

# Tests of discrete symmetries with the J-PET detector

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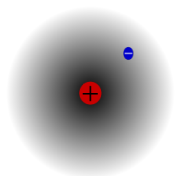


# Outline

- Positronium properties and discrete symmetry tests
- J-PET detector setup
- Results
- Future prospects
  - Mirror Matter searches

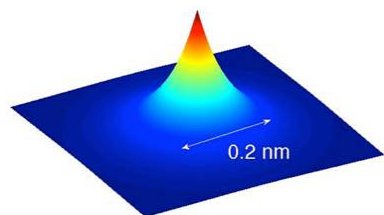
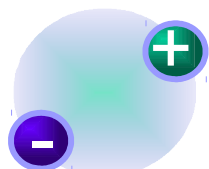
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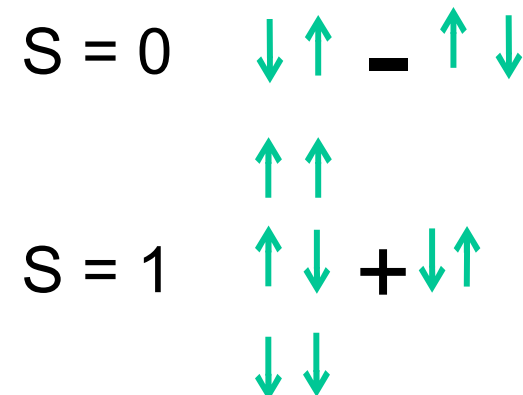
**Lightest purely leptonic object**

Positronium (Ps)

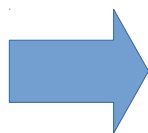


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L	0	0
S	0	1
J	0	1



$$C |Ps\rangle = (-1)^{L+S} |Ps\rangle$$

$$C |n\gamma\rangle = (-1)^n |n\gamma\rangle$$



	${}^1\text{S}_0$	${}^3\text{S}_1$
C	+	-
P	-	-
CP	-	+

Decay modes

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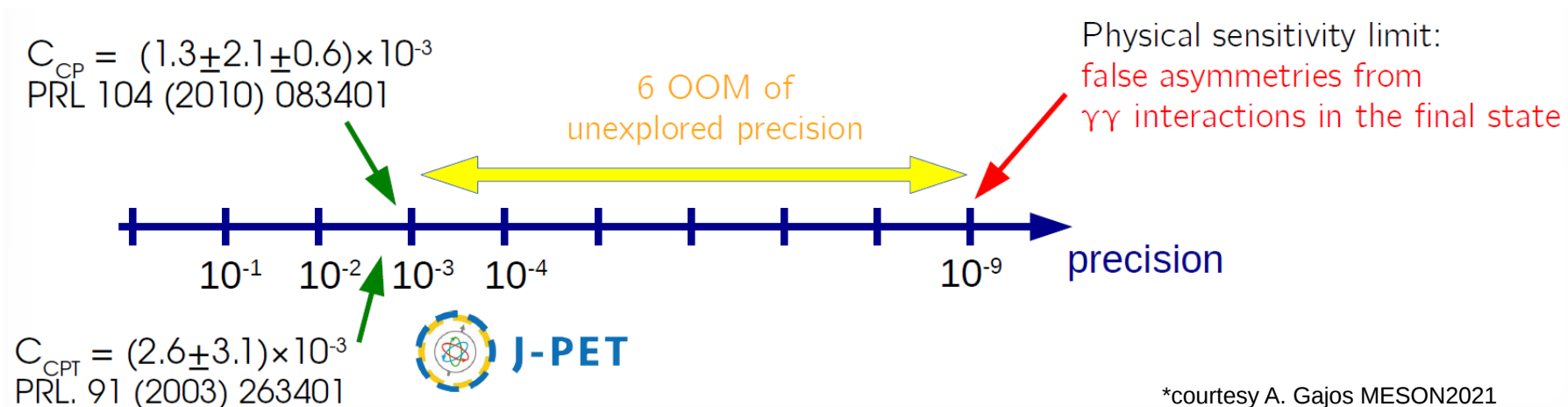
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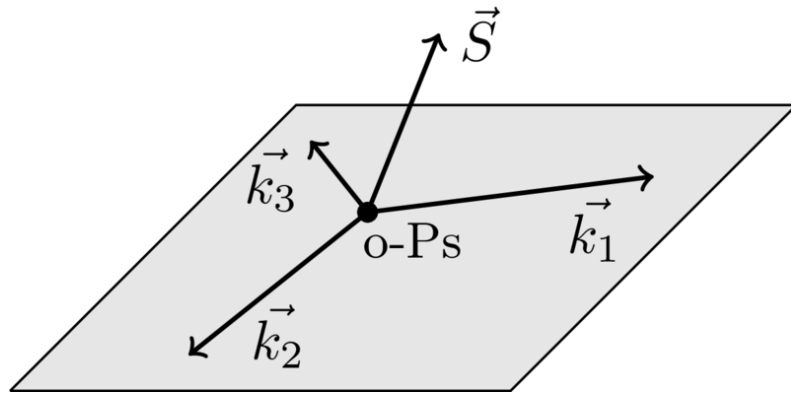
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## Searches for non-vanishing symmetry-odd correlations:



# Discrete symmetry tests with angular correlations in o-Ps $\rightarrow$ 3 $\gamma$ decays



$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle \stackrel{?}{=} 0 \quad \text{for an odd operator}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow CPT(\hat{O}) = -1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow T(\hat{O}) = -1$$

$$|\vec{k}_1| > |\vec{k}_2| > |\vec{k}_3|$$

Using o-Ps spin  $\rightarrow$

Requires o-Ps tensor polarization  $\rightarrow$

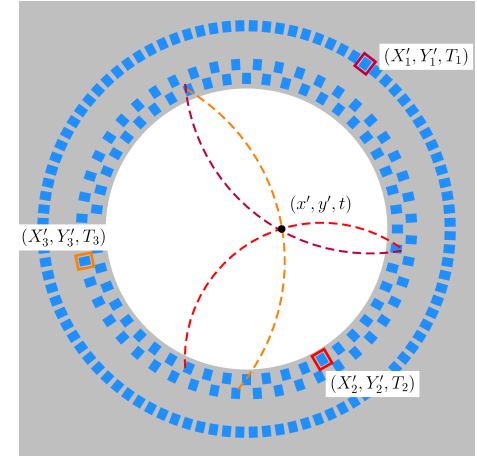
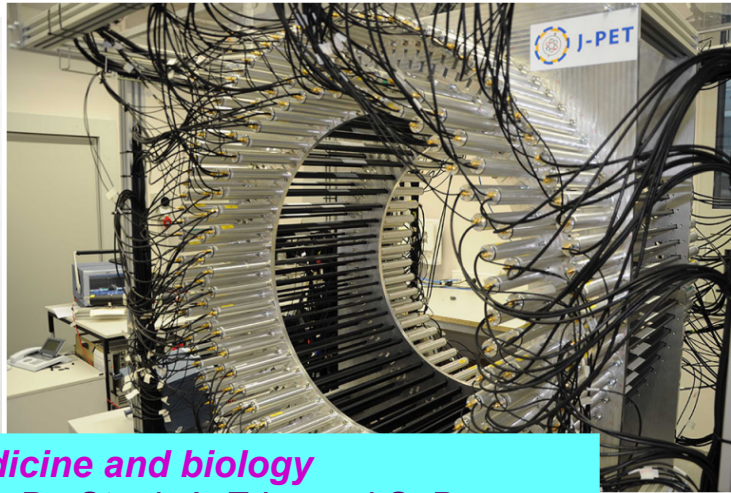
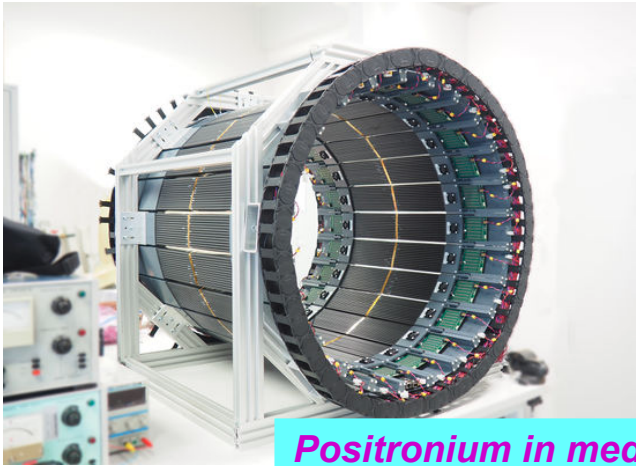
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# J-PET (Jagiellonian-PET TOMOGRAPHY)



*Positronium in medicine and biology*

Moskal, P., Jasińska, B., Stępień, E.Ł., and S. Bass.  
*Nature Reviews Physics* 1, pages 527-529 (2019)

A. Gajos et al. *Nucl. Instrum. Methods. A* 819 (2016) 54

## First Positron Emission Tomography scanner built from plastic scintillator

- Multidisciplinary detector
- Whole-body PET
- **3 + 1 layer arrangement**
  - 192 scintillator modules  $7 \times 19 \times 500$  mm arranged in 3 layers read out by vacuum tube photomultipliers (PMs) with radius of 42.5 cm and length of 50 cm
  - 4-th layer modular JPET: 312 plastic scintillator strips in 24 modules with dimensions of  $6 \times 24 \times 500$  mm read out by matrices of silicon photomultipliers (SiPM)
- **High timing resolution**
- High acceptance and angular resolution
- **Trigger-less** and reconfigurable DAQ system
  - **Data has no filters: all data acquired is unfiltered**
- **GPS trilateration** reconstruction

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**Session:** Applications of nuclear and particle physics technology

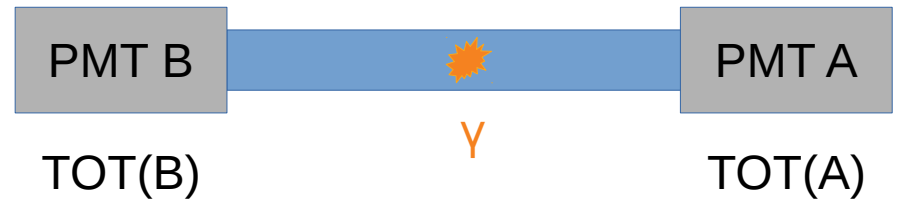
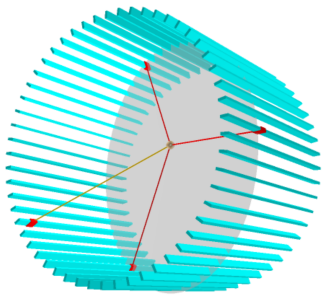
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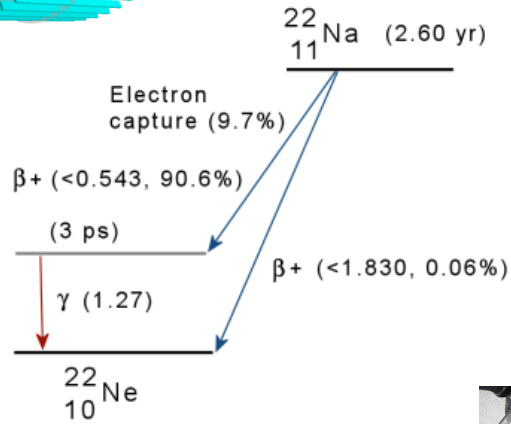
**Positronium imaging for PET scanners** →

P. Moskal, K. Dulski et al. *Sciences Advances* (in print)

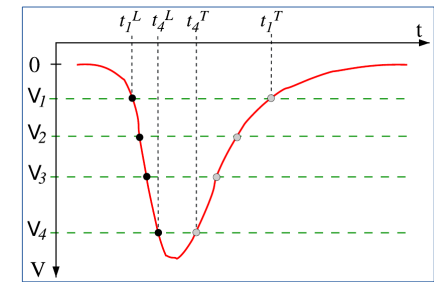
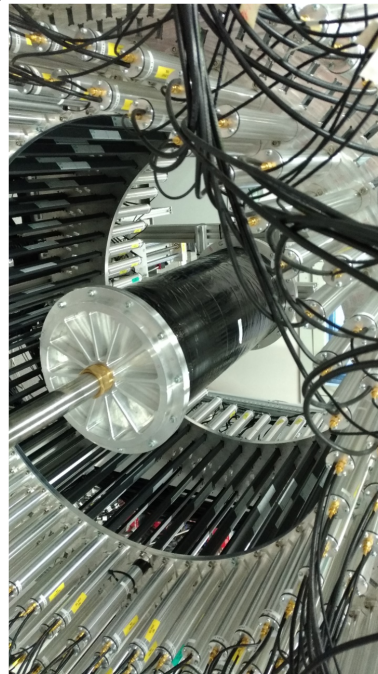
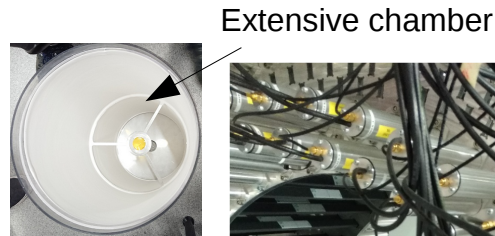
# o-Ps in J-PET



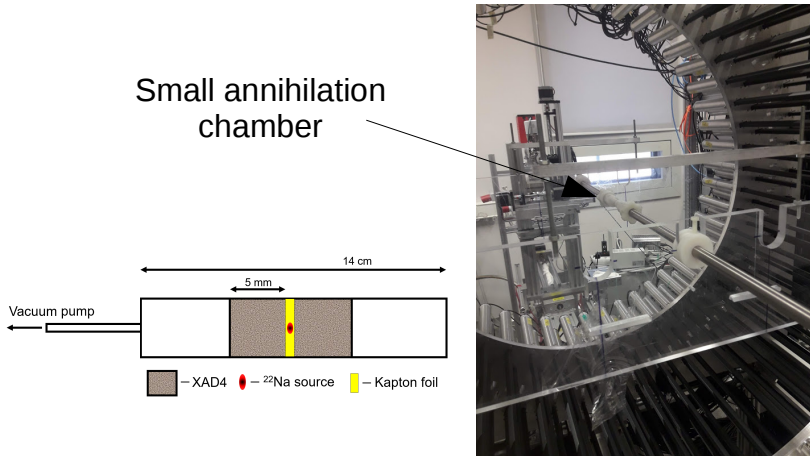
- 10 MBq  $\beta^+$  source in annihilation chamber
- Walls coated with porous silica to enhance o-Ps formation
- Extensive and small chamber measurements available
  - New spherical chamber added to the setup
- o-Ps decays are register using total Time-Over-Threshold (TOT)



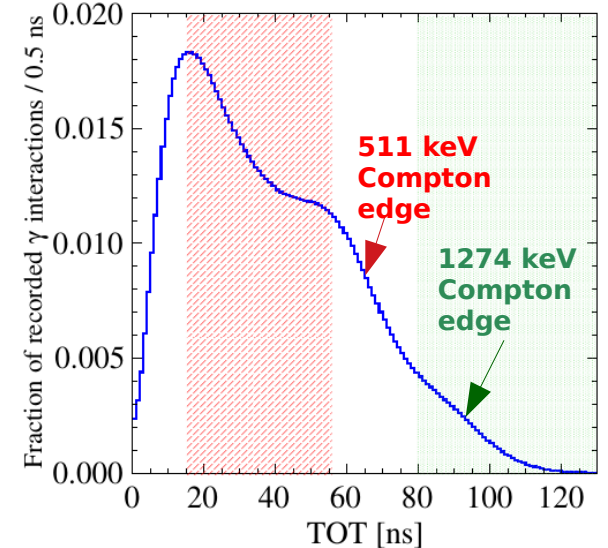
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Small annihilation chamber

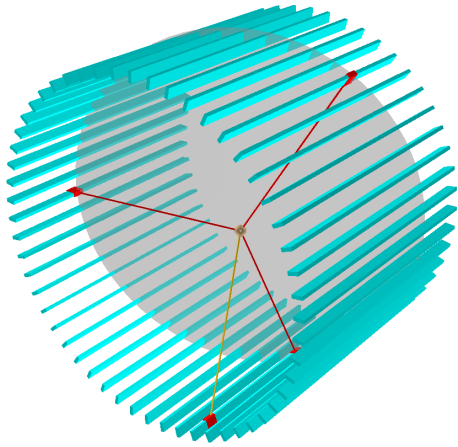


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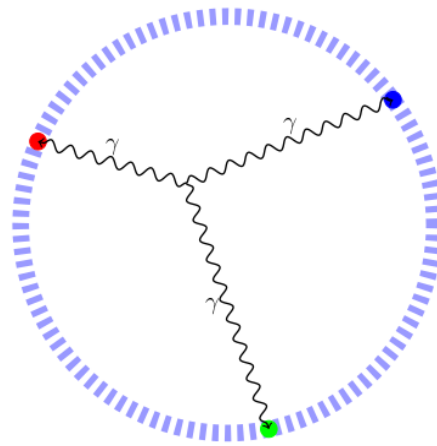




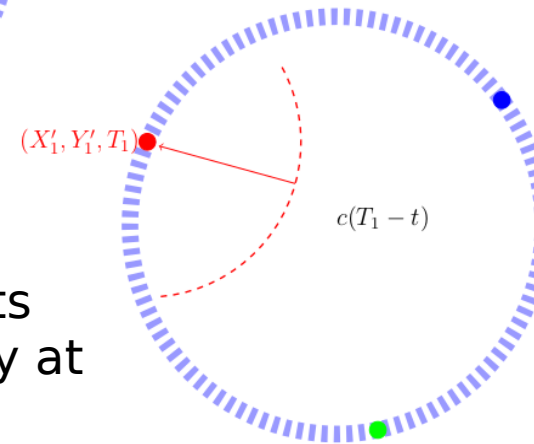
# Reconstruction of o-ps decay vertex in J-PET



1. Find the decay plane containing the 3 hits in the J-PET barrel

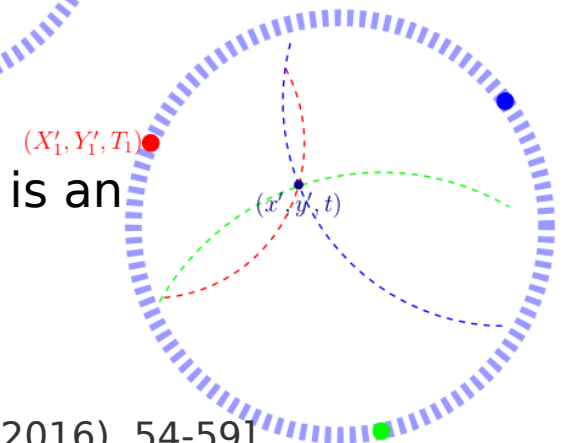


2. Transform the hit coordinates to a 2D coordinate system in the decay plane



3. For each of the recorded  $\gamma$  hits, define a circle of possible origin points of the incident  $\gamma$  assuming o-Ps decay at time  $t$

4. The decay point  $(x', y')$  in the decay plane and time  $t$  is an intersection of 3 such circles:



# Symmetry tests with CPT-odd operator

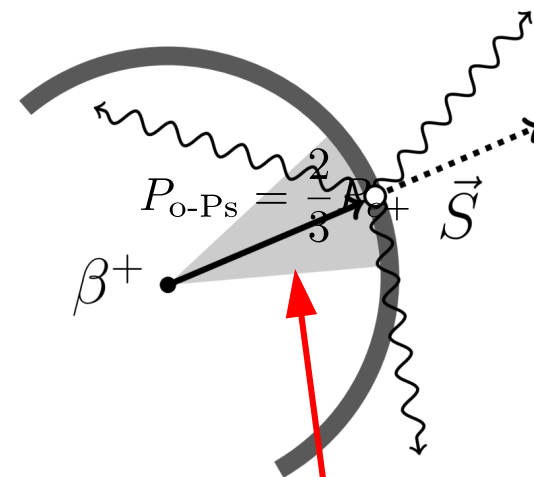
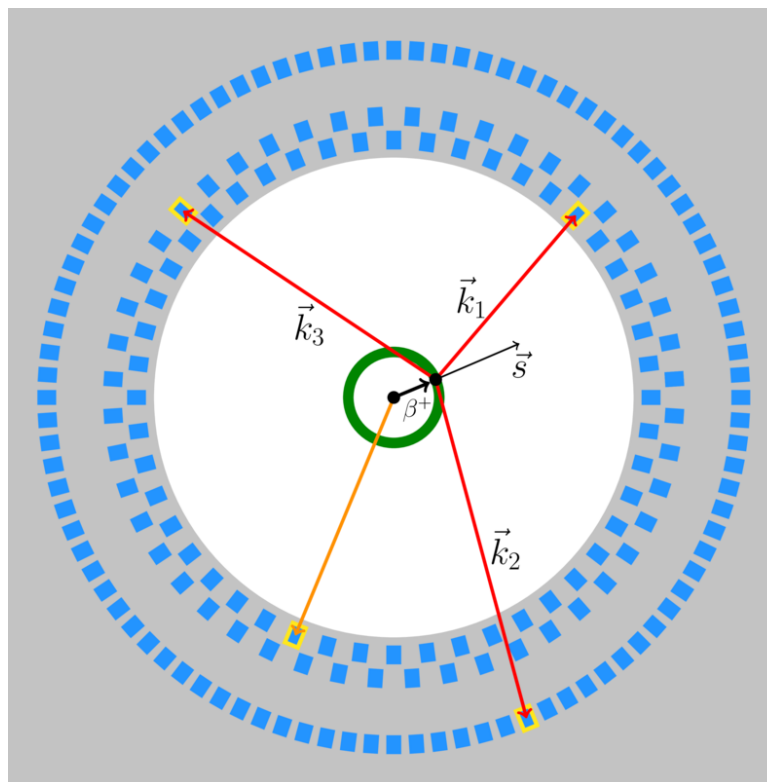
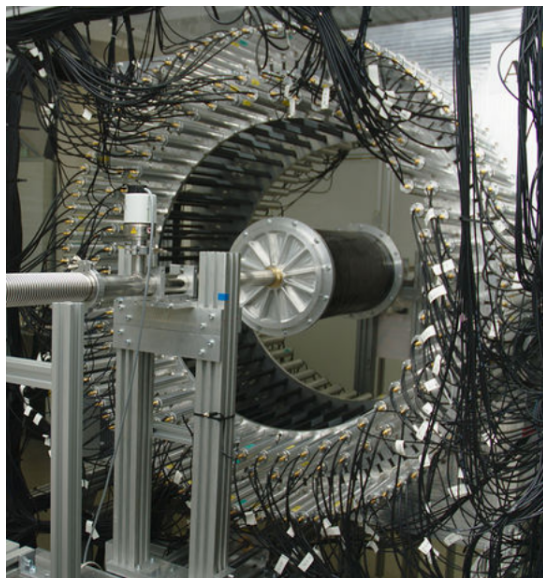
Using o-Ps spin

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# Event-by event spin estimation

Using an extensive-size o-Ps production and annihilation medium

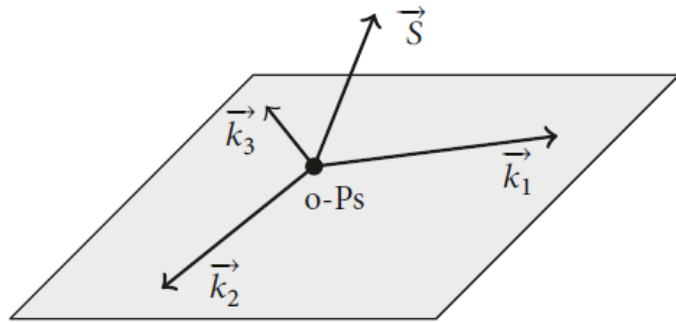


Effective polarization depends on o-Ps  $\rightarrow$  3 $\gamma$  vertex resolution

$$P_{e^+} \approx \frac{v}{c} \cdot \frac{1}{2} (\cos \alpha + 1)$$



# Evaluation of CPT-odd observable



$$\hat{S} \cdot (\vec{k}_1 \times \vec{k}_2) / |\vec{k}_1 \times \vec{k}_2| = \cos\theta$$

Standard asymmetry:

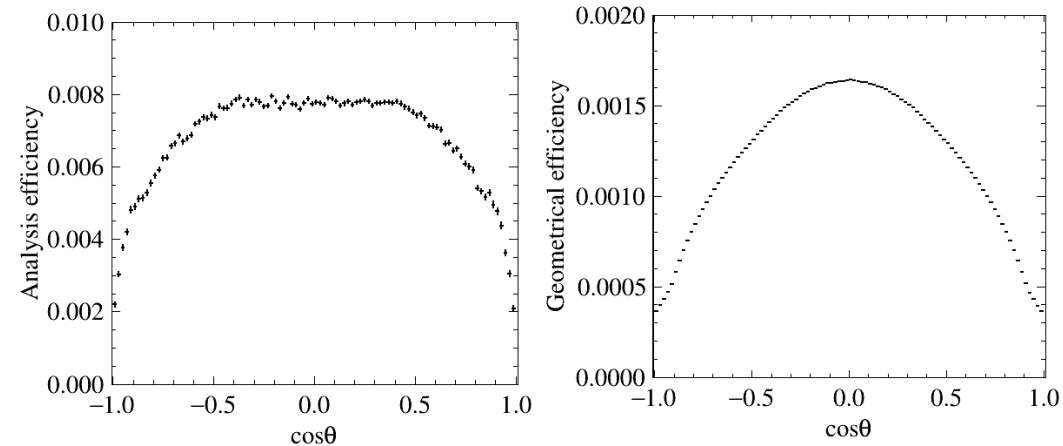
$$A = \frac{N_+ - N_-}{N_+ + N_-} \longrightarrow N_+ \Leftrightarrow \cos\theta > 0$$

is generalized by the **mean value of cosθ**:

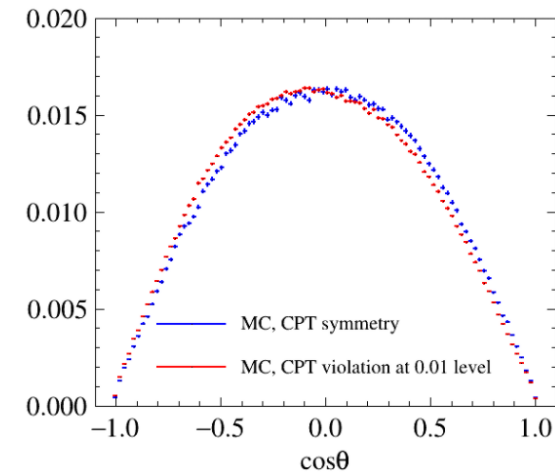
$$\frac{\int N(\cos\theta) \cos\theta}{\int N(\cos\theta)}$$

**J-PET is sensitive to the full range of this operator**

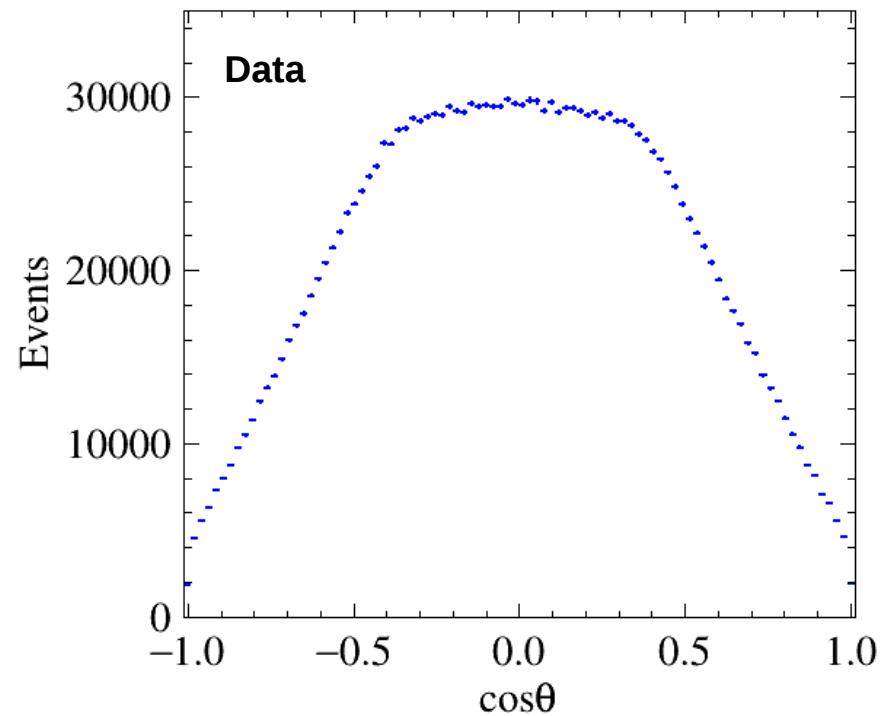
Evaluated efficiencies using MC are symmetric in  $\cos\theta$



Expected effect with CPT-asymmetric simulations



$7.3 \times 10^6$  o-ps candidates (26 days of data taking)



$$\mathbf{O}_{\text{CPT}} = \hat{S} \cdot (\vec{k}_1 \times \vec{k}_2) / |\vec{k}_1 \times \vec{k}_2| = \cos\theta$$

$$\langle \mathbf{O}_{\text{CPT}} \rangle = 0.00025 \pm 0.00036$$

**Over a factor of three improvement  
Results limited by the statistical uncertainty**

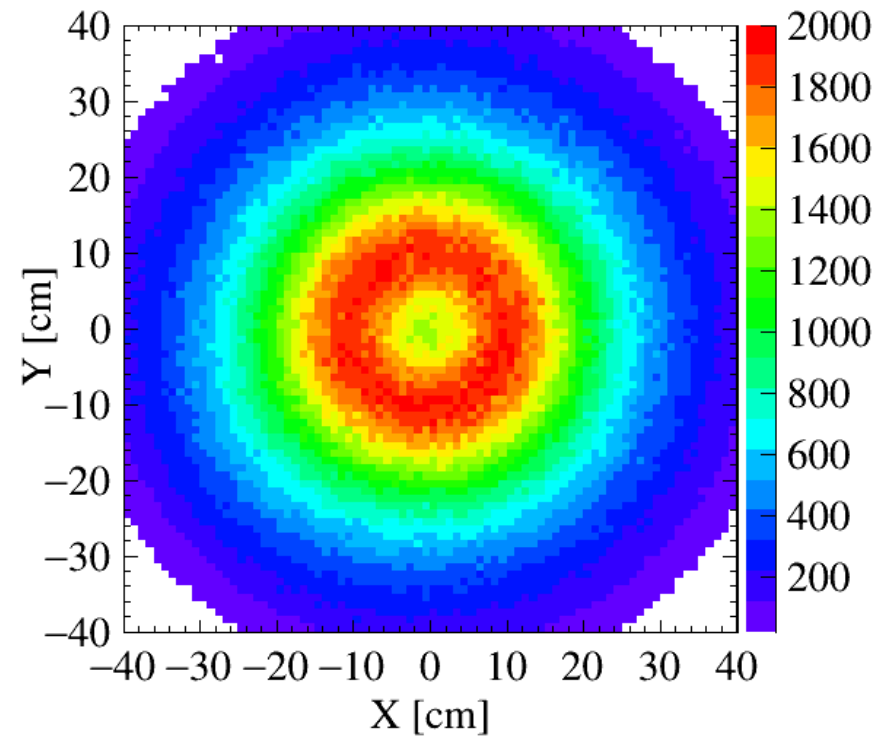
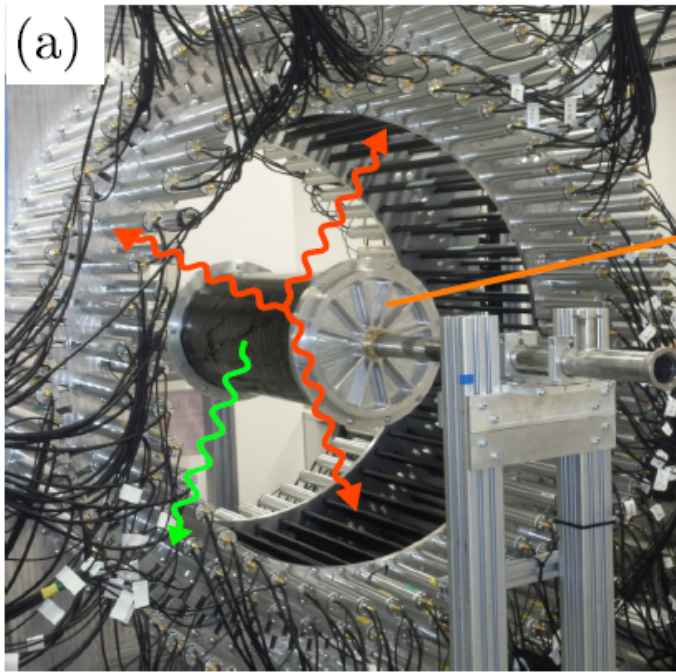
**New data analysis ongoing**

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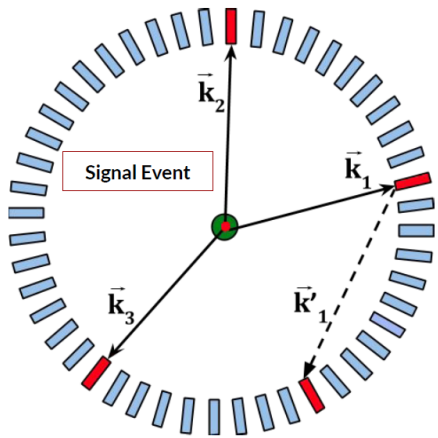
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**As by-product: First tomographic image of an object (annihilation chamber) using o-ps decays**

# New operators with photon polarizations

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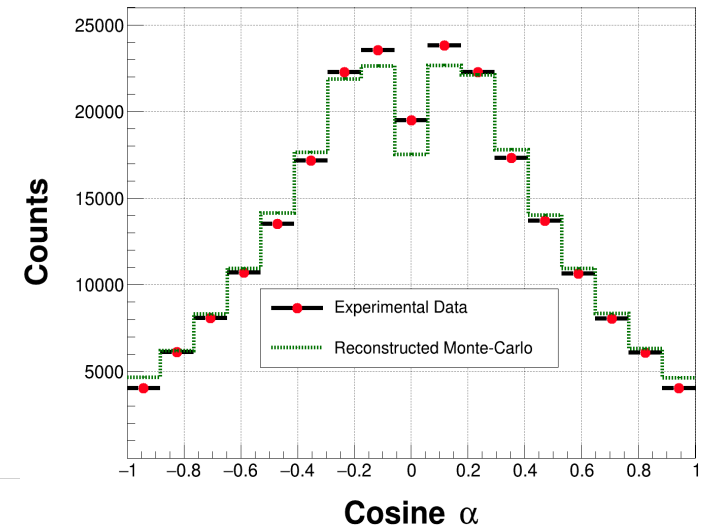
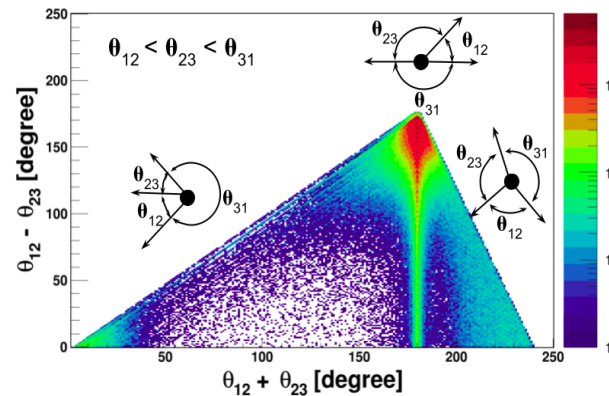
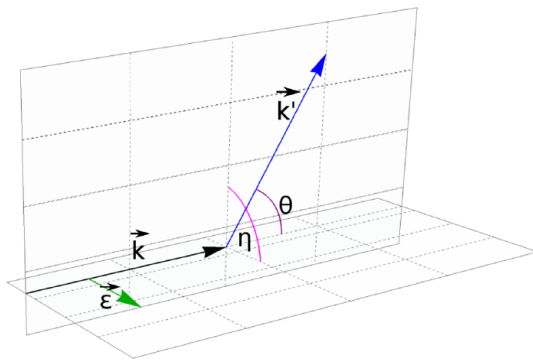


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So far, No CP- violation was observed with a sensitivity of  $2.2 \times 10^{-3}$ .

[ T. Yamazaki et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 104, 083401 (2010) ]



Expectation Value = 0.0003 +/- 0.0003

PRELIMINARY

$$\vec{\epsilon}_i = \vec{k}_i \times \vec{k}'_i$$

# Precision $\theta$ -ps lifetime measurements and Mirror Matter searches



# Mirror Matter search in o-PS with J-PET

- Weak interactions violates parity (P).

First experimental confirmations:

- C. S. Wu et al. Phys. Rev. 105 (1956) 1413*
- R. L. Garwin, L. Lederman and R. Weinrich Phys. Rev. 104 (1956) 254*

- Mirror Matter (or Alice Matter) was proposed as an explanation of Parity symmetry violation [T.D., Yang C. N. Phys. Rev. 1956. V. 104. P. 254.]
  - Each particle has a mirror partner with the same properties and opposite chirality (left/right - handed)
  - Mirror particles interact with normal matter mainly through gravity → **Dark Matter candidates**
  - $\gamma$  – mirror  $\gamma'$  interaction via kinetic mixing

$$\mathcal{L}_{\gamma\gamma'} = -\epsilon F^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu}$$

Ps pure leptonic system:

- Clean experimental system (**no background**)
- Lifetime accurately described** with Quantum Electrodynamics (QED) **theory**

$$\Gamma(o - \text{Ps} \rightarrow 3\gamma, 5\gamma) = \frac{2(\pi^2 - 9)\alpha^6 m_e}{9\pi} \left[ 1 + A \frac{\alpha}{\pi} + \frac{\alpha^2}{3} \ln \alpha + B \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^2 - \frac{3\alpha^3}{2\pi} \ln^2 \alpha + C \frac{\alpha^3}{\pi} \ln \alpha + D \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^3 + \dots \right]$$

*Acta Phys. Pol. B 50, 1319 (2019)*

**Theory prediction**

$$\Gamma = 7.039979(11) \times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

**Experimental values**

$$\Gamma = 7.0401 \pm 0.0007 \times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1} \quad \text{Tokyo group}$$

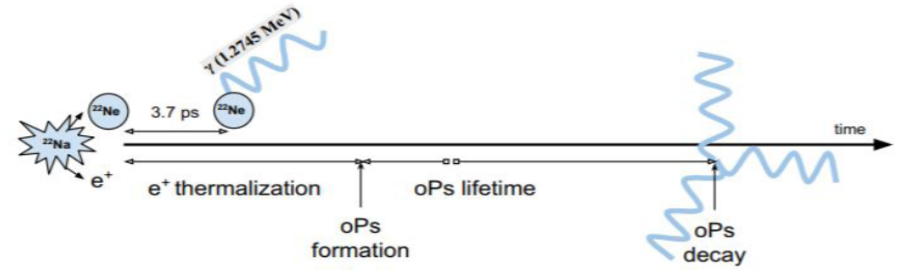
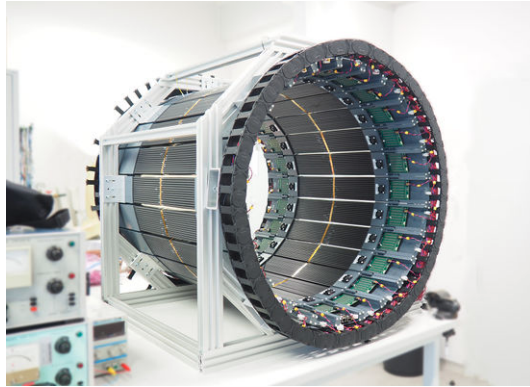
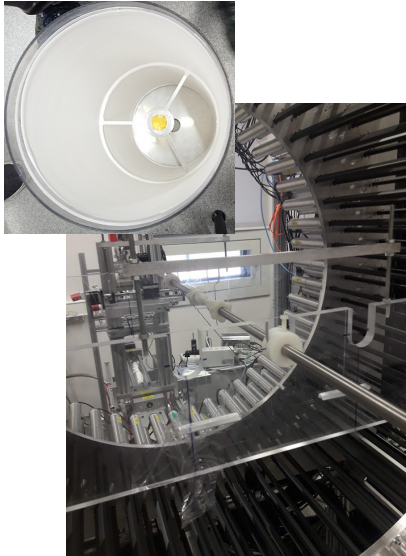
*Phys. Lett. B 671 (2009), p. 219*

$$\Gamma = 7.0404 \pm 0.0010 \pm 0.0008 \times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1} \quad \text{Ann Arbor group}$$

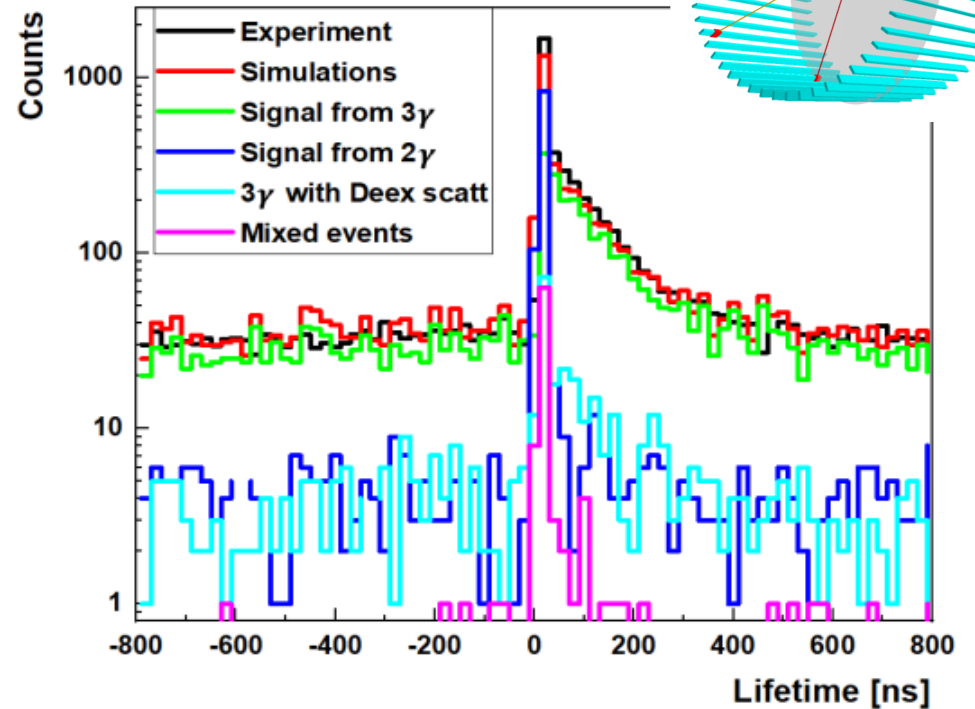
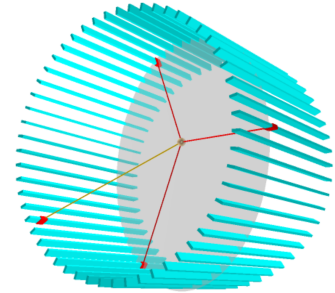
*Phys. Rev. Lett. 90 (2003), p. 203402*

**Theory predictions 100 times more precise:  
10<sup>-6</sup> vs 10<sup>-4</sup>**

# Precise measurement of the o-Ps lifetime looking for hints of new physics



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- Source activity 1 MBq =  $10^6 e^+/s$
- o-Ps formed in vacuum chamber with probability 29%
- Number of o-Ps after 2 years  
 $10^{13}$  o-Ps formed  
Sensitivity below  $O(10^{-5})$   
Photon mixing strength  $\epsilon < O(10^{-7})$

## Main competitor ETH Zurich

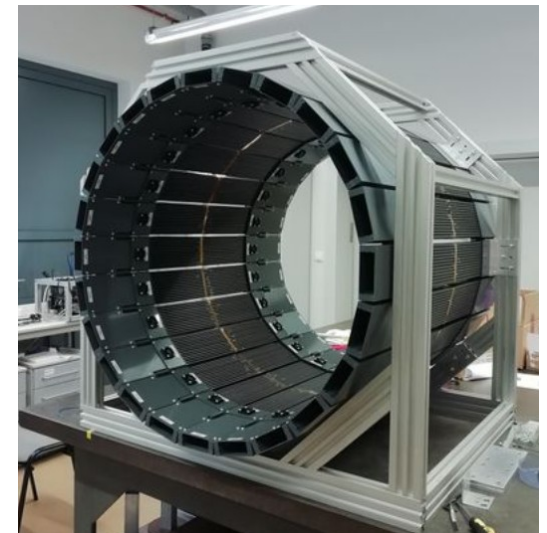
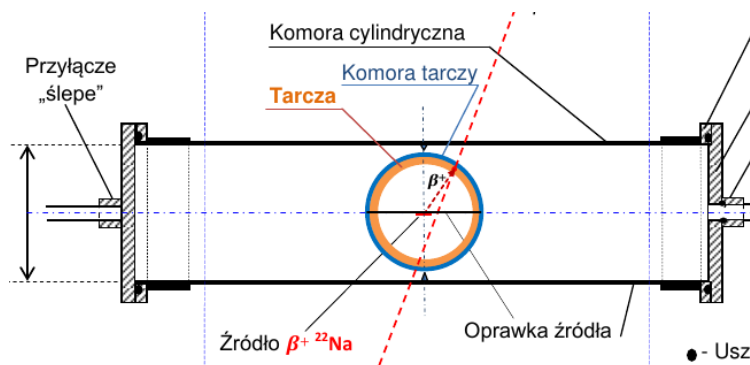
- [Phys. Rev. D 97, 092008]
  - Slow positron beam ( $1.5 \times 10^4 e^+/s$ )

[ arXiv:2006.07467 [physics.ins-det] ]



# Summary and Outlook

- Positronium atoms provide a good and clean test field for discrete symmetries in leptonic systems
- J-PET detector is capable of exclusive registration of o-Ps  $\rightarrow$  3 $\gamma$  annihilation events:
  - Full annihilation vertex reconstruction
  - Estimation of o-Ps spin on an event-by-event basis
  - o-Ps lifetime using the de-excitation photons emitted by the source
- Improvement of a factor more than 3 reached in CPT tests with the current data.
- Aims at an improved sensitivity for the CP and CPT symmetry tests ( $\sim 10^{-5}$ )
- Larger sensitivity reach with the inclusion of the modular 4<sup>th</sup> layer of the detector
- Precise measurement of the o-Ps lifetime in view of new Physics
  - Mirror matter as Dark Matter candidate





# Thank you for your attention



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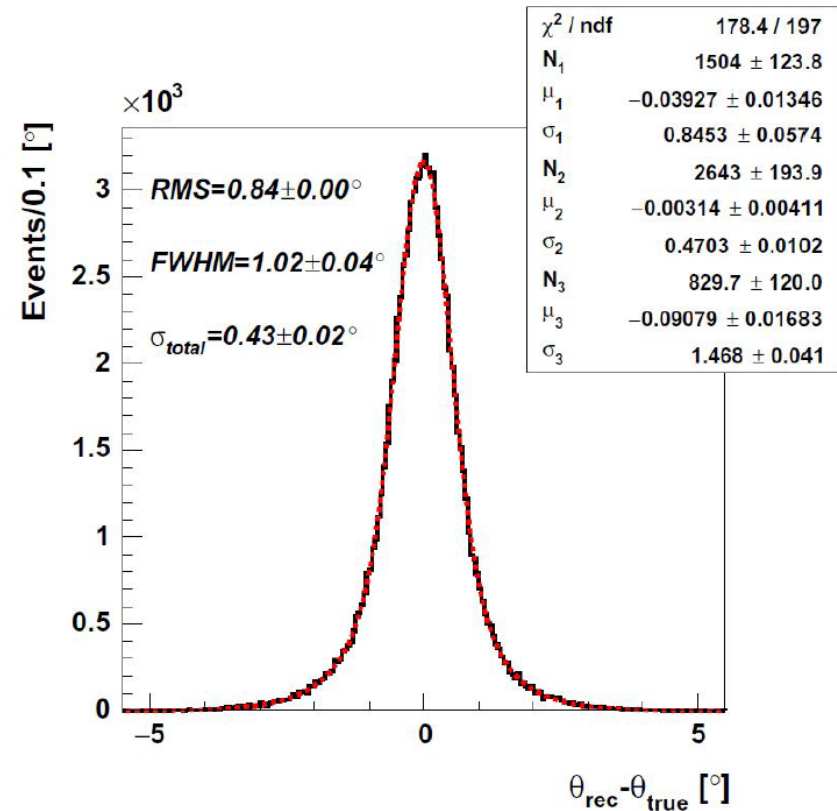
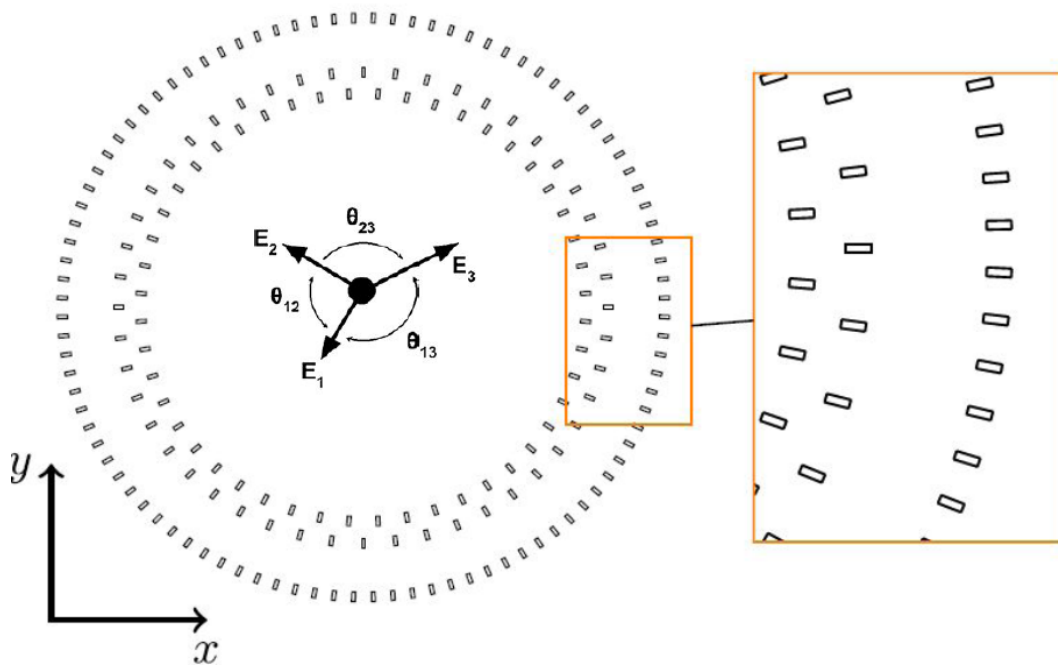
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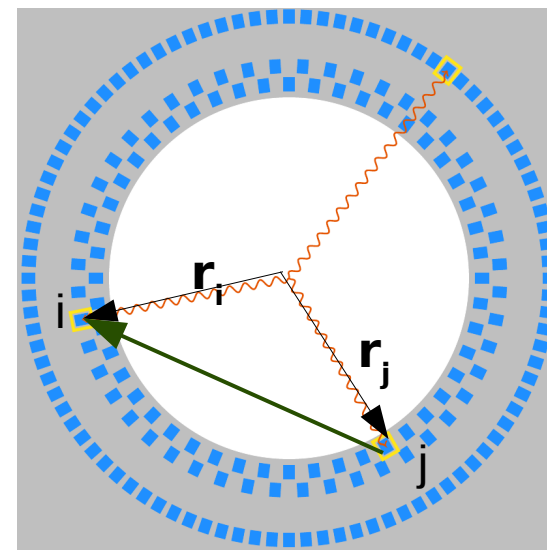
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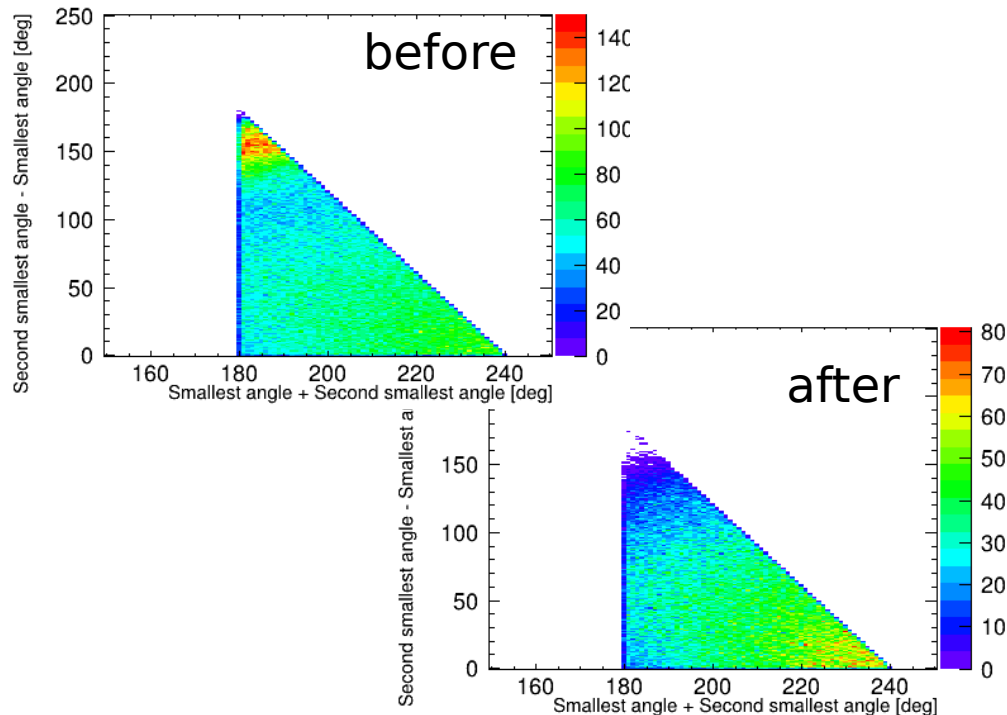
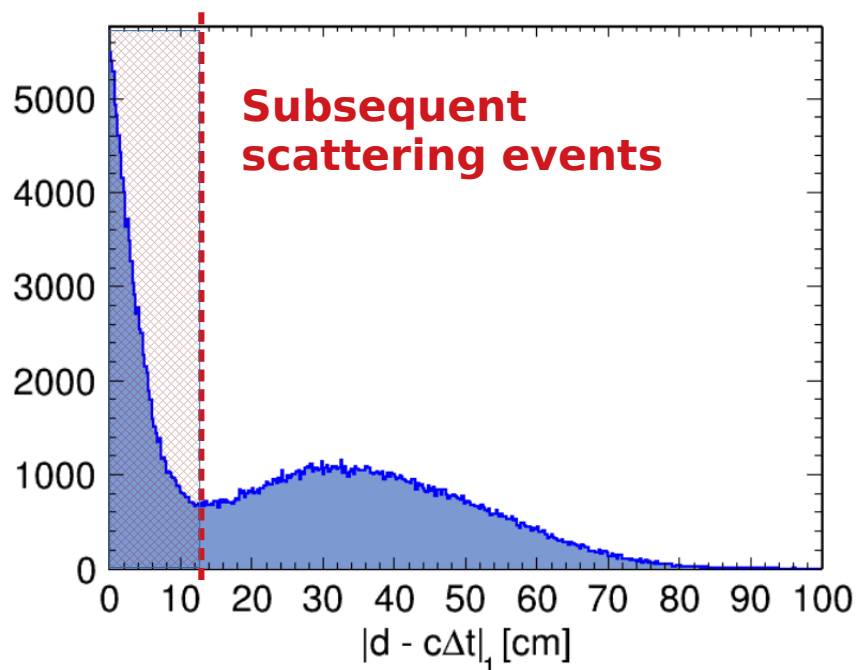
# Rejection of subsequent scattering in the detector

- Secondary Compton-scattered photons may be recorded by J-PET again
- For each pair of annihilation photon candidates  $i$  and  $j$  ( $i, j=1, 2, 3$ ) the following figure is computed:

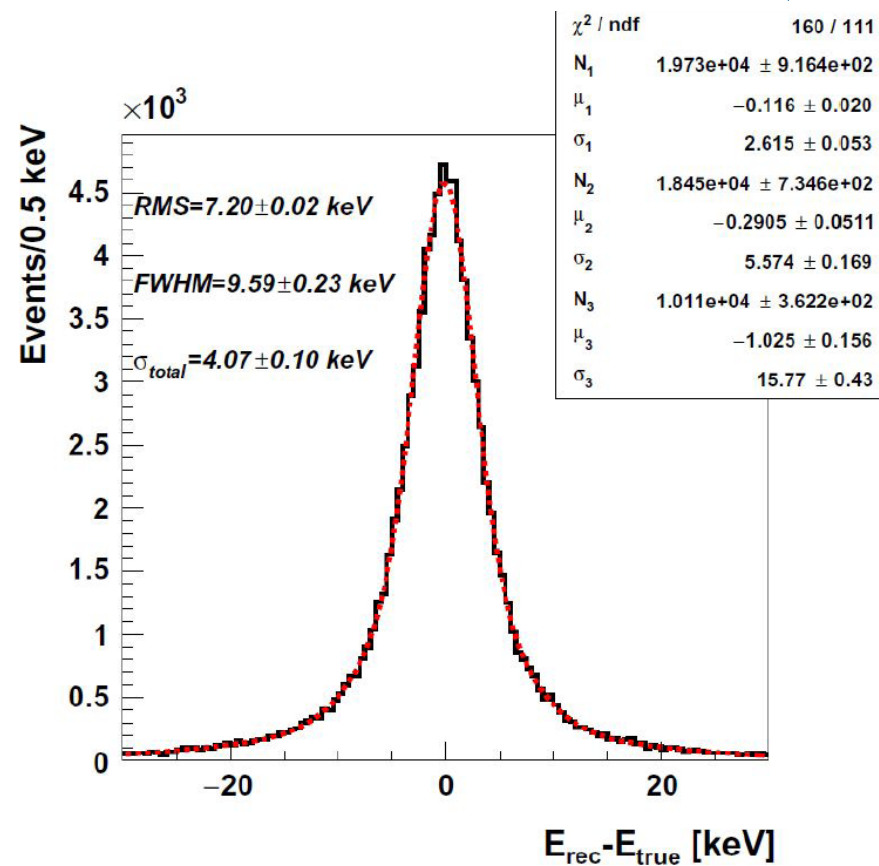
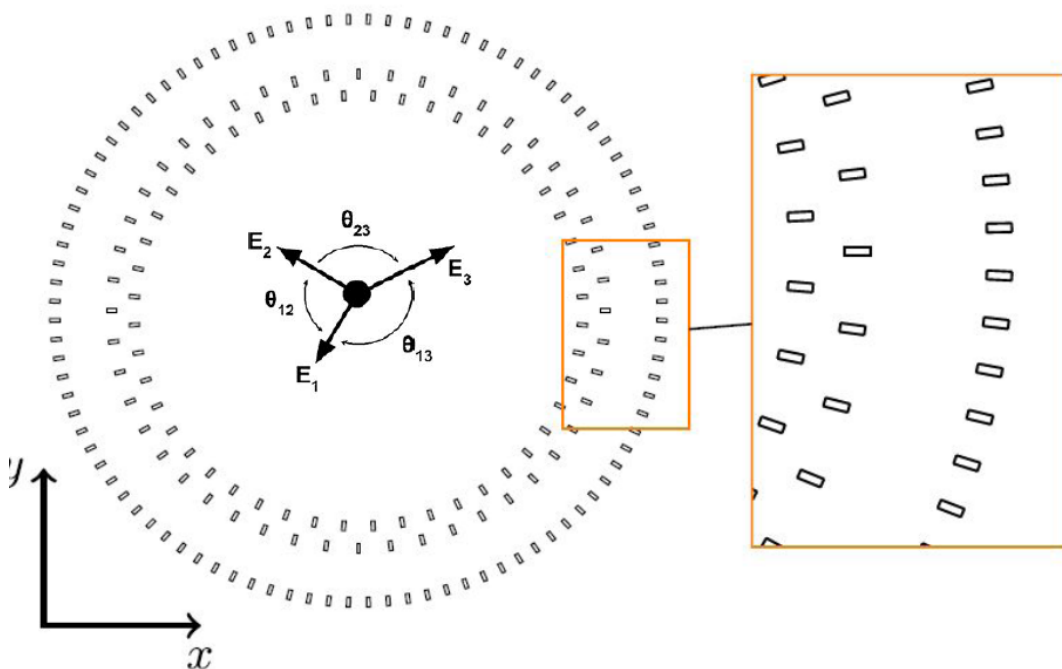
$$\delta t_{ij} = |d_{ij} - c\Delta t_{ij}| = ||\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j| - c(t_i - t_j)|$$



Distribution of the minimum  $\delta t_{ij}$  over all photon pair choices in a events:



# Detector performance: energy resolution (o-Ps)

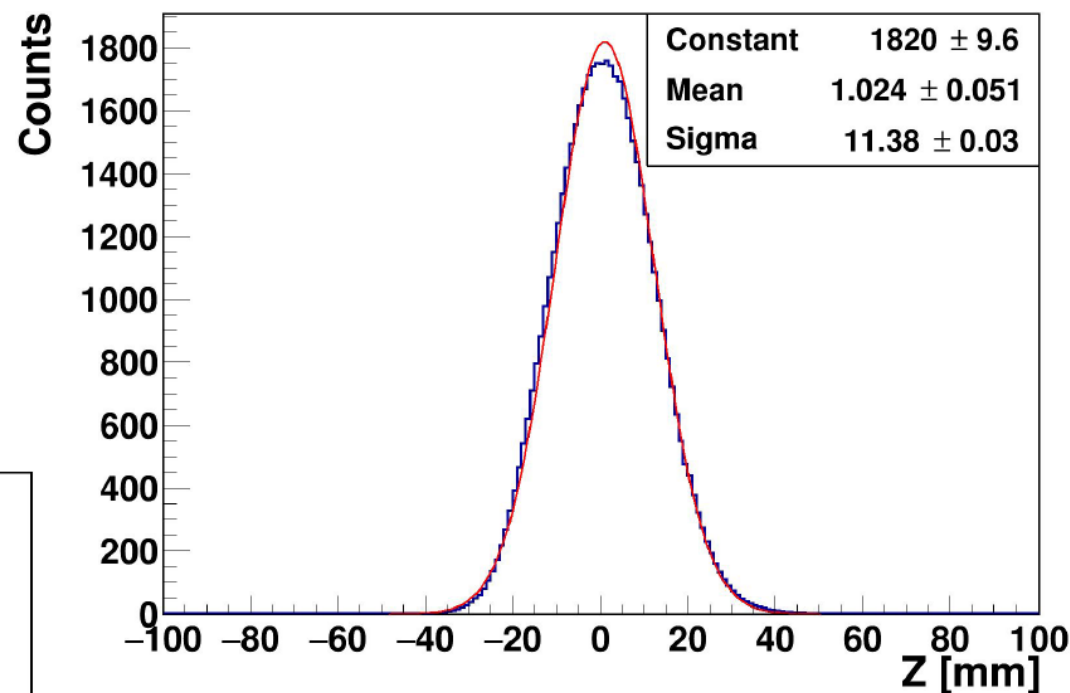
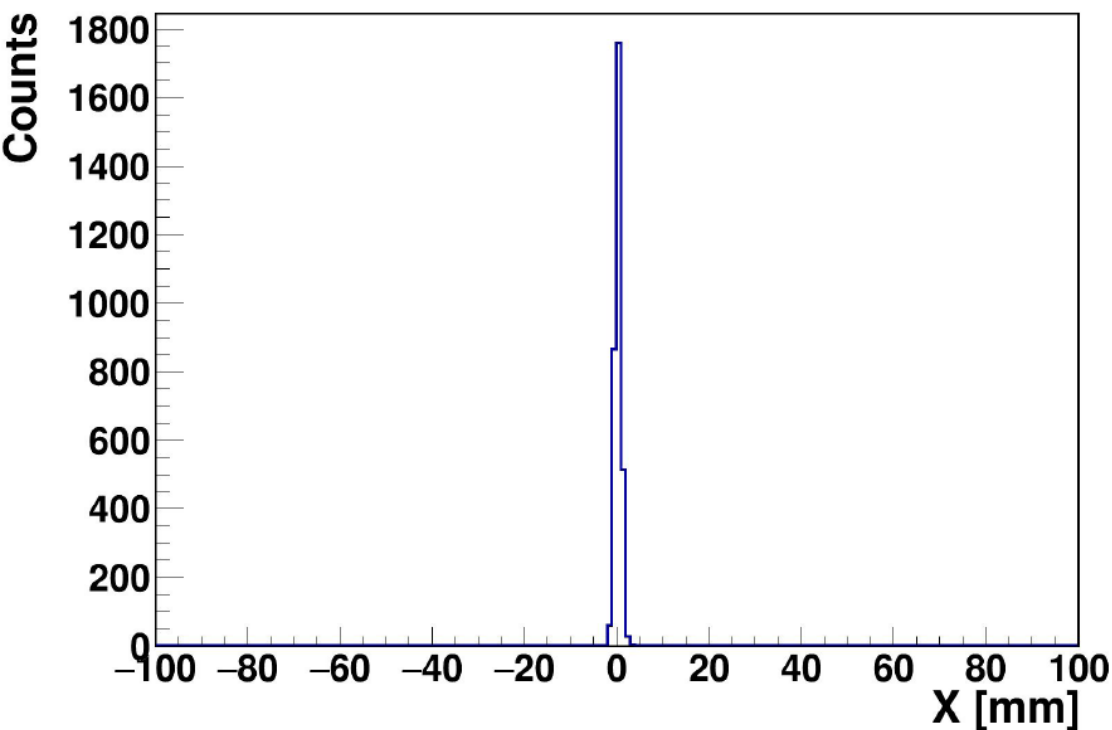


**A feasibility study of ortho-positronium decays measurement with the J-PET scanner based on plastic scintillators**

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# Detector performance: spatial resolution (p-Ps)



Resolution in XY in the order of  
source size (2-3 mm)  
Resolution in Z  $\sim 1.2$  cm

**Preliminary Studies of J-PET Detector Spatial  
Resolution**

[Acta Phys. Polon. A 132, no. 5, 1645 \(2017\)](#)



# Positronium system

*Acta Phys. Pol. B 50, 1319 (2019)*

- Hamiltonian eigenstates of P, C, CP operators
- The lightest known atom and anti-atom
- The simplest atomic system with charge conjugation eigenstates.
- Electrons and positrons are the lightest leptons hence, they do not decay into lighter particles via weak interaction
- Weak interaction leads to the violation at the order of  $10^{-14}$ .

*(M. Sozzi, Discrete Symmetries and CP Violation, Oxford University Press (2008))*

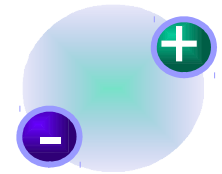
- No charged particles in the final state (radiative corrections very small  $2 * 10^{-10}$ )
- Light by light contributions to various correlations are small

*(B. K. Arbic et al., Phys. Rev. A 37, 3189 (1988)) (W. Bernreuther et al., Z. Phys. C 41, 143 (1988))*

- Purely Leptonic state
- Breaking of T and CP was observed but only for processes involving quarks.
- So far, breaking of these symmetries was not observed for purely leptonic systems.
- $10^{-9}$  vs upper limits of  $3 * 10^{-3}$  for T, CP, CPT

*(P.A. Vetter and S.J. Freedman, Phys. Rev. Lett. 91, 263401 (2003))(T. Yamazaki et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 104 (2010) 083401)*

- $10^{-9}$  vs upper limits of  $3 * 10^{-7}$  for C





[ P. Moskal et al., Acta Phys. Polon. B47 (2016) 509 ]

Operators for the o-Ps → 3γ process, and their properties with respect to the C, P, T, CP and CPT symmetries.

	operator	C	P	T	CP	CPT
Using o-Ps spin	$\vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}_1$	+	-	+	-	-
	$\vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}_1 \times \vec{k}_2)$	+	+	-	+	-
	$(\vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}_1)(\vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}_1 \times \vec{k}_2))$	+	-	-	-	+
Using photon polarization	$\vec{k}_2 \cdot \vec{\epsilon}_1$	+	-	-	-	+
	$\vec{S} \cdot \vec{\epsilon}_1$	+	+	-	+	-
	$\vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}_2 \times \vec{\epsilon}_1)$	+	-	+	-	-

Operators involving spin used in J-PET  
Event-by-event spin estimation using extensive annihilation medium

$\vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}_1 \times \vec{k}_2)$  T & CPT-violation sensitive

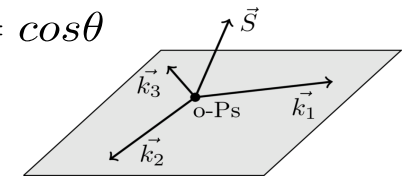
$\vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}_1$  CP-violation sensitive

$$|\vec{k}_1| > |\vec{k}_2| > |\vec{k}_3|$$

$$\hat{S} \cdot (\vec{k}_1 \times \vec{k}_2) / |\vec{k}_1 \times \vec{k}_2| = \cos\theta$$

Standard asymmetry:

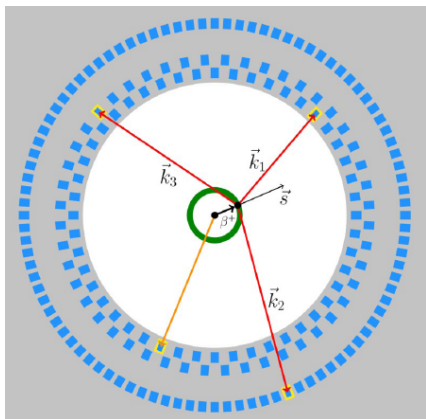
$$A = \frac{N_+ - N_-}{N_+ + N_-} \quad N_+ \Leftrightarrow \cos\theta > 0$$



is generalized by the **mean value of cosθ**:

$$\frac{\int N(\cos\theta) \cos\theta}{\int N(\cos\theta)}$$

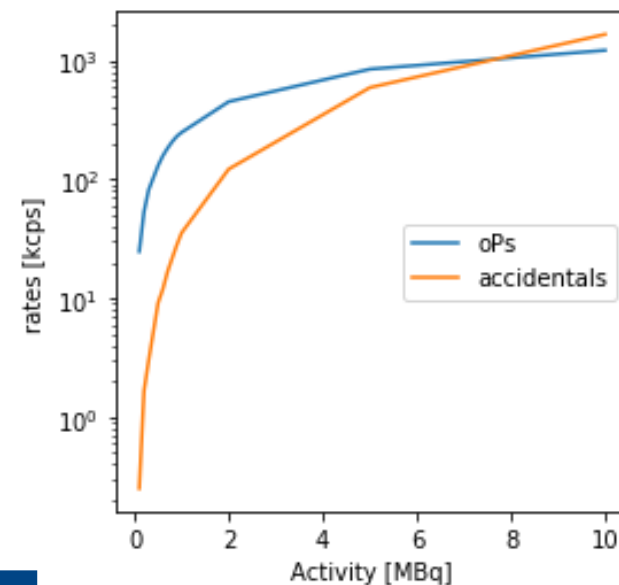
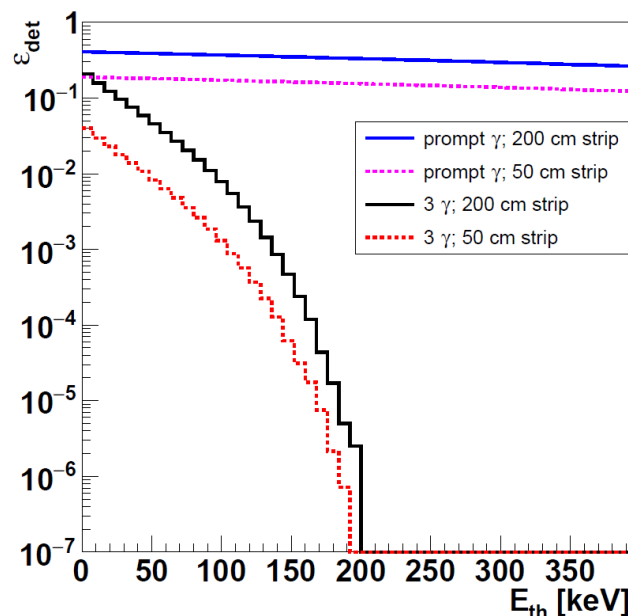
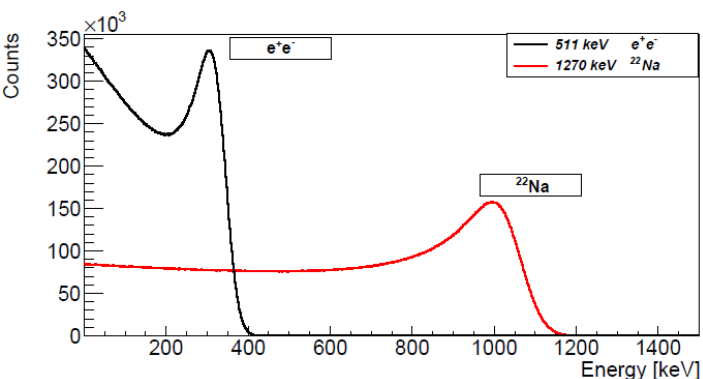
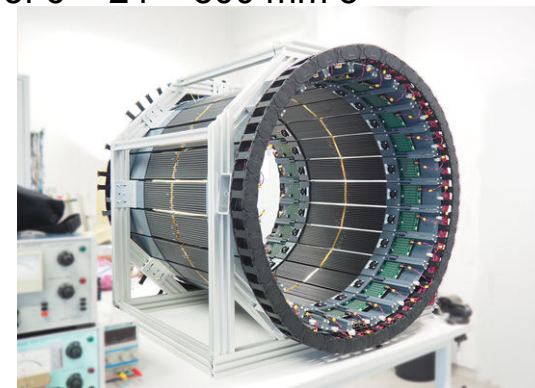
**J-PET is sensitive to the full range of this operator**



Effective polarization depends on o-Ps vertex resolution

# J-PET (Jagiellonian-PET TOMOGRAPHY)

- 3 + 1 layer arrangement
  - 192 scintillator modules  $7 \times 19 \times 500$  mm<sup>3</sup> arranged in 3 layers read out by vacuum tube photomultipliers (PMs) with radius of 42.5 cm and length of 50 cm
  - 4-th layer modular JPET: 312 plastic scintillator strips in 24 modules with dimensions of  $6 \times 24 \times 500$  mm<sup>3</sup> read out by matrices of silicon photomultipliers (SiPM)
- Novel digital front-end electronics probing signals at multiple thresholds
- Trigger-less and reconfigurable DAQ system
- Annihilation gamma quanta hit time measurement:  $\sigma_t$  (0.511 MeV)  $\sim$  125 ps
- Gamma quanta energy resolution:  $\sigma_E/E = 0.044/\sqrt{E(\text{MeV})}$
- Resolution of photon relative angles measurement  $\sim 1^\circ$
- Possibility of o-Ps spin and photon polarization measurement
- Increased detection efficiency and improved time resolution with layer 4

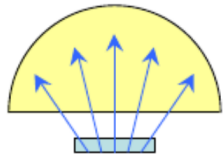


# J-PET vs previous measurements

## Gammasphere

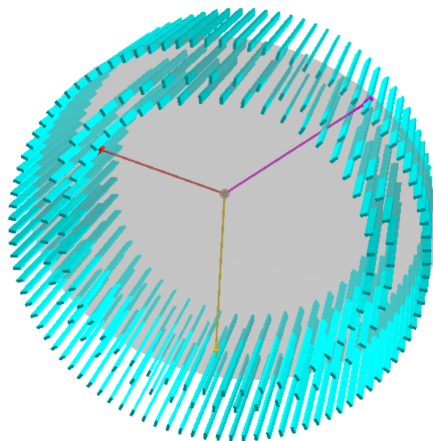
PRL. 91 (2003) 263401

$$\vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}_1 \times \vec{k}_2)$$

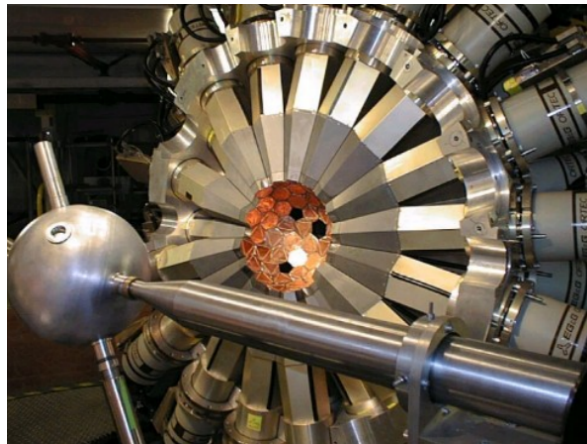


$$P_{e^+} = \frac{v}{c} \cdot 0.686$$

Limiting positron emission direction  
1 Mbq  $\beta^+$  emitter activity  
 $4\pi$  detector but low angular resolution



$$C_{\text{CPT}} = (2.6 \pm 3.1) \times 10^{-3}$$



Recording multiple geometrical configurations

$e^+$  spin estimated event-by-event

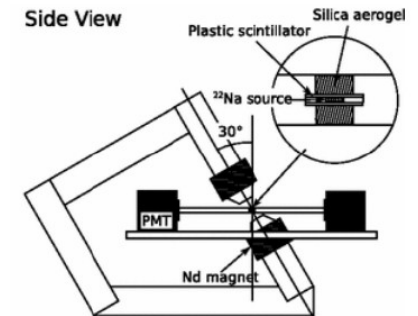
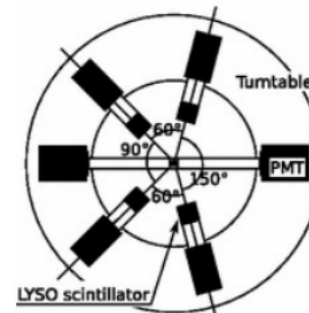
$$P_{e^+} \approx \frac{v}{c} \cdot 0.91$$

## Yamazaki et al.

PRL 104 (2010) 083401

$$(\vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}_1)(\vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}_1 \times \vec{k}_2))$$

$$C_{\text{CP}} = (1.3 \pm 2.1 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3}$$



Polarized o-Ps using external B field

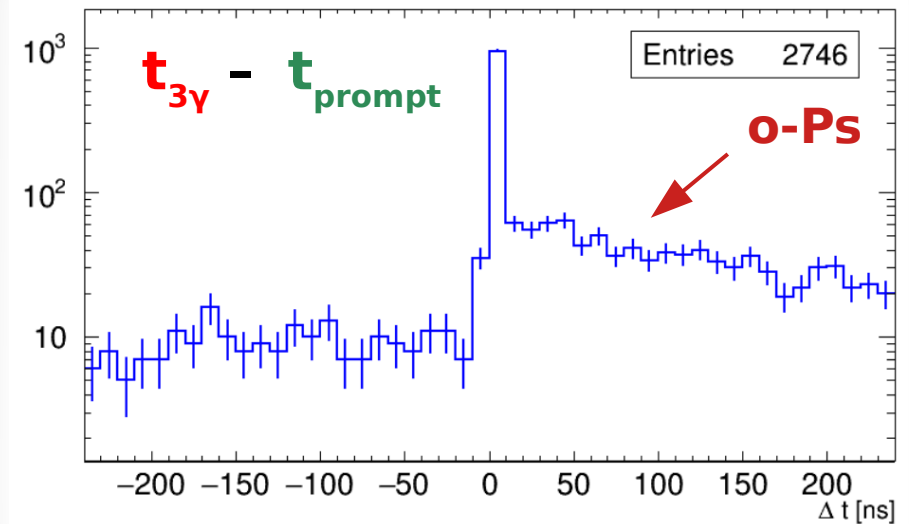
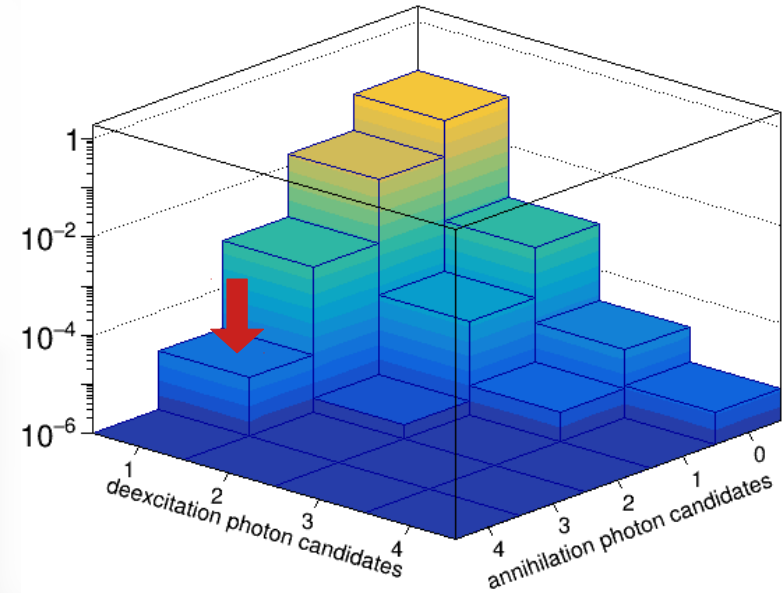
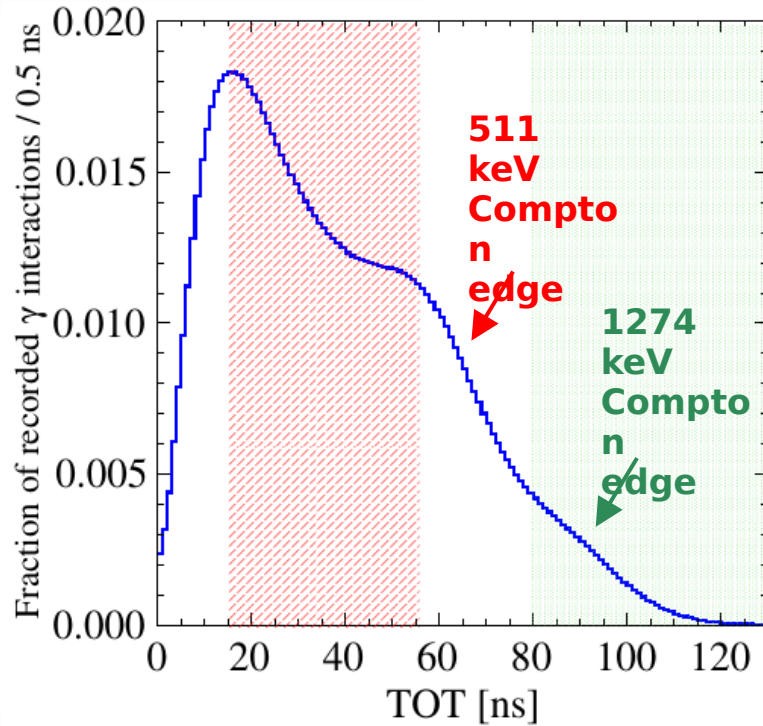
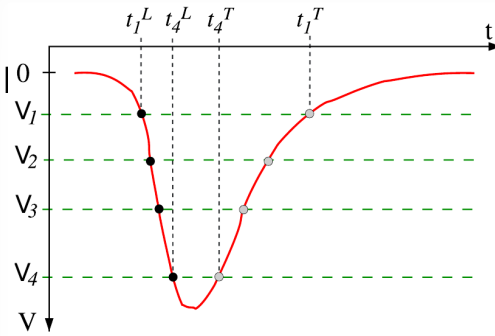
Inclusive measurement

Only certain angular configurations

- Plastic scintillators = fast timing  
→ using high  $\beta^+$  emitter activity (tested up to 10 Mbq)
- Recording all 3 annihilation photons
- Angular resolution at  $1^\circ$  level

# Identification of o-Ps $\rightarrow$ 3 $\gamma$ events in J-PET

Using total Time Over Threshold (TOT) of PMT signals from a scintillator strip

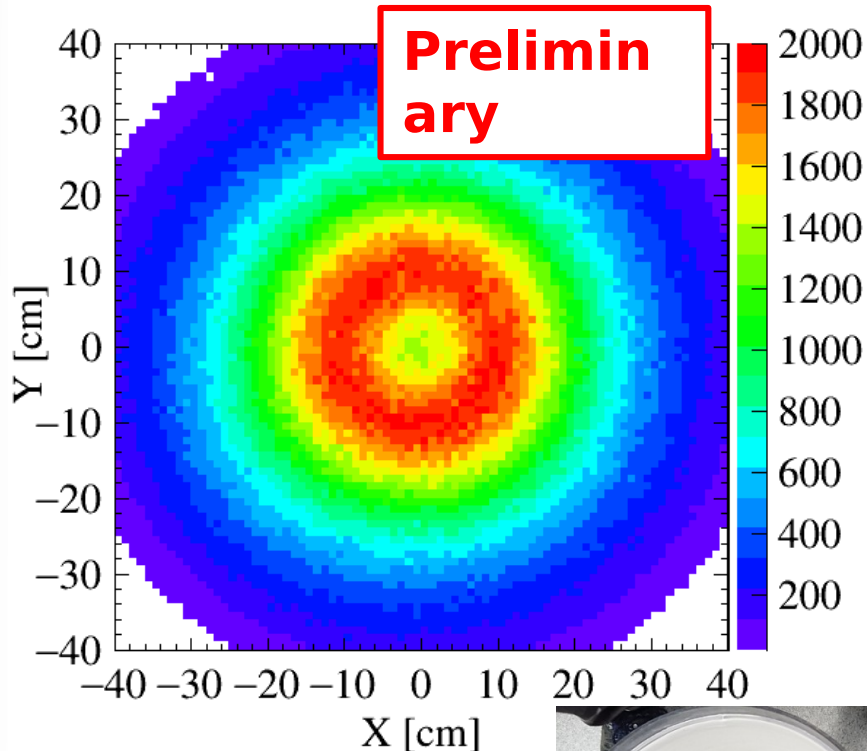


o-Ps  $\rightarrow$  3 $\gamma$  annihilation ( $E < 511$  keV)  
 $^{22}\text{Ne}^*$  de-excitation ( $E = 1274$  keV)

# Results of the CPT test

Using  $2 \times 10^6$  of identified  
o-Ps  $\rightarrow 3\gamma$  annihilations

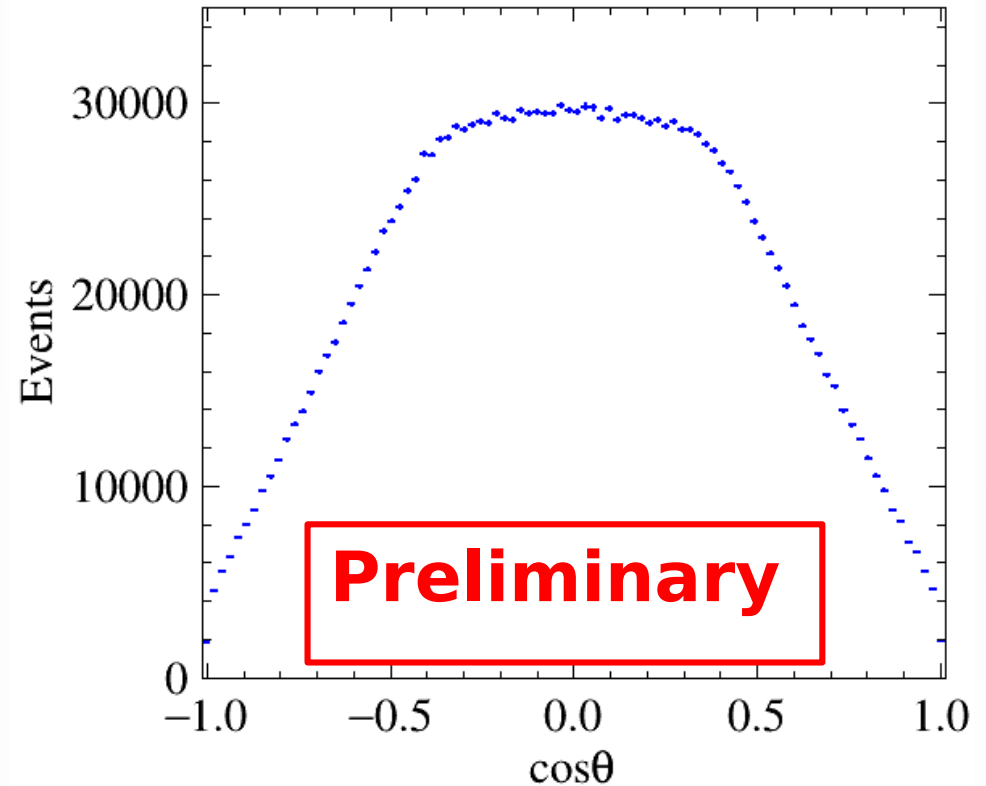
$3\gamma$  image of the o-Ps production chamber  
in the transverse view of the detector



The first image of  
an extensive-size  
object  
obtained with o-  
Ps  $\rightarrow 3\gamma$   
annihilations



$$\hat{S} \cdot (\vec{k}_1 \times \vec{k}_2) / |\vec{k}_1 \times \vec{k}_2| = \cos\theta$$



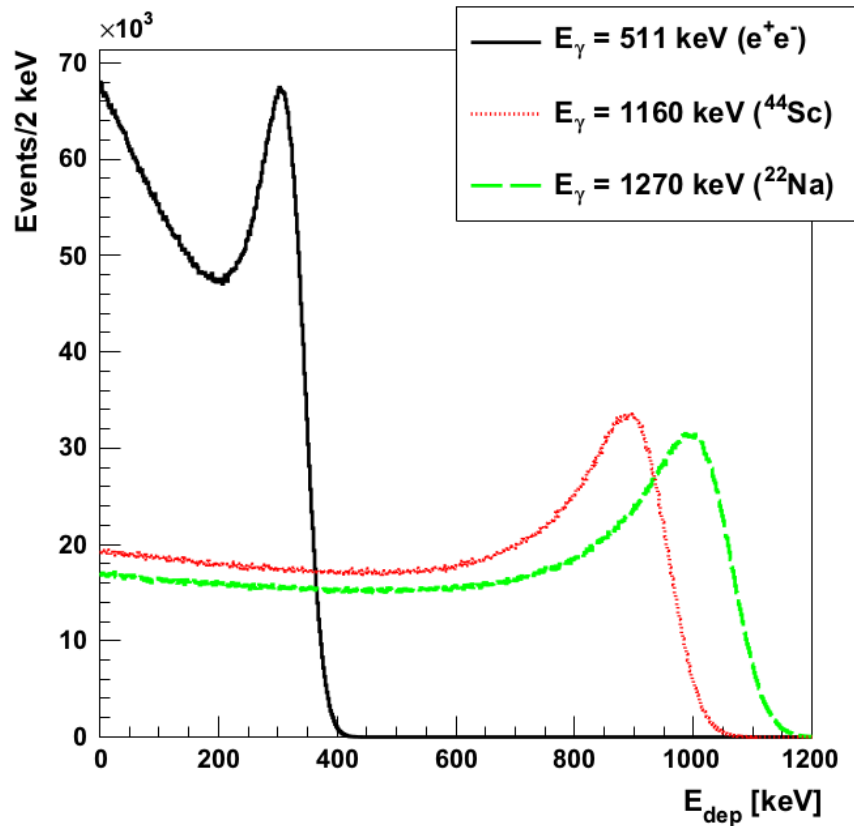
$\langle \cos\theta \rangle$  statistical uncertainty:  **$3.3 \times 10^{-4}$**

systematic uncertainty  **$1.4 \times 10^{-4}$**

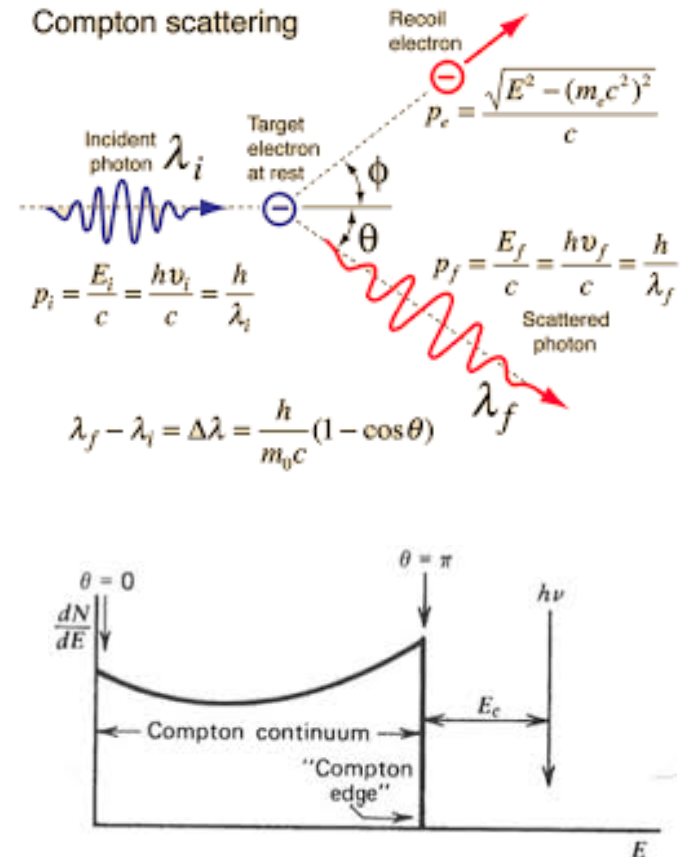
Analyzing power  $S = 37.4 \%$   
(polarization-dominated)



# oPs in JPET tomograph



**Fig. 3** Simulated spectra of deposited energy in plastic scintillators for gamma quanta from  $e^+e^- \rightarrow 2\gamma$  annihilation and for de-excitation gamma quanta originating from isotopes indicated in the legend. The spectra were simulated including the energy resolution of the J-PET detector [20] and were normalized to the same number of events



# GPS trilateration

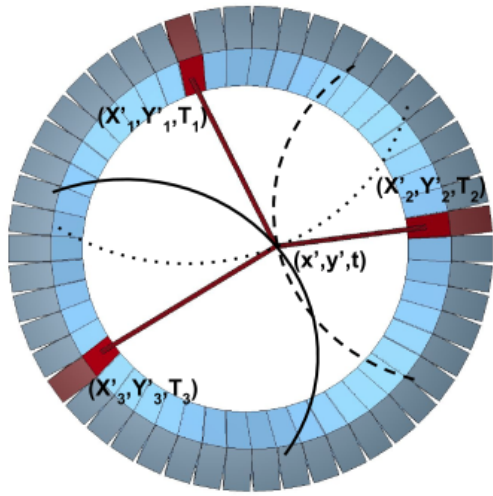
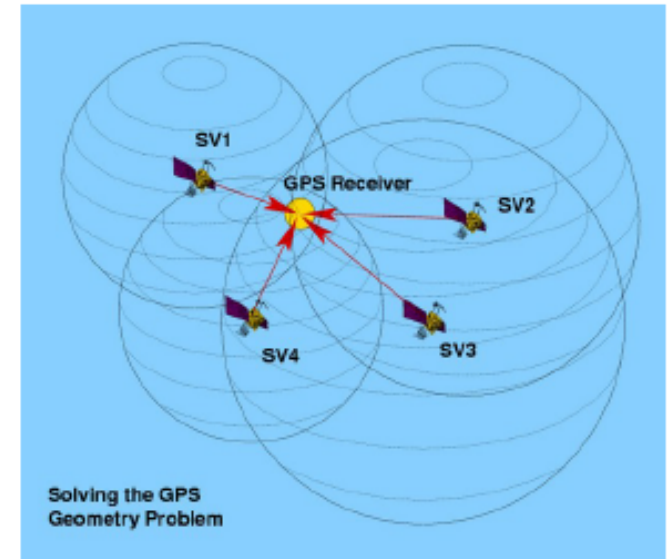
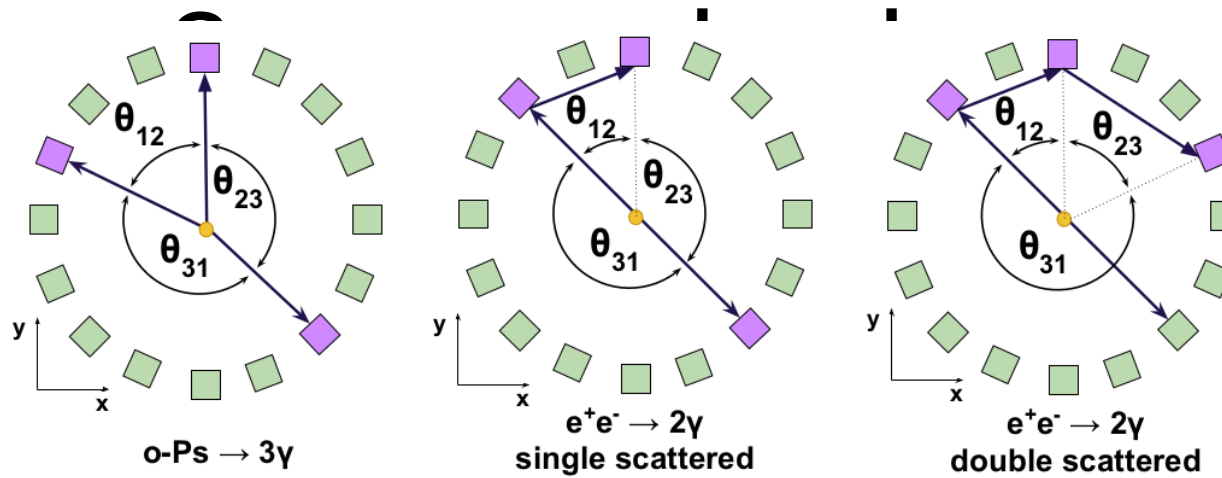


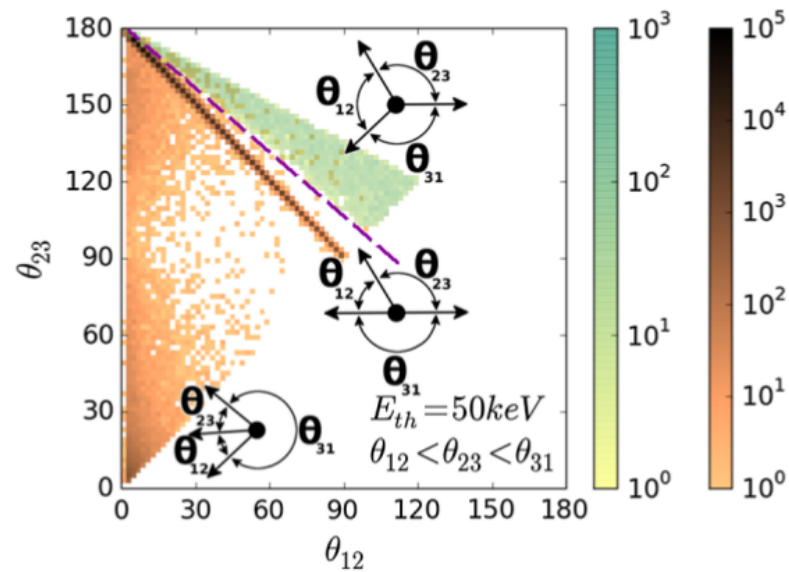
Figure 5: A scheme of the detector showing  $o\text{-Ps} \rightarrow 3\gamma$  annihilation. For clarity only a single layer with registered hits is shown. Red lines represent the gamma photons from ortho-positronium annihilation. The trilateration method is used to determine the annihilation position and time  $(x', y', t)$  along the annihilation plane. For each recorded photon a circle, which is a set of possible photon origin points, centered in the hit-position and parameterised with the unknown o-Ps annihilation time is considered. The intersection of the three circles corresponds to the  $o\text{-Ps} \rightarrow 3\gamma$  annihilation point.





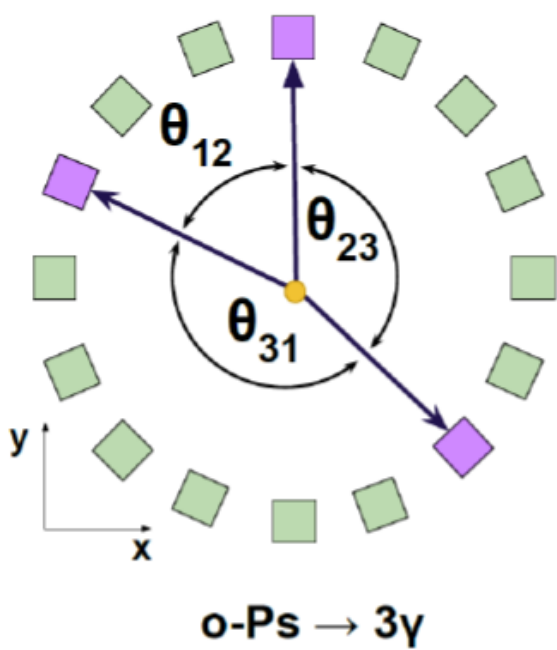
**Fig. 13** Pictorial illustration of the possible response of the detector to o-Ps  $\rightarrow 3\gamma$  and  $e^+e^-$  annihilation into  $2\gamma$ . Arranged circularly squares represents scintillator strips—purple and green colors indicate strips where the gamma quanta were or were not registered, respectively. The

arrows represents gamma quanta occurring in the events, while dotted lines indicate naively reconstructed gamma quanta. Examples of primary and secondary scatterings are depicted

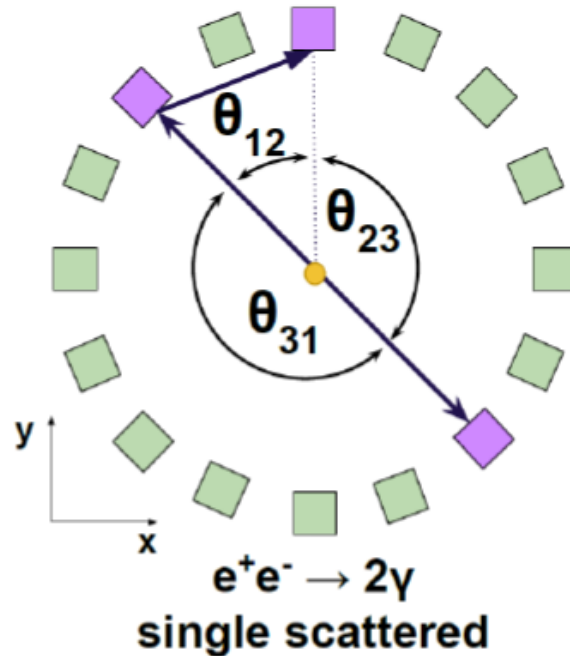


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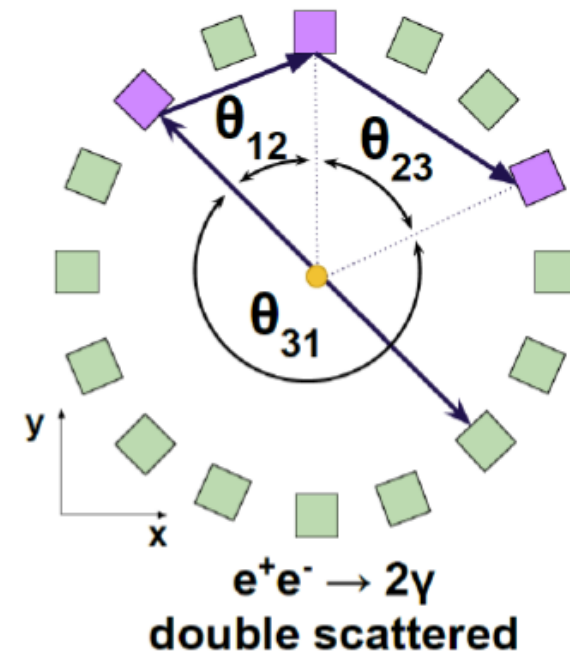




$$\theta_{23} + \theta_{12} > 180$$

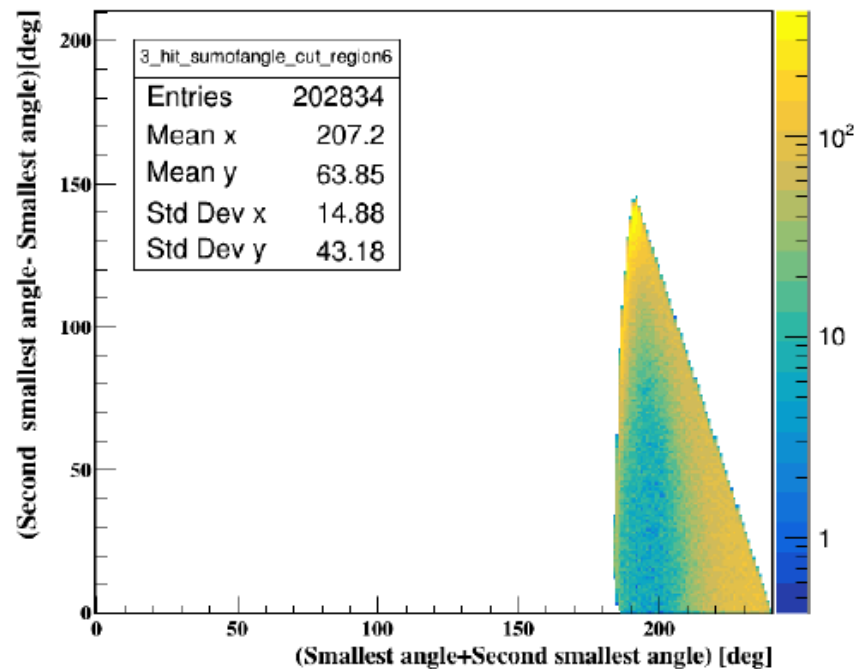
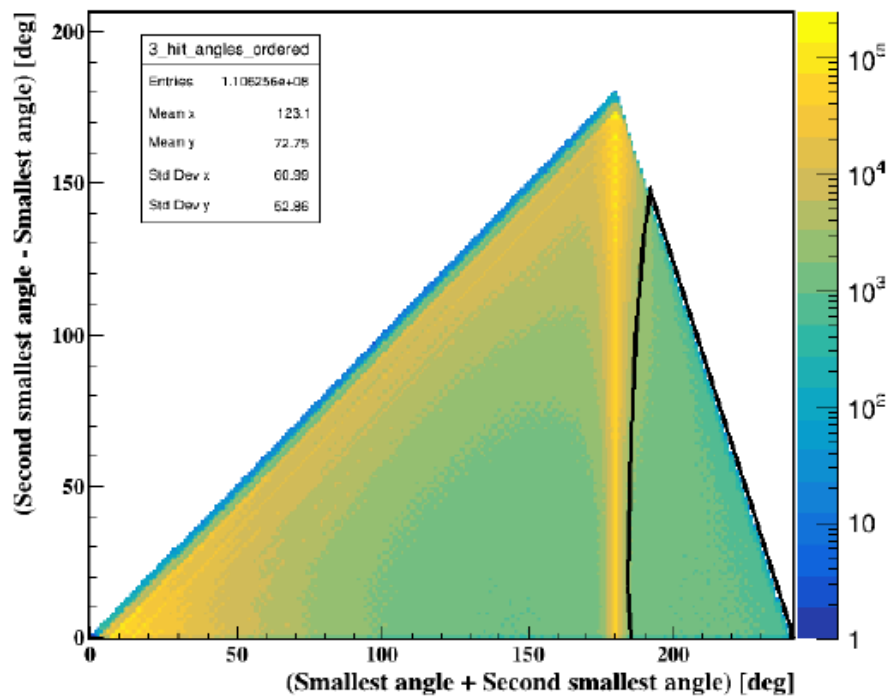


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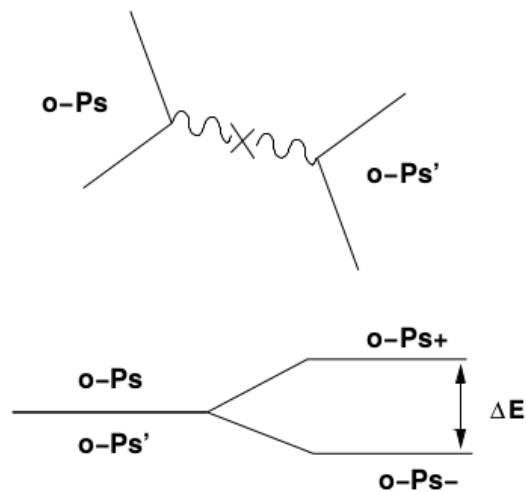
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3 Hit angles

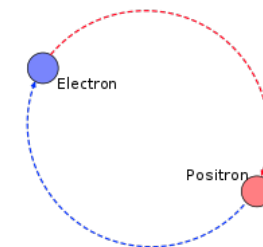


# Mirror Matter in o-Ps

- o-Ps can be connected via one-photon annihilation to its mirror version (o-Ps') and can be confirmed in experiments
  - **o-Ps oscillates into its mirror partner o-Ps'**
  - Only mimicked by very-rare decay from Standard Model  $\text{Br}(o\text{Ps} \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}) < \mathcal{O}(10^{-18})$
  - **Precision measurements of the o-Ps decay rate and compare it to QED calculations.**



The o-Ps'  $\rightarrow$  invisible decay would manifest as an increase of the observed lifetime respect to the expected value  $\rightarrow$  Precision measurement of the o-Ps lifetime

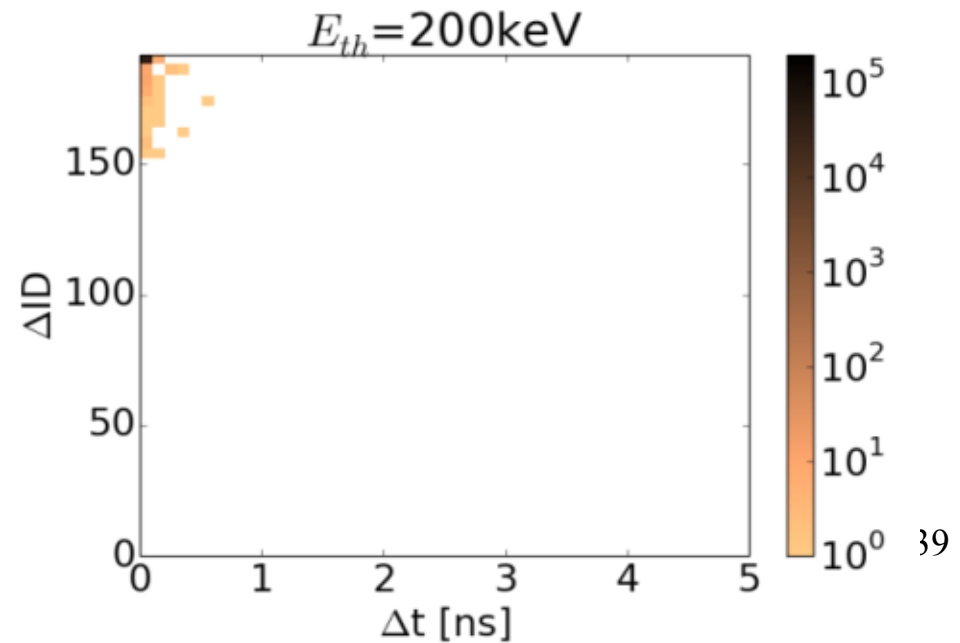
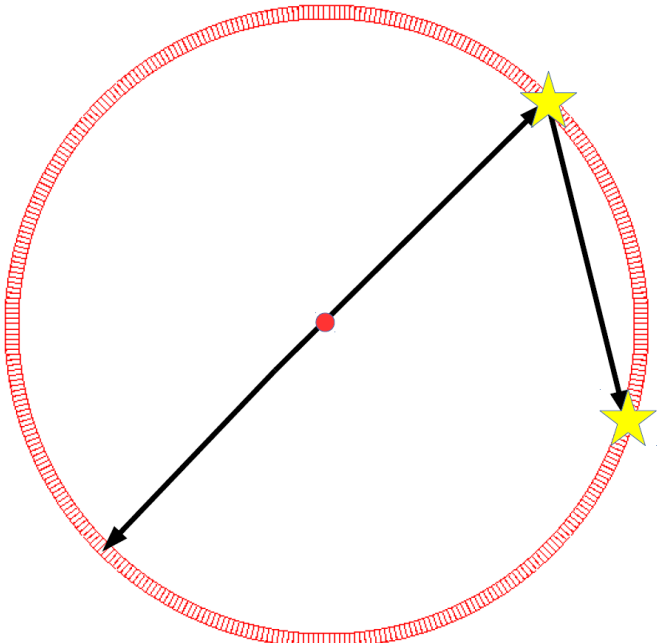
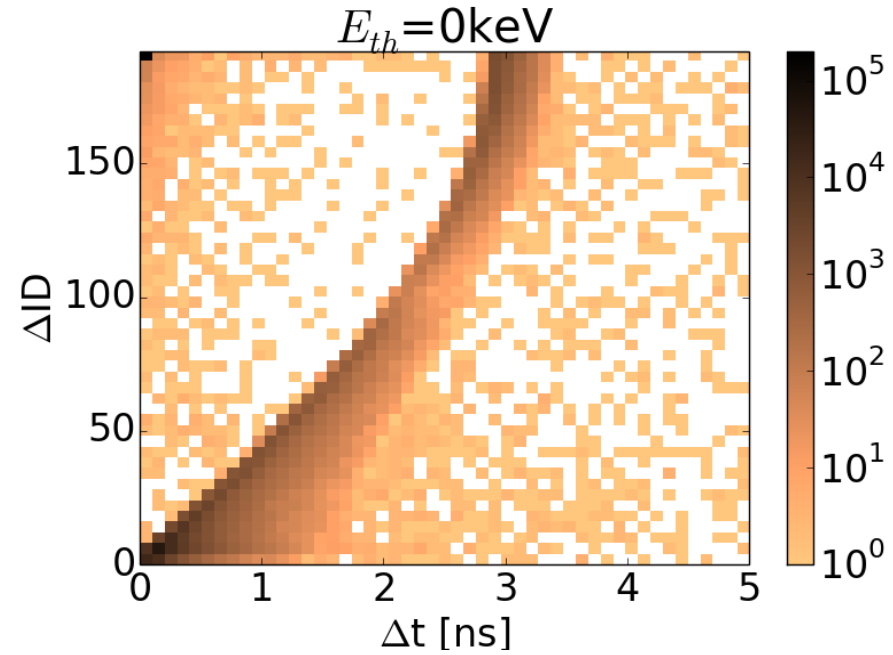
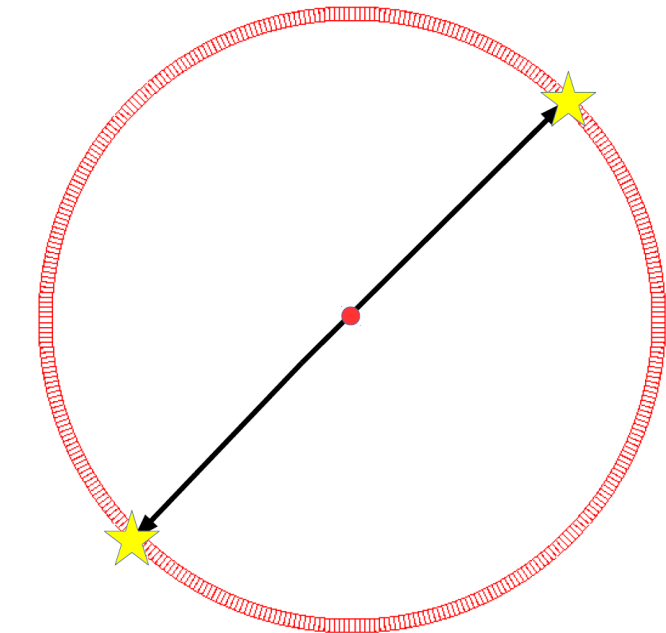


[P. Crivelli et al 2010 JINST 5 P08001]

# secondary scattering in the detector

J-PET: P. Kowalski et al., Phys. Med. Biol. submitted

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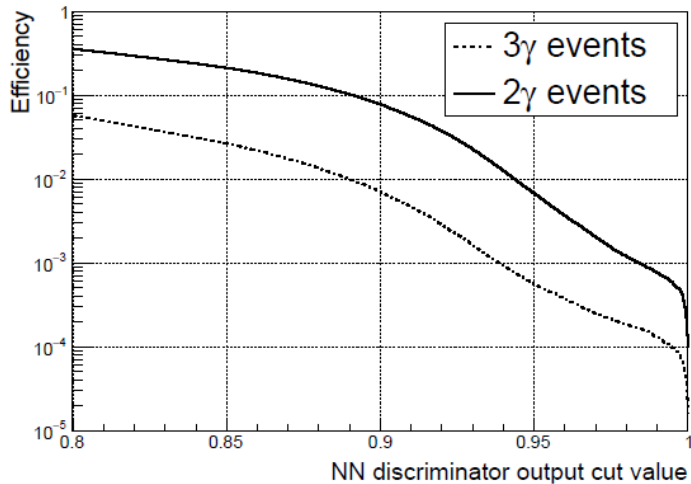


# Systematic Uncertainties

## Accidental events

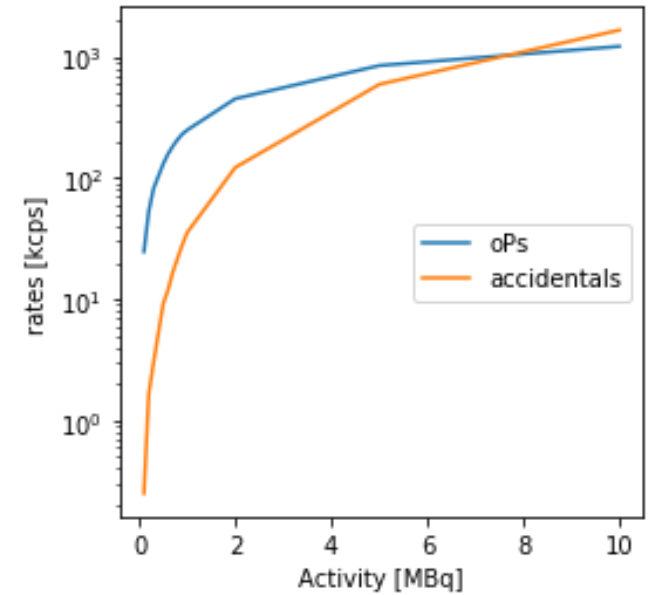
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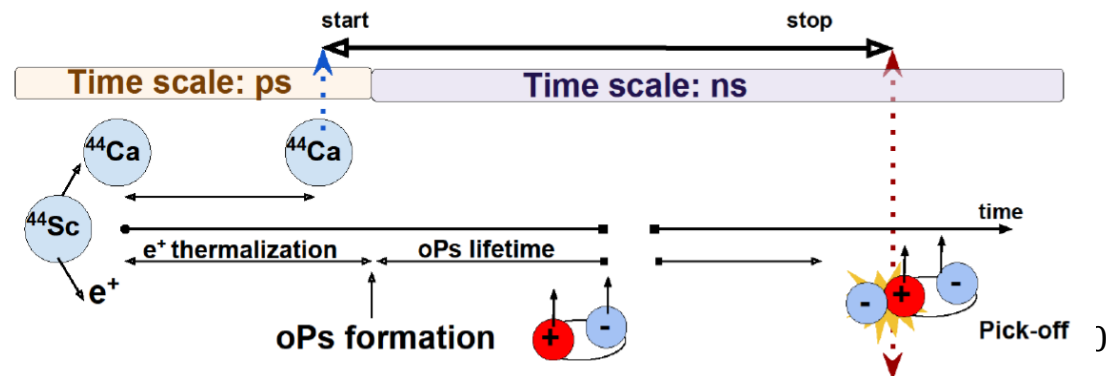
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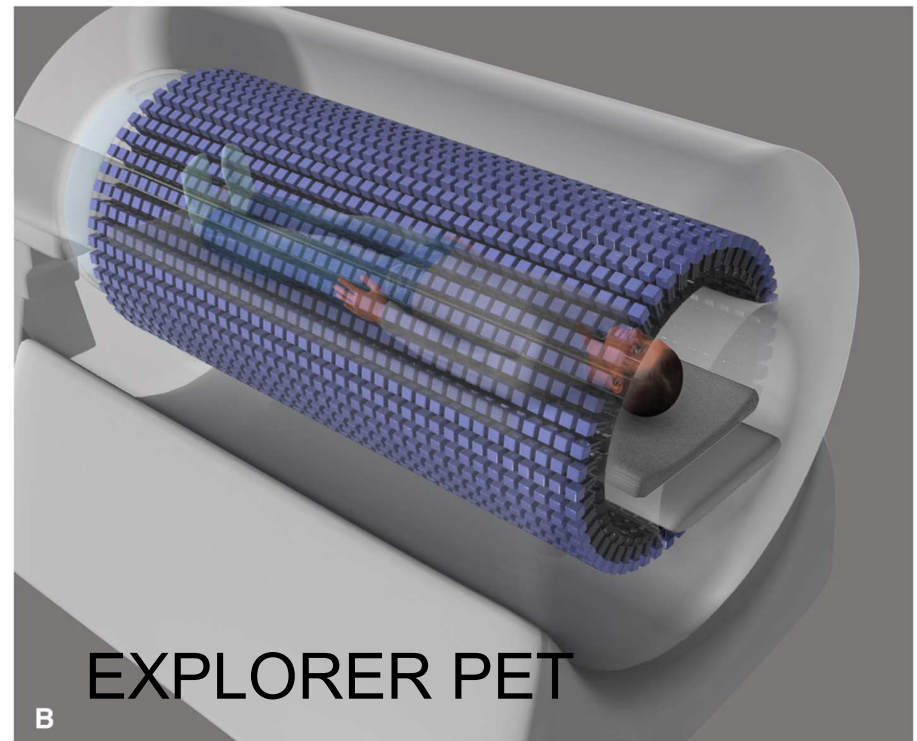
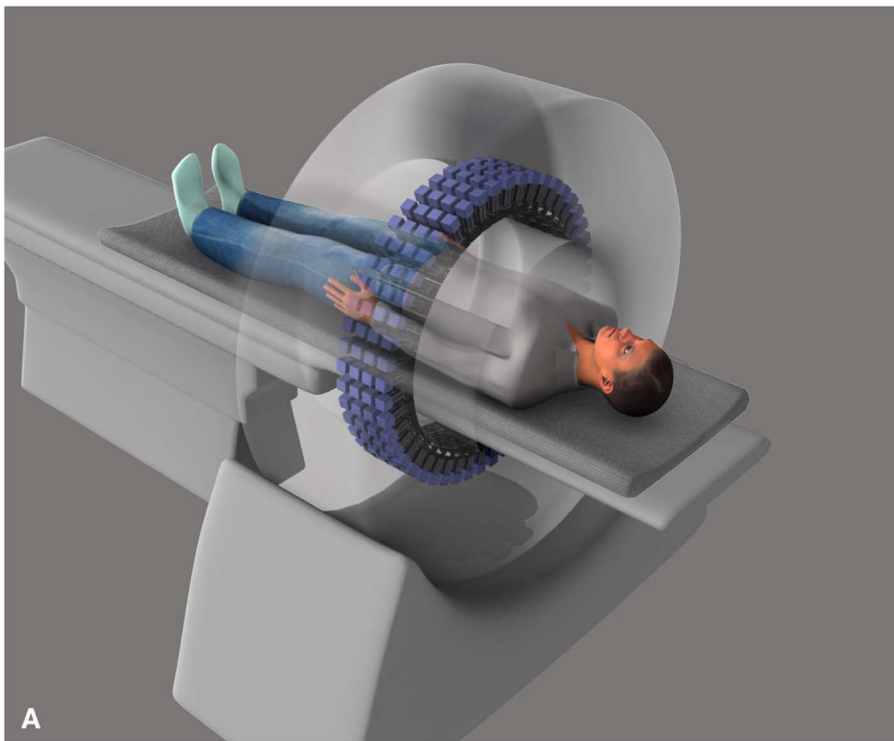
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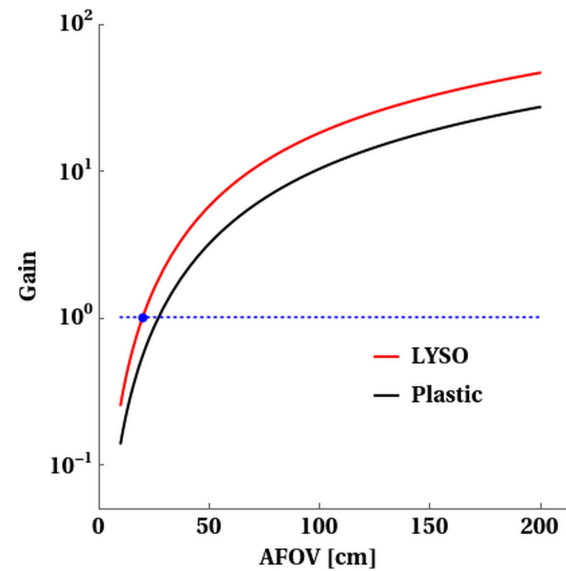
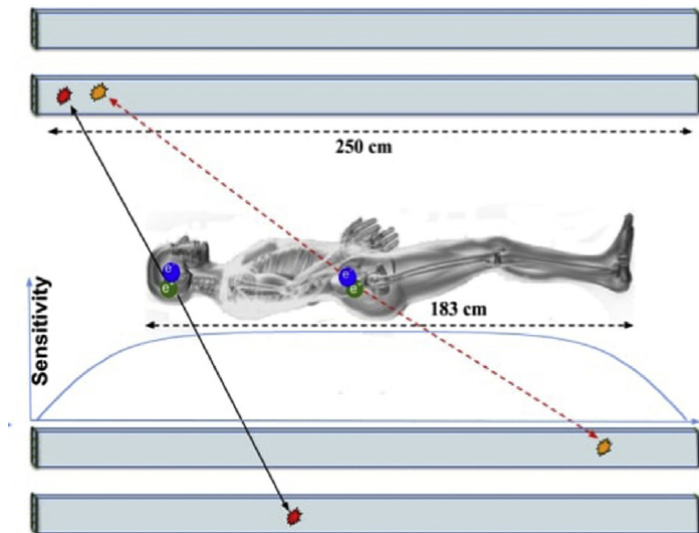
## oPs interacting with the material

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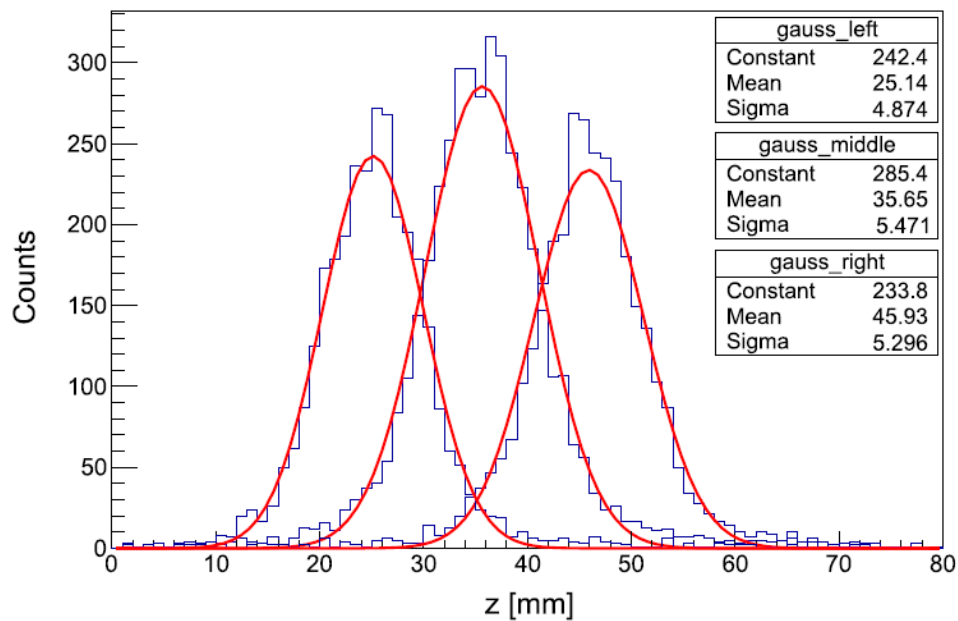
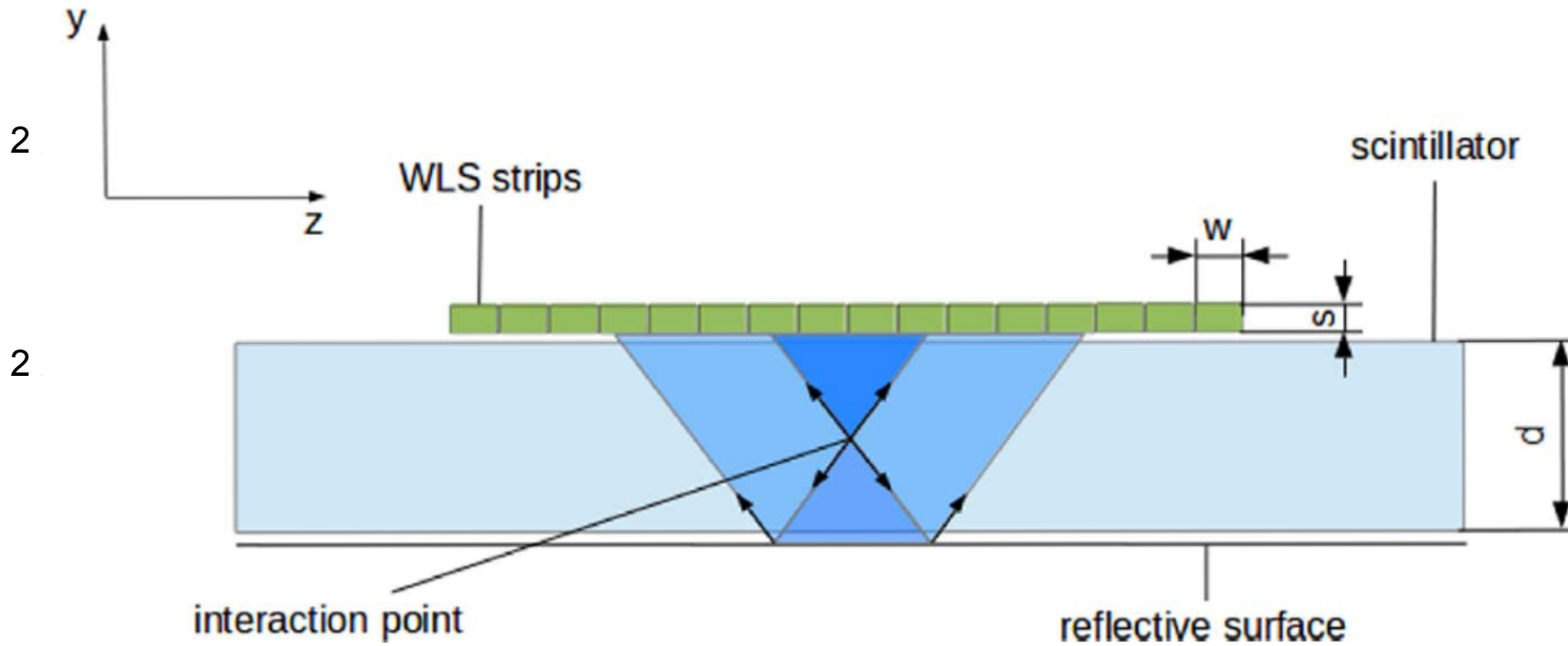


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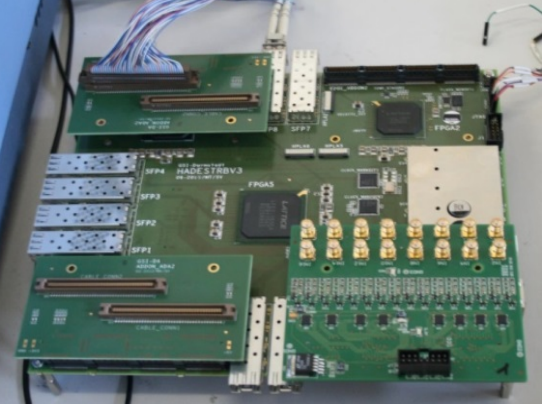


P. Moskal, E. Ł. Stępień,  
PET Clinics 15 (2020) 439

# Application of WLS







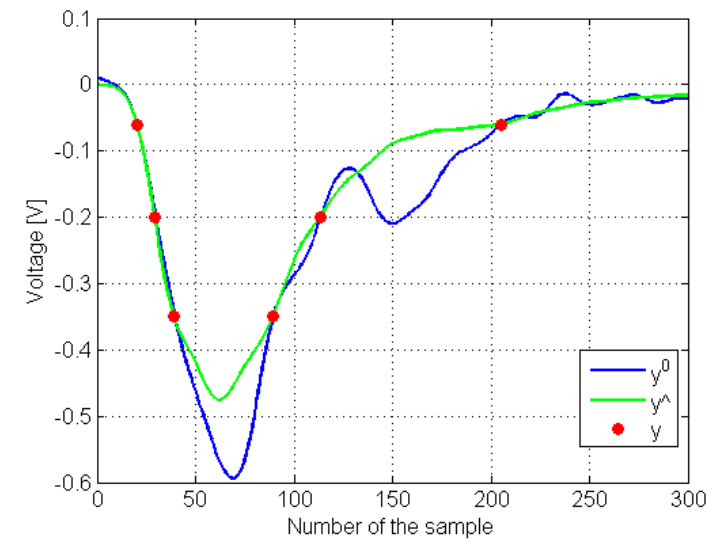
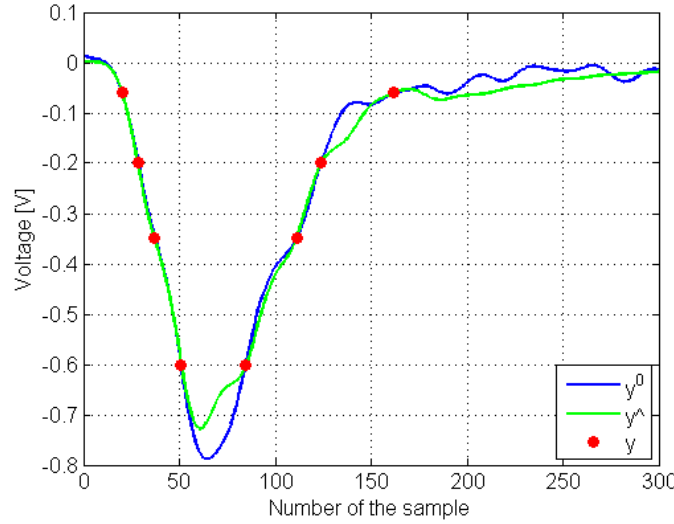
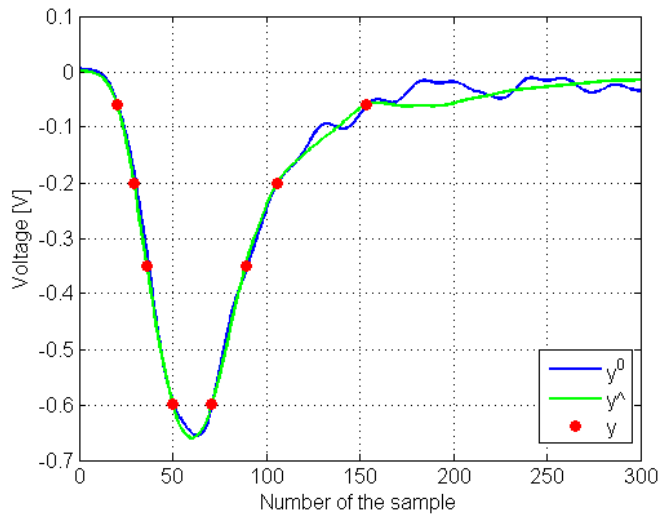
# ONLY DIGITAL in triggerless mode

## FFE sampling & Readout electronics

precision of 20ps (sigma) for 10 Euro per sample

M. Pałka, P.M., **PCT/EP2014/068367**

G. Korcyl, P. M., M. Kajetanowicz, M. Pałka, **PCT/EP2014/068352**



Library of signals; Principal Component Analysis; Compressive Sensing;

J-PET: L. Raczyński et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. **A786 (2015) 105**

J-PET: P. M. et al., Nucl. Instrum. Meth. **A775 (2015) 54**

## Reconstruction

**Detector**

**FrontEnd  
electronics**

**Electronics  
controller**

**Hit  
along strip**

**Annihilation  
point**

**Image**

J-PET: M. Pałka et al., JINST **12 (2017) P08001**

J-PET: W. Krzemień et al., Acta Phys. Pol. **B47 (2016) 561** J-PET: G.

Korcyl et al., IEEE TMI 2018 in press

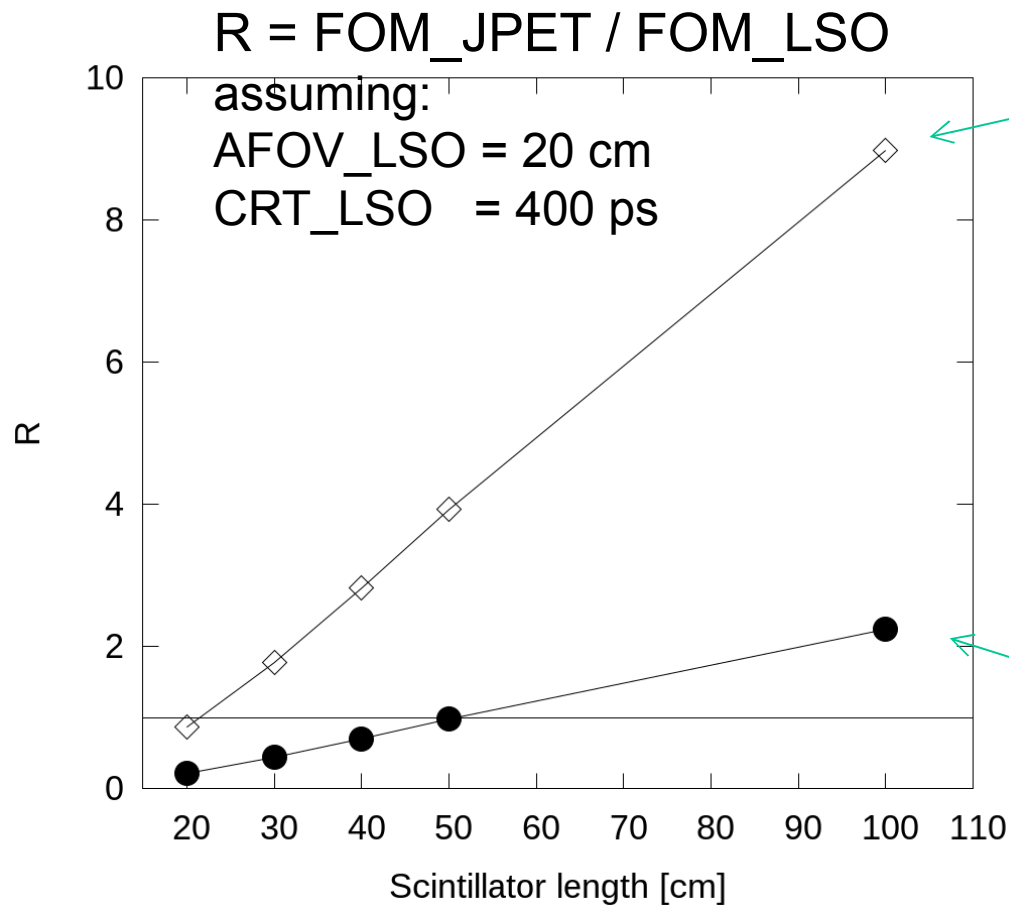
J-PET: P. Bialas et al., Bio-Alg. and Med-Sys. **10 (2014) 12**

G. Korcyl -> poster session

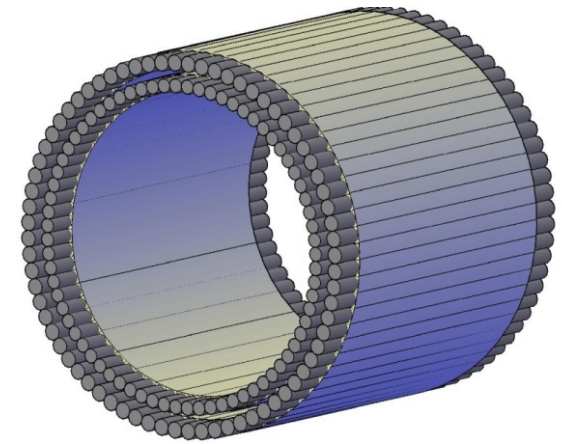
for the 2.5 cm layer the efficiency for the registration of events selected to reconstruct the image is for the plastic scintillator by a factor of about 20 smaller in relation to the BGO crystals and about 40 times less compared to the LSO crystals

<b>name</b>	<b>type</b>	<b>density [g/cm<sup>3</sup>]</b>	<b>decay time [ns]</b>	<b>photons/ MeV</b>	<b>mean free path [cm]</b>
<b>BGO</b>	<b>crystal</b>	<b>7.13</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>6000</b>	<b>1.04</b>
<b>GSO</b>	<b>crystal</b>	<b>6.71</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>10000</b>	<b>1.49</b>
<b>LSO</b>	<b>crystal</b>	<b>7.40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>29000</b>	<b>1.15</b>
<b>NE102A</b>	<b>polymer</b>	<b>1.032</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>10000</b>	<b>10.2</b>
<b>BC404</b>	<b>polymer</b>	<b>1.032</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>10000</b>	<b>10.2</b>
<b>RP422</b>	<b>polymer</b>	<b>1.032</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>10000</b>	<b>10.2</b>

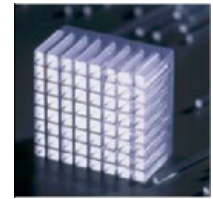
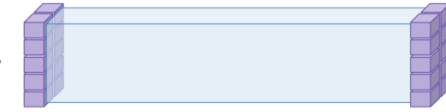




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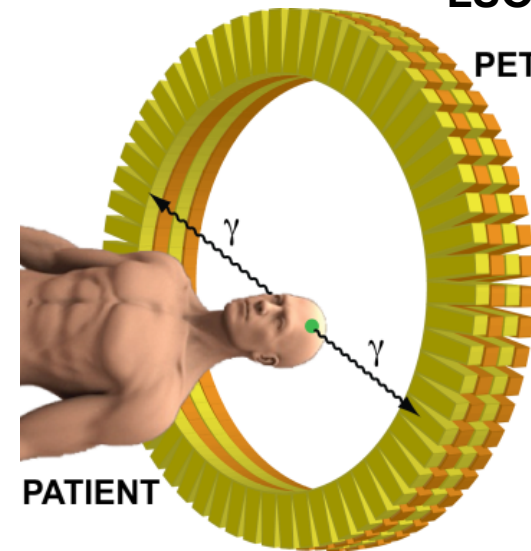


$$R = \frac{\text{FOM\_JPET}}{\text{FOM\_LSO}}$$



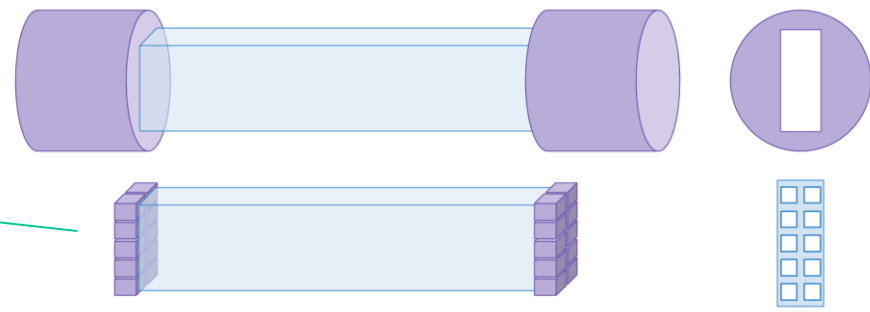
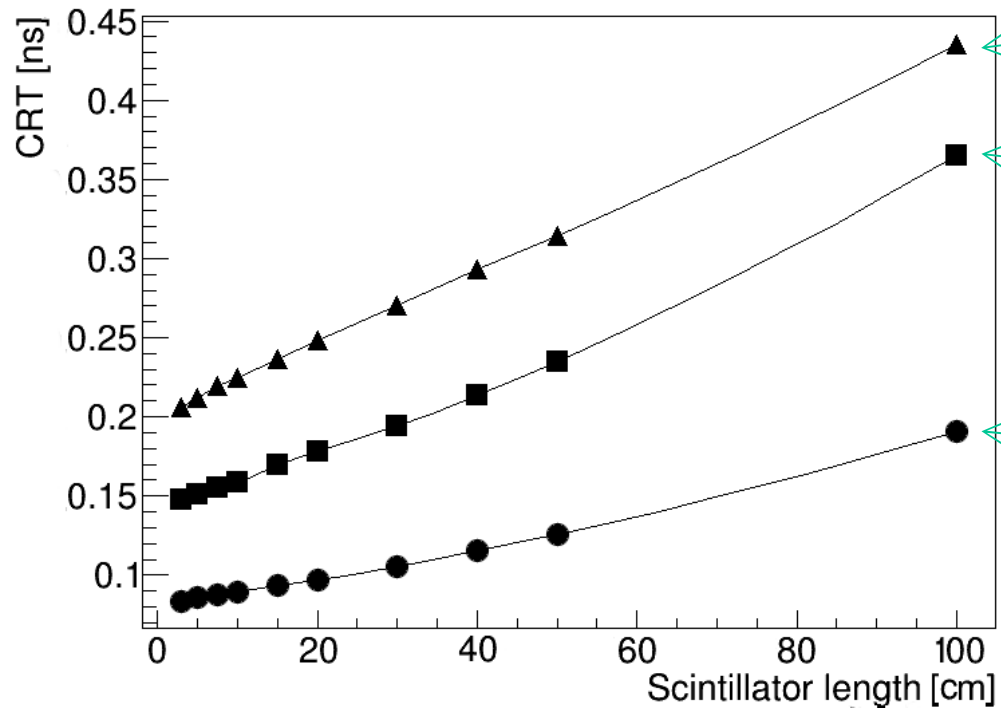
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PET

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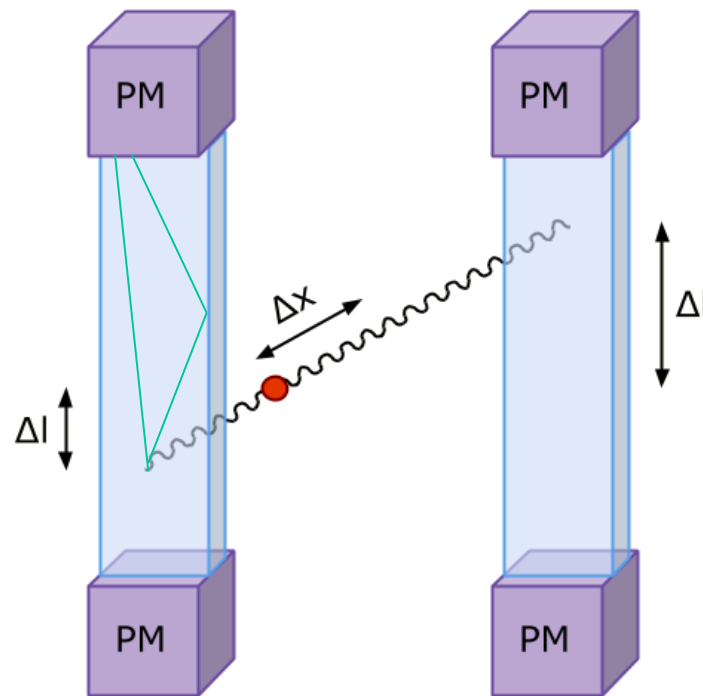
## Figure of Merit for whole body imaging (FOM):

$$\text{FOM} \propto \frac{(\text{detection eff.})^2 \cdot (\text{selection eff.})^2 \cdot \text{acceptance}}{\text{CRT} \cdot \text{Number\_of\_bed\_positions}}$$

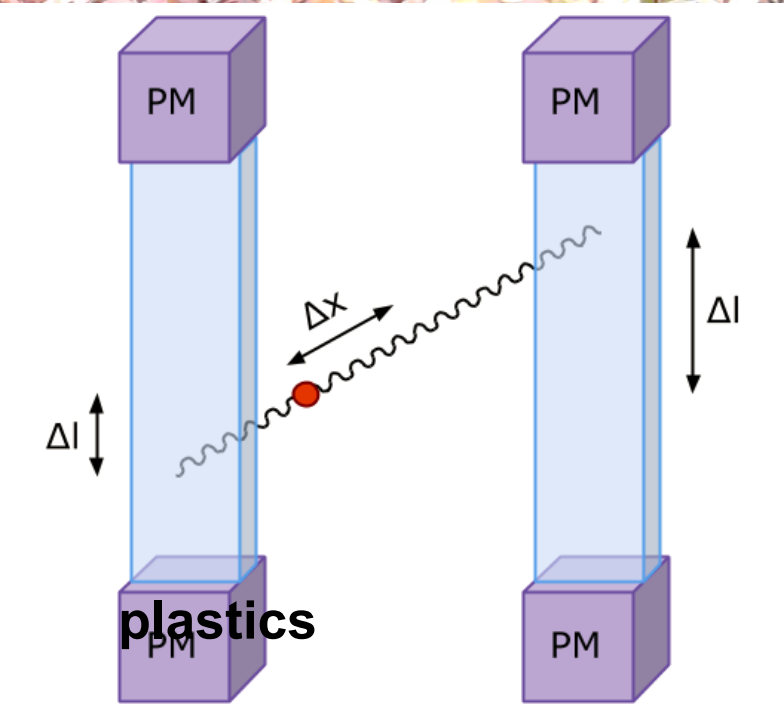
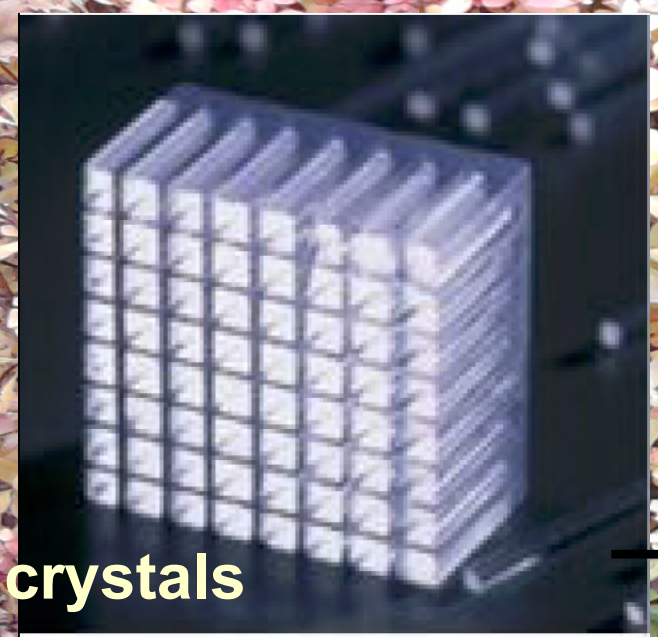
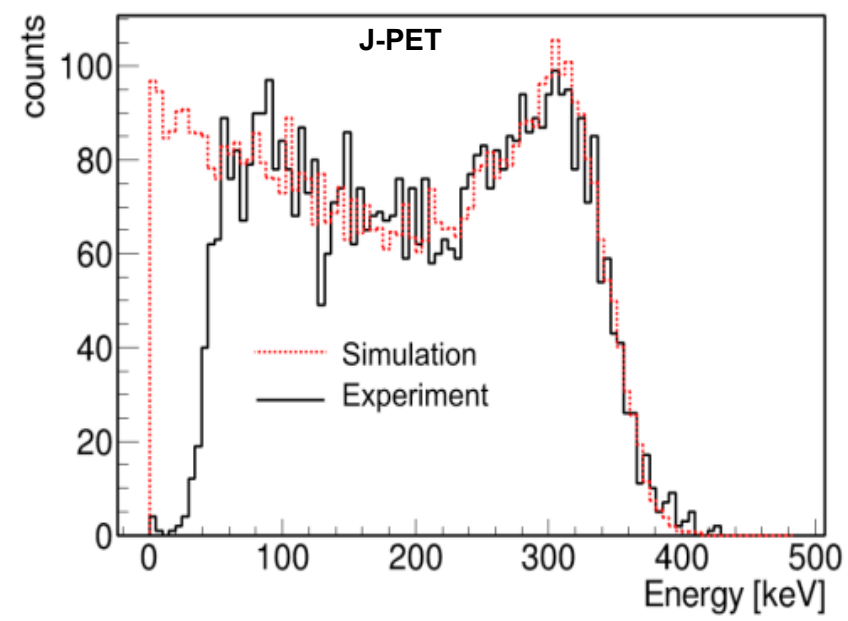
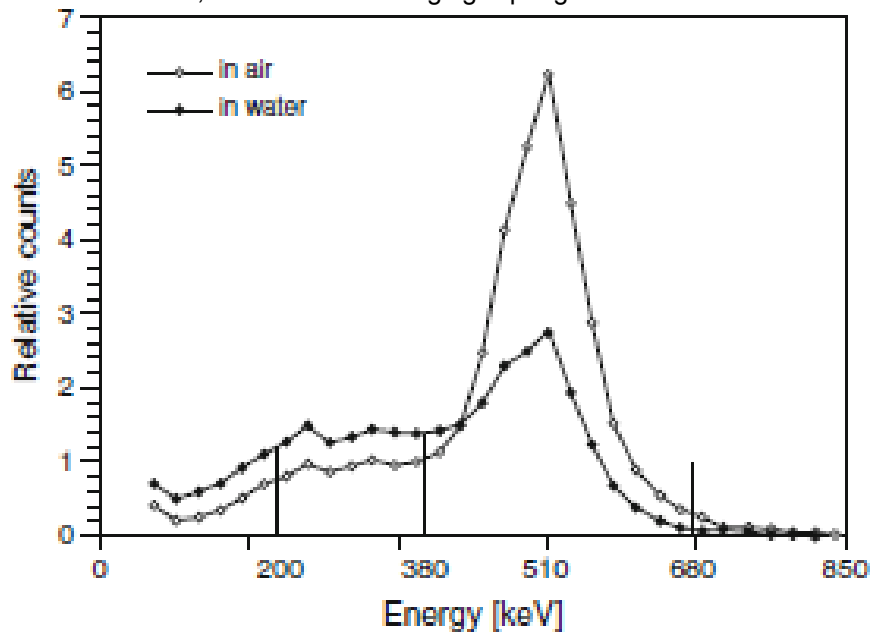


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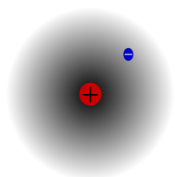


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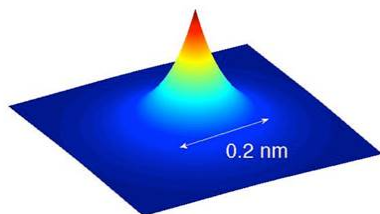
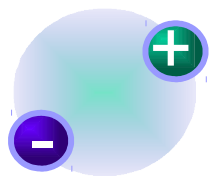


# Positronium

$^1\text{H}$  **Lightest purely leptonic system**

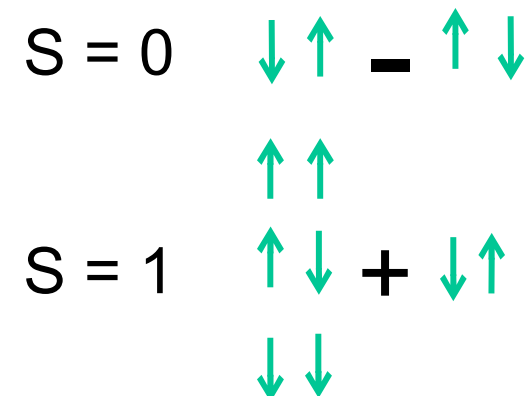


Positronium (Ps)



$^1\text{S}_0$  Para-positronium  
 $\tau$  (p-Ps)  $\approx$  125 ps

$^3\text{S}_1$  Ortho-positronium  
 $\tau$  (o-Ps)  $\approx$  142 ns



Symmetric under exchange of particles and anti-particles  $\rightarrow$  eigenstate of the charge conjugation operator C

$$C |Ps\rangle = (-1)^{L+S} |Ps\rangle$$

$$C |n\gamma\rangle = (-1)^n |n\gamma\rangle$$



	$^1\text{S}_0$	$^3\text{S}_1$
C	+	-
P	-	-
CP	-	+

Due to charge conjugation both states of the Ps decays are even or odd in the number of decay photons

Decay modes

**p-Ps  $\rightarrow$  2n  $\gamma$**

**o-Ps  $\rightarrow$  (2n+1)  $\gamma$**

$$|^1\text{S}_0\rangle \rightarrow 2\gamma, 4\gamma, \dots$$

Even number of photons

$$|^3\text{S}_1\rangle \rightarrow 3\gamma, 5\gamma, \dots$$

Odd number of photons