

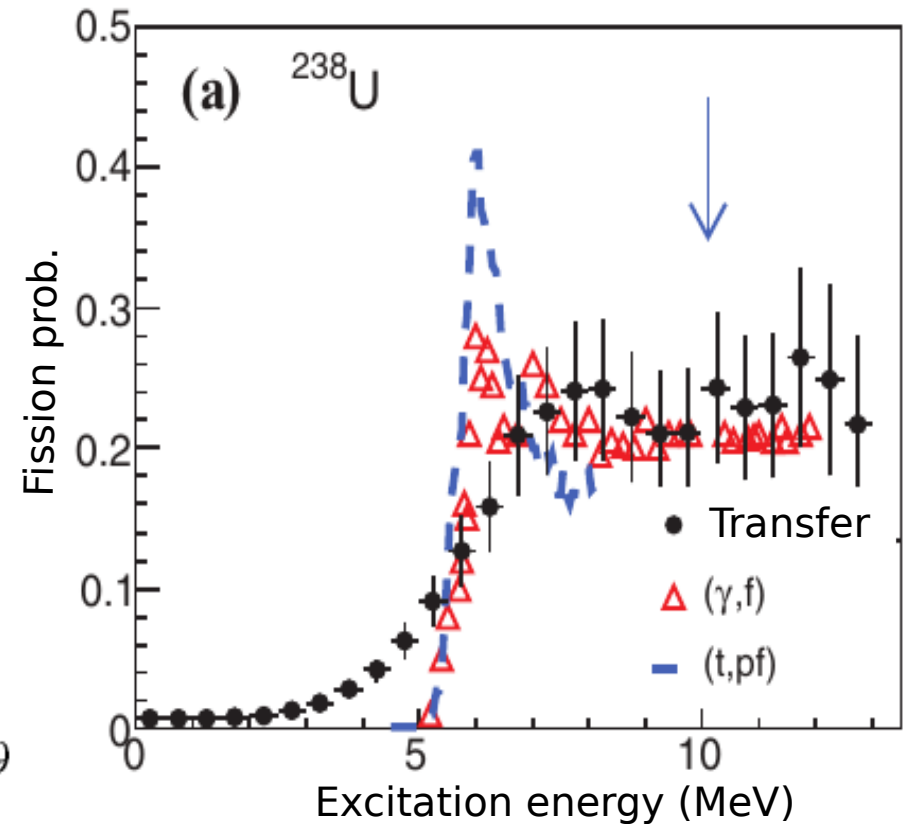
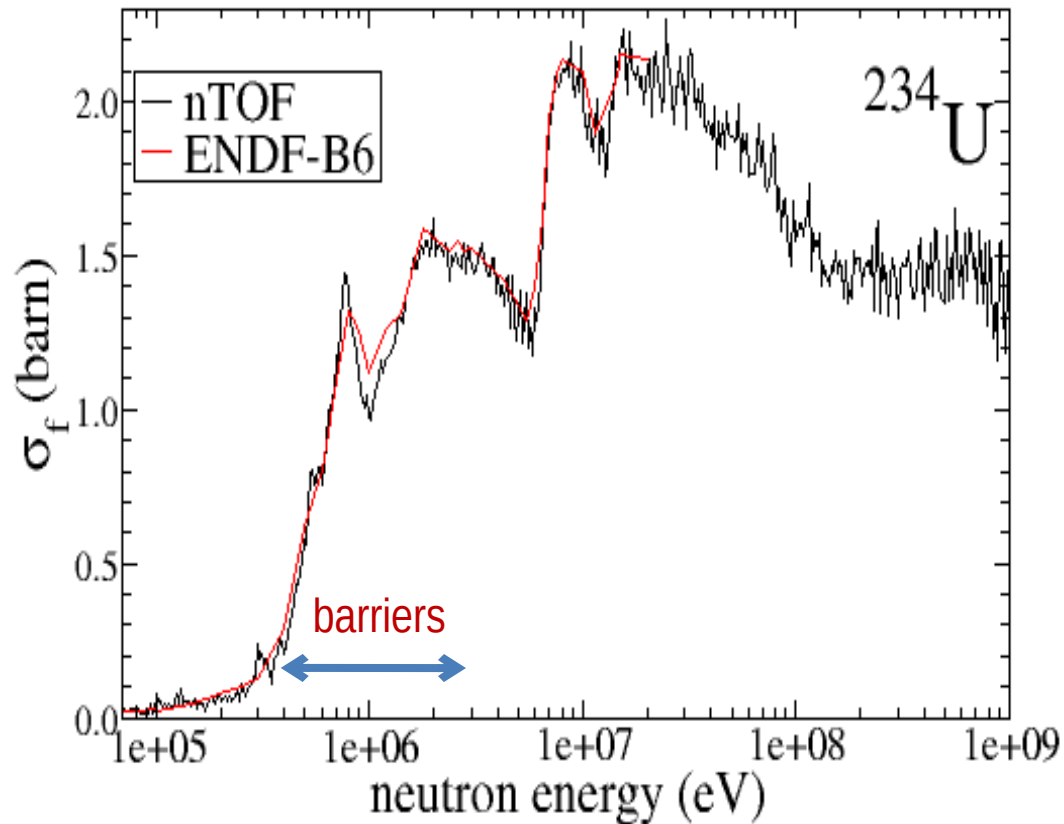
## Simulation of (p,2p) reactions for fission studies: Reconstruction with ALPIDE detectors

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## Fission barriers

- Most of the measurements were performed in direct kinematics within neutron induced fission reactions or using transfer reactions
- Only experimental data for stable nuclei with resolutions from few keVs to 3 MeV

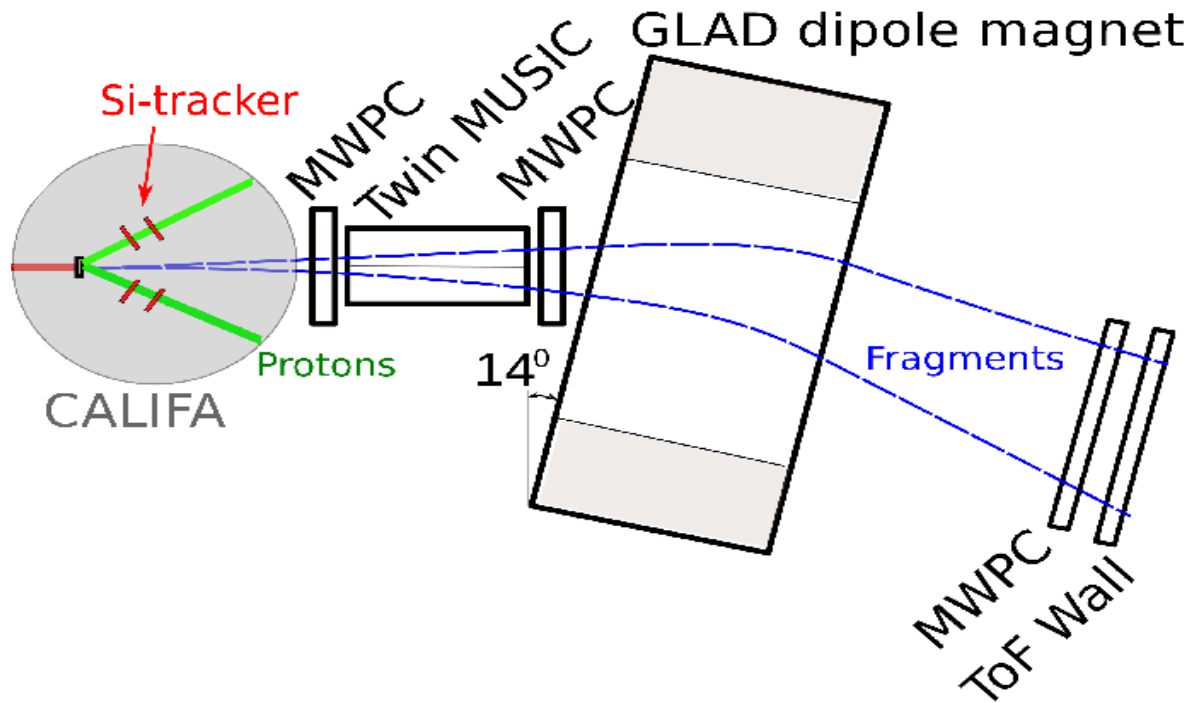
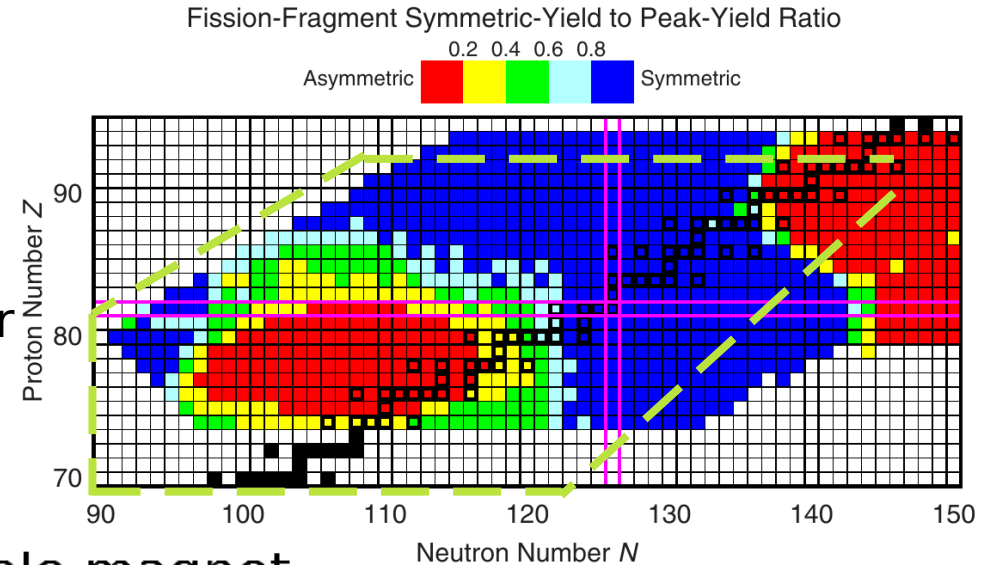


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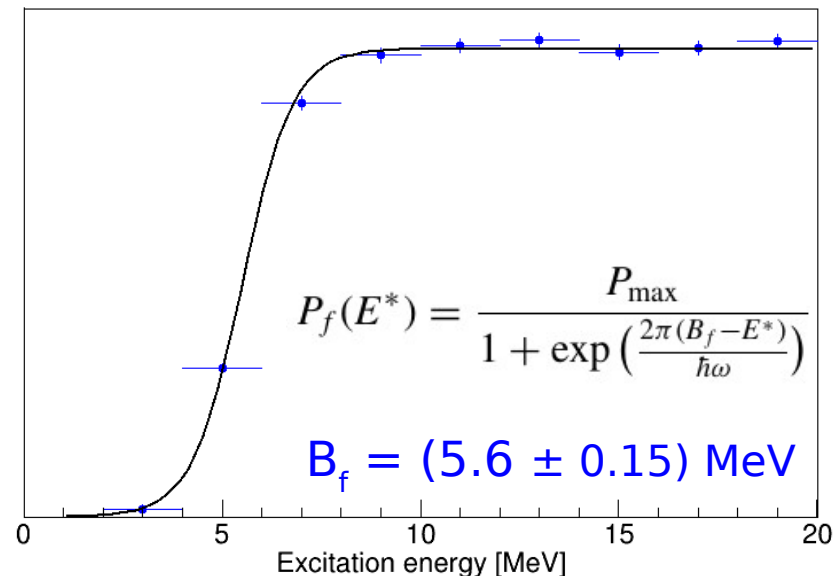
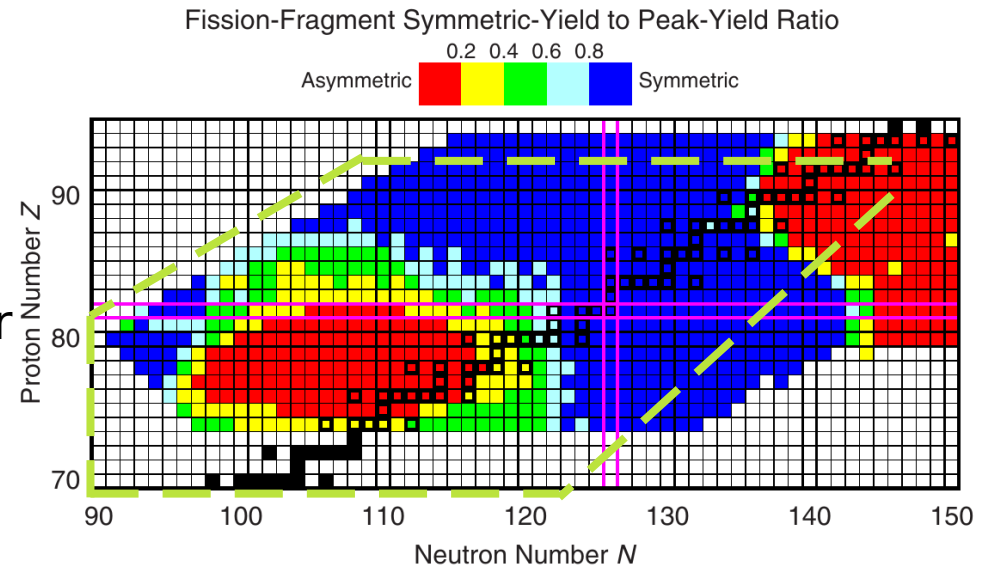
- Fission barriers for nuclei in the transitions from symmetric to asymmetric fission
- Measure fission barriers of neutron-rich nuclei

Important inputs for r-process calculations

### Requirement:

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Measuring fission barriers with an uncertainty of **~ 150 keV**



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## Fission yields

- Most of the measurements were performed in direct kinematics for stable nuclei
- Inverse kinematics allowed to measure this observable for exotic nuclei using coulex induced fission reactions (K.-H. Schmidt, J. Taïeb et al.)

## Fission yields with (p,2p) reactions

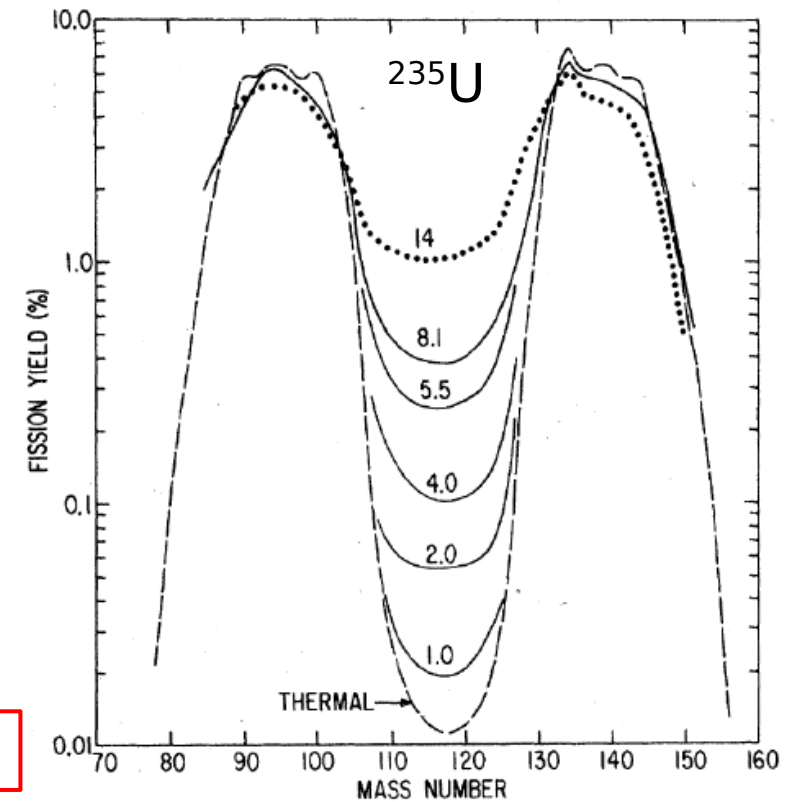
### Evolutions with the excitation energy

- Excitation energy from CALIFA+Si-tracker
- Mass and charge distributions from SOFIA

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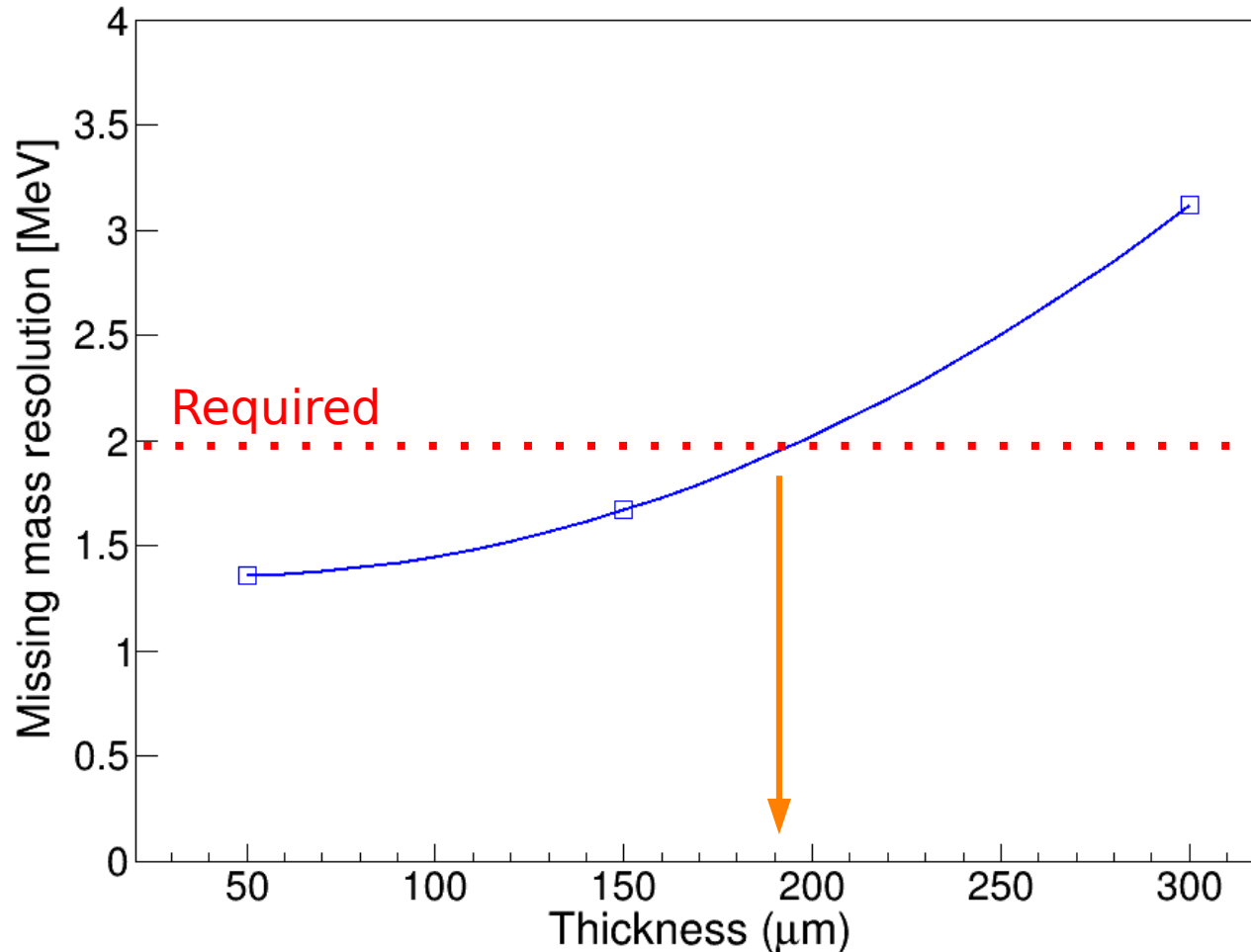
- Mass and charge distributions for different excitation energies ( $E^*$ ), in particular for **low excitations energies** between **0 & 5 MeV**

Also an important input for r-process calculations



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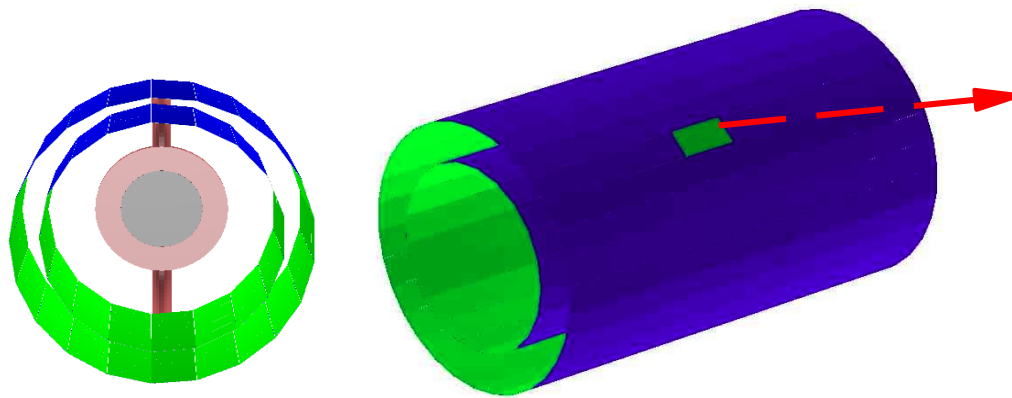
## Missing mass resolution



We will need thin Si-detectors to get resolutions better than 2 MeV

This could be reached using ALPIDE detectors (50  $\mu\text{m}$  thickness)

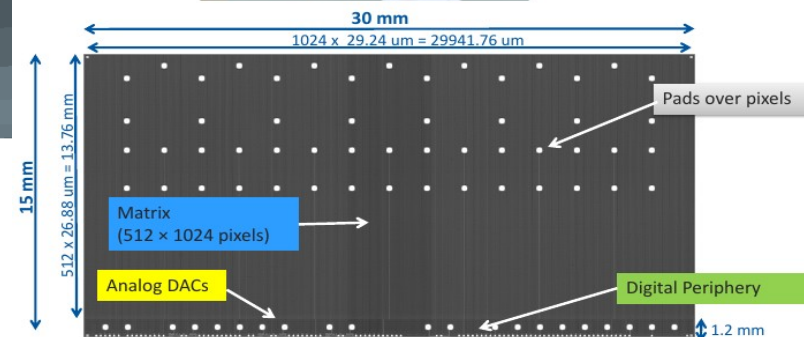
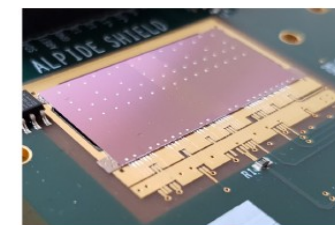
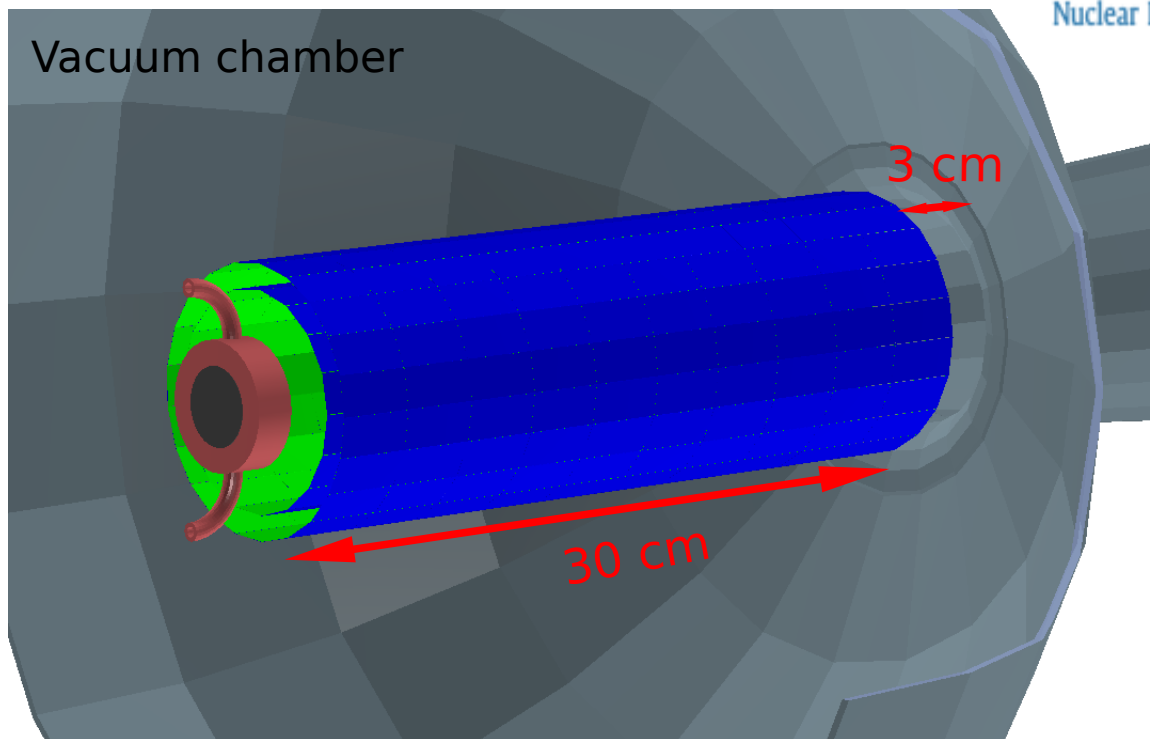
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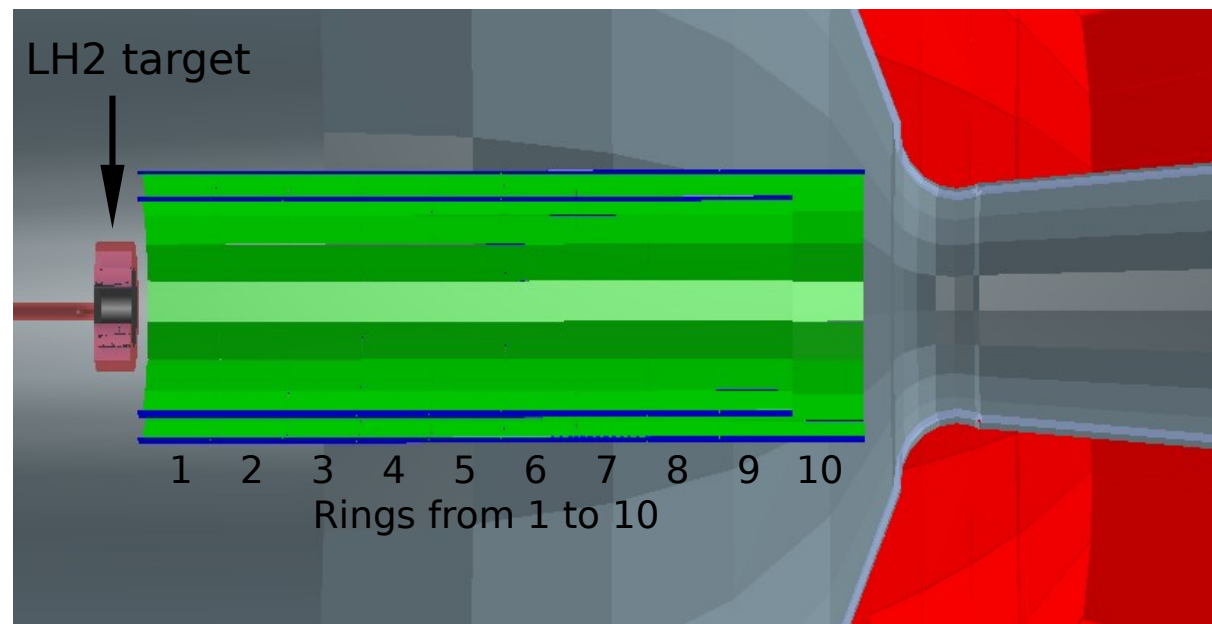
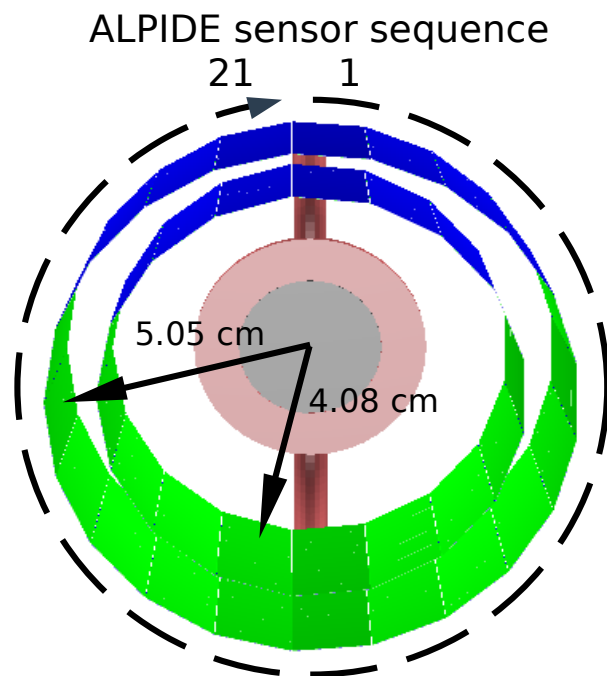
Parameter	IB
Sensor thickness ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	50
Spatial resolution ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	5
Dimensions ( $\text{mm}^2$ )	$15 \times 30$
Power density ( $\text{mW cm}^{-2}$ )	300
Time resolution ( $\mu\text{s}$ )	30
Detection efficiency (%)	99
Fake hit rate <sup>a</sup>	$10^{-5}$
TID radiation hardness <sup>b</sup> (krad)	2700
NIEL radiation hardness <sup>b</sup>	$1.7 \times 10^{13}$

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Vacuum chamber



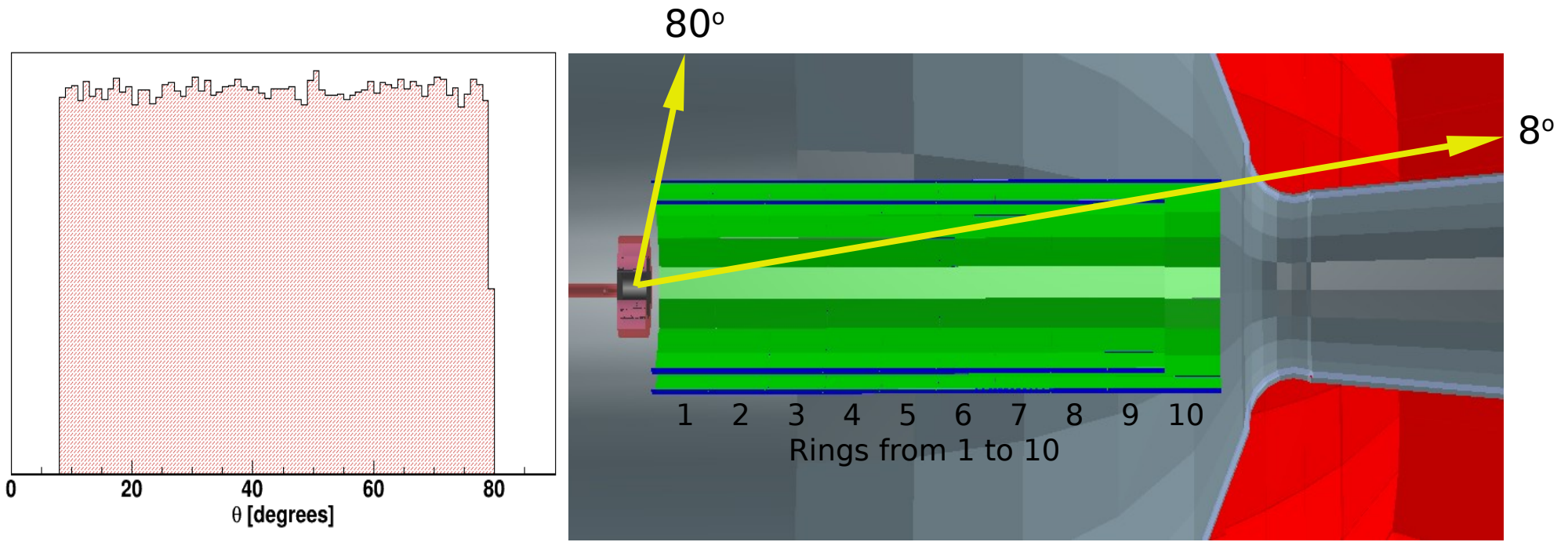
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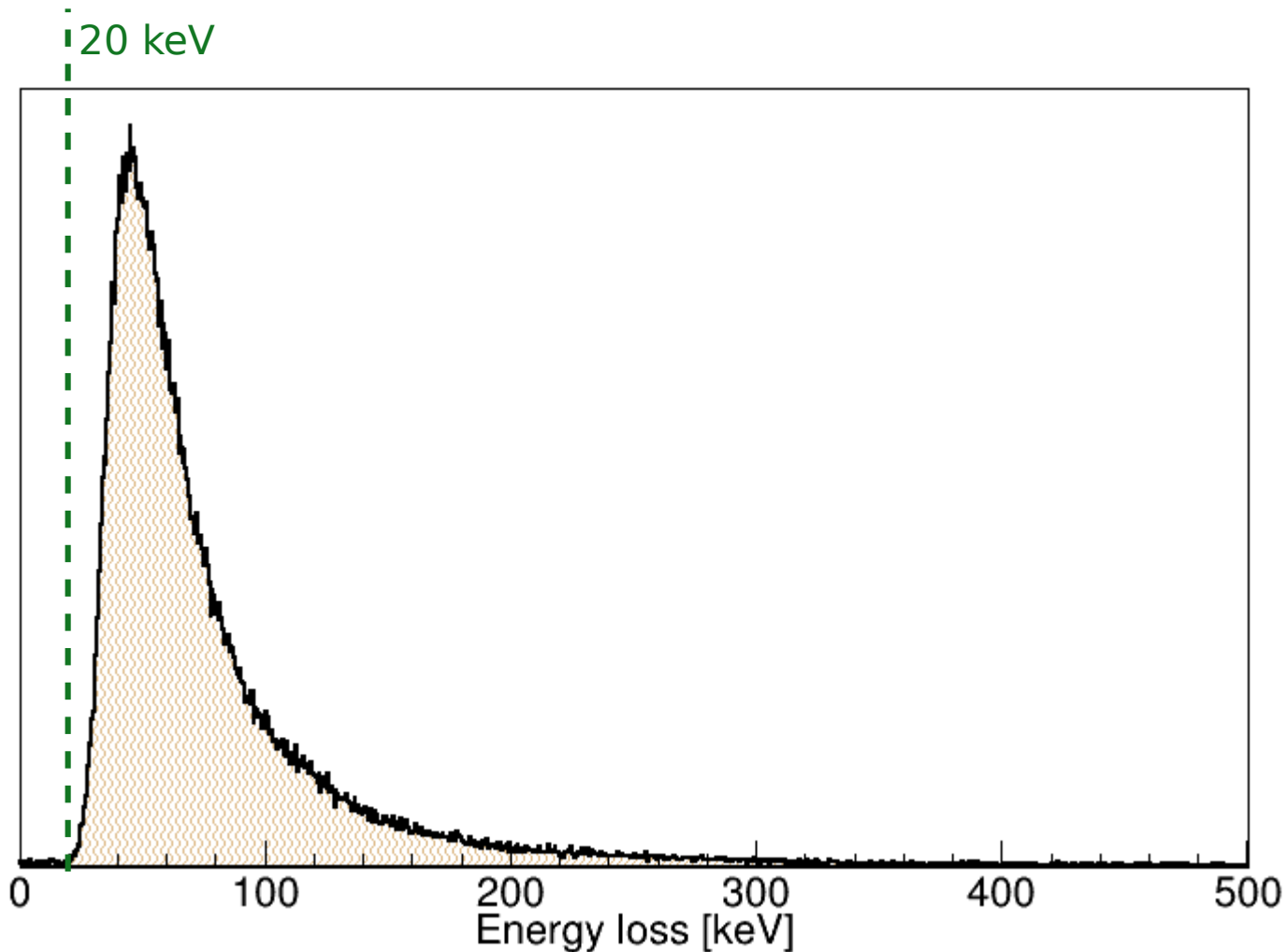


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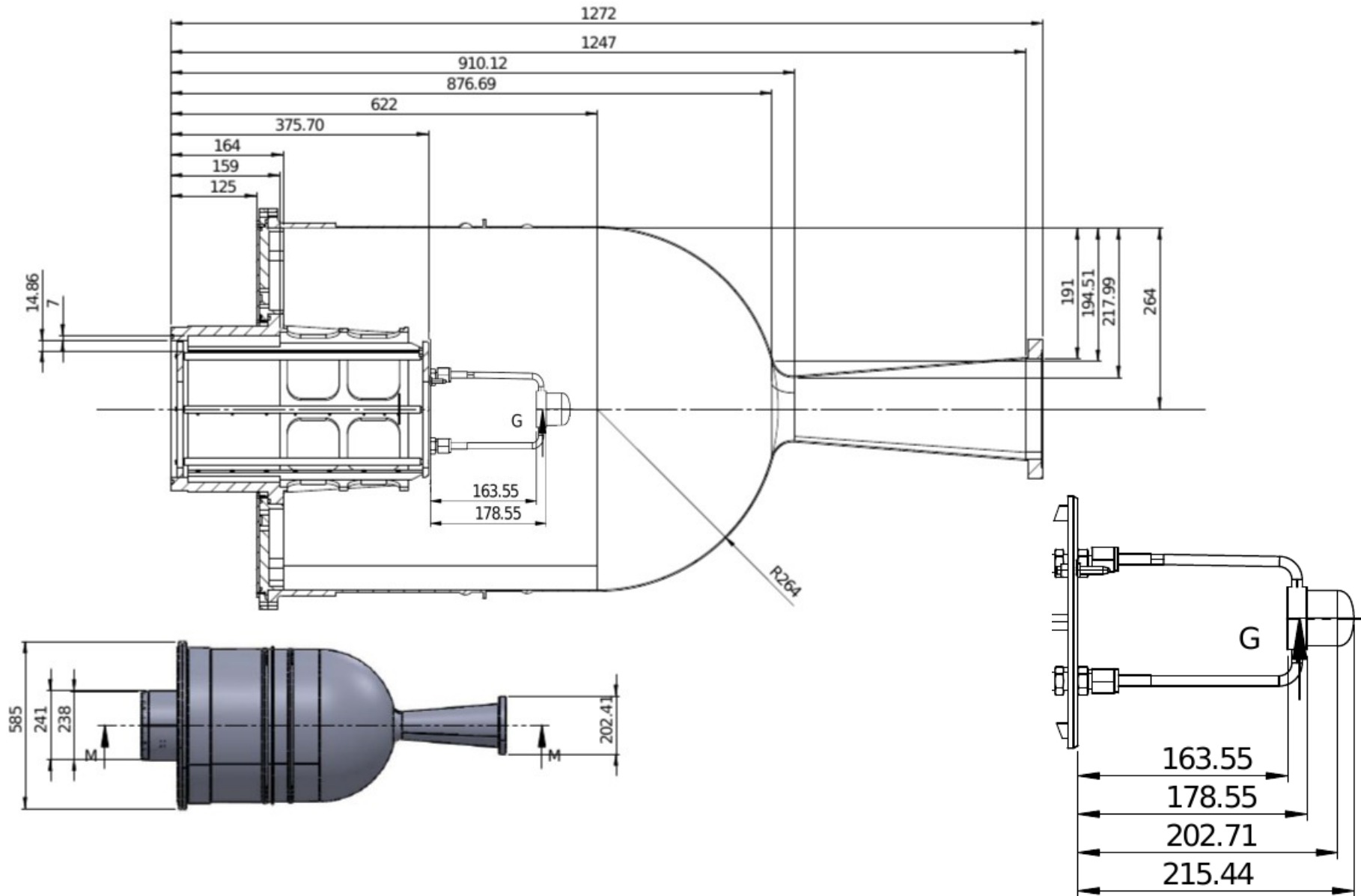
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## Energy loss range for protons



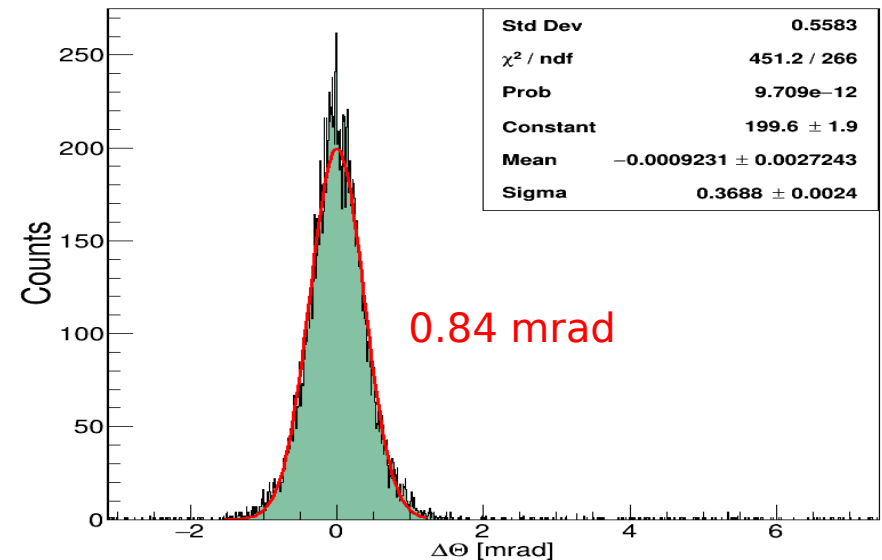
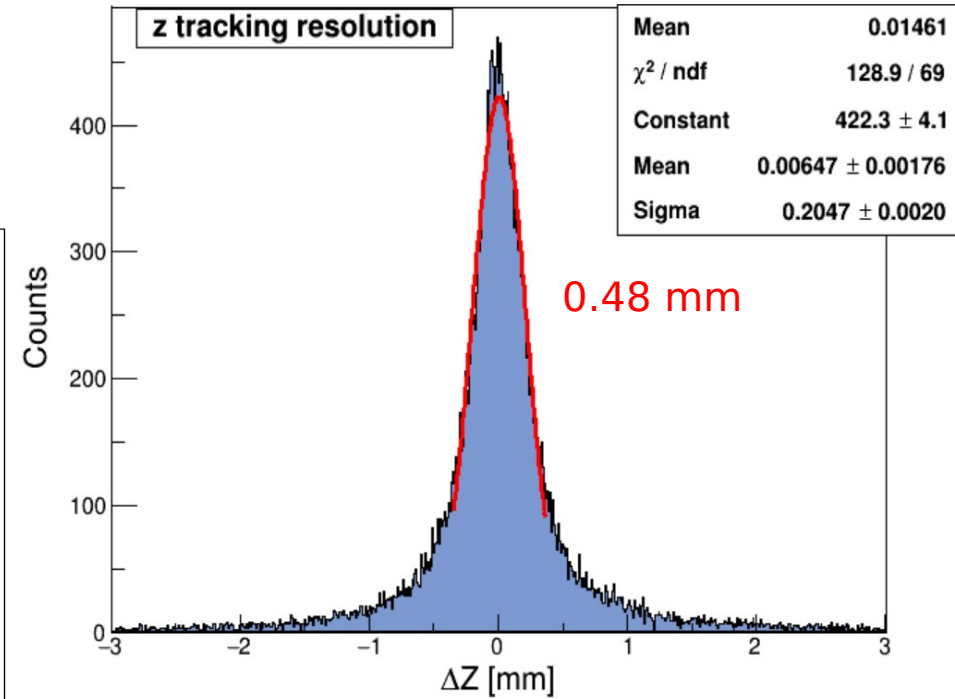
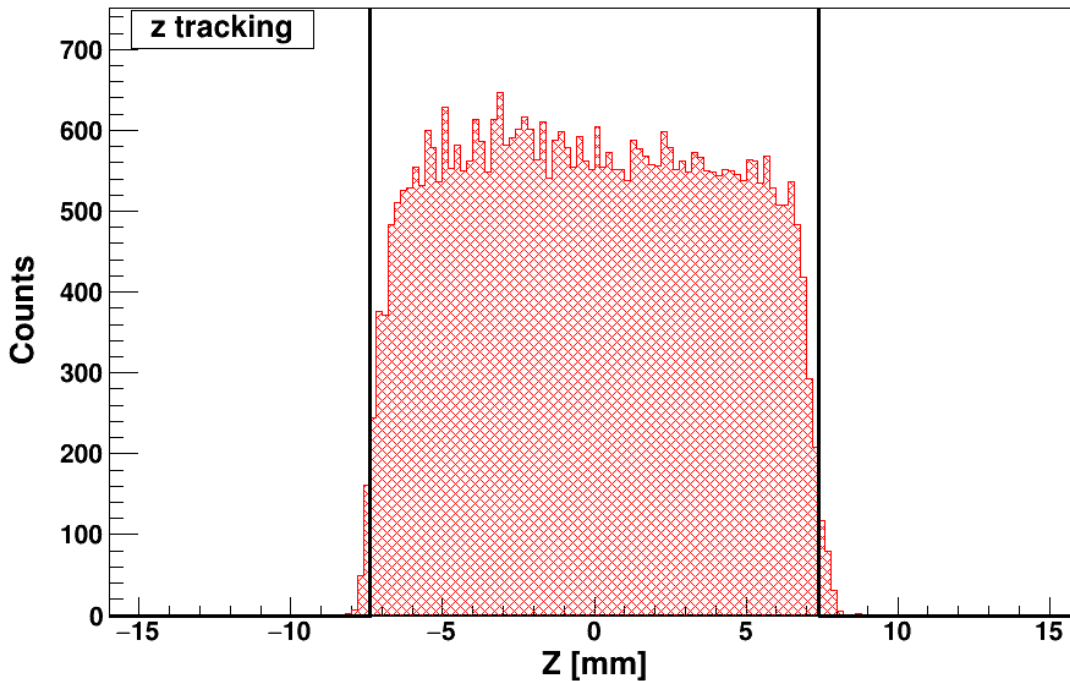
- **We will need at least a threshold of  $(20 \pm 2)$  keV**
- ALPIDE sensors allow to set up the thresholds with resolutions of a few electron volts

## Geometry from technical drawings (E. Casarejos, A. Corsi et al.)



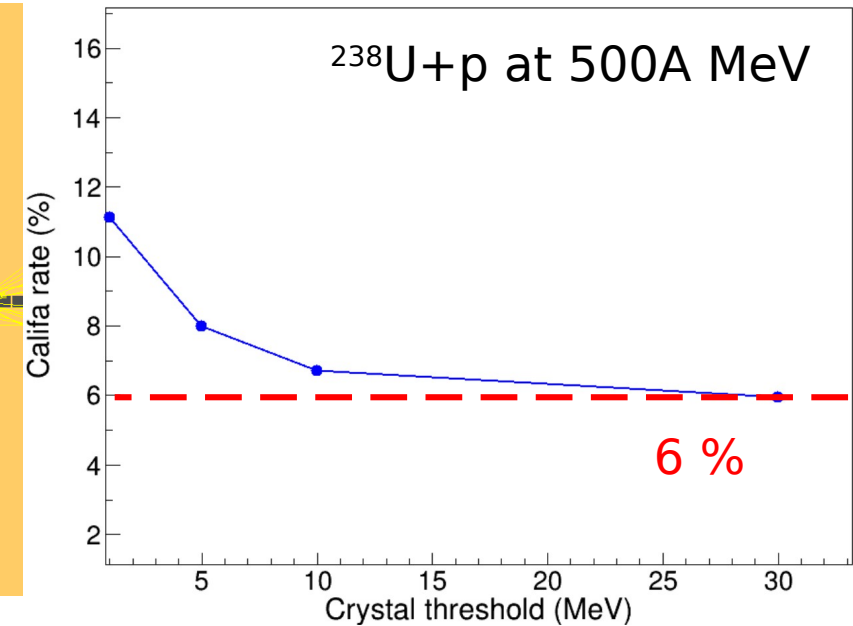
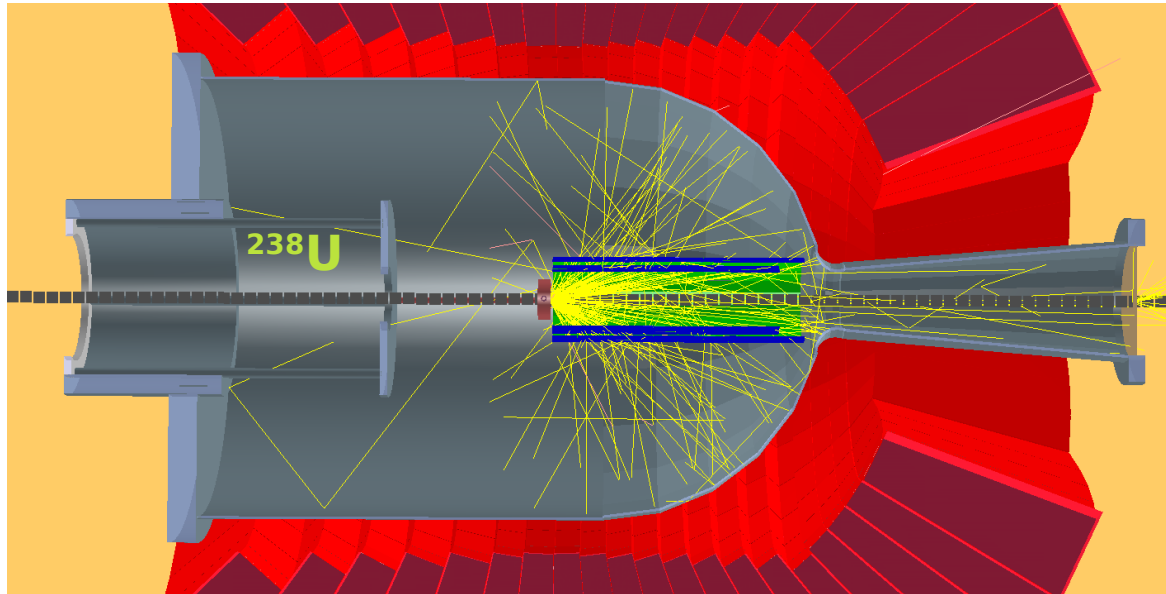
## Vertex reconstruction

LH2 target of 1.5cm



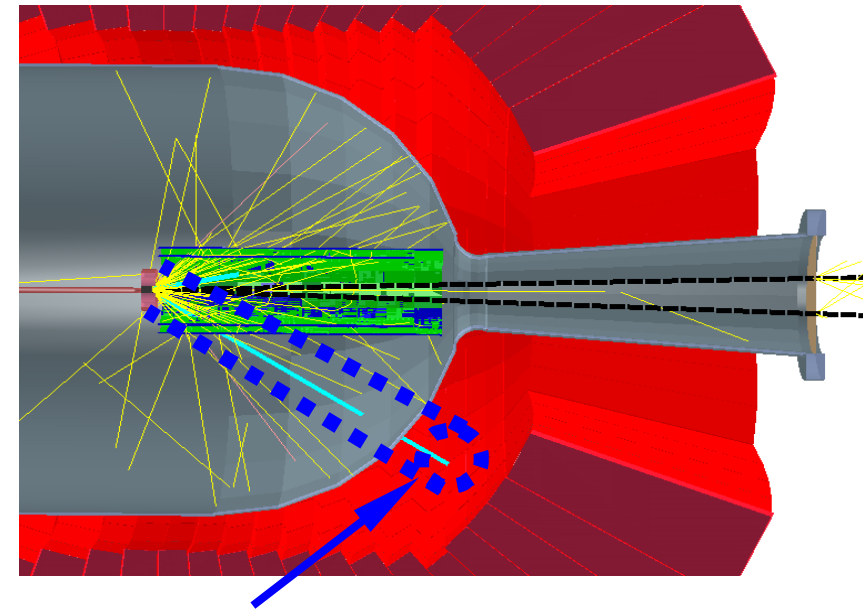
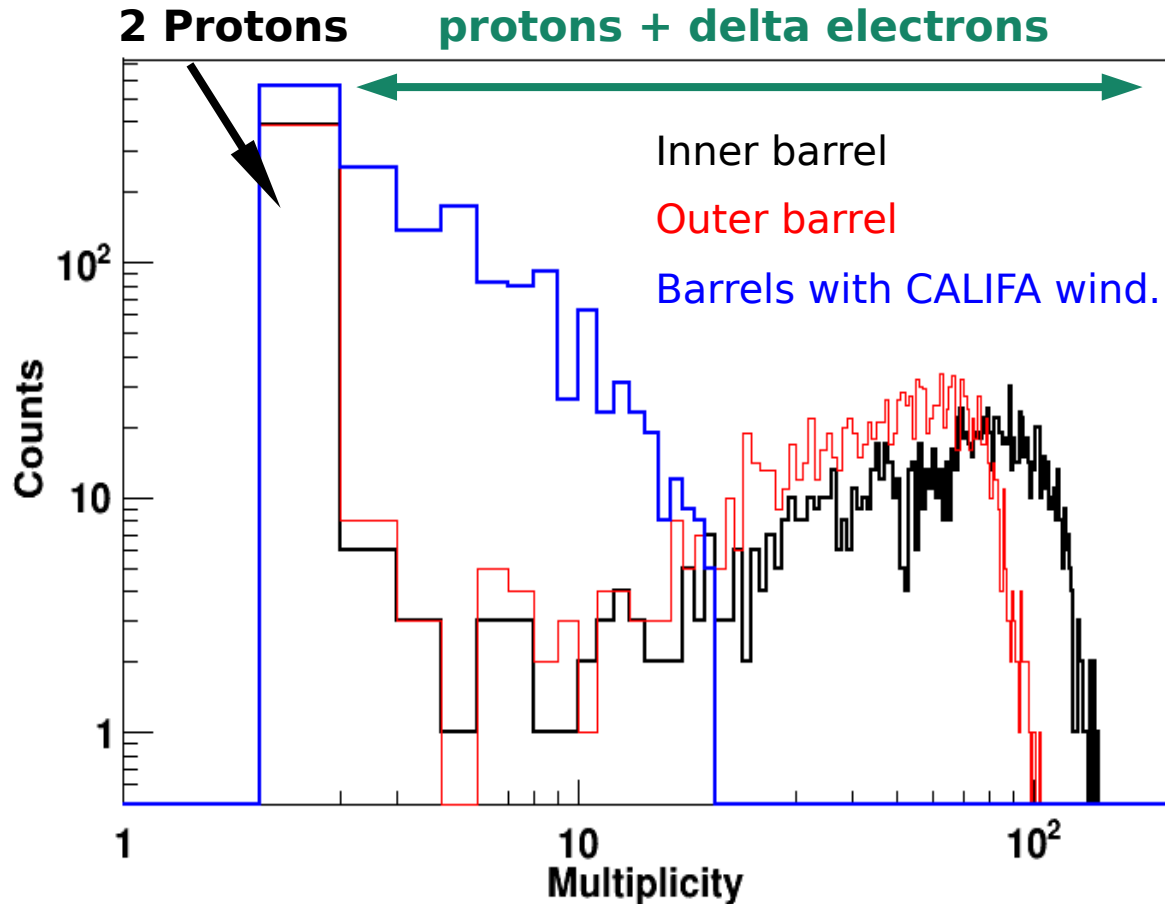
- Vertex resolution better than 0.5 mm (FWHM)
- Angular resolutions better than 1 mrad (FWHM)

## CALIFA + ALPIDE barrels



- **Califa rates** around 6 % of the total number of projectiles
- **High rates** in the Si-tracker due to delta electrons, from simulations **80 %** of the total projectiles will induce at least one signal in the detectors
- **CALIFA trigger** can be used to reduce the rates for DAQ

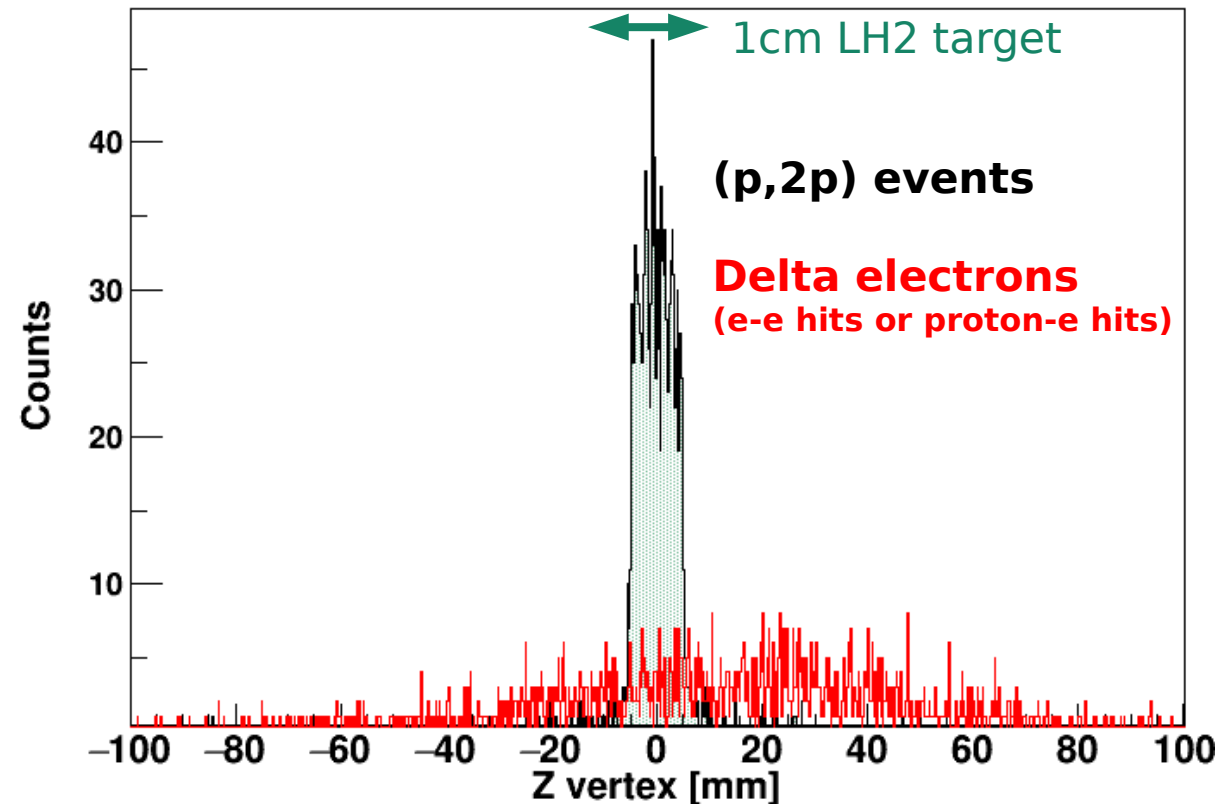
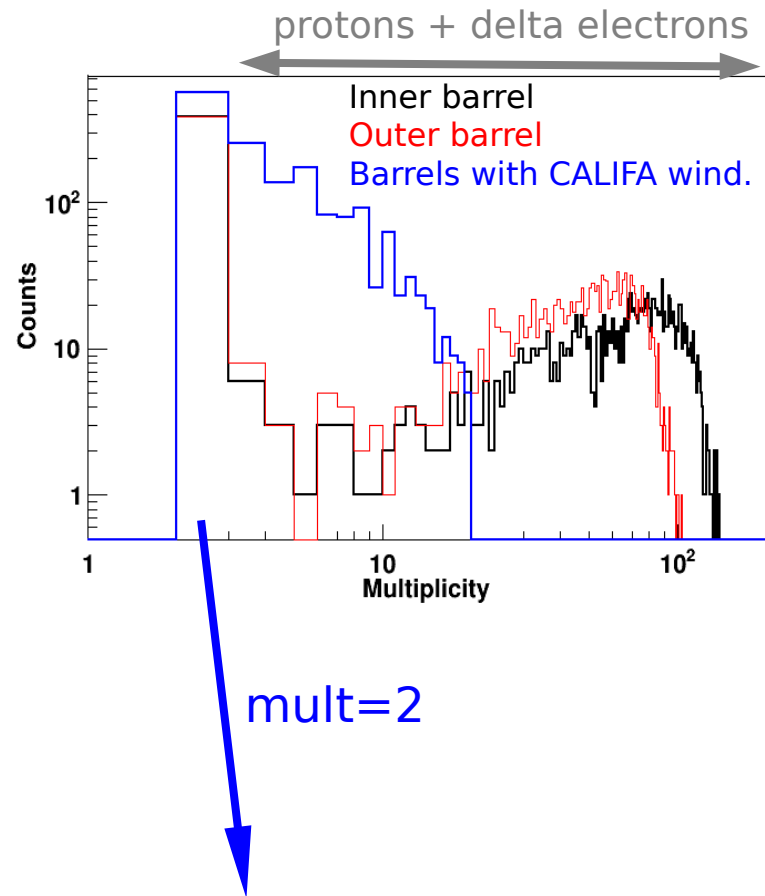
## Particle multiplicities in the ALPIDE barrels for (p,2p) induced fission



CALIFA selection in theta and Phi ( $\pm 4^\circ$ ) to constrain the angular range for barrels

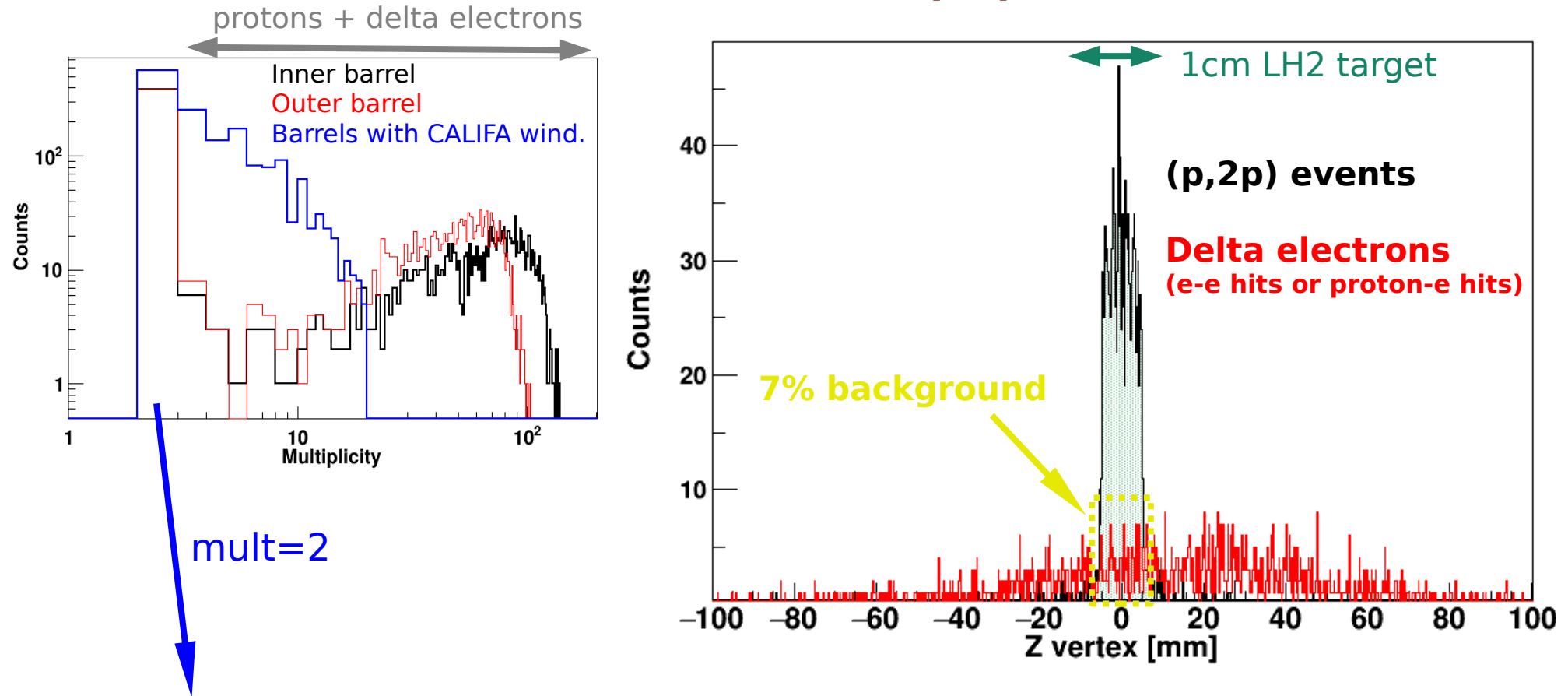
- CALIFA angles reduce the particle multiplicities in the barrels a factor of 10
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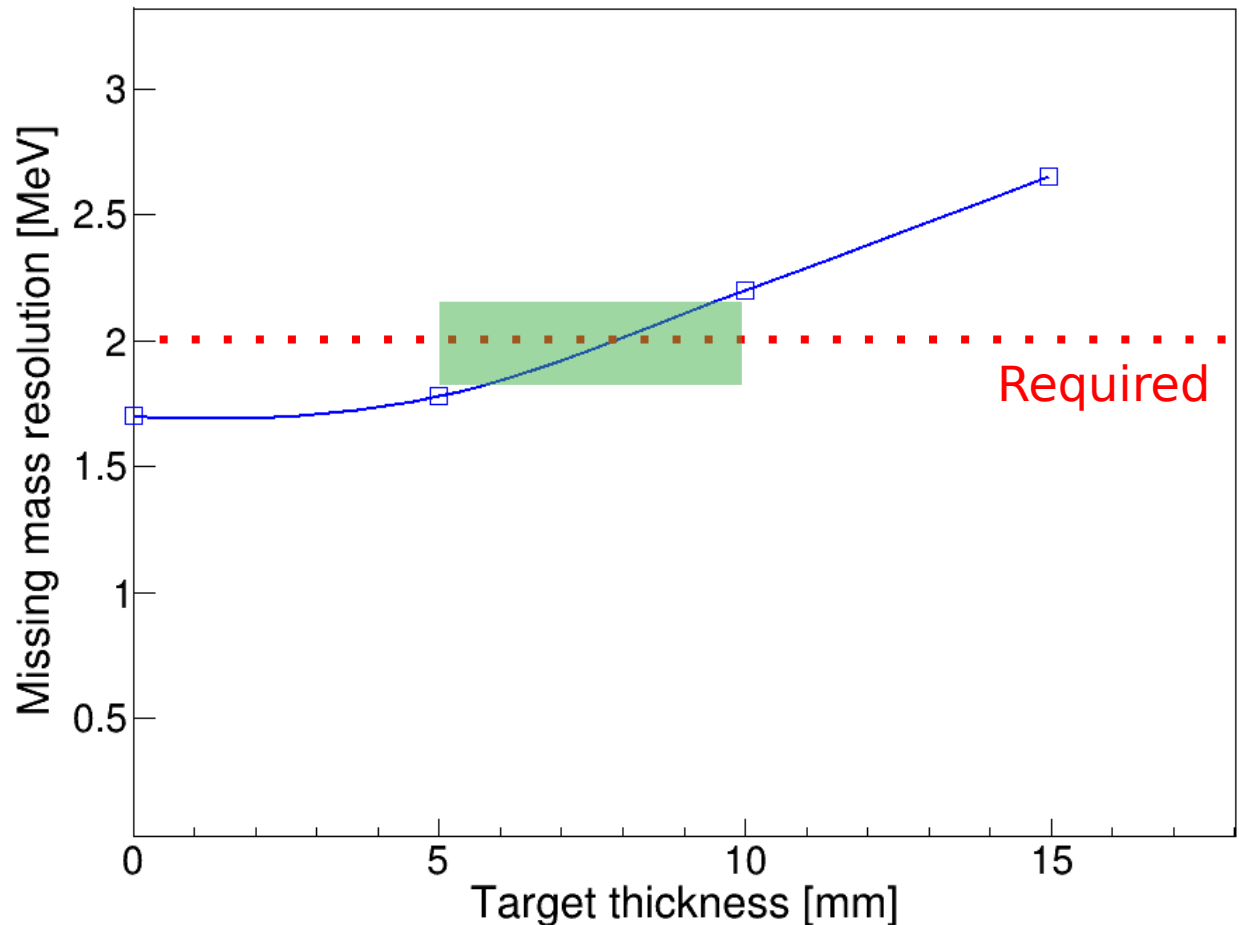
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- Around **56%** of (p,2p) events can be recovered from vertex reconstruction
- In total, we recover  $37+56 =$  **93 % of (p,2p) events**



## Contributions

- ALPIDE tracking resolution of 5  $\mu\text{m}$  (FWHM)
- CALIFA energy resolutions of around 1 % (FWHM)

	Resolution in MeV (FWHM)
Si thickness + 5 $\mu\text{m}$ spatial res.	1.45
Si detectors + CALIFA (1%)	1.7



(p,2p) induced fission reactions could be used to measure fission barriers and fission yields of heavy exotic nuclei between Hg ( $Z=80$ ) and U ( $Z=92$ )

The measurement of fission barriers and fission yields to provide inputs for r-process calculations needs missing mass resolutions of 1-2 MeV (FWHM), in particular, for obtaining the excitation energy dependence at very low energies ( $< 5$  MeV)

ALPIDE sensors

- Energy loss range between **20 and 500 keV**
- Vertex reconstruction with a resolution of **0.5 mm (FWHM)**
- Angular resolution better than **1 mrad (FWHM)**

CALIFA angles and the vertex reconstruction allow to distinguish delta electrons from protons, recovering the 93% of the total (p,2p) events

**Missing mass spectra** could be obtained with a resolution of **2 MeV (FWHM)** for LH2 target with a thickness between 5 and 10 mm

Thank you for your attention!