



Machine learning and imaging approaches to improve the AGATA position resolution

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### In-beam Gamma-ray spectroscopy: Doppler correction



# In-beam Gamma-ray spectroscopy: Doppler correction



# AGATA: Advanced GAmma Tracking Array

- Consists of 50 HPGe detectors(40 has been used in site and 180 are planned to complete 4π sphere).
  - High efficiency due to the continuous HPGe crystals.
  - State of the art energy resolution 2keV at 1.33MeV.
- Capable of tracking Gamma-rays.
  - Accurate Doppler correction.
  - Better photopeak to background ratio.



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### AGATA: highly segmented HPGe

- Electronic segmentation.
  - No physical segmentation of the crystal(no dead layers between the segments).
  - Increases the detection efficiency.
- Allows for accurate measurement of the interaction point of the gamma ray.



# PSA: Pulse Shape Analysis algorithm

- Simulated databases of signals are built for each crystal.
  - Each database has a 2mm Cartesian grid of points.
  - 700-2000 Points per segment.
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# The tracking of the gamma ray

- Gamma-ray are tracked back to the source using Compton diffusion formula.
  - Allows for the determination of the first interaction point.
    - Accurate Doppler correction.
  - Improve the photopeak to background ratio.





# AGATA capabilities

The tracking method reduces the low energy background significantly.



### Doppler correction with PSA + Tracking



# Improving the PSA

- To improve the PSA we need to improve the databases.
  - By improving the simulations.
  - ✓ By replacing the simulations with experimental data.
  - In both cases we need experimental databases.
- Experimental databases were produced at Strasbourg.
  - To produce the databases the crystal had to be scanned.
  - Scanning the crystal means that we measure signals at every point of the crystal.
  - A prototype crystal was scanned
  - The source used is 137Cs.



# The scanning process

- 1 vertical (X,Y) and 1 horizontal(X,Z) scan.
- To get a 3D databases, a  $\chi$ 2 analysis of both datasets is done.
- This method has been validated and published but it's very time consuming (5 days for the PSCS analysis)



Picture from Michael Ginsz's PhD thesis

#### Neural networks to produce the 3D databases

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# Neural networks: LSTM

- 2 Long short-term memory (LSTM) layers were used.
  - LSTMs can process sequences of data like the signals.
  - Are very robust and are not affected by time misalignments.
- The loss function was calculated only for the two known axis, this allows the network to learn patterns of each dataset without affecting the other.



# Data preparation

- The data must be homogenous to avoid bias from the neural network.
  - Only 10 signals/voxel are kept.
  - ✓ 500k signals per scan in total.
- ▶ Gate on the 662KeV photopeak and selection of segment multiplicity of 1.
  - $\checkmark$  To avoid Compton scattering signals and assure the signals at the right position.
- Remove dummy signals.





# Analysis of neural network results

- The two known axis are compared with the predictions of the network.
- The bad predictions can be due to bad signals.
- Only the predictions with error on the known axis of less than 1mm are kept.





# Neural network results: Vertical scan <sup>17</sup> distribution



# Neural network results: Horizontal scan distribution

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### <sup>19</sup> Neural network results: Vertical Signals



# Neural network results: Horizontal signals



# PSCS method signals



# Neural network Vs PSCS



# Imaging using Compton scattering



# Imaging using an optimizer

- The scattering angle can be calculated from the energy and from the position.
- Minimizing the difference between the two will give the source position





Difference between the calculated compton angle using the energy and the position



# Imaging using Compton scattering

#### Imaging of a source located at (0,0,50)mm in the sphere of AGATA



#### Two times the experimental position error



#### Experimental position error with bad tracking



# Conclusions and prospects.

- The neural network 30 minutes for training and 1 hour to process the two scans compared to 5 day.
- Since we can't know what is the exact position of a signal, it's complicated to determine which method is more accurate.
- We developed a fast imaging method using Compton scattering to characterize the PSA.
- ▶ The imaging method will be used to characterize the results of the neural network.
- ► This work can open the door for neural network PSA.





# Thank you for your attention ③

# Imaging using Compton scattering



# Imaging using 3D histograms



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# Results of the minimizer with experimental data

- This source run was conducted during GANIL campaign in the autumn of 2021.
- The source used is Eu located at (0,0,-55)mm.

# $\begin{bmatrix} -3.63 & 0.55 & -48.23 \end{bmatrix}$

4.5mm

FWHM:



3.83mm

[-3.8 0.5 -54.58]





3.78mm

# Analysis of neural network results

Only 2% of the predicted segments were wrong.



# Neural network results



# The Strasbourg scanning tables

- A motorized collimator with a  $10\mu m$  precision.
- A system allowing the placement of the detector in vertical and horizontal positions.
- A laser alignment system.
- Detector scanned in this work: the symmetric S001 crystal, with a 137Cs source.

