# Introducing iThemba LABS: Subatomic Physics Facility in the Southern Hemisphere.



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### iThemba Laboratories for Accelerator Based Science (LABS)

- The largest particle accelerator facility in the Southern Hemisphere and the only cyclotron facility of its kind on the African continent.
- Multidisciplinary facility for fundamental and applied research using accelerated particle beams.
- Operates from sites located in Cape Town and Johannesburg.



Cape Town

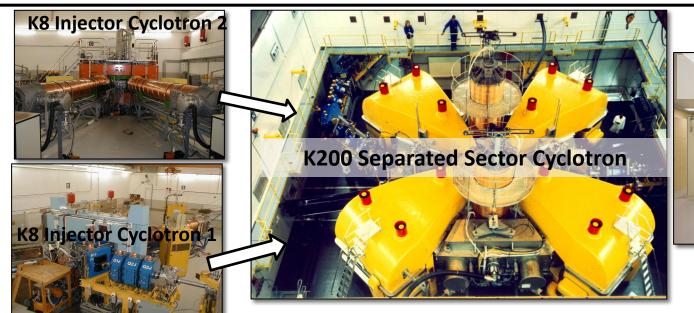


Johannesburg





### iThemba LABS: Laboratories for Accelerator Based Science





SSC Laboratory: Subatomic Physics and Applications, Nuclear Medicine



Tandetron Laboratory: Materials Research and Nanoscience



dv TAMS Laboratory:
Materials Research and AMS



SAIF Phase 1

## iThemba LABS: Users facility



**Cape Town** 

University of the Western Cape	University of Limpopo	
University of Cape Town	University of Venda	
University of Stellenbosch	University of Johannesburg	
Cape Peninsula University of Technology	Sefako Makgatho University	
University of the Witwatersrand	Tswane University of Technology	
University of Pretoria	University of the Free State	
North West University	University of South Africa	
Fort Hare University	Rhodes University	
University of Kwazulu Natal		
University of Zululand		
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University		



Gauteng

~ 129 staff members ~ 243 users (90 Students) /year

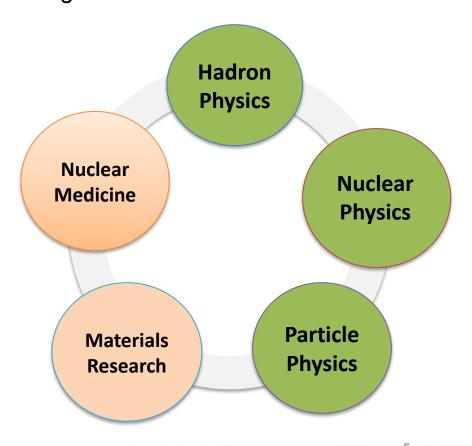
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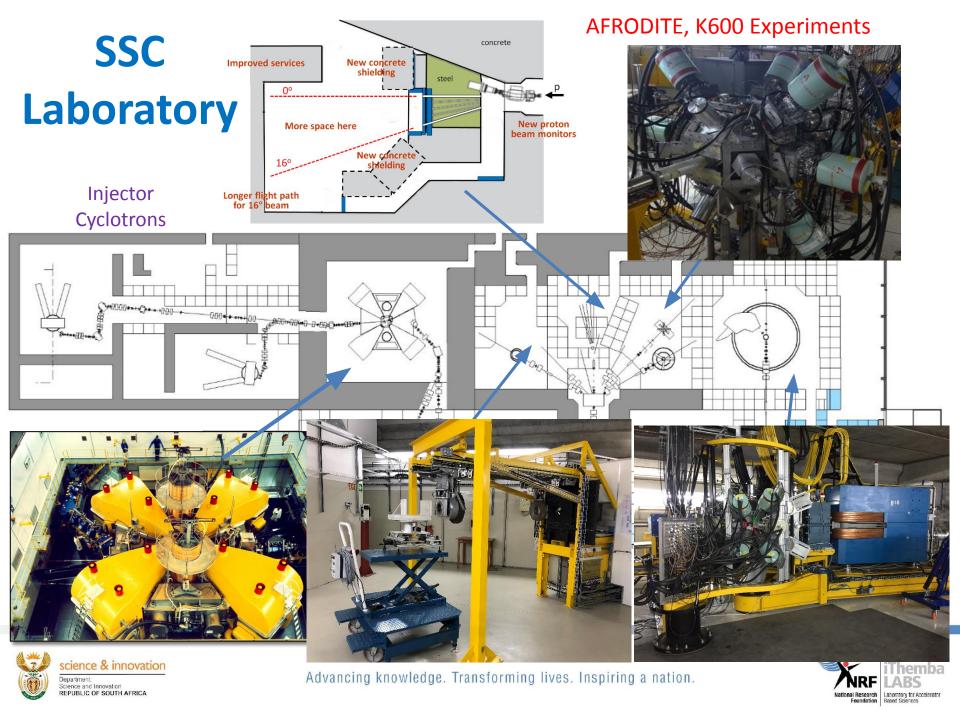
## Research @ iThemba LABS

The transdisciplinary research agenda of iThemba LABS brings together scientists working in the physical, medical and biological sciences to solve real world problems while still considering the origin and evolution of the universe.

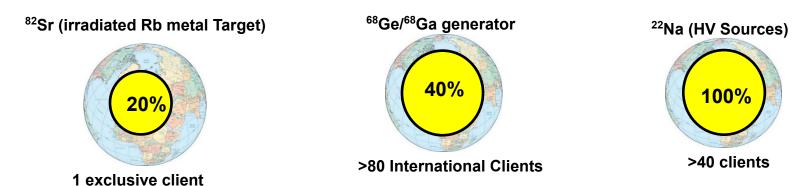


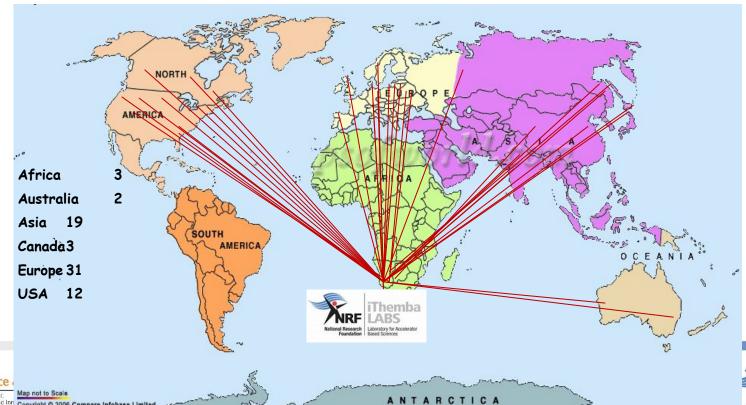






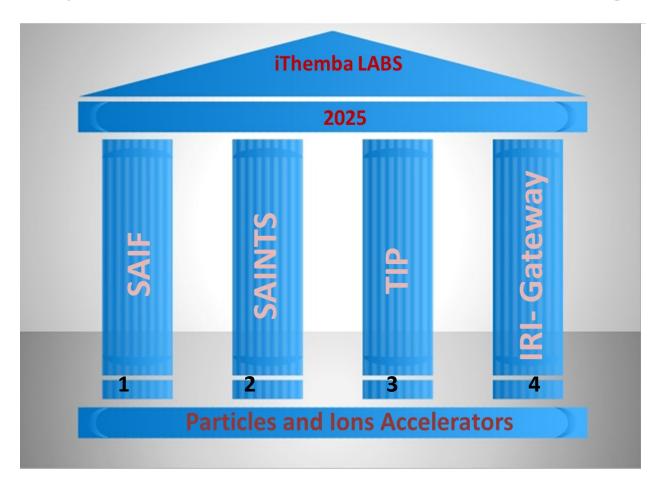
### **Nuclear medicine: iThemba LABS Radionuclide Distribution Network**







## The pillars of the iThemba LABS Long Range Plan



- Science and societal impact
- 2. Training and HCD
- 3. Technology and innovation
- 4. Access to International Research Infrastructure



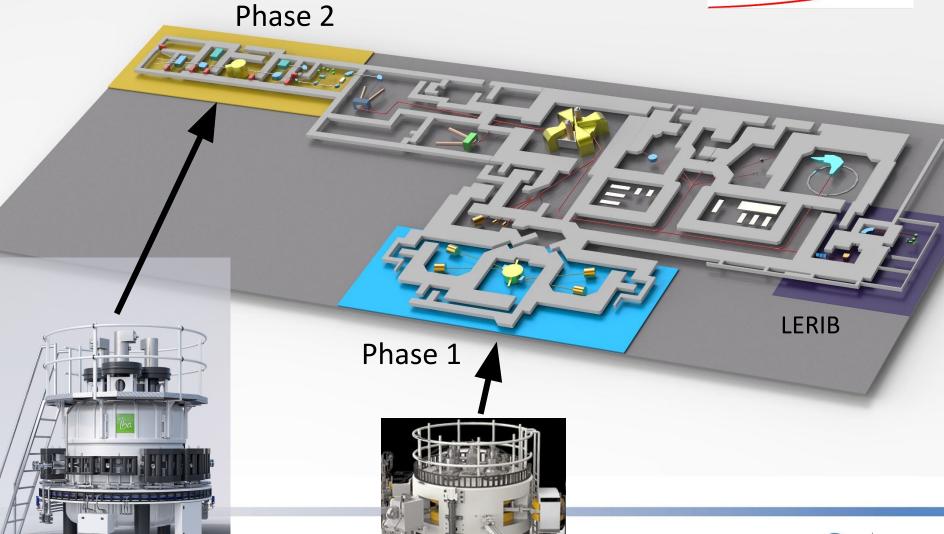


## The South African Isotope Facility

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Inspiring a nation.





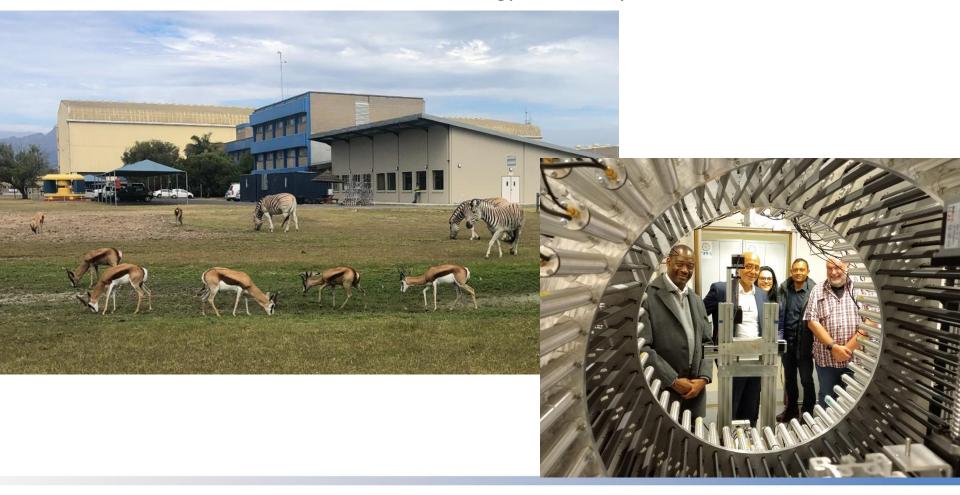






#### **TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION PLATFROM (TIP)**

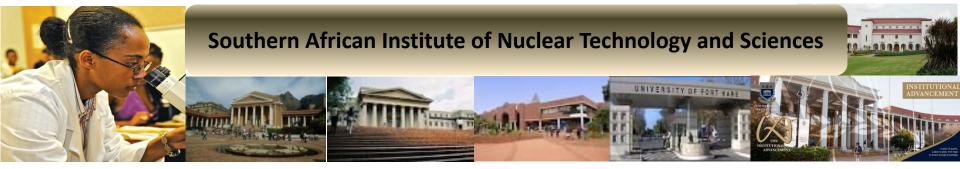
- Developing innovative technology skills and know-how
- Sharing of innovative technology within NF's and wider
  - Transfer of technology to industry







### Southern African Institute of Nuclear Technology and Science (SAINTS)



### **Strategic Objectives**

- Improve quality and quantity of research outputs
- Increase training capacity for technical human resource development
- Strengthen collaboration with Higher Education Sector



Postgraduate Education

Schools

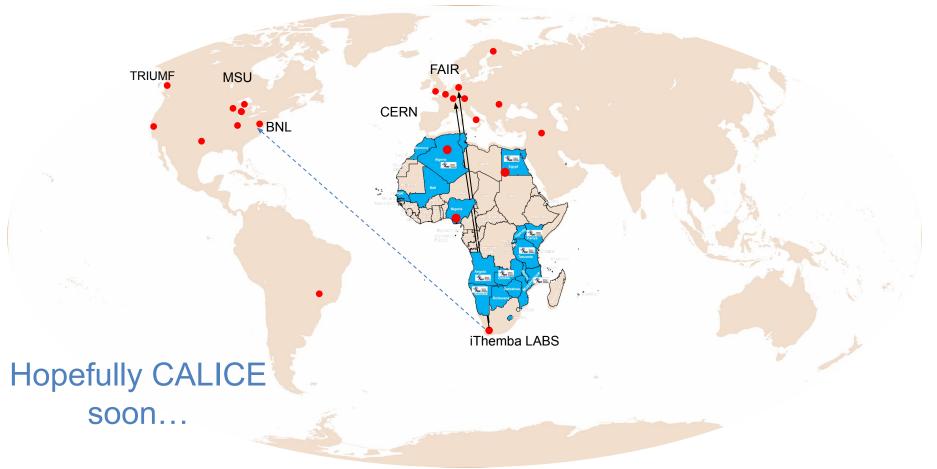
Short Courses and Training Programme

Vocational Training Programme

International Exposure

Engagement

### IRI- Gateway (International Research Infrastructure Gateway)



The African gateway to International Large Scale
Research Infrastructures







## Thank you





