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# Erste Ergebnisse des Advanced GAMMA Tracking Array

- Motivation
- $\gamma$ -ray tracking
- Detector performance
- First results
- Outlook

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SPIRAL2 - HIE-ISOLDE - EURISOL - ECOS



## Relativistic exotic beams ...

- Low beam intensity
- High backgrounds
- Large Doppler broadening
- High  $\gamma$ -ray multiplicities
- High counting rates

## ...Need :

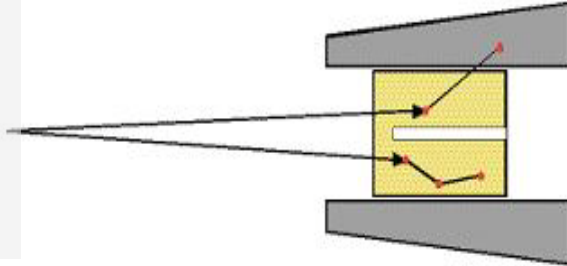
- High efficiency
- High sensitivity
- High position resolution
- High Peak/Total
- High throughput

# The idea of $\gamma$ -ray tracking

## Compton Shielded Ge

$$\varepsilon_{\text{ph}} \sim 10\%$$
$$N_{\text{det}} \sim 100$$

$$\Omega \sim 40\%$$
$$\theta \sim 8^\circ$$



large opening angle  
means poor energy  
resolution at high  
recoil velocity.

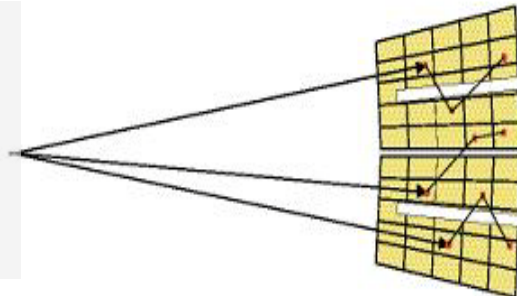


Previously scattered gammas were wasted.  
Technology is available now to track them.

## Ge Tracking Array

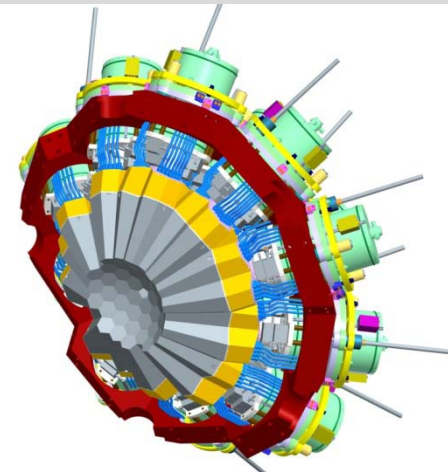
$$\varepsilon_{\text{ph}} \sim 50\%$$
$$N_{\text{det}} \sim 100$$

$$\Omega \sim 80\%$$
$$\theta \sim 1^\circ$$



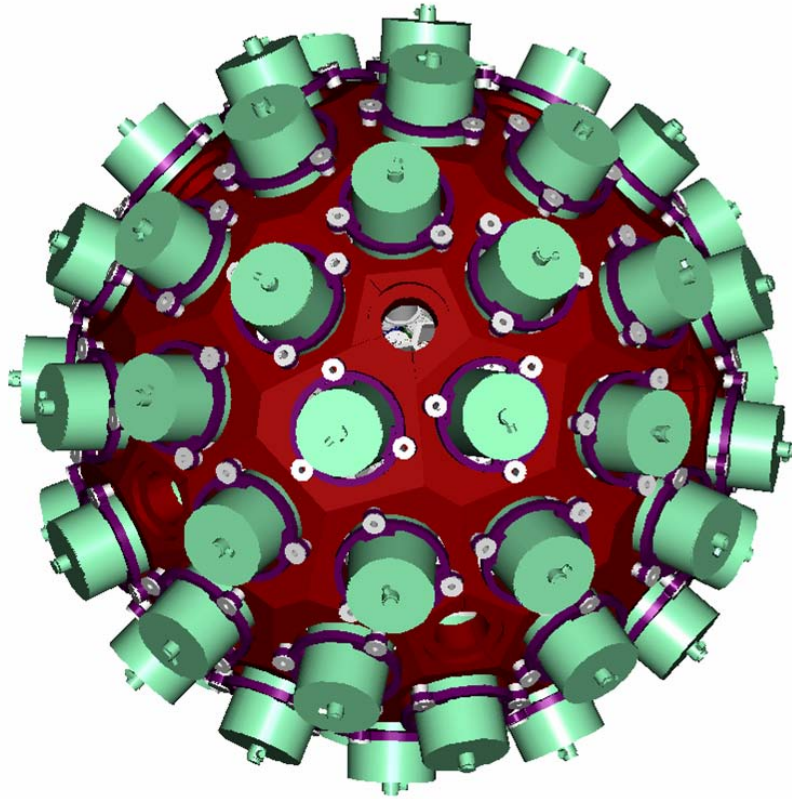
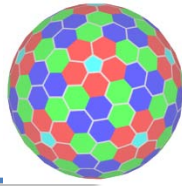
Combination of:

- segmented detectors
- digital electronics
- pulse processing
- tracking the  $\gamma$ -rays



**AGATA / GRETA**

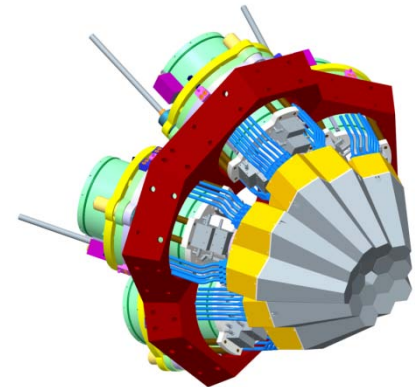
# Advanced GAMMA Tracking Array



<b>180</b> hexagonal crystals	<b>3</b> shapes
60 triple-clusters	all equal
Inner radius (Ge)	23.5 cm
Amount of germanium	362 kg
Solid angle coverage	82 %
36-fold segmentation	6480 segments
Singles rate	~50 kHz
Efficiency:	43% ( $M_\gamma=1$ )    28% ( $M_\gamma=30$ )
Peak/Total:	58% ( $M_\gamma=1$ )    49% ( $M_\gamma=30$ )

New  $\gamma$ -ray detection method

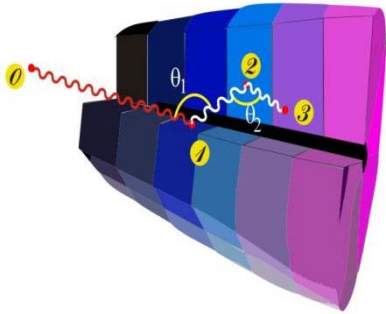
- 6660 high-resolution digital electronics channels
- Coupling to ancillary detectors for added selectivity



# Ingredients of Gamma-Ray Tracking

1

Highly segmented  
HPGe detectors



2

Digital electronics  
to record and  
process segment signals

Identified  
interaction points

$(x, y, z, E, t)_i$

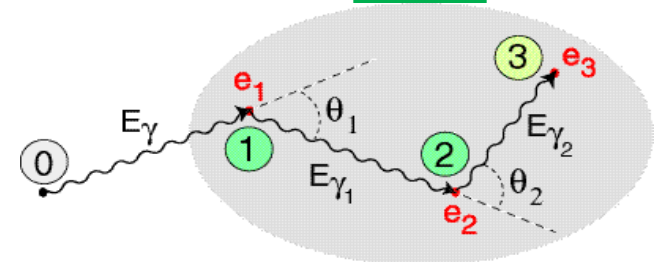
Pulse Shape Analysis  
to decompose  
recorded waves

3



4

Reconstruction of tracks  
evaluating permutations  
of interaction points

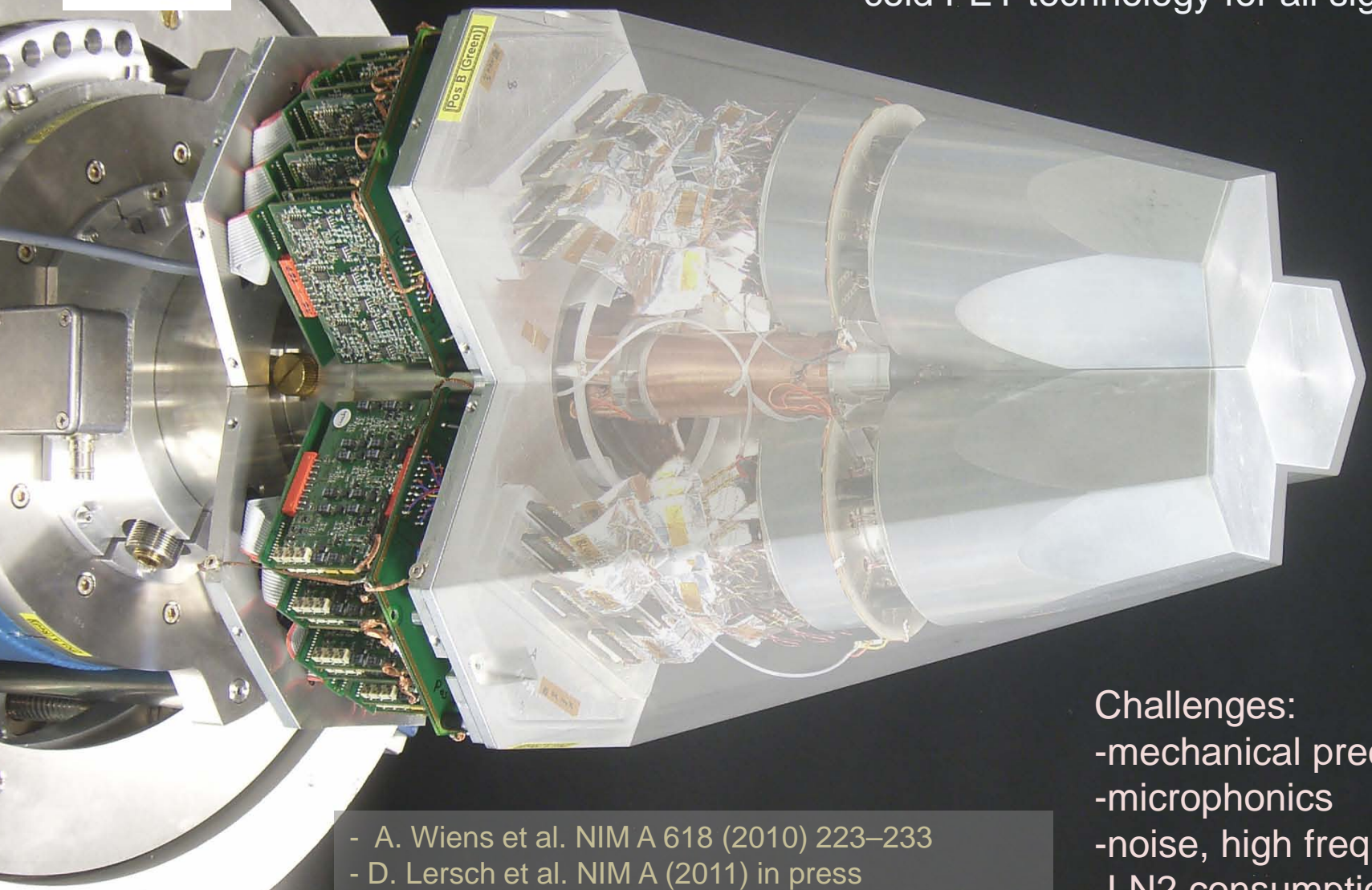


Reconstructed  
gamma-rays



# Asymmetric AGATA Tripel Cryostat

- integration of 111 high resolution spectroscopy channels
- cold FET technology for all signals

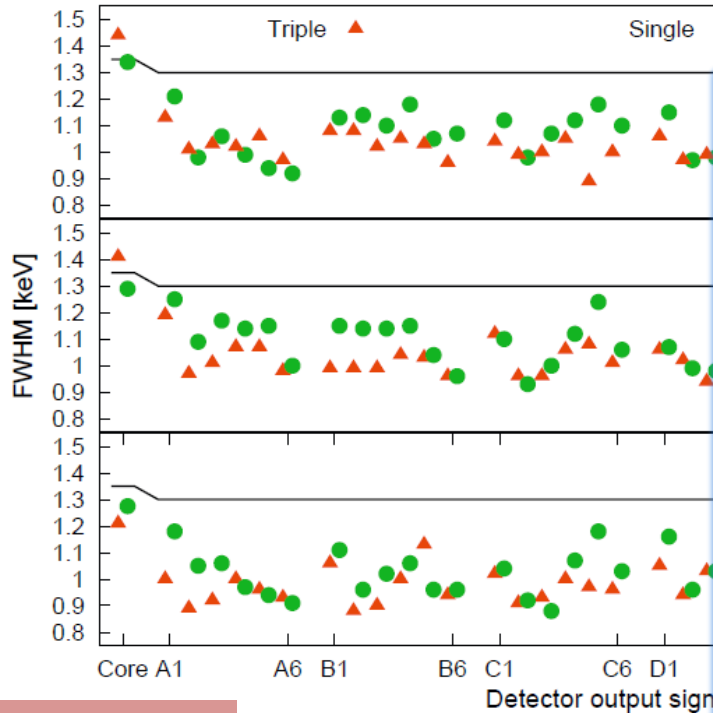


- A. Wiens et al. NIM A 618 (2010) 223–233
- D. Lersch et al. NIM A (2011) in press

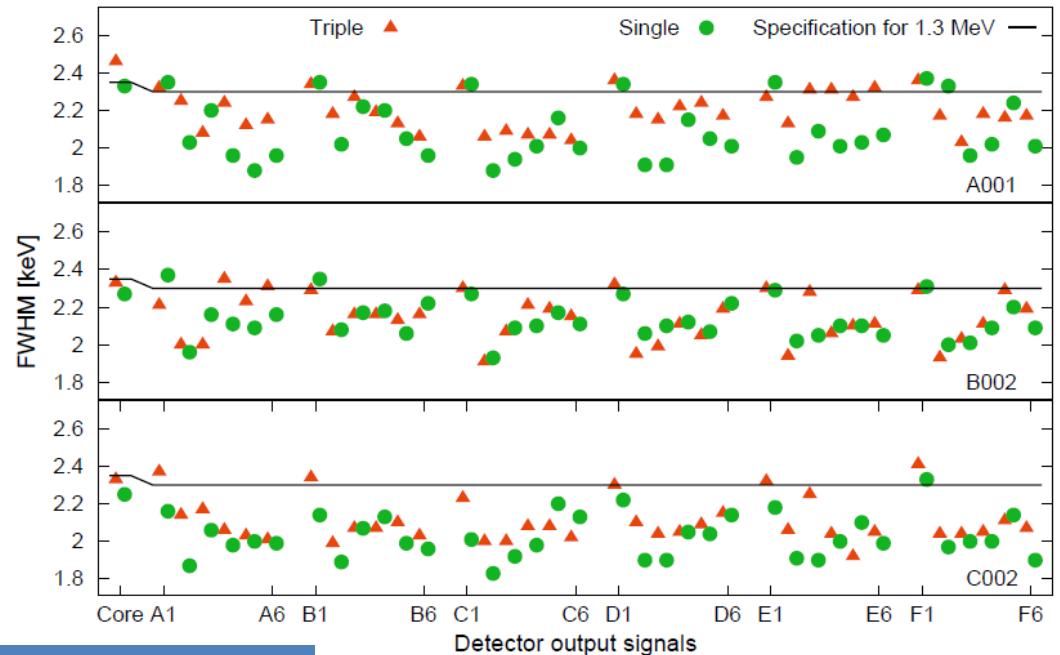
- Challenges:
- mechanical precision
  - microphonics
  - noise, high frequencies
  - LN2 consumption

# Performance: Energy resolution

A. Wiens, et al. HK 39.33



@ 60 keV



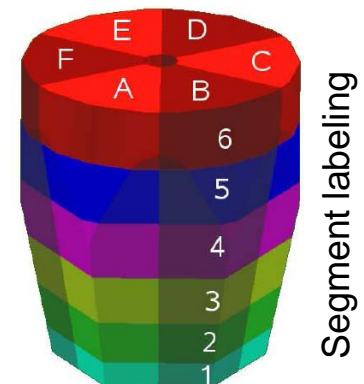
@ 1333 keV

**Averages** of the segment resolutions  
@ 60 keV :

A001: 1011 +/- 53 eV  
B002: 1039 +/- 70 eV  
C002: 965 +/- 63 eV

**Averages** of the segment resolutions  
Measured in Köln and Legnaro  
@ 1333 keV :

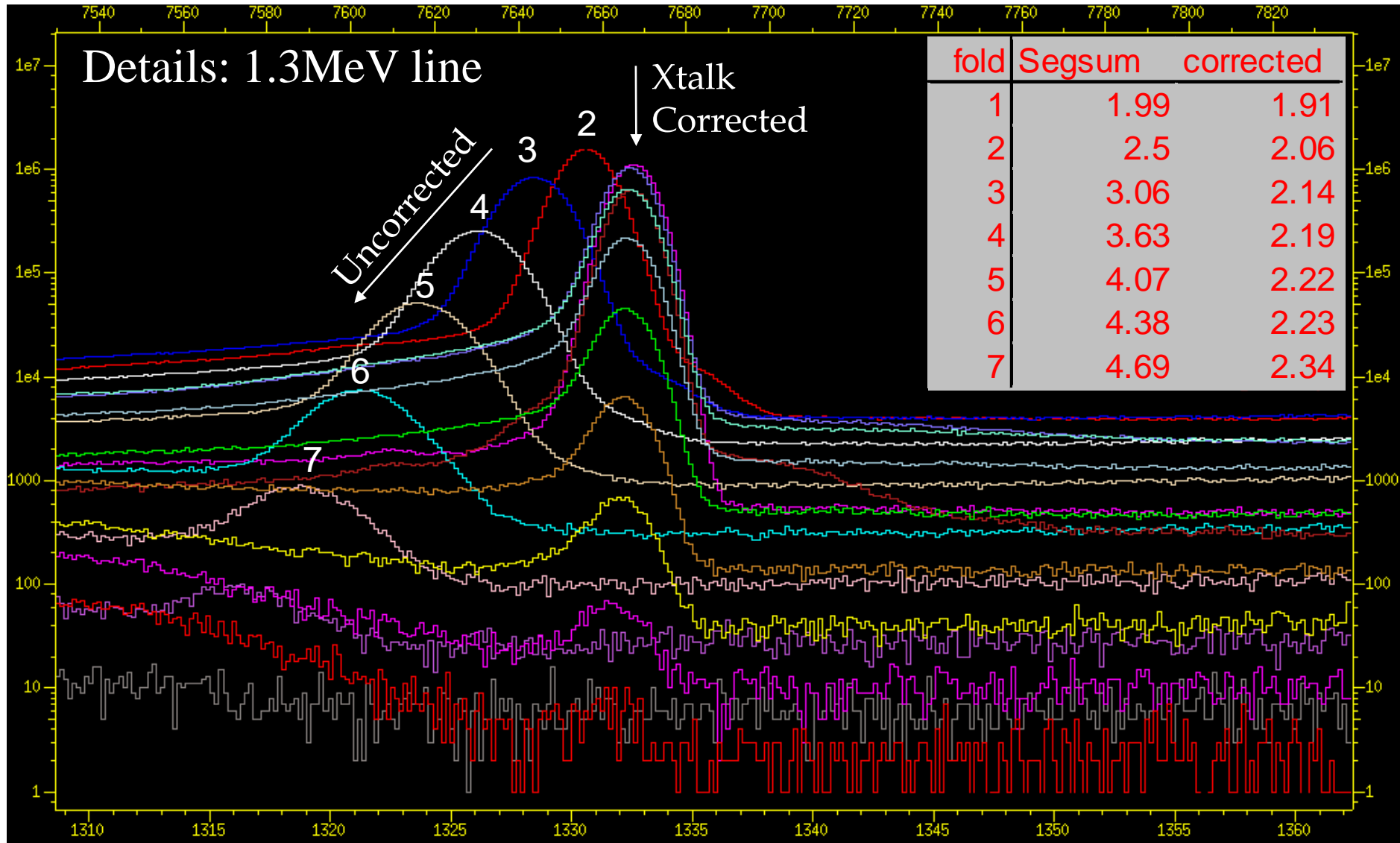
	IKP	/	Legnaro
A001:	2,19 keV	/	2,00 keV
B002:	2,09 keV	/	1,98 keV
C002:	2,1 keV	/	1,94 keV



# On line Cross Talk Correction

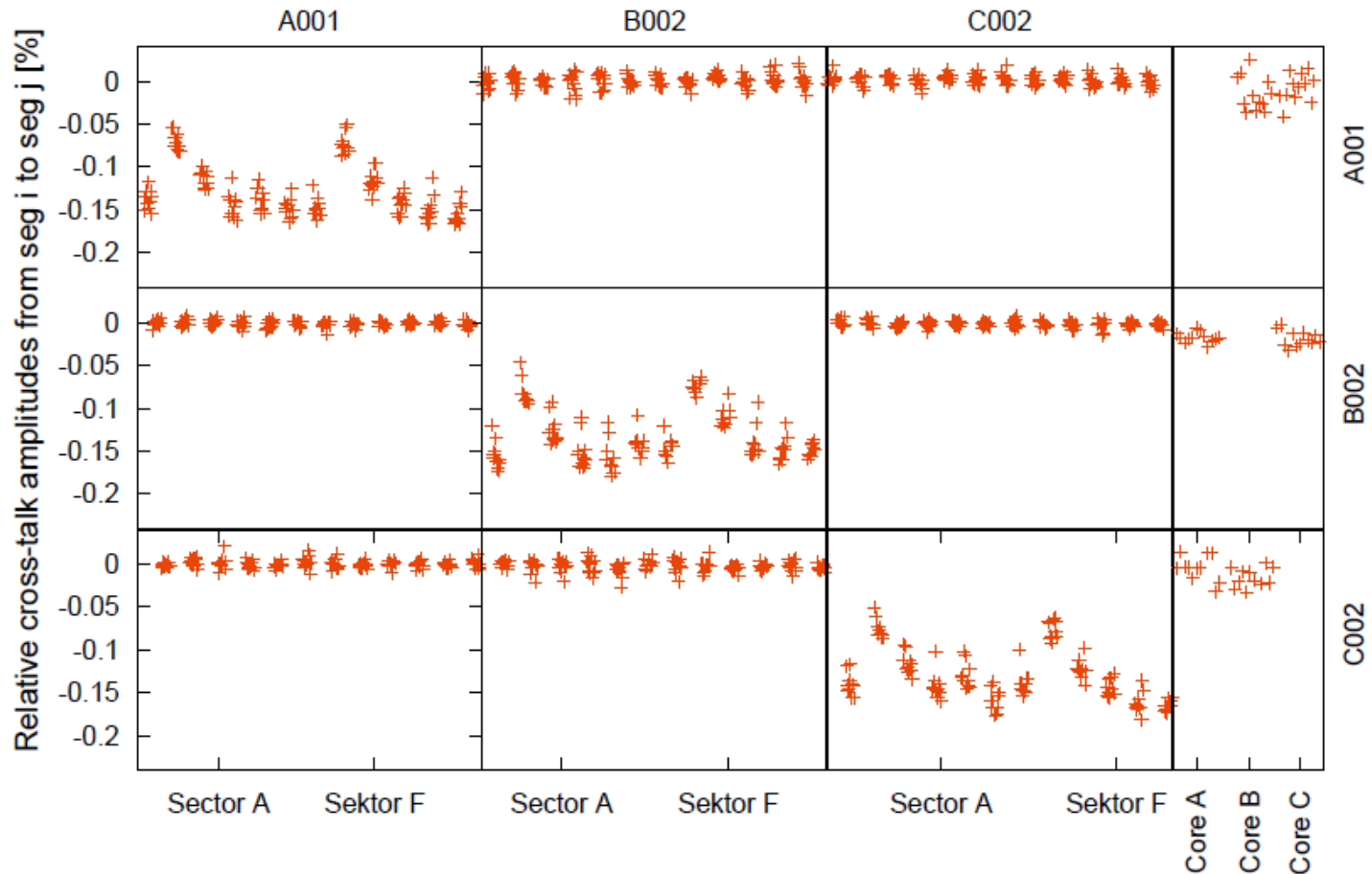
B. Bruyneel et al., NIM A 608 (2009) 99

FWHM 60keV: 1.20 → 1.02 !



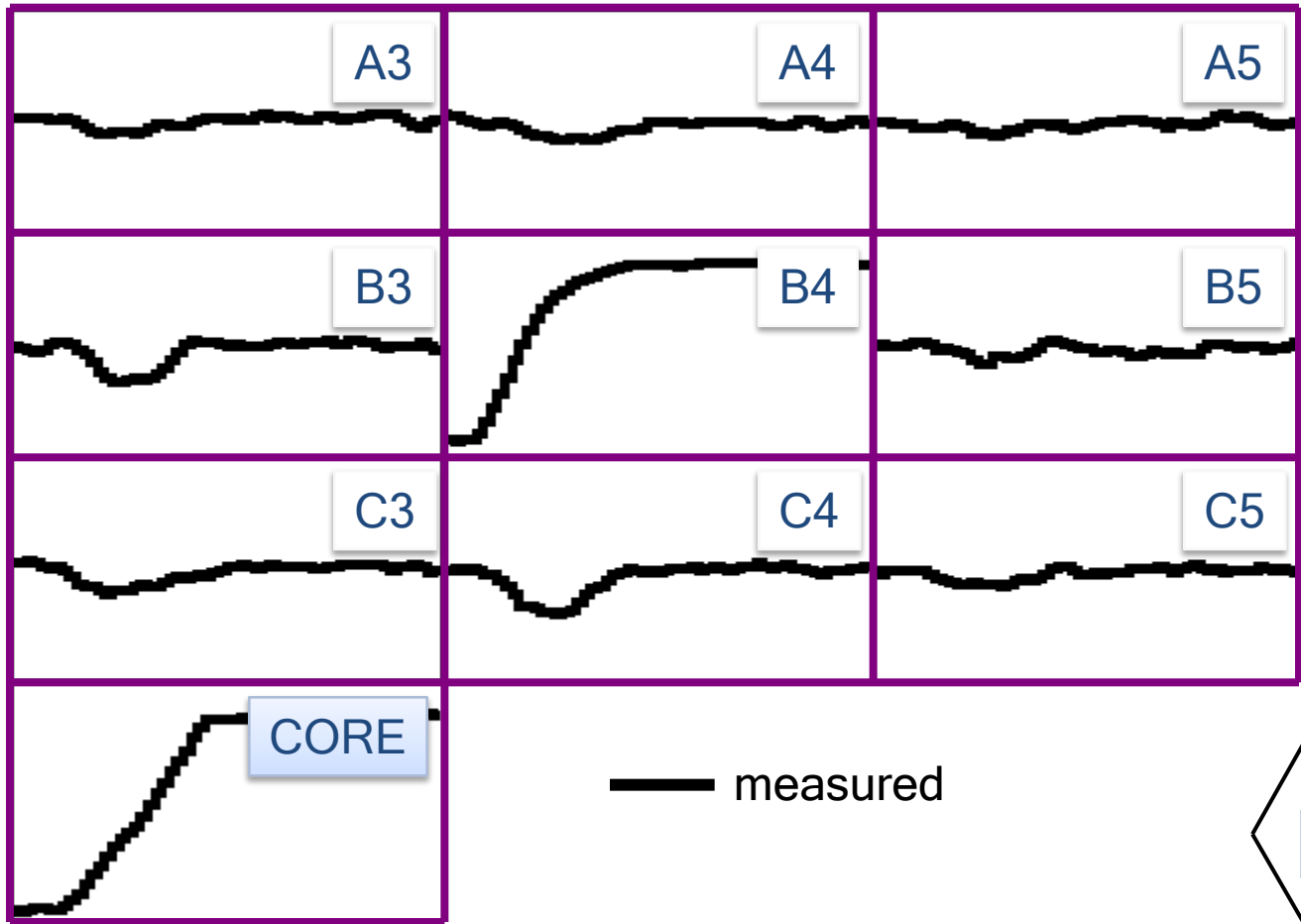


# Performance: Crosstalk



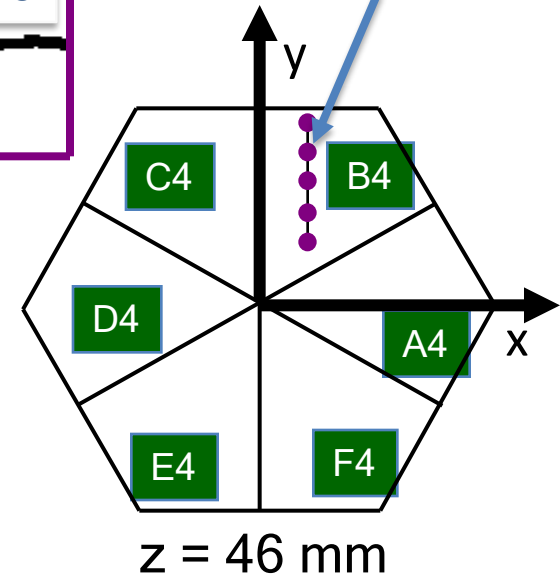
- No crosstalk observed between detectors
- Within one detector, the theoretical crosstalk limit is reached
- Online cross talk correction implemented

# Pulse Shape Analysis Concept

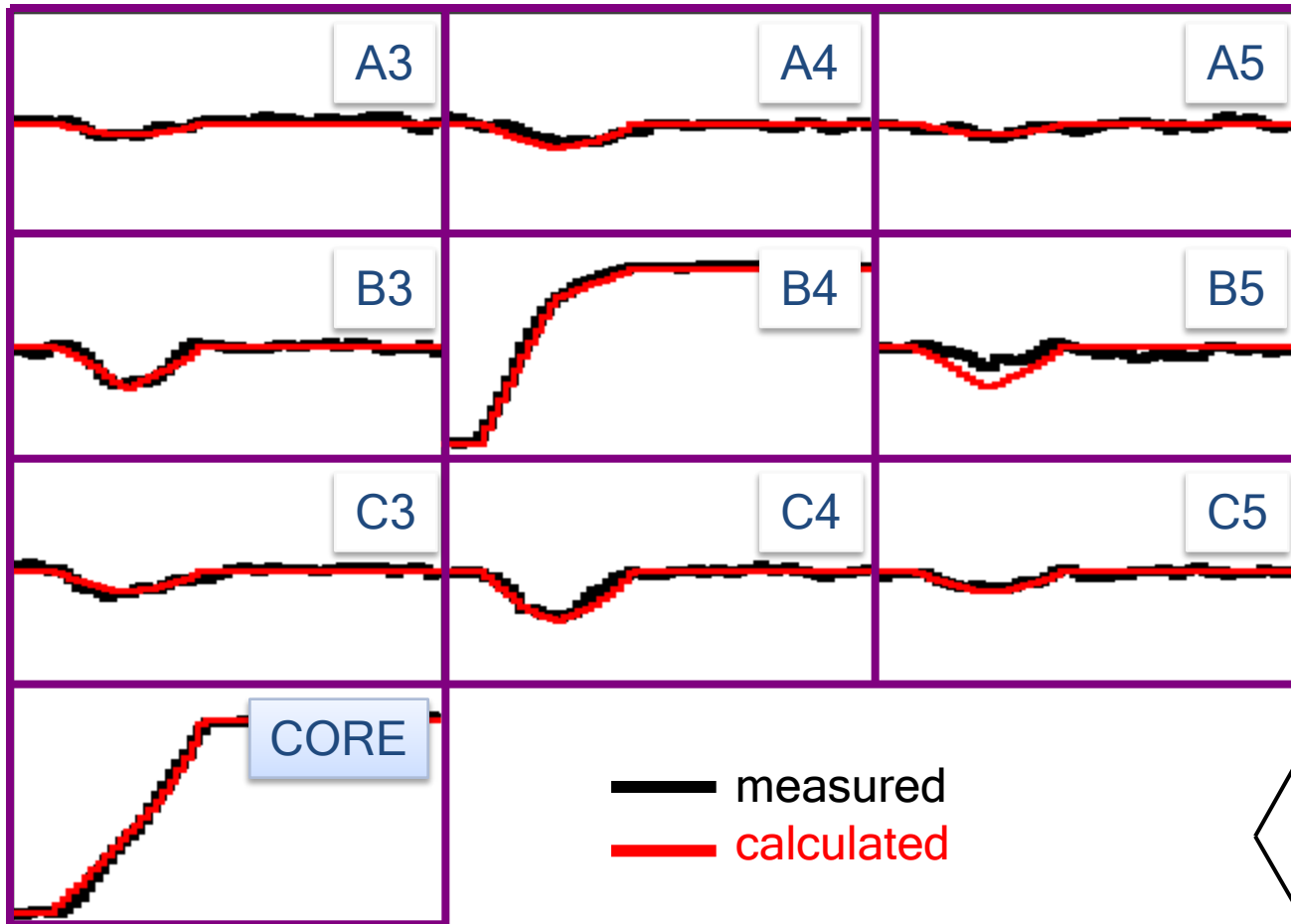


791 keV deposited in segment B4

Library

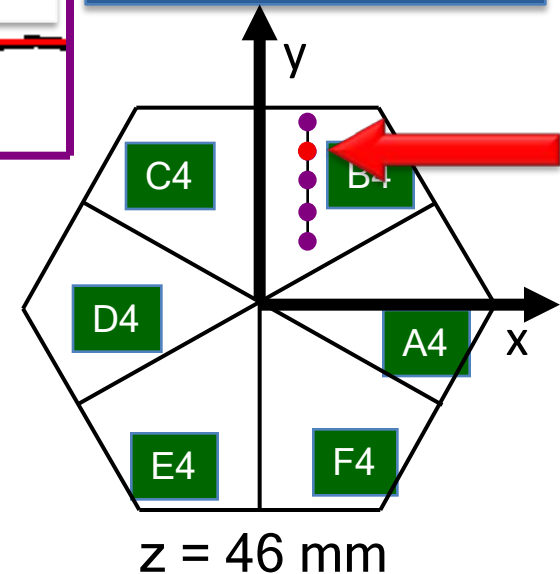


# Pulse Shape Analysis Concept



Result of  
*Grid Search*  
algorithm  
*R. Venturelli*  
**(10, 25, 46)**

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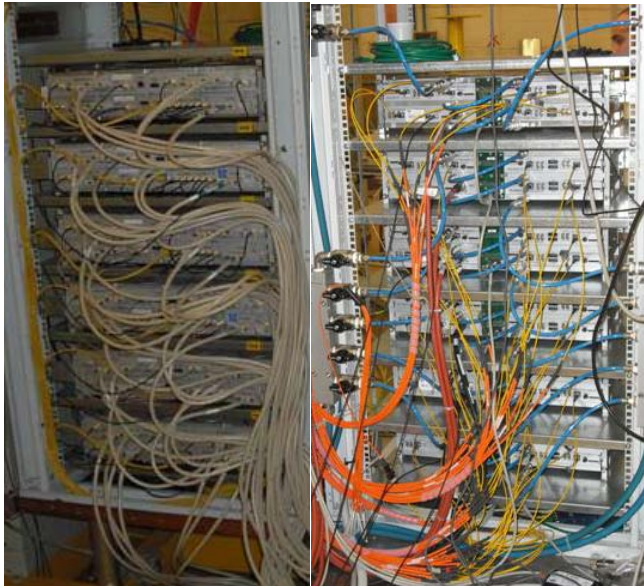


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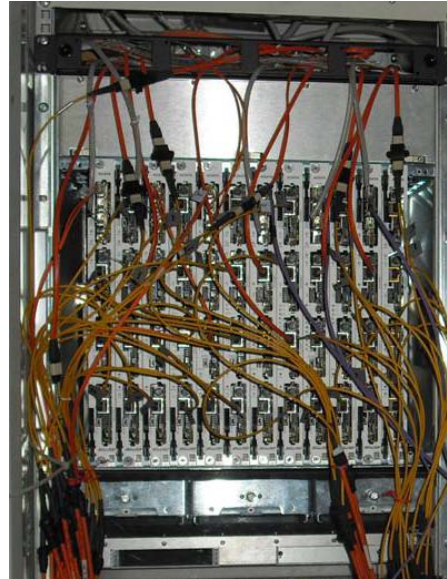
# AGATA: Digital Electronics

Digitisers  
in the experimental hall



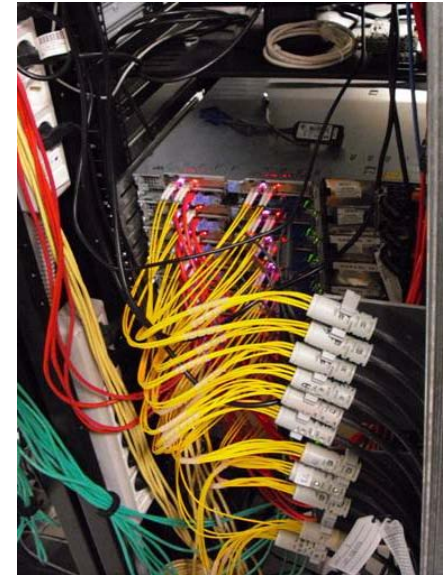
10 m long MDR cables

Digital proc. electronics  
in the users area



80 m long optical fibers

Computer farm  
in the computing room



20 m long optical fibers

LAN to the disk servers

100Mhz, 14 bit  
Synchronous &  
continuous

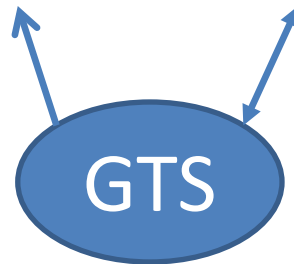
(7.6GB/s/crystal)

Triggering  
Energy  
Trace capture

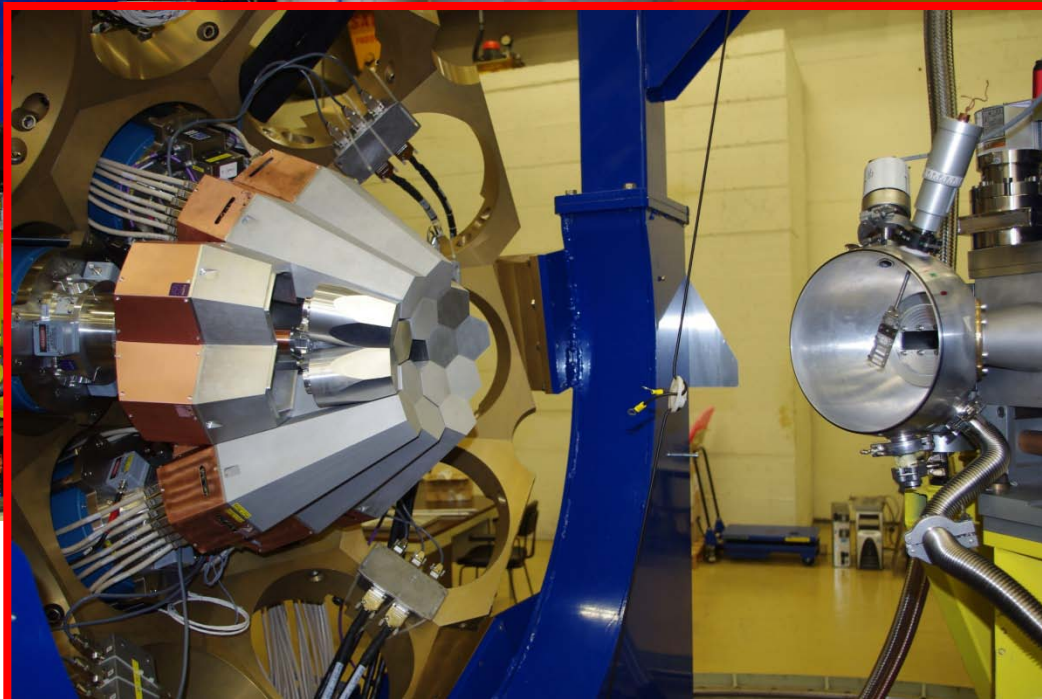
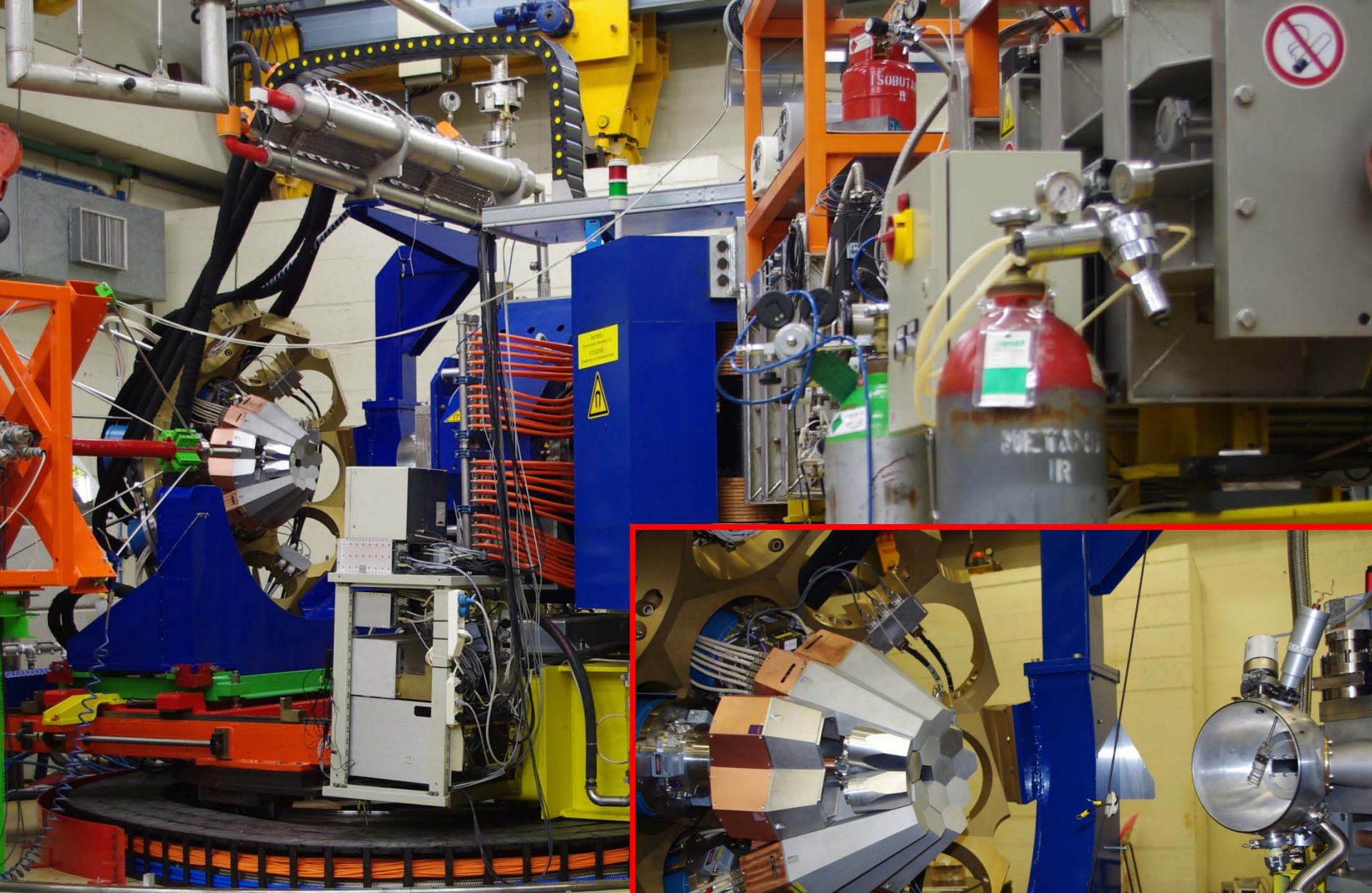
(10 kB/evt/crystal)

Preprocessing  
PSA  
Tracking

Global  
Triggering  
System



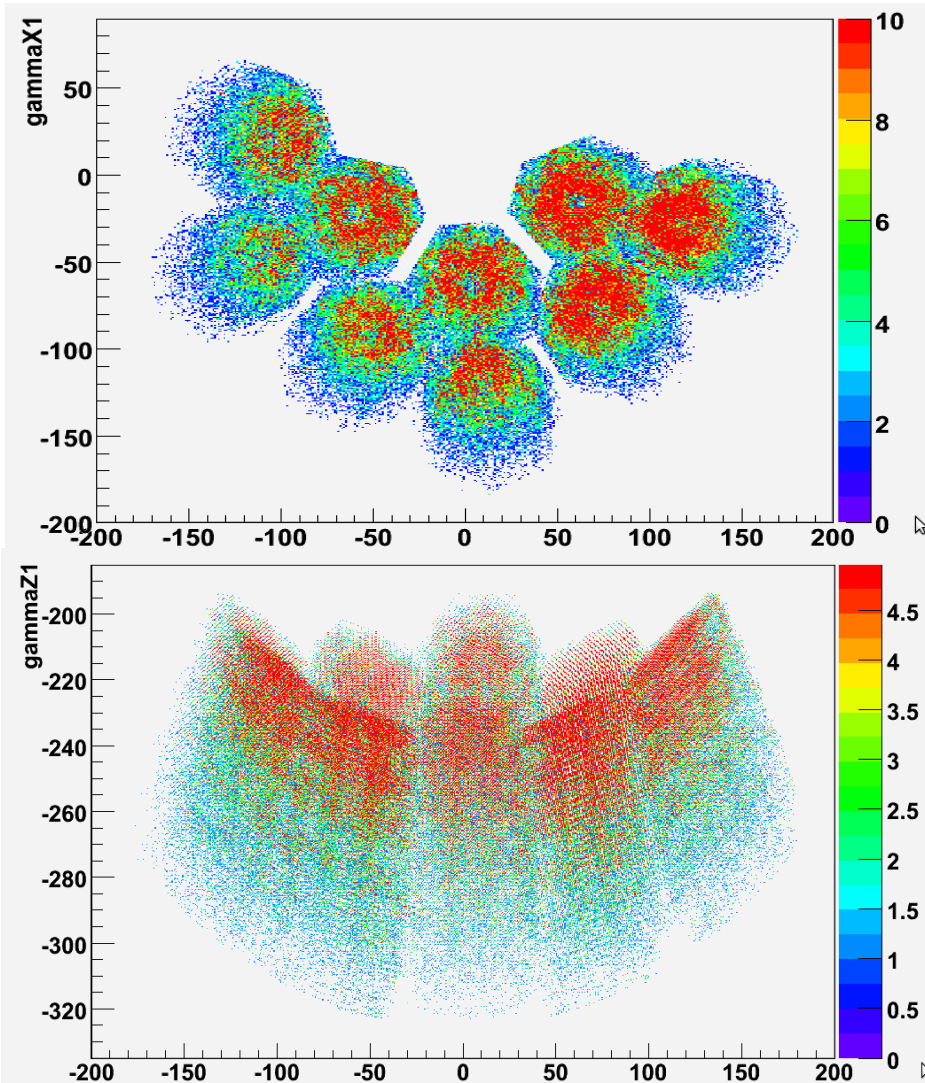
Clock &  
Trigger validation



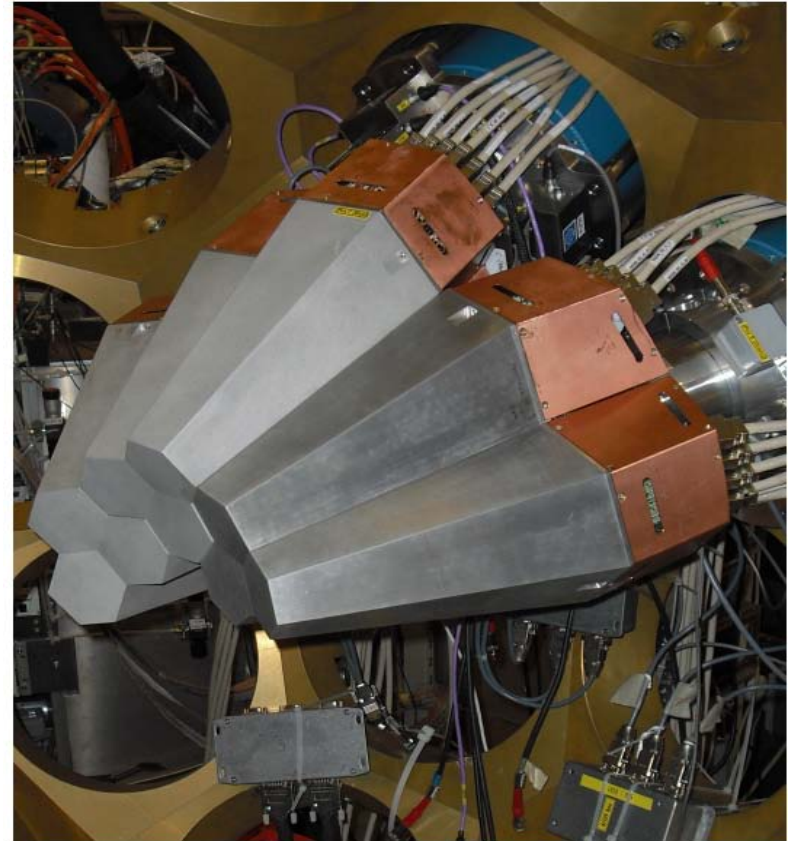
## **AGATA – PRISMA @ Legnaro**

*PRISMA: large acceptance spectrometer  
for binary reactions*

# AGATA online

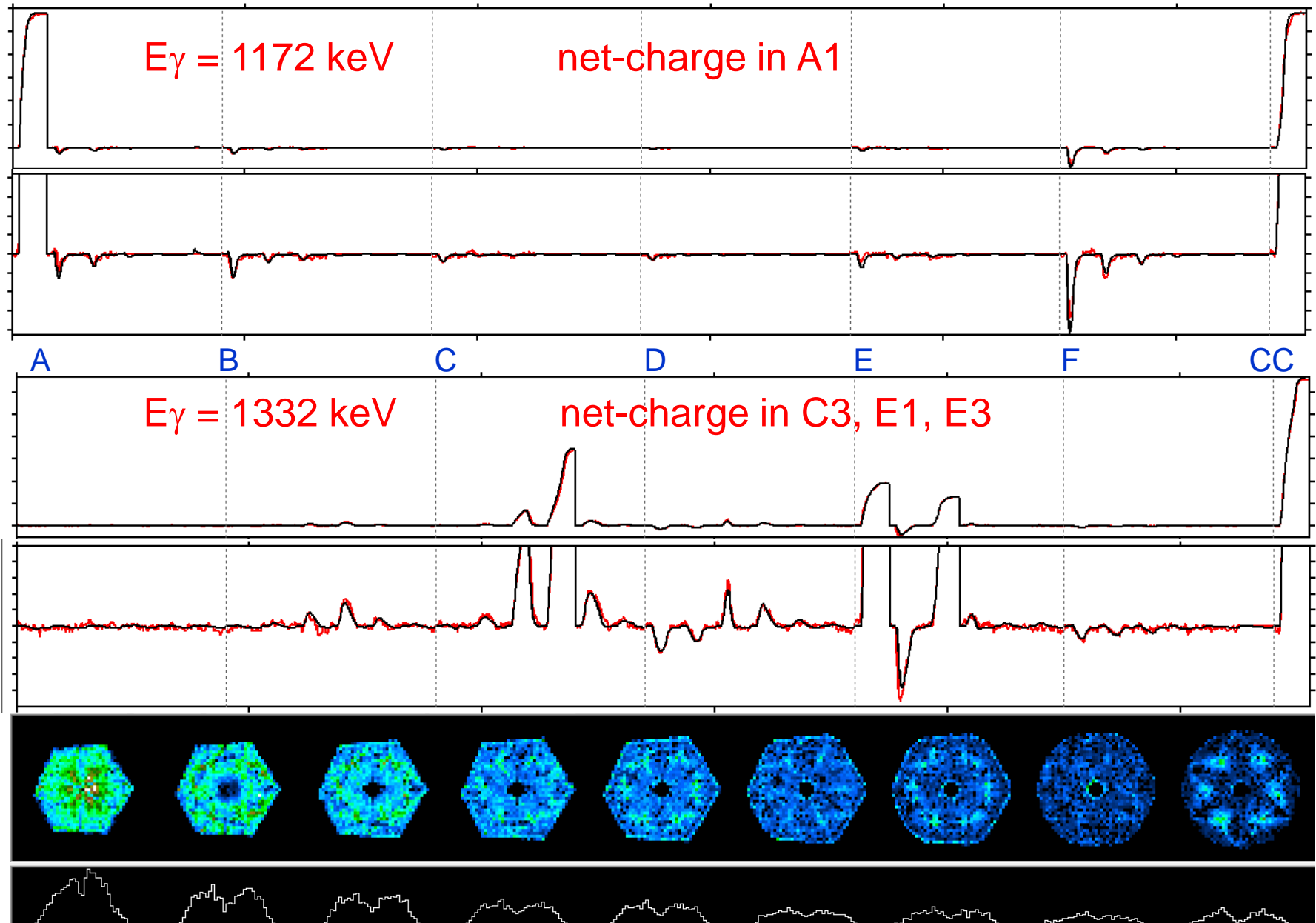


***1<sup>st</sup> experiment with AGATA (18/02/10)***



- < 4 mm FWHM resolution obtained
- psa online at rates > 5kHz per crystal

# AGATA signal decomposition

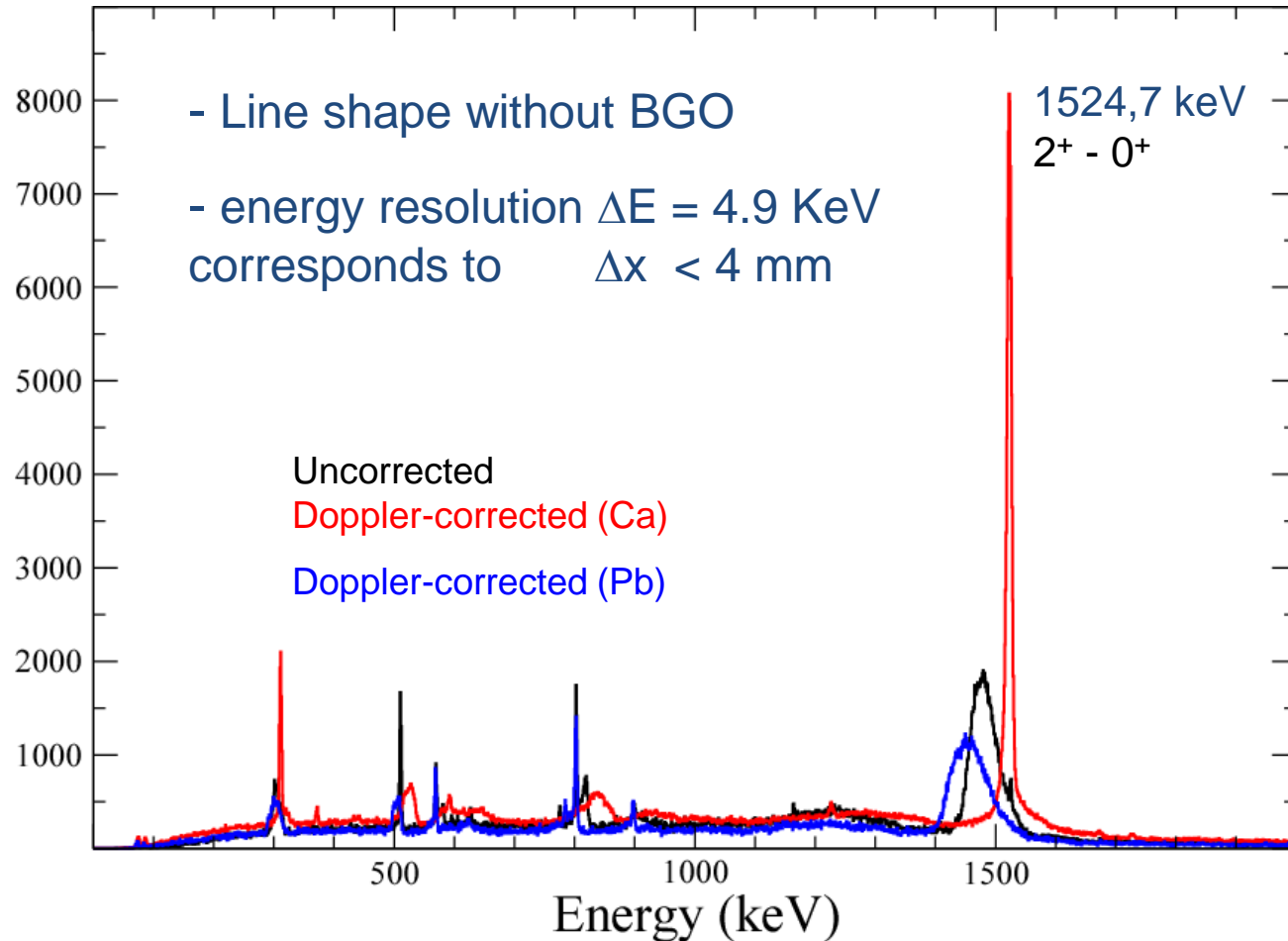
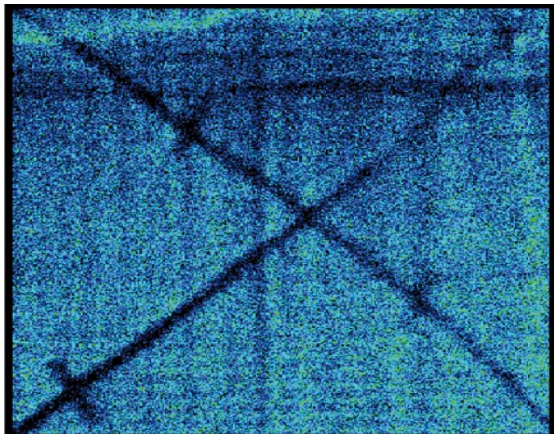


# AGATA position resolution

$^{42}\text{Ca}@170\text{MeV} + ^{208}\text{Pb}$

Kinematical coincidences

Position sensitive MCP



## AGATA position resolution

$\Delta X$ FWHM	Method	
<b>5.2 mm</b>	Doppler corr. meas.	F. Recchia et al. NIM A (2009)
<b>4.0 mm</b>	Doppler corr. meas	P.-A. Söderström et al. NIM A (2011) in press
<b>3.5 mm</b>	511keV source meas.	S. Klupp, M.Schlarb, R. Gernhäuser ( <a href="#">HK 54.1</a> )





Large-acceptance magnetic spectrometer

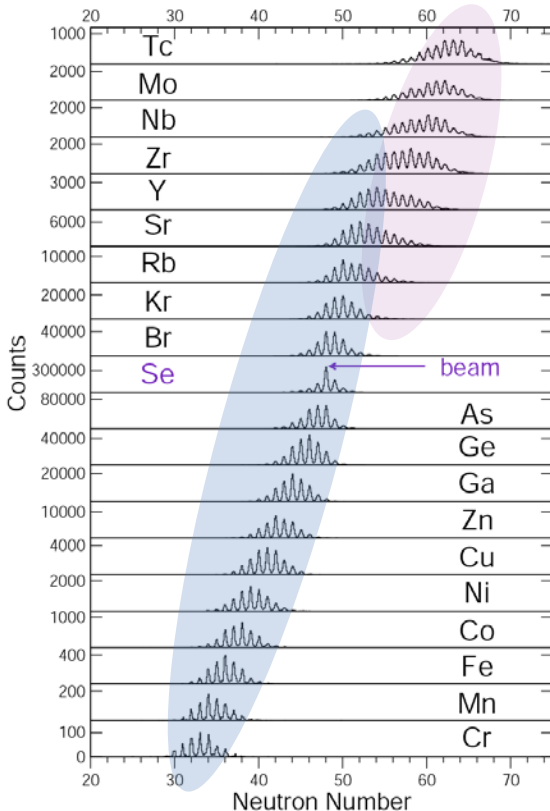
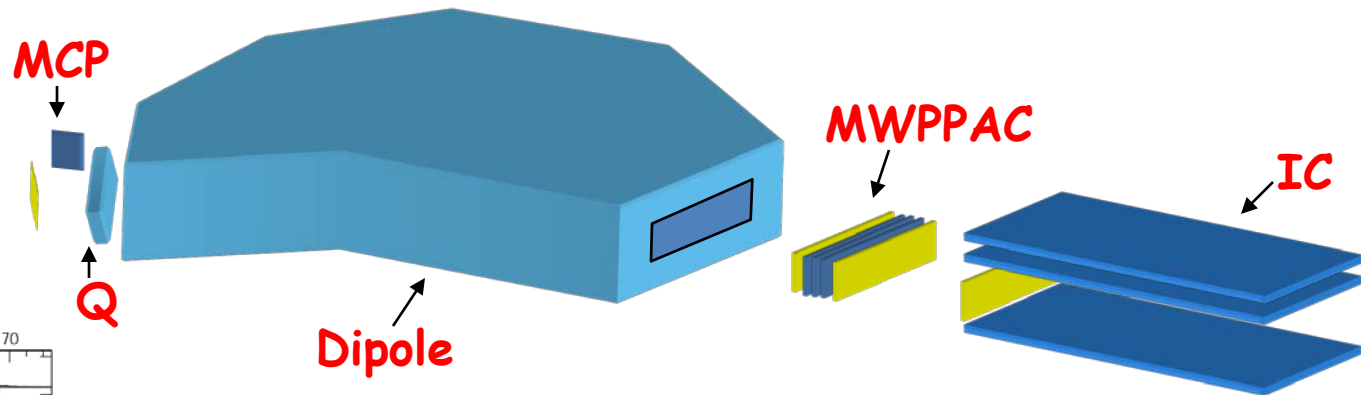
$$\Delta\Omega = 80 \text{ msr}$$

$$\Delta Z/Z \approx 1/60$$

$$\Delta A/A \approx 1/190$$

$$\Delta E \pm 20\%$$

$$B\rho = 1.2 \text{ T}\cdot\text{m}$$



PRISMA spectrometer designed for:

- reactions at grazing angle
- deep inelastic reactions

Production of projectile-like and target-like nuclei

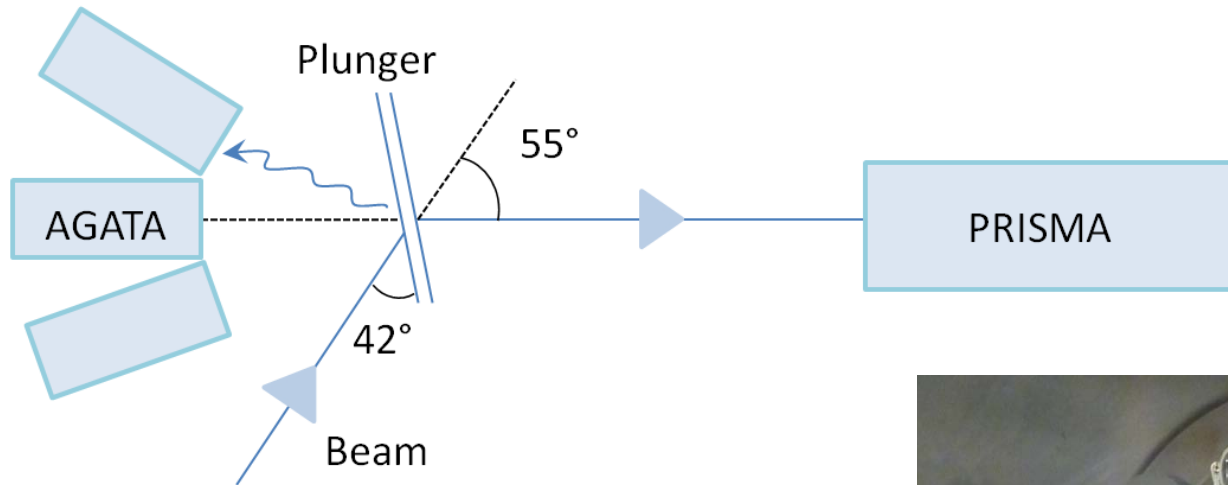
Production of n-rich nuclei ~200

PRISMA: high selectivity

AGATA: high efficiency, high resolution, high throughput

& ...

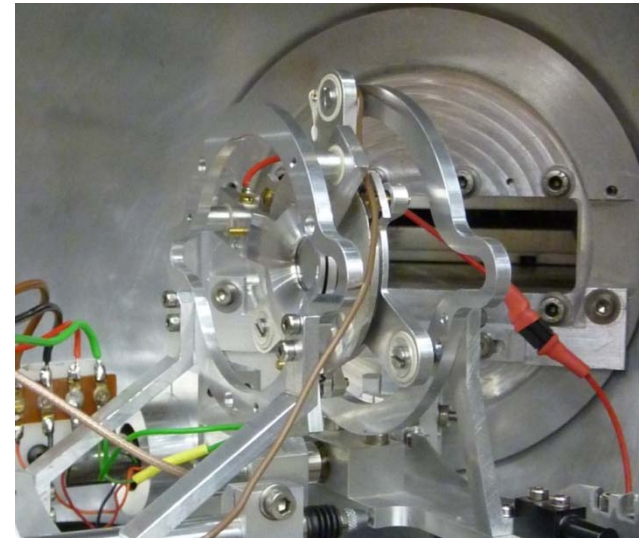
# Lifetime measurement in neutron-rich Ni, Cu and Zn isotopes



AGATA + PRISMA + Cologne plunger

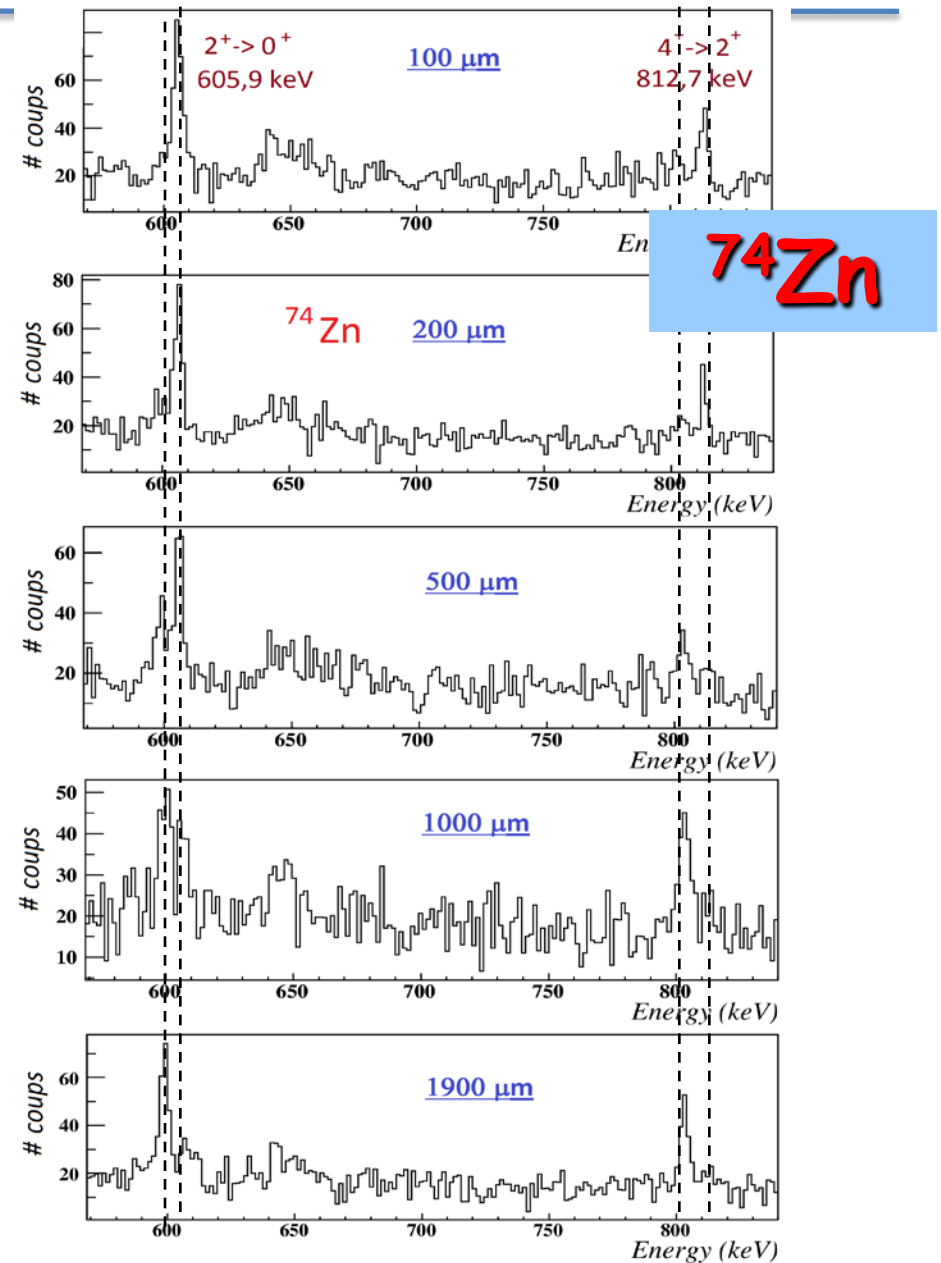
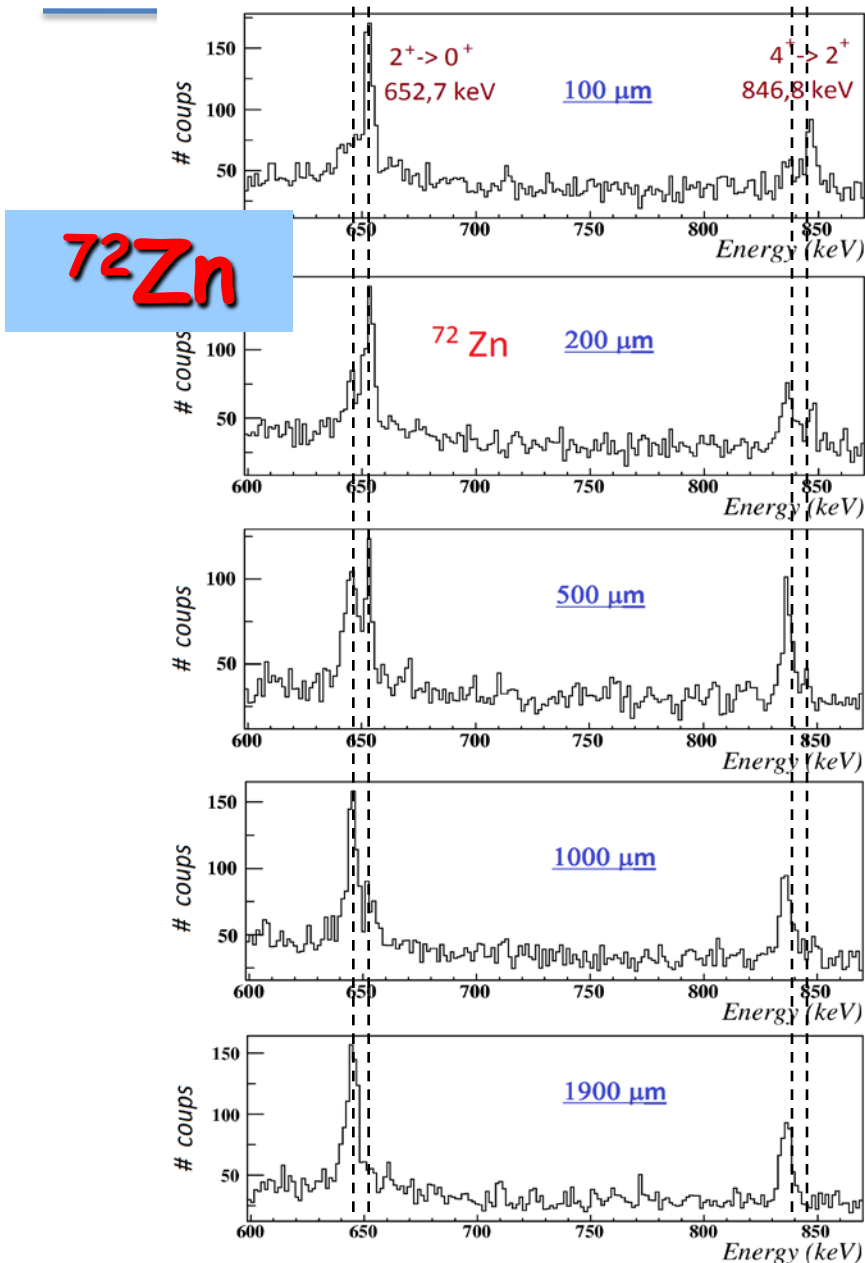
$^{76}\text{Ge}(577\text{MeV}) + ^{238}\text{U}$ , Nb degrader

$v/c \approx 10\%$



Preliminary data from C.Louchart, E.Sahin, M.Doncel, A.Goergen

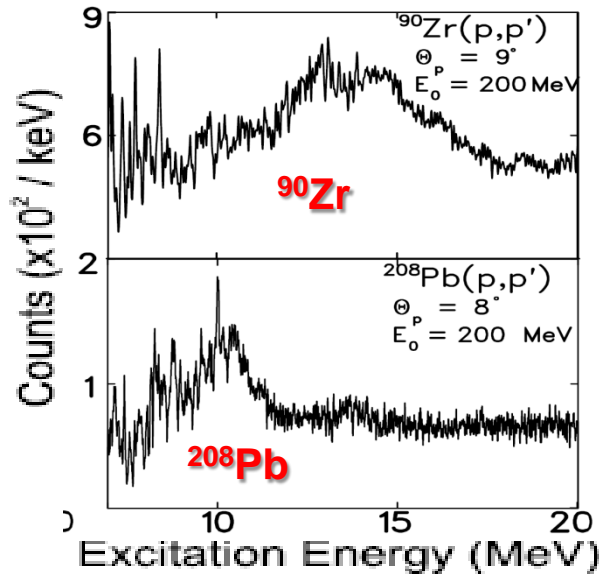
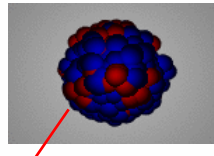
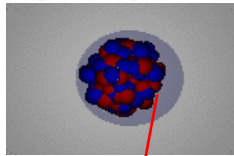
# Lifetime measurement in neutron-rich Ni, Cu and Zn isotopes



# Search for $\gamma$ -decay of Pygmy and GQR states in $^{208}\text{Pb}$ and $^{90}\text{Zr}$

*Pygmy Dipole*

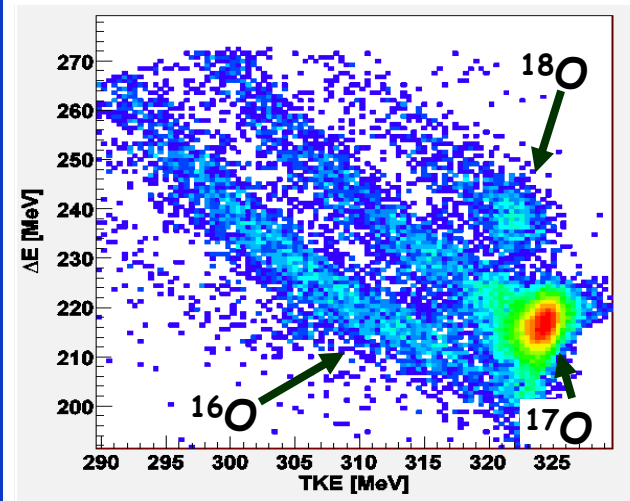
*Giant Quadrupole*



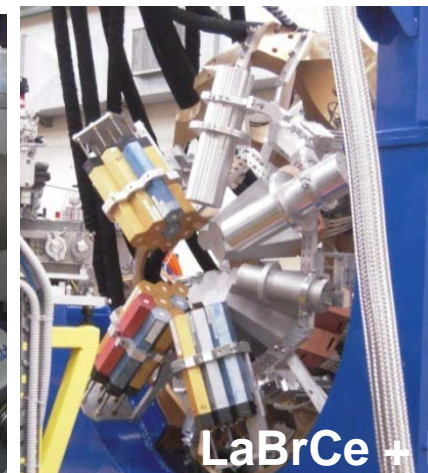
Fine Structures observed in  $(p,p')$  and  $(e,e')$

Shevchenko PRL93(2004)

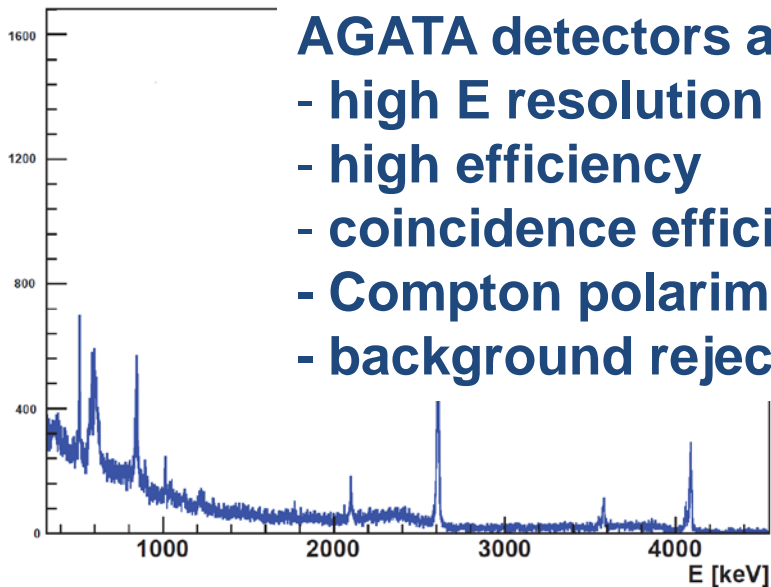
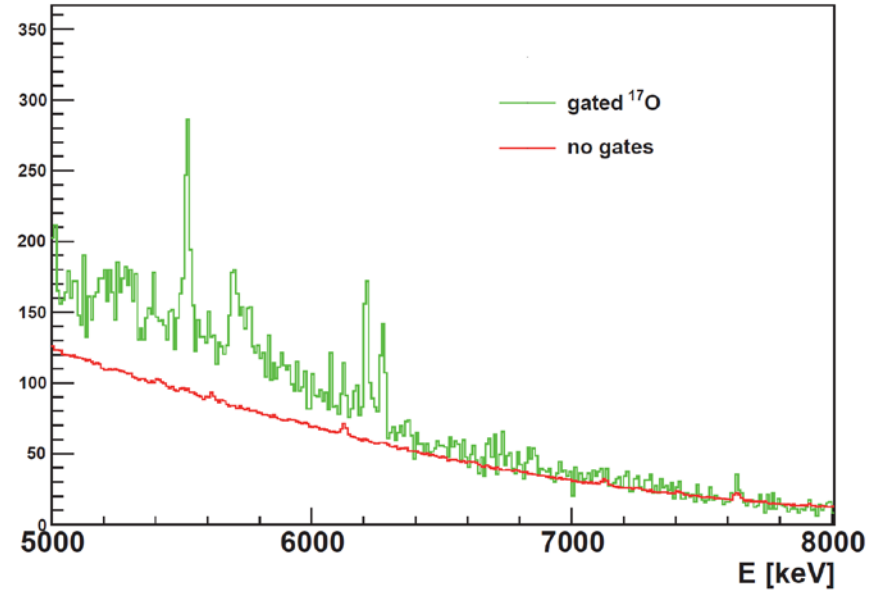
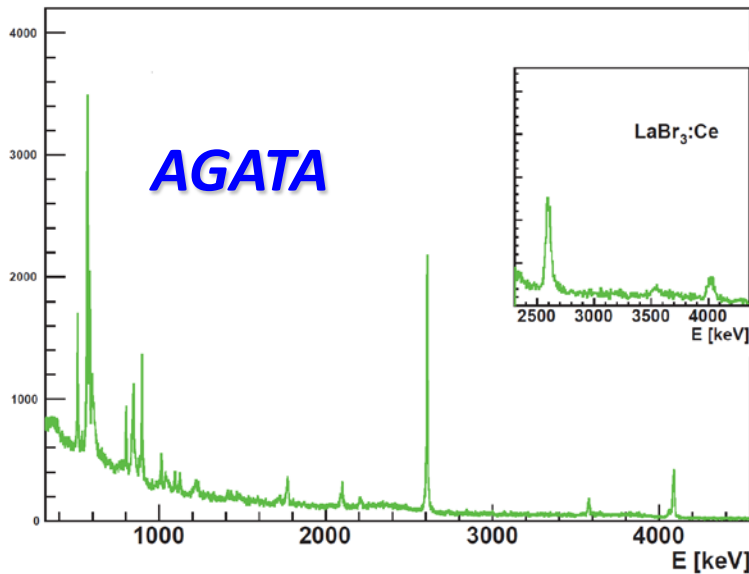
Inelastic Scattering  $^{17}\text{O}$  @20 MeV/A



Si-PAD  
Clean  
Isotope  
Separation  
Energy  
Resolution  
< 1 MeV

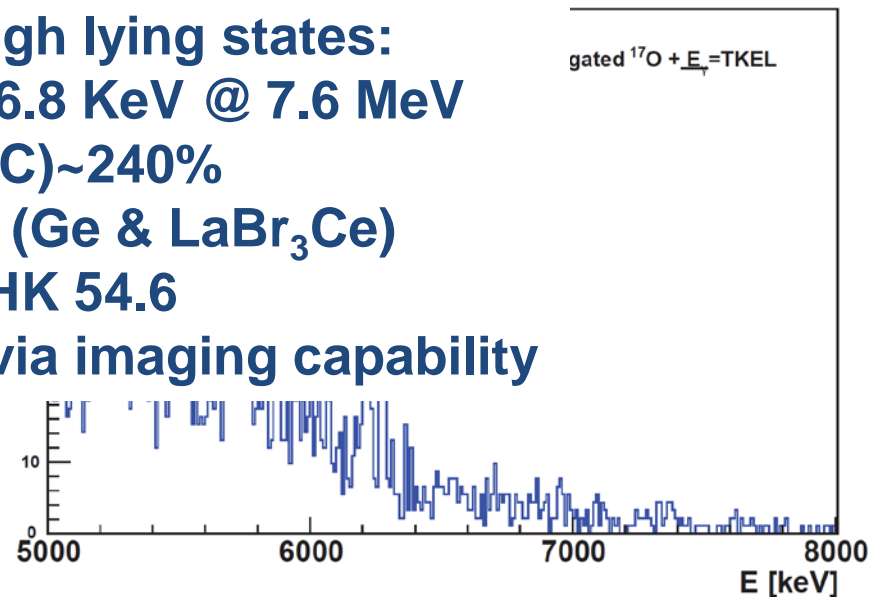


# Preliminary results for $^{208}\text{Pb}$



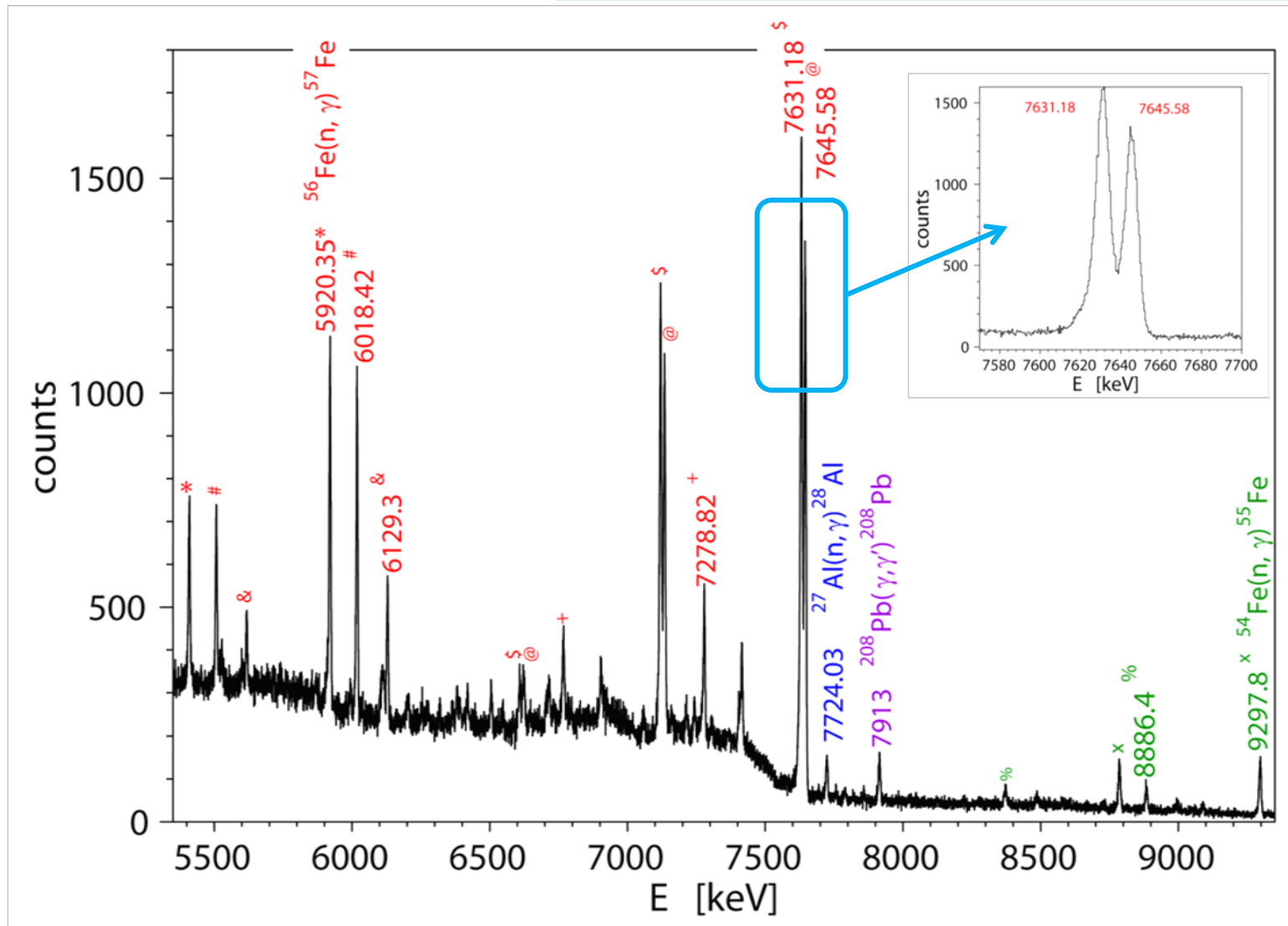
## AGATA detectors and high lying states:

- high E resolution  $\Delta E=6.8$  KeV @ 7.6 MeV
- high efficiency  $\varepsilon(\text{ATC})\sim 240\%$
- coincidence efficiency (Ge & LaBr<sub>3</sub>Ce)
- Compton polarimeter HK 54.6
- background rejection via imaging capability

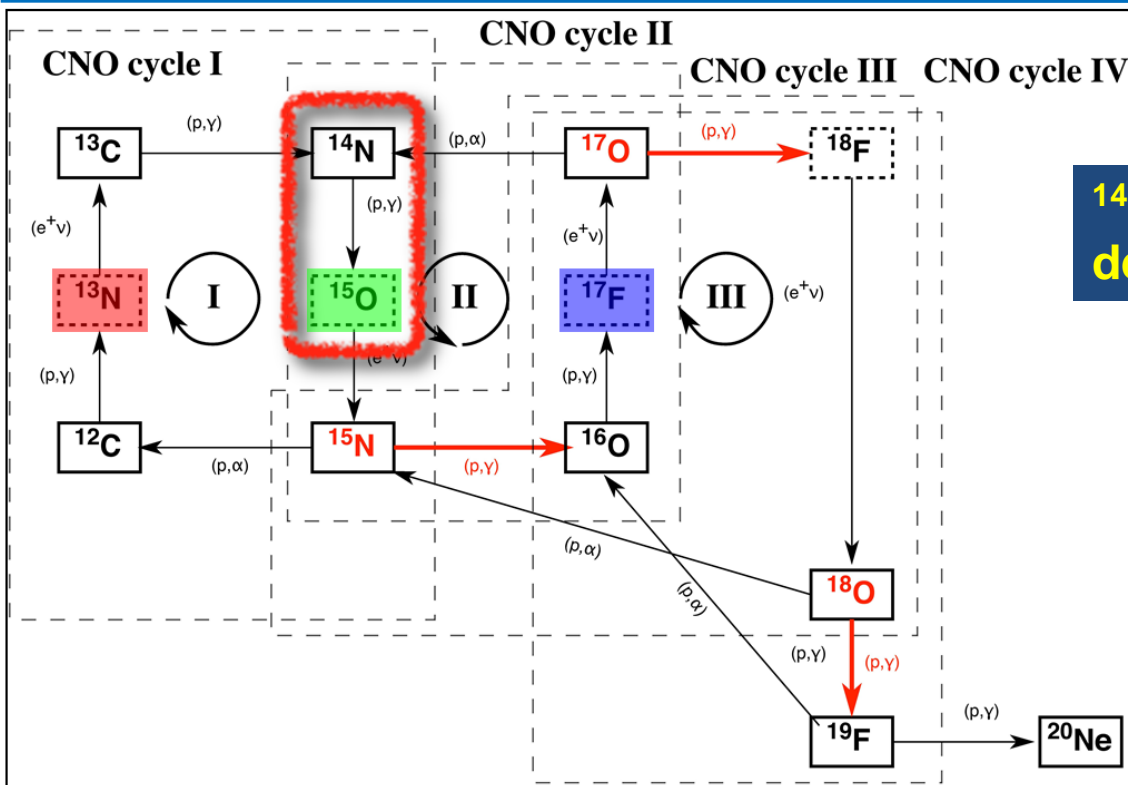


# AGATA high $\gamma$ -ray energy detection

- $^{241}\text{AmBe}$  + Fe source to monitor gain instabilities
- $\Delta E/E = 8 \cdot 10^{-4}$  at 7.6 MeV
  - no gain fluctuation (within 3‰), stable detectors



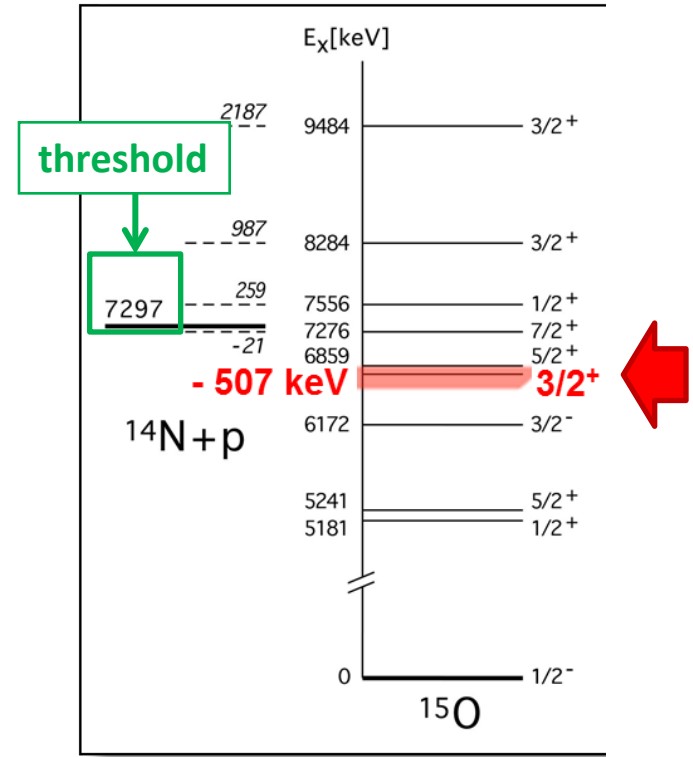
# Stellar burning rates and the $^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$ reaction



$^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$  reaction is slowest, determines the overall rate

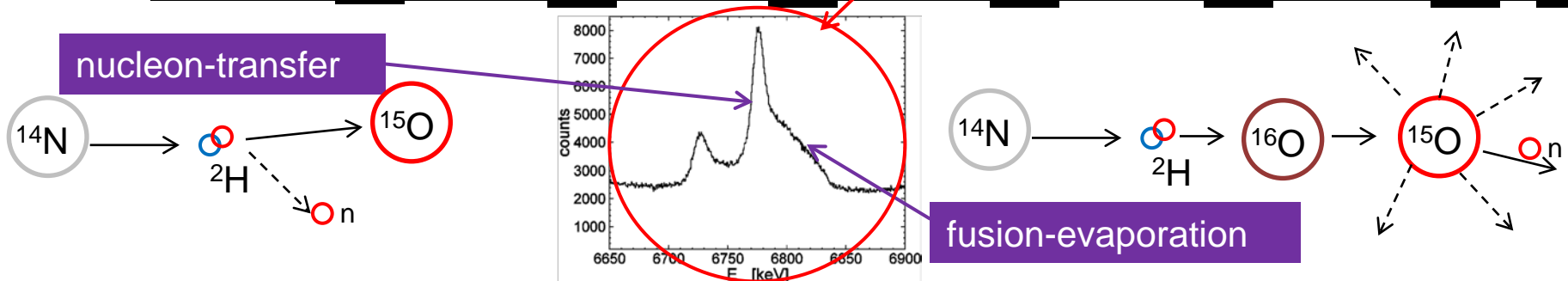
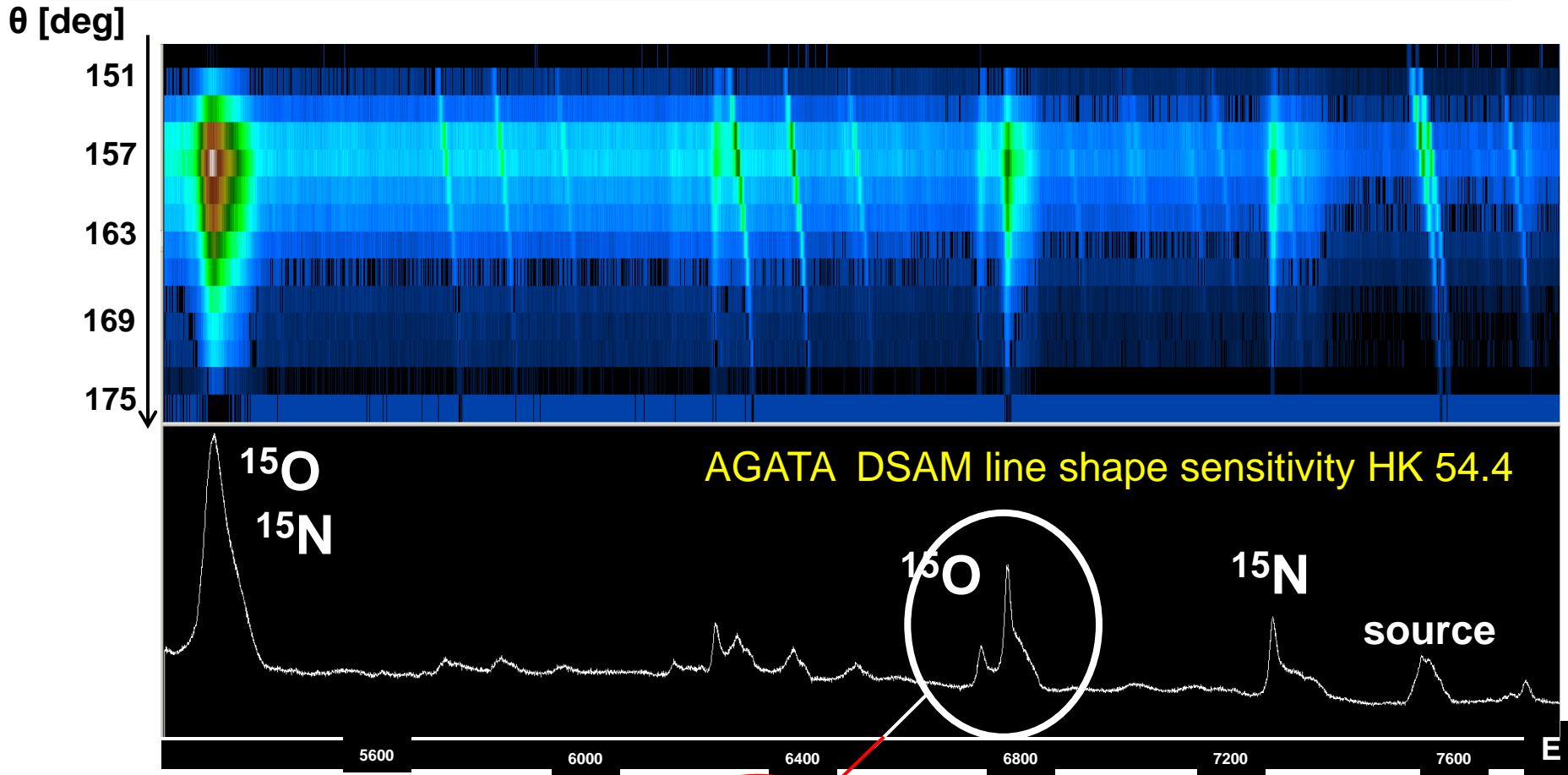
(C. Broggini et al., Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 2010. 60:53–73)

- cross section (astrophysical S-factor) in Gamow peak region relies on sub-threshold resonances
- corresponding to bound states in  $^{15}\text{O}$
- first excited  $3/2^+$  state in  $^{15}\text{O}$  is predicted to play dominant role



width of the resonance  $\longleftrightarrow$  lifetime of the excited nuclear level

# Lifetime of the 6.792MeV state in $^{15}\text{O}$



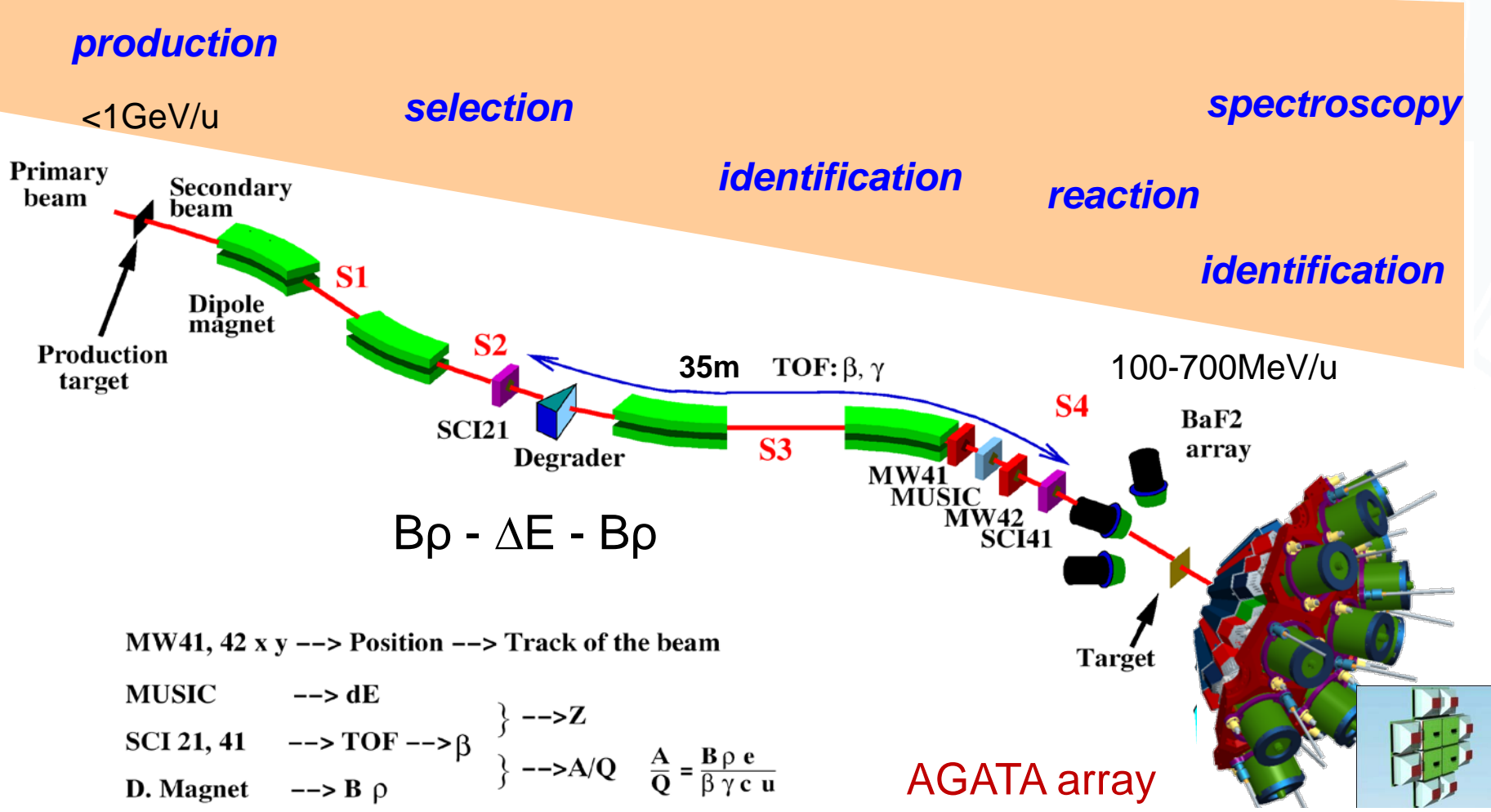


# Summary

- AGATA components:
  - ✓ highly segmented HPGe Detectors
  - ✓ digitizer & front-end electronics
  - ✓ Pulse shape analysis &  $\gamma$ -ray tracking
- Position sensitive  $\gamma$ -ray detection:  $\Delta x \sim 3\text{-}4$  mm
- Ongoing campaign at Legnaro in 2011
- Near future AGATA@GSI

# AGATA set-up at GSI

## In flight high resolution $\gamma$ -spectroscopy at the FRS



LYCCA

HK 33.5, HK 46.4

# OUTLOOK: Plans for the next few years

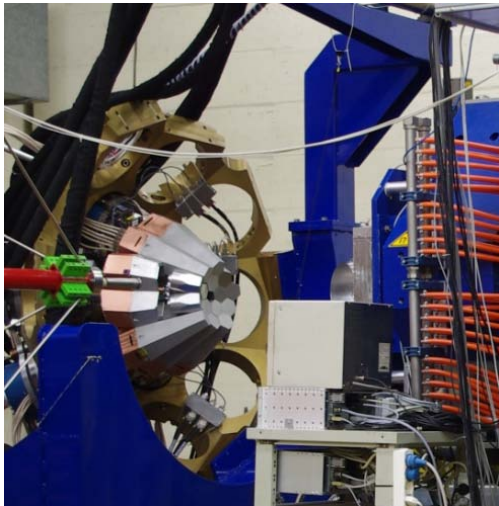
**LNL: 2010-2011**  
5 TC  
Total Eff. ~6%



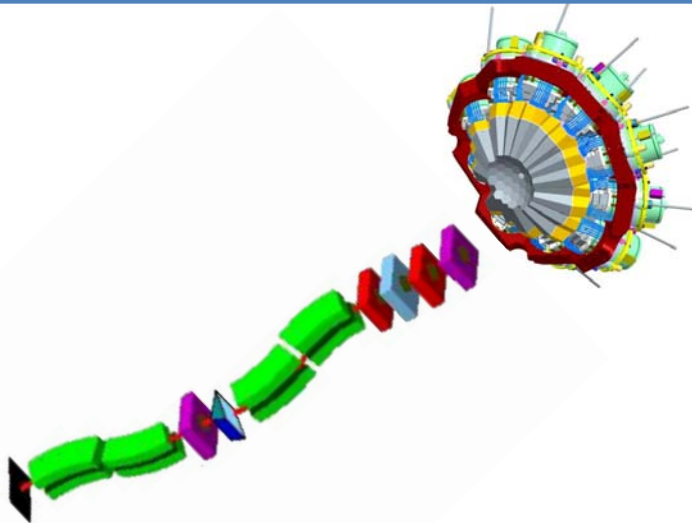
**GSI: 2012-2013**  
 $\geq 8$  TC  
Total Eff. > 10%



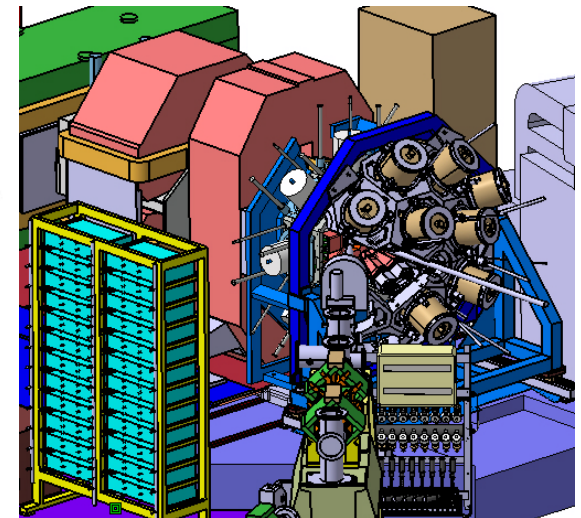
**GANIL: 2014-2015**  
15 TC  
Total Eff. > 20%



**AGATA D.  
+ PRISMA**



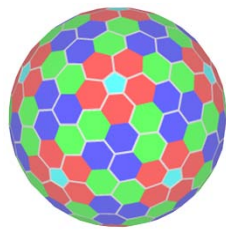
**AGATA + FRS**



**AGATA + VAMOS**



# The AGATA Collaboration



Bulgaria:	Univ. Sofia	<b>13 Countries</b> <b>&gt;40 Institutions</b>
Denmark:	NBI Copenhagen	
Finland:	Univ. Jyväskylä	
France:	GANIL Caen, IPN Lyon, CSNSM Orsay, IPN Orsay, CEA-DSM-DAPNIA Saclay, IPHC Strasbourg, LPSC Grenoble	
Germany:	GSI Darmstadt, TU Darmstadt, Univ. zu Köln, TU München	
Hungary:	ATOMKI Debrecen	
Italy:	INFN-LNL, INFN and Univ. Padova, Milano, Firenze, Genova, Napoli	
Poland:	NINP and IFJ Krakow, SINS Swierk, HIL & IEP Warsaw	
Romania:	NIPNE & PU Bucharest	
Sweden:	Univ. Göteborg, Lund Univ., KTH Stockholm, Uppsala Univ.	
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Spain:	IFIC Valencia, IEM-CSIC Madrid, LRI Univ. Salamanca	