

# Progress on Si Quenching Factor (QF) measurement

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# Objectives

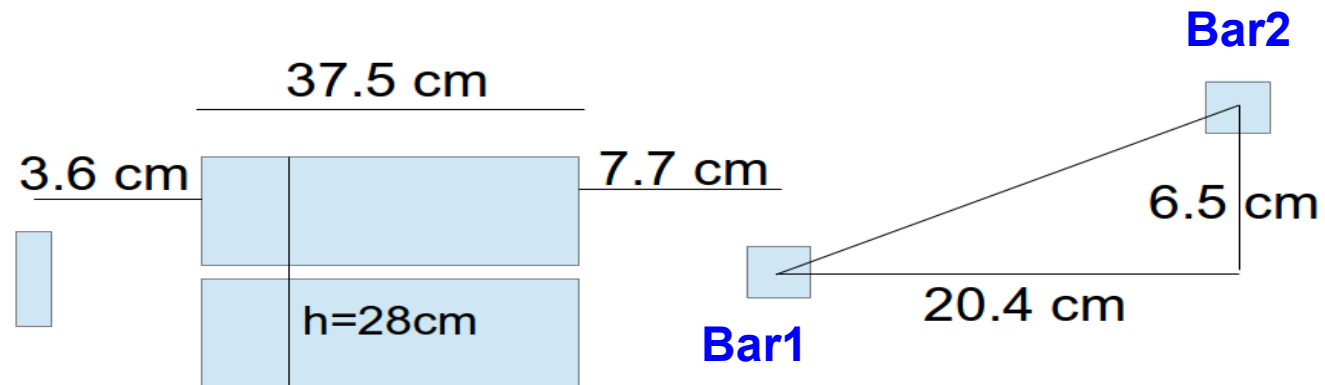
- **Quantification of the Silicon QF**
- **Help Federico to prepare for next UND Antonella run**

## How?

- **Follow Federico's analysis on previous UND data:**
  - **Two bar data**
  - **Si + two bar data**

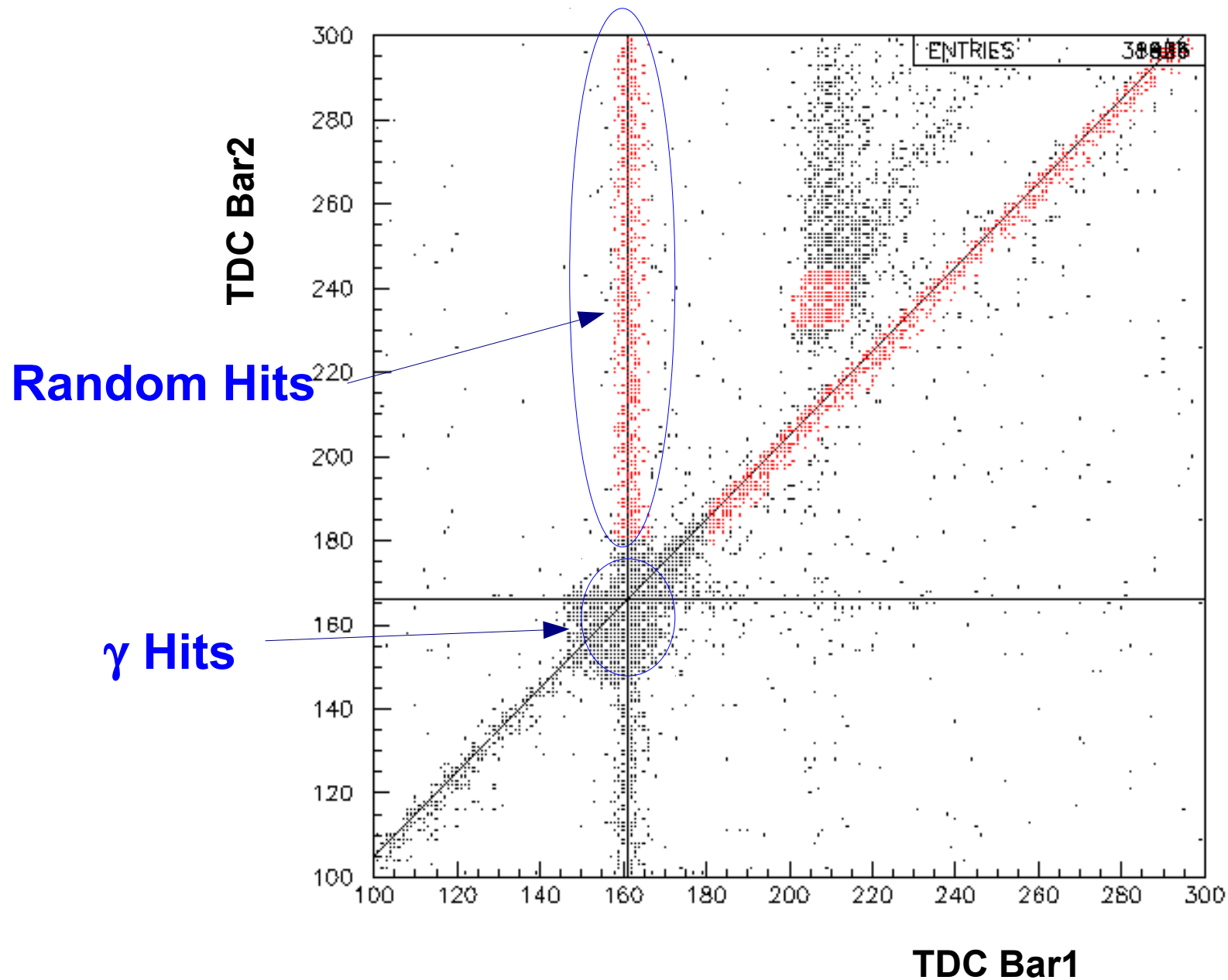
# Two Bar data: Determining Neutron flux

We shall use this data to make sure we can determine the N flux, in order to use it as input in the Si detector MC



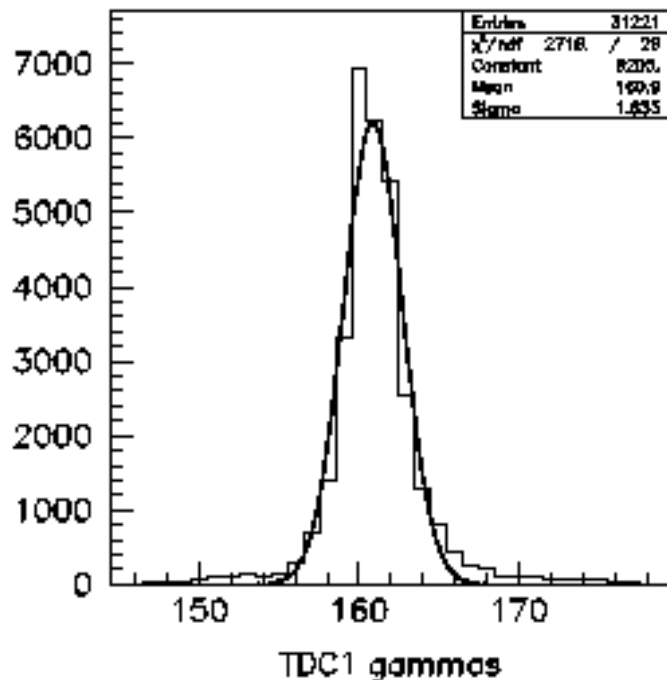
- Distance B1 to target  $d=48.8\text{ cm}$
- Collimator hole diameter =  $1\text{ cm}$

# Data: time distributions

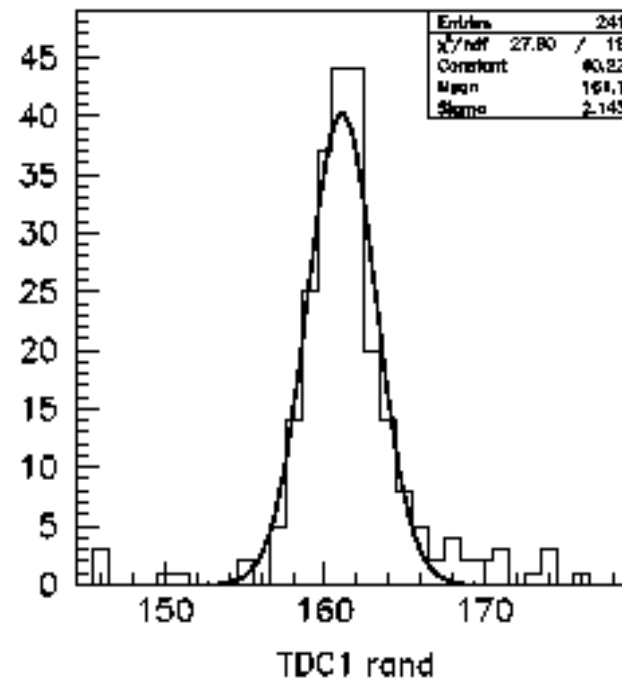


# TDC: $t_0$ determination

$\gamma$  Hits



Random Hits



**Gammas and random hits have the same time distribution: Use these to define  $t_0$**

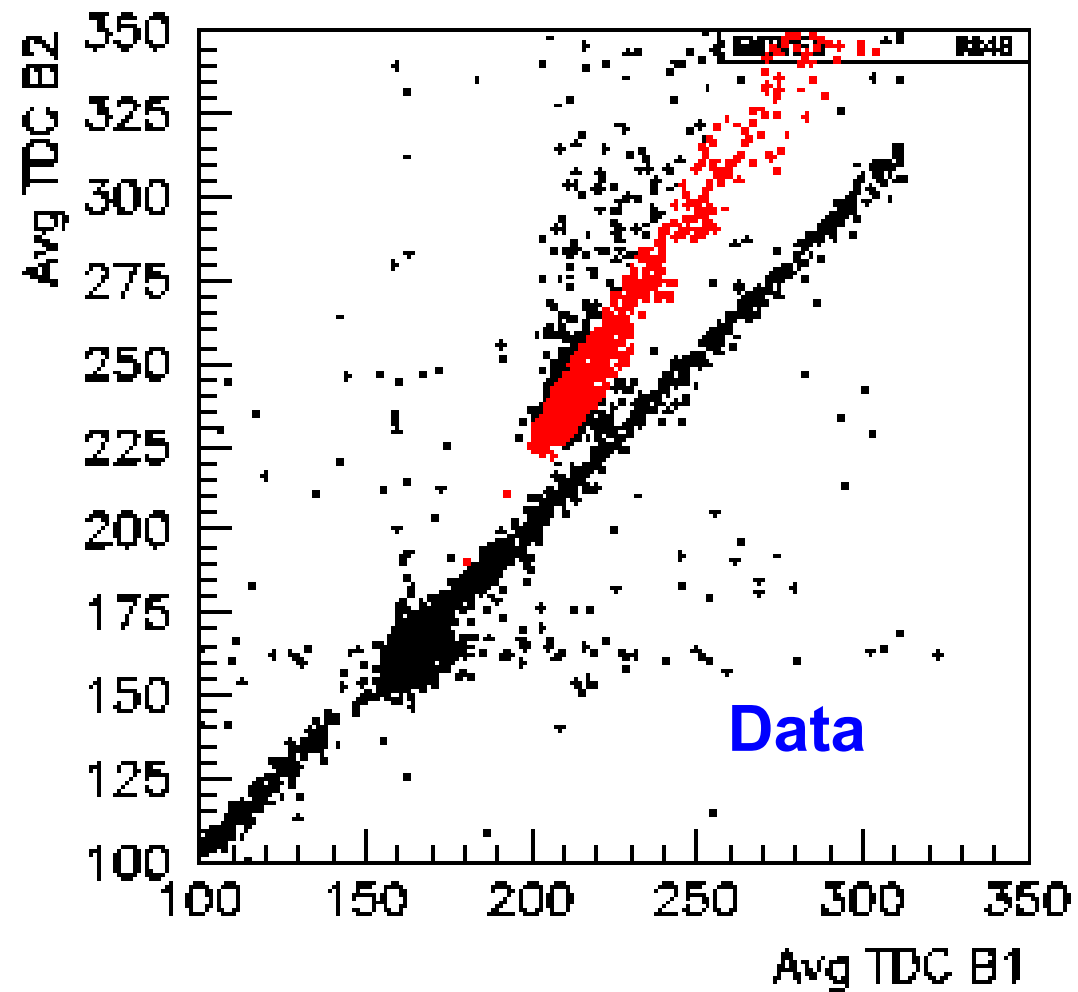
**Add the 1.6 nsec that gammas take to get to bar1**

# Selecting neutron events

Data cuts are:

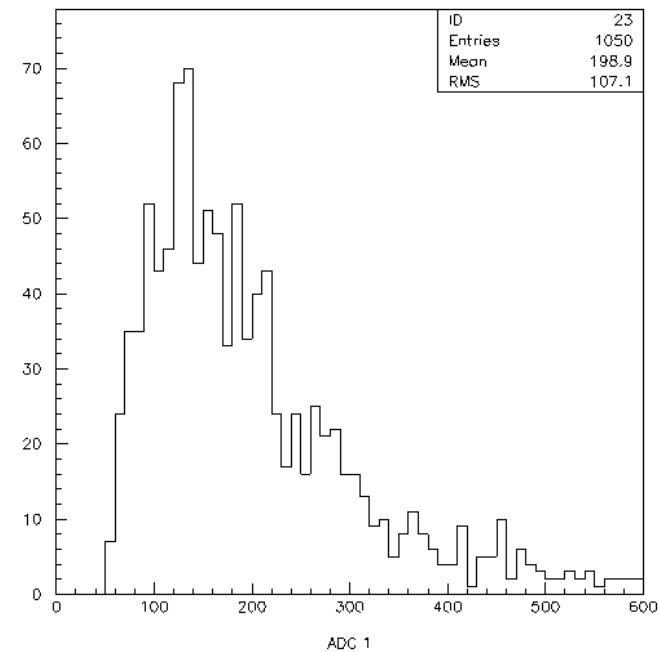
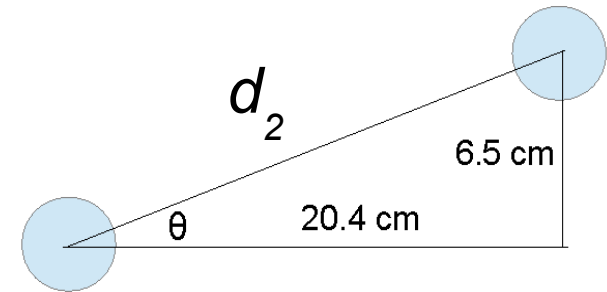
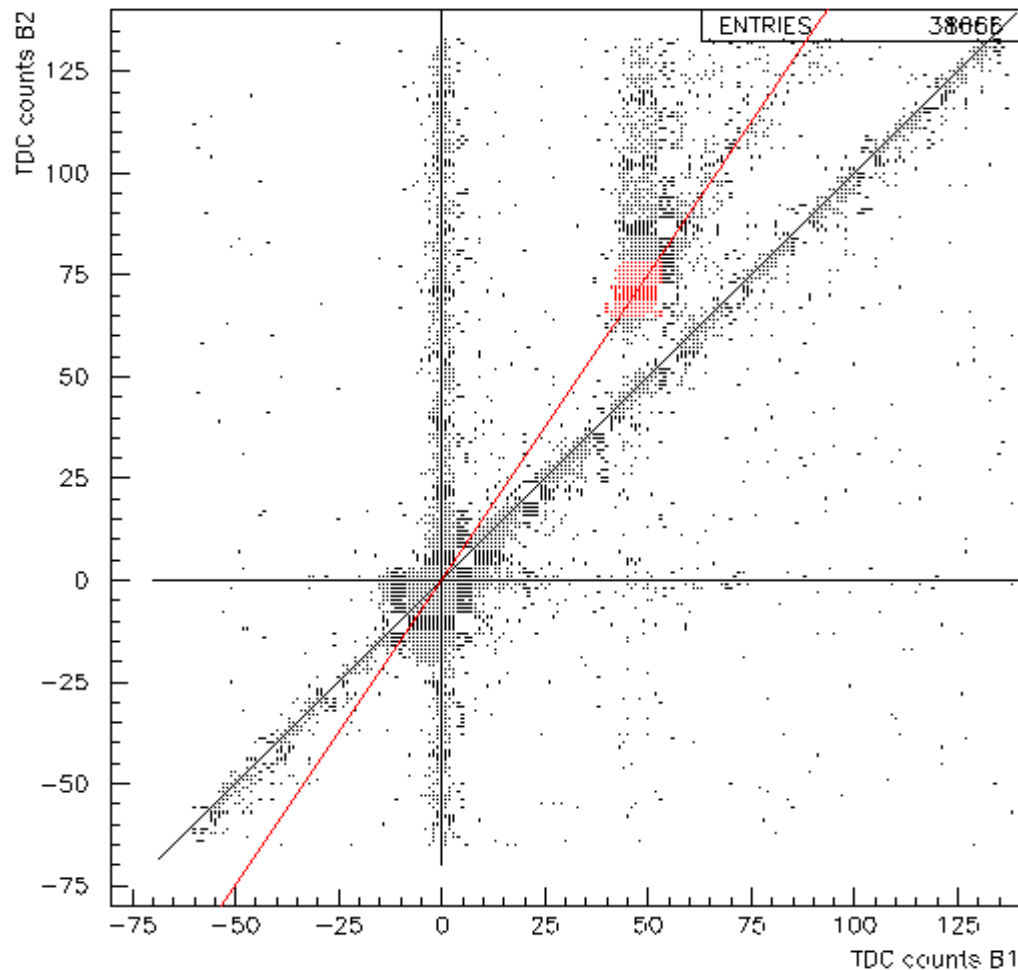
- At least one hit in both bars
- Time of first hit  $> T_{\text{beam\_pulse}}$
- Difference in Bar2 TDCs  $-16 < T_4 - T_3 < 10$
- Angular slice cut

Same cuts on MC



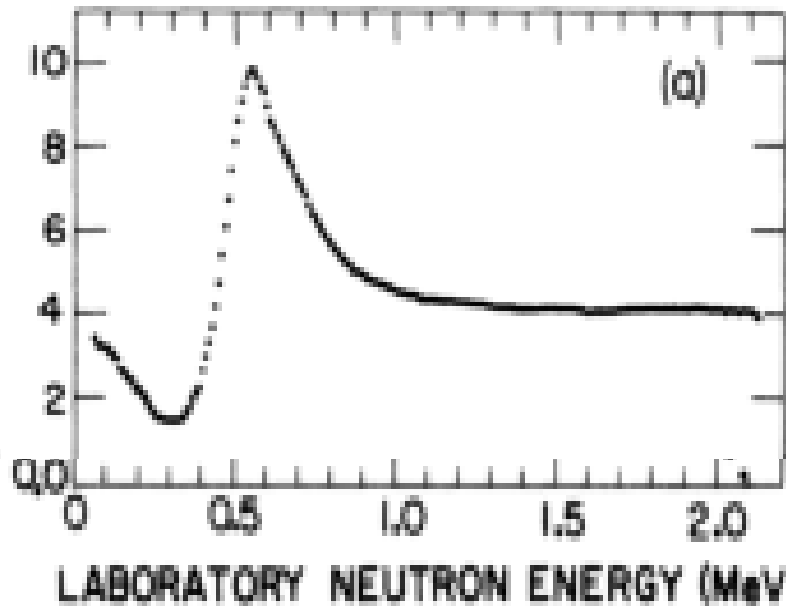
# Time and ADC distributions

$$d_2 = 21.4 \text{ cm}, \theta = 17.7$$



# Neutron yield: p-Li

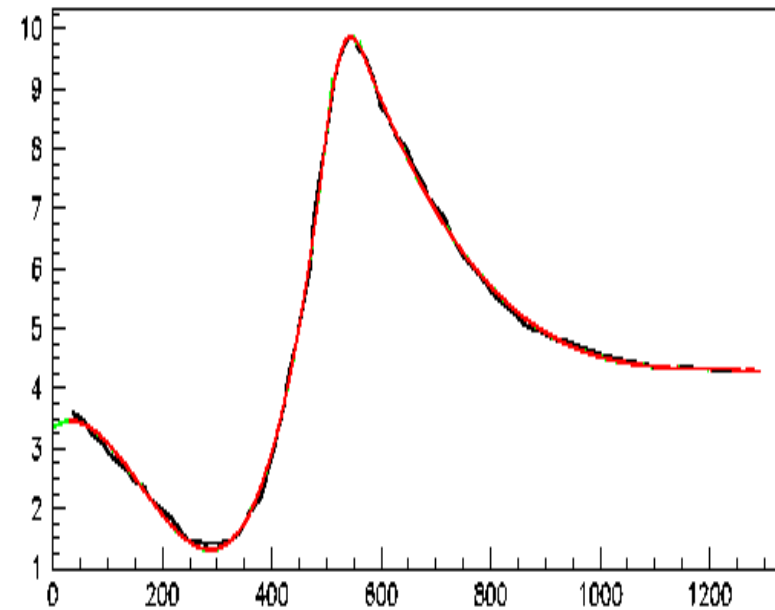
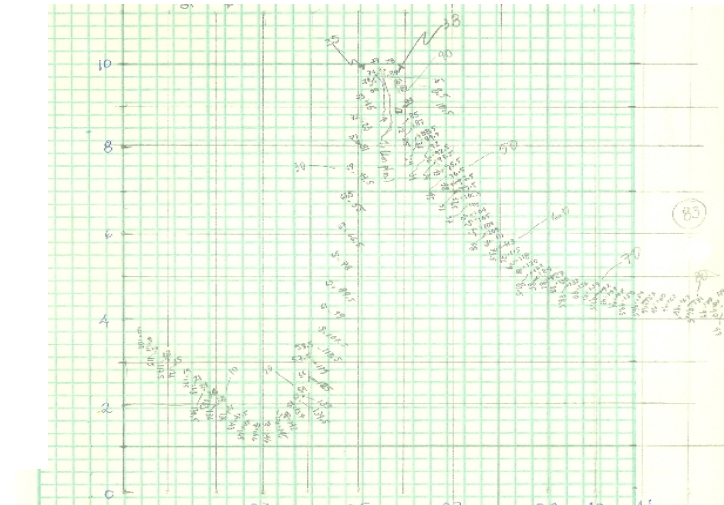
${}^7\text{Li}{}^7\text{Be}$  angular dists. to  $E_p=3.8$  MeV, C.A.Burke et al., Phys. Rev. C 10, 1299 (1974)



Fitted data points using 2 3rdO polynomials and a gaussian for the peak

Jorge Molina generated MC events (thanks!). Selected MC events using this distribution

Help from Junhui (thanks!)





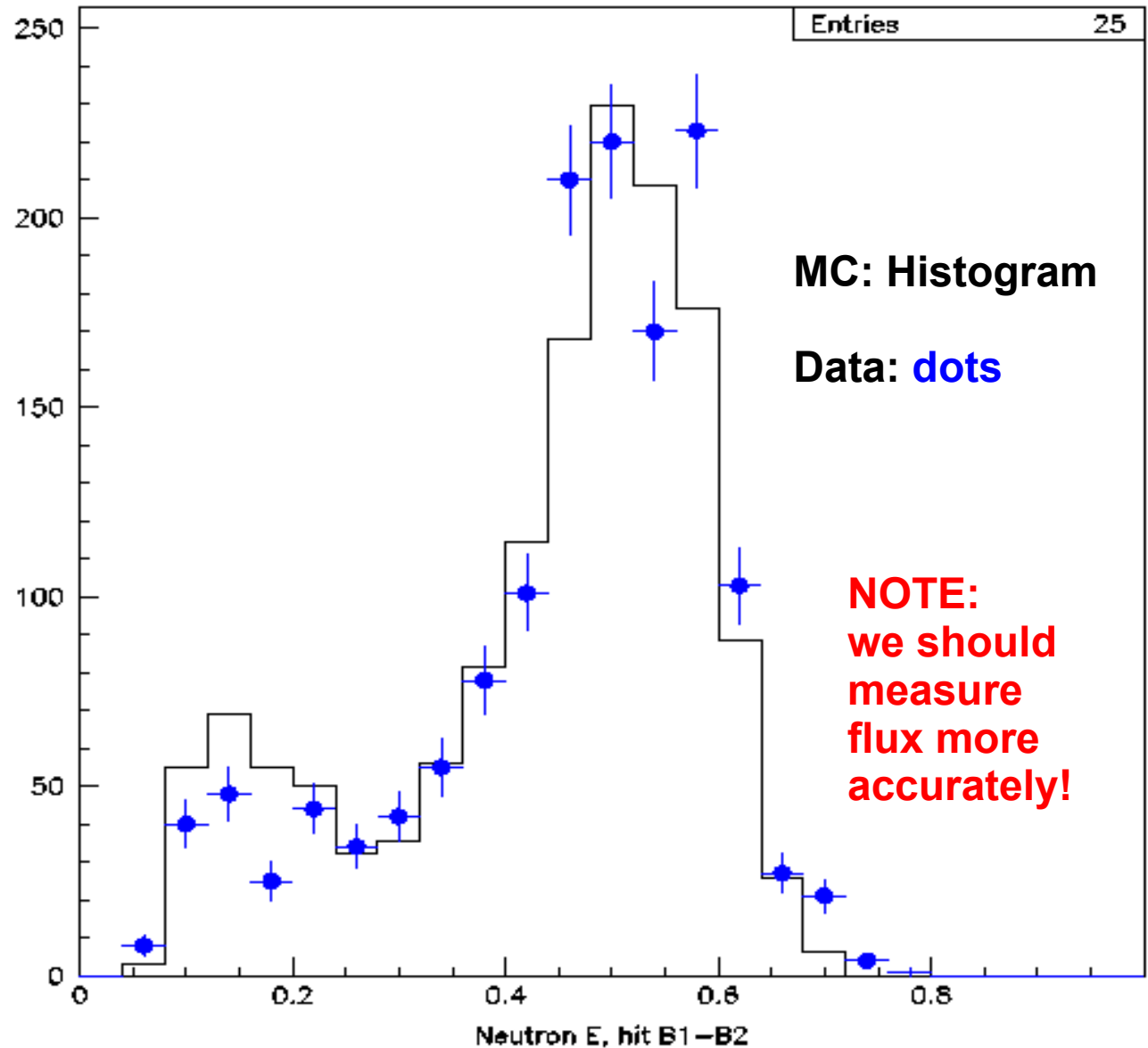
# Neutron flux: Data vs MC

Used Avg B1 TDC  
to calculate  
neutron energy

Used 49 cm  
distance from Li  
target to B1

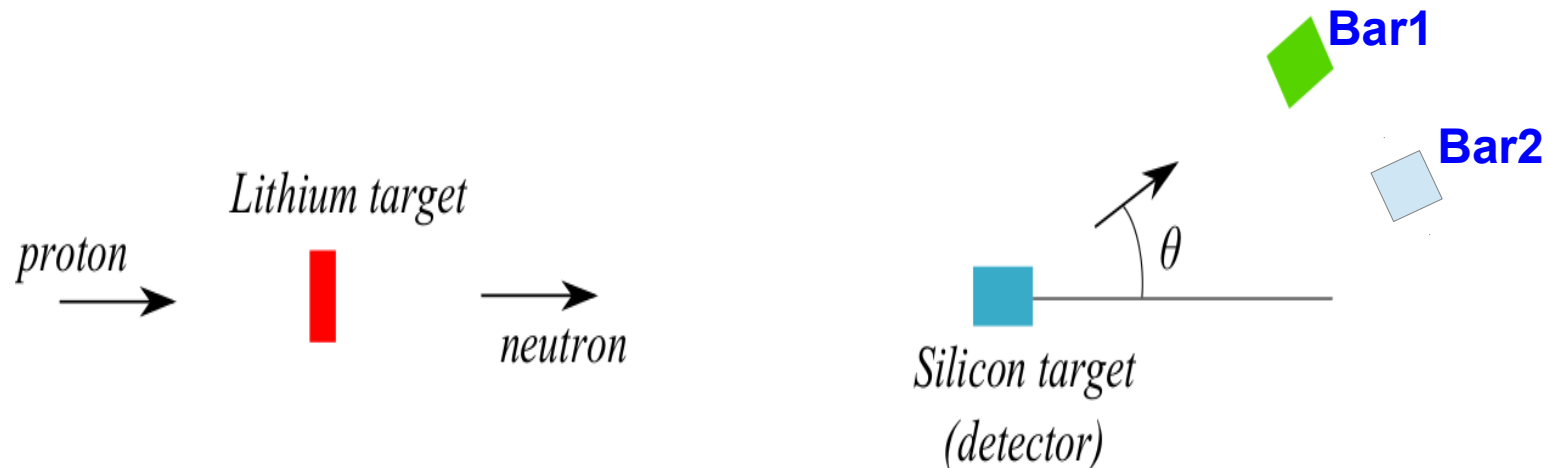
At UND,  $p$  on  $Li$  to  
give 600 keV  $N$

Added 1.5 nsec  
resolution to MC  
time distribution



# Si detector: QF

To quantify the Si QF we use the SiDet data: neutron beam incident on Si detector, Bar1 and Bar2 measure deflected neutrons

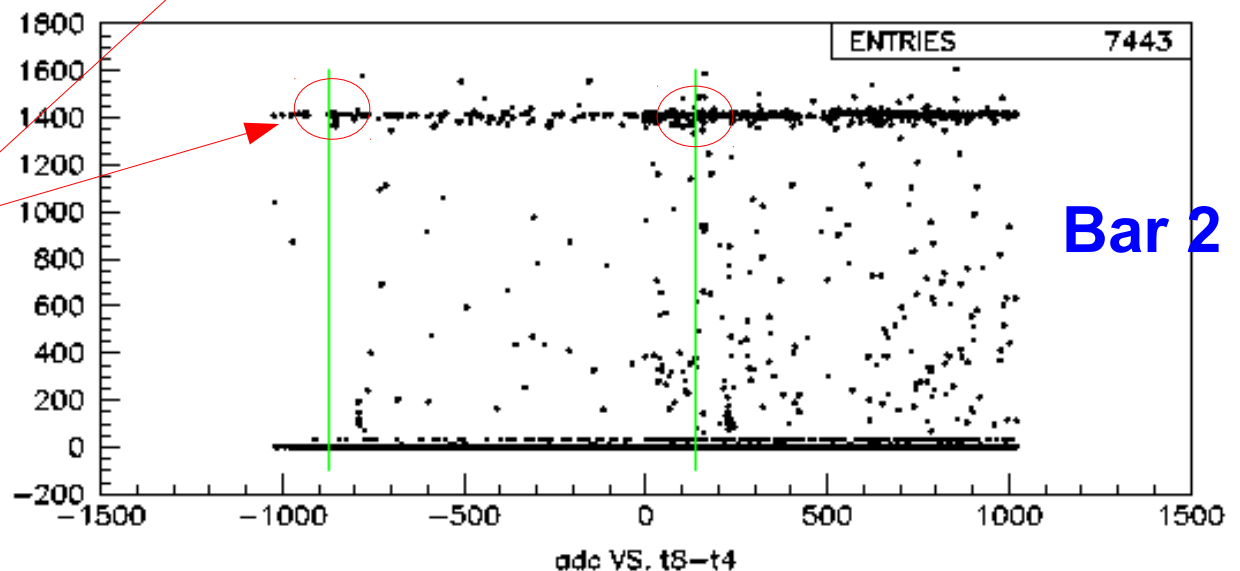
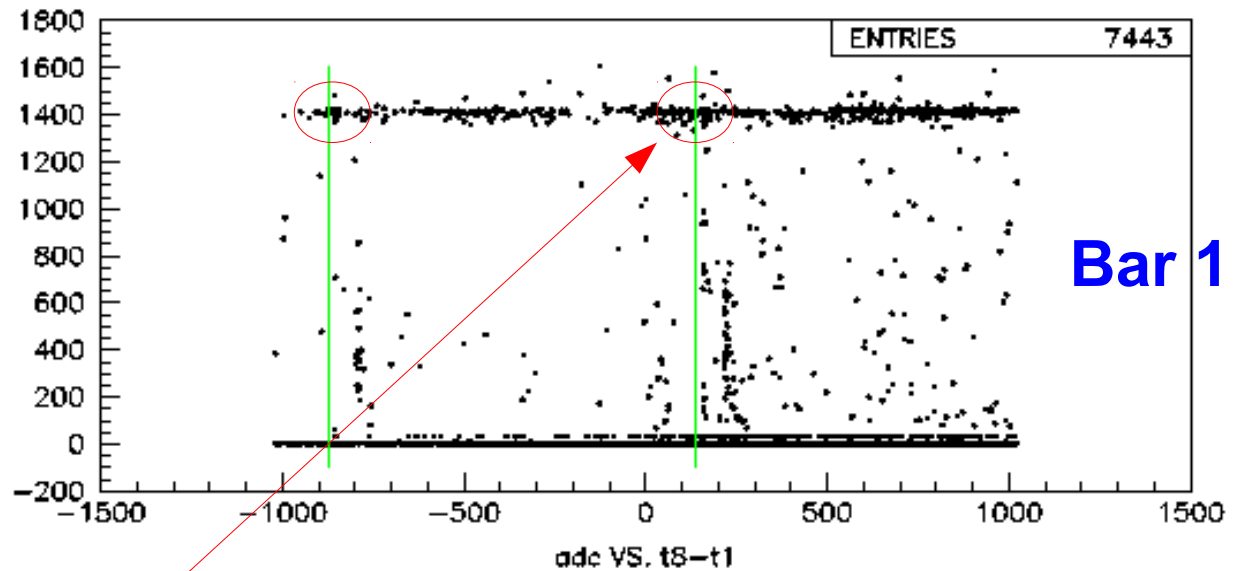


# The data

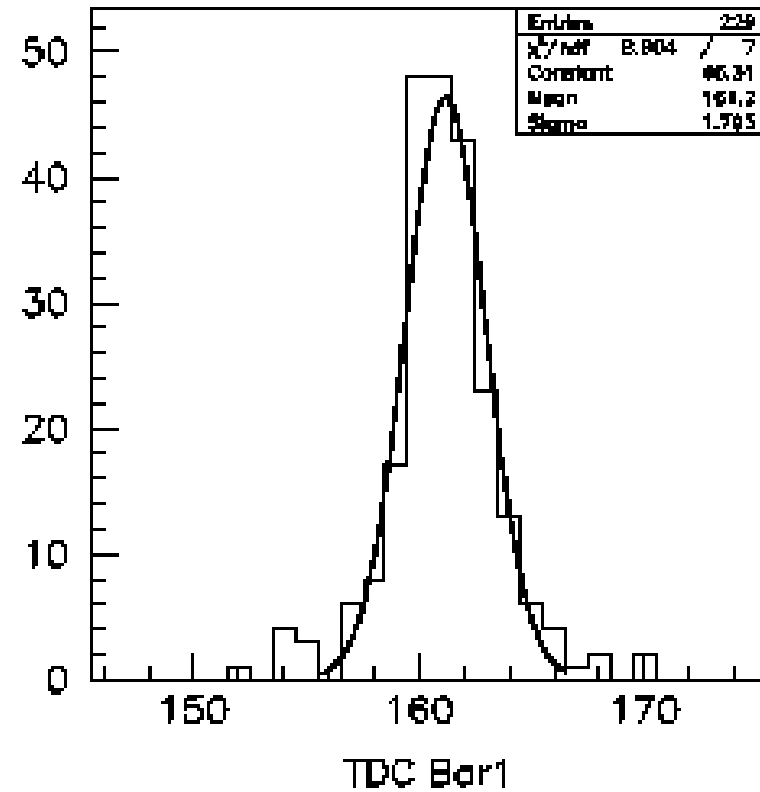
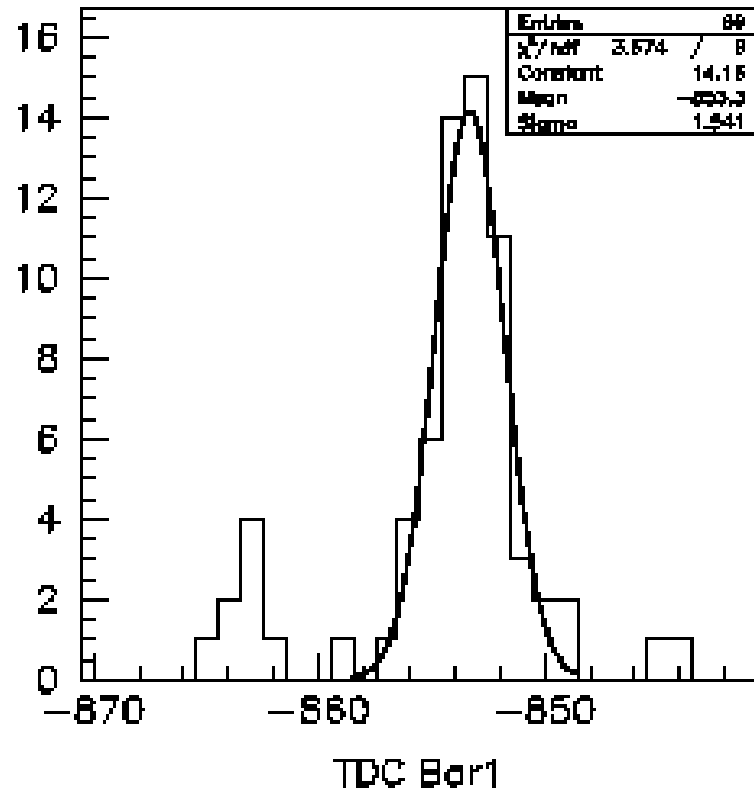
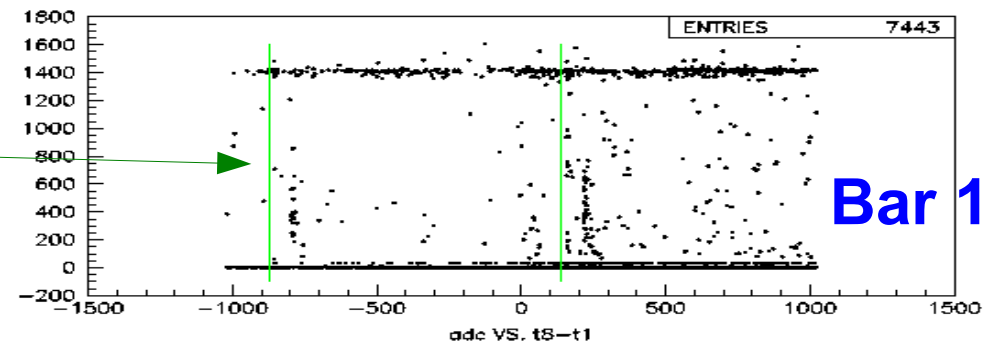
Given that the Si readout takes more than  $1\ \mu\text{s}$  there are two SD cycles recorded in each event, due to the TDC window.

We can check this by looking at the gamma hits

Bar1 data is easier to understand

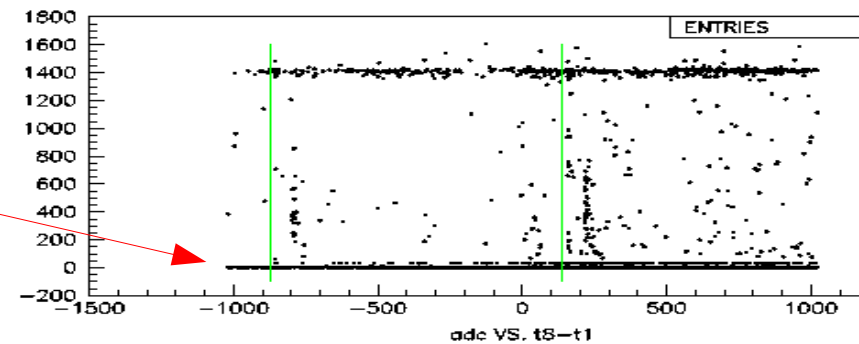


$T_0$

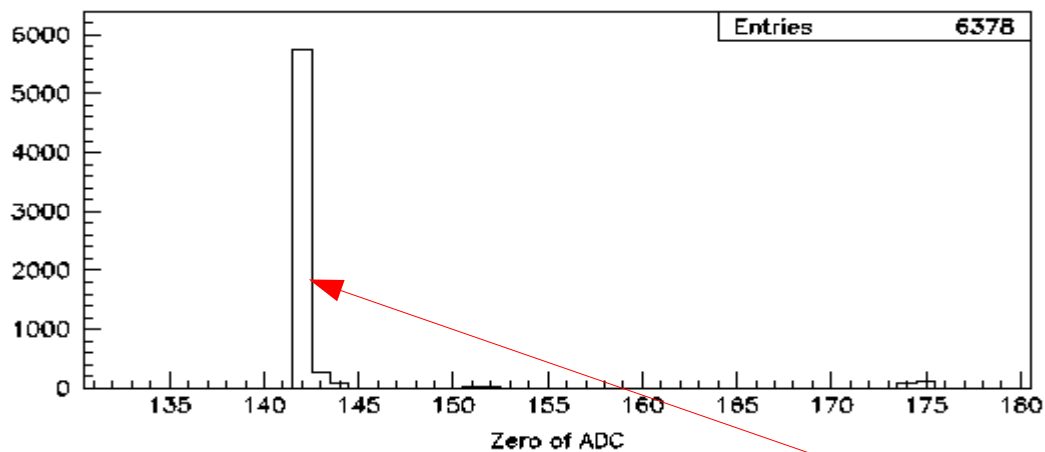
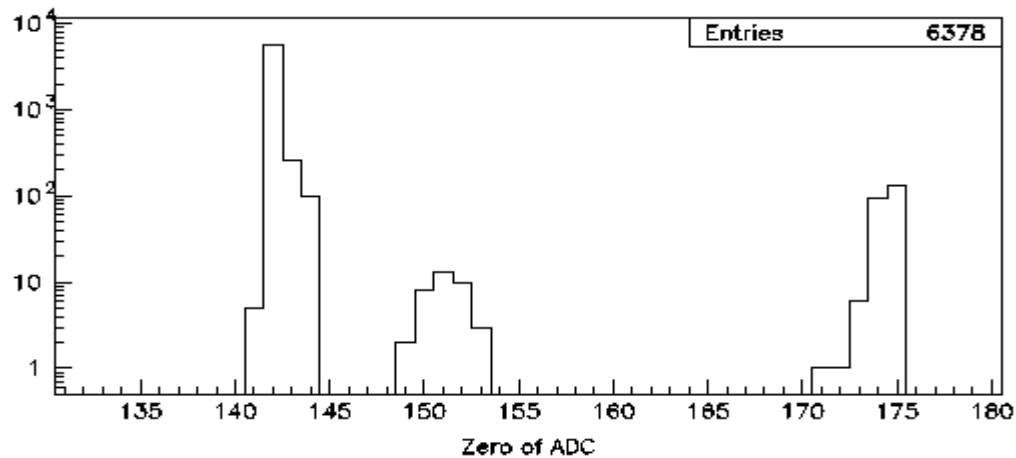


For Bar1 the two  $T_0$ 's are 1014 nsec apart

# ADC pedestal



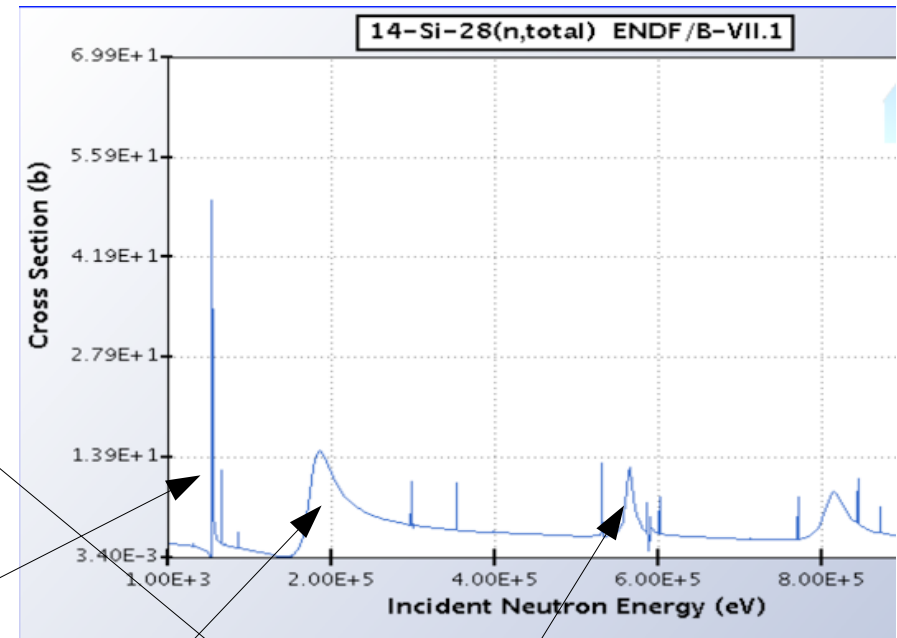
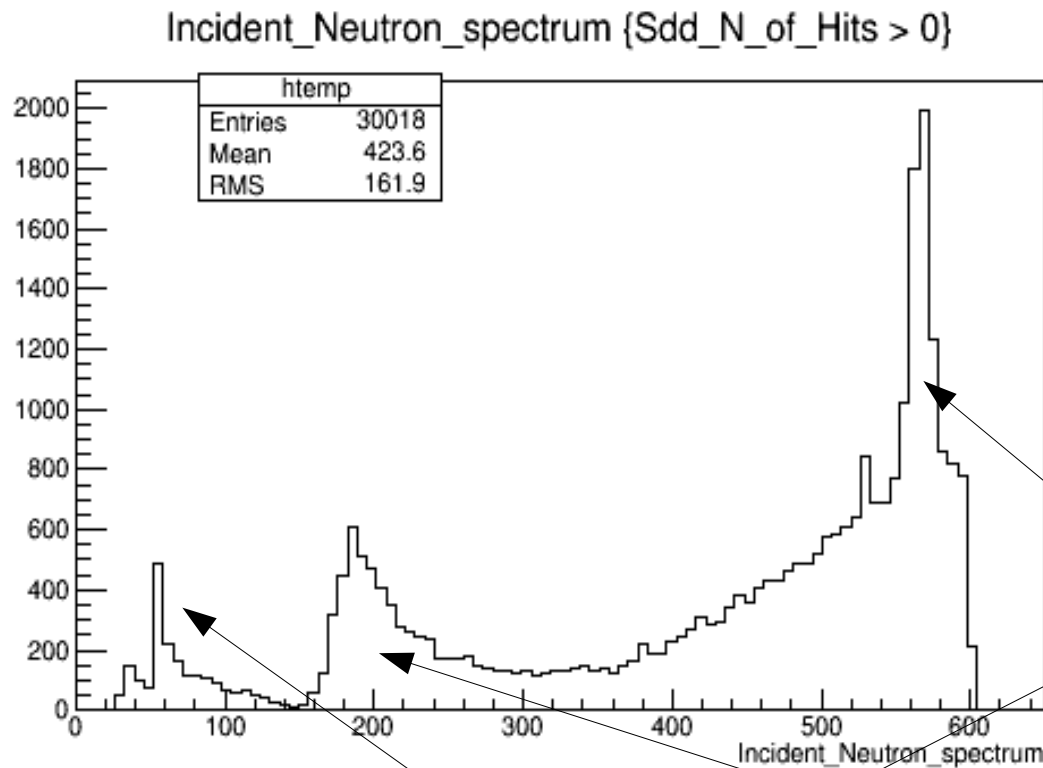
Bar 1



We find the Bar1 ADC pedestal at 142 counts

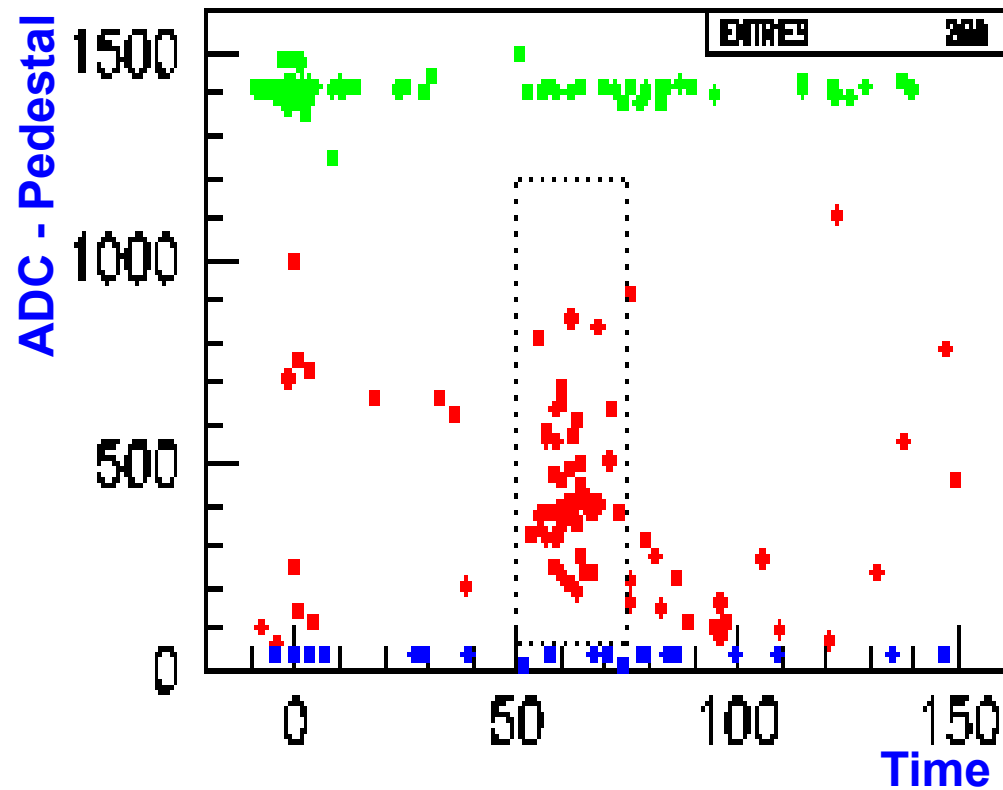
# G4 MC

For this part of the analysis we're using Junhui's MC (Thanks!!)  
We can see that G4 uses a theoretical model for the n-Si cross section

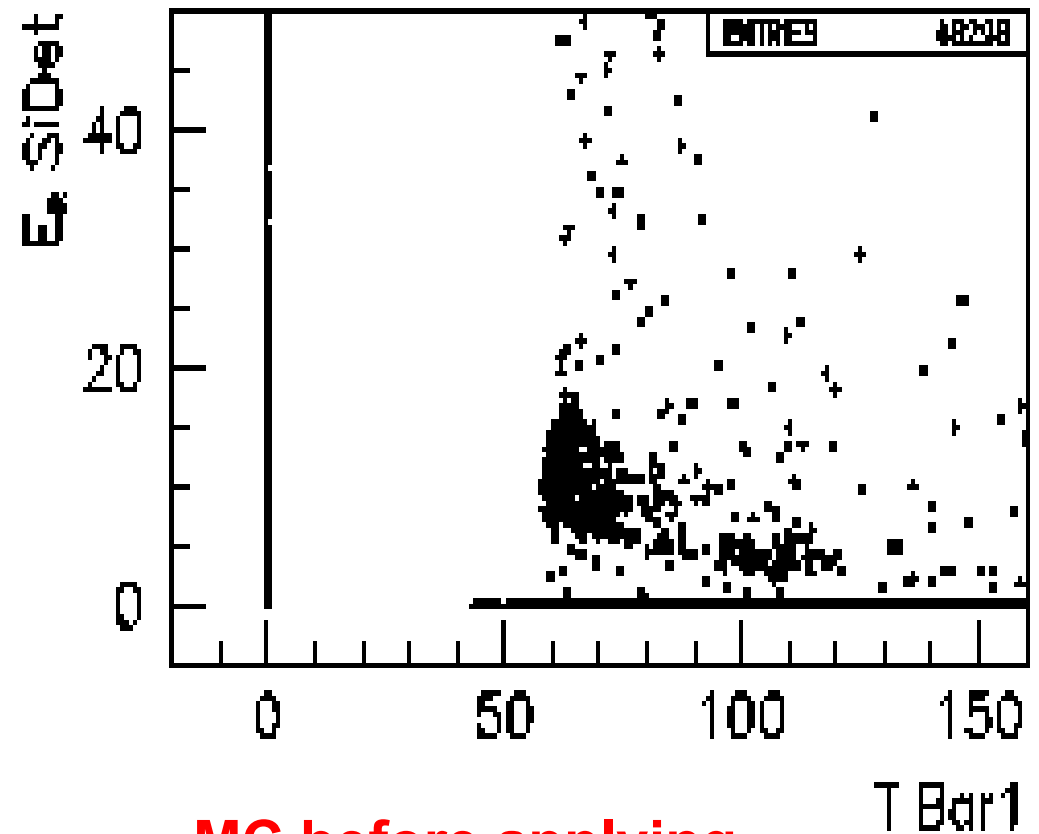


# Data vs MC

After setting T0 and ADC pedestal,  
we can compare data and MC



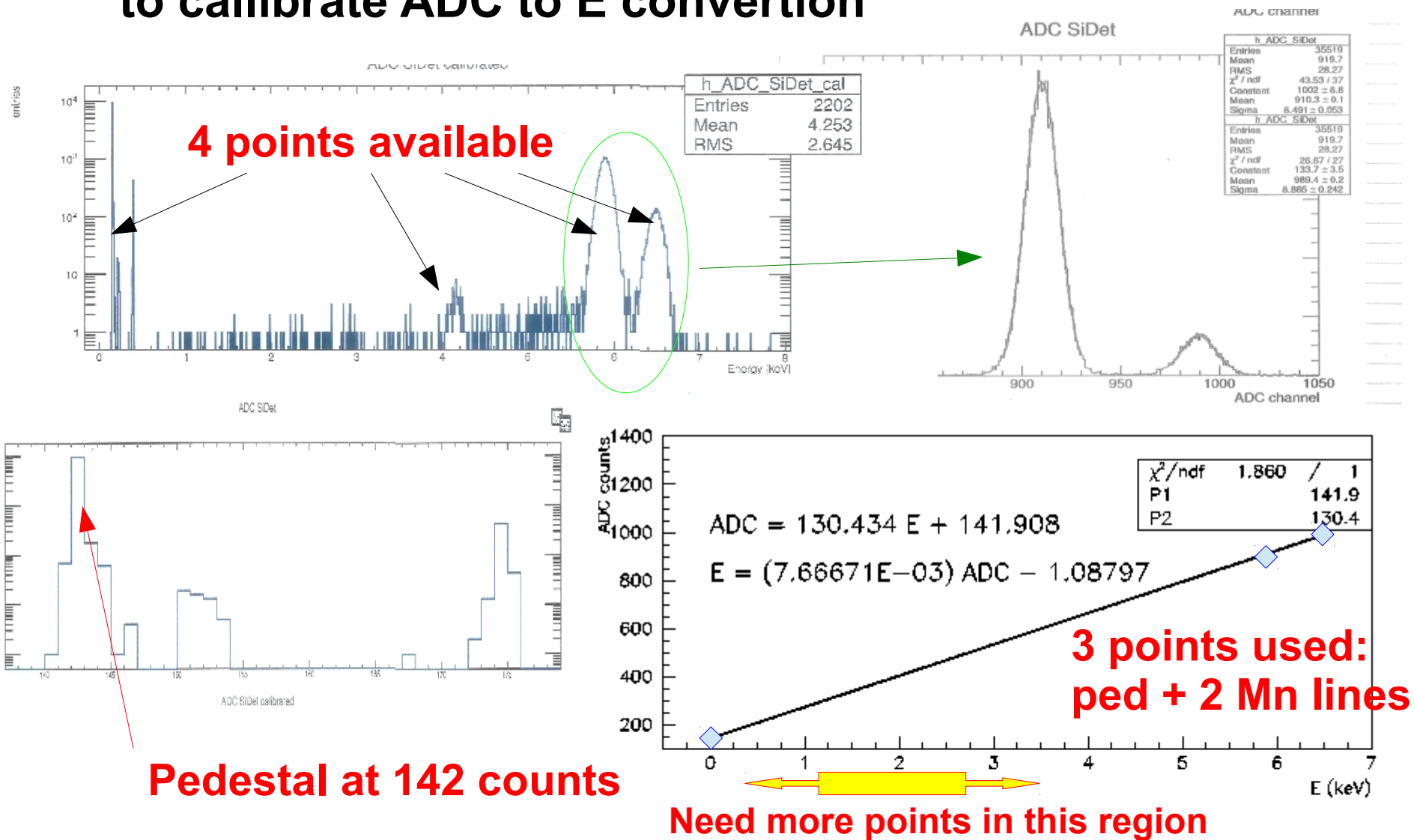
Apply ADC to E  
calibration



MC before applying  
QF model

# Calibrating Si ADC

Federico measured ADC counts using an  $^{55}\text{Fe}$  source, to calibrate ADC to E conversion

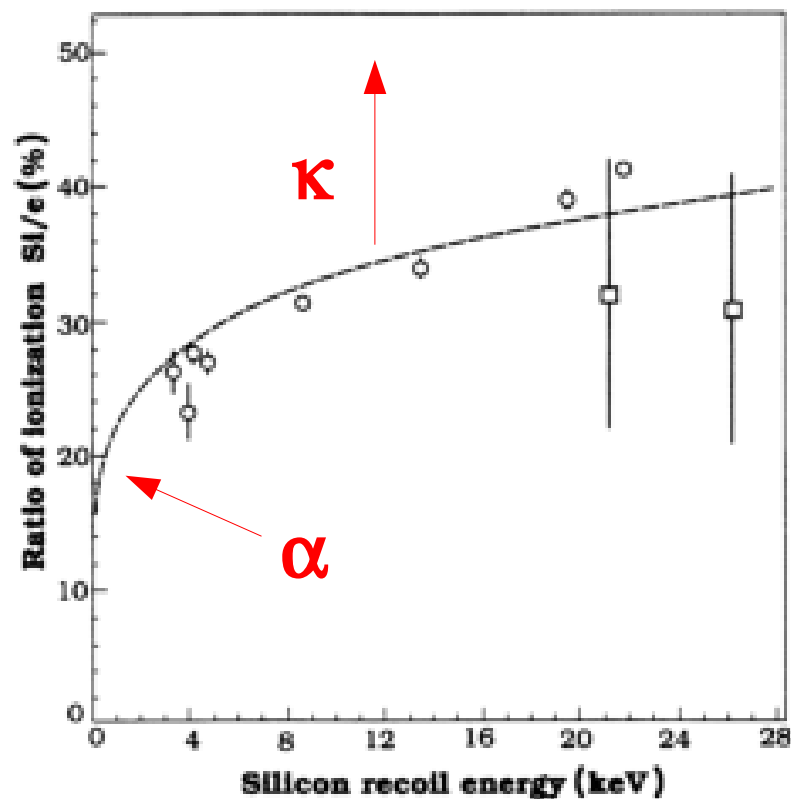




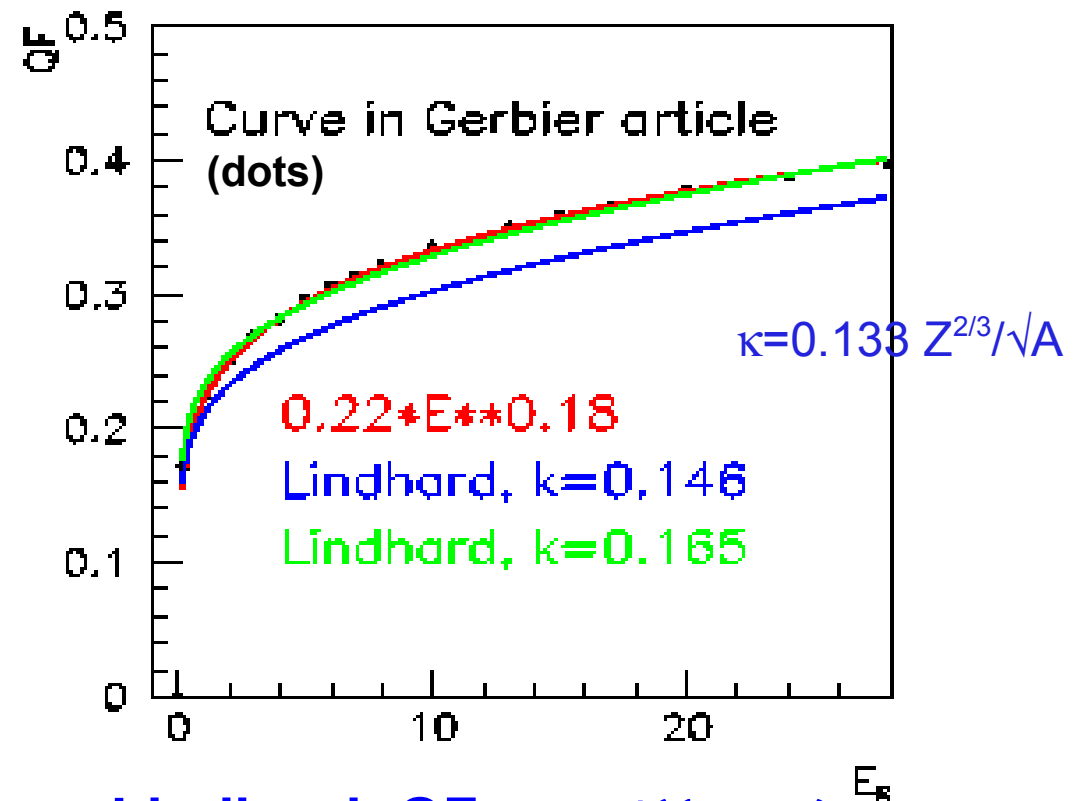
# QF: Lindhard's model

Lindhard's model: J. Lindhard et al., Mat. Fys. Medd. Dan. Vid. Selsk. 33, 10 (1963)

Experimental points: G. Gerbier et al., Phys. Rev. D 42, 3211 (1990)



Power Law  $\kappa E^\alpha$



Lindhard:  $QF = \kappa g / (1 + \kappa g)$   
 $g = 3 \varepsilon^{0.15} + 0.7 \varepsilon^{0.6} + \varepsilon, \varepsilon = 0.02434 E_R$

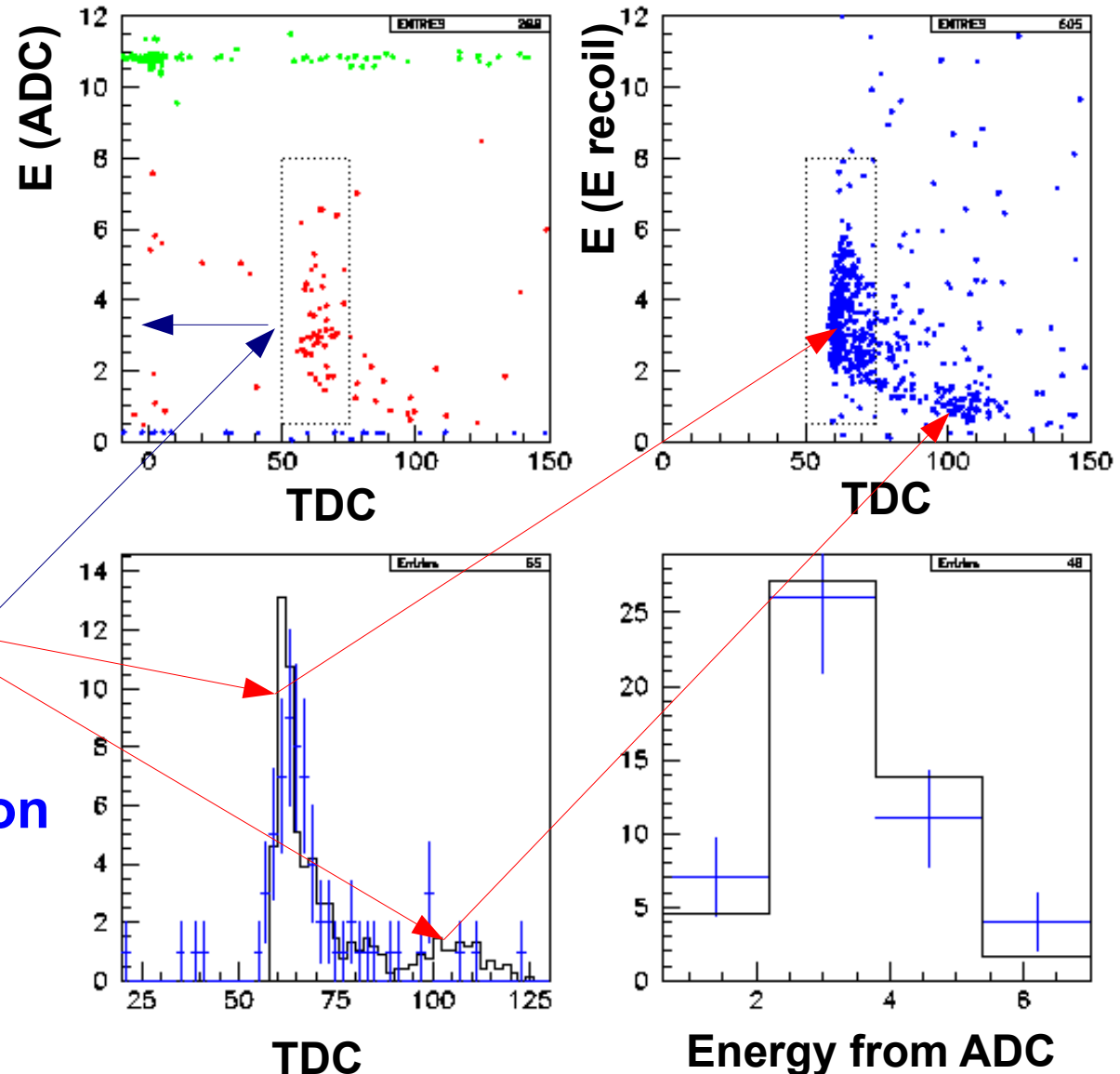
# Bar1: Data vs MC

## Features:

- After calibration (data) and applying Power law as QF model (MC), very similar

- Need to check n-Si resonance production

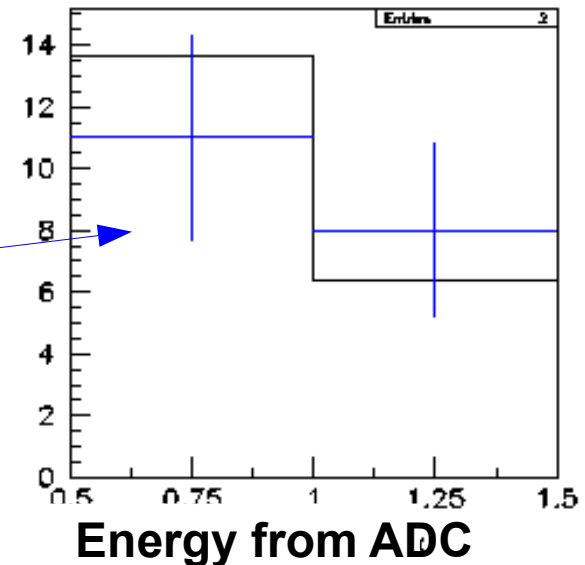
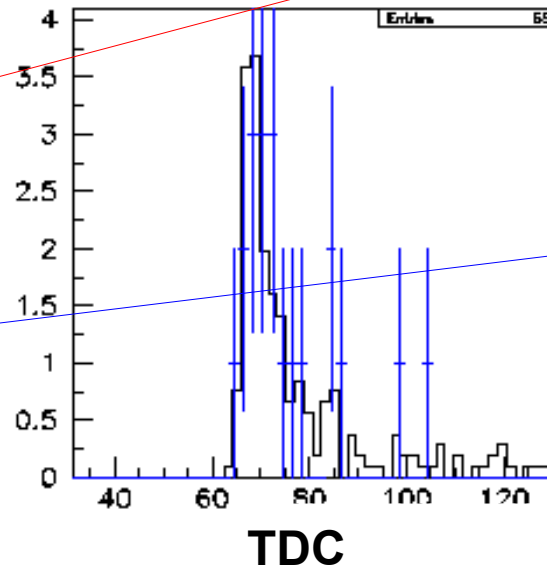
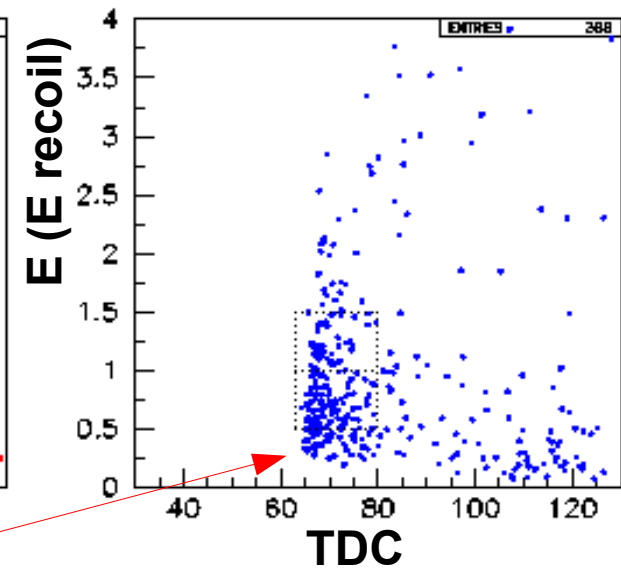
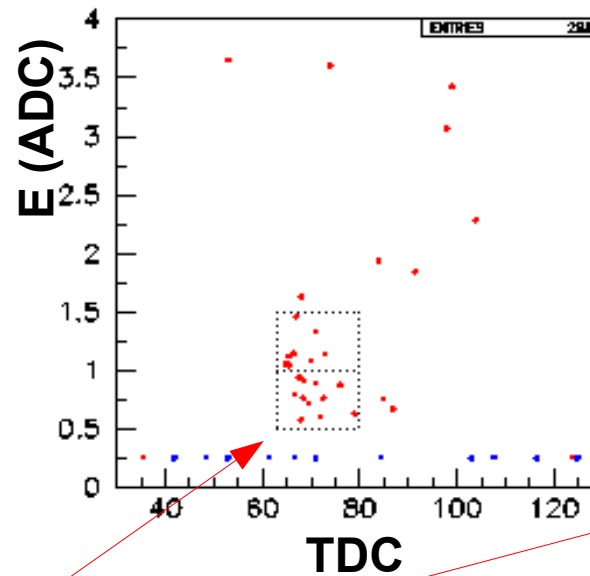
Template: the projection of the selected E-TDC distribution on the E axis



# Bar2: Data vs MC

## Features:

- After calibration (data) and applying Power law as QF model (MC), very similar
- **ADC Gap??**
- **Energy plots are not fits**



# Analysis: use templates

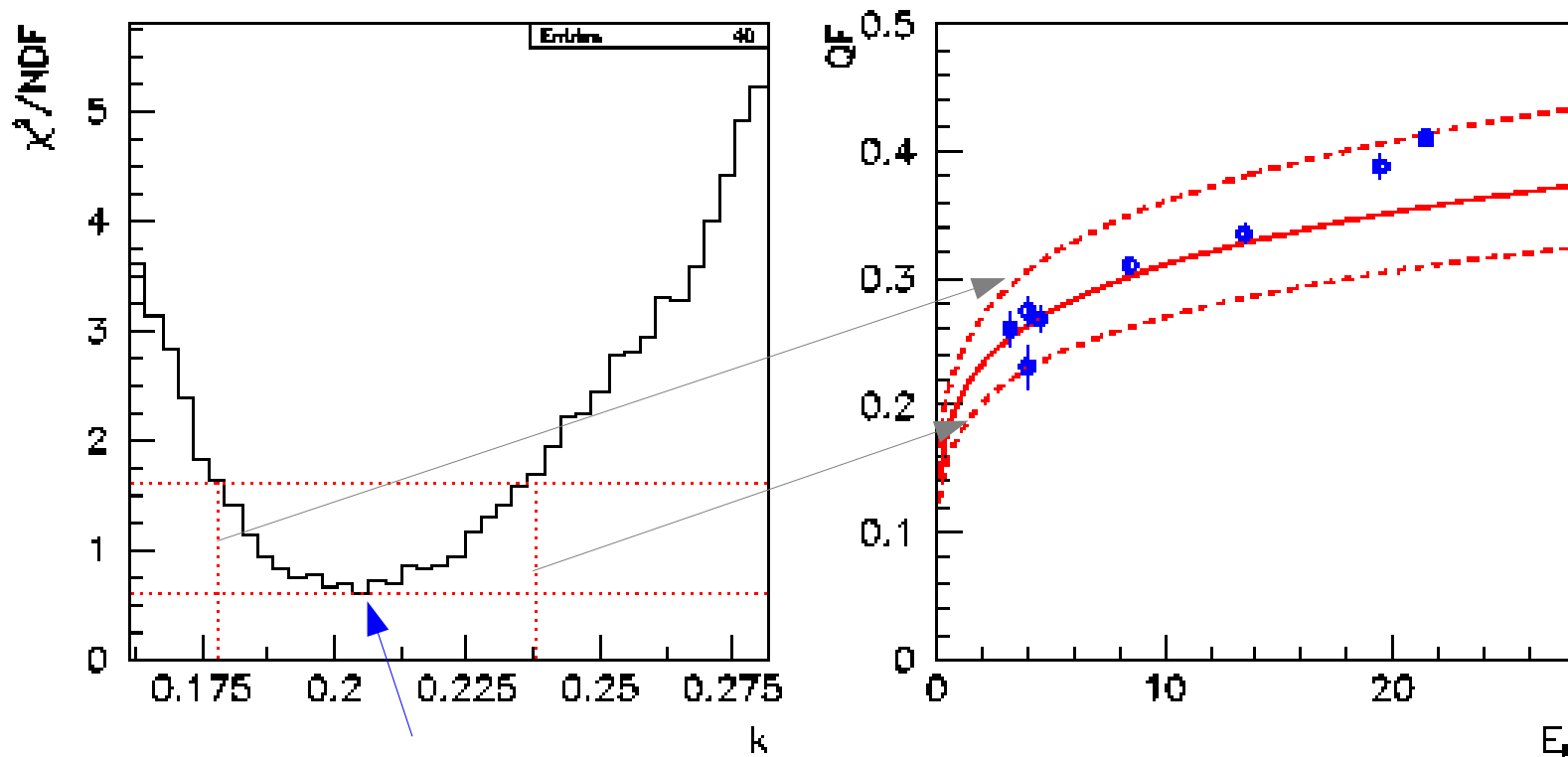
For the data analysis we shall use templates:

- We consider the (fixed) data Energy distribution (after ADC calibration)
- We compare this distribution with the distribution of MC Recoil Energy multiplied by the QF: chose a model
- We vary the model parameter ( $\kappa$ ,  $\alpha$ , in the power law model;  $\kappa$  in Lindhard's model), compare, and select the distribution where the  $\chi^2$  is minimum
- The  $1\sigma$  curves are those where the  $\chi^2$  changes in 1 unit.

# Analysis: vary $\kappa$ in power law

In this case we fixed  $\alpha=0.18$  and let  $\kappa$  vary. The region where the  $\chi^2$  varies in one unit determines the  $1\sigma$  region.

After the analysis we inserted the experimental points from Gerbier et al. (blue circles)



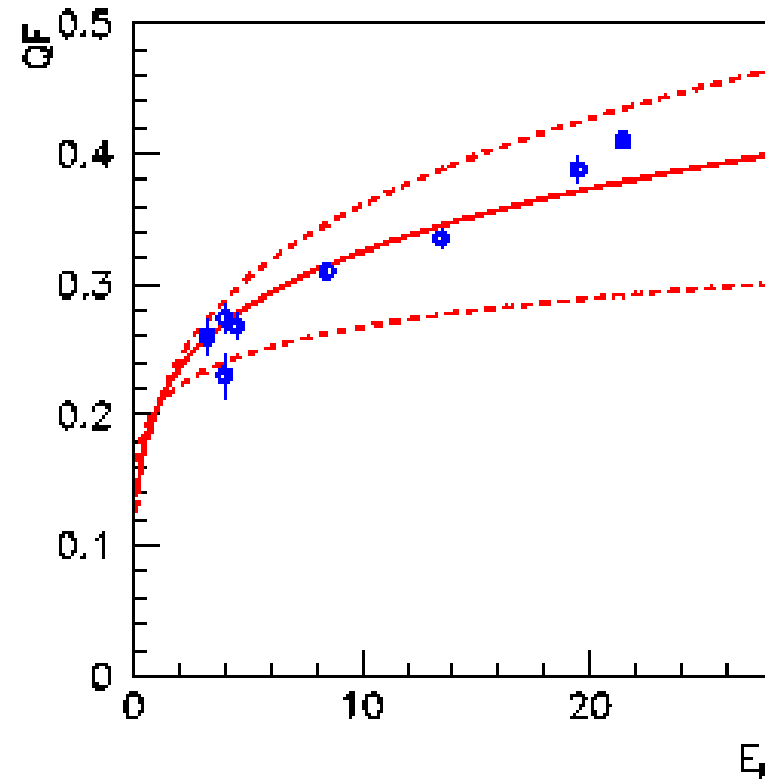
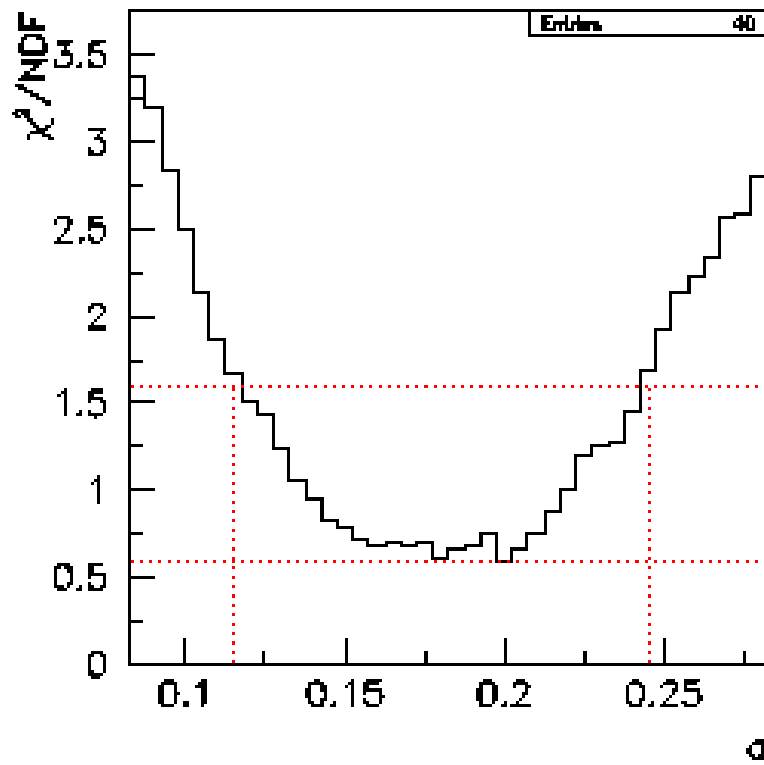
Minimum  $\chi^2 = 0.603$ , at  $\kappa = 0.205$

# Analysis: vary $\alpha$ in power law

In this case we fixed  $\kappa = 0.205$  and let  $\alpha$  vary.

The blue circles are the experimental points from Gerbier et al.

Minimum  $\chi^2 = 0.597$ , at  $\alpha = 0.20$

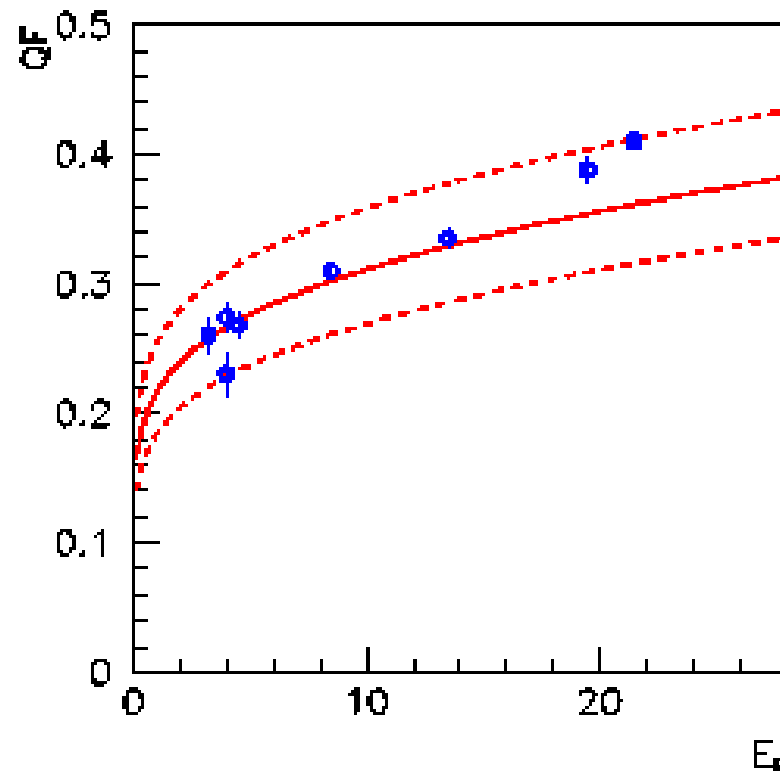
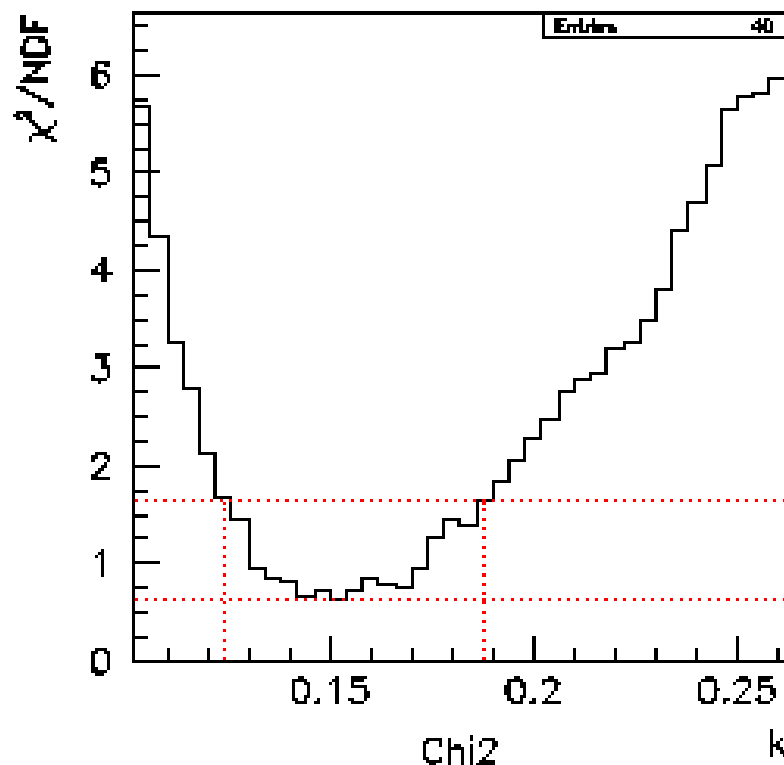


# Analysis: vary $\kappa$ in Lindhard's

In this case, we allowed  $\kappa$  to vary. This is done in other experiments

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Minimum  $\chi^2 = 0.634$ , at  $\kappa = 0.152$

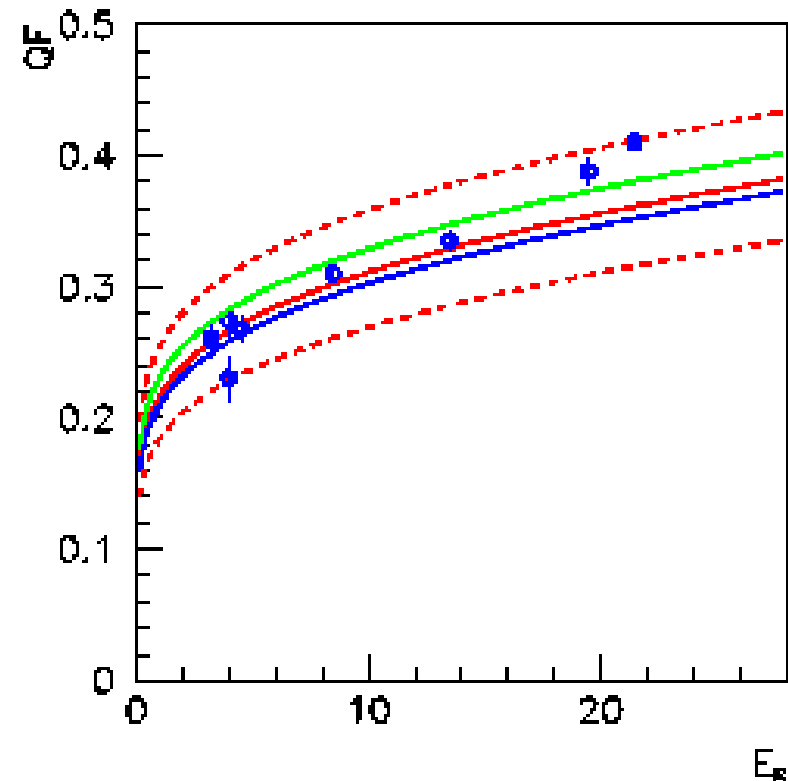
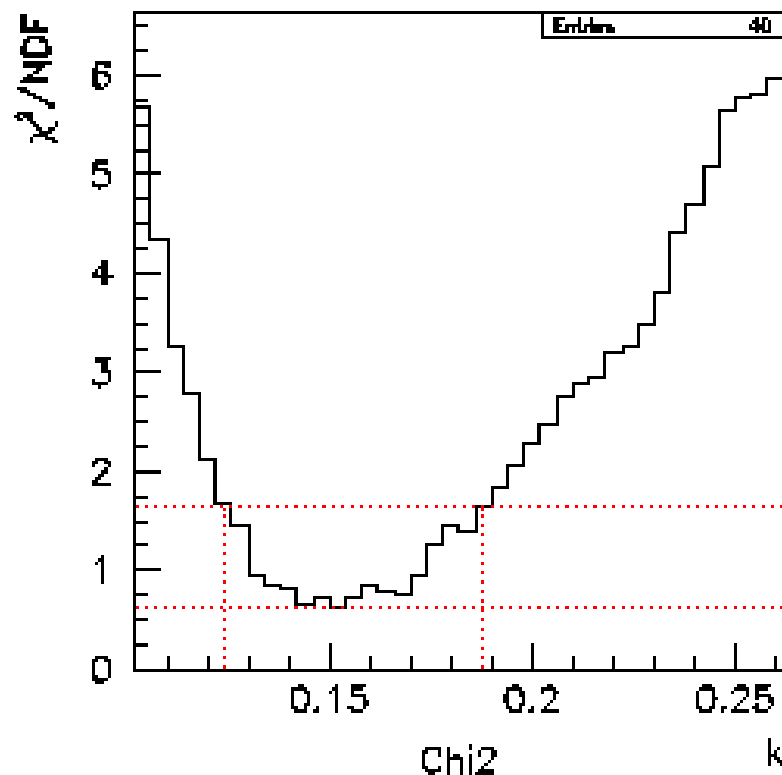


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# Conclusions

- **Even with only these two bars the agreement with data from Gerbier et al. is excellent!**
- **We will have the best Si QF measurement with Antonella data**
- **Various possible measurements**
- **We need more calibration points: linearity**
- **We need to measure distances up to 1-2mm**
- **Antonella: supporting bars?**

# Statistics projection for December run

- We have **1400** good events in one of the **Two-bar** 2013 runs, which lasted **1.5hrs**. B2 is **21.4cm** away from B1 (tgt). Antonella bars are **90cm** away from the tgt, and the collimator hole is **0.7cm**. We will have in **1shift** (7hrs), for scintillator QF measurement,

$$(0.7)^2 (21.4/90)^2 (7/1.5) 1400 = \mathbf{181 \text{ events/bar}}$$

To reduce error bars to 1/2, **we need 2-3 shifts (change collimator??)**

- We have **60** good events in the **SD+2Bar** 2013 run, in a **1shift** run, on a bar that was at **16.3cm** from the SiDet. If we dedicate **12 days** to this run we will have

$$(16.3/90)^2 (36/1) 60 = \mathbf{71 \text{ events/bar}}$$

- **Si and C run** to measure resonances: **1-2 shifts (??)**
- **Background estimation: 1 shift**