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## Confirmation of the molecular structure of excited bands in $^{21}\text{Ne}$

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AGATA in conjunction with the TRACE charged particle detector, has been used to study the  $^{16}\text{O}(^7\text{Li}, n)^{21}\text{Ne}^*$  reaction. This experiment aims to measure both in-band transitions and transition rates in the excited cluster bands of  $^{21}\text{Ne}$ . A further goal is to identify the 'missing'  $K = 1/2, I\pi = 5/2^-$  level, to resolve a long running discrepancy in the understanding of  $^{21}\text{Ne}$ . By facilitating the extraction of the dipole moments and moments of inertia for the  $K = 1/2$  cluster bands, the molecular structure for the excited bands can be assigned. A brief status of the experiment and data will be given.

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