



# Atomic Parity Violation in muonic atoms

Feasibility of a 2SIS parity violation  
experiment around  $Z=30$

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Progress report 2017-2018  
Beam-time request 2019

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### THE NEUTRAL WEAK CURRENT IN MUONIC ATOMS

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### $2S_{1/2} \rightarrow 1S_{1/2}$ + one-photon decay of muonic atoms and parity-violating neutral-current interactions\*

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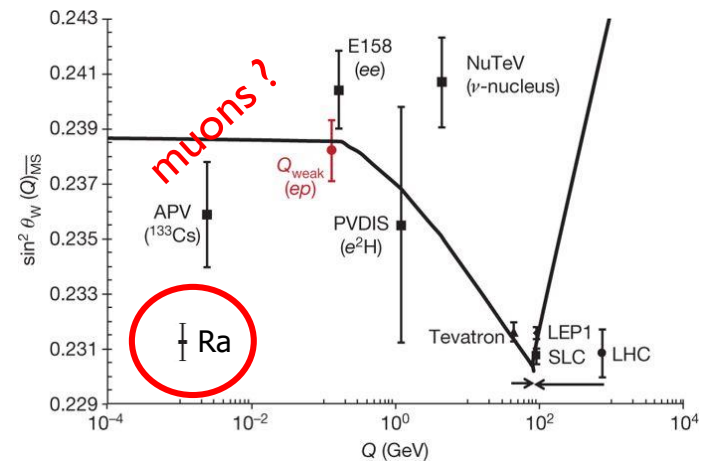
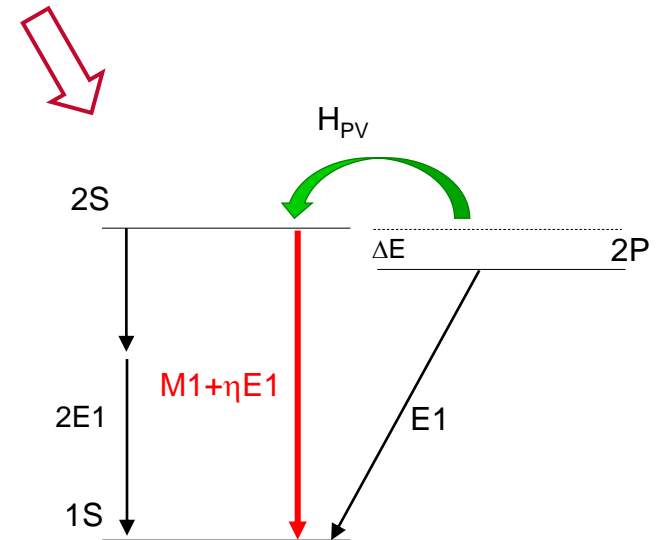
### Metastability of the Muonic Boron 2S State

K. Kirch,<sup>1</sup> D. Abbott,<sup>2\*</sup> B. Bach,<sup>2</sup> P. DeCocco,<sup>1,2</sup> P. Hauser,<sup>1</sup> D. Horváth,<sup>1,2</sup> F. Kottmann,<sup>3</sup> J. Missimer,<sup>1</sup> R. T. Siegel,<sup>2</sup> L. M. Simons,<sup>1</sup> and D. Viel<sup>2</sup>

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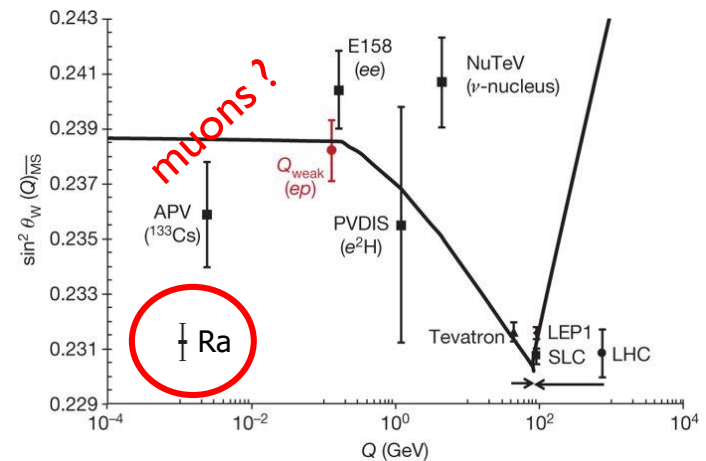
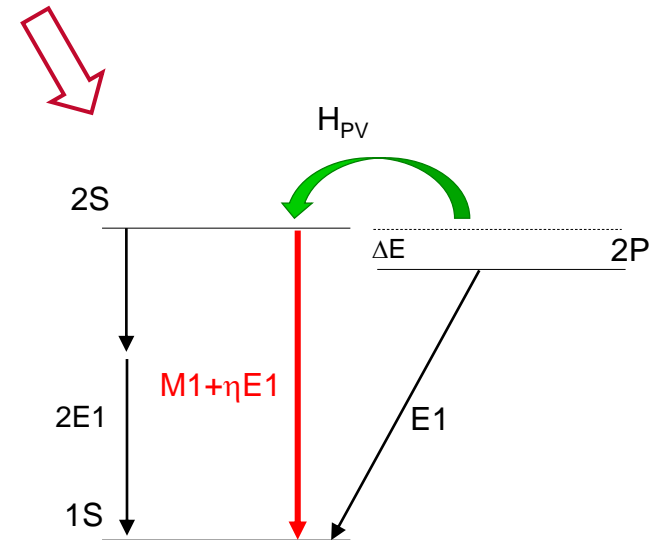
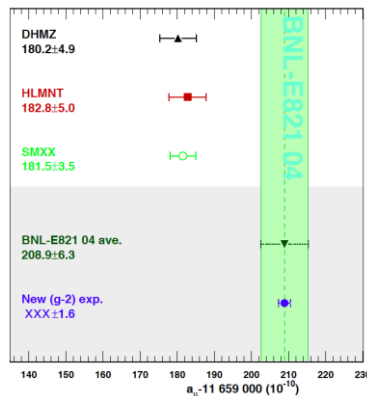
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- New  $U(1)$  forces for right-handed muons

### Testing Parity with Atomic Radiative Capture of $\mu^-$

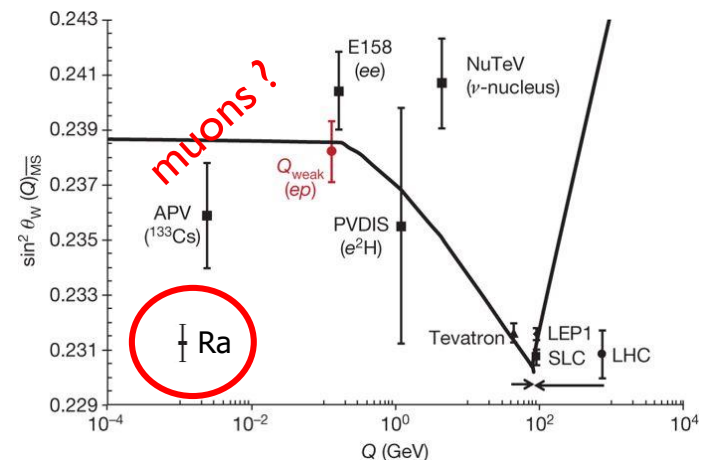
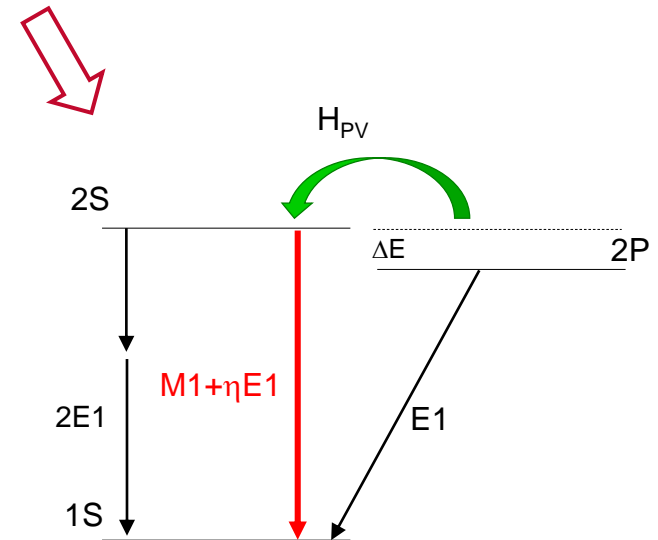
David McKeen and Maxim Pospelov  
 Phys. Rev. Lett. **108**, 263401 – Published 29 June 2012

### Extending theories on muon-specific interactions

Carl E. Carlson and Michael Freid  
 Phys. Rev. D **92**, 095024 – Published 23 November 2015

### Constraints on muon-specific dark forces

Savely G. Karshenboim, David McKeen, and Maxim Pospelov  
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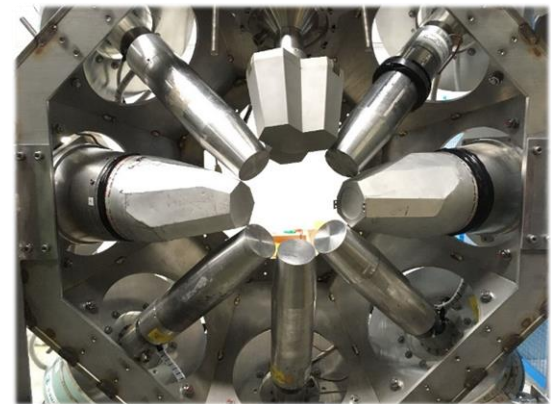
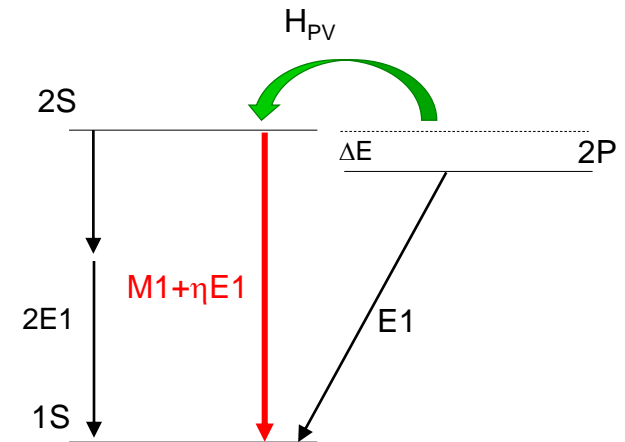
“It would be quite foolish not to explore additional possibilities of testing “NC-like” signatures in muons at low energy.” (M. Pospelov)

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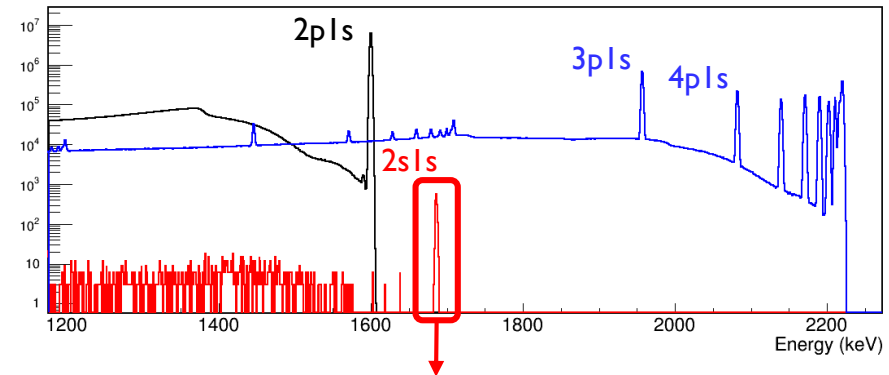
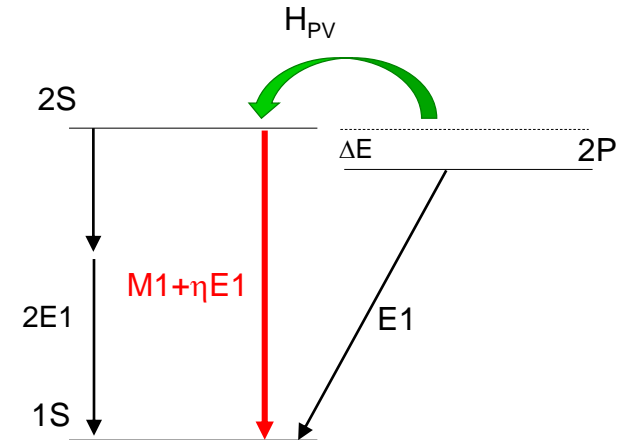
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MC estimate of signal to background: 0.05

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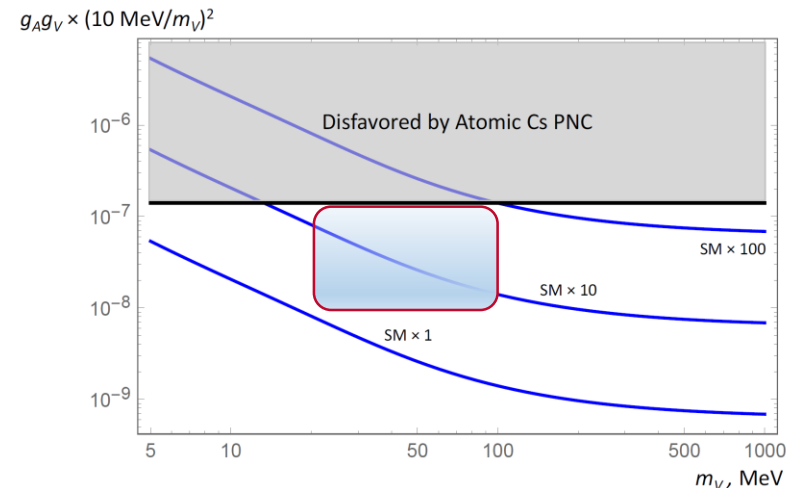
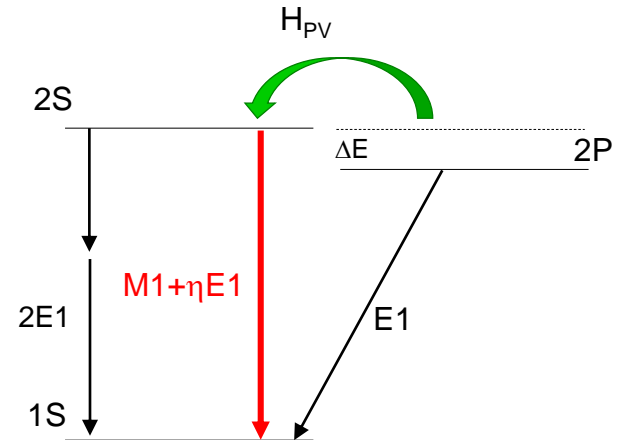
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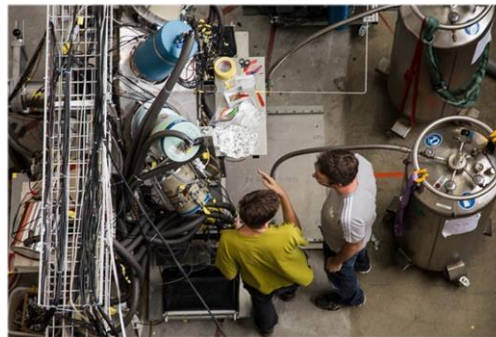
- With  $\sim 100$  days, 100 kHz  $\mu^-$  (aka typical  $\pi E1$  experiment)
  - $O(1)$  SM experiment
  - A first generation experiment will be a search for new physics



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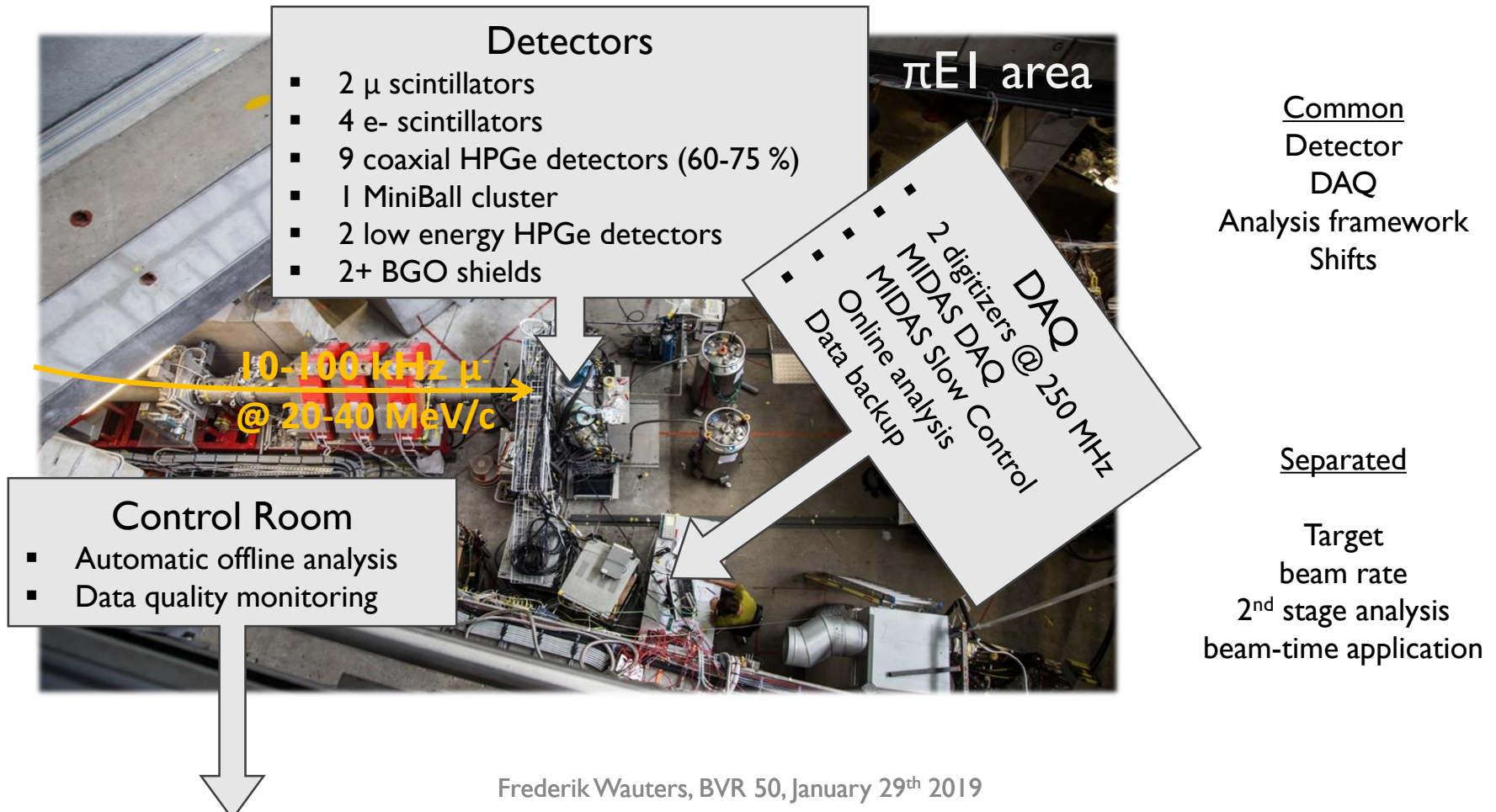
- Operating HPGe detectors at PSI, initial measurements ← 2015-2016
- Observe the single photon M1 transition for the **first** time ← 2017-2018, reported here
- Achieve a signal to background of  $O(1)$  on the transition ← ongoing, this beam time request!
- Determine the optimal APV odd observable } PhD project
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→ Supported by DFG, 3 year project WA4157/I-I,  
Looking for a motivated PhD student!



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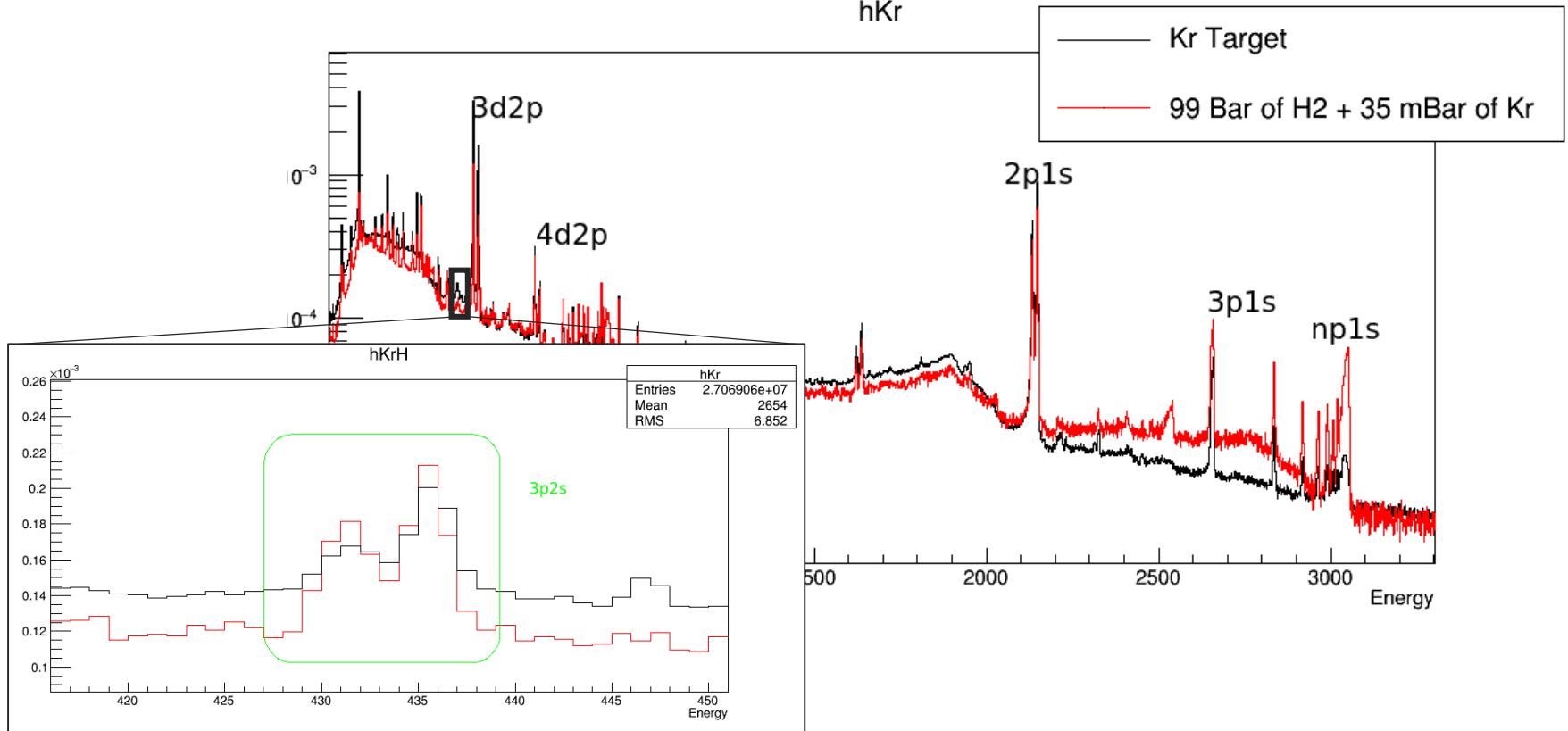
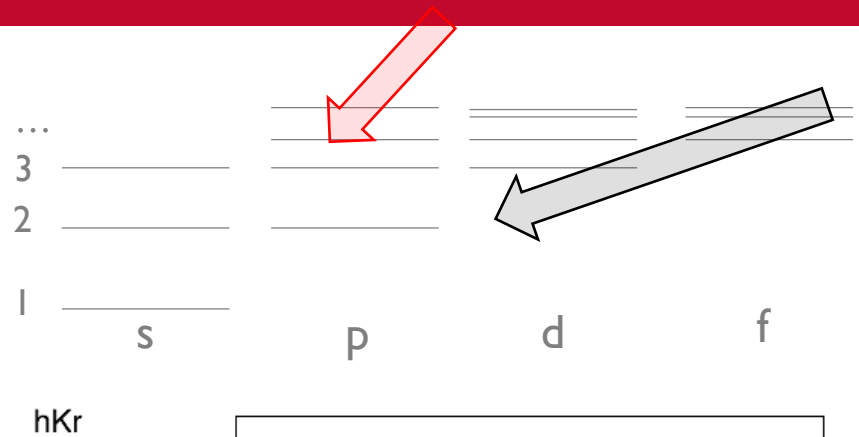
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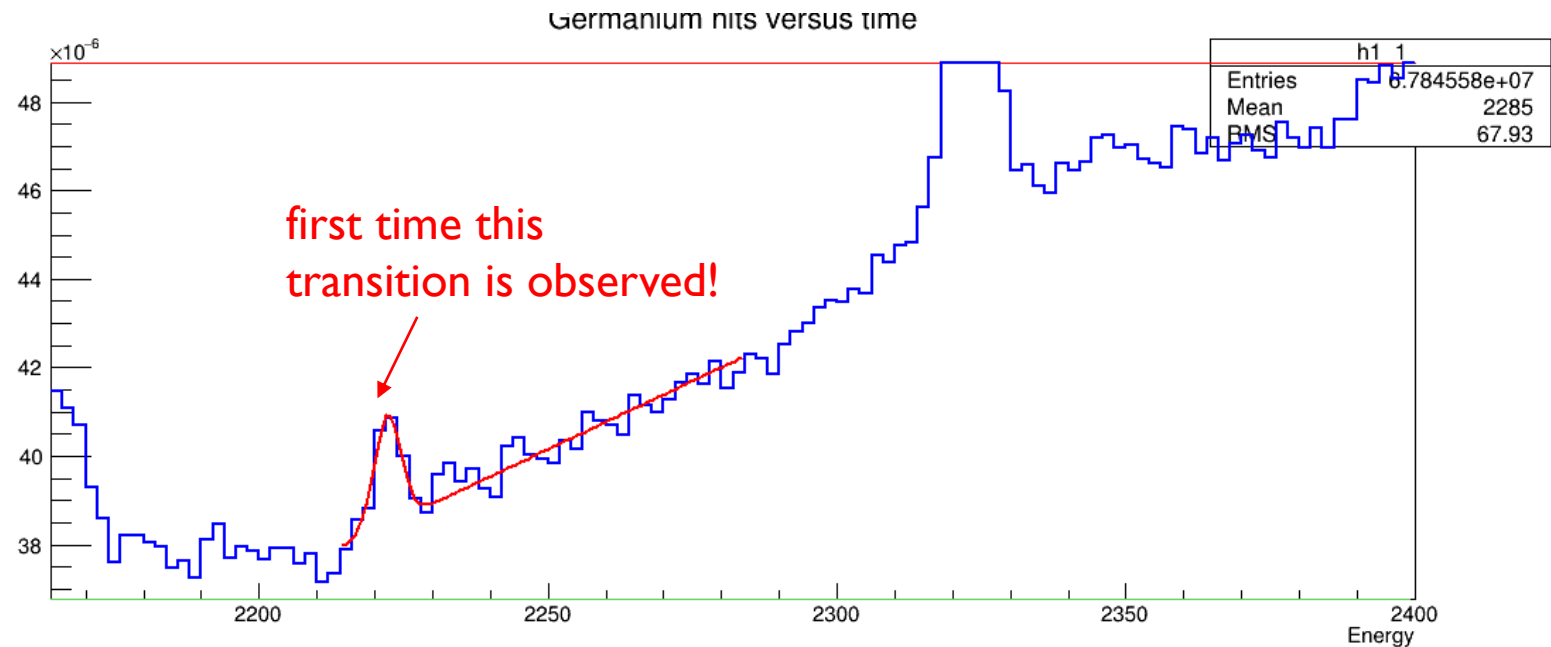
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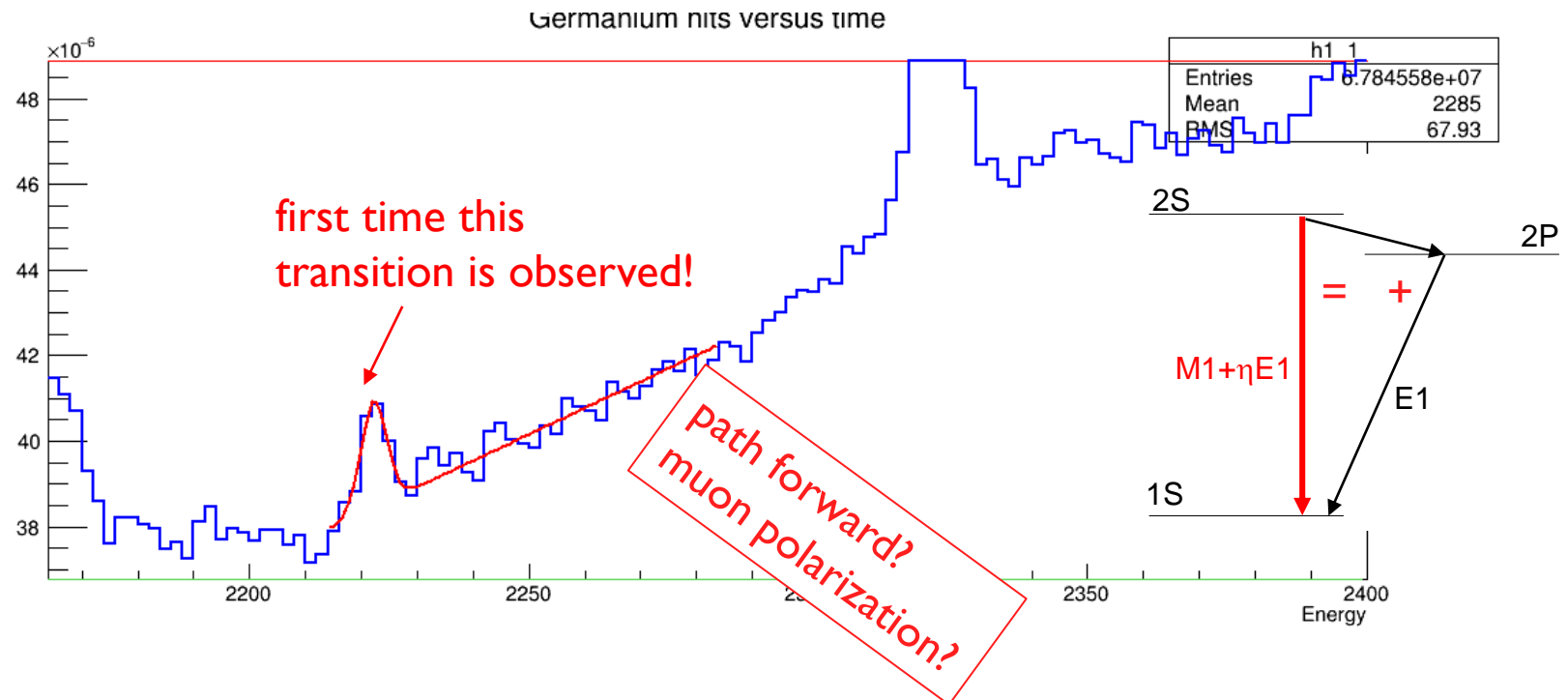
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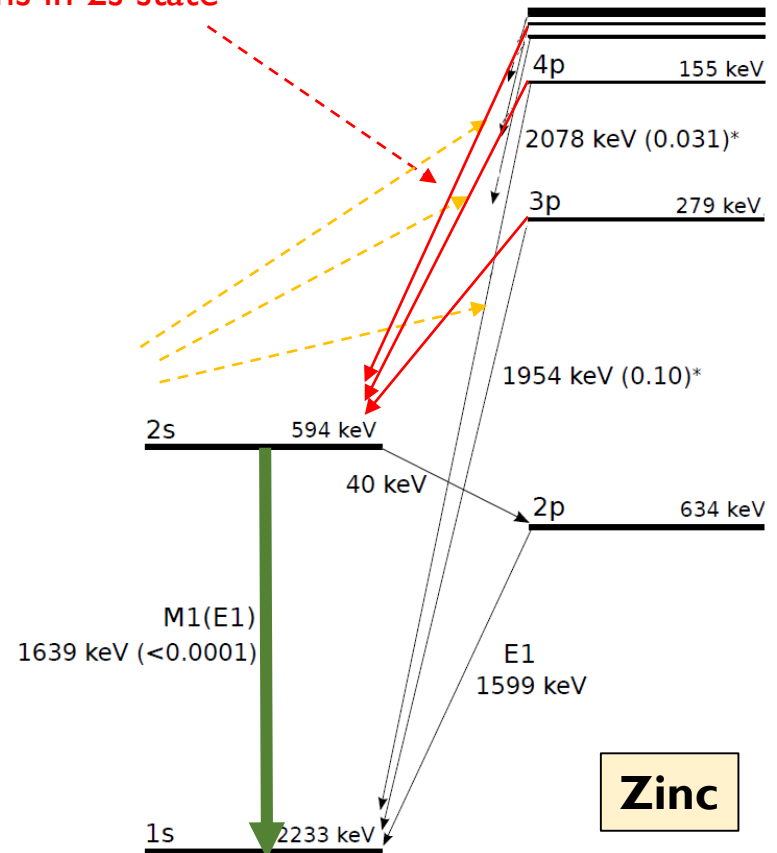
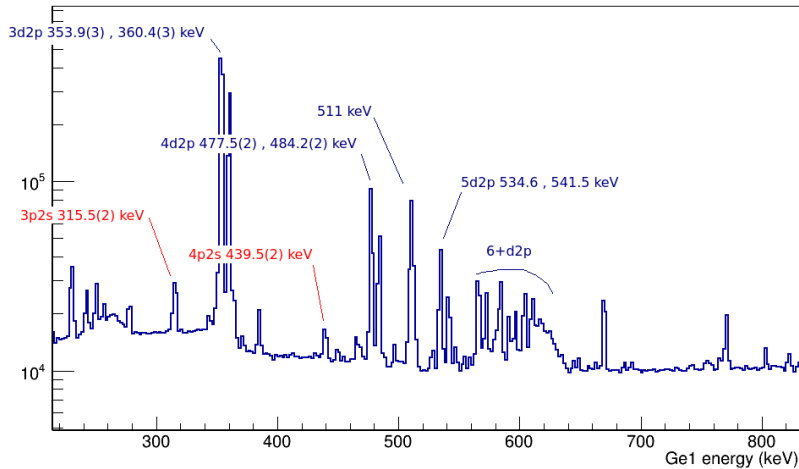
- 2S2P + 2P1 pile up  $\rightarrow$  2mm of Pb (2018)
- Nuclear capture BG  $\rightarrow$  delayed window
- Compton Scattered ( $n>2$ )PIS ☹️



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2017 beam time request

approach: tag muons in 2s state

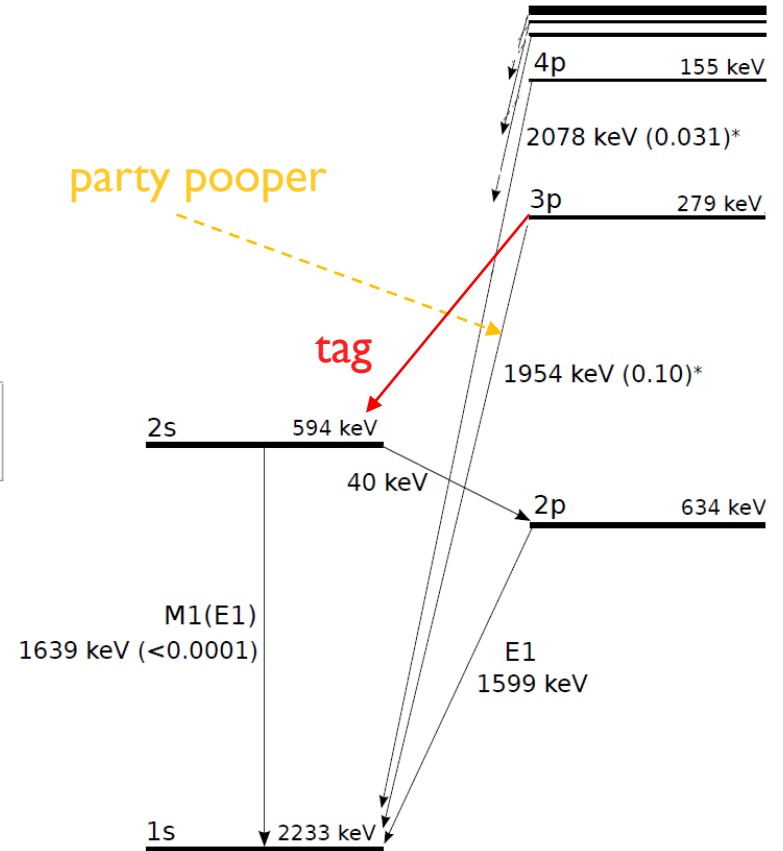
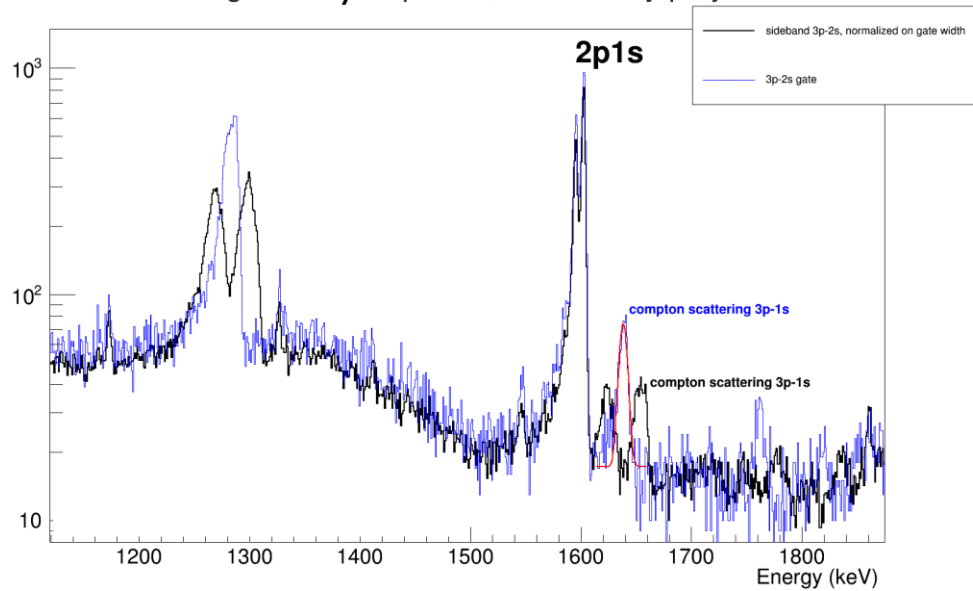


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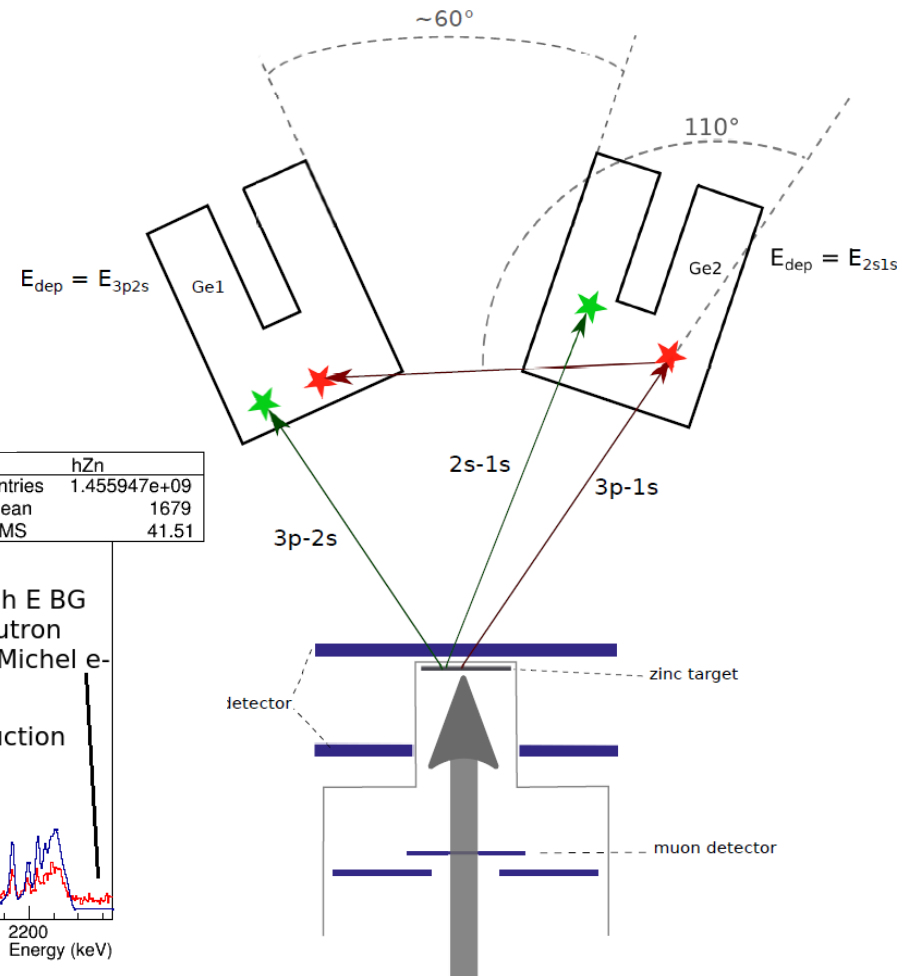
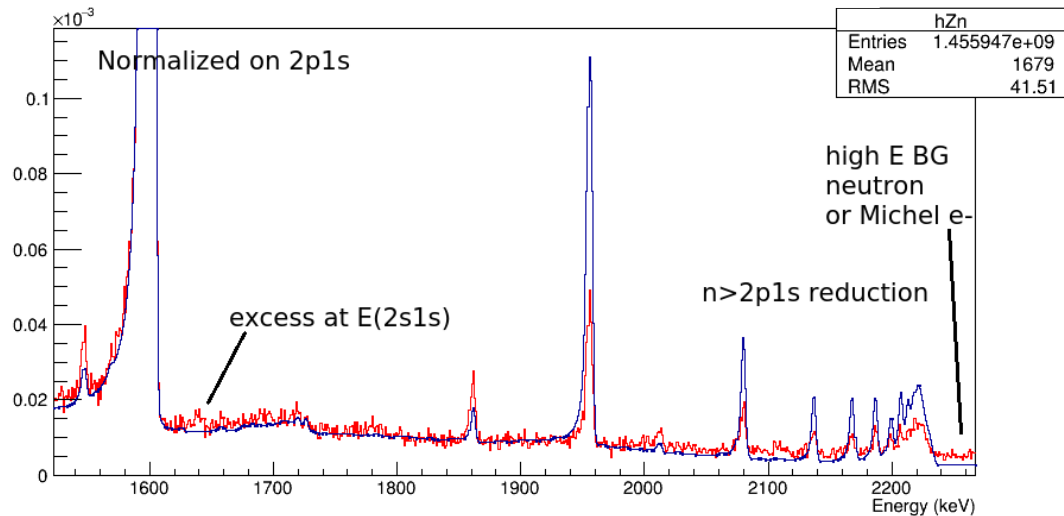


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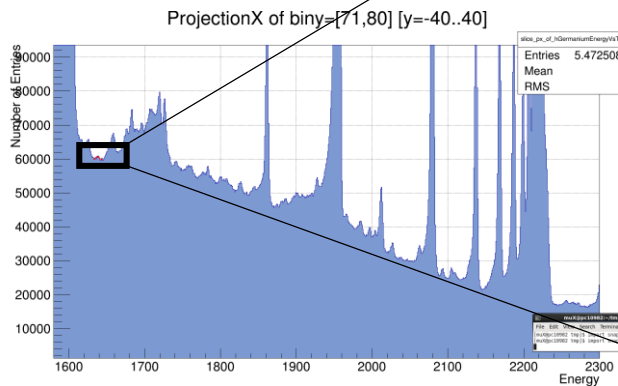
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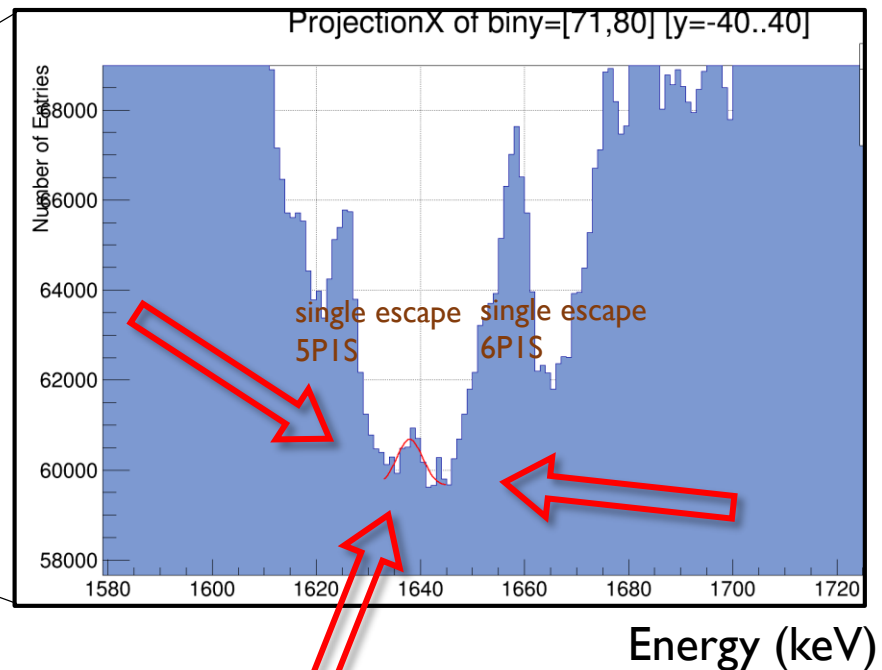
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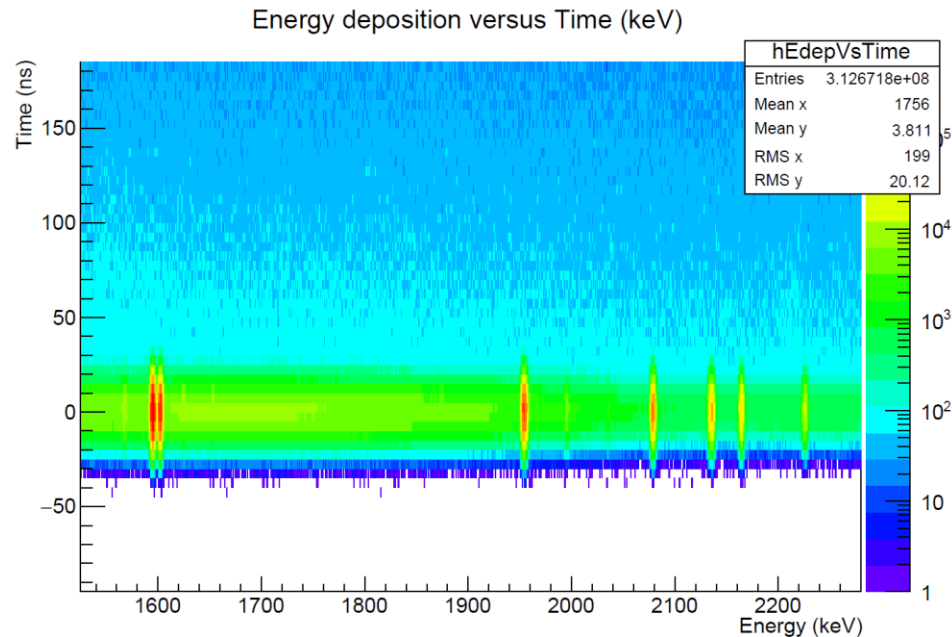
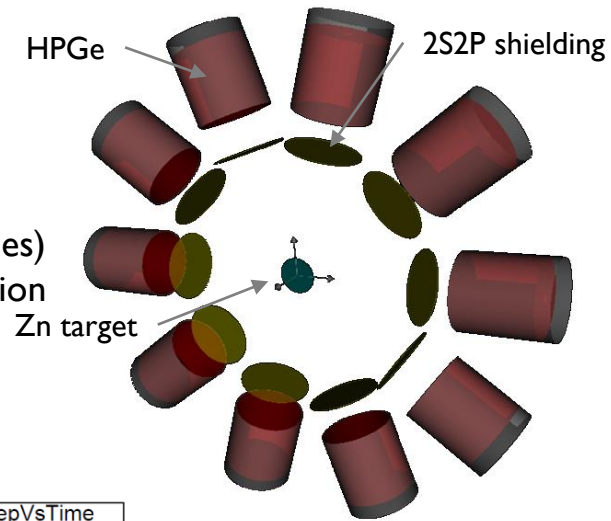
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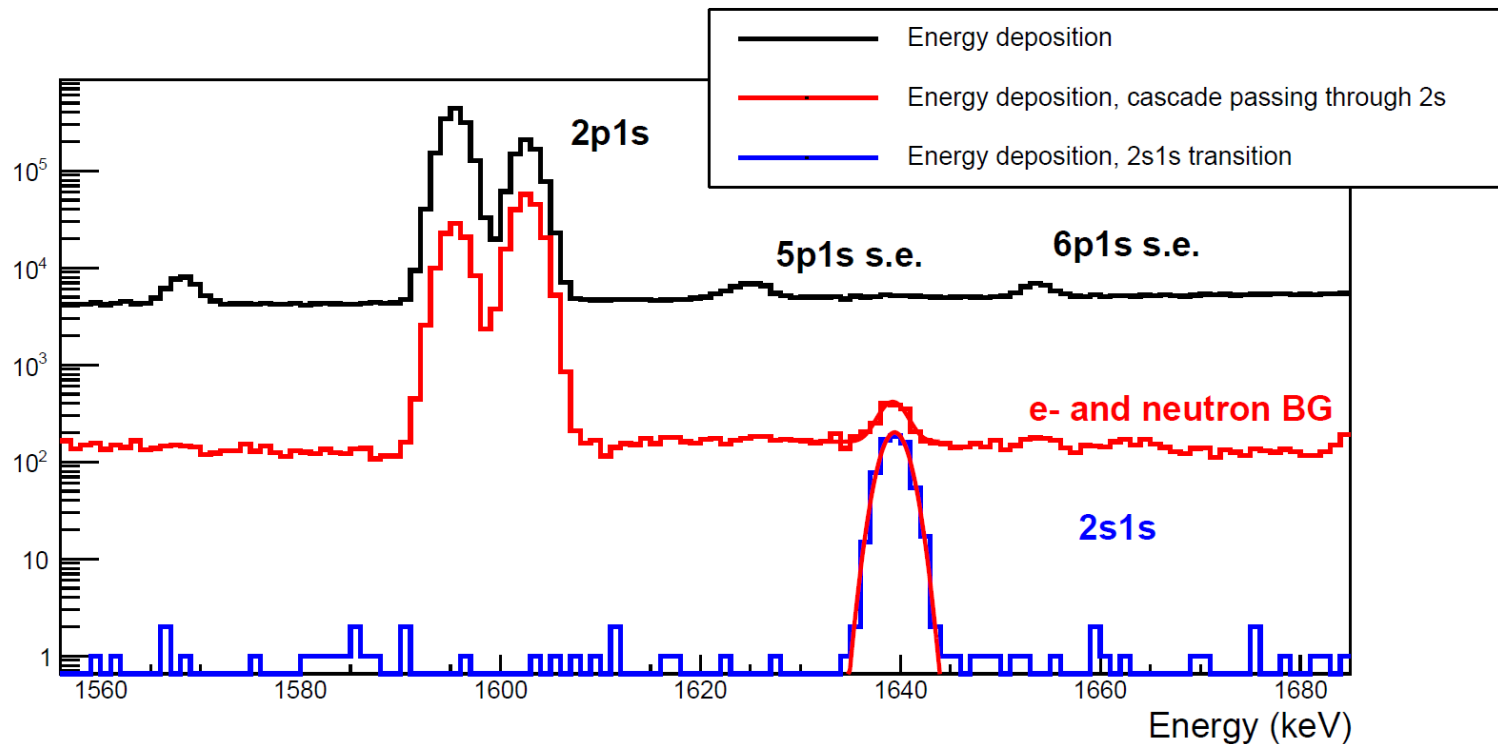
- Event generator:
  - Full cascade starting at  $n=15$  (our CASCADE and MUON codes)
  - Michel  $e^-$  (standard spectrum) and capture neutrons (evaporation + exponential spectrum)
- $2\pi$  detector geometry



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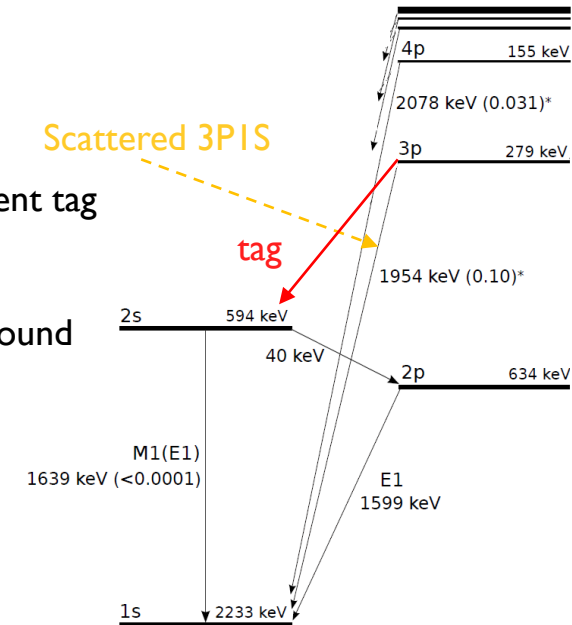
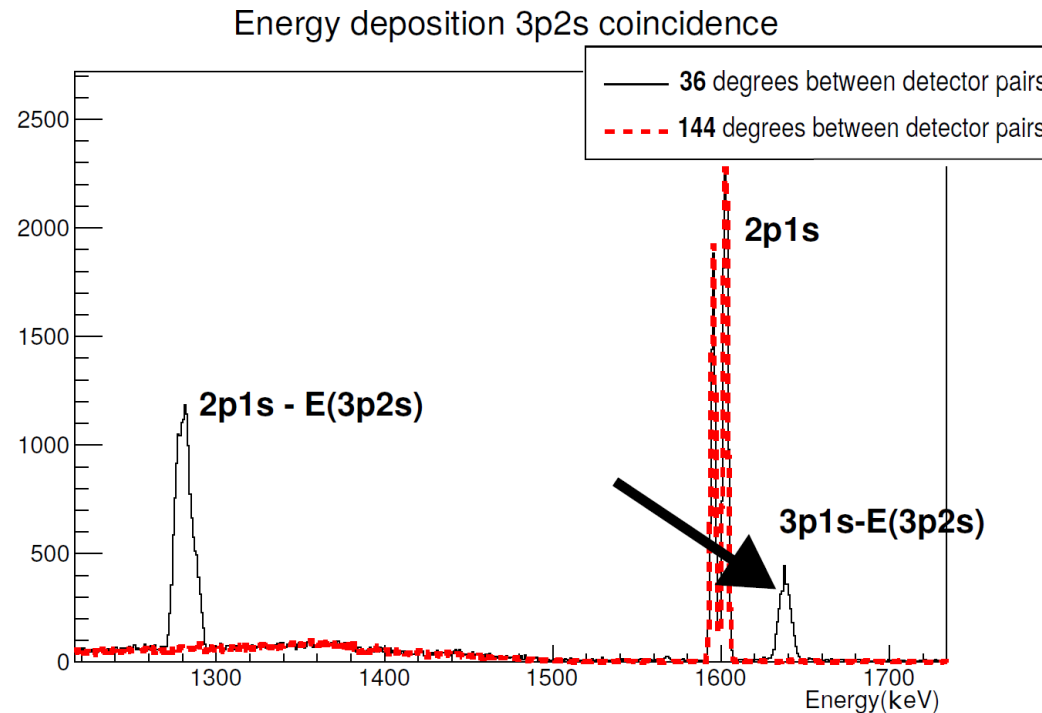
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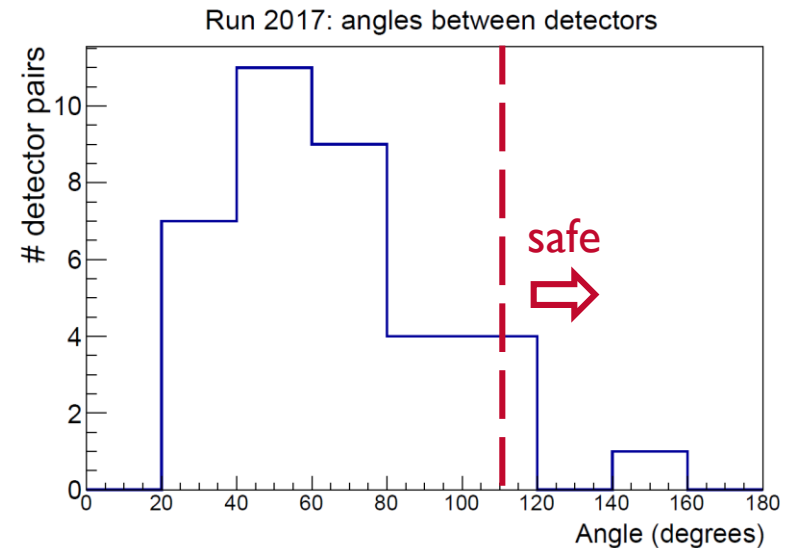
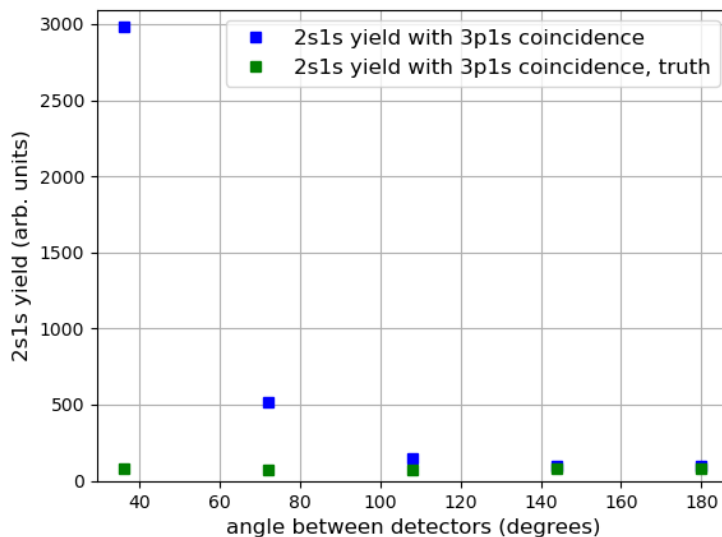
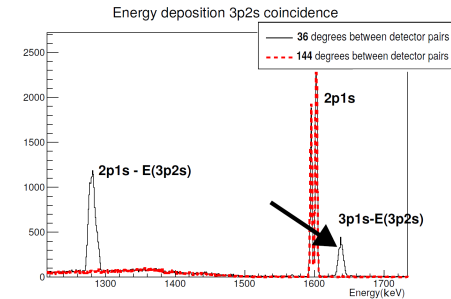
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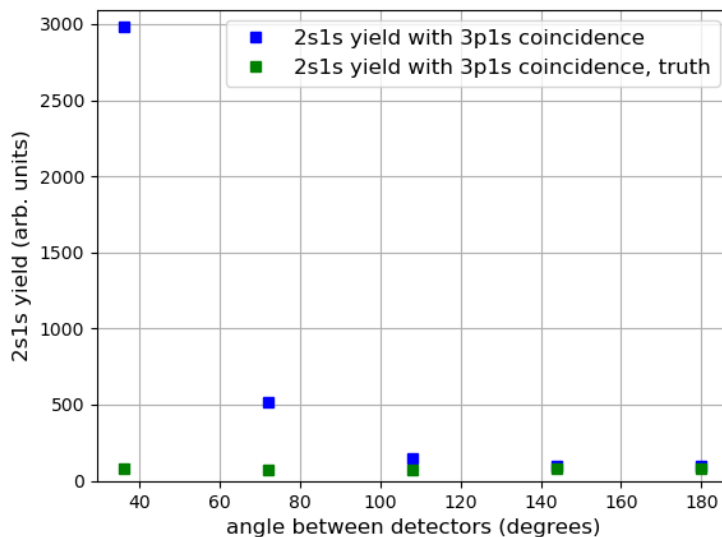
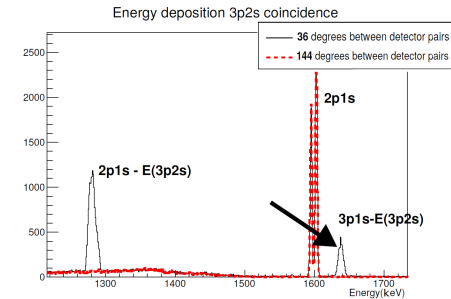
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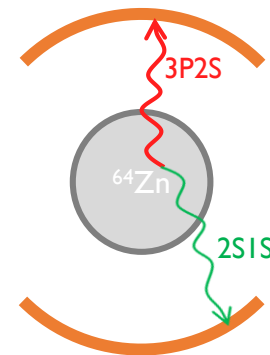
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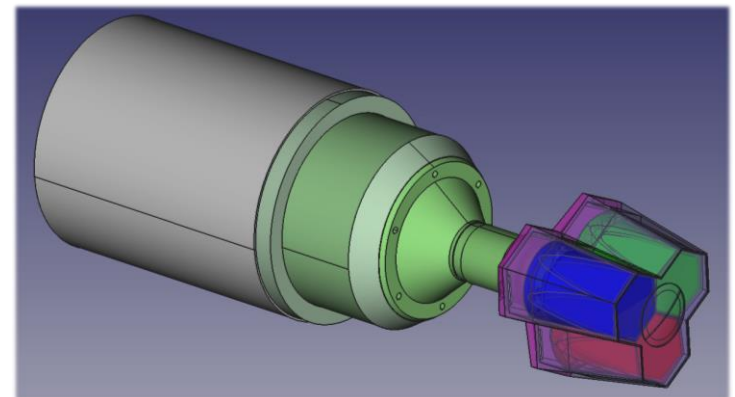
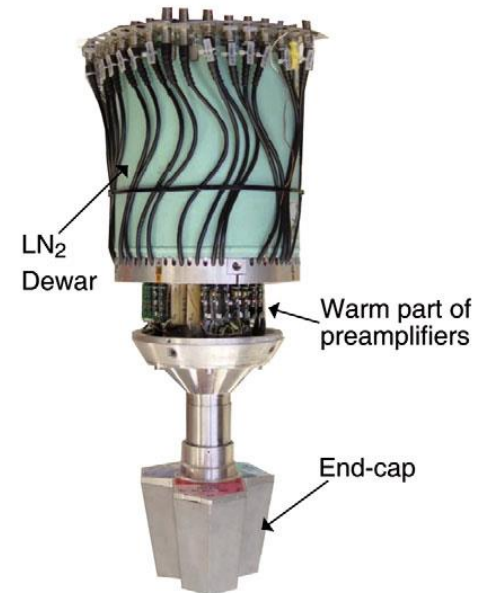
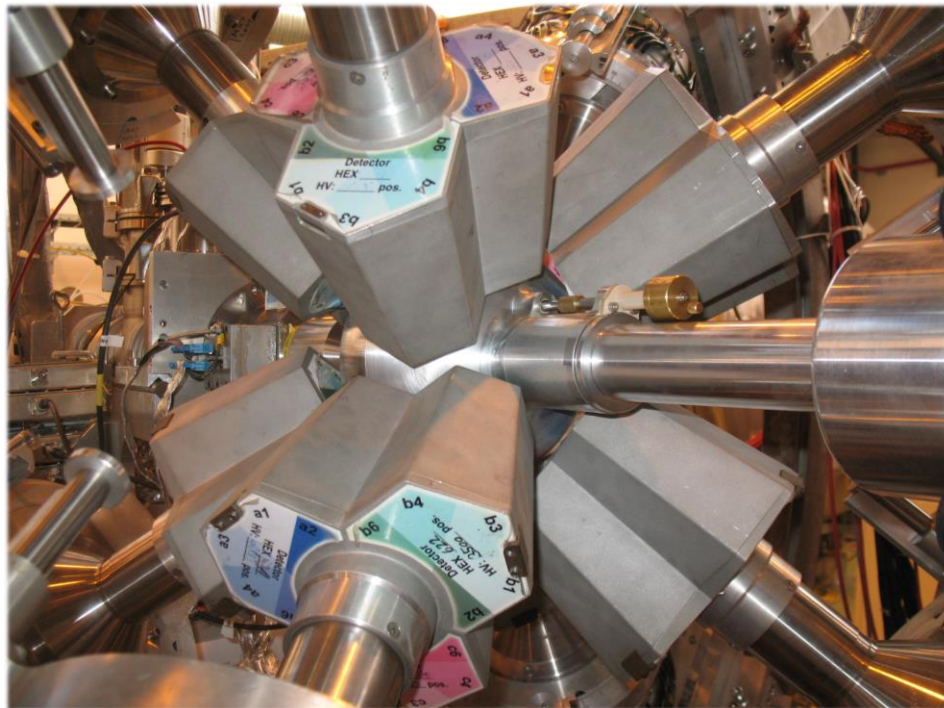
**100 counts in  
6 days data taking**

- 2017 detector efficiencies
- conservative analysis cuts

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- CERN shutdown. 2019 → PSI 2020 → RIKEN
- 3 crystals per cluster, segmented core readout



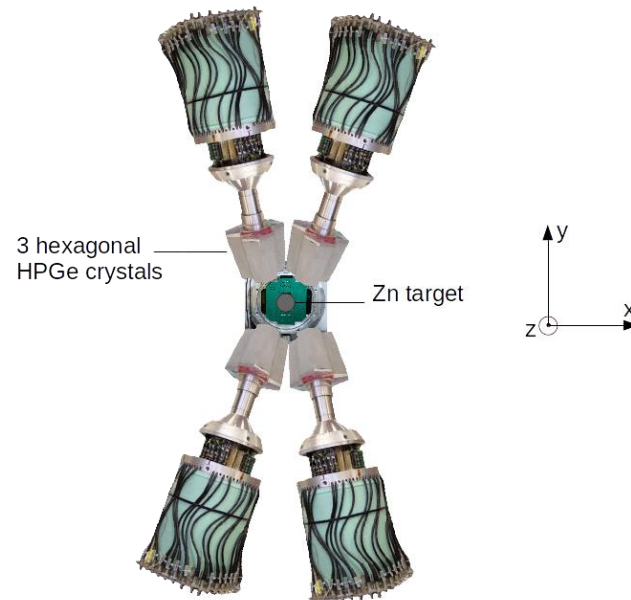
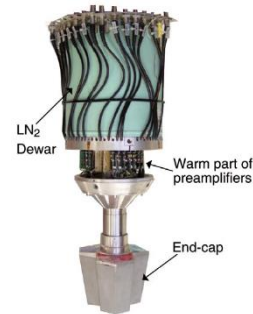
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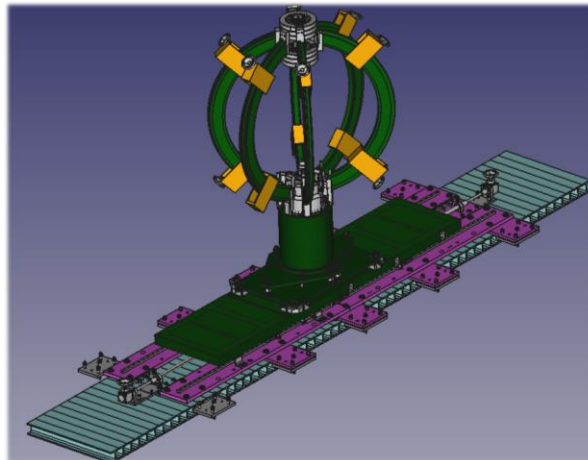
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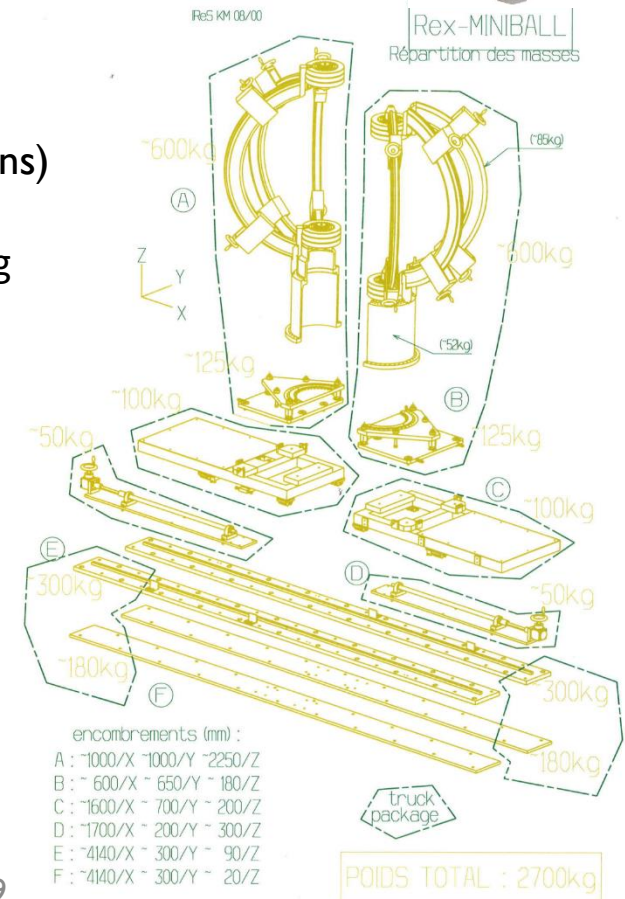
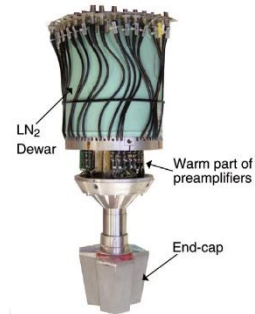
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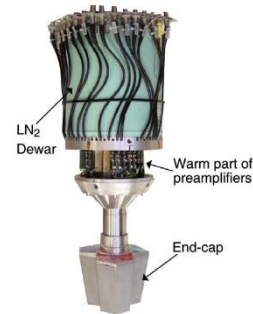
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  - extra HV card
- muX:
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  - All other detectors
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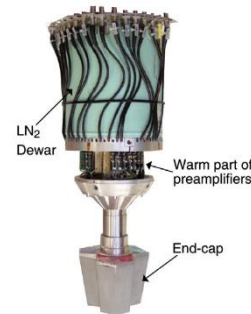
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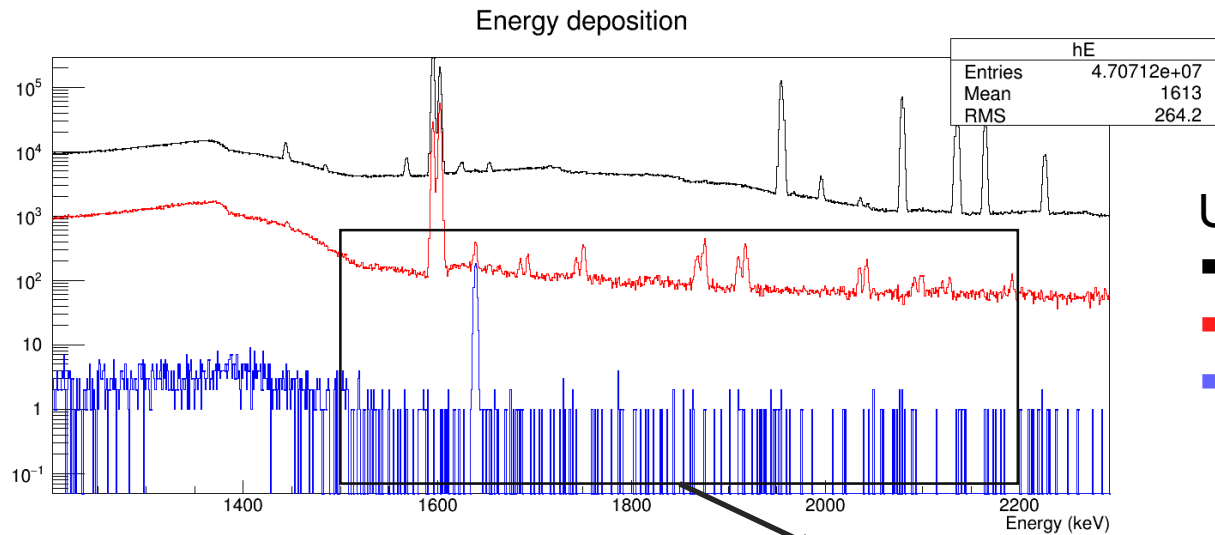
## Observe 2S1S in $^{64}\text{Zn}$ with $S/B > 1$

7 days of beam time

- Assuming running after  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  muX run
- 5-6 days of data taking
- 1 day to switch targets, tune beam
- 100+ counts

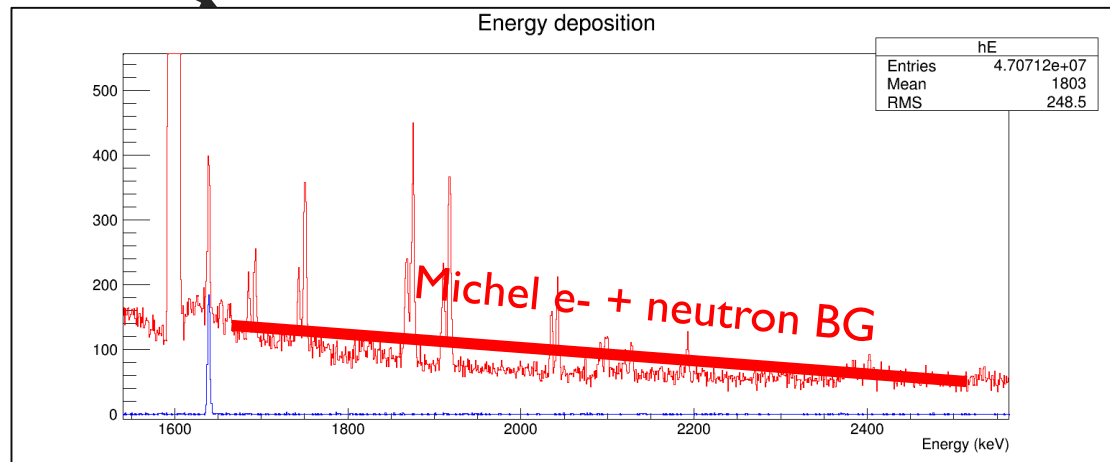
# BACKUP

# Full MC to do it properly:

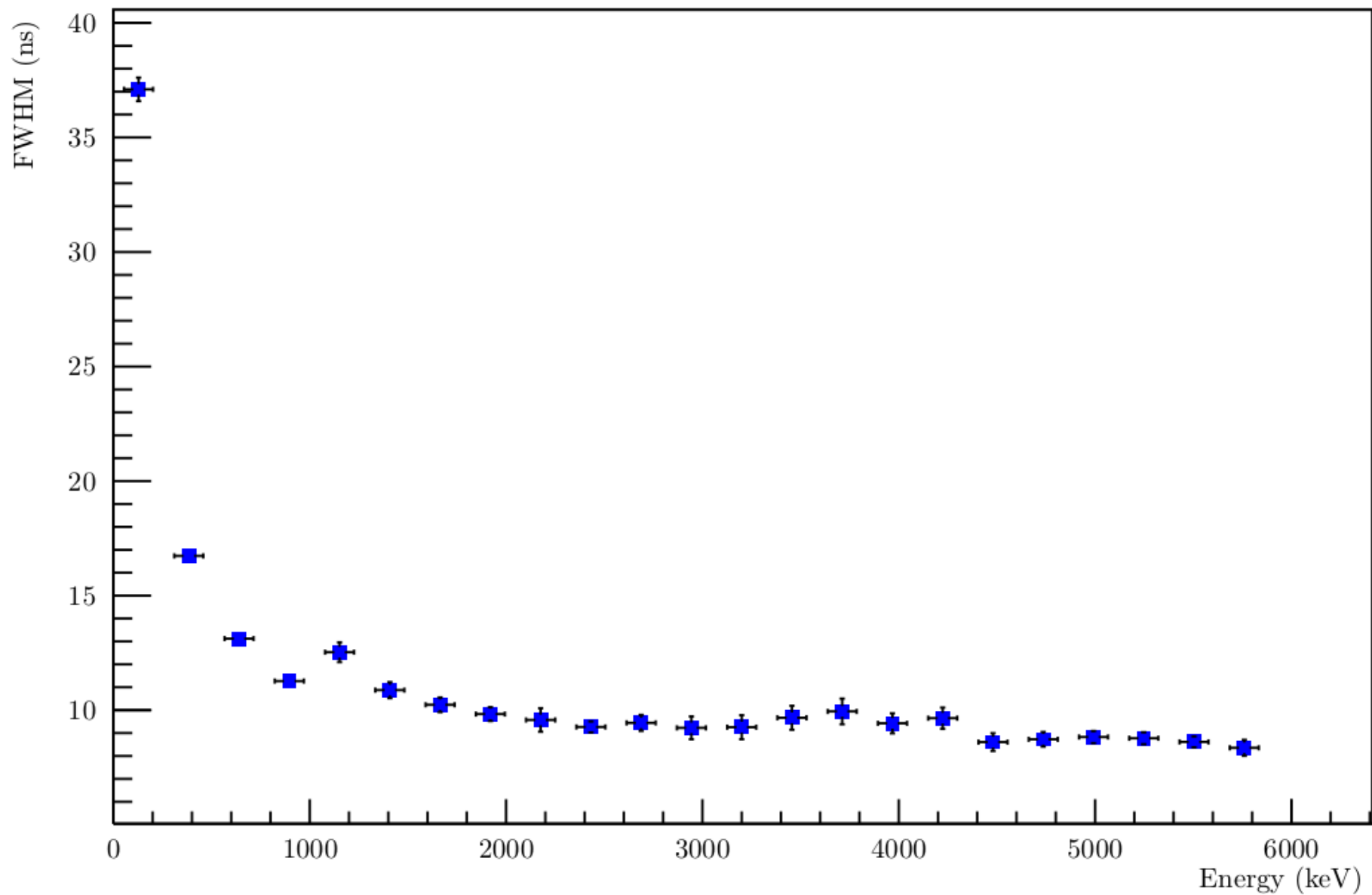


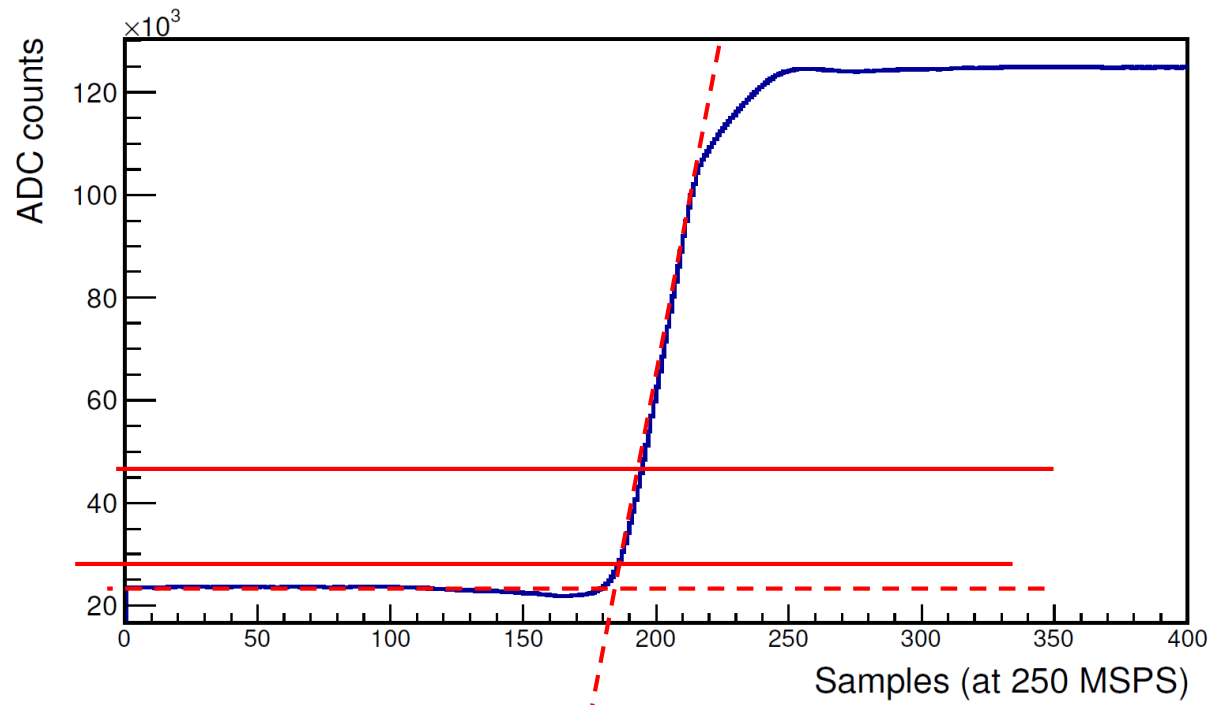
Use truth information:

- all
- has 2s level in cascade
- has 2s I s transition

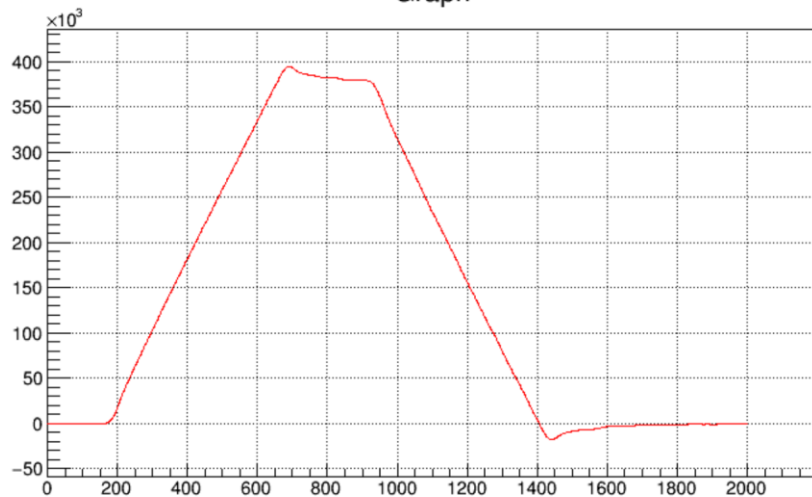


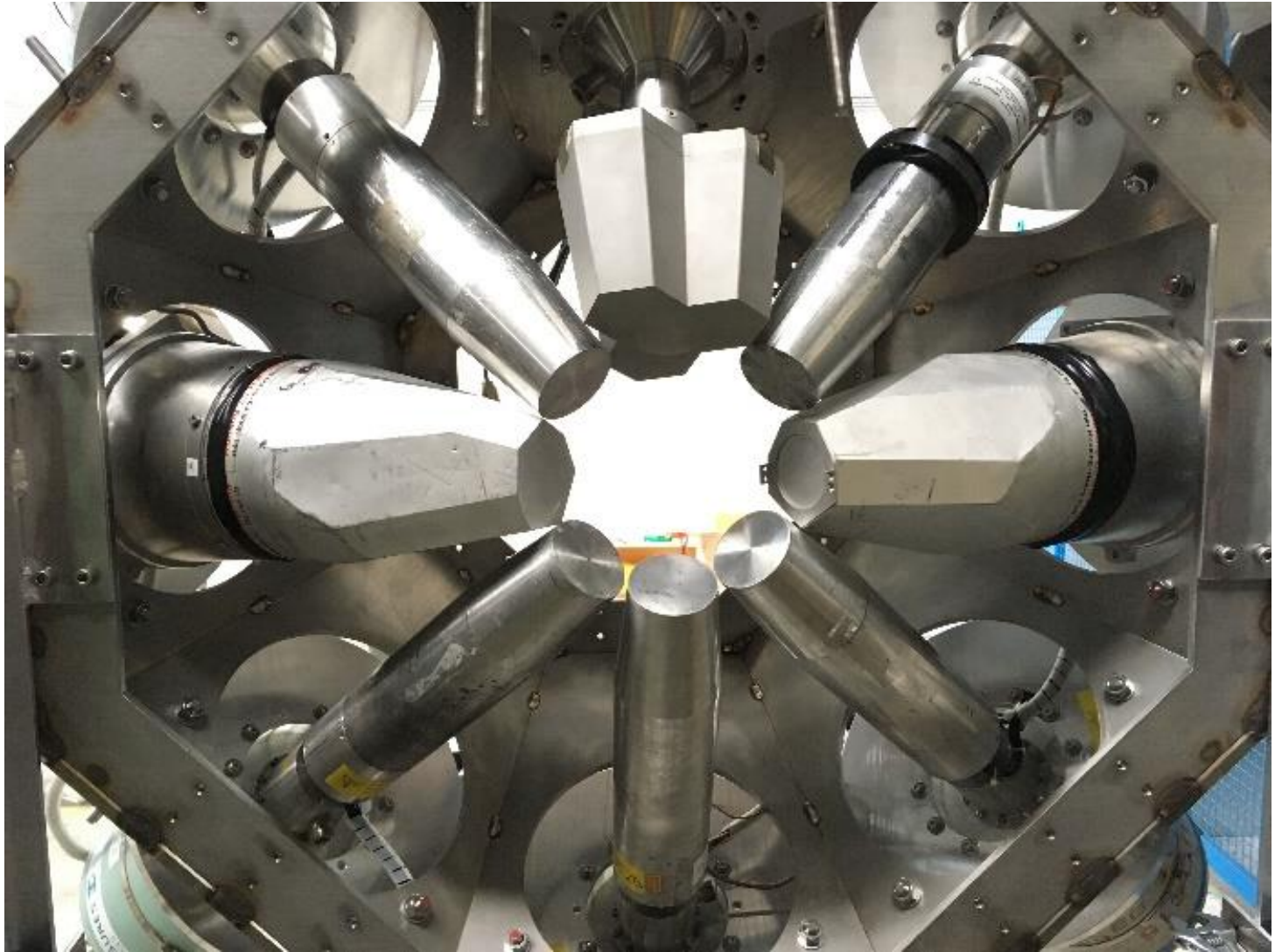
FWHM vs energy





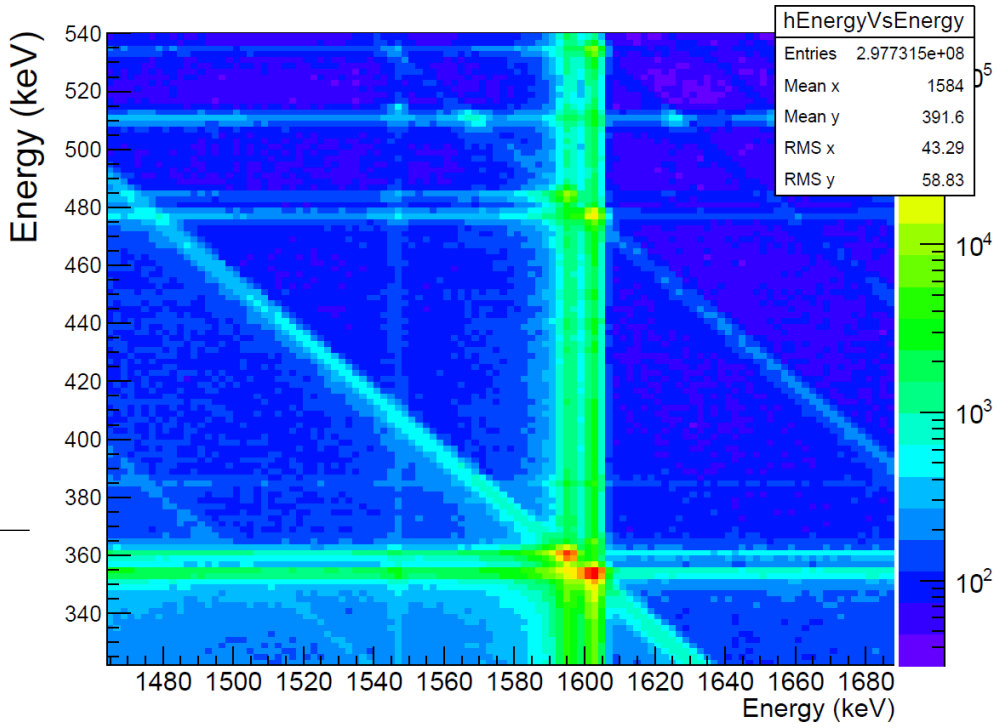
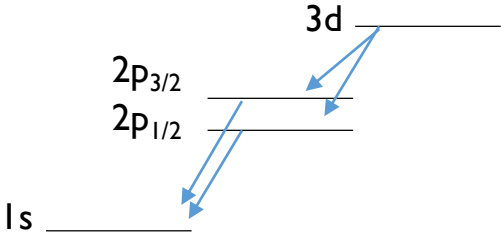
Graph





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### Energy versus Energy for coincidences



## Observe 2SIS in $^{64}\text{Zn}$ with $S/B > 1$

- 7 days of beam time
  - Assuming running after  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  muX run
  - 1 day to switch targets, tune beam
  - 100+ counts

## TODO before run

- MiniBall detectors
  - Install frame
  - One extra digitizer (6 detectors), now we have 2x16 channels
  - Detector test
- Monte Carlo
  - Optimize geometry with *real world* setup
  - Do we need absorbers in between detectors?
- Other
  - Install neutron detector
  - Timing strategies

The most serious background arises from the degrading due to Compton scattering of photons produced in transitions in the muon cascade with more energy than the magnetic dipole transition. This background prevented the detection of the magnetic dipole transition in a preliminary experiment.

(Simons)

