## Outline: From Ge(Li) to Germanium detector array

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- 1. 1960ties and 70ties: Ge(Li) detectors
- 2. 1980ties: national HPGe detector arrays OSIRIS, HERA, TESSA
- 3. 1990ties: EUROBALL and GAMMASPHERE
- 4. 2000ties: position-sensitive Ge-arrays MINIBALL, EXOGAM, SEGA
- 5. under development:  $4\pi \gamma$ -ray tracking arrays AGATA, GRETA



#### Alkali Halide Scintillation Counters

ROBERT HOFSTADTER

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey May 20, 1948

Phys. Rev. 74 (1948) 100



## Invention of the NaI(Tl) detector 1948



Robert Hofstadter, after hearing about Callmann's work, started testing Tl activated alkali halide crystals. Na(Tl) was found to have the largest output



#### Germanium transistor



1947

by William Shockley, John Bardeen and Walter Brattain (left to right)



## Early semiconductor devices



#### first transistor (Bell 1947)

hybrid circuits (1960)

first integrated circuit (1959)



Fairchild IC (1962)



E. M. Pell 1960

#### Ion Drift in an *n-p* Junction\*

E. M. Pell

General Electric Research Laboratory, Schenectady, New York (Received August 19, 1959)





#### Gamma-ray interaction cross section





Photo effect:  $\sim Z^{4-5}$ ,  $E_{\gamma}^{-3.5}$ Compton:  $\sim Z$ ,  $E_{\gamma}^{-1}$ Pair:  $\sim Z^2$ , increases with  $E_{\gamma}$ 



## First Ge(Li) detector: D.V. Freck and J. Wakefield

Nature 193, 669 (1962)



Ge(Li) detector, active volume: 0.2 cm<sup>3</sup>



NUCLEAR INSTRUMENTS AND METHODS 25 (1963) 185-187; © NORTH-HOLLAND PUBLISHING CO.

#### A HIGH RESOLUTION LITHIUM-DRIFT GERMANIUM GAMMA-RAY SPECTROMETER

A. J. TAVENDALE\* and G. T. EWAN

Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited

Received 14 October 1963



Fig. 1. High energy region of gamma-ray spectrum of Co<sup>40</sup> observed with the lithium-drift germaniam detector. The detector was 18 mm in diameter and had a depletion of 8 mm. It was operated at 77° K with a bias of 450 V across the detector The intrinsic full energy peak efficiency was 0.2%. The spectrum shown above was obtained in 10 min using a 20  $\mu$ C Co<sup>40</sup> source. For comparison we show the same region of the spectrum observed with a good 3"  $\times$  3" NaI stinillation spectrometer. This spectrometer had a resolution of 8.0% on the 661 keV y-ray in Ba<sup>124</sup>.

1963 Tavendale and Ewan (Chalk River)

Ge(Li) detector, planar: 2 cm<sup>3</sup>

 $\Delta E = 6 \text{ keV} \text{ at } 1.3 \text{ MeV}$ 

use of a cooled FET reduced input noise to 0.7 eV (1965)



Li-drift apparatus at IKP Cologne



First coaxial detector 1968  $\Delta E = 3.5 \text{ keV} \text{ at } 1.3 \text{ MeV}$  $5.5 \text{ cm}^3$ 

#### The "five-in-one" Compton polarimeter (1974)

two concentric coaxial Ge(Li) detectors, outer detector 4-fold segmented

energy resolution 3.5 - 5 keV at 1.3 MeV



Fig. 1. Cross section of the polarimeter. W = thin window, CR = cryostat, C = crystal, T = Teflon insulation, P = crystal holder, F = cold finger.



#### **Composite Ge-detectors**



3(4) Ge(Li) detectors in a common cryostat

1976

resolution 2.1 keV at 1.3 MeV

for 3 but not for 4 detectors

FIG. 4. Three-crystal Compton polarimeter, Detector A acts as scatterer, the absorbers B and C are shielded from direct radiation by a 4 cm collimator of Densimed (see text). CR = cryostat, H = heat shielding.



## First escape suppression spectrometer at Liverpool



John Francis Sharpey-Schafer



## The scattering problem



High background hence suppression shield

High efficiency hence arrays of Escape Suppressed Spectrometer



## Arrays of Escape Suppressed Spectrometers

TESSA0 the Escape Suppressed Spectrometer Array

The first one TESSA

Daresbury study weekend 1979 nuclei far from stability

UK Denmark collaboration Niels Bohr Institute 1980-1982 FN tandem

5 Ge(Li), 5 NaI(Tl) suppression shields

 $\gamma^2$  factor of 8 improvement in ph. ph. coincidences

no channel selection



TESSA1 14 element multiplicity filter



## **TESSA0** the Escape Suppressed Spectrometer Array



## First Coulomb excitation experiments at UNILAC (1980)



 $i_{13/2}$  proton and  $j_{15/2}$  neutron alignment in <sup>235</sup>U and <sup>237</sup>Np



#### TESSA3, NORDBALL, 8π Spectrometer



~ 1987

### HERA at LBNL

BGO replaces NaI(Tl)  $1 \text{ cm} \approx 1 \text{ inch}$ HERA (LBNL) 21 ESS (25% eff.) + BGO ball $\gamma$ - $\gamma$ - $\gamma$  coincidences



## Development of high-purity Ge at LBNL, Ortec, Umicore ...

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September 19, 1977

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PURE AND COSTLY—Lawrence Berkeley Lab scientists (I-r) William Hansen, Eugene Haller and Scott Hubbard gaze at a germanium crystal worth about \$15,000. Purified germanium has scientific applications in archeological dating, geological and chemical analysis, nuclear chemistry, physics and medicine. (LBL Photo)

Production of Ge(li) detectors was abandoned after 1978 when high-purity Ge (HPGe) detectors became commercially available



## High Purity Germanium detector























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## The first case of a high spin superdeformed band





### GAMMASPERE 1993 Berkeley



70 detectors segmented into two halves to reduce the Doppler broadening

110 Ge detectors (70% eff.) escape suppression shields



M.A. Deleplanque, R.M. Diamond eds Gammasphere proposal 1987



#### **EUROGAM II**







24 CLOVER detectors with increased efficiency (130%) and improved granularity

F. A. Beck et al. Conf. Proc. 1994

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#### From EUROGAM to EUROBALL



γ-ray

Late 1980's:

Discussion of a cluster of seven detectors with large efficiency in add-back mode

Conclusion: seven hexagonal detectors in a common cryostat

**Encapsulated!** 





### The EUROBALL cluster detector







10 kg HPGE rel. efficiency 600%



#### EUROBALL-3 demonstrator at GSI 1993





#### Darmstadt-Heidelberg Crystal Ball and EUROBALL-3 demonstrator 1993





#### EUROBALL 1997 - 2003





#### EUROBALL (2003-2009) at RISING Rare ISotope INvestigation at GSI





implantation in Cu-plate or in 9 DSSSD

15 Cluster detectors with 105 Ge crystals  $\varepsilon_{\gamma} = 11\%$  at 1.3 MeV, 20% at 550 keV, 35% at 100 keV



very high γ-ray efficiency

high granularity (prompt flash problem)

S. Pietri et al., NIM B261 (2007), 1079



### EUROBALL at RISING stopped beam set-up (2006-2009)





### EUROBALL at RISING scattering experiment (2003-2005)







## 6-fold segmented, encapsulated MINIBALL detector







### Position-sensitive Ge-detectors (pulse shape analysis)







## MINIBALL at REX-ISOLDE





### Cluster and MINIBALL detectors at RISING 2005



GSI

## Doppler broadening and position resolution





## The idea of $\gamma$ -ray tracking

# Compton shielded Ge

 $\begin{array}{c}
\varepsilon_{ph} \sim 10\% \\
N_{det} \sim 100 \\
\Omega \sim 40\% \\
\theta \sim 8^{0}
\end{array}$ 

large opening angle means poor energy resolution at high recoil velocity



Previously scattered  $\gamma$ -rays were wasted Technology is available to track them

## Ge tracking array



#### combination of:

- segmented detectors
- digital electronics
- pulse processing
- tracking the -rays



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180 hexagonal crystals		3 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 <sub>γ</sub> =	1) 28% (M <sub>γ</sub> =30	)
Peak/Total:	58% (M <sub>y</sub> =	1) 49% (M <sub>γ</sub> =30	)



6660 high-resolution digital electronics channels Pulse Shape Analysis  $\rightarrow$  position sensitive operation mode  $\gamma$ -ray tracking algorithms to achieve maximum efficiency. Coupling to ancillary detectors for added selectivity





## AGATA detectors and AGATA triple-cluster



#### Signals from 36 segments + core

are measured as a function of time  $(\gamma$ -ray interaction point)





## Ingredients of gamma-ray tracking







## AGATA: pulse shape analysis



John Strachan







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# **PreSPEC-AGATA campaign** (2012)

(CORCOL)



AGATA Cluster array

Au, Be target

> HECTOR BaF<sub>2</sub> array

# PreSPEC-AGATA campaign (2012)

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http://ie.lbl.gov/atomic/x2.pdf

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### Scattering experiment at relativistic energies



$$\frac{E_{\gamma 0}}{E_{\gamma}} = \frac{1 - \beta \cdot \cos \theta_{\gamma}^{1 \, ab}}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$





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