

Conceptual design of the Ge detector array (DEGAS) for the DESPEC experiment

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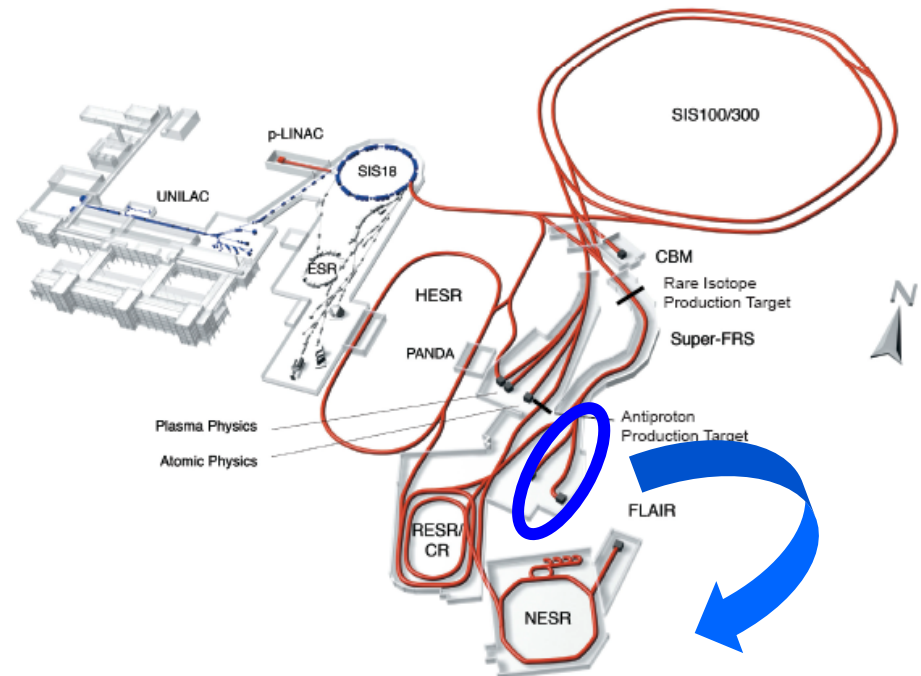
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Decay studies of exotic nuclei at FAIR

FAIR (*Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research*)

NUSTAR (*NUclear STructure Astrophysics and Reactions*)

Super-FRS: *In Flight separator* producing beam species ranging from H to U with high intensities; antiproton beams up to 20 GeV and heavy-ion beams up to 30 GeV/nucleon.



Low Energy Branch

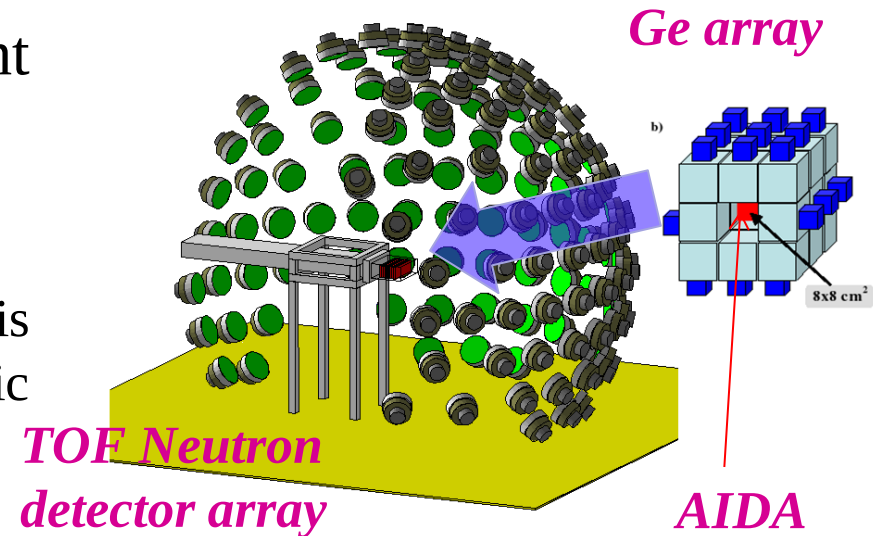


DESPEC Experiment

The DESPEC experiment

DEcay SPECtroscopy experiment at the Super-FRS of FAIR at GSI

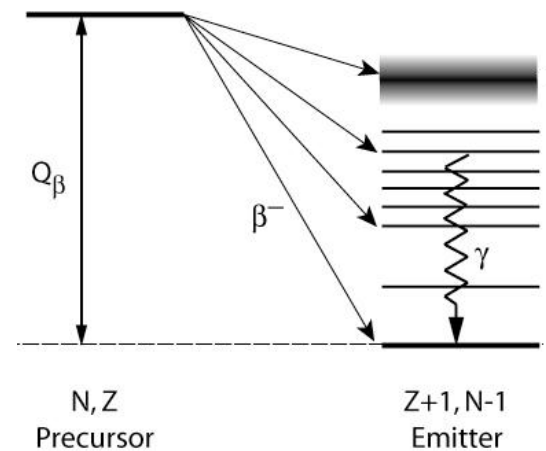
Due to the capabilities of the Super-FRS it is possible to measure neutron-rich exotic nuclei with short half lives ($T_{1/2} > 100$ ns).



Experiments proposed for DESPEC:

- Beta decay experiments
- Isomer decay experiments

High gamma efficiency, background reduction and good energy and position resolution required.



Staged development of the Ge array: DEGAS

Initial technical proposal based on planar detectors
Replaced by staged development

1st phase: *Upgrade of the existing RISING set-up
based on EUROBALL cluster detectors*

2nd phase: *+ AGATA type detectors (1st order imaging)*

3rd phase: *Full imaging array (long term goal)*

Possibility of Integrated Ge implantation detector

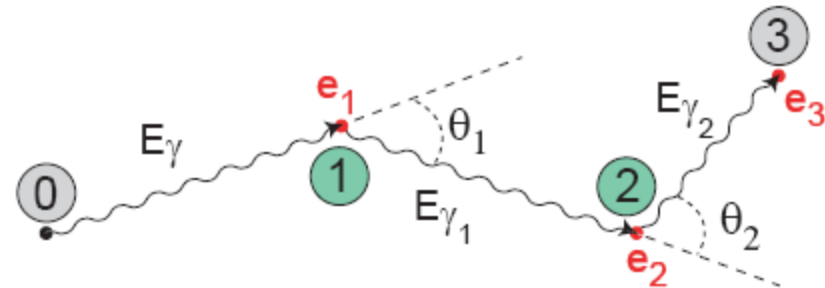
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Tracking & imaging concepts

Tracking: Reconstruct the path of γ rays to improve P/T and background reduction.

Requirements:

1. Good energy and position resolution.
2. High granularity.

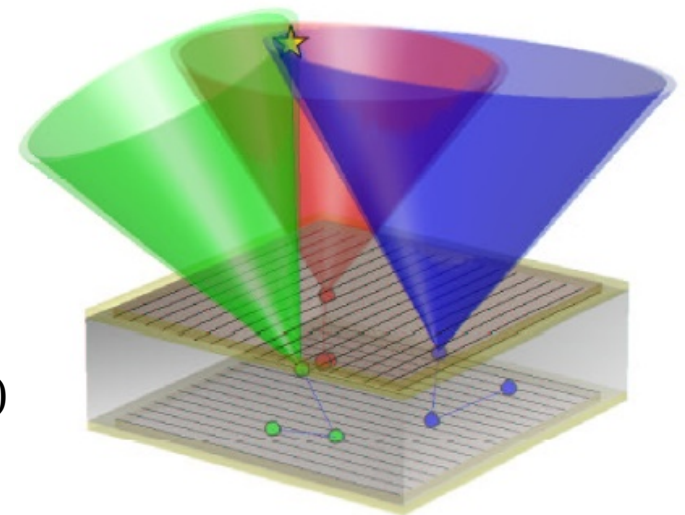


Full imaging:

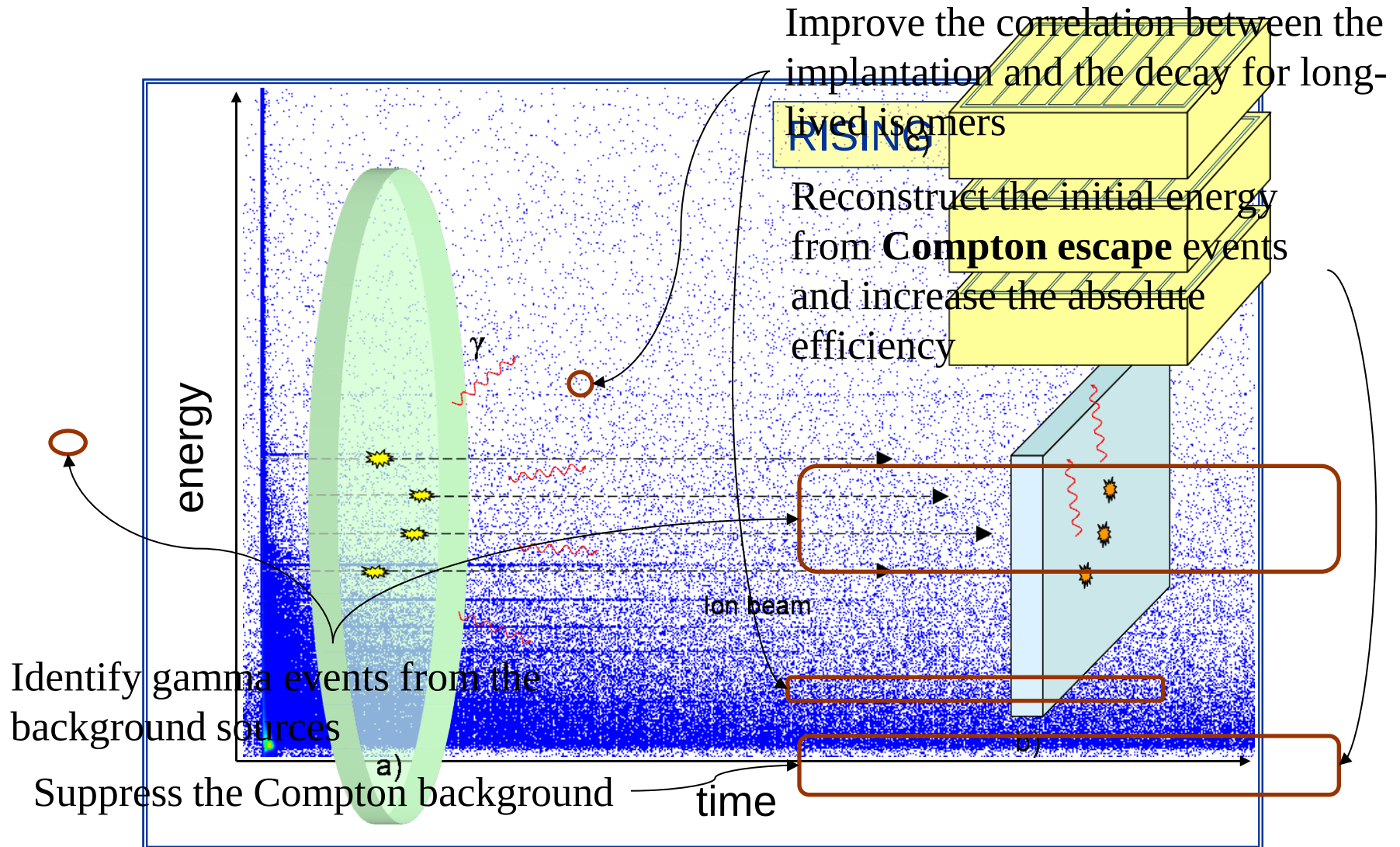
Reconstruct the origin of the γ ray in the implantation plane for the isomeric decay.

Requirements:

1. Good energy and position resolution.
2. High granularity.
3. Large separation between Ge in the stacks (increase average distance between interactions)



Background suppression for tagging of γ rays in isomeric and radioactive decays

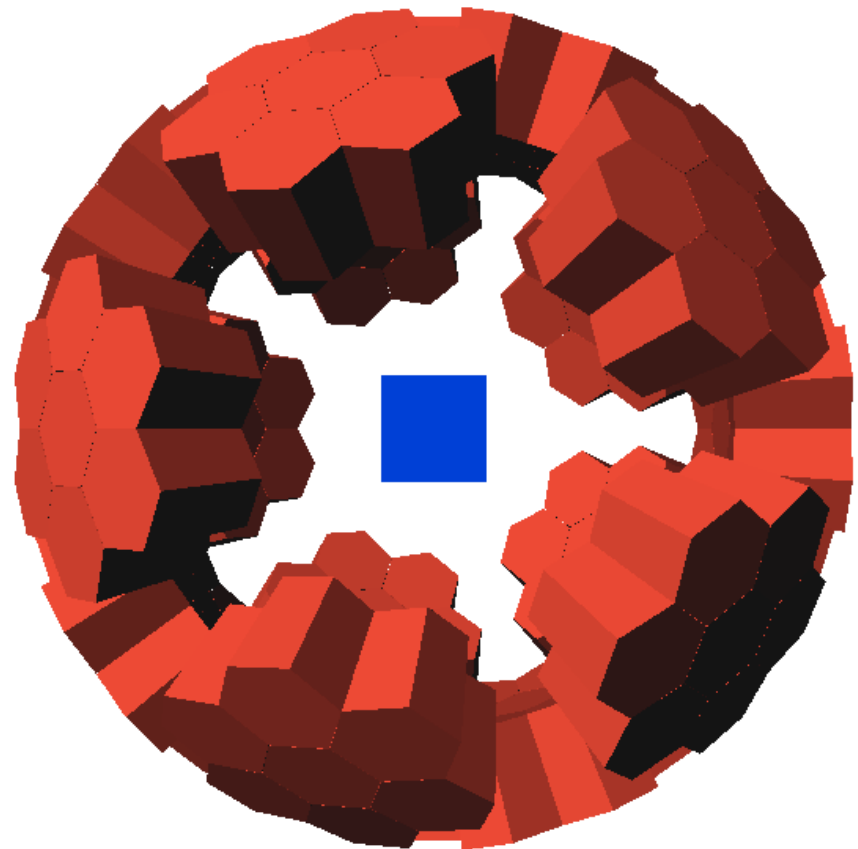
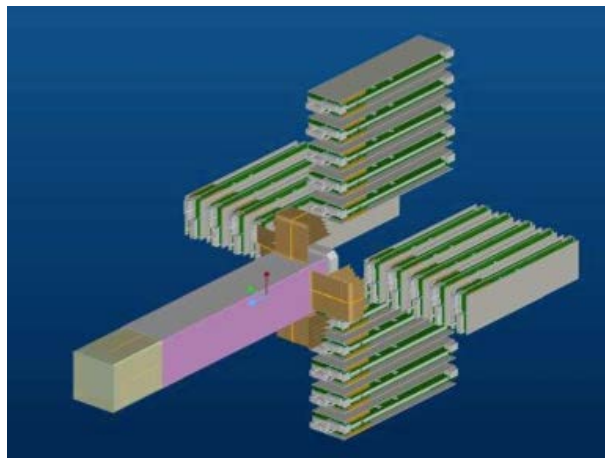


“Phase 0” RISING stopped beam setup

“Benchmark configuration”

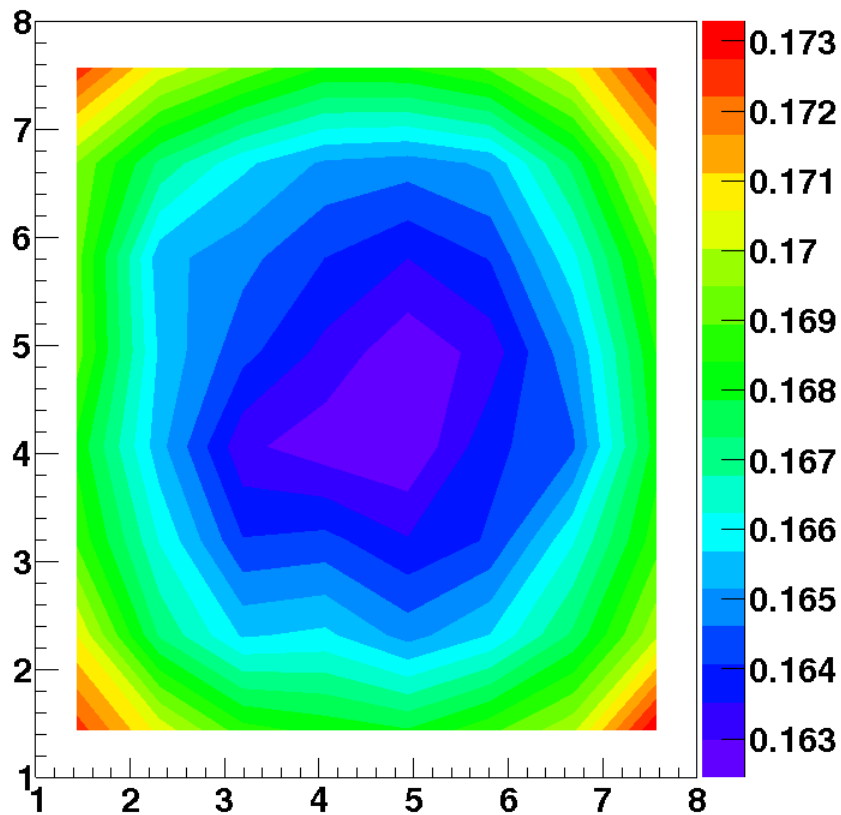
15 EUROBALL clusters of seven capsules (in total 105) at nominal position (22 cm from center of AIDA)

DSSSD of $80 \times 80 \times 1 \text{ mm}^3$
surrounded by an Al housing of
1 mm of $100 \times 100 \text{ mm}^2$

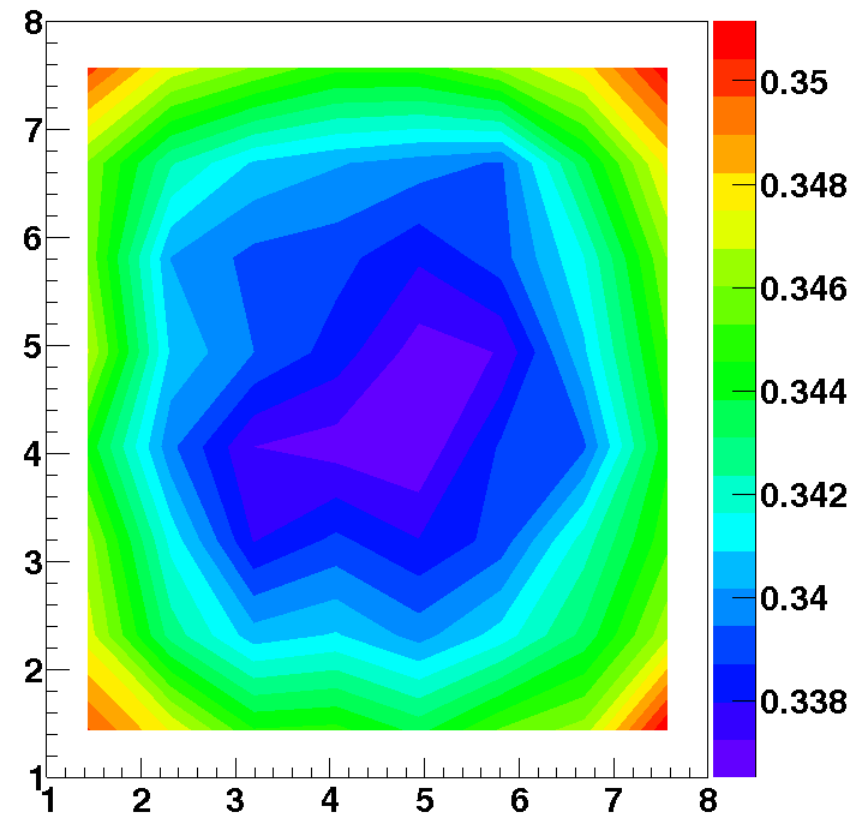


RISING stopped beam setup as a benchmark (Phase 0) – results from G4 simulations

Peak Efficiency



P/T



E = 1.332 MeV

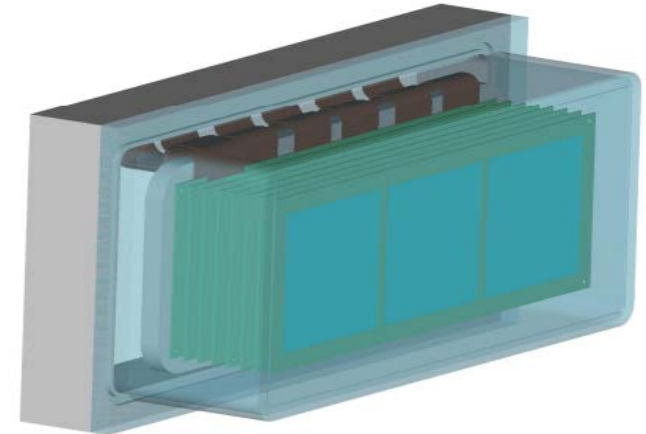
“Phase 1” based on EUROBALL cluster detectors

Implantation plane:

- “*cocktail mode*” AIDA: $24 \times 8 \text{ cm}^2$

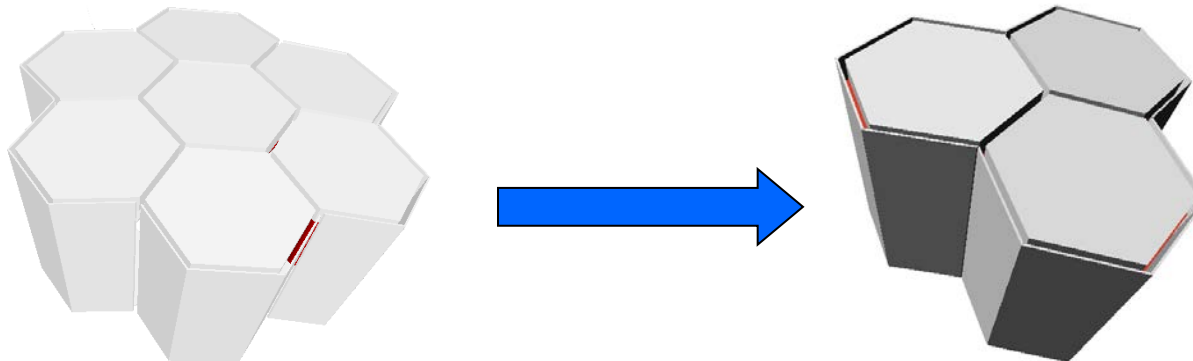
many isotopes measured simultaneously

- “*high efficiency mode*” AIDA: $8 \times 8 \text{ cm}^2$

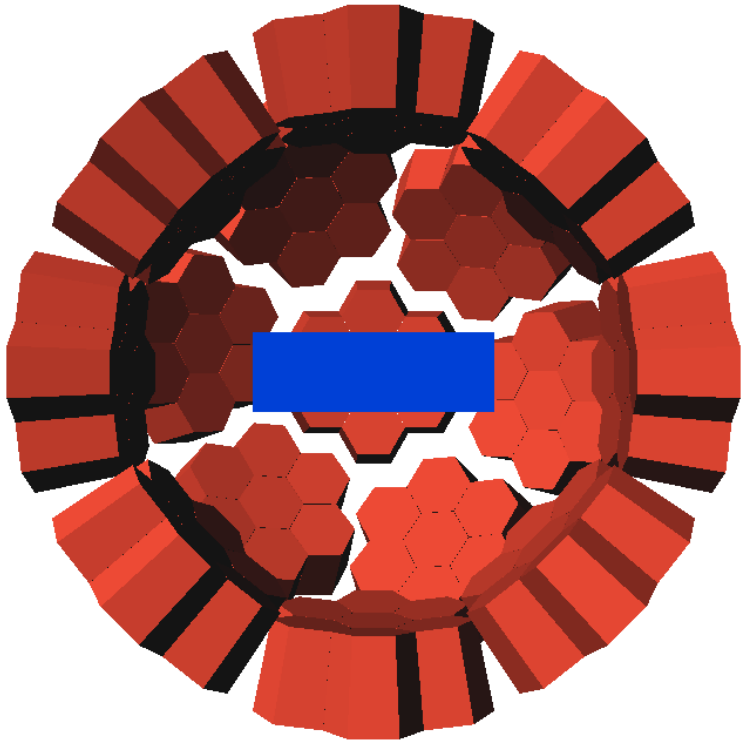


AIDA (cocktail mode)

Re-arrangement of seven-EUROBALL clusters in triple-cluster detectors to increase the solid angle coverage of the implantation plane

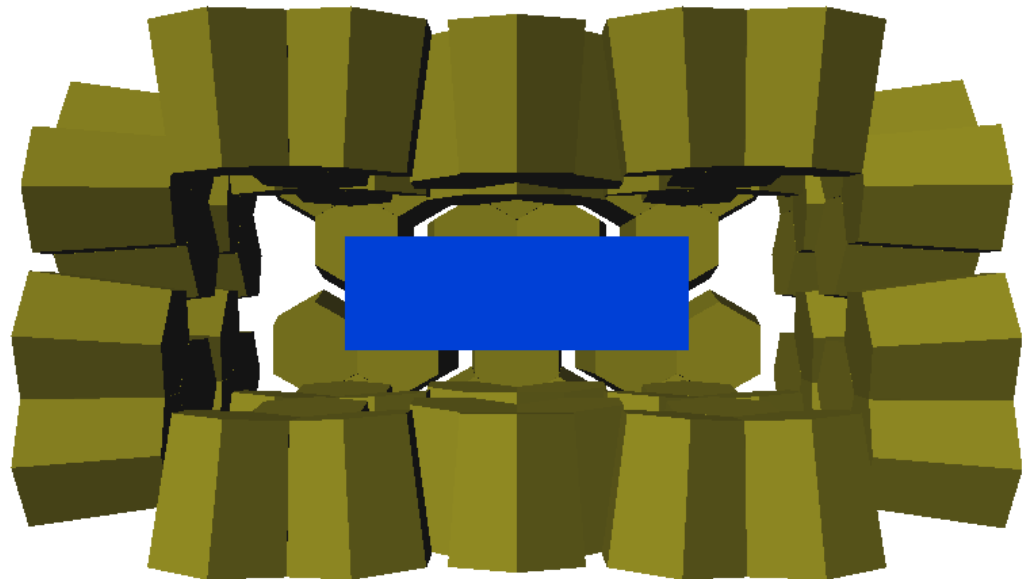


“Phase 1” based on EUROBALL cluster detectors



26 EUROBALL triple clusters
(78 capsules) in a box
geometry

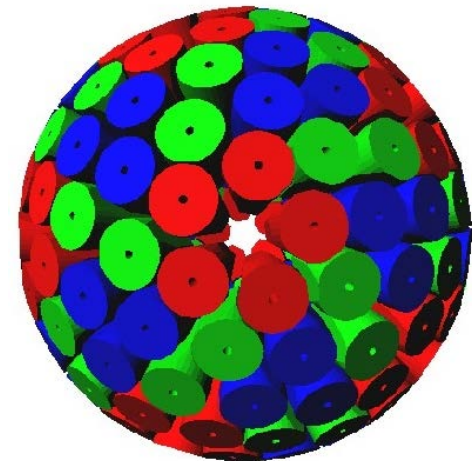
35 EUROBALL seven clusters
(105 capsules) placed in a
compact half sphere geometry
close to the AIDA plane



“Phase 2” based on EUROBALL detectors coupled to AGATA detectors

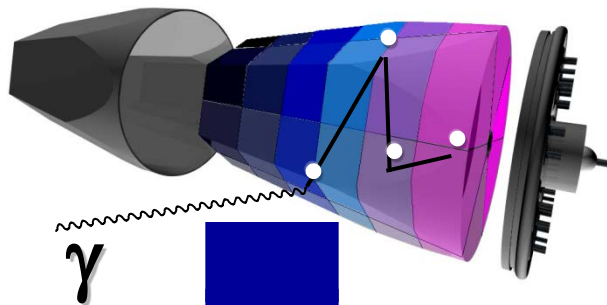
Advanced GAMMA Tracking Array (AGATA) type detectors in DESPEC

- AGATA is a 4π highly segmented γ -spectroscopy system built by an European collaboration. It consists of 180 Ge detectors in the full configuration
 - AGATA is designed to optimally exploit experimental conditions at HISPEC
 - It has been realized that AGATA type detectors are needed at DESPEC
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- ϵ larger than 40% for $M=1$ and larger than 25% for $M=30$
 - P/T around 60% for $M=1$
 - Position resolution better than 5 mm FWHM
 - High granularity to improve the Doppler correction



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Highly segmented
HPGe detectors

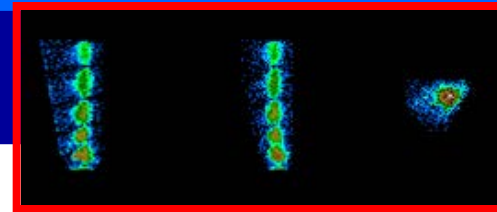
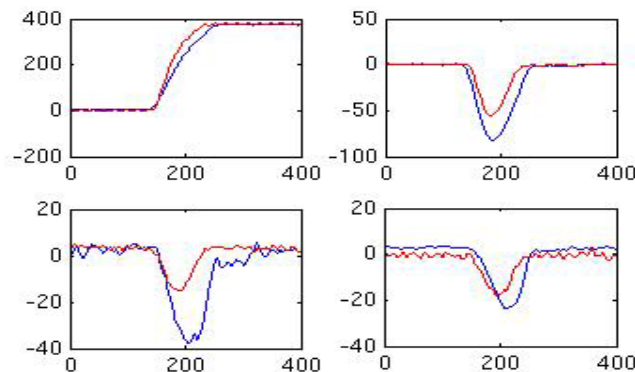


Synchronized digital
electronics
record and process the
segment signals

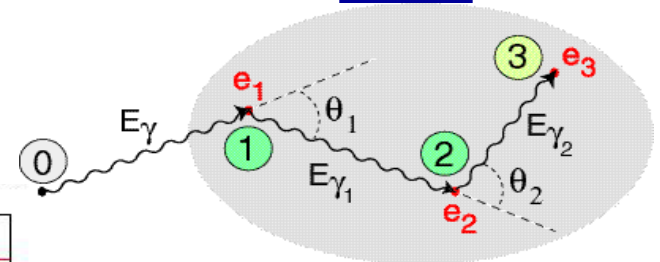
Identified
interaction points

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

Pulse Shape Analysis
to de-convolute the
recorded waves



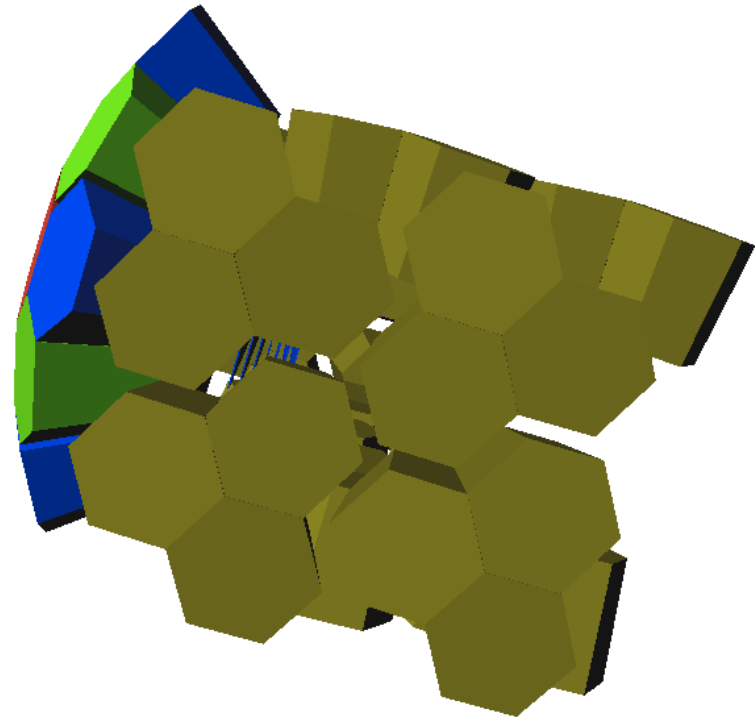
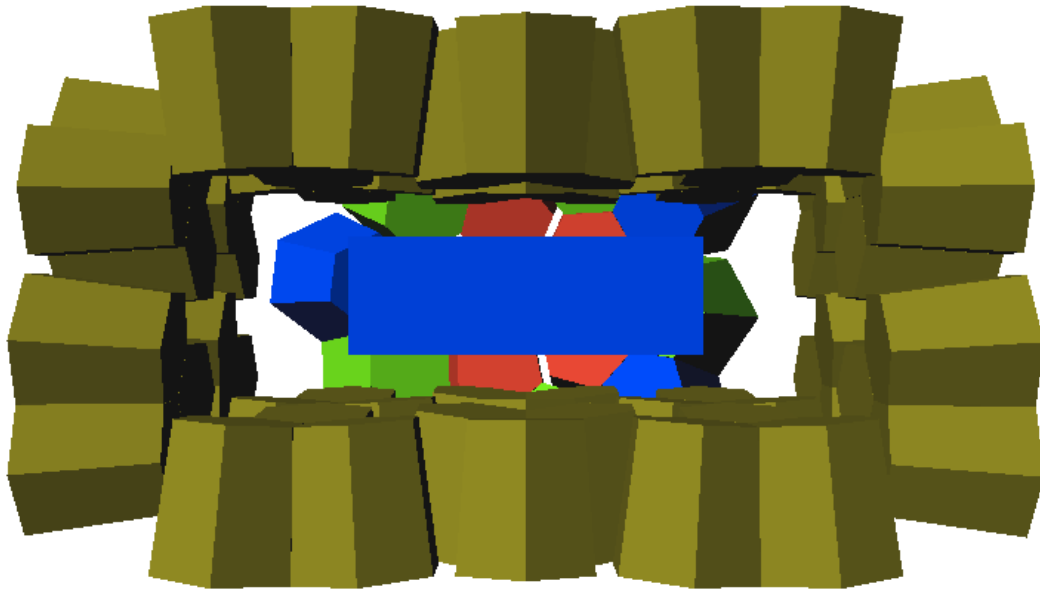
Reconstruction of
interaction tracks
(tracking algorithms
on interaction points)



On-line reconstruction of
γ-rays

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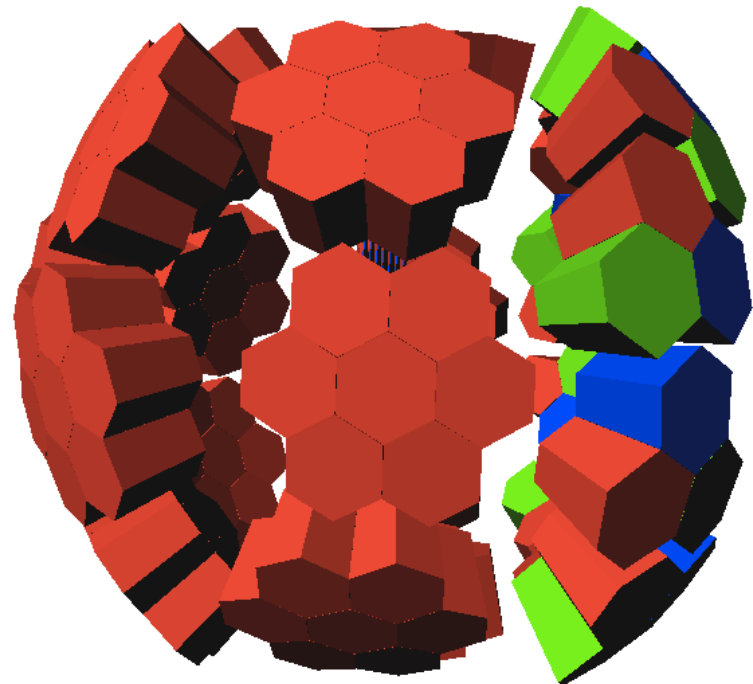
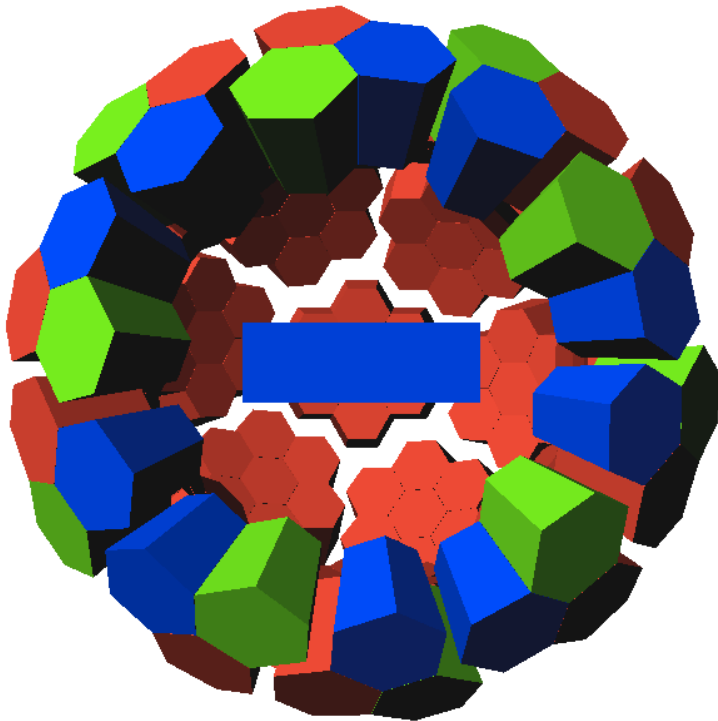
20 EB triple cluster detectors coupled to 5 ATC (replacing the 6 EB triple cluster detectors (end-cap) located downstream)



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Other interesting geometries:

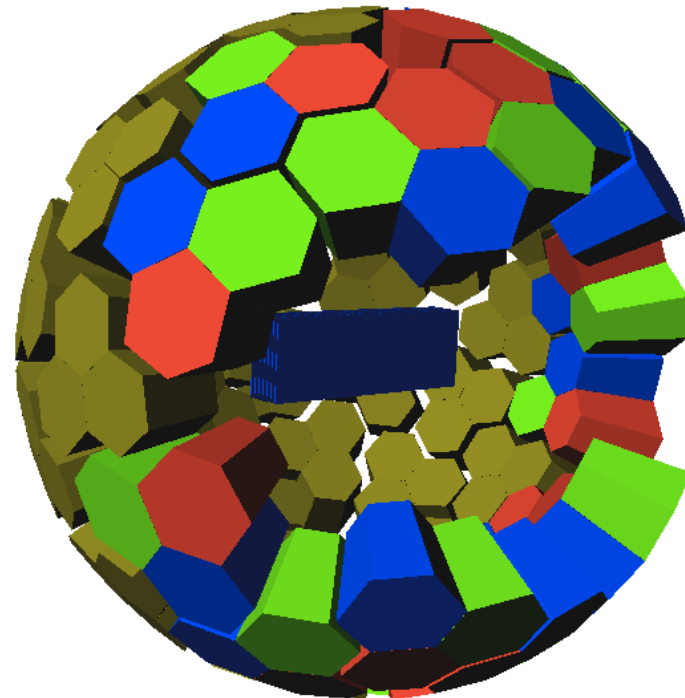
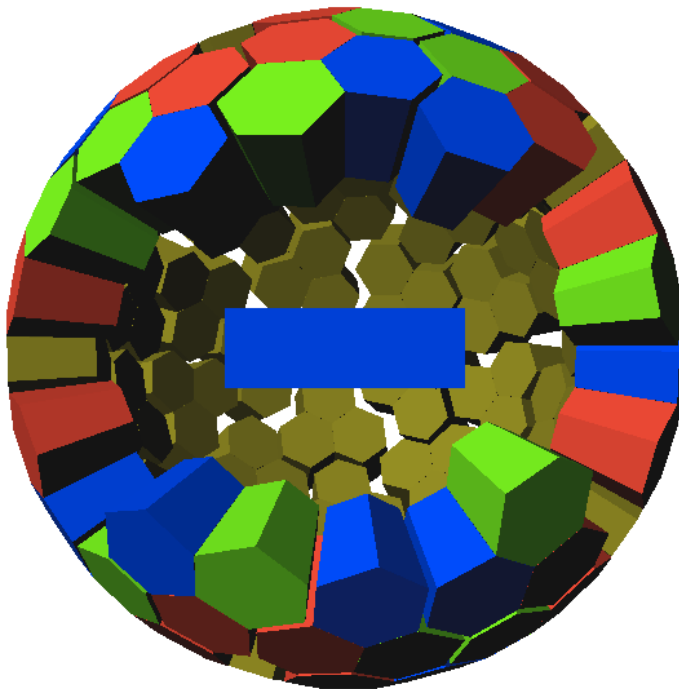
Phase 1 coupled with AGATA triple clusters: Maximum coupling performed with 10 AGATA triple clusters for AIDA long configuration



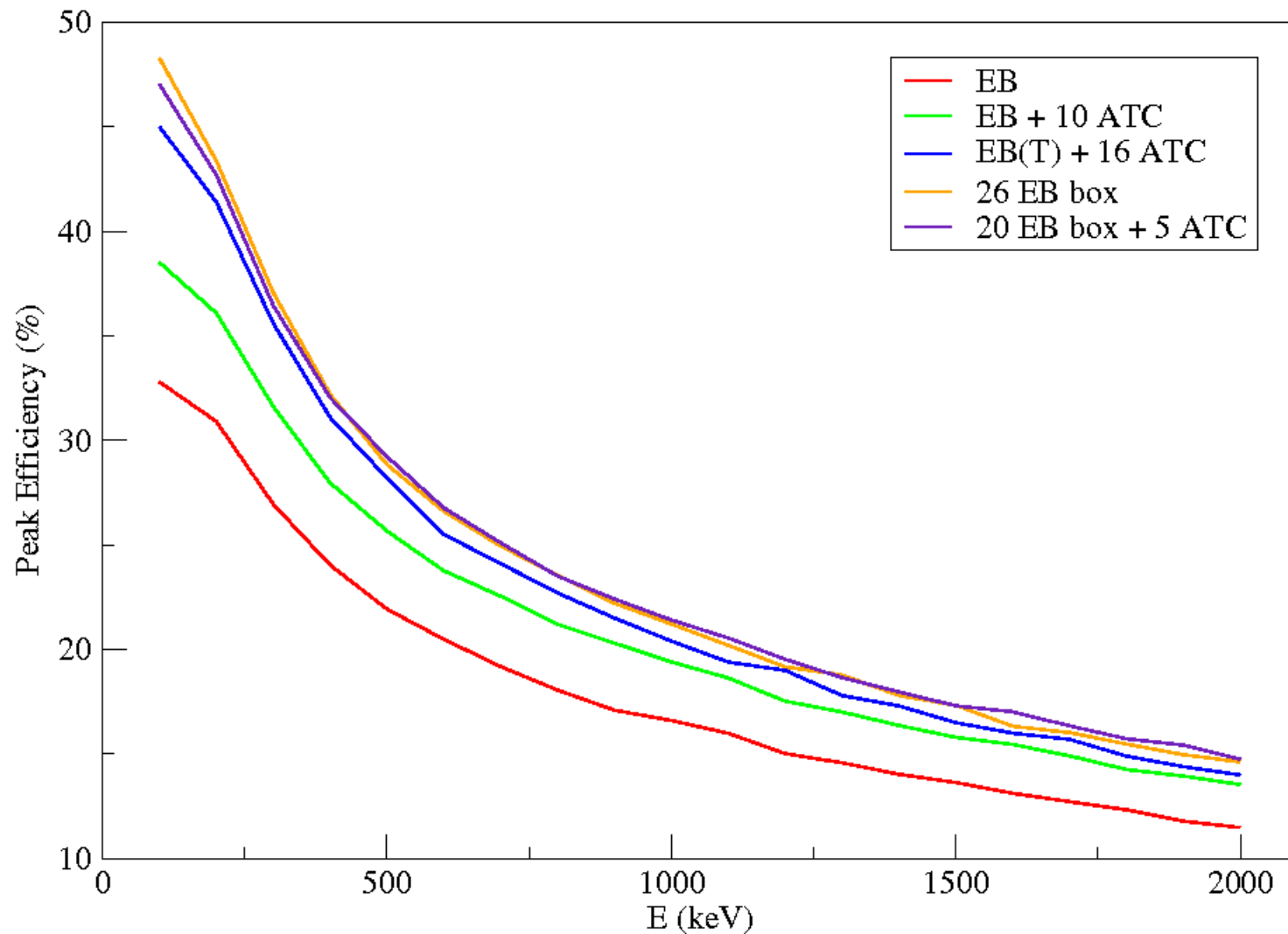
“Phase 2” based on EUROBALL detectors coupled to AGATA detectors

Other interesting geometries:

Re-arrangement of Phase 1 in 35 EUROBALL triple clusters
(105 capsules) coupled with 16 AGATA triple clusters.



Summary of G4 results (1.3 MeV)



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GEOMETRY	ε_p (%)	$\varepsilon_{p\gamma\gamma}$ (%)	$\varepsilon_{p\text{-eff}}$ (%)
RISING (benchmark)	16.2	2.2	13.9
26 Triple EB clusters (box)	21.2	4.1	≈ 15
20 Triple EB clusters (box) + 5 ATC	21.4	4.2	≈ 19
Phase I (seven-fold) + 10ATC (incl. AGATA)	19.4	3.3	
Phase I (Triples) + 16 ATC (incl. AGATA)	20.4	3.6	

Background reduction with AGATA detectors

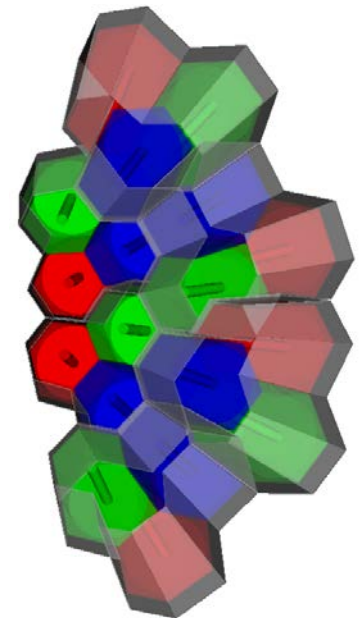
OFT (Orsay Forward Tracking) code

A. Lopez-Martens et al., Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A 533, 454 (2004)

Reconstruction of the interaction positions of the γ ray in the detector. Therefore, those γ rays not completely absorbed in the detector can be rejected leading to an increase in the P/T value and therefore, suppressing the background.

Optimized code to enhance the background capability of the system keeping a high tracking efficiency.

Applied to 6 AGATA Triple Clusters



Background reduction with AGATA detectors

Two different data sets:

2)

Three point-like sources emitted from the central position of the implantation plane emulating a real event

^{40}K
(-50,0,0) cm

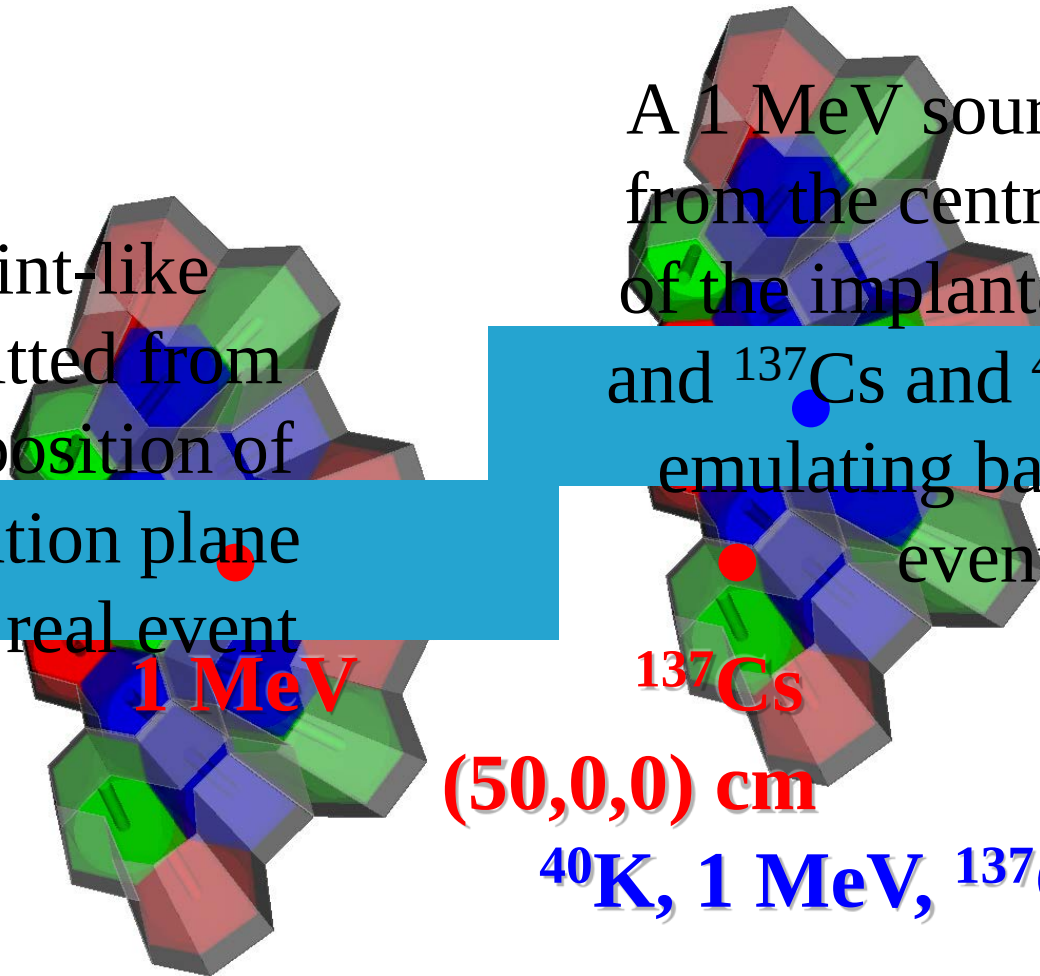
1 MeV

A 1 MeV source emitted from the central position of the implantation plane and ^{137}Cs and ^{40}K sources emulating background events

^{137}Cs

(50,0,0) cm

^{40}K , 1 MeV, ^{137}Cs

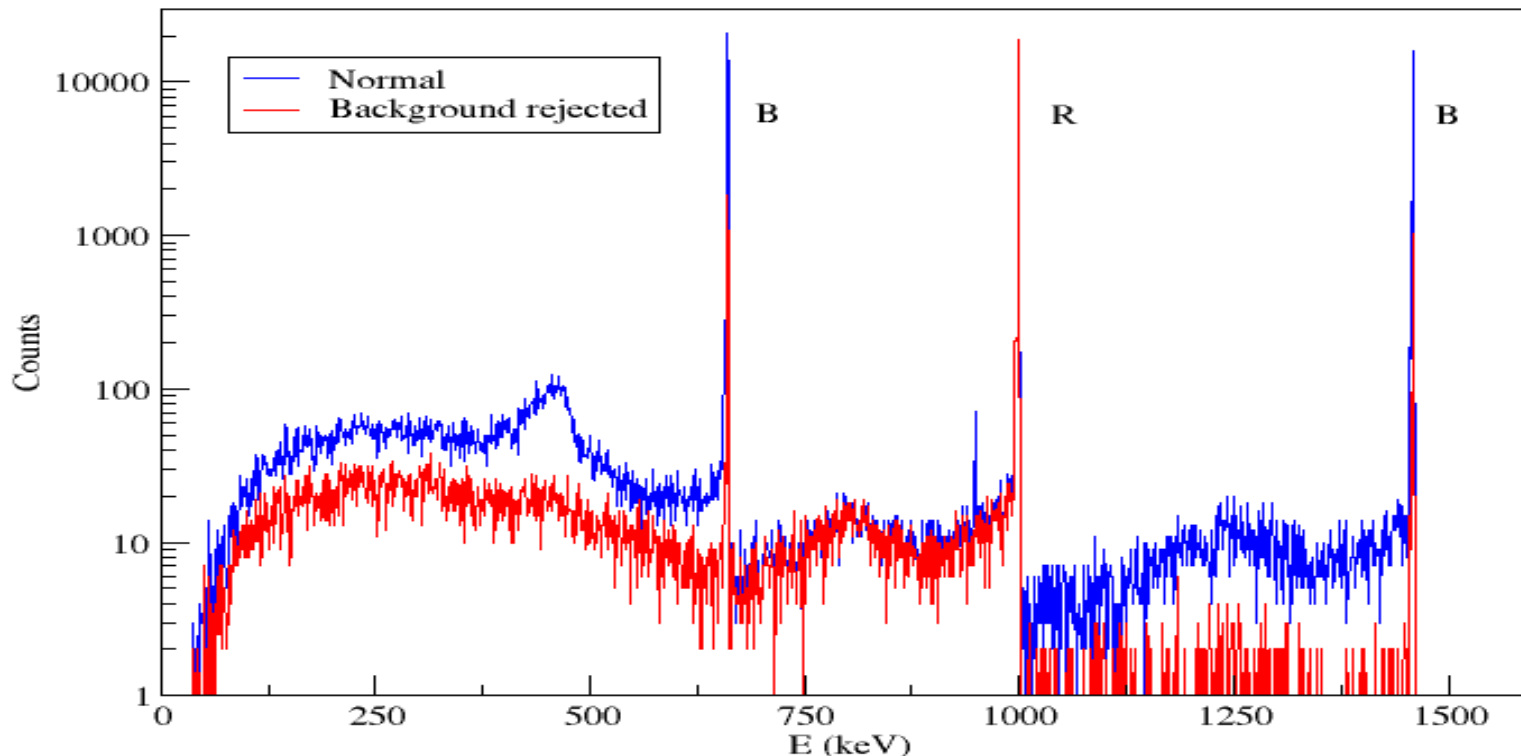


Background reduction with AGATA detectors

^{137}Cs , 1 MeV and ^{40}K sources at (0,0,0)

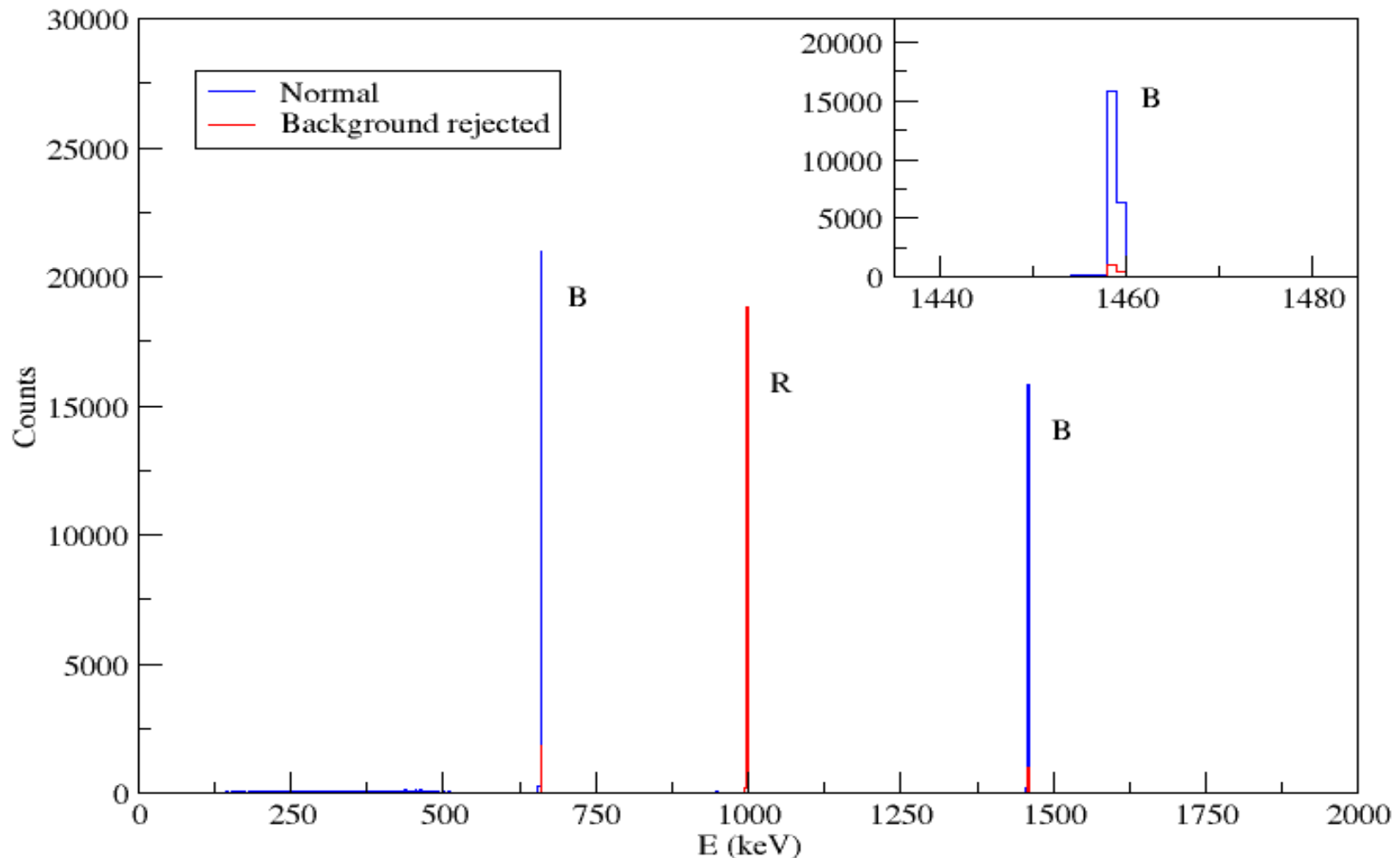
^{137}Cs , 1 MeV and ^{40}K sources at (50,0,0), (0,0,0) and (-50,0,0) cm, respectively.

Both types of events tracked as coming from (0,0,0)



Background rejection factor ~ 3

Background reduction with AGATA detectors



Background rejection factor ~ 3

Conclusions

TDR already submitted

- *Physics requirements*
- *Conceptual design simulations and detector description*
- *Electronics, infrastructure and installation procedure*
- *Integration with other subsystems of HISPEC-DESPEC*
- *Costing*

To do list...

- *MC Simulation for a “real experimental case” using advanced event generators*
- *R&D based on Compton imaging for the third phase of DEGAS*

Thank You!!!