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Performance of AGATA at higher energies

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Scientific motivation

The experiment

1st PHASE ⁵⁶Co

2nd PHASE ⁶⁶Zn(p,n)

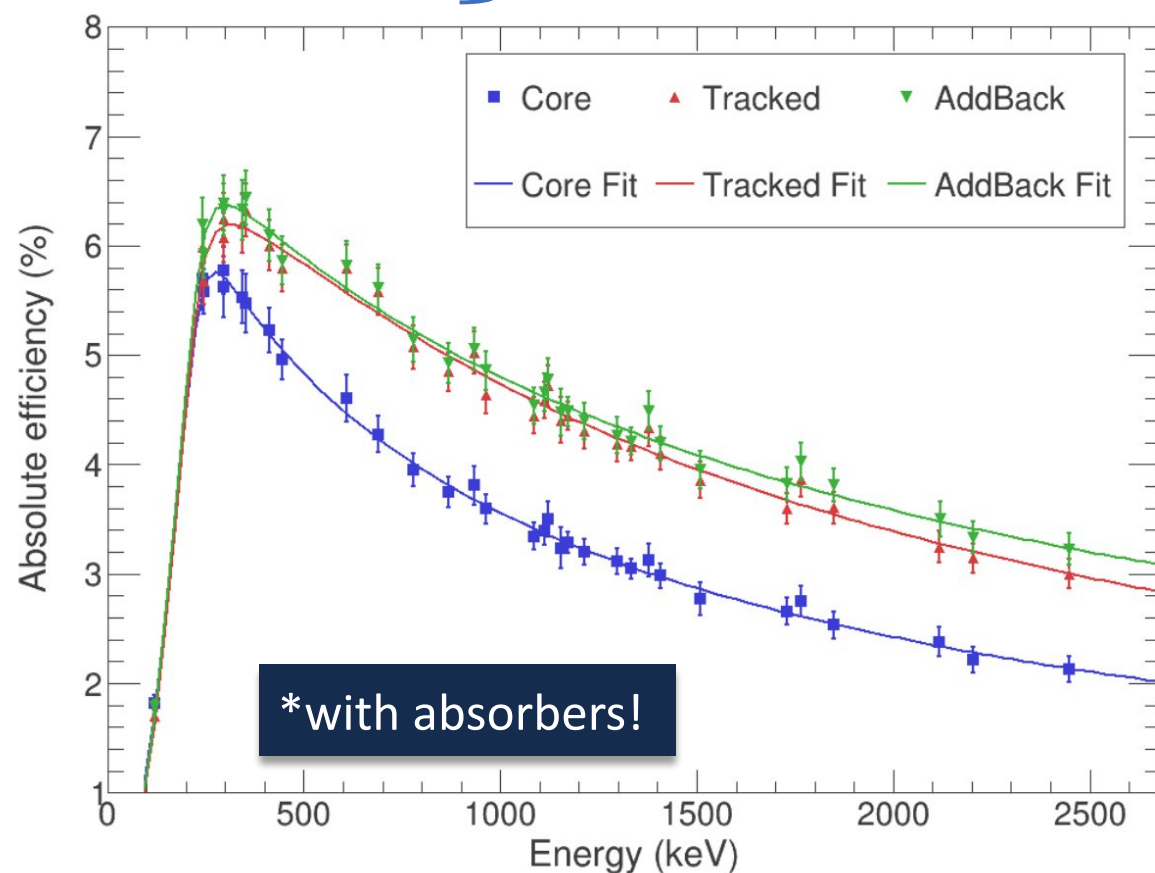
Summary



Performance of AGATA

- absolute efficiency
- resolution
- peak-to-total ratio
- angular correlations

Analysis mode: **core, tracked, addback**



@ 1.3 MeV

| Analysis mode | Efficiency | P/T |
|---------------|------------|-----------|
| Core | 3.05(9) % | 16.8(6) % |
| Tracked | 4.16(12) % | 32.9(9) % |
| Addback | 4.21(13) % | 28.6(8) % |

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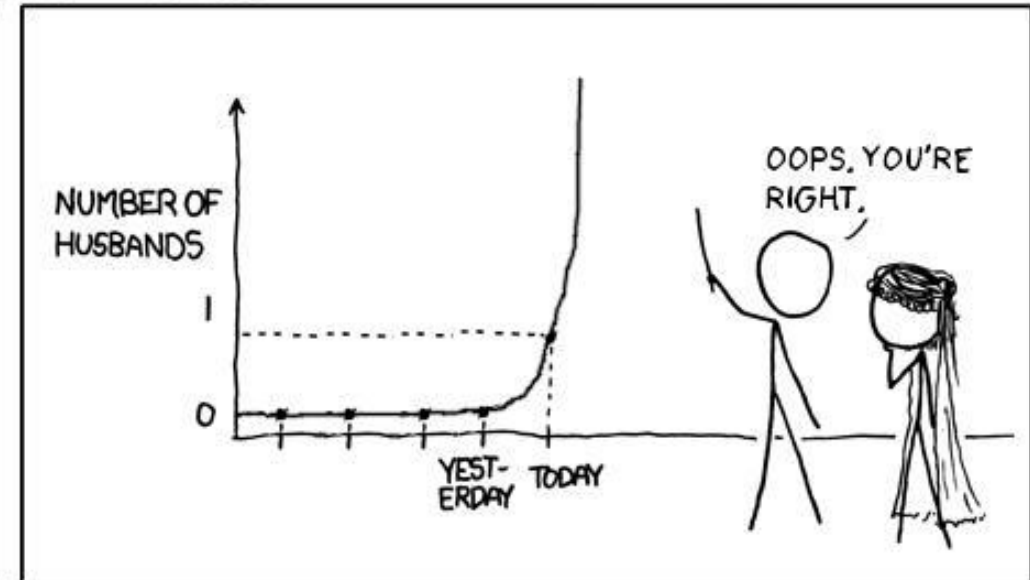
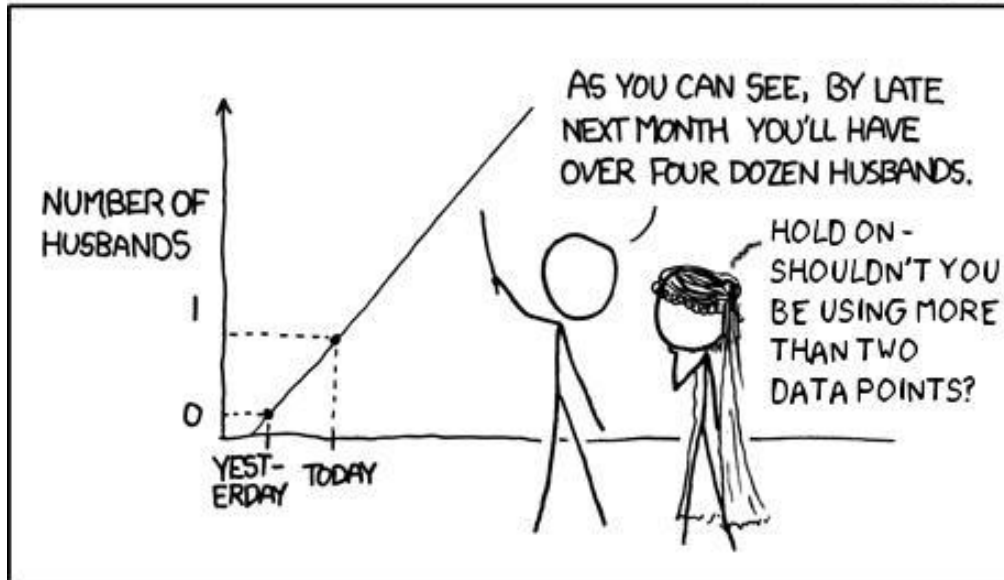
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MY HOBBY: EXTRAPOLATING



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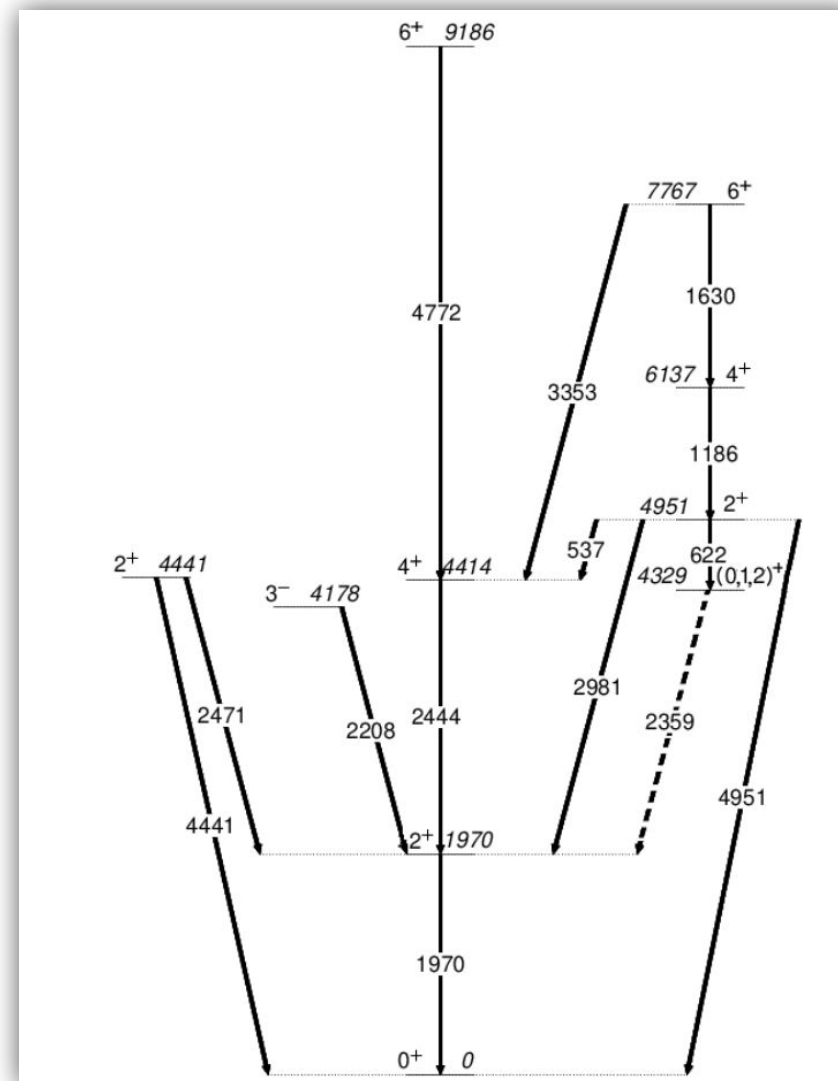
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- Analyses of γ -ray spectroscopic data
- Preparation of experimental proposals

Coulomb excitation of the super-deformed structure in ³⁶Ar
AGATA + SPIDER + DANTE

Spokespersons: K. Hadyńska-Klęk, M. Matejska-Minda

| Transition | E_γ [keV] | Counts / 7 days | Counts/ 7 days |
|---------------------------|------------------|--|---|
| | | (AGATA + SPIDER) 124-161 $^\circ_{LAB}$ | (AGATA + DANTE) 15-75 $^\circ_{LAB}$ |
| $2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+$ | 1970 | $8 \cdot 10^6$ | $2 \cdot 10^7$ |
| $4_1^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+$ | 2444 | $3 \cdot 10^3$ | $2 \cdot 10^3$ |
| $0_2^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+$ | 2359 | $1 \cdot 10^3$ | 100 |
| $2_2^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+$ | 2981 | 150 | 120 |
| $2_2^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+$ | 4951 | 50 | 50 |
| $2_3^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+$ | 4441 | 110 | 100 |
| $2_3^+ \rightarrow 2_1^+$ | 2471 | 70 | 90 |
| $3_1^- \rightarrow 2_1^+$ | 2208 | $3 \cdot 10^3$ | $3 \cdot 10^3$ |



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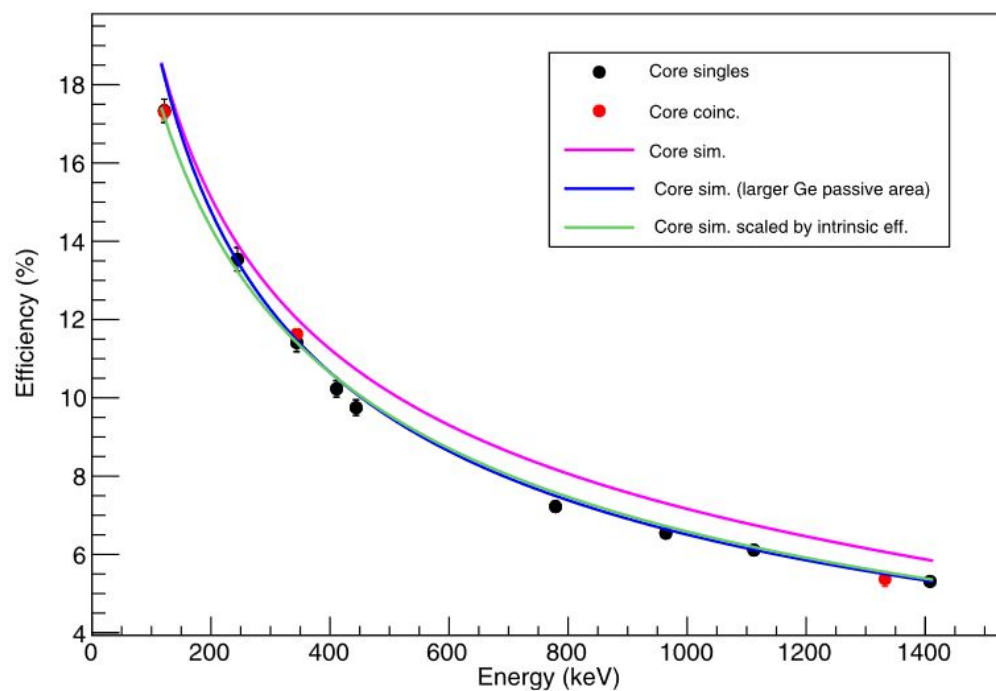
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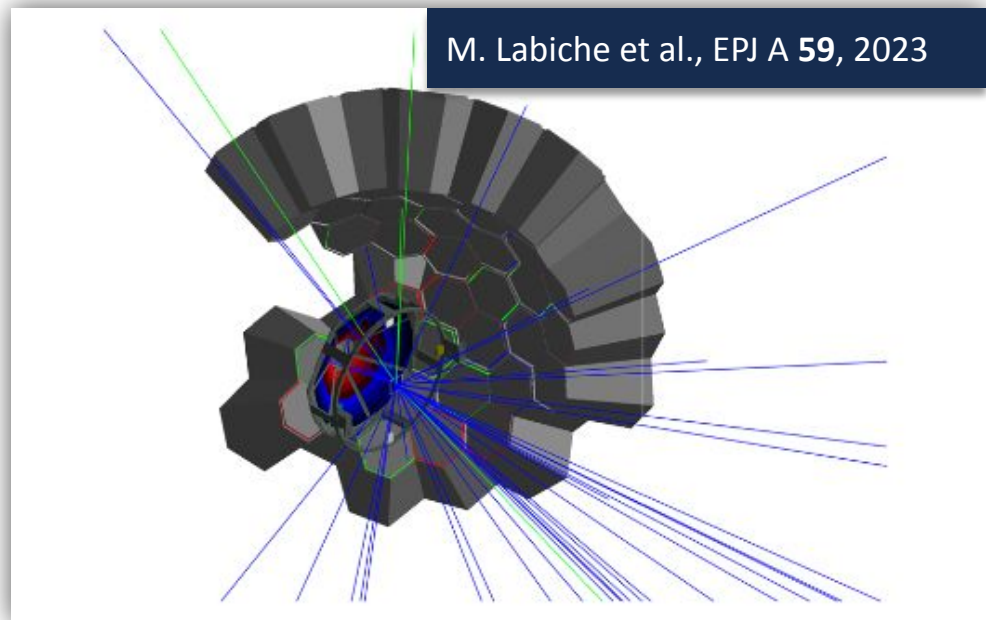
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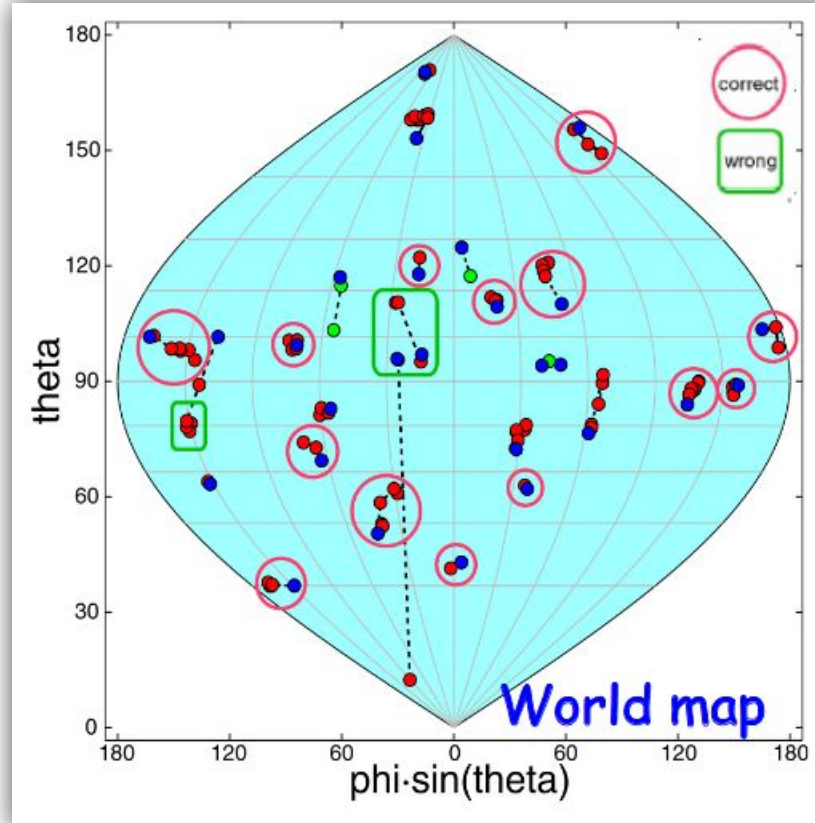
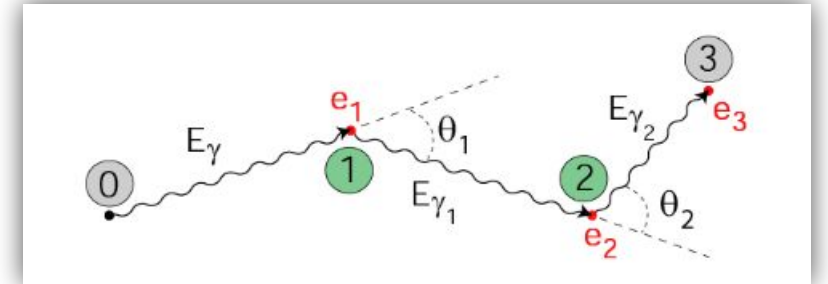
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- Optimization of the tracking parameters for $E > 3$ MeV



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Summary



Previous performance reviews

LNL 2013

F.C.L. Crespi, NIM A 705, 2013

- 6 crystals
- resolution, hit multiplicity, tracking
- Am-Be-Fe source + in-beam

GSI 2016

N. Lalović, NIM A 806, 2016

- 21 crystals
- efficiency, P/T, tracking
- calibration sources, up to 3.4 MeV (^{152}Eu , ^{60}Co , ^{56}Co)

GANIL 2020

J. Ljungvall et al., NIM A 955, 2020

- 30 crystals
- efficiency, tracking, P/T, angular correlations
- calibration sources (^{152}Eu , ^{60}Co) and in-beam (^{92}Mo)

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Efficiencies up to 3.4 MeV

- measured with a ^{56}Co γ -ray source
- 2-3 days measurement (^{56}Co , ^{60}Co , ^{152}Eu , ^{241}Am , ^{226}Ra)

TABLE I: ^{56}Co γ rays with intensity $>0.95\%$. Data taken from NNDC database.

| Energy [keV] | Intensity [%] | Rel. uncertainty [%] |
|--------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 846.77 | 100.00 | 0.02 |
| 977.37 | 1.42 | 0.42 |
| 1037.84 | 14.06 | 0.28 |
| 1175.10 | 2.25 | 0.27 |
| 1238.29 | 66.50 | 0.18 |
| 1360.21 | 4.29 | 0.28 |
| 1771.36 | 15.42 | 0.39 |
| 2015.22 | 3.02 | 0.40 |
| 2034.79 | 7.77 | 0.39 |
| 2598.50 | 16.98 | 0.24 |
| 3009.65 | 1.04 | 1.25 |
| 3202.03 | 3.21 | 0.37 |
| 3253.50 | 7.93 | 0.27 |
| 3273.08 | 1.88 | 0.11 |
| 3451.23 | 0.95 | 0.53 |

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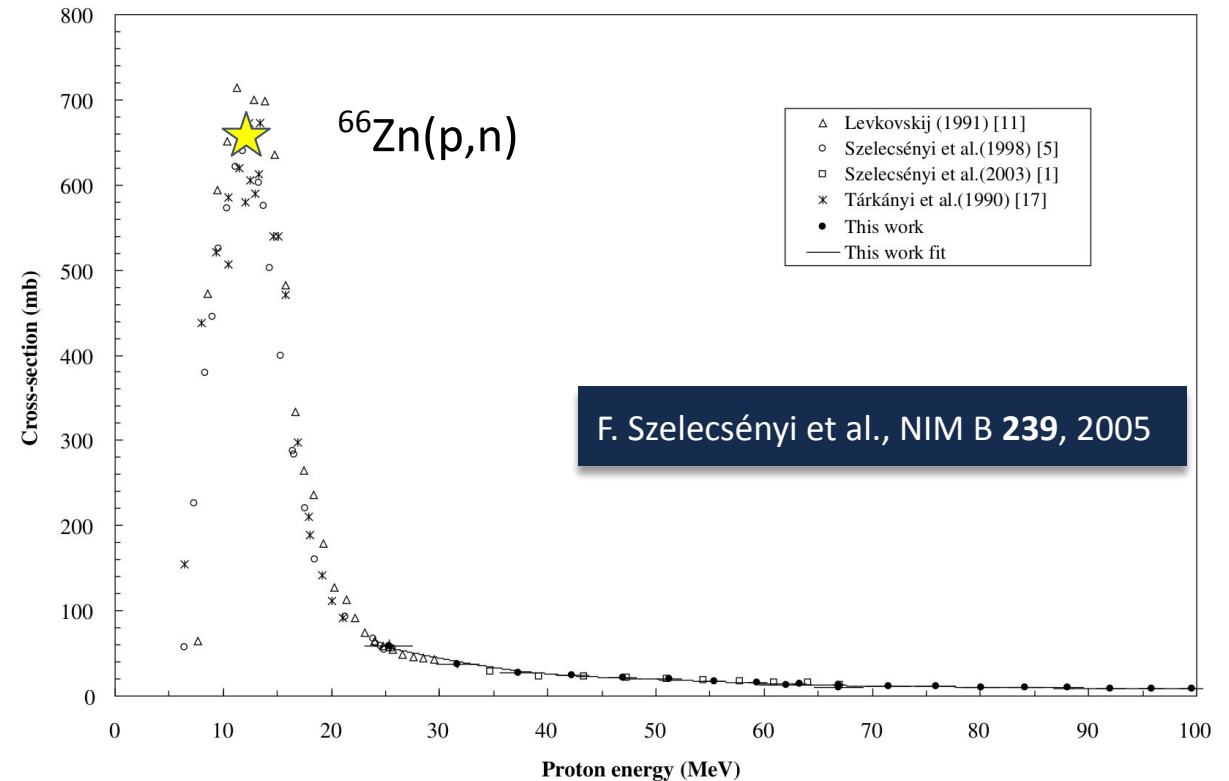
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- above 4 MeV estimated via the $^{66}\text{Zn}(p,n)$ reaction
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TABLE II: γ rays with intensity $>0.8\%$ produced in ⁶⁶Zn(p,n) reaction and expected number of fully-absorbed tracked γ ray events per crystal for the duration of the measurement. Data taken from NNDC database.

| Energy [keV] | Intensity [%] | Rel. uncertainty [%] | Number of tracked γ rays [1/crystal/day] |
|--------------|---------------|----------------------|---|
| 833.53 | 5.90 | 5.08 | 305 000 |
| 1039.22 | 37.00 | 5.41 | 1 860 000 |
| 1333.11 | 1.17 | 5.13 | 56 500 |
| 1918.33 | 1.99 | 5.53 | 89 800 |
| 2189.62 | 5.30 | 5.66 | 233 000 |
| 2422.53 | 1.88 | 5.32 | 80 800 |
| 2751.84 | 22.70 | 5.29 | 950 000 |
| 3228.80 | 1.61 | 5.30 | 61 000 |
| 3380.85 | 1.47 | 5.44 | 58 700 |
| 3422.04 | 0.86 | 5.81 | 34 300 |
| 3791.00 | 1.09 | 5.50 | 42 400 |
| 4085.85 | 1.27 | 5.51 | 48 500 |
| 4295.19 | 3.81 | 5.51 | 144 000 |
| 4461.20 | 0.84 | 5.95 | 31 435 |
| 4806.01 | 1.86 | 5.38 | 68 000 |

Estimated rate $\sim 2\text{kHz/crystal}$ assuming

- flat P/T = 30%
- 2.67 average hits per track
- 1% extrapolated efficiency
- 24 hours of measurement

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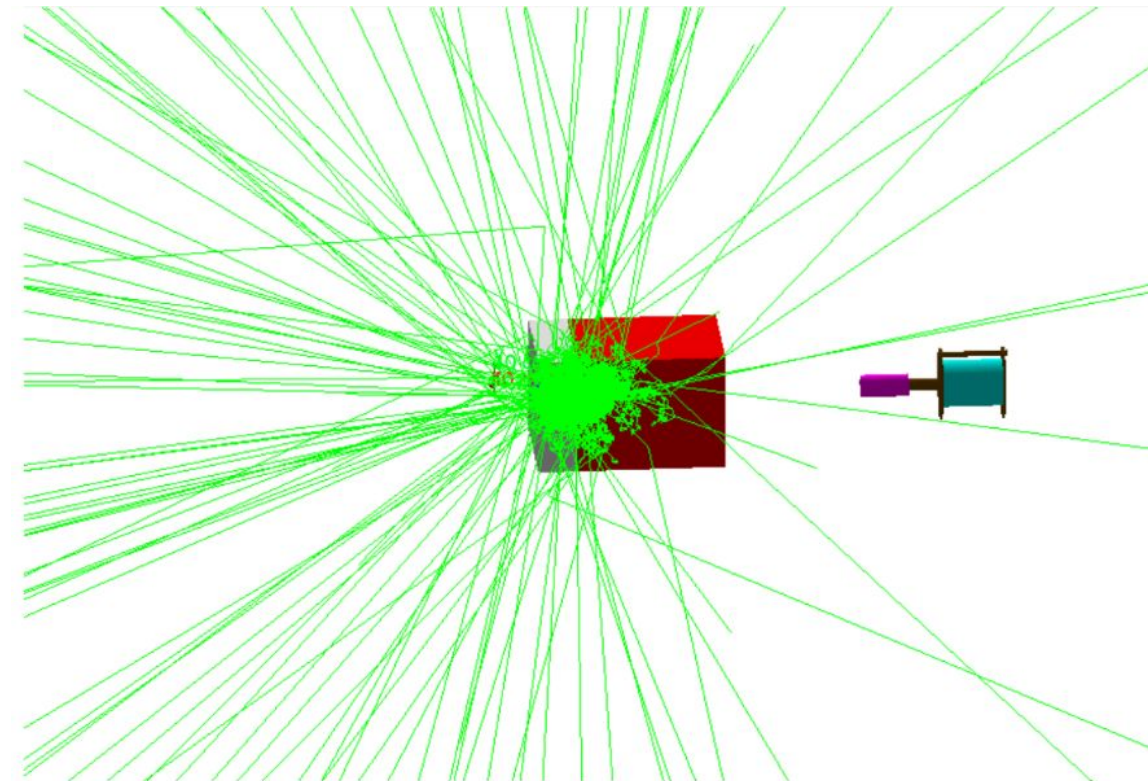
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Neutron flux

- estimated using PACE4
- lowest neutron flux - backward angles (PRISMA@20°)
- AGATA backward
- average **8 neutrons/s/crystal** (24 hour measurement)

- neutron shielding 10cm polyethylene + 38cm paraffine
- flux decrease > **1/100**



Summary

1st PHASE:

⁵⁶Co γ -ray source measurement:

- Efficiencies up to 3.4 MeV

2nd PHASE:

⁶⁶Zn(p,n) reaction:

- Efficiencies up to 5 MeV
- $\sigma \approx 680$ mb
- 5 pA proton beam @13MeV, **24 hours**
- AGATA @ **back-most**
 - **144x10³** counts/ crystal x day @ 4.3 MeV
 - **~70x10³** counts/ crystal x day @ 4.8 MeV

| PHASE | BEAM TIME Requested |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| ⁵⁶ Co+others sources | 2-3 days |
| ⁶⁶ Zn(p,n) | 1 day |

Collaboration

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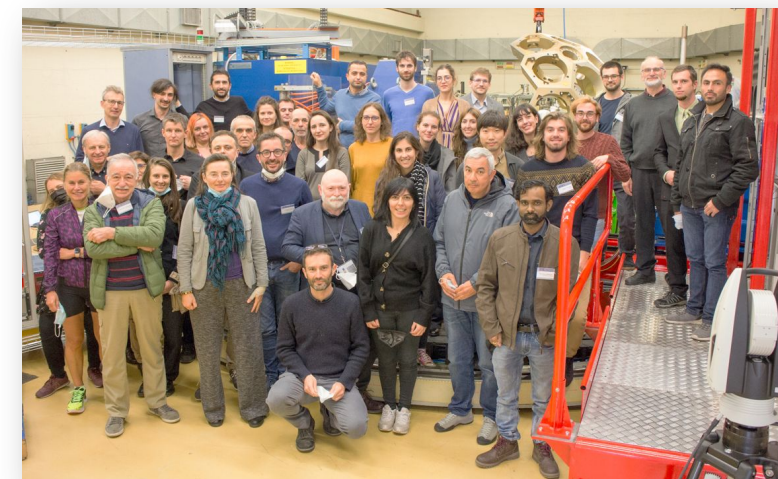
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Thank you for your attention!

Better ideas?

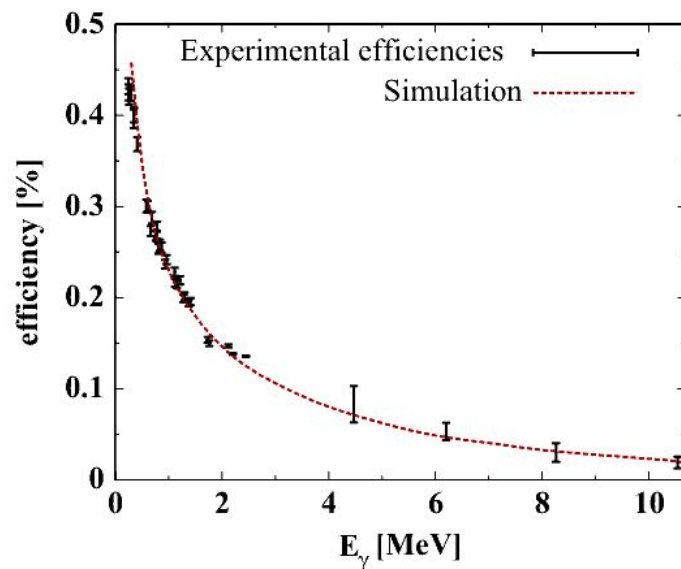
Table 1

Parameters of the (p, γ) reactions, energies (E_γ) and relative intensities (I_γ) of the γ -rays emitted by product nucleus [9,11,12].

| Reaction | E_{res} (keV) | Q value (keV) | E_p (keV) | E_γ (keV) | I_γ | Target and its thickness ($\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$) |
|---|-----------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|------------|--|
| ²³ Na(p, γ) ²⁴ Mg | 1318.1 | 11 693 | 1323 | 1368.6(1) | 1.000(2) | Na ₂ WO ₄ |
| | | | | 11 584.9(6) | 0.960(2) | 20 |
| ²³ Na(p, γ) ²⁴ Mg | 1416.9 | 11 693 | 1422 | 2754.0(1) | 1.000(1) | Na ₂ WO ₄ |
| | | | | 8925.2(6) | 0.985(1) | 20 |
| ²⁷ Al(p, γ) ²⁸ Si | 767.2 | 11 585 | 770 | 2838.7(1) | 1.0000(14) | Al |
| | | | | 7706.5(2) | 0.9810(14) | 15 |
| ³⁹ K(p, γ) ⁴⁰ Ca | 1346.6 | 8328 | 1351 | 3904.4(1) | 1.000(1) | K ₂ SO ₄ |
| | | | | 5736.5(1) | 0.965(1) | 20 |
| ¹¹ B(p, γ) ¹² C | 675 | 15 957 | 676 | 4438.0(3) | 1.0000(7) | LiBO ₂ |
| | | | | 12 137.1(3) | 1.0000(7) | 75 |
| ⁷ Li(p, γ) ⁸ Be | 441 | 17 255 | 450 | 17 619.0(6) | – | LiBO ₂ , 75 |

F.C.L. Crespi, NIM A 705, 2012

Nuclear data are taken from ENSDF [13]. Q values calculated by QCalc from NNDC [14].



L. Netterdon, NIM A 754, 2014

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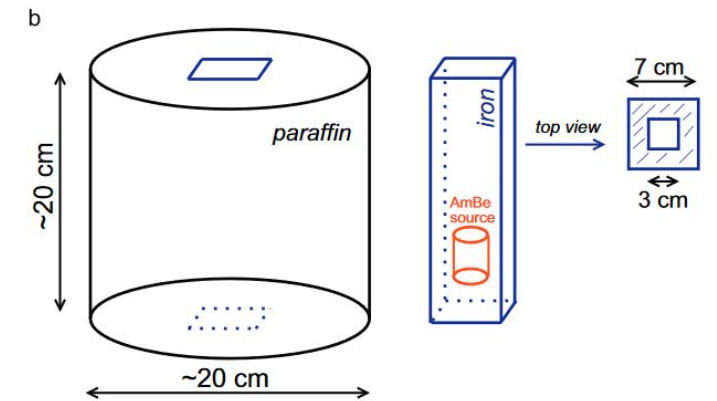
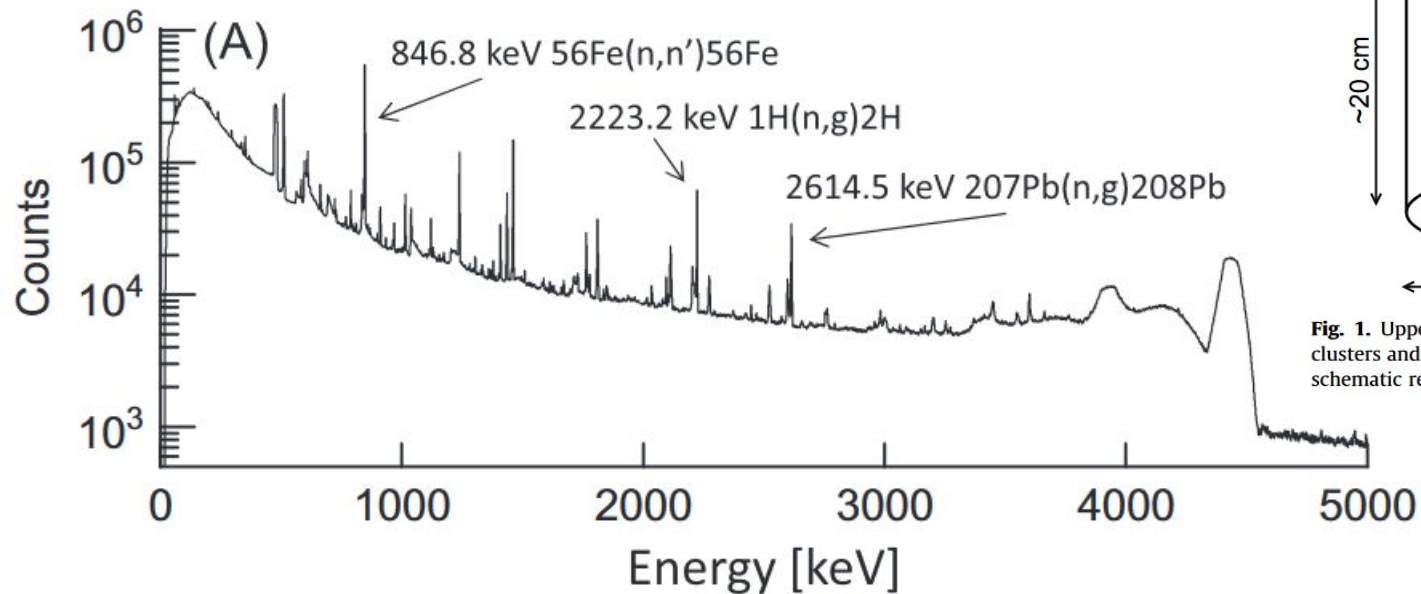
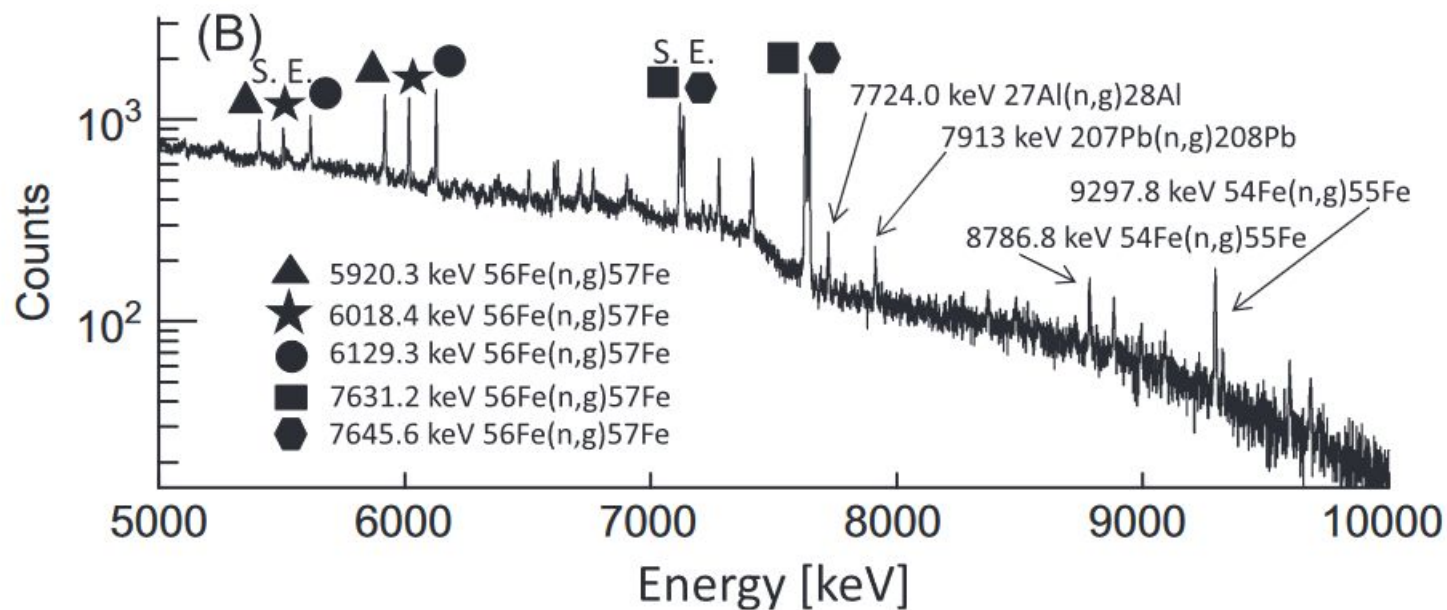


Fig. 1. Upper panel: The experimental set-up consisting of two AGATA triple clusters and one 3.5" x 8" cylindrical $\text{LaBr}_3:\text{Ce}$ scintillation detector. Lower panel: schematic representation of the Am-Be-Fe source.

F.C.L. Crespi, NIM A **705**, 2013



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Complementary
approaches

Single ATC characterization

- Possibility of sending one AGATA ATC to ILL to be tested with (n,g) in the future