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Test of discrete symmetries with J-PET

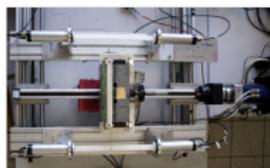
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on behalf of the J-PET collaboration

- ① Jagiellonian Positron Emission Tomograph
- ② Positronium atom decays
- ③ Tests of discrete symmetries
- ④ Future perspective : Portable detection modules

Jagiellonian Positron Emission Tomograph

2012

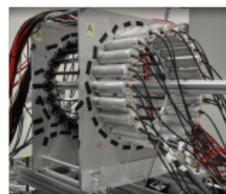


Characterize scintillator properties

Energy resolution, fit time, ...

192 strips

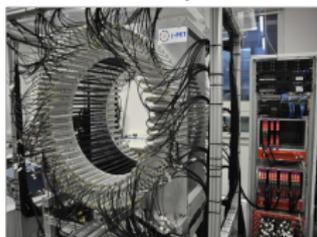
2014



24 strips

Data acquisition for **multi-modules**

2016



Current version

Tests on discrete symmetries

2018

Modular PET – **ready for first data campaign**

- **2012** : First prototype with 2 plastic strips read by vacuum photomultipliers.
- **2014** : Data acquisition was successfully tested with multiple module system.
- **2016** : Prototype optimized to study the decays of positronium atoms
- **2018-2021** : Modular prototype - major changes in terms of SiPMs readout.

Key features

- **192 detection modules** arranged in 3 Layers.
- Each module is made made of **plastic scintillators** ($50 \times 1.9 \times .7 \text{ cm}^3$) and **2 photomultipliers** on each end.
- Trigger less and reconfiguration DAQ
- **Time Over Threshold (TOT)**
*Measure of energy deposition**
- Multiple photon detection in a single event
- Ang. reso. ($\approx 1^\circ$)
Good time reso. ($\approx 200 \text{ ps}$)

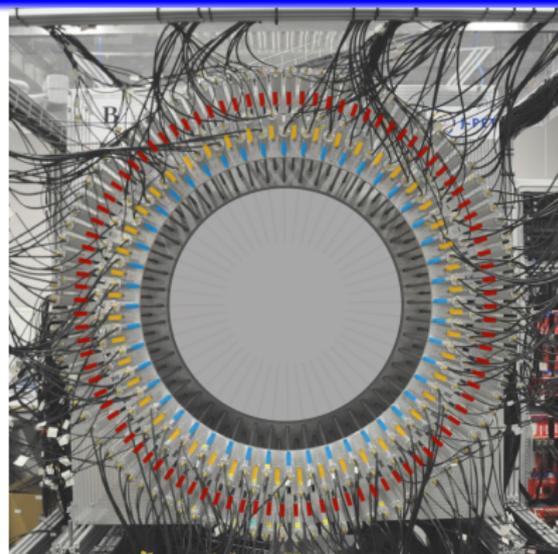
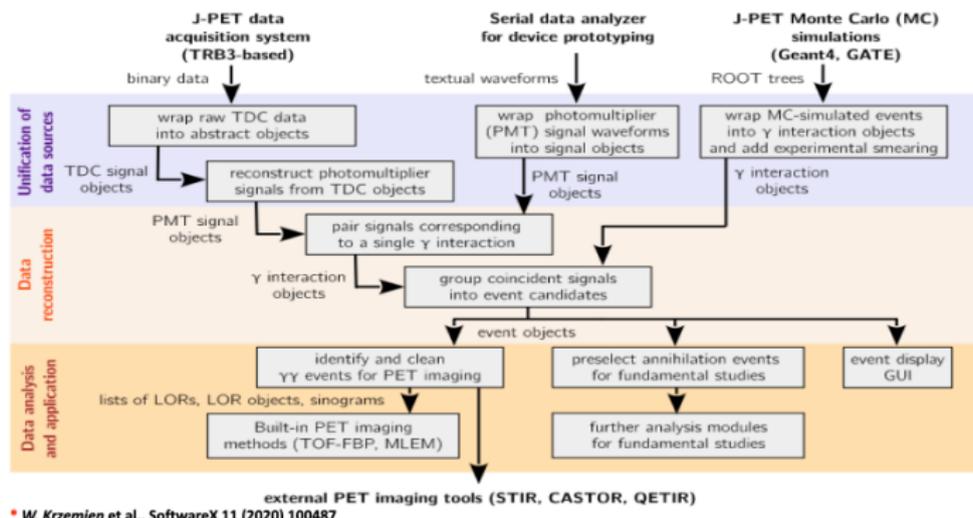


Figure: 3 Layers prototype

$$\text{Eres.}(\sigma_E/E) = 0.044/\sqrt{E(\text{MeV})}$$

* S. Sharma., P. Moskal et al., EJNMMI Physics 7, 39 (2020)

Data Acquisition and Analysis : J-PET framework*

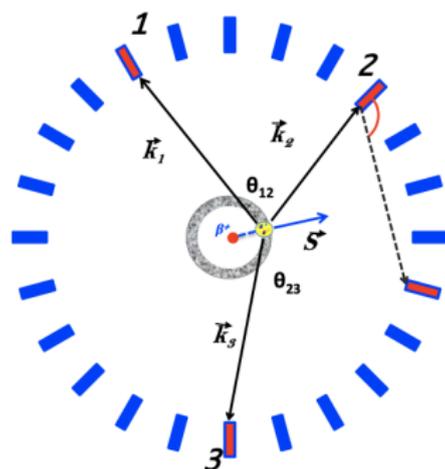


- J-PET Analysis Framework can be categorized in three sequential steps : DAQ (FPGA based), reconstruction of signal events and data analysis
- Mainly written in **C++11** using heavily the **ROOT** and **BOOST** libraries
- Dedicated MC simulations based on **Geant4** toolkit and **GATE** package

Positronium Decays : Applications in Fundamental physics

- First time detected in Gas by Martin Deutsch
Nobel prize in 1956 for discovering Ps
- Hydrogen like atom without nuclei : purely leptonic object
particle : e^- and anti-particle : e^+
- Eigenstate of C,P,CP operators
- Undergoes self-annihilation into gamma quanta.
Number of annihilated photons followed the charge parity conservation.
- Formed in two ground states:
para-Positronium(p-Ps - .125 ns) ortho-Positronium(o-Ps - 142 ns)
($S=0, m_z=0$). ($S=1, m_z=-1, 0, 1$)
Even no of photons 2,4,.. **Charge Conj.** Odd no of photons 3,5,..
- J-PET qualifies to perform the tests on discrete symmetries in the decays of o-Ps atoms

Tests of discrete symmetries in the decays of o-Ps atoms



Positronium production chambers



Target chambers

- Odd symmetry operators can be constructed using momentum vectors of anni. photons (\vec{k}_i) and Spin of Ps atoms (\vec{S}).

A. Gajos et al. NIM A 819 (2016) 54

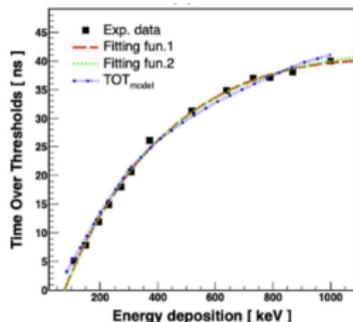
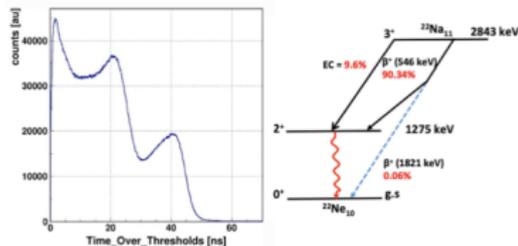
Table: Operators

Odd symmetric	C	P	T	CP	CPT
$\vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}_1$	+	-	+	-	-
$\vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}_1 \times \vec{k}_2)$	+	+	-	+	-
$(\vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}_1)(\vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}_1 \times \vec{k}_2))$	+	-	-	-	+

Control Spectra for data analysis

Time Over Thresholds

Measure of energy depositions



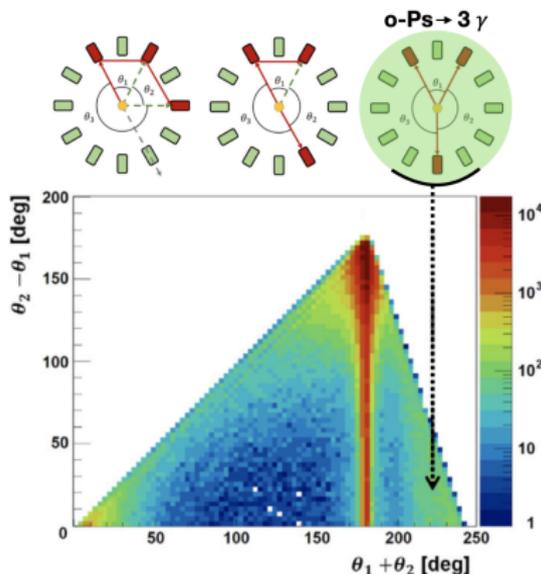
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Azimuth angles

Angular correlation b/w anni. photons

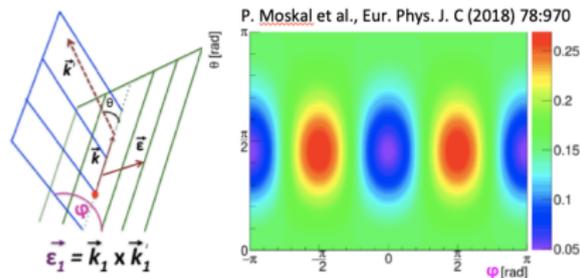


K. Dulski et al, NIM A(in press)

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Tests on discrete symmetries using the photons' polarization

- ◇ J-PET allows to register primary and scattered photon
- ◇ Photon (low energetic) most likely scattered in plane \perp_{er} to electric vector (dirⁿ of the linear polarization).
- ◇ Photon's polarization direction -



With access to *photon polarization direction*, more operators are proposed*:

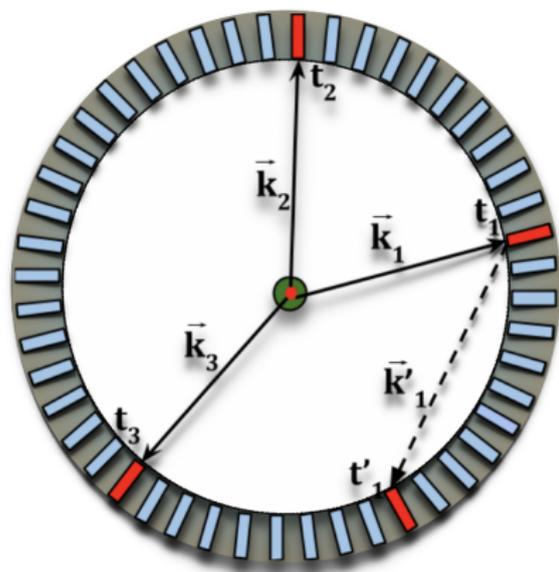
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$(\vec{S} \cdot \vec{k}_1)(\vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}_1 \times \vec{k}_2))$	+	-	-	-	+
New Operators unique with J-PET = $\vec{\epsilon}$					
$\vec{k}_2 \cdot \vec{\epsilon}_1$	+	-	-	-	+
$\vec{S} \cdot \vec{\epsilon}_1$	+	+	-	+	-
$\vec{S} \cdot (\vec{k}_2 \times \vec{\epsilon}_1)$	+	-	+	-	-

*Acta Phys. Pol. B 47, 509(2016)

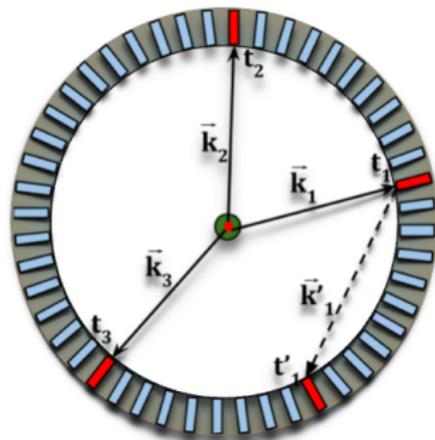
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$$(\vec{k}_2 \cdot \vec{\epsilon}_1)$$

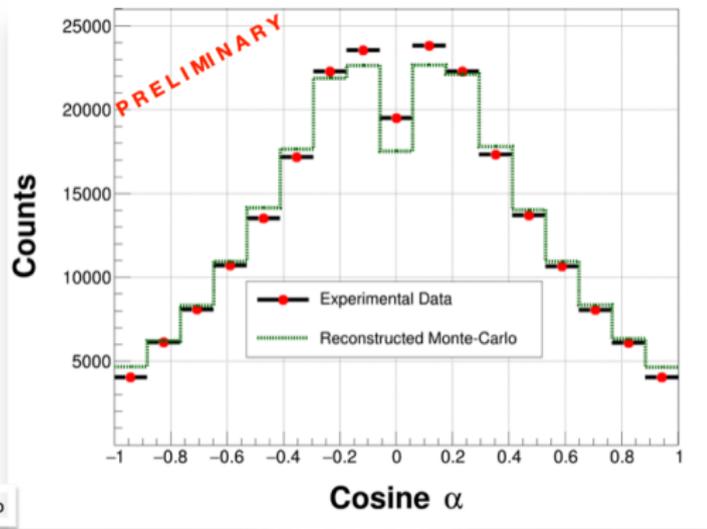


- ◇ Events with 4 hits are selected. Out of 4, 3 hits are by the o-Ps annihilation photons and scattering of either of them.
- ◇ Scattered photon is associated with its primary based on the **scatter test**
- ◇ Photon polarization direction is estimated: $(\vec{\epsilon}_1 = \vec{k}_1 \times \vec{k}'_1)$
- Calculate the expectation value of the operator $\langle \vec{k}_2 \cdot \vec{\epsilon}_1 \rangle$

Tests on discrete symmetries using the photons' polarization



Courtesy of J. Raj, PhD student in J-PET group



Expectation value = $3 \times 10^{-4} \pm 0.0003(\text{Stat})$

Modular J-PET : *Portable tomograph (AFOV 50cm)*

Figure: Digital J-PET

- Composed of **24 individual modules**
- Each module is made of **13** plastic scintillators ($50 \times 24 \times 6 \text{ cm}^3$)
- Each side of scintillator is read out by **matrix of SiPMs**
- Modular construction allows to configure as **one layer** (24) or **multiple layers** (e.g., 8, 16 and thus requirement specific)
- Modules can be operated individually enabling to utilize as multi-role detector
- Easy to transport (full barrel around 60 kg)

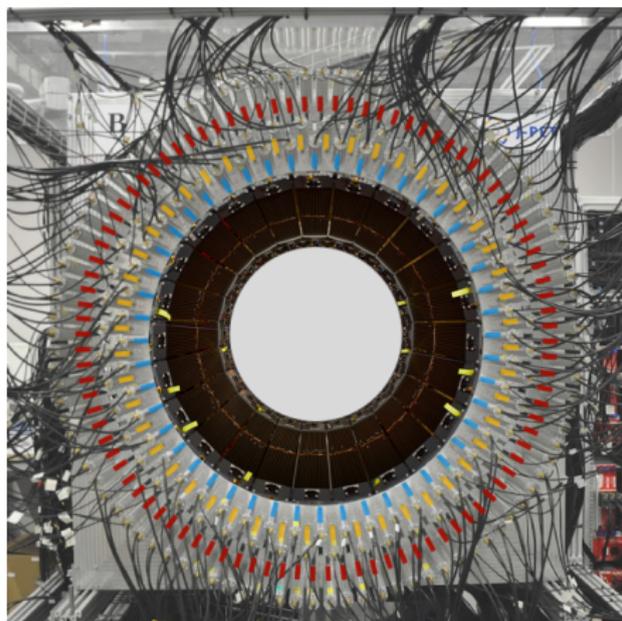


Figure: Modular + 3layers

- ✳ J-PET has potential to perform test of discrete symmetries.
- ✳ Modular prototype with AFOV 50 cm is already commissioned and started to collect the data as a standalone layer.
- ✳ 24 modules can be reconfigured in multiple layers and can be transported to use in other experimental facilities interested in the detection of e^+e^- anni. in full phase space.
- ✳ **It is estimated that using the modular J-PET with 3 layers prototype will enhance the sensitivity by an order of magnitude.**

