

Test of the annular detector for (n, cp) studies: Preliminary Results

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Motivation

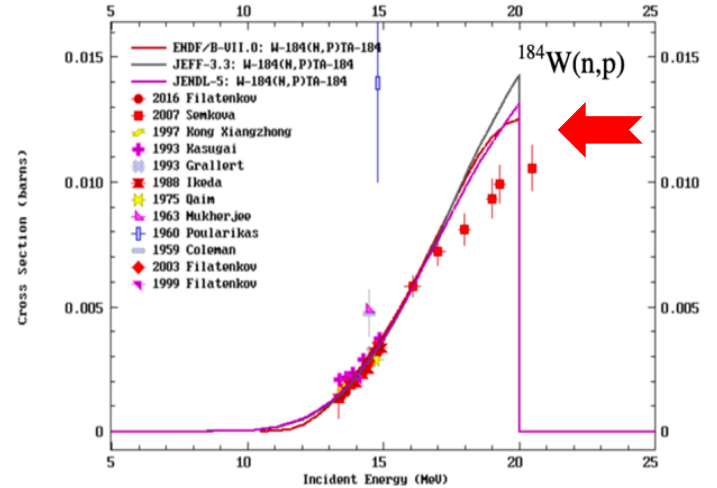
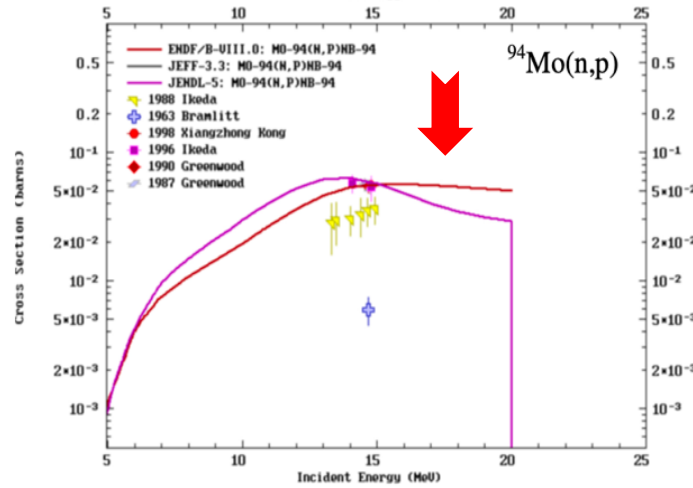
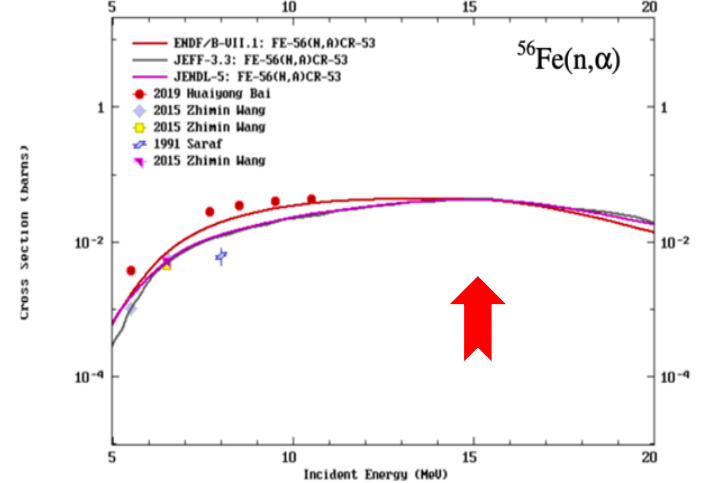
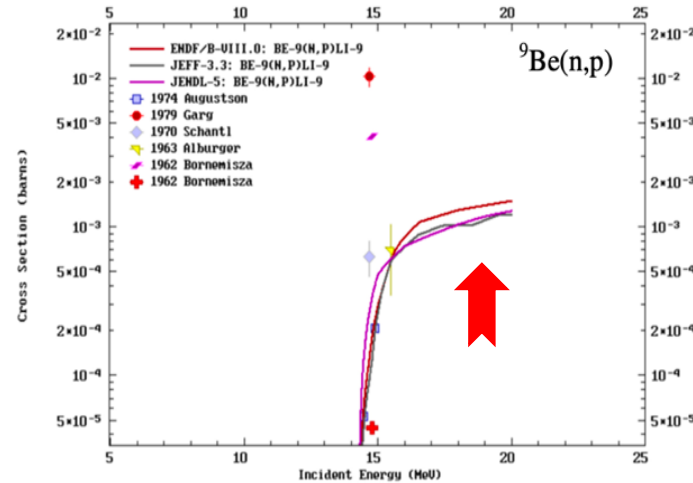
- Increasing worldwide need for (n, lcp)
 - Nuclear Astrophysics
 - Nuclear Technologies

Lack or discrepant/inconsistent experimental data

At least 30 poorly known cross-sections

- The detection systems are setting a limit to the measured reactions

Solution?
Use novel detectors!



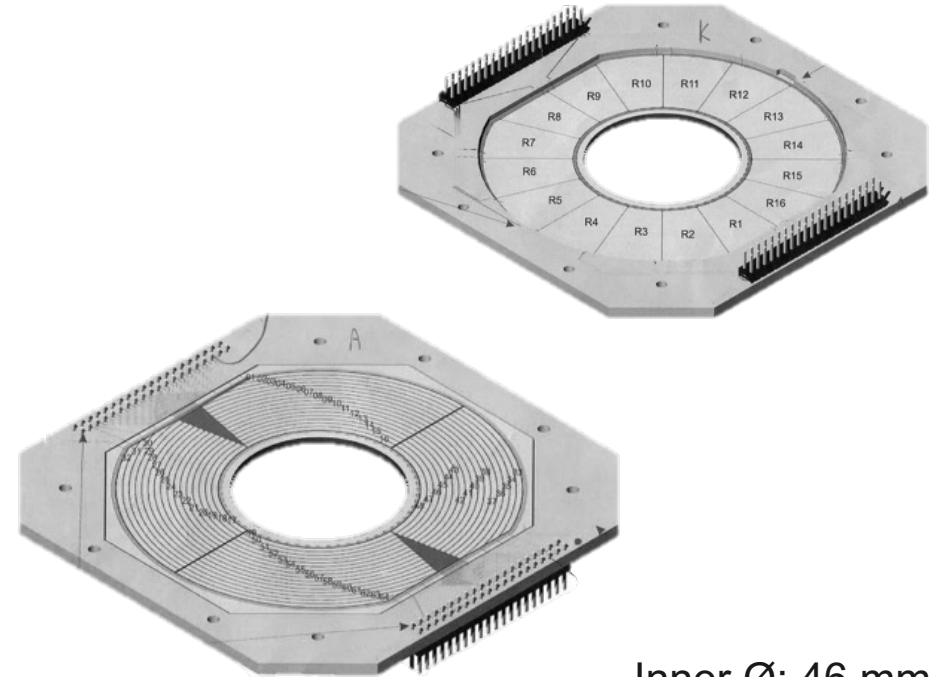
L. Cosentino et al., CERN-INTC-2022-019, INTC-P-629, <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2809189>

But.. why do we need the annular detector?

New detection apparatus **devoted** to particle discrimination

Chance to overcome the $\Delta E/E$ technique limitations

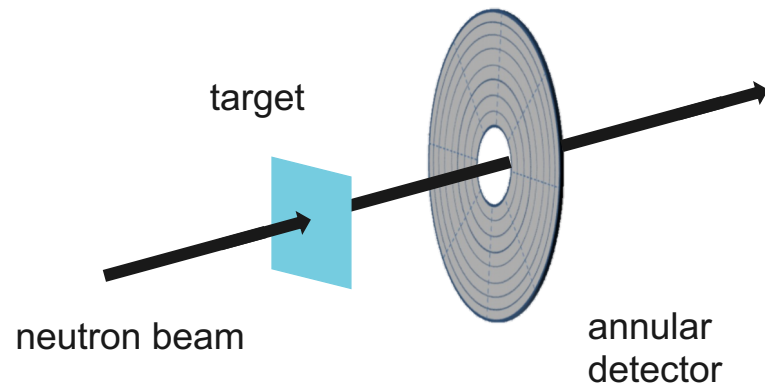
- Neutron Transmutation-Doped (**NTD**)
- **Segmentation**: θ & φ angles
 - Angular distribution & Good position-angular resolution
- **Digital-LNS** Pulse Shape Analysis based on signal shapes
 - Readout directly from preamplifiers
- Neutron energies thresholds for PSA:
 - ~ **2-3 MeV** till **tens of MeV**



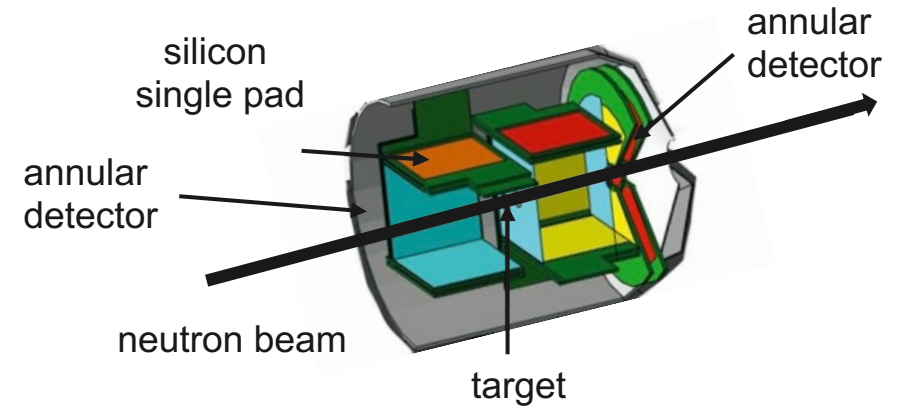
Inner \varnothing : 46 mm
Outer \varnothing : 96 mm
Thickness: 305 μ m
16 sectors – Rear part
16 strips – Front part

Annular Detector: Configuration

Principle of operation:



Possible modular configuration:



Proposal to the ISOLDE and Neutron Time-of-Flight Committee

Measurement of (n,cp) reactions in EAR1 and EAR2 for characterization and validation of new detection systems and techniques

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Special Article – Tools for Experiment and Theory

T-REX

A new setup for transfer experiments at REX-ISOLDE

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Validation test – EAR1

Days: **25-28** November

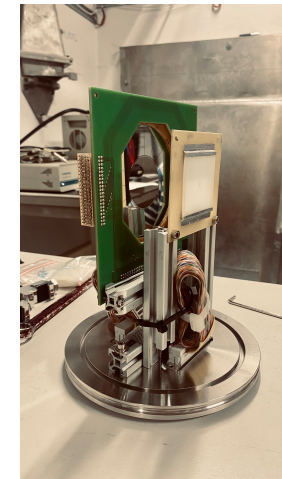
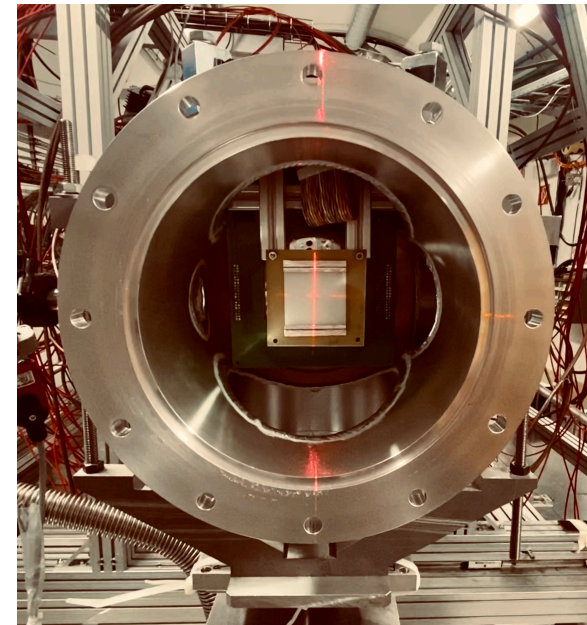
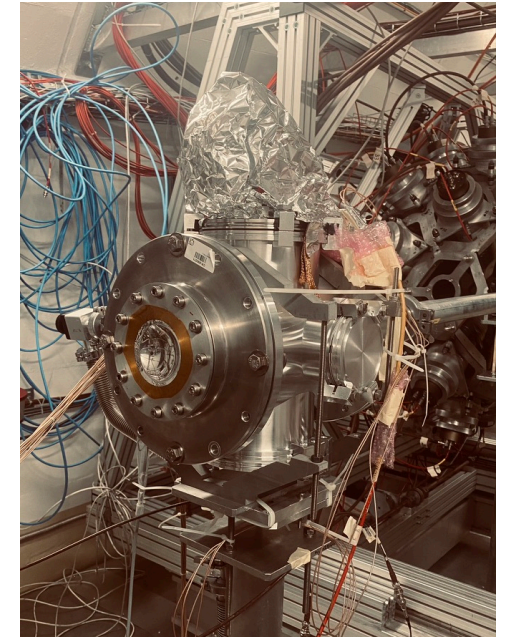
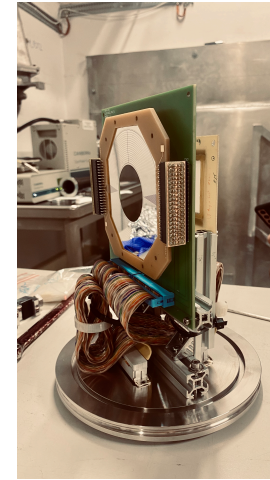
Purpose:

- γ - flash
- Response of the detector
- PSA software
 - Attempt for particle identification

Setup:

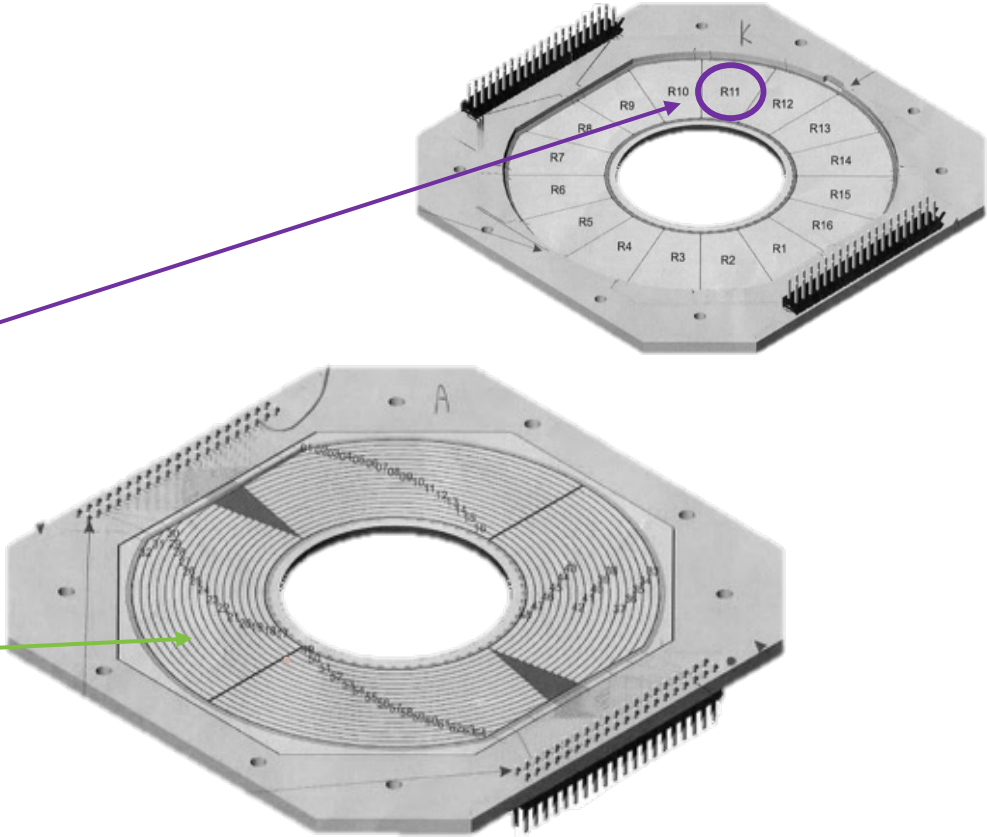
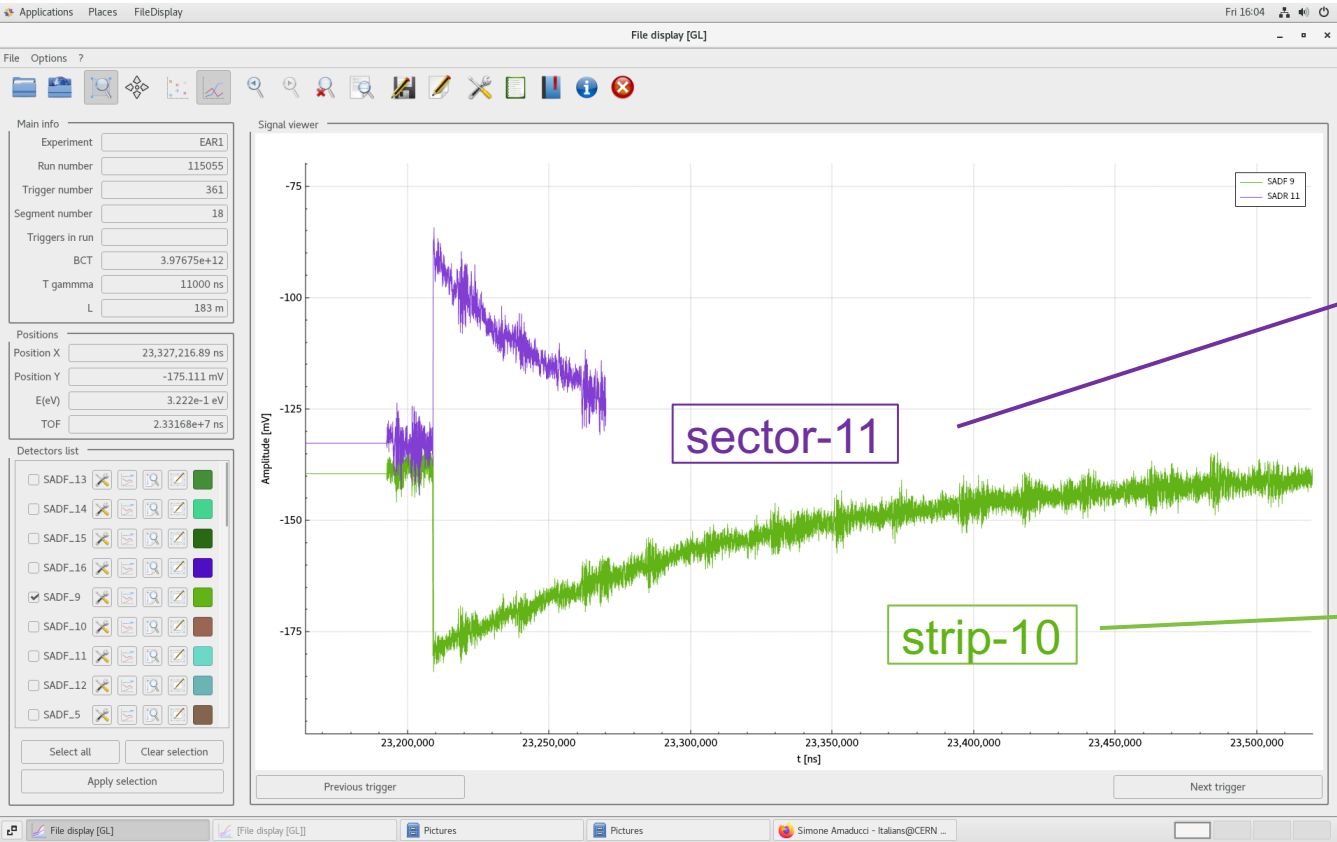
- Detector & Target: attached to the flange
- Used targets: **PE** (1mm) & **LiF** (400nm)
- Aluminum chamber in vacuum: $\sim 10^{-3}$ mbar

Approx. **2 days** of data taking!



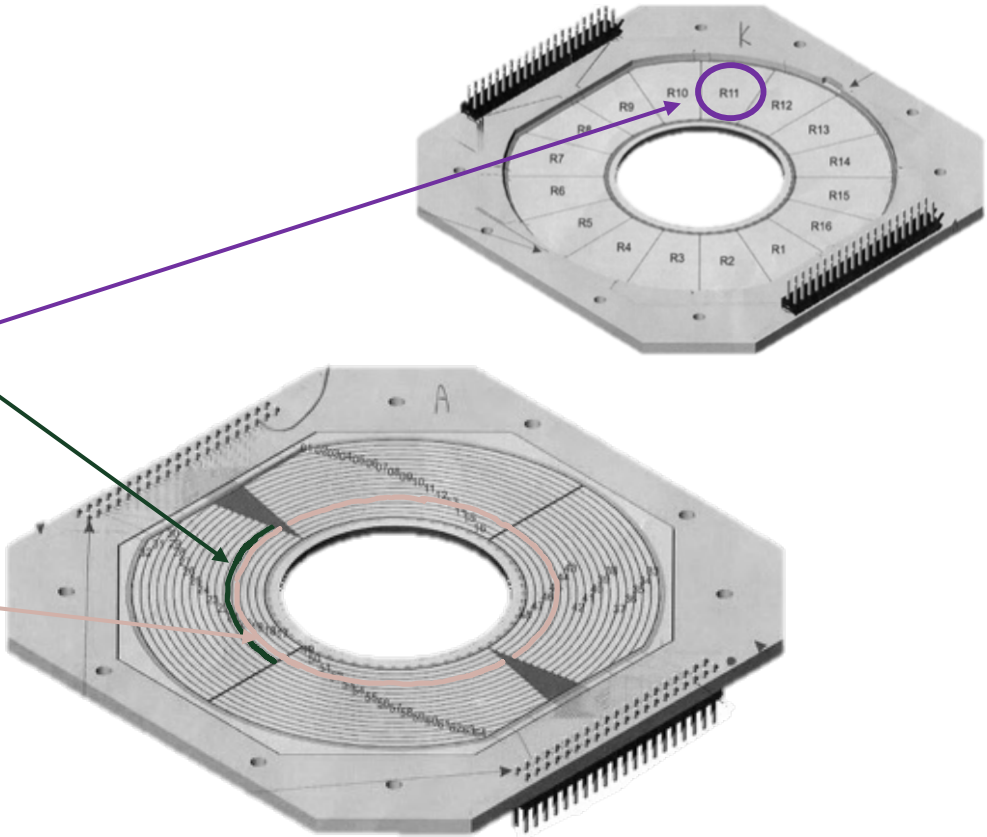
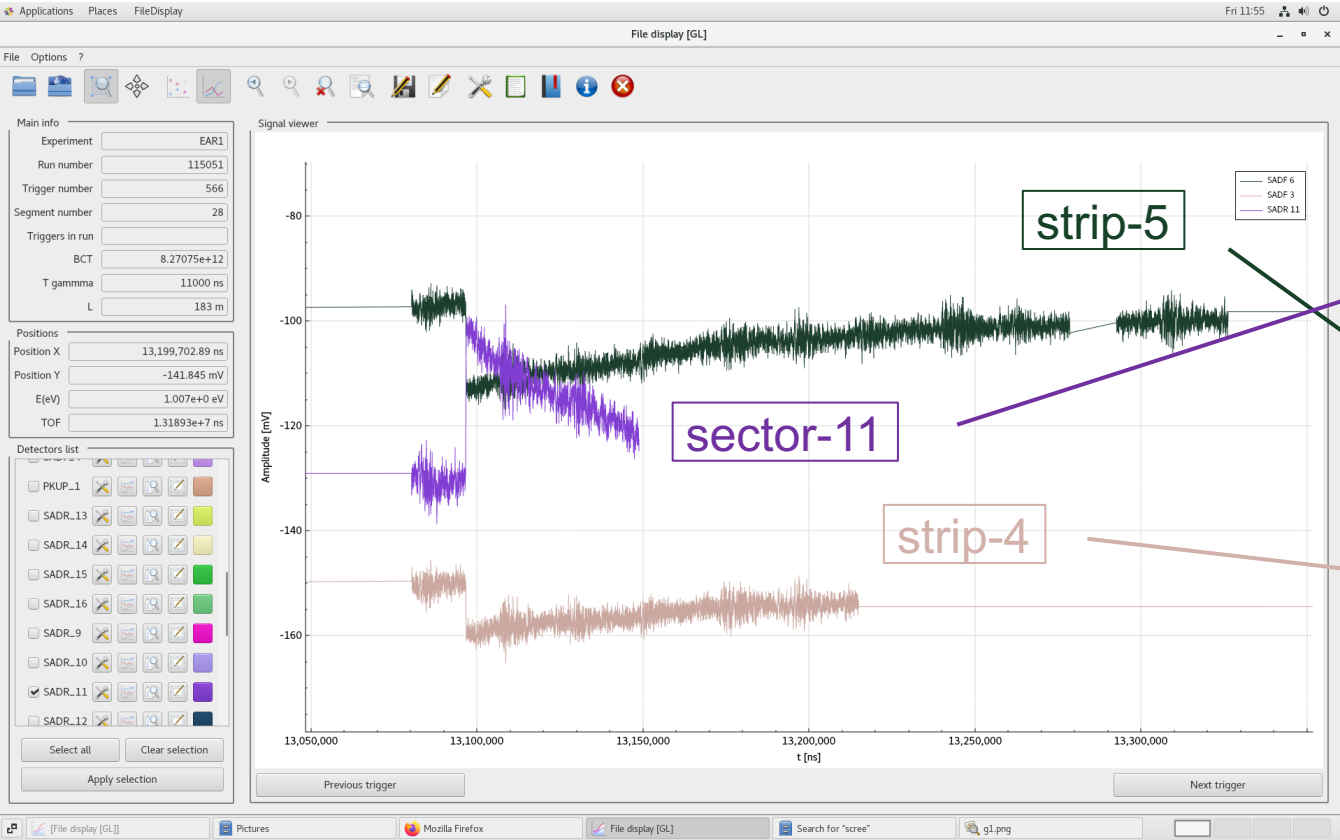
Raw Data - Low energy part

Simultaneous readout for both strips and sectors possible



Raw Data - Low energy part

Inter-strip event reconstruction possible:

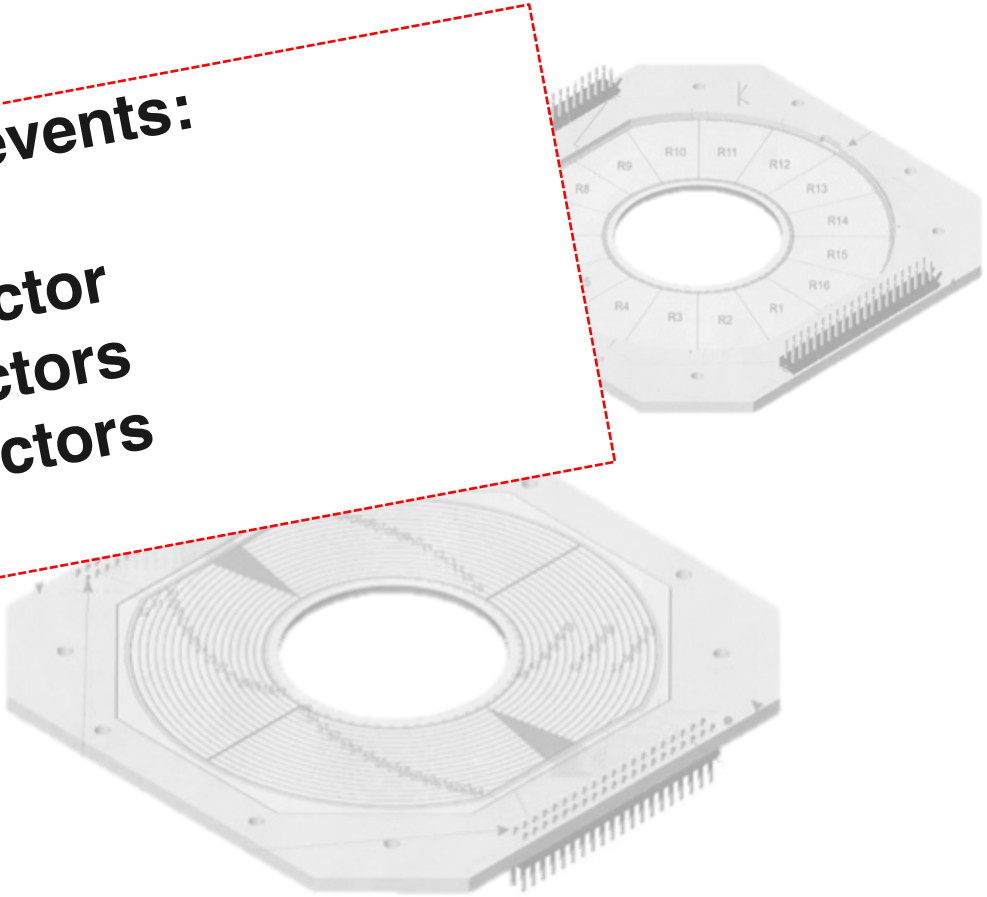
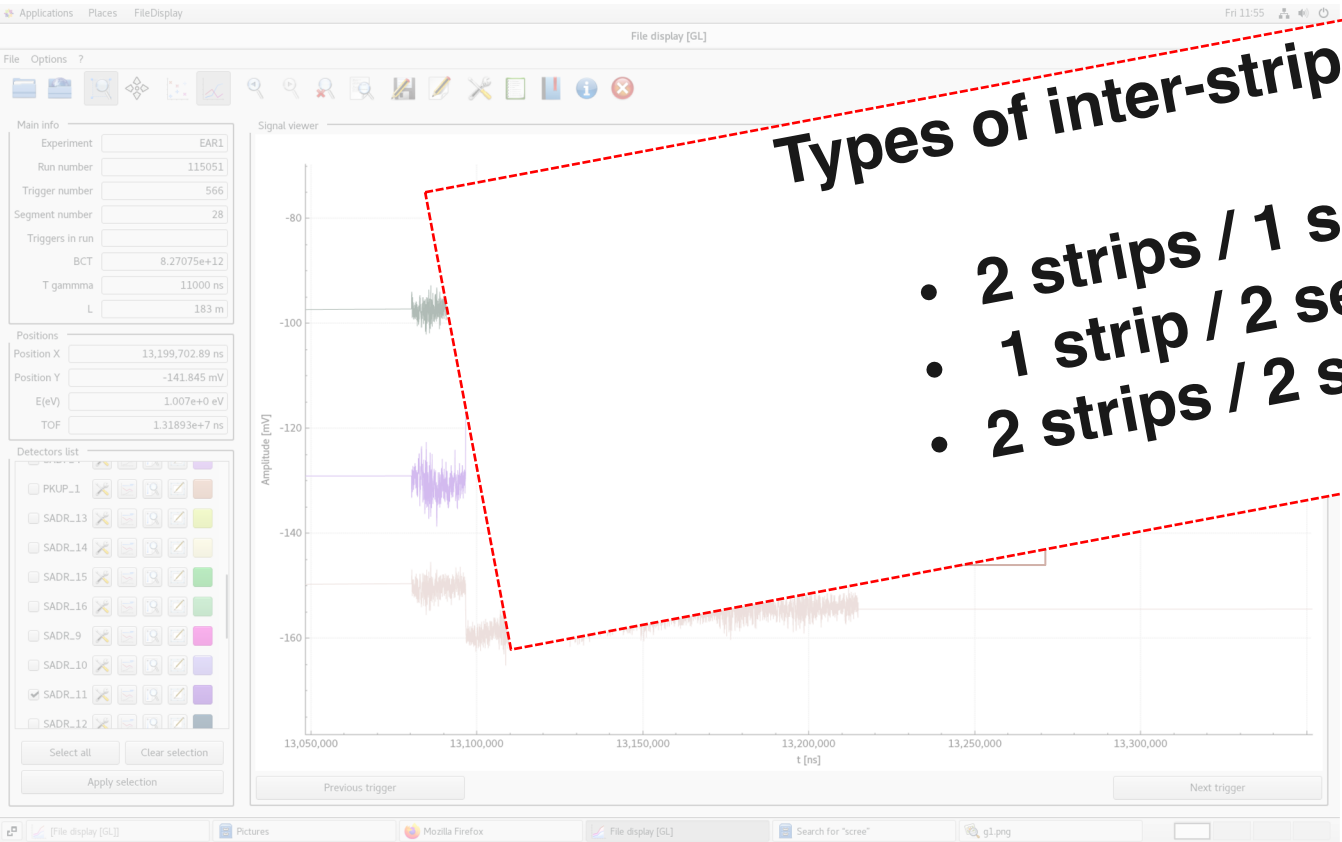


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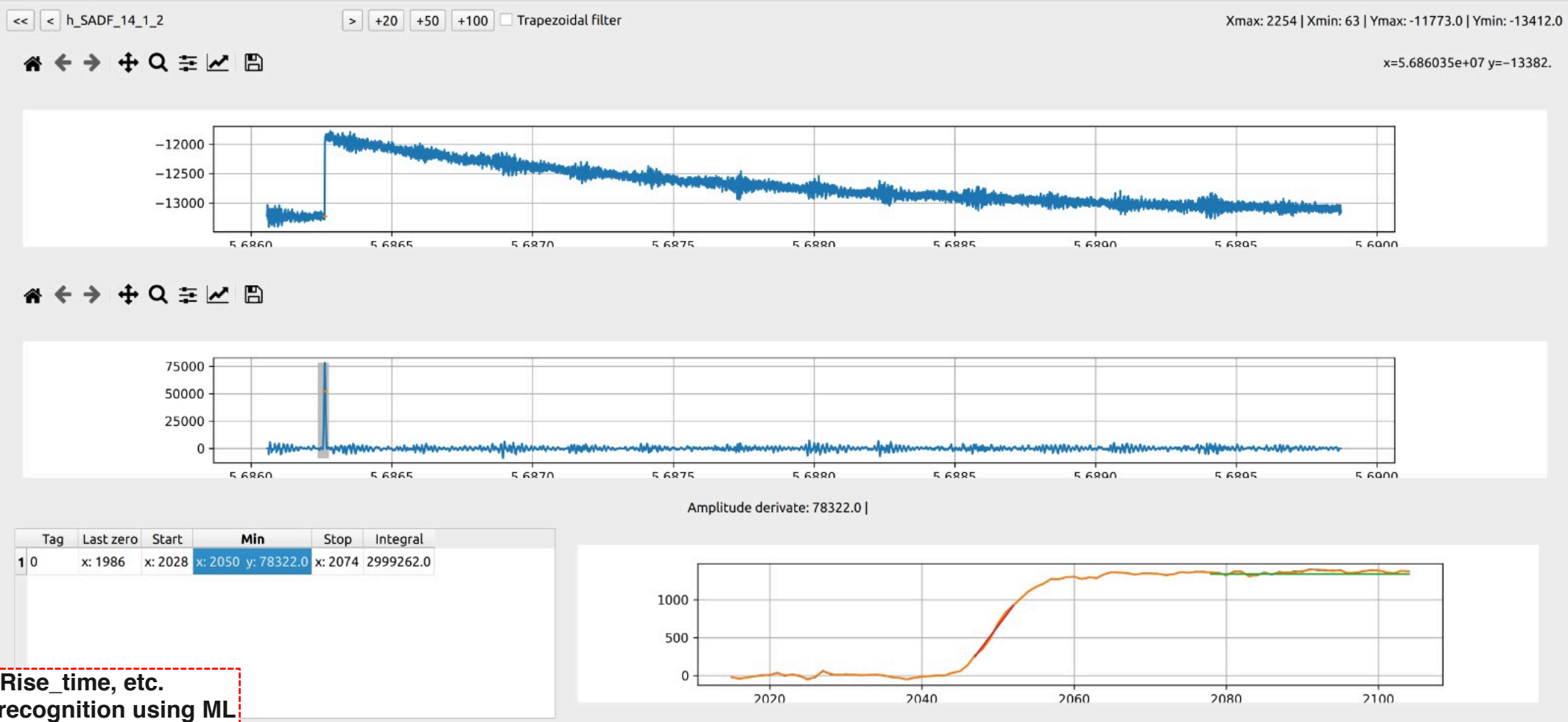
Inter-strip event reconstruction possible:

Types of inter-strip events:

- 2 strips / 1 sector
- 1 strip / 2 sectors
- 2 strips / 2 sectors



PSA Routine

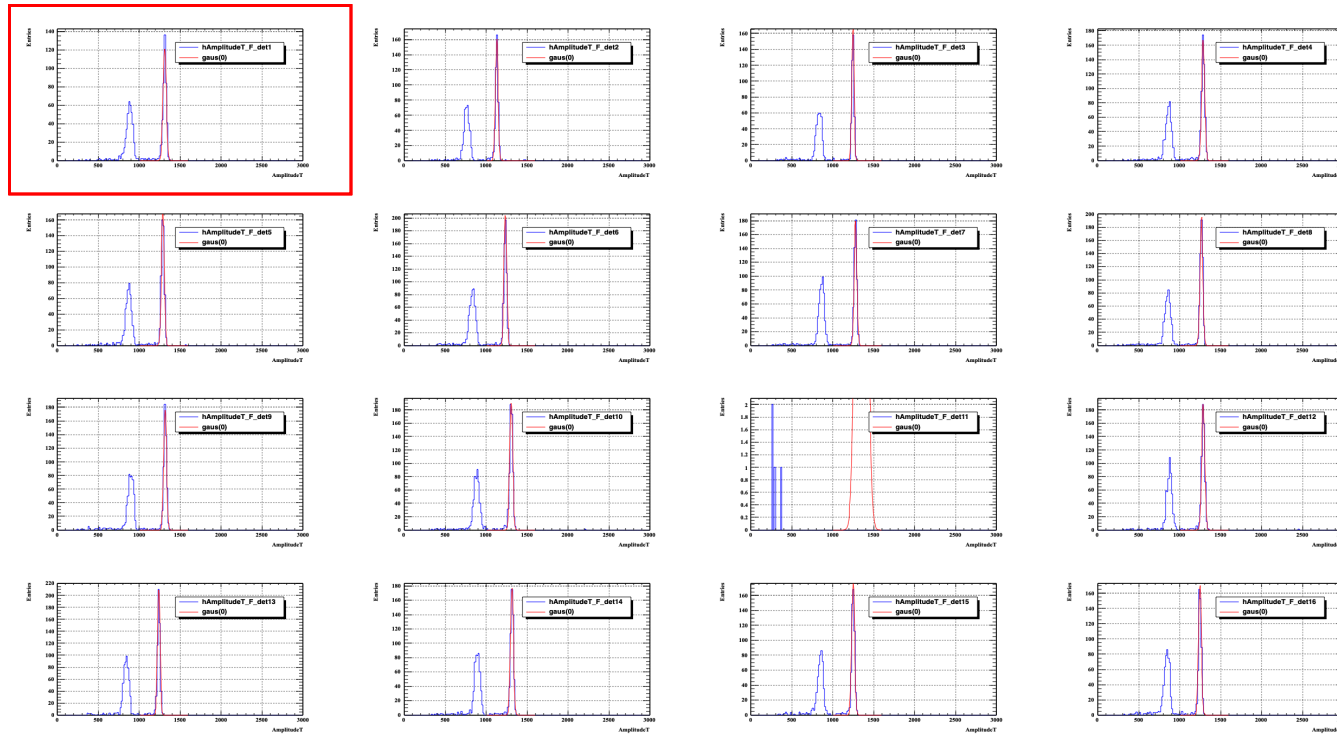


- Rise_time, etc.
- Pulse recognition using ML

Courtesy: G. Vecchio

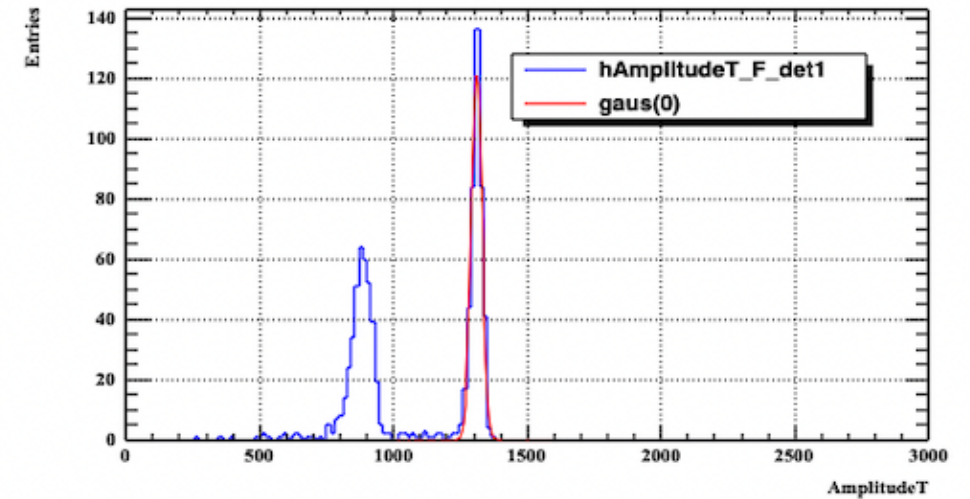
Amplitude Spectra: Energy condition < 1keV

Amplitude extracted using the Trapezoidal Filter - 16 Strips - Front



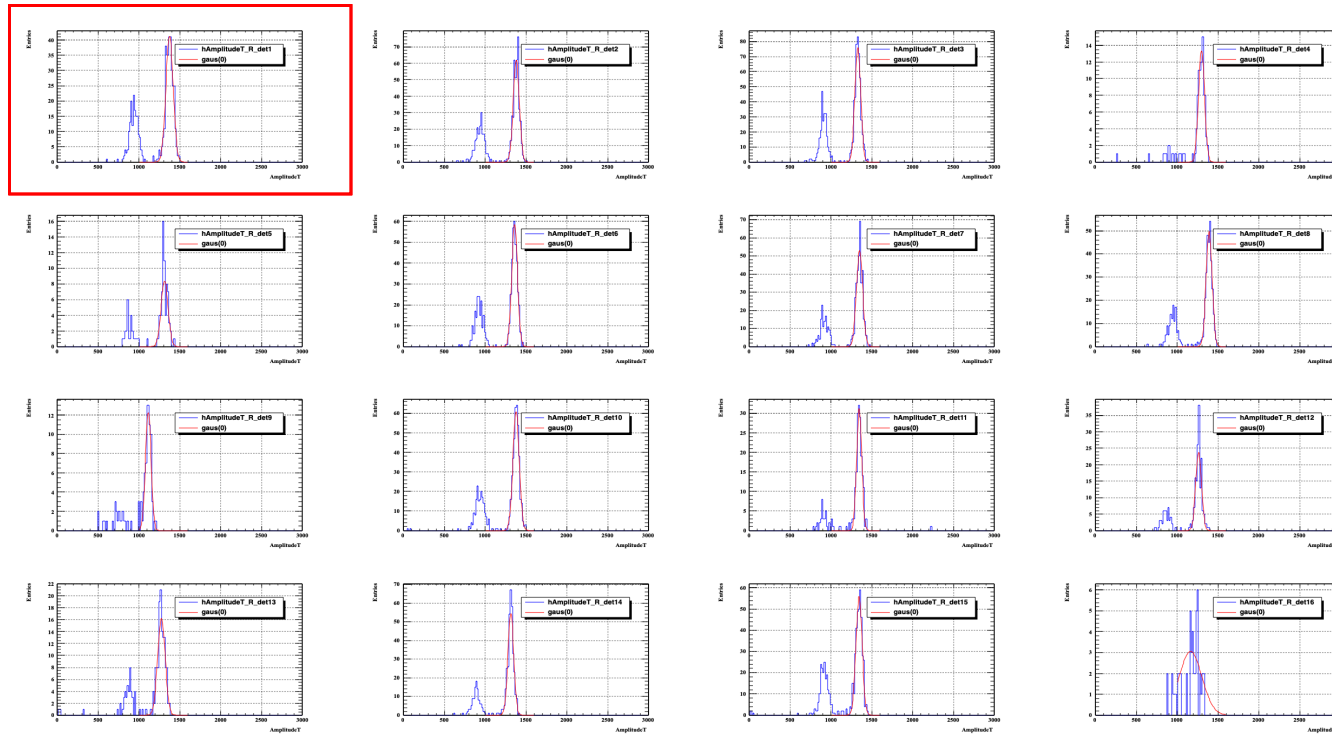
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Reaction: ${}^6\text{Li}(n, t){}^4\text{He}$



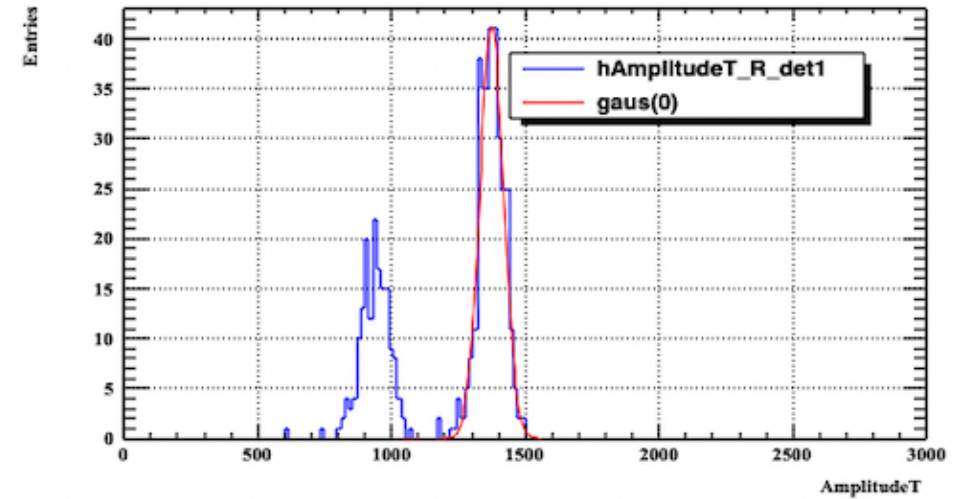
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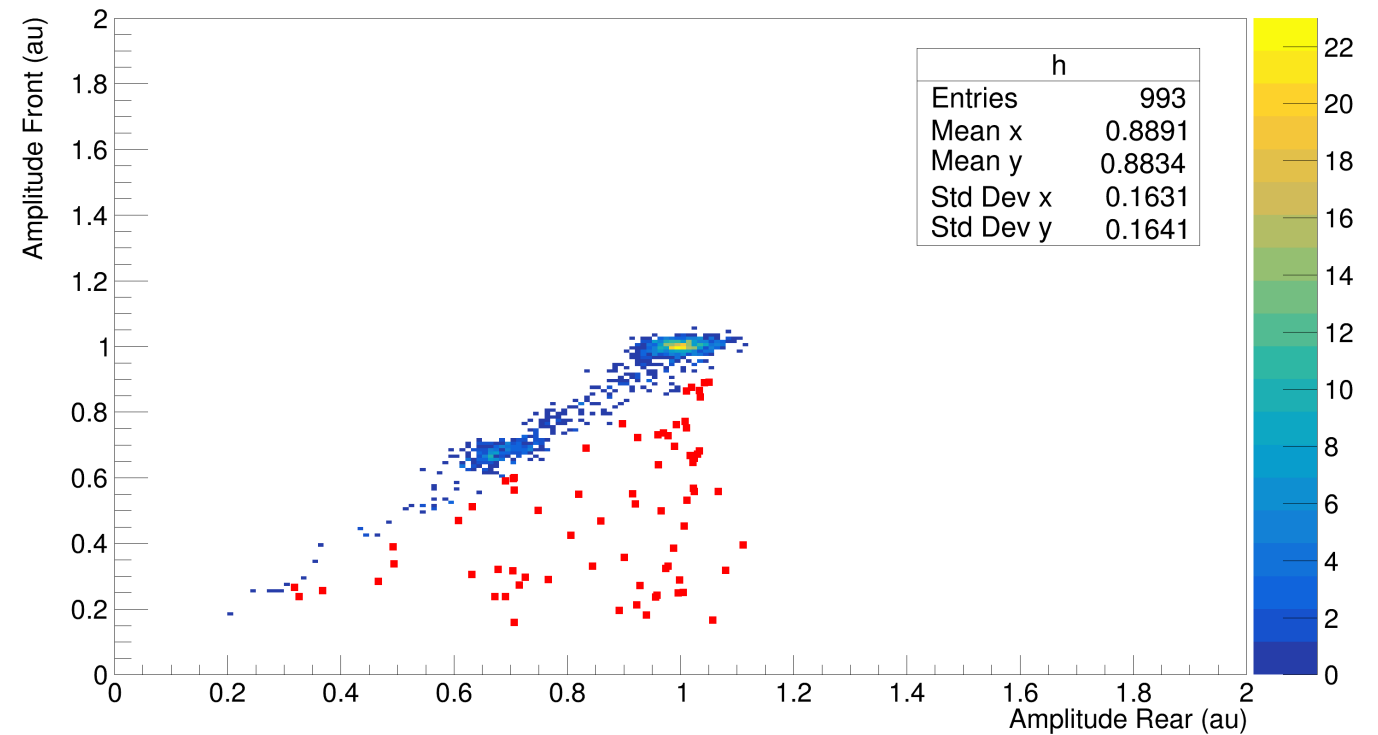
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Reconstruction of inter-strip events

Interstrip events: ~ 5 %



Courtesy: S. Amaducci

Conclusions & Perspectives

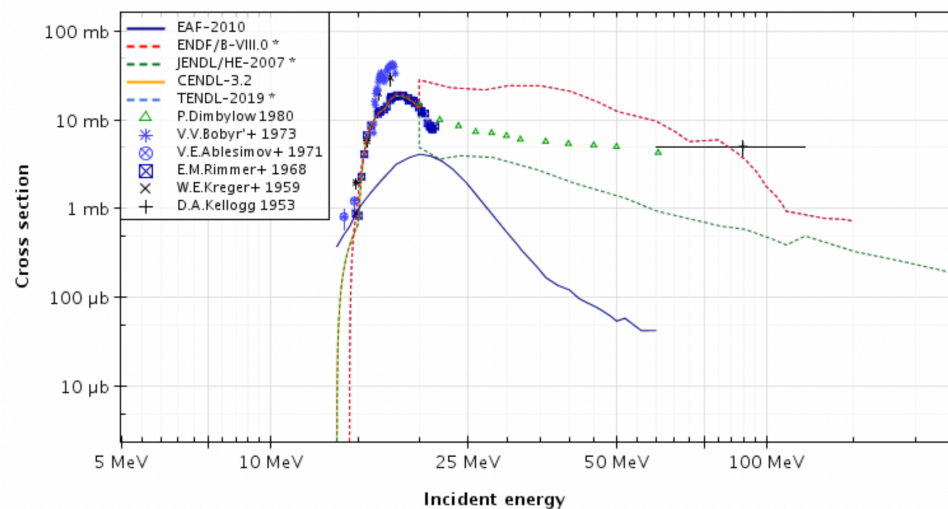
- **Detector's behaviour: promising in the low-energy part**
- **Observed challenges: Noise in the high-energy region**
 - Looking for mitigation solutions
 - ...Grounding? ...Beam-related? ...Chamber?
- **Analysis with the usage of the TF in the high-energy region**
 - Further investigation is planned in ILL to improve the analysis routine used for the PS technique
- **Looking forward to the physics measurements planned for May 2023**



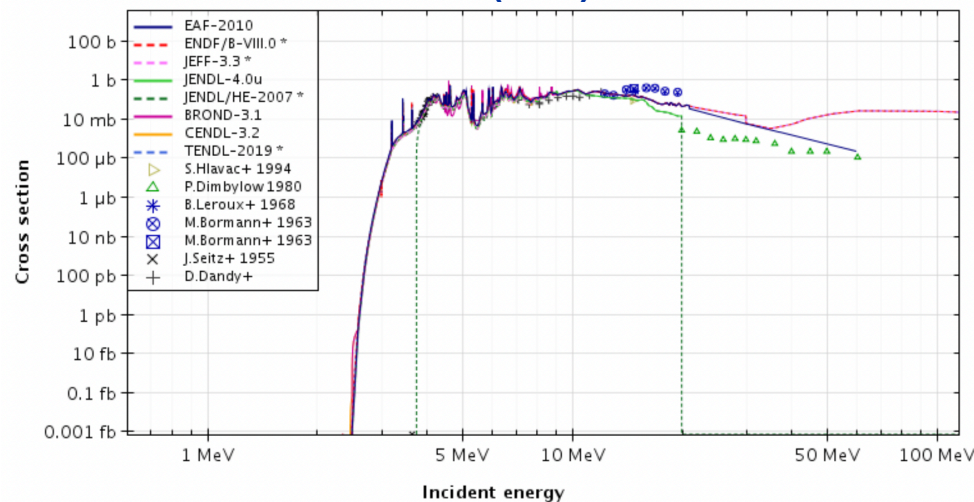
Thank you!

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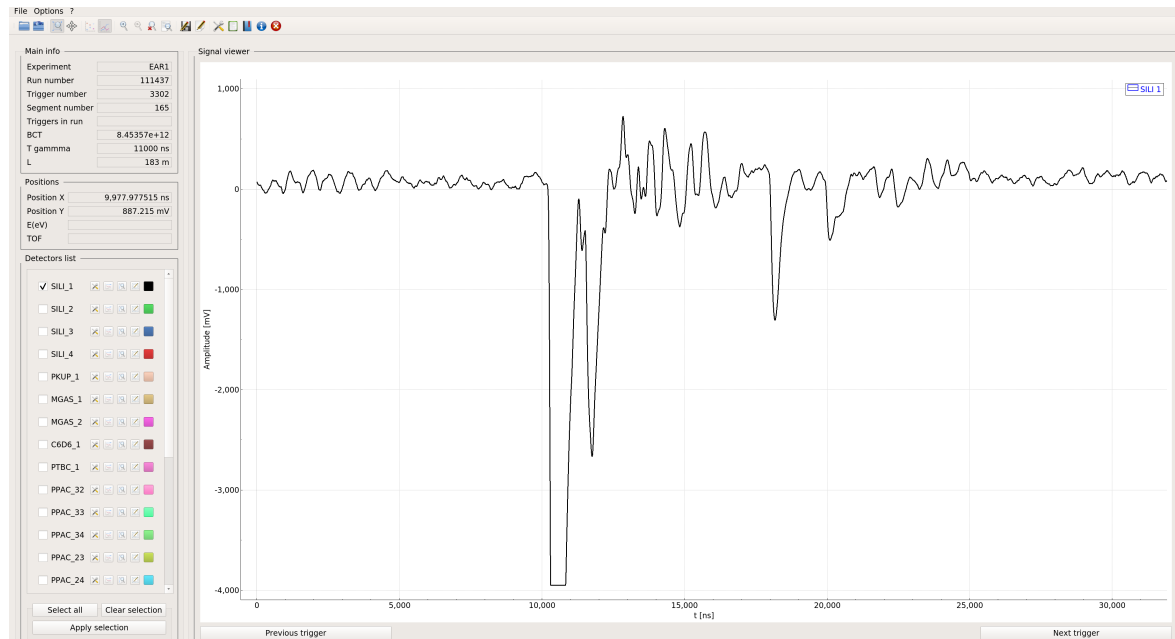


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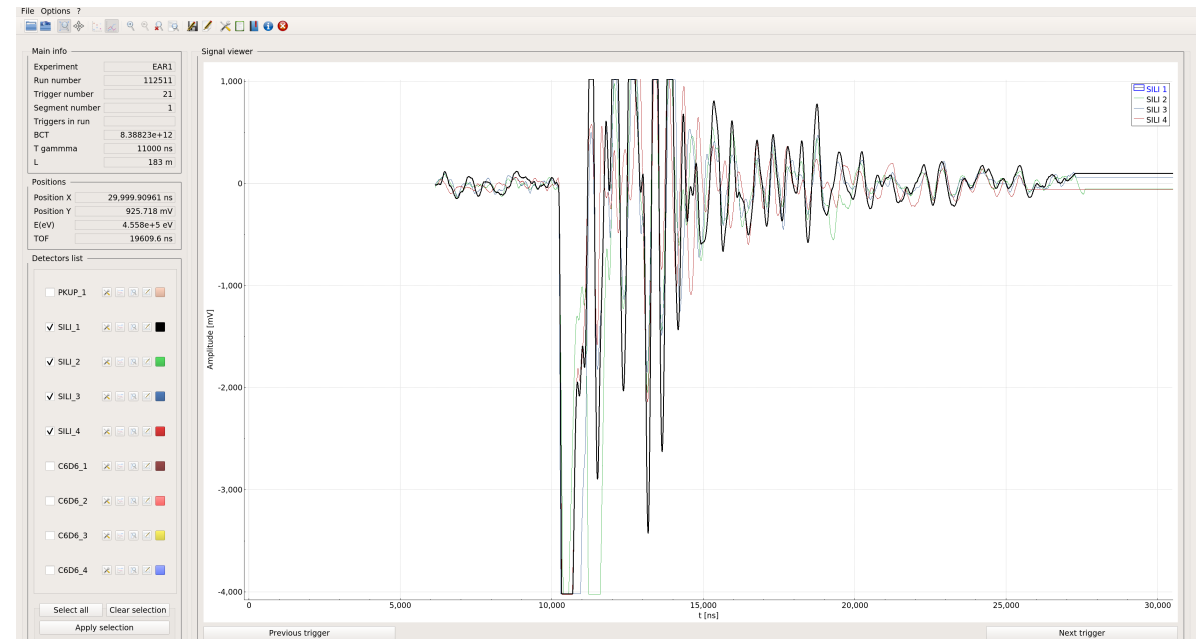
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High-frequency noise: Direct comparison

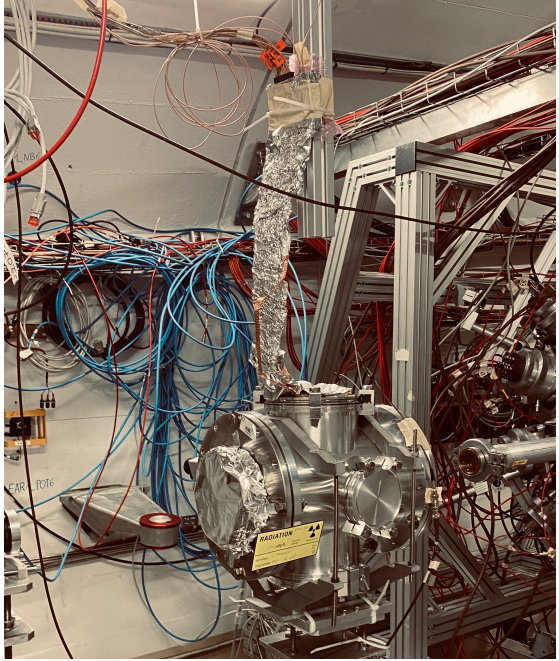
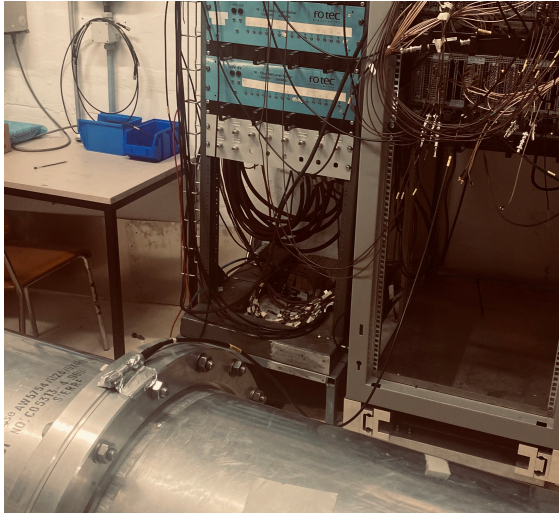
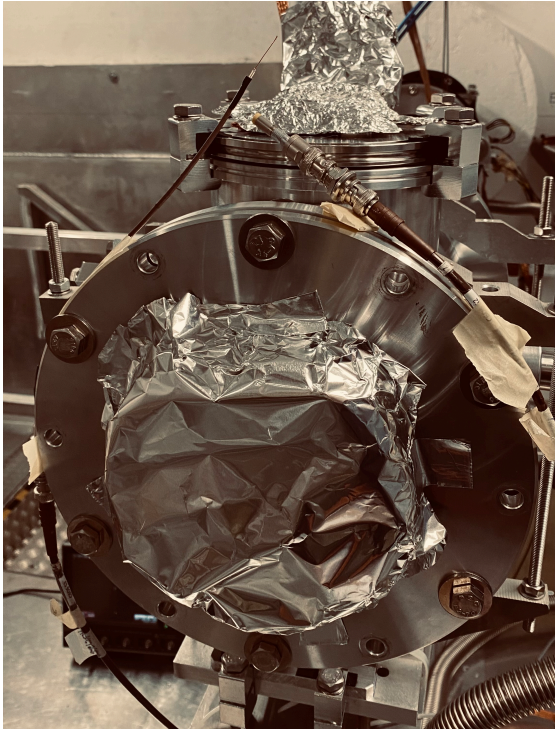
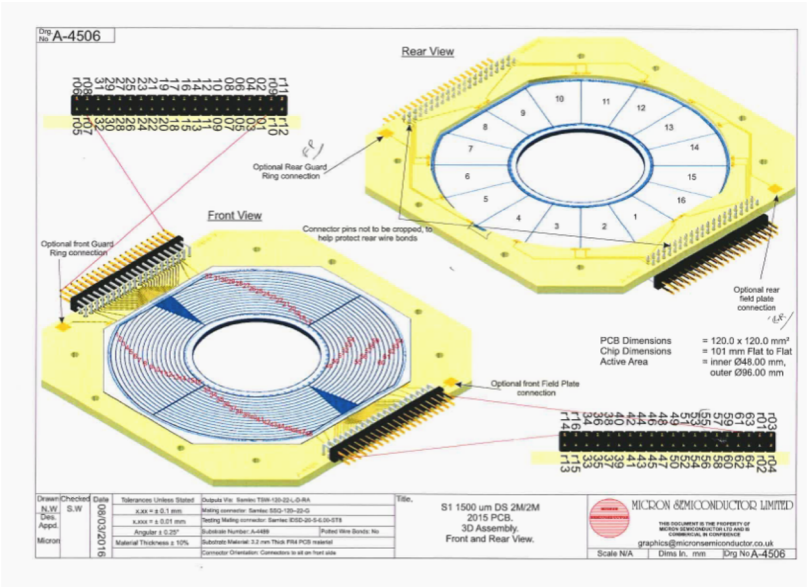
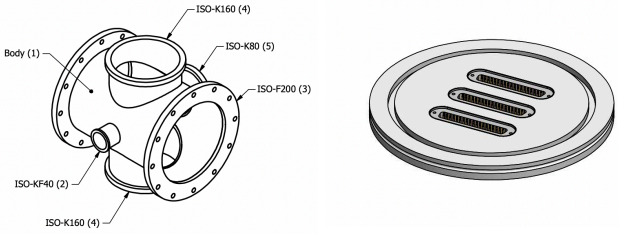
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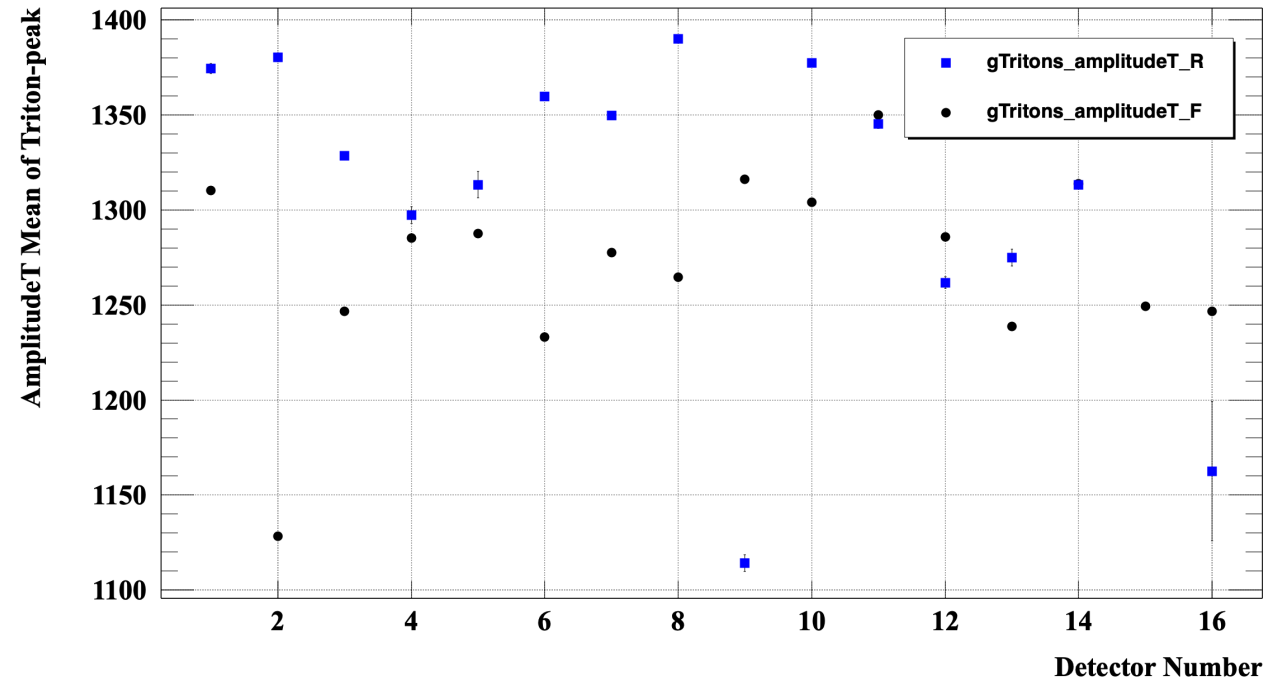
SiMon1 2022: ^{79}Se experiment



More Photos



Gain-Difference: Front & Rear Side



Neutron Transmutation-Doping in Si (NTD)

- **Natural Si:**

- ^{28}Si & $^{29}\text{Si} + n \rightarrow$ stable Si-isotopes
- $^{30}\text{Si} + n \rightarrow ^{31}\text{Si} \rightarrow (\beta^-) ^{31}\text{P}$