

SNU-KAERI PGAA

**Improvement of the Gamma-ray Spectrometer
of SNU-KAERI PGAA Facility**

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Abstract

The single mode gamma-ray spectrometer of the PGAA(Prompt Gamma Activation Analysis) facility constructed at HANARO of the Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute was updated to the multi-mode gamma-ray spectrometer including the single mode, Compton suppression mode and pair mode, and its performances were tested. The timing parameters were tuned for the optimized spectroscopic condition and Compton suppression factor(CSF) and reduction factor(RF) were measured by using the standard sources and the detection efficiency and the count rates of background peaks were also measured and compared with those before the installation of the new spectrometer.

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[1] 2001 5 가
B, Cd, Sm, Gd, Eu prompt k_0 -factor [2,3].
HANARO ST1 . pyrolytic
graphite(PG) Bragg . Bragg angle 45°
가 2, 3, 4 .

7.9×10^7 n/cm²s 266 . 2×2 cm² , (uniformity)
 1×1 cm² 12% . 가 HPGe
 , , MCB(Multi-Channel Buffer) single bare HPGe
 가
 [4,5,6].
 Single bare HPGe Compton continuum
 Compton
 (coincident event)
 NaI(Tl) BGO(bismuth germanate, Bi₄Ge₃O₁₂)
 hyper pure germanium(HPGe) .
 가
 , Compton continuum 가
 Compton
 (single mode), Compton (Compton suppression mode)
 pair (pair mode) .

2.

1 .
 1 . n-type closed-end coaxial HPGe . HPGe
 1332.5 keV 2.2 keV , peak-to-continuum ratio 45:1 .
 43% . PGAA Compton
 NaI(Tl) . NaI(Tl)
 BGO 가 , NaI(Tl) BGO Compton
 BGO/NaI(Tl) . symmetry
 type BGO/NaI(Tl) (aluminum housing) . 1.5 mm
 8 BGO segment 가 HPGe
 76 mm, 150.6 mm hole .
 31.6 mm 가 가 30 mm NaI(Tl) .
 BGO/NaI(Tl) assembly 가 8
 . HPGe microm table .
 가 10~20 cm , 2.5 cm 5 cm
 collimator , 3.5 cm 5 cm collimator step collimator 가
 . , ⁶Li 95.4% 가 8
 mm ⁶LiF tile collimator . HPGe
 25 cm . BGO/NaI(Tl) 가 HPGe
 10 cm 가 .
 2 block diagram . HPGe
 . TFA(timing filter amp)

main shaping amplifier . Main shaping amplifier linear signal(energy information)
 16k channel high-rate MCB . HPGe timing signal
 TFA CFD(constant fraction discriminator) . 8
 BGO/NaI(Tl) segment 4
 4 가 TFA CFD timing signal
 timing signal GDG OR Logic module , TAC/SCA stop signal
 TAC/SCA GDG Compton MCB gate signal .
 BGO/NaI(Tl) CFD signal CFD signal coincidence
 module pair MCB gate signal coincidence signal .
 MCB BNC T-terminator lan line PC(personal computer)
 TAC 3 .
 HPGe HPGe BGO
 FWHM(Full Width at Half Maximum) FWTM(Full
 Width at Tenth Maximum) 150 nsec 320 nsec . Compton
 TAC SCA 1200 nsec . , pair
 coincidence module (resolving time) 110 nsec .

3.

3.1. Compton suppression factor(CSF) and reduction factor(RF)

4 Compton ^{137}Cs ^{60}Co
 . ^{137}Cs Compton
 1% , Compton edge 1/3 . Compton continuum 가 가
 RF 4.9 , 3 . CSF
 . CSF $(P/C)_{\text{suppressed}} / (P/C)_{\text{unsuppressed}}$, Peak-to-Compton ratio (P/C)
 Compton edge
 Compton continuum . BGO/NaI(Tl) (passive
 shield) ^{137}Cs Peak-to-Compton ratio 43:1 , (anticoincidence
 counting) 209:1 . CSF 4.9 . 5 Fe foil
 3600 .
 가 . Compton
 Compton continuum 16% .
 가 . Pair

3.2. Coincidence gamma

Compton coincidence

coincidence

4(b) ^{60}Co 1173.2 keV 1332.5 keV coincidence

HPGe

25 cm 2% 가 1173.2 keV 0.8%

, 1332.5 keV 0.6% . 1173.2 keV 1332.5 keV

coincidence 2505.7 keV 38%가 . 1173.2 keV

Compton edge RF 3.4, 1332.5 keV Compton edge RF 2.9 .

3.3.

가

(multi gamma-ray standard sources) (n,ã) 가 .

[2,7], Compton 50 keV ~ 10 MeV [2]

6 - 가 25 cm

. 1173.2 keV 60% . BGO/NaI(Tl)

step collimator 3.5 cm 2.5 cm

0.5% . 100 keV ~ 6 MeV 1% ,

3% . pair

3.4.

2.9 kcps

0.68 kcps, Compton 0.25 kcps .

BGO/NaI(Tl) 2 .

X-ray 10% , Ge

692 keV 40% 가 HPGe 가

가 BGO/NaI(Tl)

가 0.2 ì g

가

가 24 MW 가 , ST1

20 ì Sv/h, 8 ì Sv/h ,

stopper 60 ì Sv/h, 1 ì Sv/h . 10 ì Sv/h, 0.2 ì Sv/h

4.

. Compton
1% , Compton continuum 16%
. Compton Compton continuum
가
8.6% , Ge
가
BGO/NaI(Tl) step collimator
60%
가 가

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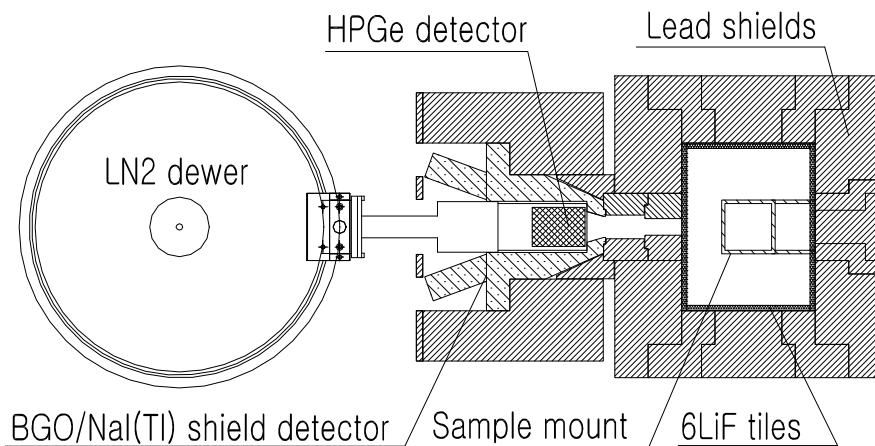


Fig. 1. Cross-sectional view of the HPGe-BGO/NaI(Tl) gamma-ray spectrometer.

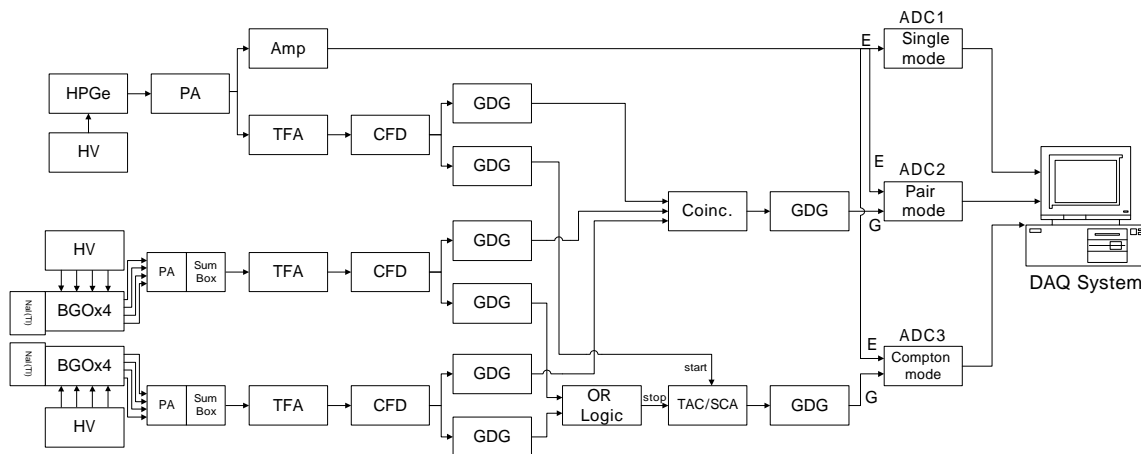


Fig. 2. Block diagram of the SNU-KAERI PGAA gamma-ray spectrometer. E : energy signal, G : gate signal to ADCs.

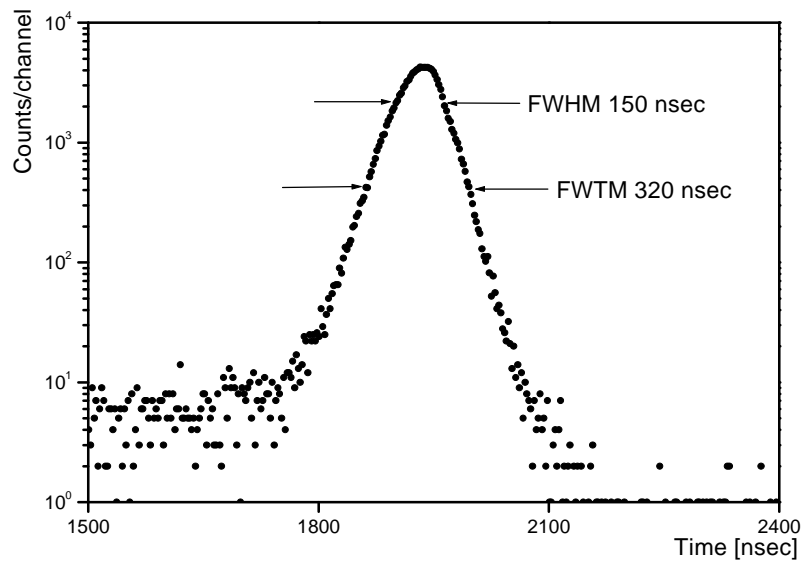


Fig. 3. Time distribution of the HPGe-BGO/NaI(Tl) spectrometer system. Gamma-ray source : prompt gamma-rays from Fe(n, $\bar{\alpha}$).

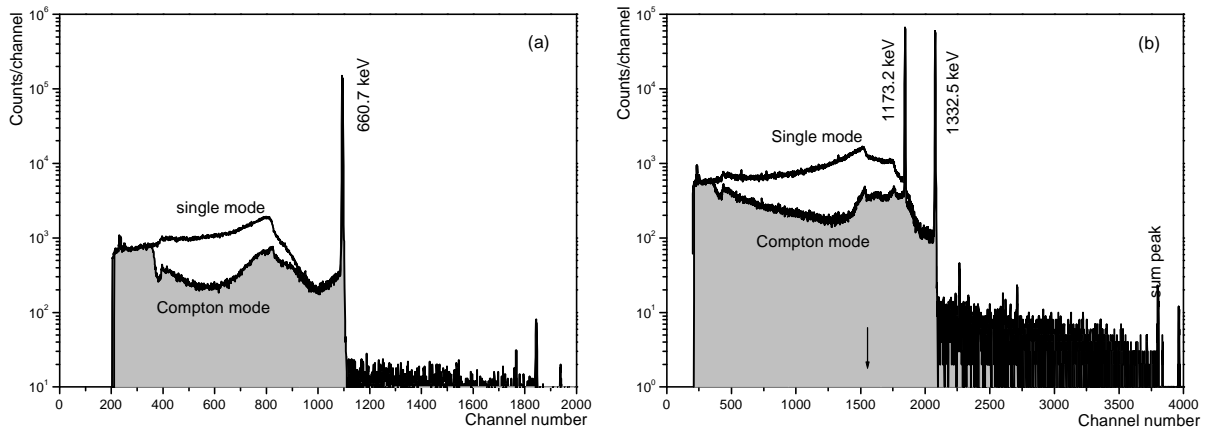


Fig. 4. Photon spectrum of the standard sources by using the single mode and Compton suppression mode. (a) is for ^{137}Cs and (b) is ^{60}Co . Coincidence sum peak is shown 2505.7 keV in (b).

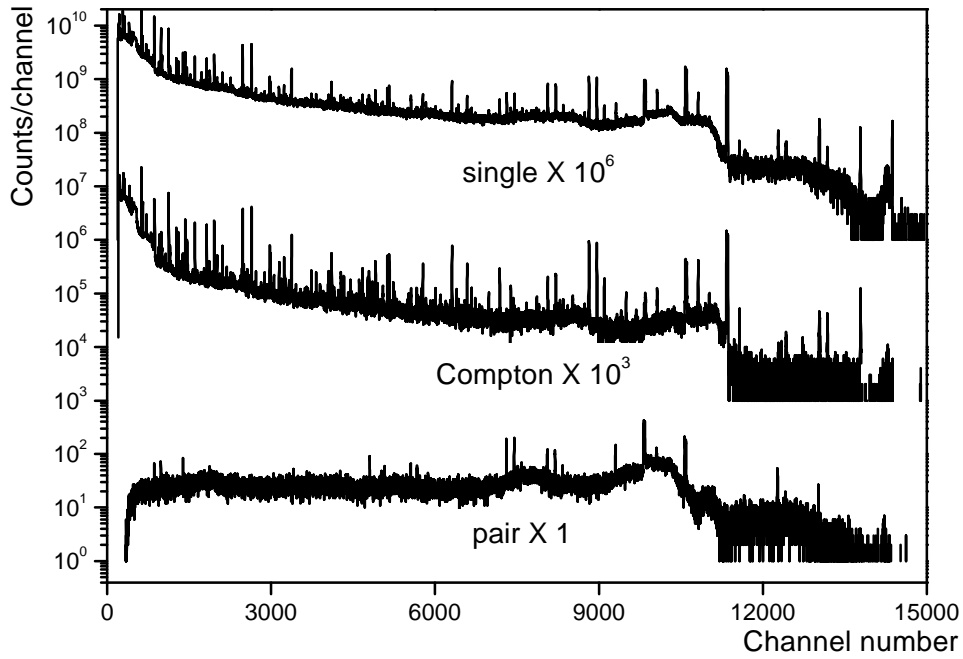


Fig. 5. Photon spectrum obtained by using Fe foil under neutron beam irradiation. Live time is 3600 sec.

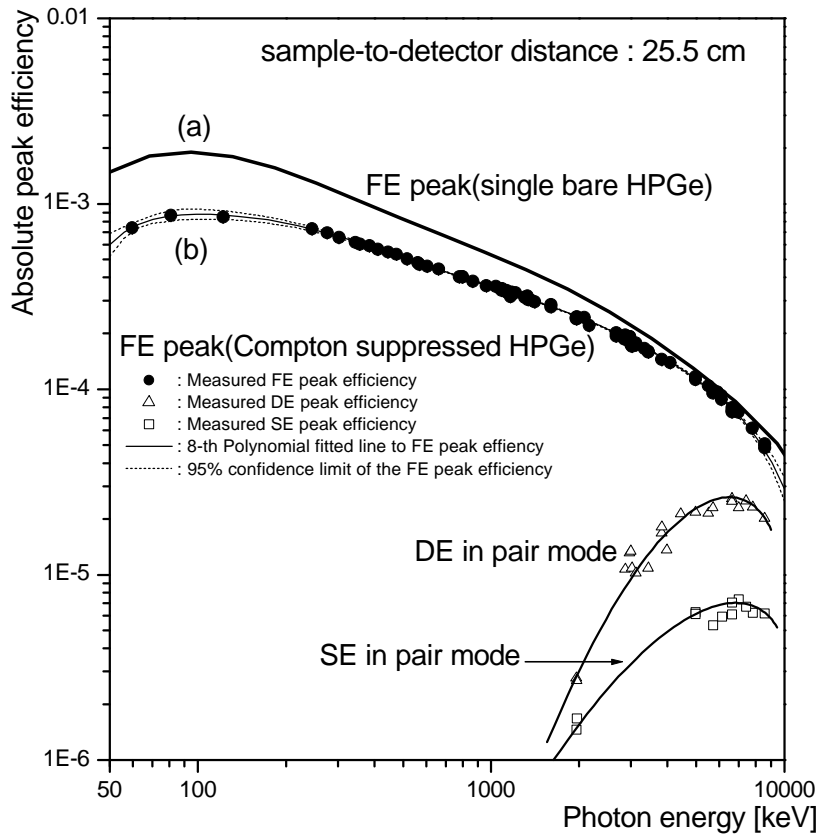


Fig. 6. Absolute peak efficiency curves of the gamma-ray spectrometer for full energy peaks(FE) before update(a) and after update(b), single escape peaks(SE) and double escape peaks(DE).

Table 1. Specification of the detectors.

	HPGe detector	BGO/NaI(Tl) detector
Supplier	EG&G ORTEC	BICRON
Model	GMX30190-S	5.75HW6.30BGO/NaI(Tl)/(8)1.5-X
Crystal size	58.2 mm ϕ \times 79.0 mm L	-
Preamp or Photomultiplier tube	Resistive feedback type	HAMAMATSU 2060 1.5 inch dia(38.1 mm dia.) 8 tubes
Bias voltage	-3900 V	+700 V
Energy resolution or Pulse height resolution	1.8 keV(guaranteed) 2.2 keV(measured) (for 1332 keV from ^{60}Co)	16% FWHM (for 662 keV from ^{137}Cs)
Relative detection efficiency	43% (for 1332 keV from ^{60}Co)	-
Peak to Compton ratio	209:1 (for 662 keV from ^{137}Cs)	-

Table 2. Background count rates(in cps) under neutron beam irradiation.

Energy [keV]	Element or nuclide	Before update		After update	
		Single bare HPGe	Single mode	Compton suppressed mode	
	Total count rate	2.9E+03	6.8E+02	2.5E+02	
73	Pb X-ray	2.0E+01	1.3E+00	1.3E+00	
75	Pb X-ray	3.7E+01	3.7E+00	3.7E+00	
85	Pb X-ray	1.5E+01	6.5E-01	6.4E-01	
175	Ge	4.5E+00	6.9E-01	6.8E-01	
596	Ge	1.1E+01	4.3E+00	3.8E-01	
868	Ge	3.2E+00	1.4E+00	6.7E-02	
692	Ge-inelastic	3.1E+00	2.4E+00	1.9E+00	
478	B	-	0.3	0.3	
511	annihilation	1.7E+01	7.9E+00	1.7E+00	
1294	Unknown	1.7E+00	5.1E-01	2.2E-01	
2223	H	9.5E-01	1.1E-01	1.2E-01	