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Neutron and gamma-ray spectrometry

Testing and characterization of BGO scintillation
gamma-ray detectors

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Aim of the work

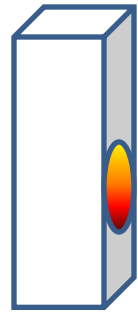
- The aim of this work was to test and characterize 24 BGO gamma-ray detectors, using calibration “point”- type sources (^{60}Co and ^{137}Cs).

Tasks to do

- ✓ Setting the geometry of the experiment.
- ✓ Finding the optimal HV for BGO photomultiplier, changing the HV from 800V to 1450V with a step of 50V.
- ✓ Determining the energy resolution of all 24 BGO gamma-ray detectors.

Experimental setup

Source: ^{60}Co , ^{137}Cs

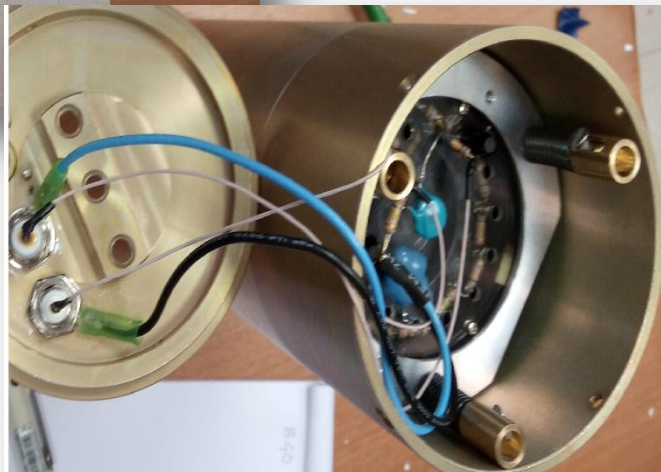


10 cm

BGO Gamma detector



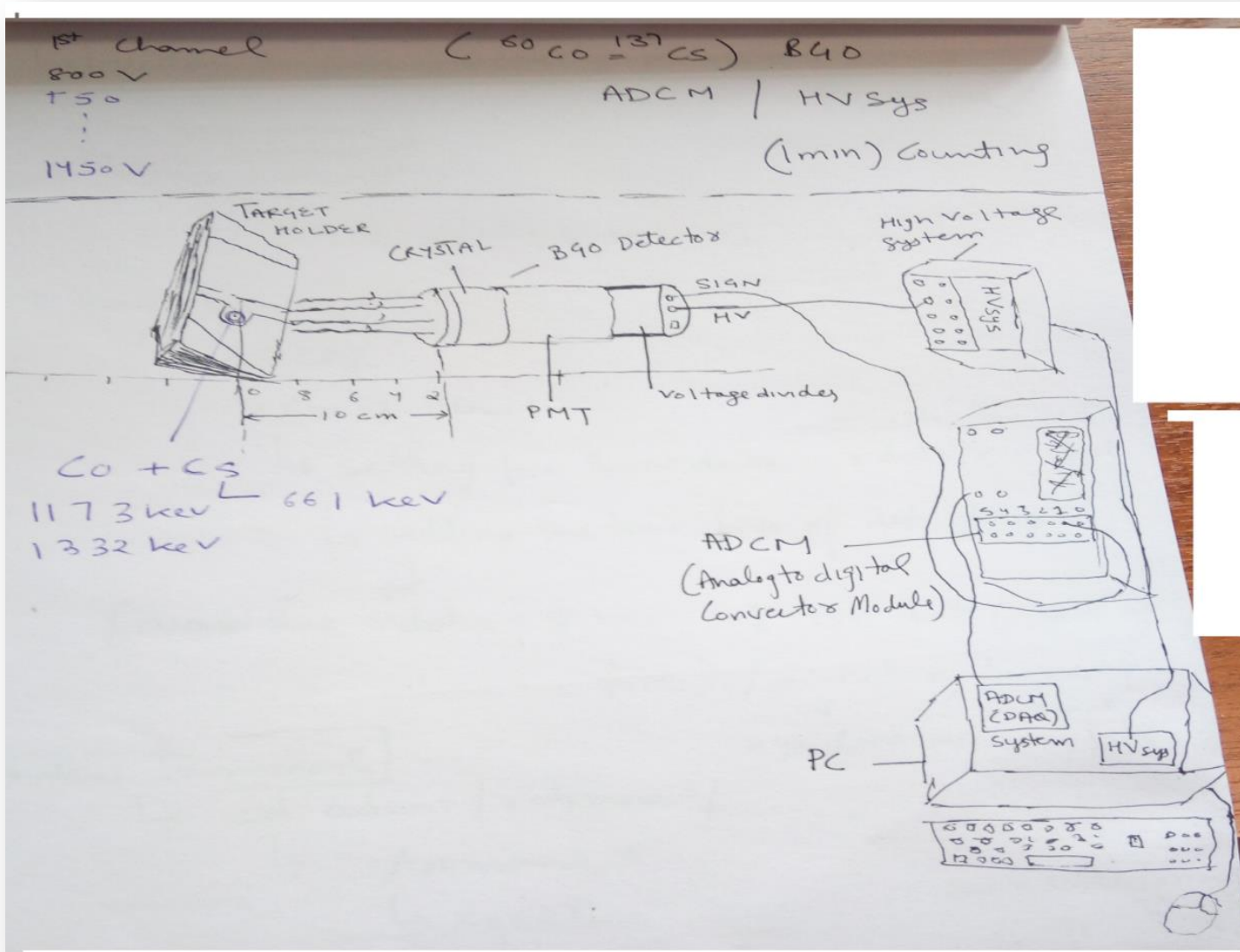
Voltage Divider



HV Power supply and Data acquisition system



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Data acquisition and analysis

ADCM is the compact and universal Digital Pulse Processing system for nuclear physics experiments.

ADCM16- LTC

- One PCI slot
- 16 channels
- 14-bit 100Mhz
- 3 modes
- ❖ Time-driven
- ❖ Single channel
- ❖ Double coincidence

ADCM-16



16/32/48-channel digitizers, in the form of one or several PCI-E cards.

Sampling frequency

100 MHz

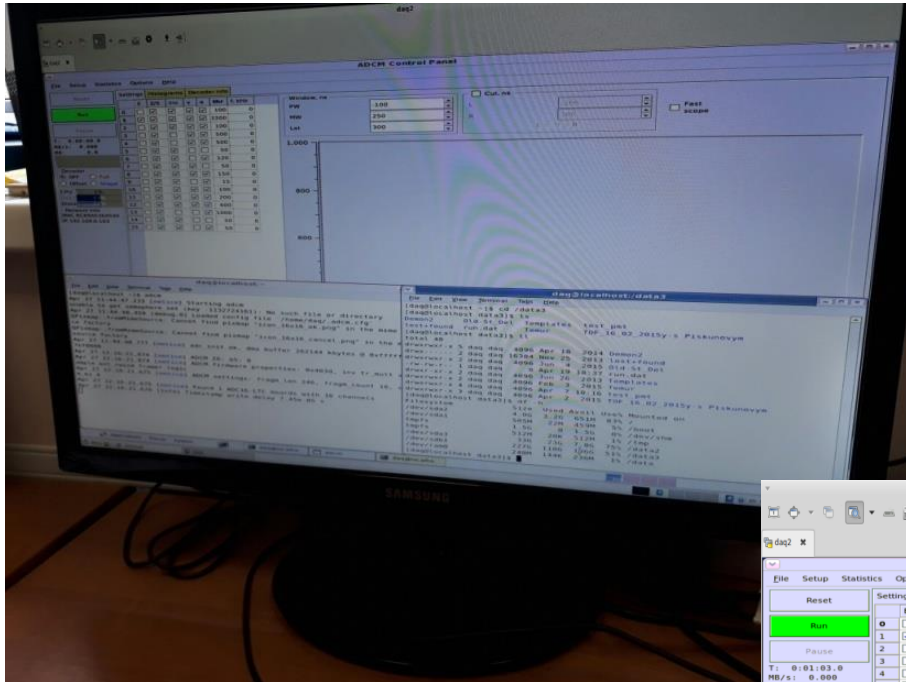
The digitized signals are transmitted via the PCI-E bus in the computer's memory, where all the data processing and storage takes place.

Maximum load of the system is $\sim 10^5$ events per second

<http://afi.jinr.ru/ADCM>

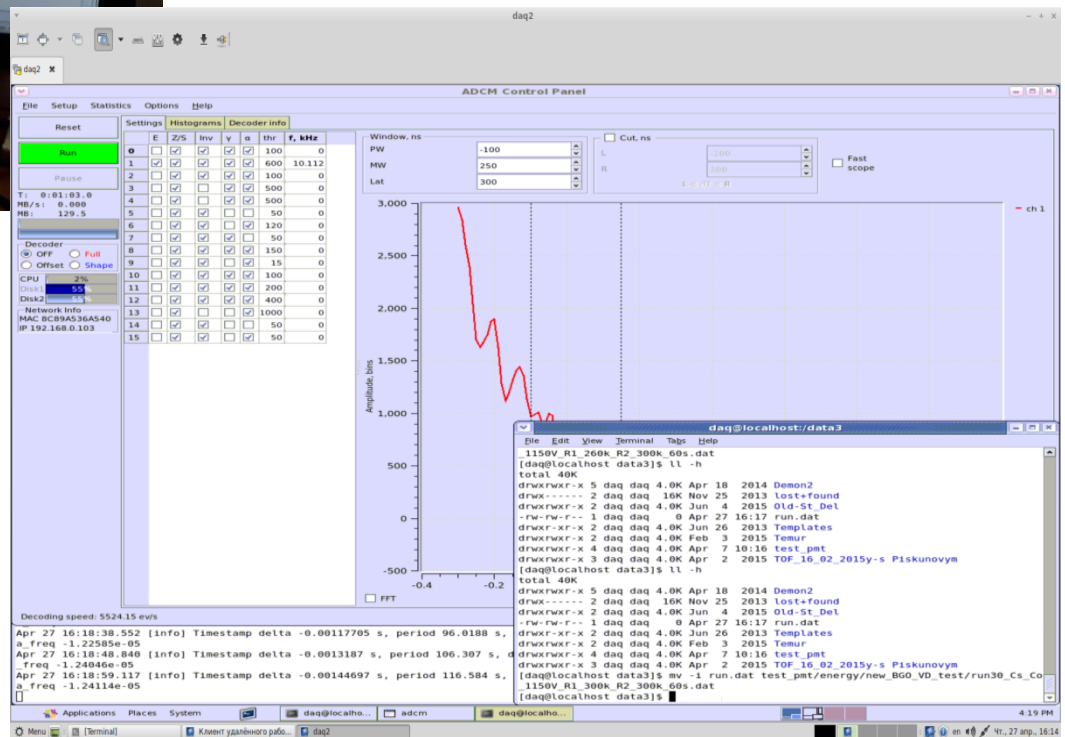
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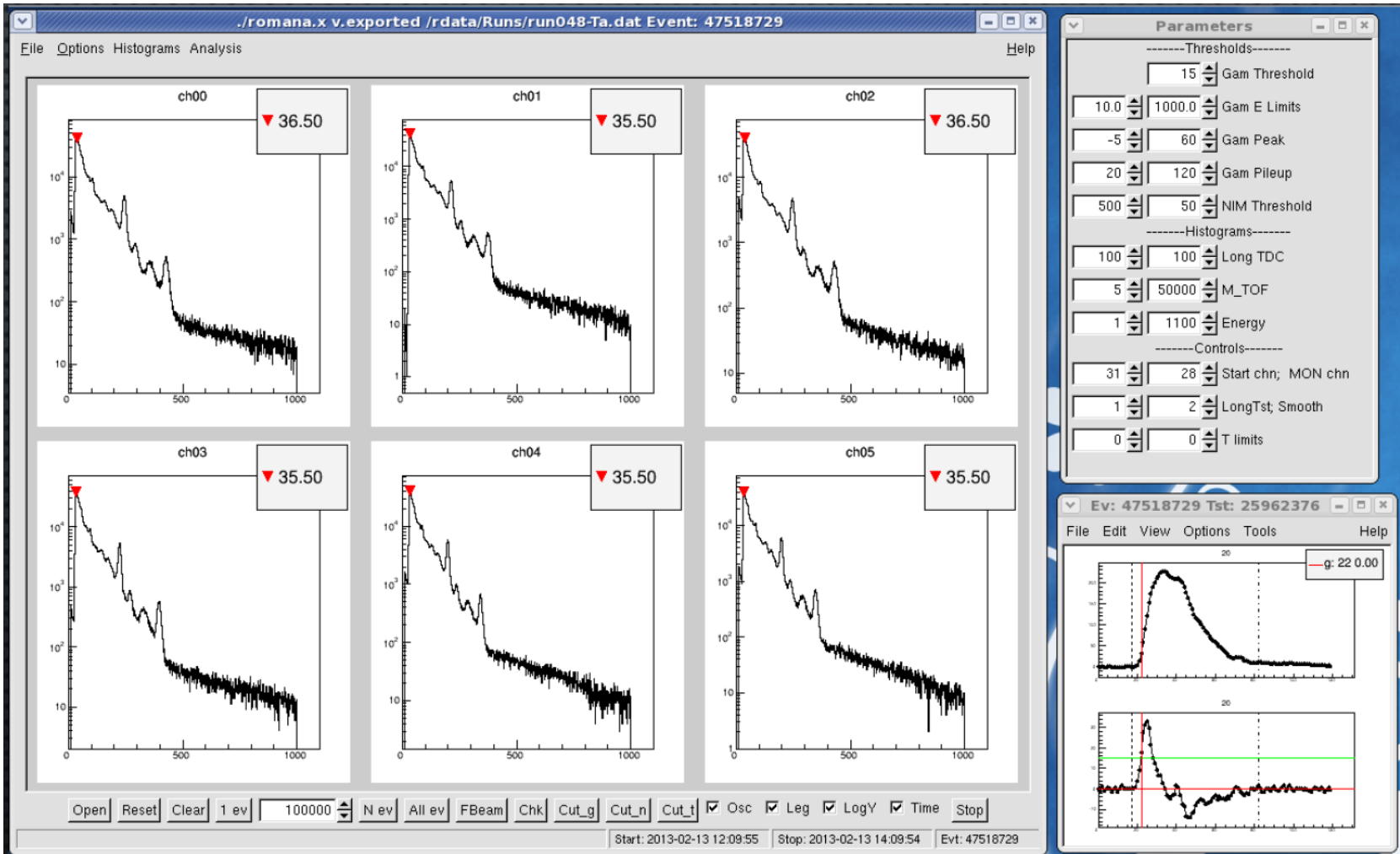


In the experiment process

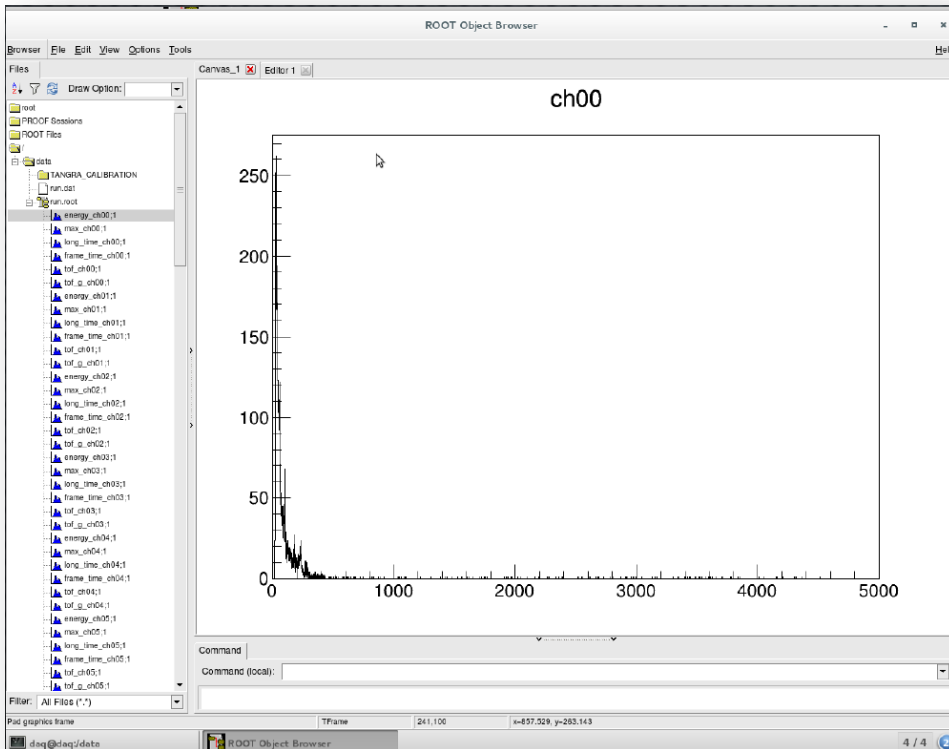
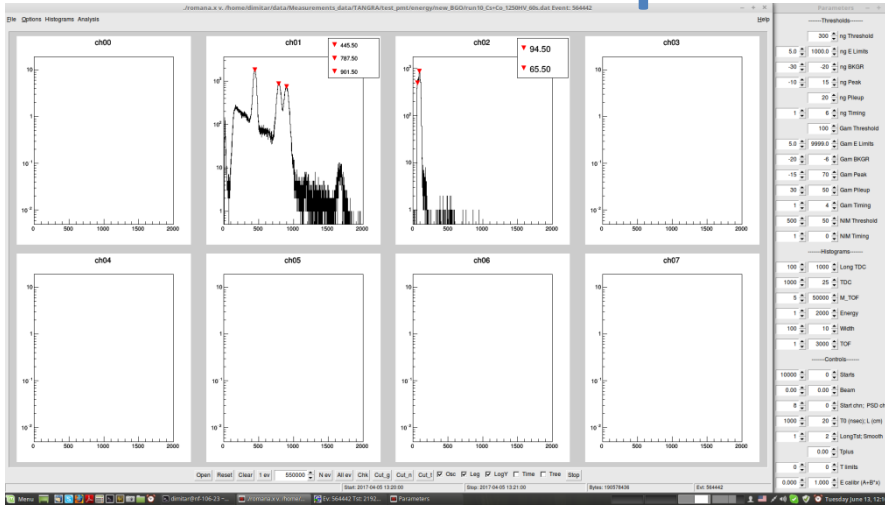
- voltage increment in each step = 50 V
- At each voltage, the amplitude spectrum was obtained
- Each measurement was saved on the server daq@159.96.105.92 hard disk in the folder `indata/test_pmt/energy/newBGO_VD_test/save` for off-line analysis by ROMANA software



ROMANA Software



ROOT script for peak fitting



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#include <TCanvas.h>
#include "TMath.h"
#include <TFile.h>
#include <TH1.h>
#include <TF1.h>
#include <TLegend.h>
#include <TSpectrum.h>
#include <TGraphErrors.h>
#include <TMultiGraph.h>
#include <TPaveStats.h>
#include <TStyle.h>
#include <TText.h>
#include <TVirtualFitter.h>

TCanvas *cc1 = new TCanvas("cc1","cc1");
TText *Tt = new TText();

const int NFILE = 4;
const int NPEAK = 4;
const int MAXGAM = 22;

char txt1_name[200];
char txt2_name[200];
char txt3_name[200];
char prn_name[200];
char open_name[200];
char close_name[200];

FILE *fp1;

const char* NAME[NFILE];
const char* NAME_area[NPEAK];
const char* NAME_resolution[NPEAK];

double Ch_D_F_P[MAXGAM][NFILE][NPEAK];
double Ch_err_D_F_P[MAXGAM][NFILE][NPEAK];

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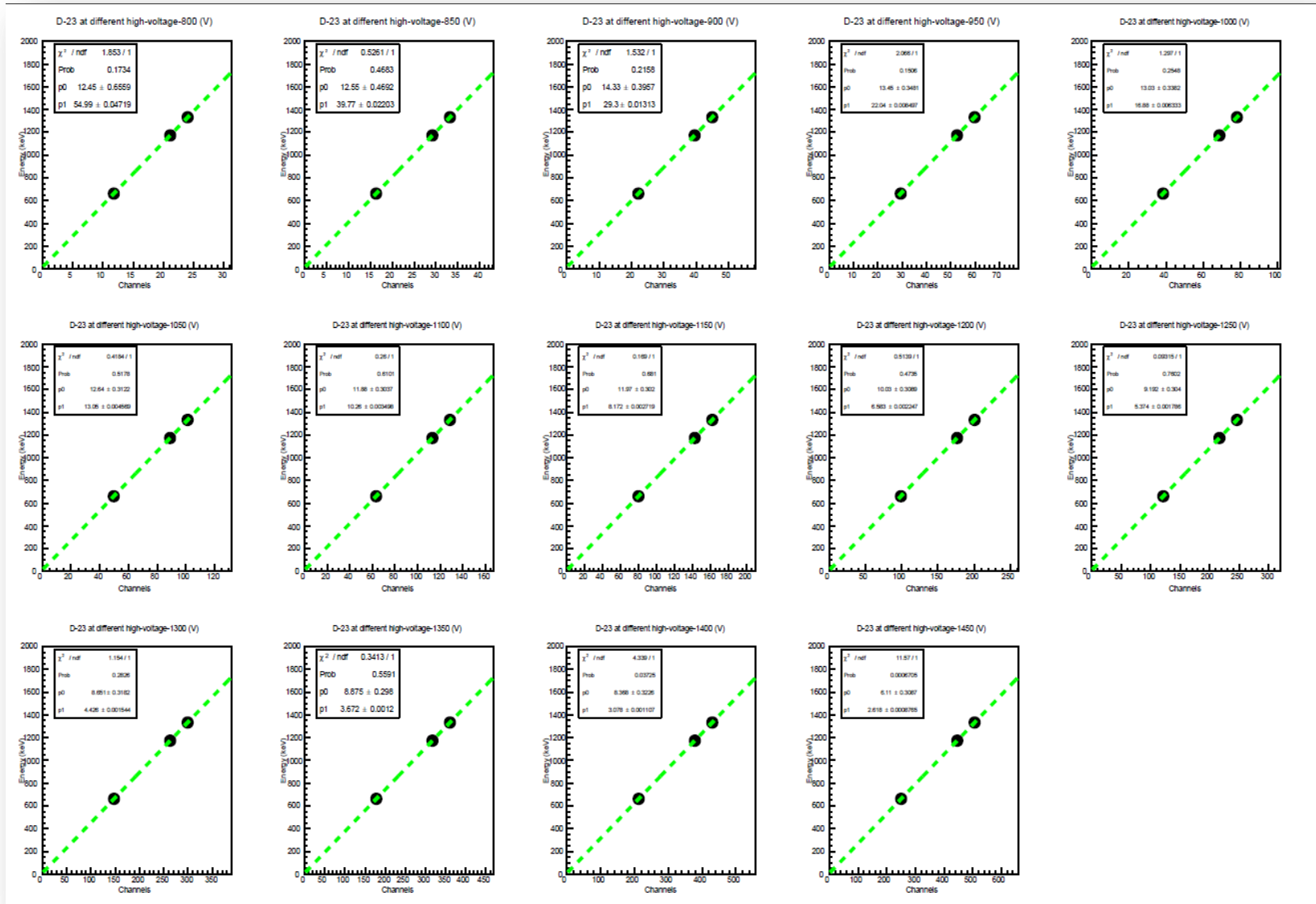
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Channel-Energy calibration of D-23 at different high voltages

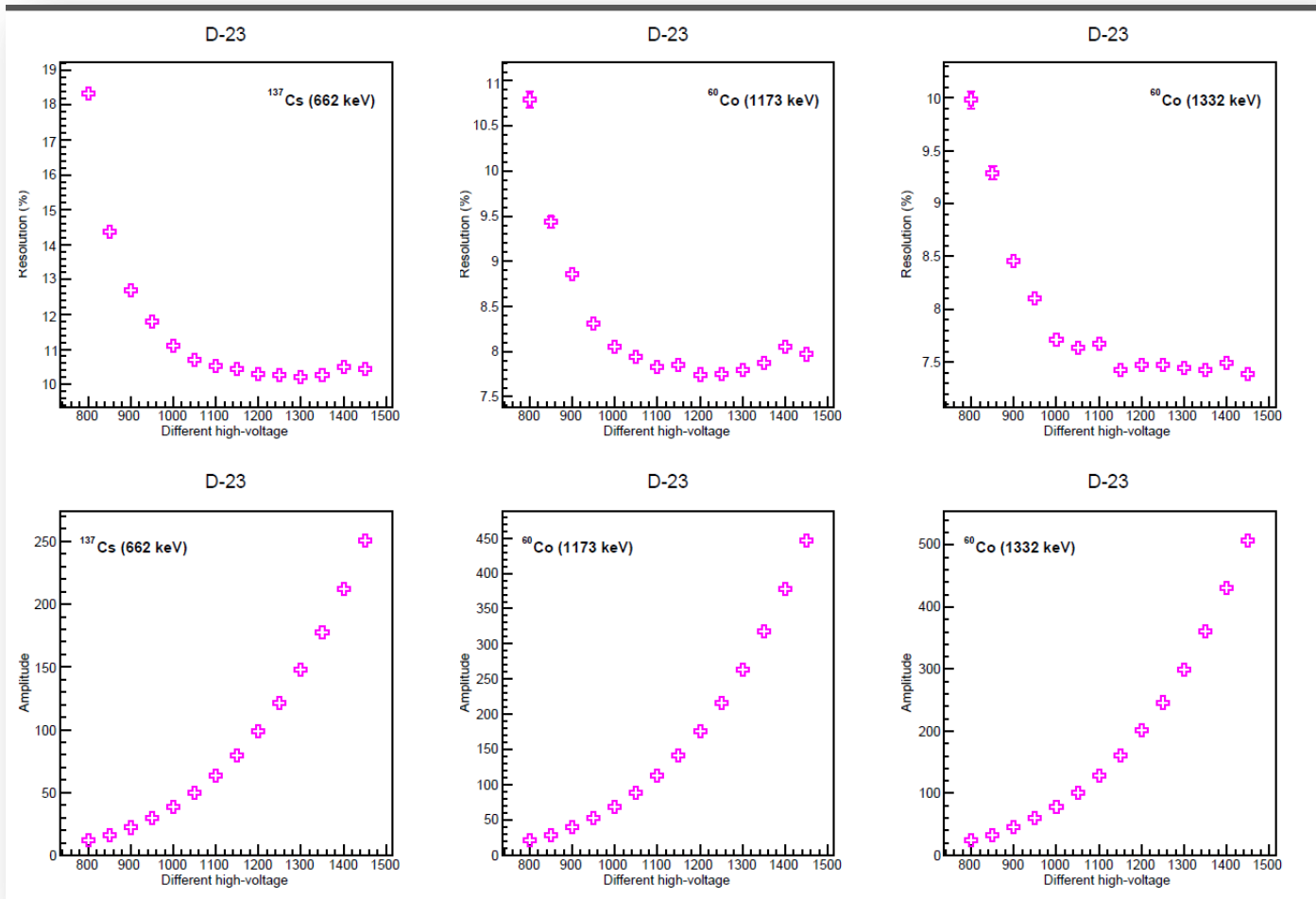


Results and discussions

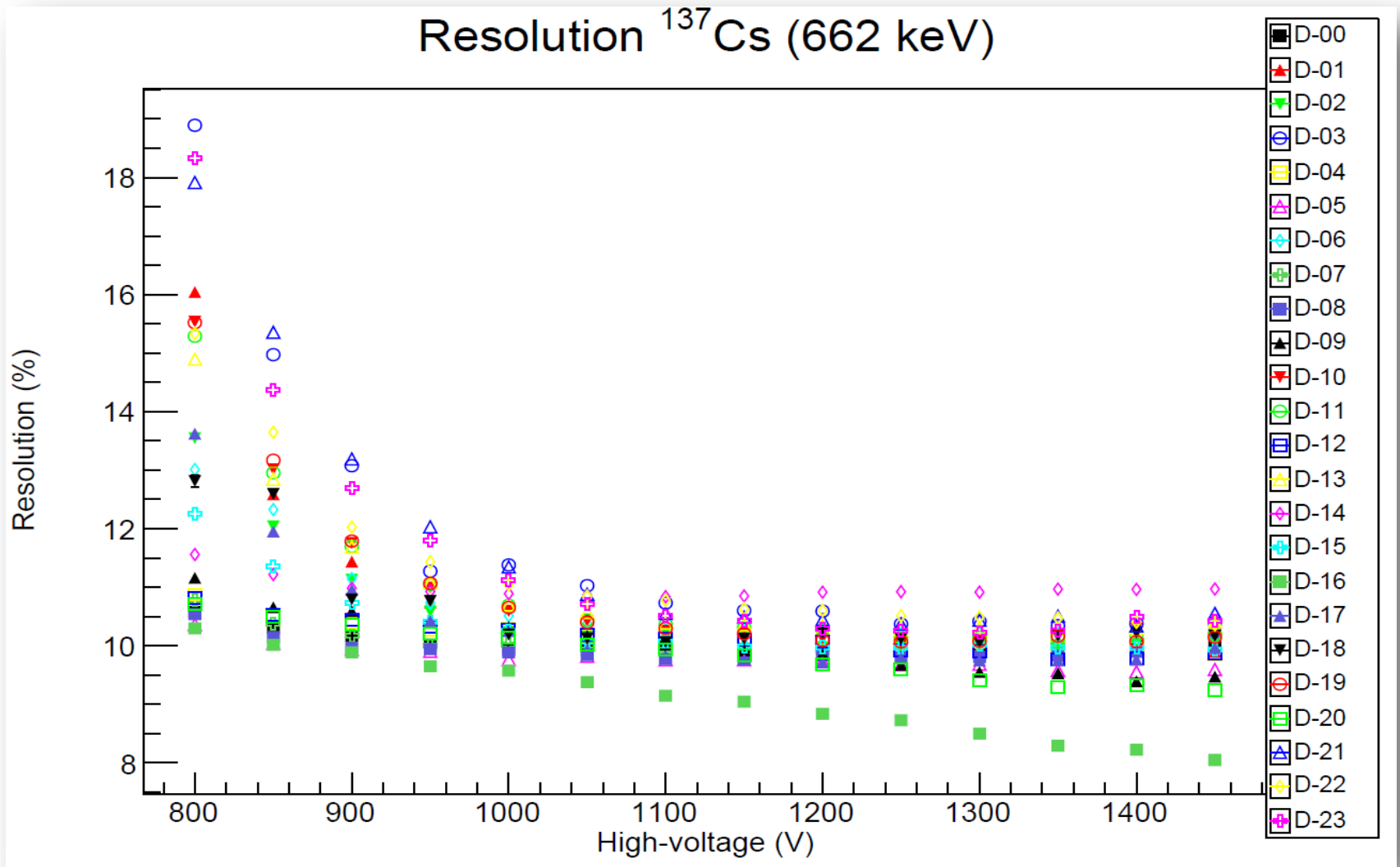
- The **energy resolution** is obtained at FWHM of a single photo peak using this equation:
- $$R = \frac{FWHM}{E_0} \times 100\%$$
- R is energy resolution.
- E_0 is related energy.

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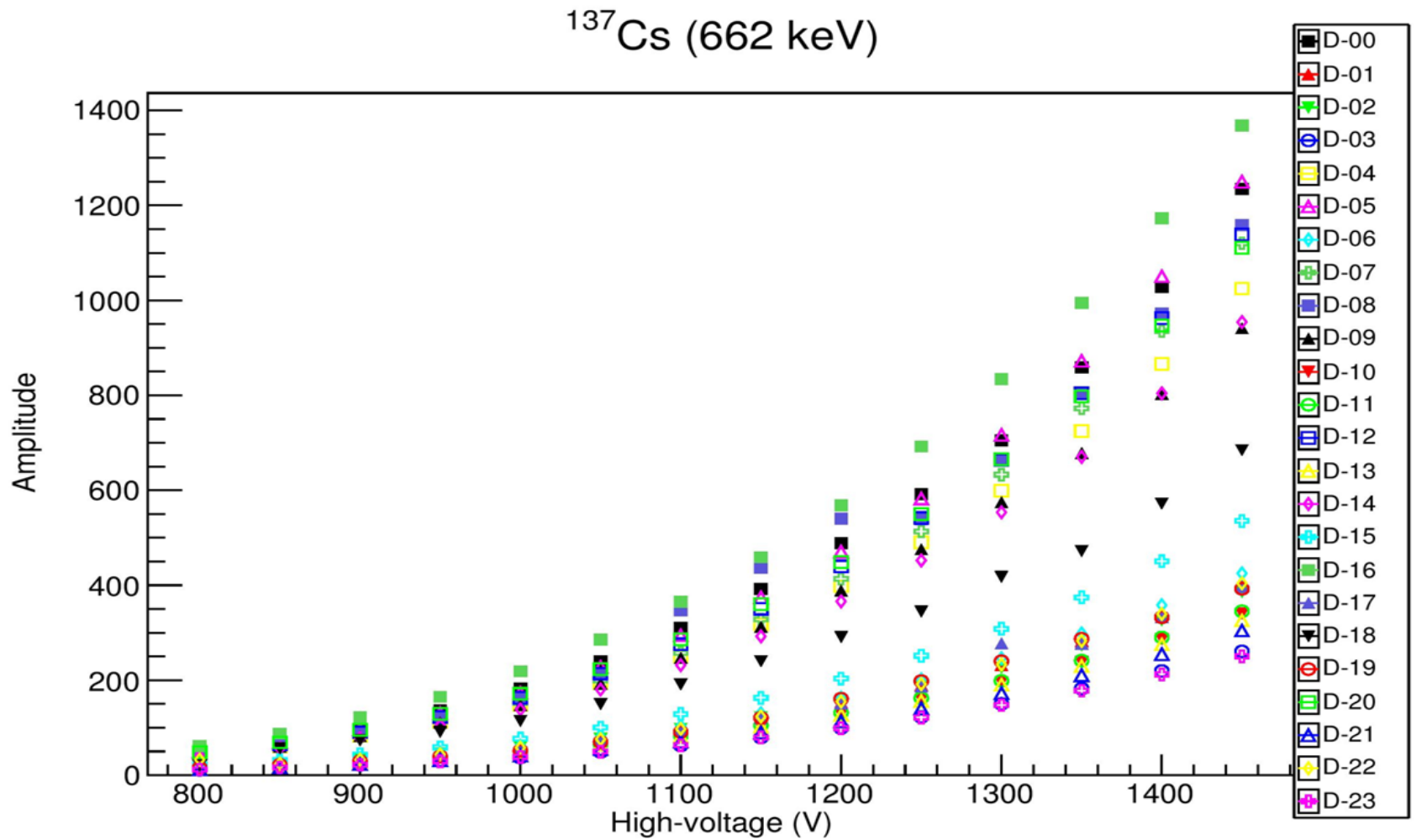
Resolution (%) and Amplitude as function of HV



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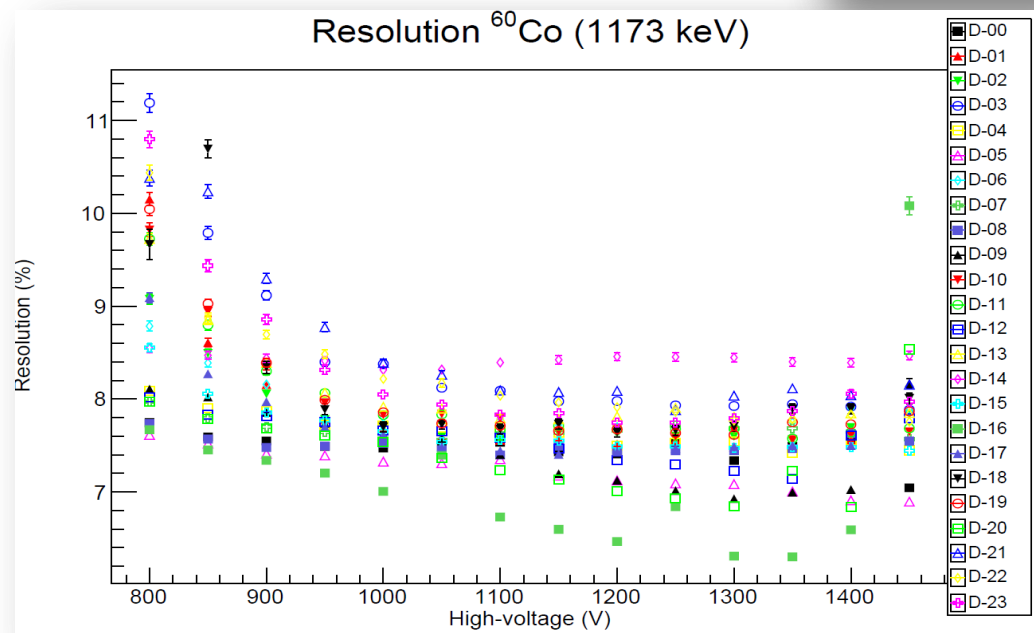
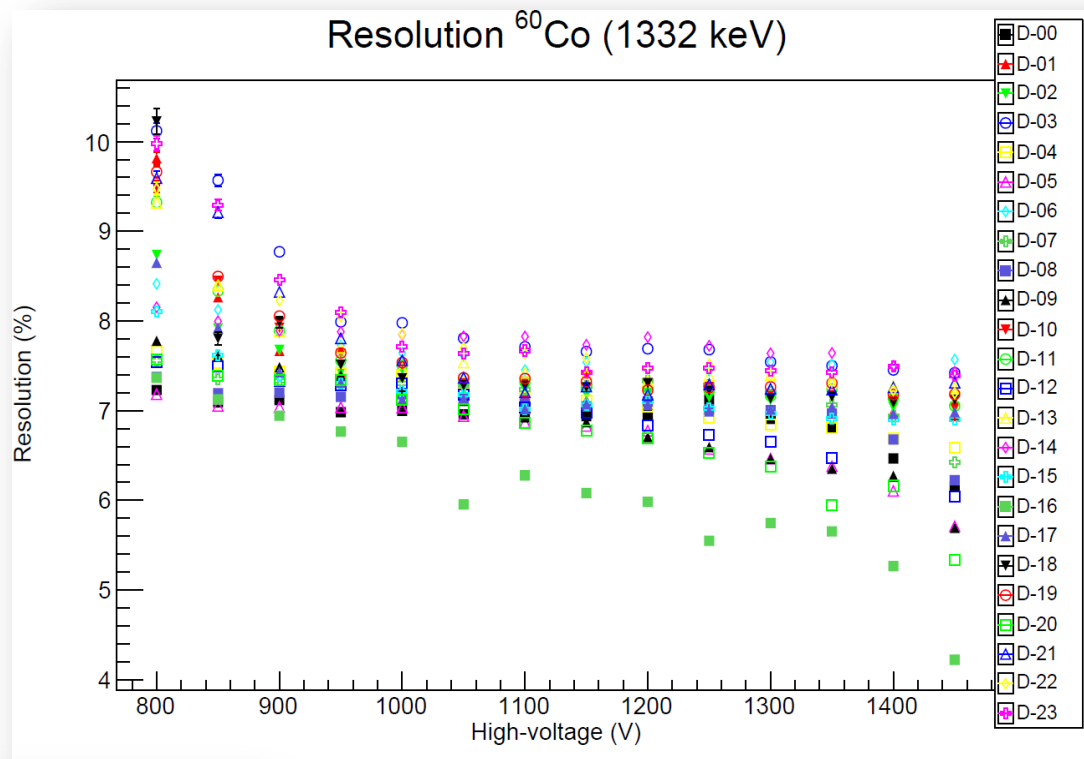


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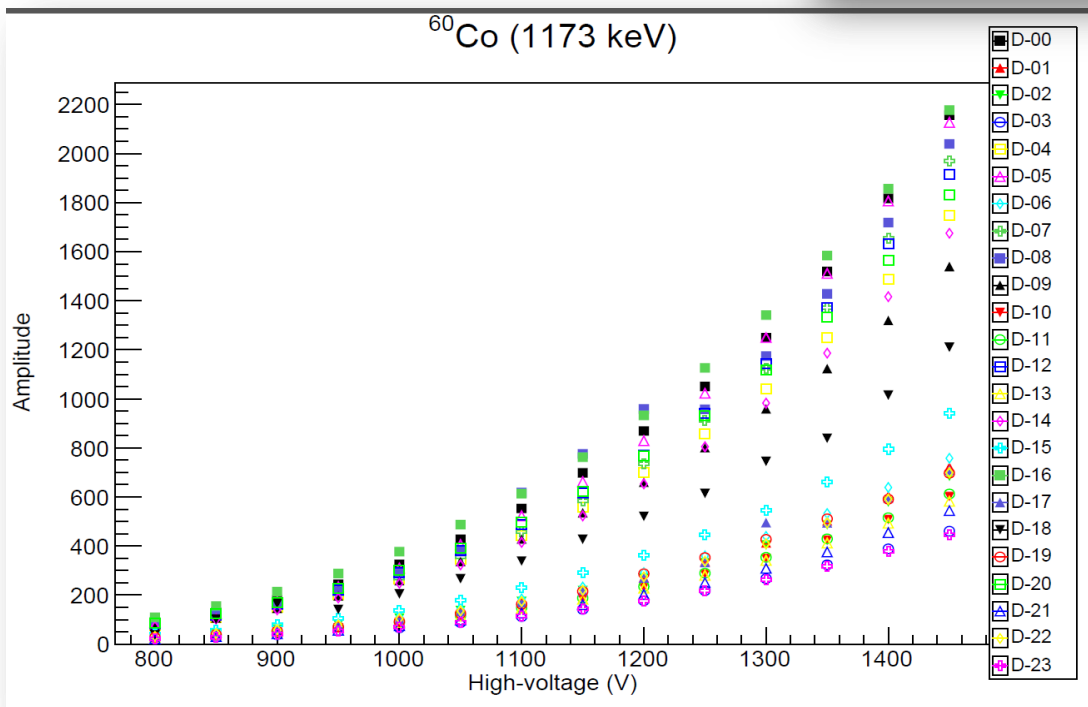
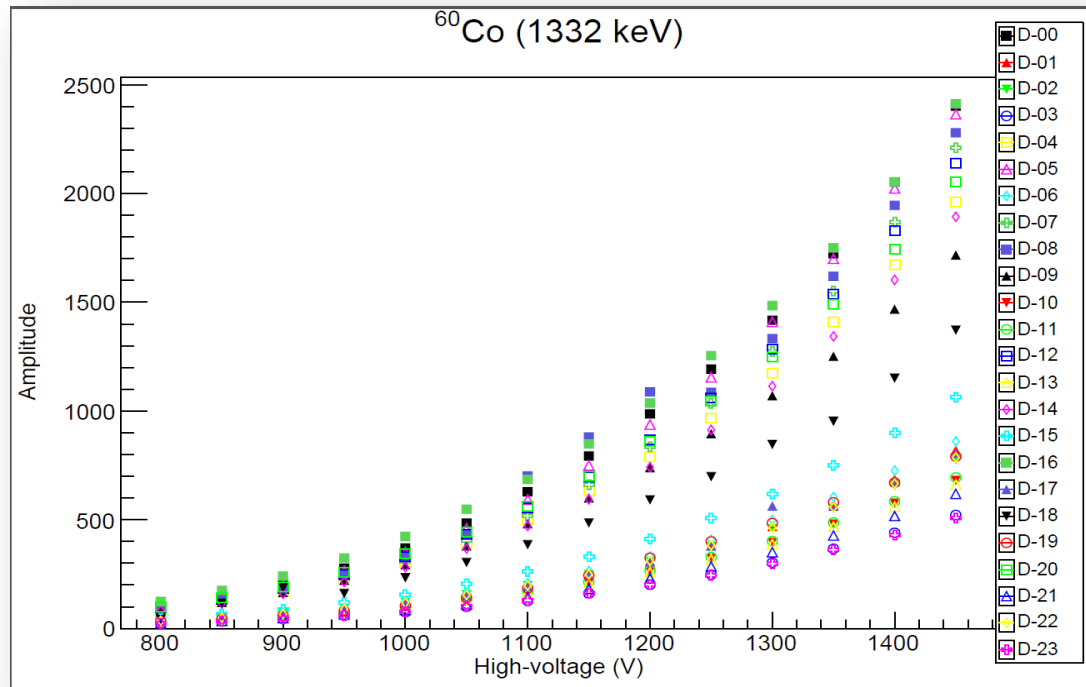
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^{60}Co resolution



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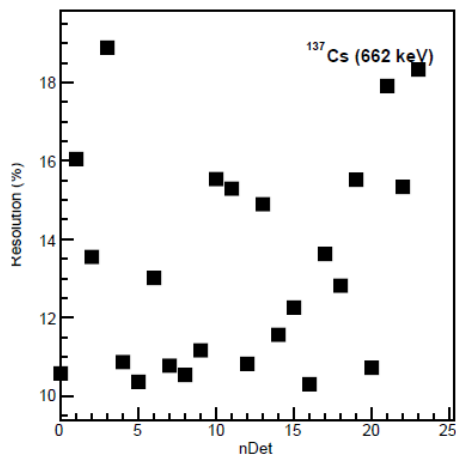
^{60}Co amplitude



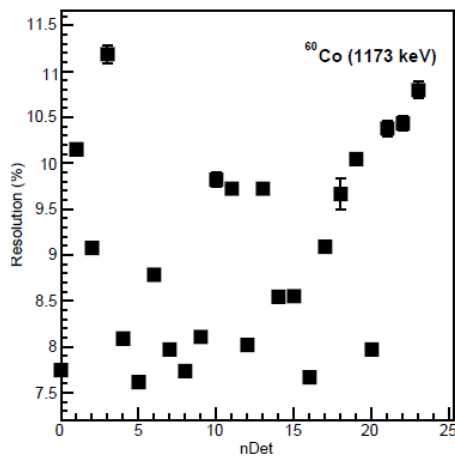
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Resolution & amplitude for nDet at 800V

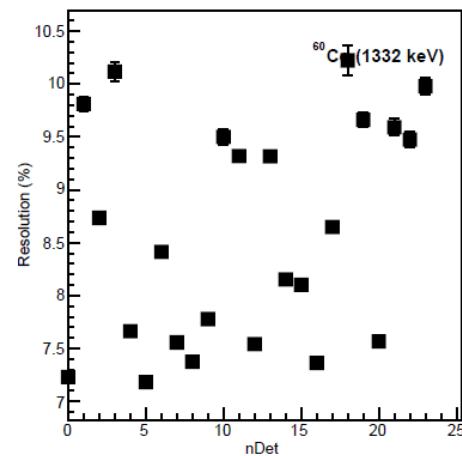
High-voltage-800 (V)



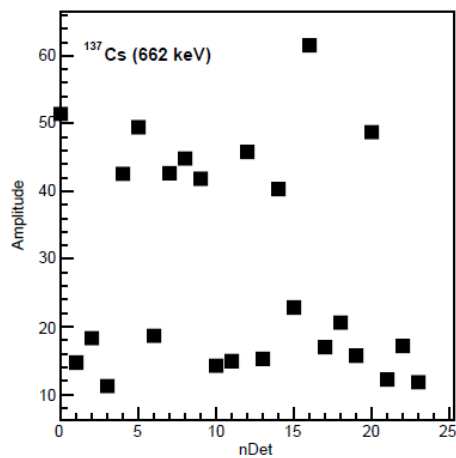
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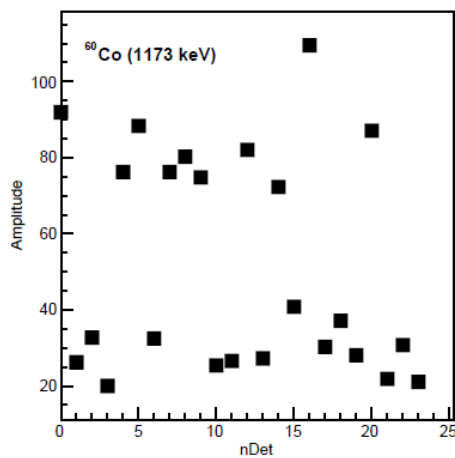
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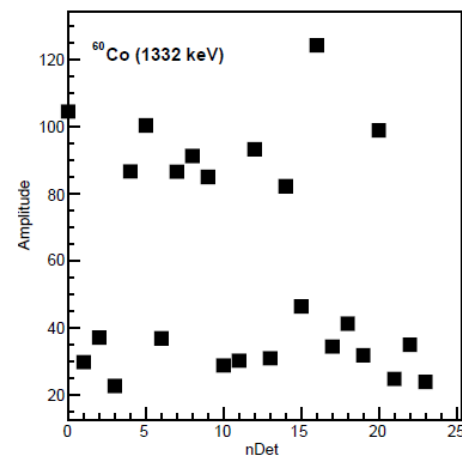
High-voltage-800 (V)



High-voltage-800 (V)



High-voltage-800 (V)



Conclusions

- 24 BGO gamma-ray detectors were tested and their energy resolution was determined using standard “point” calibration sources (^{137}Cs and ^{60}Co).
- For acquisition of the signals from BGO, a 32 channel computerized ADCM system was used.
- The digitized signals were analyzed by ROOT C++ software ROMANA.
- The photo-peak parameters were obtained by fitting Gaussian functions to the experimental data using ROOT C++ script.
- The obtained energy resolutions shows that the individual adjustment of the HV is needed for a single BGO gamma-ray detector.

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