

MIMAC

Micro-tpc MAtrix of Chambers

A Large TPC for Directional Dark Matter detection

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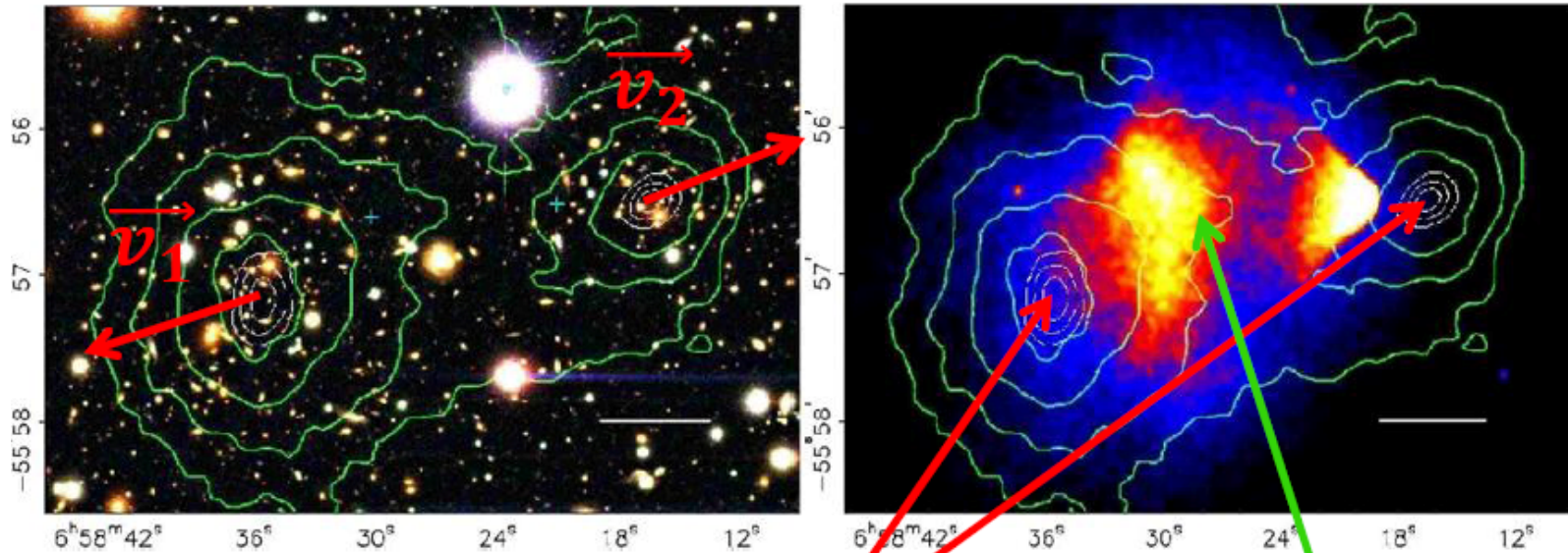
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At the galaxy cluster scale...

(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

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mesure de l'énergie déposée

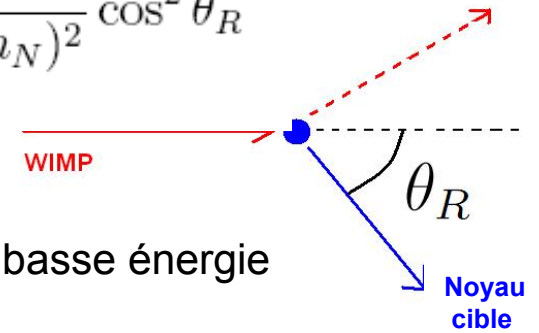
lors de la diffusion élastique WIMP-noyau

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



détecteur basse énergie

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



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

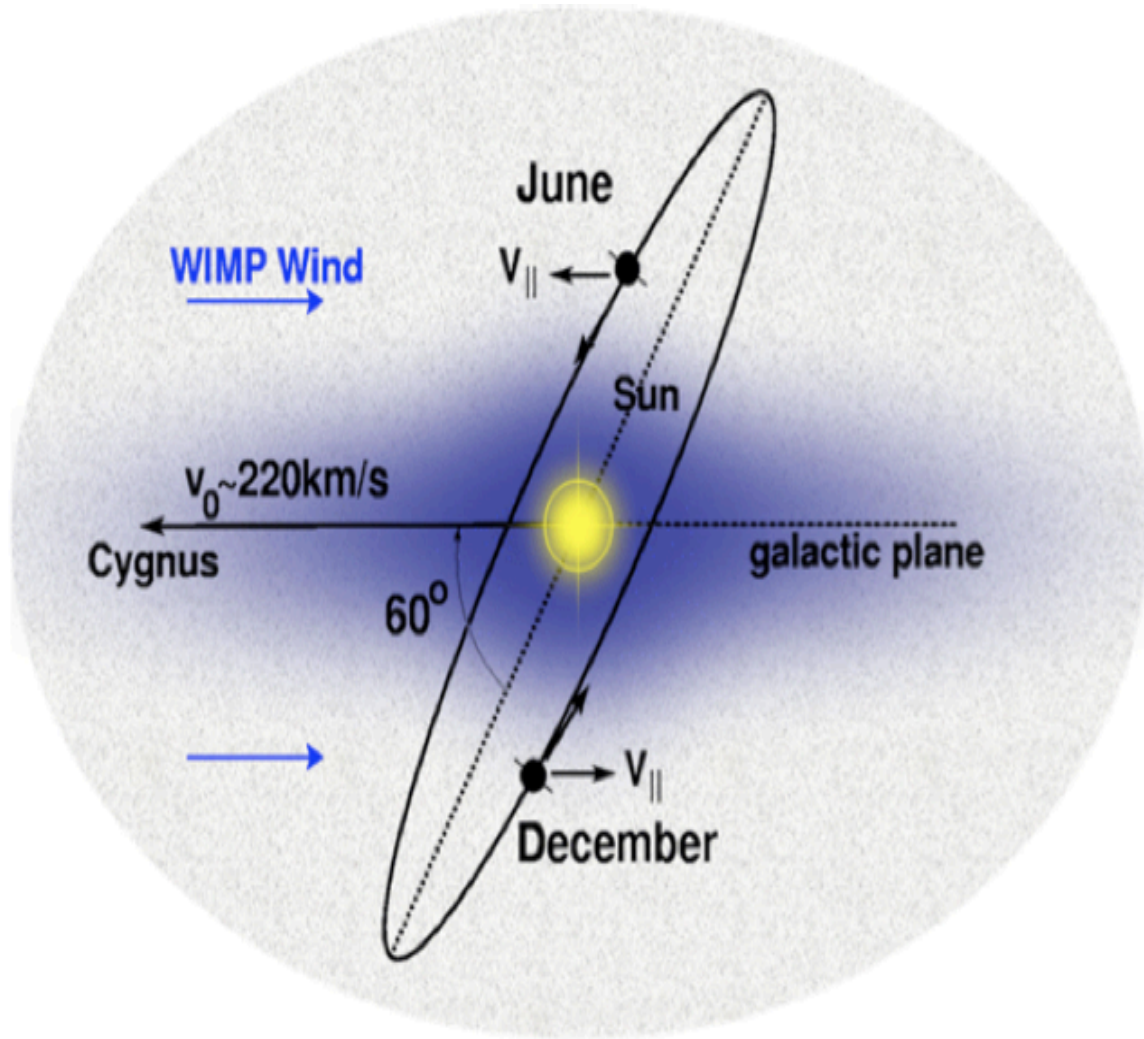
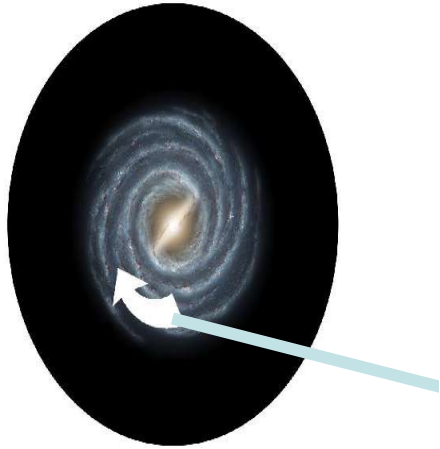
- ρ_0 : densité locale de WIMP
- σ : section efficace WIMP-noyau
- $\langle v \rangle$: vitesse relative moyenne des WIMP
- m_N : masse du noyau cible

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

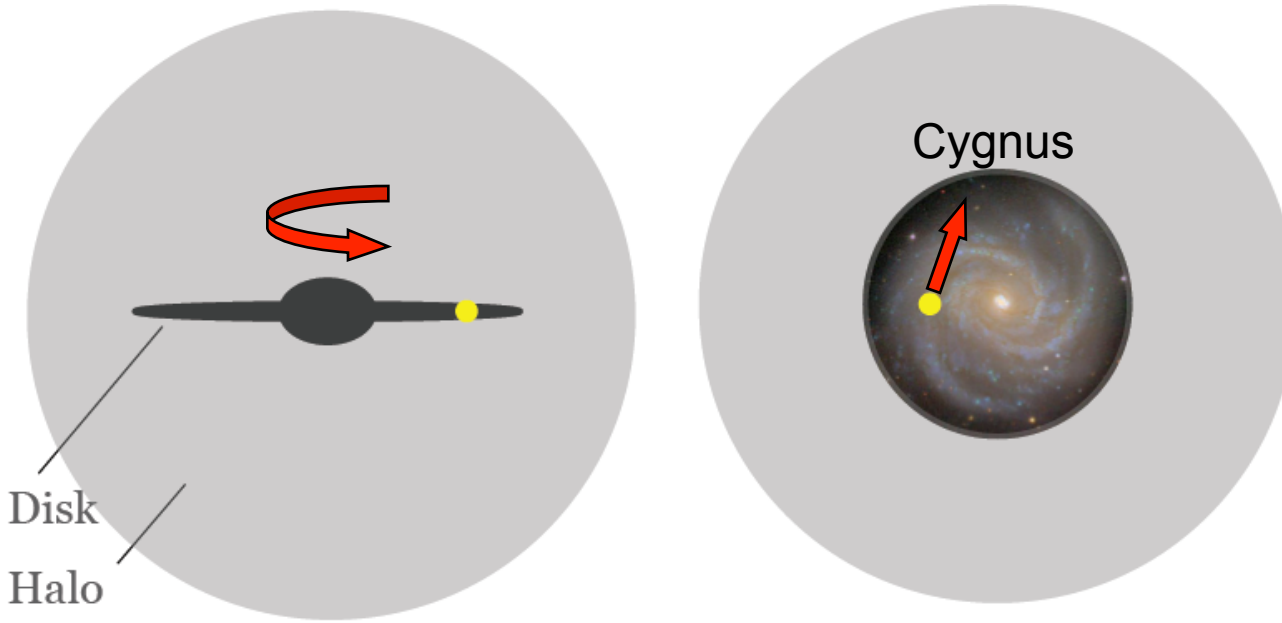
$$\frac{dR}{dE_r} = \left(\frac{\sigma_0}{2m_\chi m_r^2} \right) \times F^2(q) \times \rho_0 \int_{v_{min}}^{v_{esc}} \frac{f(\vec{v})}{v} d^3v$$

- nucléaire
- Astro
- SUSY ou Autres...

Directional detection: principle



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

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

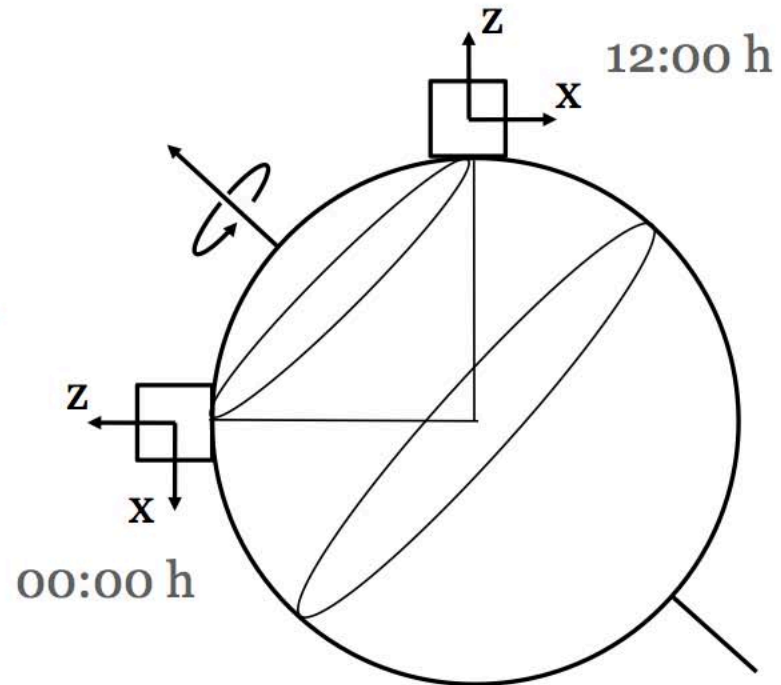
Angular modulation of WIMP flux

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

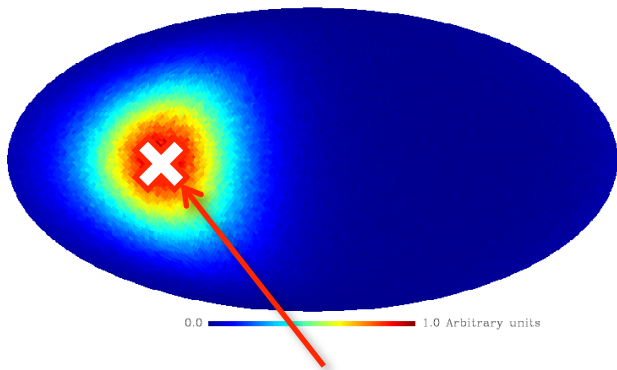
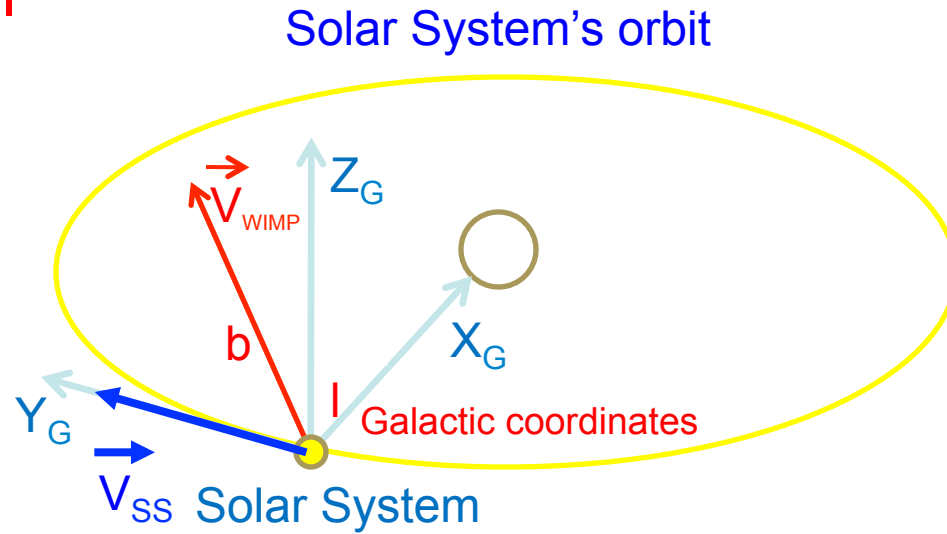
Cygnus



Direction of
Earth motion



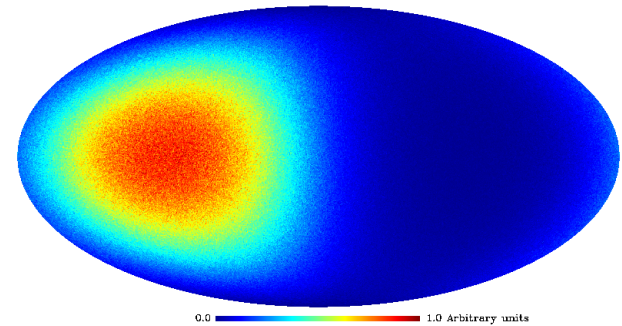
WIMP signal



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

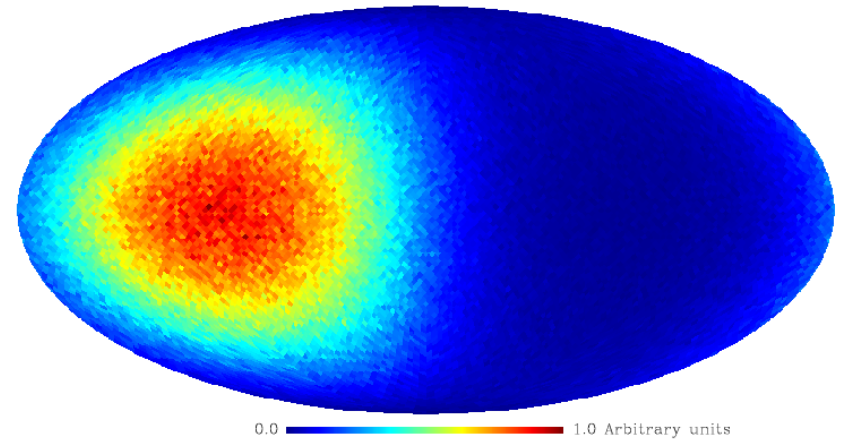
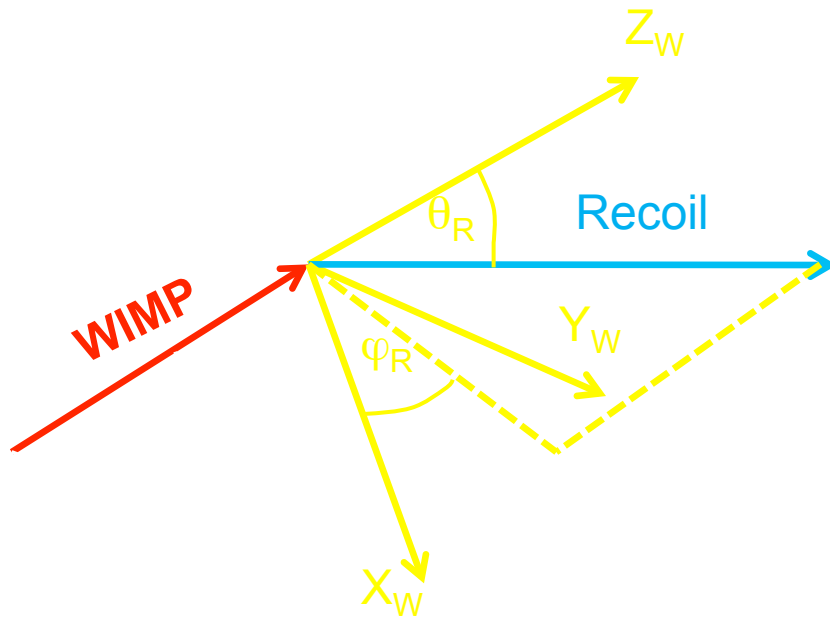


After collision



WIMP signal expected

There are many “angles” for nuclear recoils... A lot of information and important events to detect !!



Map of recoils in galactic coordinates (HealPix)

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

There are many angles for nuclear recoils...

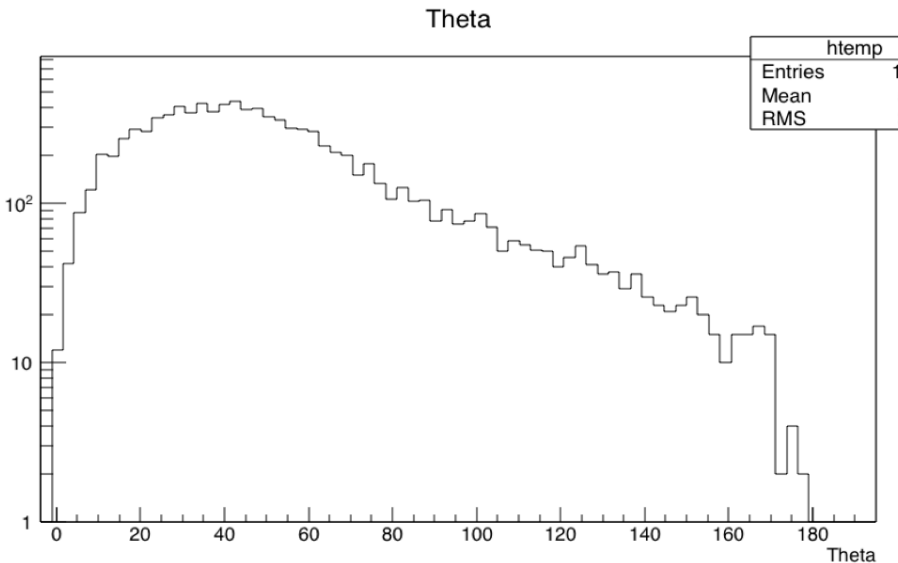
A lot of information and important events to detect

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

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

Produced by neutrons of 565 keV

Validated experimentally at Cadarache !!



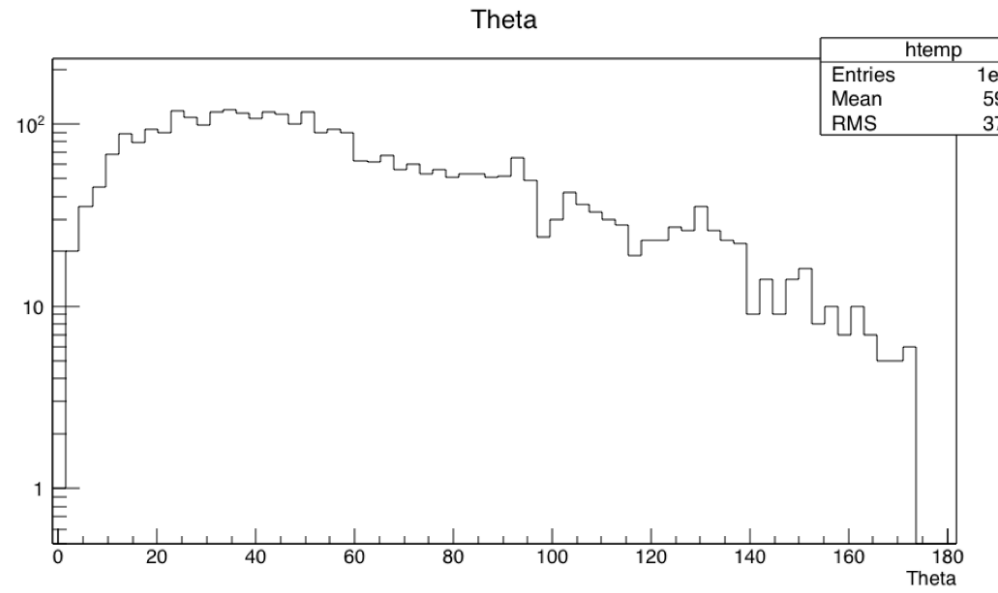
Geant4 simulations (N. Sauzet, DS. (2016))

Saclay-(France), April 11th 2016

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

Angular distribution in the laboratory

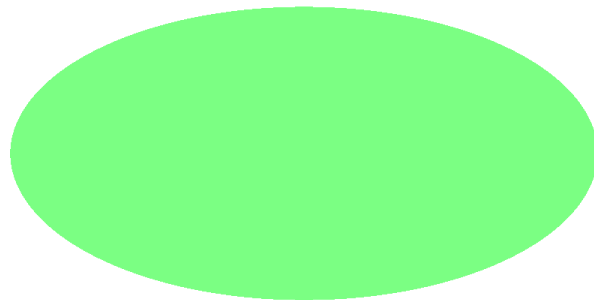
Produced by neutrons of 200 keV



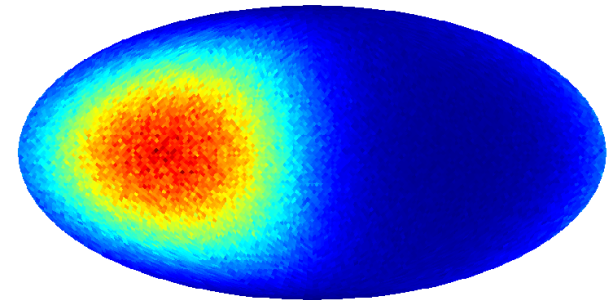
The same kind of distributions for C !!

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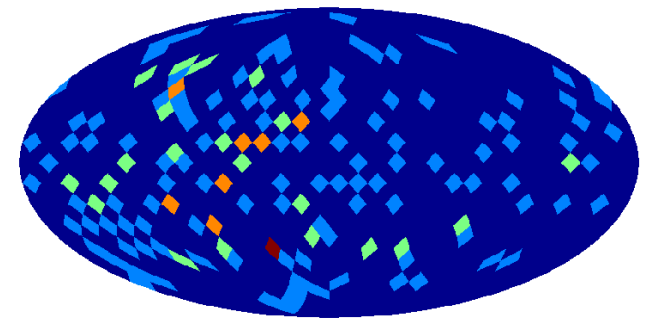
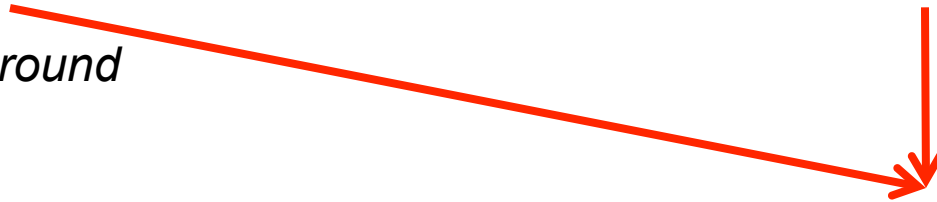
100 WIMP evts + 100 Background evts



Background



Wimp recoils

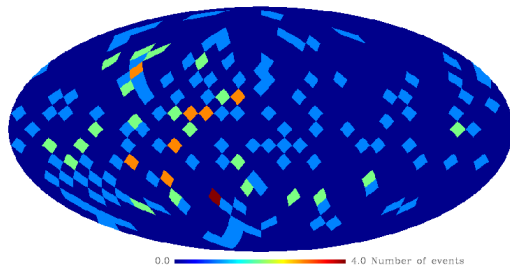


Phenomenology: Discovery

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

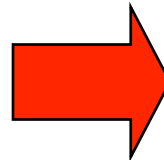
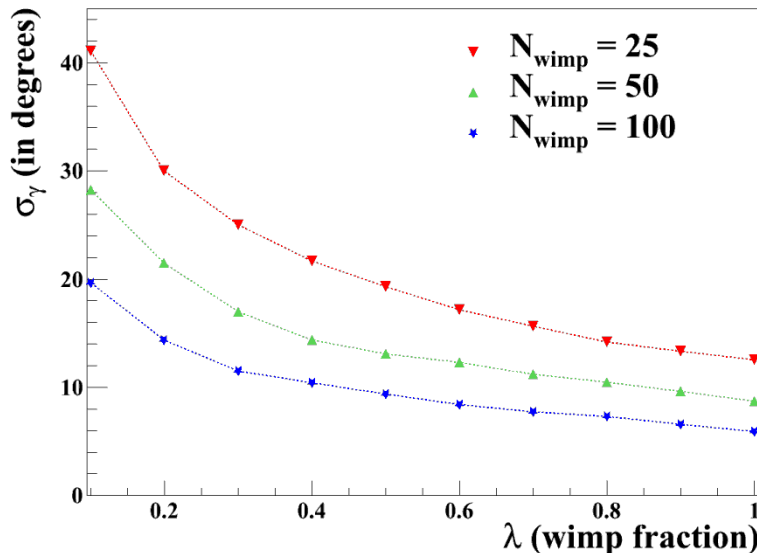
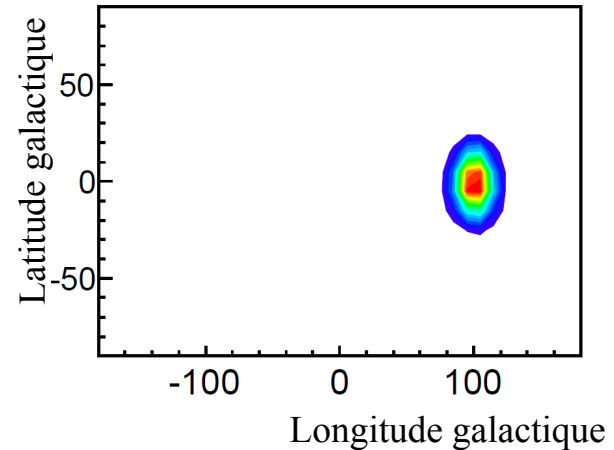
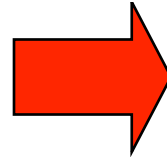
Proof of discovery: **Signal pointing toward the Cygnus constellation**

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

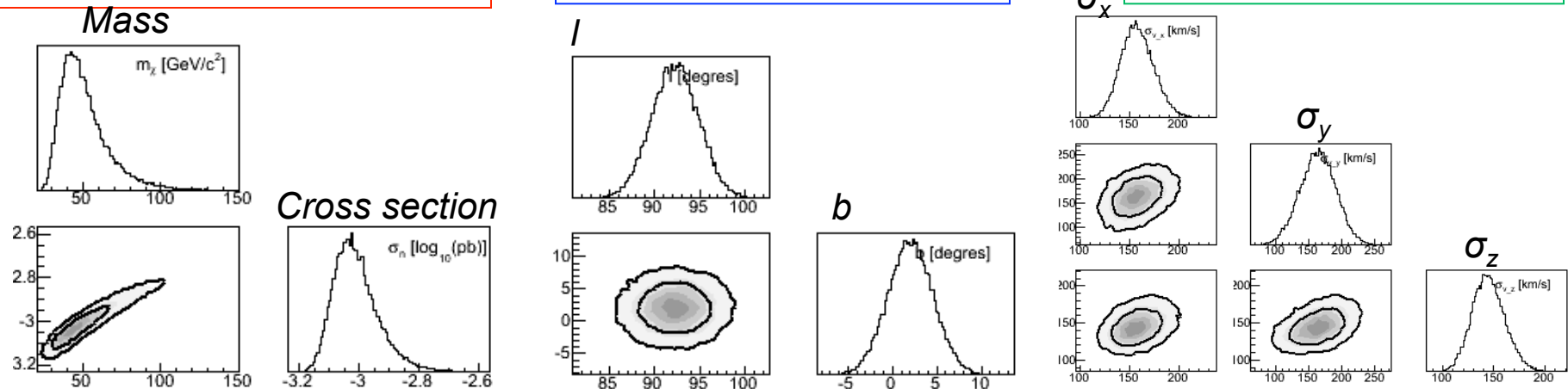
J. Billard *et al.*, PRD 2011

8 parameters simultaneously constrained by only one 3D experiment

Mass – cross section

Dark Matter signature

Galactic Halo shape

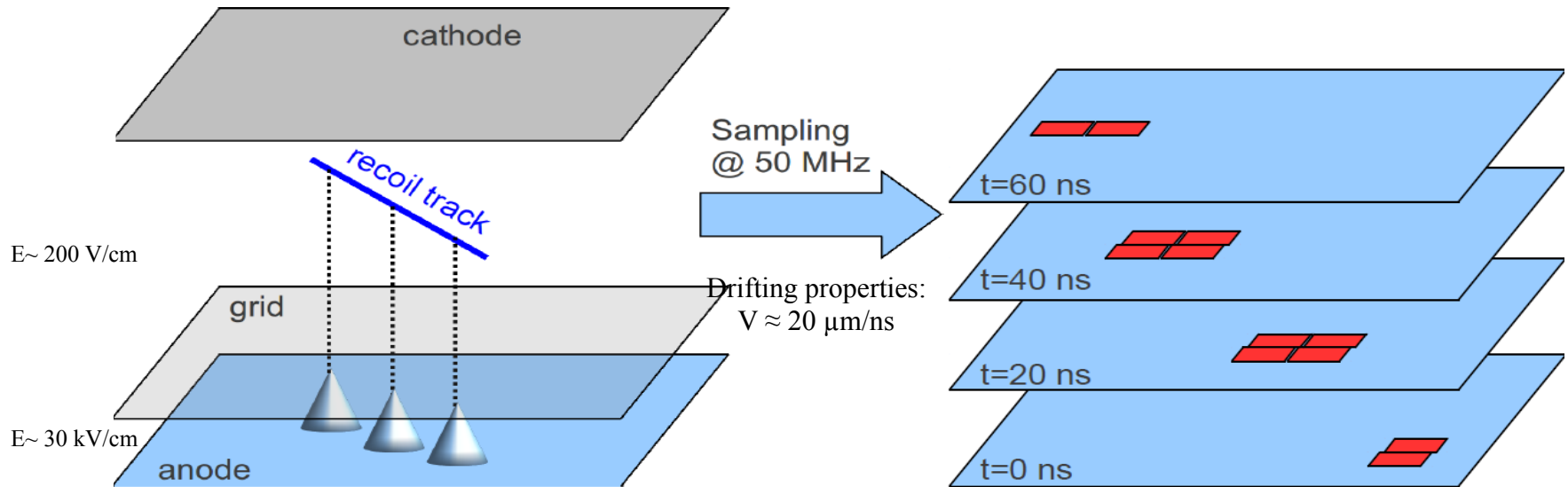


	m_χ (GeV/c^2)	$\log_{10}(\sigma_n$ (pb))	l_\odot ($^\circ$)	b_\odot ($^\circ$)	σ_x ($\text{km}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$)	σ_y ($\text{km}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$)	σ_z ($\text{km}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$)	β	R_b ($\text{kg}^{-1}\text{year}^{-1}$)
Input	50	-3	90	0	155	155	155	0	10
Output	$51.8^{+5.6}_{-19.4}$	$-3.01^{+0.05}_{-0.08}$	$92.2^{+2.5}_{-2.5}$	$2.0^{+2.5}_{-2.5}$	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

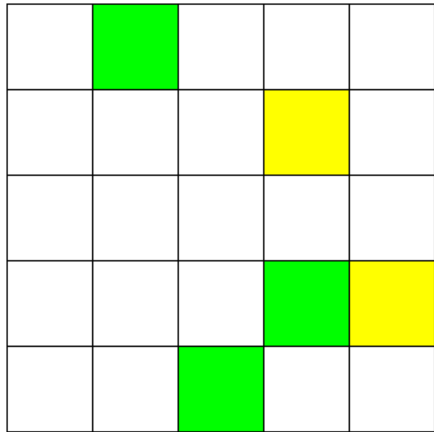


Scheme of a MIMAC μ TPC

Evolution of the collected charges on the anode

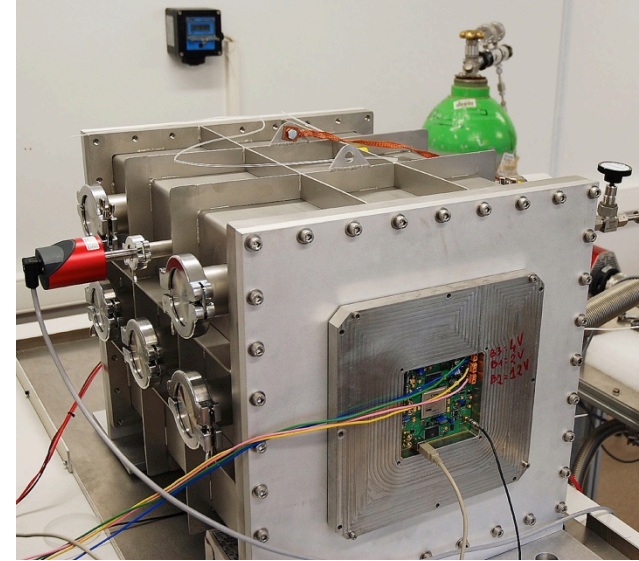
Measurement of the ionization energy: Charge integrator connected to the mesh coupled to a FADC sampled at 50 MHz

The MIMAC project



A low pressure multi-chamber detector

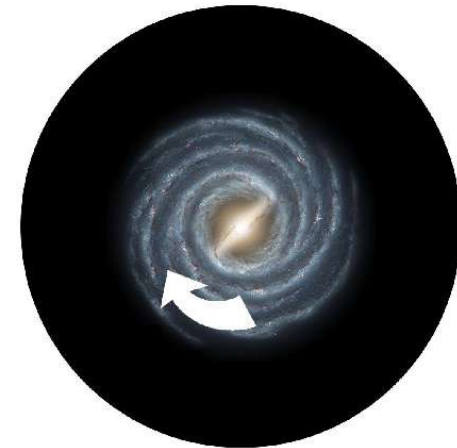
- Energy and 3D Track measurements
- Matrix of chambers (correlation)
- μ TPC : Micromegas technology
- CF_4 , CHF_3 , and ^1H : $\sigma(A)$ dependency
- Axial and scalar weak interaction
- **Directional detector**



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 (Micro-tpc Matrix of Chambers) (France)

LPSC (Grenoble) : D. Santos, F.Naraghi C.Couturier (post-doc), N. Sauzet
-Technical Coordination, Gas circulation and detectors : **O. Guillaudin**
- Electronics : **G. Bosson, J. Bouvier, J.L. Bouly,
L.Gallin-Martel, F. Rarbi**
- Data Acquisition: **T. Descombes**
- Mechanical Structure : **Ch. Fourel, J. Giraud**
- COMIMAC (quenching) : **J-F. Muraz**

IRFU (Saclay): P. Colas, E. Ferrer-Ribas, I. Giomataris

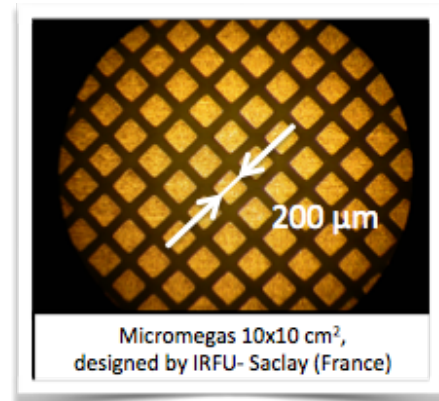
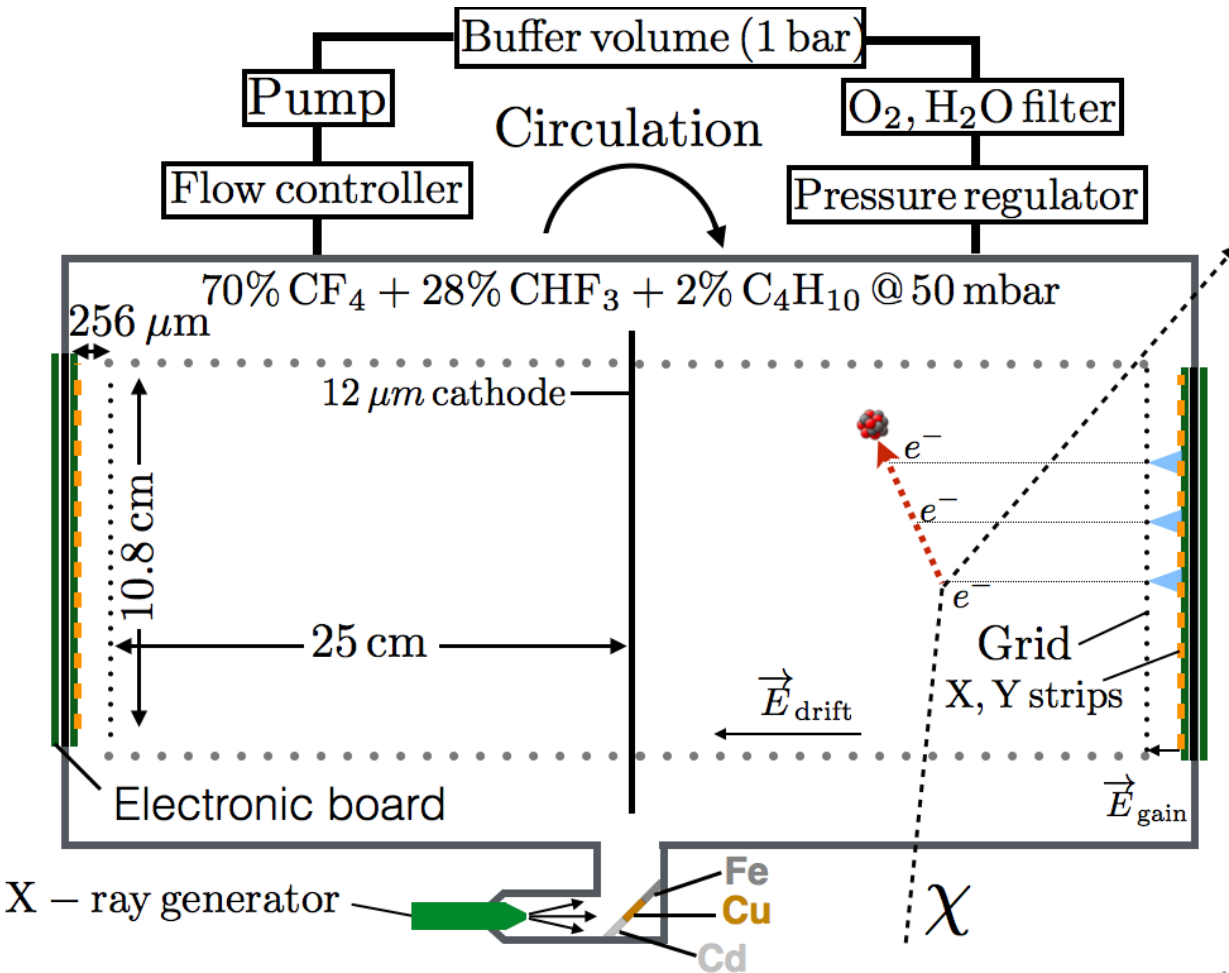
CCPM (Marseille): J. Busto, D. Fouchez, C. Tao (Tsinghua (China))

Tsinghua (China): C. Tao, N. Zhou

Neutron facility (AMANDE) :

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

MIMAC-bi-chamber module prototype

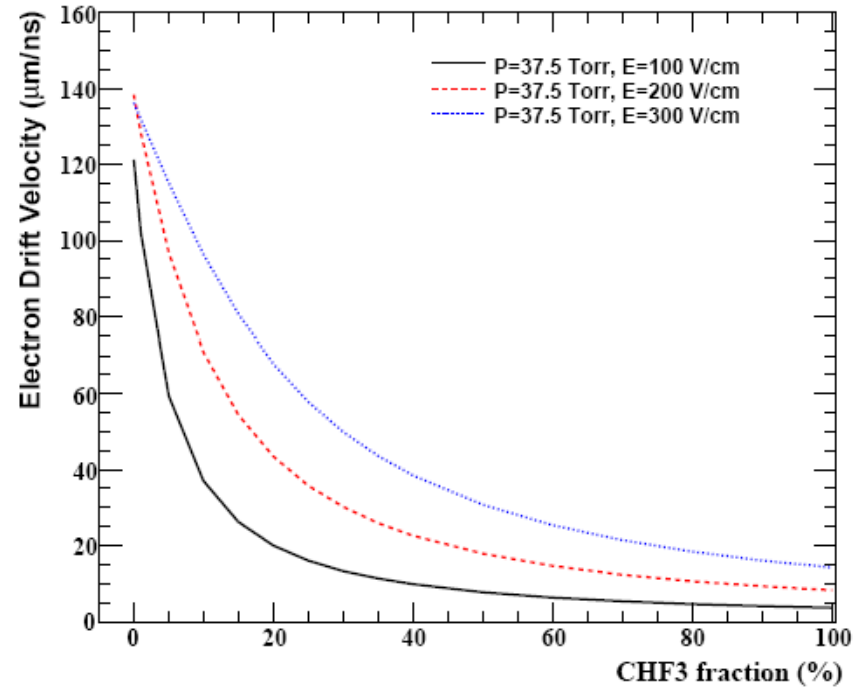
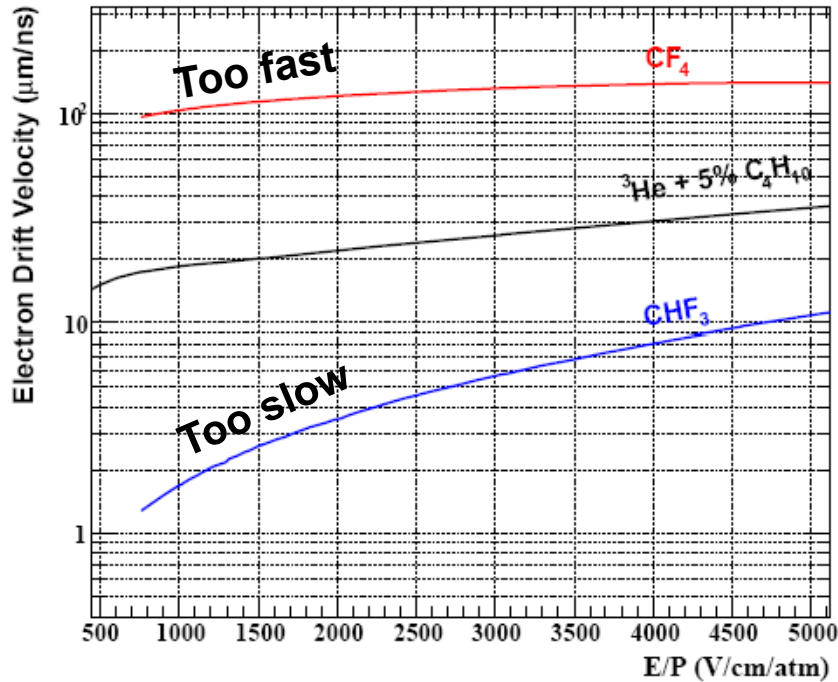


MIMAC Target: ^{19}F

- Light WIMP mass
- Axial coupling

3D Tracks: Drift velocity

Magboltz Simulation



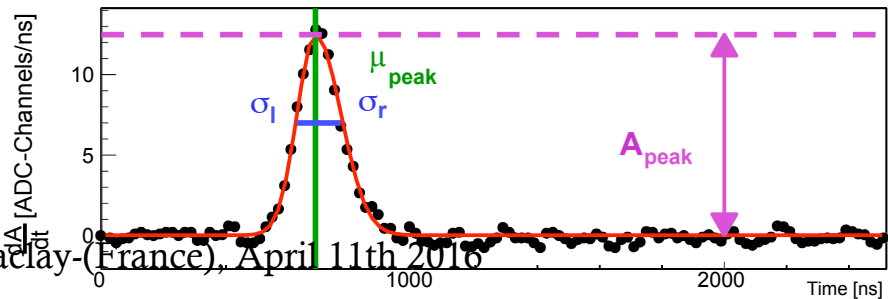
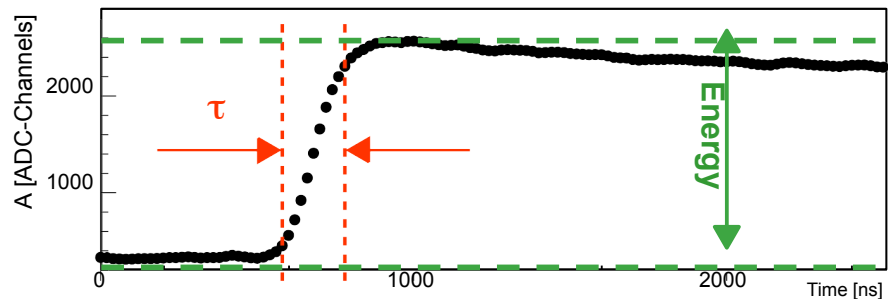
- New mixed gas MIMAC target : $\text{CF}_4 + x\% \text{CHF}_3$ ($x=30$)

MIMAC readout

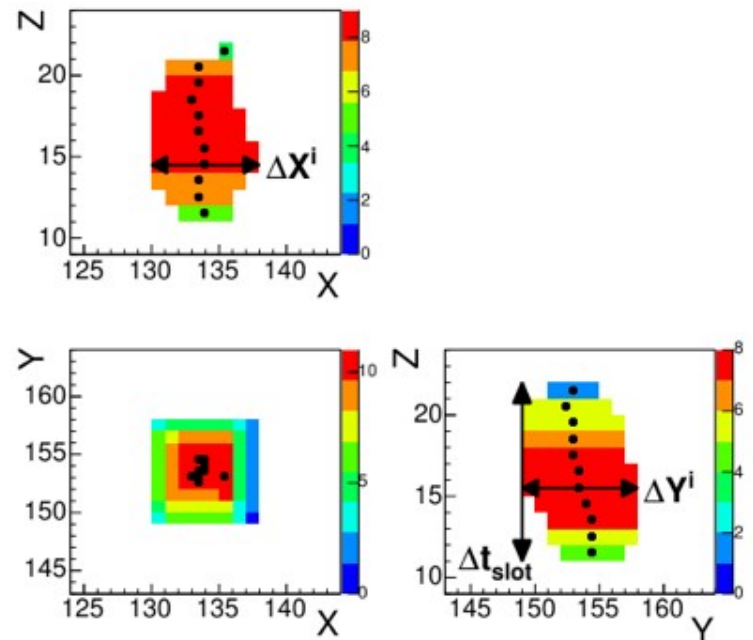


Dedicated fast electronics (self-triggered)
Based on the MIMAC chip (64 channels)

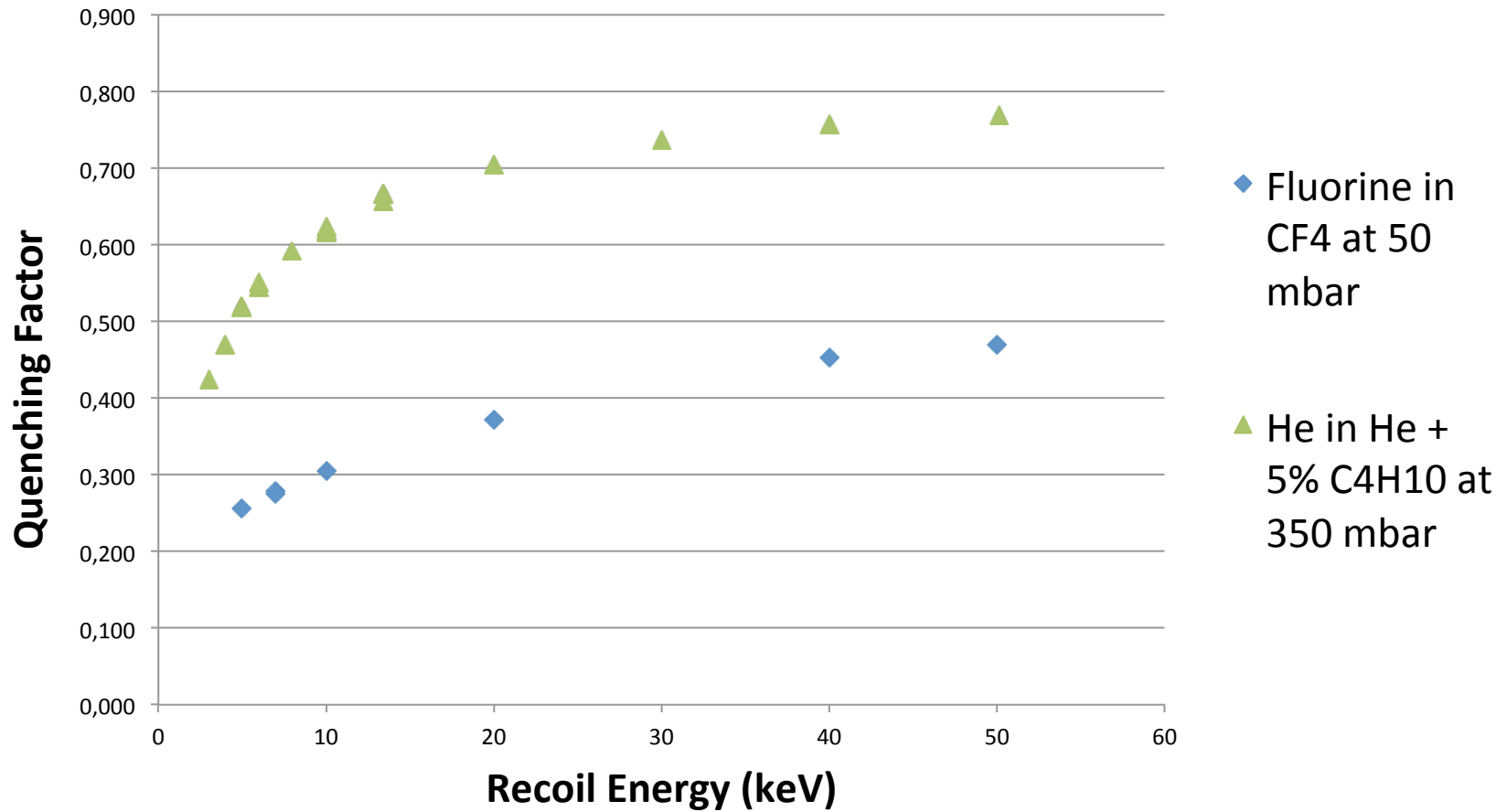
preamplifier signal + FADC: Energy



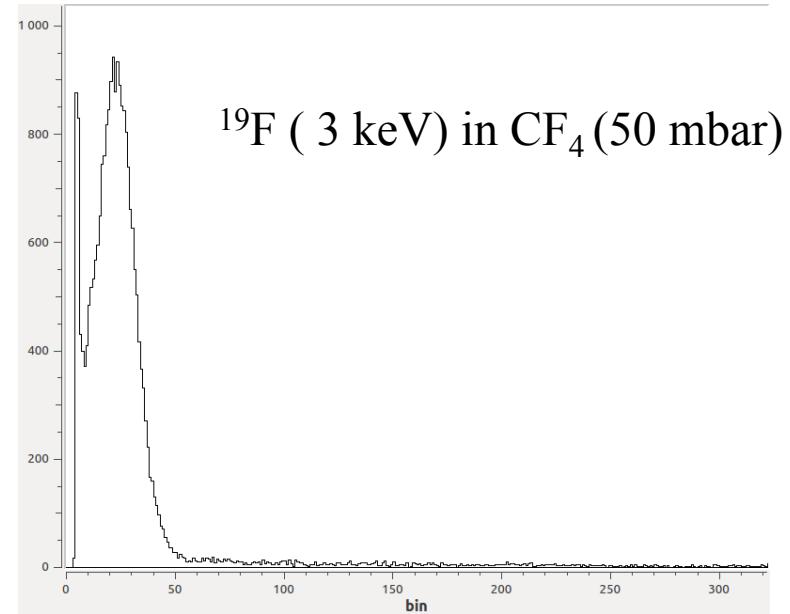
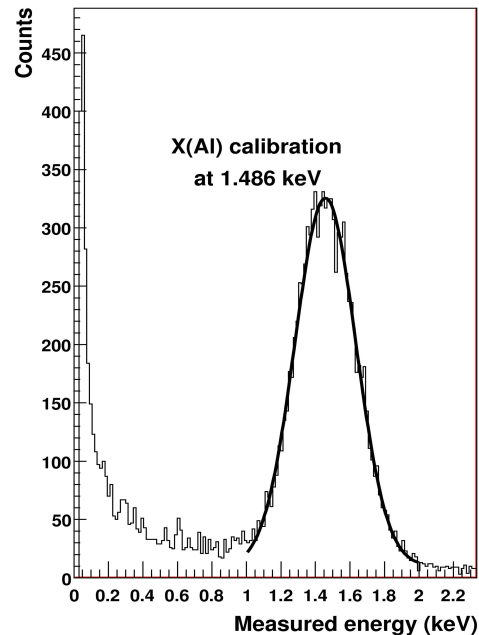
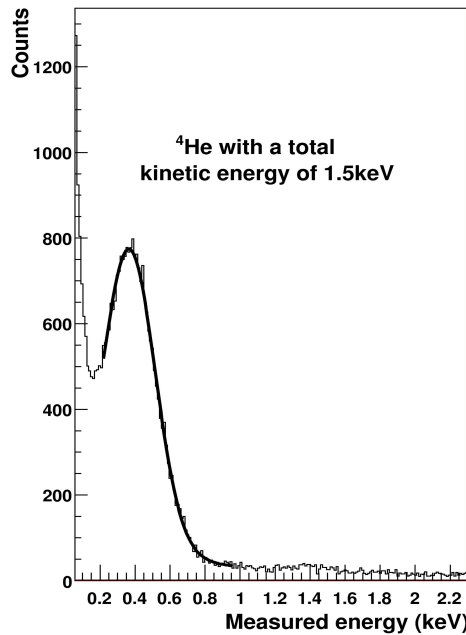
3D - track



Ionization Quenching Factor for Fluorine in pure CF₄ at 50 mbar



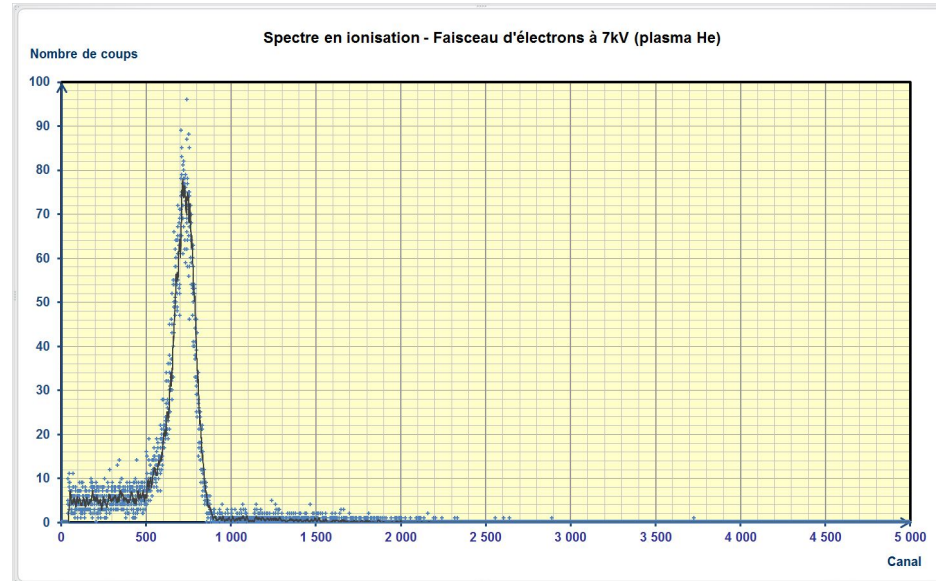
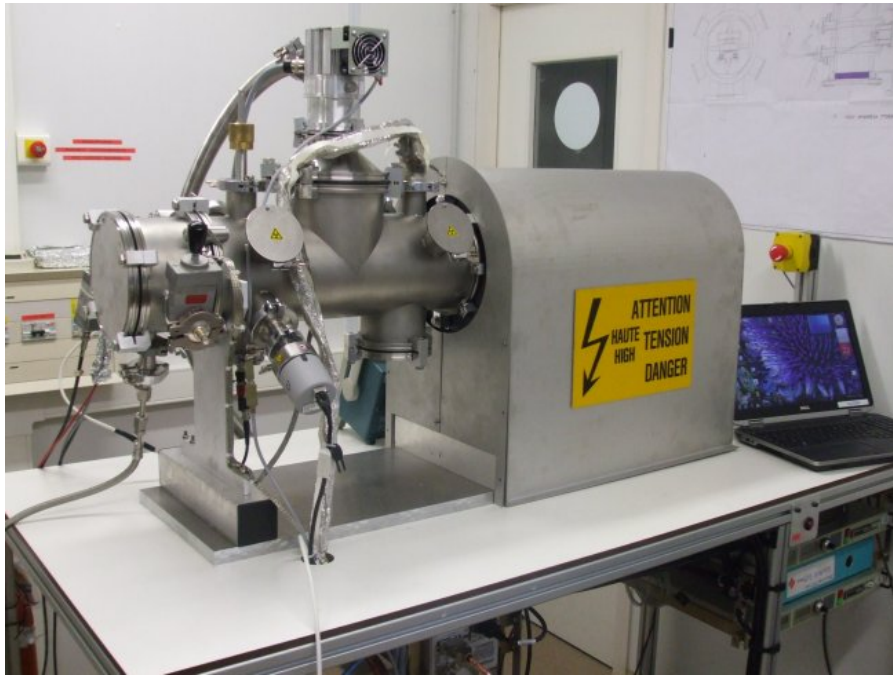
Ionization Quenching Factor Measurements at LPSC-Grenoble



Saclay-(France), April 11th 2016

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

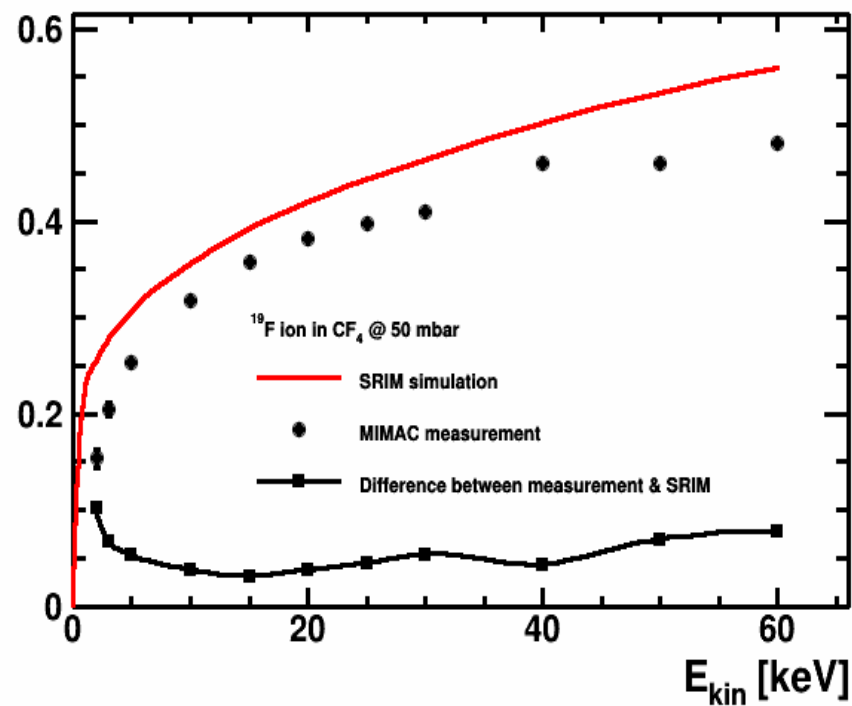
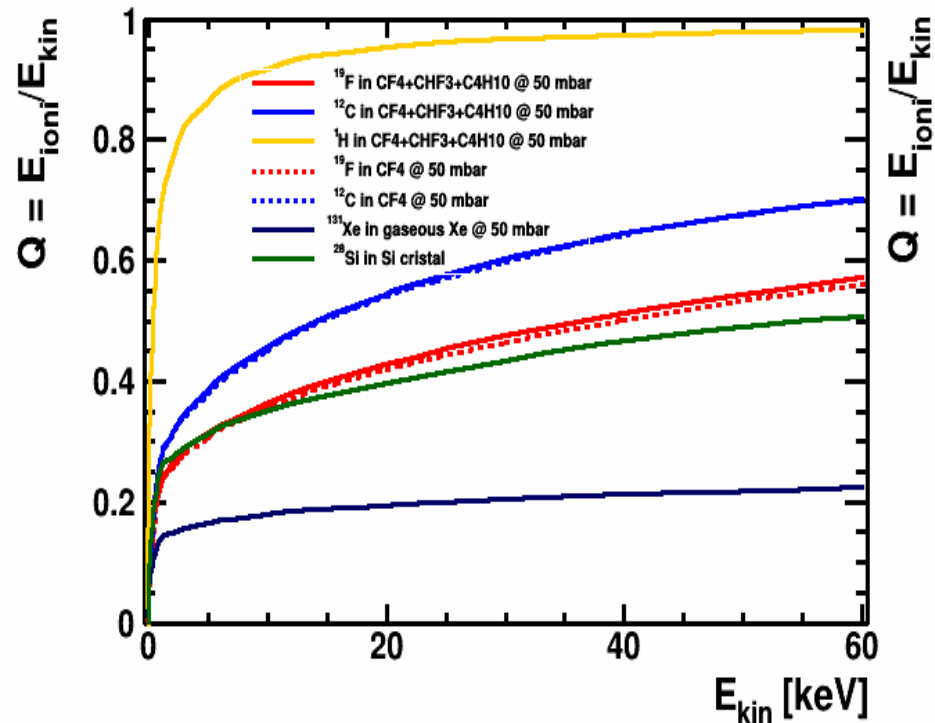


Electrons of 7 keV

**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)



MIMAC validation with neutrons

Neutron monochromatic field:

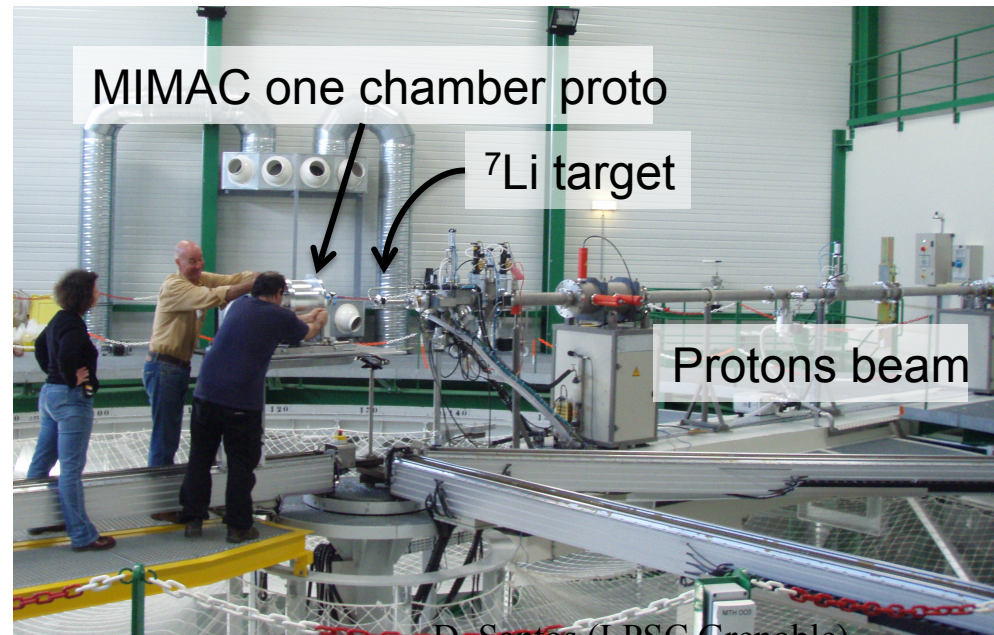
AMANDE facility at IRSN of Cadarache

- 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

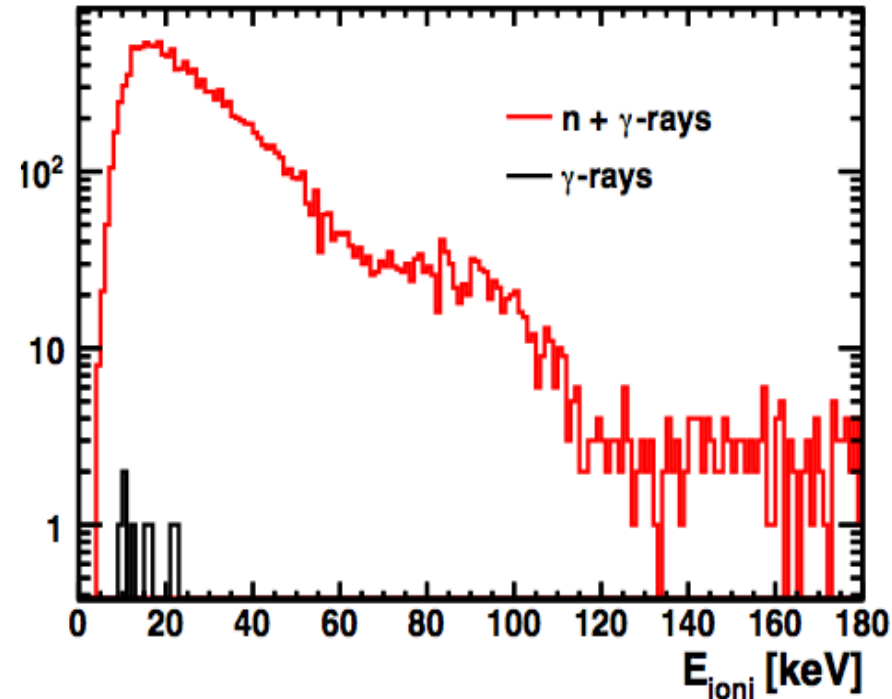
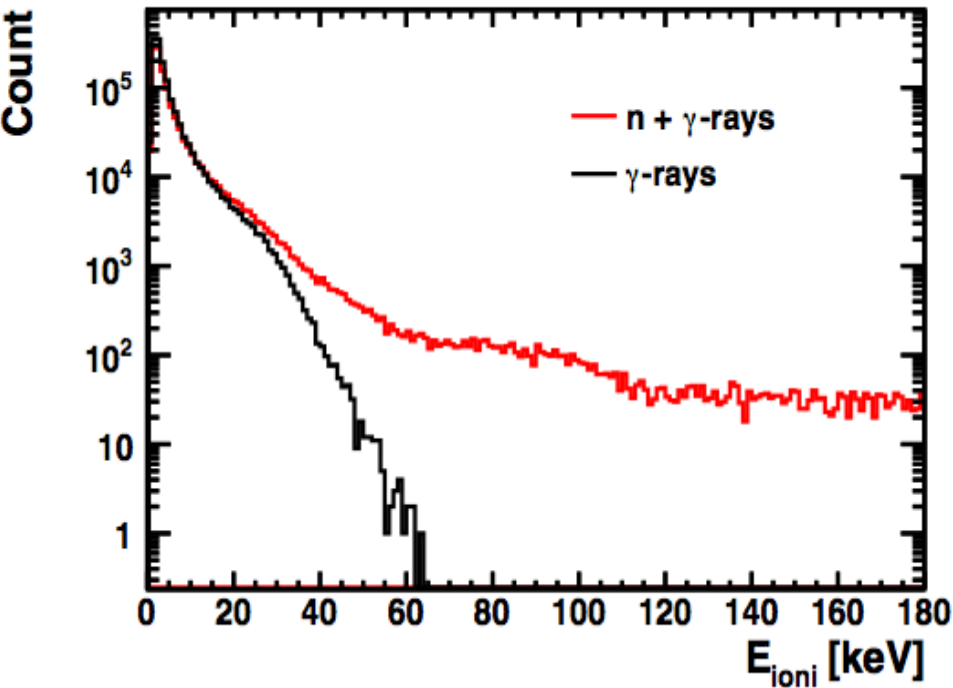


Electron-recoil Discrimination

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

Neutrons \longrightarrow F, C, H, nuclear recoils

γ - rays \longrightarrow Electrons



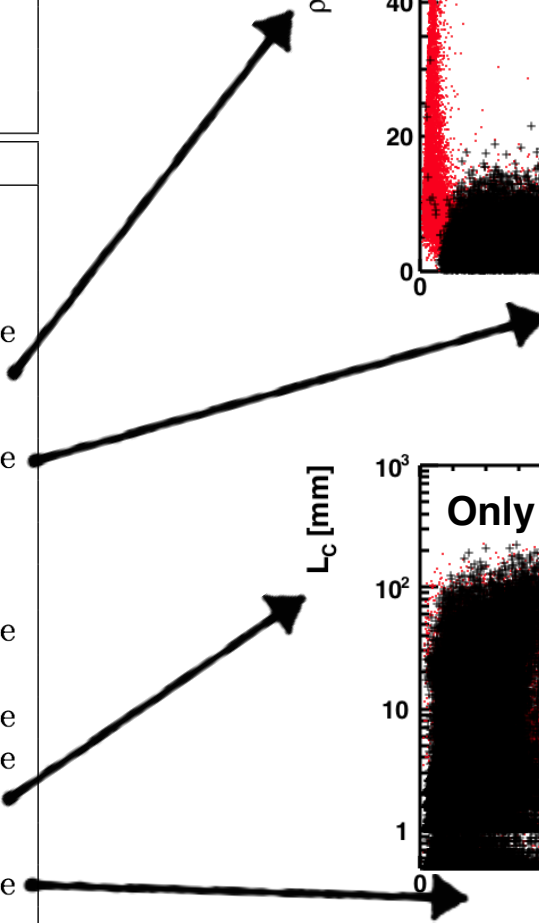
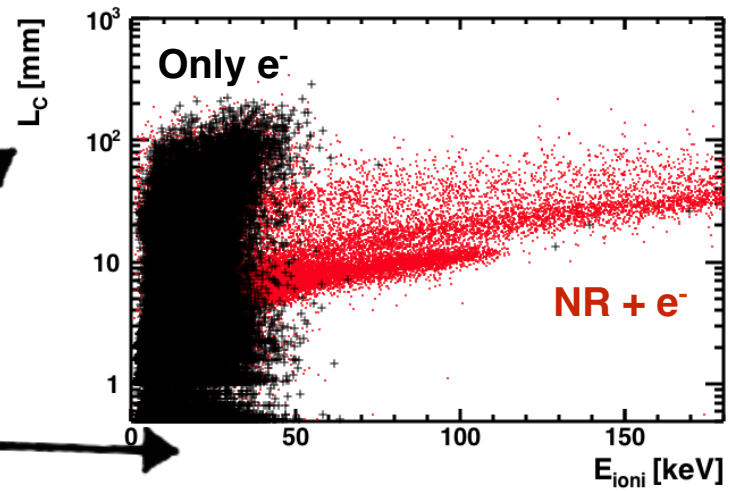
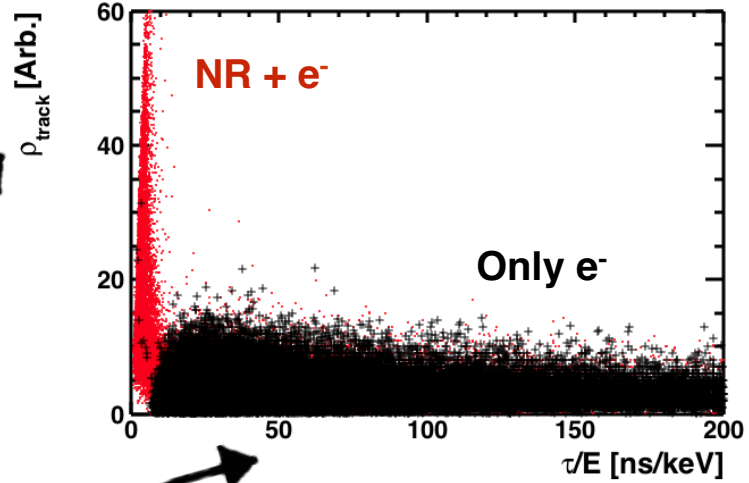
$$N_{\text{acpt}}/N_{\text{tot}} = 1.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ electron integrated rejection}$$

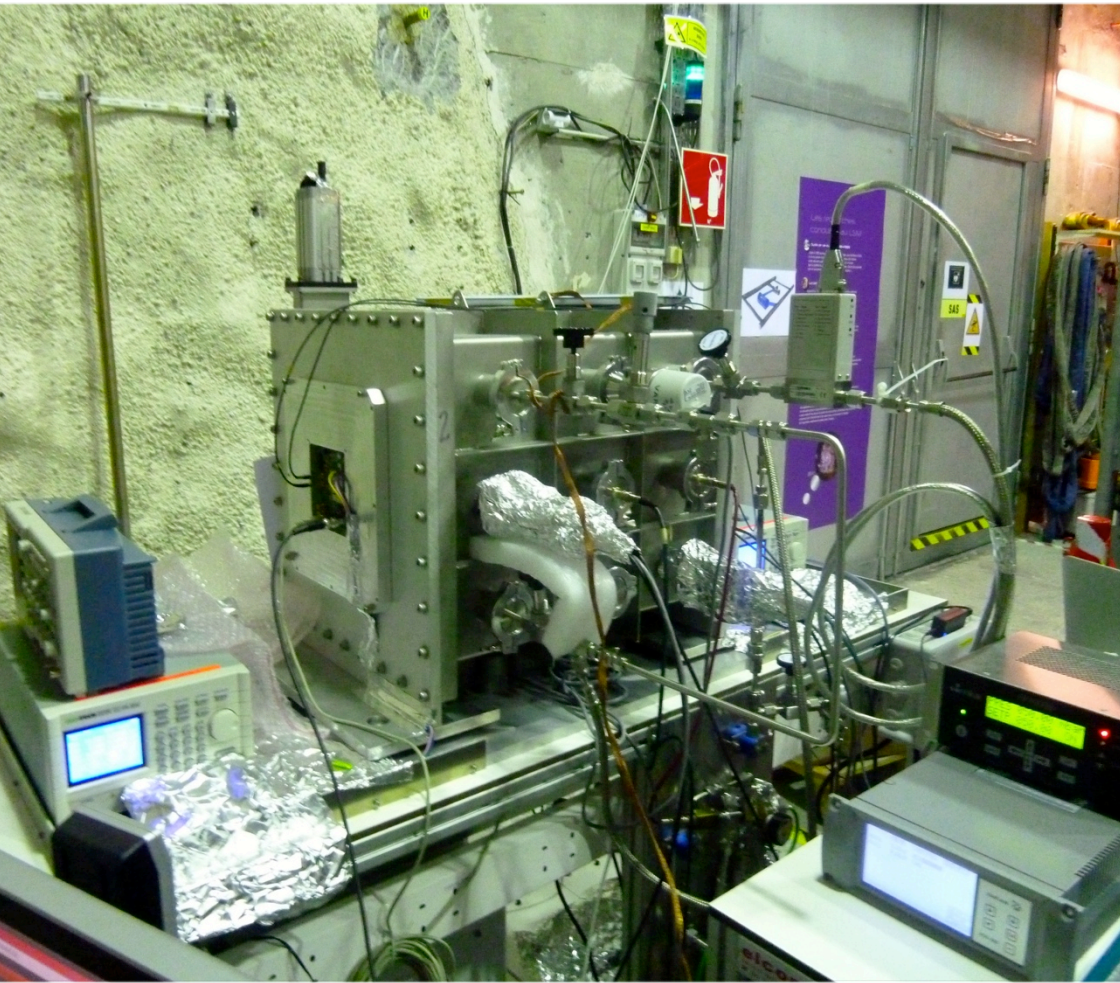
22 observables built using the MIMAC readout.... and more ...

(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





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

Some important and common points concerning Directional Dark Matter and Coherent Neutrino Scattering Detection

Low energy recoils detection requires:

- Low energy thresholds (sub-keV) incompatible with very long strips !!
- Ionization quenching factors very well measured and controlled.
- Excellent ($\sim 10^5$) electron-recoil discrimination.

In addition, the directionality requires:

- 3D tracks description (event by event)
- Angular distribution acceptance (there are many angles to detect)
- Good angular resolution

What we can call a High Definition (HD) detector

Detector calibration (not at the maximum gain!)

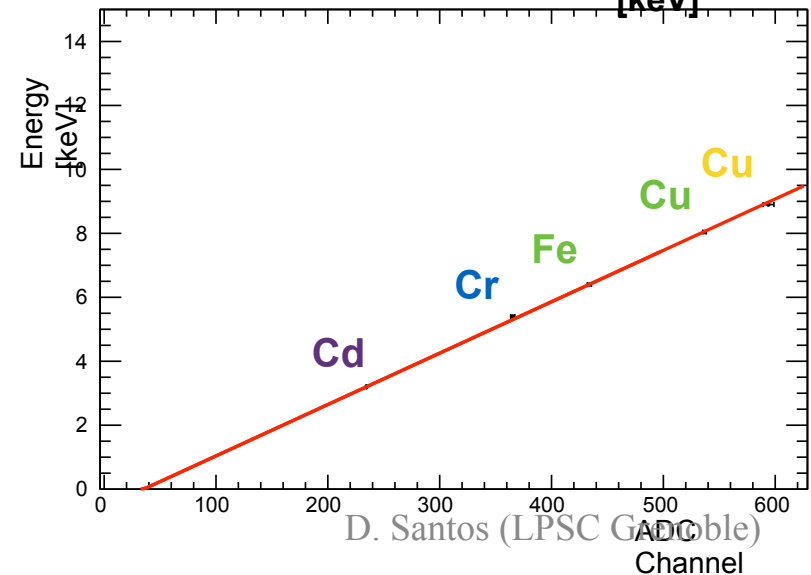
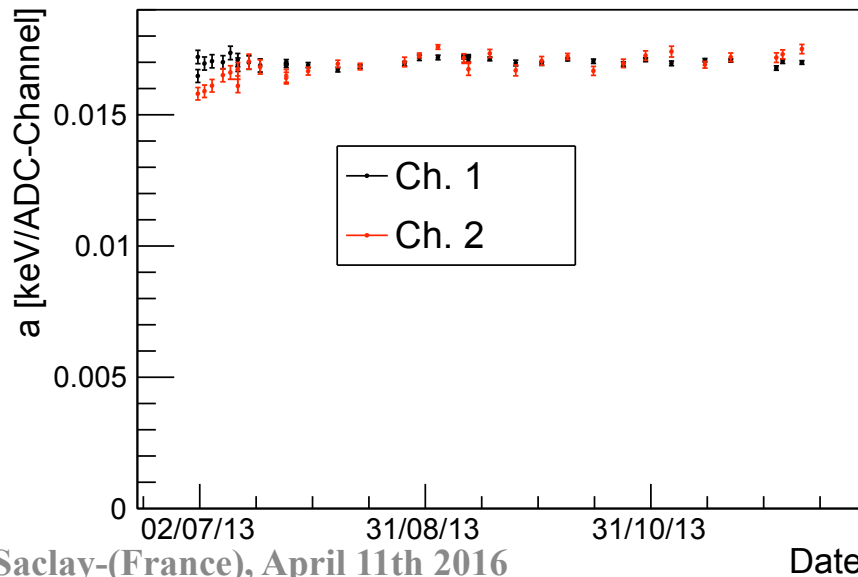
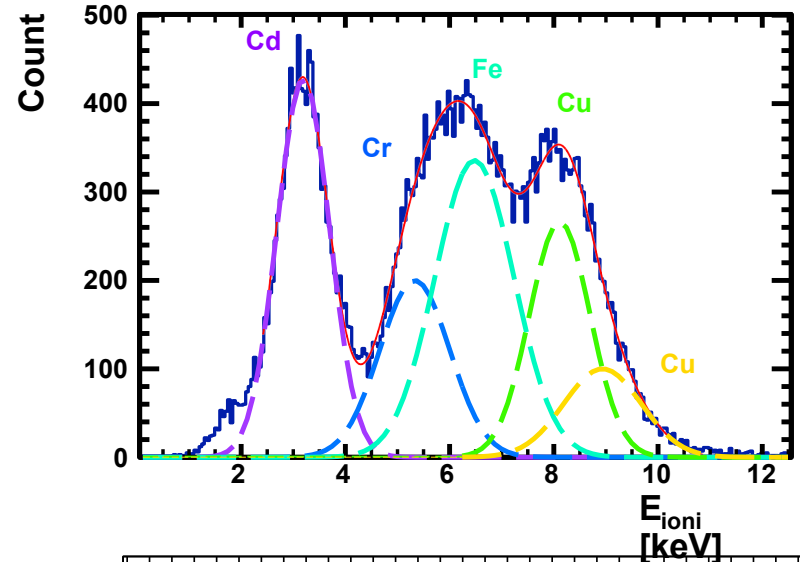
Calibration: (once a week)

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

Threshold ~ 1 keV

Circulation system:

Excellent Gain stability in time



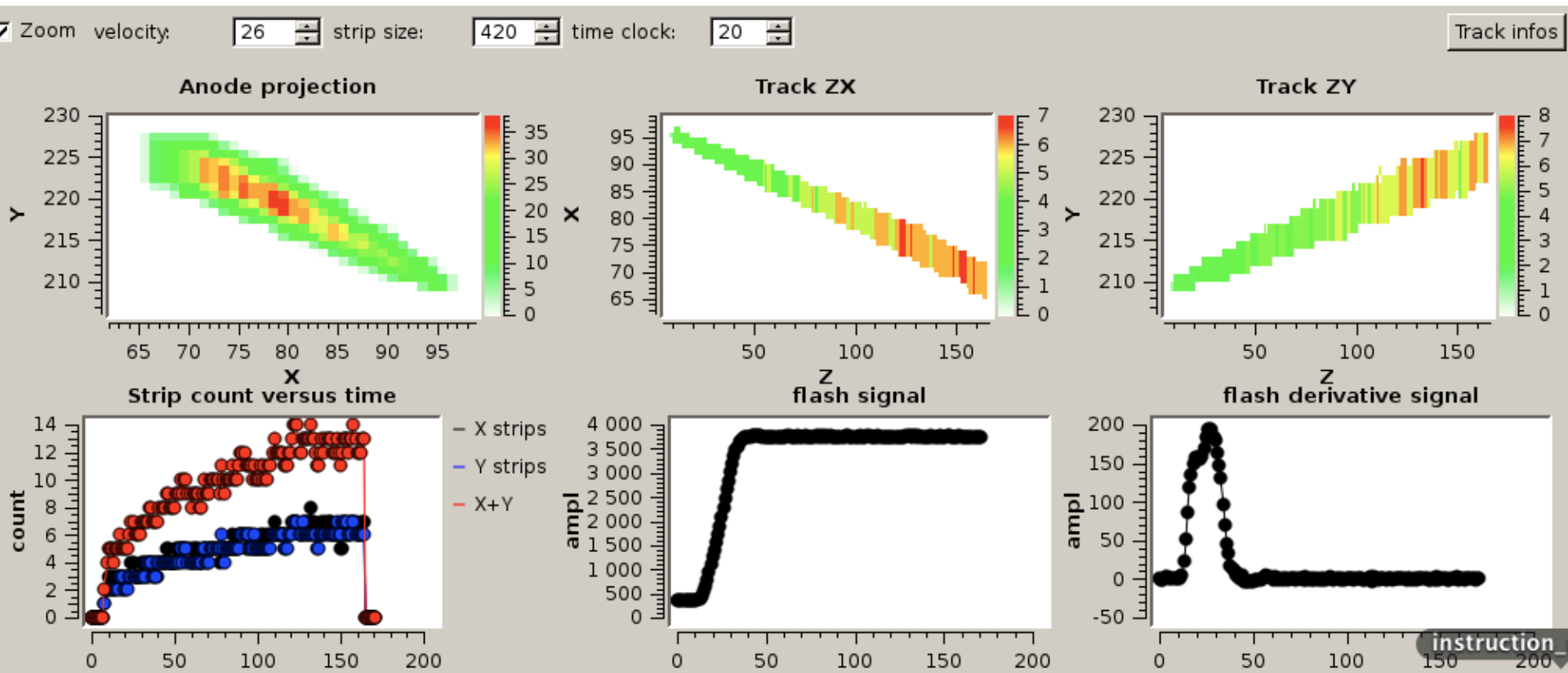
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An alpha particle crossing the detector (as an illustration of the MIMAC observables)

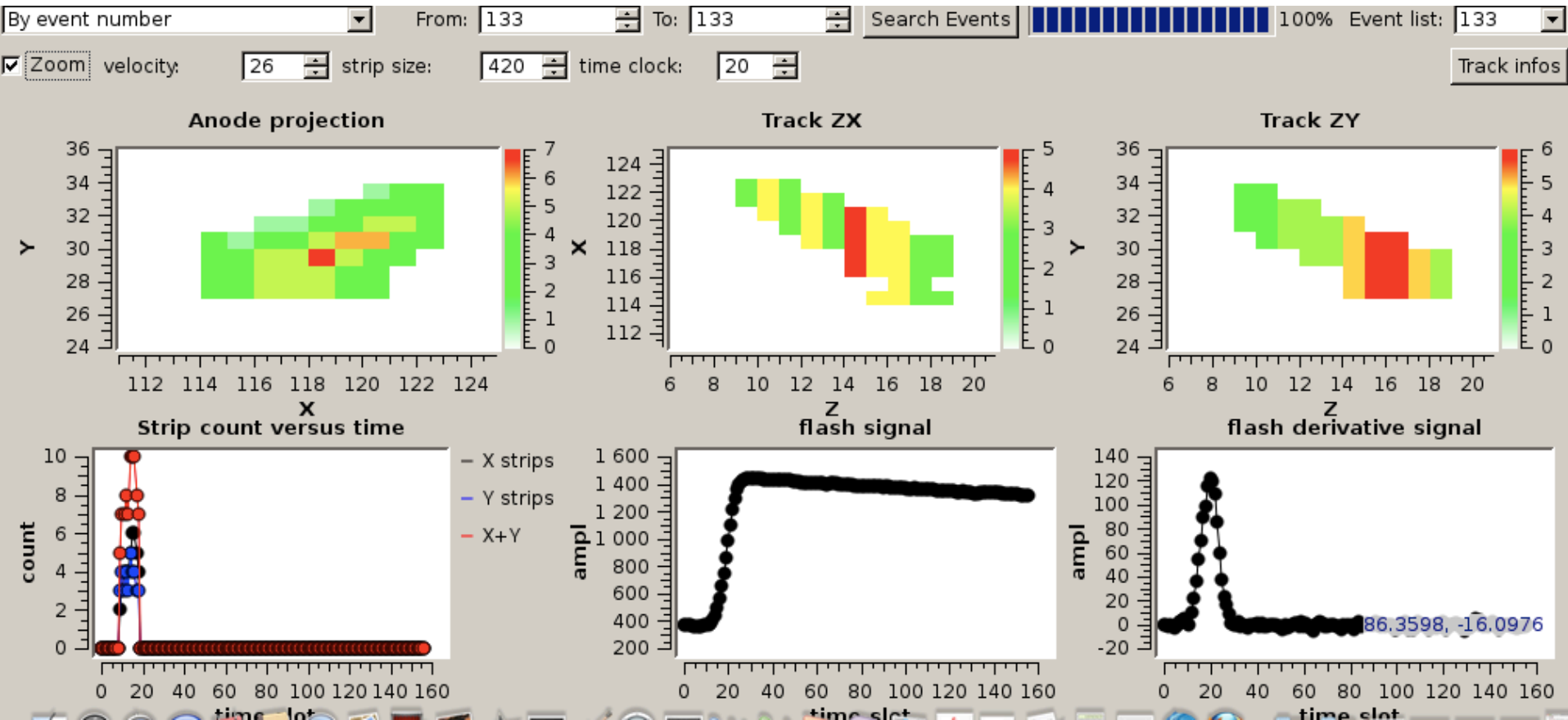
X-Y (anode)

X-Z(t)

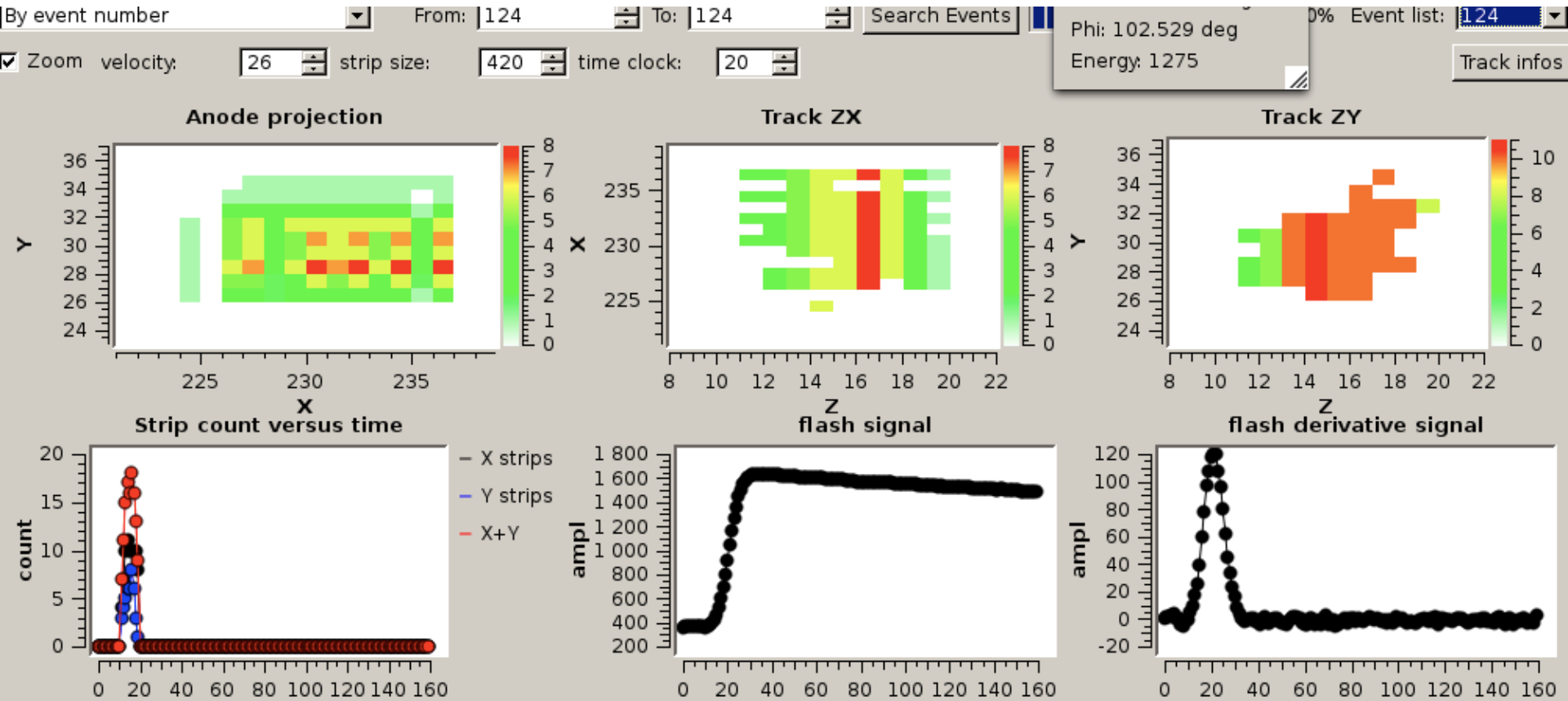
Y-Z(t)



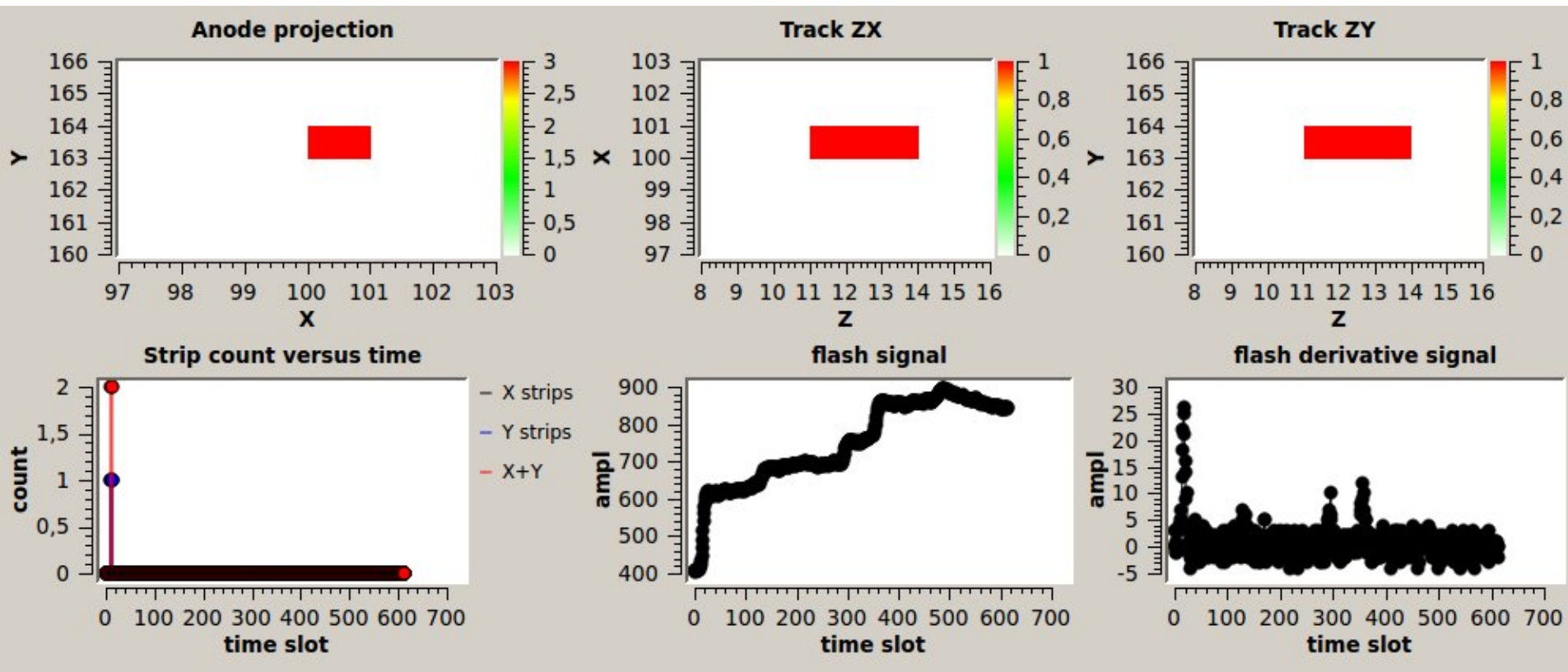
A “recoil event” (~ 34 keVee)



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:

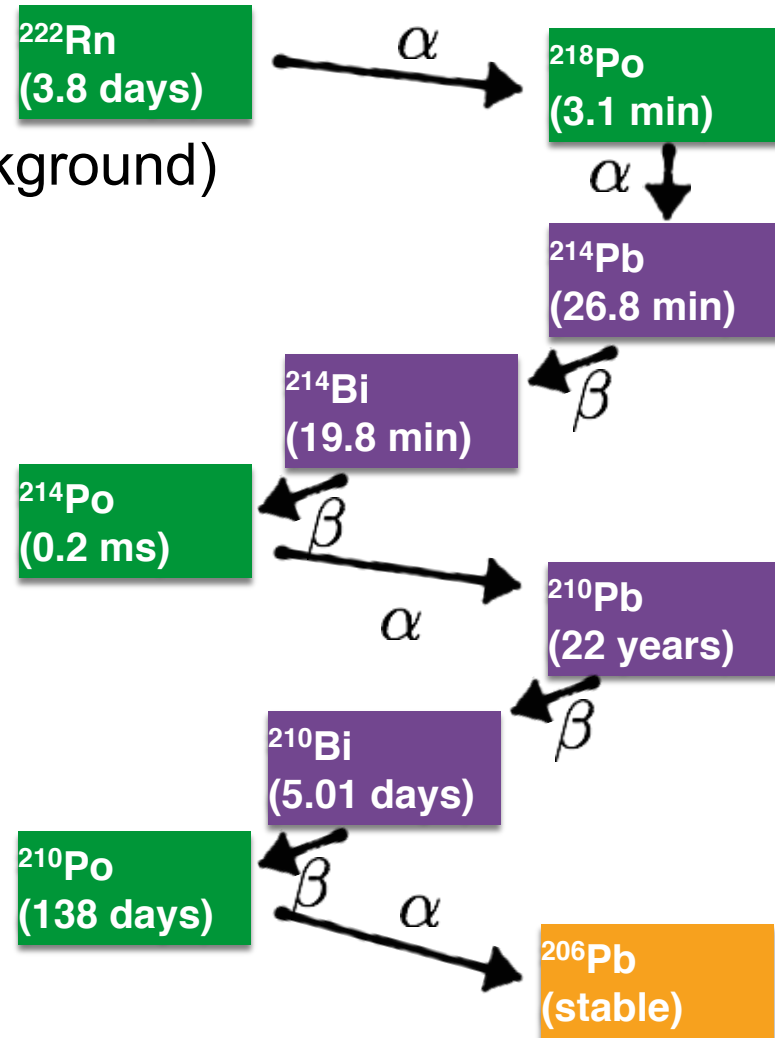
$E_\alpha \sim 5 \text{ MeV}$ Saturation

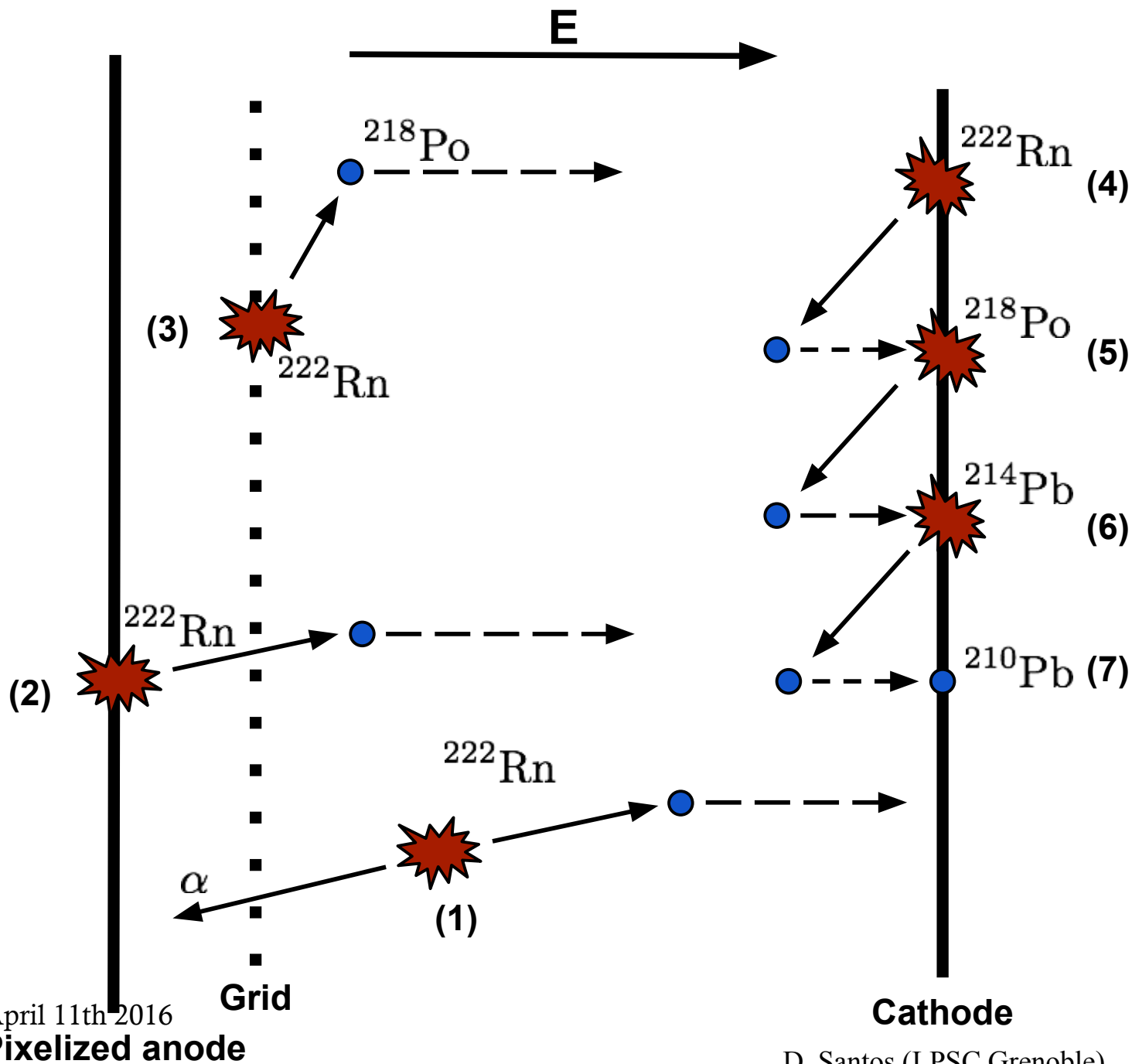
Daughter nucleus recoil

(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

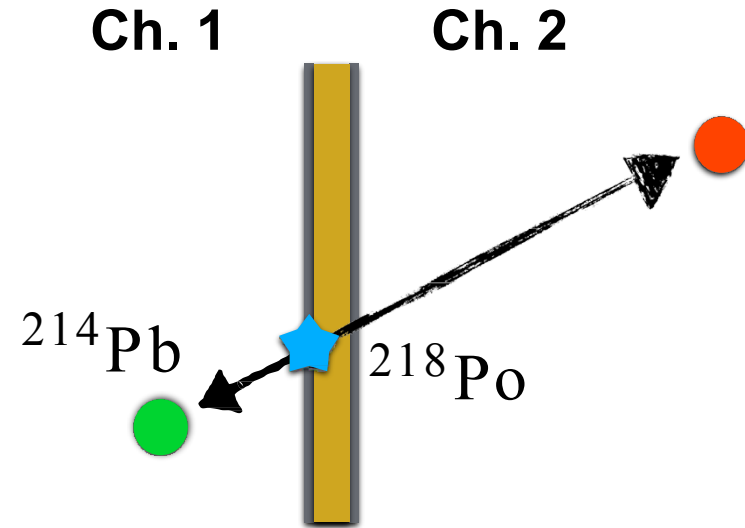
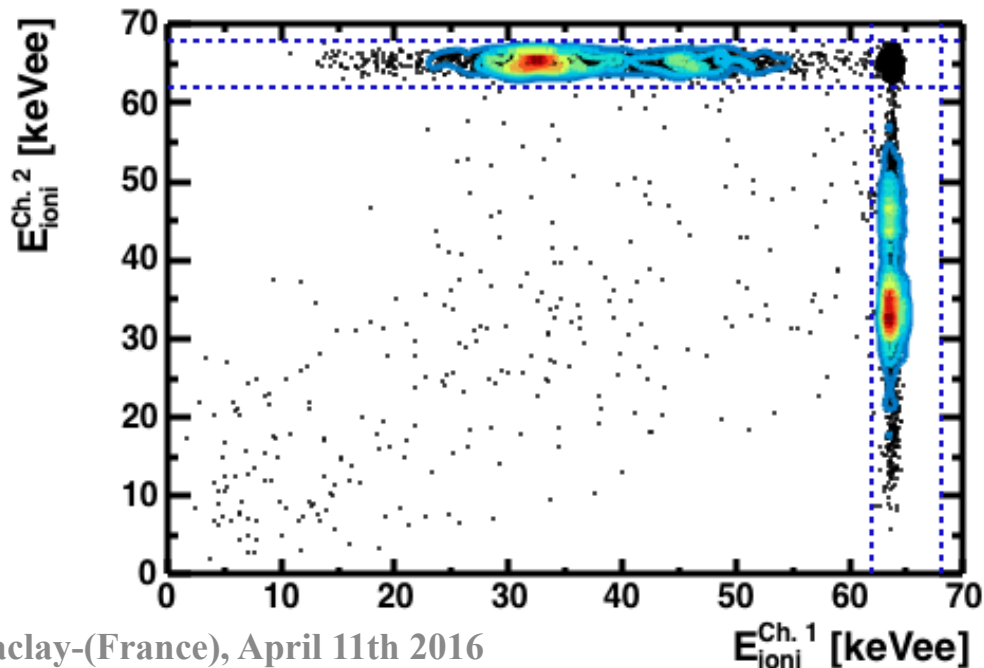
Simulation (SRIM)





RPR: « In coincidence » events

Chamber coincidences:



3D tracks from nuclear recoil
of radon progeny detection

First detection of 3D tracks of Rn progeny

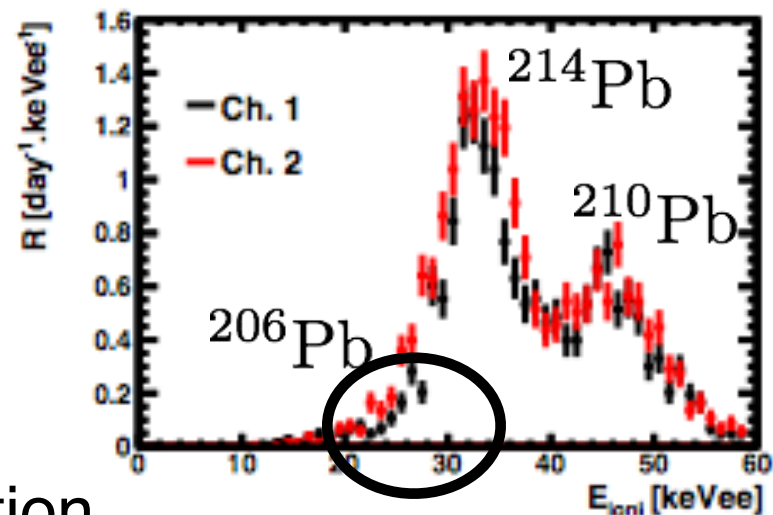
Electron/recoil discrimination

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

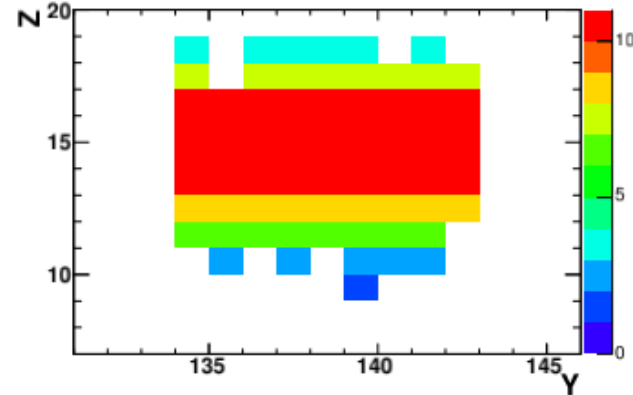
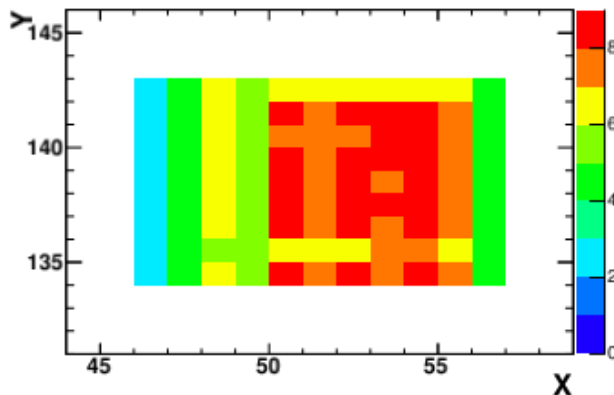
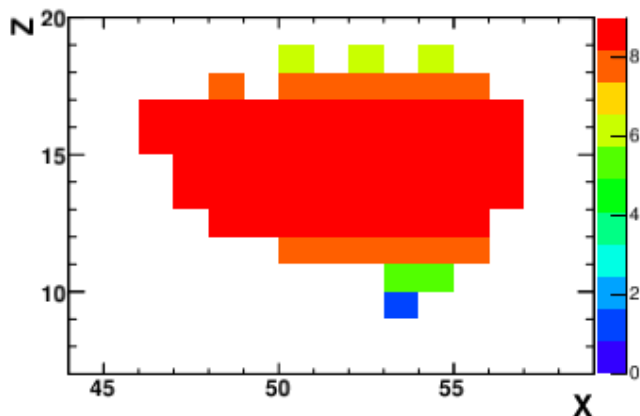
First measurement of 3D nuclear-recoil tracks coming from radon progeny

→ MIMAC detection strategy validation

Nuclear recoil spectra



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

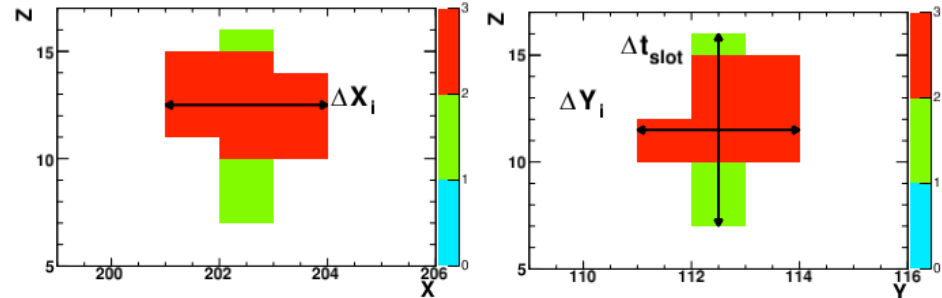


RPR events occur at different positions in the detector...

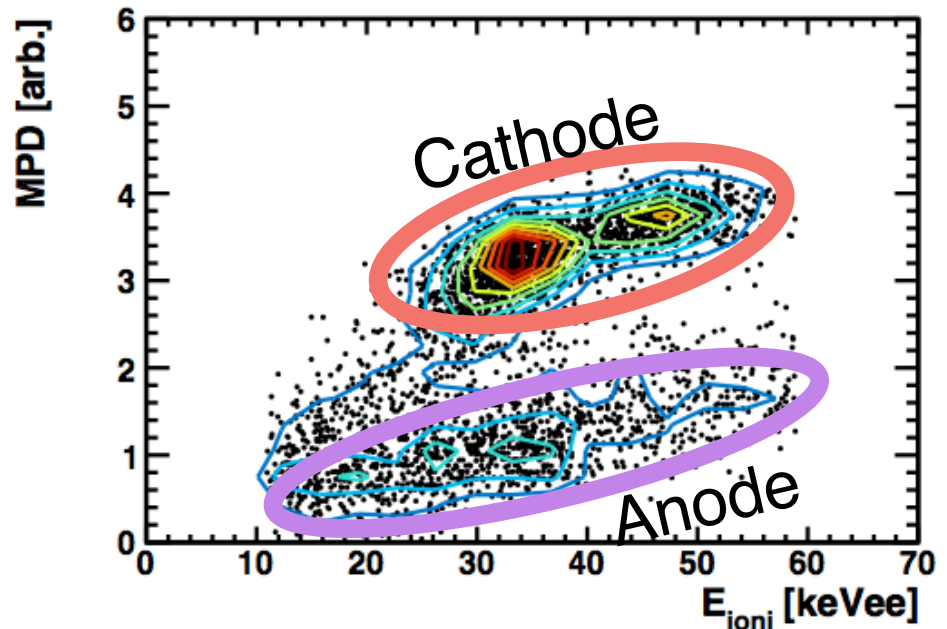
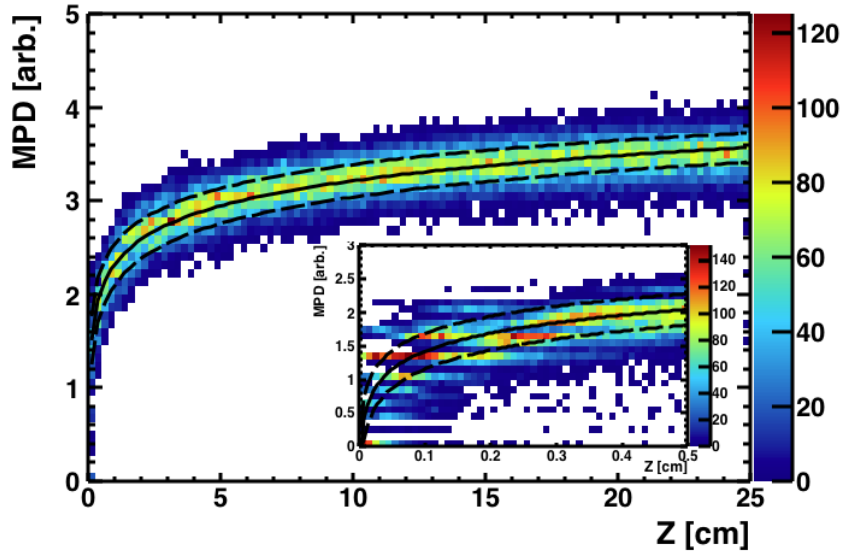
$z_0 \longleftrightarrow$ Diffusion

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

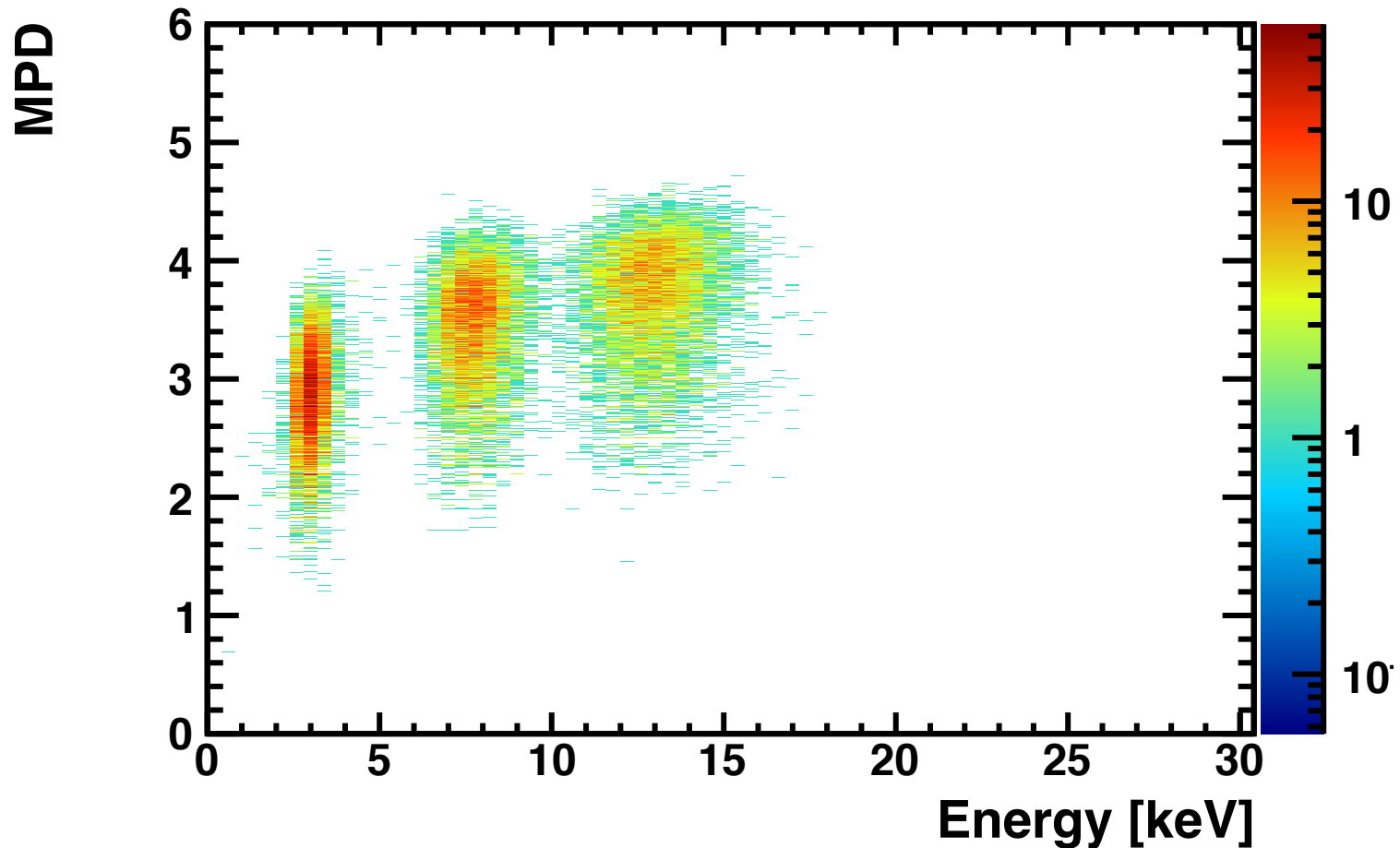
« Anode » event

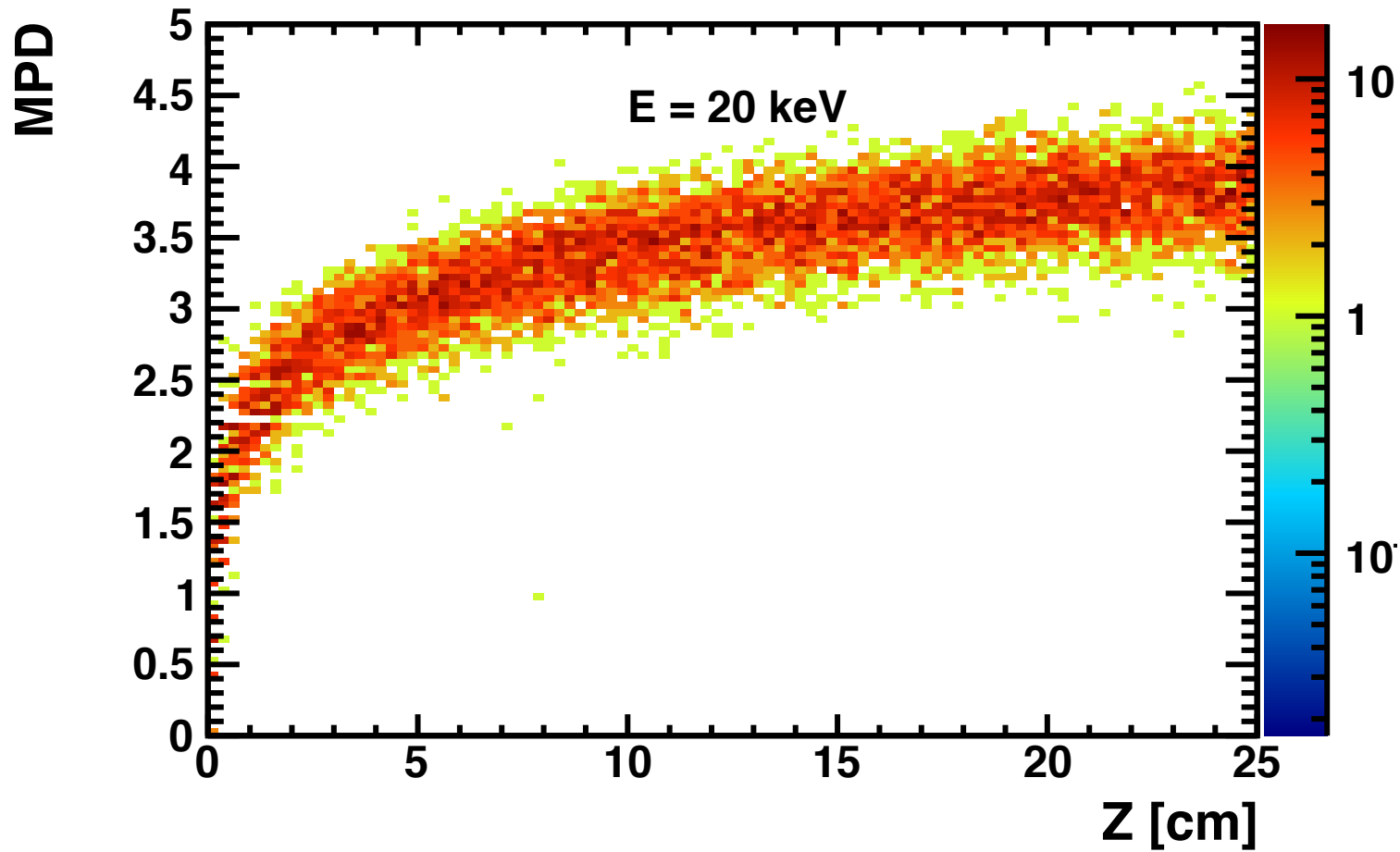


Mean Projected Diffusion: $\overline{D} = \ln(\overline{\Delta X} \times \overline{\Delta Y})$



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

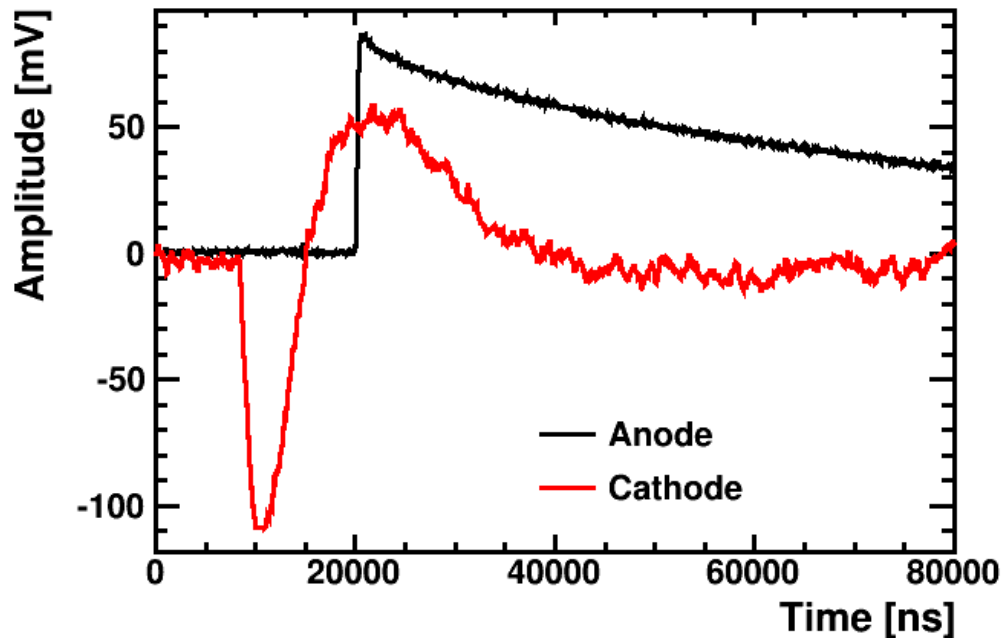




Cathode Signal to place the 3D-track

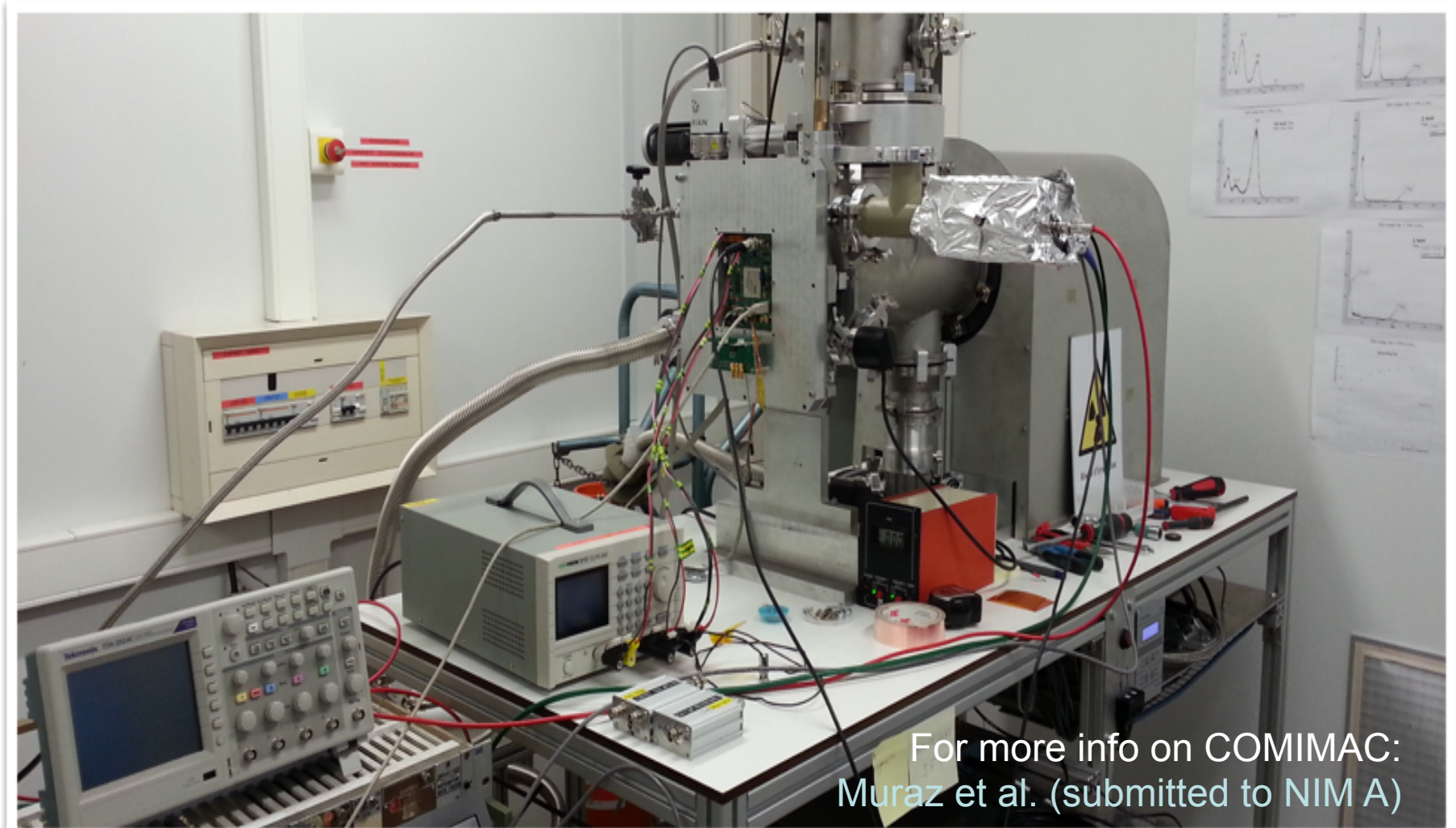
- The cathode signal is produced by the primary electrons. It is produced before the anode signal produced by the avalanche.

(O. Riffard, C. Couturier, 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.

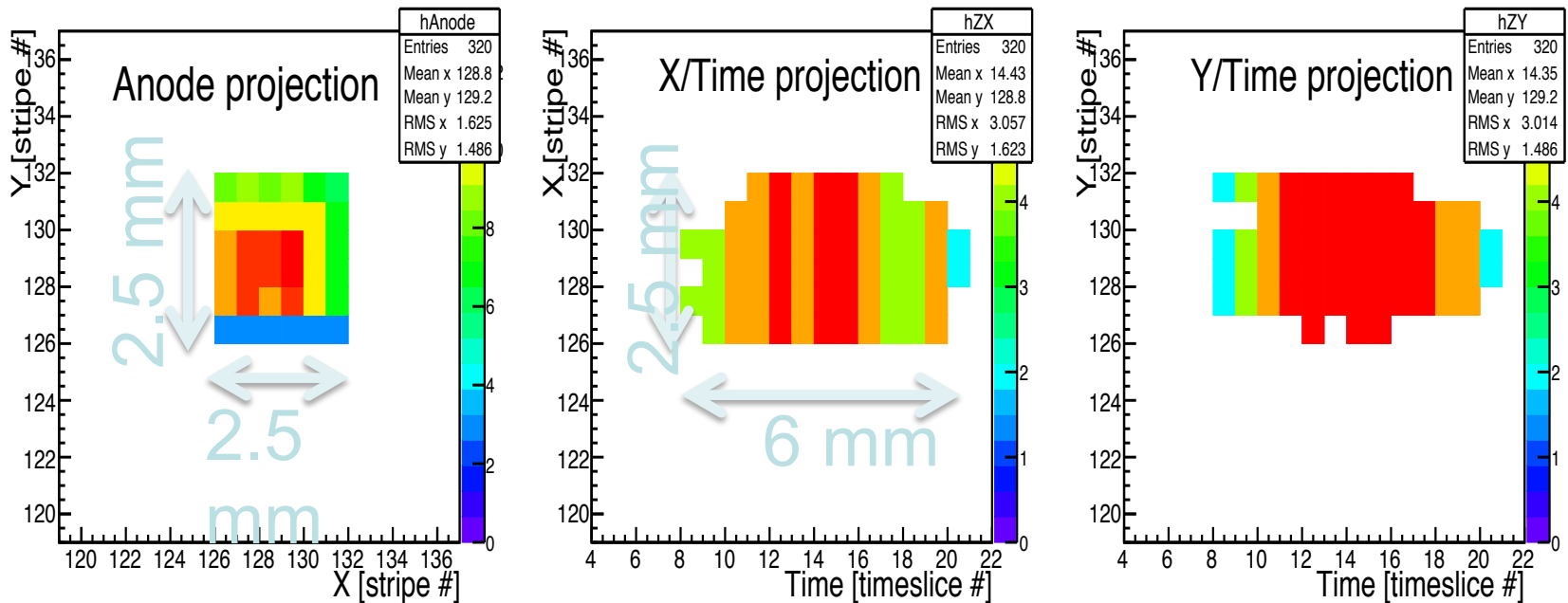
First controlled Fluorine tracks, using COMIMAC



For more info on COMIMAC:
Muraz et al. (submitted to NIM A)

COMIMAC: first measurements on controlled tracks of Fluorine

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

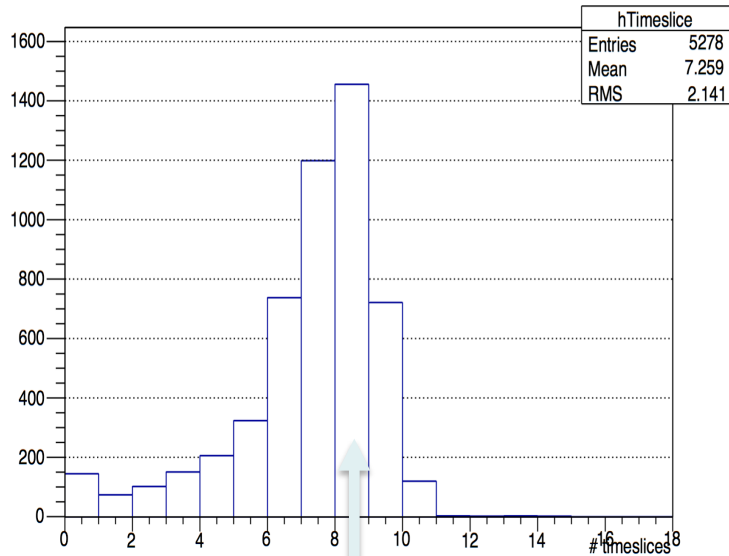


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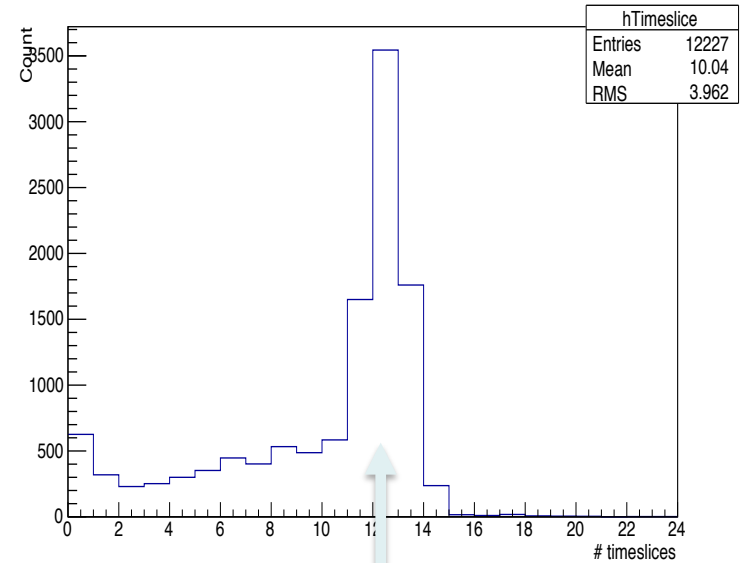
COMIMAC: first controlled tracks of ^{19}F

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

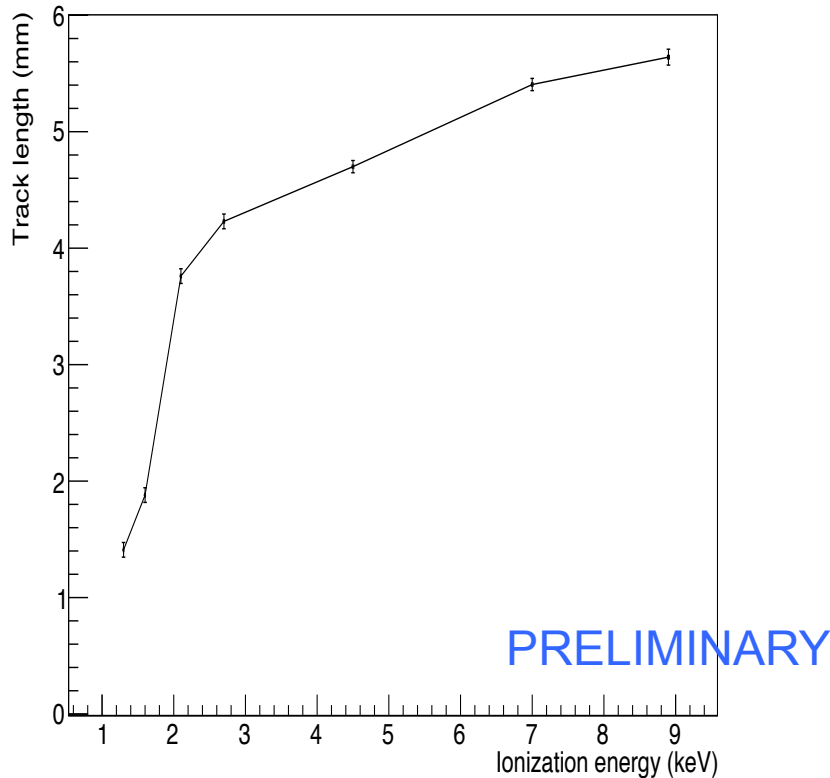
Couturier et al. (in preparation)

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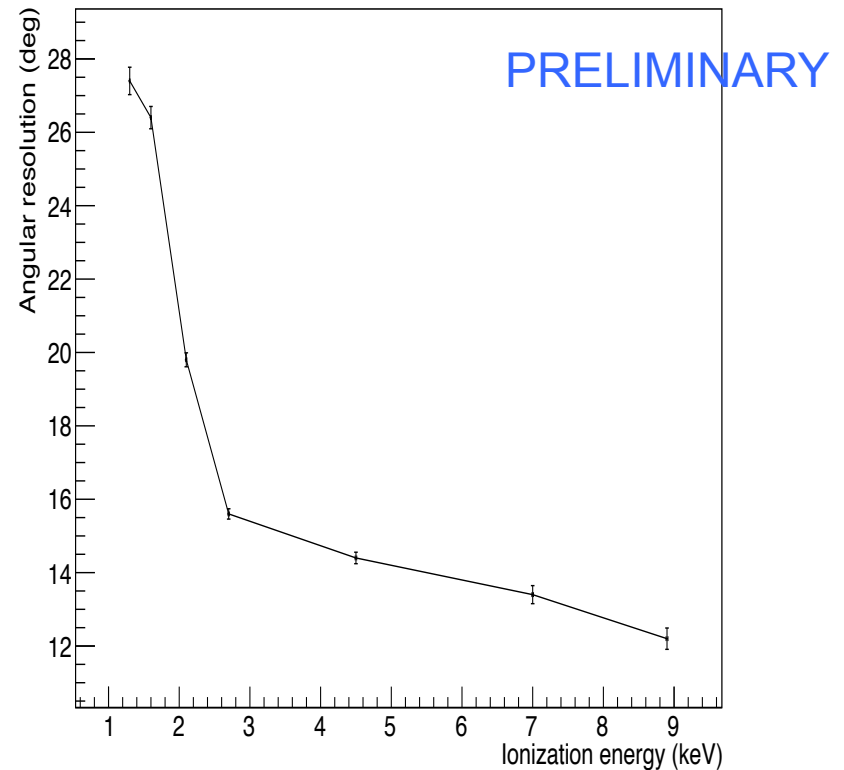
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COMIMAC: first measurements on controlled tracks of Fluorine

- Track



- Angular resolution

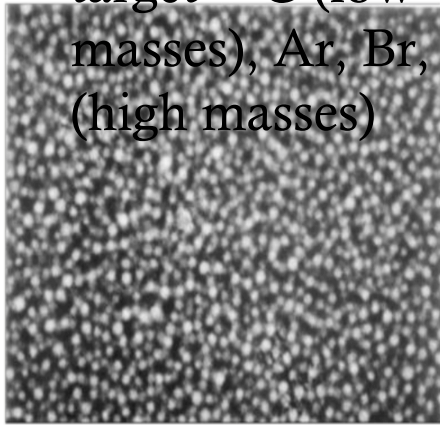


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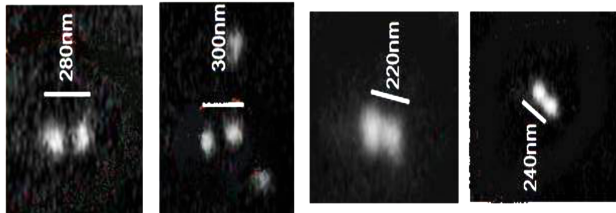
Directional detection: comparison of strategies

- Emulsion layers

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



size 40 ± 9 nm



D'Ambrosio et al. 2014

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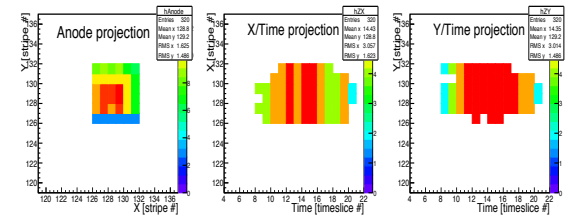
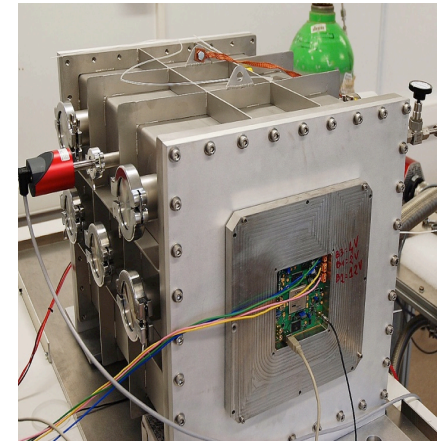
- Anisotropic crystals
target = O (low



No tracks ; only statistical distributions (!)

Capella et al. 2013

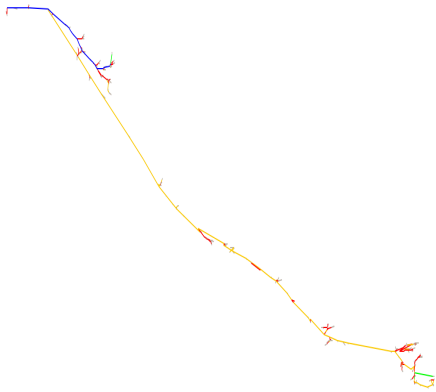
- Low pressure TPCs
target = F



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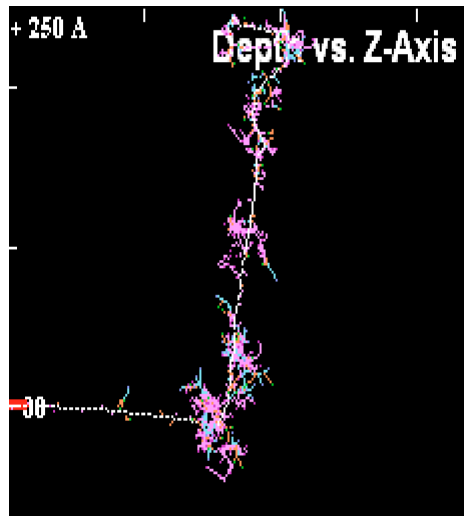
Directional detection: comparison of strategies

- Emulsion



~100 nm

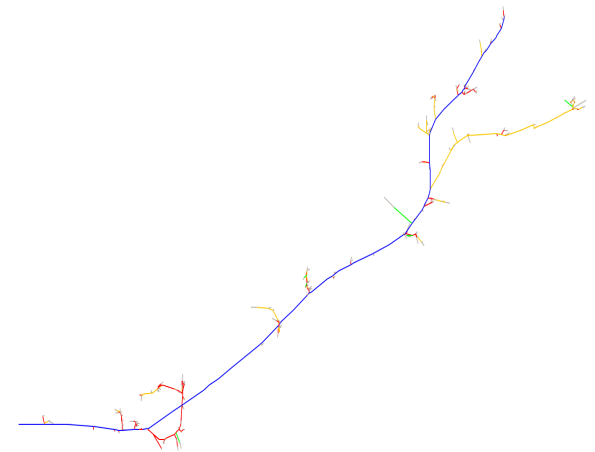
- Anisotropic crystals



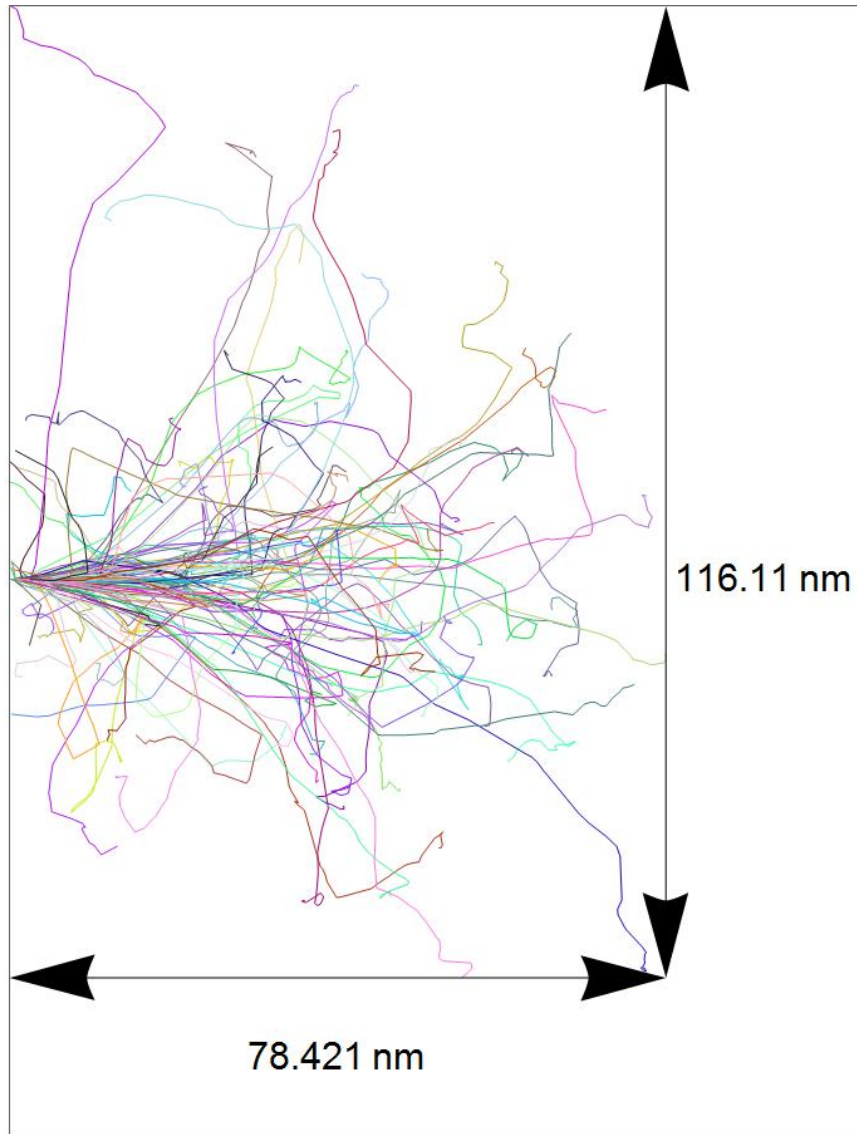
~10 nm

(SRIM simulations)

- Low pressure TPCs



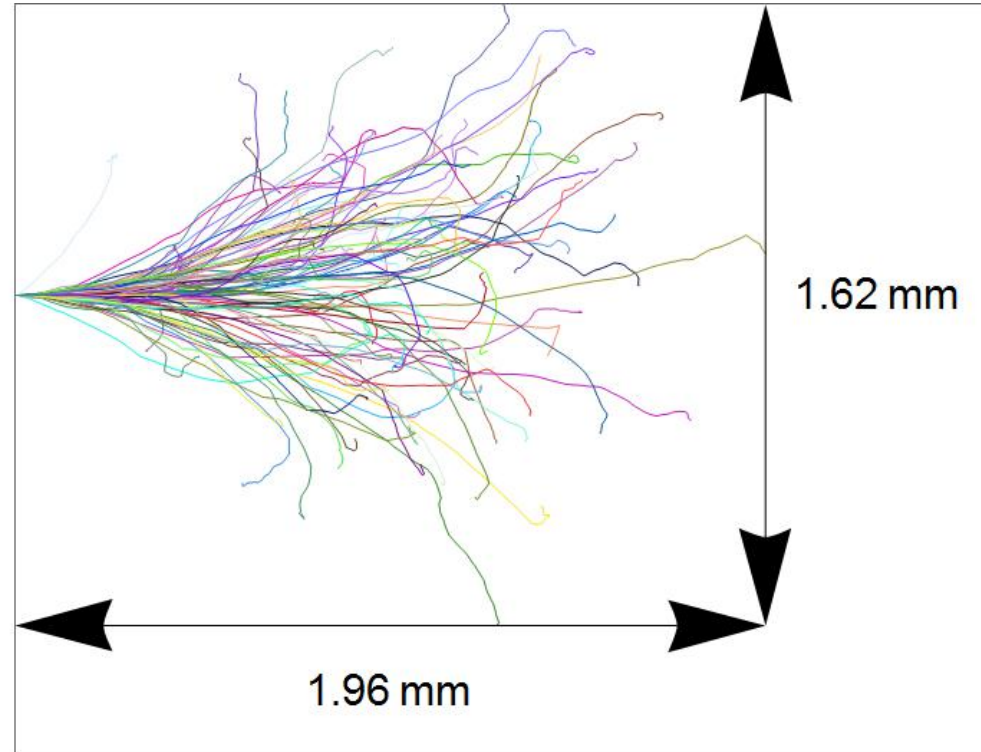
~1 mm
(10^5 times longer !!)



O in Crystal (29keV)

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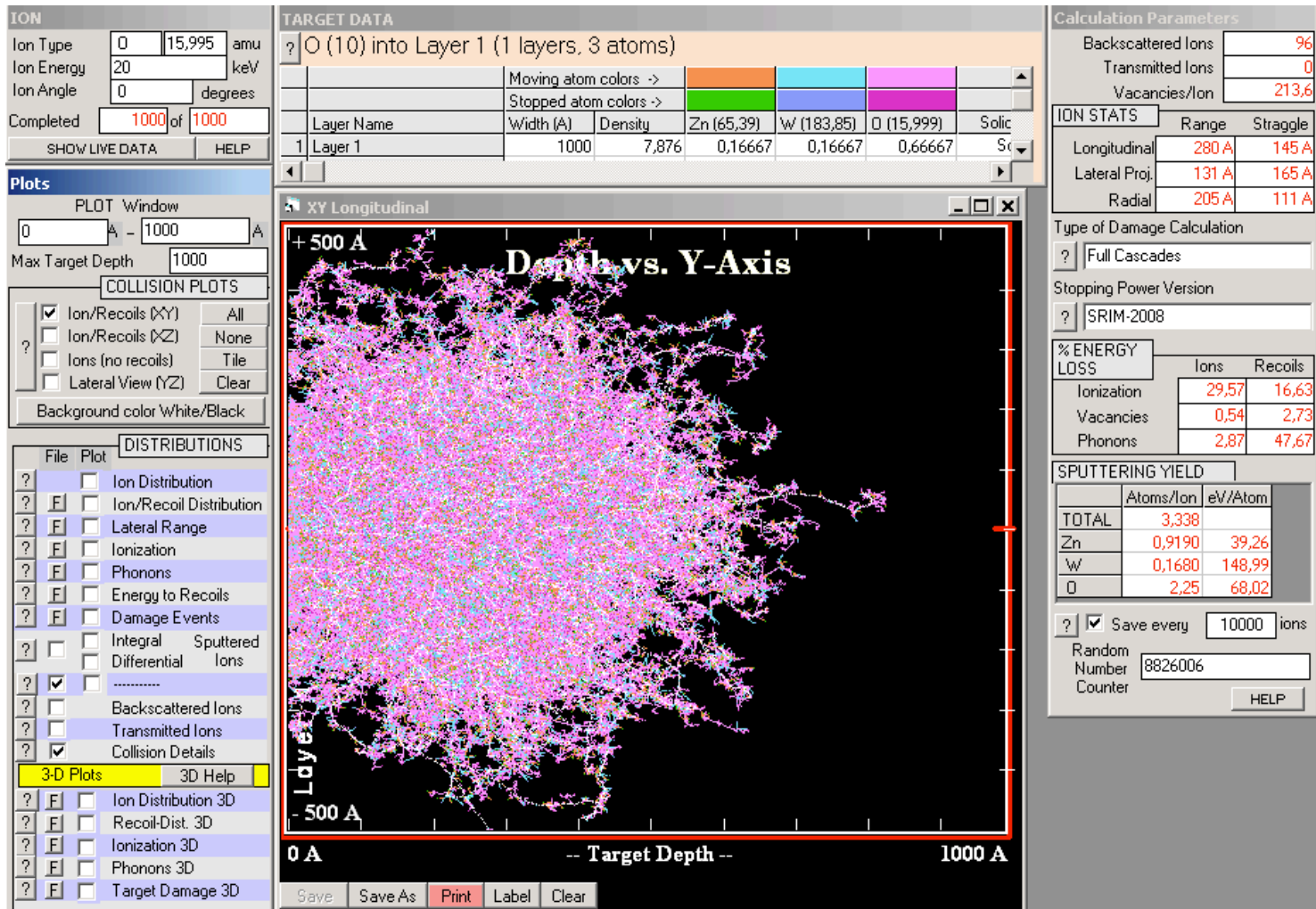
SRIM simulations...



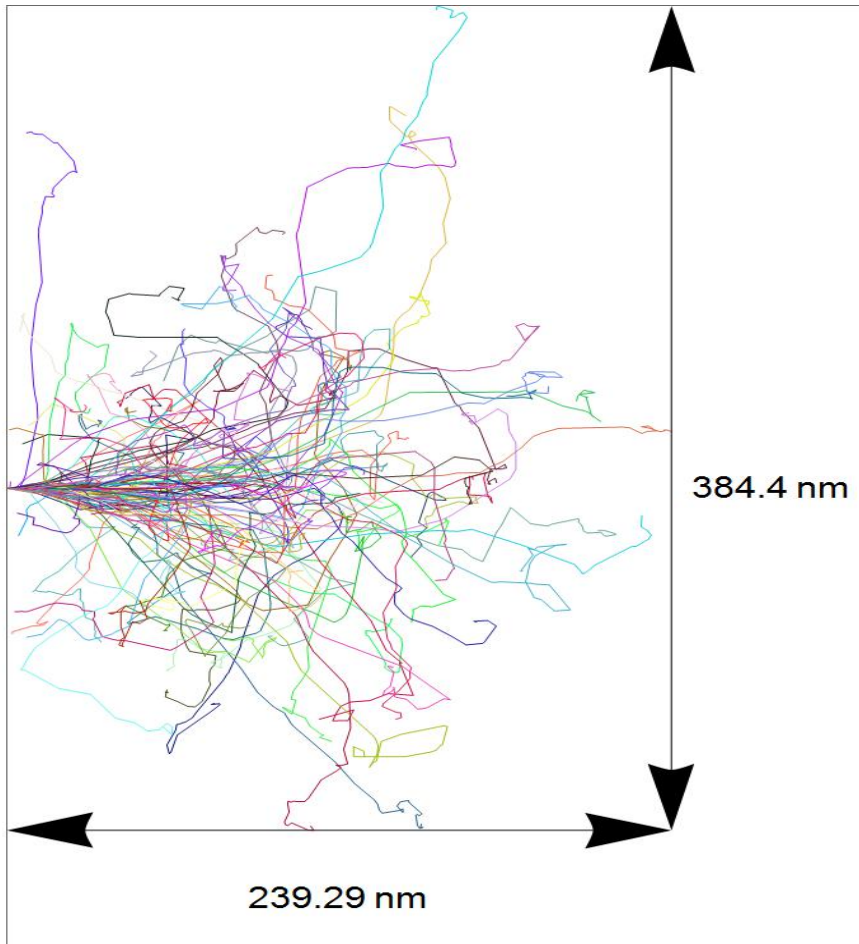
F in MIMAC (34keV)

D. Santos (LPSC Grenoble)

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

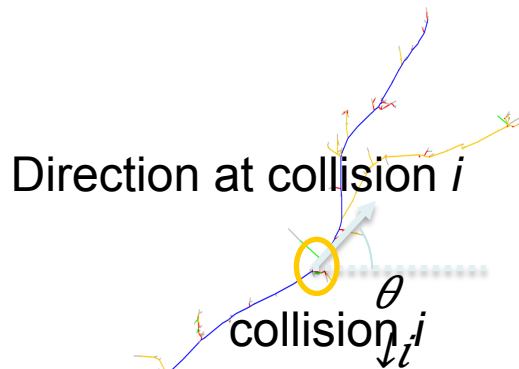


C (22 keV) in emulsion (SRIM simulation)



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

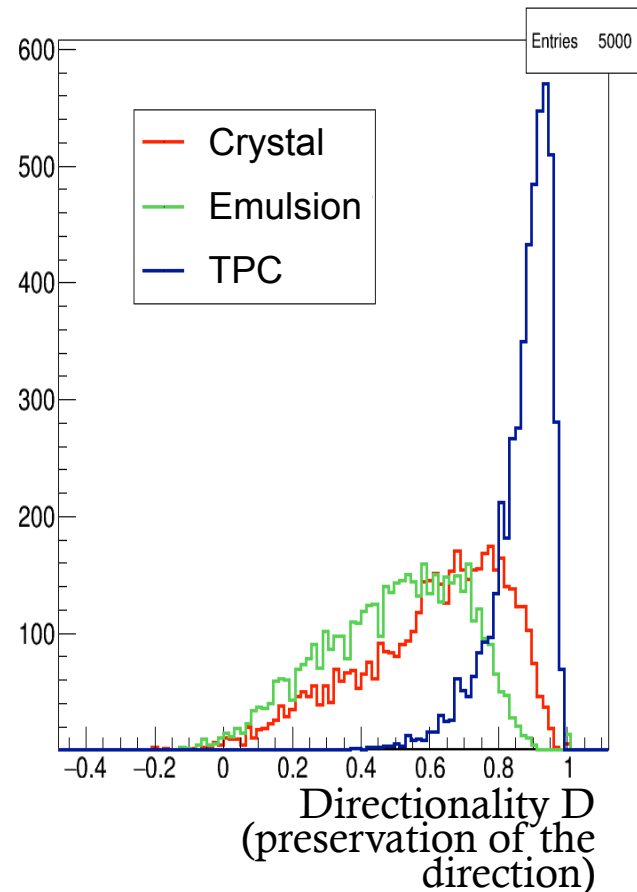
Directional detection: Directionality 'D'



Initial
direction of
the recoil

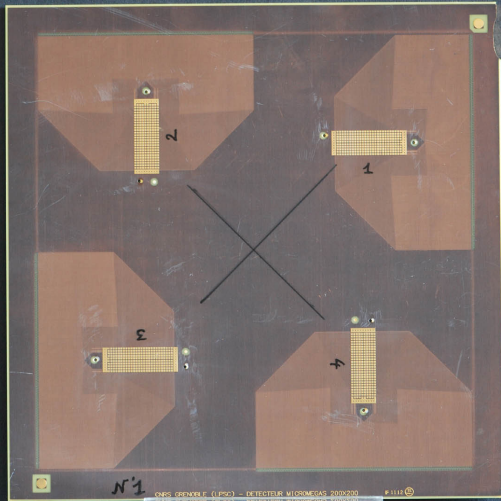
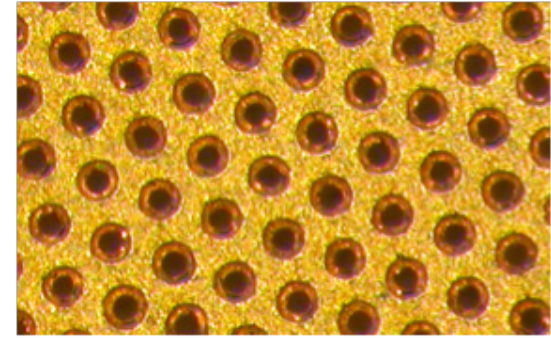
$$D = \frac{\langle \cos(\theta) \cdot E \rangle_{track}}{\langle E \rangle_{track}} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{N_{collisions}} \cos(\theta_i) \cdot E_i}{\sum_{i=0}^{N_{collisions}} E_i} = \frac{\sum_i \cos(\theta_i) \cdot E_i}{N_{collisions} \cdot \langle E \rangle_{track}}$$

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



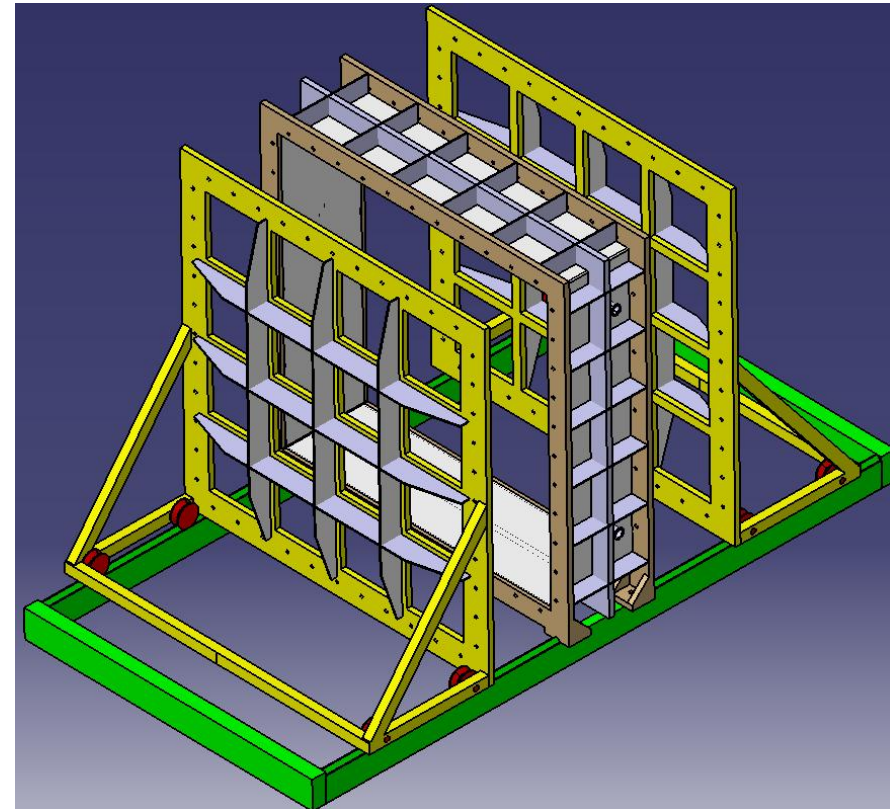
MIMAC – $1\text{m}^3 = 16$ bi-chamber modules ($2 \times 35 \times 35 \times 26 \text{ cm}^3$)

- i) New technology anode $35\text{cm} \times 35\text{cm}$
(resistive μM adaptation)
- ii) Stretched thin grid at $500\mu\text{m}$.
- iii) New electronic board (640 channels)
- iv) Only one big chamber

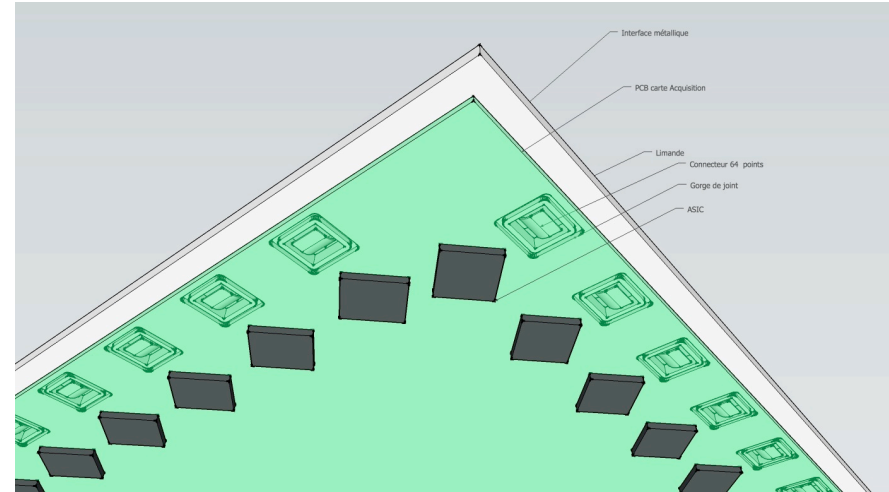
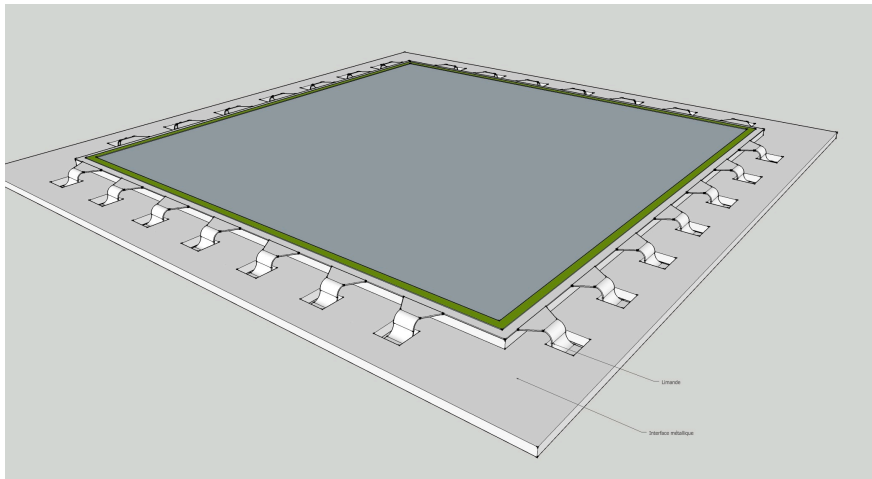


New $20\text{cm} \times 20\text{cm}$ pixellized anode
(1024 channels)

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New 35 x 35 cm² low background detector

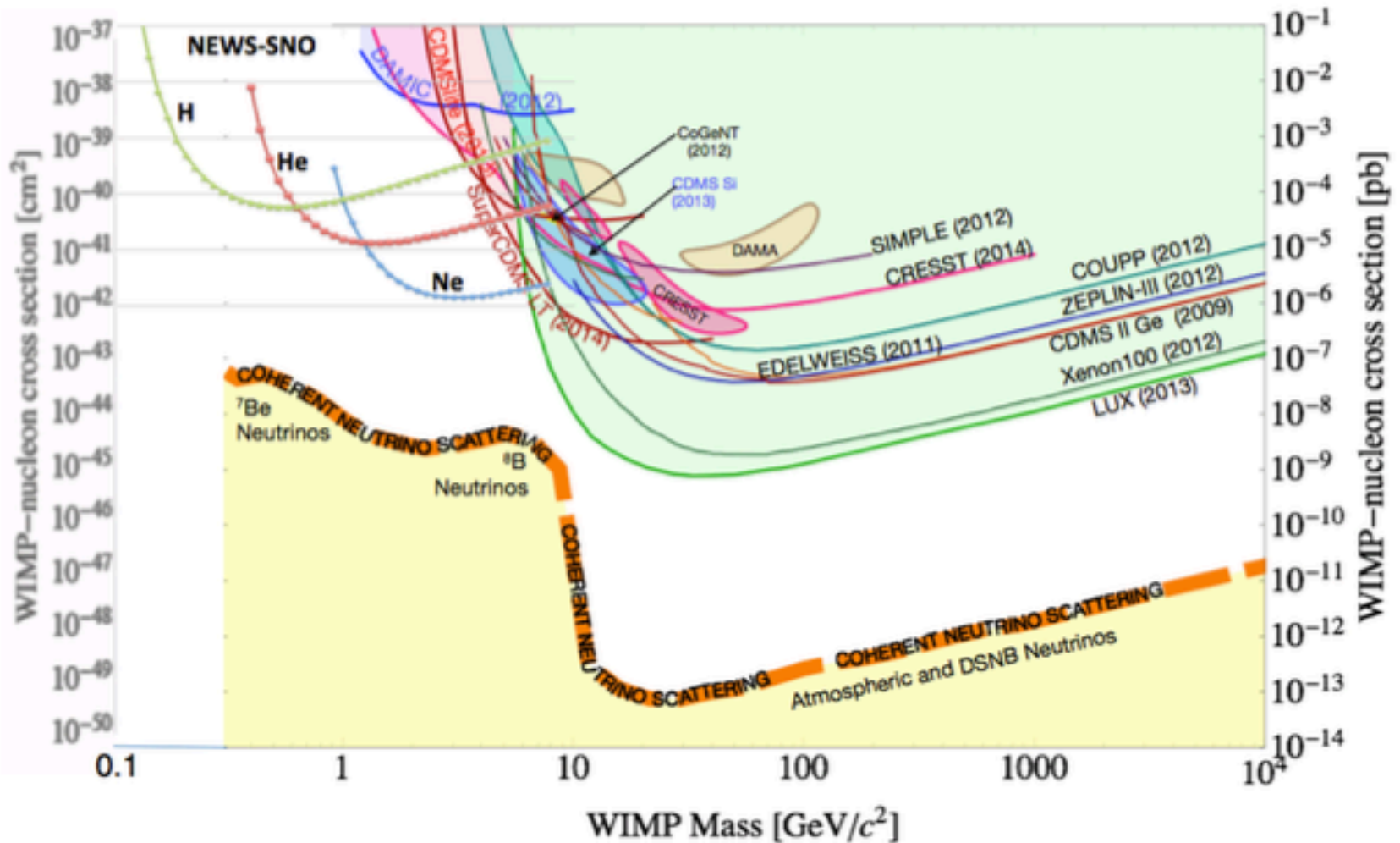


Left: Top view of the new detector design using kapton and plexiglass instead of PCB.

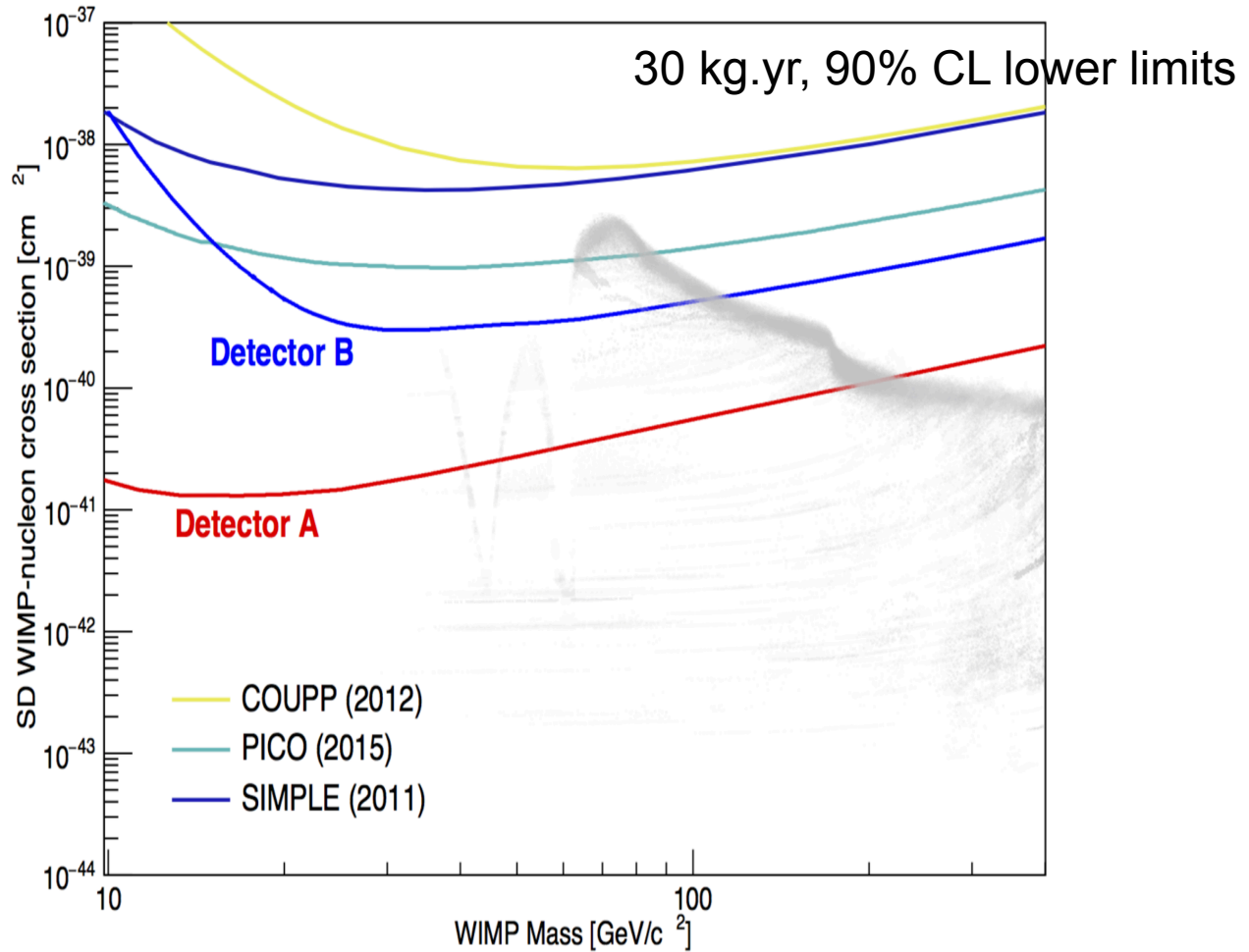
Right: Bottom view, showing the ASICs distribution to minimize the length of the connections.

WIMP Light Mass window

MIMAC- NEWS complementarity



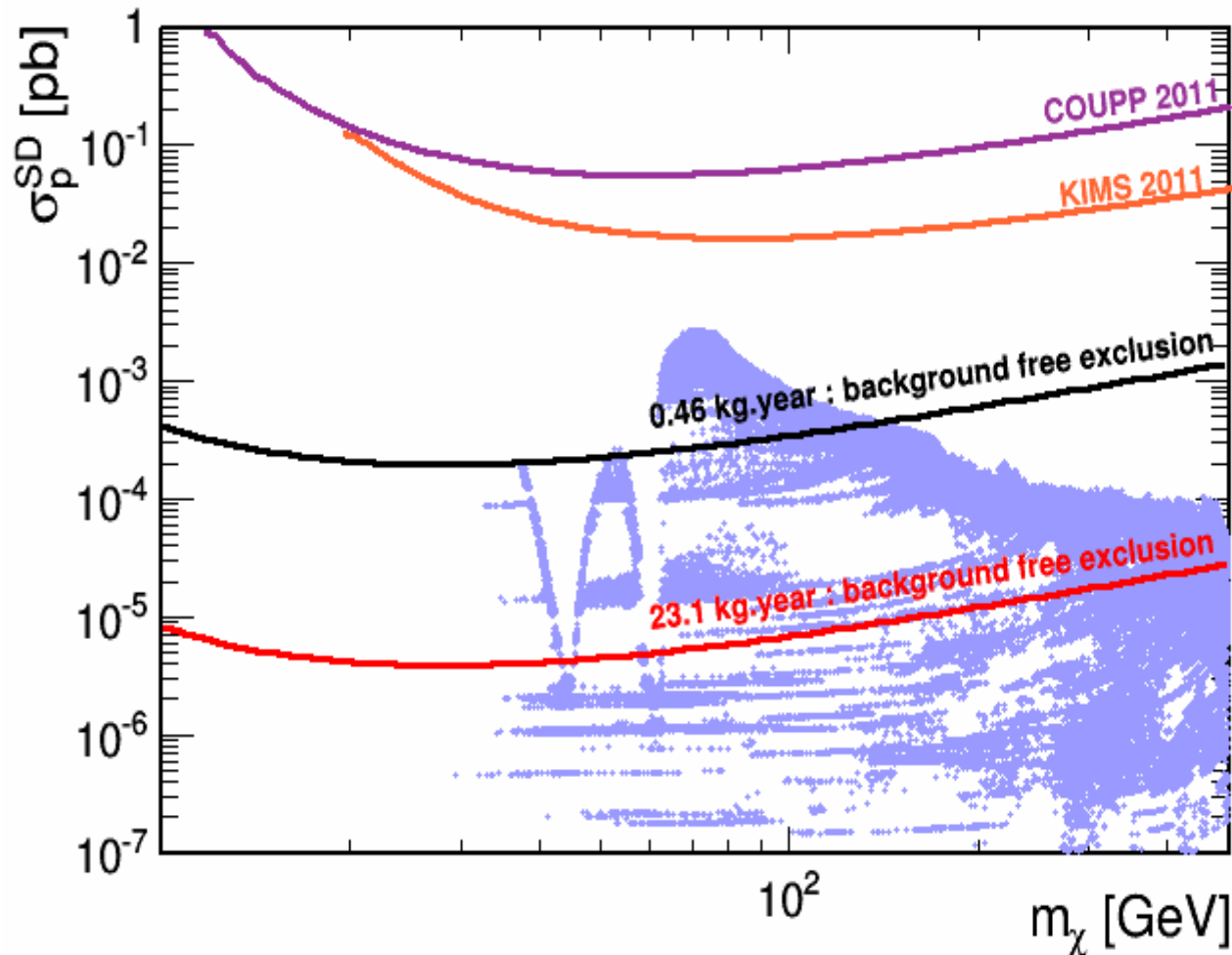
Sensitivity



Conclusions

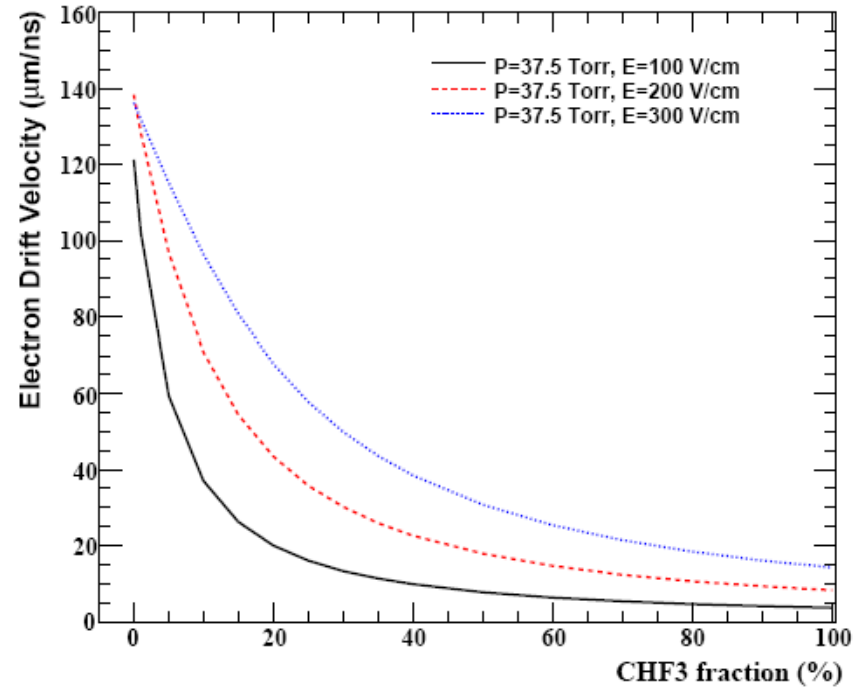
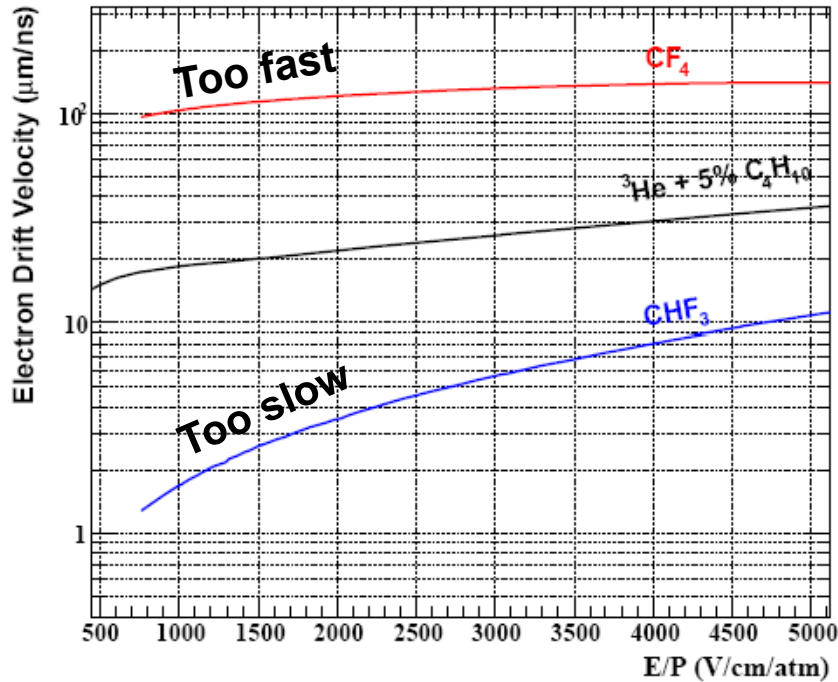
- i) A new directional detector of nuclear recoils at low energies has been developed giving a lot of flexibility on targets, pressure, energy range...
- ii) Ionization quenching factor measurements have been determined experimentally and they can be checked in-situ.
- iii) Phenomenology studies performed 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 version 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.
- vii) The 1 m³ will be the validation of a new generation of a large DM detector including directionality (a needed signature for DM detection)**

Exclusion curves for MIMAC (1 and 50 m³)



3D Tracks: Drift velocity

Magboltz Simulation



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

MIMAC Phenomenology: Discovery

Estimation of the discovery potential

MIMAC characteristics

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

Discovery at 3σ {

- With BKG (300)
- Without BKG

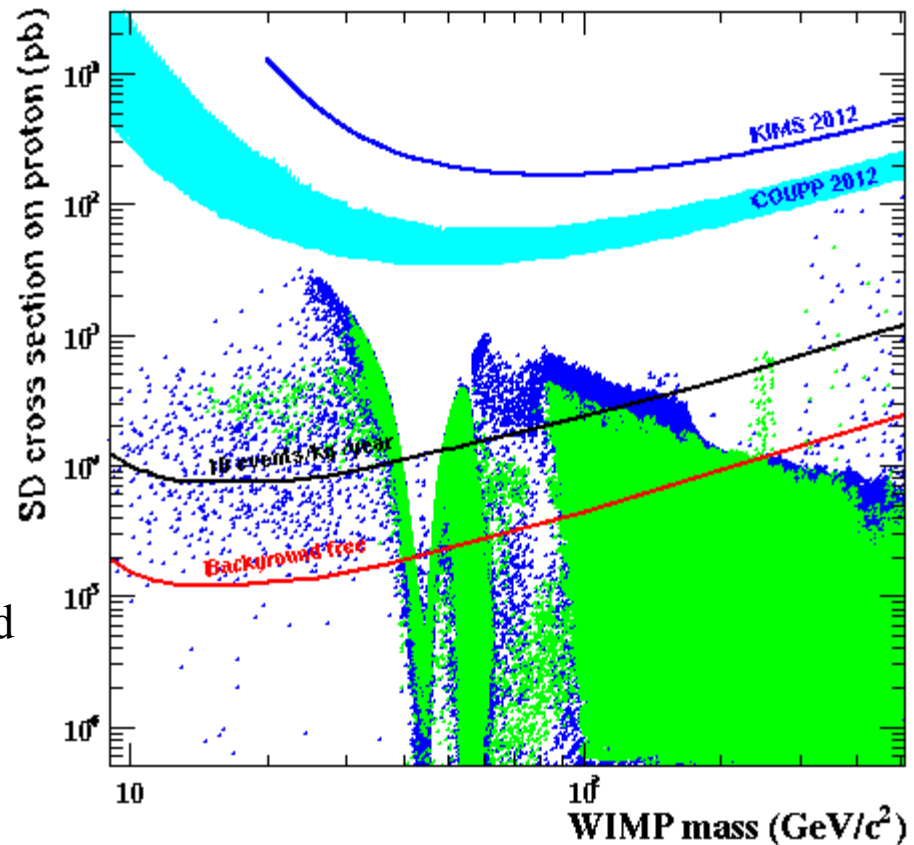
→ Even with a large number of background events, discovery is still possible

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

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

MSSM
NMSSM

D. Albornoz-Vasquez et al., PRD 85

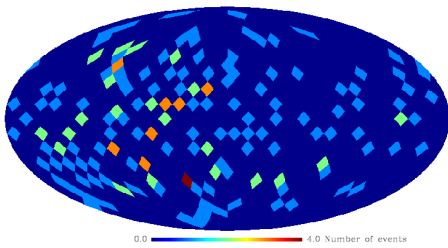


Directional Dark Matter: discovery/exclusion

J. Billard *et al.*, PLB 2010

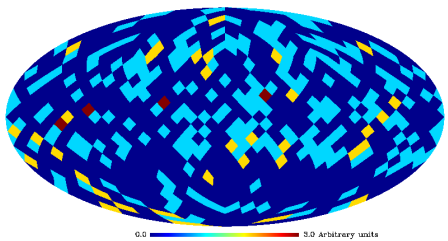
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- **discovery (5σ)**
Up to 10^{-4} pb

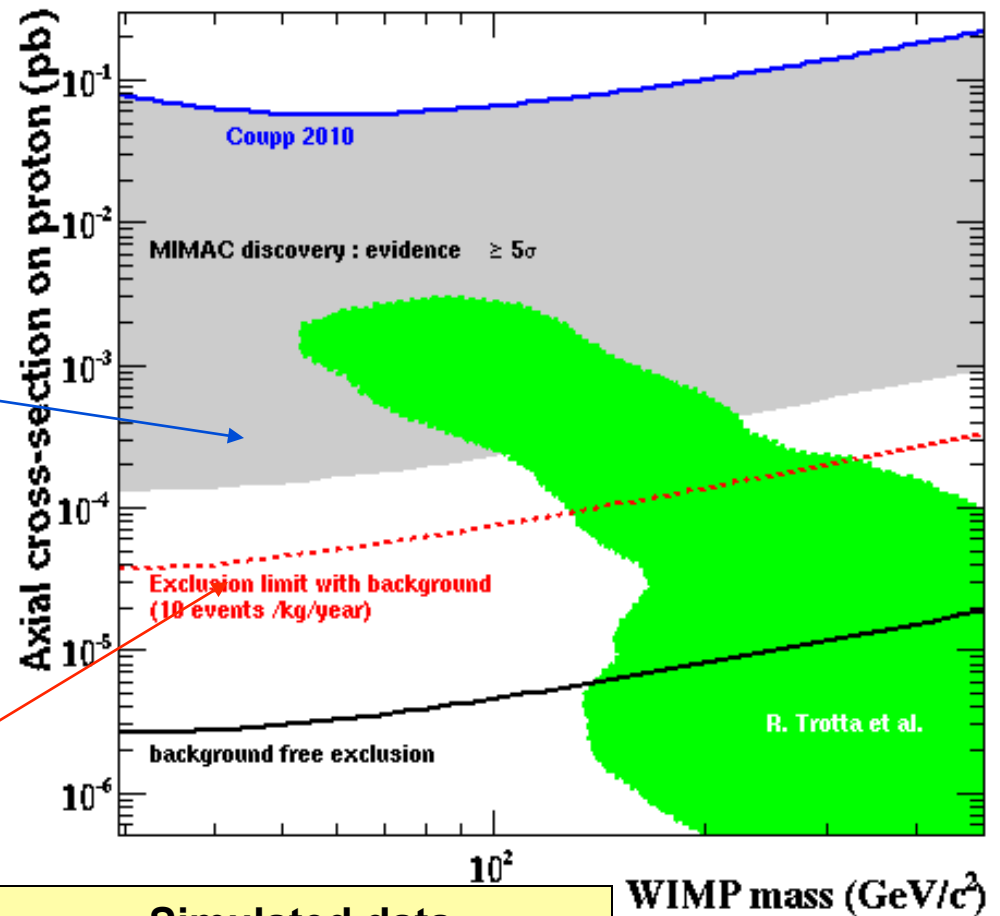


100 WIMP, 100 bkg

- **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]