

Particle Detectors

For Nuclear Physics

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Goal of my lecture:

to understand how particle physics experiments are being built

Main focus on the example LHC

Lecture I

Lecture II

Lecture III

- **Nuclear physics detectors**
- **Scintillators**
- **Semiconductor detectors**

Exercises!!!!

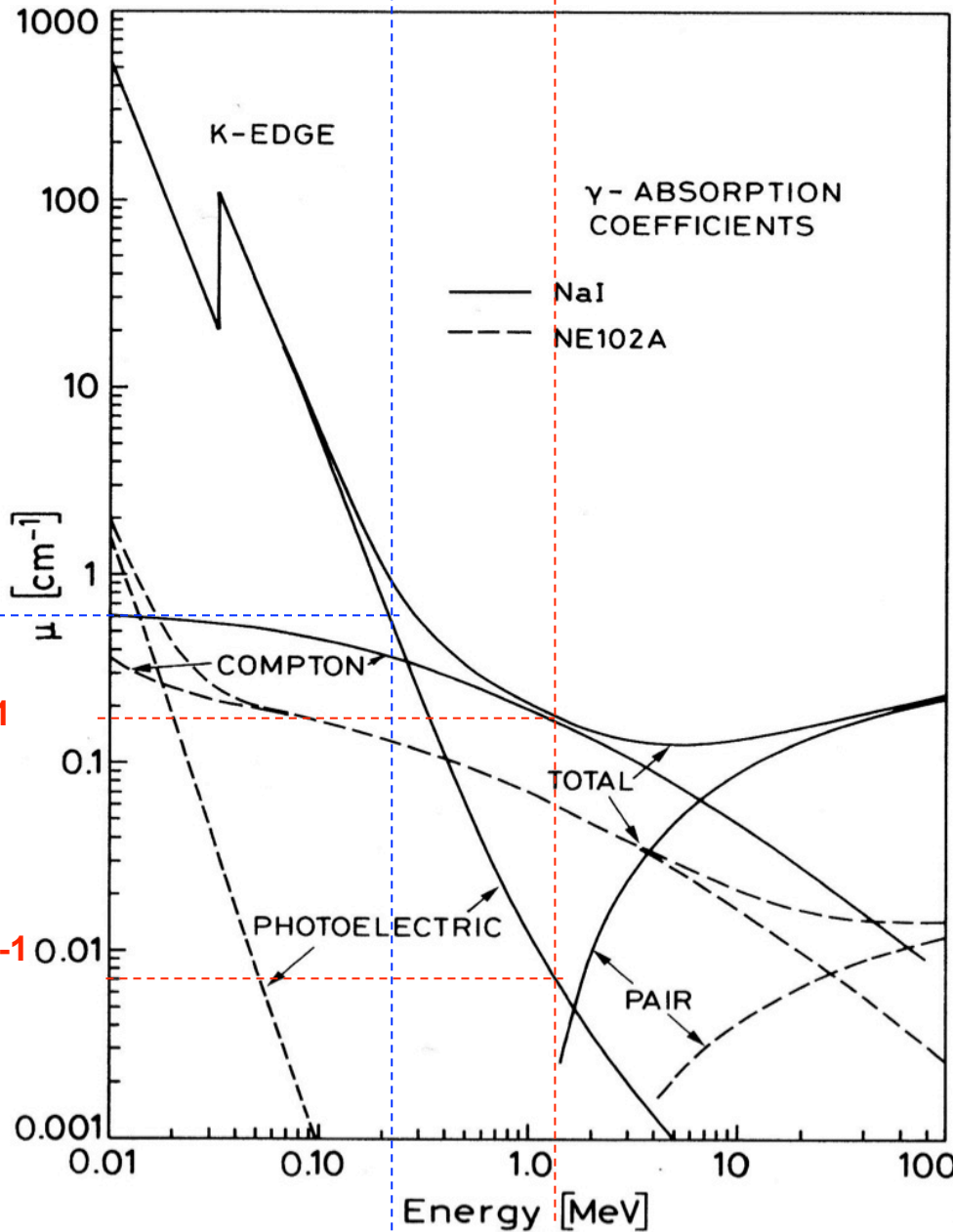


Photo-electric effect

Absorption of γ

Compton scattering

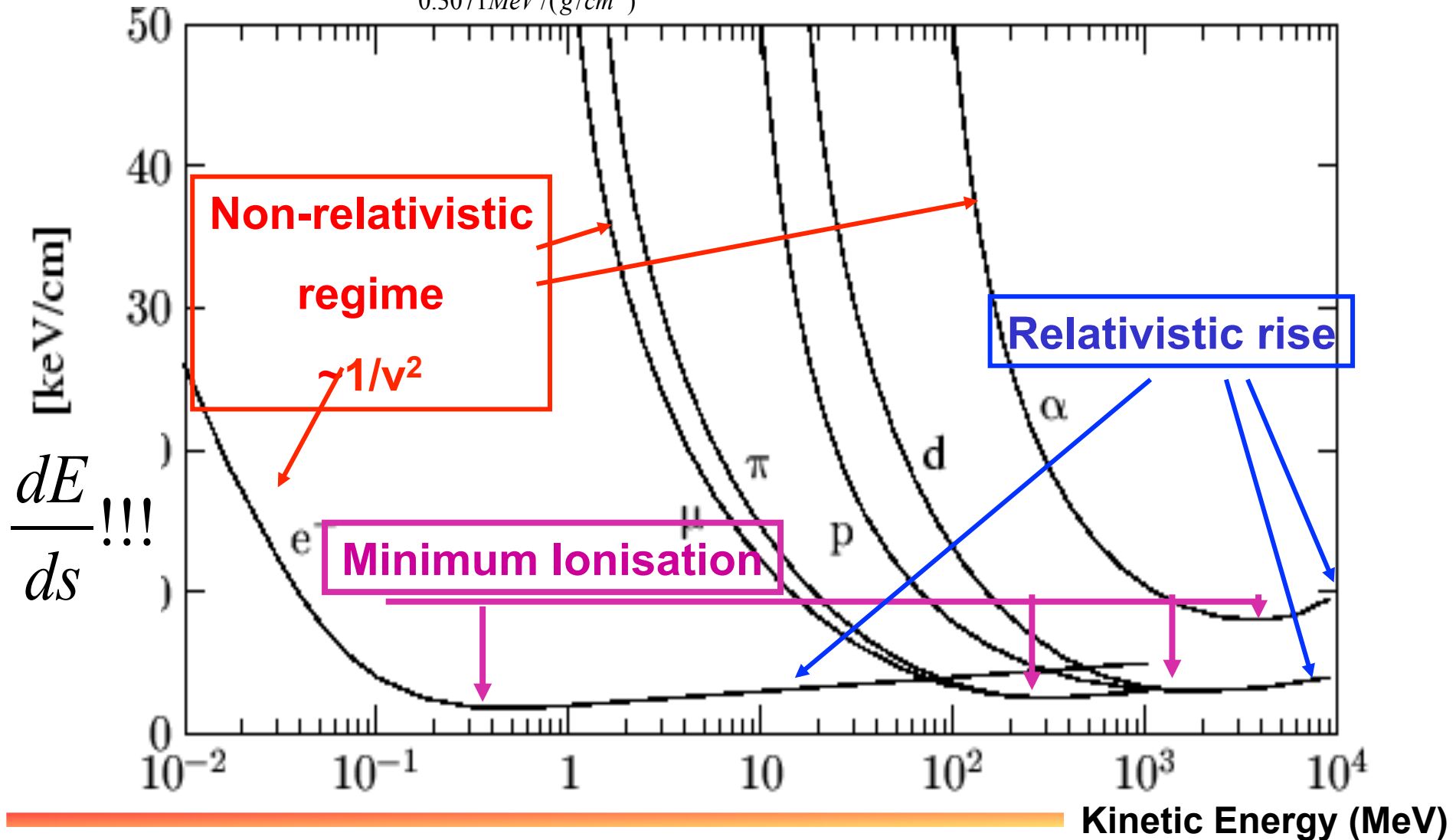
scattering $\gamma \rightarrow \gamma'$

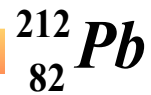
Creation of (e^+e^-)

pairs

Absorption of γ

$$-\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dE}{ds} = -\frac{dE}{dx} = \underbrace{4\pi N_{Av} r_e^2 m_e c^2}_{0.3071 \text{ MeV}/(\text{g/cm}^2)} \frac{Z}{A} z^2 \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \gamma^2 \beta^2 \cdot T_e^{\max}}{I^2} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta}{2} - \frac{C}{Z} \right]$$



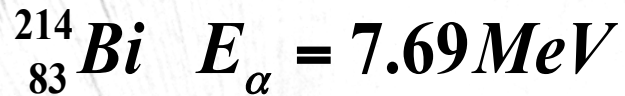


Cloud Chamber



Chambre à brouillard

Philipp 1926



α_2

α_1

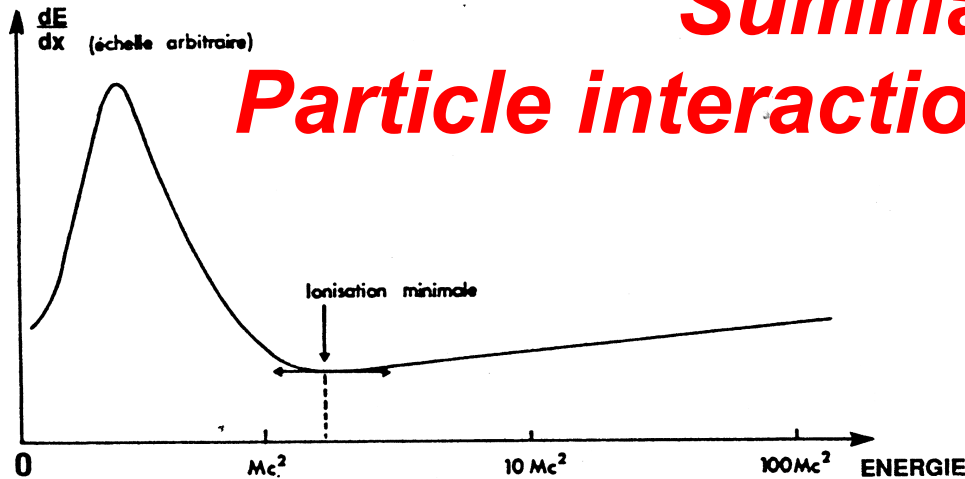
Chambre à brouillard

Blackett and Lees, 1932



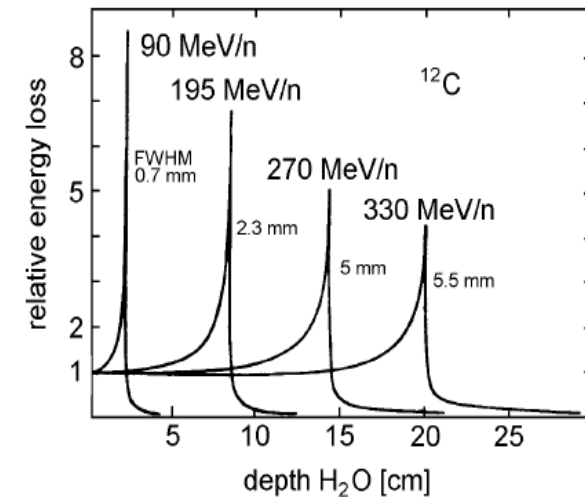
Summary

Particle interaction with matter



Heavy charged particles

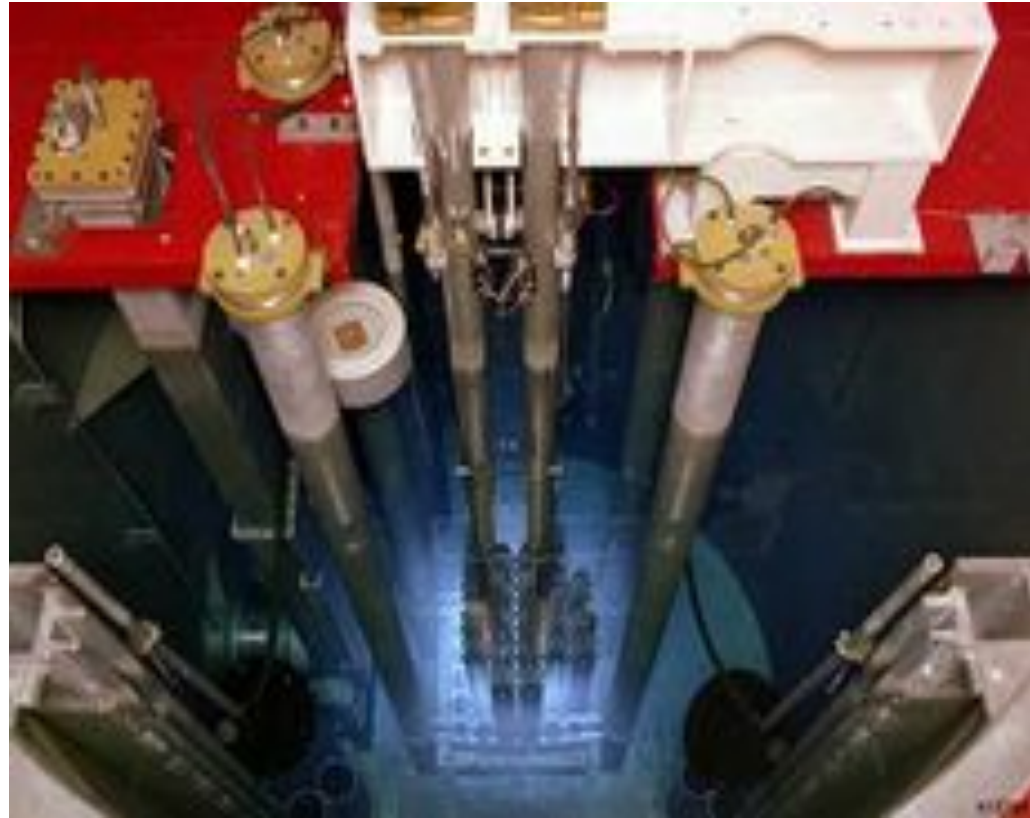
- lose continuously kinetic energy along their path (ionization) with small fluctuations until they are stopped after a well defined distance; until that point their number remains constant and they travel on a straight line.



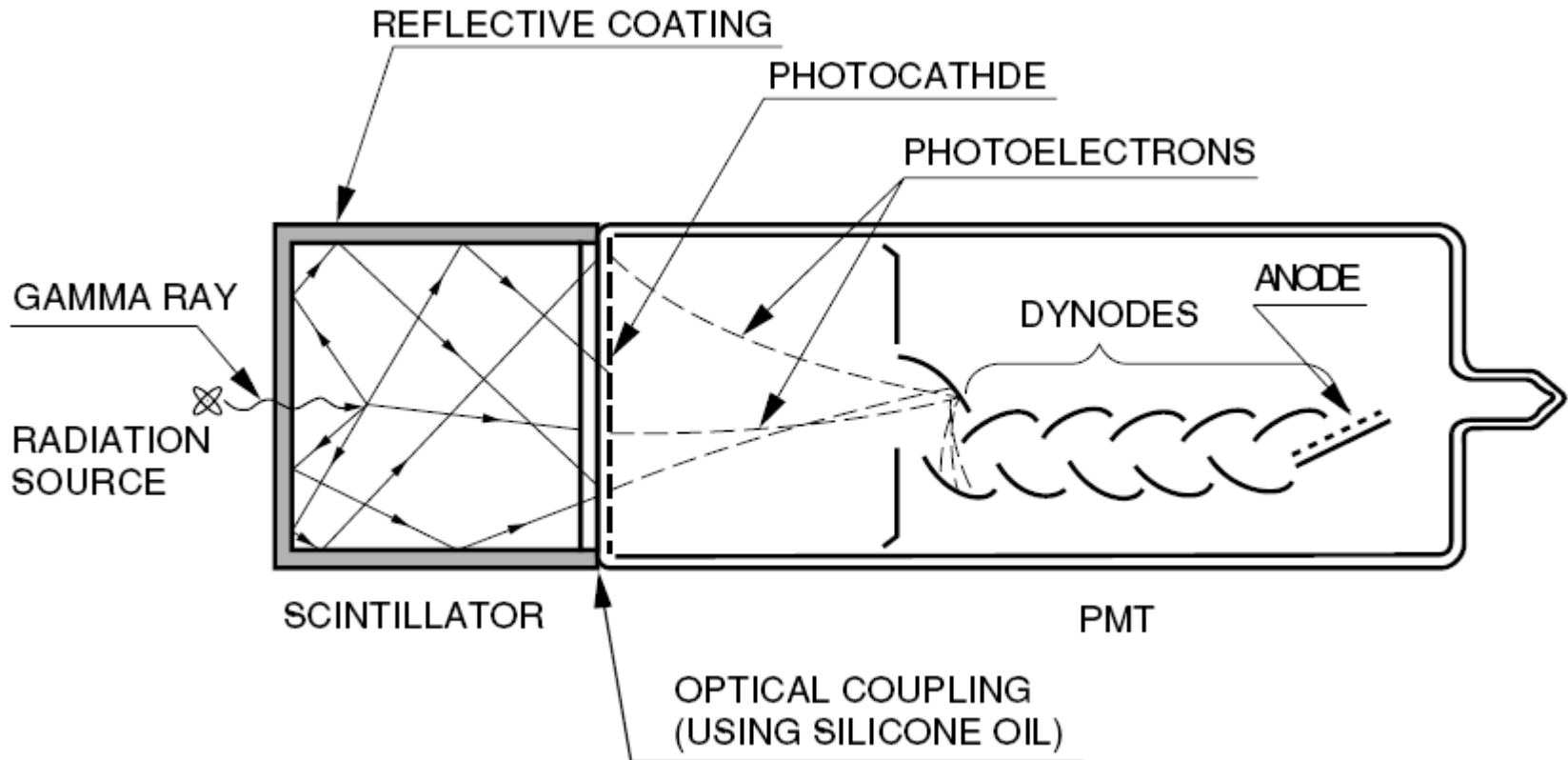
Exercise

Blue light in a reactor

1. What produces the light?
2. Water $n=1.333$. calculate the minimal energy of an electron to produce Cerenkov light



Photomultiplier



The gain

$$G = \eta \cdot \delta^N$$

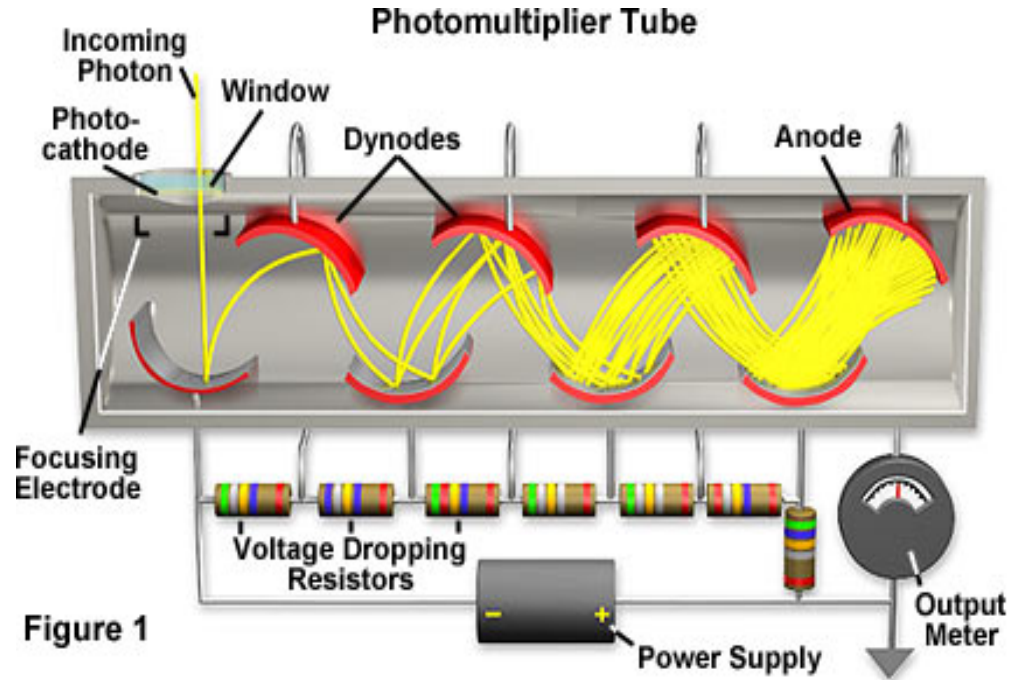


Figure 1

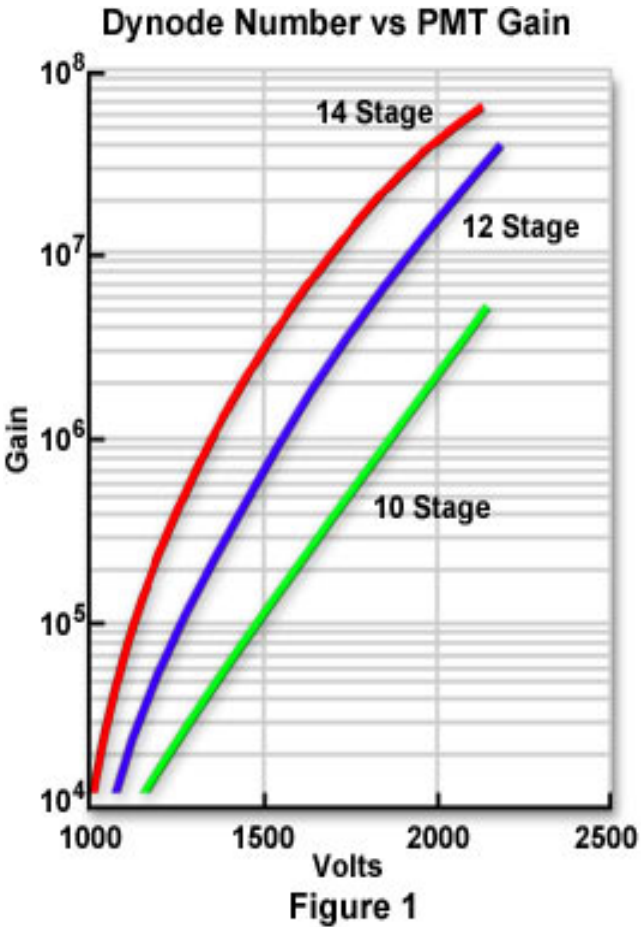
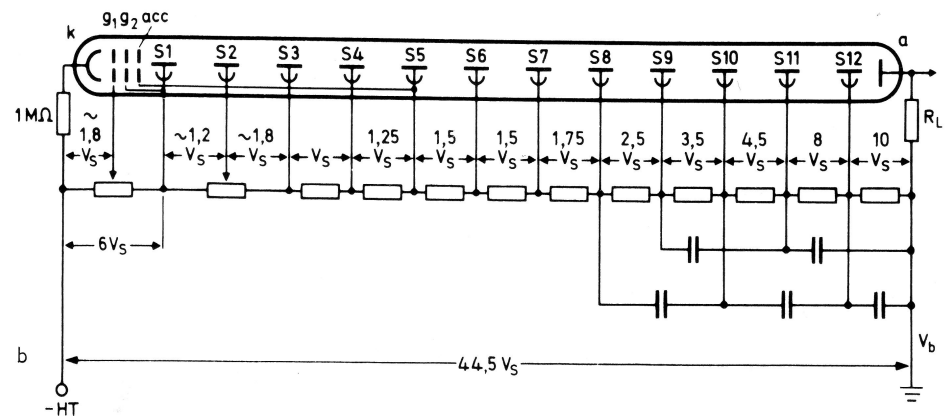
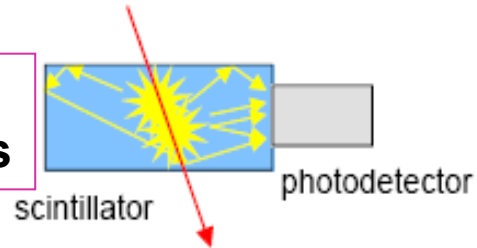


Figure 1



Scintillators

Fluorescence : < 10 ns
Phosphorescence $\gg 10$ ns



→ generation
→ transmission
→ detection } of scintillation light

Inorganic Scintillators

Crystal structure

- → 40 000 $h\nu$ /MeV
- High Z material,
- High density
- Time constants of ns - μ s
- High price!
- ~ radiation hard

Used for

- Gamma detection
- Medical imaging
- Electromagnetic calorimeters

Organic scintillator plastic or liquid

- → 10 000 $h\nu$ /MeV
- low Z,
- Low density ≈ 1 g/cm³
- Large choice of emission spectra
- Time constants of typically ns

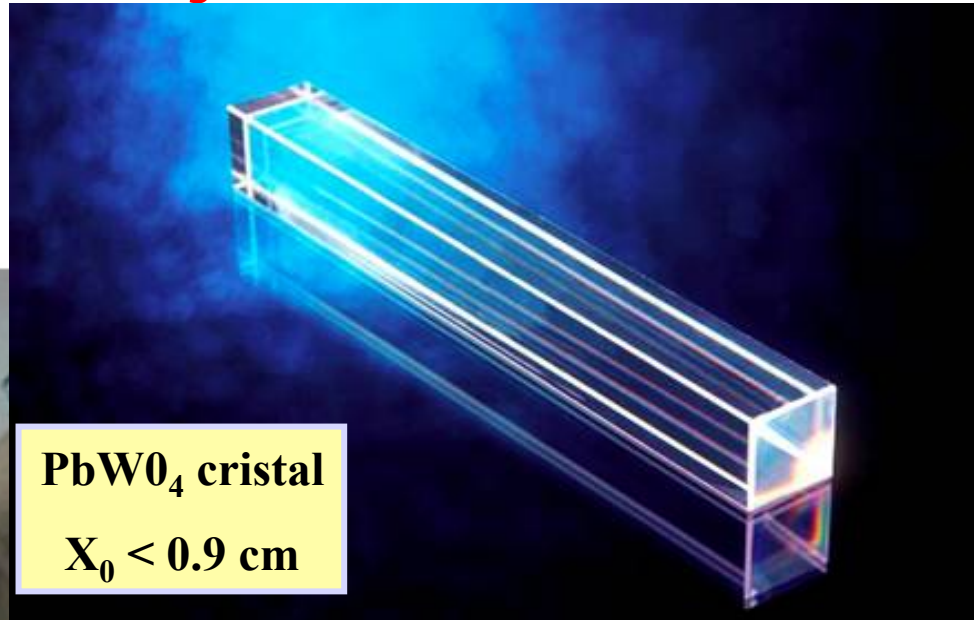
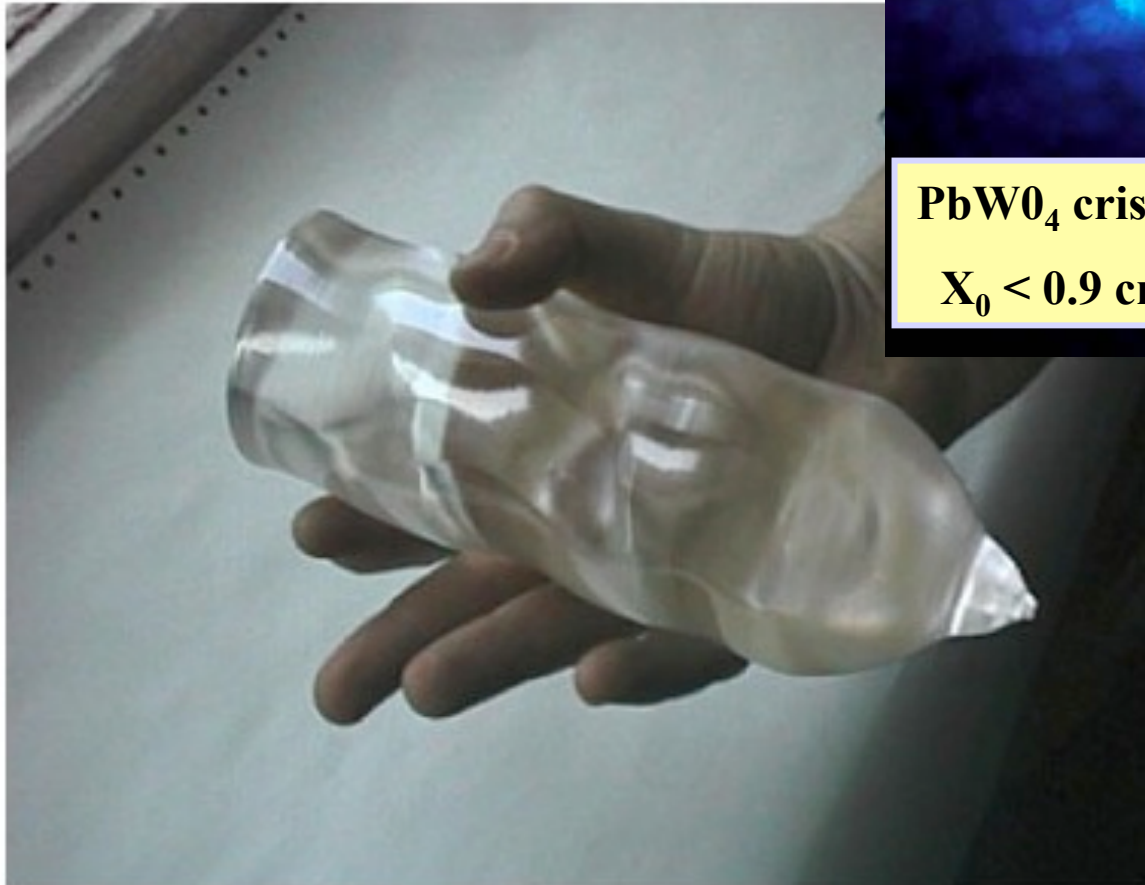
“low” price

- Sensitive to radiation

Used for

- Charged particle detection
- TOF, Veto counters, calorimeters

Scintillator crystal



PbWO₄ cristal
X₀ < 0.9 cm

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Scintillator - crystals

Excitons:

Pairs (e-,trou) (\Rightarrow band below conduction band), but mobile within the crystal, will hit the activator atoms :

Transfer of energy

- \rightarrow Excitation of activator atom
- \rightarrow Radiative transition: light
- \rightarrow Non-radiative transitions: vibrations (phonons) of the whole crystal, (energy loss)

Light emission of energy $E = h\nu$

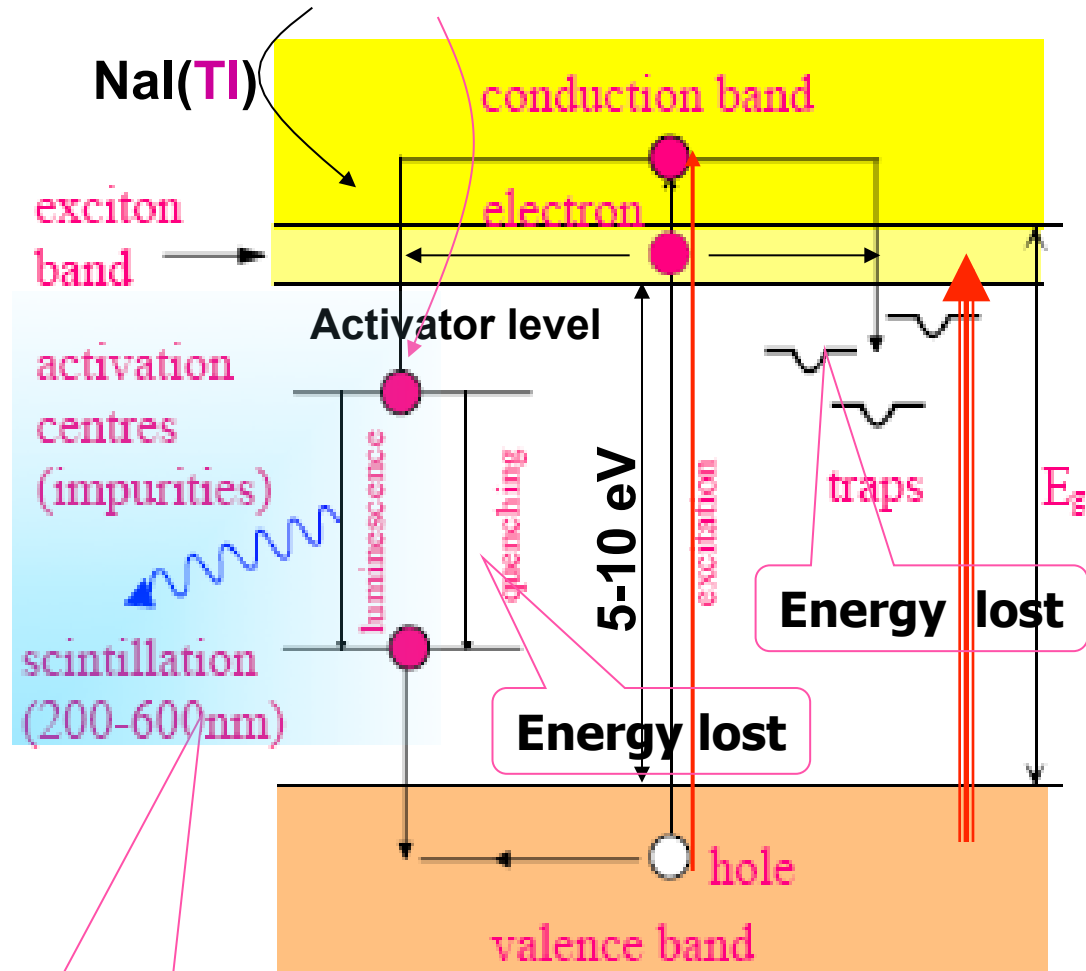
$$E = h\nu < E_{gap}; \tau_d = 0.02 - 1 \mu s$$

$$\frac{dN(t)}{dt} = \frac{N_0}{\tau_d} \exp(-t / \tau_d)$$

$$\lambda_{max} \approx 410 - 600 \text{ nm}$$

Three steps!

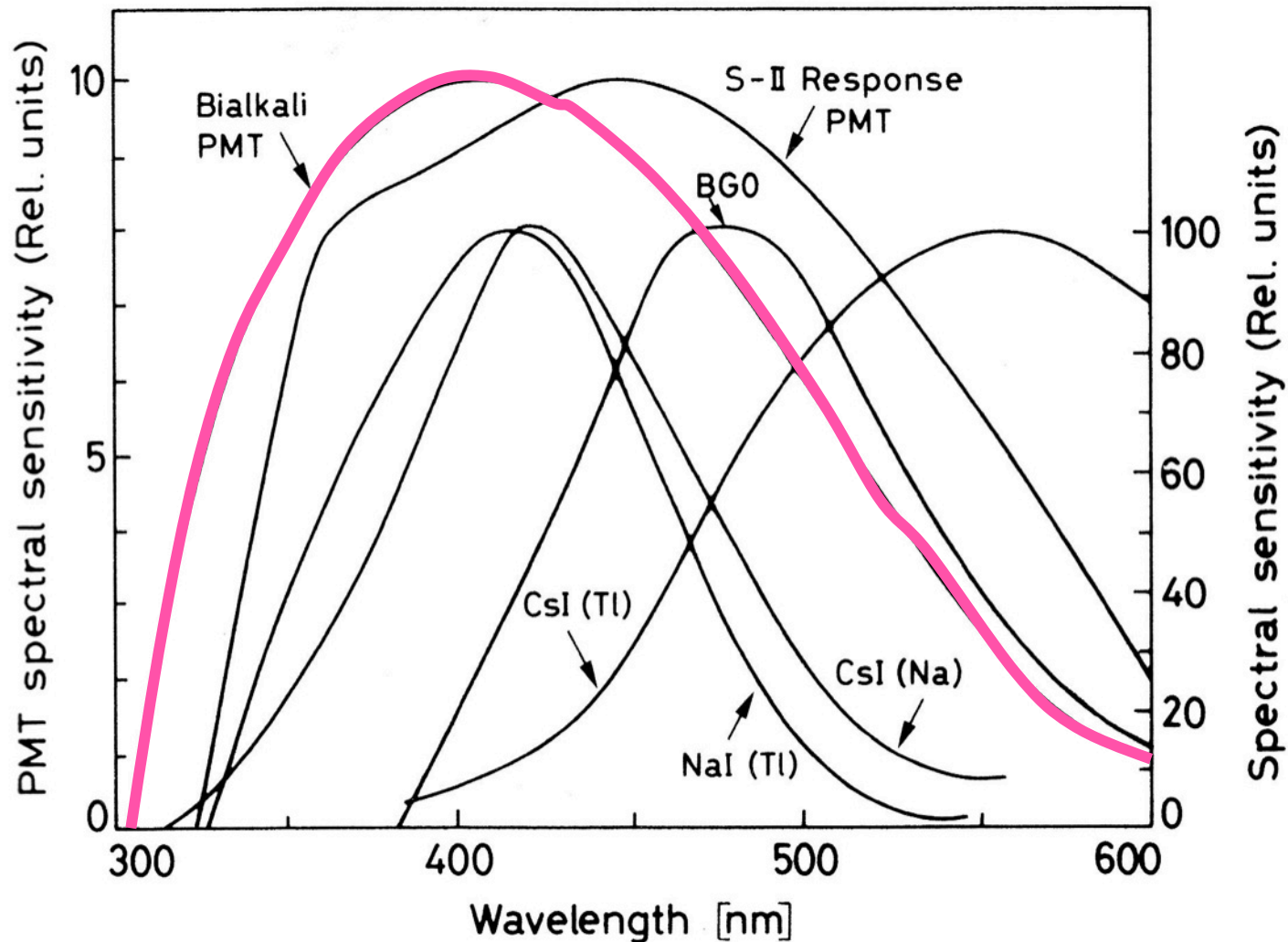
1. Absorption \Rightarrow excitons/ionisation
2. Transfer to activator
3. Fluorescence of the activator



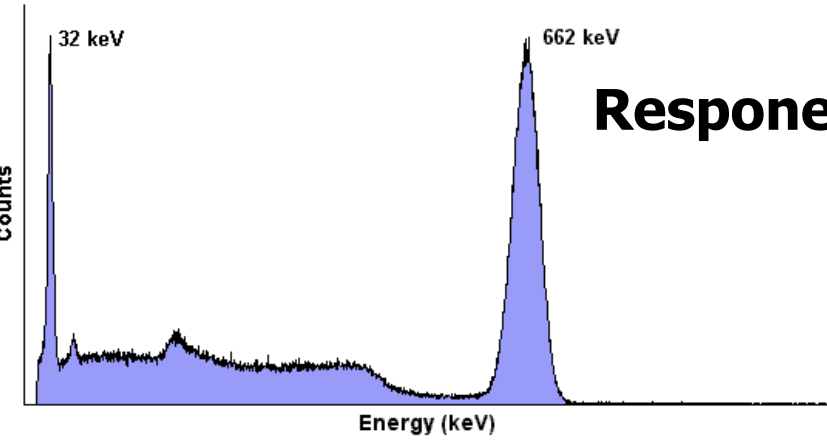
Energy \rightarrow light

Material	Form	λ_{\max} (nm)	τ_f (ns)	ρ (g/cm ³)	Photons per MeV
NaI(Tl) (20°C)	crystal	415	230	3.67	38,000
pure NaI (-196°C)	crystal	303	60	3.67	76,000
Bi ₄ Ge ₃ O ₁₂ (20°C)	crystal	480	300	7.13	8,200
Bi ₄ Ge ₃ O ₁₂ (-100°C)	crystal	480	2000	7.13	24,000
CsI(Na)	crystal	420	630	4.51	39,000
CsI(Tl)	crystal	540	800	4.51	60,000
CsI (pure)	crystal	315	16	4.51	2,300
CsF	crystal	390	2	4.64	2,500
BaF ₂ (slow)	crystal	310	630	4.9	10,000
BaF ₂ (fast)	crystal	220	0.8	4.9	1,800
Gd ₂ SiO ₅ (Ce)	crystal	440	60	6.71	10,000
CdWO ₄	crystal	530	15000	7.9	7,000
CaWO ₄	crystal	430	6000	6.1	6,000
CeF ₃	crystal	340	27	6.16	4,400
PbWO ₄	crystal	460	2, 10, 38	8.2	500
Lu ₂ SiO ₅ (Ce)	crystal	420	40	7.4	30,000
YAlO ₃ (Ce)	crystal	390	31	5.35	19,700
Y ₂ SiO ₅ (Ce)	crystal	420	70	2.70	45,000

Emission spectra of inorganic scintillators

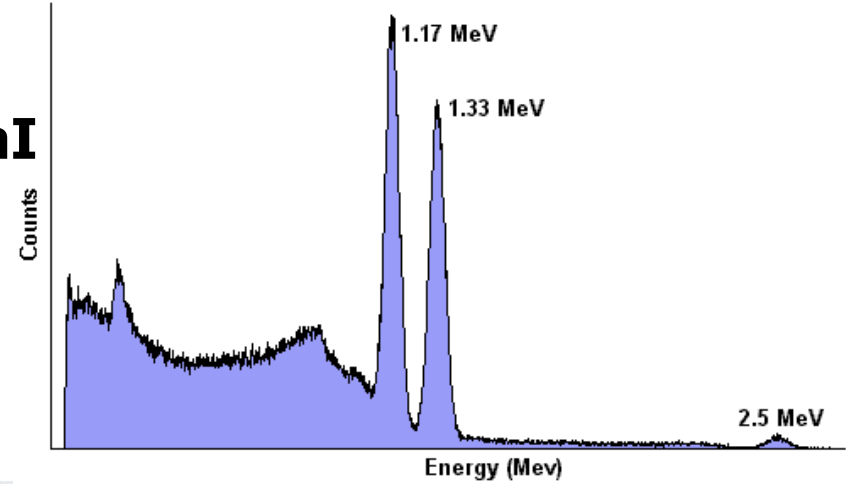


76B76 NaI Detector: ^{137}Cs Spectrum

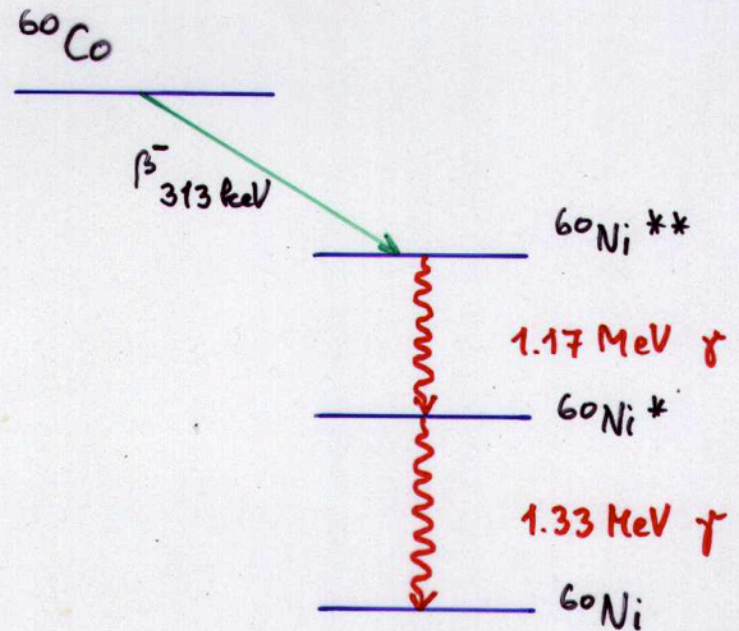
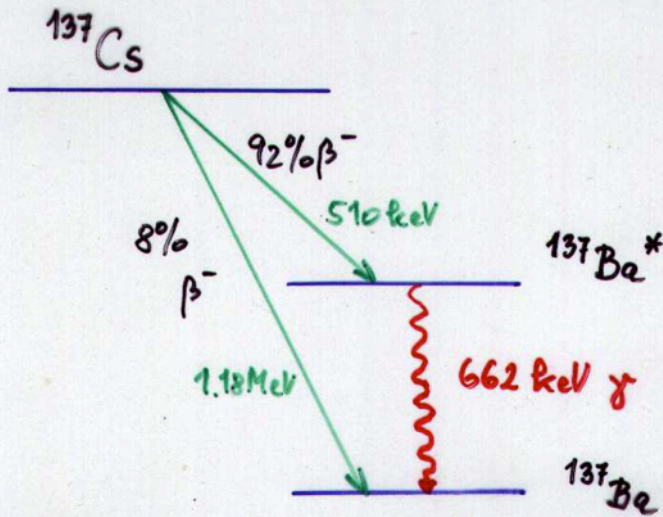


Response of NaI

76B76 NaI Detector: ^{60}Co Spectrum



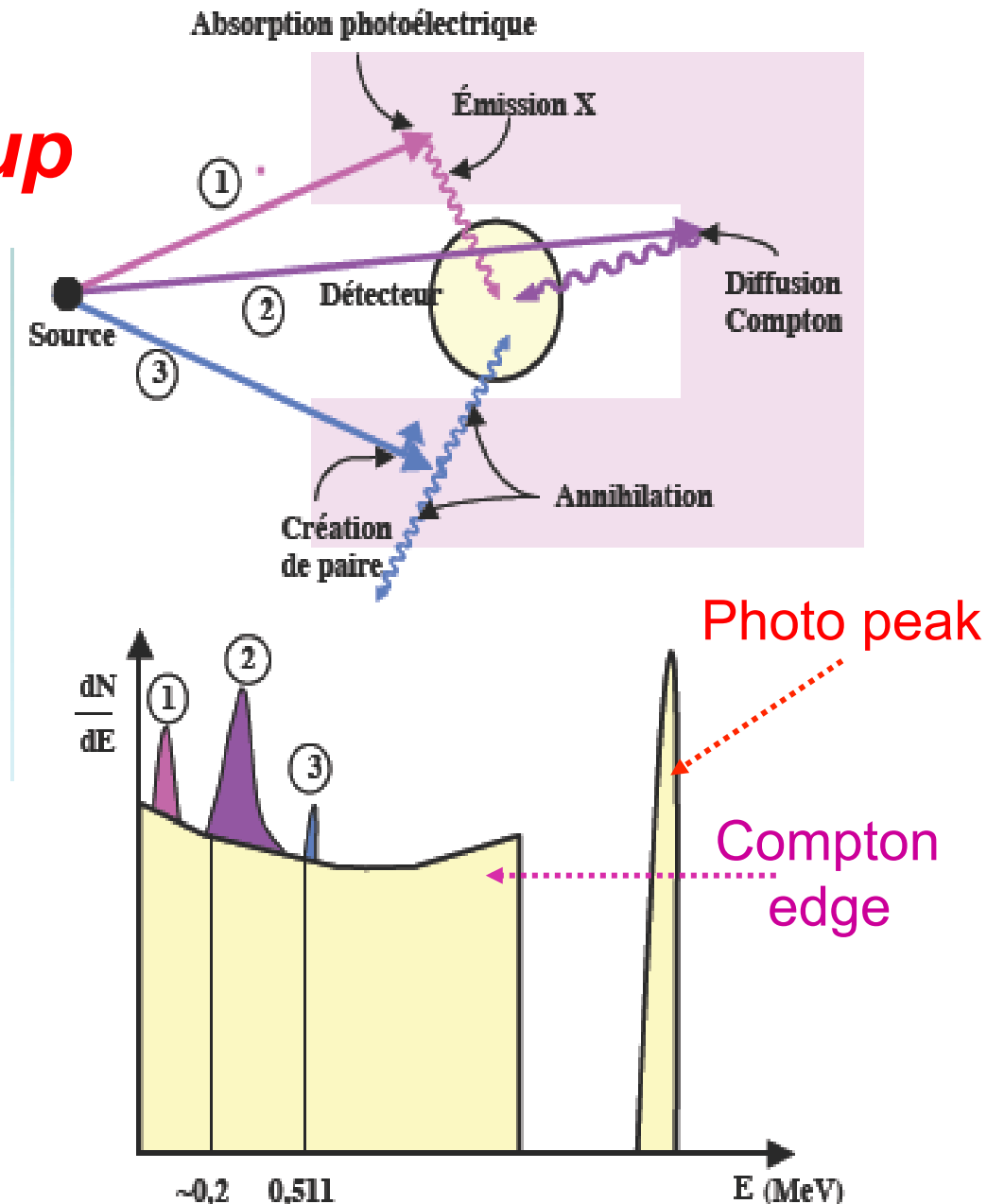
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Real detector set up

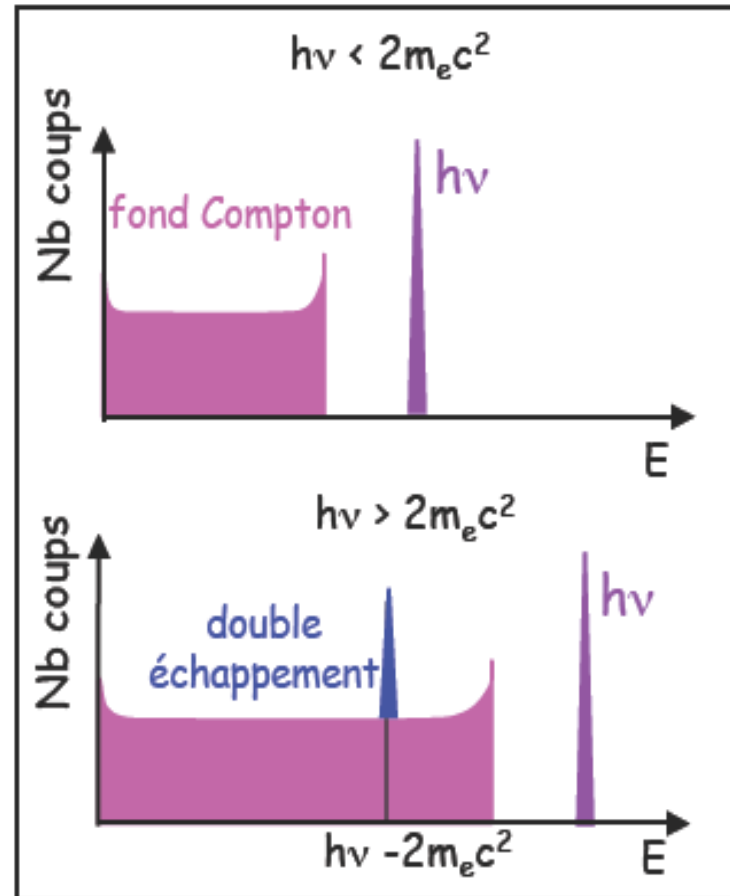
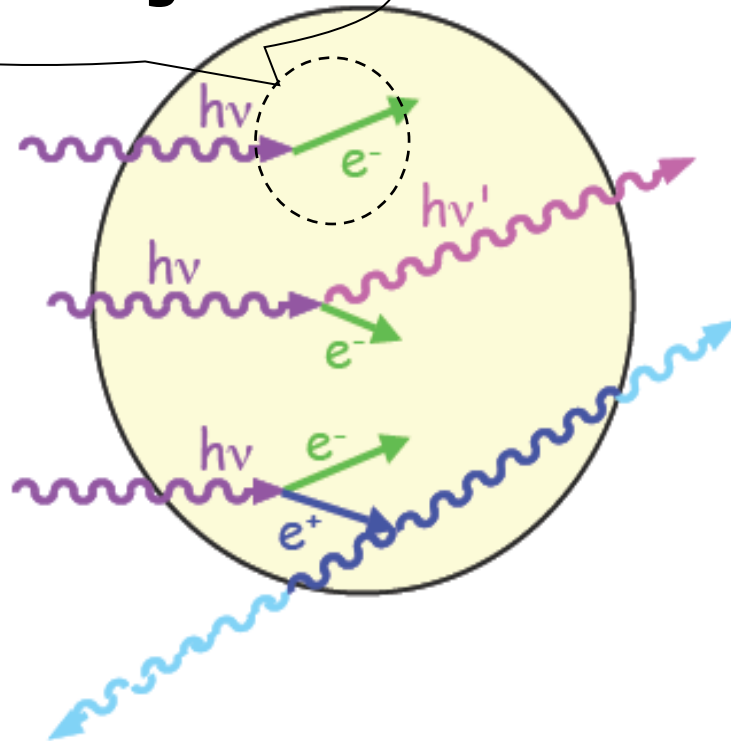
Material around :

- Generation of X-rays
- Retrodiffusion Compton
- Radiation from annihilation

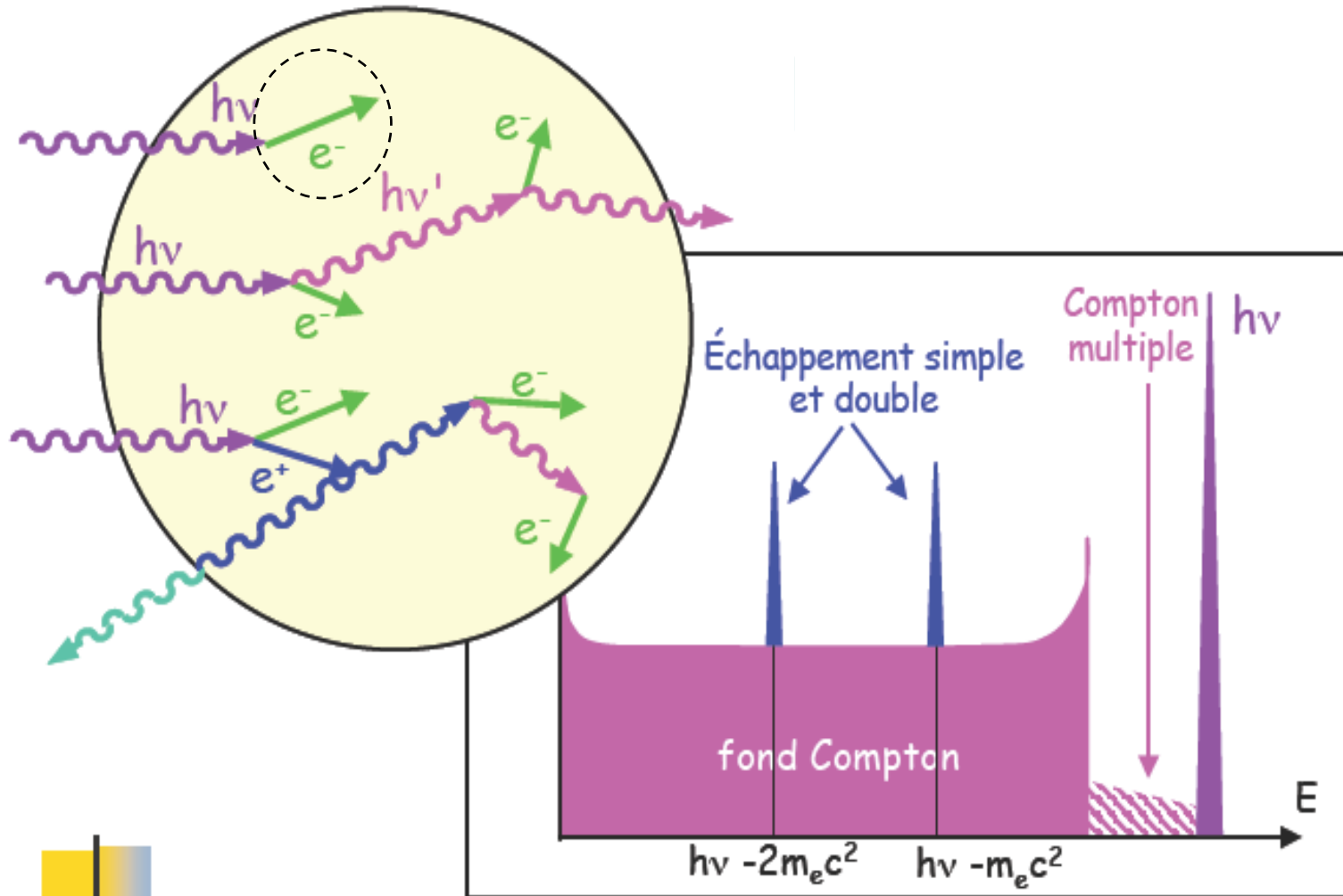


Energy distribution in a photon detector

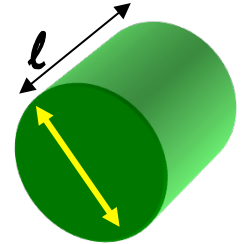
Much enlarged



Energy distribution in a photon detector



NaI (TI)



- Reference/standard of efficiency: $\varepsilon = 1,22 \times 10^{-3}$
 - Cylindrical detector NaI(Tl), $7,62(\varnothing) \times 7,62(\ell)$ cm³
 - Source of ⁶⁰Co (1,33 MeV) at 25 cm

Properties of NaI:

- $Z = 53$ high \Rightarrow good efficiency
- Relatively short decay time (230 ns)
- intense signal
- Relative good energy resolution
- But NaI is very hygroscopic!!

Exercise : verify efficiency!

Efficiency of a detector

(valid in general!!)

Absolute or total efficiency

$$\varepsilon_{tot} = \frac{\text{(particles or gammas) registered}}{\text{(particles or gammas) emitted}}$$

- This depends on the geometry between the source and the detector (its distance and opening, its solid angle)

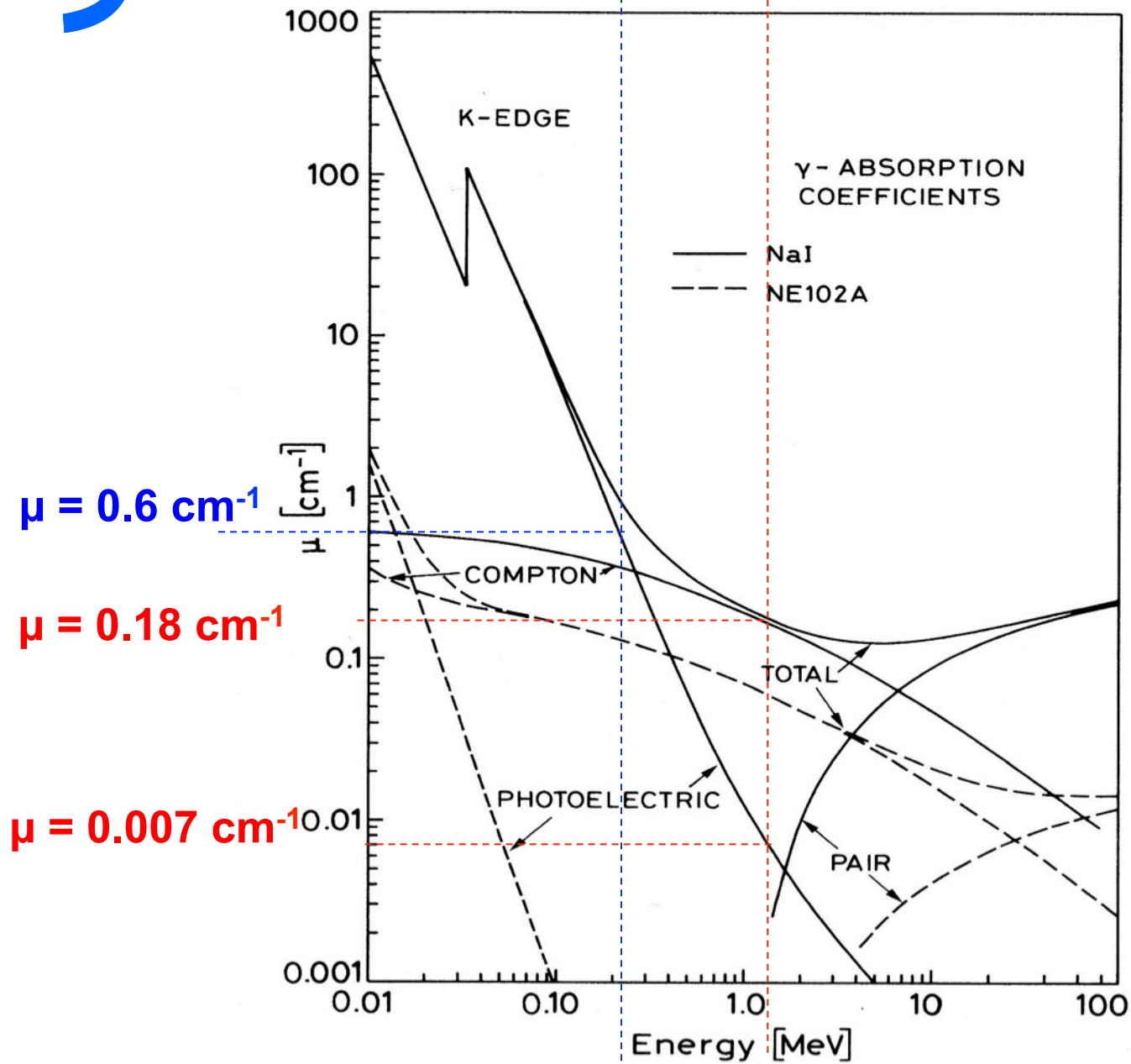
$$\varepsilon_{tot} = \underbrace{\left[1 - \exp\left(\frac{-S_p}{\lambda}\right) \right]}_{\text{probability of an interaction}} \times \underbrace{\frac{\Delta\Omega}{4\pi}}_{\text{probability of an emission in the solid angle of the detector}}$$

$$\varepsilon_{tot} \cong \varepsilon_{int} \times \varepsilon_{geom}$$

$$\lambda = \text{attenuation length; } \left\{ \frac{1}{\lambda} = \sigma \cdot n_b \right\}; S_p = \text{Depth of the detector}$$

Intrinsic efficiency

$$\varepsilon_{int} = \frac{\text{(particles or gammas) "registered"}}{\text{(particles or gammas) in the acceptance of the detector}}$$



Energy Resolution

Detector response :

.For a fixed energy the detector will respond each time slightly different (also around the photo peak)

.All measurements will be distributed around a mean value with a certain width

.This distribution can be approximated by a Gaussian with

- Mean μ and
- A width FWHM

.The resolution R is defined by

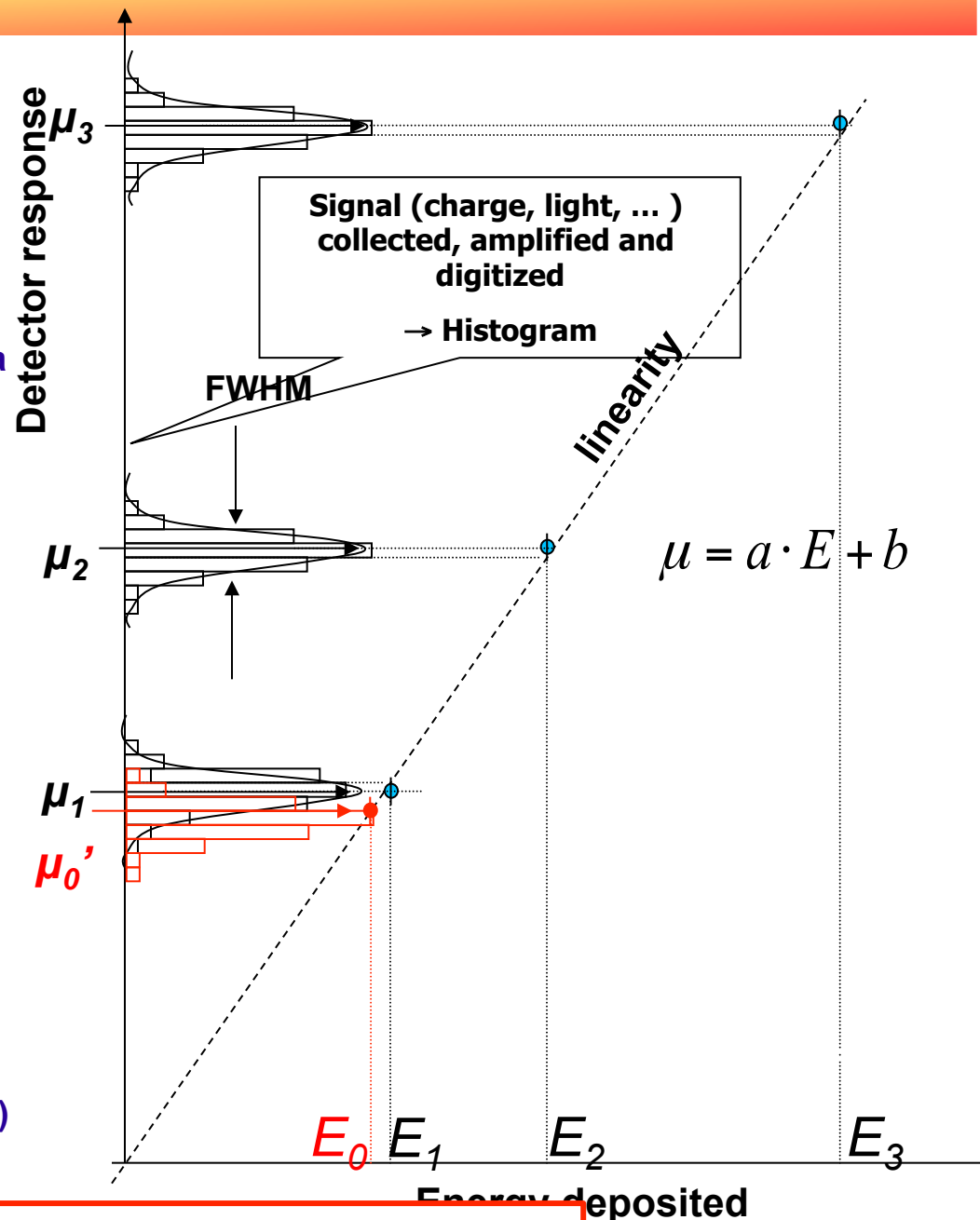
$$R := \frac{\text{FWHM}}{\mu} = 2.35 \frac{\sigma}{\mu}$$

$\mu, \sigma^2 =$ mean and variance
of the distribution

However, please note :

very often people talk about the resolution of their detector and what they (including myself)

really mean or quote is σ/μ and NOT “ R ”



You cannot distinguish two energies closer than the FWHM

Gaussien or normal distribution

$\pm 1\sigma = 68.3\%$ confidence level

$\pm 2\sigma = 95.5\%$

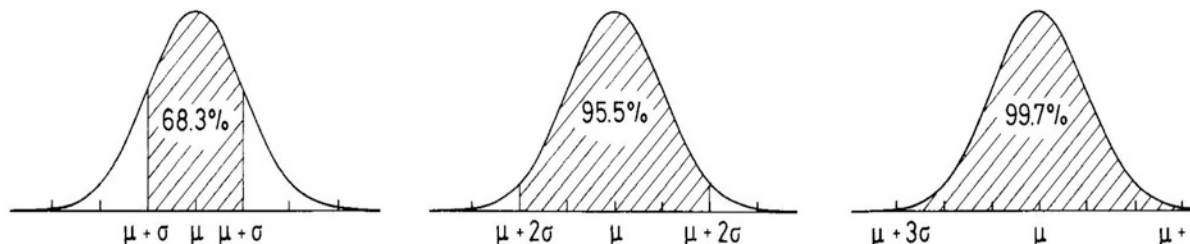
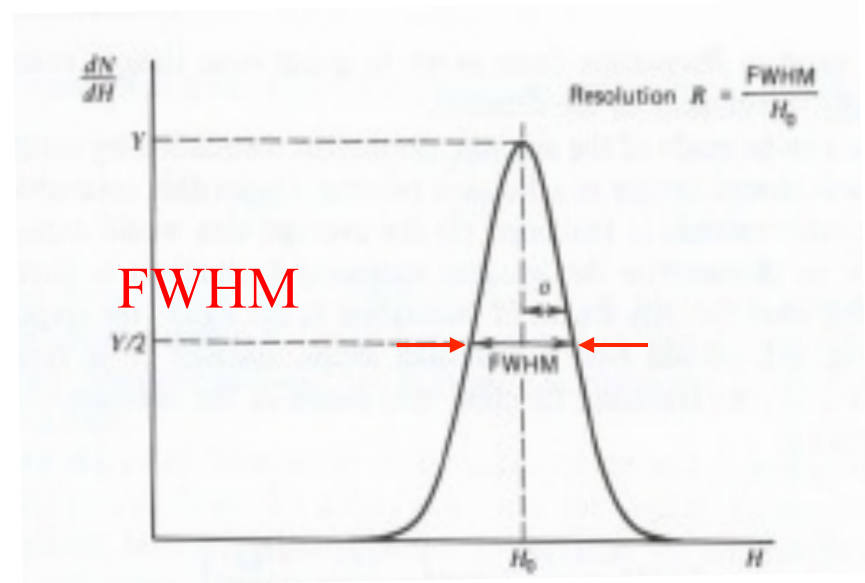
$\pm 3\sigma = 99.7\%$

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right);$$

$\mu = \text{mean}$

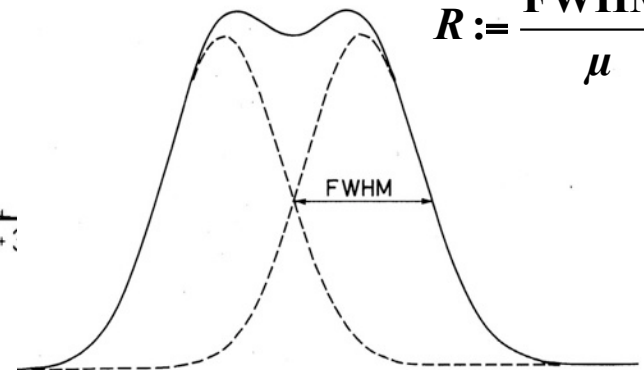
$\sigma^2 = \text{variance};$

$\text{FWHM} = 2.35 \sigma$

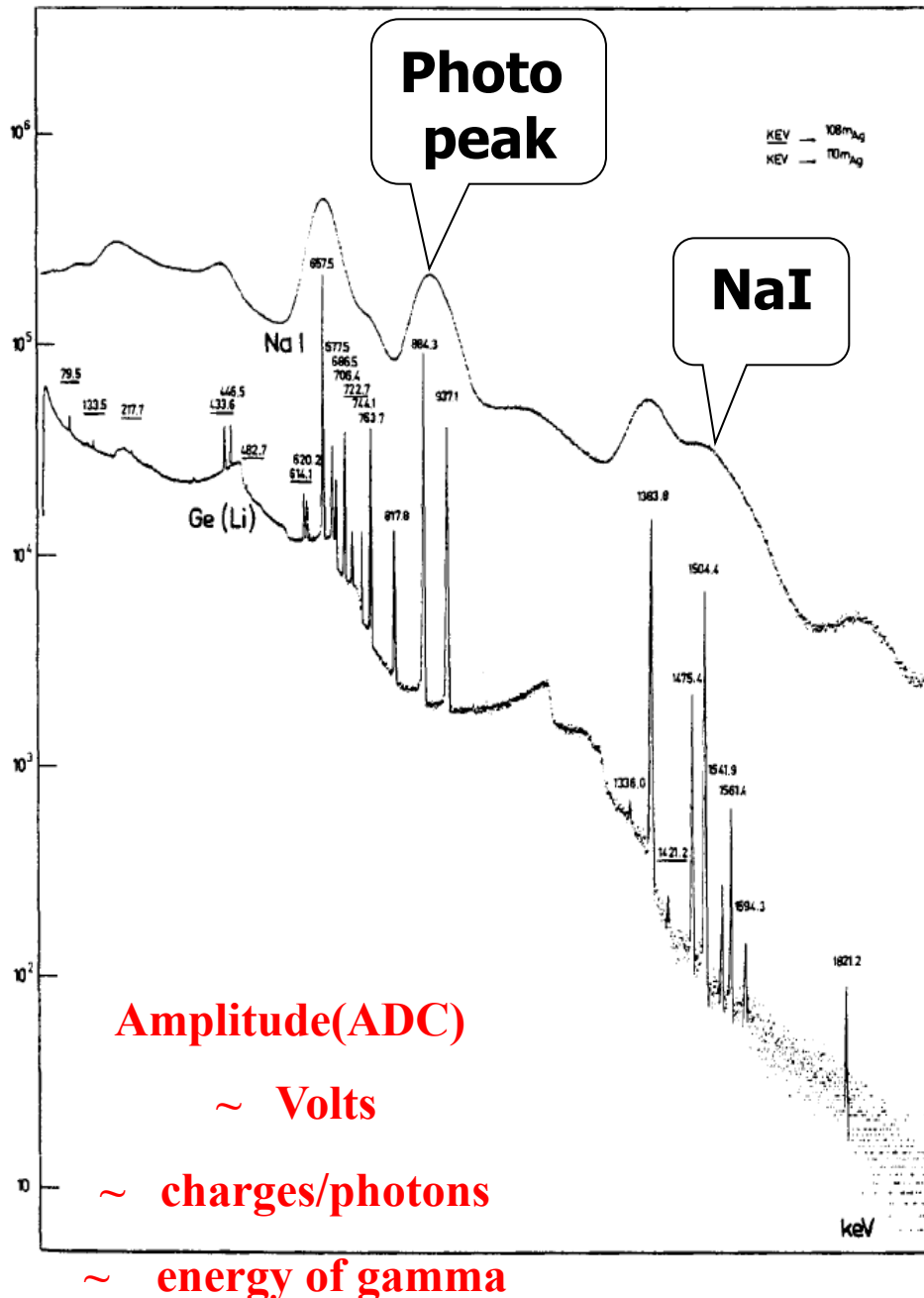


Resolution

$$R := \frac{\text{FWHM}}{\mu}$$



Impossible to separate two signals
closer than FWHM



$$N_{hv} = \frac{E}{w}; \quad dN_{hv} = \sqrt{N_{hv}} = \sqrt{\frac{E}{w}}$$

Statistics strictly Poisson $\Rightarrow \sigma^2 = \mu$;

$$dE / E = dN_{hv} / N_{hv} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{hv}}}$$

NaI: $w \approx 25 \text{ eV} / \text{photon}_{\text{scint}} \Rightarrow 40000 \text{ hv} / \text{MeV}$

Incomplete collection of scintillation photons and finite quantum efficiency will reduce the mean number of photo-electrons

$$N_{pe} = N_{hv} \times \varepsilon_{\text{collection}} \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{quantic}};$$

$$dN_{pe} = \sqrt{N_{pe}} = \sqrt{N_{hv} \times \varepsilon_{\text{coll.}} \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{quant.}}}$$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{coll.}} \approx 0.2 - 0.8; \quad \varepsilon_{\text{quant.}} \approx 0.2 \text{ (PM)}$$

$$dE / E = dN_{pe} / N_{pe} \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{pe}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{hv} \times \varepsilon_{\text{coll.}} \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{quant.}}}}$$

$$F \approx 1; \quad \varepsilon_{\text{coll.}} \approx 0.4; \quad \varepsilon_{\text{quant.}} \approx 0.2 \text{ (PM)}$$

$$\Rightarrow dE / E = \sigma_E / E \approx 1.5\% \text{ à } 1.333 \text{ MeV}$$

$$R = 2.35 \times 1.5\% = 3.6\% \xrightarrow{\text{experimental}} (5 - 8)\%$$

Organic scintillators

- Liquids and plastics
- Solvent which absorbs the energy
- The excitation energy of the solvent is transferred to the dopant
- Emission, reabsorption and re-emission of light
- Shift towards longer wave lengths
- Fast response, about 5ns
- Liquids :
 - Solvents liquids: xylene, toluene, benzene, phenylcyclohexane, triethylbenzene, decaline
 - Dopants for liquids: p-Terphenyl ($C_{18}H_{14}$), PBD ($C_{20}H_{14}N_2O$), PPO ($C_{15}H_{11}NO$), POPOP ($C_{24}H_{16}N_2O_2$), $\approx 3g/l$
- Solids:
 - Solvents plastics polyvinyltoluene, polyphenilbenzene, polystyrene.
 - Primary dopants for plastics : PBD, p-Terphenyl, PBO, 10g/l
 - Secondary dopant POPOP to shift the light to longer wavelengths.
- Quality depends largely on low level of impurities

Organic Scintillators

fluorescence

Prompt emission.

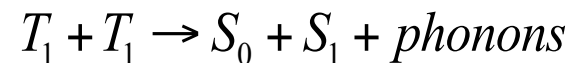
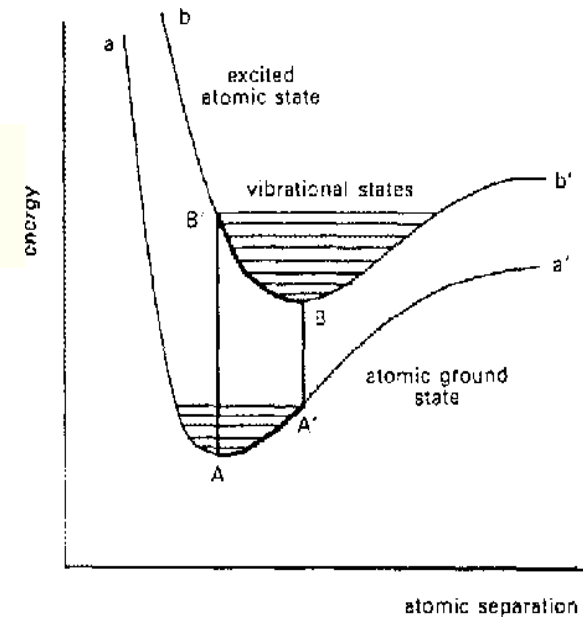
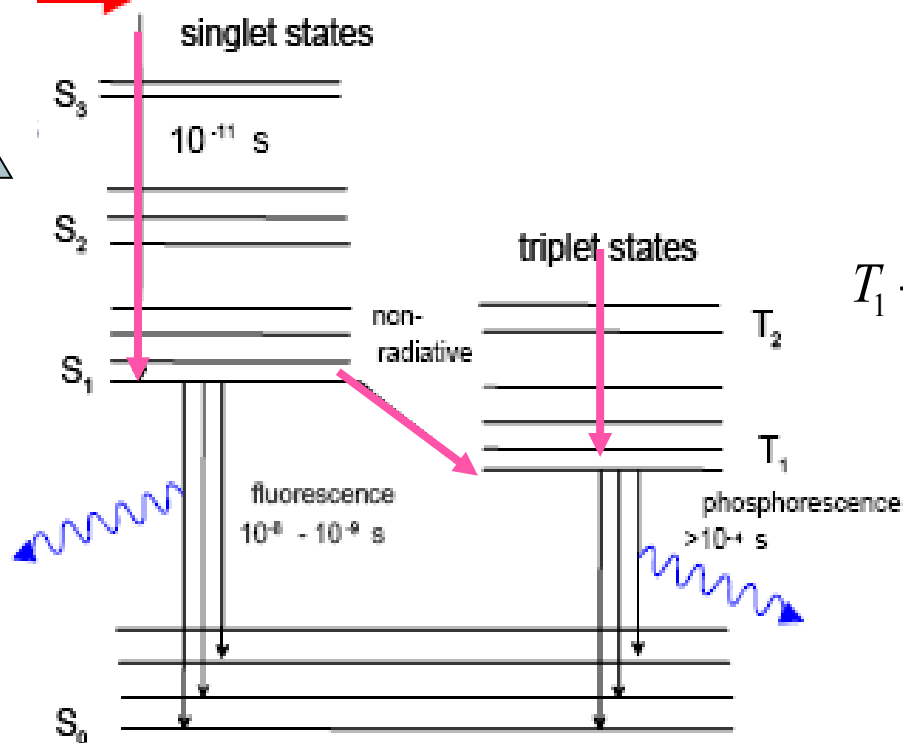
- fluorescence (durée \sim ns- μ s)
- phosphorescence (durée \sim μ s-min)

Valence electrons of the π -molecular orbitals

radiationless

Radiation less transitions
(Förster)

The energy absorbed by the solvent is transferred to the dopant without radiation



Phosphorescence :
Slow emission

Organic Scintillators

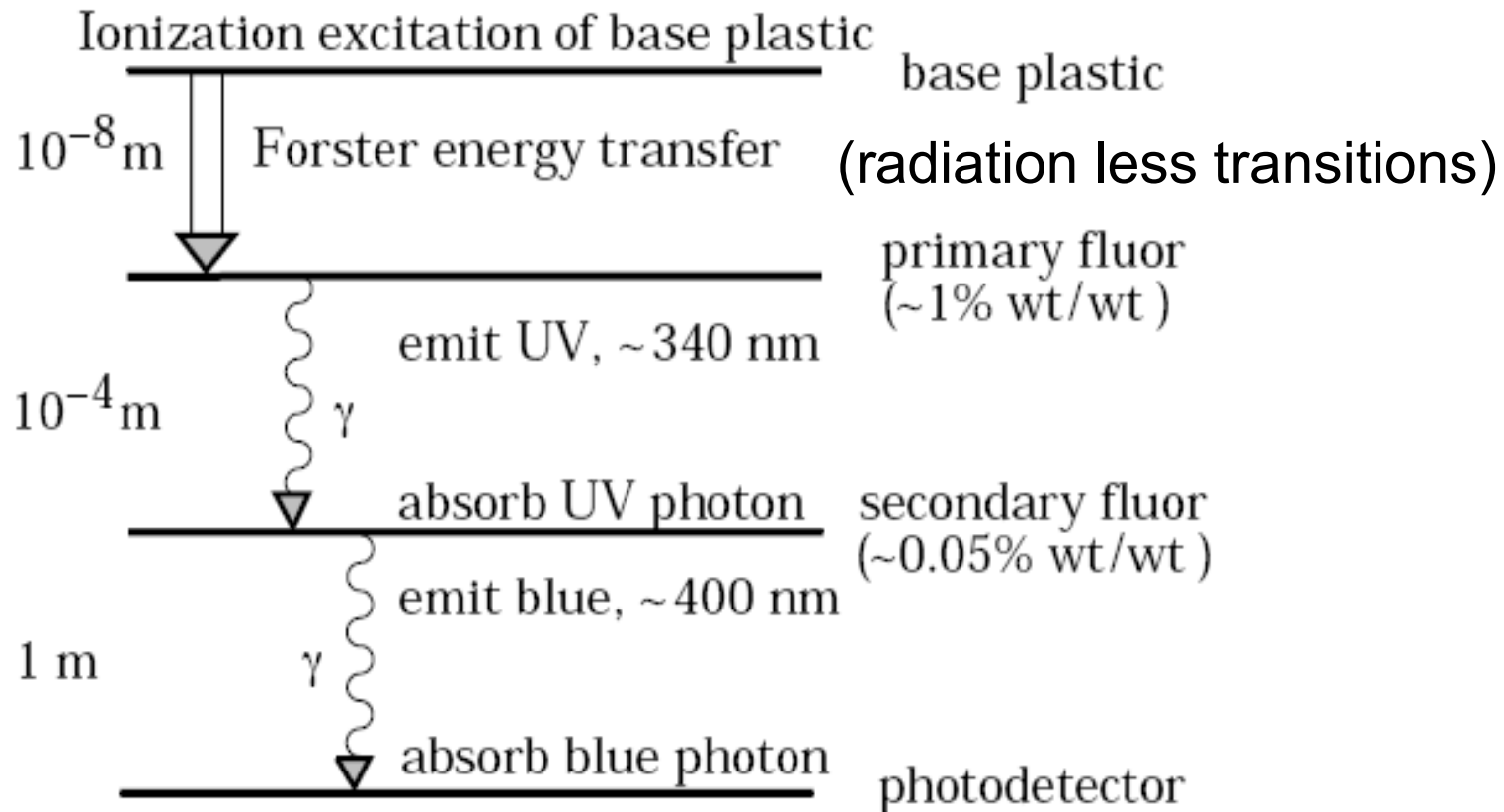
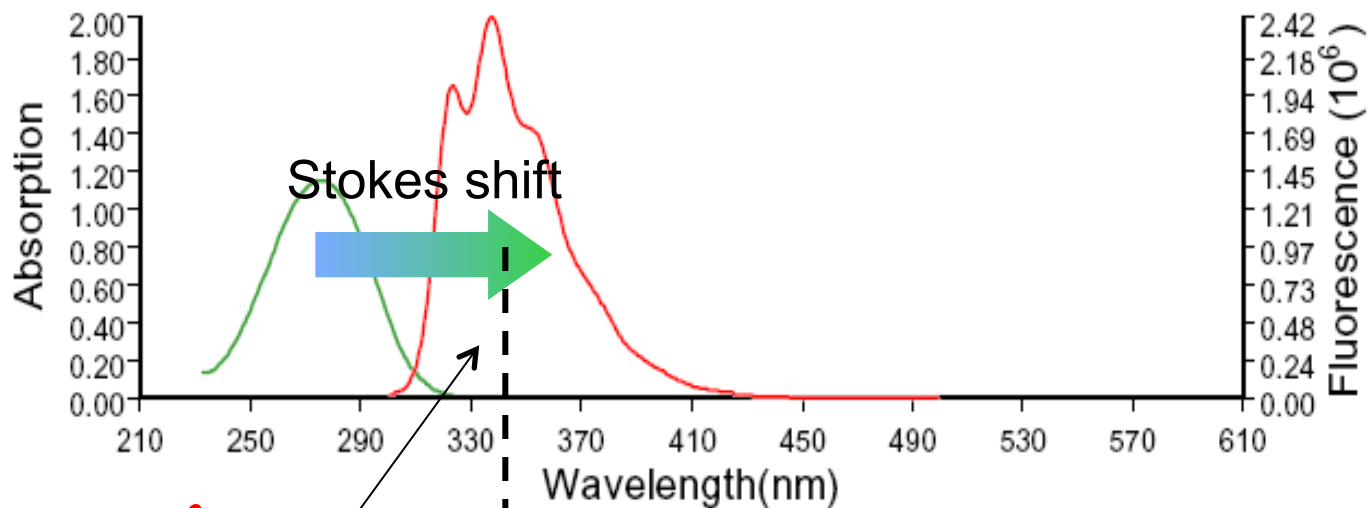


Figure 28.1: Cartoon of scintillation “ladder” depicting the operating mechanism of plastic scintillator. Approximate fluor concentrations and energy transfer distances for the separate sub-processes are shown.

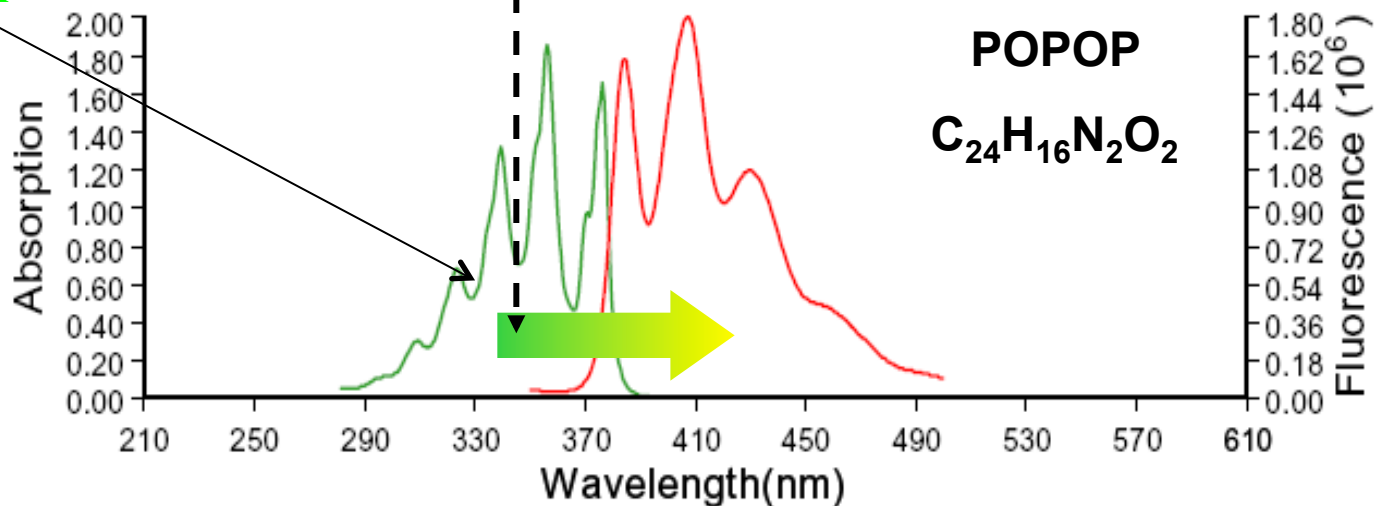
Absorption and emission

p-Terphenyl



$\lambda_{\text{absorption}} = \lambda_{\text{emission}}$

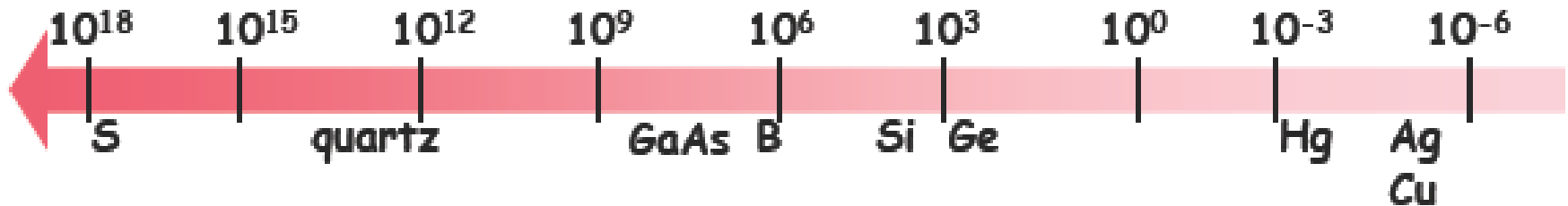
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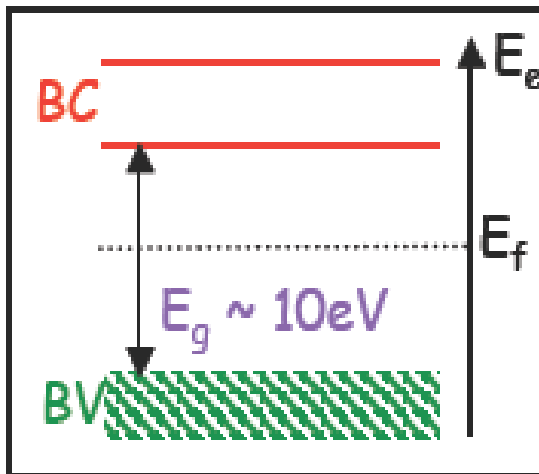


Semi-conductors

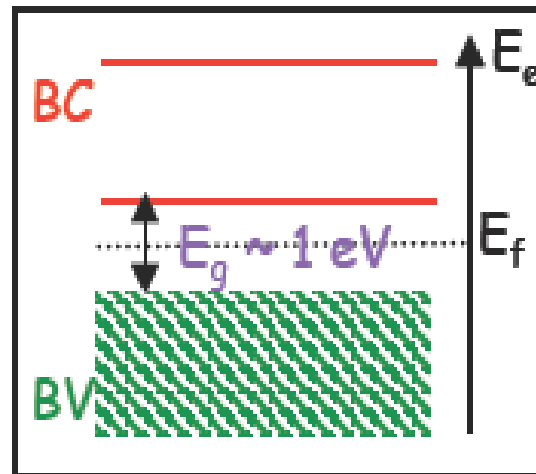
Résistivité (Ωcm)



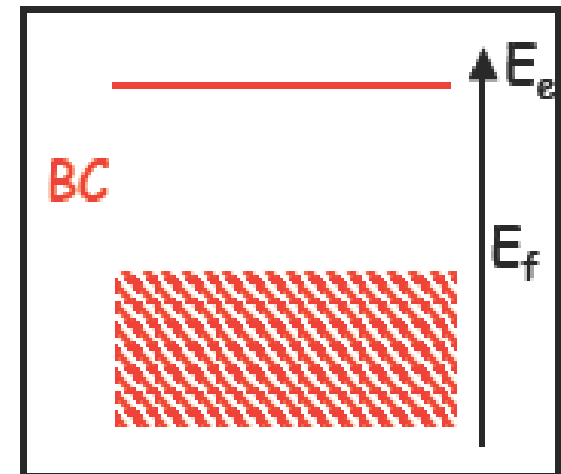
Isolant



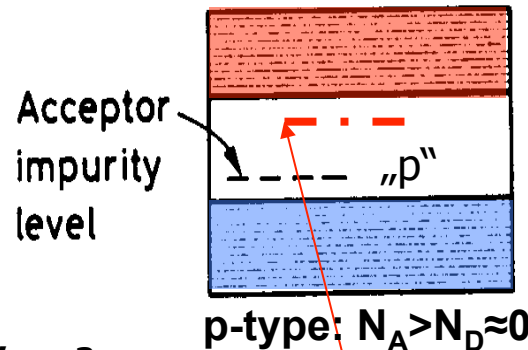
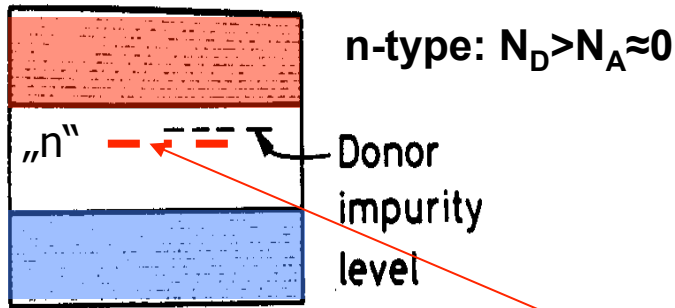
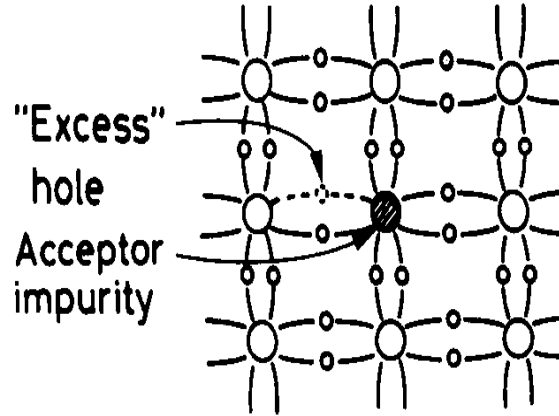
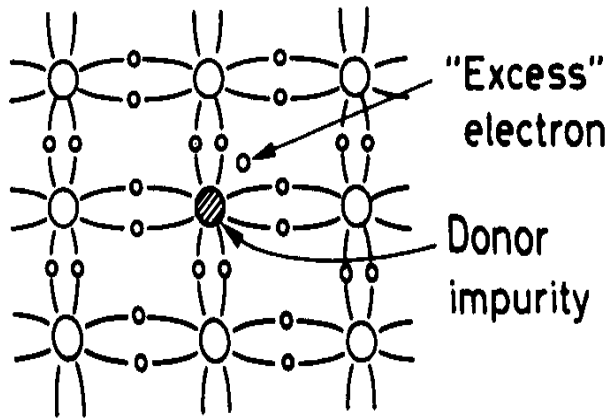
Semi-conducteur



Métal



„Doped“ Semi-conductors



	Li	Sb	P	As	Bi
Energy level (eV)	0.033	0.039	0.044	0.049	0.069
Silicon band gap 1.1eV					
Energy level (eV)	0.045	0.057	0.065	0.16	0.26
	B	Al	Ga	In	Tl

Intrinsic / High Purity: $1.5 \cdot 10^{10} / \text{cm}^3$
 ($N_A = 6.022 \cdot 10^{23} / \text{cm}^3$!!)
 $n, p : 10^{13} / \text{cm}^3$
 $n^+, p^+ : 10^{20} / \text{cm}^3$

Impurities

- traps
- recombination

Energy levels within the band gap corresponding to various n- and p-type dopants [6]

Semi-conductor detectors

Material	E _g [eV]	w [eV]	Mobility (velocity/E)		τ _e [s]	τ _h [s]	density g/cm ³	Z [a.m.u]
			μ _e [cm ² /Vs]	μ _h [cm ² /Vs]				
C (diamond)	5.5	13	1800	1200	2 10 ⁻⁹	2 10 ⁻⁹	3.515	6
Si	1.12	3.61	1350	480	5 10 ⁻³	5 10 ⁻³	2.33	14
Ge	0.67	2.98	3900	1900	2 10 ⁻⁵	2 10 ⁻⁵	5.32	32
GaAs	1.42	4.70	8500	450	5 10 ⁻⁸	5 10 ⁻⁸	5.32	31,33
CdTe	1.56	4.43	1050	100	1 10 ⁻⁶	1 10 ⁻⁶		48,52
HgI₂	2.13	4.20	100	–	1 10 ⁻⁶	2 10 ⁻⁶		53,80

$$\frac{dN}{N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} ; E \sim N ; N = \text{numb. of (e,h)}$$

Parameters Values for Materials Used in Fabricating Semiconductor Radiation Sensors

Inverse Polarisation

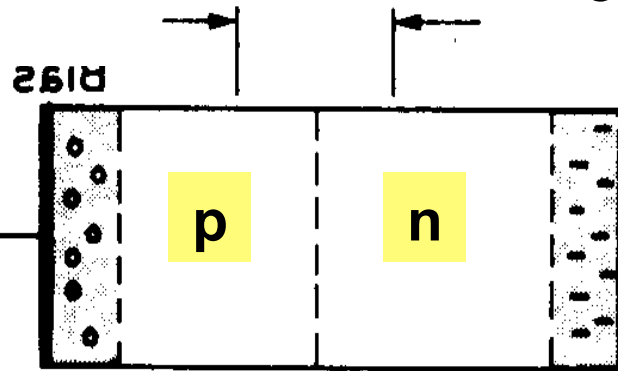
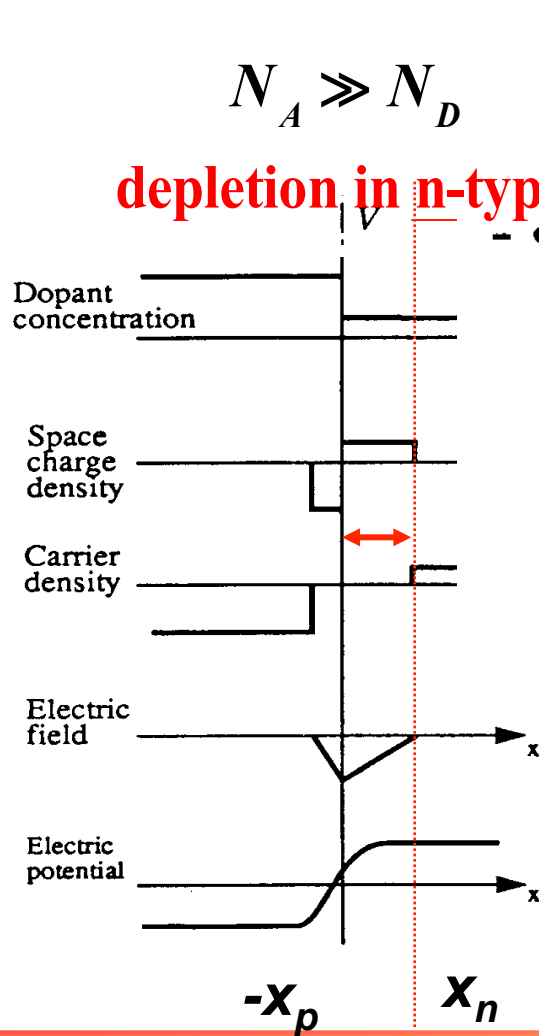
Holes move to « - »

$$d|_{V_{bias}} = x_n + x_p = \sqrt{\frac{2\epsilon(\phi_0 + V_{bias})(N_A + N_D)}{e N_A N_D}}$$

electrons move to contact "+"

$$N_A \gg N_D$$

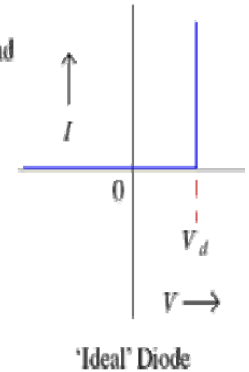
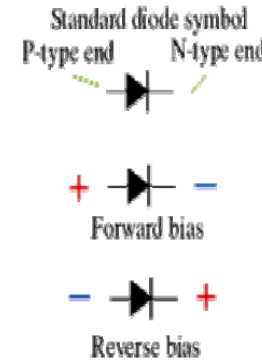
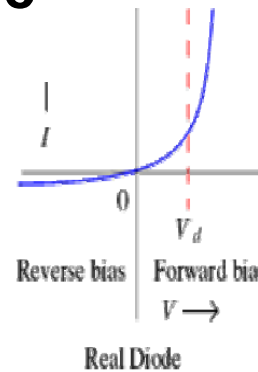
depletion in n-type



$$d \approx x_n \approx 0.53 \sqrt{\rho_n \phi_0} \mu m$$

$$\rho \sim 2 \cdot 10^4 \Omega cm, \phi_0 \sim 1V$$

$$\Rightarrow d \sim 75 \mu m$$



0.1-2 μm \Rightarrow perte d'énergie

Diffused or Ion implanted

Diffused & Ion implanted^(a)

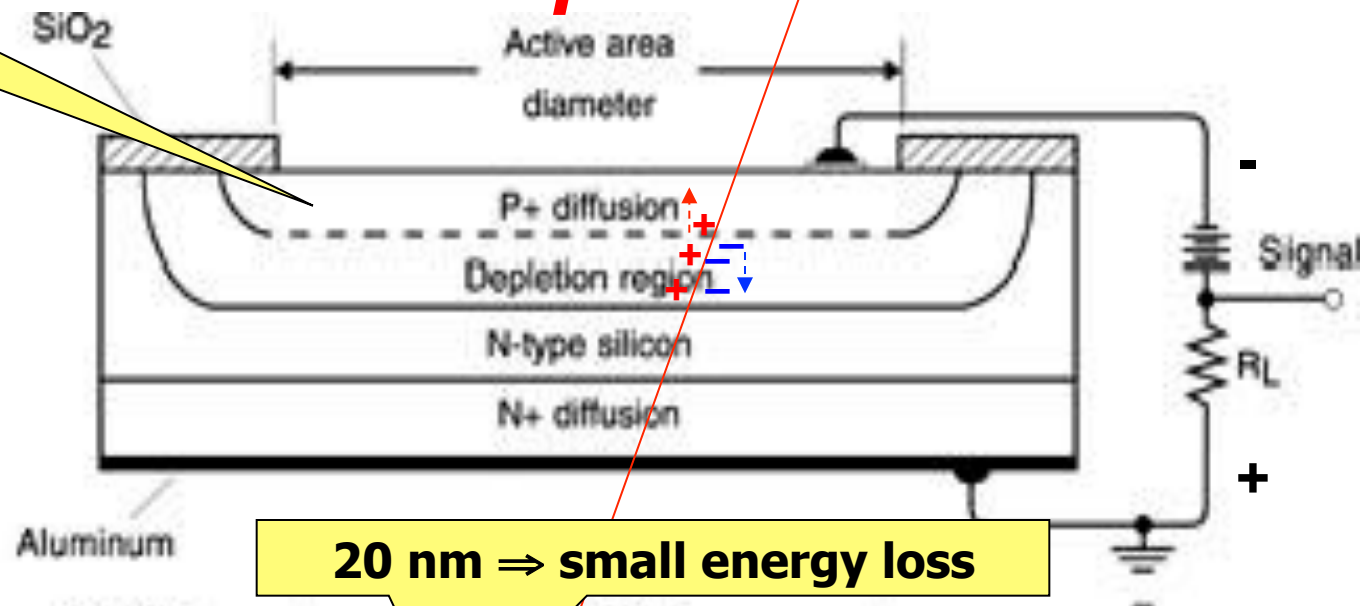
oxide window
robust, flexible geometry

Shottky barrier

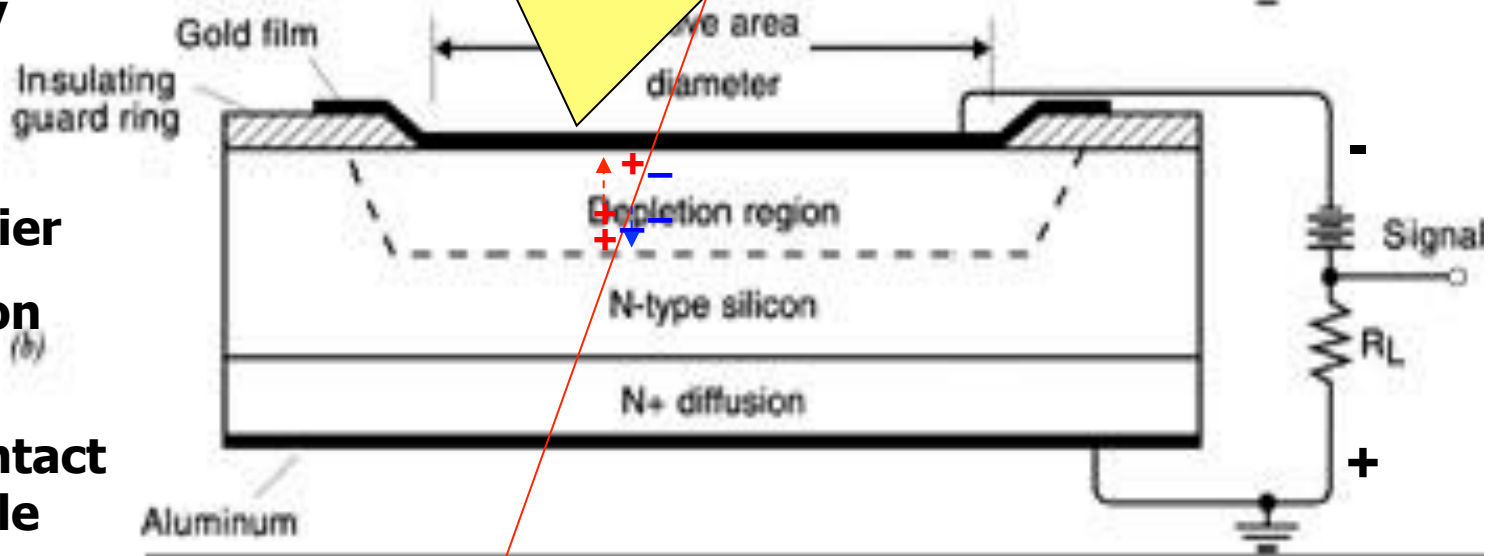
Shottky barrier
metal-silicon junction^(b)

thin metal contact
more fragile

Junction p-n

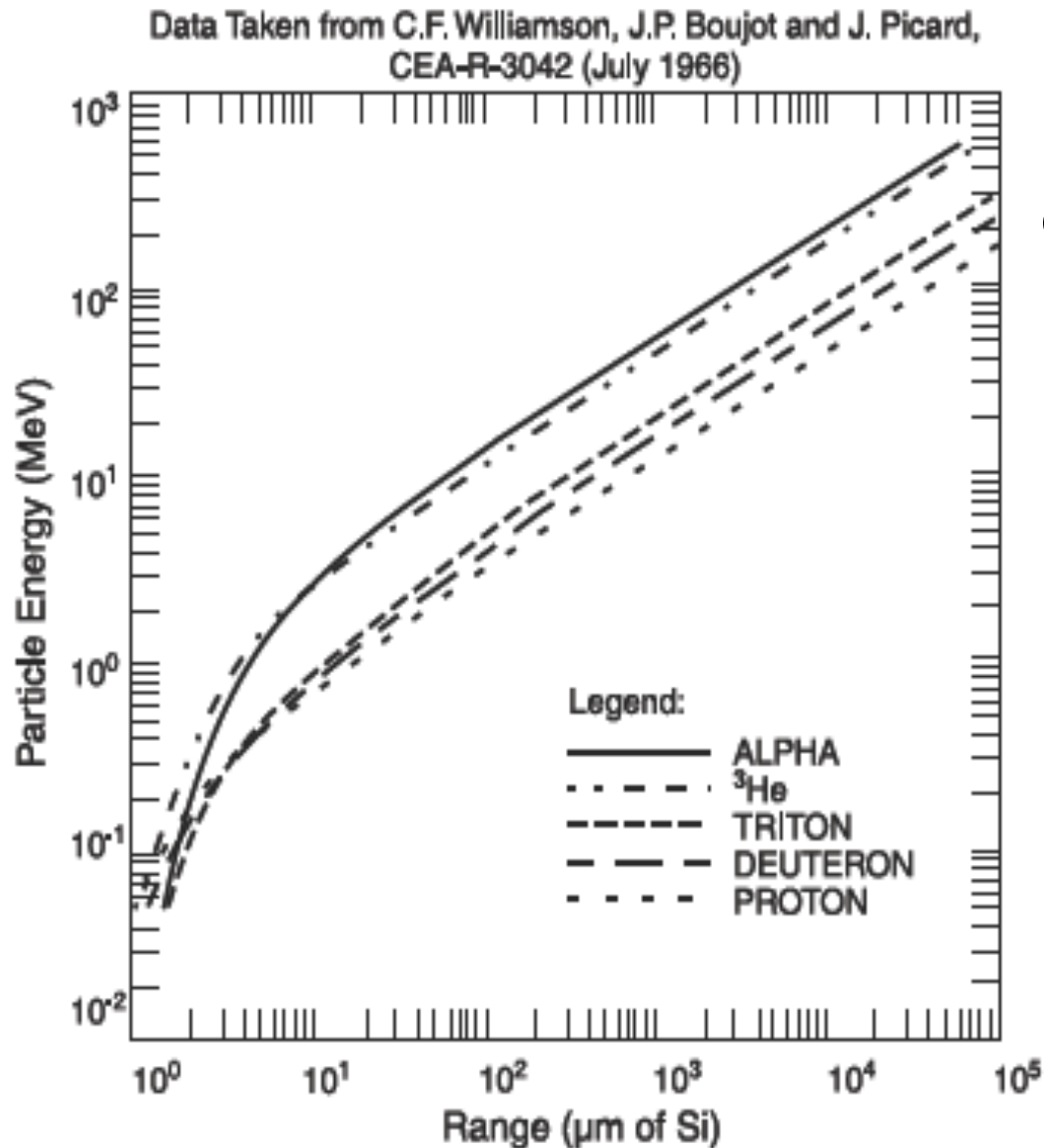


20 nm \Rightarrow small energy loss



Surface barrier detectors





Interaction of charged particles in silicon

Figure 1.10 Range-Energy Curves in Silicon

Fission fragment spectrum

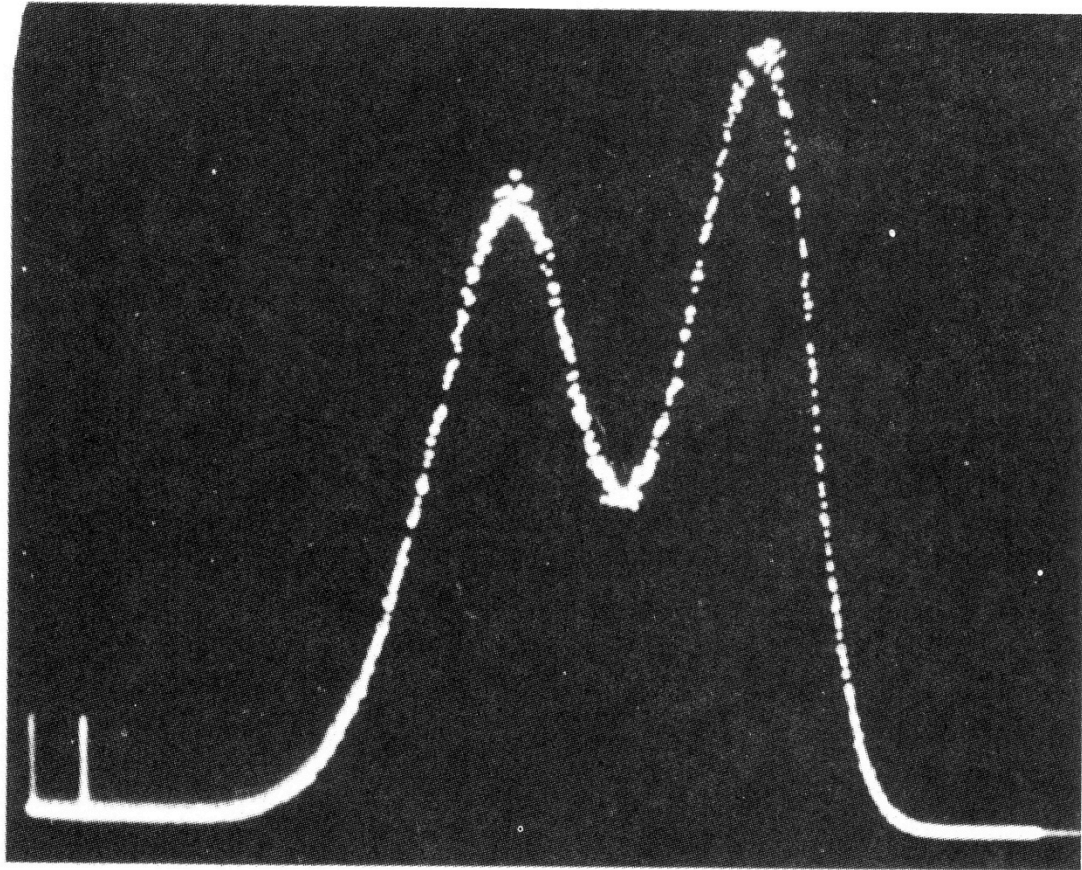
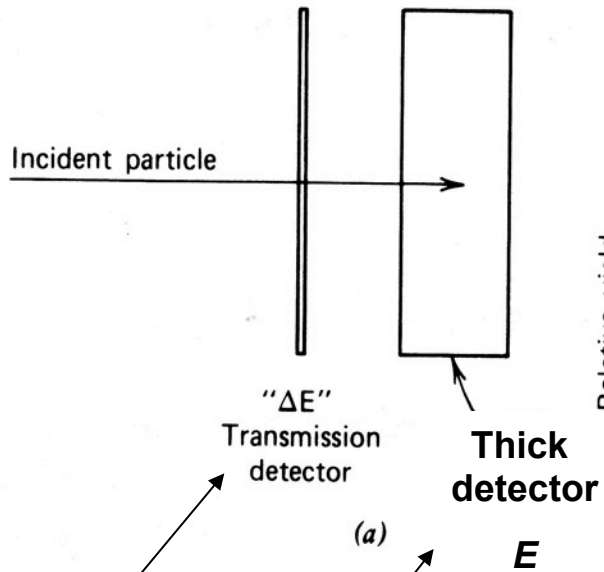


Figure 11-15 ^{252}Cf fission fragment pulse height spectrum. The spectrum parameters defined on the diagram can be used for energy calibration and detector evaluation (see text). (From Bozorgmanesh⁷⁵ and Schmitt and Pleasonton.⁸³)

Identification of masses



$$\frac{dE}{dx} \propto \frac{1}{v^2}; \quad E_{cin} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

⇒

$$\frac{dE}{dx} \times E_{cin} \propto m$$

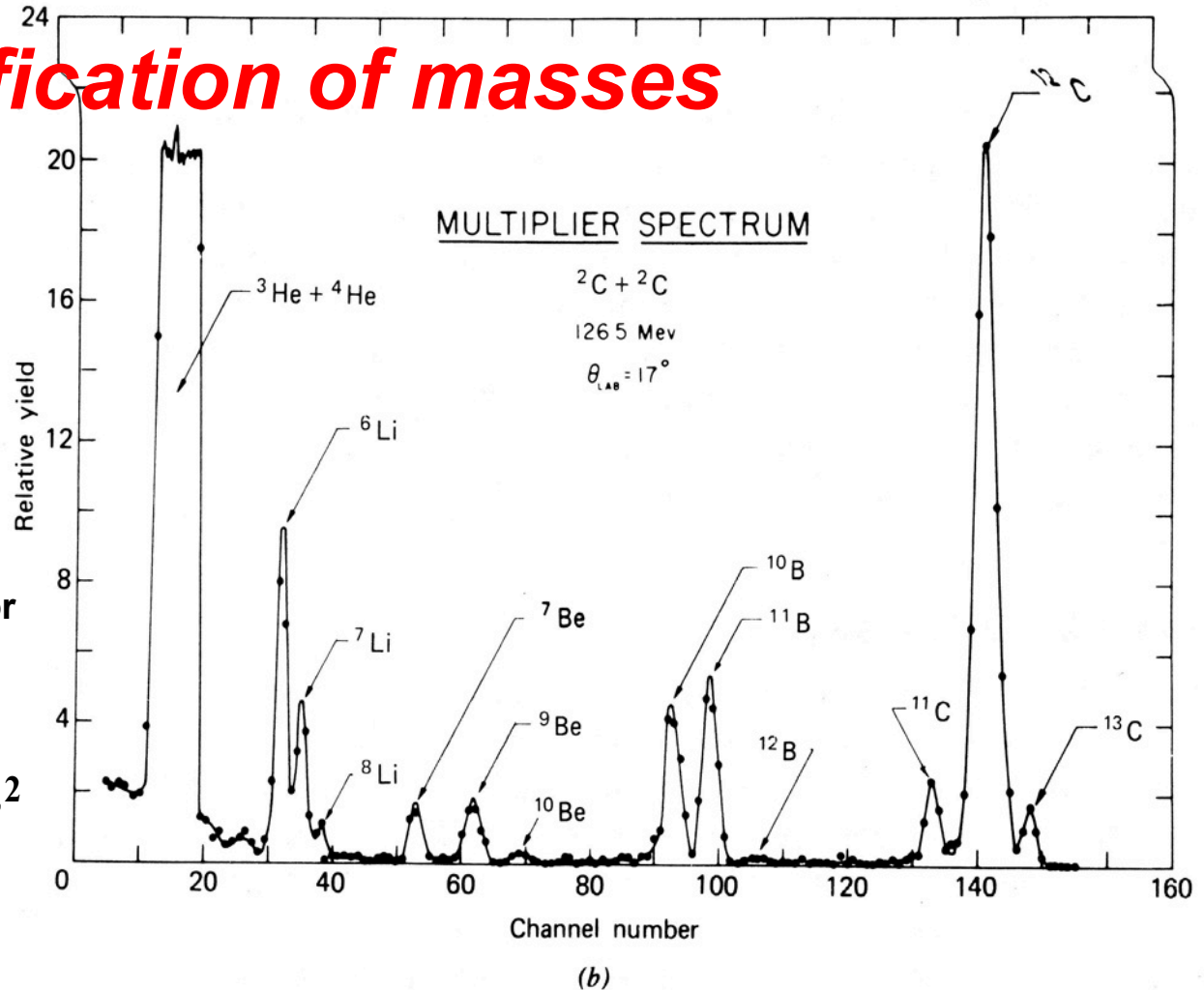
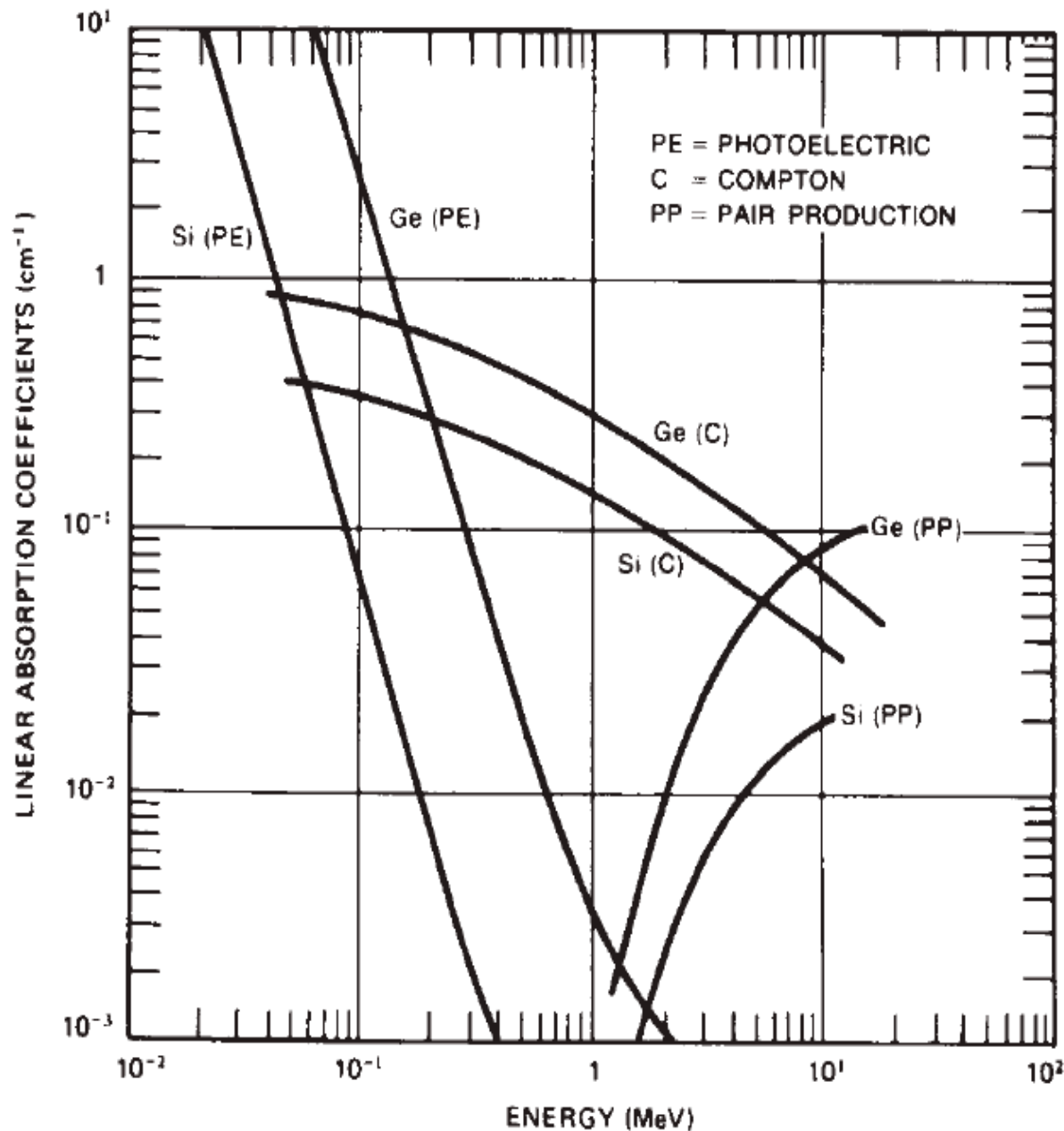


Figure 11-16 (a) A particle identifier arrangement consisting of tandem ΔE and E detectors operated in coincidence. (b) Experimental spectrum obtained for the $\Delta E \cdot E$ signal product for a mixture of different ions. (From Bromley.⁹⁰)



High Purity Germanium

Energy measurement of gammas

($|N_A - N_D| \approx 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$):

- $E_{\text{gap}} = 0.74 \text{ eV} \Rightarrow$
operation
temperature : **$T = 77\text{K}$**
- $w_{\text{eh}} = 2.98 \text{ eV}$
 \Rightarrow excellent resolution
 - $E_\gamma = 1 \text{ MeV}, dE \approx 1 \text{ keV}$
 - “High” photo peak efficiency

Large volume detectors

- Depletion zone :

$$d|_{V_{bias}} = x_n + x_p = \sqrt{\frac{2\varepsilon(\phi_0 + V_{bias})(N_A + N_D)}{e N_A N_D}}$$

$$N = N_A \ll N_D; \phi_0 \ll V_{bias}$$

$$d|_{V_{bias}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\varepsilon V_{bias}}{eN}}; N = N_A \text{ ou } N_D = \text{net impurity of material}$$

$$N = 10^{+13} \text{ atoms / cm}^3; V_{bias} = 3000 \text{ Volt};$$

$$d|_{V_{bias}=3000 \text{ Volt}} = 2.2 \text{ mm}$$

- High purity :

$$N_A \text{ ou } N_D = 10^{+10} \text{ atoms / cm}^3; V_{bias} = 1000 \text{ Volt}; \varepsilon = 16 \cdot \varepsilon_0;$$

$$\varepsilon_0 = 8.85 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ F / m}; F = \text{Coulomb / Volt}; e = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ Coulomb}$$

$$d|_{V_{bias}=1000 \text{ Volt}} = 1.8 \text{ cm}$$

$$d|_{V_{bias}=2000 \text{ Volt}} = 2.5 \text{ cm}$$

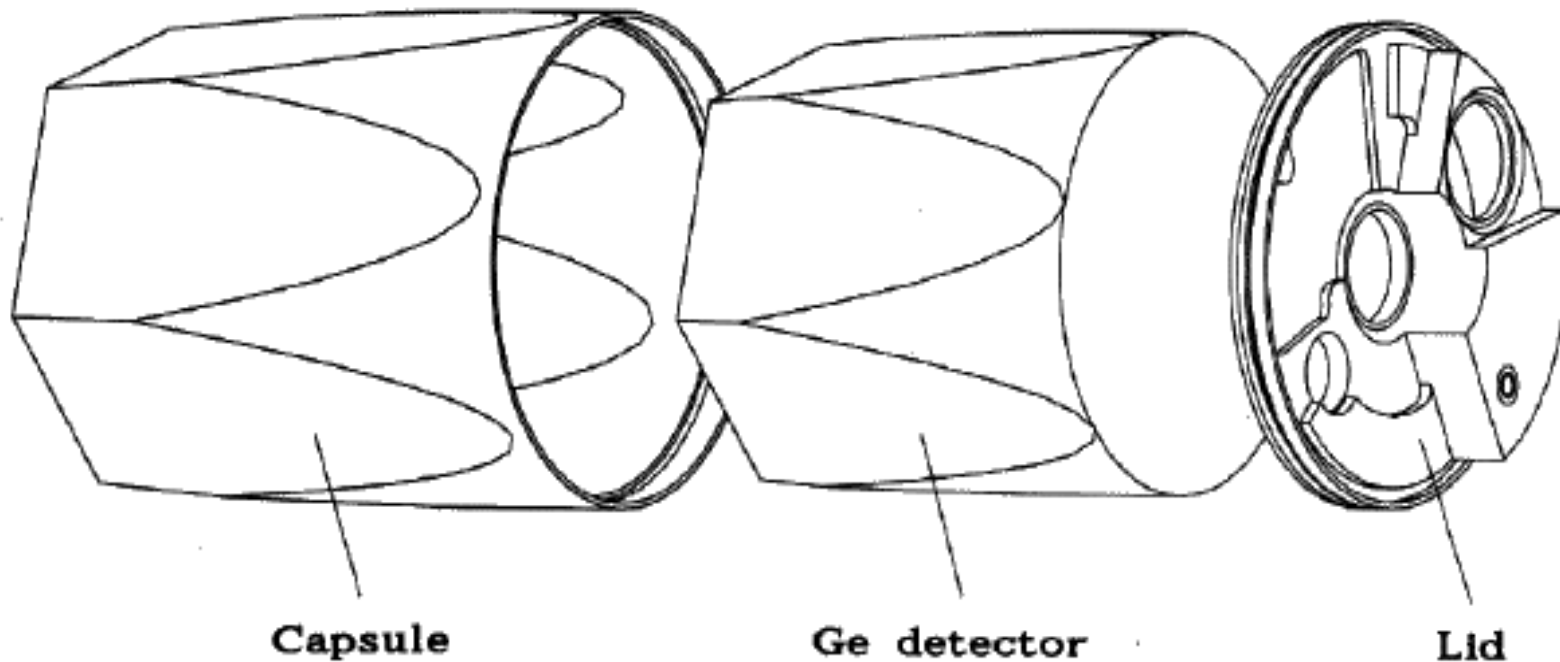
$$d|_{V_{bias}=3000 \text{ Volt}} = 3.1 \text{ cm}$$

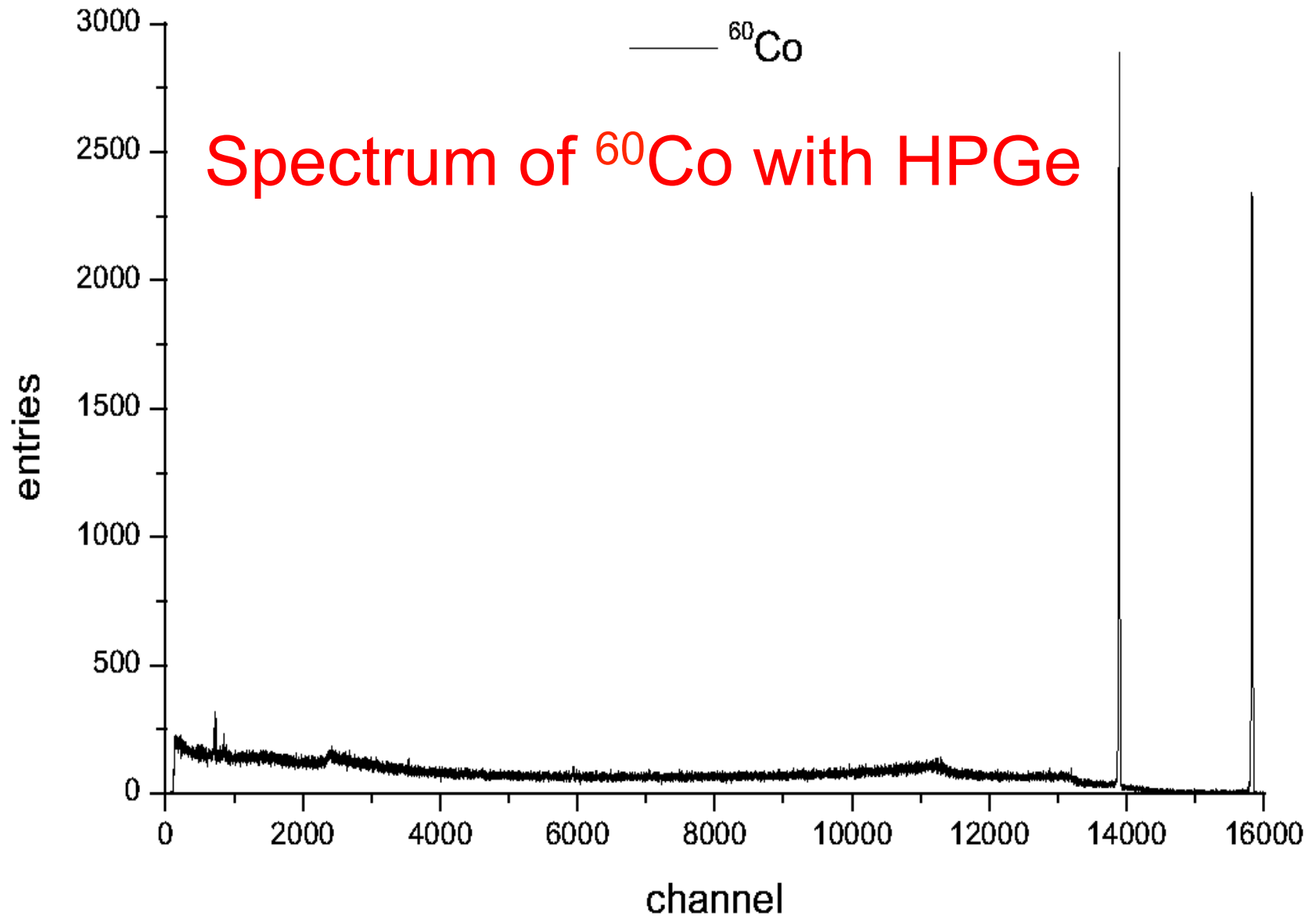
Germanium detectors

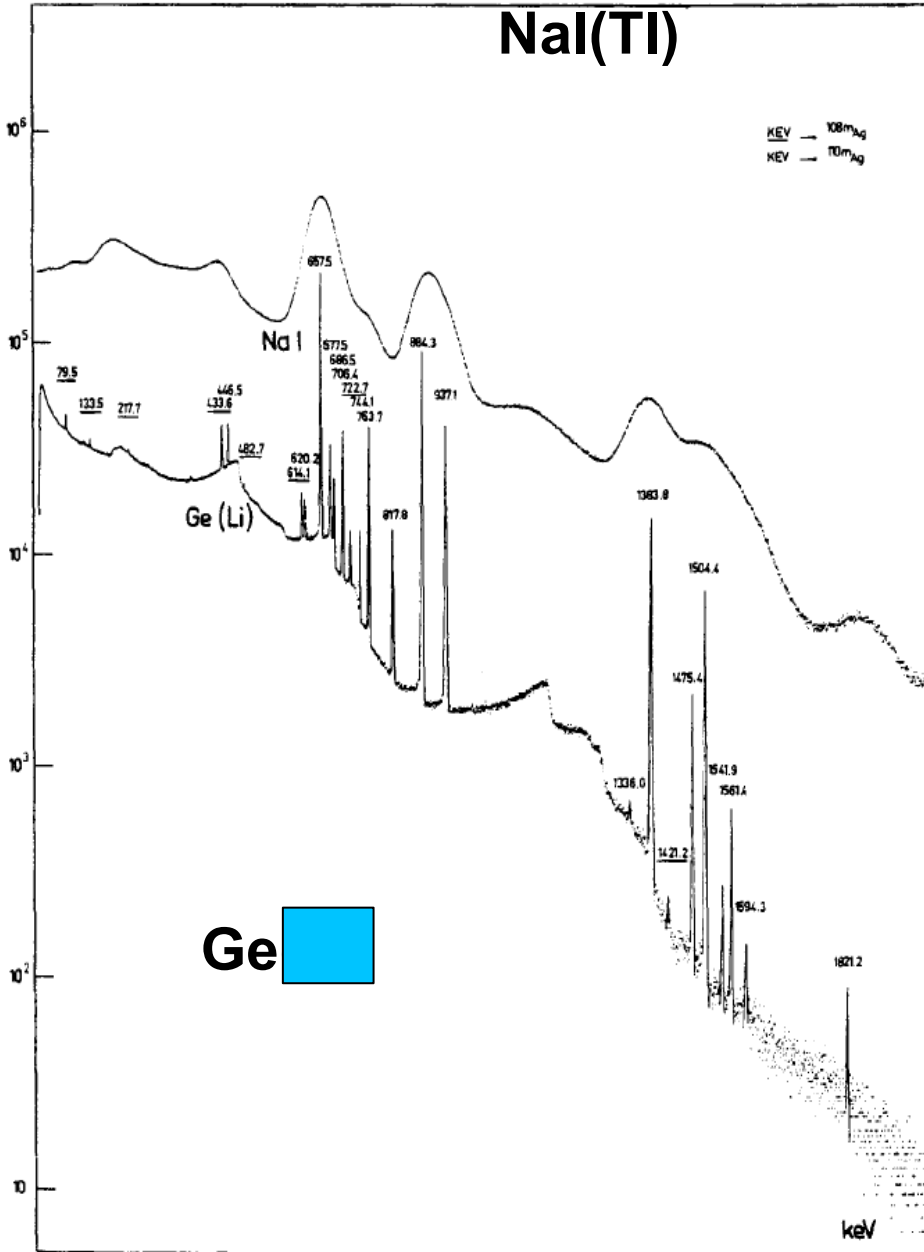
Operation temperature: $T = 77\text{K}$ (Liquid Nitrogen)

Configuration : co-axial

Electronics is mounted very close to the Crystal







HP-Ge detector

$$N_{eh} = \frac{E}{w} \epsilon_{collection}$$

$$dN_{eh} = \sqrt{N_{eh}} = \sqrt{\frac{E}{w} \epsilon_{collection}}$$

Statistics : Poisson

$$\Rightarrow \sigma^2 = \mu; \quad \mu = \text{mean}; \quad \sigma^2 = \text{variance}$$

$$dE / E = dN_{eh} / N_{eh} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{eh}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{E}{w} \epsilon_{collection}}}$$

$$\epsilon_{collection} \approx 100\%; \quad w = 2.98 eV \quad E = 1 MeV$$

$$\Rightarrow dE / E \approx 0.0017; \quad \text{Resolution } R = 2.35 \times dE / E = 0.4\%$$

Fano factor:

$$\sigma^2 = F_{ano} \mu;$$

$$F_{ano} \approx 0.12 \text{ (Ge, Si)}; \quad \sqrt{0.12} = 1 / 2.9$$

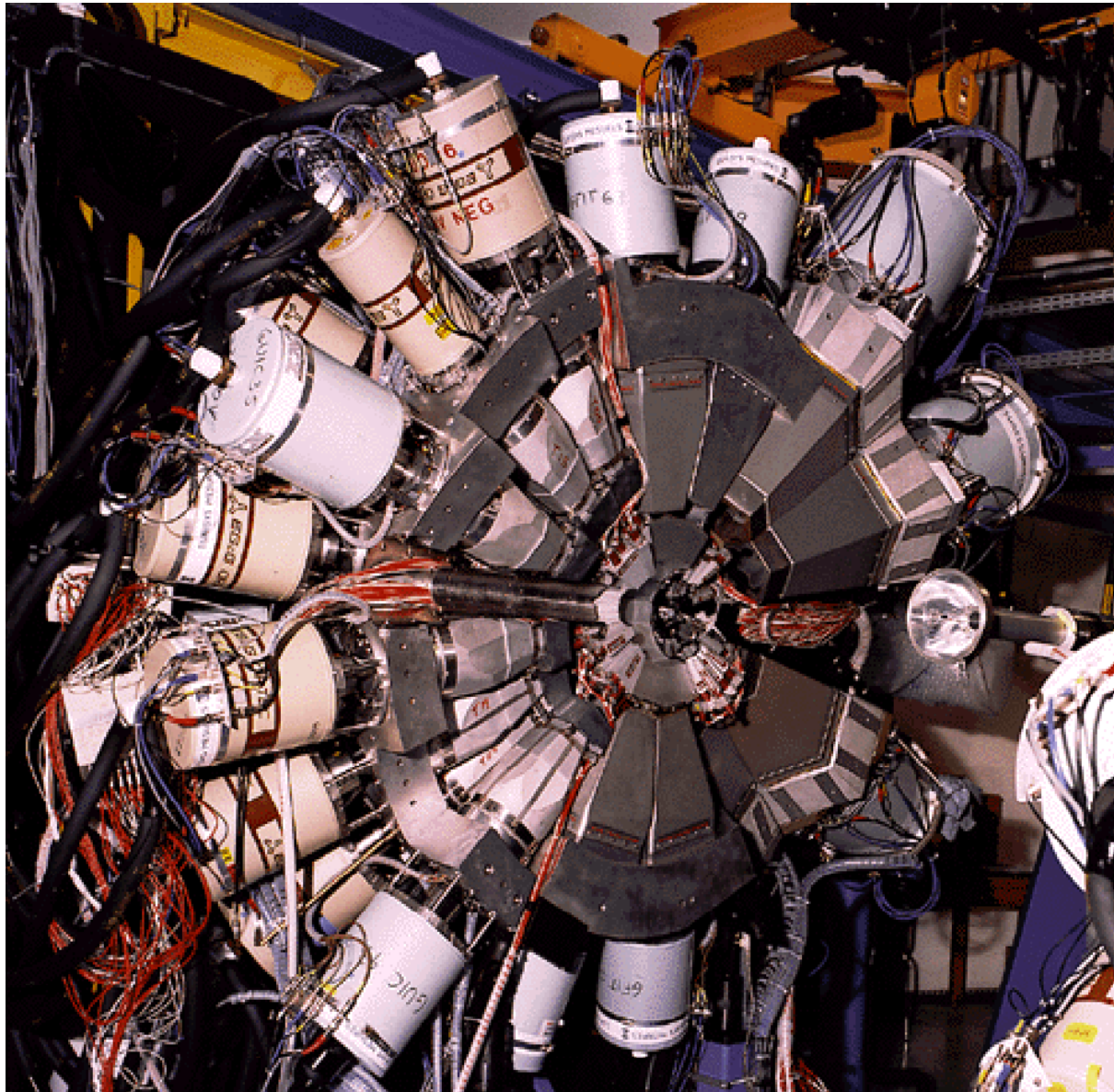
$$dE / E = dN_{eh} / N_{eh} \sim \frac{\sqrt{F}}{\sqrt{N_{eh}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{E}{wF} \epsilon_{collection}}}$$

$$dE / E = 0.0006; \quad \text{Resolution } R = 2.35 \times dE / E = 0.14\%$$

Comparison with NaI:

$$w = 25 eV / \text{photon}_{scint} \quad \text{Light collection: } 0.5 \quad \text{PM: } Q.E. \approx 0.20$$

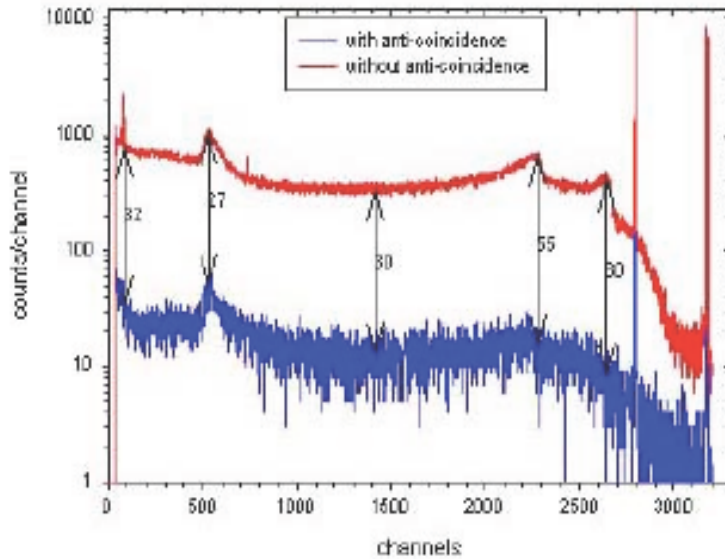
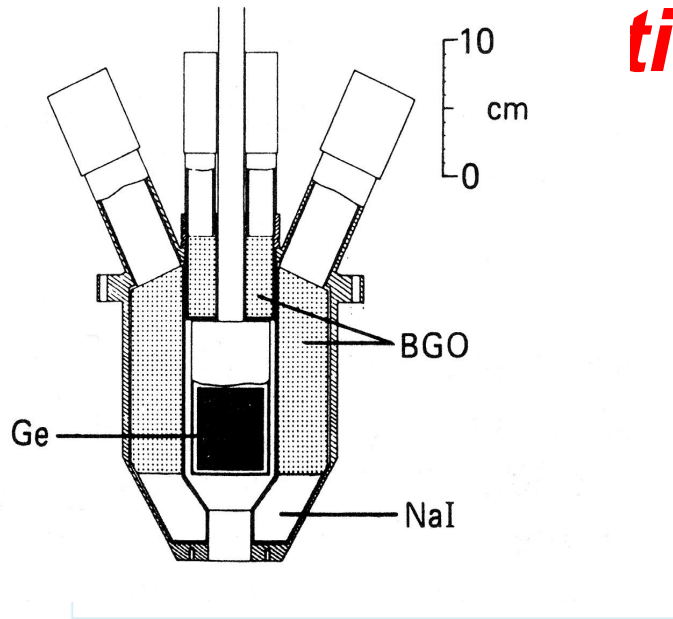
$$dE / E \approx 1.6\% \quad \text{Resolution } R = 2.35 \times dE / E = 3.7\% \text{ à } 1 MeV$$



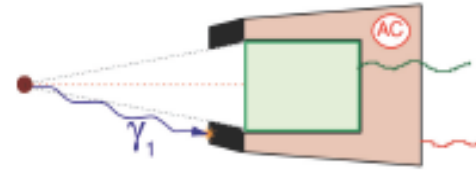
Euroball à Strasbourg

**Il y a
quelques
années**

ti-Compton

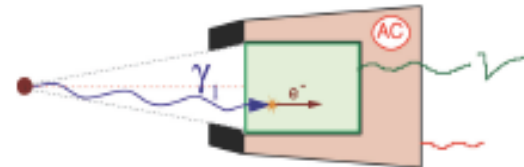


Événement Collimaté



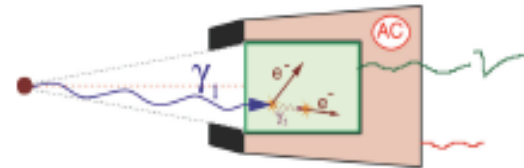
Pas de mesure

Effet photoélectrique



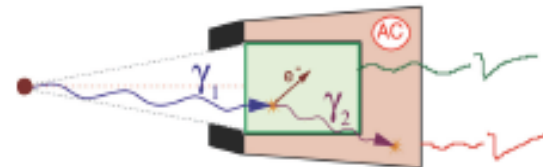
Validé

Compton interne



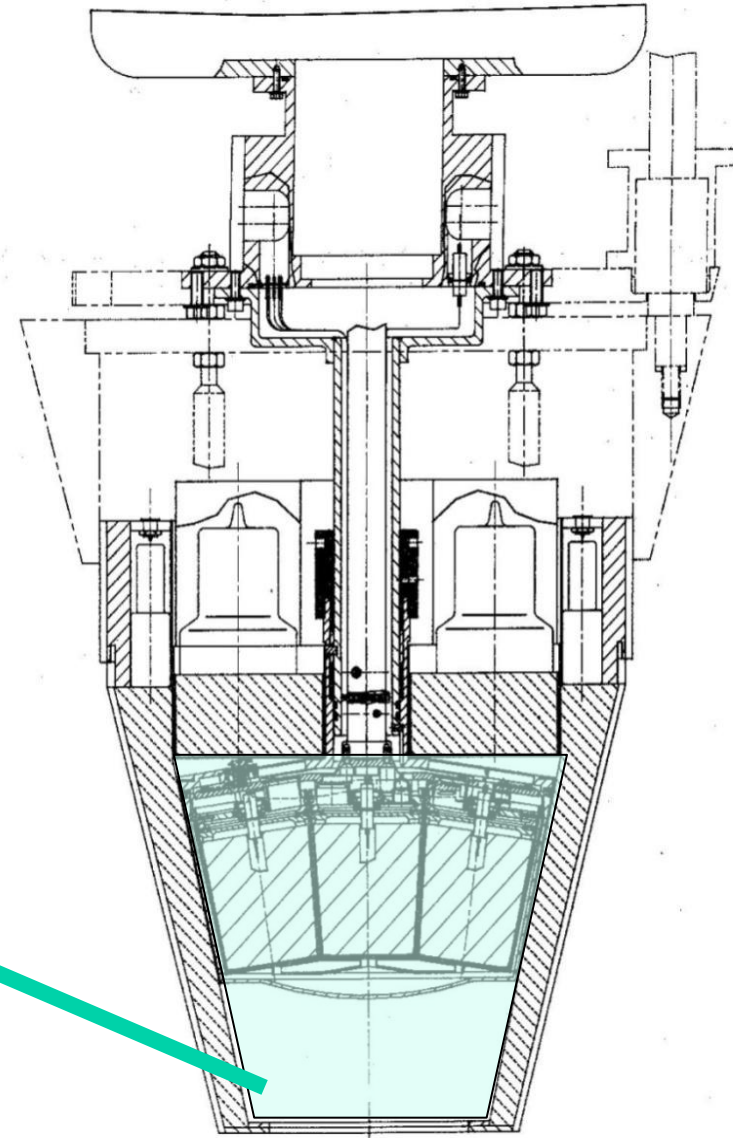
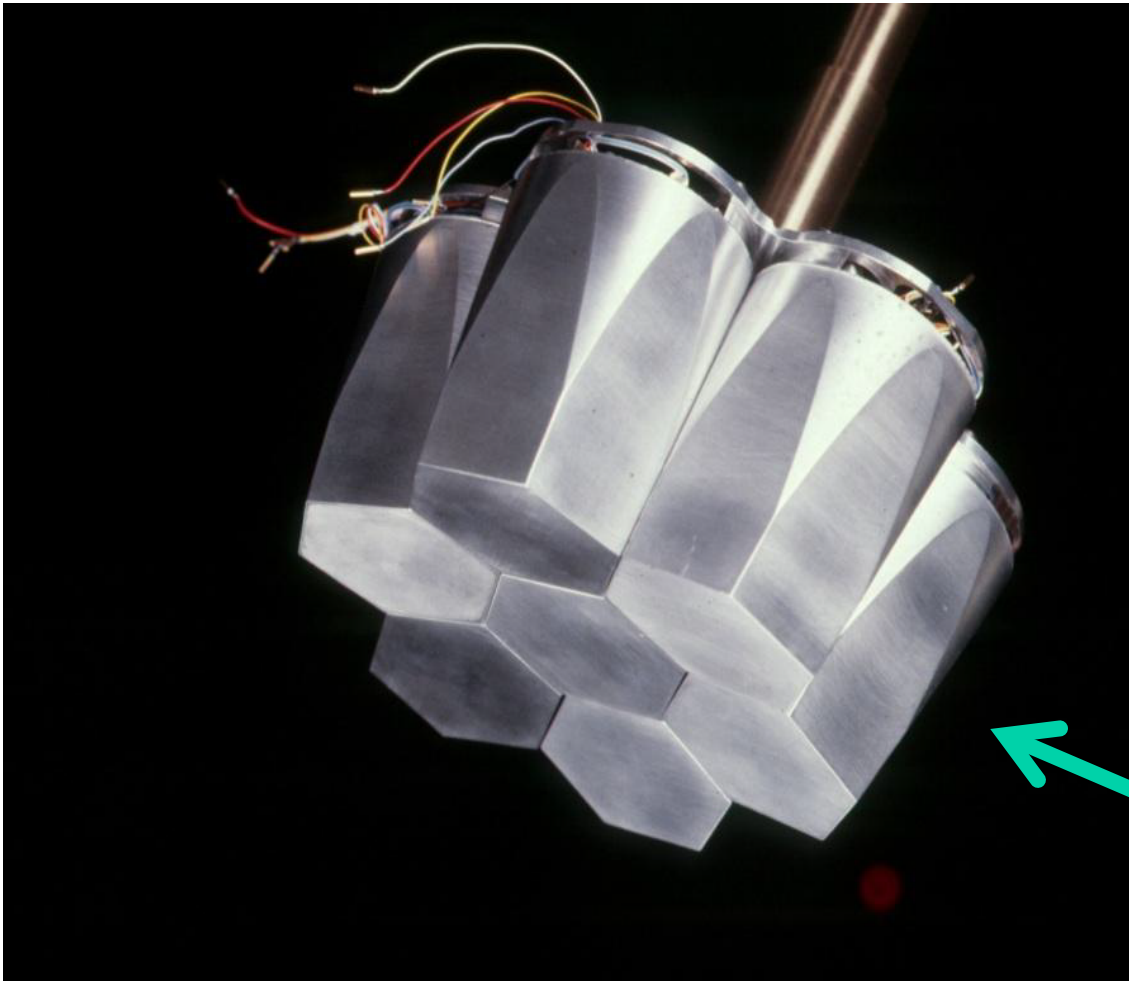
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Echappement Compton



Rejeté

The EUROBALL Cluster Detector 10kg HPGe

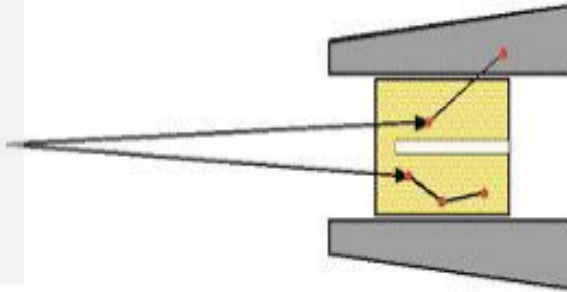


The idea of γ -ray tracking

Compton Shielded Ge

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_{\text{ph}} &\sim 10\% \\ N_{\text{det}} &\sim 100\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &\sim 40\% \\ \theta &\sim 8^\circ\end{aligned}$$



large opening angle
means poor energy
resolution at high
recoil velocity.

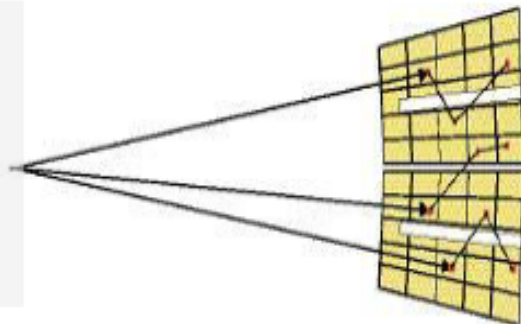


Previously scattered gammas were wasted.
Technology is available now to track them.

Ge Tracking Array

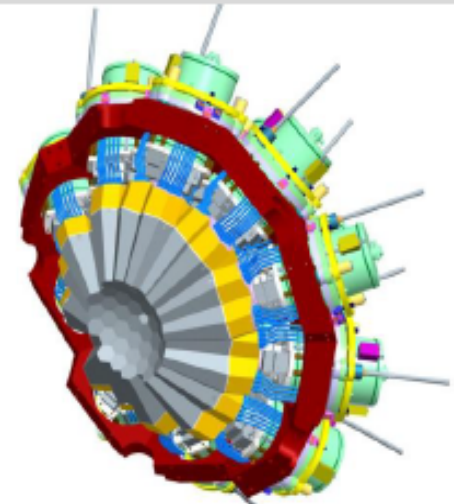
$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_{\text{ph}} &\sim 50\% \\ N_{\text{det}} &\sim 100\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &\sim 80\% \\ \theta &\sim 1^\circ\end{aligned}$$



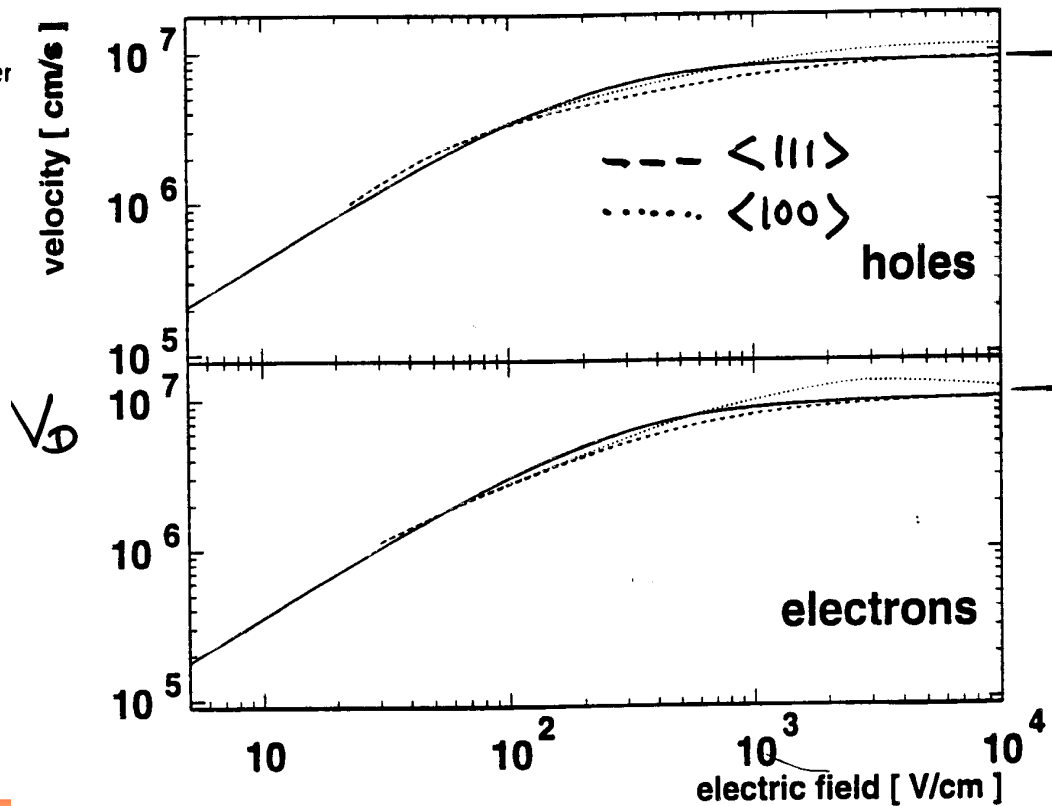
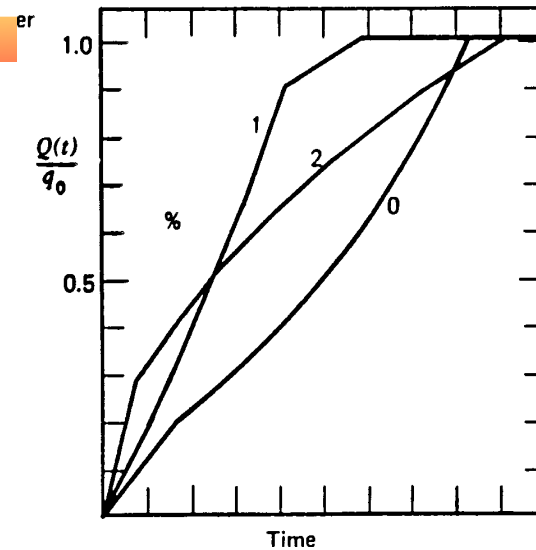
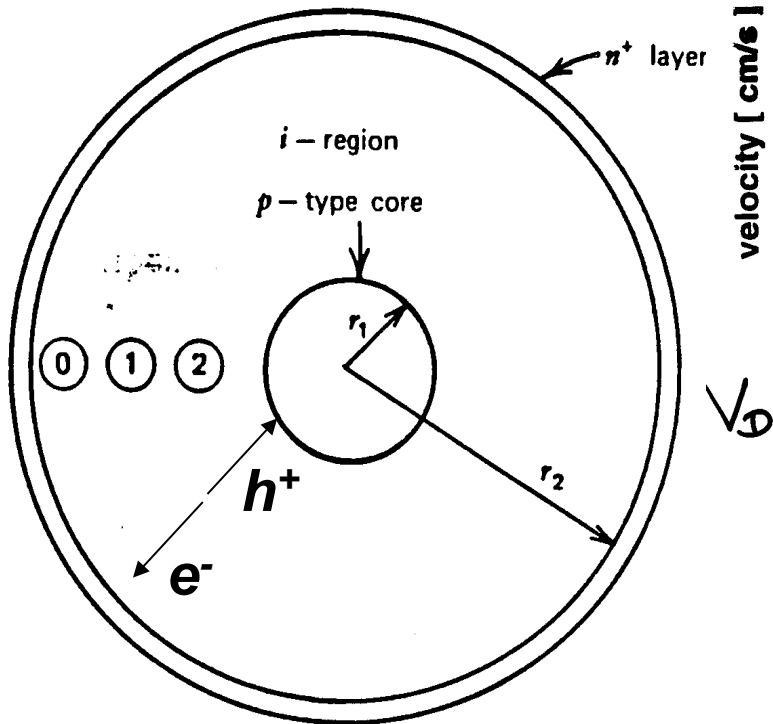
Combination of:

- segmented detectors
- digital electronics
- pulse processing
- tracking the γ -rays



Formation du signal Ge-HP

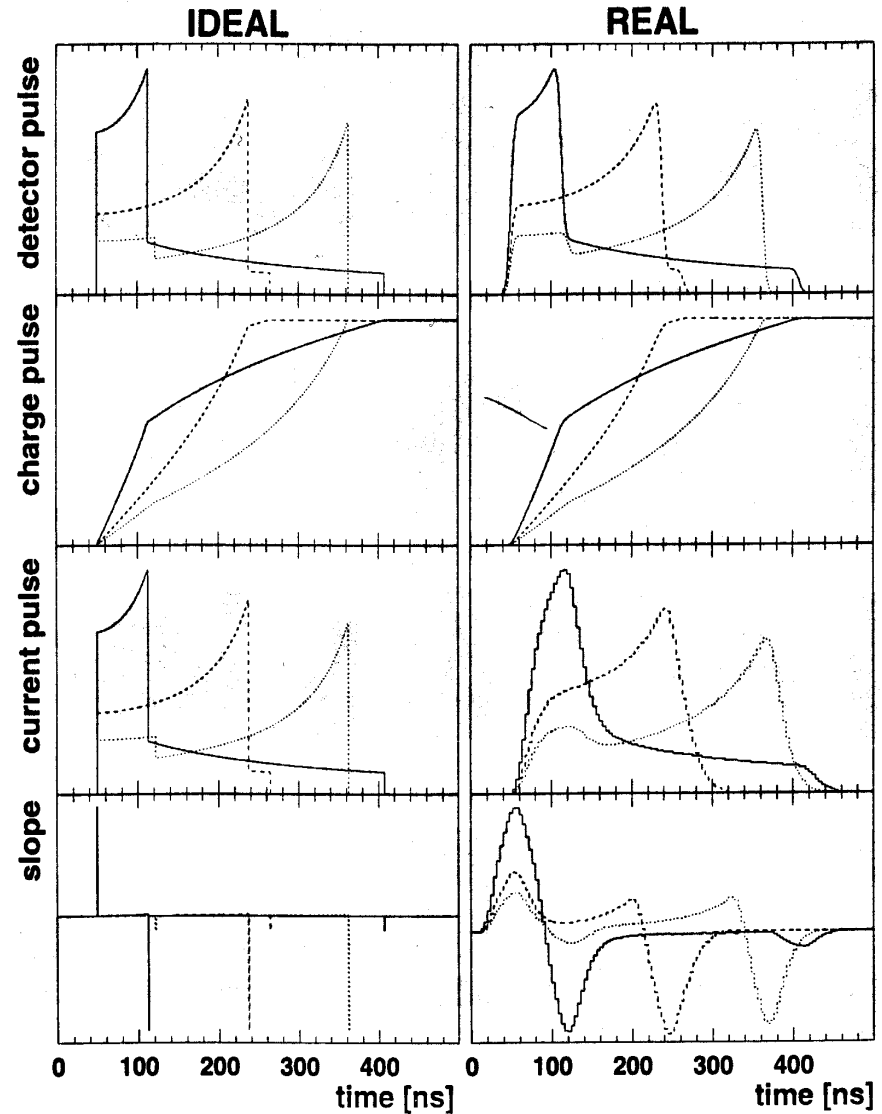
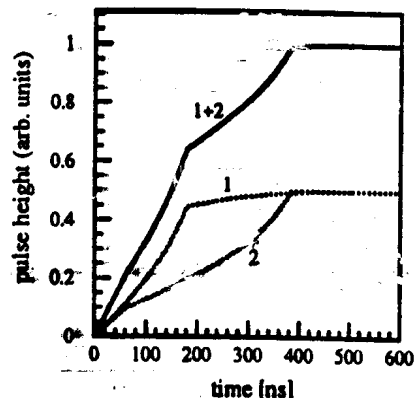
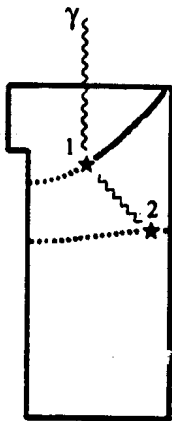
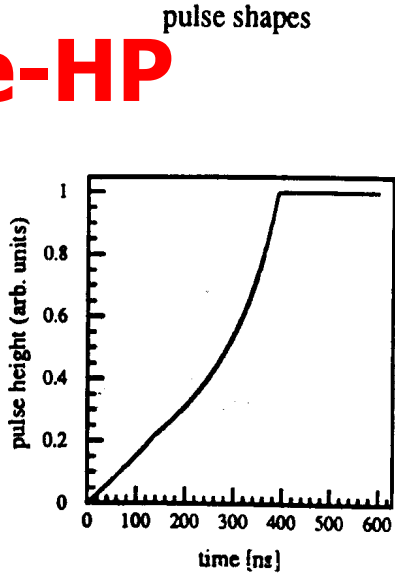
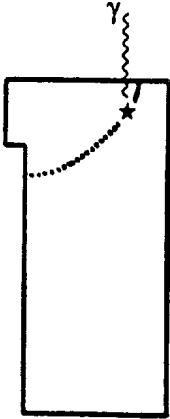
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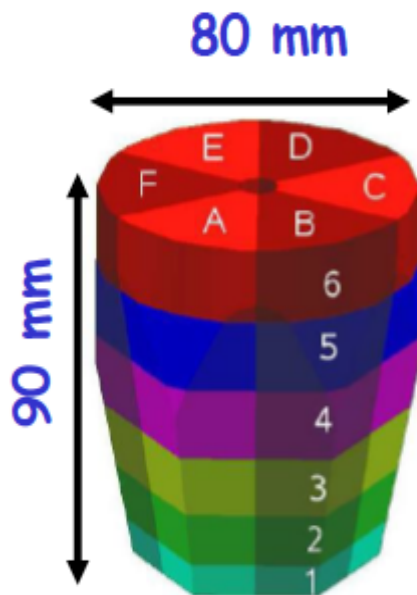
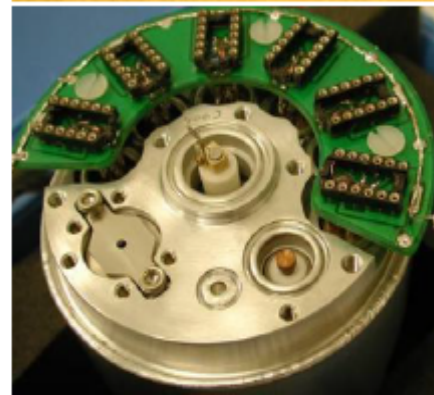
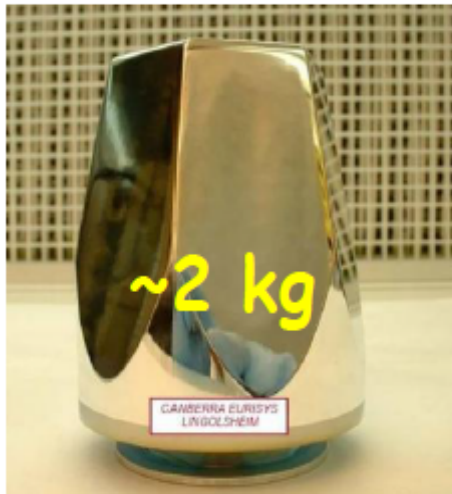
Interactions multiples

Ge-HP

trajectories
— electrons
..... holes



AGATA detectors and the AGATA triple-cluster



6x6 segmented cathode

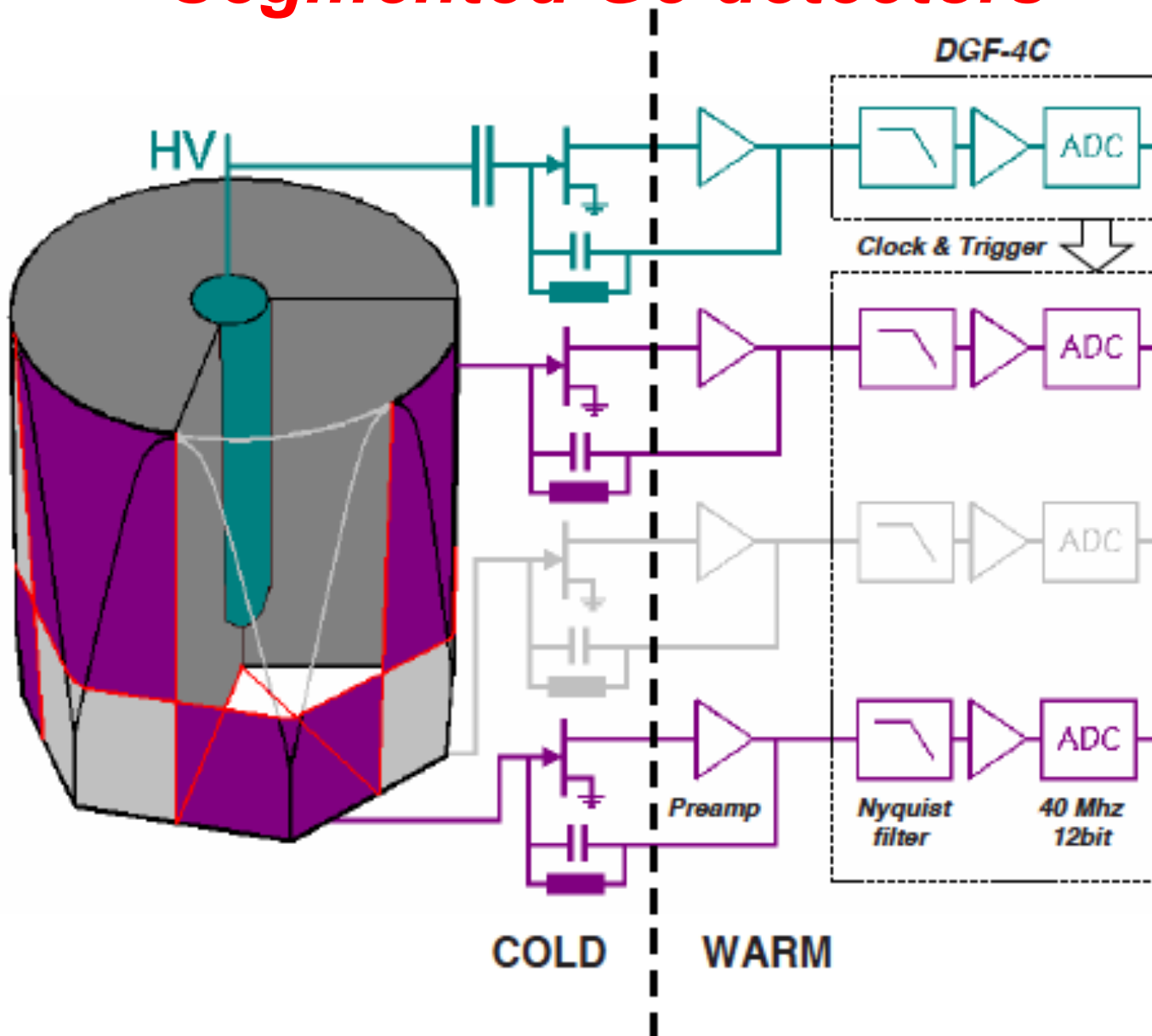
Symmetric detectors

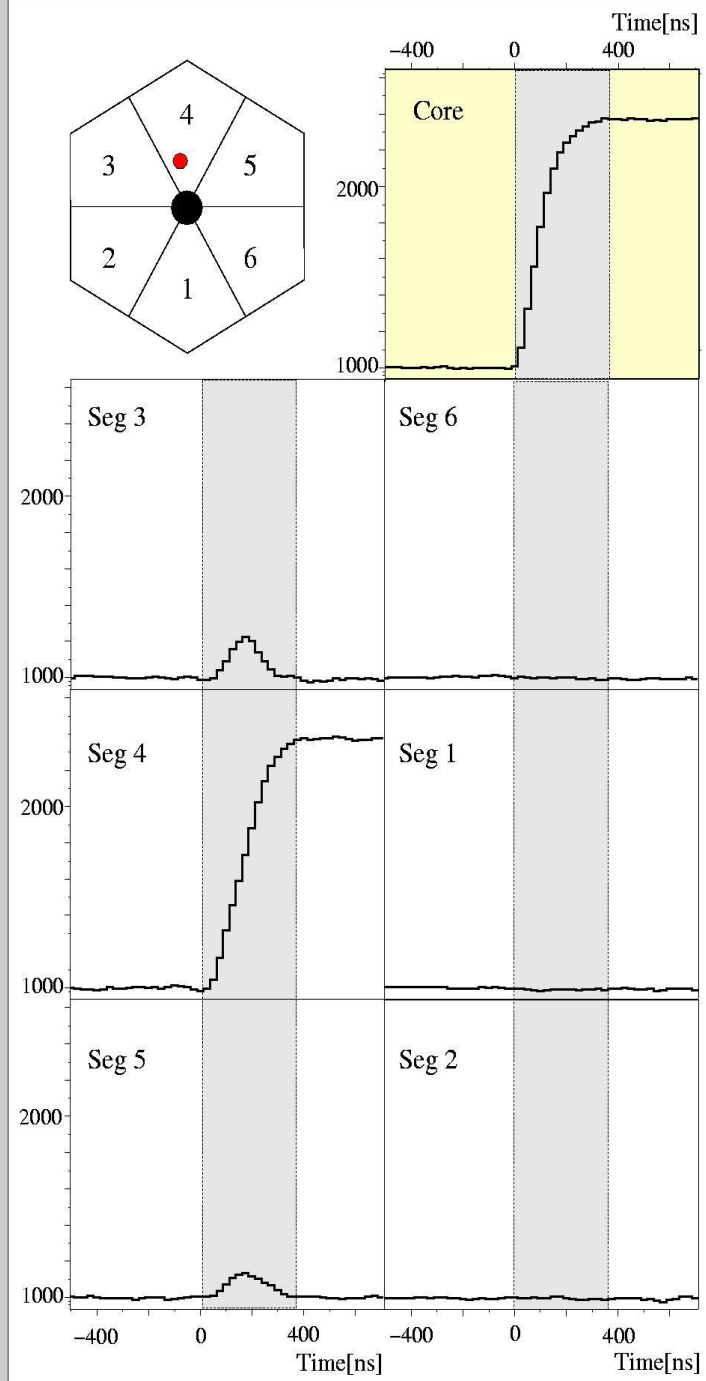
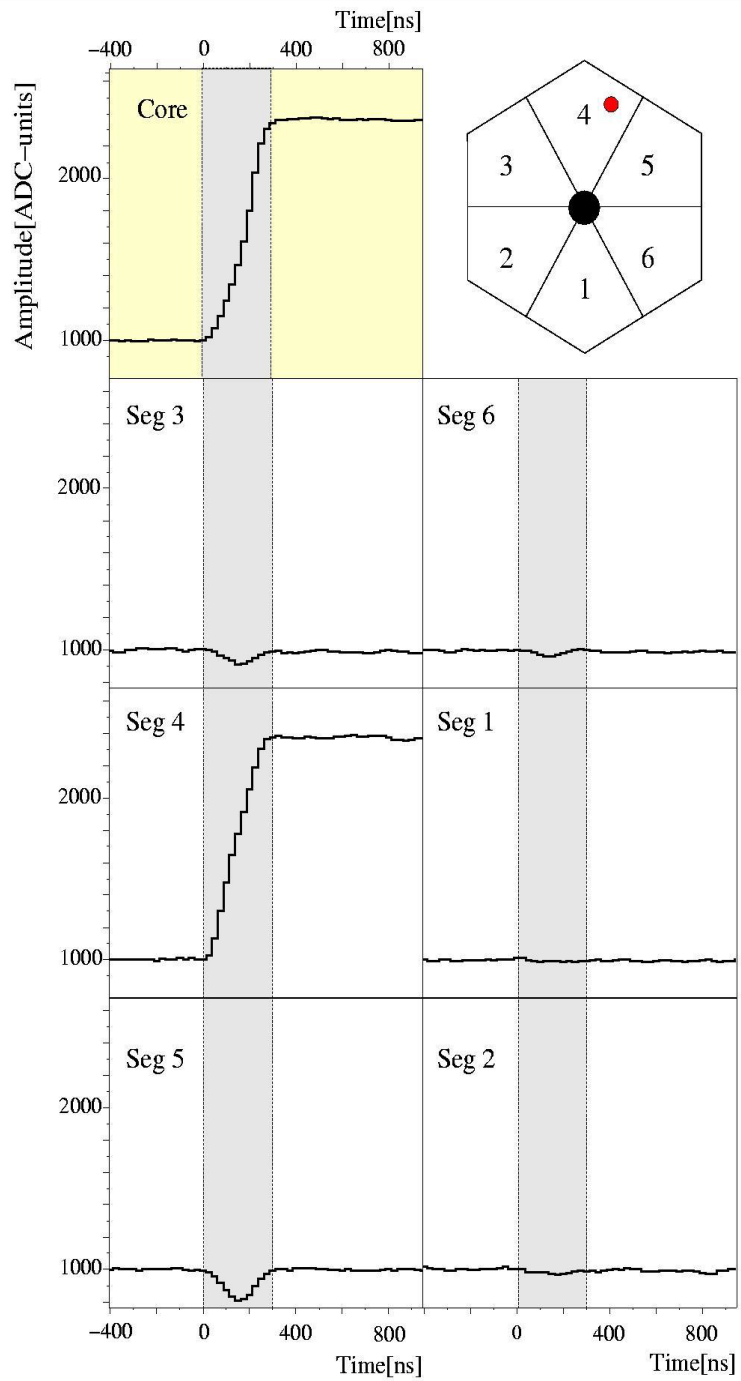
- 3 in use since 6 years
- Used in single cryostats or as a triple cluster

Asymmetric detectors

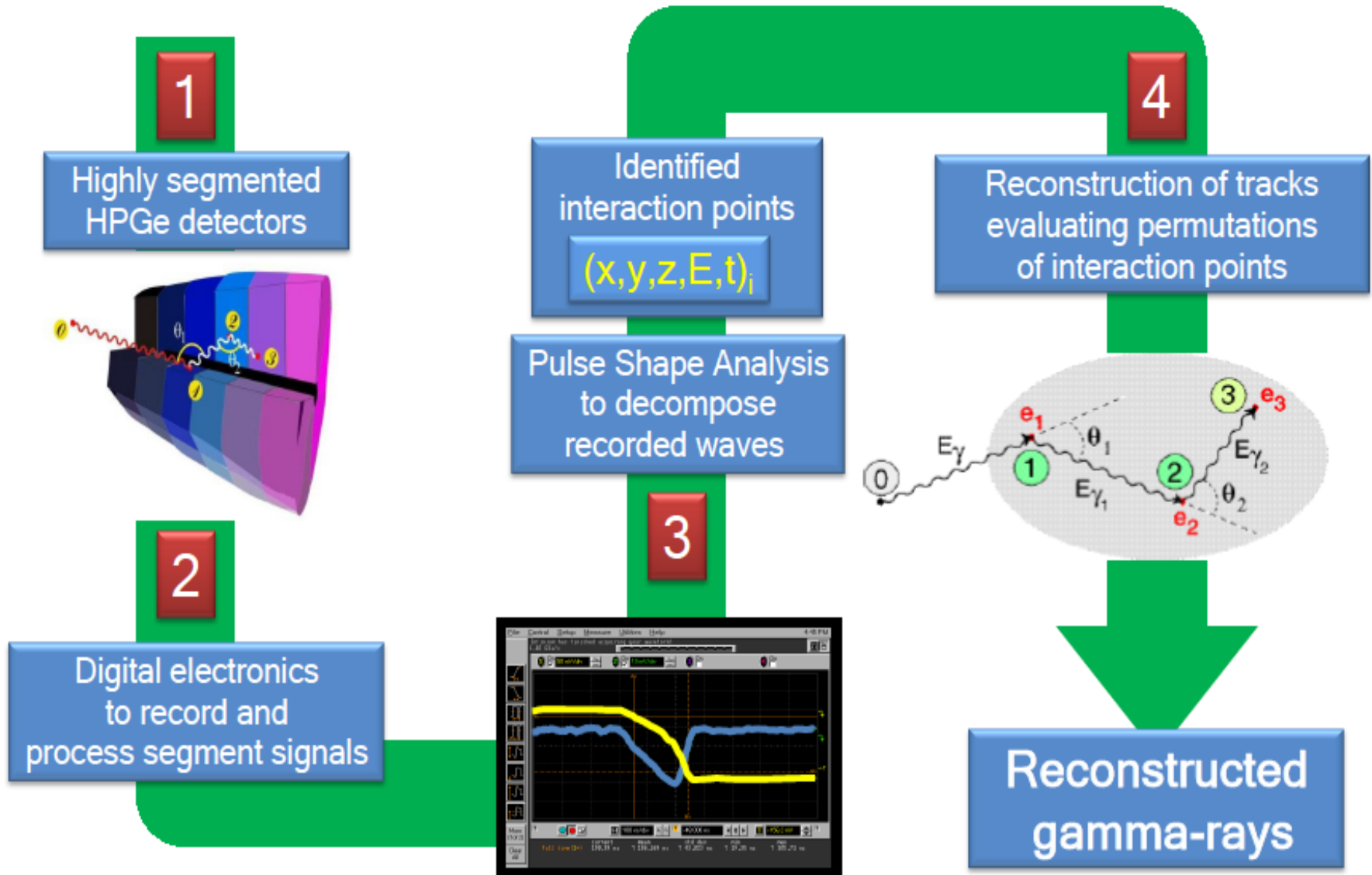
- 31 ordered
- 15 accepted
- 4 clusters operational

Segmented Ge detectors





Ingredients of Gamma-Ray Tracking



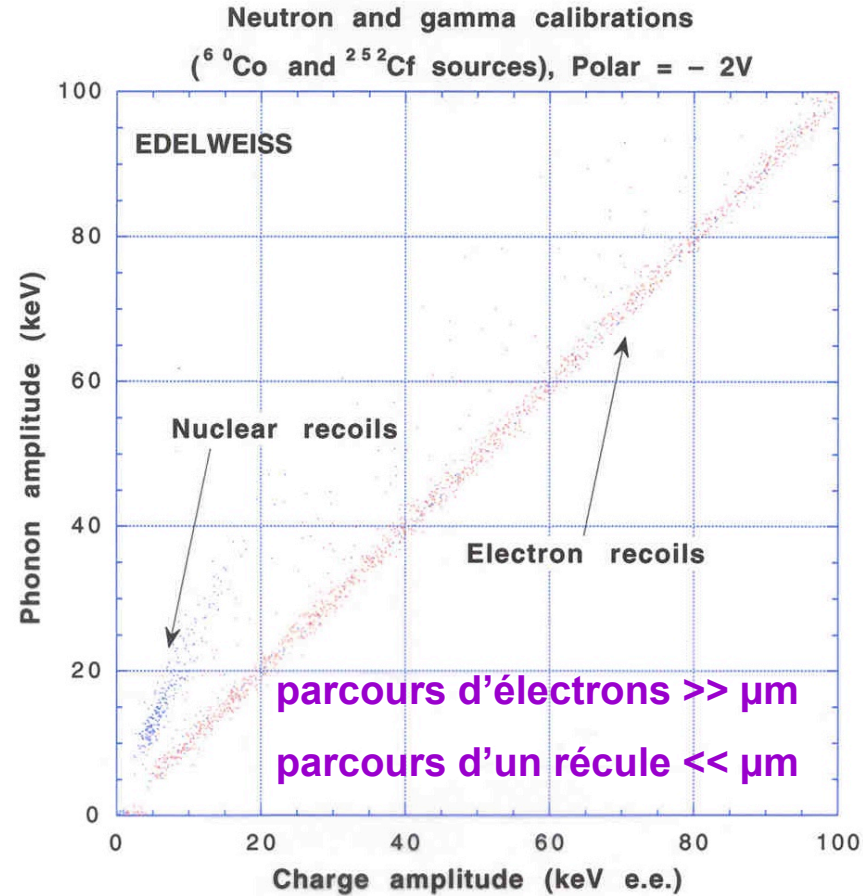
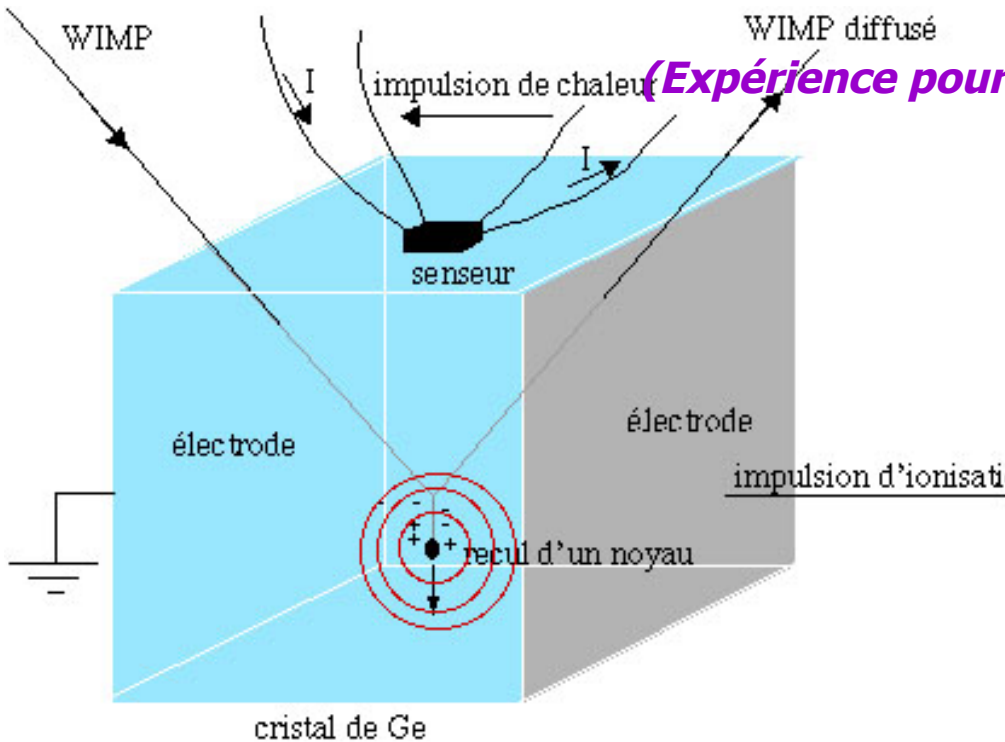
Conclusions

(nuclear detectors)

- **High Z Scintillators are used for gamma spectroscopy, particular for anti Compton spectrometers**
- **Low Z (organic)-Scintillators used for particle detection/stopping**
- **Semiconductors: Si used for charged particle spectroscopy (alpha, protons, ... Fission fragments)**
- **Semiconductors: HP-Ge for high resolution and high efficient Gamma spectroscopy**

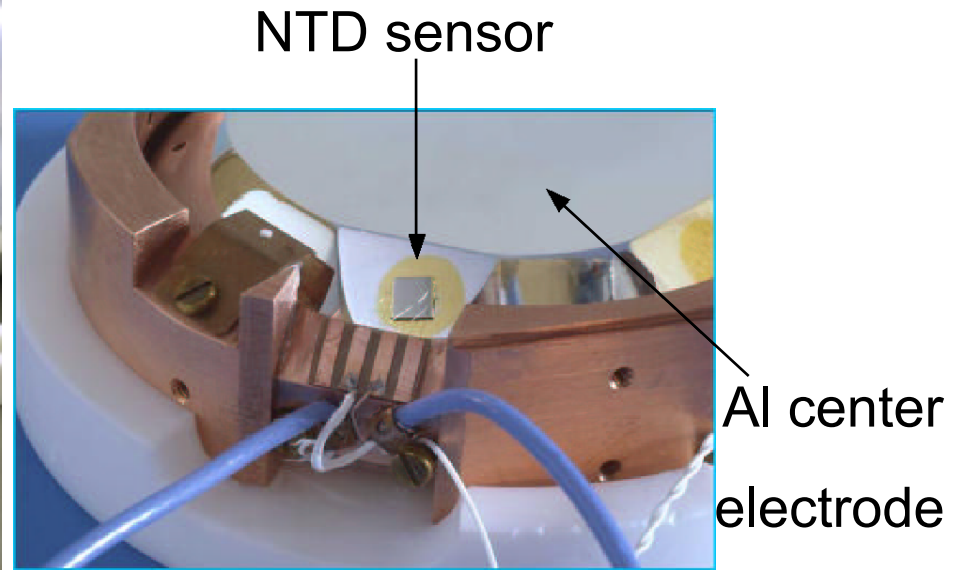
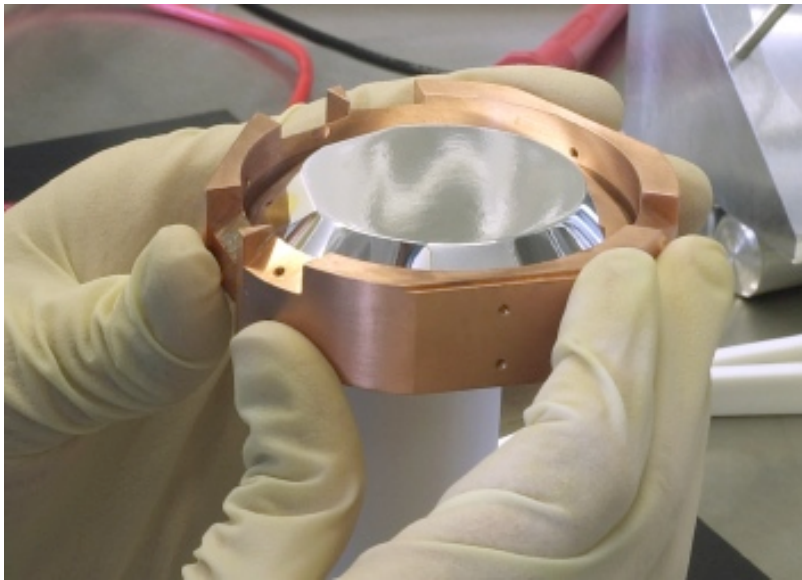
EDELWEISS

(Expérience pour Détecter Les Wimps en Site Souterrain)



- Cristal of very pure “Ge” 1Kg,
- Very rare events 1 event/Kg/year !!
- Ionisation
 - some keV
- Heat/ mechanical vibration of cristal
 - $\Delta T \approx 10^{-6}$ mK => cryostat(^3He - ^4He) à 10 milli-Kelvin

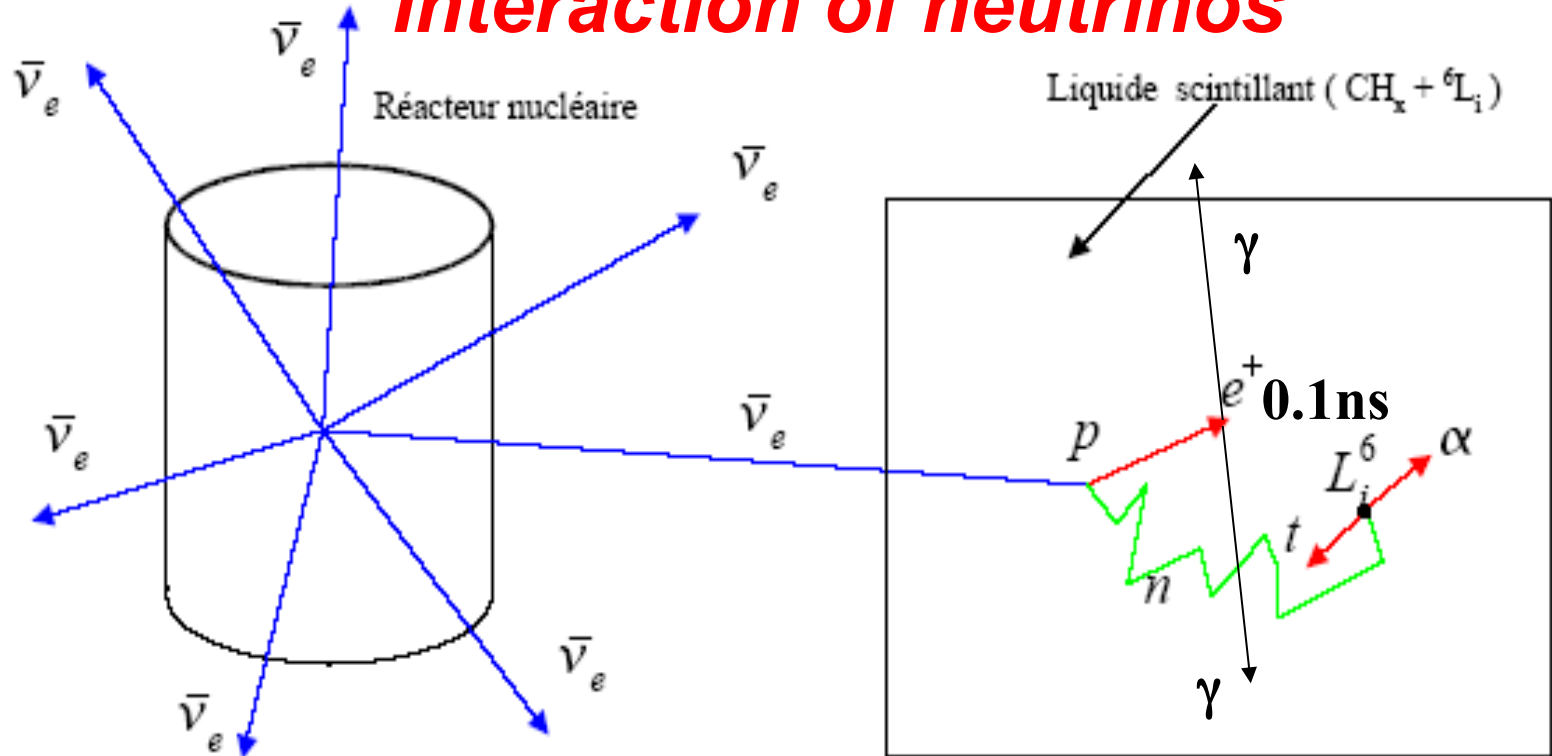
Ge ionization – phonon detectors I



- bolometer mass: 320 g
- 100nm sputtered Al layer as electrode (center + guard ring)
 - 60nm Ge(Si) amorphous layer below electrode
- NTD sensor glued on sputtered gold pad on guard ring electrode
- electrical contacts/heat links via gold wire bonding ($\varnothing=25\mu\text{m}$)

➤ **operating temperature $T=17.00\pm 0.01\text{mK}$**

Interaction of neutrinos



Reines & Cowan 1959

La réaction de détection est : $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+$, qui est rapidement (100 μ s) suivie de la capture du neutron sur un noyau de L_i^6 selon la réaction : $n_{th} + L_i^6 \rightarrow \alpha + t + 4,8 MeV$. Les particules chargées produisent des impulsions de scintillation en coïncidence . La signature de détection d'un neutrino correspond à l'enregistrement de deux impulsions lumineuses induites par le positon et la paire $\alpha - t$.

Liquid scintillator for the Double Chooz experiment

