

**Double-hit experimental approach in study of the ternary decays of
 $^{252}\text{Cf}(\text{sf})$**

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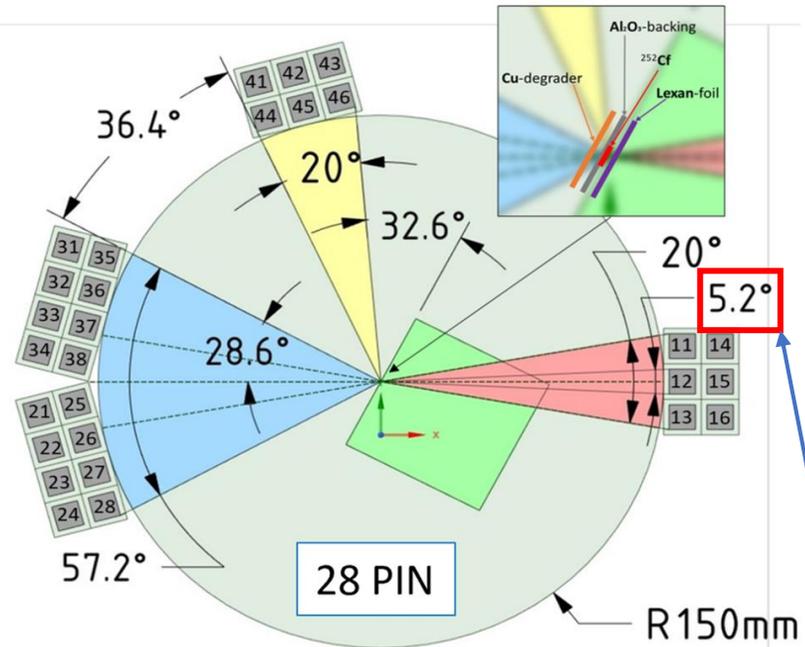
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COrrrelation M-E-T Array (COMETA) setup

ToF-E method for triple coincidences:

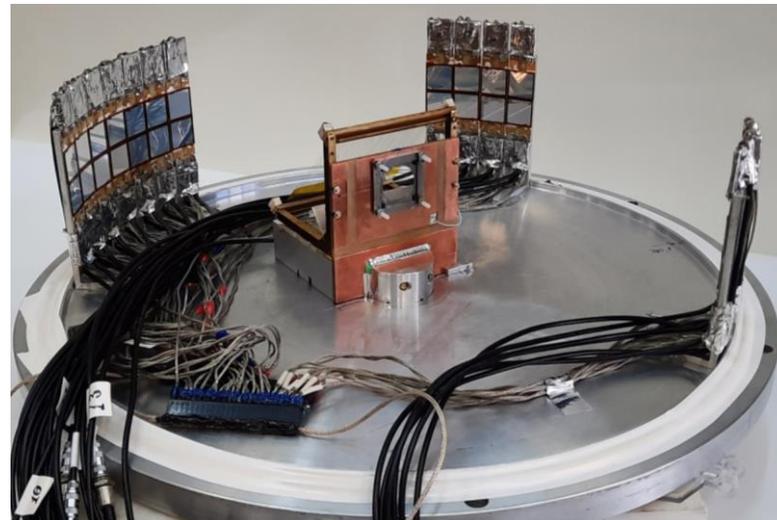
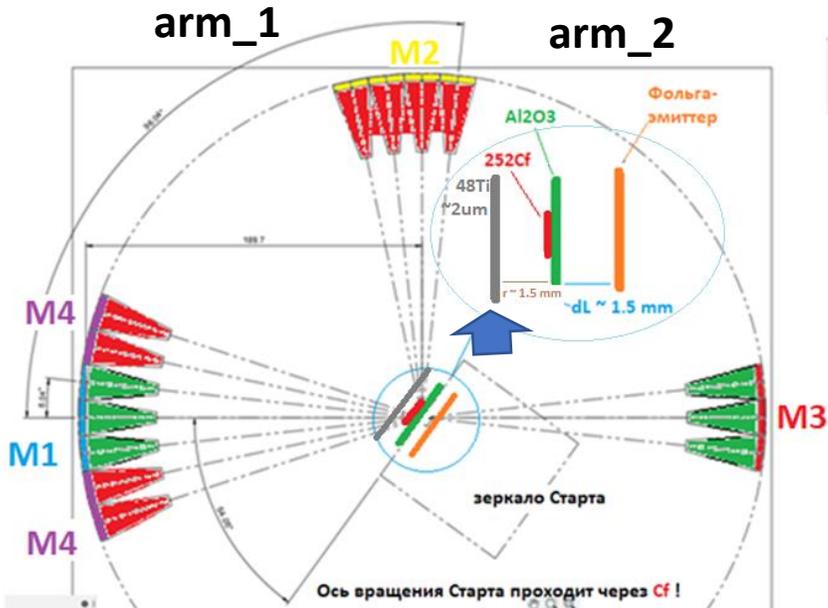
$ToF_i \ \& \ E_i \rightarrow M_i$

$i = 1, 2, 3$



angular uncertainty in 2-hit

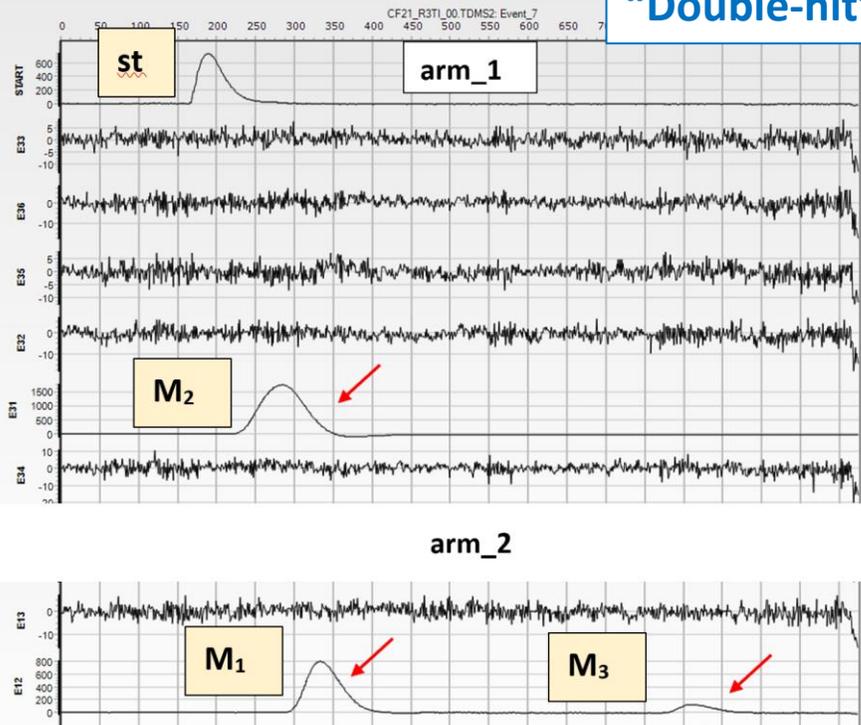
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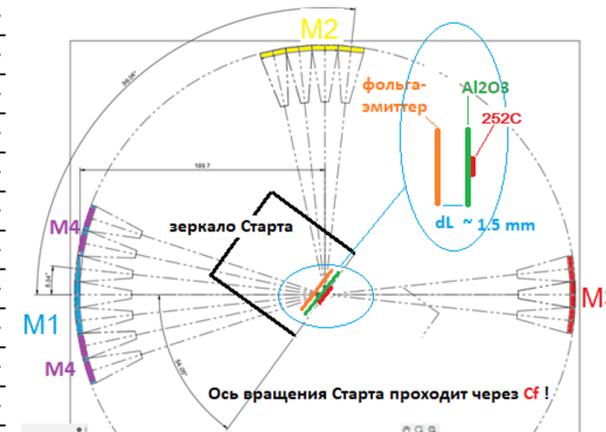
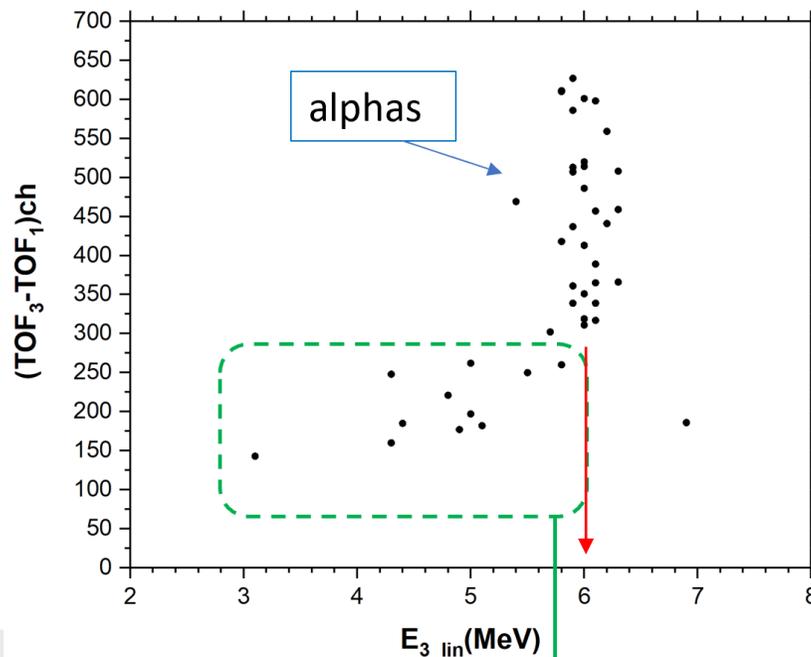
²⁵²Cf (45 kBq)
Spot d= 3 mm
on Al₂O₃ 65
ug/cm²

VX1742
32+2 Channel
12bit 5 GS/s
Digitizer

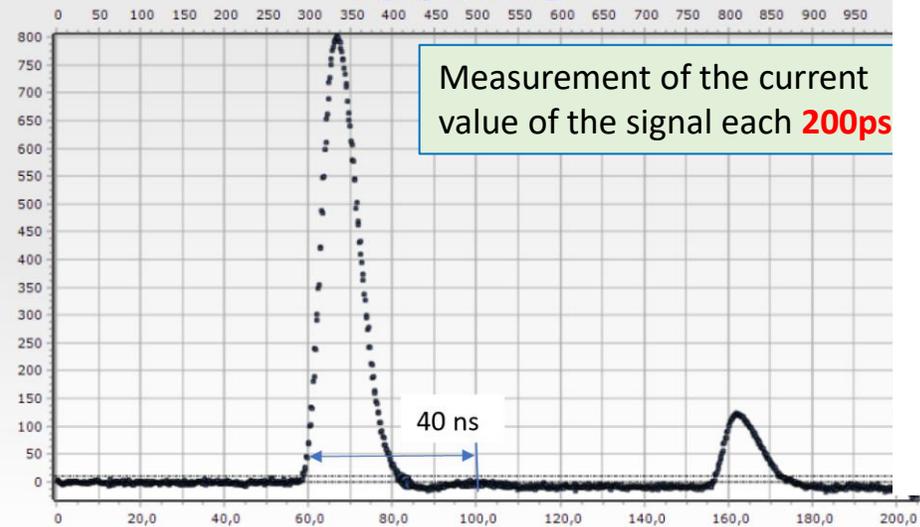
"Double-hit" approach for searching for the multi-body decays



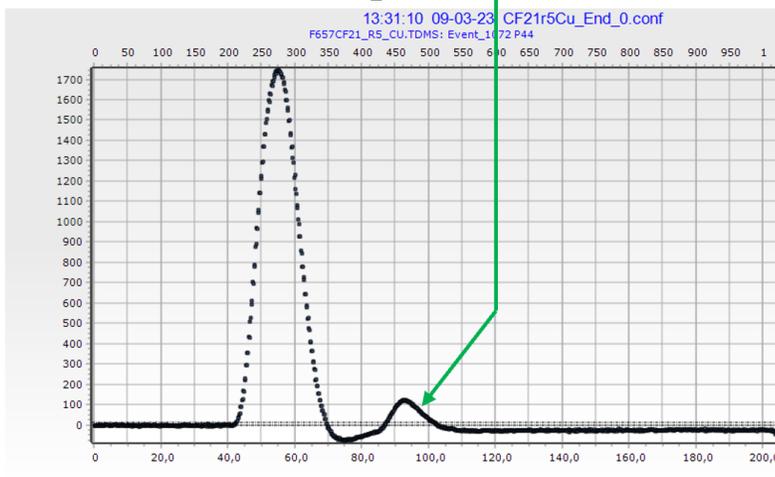
No foil (test experiment), double-hit events



11:54:51 25-04-23 CF21_R1_C2_00.conf
CF21_R3TL_00.TDMS2: Event_7_P12



13:31:10 09-03-23 CF21r5Cu_End_0.conf
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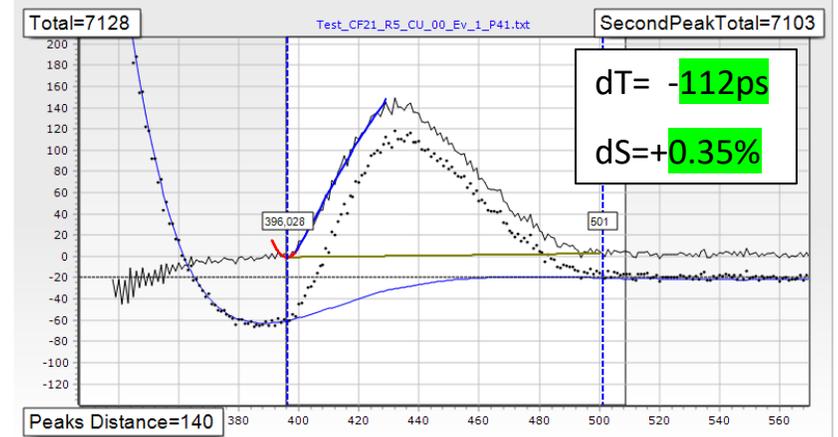
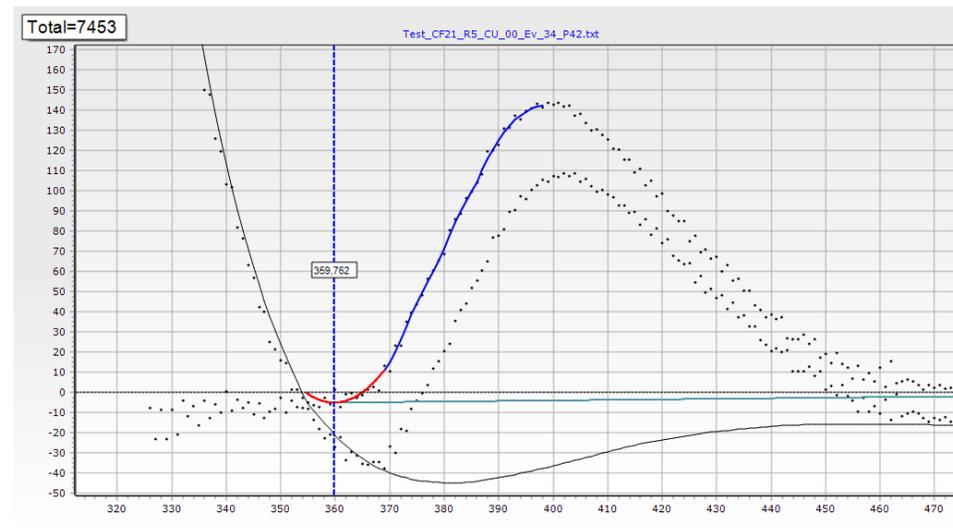
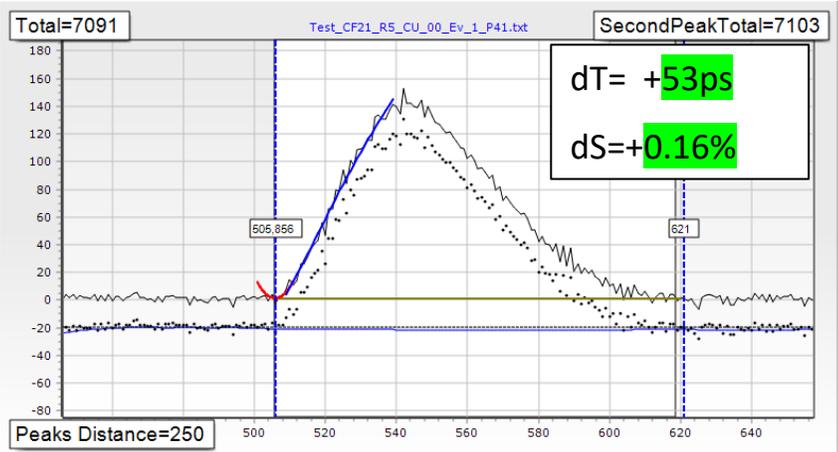
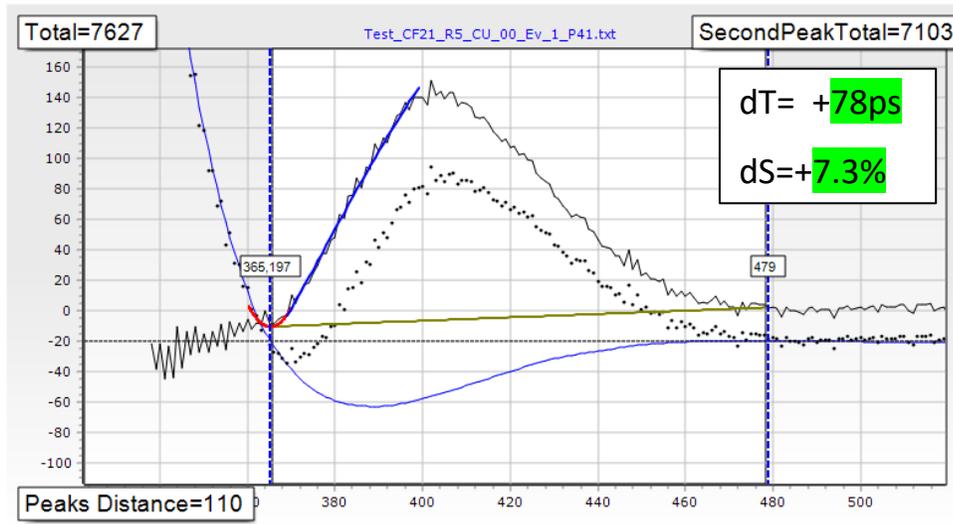
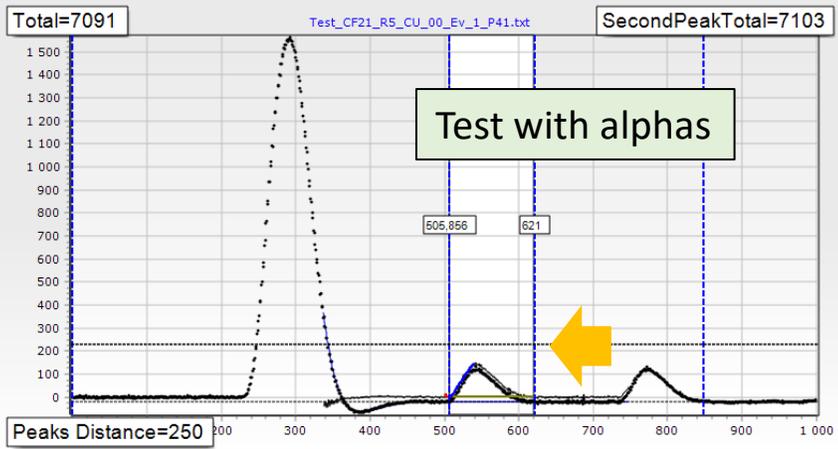


1) Only random coincidences with alphas are seen, what is expected.

2) Pile-up signals

~10⁶ binary events

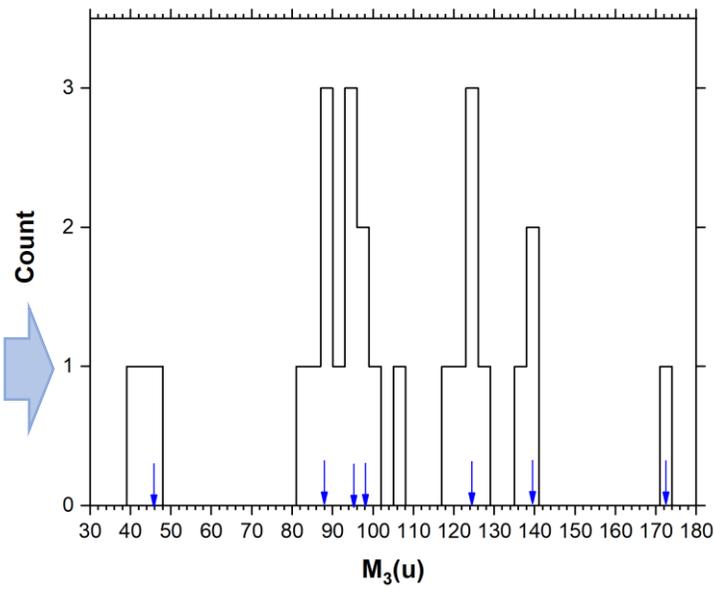
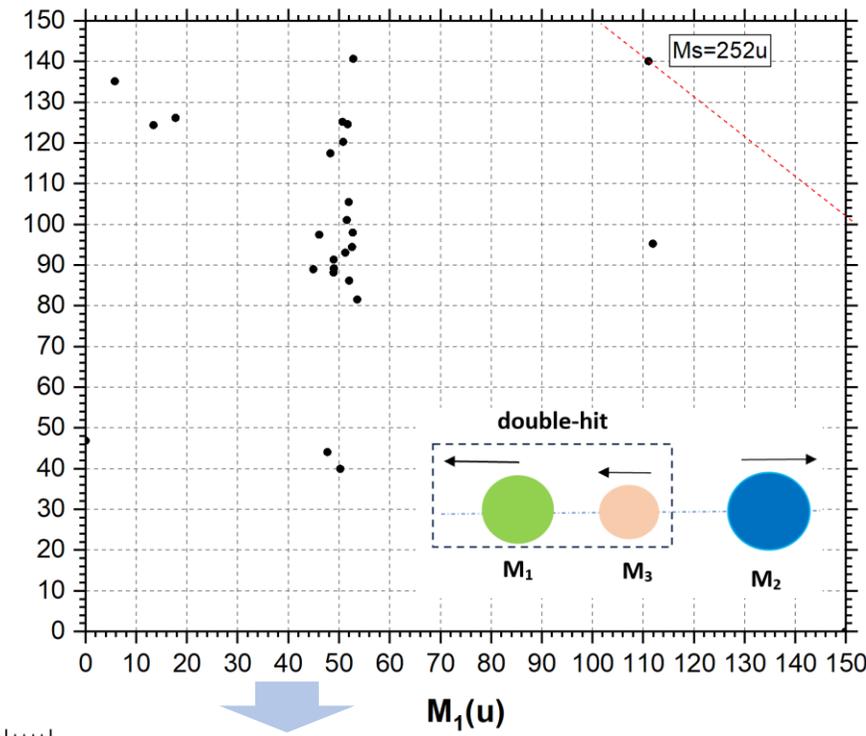
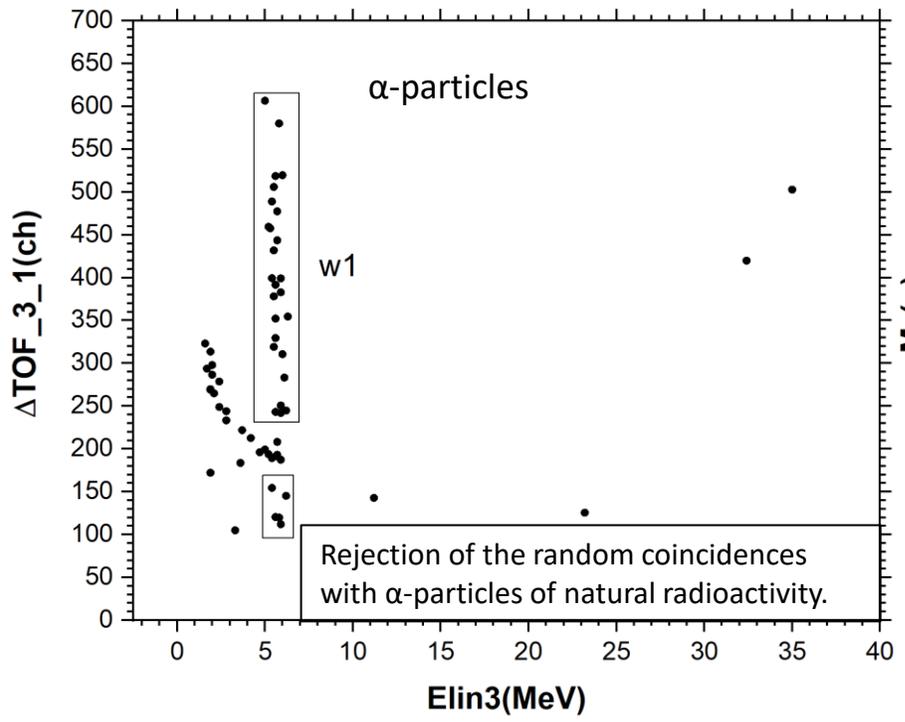
Restoring original signals from pile-up



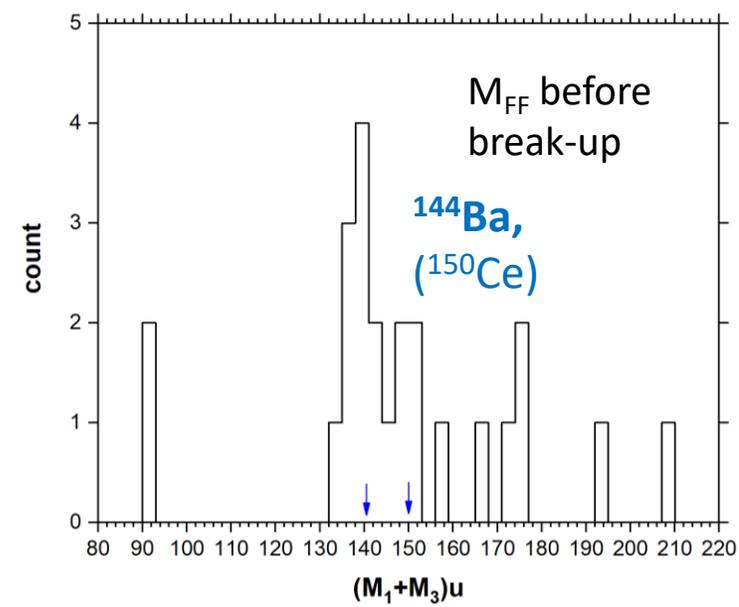
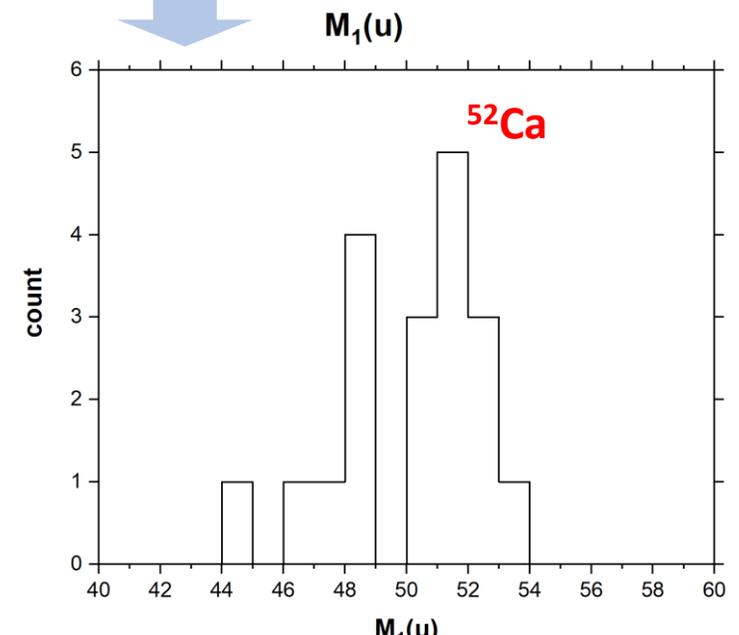
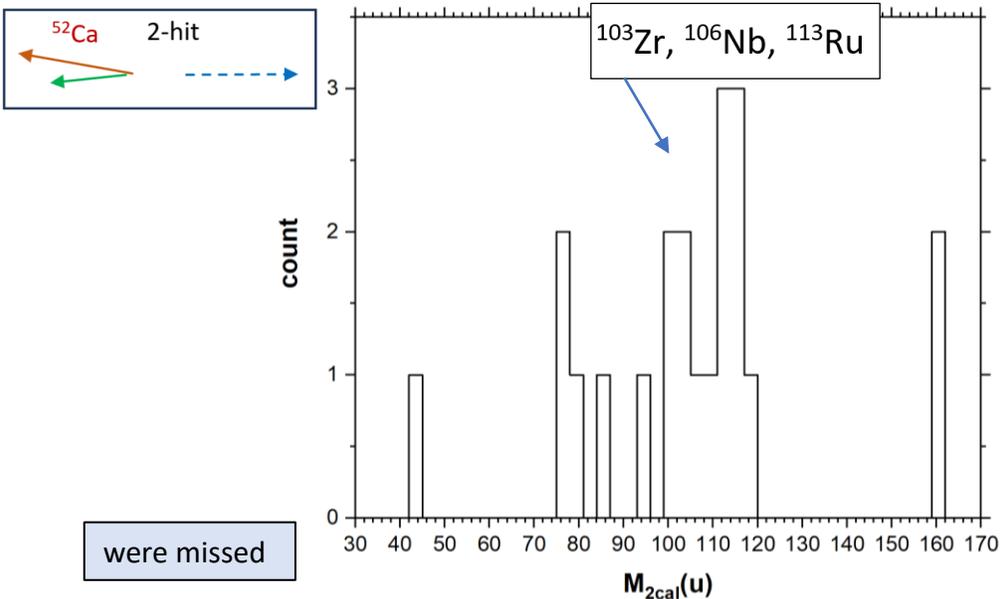
real 2-hit event, restoring original waveform from pile-up

Results with ^{48}Ti foil as a back-up medium

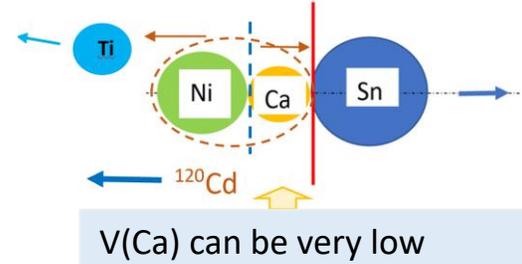
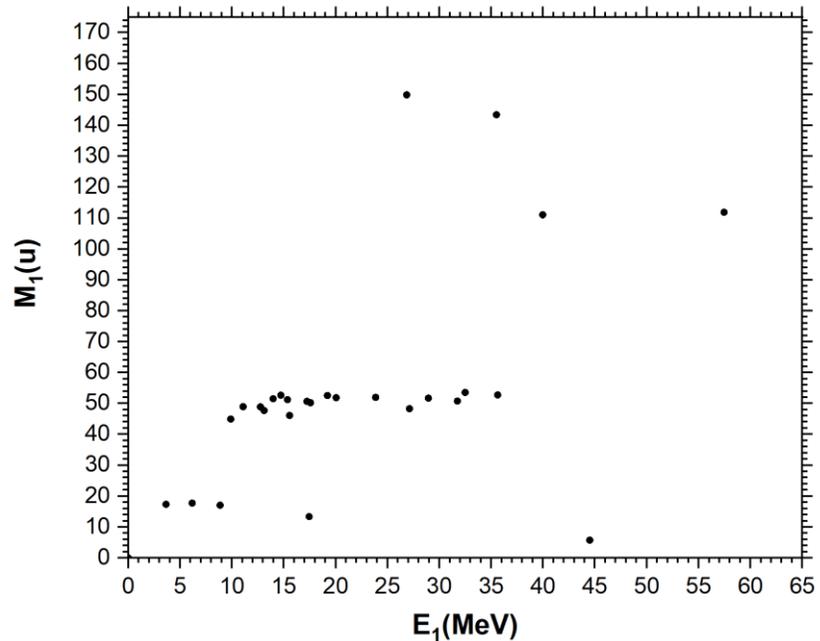
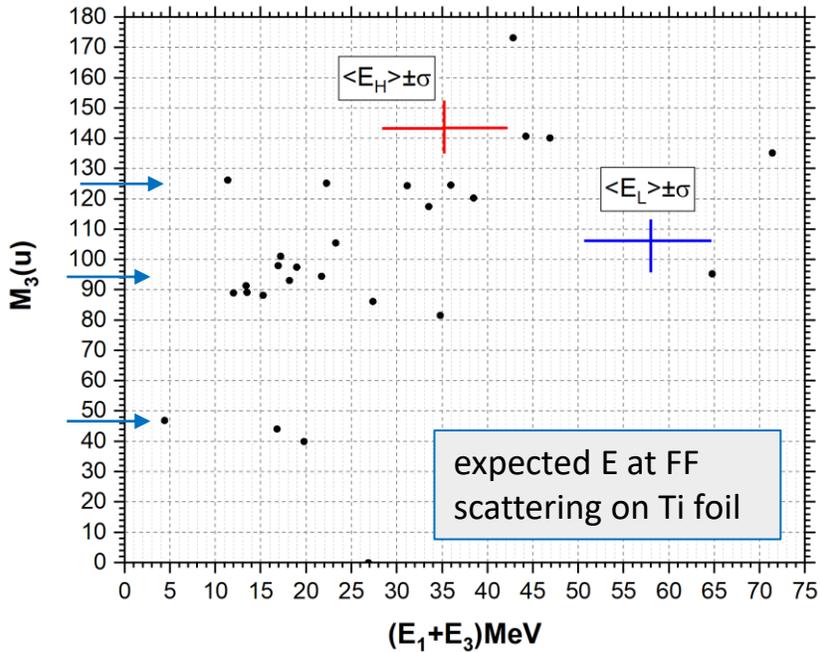
Double-hit events, Ti foil as a break-up medium



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Double-hit events, Ti foil



Likely quaternary decays, Zucd is supposed

CF21_r3(Ti)				
	FF1	FF3	FF2	FF4miss
No 53				
E (MeV)	6.16	5.2	84	
M (u)	17.7	126.2	88.9	19.15
PIN	44	44	35	
	$^{18}_7\text{N} // ^{126}_{49}\text{In}$		$^{20}_8\text{O} // ^{88}_{34}\text{Se}$	
	$^{144}_{56}\text{Ba}$		$^{108}_{42}\text{Mo}$	
	arm_1		arm_2	

CF21_r3(Ti)				
	FF1	FF3	FF2	FF4miss
No9				
E (MeV)	44.5	26.9	90	
M (u)	5.75	135.2	108.12	2.93
PIN	44	44	35	
	$^6_2\text{He} // ^{135}_{53}\text{I}$		$^3_1\text{H} // ^{108}_{42}\text{Mo}$	
	$^{141}_{55}\text{Cs}$		$^{111}_{43}\text{Tc}$	
	arm_1		arm_2	

Ti foil, mul_3: all 3 FFs were detected

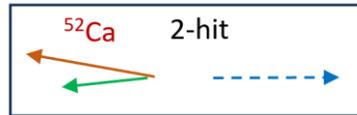
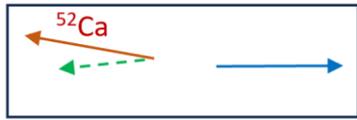
Here : M1>M2>M3

CF21_r3(Ti)_mul_3				
	FF1	FF2	FF3	$\Delta M=252-Ms$
No 52				0.01
E (MeV)	16.5	80.8	11.02	
M (u)	126.3	112.07	13.62	
PIN	43	33	45	
	$^{140}_{54}\text{Xe}$ ← / → $^{112}_{44}\text{Ru}$			
	← $^{13}_5\text{B}$ ← $^{127}_{49}\text{In}$			
	arm_1		arm_2	

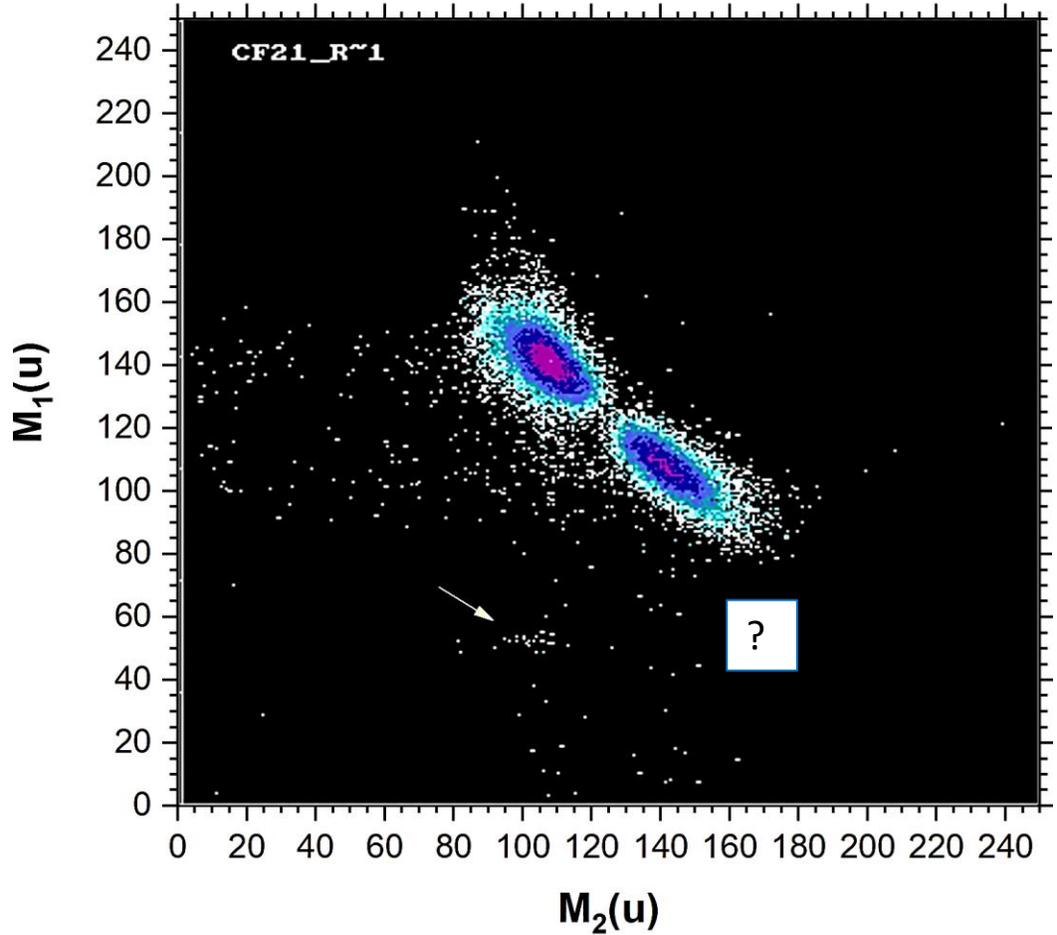
CF21_r3(Ti)_mul_3				
	FF1	FF2	FF3	$\Delta M=252-Ms$
No 118				-1.36
E (MeV)	103.2	5.34	29.06	
M (u)	103.25	100.97	49.14	
PIN	33	16	43	
	← $^{149}_{58}\text{Ce}$ / → $^{103}_{40}\text{Zr}$			
	← $^{49}_{19}\text{K}$ ← $^{100}_{39}\text{Y}$			
	arm_1		arm_2	

CF21_r3(Ti)_mul_3				
	FF1	FF2	FF3	$\Delta M=252-Ms$
No 72				2.13
E (MeV)	103.2	5.34	29.06	
M (u)	104.6	92.9	52.3	
PIN	31	16	15	
	← $^{149}_{58}\text{Ce}$ / → $^{103}_{40}\text{Zr}$			
	← $^{52}_{20}\text{Ca}$ ← $^{98}_{38}\text{Sr}$			
	arm_1		arm_2	

Ti foil , multiplicity-two events

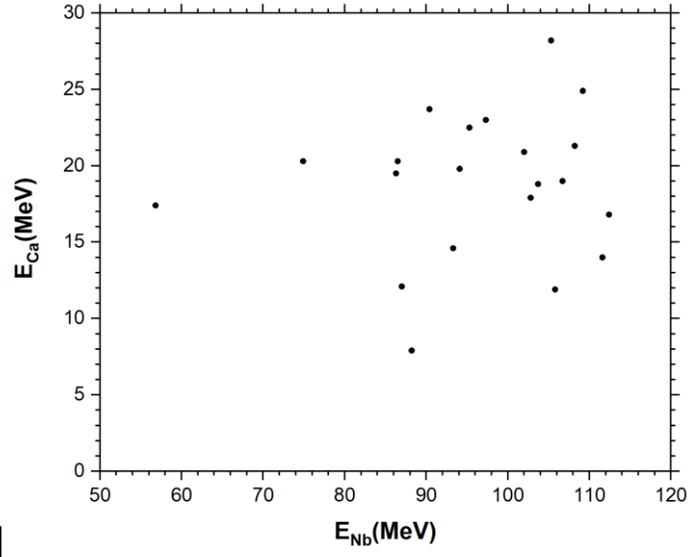
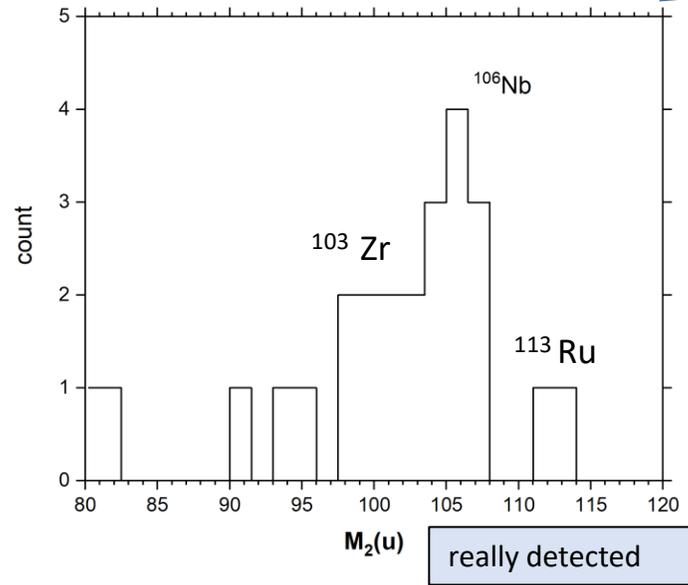
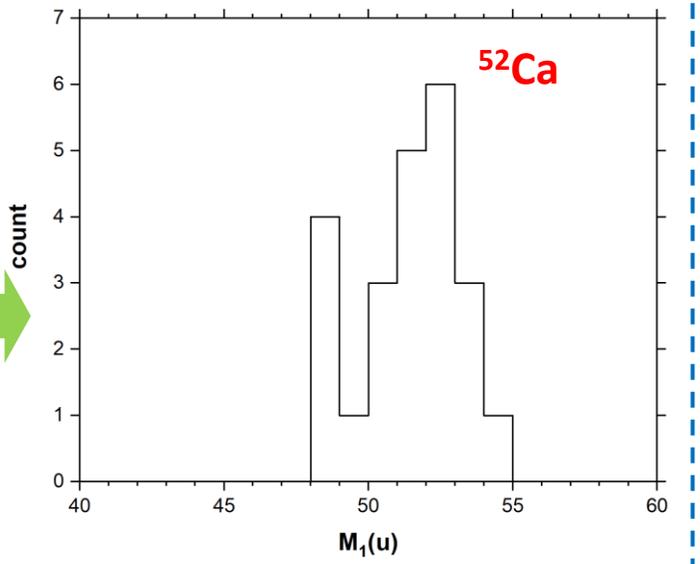
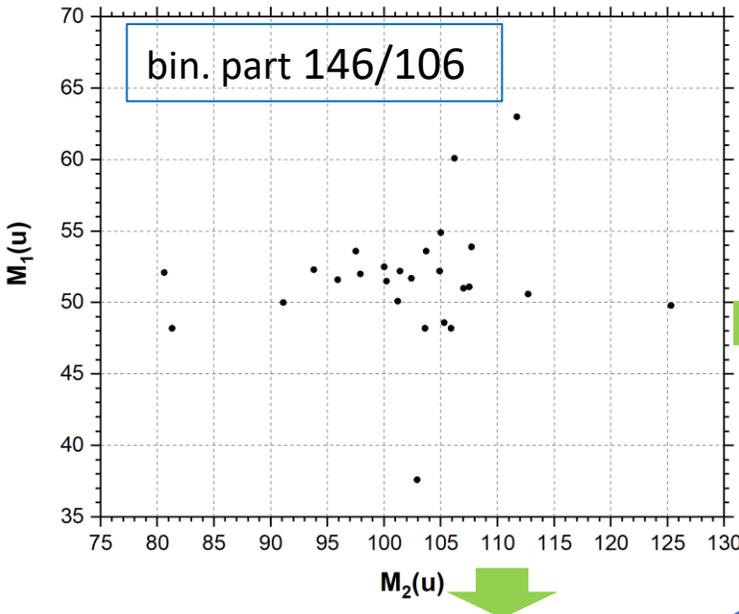


^{103}Zr , ^{106}Nb , ^{113}Ru



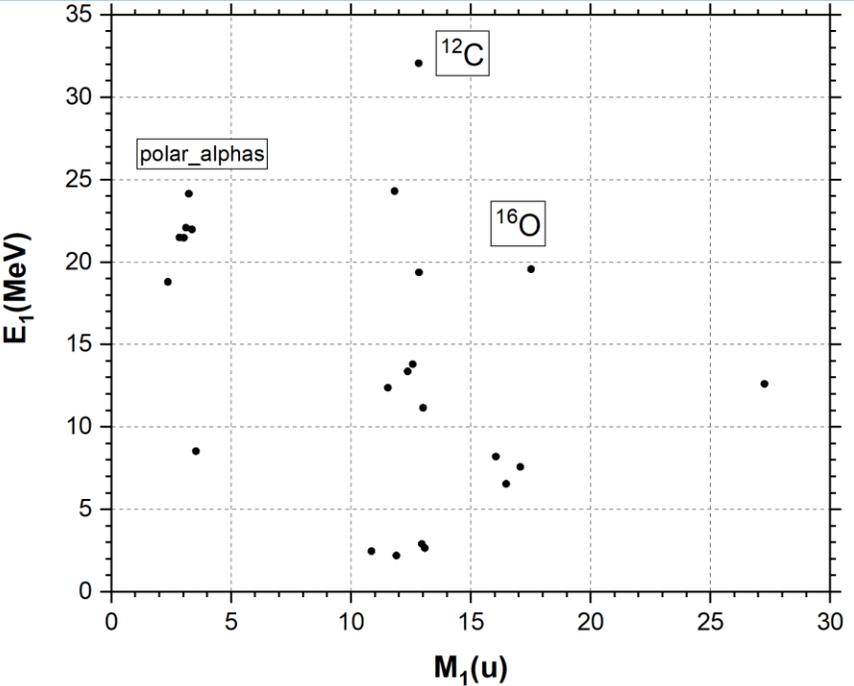
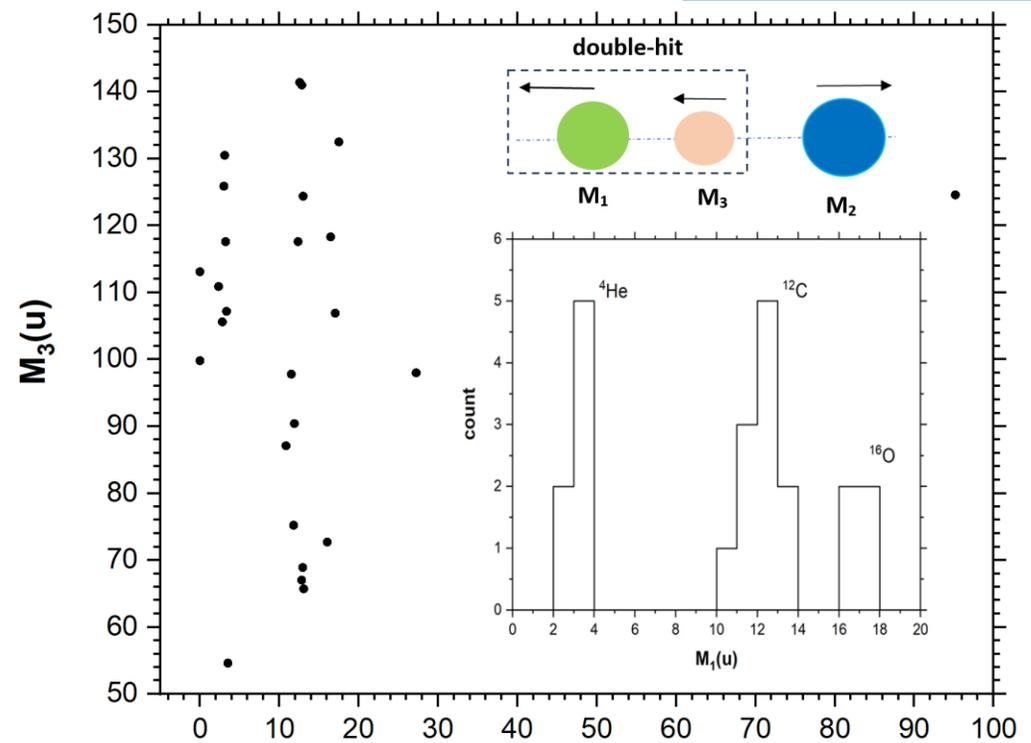
only mosaics 4 & 3 are in game

Effect is only for the heavy FFs
 $Y \sim 2 \cdot 10^{-5} / \text{bin. fiss}$



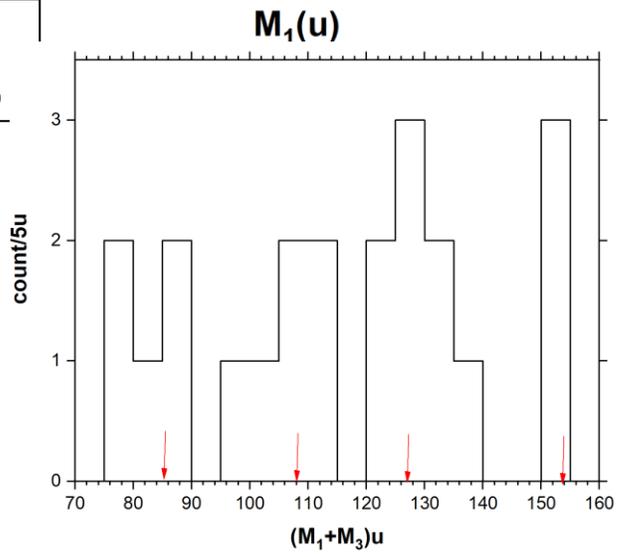
Results with ^{181}Ta foil as a beak-up medium

Double-hit events, $^{181}_{73}\text{Ta}$ foil as a break-up medium

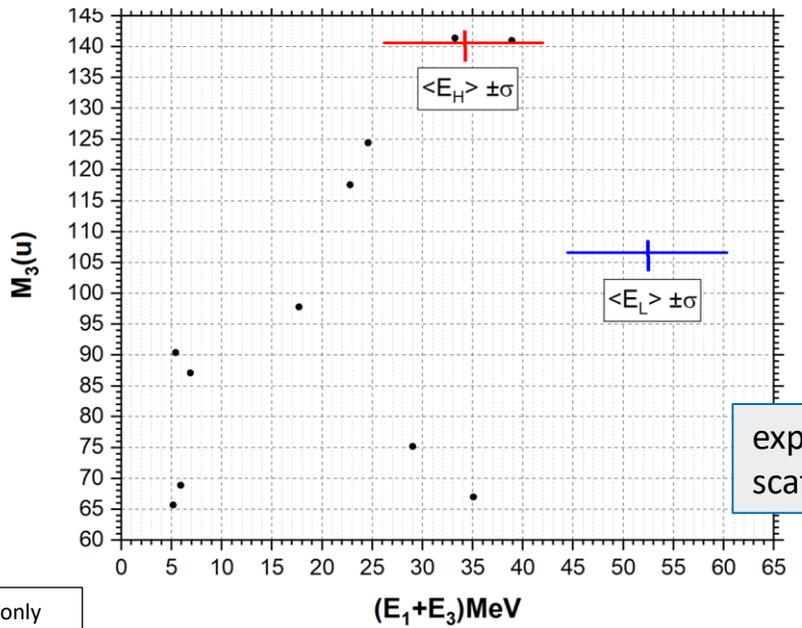


&w3: w1& M1<40, all alphas in arm_1

& w1: no E3lin=4.2-5.9 &
E1lin=3.6-6 &
M3<200 &
M123<25 & no M3=0



Ta, M1- 12C only



expected E at FF scattering on Ta foil

Double-hit events, Ta foil

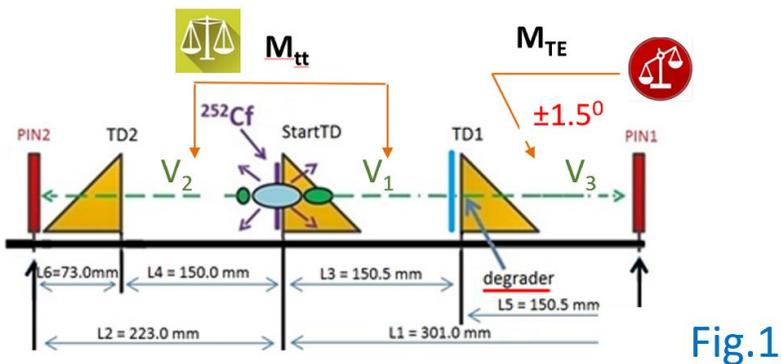
Likely quaternary decays

CF23_r1(Ta), 2hit				
	FF1	FF3	FF2	FF4miss
№ 36				
E (MeV)	51.09	4.2	2.15	
M (u)	95.19	124.6	12.88	19.33
PIN	44	44	35	
	← $^{95}_{37}\text{Rb} // ^{13}_5\text{B}$		→ $^{124}_{48}\text{Cd} // ^{20}_8\text{O}$	
	$^{108}_{42}\text{Mo}$		$^{144}_{56}\text{Ba}$	
	arm_1		arm_2	

CF23_r1(Ta), 2hit				
	FF1	FF3	FF2	FF4miss
№ 37				
E (MeV)	11.17	13.4	96.38	
M (u)	13	124.4	97.95	16.65
PIN	44	44	35	
Stage 1	← $^{14}_6\text{C} // ^{140}_{54}\text{Xe}$		→ $^{98}_{38}\text{Sr}$	
Stage 2	← $^{16}_6\text{C}$	← $^{124}_{48}\text{Cd}$		
	$^{154}_{60}\text{Nd}$		$^{98}_{38}\text{Sr}$	
	arm_1		arm_2	

Confirmation from our previous experiments

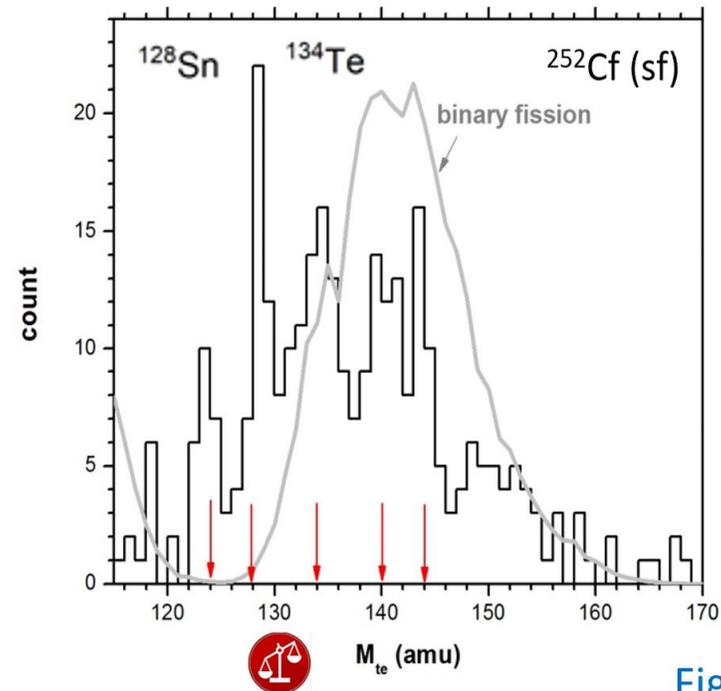
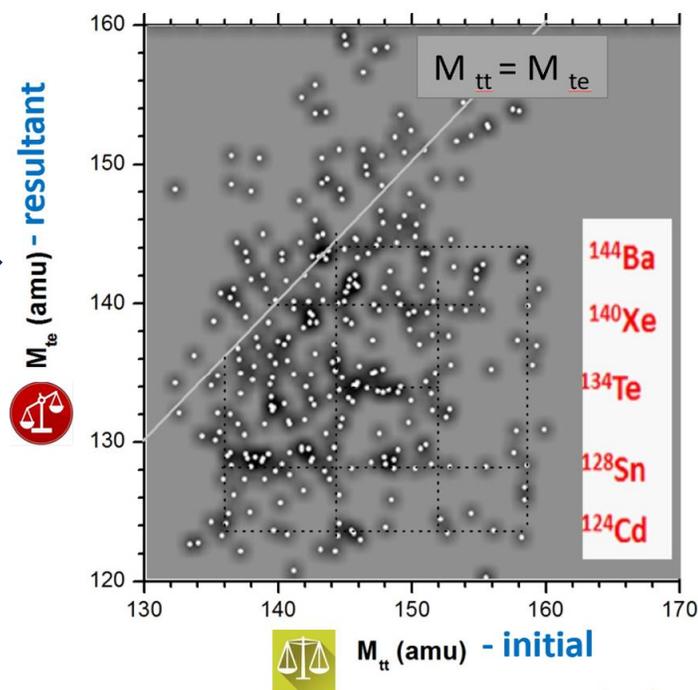
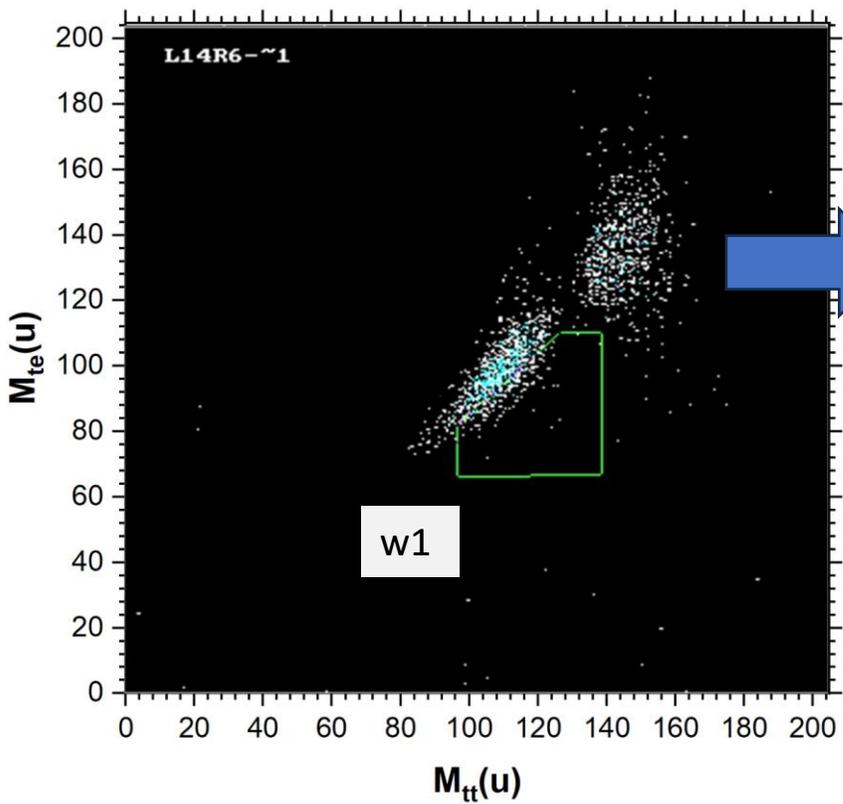
Cu foil , LIS spectrometer, missing light ions



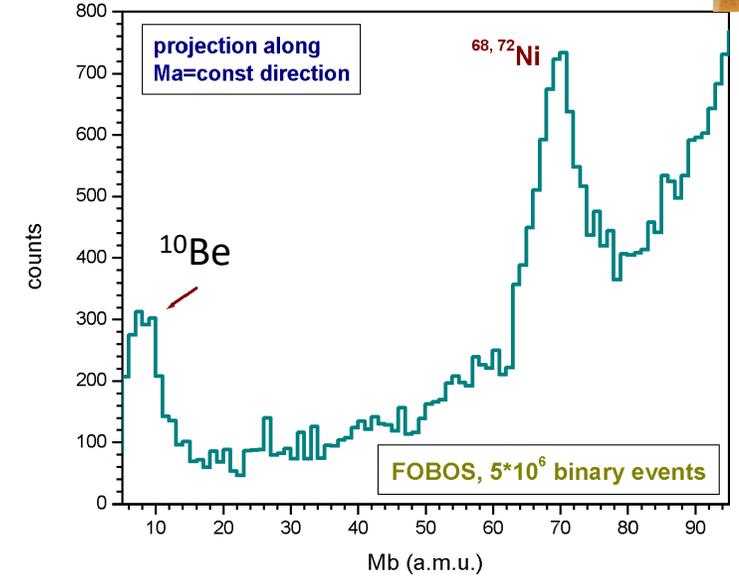
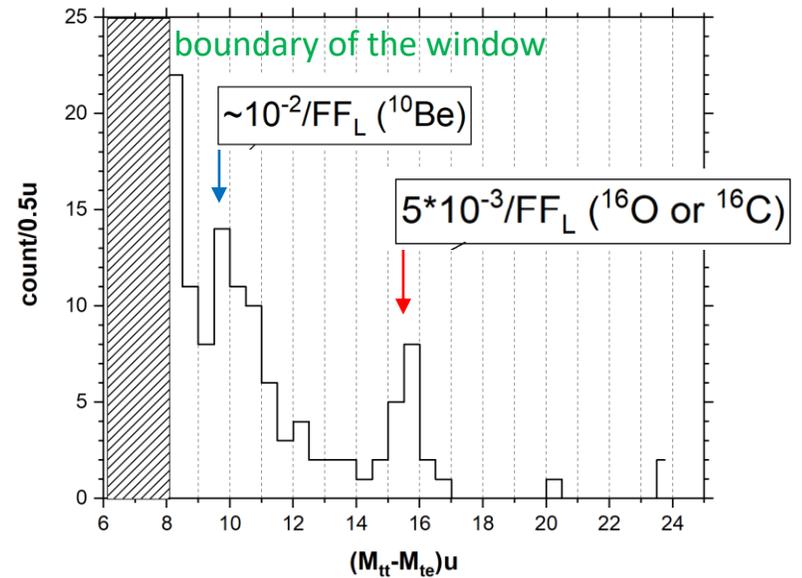
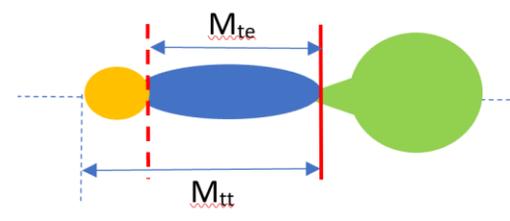
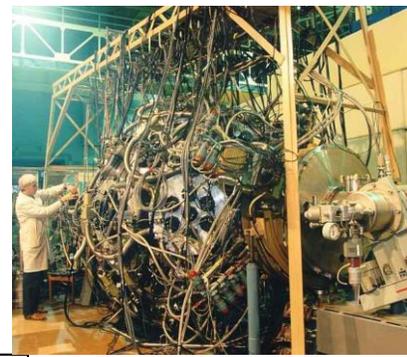
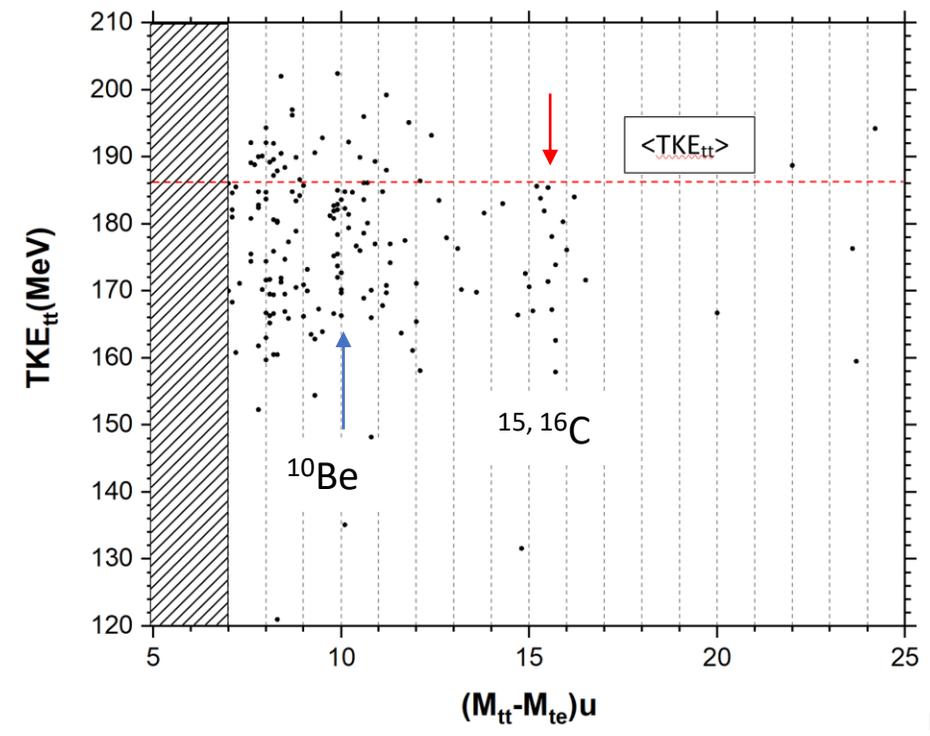
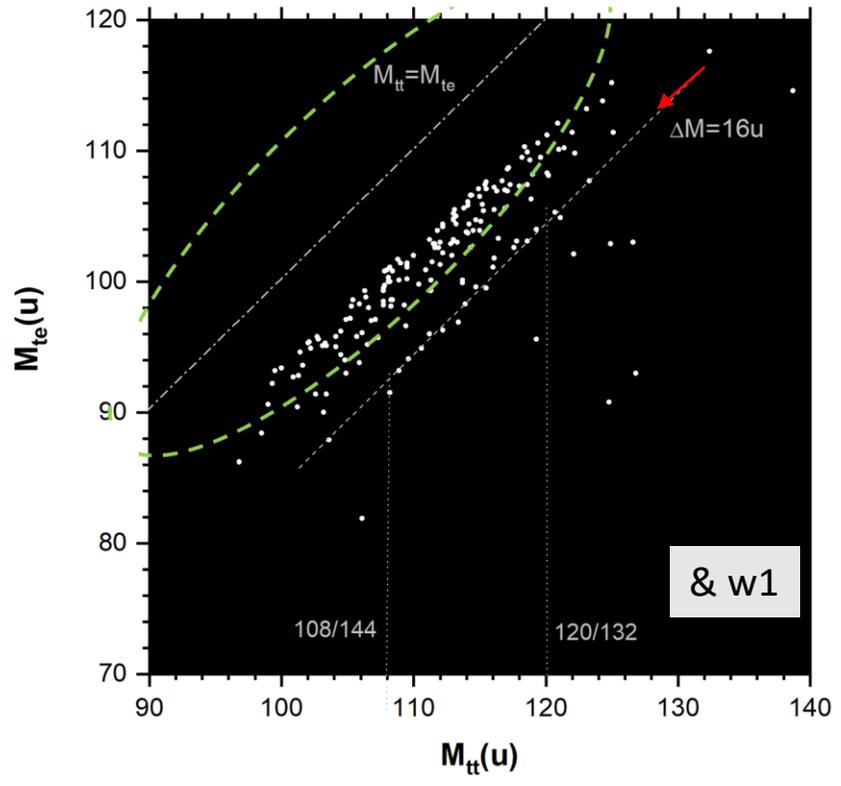
$M_{tt} = Mc / (1 + V_1/V_2)$ - "initial" FF mass
 $M_{TE} = 2E / (V_3^2)$ - "resultant" FF mass

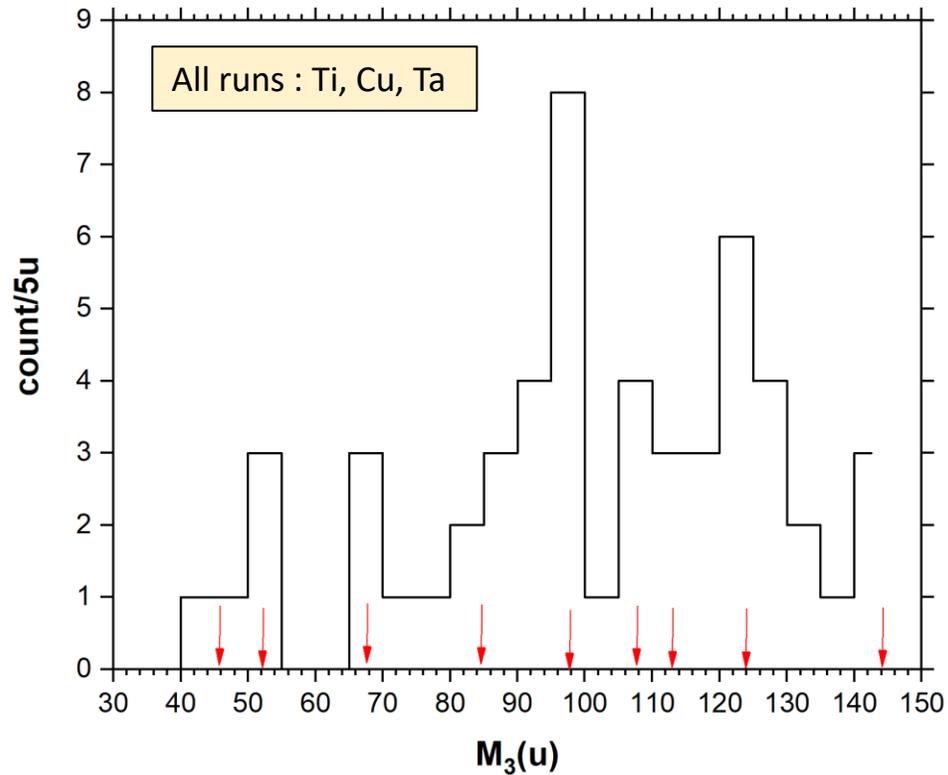
$\tau_{life} > 15ns$

Fig.2



Cu foil , LIS spectrometer, missing light ions





Conclusions

1. It is shown experimentally the possibility of quite satisfactory mass-spectrometry of pair of heavy ions with minimal time interval between them $\approx 25\text{ns}$ and open angle $< 5^\circ$ using “double-hit” approach.
2. A reliable direct confirmation is obtained of the delayed break-up of fission fragments from binary fission of $^{252}\text{Cf}(\text{sf})$ while a fragment passes through a solid-state foil. The fact which was established by us earlier using “missing mass” experimental approach.
3. Strong indication is obtained of clustering of the mother system at the stage of binary fission and clustering of the intermediate fragment which undergoes further break-up. Deformed magic and semi-magic nuclei play a role of clusters.

Thanks for attention.

