

Limitations of on-line gas chemistry technique to α -spectroscopy in ^{48}Ca induced SHE applications.

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Rn production in the reaction ^{48}Ca on ^{248}Cm

$$\sigma(Z, M) = \sigma_{\max}(Z) \cdot e^{-\frac{(M - M_{\max}(Z))^2}{w^2}}$$

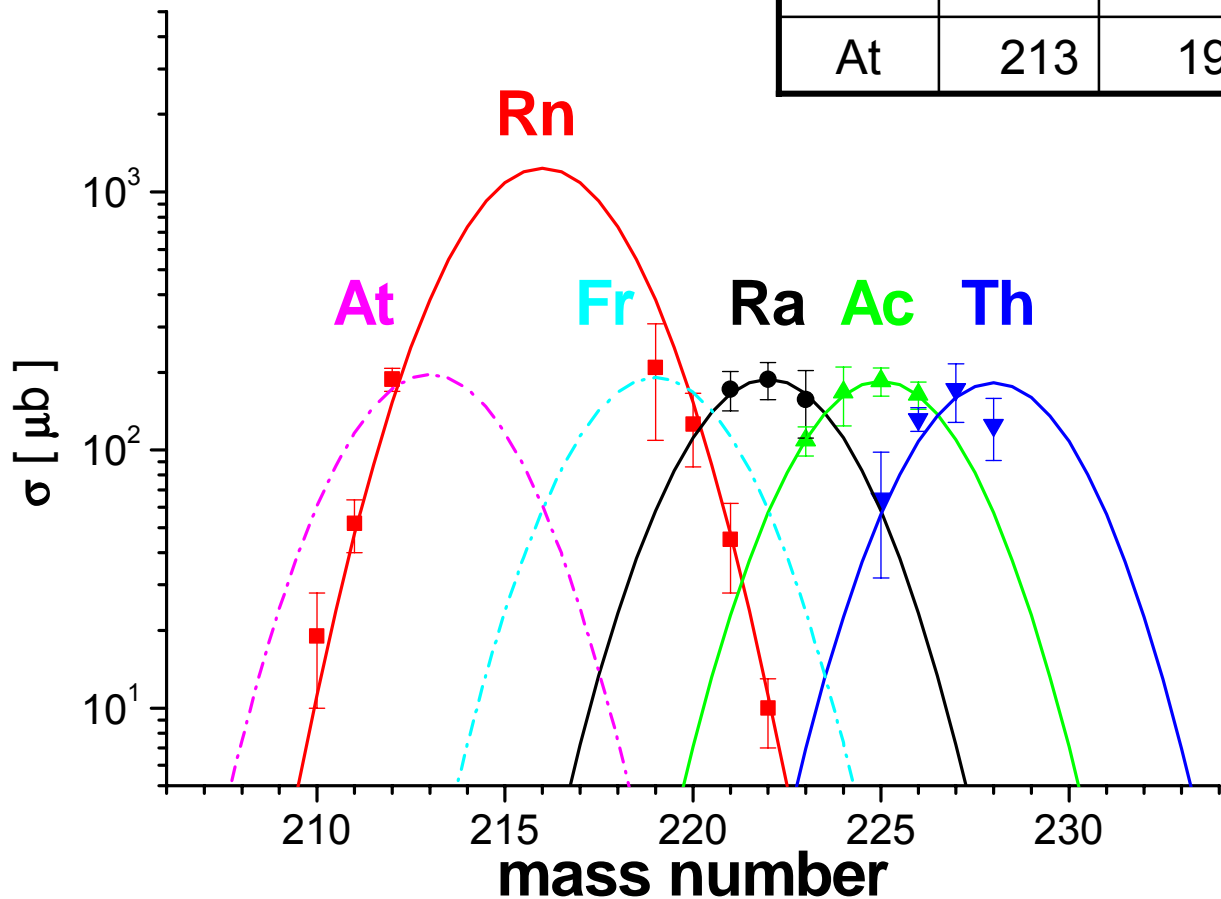
$$\sigma_{\max}(Z) = (410 - M_{\max}(Z)) \mu\text{b}$$

$$\sigma_{\max}(86) = 1237 \mu\text{b}$$

$$M_{\max}(Z) = 2 \cdot Z - 42$$

$$w = 4.2 \rightarrow \text{FWHM} = 5.3$$

	M_{\max}	σ_{\max} [μb]
Th	228	182
Ac	225	185
Ra	222	188
Fr	219	191
Rn	216	1237
At	213	197



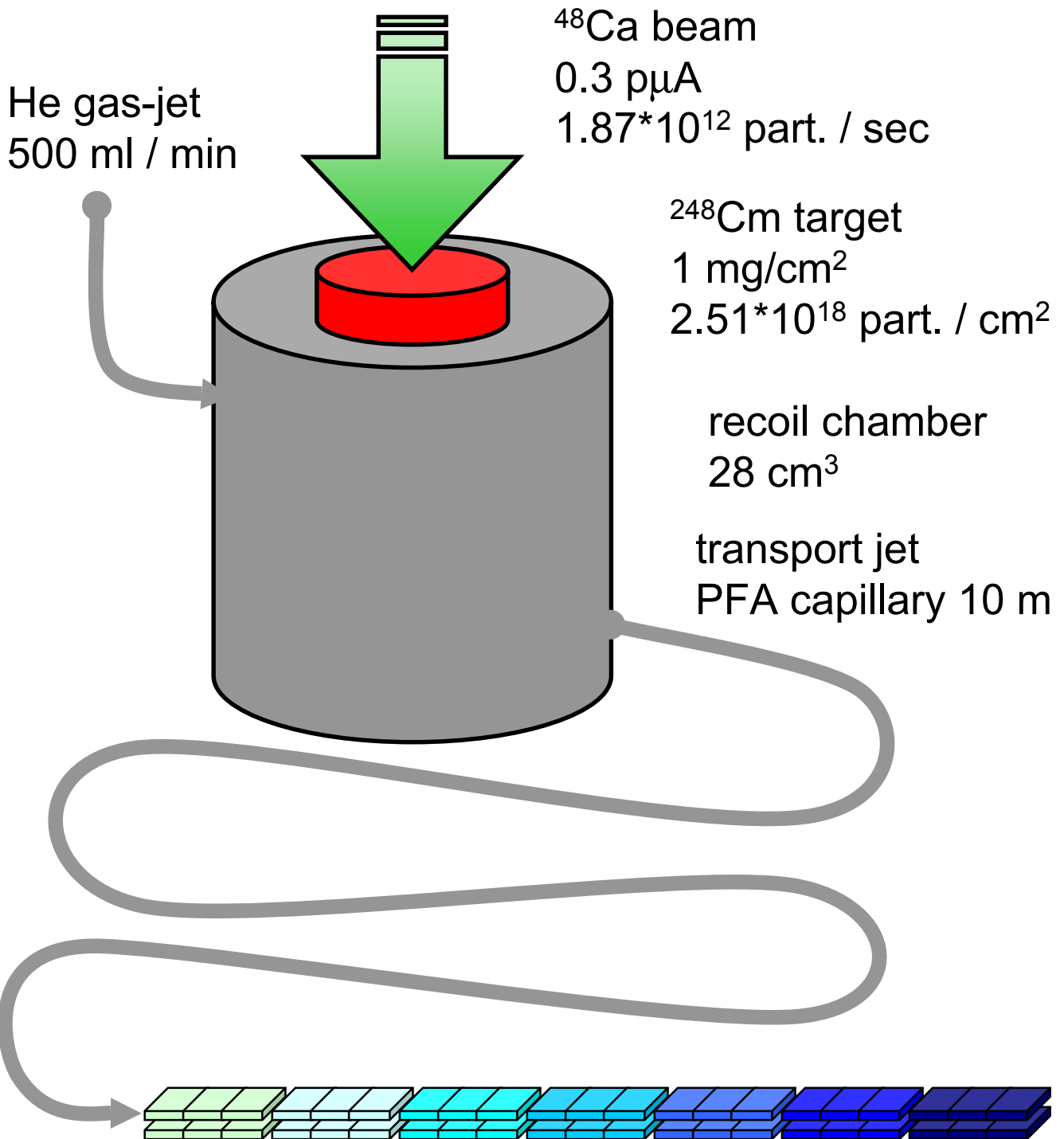
H.Gäggeler, et al.: Phys. Rev. C 33 (1986) 1983

Generator nuclides for Rn in the reaction ^{48}Ca on ^{248}Cm

	$T_{1/2}$	σ [μb]
^{219}Rn	3.96 s	382
^{227}Th	18.72 d	160
^{223}Ra	11.43 d	165
^{223}Fr	21.8 min	24
^{219}Rn	total	734
^{220}Rn	55.6 s	153
^{224}Ac	2.9 h	146
^{224}Ra	3.66 d	112
^{224}Fr	3.3 min	7
^{220}Rn	total	418
^{221}Rn	25.0 min	47

- 5450 Radon atoms are produced per second
- most of them will reach the detector
- cross sections of the same order of magnitude are expected for lighter target materials

Monte Carlo simulation I

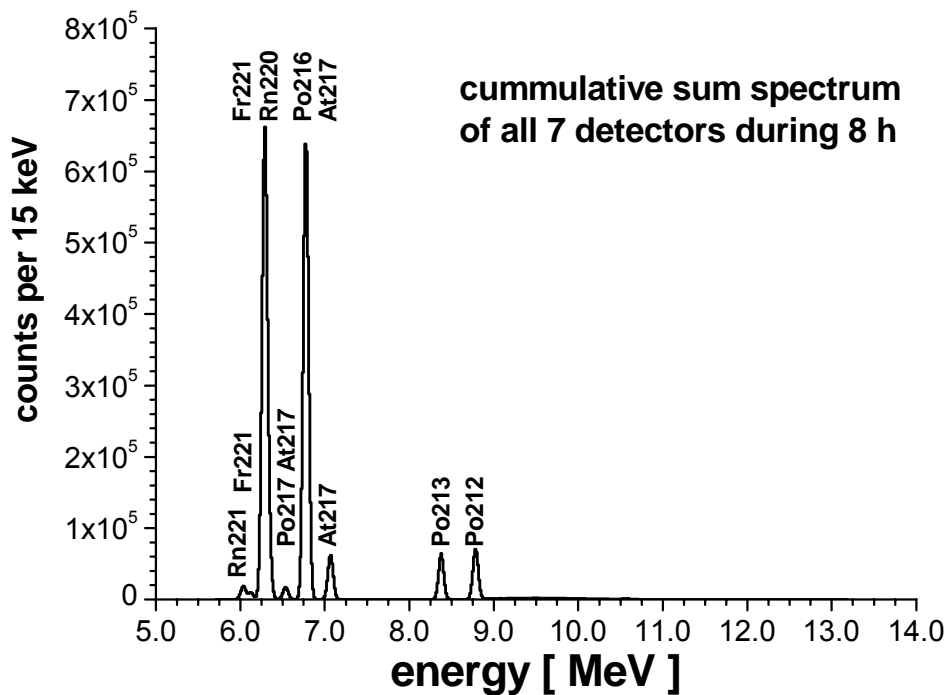
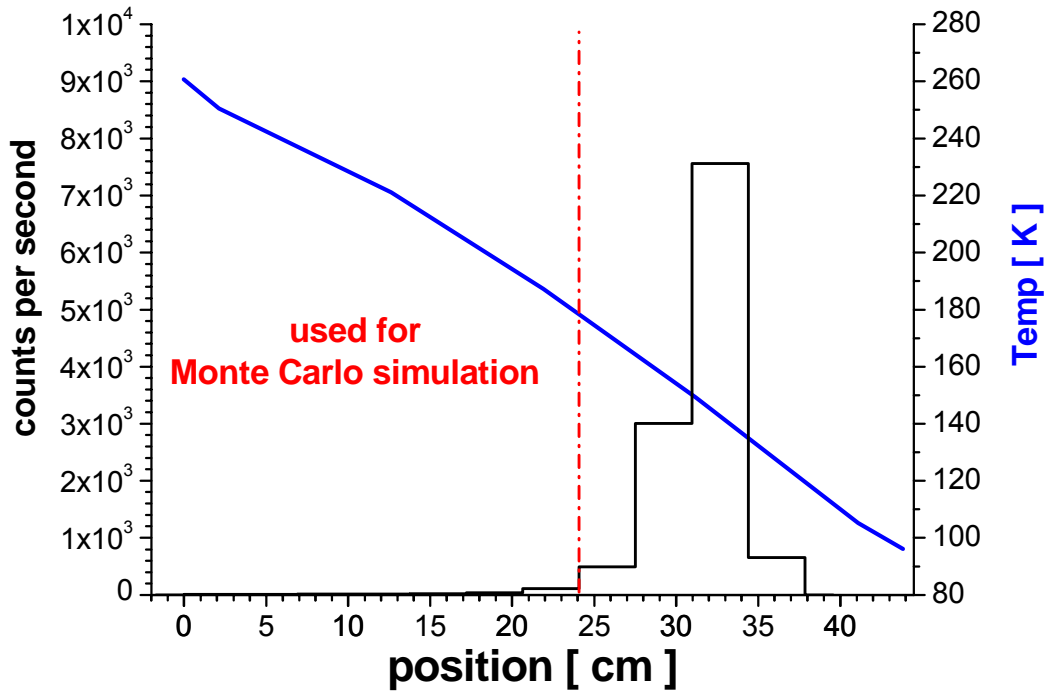


Monte Carlo simulation II

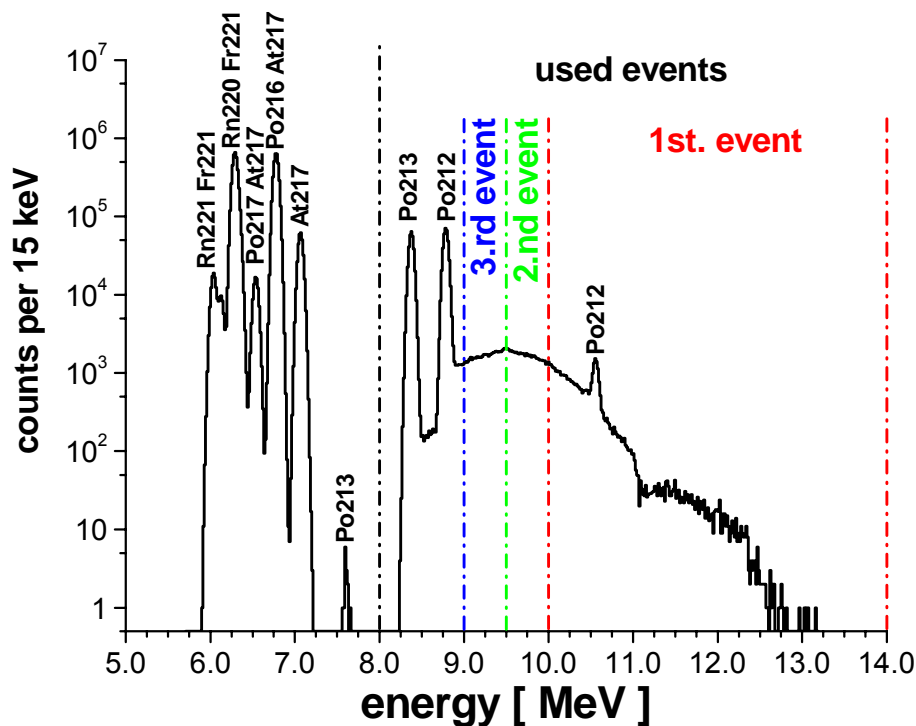
- Production : equally distributed during 8 h
- Sweep out : exponentially distributed
mean time = plug flow time
- Transport : isothermal gas chromatography of Rn and all decay products until $^{212,213}\text{Po}$
- Detection : gas chromatography inside COLD
detection of all α -particles with 88% efficiency , 70 keV FWHM
 β pileup if time delay to next $\alpha < 0.5 \mu\text{s}$
- Gas chromatography : microscopic model by I. Zvara
Radiocimica Acta 38 (1985) 95

	ΔH_{ads} [kJ/mol] on quartz	ΔH_{ads} [kJ/mol] on gold
Fr	-65.0	-145.0
Rn	-20.0	-29.0
At	-30.0	-120.0
Po	-85.3	-199.6
Bi	-131.9	-227.2
Pb	-134.2	-219.1

Results I: detector load & α -spectrum



Results II: α -spectrum & correlations



search windows for correlated events

1.st event \Rightarrow 2.nd event

\Rightarrow 3.rd event

$10 \text{ MeV} < E_{\alpha} \Rightarrow 9.5 \text{ MeV} < E_{\alpha} < 10 \text{ MeV}$

$\Rightarrow 9.0 \text{ MeV} < E_{\alpha} < 9.5 \text{ MeV}$

no time limit $\Rightarrow \Delta t < 20 \text{ s}$

$\Rightarrow \Delta t < 200 \text{ s}$

about 2 events per second are recorded in each region

all events with $E_{\alpha} > 8 \text{ MeV}$ are used

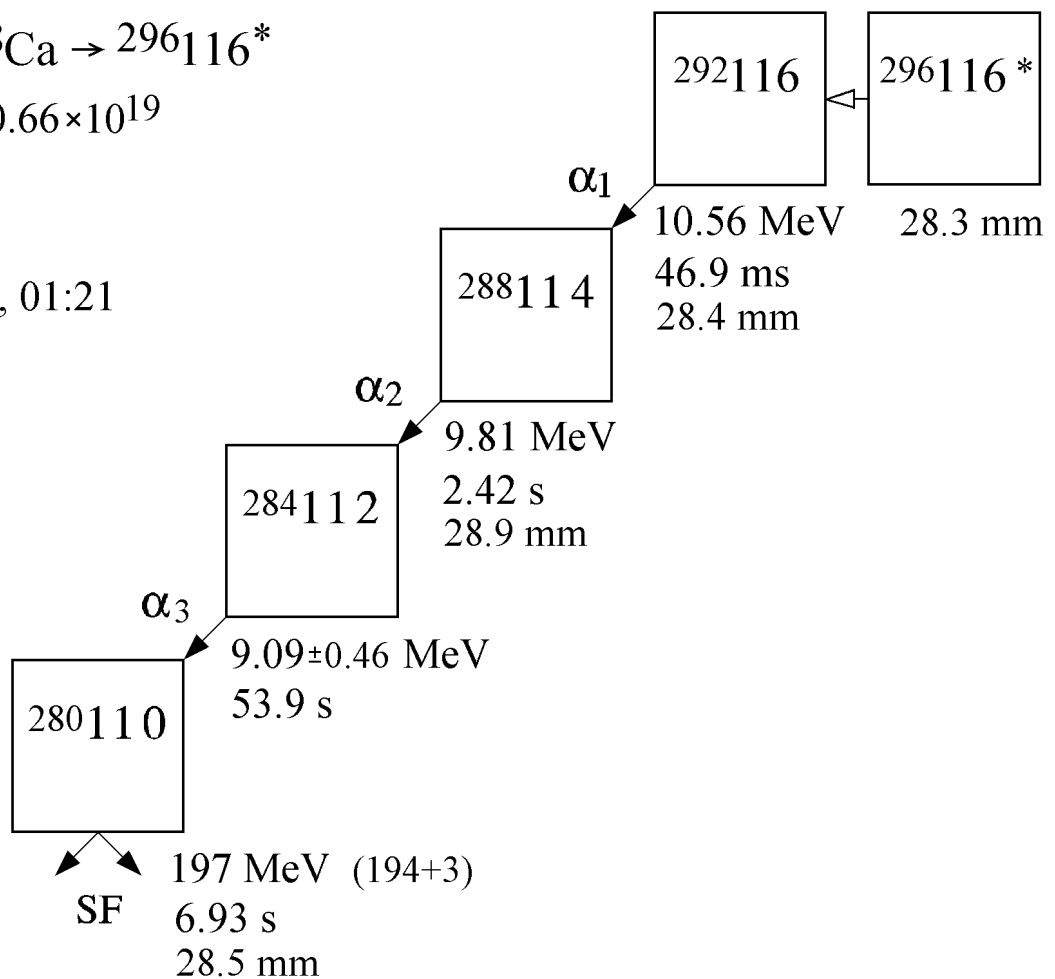
only consecutive events can pass the correlation filter

Results III: Dubna $^{292}116$ event



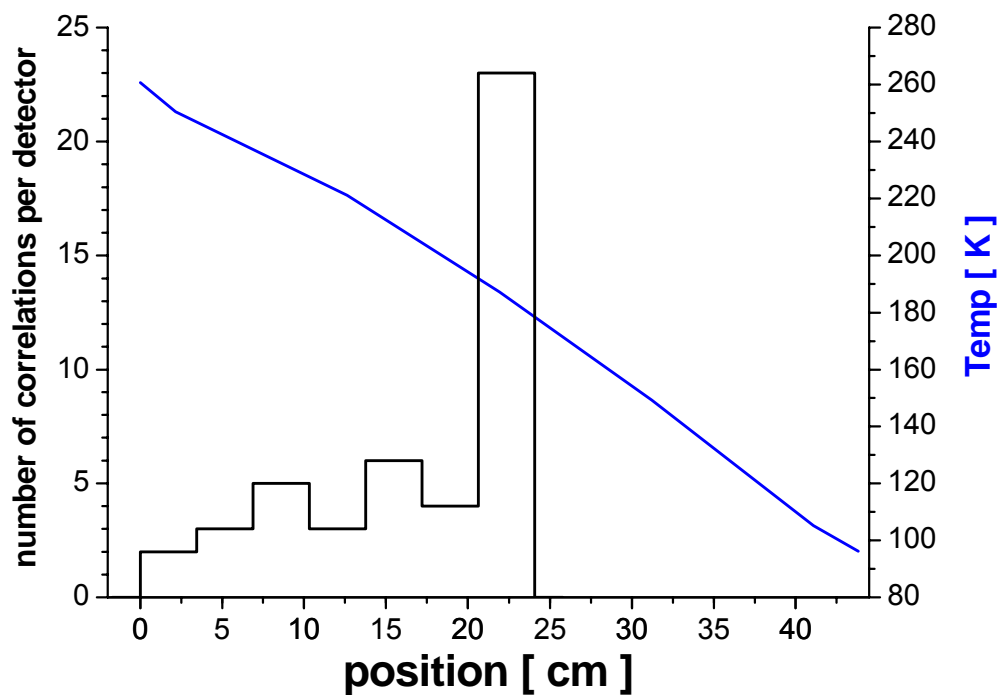
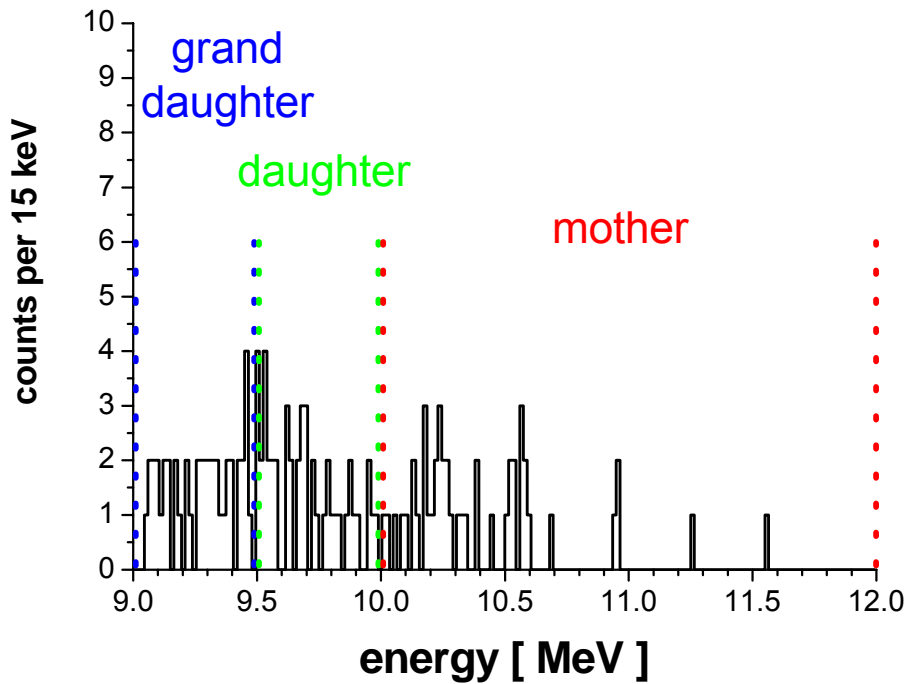
Beam dose 0.66×10^{19}

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Results IV: Pseudo correlation spectrum



Results V: True & Random correlations

Dubna ²⁹²116 (19.July 2000)

10.56 MeV ⇒ 9.81 MeV ⇒ 9.09 MeV ⇒ SF
 0.0469 s ⇒ 2.420 s ⇒ 53.600 s ⇒ 6.930 s

Dubna ²⁹²116 (2.May 2001)

10.49 MeV ⇒ 9.81 MeV ⇒ 9.15 MeV ⇒ SF
 0.1255 s ⇒ 0.31 s ⇒ 88.54 s ⇒ 23.0 s

Dubna ²⁹²116 (8.May 2001)

10.54 MeV ⇒ 9.80 MeV ⇒ 9.11 MeV ⇒ SF
 0.055 s ⇒ 10.97 s ⇒ 152.62 s ⇒ 3.15 s

Results from the Monte-Carlo simulation in COLD

Det.2: 10.23 MeV ⇒ 9.84 MeV ⇒ 9.14 MeV
 5.67 s ⇒ 2.77 s

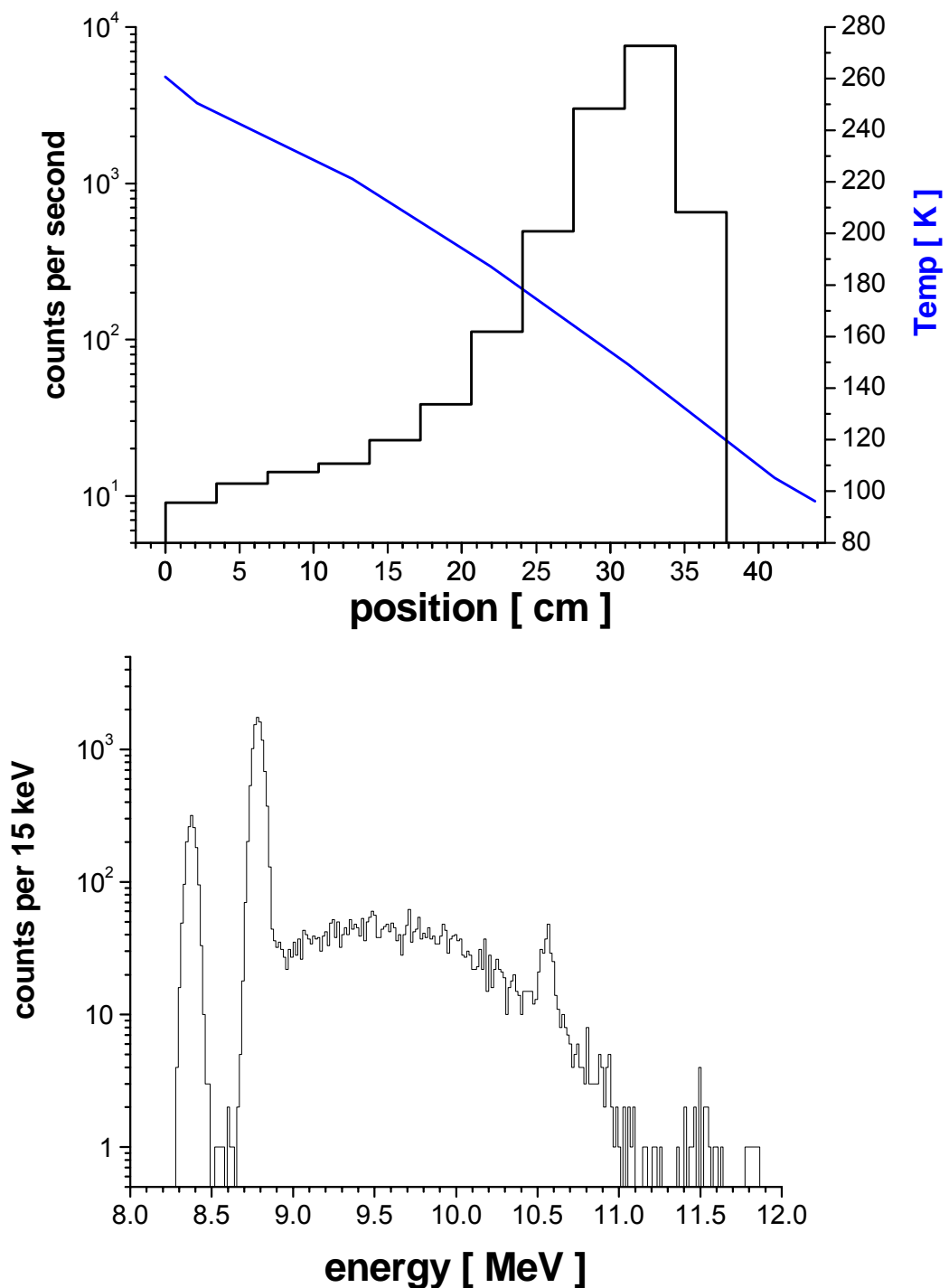
Det.2: 10.44 MeV ⇒ 9.50 MeV ⇒ 9.08 MeV
 8.15 s ⇒ 2.12 s

Det.4: 10.33 MeV ⇒ 9.80 MeV ⇒ 9.07 MeV
 1.62 s ⇒ 2.51 s

Det.5: 10.58 MeV ⇒ 9.64 MeV ⇒ 9.09 MeV
 0.26 s ⇒ 1.11 s

Det.6: 10.57 MeV ⇒ 9.86 MeV ⇒ 9.18 MeV
 0.52 s ⇒ 0.68 s

Results VI: detector load α -spectrum of detectors 1 - 3



Conclusions

- 10^4 α -events will be recorded in the detection device with out pre separation of Rn.
- Up to 50 pseudo correlations with three consecutive and energetically reasonable events will be recorded even in the first detectors.
- A correlation analysis which starts from the terminating SF event and searching backwards the precursors, find an undisturbed chain only with a probability of 10^{-48} .
- To found a real SHE chain with a probability of 90 %, the Rn background above 9.0 MeV must lowered by at least a factor of 10^3 .
- For very volatile elements, this can only reached with a **physical separator**.