

Coulomb Excitation of Light Mercury Isotopes

The study of shape-coexistence near the $Z=82$ shell closure

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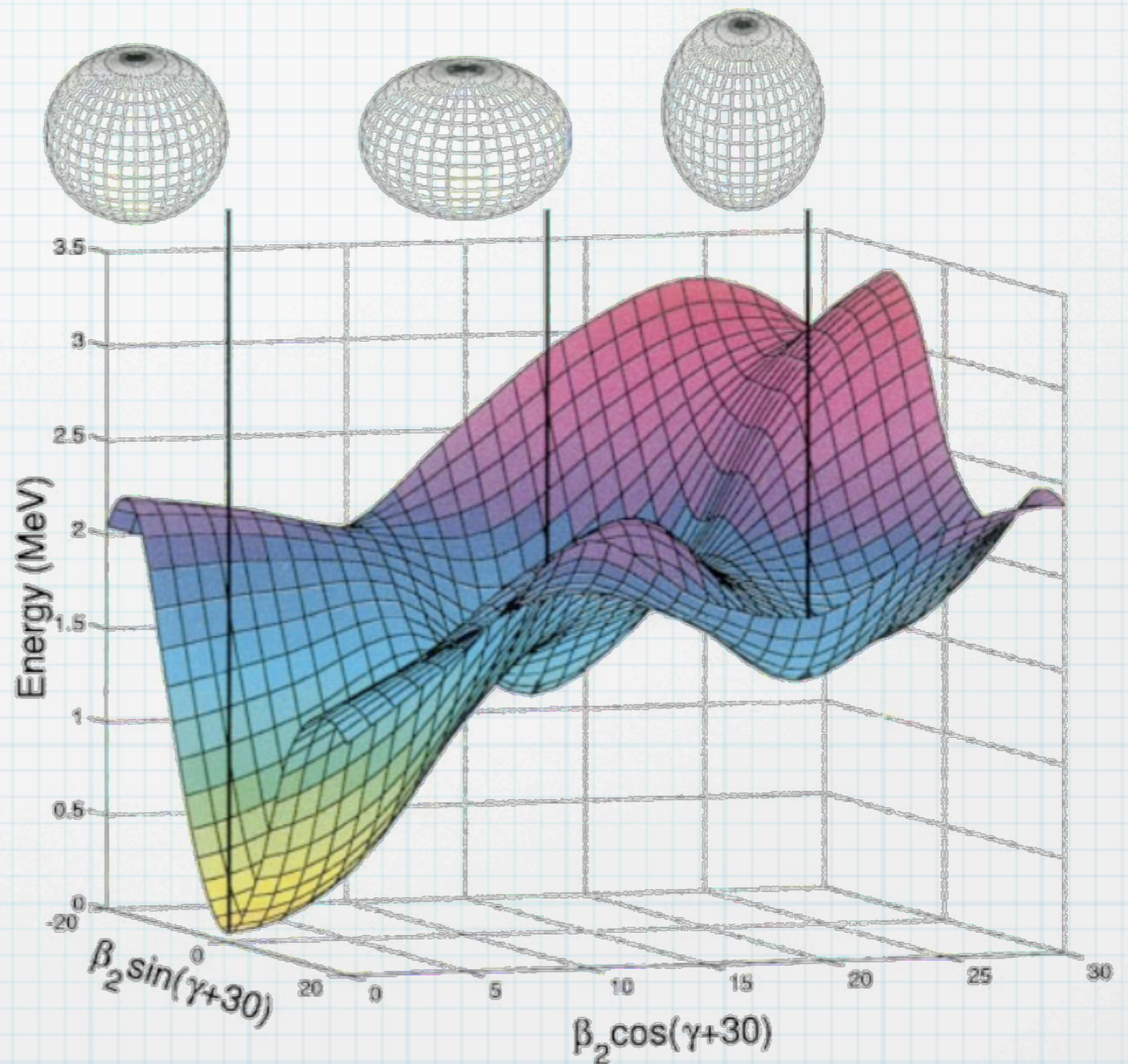
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Introduction

- * Shape coexistence discovered over 30 years ago
- * 0^+ states: heads of differently shaped intrinsic structures
- * ^{186}Pb : triplet of 0^+ states
- * Particle hole configurations

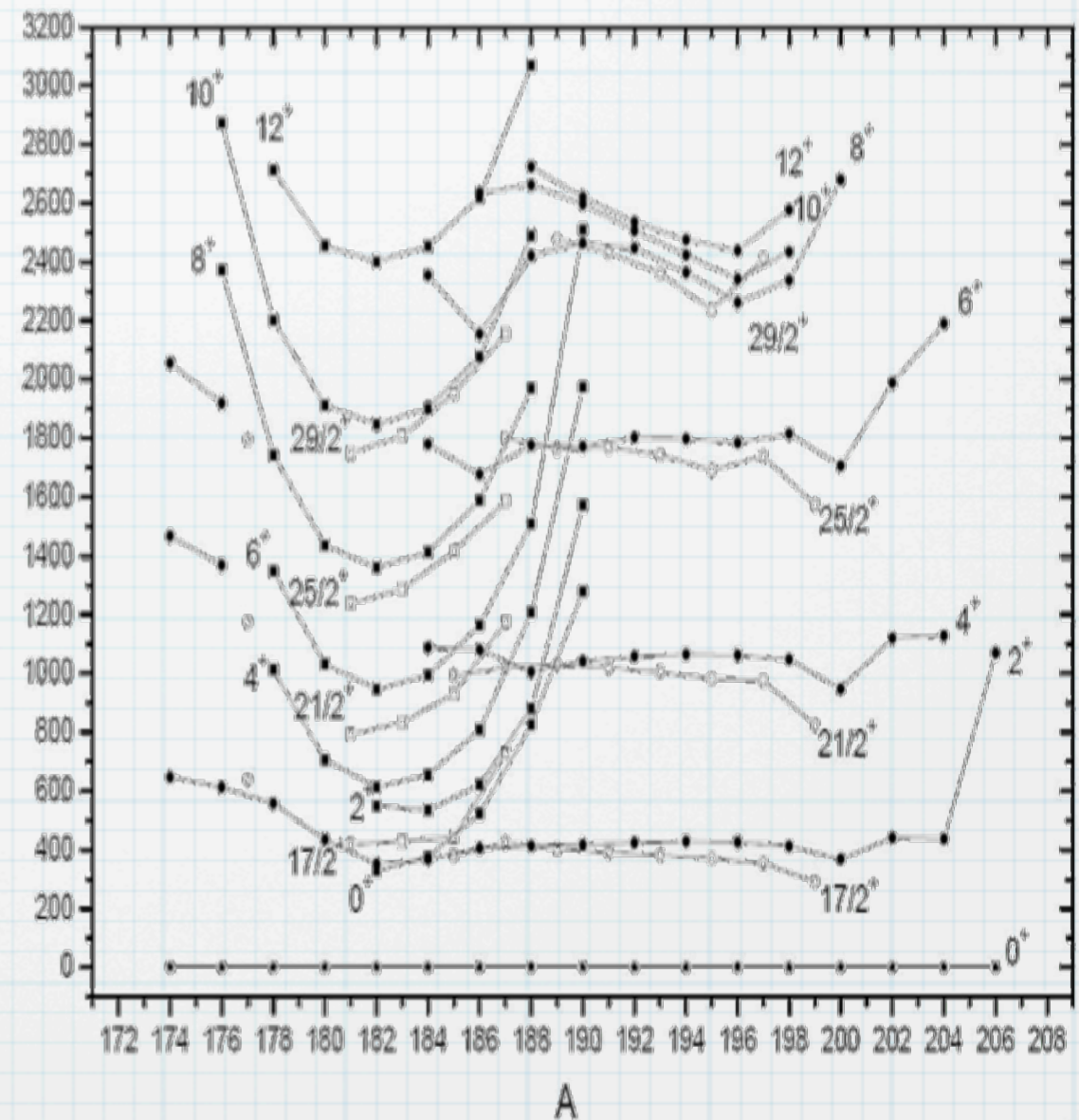
Spherical	Prolate	Oblate
0p-0h	2p-2h	4p-4h



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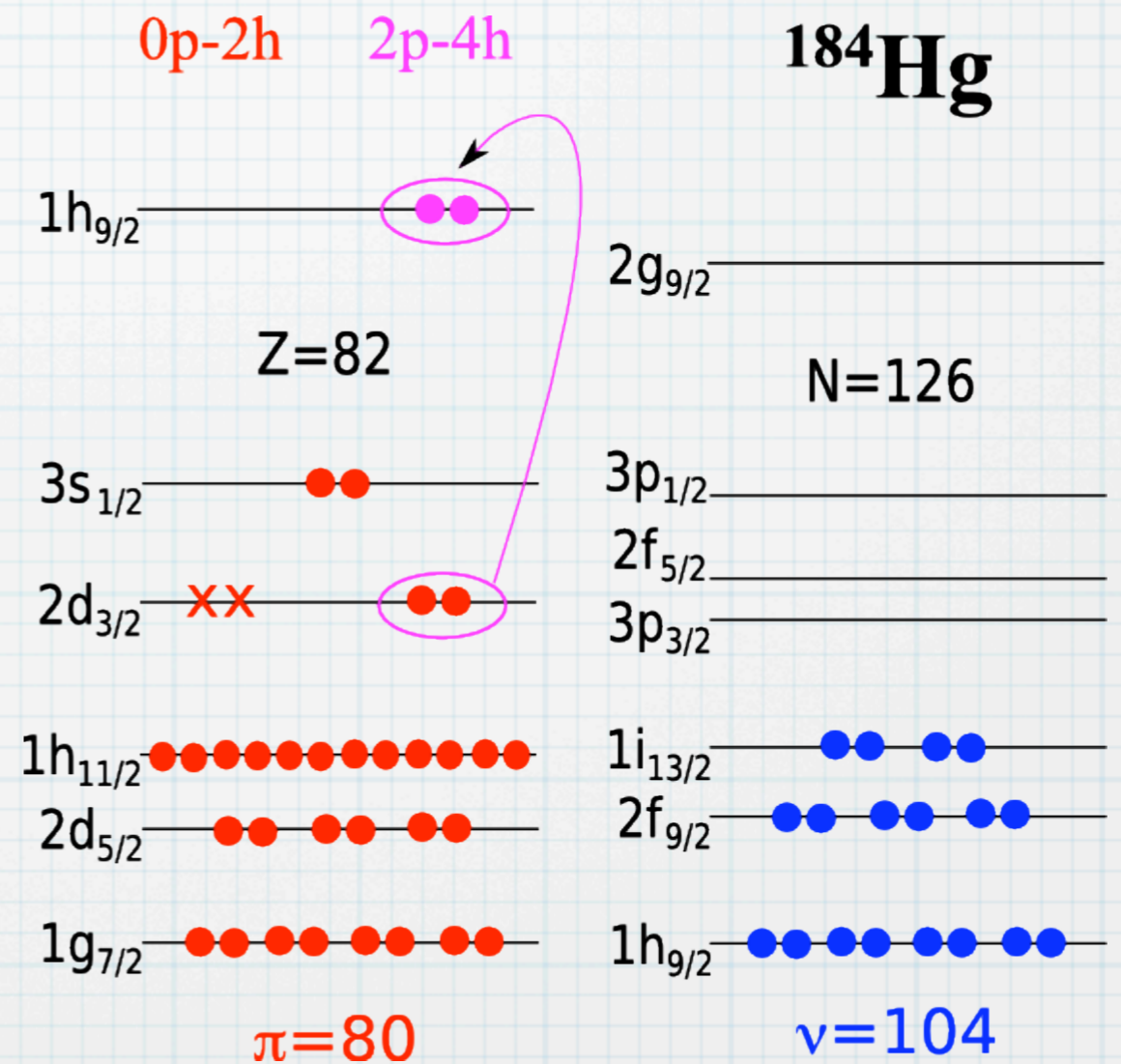
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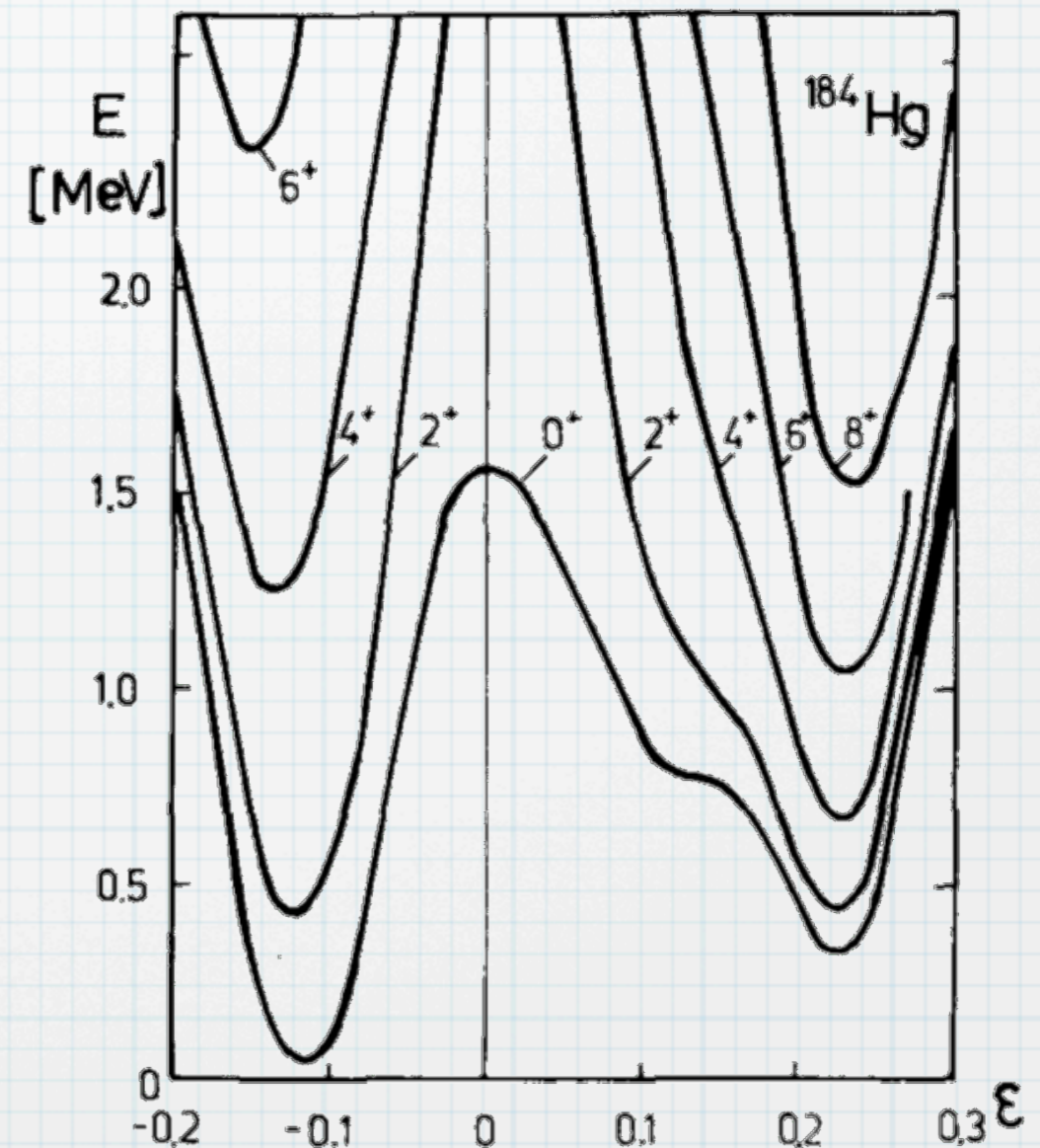
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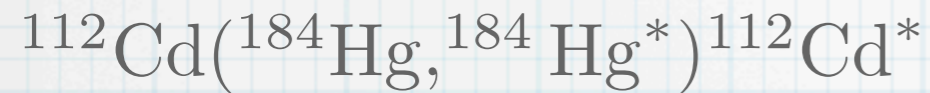
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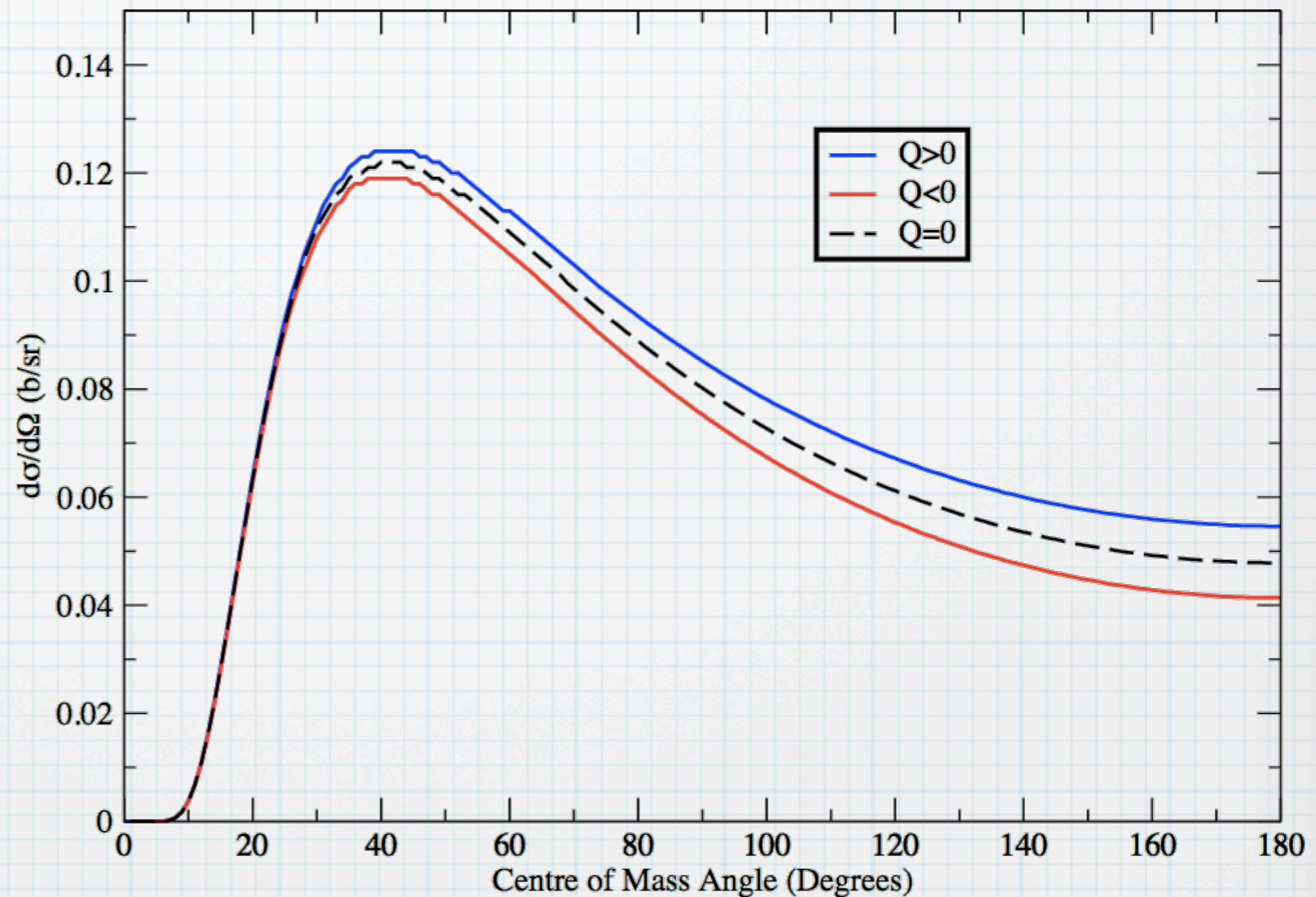


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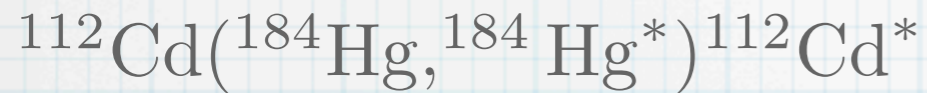
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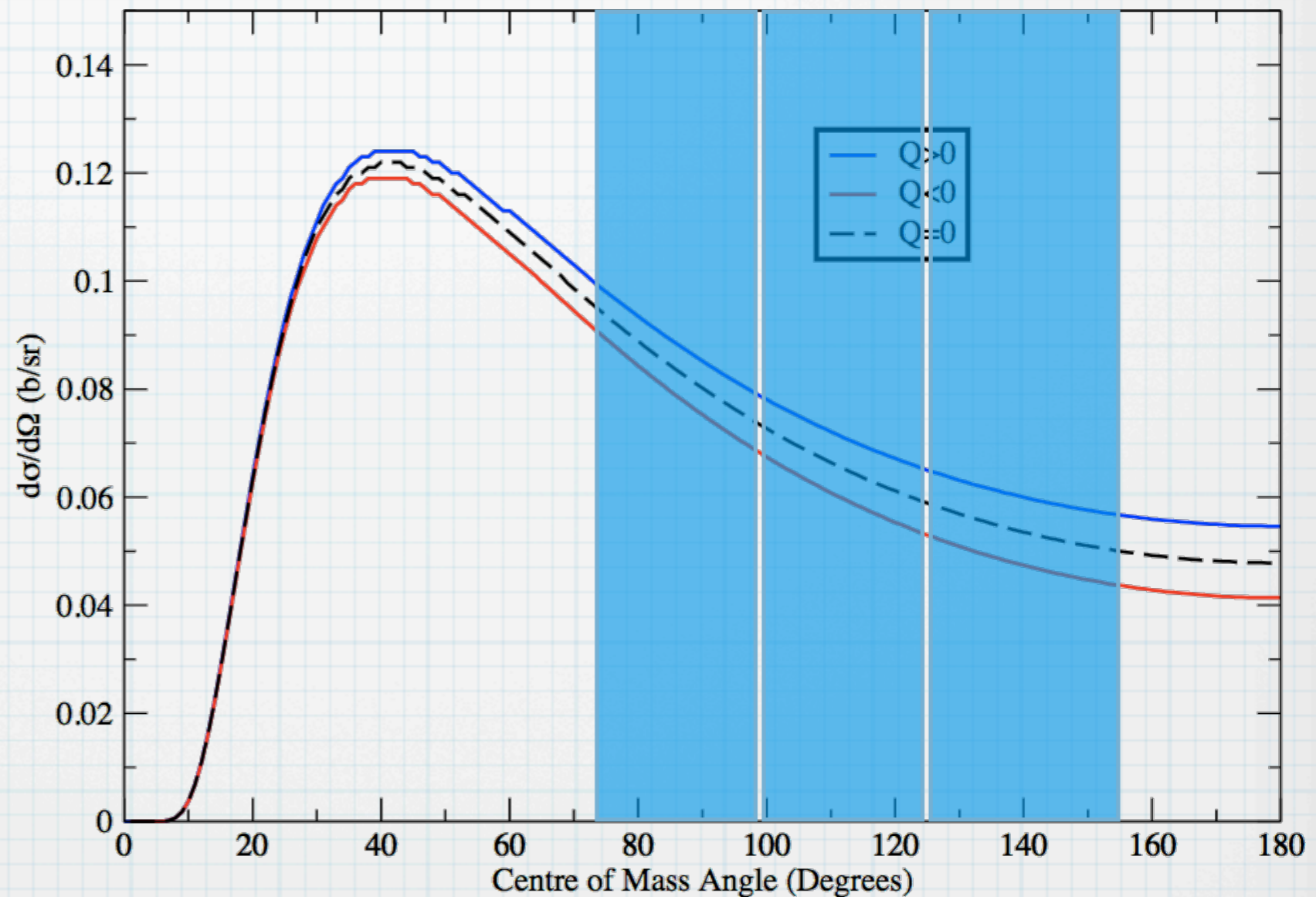
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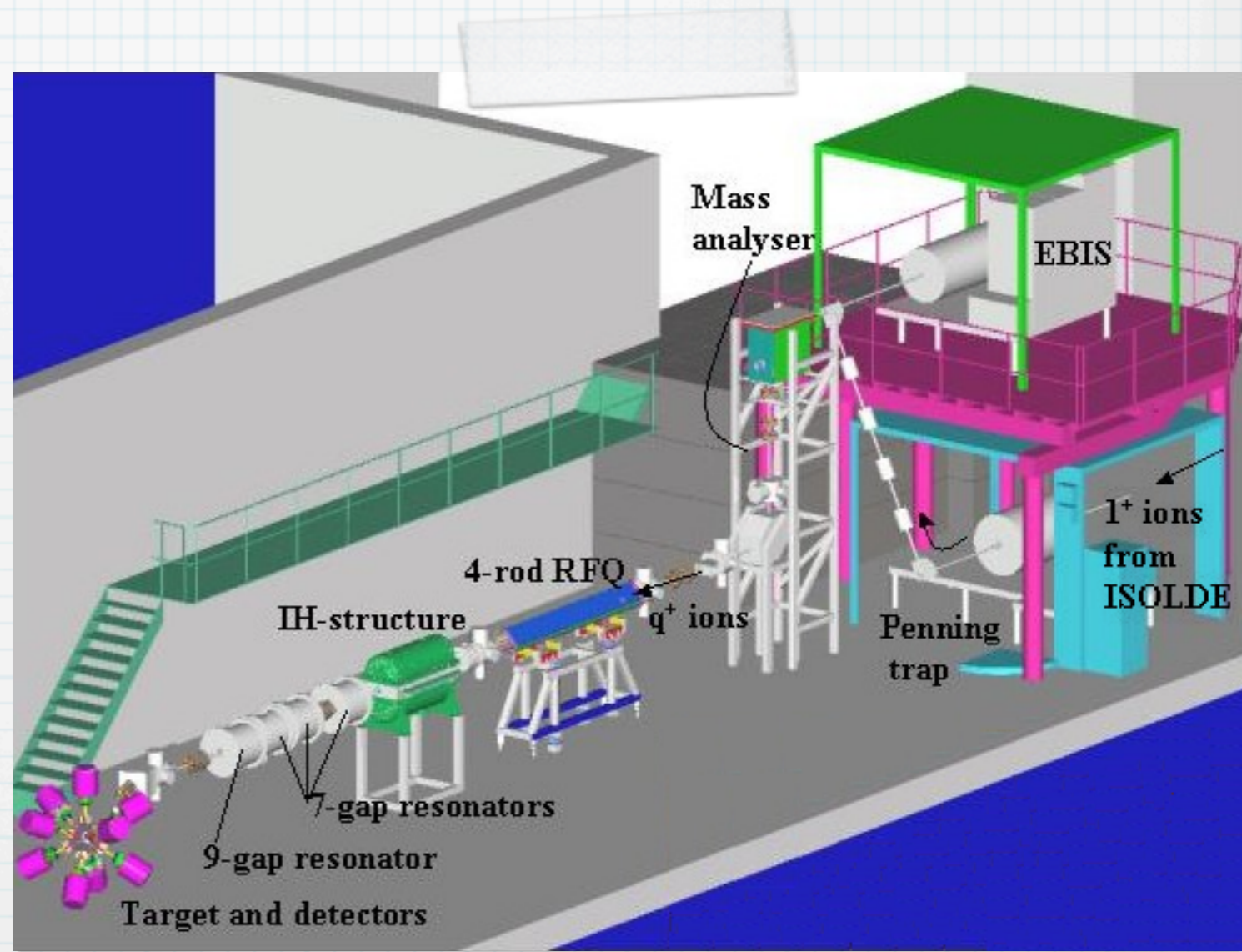


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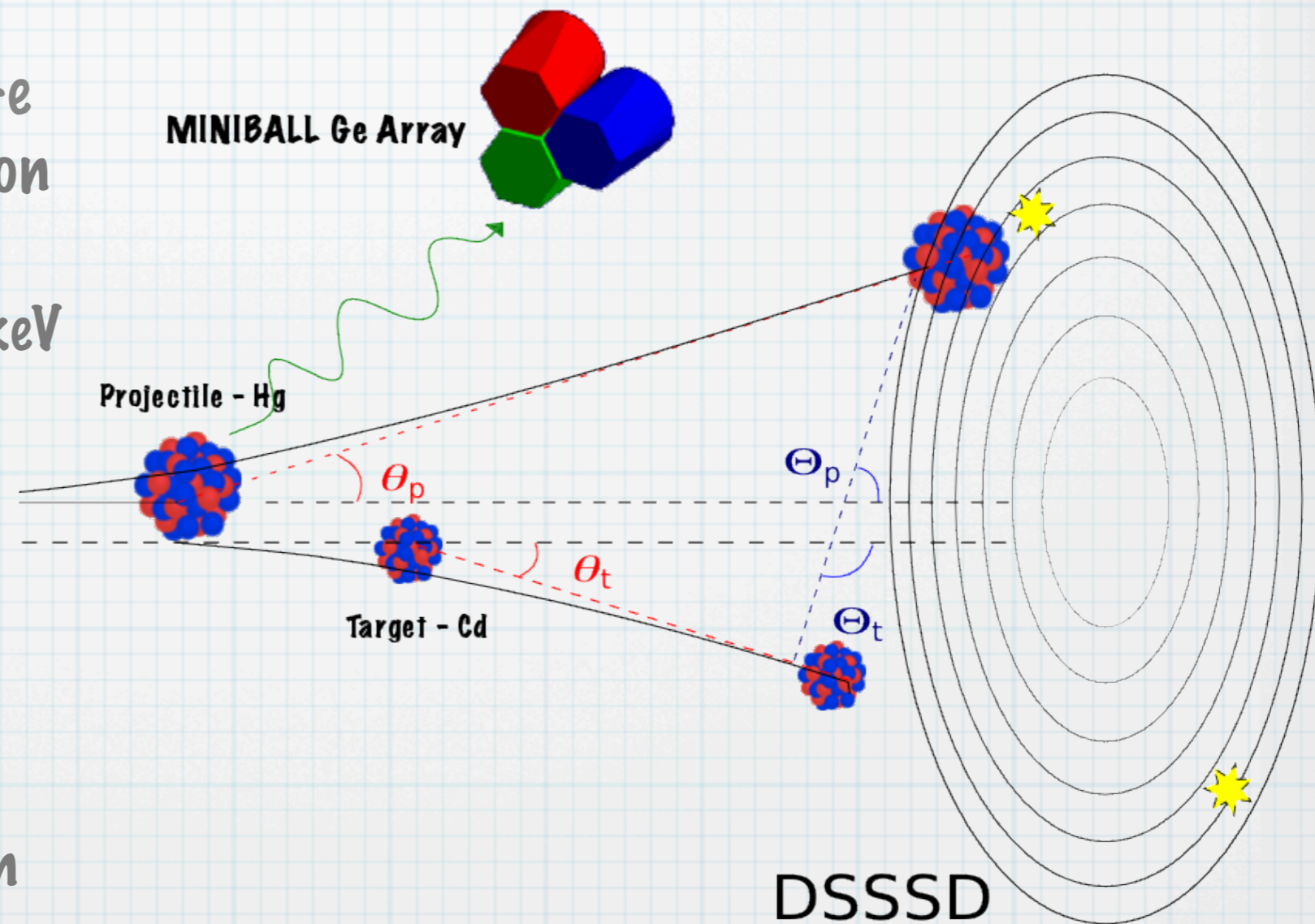
Experimental Set-up

- * REX-ISOLDE delivers > 600 isotopes post-accelerated up to 3.2 A.MeV to MINIBALL
- * PS Booster: 1 or 1.4 GeV protons on molten Pb primary target
- * REXTRAP/EBIS: trap, bunch and charge breed ions to $4 \leq A/q \leq 5$
- * REX-Linac: Mass separator RFQ, IHS, 7-gap and 9-gap



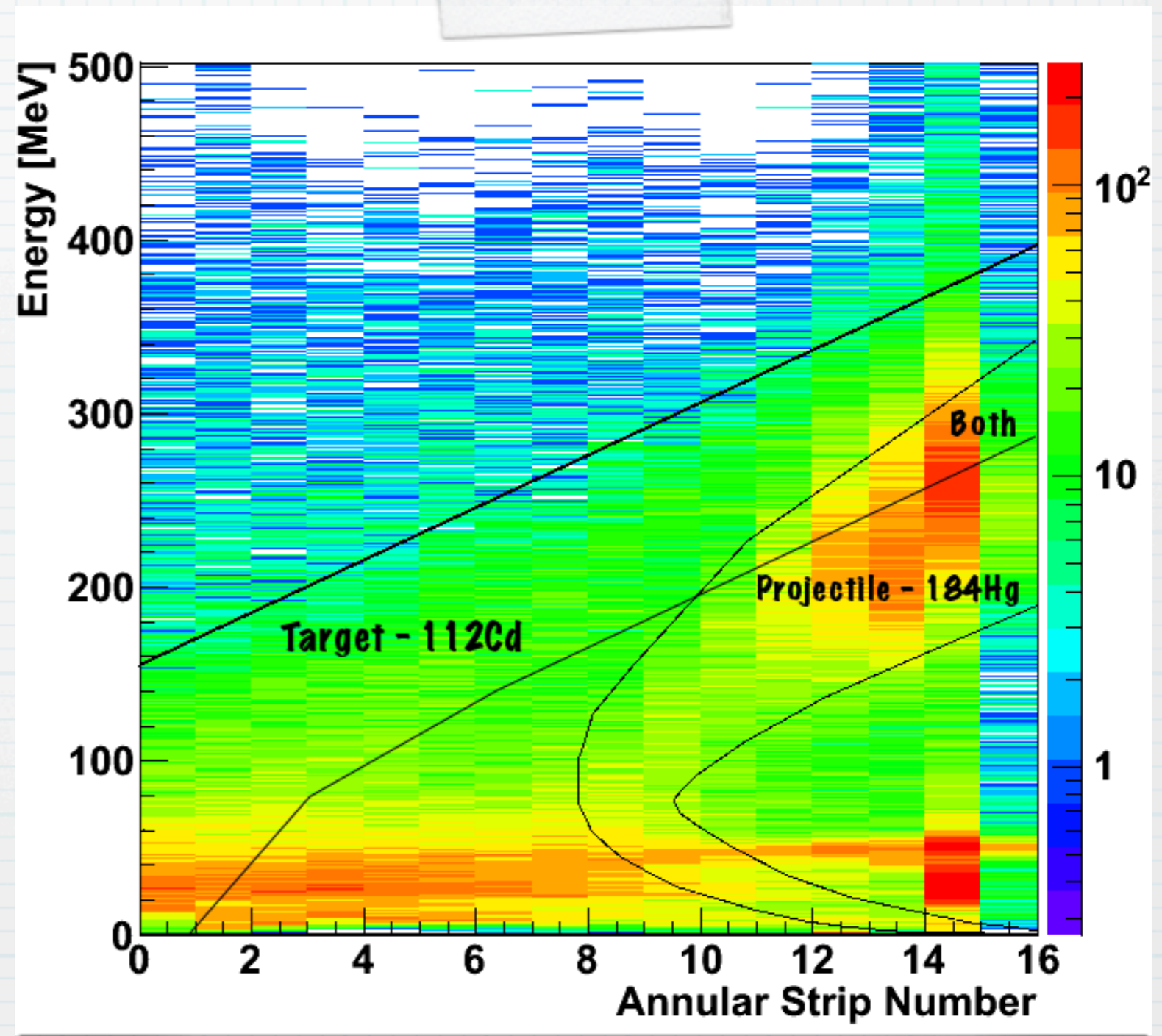
Experimental Set-up

- * MINIBALL - 8 triple cluster Ge detectors, 6-fold segmentation
- * $\epsilon > 7\%$ at 1.3 MeV FWHM $\approx 7\text{keV}$
- * DSSSD gives θ, φ and energy loss information
- * Kinematic reconstruction, gating and Doppler correction



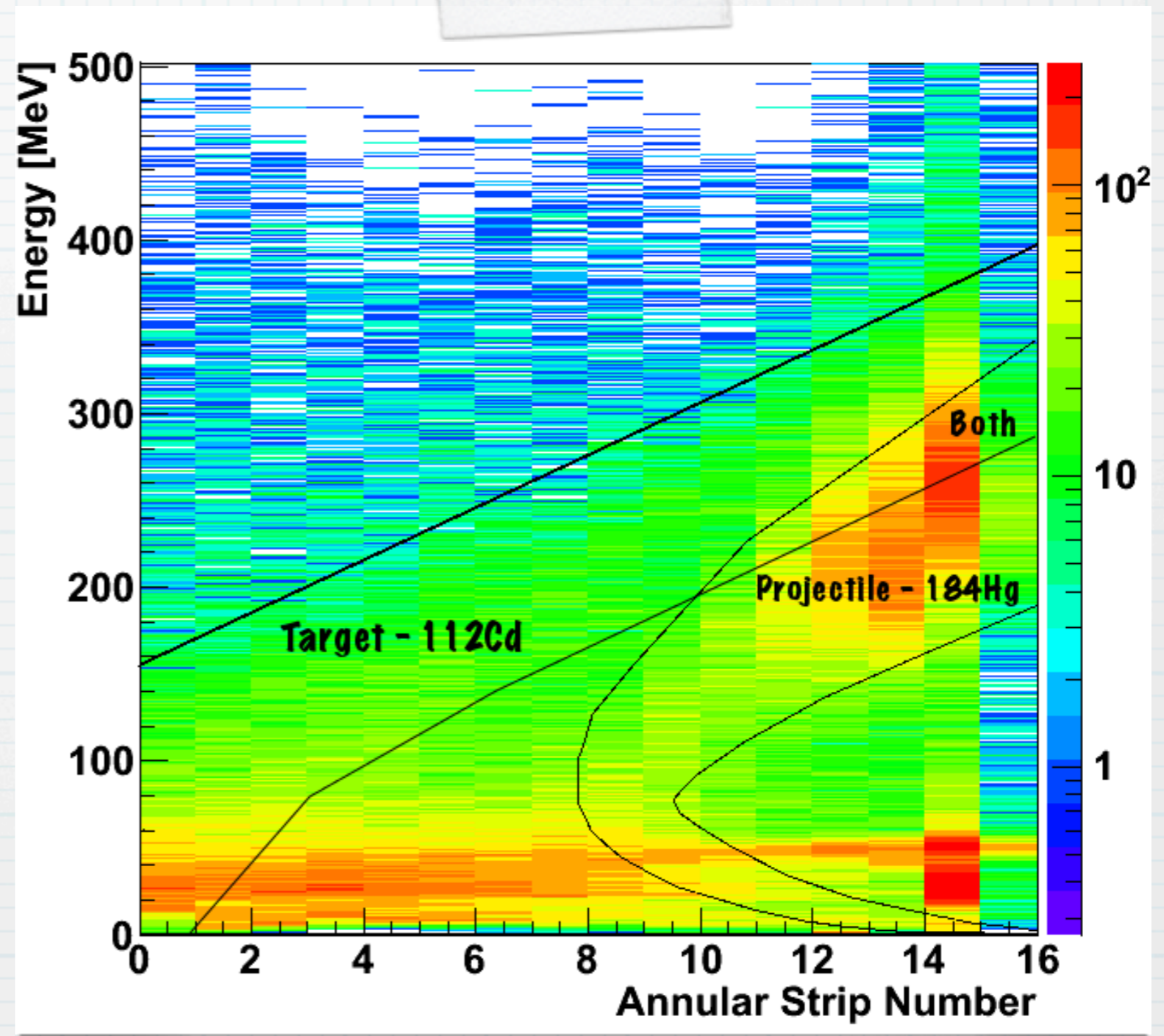
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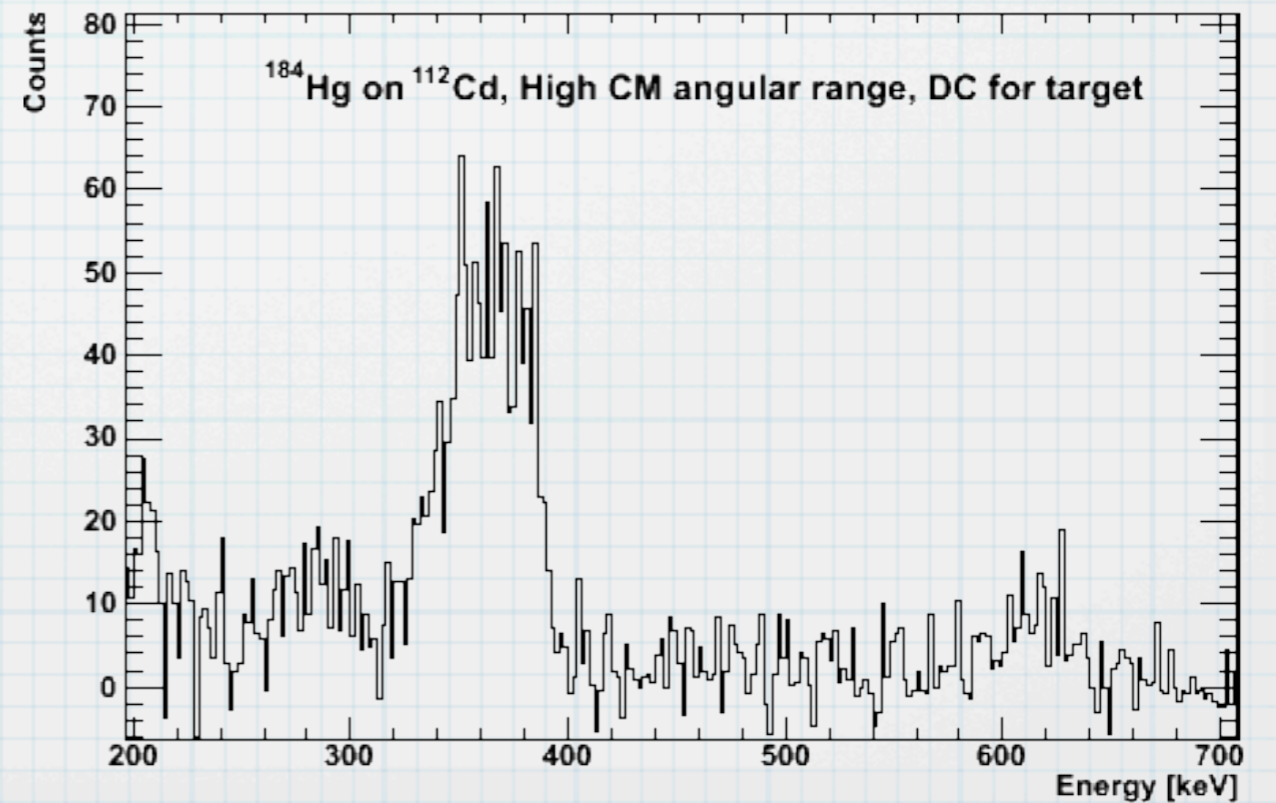
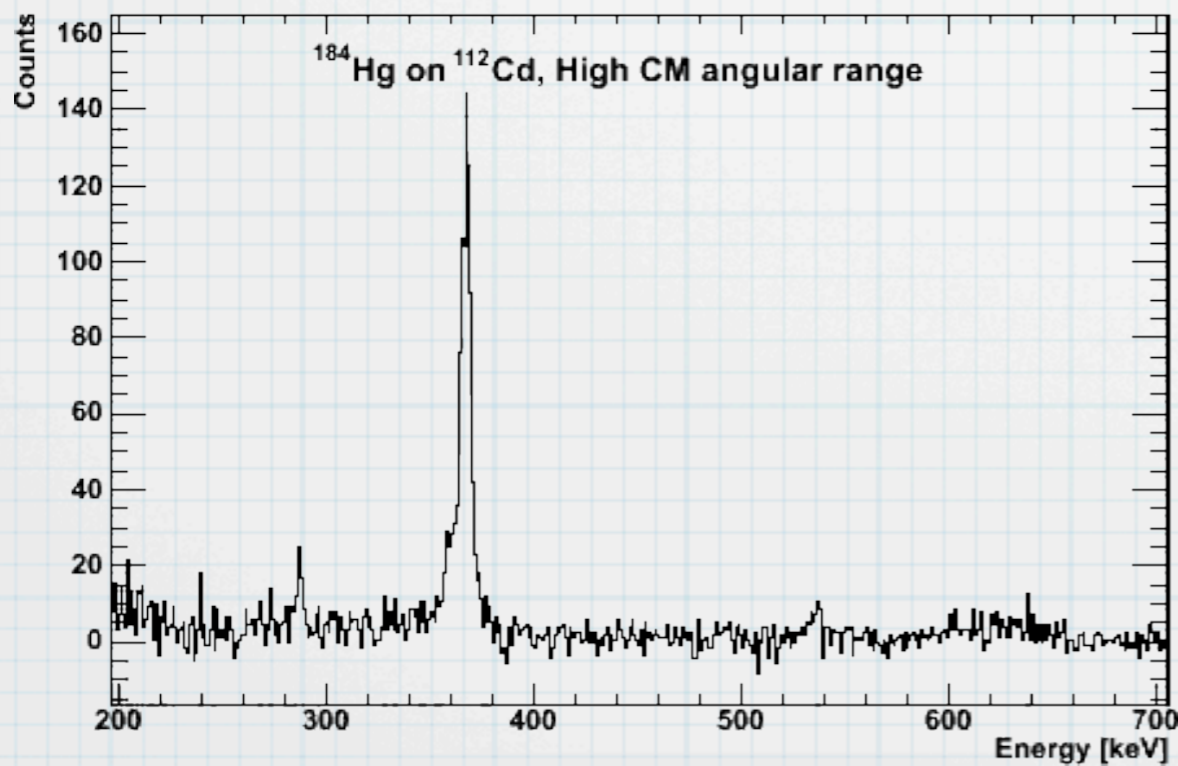
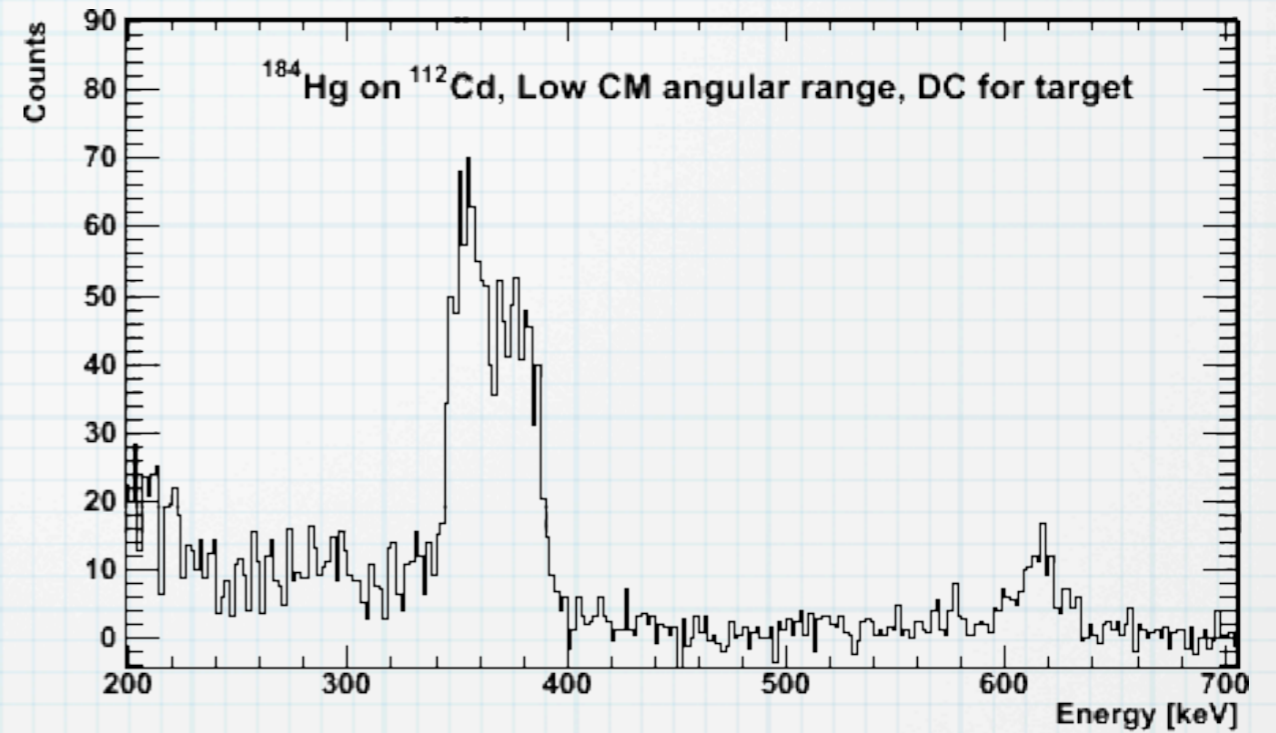
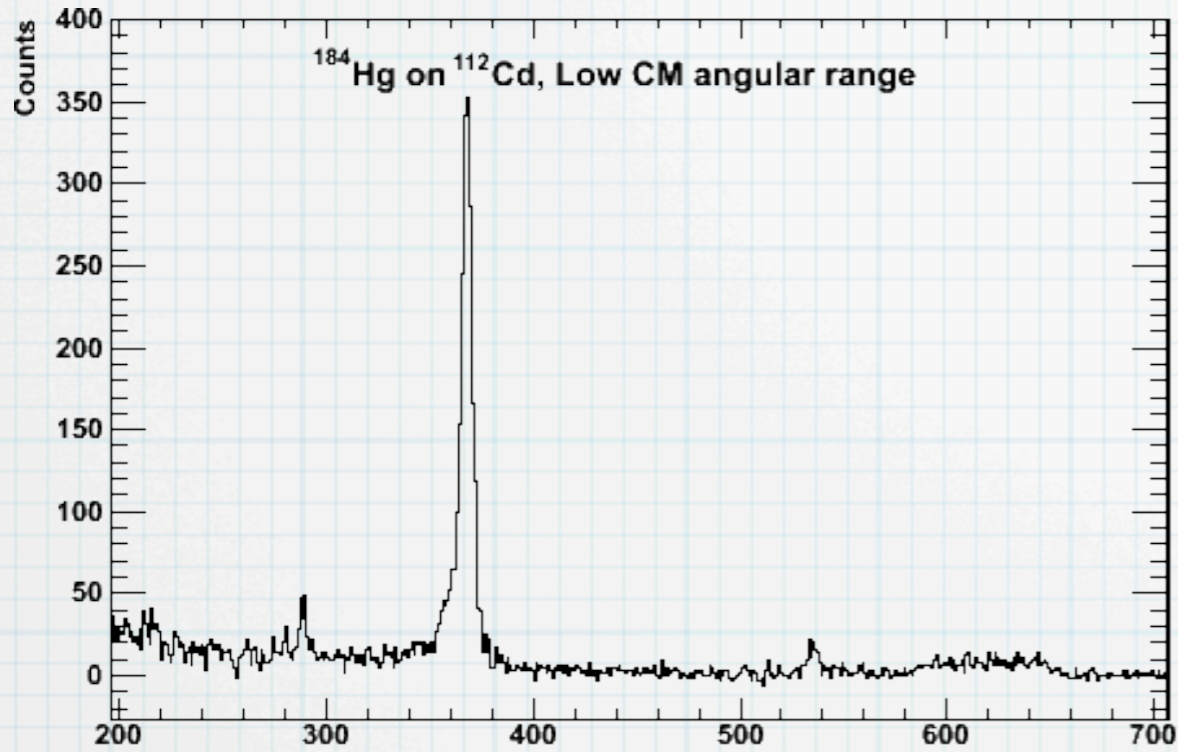


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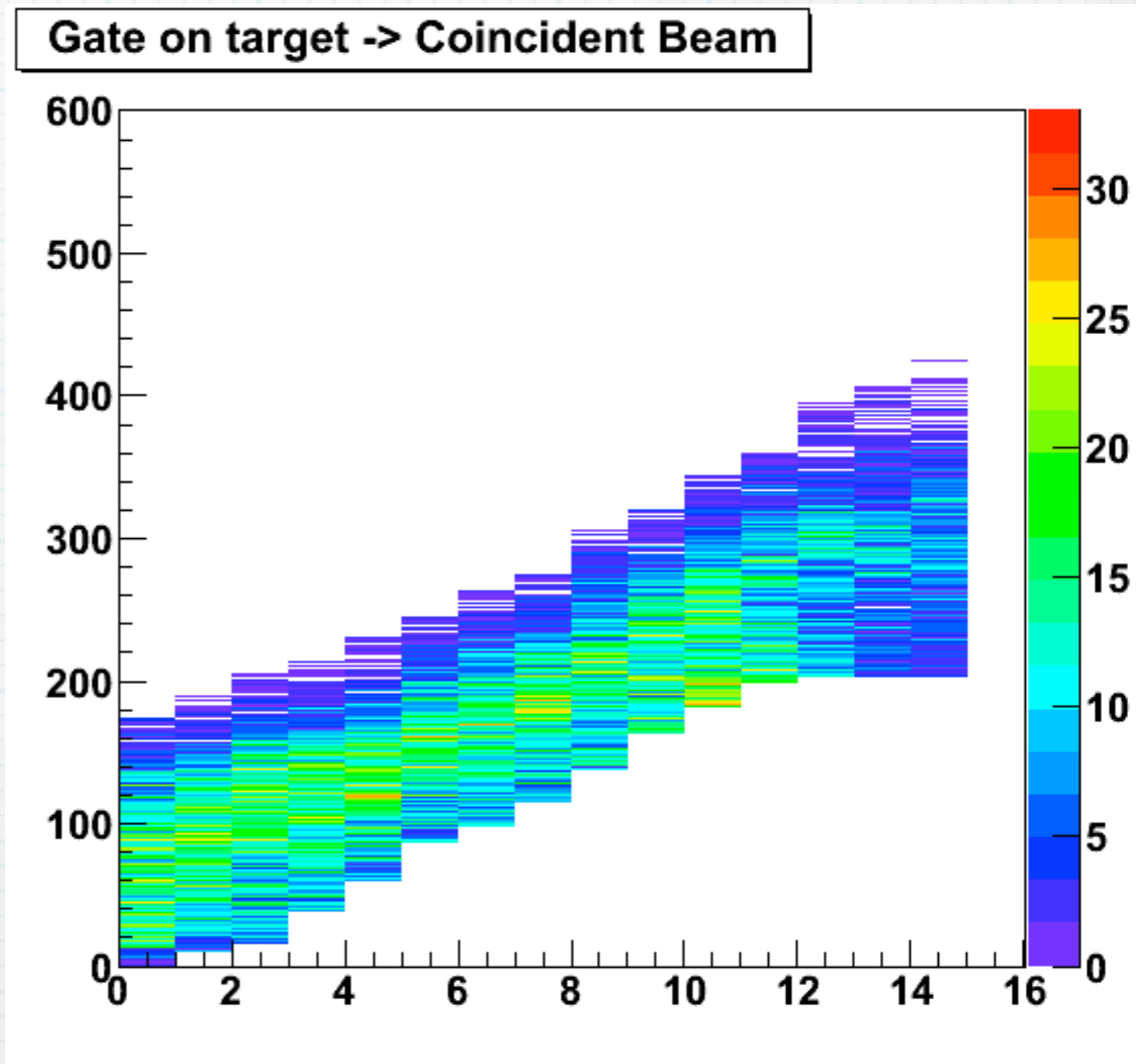


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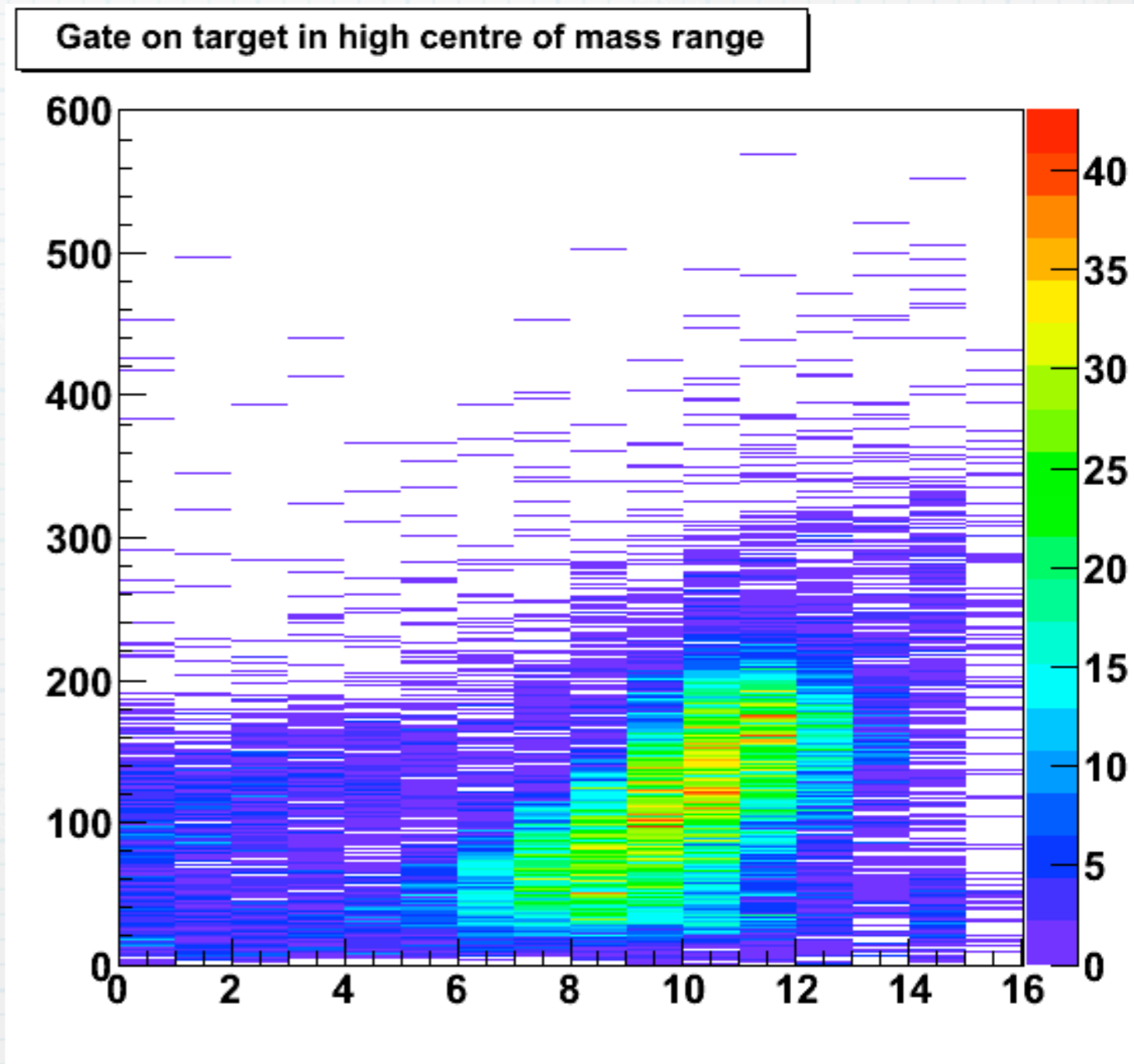
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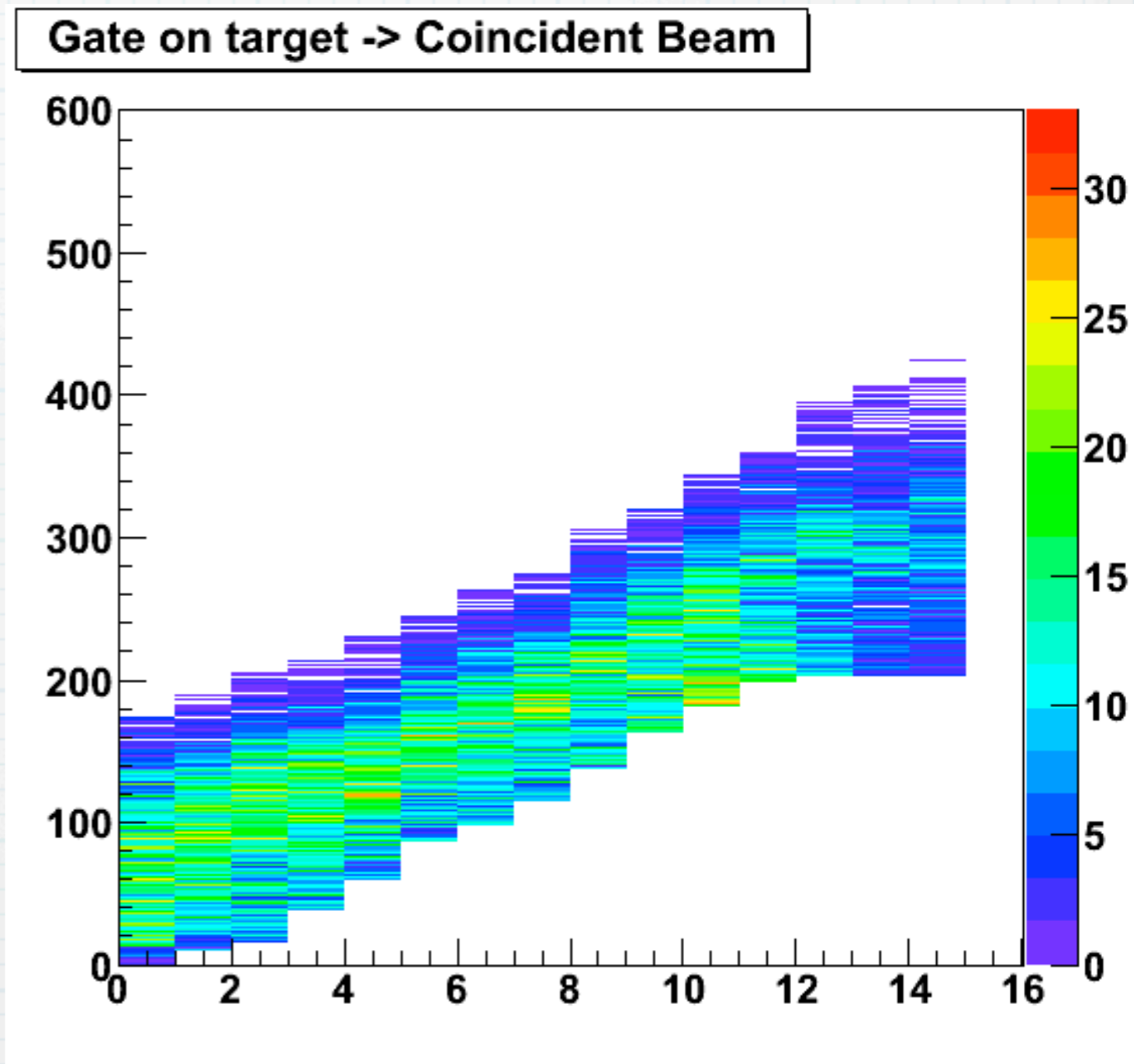
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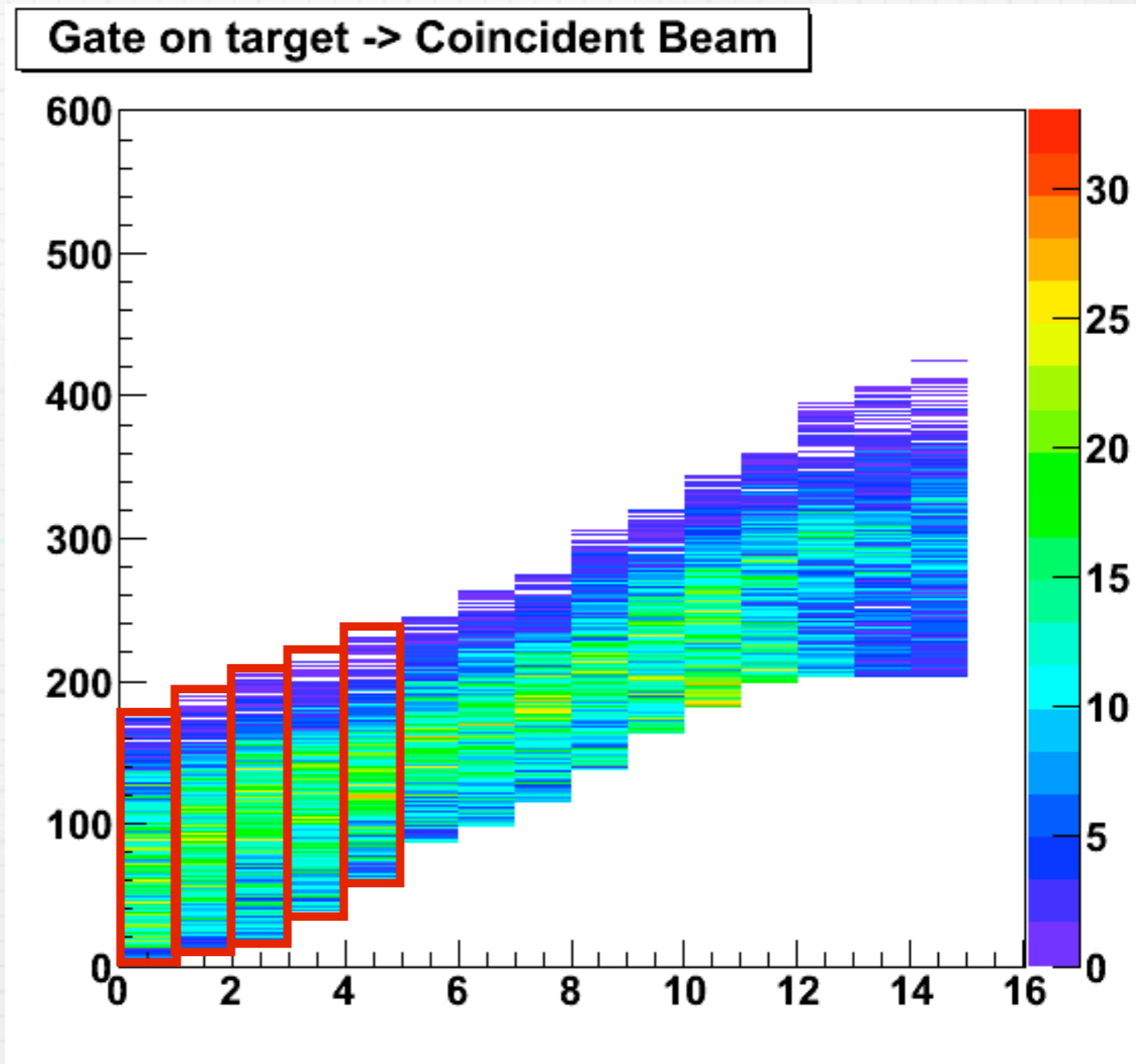
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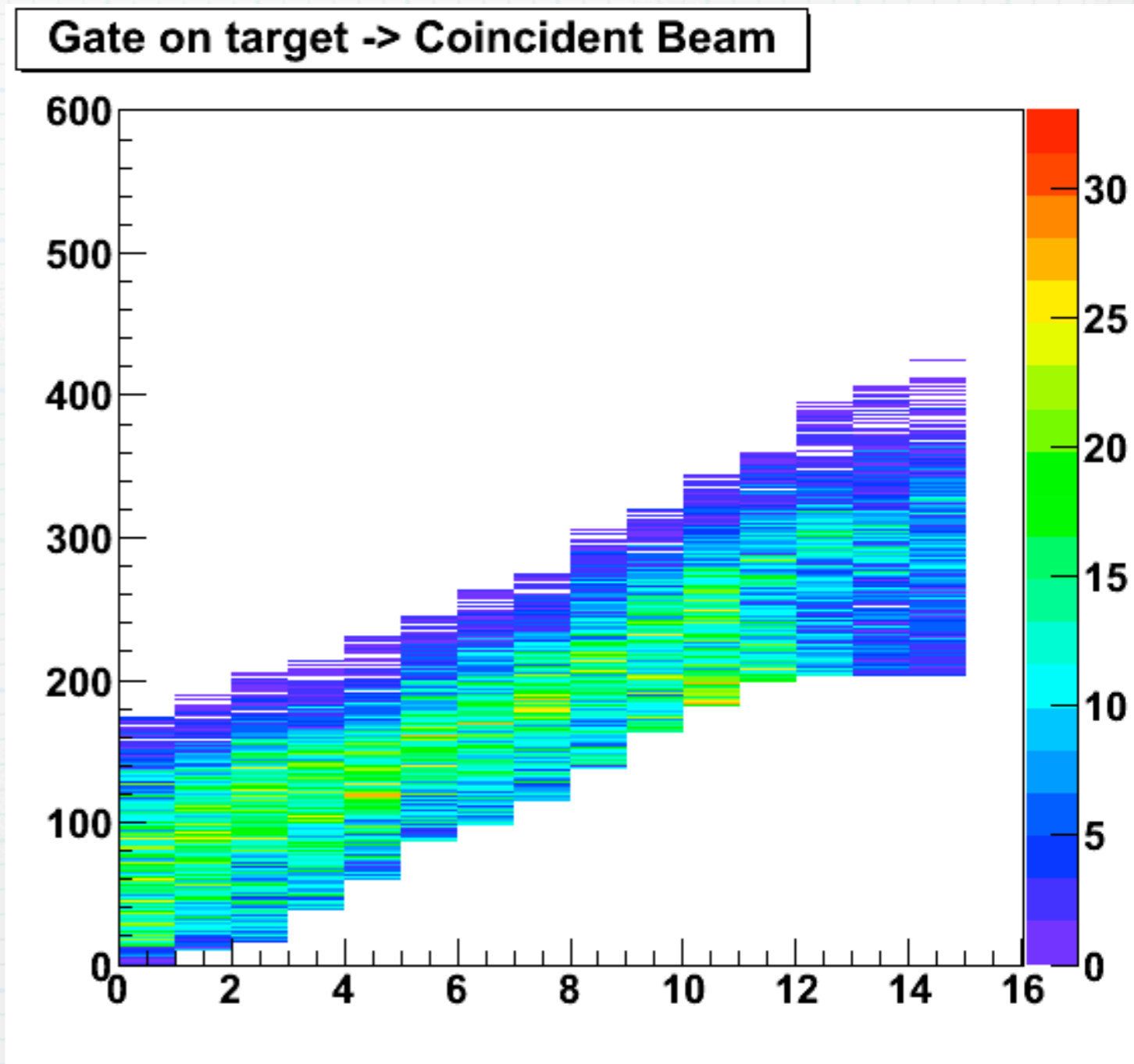
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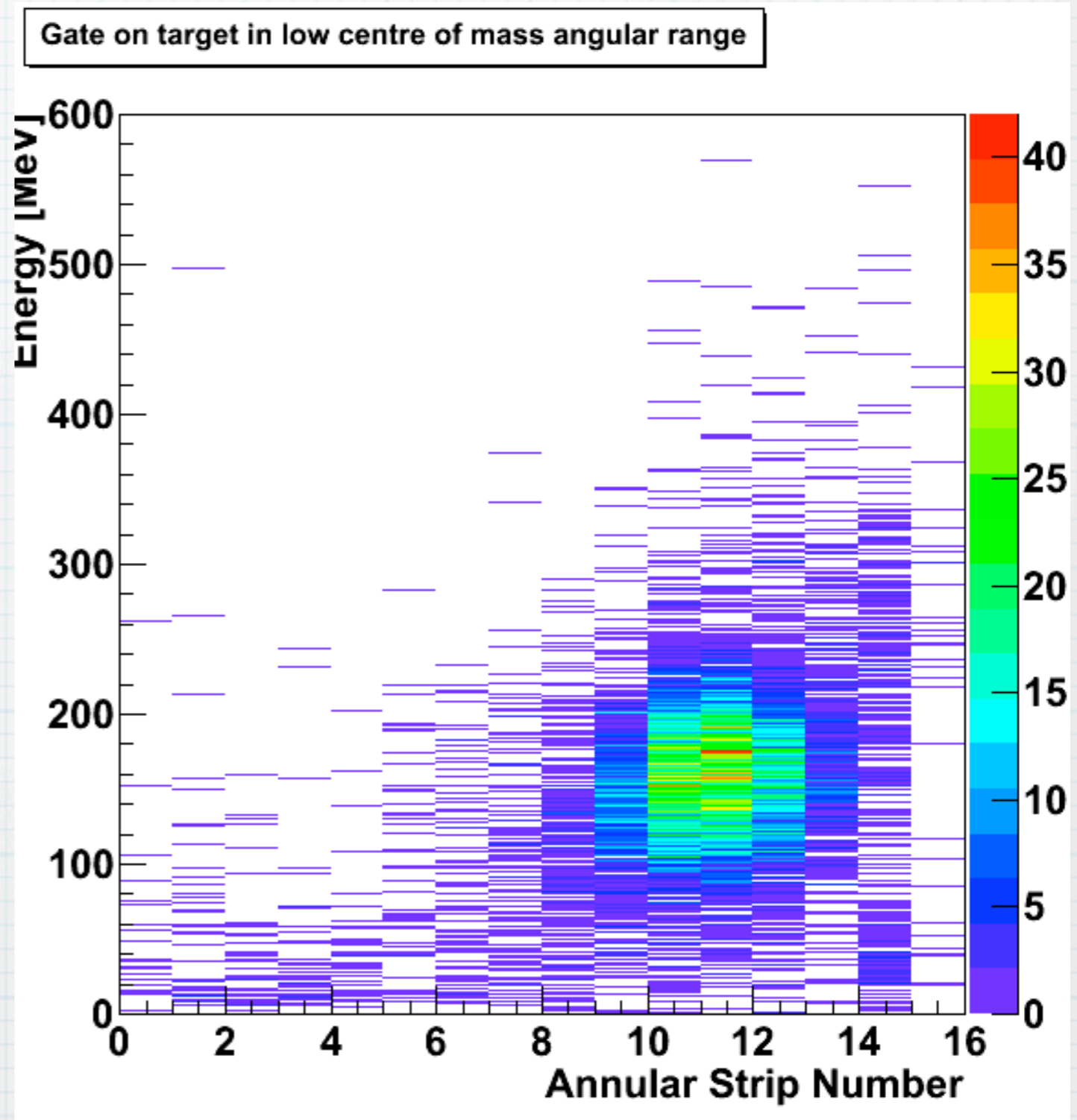
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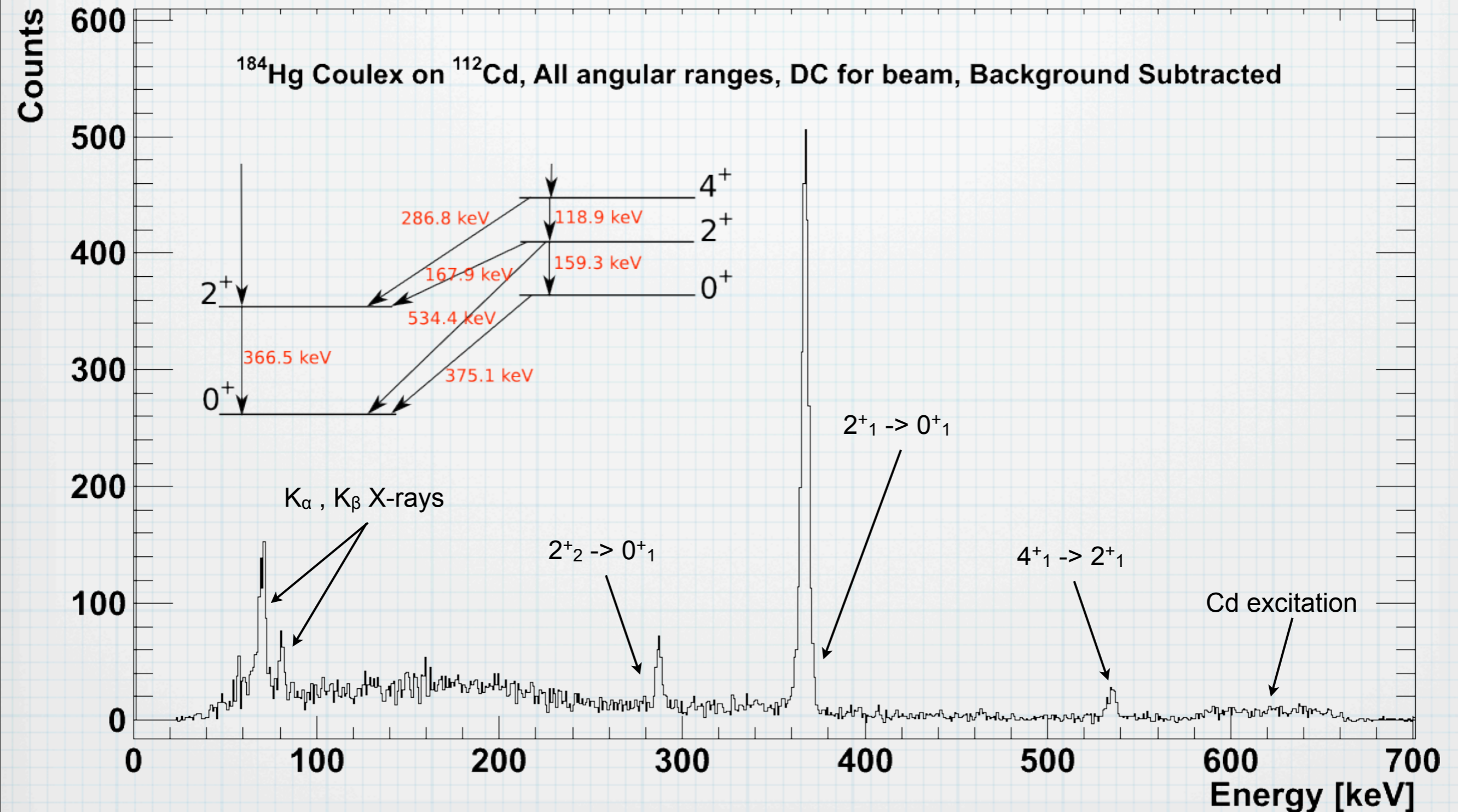


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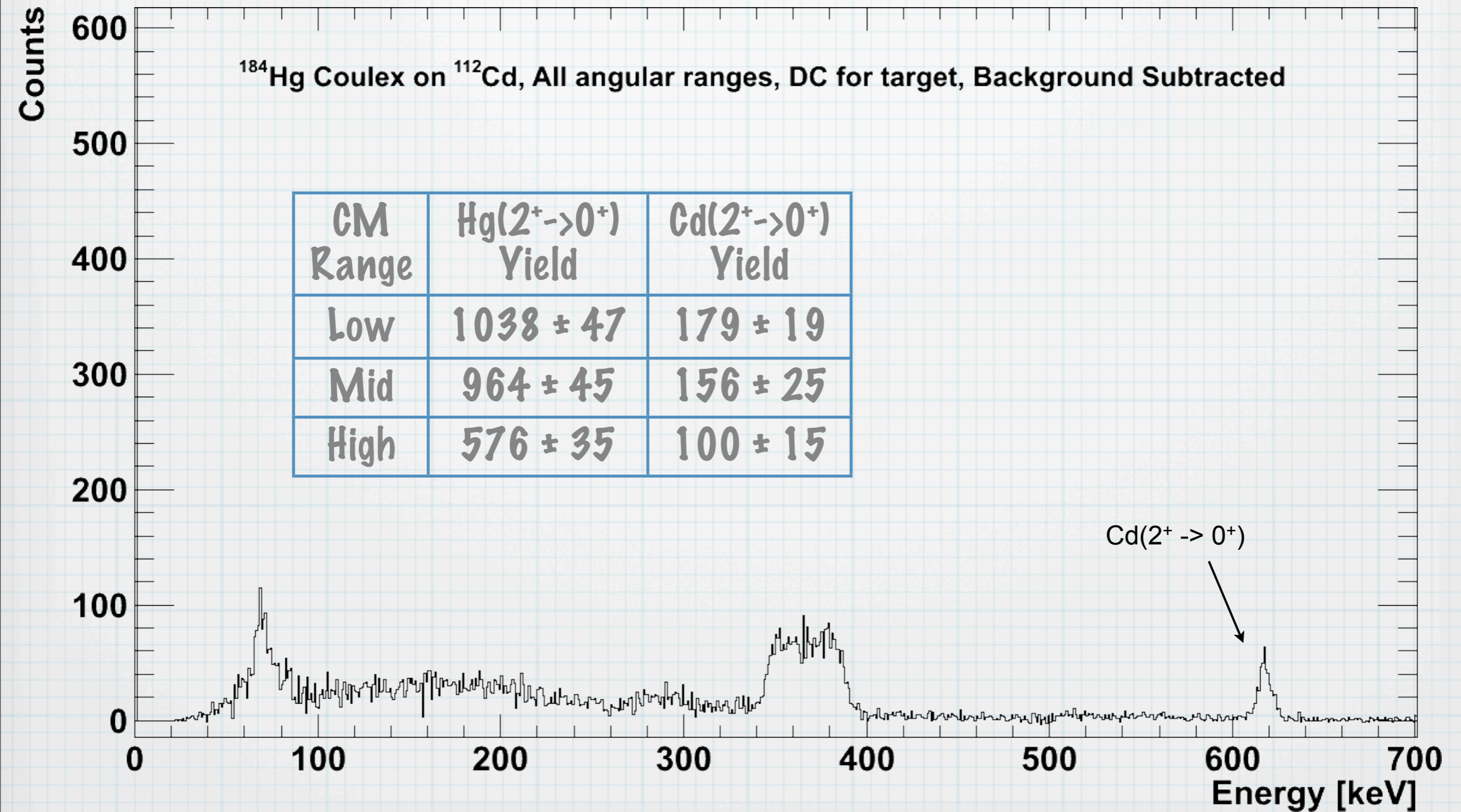
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Analysis • p-p- γ



Analysis • Spectra



Analysis • Minimisation

- * GOSIA least squares fit Fortran code
- * Error analysis yet to be performed
- * Preliminary ^{184}Hg matrix elements:
 $\langle 2^+_1 \parallel E(2) \parallel 0^+_{g.s.} \rangle = 1.57 \text{ eb}$
 $\tau = 23.6 \text{ ps} \Rightarrow 30(7)\text{ps}$ Rudd et. al.
- * $E0(2^+_2 \rightarrow 2^+_1)$ transition to be understood
- * $E0(0^+_2 \rightarrow 0^+_{g.s.})$ transition is negligible

CALCULATED LIFETIMES			
LEVEL	LIFETIME(PSEC)	EXP	ERROR
2	-.1000E+01		
3	0.2355E+02	0.3000E+02	0.7000E+11
4	0.1068E+04	0.9000E+03	0.3000E+13
5	0.1248E+03		
6	0.2288E+02	0.3280E+02	0.3400E+11
7	0.1018E+02	0.8100E+01	0.3100E+11
8	0.7449E+00		
9	0.5479E-01		

MATRIX ELEMENTS				
MULTIPOLARITY=2				
INDEX	NF	NS	ME	RED. TRANS. PROB.
1	1	3	1.57219	0.49436
2	1	5	0.19856	0.00789
3	3	3	0.51657	*****
4	3	4	0.22870	0.05230
5	3	5	0.87943	0.15468
6	3	6	-3.69149	1.51412
7	3	8	2.21473	0.54500
8	4	6	-0.25174	0.00704
9	5	5	-0.36546	*****
10	5	6	5.12651	2.92012
11	5	8	-0.35359	0.01389
12	6	6	-1.80823	*****
13	6	7	4.62143	1.64289
14	6	8	0.56963	0.03605
15	6	9	2.90912	0.65100
16	7	7	-1.84570	*****
17	7	8	0.37800	0.01588
18	7	9	-0.16572	0.00211
19	8	8	1.61731	*****
20	8	9	-4.97438	1.90342
21	9	9	1.77290	*****

MULTIPOLARITY=7				
INDEX	NF	NS	ME	RED. TRANS. PROB.
22	2	4	0.05877	0.00345
23	3	5	0.26490	0.01403

***** END OF EXECUTION *****

Summary and Future Work

- * Preliminary matrix elements shown (^{184}Hg)
- * Initial indication of oblate/prolate
- * Investigate $2_2^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+$ E0/M1/E2 effect
- * Error bars expected to span 0 when calculated
- * Lifetime measurements planned at Argonne
- * E0 SAGE proposal accepted at JYFL
- * Branching ratios, lifetimes and δ values
add data points to fit

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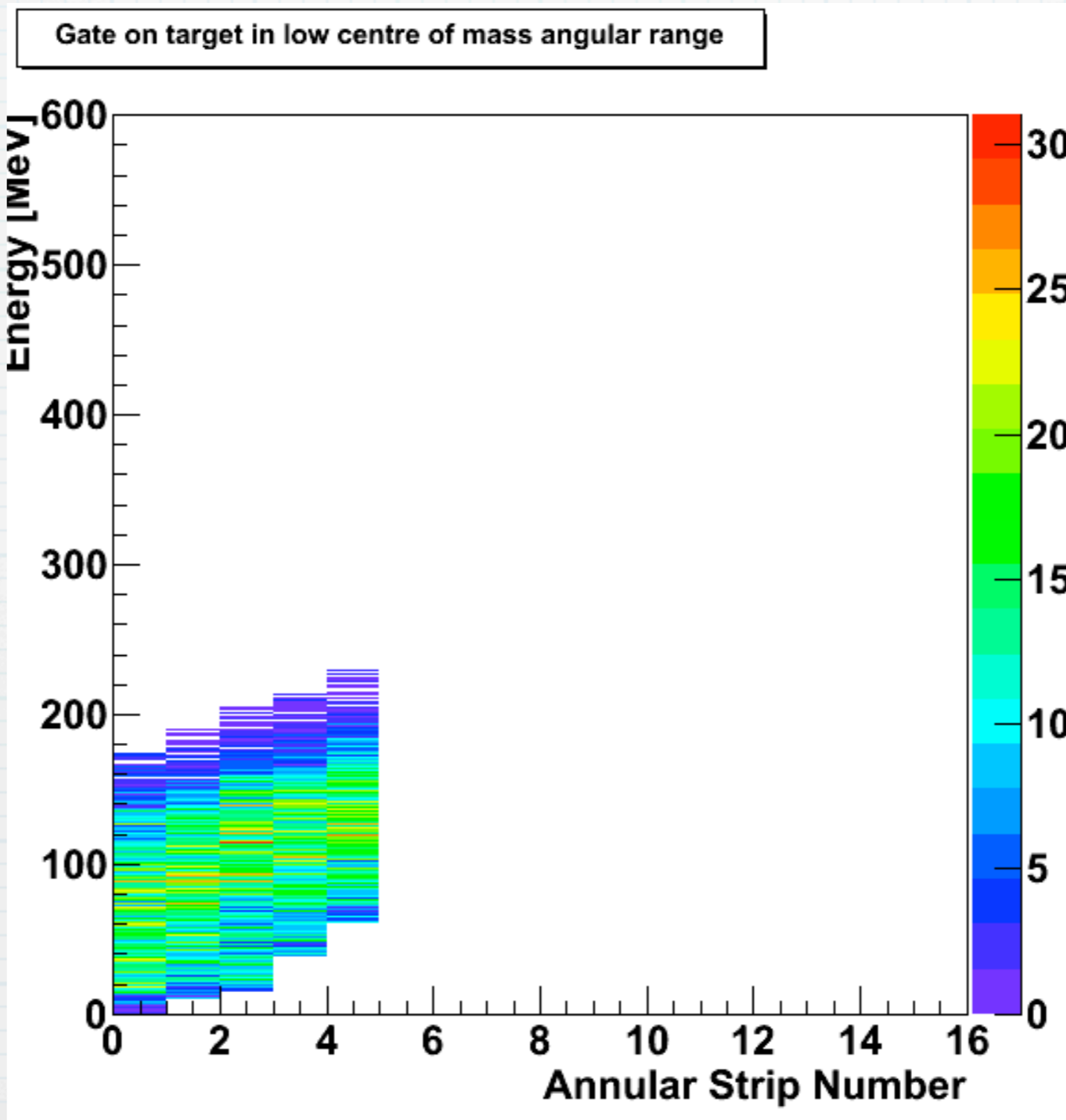
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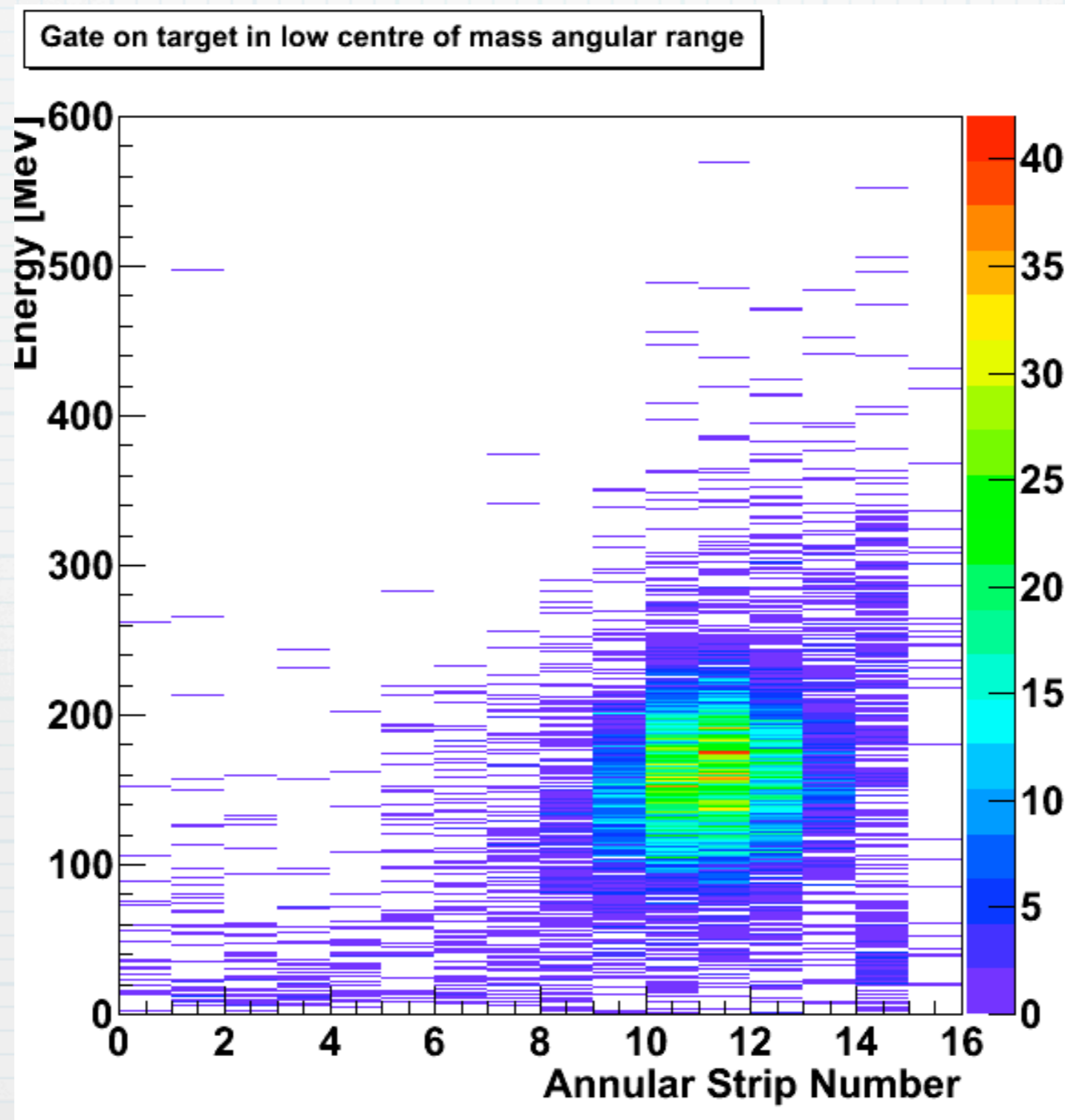
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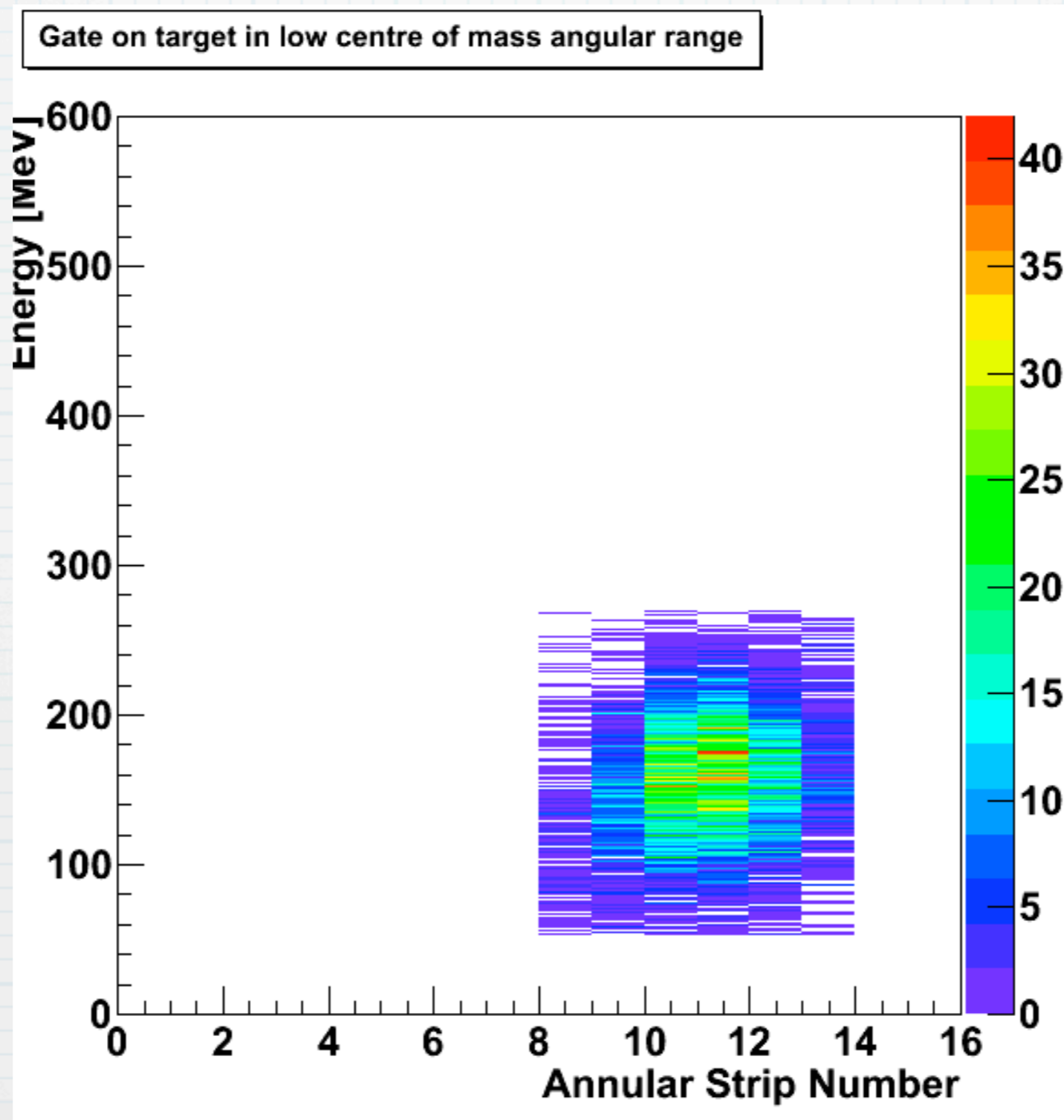
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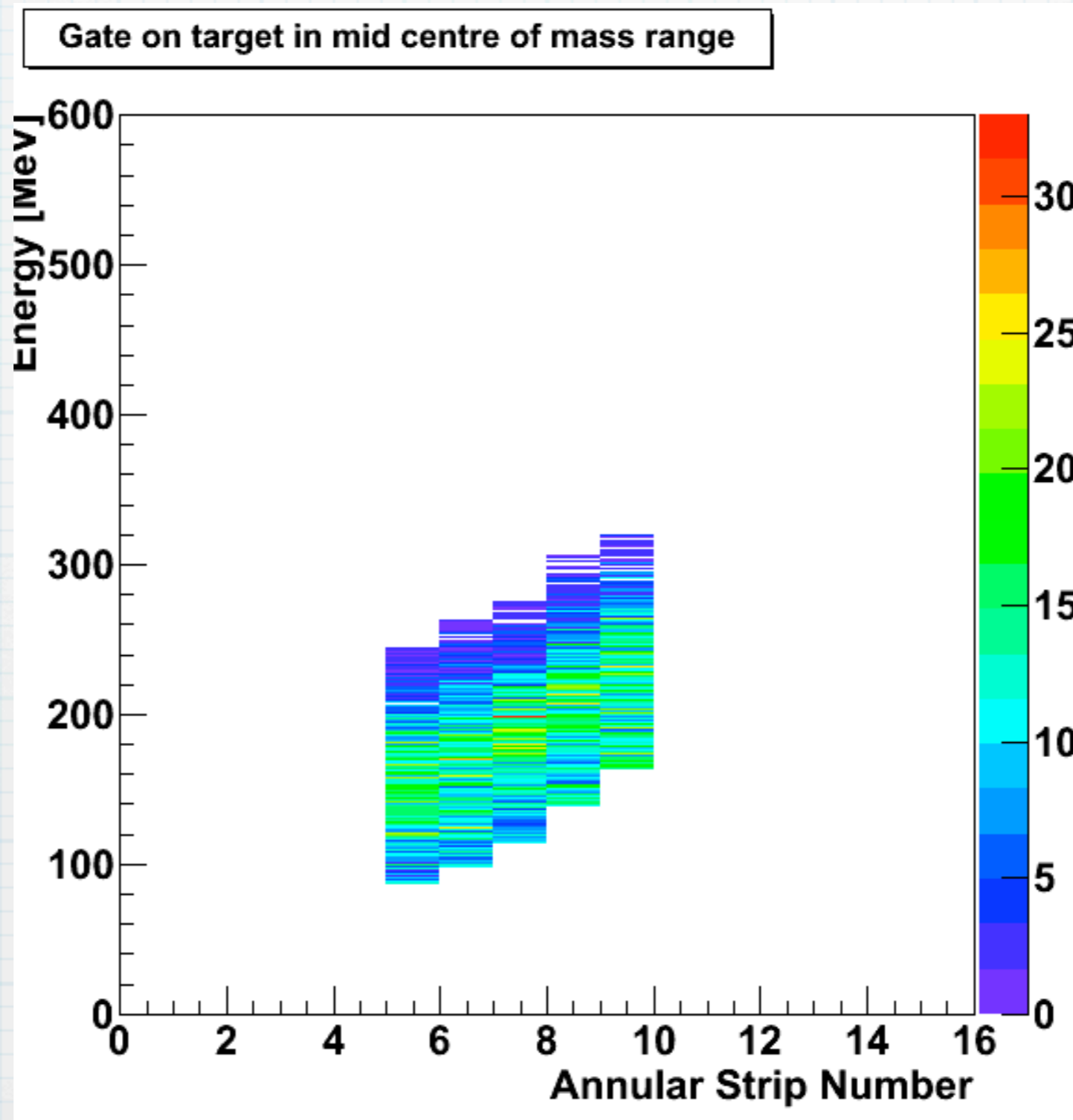
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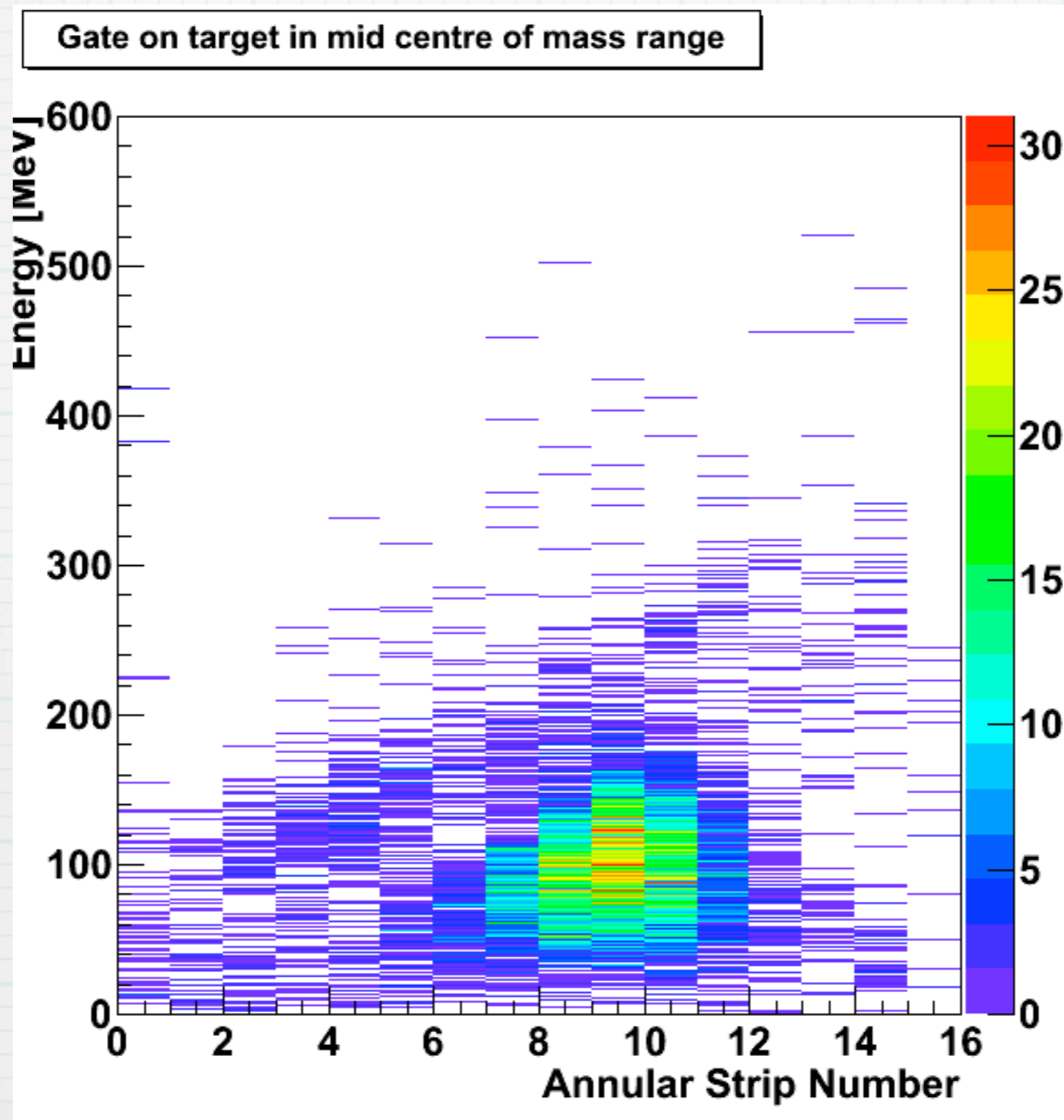
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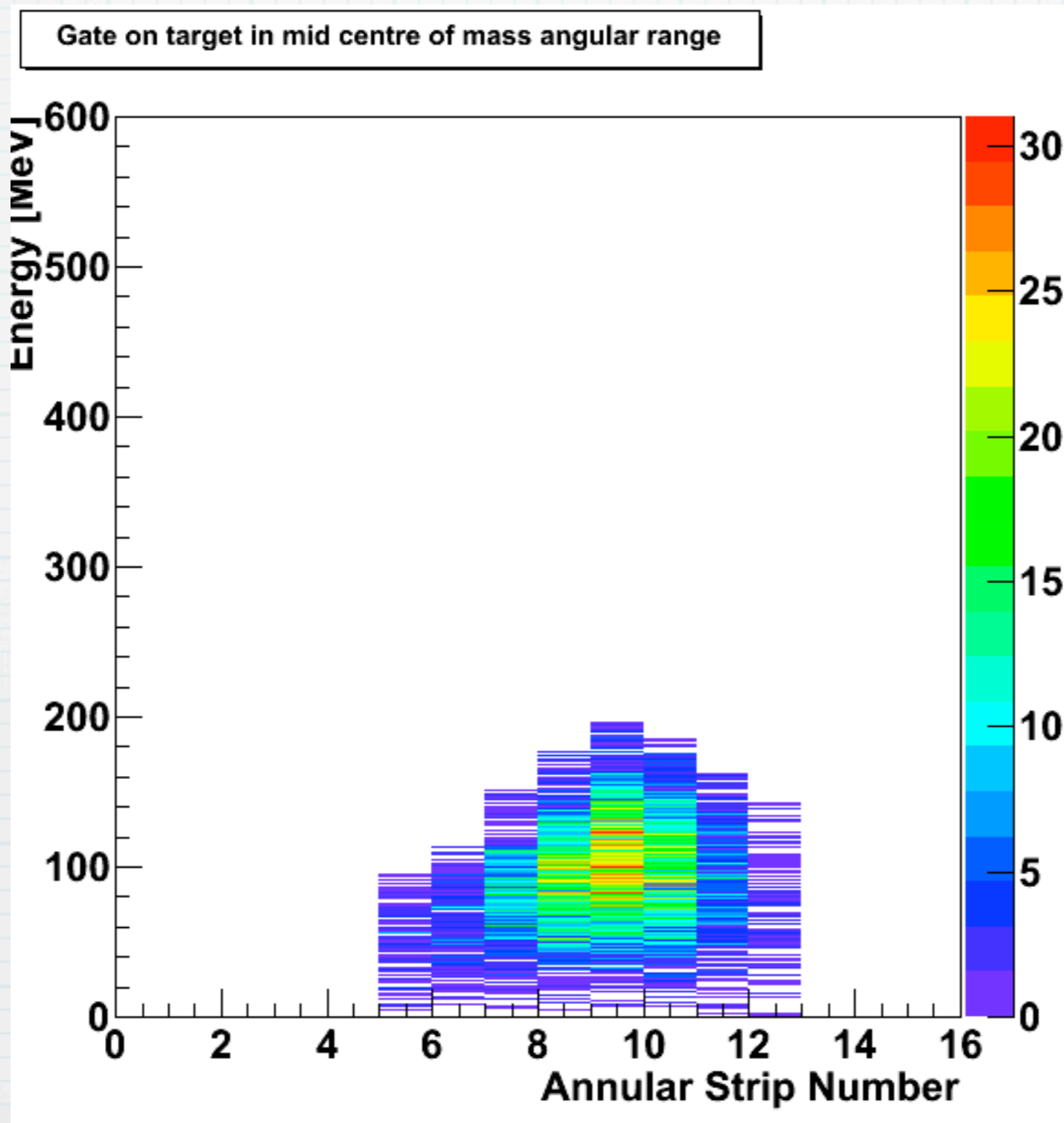
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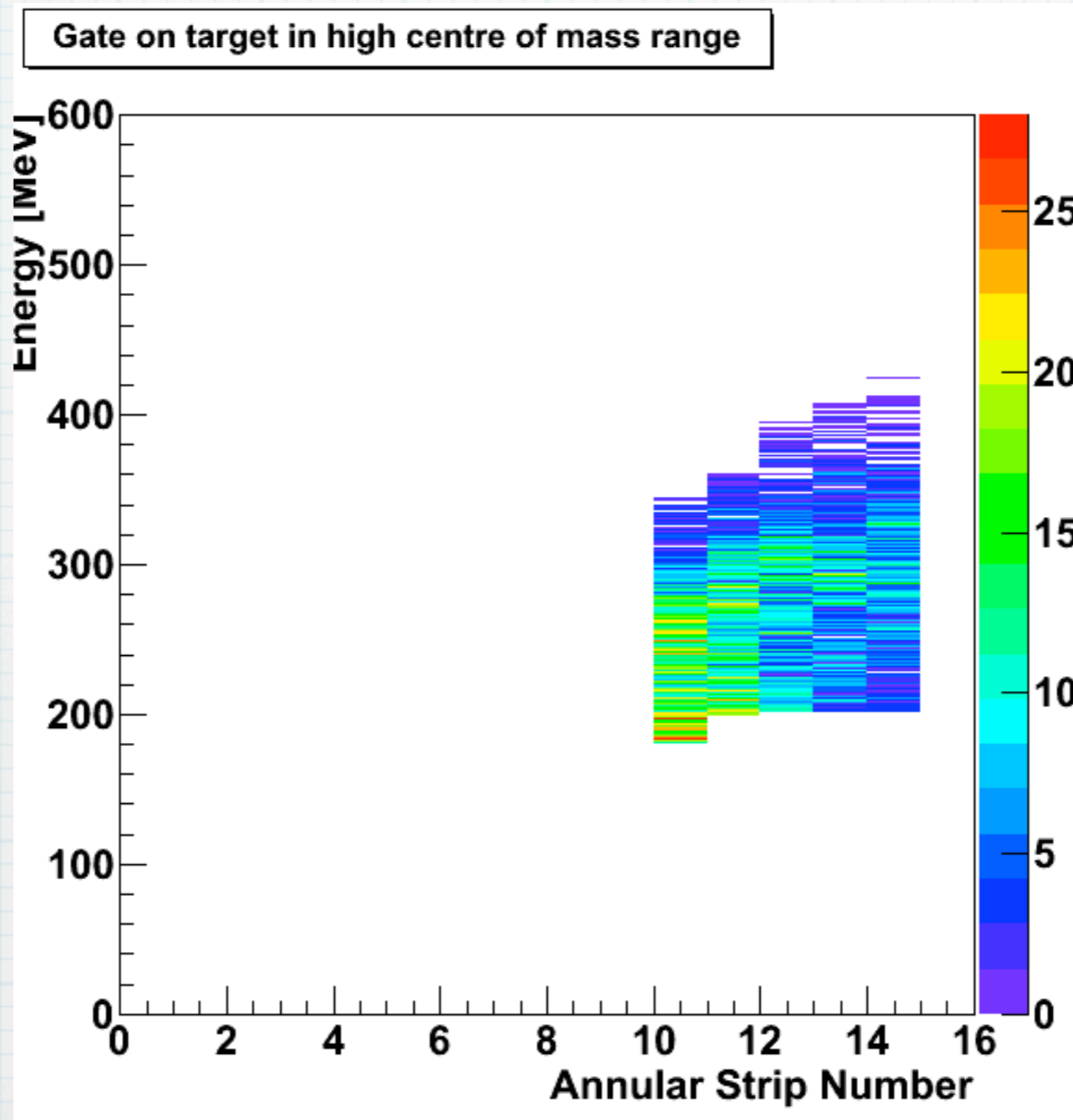
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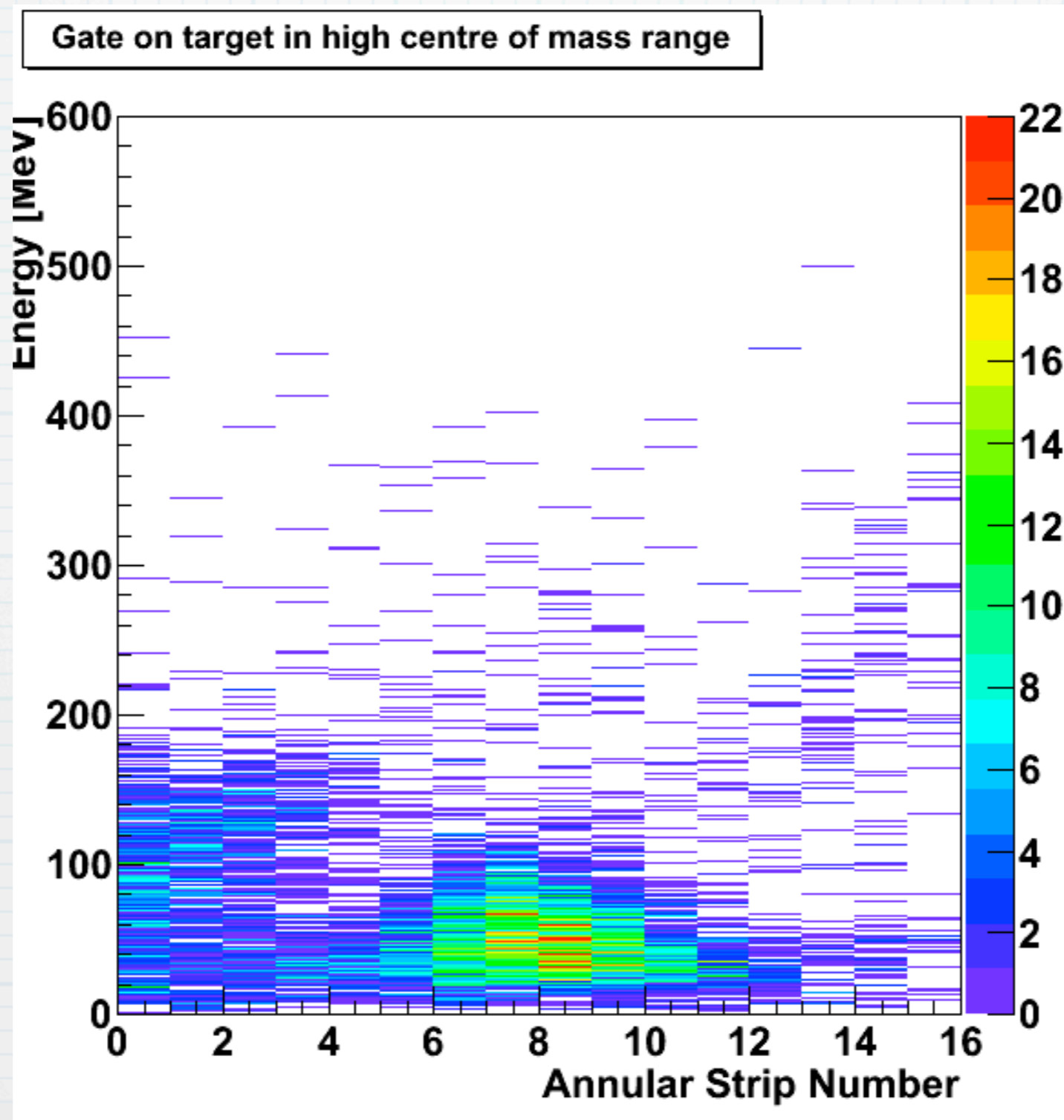
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