

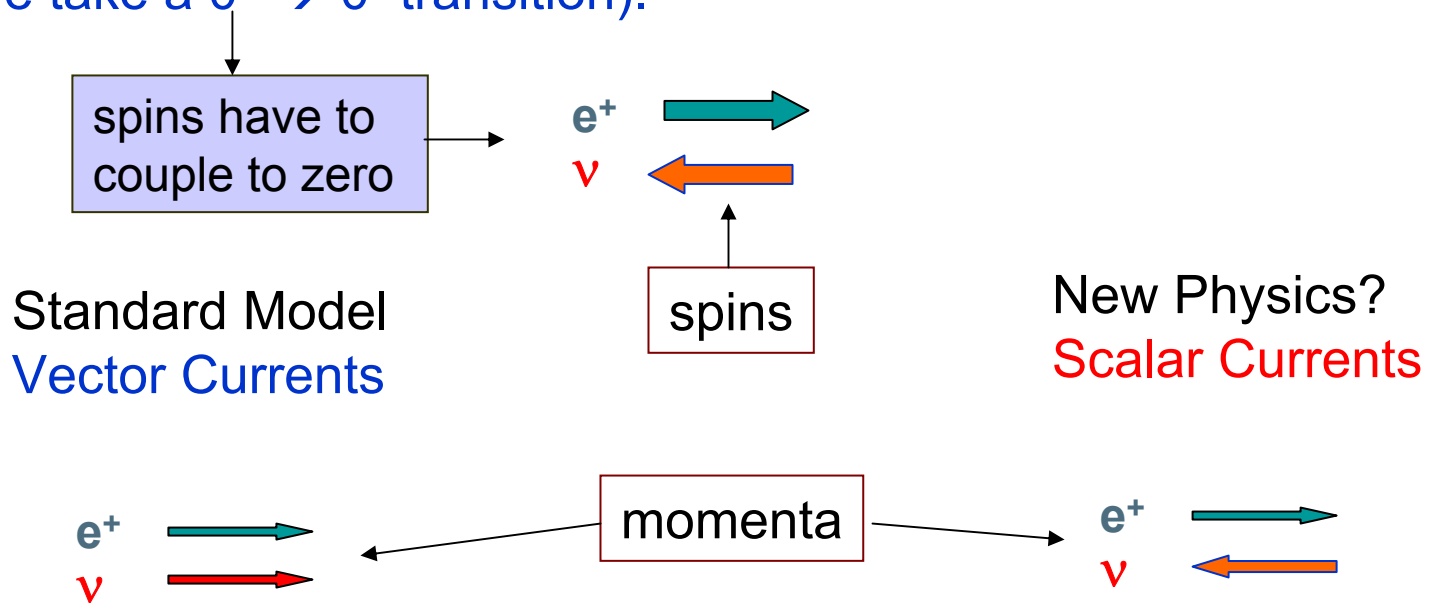
The ^{32}S (p, γ) Resonance: A Measurement of Level Widths and Excitation Energies

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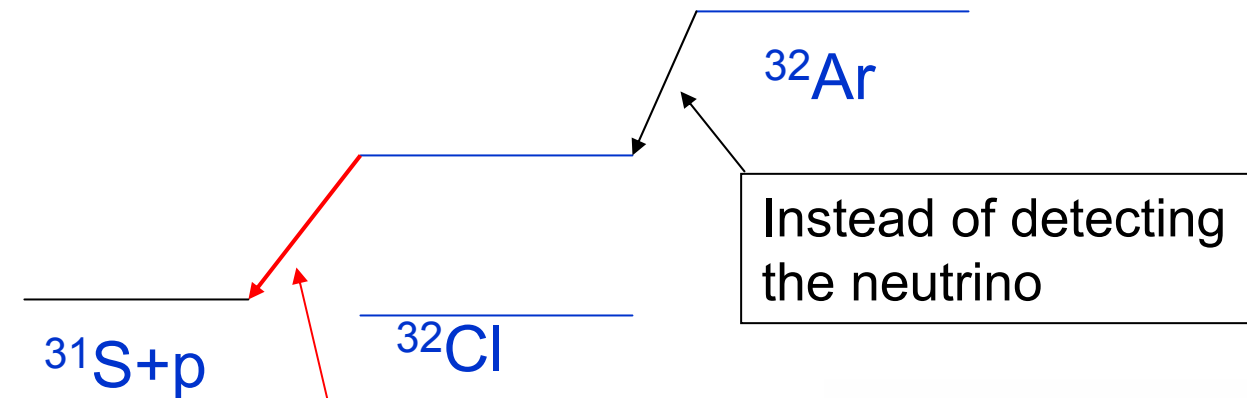
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Finding New Physics in ^{32}Ar Decay

The e - ν correlation depends strongly on the nature of the carrier (we take a $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ transition).

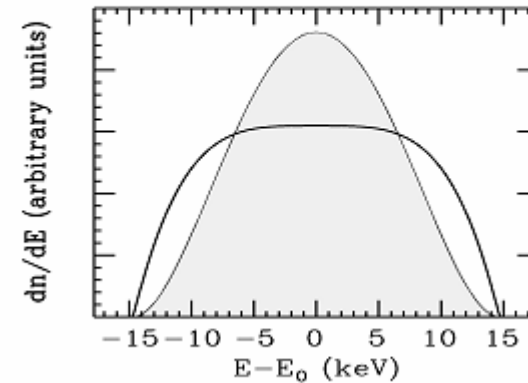


A trick to avoid detecting the neutrino



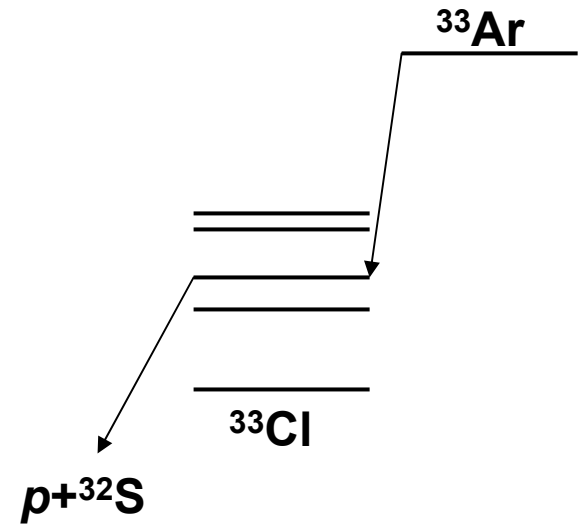
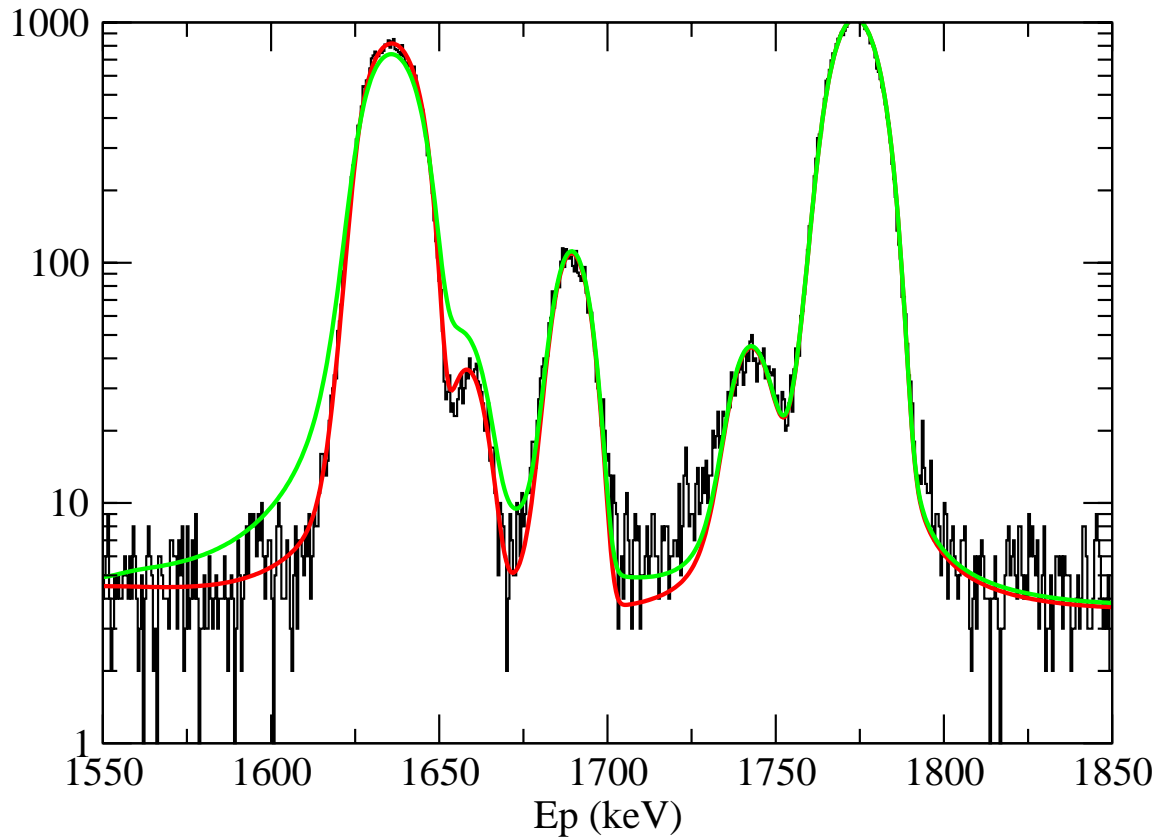
We detect the proton that contains the info about the ^{32}Cl recoil (Doppler)

Monte-Carlo calculation of proton energy



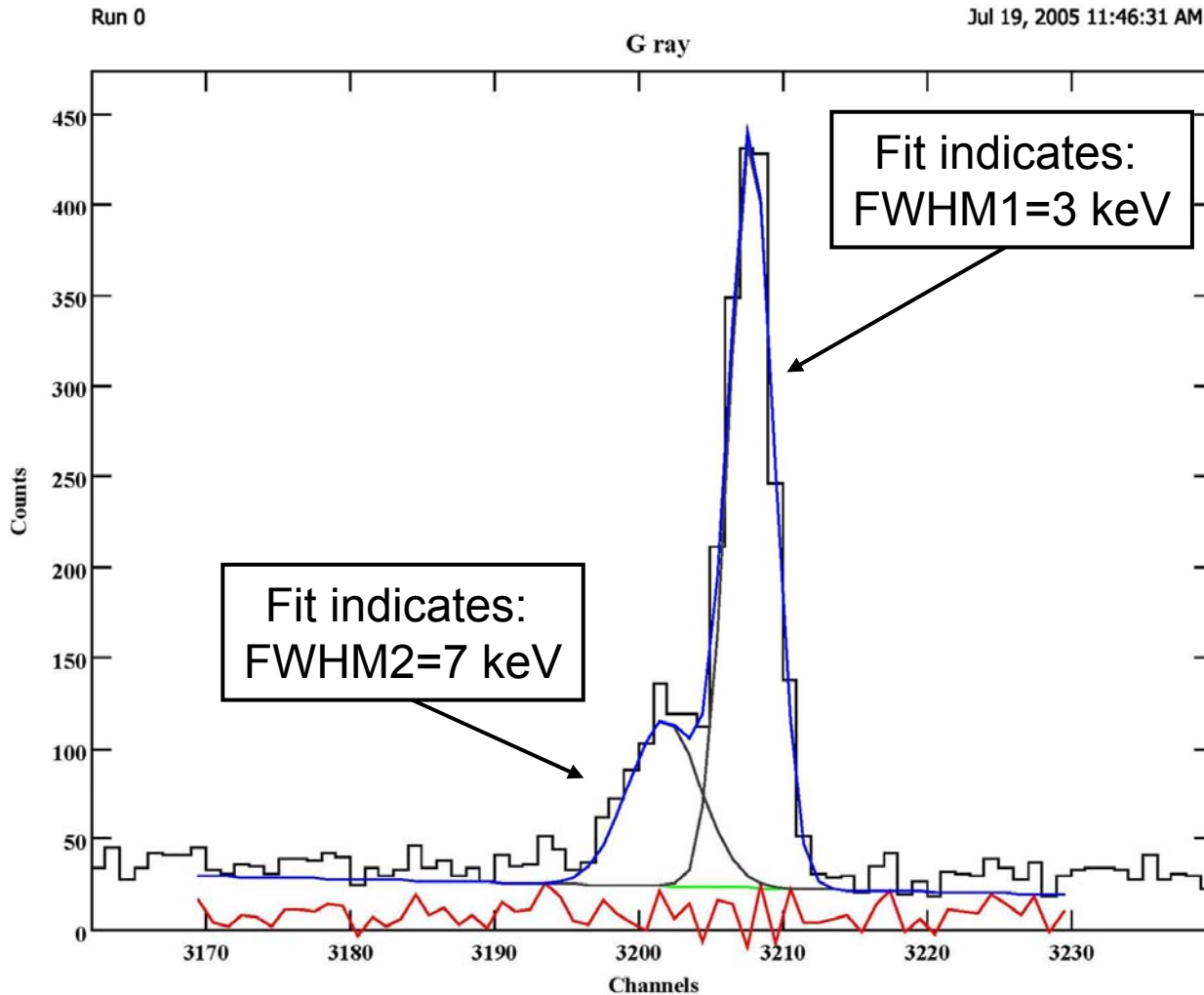
width=2 keV

width<0.5 keV



Energy peak width gives width of natural resonance in ^{33}Cl

But width from $p+^{32}\text{S}$ seems much larger!



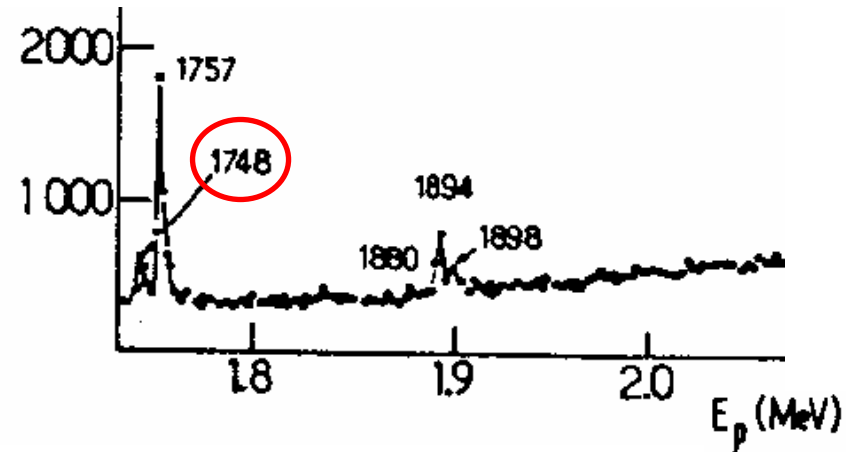
Gamma ray energy curve in thick target shows level of interest to be wide.

Width of Resonance Measured by M. M. Aleonard et. al, Nucl. Phys. **A257**, 490 (1976)

TABLEAU I

Comparaison des énergies et des forces des résonances observées dans la réaction $^{32}\text{S}(p, \gamma)^{33}\text{Cl}$

E_p (keV)		E_p^a (keV)	Γ^c (keV)	
notre travail	réf. ¹⁾		notre travail	notre travail
421.8 ± 0.6^b		2865.5 ± 0.4^b		$(9 \pm 4) \times 10^{-5}^1$
579.8 ± 0.6	579.9 ± 0.5	2838.7 ± 0.8		0.08 ± 0.01^1
587.9 ± 0.5	587.4 ± 0.5	2846.6 ± 0.7		0.21 ± 0.03^1
720.7 ± 0.6^b		2975.4 ± 0.3^b		$(1.4 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-4}^1$
1587.8 ± 1.1		3816.2 ± 1.2		0.053 ± 0.007
1748.4 ± 1.0		3971.5 ± 1.1	5 ± 3	0.09 ± 0.02
1757.2 ± 0.9^1	1754.6 ± 0.7	3980.4 ± 1.0		0.38 ± 0.04^1
1879.7 ± 1.1		4099.2 ± 1.2		0.019 ± 0.008
1893.8 ± 1.1		4112.9 ± 1.2		0.07 ± 0.02
1898 ± 2	1900 ± 2	4117 ± 2	14 ± 4	0.19 ± 0.07
2229.4 ± 1.3	2227 ± 2	4438.3 ± 1.4	2 ± 1	0.30 ± 0.04
2255.4 ± 1.3	2257 ± 2	4463.6 ± 1.8		0.14 ± 0.02
2547.2 ± 1.5	2547 ± 2	4746.5 ± 1.5		1.4 ± 0.2
2577 ± 3		4775 ± 3		$(9.3 \pm 1.9) \times 10^{-2}^1$



Determining the Width of the Energy Peak

Purpose:

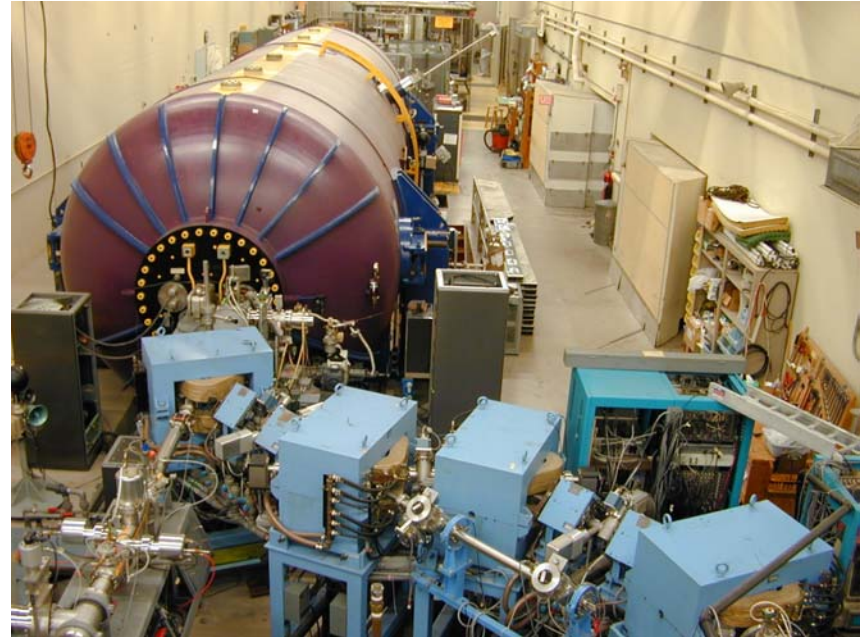
Confirm that the energy level in ^{33}Cl used for calibration from ^{33}Ar decay and the state populated via $^{32}\text{S} + p$ are the same.

Method:

$^{32}\text{S} + p$ excitation function

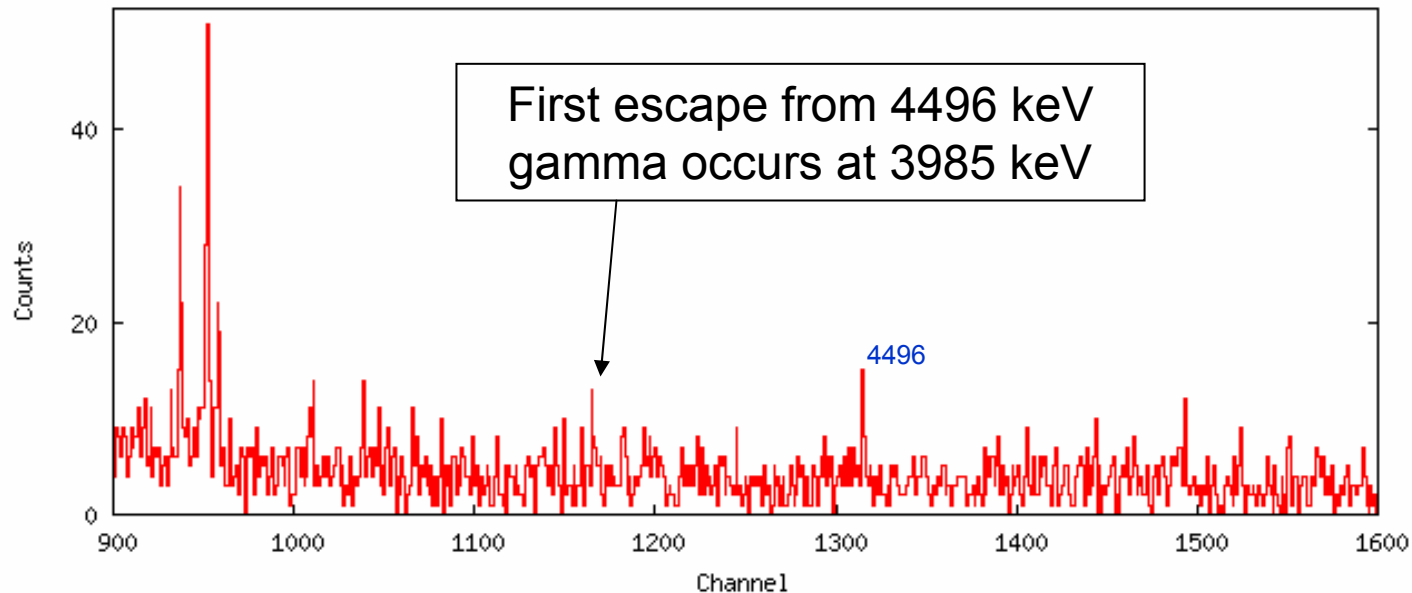
Summary of my projects

- Target preparation
- Accelerator training
- Checking energy resolution of Ge detectors
- Making some hardware
- Running the experiment
- Monte Carlo calculations



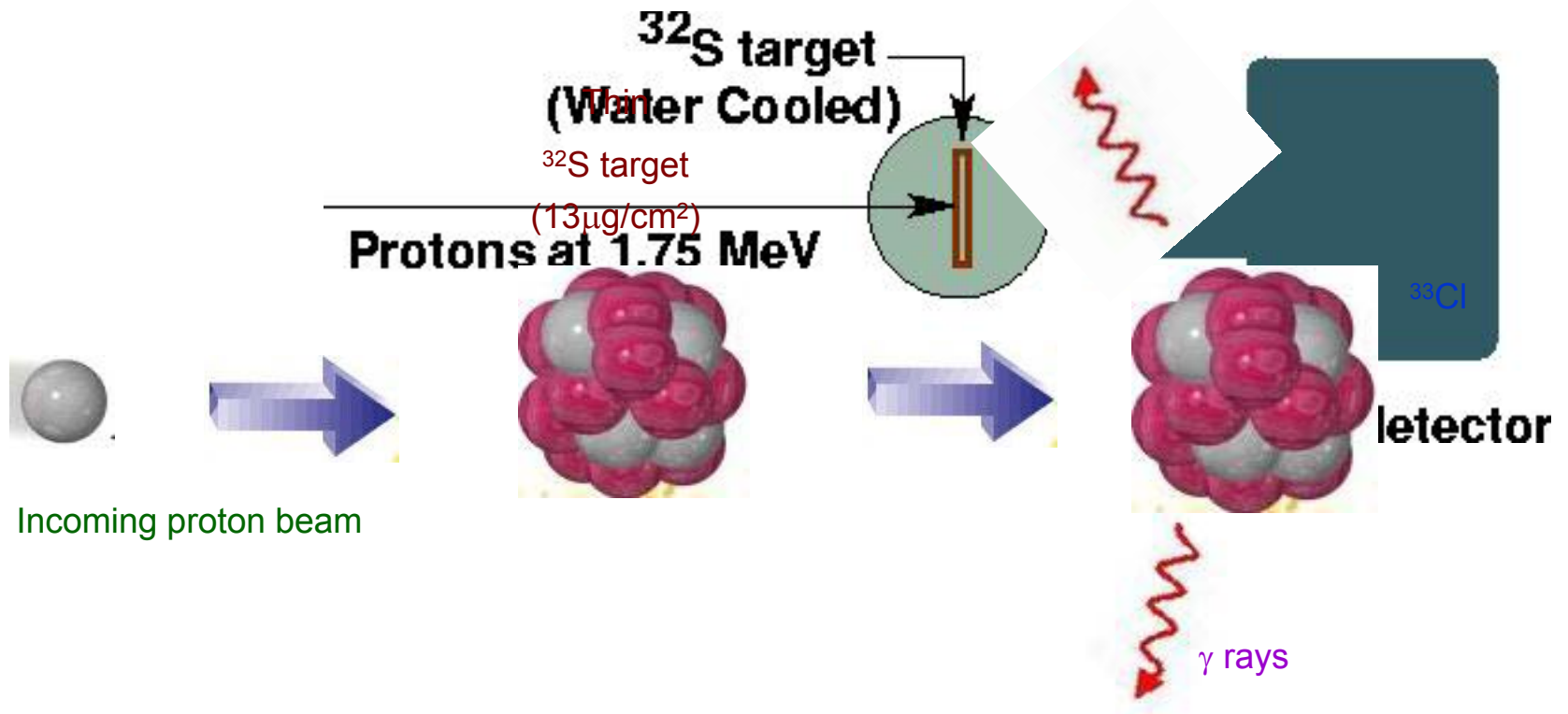
Making the Sulfur Targets

- Under vacuum, evaporate Ag_2S on thin Carbon foils
 - Test target with beam
 - Carbon caused background



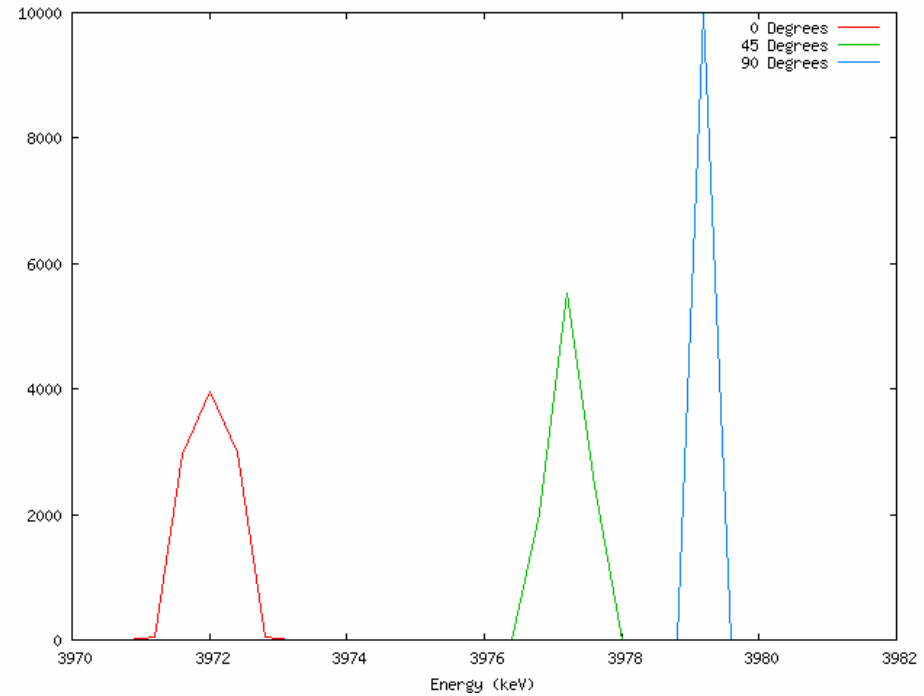
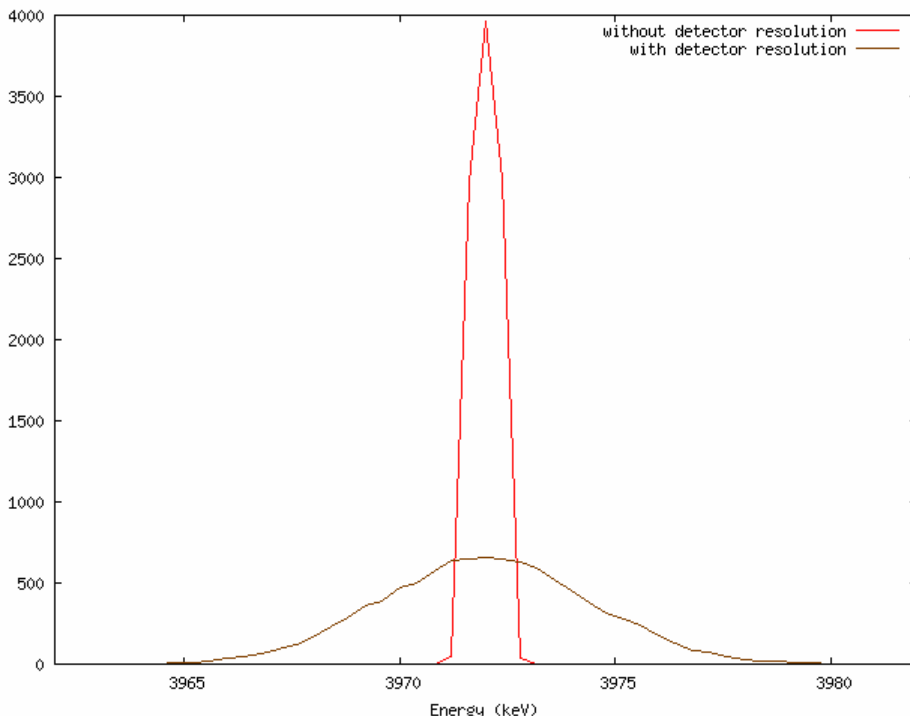
- Use new method to make Ag_2S target without evaporator.
 - Test target thickness by impinging protons

The Experiment



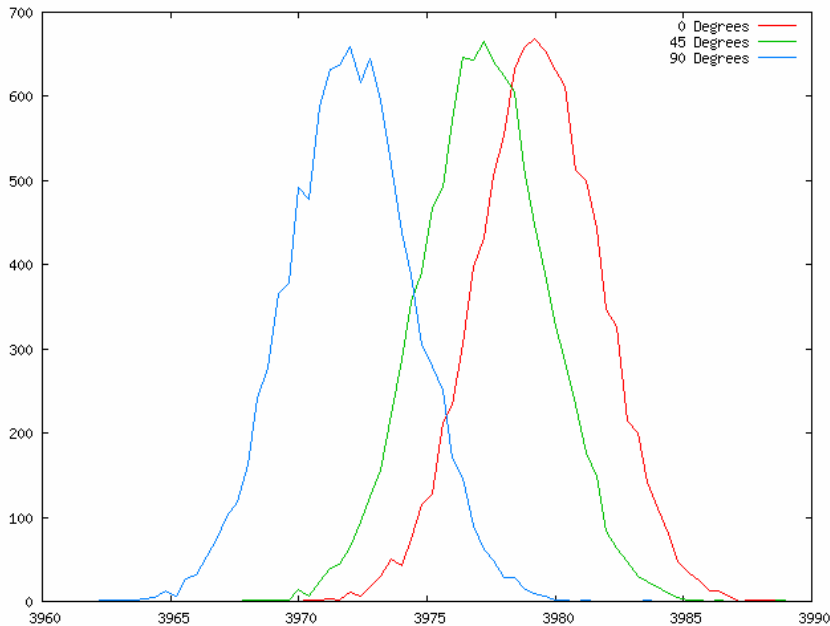
Monte Carlo Calculations to Show Gammas Incident on a Ge Detector

- Simulation of Doppler broadening across face of detector



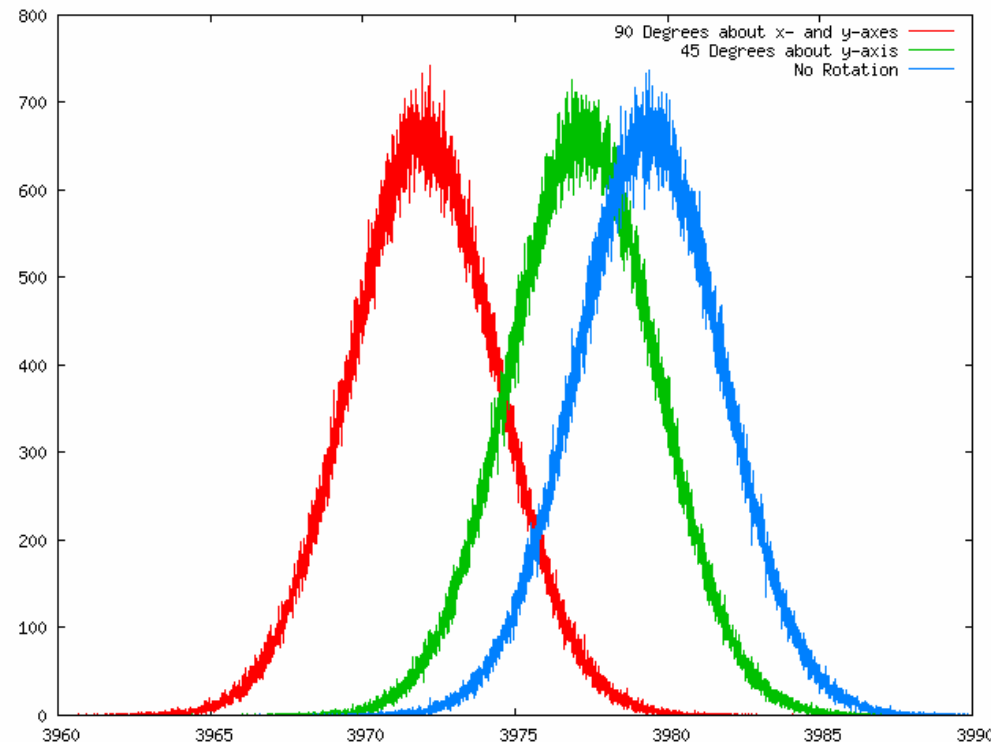
- Simulation to take detector resolution into account.

More Precise Calculations

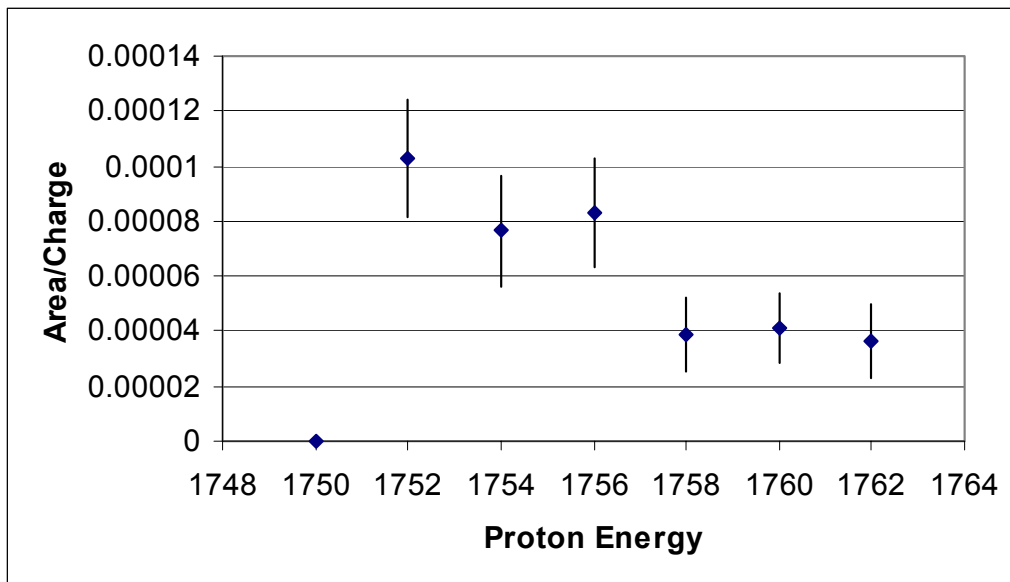
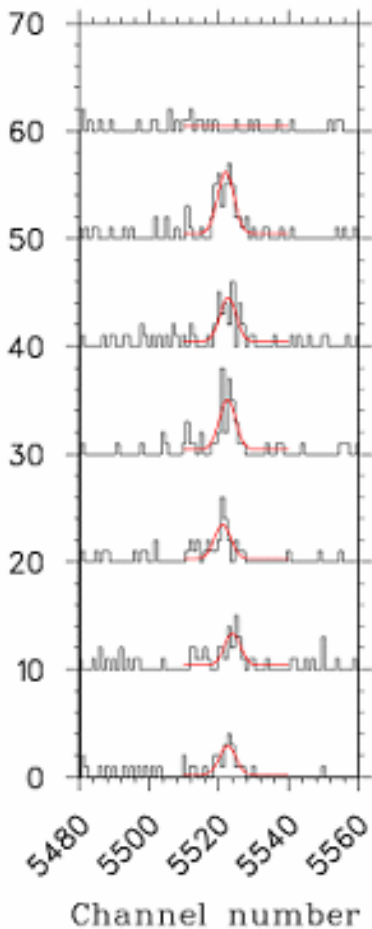


➤ Monte Carlo with energy loss through the target

➤ High statistics calculation with rotations about x- and y-axes



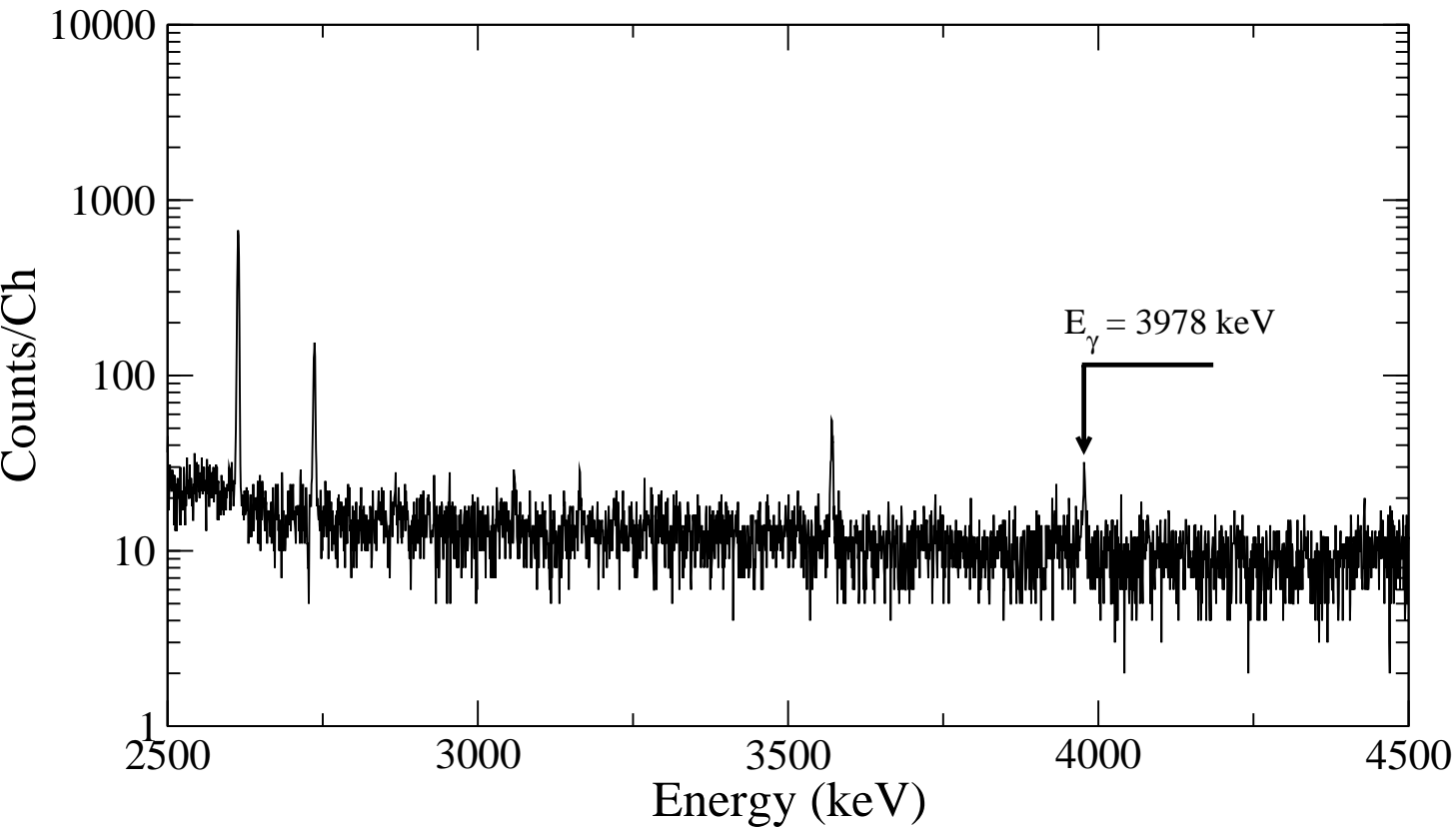
Preliminary Data & Excitation Function



Resonance of Interest : New Target works!

Gamma Spectrum from $E_p = 1.748$ keV Resonance

Using Thin Ag_2S Target



Width < 3 keV

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