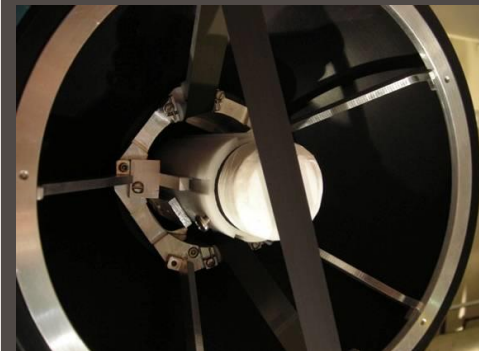
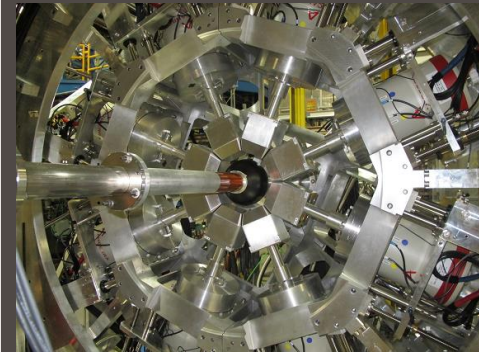


The First Radioactive Beam at GRIFFIN: ^{26}Na for Decay Spectroscopy

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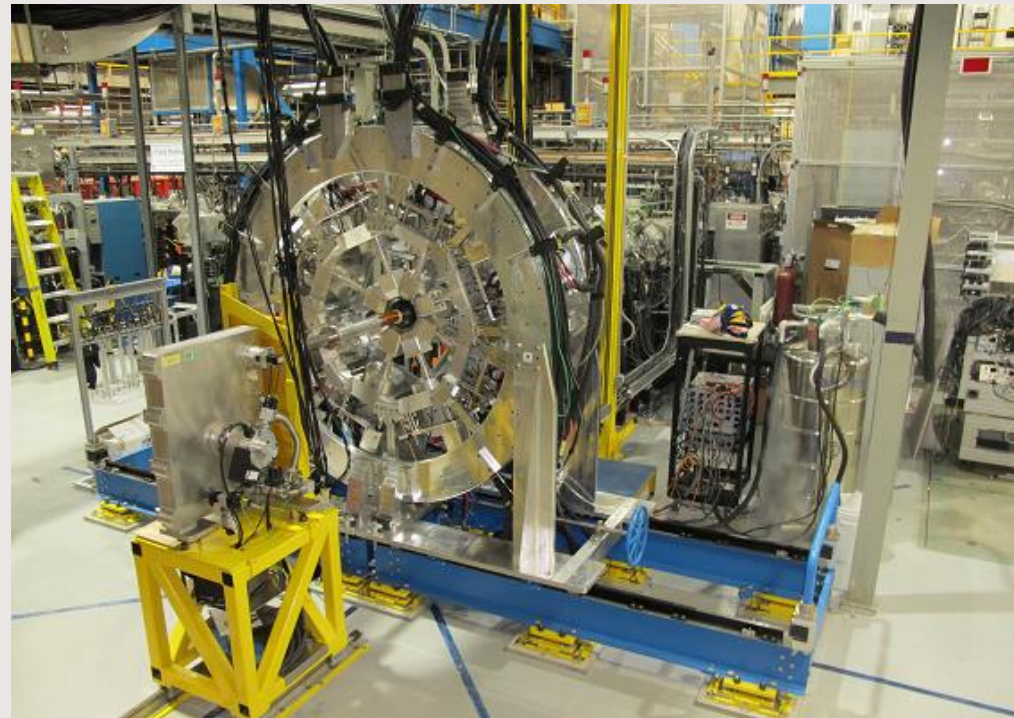


The GRIFFIN Spectrometer

- 16 large-volume clover-type High Purity Germanium [HPGe] detectors dedicated to **decay spectroscopy** research with the low-energy radioactive ion beams in ISAC-I at TRIUMF
- Five sub-systems are combined to create a high-efficiency decay spectrometer for sensitive measurements.



In-vacuum moving tape collector system

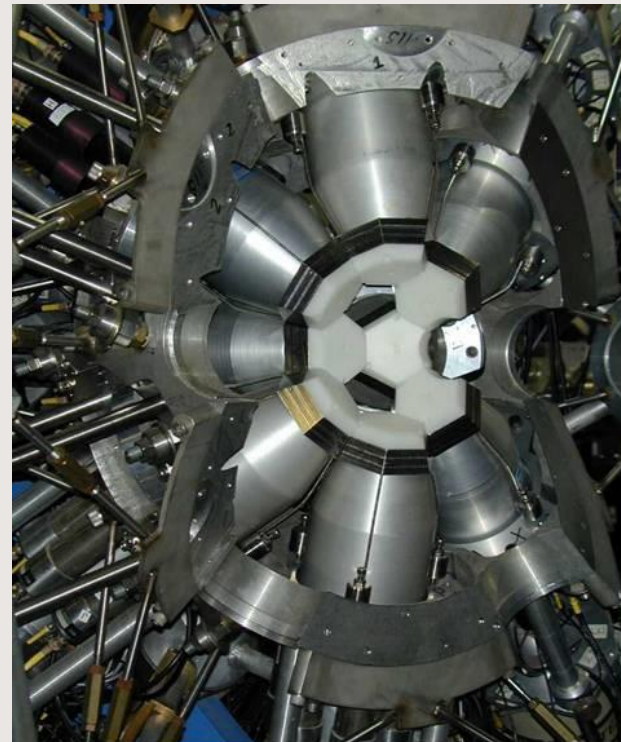


The 8π Spectrometer

- Moved to Simon Fraser University in 2014 after after **12 years** of operation at **ISAC-I**
- 20 HPGe γ -ray detectors, surrounded by Compton suppression shields formed from bismuth germanate (BGO) scintillators and equipped with removable white Delrin absorber layers.

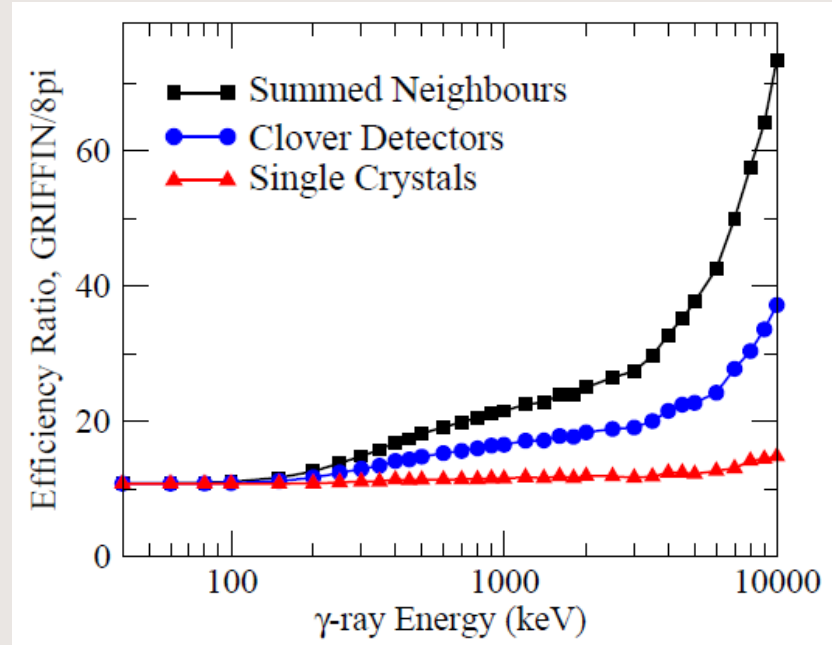
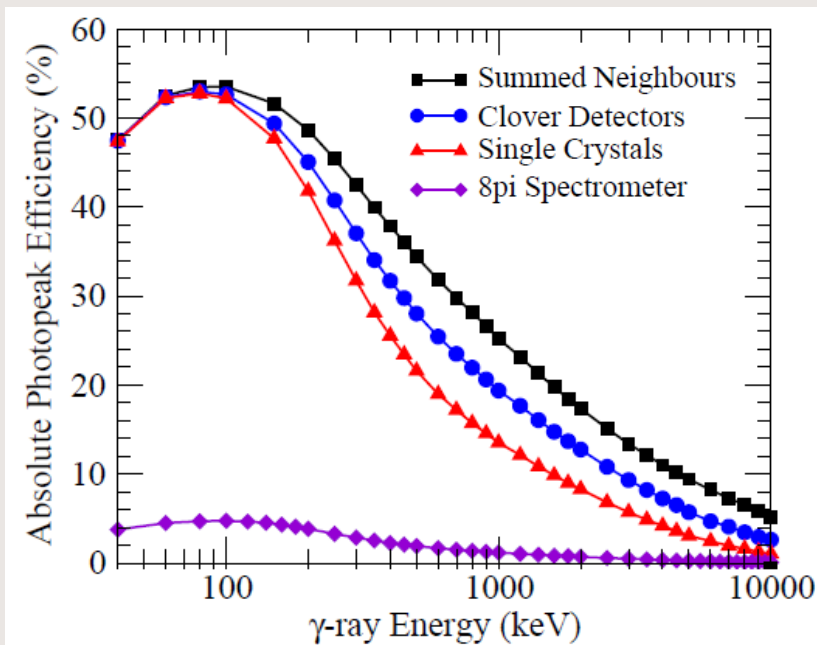


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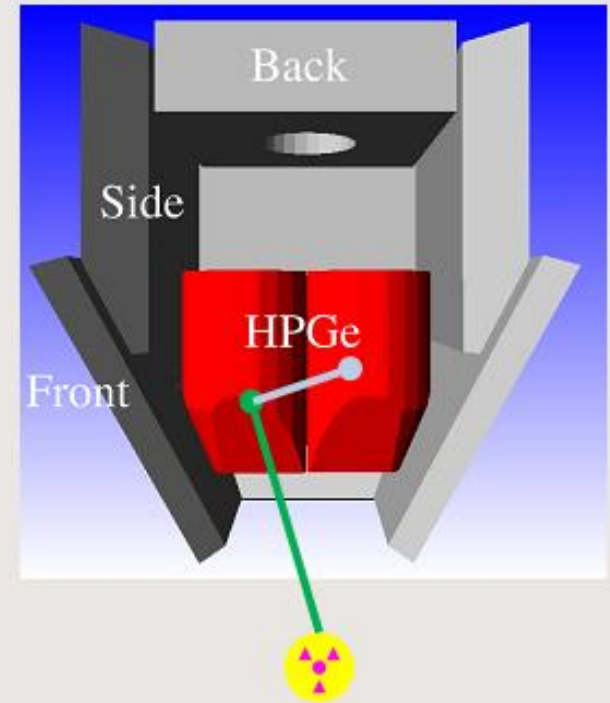
8π vs. GRIFFIN

- **GEANT4 simulations** show that **GRIFFIN** is
 - **22 times** more efficient at 1 MeV and
 - **70 times** more efficient for 10 MeV γ -rays
- In γ - γ coincidences, the relevant figure of merit is the **square** of the singles efficiency ratio
 - ~ 300 - 500 increase for typical experiments at ~ 1 MeV.



Addback with GRIFFIN

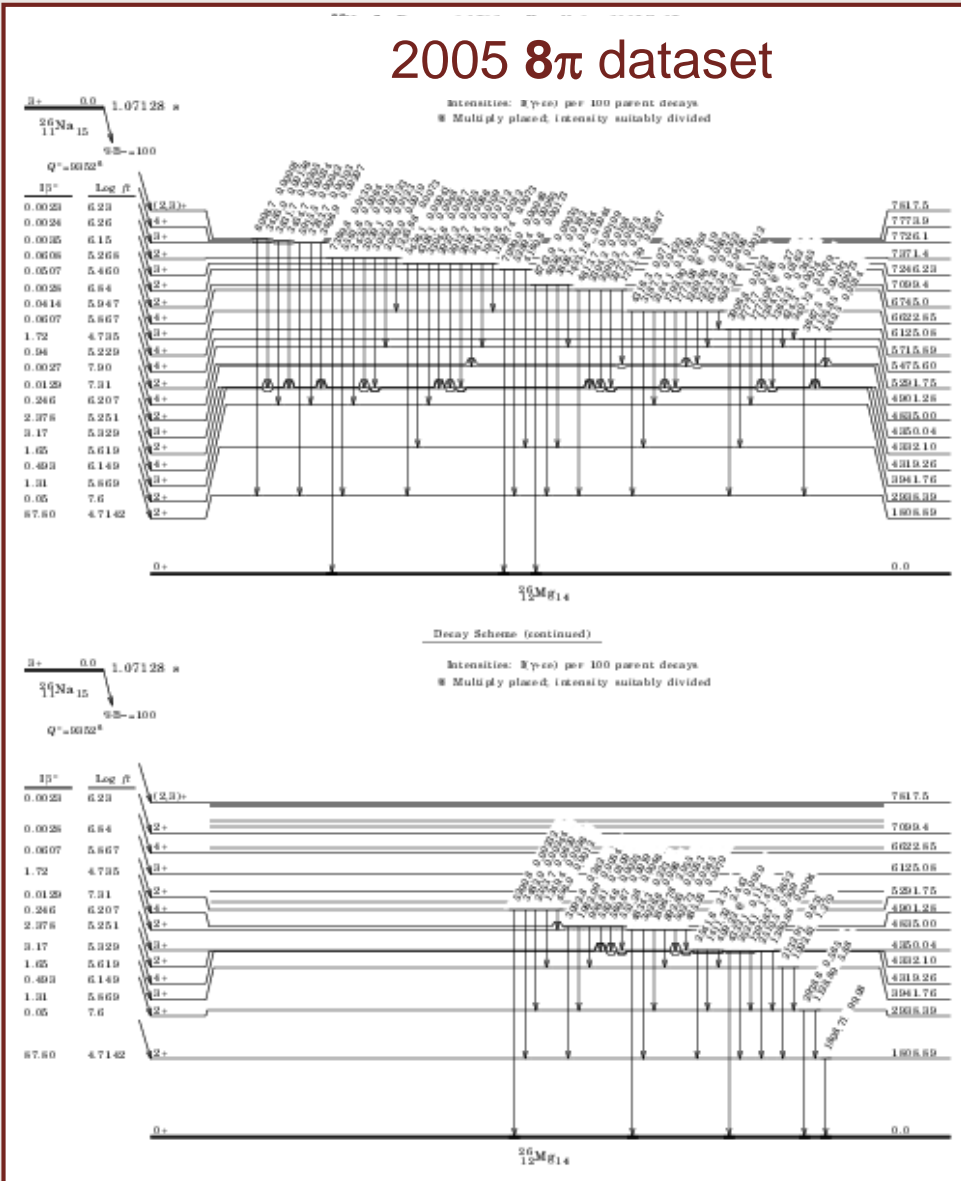
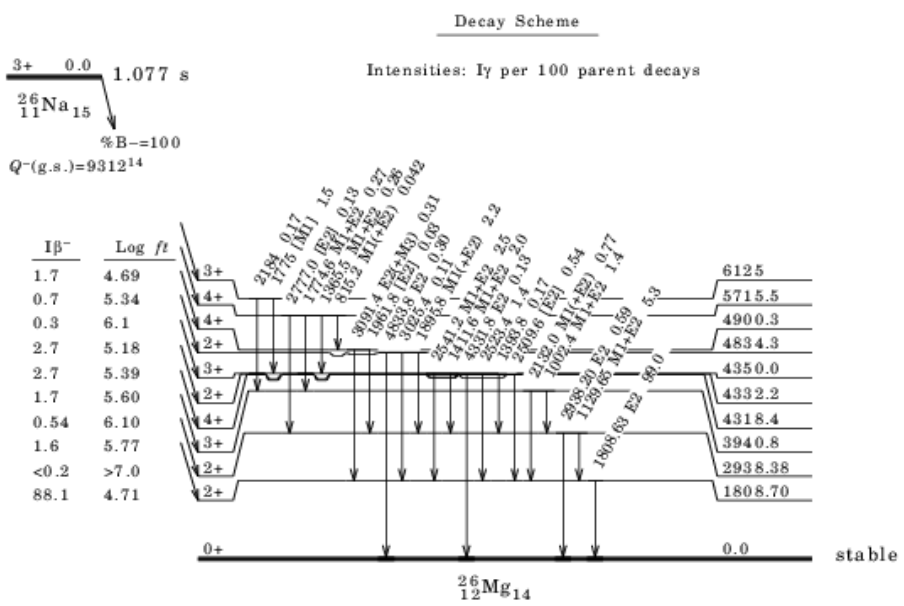
- High probability that an incoming γ -ray **Compton scatters**, or an annihilation photon, will **escape** the detector
 - Results in a continuous spectrum of lost energy and escape peaks.
- If energy deposited in two crystals, treat as a **single incident γ -ray** : add energies.



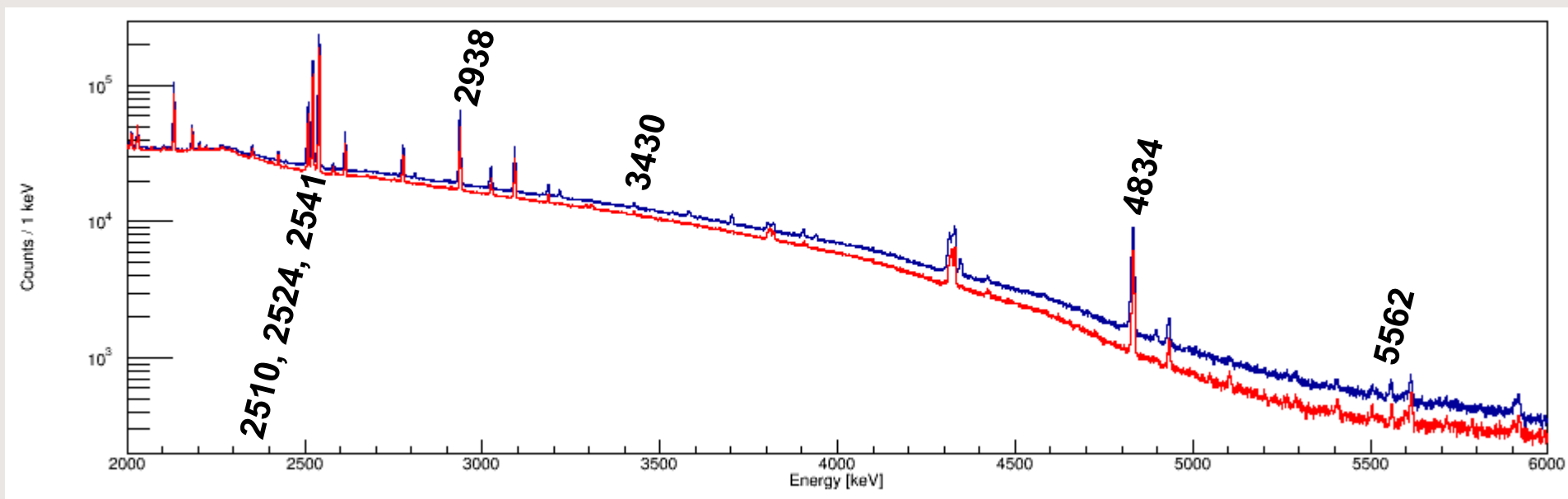
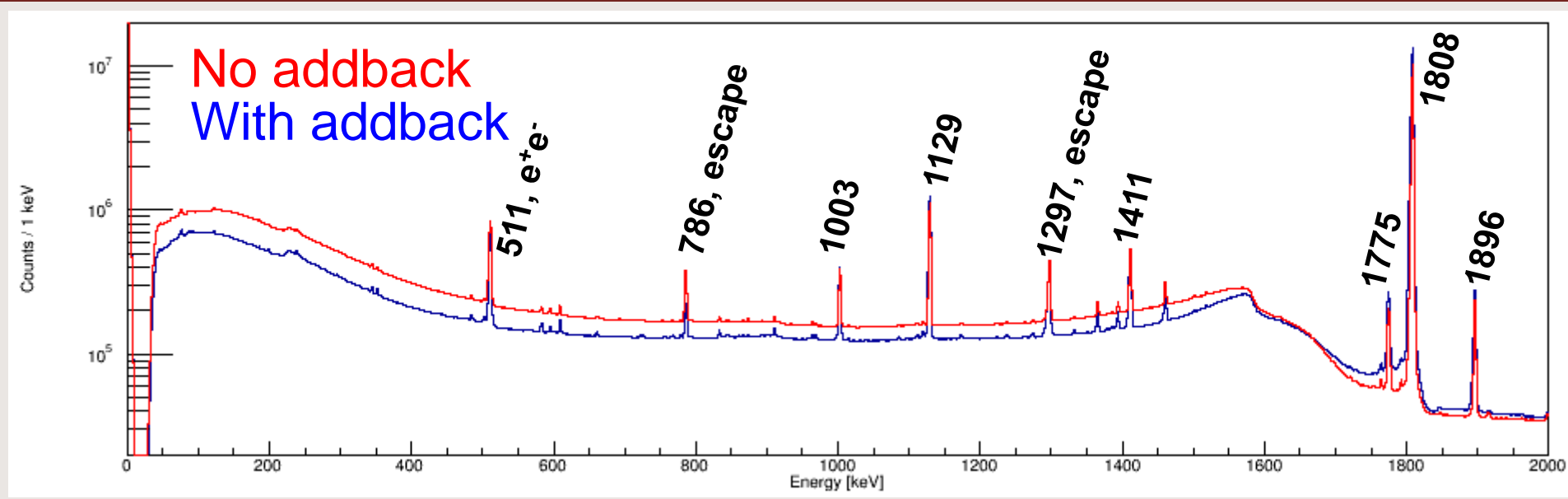
β -decay of ^{26}Na to ^{26}Mg

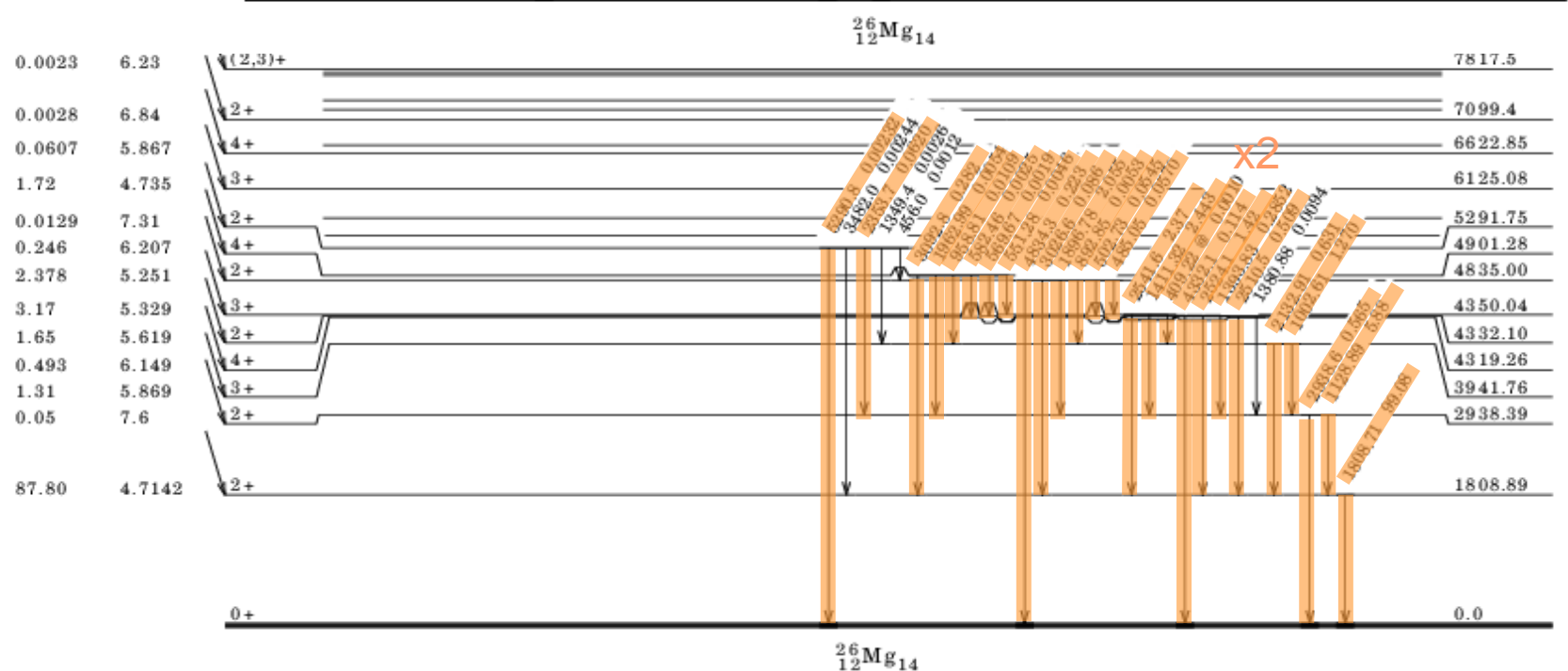
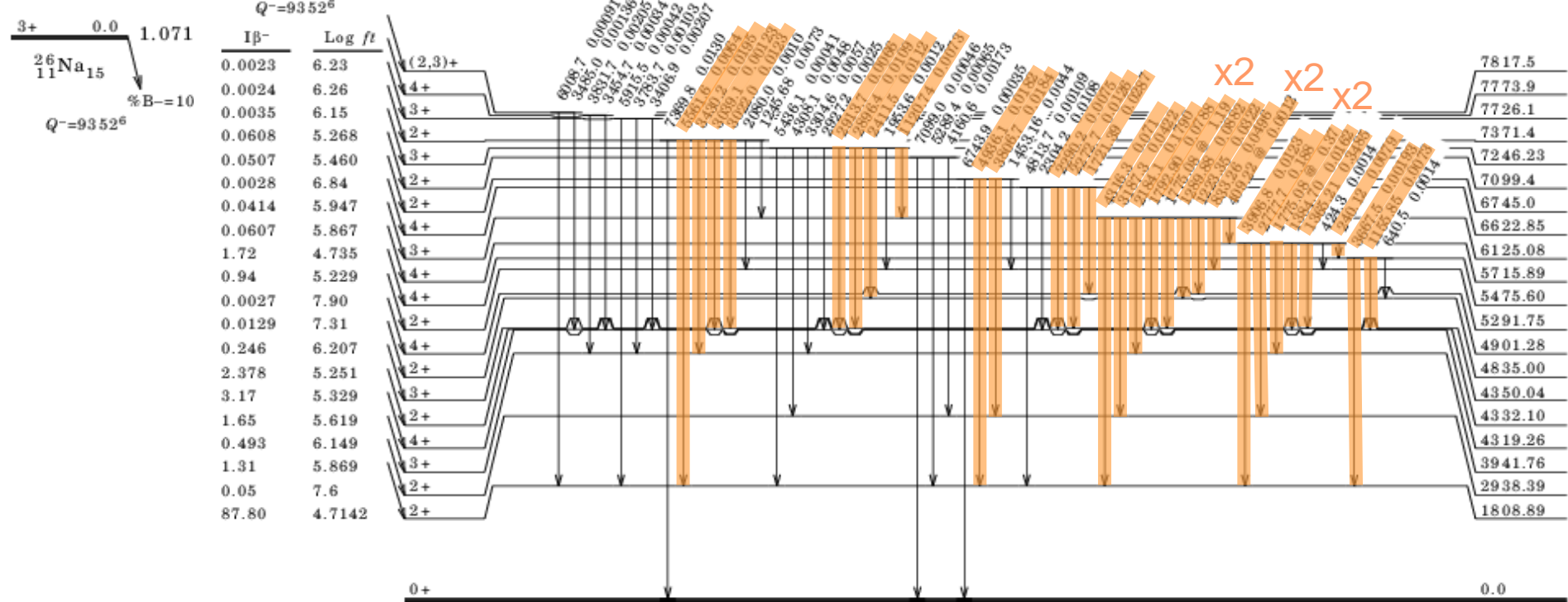
- Test case as first radioactive beam to **GRIFFIN**
- Scrutinize the performance of the new array with a well-known decay scheme.

1973 and 1990 datasets



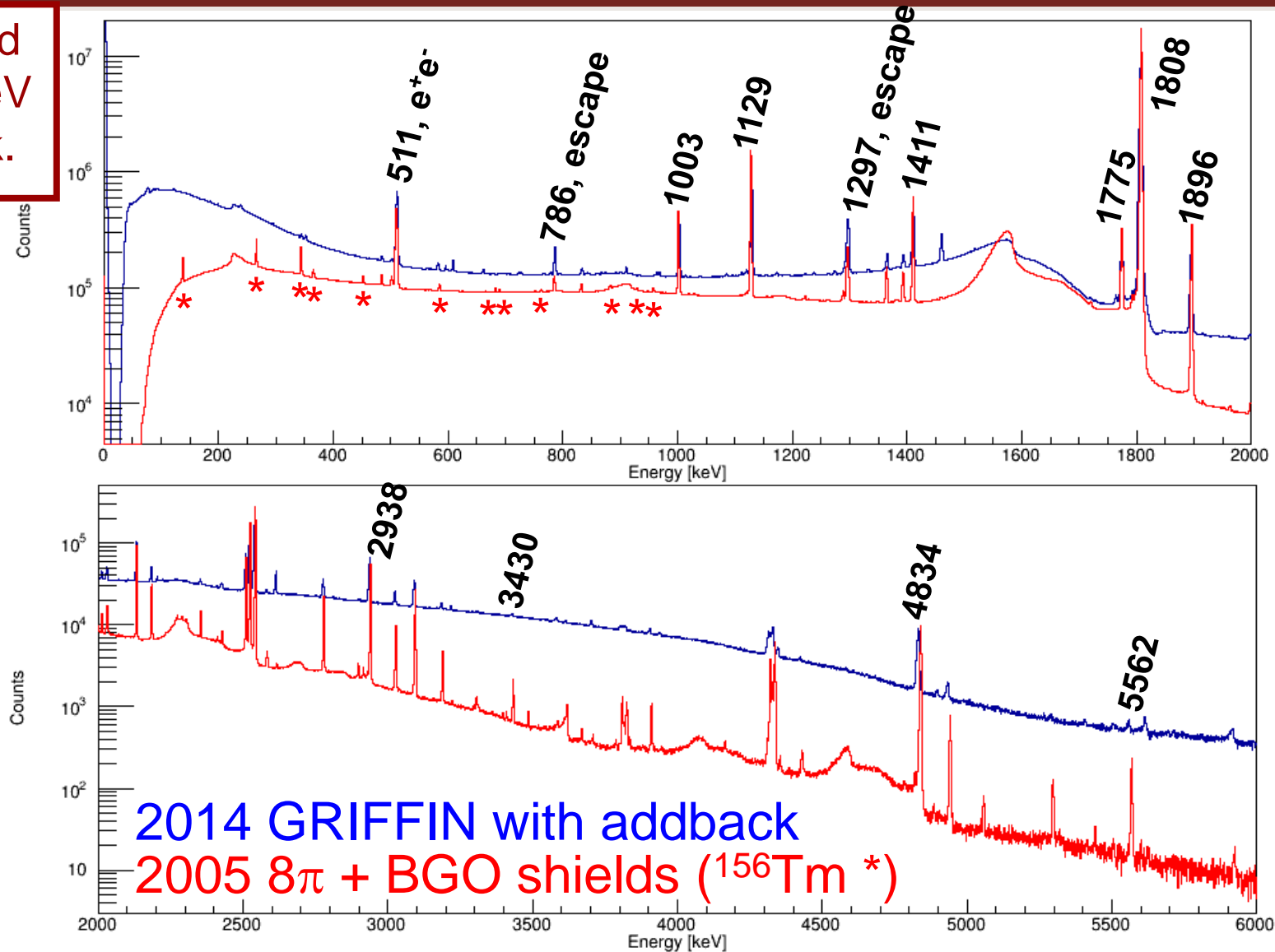
^{26}Na with GRIFFIN





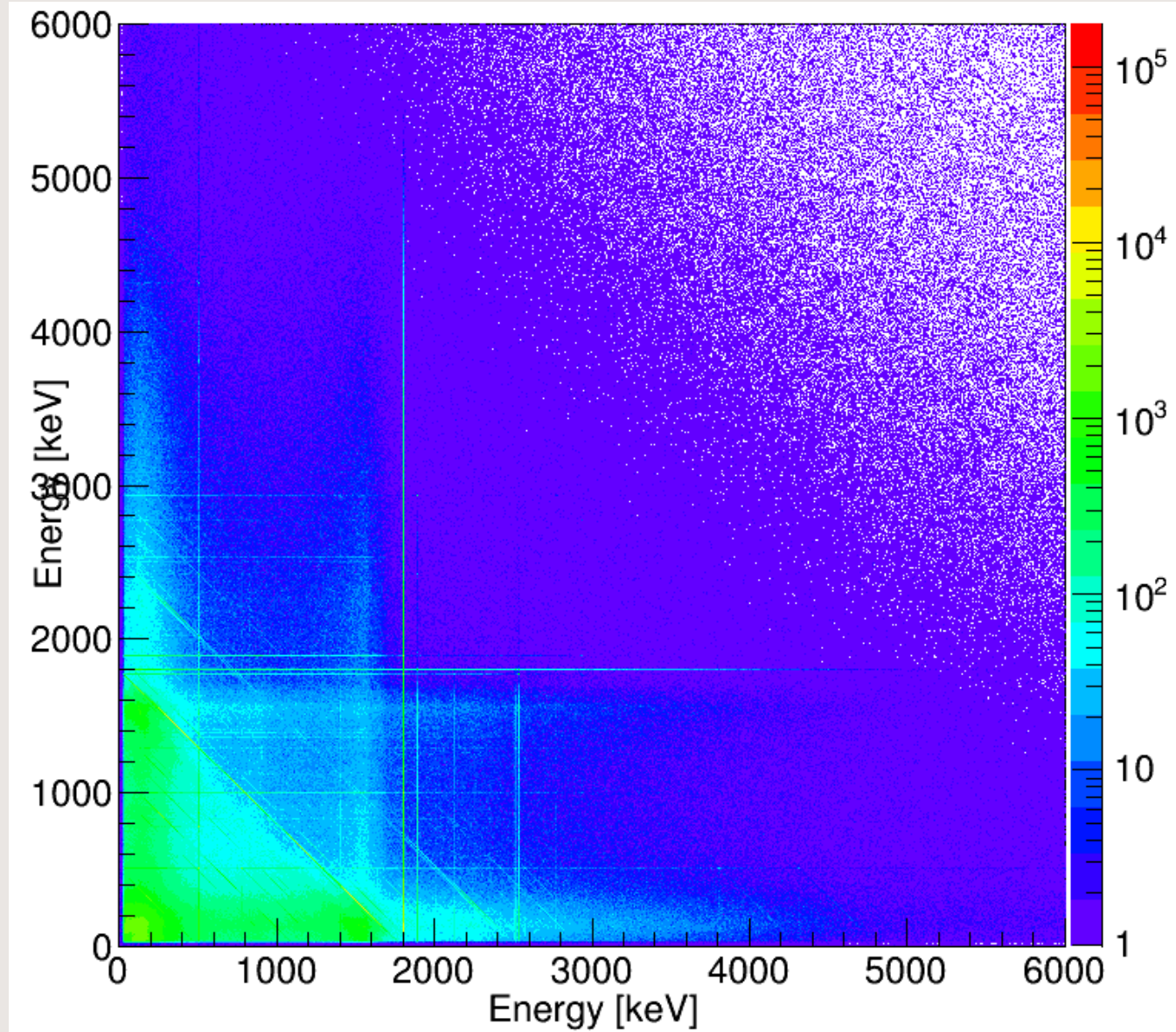
^{26}Na with 8π and GRIFFIN

- Normalized to 1808 keV photopeak.



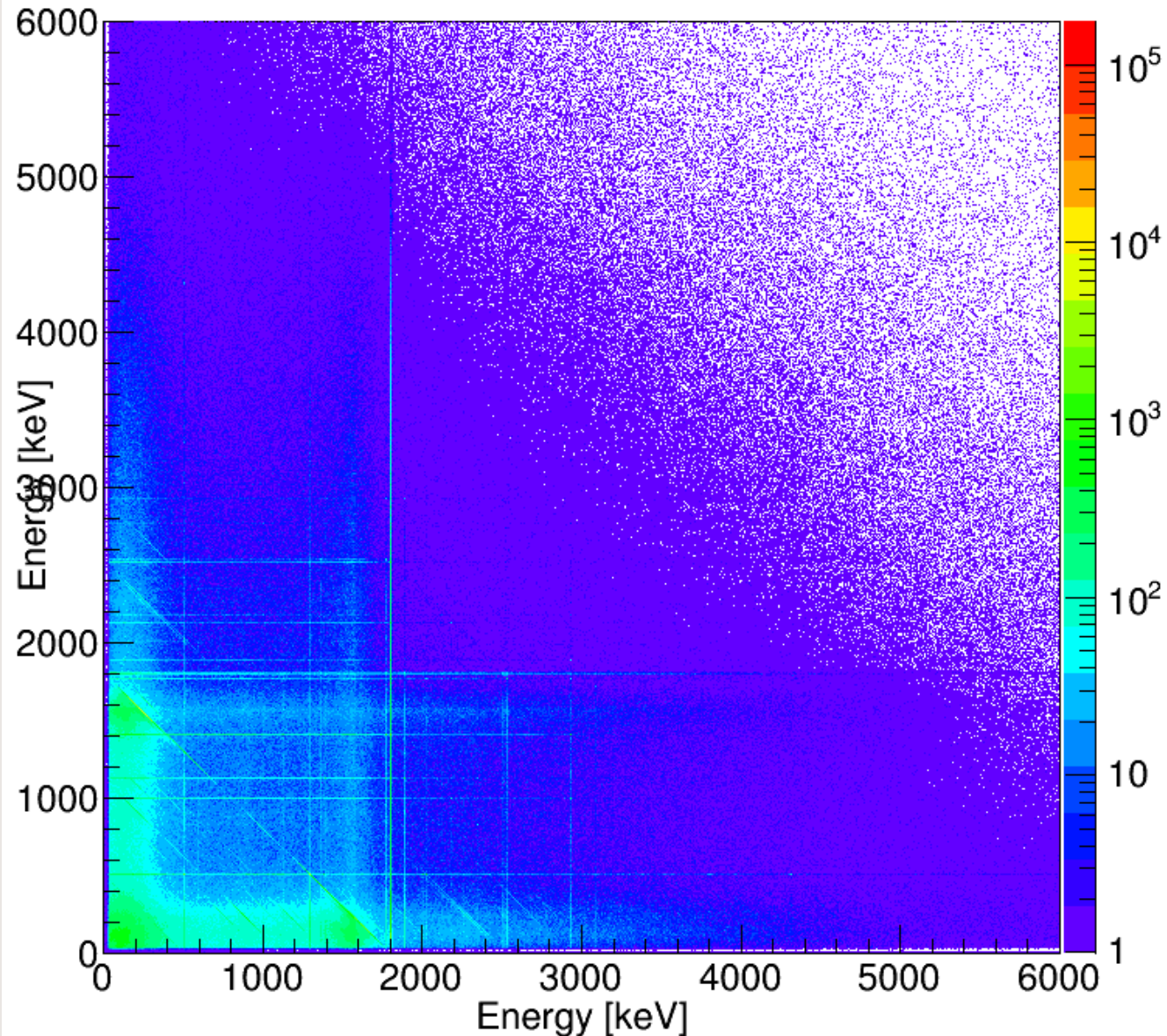
^{26}Na γ - γ coincidence

- No addback.

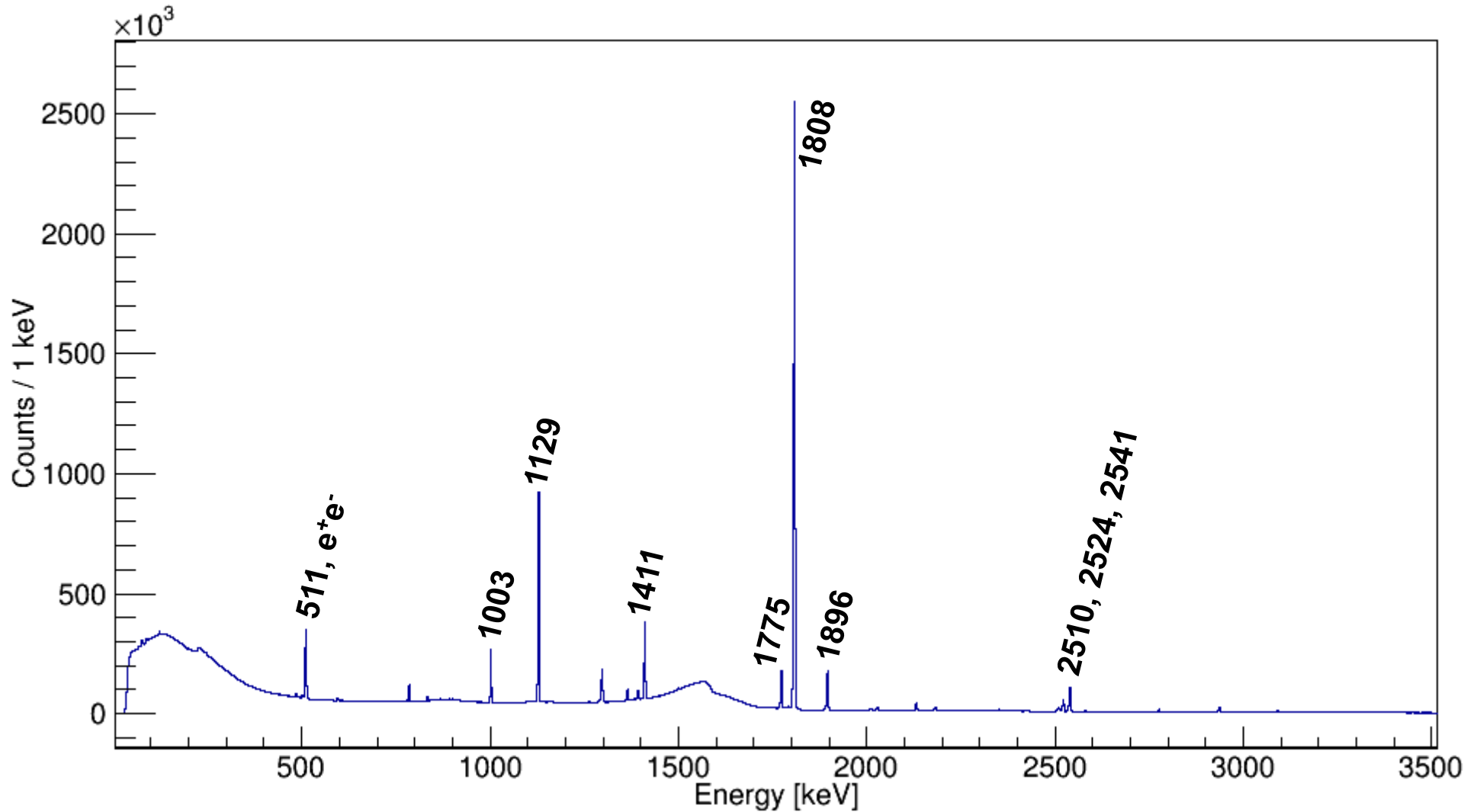


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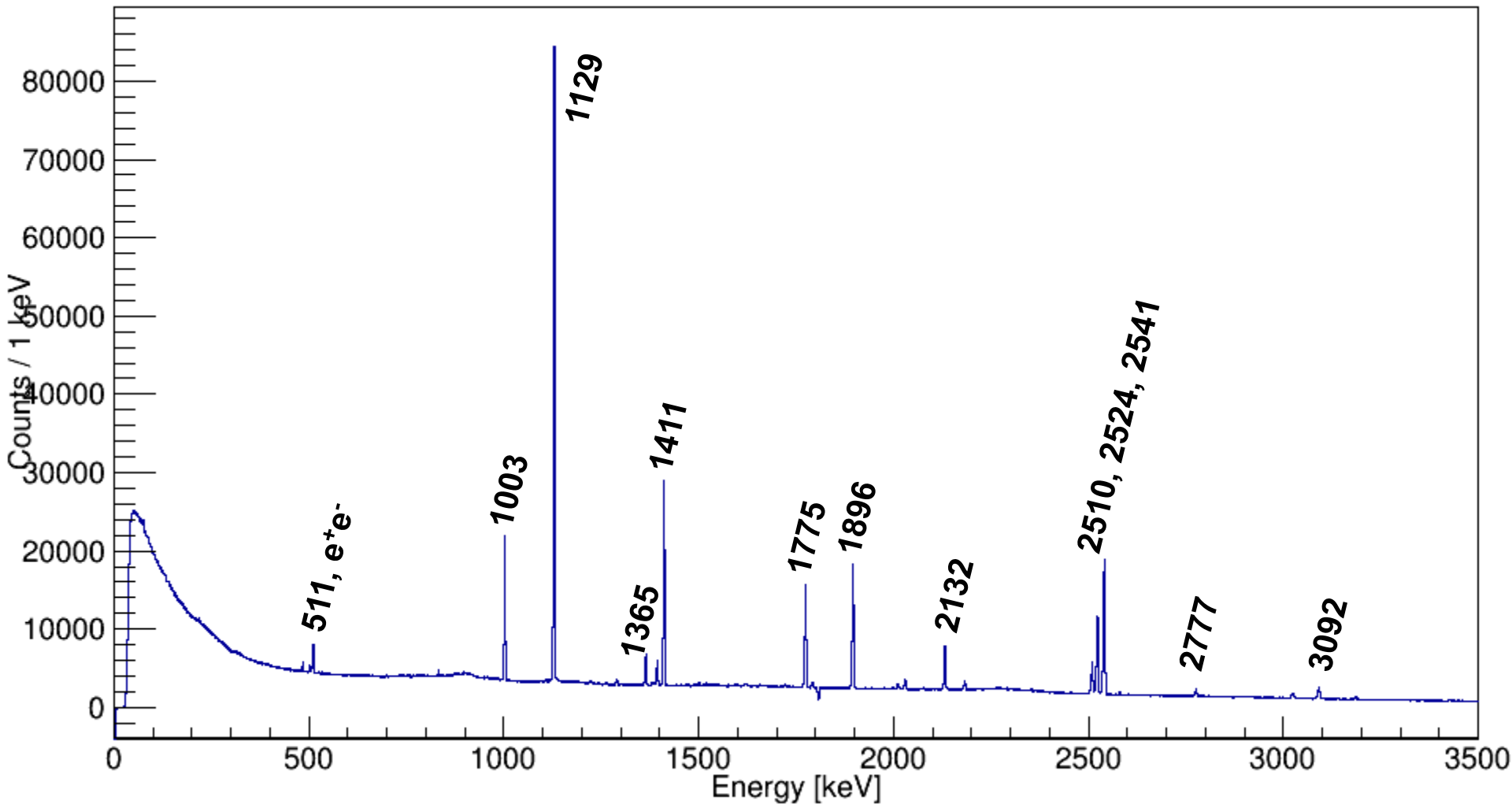
- With addback.

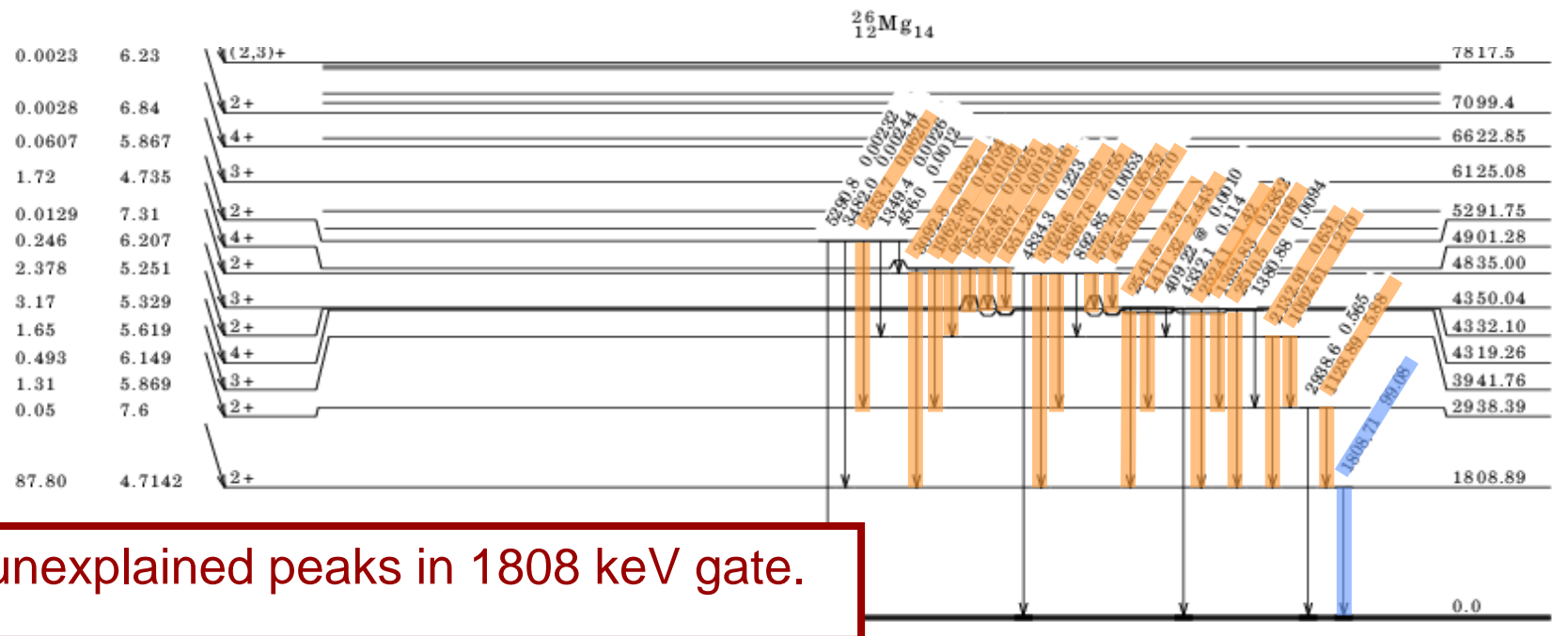
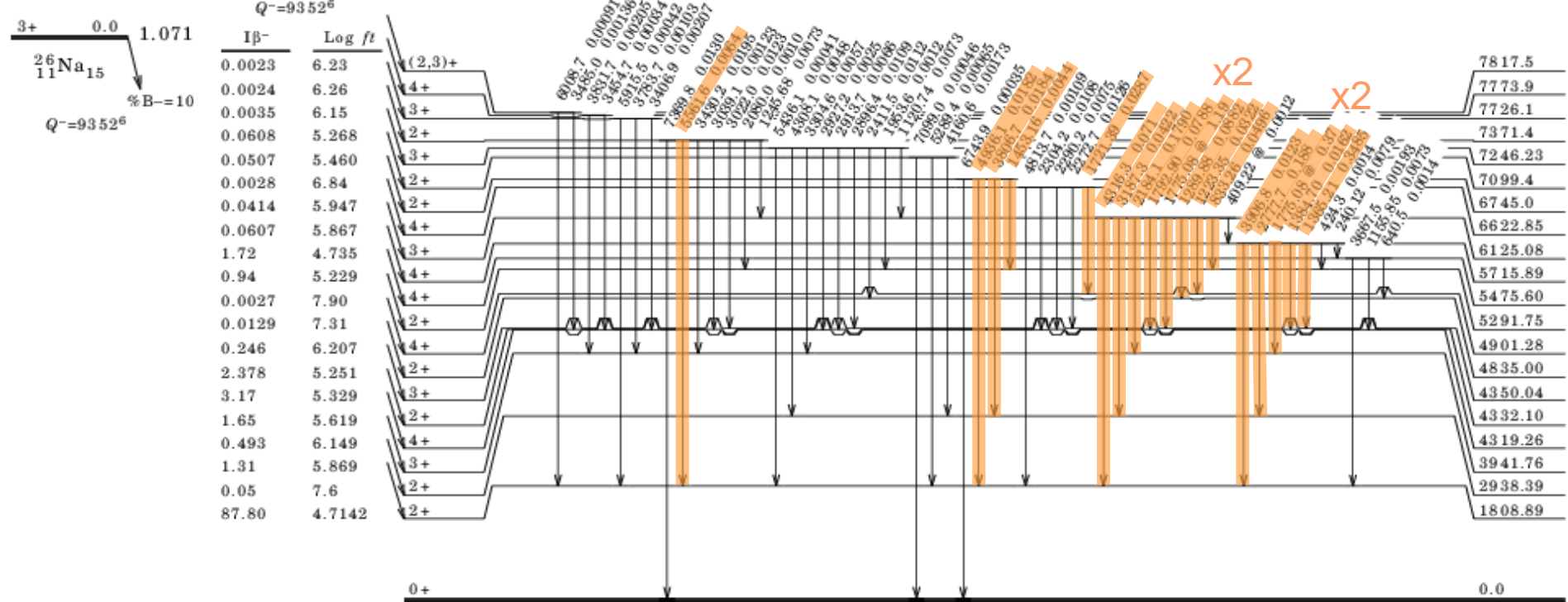


^{26}Na matrix total projection



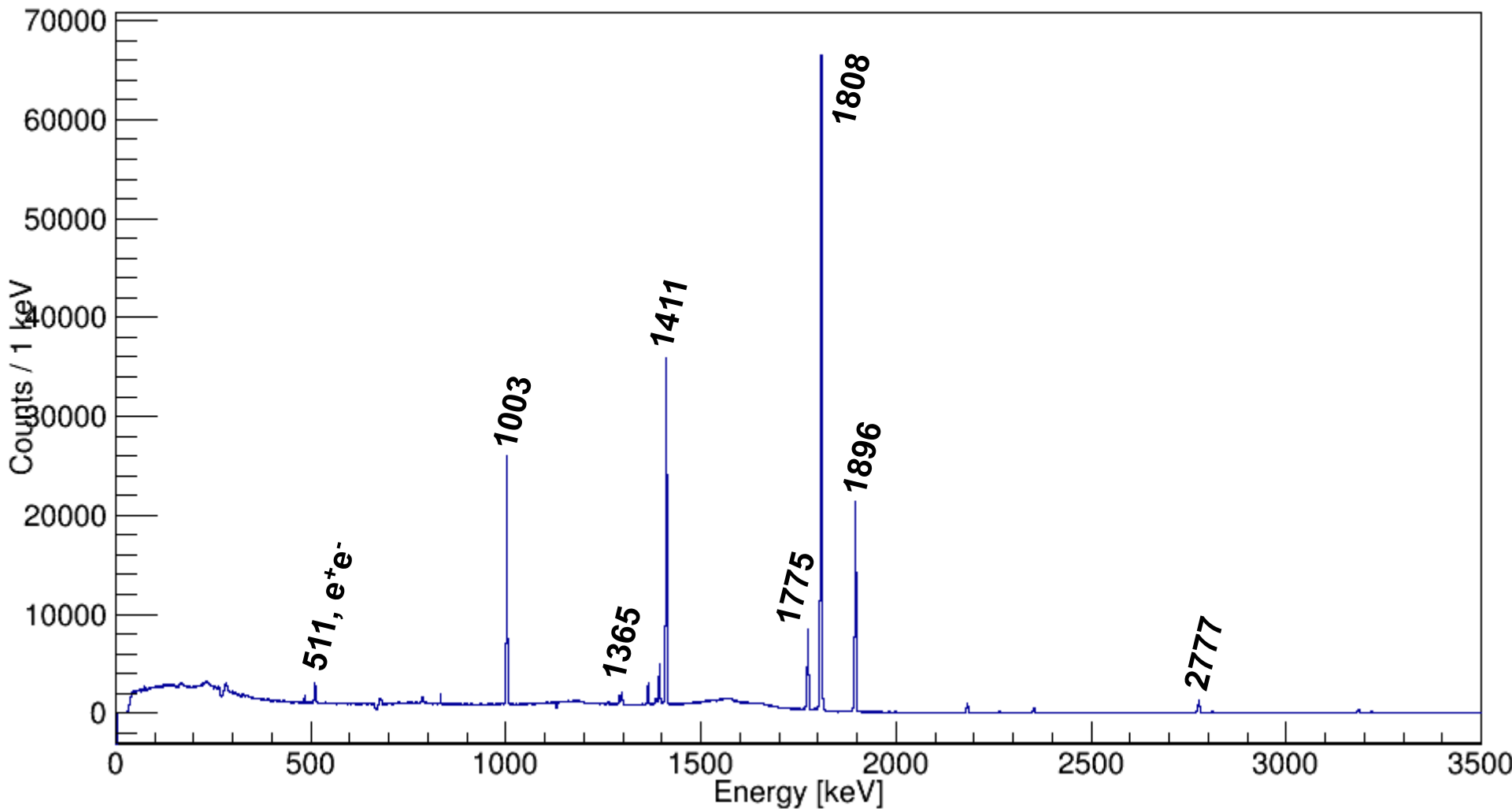
Spectrum gated on 1808 keV

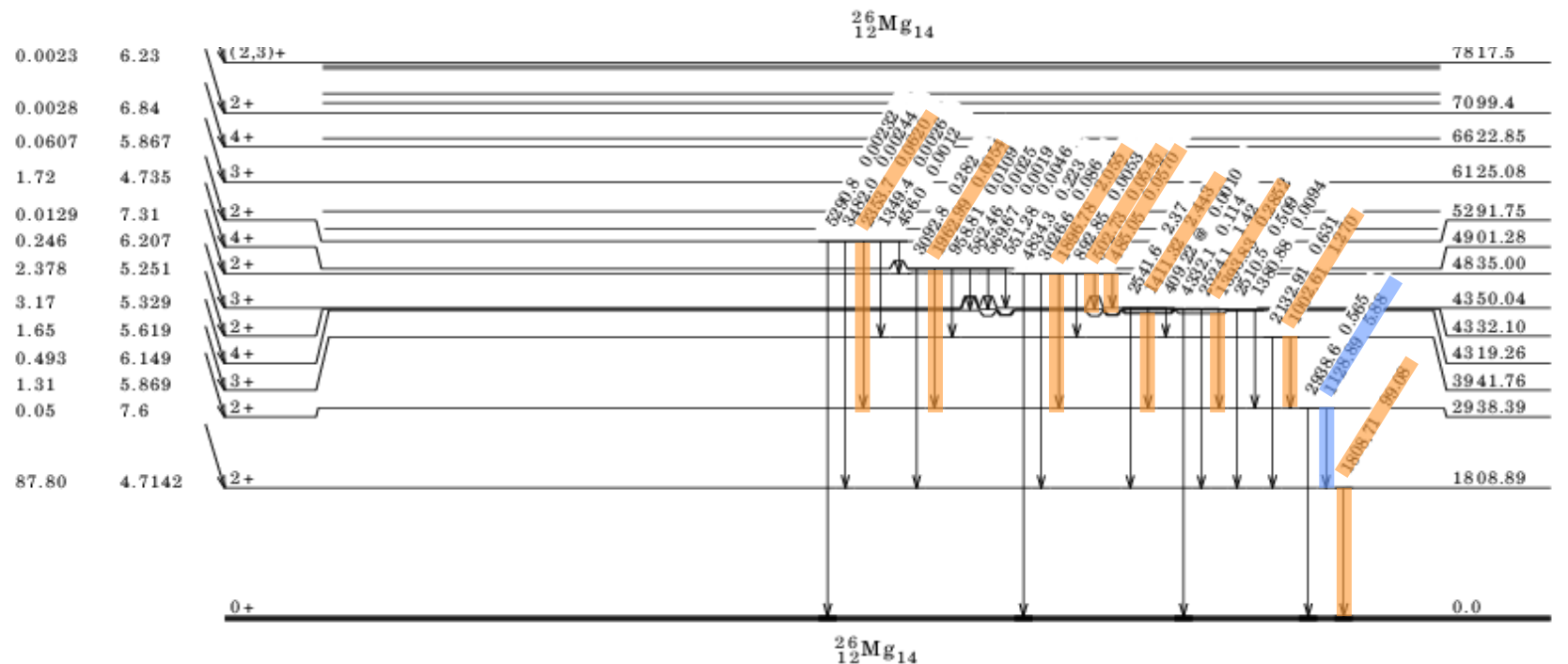
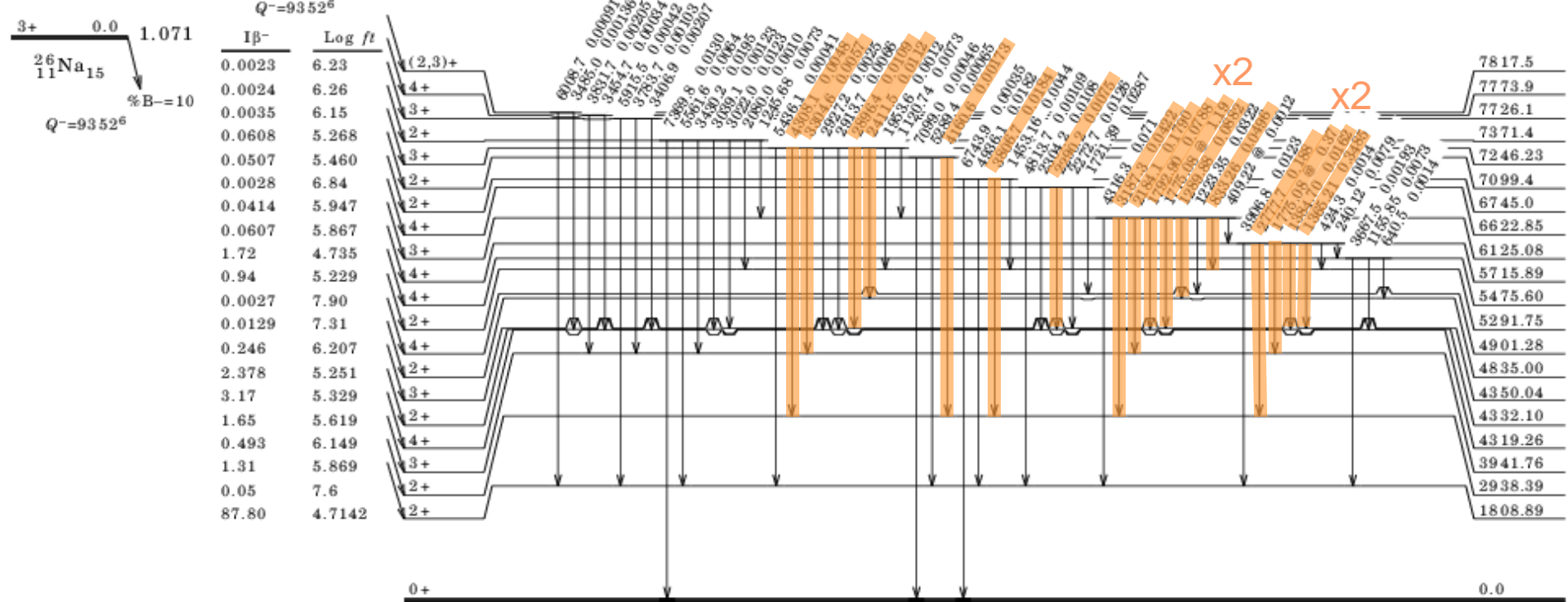




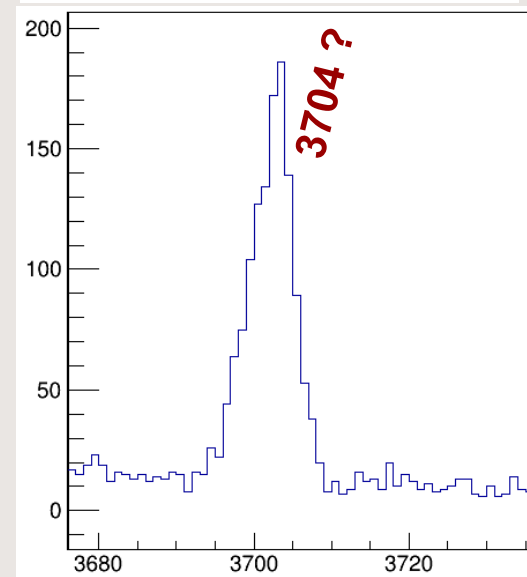
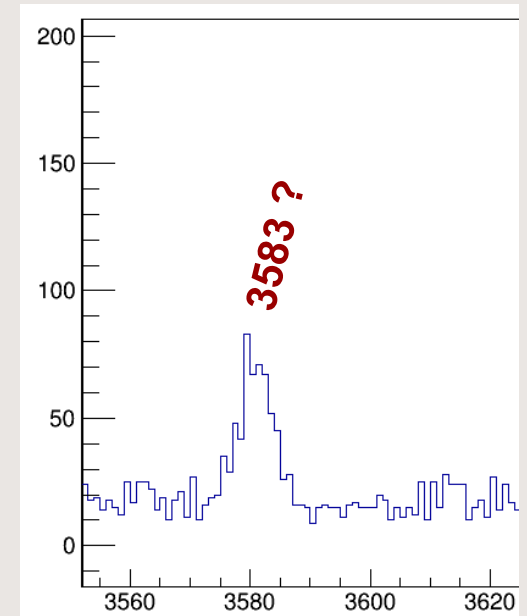
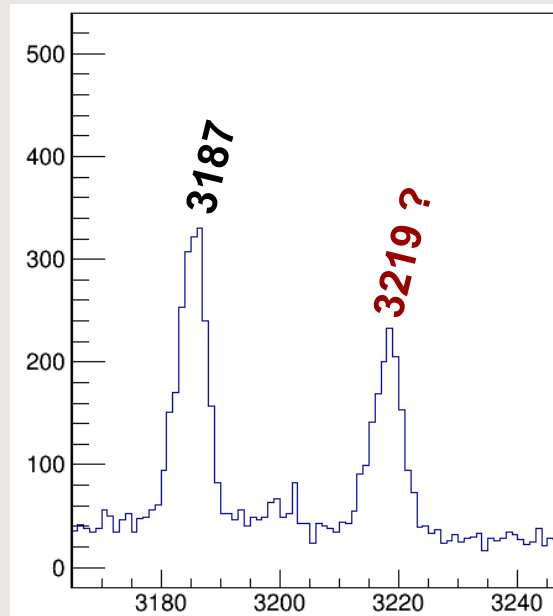
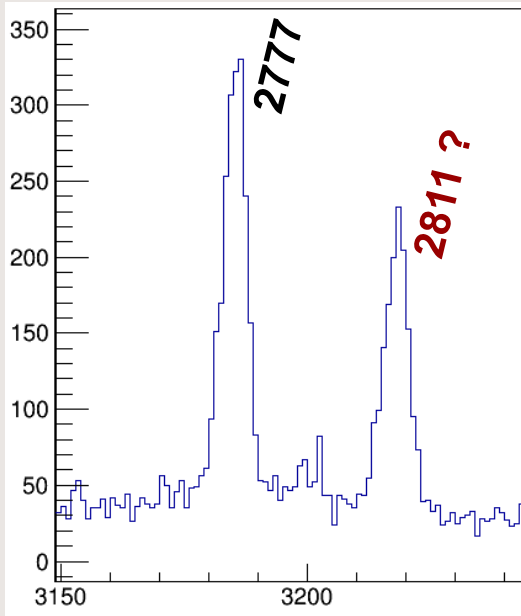
■ No unexplained peaks in 1808 keV gate.

Spectrum gated on 1129 keV

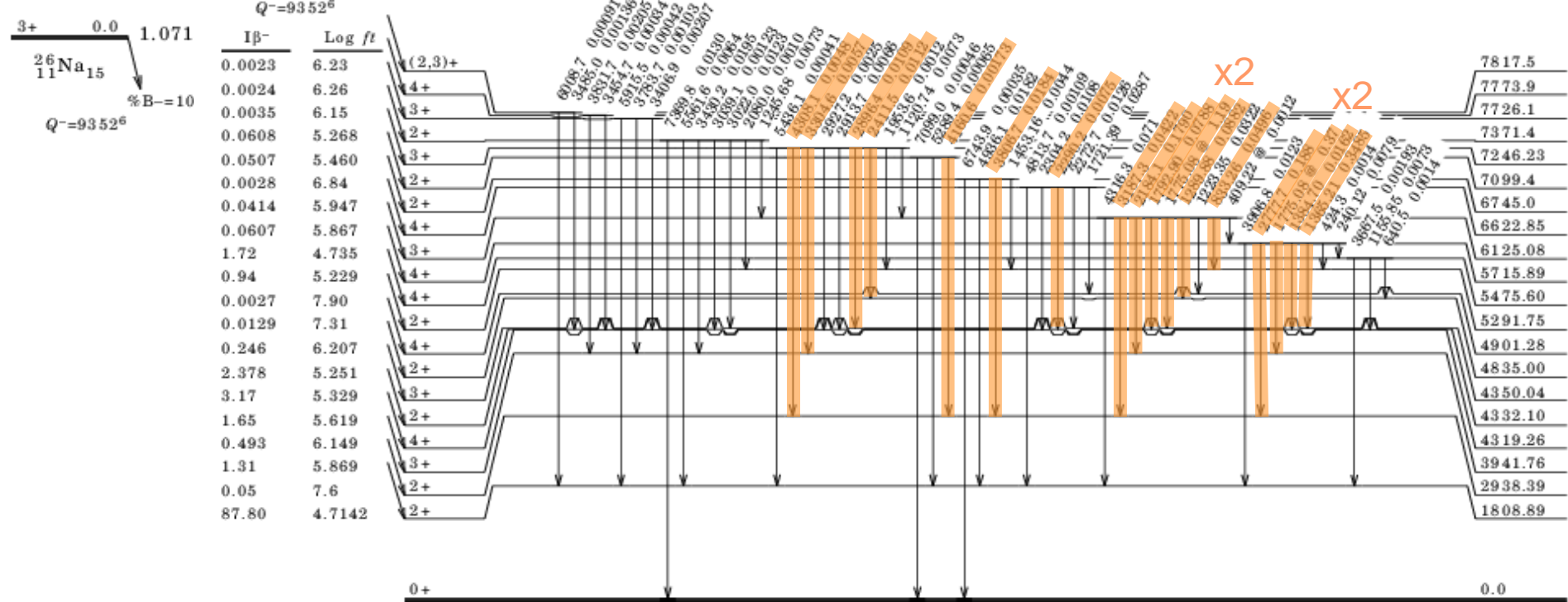




Unexplained peaks in 1129 keV gate



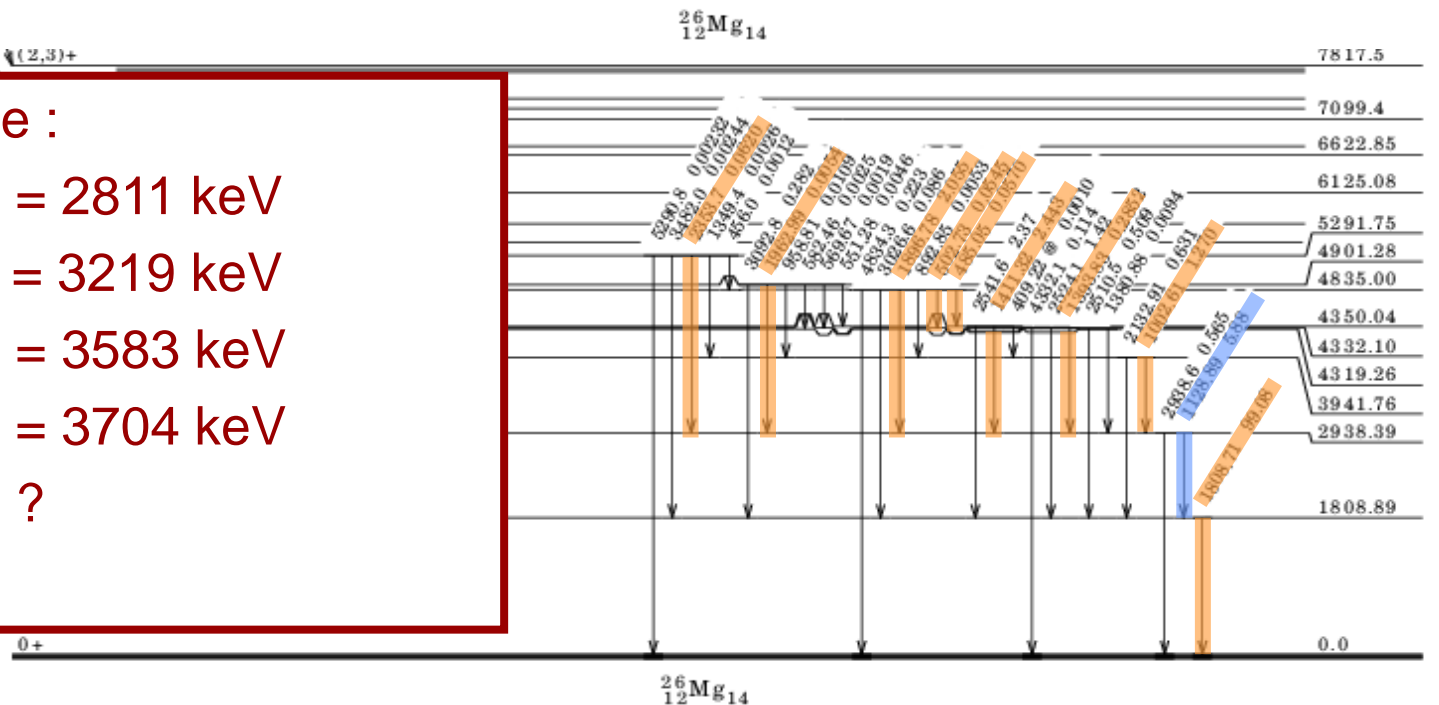
- All 4 unknown peaks are in β -gated spectrum as well.



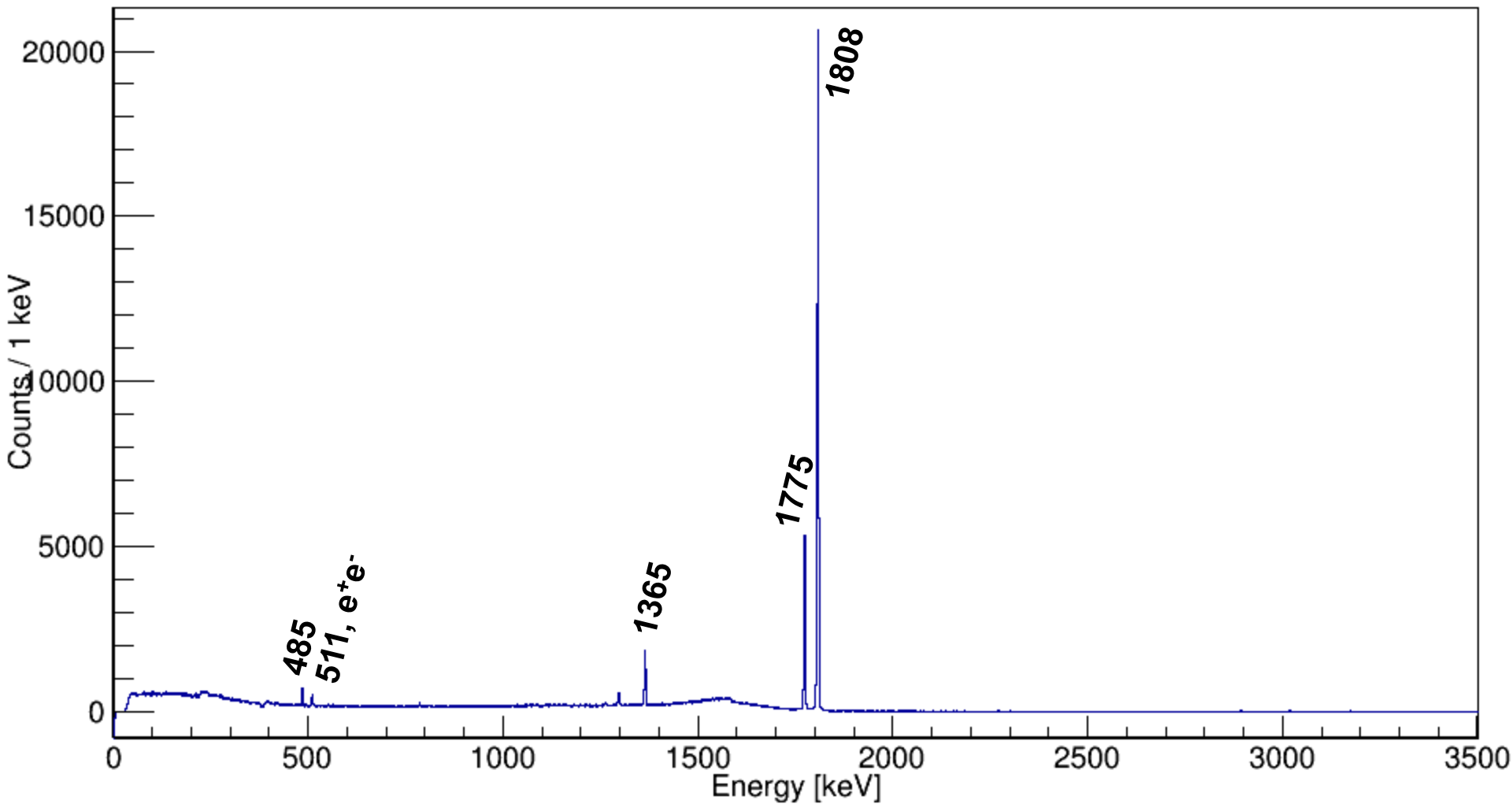
In 1129 keV gate :

- 1808 + 1003 = 2811 keV
- 1808 + 1411 = 3219 keV
- 1808 + 1775 = 3583 keV
- 1808 + 1896 = 3704 keV

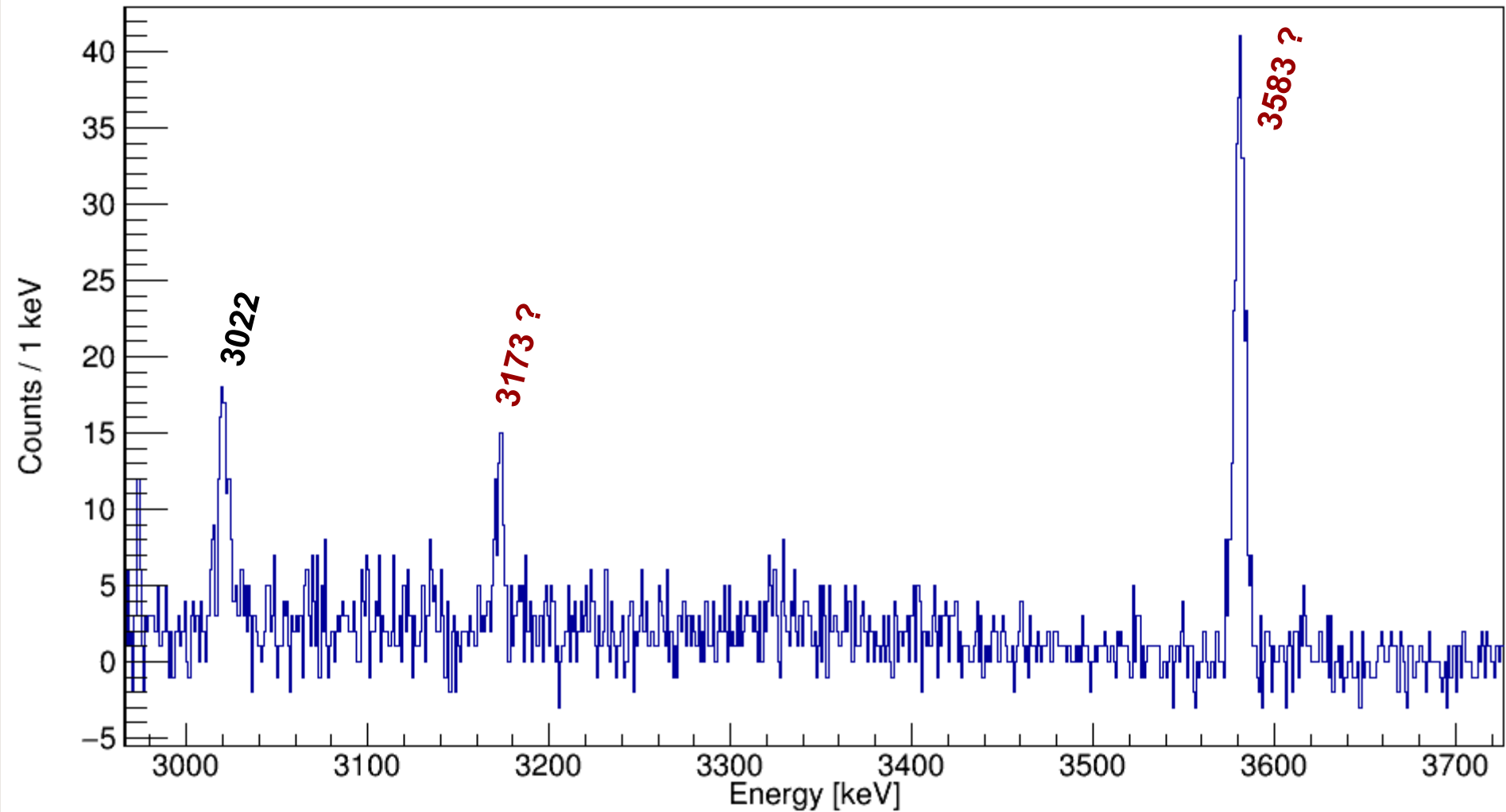
Summed peaks ?

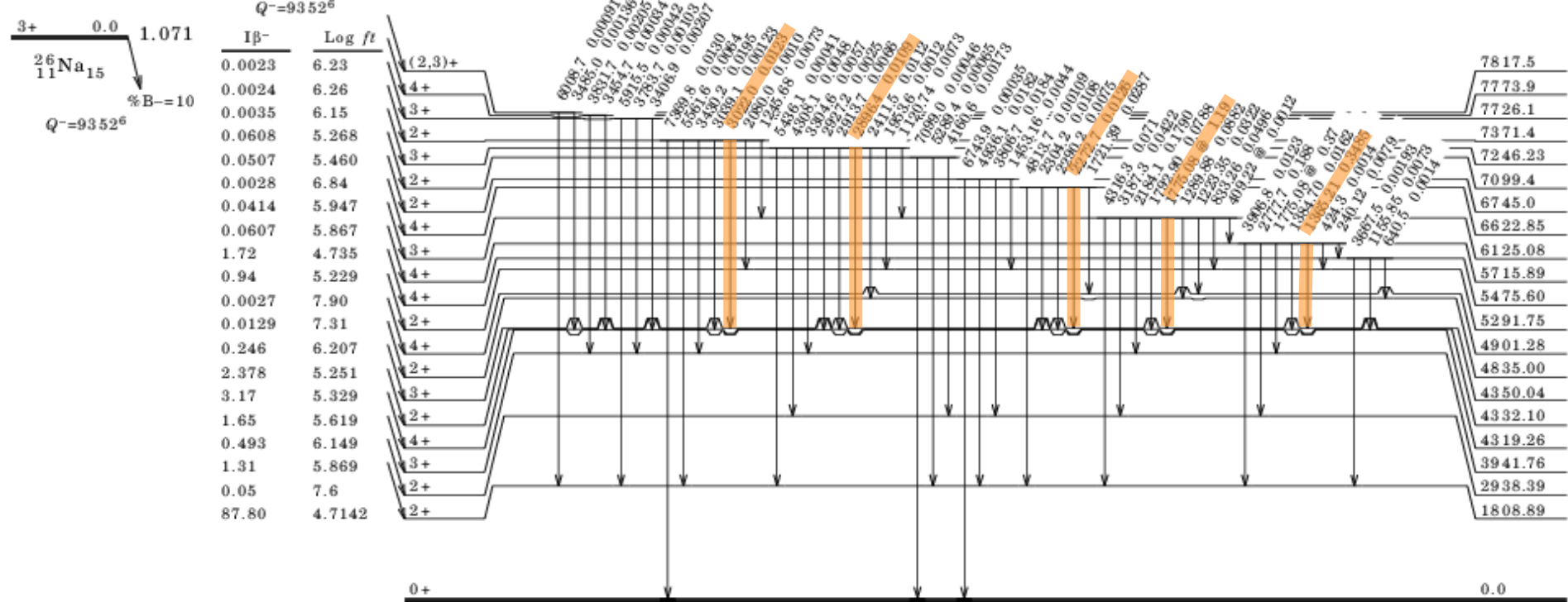


Spectrum gated on 2541 keV



Unexplained peaks in 2541 keV gate

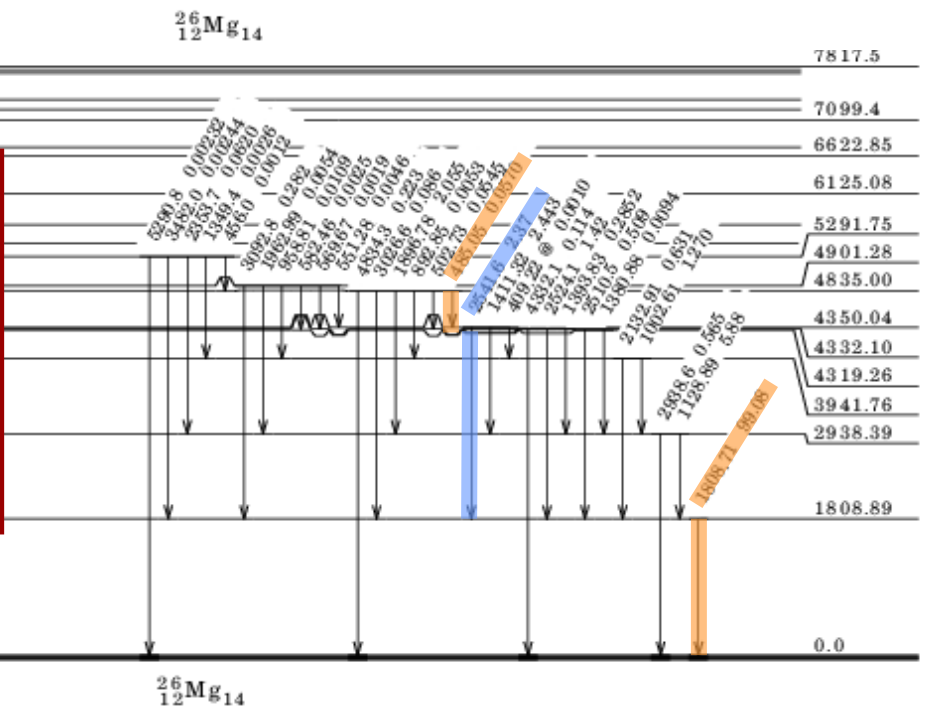




In 2541 keV gate :

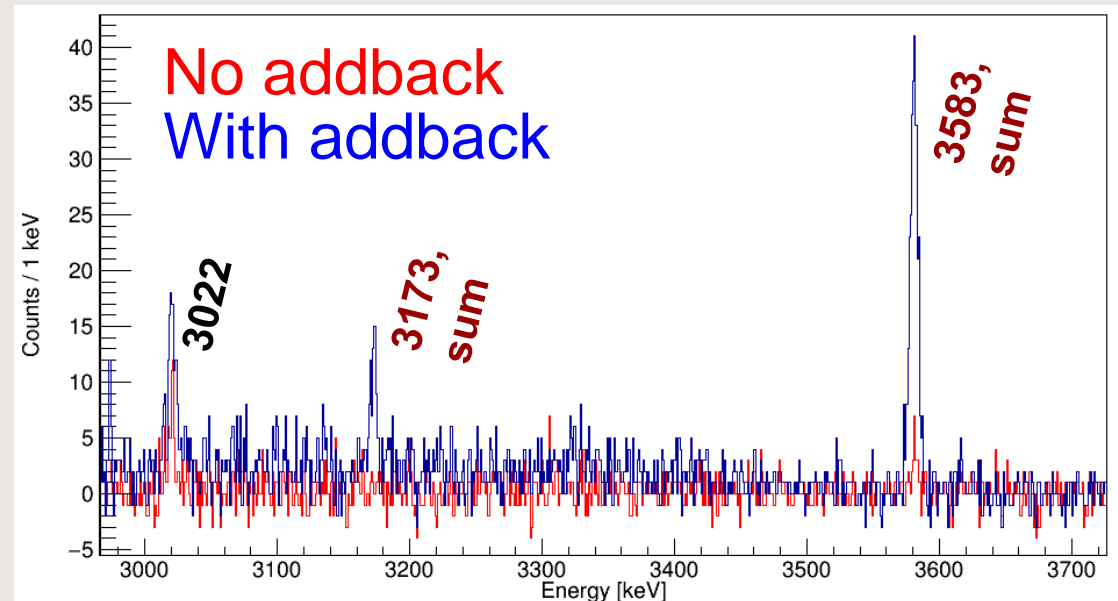
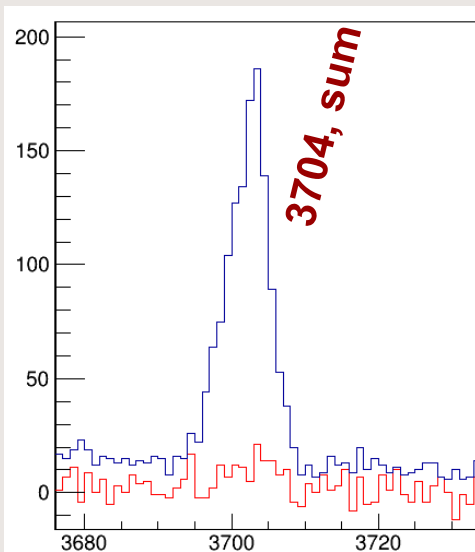
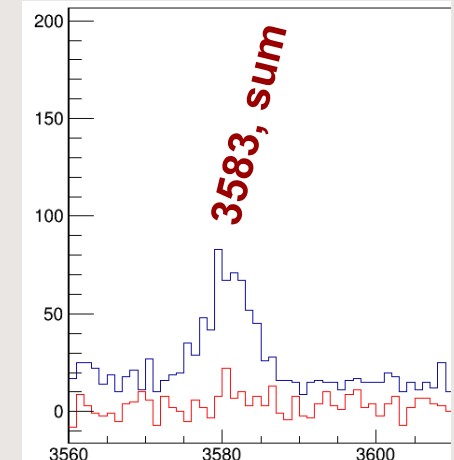
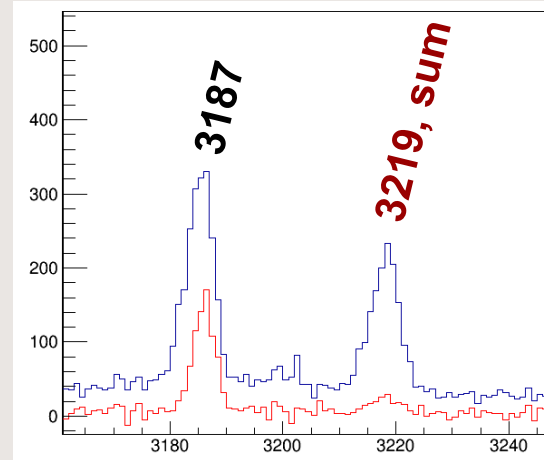
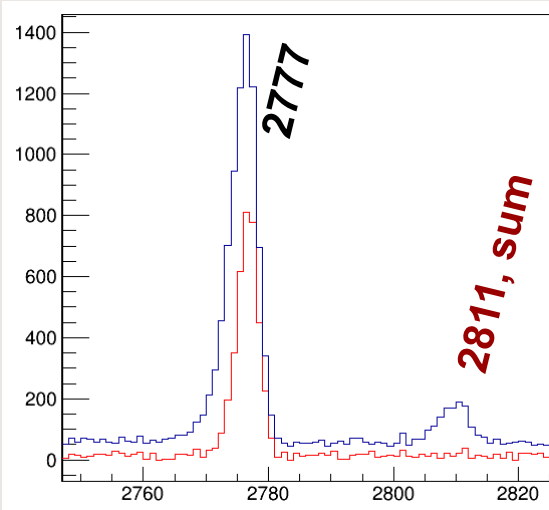
- 1808 + 1365 = 3173 keV
- 1808 + 1775 = 3583 keV

Summed peaks ?



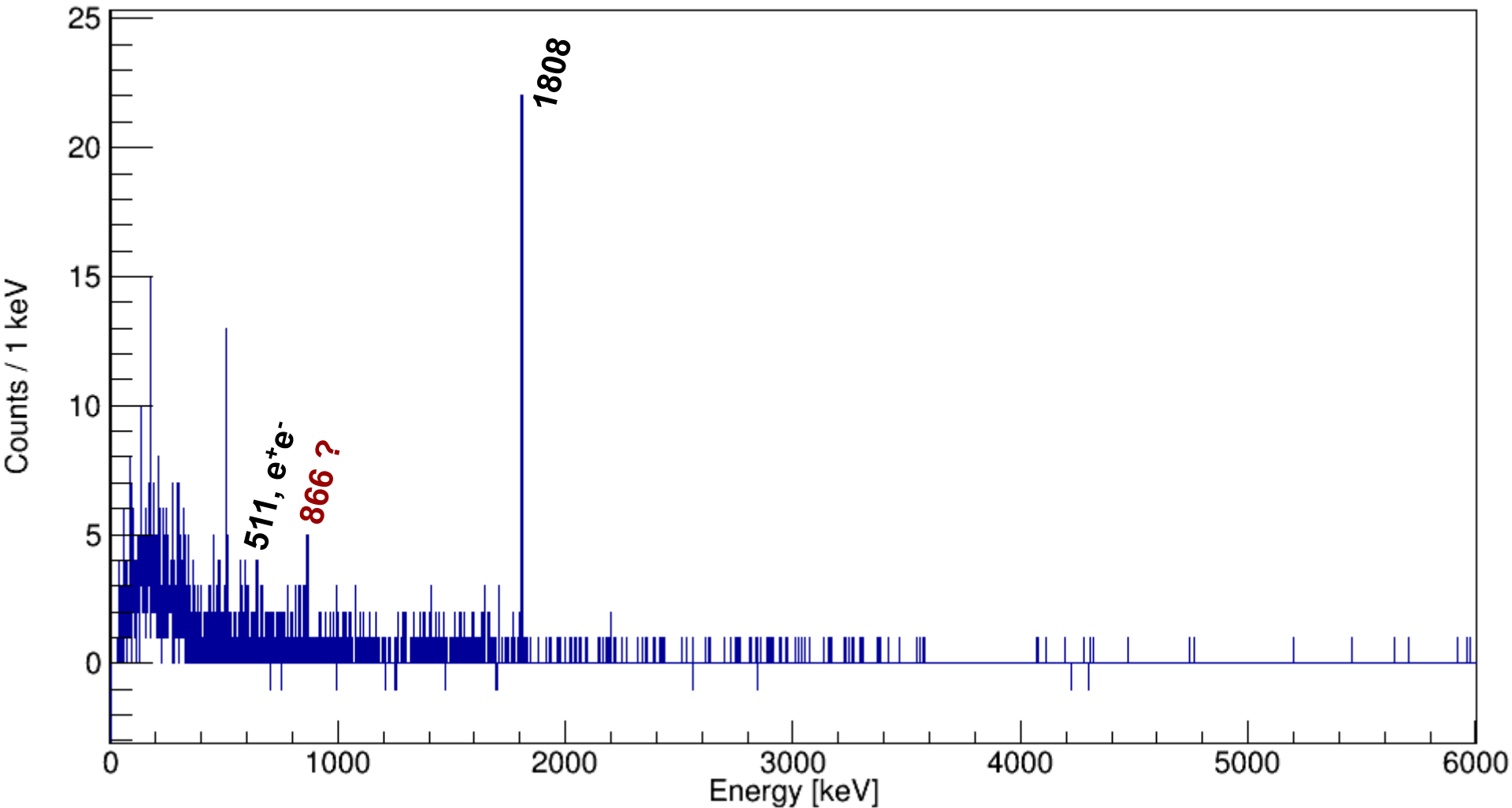
Summed Peaks

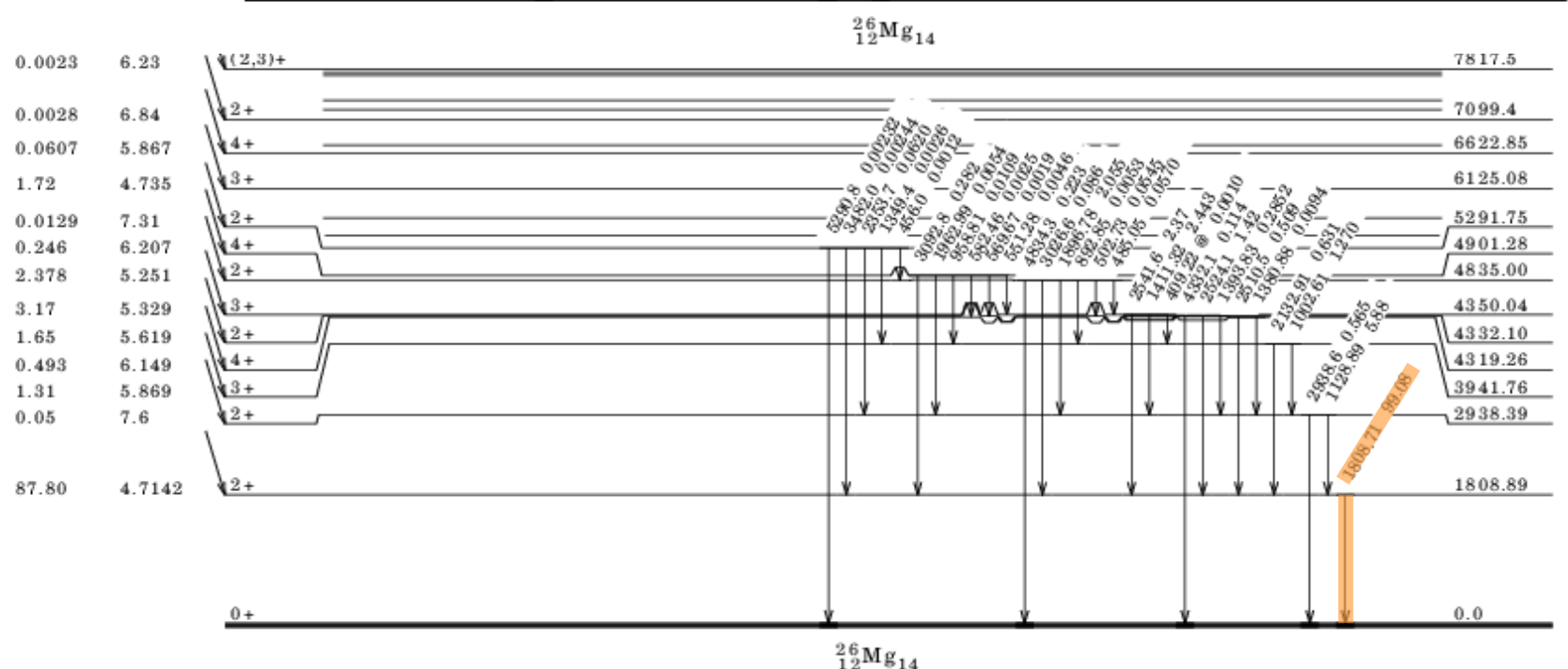
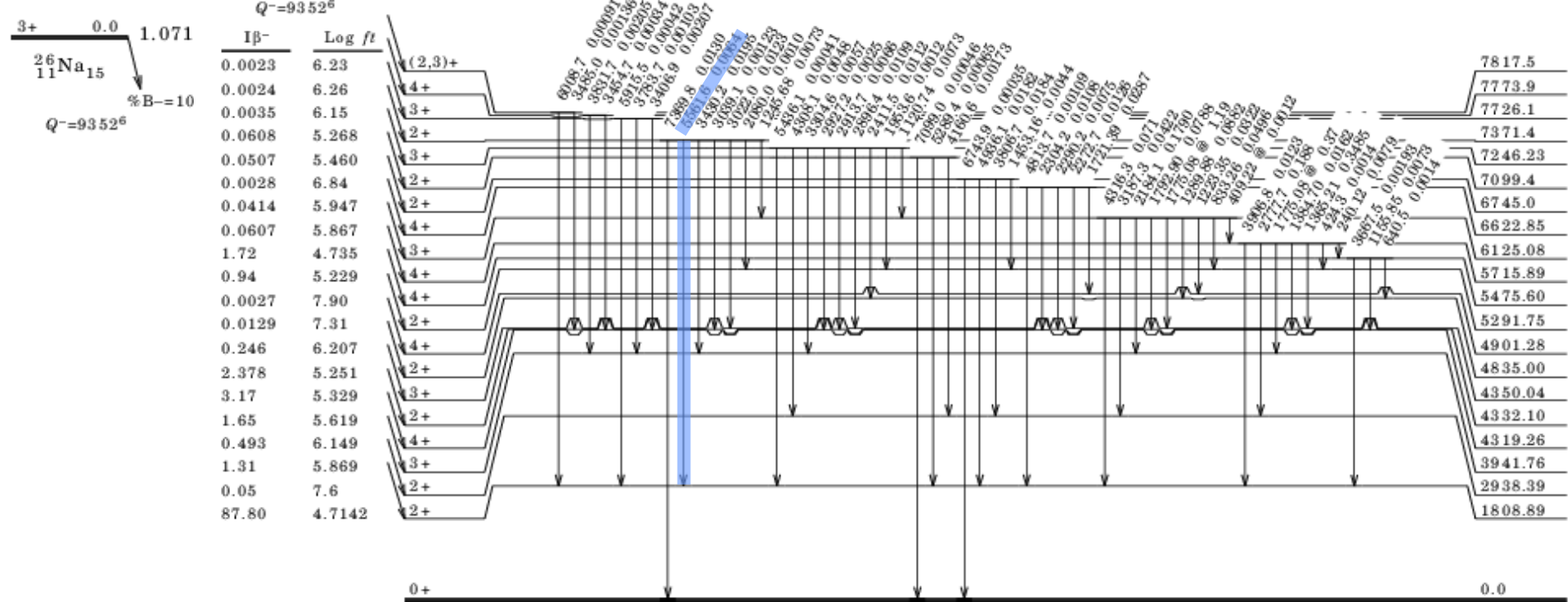
- 'Unknown' peaks greatly reduced without addback.



Spectrum gated on 5562 keV

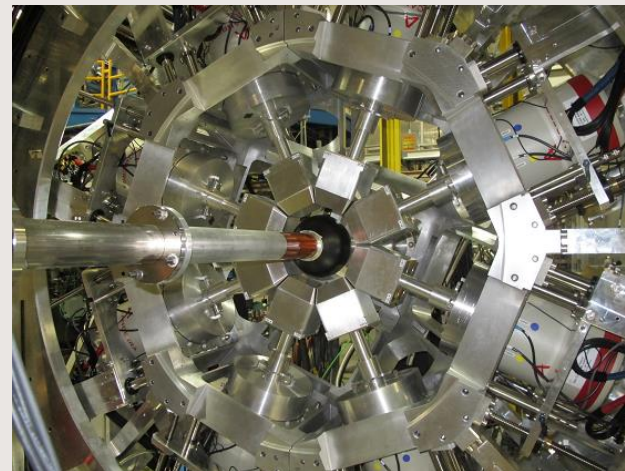
- Weakest** transition seen so far : 0.0064% intensity.





Overview

- **GRIFFIN** provides enormous gains in high-energy and γ - γ coincidence efficiency, enabling both high-precision branching ratio measurements for complex high Q-value β -decays and detailed spectroscopic studies of the most exotic beams produced by the new **ARIEL** facility with intensities **below 0.01 ions/s**.
- The ^{26}Na commissioning is a great opportunity with this well known decay scheme to **scrutinize the performance** of the array and investigate various features of the new device in order to fully understand the new experimental datasets.



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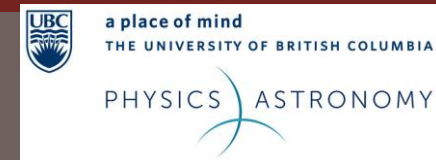
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