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Measurement of the 3 He(α, γ) 7 Be γ -ray angular distribution

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The ³He(α, γ)⁷Be reaction plays a significant role in Big Bang nucleosynthesis, as well as in stellar hydrogen burning. It affects the nucleosynthesis of primordial ⁷Li, as well as the theoretical prediction of solar ⁷Be and ⁸B neutrino fluxes.

A measurement of its γ -ray angular distribution was performed using the 5 MV Pelletron accelerator at the Felsenkeller shallow-underground laboratory in Dresden. A ⁴He beam was used to irradiate solid ³He implanted targets. The prompt γ -rays were detected using more than 20 HPGe crystals surrounding the setup. This contribution will report on experimental data in the energy range of $E_{cm} = 450 - 1220$ keV, as well as its impact on S(0). Furthermore the results will be put into context of already existing data sets.

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