



Decay rate of o-Ps atoms

in the framework of J-PET detector

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Outline



- > Decay of o-Ps atom in XAD4 Event categorization
- > Lifetime of o-Ps atoms:

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o-Ps -> 3 gamma
o-Ps -> 2 gamma ( pickoff, spin-flip )
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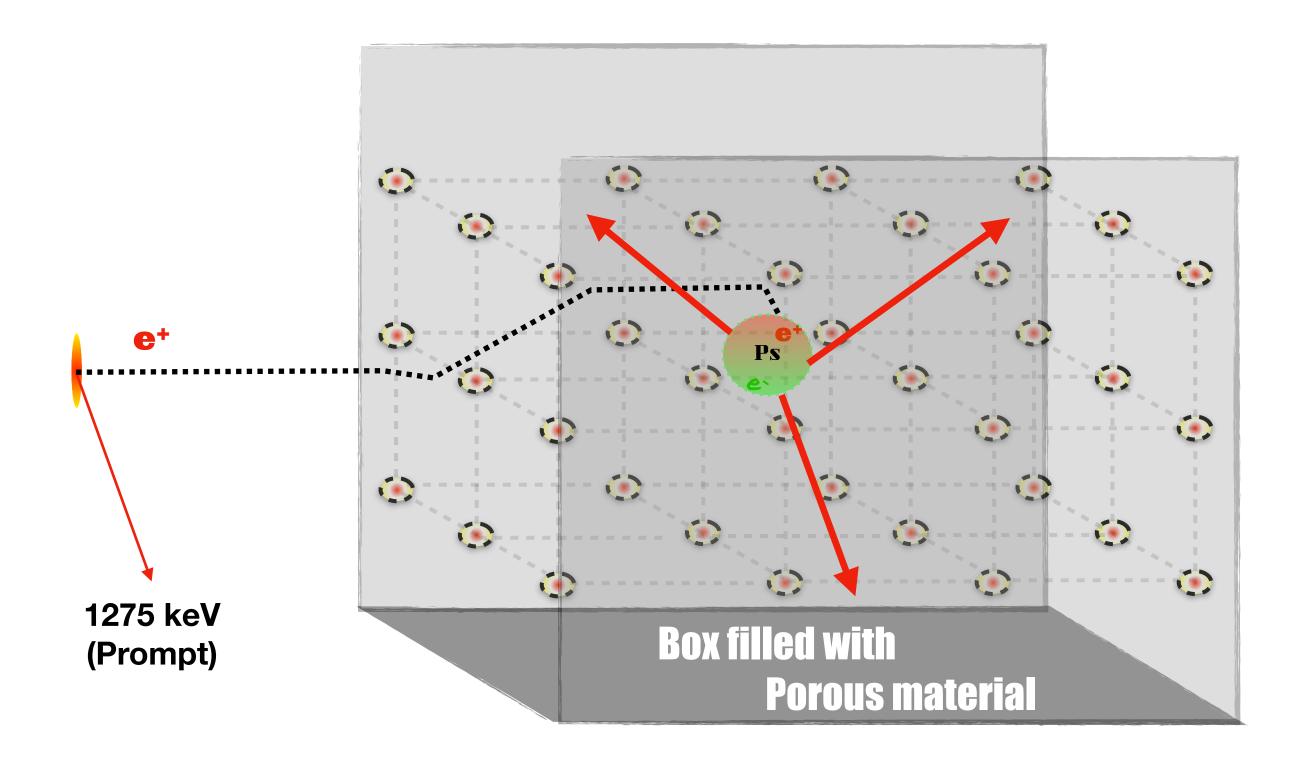
- > Experimental set-up and Geant4 simulations
- > Data analysis
- Results
- Summary



Decay channels of ortho-Positronium atoms



o-Ps atom's annihilation into 3γ



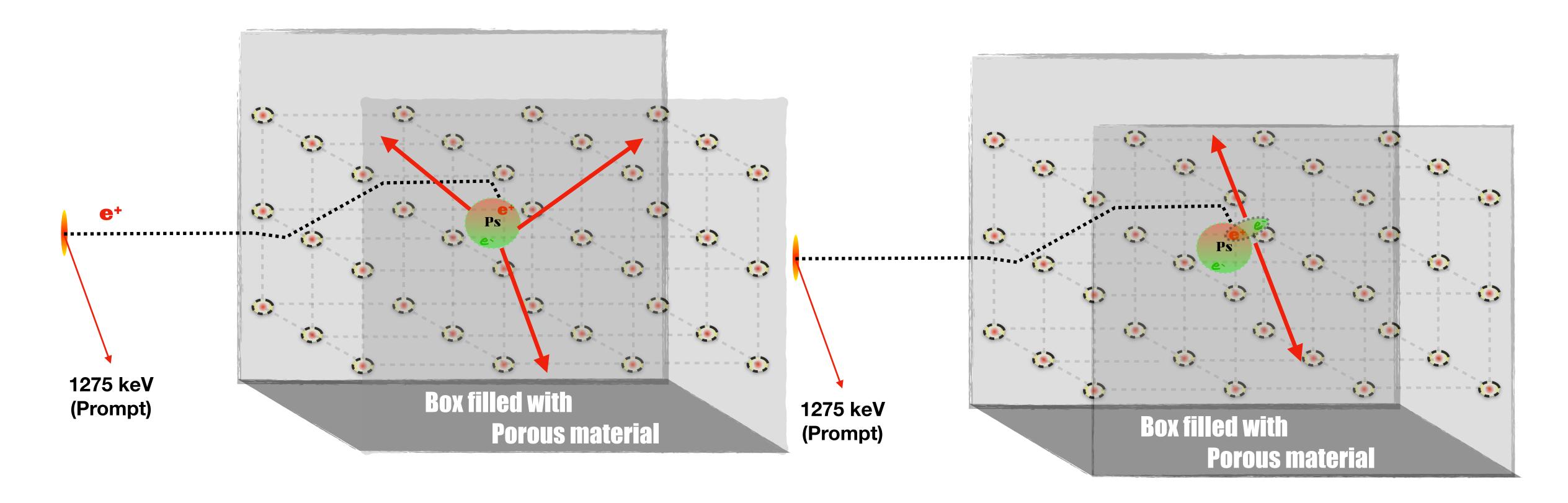


Decay channels of ortho-Positronium atoms



o-Ps atom's annihilation into 3γ

o-Ps atom's annihilation into 2γ (pick-off effect)

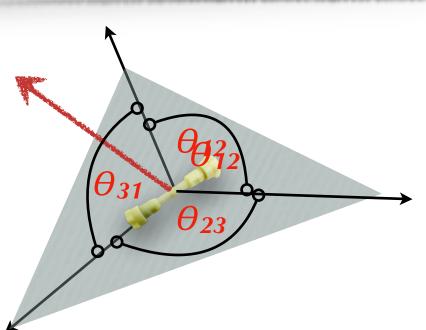


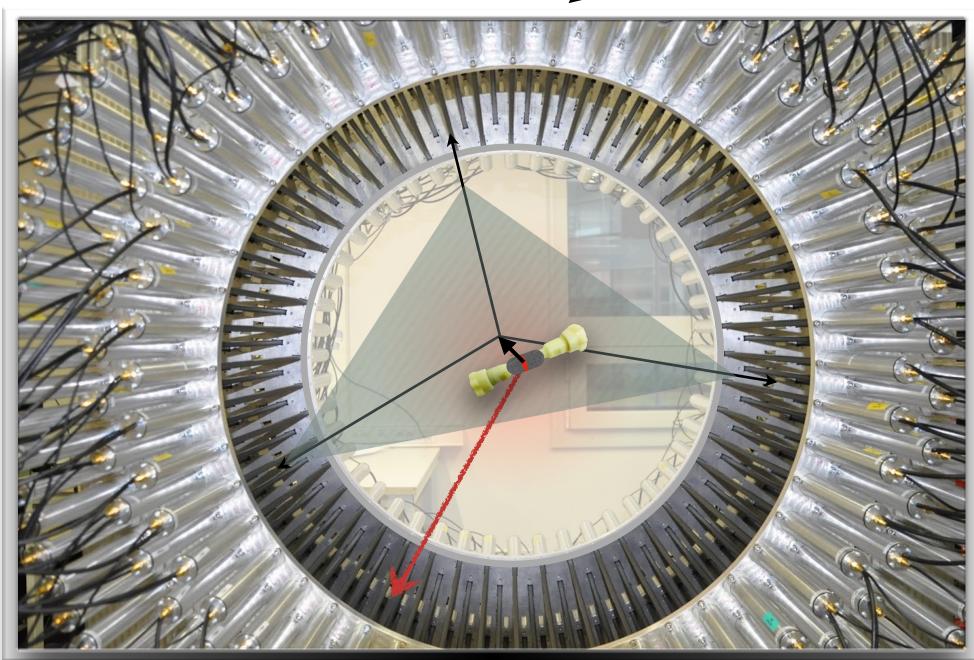


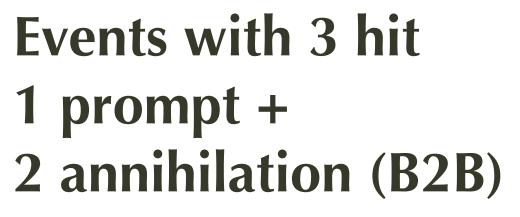
Events visualization inside the geometry of J-PET

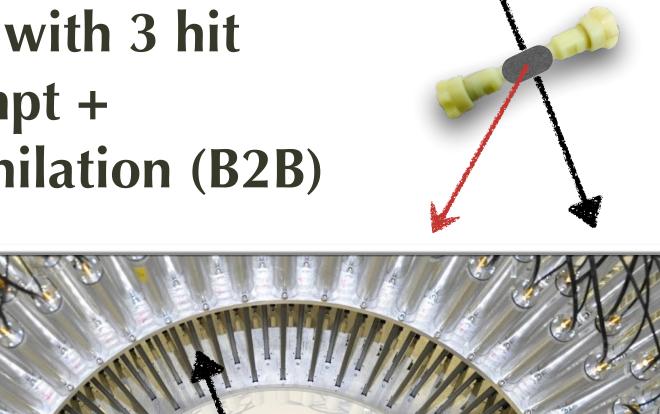


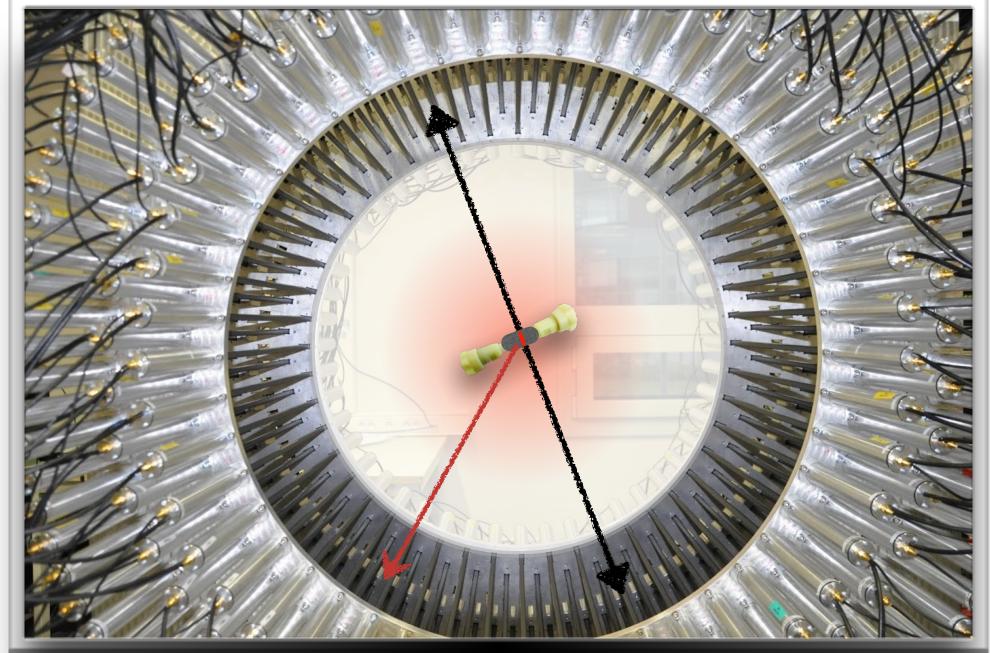
Events with 4 hit 1 prompt + 3 annihilation (o-Ps)













Plane of annihilation photons from o-Ps



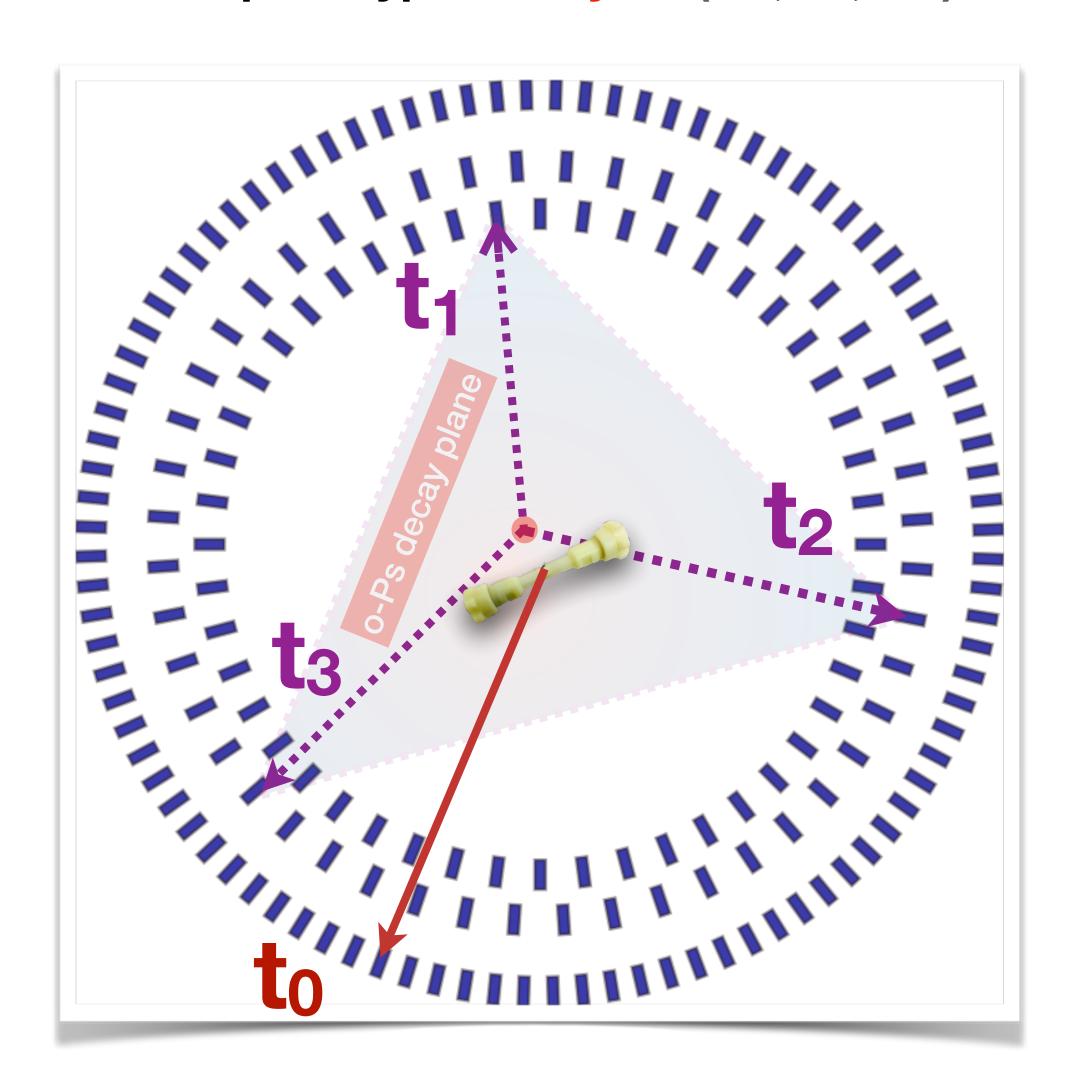




Lifetime spectra of o-Ps atoms



J-PET prototype : 3 Layers (48, 48, 96)



t₀ = Emission time of Prompt photon

t₁ = Emission time of Ann. Photon 1

t₂ = Emission time of Ann. Photon 2

t₃ = Emission time of Ann. Photon 3

Lifetime = $(t_1+t_2+t_3)/3 - t_0$

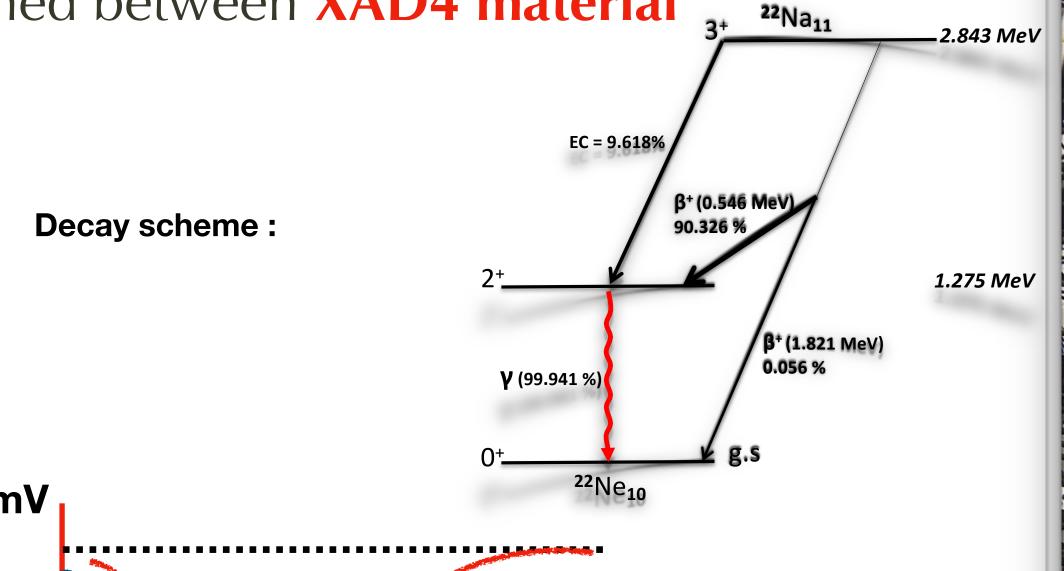
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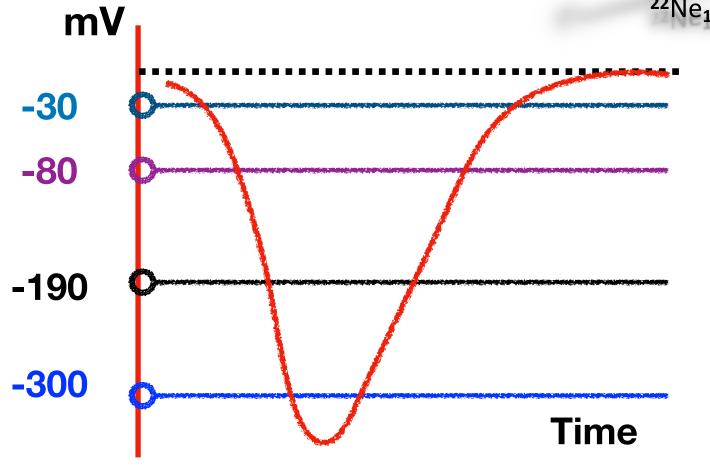


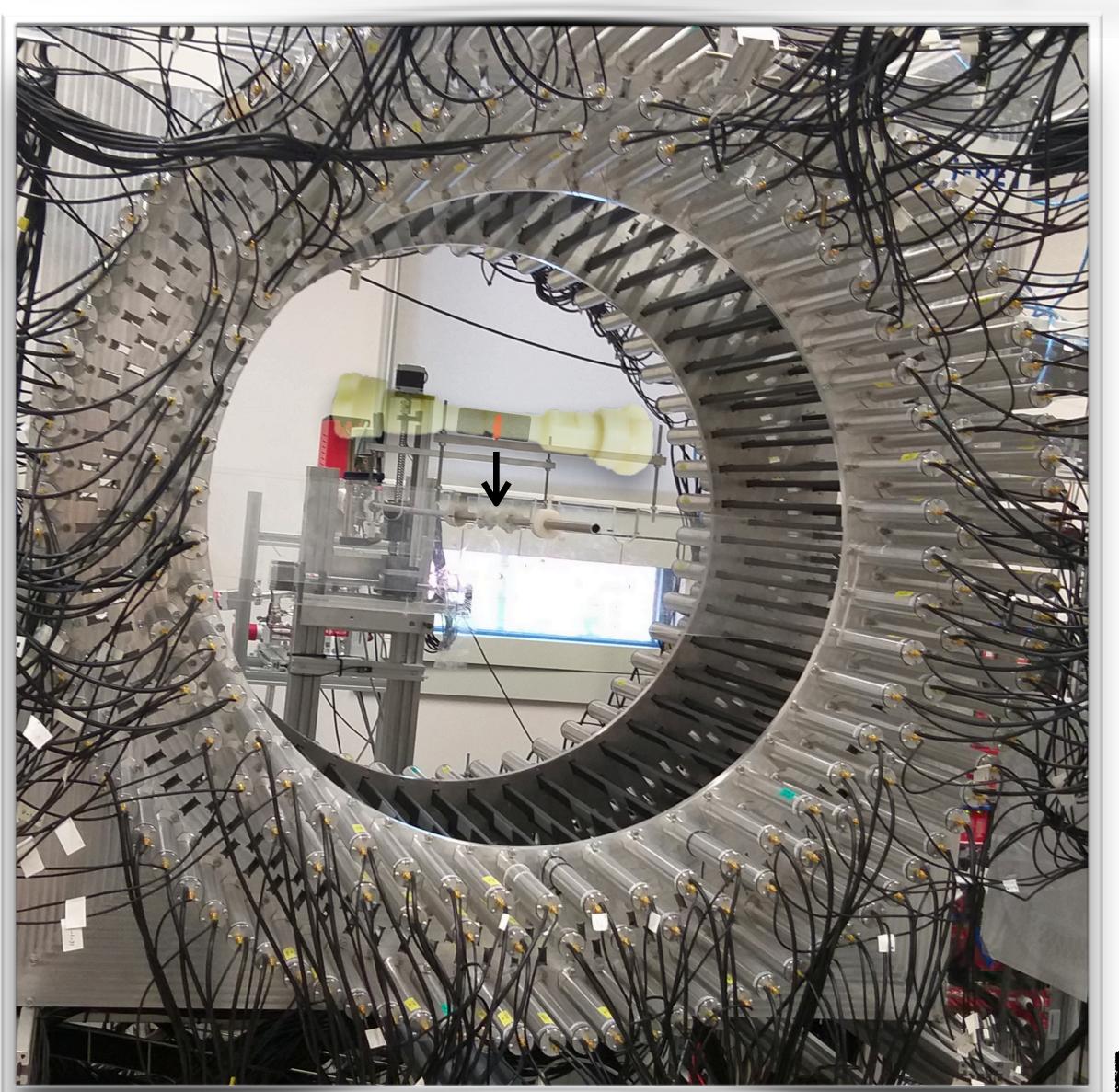
J-PET detector and formation of Ps atoms



²²Na source is placed inside the plastic chamber sandwiched between XAD4 material 3+



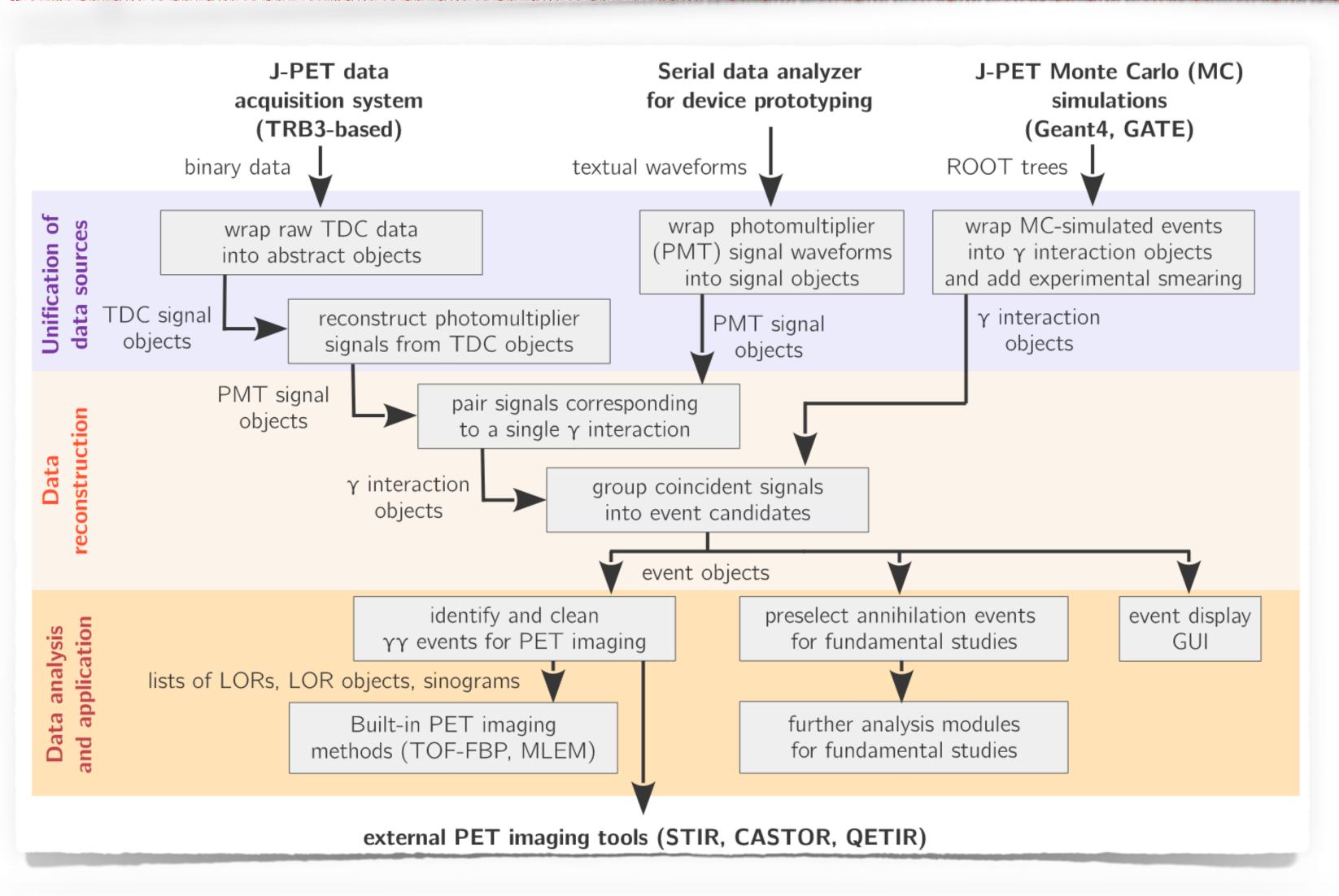






J-PET software





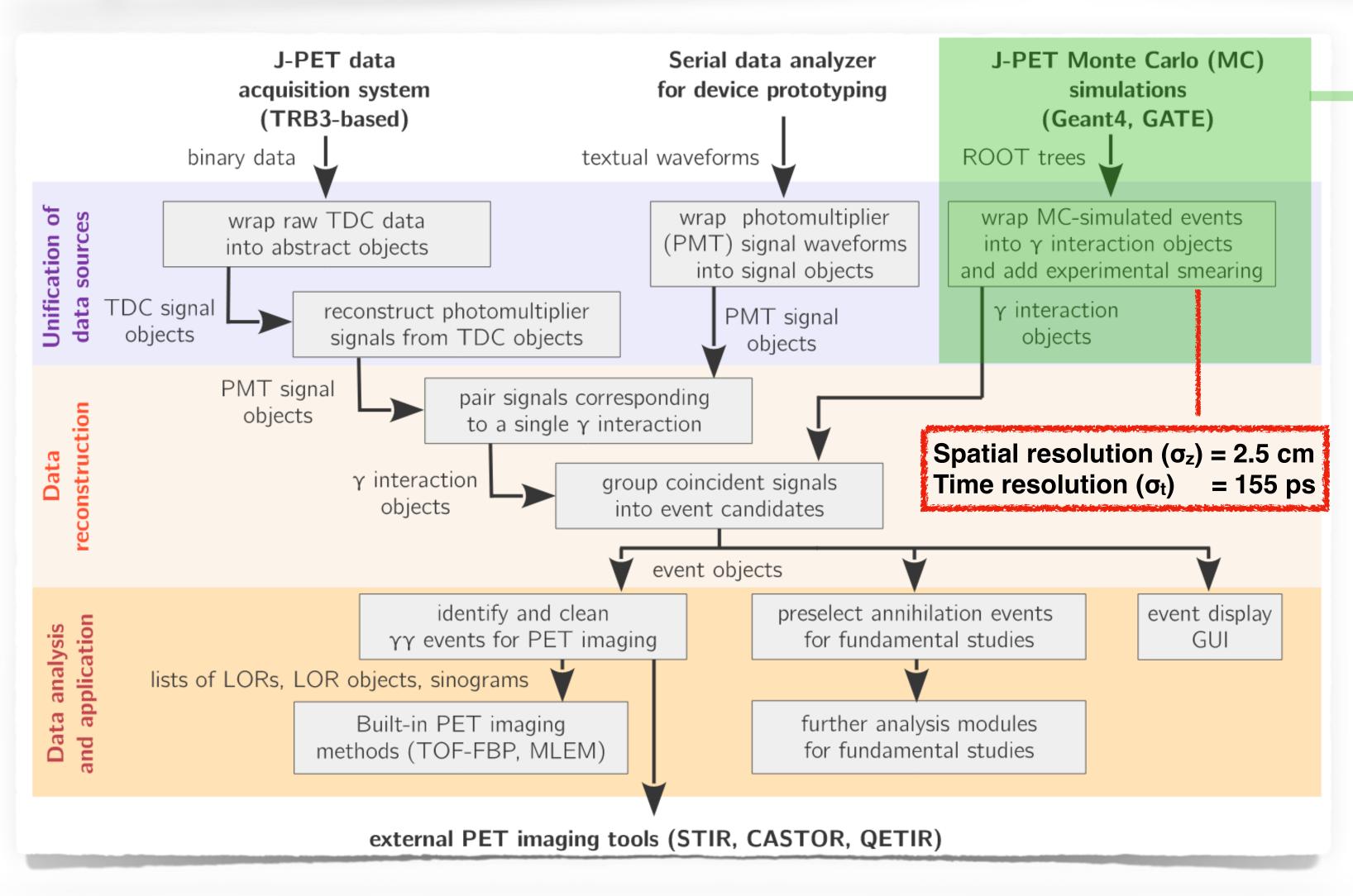
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J-PET software





Salient features of JPET MC package

- O Source : Photons beams, Ps decays,...
- Multiplicity tag: <u>tracking</u> is <u>easy for end users</u>
 <u>to identify</u> the <u>primary</u> and <u>scattered</u> photons
- Simulating various <u>annihilation chambers</u>:

Small chambers







Spherical chamber



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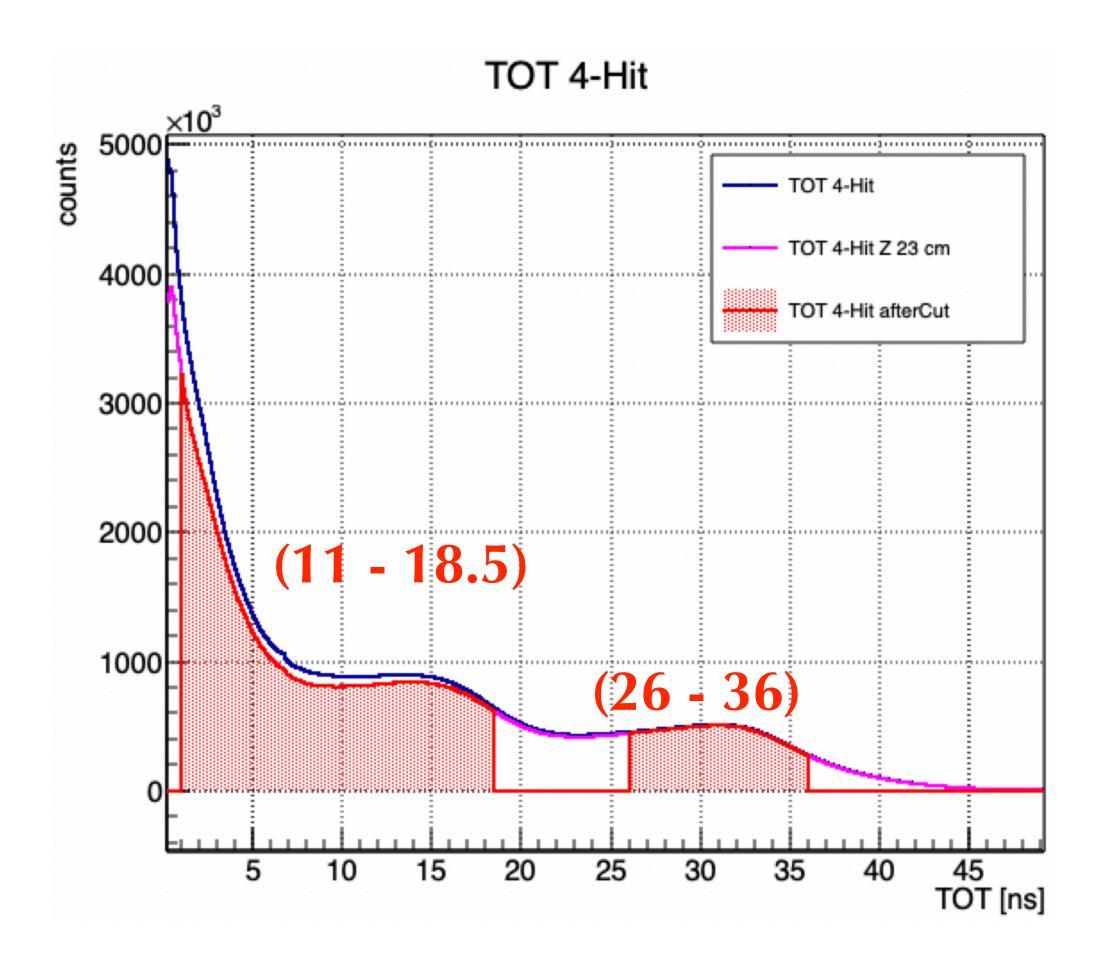
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Selecting Annihilation and Prompt candidates



Experiment

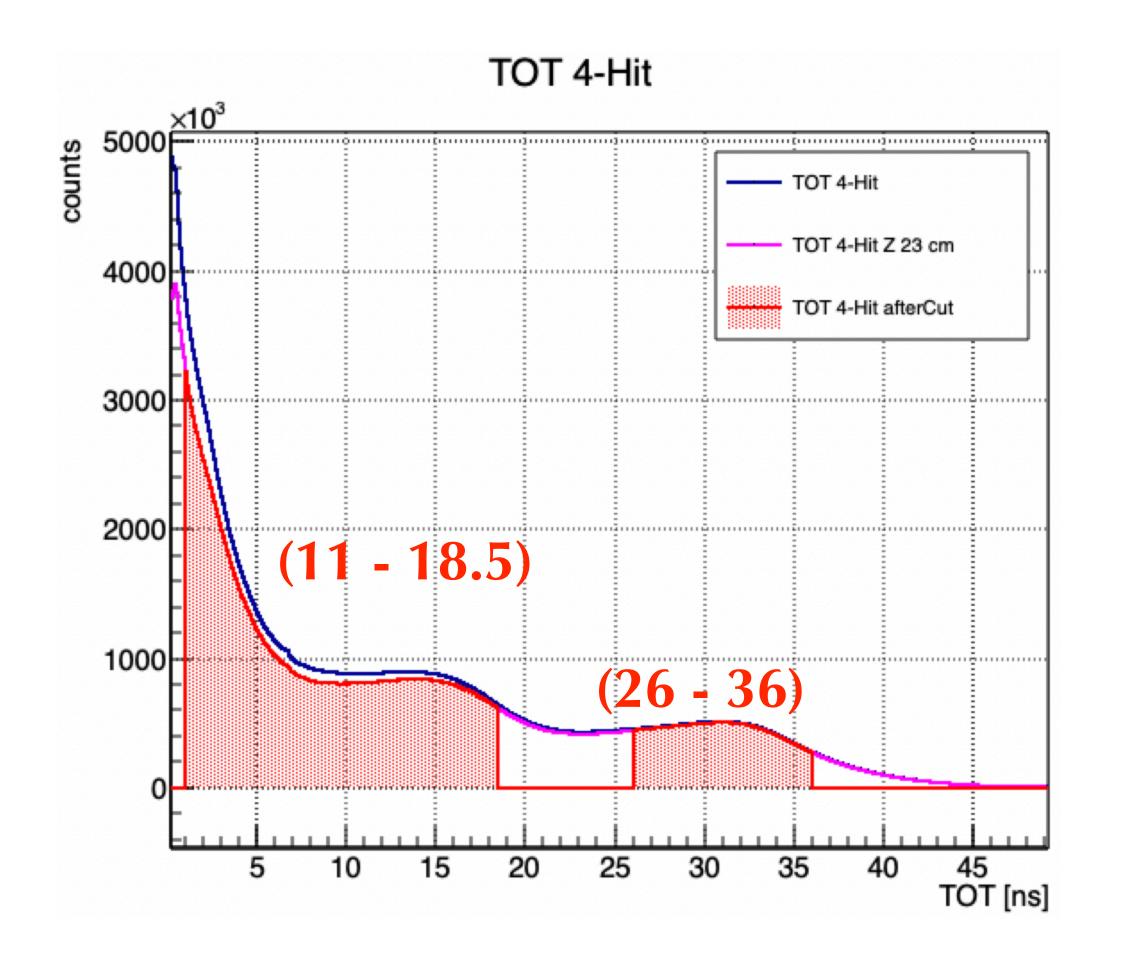




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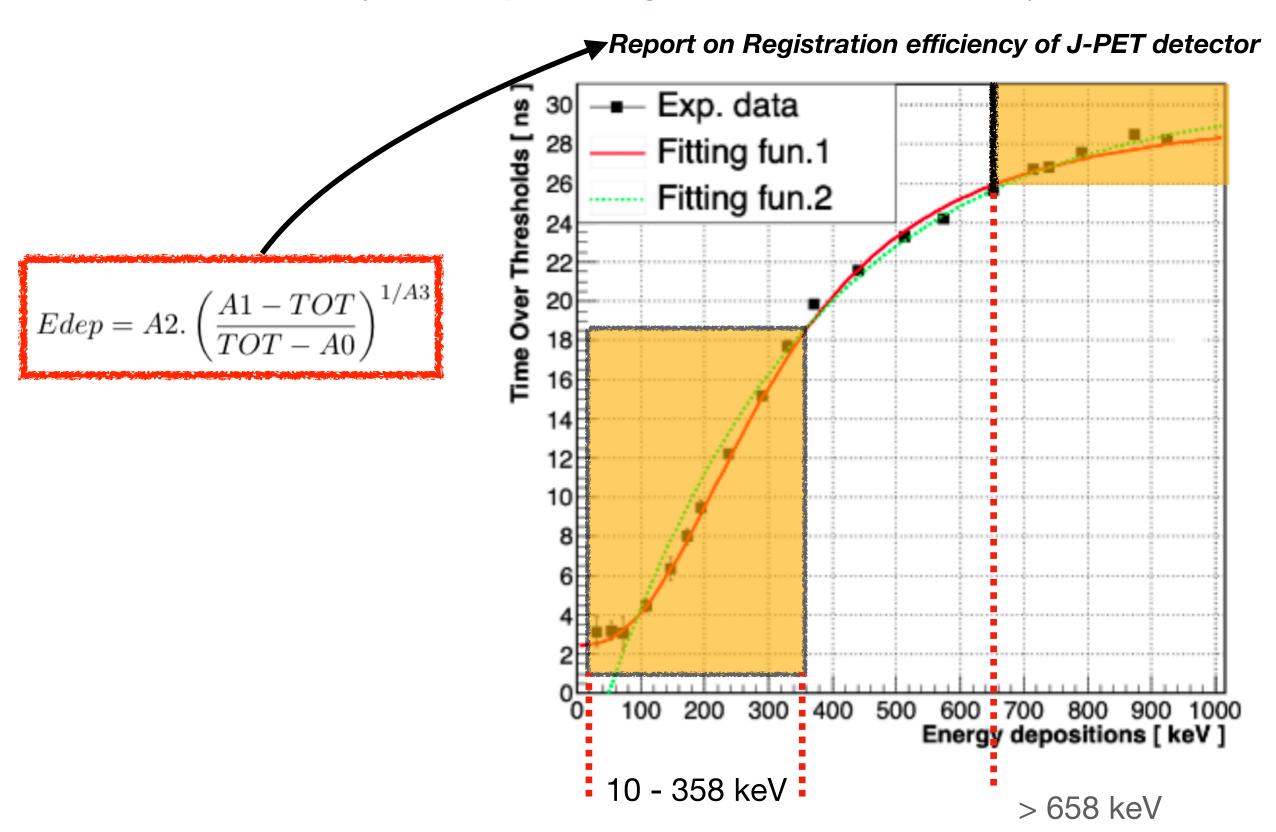
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Simulation

Using Edep (TOT) and multiplicity tag of hit

(Hit multiplicity flags : Prompt: 1, o-Ps photons : 3)



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Analysis cut for lifetime spectra of o-Ps -> 3 photons



1. Distance of <u>decay plane</u> (O-Ps) from the <u>center</u> 3 cm

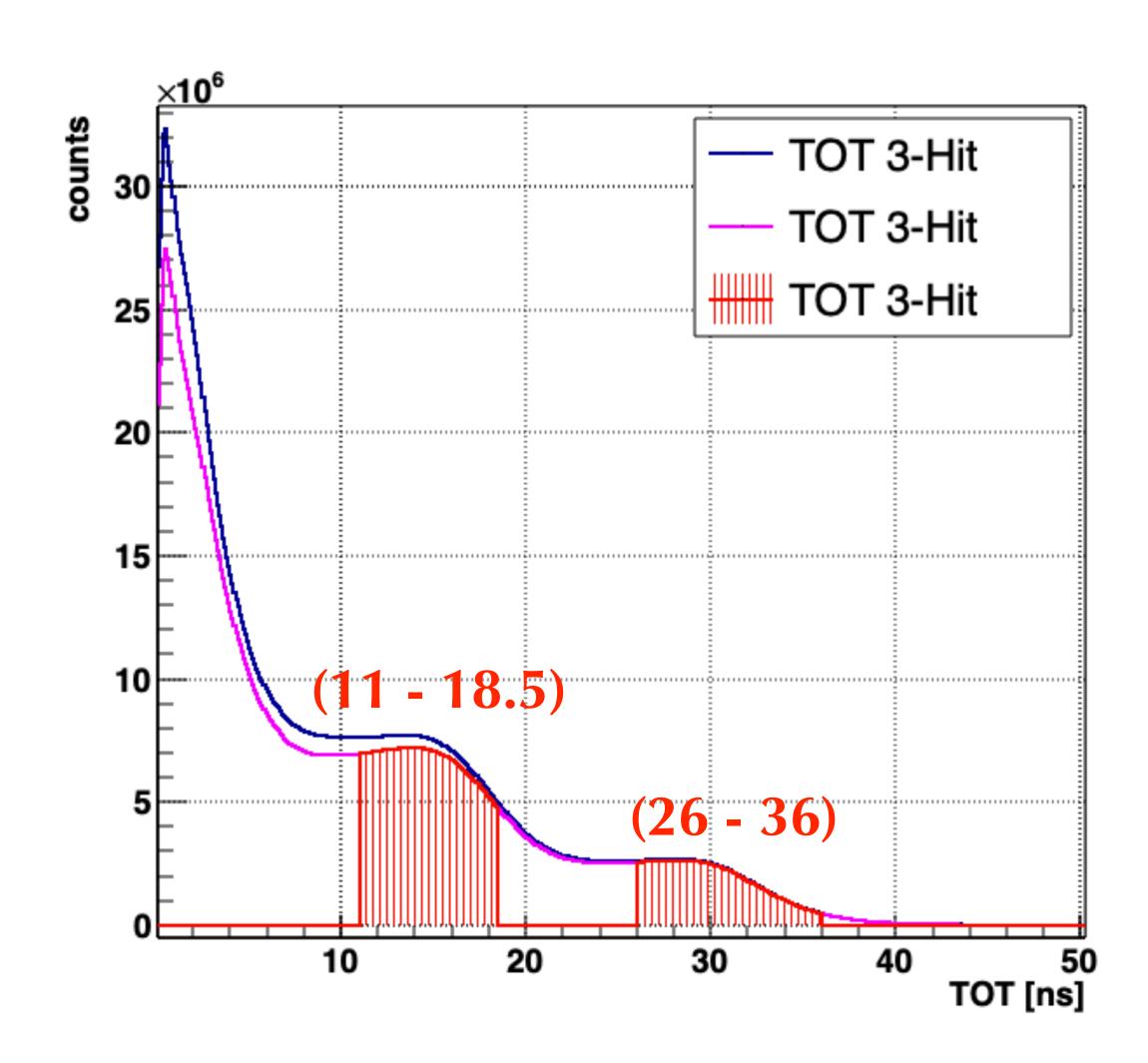
2. time difference (*Emission time*)
1.5 nsec

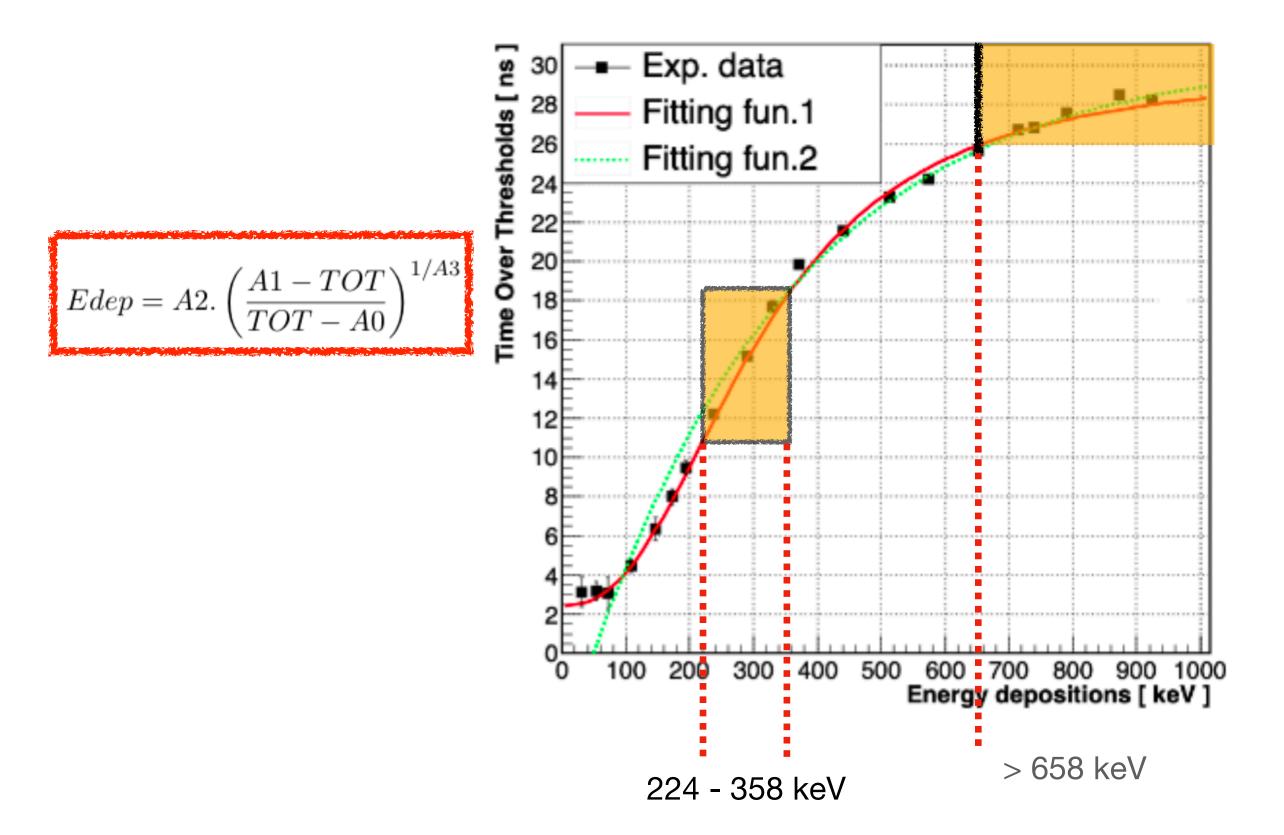
3. Cuts on <u>angular correlation</u> of the registered photons > 190° sum of two small. Angles (o-Ps candidates)



Selecting Annihilation and Prompt candidates







Hit multiplicity flags: Prompt: 1, B2B photons: 2



Analysis cut for lifetime spectra of o-Ps -> 2 photons (pickoff)







Cuts on angular correlation of the registered photons:

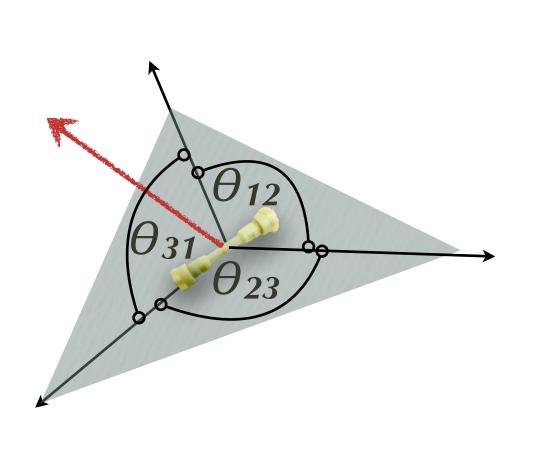
sum of two small. Angles: (1780 - 1820);

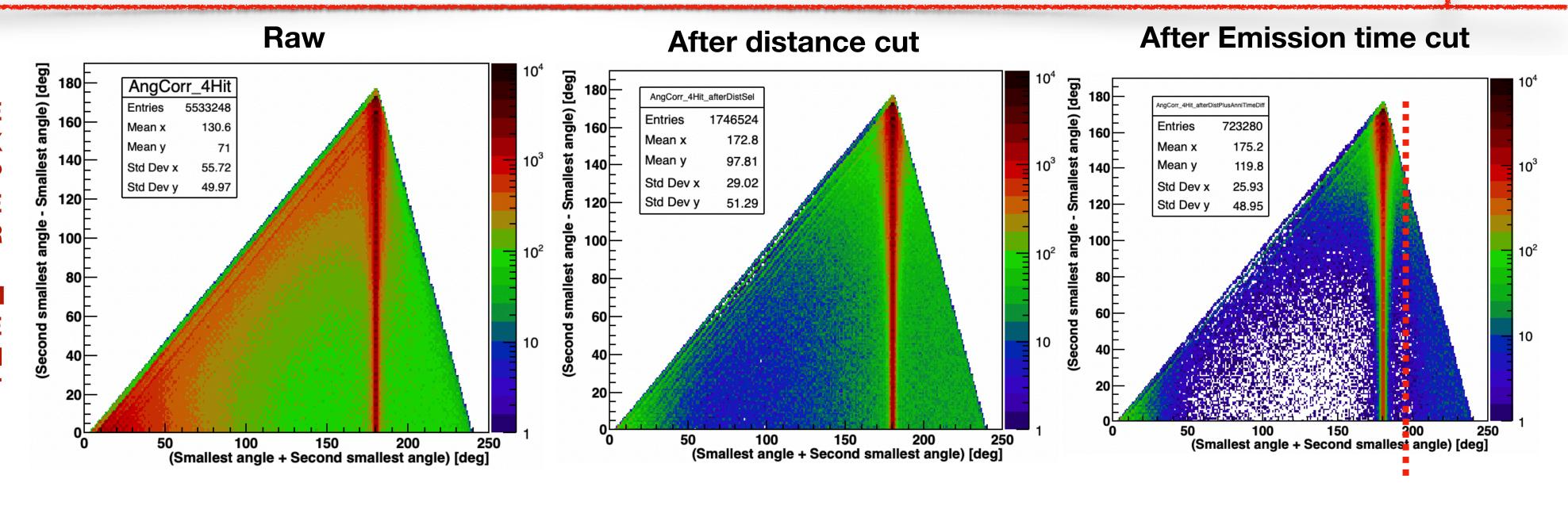


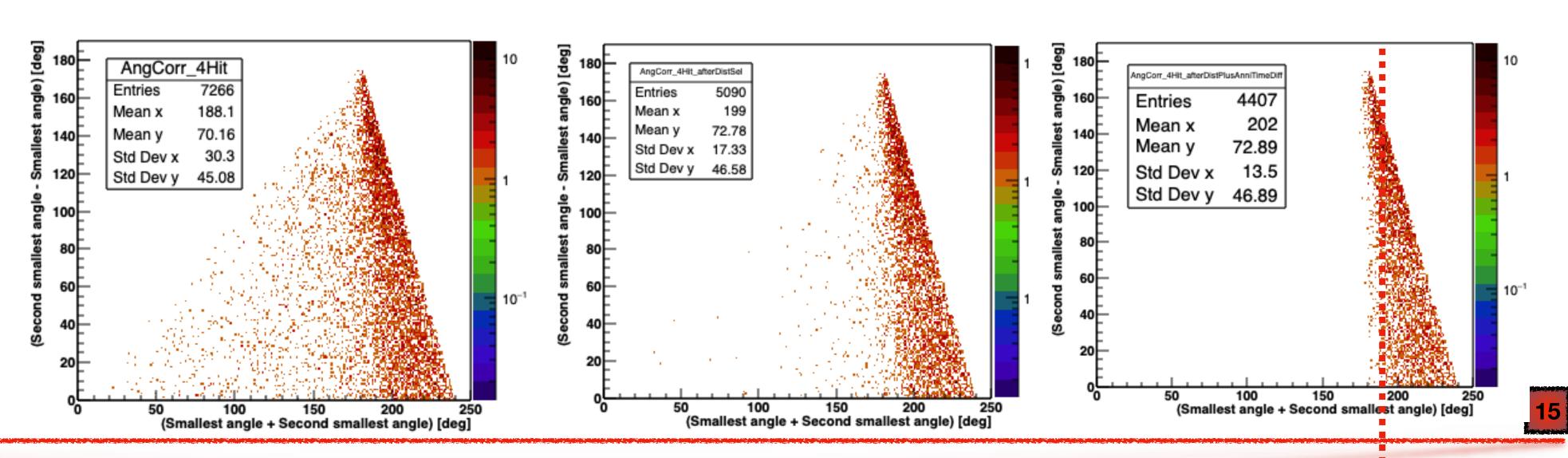
Angular correction between hits



Angular (azimuth)
correlation
b/w
3 anni. candidates









Angular correction between hits

After distance cut

Smallest angle + Second smallest angle [deg]

Raw



After Emission time cut

Entries 669326 Entries 4585816 Entries 669326 Angular (azimuth) correlation b/w 3 candidates 50 100 150 200 250 Smallest angle + Second smallest angle [deg] 50 100 150 200 25 Smallest angle + Second smallest angle [deg] 50 100 150 200 25 Smallest angle + Second smallest angle [deg] (1 prompt + 2 ann. Photons) **After Emission time cut** Raw **After distance cut** Entries 146794 Entries 70778 Entries 70778

Smallest angle + Second smallest angle [deg]

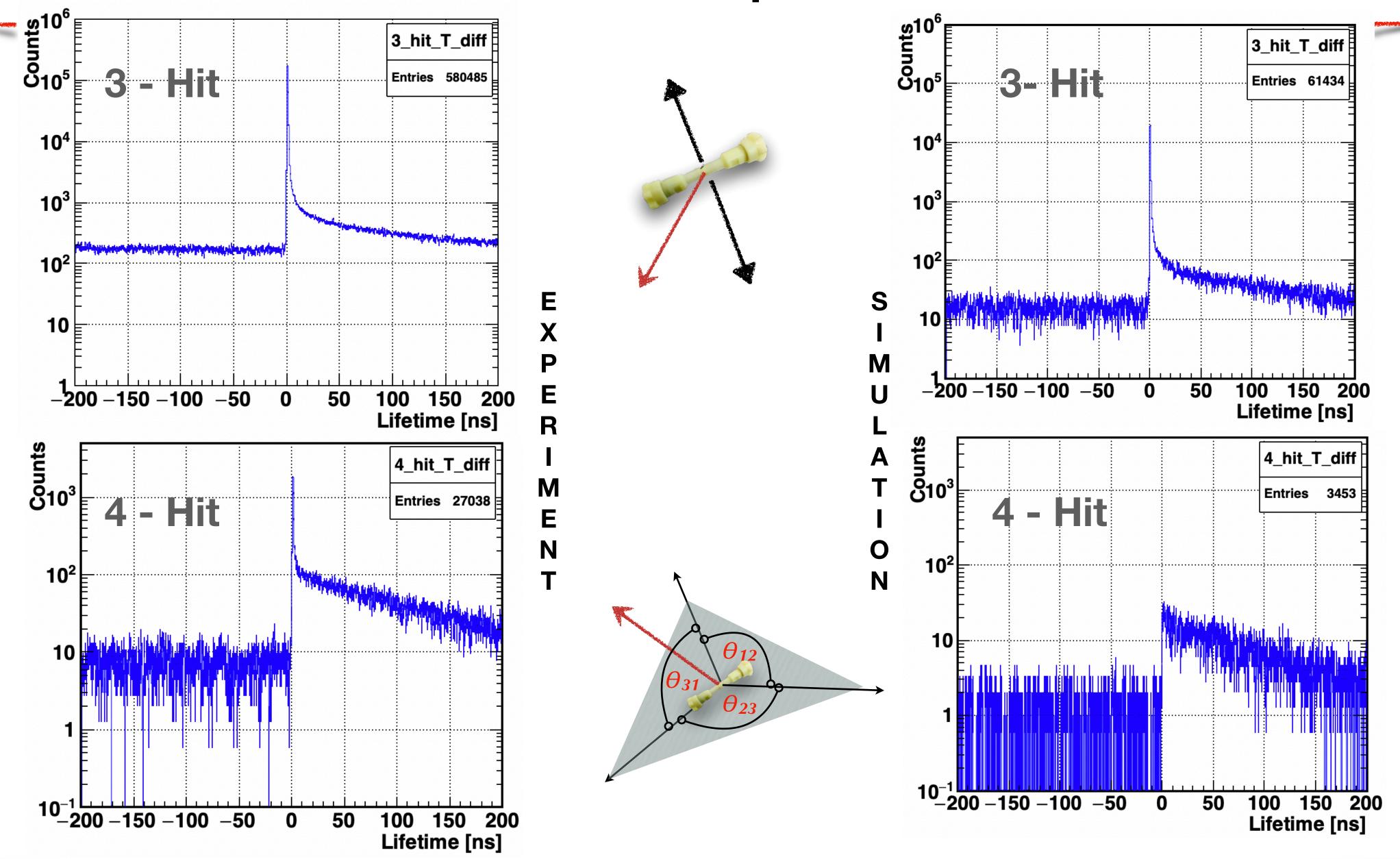
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Smallest angle + Second smallest angle [deg]



Lifetime spectra

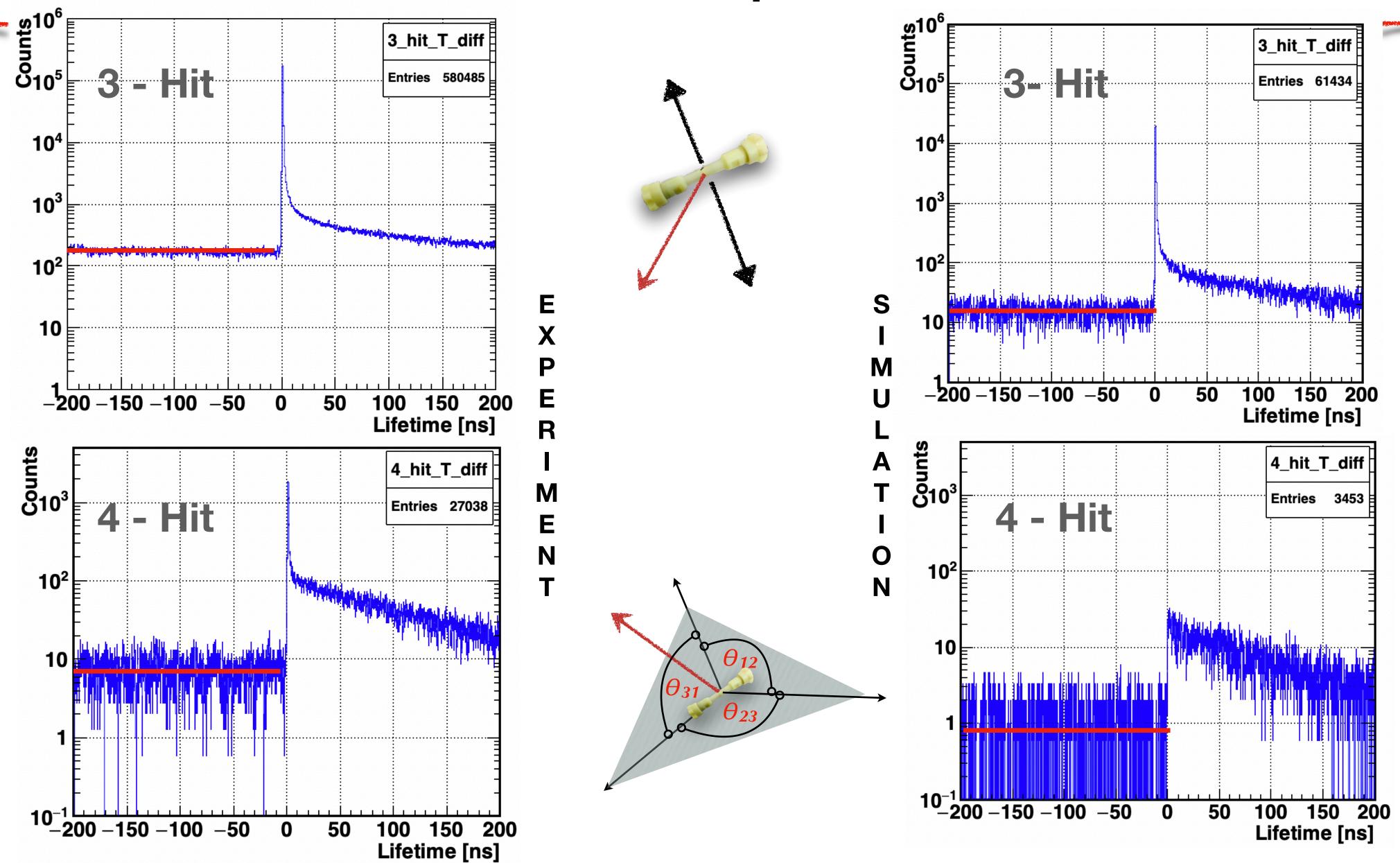






Lifetime spectra

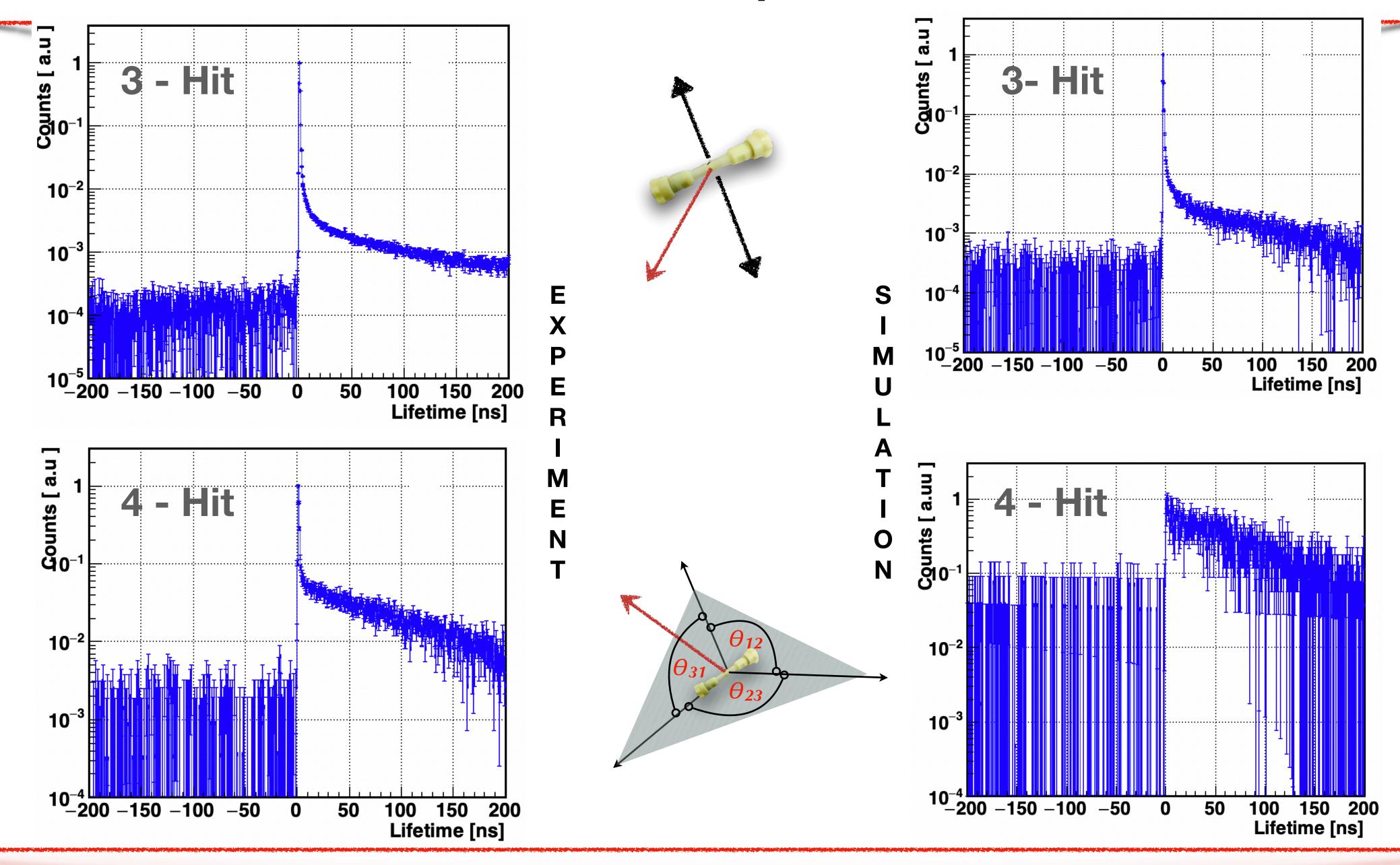






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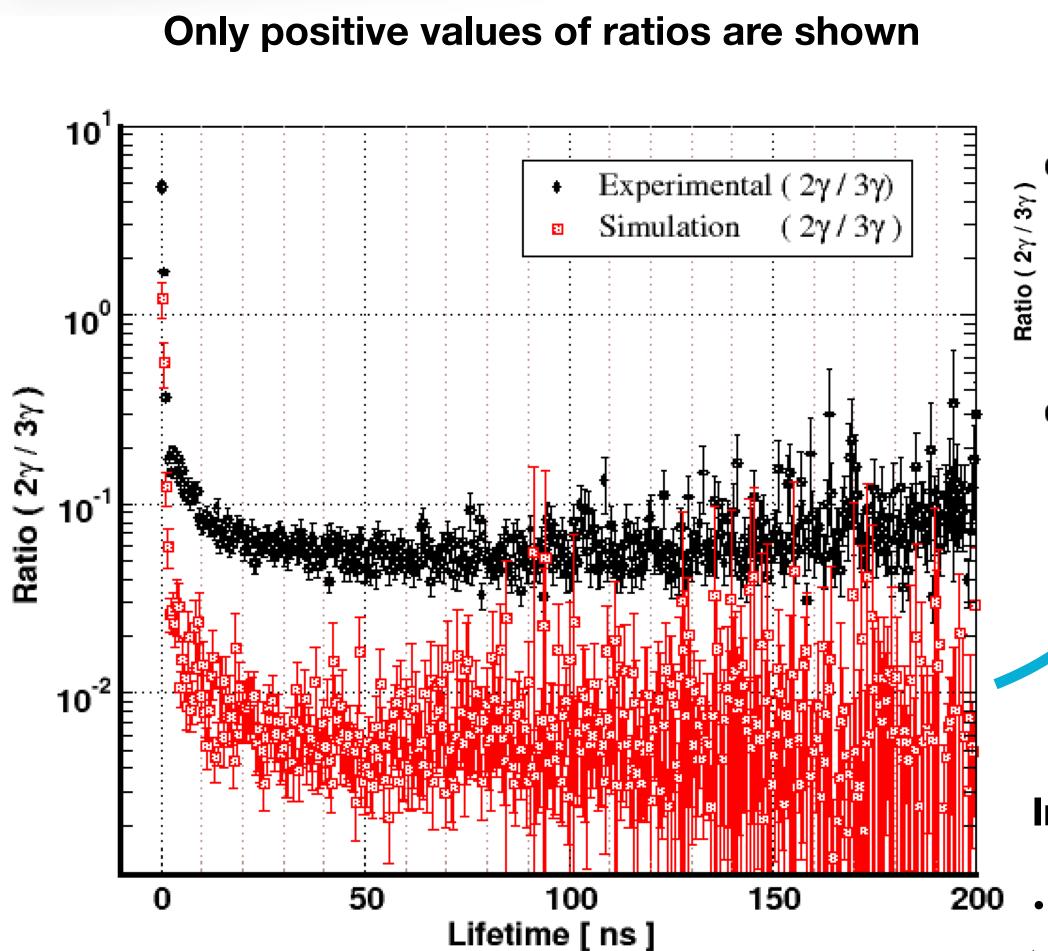


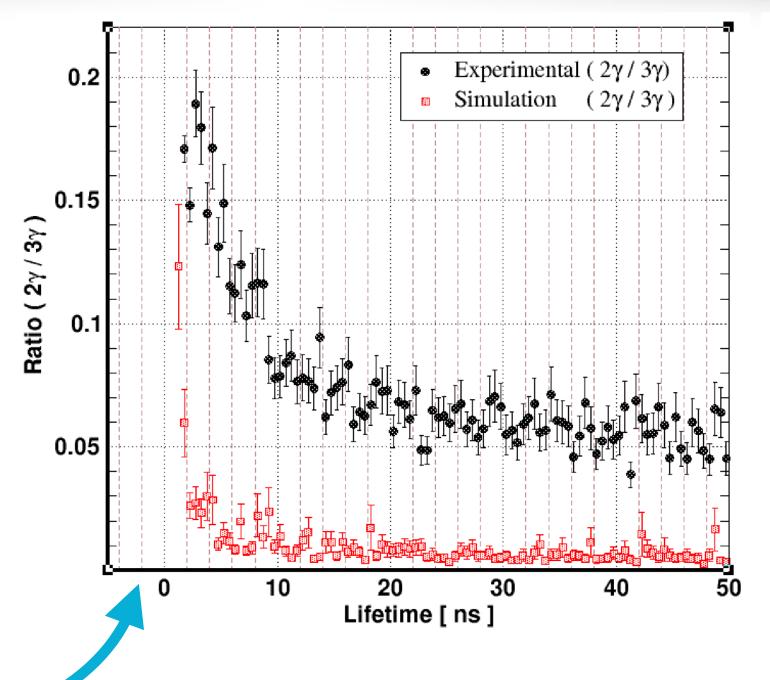


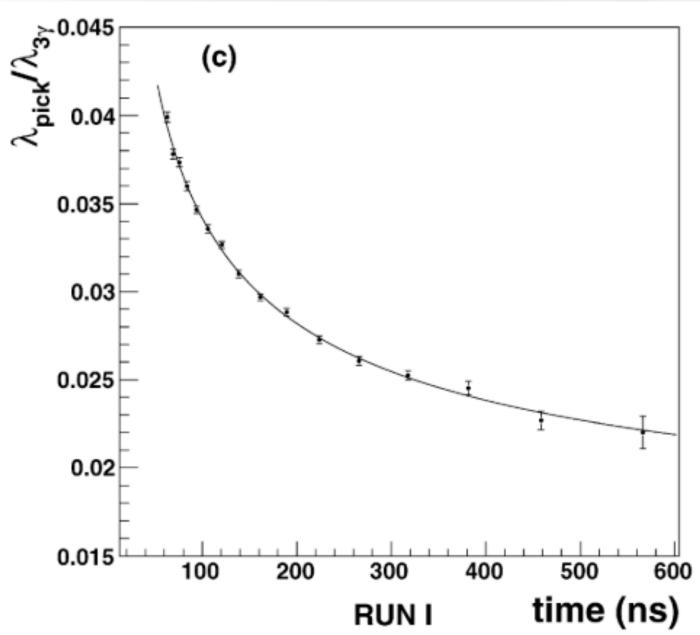


Ratio (2γ / 3γ)









Extended scale unto 50 ns

Y. Karaoke, S. Asai et al.., Physics Lett B 671 (2009) 219-223

In work reported by Y. Karaoke et al.,:

- Ratio of $\lambda_{pick(t)}$ / $\lambda 3_{3\gamma}$ reported in literature is for SiO₂ material and used source was ⁶⁸Ge–Ga with Emend = 1.9 MeV.
- The pickoff contribution is estimated by subtracting the simulated o-PS energy specter from the measured o-Ps spectra, for that they used HPGe detectors.



Summary



J-PET detector allows to measure explicitly the lifetime spectra of the o-Ps atoms.

Kamil et. al., article submitted to EPJC

J-PET MC allows to simulate the o-Ps events with the possibility to select the probability density for various decay channels. Comparing the simulation results with the experimental measurement allows us to understand the pickoff (t) process contribution in o-Ps decays in different aerogel materials.

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- <u>Efficiency corrections</u> for the both process are still need to be implemented.
- If the final estimation of the *Ratio* (2γ / 3γ) as a function of time can be concluded after the efficiency correction and optimization of the background reduction procedures.

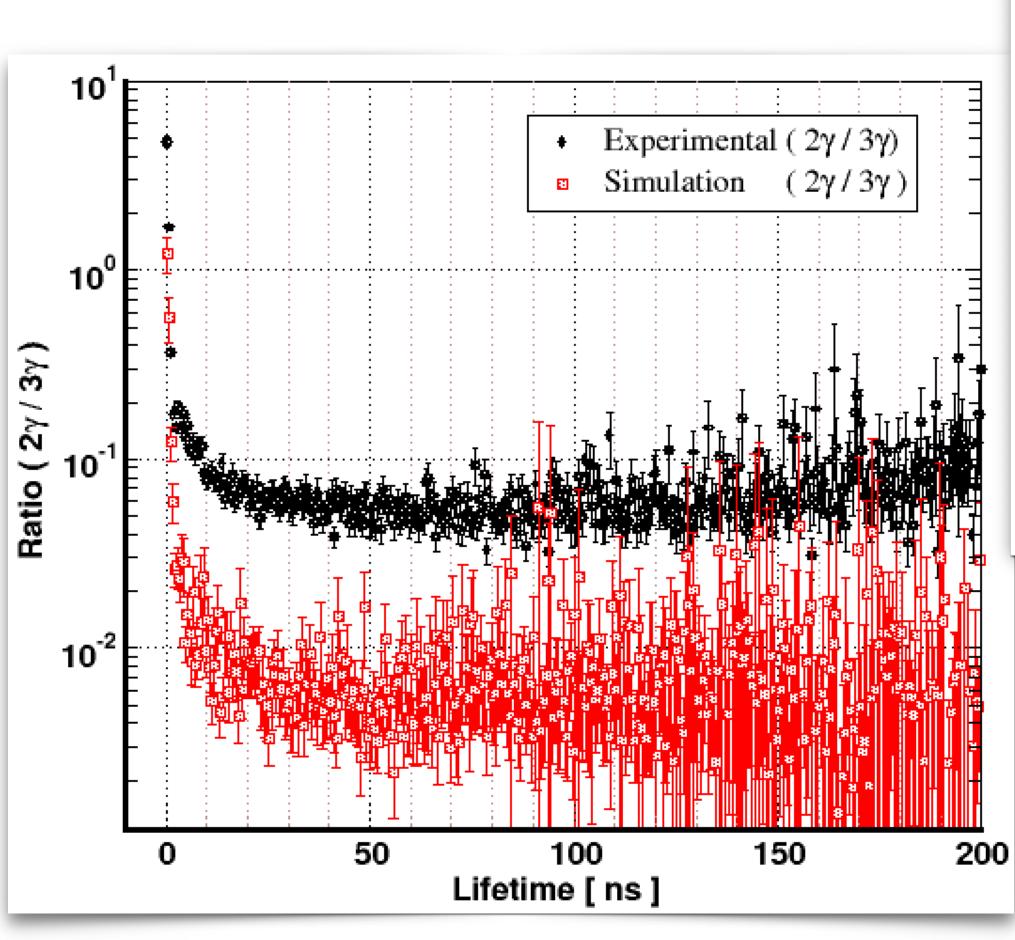


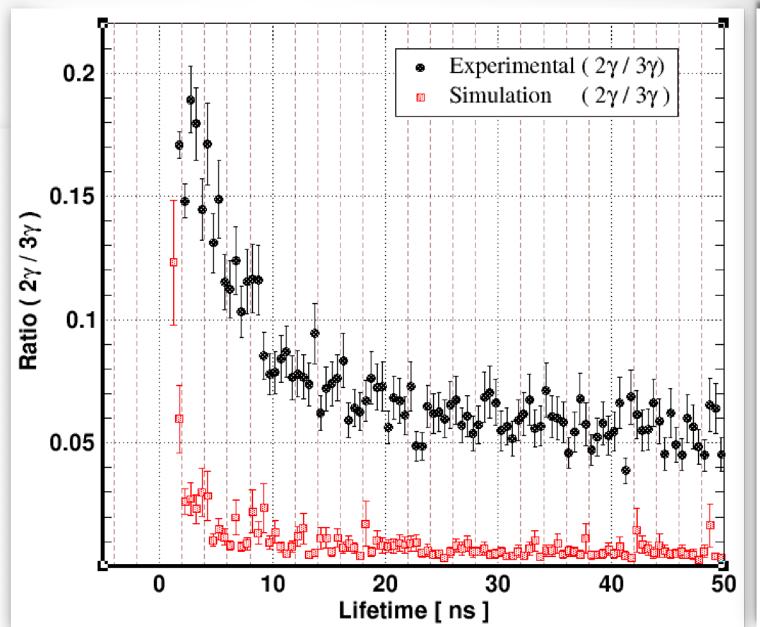


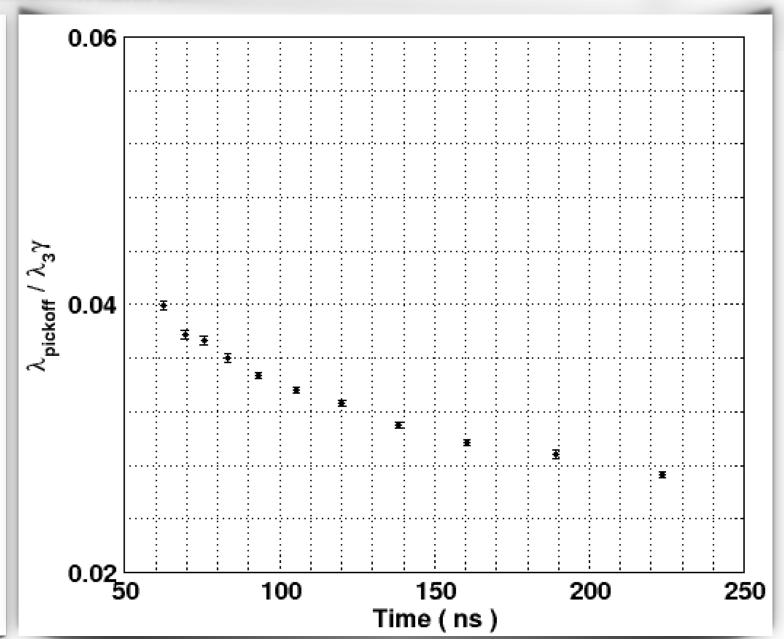


Ratio ($2\gamma/3\gamma$)









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