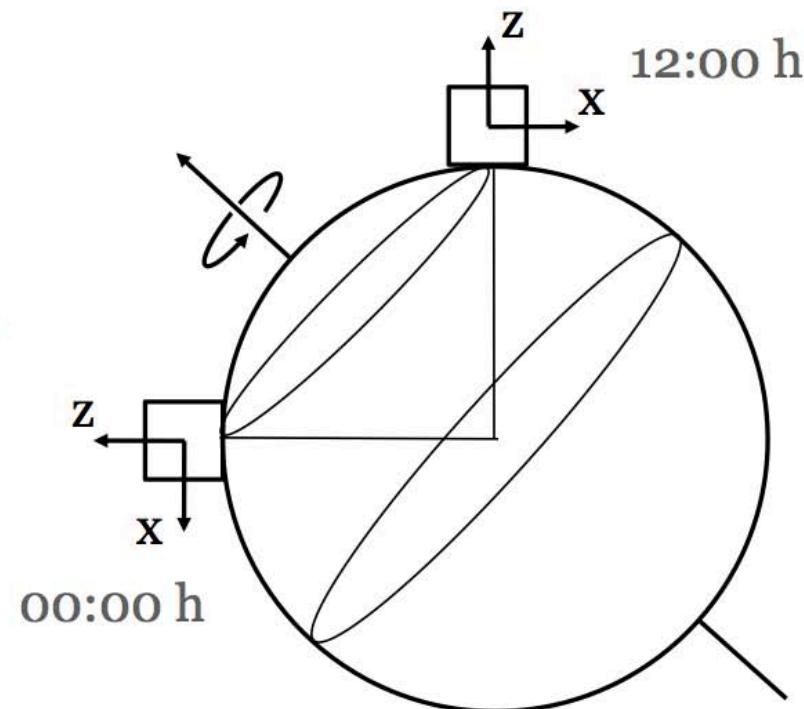
Angular modulation of WIMP flux

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

Cygnus

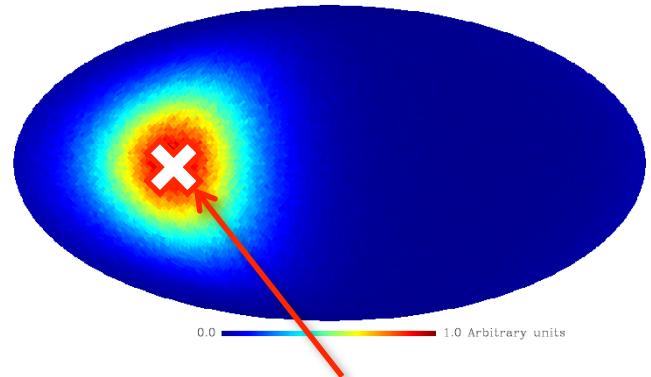
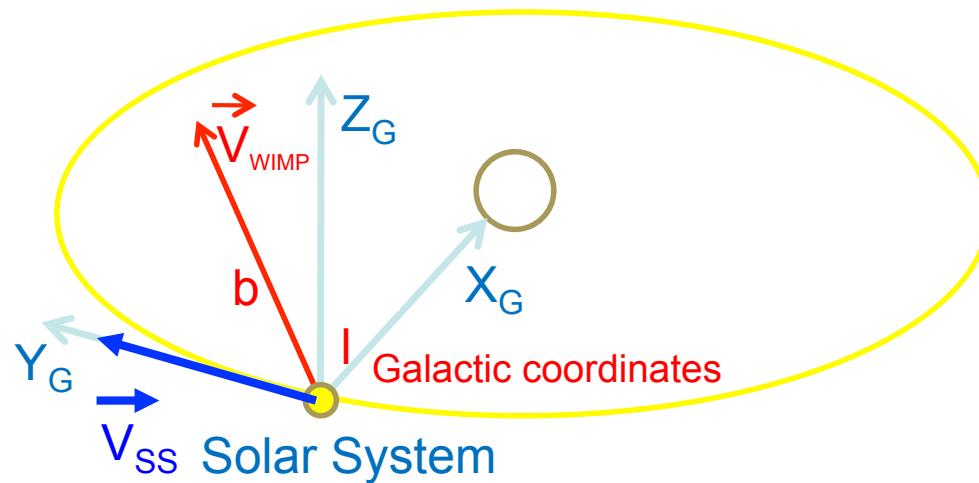


Direction of
Earth motion
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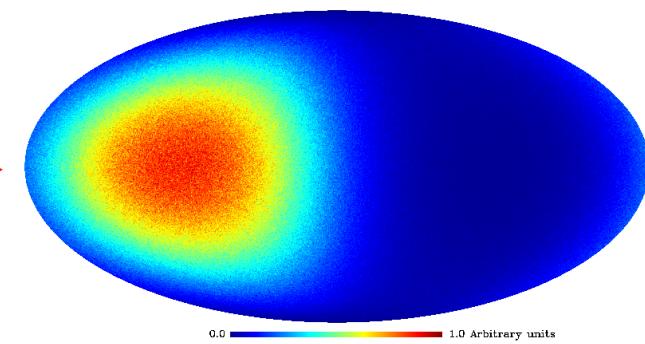
WIMP signal

Solar System's orbit

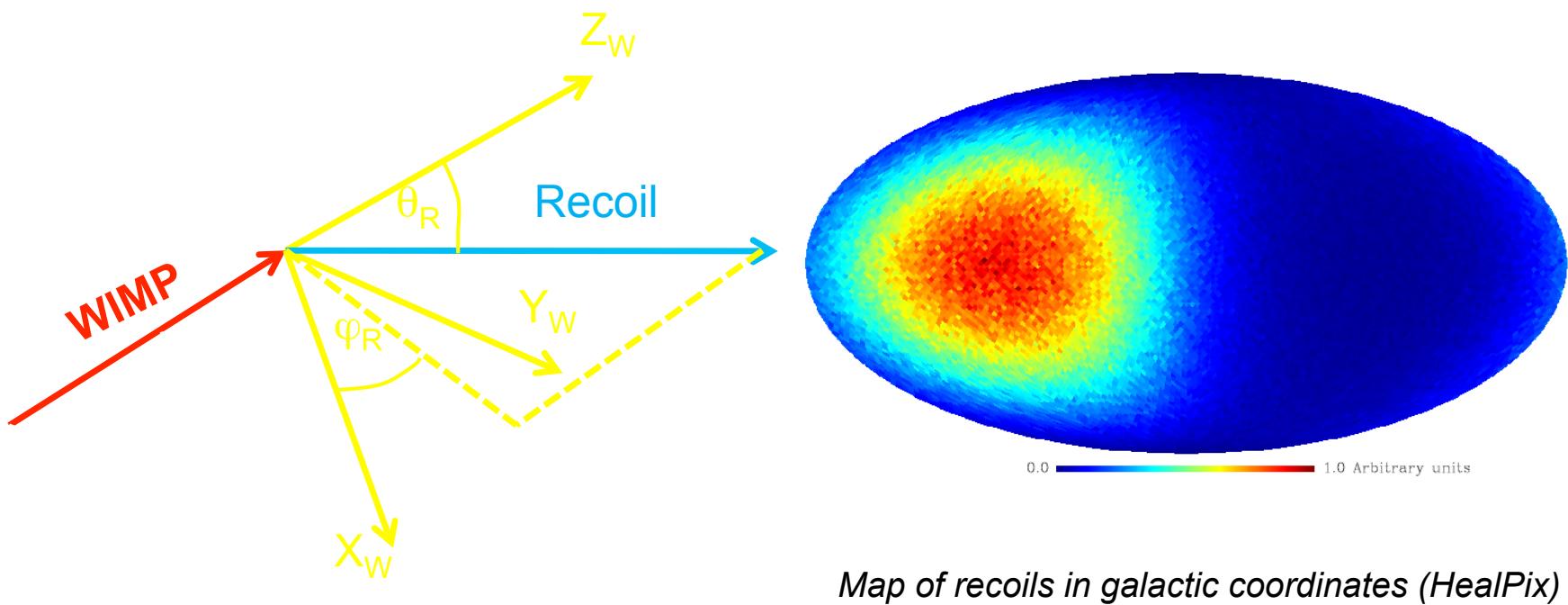


Cygnus Constellation ($|l| = 90^\circ, b = 0^\circ$)

After collision

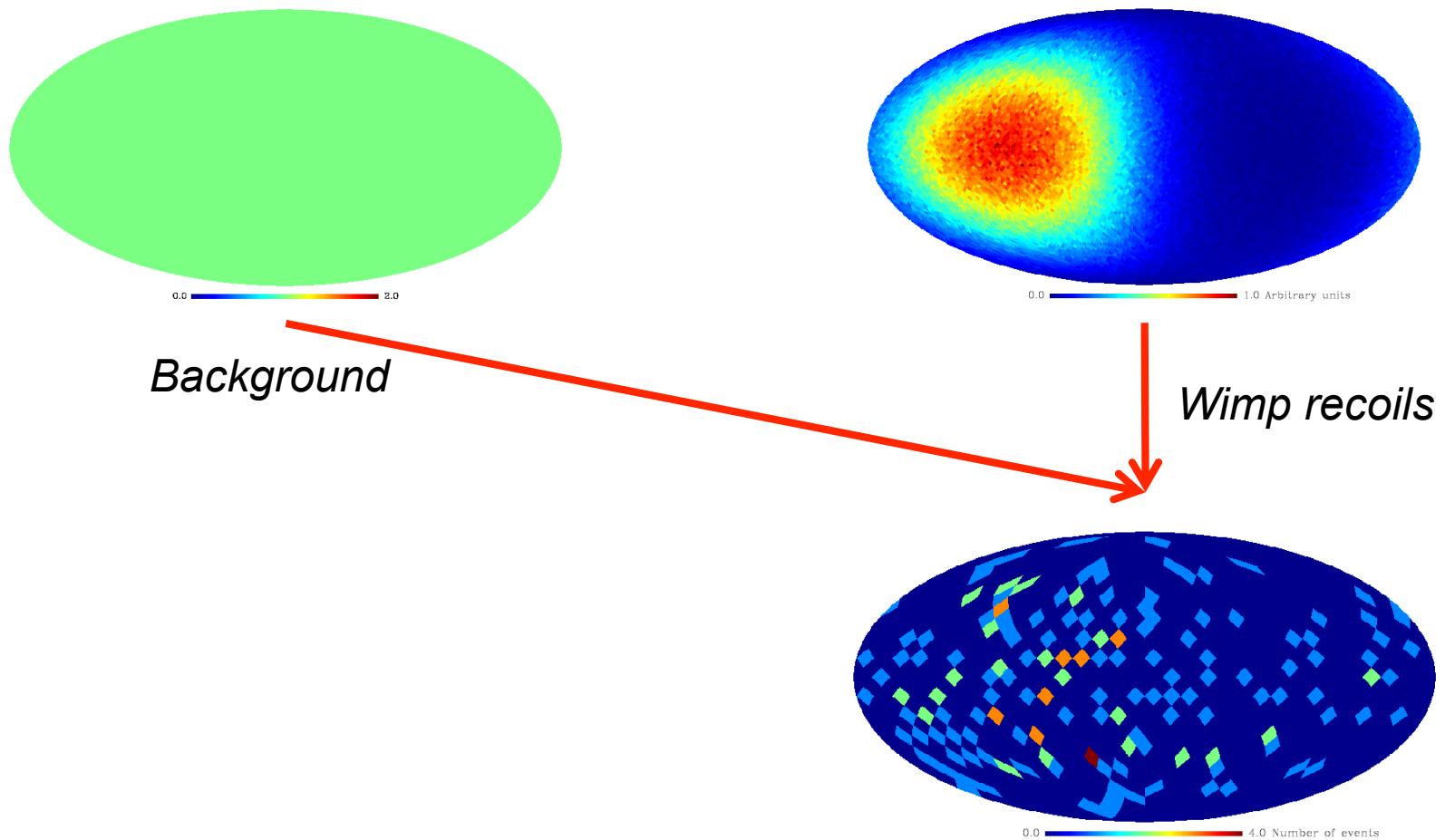


WIMP signal expected



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

100 WIMP evts + 100 Background evts



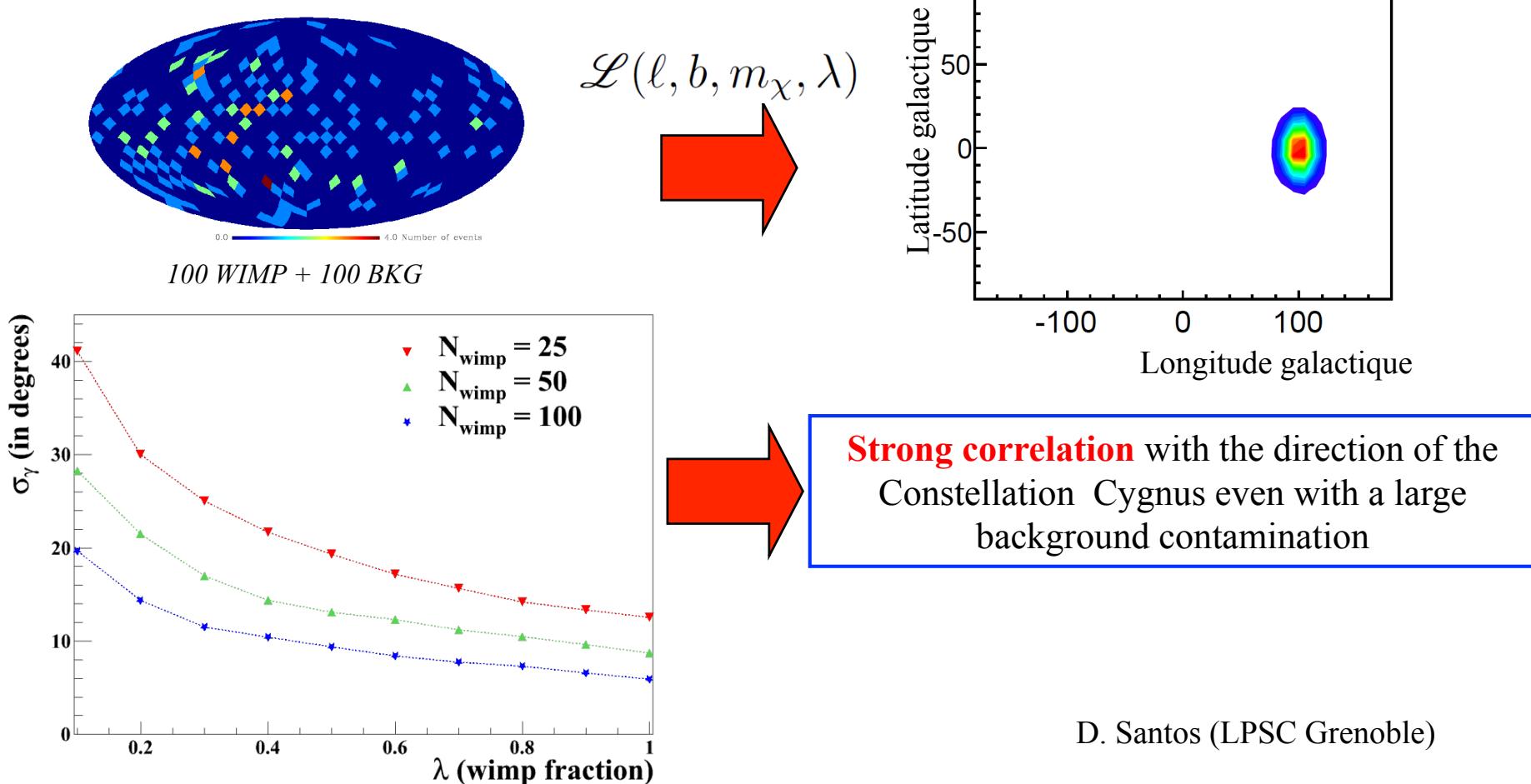
Phenomenology: Discovery

J. Billard *et al.*, PLB 2010

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

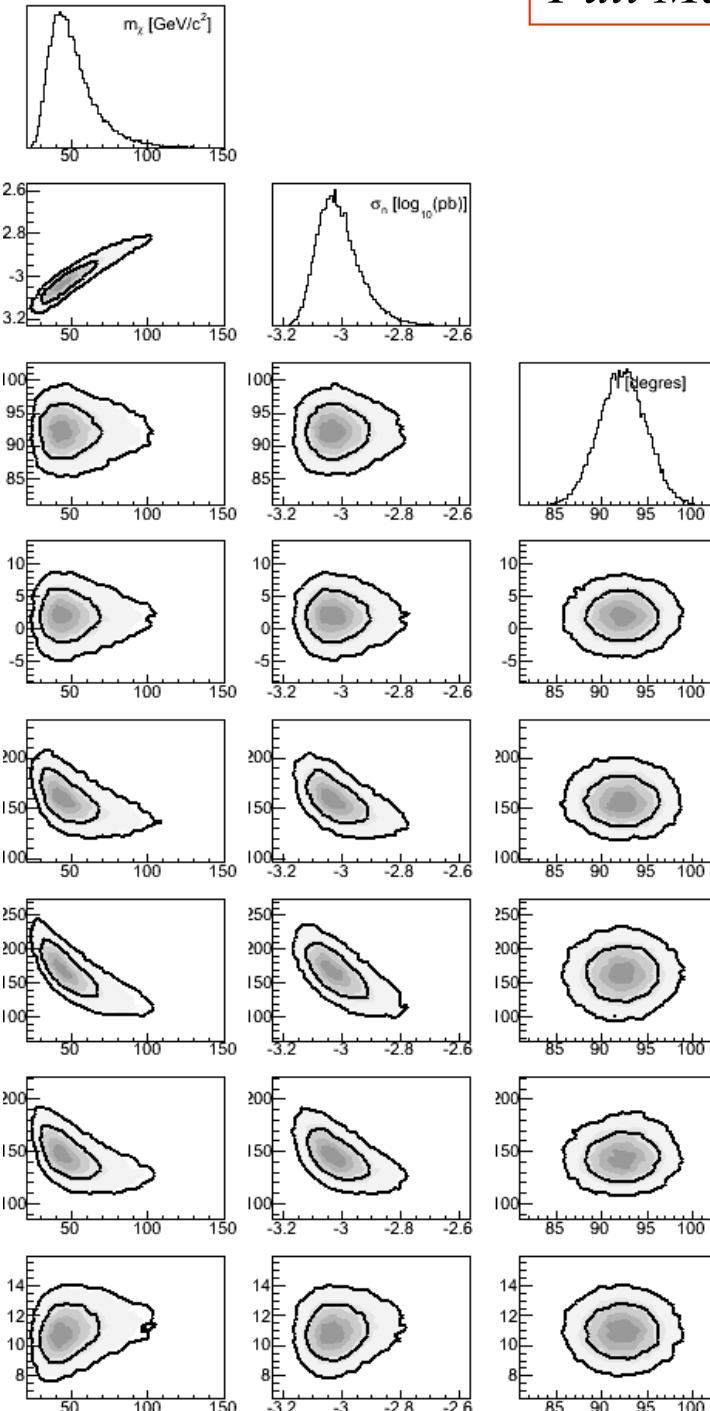
Proof of discovery: **Signal pointing toward the Cygnus constellation**

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



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Full Markov Chain Monte Carlo result



Input:

- isotropic halo: $\sigma_x = \sigma_y = \sigma_z = 155 \text{ km/s}$
- WIMP mass: 50 GeV/c^2
- Cross-section: 10^{-3} pb
- Background rate (R_b): $10 \text{ evts/kg/year (35\%)}$

The eight fitting parameters are simultaneously constrained from a single experiment

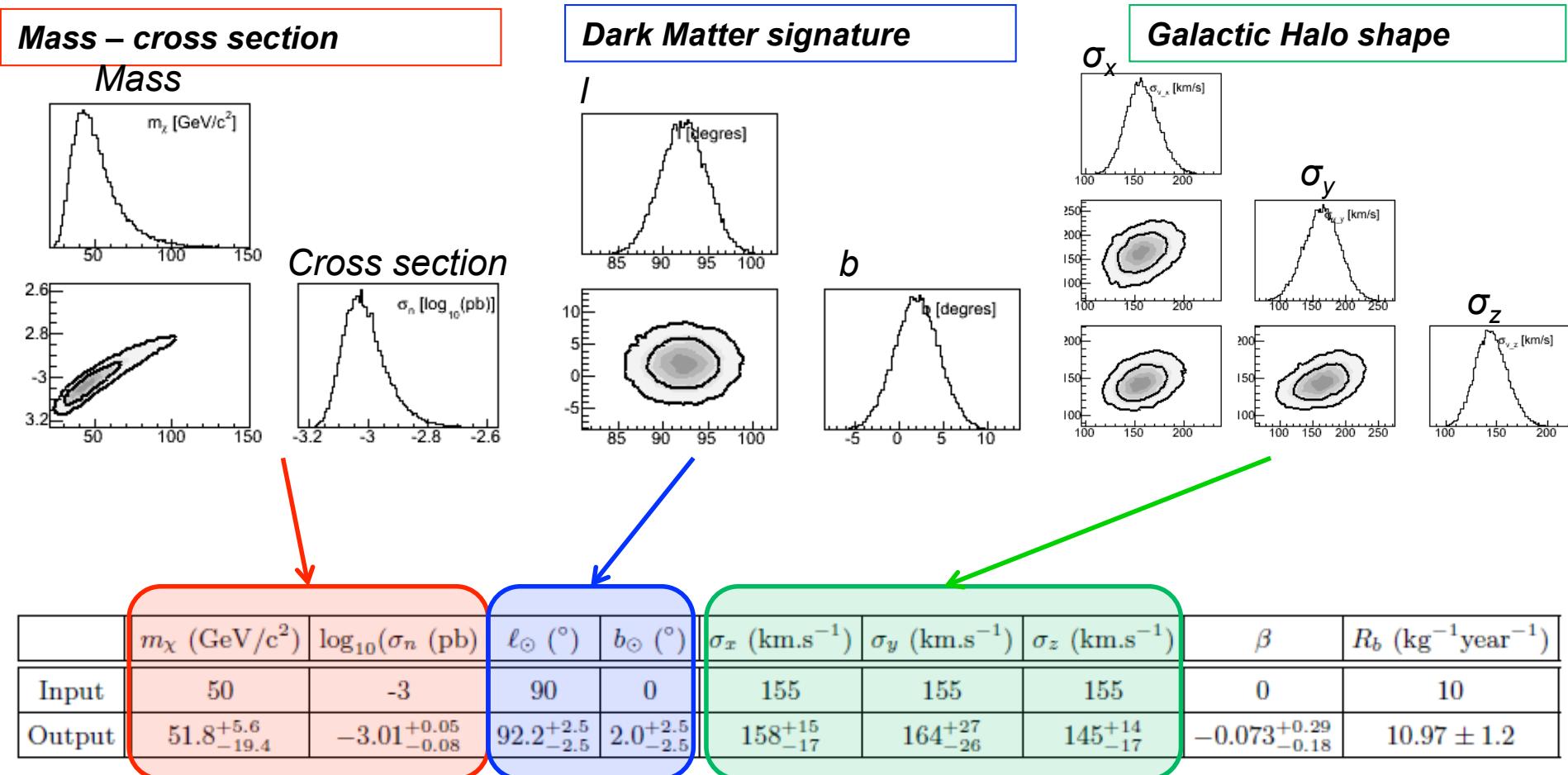
MIMAC characteristics

- 10 kg CF₄
- DAQ : 3 years
- Recoil energy [5, 50] keV

Directional Detection : identification

J. Billard *et al.*, PRD 2011

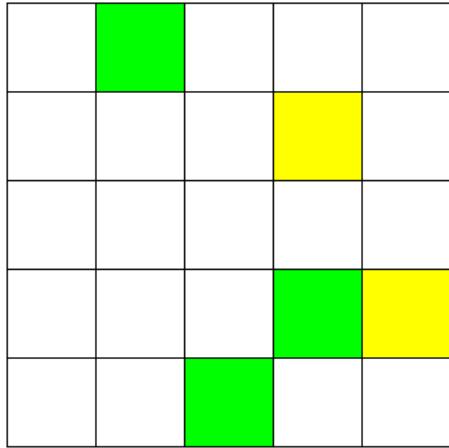
8 parameters simultaneously constrained by only one experiment



Directional experiments around the world

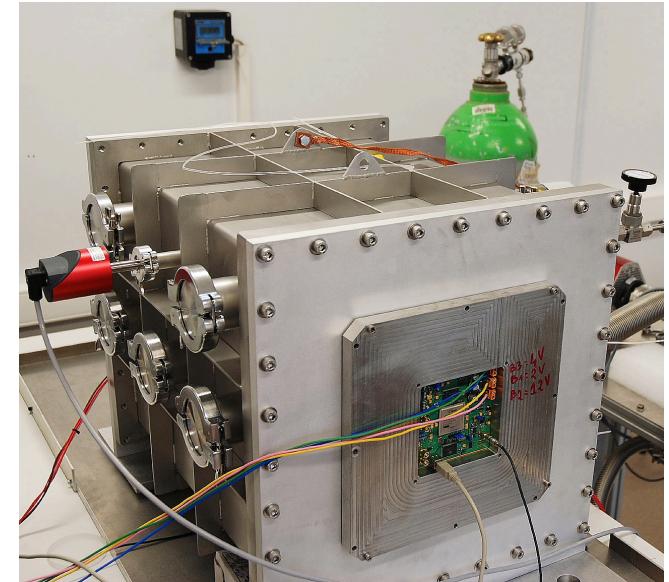


The MIMAC project



A low pressure multi-chamber detector

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



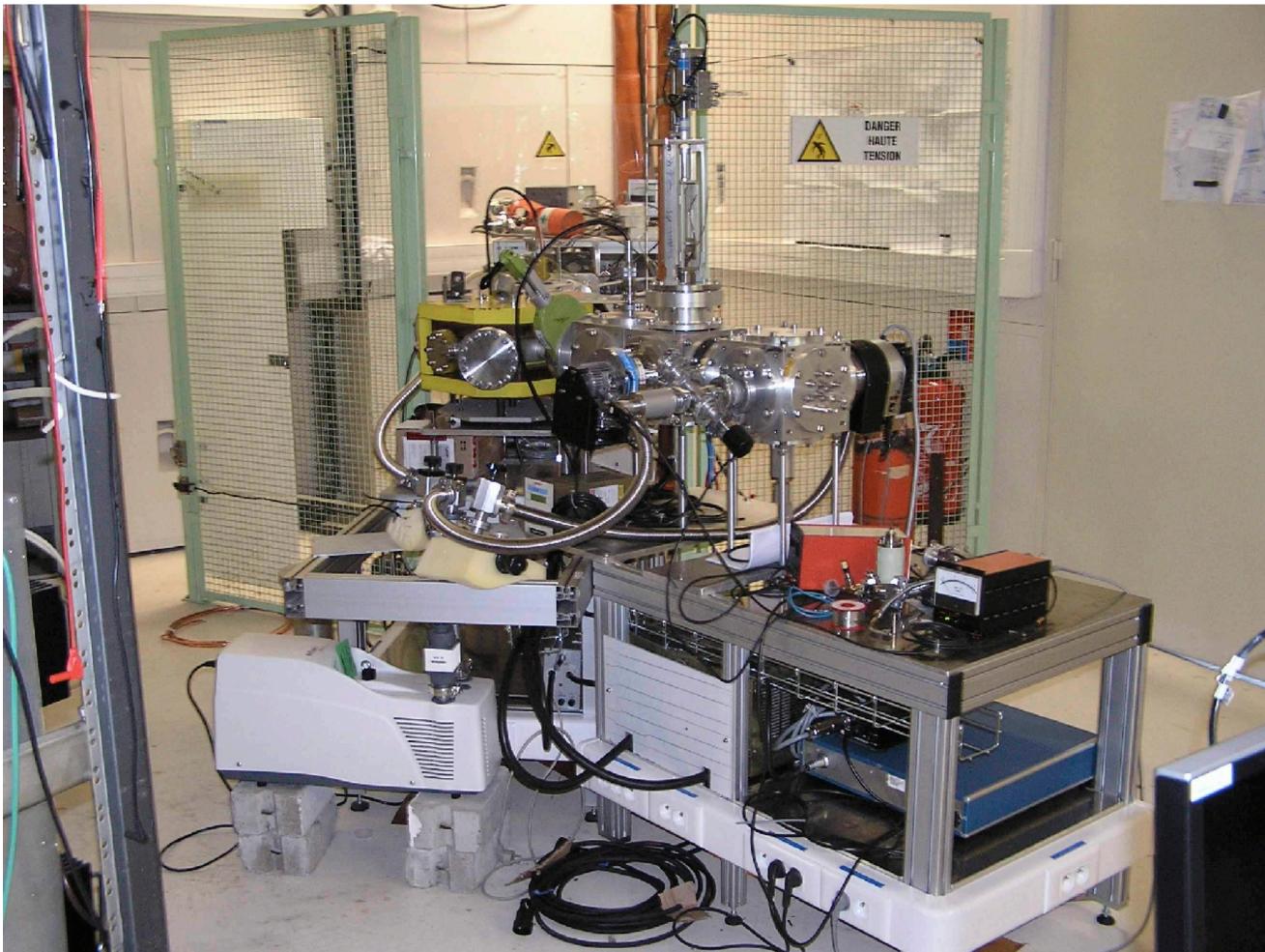
Bi-chamber module
2 x (10.8x 10.8x 25 cm³)



Strategy:

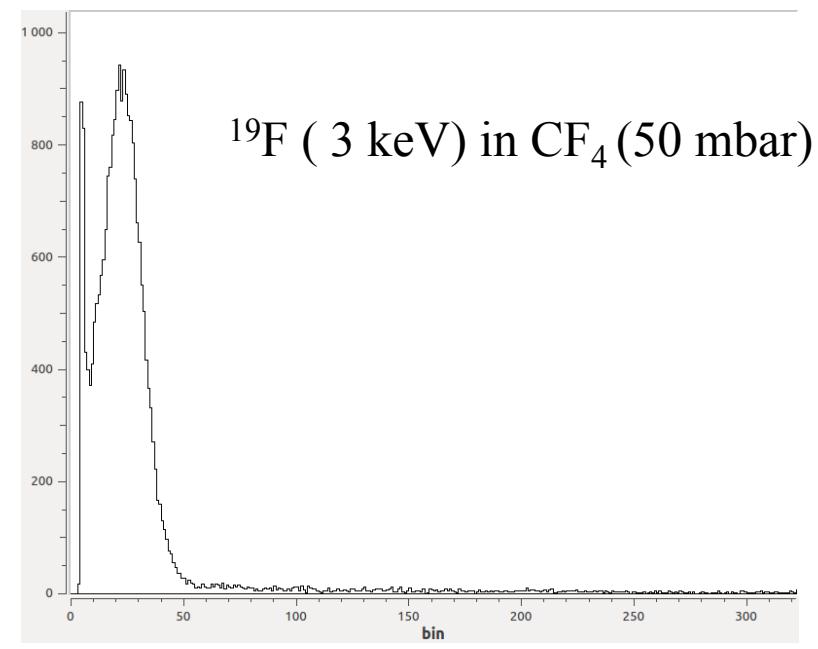
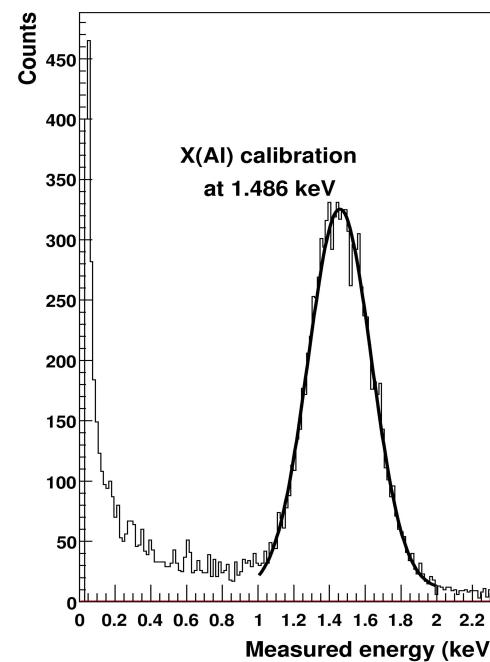
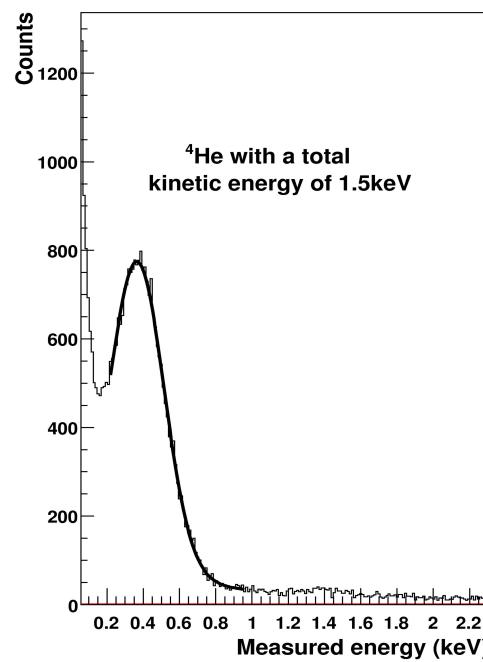
- Directional direct detection
- Energy (Ionization) AND 3D-Track of the recoil nuclei
- Prove that the signal “comes from Cygnus ”

Ionization Quenching Facility at LPSC-Grenoble



- **Low energy ion source**
1 to 50 keV
- **Developed @LPSC**

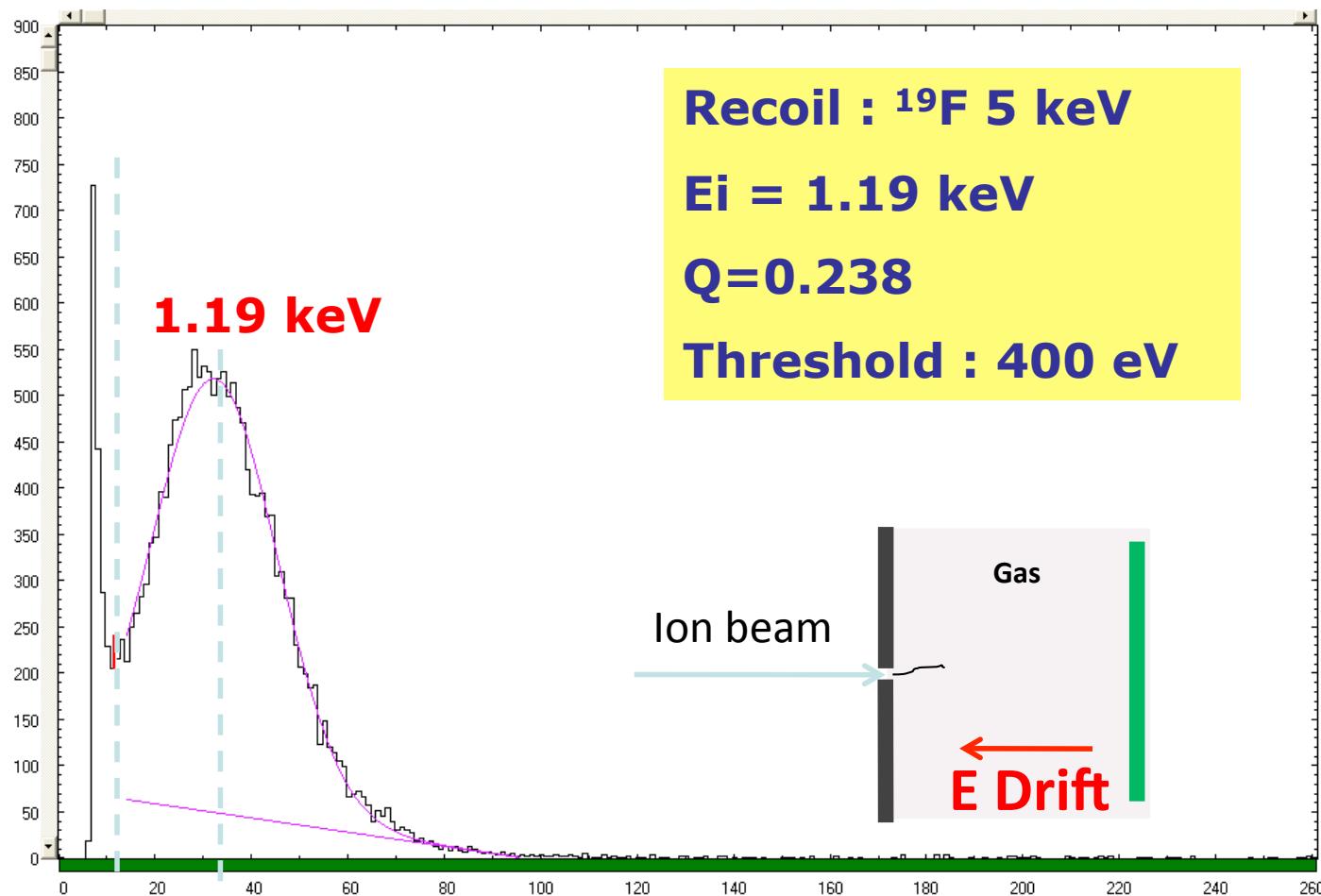
Ionization Quenching Factor Measurements at LPSC-Grenoble



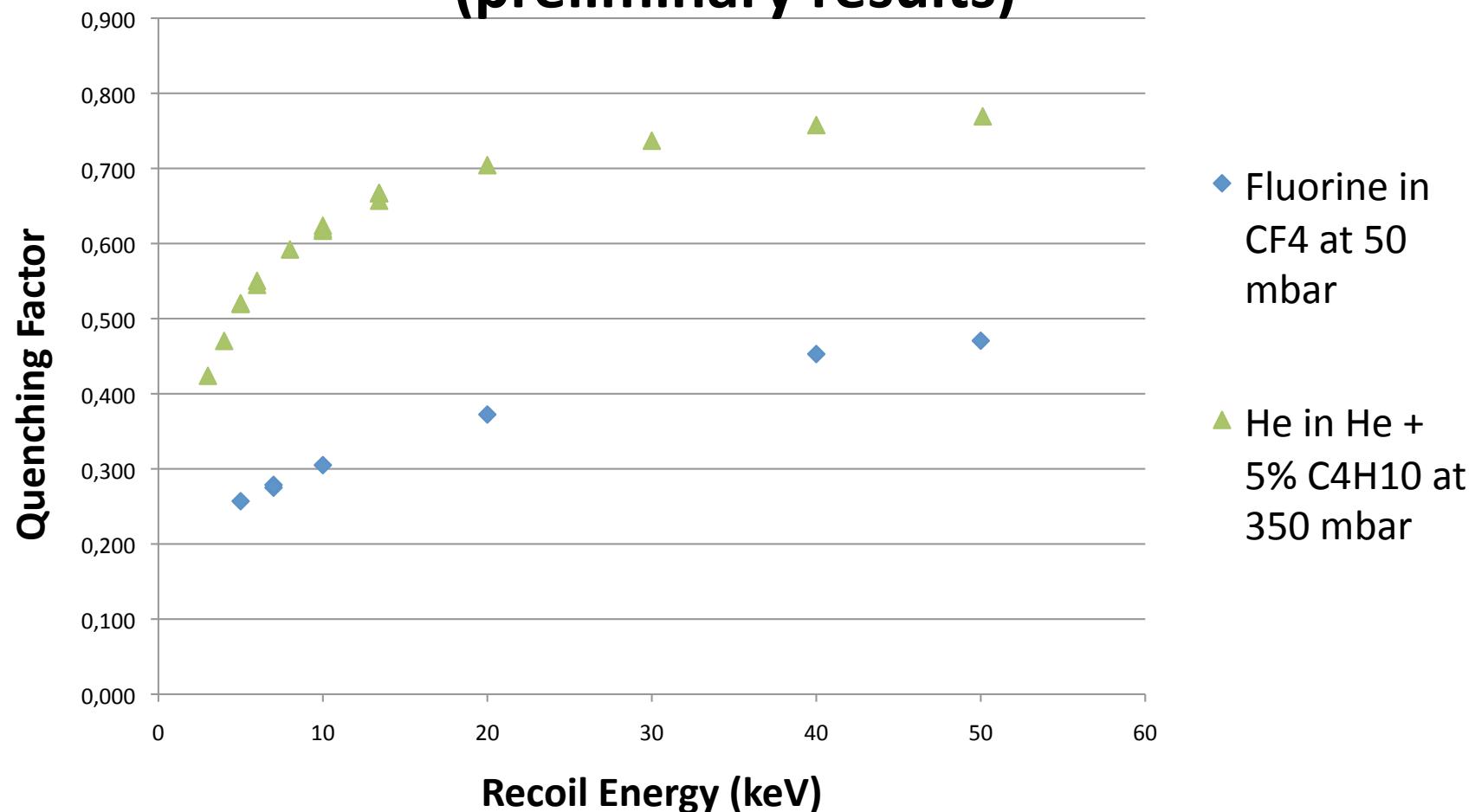
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Ionization Quenching Measurements: 5keV ^{19}F « recoil » in 60 mbar 40mbar CF_4 +16.8mbar CHF_3 +1.2 mbar Isobutane

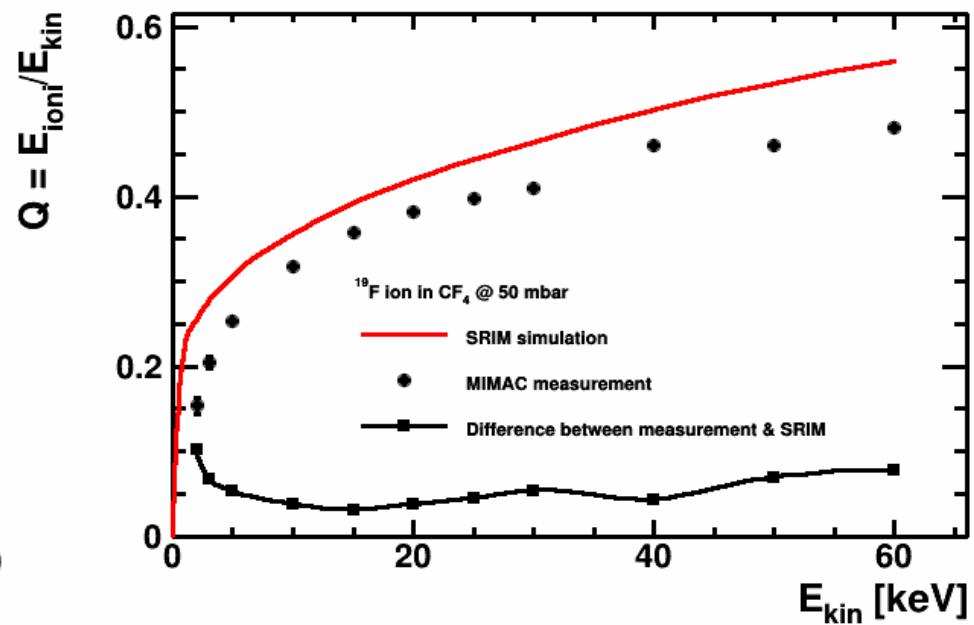
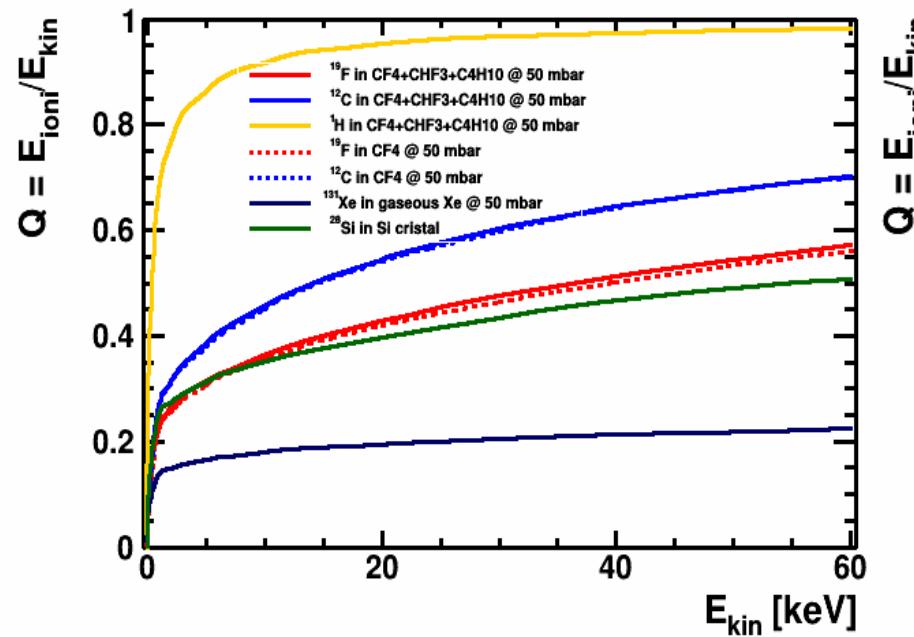


Ionization Quenching Factor for Fluorine in pure CF₄ at 50 mbar (preliminary results)

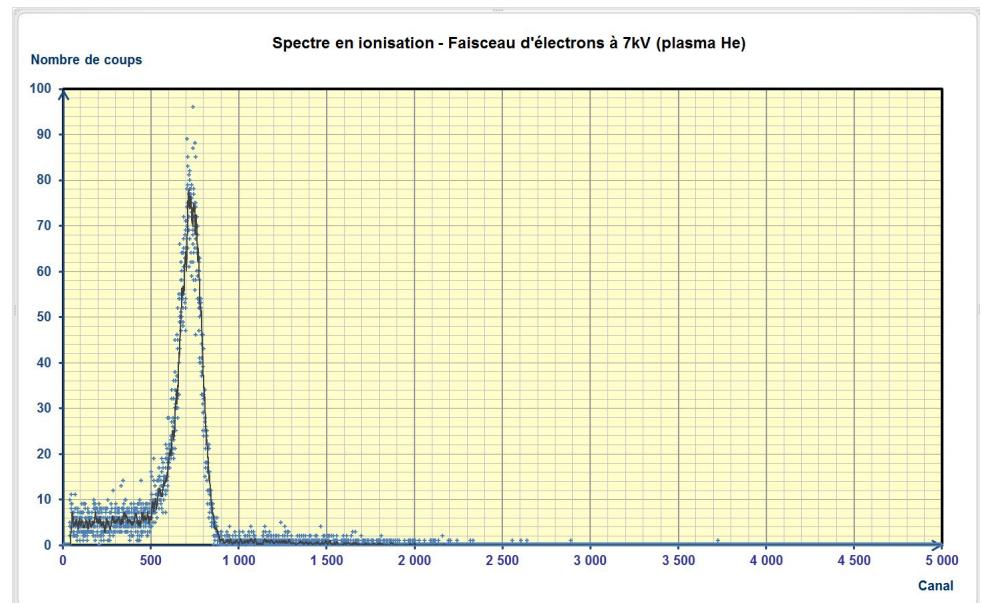
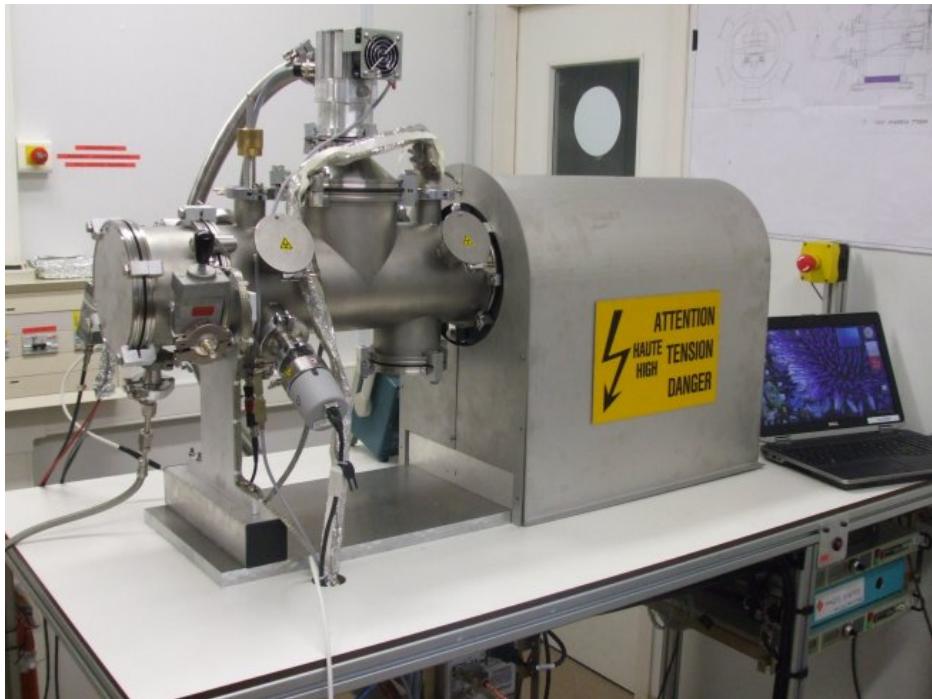


Ionization Quenching Factors

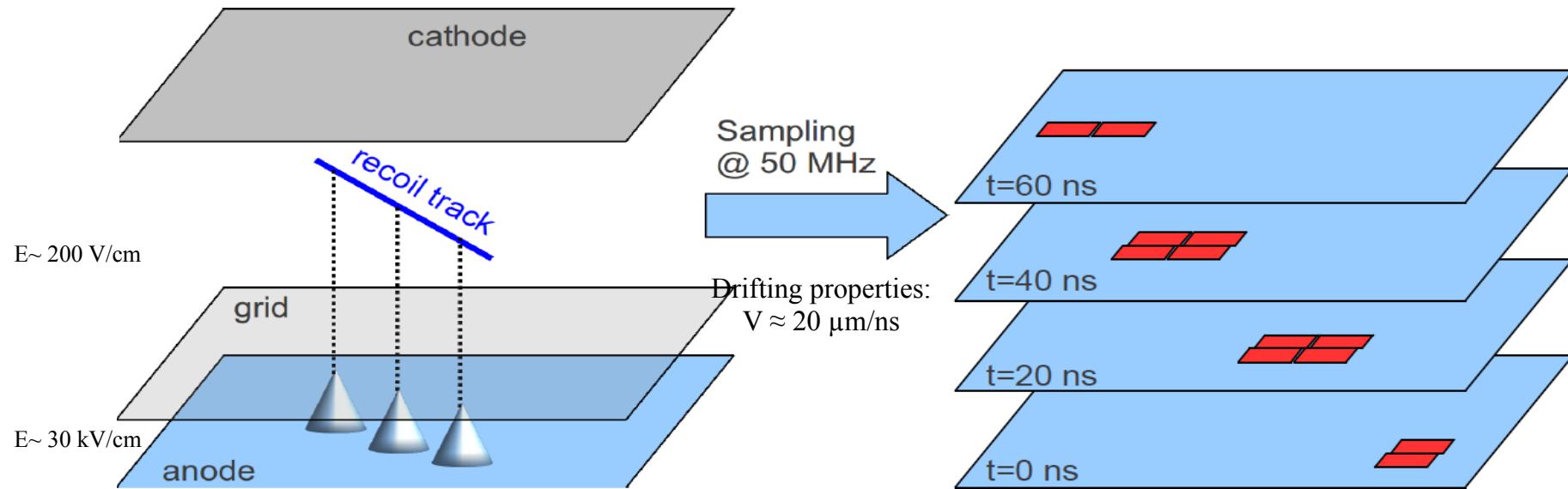
Simulations and Measurements (LPSC)



Ligne de quenching portable (COMIMAC)



MIMAC: Detection strategy

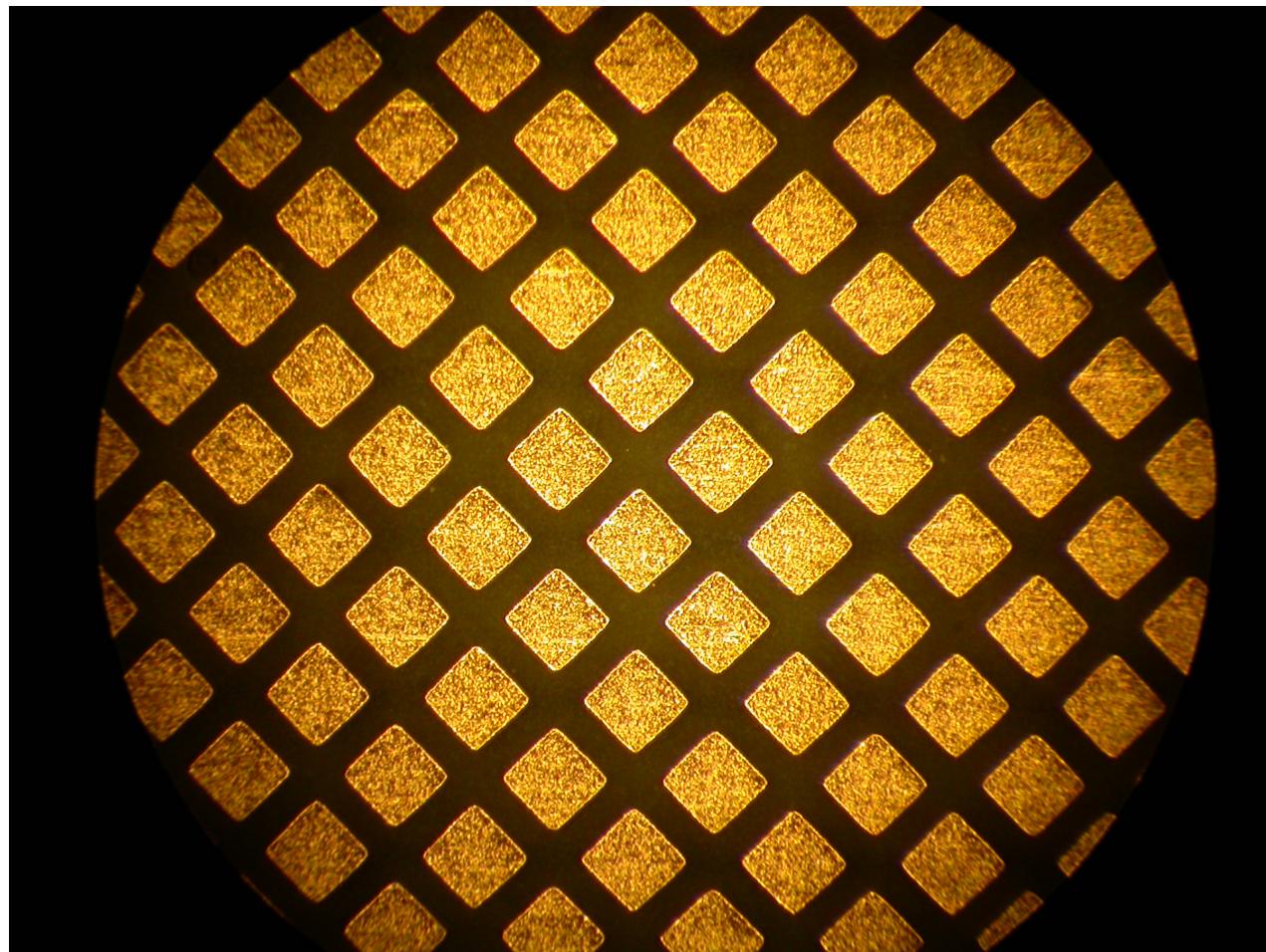


Scheme of a MIMAC μ TPC

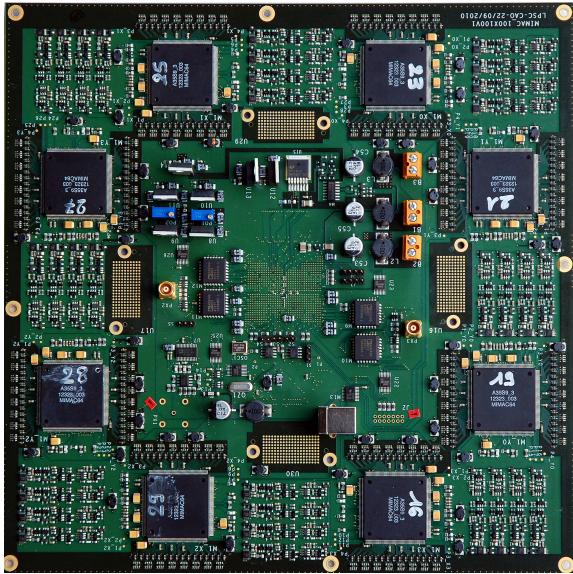
Evolution of the collected charges on the anode

Measurement of the ionization energy: Charge integrator connected to the grid

MIMAC 100x100 mm²(v2) (designed by IRFU- Saclay (France))



MIMAC electronics (512 channels)



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**Entirely developed (ASICs included) by the
MIMAC team at the LPSC-Grenoble (France)**

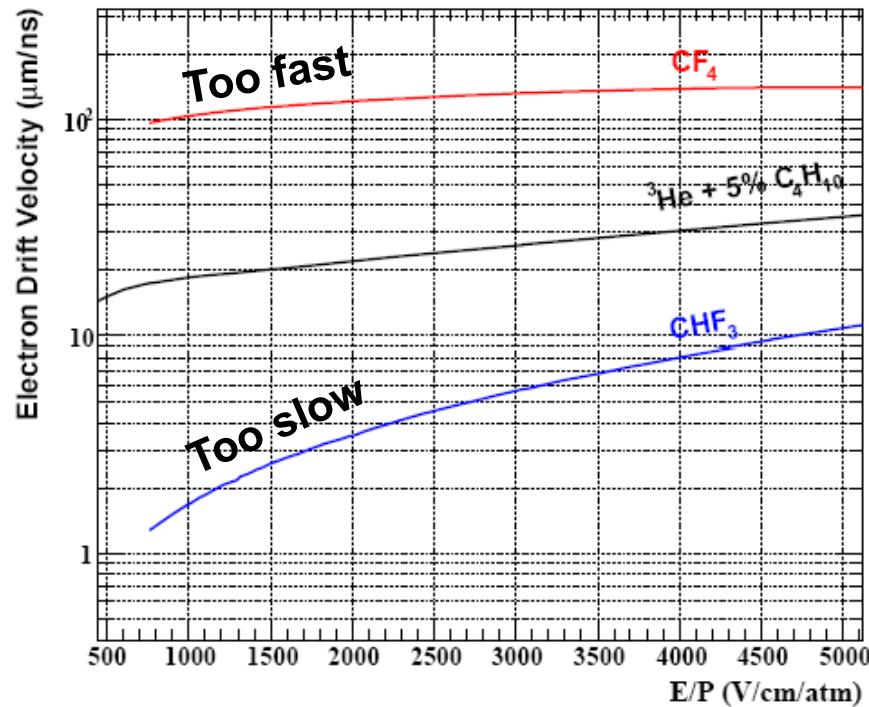
V1: 2007 (192 channels for the 3cm x3cm)
ASIC-Mimac (16 channels)

V2: 2009 (512 channels for the 10cmx10cm)
ASIC-Mimac (64 channels)

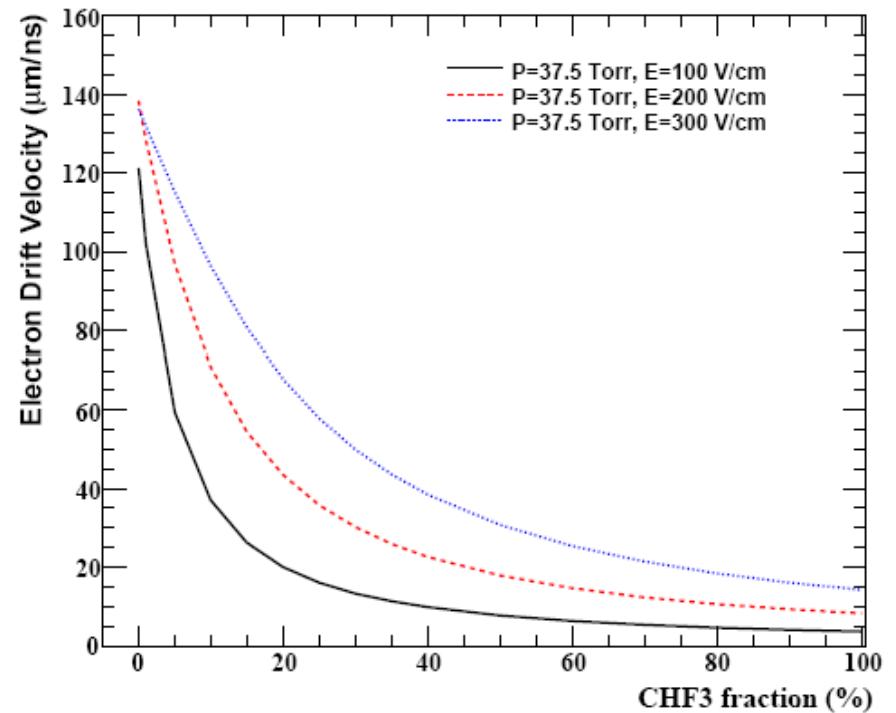
V3: 2011 (upgraded version) 512 channels

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3D Tracks: Drift velocity

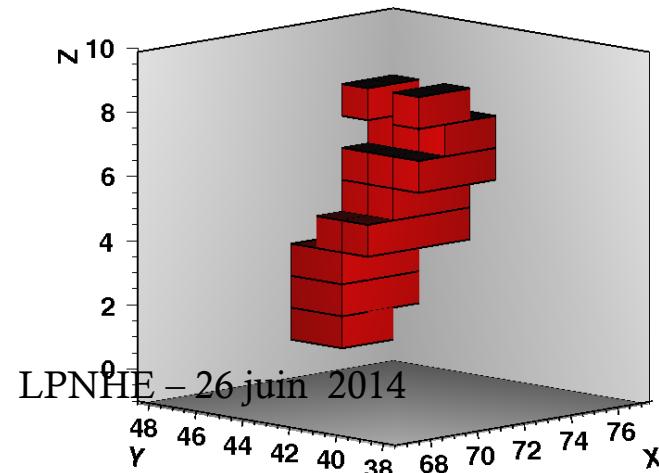
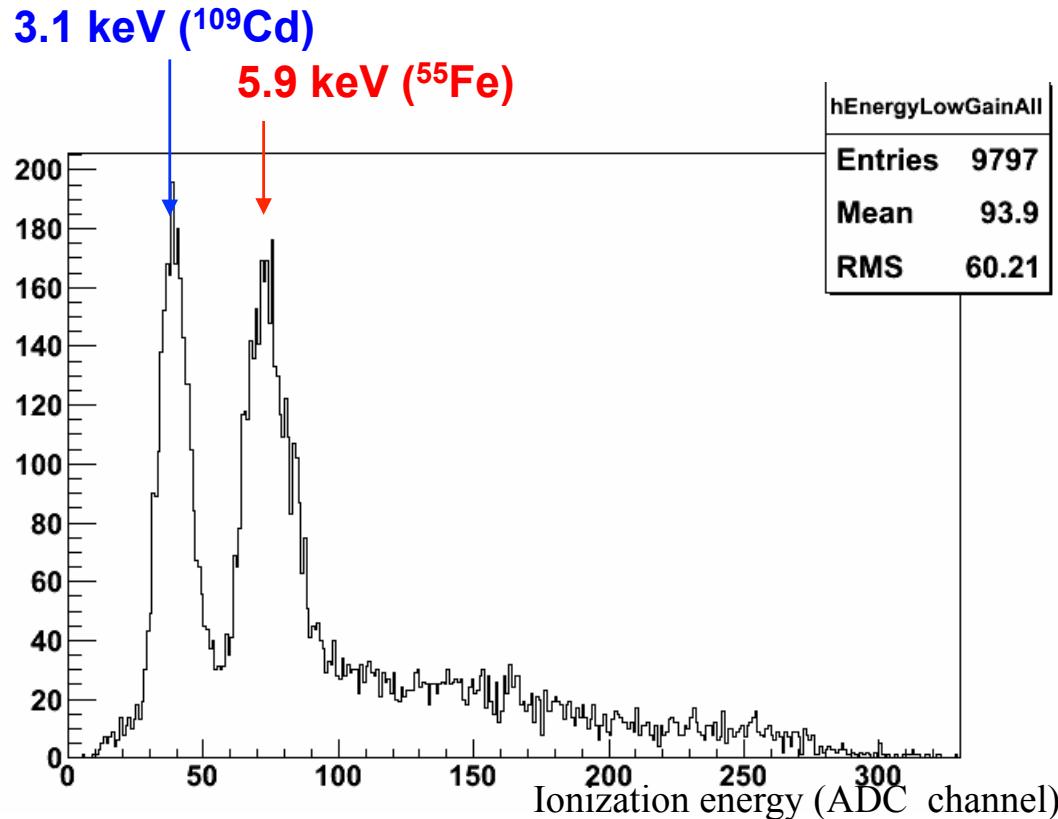


Magboltz Simulation



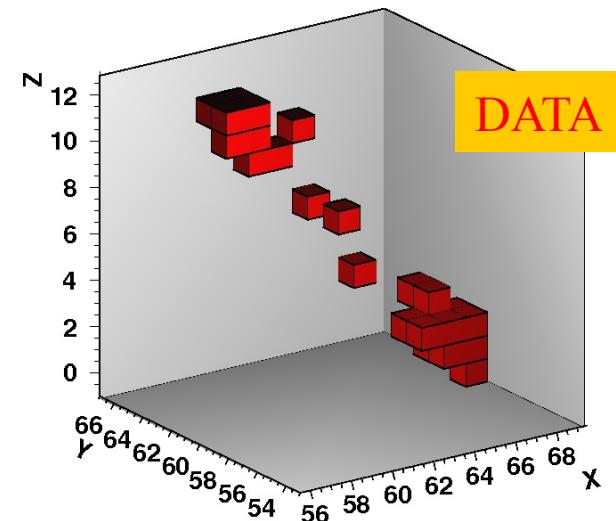
- New mixed gas MIMAC target : $\text{CF}_4 + x\% \text{CHF}_3$ ($x=30$)

MIMAC: Performance at low energies



Fluorine candidate
@ 50 keV ionization
Produced with a
monochromatic neutron
field (AMANDE)

$\text{CF}_4 + 28\% \text{CHF}_3$
(+2% C_4H_{10})
50 mbar



One electron track (6 keV)

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MIMAC validation with neutrons

Neutron monochromatic field:

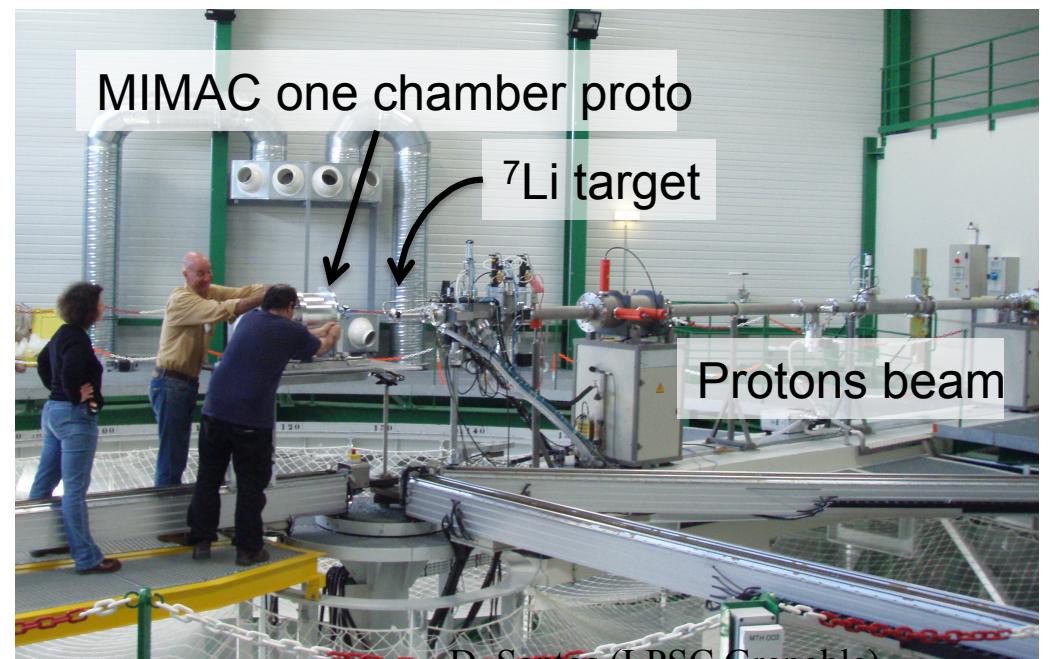
AMANDE facility at IRSN of Cadarache

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

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

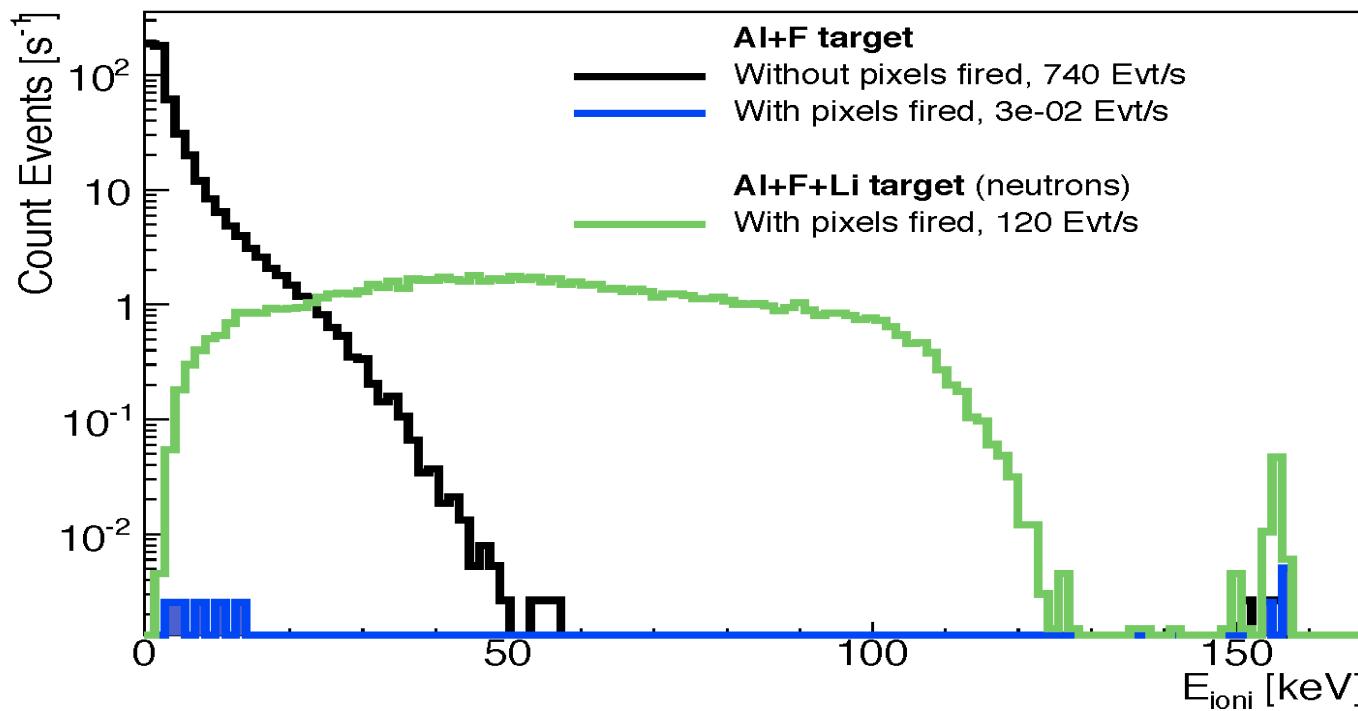
Calibration:

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



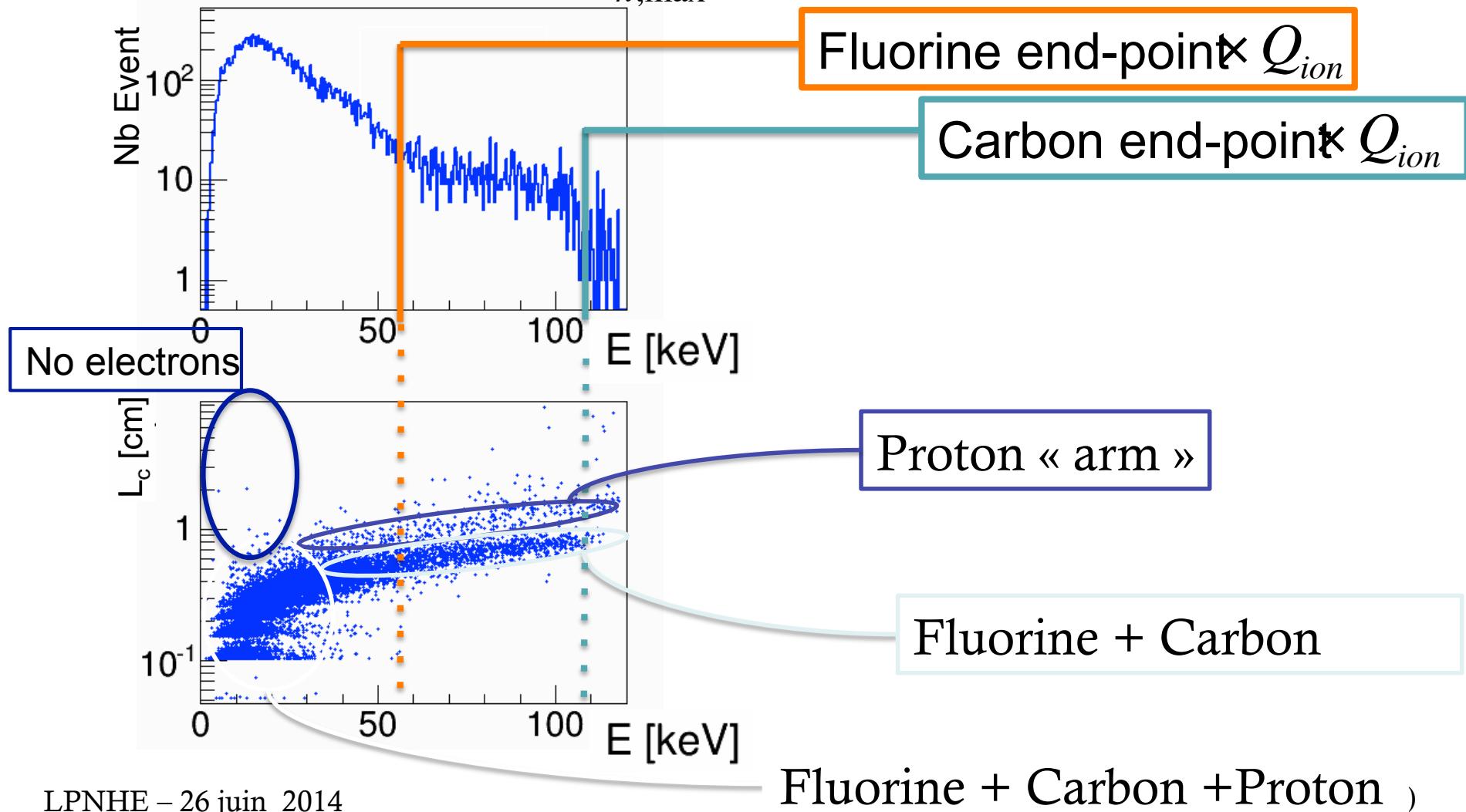
« Gamma rejection »

from the background of an in beam proton reaction (2.5 MeV)
(50 mbar : C₄H₁₀ + 30% CHF₃)
E_{max}(neutrons)=127 keV



Measurement of the ionization energy and the 3D track

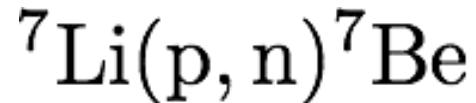
Max neutrons energy: $E_{n,\max} = 565 \text{ keV}$



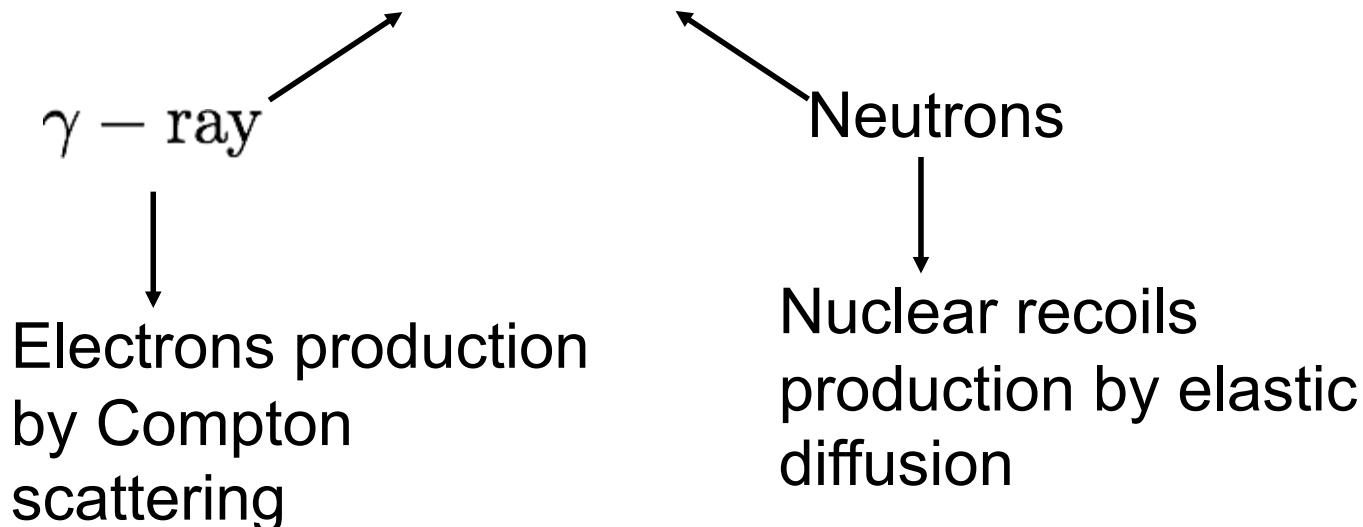
Electron/Recoil discrimination measurement

@ Amande Facility (IRSN Cadarache):

Neutron field production reaction:

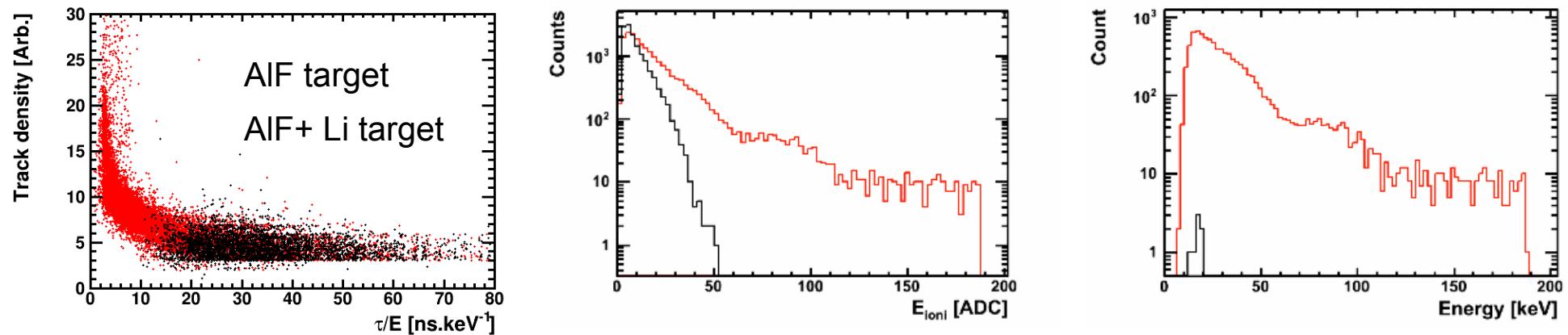


Target : $\text{Al F} + \text{Li}$



Experiment with and without Li

Electron/Recoil discrimination measurement



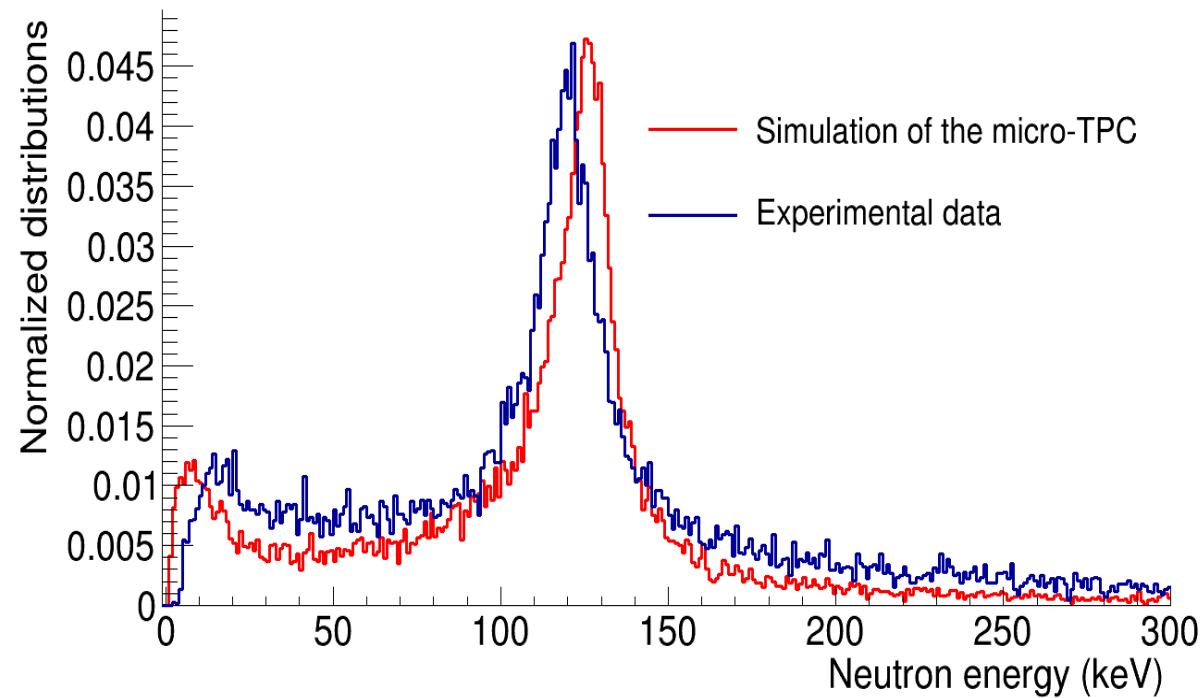
Cut on track density vs normalized rise-time



10^{-5} electron - recoil discrimination

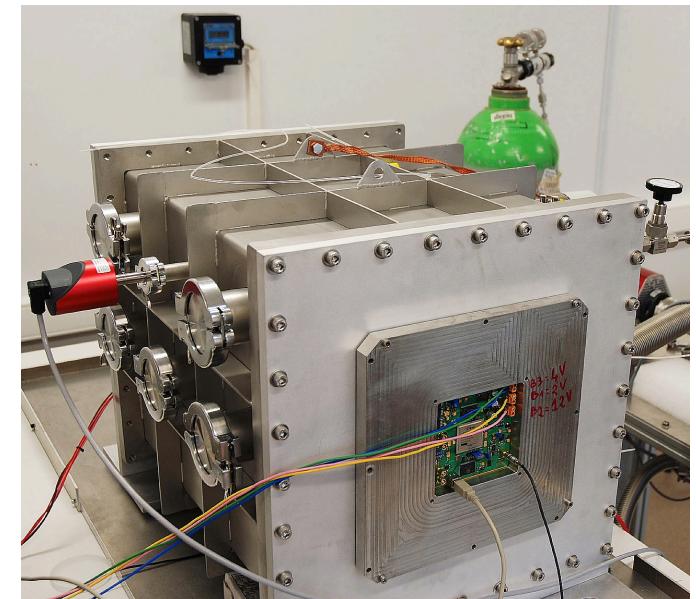
Measurement of 127 keV neutrons at Cadarache

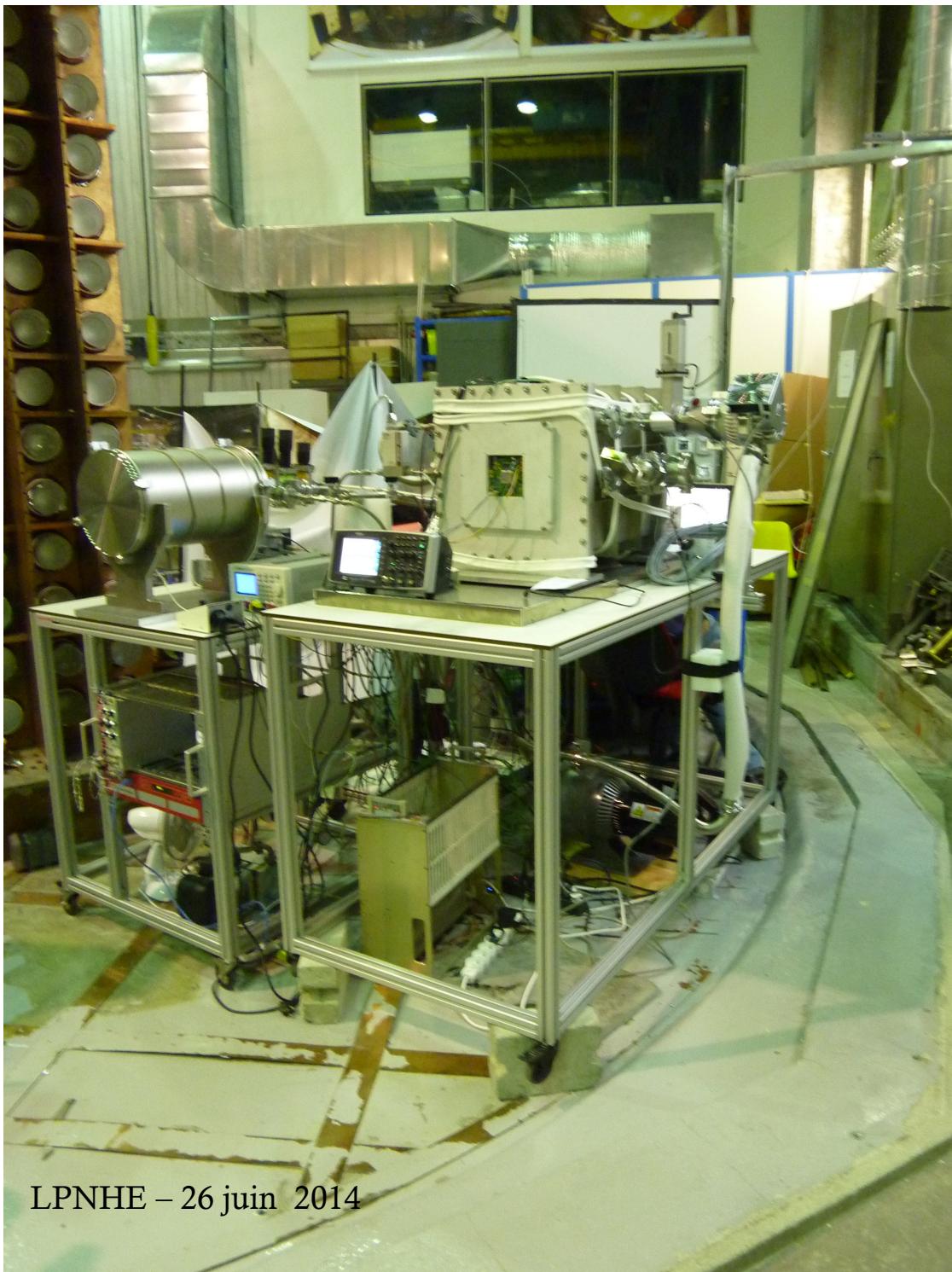
(D.Maire et al. (2014), IEEE)



MIMAC bi-chamber module

- Two detectors with a common cathode (mylar 24um (6/2012), 12um (6/2013))
- Active volume = $2 \times (25 \times 10.8 \times 10.8) \text{ cm}^3 \sim 5.8 \text{ l}$
- Gas mixture $70\% \text{ CF}_4 + 28\% \text{ CHF}_3 + 2\% \text{ C}_4\text{H}_{10}$
at 50 mbar
- Gas circulation system with a buffer volume, a pressure regulator and a O_2 filter (+ charcoal filter)
- On-line calibration system with a X-ray generator (by fluorescence)





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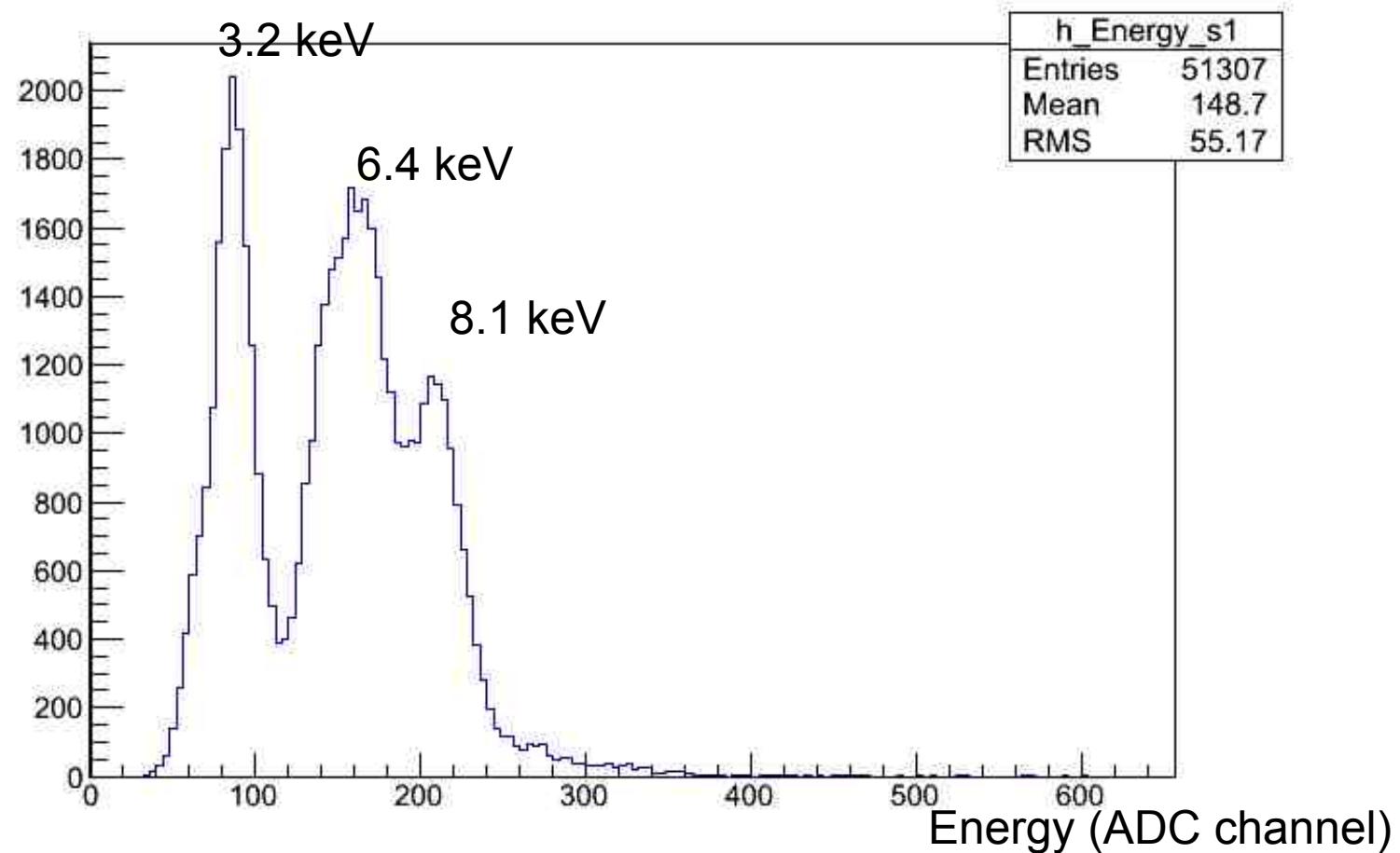
MIMAC (bi-chamber module) at
Modane Underground Laboratory
(France)
since June 22nd 2012

- 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

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Calibration – Chamber2 (at Modane) fluorescence of Cd-(Cr-Fe)-Cu



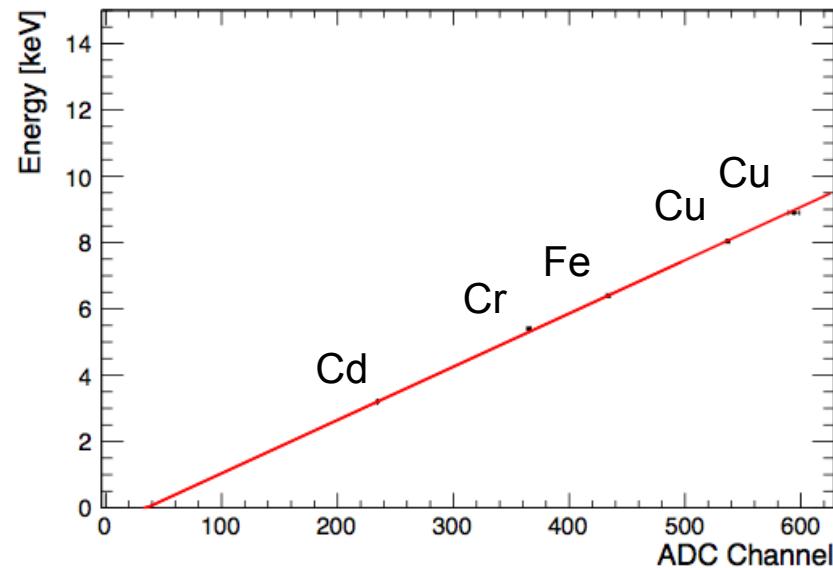
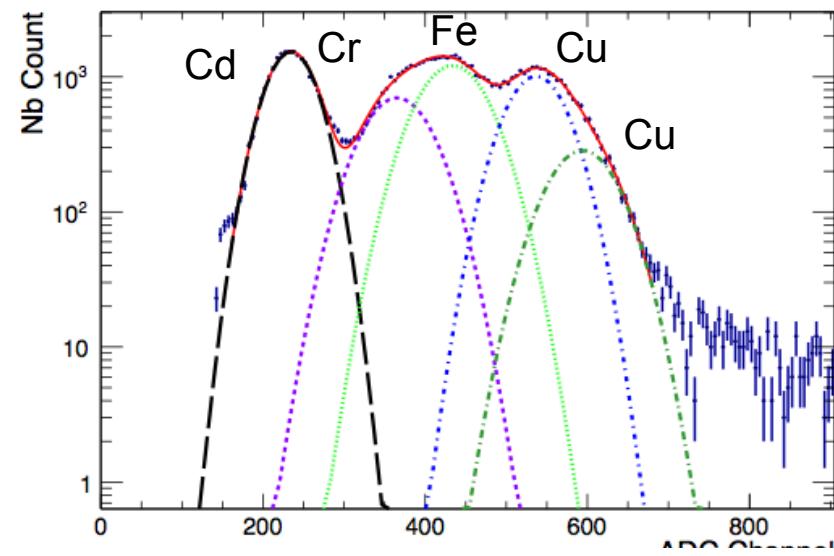
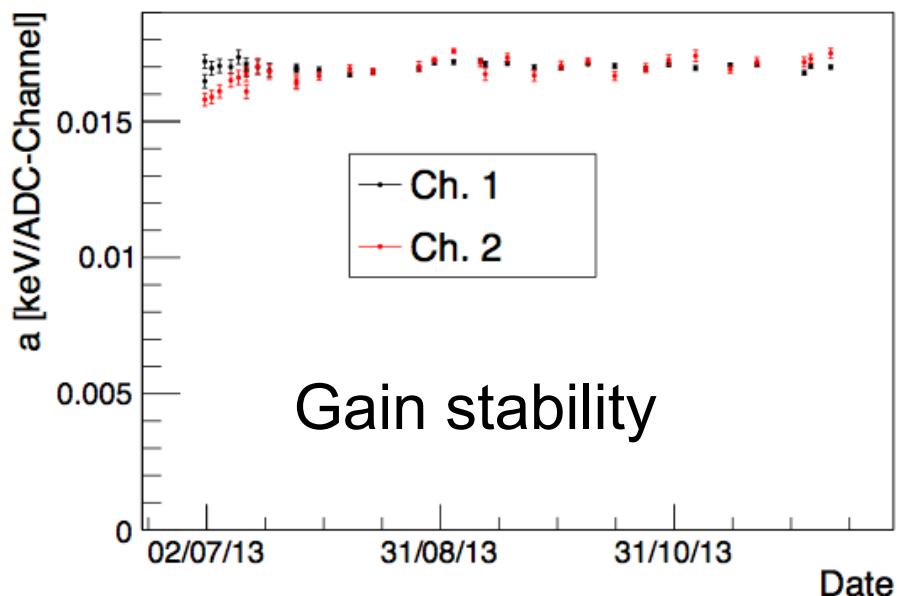
MIMAC Calibration (Modane)

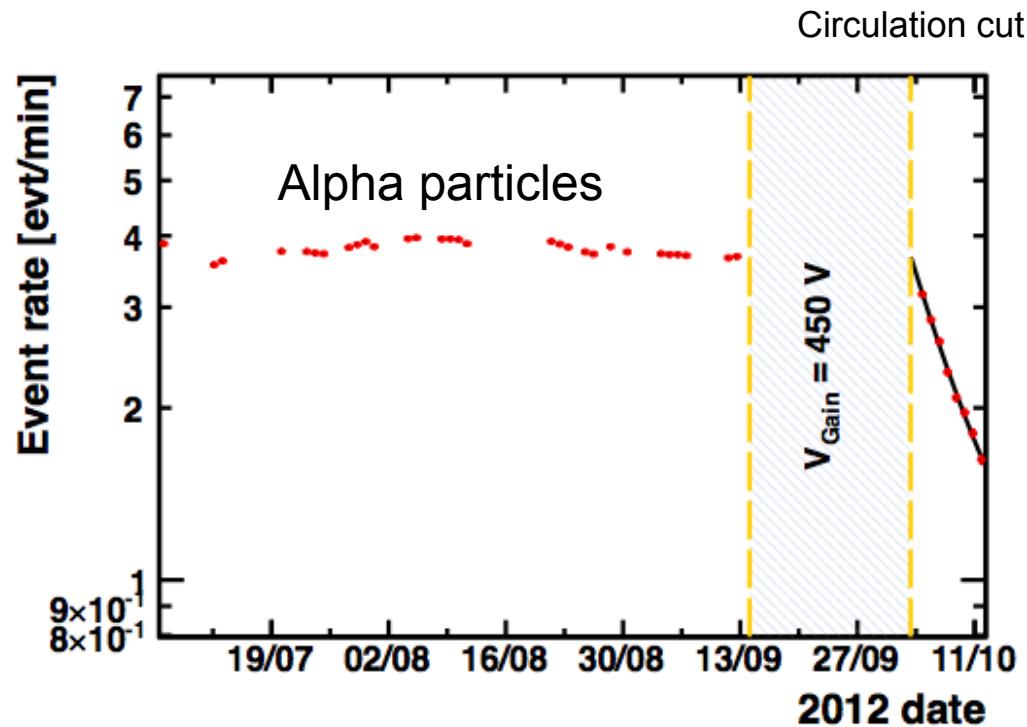
Calibration:

X-ray generator to produce fluorescence photons from metal foils (Cd, Fe, Cu)

Once a week

Low energy detector calibration.





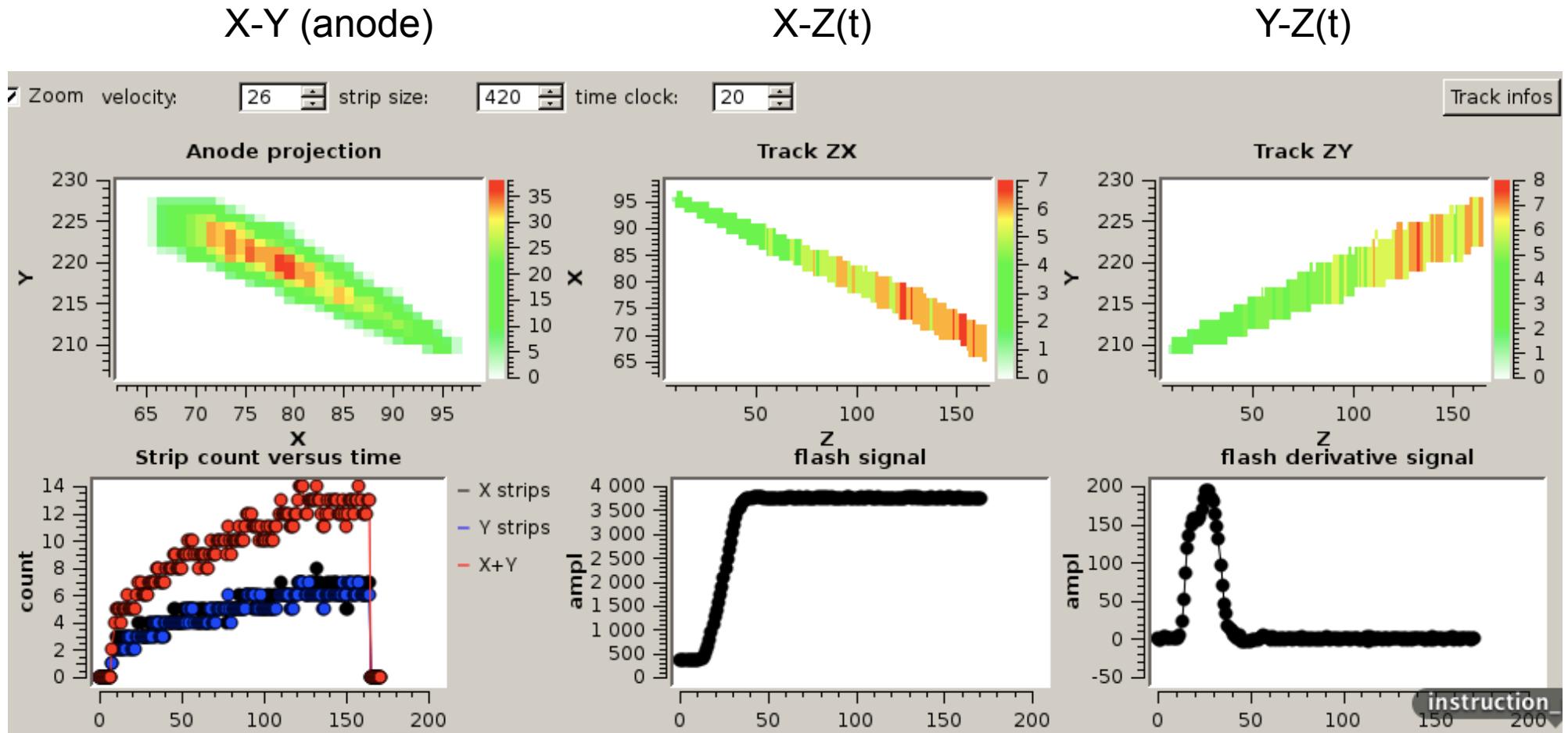
α -particles rate:

$$R_\alpha \approx 4 \text{ evt/min}$$

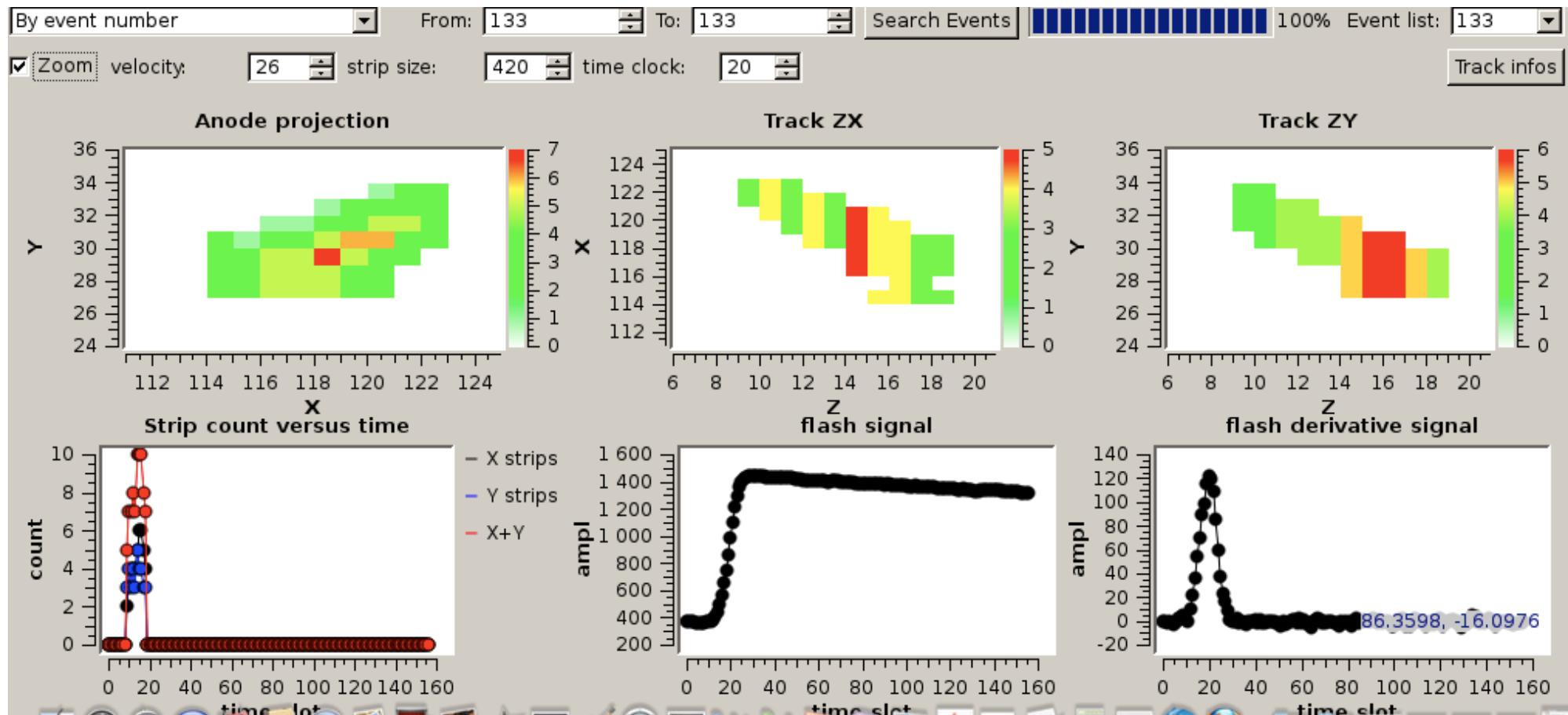
Circulation cut
→ Exponential decreasing

Compatible with the α -decay of the ^{222}Rn (3.8 days)
(α – decay)

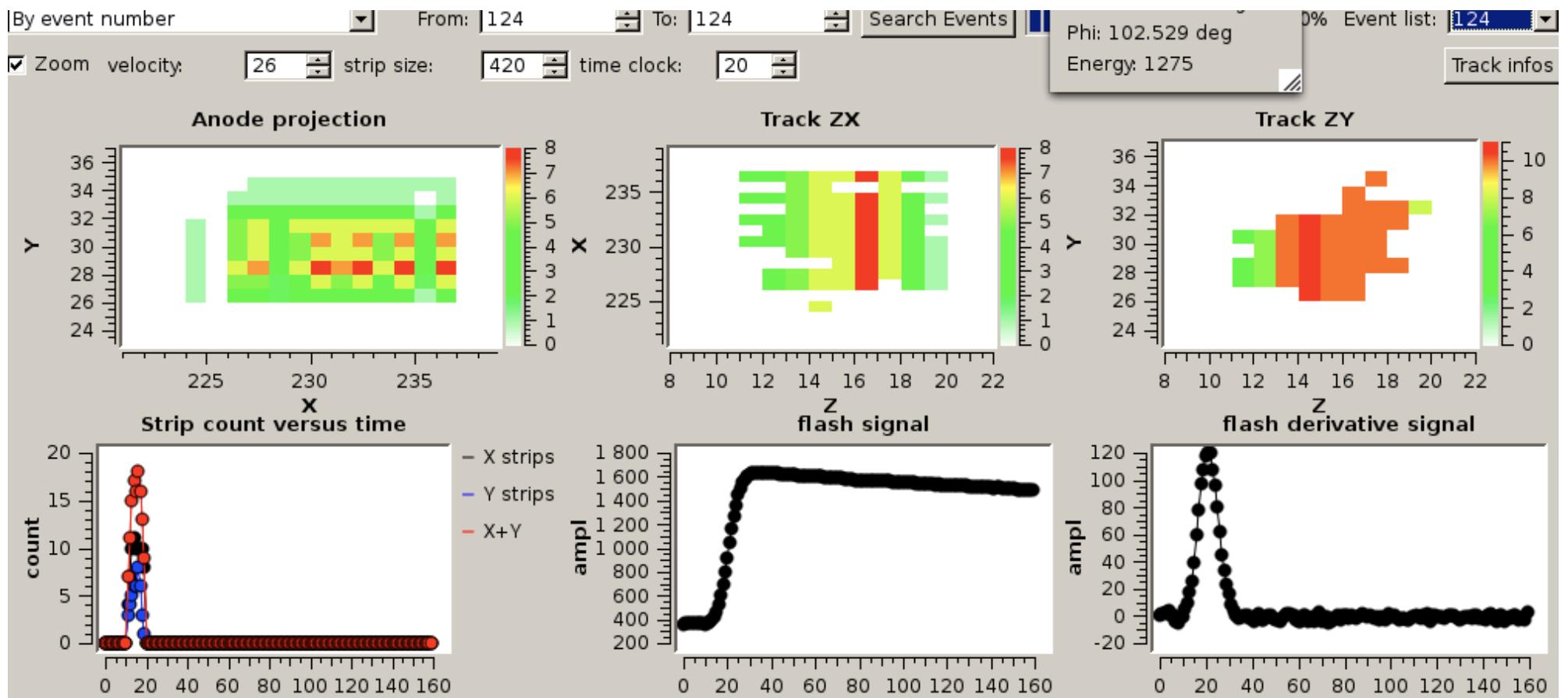
An alpha particle crossing the detector (as an illustration of the MIMAC observables)



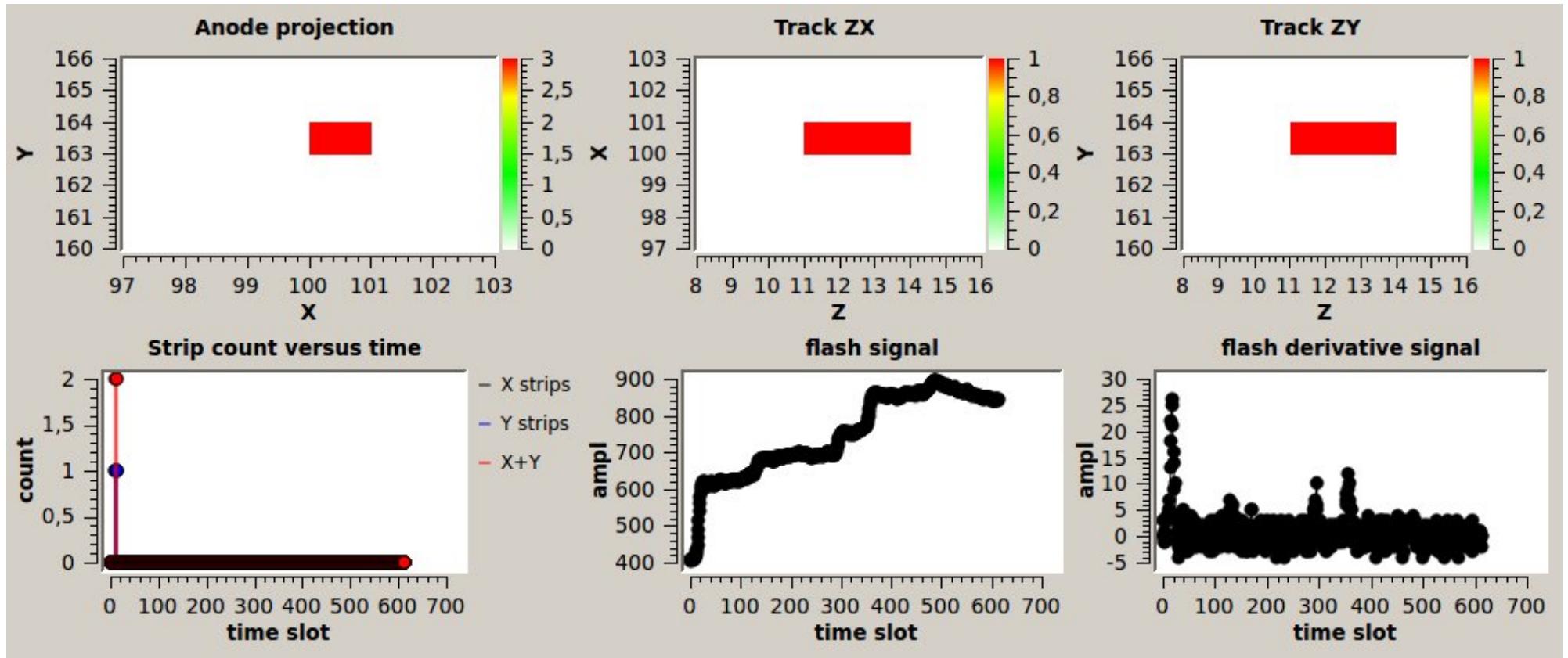
A “recoil event” (~ 34 keVee)



A “recoil” event (~ 40 keVee)



An Electron event (18 keV)

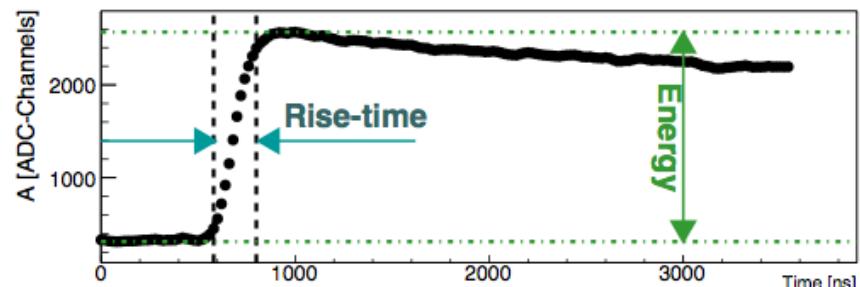


MIMAC - Observables

Flash-ADC observables:

Ionization energy $E_{ioni}^{ADC} = S_{max} - S_{min} \rightarrow E_{ioni}^{keV} = a \times E_{ioni}^{ADC} + b$

Normalized rise-time τ/E_{ioni}

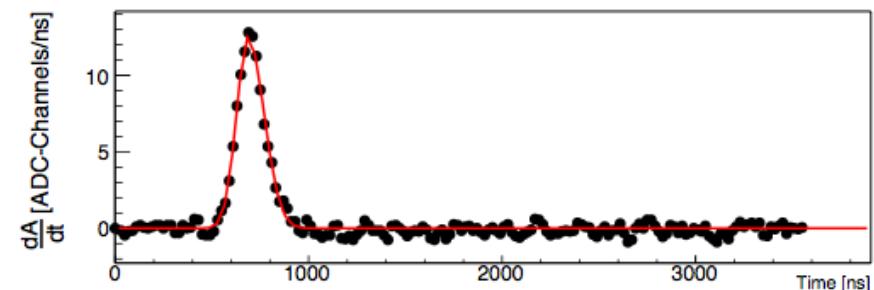


Track observables:

Track density

Slot duration

Track projected width

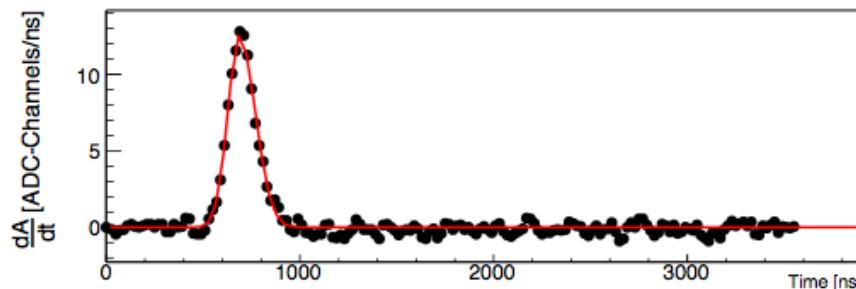
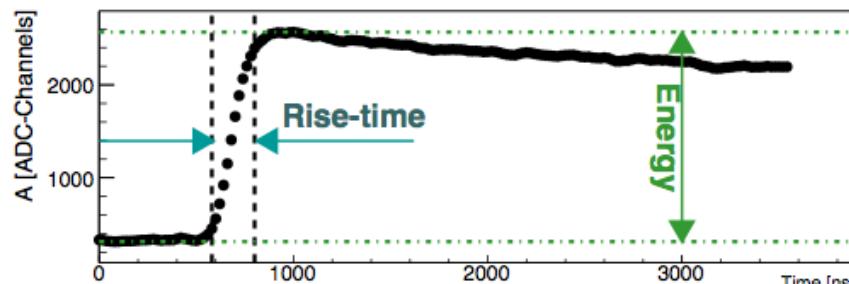


Track mean projected diffusion ($\langle \Delta X \rangle < \Delta Y \rangle$) (MPD)

MIMAC - Observables

Definitions Flash-ADC:

- Energy: $E = A_{\max} - A_{\min}$
- Rise-time: $\tau \rightarrow \tau/E_{ion}$
- Peak number
- Fit results : χ^2
 - Peak position: μ
 - Peak width: $\sigma_1 + \sigma_2$
 - Peak asymmetry: $r = \sigma_1/\sigma_2$

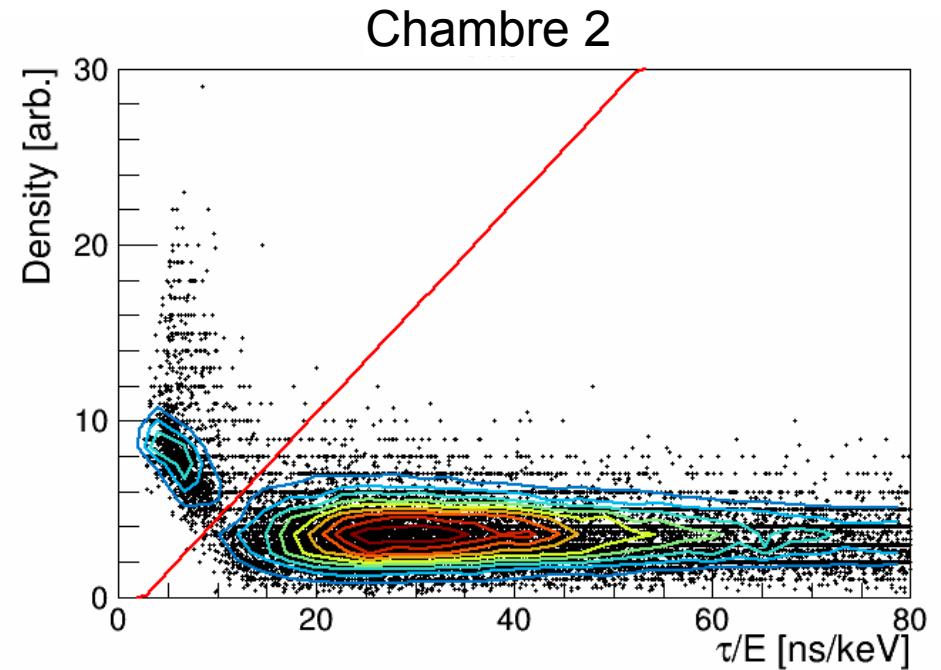
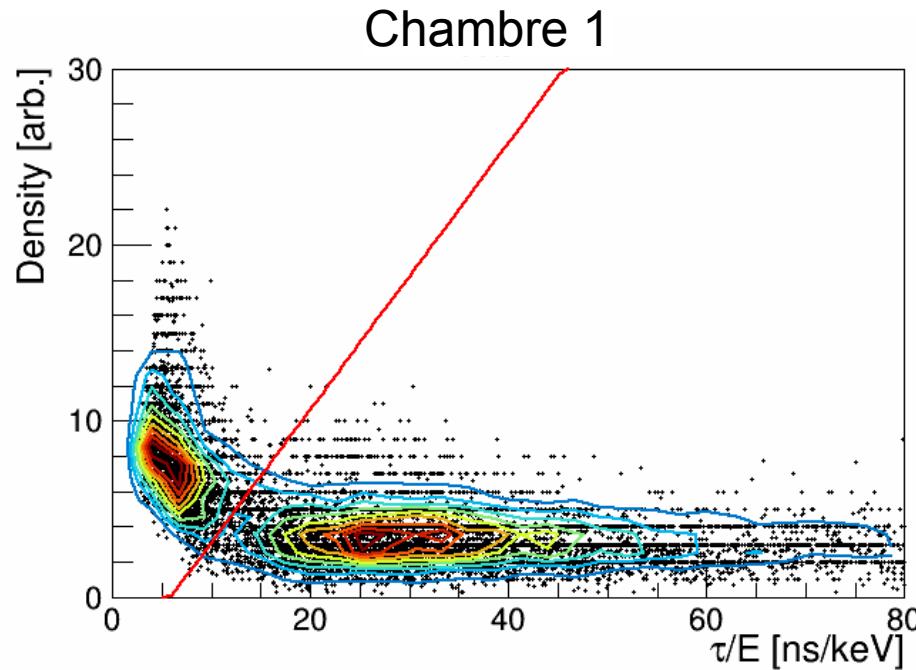


Definitions track:

- Slot duration Δt_{slot}
- (X,Y) Fiducialisation
- Track homogeneity (No clusters)
- Track density $\rho_{track} = \sum N_{px}^i / \Delta X_i \Delta Y_i$
- Mean Projected Diffusion (MPD)

$$\bar{\mathcal{D}} = \ln (\overline{\Delta X} \times \overline{\Delta Y})$$

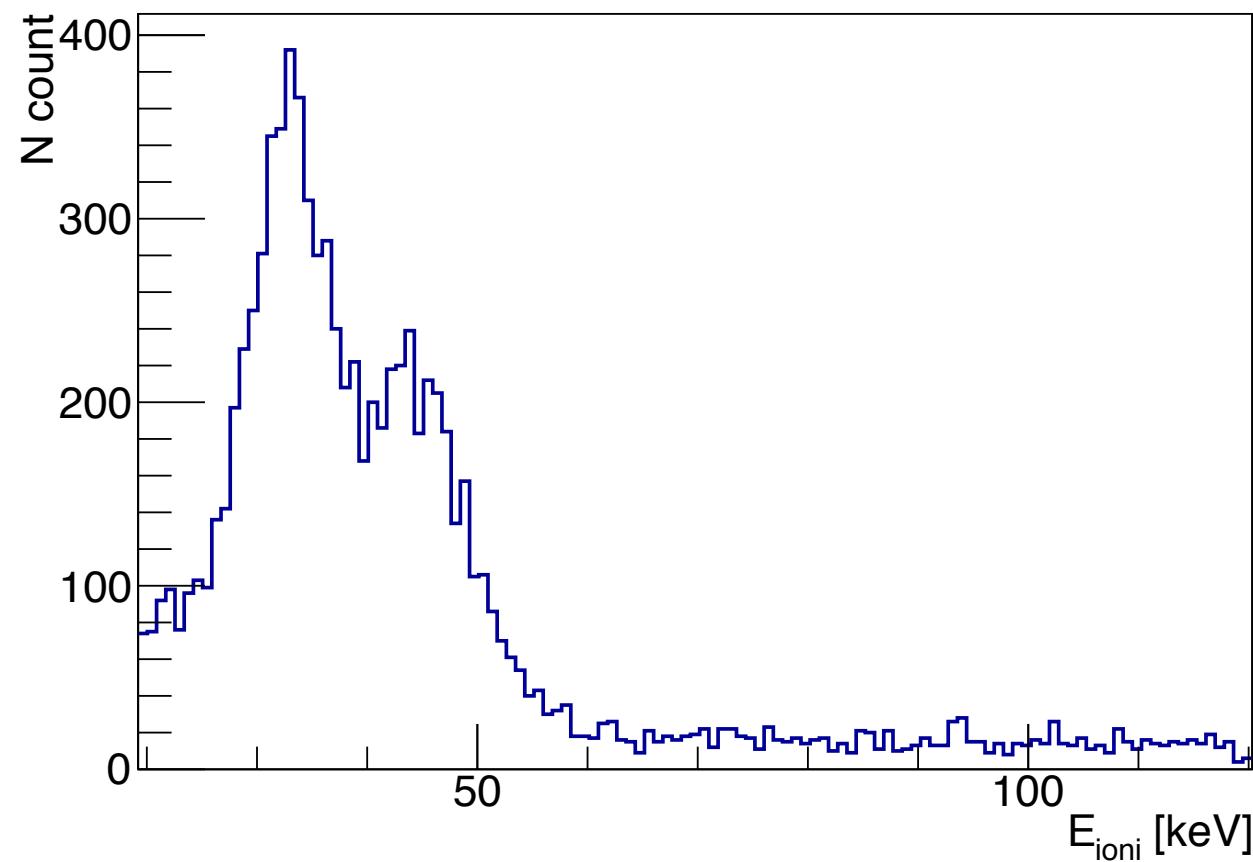
Electron/recoil discrimination



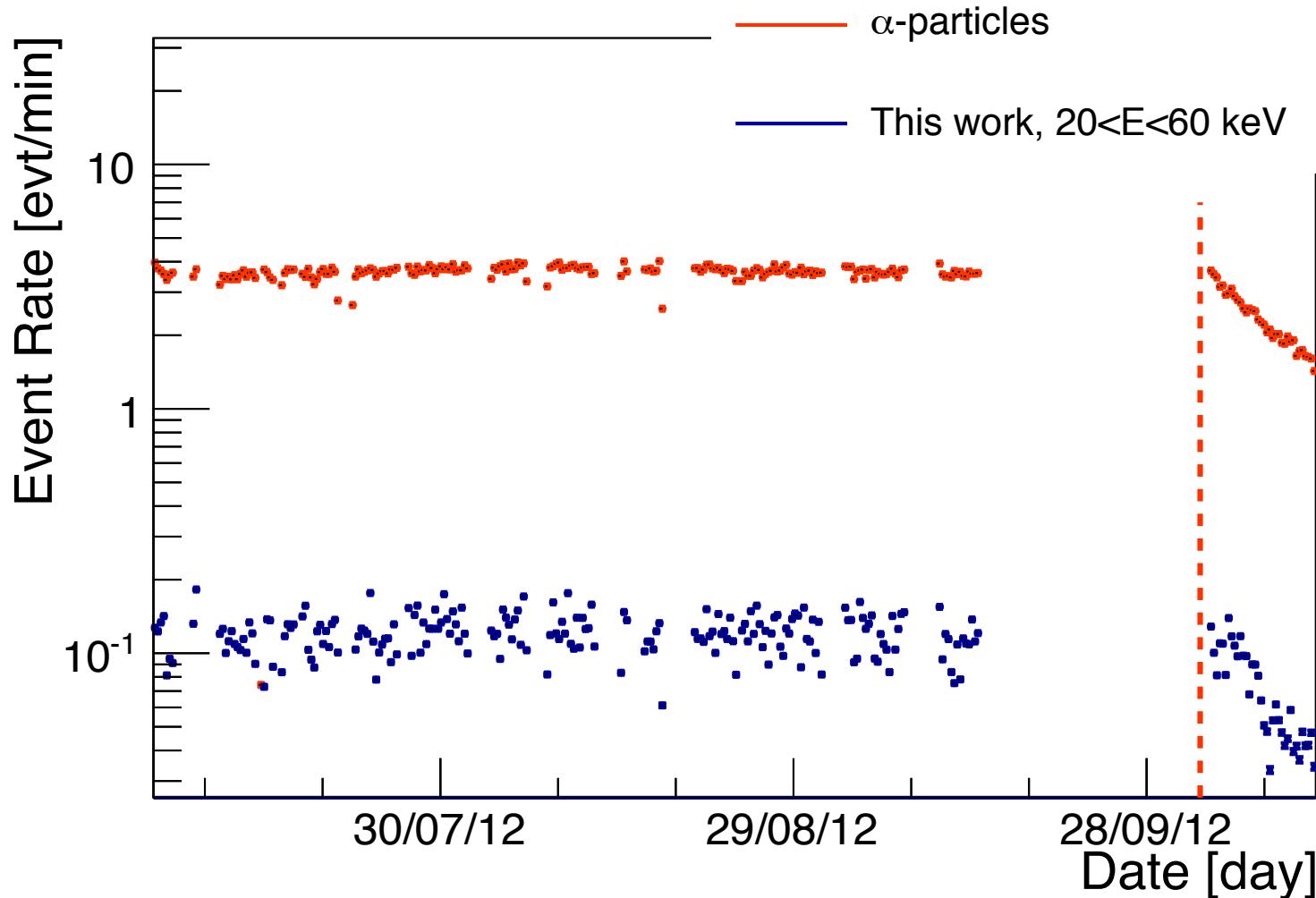
Cut: Optimisation of the separation

$$\begin{cases} \text{Chamber 1: } d > \tau/E \times 0.756 - 4.52 \\ \text{Chamber 2: } d > \tau/E \times 0.6 - 1.6 \end{cases}$$

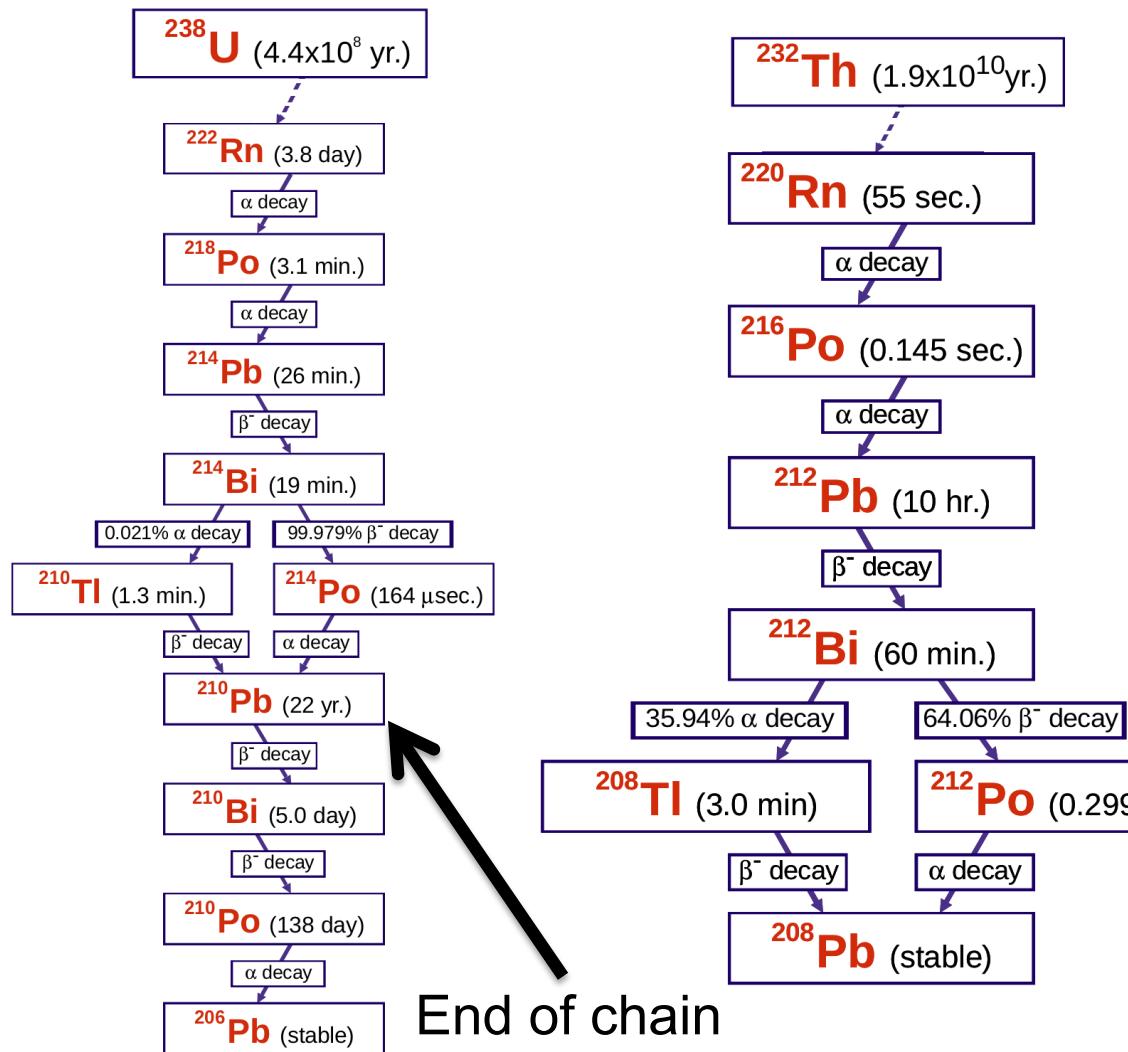
Spectrum of nuclear recoil tracks detected at Modane
(coming from the ^{222}Rn chain decay, surface events)
and the alpha particles through the cathode...



Event rate of alphas at Modane in Ch2 (validation of the source of alphas (^{222}Rn))



Rn progeny events



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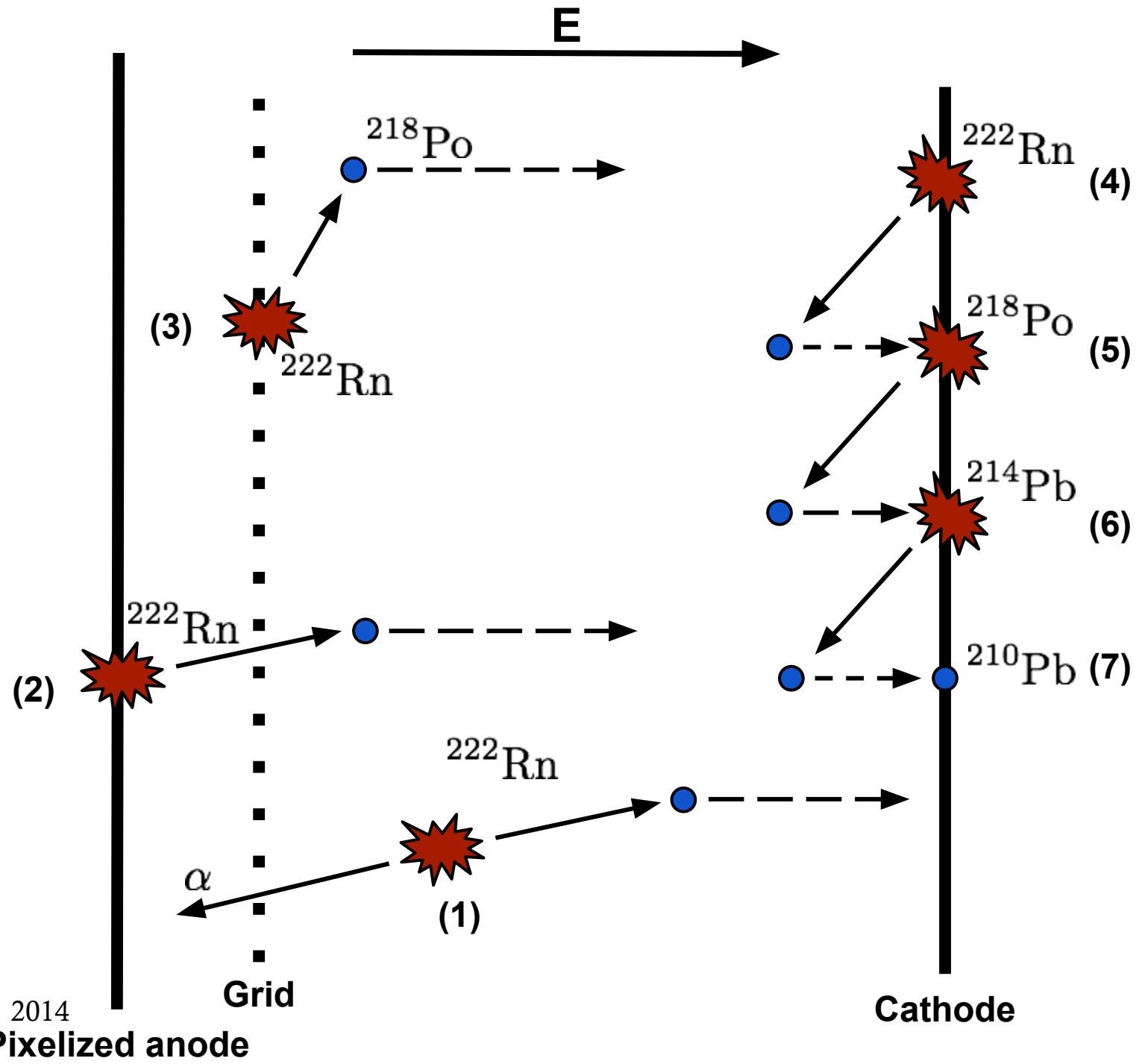
Recoil stop
In the cathode

α pass
through the cathode

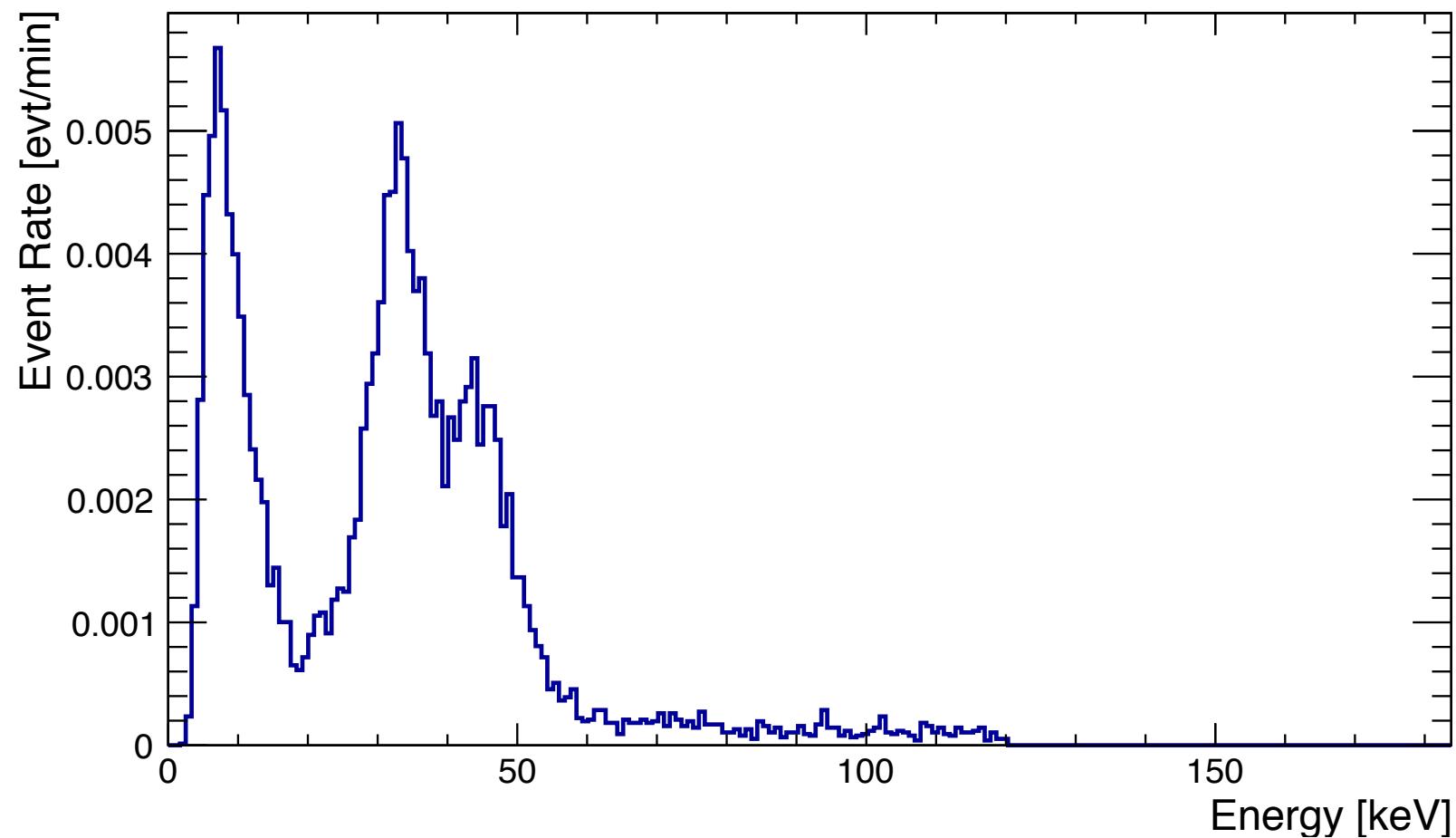
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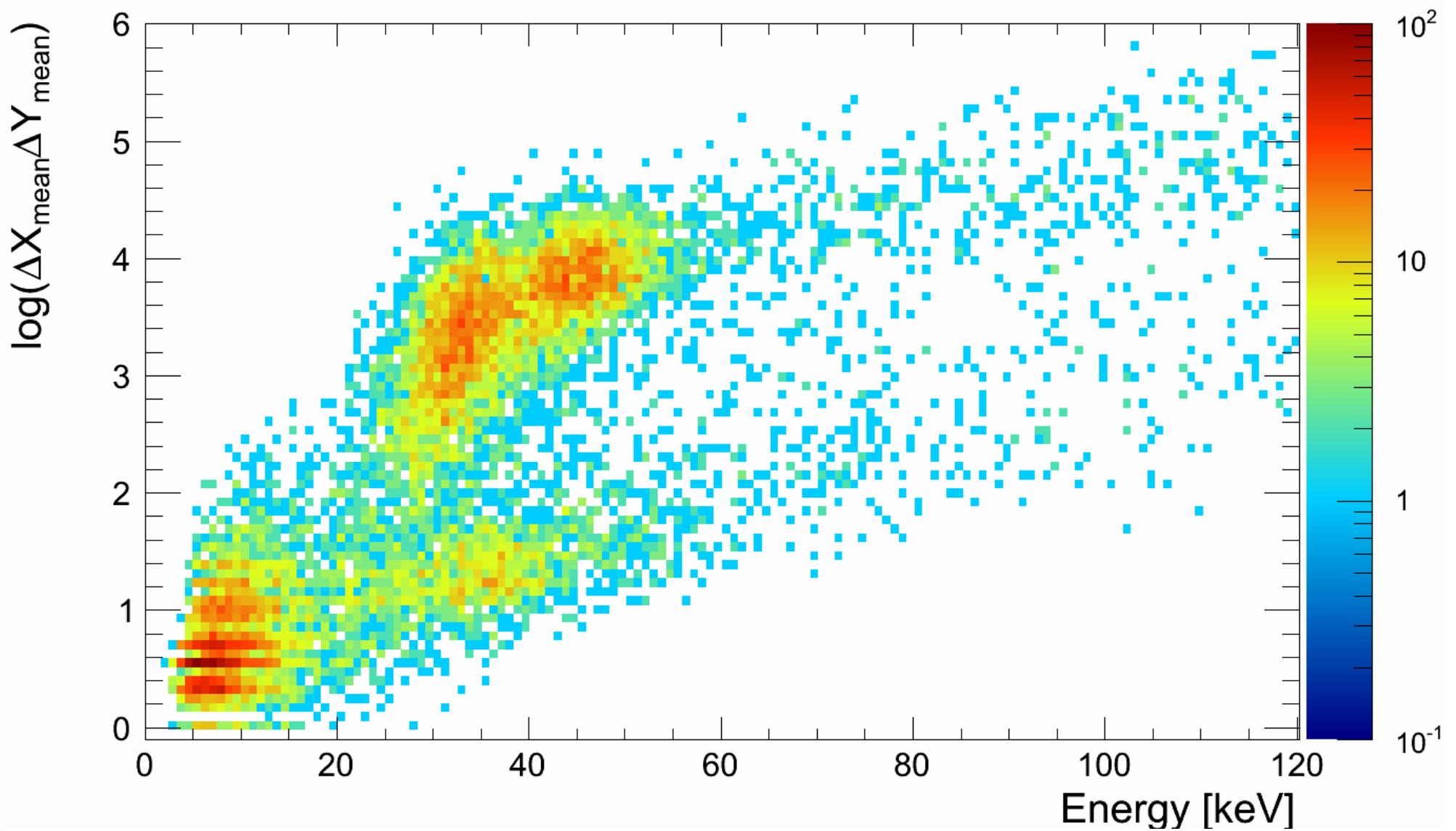
^{222}Rn progeny events in ionization energy (MIMAC)

Recoil	Recoil Energy [keV]	Ionization Quenching factor (SRIM) [%]	Ionization Energy (SRIM) [keV]	Ionization Energy measured [keV]
^{218}Po	100.79	37.93	38.23	32
^{214}Pb	112.27	39.10	43.90	34
^{210}Pb	146.52	40.12	58.78	45



2012 Data (53 days)

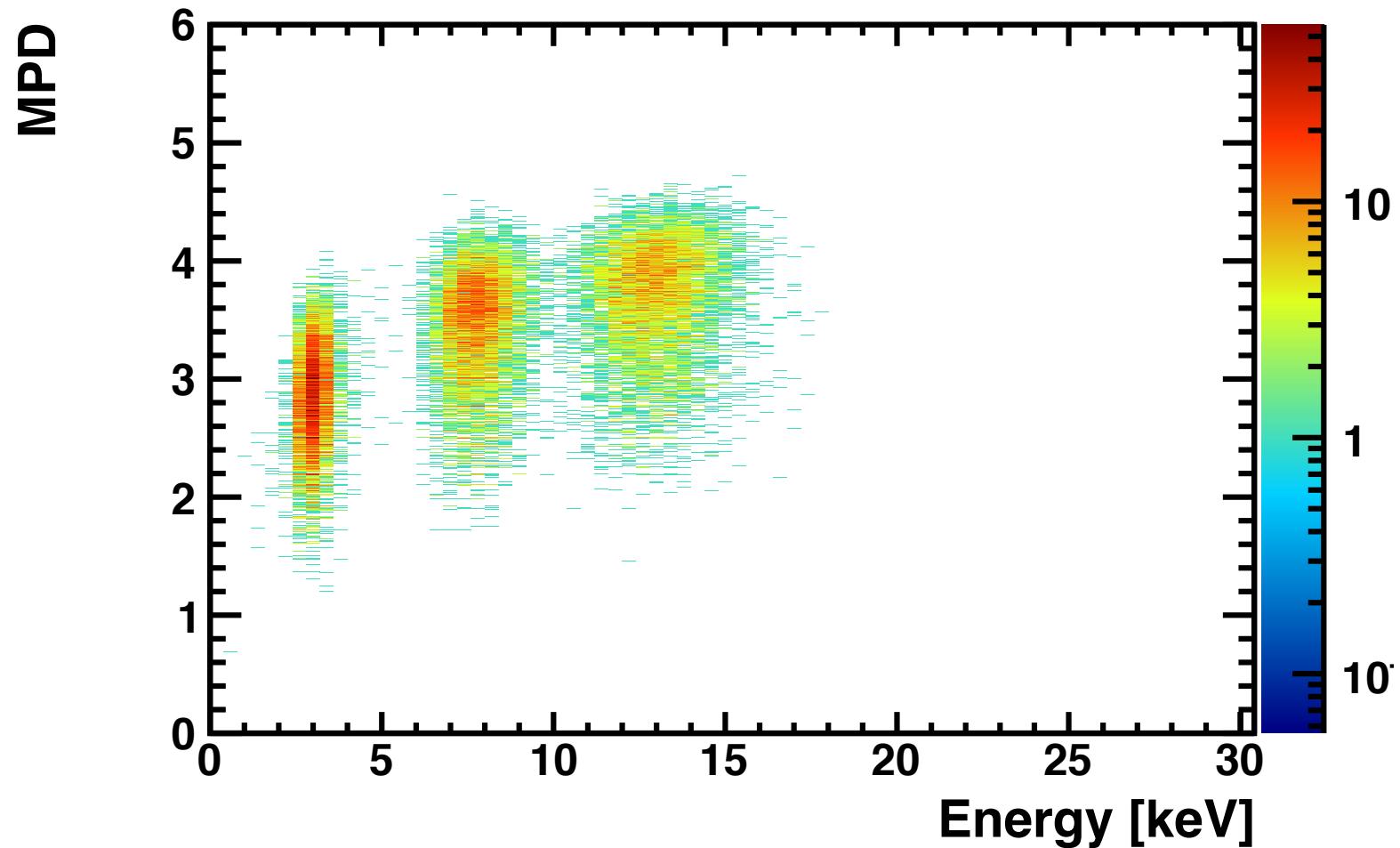


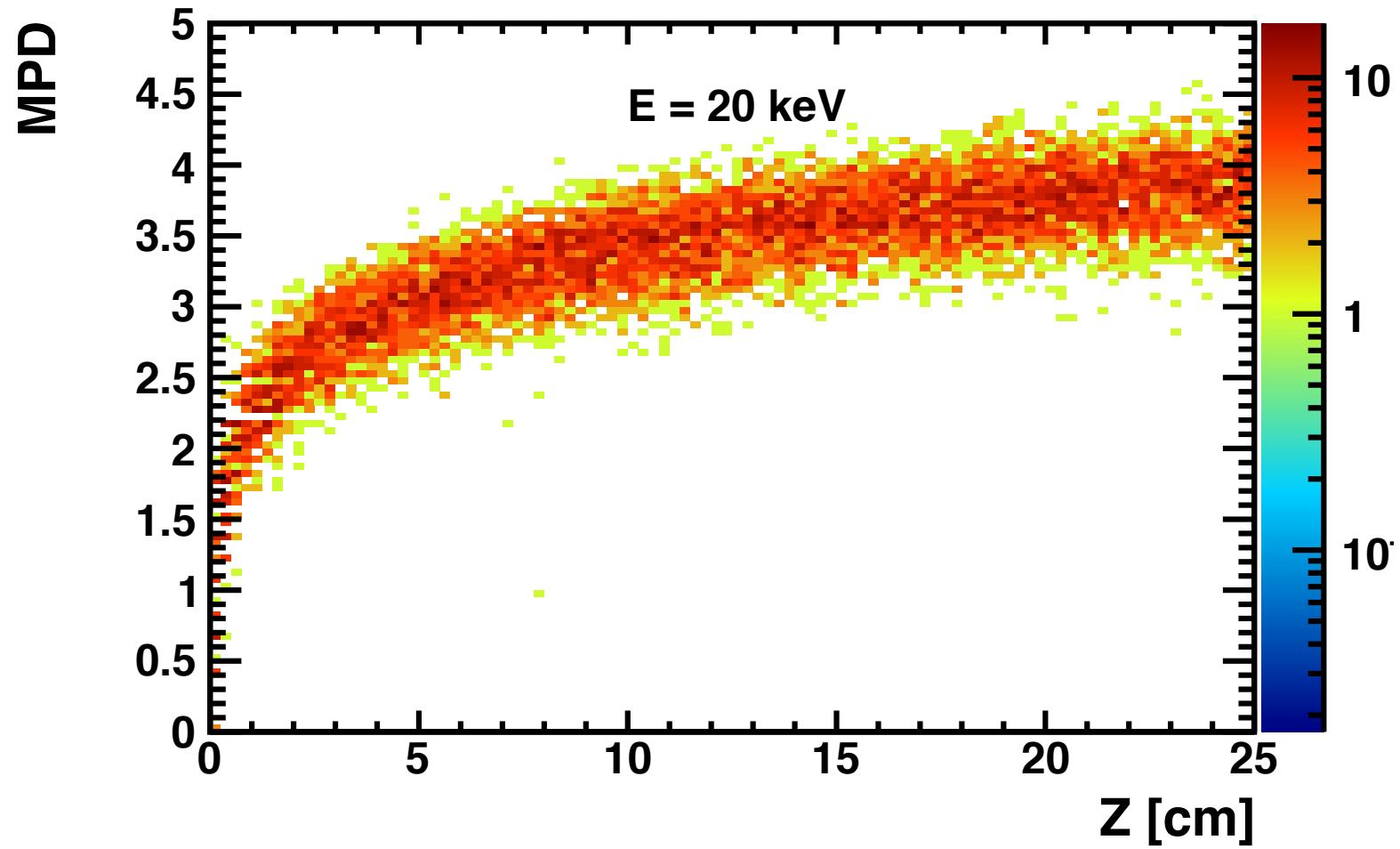


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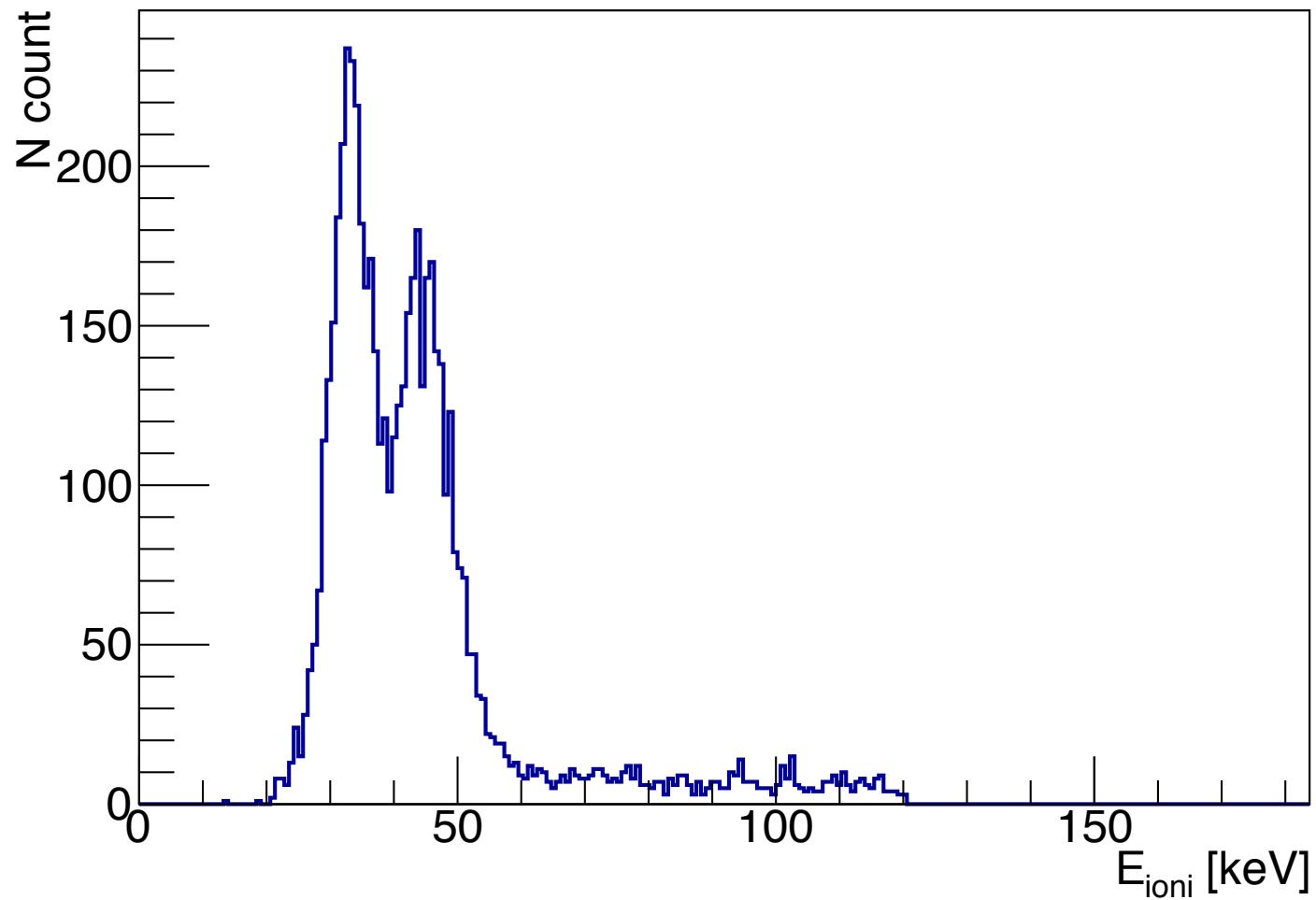
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Simulation of ^{19}F recoils diffusion observable (MDP) of 10, 20 and 30 keV kinetic energies in the MIMAC detector

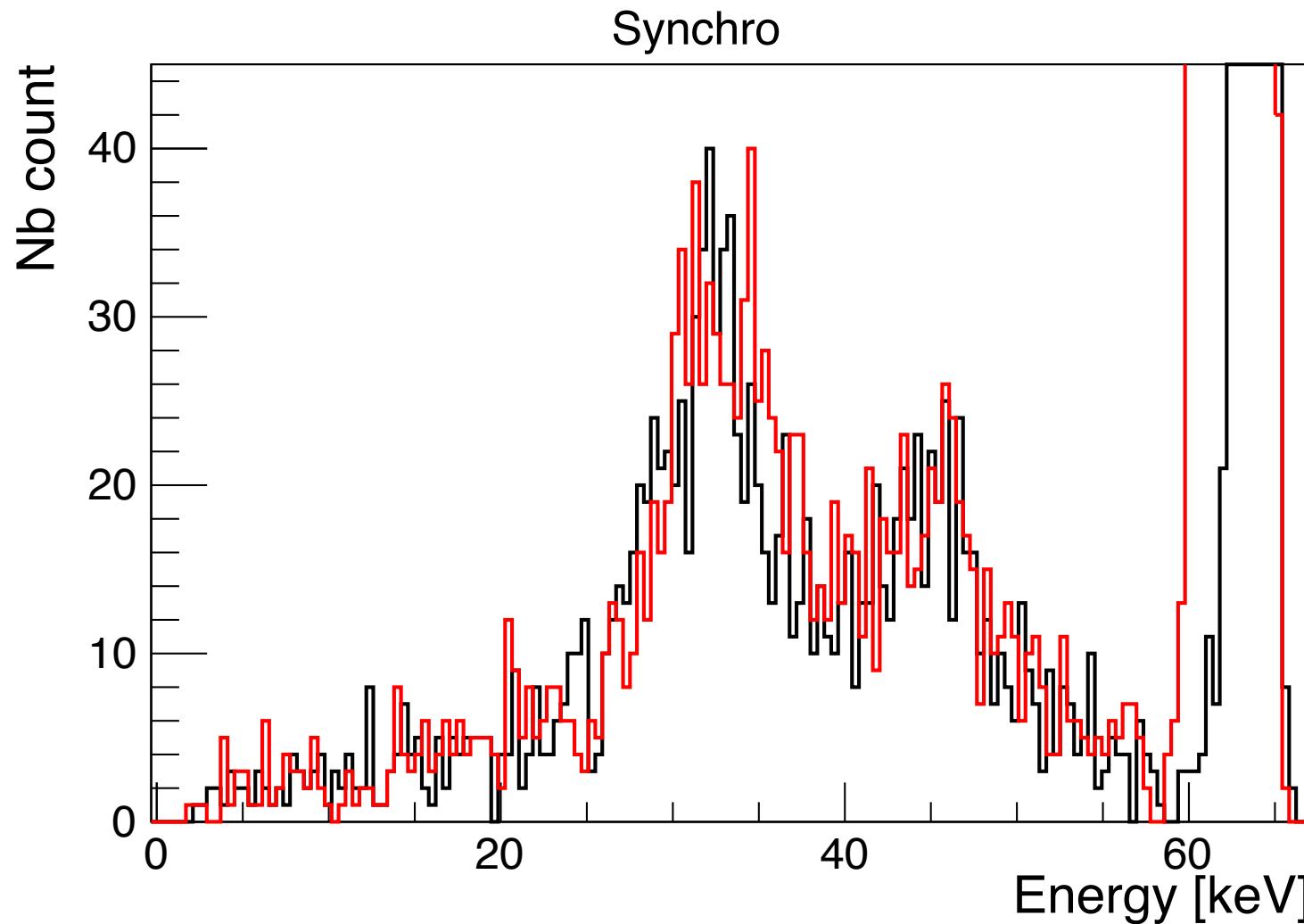




Energy Spectrum with the MPD > 2.5 cut.

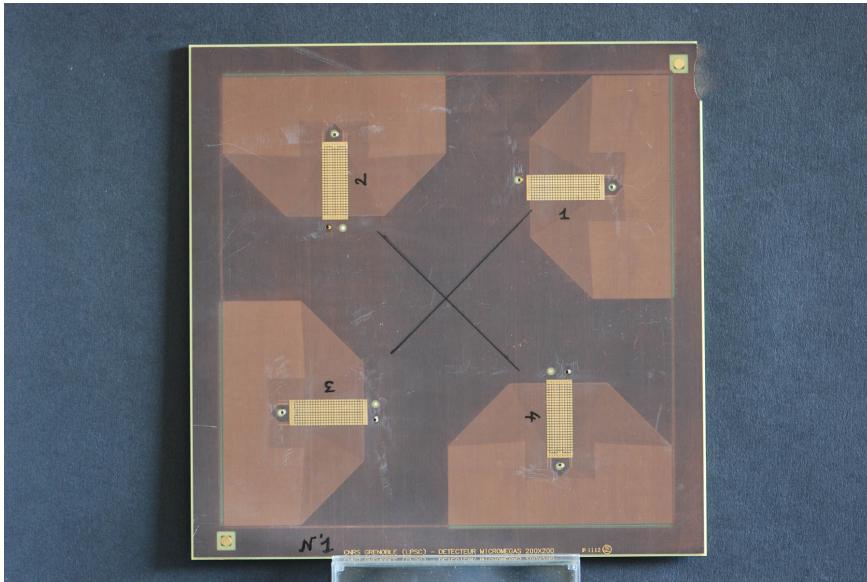


Coincidence spectra (Ch1(black) and Ch2 (red))
(Data: July 1st 2013- September 15th 2013)



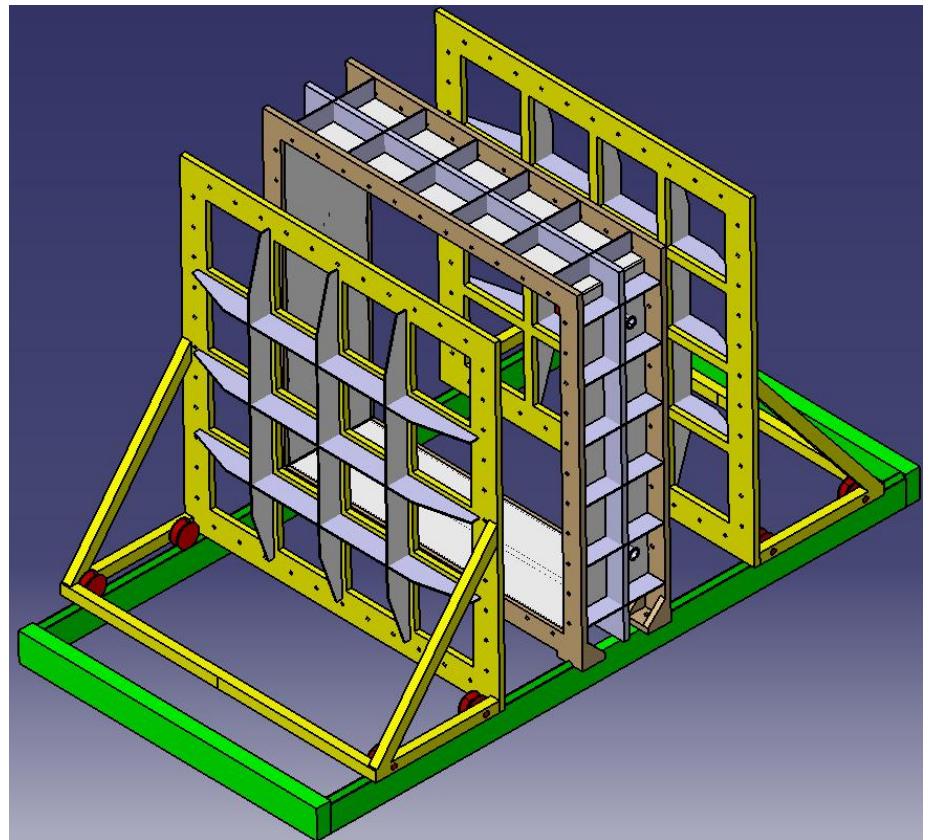
MIMAC – 1m³ = 16 bi-chamber modules (2x 35x35x26 cm³)

- i) New technology anode 35cmx35cm
(resistive uM adaptation)
- ii) Stretched thin grid at 500um.
- iii) New electronic board (640 channels)
- iv) Only one big chamber

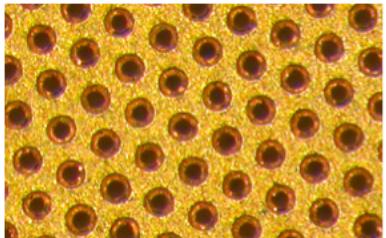


New 20cmx20cm pixellized anode
(1024 channels)

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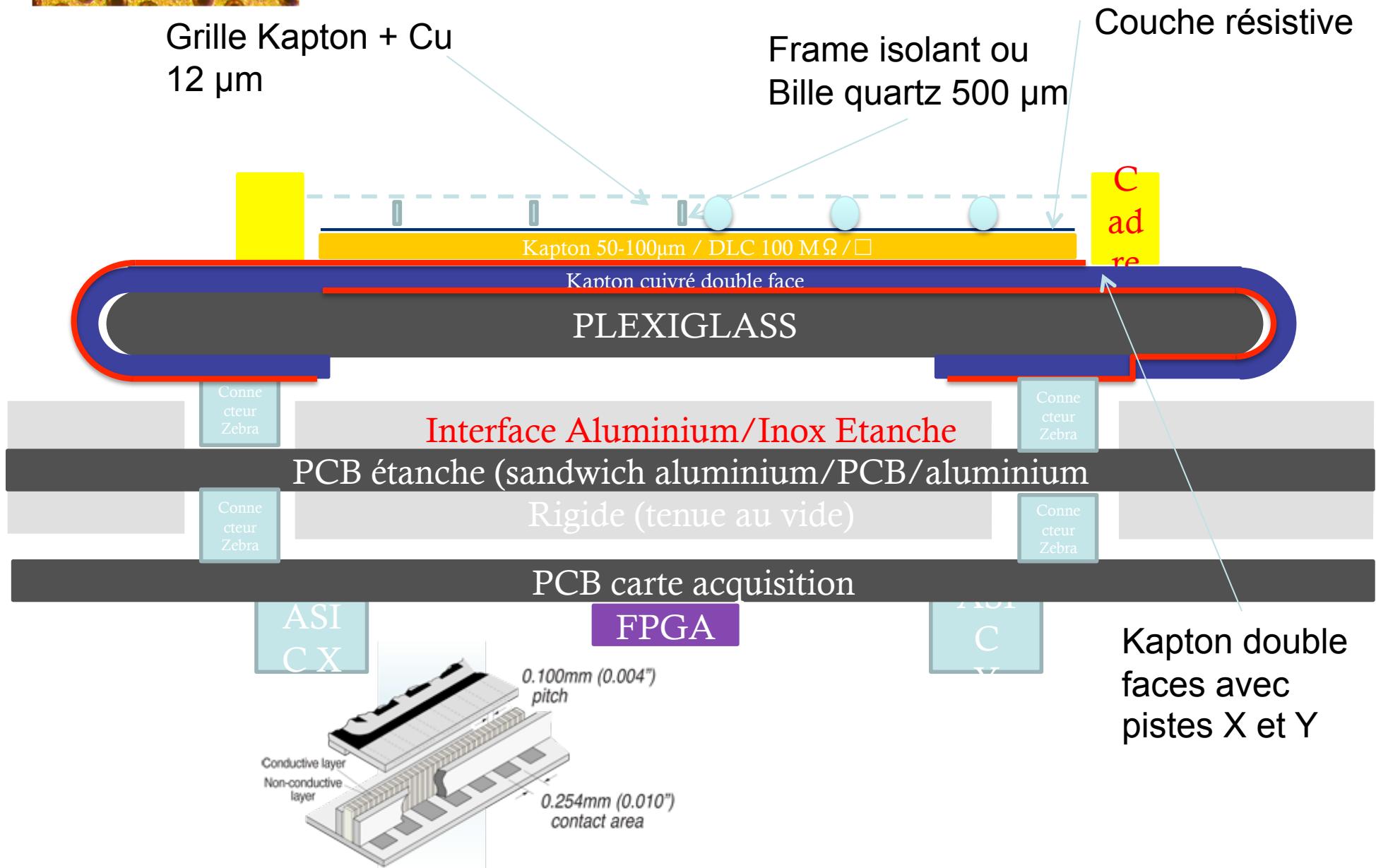


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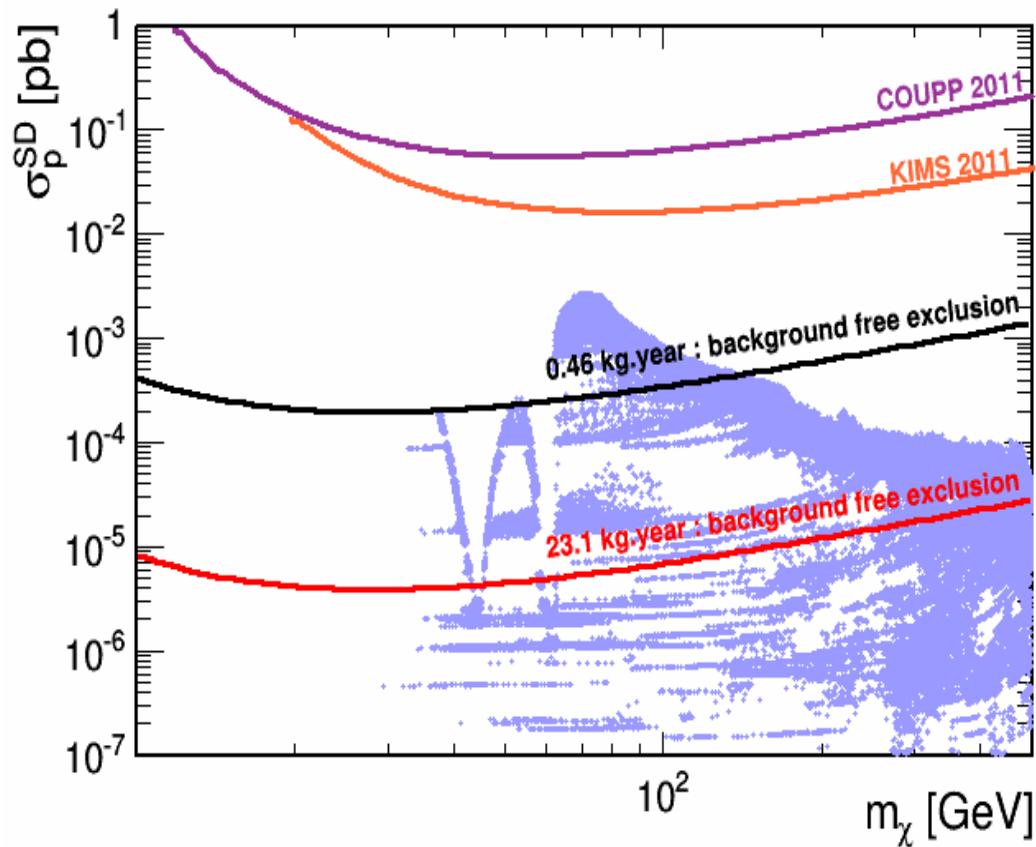


Micromegas MIMAC 35x35 cm

Low activity – V3



Exclusion curves for MIMAC (1 and 50 m³)



MIMAC Phenomenology: Discovery

Estimation of the discovery potential

MIMAC characteristics

- 10 kg CF₄
- DAQ : 3 years
- Recoil energy range [5, 50] keV

Discovery at 3σ {
With BKG (300)
Without BKG

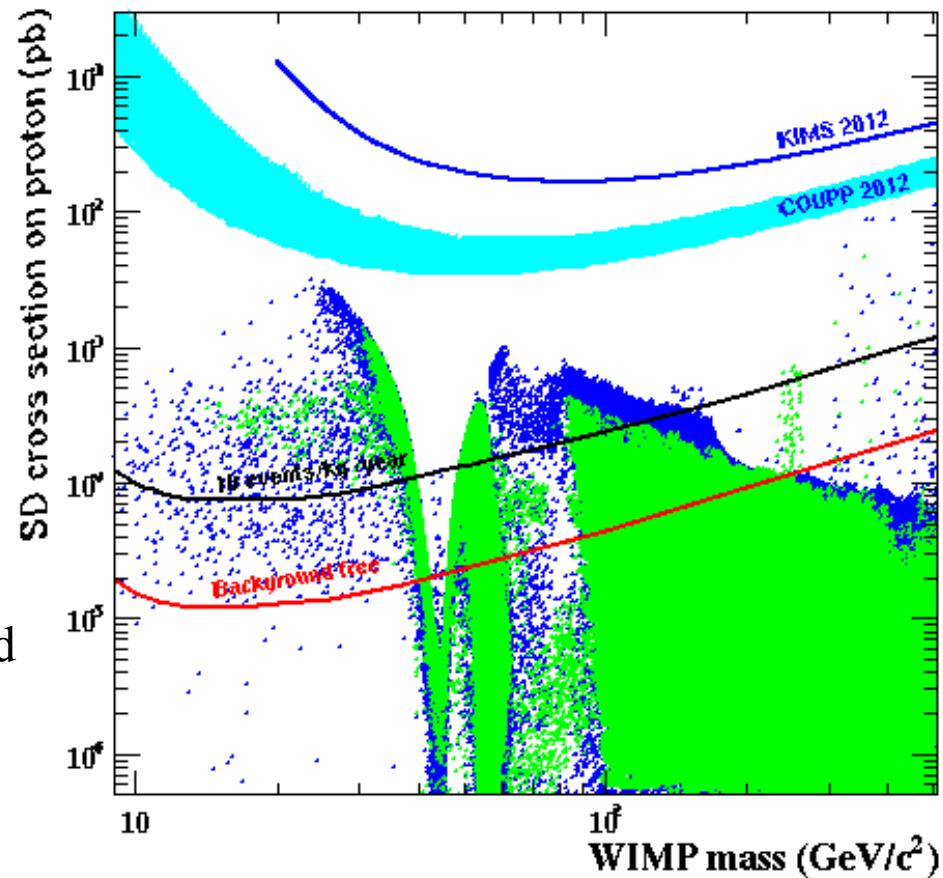
→ Even with a large number of background events, discovery is still possible

→ Only low number of WIMP events are required at low masses

→ **A discovery ($>3\sigma$ @ 90% CL) with BKG** is possible down to **10^{-3} - 10^{-4} pb**

MSSM
NMSSM

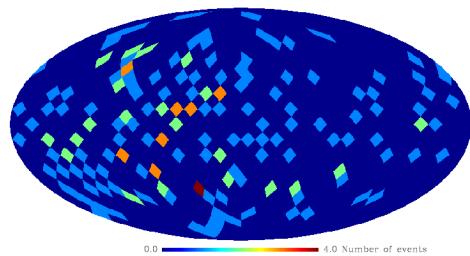
D. Albornoz-Vasquez et al., PRD 85



Directional Dark Matter: discovery/exclusion

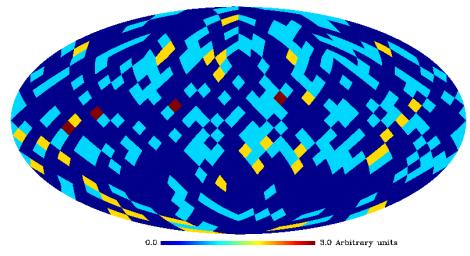
J. Billard *et al.*, PLB 2010
J. Billard *et al.*, PRD 2010

- **discovery (5σ)**
Up to 10^{-4} pb

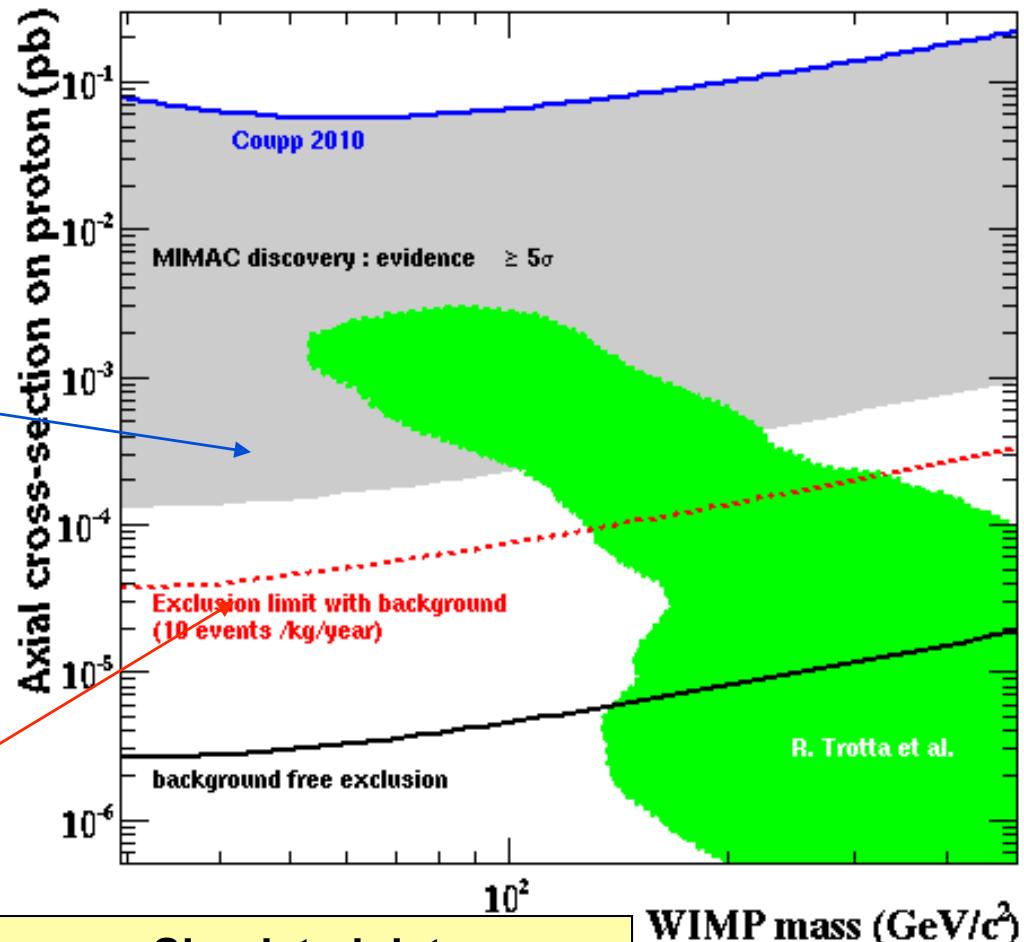


100 WIMP, 100 bkg

- **exclusion**
Up to 10^{-6} pb



0 WIMP, 300 bkg



Simulated data

- 30 kg.year CF_4
- Recoil energy [5, 50] keV. Santos (LPSC Grenoble)
- Angular resolution : 15°

Conclusions

- i) A new directional detector of nuclear recoils at low energies has been developed giving a lot of flexibility on targets, pressure, energy range...
- ii) Ionization quenching factor measurements have been determined experimentally.
- iii) Phenomenology studies performed by the MIMAC team show the impact of this kind of detector.
- iv) MIMAC bi-chamber module has been installed at Modane Underground Laboratory in June 2012. An upgraded version in June 2013.
- v) For the first time the 3D nuclear recoil tracks from the Rn progeny have been observed.
- vi) New degrees of freedom are available to discriminate electrons from nuclear recoils to improve the DM search for.
- vii) The 1 m³ will be the validation of a new generation of DM detector including directionality (the ultimate signature for DM)

You are all welcome to participate in this challenge