

# Status and Perspectives of the AGATA Project



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on behalf the AGATA Collaboration



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**Specification  
control**

**Quality  
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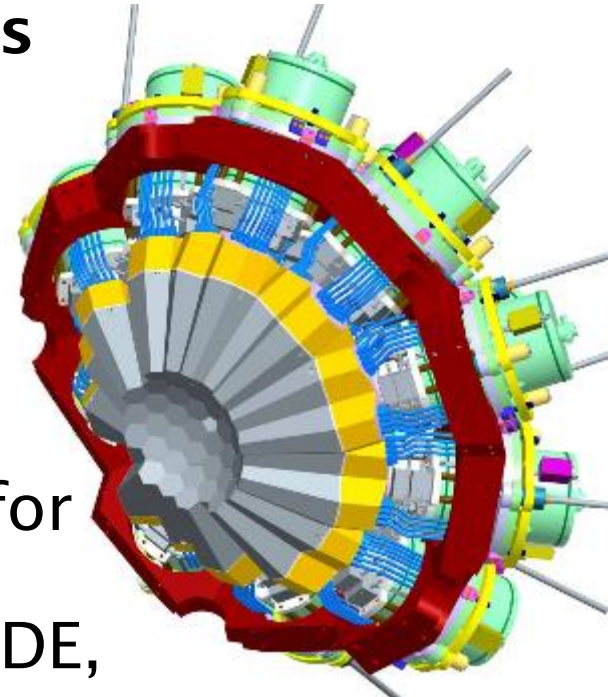
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# From AGATA Phase 1 to AGATA 4 $\pi$

2009-2020  $\rightarrow$  2021-2030

- Phase 1 of AGATA ( $>1\pi$ )  $\rightarrow$  60 crystals
- **MoU ongoing, ~85 % achieved, Extended until 2020**
- **60 crystal set-up at LNL in 2021**
- AGATA 4 $\pi$ : Project Definition Preparation On-going.
- Improving mobility and compatibility for the host labs. Foreseen Hosting Labs: FAIR/NUSTAR, GANIL/SPIRAL, HIE-ISOLDE, JYFL, LNL/SPES
- Sustainable growth of the AGATA subsystems from 60 to 180 Detectors.
- Achieving full Tracking Performance and optimizing the Position sensitivity.
- Improving performance of subsystems FEBEE, DAQ, etc...



**AGATA 1 $\pi$**



# AGATA $4\pi$

## (Advanced GAMMA Tracking Array)

- Sustainable growth of the AGATA subsystems from a configuration of 60 to the one of 180 Detectors.
- Improving mobility and compatibility for the Hosting labs: FAIR/NUSTAR, GANIL/SPIRAL, LNL/SPES, HIE-ISOLDE, JYFL
- Achieving full Tracking Performance and optimizing the Position Sensitivity.
- Improving performance and compatibility of subsystems: Detectors, FEBEE, DAQ, Infrastructure.

Necessary as well the upgrade of the already existing subsystems for the 60 detectors Phase 1. Parts belong to the early AGATA Demonstrator Phase, built more than 12 years and showing increasing issues.



# AGATA Detectors & Cryostats



48 AGATA  
capsules  
procured

**46 available**



**A001 – A016 Delivered,**



**B001 – B016 Delivered, B010 repairing**



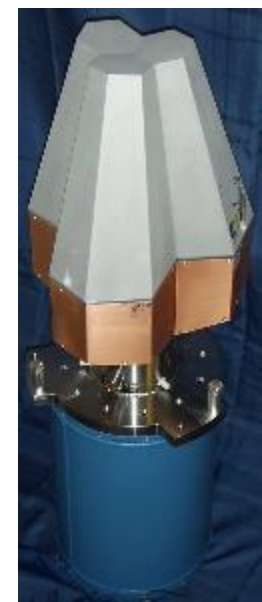
**C001 – C016 Delivered, C001 repairing**

**B010 and C001 to be delivered in October-November**



- **41 capsules setup early 2019, expected 44/45 end 2019 (45 is  $1\pi$ )**
- **Maintenance performed by IKP, IRFU, GANIL and IPHC (H.Hess)**
- **CAT performed at IKP, Uni.Liverpool, IRFU and IPHC**
- **13 Triple Clusters and 1 Double Cluster available at GANIL**
- **ATC1 with HV/vacuum issues, at IKP for maintenance**
- 3 New Capsules Being Ordered by Hungary
- 3 New Capsules Being Ordered by U.K.
- Parts to modify an ADC into ATC procured by funds from Finland
- 2 Triple Cryostat being ordered by Hungary and Italy

**7 detectors presently not mounted in the set-up:**





# Detector Module

## Cryostat & Electronics

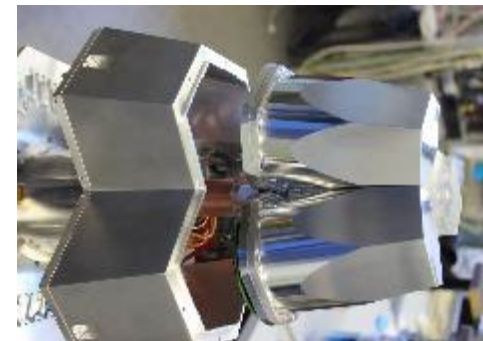
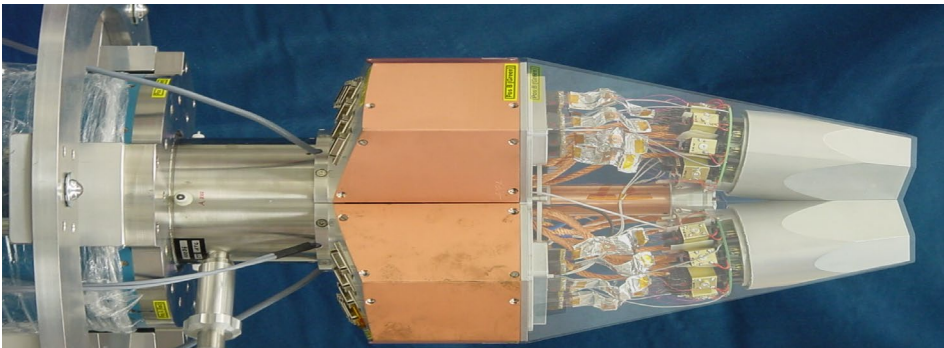
Foreseen modifications to improve the reliability of the cryostats:

- New feedthroughs: consist of gold-plated contact pins in insulators of aluminium-oxide ceramic.
- Improved vacuum getter material
- Getter installed in a flexible housing box on the cooling finger, that can be easily dismantled and annealed outside

No change in the pre-amplifiers is foreseen for the next phase.

Here potential difficulties due to obsolete electronic components and maintenance of the preamps is anticipated.

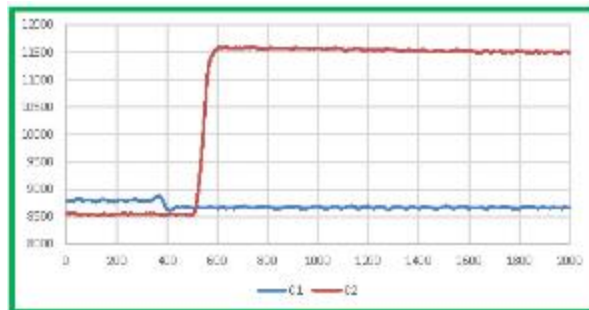
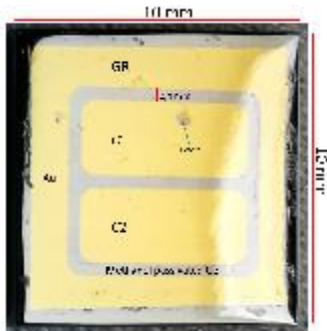
- Obsolete field effect transistor FET BF862 no longer produced.
- The same is true for the liquid nitrogen fill level meter.



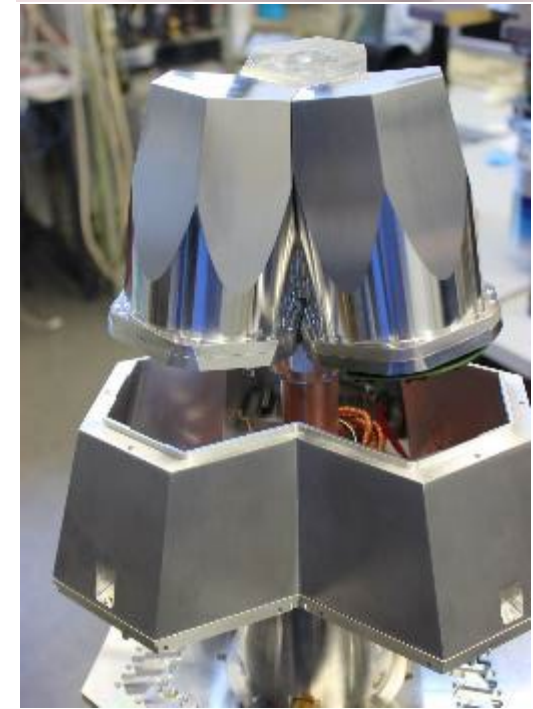
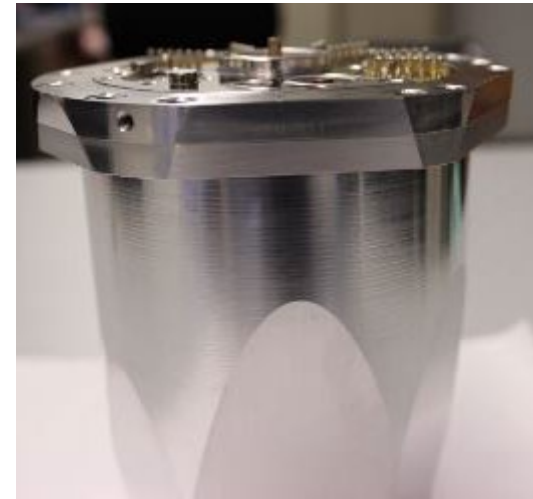
# Detector Developments

## New Encapsulation, R&D on Ge detector

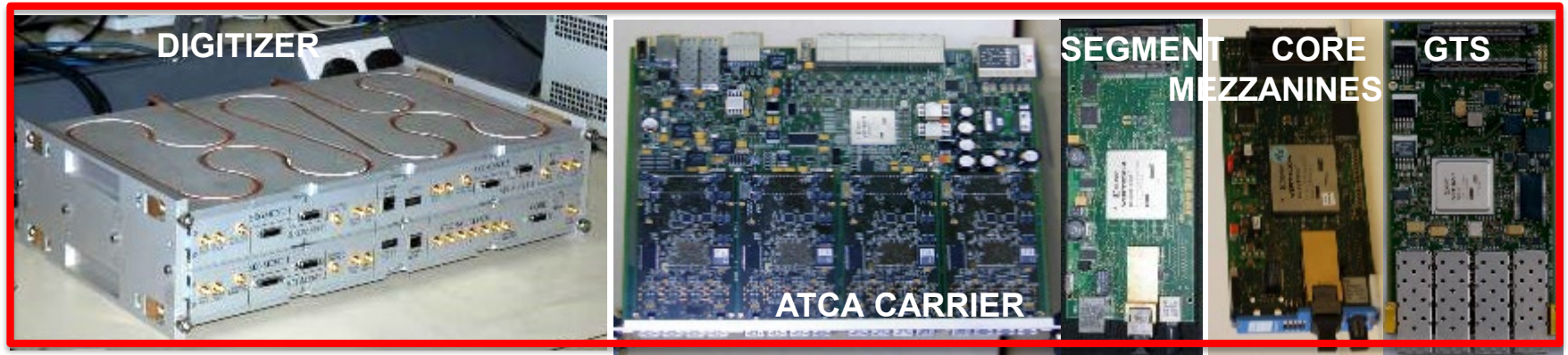
- A new encapsulation development has been performed at IKP-Cologne in collaboration with Mirion/Canberra.
- The design of the new capsule allows to reuse it. Fully compatible with previous ones. Mounting of crystal in capsule can be done now at Mirion → faster and safer.
- ENSAR2 JRA2 – PSeGe R&D on Position-Sensitive Germanium Detectors for Nuclear Structure and Applications: task 1 and 3
  - Task 1: New technologies on passivation and segmentation (INFN, IKP-Cologne):
  - Task 3: R&D on segmented p-type coaxial detectors (IFIC, INFN, Uni. Padova)



2mm thick  
p-type HP-Ge  
prototype.  
Gap 0.4mm  
next 0.2 mm

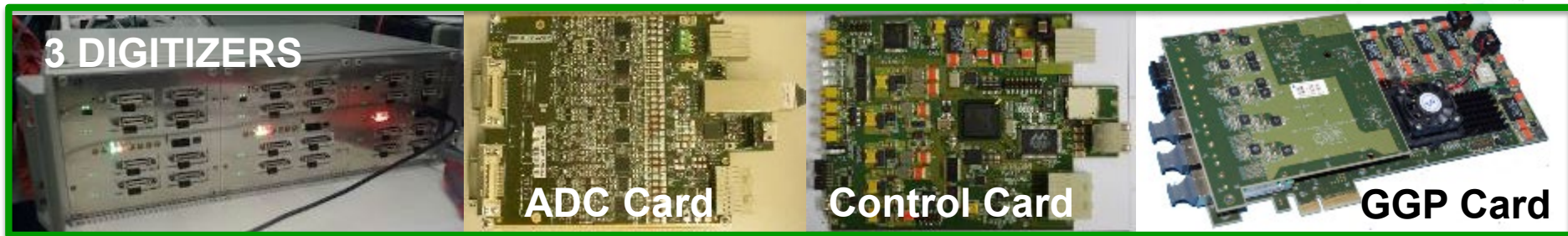


# AGATA Electronics Phase 0



24 channels available and working: obsolescence  
Communication Synchronization issues in DIGITIZER cards

## AGATA Electronics Advanced Phase 1

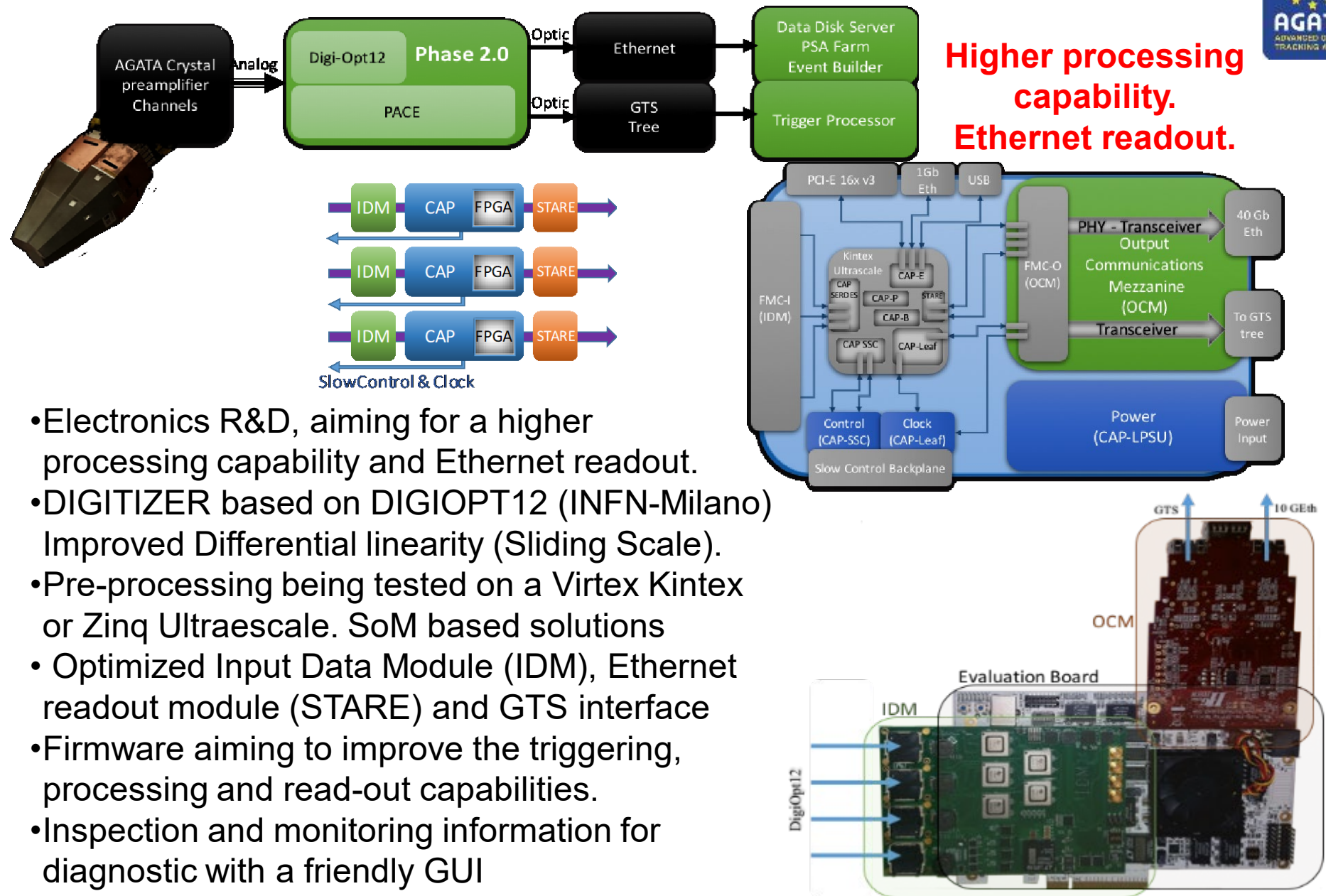


From 1<sup>st</sup> production batch only 10 GGP & 13 Digitizers available  
(only 6 out of 14 AGATA GGPs).

From 2<sup>nd</sup> production 13 GGP (total 14) and 14 Digitizers (total 15) available



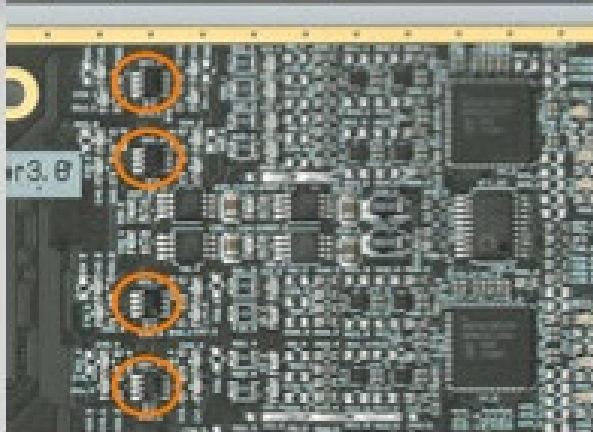
# R&D on Electronics



INFN-Milano, CSNSM-Orsay, IPHC-Strasbourg, STFC-Daresbury, IFIC & ETSE-Valencia

# DIGIOPT12 Digitizer

## New opamps for analog signal conditioning



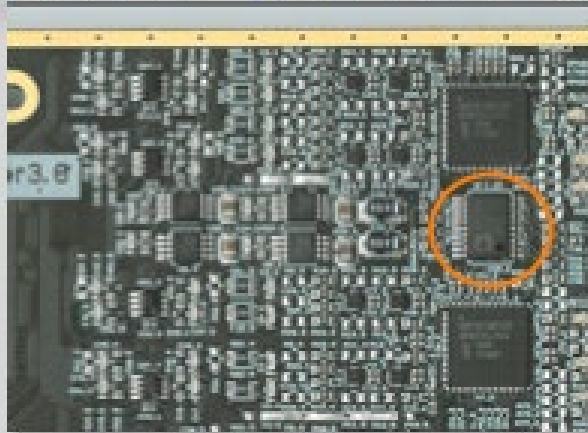
"Old" opamp: AD8030  
 $e_n = 16.5 \text{ nV} / \text{Hz}^{1/2}$



"New" opamp: LTC6247  
 $e_n = 4.6 \text{ nV} / \text{Hz}^{1/2}$

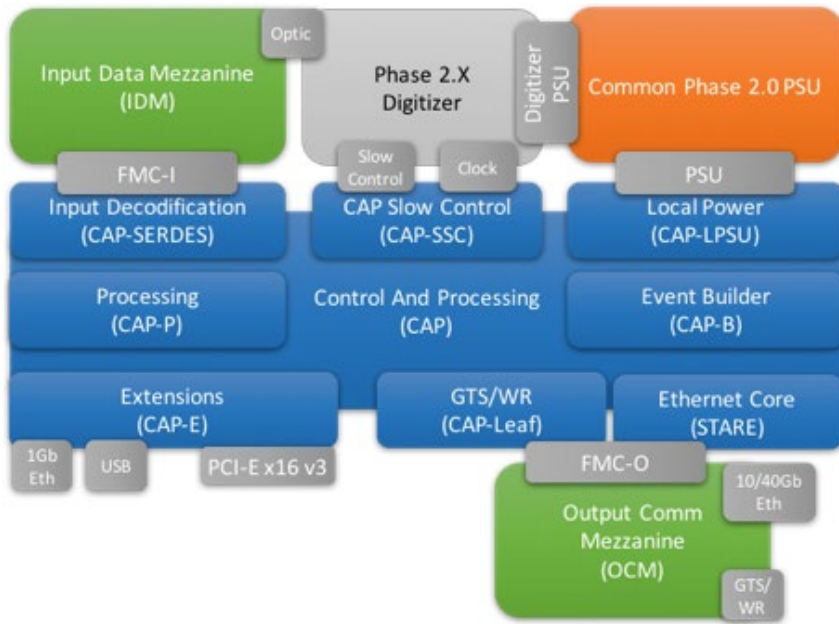
New opamps feature lower noise and larger bandwidth

## DACs instead than Digipots for ADC DNL characterization and sliding-scale correction optimization

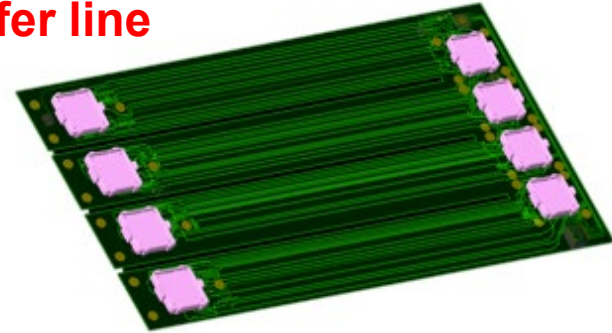


Use of DACs is envisaged in place of Digipots for high-resolution DC offset adjustment over the full ADC range.  
The DC offset may then be dynamically changed in order to implement the sliding scale correction as a cure to ADC DNL.

# Pre-Processing



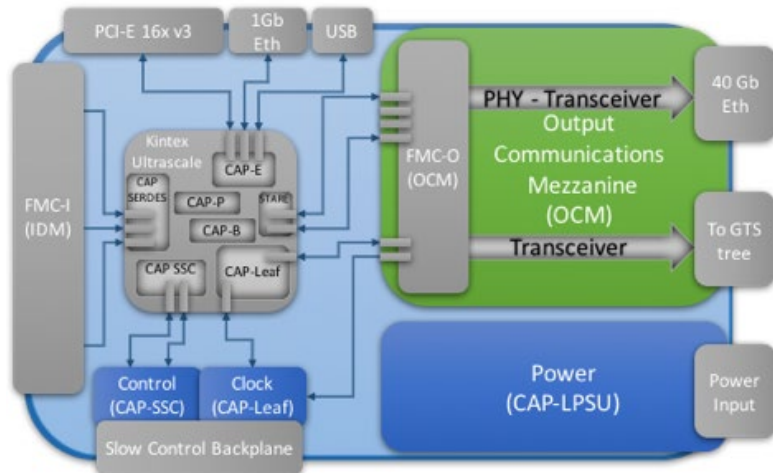
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**IDM Input Data  
Motherboard.  
Concentrator  
Board.**

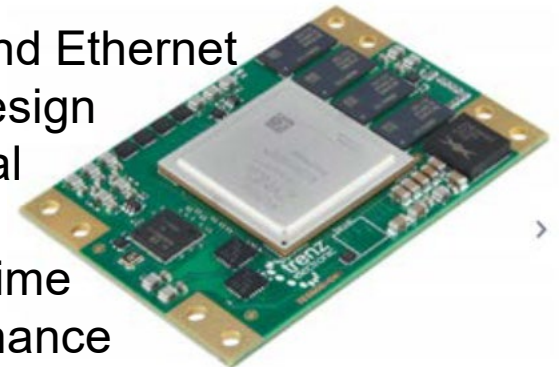


**FPGA Processing and Control Board  
(Includes GTS Hardware)**



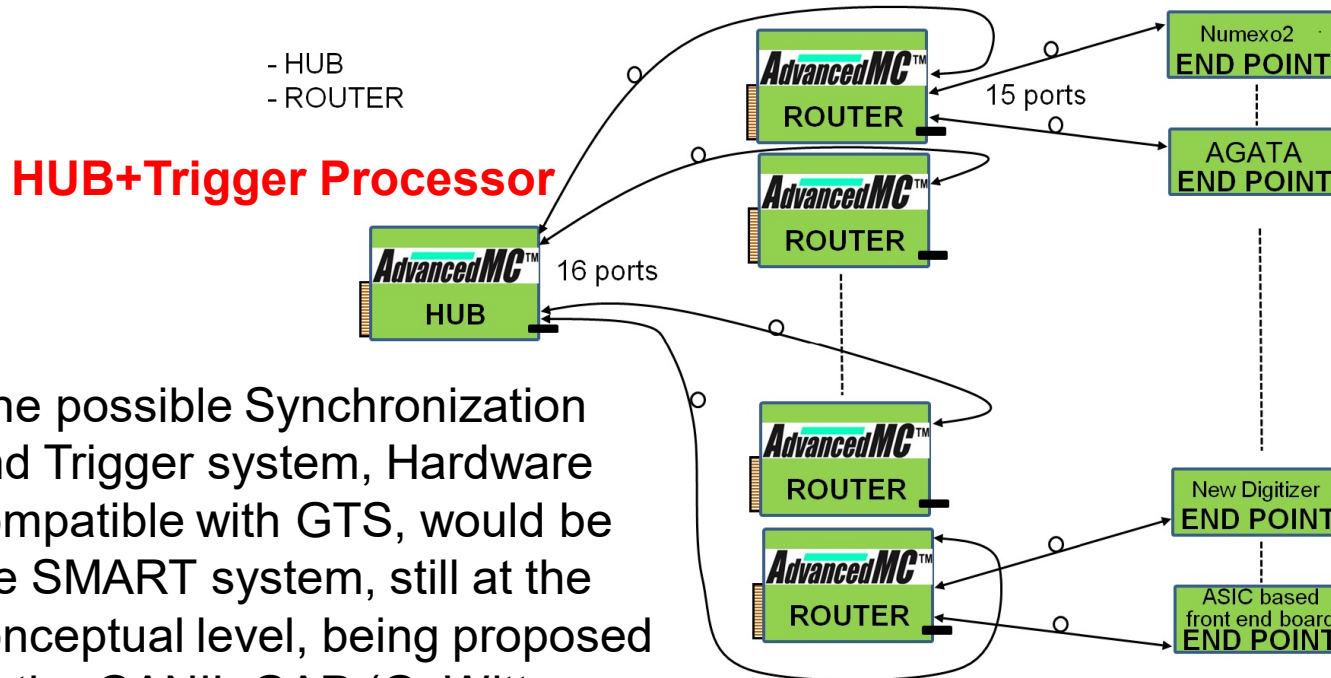
Data Processing and Ethernet  
Transfer boards Design  
on SoM commercial  
Mezzanines.

- Reduces Design time
- Increases Maintenance capability



# GTS → SMART

## UPGRADE OR NEW SYNCHRONIZATION/TRIGGER SYSTEM



One possible Synchronization and Trigger system, Hardware compatible with GTS, would be the SMART system, still at the conceptual level, being proposed by the GANIL GAP (G. Wittwer et al.).

Expected to start in 2021 with the present GTS system but we would need to migrate towards a new system (SMART) system during the early years of the Phase 2.

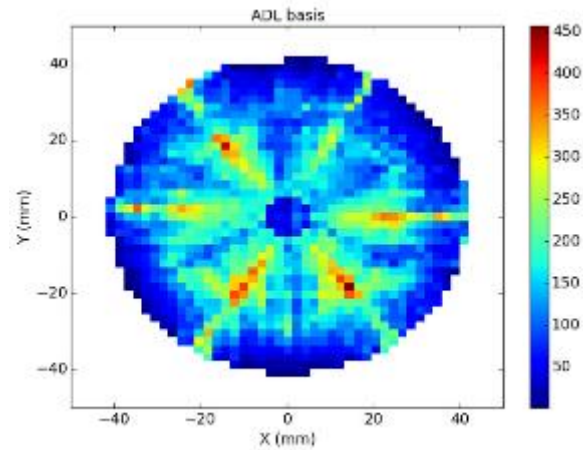
Note that the pre-processing embedded GTS hardware is compatible with the SMART hardware. In SMART the HUB hosts the Trigger Processor.



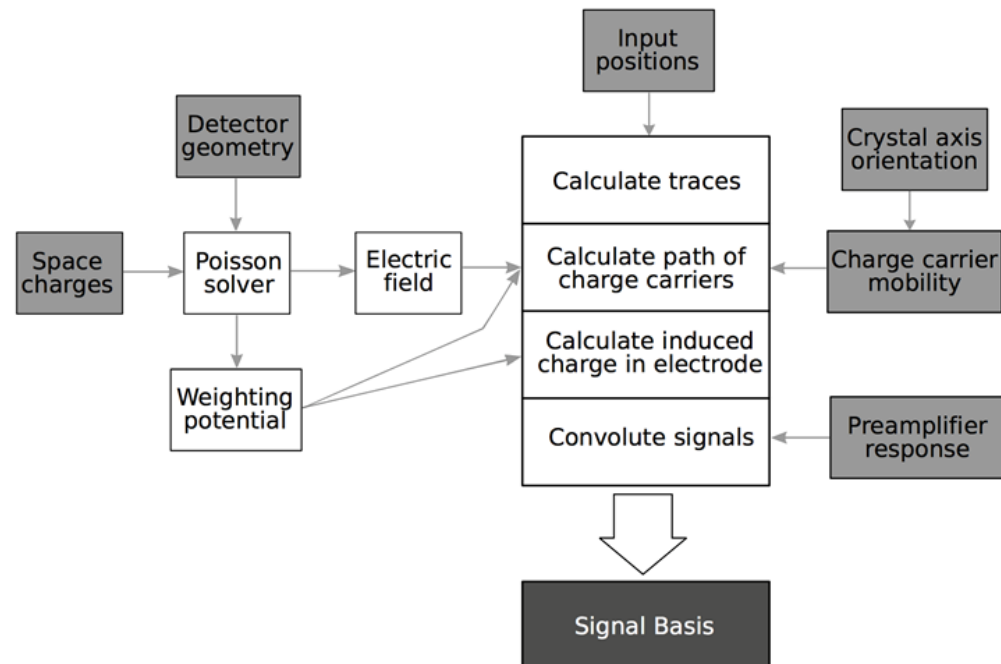
# PSA & Characterization

Investigation of the dominant factors limiting the performance of the calculated basis. This would include:

- An evaluation of the impact of the temperature dependence of the mobility parameters
- The impact of a realistic charge cloud size
- Crystal dead layer related effects – the dead layer around the core electrode.
- Neutron damage limitations – how the degree of neutron damage influences the efficacy of the signal basis in addition to the energy resolution correction already implemented.
- The impact of the electronics signal chain (preamplifier, grounding/configuration)



“Clustering” of interactions with present PSA.



# PSA & Characterization Upgrades



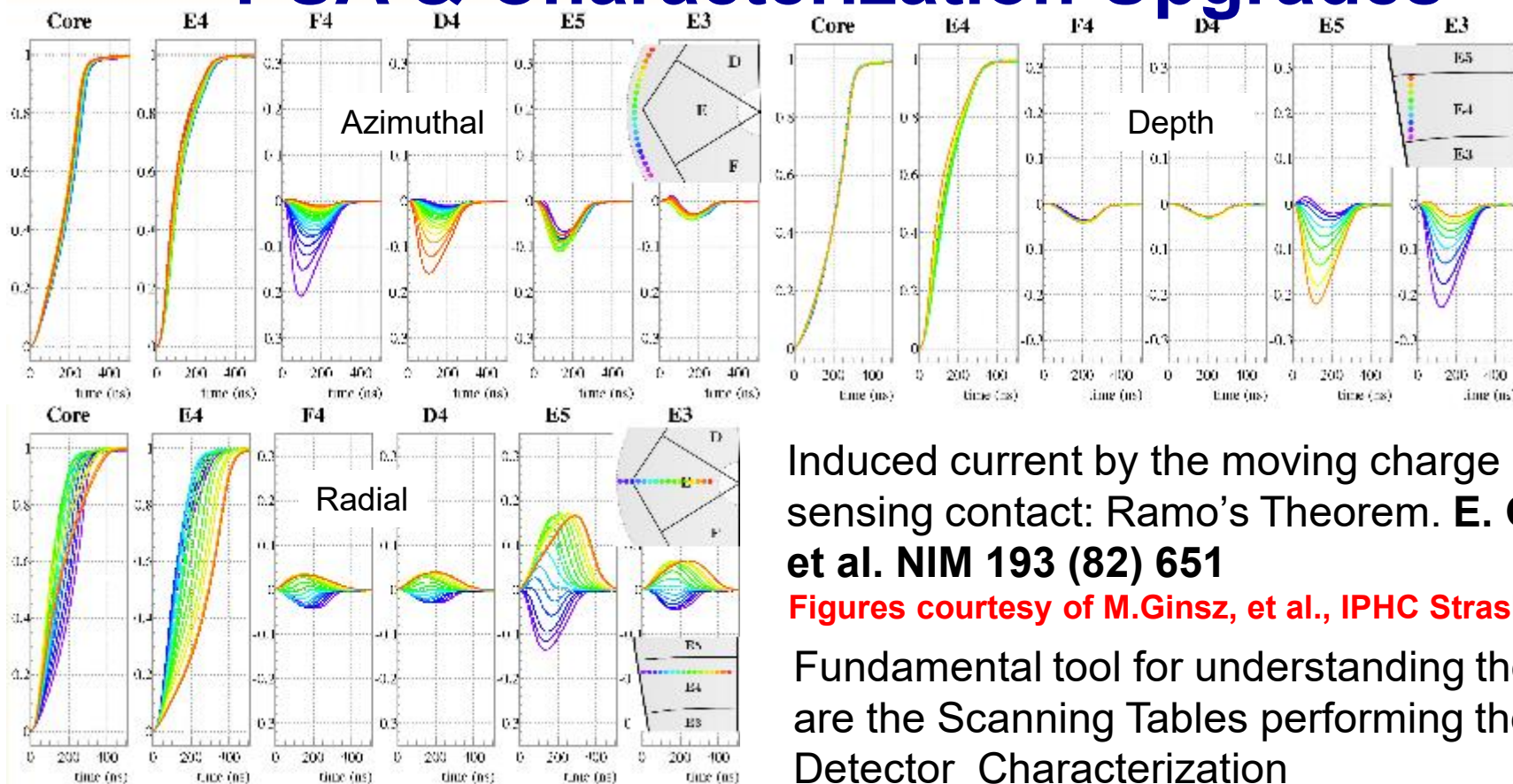
The PSA:

- on-going algorithm upgraded to include handling of multiple interactions in a segment.
- The performance of this algorithm will be evaluated for phase 2.
- Export of PSA position uncertainties from the PSA algorithm to the  $\gamma$ -ray tracking algorithm will be implemented → performance improvements in Tracking.
- An exploration into the use of other (non AGS) PSA algorithms for future implementation. Machine Learning Algorithms.

## Implications on Data Flow and PSA Infrastructures

- The computation performance of the algorithm(s) needs to be optimised to run on highly parallel, multi-core nodes.
- The existing algorithm is limiting the count rate capability of AGATA phase 1.
- In AGATA phase 2, the algorithm(s) will be optimised to adapt to the new platforms and to allow flexibility in basis format, PSA outputs, and pre-processing options.
- To take advantage of the performance gains provided by massively multi-core processors these routines will need to be vectorized and multi-threaded.

# PSA & Characterization Upgrades



Induced current by the moving charge in the sensing contact: Ramo's Theorem. **E. Gatti, et al. NIM 193 (82) 651**

**Figures courtesy of M.Ginsz, et al., IPHC Strasbourg**

Fundamental tool for understanding the PSA are the Scanning Tables performing the Detector Characterization

- 5 scanning tables, and associated material (criostats, electronics, etc), existing in the collaboration Uni.Liverpool, IPHC, CSNSM, GSI, Uni.Salamanca.
- Recent Upgrade of the Uni.Liverpool and IPHC setups
- Campaign to validate the Pulse Shape Comparison Scan (PSCS) against conventional coincidence data and to obtain Pulses from n-damaged detectors.



# Phase 1 AGATA Data Flow NARVAL at GANIL

## Hardware:

- New Hardware available, 11 servers devoted to GGP electronics, to reach 45 channels + Spares
- CEPH Disk server upgraded for the increase of detectors ~150TB available.

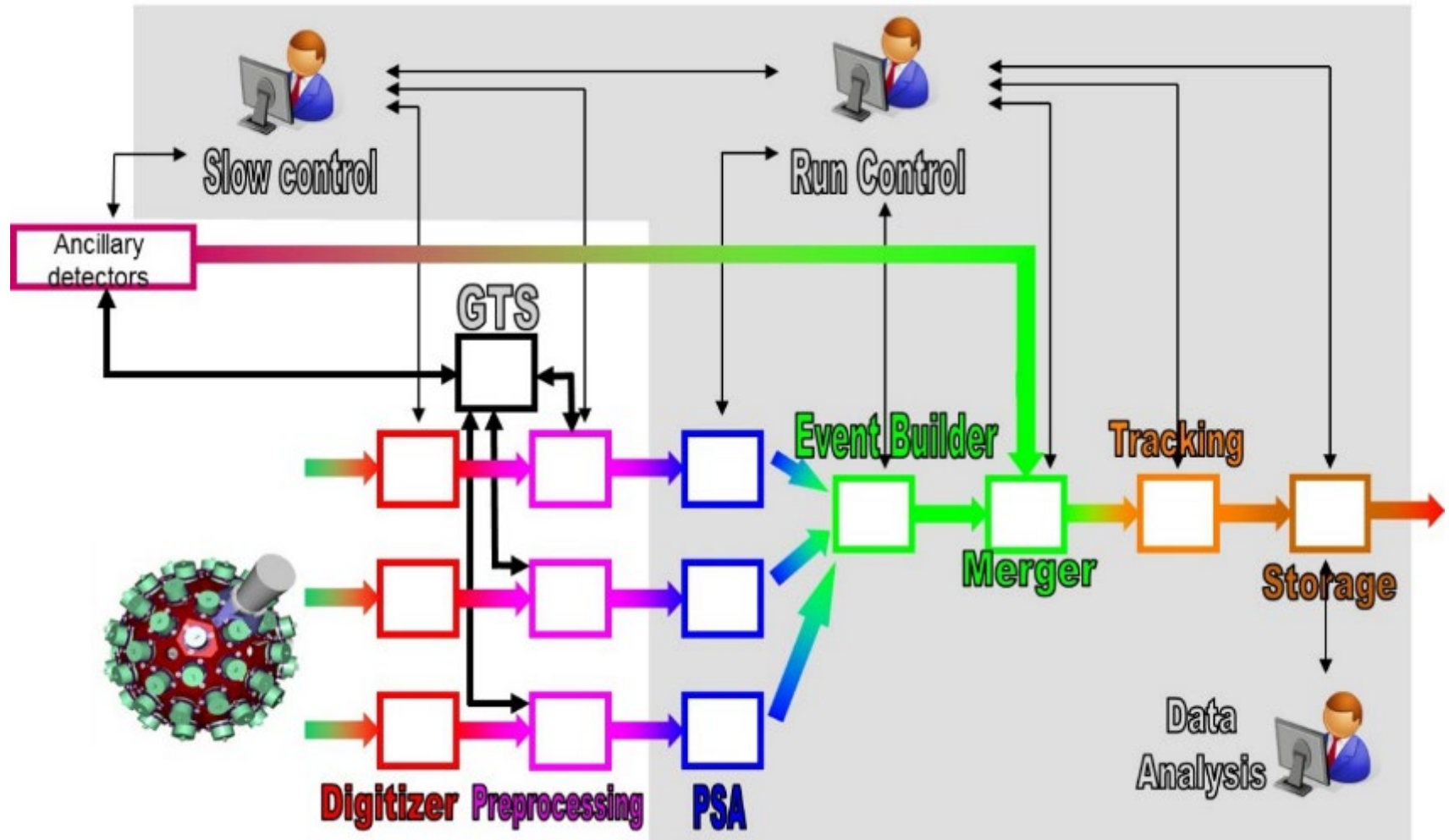
## DAQ Software:

- DCOD tested in 2018 and in use in 2019. DCOD is performing well.
- All the new tools have been implemented to make the run start/stop very fast with a Topology generation.
- DCOC has not been designed for the implementation of the NARVAL spies. A new developments for the online monitoring started (O. Stézowski, J. Dudouet, X. Grave et al, ). The final implementation and tests of AgaSpy were performed in November 2018 and has been used in the 2019 campaign.





# AGATA Data Flow, Control and Storage

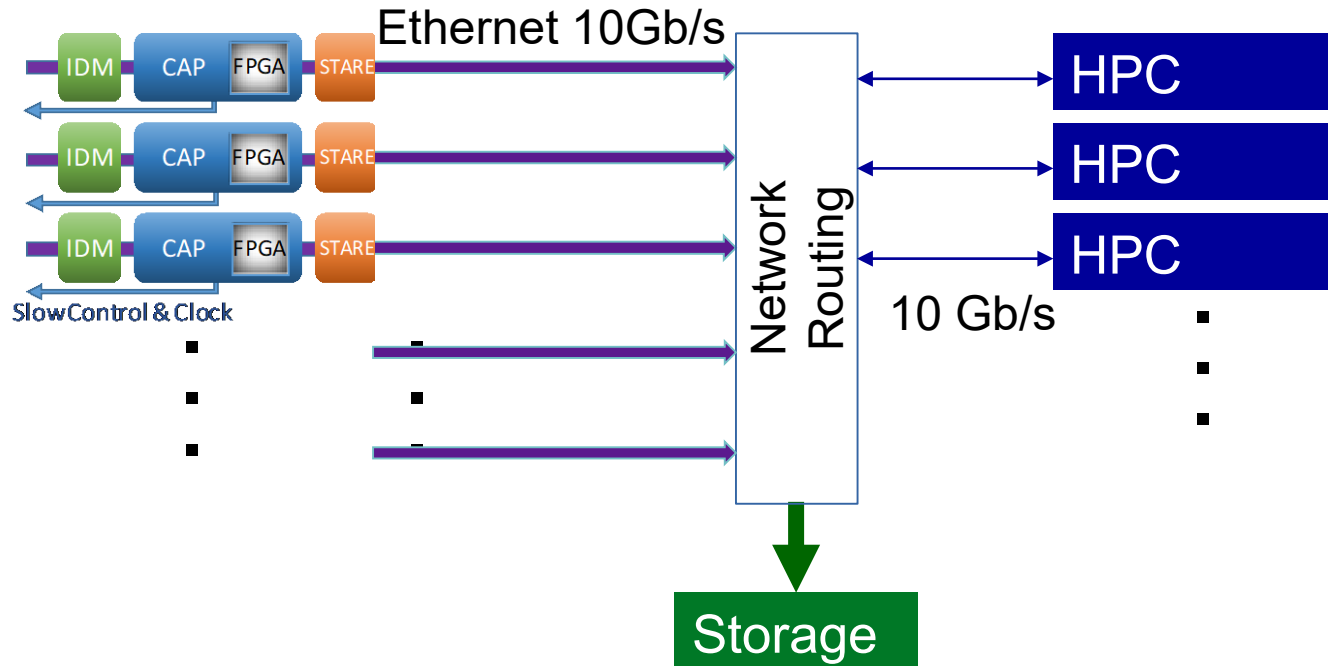


Producers (hand-out data), intermediaries (filters, mergers, ...) and consumers (data storage into files, histograms, ...).

No changes foreseen in the concept but in the infrastructure

# AGATA Data Flow NARVAL → DCOD towards $4\pi$

Present AGATA electronics is based on boards with **point to point** optical fiber connections. Future Electronics based on **Ethernet** standard



CPU can be distributed over High Performance Computer farms (HPC) :

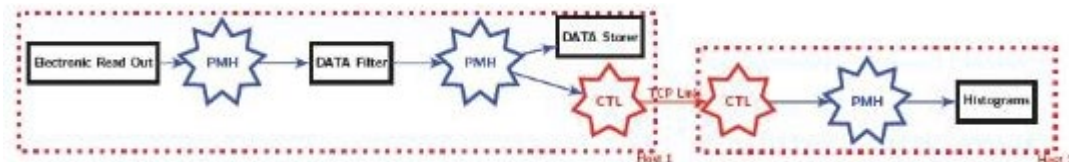
Not necessary 1 node/crystal with the load balancing and new technologies

Specially important if AGATA PSA is upgraded to more complex algorithms

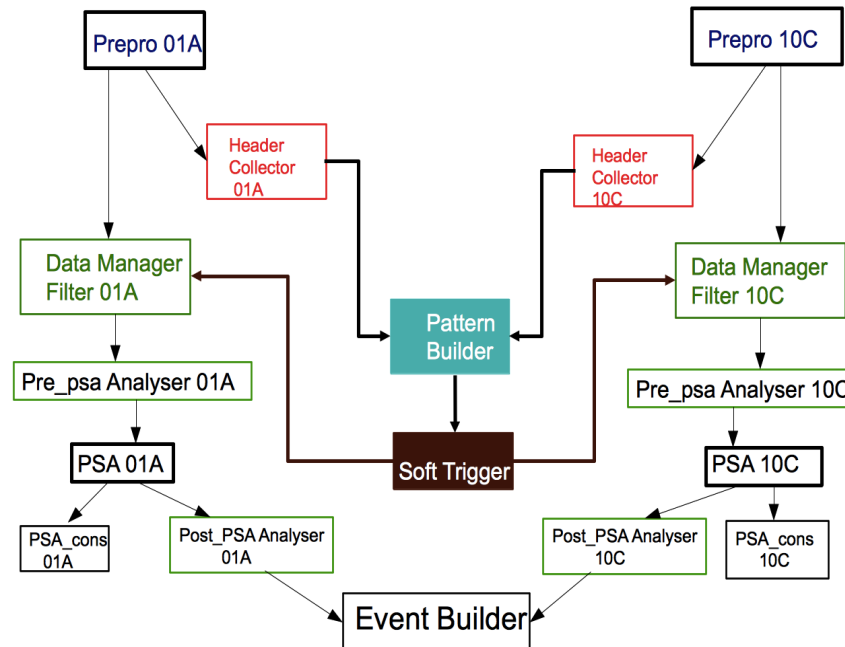
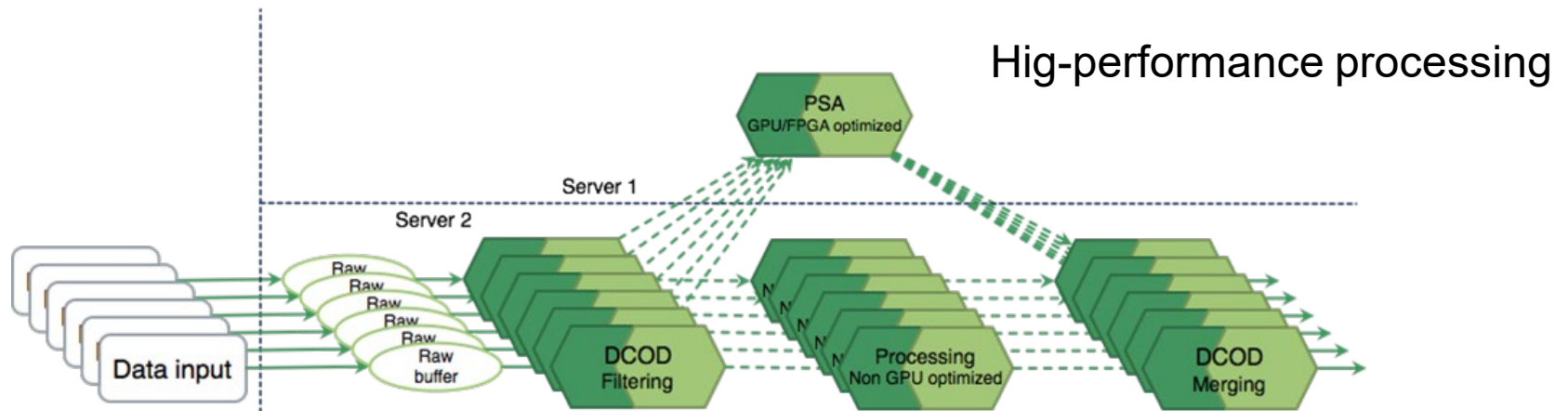
DCOD (NARVAL+ Posix Memory Handler (PMH) + Common Transport Layer (CTL)):

Easy to upgrade from  $1\pi$  to  $4\pi$

X.Grave, E Legay et al.  
CSNSM-Orsay, GANIL,  
INP-Lyon, IPN-Orsay



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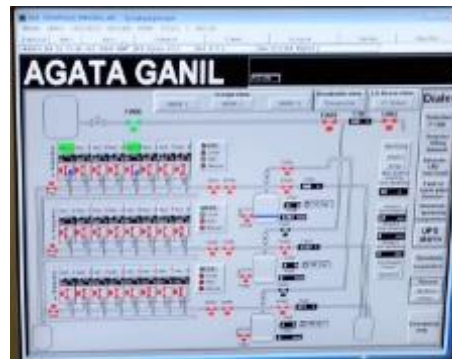
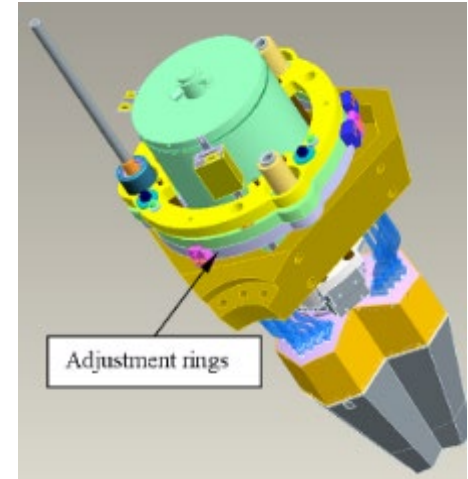
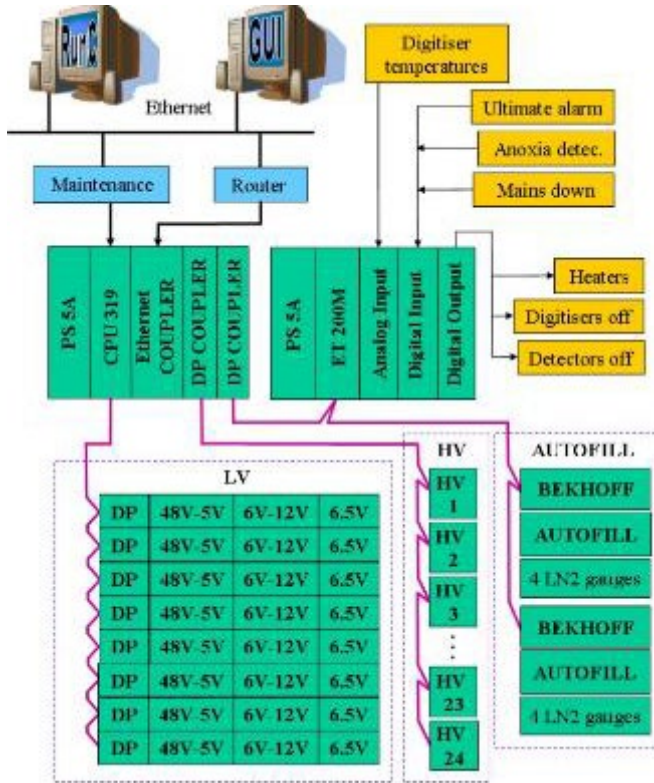


Possibility to combine the hardware trigger with a second high level Software Trigger

## Infrastructure: Detector Support & Mechanical

***LVPS, Patch boxes, HV System, Autofill system,  
Data and Power Supply Cabling, Mechanics etc***

## Ready for the 45 detector system ( $1\pi$ )

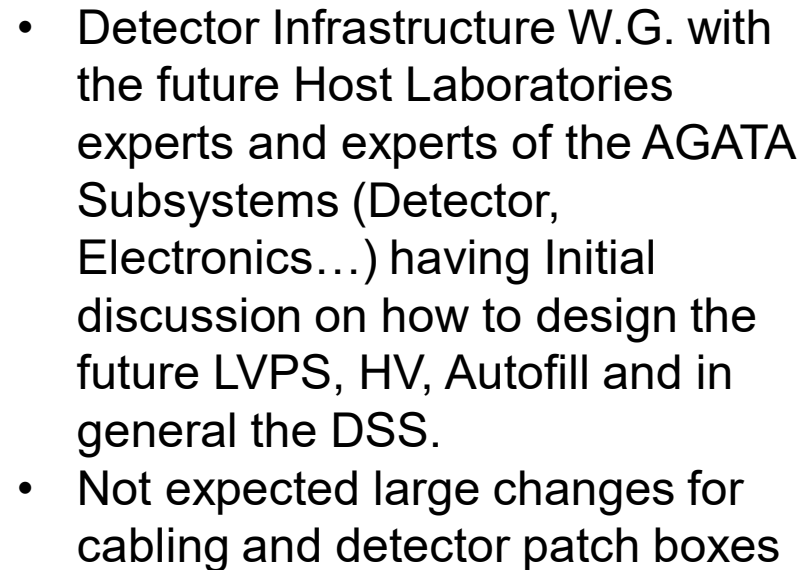


Concern regarding the autofill: 16 channels installed but 2 channels not working, only 14 channels available for 14 ATCs. Problems with the VCC+PCC. Spare parts exist (no commissioned). GSI and Saclay maintenance visit to GANIL planned.

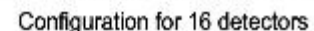
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# DSS Concept

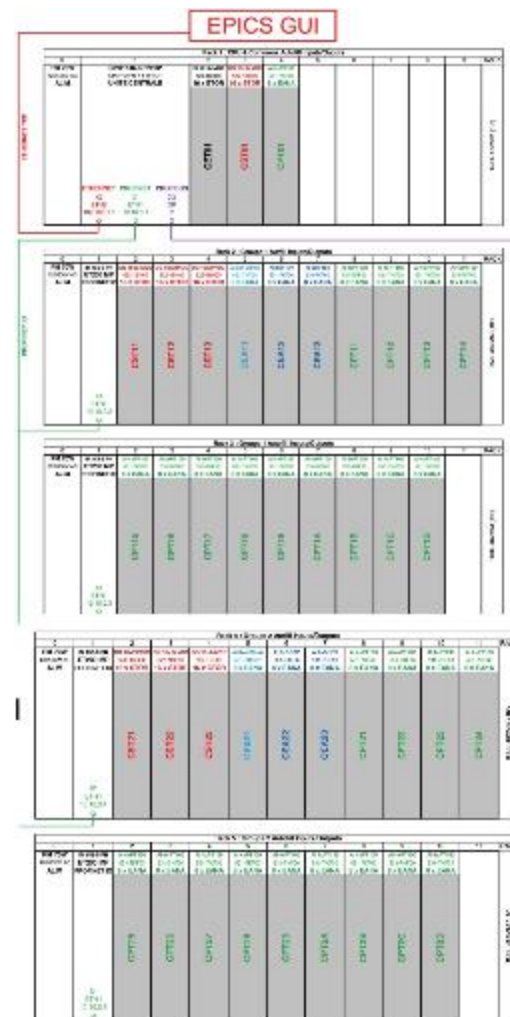
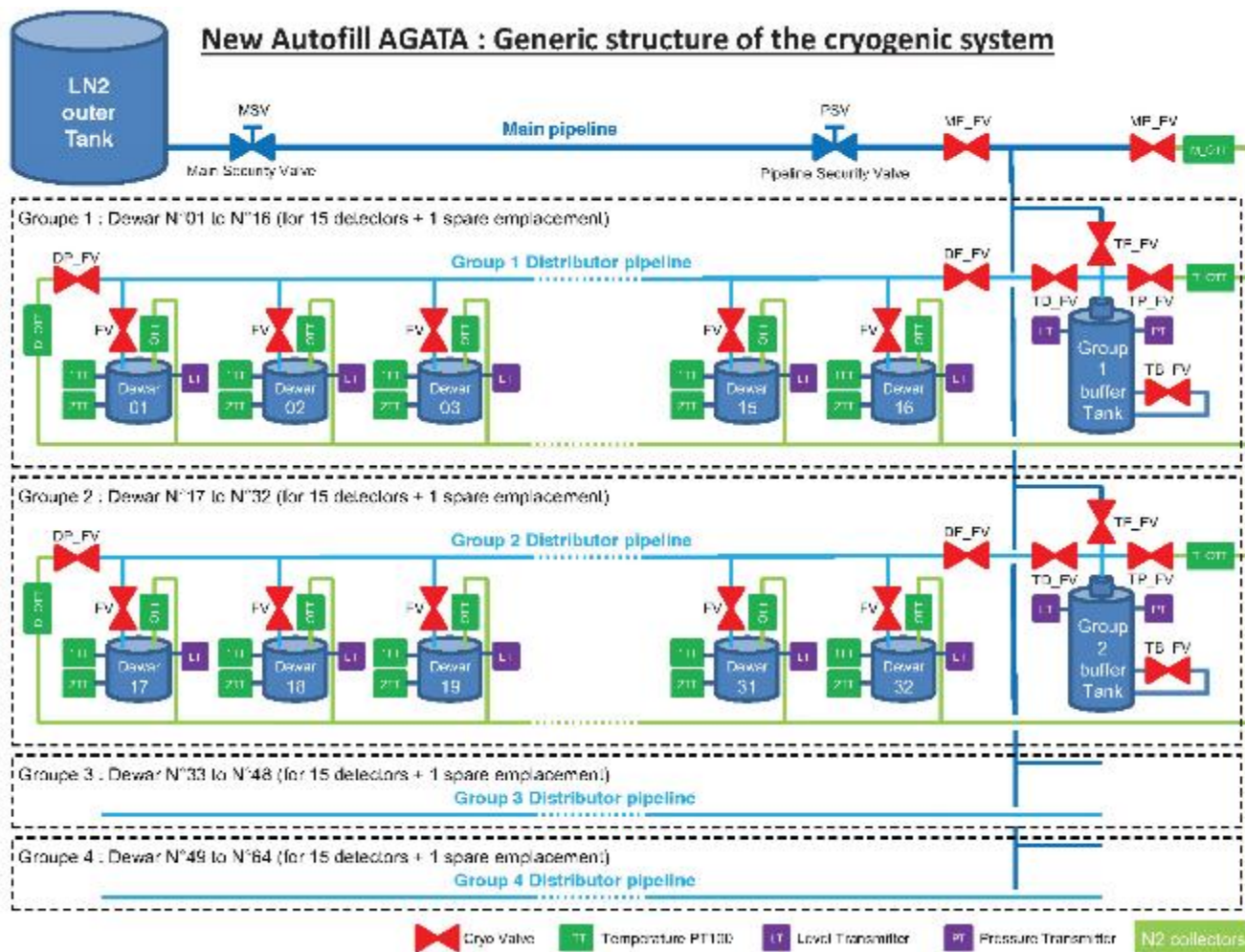


## Autofill preliminary design



# Detector Infrastructure: DSS Subsystems

**New Autofill AGATA : Generic structure of the cryogenic system**



- Autofill upgrade. Extendable to manage 60 ATCs. Produced by IRFU, France.
- The upgrade of the new Autofill is based on a new PLC.
- The new GUI will be based on EPICS system, developer IRFU, France.

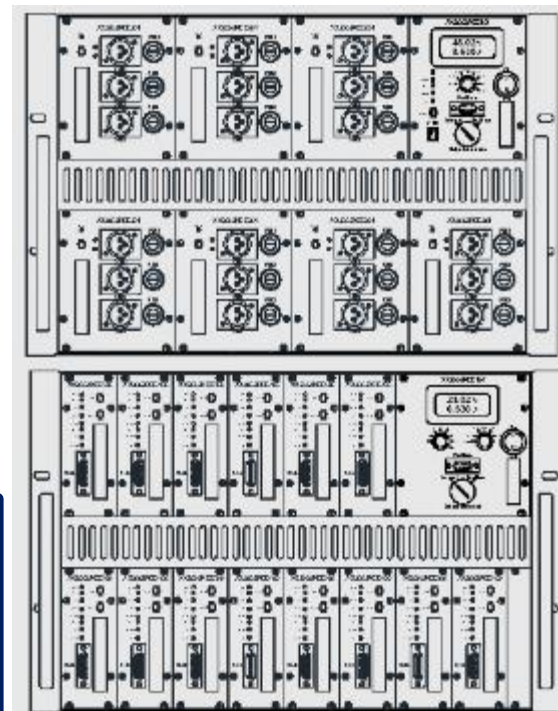
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# Detector Infrastructure: DSS Subsystems

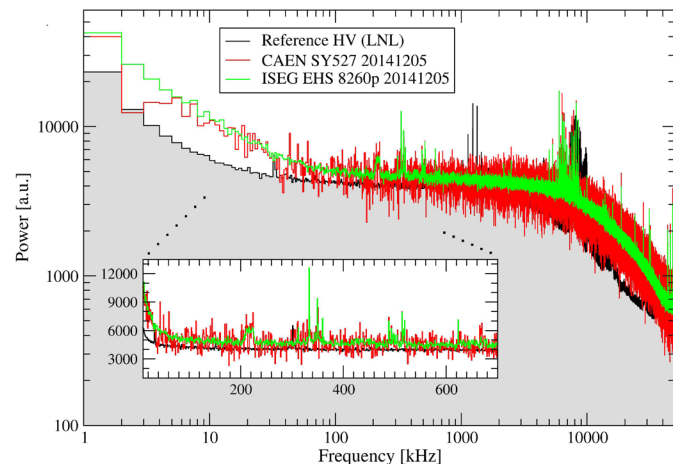
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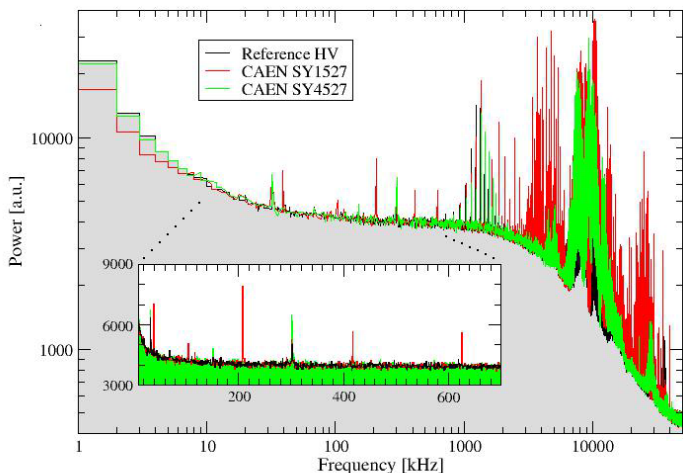
1 ATC (2007 LVPS)



7 ATC (Phase 2 LVPS)  
Developed by  
IRFU/CEA Saclay



## HV

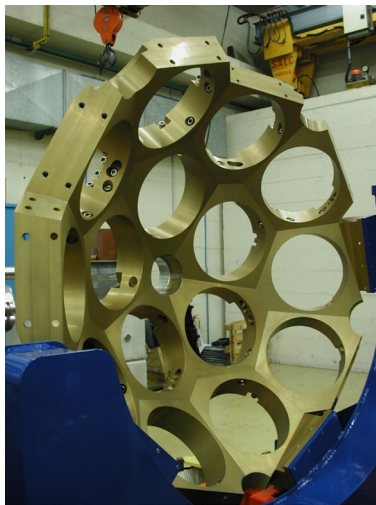
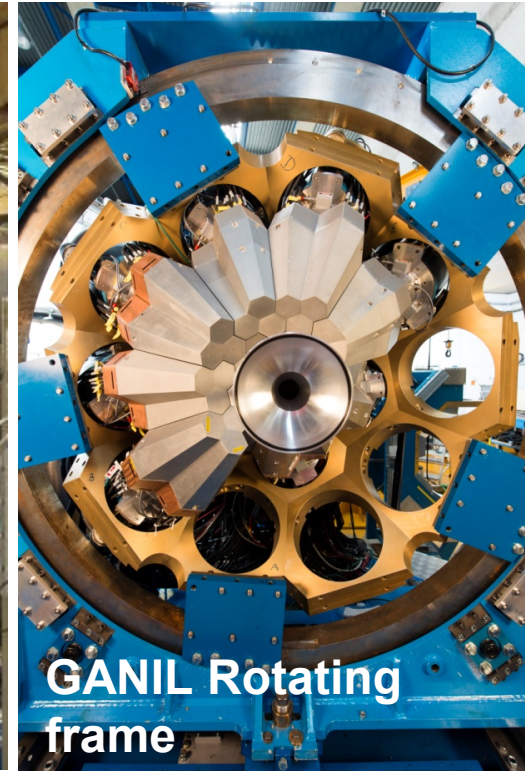
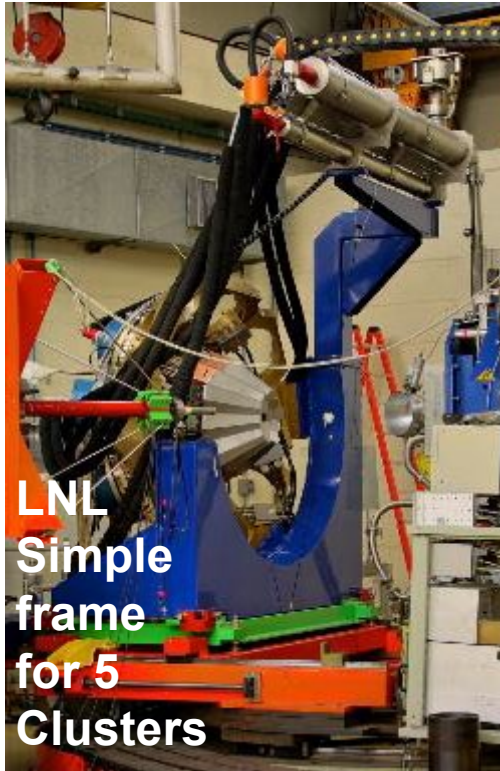


CAEN  
SY4527 mainframe +  
A1560H boards  
ISEG  
crate + EHS8260P boards

- similar performances
- excellent solutions for HPGe detectors

IRFU/CEA Saclay, INFN-Padova, INFN-Milano, GSI, CSNSM-Orsay  
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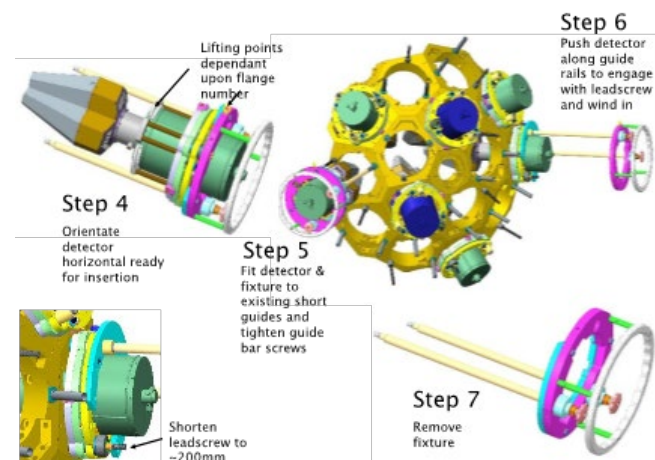
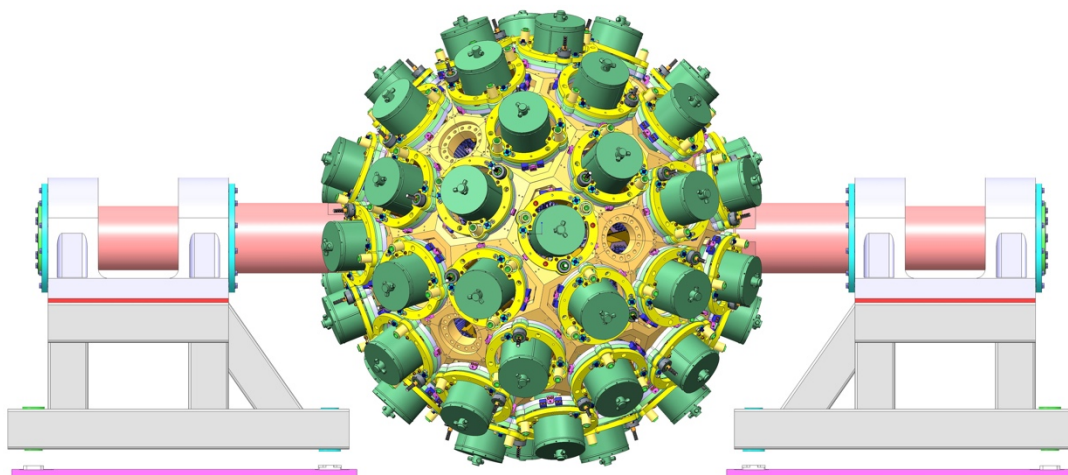
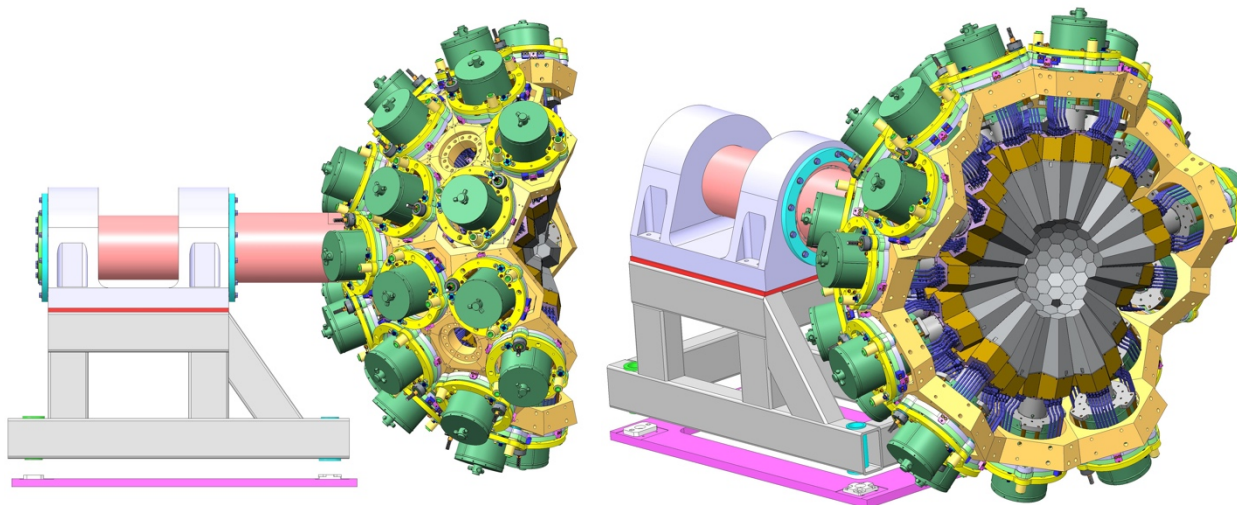
The AGATA Honeycomb is the core of the detector support mechanics. Each Host Lab has produced a Frame fulfilling the local requirements: beam-line height, space availability, array displacement.

**Now working on  
compatible mechanics**

**STFC-Daresbury,  
GANIL, INFN-LNL  
INFN-Milano,  
INFN-Padova**



# Mechanical Infrastructures



# AGATA Simulations



The development of the code will continue by coupling AGATA with ROOT. The following two options will be considered and at least one will be implemented:

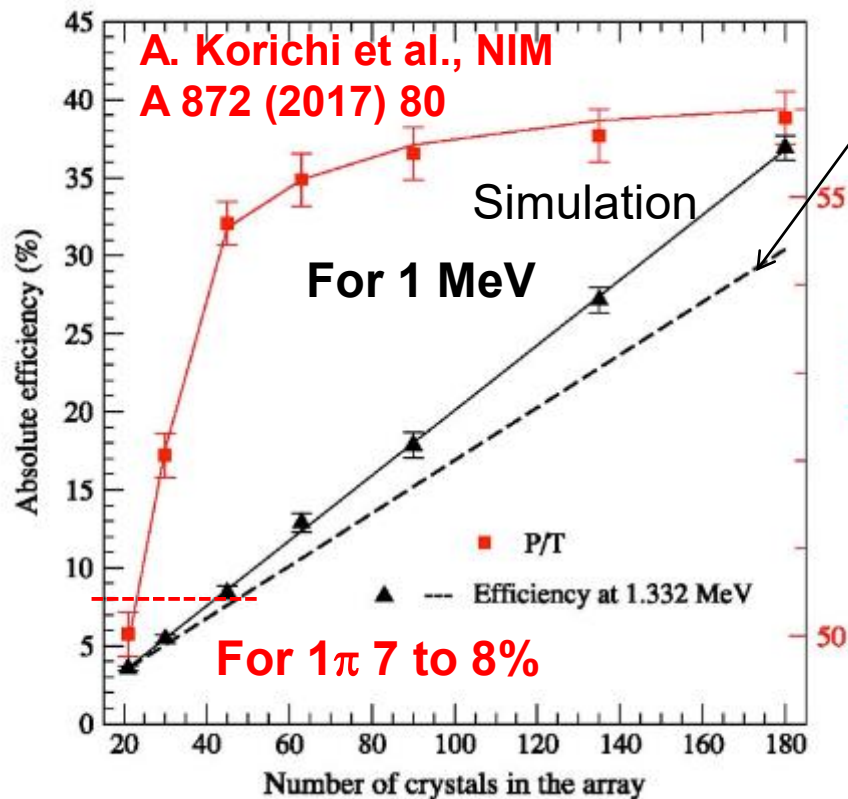
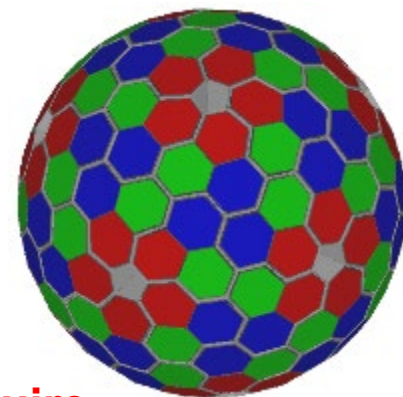
- Migrate the AGATA code, including all its event generator/ancillary detector into an existing simulation and data analysis framework such as ENSARROOT, NPTOOL, STOGS.
- Develop the AGATA code from a pure geant4 simulation code to a GEANT4+ROOT.
- External algorithms based on ROOT to simulate time-stamped AGATA data already developed to produce AGATA Data Format ADF files.
- Additional work will be carried out to integrate this algorithm into the AGATA code. (Similar capabilities exist also within the STOGS framework and could be re-used for AGATA).

Additional work is also foreseen to develop and complete some event generators for realistic simulations. This includes generators for polarisation measurements and generators with simplified and realistic background estimate.

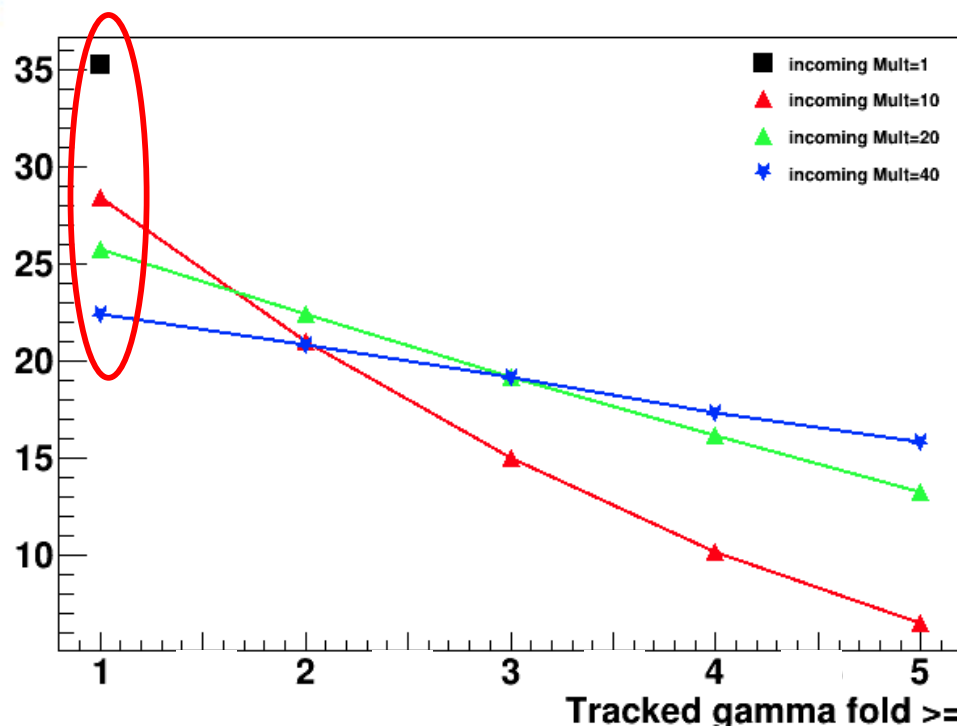
**STFC-Daresbury, GANIL, INFN-Padova...**

# AGATA 4 $\pi$ Performance simulations

Efficiency and P/T Monte Carlo simulations for the 180 Capsules set-up with Tracking



**These expectations require the PSA improvements regarding multiple interactions in one segment.**



Efficiency depends as well on the  $\gamma$ -ray multiplicity

Recent Upgraded Simulations by M.Labiche (STFC)

# AGATA Data Analysis

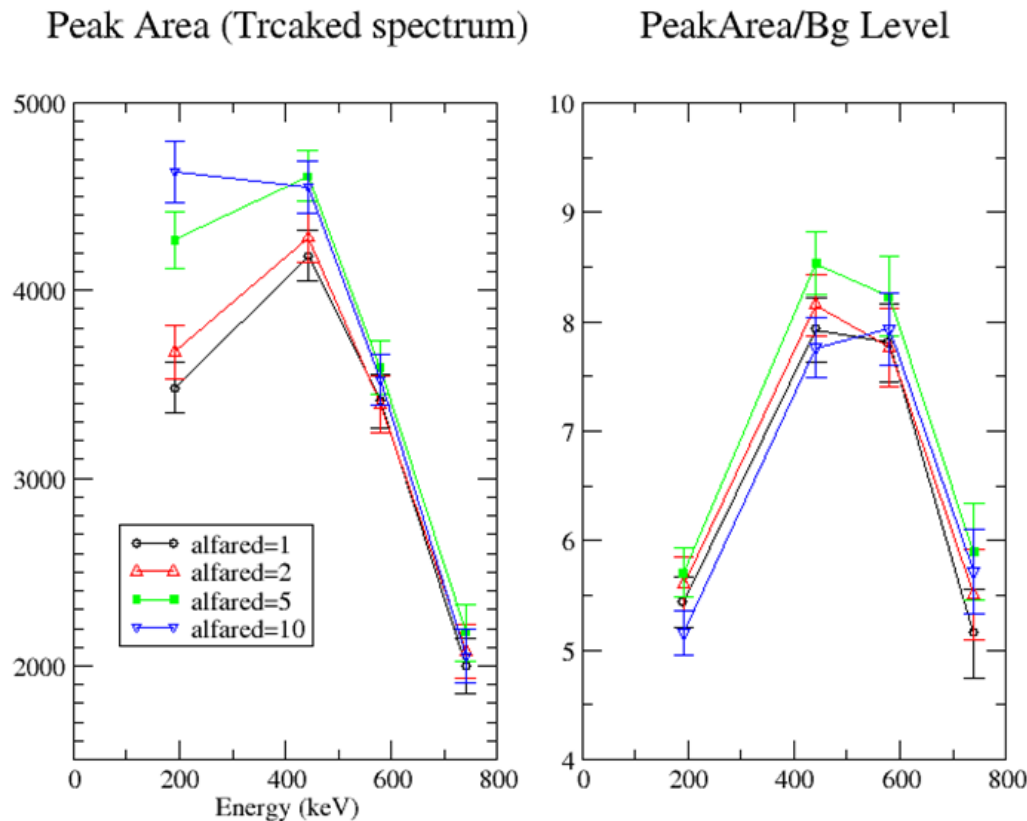
## Data Analysis

- For the AGATA-MUGAST-VAMOS++ campaign, the analysis software implemented by A.Matta with the support of the AGATA and VAMOS collaborations.
- Existing a guide to help the users analyzing the AGATA data produced at the local level processing. A new data analysis software “CUBIX” developed in the ROOT environment is now available in the GammaWare package.
- Expected to continue in Phase2 with possible improvements, for example by implementing a faster/automatic way to perform parts of the data treatment.
- J.Dudouet and D.Ralet worked on the AGATASpy package, needed after the upgrade to DCOD. Now considered tested and marked as working, fully operational from producer to PSA.
- Periodic Workshops on Data Analysis are being organized:  
Last organized by J. Dudouet and F.Crespi took place in Orsay on January 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, next will be late 2019 or early 2020.



# Tracking Improvements

Improvements to OFT on-going: there is a new procedure to validate single interaction points: it is no longer a threshold (minprobsing) but single interactions are accepted/rejected on the basis of ranges in Ge (like in GRETA ).



There is also the possibility to reduce the maximal clusterisation angle. This should reduce the background for high multiplicity events and it is being tested at Orsay with  $^{158}\text{Er}$  data.

Next development oriented to use the PSA determined position error to perform the weighting of the Tracking algorithm.

# AGATA Commissioning and Performance



- Measurements with either radioactive sources or well-known in-beam reactions. Also to validate MC-simulation codes and tools,
- Calibrated radioactive source runs to be carried out prior to a new campaign
- Consistency of the results should be compared with both simulations and previous measurements.
- Monitoring of performance in the long term is important and it will be crucial to quantify the radiation damage to each of the crystals.
- During the period 2021-2030 the angular coverage of AGATA will increase
  - To extract useful physical quantities from angular distributions and correlations
  - To perform measurements depending on the perturbation of the angular distribution/correlation, e.g. g-factor measurements
  - Thus understanding of the performance of AGATA is of paramount importance.
- Commissioning will allow to check the performance figures when coupled to complementary instrumentation

# Summary

- The AGATA collaboration is aiming now to complete the Phase 1 in 2020 and the  $4\pi$  array during the coming Phase 2
- Several Subsystems sometimes design and build for the AGATA Demonstrator (2005-2007) require upgrade
- Redesign considering long-term maintenance and replacement using commercial parts when possible and increasing the standardization (e.g. replacing the point-to-point data transfer by Ethernet)
- Aiming as well to have Improvements on mobility, compatibility, data transfer and processing to approach the best Tracking Array performance figures.

**Thanks' to all the AGATA Collaborators**  
**Thank You For Your Attention!**