

Le modelisation des Detecteurs de grand volume de Germanium Hyper Pure dans la communauté de spectroscopie gamma haute resolution (AGATA)

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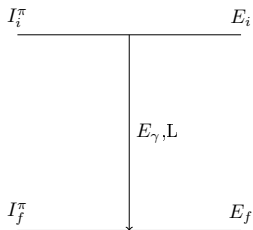
High-purity Germanium detectors in experimental nuclear physics

Gamma-ray spectroscopy excellent tool to study properties of excited states in nuclei

- Excitation energy from E_γ
- Spin from angular distributions and correlations
- Parity from photon polarisation

And in less direct ways

- Transition strengths
- Electromagnetic moments



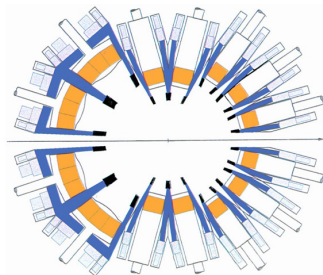
- $E_\gamma = E_i - E_f$
- $|I_i - I_f| < L < |I_i + I_f|$
- $\Delta\pi = -1^L$ for E
- $\Delta\pi = -1^{L+1}$ for M

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- Full-energy peak efficiency
- Peak-to-Total
- Energy resolution
- Isolated hit probability

Compton suppressed array 1

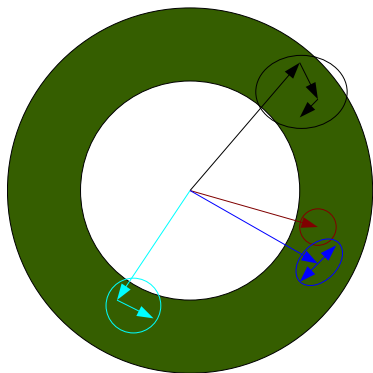


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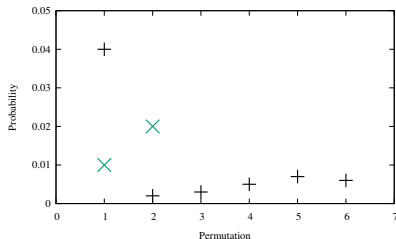
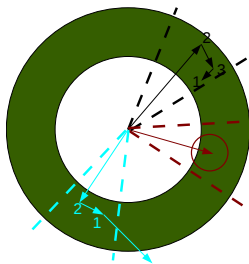
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Replace with γ -ray tracking



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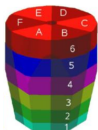


Start with all interaction points from γ rays.

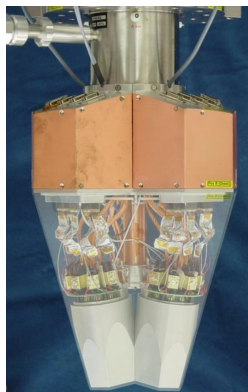
- Make clusters out of them
- For clusters $N \geq 1$, find permutation with highest prob. If $P \geq \text{Some limit}$ \rightarrow Good γ
- For single interactions, check $P(\text{photoelectric})$
- Emission angle of γ ray
- Compton suppression

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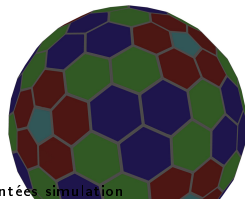
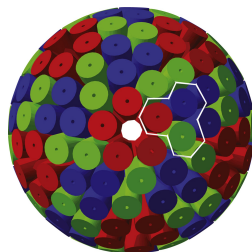
36 folded segmentation



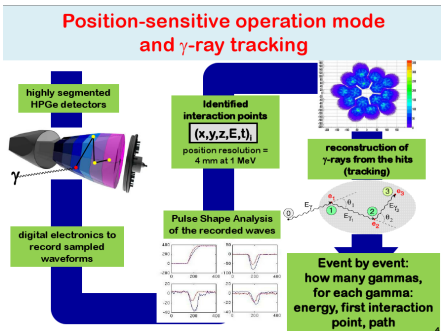
Put 3 by 3 in cryostats ($\sim 77^\circ \text{ K}$)



60 triple clusters (we have 17)



A few words on the PSA

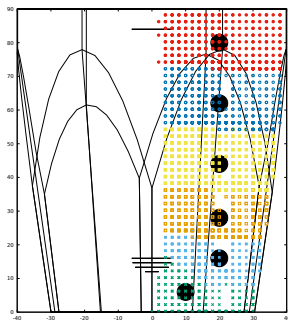


- Need $\Delta R < 5$ mm.
- Compares with calculated pulses
- Adaptive grid-search
- One interaction/segment
- No error-estimate on the position

Information in pulse-shapes

"r from rise times. z and φ from transient signals". PSA is grid-search where the metric is $\sum |y_{exp} - y_{basis}|^{0.3}$

Is PSA for gamma-ray tracking a high-precision or low-precision endeavour?



- "Size of segments"
~ 20^3 mm
- We seek 5 mm/20 mm precision
- $\rightarrow \sim 60$ voxels/segment

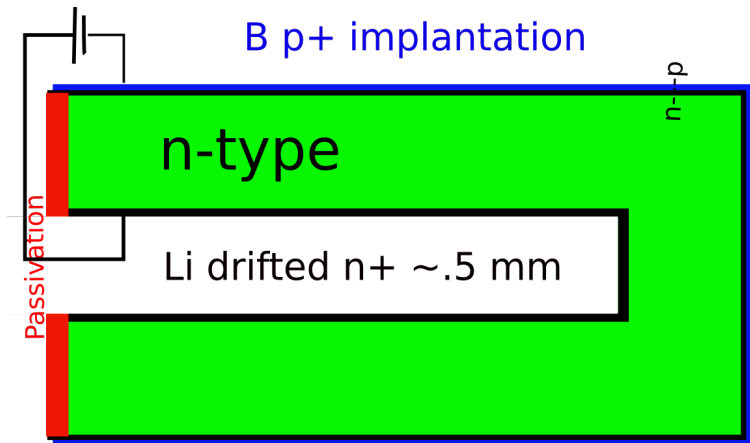
Need for high-precision modeling of detectors not for accuracy in PSA but for hit multiplicity and error estimates!

Important topics I will not touch

- Influence of electronics. We use cross talk+some integration+50 μ s decay.
- We correct trapping from fast neutron damage in HPGe on event-by-event basis. See [Bruyneel epj a 2013](#)

A reminder

AGATA detectors n-type Ge diodes cooled to 77° K.



Unlike for planar geometries, electric field not parallel with a crystallographic axes.

Formulation of problem to solve

- Electric field from solution of Poisson equation

$$\nabla^2 \varphi(\vec{r}) = -\frac{\rho(\vec{r})}{\epsilon_{Ge}}$$

- Charge carrier transport in this field $d\vec{r}/dt = \vec{v}(\vec{E})$,
 $\vec{E} = -\nabla\varphi$

- Currents on electrodes from Shockley-Ramo theorem

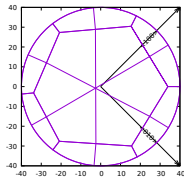
$$\frac{dQ(t)}{dt} = e \left[N_h \vec{v}_h(\vec{r}_h) \cdot \vec{W}(\vec{r}_h) - N_e \vec{v}_e(\vec{r}_e) \cdot \vec{W}(\vec{r}_e) \right], \vec{W}(\vec{r})$$

the weighting field

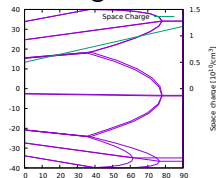
- (Cross talk, Front-end electronics...)

Ingredients for pulse-shape simulations

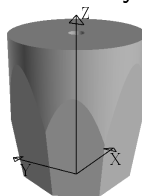
Lattice orientation



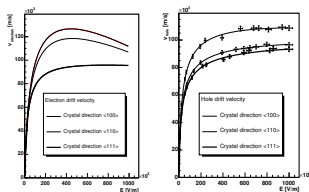
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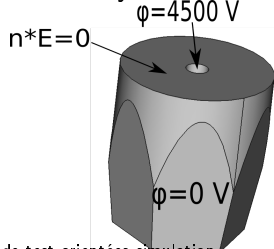
Geometry



Charge carrier mobilities



Boundary conditions



What is known/given from the manufacturer

- Weight and dimensions of crystal (~2.4 kg)
- Segmentation (but without inter-segment spacing)
- Impurity concentrations
- C vs V curve
- Crystal Lattice orientation
- Energy resolution all segments and core

What we measure/verify

- Energy resolution
- Cross talk
- (C vs V)
- (Crystal Lattice orientation) EPJ. A52, 70 (2016)
- (Impurity concentration profile) NIM A 640 176-184

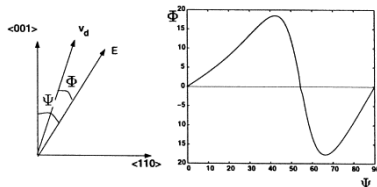
Approximations we do

- Transport of point charges
- Zero segment boundary widths
- No leakage currents
- Simple boundary condition on passivated surface
- Li contact ~ 0.5 mm everywhere
- Precision in geometry description (we are not given all information) and finite resolution in PDE solvers.
- No temperature or impurity dependence on charge-carrier velocities

Anisotropy of "hot" charge carriers

Short(!) introduction

- Charge carrier velocity not parallel to E-field (except at symmetry axes i.e. $\langle 100 \rangle$, $\langle 110 \rangle$, $\langle 111 \rangle$)
- Important for Large Volume HPGGe (~ 3 mm "error")

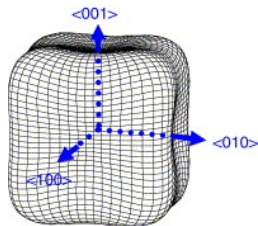
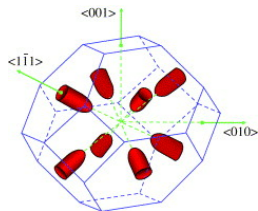


Mihailescu et al.

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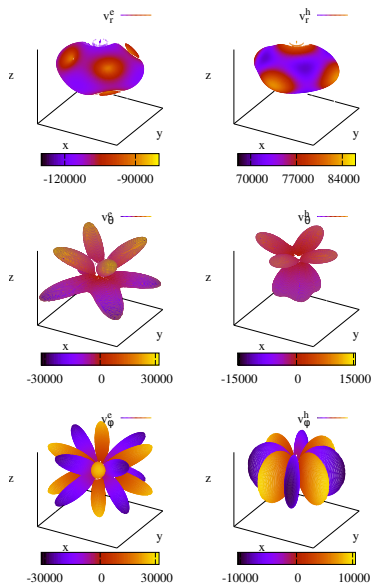
Models used for AGATA

- Electrons - **Nathan**. Anisotropic effective mass+population changes in conduction valleys oriented differently to E-field.
- Holes - "Streaming motion" by **Bruyneel et al** or simpler by Ljungvall. Anisotropy from effective mass in conduction band.



Figures from **Bruyneel et al.**

Anisotropy of "hot" charge carriers



The electric field

Poisson equation - typical strategies for PDE's used

Finite difference method

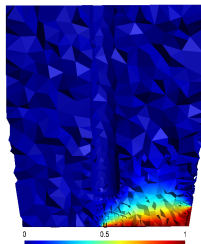
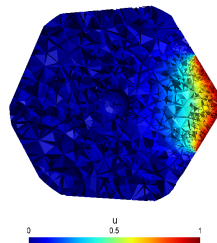
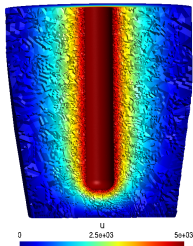
- "Easy" to implement
- Used in the community for ion traps etc.
- Codes: MGS, JASS, ADL

Finite element method

- Easy to be precise in geometry description.
- Grid adapted to complexity of solution.
- Codes: "MARS", AGATAGeFEM

Space charge from measurements or manufacturer.

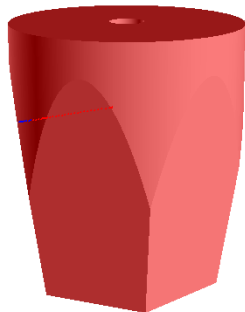
Some examples for electric fields and weighting fields (with AGATAGeFEM)



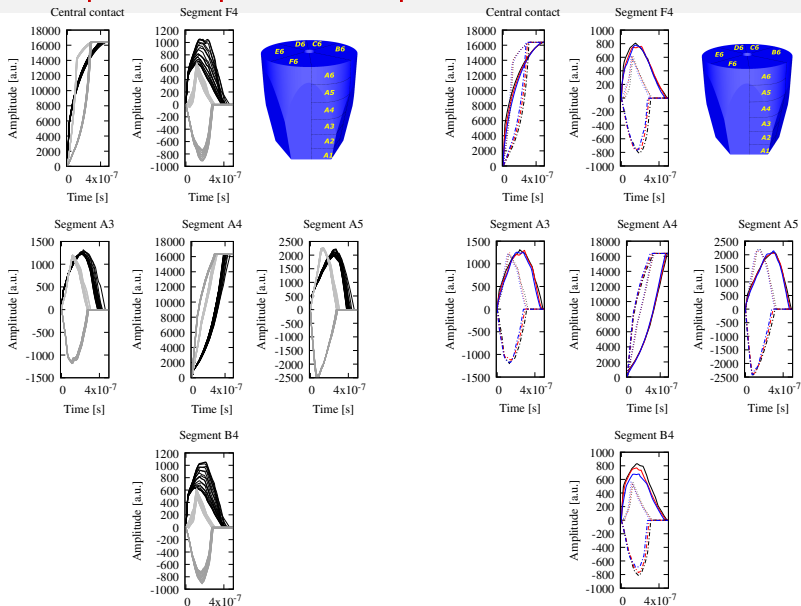
Charge transport

This is not complicated.

- This problem is typically solved using existing time dependant ODE solvers using different versions of Runge-Kutta
- Specifically AGATAGeFEM uses a Runge-Kutta-Prince-Dormand



Examples of pulses shapes



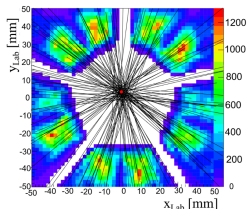
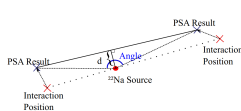
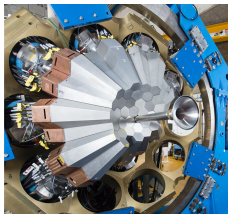
Are our simulations good?

- Compare with experimental pulses from known positions (see more of this later).
- It is the end results that interests us (the most), so we check after γ -ray tracking

Results from source data

^{22}Na emits two 511 keV back-to-back (Lewandowski et al.)
AGATA at GANIL

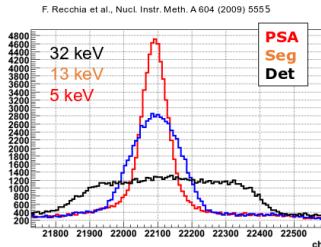
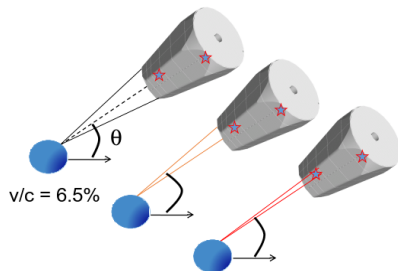
$d \implies$ position resolution \implies correct signals



Conclusion is that we have $\Delta R < 5\text{mm}$
FWHM, i.e. within specs.

Results from in-beam data

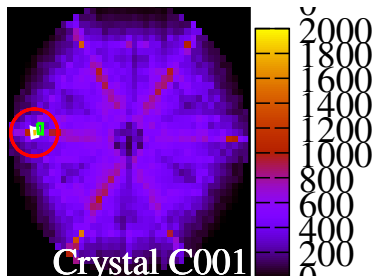
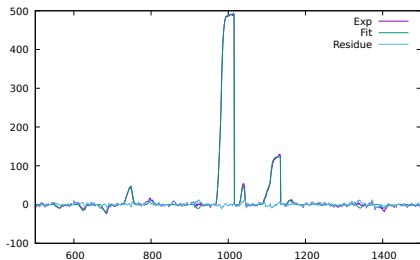
Doppler Correction after the reaction $^{48}\text{Ti}(d,p)^{49}\text{Ti}$



$\Delta R < 5$ mm FWHM

Are we happy with this?

- We have achieved, on average, the needed position resolution.
- We see artifacts in the interaction position distributions. Question if this is signal treatment or PSA basis. . .



So the answer is yes and no.

Counting the interactions and event-by-event error estimate

The next goals are to be able to disentangle two interactions in the same segment. . .

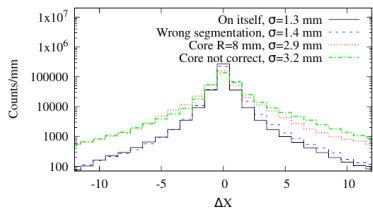
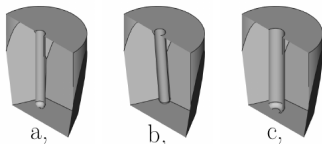
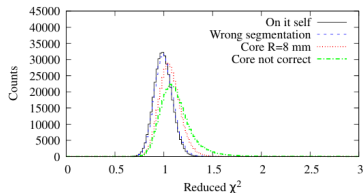
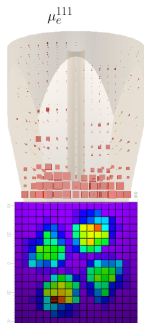
- This might be possible with a "perfect" base of signals: A χ^2 could be used to discriminate between over-fitted one interaction or two interactions.

. . . and be able to do error estimates on event-by-event basis.

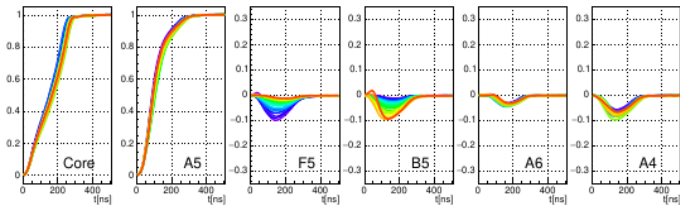
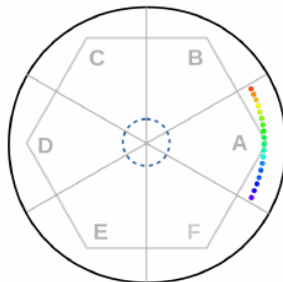
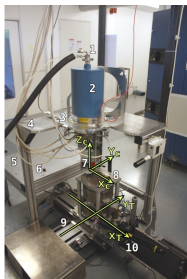
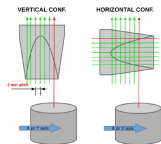
- Present metric not χ^2 . Other ideas under investigation such as boot strapping (see [Siciliano et al.](#))

If we achieve this γ -ray tracking will work even better

Find the most important parameters



Use data from scanning tables, fit parameters



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