



Practica de deteccion de neutrones:

Contadores de ^3He con moderador y espectrometro por tiempo de vuelo con centelleadores liquidos organicos

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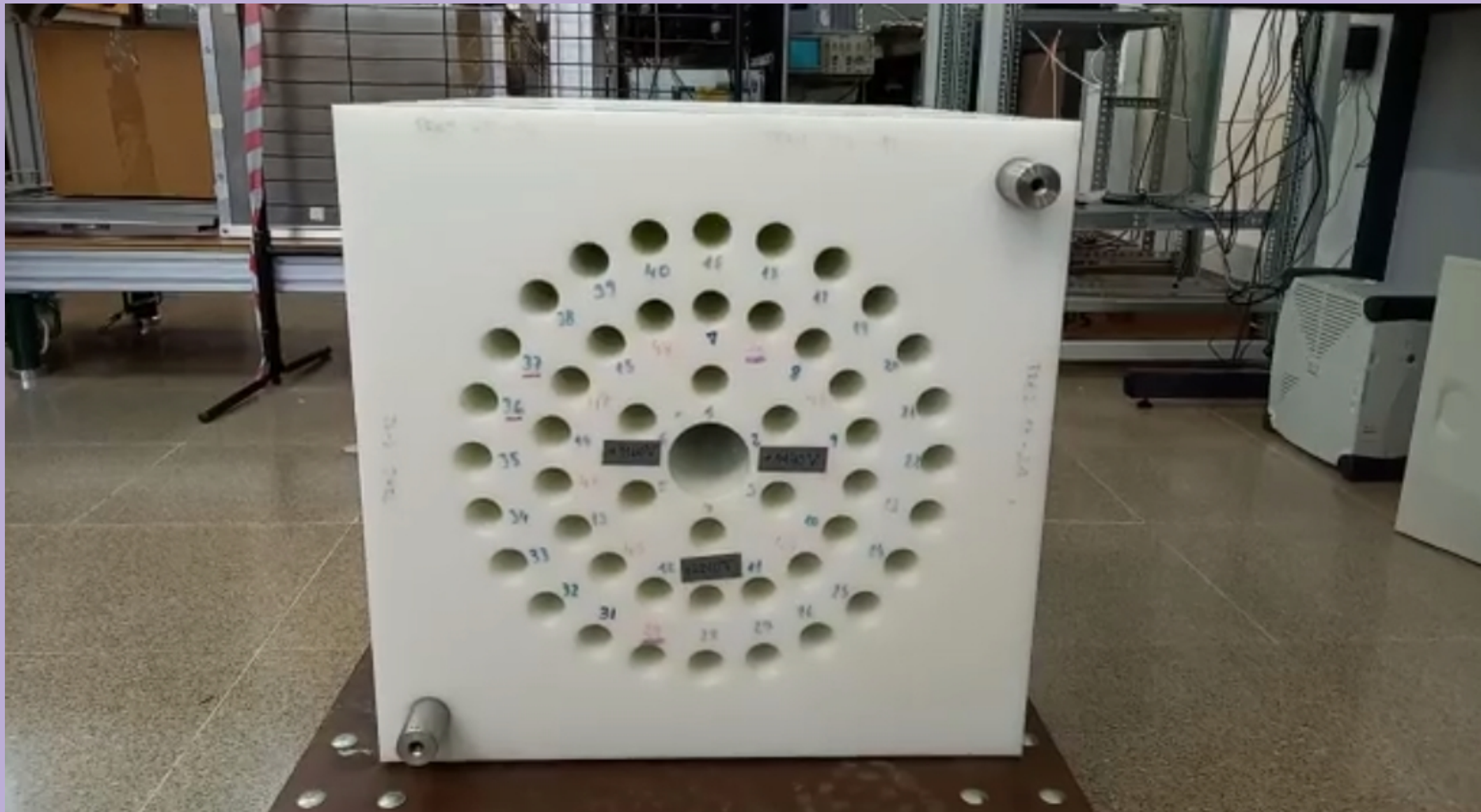
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Cuestion:

1. Haz un breve resumen de los objetivos de la practica y los materiales empleados

DETECTORES

Matriz de PE de alta densidad
50cmx50cmx75cm





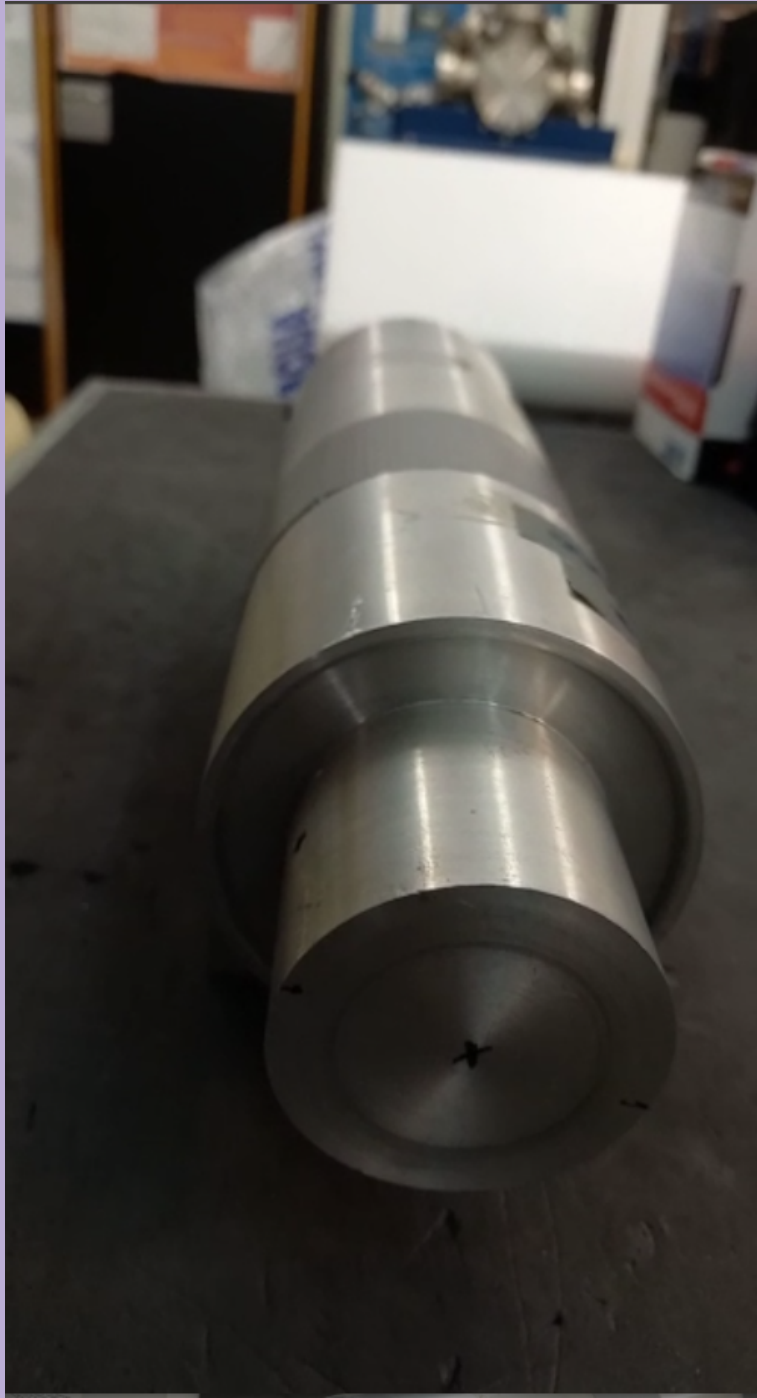
Tubo proporcional relleno de ^3He
Volumen activo: $60\text{cm} \times \varnothing 2.54\text{cm}$, 10 atm



Insertion of the ^3He tube into the PE matrix



Detector de centelleo inorganico BaF2
3.8cmxØ3.8cm



Montaje detector de BaF₂



Detector de liquido organico centelleante BC501A 5cmxØ20cm



ELECTRONICA

Rack con
crates NIM y
VME



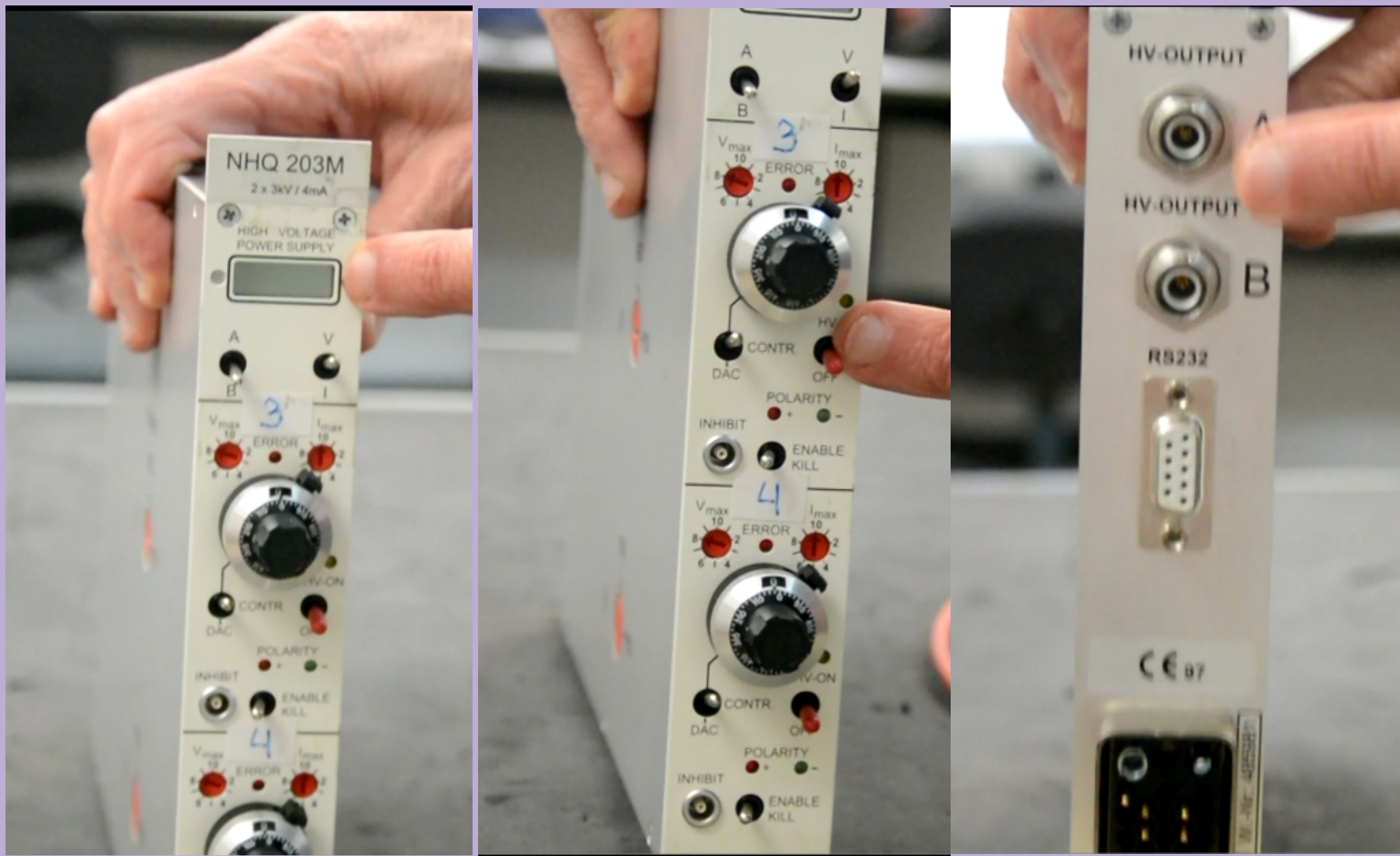
Crate NIM



Crate VME



Fonte de alta tension de 2 canais ISEG NHQ 203M



POLARITY

NEG

POS

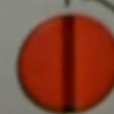
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NEG

POS

B



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Preamplificador de carga
CANBERRA 2006

Generador de
pulsos
exponenciales
ORTEC 419



Digitalizador
de 16 canales
a 250 MHz y
14 bits
SIS3316



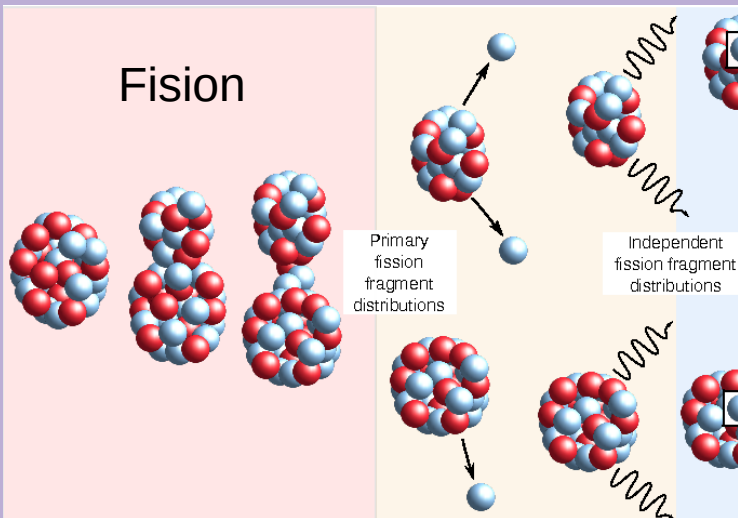


Cuestiones:

1. Realiza un diseño de todas las conexiones electronicas (detector-electronica-DACQ) para las dos partes de la practica: BaF2-He3 y BaF2-BC501A

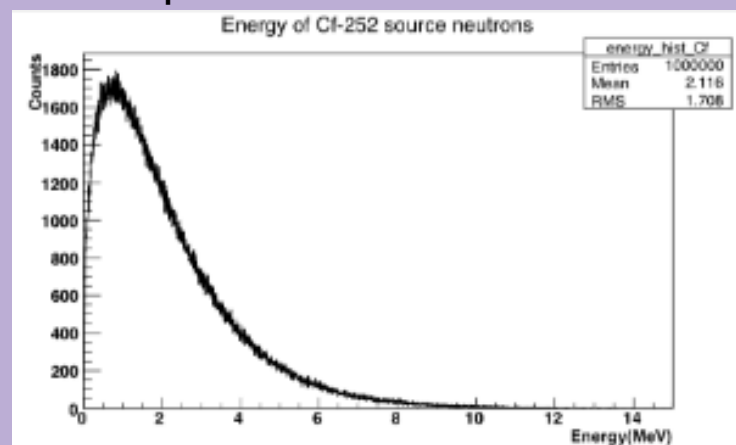
FUENTES RADIOACTIVAS:
 ^{252}Cf Y ^{22}Na

Fision

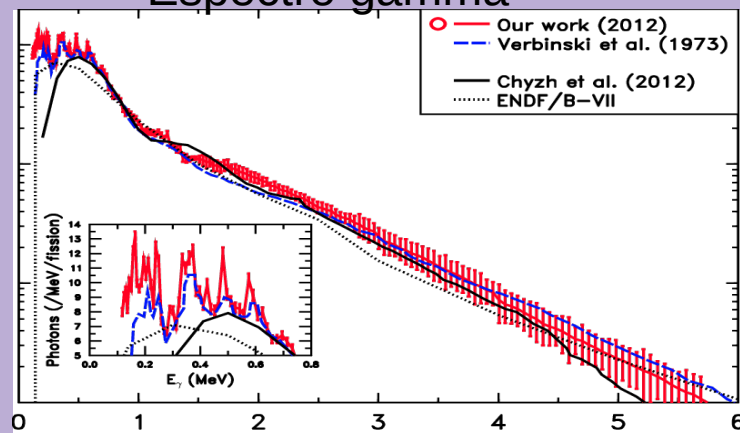


^{252}Cf

Espectro de neutrones



Espectro gamma



NOMINAL SOURCE CERTIFICATE

Customer: Eckert & Ziegler Isotope Products GmbH
 Purchase Order No.: 38597
 Model No.: Not applicable
 Catalog No.: CF230360005U
 Capsule Type: A3036-2
 Active Diameter/Mass: 3.2 mm (0.125 ")
 Cover: Stainless steel
 Backing: Stainless steel

Certificate Date: 01-Jul-10
 Quantity: 1
 SS&DR No.: Not applicable
 ISO Classification: Not applicable
 Special Form No.: Not applicable
 Nuclide Half Life: 2.645 ± 0.008 years
 Recommended Working Life: 15 years

Cf-252 Technical data

The Cf-252 used to prepare your order was taken from Eckert & Ziegler Isotope Products Laboratories Lot #5128001 and it had the following composition as of 15 Mar 10.

| Nuclide | Mass % | Activity % |
|---------|--------|------------|
| Cf-249 | 9.936 | 0.1495 |
| Cf-250 | 30.643 | 12.266 |
| Cf-251 | 15.053 | 0.0877 |
| Cf-252 | 44.368 | 87.497 |

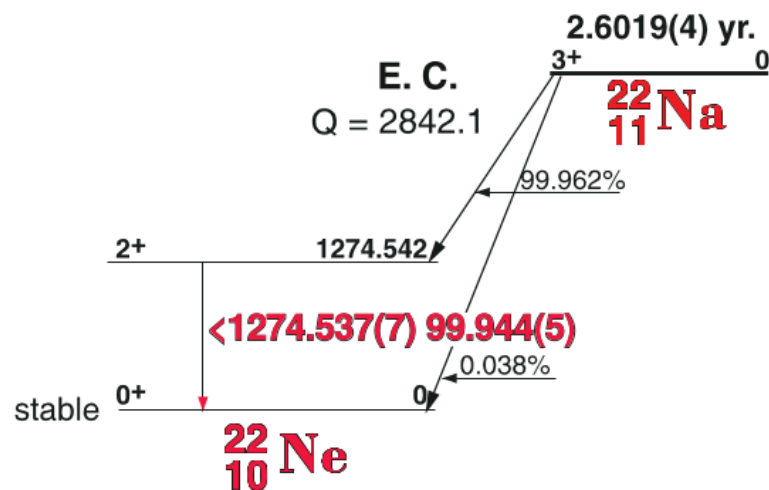
Calibracion:

| | | | |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-----------|
| PTB calibration | 18167 | 291 | 15-Mar-11 |
| | n/s | error | |

2.6019 Yr. ^{22}Na [C]

^{22}Na Decay Scheme

11-22-1



GAMMA-RAY ENERGIES AND INTENSITIES

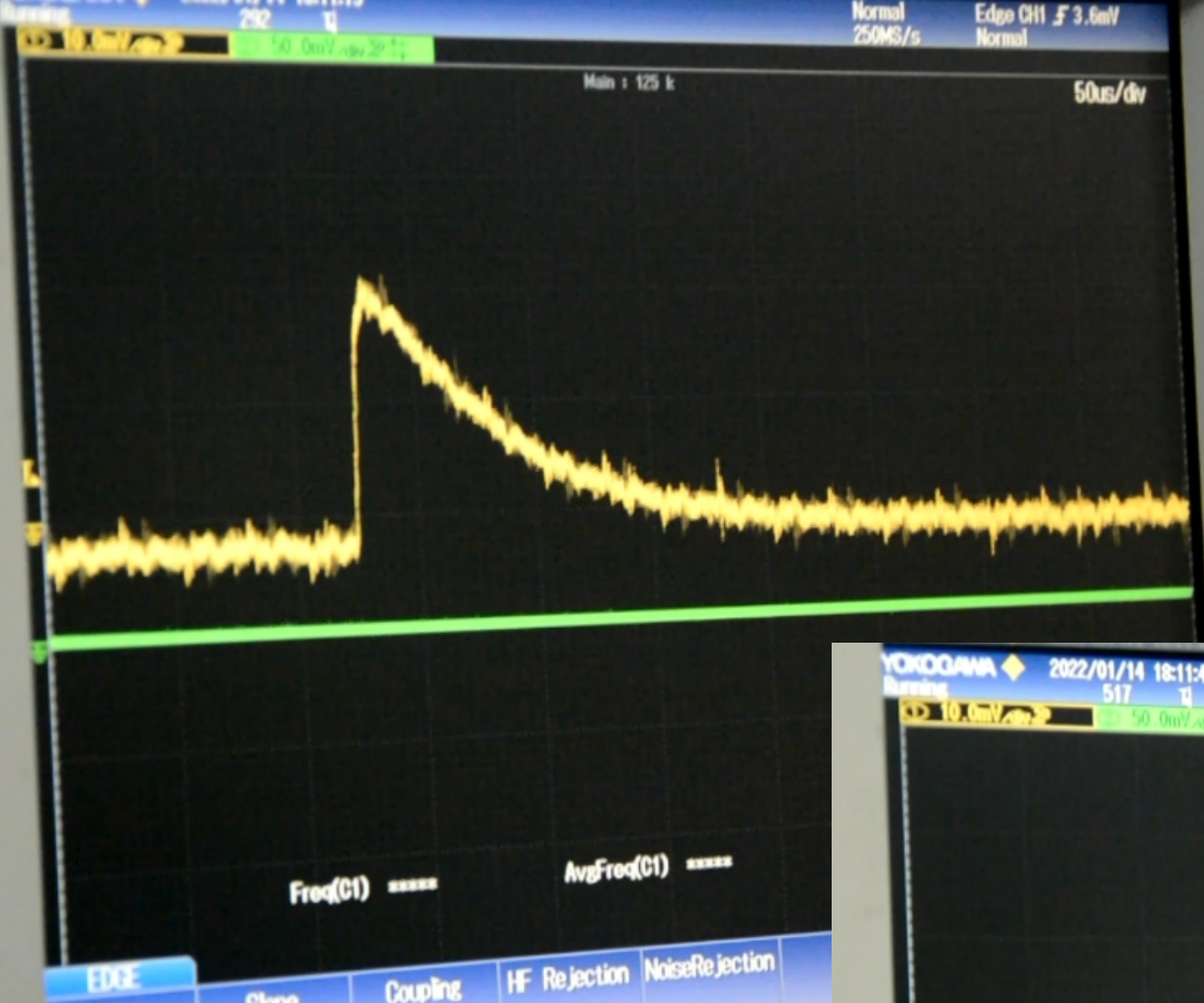
Nuclide ^{22}Na Half Life 2.6019(4) yr.
 Detector 3" X 3" - 2 NaI Method of Production: $\text{Na}^{23}(\text{n}, 2\text{n})$

| E_{γ} (KeV) | ΔE_{γ} | $I_{\gamma}(\text{rel})$ | $I_{\gamma}(\%)$ | ΔI_{γ} | S |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---|
| 511.006 | | 100 | 170 | ± 1.0 | 1 |
| 1274.537 | ± 0.008 | 62.2 | 99.94 | ± 0.01 | 1 |

Cuestiones:

1. Cual es el numero de neutrones y gammas emitidos en cada fision? Cual es la energia media respectiva?
Consulta la literatura, internet, etc ...

SEÑALES

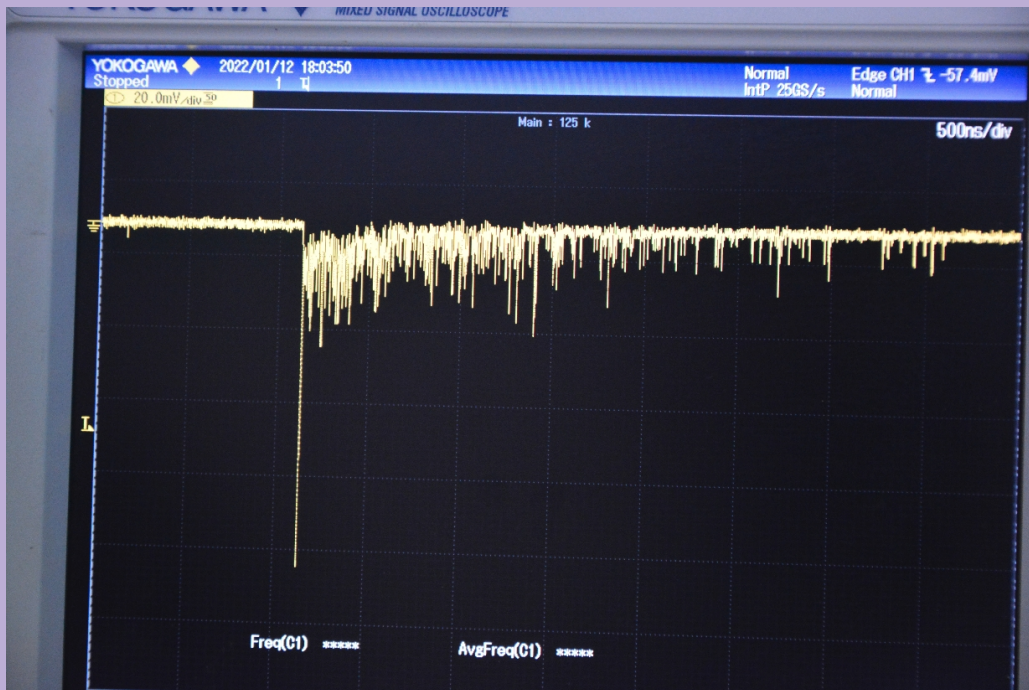


He-3

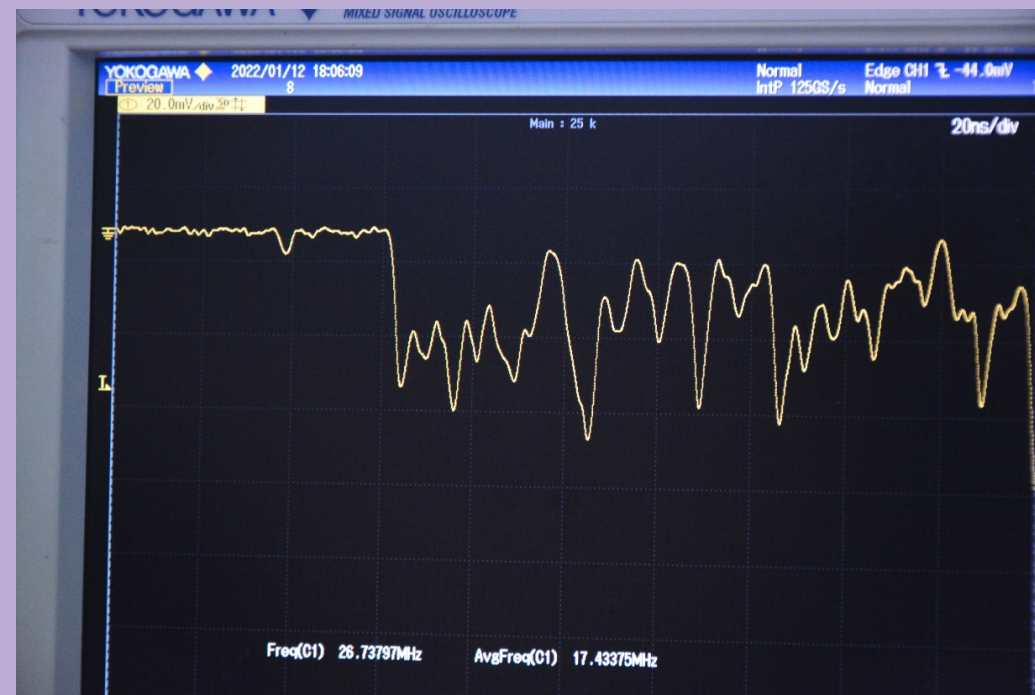
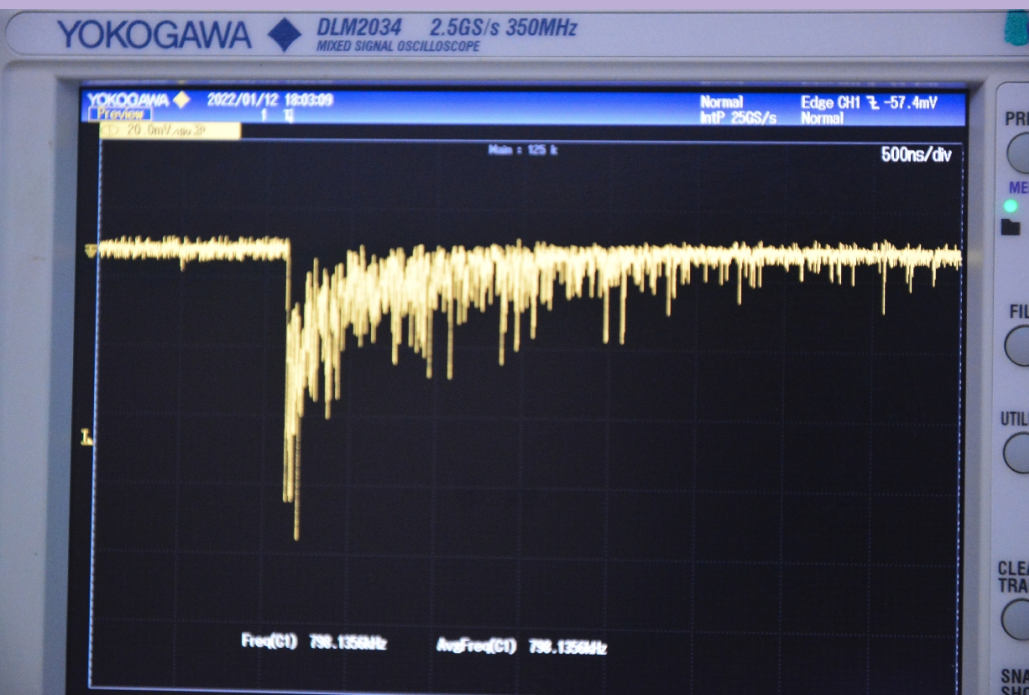


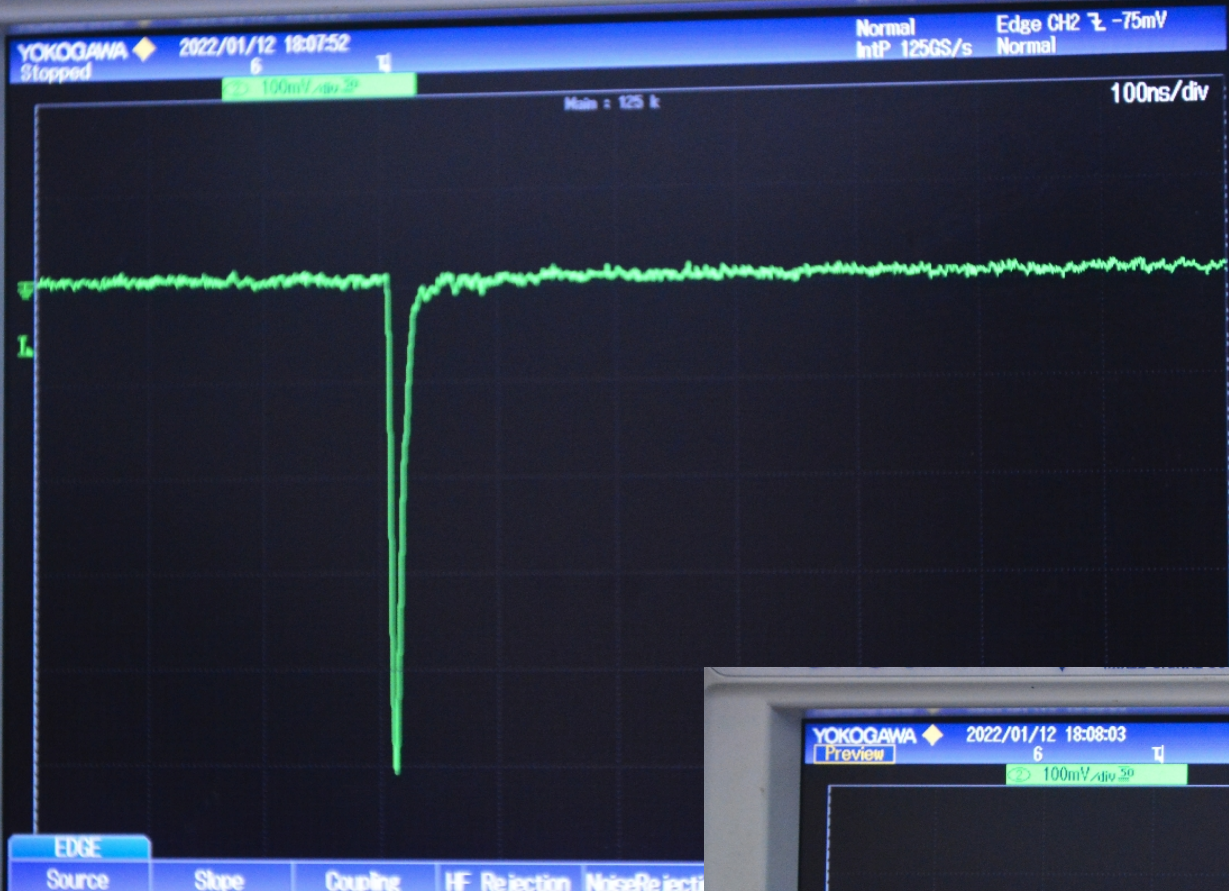
Señal gamma

BaF2



Señal alfa

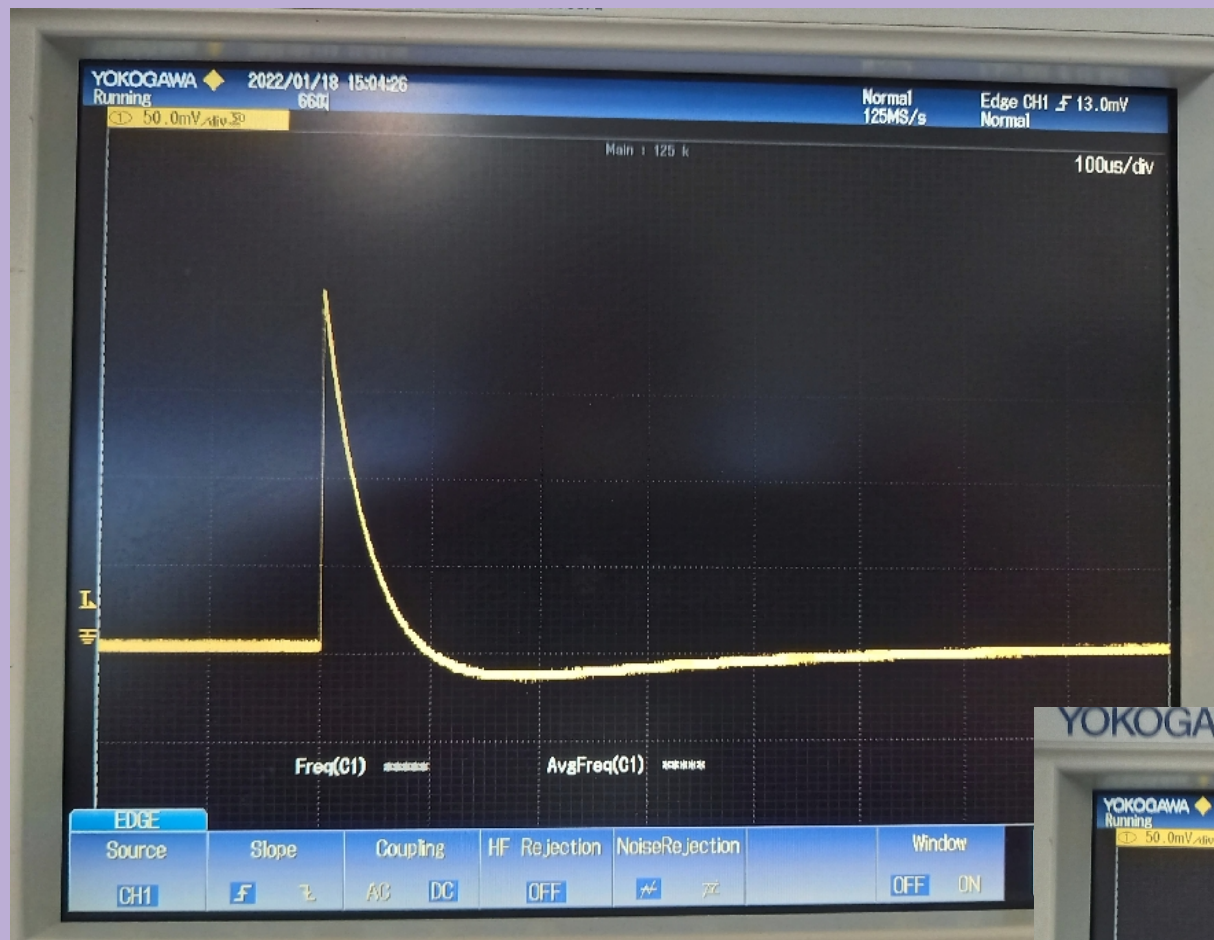




BC501A



Pulser a traves del preamplificador



Cuestiones:

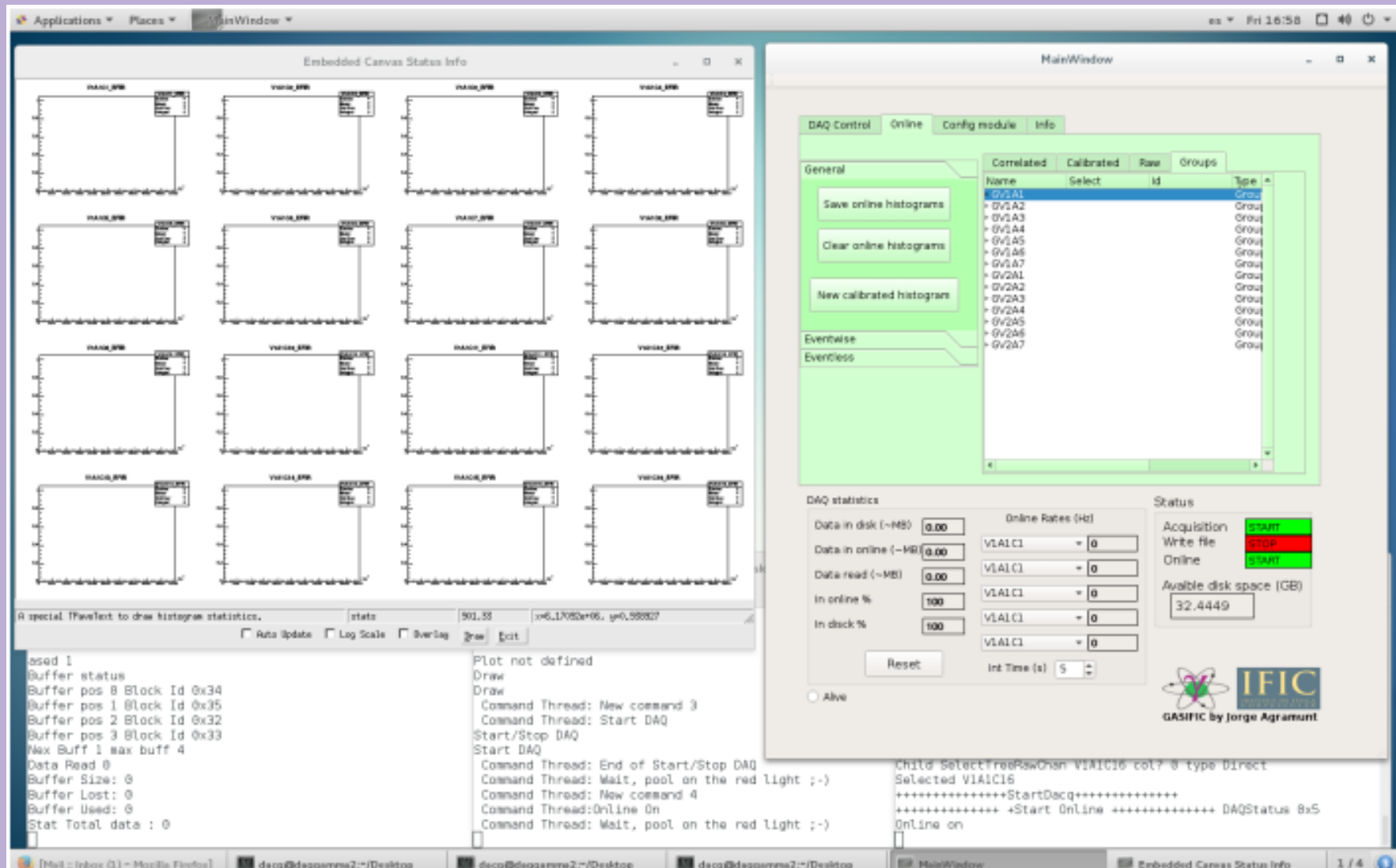
1. Caracteriza la forma de los pulsos provenientes de todos los detectores (He3, BaF2, BC501A): forma, componentes, tiempo de subida y bajada, amplitud,

SISTEMA DE ADQUISICION DE DATOS DIGITAL

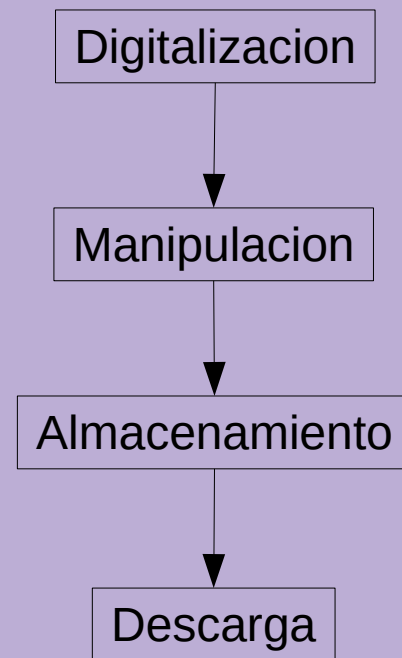
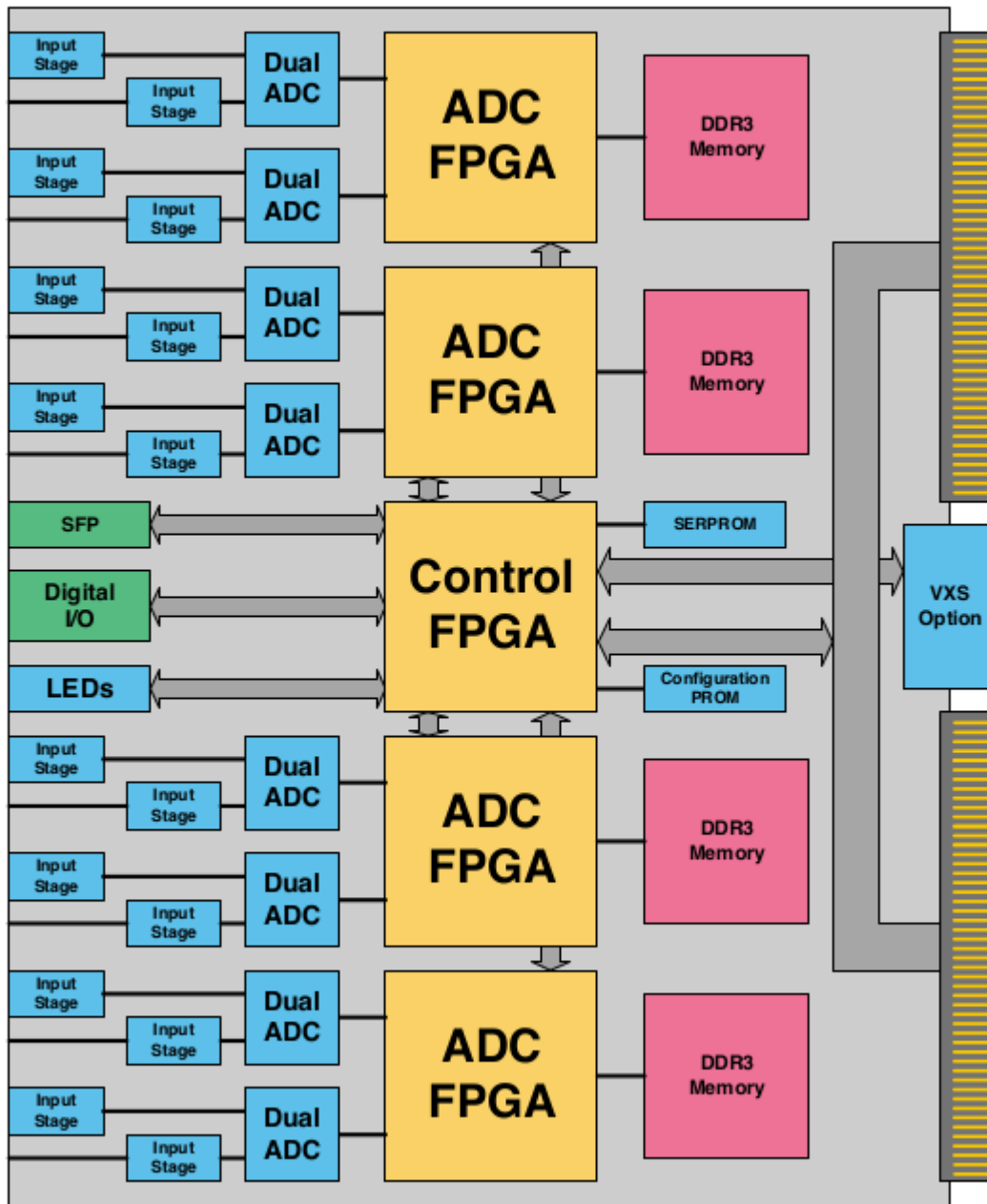
Gasific 7.0 (J. Agramunt /IFIC)

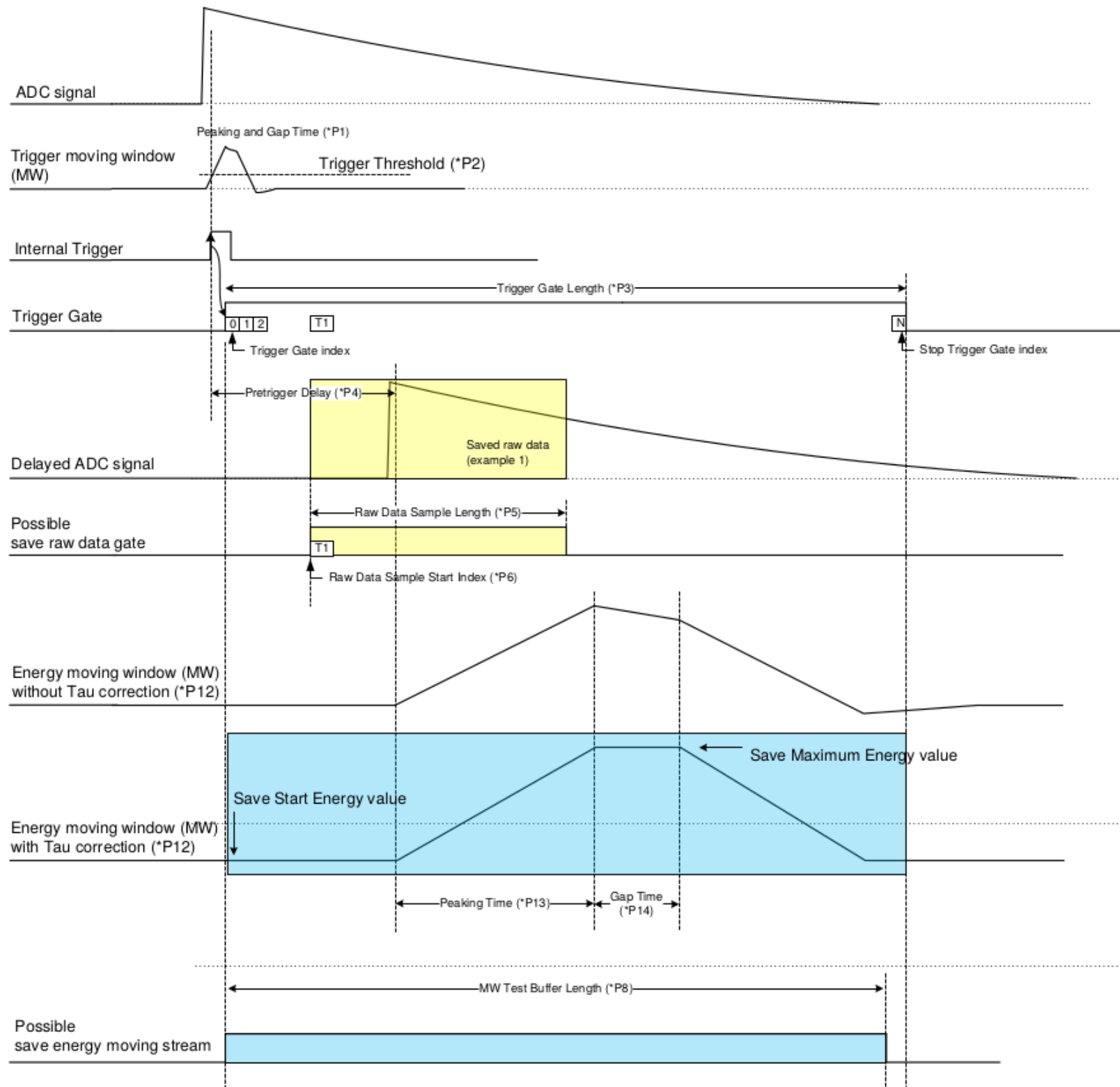
Basado en digitalizadores the Struck Innovative Systeme (SIS)

- Sistema de control y configuracion de la adquisicion
- Almacenaje de datos “raw” en disco
- Analisis “on-line” de datos para verificacion de la medida
- Canales individuales con auto-“trigger” o “trigger” externo



SIS3316 VME Digitizer



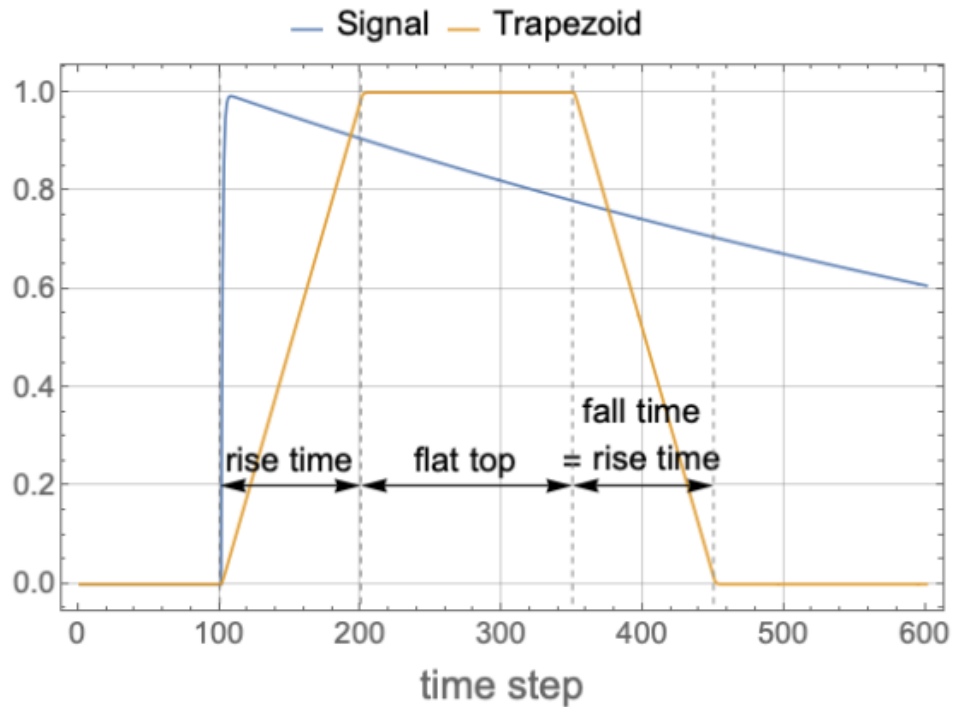


Filtro rapido:
definicion del
trigger y marca
temporal

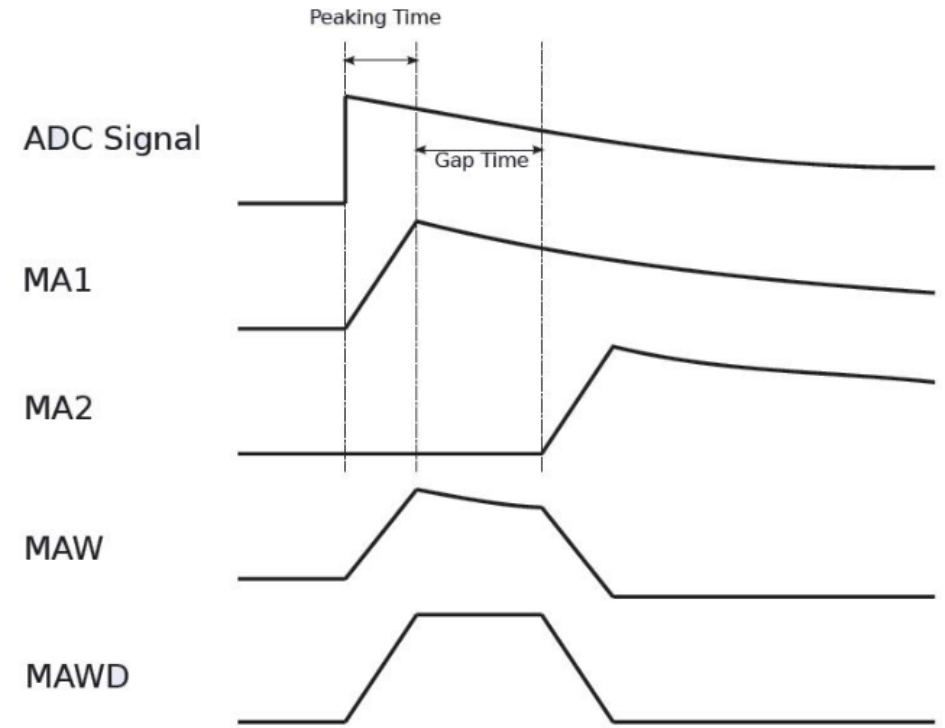
Ventana de
bloqueo de
trigger: pile-up

Filtro lento con
compensacion
de τ : definicion
de amplitud
(energia)

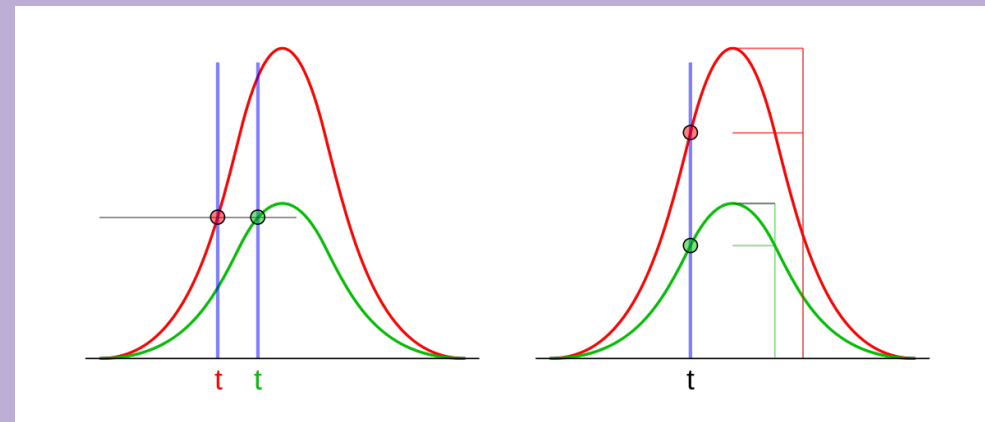
FILTRO TRAPEZOIDAL CON COMPENSACION DE CAIDA EXPONENCIAL DE LA SEÑAL DE PREAMPLIFICADOR



Visualizacion del algoritmo



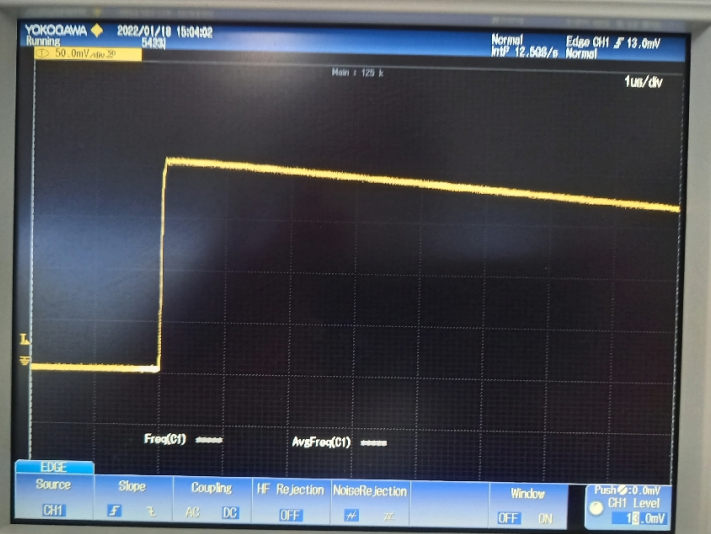
OBTENCION DE MARCA TEMPORAL POR CFD



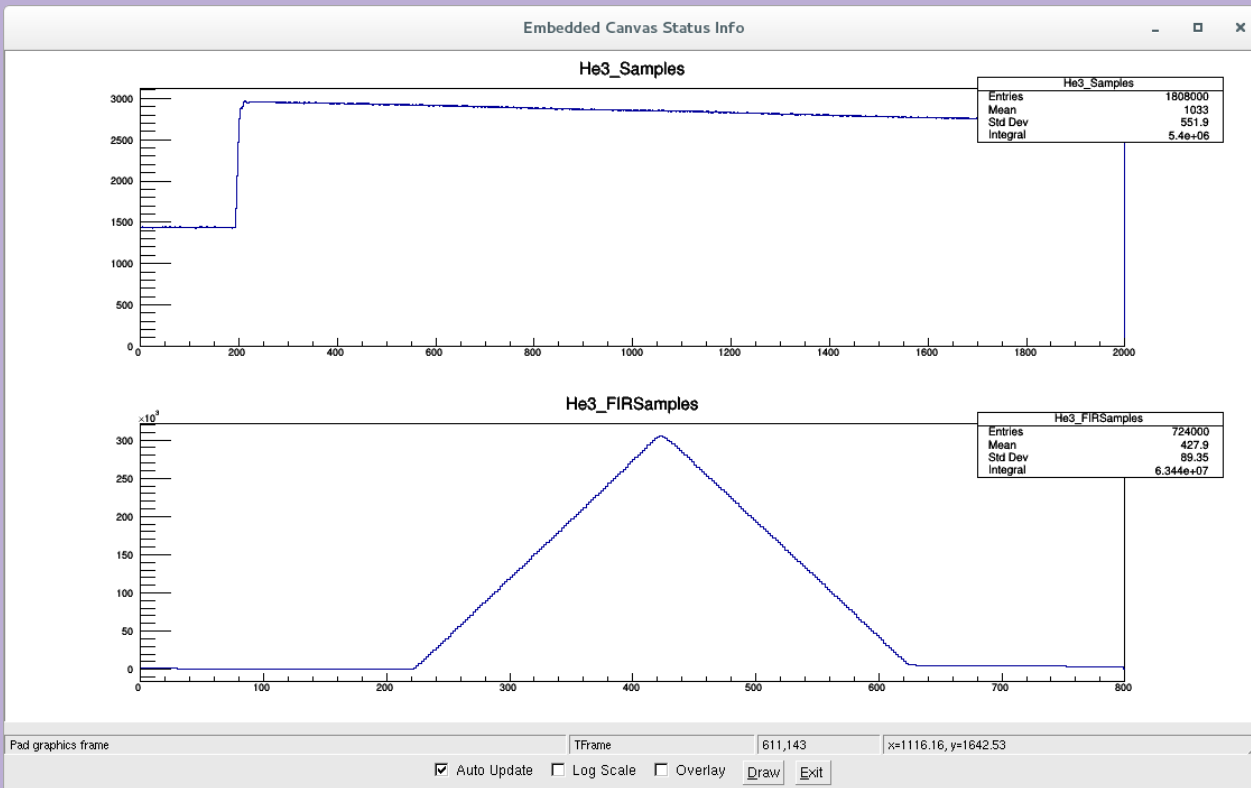
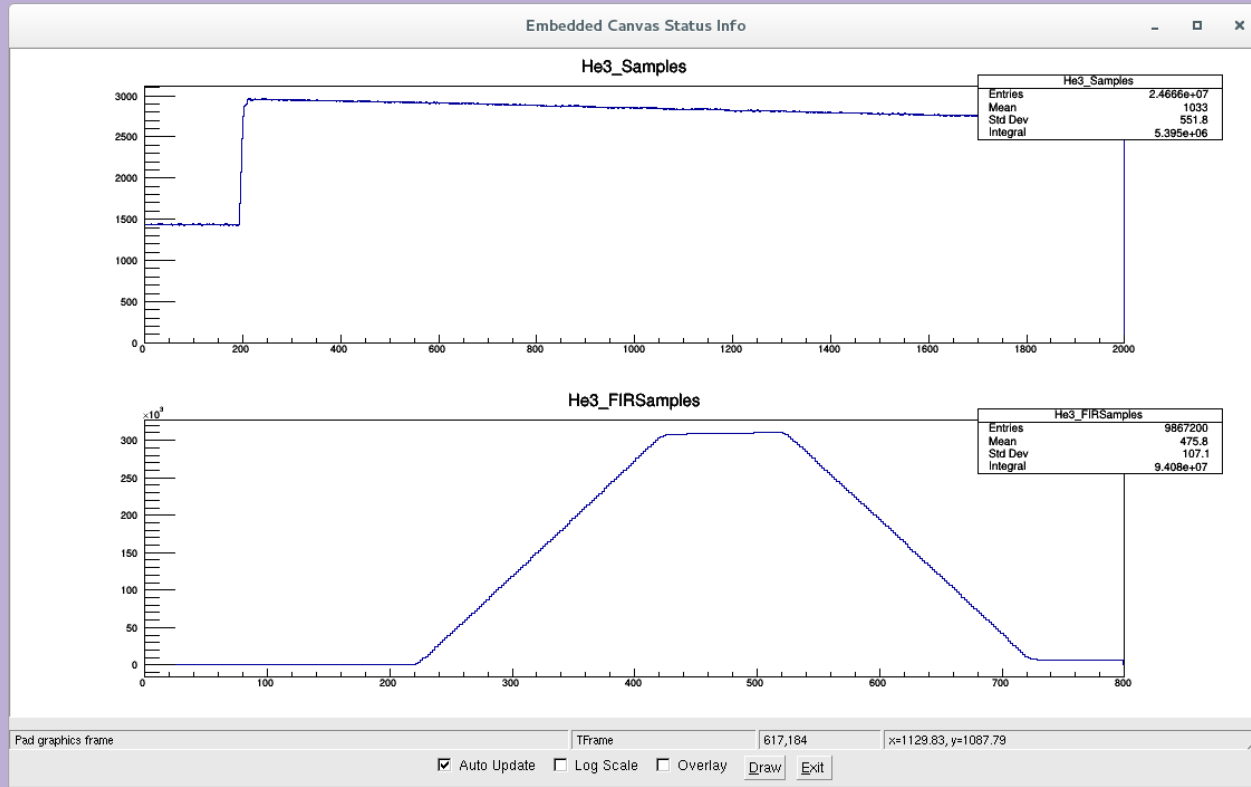
Algoritmo facilmente implementable en FPGA

$$G[n] = G[n - 1] + FADC[n] - k \times FADC[n - 1] - FADC[n - L] + k \times FADC[n - L - 1]$$

$k = \text{pre-amplifier response (e}^{-\alpha}\text{)}$

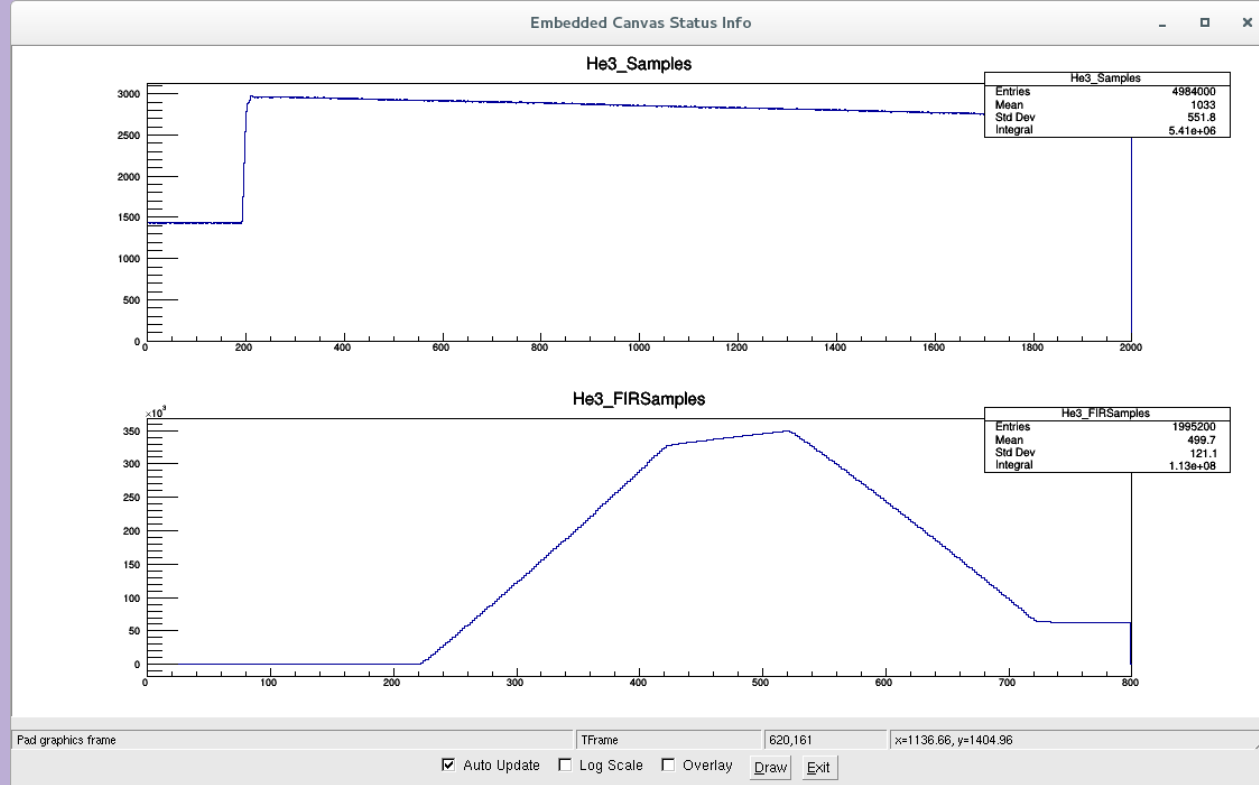


Int=200
Top=100
tau=25000

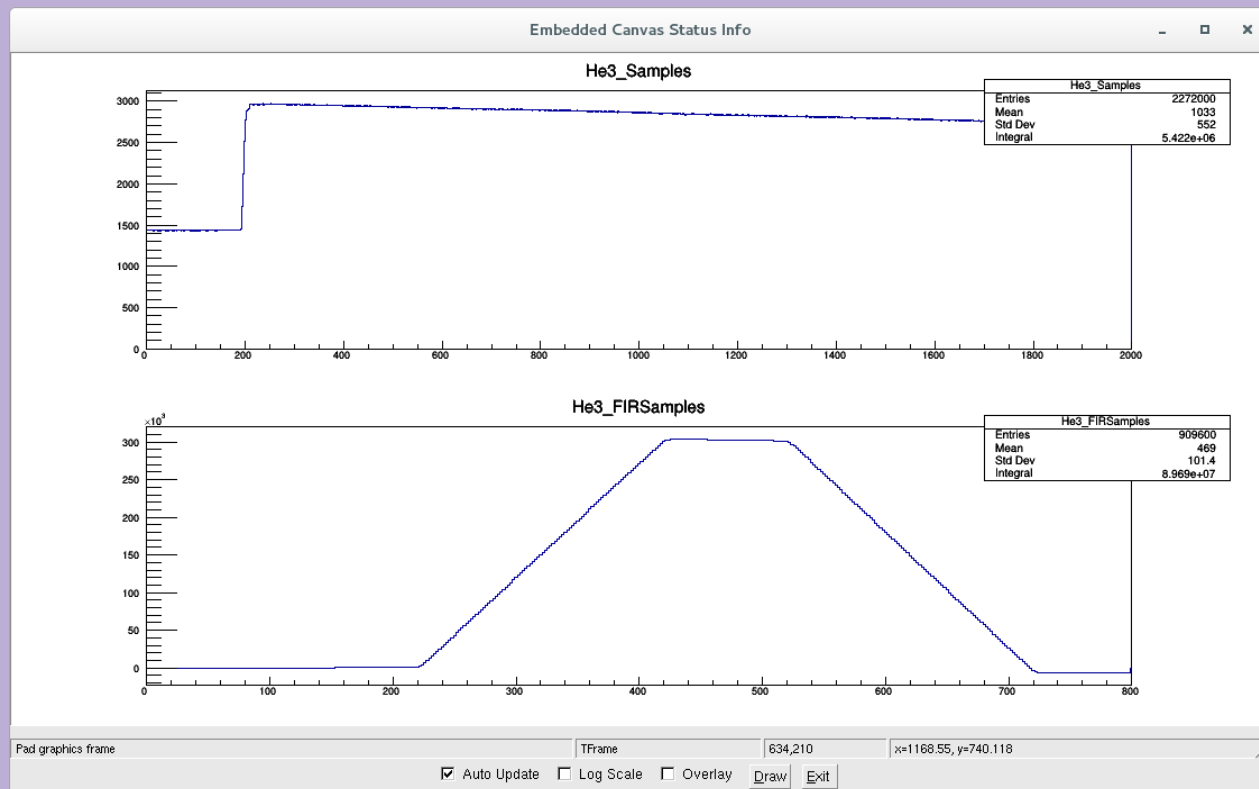


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Top=0
tau=25000

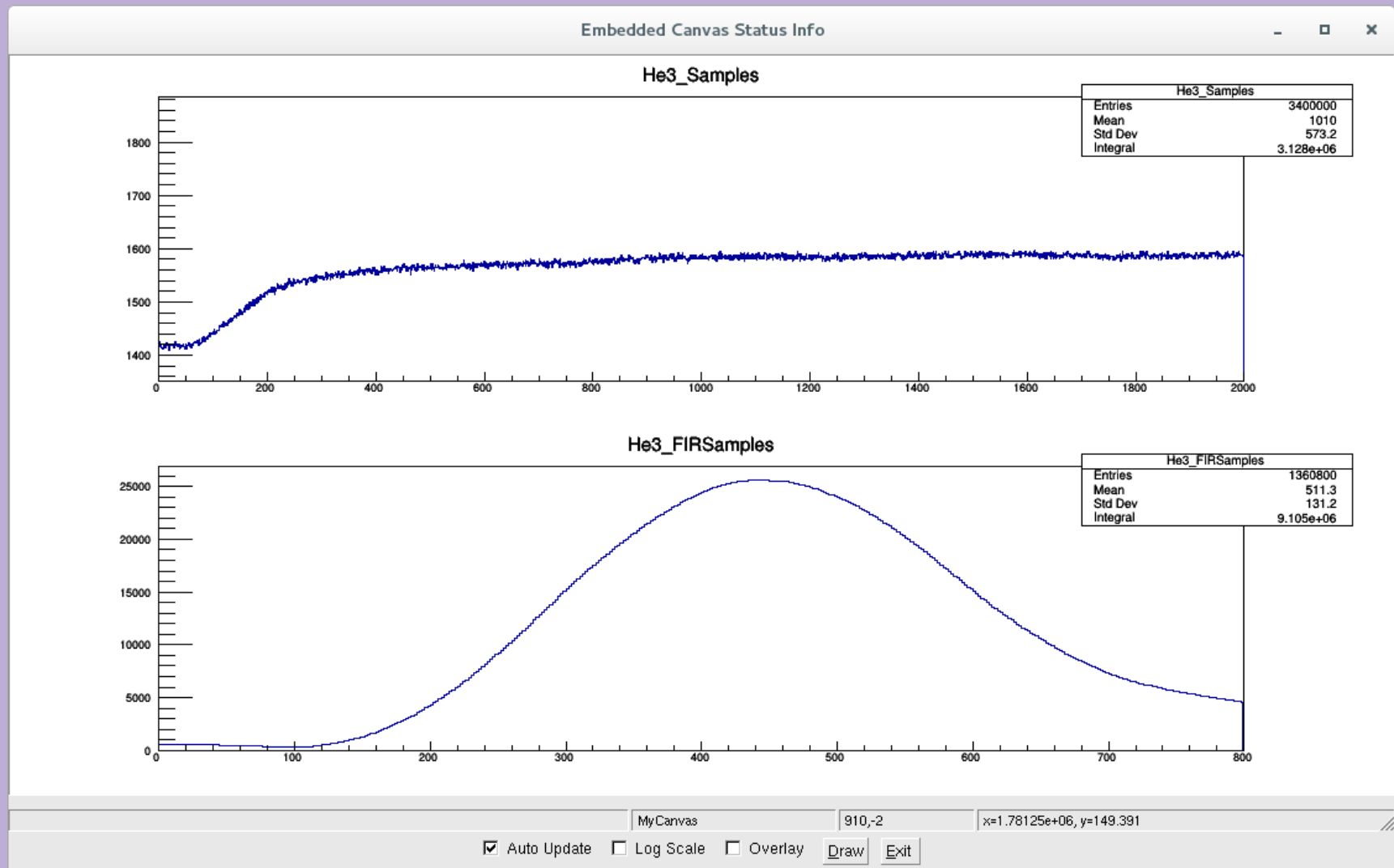
Int=200
Top=100
tau=5000



Int=200
Top=100
tau=500000

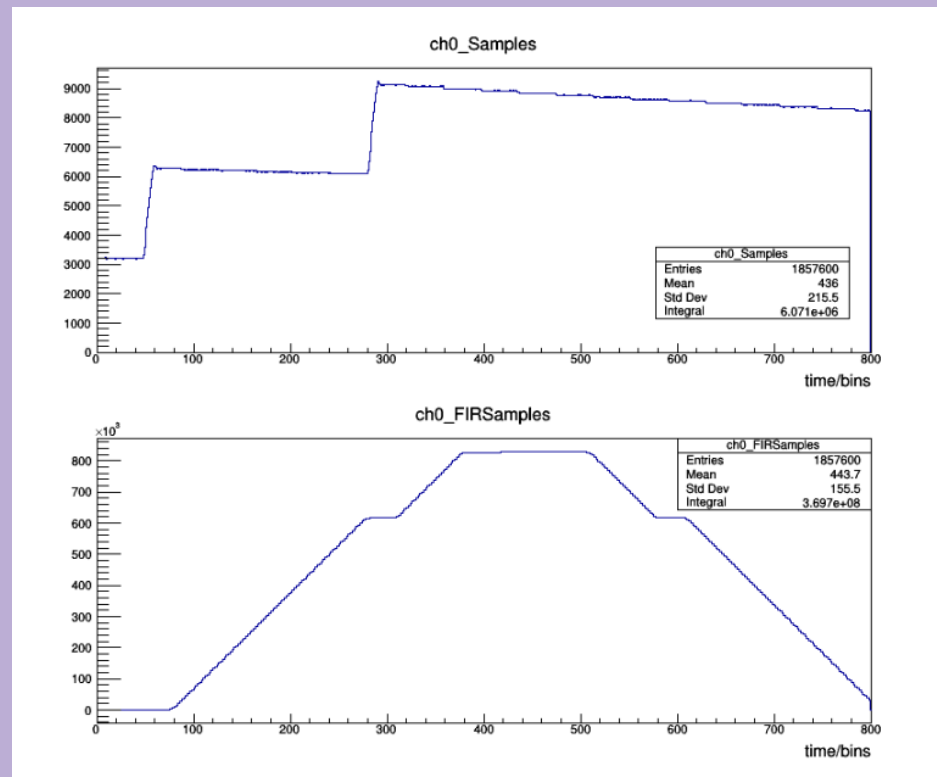
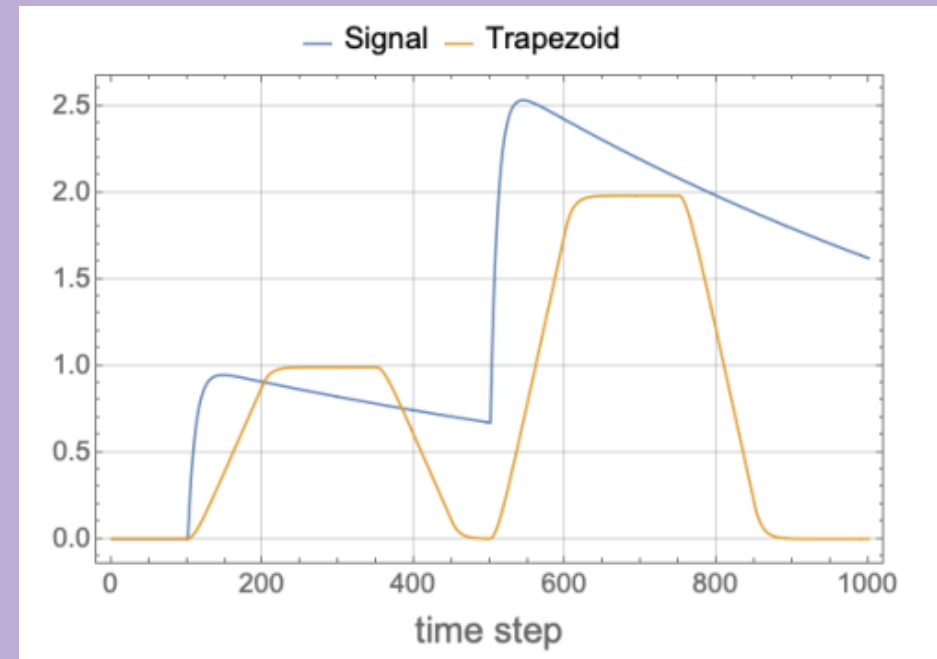


Int=200
Top=100
tau=25000



Para pulsos tan lentos hay que usar constantes de integracion mas largas en nuestro caso: Int=1250, Top=250

Apilamiento de pulsos electronicos



PARTE 1:
DETERMINACION DE
LA EFICIENCIA DEL
CONTADOR DE ^3He Y
CARACTERIZACION
DEL TIEMPO DE
MODERACION

Preamplificador y tubo de ^3He





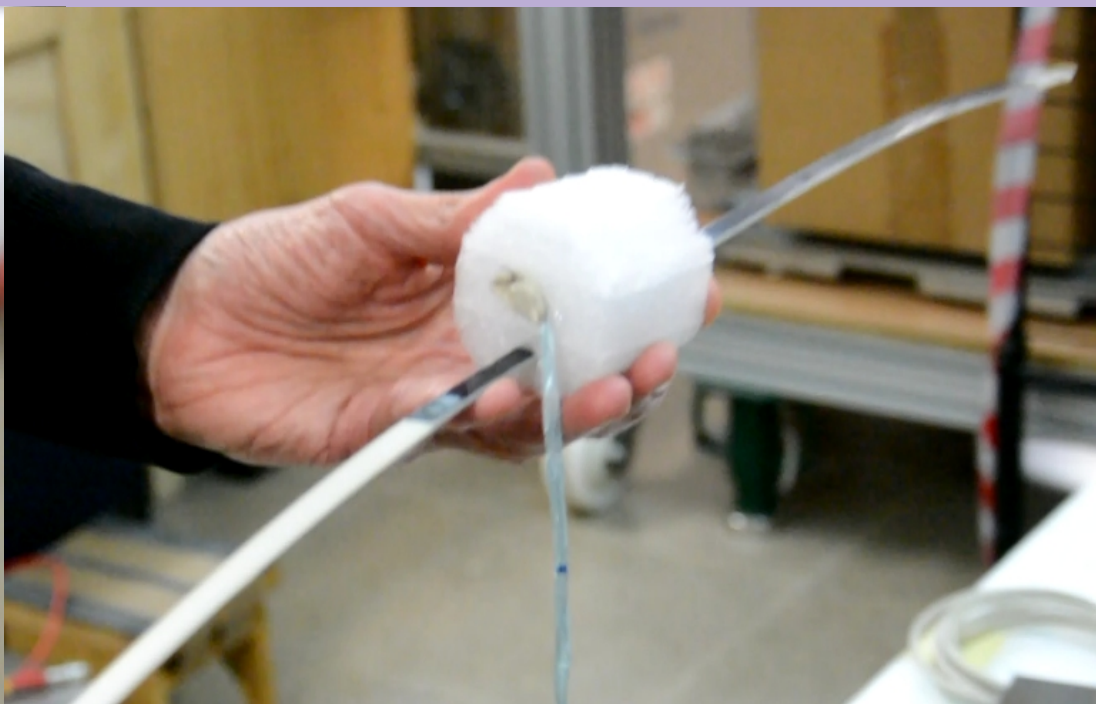
Colocacion del
detector de
BaF2 y
proteccion de la
luz



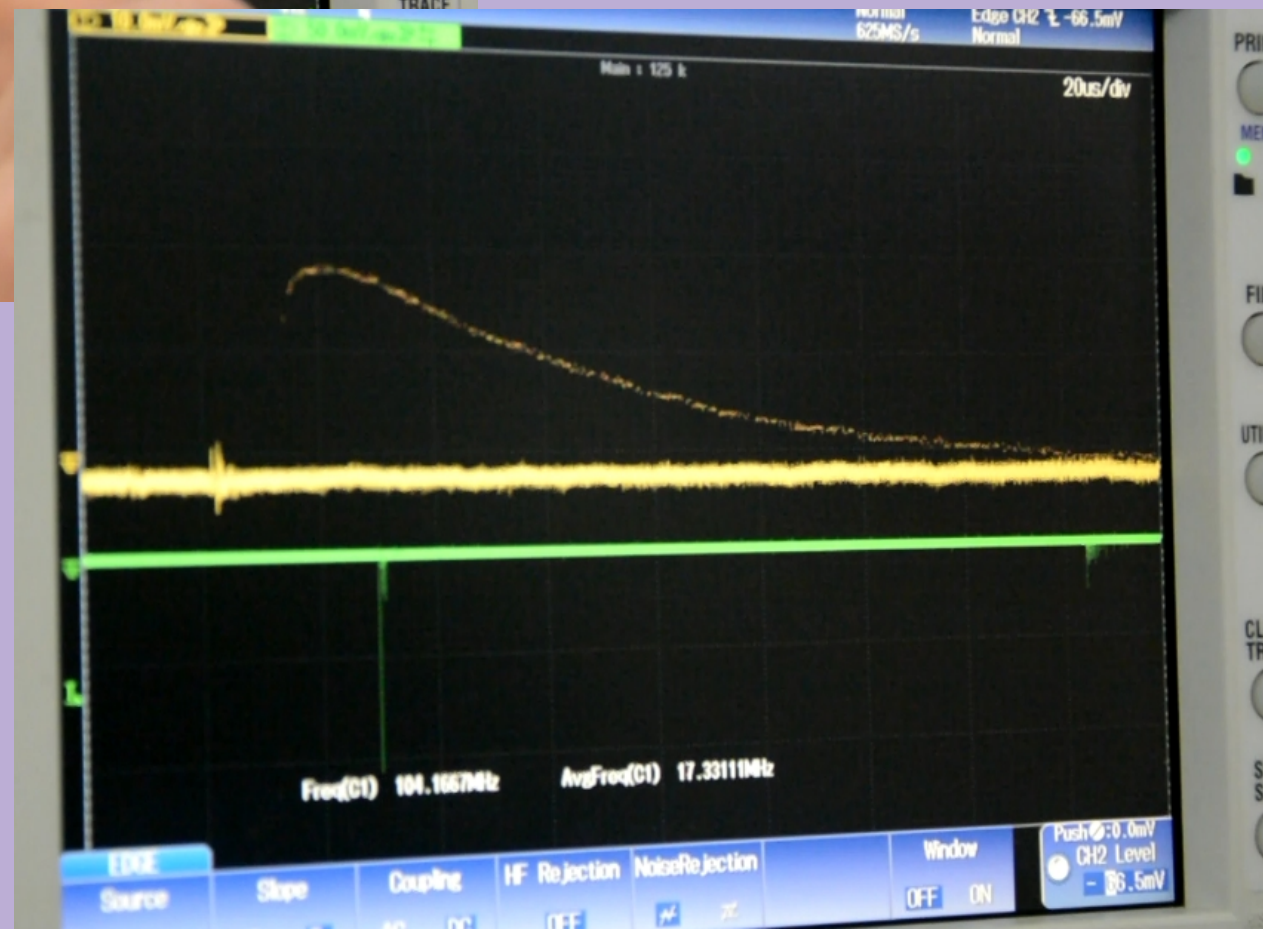
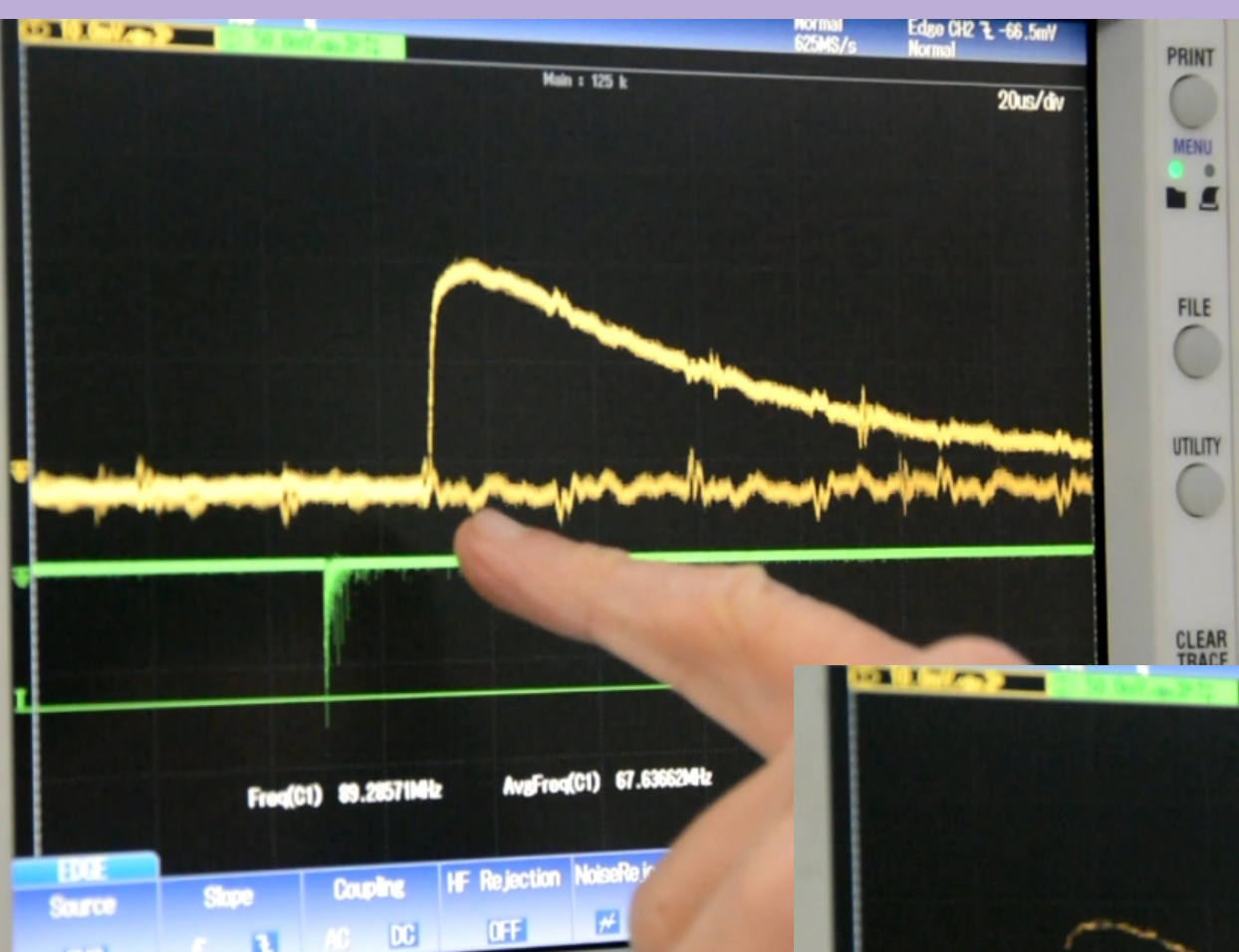
Crate NIM con fuente HV, modulo para alimentar el preamp y generador de pulsos



Colocacion de la fuente de ^{252}Cf en la matriz de PE



Correlacion de
señales BaF2-3He
en el osciloscopio



Conexion de señales al digitalizador:
Canal 1: 3He, canal 9: BaF2



Configuration file: Config3He_220116_1324.xlsx

He-3

BaF2

Dialog

Module Data

VME ID 9 Name Mod1 Type SIS3316 Mem length for LAM (Kw) 1000.00

Clock source Internal Clock frequency 250

Communication: VME 192.168.1.2

Crate Number 0

OK Cancel

Generic Module Commands

Add Command Command Data

Channel Data

Channel n° 1 Name He3 ☒ Enable

Fast filter (trigger)

Integration length 50 Flat-top length 10

Pretrigger delay 500 Threshold 1100

Trigger gate length 2000

Slow filter (EFIR)

Integration length 1250 Flat-top length 250

Tau correction (ns) 70000 Averaging/Decimation 1

Energy Pickup 0

Configuration logic

☐ External veto ☐ External gate ☒ Internal trigger

☐ Internal gate 1 ☐ Internal gate 2

☐ Int sum trigger ☐ External trigger

Input channel

☐ Negative signal

Input range 2V

Input impedance 50Ohm

Signal offset 50000

Output

☒ Save energy (slow filter) ☐ Save pulse height, Accum 1-6 ☐ Save fast filter samples

☐ Save CFD values ☐ Save Accum 7-8 ☒ Save slow filter samples

Slow filter start sample 0

Histogram range

EFIR 2000000

Pulse height 0

CFD time 0

Time stamp 0

Signal sample range

Signal length 2000

Start sample 0

Set Channel

Accumulators

| | Length | Start sample | Hist range |
|---------|--------|--------------|------------|
| Accum 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accum 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accum 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accum 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accum 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accum 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accum 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accum 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Dialog

Module Data

VME ID 9 Name Mod1 Type SIS3316 Mem length for LAM (Kw) 1000.00

Clock source Internal Clock frequency 250

Communication: VME 192.168.1.2

Crate Number 0

OK Cancel

Generic Module Commands

Add Command Command Data

Channel Data

Channel n° 9 Name BaF2 ☒ Enable

Fast filter (trigger)

Integration length 20 Flat-top length 20

Pretrigger delay 600 Threshold 900

Trigger gate length 2000

Slow filter (EFIR)

Integration length 0 Flat-top length 0

Tau correction (ns) 0 Averaging/Decimation

Energy Pickup 0

Configuration logic

☐ External veto ☐ External gate ☒ Internal trigger

☐ Internal gate 1 ☐ Internal gate 2

☐ Int sum trigger ☐ External trigger

Input channel

☒ Negative signal

Input range 2V

Input impedance 50Ohm

Signal offset 15000

Output

☐ Save energy (slow filter) ☒ Save pulse height, Accum 1-6 ☐ Save fast filter samples

☒ Save CFD values ☐ Save Accum 7-8 ☐ Save slow filter samples

Slow filter start sample 0

Histogram range

EFIR 0

Pulse height 0

CFD time 0

Time stamp 0

Signal sample range

Signal length 2000

Start sample 0

Set Channel

Accumulators

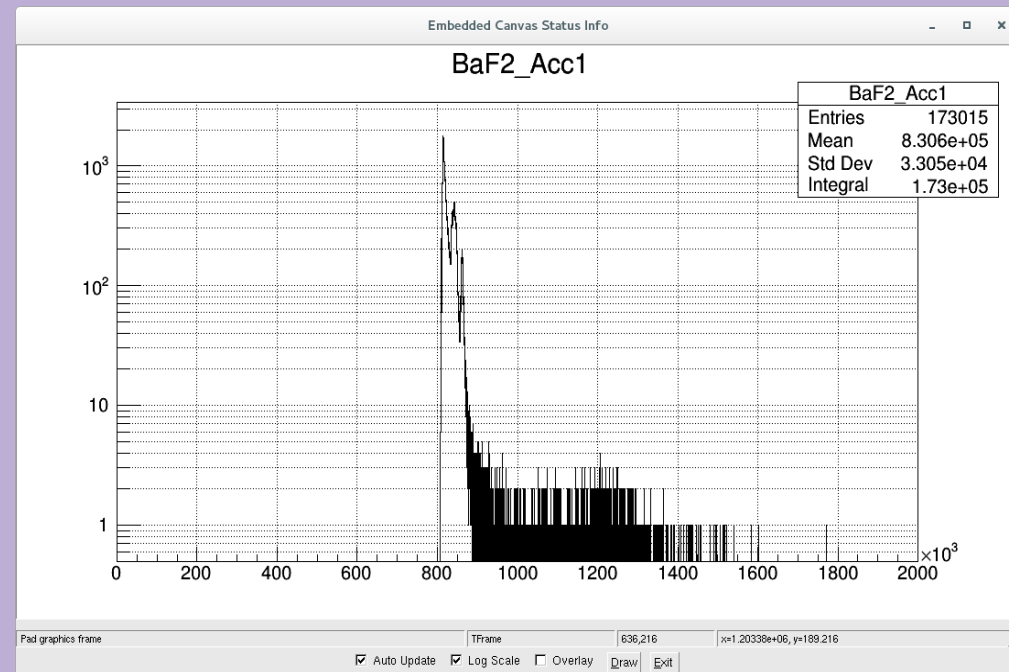
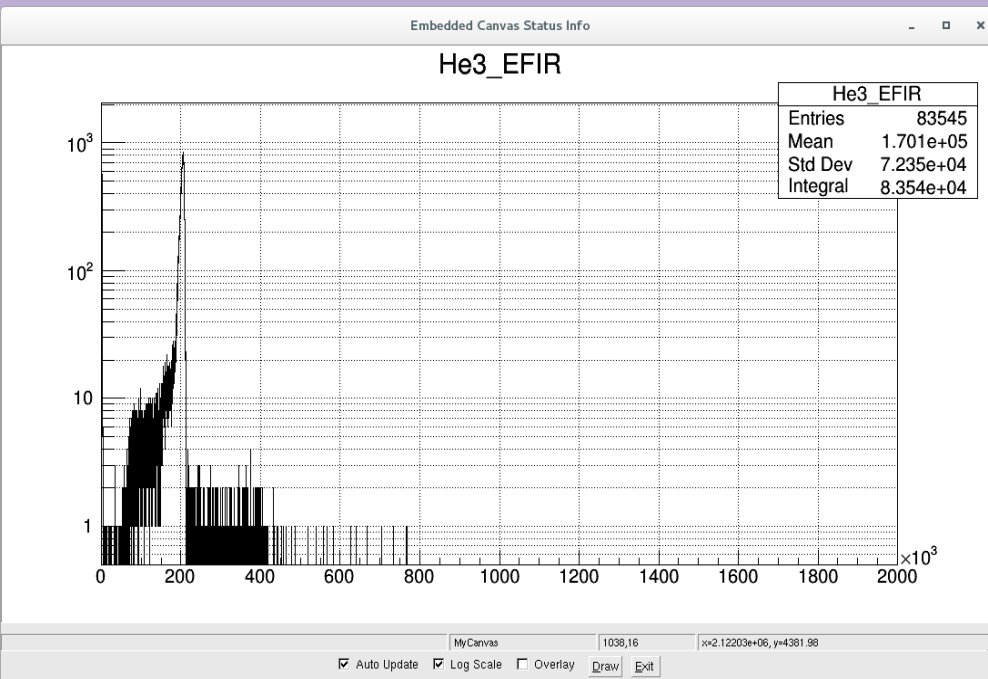
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| Accum 1 | 500 | 550 | 2000000 |
| Accum 2 | 500 | 0 | 2000000 |
| Accum 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accum 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accum 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accum 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accum 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accum 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Online histogram file: TMod_3He_220116_1242_1324.root

Raw:

He-3

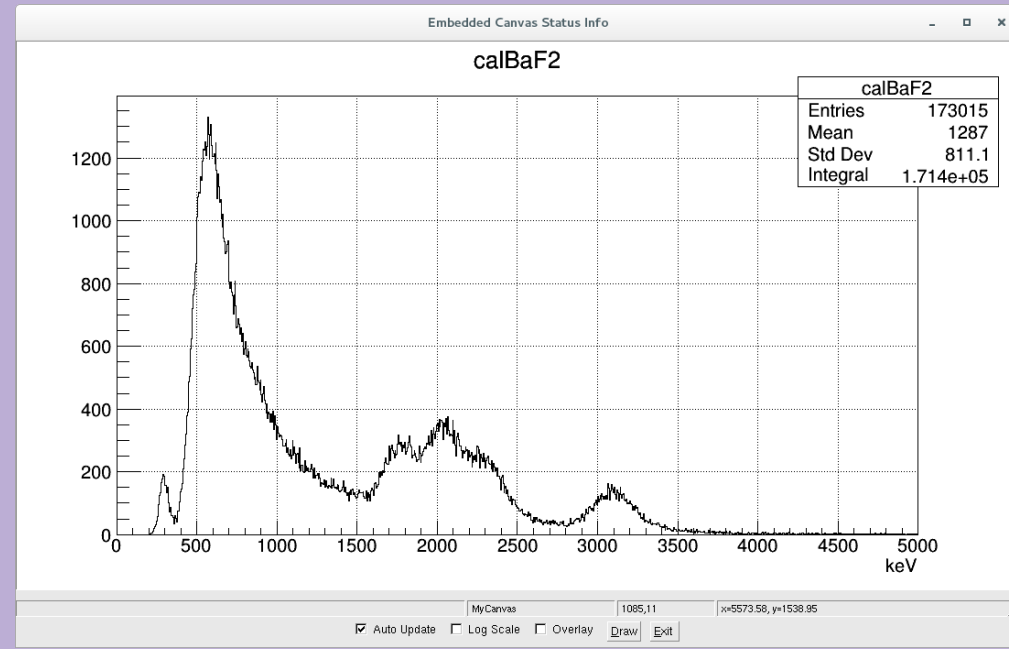
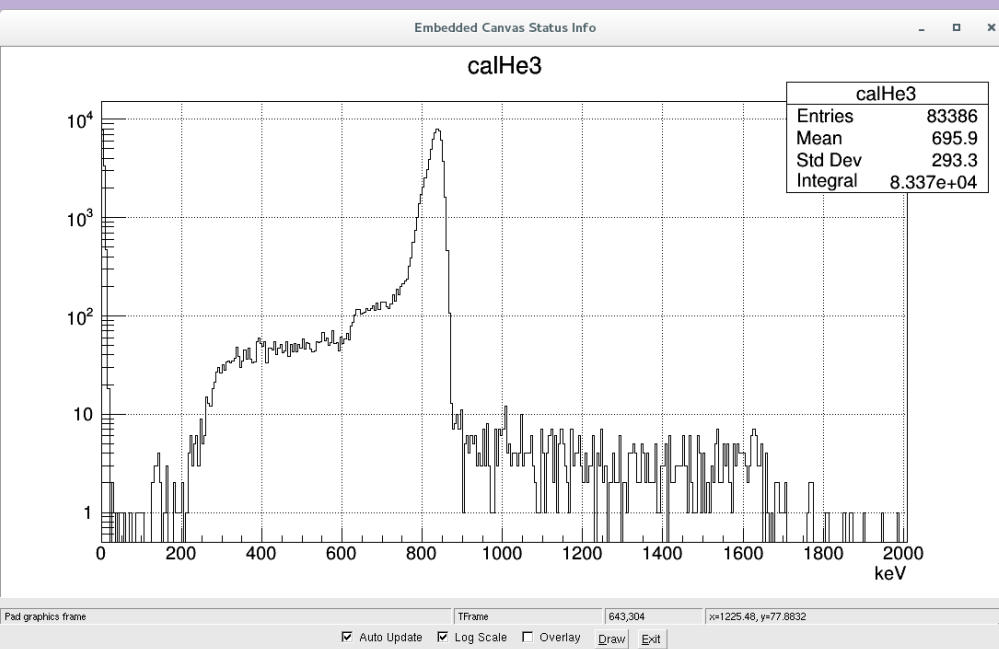
BaF2



Calibrado:

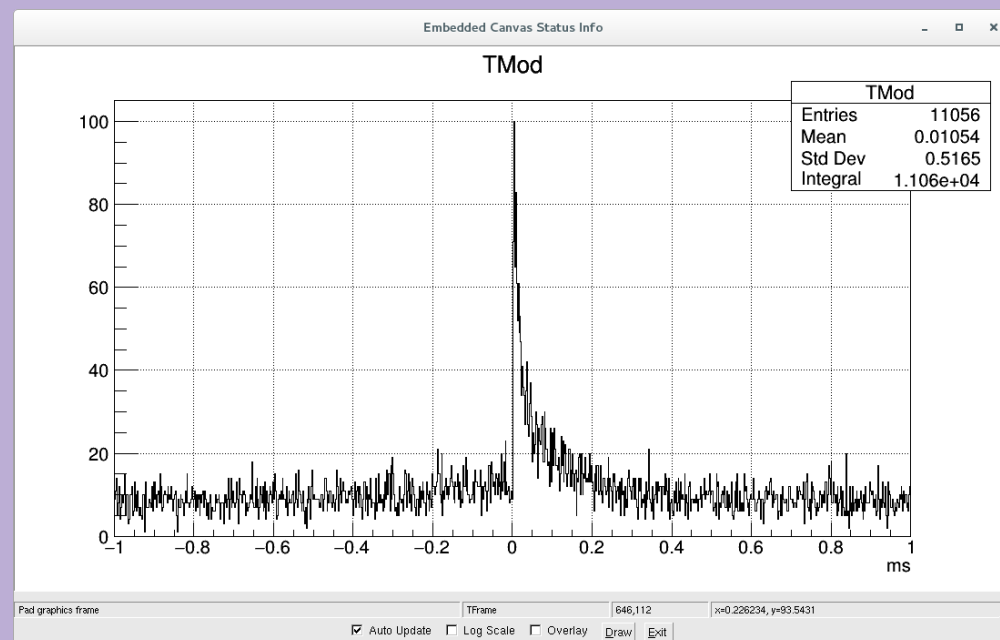
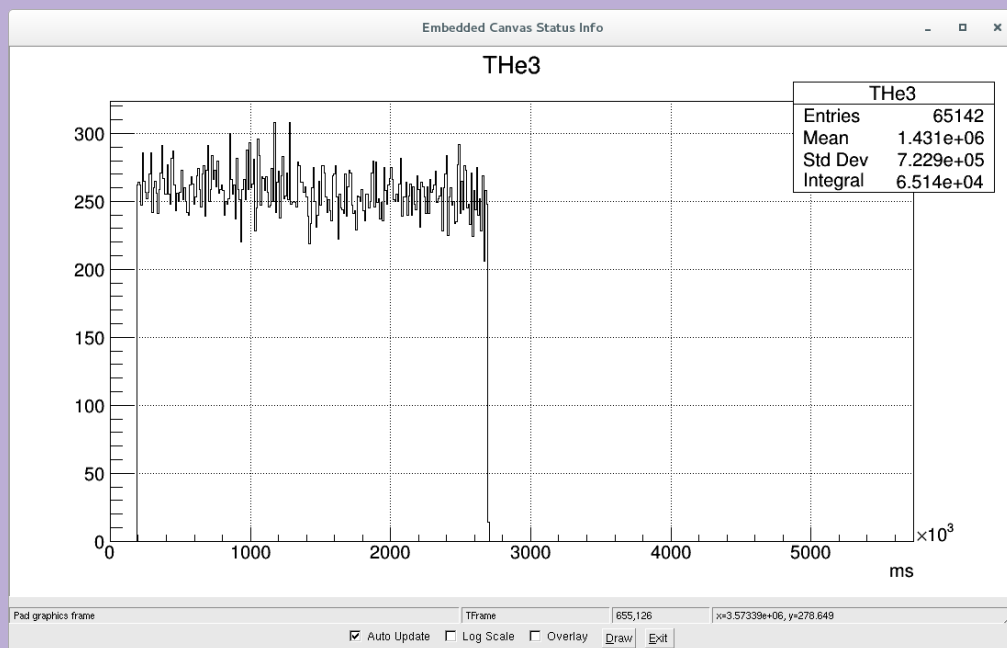
He-3

BaF2

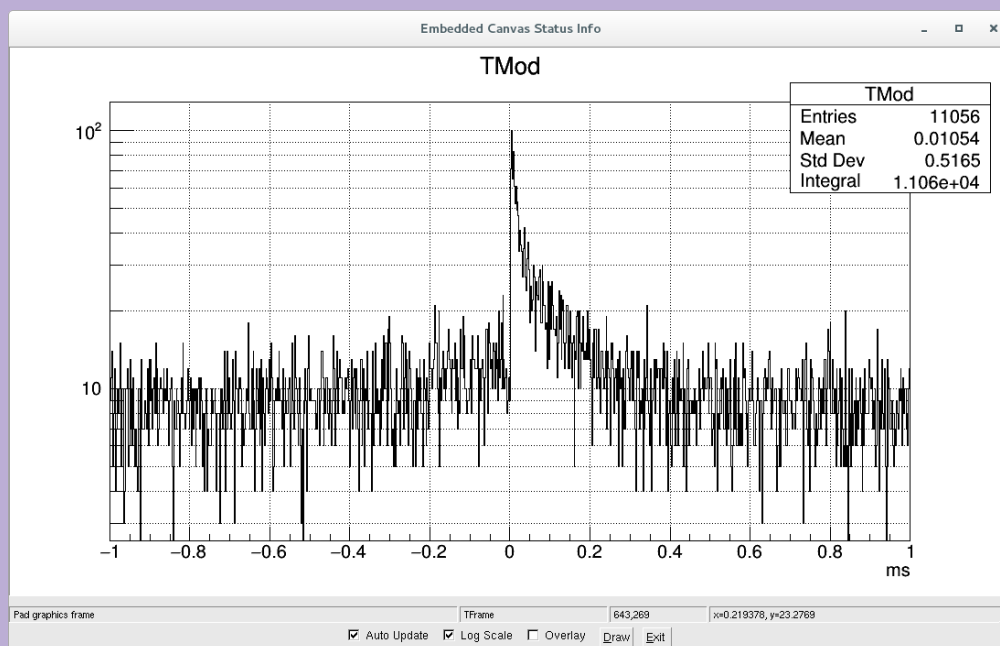
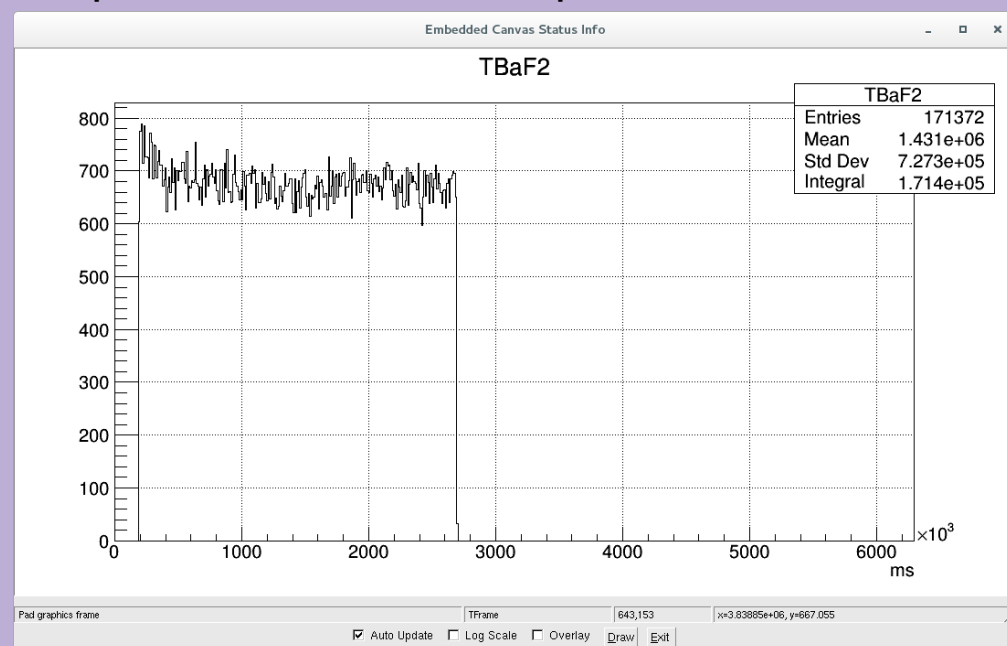


Espectro de correlacion temporal: THe3-TBaF2

Espectro de marcas temporales: He-3



Espectro de marcas temporales: BaF2



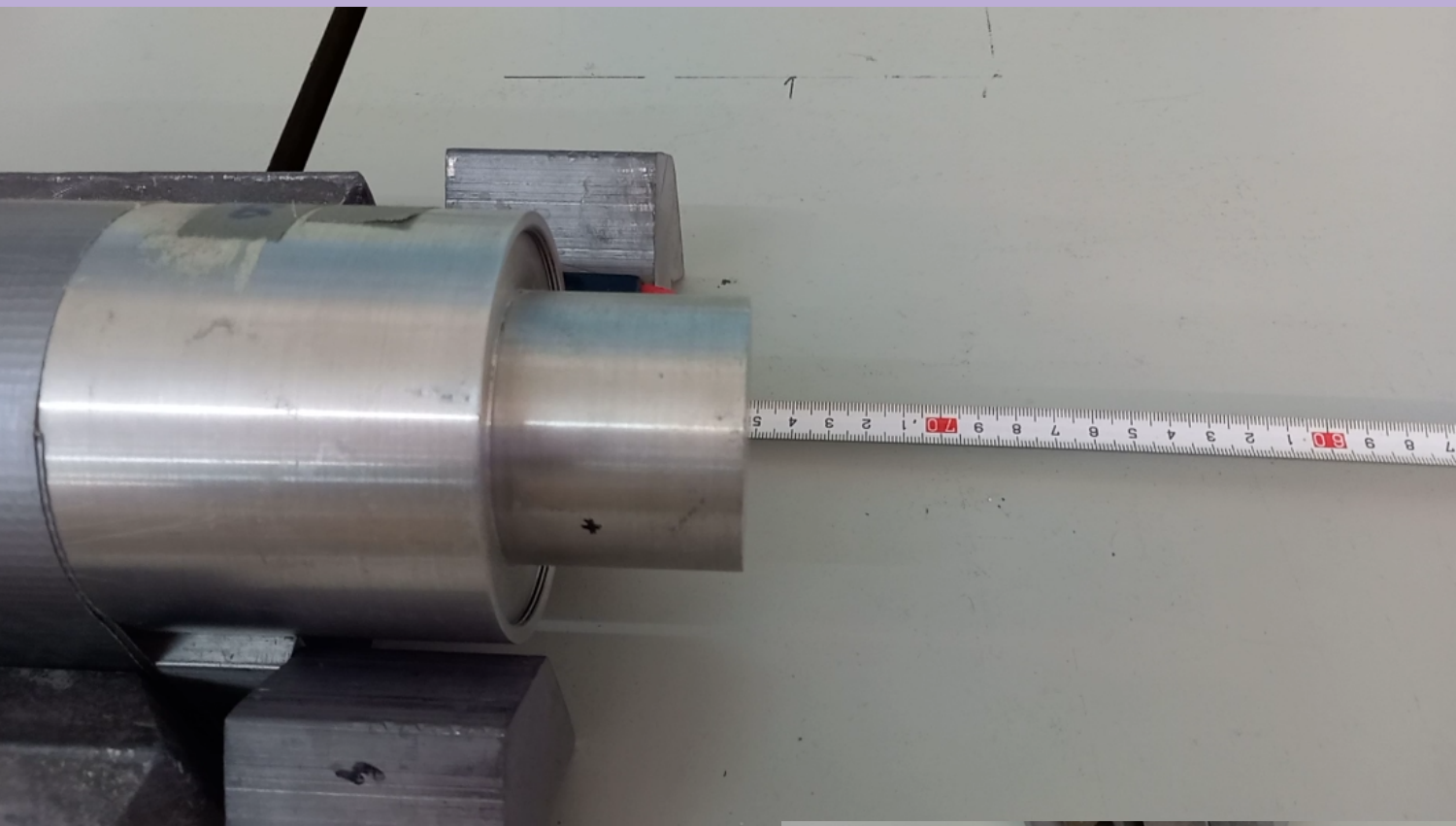
Cuestiones:

1. Determinar la eficiencia de detección en el tubo de ^3He a partir del espectro EFIR calibrado (calHe3) y la actividad actual de la fuente de ^{252}Cf . Determina el tiempo de medida a partir del espectro de marcas temporales THe3.
2. En el espectro calHe3 el pico se encuentra a $\sim 835\text{keV}$. Es correcto? A que energía debería estar? Podrías recalibrar el espectro EFIR correctamente?
3. Las cuentas que se encuentran por encima del pico hasta $\sim 1650\text{keV}$ deberían ser incluidas en el cómputo de eficiencia?
4. El espectro de diferencias temporales Tmod ($=\text{THe3}-\text{TBaF2}$) muestra un fondo de coincidencias casuales. Estima el rate de coincidencias casuales (coincidencias/s).
5. El pico asimétrico hacia TMod positivos representa el tiempo de moderación de distintos neutrones. La parte derecha del pico muestra al menos 2 componentes exponenciales. Puedes determinar los correspondientes “pendientes” (valores de τ)
6. Parece haber un bulto a la izquierda del pico, por encima del fondo no correlacionado (se ve más claramente rebineando). Se te ocurre una explicación para el fenómeno?

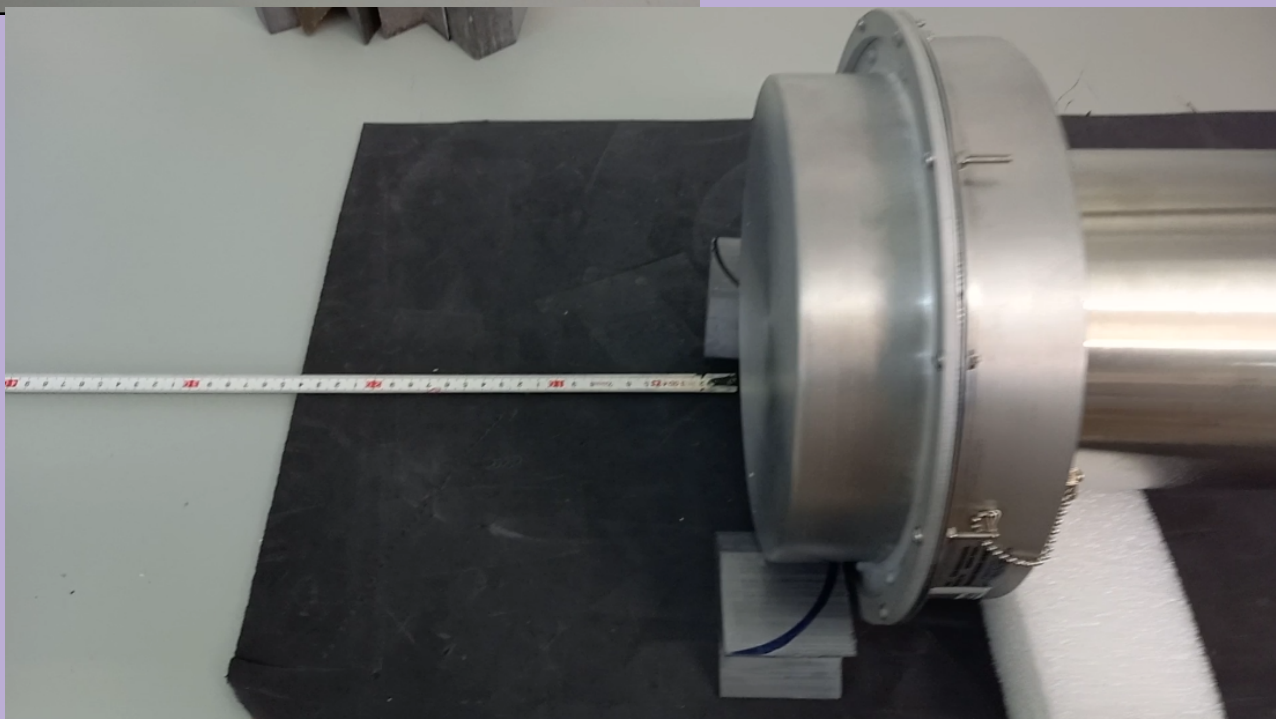
PARTE 2:
DETERMINACION DE
LA FORMA DEL
ESPECTRO DE
NEUTRONES
EMITIDOS POR EL
 ^{252}Cf

Vista general





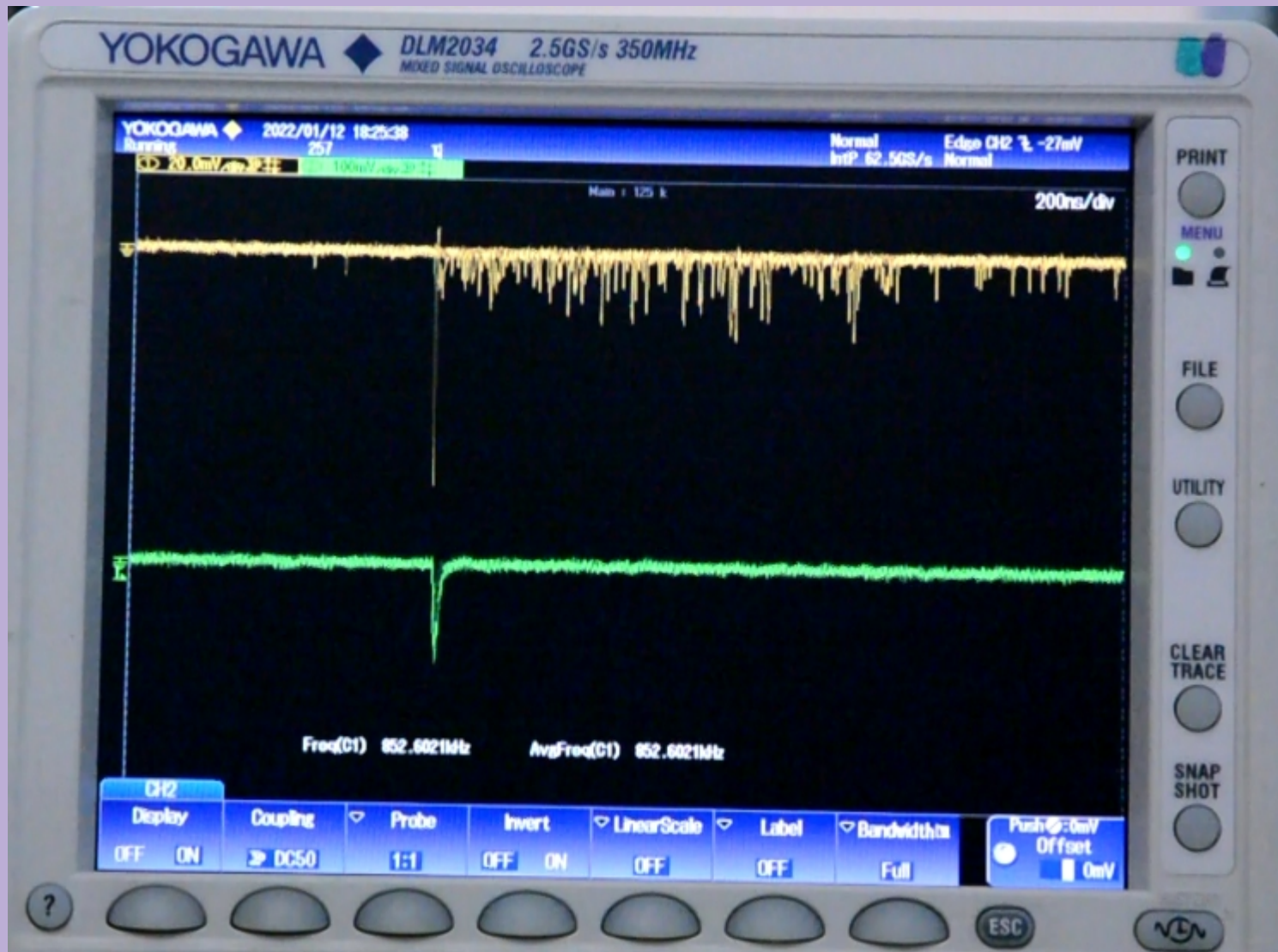
Distancia BC501A – BaF2:
75cm



Colocacion de la fuente de ^{22}Na entre los detectores



Correlacion temporal de señales en el osciloscopio entre el BaF2 y el BC501A con la fuente de ^{22}Na



Conexion de señales al digitalizador:
Canal 9: BaF2, canal 13: BC501A



Dialog

Module Data

VME ID 9 Name ADC1 Type SIS3316

Mem length for LAM (Kw) 1000.00

Clock source Internal

Clock frequency 250

Communication: VME 192.168.1.2

Crate Number 0

OK Cancel

Generic Module Commands

Add Command

Command Data

Channel Data

Channel n° 9 Name BaF2 Enable

Set Channel

Fast filter (trigger)

Integration length 20 Flat-top length 0

Pretrigger delay 600 Threshold 800

Trigger gate length 2000

Slow filter (EFIR)

Integration length 20 Flat-top length 0

Tau correction (ns) 500000 Averaging/Decimation

Energy Pickup 0

Configuration logic

External veto External gate Internal trigger

Internal gate 1 Internal gate 2

Int sum trigger External trigger

Input channel

Negative signal

Input range 2V

Input impedance 500hm

Signal offset 15000

Output

Save energy (slow filter) Save pulse height, Accum 1-6 Save fast filter samples

Save CFD values Save Accum 7-8 Save slow filter samples

Slow filter start sample 0

Histogram range

EFIR 0

Pulse height 0

CFD time 0

Time stamp 0

Signal sample range

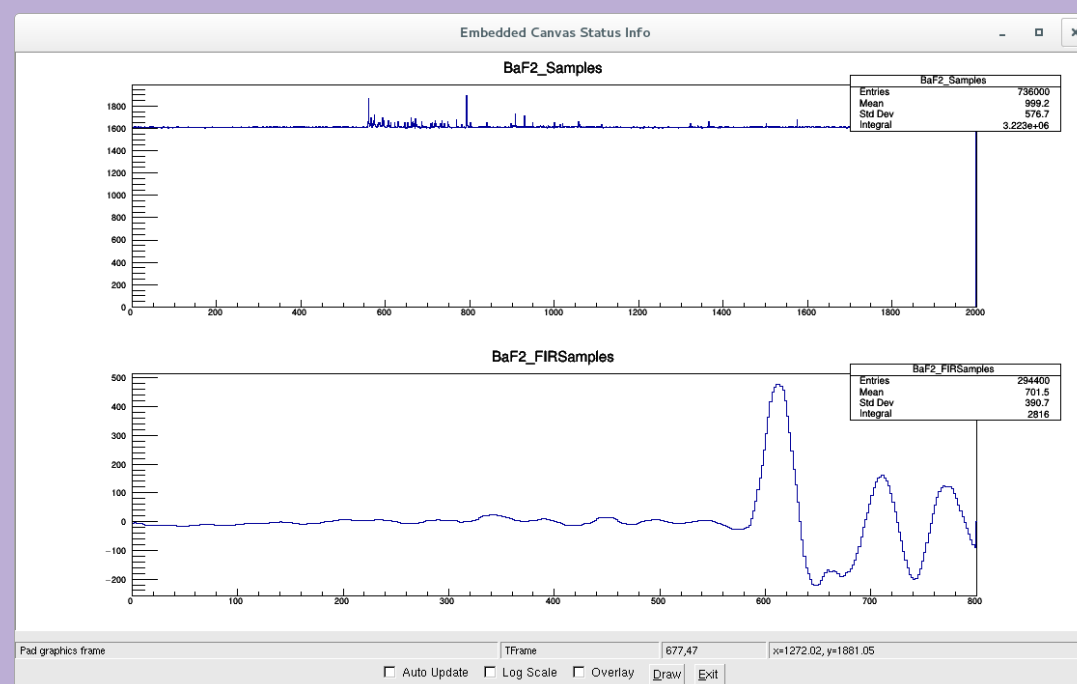
Signal length 2000

Start sample 0

Accumulators

| | Length | Start sample | Hist range |
|---------|--------|--------------|------------|
| Accum 1 | 500 | 550 | 2000000 |
| Accum 2 | 500 | 0 | 2000000 |
| Accum 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accum 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accum 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accum 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accum 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accum 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

BaF2



Configuration file:
ConfigToF_220116_1822.xlsx

Dialog

Module Data

VME ID 9 Name ADC1 Type SIS3316

Mem length for LAM (Kw) 1000.00

Clock source Internal

Clock frequency 250

Communication: VME 192.168.1.2

Crate Number 0

OK Cancel

Generic Module Commands

Add Command

Command Data

Channel Data

Channel n° 13 Name BC501A Enable

Set Channel

Fast filter (trigger)

Integration length 20 Flat-top length 20

Pretrigger delay 600 Threshold 800

Trigger gate length 2000

Slow filter (EFIR)

Integration length 20 Flat-top length 20

Tau correction (ns) 500000 Averaging/Decimation

Energy Pickup 0

Configuration logic

External veto External gate Internal trigger

Internal gate 1 Internal gate 2

Int sum trigger External trigger

Input channel

Negative signal

Input range 2V

Input impedance 500hm

Signal offset 15000

Output

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Histogram range

EFIR 0

Pulse height 0

CFD time 0

Time stamp 0

Signal sample range

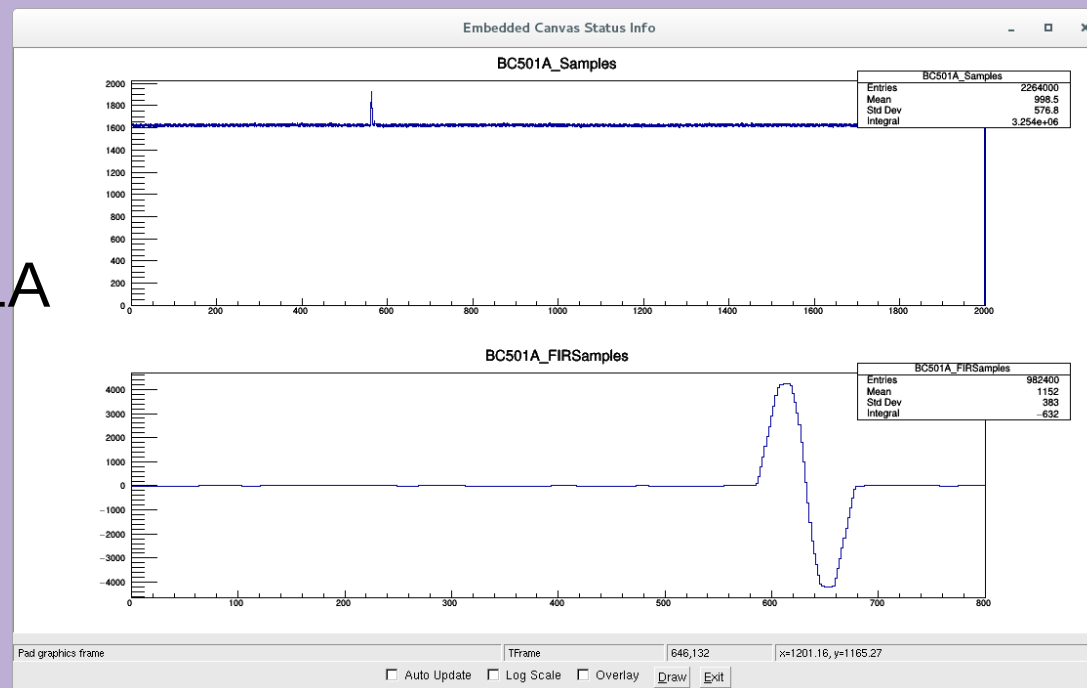
Signal length 2000

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Accumulators

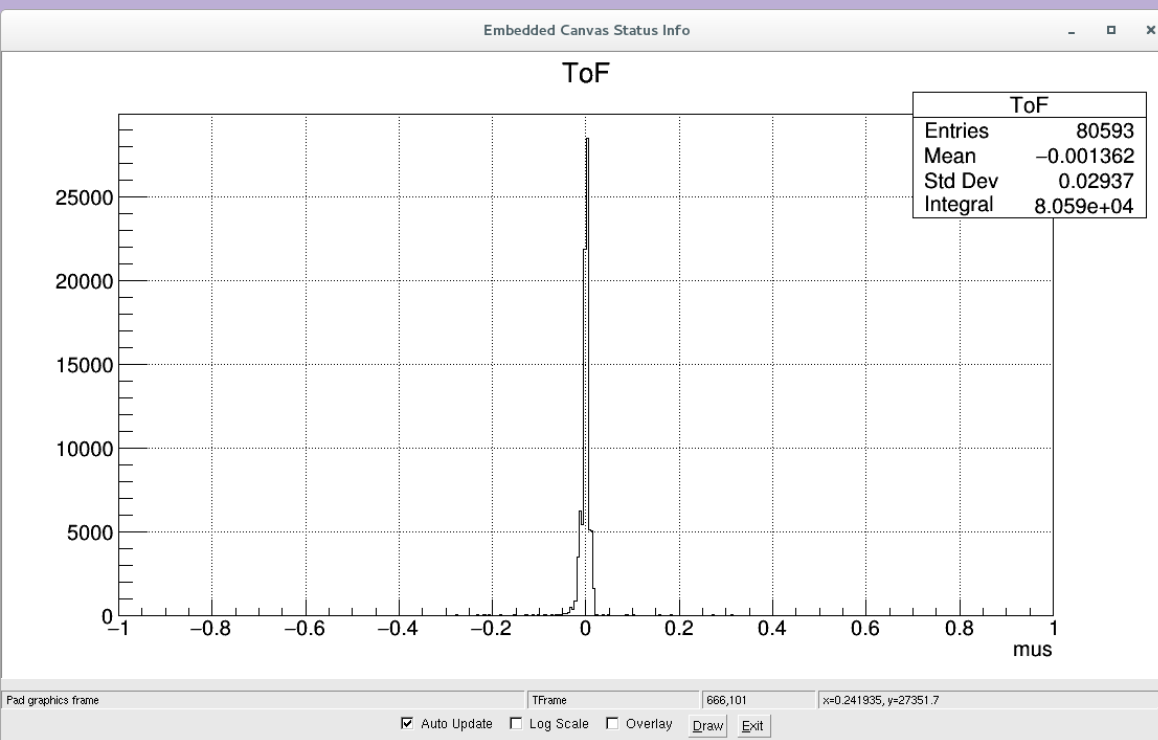
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|---------|--------|--------------|------------|
| Accum 1 | 50 | 550 | 2000000 |
| Accum 2 | 50 | 0 | 2000000 |
| Accum 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accum 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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BC501A

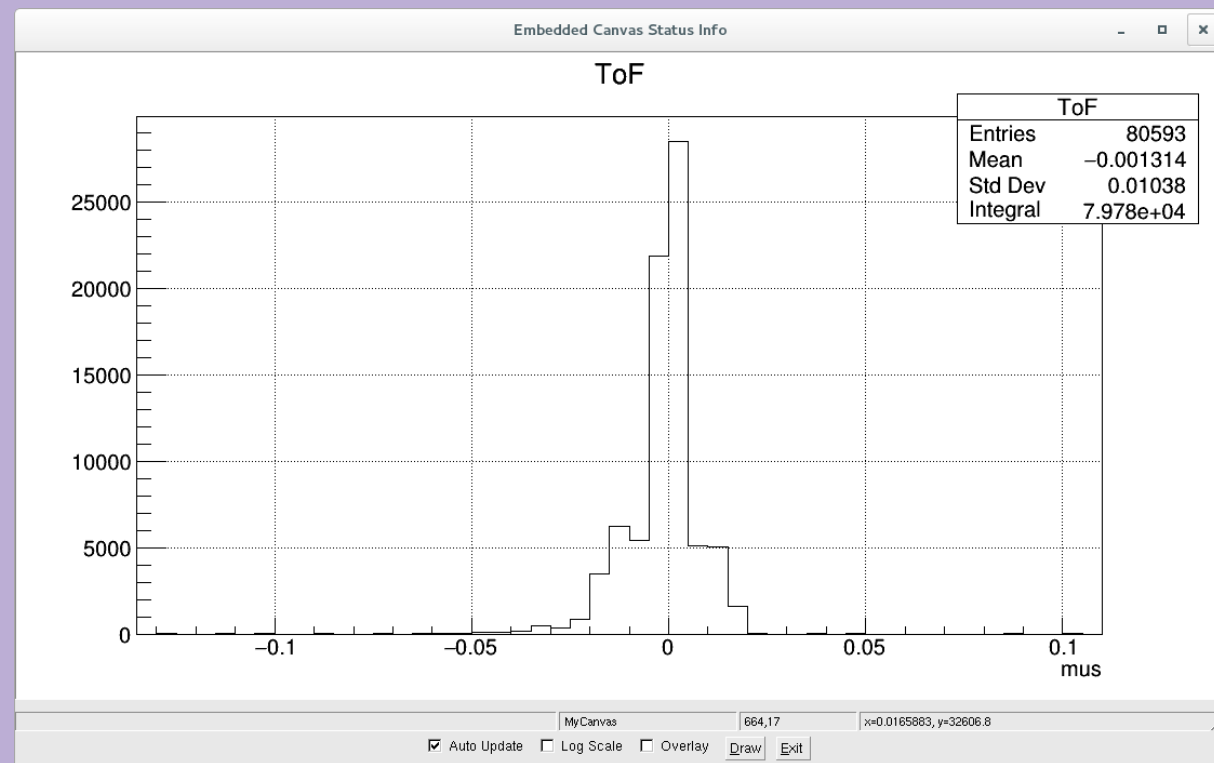


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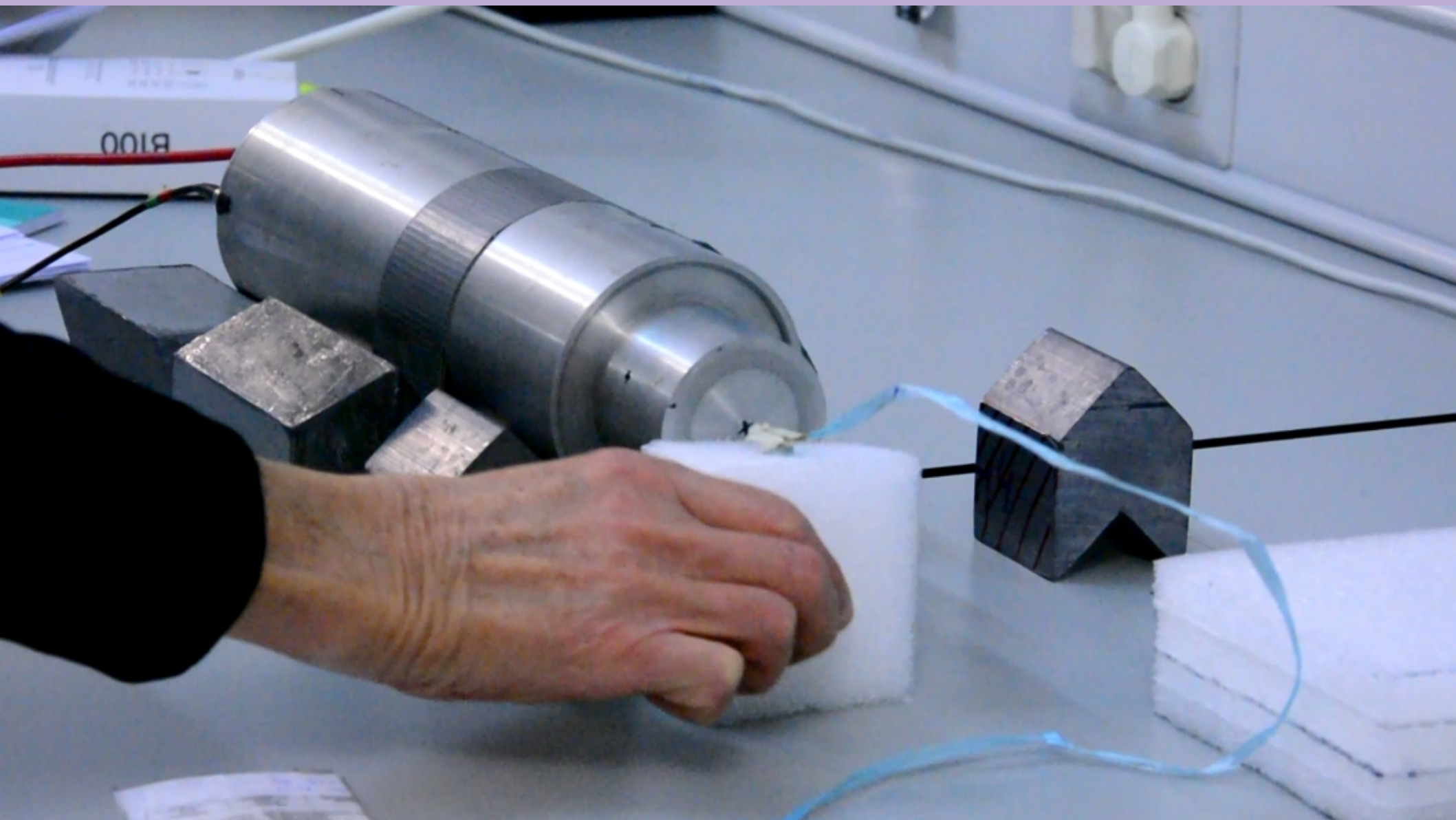
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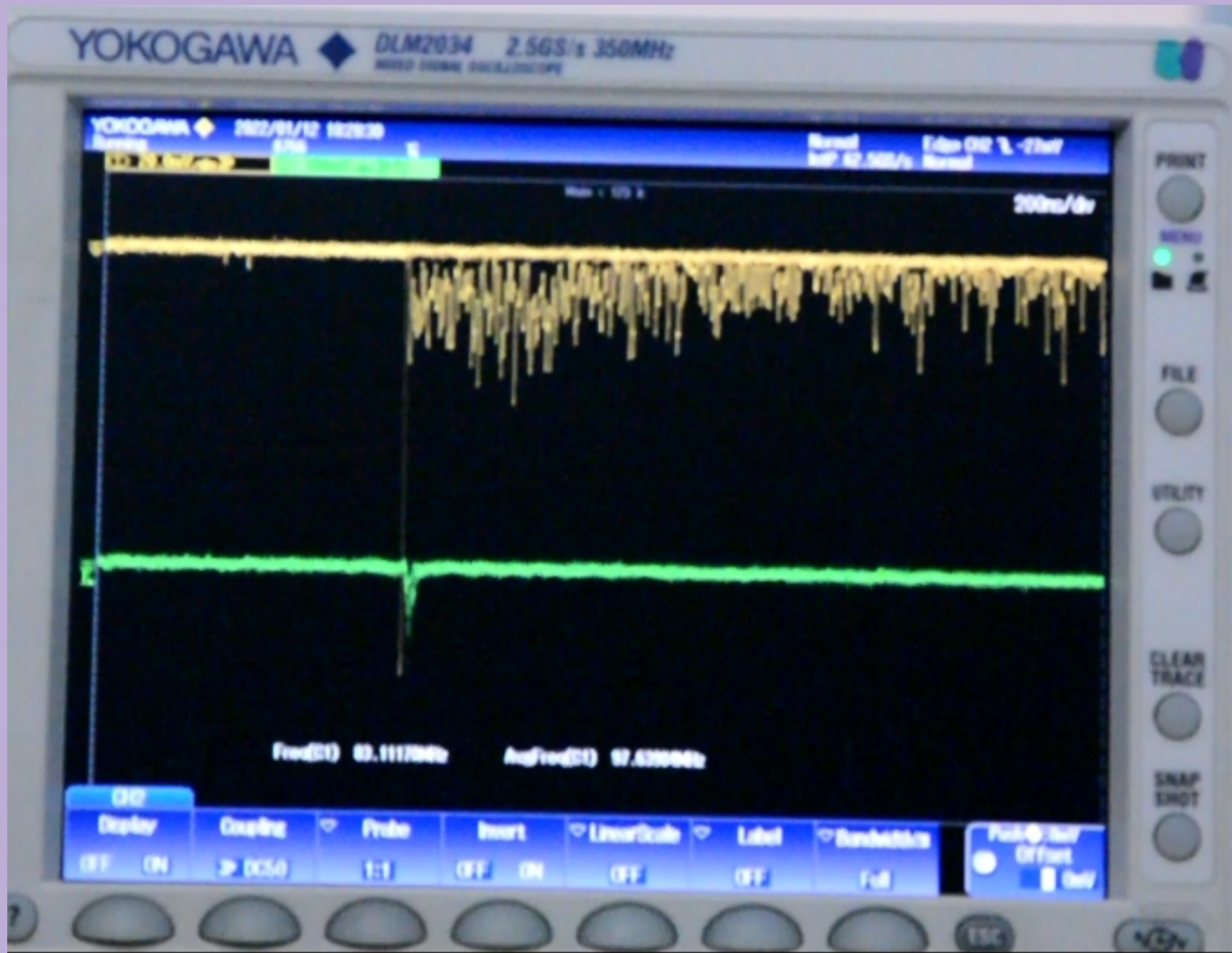
Espectro de correlacion
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TBC501A-TBaF2



Colocacion de la fuente de ^{252}Cf a 5cm del BaF_2



Correlacion temporal de señales en el osciloscopio entre el BaF2 y el BC501A con la fuente de 252Cf

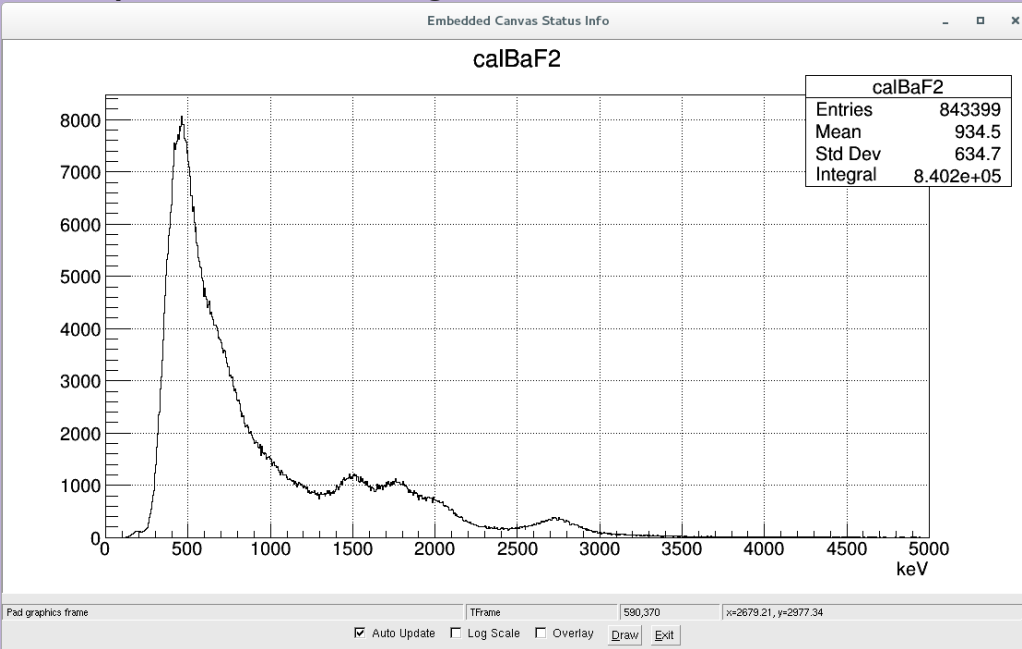


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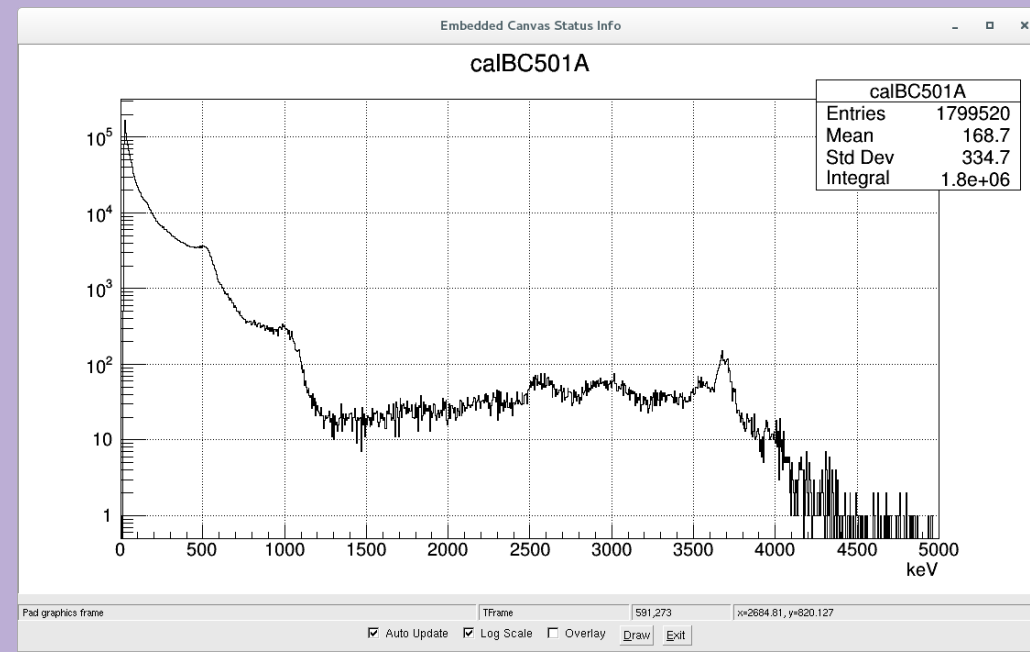
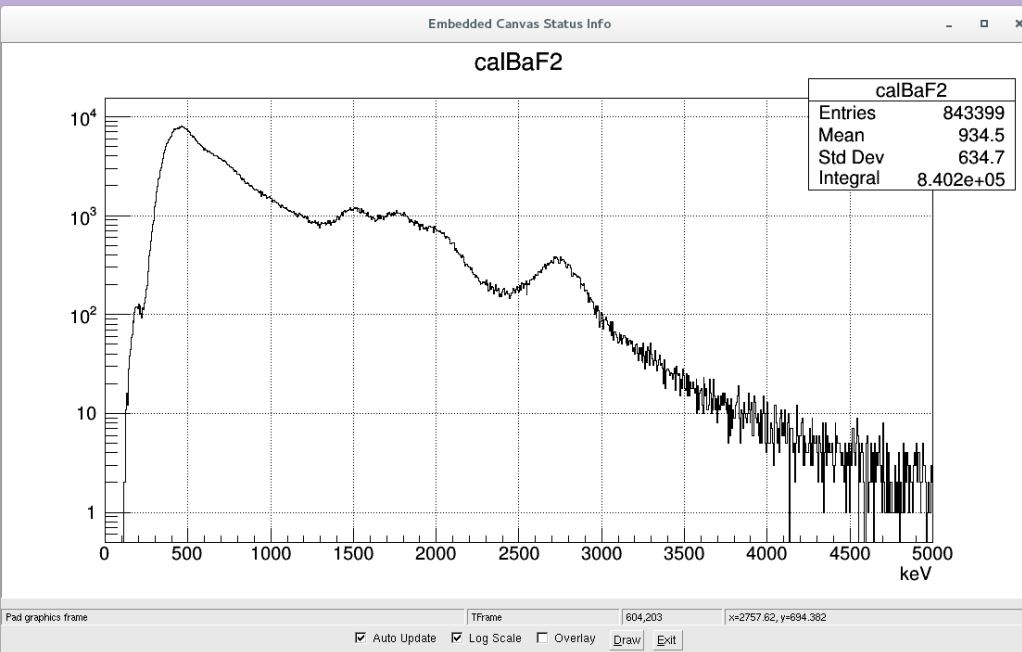
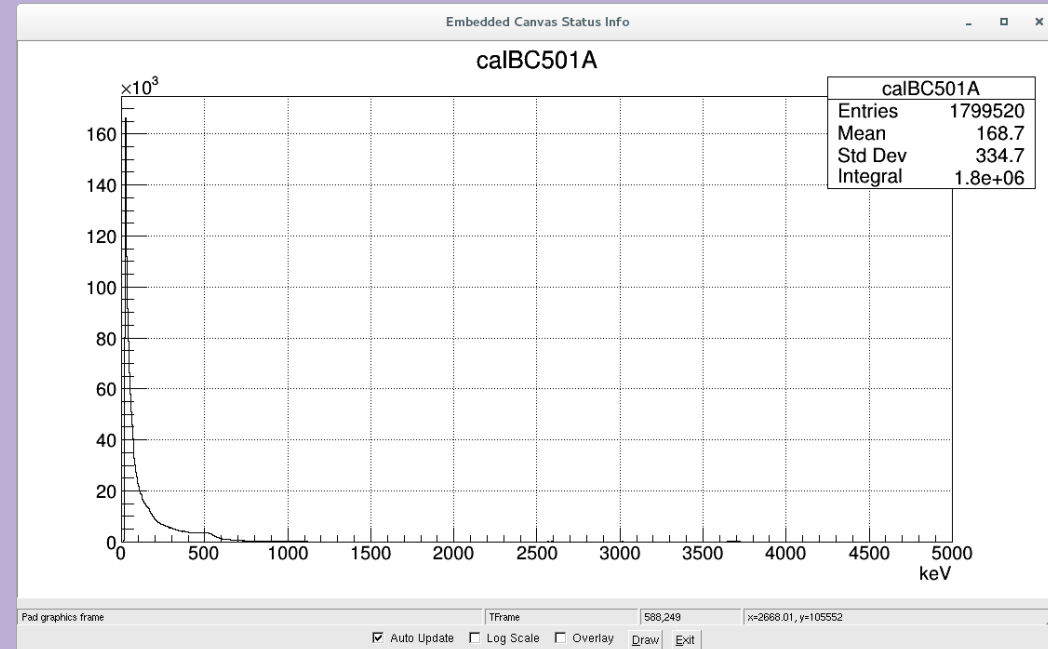
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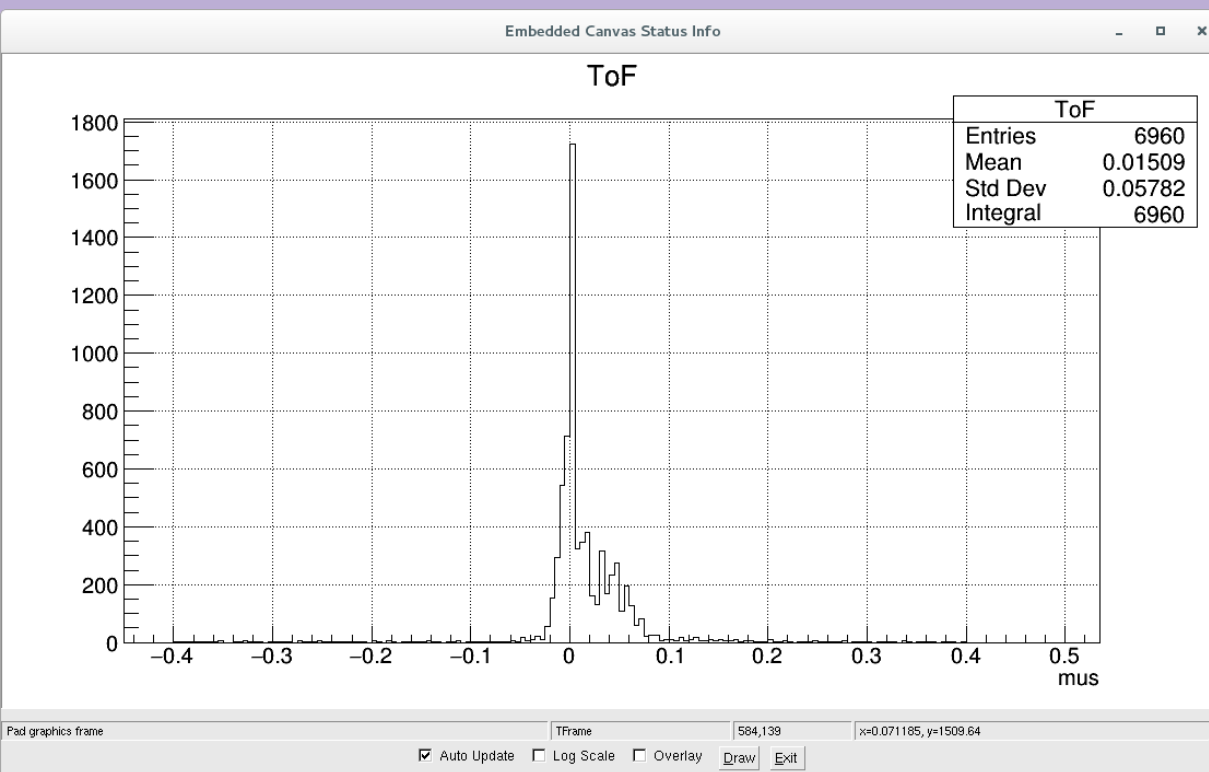
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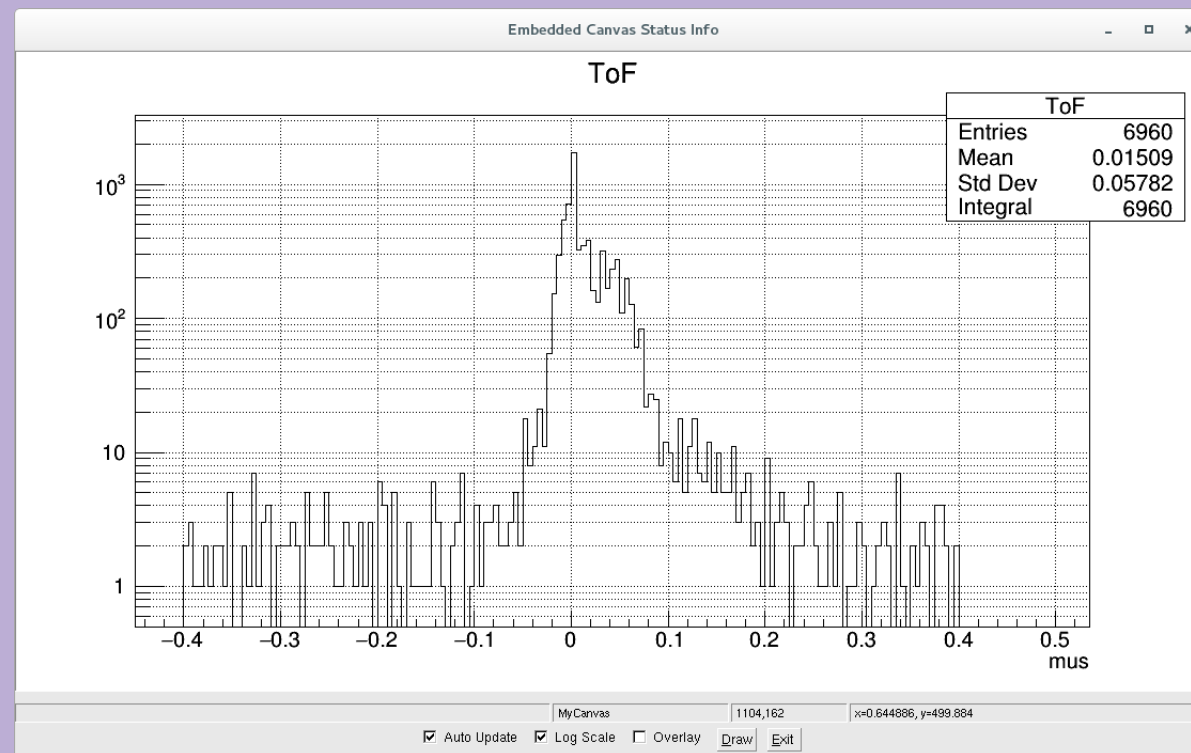
BC501A





252Cf

Espectro de correlacion
temporal:
TBC501A-TBaF2



Cuestiones:

1. Los espectros de energia calBaF2 y calBC501A no estan bien calibrados. Puedes obtener una buena calibracion con los datos medidos con la fuente de ^{22}Na ? Usa los picos (respectivamente bordes Compton) para las emisiones gamma de 511keV y 1274keV. Las dos estructuras que se observan en el espectro calBC501A en la medida con ^{252}Cf no corresponden a señales de la fuente sino al fondo ambiental. En base a la nueva calibracion: Puedes identificarlas?
2. Basado en el espectro de diferencias temporales ToF (=TBC501A-TBaF2) medido con la fuente de ^{22}Na : Cual es la resolucion temporal de nuestro sistema (FWHM y FWTM)? A que resolucion en energia de neutron E_n (keV) corresponde el FWHM (ns) en el intervalo ToF de 0 a 200ns?
3. En el espectro ToF con la fuente de ^{252}Cf se observan dos bultos a la derecha del pico "prompt" (gammas): hasta $\sim 100\text{ns}$ y hasta $\sim 200\text{ns}$ que se podrian identificar con neutrones. Convierte el espectro ToF en un espectro E_n , comparalo con el espectro esperado y argumenta la similitud (o ausencia de ella)