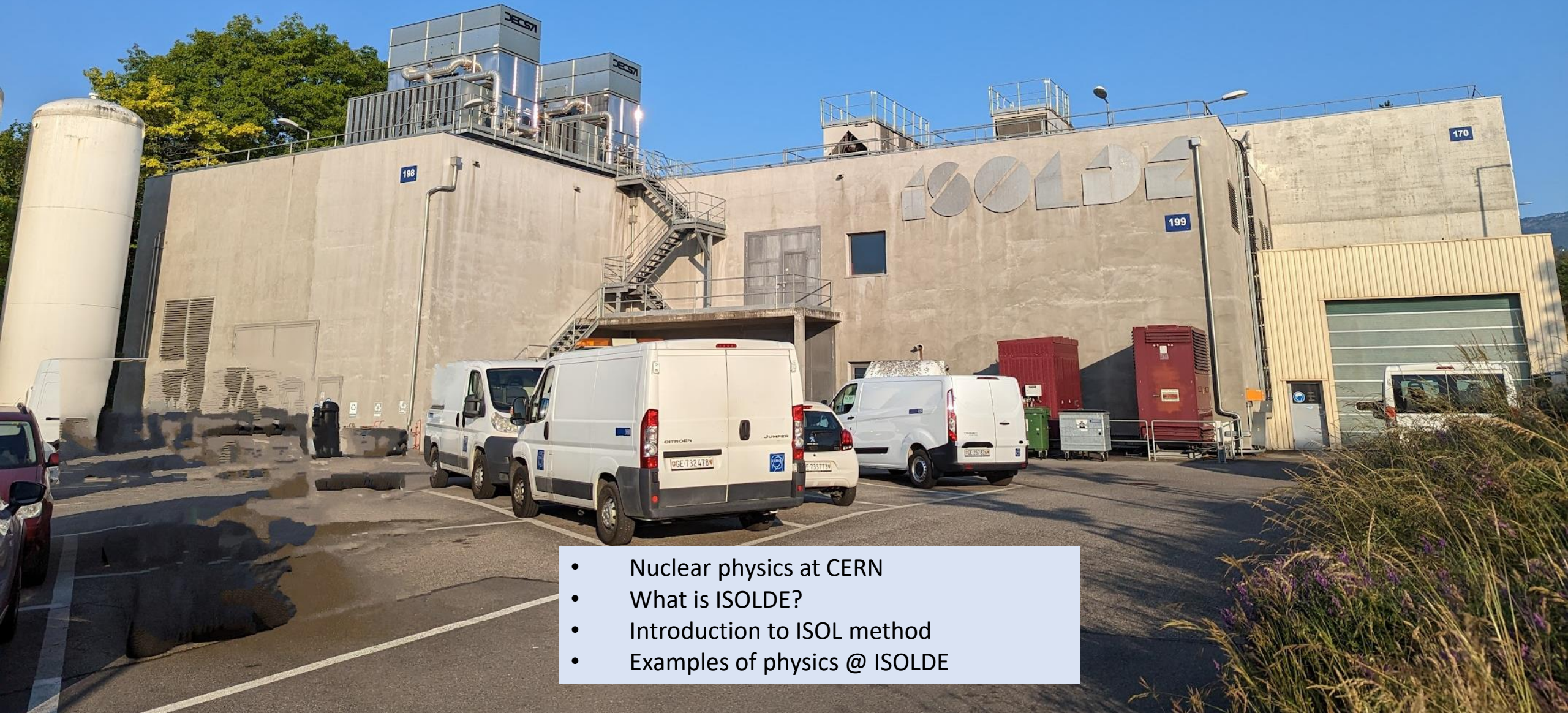
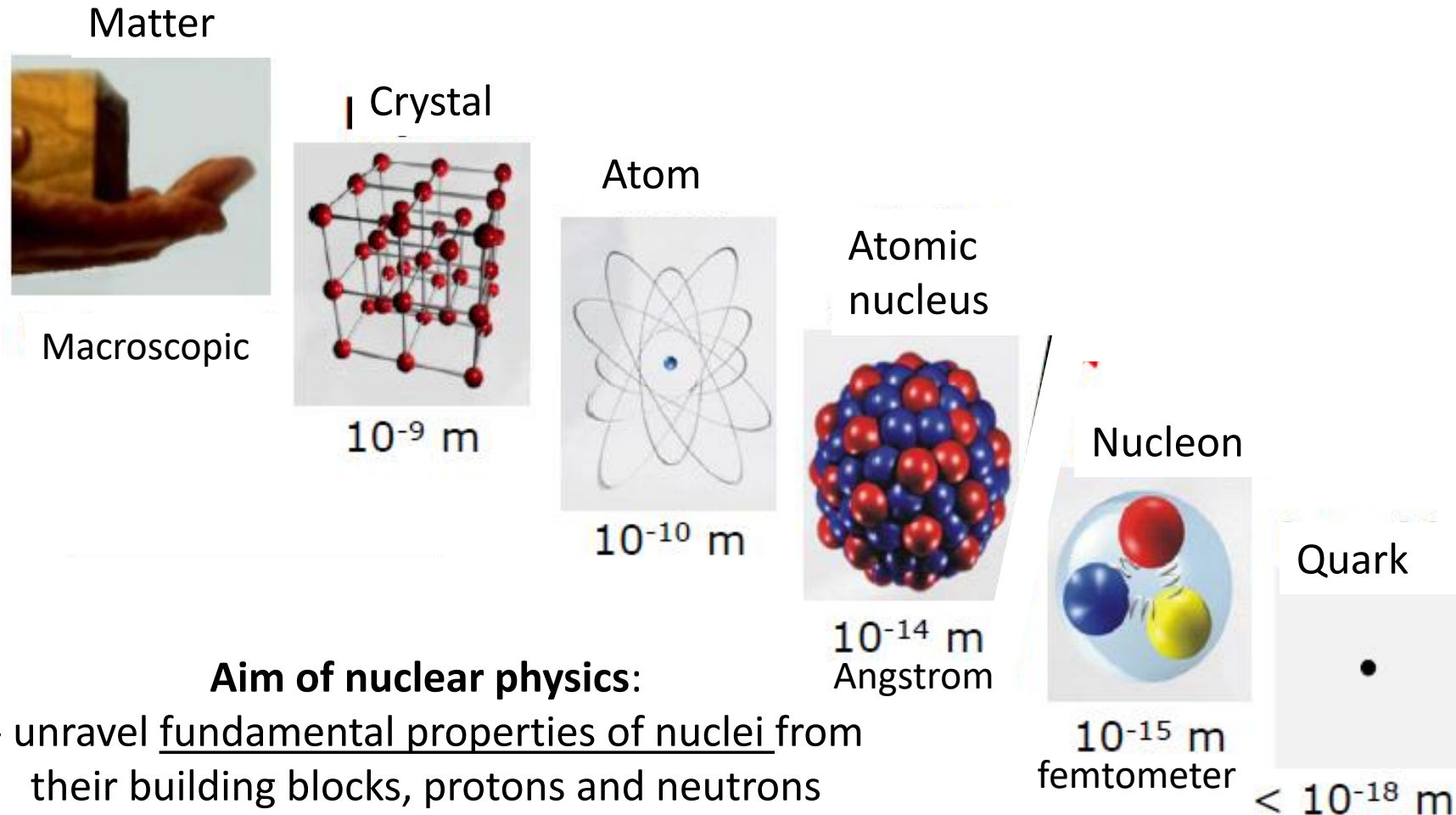


International Teachers weeks programme: ISOLDE



- Nuclear physics at CERN
- What is ISOLDE?
- Introduction to ISOL method
- Examples of physics @ ISOLDE

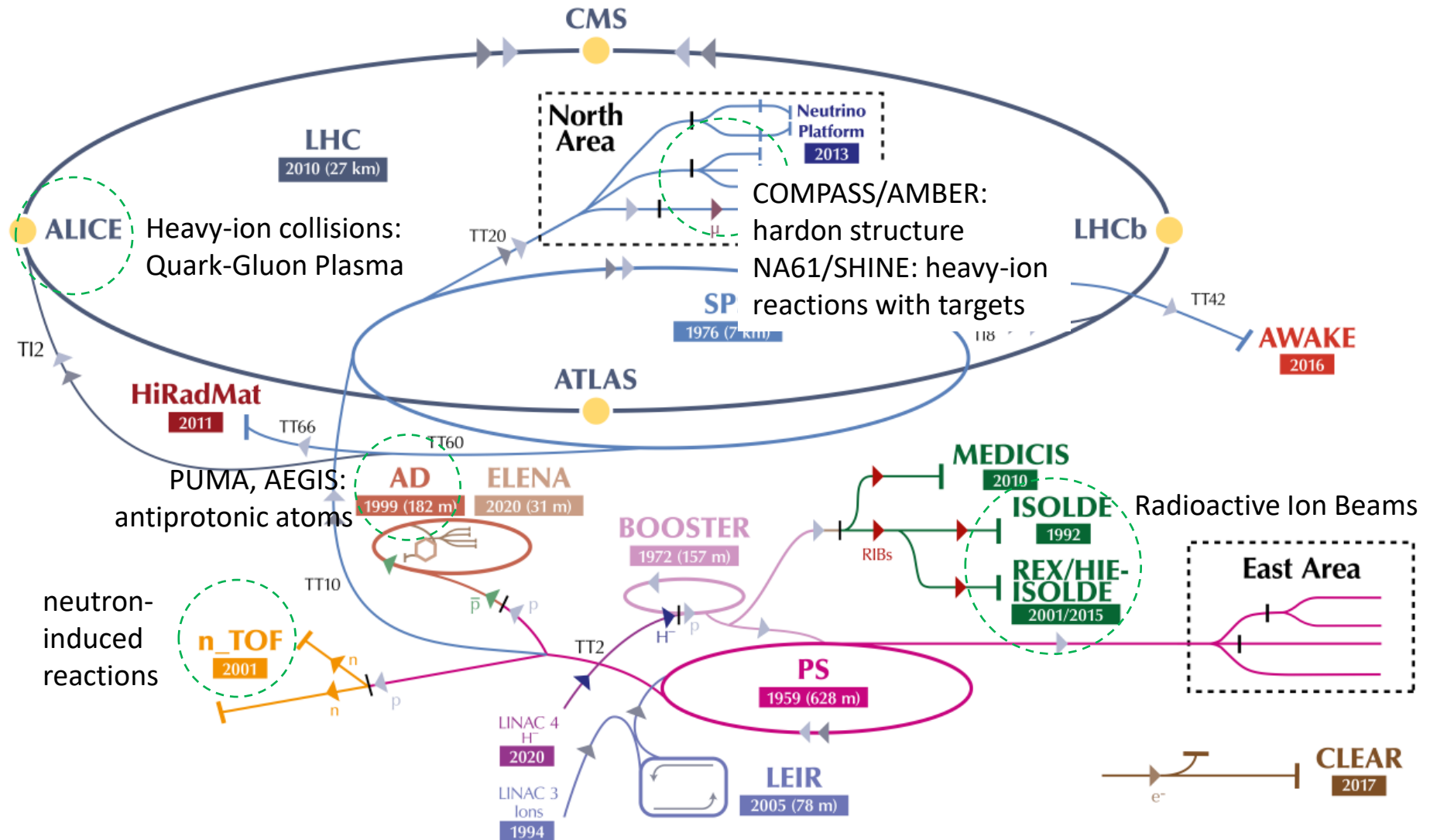
Nuclear physics and nuclear scale



Aim of nuclear physics:

- unravel fundamental properties of nuclei from their building blocks, protons and neutrons
 - determine emergent complexity in realm of strong interaction from underlying quark and gluon degrees of freedom of Quantum Chromodynamics

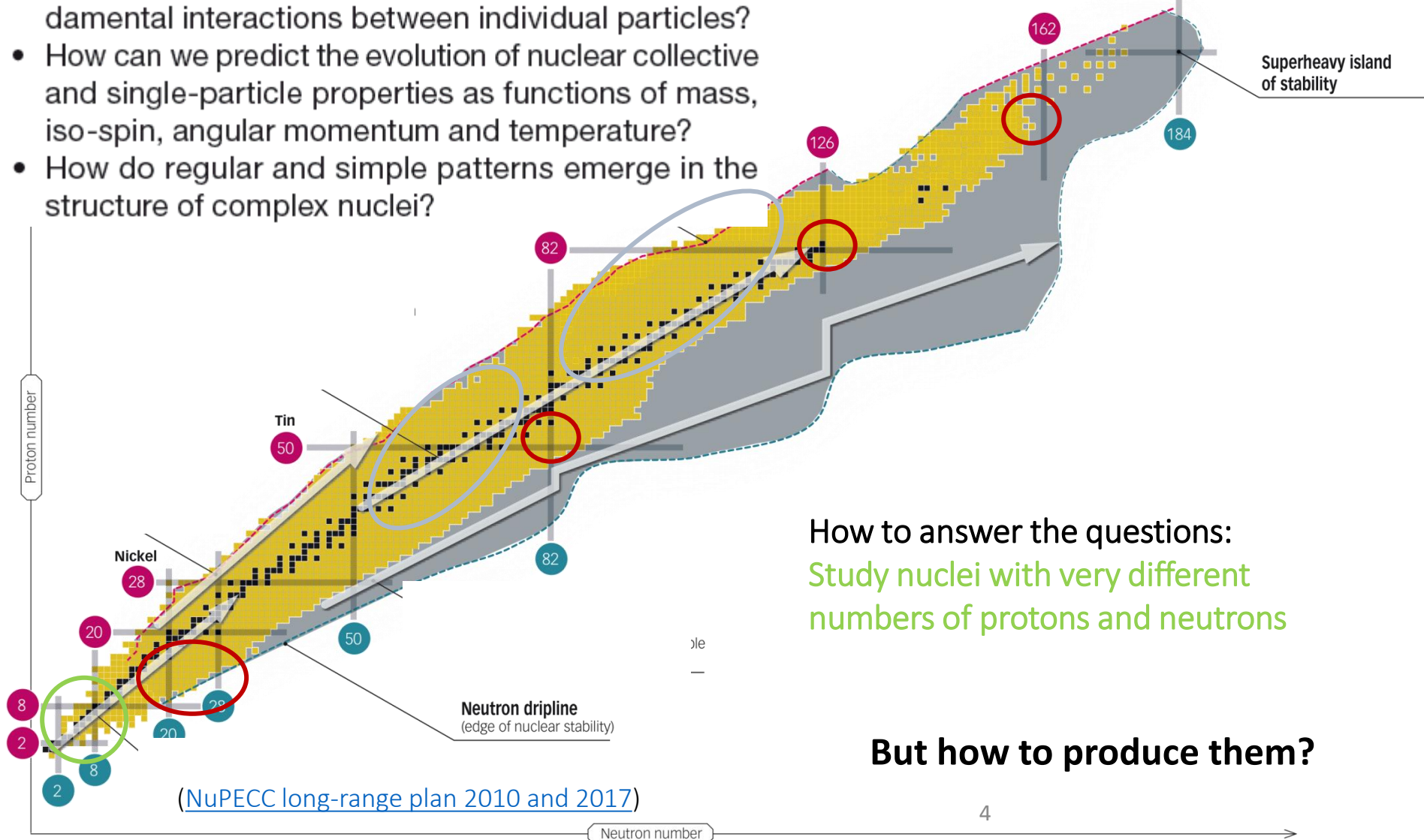
Nuclear physics at CERN



Open questions in low-energy nuclear physics

- How can we describe the rich variety of low-energy structure and reactions of nuclei in terms of the fundamental interactions between individual particles?
- How can we predict the evolution of nuclear collective and single-particle properties as functions of mass, iso-spin, angular momentum and temperature?
- How do regular and simple patterns emerge in the structure of complex nuclei?

2 kinds of interacting fermions:
Protons and neutrons



How to answer the questions:
Study nuclei with very different
numbers of protons and neutrons

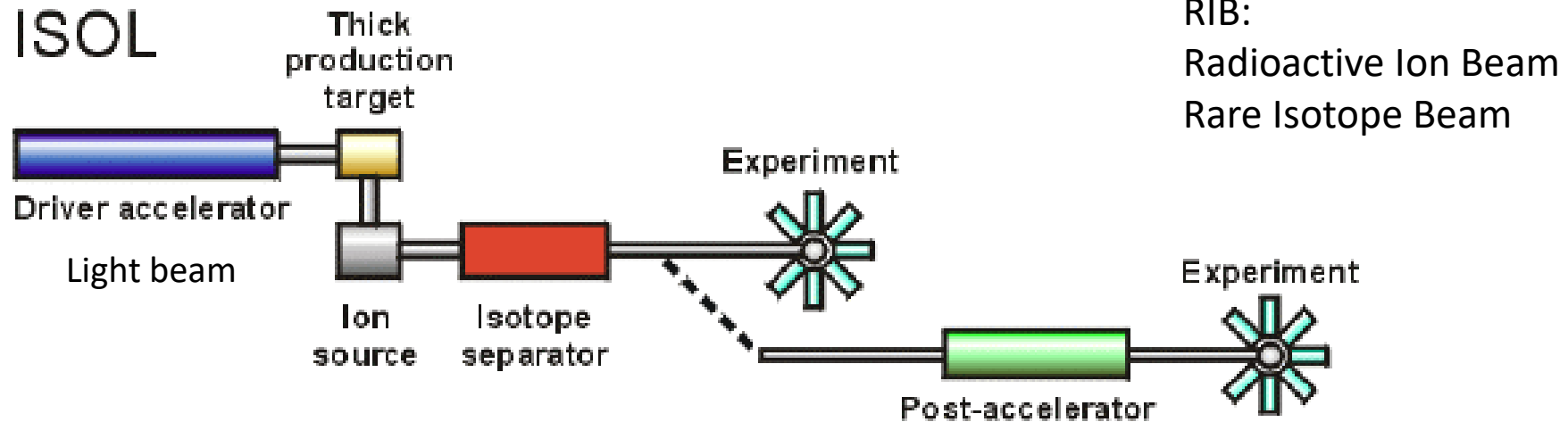
But how to produce them?

(NuPECC long-range plan 2010 and 2017)

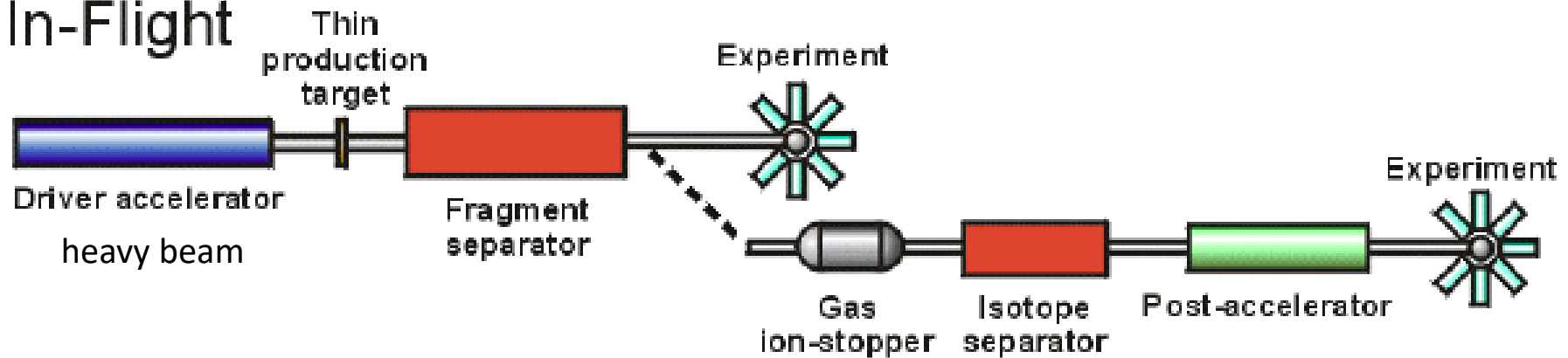
RIB facilities

- Two main types of (complementary) RIB facilities:

ISOL



In-Flight



RIB facilities comparison

	ISOL	In-Flight
Projectile	light	heavy
Target	thick	thin
Ion beam energy		
Beam intensity		
Variety of nuclides		
Release from target		
Beam quality		
Examples	ISOLDE@CERN, SPIRAL2@GANIL, ISAAC@TRIUMF	GANIL, GSI/FAIR, RIBF@RIKEN, FRIB@MSU

What is ISOLDE?

The On-Line Isotope Mass Separator ISOLDE is a facility dedicated to the production of a large variety of radioactive ion beams (RIBs)

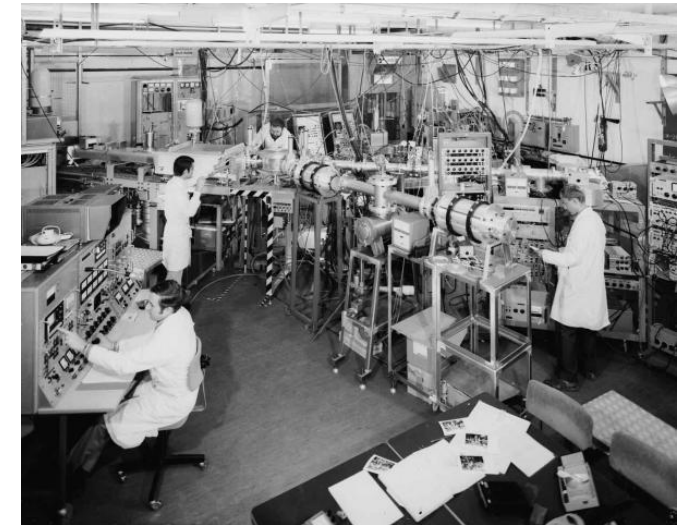
Isolde history

Dec 1964: CERN approves the online separator project

May 1966: SynchroCyclotron shuts down for the construction of ISOLDE



Oct 1967: First proton beams at ISOLDE



1972: SC Improvement Program – doubles the intensity
(now quite a nice museum)

1976: New experiments in ISOLDE II

June 1983: ISOLDE III approved – two-stage high resolution separation using two magnets



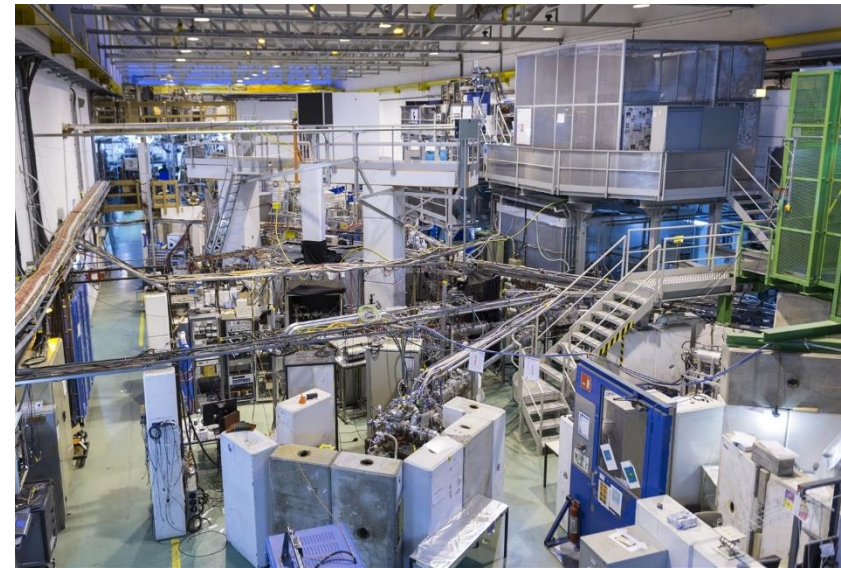
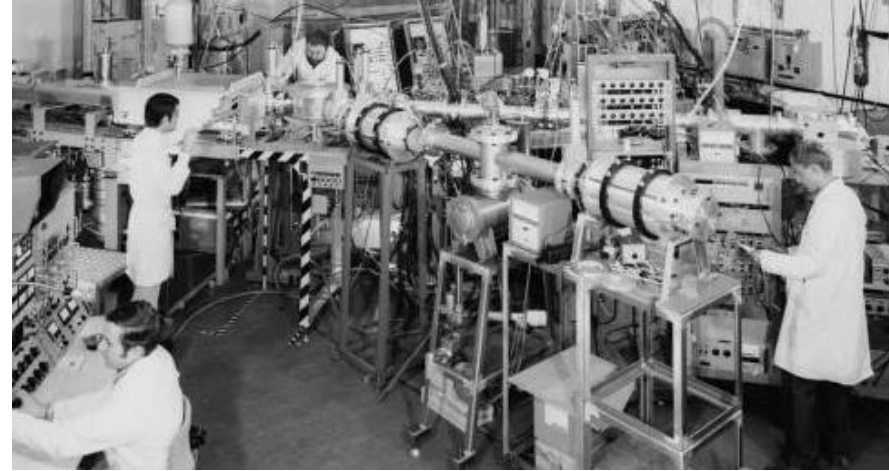
Dec 1990: The Synchrocyclotron beam ends

ISOLDE moves to PS booster to utilize CERN's spare proton capacity...

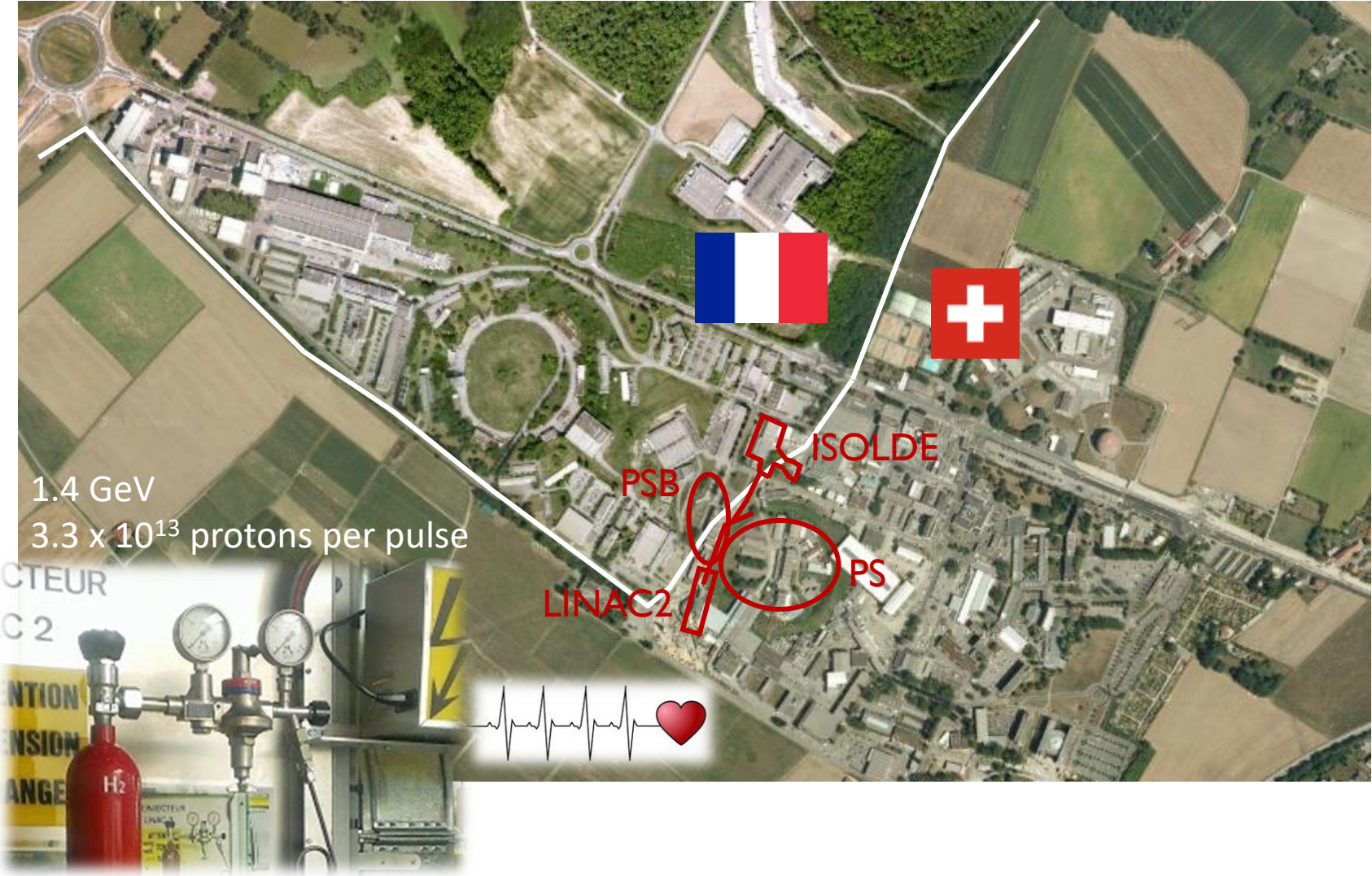


ISOLDE at CERN

- ◆ Isotope Separator OnLine DEvice
- ◆ First ISOL facility worldwide!
- ◆ Produces Radioactive Ion Beams (RIBs)
- ◆ Approved by the CERN council in 1964
 - ◆ 1st used 600 MeV protons from SC
 - ◆ Then used 1.0 GeV (later 1.4 GeV) protons from the PSB
- ◆ A small facility with a big impact!
 - ◆ 0.1% of CERN budget
 - ◆ 7% of CERN scientists
 - ◆ 50% of CERN proton pulses
 - ◆ 80% of CERN protons



Why at CERN?





Bulgaria



Belgium



CERN



Denmark



Spain



Finland



France



Germany



Greece



Italy



Norway



Romania



Sweden



S. Africa



Slovakia



U. Kingdom



Poland



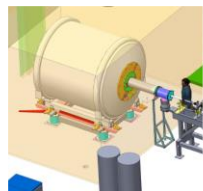
Switzerland



MINIBALL



SCATTERING EXPERIMENTS



ISS



COLLAPS



ISOLTRAP



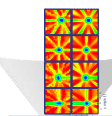
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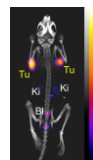
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VITO



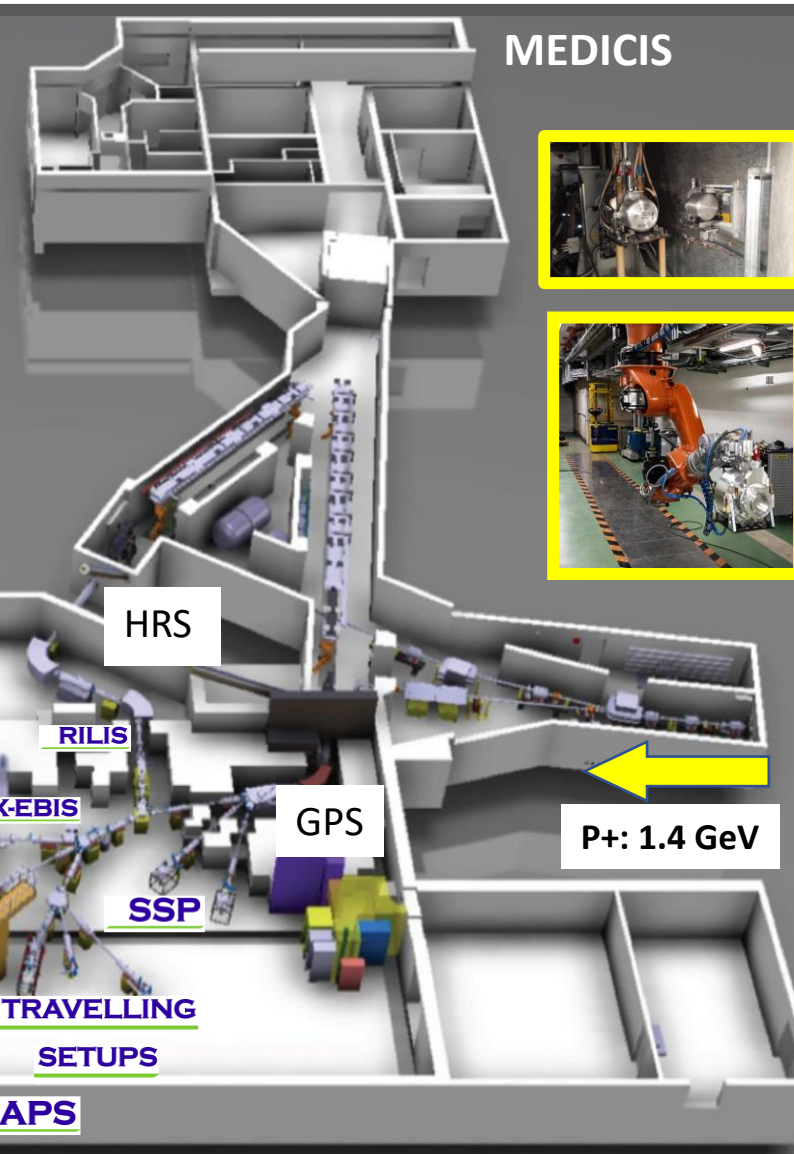
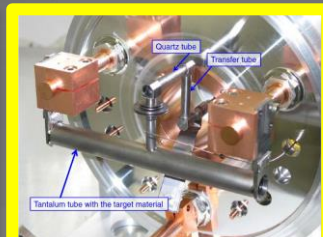
SSP



MEDICAL ISOTOPES



RILIS



MEDICIS



HRS

RILIS

GPS

P+: 1.4 GeV

REX-EBIS

SSP

WITCH

TRAVELLING SETUPS

LUCRECIA

NICOLE

IDS

HIE-ISOLDE

SCATTERING EXPERIMENTS

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Production: Modern-day alchemy

◆ High energy (1.4 GeV) protons are impacted onto a thick target e.g. ^{238}U

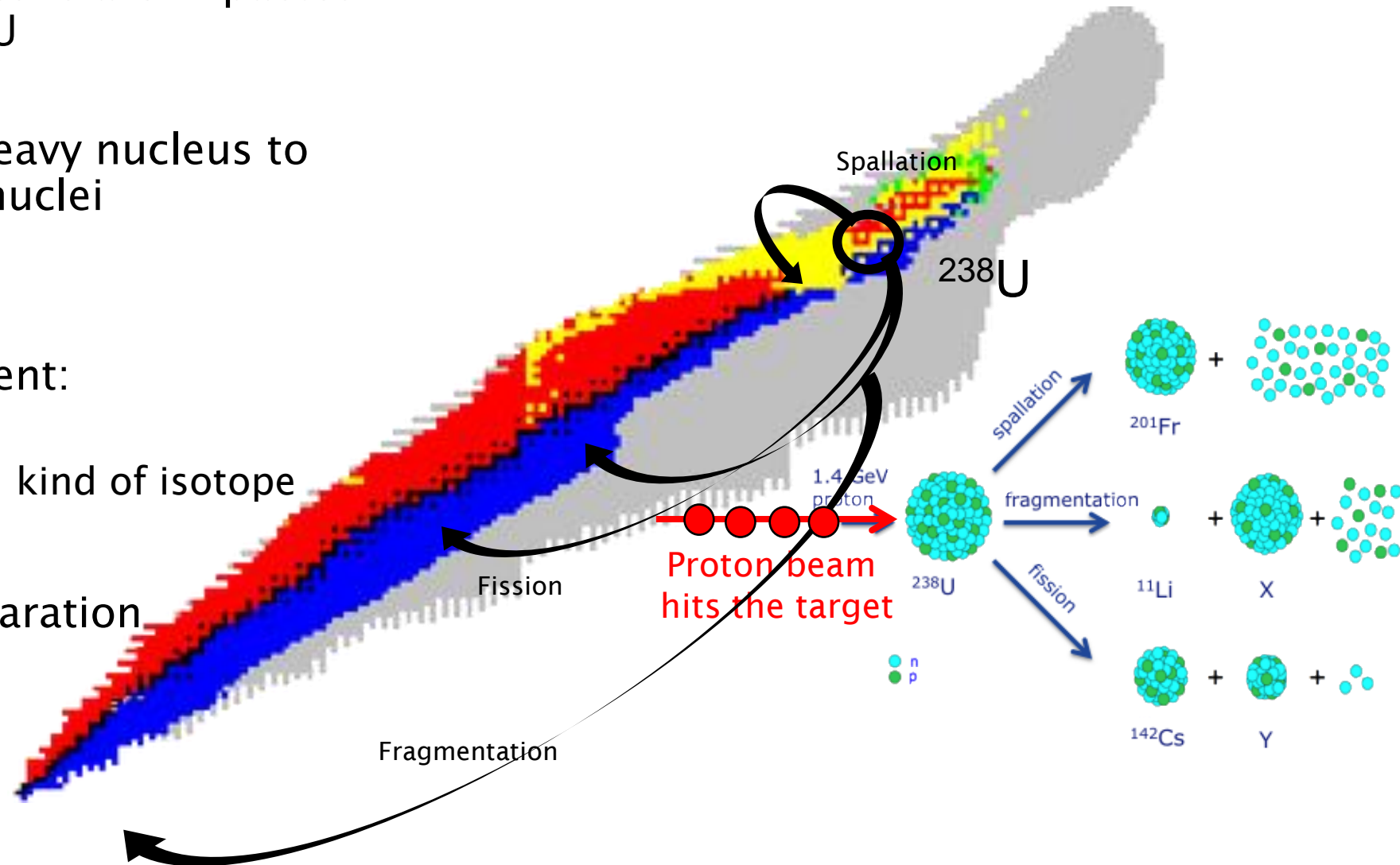
◆ The protons split up the heavy nucleus to produce a wide variety of nuclei simultaneously

◆ Requirements for experiment:

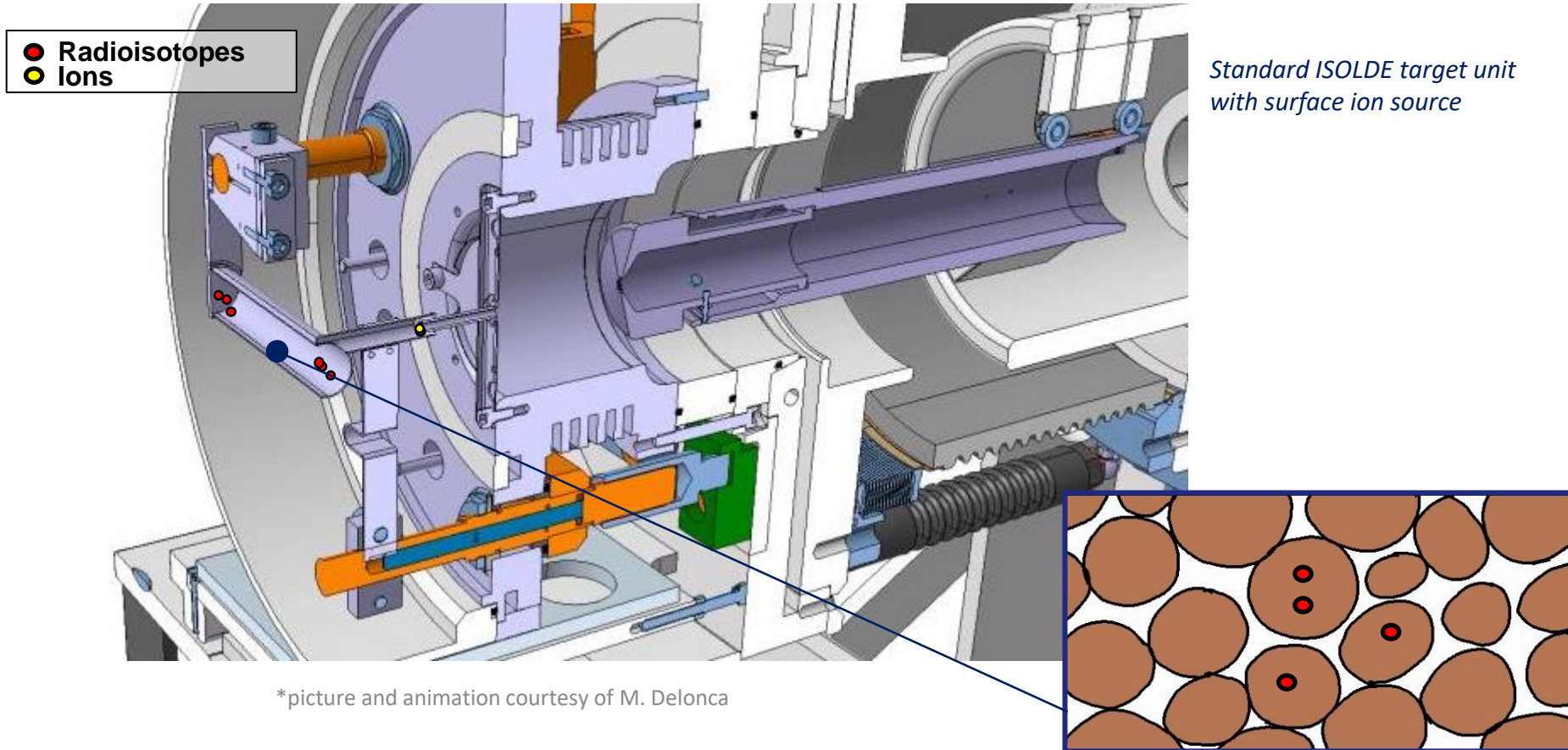
- ◆ High production
- ◆ Pure radioactive beams: 1 kind of isotope

◆ There are 3 stages of preparation

- ◆ Production
- ◆ Ionization
- ◆ Separation



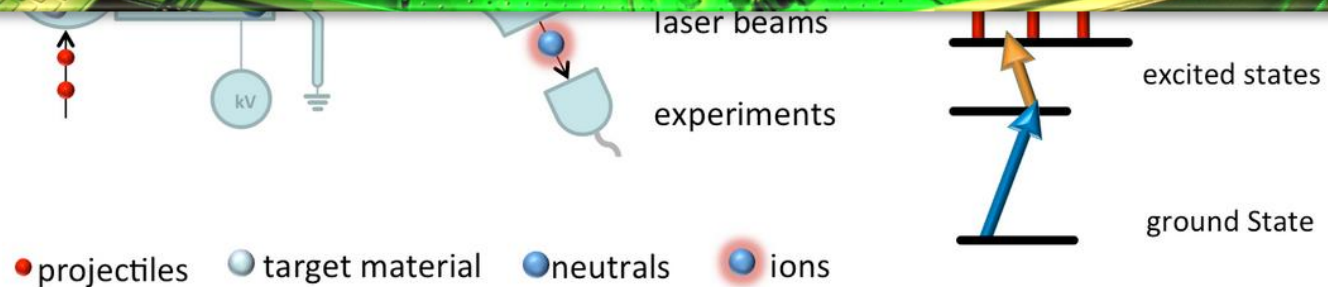
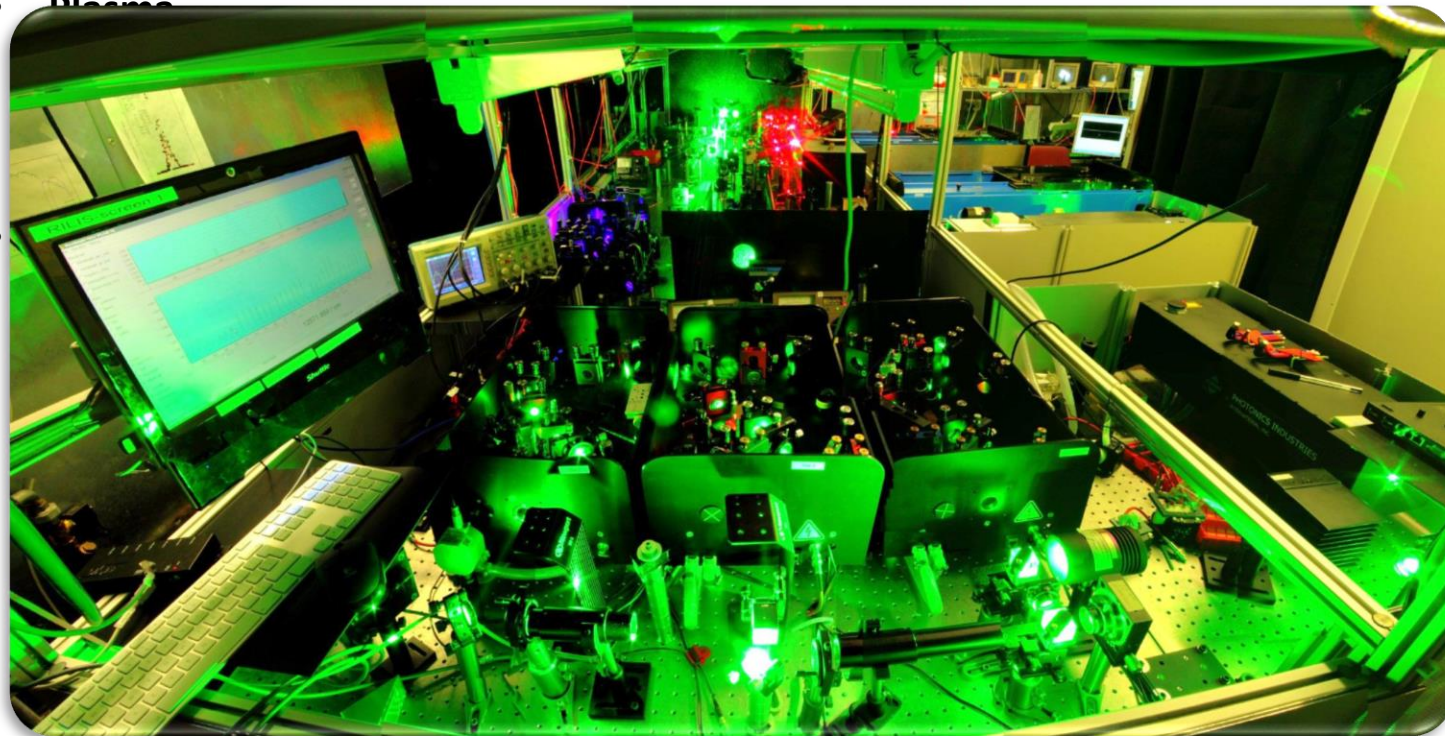
Production: Targets



- ◆ Over 120 materials have been tested and/or used as ISOL targets
 - ◆ Choice of target material and ionizer dependent on radioactive beam of interest
- ◆ Target material and transfer tube heated to 1500 – 2000 degrees
- ◆ Operated by robots due to radiation

Ion Sources

- **Hot-cavity**
 - W heated at $> 2000\text{ C}$
 - High ionization efficiencies for some nuclei



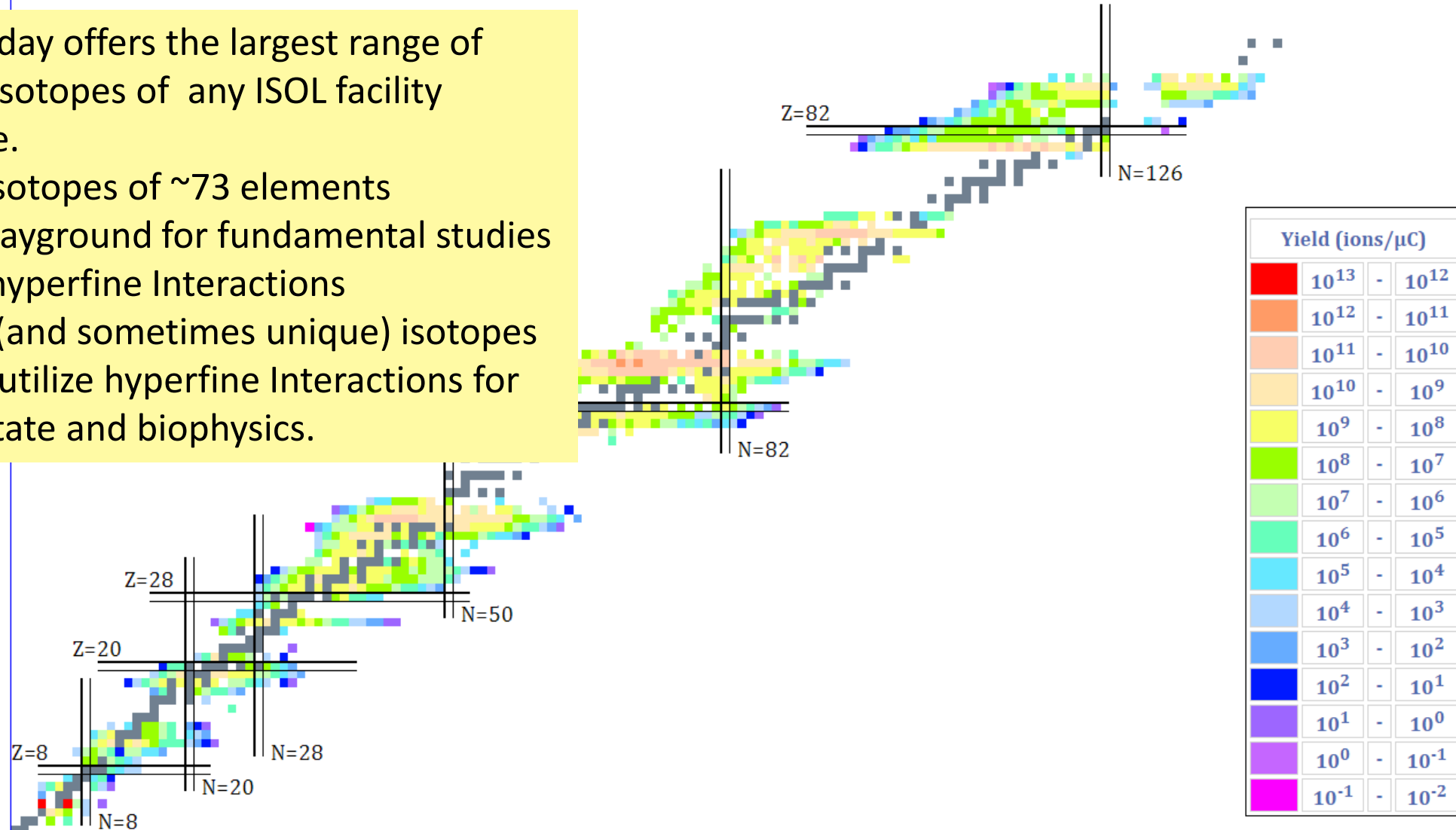
ISOLDE Robots

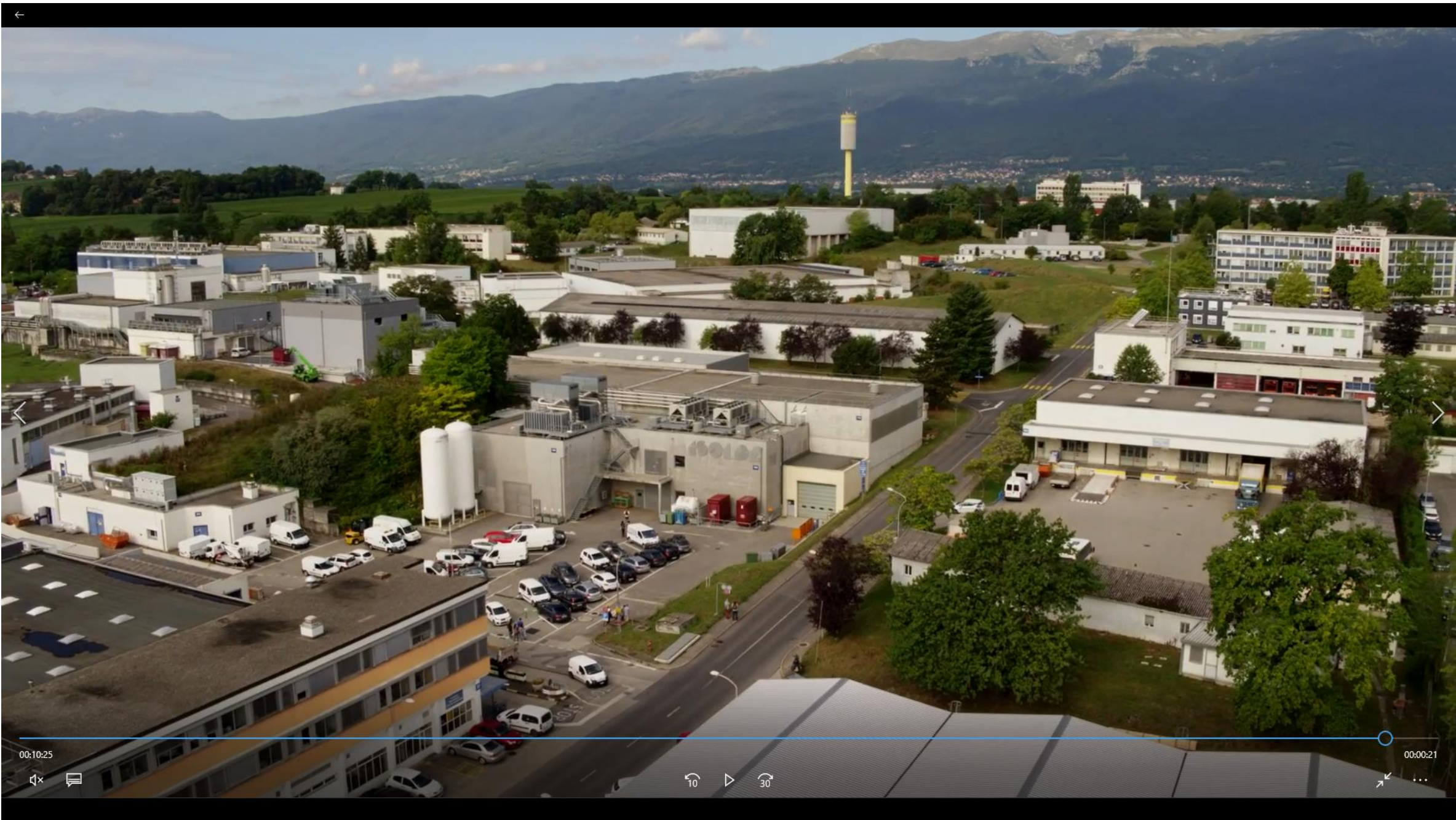


Nuclear chart for ISOLDE

ISOLDE today offers the largest range of available isotopes of any ISOL facility worldwide.

- 1200 isotopes of ~73 elements
- Rich playground for fundamental studies using hyperfine Interactions
- Novel (and sometimes unique) isotopes which utilize hyperfine Interactions for solid state and biophysics.



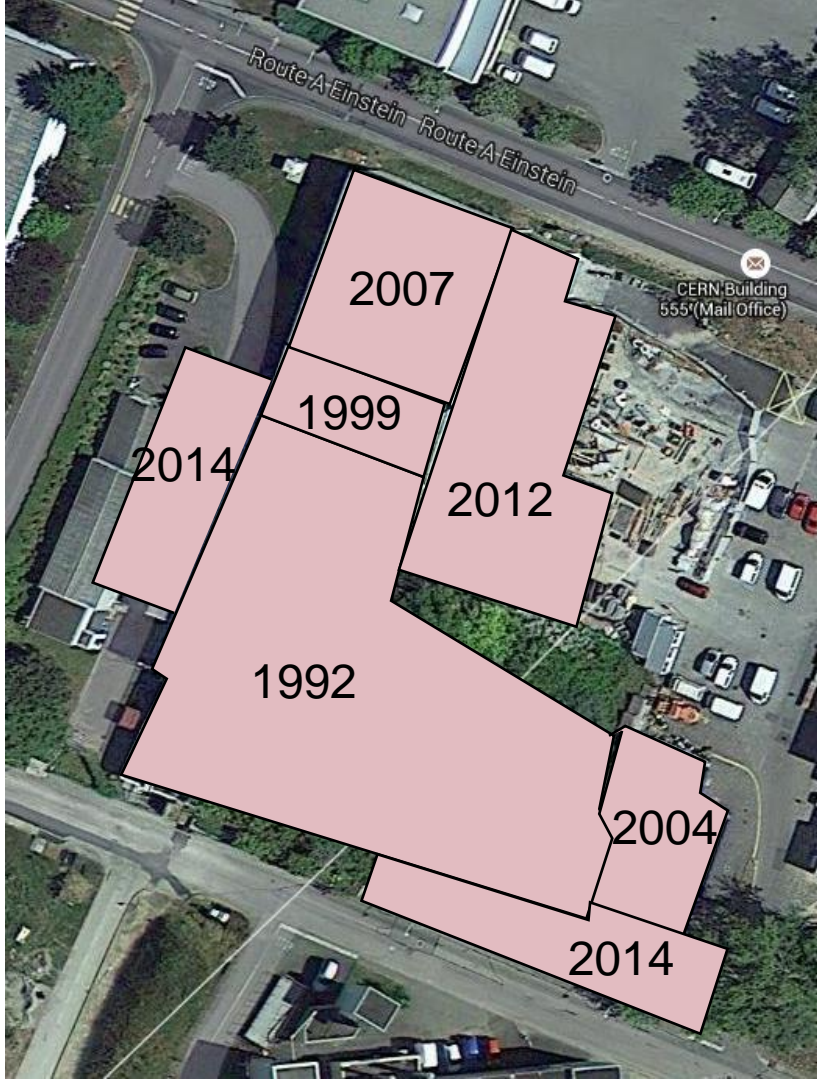


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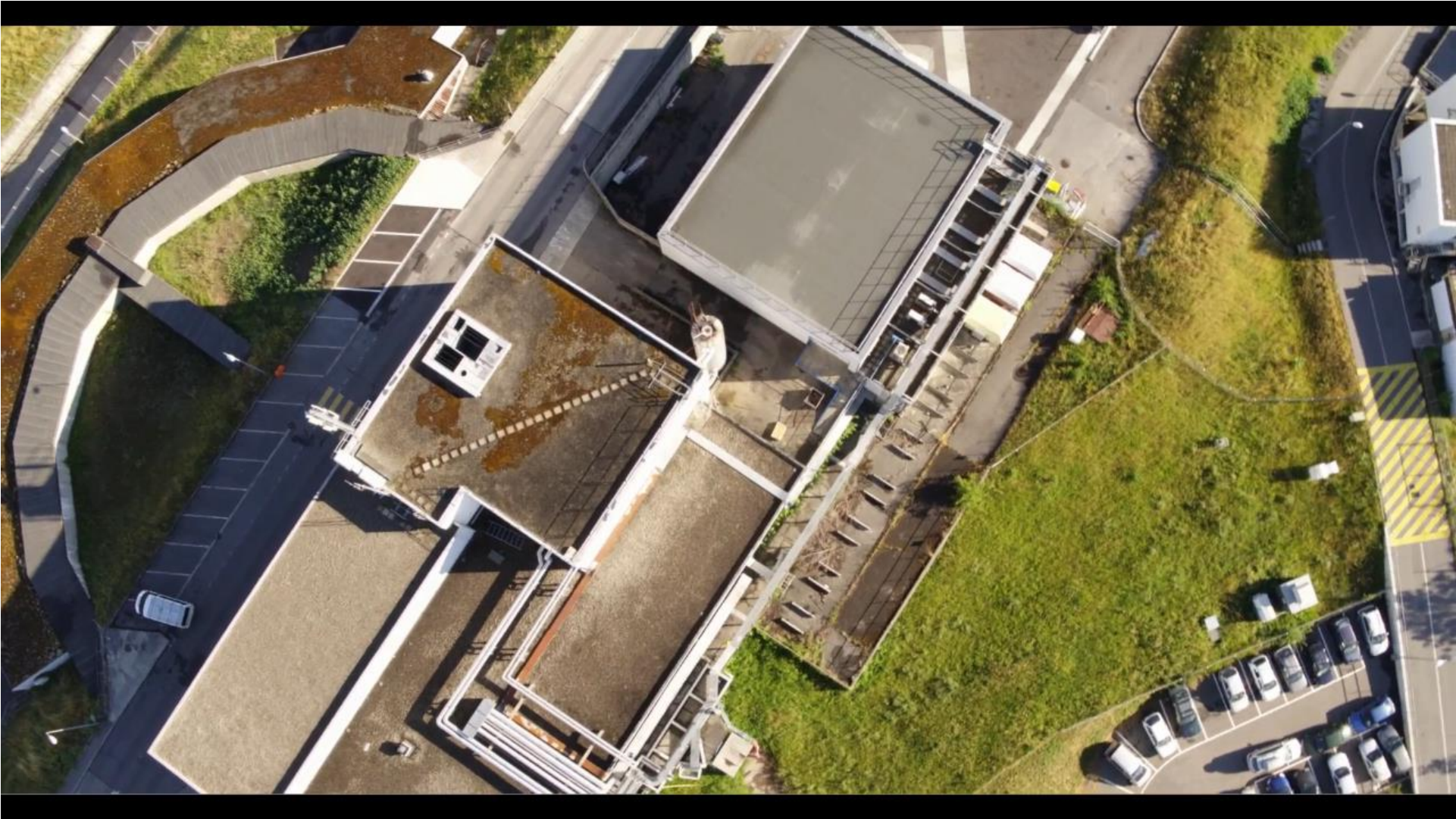




User and Operations facility building



Groundbreaking MEDICIS building



Low-energy installations

MEDICIS
Medical isotopes research

nuclear physics, condensed matter, fundamental interactions, chemistry, biology, medicine...

WISArD

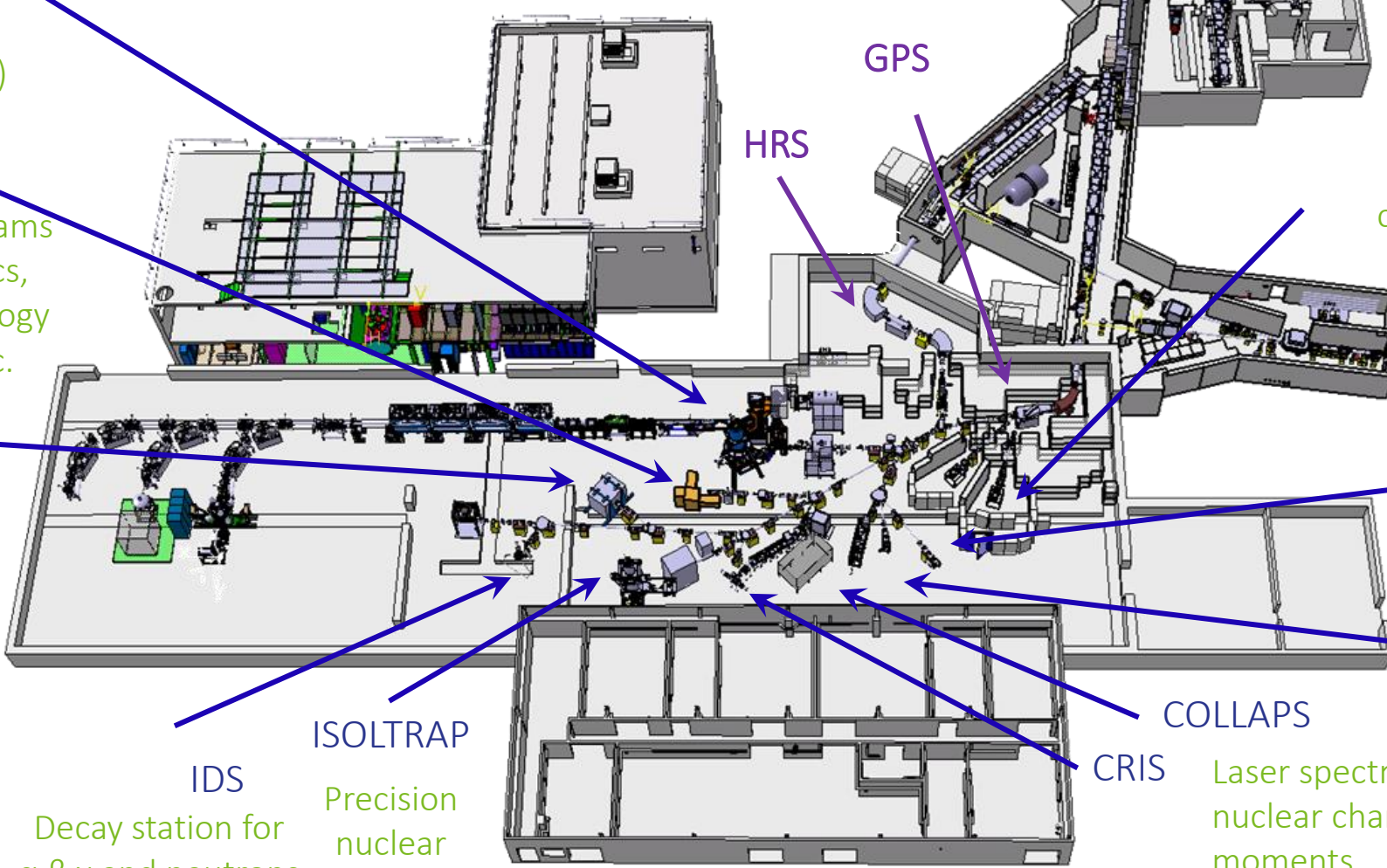
Scalar and tensor currents in weak interactions: $\beta\nu(\theta)$

VITO

Laser-polarised beams for nuclear physics, chemistry and biology using β -NMR etc.

TAS

Total absorption spectrometer for β -decay feeding



Condensed-matter physics

Emission channeling, perturbed angular correlations, Mössbauer, isotope collections...

Protons

Travelling setups

MIRACLs
MR-TOF

COLLAPS

CRIS

Laser spectroscopy: nuclear charge radii and moments.

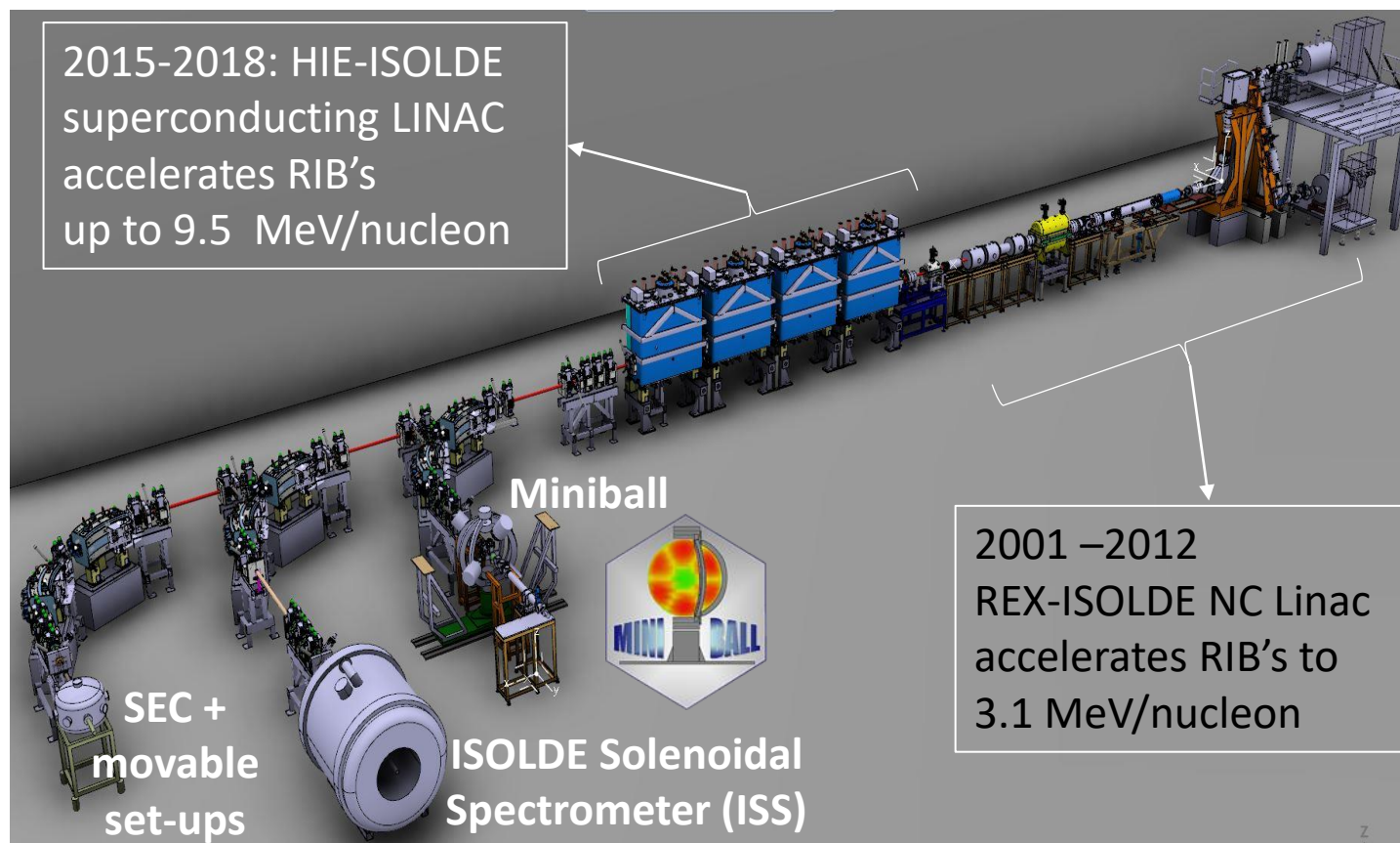
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Decay station for α, β, γ and neutrons

ISOLTRAP
Precision nuclear masses

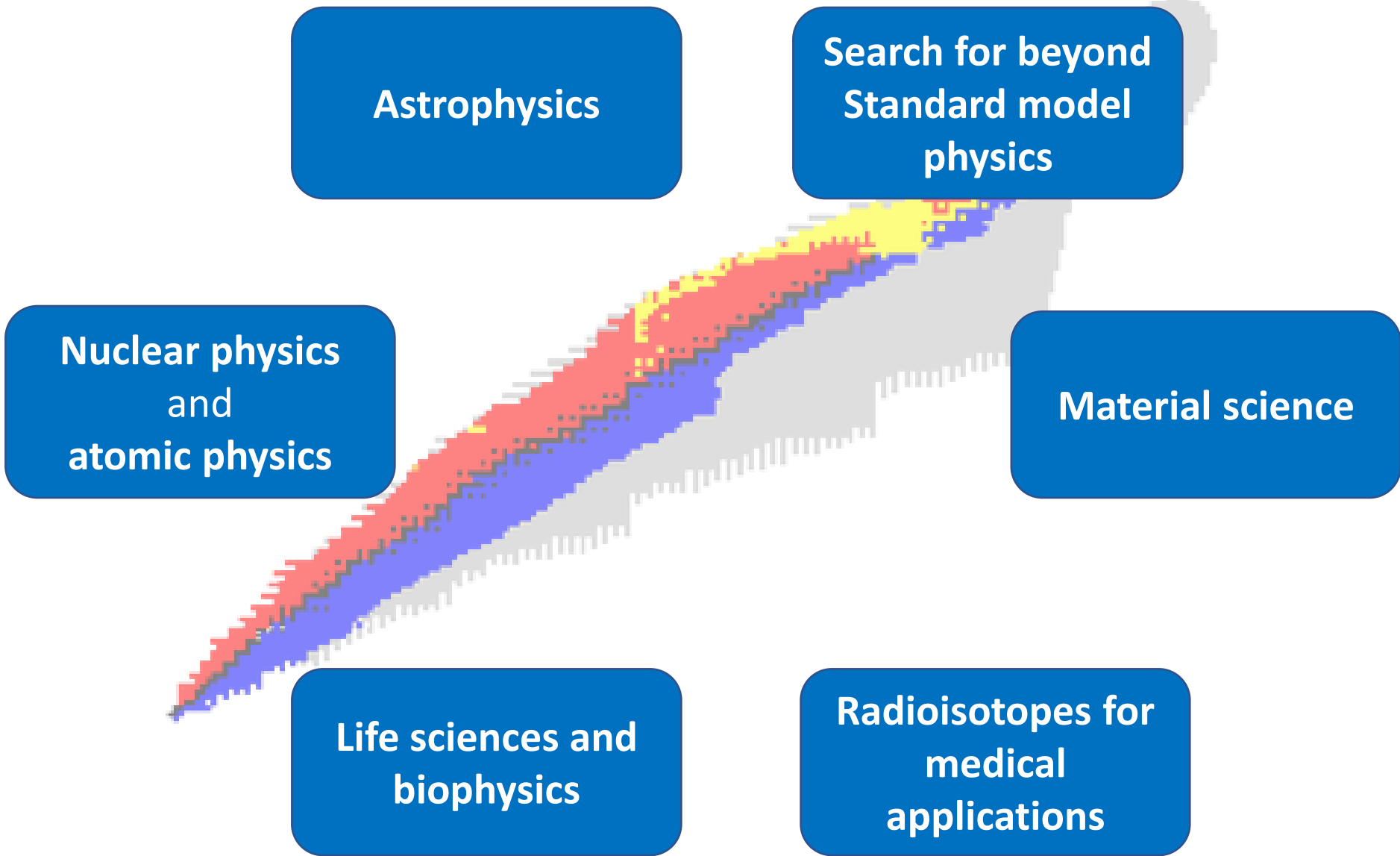
High-energy installations

An accelerator of Radioactive Ion Beams (RIB's)
Now 3 experimental set-ups available

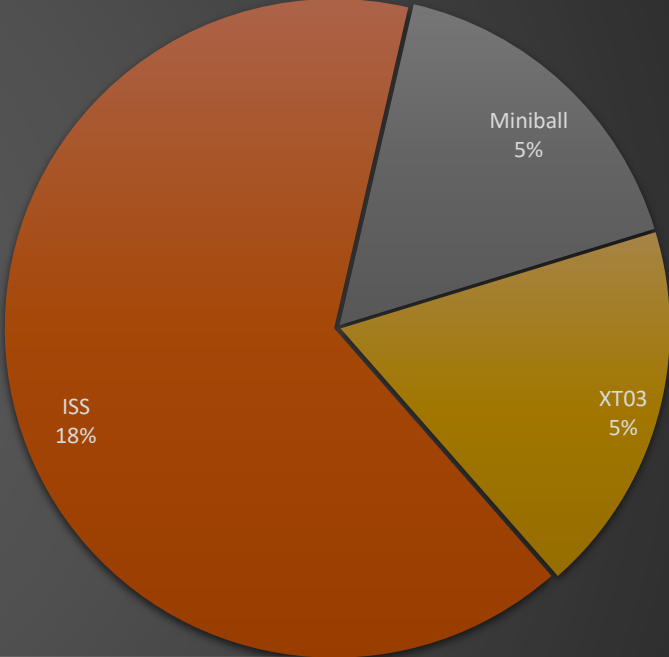
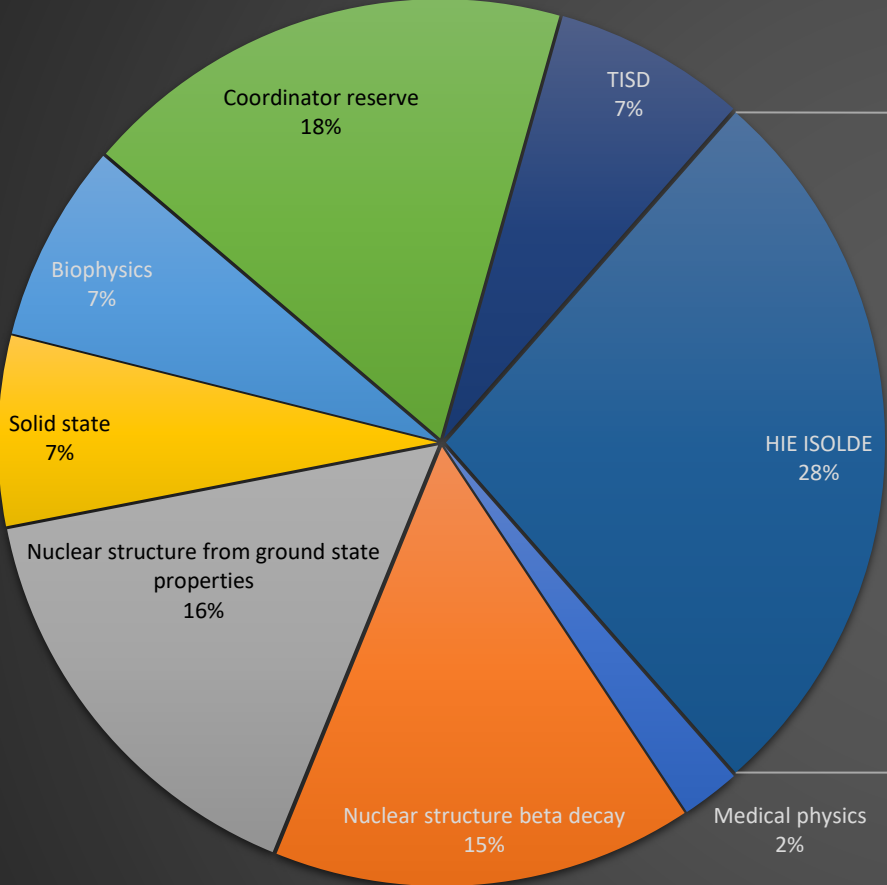
40-60 keV
RIB from ISOLDE



Research with radioactive beams at ISOLDE



Beam pie 2022



Medical physics Nuclear structure beta decay Nuclear structure from ground state properties Solid state Biophysics Coordinator reserve TISD ISS Miniball XT03

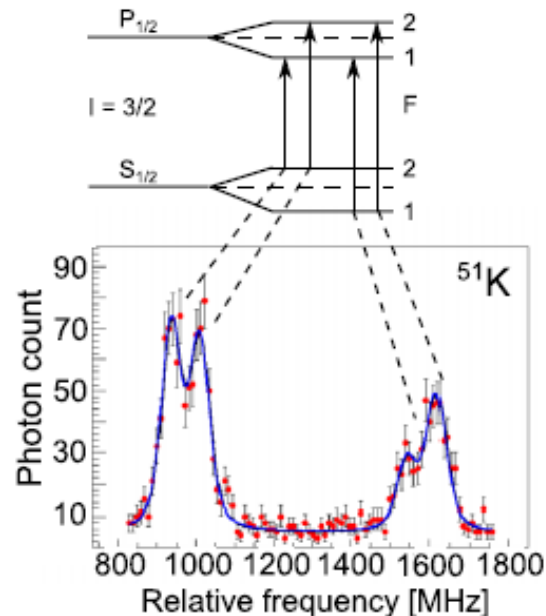
Laser spectroscopy and nuclear properties

Lasers allow studying **ground-state (and isomeric) properties of nuclei**, based on:

Atomic **hyperfine structure (HFS)**

(interaction of nuclear and atomic spins)

- HFS details depend on:
 - Spin -> orbit of last proton&neutron
 - Magnetic dipole moment -> orbits occupied by protons&neutrons
 - Electric quadrupole moment -> deformations

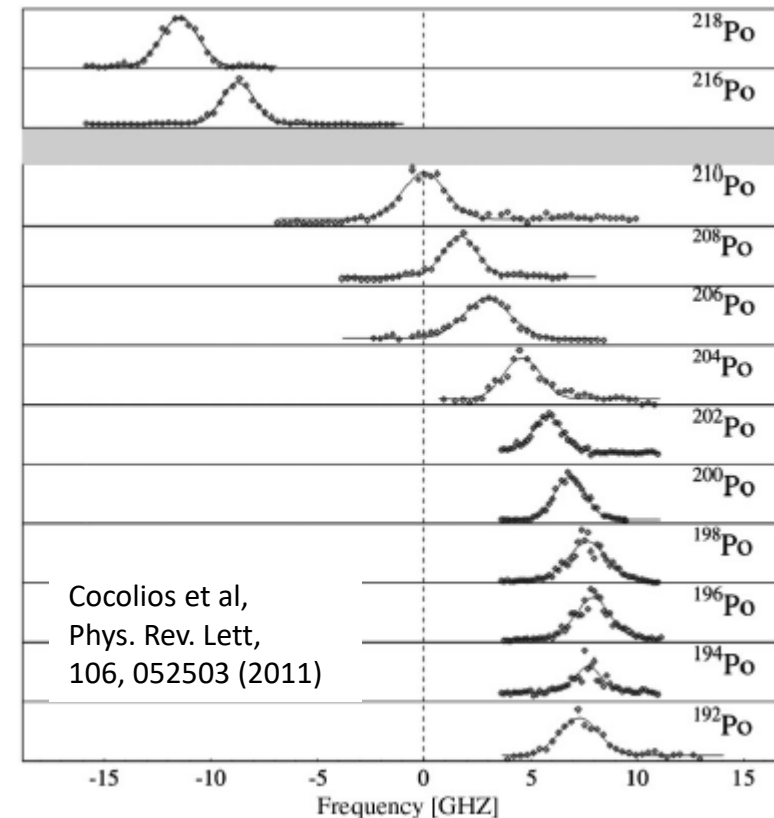


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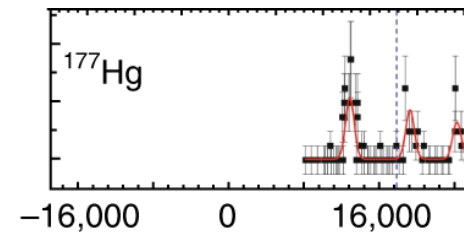
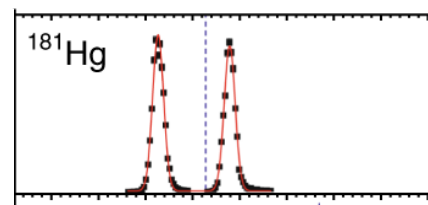
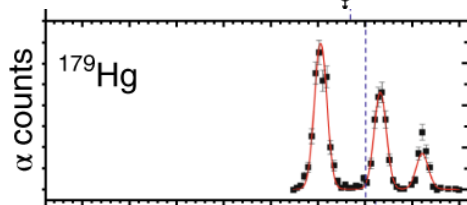
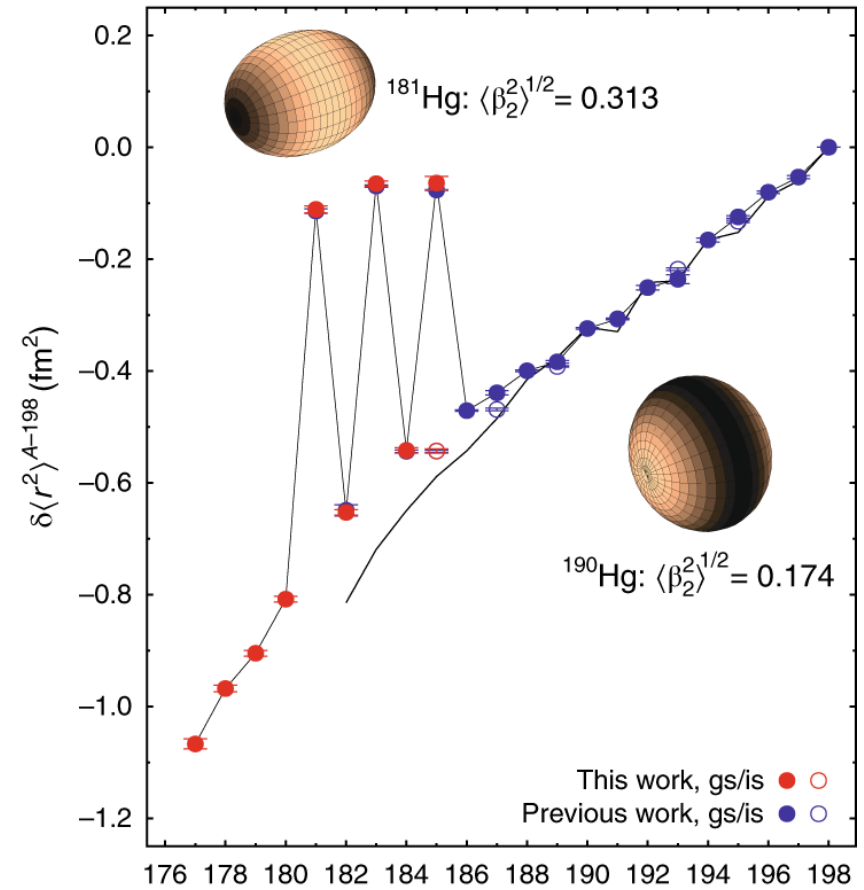
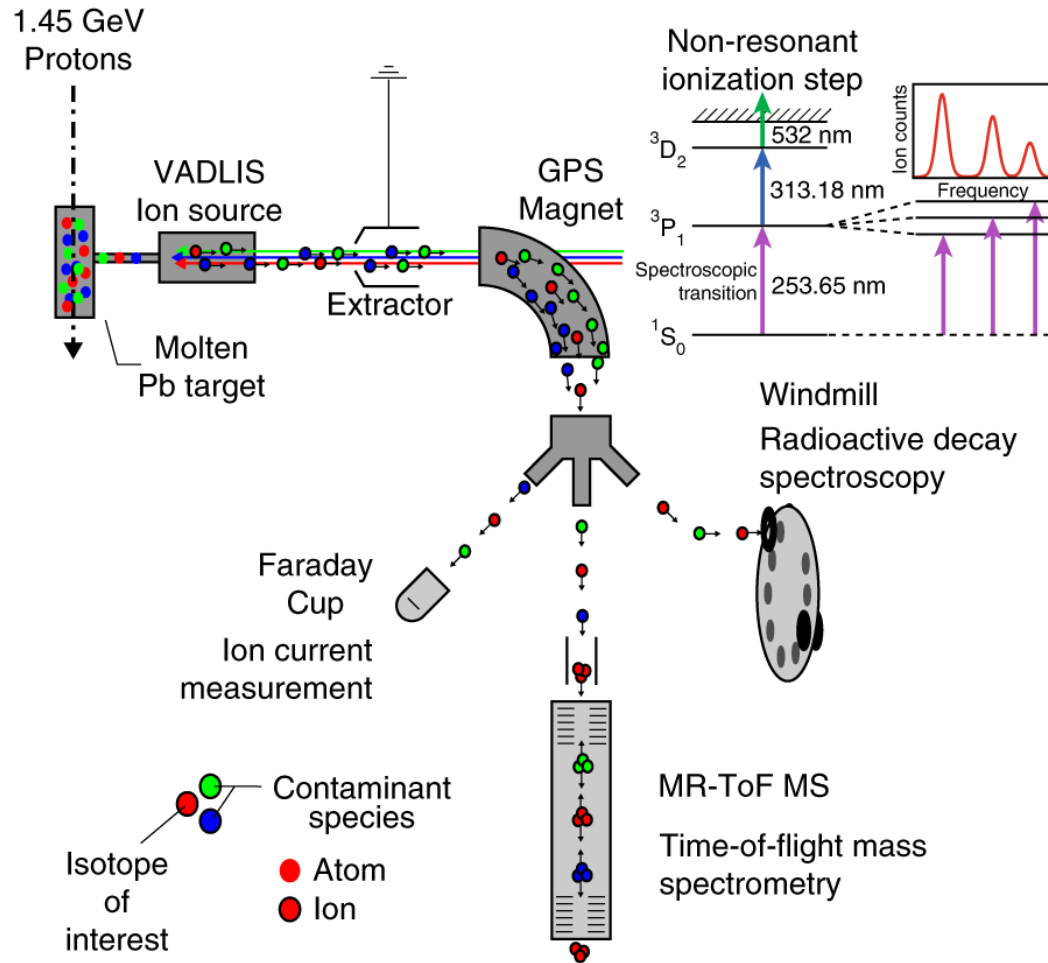
Isotope shifts (IS) in atomic transitions

(change in mass and size of different isotopes of the same chemical element)

- IS between 2 isotopes depends on:
 - difference in their masses & charge radii

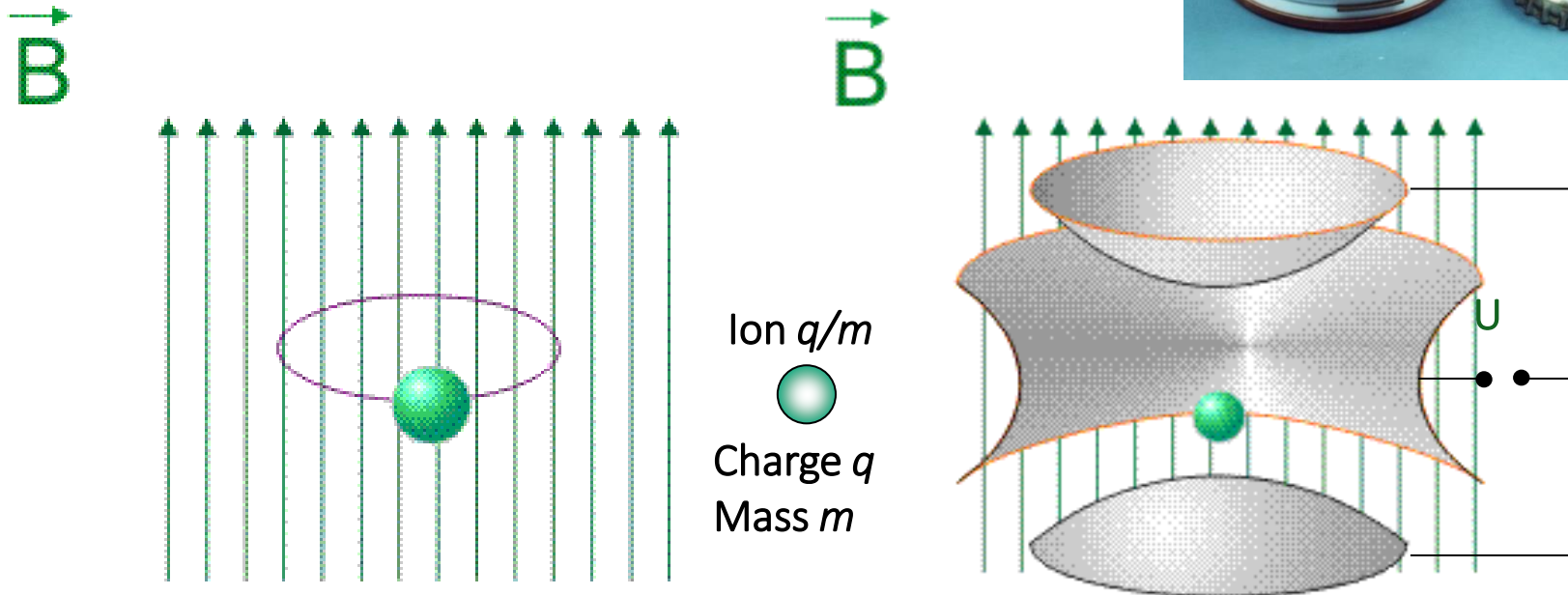


Shape staggering of mercury isotopes with RILIS



Penning-trap mass spectrometry

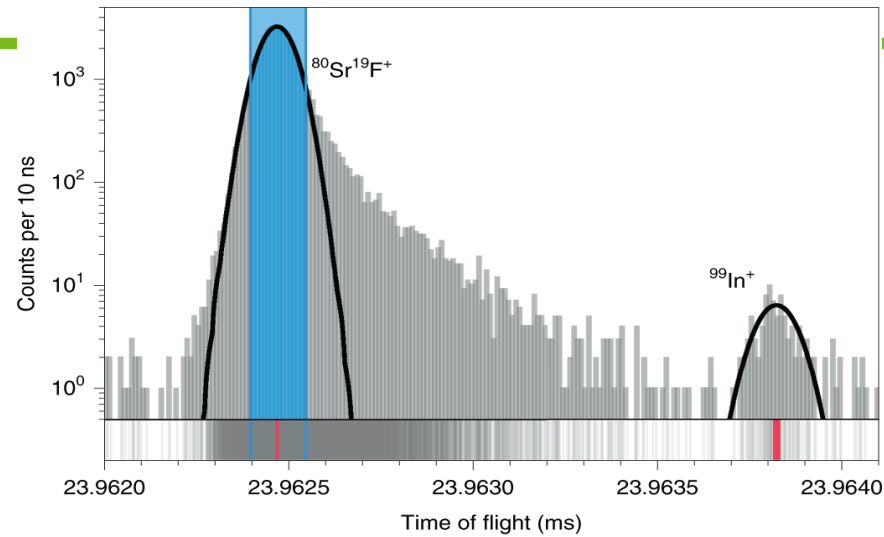
- Penning trap
 - superposition of static magnetic and electric field
 - Ion manipulation with radiofrequencies



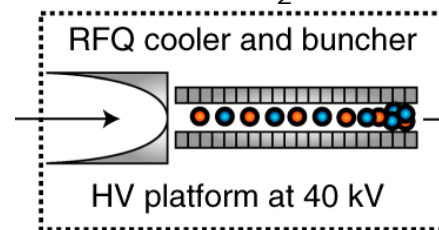
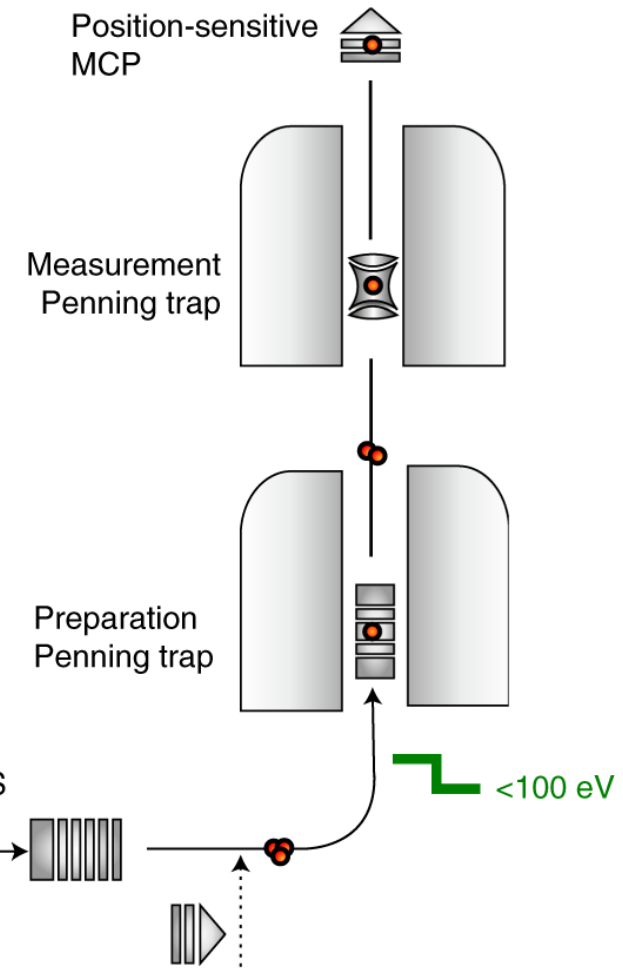
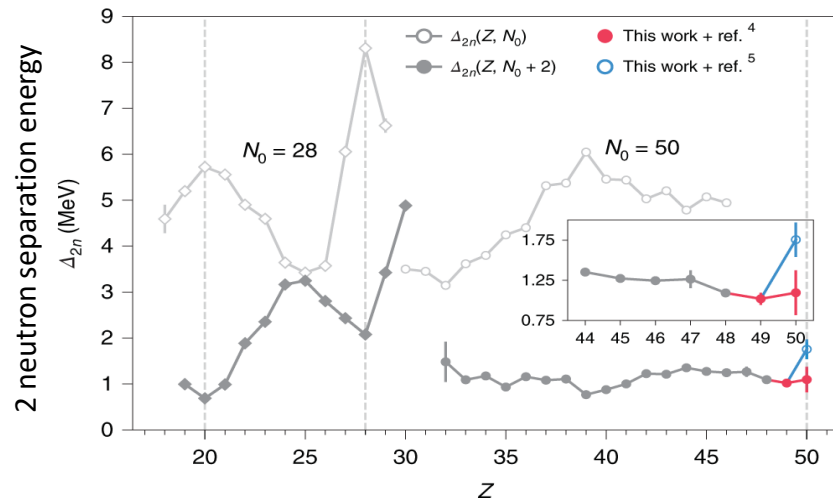
Free cyclotron frequency is inversely proportional to the mass of the ions!

$$\omega_c = qB / m$$

Masses around ^{100}Sn with ISOLTRAP



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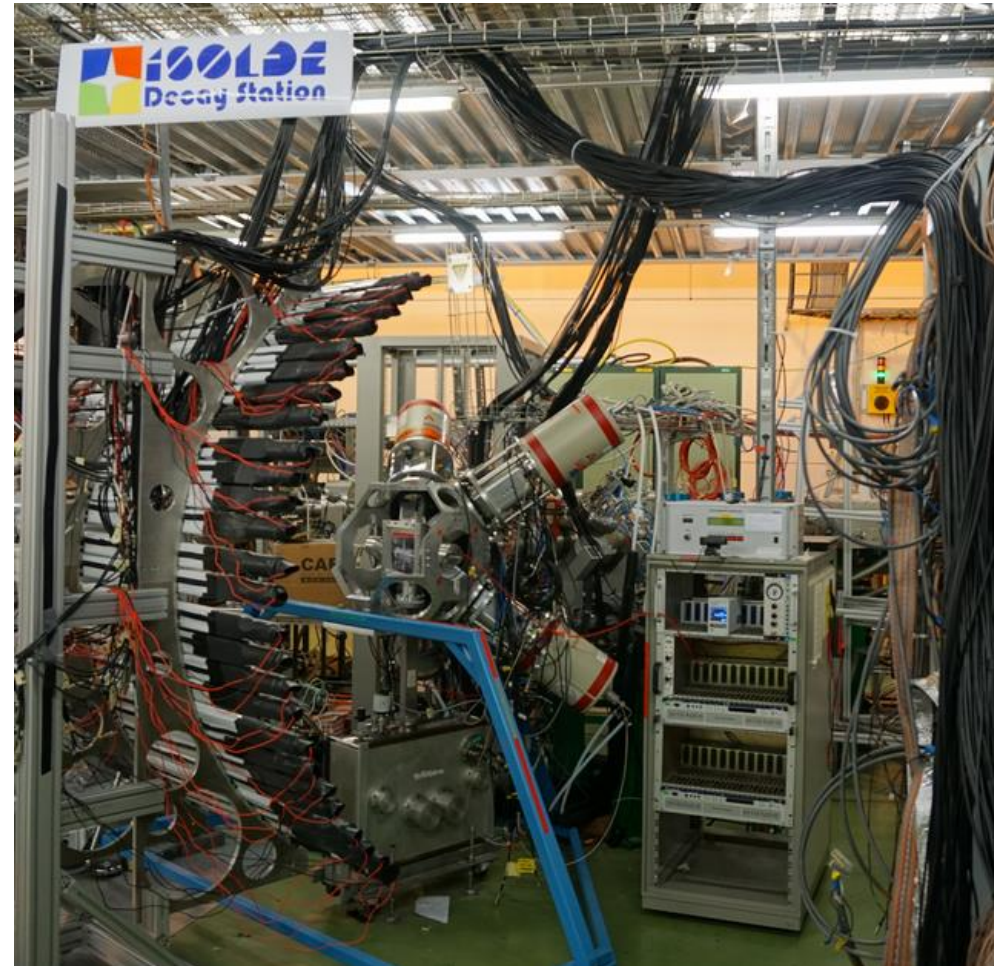
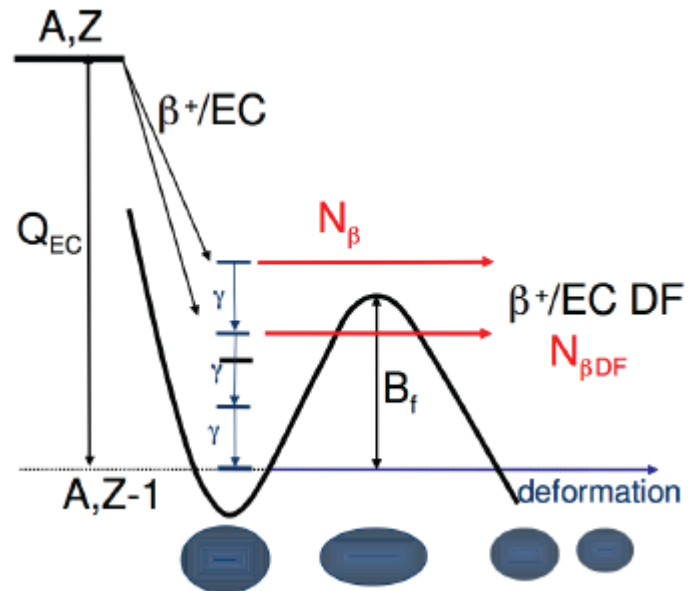


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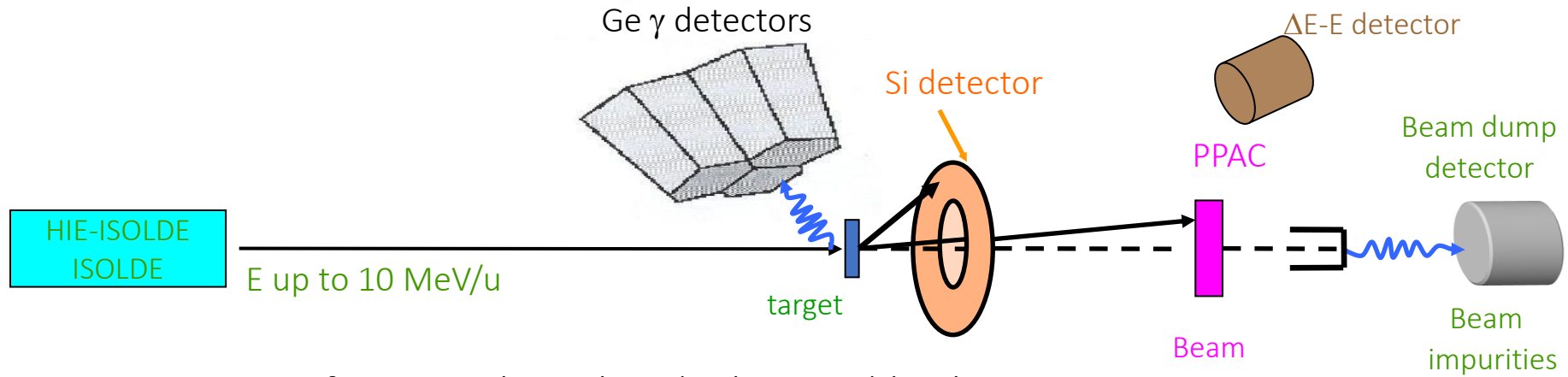
3.2 keV

Decay spectroscopy

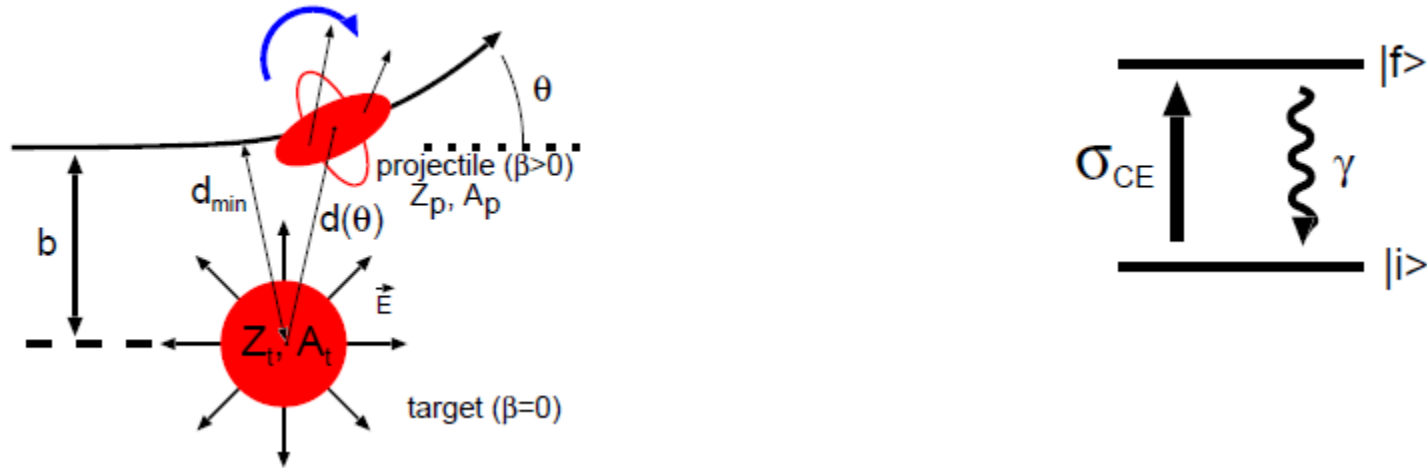
- Different detectors to sensitive to emitted:
 - Alpha particles
 - Beta particles
 - Gamma rays
 - Protons or neutrons
- Isolde Decay Station
- soon: polarised beams at VITO



Coulomb excitation



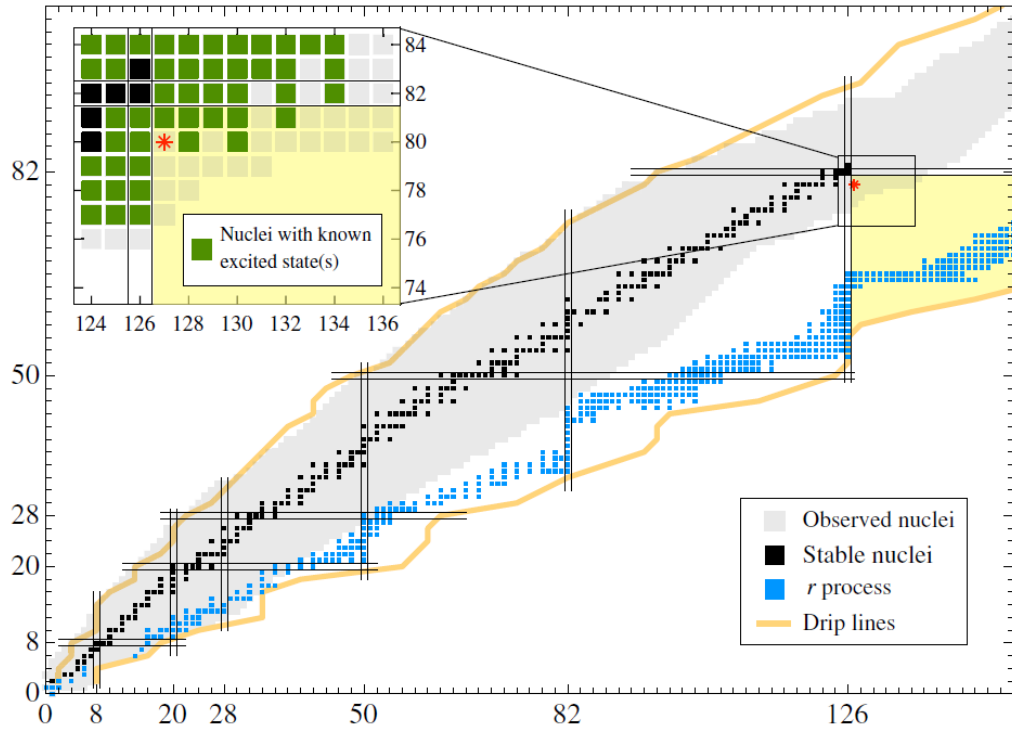
Excitation of a projectile nucleus (radioactive) by the electromagnetic field of the target (made of stable nuclei)



Observables: Transition energies and intensities

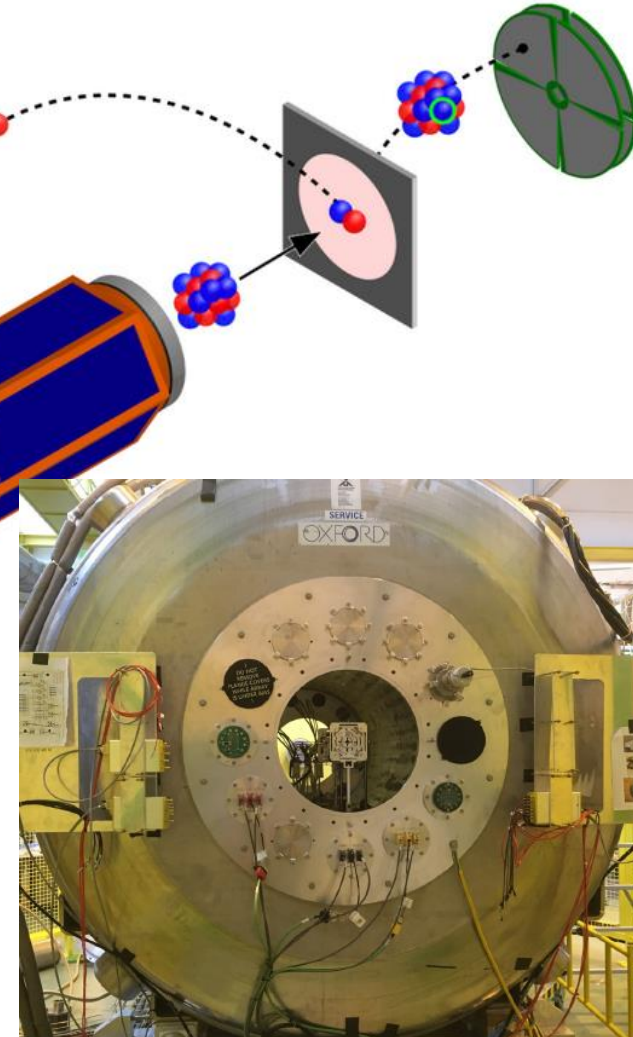
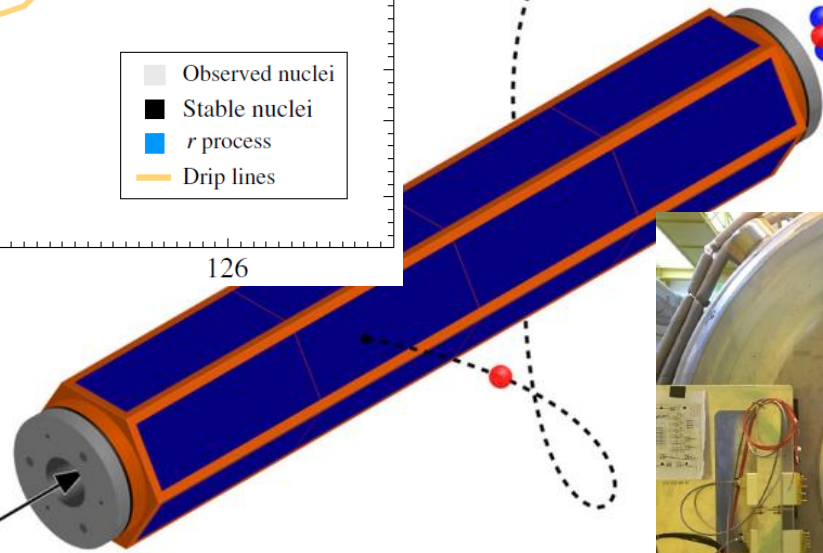
=> Determine new excited levels and study deformations

Nuclear astrophysics at HIE-ISOLDE



neutron excitations in ^{207}Hg by neutron-adding (d,p) reaction in inverse kinematics

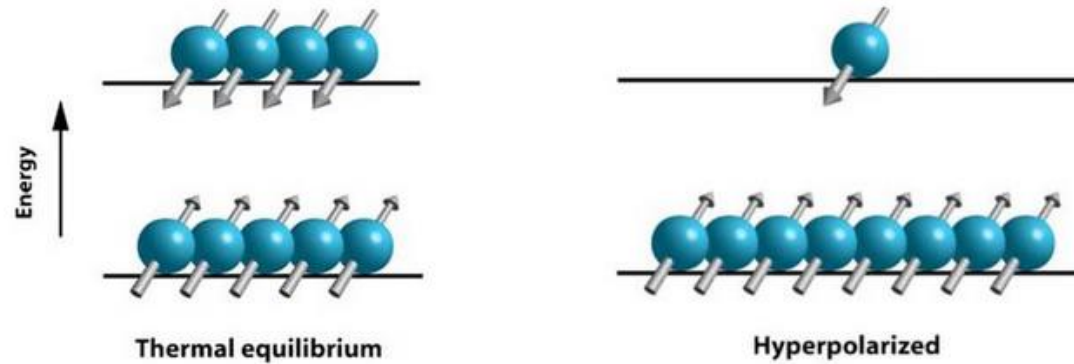
Isolde
Solenoidal
Spectrometer



Beta-NMR in organic samples

Unstable probe nuclei with spin > 0 in magnetic field

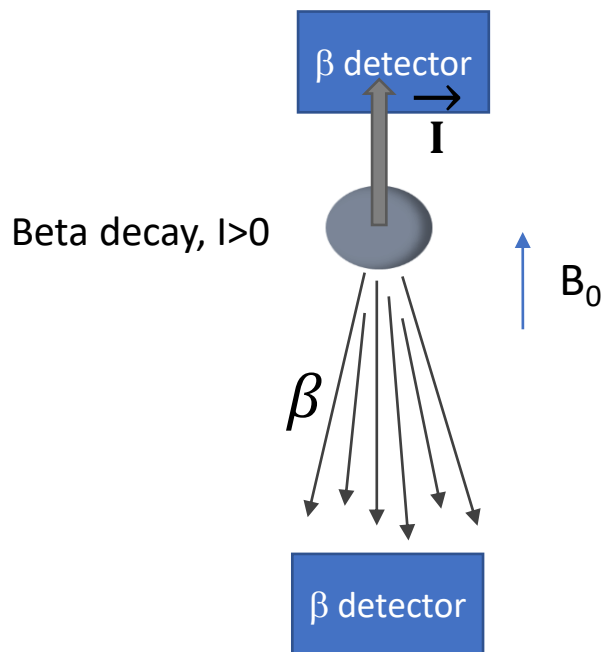
Spin hyperpolarisation



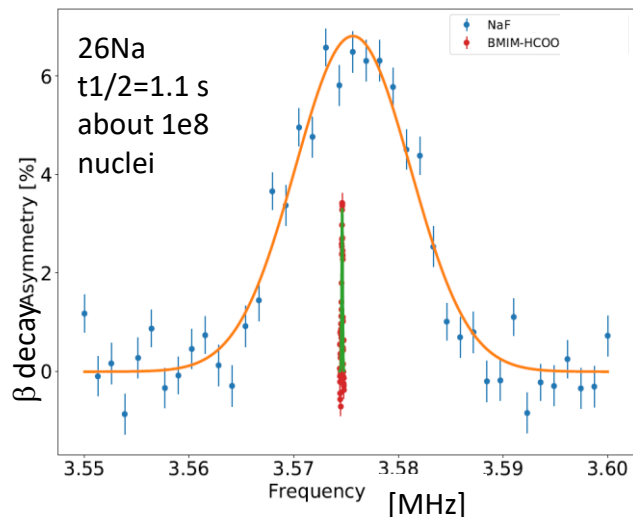
$$P \approx 10^{-5} = \frac{1}{100,000} \text{ at } 3\text{T}$$

$$P \approx 50\% = \frac{50,000}{100,000}$$

+ beta decay anisotropy



Beta decay, $I > 0$

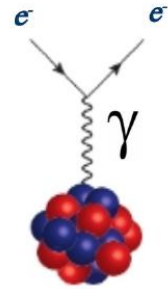
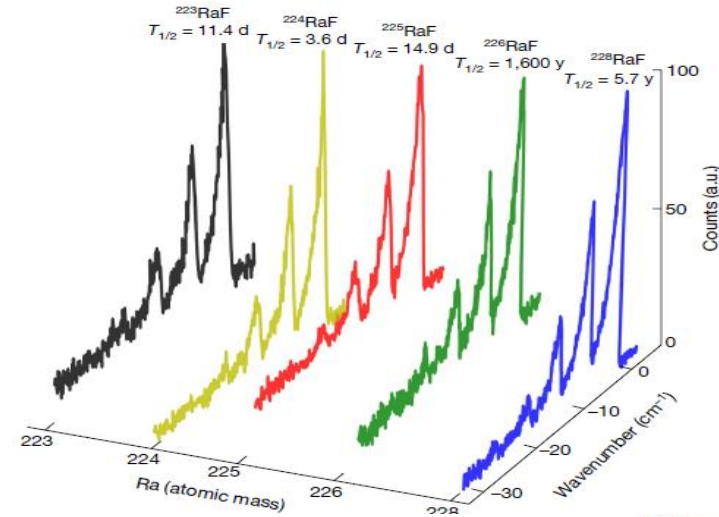
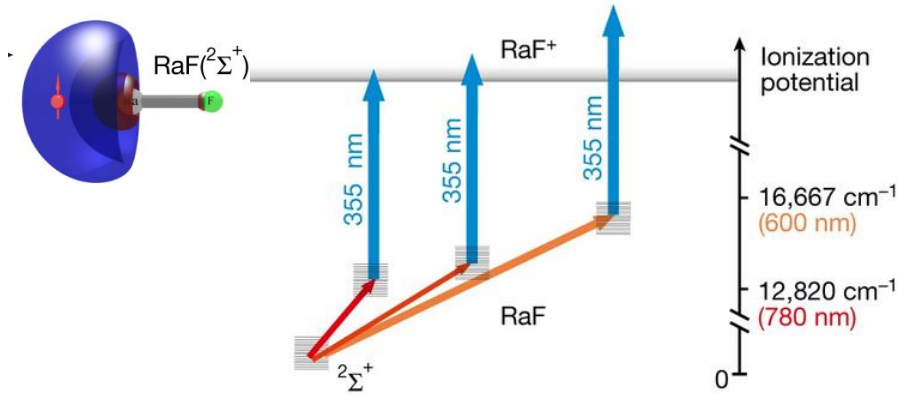


Up to 10 orders of magnitude more sensitive than conventional NMR,

100 x more precise than solid state NMR

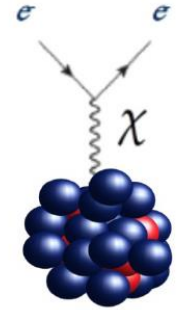
Applications in biology (metal ion interactions)
And nuclear physics: distribution of magnetisation

Radioactive molecules & Beyond SM

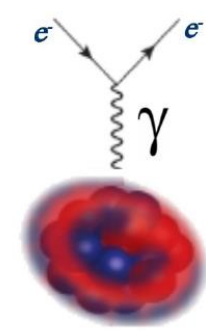
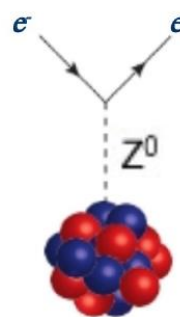


Low-energy SM tests

- Nuclear matter
- Nuclear structure
- BSM searches



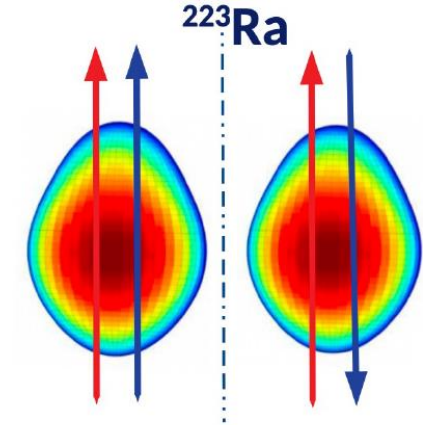
New e-N interactions?



P-violation

Z^0

W^\pm



T-violation

- Baryogenesis

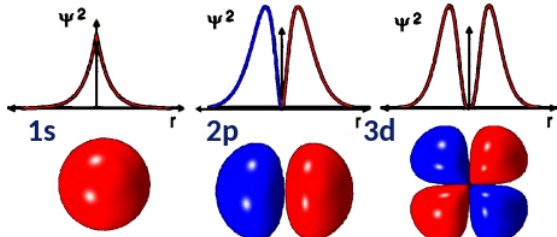
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Why Molecules?

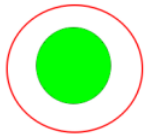
→ New windows into the study of the atomic nucleus, and the fundamental particles and interactions of nature!

Atoms

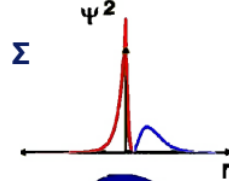


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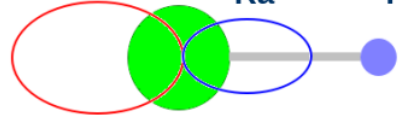


Molecules



Ra⁺

F⁻



- Parity violation > 10¹⁰
- Parity and Time reversal violation > 10³

[ACME. Nature 562. 355 (2018)]

Why Molecules?

EDM

$\langle r^2 \rangle I$
 μQ

P- violation

$\sim Z^3$
 $\sim Z^2 A^{2/3} R(Z)$

P,T- violation

S_{Schiff}

$\sim Z^3 R(Z)$

MQM

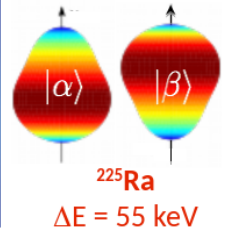
$\sim Z^2 R(Z) S_{Schiff}$

$S_{Schiff} \sim Q_2 Q_3 Z A^{2/3} / (E_+ - E_-)$

Molecules → x 10^N >10⁵ > 10³ (x 10⁵)

Exotic nuclei → Nuclear amplification (>10³)

- Large Z, A
- Max. Q₂Q₃
- Min. (E₊-E₋)

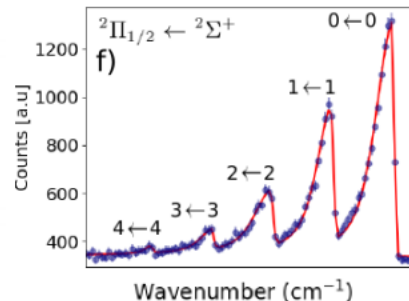
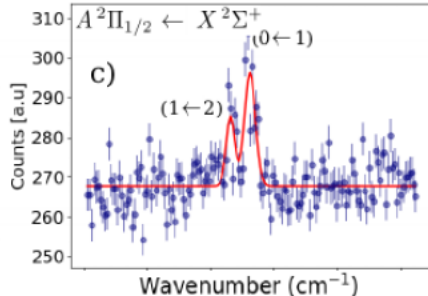
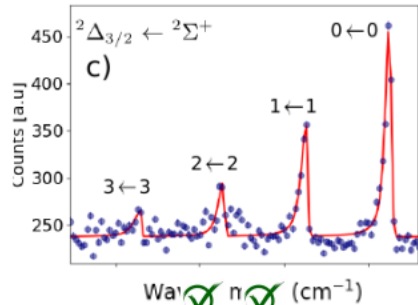
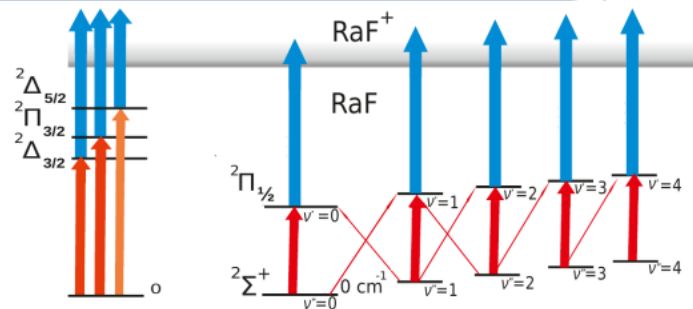
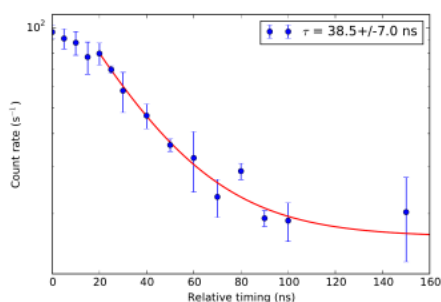


[Gaffney et al. Nature 497, 199 (2013)]

Exotic molecules → **Best of all worlds**
... BUT, are experimentally unknown!

Recent results

- I. Low-lying structure ✓
- II. Feasibility of laser cooling?
 1. Dominant f_{00} ? $\rightarrow f_{00}/f_{ij} > 0.97$ ✓
 2. Short-lived excited state ($T_{1/2}$)? $\rightarrow T_{1/2} < 50$ ns ✓
 3. Electronic states of lower energy (E)? $\rightarrow 2000$ cm^{-1} above ✓



$$H_{mol} = H_e + H_{vib} + H_{rot} + H_{sr} + H_{hfs} + H_{PV} + H_{PTV} \quad \text{[Garcia Ruiz et al. Nature 581, 396 (2020)]}$$

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Spectroscopy of short-lived radioactive molecules

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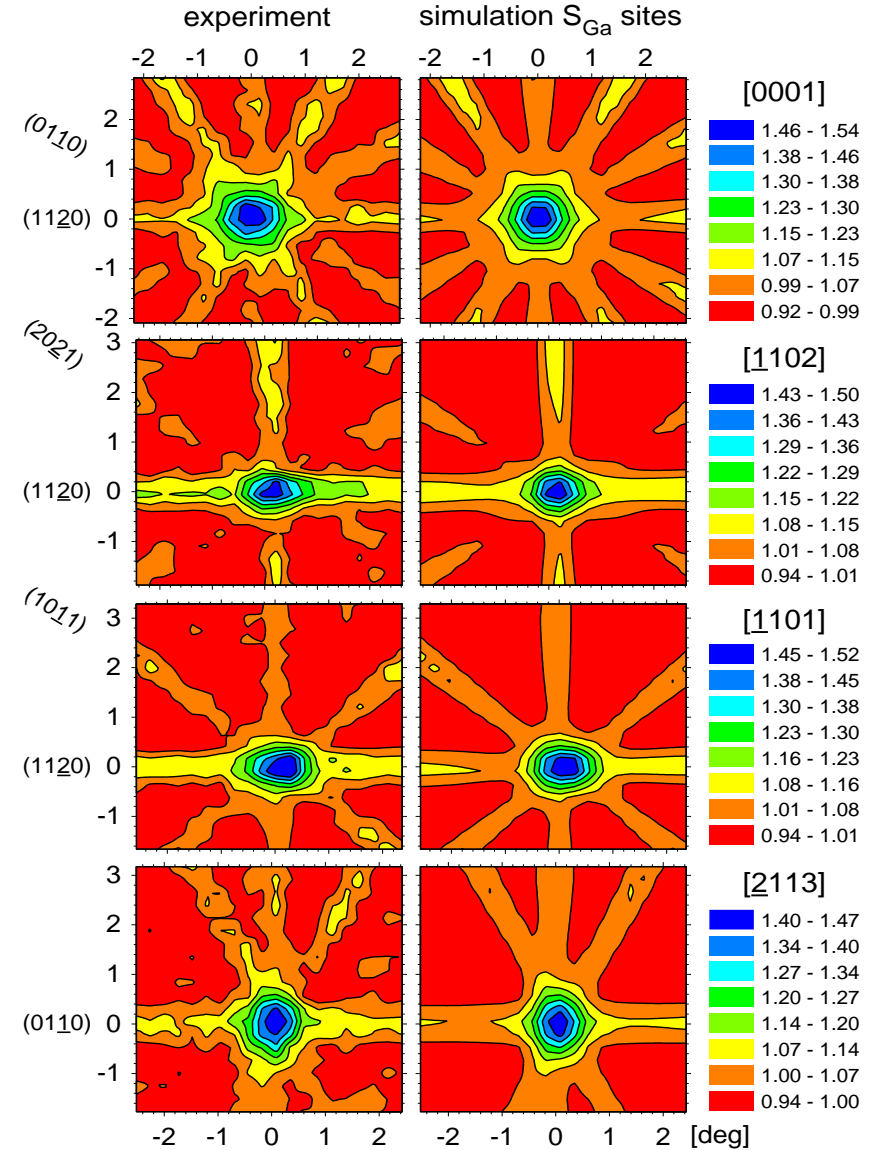
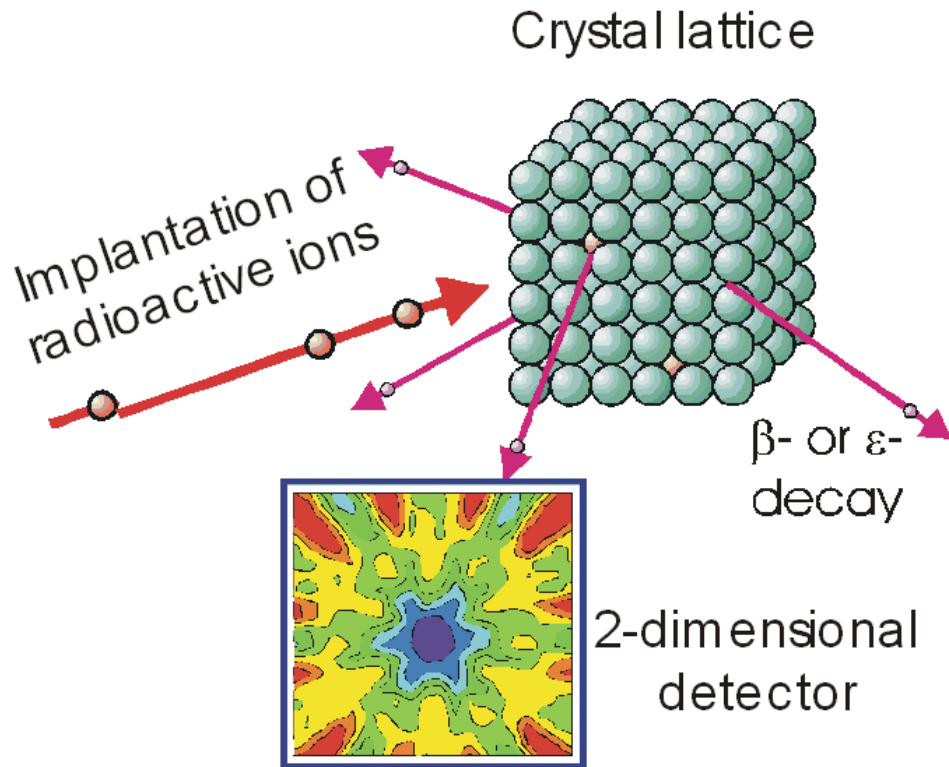
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$$H_{mol} = H_e + H_{vib} + H_{rot} + H_{sr} + H_{hfs} + H_{PV} + H_{PTV}$$

Material science

- Emission channeling
- Position of implanted ions

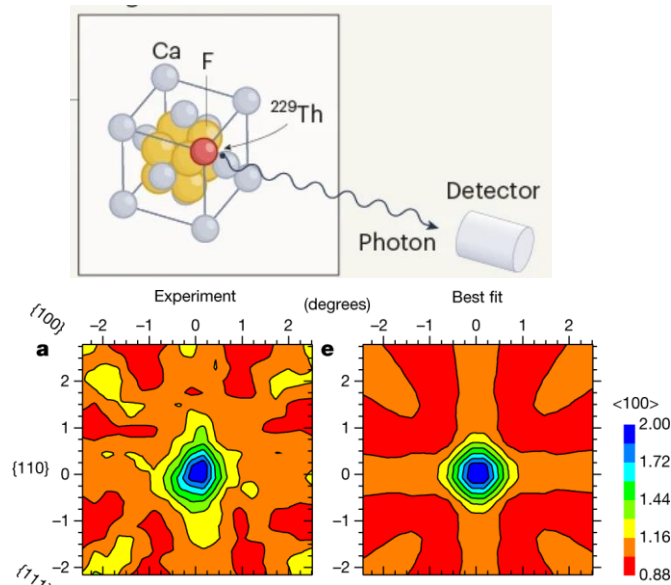


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Emission channelling pattern

^{229m}Th : towards a nuclear clock with VUV and EC

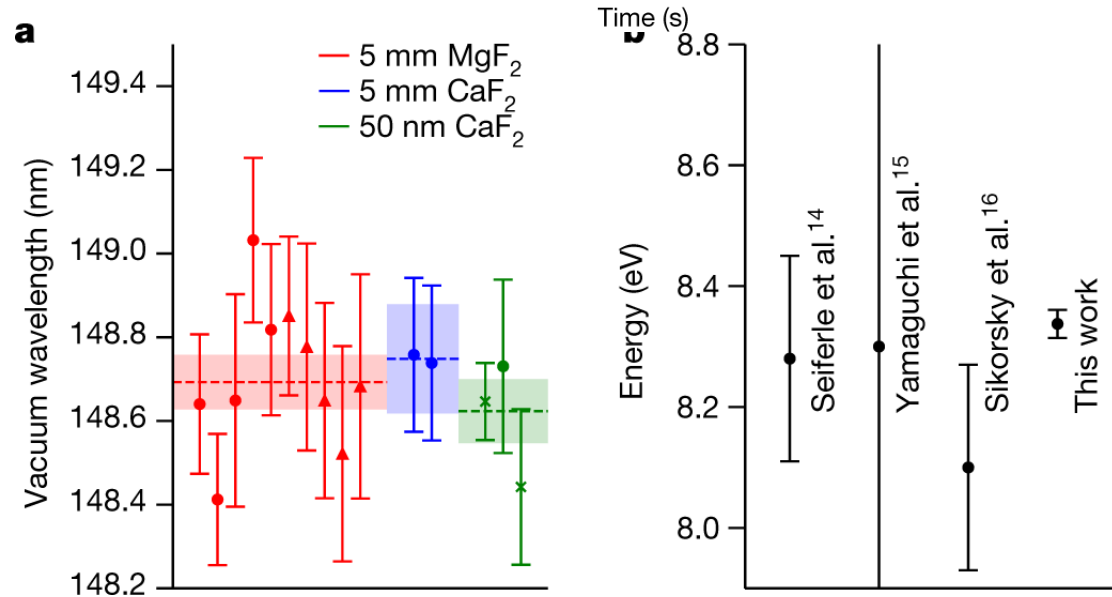
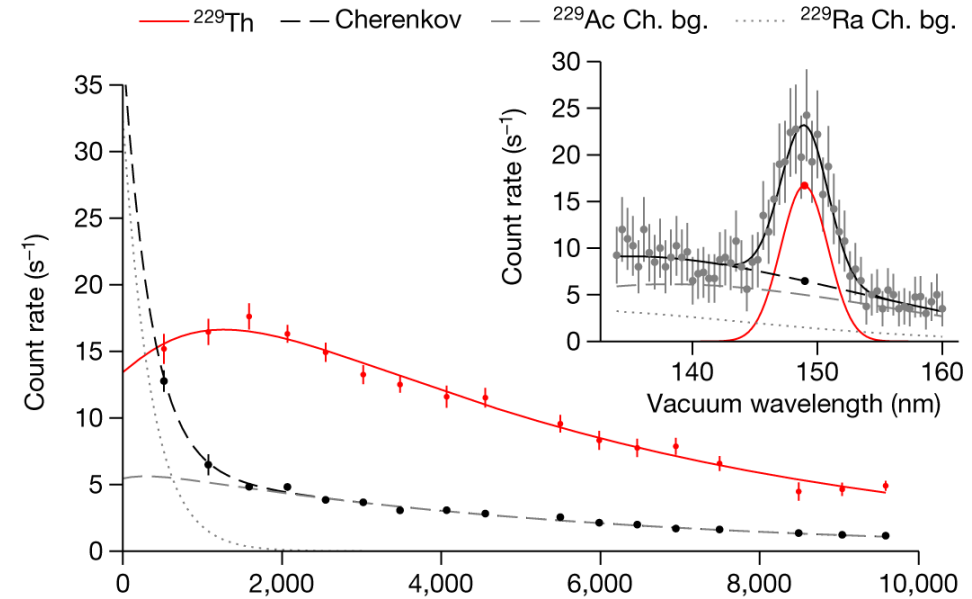
Determination of isomer energy with vacuum UV spectroscopy:

- ^{229}Ac decay to ^{229m}Th
- Internal conversion decay branch removed via study in a crystal
- CaF as host (wide band gap material)
- Implantation site verified with emission channeling



S Kraemer et al, *Nature* **617**, 706 (2023)

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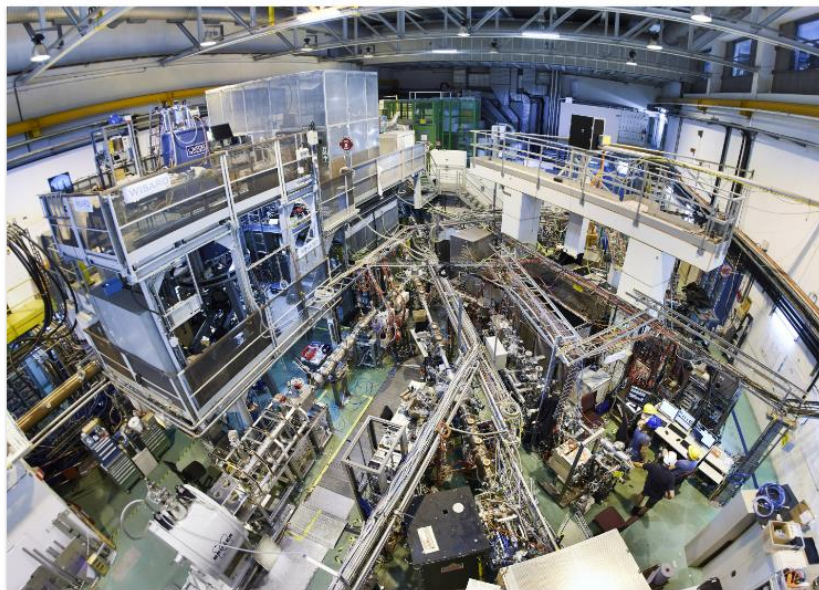


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ISOLDE takes a solid tick forward towards a nuclear clock

The observation at CERN's nuclear physics facility of a long-sought decay of the thorium-229 nucleus in a solid-state system is a key step towards a clock that could outclass today's most precise atomic clocks

24 MAY, 2023



The ISOLDE facility seen from above (Image: CERN)

Atomic clocks are the world's most precise timekeepers. Based on periodic transitions between two electronic states of an atom, they can track the passage of time with a precision as high as one part in a quintillion, meaning that they won't lose or gain a second over 30 billion years – more than twice the age of the Universe.

In a paper published today in *Nature*, an international team at CERN's nuclear physics facility, **ISOLDE**, reports a key step towards building a clock that would be based on a periodic transition between two states of an atomic nucleus – the nucleus of an isotope of the element thorium, thorium-229.

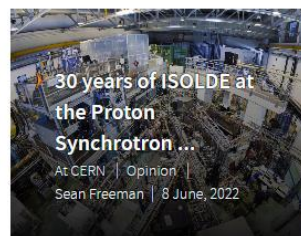
Such a nuclear clock could be more precise than today's most precise atomic clocks, thanks to the different size and constituents of a nucleus compared to those of an atom. In addition, it could serve as a sensitive tool with

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Observation of the radiative decay of the ²²⁹Th nuclear clock isomer

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The radionuclide thorium-229 features an isomer with an exceptionally low excitation energy that enables direct laser manipulation of nuclear states. It constitutes one of the leading candidates for use in next-generation optical clocks^{1–3}. This nuclear clock will be a unique tool for precise tests of fundamental physics^{4–6}. Whereas indirect experimental evidence for the existence of such an extraordinary nuclear state is substantially older⁷, the proof of existence has been delivered only recently by observing the isomer's electron conversion decay⁸. The isomer's excitation energy, nuclear spin and electromagnetic moments, the electron conversion lifetime and a refined energy of the isomer have been measured^{9–14}. In spite of recent progress, the isomer's radiative decay, a key ingredient for the development of a nuclear clock, remained unobserved. Here, we report the detection of the radiative decay of this low-energy isomer in thorium-229 (²²⁹Th). By performing vacuum-ultraviolet spectroscopy of ²²⁹Th incorporated into large-bandgap CaF₂ and MgF₂ crystals at the ISOLDE facility at CERN, photons of 8.338(24) eV are measured, in agreement with recent measurements^{14–16} and the uncertainty is decreased by a factor of seven. The half-life of ²²⁹Th embedded in MgF₂ is determined to be 670(102) s. The observation of the radiative decay in a large-bandgap crystal has important consequences for the design of a future nuclear clock and the improved uncertainty of the energy eases the search for direct laser excitation of the atomic nucleus.

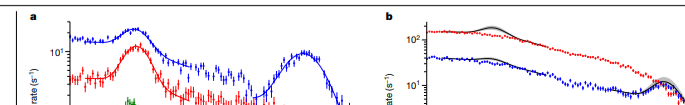
The ²²⁹Th isotope and its low-energy isomer have inspired research for decades and the prospect of developing an optical clock using a nuclear transition has intensified efforts¹. A particular focus lies on the precise measurement of properties relevant for an optical clock involving the direct laser manipulation of nuclear states². Values of the isomer's excitation energy reported in the literature have changed substantially over time³. Recent measurements using conversion-electron spectroscopy of electrically neutral thorium-229 atoms (²²⁹Th) resulted in an excitation energy of 8.28(17) eV, corresponding, for radiative decay, to photons of a vacuum wavelength of 149.7(31) nm (ref. 14). Measurements of gamma (γ) ray energy differences of nuclear transitions feeding the isomer and the ground state, using a magnetic microcalorimeter, revealed energies of 8.30(92) and 8.10(17) eV, with an associated vacuum wavelength of 149(17) and 153.1(32) nm, respectively^{15,16}.

A half-life of 7(1) μs has been reported for ²²⁹Th deposited onto a microchannel plate detector, an environment in which electron

conversion is expected to constitute the dominant decay path¹⁷. Theoretical estimates for the radiative decay half-life vary by an order of magnitude between about 10³ and 10⁵ s (refs. 19–21). For a dominating radiative decay, which is required for the clock application, the non-radiative decay channels, for example, by means of electron conversion decay, need to be sufficiently suppressed. The last requires charged ²²⁹Th ions to have an electron binding energy larger than the isomer's decay energy.

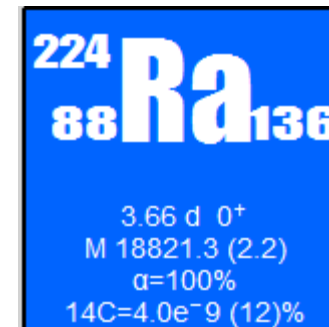
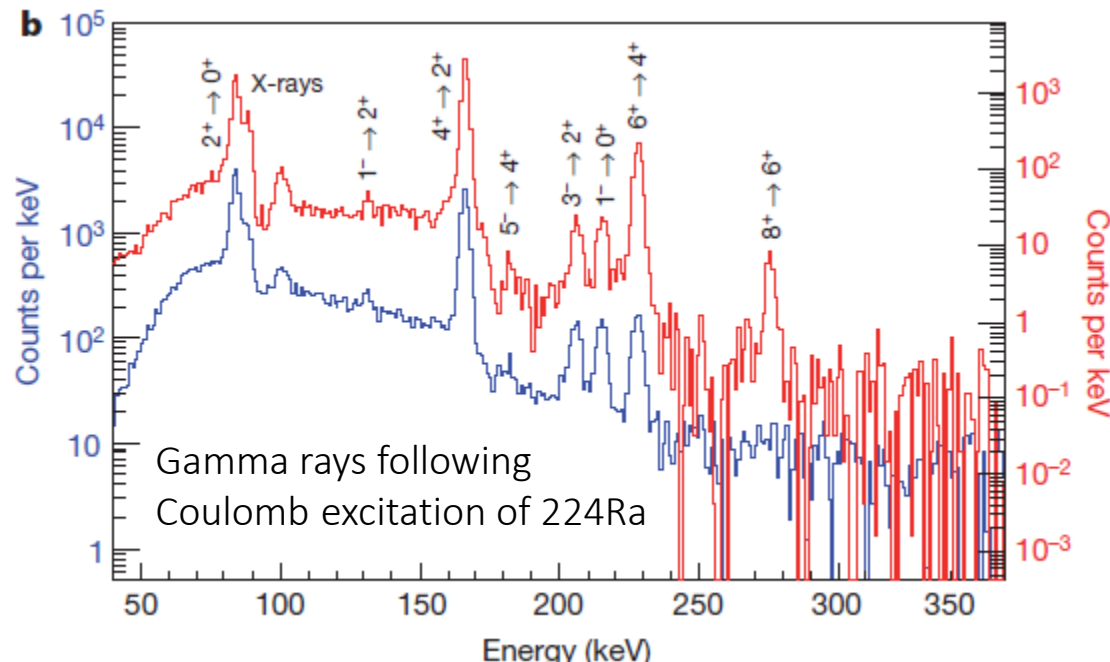
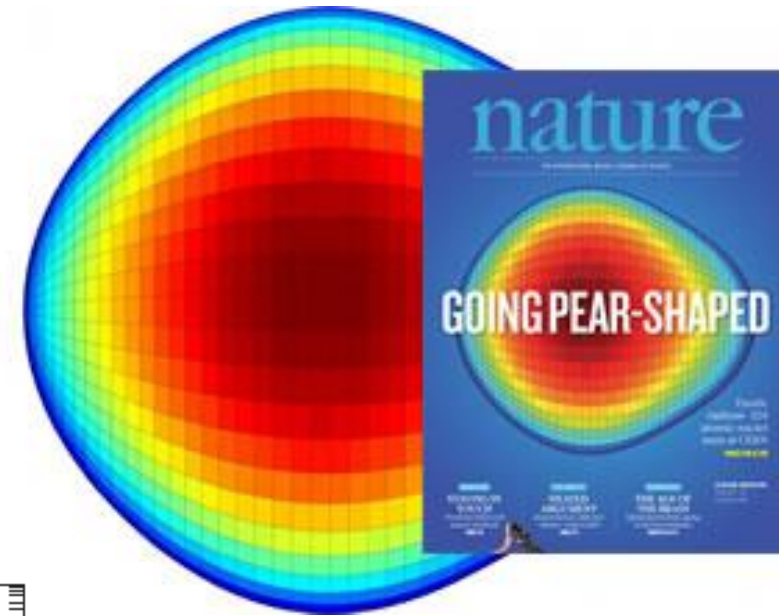
At present, two different routes towards a nuclear clock are being pursued. These consist of an approach with triply charged thorium ions stored in a radio-frequency ion trap and a solid-state approach with a thorium-doped large-bandgap crystal^{14,22–24}. For the latter, theoretical studies suggest that, at specific lattice positions, the conversion-electron decay channel of the isomer is suppressed and the radiative decay channel becomes dominant^{25,26}. Despite various attempts, the observation of the radiative decay of ²²⁹Th following the

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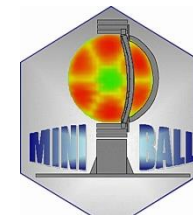


MINIBALL: Pear shape in ^{224}Ra

- ◆ Pear shape - octupole deformation
 - ◆ Very rare nuclear shape
- ◆ Coulomb excitation with MINIBALL
 - ◆ Determine electric octupole transition strengths (direct measure of octupole correlations)
- ◆ Pear shape shown for the 1st time experimentally
 - ◆ Test of nuclear models
 - ▲ Important in searches for permanent electric dipole moments



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Magnesium-Vacancy Optical Centers in Diamond

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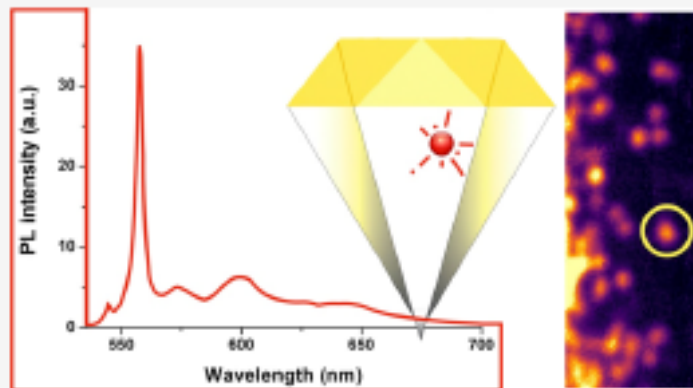
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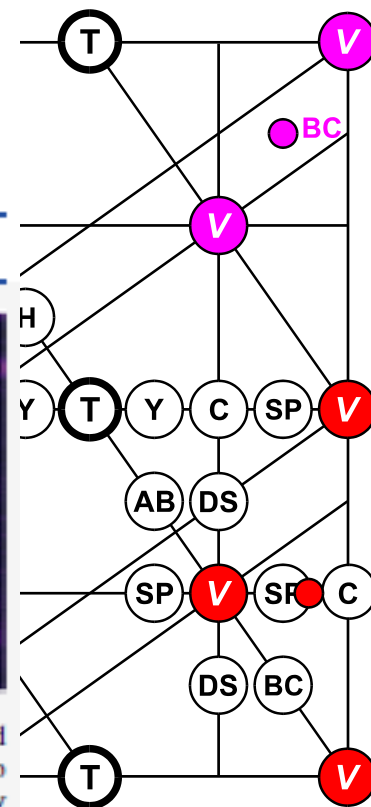
ABSTRACT: We provide the first systematic characterization of the structural and photoluminescence properties of optically active centers fabricated upon implantation of 30–100 keV Mg⁺ ions in synthetic diamond. The structural configurations of Mg-related defects were studied by the electron emission channeling technique for short-lived, radioactive ²⁷Mg implantations at the CERN-ISOLDE facility, performed both at room temperature and 800 °C, which allowed the identification of a major fraction of Mg atoms (~30 to 42%) in sites which are compatible with the split-vacancy structure of the MgV complex. A smaller fraction of Mg atoms (~13 to 17%) was found on substitutional sites. The photoluminescence emission was investigated both at the ensemble and individual defect level in the 5–300 K temperature range, offering a detailed picture of the MgV-related emission properties and revealing the occurrence of previously unreported spectral features. The optical excitability of the MgV center was also studied as a function of the optical excitation wavelength to identify the optimal conditions for photostable and intense emission. The results are discussed in the context of the preliminary experimental data and the theoretical models available in the literature, with appealing perspectives for the utilization of the tunable properties of the MgV center for quantum information processing applications.

KEYWORDS: diamond, ion implantation, magnesium, color centers, emission channeling, lattice location



axes in diamond

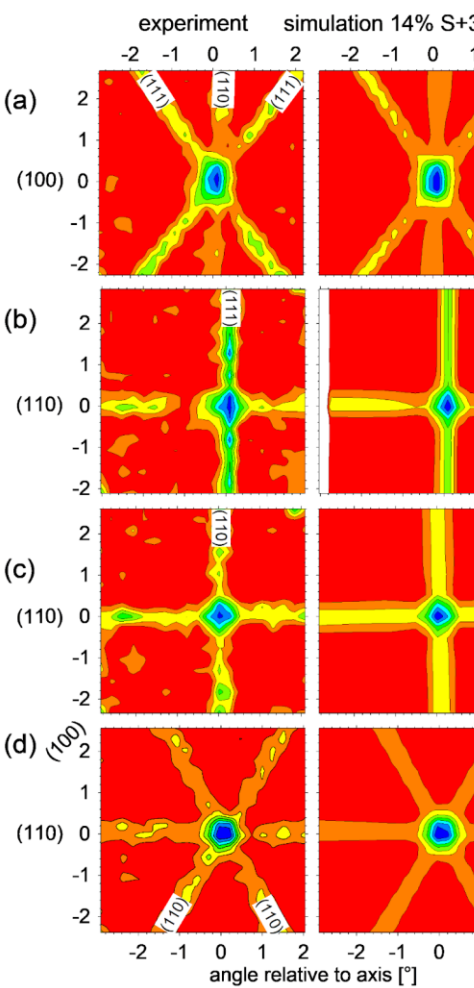
{110} plane in diamond lattice



MgV
~30%

MgV₂
??%

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T_i=800°C

Radioisotopes and Nuclear Medicine



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Radioisotopes: The medical testing crisis

With a serious shortage of medical isotopes looming, innovative companies are exploring ways to make them without nuclear reactors.

Richard Van Noorden

11 December 2013



1- Established isotopes: 'industrial' suppliers

99mTc, 18F, 123I, 125I, 131I, 111In, 90Y

2- Emerging isotopes: 'small' innovative suppliers

68Ga, 82Rb, 89Zr, 177Lu, 188Re

3- R&D isotopes: research labs

44,47Sc, 64,67Cu, 134Ce, 140Nd,
149,152,155,161Tb, 166Ho, 195mPt, 211At, 212,213Bi,
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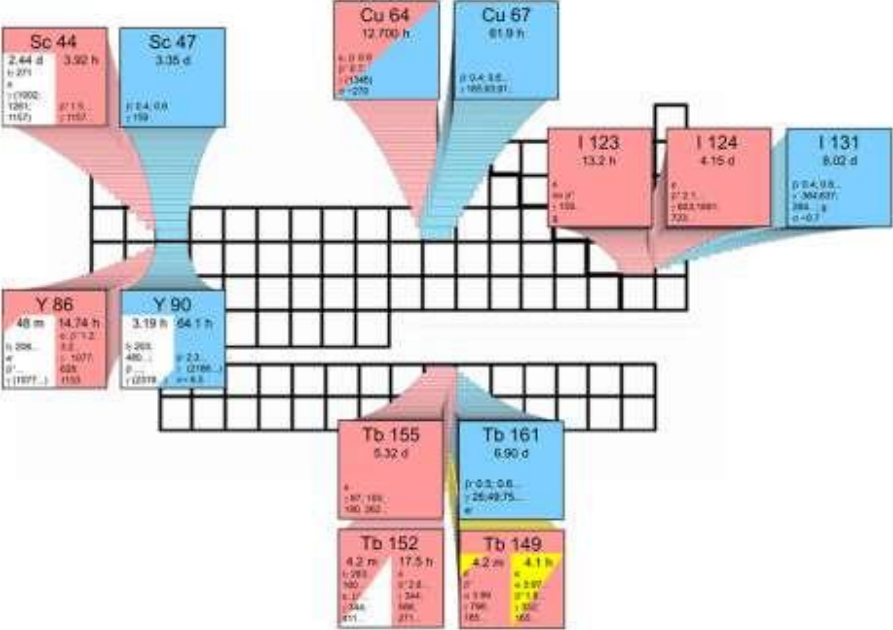
Medical Physics : ISOLDE and MEDICIS

14 years ago – now :
Innovative radioisotopes



Matched pairs for theranostics

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Tb 155 5.32 d e γ 87; 105;... 180, 262	Tb 161 6.90 d β 0.5; 0.6... γ 26; 49; 75... e



Logistics: The Travel Challenge : ^{149}Tb

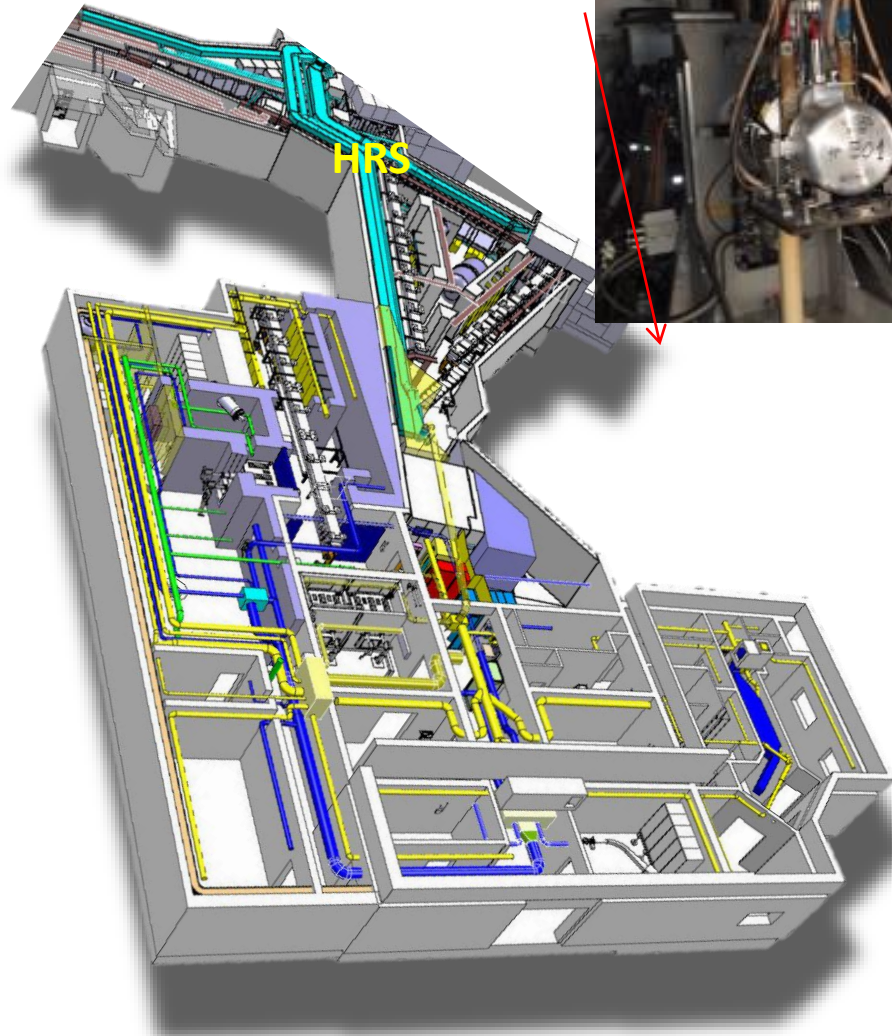
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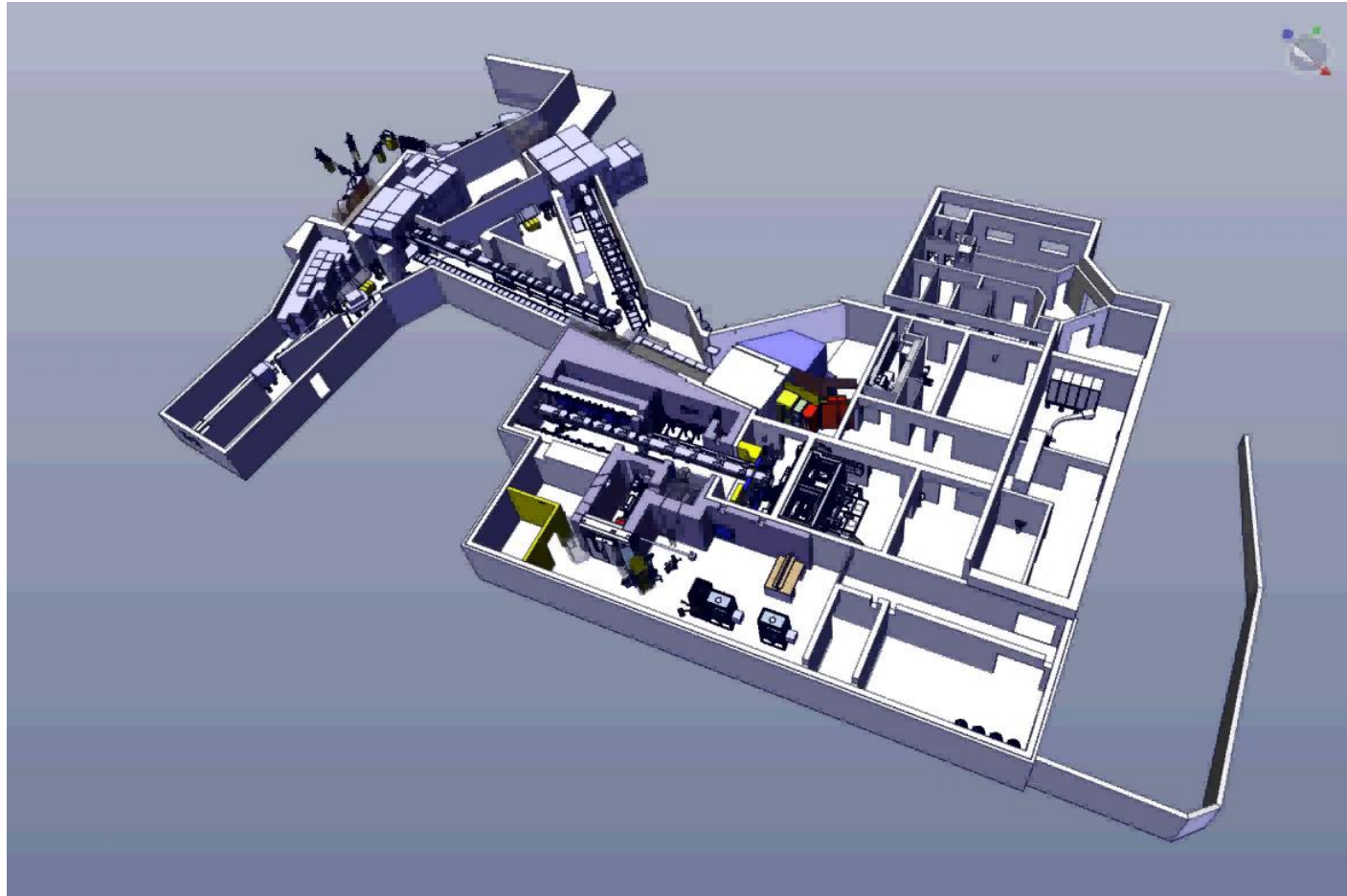


CERN-MEDICIS: new Facility for medical isotopes (and solid state/materials?)



Dy 150 7.2 m ε; β ⁺ α 4.23 σ 387	Dy 151 17 m ε; α 4.07 γ 286; 49; 546; 176...	Dy 152 2.4 h ε α 3.63 γ 257	Dy 153 6.29 h ε; β ⁺ α 3.46; γ 81; 214; 100; 264	Dy 154 3.0 · 10 ⁶ a α 2.67	Dy 155 10.0 h β ⁺ 0.9; 1.1... γ 227	Dy 156 0.056 ε 33 σ _{n, α} < 0.009	Dy 157 6.1 h ε 326...	Dy 158 0.095 ε 33 σ _{n, α} < 0.009	Dy 159 144.4 d ε γ 58; α ⁺ σ 8000	Dy 160 2.329 α 60 σ _{n, α} < 0.0003	Dy 161 18.889 α 600 σ _{n, α} < 1E-6	Dy 162 25.475 α 170
Tb 149 4.2 m 4.1 h ε α 3.99 β ⁺ 1.8; γ 79; 126; 46...	Tb 150 5.8 m 3.67 h ε; β ⁺ α 3.17 β ⁺ 1.8; γ 60; 27; 436; 48...	Tb 151 25 a 17.6 h ε; β ⁺ α 4.9; β ⁺ 2.1; γ 49; 25 α 3.41; β ⁺ 1.8; γ 252; 280; 287; 611...	Tb 152 4.2 m 17.5 h ε; β ⁺ α 3.83; β ⁺ 2.8; γ 49; 25 α 3.41; β ⁺ 1.8; γ 252; 280; 287; 611...	Tb 153 2.34 d ε; β ⁺ α 3.46; β ⁺ 2.8; γ 212; 170; 110; 162; 83; 139	Tb 154 23 h 5.9 h 21 a ε; β ⁺ α 3.7; β ⁺ 2.8; γ 246; 19; 347; 173; 132; 142; 94; 1274 139	Tb 155 5.32 d ε 87; 105; 160; 262	Tb 156 157 a 5.4 d ε; β ⁺ α 3.58; β ⁺ 2.8; γ 157; 134; 139; 1322	Tb 157 99 a ε γ (54)	Tb 158 10.5 a 180 a ε; β ⁺ α 3.9; β ⁺ 2.8; γ 110; 442; 96; α ⁺	Tb 159 100 α 23.2	Tb 160 72.3 d β ⁻ 0.6; 1.7... γ 879; 299; 966... α 670	Tb 161 6.90 d β ⁻ 0.5; 0.6... γ 26; 49; 75... α ⁺
Gd 148 74.6 a α 3.163 σ 14000	Gd 149 9.28 d ε; α 3.016 γ 150; 299; 347...	Gd 150 1.8 · 10 ⁹ a α 2.72	Gd 151 120 d ε; α 2.60 γ 154; 243; 175...	Gd 152 0.20 1.1 · 10 ¹⁴ a α 2.14; σ 700 σ _{n, α} < 0.007	Gd 153 239.47 d ε 97; 103; 70... α 20000 σ _{n, α} 0.03	Gd 154 2.18 α 60	Gd 155 14.80 α 61000 σ _{n, α} 0.00008	Gd 156 20.47 α ~ 2.0	Gd 157 15.65 α 254000 σ _{n, α} < 0.05	Gd 158 24.84 α 2.3	Gd 159 18.48 h β ⁻ 1.0... γ 384; 58...	Gd 160 21.86 α 1.5

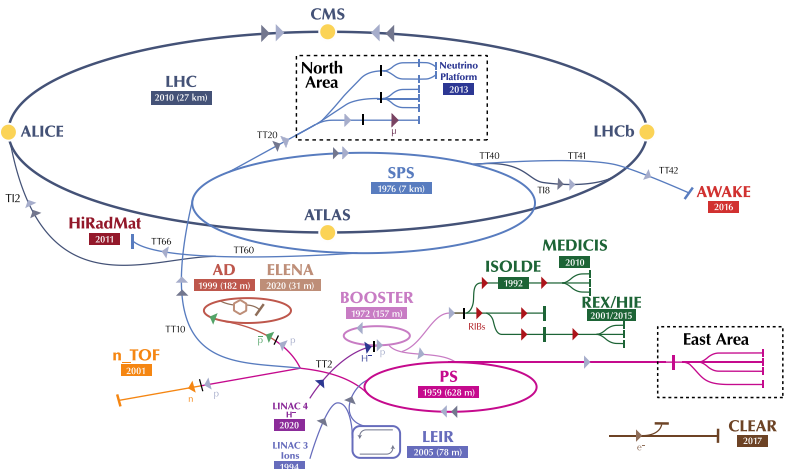
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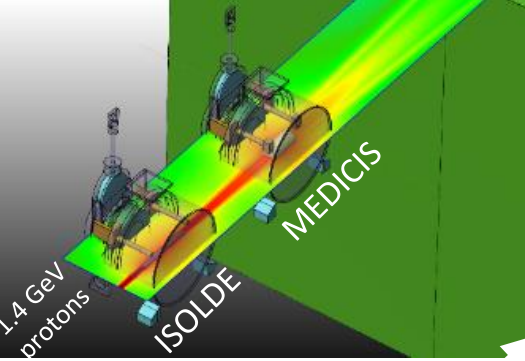
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Mass separation as applied in MEDICIS in a snapshot

The CERN accelerator complex
Complexe des accélérateurs du CERN

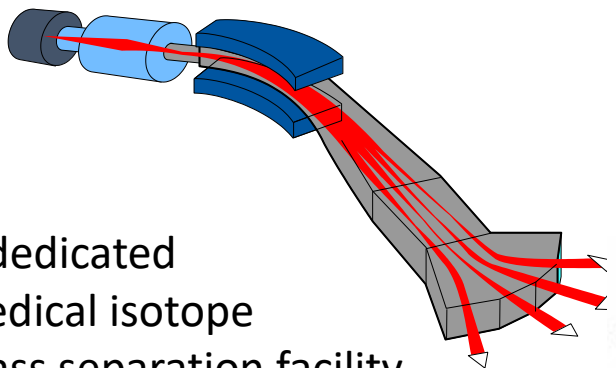


“Free” proton beam
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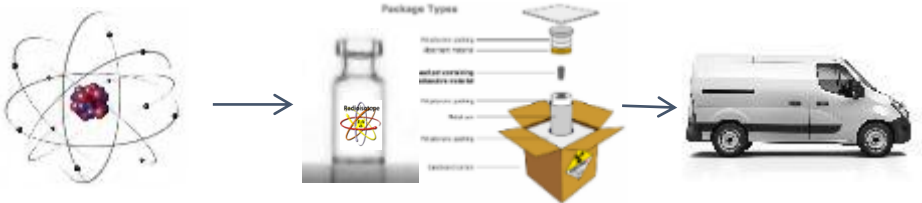


Some MEDICIS isotopes :

High activity Sm-153, Ba/Cs-128, Tm/Er-165

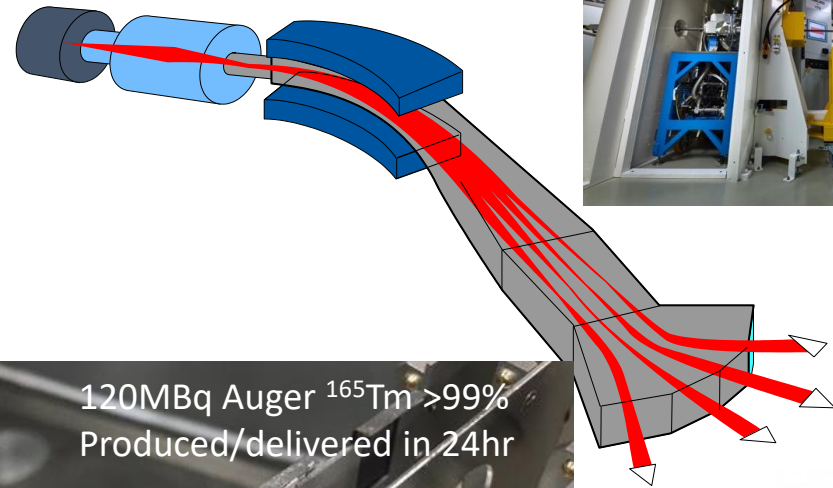


A dedicated
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Mass separation facility
in Europe.

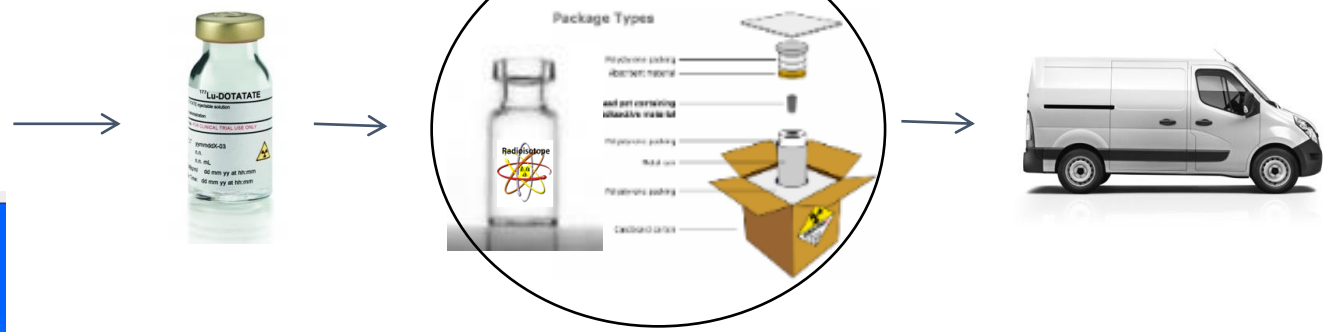
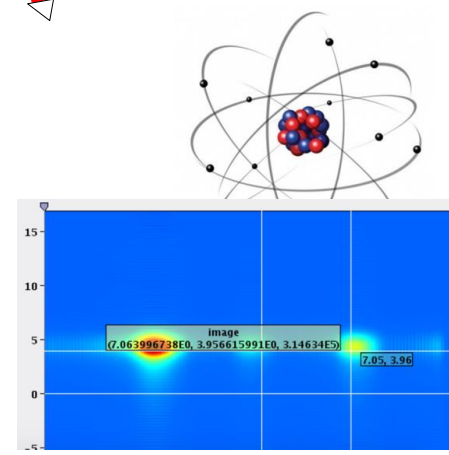


From CERN- MEDICIS to the lab/Hospital

From CERN- MEDICIS to the lab/Hospital



Gd-149	@	9.28E+000	D	0.632	8.36E+005 ±	14.9%
Tb-149	@	4.12E+000	H	0.964	1.71E+006 ±	9.4%
Er-165		1.04E+001	H	0.894		
Tm-165	@	1.25E+000	D	0.979	1.21E+008 ±	6.3%



Isotope separation for experiment MED011
from external 168/169Er source

From CERN- MEDICIS to the lab/Hospital
(Countries: BE, CH, FR, PK, PT, LV, UK)

How to supply “novel” radionuclides with mass separation

- **PRISMAP** proposes to federate a consortium of high energy cyclotrons, research reactors, and isotope mass separation facilities in Europe.

Accelerator



Isotope mass separation



Research reactor

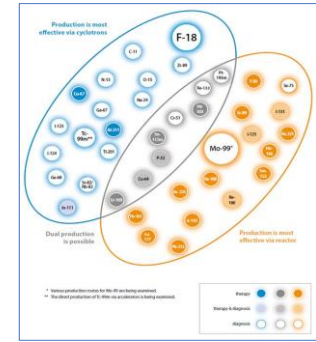
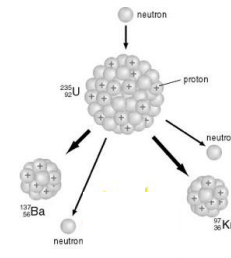
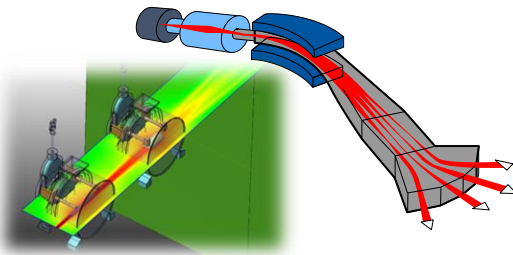
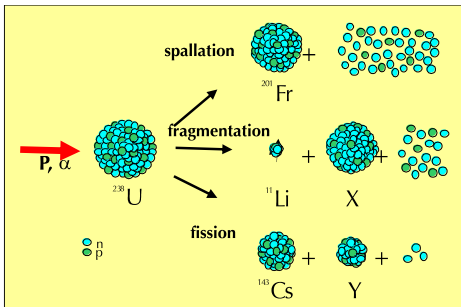


Figure 31 : Main medical radioisotopes production process

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(2018)



$$\frac{dN'}{dt} = n v \sigma_{act} N_T$$

$$I_{[pps]} \sim F_{[pps]} S_{[barn]} N_{[g/cm^2]} \quad \text{production rate}$$

$10^{10}pps \quad 100 \times A (6 \cdot 10^{14}) \quad 1mbarn \quad 1g/cm^2 \text{ for } A_{target}=30g/mol$

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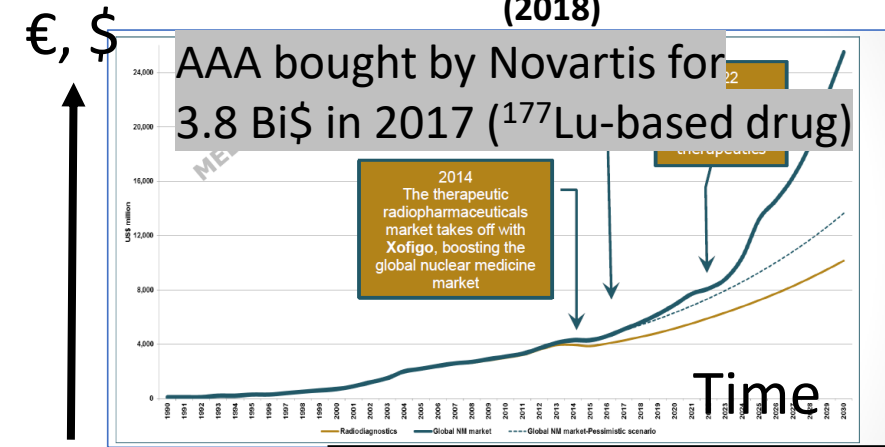


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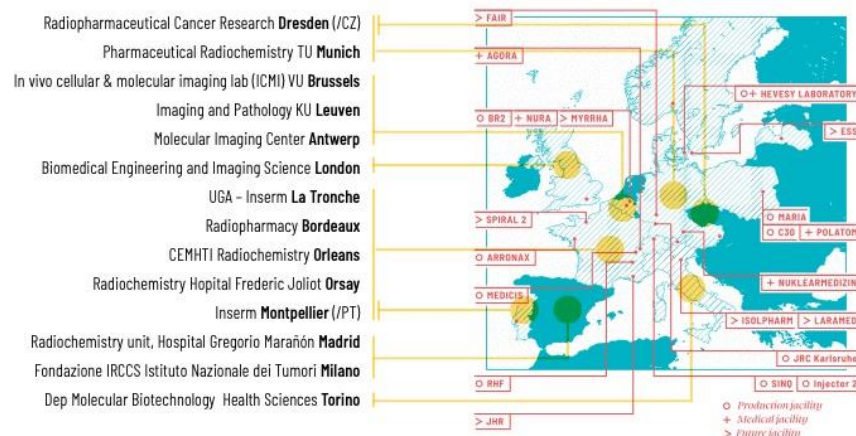
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- Achievements in 2022:
 - 15 projects for biomedical research with novel radionuclides were selected for services across Europe

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43 Sc Scandium	44 Sc Scandium	47 Sc Scandium	52 Mn Manganese	64 Cu Copper	67 Cu Copper	103 Pd Palladium
111 Ag Silver	135 La Lanthanum	153 Sm Samarium	149 Tb Terbium	152 Tb Terbium	155 Tb Terbium	161 Tb Terbium
165 Tm Thulium	165 Er Erbium	169 Er Erbium	175 Yb Ytterbium	199 Au Gold	211 At Astatine	
213 Bi Bismuth	223 Ra Radium	225 Ac Actinium	227 Th Thorium			

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