

# AGATA

## The **A**dvanced **G**amma **T**racking **A**rray

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on behalf of the AGATA collaboration

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and specifically to D. Bazzacco (Padua)**

**HiSpec-DeSpec Meeting  
Valencia - 15 /16 June 2005**

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# HiSpec experimental conditions

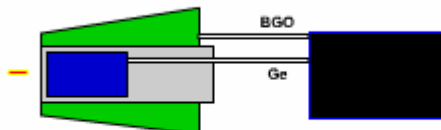
- Low intensity beams
- High background
- Large Doppler broadening ( $v/c \sim 0.4$ )
- High counting rates (low-E)
- High  $\gamma$ -ray multiplicities (low-E)

**Need for an adequate  $\gamma$ -ray detection system**

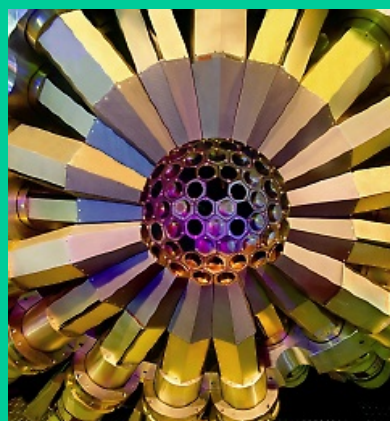
High efficiency  
High sensitivity  
High throughput  
Ancillary detectors

# Why a new type of gamma spectrometer ?

## Gamma Arrays based on Compton Suppressed Spectrometers



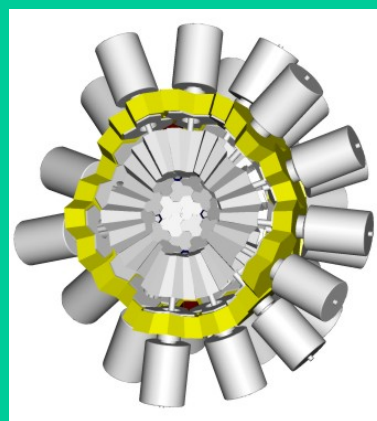
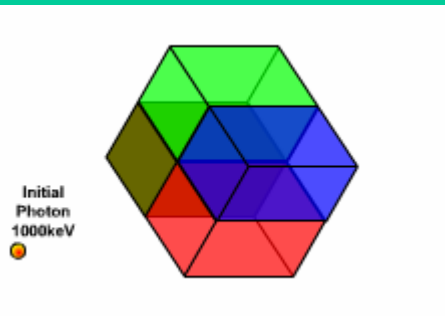
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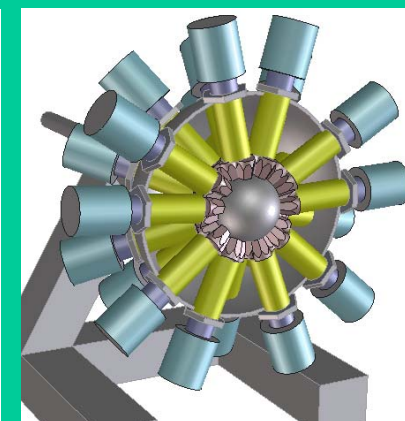
GAMMASPHERE

$\varepsilon \sim 10 - 7 \%$   
(  $M_\gamma=1 - M_\gamma=30$  )

## Tracking Arrays based on Position Sensitive Ge Detectors



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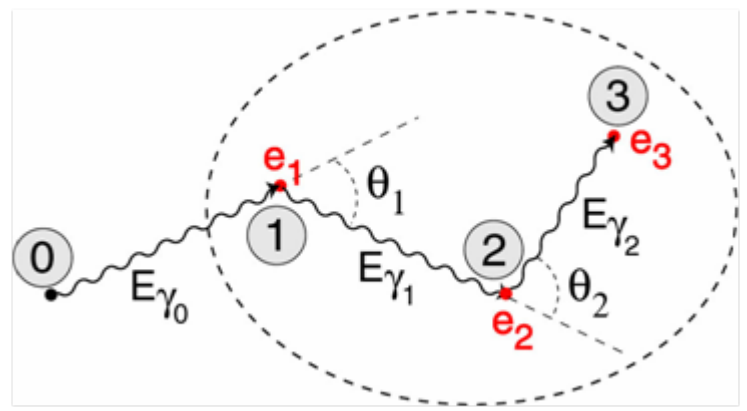


GRETA

$\varepsilon \sim 50 - 25 \%$   
(  $M_\gamma=1 - M_\gamma=30$  )



# What is gamma-ray tracking ?

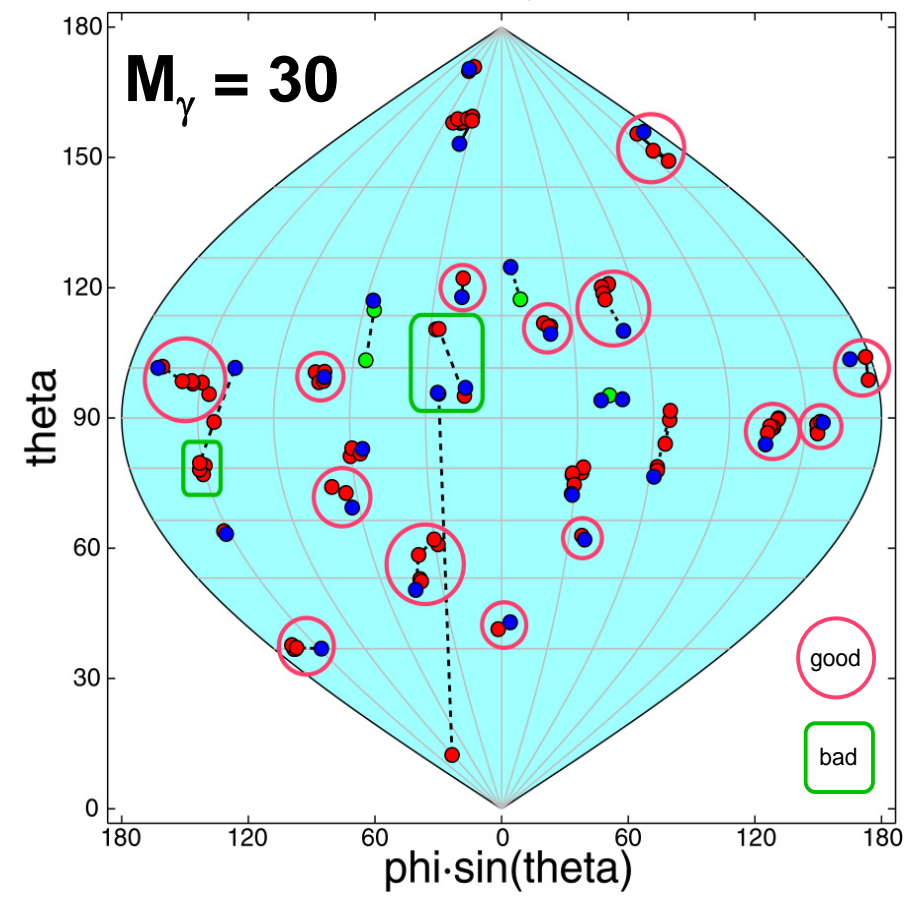


$$E_{\gamma'} = \frac{E_{\gamma}}{1 + \frac{E_{\gamma}}{m_0 c^2} (1 - \cos\theta)}$$

1.33 MeV	$M_{\gamma} = 1$	$M_{\gamma} = 30$
$\epsilon_{ph}$ (%)	65	36
P/T(%)	85	60

Algorithms treat also photoelectric absorption and pair-production events

Simulation of a high multiplicity event detected by an ideal shell



~50% correct identification as long as  $\Delta(x,y,z) < 5\text{mm}$

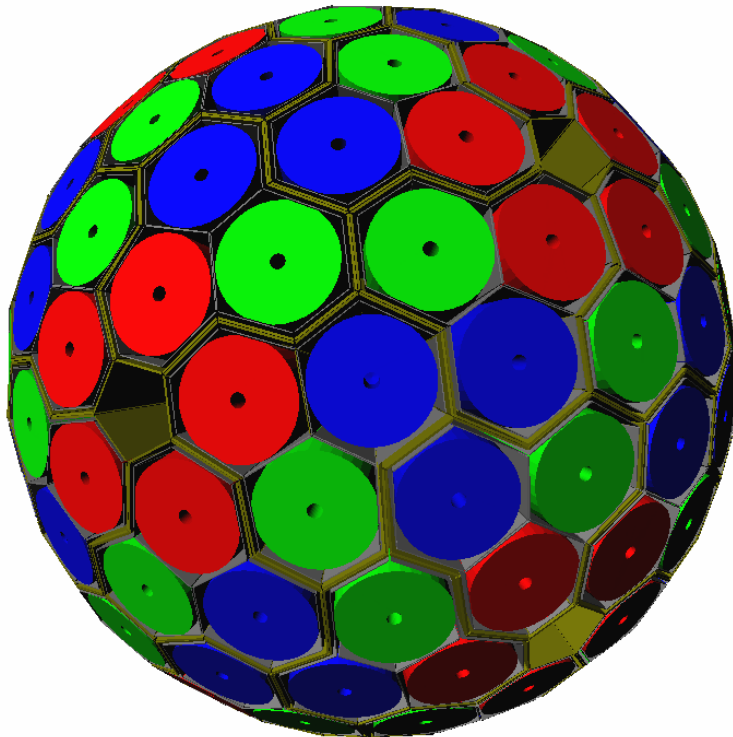
# Ingredients for Gamma-Ray Tracking

- ❖ Highly-segmented HPGe detectors
  - 1.5 kg crystals, hexaconical, encapsulated, 36-pixel cathode
- ❖ Digital electronic to digitise segment signals
  - 100 MHz continuous sampling with 14 bit FADC
- ❖ Calculation/measurement of pulse shapes as a function of position inside the germanium crystal
  - Net and transient signals
- ❖ Pulse Shape Analysis algorithms to decompose pulses into positions and energies
  - Still a major problem for real time operation (but Moore's law helps)
- ❖ Reconstruction of "tracks" by likelihood methods
  - Performance depends on quality of PSA

Worldwide R&D activity since 1994  
EU-TMR, **AGATA**, GRETA

# AGATA

## The Advanced GAMMA Tracking Array



<b>180</b> hexagonal crystals	36-fold segmented
	3 shapes
→ 60 triple-clusters	all equal
Solid angle coverage	82 %
Inner radius (Ge)	23.1 cm
Amount of germanium	362 kg

6480 segments and pulse-shape analysis

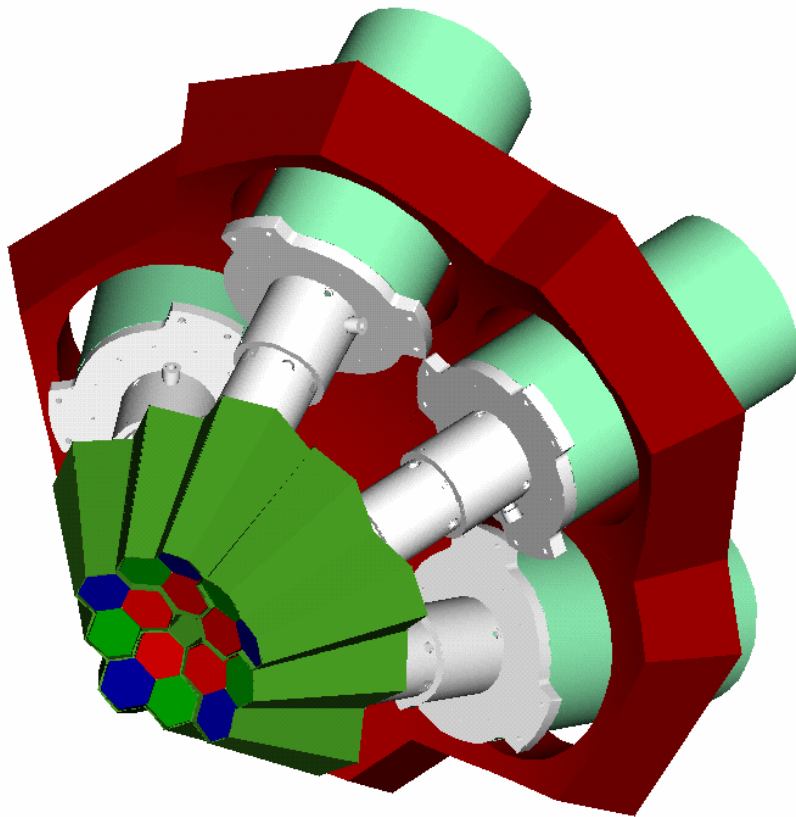
→ Angular resolution	< 1°
Singles rate	< 50 kHz

Efficiency:	43% ( $M_\gamma=1$ )	28% ( $M_\gamma=30$ )
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Peak/Total:	58% ( $M_\gamma=1$ )	49% ( $M_\gamma=30$ )
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# The AGATA demonstrator

## Objective of the final R&D phase



- 1 symmetric triple-cluster
- 4 asymmetric triple-clusters
- 15 36-fold segmented crystals
- 540 segments
- 555 digital-channels
- Eff. 3 - 8 % @  $M_\gamma = 1$
- Eff. 2 - 4 % @  $M_\gamma = 30$

### Full ACQ

with on line PSA and  $\gamma$ -ray tracking

### Possible "Test Sites":

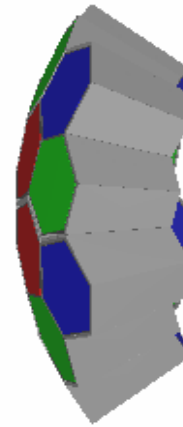
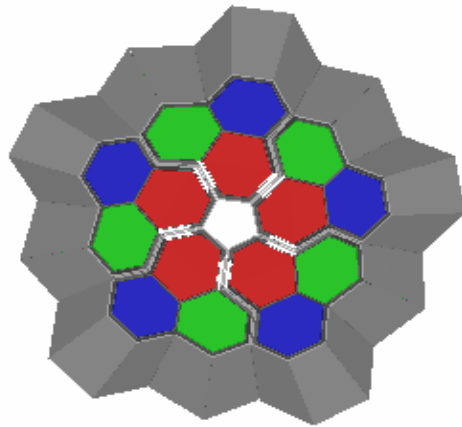
GANIL, GSI, Rex-ISOLDE, LNL,  
U. Jyväskylä, U. Köln

# The Phases of AGATA

1

## 5 Clusters Demonstrator

2007



Peak efficiency

3 - 8 % @  $M_\gamma = 1$

2 - 4 % @  $M_\gamma = 30$

Replace/Complement

Main issue is Doppler  
correction capability  
→ coupling to beam and  
recoil tracking devices

LNL	PRISMA	CLARA
GANIL	VAMOS	EXOGRAM
GSI	FRS	RISING
JYFL	RITU	JUROGAM

Improve resolution at higher recoil velocity  
Extend spectroscopy to more exotic nuclei

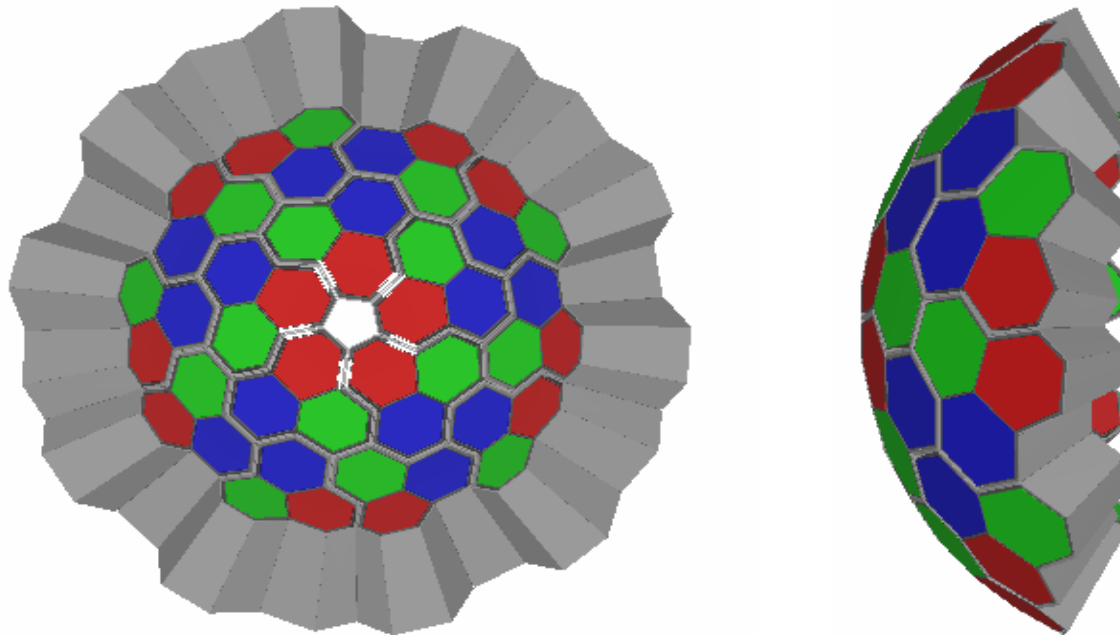


# The Phases of AGATA

2

15 Clusters  $1\pi$

2010



The first "real" tracking array

Used at **FAIR-HISPEC**, **SPIRAL2**, **SPES**, **HI-Stable**

Coupled to spectrometer, beam tracker, LCP arrays ...

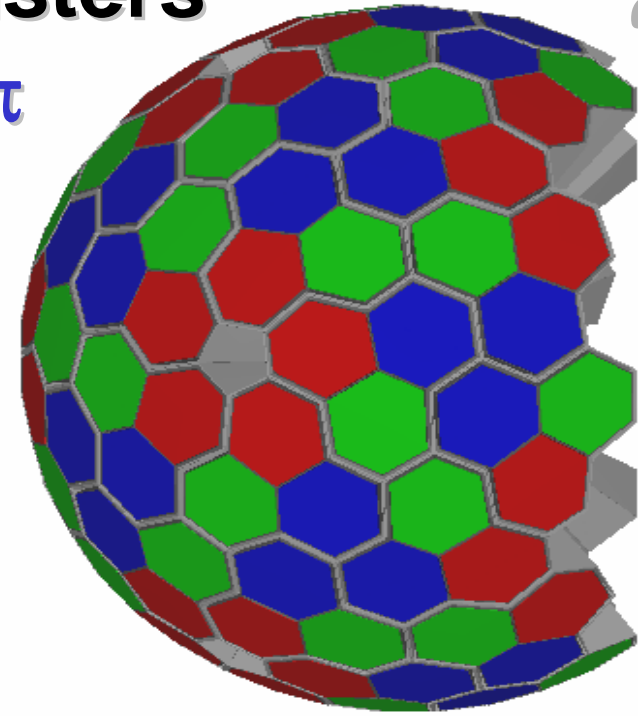
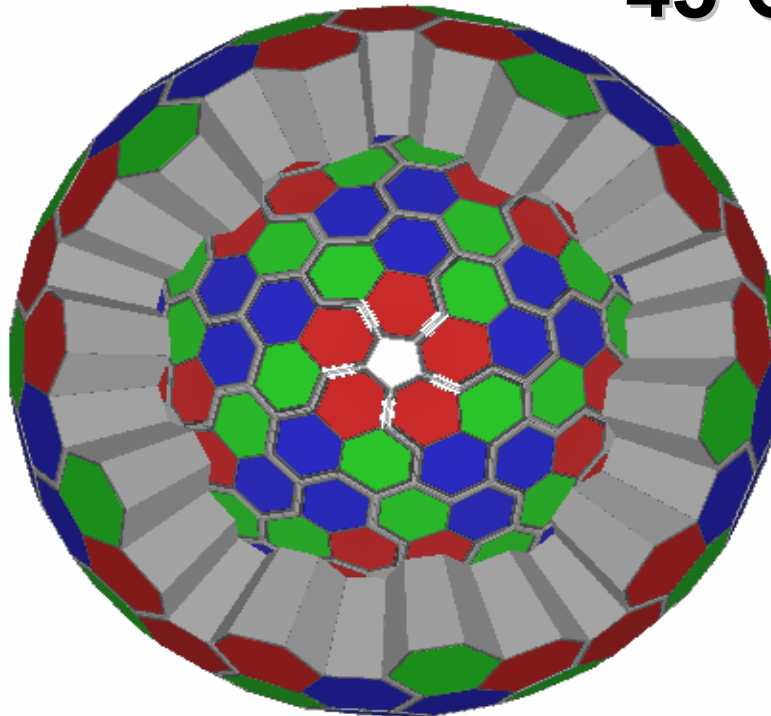
# The Phases of AGATA

3

45 Clusters

2014

$3\pi$



Ancillary

Efficient as a 120-ball (~20 % at high  $\gamma$ -multiplicity)

Ideal instrument for FAIR / EURISOL

Also used as partial arrays in different labs

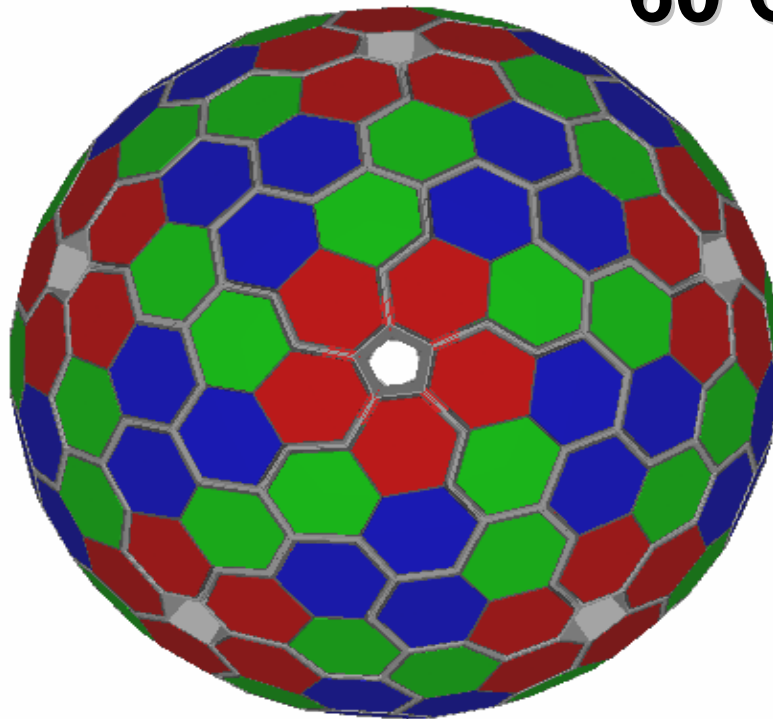
Higher performance by coupling with ancillaries

# The Phases of AGATA

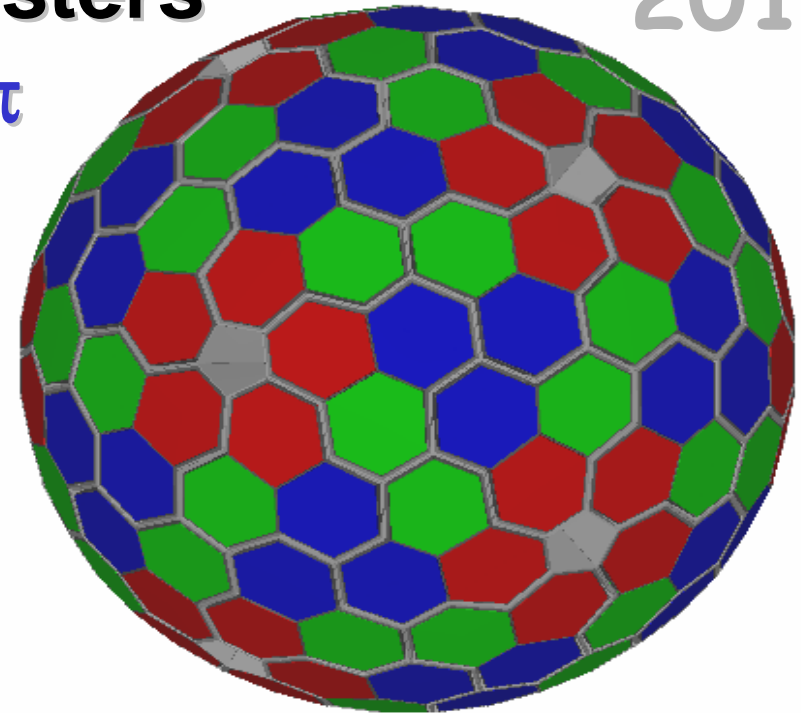
4

60 Clusters

2016



$4\pi$



Full ball, ideal to study extreme deformations  
and the most exotic nuclear species

Most of the time used as partial arrays

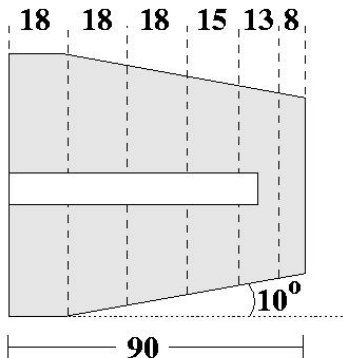
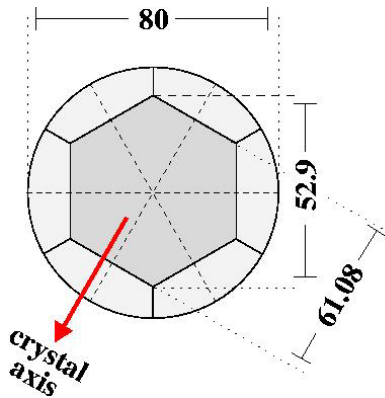
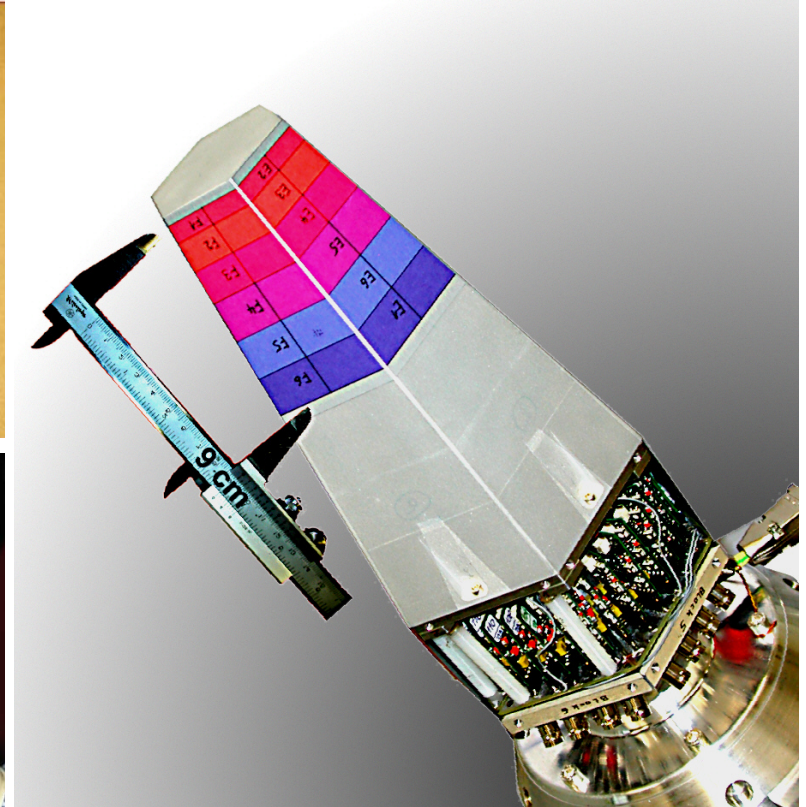
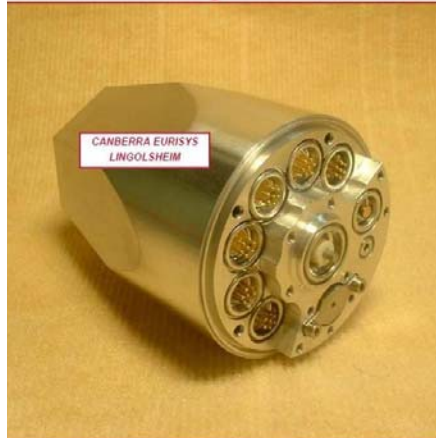
Maximum performance by coupling to ancillaries



# Project Status

- **Funding : 4.4 M€ firmly engaged (D,F,I,UK)**
  - a **4 triple-clusters' system** (12 crystals) secured (almost)
  - Sweden and Turkey each bidding for a triple cluster (0.75 M€)
- **Detectors**
  - 11 of the 12 encapsulated Ge crystals ordered
  - 3 of them (symmetric) delivered and tested
  - partial **coincidence scan** for one detector done at Liverpool
  - first **triple cluster** being assembled for (in-beam) tests at Köln
  - delivery of asymmetric detectors from November 2005
- **Electronics and DAQ**
  - design frozen at the last AGATA week (Feb. 2005)
  - development of modules ongoing (hardware and FPGA software)
  - first full chain for one detector to be tested in spring 2006
- **Software developments and Tracking**
  - full MC simulation of the system well advanced
  - pulse shape decomposition proceeding (but still a kind of bottleneck)
  - $\gamma$ -ray tracking well advanced
  - simulation of experiments, including ancillary detectors, progressing well

# 36-fold segmented, encapsulated Ge detector



## Encapsulation

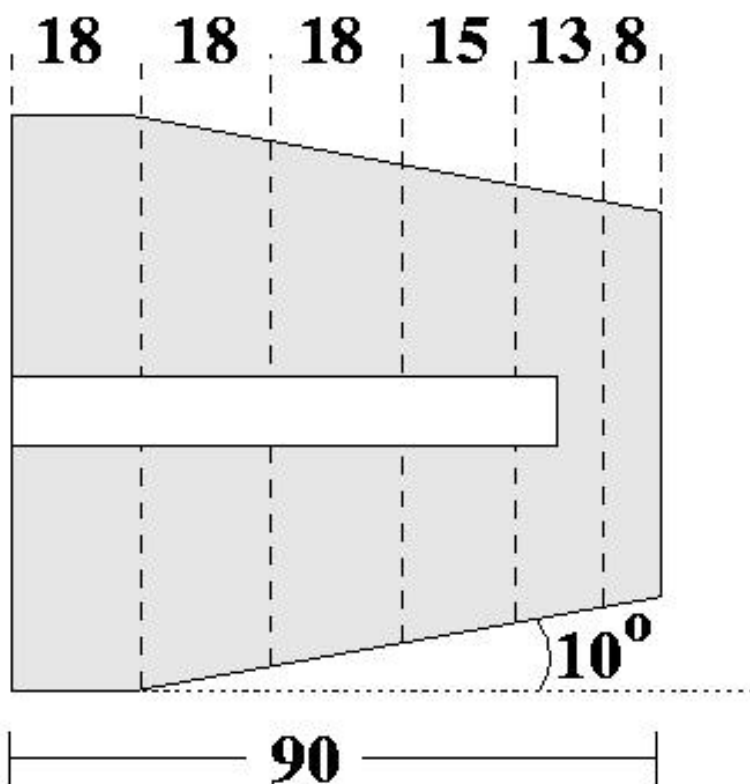
0.8 mm Al walls  
0.4 mm spacing

3 detectors with very good performance

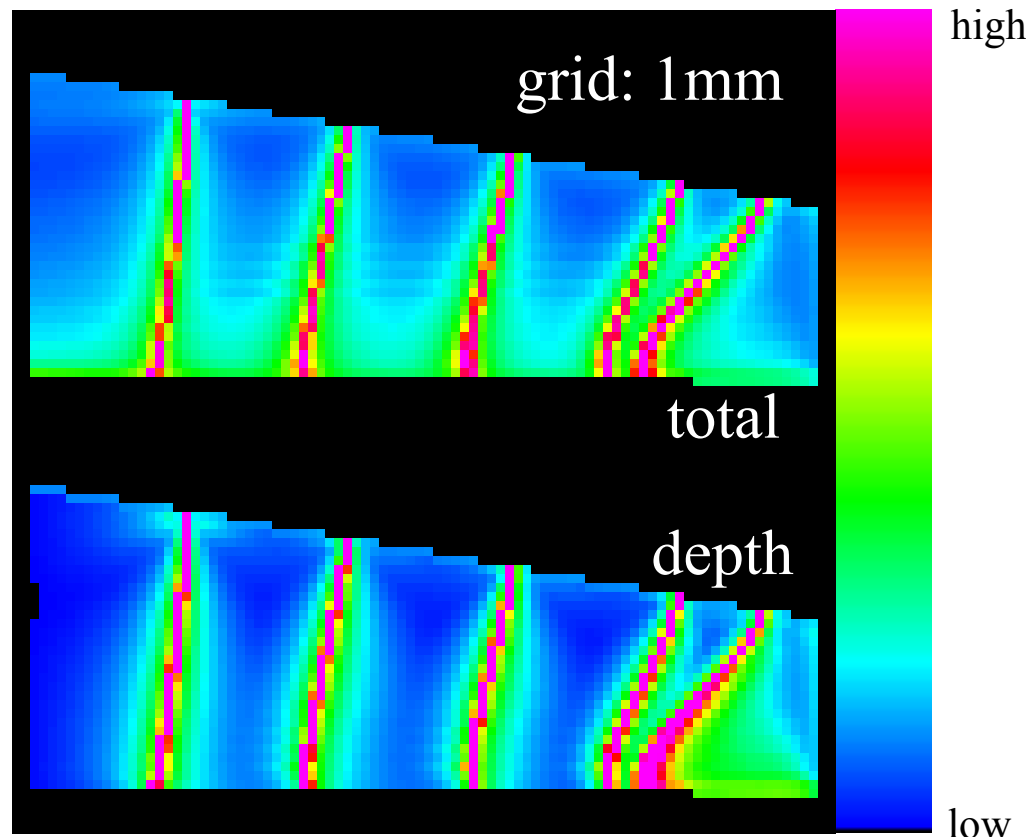
MINIBALL-style cryostat  
used for acceptance tests  
"standard" preamplifiers

# Segmentation scheme and Pulse Shapes Analysis

Not a true coaxial geometry  
Depth profile of interactions



Sensitivity for pulse shapes



A.Görgen (SPhN), T Kröll (TU Munich)

# AGATA Cryostats



Individual, for tests



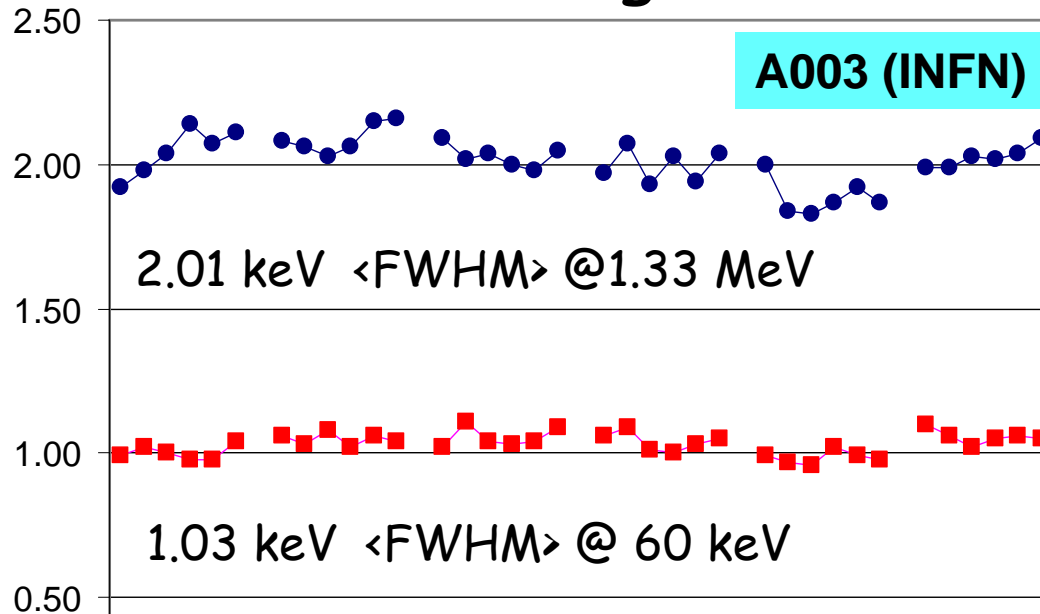
Triple, for experiments

differential-output preamplifiers with fast reset  
of saturated signals (Ganil, Milano, Köln)

# Energy Resolution

(measured with analogue electronics)

## The 36 segments



## Core

**Measured FWHM**  
 at 1.33 MeV : 2.13 keV  
 at 122 keV : 1.10 keV

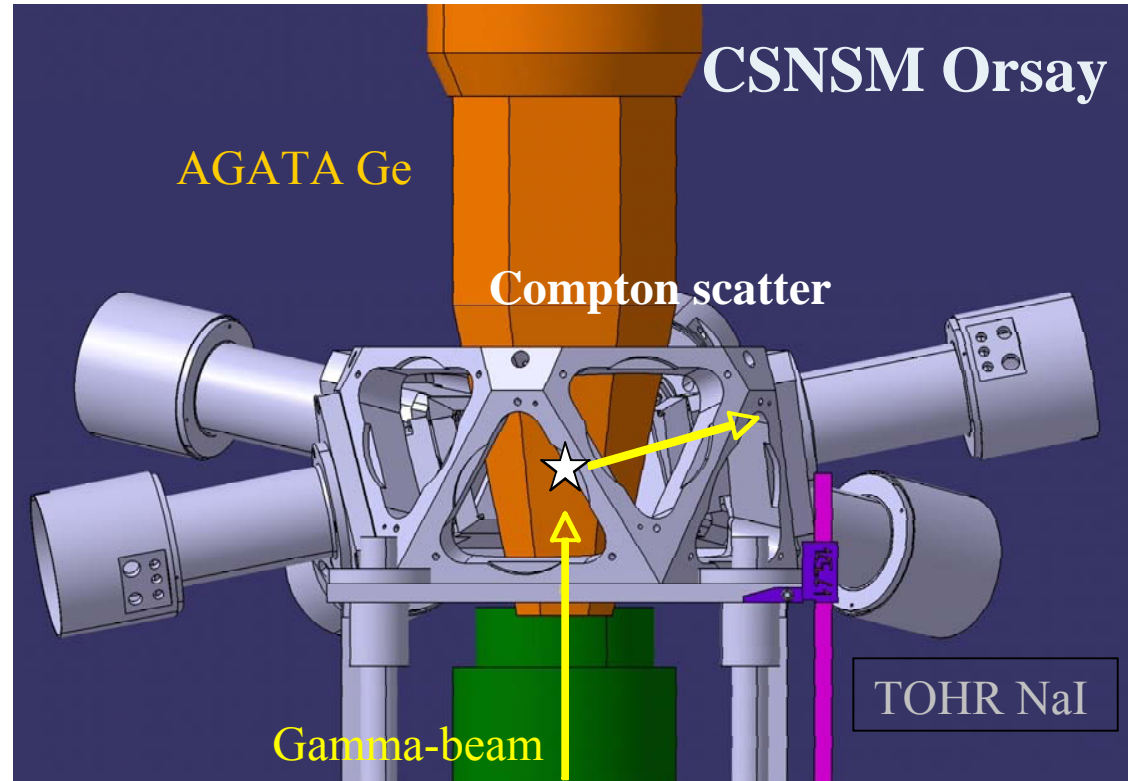
**Guaranteed FWHM**  
 at 1.33 MeV : 2.35 keV  
 at 122 keV : 1.35 keV

**Guaranteed FWHM**  
 at 1.33 MeV :  $\langle$  2.30 keV, mean  $\langle$  2.1 keV  
 at 60 keV :  $\langle$  1.35 keV, mean  $\langle$  1.15 keV

The 3 detectors are very similar in performance



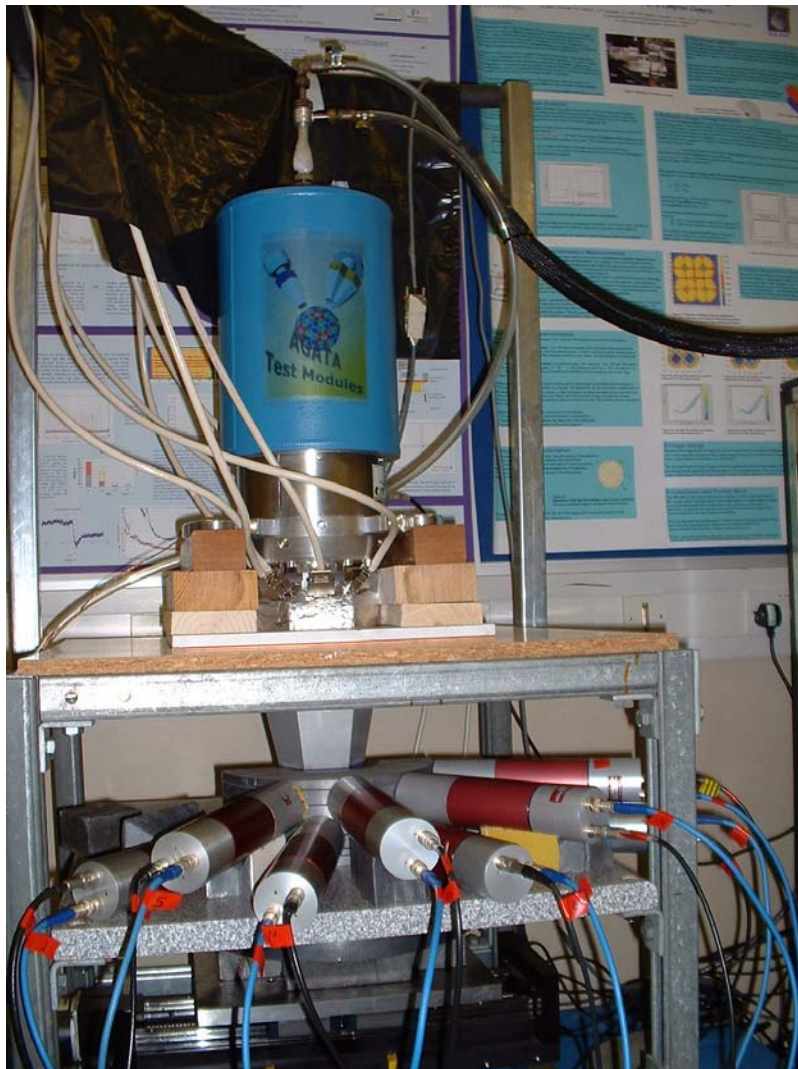
# AGATA detector scanning



Three coincidence scanning systems are being developed  
**Liverpool, CSNSM Orsay and GSI**

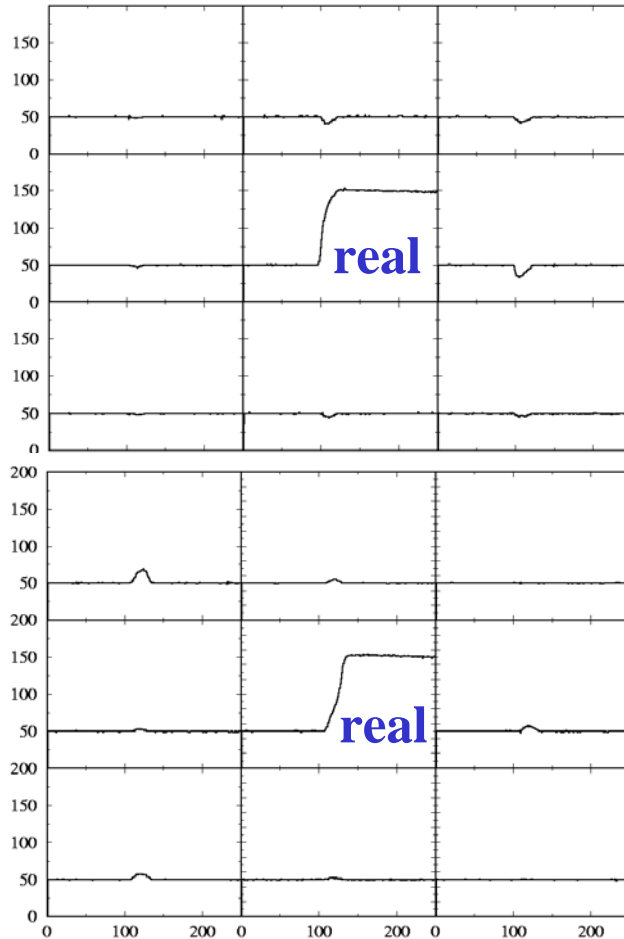
Full scan in  $1 \text{ mm}^3$  grid almost impossible  $\rightarrow$   
define characteristic points to calibrate calculations

# AGATA detector scanning



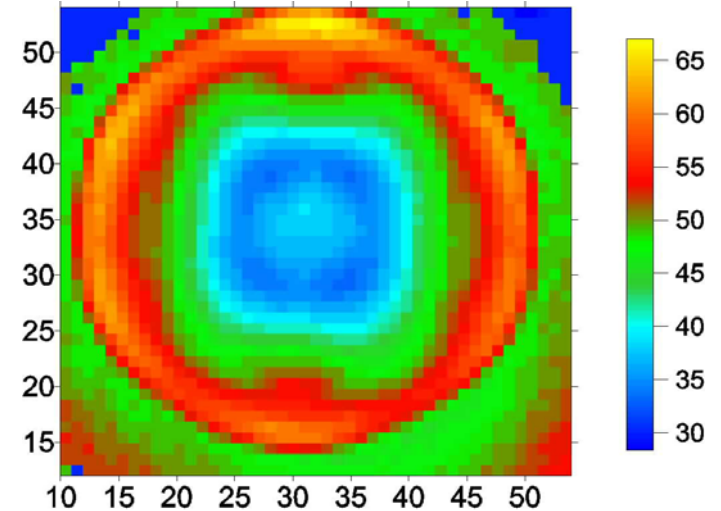
**Liverpool** coincidence setup  
with multileaf collimator  
partial scan of first  
prototype (spring 2005)

# AGATA detector scanning results

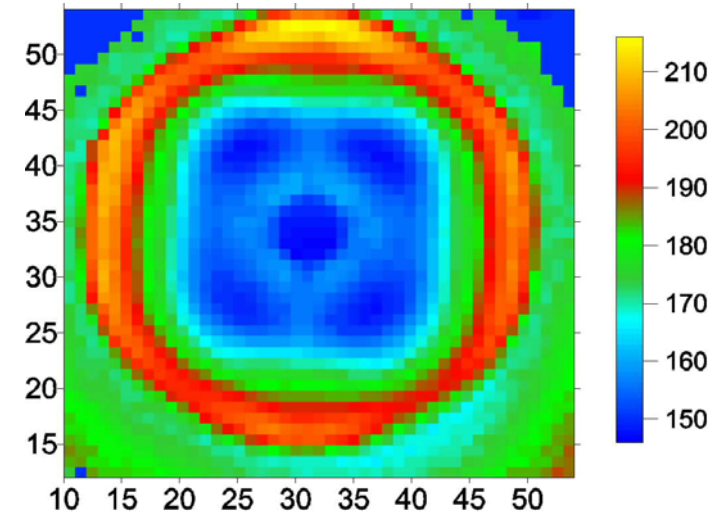


## Map of rise times

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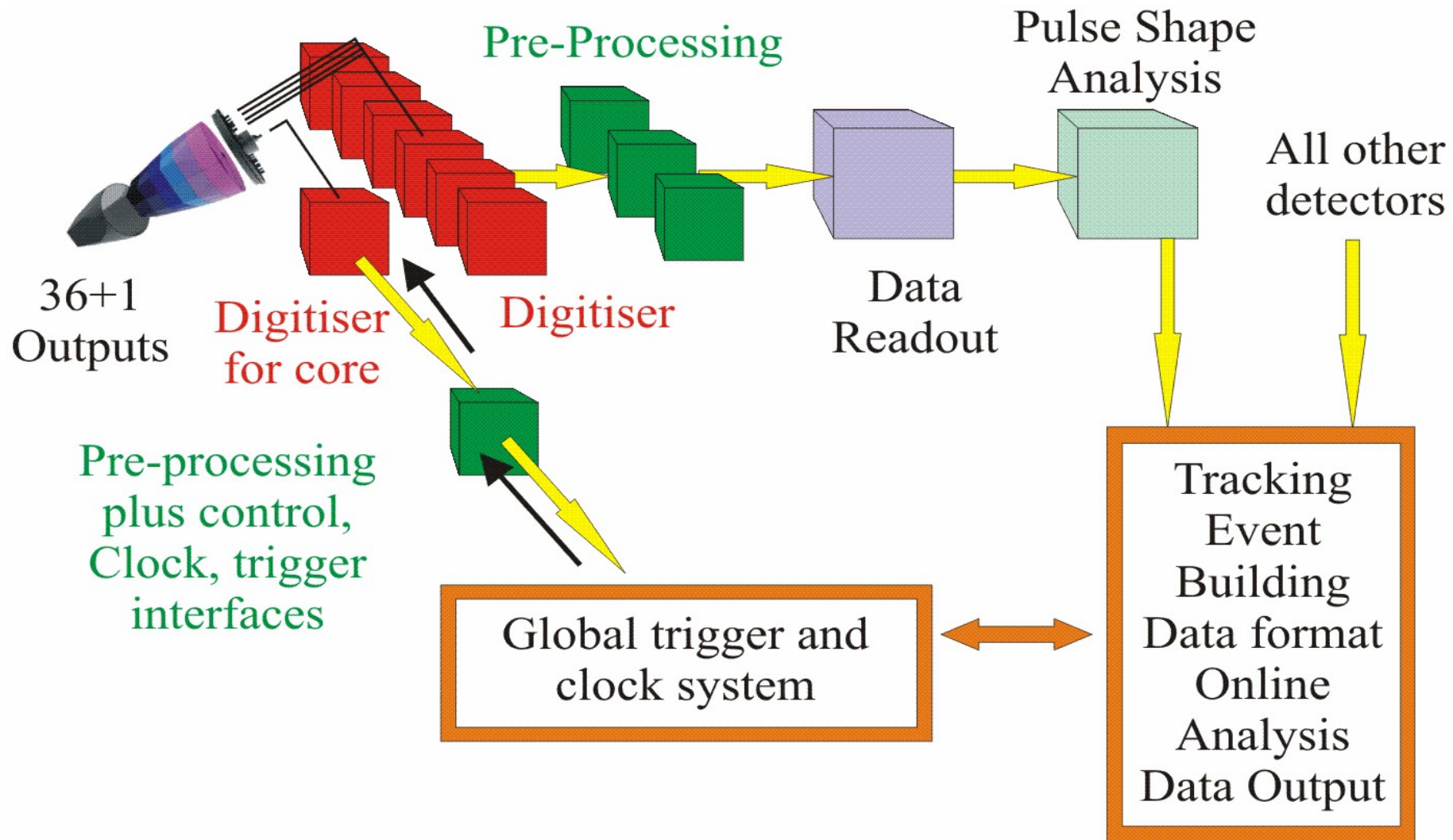


T90



Real net charge and induced signals  
encode position of the interaction(s)  
→ Position calibration of the detector

# Digital Electronics and Data Acquisition



# Computing Requirements (detectors at 50 kHz, no trigger)

Front-end electronics  
and pre-processing

100 MB/s x 180

using 10 ms/event/CPU

Pulse Shape Analysis

$\sim 10^6$  SI95  
10000 CPUs 2005  
1000 CPUs 2015

5 MB/s x 180

Event Builder

$\sim 10^4$  SI95  
100 CPUs 2005  
10 CPUs 2015

1 GB/s

Tracking

$\sim 10^5$  SI95  
1000 CPUs 2005  
100 CPUs 2015

100 MB/s

Storage

SI95 = SpecInt 95

1 PetaByte/year

# Status and Evolution

- Configuration with 180 Detectors chosen in 2004
- Construction of Demonstrator (2004-2007) : 4.4 M€
- EU Support from EURONS JRA (2005-2008) : 1.05 M€
- Preparation of the first detector (2005 ?)

→ Bids

- MOU +

- 1π

- 2π

- 4π

- FP7 sup

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and the production capability of detector manufacturer

Country	Investment (k€)	Persons (FTE)
France	1269	26.3
Germany	1127	10
Italy	1250	20.8
Sweden	0	10.4
UK	725	6.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4371</b>	<b>74.3</b>

sters/year)

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AL-2/FAIR

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lity of funds

# The AGATA Collaboration



<b>Bulgaria:</b>	Sofia
<b>Denmark:</b>	Copenhagen
<b>Finland:</b>	Jyväskylä
<b>France:</b>	GANIL, Lyon, Orsay (IPN & CSNSM), Saclay, Strasbourg
<b>Germany:</b>	Berlin, Bonn, GSI, Darmstadt, Jülich, Köln, München
<b>Hungary:</b>	Debrecen
<b>Italy:</b>	Padova, Milano, LNL, Firenze, Camerino, Napoli, Genova
<b>Poland:</b>	Krakow, Swierk, Warsaw
<b>Romania:</b>	Bucharest
<b>Sweden:</b>	Lund, Stockholm, Uppsala
<b>Turkey:</b>	Ankara, Istanbul
<b>UK:</b>	Daresbury, Brighton, Keele, Liverpool, Manchester, Paisley, Surrey, York

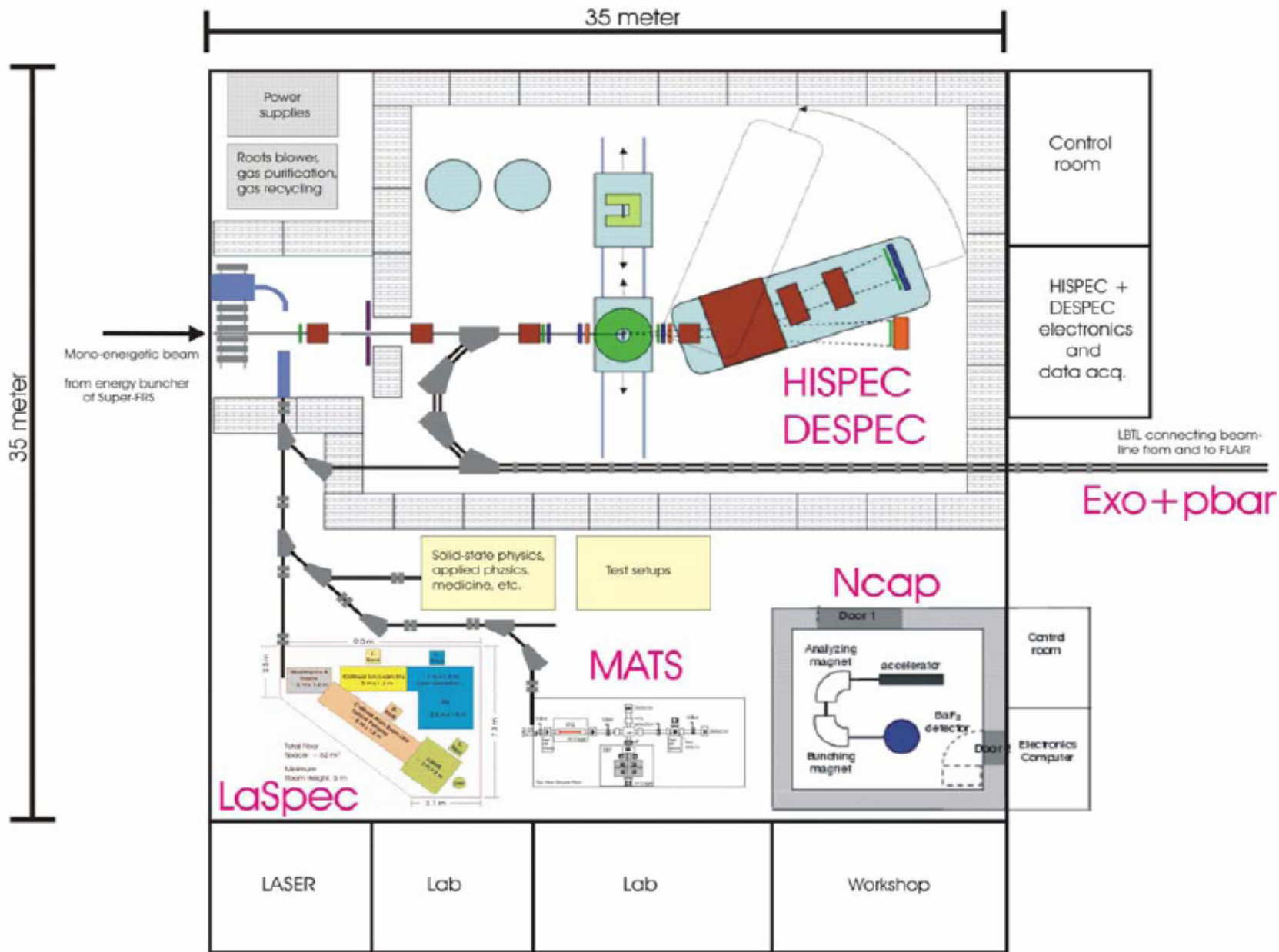


Fig. 1 Overview of the experimental area of the Low-Energy Branch





# The AGATA Joint Research Activity

**EURONS** : EU-FP6 Integrated Infrastructure Initiative (I3)

**45 contractors and 33 other institutions from 27 countries**

**27 activities:**      8 Trans-National Access (TNA) to research infrastructures,  
                             9 Joint Research Activities (JRAs), e.g. **AGATA**,  
                             8 Networking activities

**Contract and consortium agreement** have been signed

**Project** started on **1.1.2005** and ends on **31.12.2008**

➤ **Coordinator** and management team : **GSI**

➤ **Scientific manager** : **A. Mueller (IN2P3)**

Total EURONS budget : **14 M€**

**JRA AGATA** : 18 contractors (e.g. IN2P3, INFN)

Budget : **1.05 M€** (Personnel and networking)

**DAPNIA** : **52 k€** (in addition to own investment of 300k€)



# AGATA Organisation

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## AGATA Teams

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