

MIMAC

Micro-tpc MAtrix of Chambers

A Large TPC for directional non baryonic Dark Matter detection

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MIMAC: (Micro-tpc Matrix of Chambers)

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J. Billard (Ph.D) (left in July 2012), Q. Riffard (Ph.D) (started in October 2012)

Technical Coordination :

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- **Electronics :**

G. Bosson, O.Bourrion, J-P. Richer

- **Gas detector :**

O. Guillaudin, A. Pellisier

- **Data Acquisition:**

O. Bourrion

- **Mechanical Structure :**

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- **Ion source (quenching) :**

P. Sortais, J-F. Muraz

CEA-Saclay (IRFU): I. Giomataris, E. Ferrer (micromegas detectors)

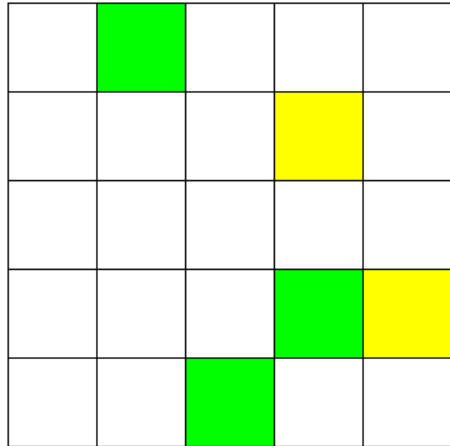
Joined in 2012:

CCPM (Marseille): J. Busto, Ch. Tao, D. Fouchez, J. Brunner (Radon filtering)

Neutron facility (AMANDE) :

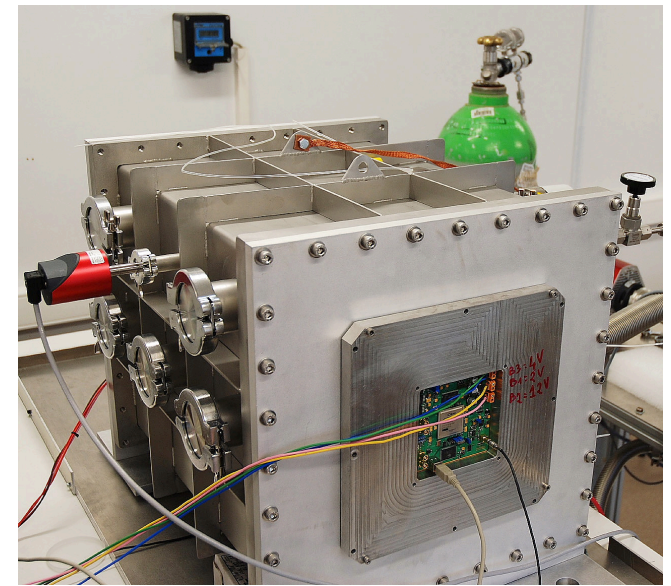
IRSN (Cadarache): L. Lebreton, D. Maire (Ph. D.), J. Médard (CDD-1year)

The MIMAC project



A low pressure multi-chamber detector

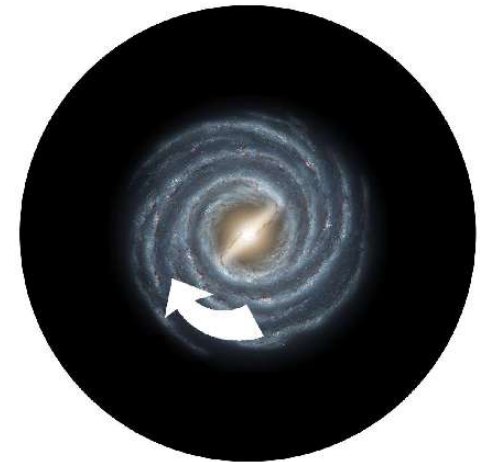
- Energy and 3D Track measurements
- Matrix of chambers (correlation)
- μ TPC : Micromegas technology
- CF_4 , CHF_3 , and ^1H : $\sigma(A)$ dependency
- Axial and scalar weak interaction
- **Directional detector**



Bi-chamber module
2 x (11x11x25 cm³)

Strategy:

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

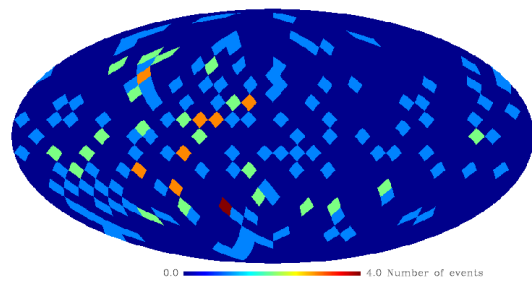


Phenomenology: Discovery

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

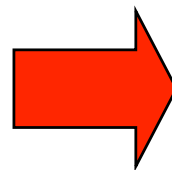
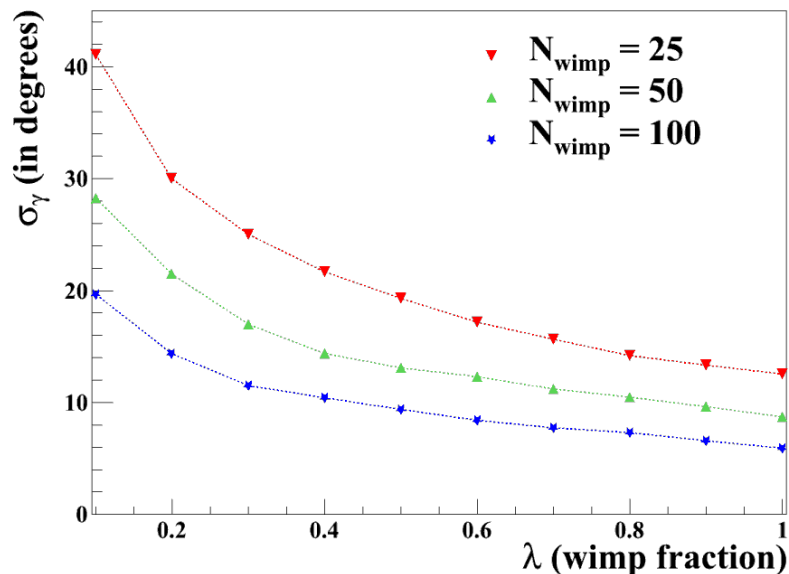
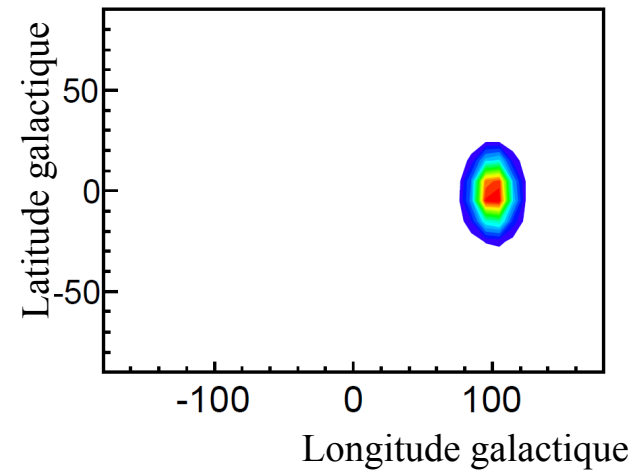
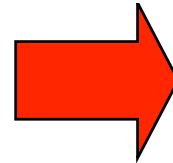
Proof of discovery: **Signal pointing toward the Cygnus constellation**

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

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Phenomenology: Identification

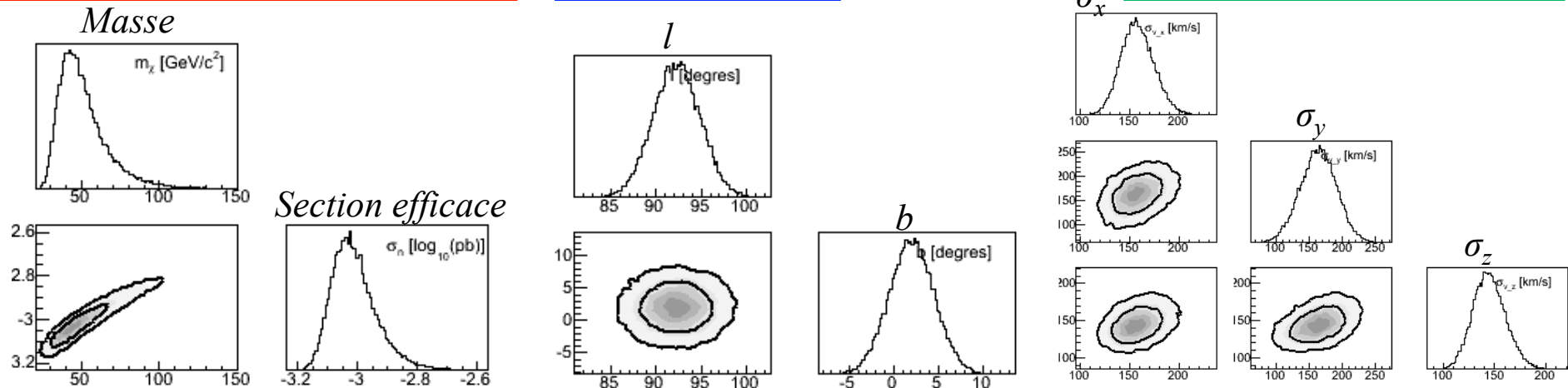
J. Billard *et al.*, PRD 2011

The eight parameters are strongly constrained with only one directional data set.

WIMP mass Vs cross section

Discovery proof

WIMP velocity distribution



	m_χ (GeV/c ²)	$\log_{10}(\sigma_n$ (pb))	l_\odot (°)	b_\odot (°)	σ_x (km.s ⁻¹)	σ_y (km.s ⁻¹)	σ_z (km.s ⁻¹)	β	R_b (kg ⁻¹ 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

MIMAC Phenomenology: Discovery

Estimation of the discovery potential

MIMAC characteristics

- 10 kg CF₄
- DAQ : 3 years
- Recoil energy range [5, 50] keV

Discovery at 3σ }
 With BKG (300)
 Without BKG

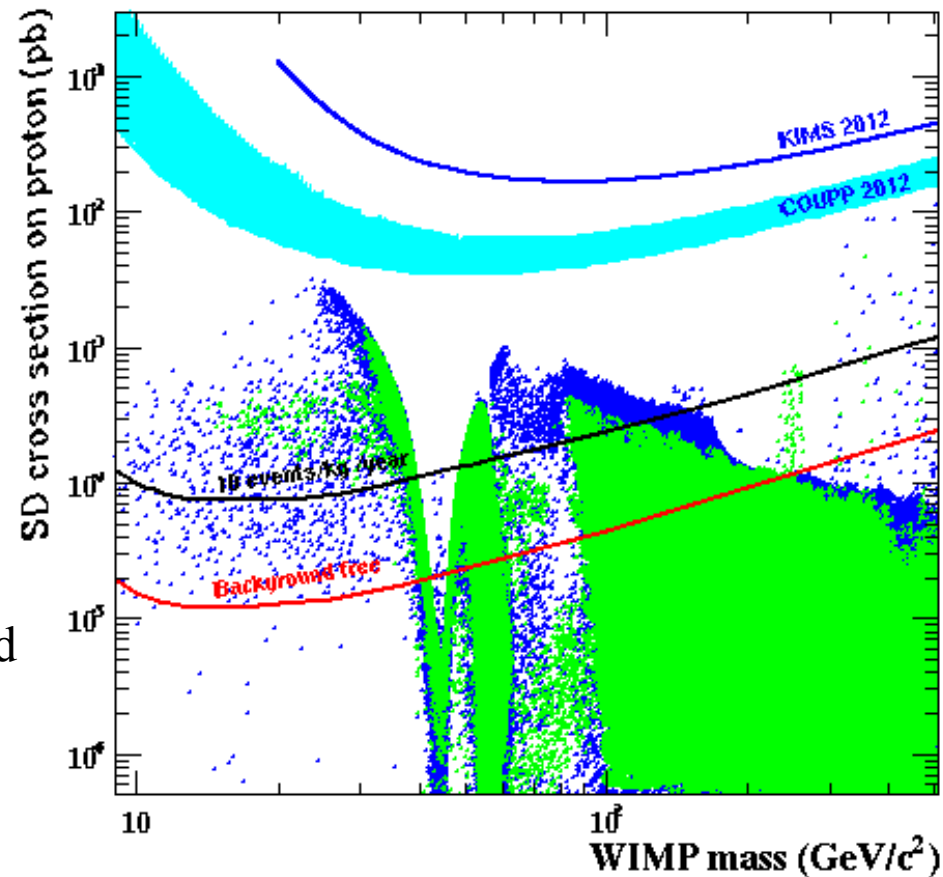
→ Even with a large number of background events, discovery is still possible

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

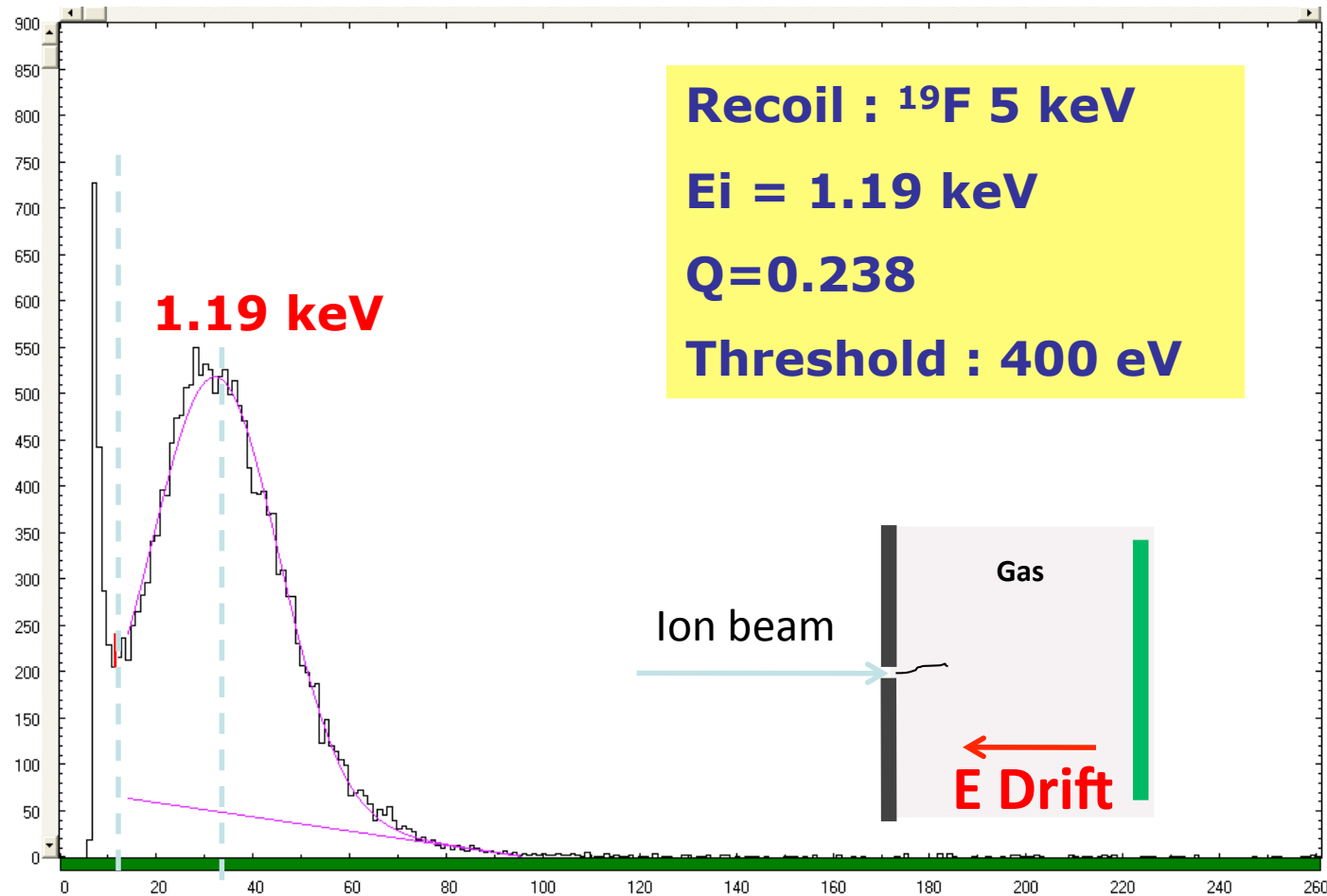
→ **A discovery ($>3\sigma$ @90%CL) with BKG** is possible down to 10^{-3} - 10^{-4} pb

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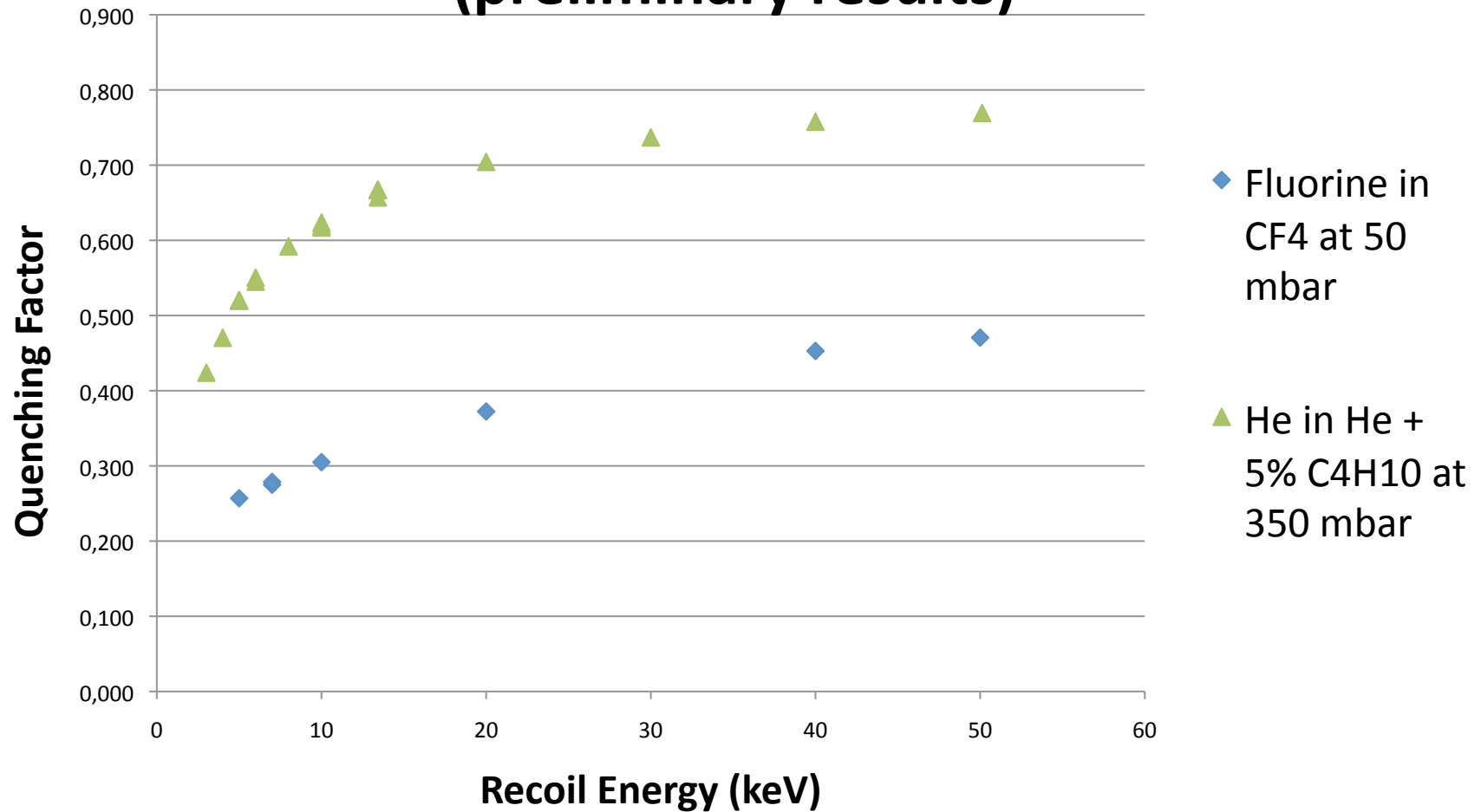
D. Albornoz-Vasquez et al., PRD 85



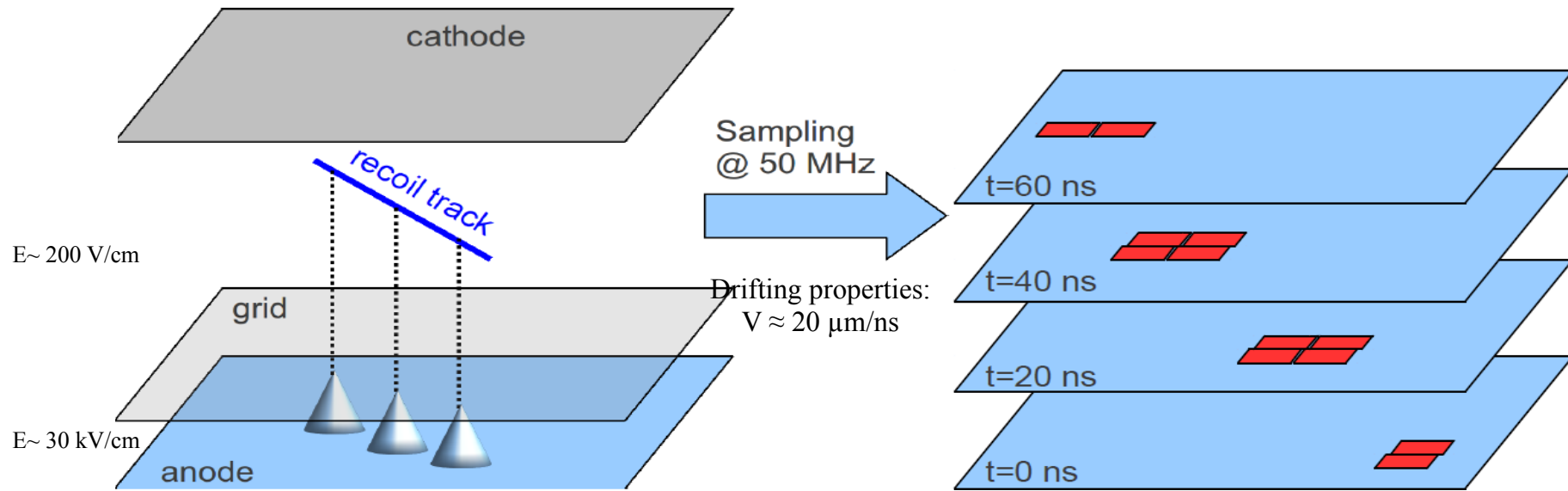
Ionization Quenching Measurements: 5keV ^{19}F Recoil in 60 mbar 40mbar CF_4 +16.8mbar CHF_3 +1.2 mbar Isobutane



Ionization Quenching Factor for Fluorine in pure CF4 at 50 mbar (preliminary results)



MIMAC: Detection strategy

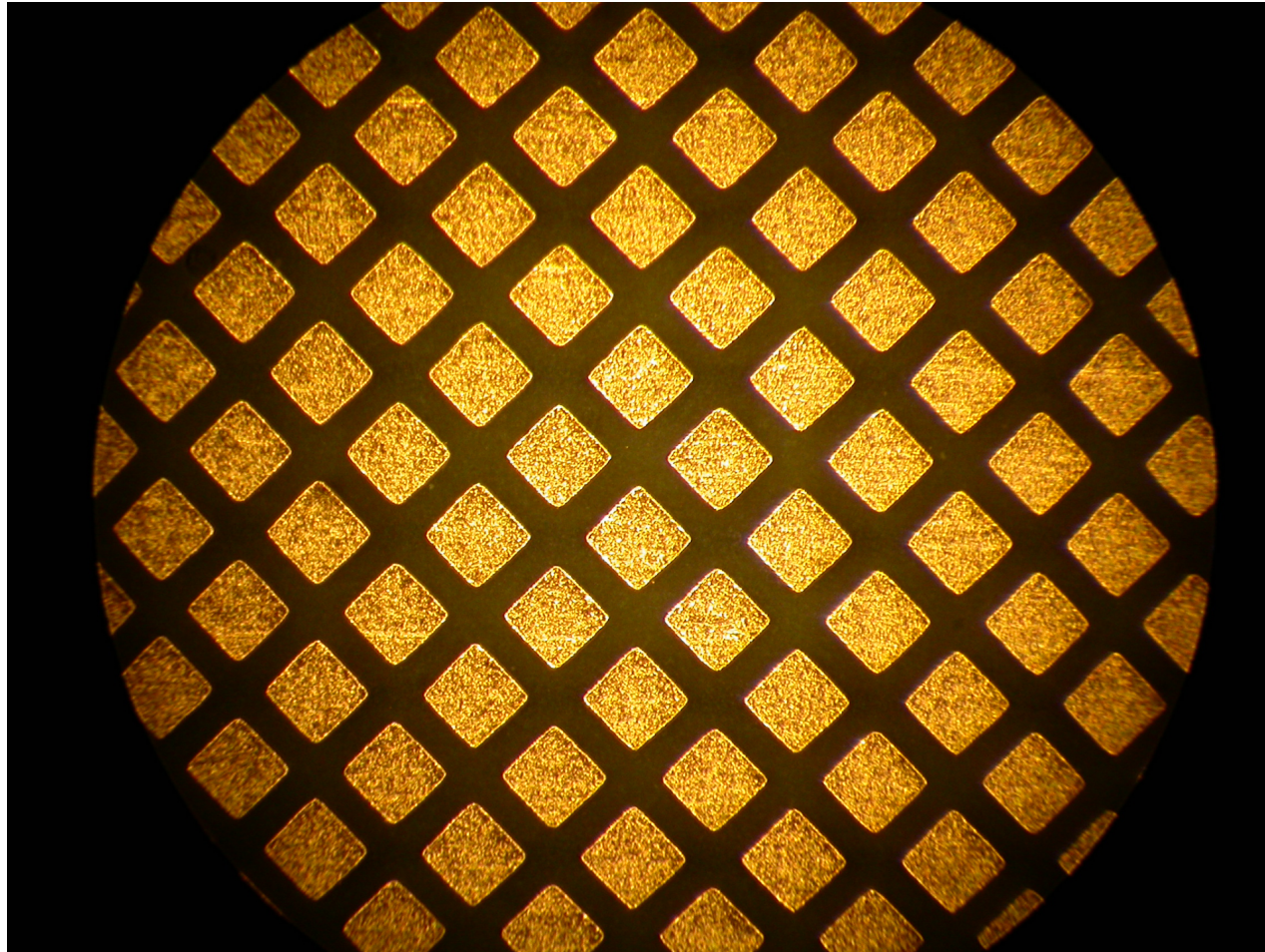


Scheme of a MIMAC μ TPC

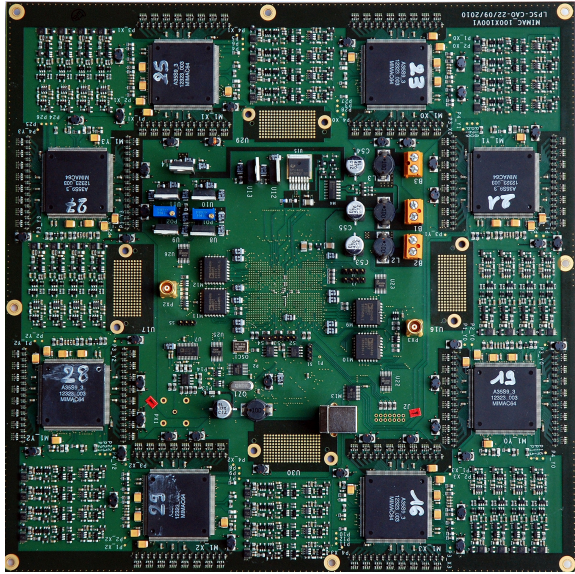
Evolution of the collected charges on the anode

Measurement of the ionization energy: Charge integrator connected to the grid

MIMAC 100x100 mm²(v2) (designed by IRFU- Saclay (France))



MIMAC electronics (512 channels)

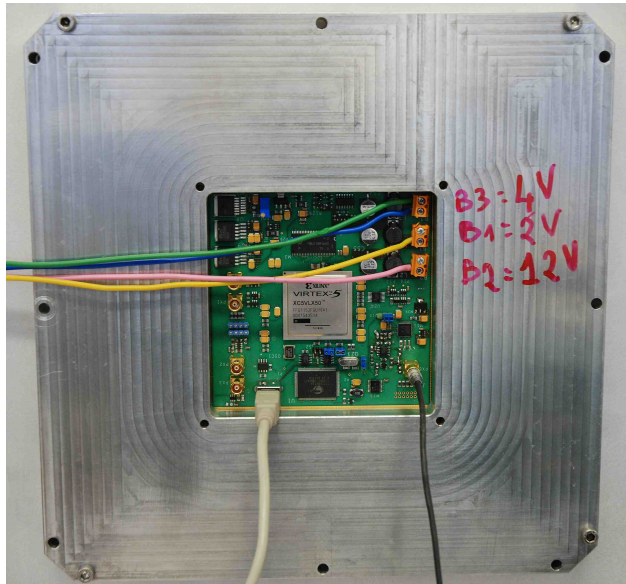


Entirely developed (ASICs included) by the MIMAC team at the LPSC-Grenoble (France)

V1: 2007 (192 channels for the 3cm x3cm)
ASIC-Mimac (16 channels)

V2: 2009 (512 channels for the 10cmx10cm)
ASIC-Mimac (64 channels)

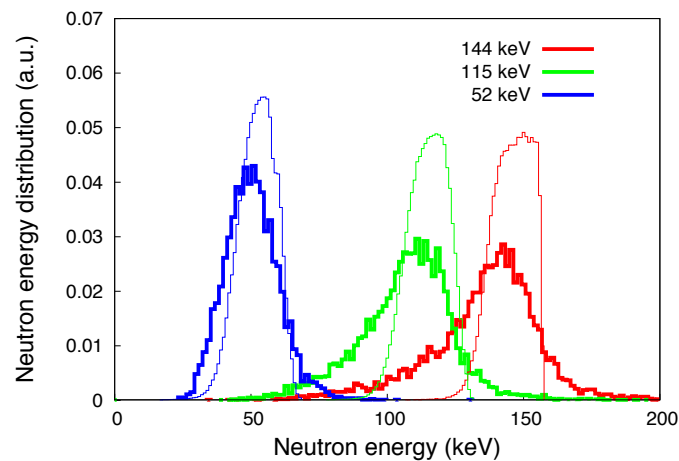
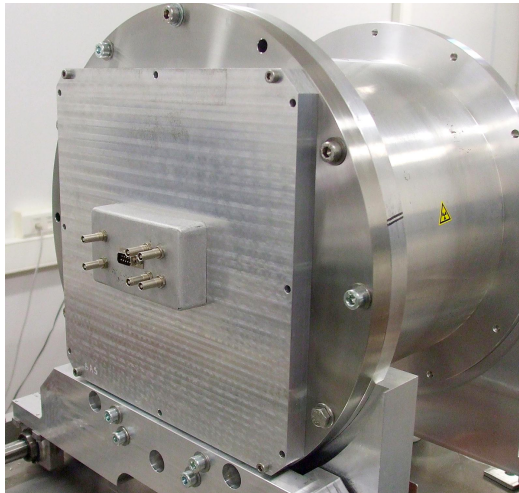
V3: 2011 (upgraded version) 512 channels



MIMAC : nuclear recoil track measurements

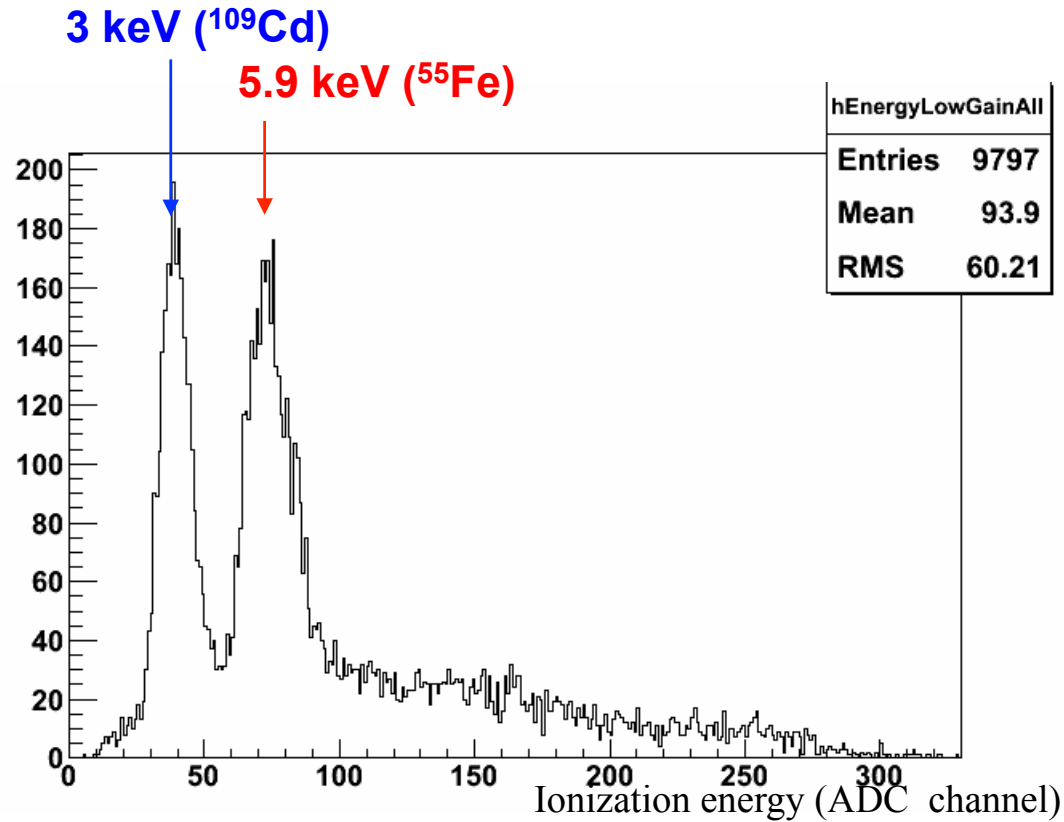
Amande facility @ IRSN Cadarache

- Neutron field with energies down to a few keV

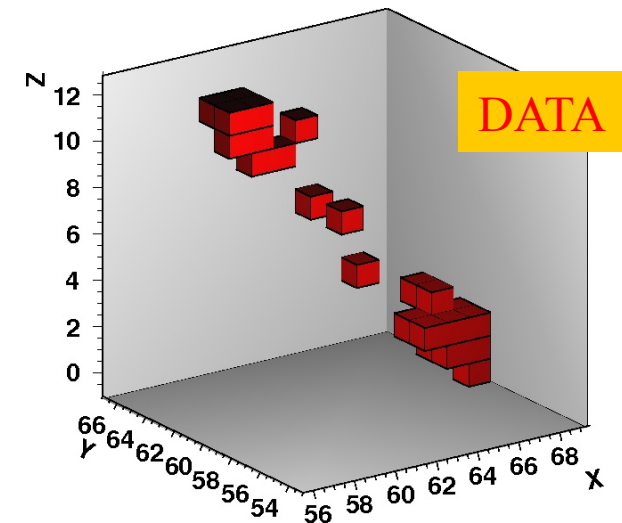


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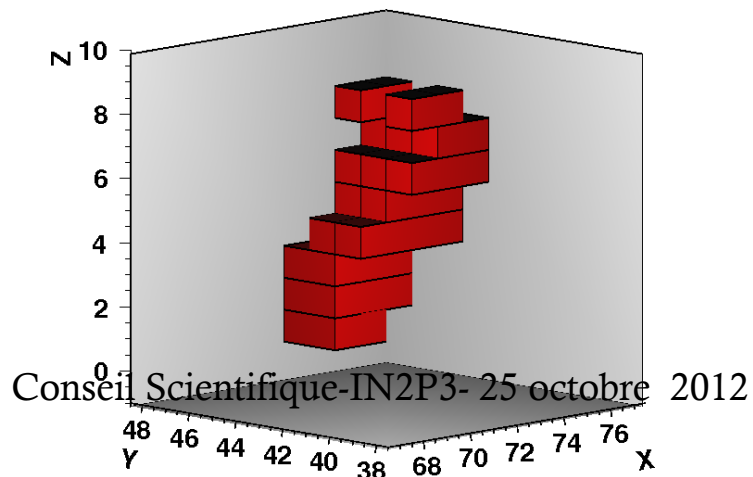
MIMAC: Performance at low energies



$\text{CF}_4 + 28\% \text{CHF}_3$
 (+2% C_4H_{10})
 50 mbar



One electron track (6 keV)



Fluorine candidate
 @ 50 keV ionization
 Produced with a
 monochromatic neutron
 field (AMANDE)

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Recoils from 144 keV neutrons

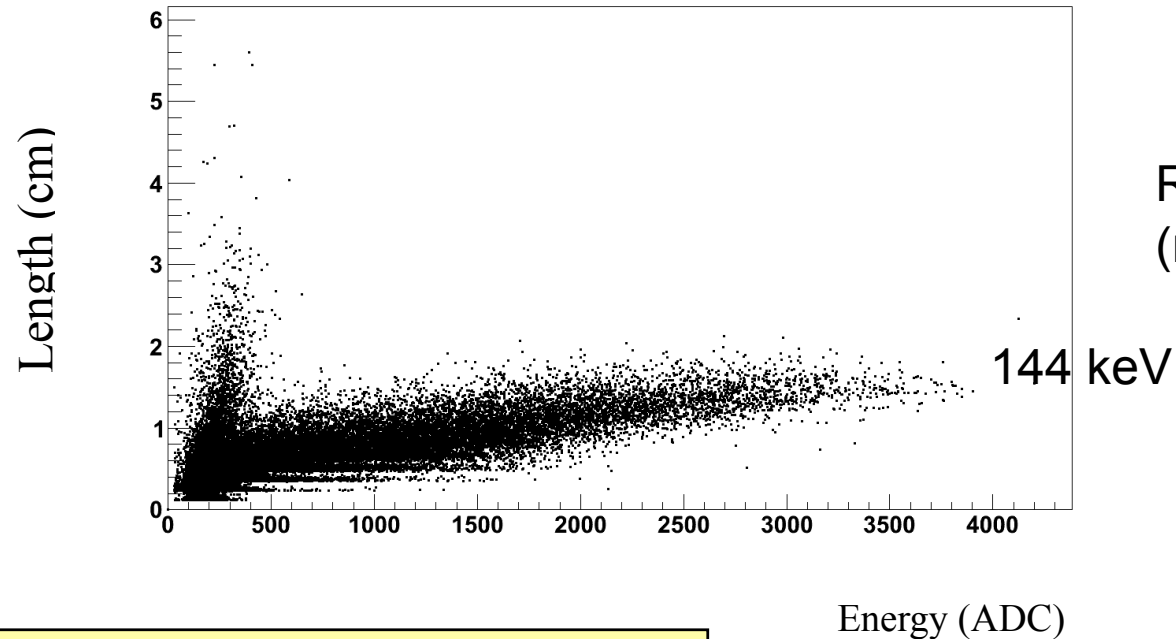
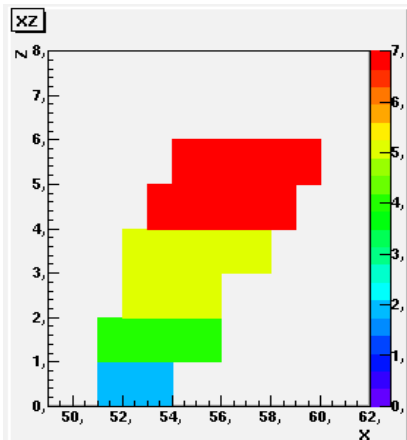
Pure isobutane

100 mbar

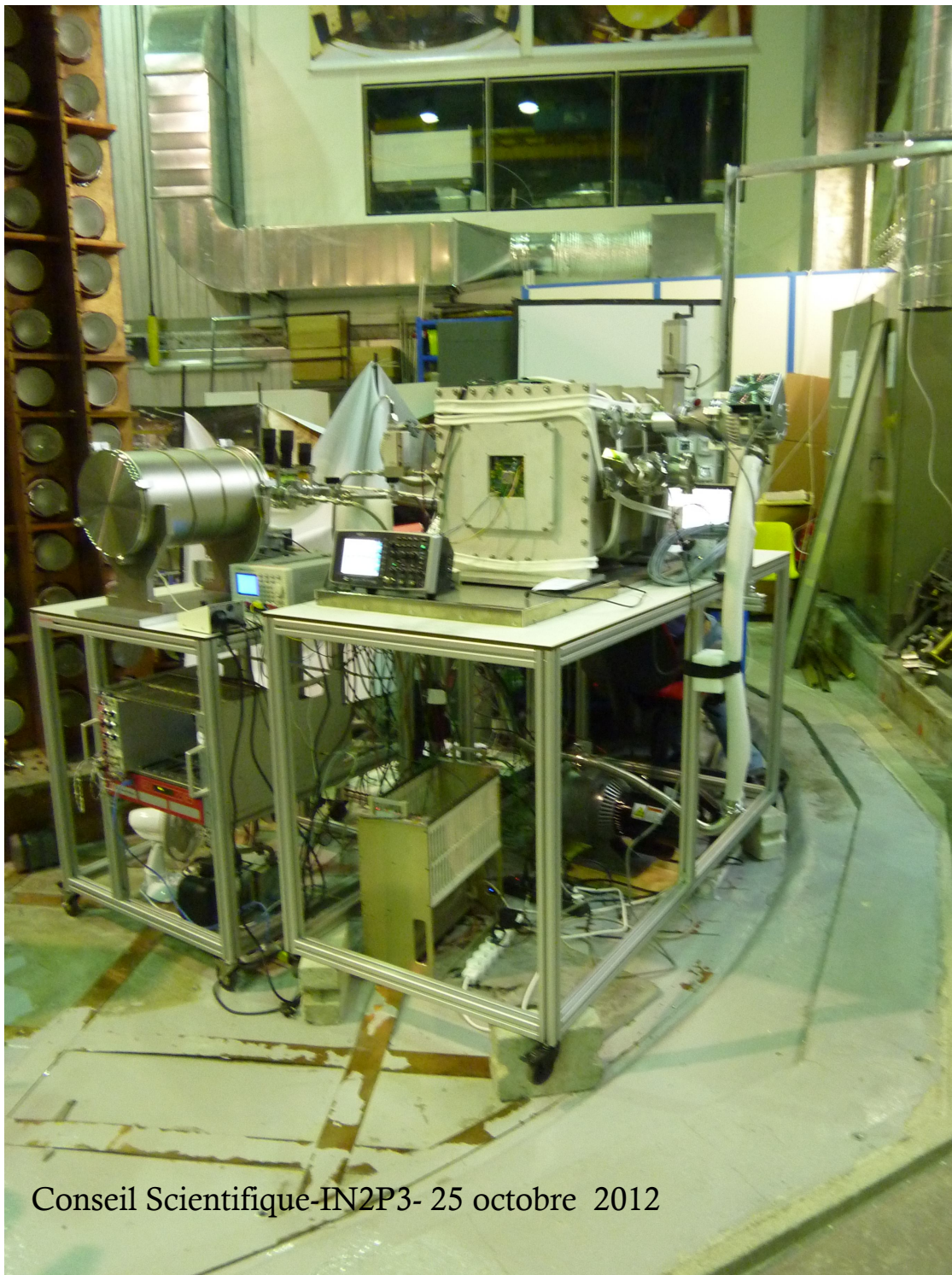
150 V/cm

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- Possibility to have H as a target
- Background discrimination from recoils



MIMAC (bi-chamber module) at
Modane Underground Laboratory
(France)

since June 22nd 2012

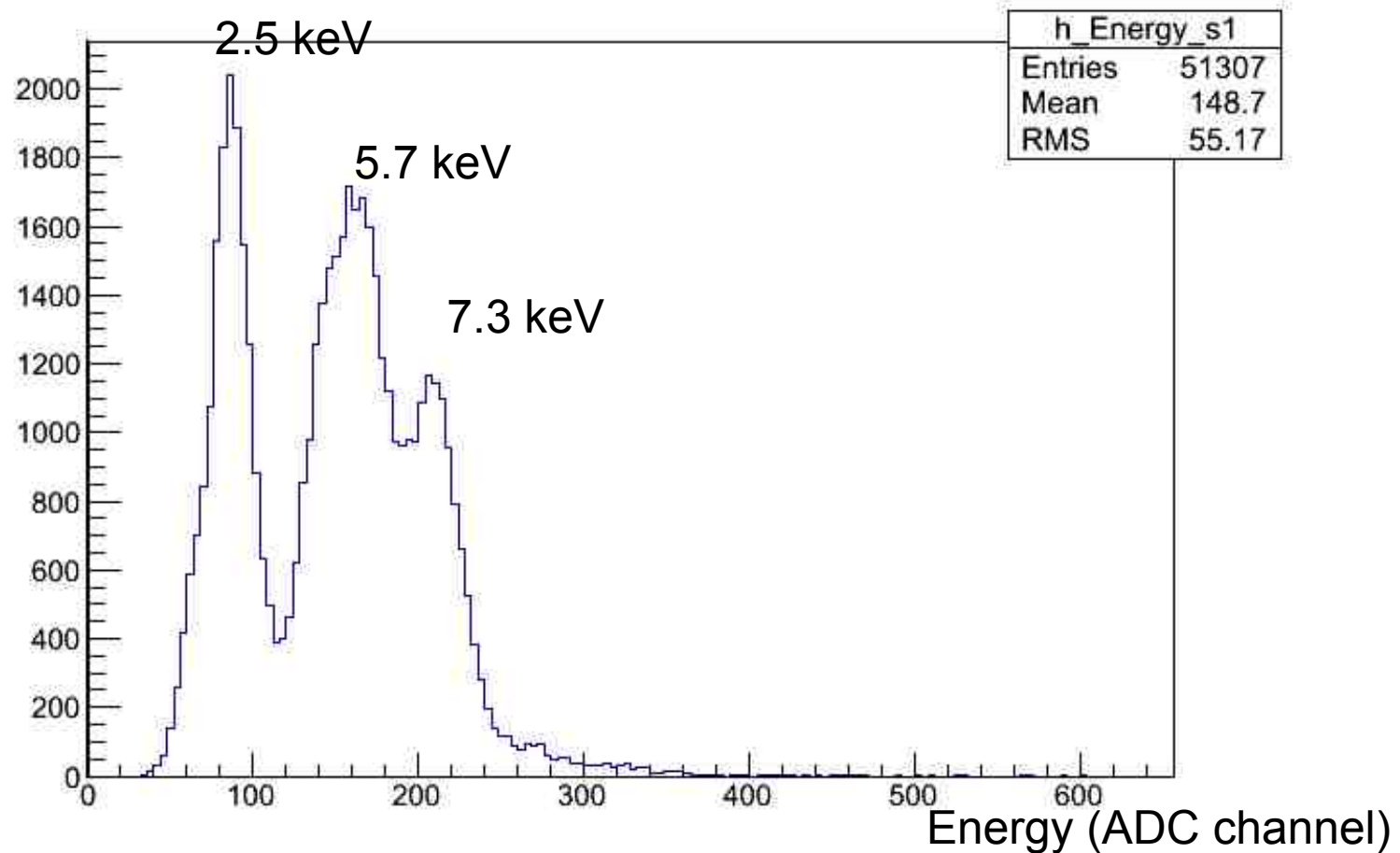
- working at 50 mbar
($\text{CF}_4 + 28\% \text{CHF}_3 + 2\% \text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}$)
- in a permanent circulating mode
- Remote controlled and commanded
- Calibration control twice per week

Many thanks to LSM staff

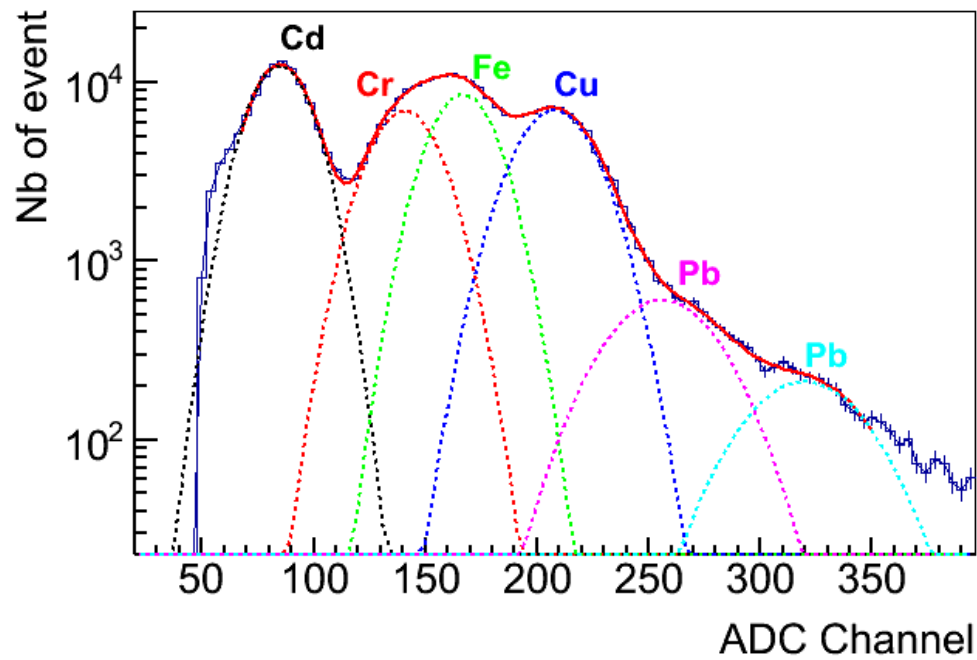
Calibration – Chamber2 (at Modane)

fluorescence of Cd-(Cr-Fe)-Cu

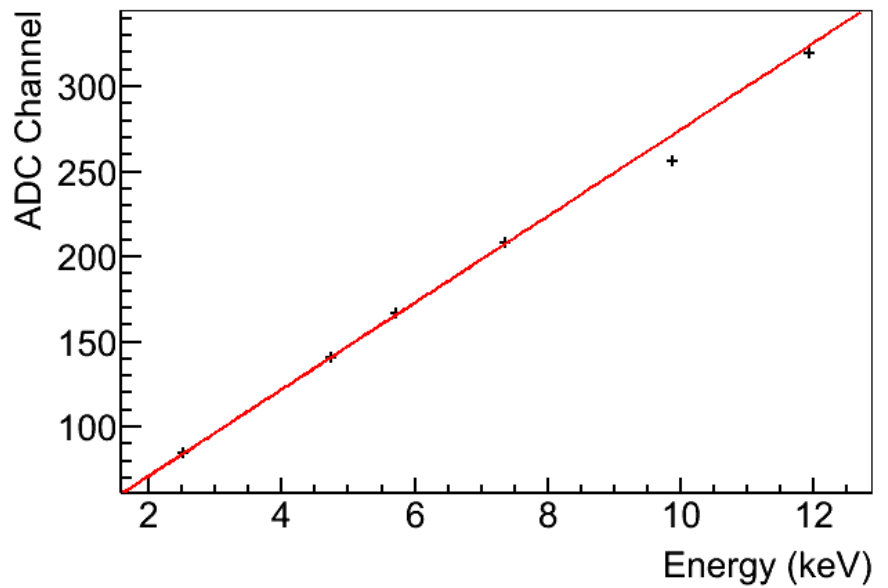
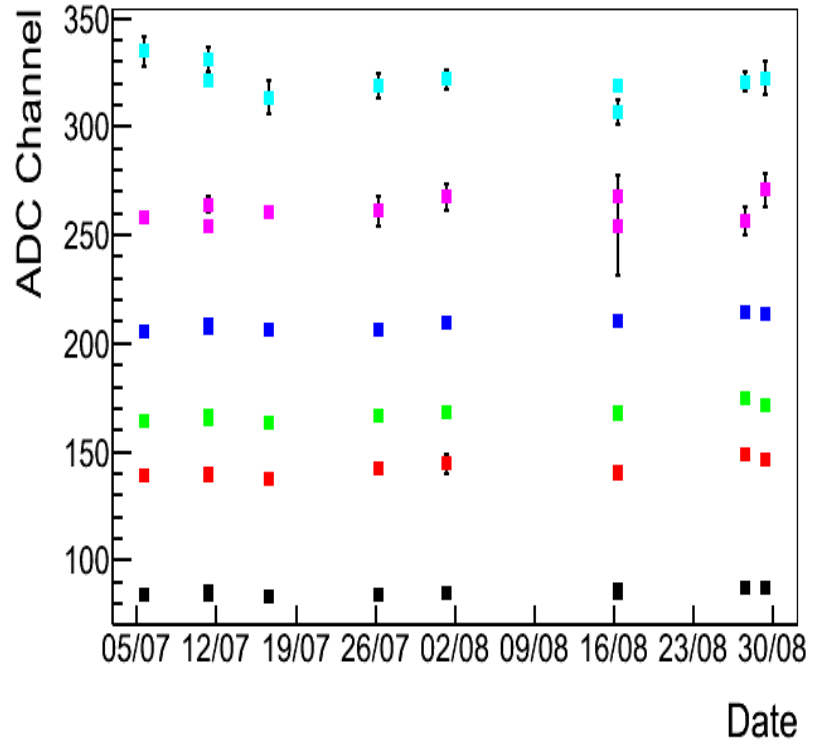
(binding energy of ^{19}F \sim 0.7 keV)



MIMAC Calibration at Modane (by fluorescence + X-ray generator)



Gain stability (Peak_channel vs. time(days))



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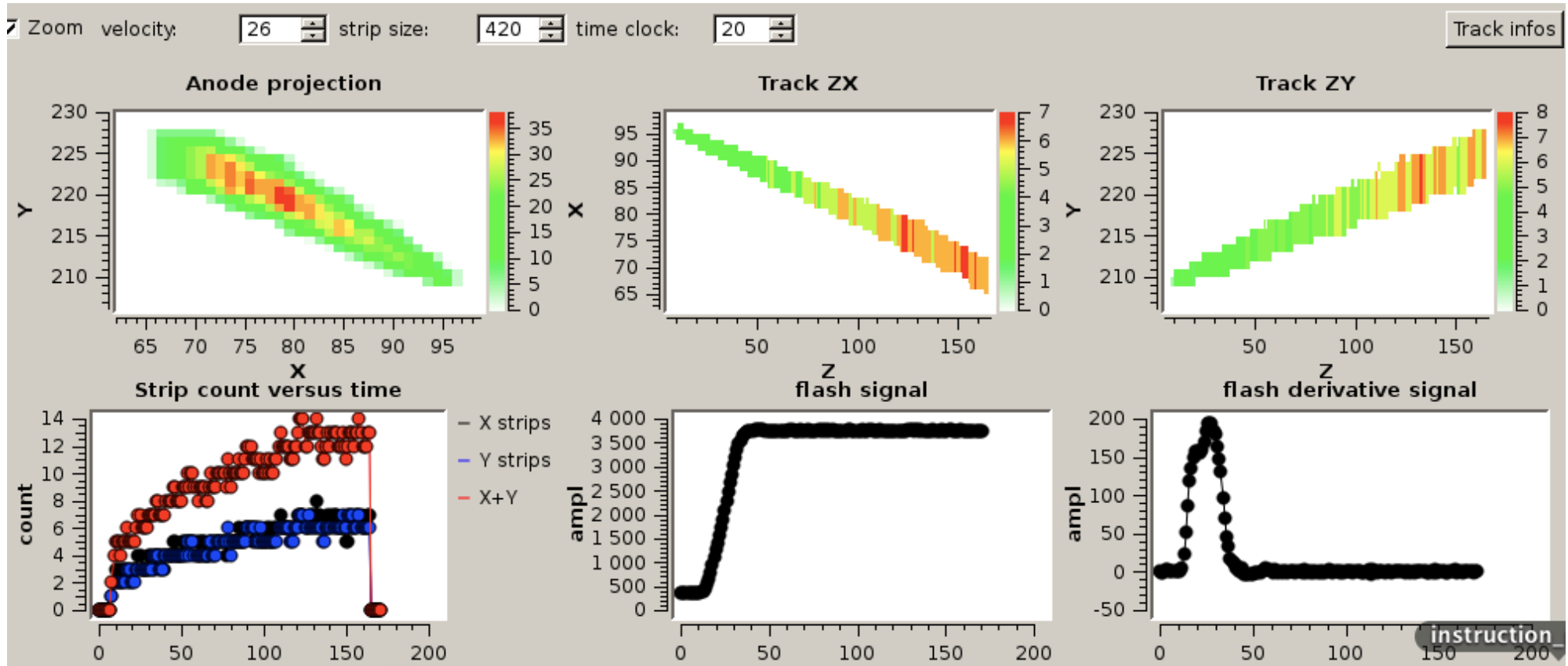
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An alpha particle crossing the detector (as an illustration of the MIMAC observables)

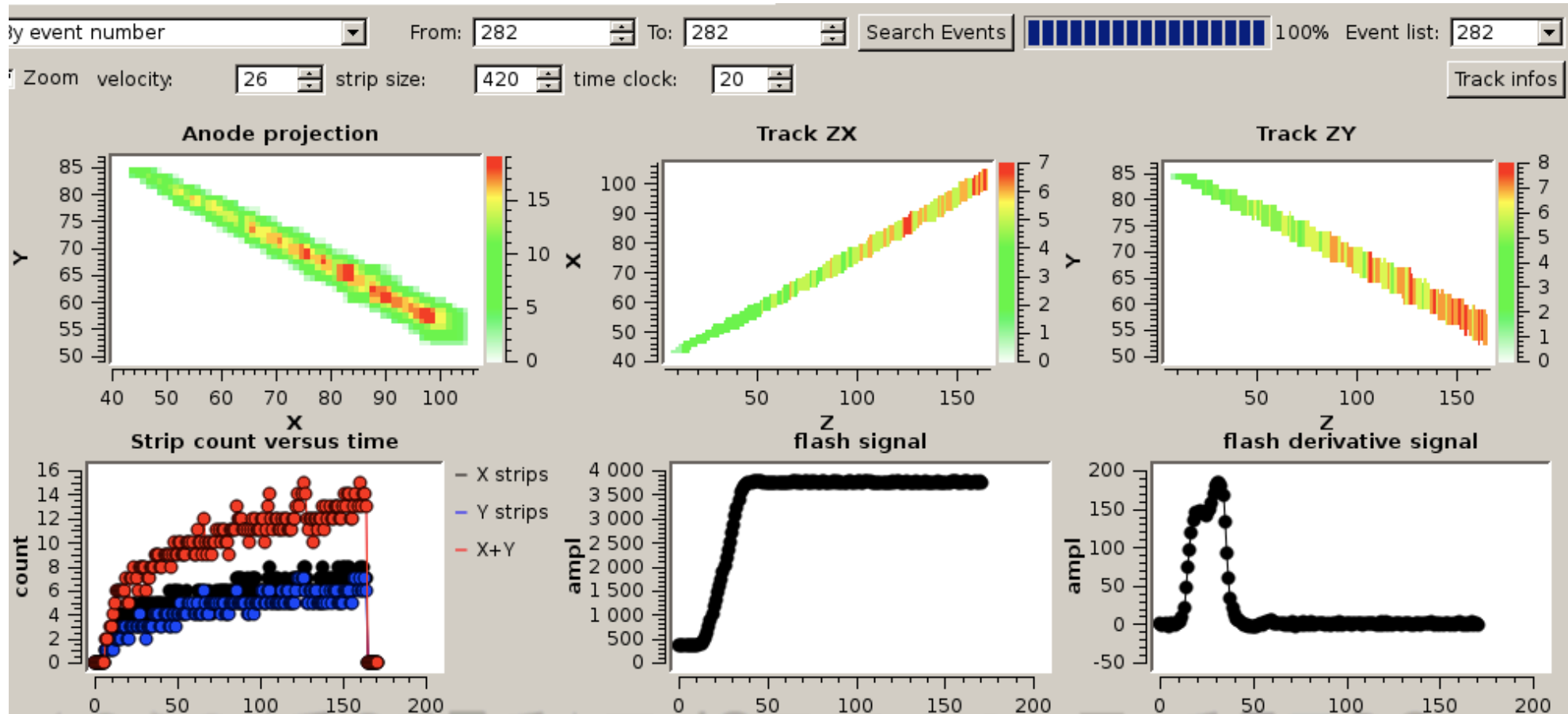
X-Y (anode)

X-Z(t)

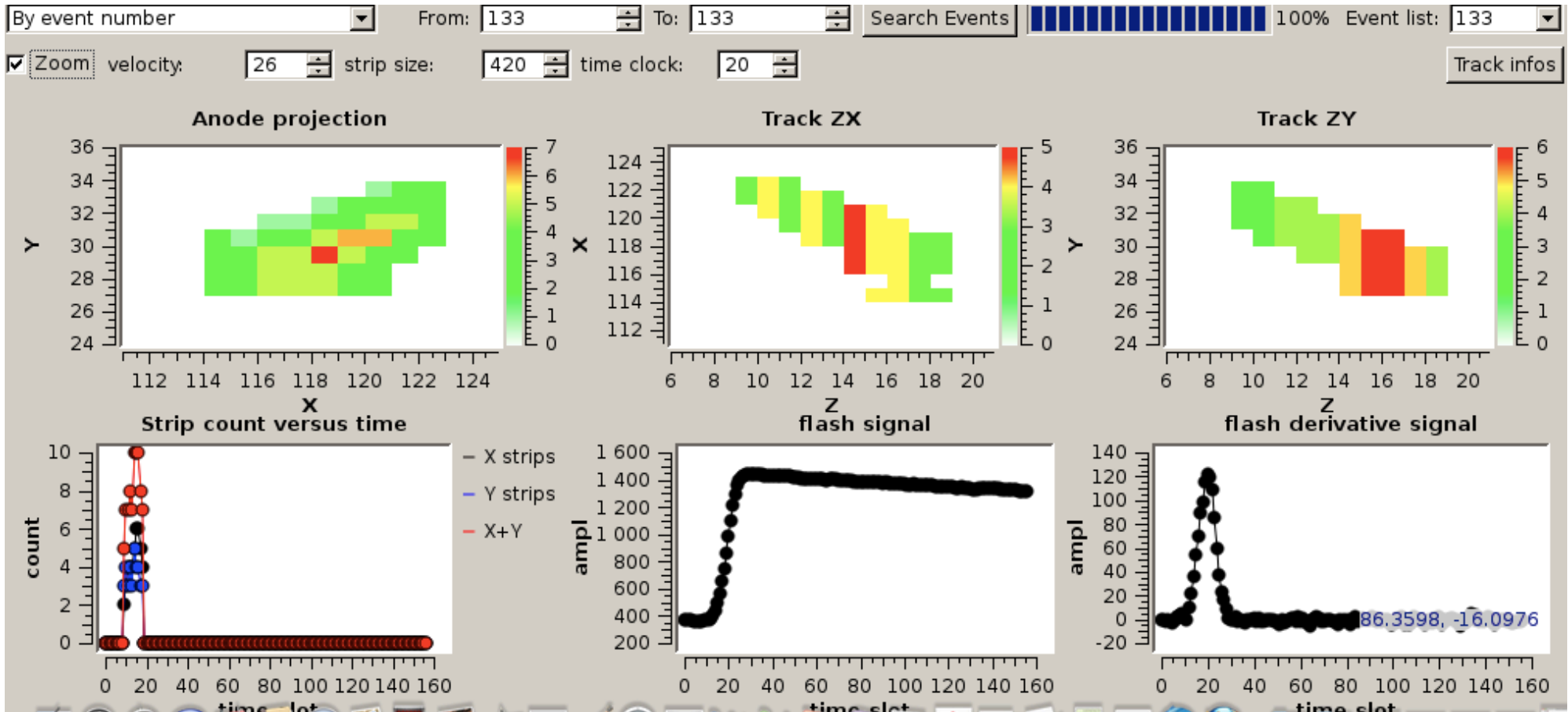
Y-Z(t)



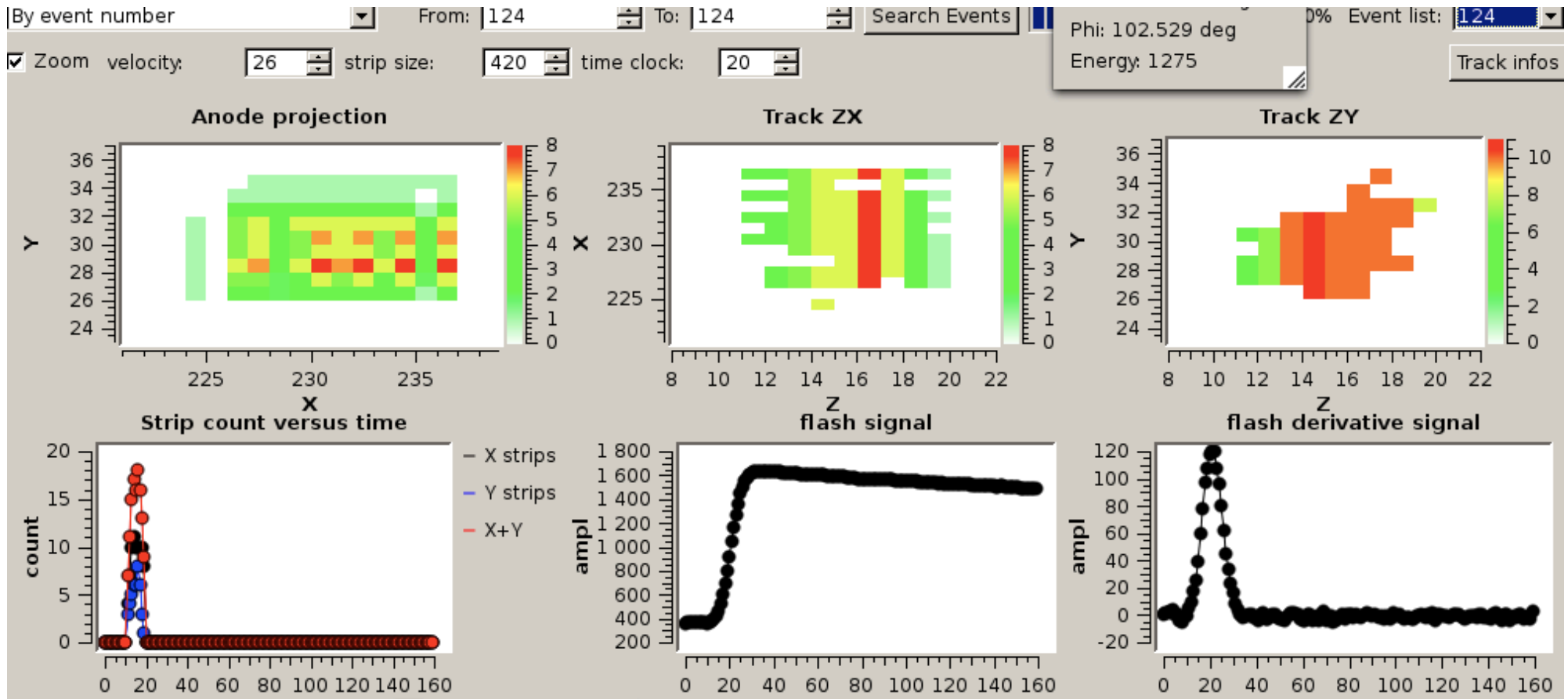
An other alpha particle crossing the detector



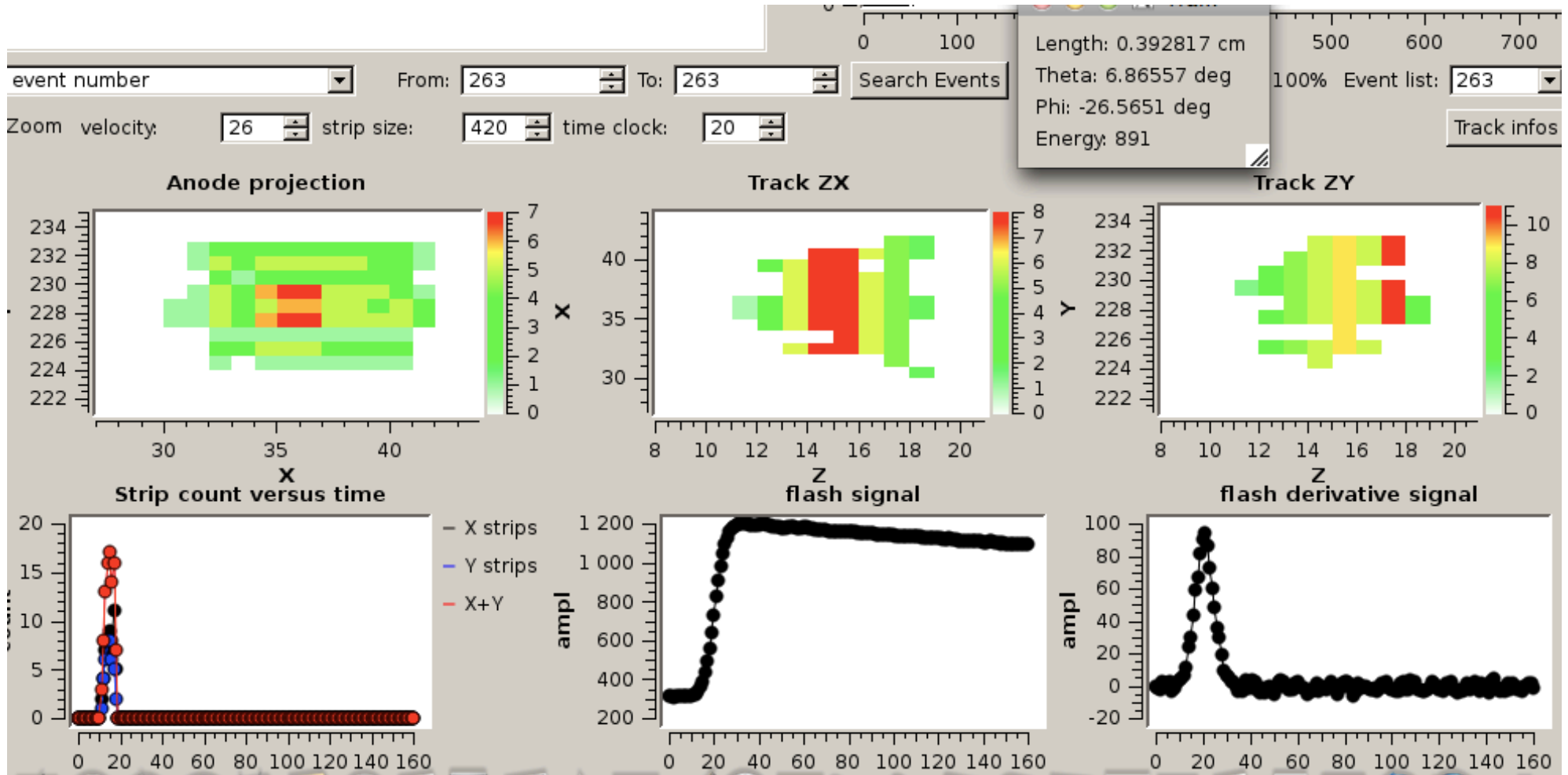
(preliminary analysis): A “recoil event” (~ 34 keVee)



(preliminary analysis): A “recoil” event (~ 40 keVee)

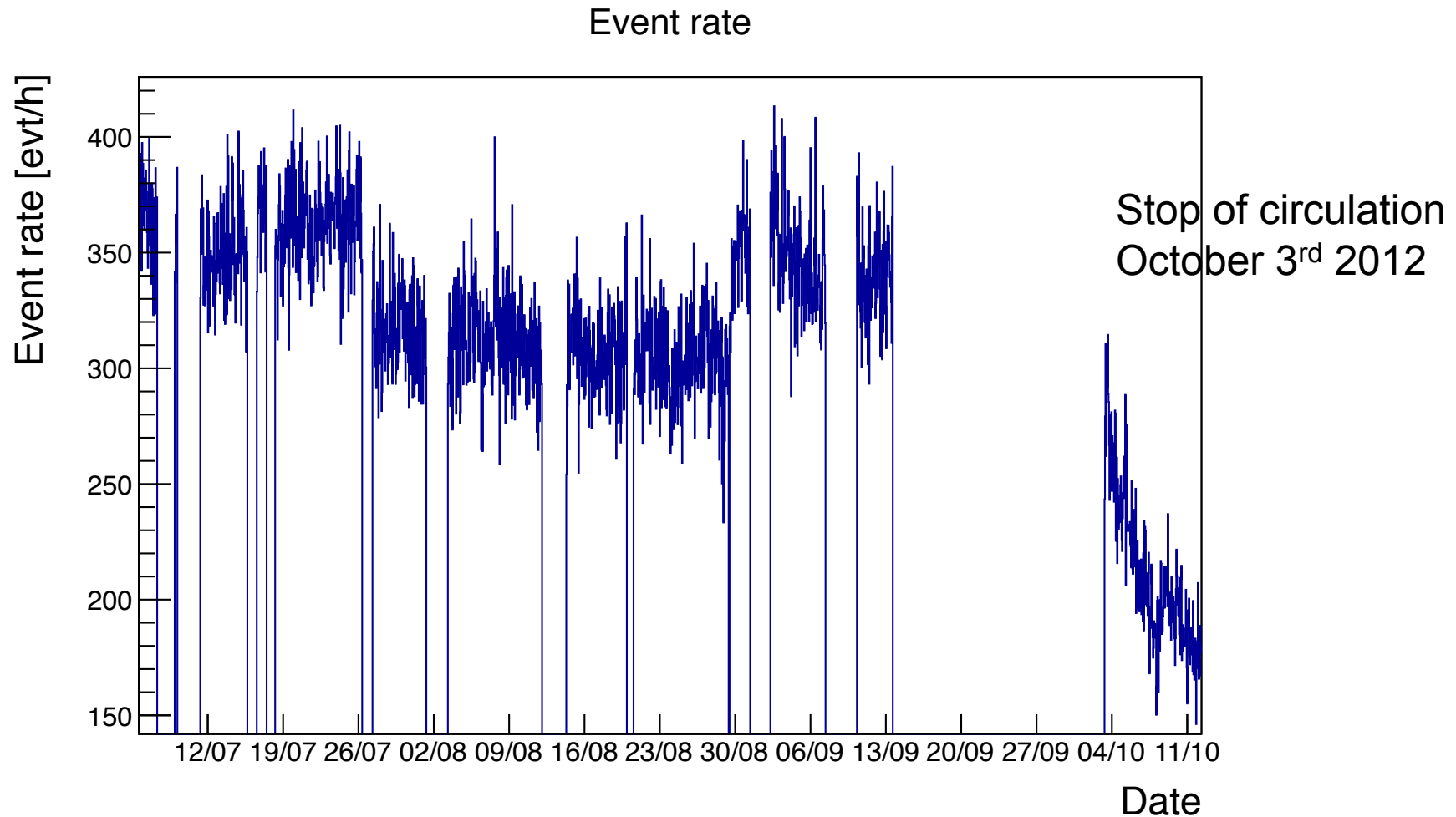


(preliminary analysis): A “recoil” event (~ 28 keVee)



Total event rate at Modane in Ch2

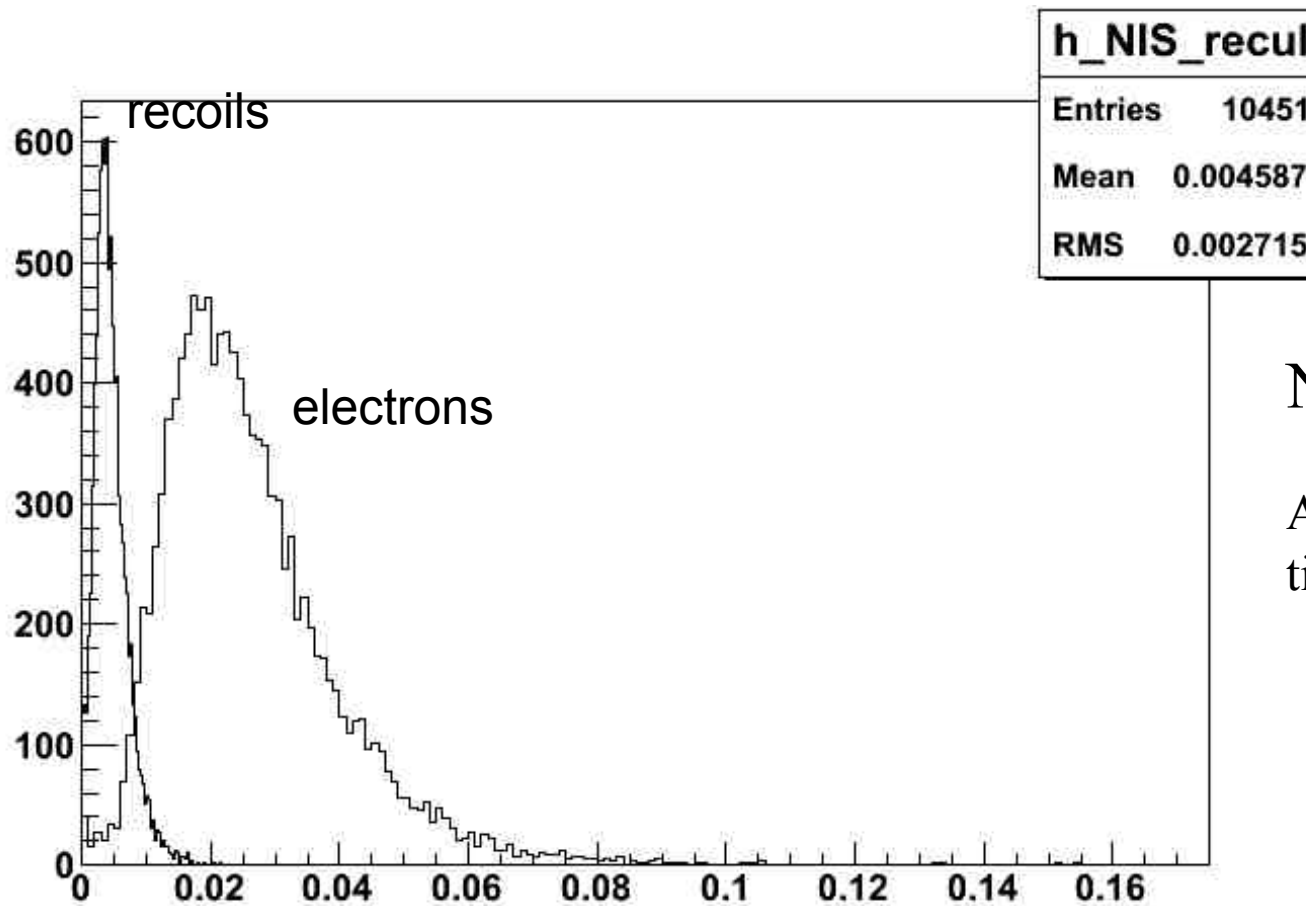
(threshold 1 keVee, at 470V) (no cuts !)
(validation of the source of alphas (Rn))



Normalized Integrated Straggling (NIS)

(a new degree of freedom for e-recoil discrimination)

(The addition of partial deflections along the measured track,
normalized by its total (ionization) energy)



$$\text{NIS} = \Sigma (\Delta\theta_i) / E$$

Addition over all the
time samples of a track

« MIMAC – observables »

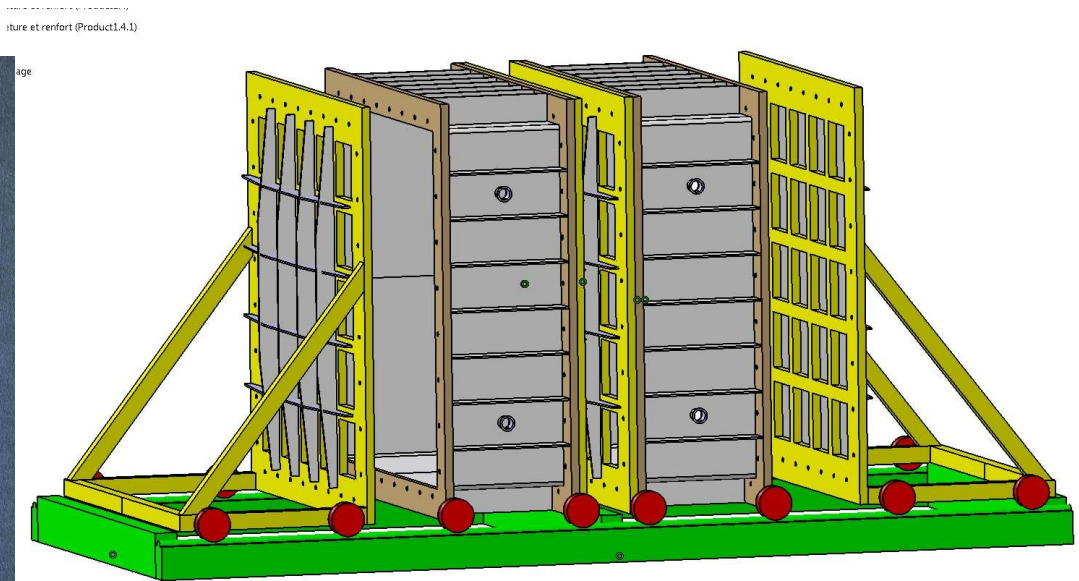
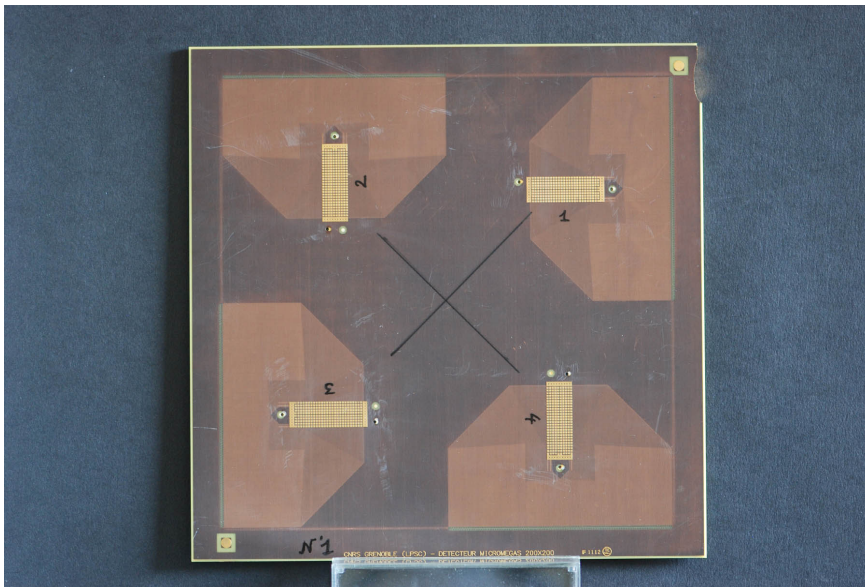
- Ionization energy (+ quenching factor)
- Track length and 3D track
- NIS (Normalized Integrated Straggling)

Low energy electron/recoil discrimination for directional Dark Matter detection, J.Billard et al. (JCAP 07(2012) 020)

- $\Delta T = (\text{Flash-ADC time} - \text{Time slots}) [20\text{ns}] = f(\text{drift})$
- dE/dx asymmetry as a function of t
- Track topology (number of holes)

MIMAC – 1m³ = 50 bi-chambers (20x20x25 cm³)

- i) New technology anode 20cmx20cm (piggy-back) (already tested in 10cmx10cm)
- ii) New electronic card (1024 channels)
- iii) Only two big chambers (25 bi-chambers each)



New 20cmx20cm pixelized anode

Budget 1m³

-Electronics (100x 1024 channels) + Acquisition:	335 k€ (150 k€ of ASICs)
-Detectors (piggy back)	150 k€
-HT (power supply)+ cables	40 k€
-Mechanical structure and Shielding	85 k€
-Calibration (X-ray generators, sources)	15 k€
-Gas circulation and control system + vacuum	75 k€
-Total equipement:	700 k€
-1 Post-doc (3 years)	135 k€
- Missions (+ logistic) (4 years)	40 k€
-Total :	875 k€

Previous funding: ANR-Blanc (1/2008- 11/2010) : 400 k€

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) Quenching measurements allow to define the recoil energy threshold.
- iii) Phenomenology studies performed by the MIMAC team show the impact of this kind of detector.
- iv) MIMAC bi-chamber module is running at Modane Underground Laboratory since June 22nd 2012.
- v) For the first time 3D nuclear recoil tracks are available from 1keVee.
- vi) New degrees of freedom are available to discriminate electrons from nuclear recoils to improve the DM search for.
- vii) The 1 m³ will be the validation of a new generation of DM detector including directionality (the ultimate signature for DM)