

# Missing data reconstruction using ML techniques with the gaseous TPC PandaX-III experiment

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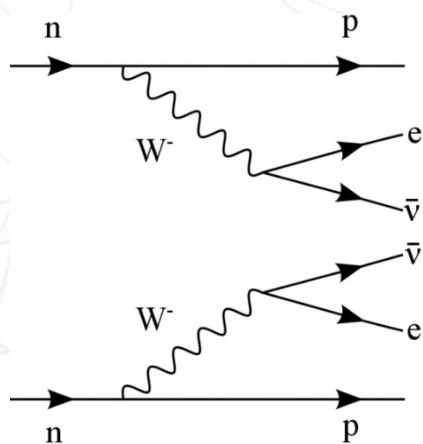
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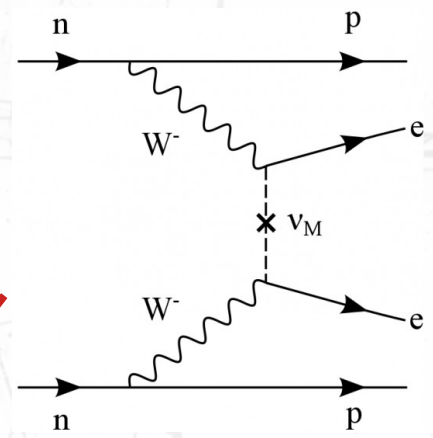
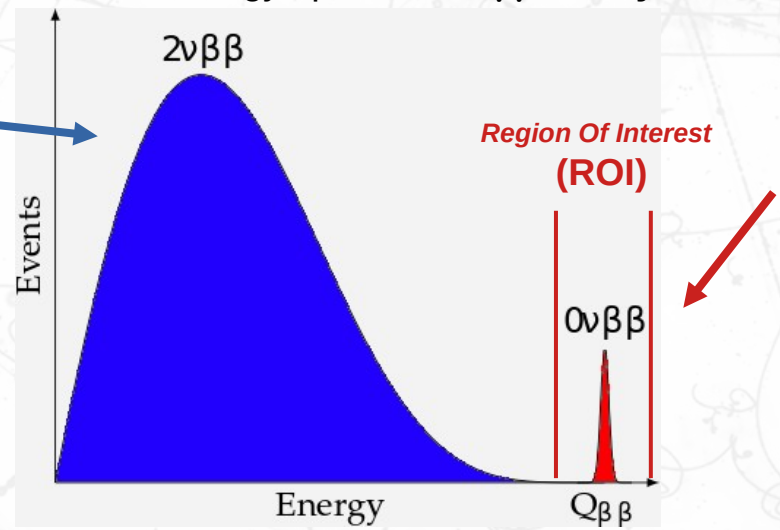
# ➤ Searching for $0\nu 2\beta$



- hypothetical decay :  $(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z + 2) + 2e^-$
- Majorana nature of the neutrino (own anti-particle)
  - Lepton number conservation violation
  - Matter/antimatter asymmetry



Electron energy spectrum of  $\beta\beta$  decay



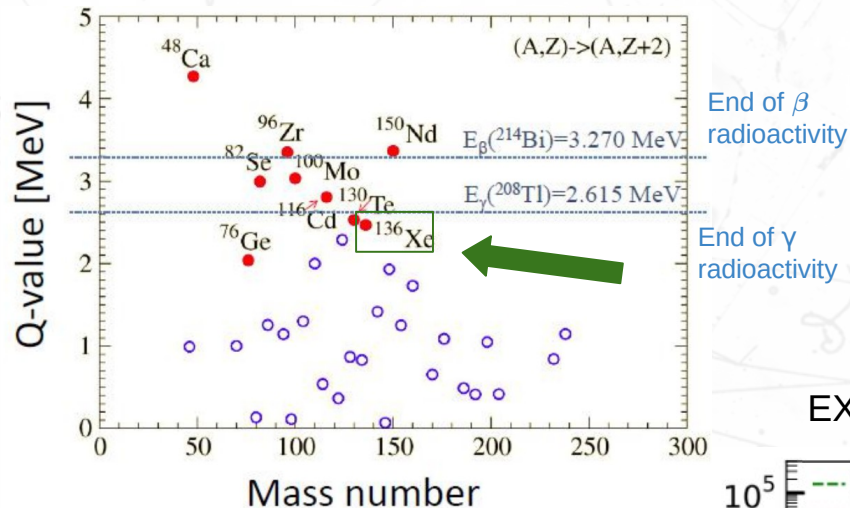
The rarest nuclear decay process

$$T_{1/2}(2\nu\beta\beta) \sim 10^{18} - 10^{24} \text{ yr}$$

Expected half-life time of the  $0\nu$  decay

$$T_{1/2} > 10^{25} \text{ yr}$$

# ➤ Xe136 gaseous TPC



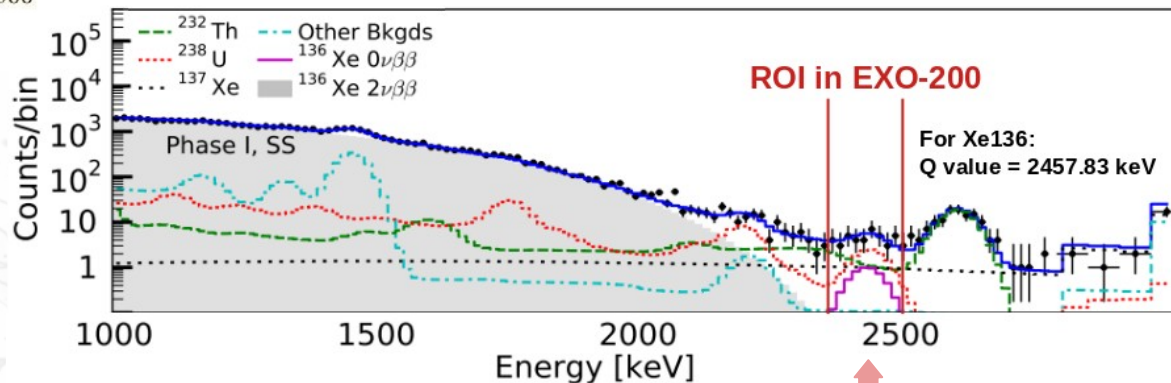
## Xe136 pros:

- Noble gas (**gaseous amplification**) => Can be used in TPCs
- good natural abundance ~9%

## Cons:

- Low Q-value (**2457.83 keV**) => Higher probability of a bkg contamination

## EXO results (liquid Xenon detector)

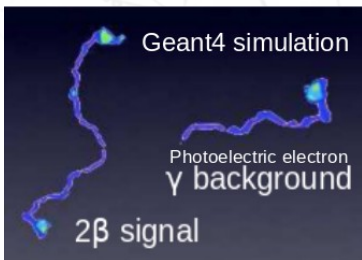


ROI is contaminated by the bkg:  
U238 and Th232 decay chains:

- 2448 keV gamma from **Bi214**
- 2615 keV gamma from **Tl208**

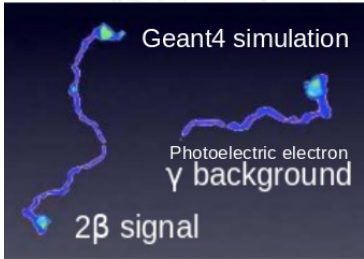
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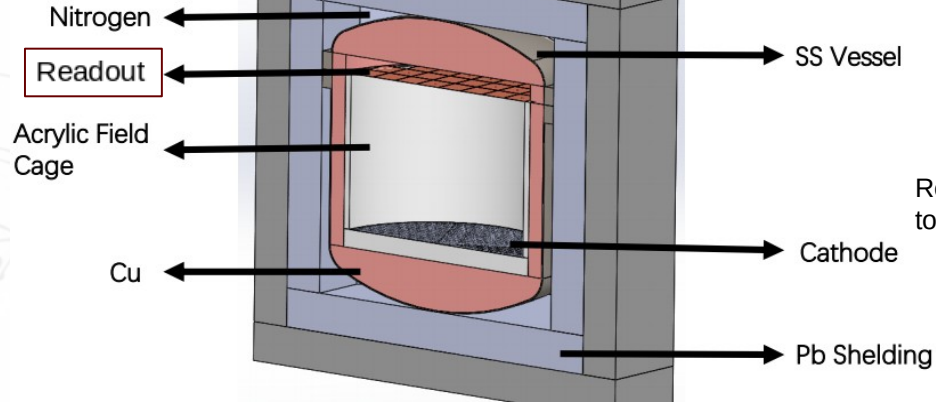
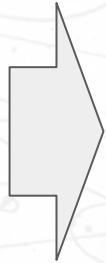


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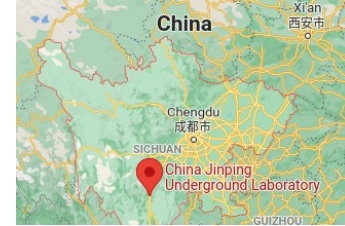
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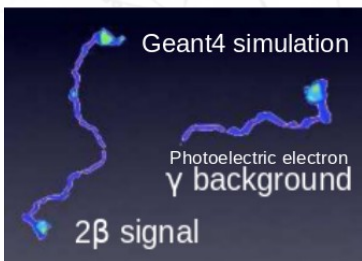


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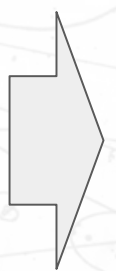
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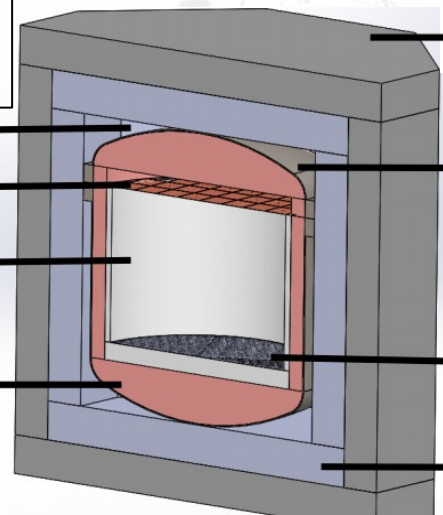
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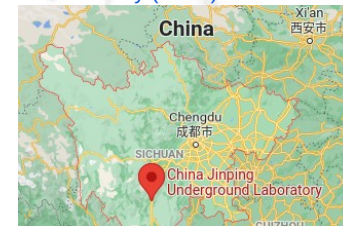


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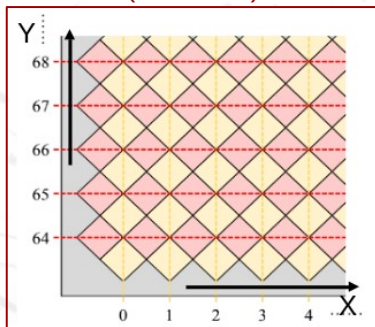
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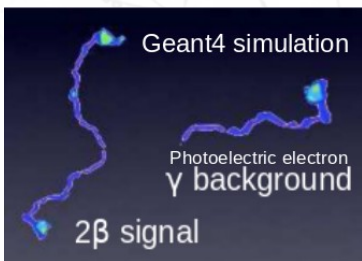
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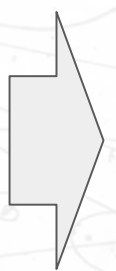
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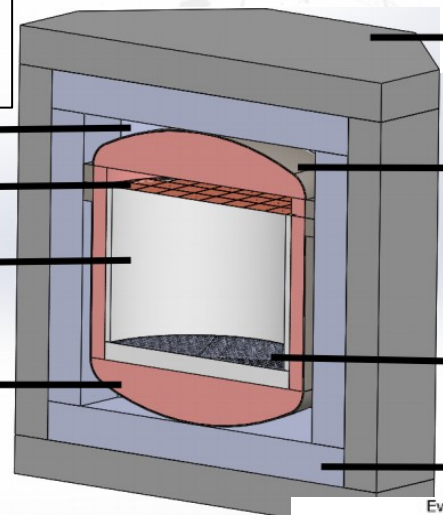
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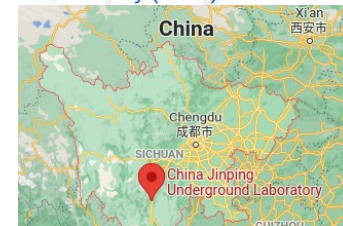


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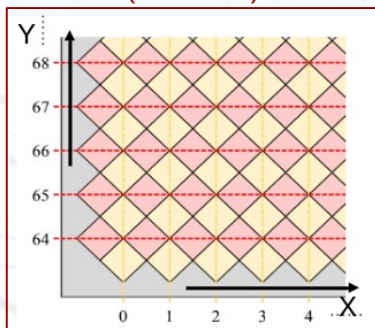
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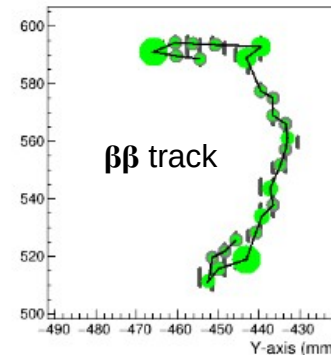
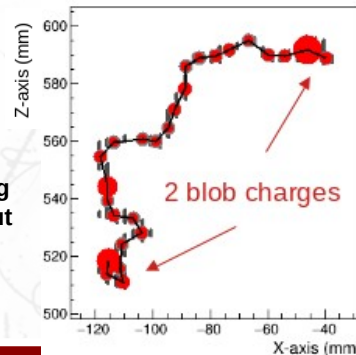


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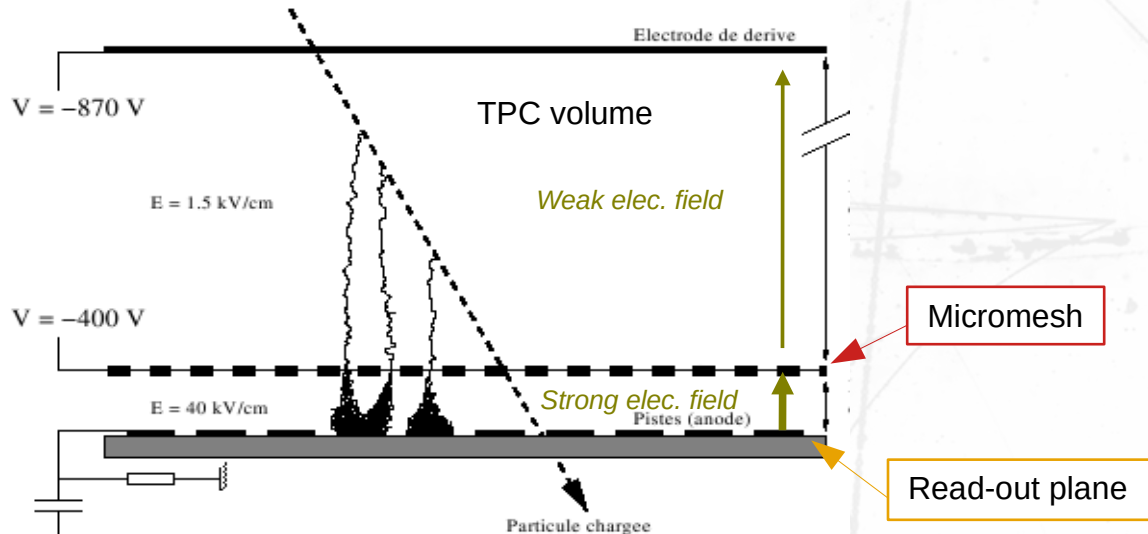
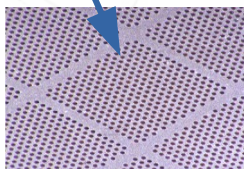
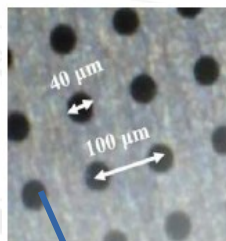
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XZ&YZ projections  
after data processing  
of the detector output



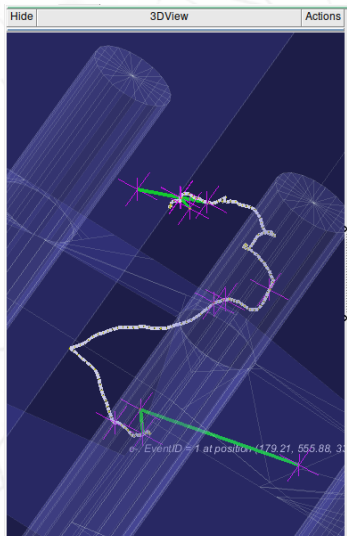
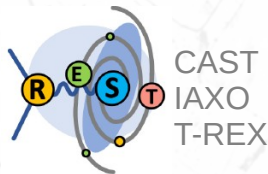


## Micromegas basic principle



# ➤ Software environment REST

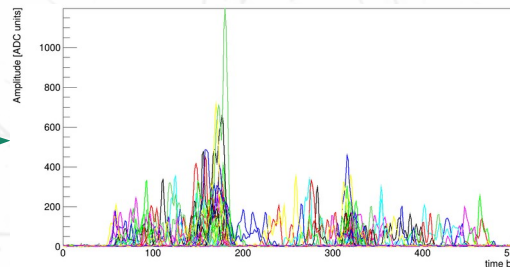
Monte-Carlo simulation  
Done with **REST** environment



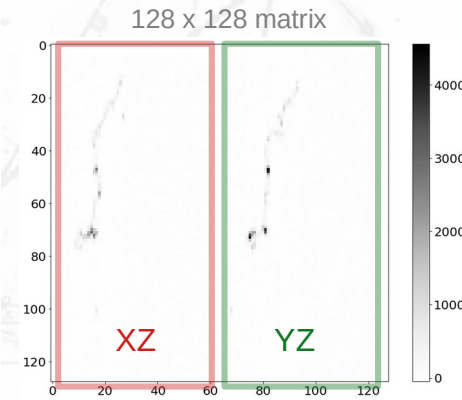
Simulation of the detector response

Electron diffusion,  
smearing,  
Signal shaping, etc.

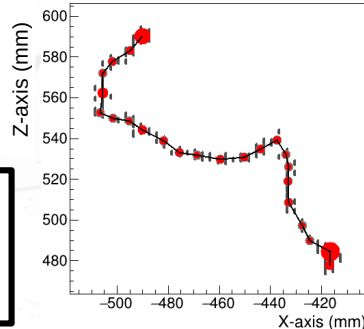
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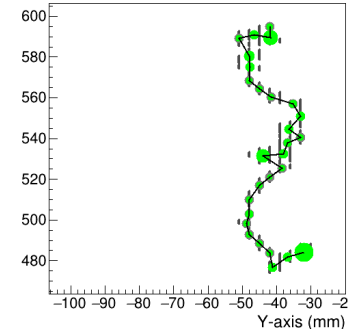
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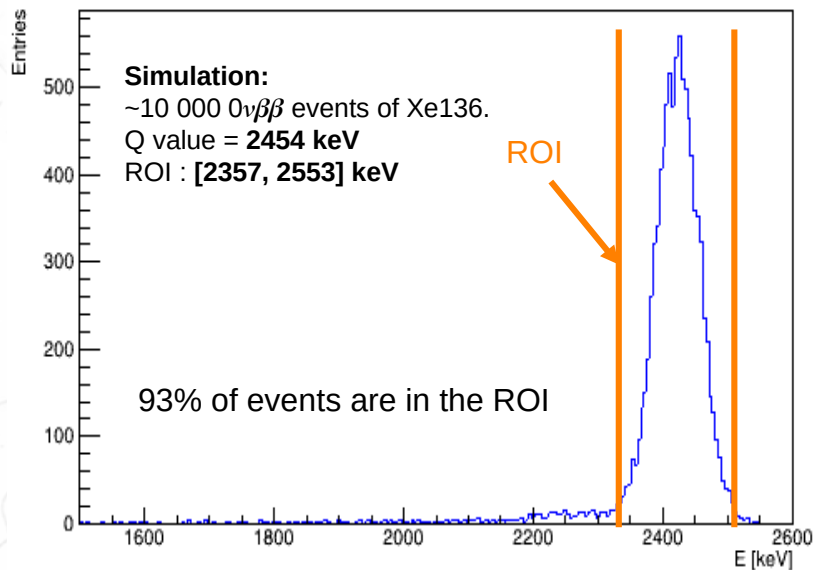
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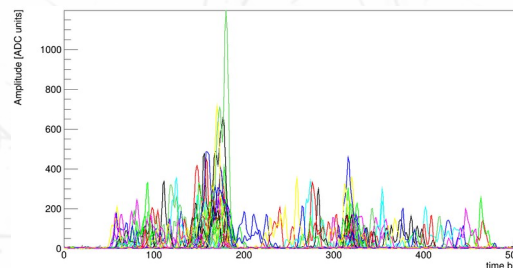
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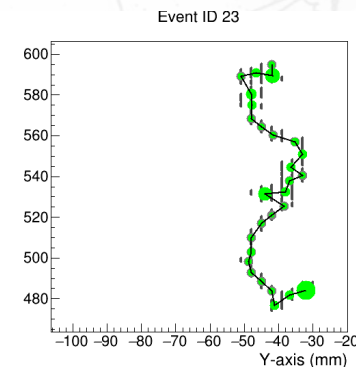
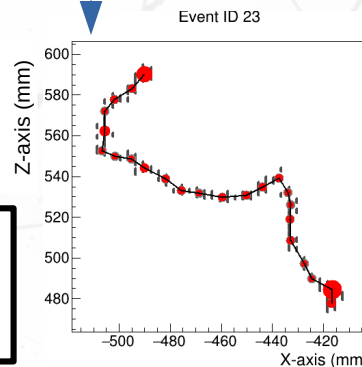
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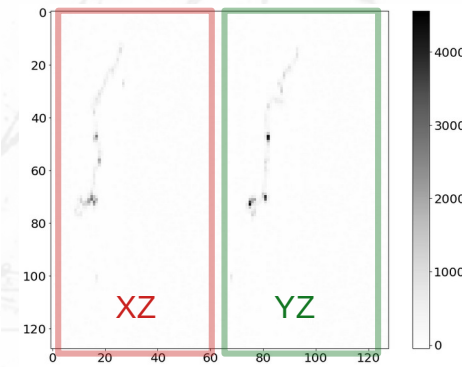
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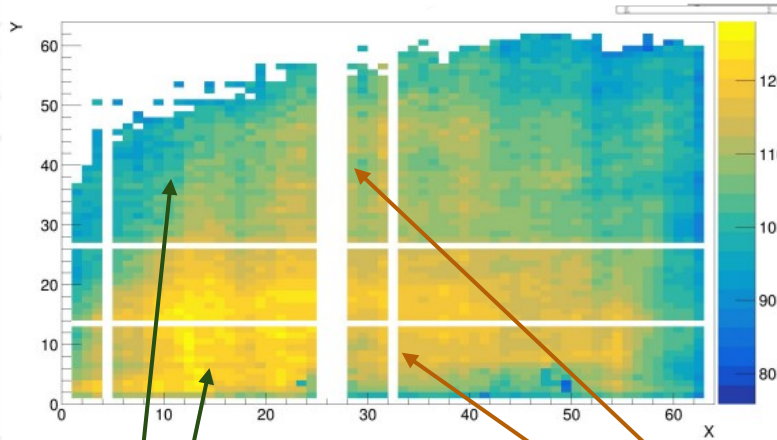


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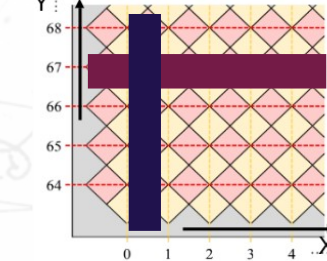


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Gain map for one Micromegas module



Example of missing channels

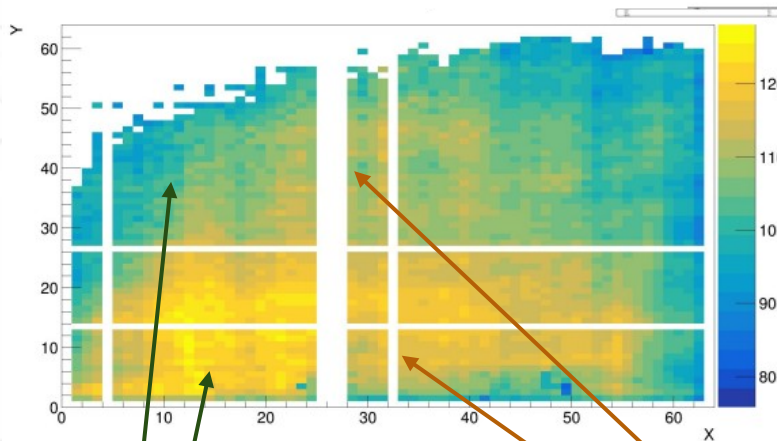


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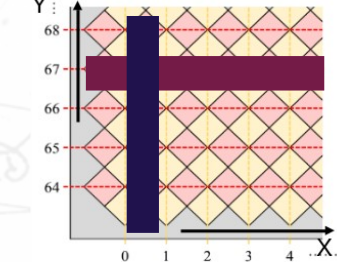
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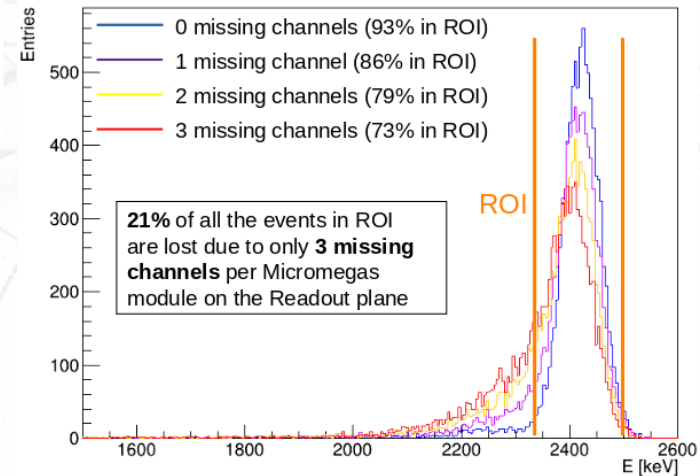
## Simulation:

~10 000 0 events of Xe136.

Q value = **2454 keV**

ROI : **[2357, 2553] keV**

Energy spectrum of the reconstructed  $0\nu\beta\beta$  events

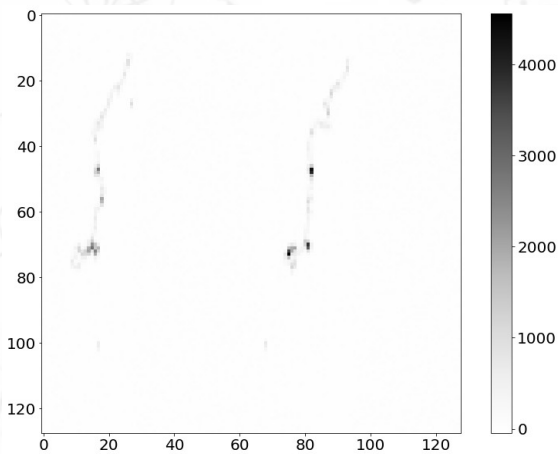


## ➤ Energy prediction with ML

Simulated data:

- 80k Signals
- one e- events
- registered by 1 MM
- primary energy range [1, 3] keV

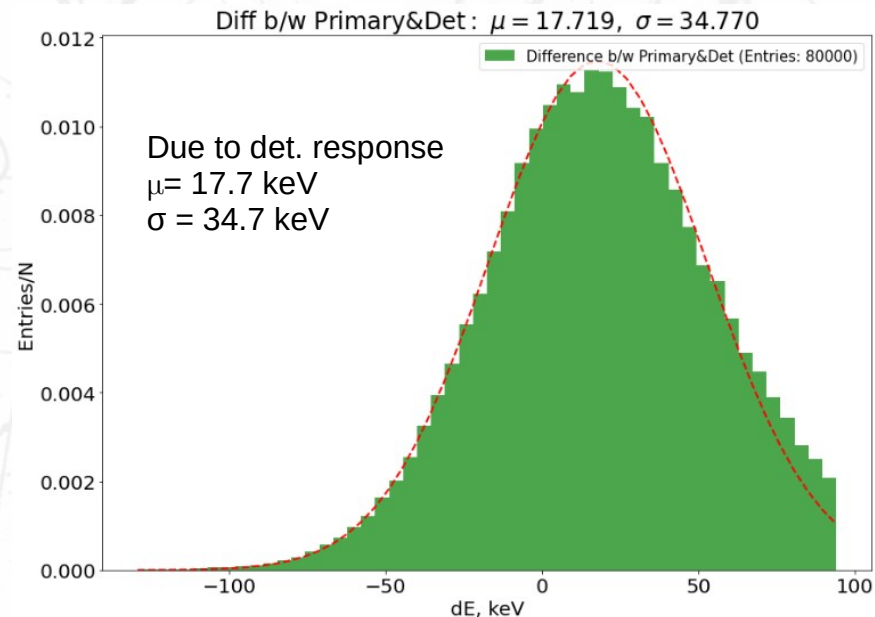
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**Primary energy:**  
initial energy of  
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by the Geant4  
(labels)

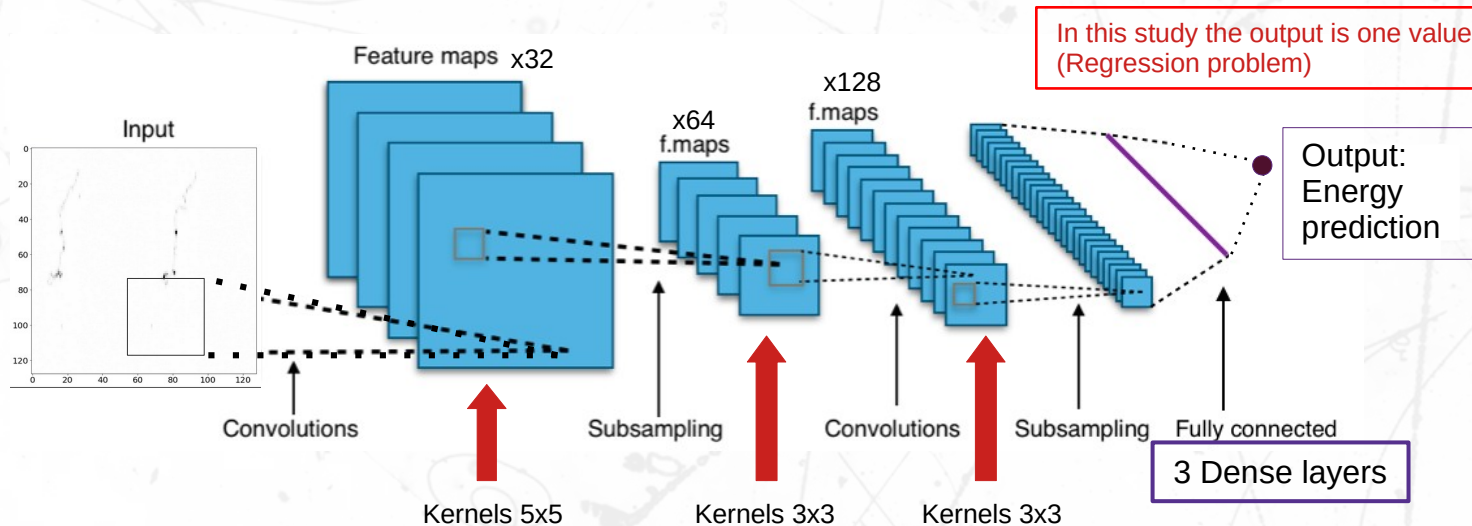
**Detected energy:**  
energy "registered" by  
the detector in REST

(Simulated Signal from the detector)



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Before starting the energy reconstruction, a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model is being tested to predict the primary energy of the event from the simulated detector data without missing information

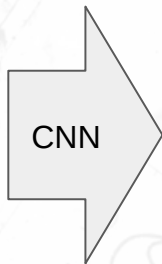


Loss function for the back-propagation: Mean Squared Error (MSE)

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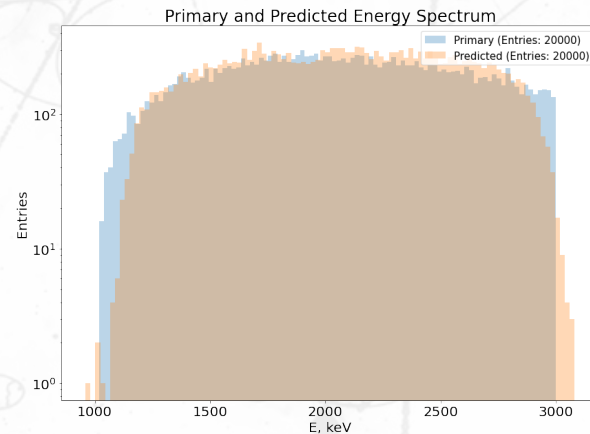
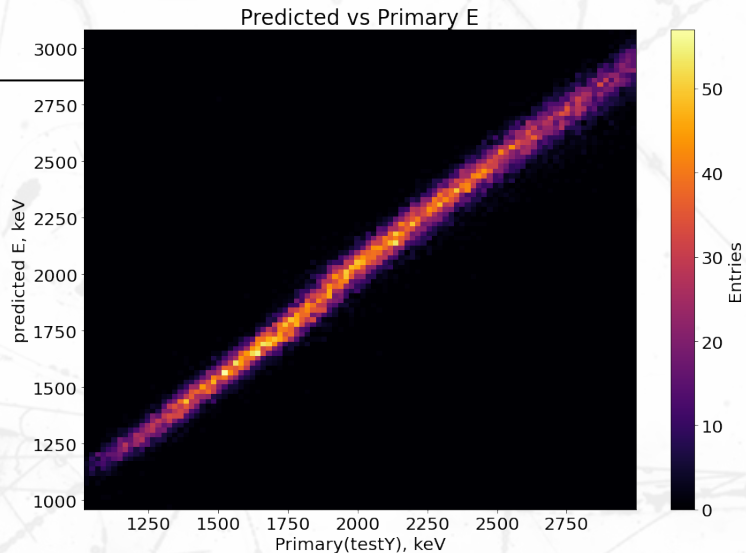
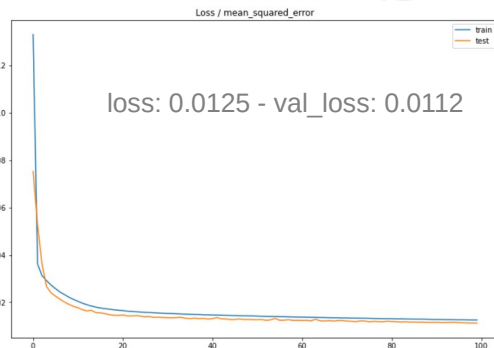
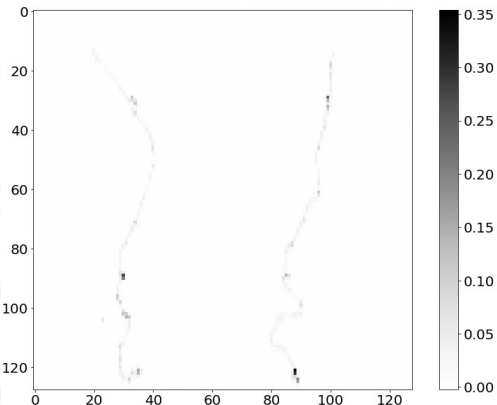
Preliminary

Global event normalization  
by the max amplitude among  
all the events



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SGD(learning\_rate=2e-2,  
momentum = 0.005)  
loss="mean\_squared\_error"

epochs = 100  
batch size = 128

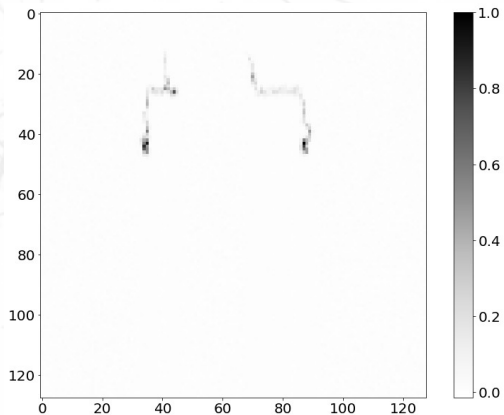
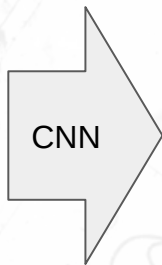




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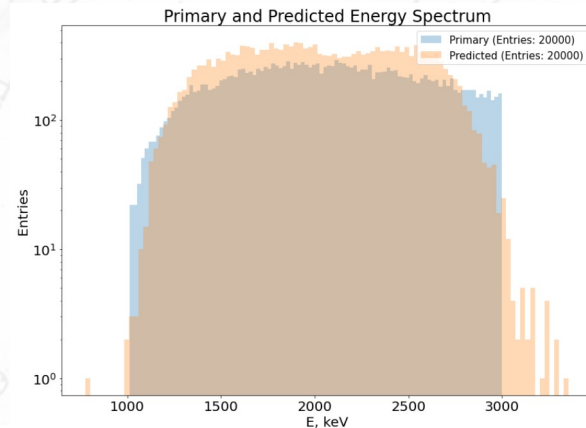
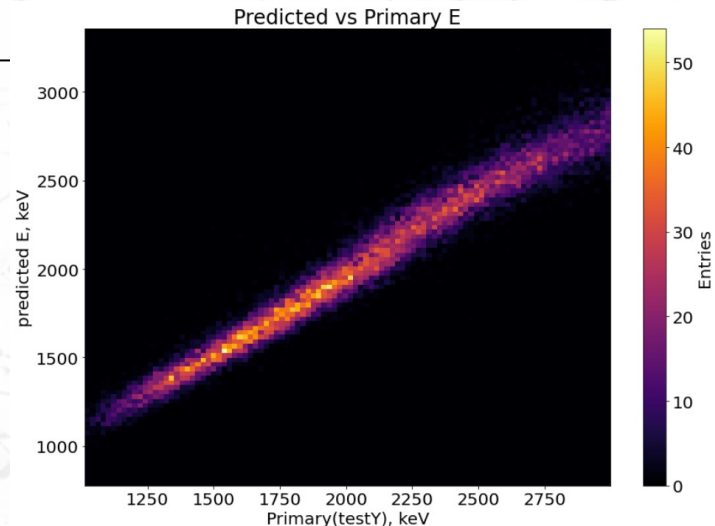
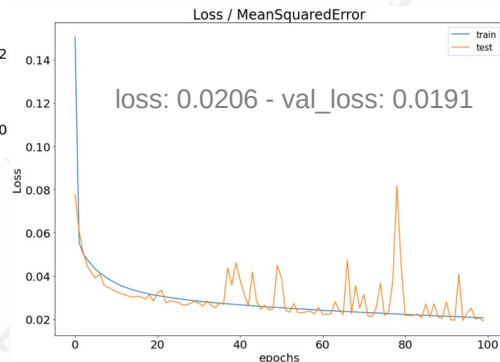
Preliminary

Individual event normalization by the max amplitude in each event  
(only the topological information is stored)



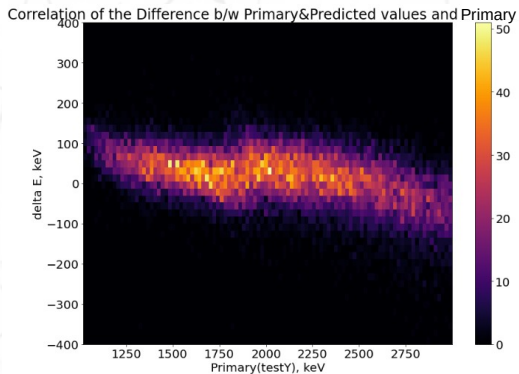
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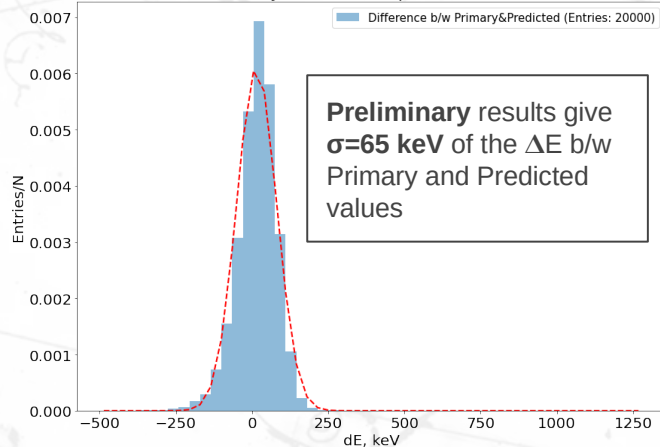


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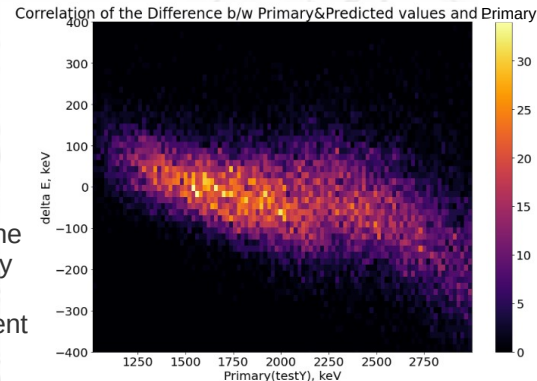
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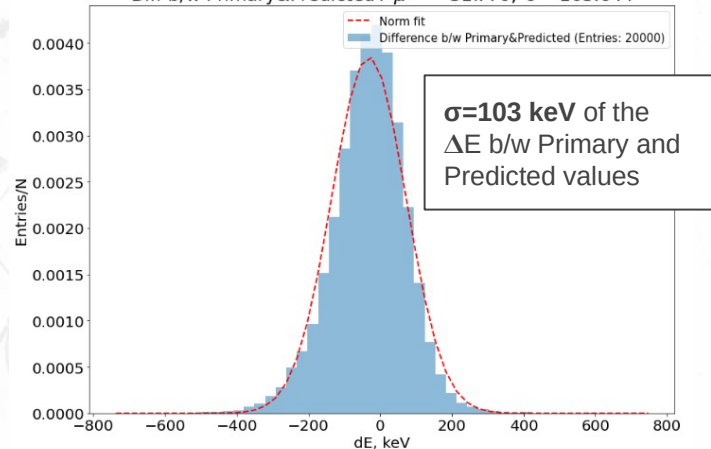
Diff b/w Primary&Predicted :  $\mu = 14.927$ ,  $\sigma = 65.247$



## Individual event normalization



Diff b/w Primary&Predicted :  $\mu = -31.770$ ,  $\sigma = 103.644$



Slight dependency of the diff. Predicted – Primary wrt Primary value  
=> room for improvement

Promising preliminary results on ML techniques on the energy prediction  
Individually normalized data prediction will be completed

### **Next steps:**

Energy prediction with events **with missing channels**

Update of the models architecture for **bkg/signal discrimination**

Energy prediction based on **real detector gain**

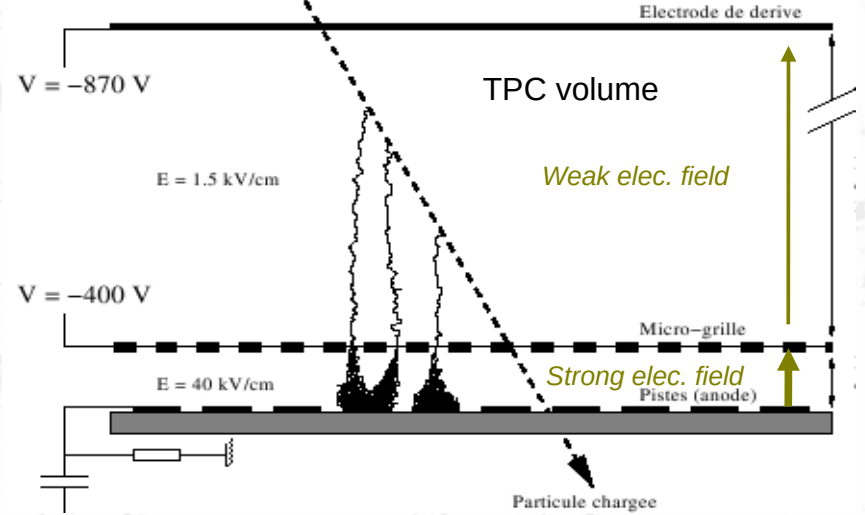
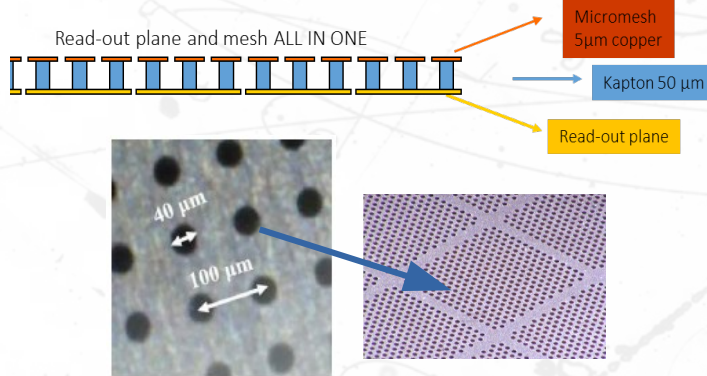
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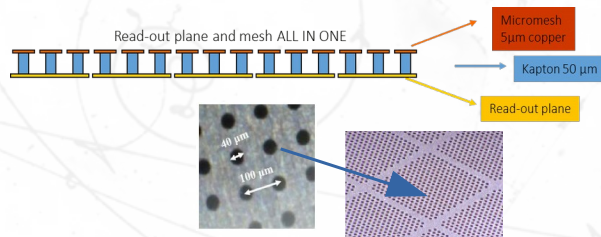


## Micromegas basic principle

(Microbulk example)

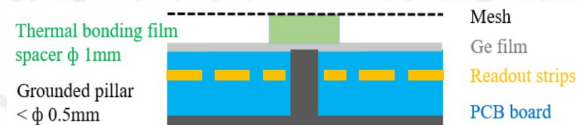


## Microbulks



Micromegas based on a copper clad  
 50 $\mu\text{m}$ -thick kapton foil; 40 $\mu\text{m}$  diameter holes  
 Top face  $\rightarrow$  mesh  
 Bottom face  $\rightarrow$  read-out plane  
 Constant kapton foil thickness  
 $\rightarrow$  very good gain homogeneity  
 $\rightarrow$  best energy resolution among MPGDs  
 Only kapton and copper  $\rightarrow$  excellent radiopurity  
 $\sim 0.1 \mu\text{Bq}/\text{cm}^2$  for  $^{214}\text{Bi}$  and  $^{208}\text{Tl}$   
 Studied by Zaragoza, IRFU and SJTU  
 Built at CERN, used at CAST, n\_TOF

## Thermo-bonded MM



Regular Micromegas with resistive Germanium layer  
 Mesh spacing by thermo-bonded polyester layer

Comparison with Microbulk:

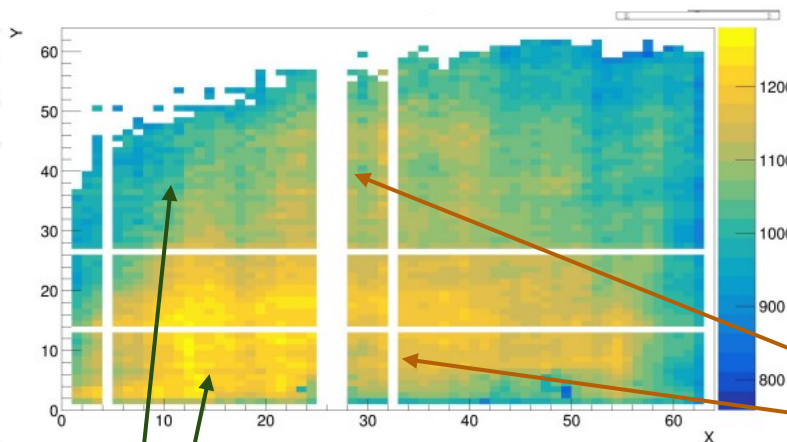
- more robust
- low radioactive material
- sparks protection with resistive layer
- larger energy resolution expected compared to Microbulks

Developed and built at USTC (Hefei, China)



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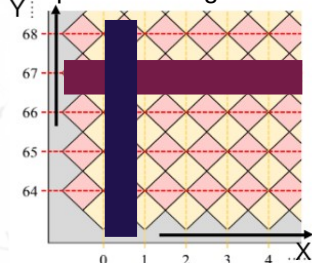


Inhomogeneity of the Gain causes an incorrect energy reconstruction

Detector Activities in Saclay; 12/11/19 - Benjamin Manier

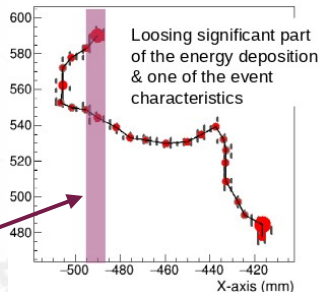
Due to consecutively missing channels

Example of missing channels

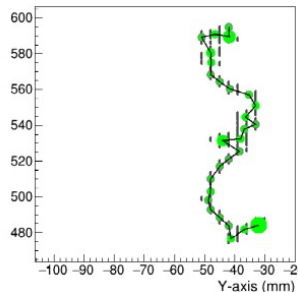


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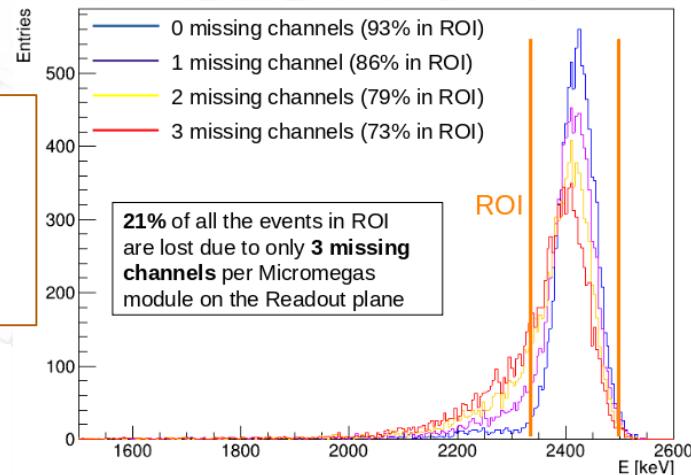
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Q value = 2454 keV

ROI : [2357, 2553] keV

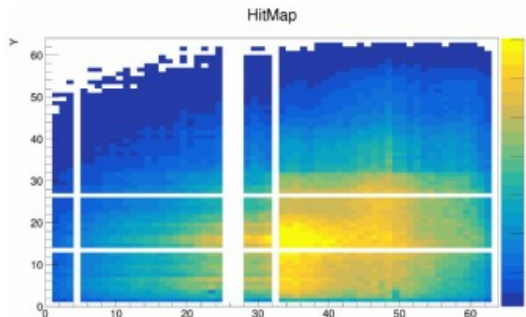
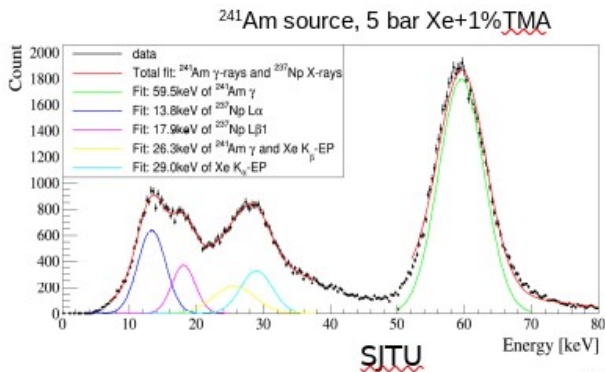
Energy spectrum of the reconstructed  $0\nu\beta\beta$  events



Proper reconstruction of the missing information must be addressed Starting from **Blob charge correlation study**

# Microbulks

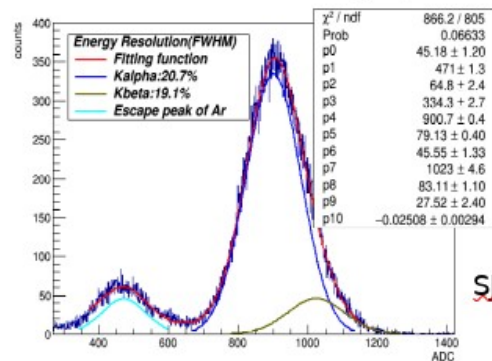
Fragile detectors: cut channels, dark currents  
 Gain inhomogeneity for some detectors (not all) linked to production problems  
 Rather good resolution but not as good as expected



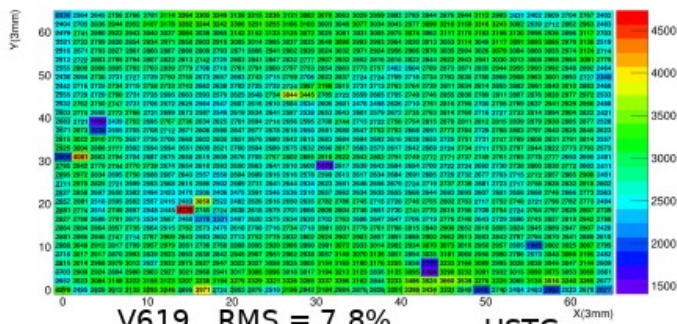
B. Manier

# Thermo-bonded MM

Good energy resolution of 15% at 6 keV (Ar + 5% isobutane 1 bar)  
 Some non-uniformity of the gain a priori due to production methods, improved performance with new methods  
 Unstable dark current at high pressure



Work in progress



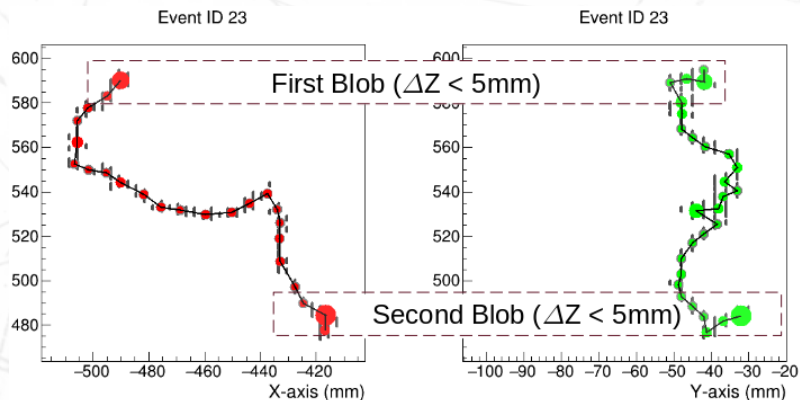


# ➤ Blob charge correlation

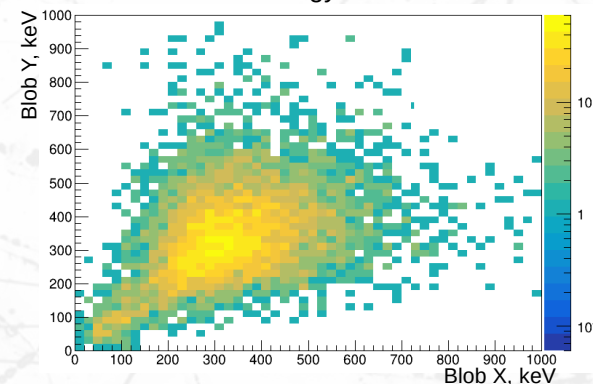
Approximation of the lost Blob charge information from the second projection



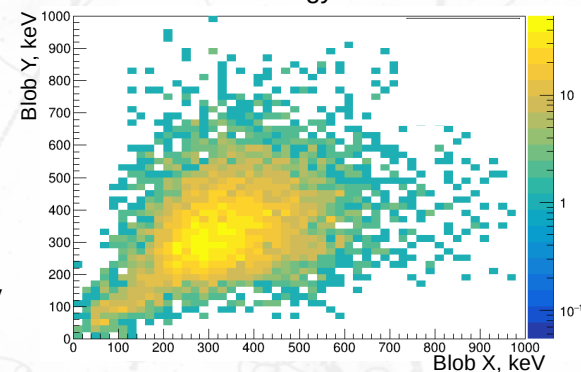
Study of the Blob charge energy correlation



First Blob energy correlation



Second Blob energy correlation



The correlation b/w Blob Charges is not evident, however from the first approximation we may notice that both **Blobs contain ~700 keV** of the total reconstructed energy ( $E_x + E_y$ )

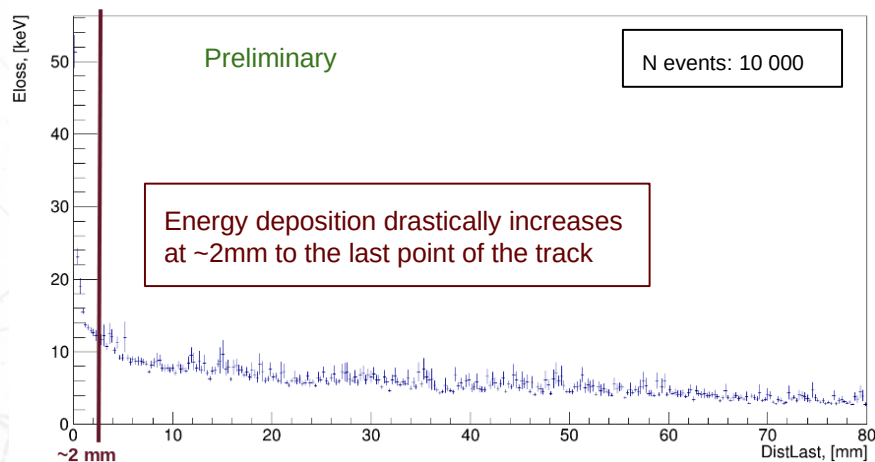
# ➤ Blob charge correlation

Better determination of the Blob charge deposition

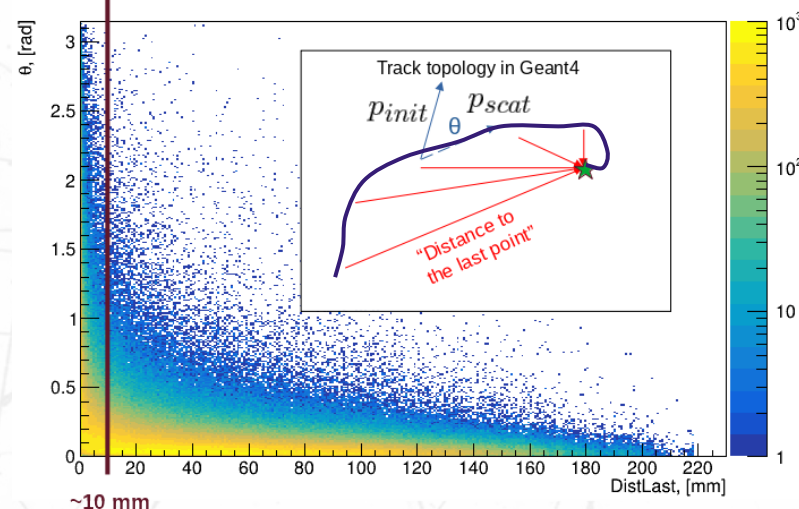


Study of the correlation b/w E deposition and Scattering angle  $\theta$  (Pure Geant4)

Distribution of the distance to the last Edep wrt Eloss



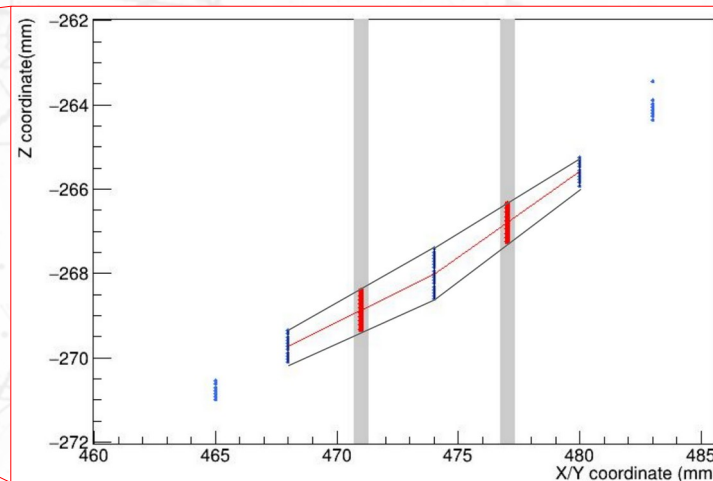
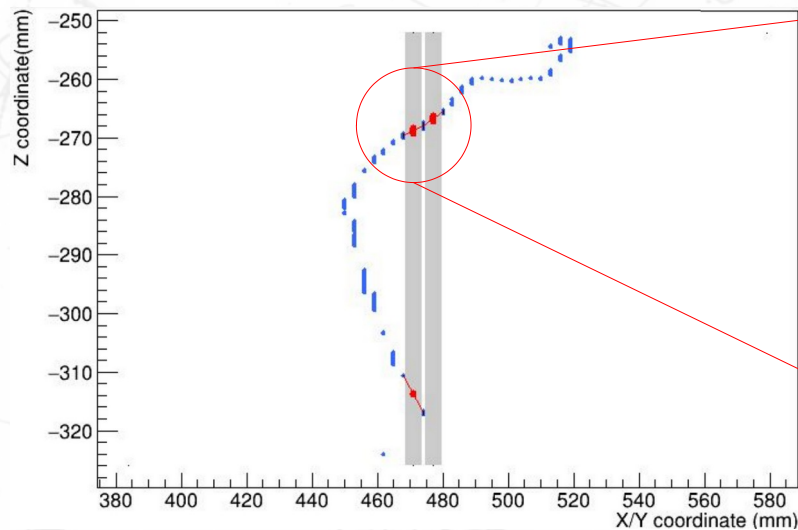
Angle distribution wrt distance to the last Edep



Most of the deposited energy is in the "tail"  
Scattering angle could be used as a feature for NN application  
Ongoing study of the real topology of the event determination

## Missing channel repairing with linear interpolation (Benjamin Manier)

- Added hits are based on the side segments on the cut strip
- Energy is interpolated linearly from the side segment



# ➤ Energy prediction with ML

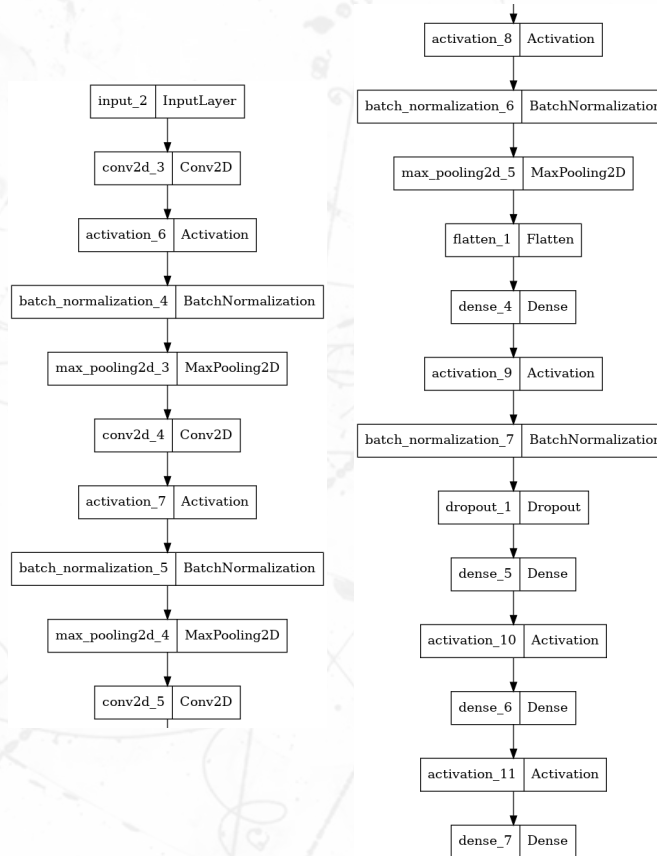
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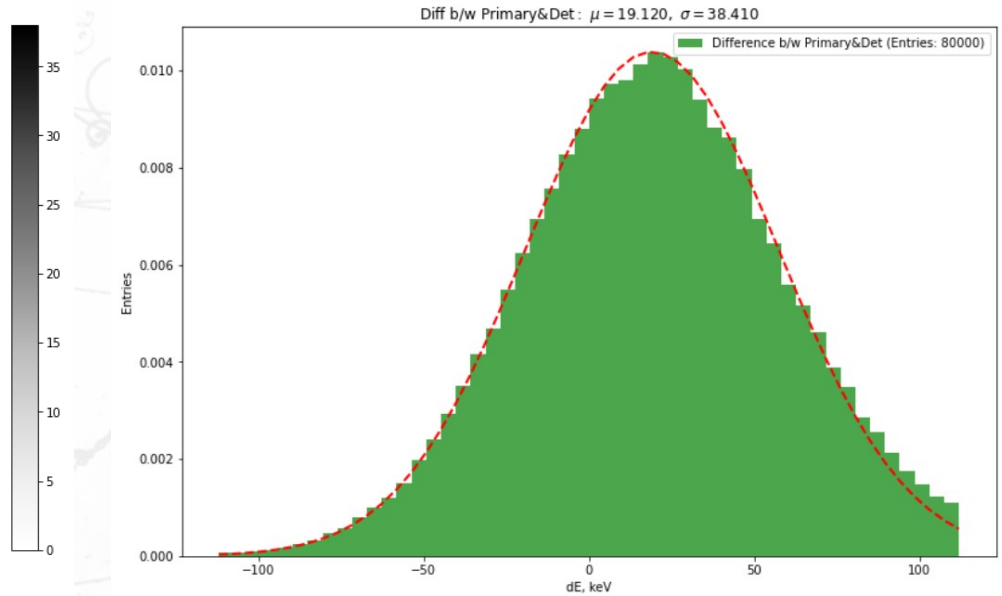
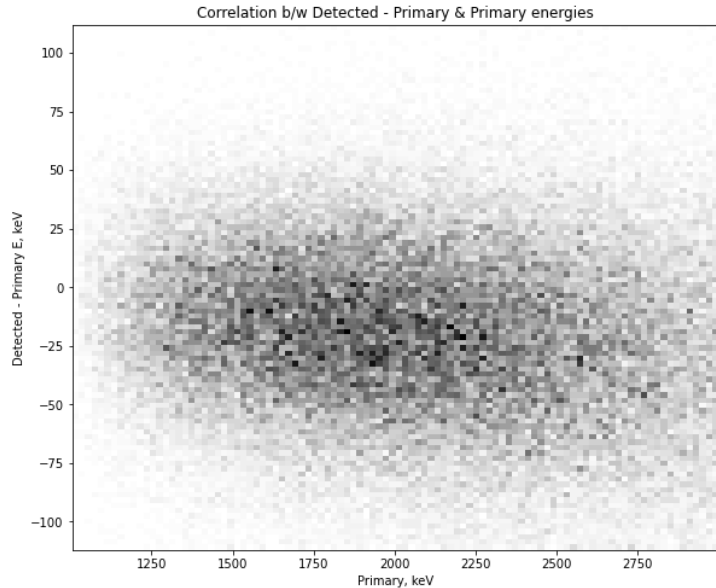
Convolved Feature

$$y_{jk}(x) = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n_H} w_{jk}x_i + w_{j0}\right)$$



# ➤ Energy prediction with ML

## Data coherence



Expect similar distribution for the difference b/w Primary and Predicted values