

Az X17 bozon $\gamma\gamma$ -bomlásának keresése

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How can we choose between the different interpretations?

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Protophobic Fifth-Force Interpretation of the Observed Anomaly in ^8Be Nuclear Transitions

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**Possible explanation of the electron positron anomaly
at 17 MeV in ^8Be transitions through a light
pseudoscalar**

Study the $\gamma\gamma$ -decay of X(17) in ^4He

- Vector particle (1+) or axialvector (0-)? If axialvector than it can decay by $\gamma\gamma$ emission.

$$\cos(\Theta) = 1 - \frac{m_x^2}{2E_1E_2}$$

Study the angular correlation with modern, highly efficient LaBr_3 detectors.

The double-gamma decay



First discussed by Maria Göppert-Mayer in her doctoral thesis in 1929

M. Göppert-Mayer, Über Elementarakte mit zwei Quantensprüngen

Second order process (10^{-6} weaker)

- $E_0 = E_1 + E_2$
- E_1, E_2 are continuous

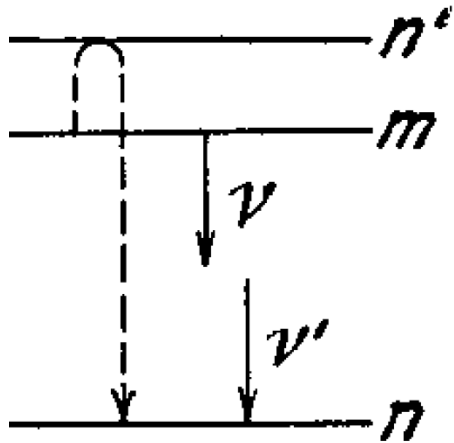


Fig.4

M. Göppert-Mayer, Ann.Wiss. (1931)

studied inverse in atomic physics

- *M. Lipes et al., PRL 15, 690 (1965)*
- *P.H. Mokler et al., Phys. Scr. 69, C1 (2004)*
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The double-gamma decay in nuclear physics

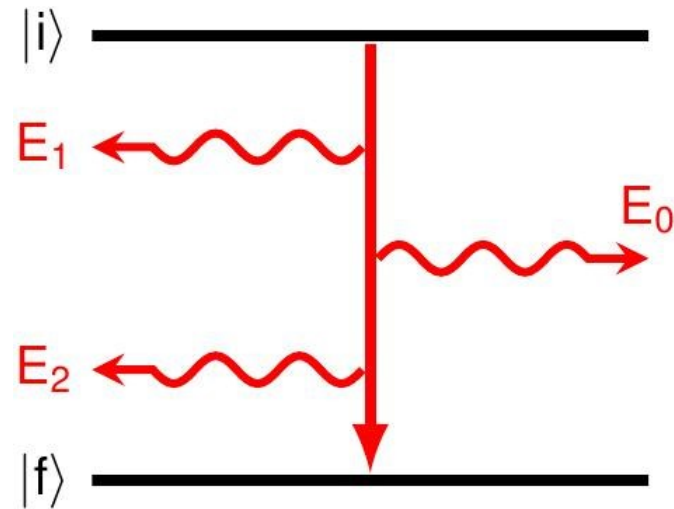
$\gamma\gamma$ -decay only known in a special case:

$$0^+ \rightarrow 0^+ (^{90}\text{Zr}, ^{40}\text{Ca}, ^{16}\text{O})$$

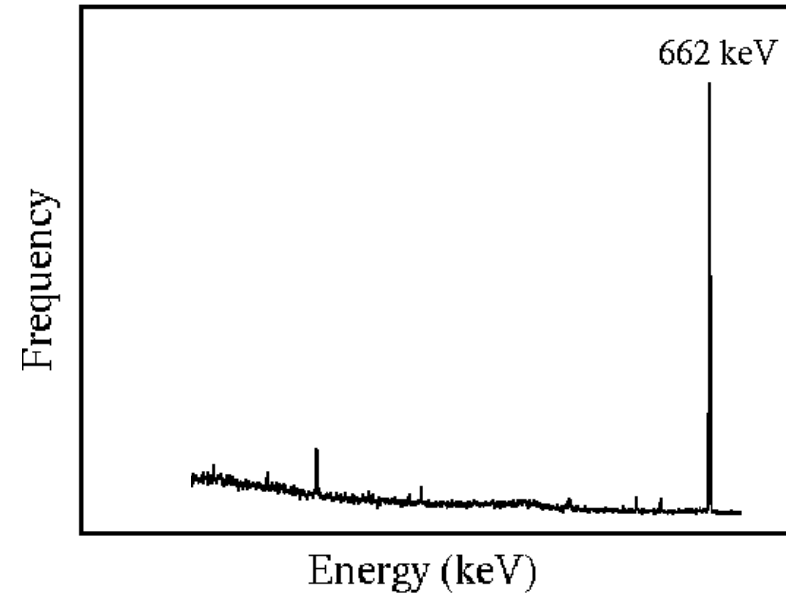
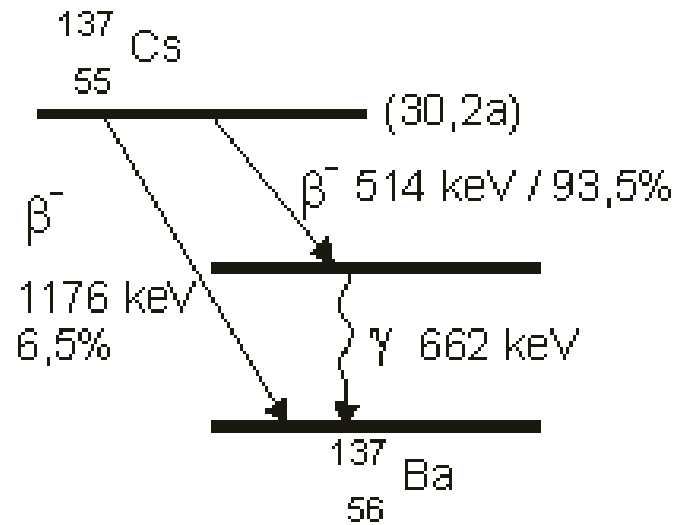
- J. Schirmer et al., *PRL* 53, 1897 (1984)
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never observed in competition to allowed single γ -transition

- W. Beusch et al., *Helv Phys. Acta* 33, 363 (1960)
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Search for $\gamma\gamma/\gamma$ - decay in ^{137}Cs γ - standard



- Study 662-keV transition in ^{137}Ba
- use radioactive ^{137}Cs -source

Summary

- Observation of the competitive double-gamma decay
- Measurement of the energy sharing and angular distributions

- Branching ratio $\approx 10^{-4}$ ($\approx 10^{-5}$)
- Determination of the a_{E3M1}
- M2E2-decay

Walz et al., *Nature* **526**, 406 (2015)

- Formally sensitive to the NME
- Related to Symmetry Parameter of Nuclear EoS ?
- Access to aspects of NME for $0\nu\beta\beta$ - decay ?

Double γ -decay in ^4He

(M. Suffert and R. Berthollet, Nucl., Phys. A318 (1979) 54.)

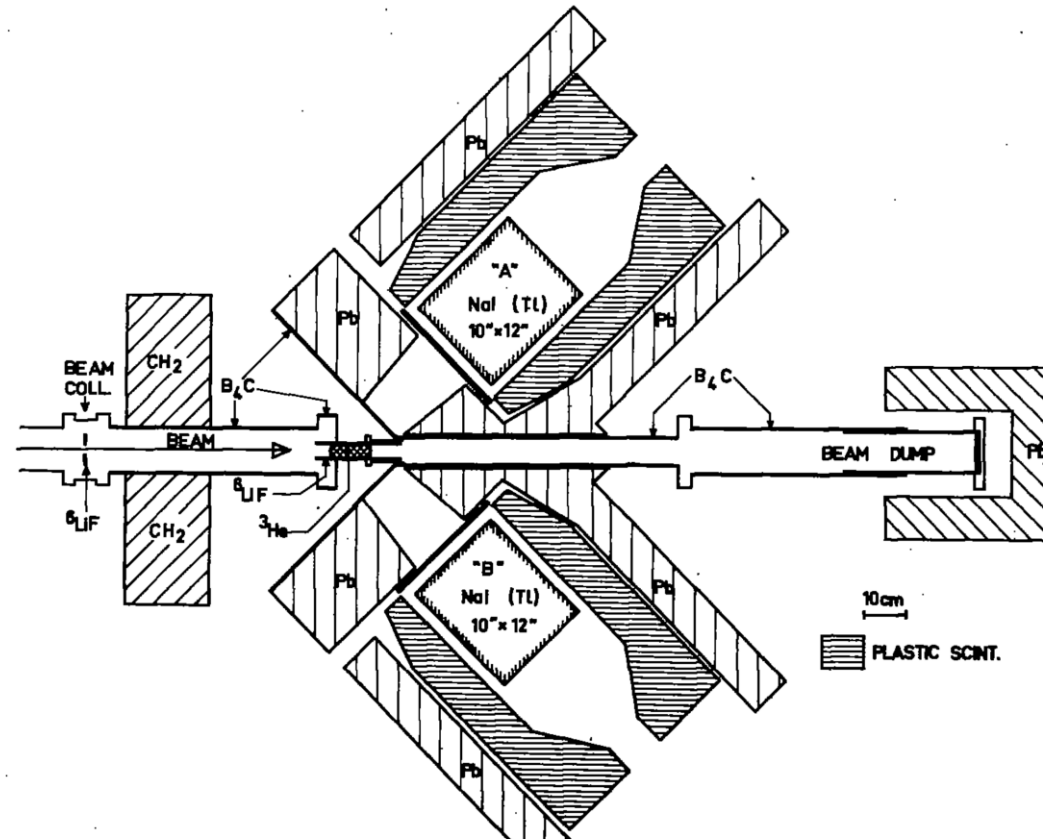
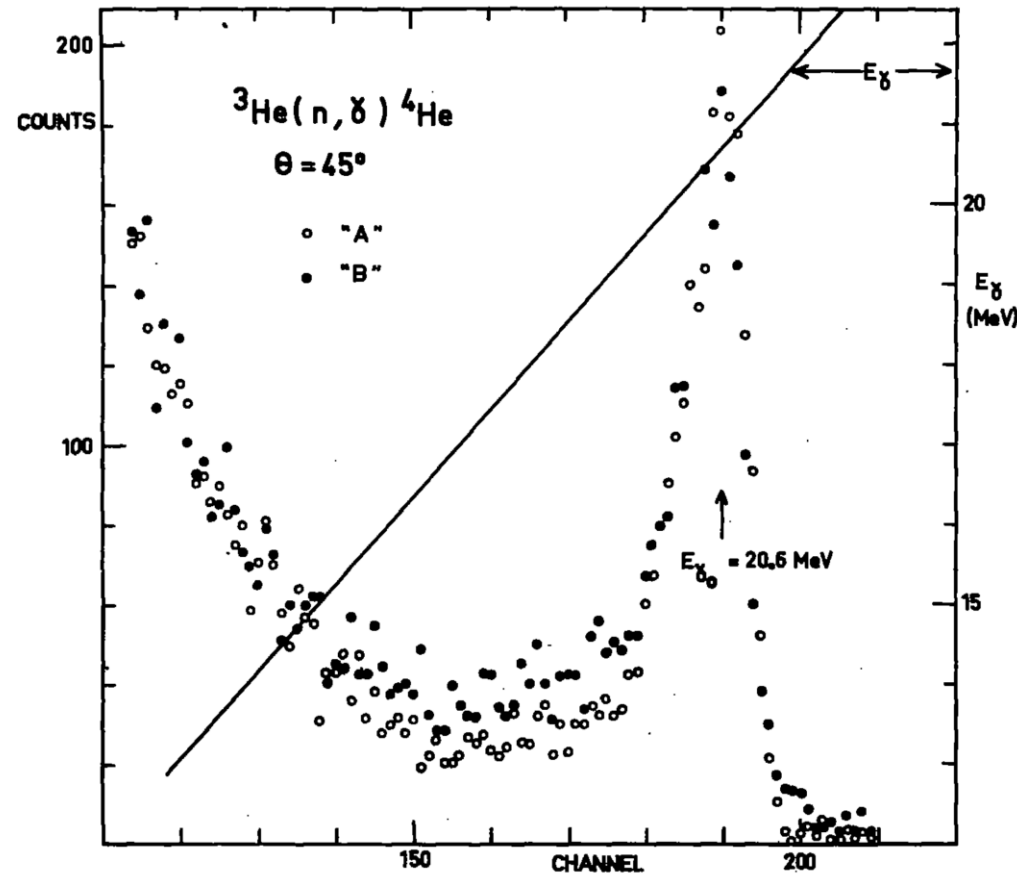
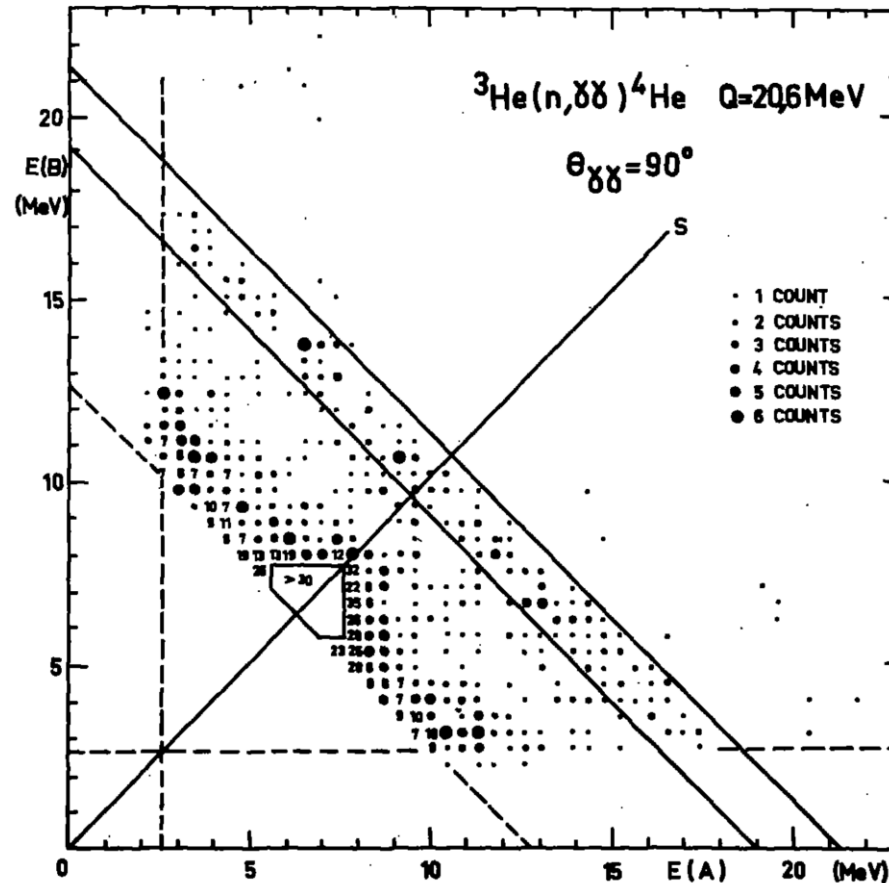


Fig. 1. Scheme of the experimental set-up.

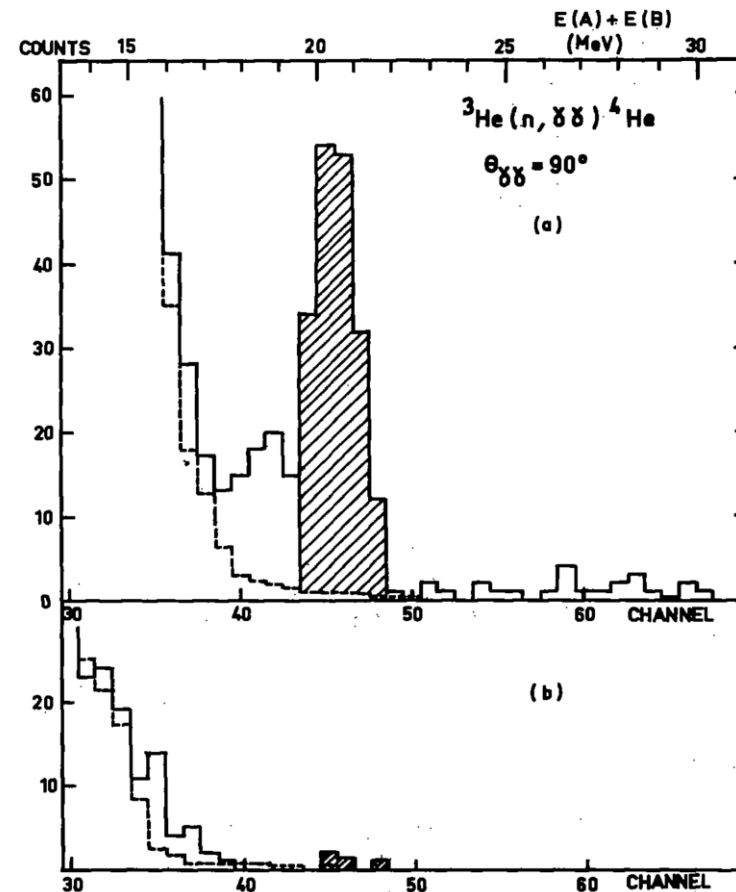
Singles spectra of detector „A" and detector „B" from the $^3\text{He}(n, \gamma)^4\text{He}$ reaction



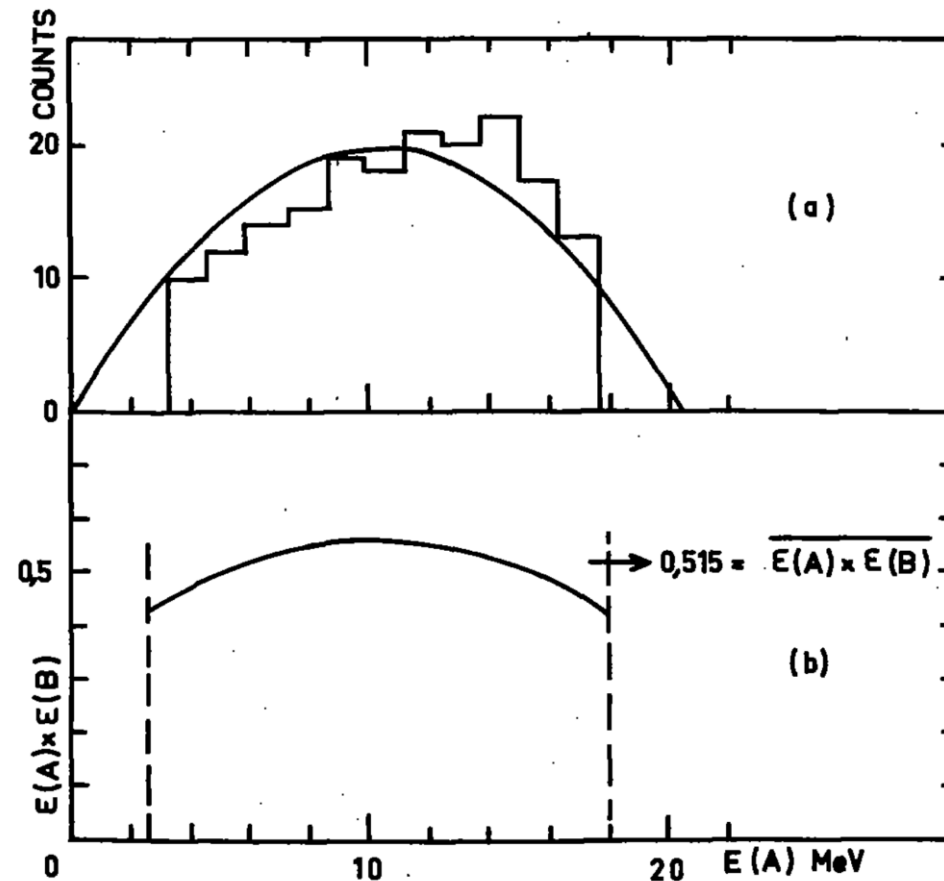
Number of coincidences as a function of the pulse heights $E(A)$ and $E(B)$. The counts between the two parallel solid lines were used for the 2γ cross-section determination.



Sum-spectra (projection on OS . axis) . Solid line : real+random coincidences . Dotted line : random coincidences. Shaded area : counts used for 2γ cross section determination . (a) $^3\text{He}+n$ spectrum
(b) Spectrum with 5 cm of lead between target and detector B.



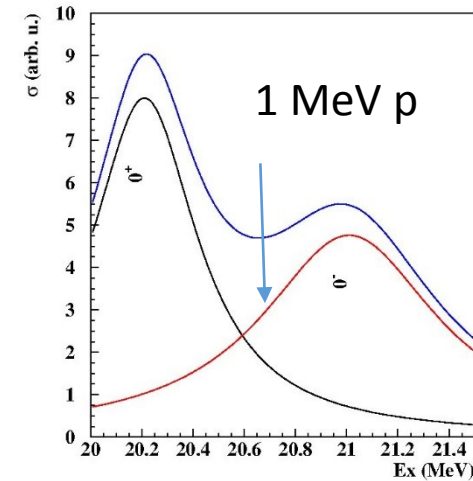
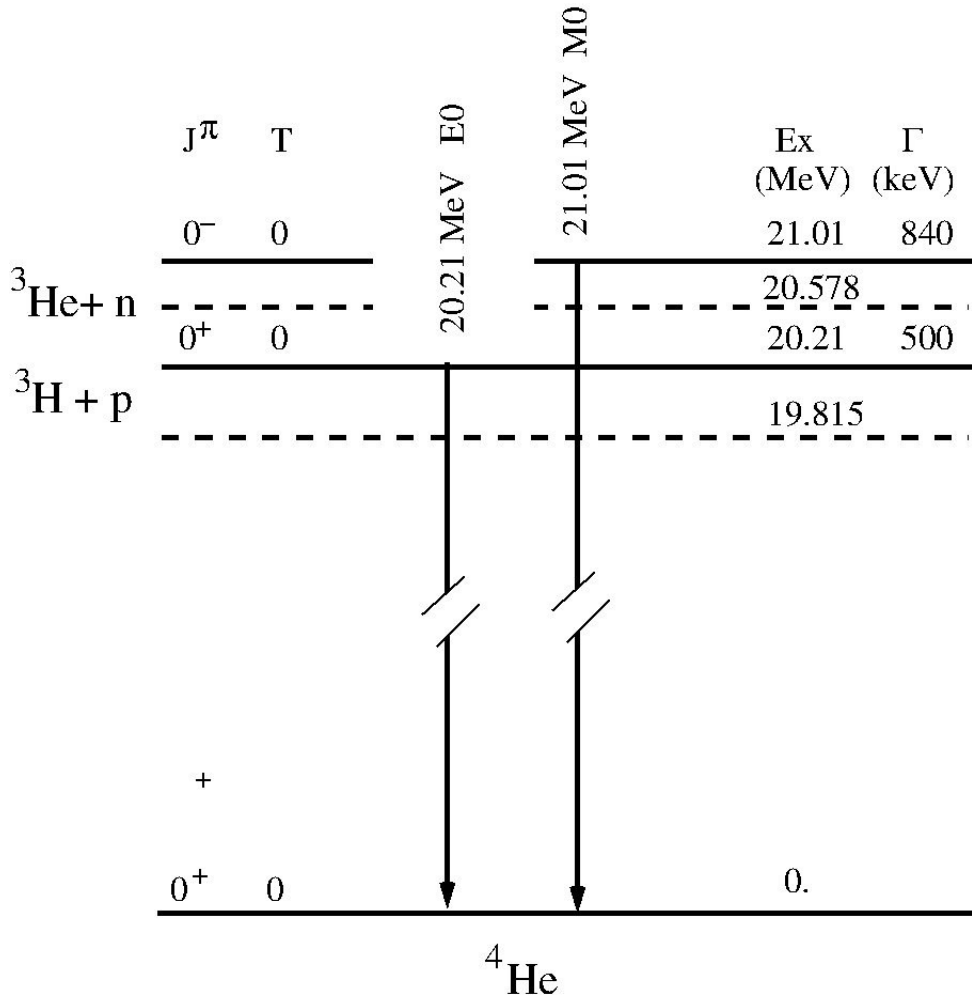
(a) Projection on $E(A)$ of counts between the two parallel solid lines of fig. 3. Solid line : shape corresponding to $E(A) \times E[20.6 - E(A)]$. (b) The product of full-energy peak efficiencies $\varepsilon(A) \times \varepsilon(B)$ as a function of $E(A)[E(A) + E(B) = 20.6 \text{ MeV}]$.



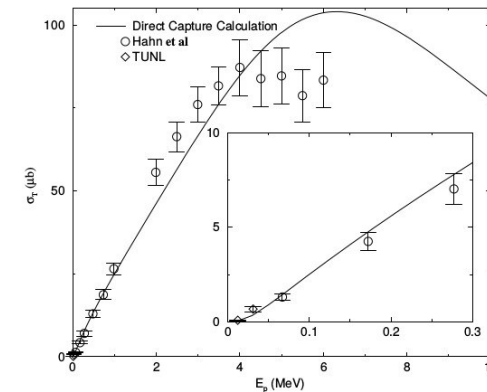
Conclusion

- The most recent theoretical calculations taking into account the $p + {}^3\text{H}$ resonance at $E \approx 20.2$ MeV give $Q(2\gamma) = 1.18 \mu\text{b}$ and $R \approx 0.03$ i.e. about ten times less.
- H. C. Lee, F. C. Khanna, M. A. Lone and A. B. McDonald, Phys. Lett. 65B (1976) 201

Study of the 21 MeV M0 transition in ^4He excited by $^3\text{He}+n$, and $t+p$ reactions

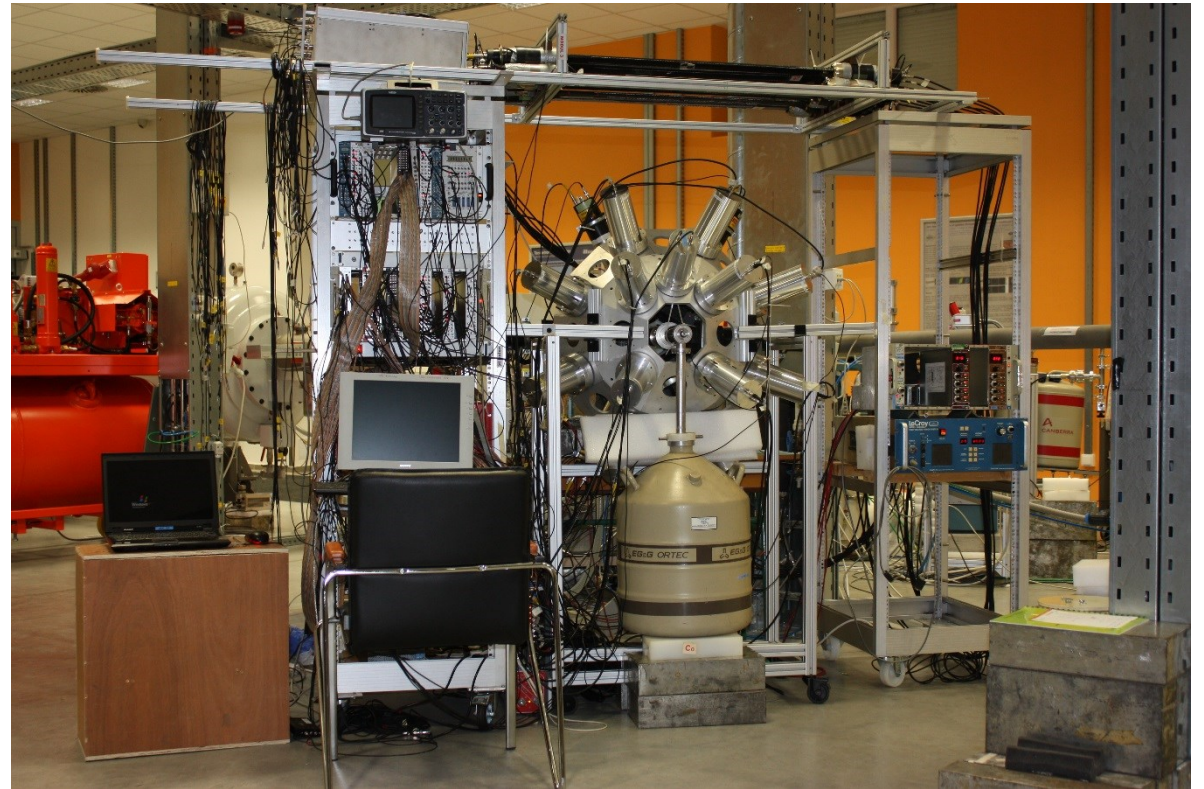
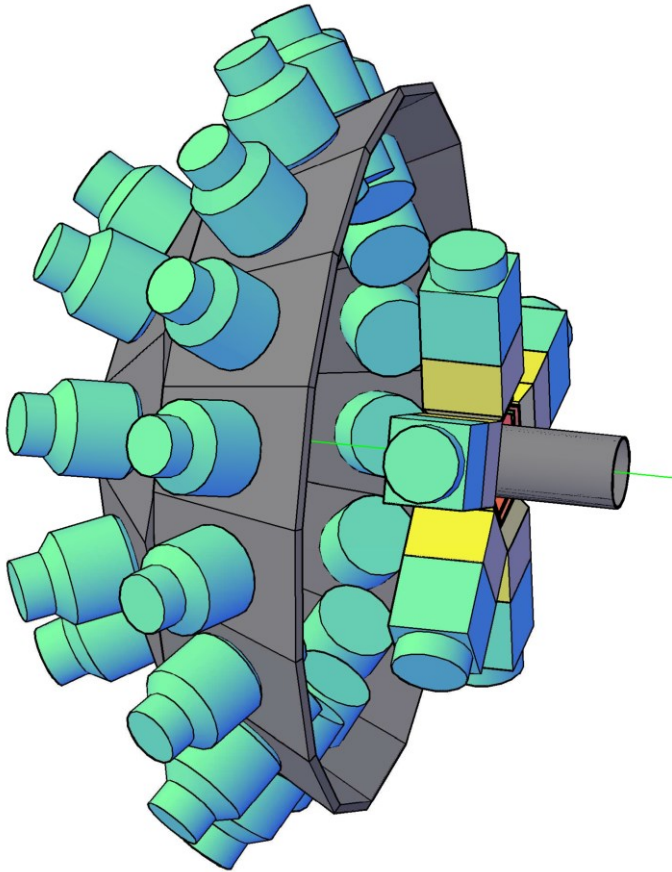


Overlapping 0^+ and 0^- states

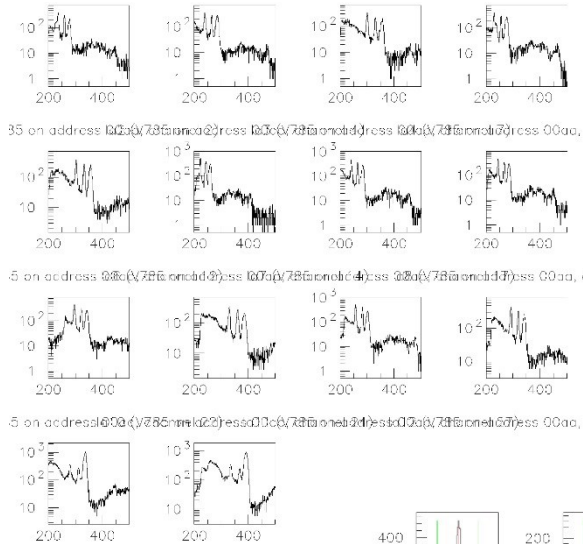


γ -ray production with direct proton capture. A source of background.

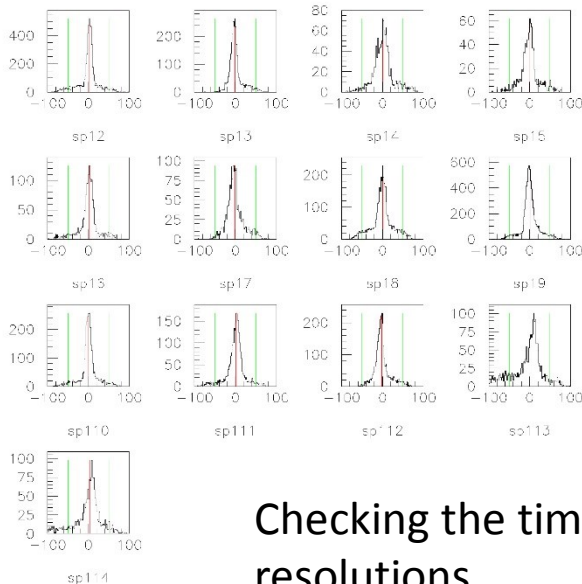
The experimental setup in Debrecen including both the e^+e^- and the γ -ray spectrometers



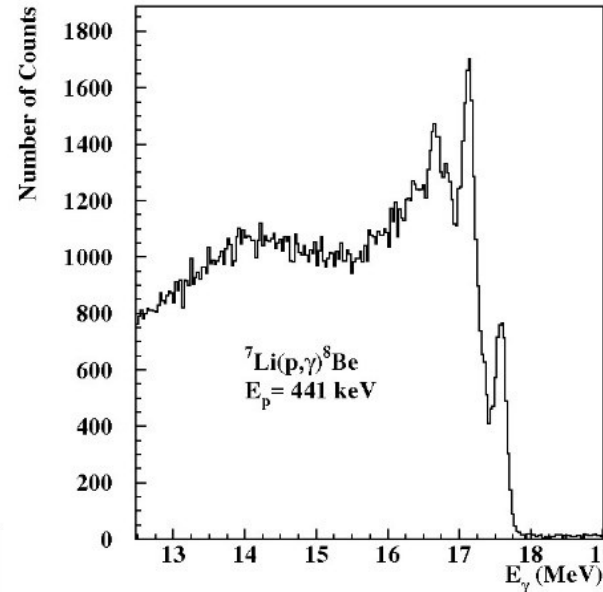
Calibration of the LaBr_3 γ -ray spectrometers



Checking the energy resolutions with a ^{60}Co source

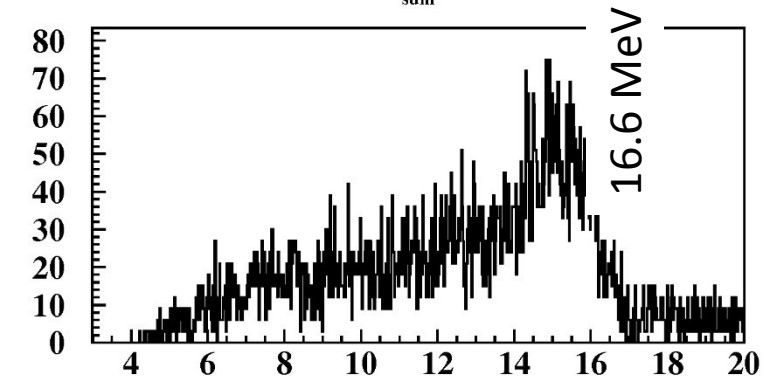
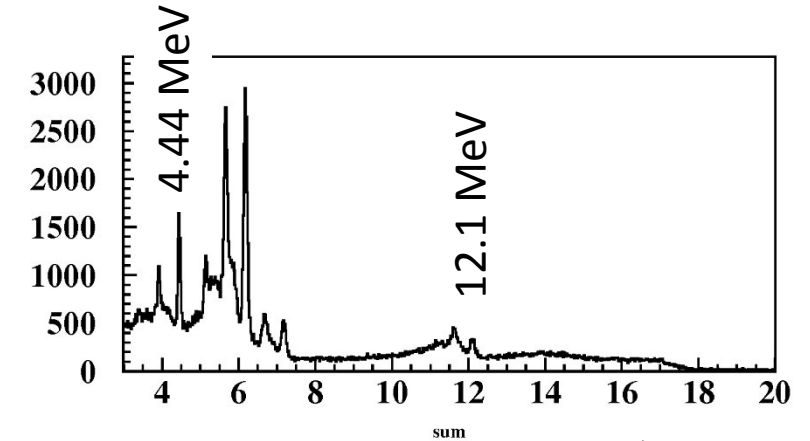


Checking the time resolutions

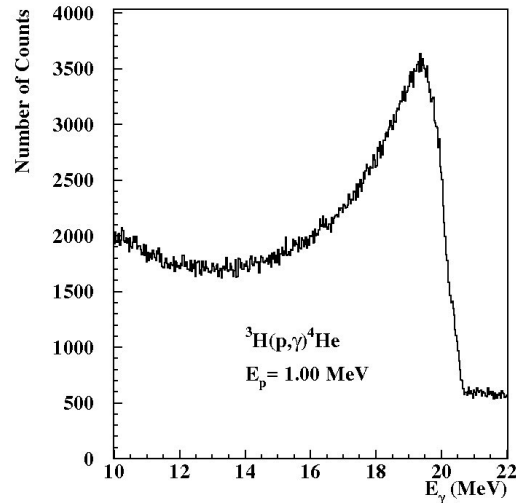


Calibration with the 17.6 MeV transition in ^8Be

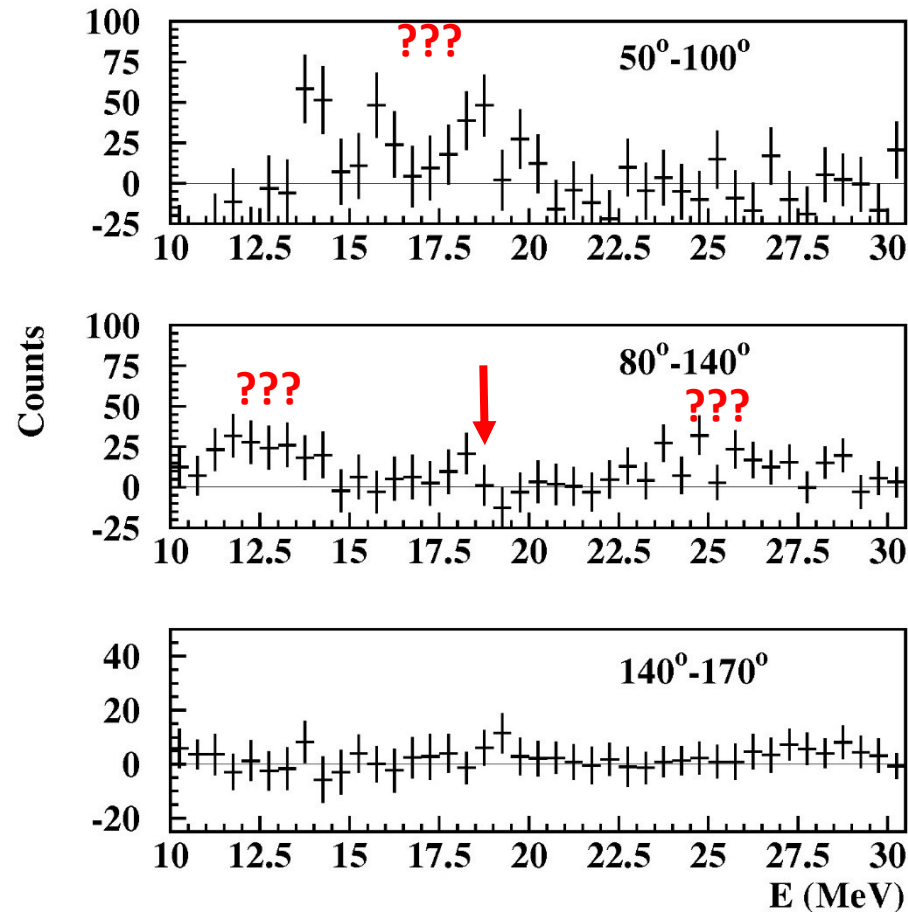
Calibration with the 12.1 – 4.44 MeV $\gamma\gamma$ cascade in ^{12}C using the $^{11}\text{B}(p,\gamma)$ reaction at $E_p=675$ keV.



Two photon sum-energy distributions measured at different angular regions (very preliminary)

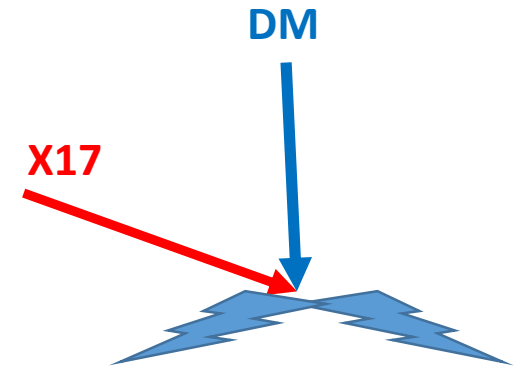


A typical γ -ray spectrum.
The proton energy loss in the target was about 400 keV, so the photo peak was washed out.

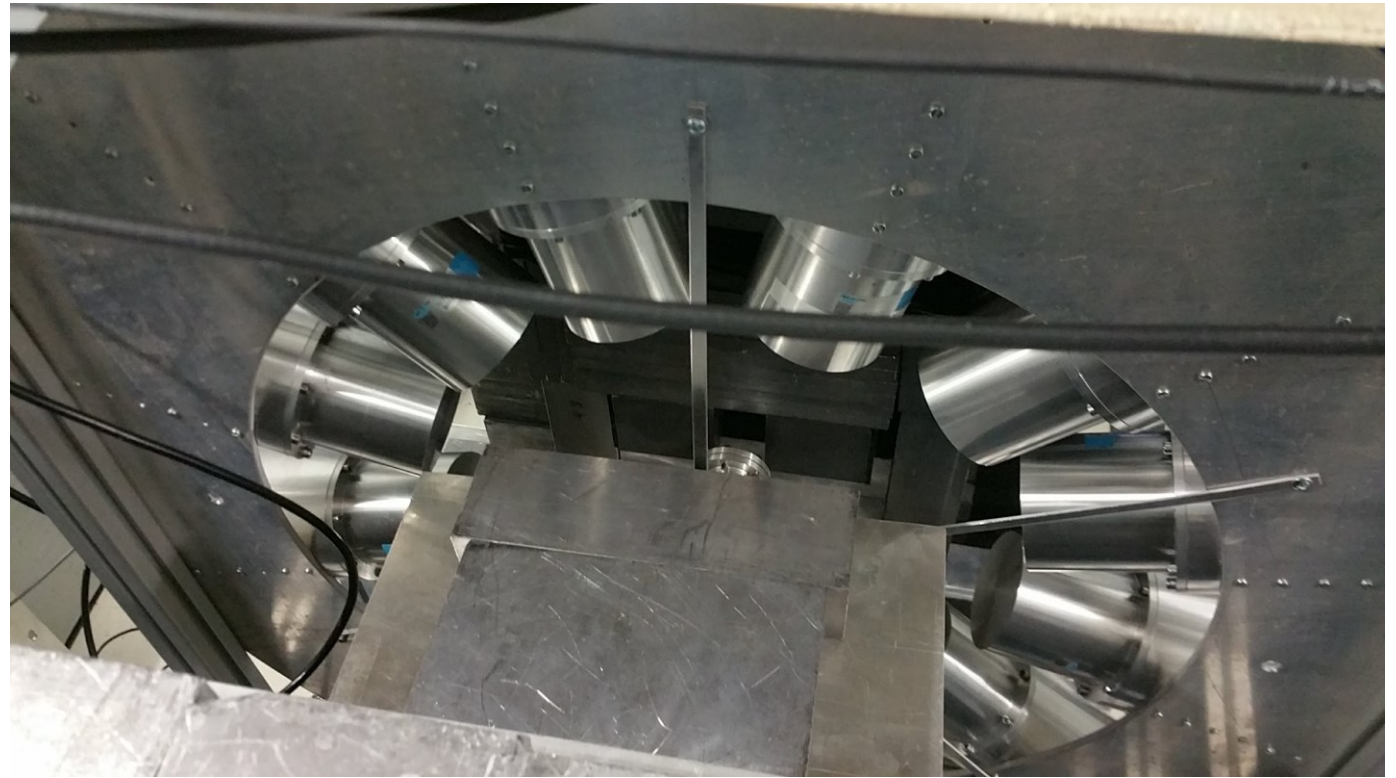
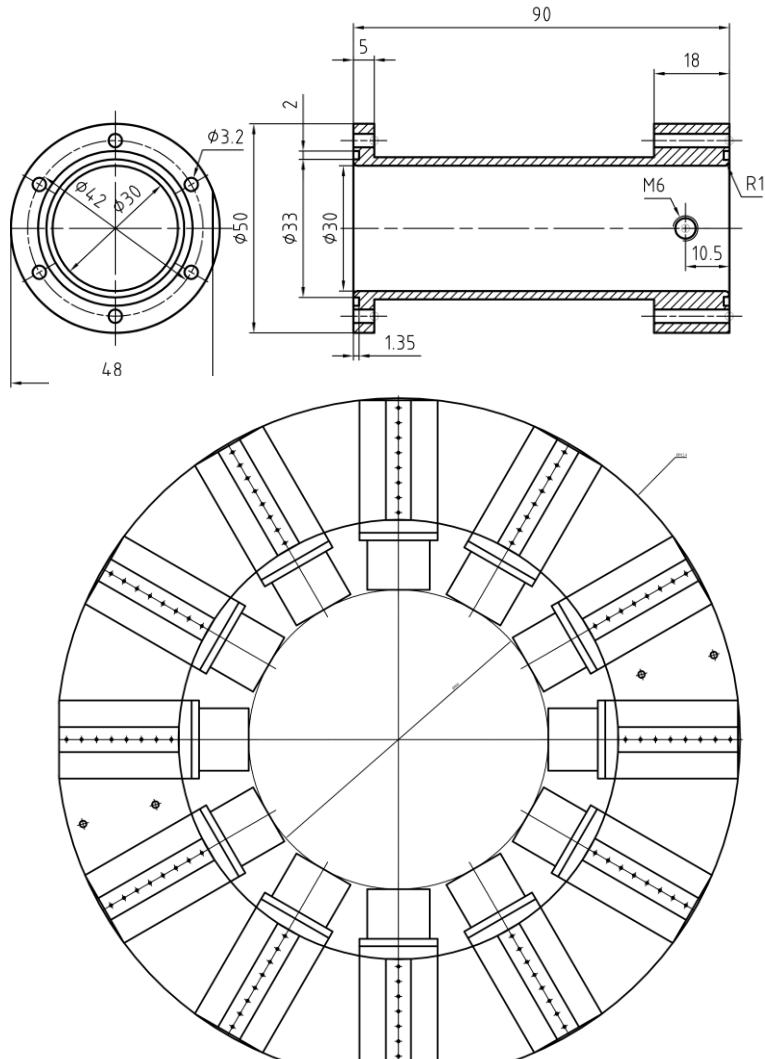


Sum energy spectra for coincident detectors.

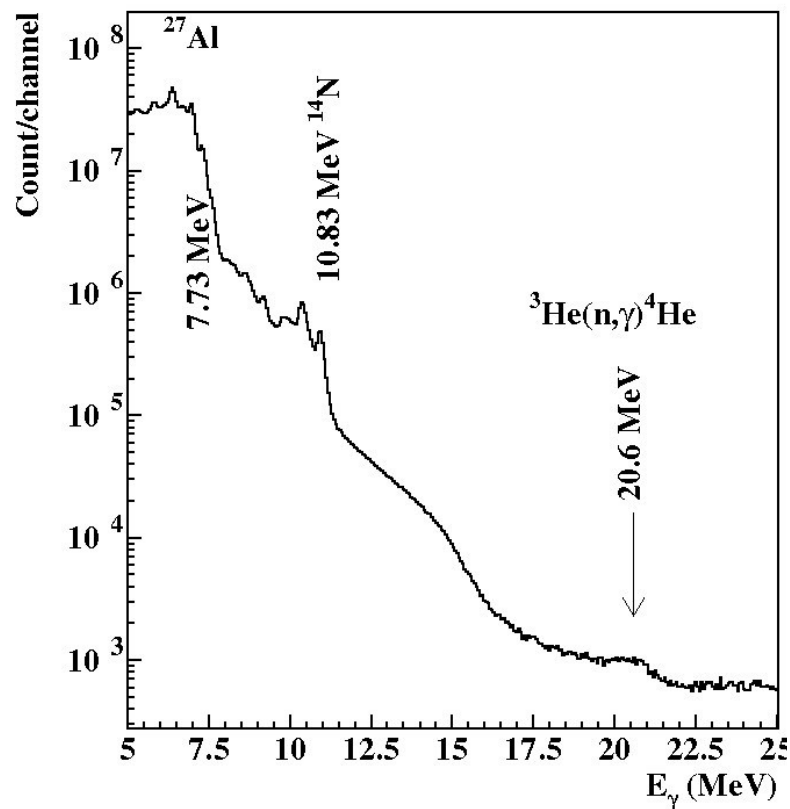
Energy release from
DM collision???



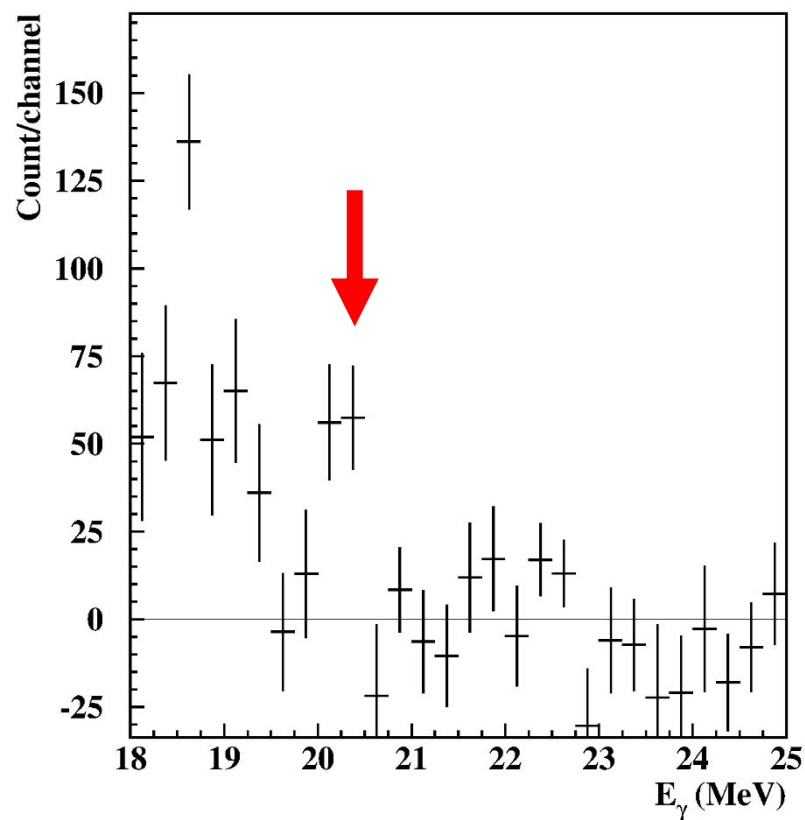
The experimental setup in Garching



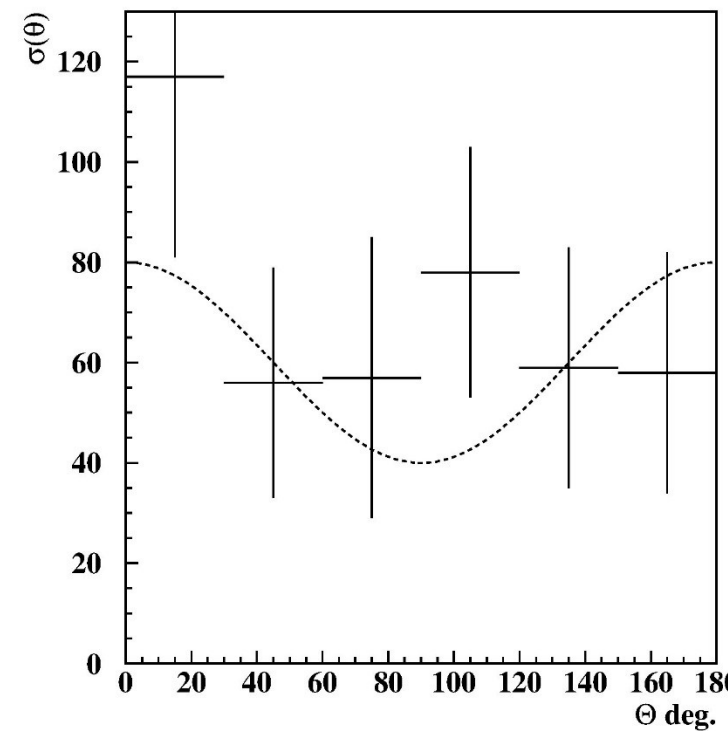
The first results in Garching



A typical singles γ -ray spectrum



Typical sum-energy spectra for coincident detectors



Preliminary $\gamma\gamma$ -angular correlation

Conclusion, future plans

- The contribution of the random coincidences and cosmic rays was too much, compared to the effect, however the results are very challenging!
- We are planning to repeat the experiments.

Thank you very much for your attention!