Gamma-ray spectrometry of fission fragments : ML analysis of multi-dimensional spectra

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Interest of gamma-ray spectroscopy

- Probe the intrinsic properties of the fragments
- Compare the desexcitation process with simulation
- Nuclear data

The FIPPS spectrometer



Figure: 8 of the 16 germanium spectrometers

The neutron source

nuclear reactor located at Laue-Langevin Institute (ILL)

The active target

(Kandzia et al., 2020)

Uranium 235 diluted in a scintillating liquid Interest : gamma-rays emitted after a fission can be discriminated

The detection system (

(Michelagnoli et al., 2018)

Composed of two parts :

- 16 high-purity germanium clover detectors (HPGe)
- Photo-multiplier : collect the light produced at the target



Figure: Measure of gamma rays in coincidence

Figure: Zoom of the coincidence matrix on the region that corresponds to the detection of 2 gamma rays following the beta decay of $^{132}{\rm Sn}$

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Better approach : fit directly the matrix

but :

- required complex fit model (designed by-hand)
- required a good first guess of the parameters

An automatic (or at least semi-automatic) procedure would be welcomed !

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The rest

- what about uncertainty quantification ? and how to deal with the uncertainty in the input histograms ?
- how can we introduce prior knowledge in the analysis ?

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What has be done so far

- synthetic dataset
- implementation of 3 architectures
- first characterization

What's next ?

- model uncertainty
- comparison to classic fit method
- application to the real data

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