

MIMAC

Micro-tpc MAtrix of Chambers

A Large TPC for Directional Dark Matter detection

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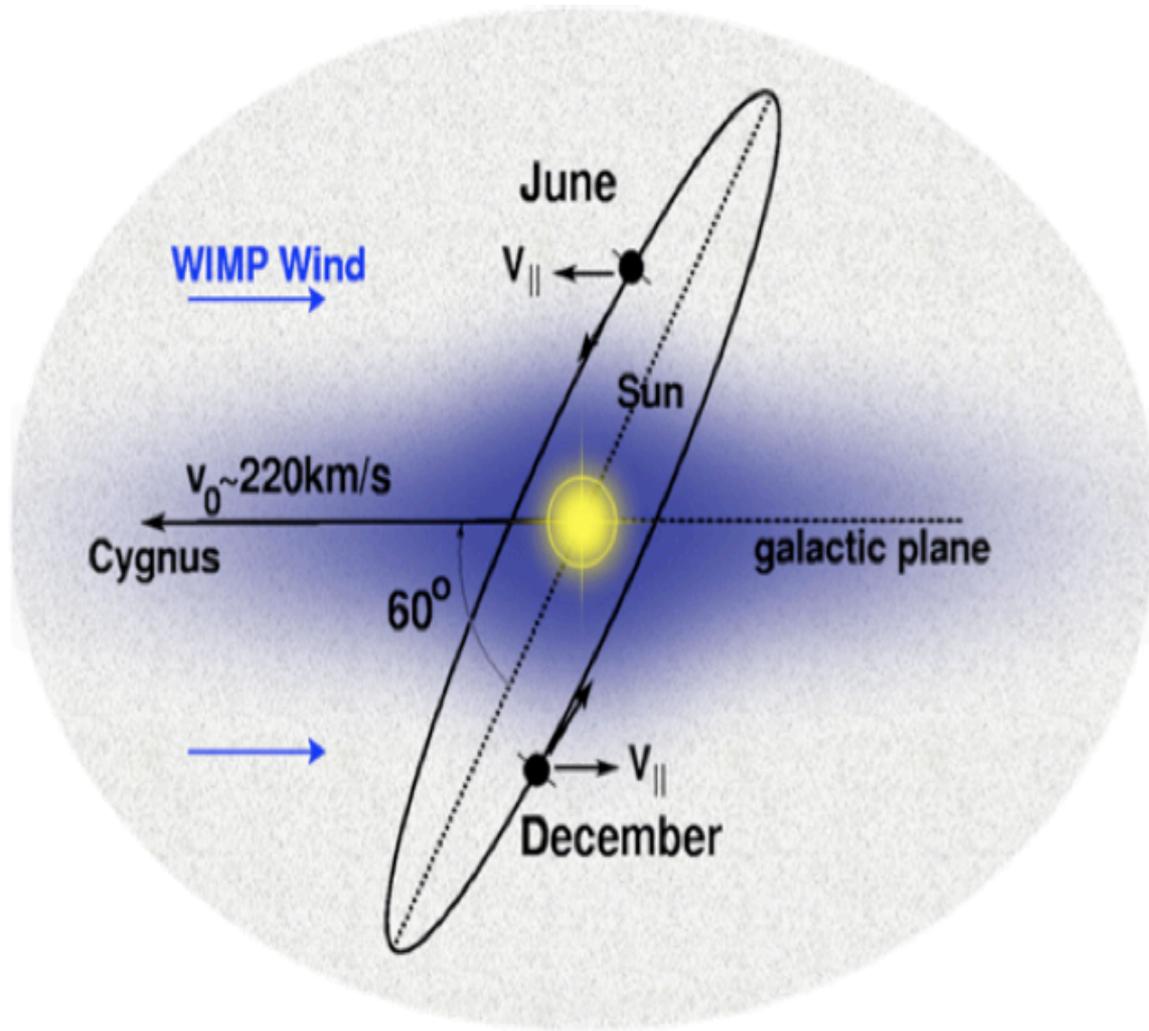
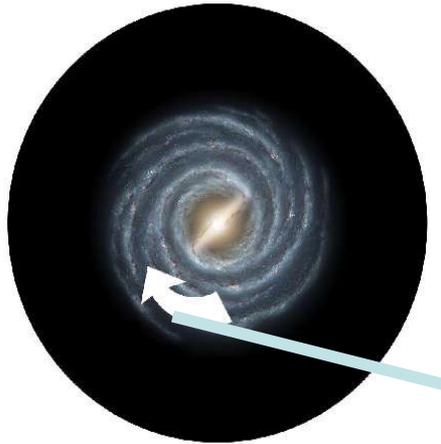
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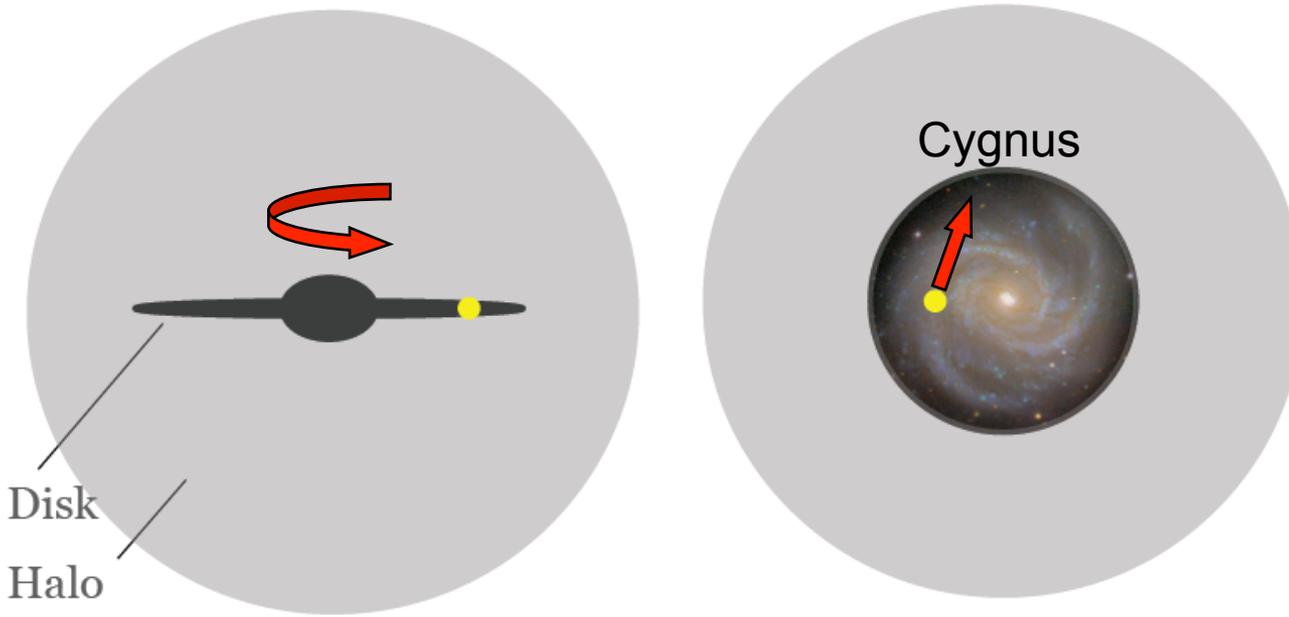
Neutron facility (AMANDE) :

IRSN (Cadarache): T. Vinchon, B. Tampon (Ph. D.)

Directional detection: principle



Directional detection : principle



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

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

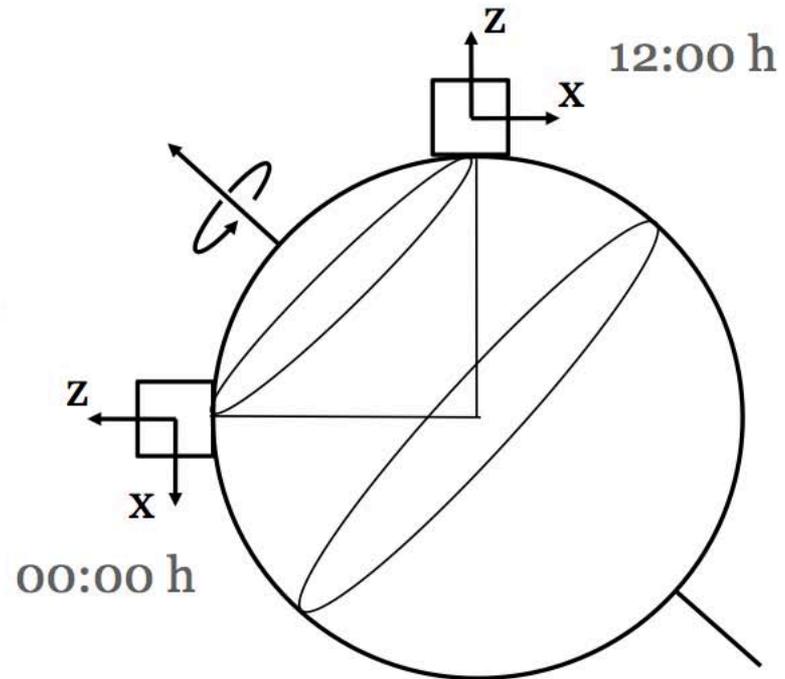
Angular modulation of WIMP flux

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

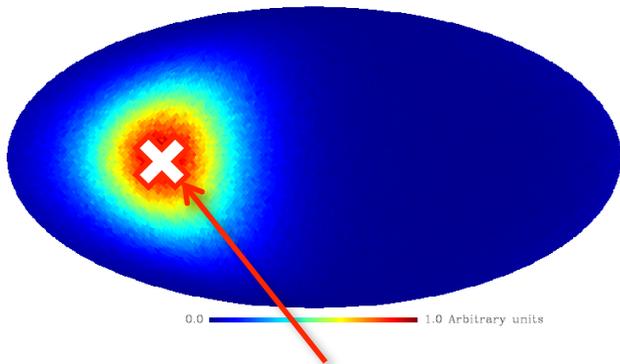
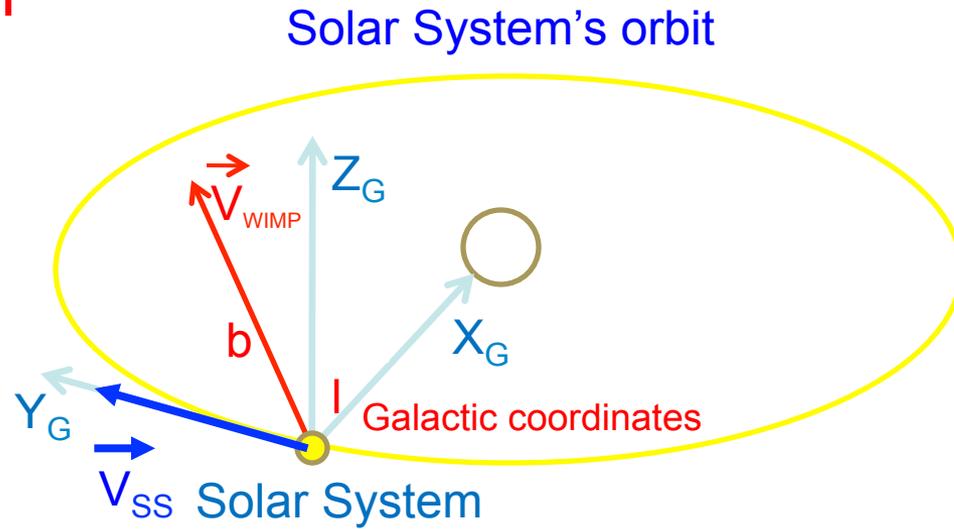
Cygnus



Direction of
Earth motion



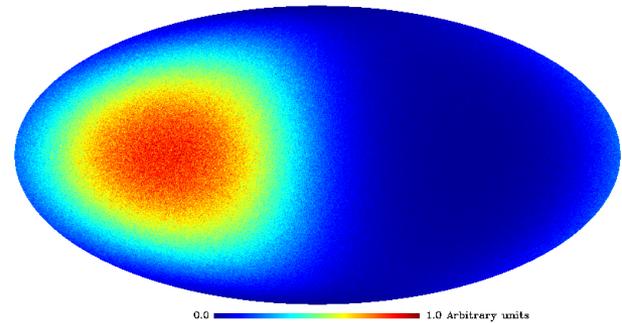
WIMP signal



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

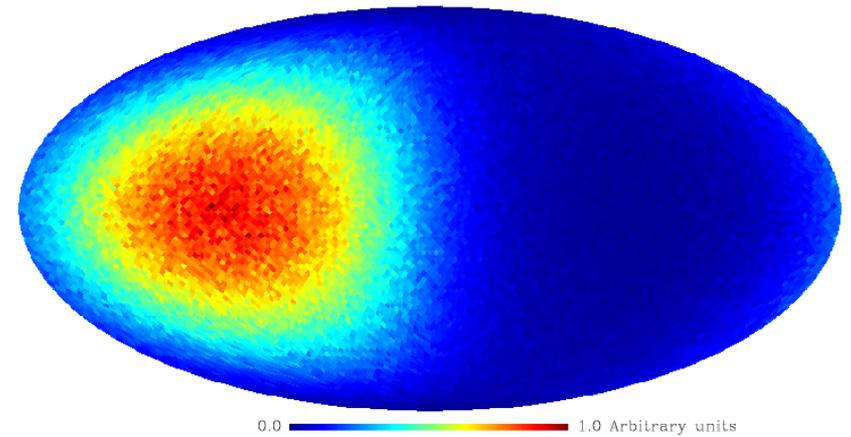
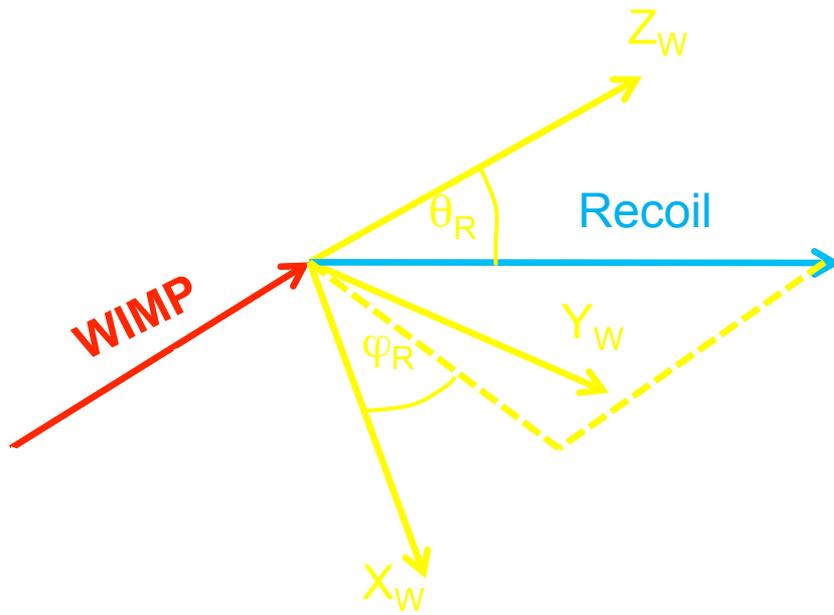


After collision



WIMP signal expected

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



Map of recoils in galactic coordinates (HealPix)

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

There are many angles to measure...

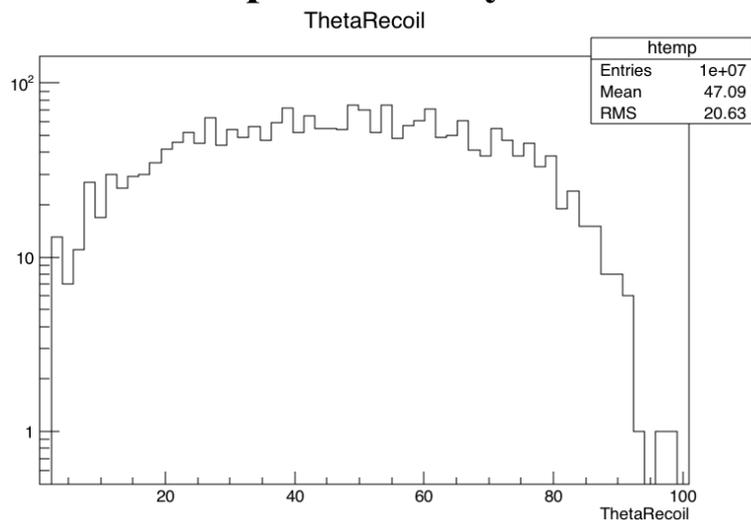
A lot of information and important events to detect

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

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

Produced by neutrons of 565 keV

Validated experimentally at Cadarache !!



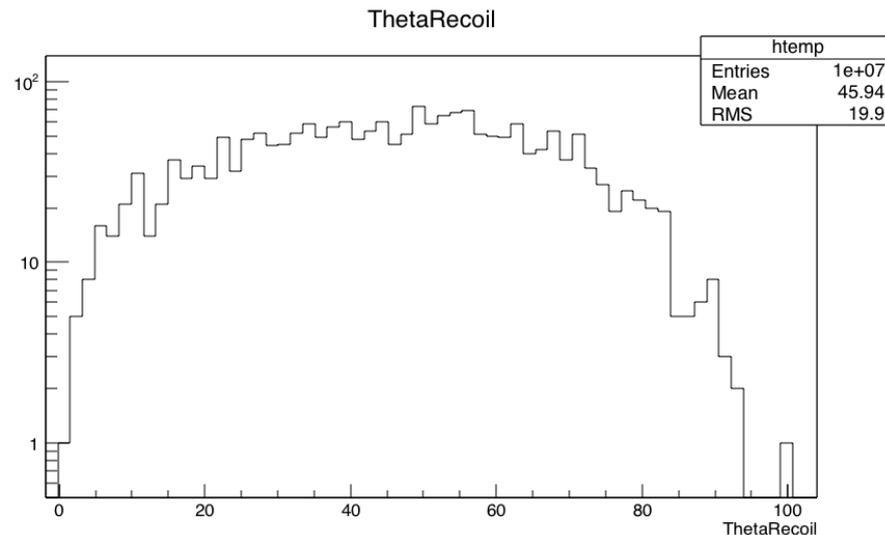
Geant4 simulations (N. Sauzet, DS. (2016))

DM-France, Paris, Dec 1st 2016

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

Angular distribution in the laboratory

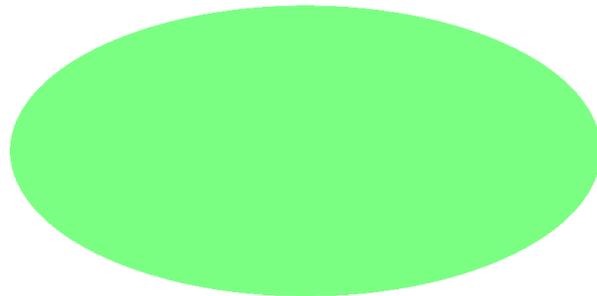
Produced by neutrons of 200 keV



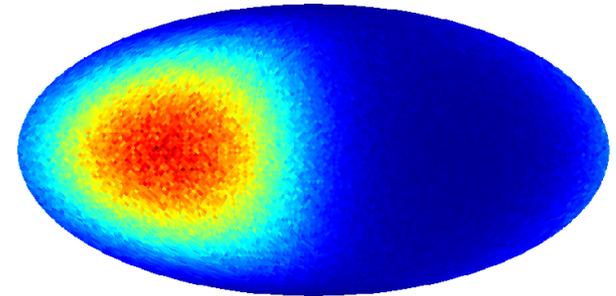
The same kind of distributions for C !!

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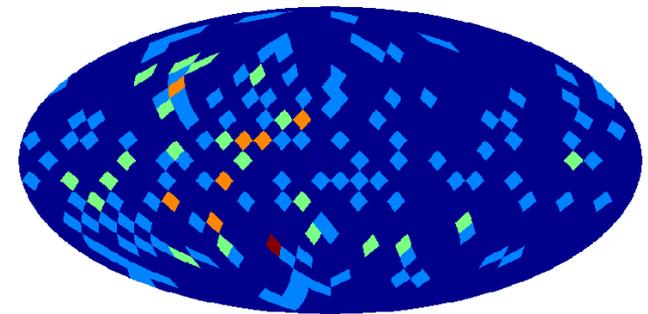
100 WIMP evts + 100 Background evts



Background



Wimp recoils

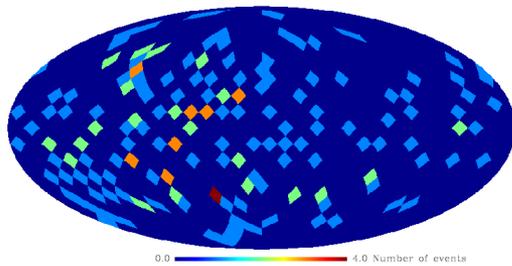


Phenomenology: Discovery

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

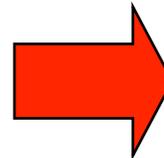
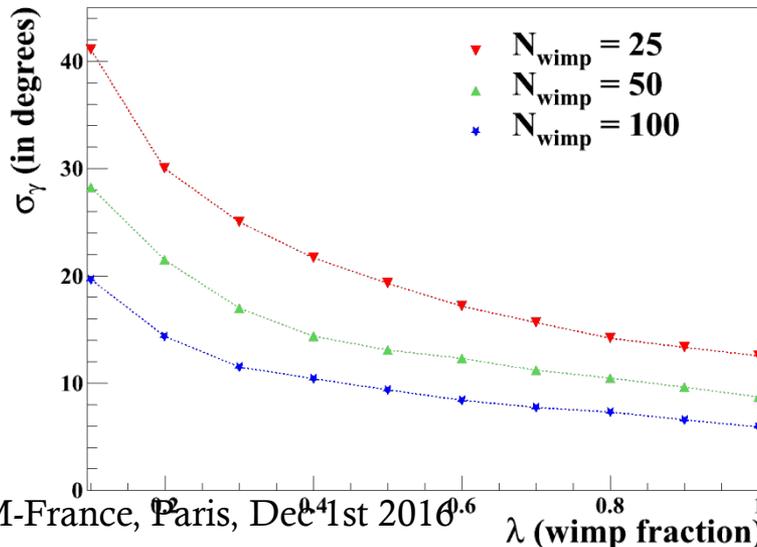
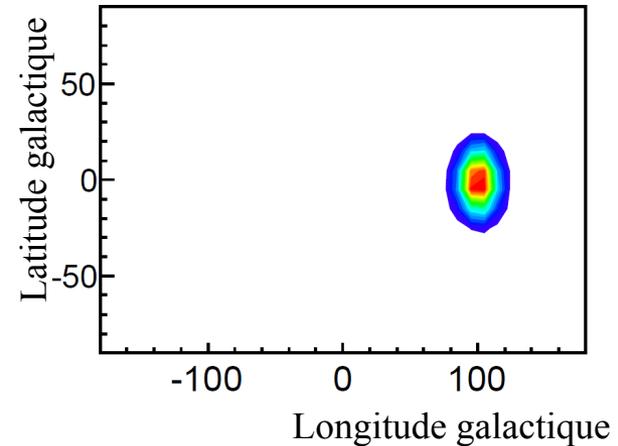
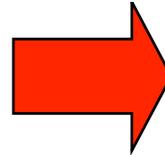
Proof of discovery: **Signal pointing toward the Cygnus constellation**

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



100 WIMP + 100 BKG

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



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

Directional Detection : identification

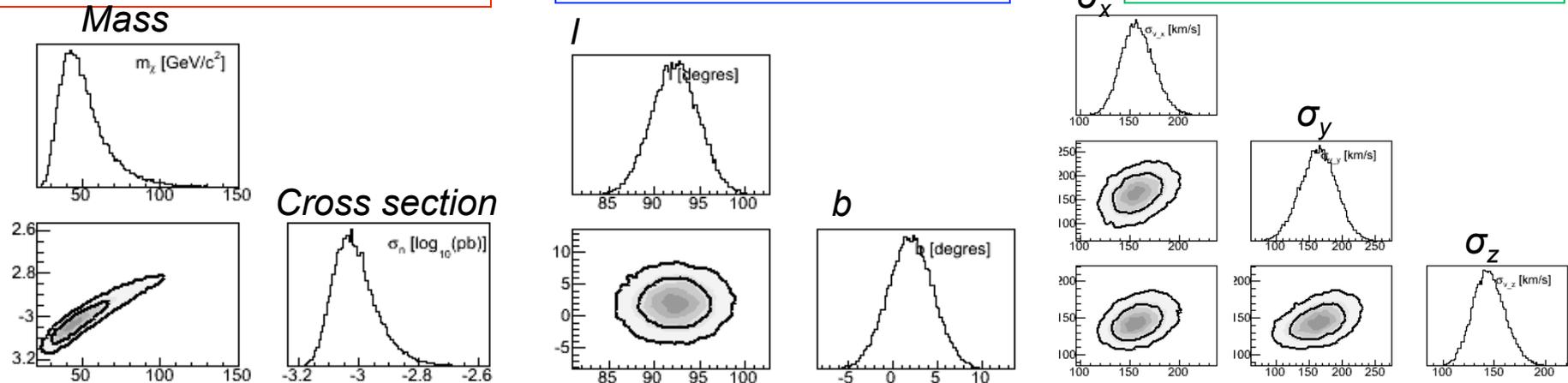
J. Billard *et al.*, PRD 2011

8 parameters simultaneously constrained by only one 3D experiment

Mass – cross section

Dark Matter signature

Galactic Halo shape

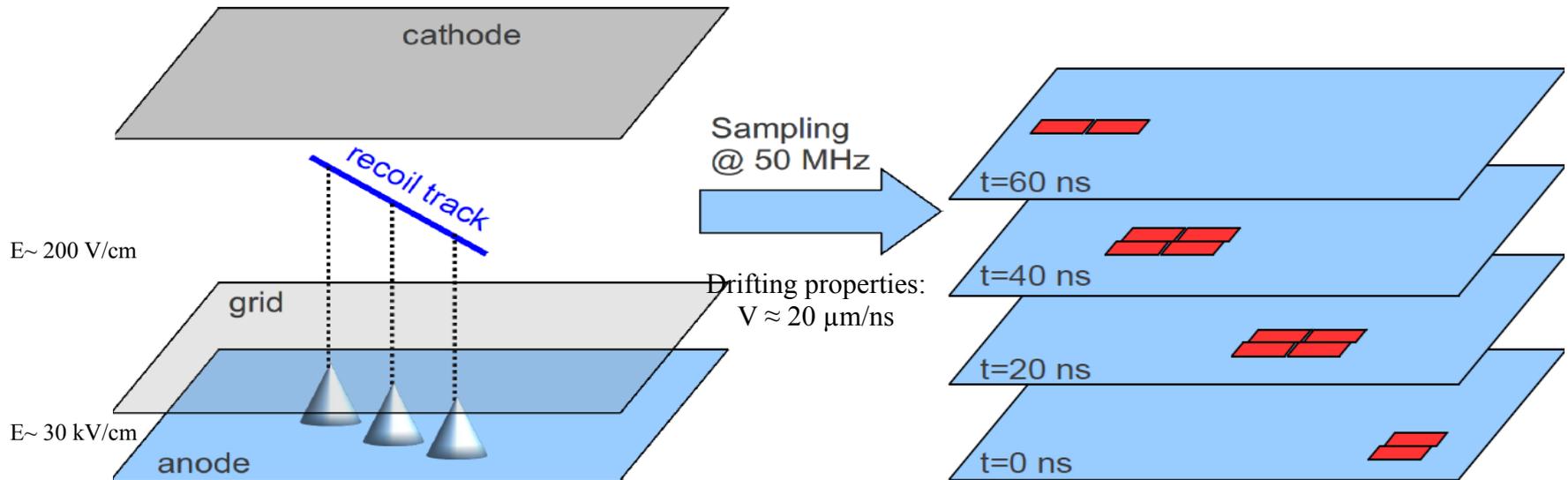


	m_χ (GeV/c^2)	$\log_{10}(\sigma_n$ (pb))	l_\odot ($^\circ$)	b_\odot ($^\circ$)	σ_x ($\text{km}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$)	σ_y ($\text{km}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$)	σ_z ($\text{km}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$)	β	R_b ($\text{kg}^{-1}\text{year}^{-1}$)
Input	50	-3	90	0	155	155	155	0	10
Output	$51.8^{+5.6}_{-19.4}$	$-3.01^{+0.05}_{-0.08}$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

Directional experiments around the world



MIMAC: Detection strategy

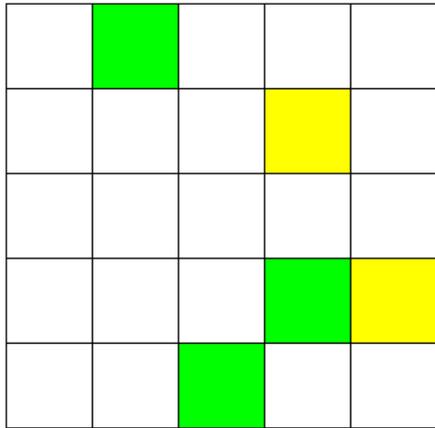


Scheme of a MIMAC μ TPC

Evolution of the collected charges on the anode

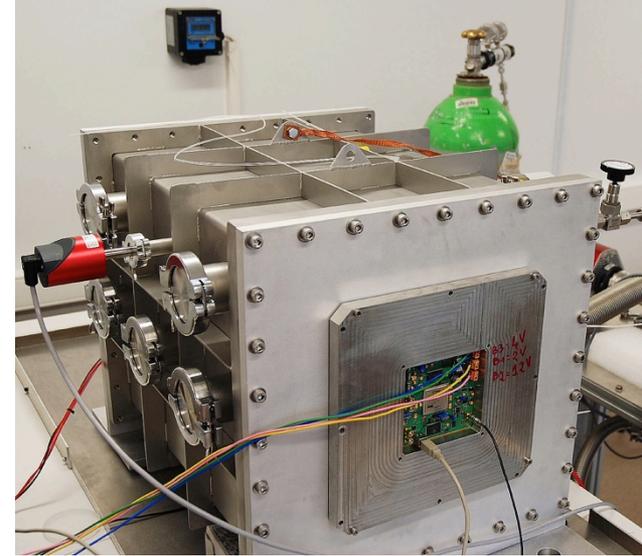
Measurement of the ionization energy: Charge integrator connected to the mesh coupled to a FADC sampled at 50 MHz

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 : $\sigma(A)$ dependency
- Axial and scalar weak interaction
- **Directional detector**



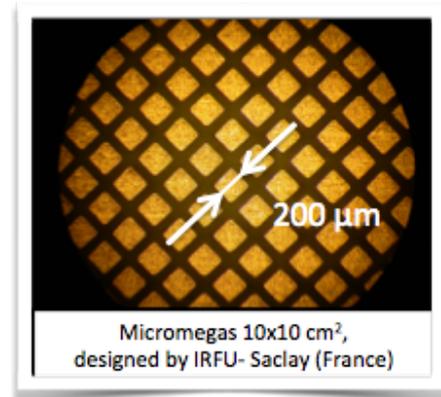
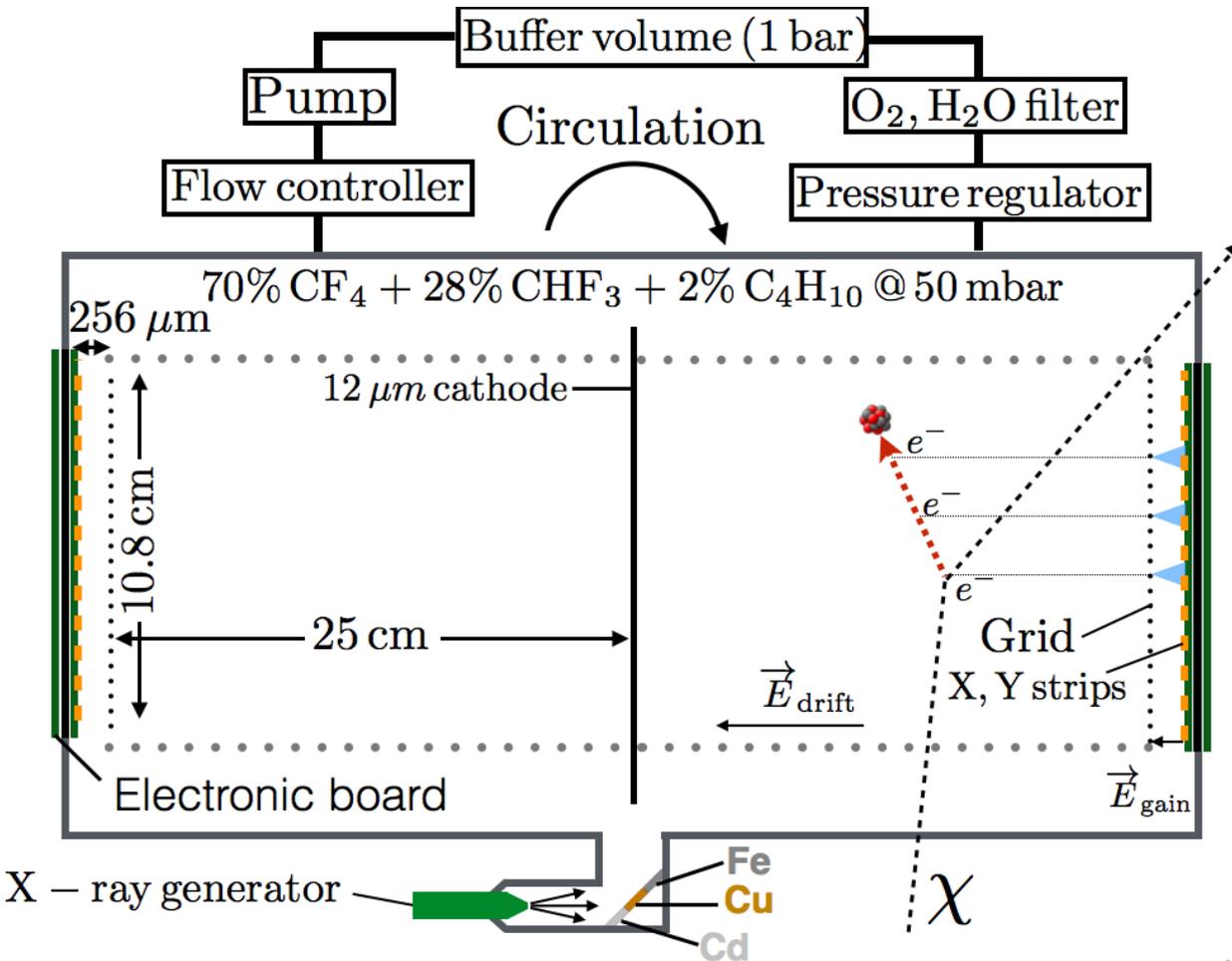
Bi-chamber module
2 x (10.8x 10.8x 25 cm³)

Strategy:

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



MIMAC-bi-chamber module prototype

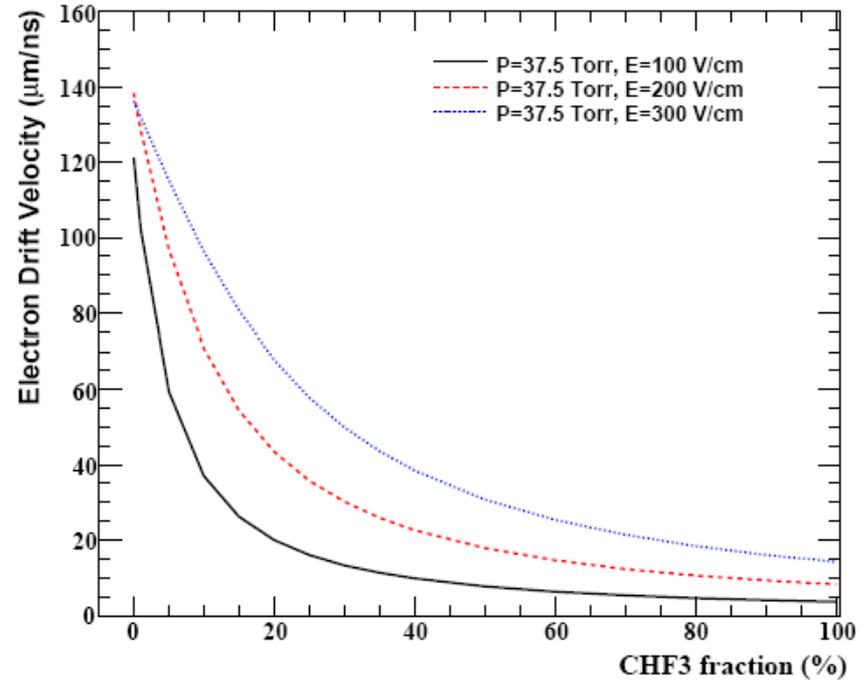
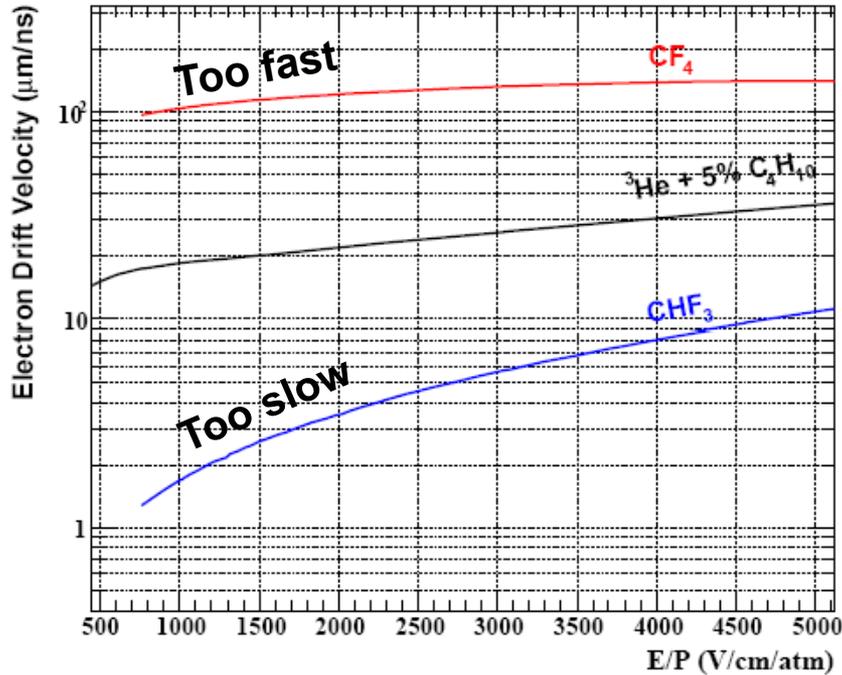


MIMAC Target: ^{19}F

- Light WIMP mass
- Axial coupling

3D Tracks: Drift velocity

Magboltz Simulation



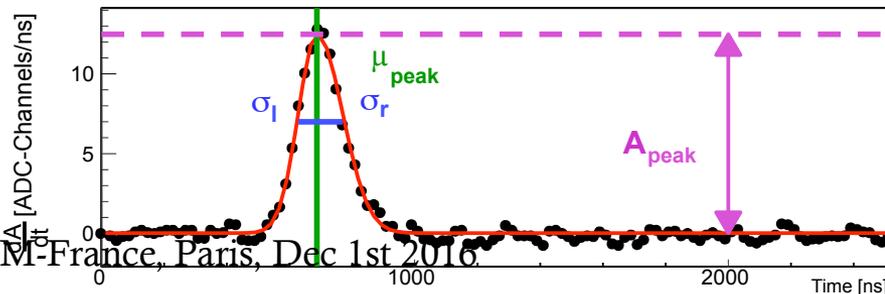
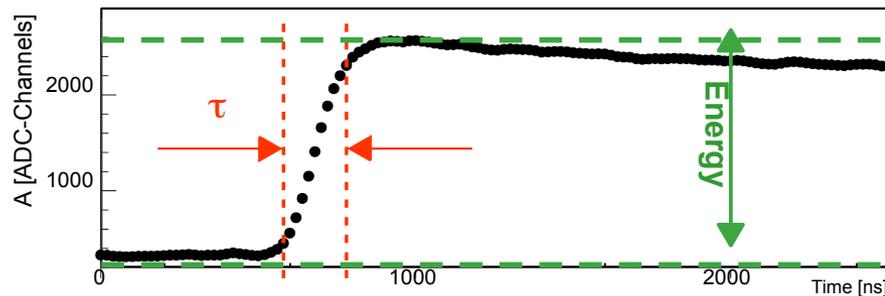
- New mixed gas MIMAC target : $\text{CF}_4 + x\% \text{CHF}_3$ ($x=30$)

MIMAC readout

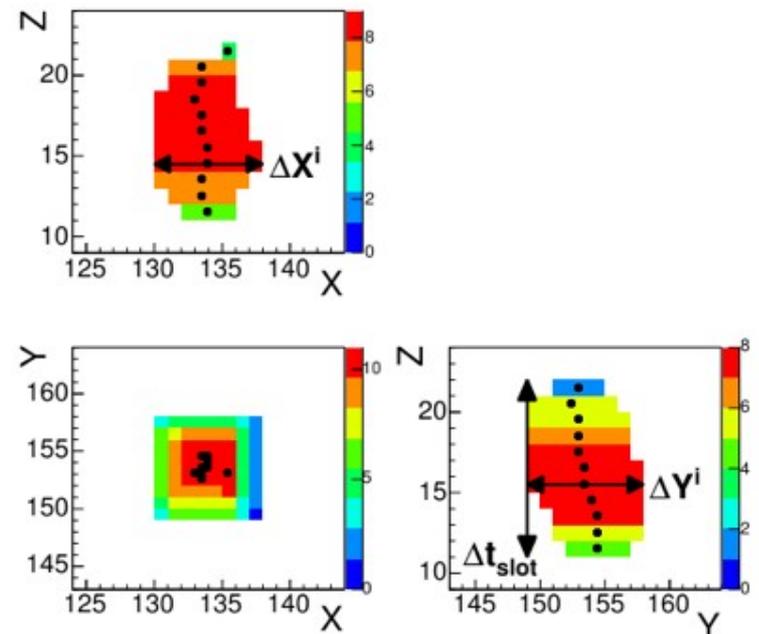


Dedicated fast electronics (self-triggered)
Based on the MIMAC chip (64 channels)

preamplifier signal + FADC: Energy

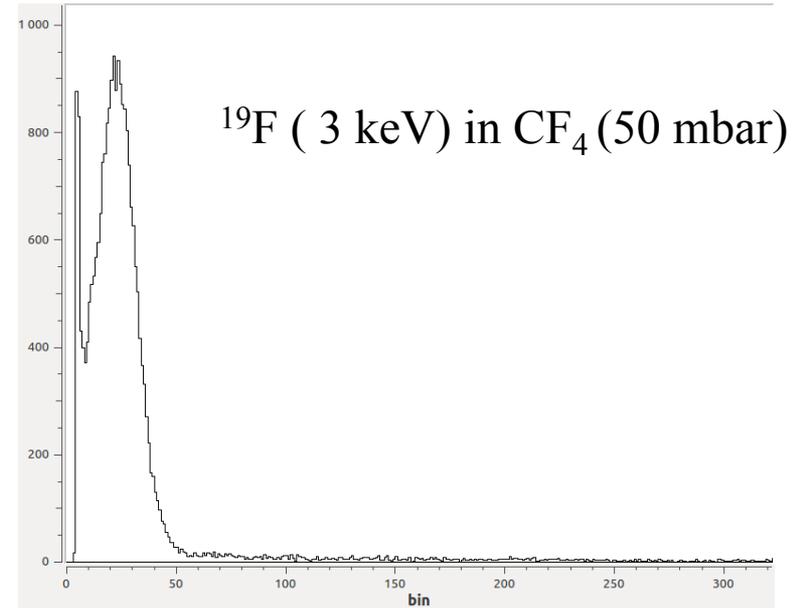
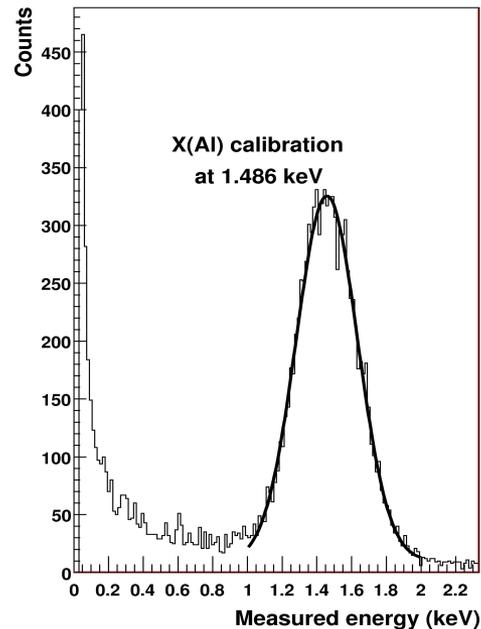
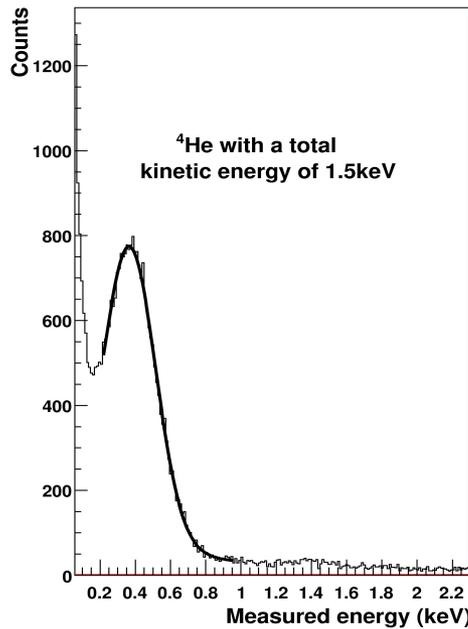


3D - track

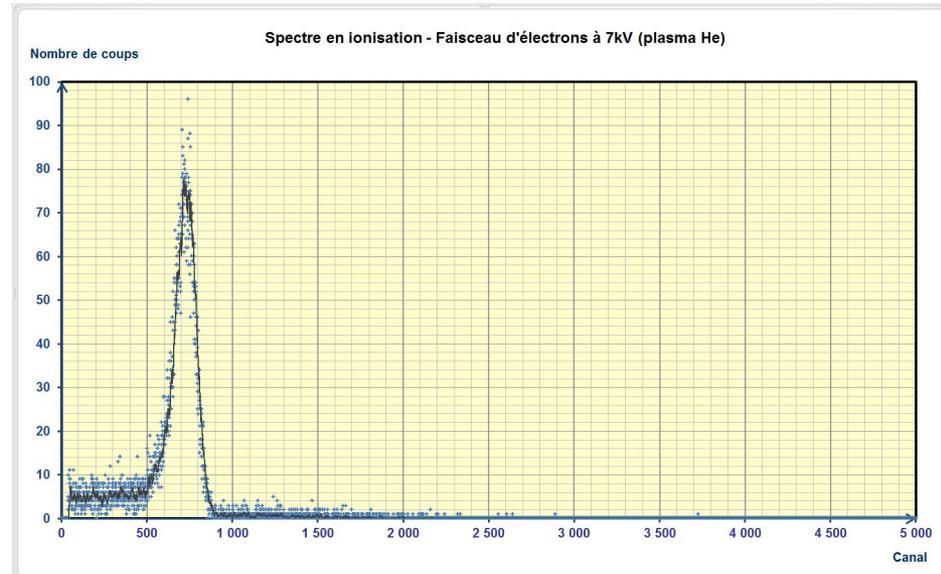
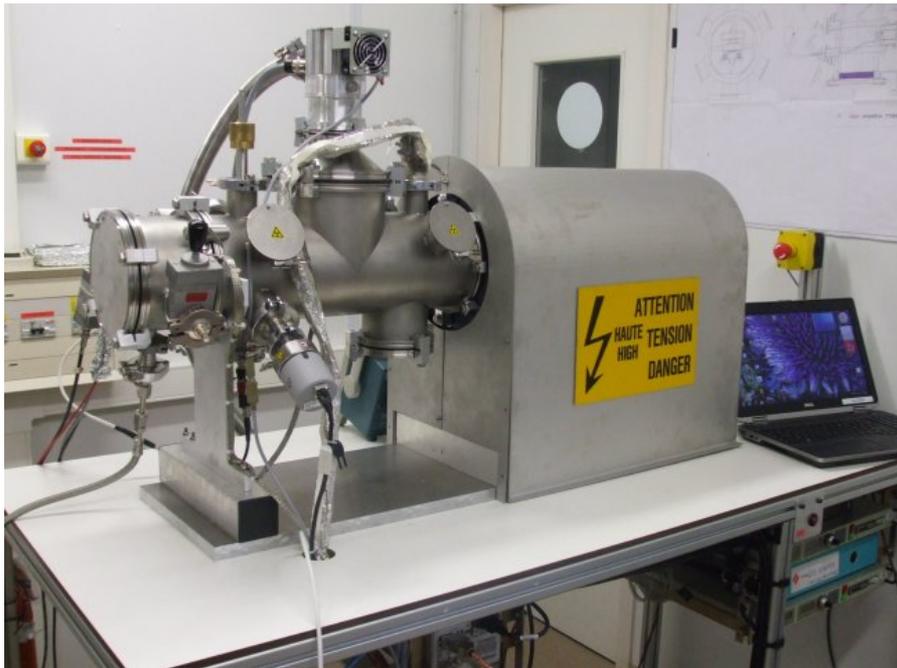


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Ionization Quenching Factor Measurements at LPSC-Grenoble



Portable Quenching Facility (COMIMAC) (Electrons and Nuclei of known energies)

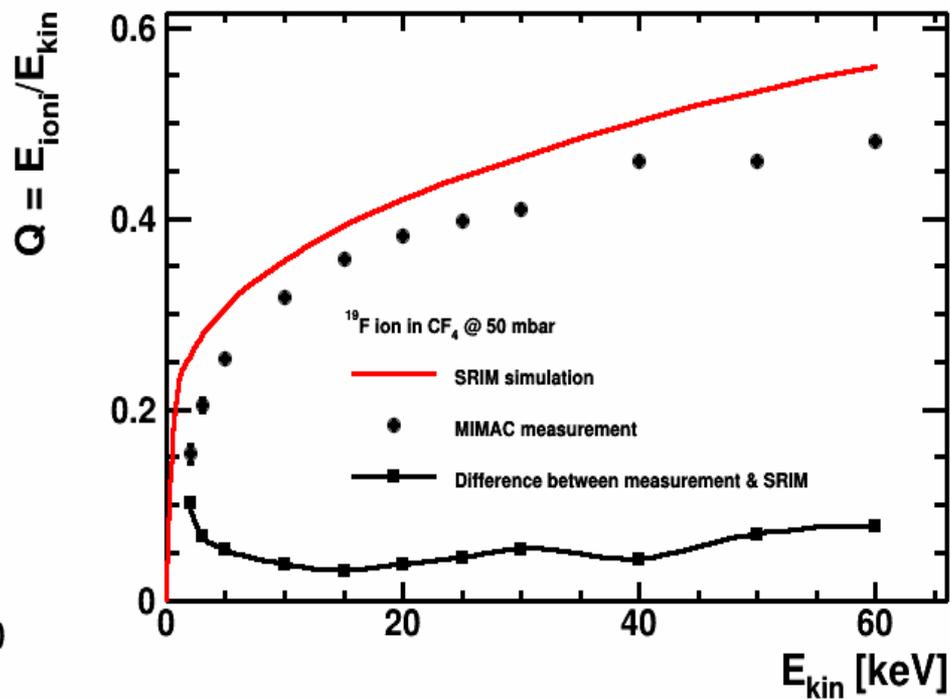
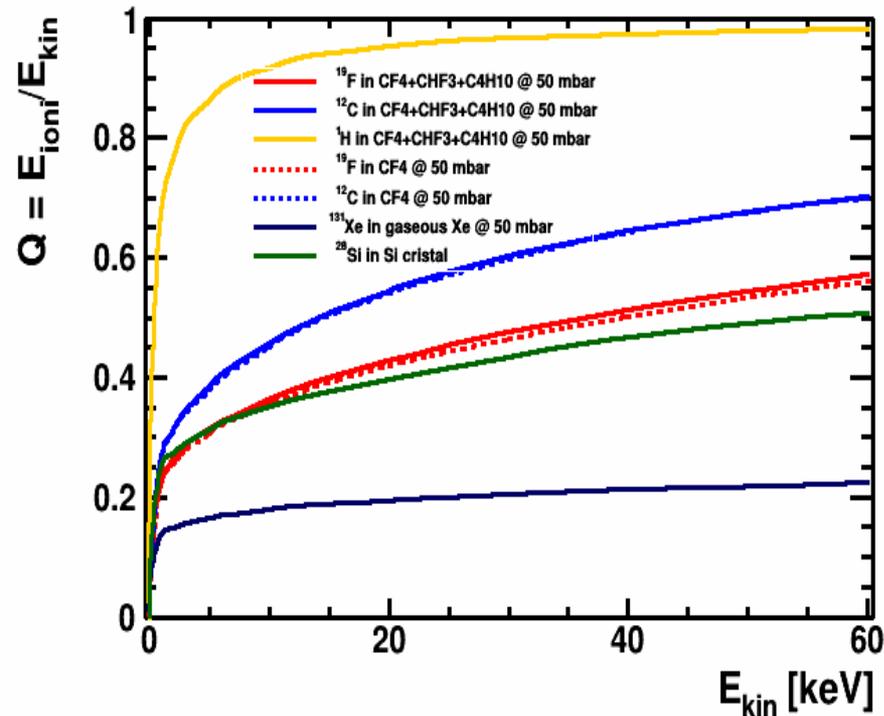


Electrons of 7 keV

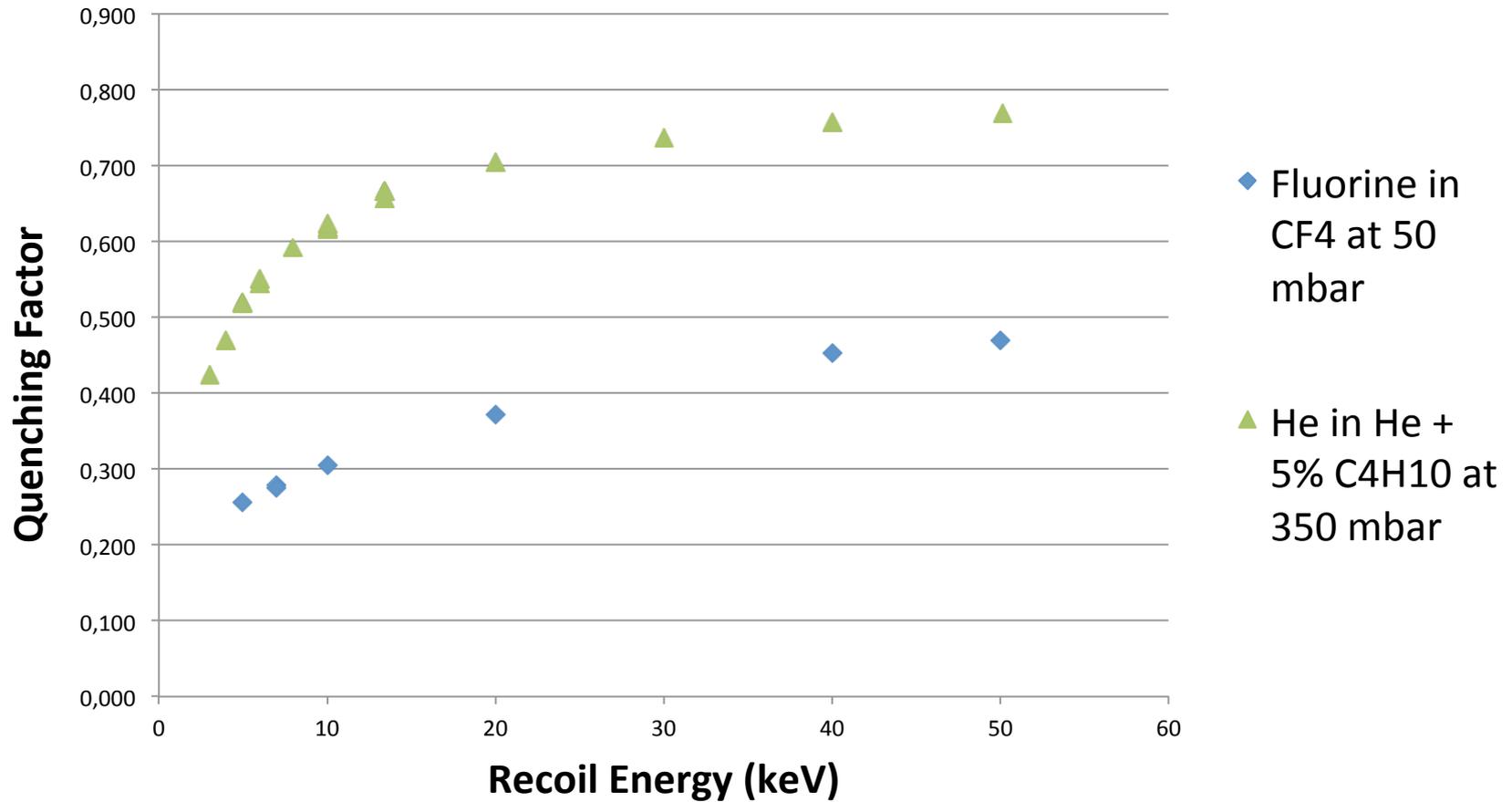
**In a gas detector the IQF depends strongly on the quality of the gas.
The IQF needs to be measured periodically (in-situ) in a long term run experiment.**

Ionization Quenching Factors

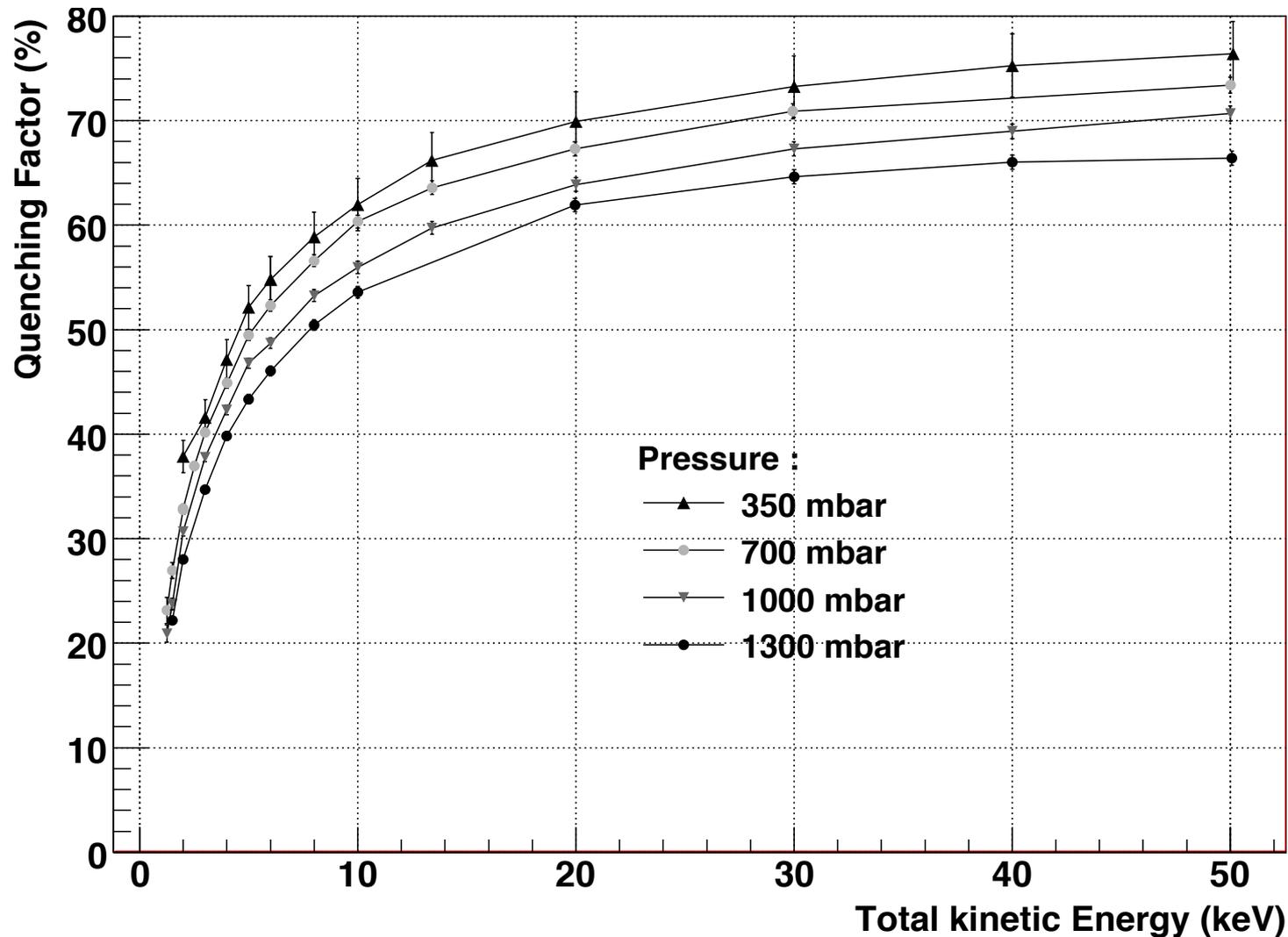
Simulations and Measurements (LPSC)



Ionization Quenching Factor for Fluorine in pure CF4 at 50 mbar



IQF in $^4\text{He} + 5\%$ isobutane for different pressures!!



MIMAC validation with neutrons

Neutron monochromatic field:

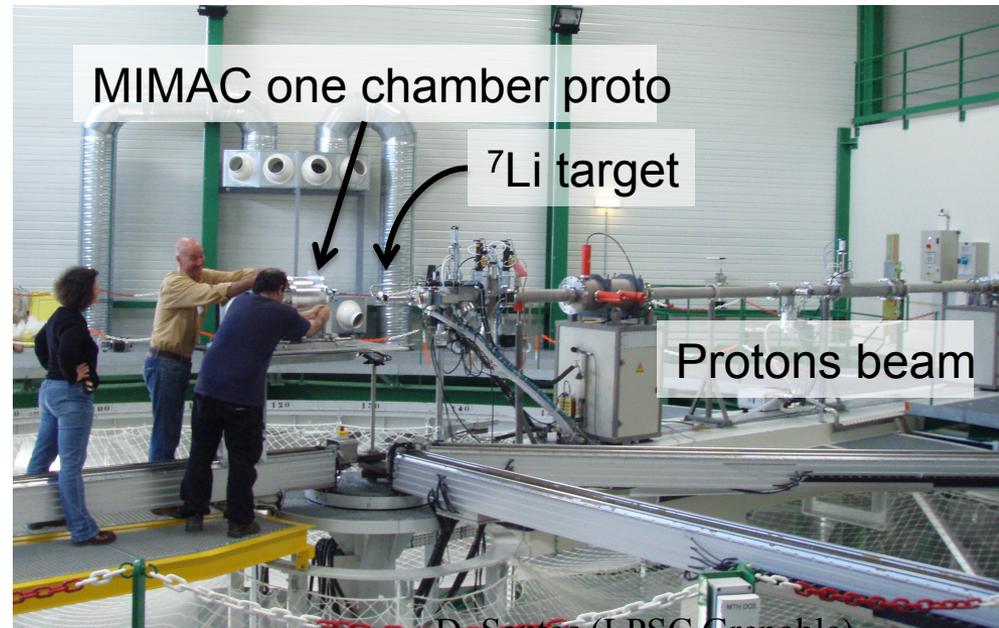
AMANDE facility at IRSN of Cadarache

- Neutrons with a well defined energy from resonances of ${}^7\text{Li}$ 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

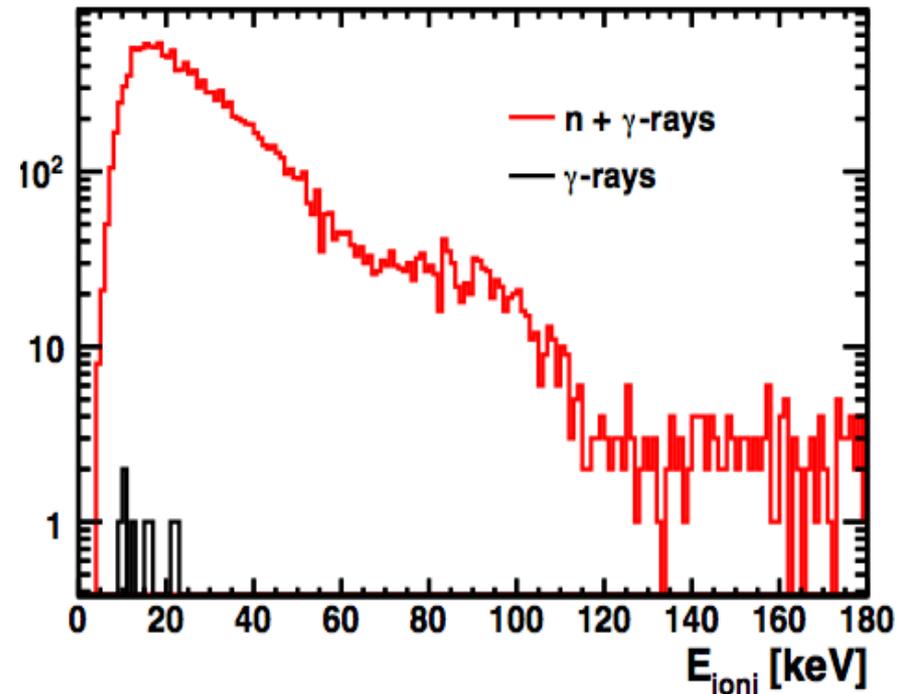
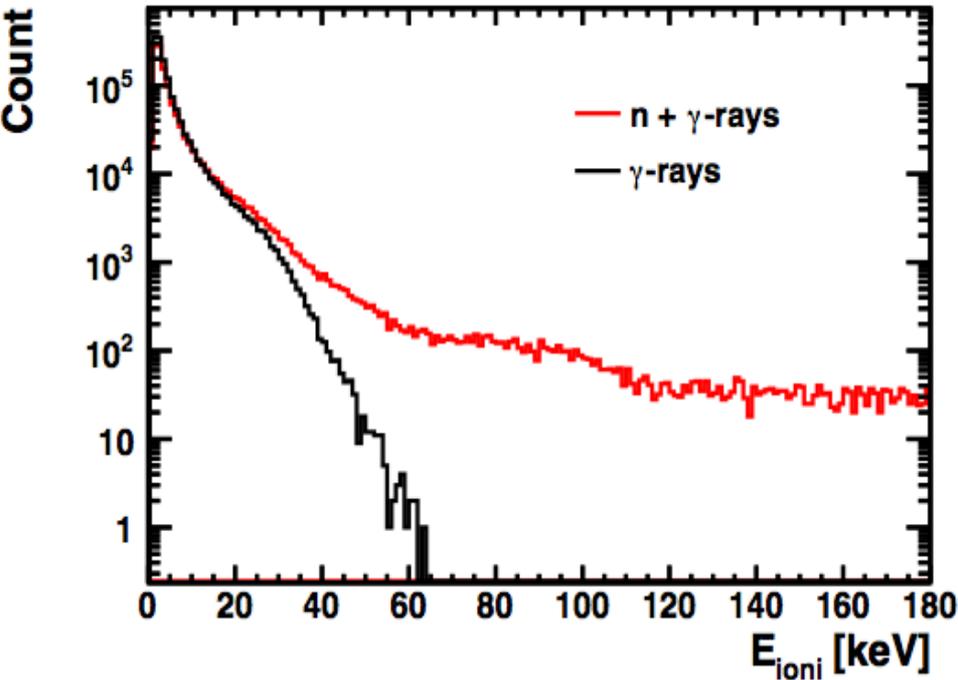


Electron-recoil Discrimination

${}^7\text{Li}$ (p,n (565 keV)) nuclear reaction

Neutrons \longrightarrow F, C, H, nuclear recoils

γ - rays \longrightarrow Electrons

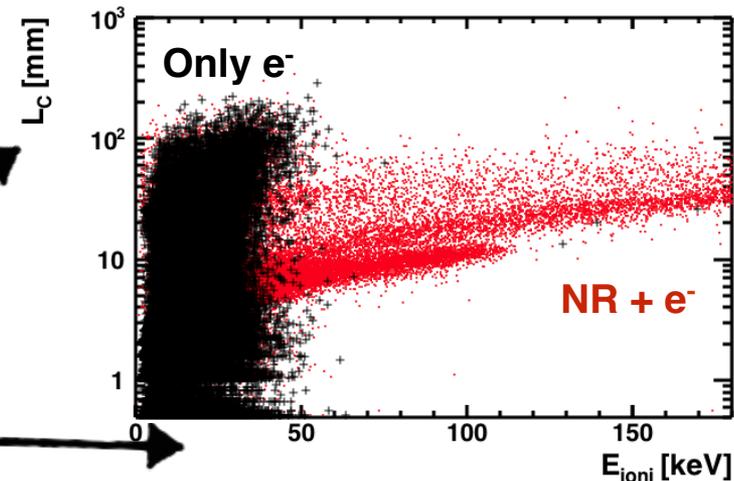
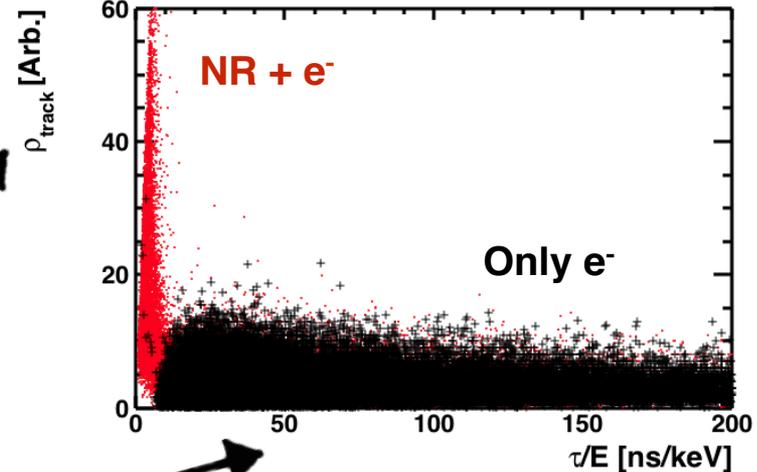


$$N_{\text{acpt}}/N_{\text{tot}} = 1.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ electron integrated rejection}$$

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
Discriminating	
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



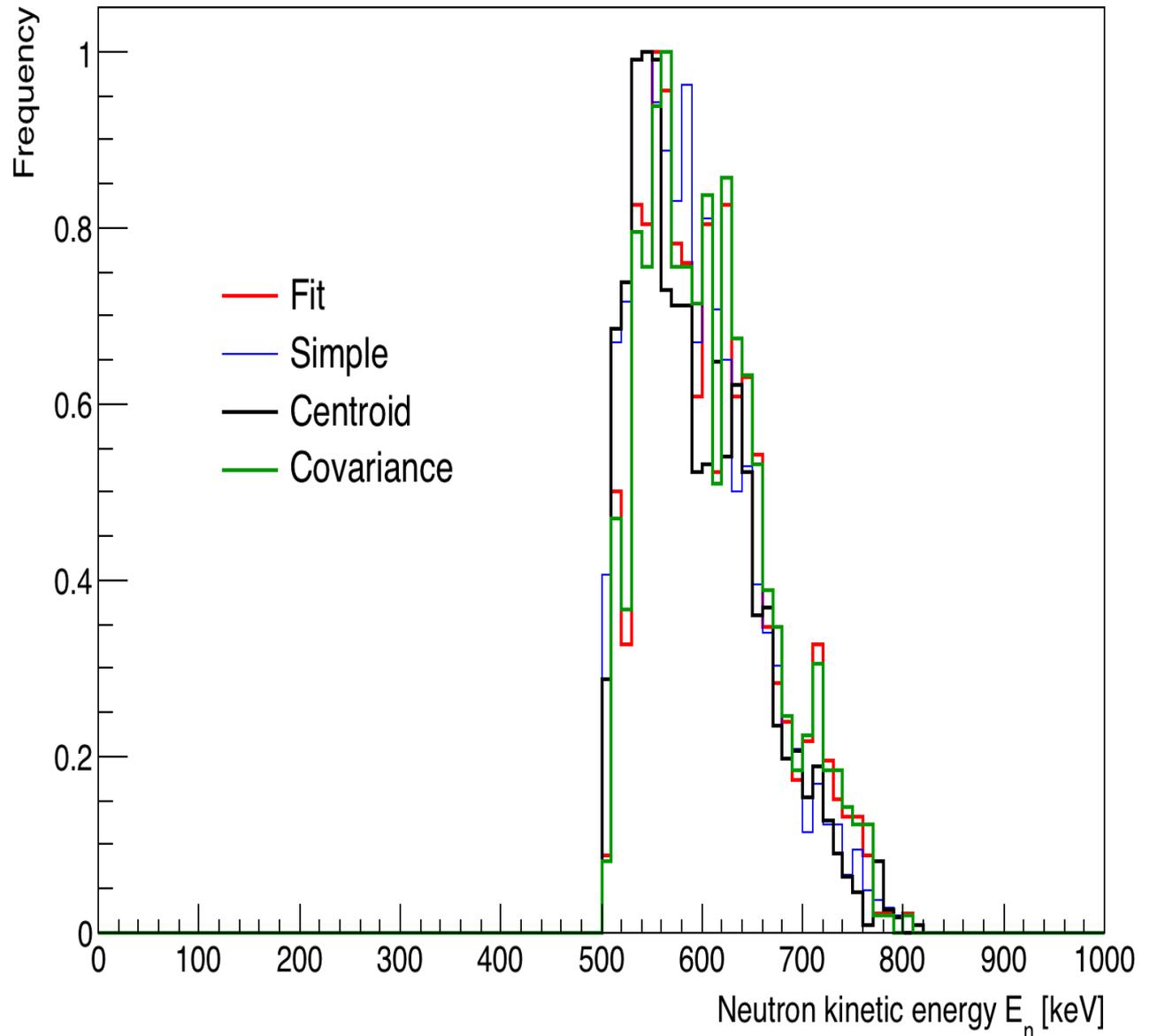
Neutron kinetic energy distribution

Focusing on the
“Fluorine
Endpoint”:

- ionization
energies
above 50
keV

- $\theta < 0.5$
rad

max ~ 550 keV

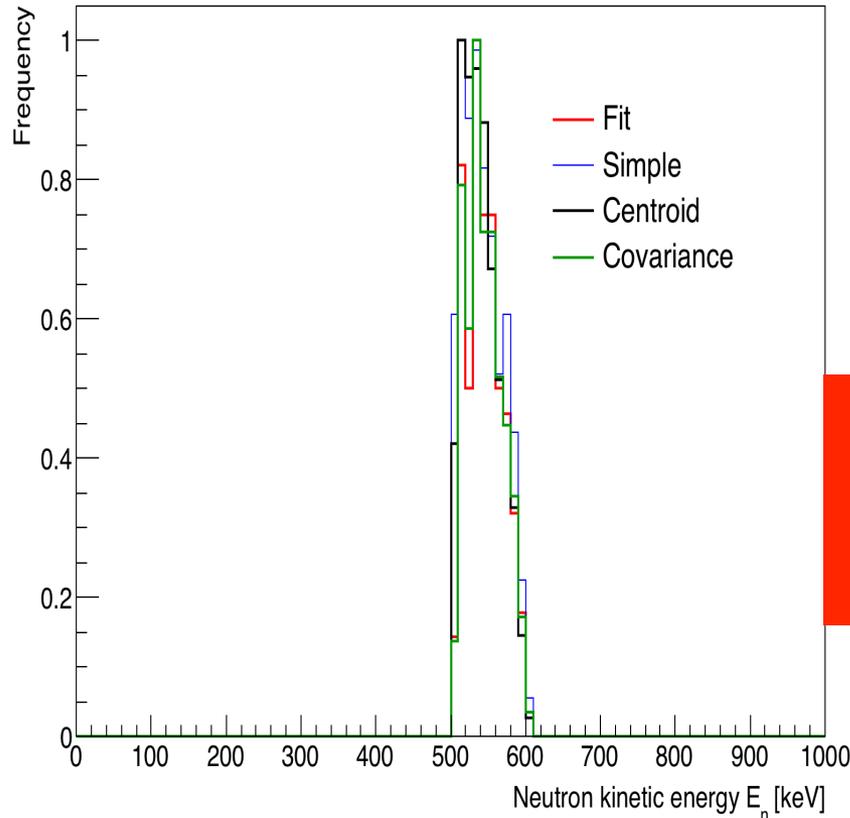


Neutron kinetic energy distribution

Focusing on the “Fluorine Endpoint”:

- ionization energies above 50 keV
- $\theta < 0.2$ rad

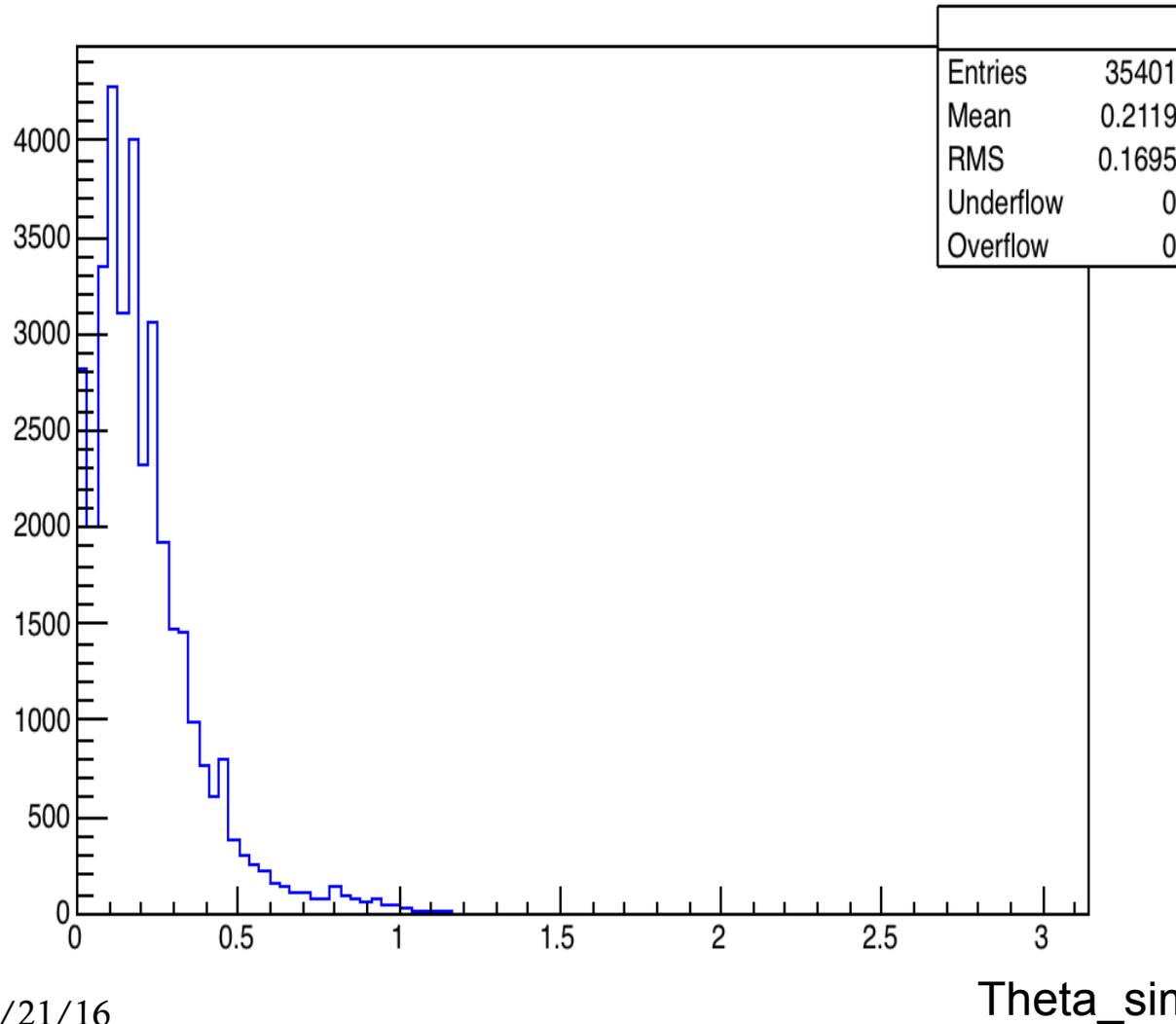
max ~ 545 keV



!! Extrapolating the quenching factor above the measured range

Method	Neutron kinetic energy (mean \pm 1 σ) [keV]
“Simple” = Joining barycenters of the extreme timeslices	542.8 \pm 25.6
Fit of the centroids	541.3 \pm 23.8
Fit of every (x,y,z) coincidence	545.8 \pm 23.4
Principal Component Analysis	545.7 \pm 23.5

Theta distribution





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

Detector calibration (not at the maximum gain!)

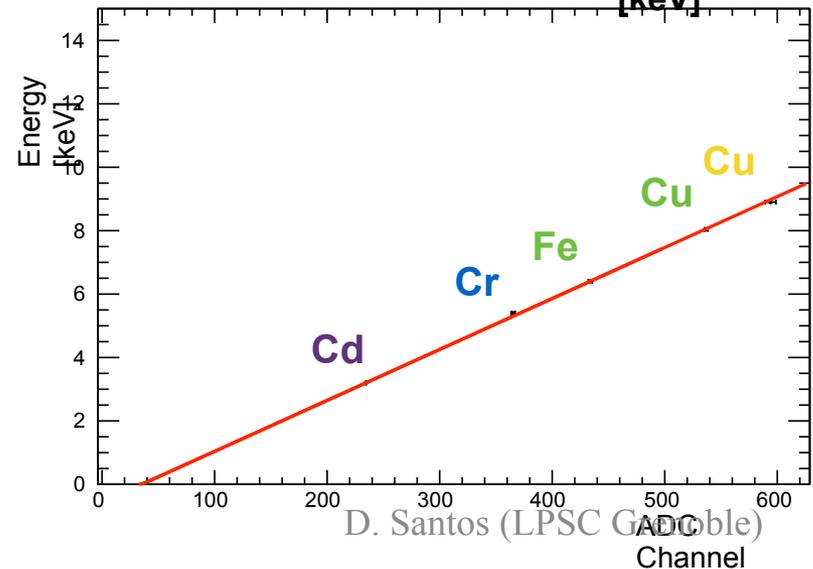
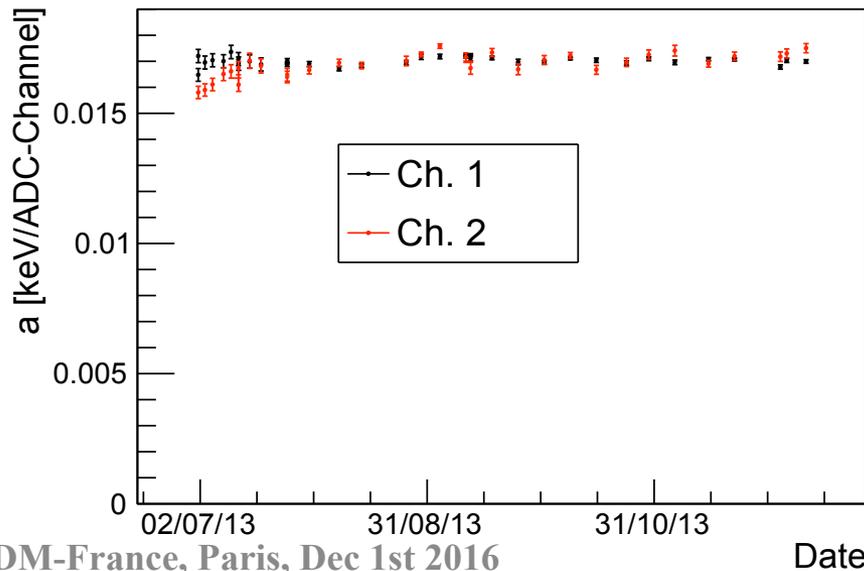
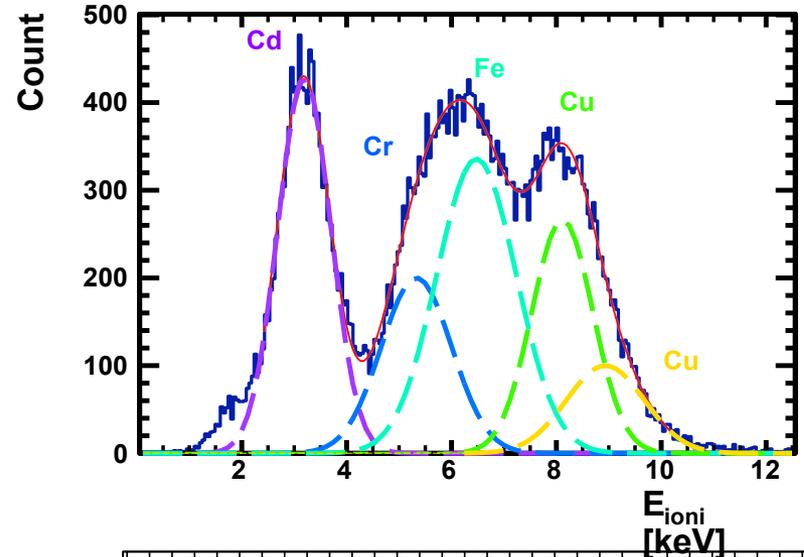
Calibration: (once a week)

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

Threshold ~ 1 keV

Circulation system:

Excellent Gain stability in time



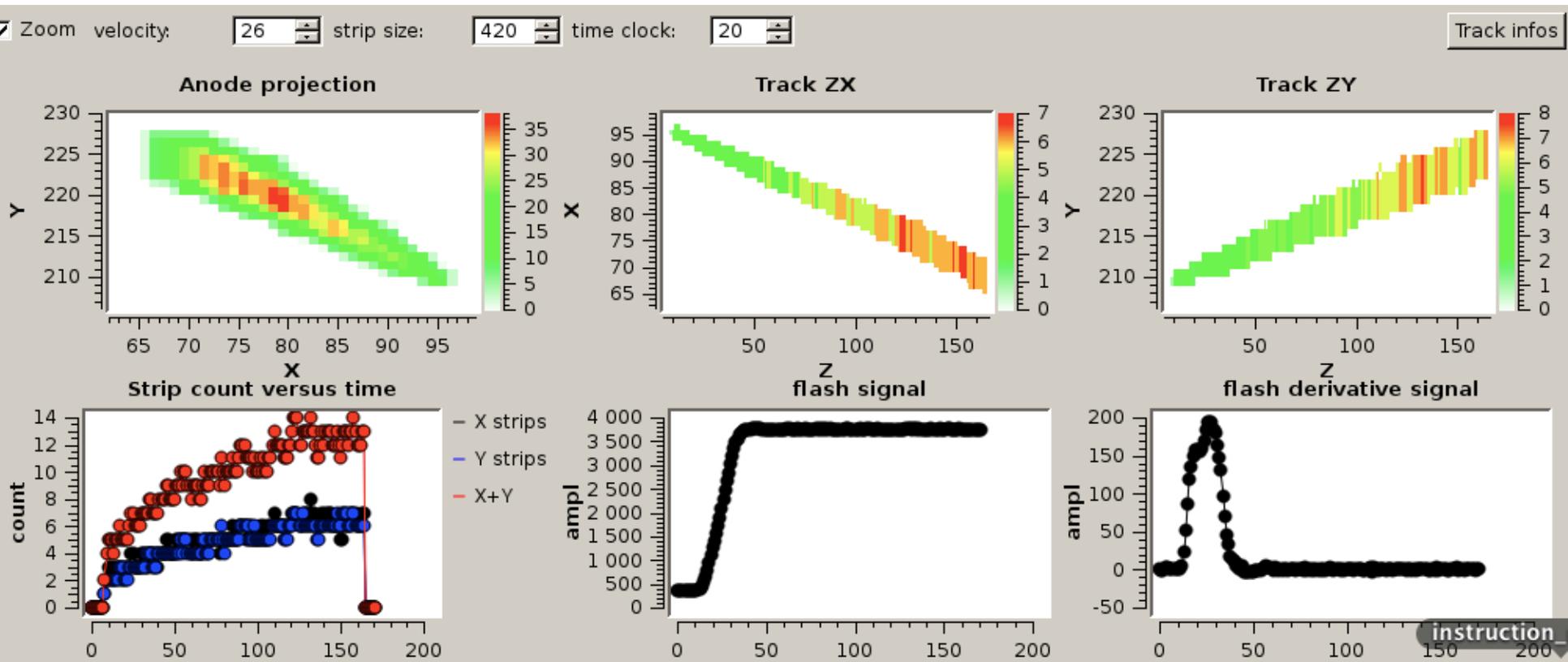
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An alpha particle crossing the detector (as an illustration of the MIMAC observables)

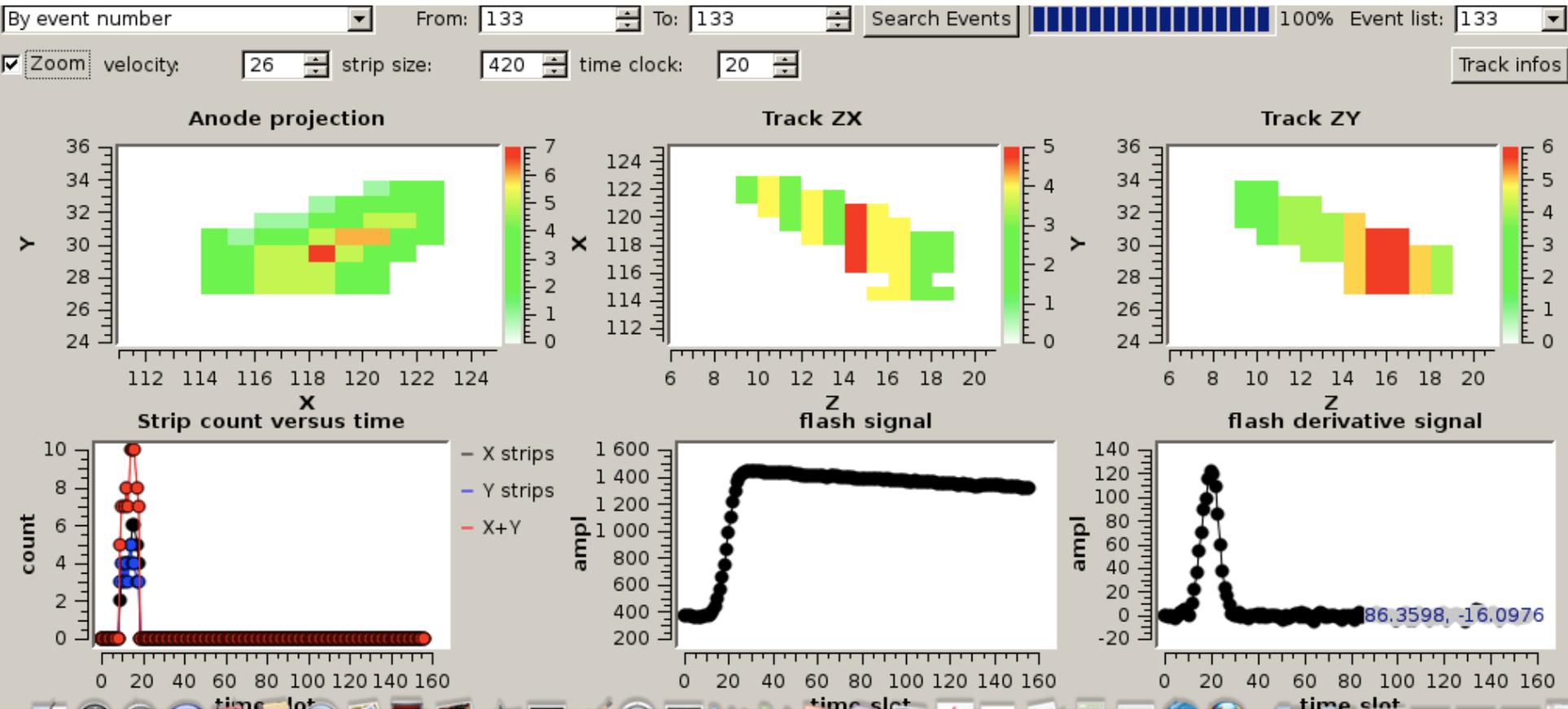
X-Y (anode)

X-Z(t)

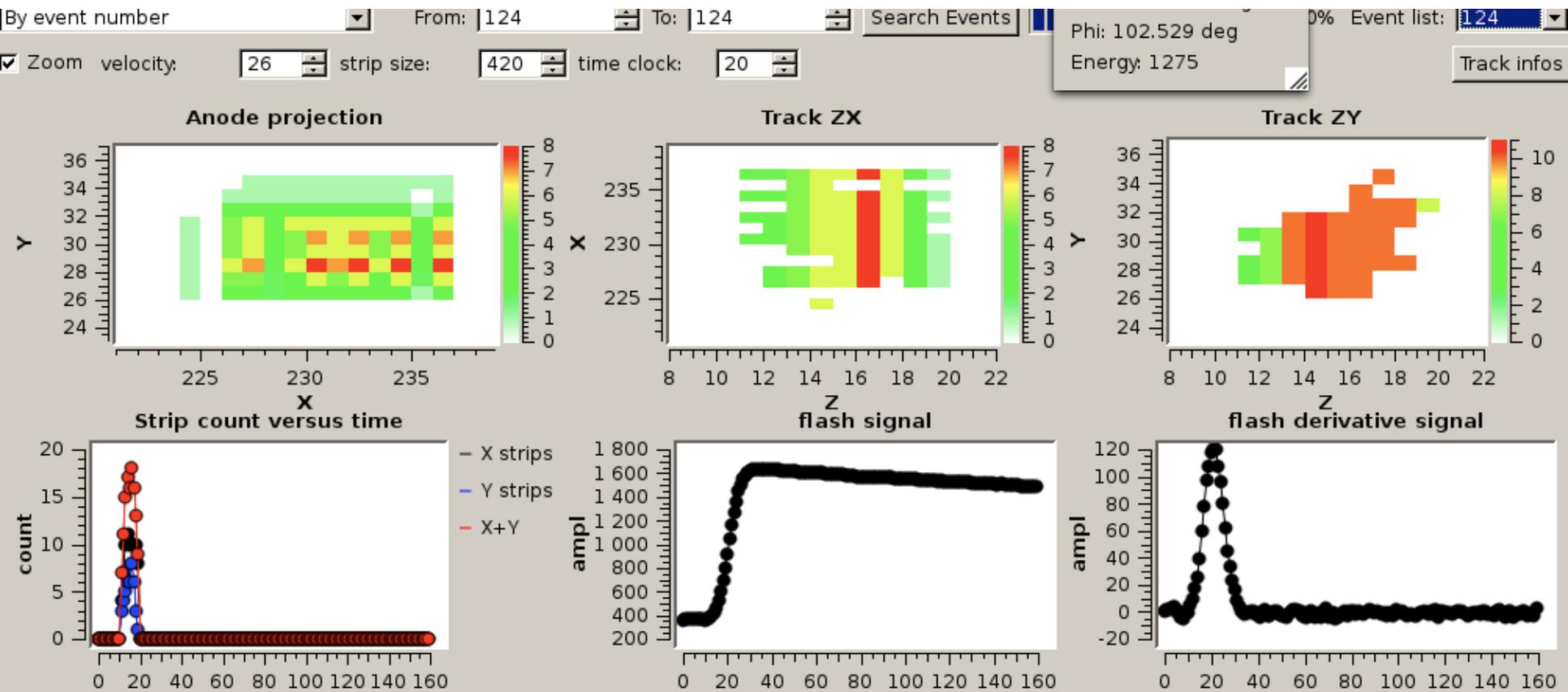
Y-Z(t)



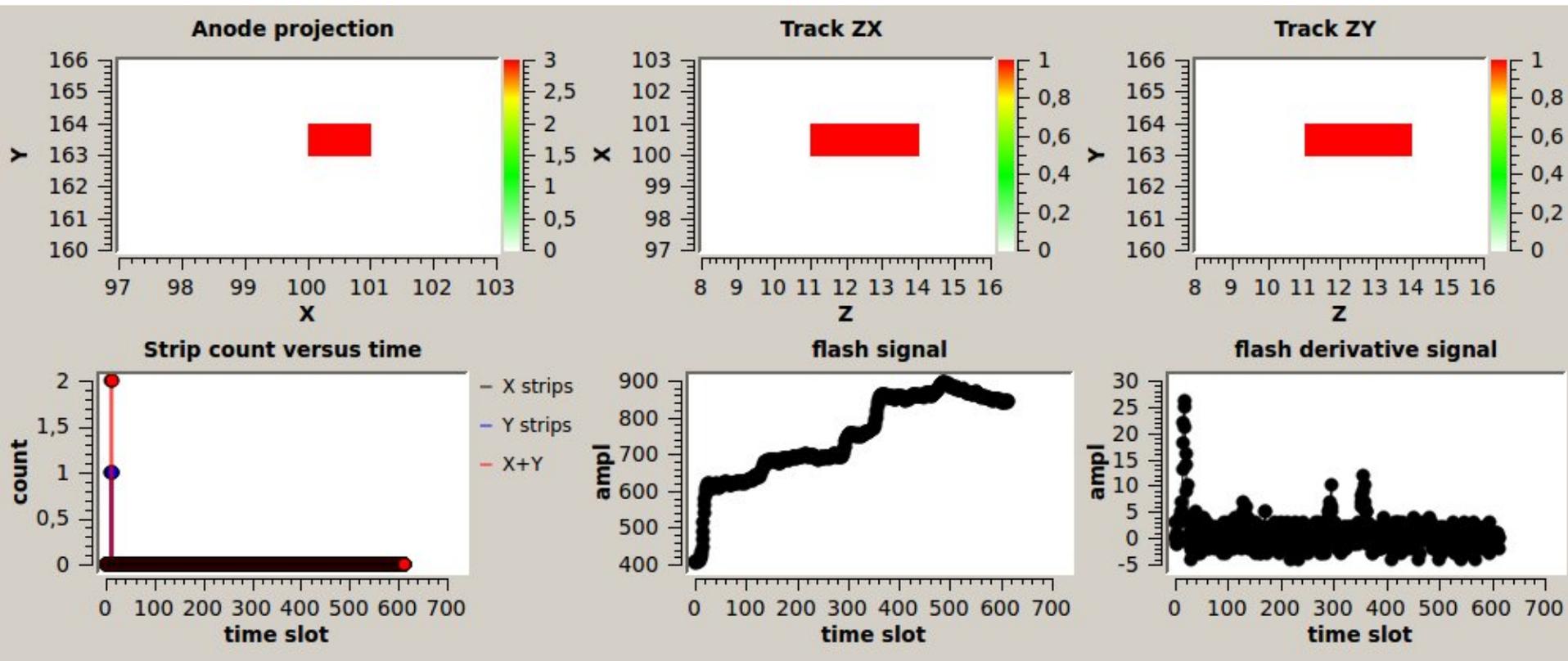
A “recoil event” (~ 34 keVee)



A “recoil” event (~ 40 keVee)



An Electron event (18 keV)



Radon Progeny

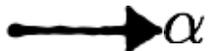
^{222}Rn chain:

- 4 β -decays



Electron event (background)

- 4 α -decays



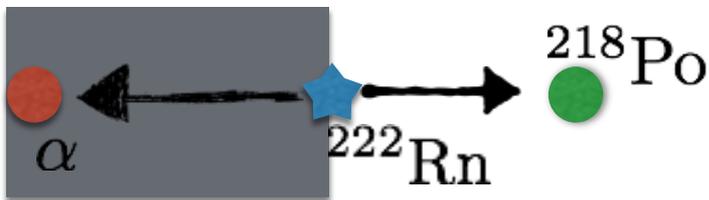
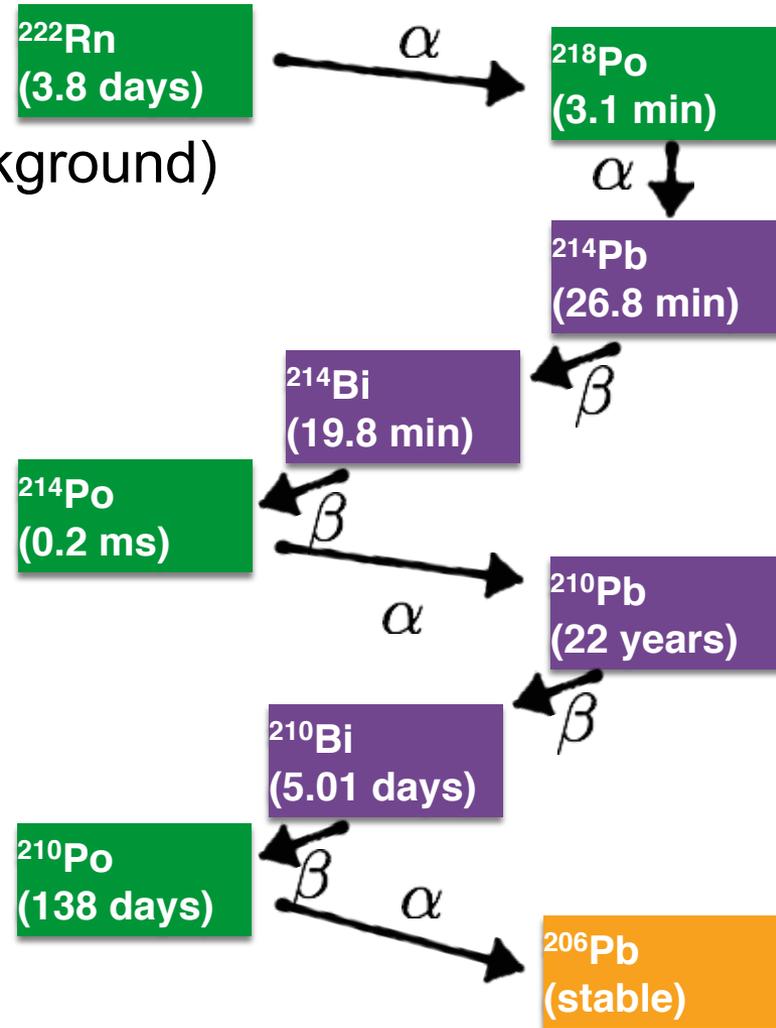
-particle emission:

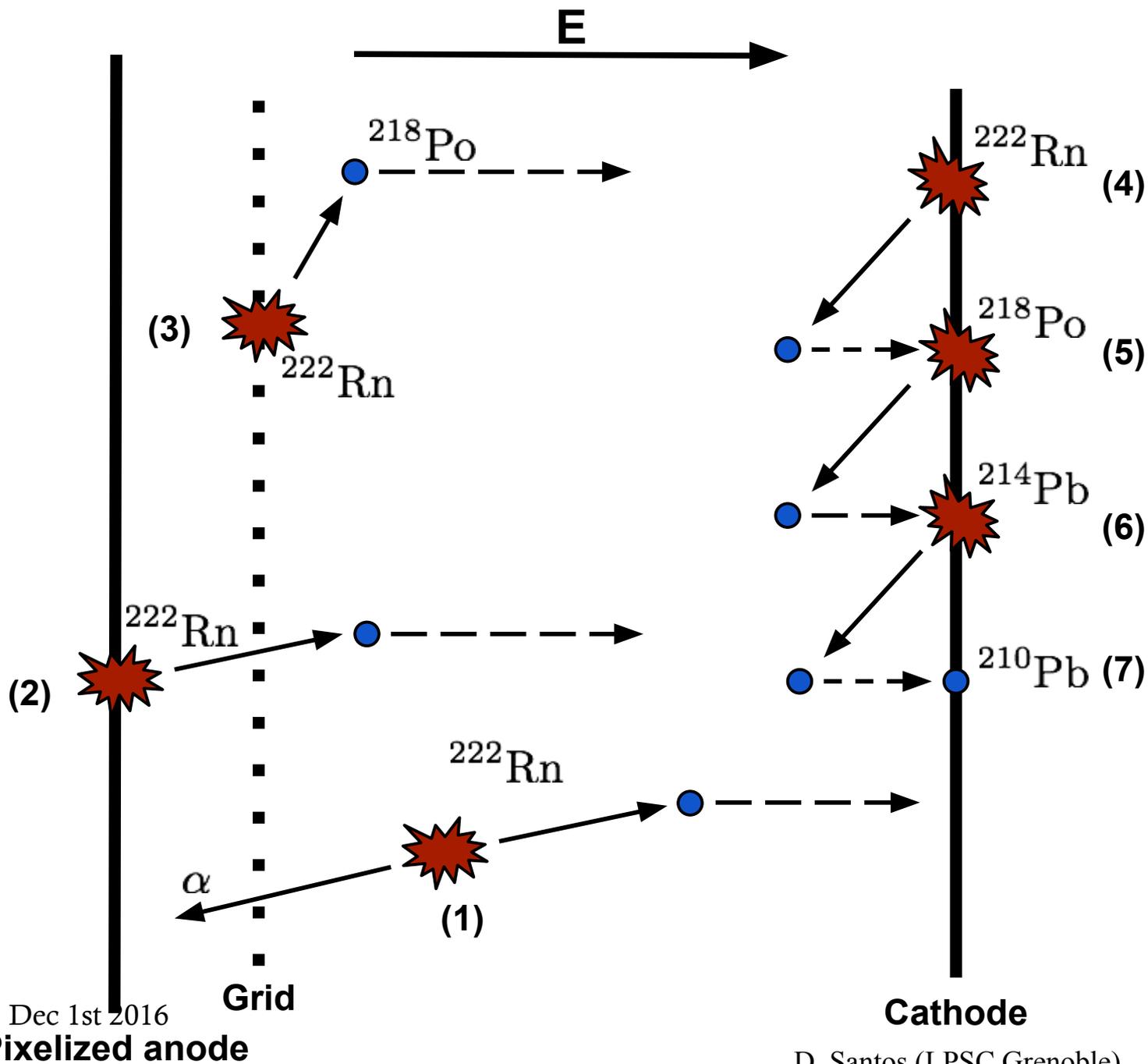
$E_\alpha \sim 5 \text{ MeV}$ Saturation

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

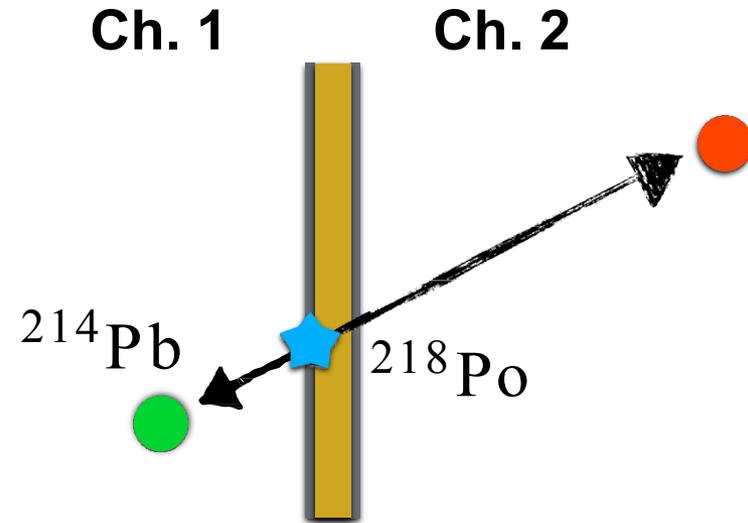
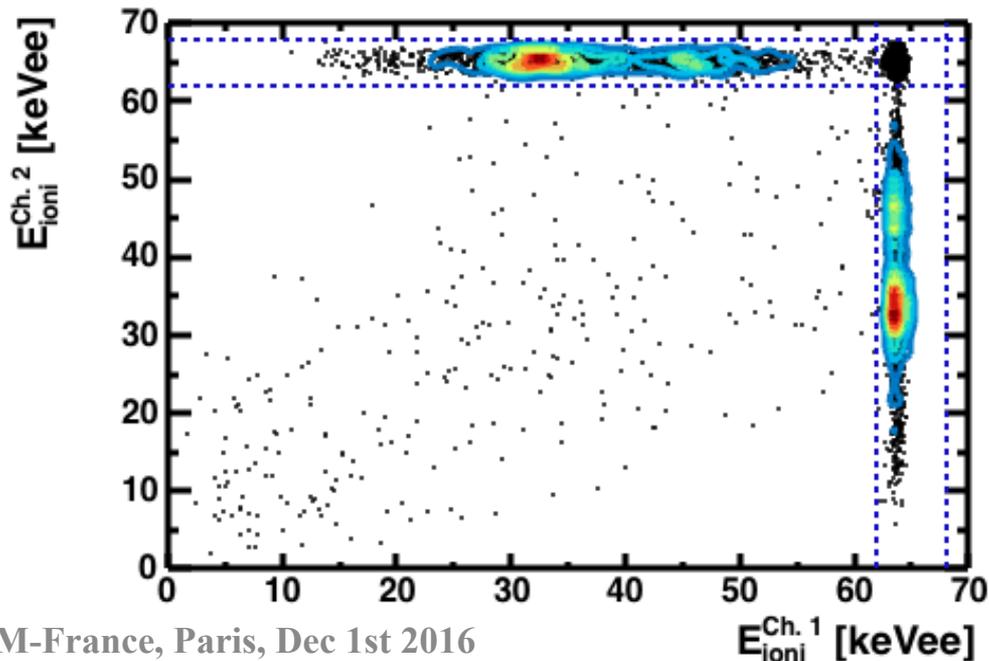
Simulation (SRIM)





RPR: « In coincidence » events

Chamber coincidences:



3D tracks from nuclear recoil
of radon progeny detection

First detection of 3D tracks of Rn progeny

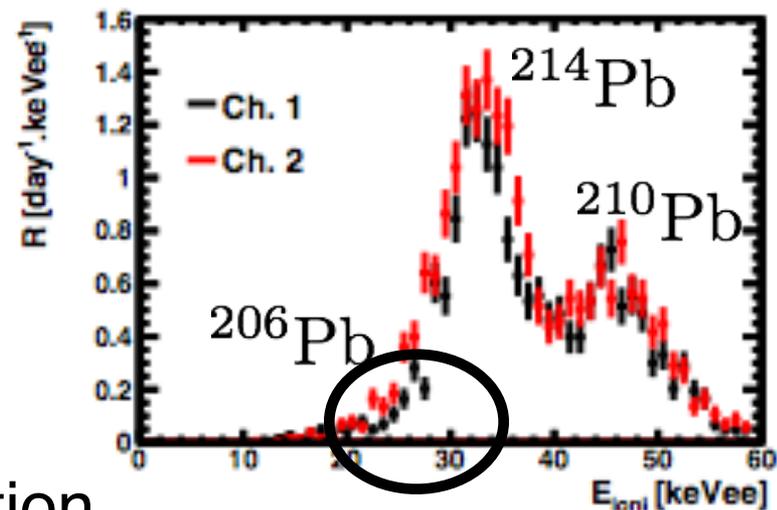
Electron/recoil discrimination

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

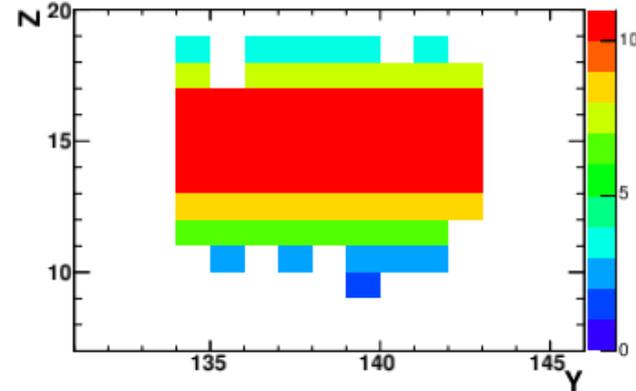
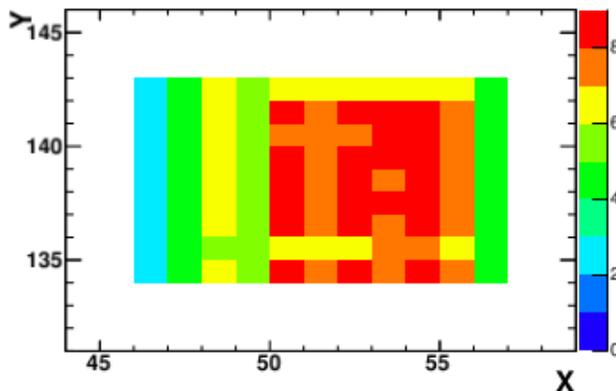
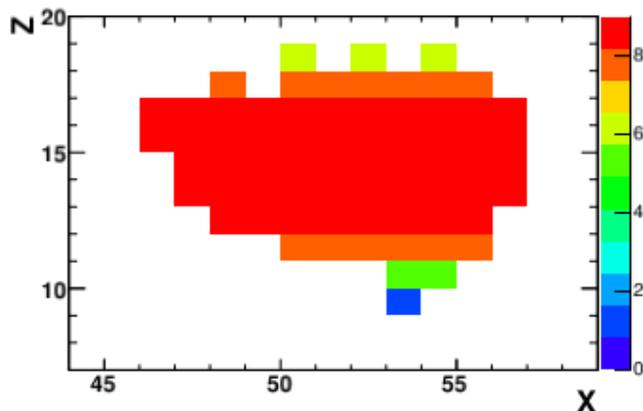
First measurement of 3D nuclear-recoil tracks coming from radon progeny

→ MIMAC detection strategy validation

Nuclear recoil spectra



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

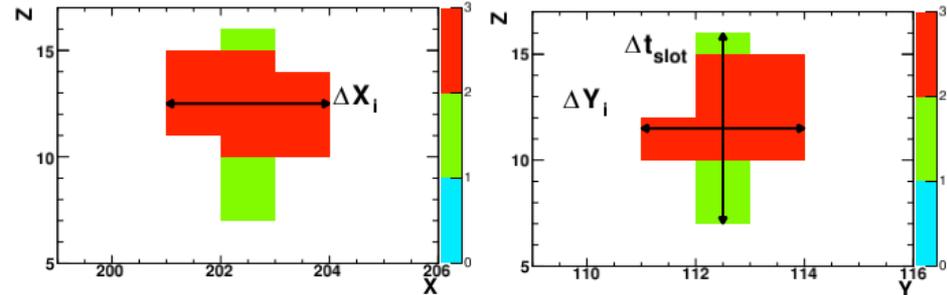


RPR events occur at different positions in the detector...

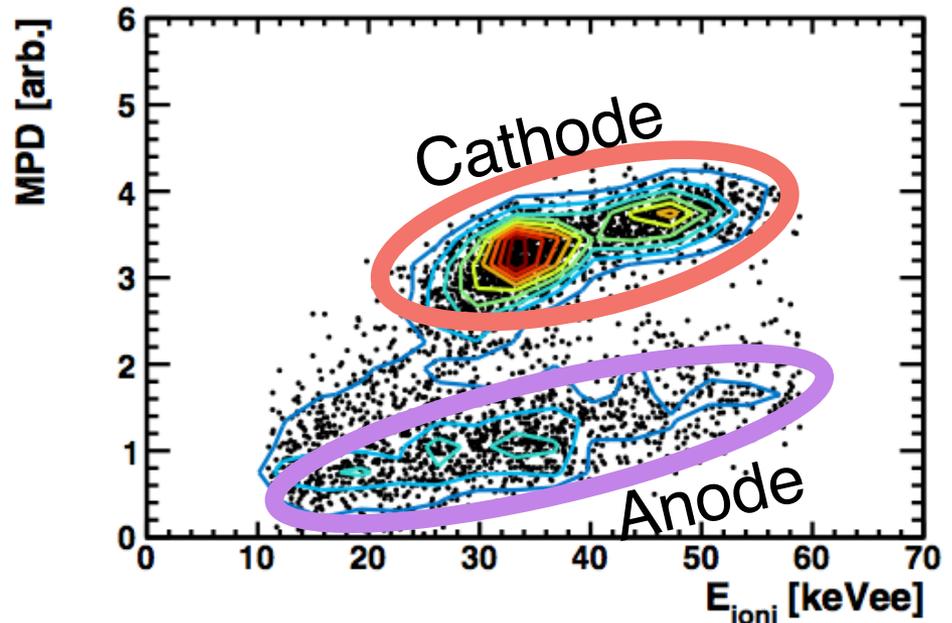
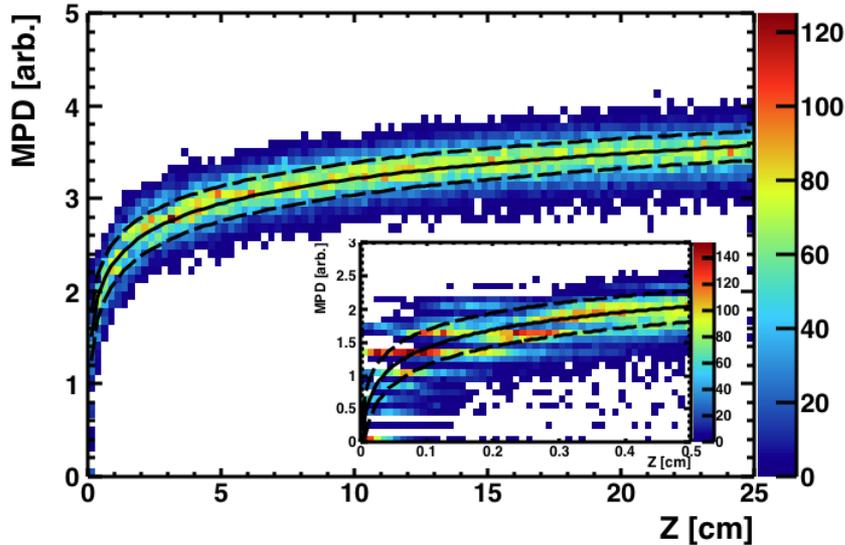
$z_0 \longleftrightarrow$ Diffusion

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

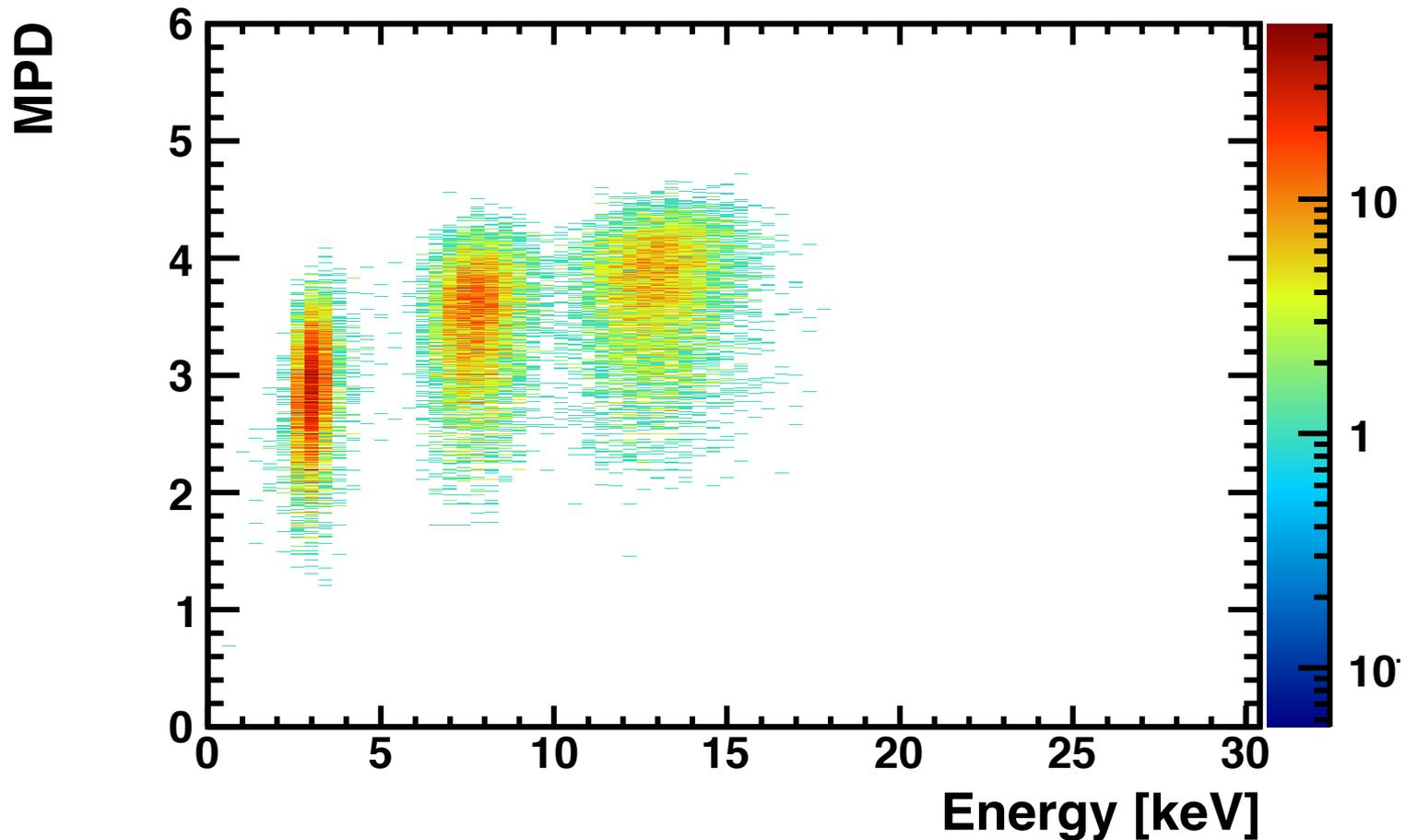
« Anode » event



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



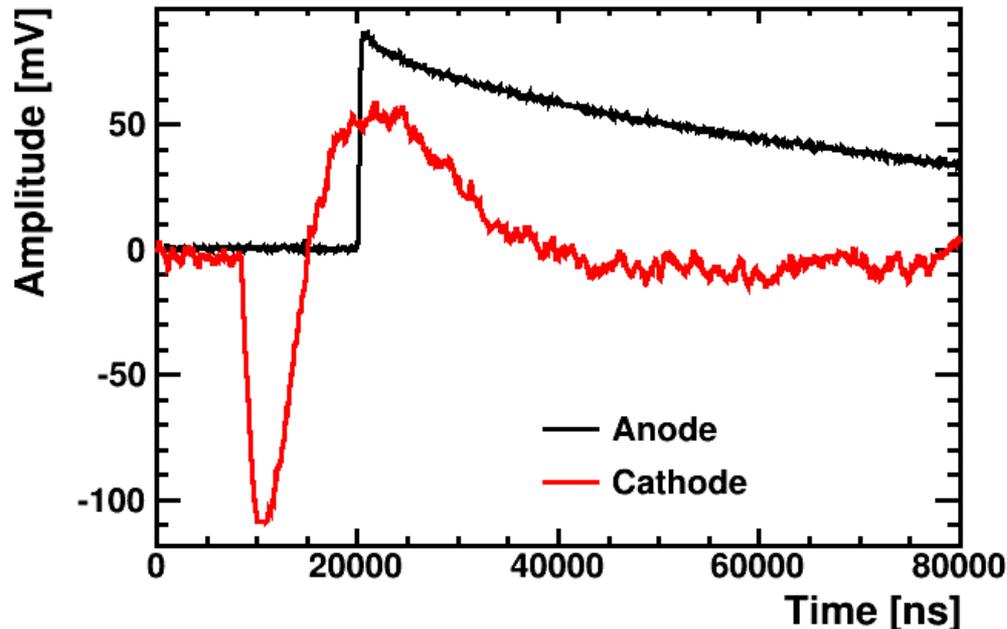
Simulation of ^{19}F recoils diffusion observable (MDP) of 10, 20 and 30 keV kinetic energies in the MIMAC detector



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)

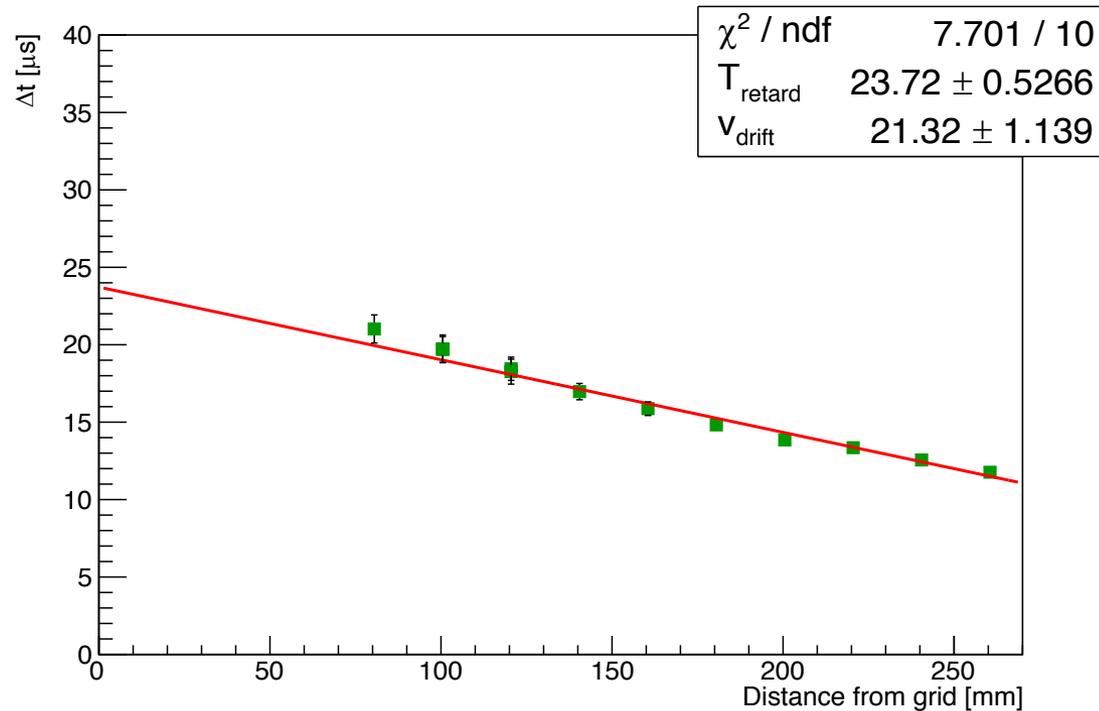
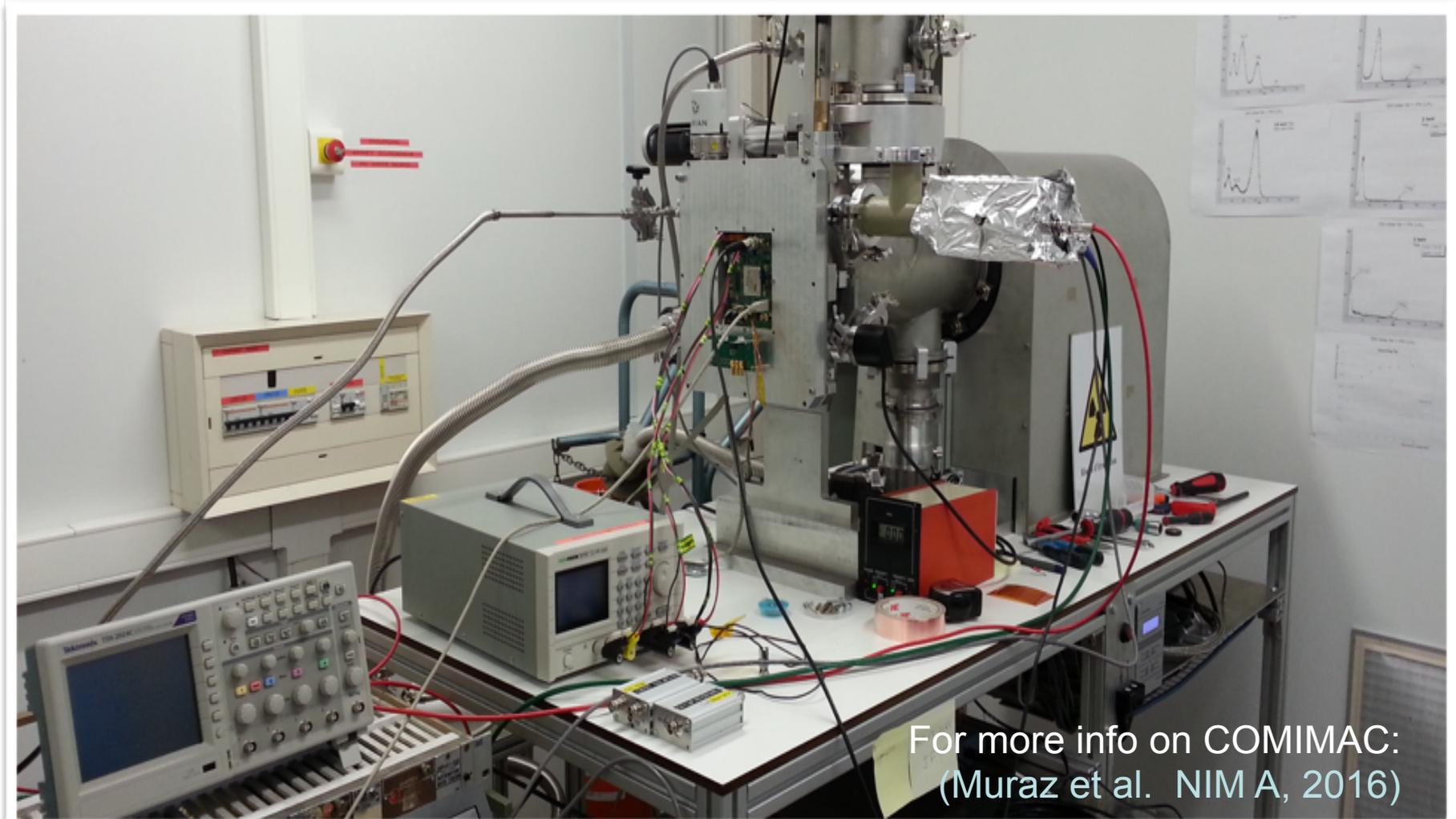


Figure 4. Measure of the time differences (TAC) between the grid signal and the delayed cathode signal in the “START Grid” configuration, as a function of the distance of the α source from the anode (green points) ; error bars correspond to the standard deviation of the mean. A linear fit of these points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

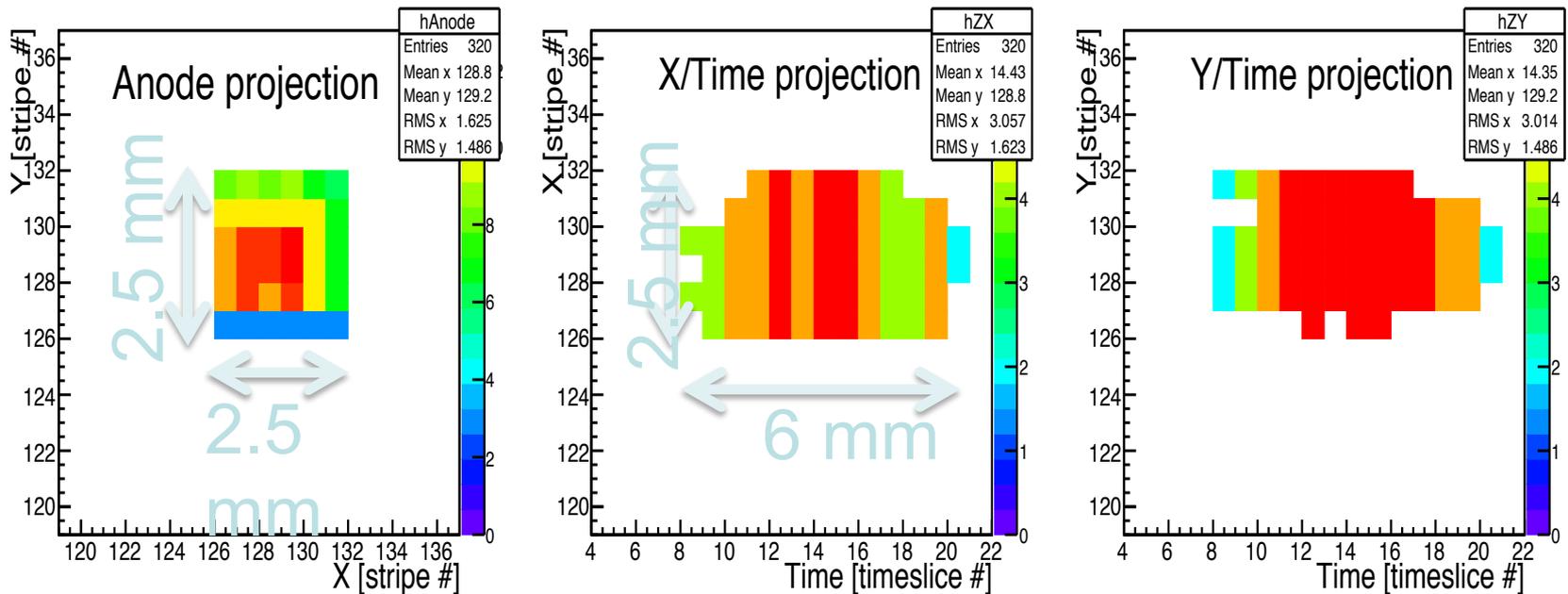
First controlled Fluorine tracks, using COMIMAC



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

COMIMAC: first measurements on controlled tracks of Fluorine

25 keV (kinetic) Fluorine \rightarrow \sim 9 keVee

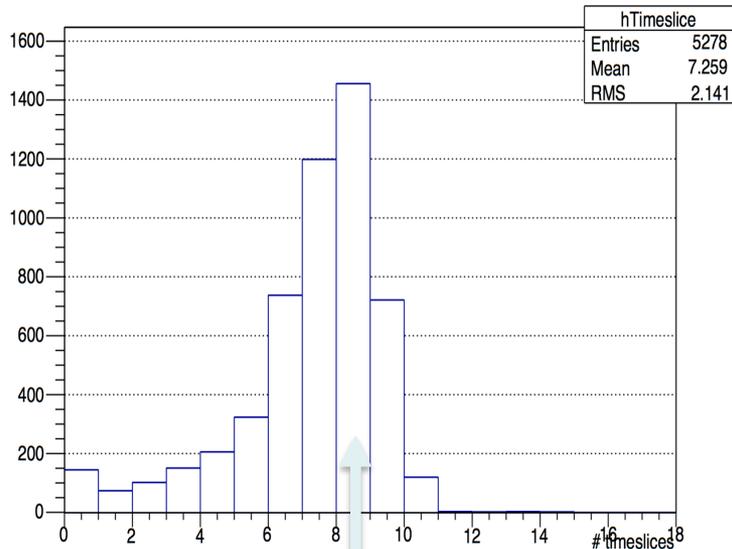


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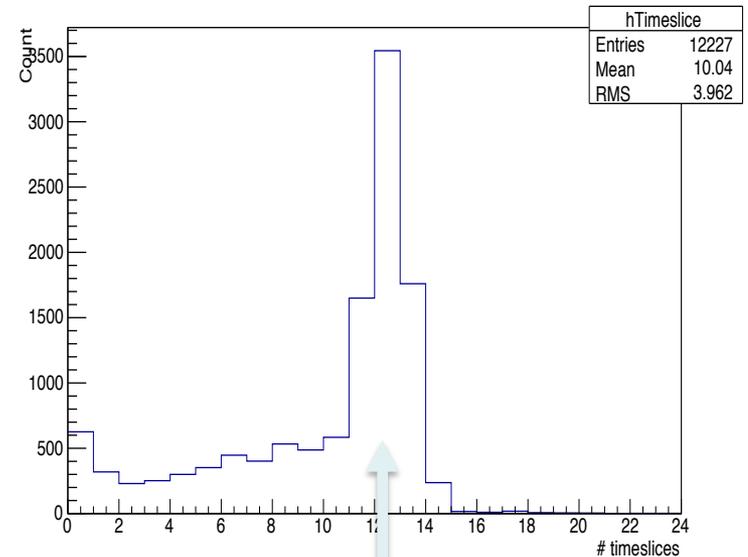
COMIMAC: first controlled tracks of ^{19}F

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

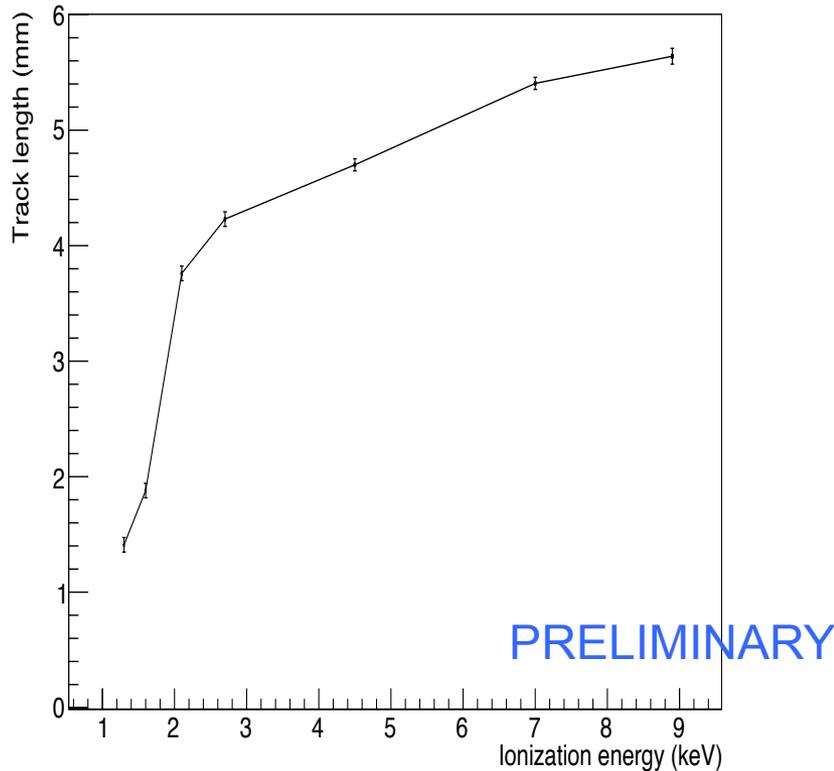
C. Couturier, I. Moric, Y. Tao et al. (in preparation)

DM-France, Paris, Dec 1st 2016

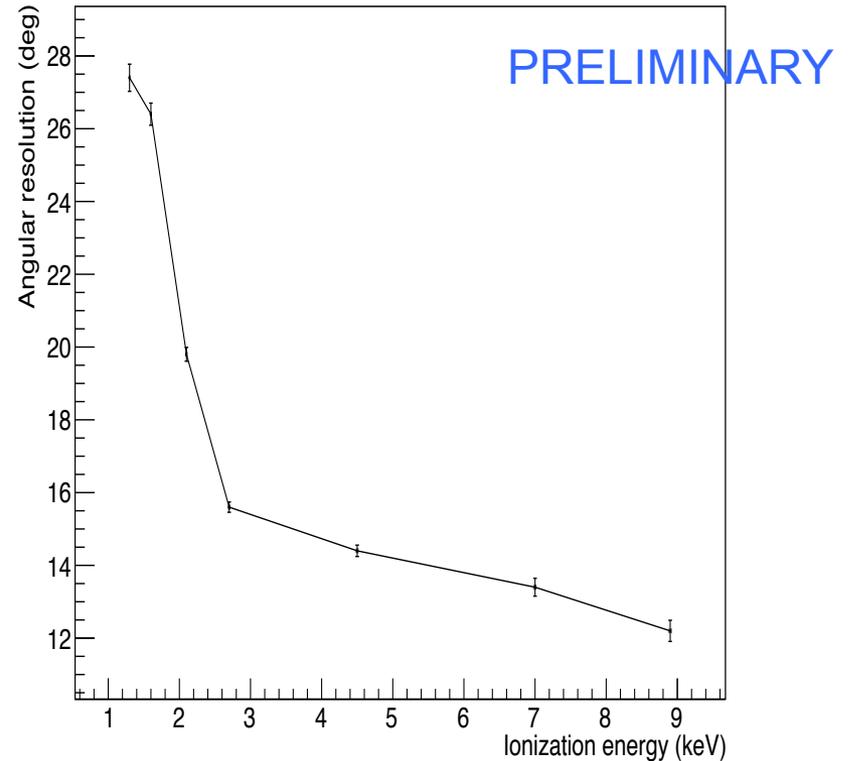
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COMIMAC: first measurements on controlled tracks of Fluorine

- Track



- Angular resolution

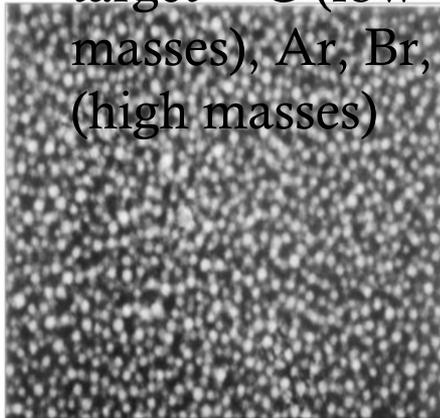


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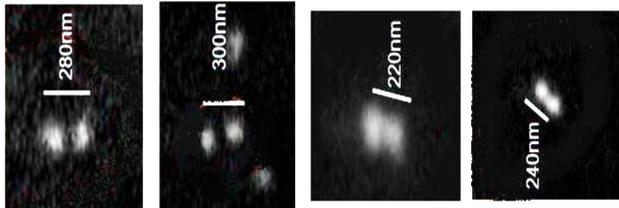
Directional detection: comparison of strategies

- Emulsion layers

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



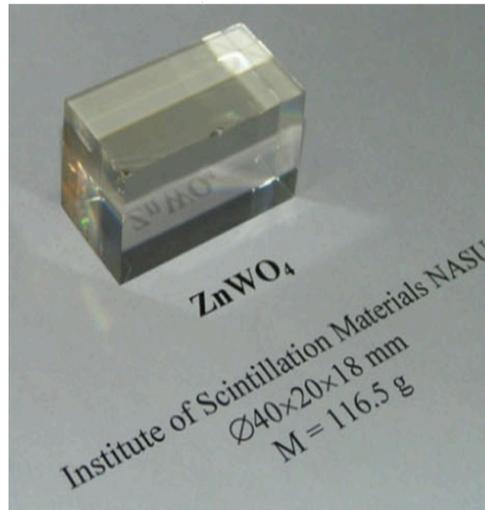
size 40 ± 9 nm



D'Ambrosio et al. 2014

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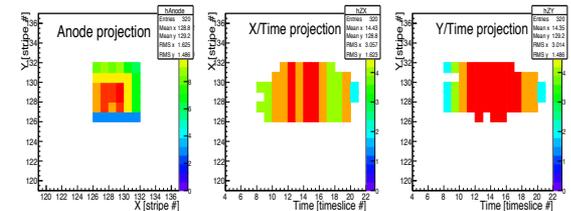
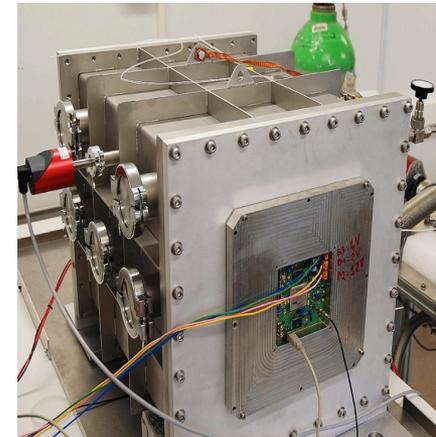
- Anisotropic crystals
target = O (low



No tracks ; only statistical distributions (!)

Capella et al. 2013

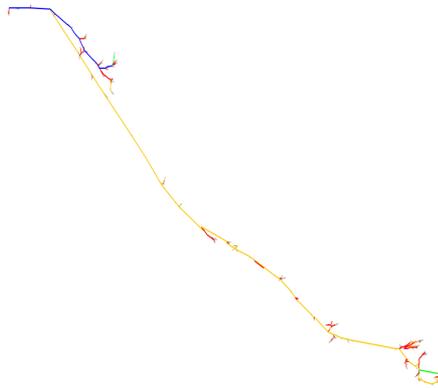
- Low pressure TPCs
target = F



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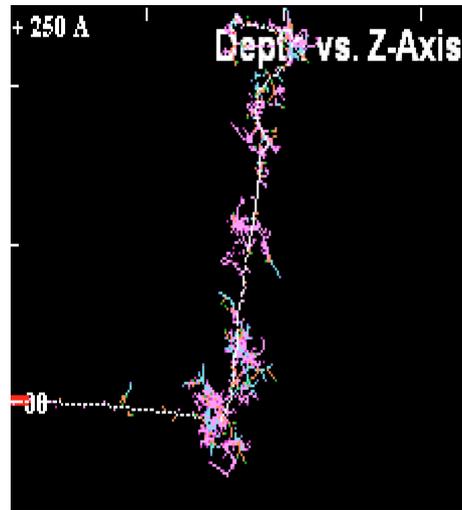
Directional detection: comparison of strategies

- Emulsion



~100 nm

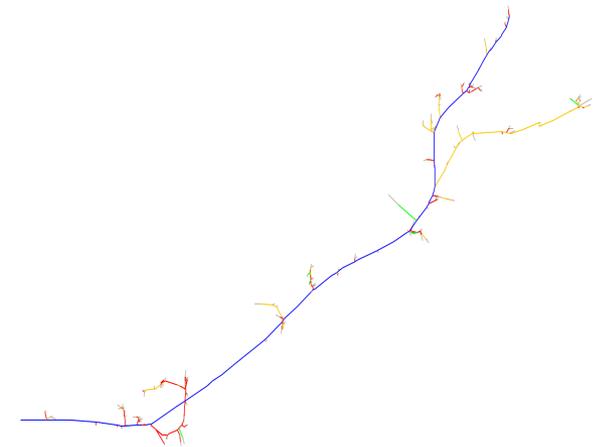
- Anisotropic crystals



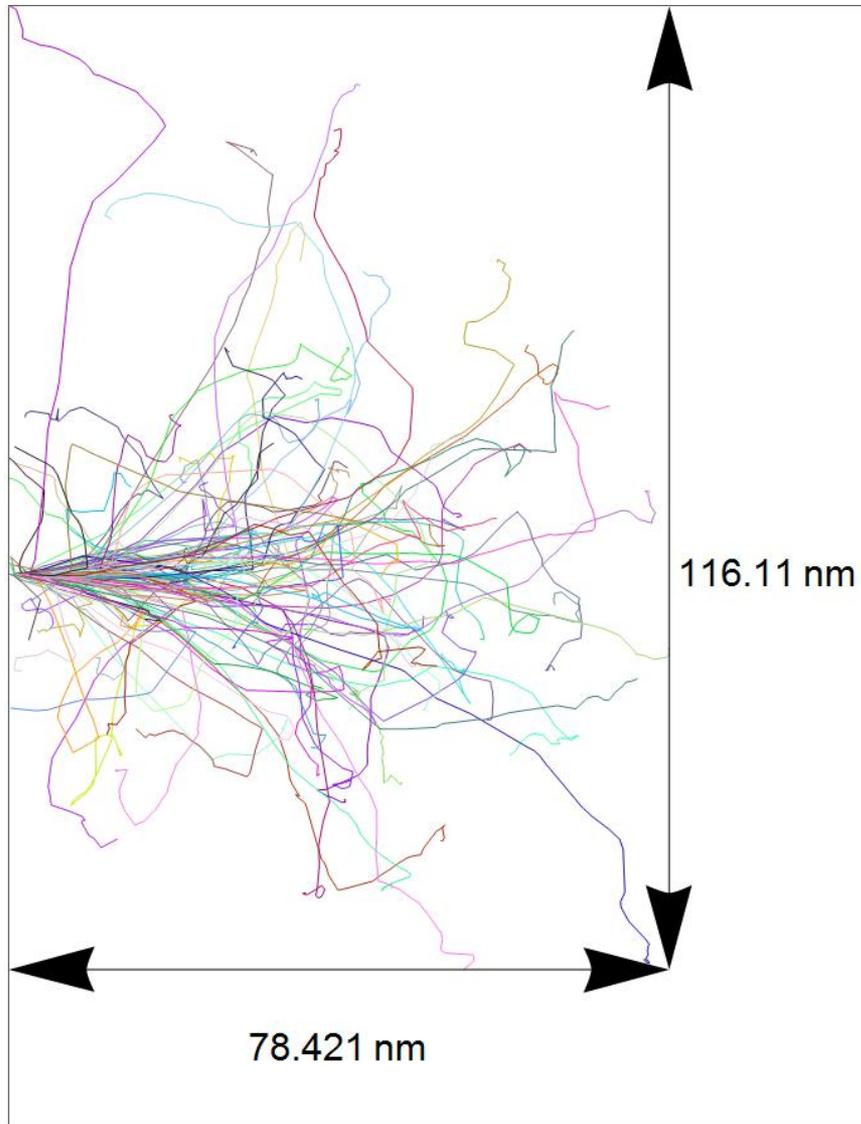
~10 nm

(SRIM simulations)

- Low pressure TPCs



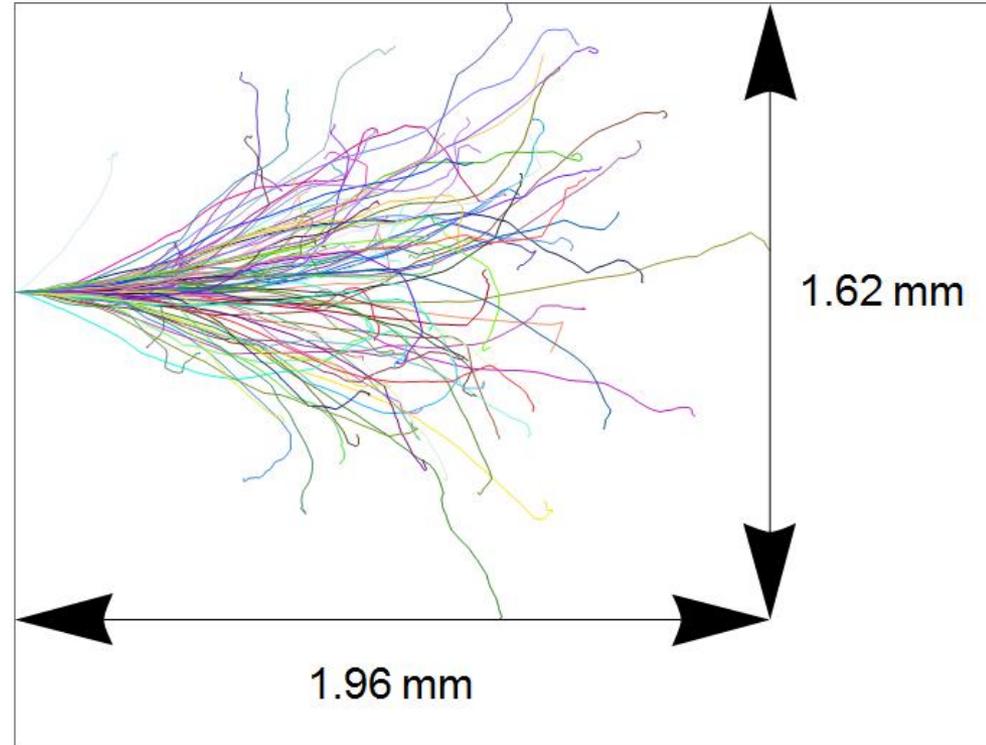
~1 mm
(10^5 times longer !!)



O in Crystal (29keV)

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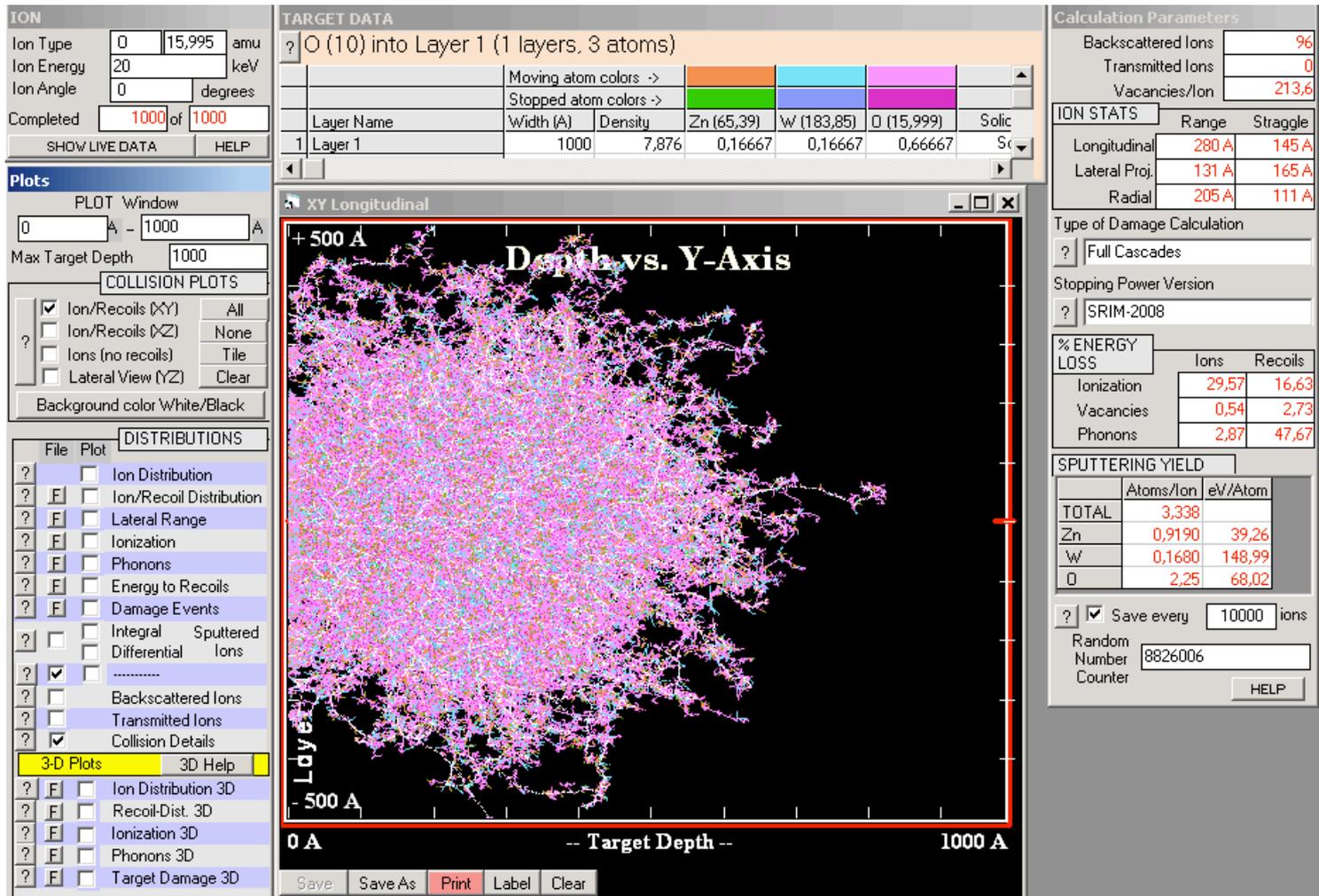
SRIM simulations...



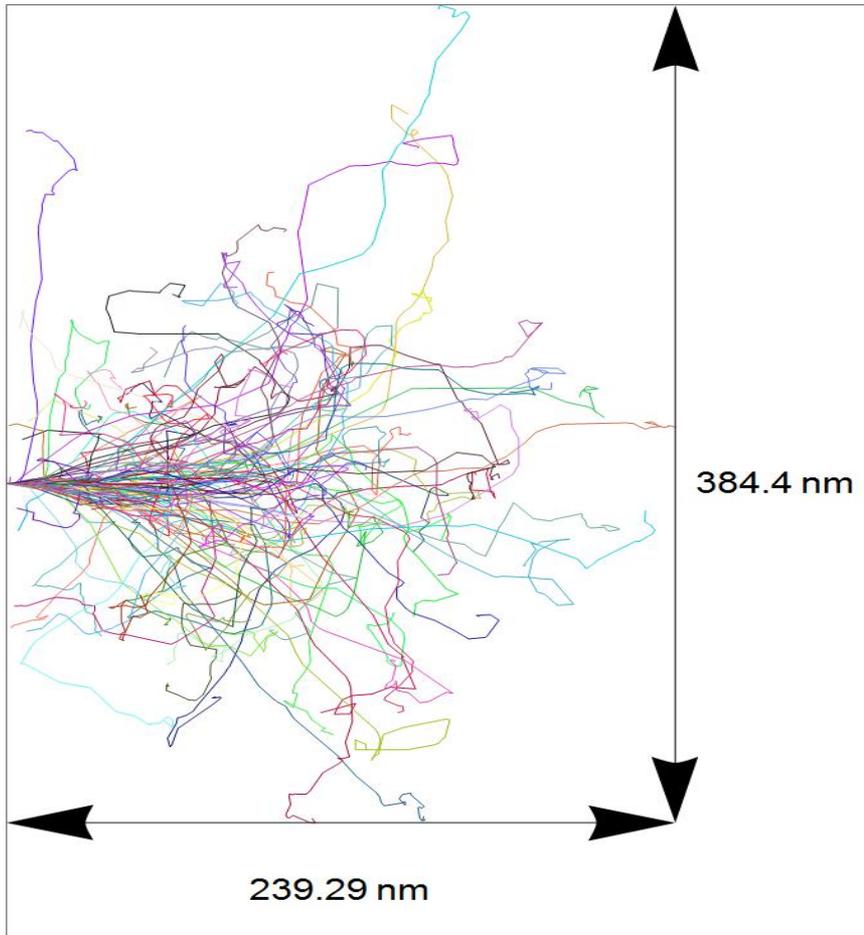
F in MIMAC (34keV)

D. Santos (LPSC Grenoble)

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

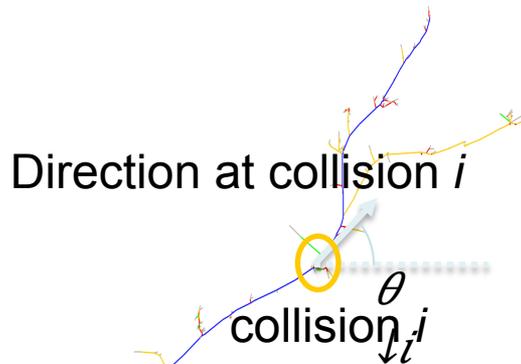


C (22 keV) in emulsion (SRIM simulation)



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

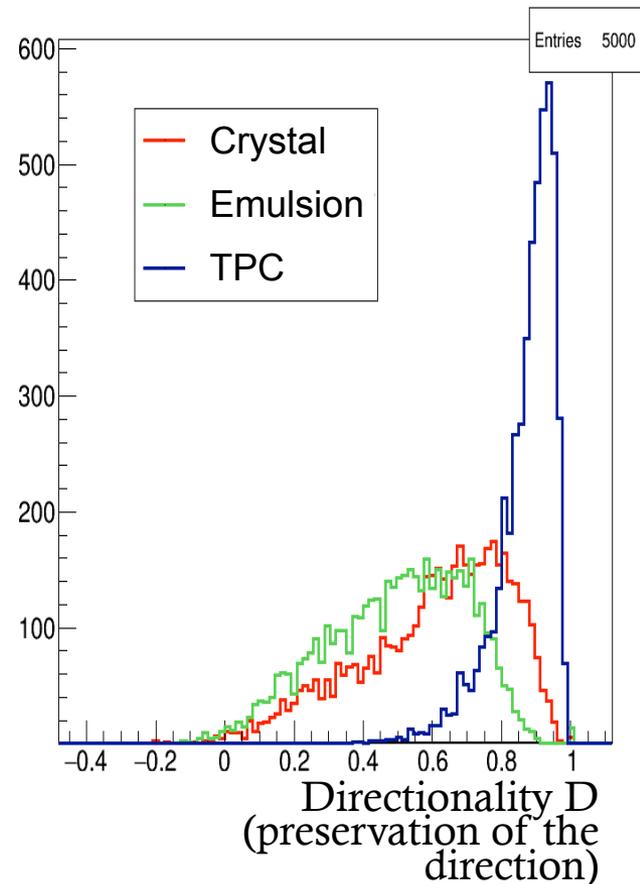
Directional detection: Directionality 'D'



Initial
direction of
the recoil

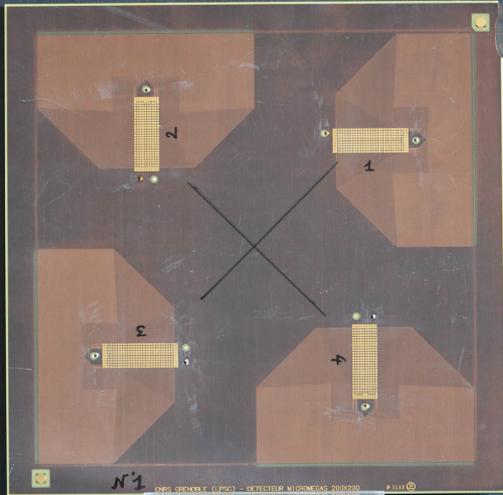
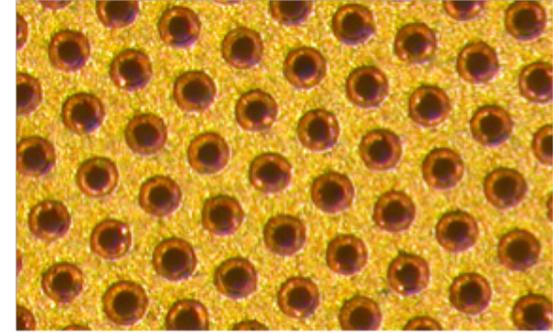
$$D = \frac{\langle \cos(\theta) \cdot E \rangle_{\text{track}}}{\langle E \rangle_{\text{track}}} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{N_{\text{collisions}}} \cos(\theta_i) \cdot E_i}{\sum_{i=0}^{N_{\text{collisions}}} E_i} = \frac{\sum_i \cos(\theta_i) \cdot E_i}{N_{\text{collisions}} \cdot \langle E \rangle_{\text{track}}}$$

For more information on the comparison:
[Couturier et al. \(JCAP 2016\)](#)

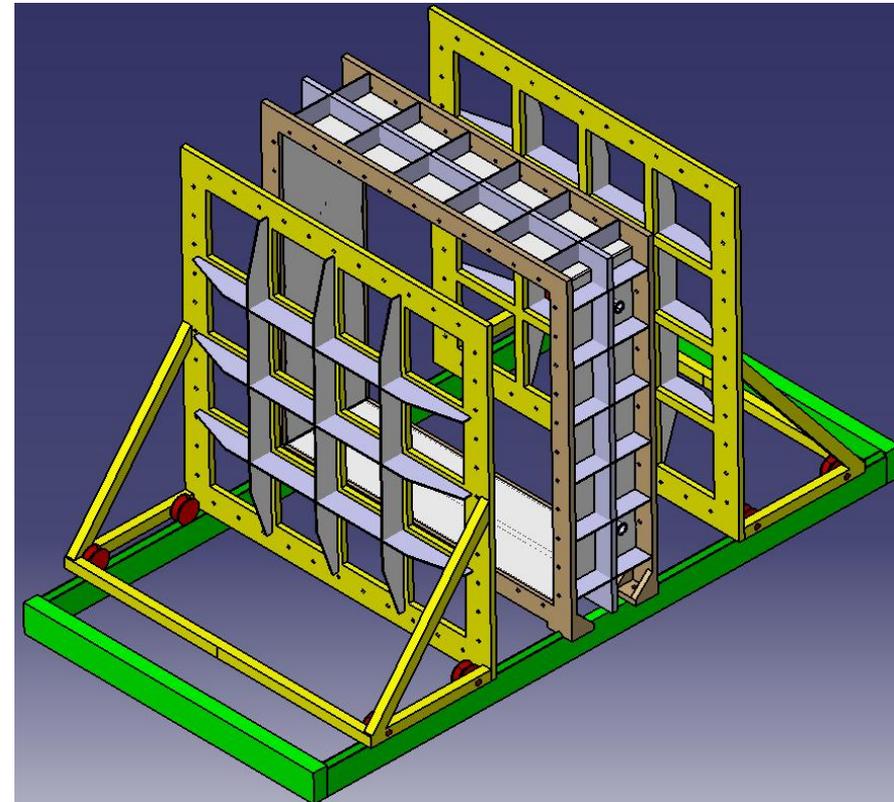


MIMAC – $1\text{m}^3 = 16$ bi-chamber modules ($2 \times 35 \times 35 \times 26 \text{ cm}^3$)

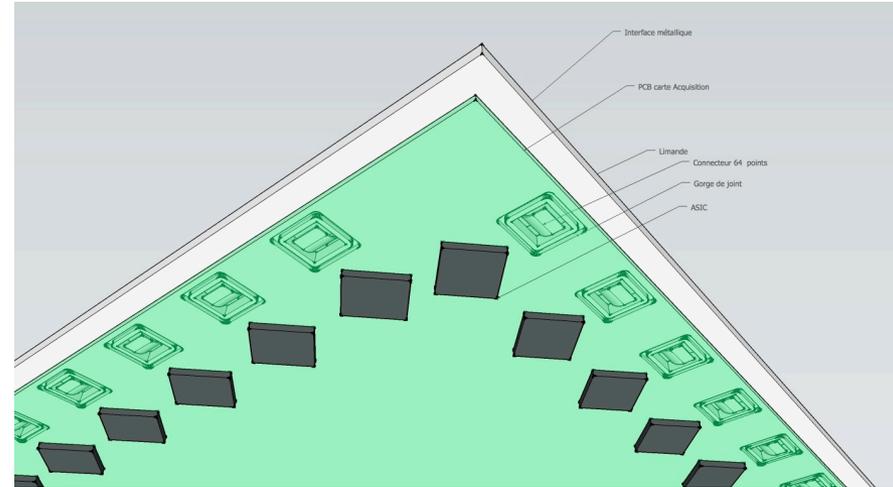
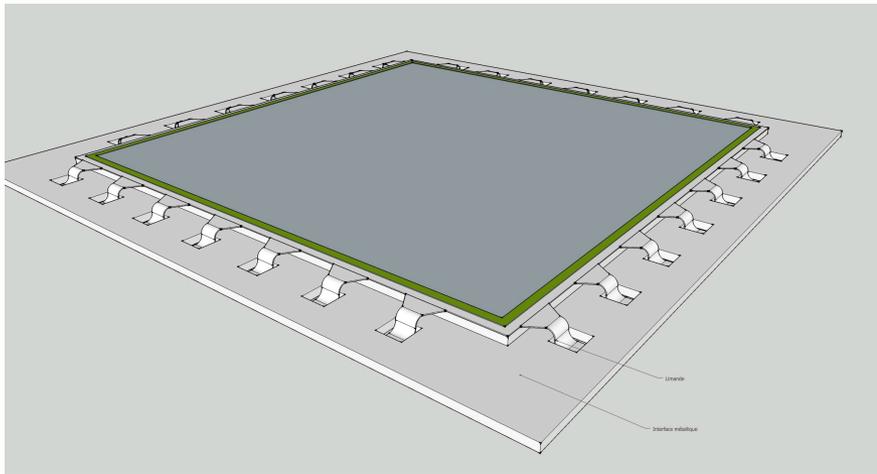
- i) New technology anode $35\text{cm} \times 35\text{cm}$
- ii) Stretched thin ($12 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$) grid at $512\text{ }\mu\text{m}$.
- iii) New electronic board (1920 channels)
- iv) Only one big chamber



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



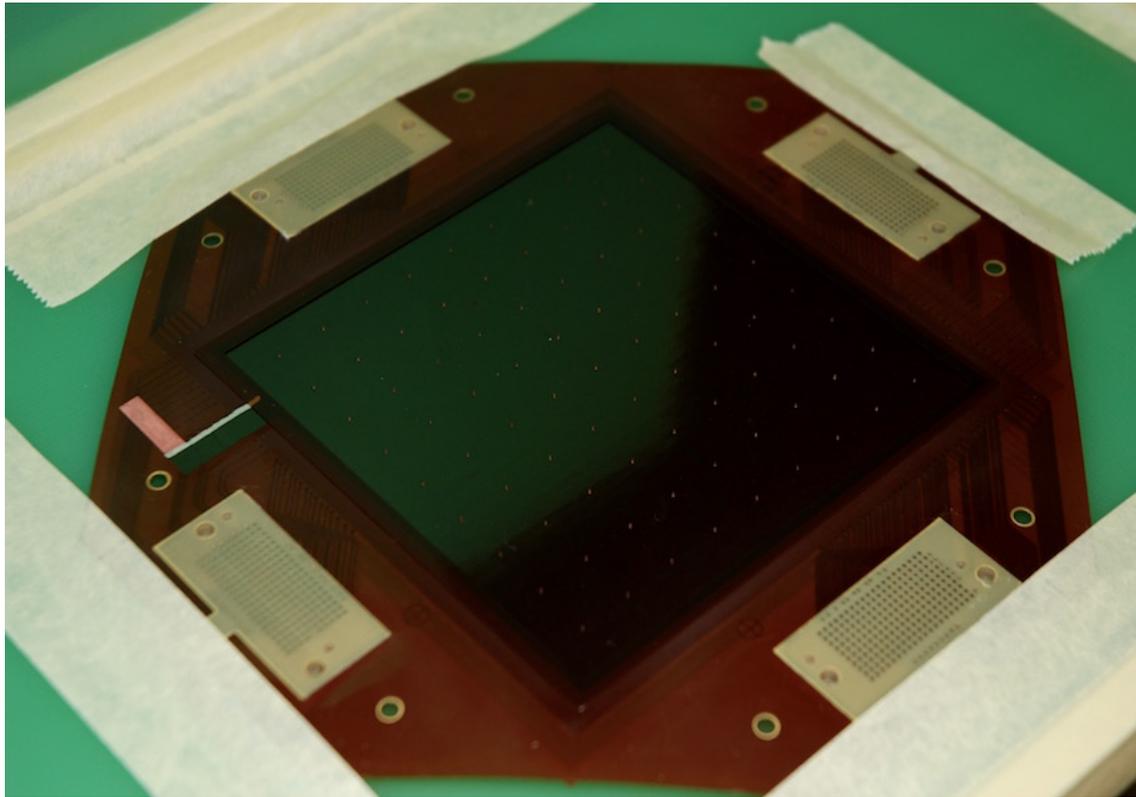
New 35 x 35 cm² low background detector design (1920 channels) (O. Guillaudin et al. 2016)



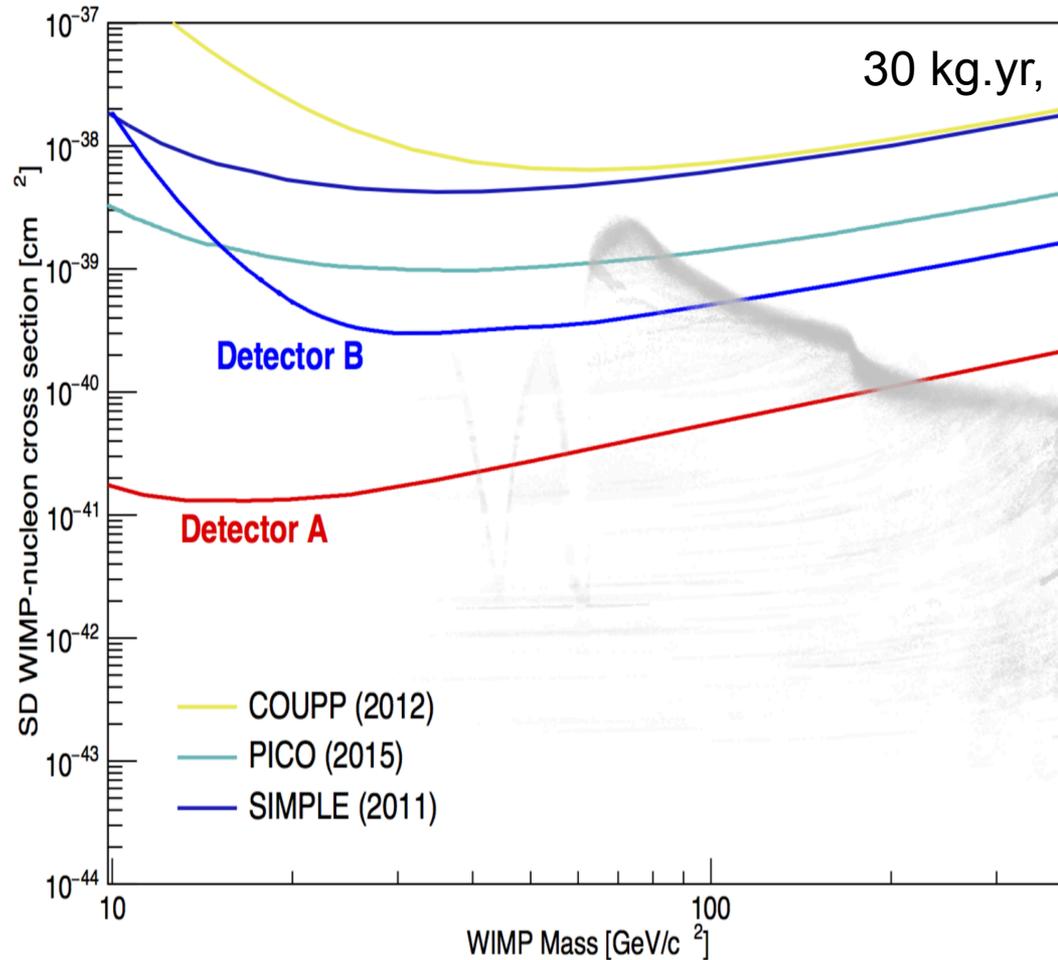
Left: Top view of the new detector design using kapton and plexiglass instead of PCB.

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

New low background MIMAC detector prototype (10cmx10cm, 512 channels)(11/2016) (O.Guillaudin et al. (2016))



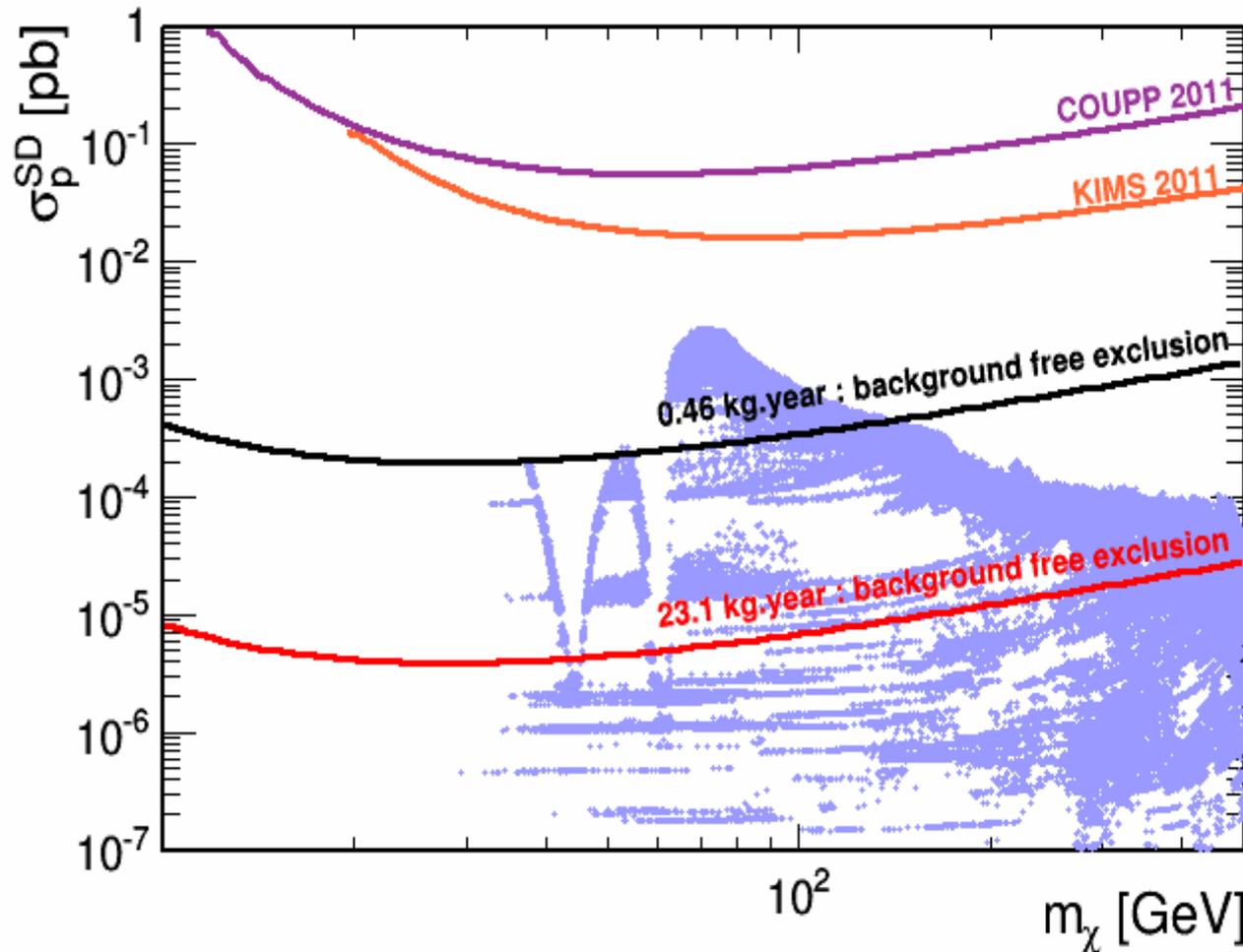
Exclusion limits



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

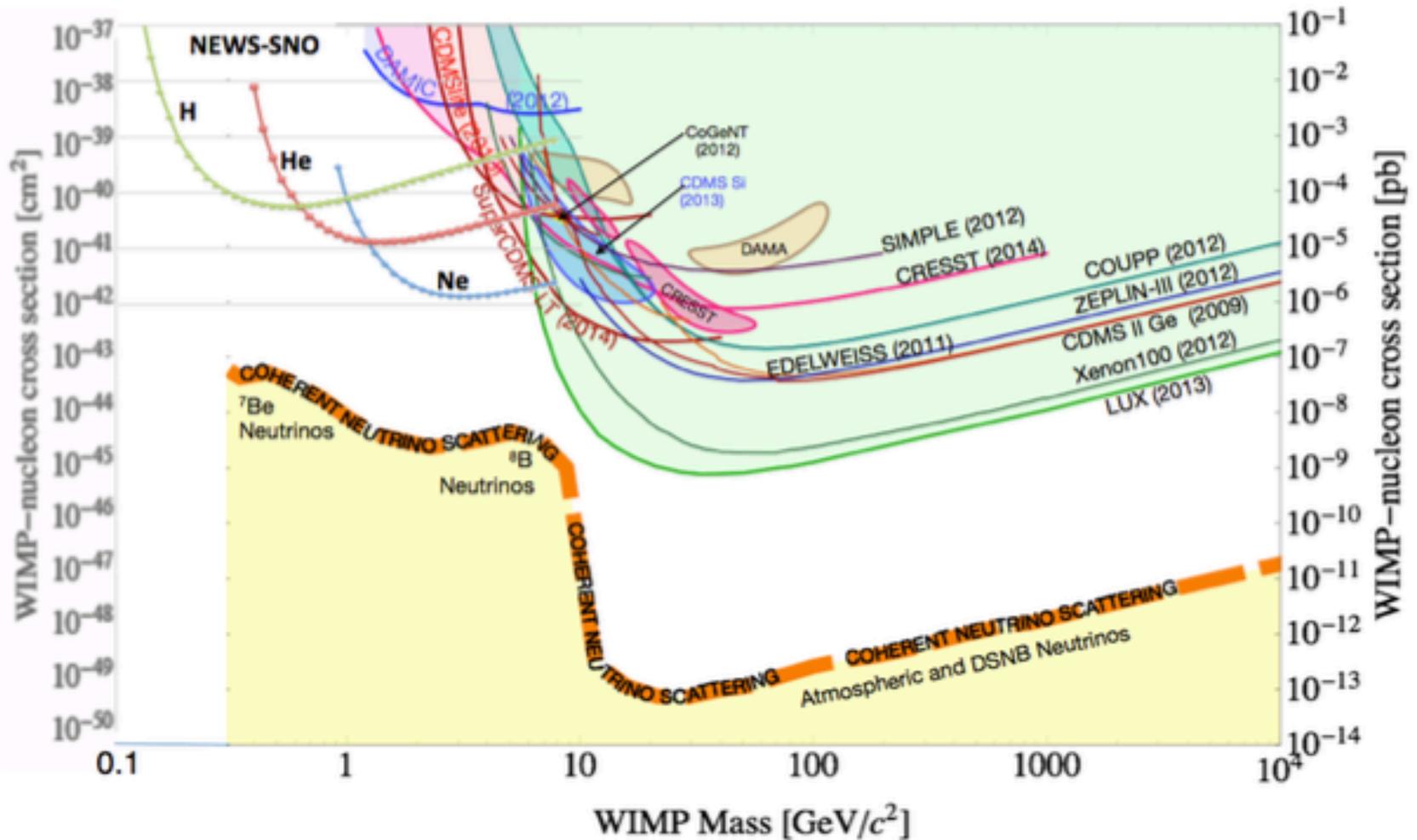
B: 20 keV
background = 10 evt/kg yr
angular resolution 50°
3D with no head-tail

Exclusion curves for MIMAC (1 and 50 m³)



WIMP Light Mass window

MIMAC- NEWS complementarity



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 and they can be checked in-situ.
- 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 versions in June 2013 and June 2014 and it shows an excellent gain stability.
- v) For the first time the 3D nuclear recoil tracks from 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) Angular resolution and directional studies of 3D tracks are now possible with COMIMAC.
- viii) **The 1 m³ will be the validation of a new generation of a large DM high definition detector including directionality (a needed signature for DM discovery)**

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MIMAC Phenomenology: Discovery

Estimation of the discovery potential

MIMAC characteristics

- 10 kg CF_4
- DAQ : 3 years
- Recoil energy range [5, 50] keV

MSSM
NMSSM

D. Albornoz-Vasquez et al., PRD 85

Discovery at 3σ

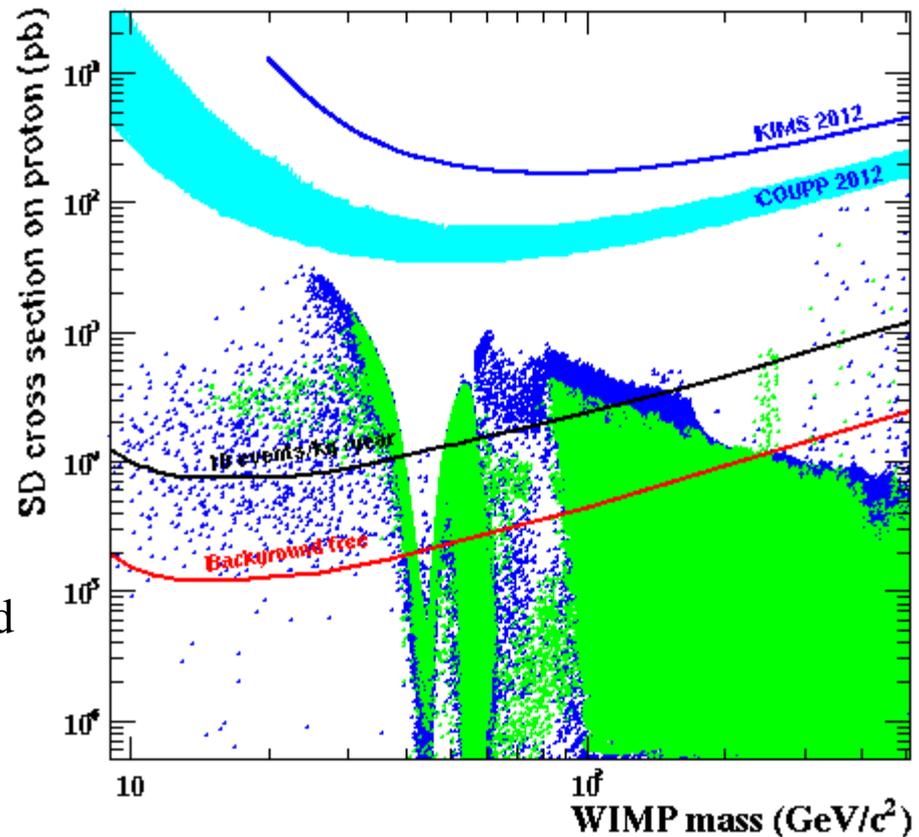
With BKG (300)

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**

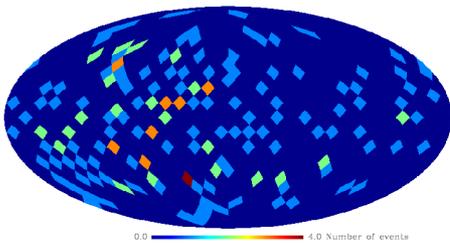


Directional Dark Matter: discovery/exclusion

J. Billard *et al.*, PLB 2010

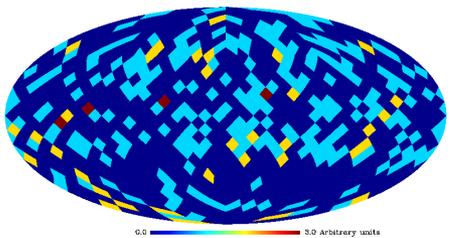
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- **discovery (5σ)**
Up to 10^{-4} pb

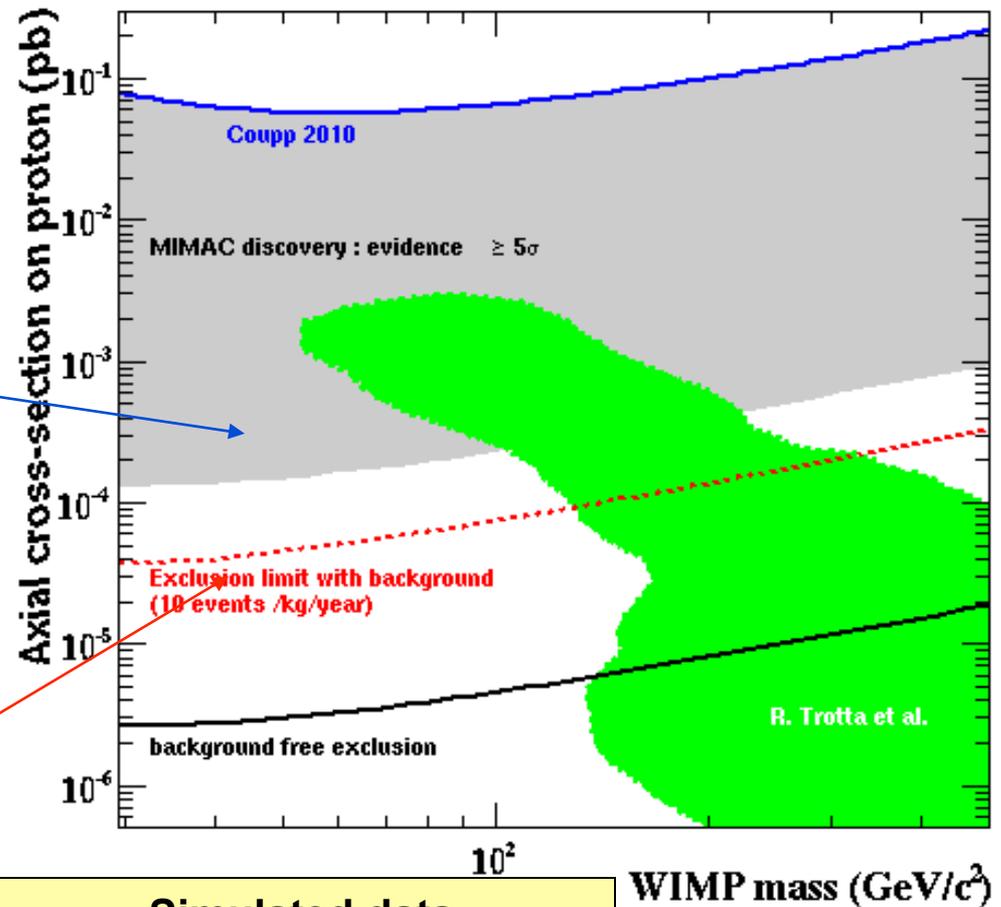


100 WIMP, 100 bkg

- **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°

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]

TPC directional detectors

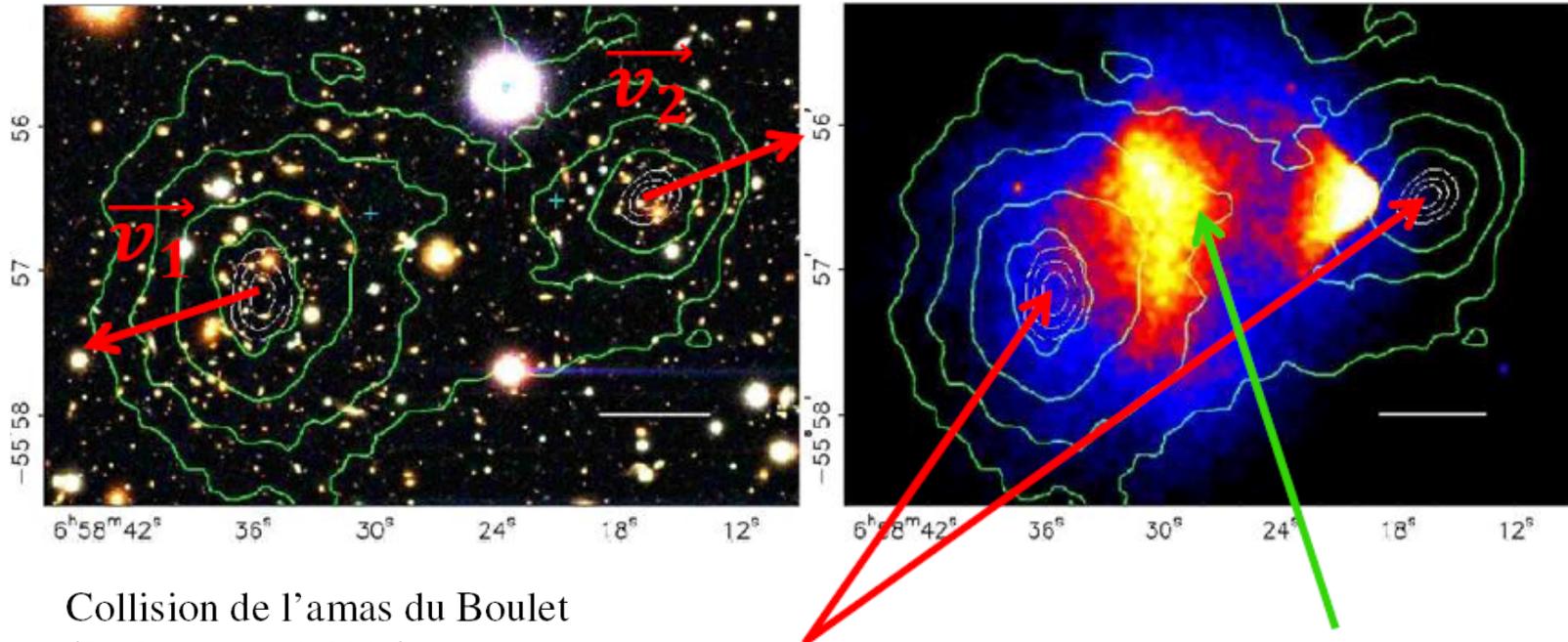
	DRIFT	MIMAC	NEWAGE	DMTPC
	Boulby	Modane	Kamioka	SNOLAB
Gas mix	73%CS2 +25%CF4 +2%O2	70%CF4 +28%CHF3 +2%C4H10	CF4	CF4
Current volume	800 L	6 L	37 L	1000 L
Drift	ion, 50 cm	e ⁻ , 25 cm	e ⁻ , 41 cm	e ⁻ , 27 cm
Threshold (keVee)	20	1	50	20
Readout	Multi-Wire Proportional Counters	Micromegas	micro-pixel chamber +GEM	CCD

Adapted from Mayet et al. [arXiv:1602.03781]

At the galaxy cluster scale...

(1E0657-558)

Z= 0.296



Collision de l'amas du Boulet
(D. Clowe *et al.* 2006)

Total mass profiles

Baryonic Matter

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

Détection directe : principes

Détection directe :

mesure de l'énergie déposée

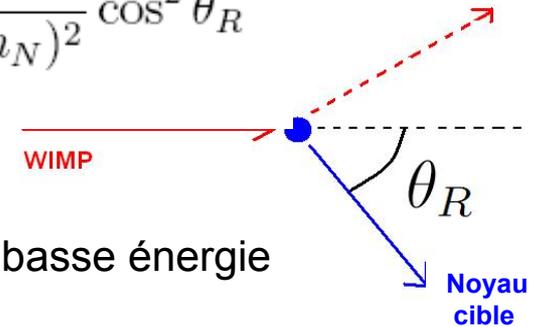
lors de la diffusion élastique WIMP-noyau

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



détecteur basse énergie

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



$$R = \sigma \times \left(\frac{\rho_0}{m_\chi} \right) \times \langle v \rangle \times \frac{1}{m_N}$$

- ρ_0 : densité locale de WIMP
- σ : section efficace WIMP-noyau
- $\langle v \rangle$: vitesse relative moyenne des WIMP
- m_N : masse du noyau cible

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

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

nucléaire

Astro

SUSY ou
Autres...