

Neutrons in PWO



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- **What neutrons do in the PWO?**



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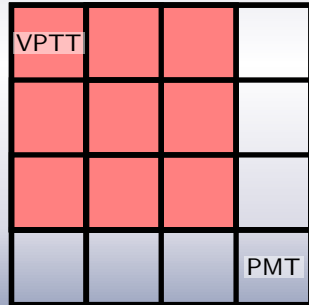


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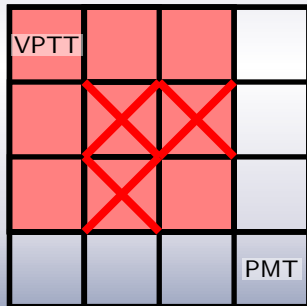
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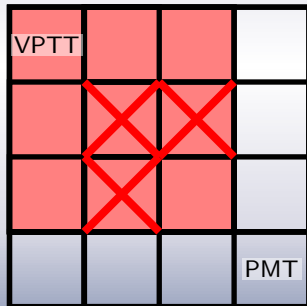
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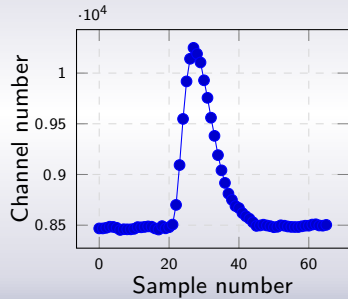
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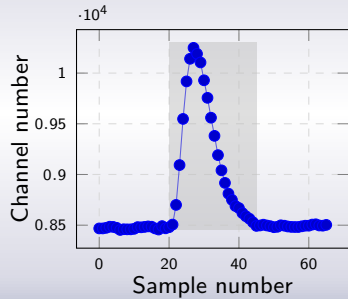
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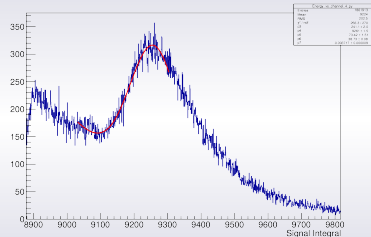
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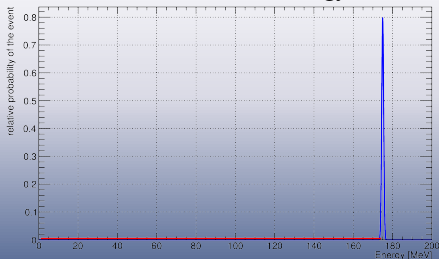
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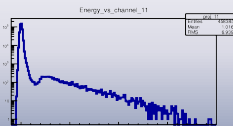
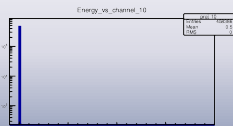
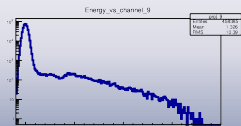
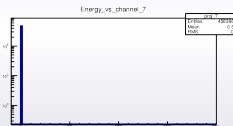
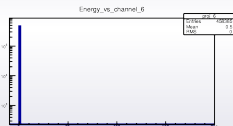
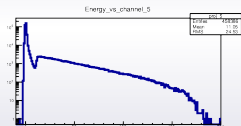
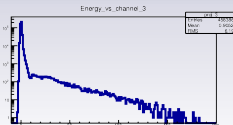
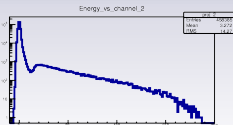
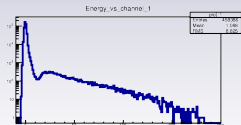
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- realistic geometry of the setup (with dead materials)
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- the best possible approximation of the physics (QGS_BERT_HP)
- distribution of the energy of the neutron with
 - gaussian energy distribution around the nominal energy with the nominal width
 - continuum spectrum



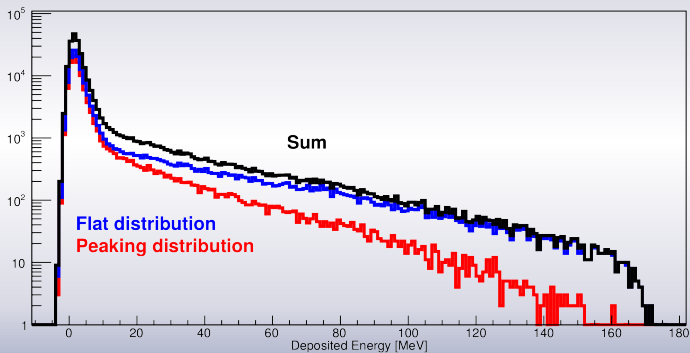


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Redo the experiment

- with a more perfect setup
- with lower energy
- using more energy bins