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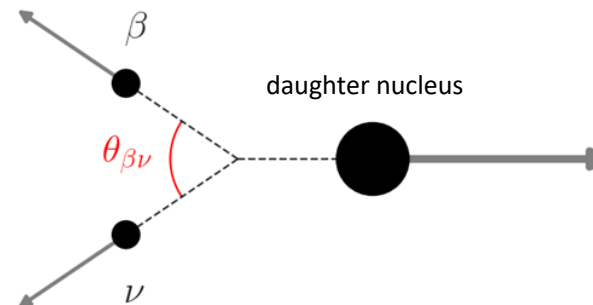
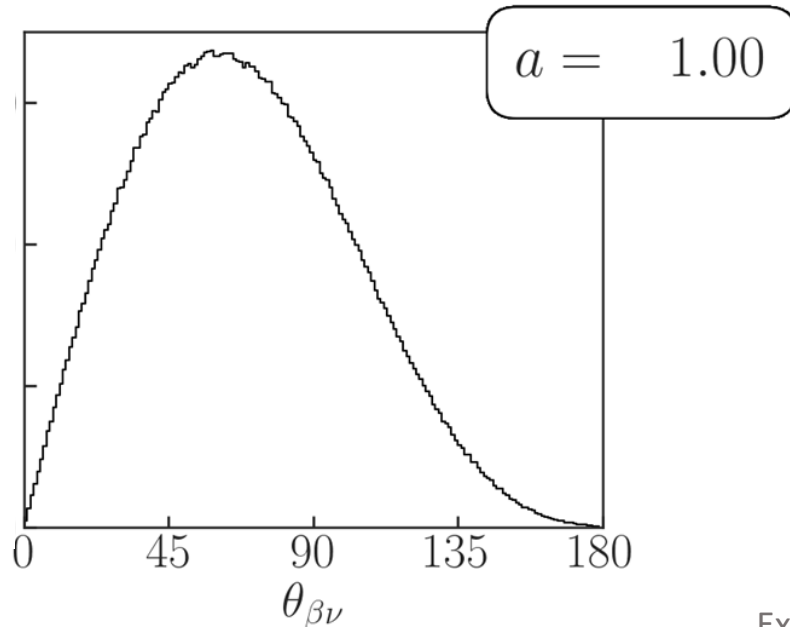
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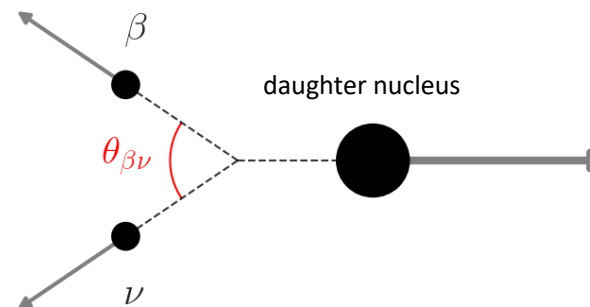
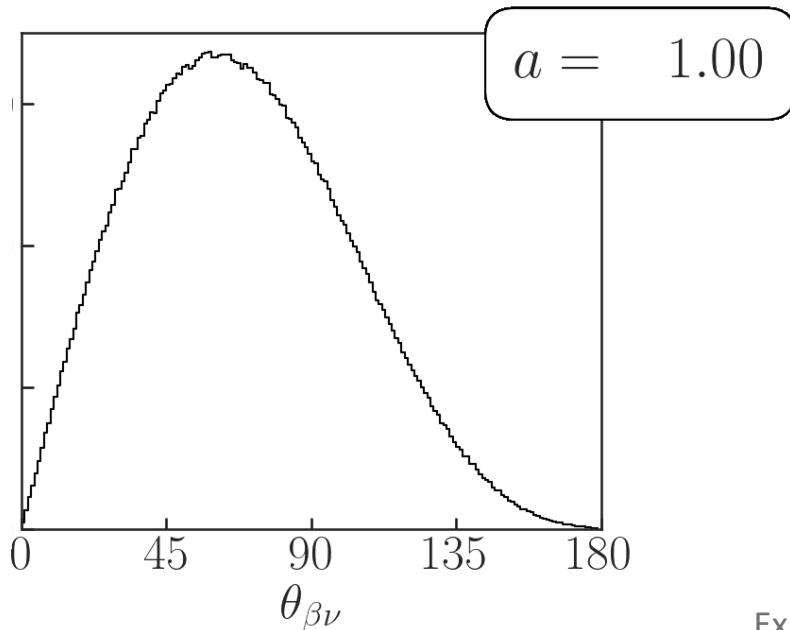
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$$a \neq 1$$



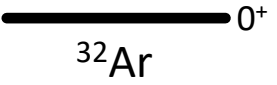
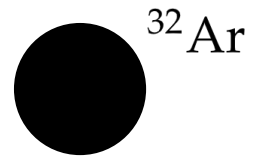
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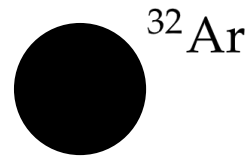
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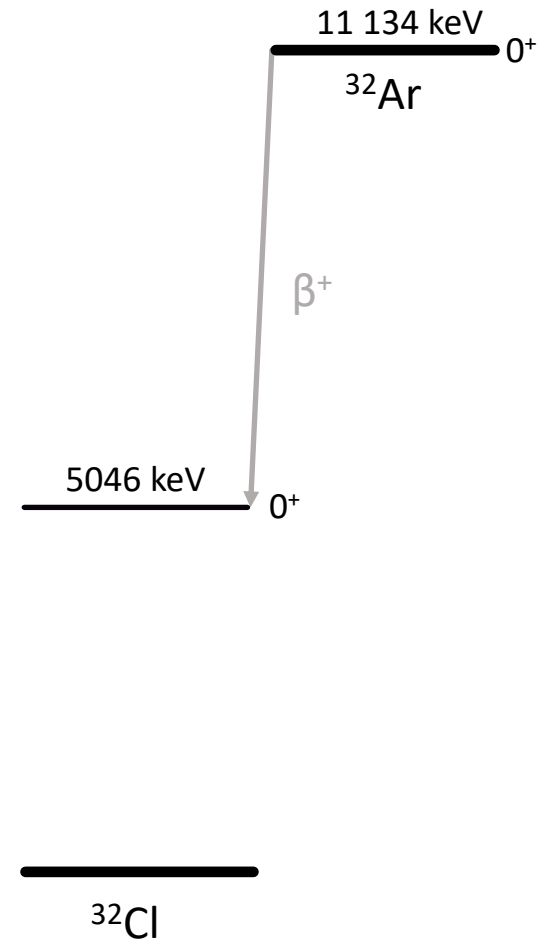
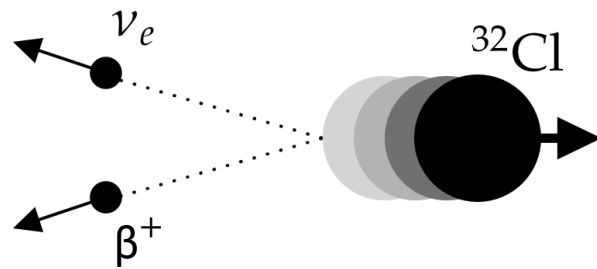


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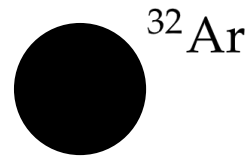


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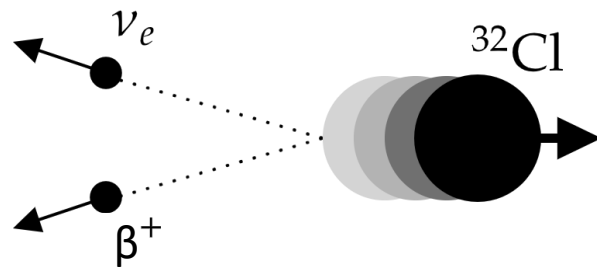


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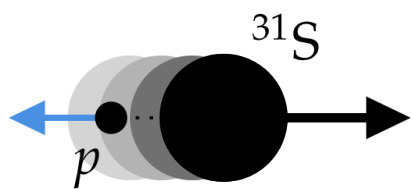
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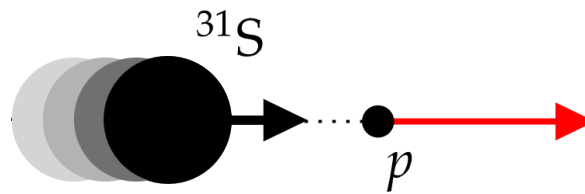
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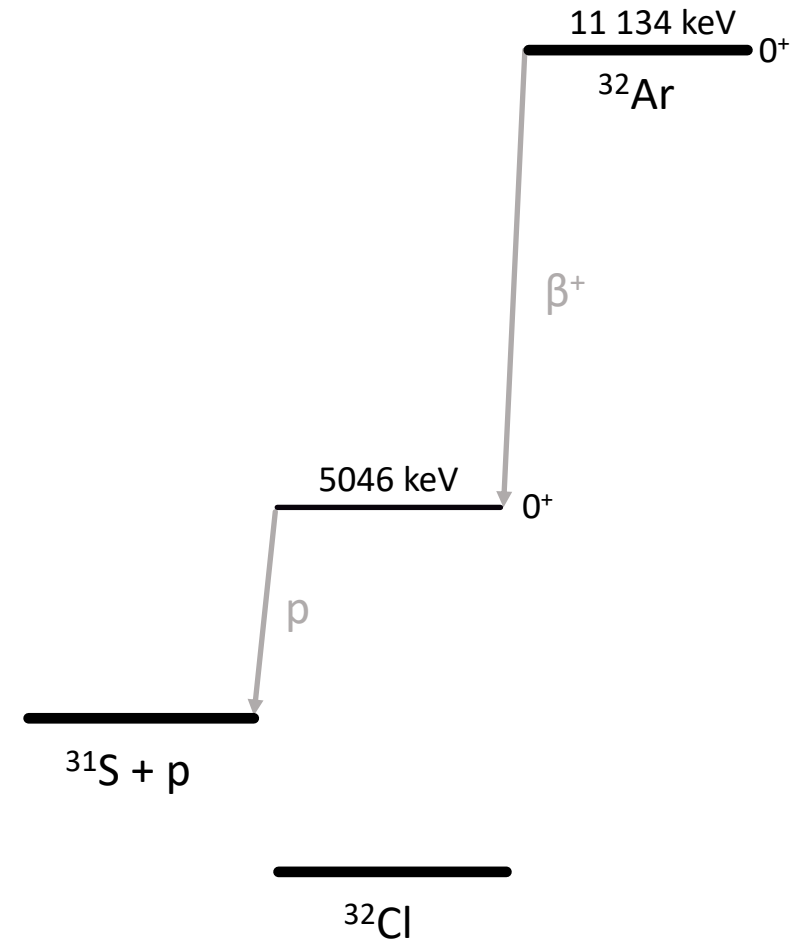
Delayed proton emission : \bar{E}_{shift}



Energy decreasing



Energy increasing



High precision measurement

Some previous measurements:

Delayed gamma of ^{18}Ne (1997): $a = 1.06(19)$ V.Egorov and al. Nucl. Phys. A, 621 (1997), 745

Delayed proton of ^{32}Ar (1999): $\tilde{a} = 0.9989(52)_{stat}(39)_{sys}$ Adelberger and al. PRL 83 (1999) 1299

Recoil of $^{38}\text{K}^m$ (2005): $\tilde{a} = 0.9981(30)_{stat}(37)_{sys}$ A.Gorelov and al. PRL 94 (2005) 142501

Delayed proton of ^{32}Ar (2018): $\tilde{a} = 1.01(3)_{stat}(2)_{sys}$ V.Araujo-Escalona and al. PRC 101 (2020) 5, 055501

0.1% precision on \tilde{a} \longrightarrow 5 eV precision on

\overline{E}_{shift}

WISArD at ISOLDE

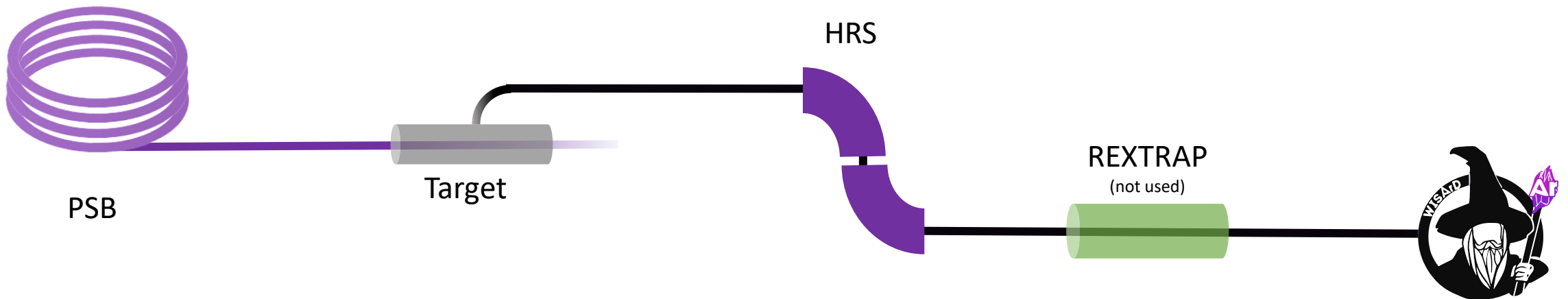
^{32}Ar production :



- From Proton Synchrotron Booster
- 2.5 μA at 1.4 GeV

- CaO target
- Nanostructured powder

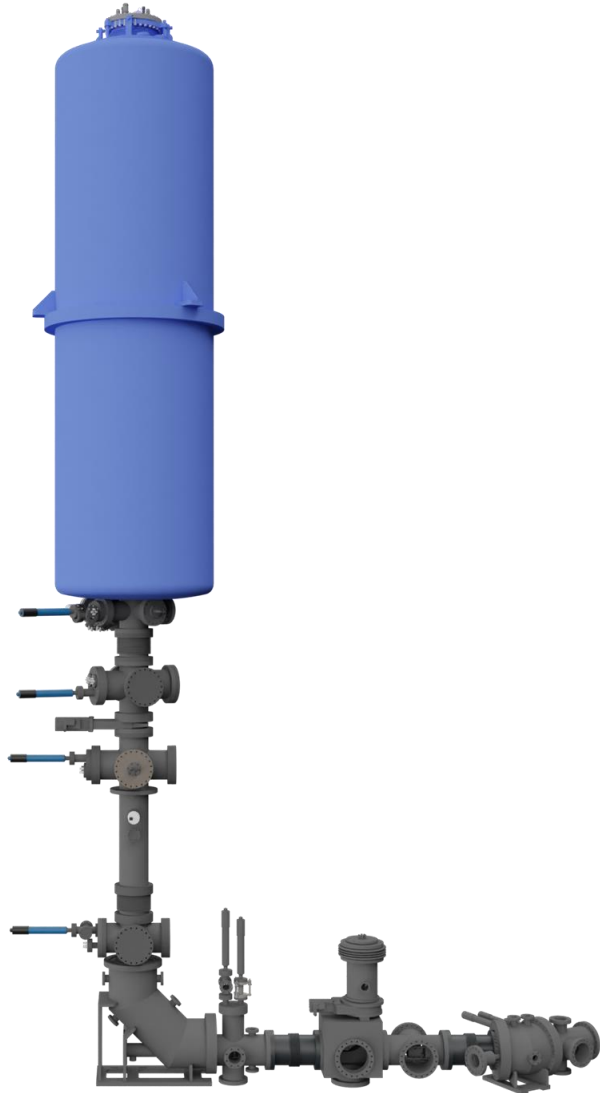
- ISOLDE HRS
- A/Q selection
- 30 keV



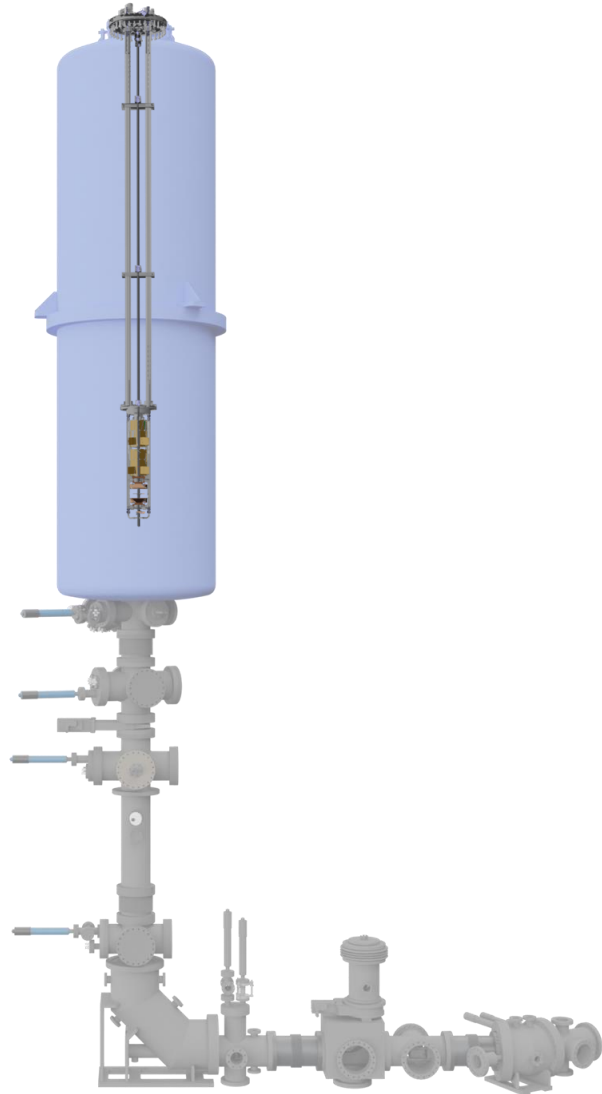
WISArD

8 m

2 m



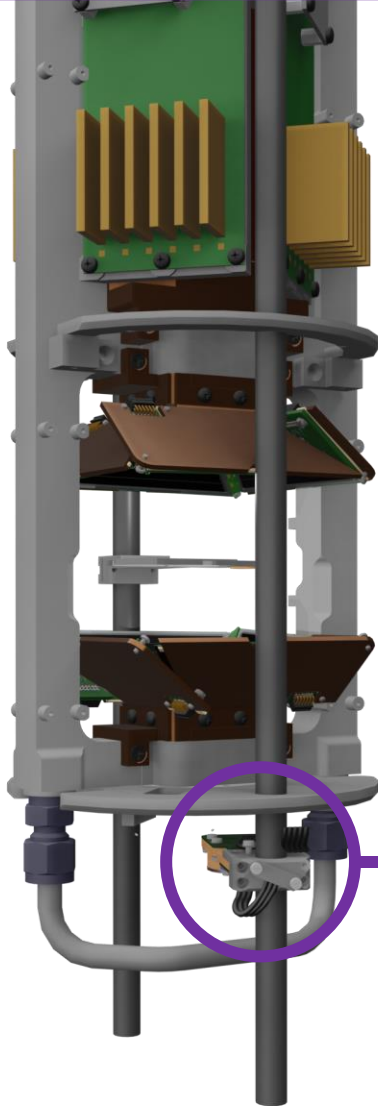
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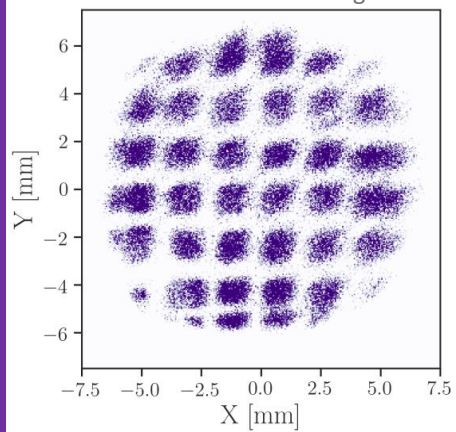
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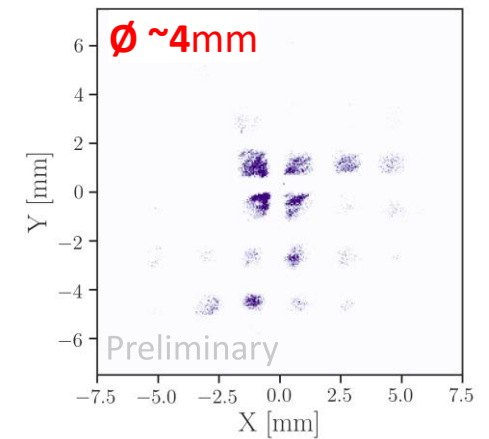
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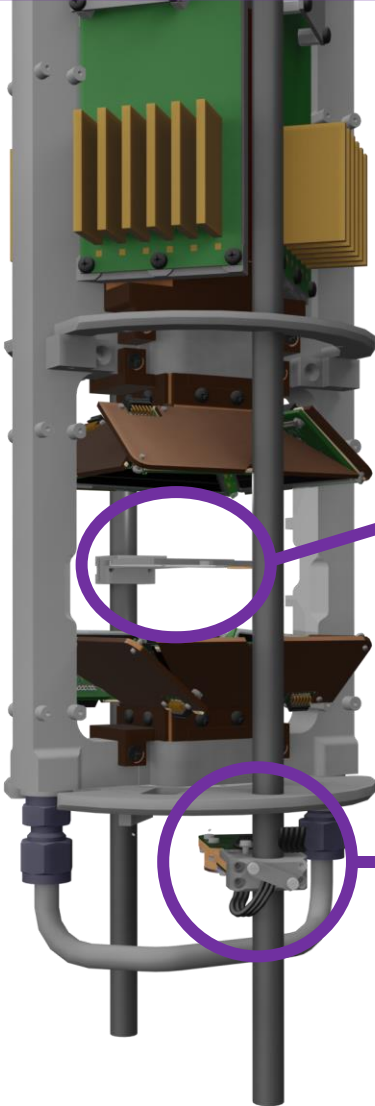
Beam scan
Reconstructed image



^{32}Ar Beam



Tower: MCP



Catcher support:

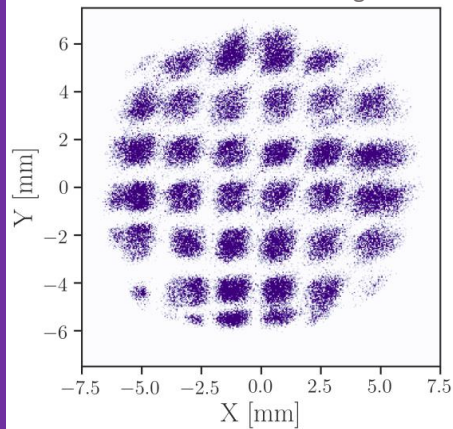
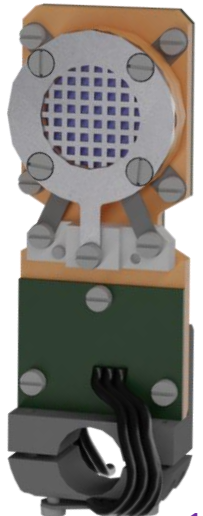
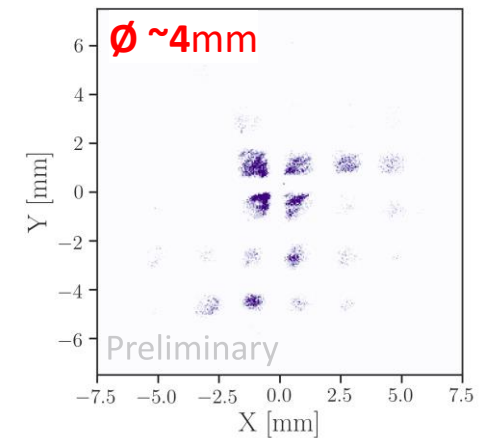
- Thin catcher $0.6 \mu\text{m}$
- Thick catcher $6 \mu\text{m}$
- α source (^{208}Po)



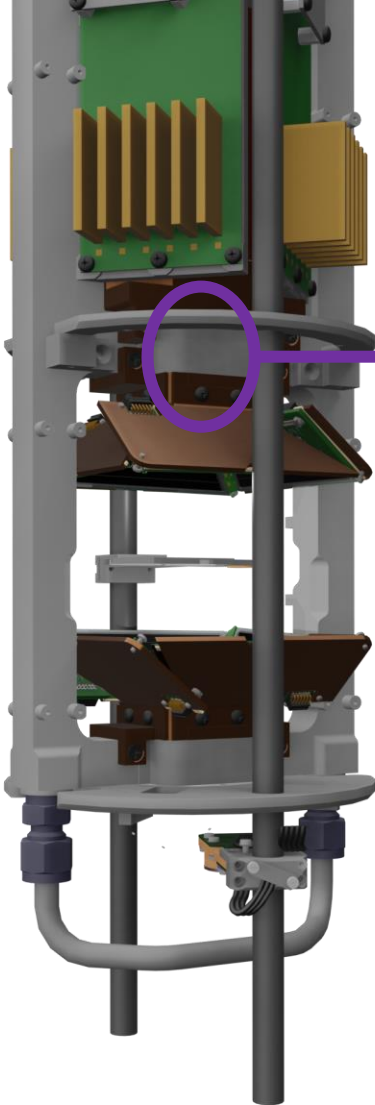
Catchers made by GANIL

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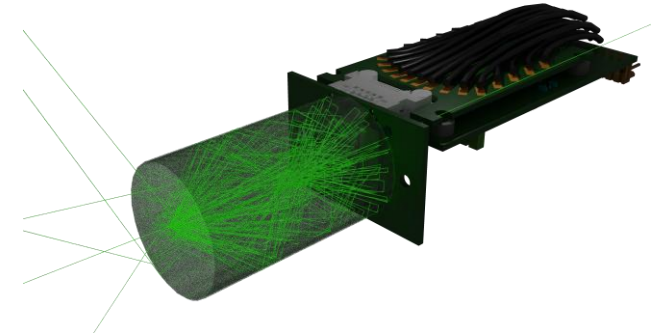
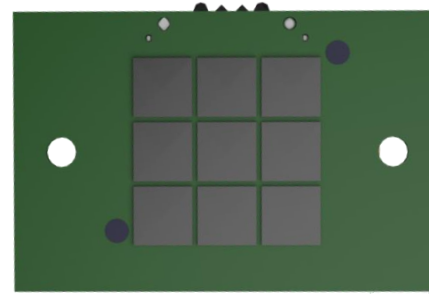
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 ^{32}Ar Beam $\varnothing \sim 4\text{mm}$ 

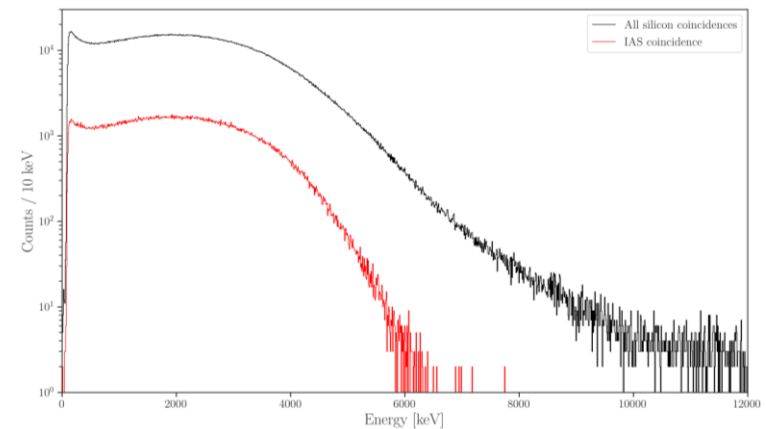
Tower: SiPMs



3x3 SiPMs: Onsemi MicroFJ-60035-TSV
Plastic Scintillator: EJ212

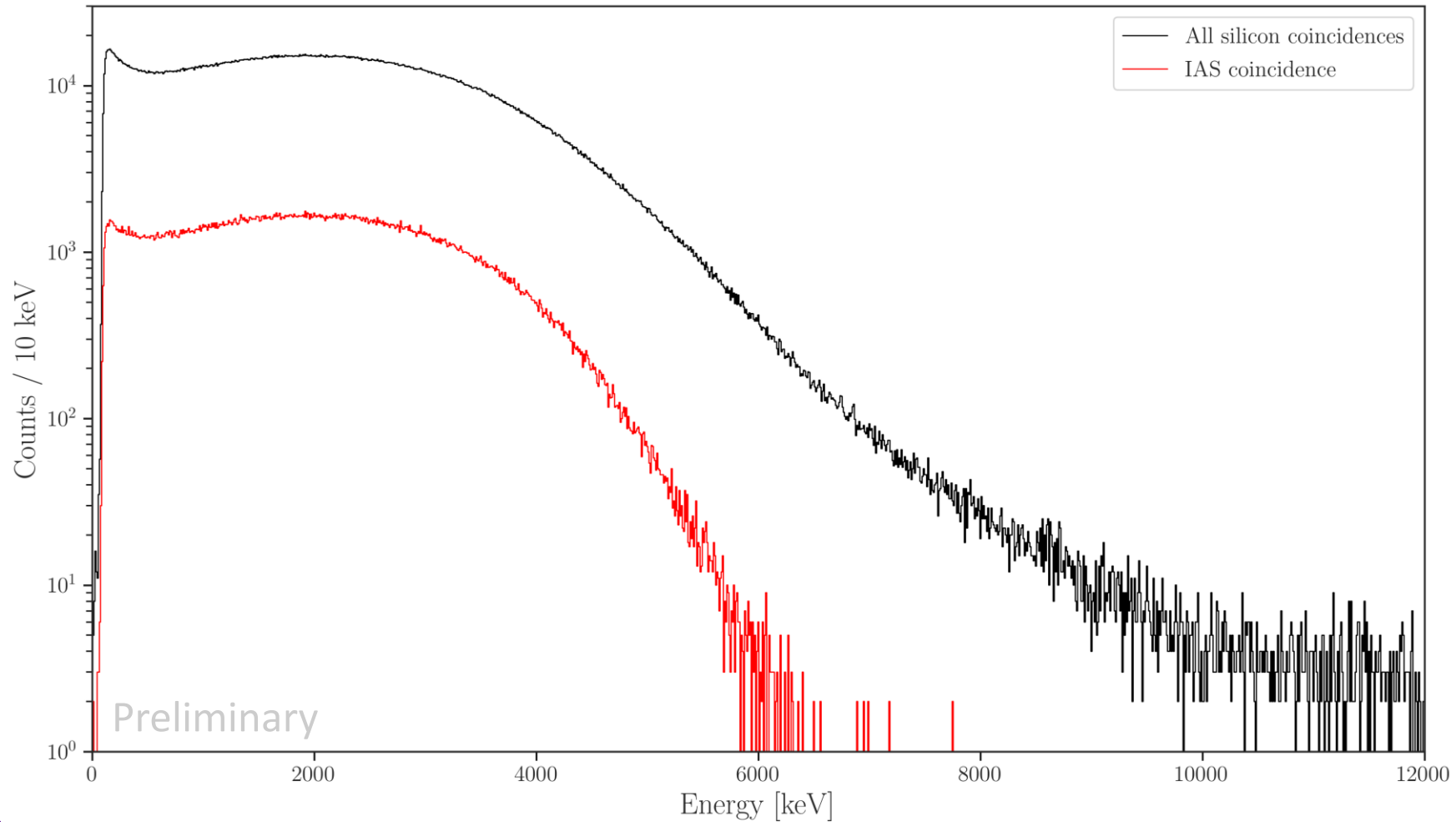


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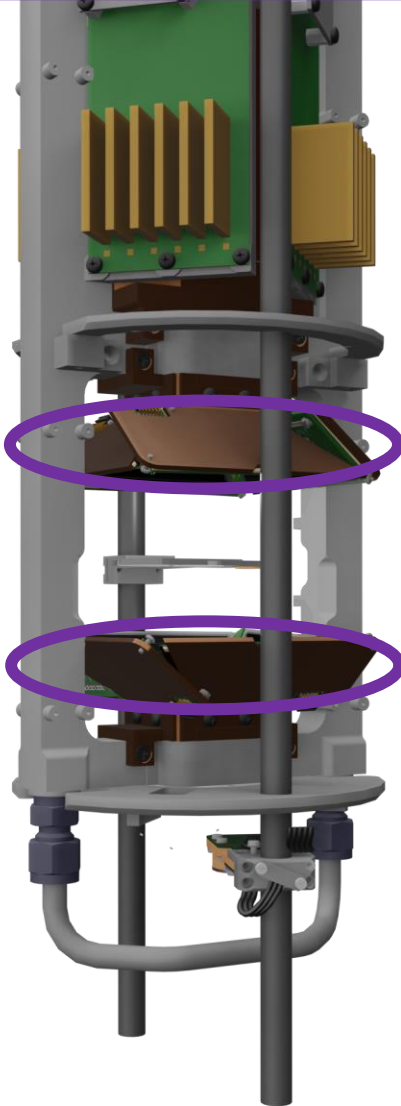
2024 Data taking: SiPM matrix

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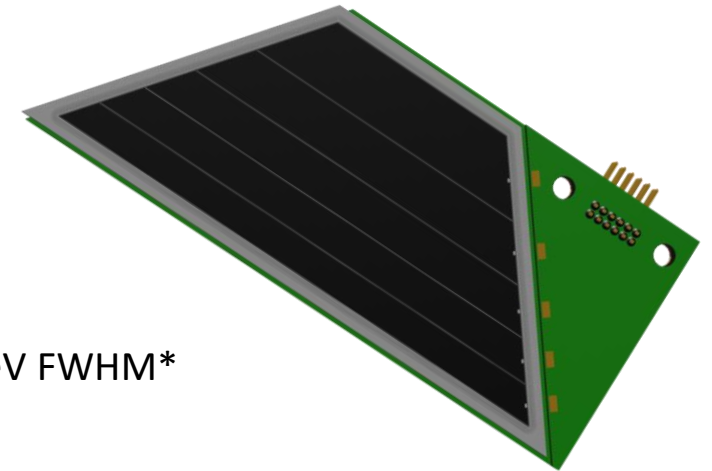
*Data from 2021 19

Tower: Silicon detectors



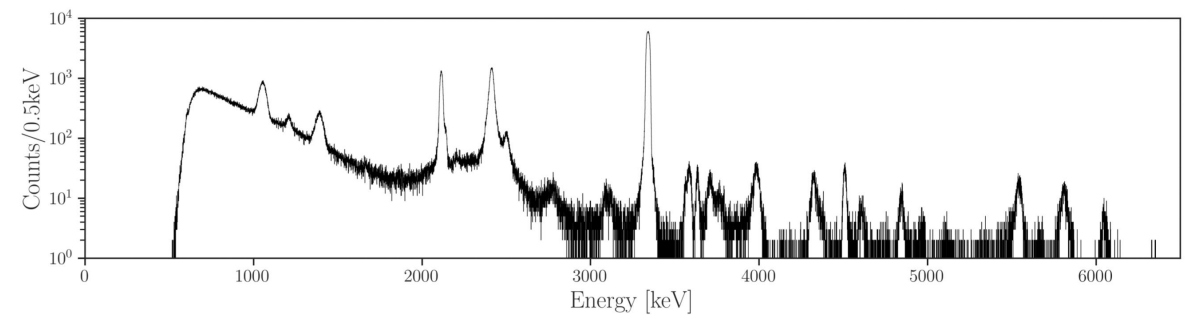
8 Silicon detectors:

- Thickness: 300 μm
- Dead-Layer: 100 nm
- Strips: 5
- Proton resolution: 10keV FWHM*
- Total solid angle: $\sim 50\%$



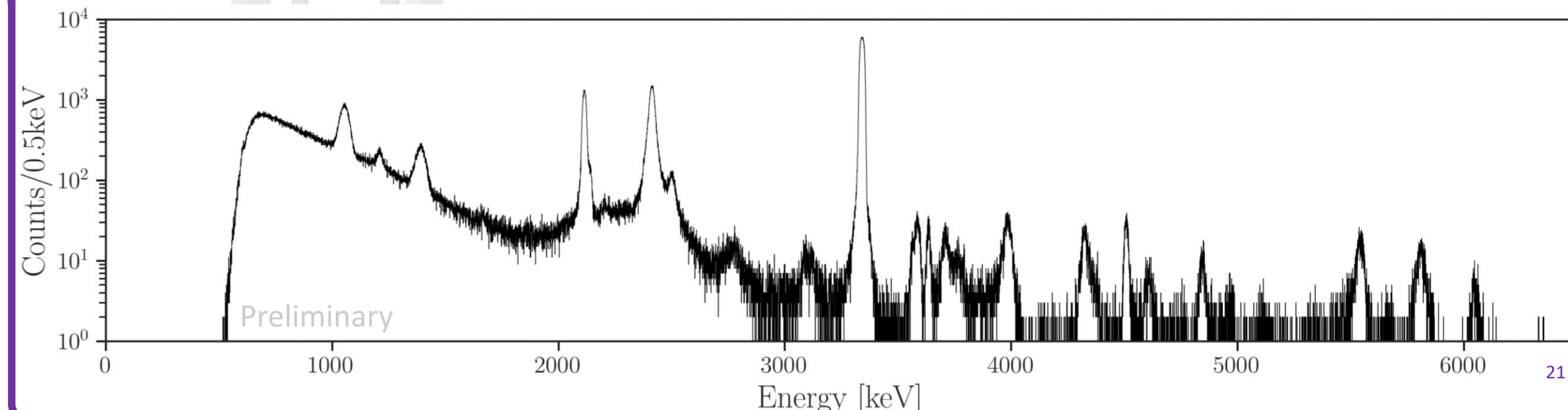
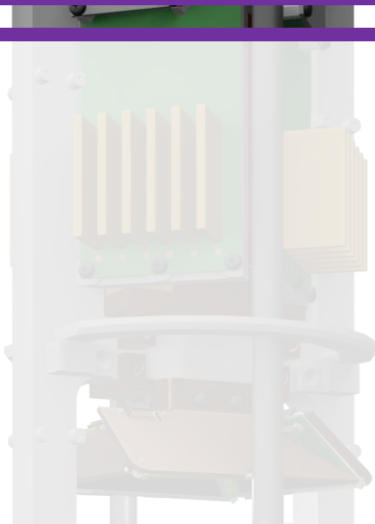
*Preliminary estimation

Spectra of a strip with ^{32}Ar beam



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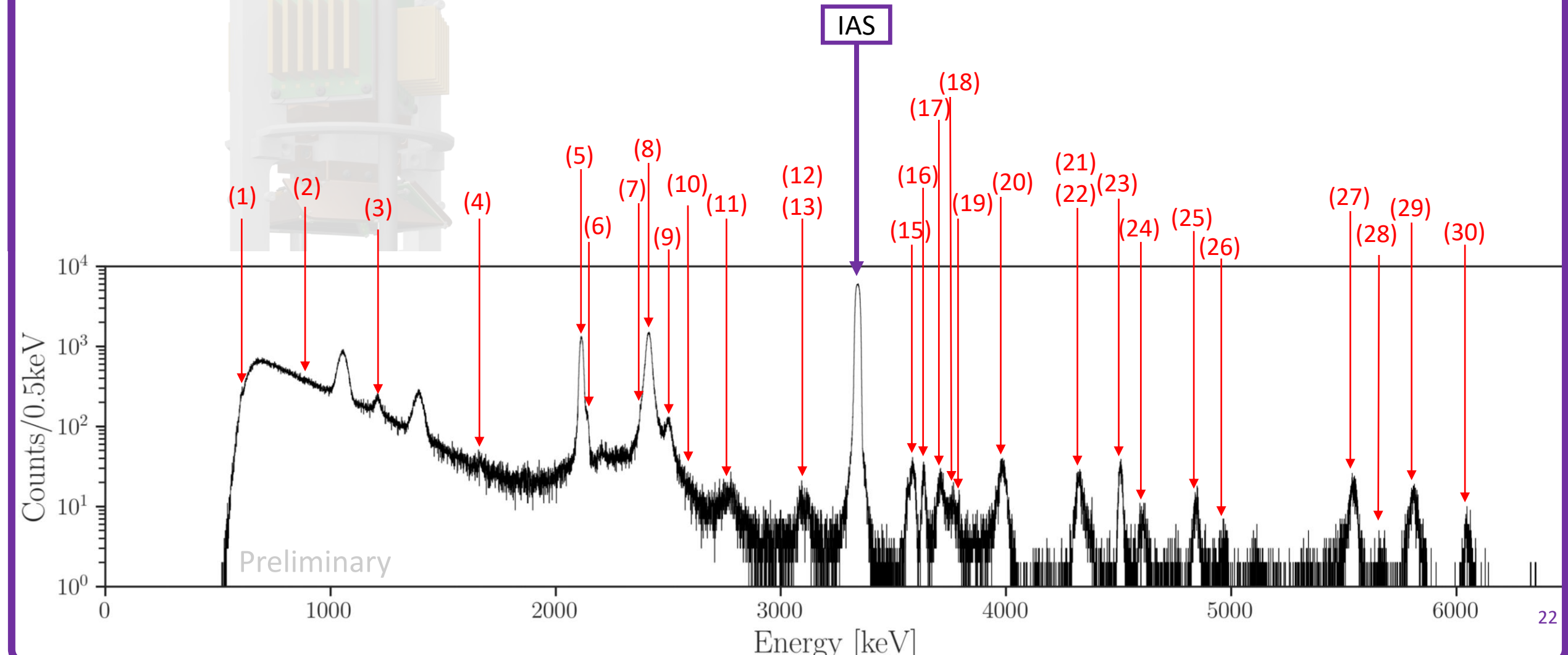


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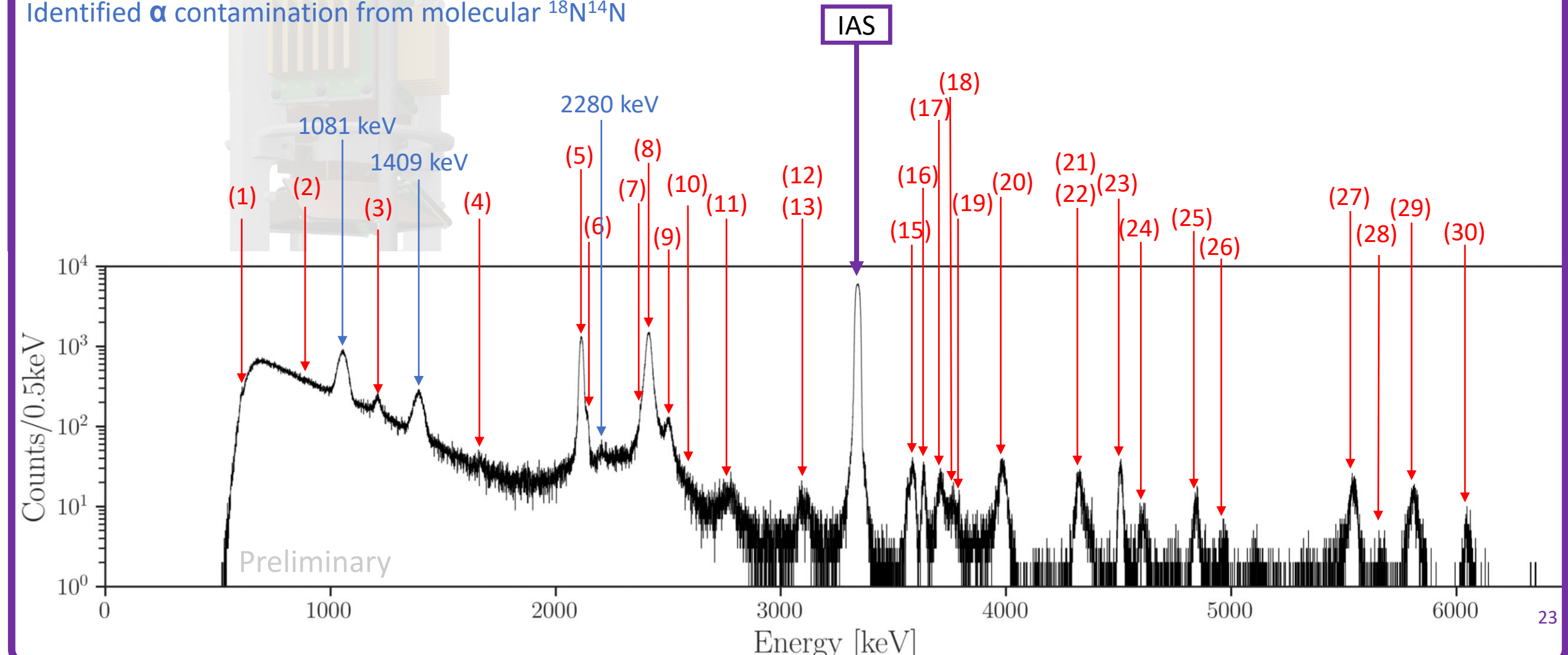
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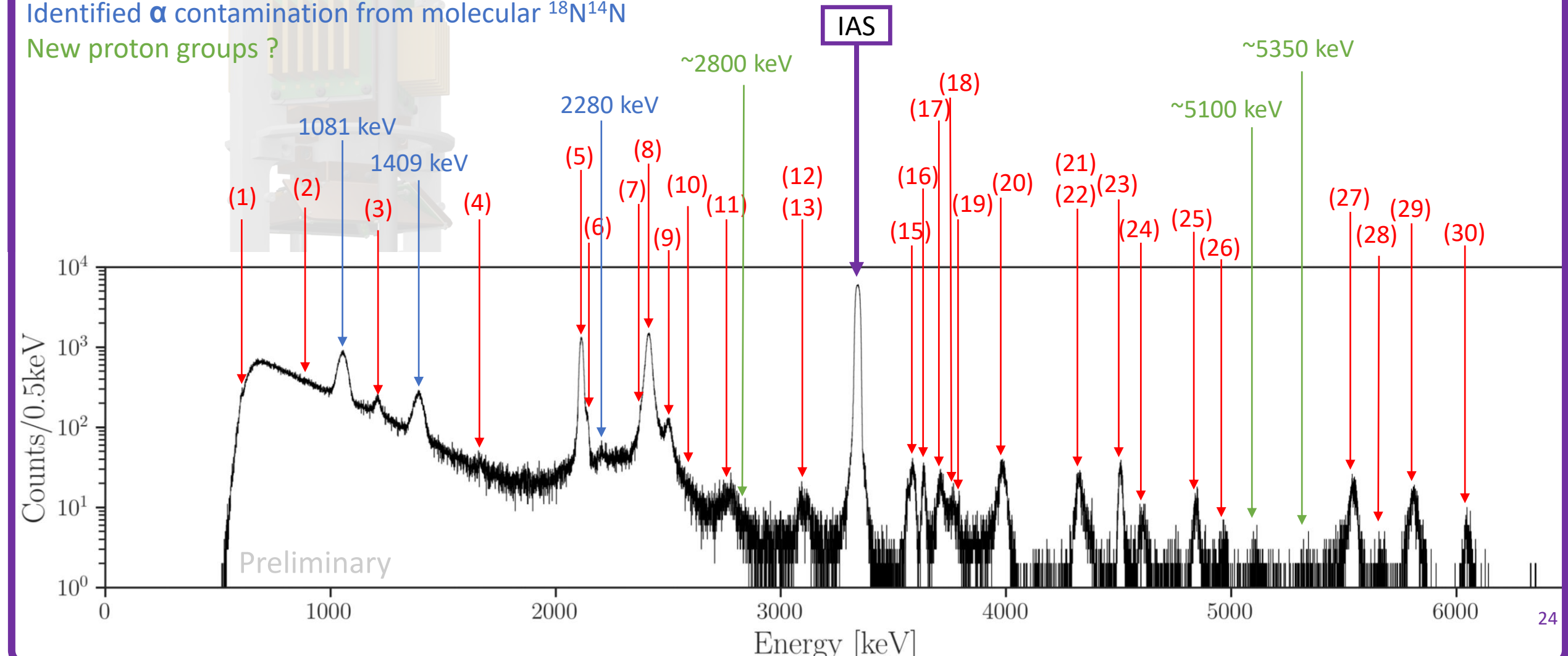
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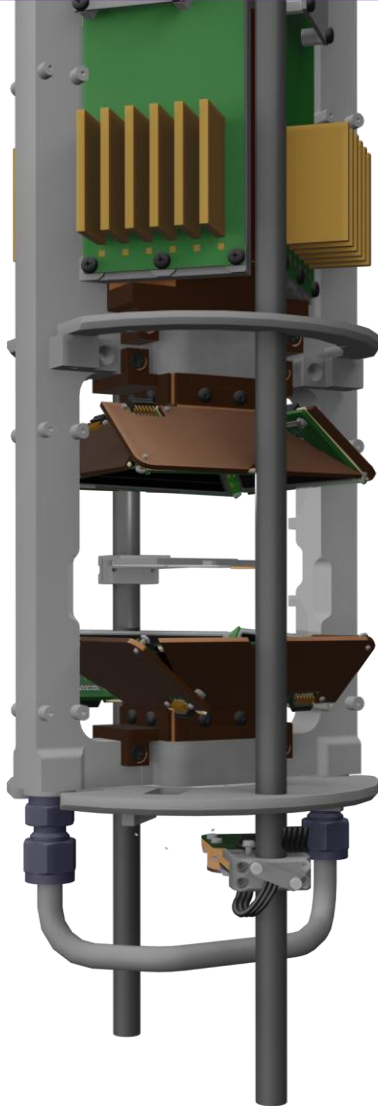
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New proton groups ?

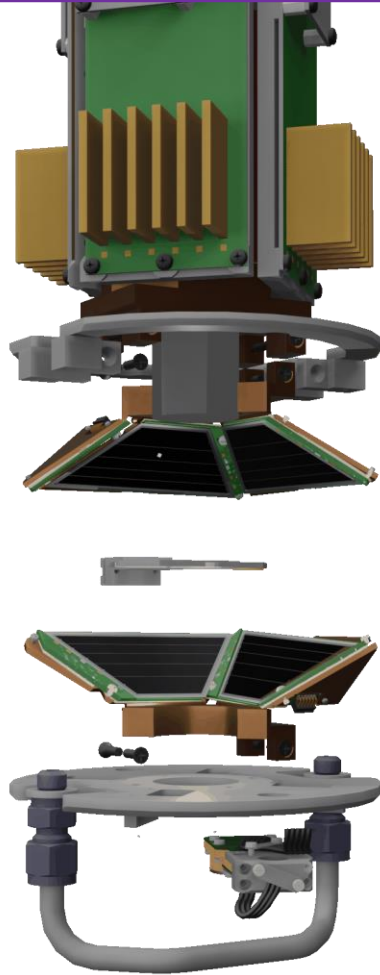
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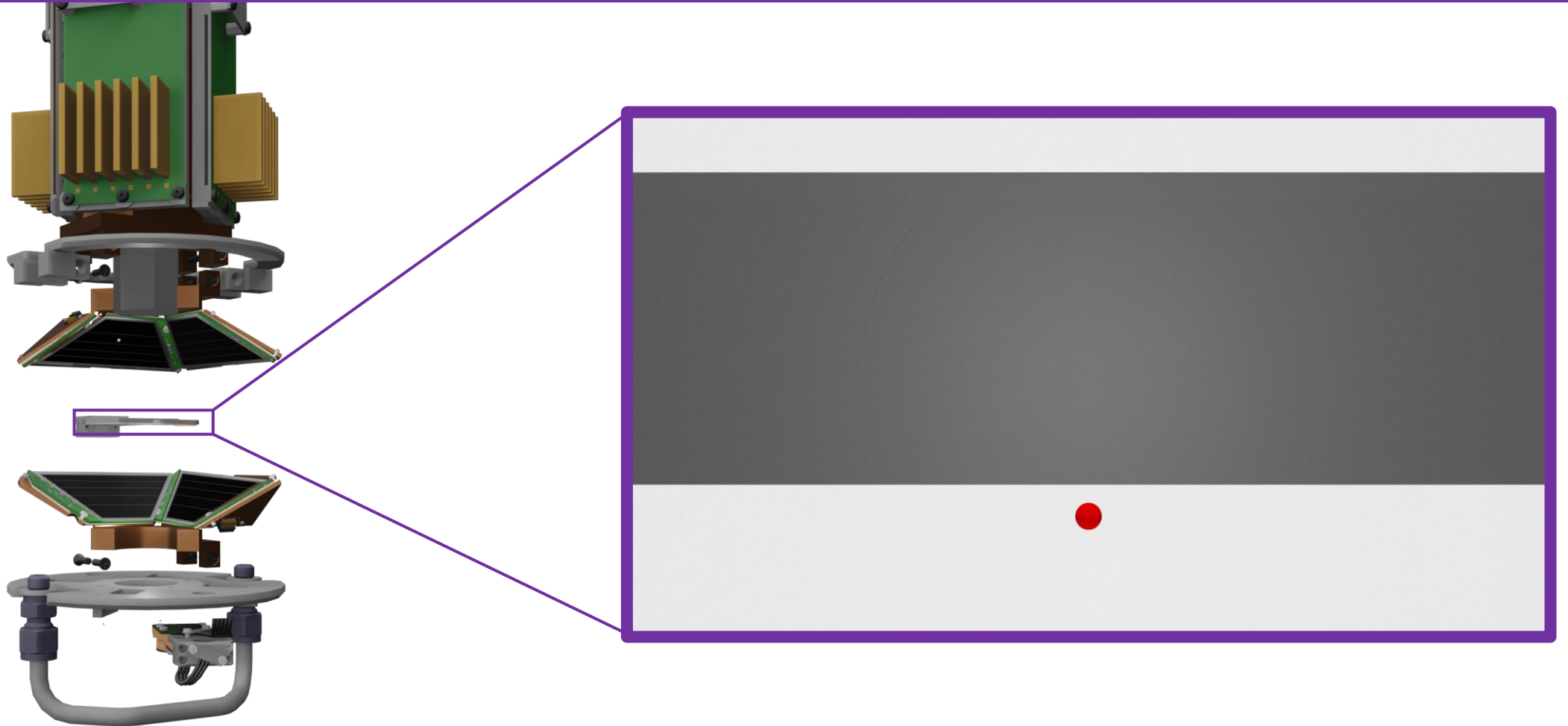
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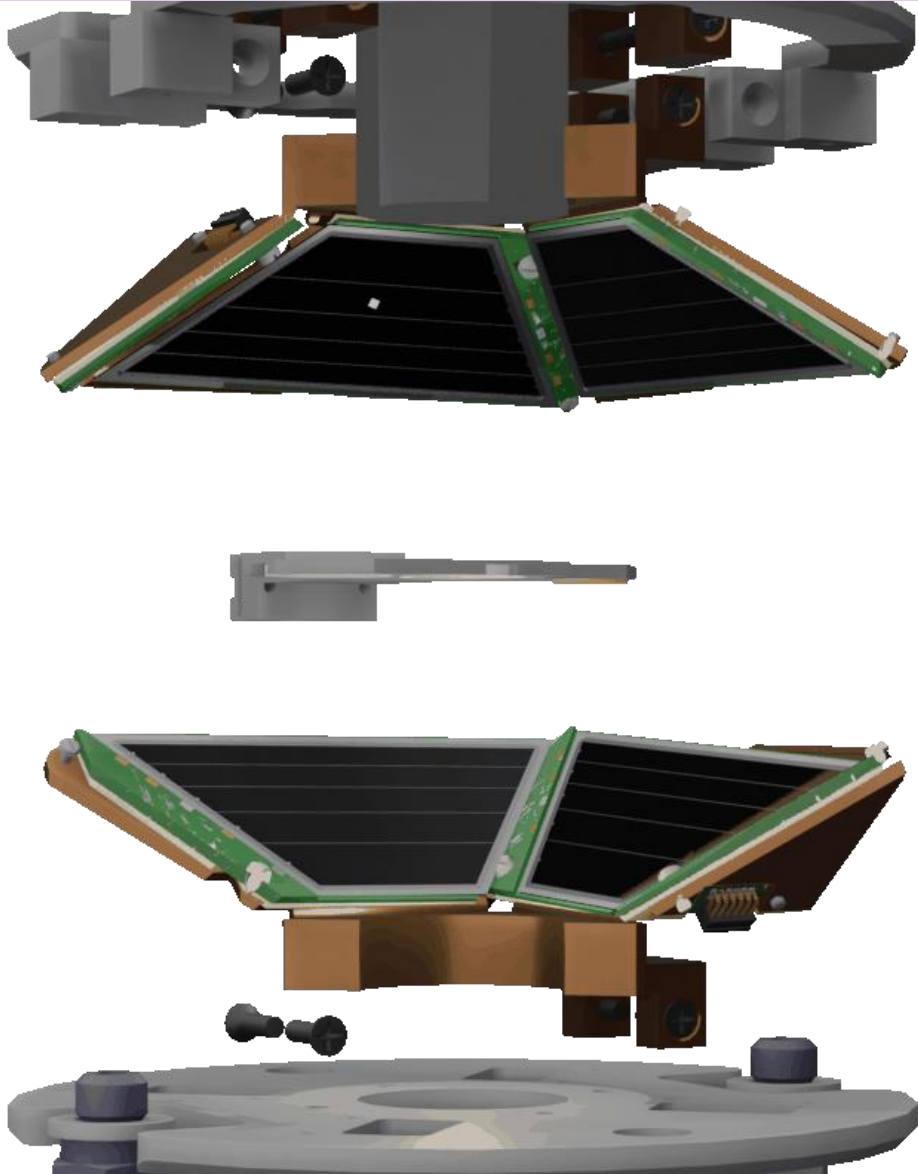


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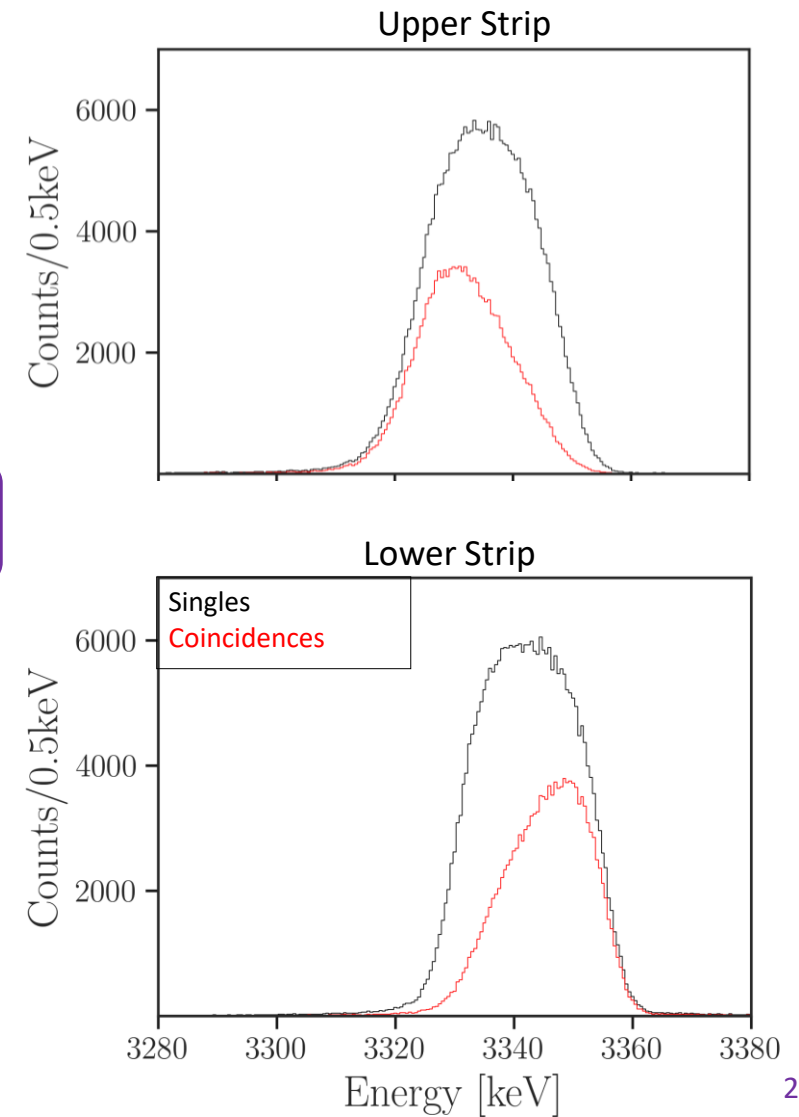


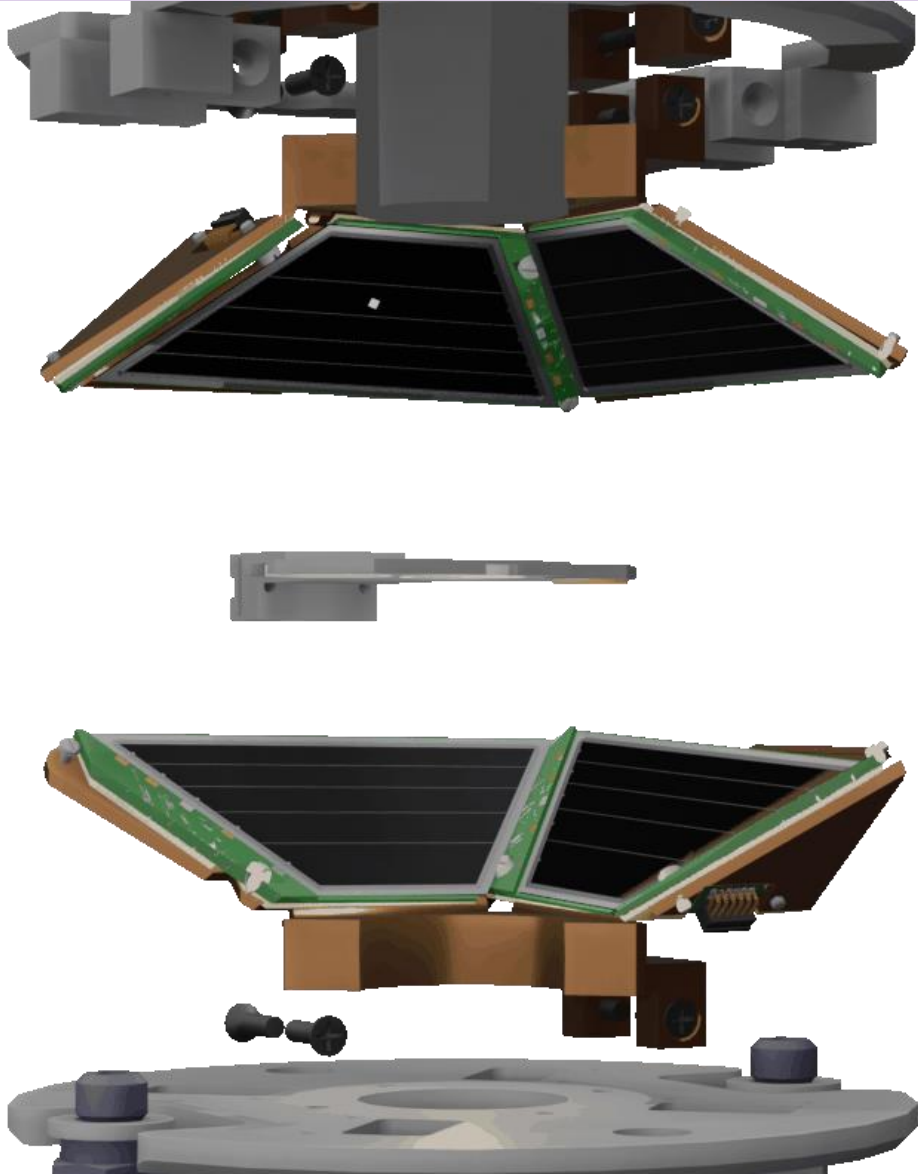
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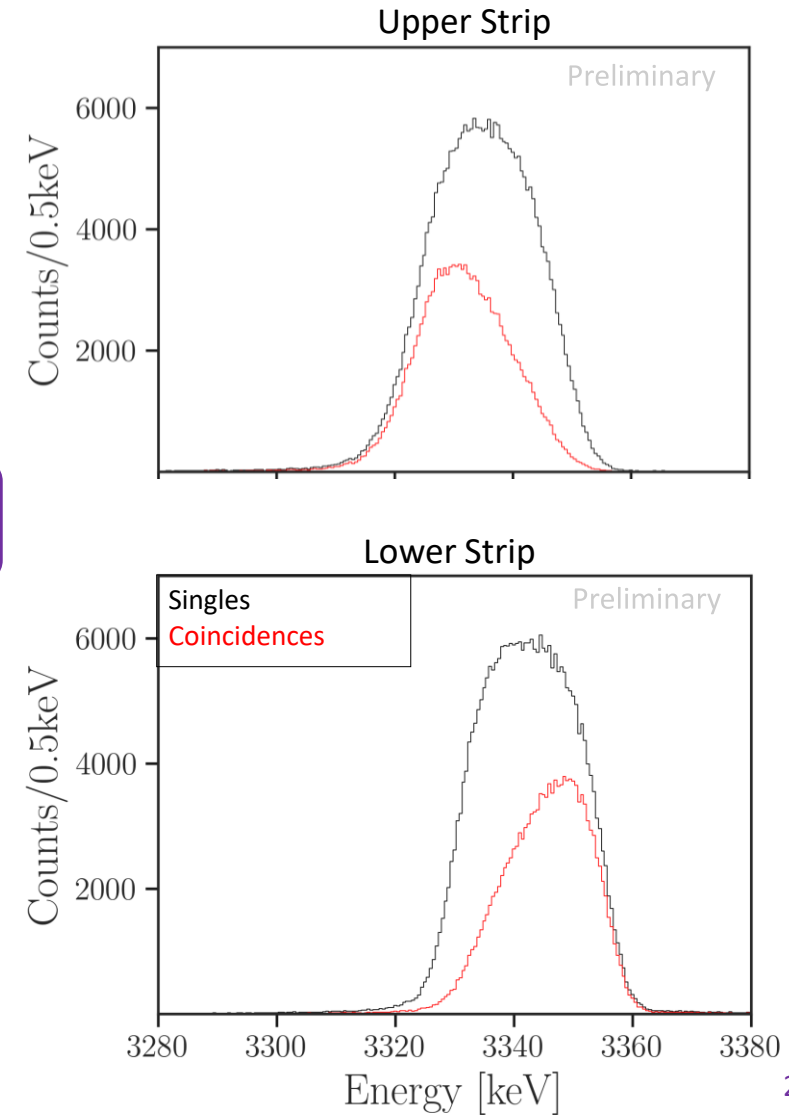


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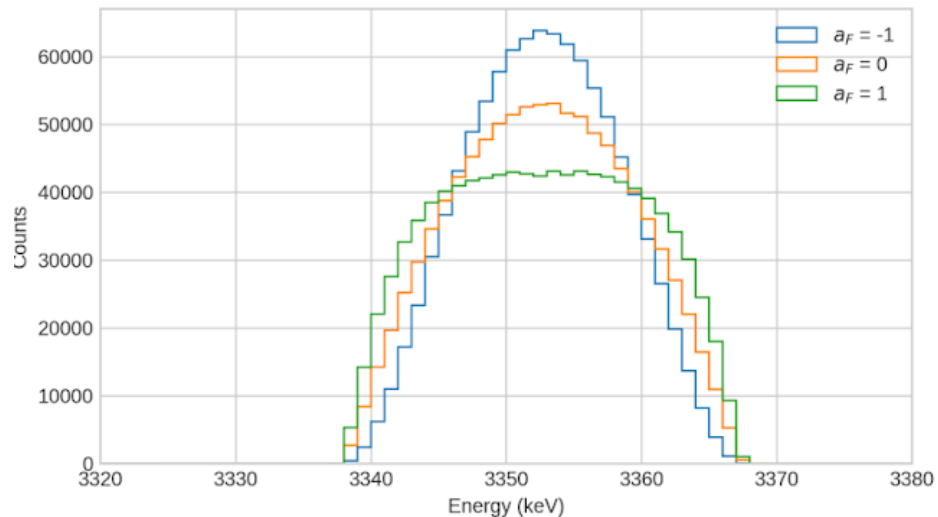


CRADLE++

Geant4

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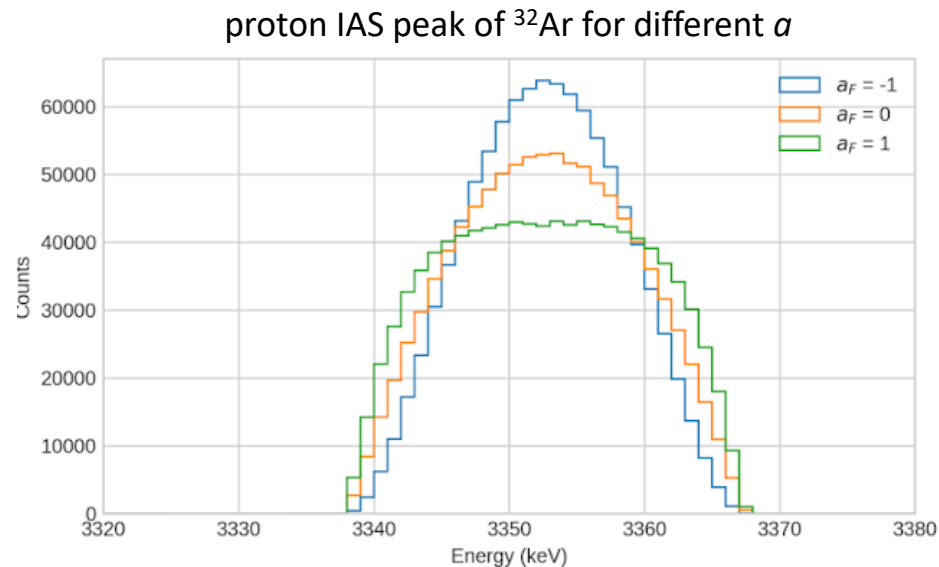
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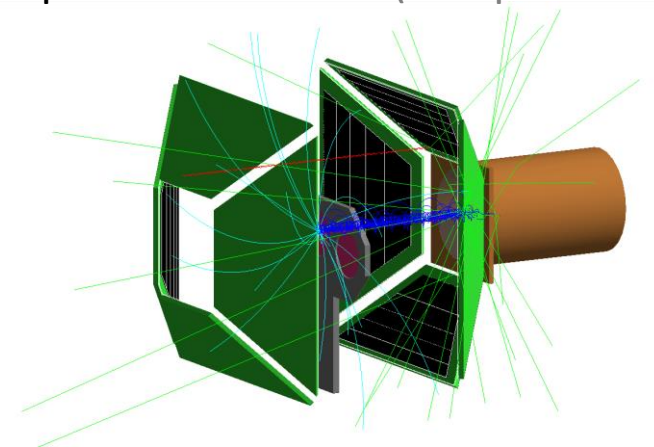
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Generator:

- Efficient output CRADLE file reader
- Implantation point from SRIM

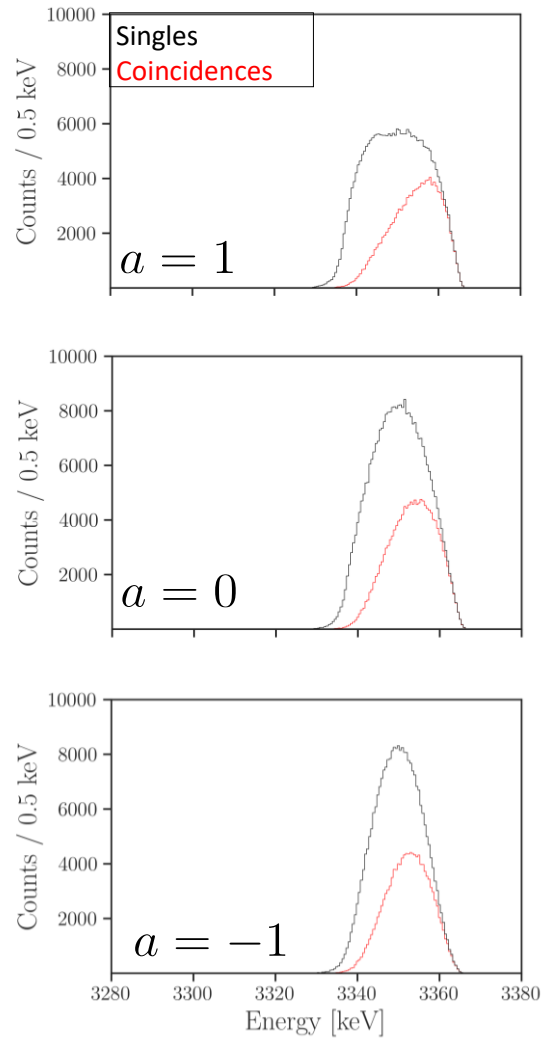
Geometry:

- Homogeneous magnetic field
- 48 silicon detectors implemented
- Energy deposit in plastic scintillator (no optical simulation)



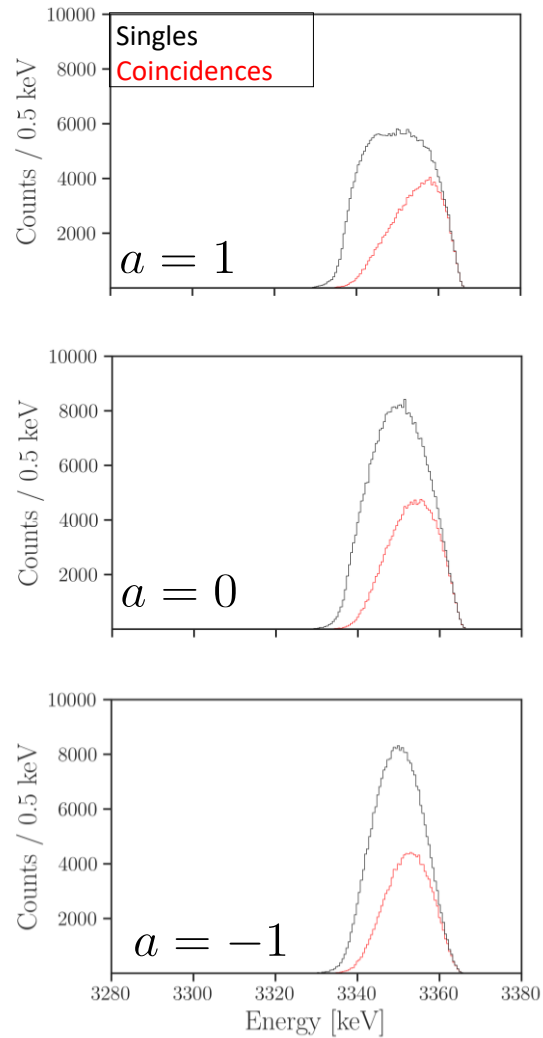
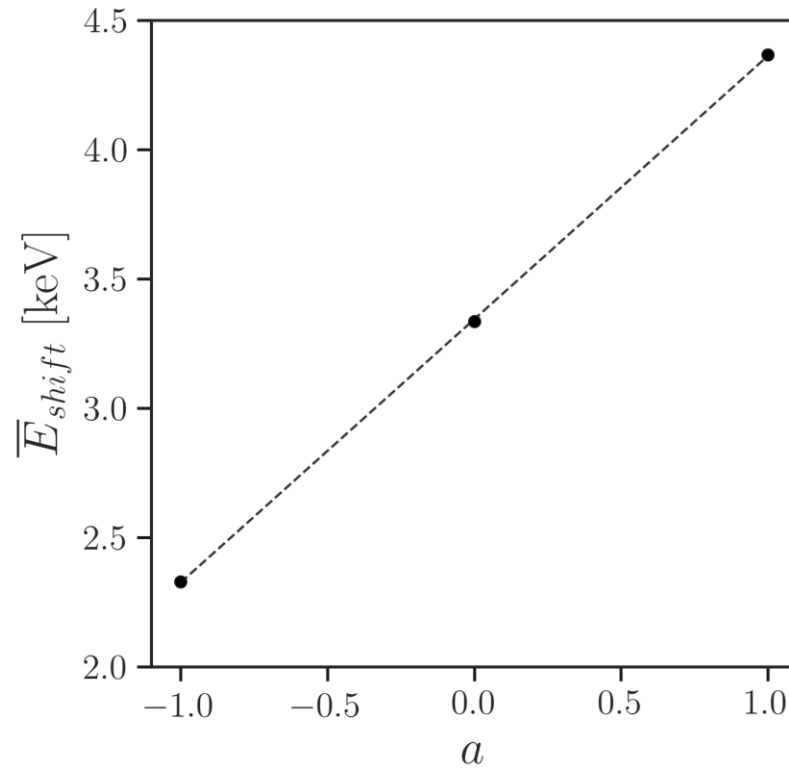
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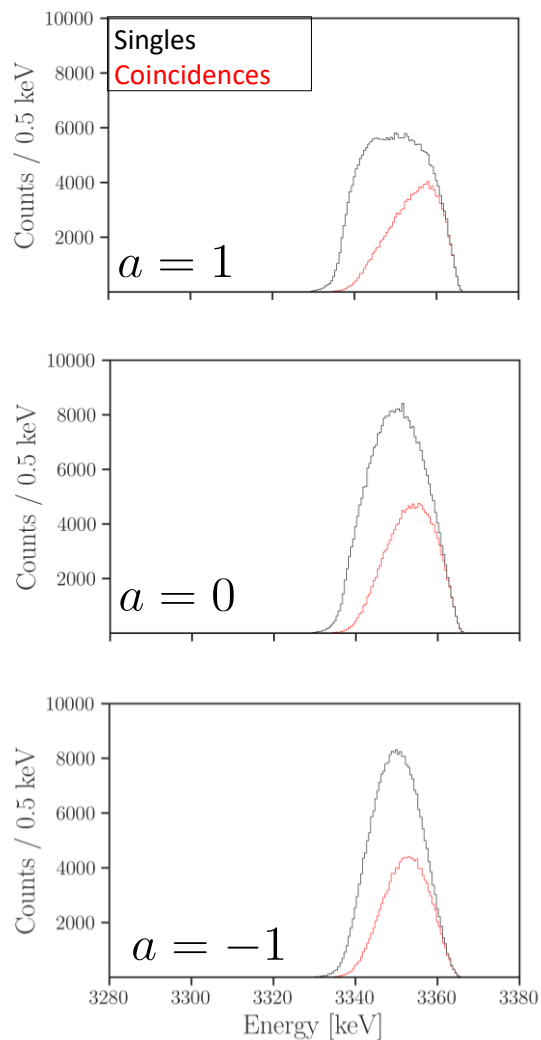
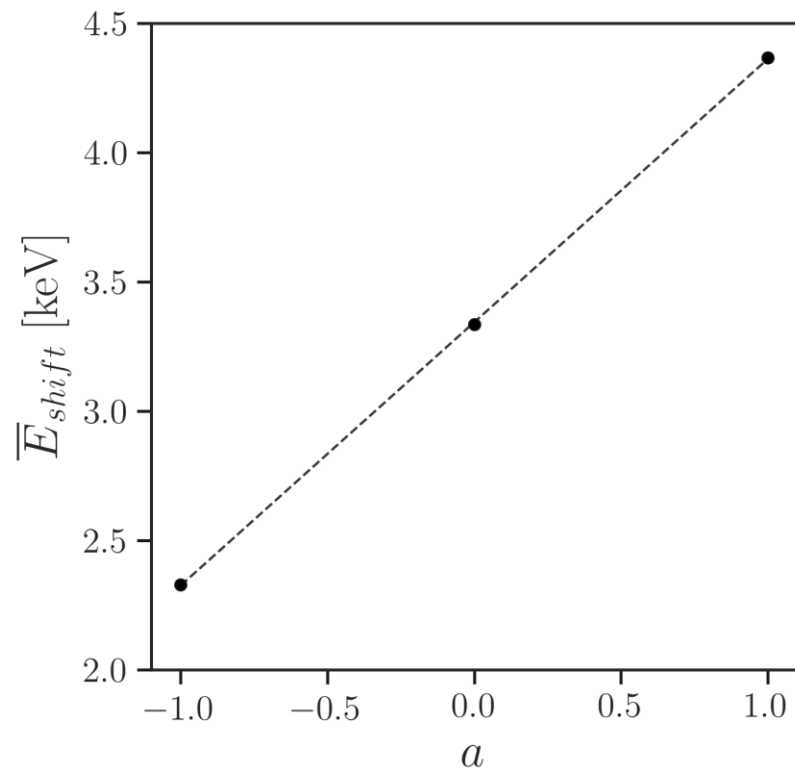
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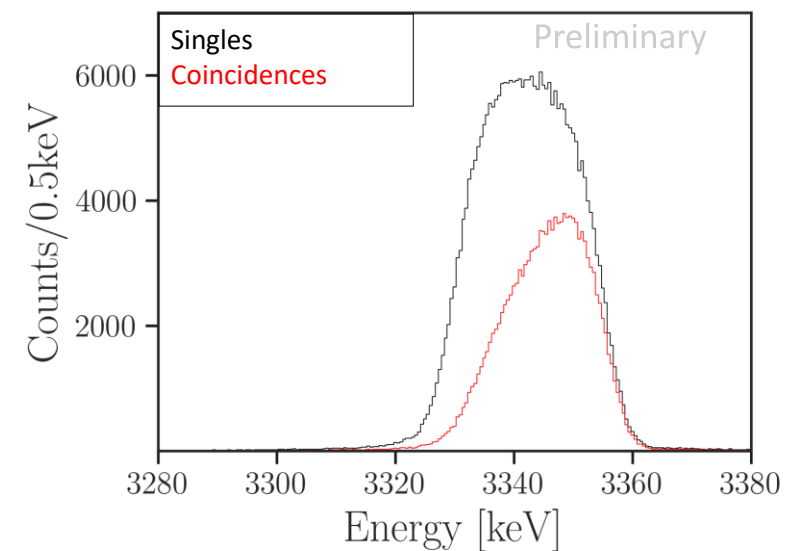
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Experimental data from last week



Extraction of a

Statistical error

2018*	200 000 events	$\Delta\tilde{a} = 0.027$
2021	700 000 events	$\Delta\tilde{a} = 0.017$
2024	12 000 000 events	$\Delta\tilde{a} = 0.002$ (estimated)

Systematic error

Main sources	Uncertainty				Improvement
	2018*	$\Delta\tilde{a}$	(estimated) 2024	$\Delta\tilde{a}$	
β -backscattering	~15%	17	~ 10%	< 10	Lower threshold
Dead layer thickness	430 ± 300 nm	12	100 ± 5 nm	0.3	New detectors
Catcher thickness	6.70 ± 0.15 μ m	5	0.60 ± 0.02 μ m	0.3	RBS measurement
Source radius/position	± 3 mm	1	± 0.5 mm	0.2	MCP beam profile
Detector position	± 1 mm	0.3	± 0.5 mm	0.2	Laser alignment
Calibration	~ 5 keV	10	~ 1 keV	2	^{33}Ar runs, new detectors

$\times 10^{-3}$
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Extraction of a

Final result

2018 : $\tilde{a} = 1.007(32)_{stat}(25)_{sys}$

2021 : $\tilde{a} = 1.002(17)_{stat}$

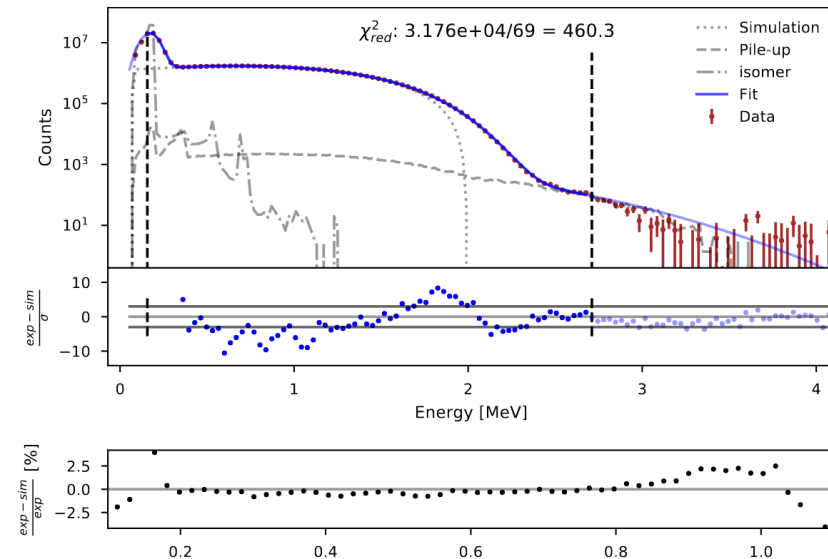
2024 : $\tilde{a} = ?$

On going systematic analysis

On going analysis

Other experiment @ WISArD: INESS

- Beta-Spectrum shape measurement of ^{144}In
- Effect of weak magnetism



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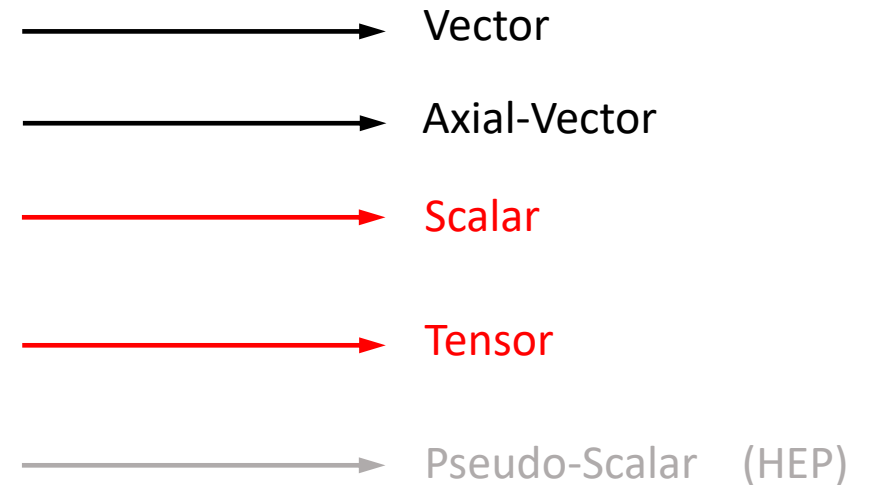
Weak interaction

Example of the β^+ decay :

$$u \longrightarrow d + e^+ + \nu_e$$

$$\frac{A}{Z}X \longrightarrow \frac{A}{Z-1}X' + e^+ + \nu_e$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{Lee-Yang} = & + \bar{p}\gamma^\mu n \bar{e}\gamma_\mu (C_V + C'_V\gamma_5)\nu \\ & - \bar{p}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5 n \bar{e}\gamma_\mu (C_A\gamma_5 + C'_A)\nu \\ & + \bar{p}n \bar{e}(C_S + C'_S\gamma_5)\nu \\ & + \frac{1}{2}\bar{p}\sigma^{\mu\nu} n \bar{e}\sigma_{\mu\nu} (C_T + C'_T\gamma_5)\nu \\ & - \bar{p}\gamma_5 n \bar{e}(C_P\gamma_5 + C'_P)\nu \\ & + h.c \end{aligned}$$



 —————→ Vector
 —————→ Axial-Vector
 —————→ Scalar
 —————→ Tensor
 —————→ Pseudo-Scalar (HEP)

Beyond Standard Model :

$$C_V = C'_V = 1 \quad C_A = C'_A \simeq 1.27$$

$$C_S = ? \quad C_T = ?$$

Weak interaction

$$a\xi = |M_F|^2(-C_S^2 - C_S'^2 + C_V^2 + C_V'^2) - \frac{|M_{GT}|^2}{3}(-C_T^2 - C_T'^2 + C_A^2 + C_A'^2)$$

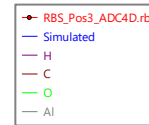
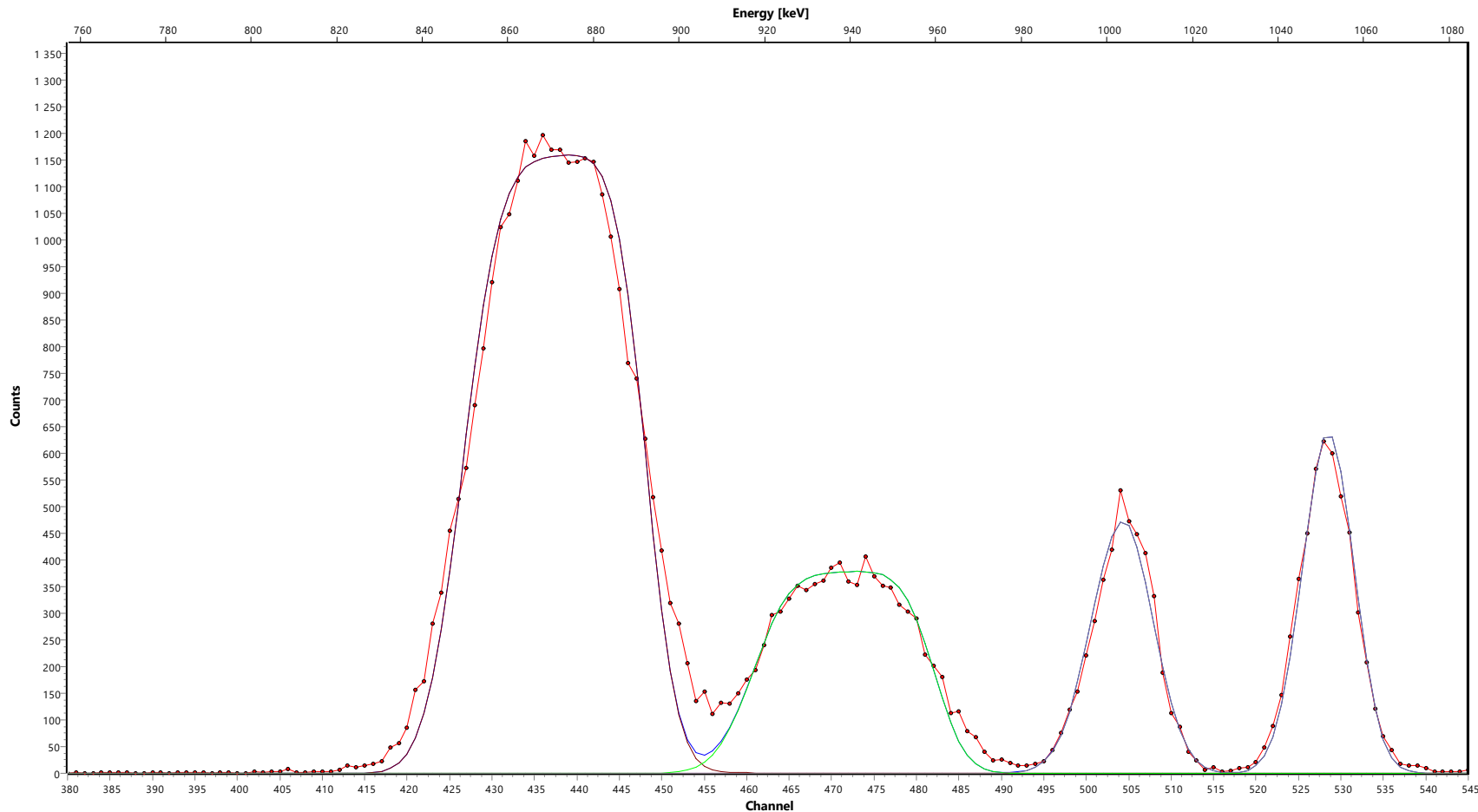
$$b\xi = 2|M_F|^2(C_S C_V + C_S' C_V') + 2|M_{GT}|^2(C_T C_A + C_T' C_A')$$

$$\xi = |M_F|^2(C_S^2 + C_S'^2 + C_V^2 + C_V'^2) + |M_{GT}|^2(C_T^2 + C_T'^2 + C_A^2 + C_A'^2)$$

$$\tilde{a} = \frac{a}{1 + b \left\langle \frac{m_e}{E_0} \right\rangle}$$

RBS measurement

Proton beam at 1.2 MeV
Angle of detection 135°



- Al -> 70 ± 5 nm
- Al -> 52 ± 5 nm
- Mylar -> 665 ± 25 nm

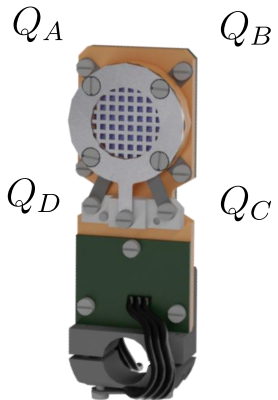
Annex: MCP reconstruction

Usual formula

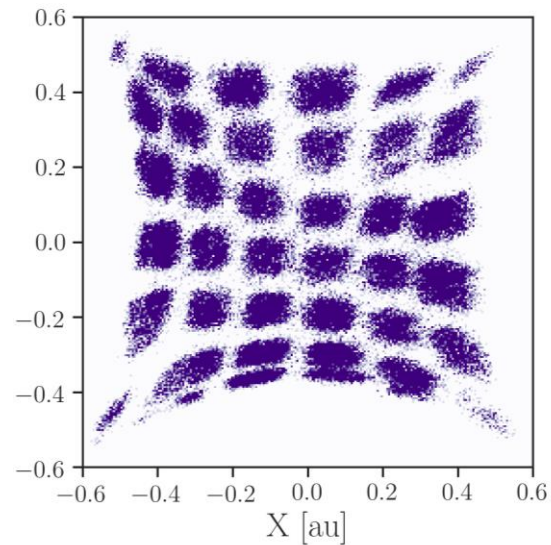
Q: charge collected by one corner

$$x = \frac{Q_B + Q_C - Q_A - Q_D}{Q_A + Q_B + Q_C + Q_D}$$

$$y = \frac{Q_B - Q_C + Q_A - Q_D}{Q_A + Q_B + Q_C + Q_D}$$



Deformed image



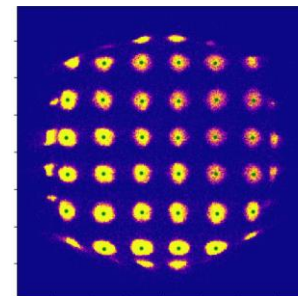
New empirical formula

$$x = -\frac{\log\left(\frac{Q_B Q_C}{Q_A Q_D}\right)}{\log\left(\frac{Q_A Q_B Q_C Q_D}{(Q_A + Q_B + Q_C + Q_D)^4}\right)}$$

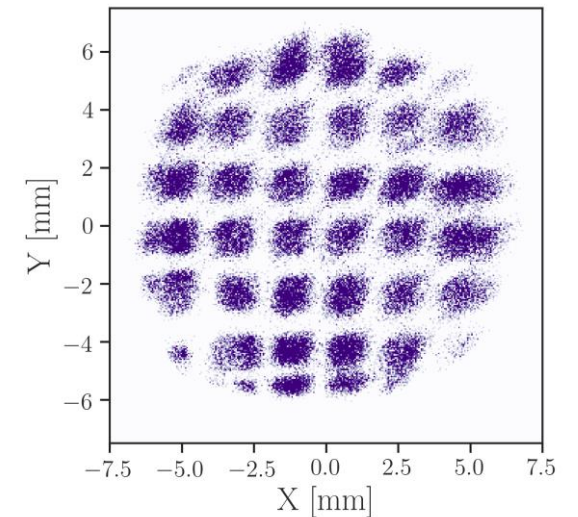
$$y = -\frac{\log\left(\frac{Q_B Q_D}{Q_A Q_C}\right)}{\log\left(\frac{Q_A Q_B Q_C Q_D}{(Q_A + Q_B + Q_C + Q_D)^4}\right)}$$

Corners gain match

Quick algorithm to fit the image with the mask



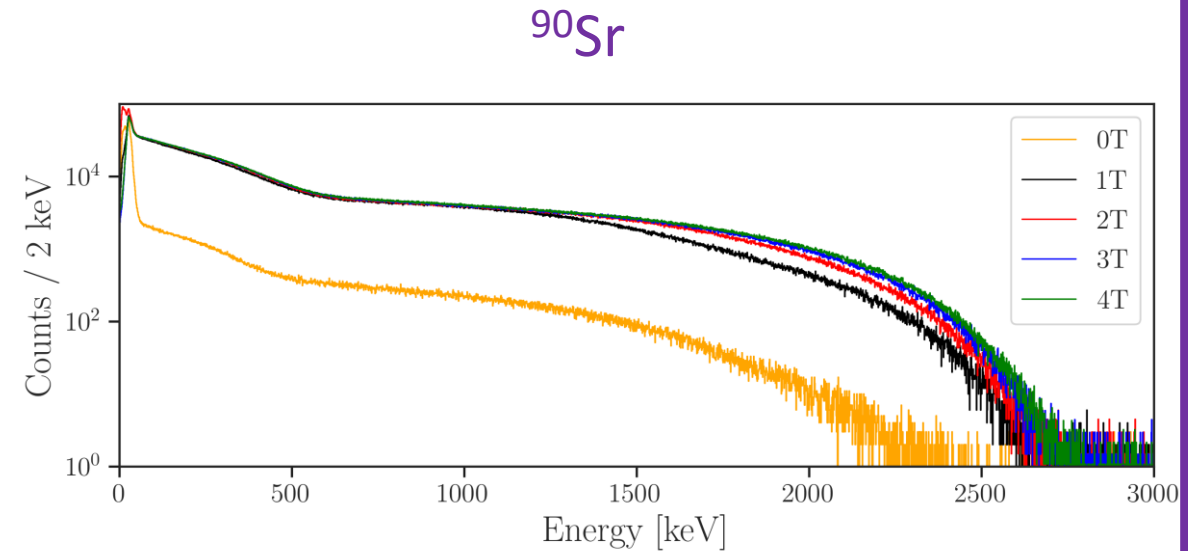
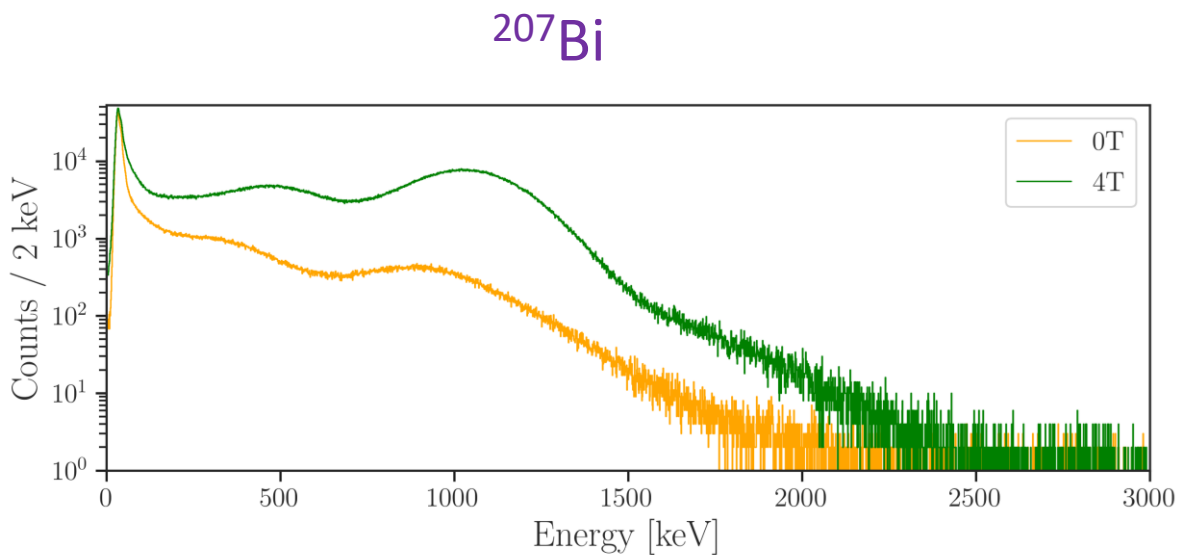
Final image



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β sources: Threshold determination, calibration, detection efficiency as a function of B



α sources: detection efficiency as a function of B

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Gd

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Pu

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Am

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Cm

