Status of



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on behalf of NEDA collaboration

AGATA Week, Orsay, October 6th, 2016

Outline



- → Mechanical structure.
- \rightarrow Production of the detectors.
- \rightarrow Electronics.
- \rightarrow Time schedule.

GANIL 2018: AGATA + NE DA

- M. Bentley: In beam gamma-proton coincidence spectroscopy in ${}^{65}As$ isospin symmetry at the limits of proton binding. (+ DIAMANT) 20 UTs
- A. Boso: Isospin symmetry breaking and shape coexistence in mirror nuclei ⁷¹Kr ⁷¹Br. (+ DIAMANT) 20 UTs
- B. Cederwall: Search for isoscalar pairing in ⁸⁸Ru. (+ DIAMANT) 36 UTs
- B. Fornal, S. Leoni & M. Ciemała: Gamma decay from near-threshold states in ¹⁴C: a probe of clusterization phenomena in open quantum systems. (+ DIAMANT + DSSD + LaBr₃ + PARIS) 22 UTs
- S. Lenzi: Effects of Isospin Symmetry Breaking in the A=63 mirror nuclei. (+ DIAMANT) 17 UTs
- J. Nyberg: Studies of excited states in 102,103 Sn to deduce two-body neutron interactions, single-particle energies and N = Z = 50 core excitations. (+ DIAMANT) 32 UTs
- M. Palacz: Purity of the $g_{9/2}^n$ configuration based on lifetime measurements and energies of excited states in 94 Pd. (+ FATIMA) 23 UTs
- J.J. Valiente Dobon & E. Clément: Shell evolution of neutron-deficient Xe isotopes: Octupole and Quadrupole Correlations above ¹⁰⁰Sn. (+ DIAMANT + Plunger) 32 UTs

202 UTs = 67 beam days





Courtesy of Alan Grant, Ian Burrows & Mike Cordwell



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Self production [hand made], using:

- → Detector vessels and PMT housings are made by welding flanges to hexagonal profiles;
- → EJ520 TiO₂ paint; TorrSeal; 5" 5mm BK7 glass;
- \rightarrow Expansion bellow $\Delta T = 40$ K;
- \rightarrow EJ301 (BC501) liquid scintillator.
- \rightarrow SBA R11833-100HA 5" PMT (32% Q.E.)
- \rightarrow custom transistorized VD provided by Świerk
- \rightarrow mu-metal shielding (1 mm)
- \rightarrow Array structure (design on the final state)





Fig. 1. Elements used for the construction of the NEDA detector: detector cell, with extension pipe (1); PMT (2); PMT housing (3); PMT pusher (4); the bellow (5) and the support for the bellow (6).

















Production – current status NE DA

- \rightarrow 8 detectors finished (2400-2600 phe/MeVee);
- \rightarrow 4 detectors under vacuum-tightness test;
- \rightarrow 4 vessels prepared to be painted;
- \rightarrow 16 vessels after etching;
- \rightarrow 24 vessels to be delivered soon;
- \rightarrow 7 vessels for machining.

Have:

- \rightarrow 99.5 litre of EJ301;
- \rightarrow 7 litre of paint;
- \rightarrow 472 g of the glue;
- \rightarrow 52 glass windows;
- \rightarrow 7.65 kg of the grease.
- \rightarrow 52 PMTs;
- \rightarrow 55 (+20) VDs.



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GOAL(s):

- \rightarrow 60 dets in early 2018;
- → 24+ dets in Dec 2016 for neutron imagining measurement in Orsay
 - J.N. Wilson et al.

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Electronics





Figure 20: Global electronics layout for 48 NEDA detectors

Electronics



Numexo2 (16 ch) x7 🖌 ADC mezzanines (4 ch) x25 🖌 single ended to differential converter (4 ch) – under tests GTS mezzanines (tree 3-1) x4 🖌 NIM GTS Carriers (4 mezzanines) x1 🖌 NIM crates 2kW (12 ch) x1 RG58-blue MM11/50 150 cables 15 m 🖌 SHV cables 🖌 HDMI cables x30 – under tests Linco2 (8 ch) x13 optical fiber MPO MPO (16 ch) x7 optical adapter MPO to LC (16 ch) x7 ? DAQ? ? workstations? ? storage disk server?



Single ended to differential NE DA converter



First fully NEDA signal





Acknowledges: GANIL, Valencia, Daresbury, Kraków, CERN, LNL.

HDMI NEDA cables

X. Egea (LNL), M. Tripon (GANIL), M. Jastrząb (Kraków)



- Several tests have been applied to different cables in order to test their performance.
- Among them we may mention the bandwidth, crosstalk, impednace and reflections, and EMC (electromagnetic compatibility).
- On the picture on the left it is shown the **HDMI cable.**
- The HDMI 1.4 version, including a double shield, makes an important improvement against high-voltage peaks.









- Top → (From left to right): Crosstalk, reflections and EMC measurements. Bottom → Bandwidth
- The HDMI 1.4 has a big stiffness and it might be a little bit problematic mechanically.

	2016		2018					
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1		
Detector production								
Production								
Characterisation (Npe, NGD)								
Mechanical structure								
Final design								
Production								
Installation and commissioning								
Electronics – Hardware								
PMTs – purchase & CAT								
VDs – purchase								
NUMEXO 2, FADC mezzanines		have						
SEDIFF – design & tests								
SEDIFF – mass production								
Signal cables (x150 RG58-blue MM11/50, 15m)		have						
SHV cables (x150)		have						
HDMI cables – tests								
HDMI cables – purchase								
NIM GTS carriers, GTS mezzanines, NIM crates								
HV cards – buying / repairing								
MPO fibres, MPO-LC adapters								
Electronics – Firmware								
FPGA – NGD								
FPGA – NGD – test								
FPGA – TDC								
FPGA – TDC – test								
FPGA – GTS		done						
FPGA – GTS – test								
Firmware integration								
Source test								
NWall transportation					???	???		
Final assembly (dets & mech & electronics)						???		
General test						???		



Collaboration



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Backup slides follow

FADC Mezzanine

X. Egea and A. Gadea (IFIC,CSIC, Valencia)



- 4-channel acquisition with a sampling rate of 250 Msps and 14bit resolution.
- Use of a PLL for jitter cleaning and clock synchronization
- 6 W power consumption at 250 MHz.
- Possibility to use a variable offset by using a 16-bit digital-to-analog converter.
- Includes 2 QFS-026-04,75-LD-PC4 connectors, and thorugh them, differential signals, control lines and power lines are transmitted by using the same connector.
- Includes an HDMI PCB receptacle, which will link the front-end electronics with the FADC mezzanine.

- 10 layers have been used in order to make possible this design by using high-speed layout techniques.
- The FADC follows an easy and straigthforward placement and routing. Besides, symmetry has been provided in order to make an easier design.
- The board dimensions fit on the NIM standard, where 4 of these will be inserted into the crate. (42mm wide + 98.5 mm long)
- Most of the QFS lines are linked to the





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n selection



EXOGAM experiment: ⁵⁸Ni (240 MeV) + ⁵⁴Fe



Why not NW?



An example:

Attempt to study ¹⁰⁰In – $1v 1\pi^{-1}$ outside ¹⁰⁰Sn 3n evaporation channel – the only 3n case with NWall (+ EUROBALL)



¹⁰⁰In not observed, but observation only a matter of statistics.
 10x statistics: → ½ a a year with EXOGAM + NWall,
 → 2-3 weeks with EXOGAM + NEDA.

Other crucial nuclei accessible in 3n evap. channels, including ¹⁰¹Sn.

Single cell

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NUCLEAR



Scintillator





Full geometry





Timing

Digital timing algorithm for various 5" PMTs







Digital PSA algorithm for various 5" PMTs

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Fig. 10. FOM values of the IRT method for PMT ET9390kb, R11833-100, XP4512, and R4144 as a function of energy window (the widths of the windows are 10, 40, and 100 keVee in energy regions of 50–100, 100–500, and 500–1000 keVee, respectively).

PMT tests for best NGD for NEDA



Light yield NEDA



Quality starts from the initial signal.



Prototype



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Physics with NEDA





RIB: n tagging in transfer reactions



Lifetime measurements



E.Clement et al. Int.J.Mod.Phys. E20, 415 (2011) T.R. Rodríguez Phys.Rev. C 90, 034306 (2014)





Fig. 2. Digitized waveforms averaged over 10⁵ events for the four 5 in. PMTs coupled to a cylindrical 5 in. by 5 in. BC501A. The sampling frequency of the digitizer was 500 MS/s. The waveforms were normalized to a pulse height of 1000 and time aligned at the maximum of the signal. Dashed lines are drawn at 10%, 90%, at the maximum and at the baseline of the waveform to guide the eye.

Aim of NEDA

- Develop a neutron detector array to be used with AGATA, EXOGAM2, GALILEO, PARIS, etc., for experiments with high intensity stable and radioactive ions beams at SPES, SPIRAL2 and at other facilities.
- The array should have:
- → Increased neutron detection efficiency compared to Neutron Wall: $\epsilon(1n) \approx 40\%$ (20-25%), $\epsilon(2n) \approx 6\%$ (1-3%), $\epsilon(3n) \approx 1\%$ (0.1 %)
- \rightarrow Excellent neutron-gamma discrimination.
- \rightarrow Superiour 1n/2n/3n discrimination.
- \rightarrow Capability to run at much higher count rates than current arrays.
- → Cope with large neutron multiplicities in reactions with neutron-rich RIBs.
- \rightarrow Improved neutron energy resolution for reaction studies.

Is it worth
the effort ? $\epsilon(1n) \approx 40\% (20-25\%), \epsilon(2n) \approx 6\% (1-3\%).$ $\epsilon(3n) \approx 1\% (0.1\%)$

- The primary application of NEDA is to act as neutron multiplicity filter in γ-ray fusion-evaporation studies of very neutron deficient nuclei, close to N=Z
 - probe of T=0 correlations (like 92Pd)
 - ¹⁰⁰Sn region: SPE, nucleon-nucleon interactions and core excitations
 - Coulomb Energy Differences in isobaric multiplets, T=0 vs. T=1 states
 - Low-lying collective modes (proton pygmy dipole resonance, ${}^{34}Ar + {}^{16}O \rightarrow {}^{44}Cr + \alpha 2n$, with PARIS)
- The power of the new neutron detector can be especially demonstrated in studies in which detection of 2 or more neutrons is required

Tests of NEDA prototype detectors

- 5x5 inch cylinders
- BC501A and BC537 -2 of each type
- Photonis XP4512
- Struck SIS3350 (500 MHz, 12 bit)
- VME-based DAQ system by J. Agramunt-Ros
- BaF₂ for time reference





Legnaro

NEDA tests: digital neutron/γ discrimination

P.-A. Söderström (RIKEN, Nishina, Japan; Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden)

Figure of merit: ϵ_{γ} = fraction of γ rays mis-identified as neutrons.



NIM draft

Shown in plots:

- y-axis: ϵ_{γ} = fraction of γ rays identified as neutrons.
- x-axis: energy deposited in the detector in units of keV_{ee} (keV electron-equivalent).
- Top (bottom) figure: 75% (95%) of the neutrons remain after neutron-gamma discrimination.
- Filled (open) symbols: BC501A (BC537)
- Digital neutron- γ discrimination methods:
 - Circles: Artificial neural network
 - Triangles: Integrated rise-time
 - Squares: Charge-comparison

Conclusions:

- ANN is best in particular at small energies.
- BC501A is better than BC537.

Conclusions on deuterated vs proton-based scintillator

- → better light to energy correlation for deuterated scintillator only for small detectors – not NEDA case.
- Proton-based BC501A:
- \rightarrow gives more light;
- → has higher efficiency;
- → has better time resolution;
- \rightarrow has better n/ γ discrimination;
- \rightarrow has smaller scattering probability (p_{1n->2n});
- \rightarrow is much less expensive.

NEDA decided to use standard proton based scintillator

Design of a NEDA detector

- $\phi = 127 \text{ mm} \text{PMT} \text{ diameter}$
- L = 200 mm length







drawings by Nicola Lollo

Phases of NEDA

Phase 0: Upgrade of NWall electronics (going digital)



• Phase 1: Construction of 1π array, combined with NWall

MoU (4 years)

signed in

March 2012





 Phase 3: R&D on new material and light readout systems for a highly segmented neutron detector array.

Phases 0 to 2 (90 detectors)

	2012				2013			2014				2015				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Electronics																
Manufacturing Tests																
Mass Production																
Tests																
Detectors																
Design single det.																
Production single det.																
Test detectors																
Mechanics																
Design Mechanics																
Production Mechanics																
Voltage Dividers																
Design																
Production																
Tests																
Photo Multipliers																
Launch purchase																
Final Asembly																
General Tests																

Estimated cost phase 0 to 2: ~ 0.5 MEuro full NEDA ~ 1.3 MEuro

Summary and outlook

→ NEDA will be a neutron detector array to address the physics of neutron-rich and neutron-defficient nuclei in conjuntion with γ -ray arrays like EXOGAM2, AGATA, GALILEO, PARIS.

- \rightarrow Geant4 simulations:
- model validated;
- optimal size of detector units: 20 cm length, 5" diameter;
- BC501A better then BC537 for our needs;
- conceptual design: staircase geometry, 2Π , r = 1.0 m, 355 units.
- \rightarrow experimental tests BC501A and BC537: proton based better: efficiency, NGD.
- \rightarrow self production of the cells.
- \rightarrow development of electronics in synergy with EXOGAM2 and PARIS.
- \rightarrow NEDA will be built in phases: MoU signed in March 2012.
- → work on digital PSD, multiplicity identification and timing algorithms in progress.
- \rightarrow mechanical design of detector units in progress.

Organization of NEDA

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Neutron Wall

Experiments performed with EUROBALL at LNL (1998) and at IReS (2001-2003), and with EXOGAM at GANIL (2005-).

Combined with charged particle detector arrays (EUCLIDES, DIAMANT, CUP, ...).





GANIL home base since 2005.

Four experimental campaigns at GANIL with EXOGAM + DIAMANT and other detectors (2005-2009).

Next campaign (two experiments): GANIL 2012.

Physics with NEDA

NEDA will address the physics of neutron-rich as well as neutron-deficient nuclei, mainly in conjunction with gamma-ray detector arrays like AGATA, GALILEO, EXOGAM2 and PARIS.

Nuclear Structure

- Probe of the T=0 correlations in N=Z nuclei: the structure beyond ⁹²Pd (Uppsala, LNL, Padova, GANIL, Stockholm, York)
- Coulomb Energy Differences in isobaric multiplets: T=0 versus T=1 states (Warsaw, LNL, Padova, GANIL, York)
- Coulomb Energy Differences and Nuclear Shapes (York, Padova, GANIL)
- Low-lying collective modes in proton rich nuclei (Valencia, Krakow, Istanbul, Milano, LNL, Padova)

Nuclear Astrophysics

- Element abundances in the Inhomogeneous Big Bang Model (Weizmann, Soreq, GANIL)
- Isospin effects on the symmetry energy and stellar collapse (Naples, Debrecen, LNL, Florence)
- Nuclear Reactions
 - Level densities of neutron-rich nuclei (Naples, LNL, Florence)
 - Fission dynamics of neutron-rich intermediate fissility systems (Naples, Debrecen, LNL, GANIL)

NEDA coupled to AGATA/GALILEO/EXOGAM2/PARIS



Digital electronics: EXOGAM2-NEDA-PARIS

NUMEXO2



NEDA test setup

The tests are being performed at LNL with the following instrumentation:

- 2 x BC501A (5" x 5" cylindrical prototype detector)
- 2 x BC537 (5" x 5" cylindrical prototype detector)
- SIS3302 100 MS/s, 16 bits 8 ch. digitizer (analog setup)
- SIS3350 500 MS/s, 12 bits 4 ch. digitizer
- DAQ by IFIC, J. Agramunt
- Digital PSA
- Relative efficiency performance
- Cross-talk between the detectors







NEDA test: PSA Neural Network

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Full advantage of digital electronics can be obtained using artificial neural networks to perform pulse-shape discrimination. This method is currently being investigated both for BC537 and BC501A.

+ Optimal discrimination over a large ene - Slower implementation limits counting ra by G. Jaworski

In beam test with the NW

- First in-beam waveform taking (two weeks ago @GANIL)
- 124 MeV ⁴⁰Ca onto ⁵⁸Ni 6 mg/cm2 and ¹²C
 0.5 mg/cm2
- PSA algorithms
- MATACQ digitizer, 1GS/s, 14 bit





With current technological status ...

- Three main options:
 - 200 detectors BC501A PM readout Digital electronics
 - Total cost: 600K€ (BC501A) + 200K€(Elec.) + 40K€ (mechanics) = 840 K€
 - 200 detectors BC537 PM readout Digital electronics
 - Total cost: 2000K€ (BC537) + 200K€(Elec.) + 40K€ (mechanics) = 2240 K€
 - Upgrade Neutron Wall Phase 0 (Digital electronics)
 - Total cost (50 channels) = 40K€

NEDA test: PSA Charge Comparison



Interactions of neutrons in the scintillator



Neutron - gamma discrimination

Liquid scintillators give a difference in signal pulse shapes for neutrons and gamma rays:

- neutrons (recoiling protons) slow light component (τ~300 ns)
- γ rays (electrons) fast light component (τ~3 ns)

Pulse shape combined with TOF gives w γ -ray as neutron interpretation probability ~ 0.1 %.

Present NWall: pulse shape discrimination analog. NEDA will use digital techniques.



plot by P.-A. Soderstrom





J. Ljungvall et al. NIM A528 (2004) 741



Distance between detectors

Validation of the simulations



Geant 4 simulations



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Geant 4 simulations

Neutron detection efficiency



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Tests of NEDA prototype detectors



²⁵²Cf neutron energy distribution

Transverse position of the sig. interaction



Preliminary time line of NEDA

