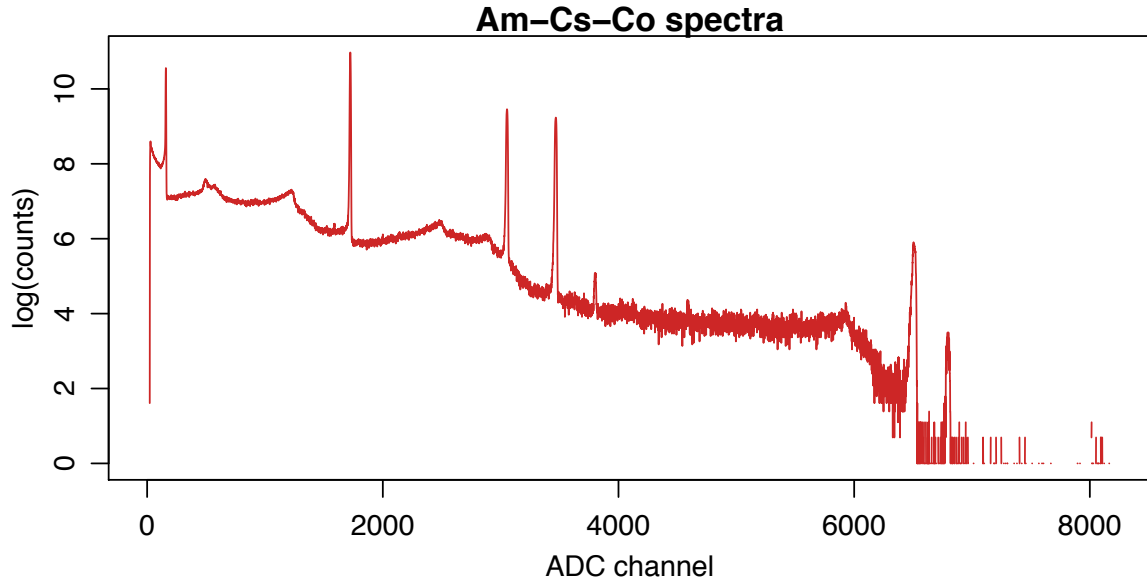


Extraction of signal over background from spectral data, in different data taking conditions, using a Markov Chain Monte Carlo with a gibbs sampler

The plot show in the following figure is an energy spectrum collected with a Germanium detector irradiated by a combination of three sources:  $^{241}\text{Am}$ ,  $^{60}\text{Co}$  and  $^{137}\text{Cs}$ .



According to [1], the source nuclides emit the following photons:

Nuclide	$^{241}\text{Am}$	$^{137}\text{Cs}$	$^{60}\text{Co}$
Photon energy (keV)	59.54	661.66	1173.24
			1332.51

Using a Bayesian method similar to that presented during the course, and with the help of a MCMC, infer the number of events under the source  $\gamma$  peaks, taking into account for the underlying background.

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