

Nuclear Structure, Nuclear Astrophysics and Reactions

Key Questions

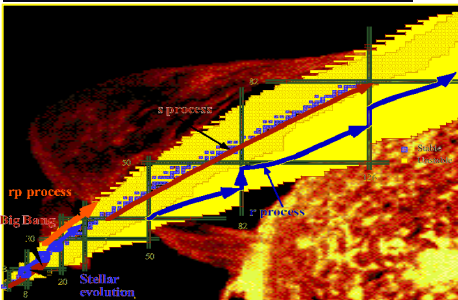
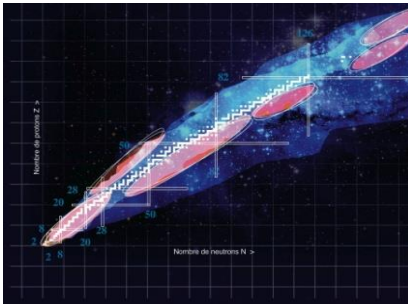
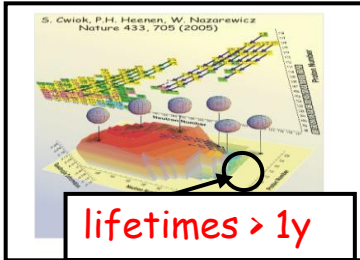
What are the limits of the heaviest elements?

What are the limits of stability ?

Exploration of terra incognita,
neutron rich region, haloes and skin,
elusive magic numbers, new decays,
new shapes, EOS and symmetry

How the elements are made in the Universe Nuclear Astrophysics

The nucleus ,a laboratory to study
Fundamental interactions- High
precision experiments

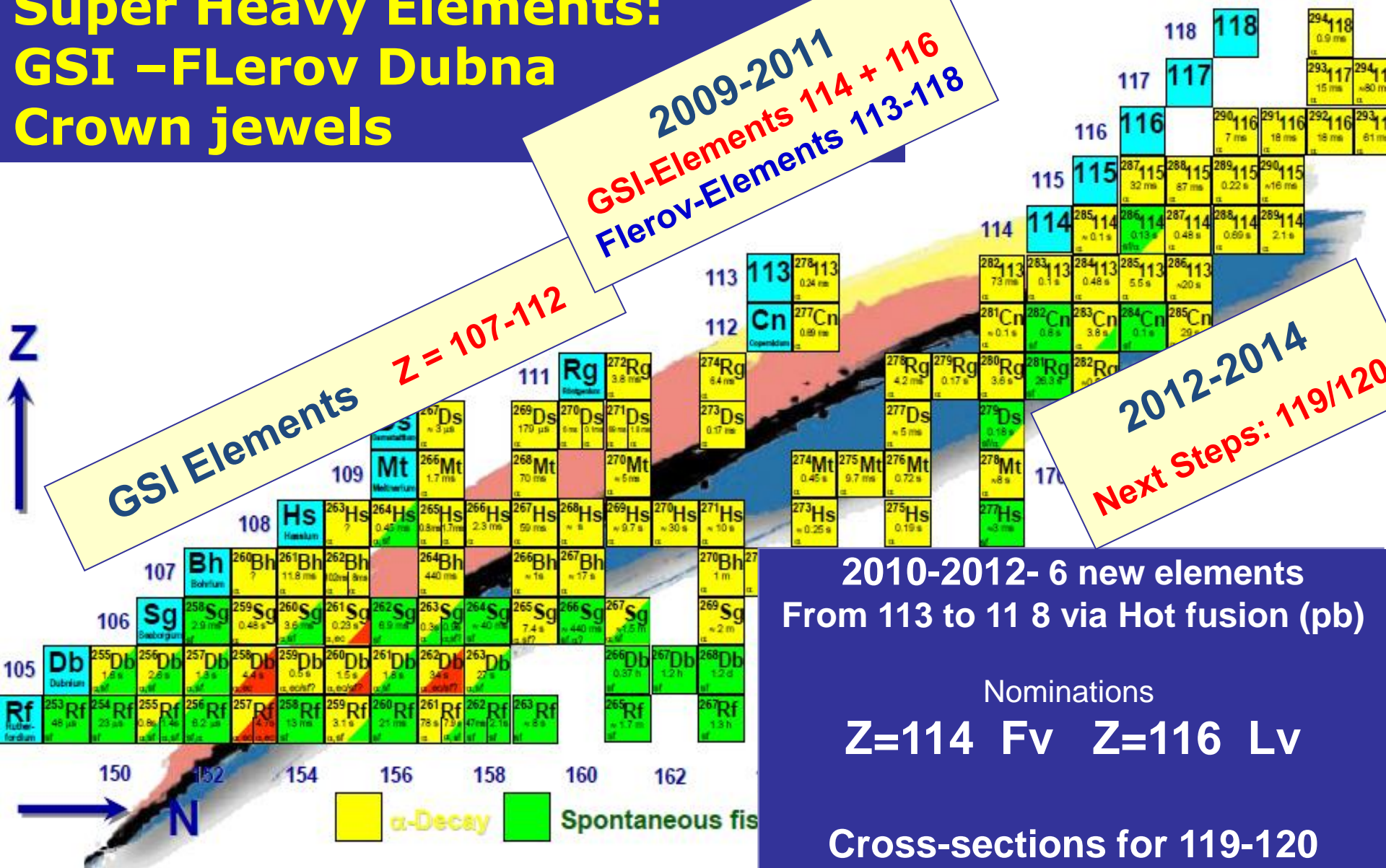


Super Heavy Elements: GSI –FLerov Dubna Crown jewels

2009-2011
GSI-Elements 114 + 116
Flerov-Elements 113-118

GSI Elements $Z = 107-112$

2012-2014
Next Steps: 119/120

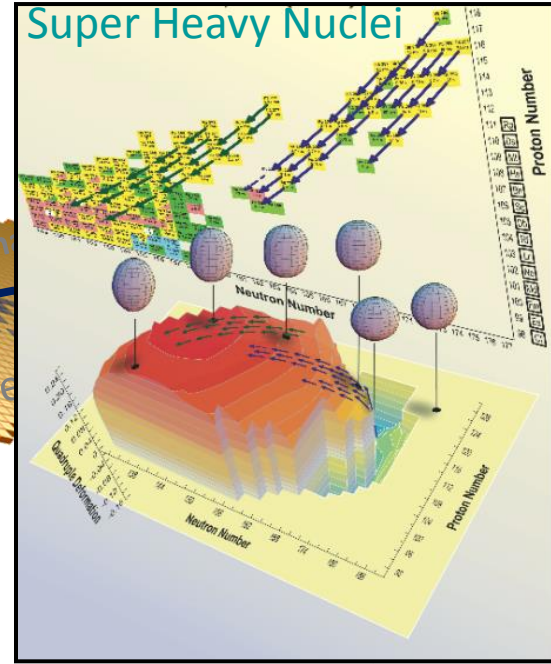
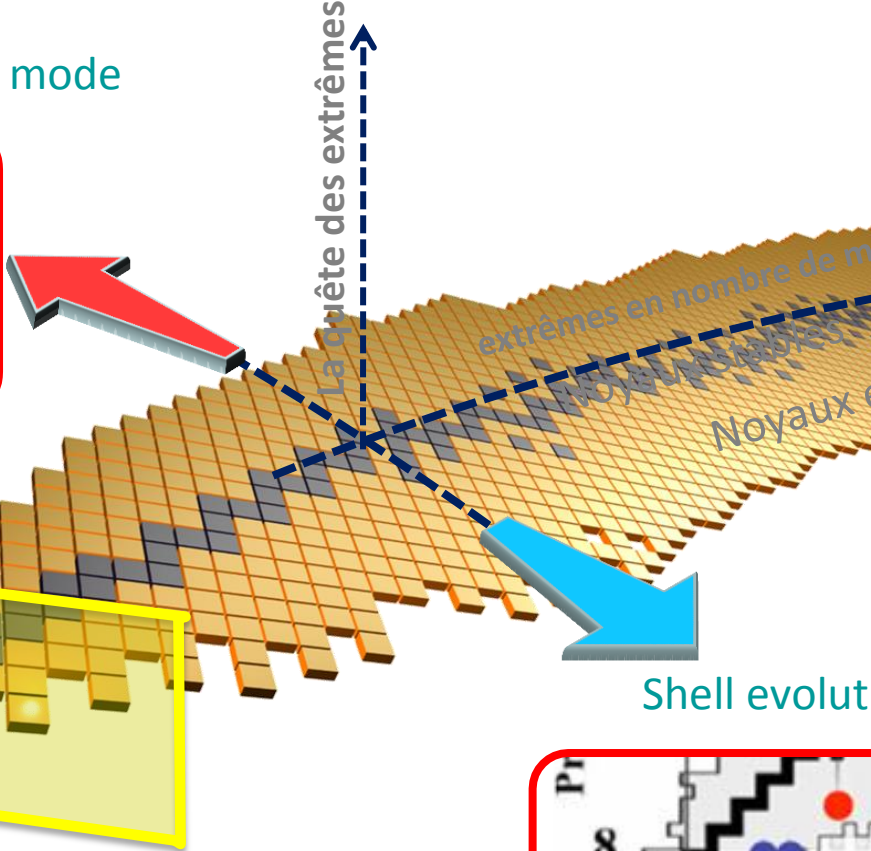
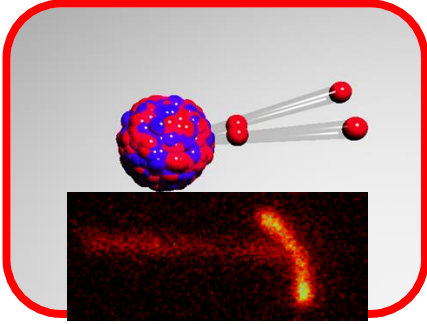


2010-2012- 6 new elements
From 113 to 118 via Hot fusion (pb)

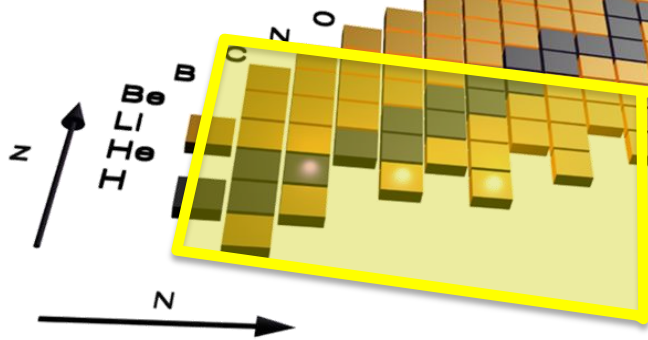
Nominations
 $Z=114$ Fv $Z=116$ Lv

Cross-sections for 119-120
Below 60fb

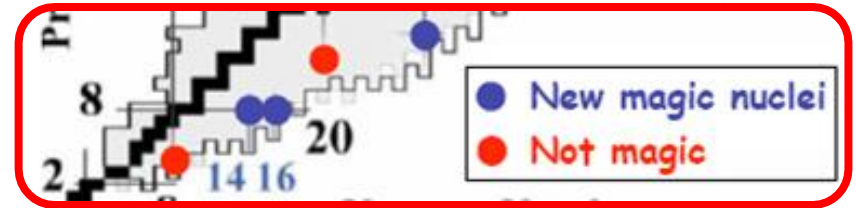
New radioactive decay mode



Shell evolution ,magicity

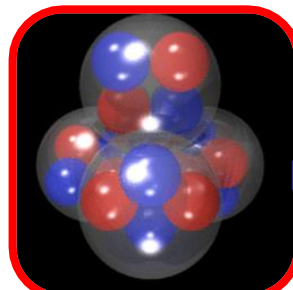
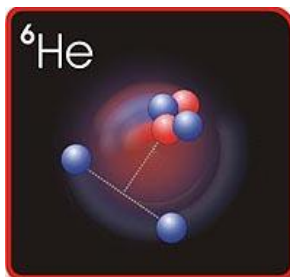


Super- Heavy ${}^7\text{H}$

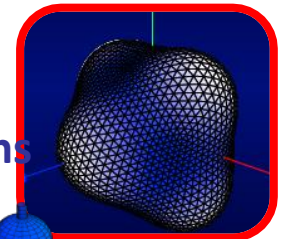


Halos

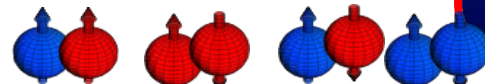
Clusters



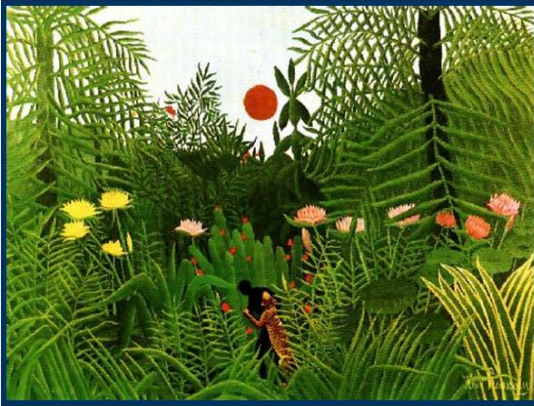
New shapes & Symmetries



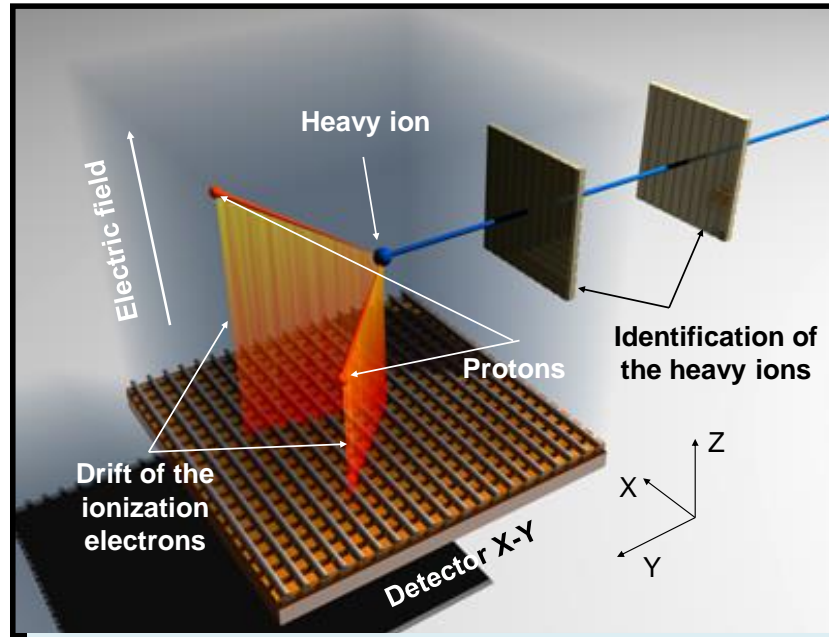
New pairing correlations



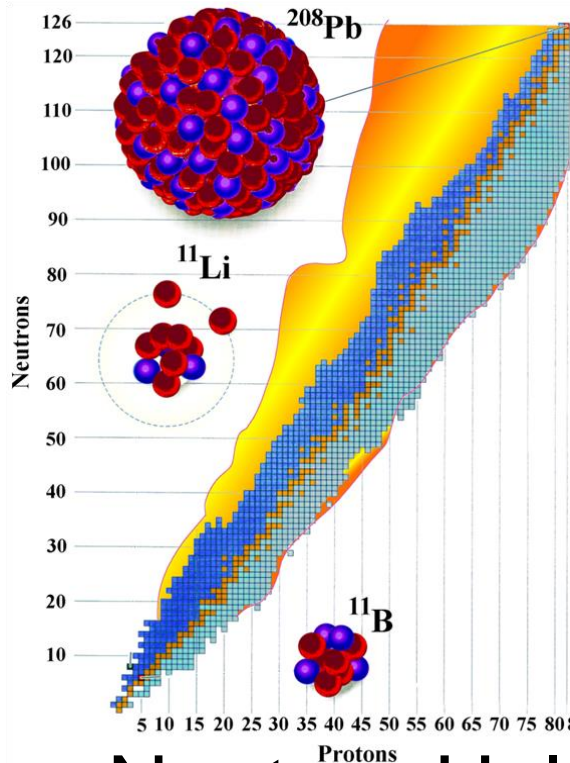
Exotic Nuclei : Discoveries



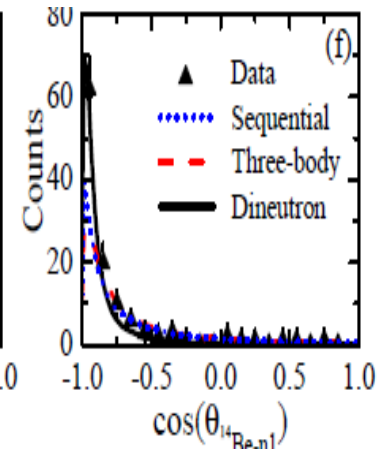
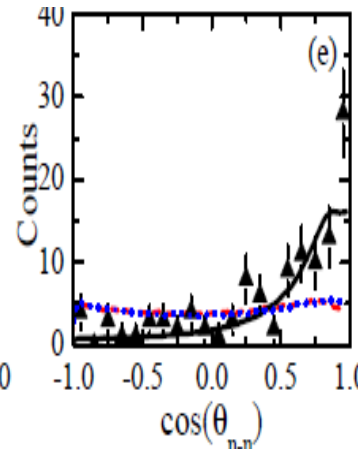
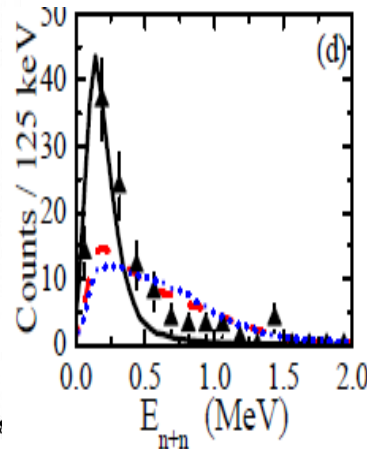
H. Rousseau, *Forêt Vierge ...*



Two-proton radioactivity ^{54}Zn

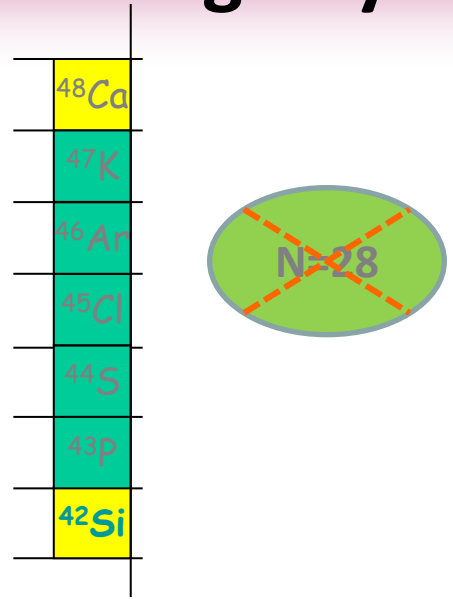
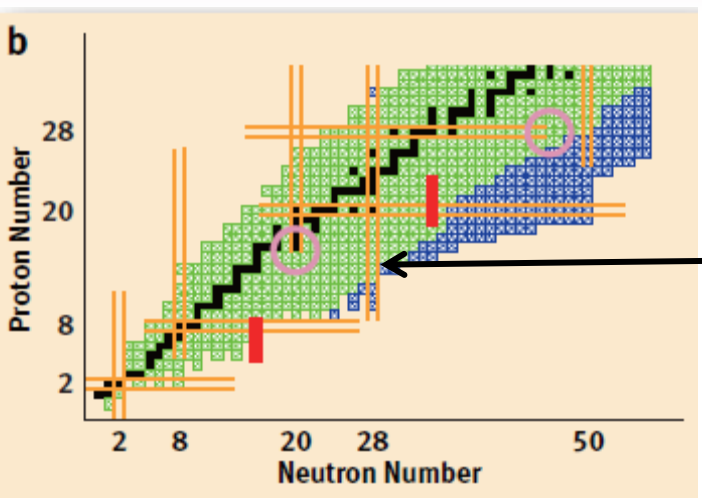


Neutron Halo



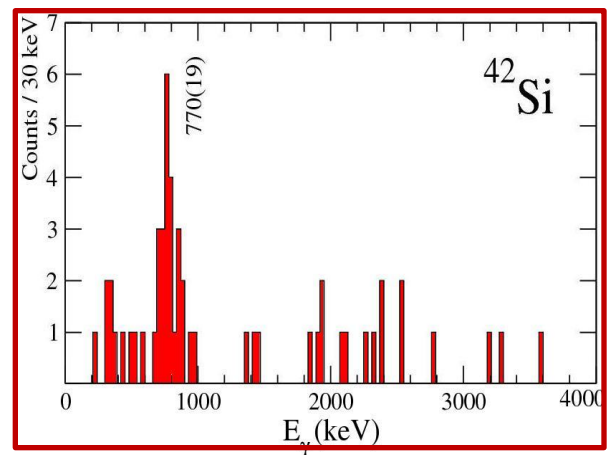
^{16}Be decays by correlated $2n$

Shell Structure : N=28 « Magicity lost ?

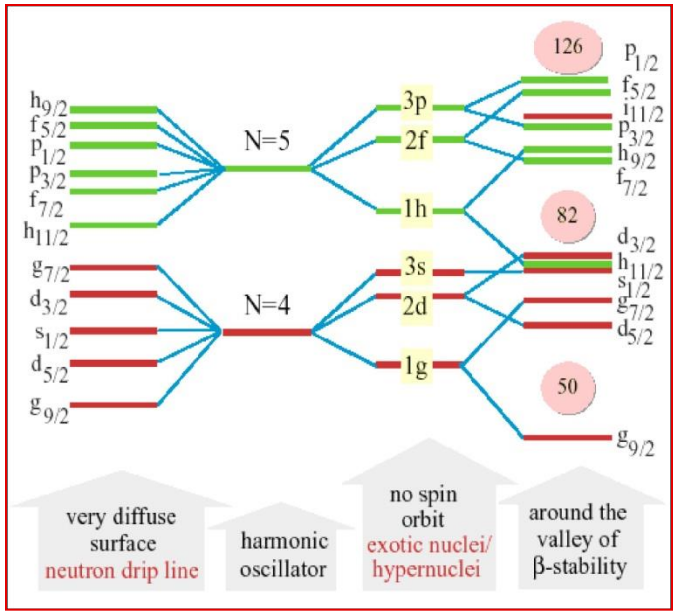


First exemple associated to change of spin-orbit gap

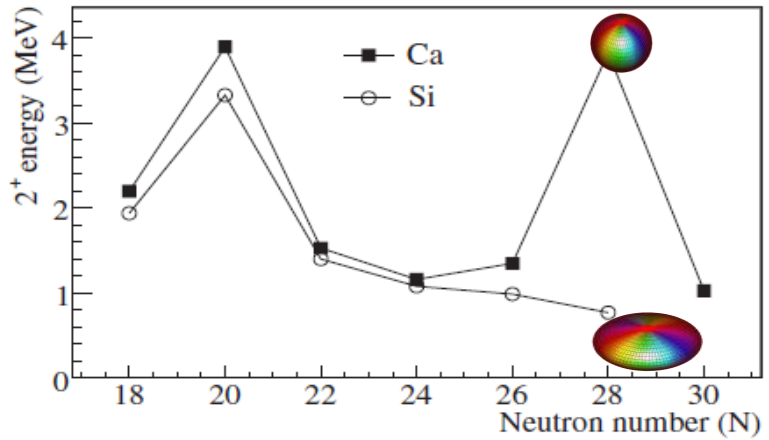
Expts at GANIL



Role of the tensor force

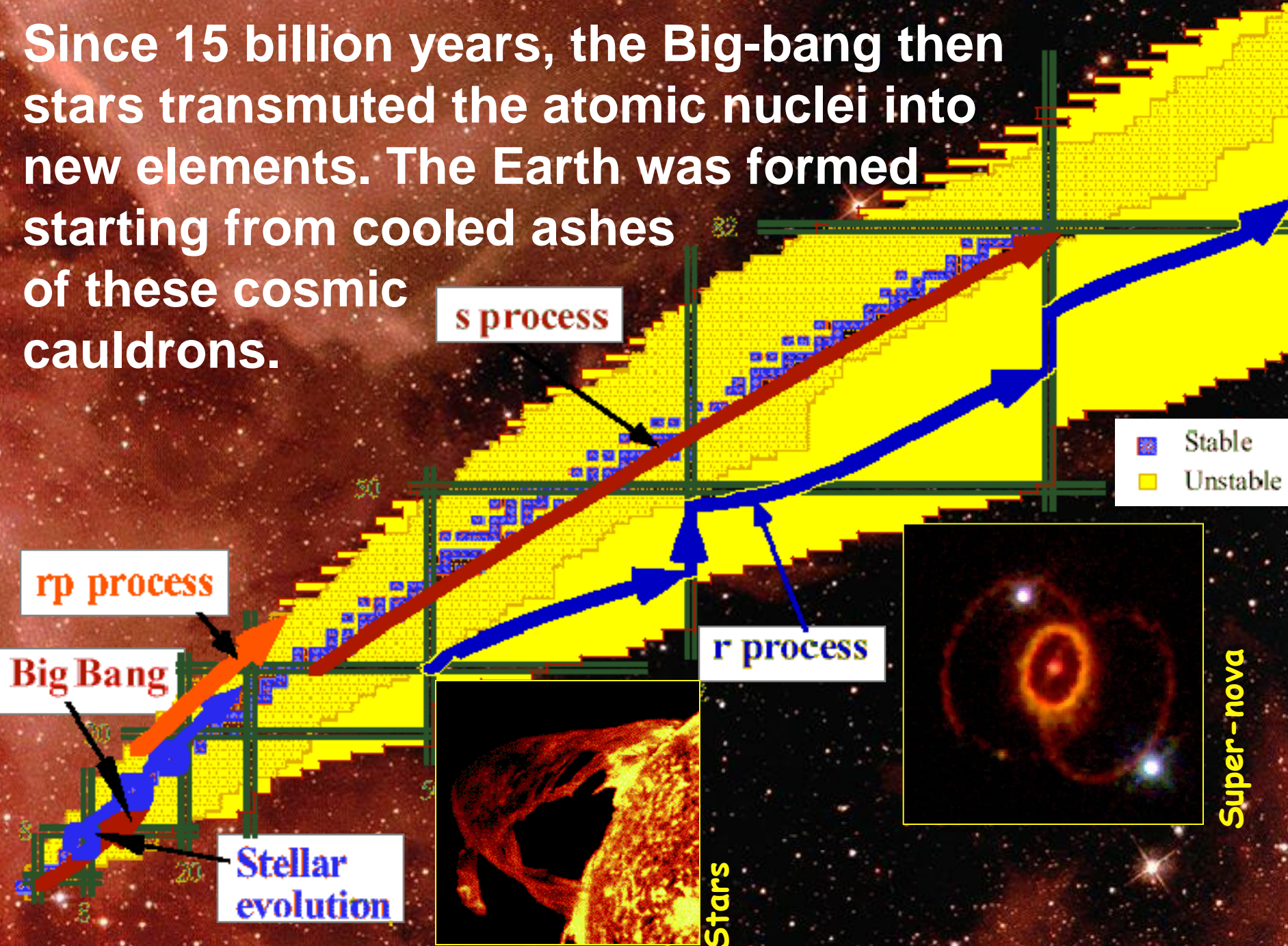


Strong Gs deformation in 42Si
« in -flight gamma spectroscopy »



Isospin Dependence of Mean Field

Since 15 billion years, the Big-bang then stars transmuted the atomic nuclei into new elements. The Earth was formed starting from cooled ashes of these cosmic cauldrons.



Stable
Unstable

rp process

Big Bang

Stellar evolution

s process

r process

Stars

Super-nova

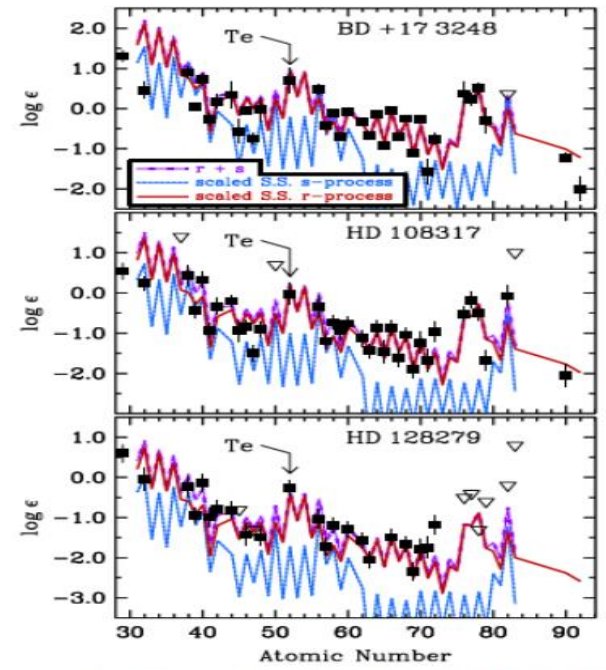
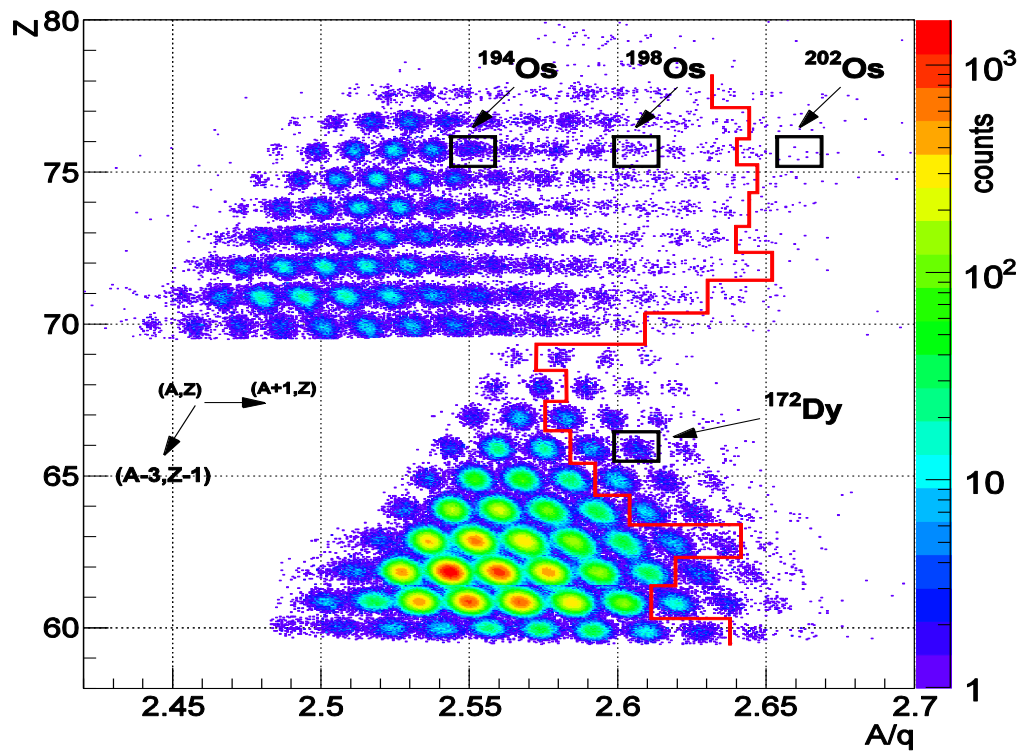
GSI- Discovery of 57 New Isotopes

South-east of ^{208}Pb

Jan Kurcewicz, Fabio Farinon et al.

Neutron Rich Nuclei and R -process nucleosynthesis

$A > 100$ Abundance pattern
Fit the solar abundance well



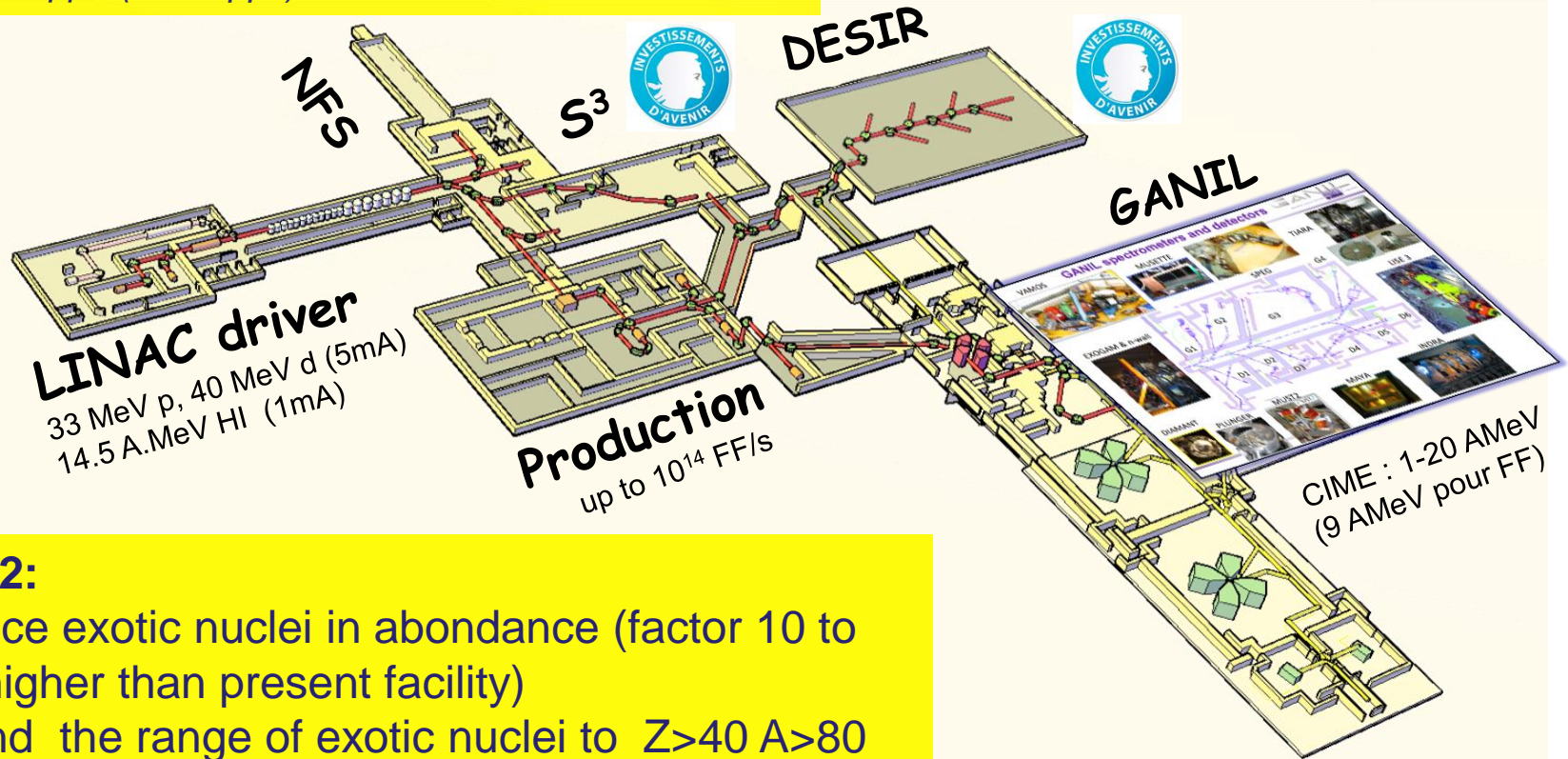
Roederer et al., Ap. J. Lett. 747, L8 (2012)

Impressive interplay between Observations, Astrophysics models and Nuclear properties (Mass, lifetime, cross-sections, decay modes)

SPIRAL2 a national priority

Phase1: Increase the intensity of stable beams by a factor 10 to 100 – High intense neutron source $10\mu\text{A}$ ($6 \cdot 10^{13}$ pps) $A < 50$

DESIR (low energy facility)



Phase2:

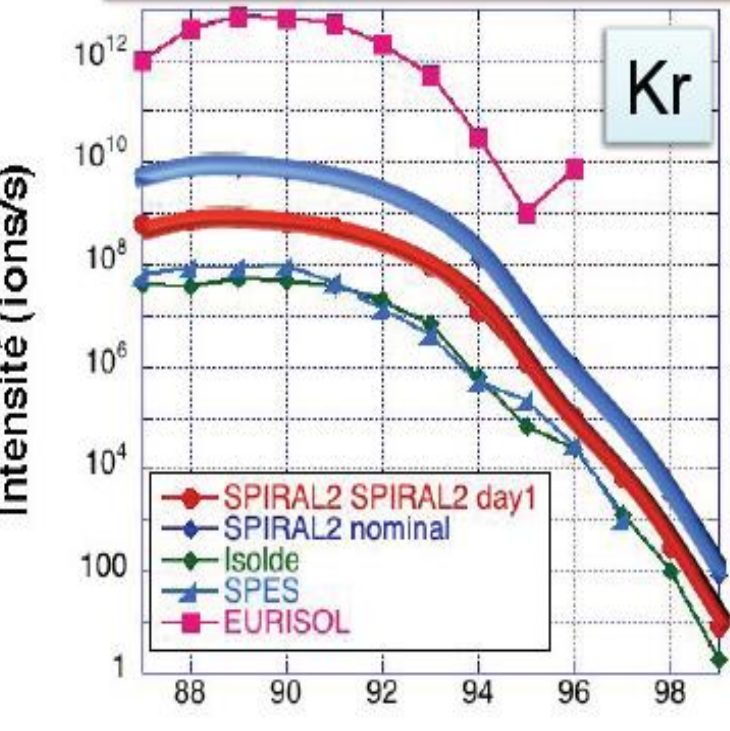
- Produce exotic nuclei in abundance (factor 10 to 1000 higher than present facility)
- Expand the range of exotic nuclei to $Z > 40$ $A > 80$

Investment :
Cost: 151,7 M€ & >23 M€ detectors

Post-acceleration of high intensity RIB through the CIME cyclotron to the curent GANIL facility

SPIRAL 2: Experiments with RIB at low cross sections and very exotic nuclei at few MeV/nucleon

SPIRAL2 – ISOL facilities



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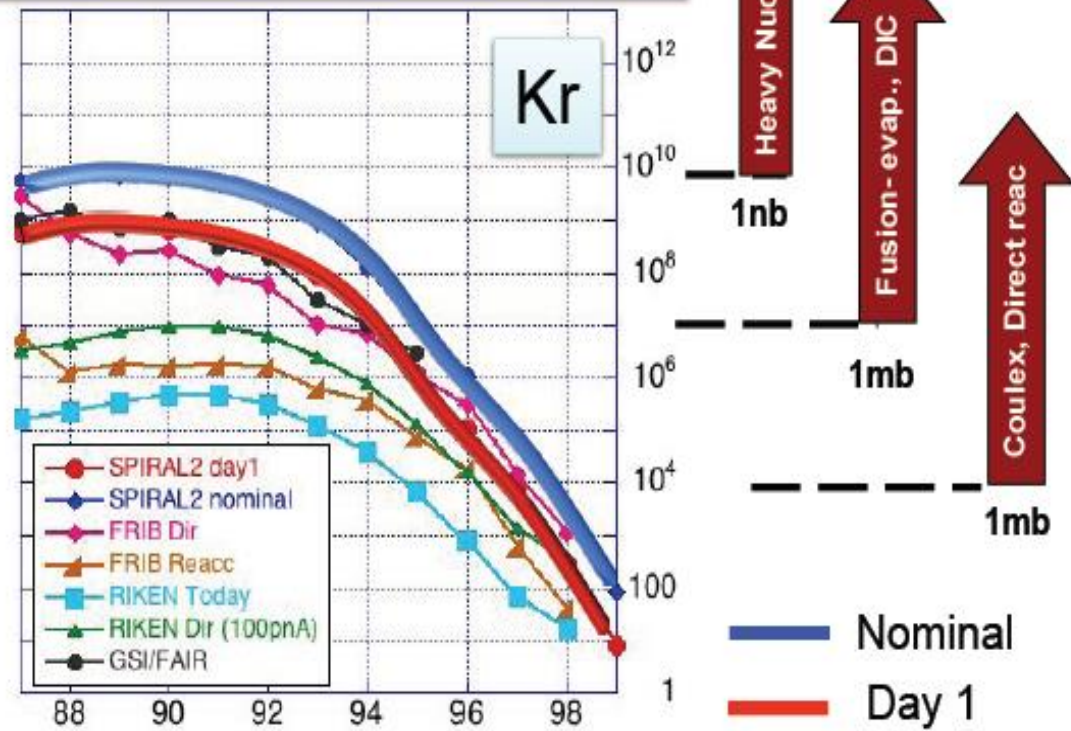
ISOL RIB beams:

- high intensity, optical quality & purity

Versatility:

- light & HI, high-intensity stable-ion & RIB

SPIRAL2 – In flight facilities



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- Multi-beam capabilities,

- Months of beam-time

- World-class arrays & detectors

Phase 1





Feb 2011



May 2011



May 2012



Oct 2011

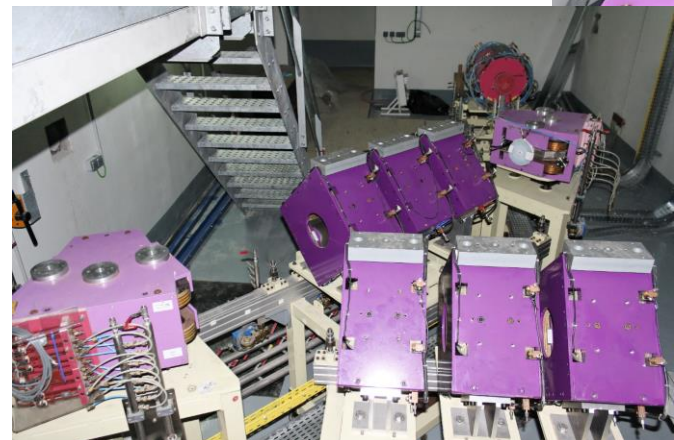
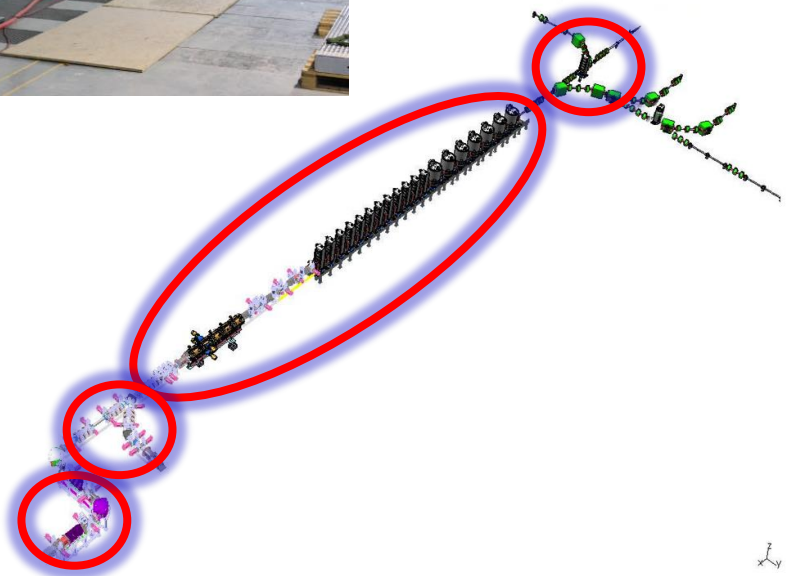


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March 2013

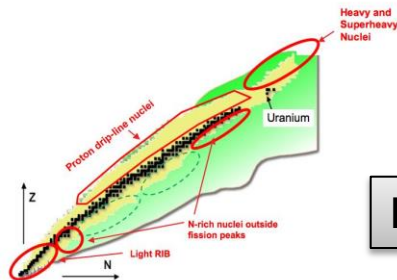
Installation is ongoing



March 2013

S3 Physics case (16 Lols)

- VHE – SHE elements
- Proton drip-line and $N=Z$
- Nuclear astrophysics
- Atomic physics



First experiment in 2015

High power
Rotating targets
including actinides

Beam dump
& Movable
fingers

Large
acceptance
SC Multipoles



FISIC setup
Fast Ion Slow
Ion Collisions

Implantation-decay
station at the mass
dispersive plan

DESIR

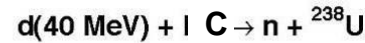
Low
Energy
Branch

Phase 2

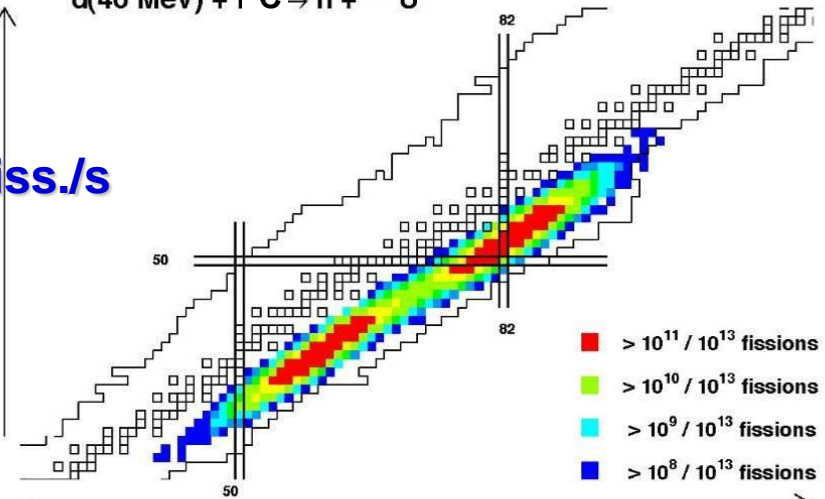
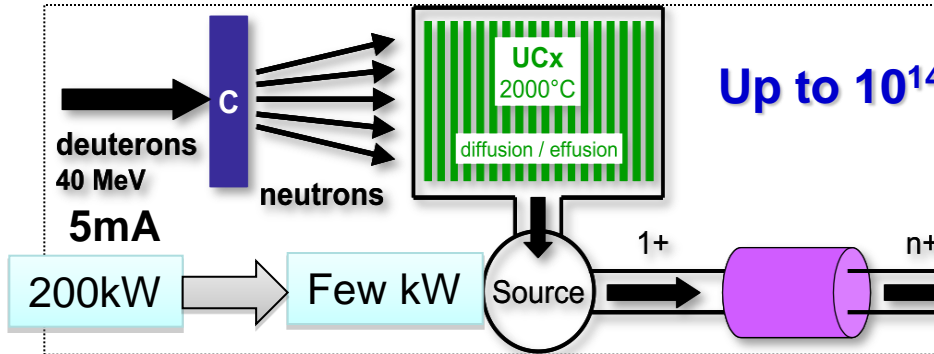


ISOL Rare Isotope Beams at SPIRAL 2

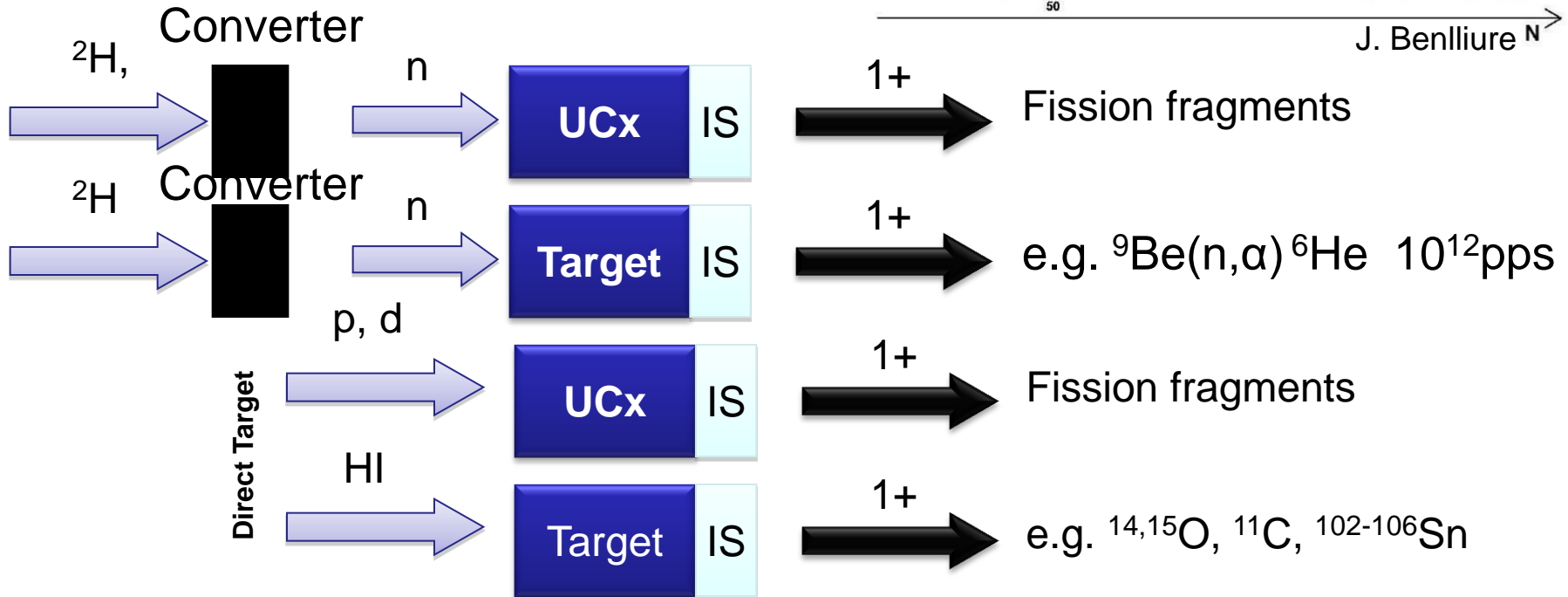
Up to 2.3 kg HD UC₂



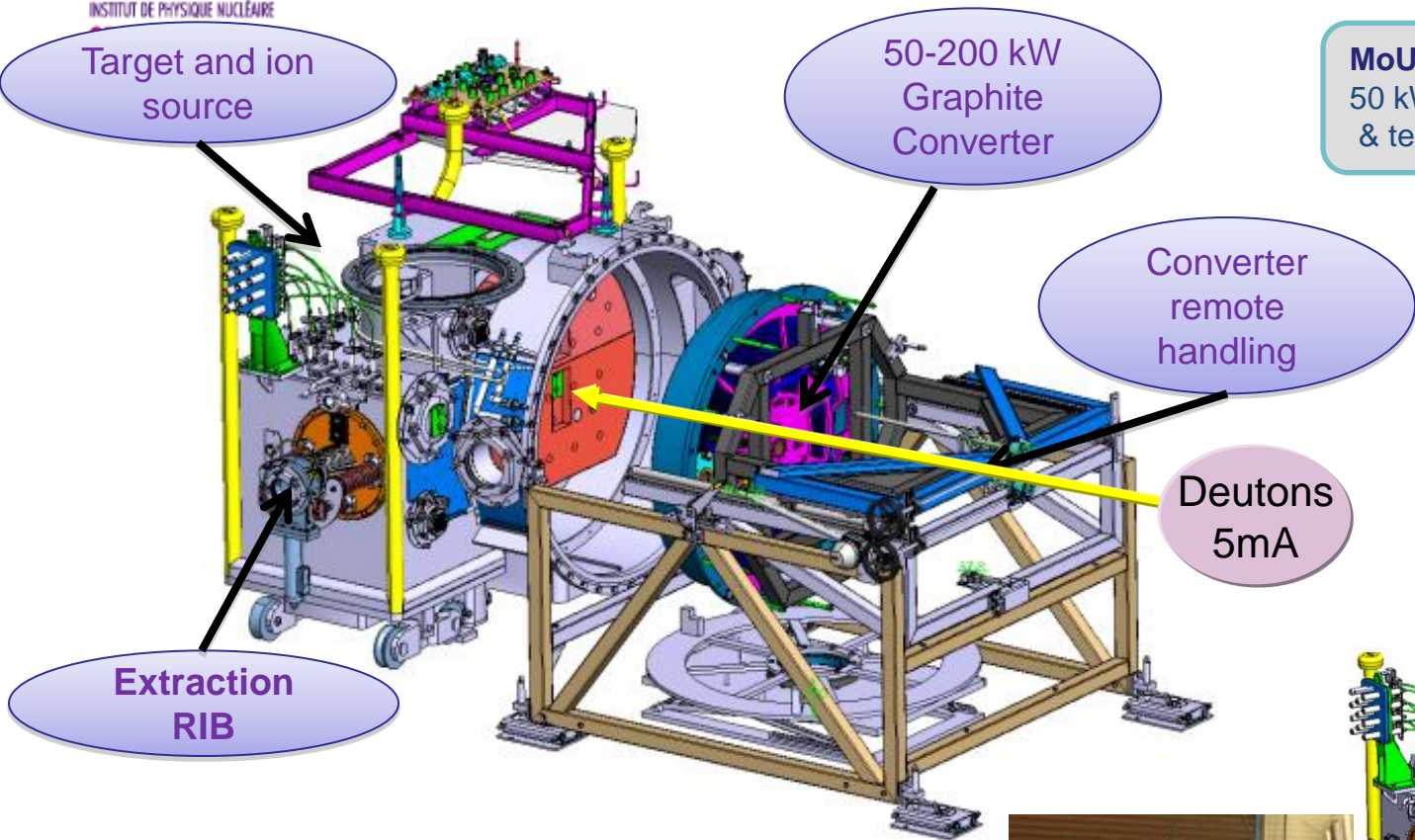
Decoupling the power of the driver beam from the RIB production target



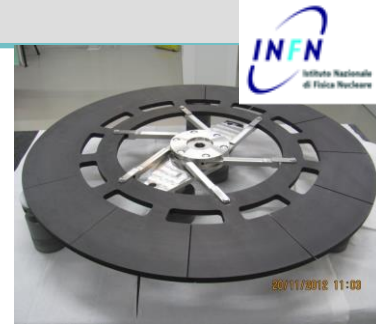
J. Benlliure ^N



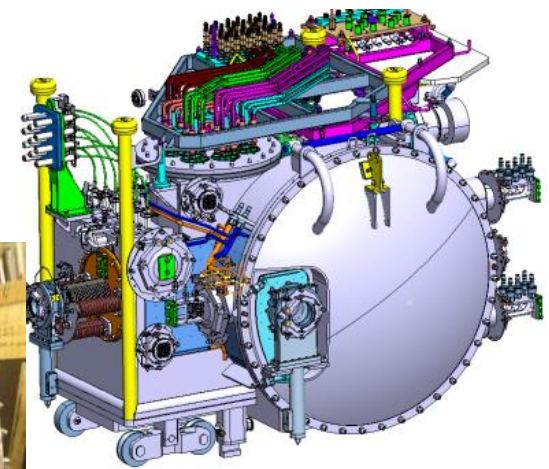
RIB Production module



MoU with LNL Legnaro
50 kW Converter Production & testing



GANIL & ESS Bilbao



MoU signed with ESS Bilbao

- manufacturing design study
- chamber construction
- Source inspection
- Testing and validation

This equipment is very ambitious :

- Dimensions : 3,1x2,2x2 m and 9 T,
- Mounting and dismounting by robot every 3 month,
- HV : 60 KV,
- High neutron and gamma integrate dose,
- Positioning in all directions at +/-0,5 mm,
- Vacuum at 10^{-6} mbar,
- Many servitudes





FAIR Full Version

D.G. : Boris Sharkov

Observers

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| Austria | China | Finnland | France | Germany | Greece | India | Italy | Poland | Slovakia | Slovenia | Spain | Sweden | Romania | Russia | UK |

Facility for Antiproton & Ion Research

Nuclear Structure & Astrophysics
(Rare-isotope beams)

Hadron Physics
(Stored and cooled
14 GeV/c anti-protons)

QCD-Phase Diagram
(HI beams 2 to 45 GeV/u)

**Fundamental Symmetries
& Ultra-High EM Fields**
(Antiprotons & highly stripped ions)

Dense Bulk Plasmas
(Ion-beam bunch compression
& petawatt-laser)

Materials Science & Radiation Biology
(Ion & antiproton beams)

p-Linac

SIS100/300

HESR

Rare-Isotope
Production Target

Anti-Proton
Production Target

CR &
RESR

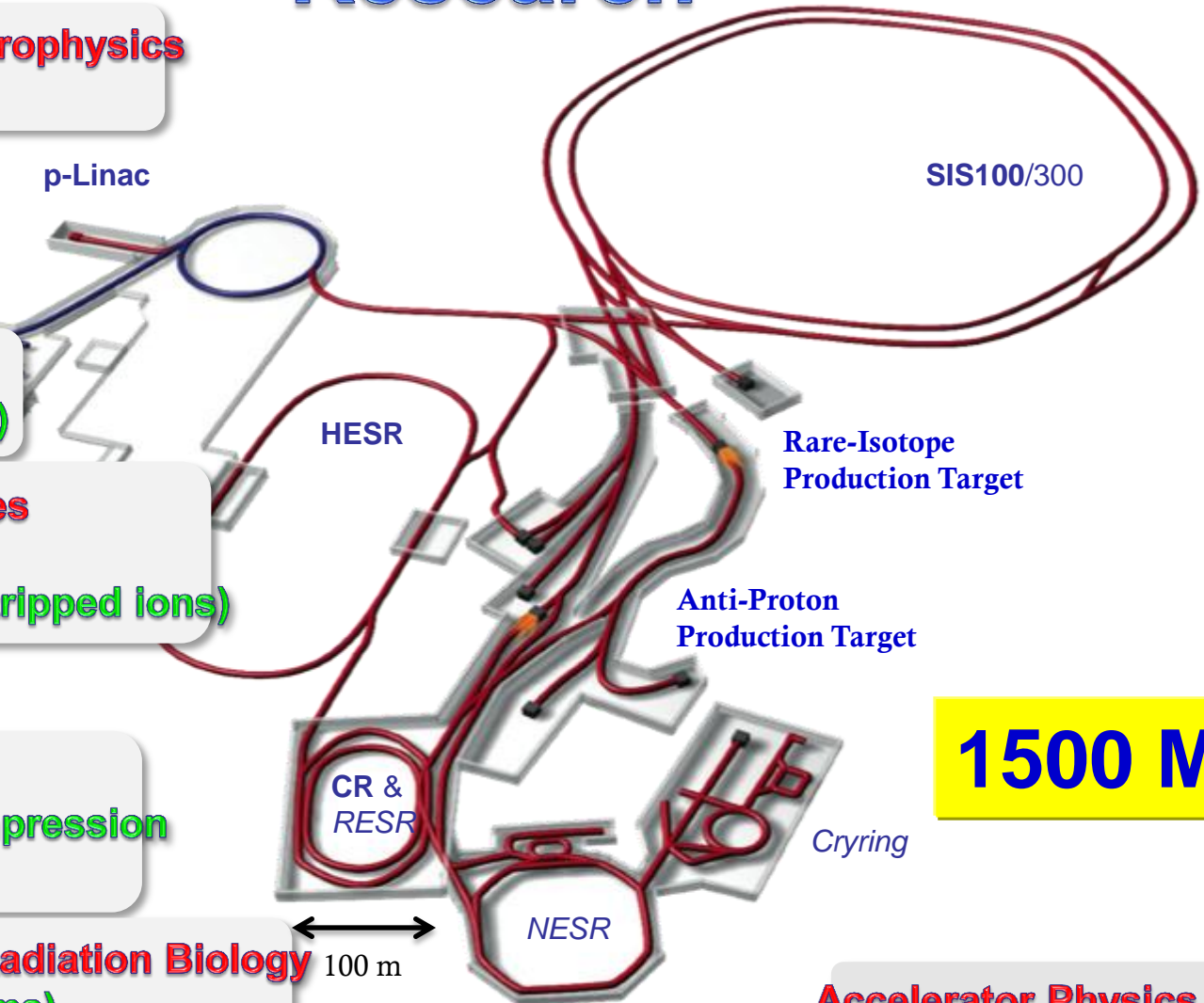
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NESR

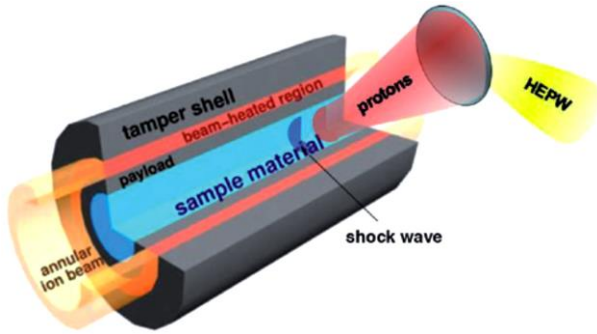
100 m

1500 M€

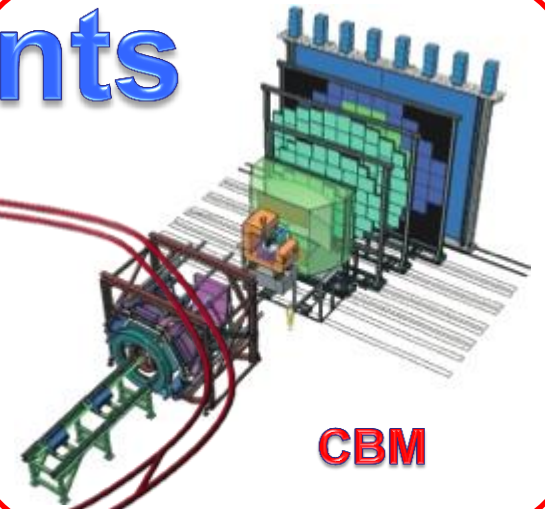
Accelerator Physics



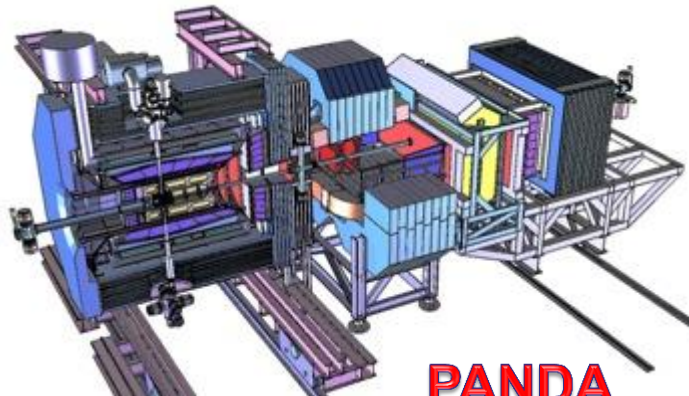
FAIR Experiments



APPA



CBM



PANDA



Super-FRS

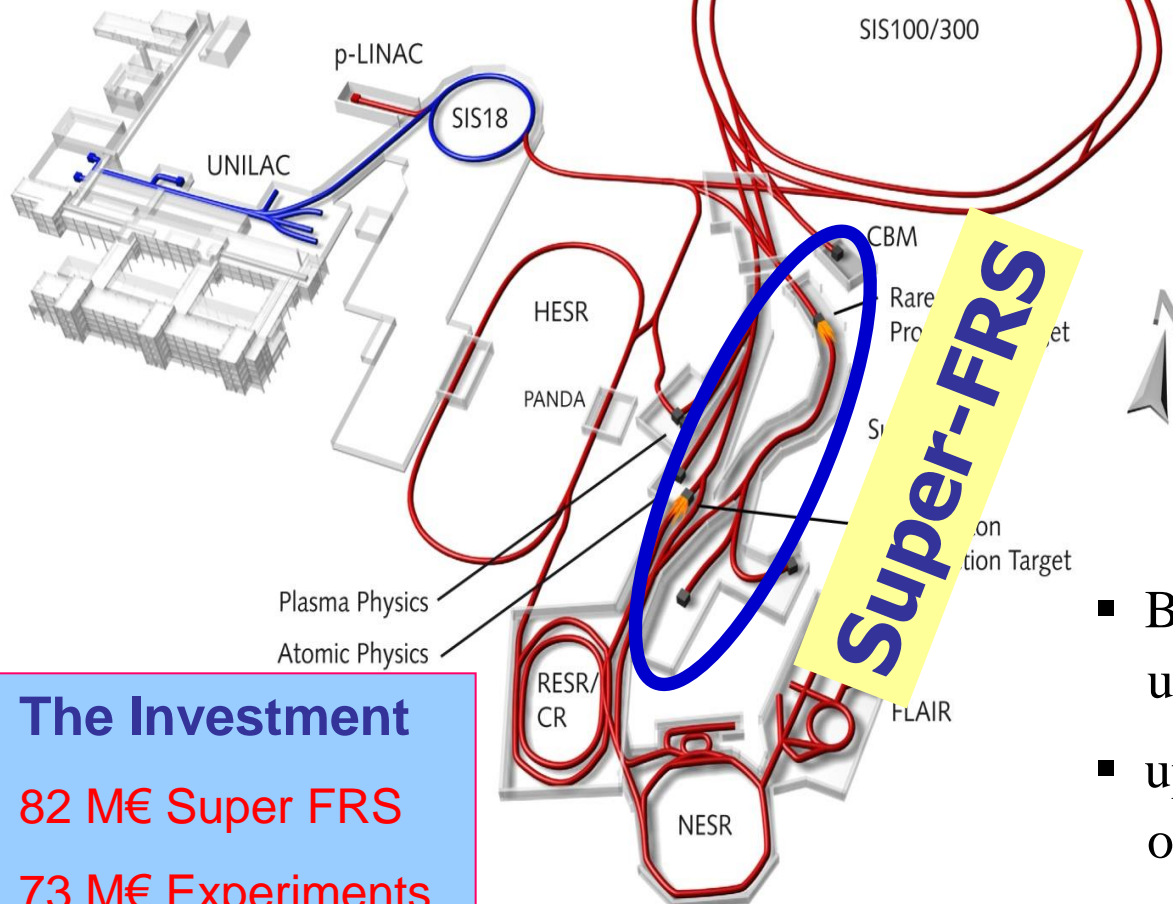
NuSTAR

NUSTAR@FAIR

The Collaboration

> 700 scientists

170 institutes, 38 countries



Primary Beams

- $3.5 \cdot 10^{11}$ $^{238}\text{U}^{28+}/\text{s}$ (DC)
@ 1.5 GeV/u

- $5 \cdot 10^{11}$ $^{238}\text{U}^{28+}$ (pulsed)
@ 1 GeV/u

- factor **100** in intensity
over present

Secondary Beams

- Broad range of radioactive beams
up to **1.5 GeV/u**

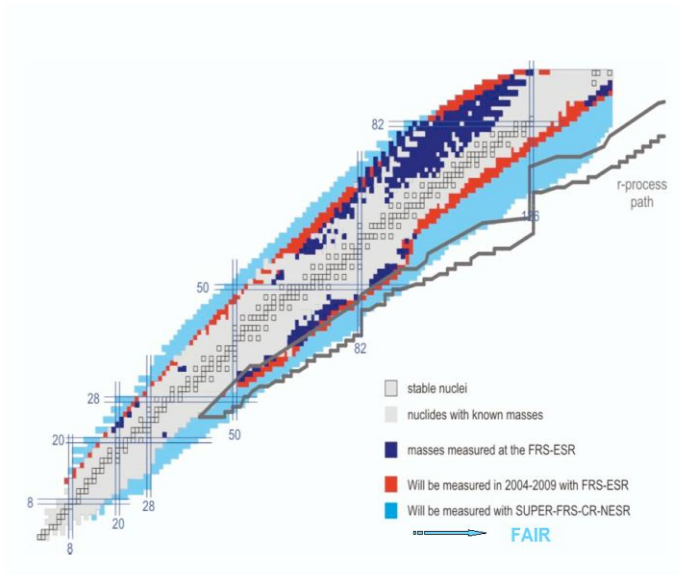
- up to factor **10 000** in intensity
over present

The Investment

82 M€ Super FRS

73 M€ Experiments

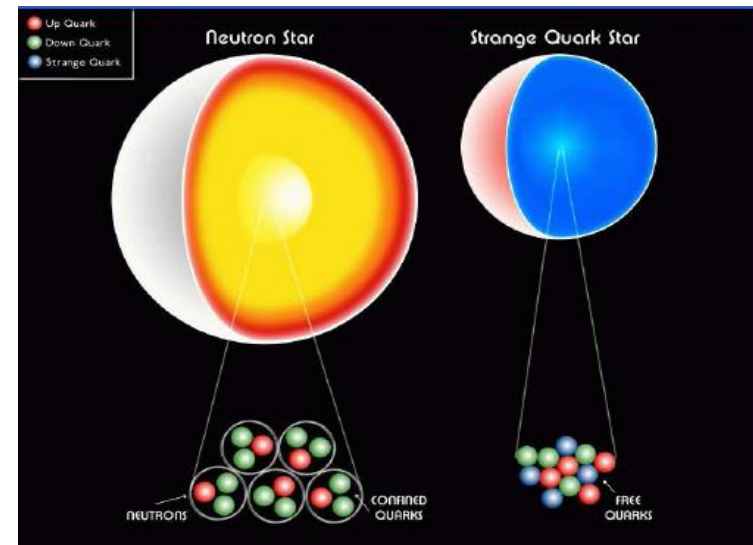
The r-process



Hundreds of nuclei will be observed at FAIR for first time!

- nuclear masses
- half lives
- neutron capture rates, fission

Neutron stars



Are neutron stars in the interior made of quark matter? (quark stars)

Laboratory for matter under extreme density
neutron-rich nuclei
nuclear matter
exotic phases?

Construction site today

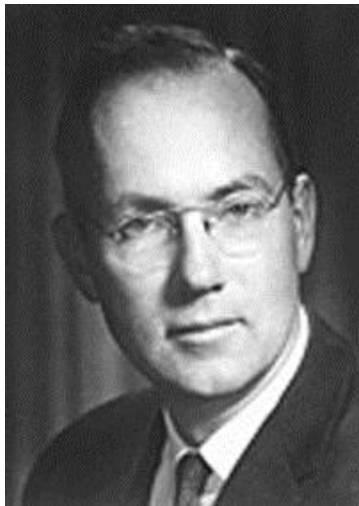


21st Century; the Photon Century

Could basic research be driven

by the massless and chargeless Photons??

Large Scale Lasers: Could they become the Next Large Scale Fundamental Research Infrastructures?



The First exemple is the Extreme Light Infrastructure ELI.

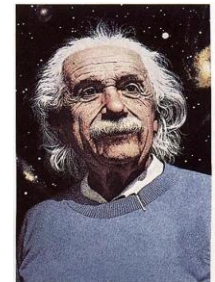
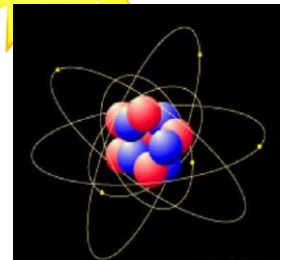
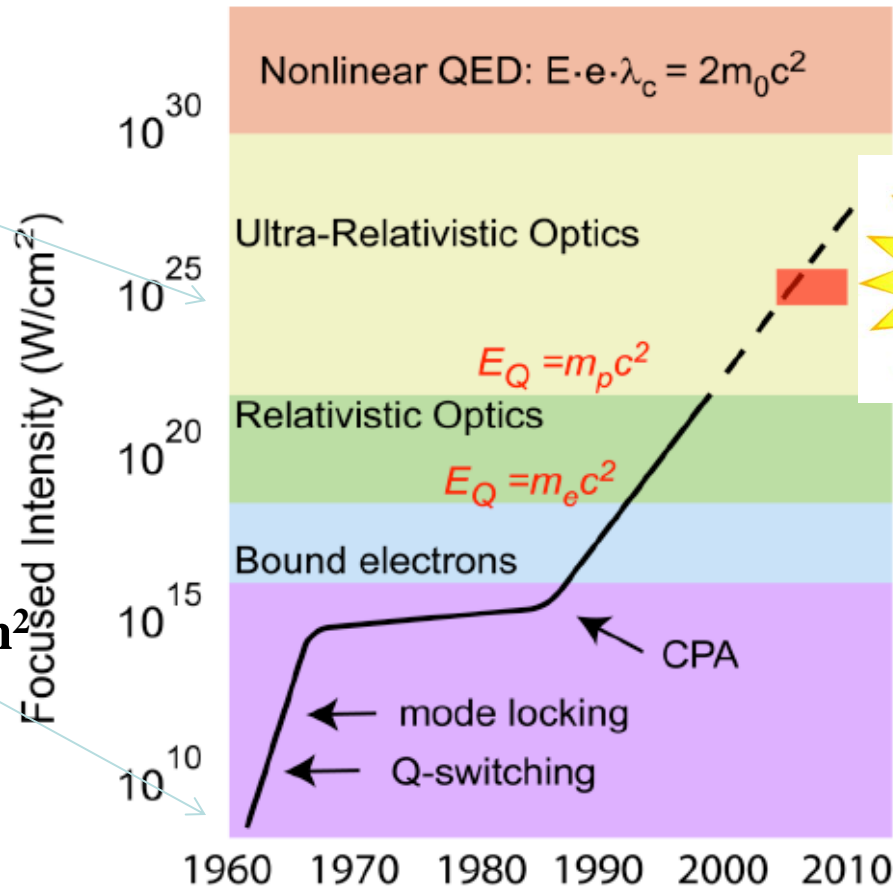
Extreme Light Infrastructure

A world laser roadmap

Gerard Mourou 1985: Chirped Pulse Amplification (CPA)

$10^{25} \text{W} \sim 10\%$ of Sun's total power on 1 cm^2

$10^9 \text{W} \sim$ Power of a nuclear reactor on 1 cm^2





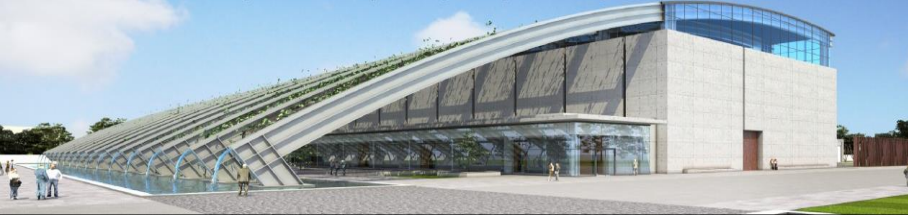
Sectoral Operational Programme "Increase of Economic Competitiveness"
"Investments for Your Future!"



Extreme Light Infrastructure - Nuclear Physics
 (ELI-NP) - Phase I



Project co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund



*Europe has decided
 to build the highest
 intensity laser ELI
 For
 Extreme Light Infrastructure
 1PW, 1µm
 ~highest power laser today*

S.Gales ELI-NP-Ro

2006 – ELI on ESFRI Roadmap

ELI-PP 2007-2010 (FP7)

Three Pillars

ELI-Beamlines (Czech Republic)

ELI-Attoseconds (Hungary)

ELI-Nuclear Physics (Romania)

Project Approved by the European
 Competitiveness Council (December 2009)

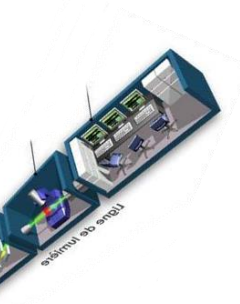
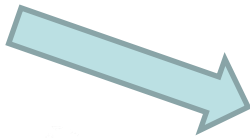
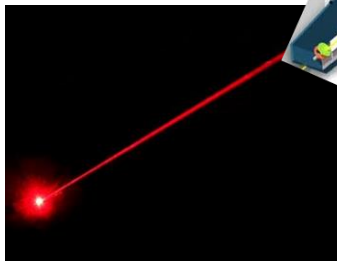
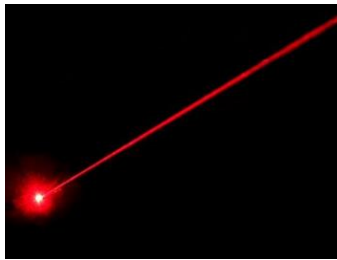
ELI-DC (Delivery Consortium): April
 2010



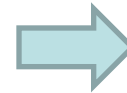
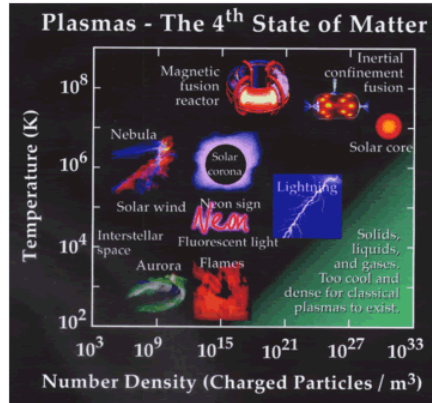
ELI-NP

Observation of matter with new powerful probes
Large discovery potential

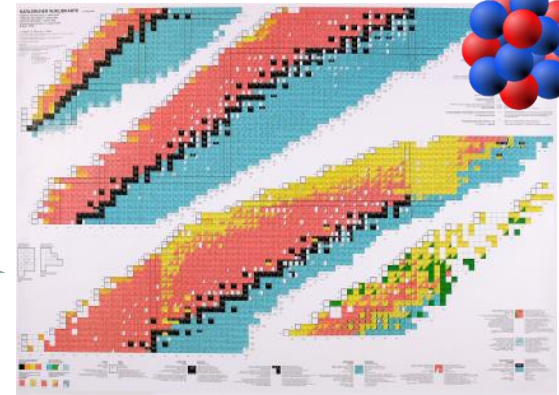
Light



Gamma beams



Femto-



Power

S.Gales ELI-NP-Ro

ELI-NP - the probes

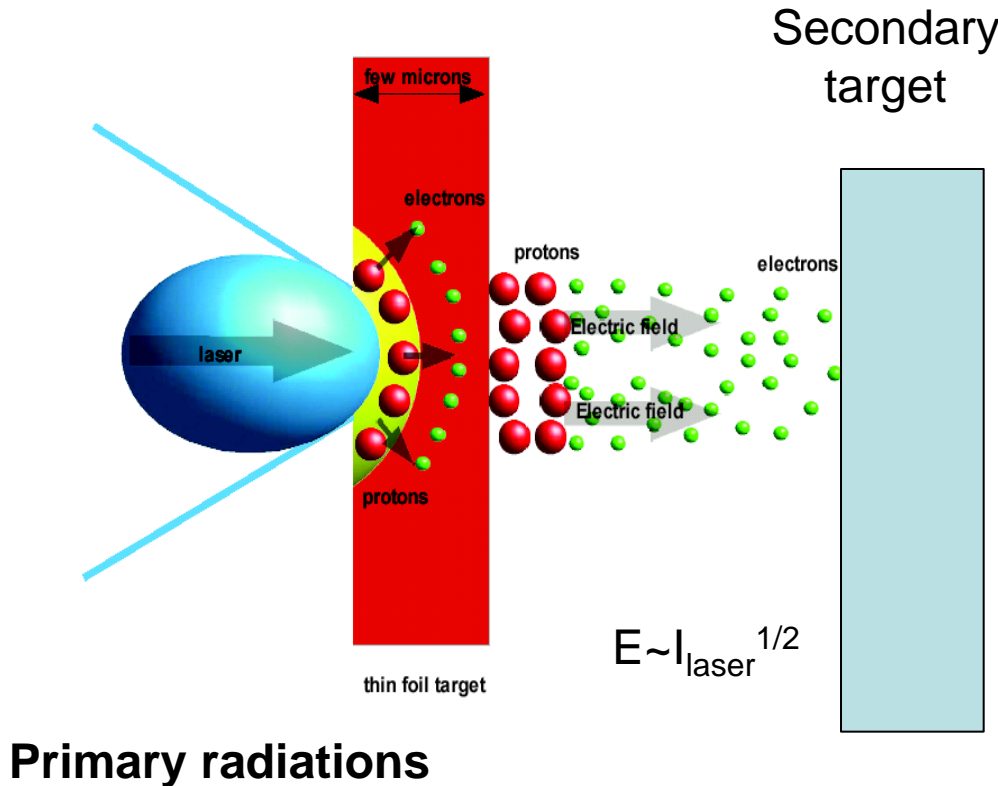
Large equipment at the frontier of technology:

- Ultra-short pulse high power laser system, 2 x 10PW maximum power (new acceleration schemes)
- **+Gamma radiation beam, high intensity, tunable energy up to 20MeV, relative bandwidth 10^{-3} (unique new probe worldwide, going to explore unknown territory)**

Experiments – the tools:

- 8 experimental areas, for gamma, laser, and gamma+laser

Target Normal Sheath Acceleration (TNSA)

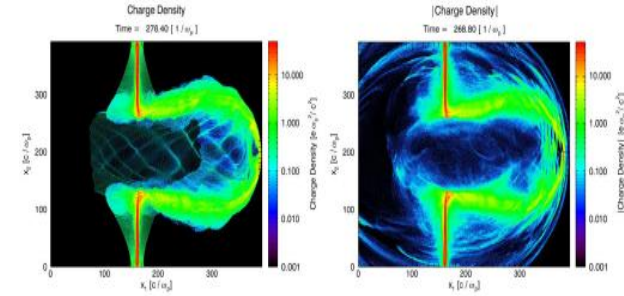


Electrons are expelled from the target due to the shock wave induced by the powerful laser. Heavy ions are accelerated in the field created by the electrons.

Electrons and ions accelerated at solid state densities 10^{24}e cm^{-3} **never reached before** (Classical beam densities 10^8e cm^{-3}) on very short distance ($\mu\text{m-mm}$) **Nuclear reactions in target in dense plasma**

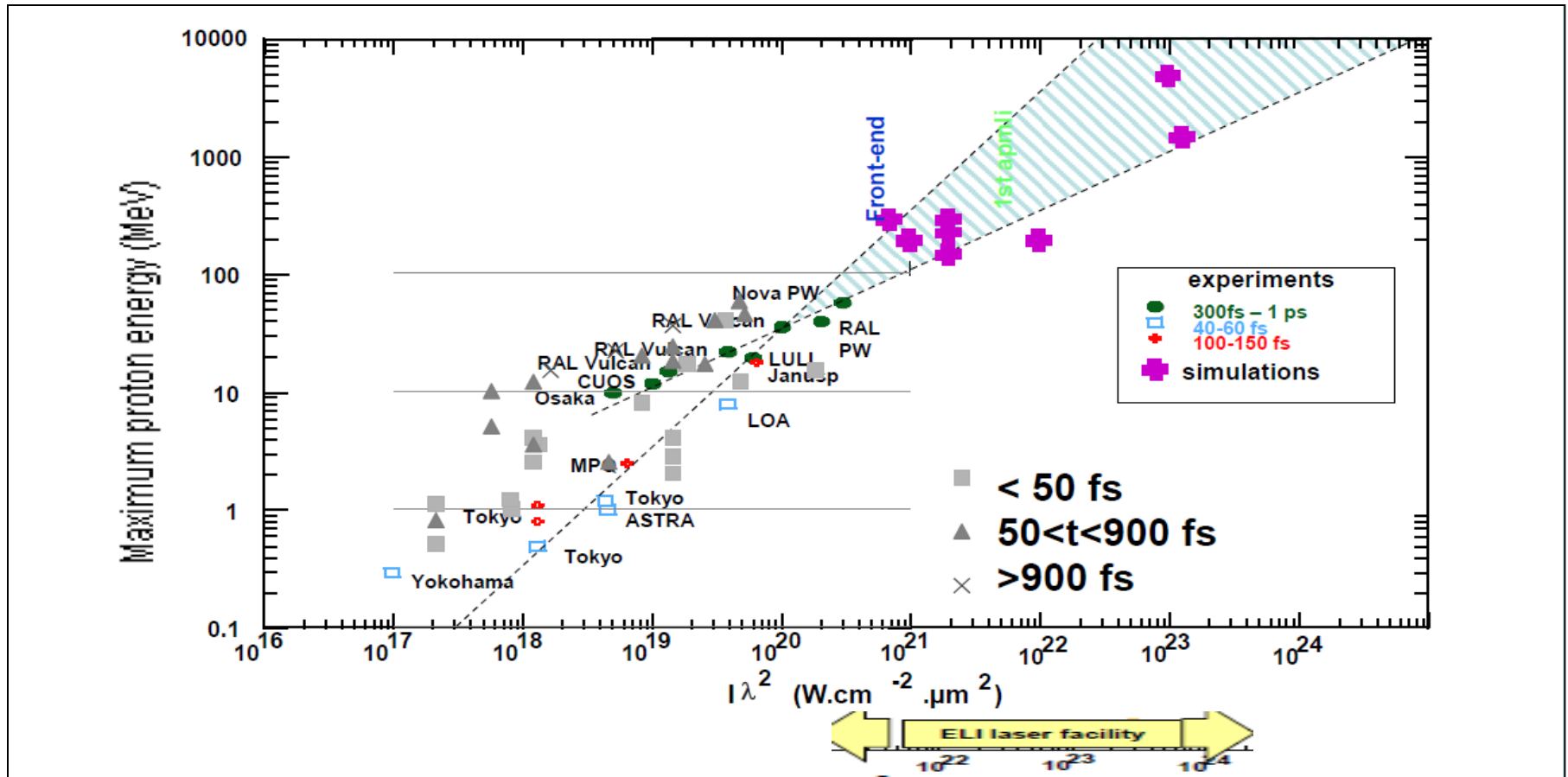
Energy reached equal to a 400m up-to-date accelerator (reduction of scale of 10^9)

Proton acceleration



RPA simulations 10^{23} W/cm², 15 fs

- Maximum energy scales with laser beam intensity approximately as $I^{0.5}$

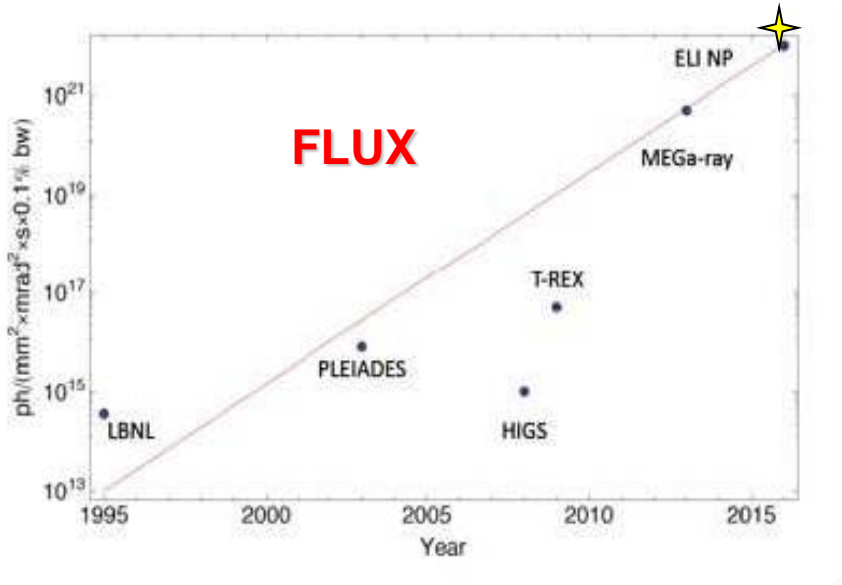


ELI – NP Experiments (1)

Stand-alone High Power Laser Experiments

- [Nuclear Techniques for Characterization of Laser-Induced Radiations](#)
- Modelling of High-Intensity Laser Interaction with Matter
- Stopping Power of Charge Particles Bunches with Ultra-High Density
- **Laser Acceleration of very dense Electrons, Protons and Heavy Ions Beams**
- **Laser-Accelerated Th Beam to produce Neutron-Rich Nuclei around the N = 126 Waiting Point of the r-Process via the Fission-Fusion Reaction**
- **Studies of enhanced decay of ^{26}Al in hot plasma environments**

ELI-NP γ beam

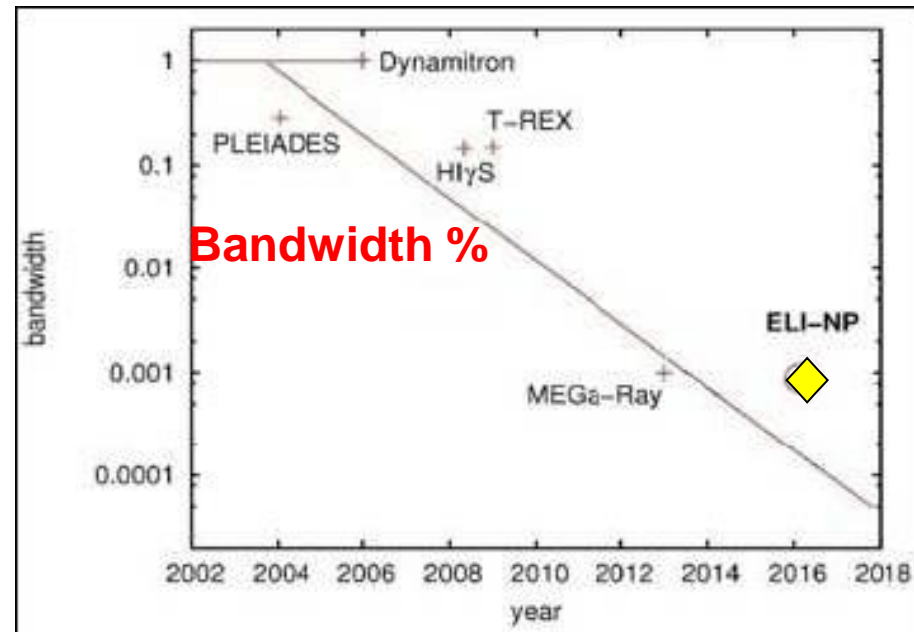


Laser Back-Compton Scattering

Most efficient frequency amplifier

$E_e = 300$ MeV , $E_\gamma = 3$ MeV

but very weak cross-section $\sim 6,65 \cdot 10^{-25}$ cm²



Needs

High intensity e- beam

Very brilliant high rep/rate Laser

Small collision volume

ELI-NP Timeline

- June 2012: Funding Phase 1 approved (180M€)
- Launch of large tender procedures- Civil engineering, Lasers ,Gamma beams
- May 2013 **Building –Contract signed –Construction Started**
- June 2013 **2X10 PW Lasers –Choice of procurement compagny**
- **June 2013- End 2014: TDRs for experiments ready**
- **June 14th, 2013 : Foundation Stone Ceremony**
- End 2015: Lasers and Gamma Beam – end of Phase 1
- 2017: Lasers and Gamma beam Phase 2 -Beginning of operation

1-High-resolution nuclear spectroscopy:

– **.NUCLEAR PHOTONICS**

- Study of pygmy and giant dipole resonances
- Gamma scattering on nuclei
- Fine-structure of Photo-response above the Particle Threshold: the (γ, α) , (γ, p) and (γ, n)
- Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence on Rare Isotopes and Isomers
- Multiple Nuclear Excitons
- Nuclear level density , Transition order-chaos
- High Resolution Inelastic Electron Scattering (e, e')

2-Few body systems via photodesintegration, (d, t, He, Li)

3- Photo-fission (resonances ,isomers, production)

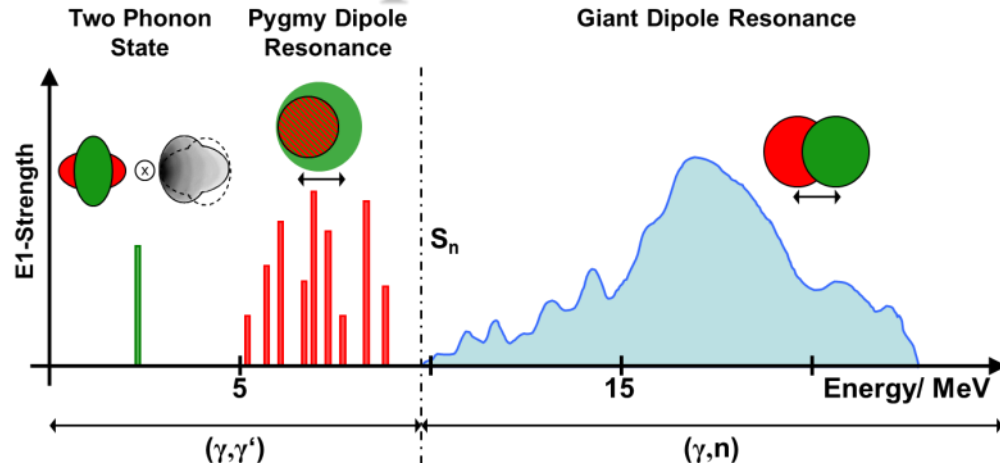
4-Astrophysics of the r-, s-, p-processes in

nucleosynthesis: masses of waiting point nuclei, pygmy resonance.

- Neutron Capture Cross Section of s-Process Branching Nuclei with Inverse Reactions
- Measurements of (γ, p) and (γ, α) Reaction Cross Sections for p-Process Nucleosynthesis

5-Fundamental Physics of Perturbative and Non-perturbative High-Field QED: Pair creation, high energy γ rays, birefringence of the quantum vacuum.

Nuclear photonics



$$B(\lambda L) \uparrow = \Gamma_0 \cdot \left(8\pi \sum_L \left(\frac{E_j}{\hbar c} \right)^{2L+1} \cdot \frac{(L+1)}{L[(2L+1)!!!]^2} \cdot g \right)^{-1}$$

- ❖ aim: determination of transition strengths: need absolute values for ground state transition width
- ❖ NRF-experiments give product with branching ratio: $A_{j \rightarrow 0} \propto I_{j \rightarrow 0} \propto \frac{\Gamma_0^2}{\Gamma}$
- ❖ assumption:
 - ❖ no transition in low-lying states observed
 - ❖ but: many small branchings in other states?
- ❖ self-absorption: measurement of absolute ground state transition widths

Astrophysics – related studies

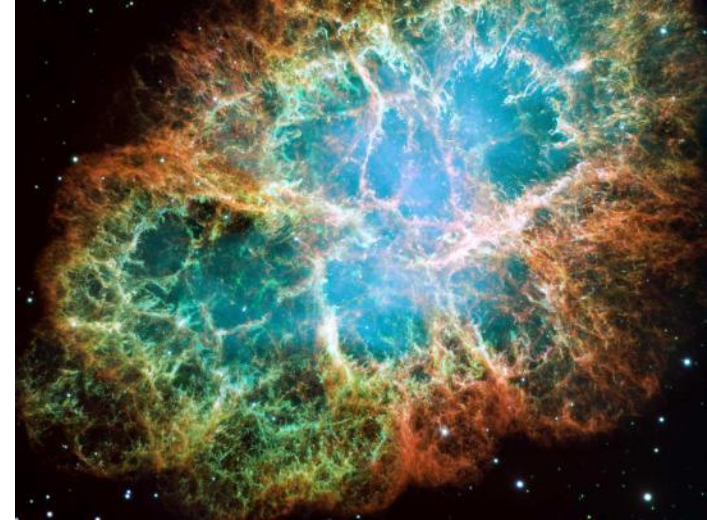
- **Production of heavy elements in the Universe – a central question for Astrophysics**

- **Neutron Capture Cross Section of s-Process Branch - Nuclei with Inverse Reactions (γ, n)**

- the single studies on long-lived branching points (e.g. ^{147}Pm , ^{151}Sm , ^{155}Eu) showed that the recommended values of neutron capture cross sections in the models differ by up to 50% from the experimentally determined values

Measurements of (γ, p) and (γ, α) Reaction Cross Sections for p – Process-Nucleosynthesis

Determination of the reaction rates by an absolute cross section measurement is possible using **monoenergetic photon beams produced at ELI-NP** tremendous advance to measure these rates directly broad database of reactions – high intense γ beam needed



Potential Nuclear Photonics

Applications from C.P.J. Barty (LLNL)



HEU Grand Challenge
detection of shielded material



Nuclear Fuel Assay
100 parts per million per isotope



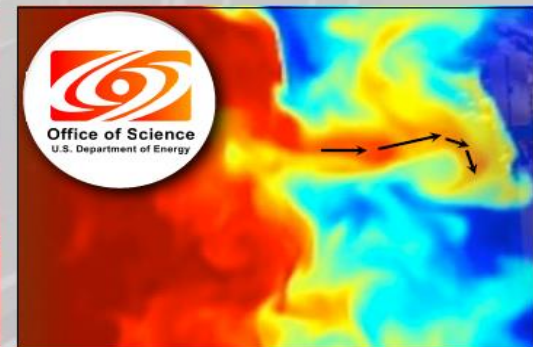
Waste Imaging & Assay
non-invasive content certification



Precision Imaging
micron-scale & isotope specific



Medical Imaging
low density & isotope specific



Dense Plasma Science
isotope mass, position & velocity

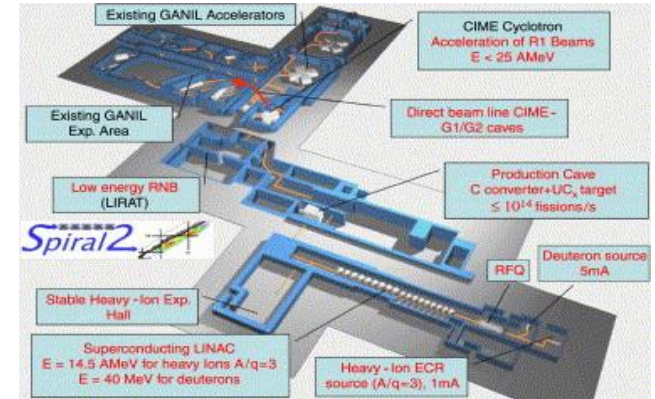
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ELI-NP-Ro 2017



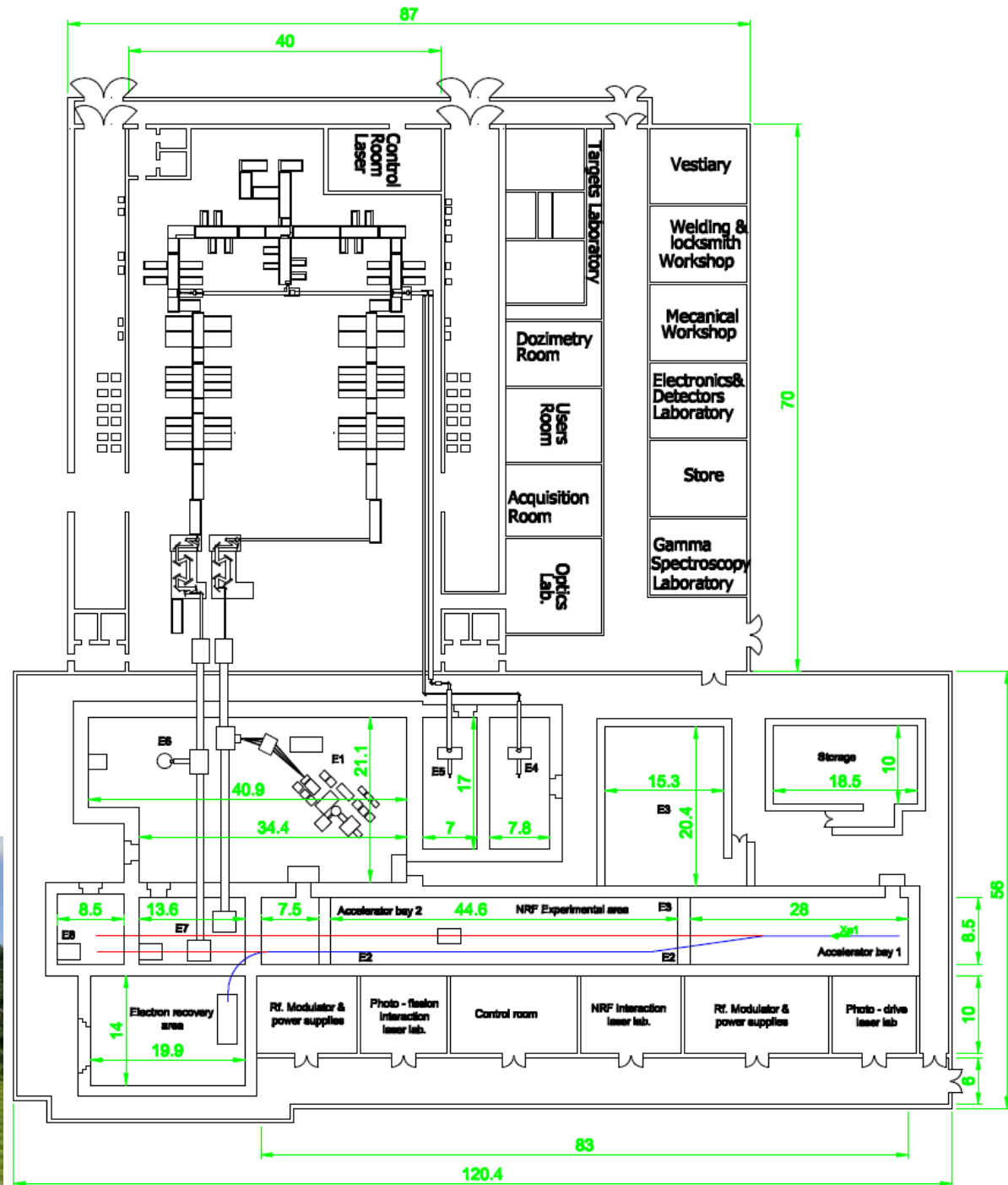
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Merci pour votre patience

ELI-NP Main buildings

- ▶ Lasers
- ▶ Gamma and experiments
- ▶ Laboratories
- ▶ Unique architecture





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Structural Instruments
2007-2013

ELI-NP will put Romania on the world map of frontier research facilities

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Extreme Light Infrastructure - Nuclear Physics (ELI-NP) - Phase I

Project Co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund



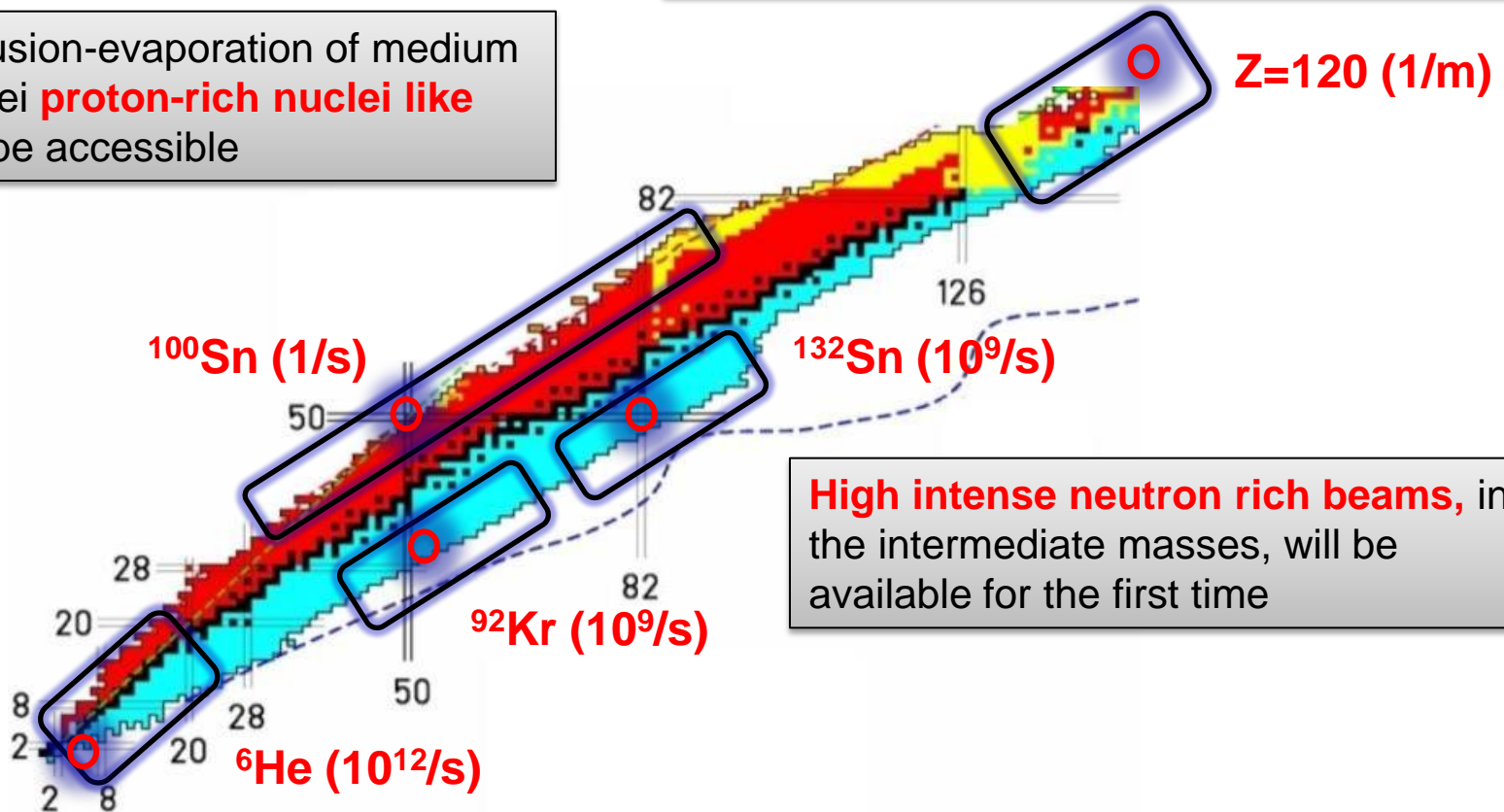
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SPIRAL2 area of excellence

The primary beam intensities of the LINAC open new opportunity in the race for **super-heavy nuclei**

With the fusion-evaporation of medium mass nuclei **proton-rich nuclei like ^{100}Sn** will be accessible



High intense neutron rich beams, in the intermediate masses, will be available for the first time

With the stable light ions induced reactions : **light exotic nuclei** will be produced with intensities comparable to current stable beam

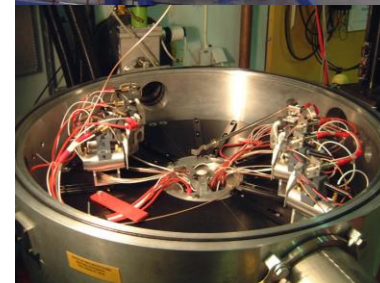
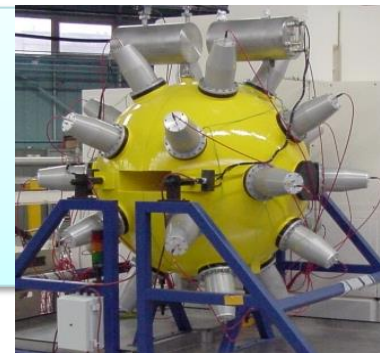
High intense white neutron source covering the 1–40 MeV energy range will be available

IPN Experimental Techniques

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Differential XS ($n,n'\gamma$)
High Energy resolution measurement
→ GAIN setup (Ge array)
(Nuclear Data)

Differential XS: (n,Xn), (n,LCP)
($n,fission$) measurement
→ Medley
→ Carmen
(Reaction models, Nuclear Data)



Time-of-flight area

Collimateur

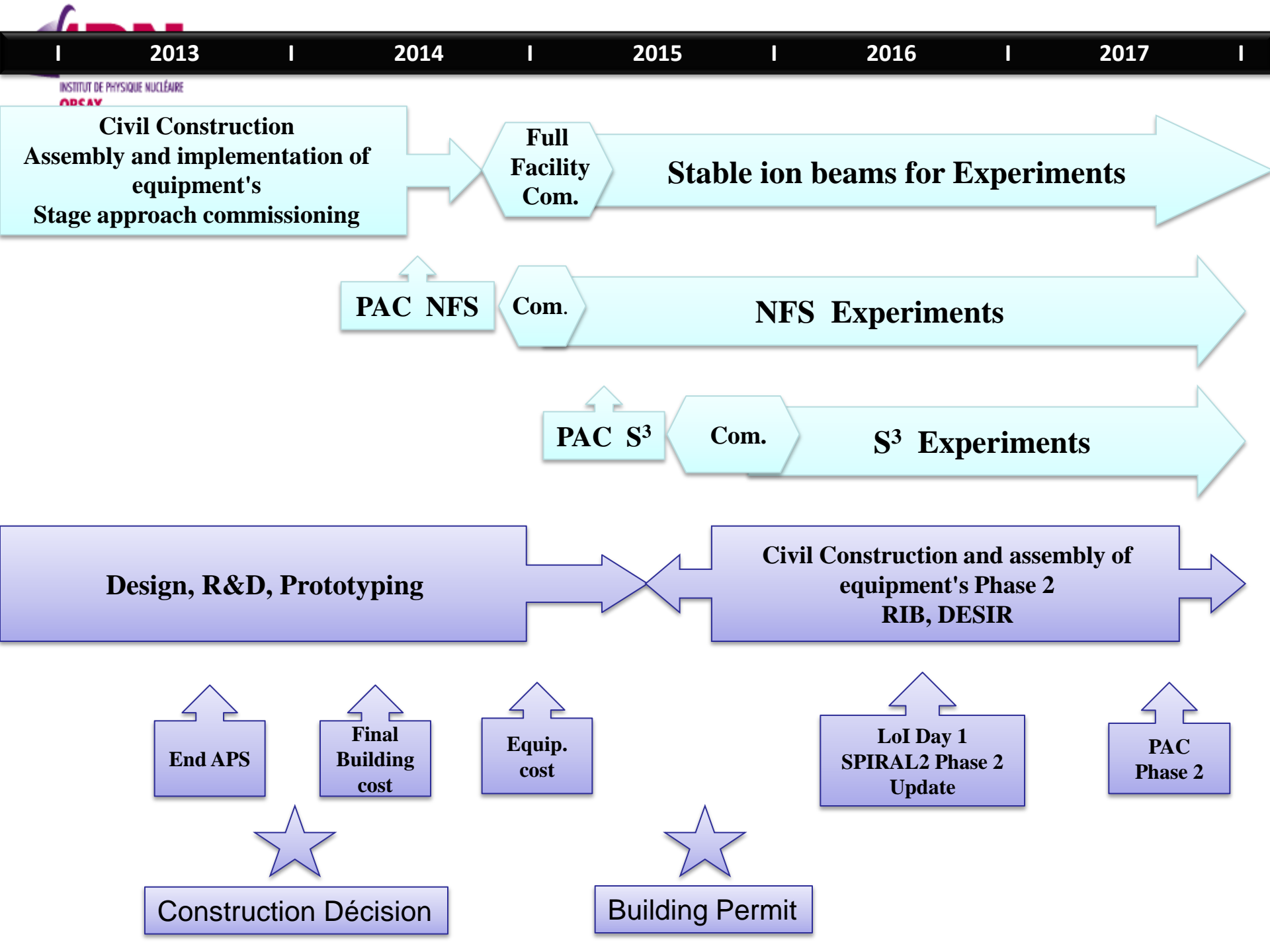
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XS measurement by activation
→ p,d,n,Hl
(Fusion & Fission technologies)

Additional topics :

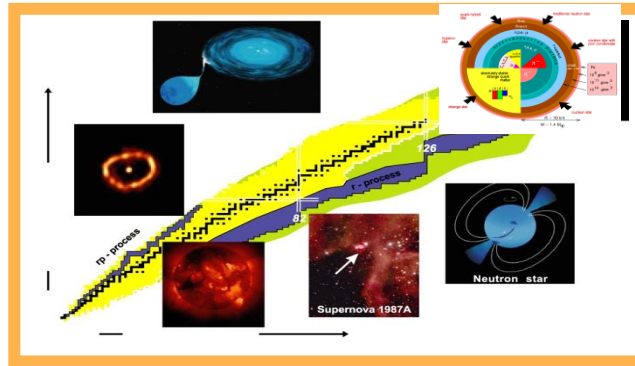
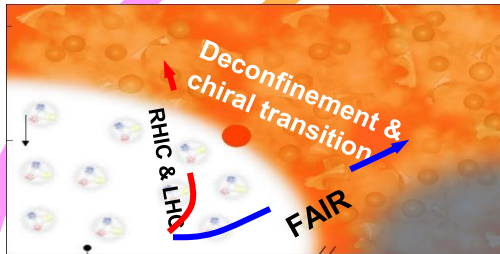
- Irradiation of electronic components, cells, ...
- Detector characterization



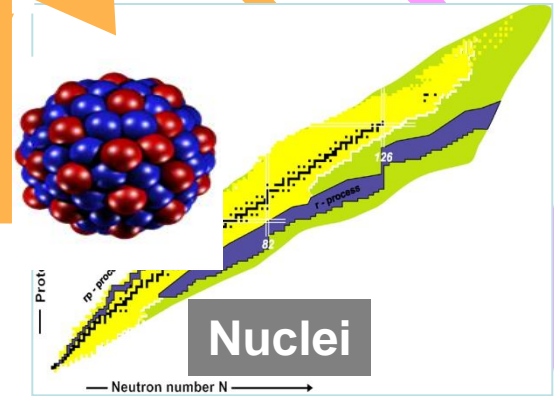


Nuclear Astrophysics

Quark Matter

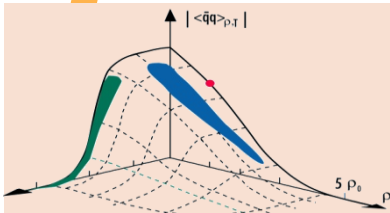


Nuclei

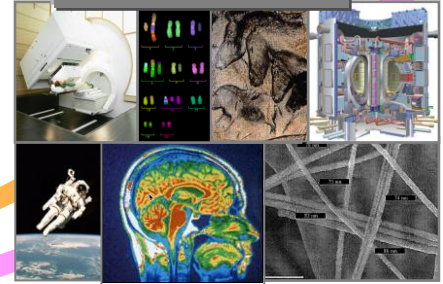


Nuclear Physics today

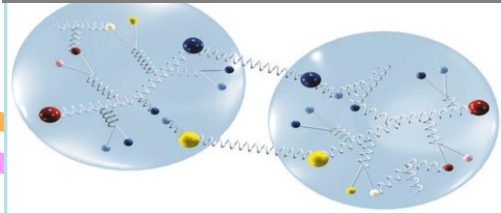
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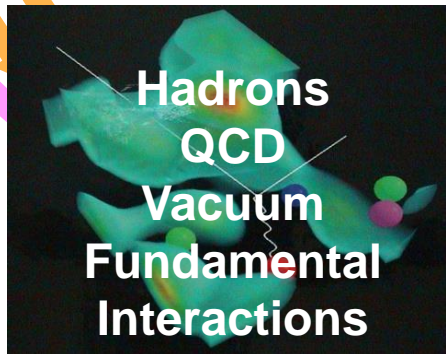
Applications



Nucleon-Nucleon / Meson Systems



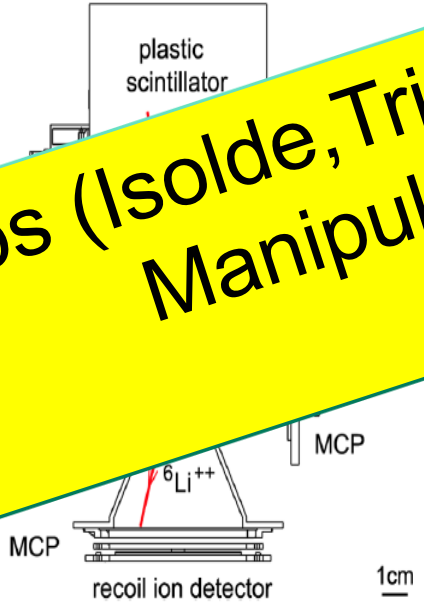
**Hadrons
QCD
Vacuum
Fundamental
Interactions**



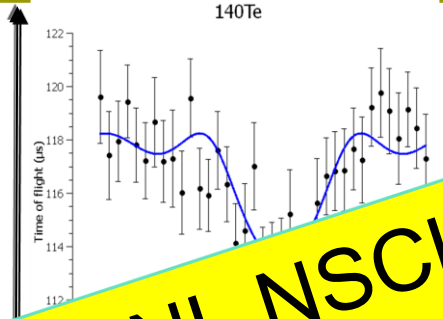
The nucleus ,a laboratory to study Fundamental interactions- High precision experiments

The LPC Penning Trap

CKM matrix – super-allowed transitions
 $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ V_{ud} , Unitarity?
 Scalar interaction? Righth-handed currents?
 – Study of β -neutrino correlations



The CPT apparatus at CARIBU



Traps (Isolde, Triumf, GSI, ANL, NSCL, JYVL, GANIL,...)
 Manipulating ion - New high precision tools
 Open new domains

2 kV pulsed beam



cryogenic linear ion trap

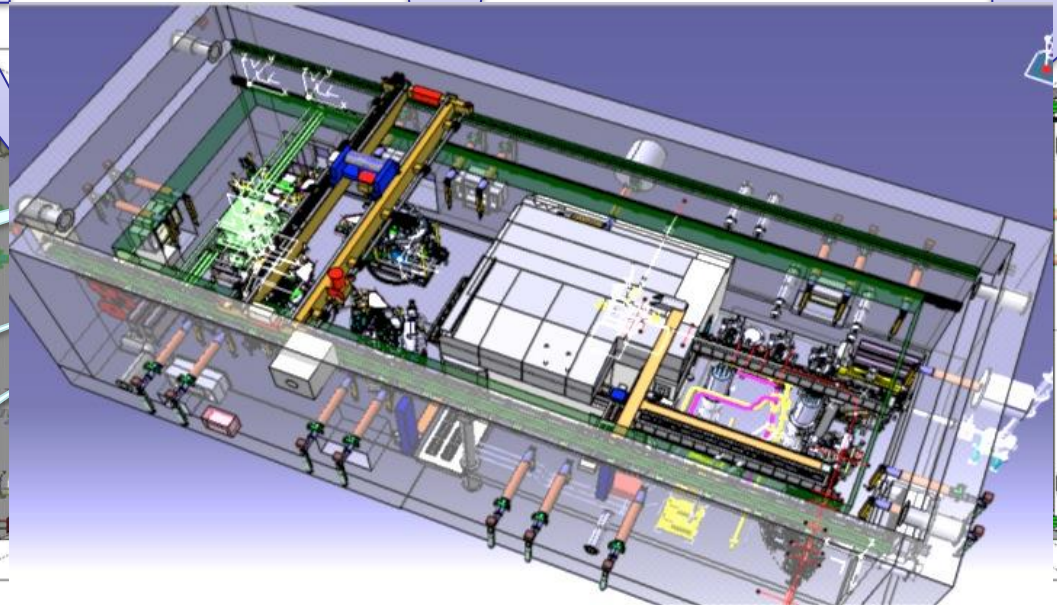
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Production Module Cave

Beam line area

Production area (cocon)

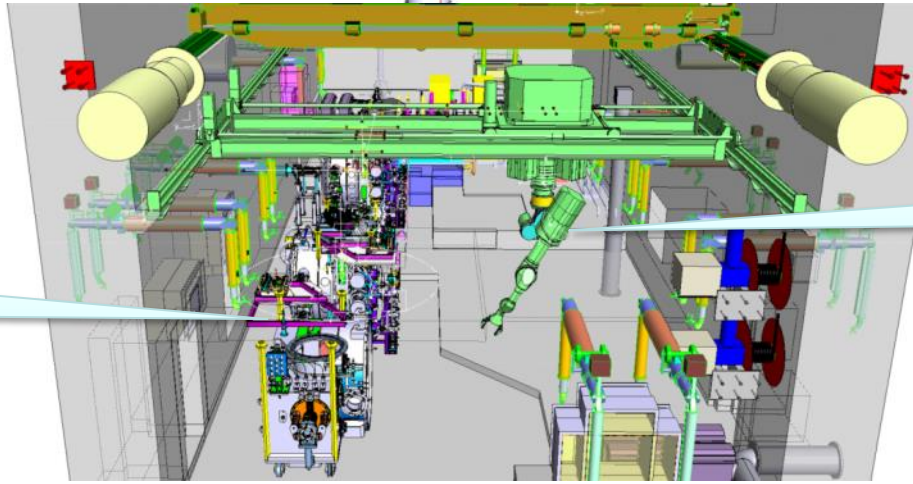
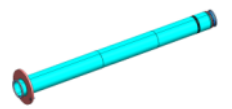
Maintenance area



Vacuum system

Servitude supplies

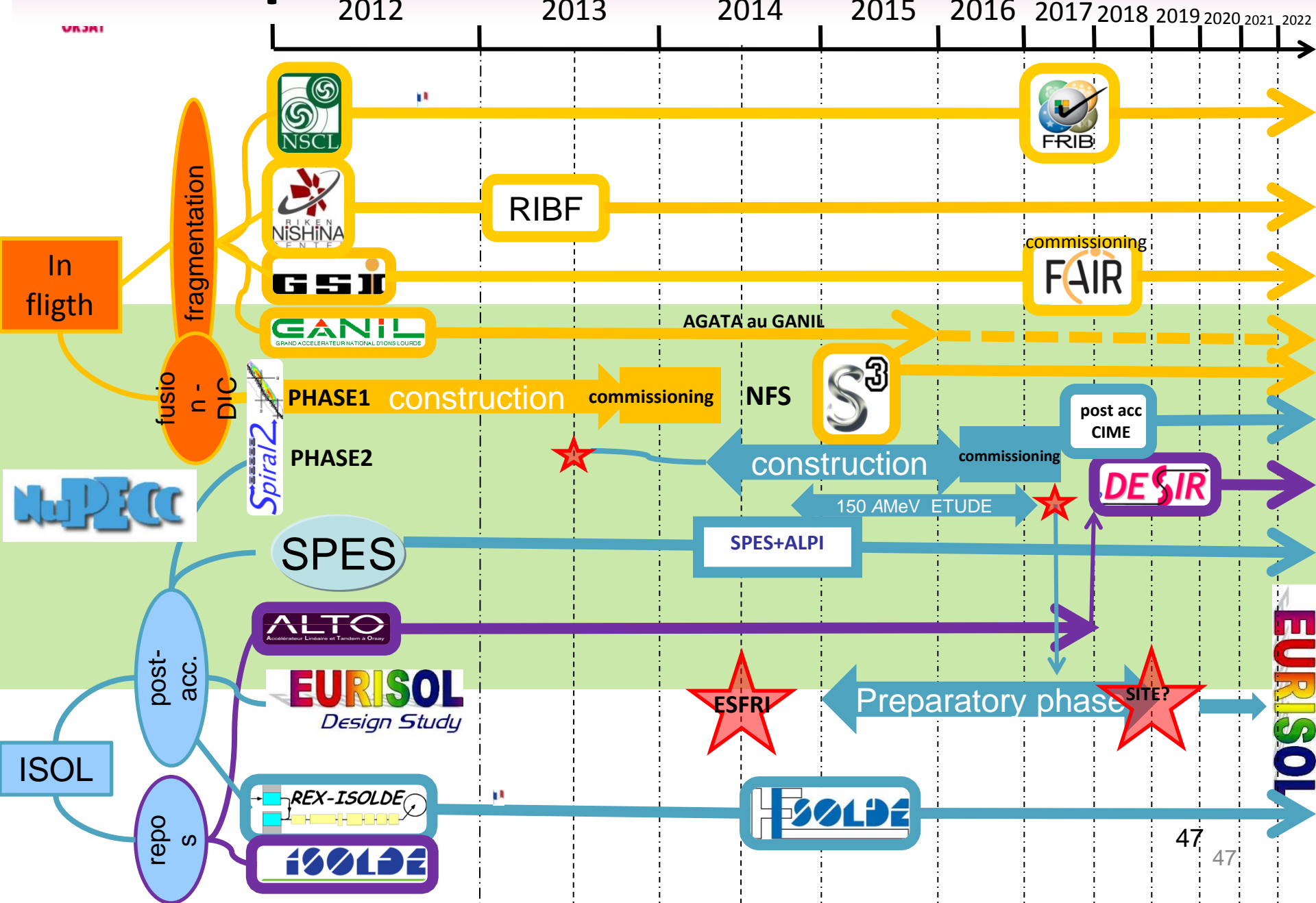
Laser transport



Manutention (robot)

Module for maintenance

Roadmap Facilities new and upgrades 2010-2025



World Map of New and/or Upgraded RIB Facilities

• IMP
Lanzhou+
• BRIFII
• Beijing

• KORIA

• RIBF-RIKEN
• In flight

TRIUMF
ISOL

NSCL-CaribouANL-
Oak-Ridge, Tamu
FRIB
"in flight"

EURISOL
GANIL-SP1
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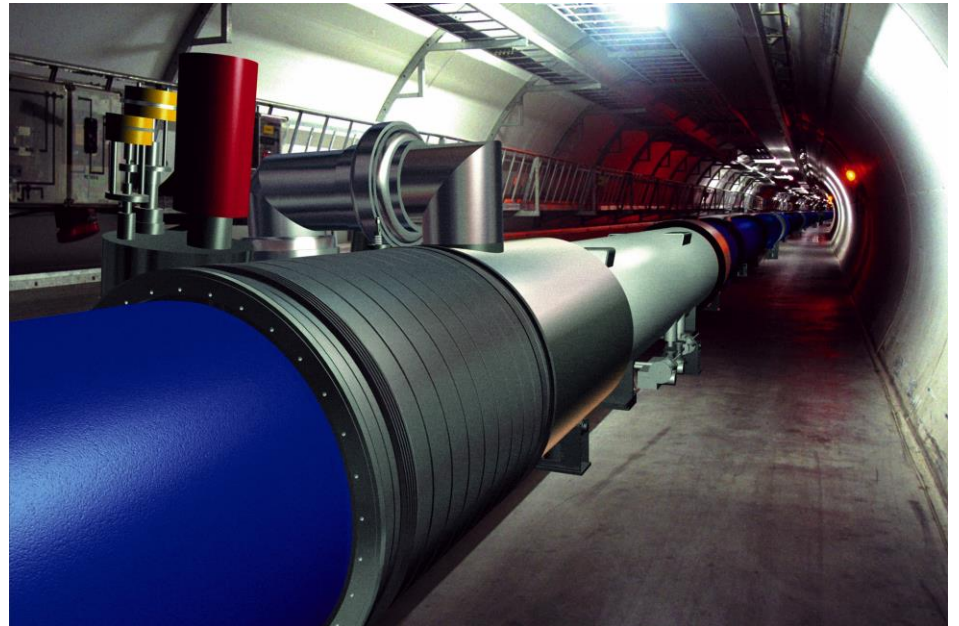
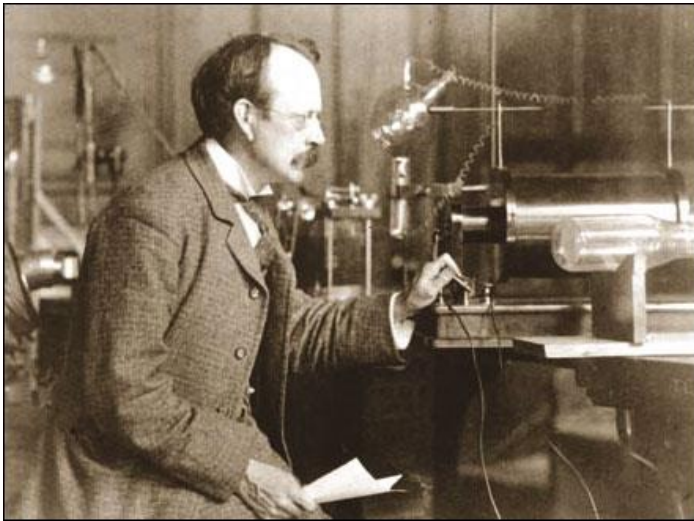
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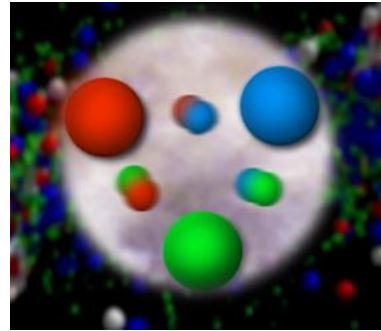
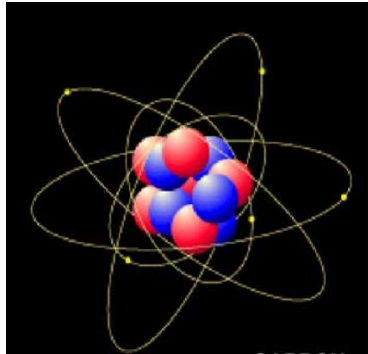
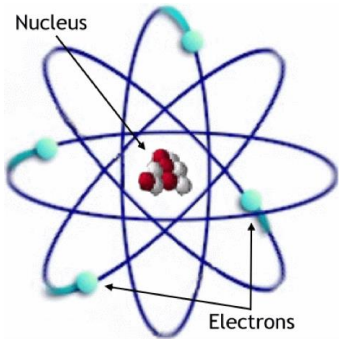
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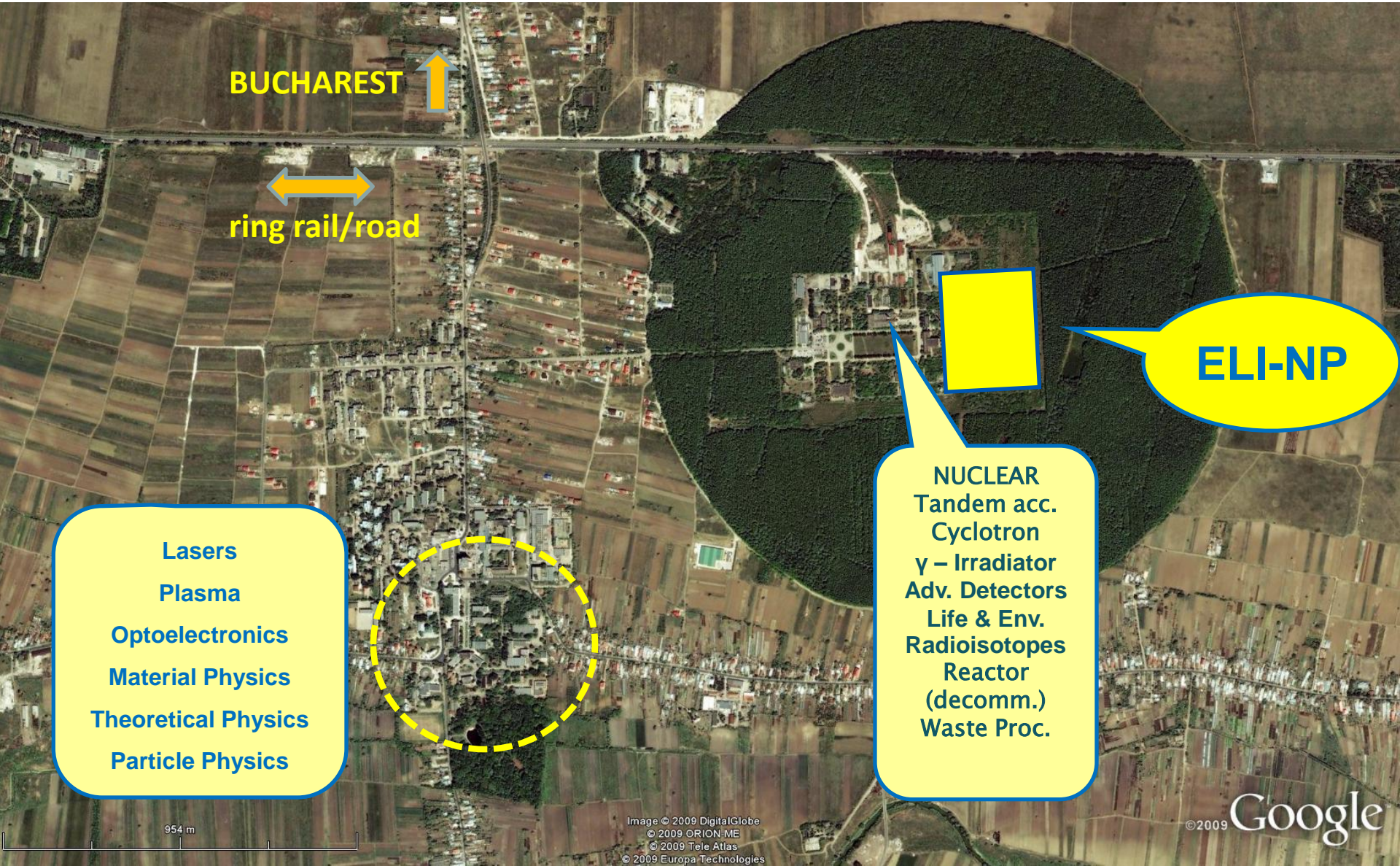
*In the 20th century
Fundamental Research has been carried
out and dominated by the Particle-based
Paradigm:
namely accelerator for Massive and
Charged particles*



Mission:
Study matter from atom to vacuum
Fundamental Research &
Applications of Laser & Ion beams



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Tandem acc.
Cyclotron
 γ – Irradiator
Adv. Detectors
Life & Env.
Radioisotopes
Reactor
(decomm.)
Waste Proc.

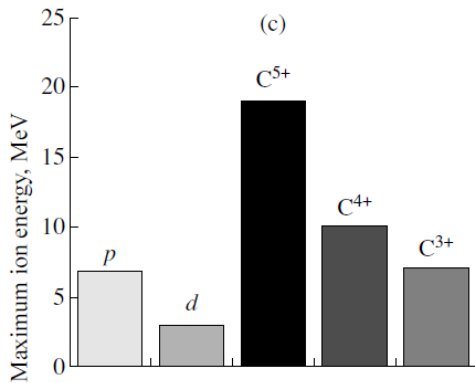
Lasers
Plasma
Optoelectronics
Material Physics
Theoretical Physics
Particle Physics

IFIN-HH: International cooperation

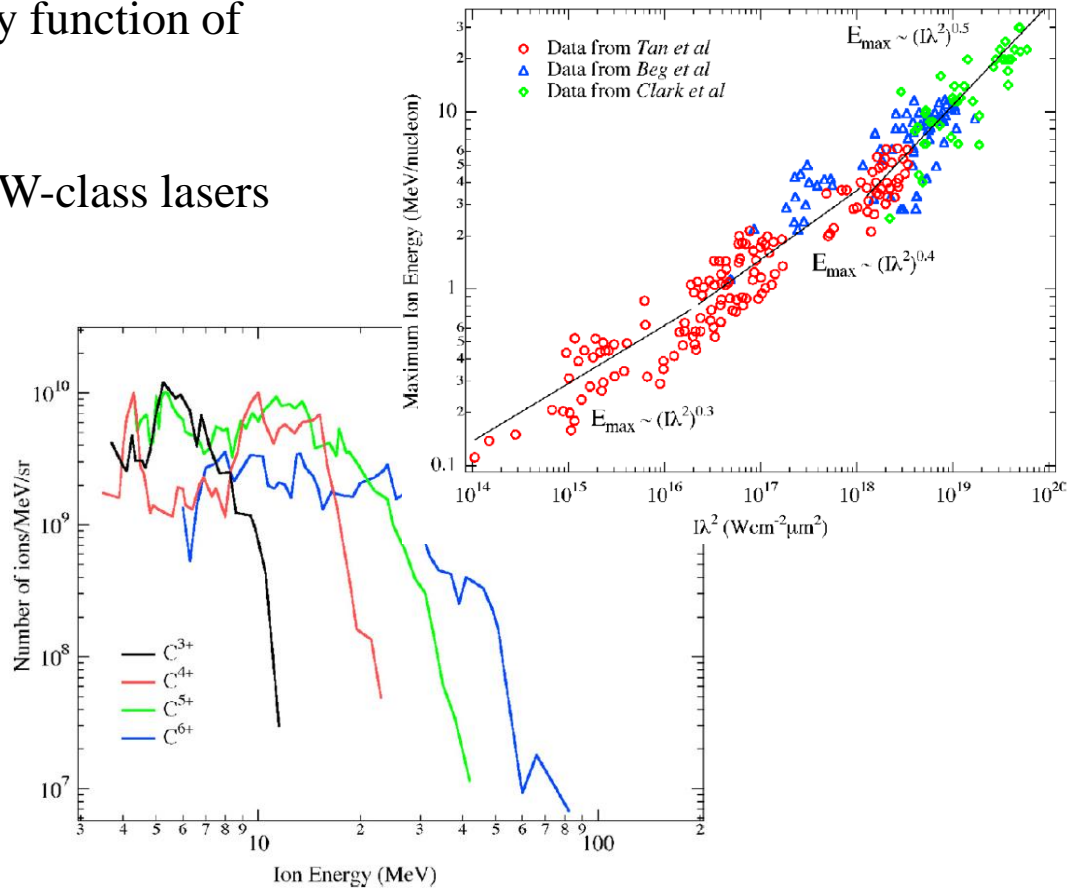
- **Member of: JINR Dubna, FAIR Darmstadt, CERN, ELI**
- European FP 7: 15 projects
- International Organizations: NuPECC, EPS-NPB, IUPAP, ECT.
- Agreements:
 - IN2P3- France, CEA Saclay, ICTP-Trieste, INFN - Italy
 - Universities & Research Centers: ~50.

Ion beam acceleration

- Dependence of maximum energy function of the ion species
- Graphs show results for multi-TW-class lasers



Mylar target irradiated with a $10^{19}\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ laser pulse



Vulcan 50TW, Appleton Lab,
 $2 \times 10^{19}\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$, thick lead target

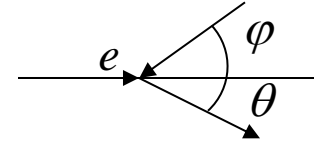
ELI-NP, the next step

- Proposed Gamma Beam Infrastructure
 - Very high intensity, narrow bandwidth
 - ~20keV resolution at $E = 10\text{MeV}$
 - A crystal monochromator may bring the BW down to 10^{-6}

Parameter	ELI-NP Laser, C.B.	S-DALINAC Bremsstrahlung	NEPTUNE Brems + PT	AIST FEL, C.B.	HIGS FEL, C.B.	MEGA-ray Laser, C.B.
Energy range (MeV)	0.1 – 20	1 – 10	8 – 20	1 – 20	1 – 160	< 3.5 MeV
Relative bandwidth	<0.3%	-	>0.3%	1-8%	1-10%	0.1%
Time-average spectral density photons(eV*s) ⁻¹	>10⁴	<10 ³	10	?	<10 ³	10 ⁵

ELI-NP Gamma beam production

$$E_\gamma = n \cdot 2\gamma_e^2 \cdot \frac{1 + \cos \varphi}{1 + (\gamma_e \theta)^2 + a_0^2 + \frac{4\gamma_e E_0}{mc^2}} \cdot E_0$$



n = harmonic number ; $\frac{4\gamma_e E_0}{mc^2}$ = recoil parameter ; $a_0 = \frac{eE}{m\omega_0}$; $E_0 = \hbar\omega_0$

Compton backscattering is the most efficient « frequency amplifier »

$$W_{\text{diff}} = 4g_e^2 W_{\text{laser}}$$

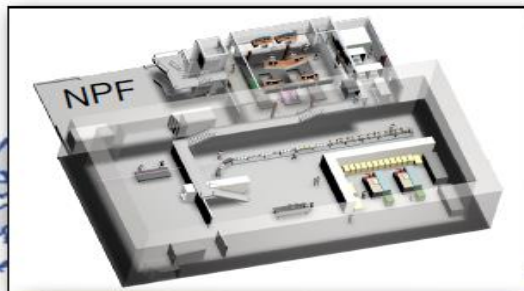
$E_e = 300 \text{ MeV}$ and optical laser $\Leftrightarrow g_e \sim 600 \Rightarrow E_g > 3 \text{ MeV}$

but very weak cross section: $6.6524 \cdot 10^{-25} \text{ cm}^2$

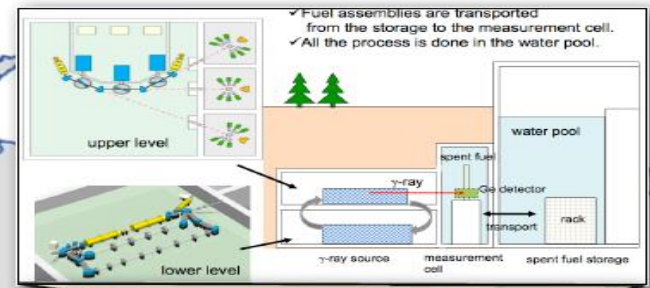
Therefore for a powerful γ beam, one needs:

- high intensity electron beams
- very brilliant optical photon beams
- very small collision volume
- very high repetition frequency

Other 3rd generation MEGa-ray projects are now emerging to pursue nuclear science & applications



Livermore



Rokkasho

Bucharest

Conclusions Summary

ELI NUCLEAR PHYSICS WORKSHOP
Bucharest, 9-10 February 2019

The document is also available for download: [ELI-NP](#)

During the closing session of the workshop, chaired by Professor Stefan Popescu and Professor Victor Zamfir, a summary was given of the discussions and decisions in the other sessions. Several elements were drafted in view of setting immediate directions of action to address the decisions decided during the E.O. meetings in Prague (October 2018) and Bucharest (January 2019).

The Chairman started with general statements:

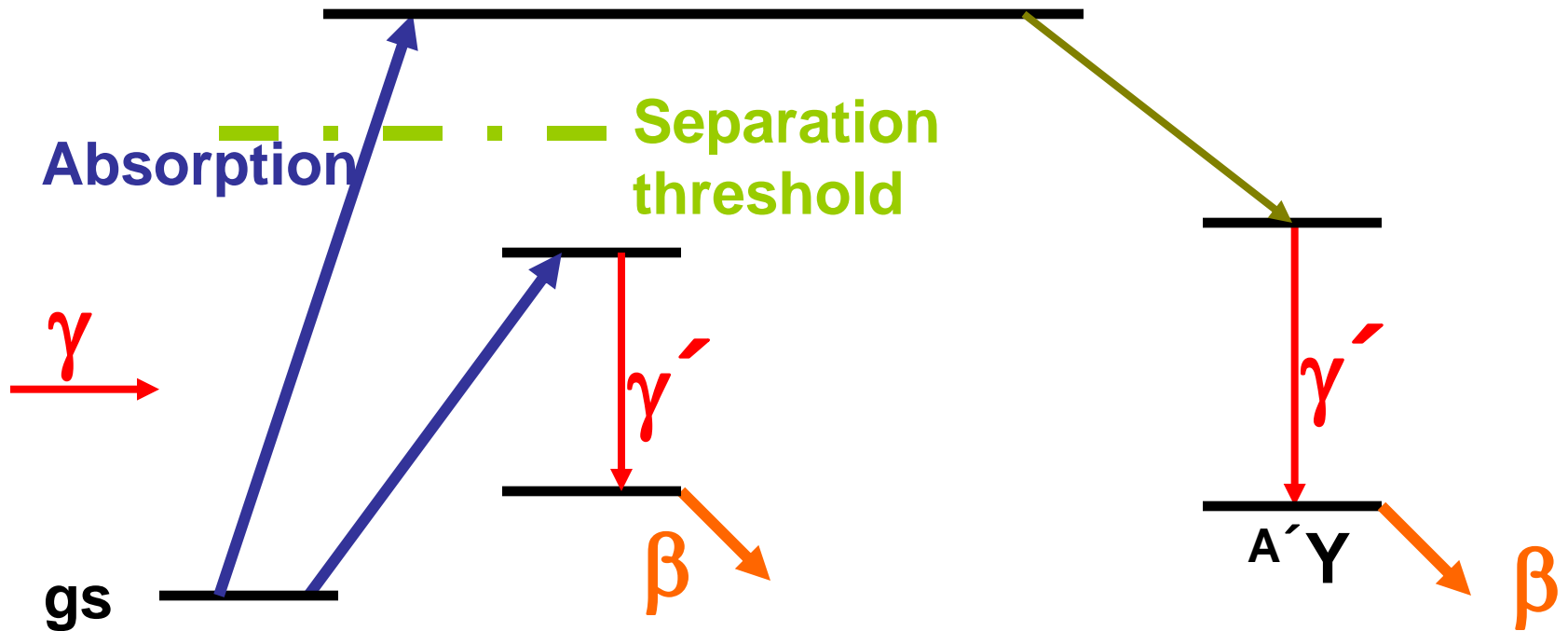
Victor Zamfir: "It's happy that we will get a lot of help from our scientific peers. I'd like to thank you for the help and also from the discussion... I'm glad to see that you are interested in the project... I would expect to see in any case that ELI is one of the most exciting investments in infrastructure in Europe and path of the industry... as a nuclear physicist, not as a physicist... that the NP will be the most challenging and the most interesting project."

Stefan Popescu: "I particularly enjoyed this workshop... I had the chance to meet you, the audience... I'm glad to see that you are interested in the project... I would expect to see in any case that ELI is one of the most exciting investments in infrastructure in Europe and path of the industry... as a nuclear physicist, not as a physicist... that the NP will be the most challenging and the most interesting project."

Zamfir added that "It was a consensus that a high-flux gamma source will strongly enhance the facility... for a lot of experiments... I'm glad to see that you are interested in the project... I would expect to see in any case that ELI is one of the most exciting investments in infrastructure in Europe and path of the industry... as a nuclear physicist, not as a physicist... that the NP will be the most challenging and the most interesting project."

- At the ELI-NP site we are confronted with a new frontier in physics – the beam-nuclear physics frontier.
- We are facing probably the most exciting physics of the nuclear era.
- ELI-NP is a milestone in high-intensity, industrial research facilities.

Photonuclear reactions



${}^A X$

Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence (NRF)

Photoactivation

Photodisintegration (-activation)

ELI – NP Experiments (2)

Laser + γ / e^- Beam

- Probing the Pair Creation from the Vacuum in the Focus of Strong Electrical Fields with a High Energy γ Beam
- The Real Part of the Index of Refraction of the Vacuum in High Fields: Vacuum Birefringence
- Cascades of e^+e^- Pairs and γ -Rays triggered by a Single Slow Electron in Strong Fields
- Compton Scattering and Radiation Reaction of a Single Electron at High Intensities
- Nuclear Lifetime Measurements by Streaking Conversion Electrons with a Laser Field.