

# Programs and projects at GANIL-SPIRAL2

# A brief history of GANIL

**1976** Creation of GANIL  
(Grand Accélérateur national d'ions lourds)



**1983** First experiment

**2001** SPIRAL1 exotic beams

**2006** SPIRAL2 Project signature of convention for construction  
Inclusion on European Strategy Forum for  
Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) roadmap

**2016** SPIRAL2 ESFRI Landmark

**2019** Start of the commissioning of SPIRAL2

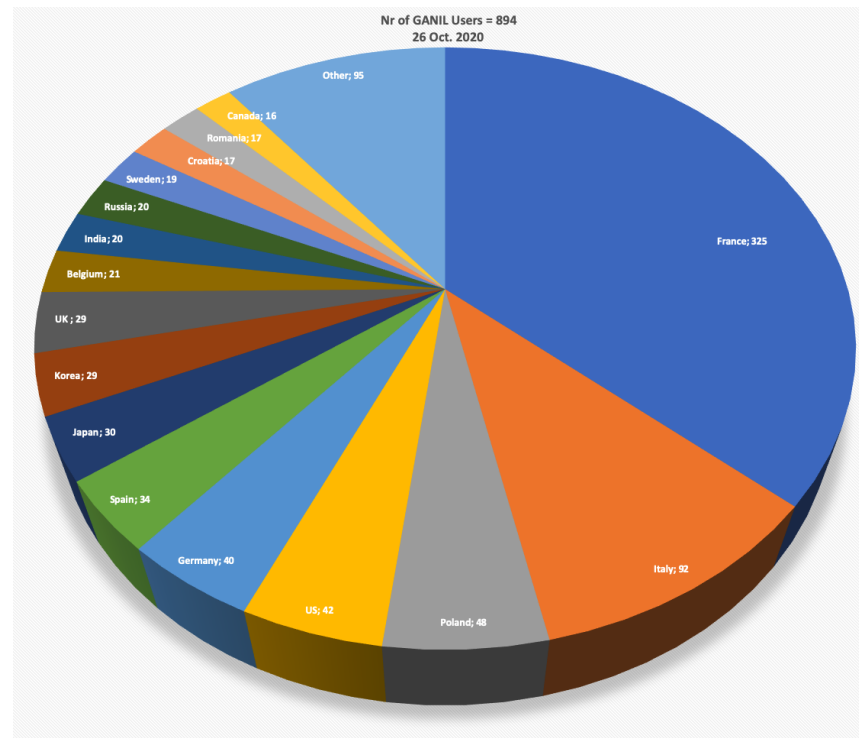
**2020** First neutron beams

**2021** First NFS experiments (Neutron For Science)



## Some numbers

- 230 permanent staff members (CEA and CNRS researchers, engineers, technicians) + 40 temporary staff (15 PhD, 5 postdocs)
- + CIMAP = 24 permanent staff + 15 PhD + 8 postdocs
- An international scientific community of  $\approx 1000$  members



France  
Italie  
Pologne  
USA  
Allemagne  
Espagne  
Japon  
Corée  
Royaume Uni  
Belgique  
Inde  
Russie  
Suède  
Roumanie  
Canada

A major facility for heavy ions in the world

with GSI/FAIR (Germany), RIBF/RIKEN (Japan), FRIB/MSU (USA), ISOLDE (CERN)...

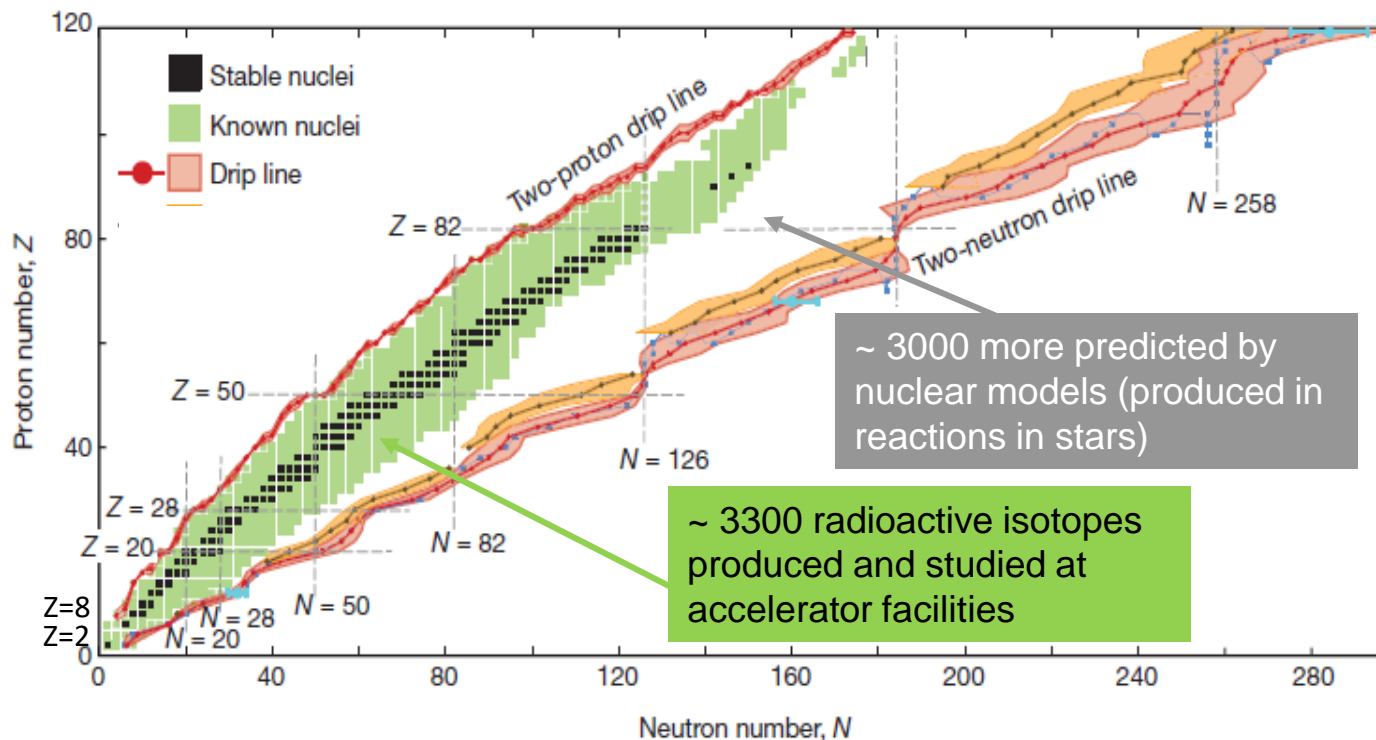


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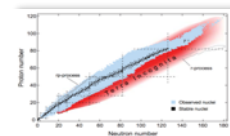
## Nuclear Physics@GANIL: study of exotic nuclei

Main questions to be answered :

- What are the limits of existence of nuclei ?
- What are the underlying fundamental interactions ?
- How regular patterns emerge in the intrinsic structure of complex many body nuclei ?



## Nuclear Physics



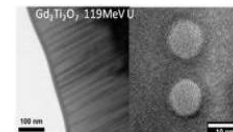
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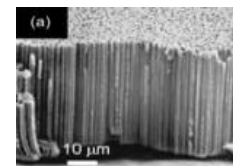
## Astrochemistry



## Materials under irradiation



## Nanostructuration



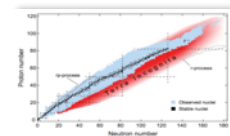
## Radiobiology



## Nuclear Physics@GANIL: study of exotic nuclei

- Are there more unexpected new phenomena to be discovered ?
  - ✓ Shell structure modification and new magic numbers
  - ✓ Halo nuclei
  - ✓ New radioactivities
  - ✓ ????

## Nuclear Physics



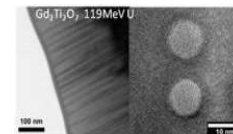
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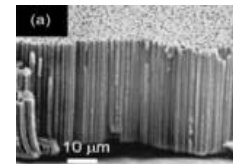
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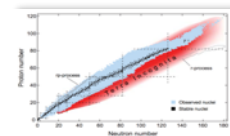


## Nuclear astrophysics:

How nuclei have participated and still participate in the creation of elements in the universe?

Renewed interest since the discovery of gravitational waves : EM counterpart of GW170817 is the strongest evidence of heavy elements nucleosynthesis through the r-process.

## Nuclear Physics



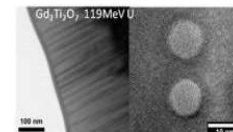
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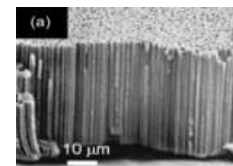
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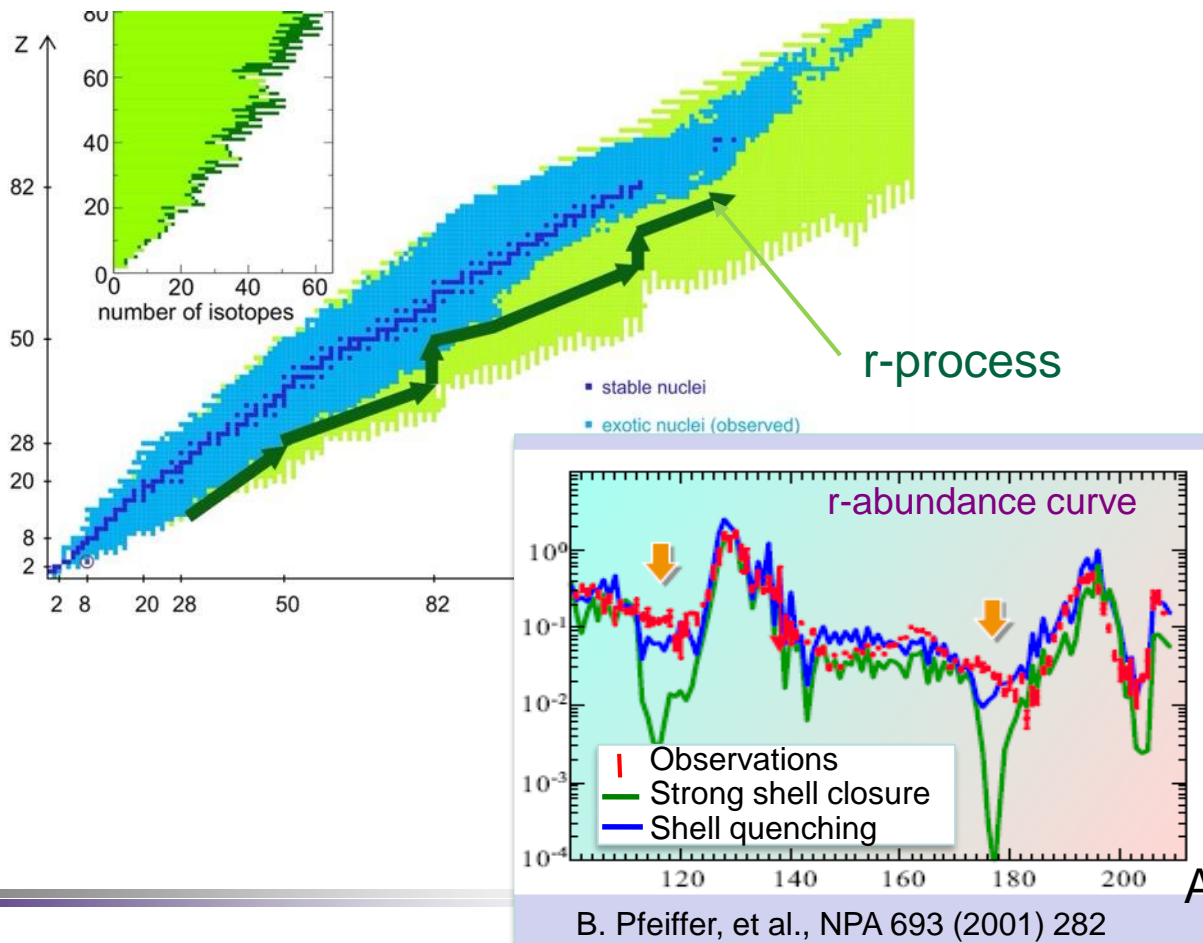
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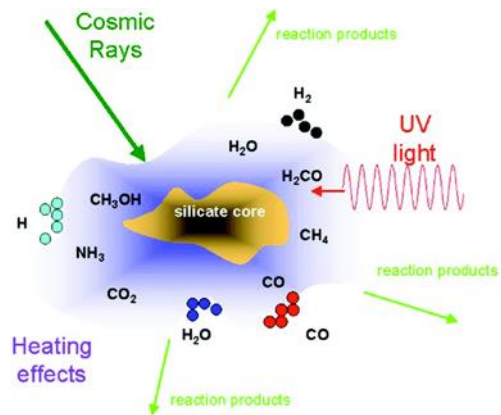


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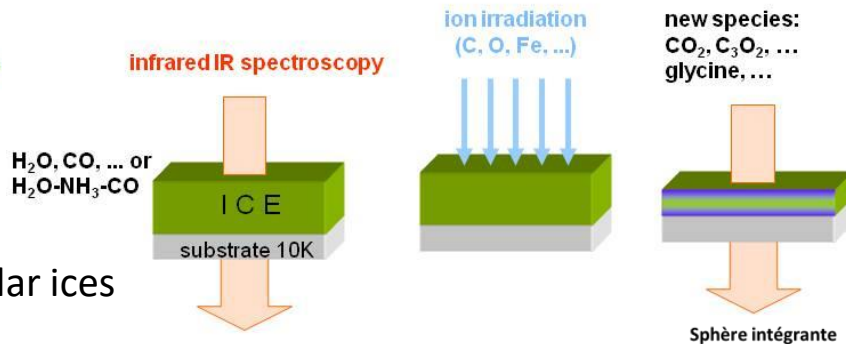


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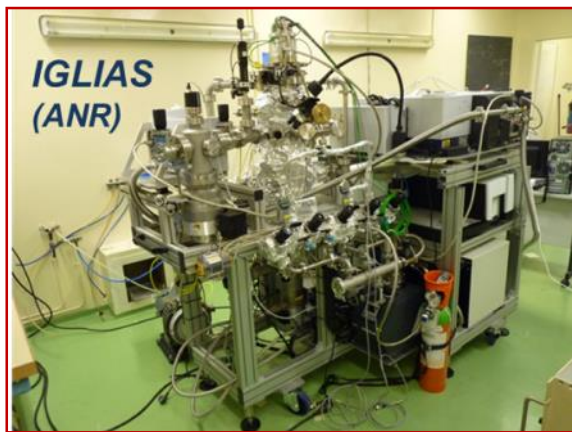
Role of cosmic rays and stellar winds on ices for the appearance of molecules in the universe



fragmentation/destruction  
formation of molecules  
Desorption / Sputtering / implantation

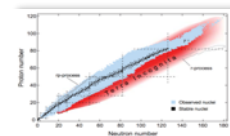


IGLIAS setup to mimic interstellar ices exposed to radiation



In-situ gas deposition  
3 spectrometers (UV-visible, FTIR, QMS)

## Nuclear Physics



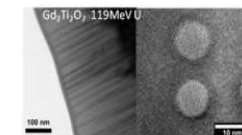
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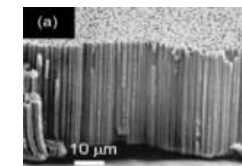
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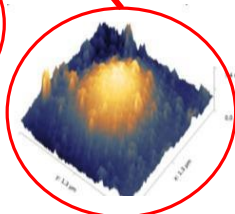
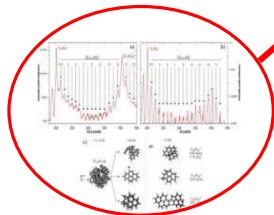
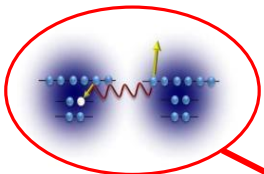
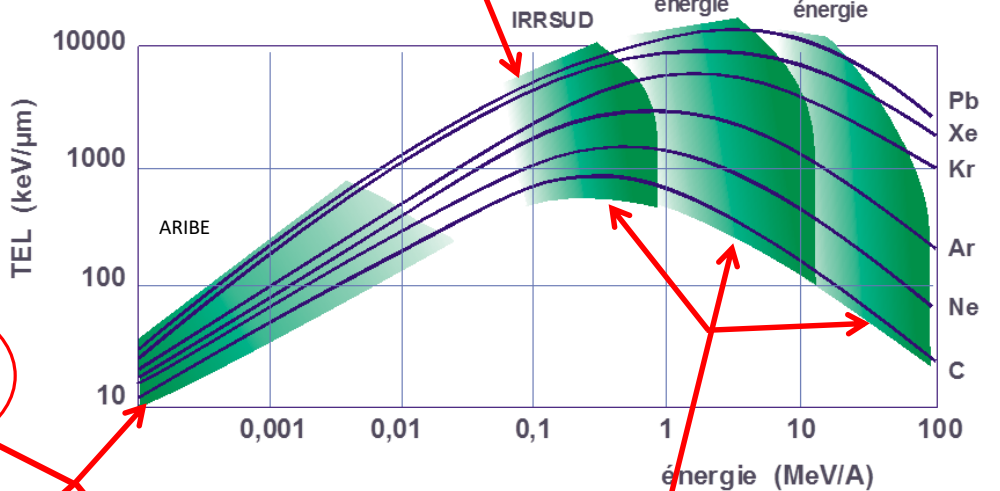
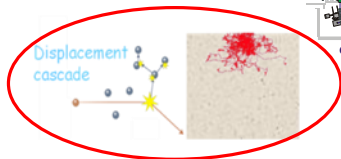
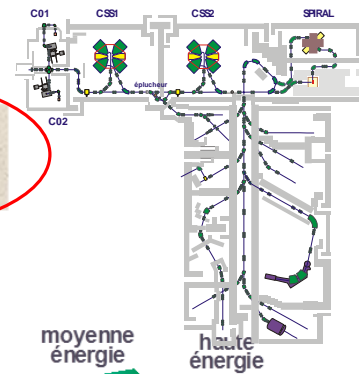
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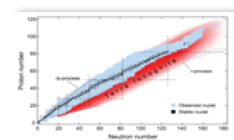


## Materials under irradiation/Nanostructuration

- Materials study
- Contribution to improving the nuclear power plants safety (fuel tubes, nuclear packaging)



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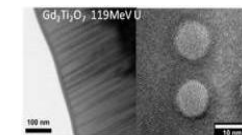
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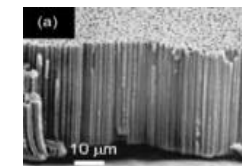
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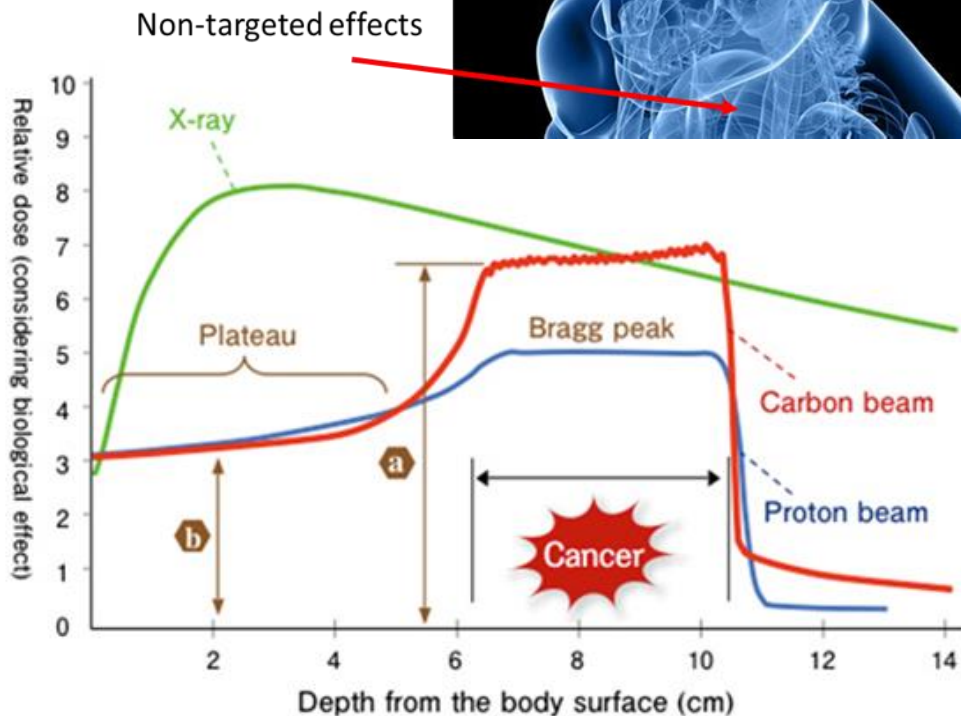
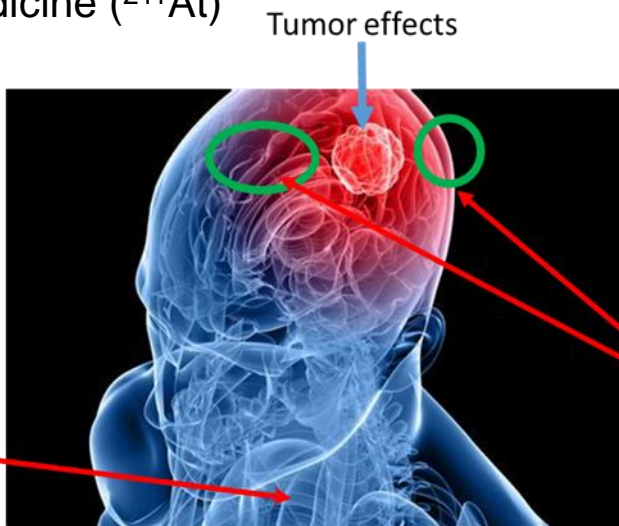


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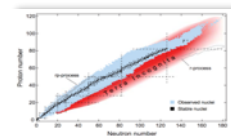
- New radioisotopes for medicine ( $^{211}\text{At}$ )
- pre-clinical studies and innovative methods for hadrontherapy



New hadrontherapy center nearby GANIL



## Nuclear Physics



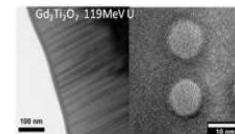
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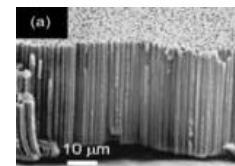
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# GANIL-SPIRAL2 Facility

# GANIL Cyclotrons and experimental equipment

EXOGRAM



ACTAR TPC 



Sample holder for irradiation



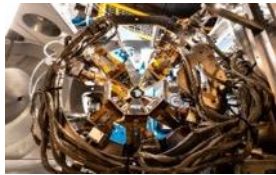
MUGAST



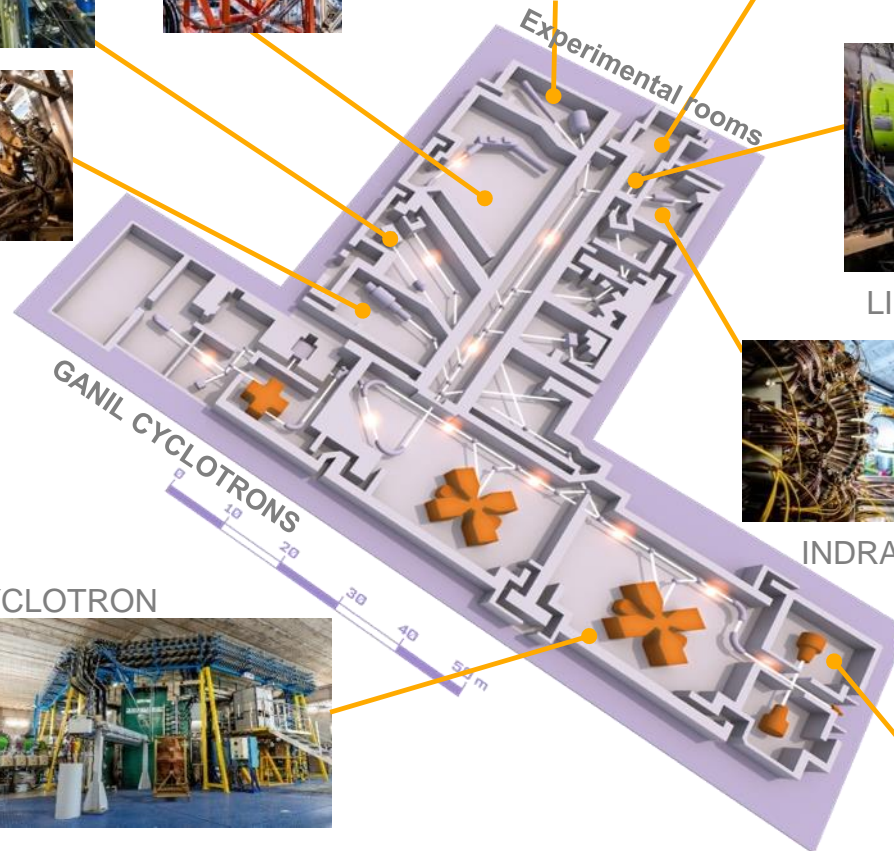
LISE SPECTROMETER



VAMOS



AGATA



INDRA + FAZIA

CYCLOTRON



SOURCES



- Beams :  $^{12}\text{C}$  to U
- Energy : from  $<1$  MeV up to 95MeV/nucleon
- Up to 4 experiments in parallel

# SPIRAL2 and the new experimental rooms

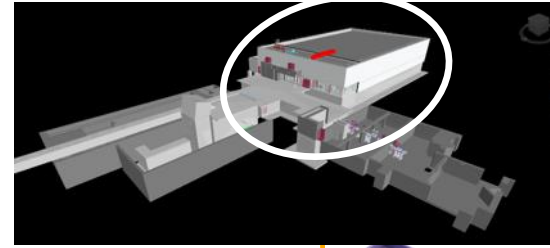
EXPERIMENTAL ROOM NFS  
(NEUTRONS FOR SCIENCE)



Convertor room



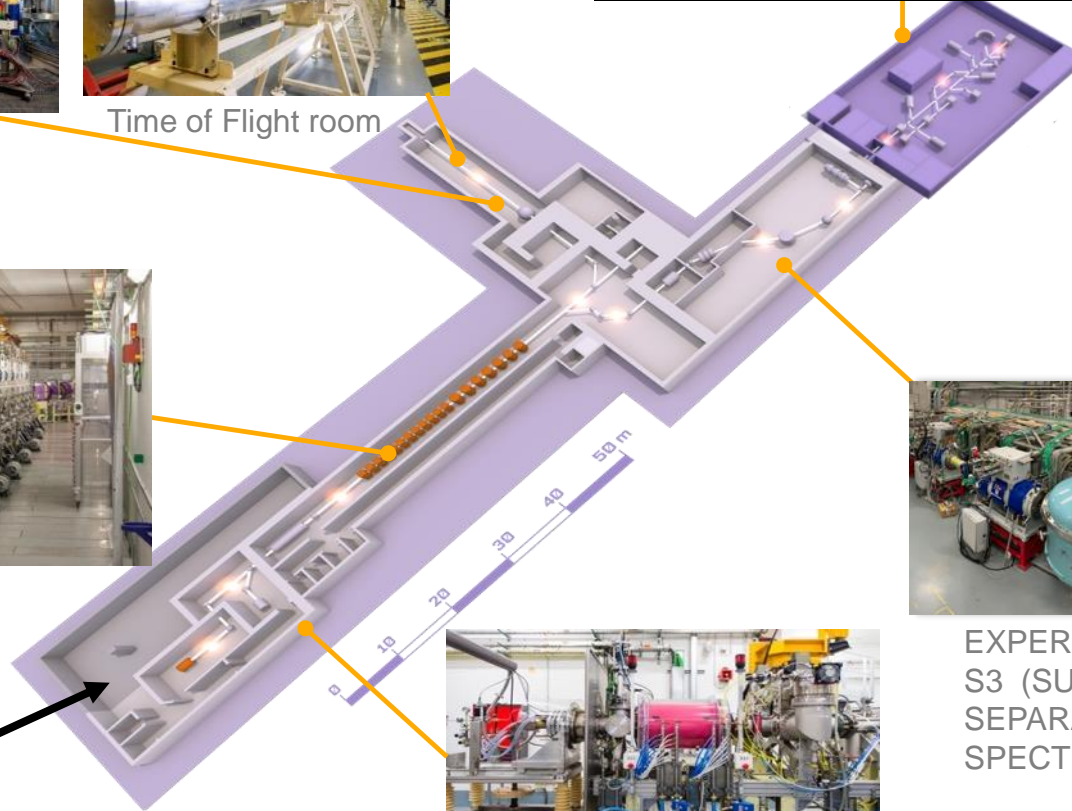
Time of Flight room



EXPERIMENTAL ROOM DESIR  
(Desintegration, Excitation and Storage of Radioactive Ions)



LINEAR accelerator  
(LINAC)



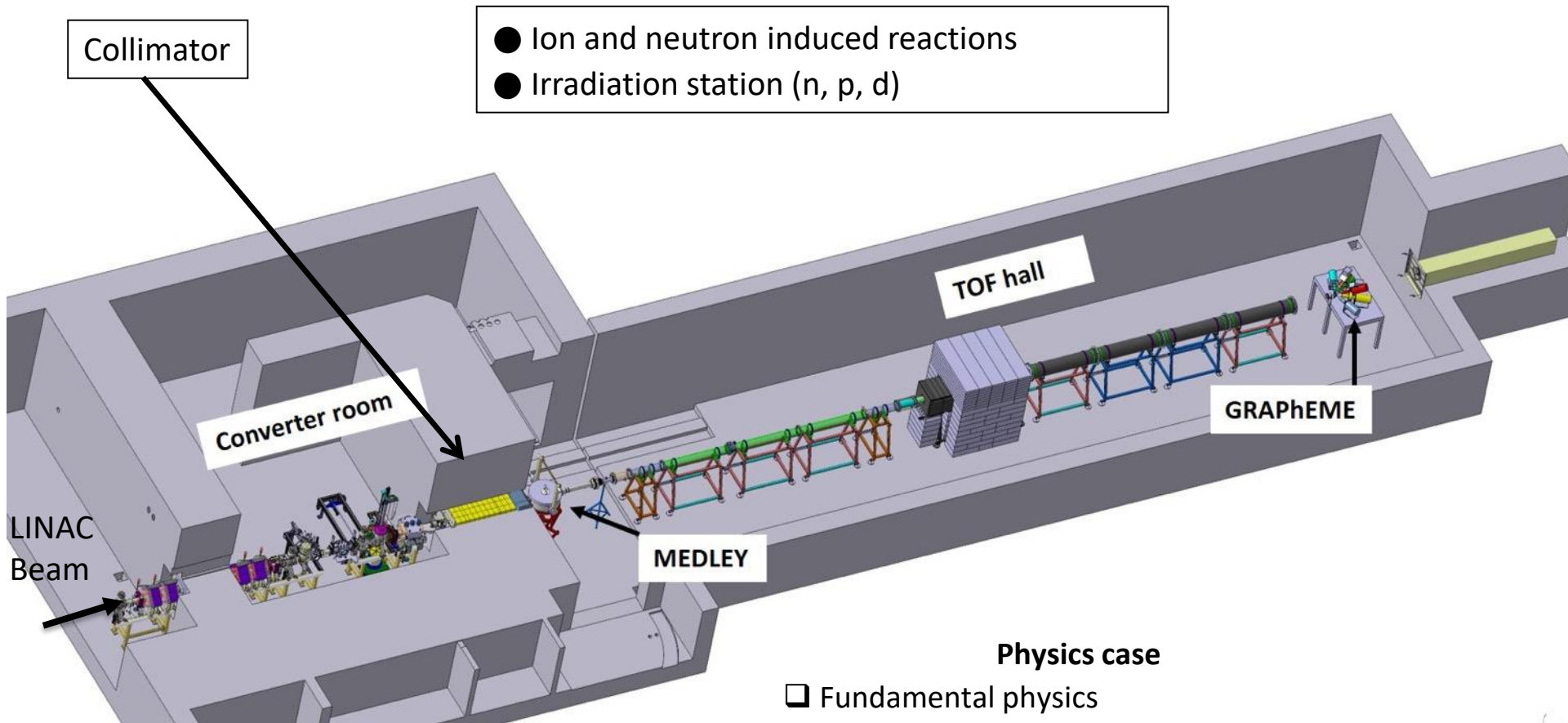
EXPERIMENTAL ROOM S3  
(SUPER SEPARATOR SPECTROMETER)



ION SOURCE



# New experimental room : Neutron for Science



Collimator

- Ion and neutron induced reactions
- Irradiation station (n, p, d)

Converter room

TOF hall

GRAPhEME

MEDLEY

LINAC  
Beam

- Neutron Beam at  $0^\circ$
- Collimator beam quality
- Size (L x l)  $\approx$  (28m x 6m)
  - TOF measurements
  - free flight path

## Physics case

- Fundamental physics
- Astrophysics
- New generation of reactor
- Fusion technology
- Radioisotopes production for medical applications
- Biology (cells irradiation..)
- Development and characterization of new detectors
- Study of the single-event upsets

# New experimental room : Neutron for Science

Collimator

- Ion and neutron induced reactions
- Beam line extension

Rotating converter

Pneumatic transfer system

Li converter

Irradiation station

LINAC Beam



- Development and characterization of new detectors
- Study of the single-event upsets

# New experimental room : Neutron for Science

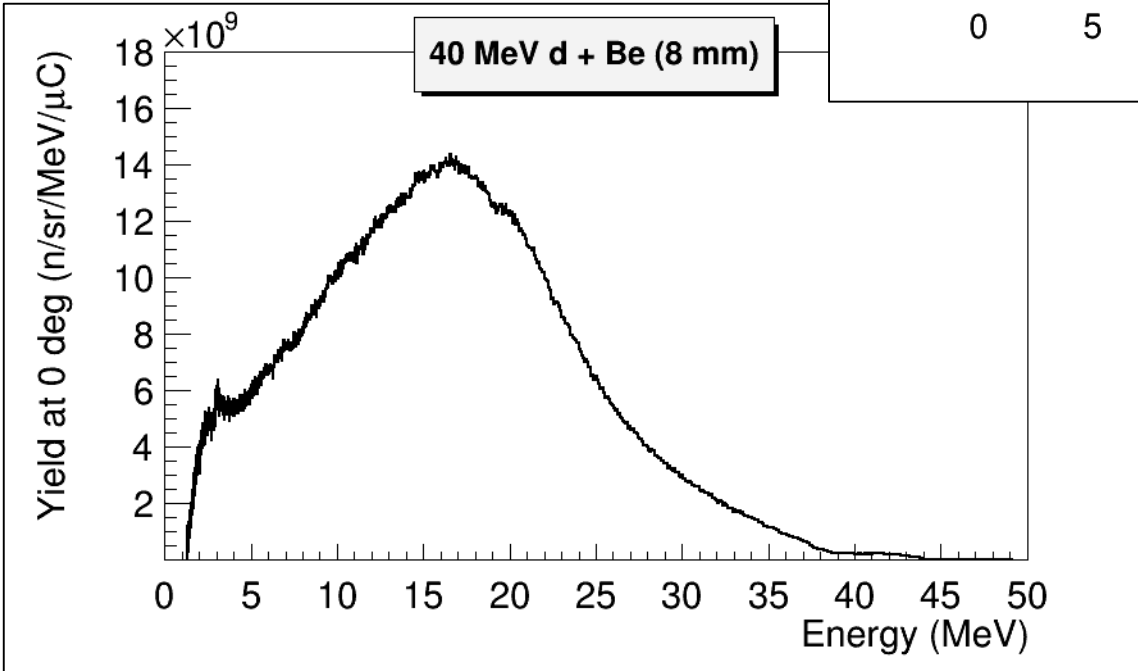
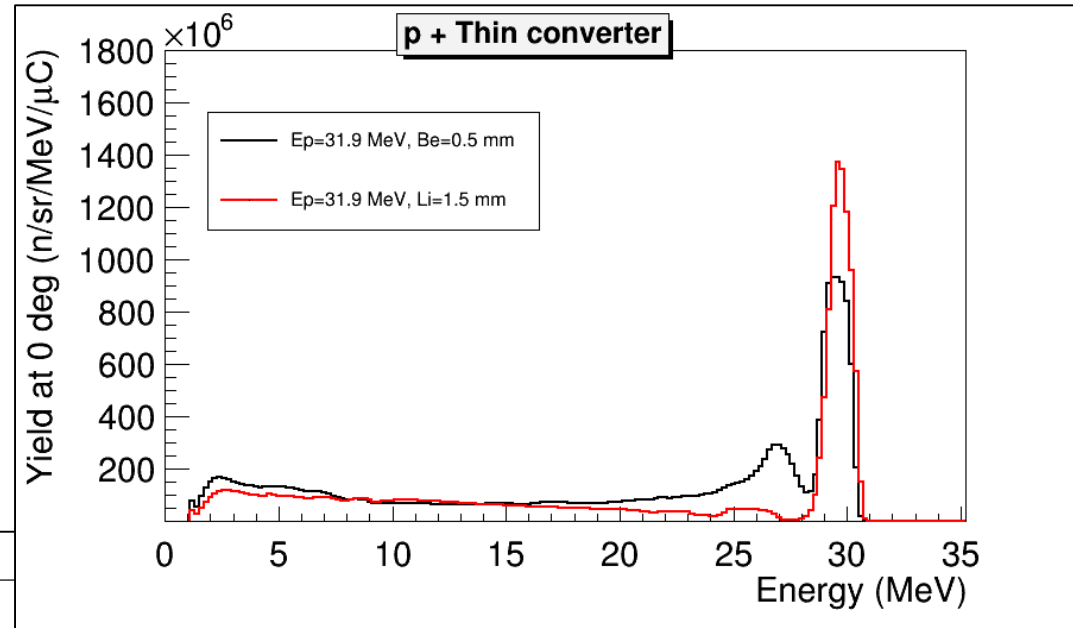


LINAC  
Beam

□ Study of the single-event upsets



# Neutrons beams



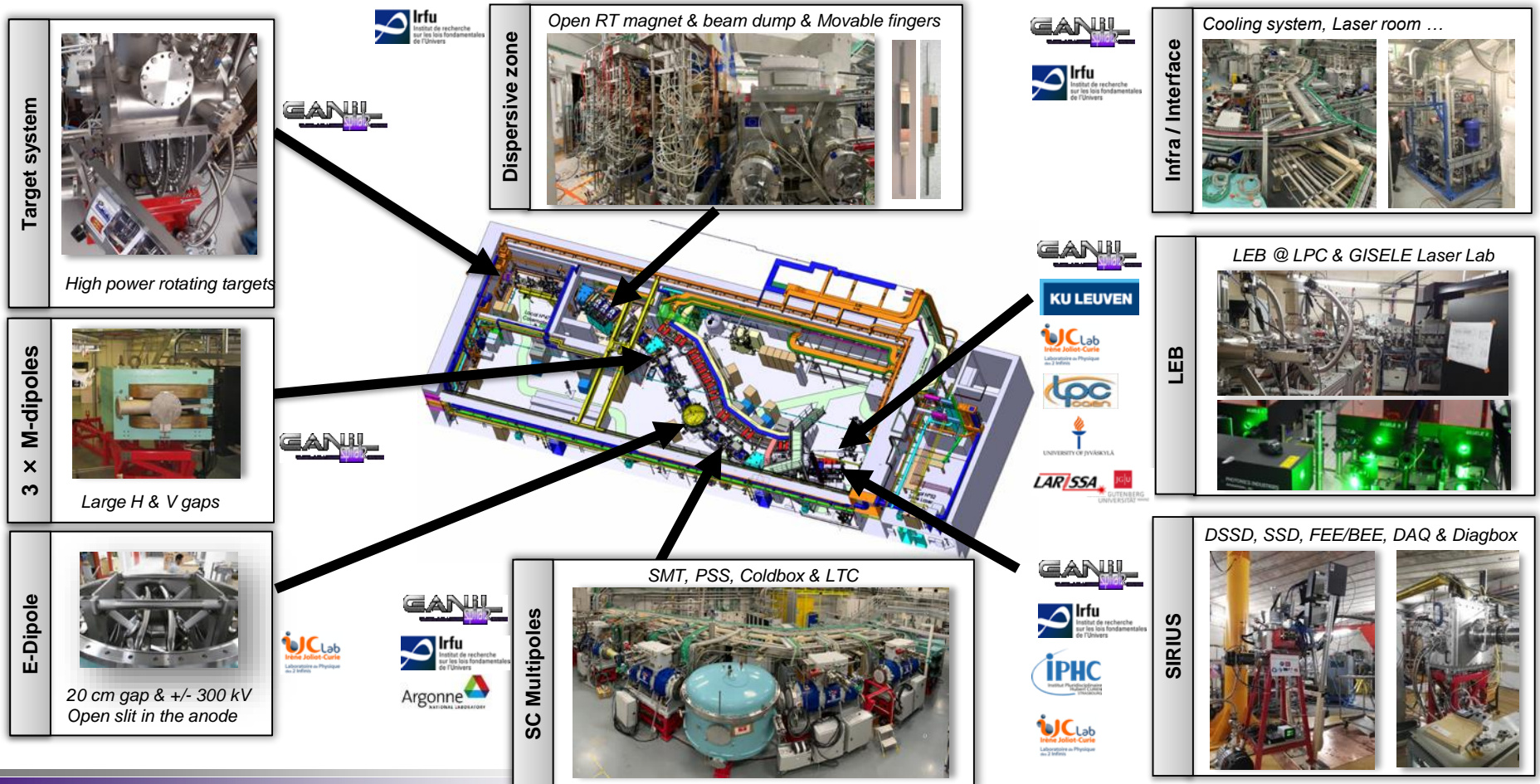
Flux at 5 meters :  
 $8 \cdot 10^7$  n/s/cm<sup>2</sup>  
at 15 MeV :  $5 \cdot 10^6$  n/s/cm<sup>2</sup>/MeV  
at 30 MeV :  $6 \cdot 10^5$  n/s/cm<sup>2</sup>/MeV

# SSS : the Super Separator Spectrometer



## Fundamental research in Nuclear & Atomic physics

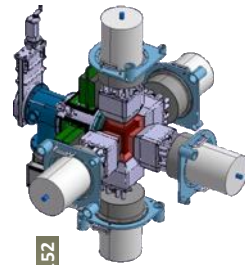
- High selectivity  $> 10^{13}$  beam rejection
- High efficiency 50%
- Mass resolution  $> 350$
- Versatility : high resolution, high transmission, high beam rejection modes...
- Unique instrumentation : SIRIUS for p,  $\alpha$ , electron and  $\gamma$  spectroscopy, and S3-LEB with gas catcher, RFQ and MR-ToF-MS



# S<sup>3</sup>-SIRIUS day 1 pre-proposals

## SIRIUS: Spectroscopy and Identification of Rare Isotopes Using S3

- tracking detector
- Si detector box
- Ge detectors

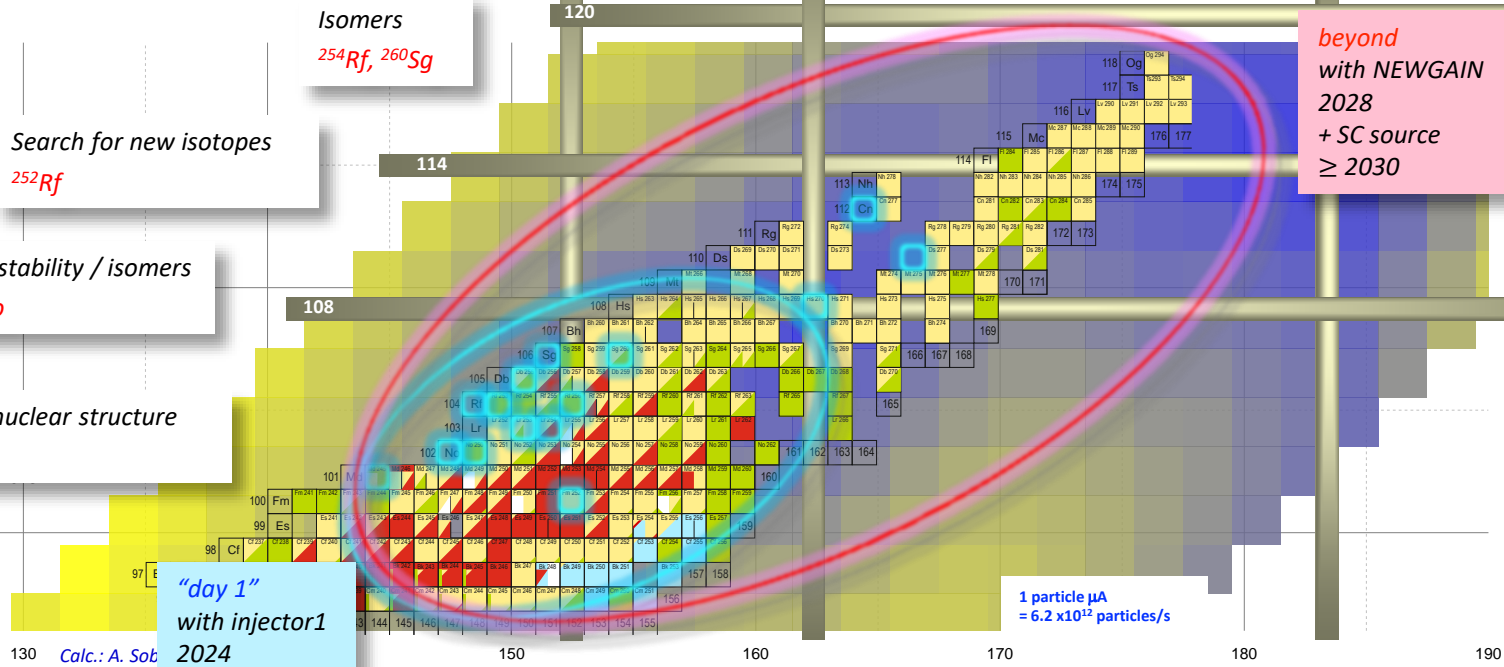


K-isomers  
Single particle states  
New isotopes – limits of stability  
Odd-Z nuclei  
Reaction mechanism  
N=152, 162

### Very heavy and super heavy nuclei

- Limit of the nuclear existence
- Shell correction effects
- Reaction mechanisms

beyond  
with NEWGAN  
2028  
+ SC source  
≥ 2030



Search for new isotopes  
*<sup>252</sup>Rf*

Isomers  
*<sup>254</sup>Rf, <sup>260</sup>Sg*

Limits of stability / isomers  
*250, 249, ... No*

Odd Z isotopes – nuclear structure  
*fermium region*

“day 1”  
with injector1  
2024

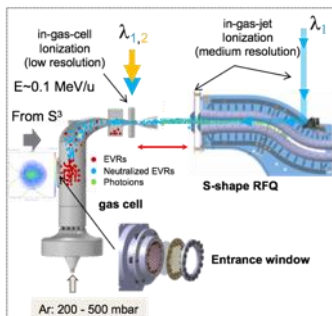
1 particle  $\mu$ A  
=  $6.2 \times 10^{12}$  particles/s

Calc.: A. Sob...

## REGLIS<sup>3</sup>

### Observables :

- Nuclear magnetic dipole moment
- Nuclear Electric quadrupole moment
- Mean charge radii
- Spin



## PILGRIM (MR-Tof-MS)

### Observables :

- Mass (100keV)



## Tape station

### Observables :

- Decay spectroscopy
- Half-life

### Nucleon-Nucleon interaction around <sup>100</sup>Sn?

- Effective Single particle energy levels: <sup>101</sup>Sn, <sup>99</sup>In
- T = 0 T = 1 Pairing interaction: <sup>98</sup>In
- Spin-aligned coupling scheme: <sup>94</sup>Ag, <sup>90</sup>Rh

### How deformation emerge from microscopic configuration ?

- Q in Sn chain
- Evolution of deformation around <sup>80</sup>Zr

### Binding energies and Wigner term ?

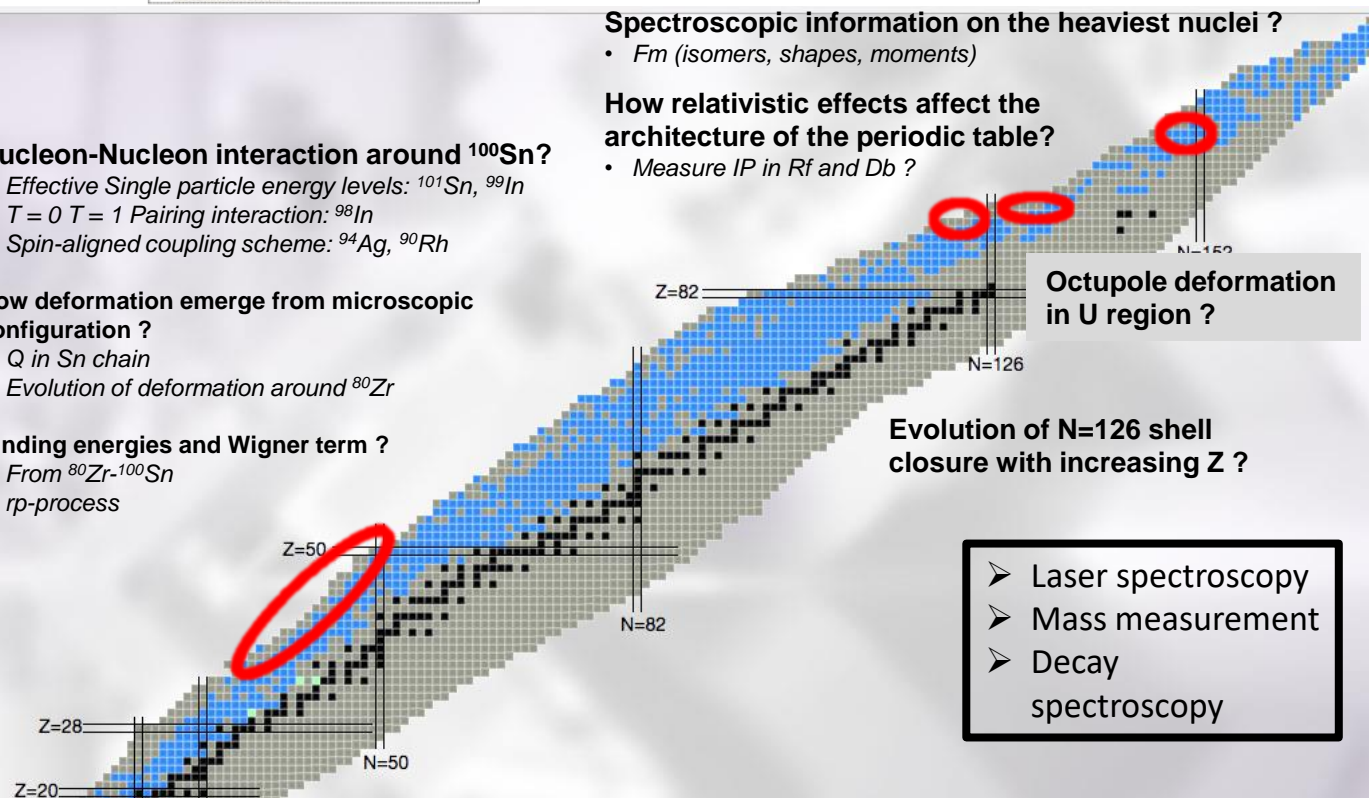
- From <sup>80</sup>Zr-<sup>100</sup>Sn
- rp-process

### Spectroscopic information on the heaviest nuclei ?

- Fm (isomers, shapes, moments)

### How relativistic effects affect the architecture of the periodic table?

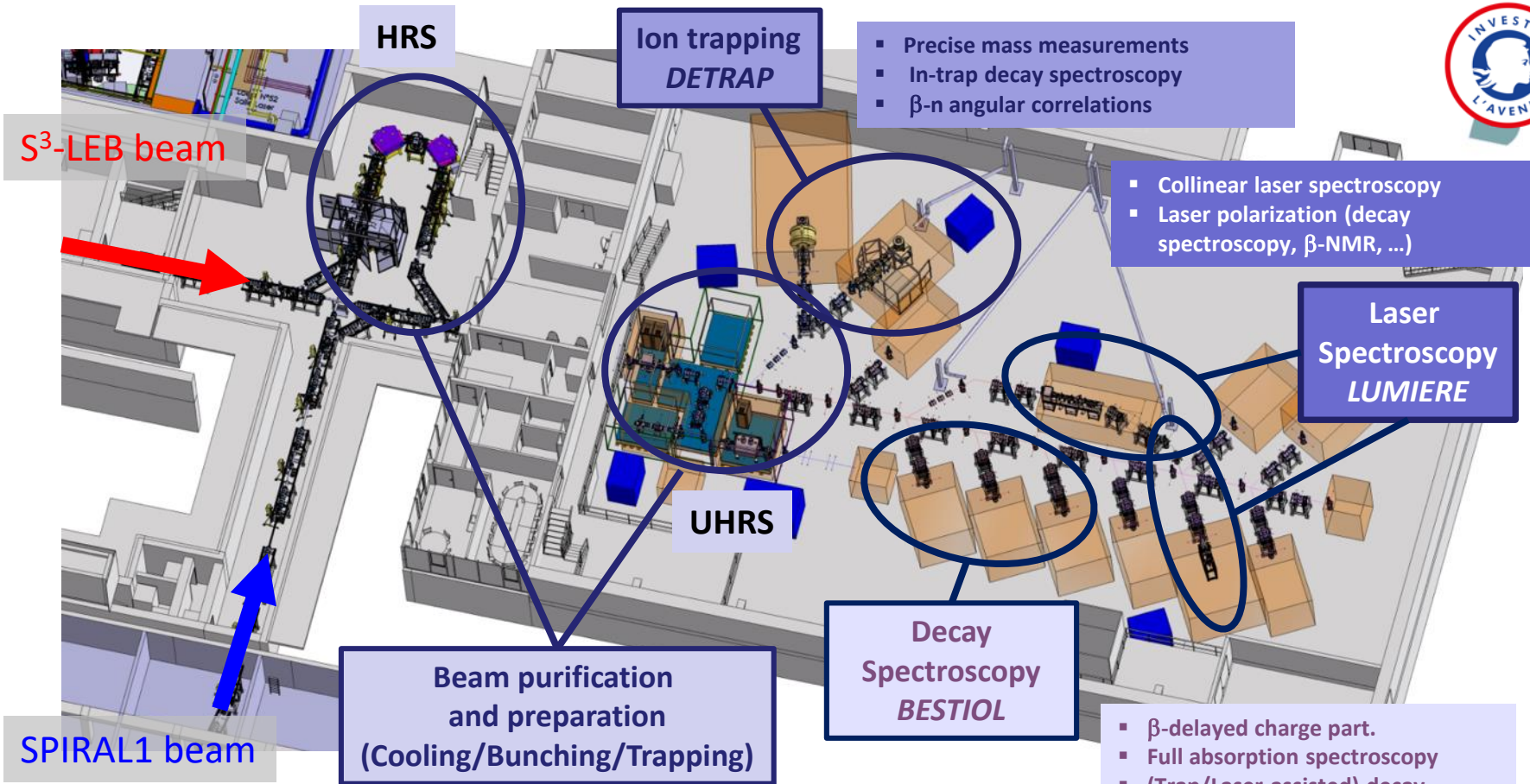
- Measure IP in Rf and Db ?



- Laser spectroscopy
- Mass measurement
- Decay spectroscopy

- ◎ N=Z region: shell evolution, nucleosynthesis, symmetries
- ◎ Heavy neutron-deficient refractory elements: shapes/shape coexistence, exotic decay modes
- ◎ Heavy and Super Heavy Element region: single-particle versus deformation, atomic physics

# Experimental room under project:



- Low-energy radioactive-ion-beam facility
- Beams from SPIRAL1 and S<sup>3</sup>
  - Important beam preparation and purification capabilities
  - High resolution/precision experiments

Construction will start after « Modification autorisation » procedure (ASN, MSNR) and public inquiry => Spring-summer 2023  
First beams: 2027

- **Collinear laser spectroscopy**
- $\beta$ -delayed  $\gamma$  spectroscopy
- $\beta$ -n angular correlation
- **Mass measurement**
- $\beta$ -delayed charge part.,  $\beta$ -n emission
- (Trap-assisted)  $\beta$ -decay, full absorption spectroscopy

LUMIERE

DETRAP

BESTIOL

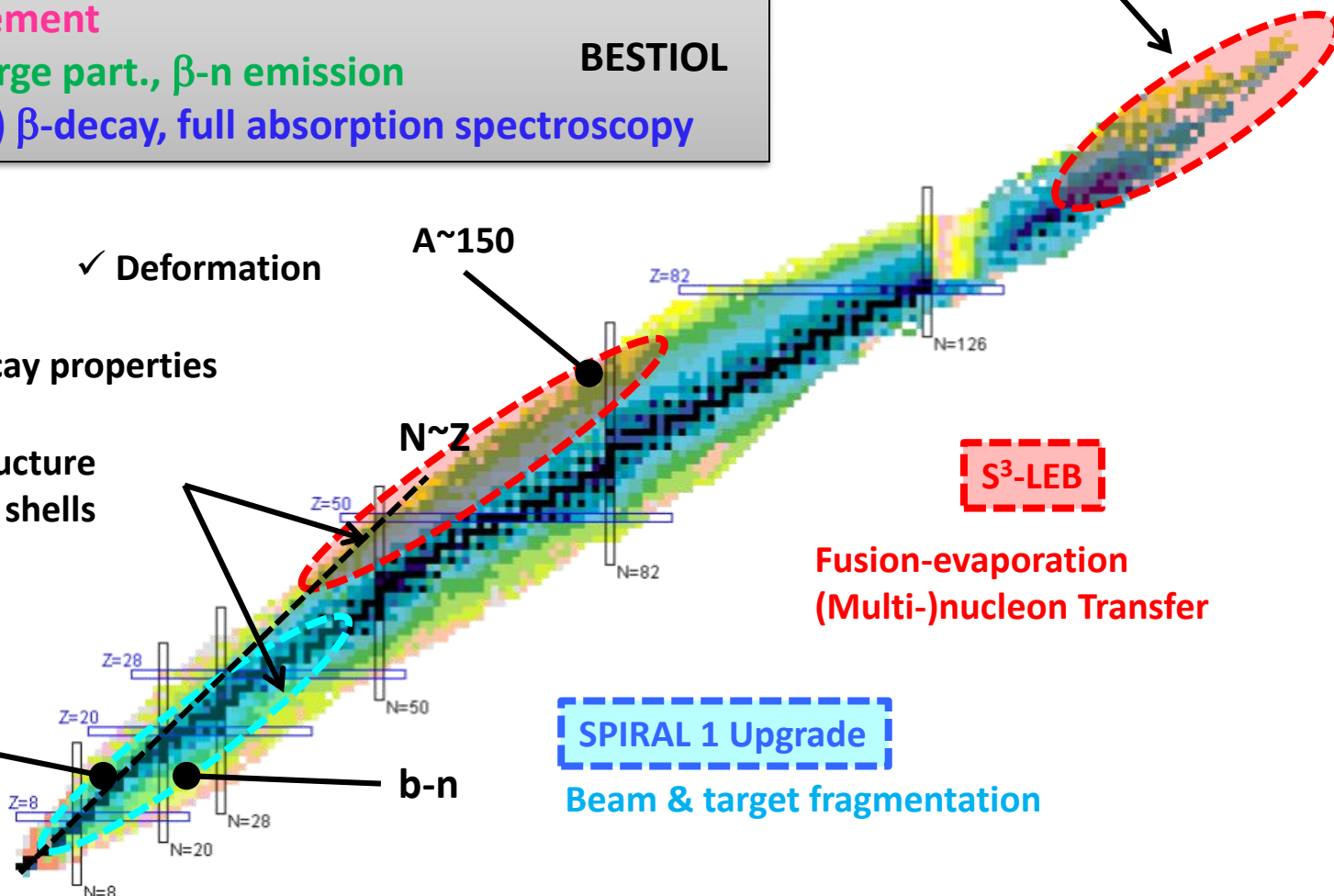
Very (super)-heavy

✓ Deformation

✓ Decay properties

✓ Nuclear structure near closed shells

✓ Fundamental interactions



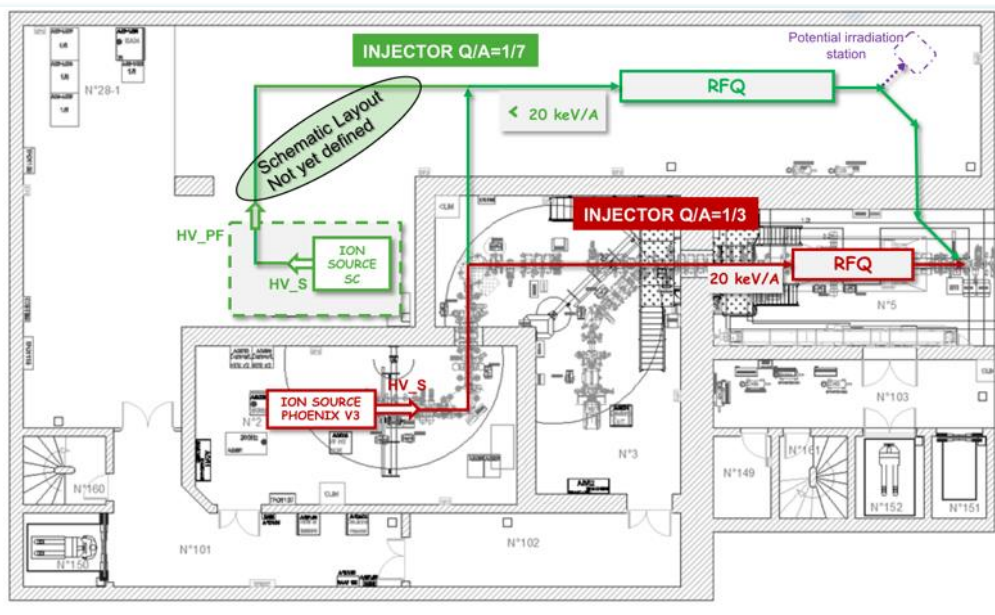
SPIRAL 1 Upgrade

Beam & target fragmentation

# New injector for SPIRAL2: NEWGAIN



## Floorplan, design intensities and time line



beam intensities	injector1	NEWGAIN (injector2)	
	2023	2028	≥ 2030
Ions	Intensity (pμA) Phoenix V3 RFQ A/Q≤3	Intensity (pμA) Phoenix V3 RFQ A/Q≤7	Intensity (pμA) SC Ion Source RFQ A/Q≤7
<sup>18</sup> O	80	*	375
<sup>19</sup> F	>15	>40	>40
<sup>36</sup> Ar	16	70	45
<sup>40</sup> Ar	3.6	70	45
<sup>36</sup> S	2.3	*	*
<sup>40</sup> Ca	2.9	10	20
<sup>48</sup> Ca	1.2	10	20
<sup>58</sup> Ni	1.1	4	8
<sup>84</sup> Kr	0.1	10	20
<sup>139</sup> Xe	0.001	7	>10
<sup>238</sup> U	<<0.001	0.1	6

Measured      Estimated      \* -> no estimation

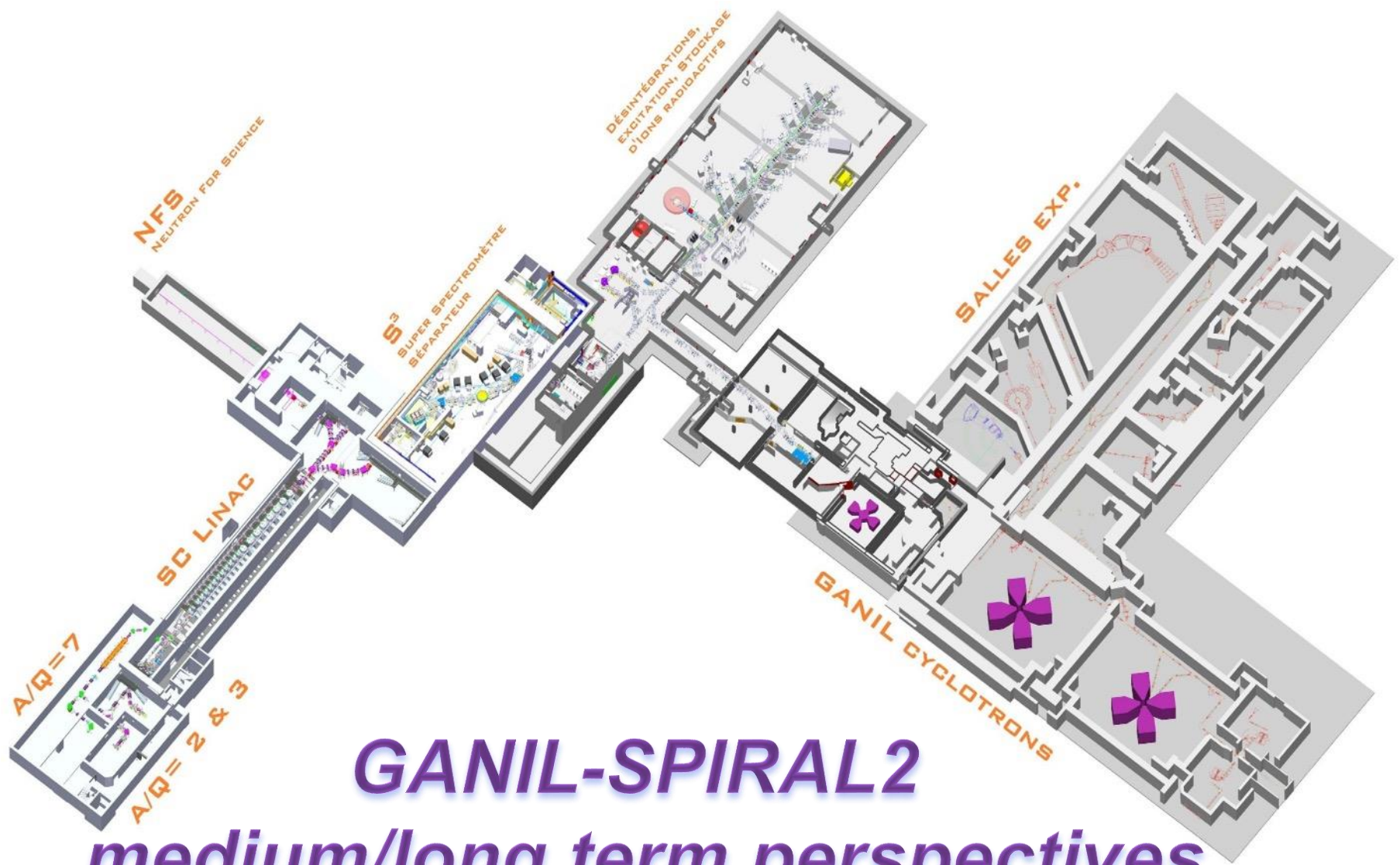
NEWGAIN White Book

NEWGAIN time line

<https://www.ganil-spiral2.eu/scientists/ganil-spiral-2-facilities/accelerators/newgain/>

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
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# GANIL-SPIRAL2

*medium/long term perspectives*



# Vision for the future of GANIL: Expert Committee report

Expert committee Chair : Michel Spiro

Members: Maria Jose Garcia Borge (CSIC), Paolo Giubellino (FAIR), Ulli Köster(ILL), Hiroyushi Sakurai (RIKEN), Boris Sharkov (JINR), Brad Sherill (MSU), Johanna Stachel (Univ. Heidelberg)

## Three steps for the future of GANIL

1) Until 2030:

- finalisation of ongoing projects : S3, DESIR, NEWGAIN
- cyclotrons and LINAC operation, refurbishing of cyclotrons
- new target station for test of radioisotopes production
- test gas cell for fragment production via MNT (multi-nucleon transfer)

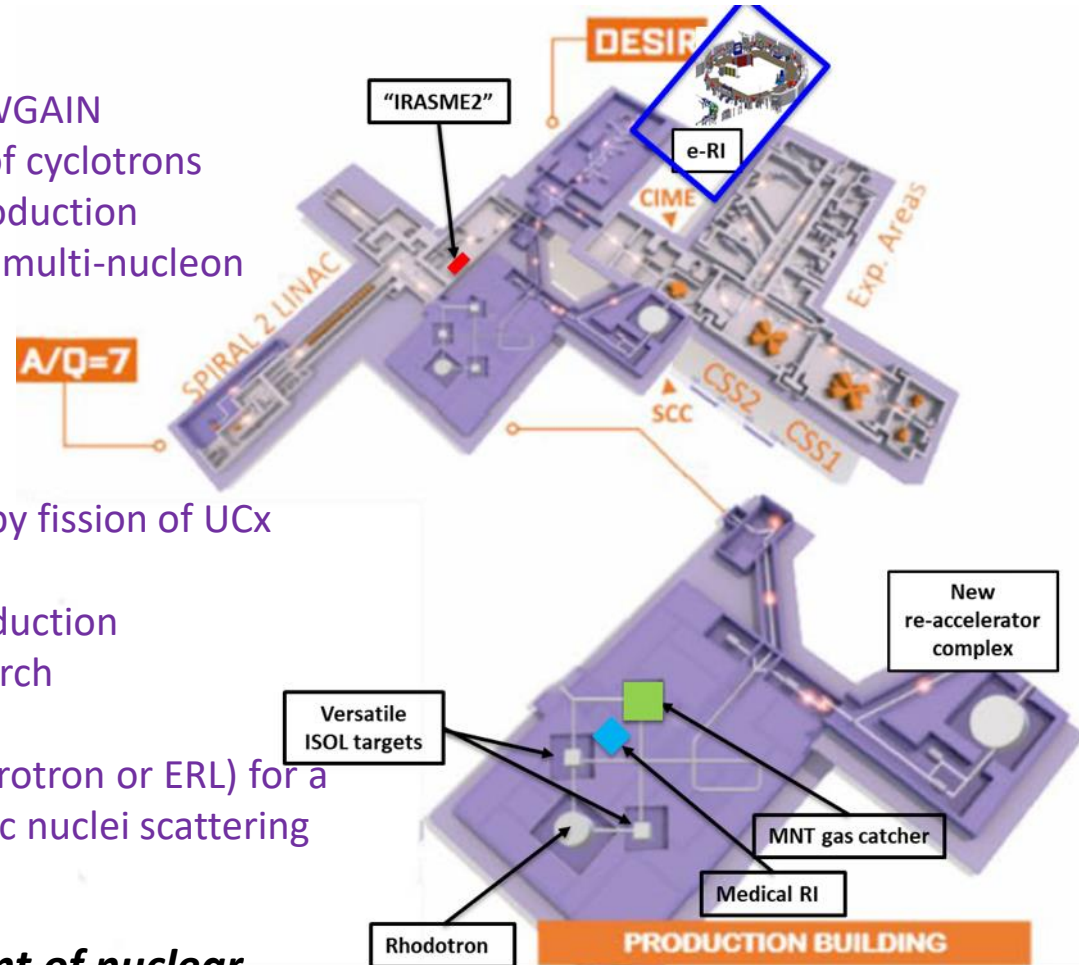
2) Until 2035

- renovation or replacement of CIME cyclotron to reach 100 MeV/nucleon
- building for production of n-rich exotic nuclei by fission of UCx target.

- Dedicated target station for radioisotopes production
- Dedicated beam line for pluridisciplinary research

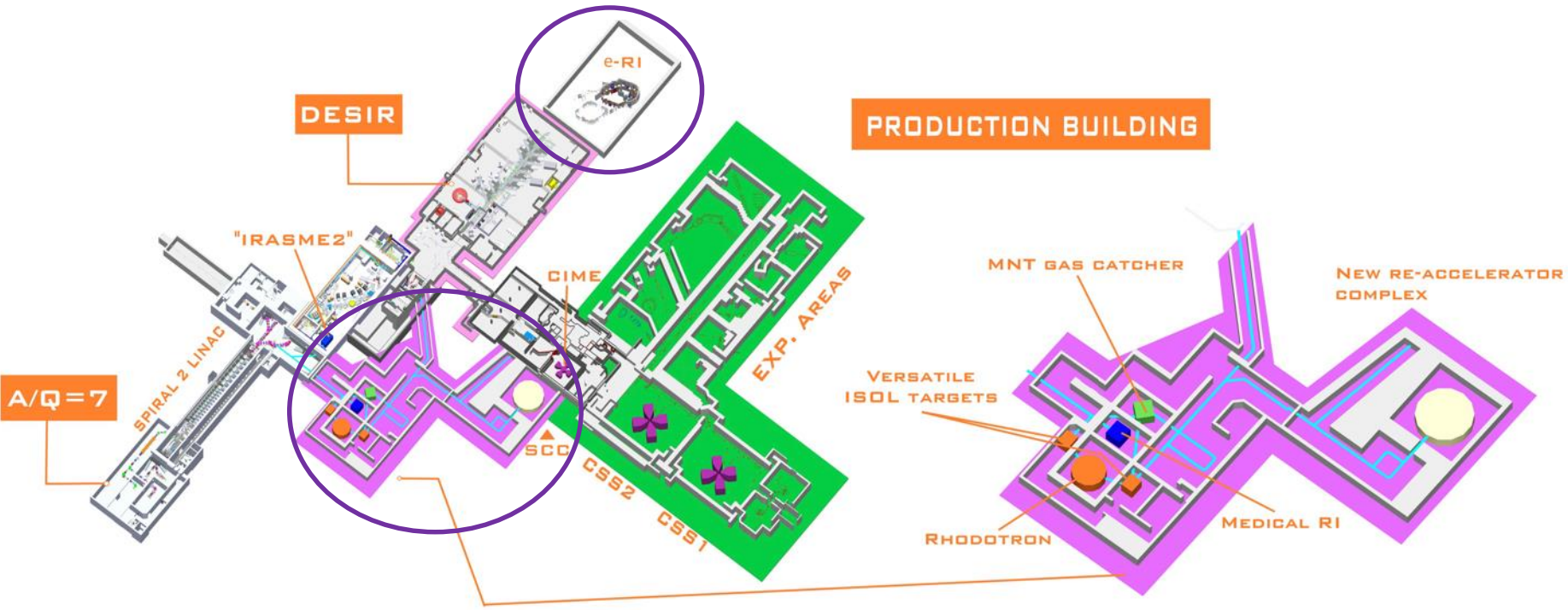
3) Until 2040

- Construction of an electron accelerator (synchrotron or ERL) for a new generation of experiments : electron-exotic nuclei scattering



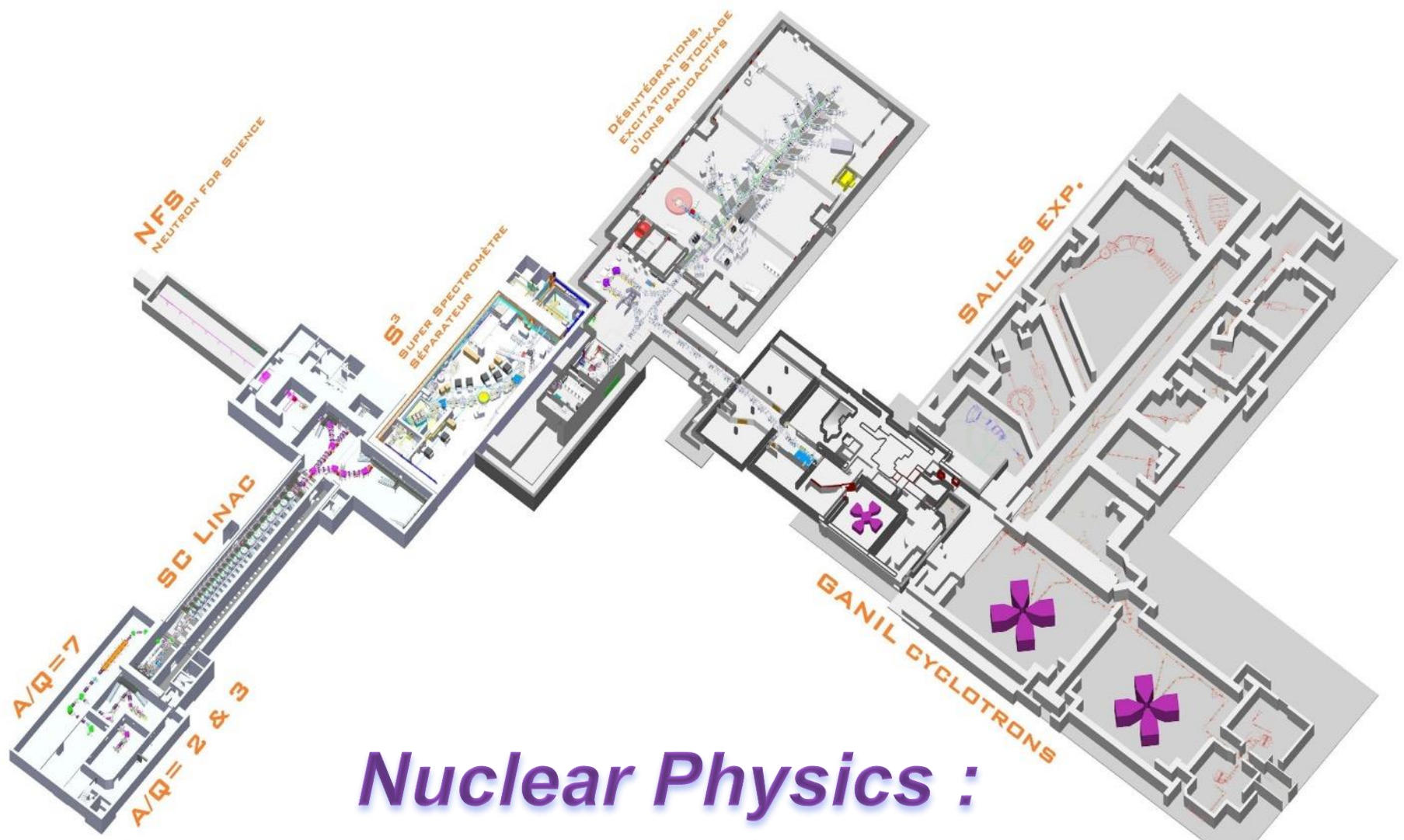
**« Vision to keep GANIL at the forefront of nuclear science globally for many decades to come »**

## GANIL 2040 ?????



Thank you  
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Back up slides

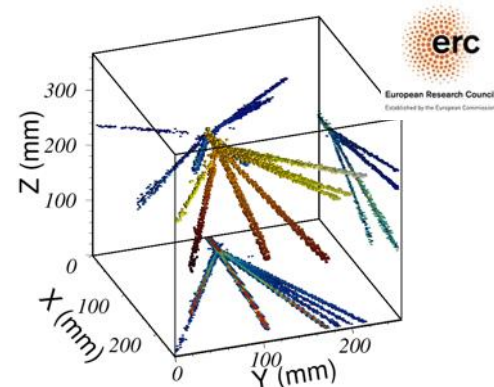


# ***Nuclear Physics : Some examples of latest results***

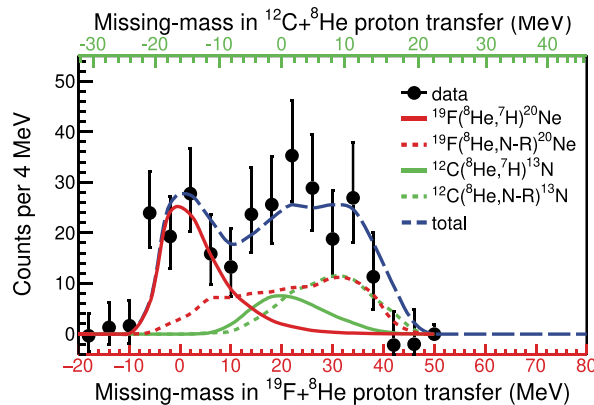
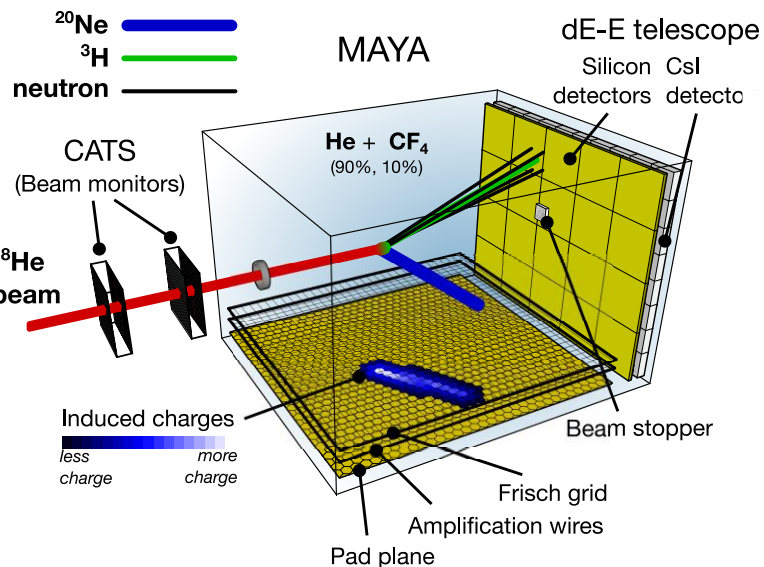
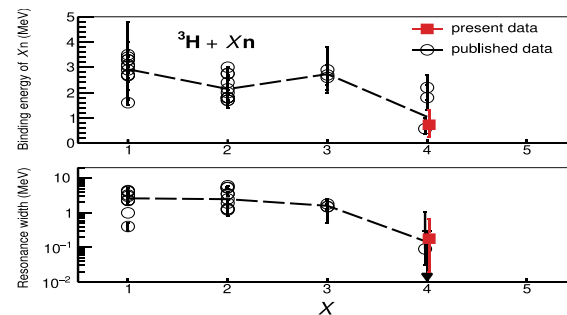
# Study of very neutron rich light nuclei : ${}^7\text{H}$

ACTAR active target : the detector gas constitutes the target material

- ⇒ Thick target to compensate for low beam intensity
- ⇒ Vertex and energy measurement
- ⇒ Low particle thresholds
- ⇒ Large range of center of mass angles
- ⇒ Very high efficiency
- ⇒ Excitation function

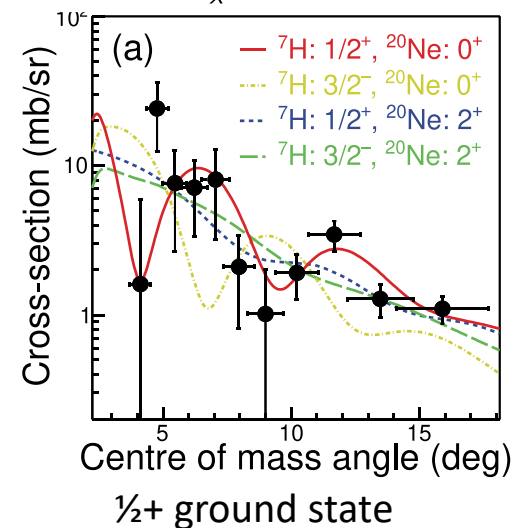


Application to  ${}^7\text{H}$  ground state properties investigation by missing mass method M. Caamano et al, Phys. Lett B829 (2022)



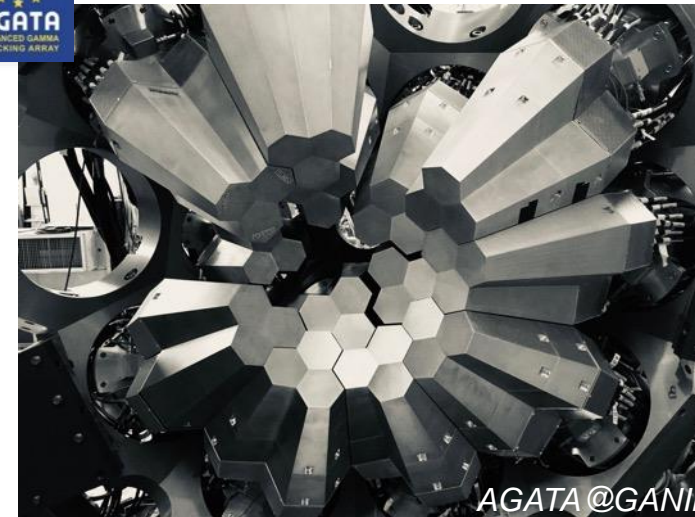
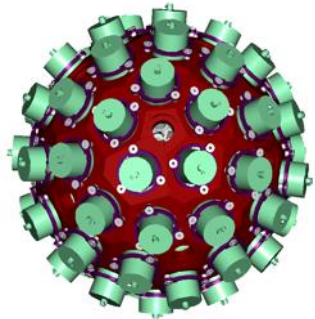
$$E_R = 0.73^{+0.58}_{-0.47} \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma_R = 0.18^{+0.47}_{-0.16} \text{ MeV}$$



# The AGATA project : THE ultimate spectrometer

- 180 (60 triple-clusters) 36-fold segmented crystals
- Amount of germanium: 362 kg
- Solid angle coverage: 82 %
- Singles rate >50 kHz
- Efficiency: 43% ( $M_{\gamma}=1$ ) , 28% ( $M_{\gamma}=30$ )
- Peak/Total: 58% ( $M_{\gamma}=1$ ), 49% ( $M_{\gamma}=30$ )
- Angular Resolution:  $\sim 1^{\circ}$



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The project timeline is to complete the  $4\pi$  by 2030

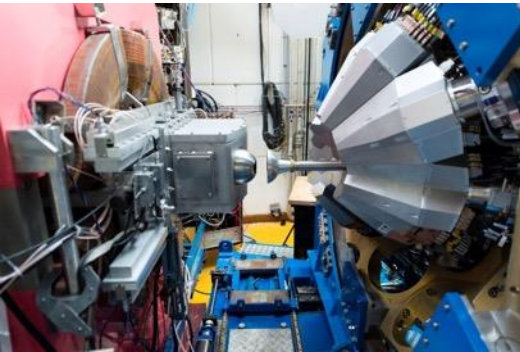
Combination of:

- segmented detector
- pulse-shape analysis
- tracking the  $\gamma$  rays
- digital electronics



S. Akkoyun *et al.*, Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. Res., Sect. A 668, 26 (2012).  
E. Clément *et al.*, Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. Res., Sect. A 855, 1 (2017).

2015-2017



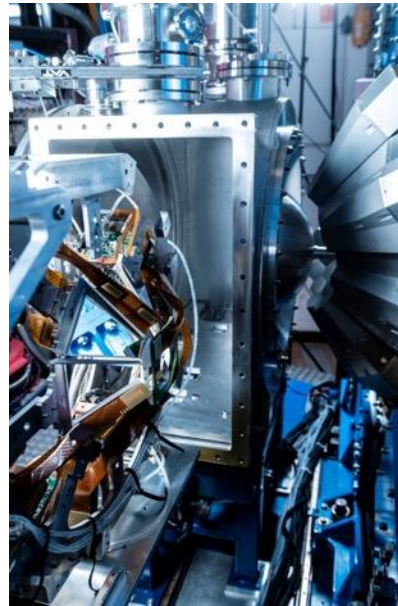
AGATA coupled with  
VAMOS, FATIMA, PARIS

2018



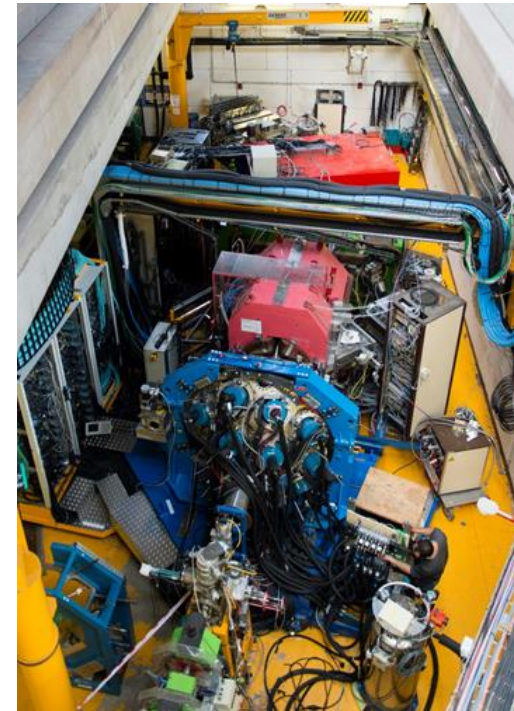
AGATA coupled with  
NEDA- DIAMANT

2019-2021



AGATA coupled with  
VAMOS MUGAST

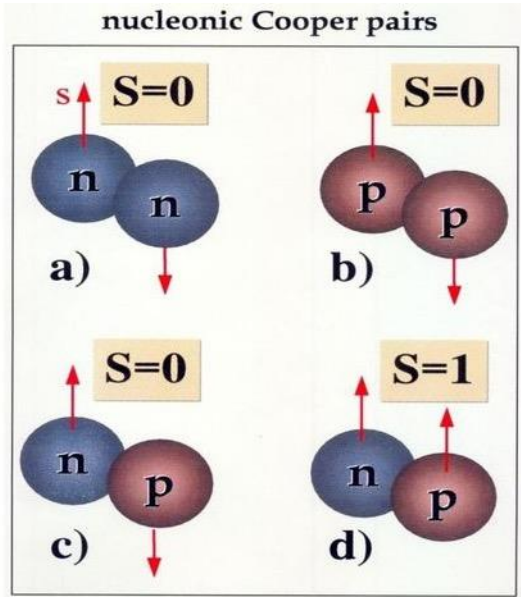
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AGATA coupled with  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Arm, LEPS



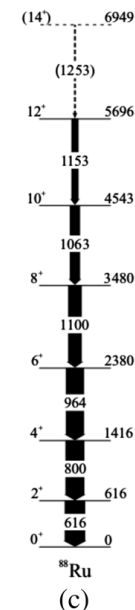
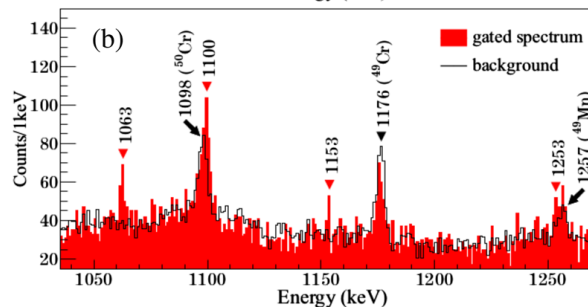
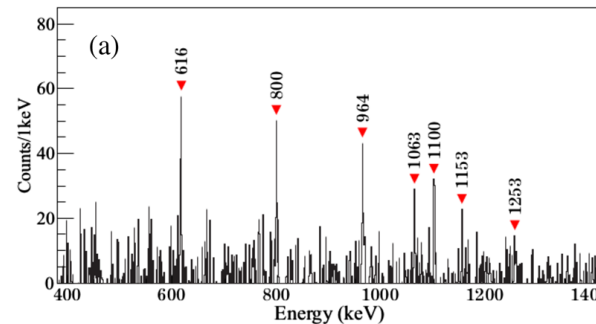
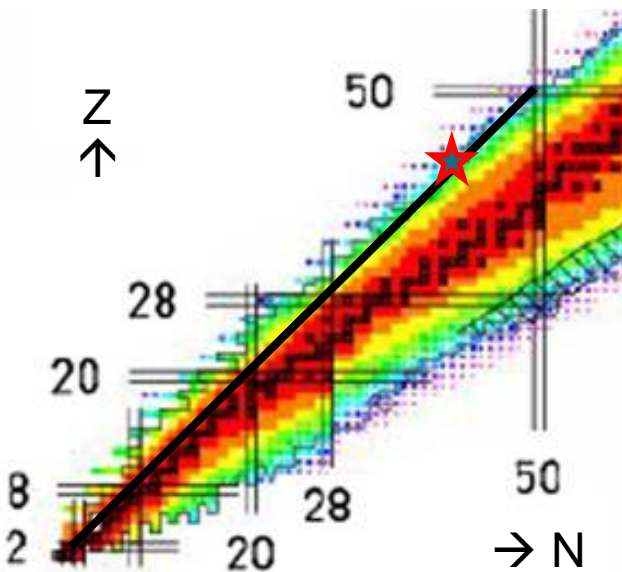
# N=Z isotopes: study p-n (iso-scalar) pairing correlations



Nucleons can form strongly correlated pairs which impact strongly on nuclear structure.

Only in N=Z nuclei will the p-n (isoscalar) pairing be important, as protons and neutrons occupy the same orbit.

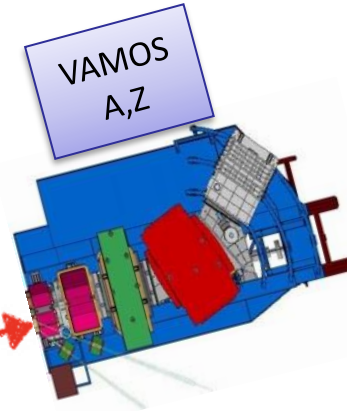
★  $^{88}\text{Ru}$ : 44 protons and 44 neutrons (near proton dripline)



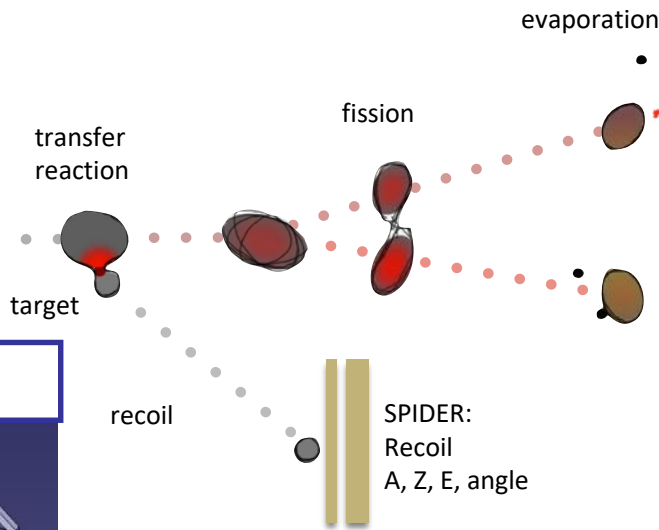
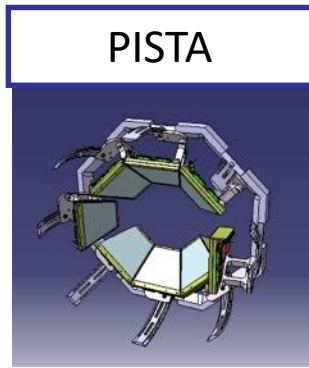
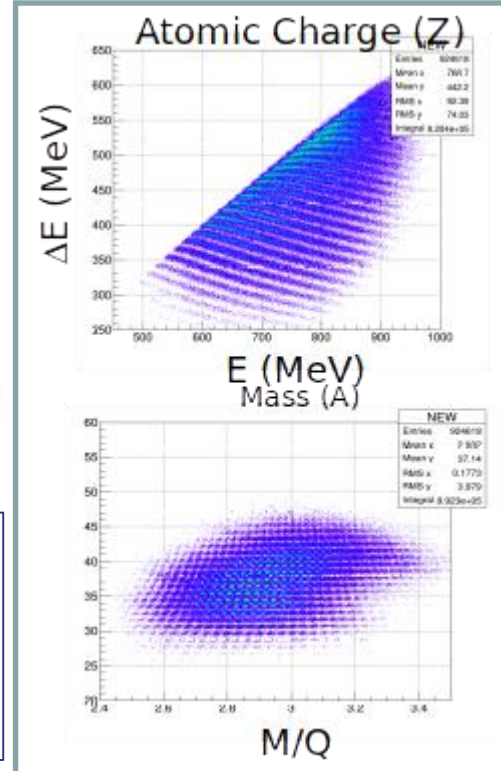
Rotating deformed nucleus with strong ISO-SCALAR p-n pairing !

## Inverse Kinematics using beams of $^{238}\text{U}$ around Coulomb Barrier

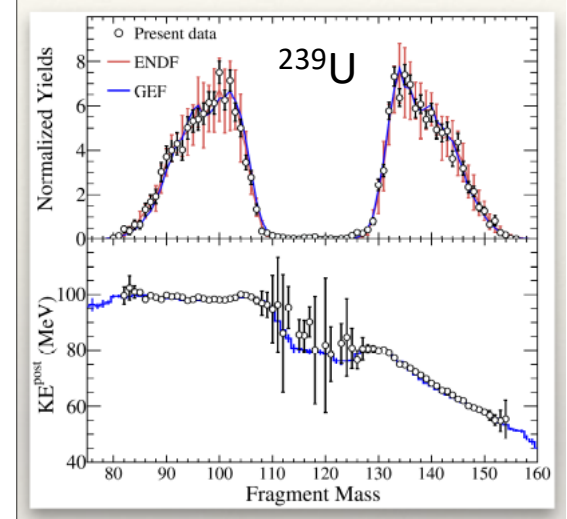
Access to « exotic » fissioning systems heavier than  $^{238}\text{U}$



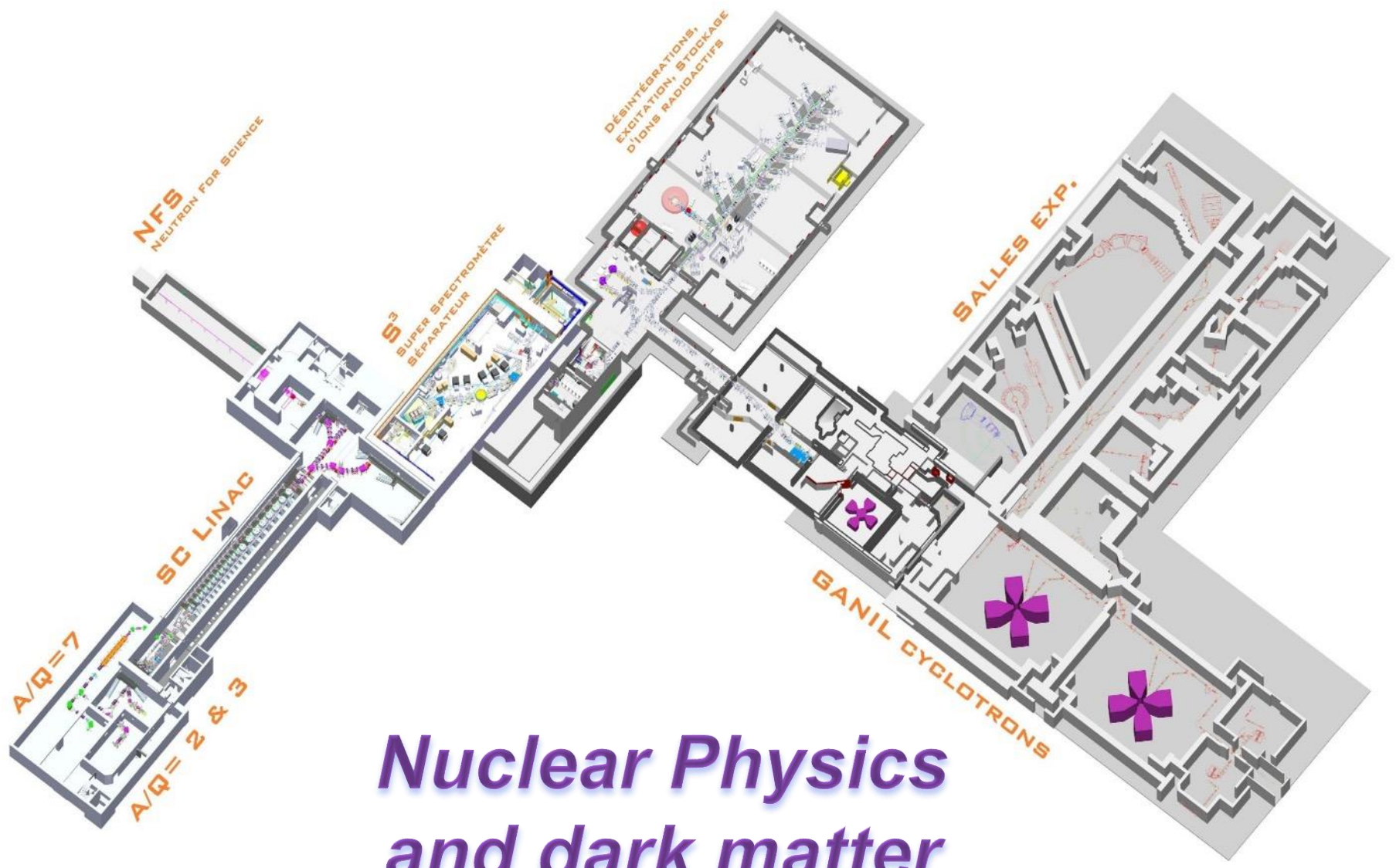
**VAMOS Magnetic Spectrometer**  
Direct and Complete isotopic fission fragment yields



- Surrogate reactions (transfer induced fission)**
- Selection of the fissioning system
  - Measurement of the excitation energy

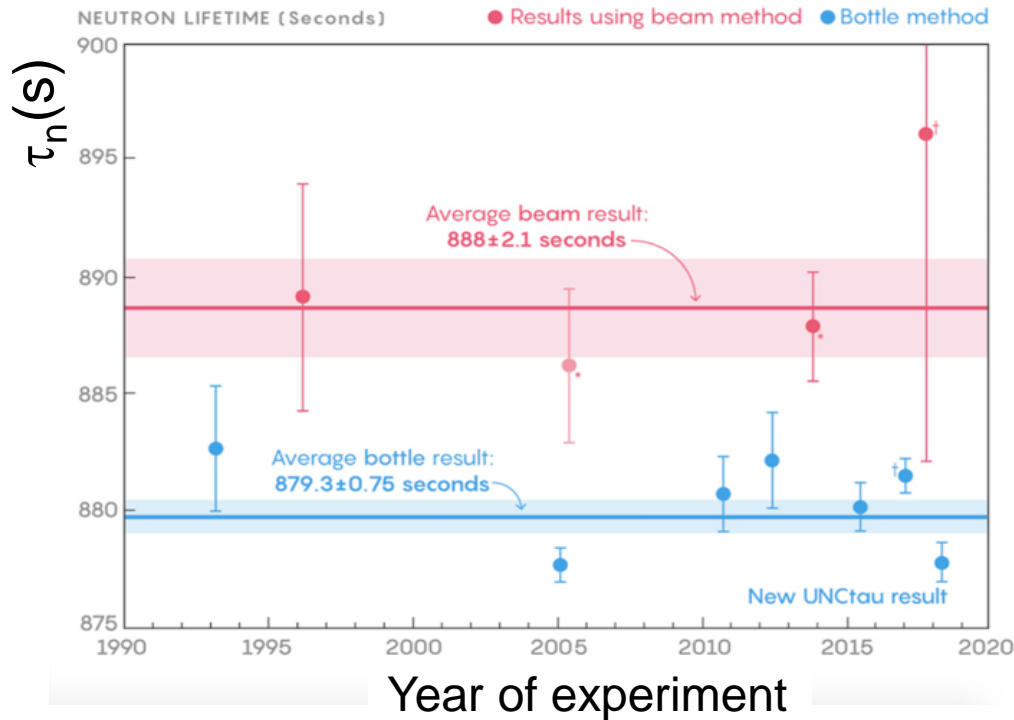


D. Ramos et al PRL (2019)



# Nuclear Physics and dark matter

# The neutron lifetime puzzle



W. Pattie et al, Science 360 (2018) 6389

Counting emitted protons :

$$\tau_n^{beam} = 888.0 \pm 2.1 \text{ s}$$

Counting remaining neutrons :

$$\tau_n^{bottle} = 879.3 \pm 0.75 \text{ s}$$

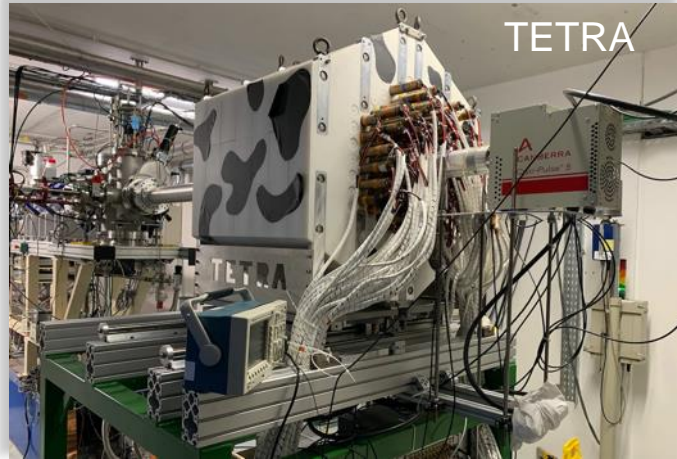
Discrepancy  $\frac{\Delta\tau_n}{\tau_n} \approx 1\%$

How could the remaining 1% be explained ?

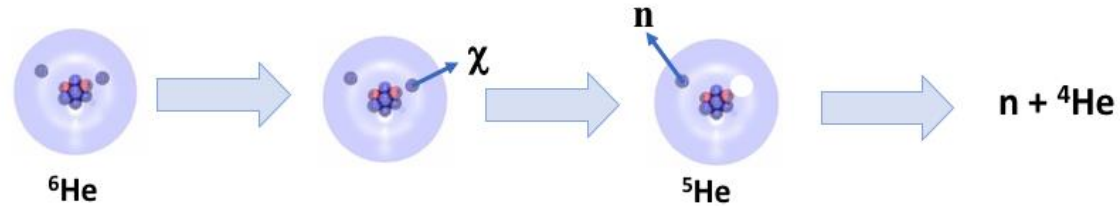
- Decay of neutron into particles of Standard Model (other than  $p$ ) : **excluded**
- $n \rightarrow$  **dark matter** : *Fornal and Grinstein, PRL120(2018)191801* -> shortening of the apparent lifetime in the bottle  
 $n \rightarrow$  dark particle(s) **to be searched for**

Neutrons loosely bound in nuclei may also decay by the dark channel, if allowed by energy conditions

# Search for dark decay of neutrons in ${}^6\text{He}$

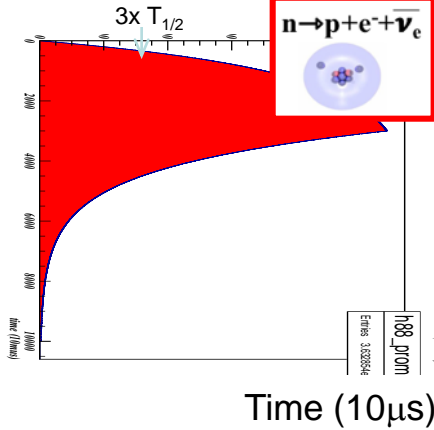


(H. Savajols et al. June 2021)

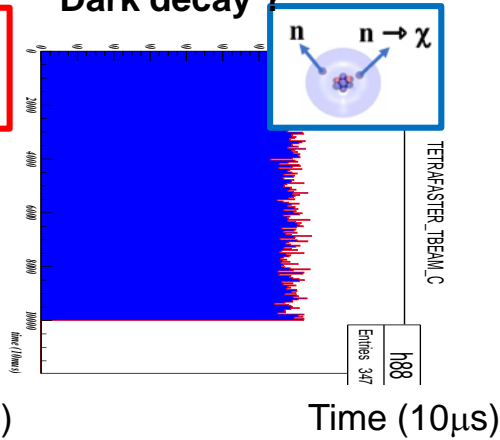


Branching ratio estimate from bottle/inflight decays  $B_\chi = 1.2 \times 10^{-5}$   
 Allowed energy window :  $M_\chi < M_n - 975.45 \text{ keV}$   
 Combining other results  $937.992 \text{ MeV} < M_\chi < 938.589 \text{ MeV}$   
*Pfutzner and Riisager, PRC 97, 042501(R) (2018)*

Standard decay



Dark decay ?

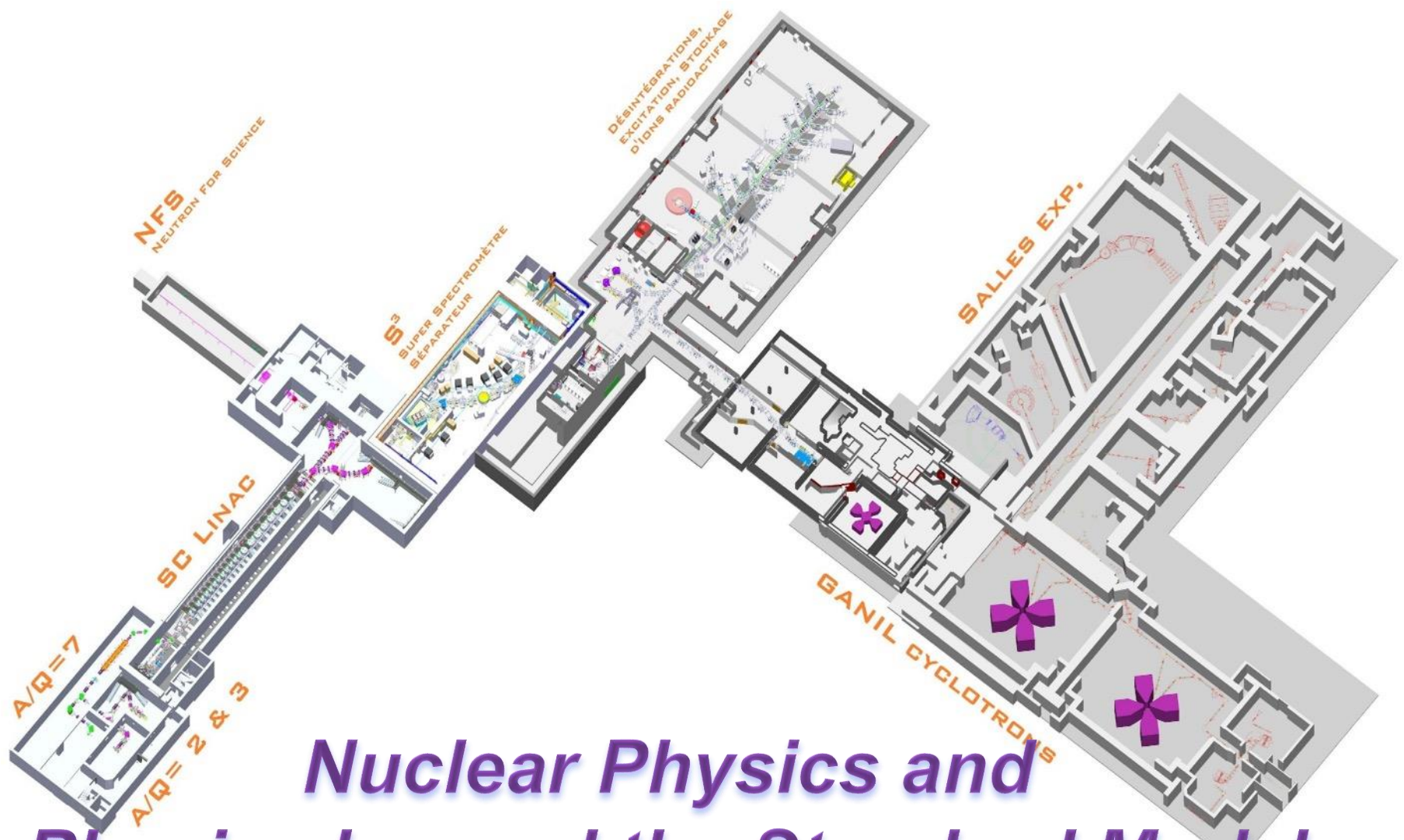


${}^6\text{He}^{1+}$  SPIRAL1 world-record intensity ( $2 \times 10^8$  pps)

Neutron multidetector TETRA with 50% efficiency

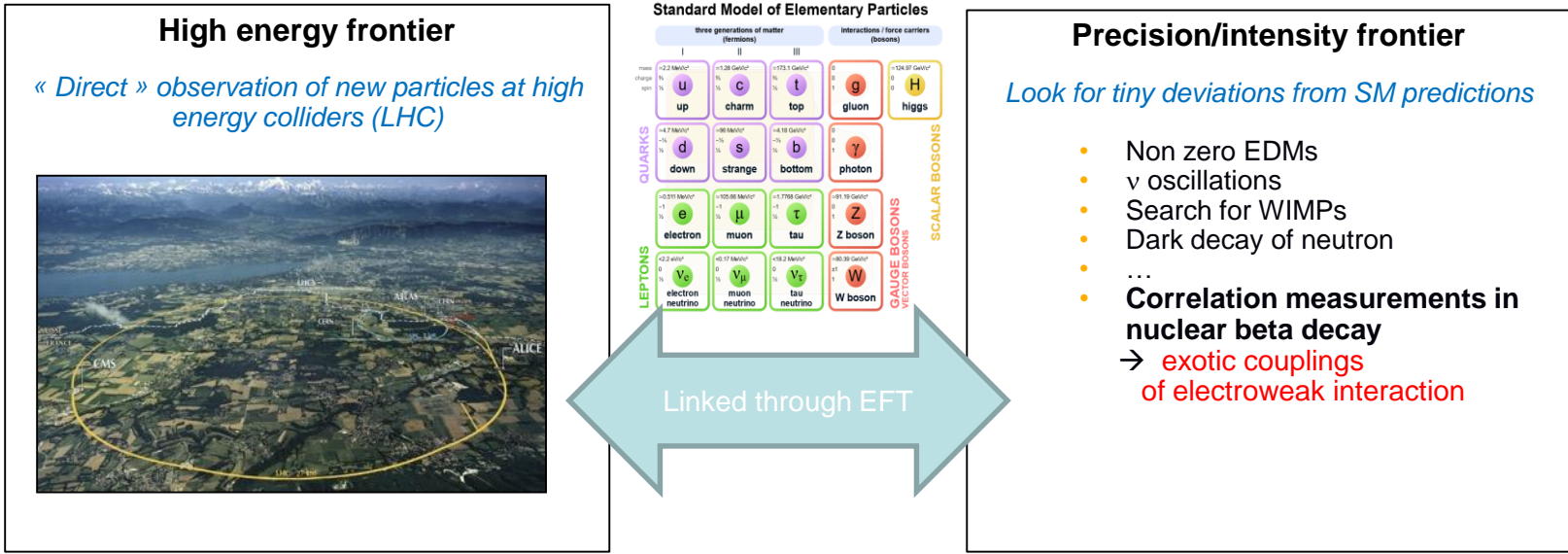
Search of an excess of neutrons in the decay of  ${}^6\text{He}$

**→ The final analysis provides a stringent upper limit for this dark decay**

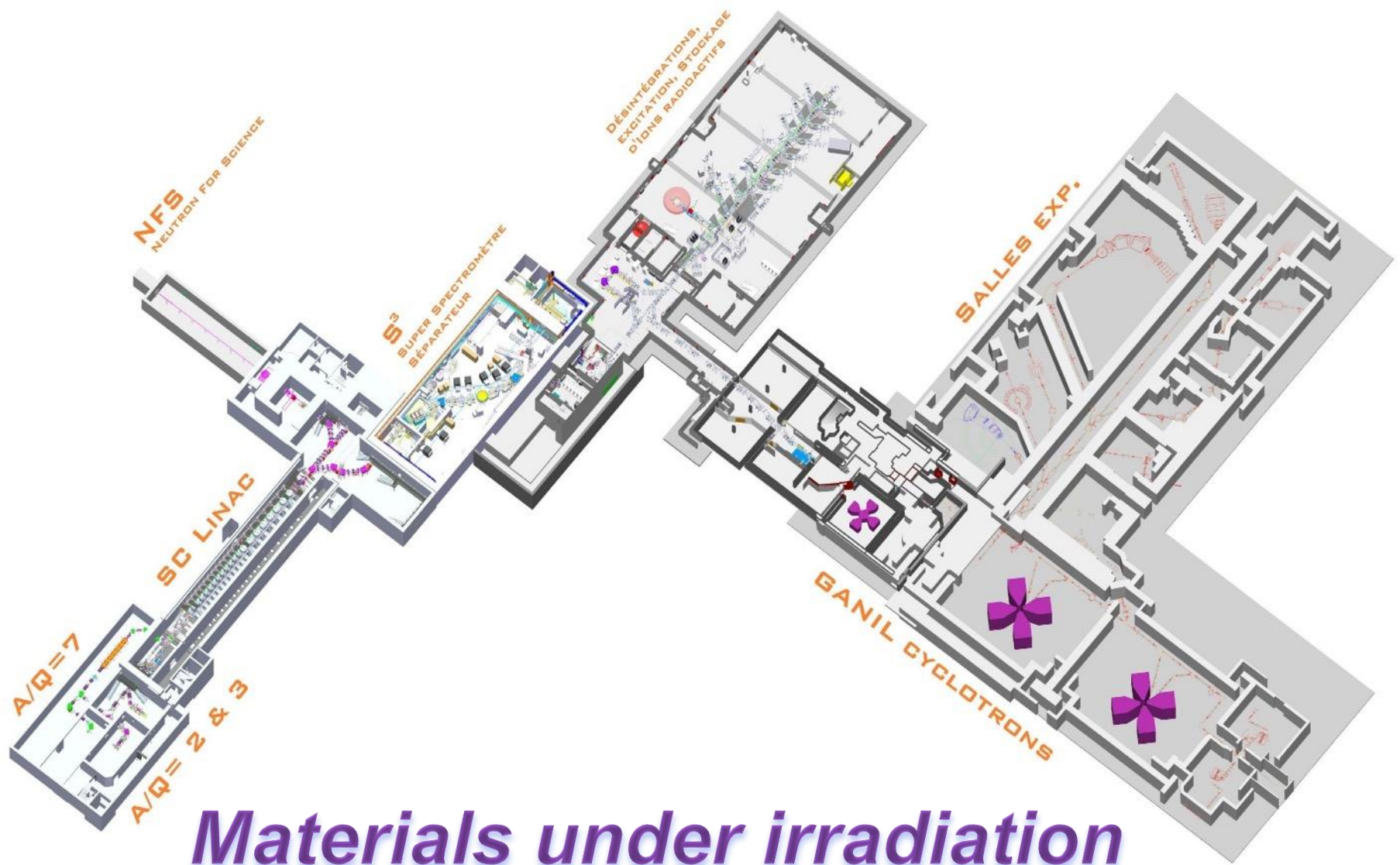


# *Nuclear Physics and Physics beyond the Standard Model*

■ Two complementary approaches:



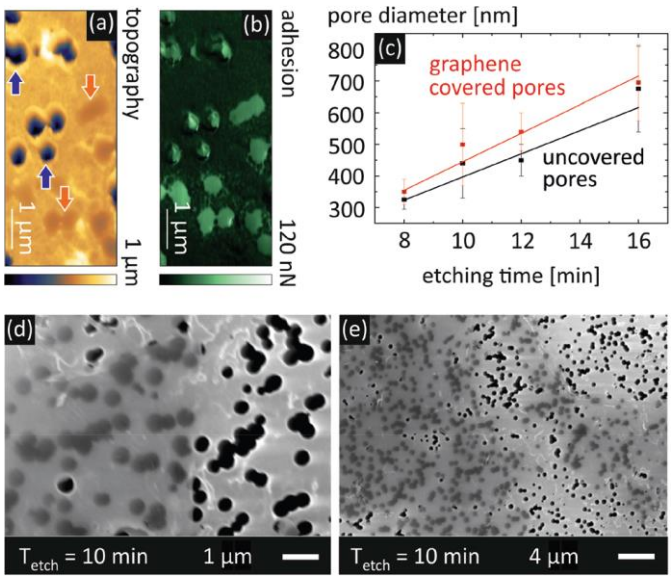
- *b*: Search for Tensor Interactions in nuclear beta Decay (bSTILED)  
Searching for exotic tensor currents via a *b* correlation measurement to the 10<sup>-4</sup> level
- Matter's Origin from RadioActivity (MORA)  
searching for CP violation in nuclear β-decay via a *D* correlation measurement to the 10<sup>-5</sup> level
- Measurement of Ft values (half-lives, branching ratios) of superallowed decays for tests of CVC to the 10<sup>-4</sup> level and the search for exotic scalar currents



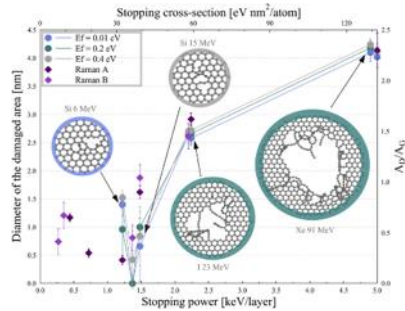
# Materials under irradiation



**Experiment**



**Simulation**  
Pore diameter as a function of stopping power

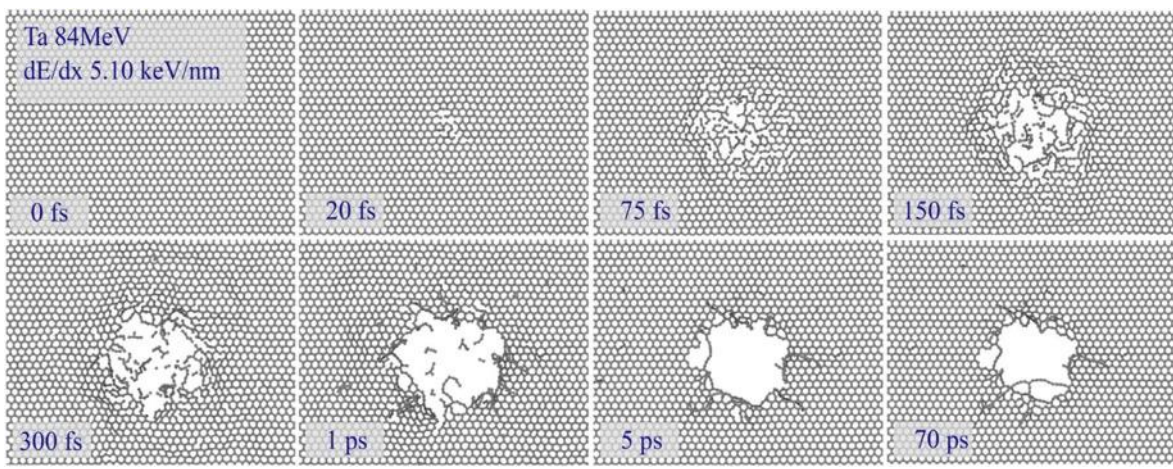


**Collaboration:**

- Universities of Helsinki and Aalto, Finland
- Nottingham, UK
- Duisburg-Essen, Germany
- Wien, Austria
- Science and Technology MISiS, Russian Federation
- CIMAP, France
- Ruder Boskovic Inst., Croatia
- Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf, Germany

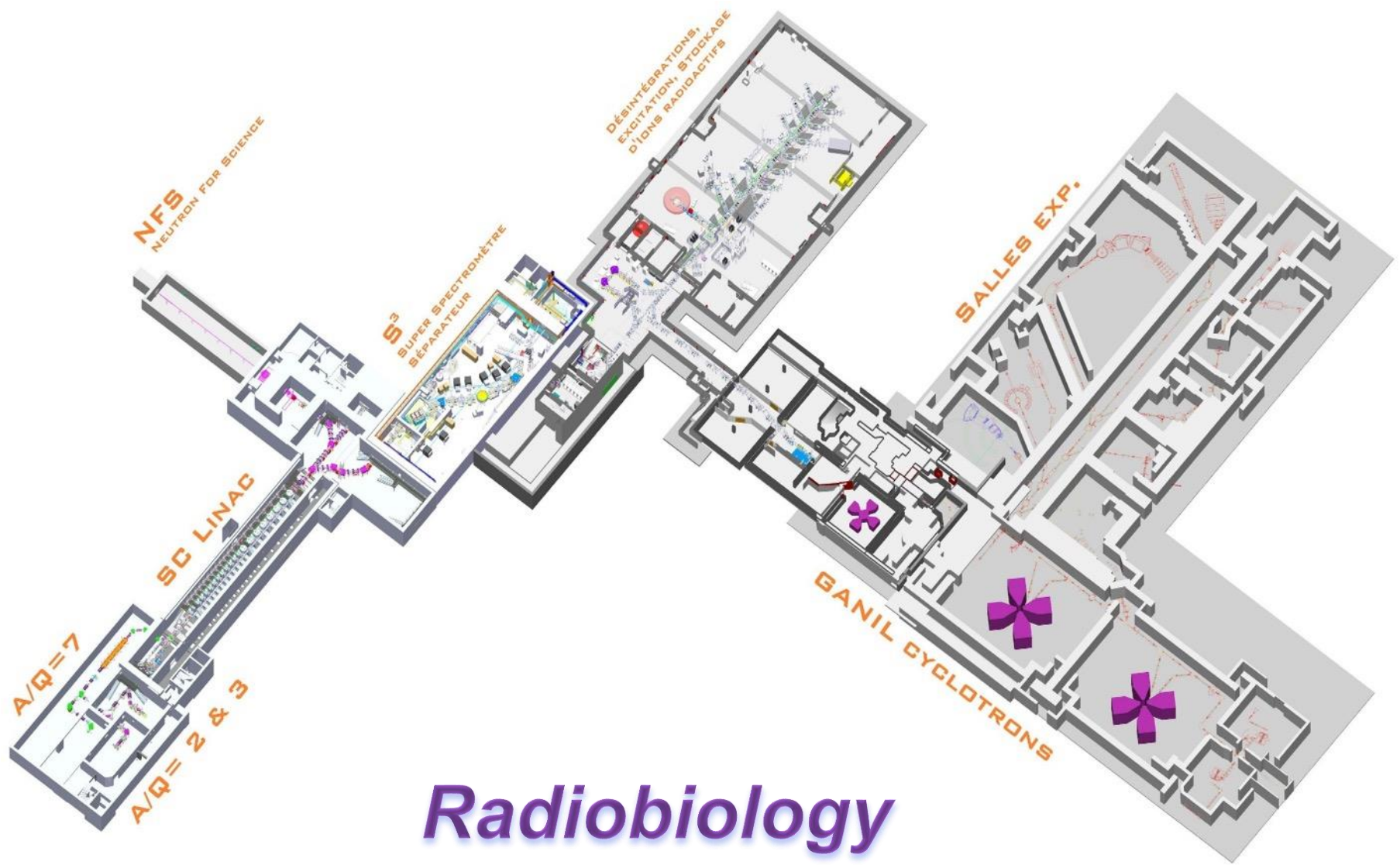
**Application:**  
Desalination of sea water  
Project NU TEGRAM  
Flagship Graphene

Pores diameter as a function of time

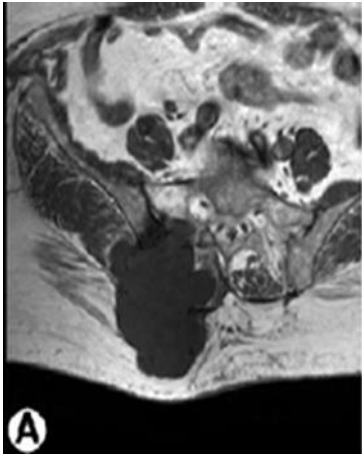


H. Vázquez *et al.*  
Carbon 114 (2017) 511

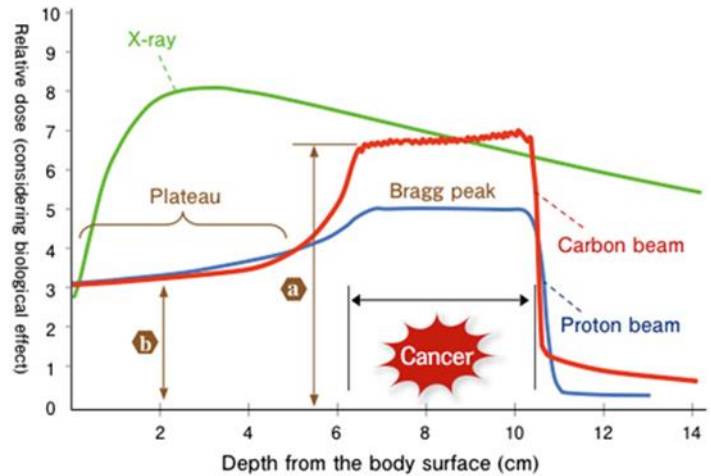
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Nanoscale 9 (2017) 10487



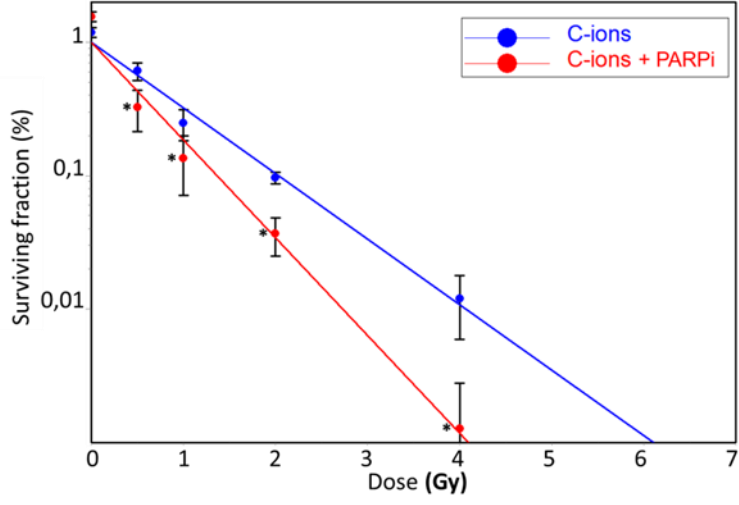
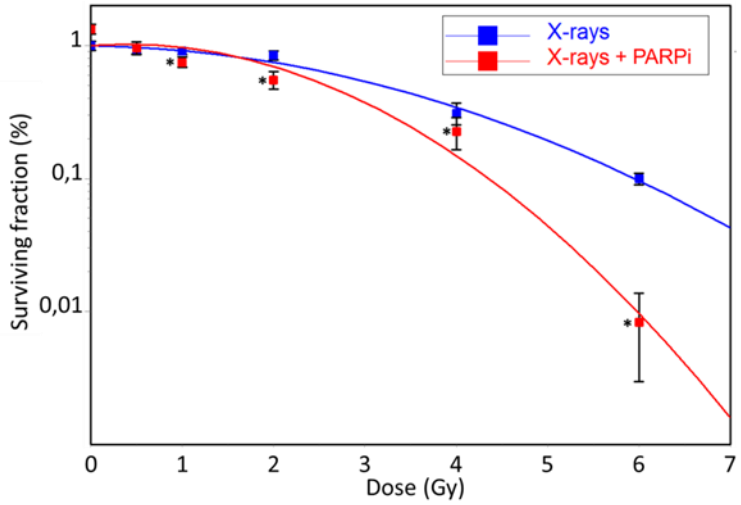
# Radiobiology



Chondrosarcoma  
malignant tumor of cartilage  
with bad prognostic - highly  
radio-resistant => use of  
hadrontherapy ?

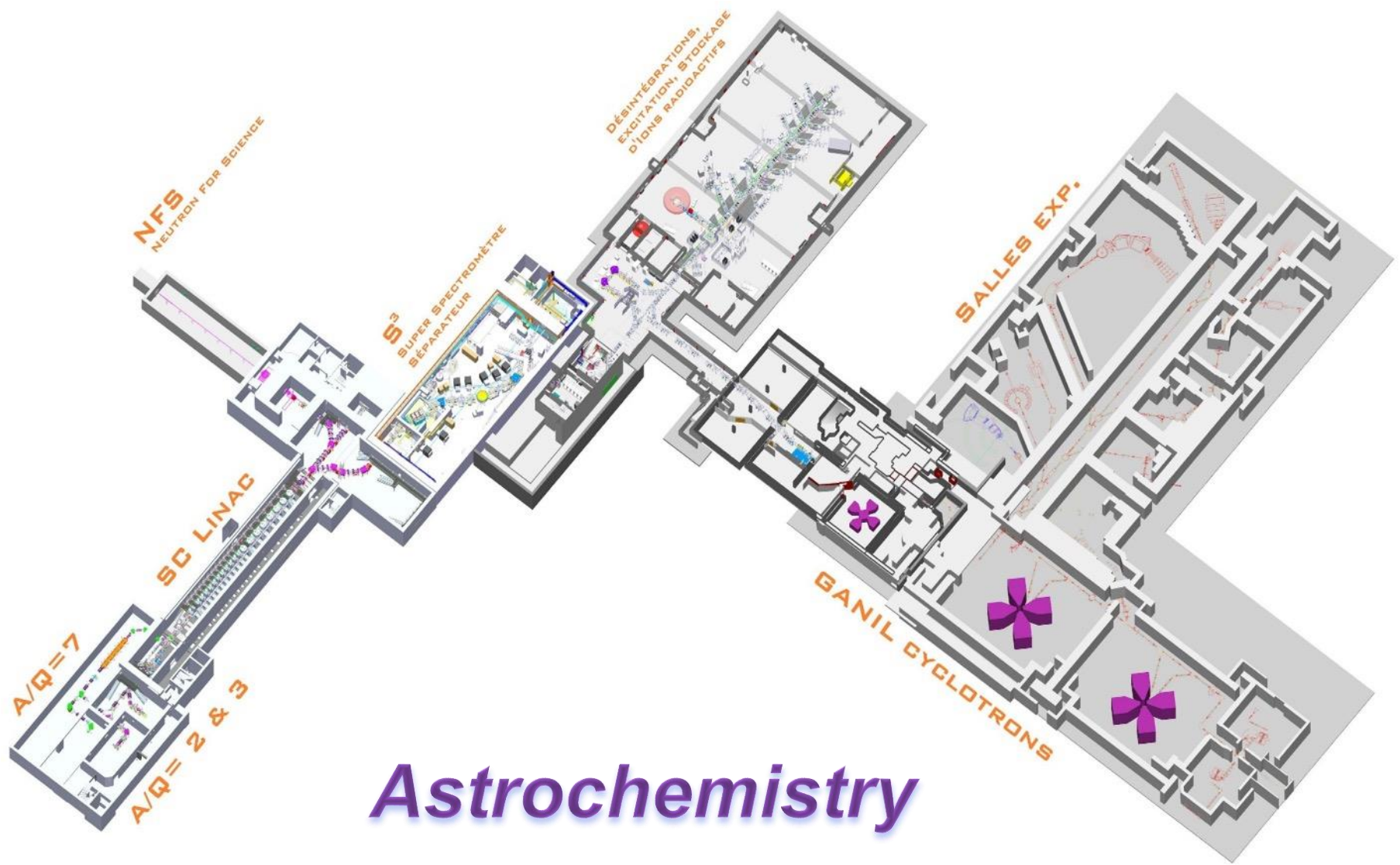


## Clonogenic assays: comparison between X-rays and C-ions (+/- PARPi)



Cell survival (%) is a mean +/- SD of 3 independent experiments performed in triplicate

**Comparison of C-ions and X-rays:  
Relative Biological Effectiveness 2,95**

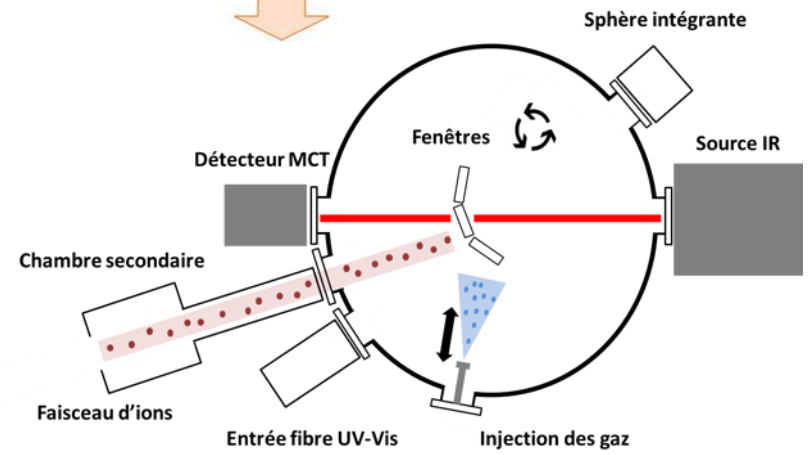
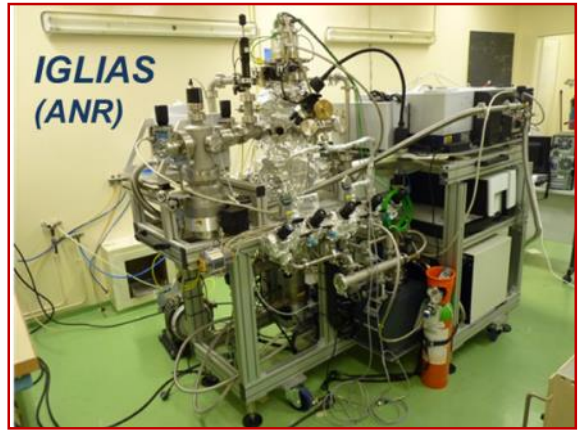
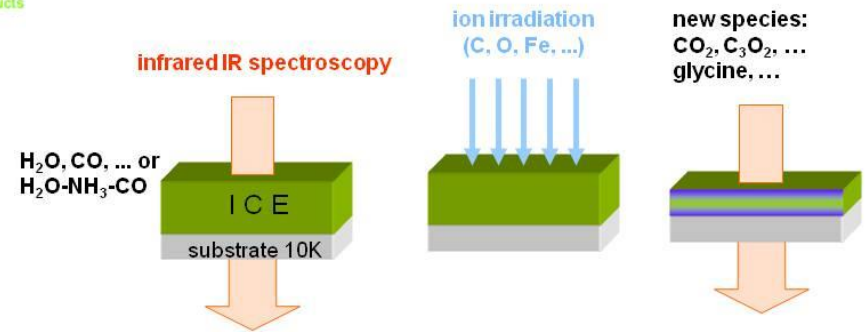
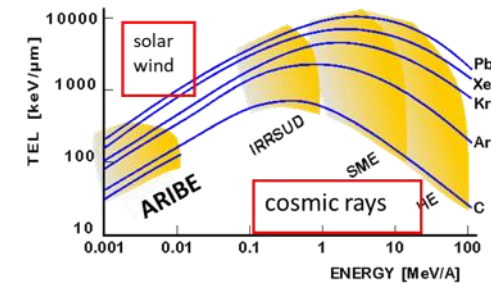
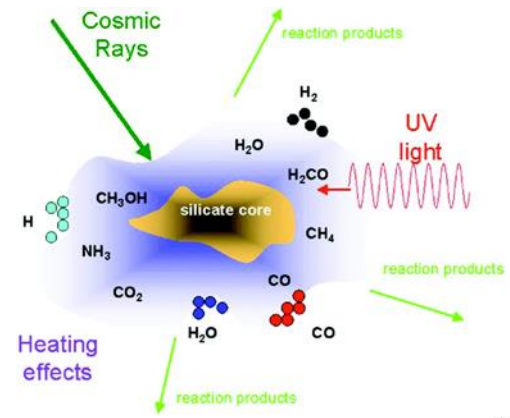


# Astrochemistry

# Role of cosmic rays and stellar winds on ices for the appearance of molecules in the universe

## IGLIAS setup to mimic interstellar ices exposed to radiation

fragmentation/destruction  
formation of molecules  
Desorption / Sputtering / implantation  
Compactation / Amorphization



In-situ deposition  
3 spectrometers (UV-visible, FTIR, QMS)