

$^{19}\text{F}(\gamma, \alpha)^{15}\text{N}$ Rates

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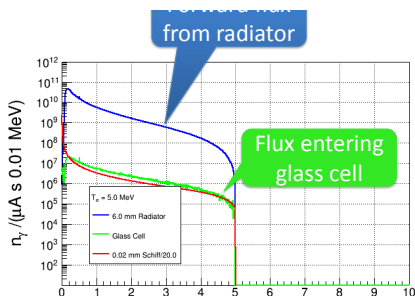
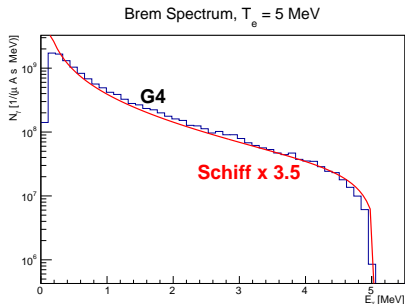


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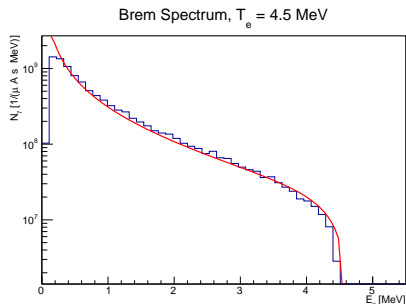
- Developed new code to calculate $^{19}\text{F}(\gamma, \alpha)^{15}\text{N}$ rates from scratch
- Comparing to presentation made in March 2016 with similar goals
- Geometry could be improved
- Have a bunch of questions - let me know where refinement can be done

Simulation

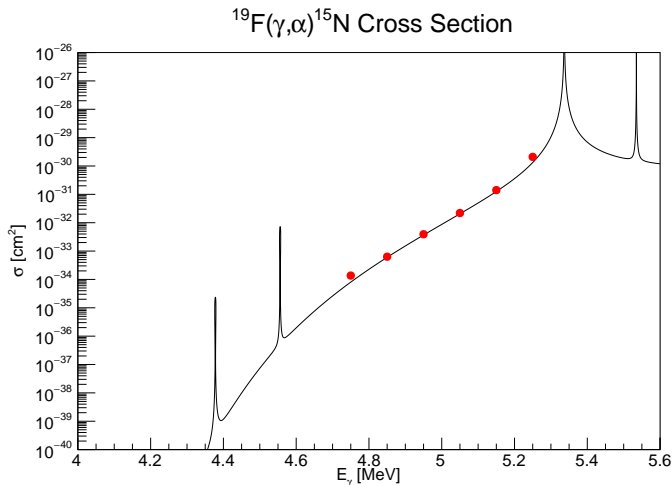
- Starting with very basic G4 from scratch based on geometry
- Just radiator and apertures
- Photons required to come from inside target - cutting everything else for simplicity



- Matching G4 $T_e = 5$ MeV to Schiff formula
- G4 visually agrees well with previous G4
- Overall scaling of my Schiff off by $\times 3 - 4$ - geometrical?
- Schiff used for remainder of calculations



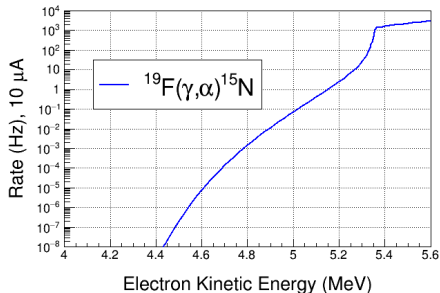
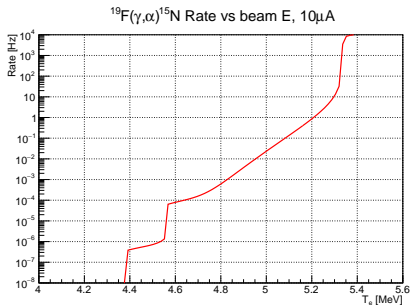
- Also tracks with lower energy ($T = 4.5$ MeV)



- Cross section used from table provided on wiki
- Using logarithmic-y linear-x interpolation due to extreme variation

Rate vs T_e

- Convoluting cross section with Brem spectrum
- ROOT is doing numerical integration - defaults to adaptive QAG method



- Some differences in structure washed out in previous analysis?
- Absolute rates are a bit lower in mine

Unfolding

- Using simplest unfolding algorithm
- Electron energies evenly spaced by Δ
- Using bin centers as photon number calculation points

$$\begin{aligned} Y_i &\approx \sum_j N_\gamma(T_i^e, E_j^\gamma) \sigma(E_j^\gamma) \\ &= \sum_j N_{ij} \sigma_j \end{aligned}$$

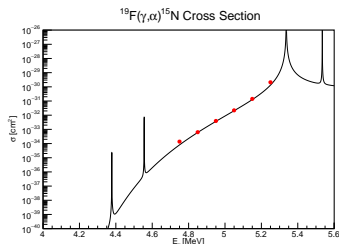
with $E_j^\gamma = T_i^e - (i - j + \frac{1}{2})\Delta$

- Measured cross section $\bar{\sigma}_j$ for E_j^γ

$$\bar{\sigma}_j = B_{ji} Y_i = N_{ji}^{-1} Y_i$$

Trial Run Plan

- Solved for constant $d\sigma/\sigma$, but assuming little cross section variation
- Plan can be tweaked given variation
- Total run time about 1 week
- Rates all less than 400 counts/hour
- Not including backgrounds yet

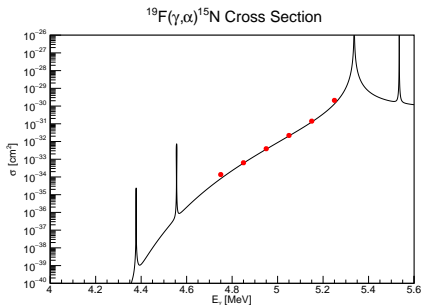


T	E_γ	I (μA)	t (h)	Yield	$d\sigma/\sigma$
4.80	4.75	50.0	100	1641	3.7
4.90	4.85	20.3	40	1669	8.7
5.00	4.95	8.5	17	1834	8.1
5.10	5.05	3.7	7	1954	8.1
5.20	5.15	1.4	5	1935	8.1
5.30	5.25	0.4	5	2033	6.7

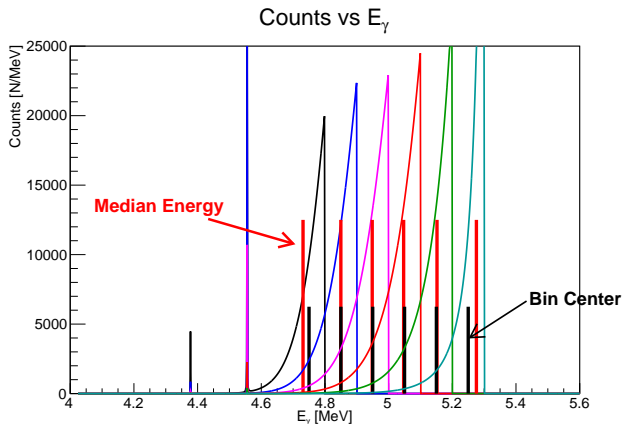
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Quoted cross section concerns

- Cross section varies quickly - question about what cross section quoted means
- First and last bins are pulled by nearby resonance
- First and last have $\bar{\sigma}(E_i)$ 50-70% different from $\sigma(E_i)$
- Rest are $\sim 5 - 10\%$ level



Quoted cross section concerns ii



- Median energy for convoluted rate about equal to bin center - evenly spaced

Summary and To Do

- Put together machinery for calculating rates and doing unfolding
- Some differences from previous analysis need to be addressed
- Geometry should be finalized
- Photon spectrum from G4 should be compared over broader energy
- Question on cross section to quote and nearby resonance effects
- Backgrounds need to be included

Running Pressures/Temperatures

