### **AGATA: Precision Spectroscopy of Exotic Nuclei**



### AGATA



Daresbury Laboratory, University of Liverpool, University of West of Scotland University of York



### **Progress of the AGATA array**



> AGATA  $1\pi$  already available

> Current MoU (end 2020) for 1/3 of full array – almost there.



## AGATA deployment





### AGATA@SPES: 2023-2025

### **Selective Production of Exotic Species**



- SPES is a new ISOL radioactive-beam facility under development at LNL, Italy
- Protons from new cyclotron incident on uranium carbide targets
- Reacceleration up to 10 MeV/A using ALPI superconducting linac
- Development in phases: 2021 to 2023
- Unique aspect of SPES: high intensity primary proton beam
- Protons will induce 10<sup>13</sup> fissions/s
- For example: <sup>94</sup>Rb 10<sup>9</sup> pps;
   <sup>132</sup>Sn 10<sup>8</sup> pps; <sup>142</sup>Xe 10<sup>6</sup> pps
- High-intensity radioactive beams

### Techniques (e.g.):

- Nucleon transfer
- Deep-inelastic reactions
- Low-energy Coulomb excitation
- Fusion evaporation



### AGATA@FAIR: > 2025

High-resolution  $\gamma$ -ray spectroscopy (HISPEC) following reactions induced by radioactive ion beams at relativistic energies



## **AGATA Project Objectives**

...are to contribute at the highest level to the current and planned phases of AGATA through

(a) Contribution to AGATA equipment, including detectors (MoU);
(b) pushing the development of AGATA towards the new science opportunities by exploiting the UK's leading technical and scientific capabilities.

### **Specific aims:**

- (WP1) Contribute detectors, including working with ORTEC to develop second supplier;
- **(WP2)**: Lead the complex mechanical design and construction required for AGATA at new facilities;
- **(WP3):** Contribute at a high level to the development of AGATA electronics, and to lead initial developments for the future phase of the AGATA electronics system;
- (WP4): Lead crucial developments on pulse-shape analysis and tracking the techniques that underpin the entire gamma-ray tracking concept;
- **(WP5):** Lead performance and experiment-design simulations to enable the maximum scientific output.



### **AGATA Project Grant**

Nov 2017: SOI Submitted May 2018: Programme Evaluation submission May 2018, more info August 2017 Nov 2018: Invitation to make PPRP bid Feb 2019: Submitted Proposal April 2019: PPRP Meeting May 2019: Visiting Panel June 2019: Science Board – good (high level) feedback, but no decision Dec 2019: Science Board – "tensioning" with ACPA

### Final Bid £4.9M (of which £2.0M capital)

### Key points:

- Bid meets our commitment under the current MoU (to contribute to 60detector array)
- Case aimed at SPES and FAIR with a case for a 90-detector array (its growing)

Institutions (involved in Project): York (Bentley, Paschalis, Petri), Daresbury (Simpson, Labiche, Lazarus...), Liverpool (Harkness-Brennan, Boston A, Nolan, Boston H,...), UWS (Smith)



# **AGATA Interim Funding**

- Delay to funding decision due to short delay to ACPA
- Good feedback from Science Board
- UK Commitments to AGATA project especially for Legnaro phase (2022)

### STFC asked us to bid for "interim funding" – Ocober 2019 - April 2020

### First 6 months of project work (173k)

- Mechanics for Legnaro
- PSA developments for Legnaro Phase
- Simulation package for AGATA-PRISMA

### Capital contribution (£540k)

- Prototype AGATA capsule ORTEC (new Supplier) 50% from Liverpool
- Two AGATA capsules from Mirion
- Enough for 1 <u>full triple cluster</u> delivery mid 2020

£713k awarded, October 2019-March 2020.



# Questions



## **UK: a driving force for AGATA**

### Strategic Leadership *past* and **present**

- AGATA Steering Committee: Chair <u>Nolan 2009-2011</u> and Vice-chair Simpson 2018-2020 Chair Simpson 2021-2022), Members Bentley and Simpson
- AGATA Collaboration Council: Chair and spokesperson: <u>Simpson</u> 2010-2014
- AGATA Management Board: Project Manager and Chair: <u>Simpson</u> 2002-2010. Member 2011-present A.Boston
- Scientific Leadership *past* and **present**
- Spokesperson for Legnaro Campaign: <u>S.Freeman (Manchester)</u>
- **Co-Spokesperson** for PRESPEC/GSI Campaign (using AGATA) <u>Bentley</u>
- Spokesperson for current GANIL Campaign: Zs.Podolyak (Surrey)
- Chair International Steering Committee for PRESPEC@GSI/FAIR <u>P.Regan (Surrey)</u>

Technical Leadership...

• See over...





# AGATA tasks and working groups

Project Manager, Resource Manager, Technical Coordinator

Working Groups Leaders, ASC Spokesperson ACC Spokesperson,

Local Campaign Managers, LNL, GSI and GANIL





# **UK: a driving force for AGATA**

A. Gadea (Project Manager)

A. Boston, B. Million, A. Korichi, F. Recchia, H.Hess, P. Reiter (ASC) and W.Korten (ACC). J. Gerl (LCM-GSI), E. Clement (LCM-GANIL)



# Work package 1 - Detectors

- 1. Capital purchase: **5 AGATA asymmetric encapsulated detectors** (York and UWS)
- 2. Capital purchase: **ORTEC prototype** asymmetric encapsulated detector (Liverpool) new company in market (**first order**)
- 3. Customer Acceptance Testing (CAT) of detectors (Liverpool)
- 4. Cryostats, mechanical structure and electronics (York, UWS)

Work Package 1 Summary (Cost to STFC)	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total
Staff	5,372	14,890	21,316	23,602	11,801	76,980
Estates/Indirect/Overheads	3,858	7,716	9,716	11,716	5,858	38,864
Equipment	247,802	39,835	1,170,041	257,938	0	1,715,616
Travel	560	2,120	3,680	3,120	1,560	11,040
Other DIC	0	5,440	0	0	0	5,440
Total	257,591	70,000	1,204,753	296,376	19,219	1,847,941



#### Staff:

- A.Boston (5%) WP leader, liaison with companies, prototype develpment
- H.Boston (5%) CAT lead
- Bentley (2.5%) local procurement
- Smith (2.5%) local procurement
- Judson (3.7%) characterisation
- Technician (22.5%) CAT

- A.Boston Leads many developments with industrial partners in Ge technology
- H.Boston CAT lead for AGATA project
- Liverpool industrial applications of Ge technology



# Work package 2 - Electronics

- 1. Development of tools for monitoring/visualization of signals (VHDL firmware, software and GUI) provides crucial diagnostics
- 2. Development of energy processing algorithm to improve performance
- 3. Scoping of future work for next phase of electronics uses UK expertise in cold ASICs and positions UK for future lead.



Work Package 2 Summary (Cost to STFC)	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total
Staff	0	10,288	53,750	99,812	51,404	215,253
Estates/Indirect/Overheads	0	7,613	39,775	73,861	38,039	159,287
Equipment	2,500	10,000	10,000	10,000	2,500	35,000
Travel	3,150	6,300	6,300	14,300	3,150	33,200
Other DIC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5,650	34,201	109,824	197,972	95,092	442,740

#### Staff:

- Lazarus (10%) WP leader, technical oversight (partly Cross Comm (CC))
- Kogimtzis (50%) Electronics Design (partly CC)
- **Pucknell (50%)** Software design engineer (*partly CC*)
- Technician (17.5%) prototyping build and test

- I. Lazarus AGATA WG leader,
- Daresbury Leading role in AGATA
   Phase 1 electronics and software



# Work package 3 - Mechanics

- 1. Design, procurement, assembly and commissioning of a 90-detector frame for Legnaro/SPES
- 2. Design of a system capable of holding 180 detectors (2 x the 90 detector structure) at FAIR
- 3. Design and delivery of new detector mounting mechanics (SPES and FAIR)
- 4. Overall mechanical engineering management for the AGATA project



Work Package 3 Summary (Cost to STFC)	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total
Staff	21,483	83,904	74,266	47,677	23,237	250,567
Estates/Indirect/Overheads	15,897	62,089	54,957	35,281	17,195	185,420
Equipment	0	183,760	0	0	40,540	224,300
Travel	5,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	5,000	35,000
Other DIC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	42,380	339,753	139,223	87,958	85,972	695,287

#### Staff:

- Grant (16.2%) WP Leader, technical oversight (*partly CC*)
- Burrows (75%) Mechanical Design (partly CC)
- Electrical Tech (17.5%) technical support
- Mech Tech (13%) technical support
- **ETC Tech (7.5%)** technical support

- A. Grant AGATA WG leader,
- UK delivered all mechanical design work for AGATA
- UK designed and built most largescale gamma-ray arrays in Europe



# Work package 4 – Pulse-shape analysis

- 1. Data set for multiple interactions in a segment to improve tracking
- 2. Optimisation of grid-search algorithm for larger array
- 3. Implementation of a multiple-interaction algorithm in collaboration with GRETA
- 4. Characterisation of the ORTEC prototype
- 5. Experimental validation of novel self-calibration method.

Work Package 4 Summary (Cost to STFC)	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total
Staff	5,081	86,989	93,504	80,394	11,944	277,912
Estates/Indirect/Overheads	12,173	77,683	78,350	79,016	12,840	260,061
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travel	1,560	8,120	11,120	11,120	2,560	34,480
Other DIC	1,600	1,440	0	0	0	3,040
Total	20,414	174,232	182,973	170,530	27,344	575,493

### Staff:

- Harkness-Brennan (10%) WP Leader, tech oversight, PDRA/PhD supervision
- **Boston (2.5%)** PDRA/PhD supervision
- Nolan (5%, zero cost) work with Liv PDRA
- Petri (5%, 2.5% cost), Paschalis (5%) oversee work on self-calibration
- Liverpool PDRA (75%) Tasks 1-3
- York PDRA (25%) Task 5
- PhD student Task 4
- Technician (22.5%) mech. support

- Harkness-Brennan AGATA WG leader
- Boston AGATA WG leader
- Nolan former Chair AGATA Steering Committee
- UK leads PSA activities in AGATA
- Petri, Paschalis led self-calibration R&D





# Work package 5 – Expt design & performance

- 1. AGATA simulation code: improve PSA in simulation with data
- 2. AGATA simulation code: integrate beam-optics event generator for fragmentation beams
- 3. AGATA simulation code: develop gamma-ray polarisation model
- 4. Connect AGATA and PRISMA codes for LNL/SPES
- 5. Connect AGATA and LYCCA/S-FRS/Spectrometer codes for HISPEC (FAIR)
- 6. Array performance tests and experiment design tasks (SPES & FAIR)



Work Package 5 Summary (Cost to STFC)	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total
Staff	18,212	55,665	56,714	78,700	39,765	249,056
Estates/Indirect/Overheads	31,211	63,165	63,744	64,340	32,478	254,938
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travel	1,760	7,520	5,520	5,520	3,760	24,080
Other DIC	800	1,440	0	0	0	2,240
Total	51,983	127,790	125,978	148,560	76,003	530,314

#### Staff:

- **Bentley (10%)** WP Leader, PDRA supervision, scientific oversight, contribute to tasks 5 and 6.
- Labiche (40%) technical oversight of all tasks, work with PDRA
- Petri (5%, 2.5% cost), Paschalis (5%) support to PDRA on physics simulations and liaise with GRETA team
- York PDRA (62.5%) all tasks.

- Labiche AGATA WG leader, UK simulation specialist
- **Bentley -** AGATA Campaign leader (GSI), UK-HISPEC lead, LYCCA simulation leader
- Petri, Paschalis led self-calibration R&D,
   worked on gamma-ray tracking for AGATA
   and GRETINA



## Work package 6 – Project Management

- 1. Oversight of all tasks and tracking progress
- 2. Maintain project plan, adjusting tasks and timelines
- 3. Financial tracking and planning
- 4. Risk management
- 5. Oversight Committee liaison
- 6. Liaise with internation project at all levels

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#### Staff:

- **Bentley (10%)** WP Leader, PI for project, PI for York, WP5 Management
- A.Boston (5%) PI for Liverpool, WP1 Management
- Simpson (15%) PI for Daresbury, WP3 Management, ASC Chair/Vice-Chair
- Project manager (20%)
- Harkness Brennan (2.5%) WP4 Management
- Smith (2.5%) PI for UWS





(List to be completed)

AGATA Advanced gamma tracking array



### **ISOL Production Schemes**

Cs, Ba, ... very intense, pure



## (AGATA@) SPES vs (GRETA@) FRIB

### Eight examples where SPES yields win over those from FRIB...

Beam	Ζ	N	SPES intensity (p.p.s.)	FRIB intensity (p.p.s.)	Factor
<sup>100</sup> Rb	37	63	$8.99 \times 10^{3}$	$1.00  imes 10^1$	900
<sup>94</sup> Sr	38	56	$2.54 \times 10^{8}$	$2.16 \times 10^{6}$	120
<sup>118</sup> Ag	47	71	$1.03 \times 10^{8}$	$1.43 \times 10^{6}$	70
<sup>132</sup> Sn	50	82	$3.11 \times 10^{7}$	$1.92 \times 10^{5}$	160
<sup>140</sup> Te	52	88	$5.51 \times 10^{3}$	$2.12 \times 10^{1}$	260
<sup>138</sup> Xe	54	84	$2.02 \times 10^{8}$	$1.66 \times 10^{6}$	120
<sup>146</sup> Cs	55	91	$8.90 \times 10^{4}$	$2.37 \times 10^{2}$	400
<sup>140</sup> Ba	56	84	$1.21 \times 10^{9}$	$1.70 \times 10^{6}$	700

... with typical improvement factors of several hundred.

A number of experiments that cannot be carried out with FRIB + GRETA (on a reasonable timescale) <u>can</u> be carried out with SPES + AGATA

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### **Unique opportunities with SPES and AGATA**

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### Shell evolution near doubly magic <sup>132</sup>Sn

- e.g. <sup>132</sup>Sn SPES beam intensity: 10<sup>7</sup> p.p.s.
- Excited states and single particle energies using deep-inelastic reactions with AGATA + PRISMA
- Spectroscopic factors studied using light-ion transfer with AGATA + MUGAST

### Reflection asymmetry in neutron-rich lanthapi

- e.g. <sup>144</sup>Xe SPES beam intensity: 10<sup>5</sup> p.p.s.
- Radioactive beam Coulomb excitation
- AGATA coupled to SPIDER (Si detector
- Measurement of B(E3) values
- A range of experiments possible...

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### **Uniqueness of FAIR**

FAIR will be a worldwide unique facility to deliver high-intensity radioactive ion beams covering the entire chart of nuclides with high energies up to 1500 MeV/u.

FAIR will therefore be **the world-leading facility** for experiments that require or take advantage of:

- highest energy/velocity of the RIBs (beyond 0.5 GeV/u)
- radioactive beams of all elements up to U
- isotopically pure secondary beams
- electron-free beams (fully stripped ions) up to the heaviest elements
- isomeric beams (down to ns lifetimes)

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# Highlight physics cases for AGATA@FAIR

### **From AGATA White Book**

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![](_page_24_Picture_3.jpeg)

### Unique opportunities with FAIR and AGATA

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### Spectroscopy of r-process nuclei around N=126

- Knockout from intense beam of <sup>204</sup>Pt
- Evolution of proton s.p. orbitals, r-process region
- Uses unique FAIR capability (heavy nuclei)

Spectroscopy of exotic Pb isotopes (e.g. <sup>218</sup>Pb)

- In-beam (p,2p) reactions using AGATA and MINOS
- Evolution of shell-structure far from stability
- Uses unique FAIR capability (heavy nuclei)
- Very high velocity (β~0.8) only possible at FAIR
- AGATA position tracking crucial

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# Simulations from 15 $\square$ 90 detectors:

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### SPES-type example

- Typical reaction,  $v/c \sim 5\%$
- Multiple coincident gammas
- "Statistical reaction"
- $\gamma$ - $\gamma$ , and  $\gamma$ - $\gamma$ - $\gamma$  analysis
- Factor ~200 better for  $\gamma$ - $\gamma$ - $\gamma$

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v-ray energy (keV)

## Q8: Improvements from 15 – 60 detectors

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- "SPES-type" example
- Typical reaction, v/c ~ 5%
- Multiple coincident gammas
- "Statistical reaction"
- $\gamma$ - $\gamma$ , and  $\gamma$ - $\gamma$ - $\gamma$  analysis
- Factor ~200 better for γ-γ-γ analysis

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3480.0

2380.3

1416.0

616.2

0.0

# **Q8: Improvements from 15 – 60 detectors**

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Position resolution essential

- High v/c = 80%
- Huge Doppler effects
- Factor ~300 better for γ-γ

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Spectrum "empty" for 15 detectors

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### **Societal Impact**

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State of the art detectors

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# **Societal Impact**

Many applied projects funded by a variety of bodies, including, STFC/IPS/CLASP/PNPAS, Universities, EPSRC, TSB, MRC, NHS, NNL (NDA), AWE

e.g.

### SMARTPET (Medical)

• Novel Small Animal PET system

### PROSPECTUS (Medical)

• Novel SPECT imaging system.

### PGRIS (Security, decommissioning)

Hand-held radiation identification and location device

Gri+: Portable Gamma Imaging System (security, decommissioning, environment)

• 3D Gamma and Optical Stereoscopic Image Fusion

All projects are collaborations some with industrial partners. All involve contributions from other parts of STFC.

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### Case Study: A 3D integrated mobile γ-ray and vision system

- Gamma-ray interaction positions determined by PSA
- Kinematic reconstruction of gamma-ray paths
- Source of radiation located at max cone overlap
- In-situ nuclear decontamination field trials at Sellafield 2019

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## From AGATA to portable imaging

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# AGATA MoU (-> end 2020)

- Agreement on the realisation, operation and management
- Sharing of costs and responsibilities
- Operation costs
- Current specific project to  $1/3 4\pi$  (60 detectors) by 2021
- Aim for 4π by 2031
- Open collaboration
- Laboratories are science driven (PACs)
- Signed by STFC (G.Blair)

MoU ongoing, ~85 % achieved (detectors) Capital contribution, ~85% achieved (UK shortfall)

- AGATA 4π: Project Definition: Preparation Ongoing (**informing this bid**)
- New MoU being planned for the  $4\pi$  array

AGATA Collaboration see <a href="http://npg.dl.ac.uk/agata\_acc/index.html">http://npg.dl.ac.uk/agata\_acc/index.html</a>

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### **Q1: Impacts of AGATA**

### Metrics:

- 17 past PhD students
- 5 current PhD students
- 136 papers (83 technical, 53 science)
- 19 PDRAs worked on AGATA (/data)
- All these are tracked within the AGATA collaboration

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