**Neutron Multiplicity Discrimination in MoNA**[1] SHEA MOSBY,
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ORATION — The Modular Neutron Array (MoNA) is a high efficiency neutron
detector located at the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory at Michi-
gan State University and used in conjunction with the NSCL/FSU sweeper magnet
to conduct coincidence experiments on unstable nuclei near the neutron drip-line.
Experiments using this detector combination involve the loss of one or more neu-
trons from particle-unbound nuclei; it is therefore important to distinguish neutron
multiplicity in MoNA in order to effectively analyze data from these experiments.
We've developed an algorithm to distinguish neutron multiplicity based on the kine-
matic propagation properties of neutrons though MoNA. Scatter plots of neutron
velocity, energy deposition, and scattering angle are constructed from which gates
can be drawn for neutron multiplicity discrimination. Data from a few one- and
two-neutron experiments have been analyzed, and results will be presented.

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