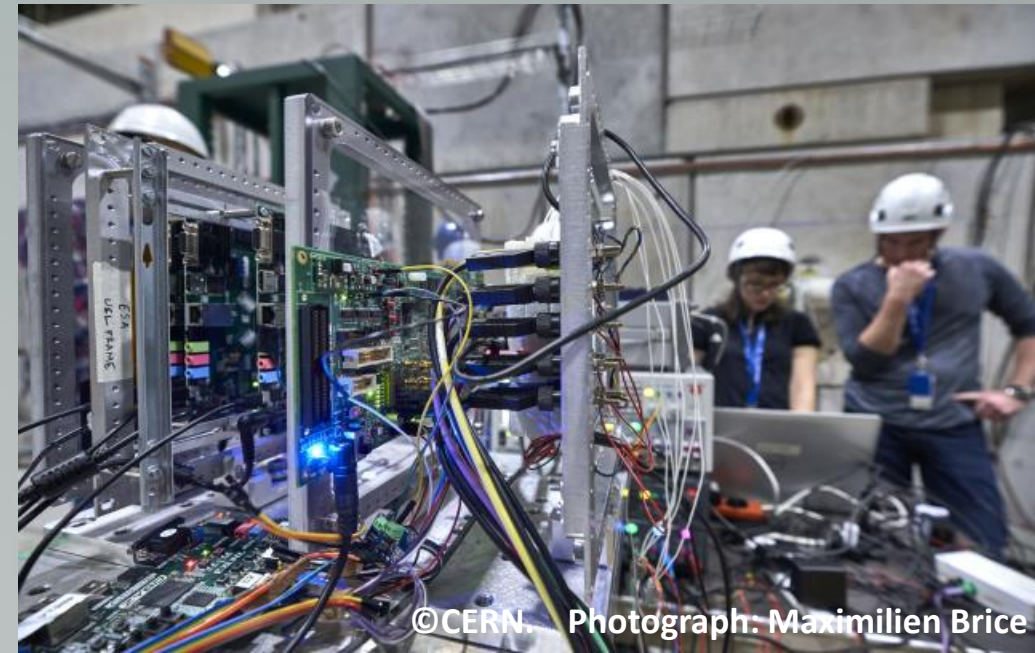


# Landscape of European Facilities Delivering Protons and Heavy Ions: Status and Perspectives

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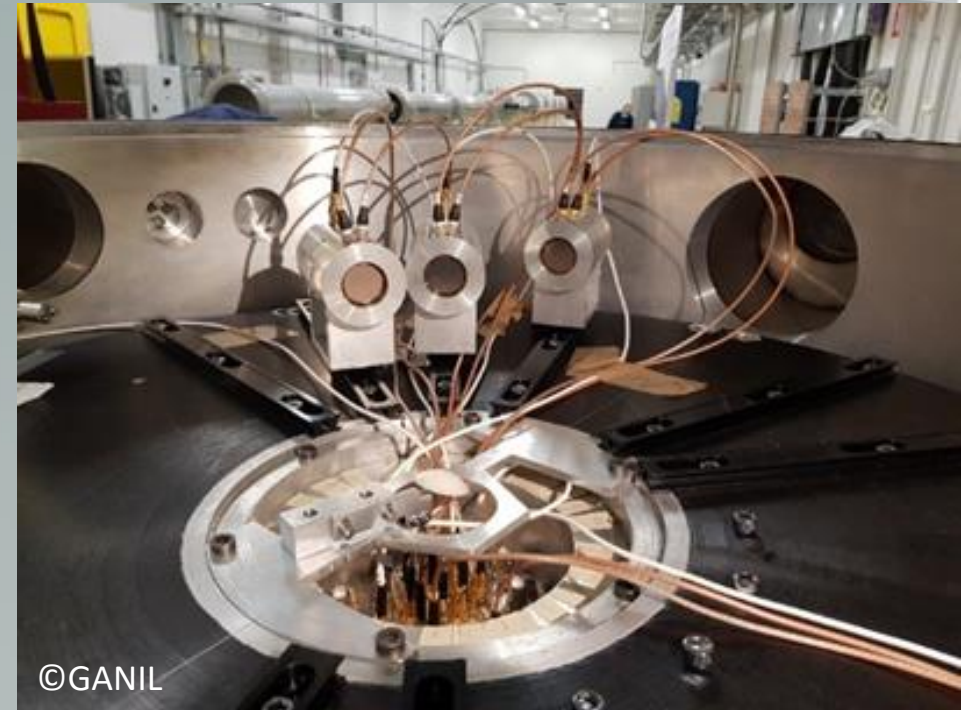
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## Motivation for this talk

### Feedback of the users:

- Not easy to choose the right facility
  - Availability for beamtime is key
- Irradiation Facilities from RADNEXT and More
  - High level overview
  - Navigation through the Zoo
  - Giving guidelines for selection
  - **Recent updates and future perspectives**



# Proton facilities

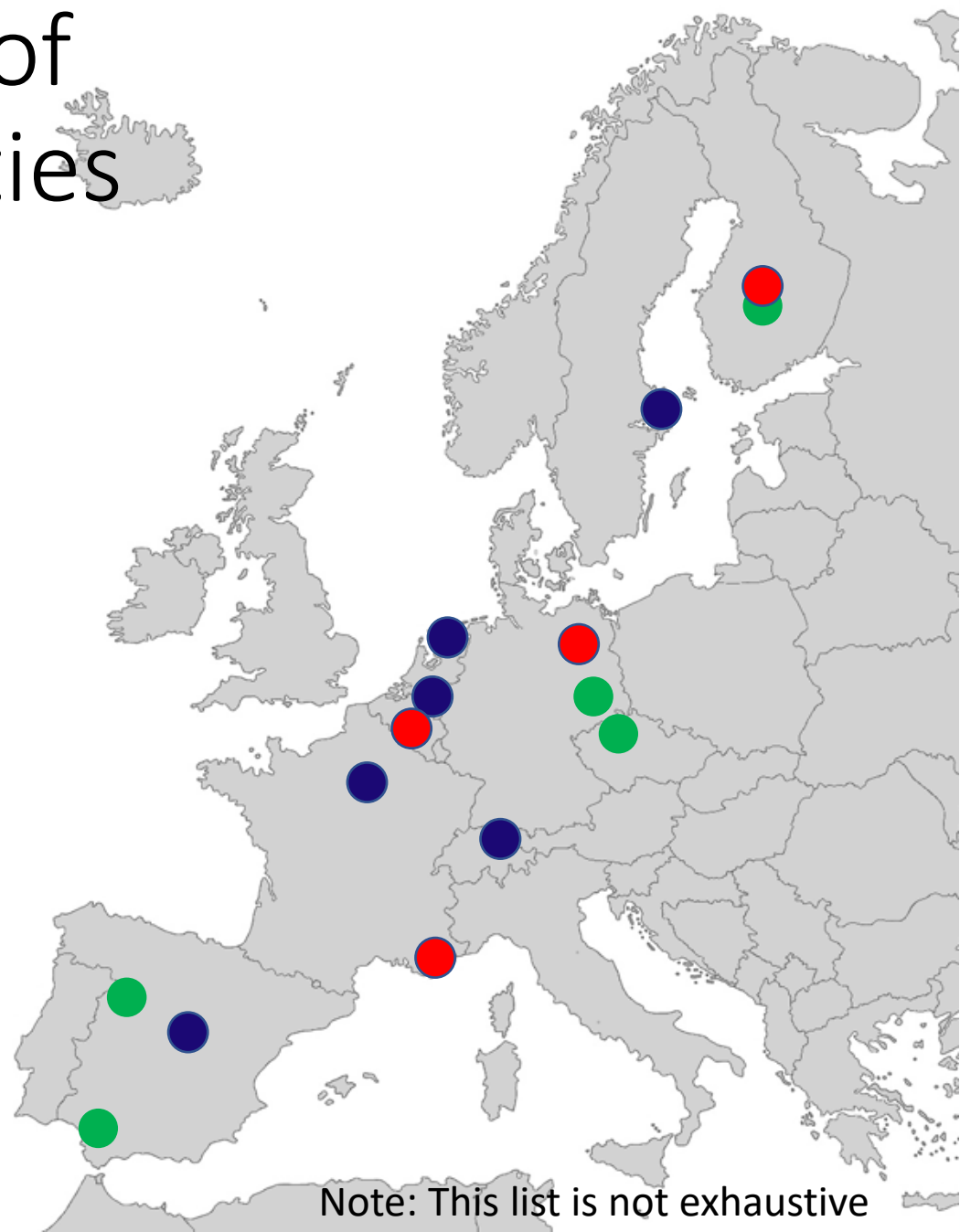
# Landscape of Proton facilities

- There are 3 Energy regimes
  - high (up to 200 MeV) SEE
  - Energies around 20-70 MeV (also for DD)
  - Energies < 20 MeV (e.g. direct ionization)

Talk:  
Stefan Höffgen

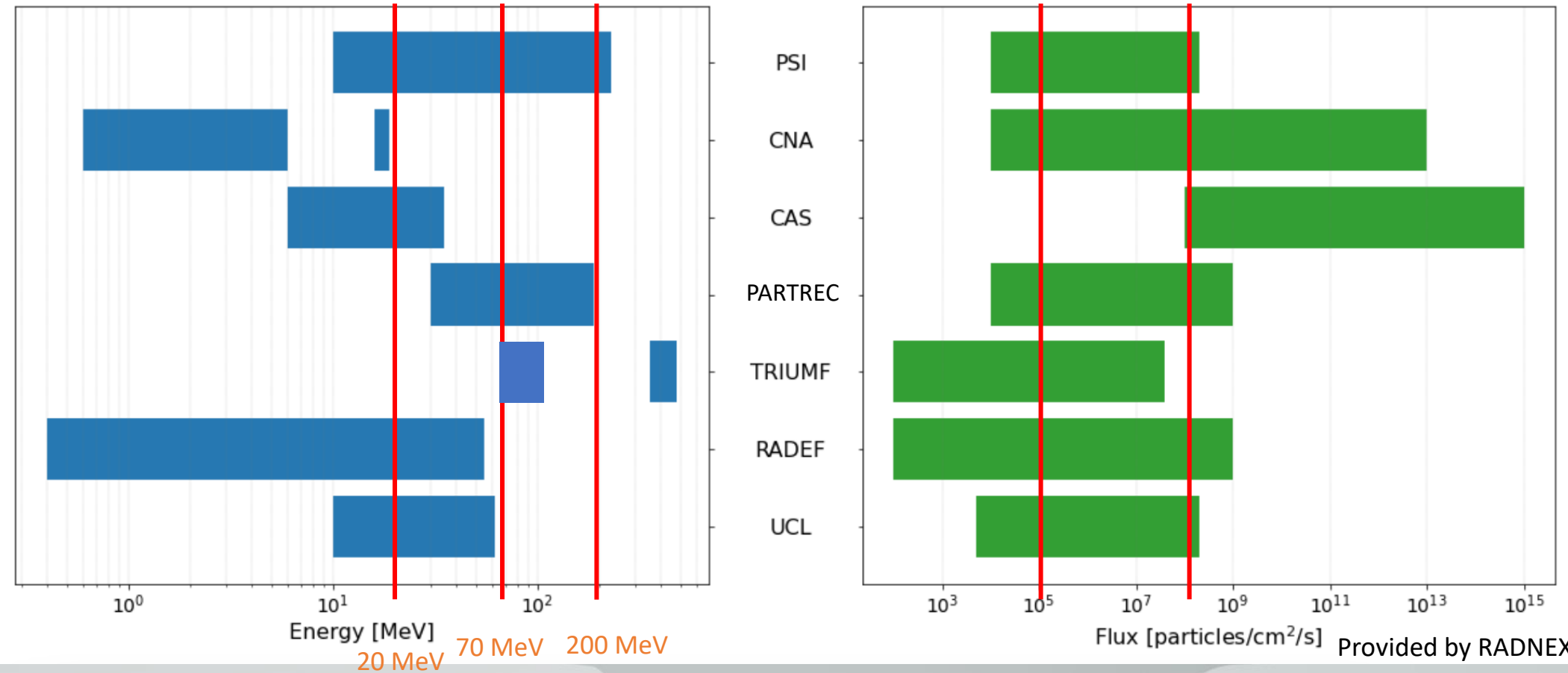
## Applications

- Space
- Ground-level (e.g. accelerator application, automotive, green energy, data centers...)



Note: This list is not exhaustive

Energy and flux



Provided by RADNEXT

# Energies up to 200 MeV

## RADNEXT:

- PSI, Switzerland 10 - 230 MeV (PT facility)
- PARTREC, The Netherlands 30 - 190 MeV (research facility)
- Holland PTC, The Netherlands (PT facility)

Talk:  
Marta Rovituso

## Proton Therapy facilities in Europe:

- Over 30 in operation **for cancer treatment**
- Energies 70 to 230 MeV
- Similar technical beam parameters (flux, beam size, field size, ...)
- Not all open to radiation effect users
- Some consider to offer RHT beamtime service
  - CPO, Orsay, France
  - Quironsalud, Madrid, Spain
  - Skandionkliniken, Upsala, Sweden

# Mid and Low Energy

## Mid energy (few tens of MeV)

- UCL, Belgium: 10 – 62 MeV (up to  $1 \times 10^9$  p/cm<sup>2</sup>/s)
- RADEF, Finland: 10 – 55 MeV (up to  $3 \times 10^8$  p/cm<sup>2</sup>/s)
- Nice, France: 20 – 59 MeV (up to  $1 \times 10^9$  p/cm<sup>2</sup>/s)
- HZB, Germany: 68 MeV
- NPI-CAS, Czech Republic: 6 – 35 MeV

## Low energy (< 20 MeV) and alternative probes

- RADEF: 0.4 – 8 MeV (mono-energetic)
- CAN, Spain: 0,6 – 6 MeV & 18 MeV (mono-energetic)
- HZDR, DRACO, Germany: laser pulsed proton spectrum up to 100 MeV
- CLPU VEGA, Spain: laser plasma accelerated protons

# Selection of facility

- Energy regime
- Facility type
  - PT center
  - Research facility
- Change of energy
  - Energy distribution
  - Time to change
- Flux

## Pre-selection of accelerator

- Access modalities
- Working hours: "patient first"
- Parasitic use (potentially)

- At cyclotron level (Partrec)
- Degradar
  - near target
  - near accelerator (PT)



Increased energy spread

Flux reduction (up to factor 100)

Time to change energy:

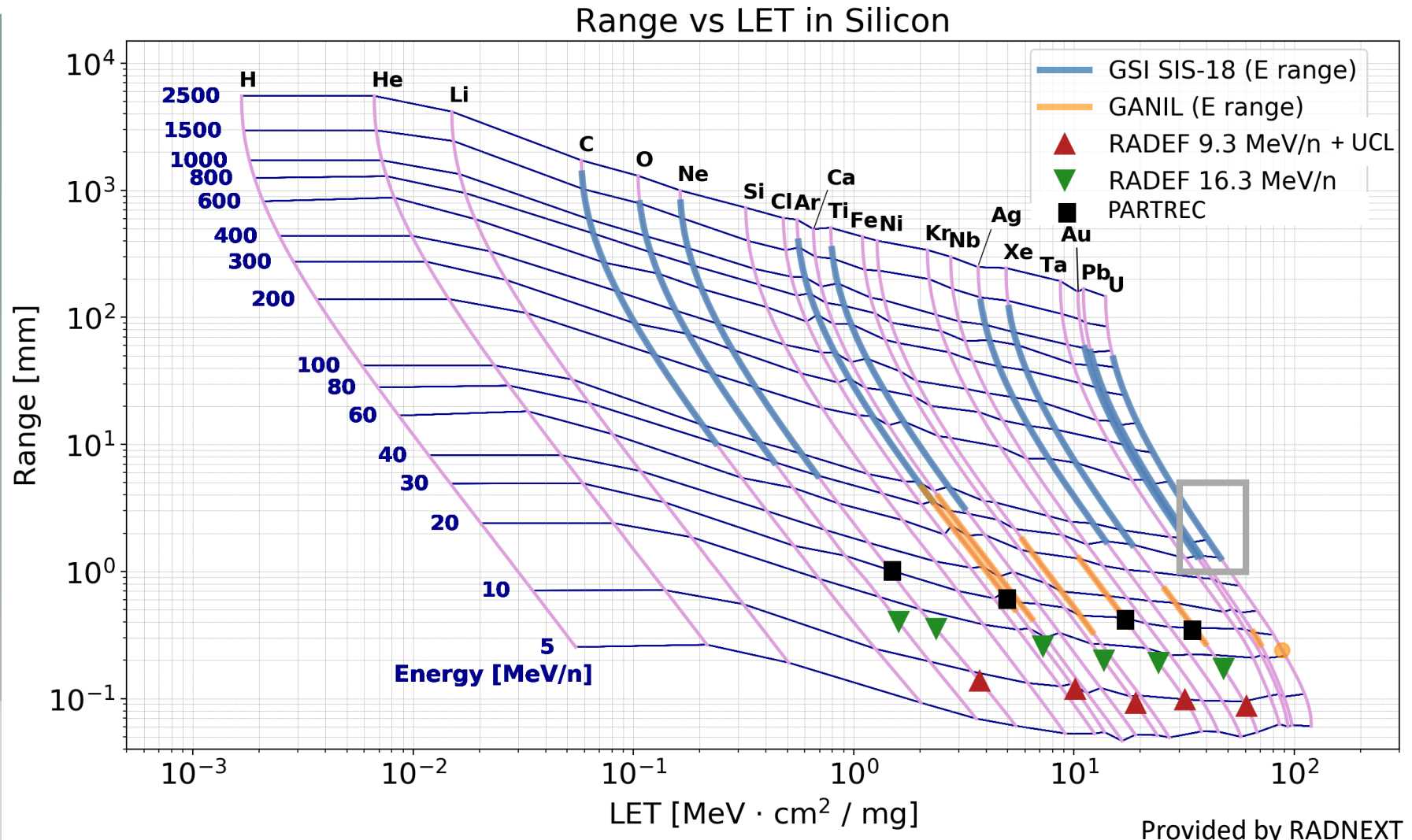
1 s to 1 min

Duration of measurements



# Heavy Ion Facilities

# Heavy ion facility overview



Users want

- different LET
- enough penetration/range

Accelerator physicists

- Ion species
- Energy / nucleon

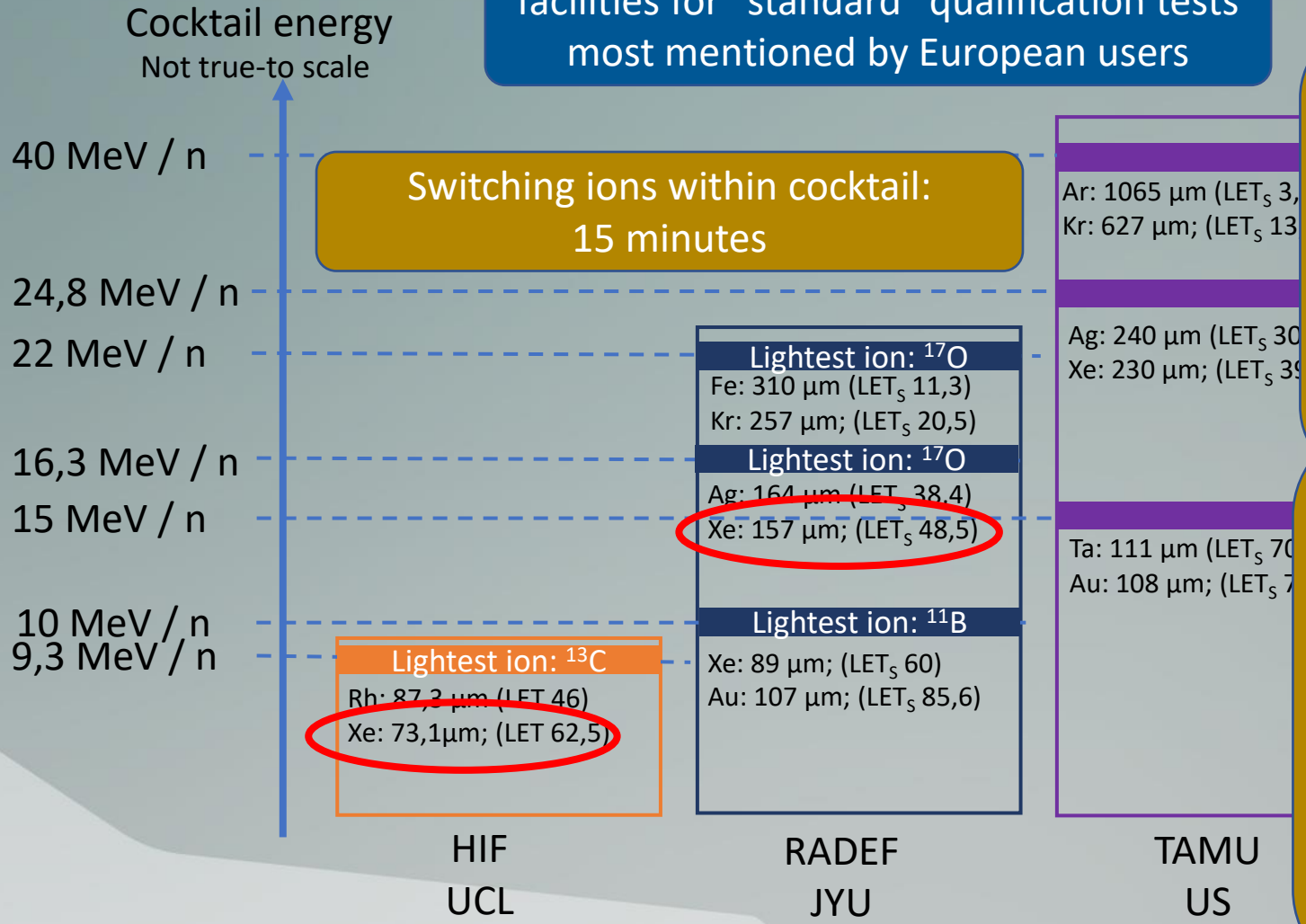
In general acceleration of  
1 ion at 1 energy

Cocktail vs single ion

Time to change ion/energy

# Facilities with cocktails

facilities for “standard” qualification tests  
most mentioned by European users



UCL upgrades in future:  
New Target chamber available soon

- Larger chamber
- Higher flux
- Larger spot sizes

Upgrade to 15 MeV/n cocktail expected

RADEF:

- “Enriched” 10 MeV/n cocktail: 9 ions up to  $^{197}\text{Au}$
- Switching time between cocktails reduced: 30-45 min
- Plan to include more ion in 22 MeV/n

• Recommissioning MCC-30 cyclotron; Proton beam expected end of 2024.  
-> Free’s beam-time at K-130 cyclotron

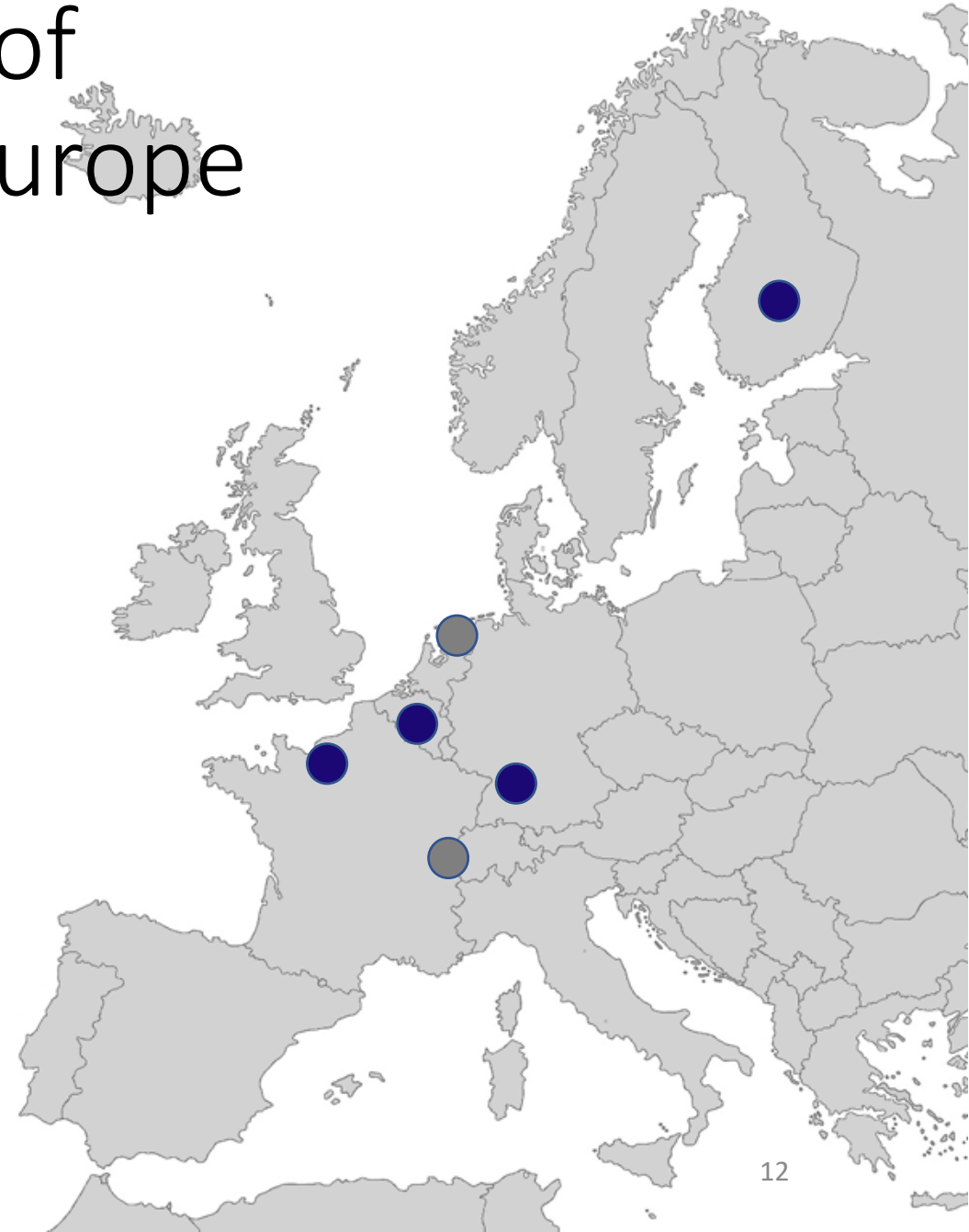
# Landscape of HI facilities in Europe

## Facilities with cocktails

- UCL (Belgium)
- RADEF (Finland)
- PARTREC (The Netherlands) "in preparation"

## Facilities with single ions

- GANIL (France)
- GSI (Germany)
- HEARTS at CERN (Switzerland) "in preparation"



# Higher energy facilities

GANIL (France)

Energy: 50 MeV/n

Ions: Xenon (3 weeks)

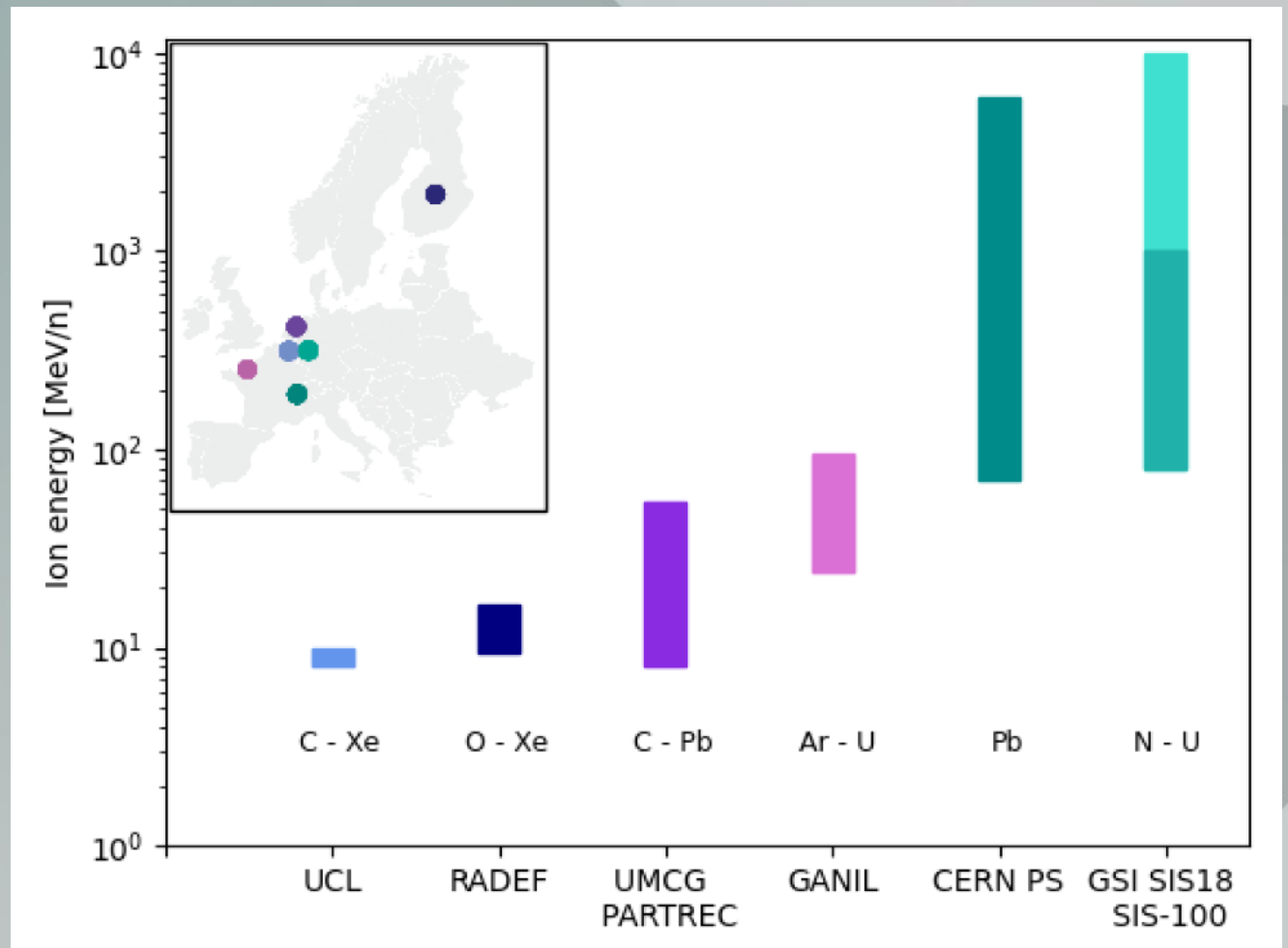
Krypton (1 week)

In 2 – 4 separated blocks

Availability: 400 h (2025 – 26)

Flux: 100 – 10.000 p/cm<sup>2</sup>/s

New 2025:  
Change between Xe and Kr  
(within one block)



Heavy-ion facilities available in Europe.  
Credit: CERN

# GSI-FAIR

## GSI – SIS 18 (Germany)

Energy: 100 -950 MeV/n

Ions: depends

Extraction: up to  $10^7$  /s

Availability: 24 h (2025 – 27)

## GSI – Microprobe (Germany)

Energy: 3,6 - 8,6 MeV/n

Ions: depends

Beam size 1-2  $\mu\text{m}$

Talk:  
Günther Dollinger  
Corinna Martinella

Future: FAIR facility (2028)

SIS 100

Energy: 1 – 10 GeV/n

Higher availability

Upgrades 2024:

Introduce user control system

# CHARM / HEARTS / CHIMERA

## What's the difference?

Talk:  
Ruben Garcia

Same experimental area

Talk:  
Marta Bagatin

### CHARM

- Beam: 24 MeV protons (From PS) on a copper target
- 5.5 GeV Pb
- Radiation: **Mixed-Field**

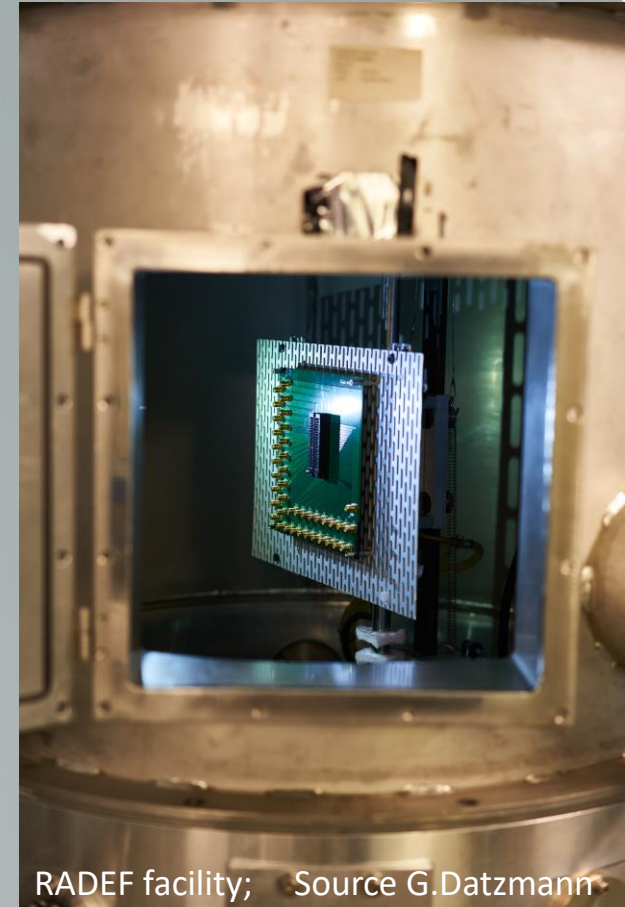
### HEARTS at CERN

- Beam: Pb with 100 MeV/n up to 2 GeV/n
- Radiation: Pb beam on target (DUT)
- Range(in Si): 1 mm – 100 mm)
- LET: ~12 – 37 MeV cm<sup>2</sup> /mg
- **Variable energy** (spill by spill)
- First ext. users planned for Oct. 2024



CERN; Source J. Ordan

More facility information



RADEF facility; Source G.Datzmann



# Facility information

## RADNEXT webinars

ONLINE WEBINAR  
22 JUN  
Space and Terrestrial Considerations for Access to High Energy U.S. Proton Accelerators for the Electronics Community  
BY KENNETH A. LABEL

**Webinar (22 June) – Space and Terrestrial Considerations for Access to High Energy U.S. Proton Accelerators for the Electronics Community**

Webinar by  
Kenneth A. LaBel  
(NASA) on 22 June 2022.

Read more

Webinar

On demand at RADNEXT webpage!

Survey among all 21 RADNEXT facilities  
Technical data in the AIDA database

**RADNEXT Facilities**

This list contains available RADNEXT Facilities.  
To show whole AIDA-2020 database, click on "Database".  
For further details please check our [User Guide](#).

Details†	Institute Name‡	Country‡	Facility Name‡	Source Type‡	Radiation Field/Type‡	Funding Details‡
	CENTRO NACIONAL DE ACCELERADORES	Spain	PROTON facility - 2	Compact 18/9 Cyclon	Proton / deuteron	RADNEXT
	CENTRO NACIONAL DE ACCELERADORES	Spain	PROTON facility - 1	VdG Tandem, Pelletron	Proton	RADNEXT
	CERN	Switzerland	SPS North Area	Synchrotron	Heavy Ion	RADNEXT
	CERN	Switzerland	CHARM	Synchrotron	Mixed Field	RADNEXT
	Consorcio del Centro de Laseres Pulsados (CLPU)	Spain	VEGA	Petawatt laser	Proton, Electron, X-Ray	RADNEXT
	ENEA, Department of Fusion and Technology for Nuclear Safety and Security	Italy	FNG Frascati Neutron Generator	Neutron generator	Neutron	RADNEXT

<https://irradiation-facilities.web.cern.ch/radnext.php>

## Facility representatives at this workshop:

- Protons: CNA, Holland PTC, TRIUMF
- Neutrons: ISIS(ChipIr), ESS, ENEA Frascati, ILL, ANIS
- Alternative: ESRF, CERN, ELI beamlines, HZDR
- Fraunhofer INT, RADTEST

Poster Session



# Current Challenges

Demand for testing is growing

- New Space, ground level, accelerators ...
- COTS components

Lack of heavy ions testing

- High penetration of sample
- Board and System level testing

Companies need access and availability

- Quick
- Easy
- Professional service

Not easy to ramp-up  
beam time capacity  
at the facilities

RADNEXT has been investigating  
the needs of the users and  
the capabilities of the facilities

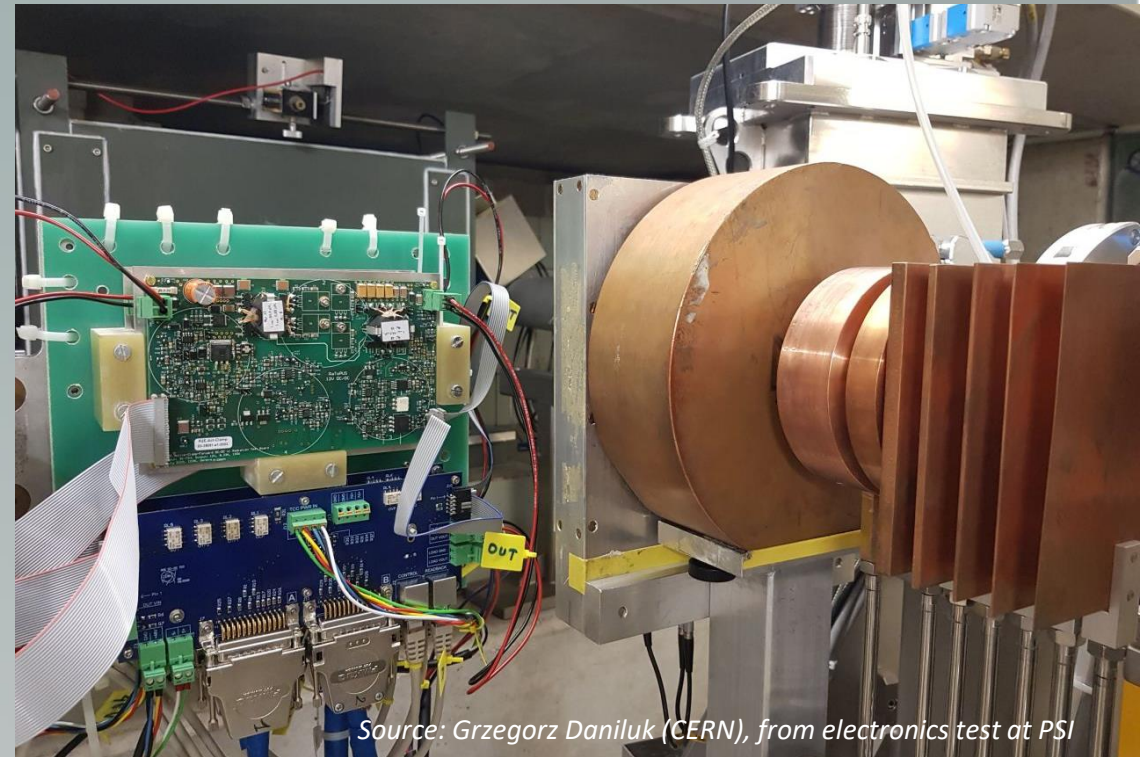
RADNEXT is building a  
network / community

RADNEXT fosters a  
discussion forum for  
bridging the gaps

# RADNEXT Transnational Access

Next call for proposals opens  
on  
September 1<sup>st</sup>

Transnational Access:  
1-year extension granted





# Thanks for your attention

Did I forget a facility?  
Please contact me!

If you have questions  
concerning irradiation facilities  
Please contact me [info@datzmann.eu](mailto:info@datzmann.eu)

# Facilities for Single Event Effect (SEE) testing

Why Is there a lack of beamtime?

- User demand is a free market
- Service provision is not “free market”
  - Irradiation facilities are publicly funded
  - Particle accelerators are expensive to
    - Build
    - Operate
    - Maintain
  - No business plan
  - Policy to dedicate beamtime for ext. users

**RADNEXT goal:  
Foster creation of  
availability for beam time**

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- **Variable energy** (spill by spill)
- **Lighter ions planned**
- Access:
  - 1 beam time block (2-3 weeks) per year
  - Open to users from science and industry
- Commissioning
  - 2-week beam development and characterization in Oct 2024
- First ext. users planned for Oct. 2024

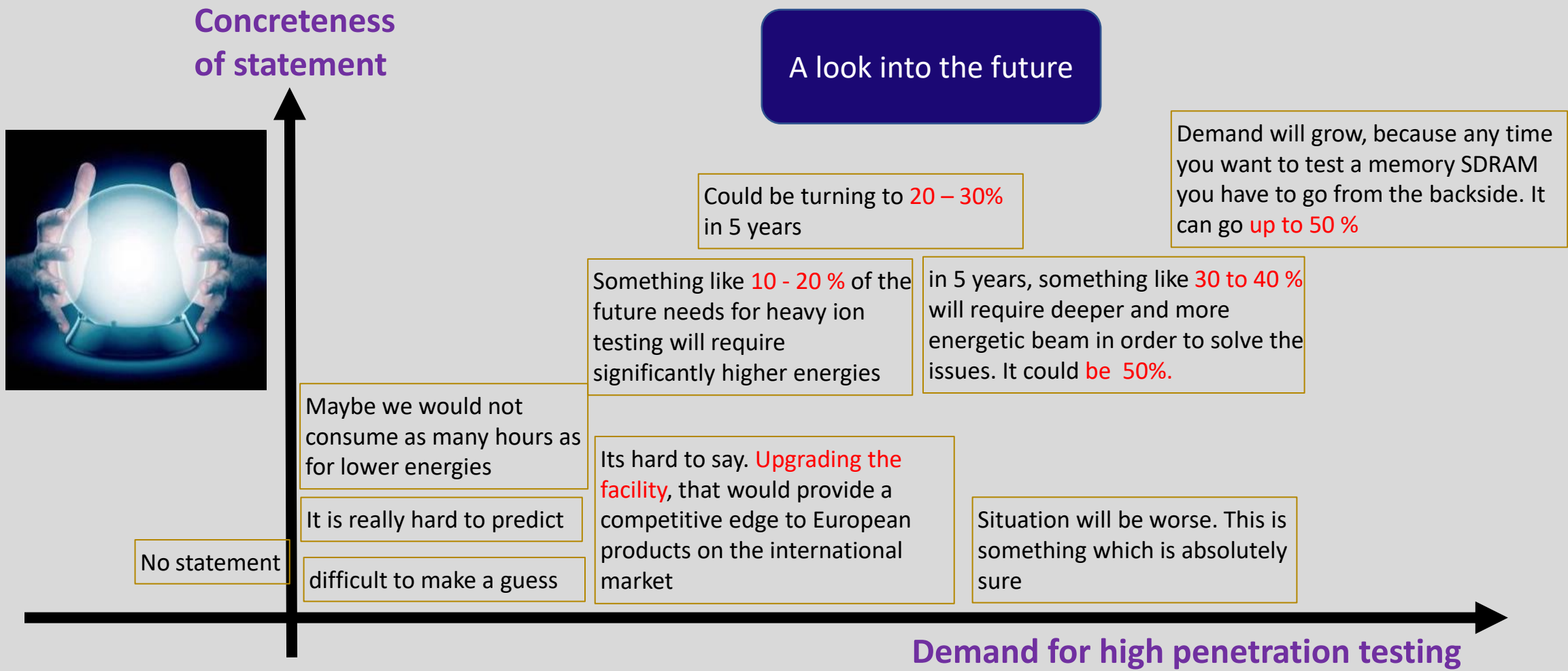
### GSI-FAIR:

- Establish harmonization between CERN and GSI



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# Demand for higher penetration

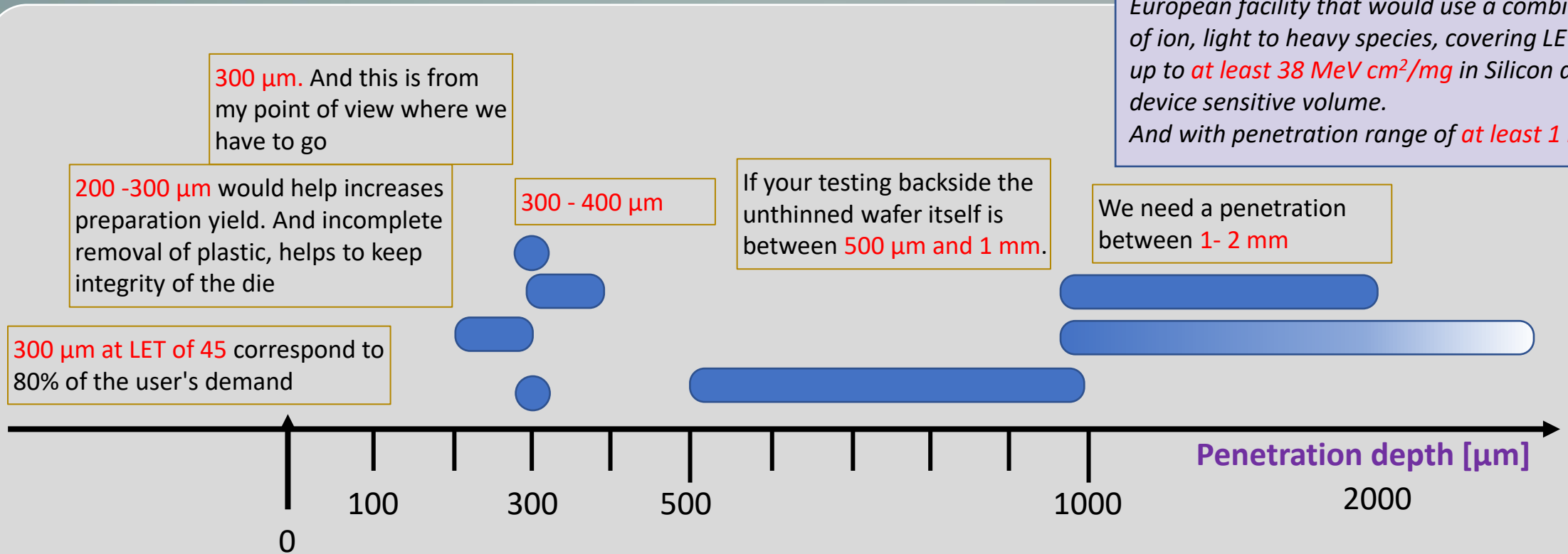




# Is there a sweet spot for penetration?

## First results from the survey

The RWG expressed the wish to have **access** to a European facility that would use a combination of ion, light to heavy species, covering LET values up to **at least 38 MeV cm<sup>2</sup>/mg** in Silicon at the device sensitive volume. And with penetration range of **at least 1 mm**.



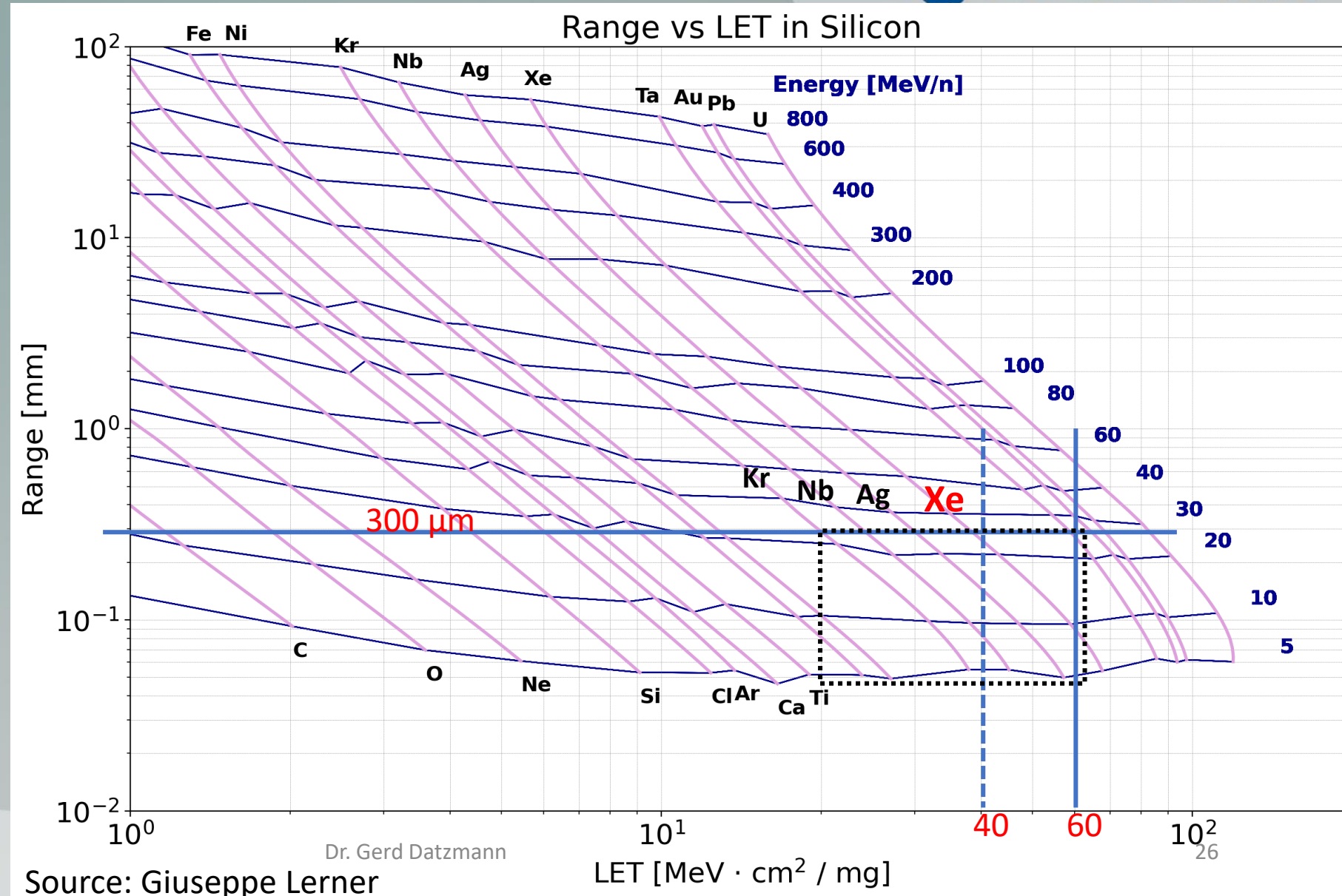
I think we do **not need to go beyond TAMU**.

Study with a broad base of heavy ion users specifying ~100 devices of interest  
Evaluating the required penetration depth

# Example: Penetration 300μm

drastic drop in GCR flux  
Fe: LET 38 MeV cm<sup>2</sup> /mg

Many companies test at  
least up to LET of 38



# Landscape of Alternative Radiation Probes

## Muons

- TRIUMF (Canada)?? When I remember it Mr. Hashimoto did not measure at Triumpf, right?

## Laser Plasma Accelerated Ions

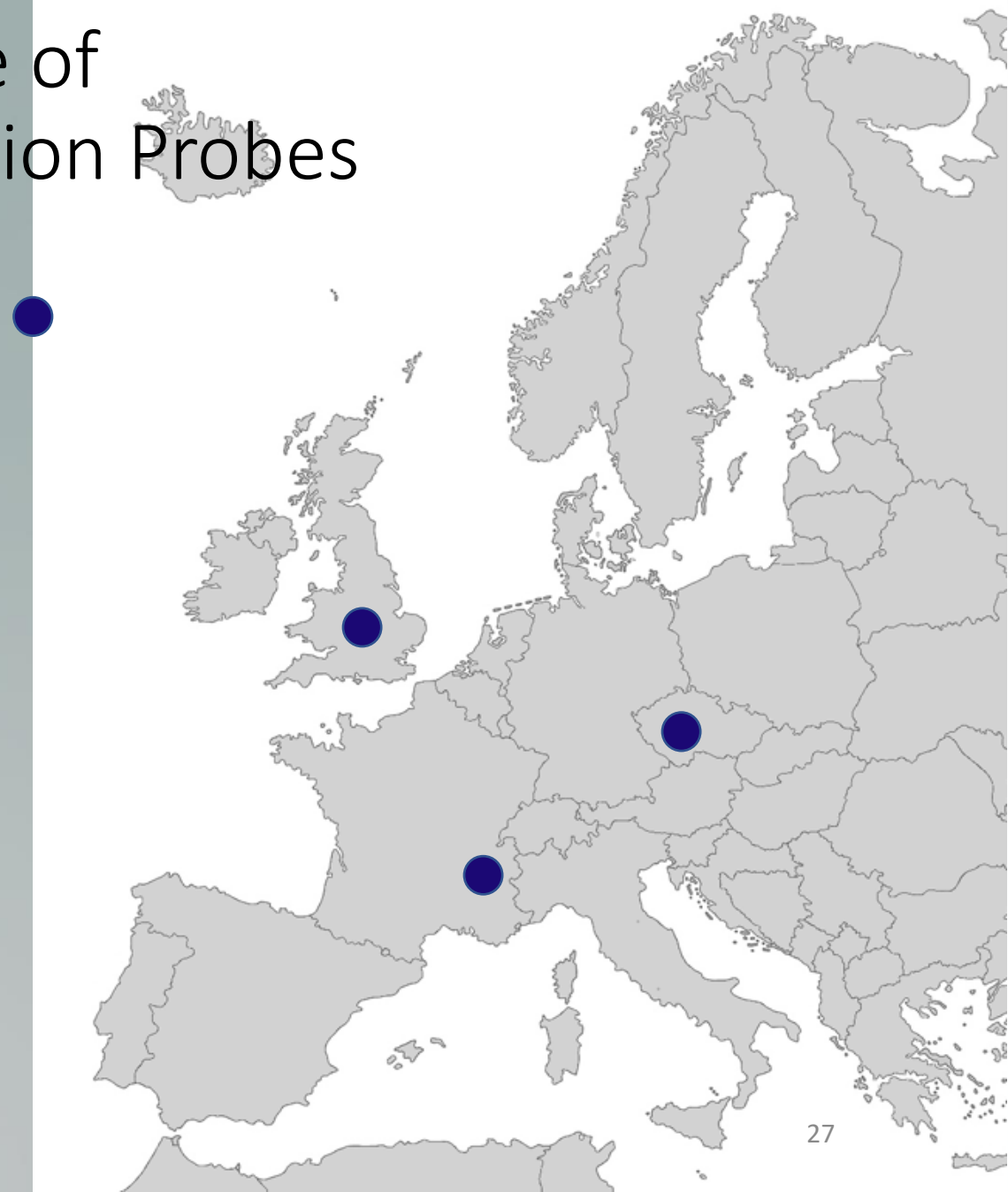
- ELI Beams (Czech Republic)

## Synchrotron X-rays

- ESRF (France)

## Pulsed LASER (focused)

- RADTEST (UK)



# Backup

- Coordinator
- Facilities
- Academia
- Agencies & Institutes
- Industry



+ TRIUMF (Canada)

## TRANSNATIONAL ACCESS Creating availability

- ✓ More than 6000 beam time hours are awarded (in 2021-2025) via a competitive **proposal process**
- ✓ **Quarterly calls** for proposals (evaluated by experts)
- ✓ **Free of cost** to users (funded by EU)
- ✓ Both **academic and industrial** groups are eligible
- ✓ Types of beams:  
proton, heavy ion, neutron,  
**mixed-field, synchrotron X-rays,**  
**electron, photon, laser-driven beams**

# Demand for higher penetration heavy ions Today

“We need penetration  
1 -2 mm”

## Summary:

- Not everybody has the same demand
- 4 out of 9 interviewees have an urgent need
- 5 say it is “nice to have” or only in special cases
- 7 out of 9 consider flip chip tests as a challenge

“At the moment we always  
manage to perform  
satisfying test, just  
opening the packages”

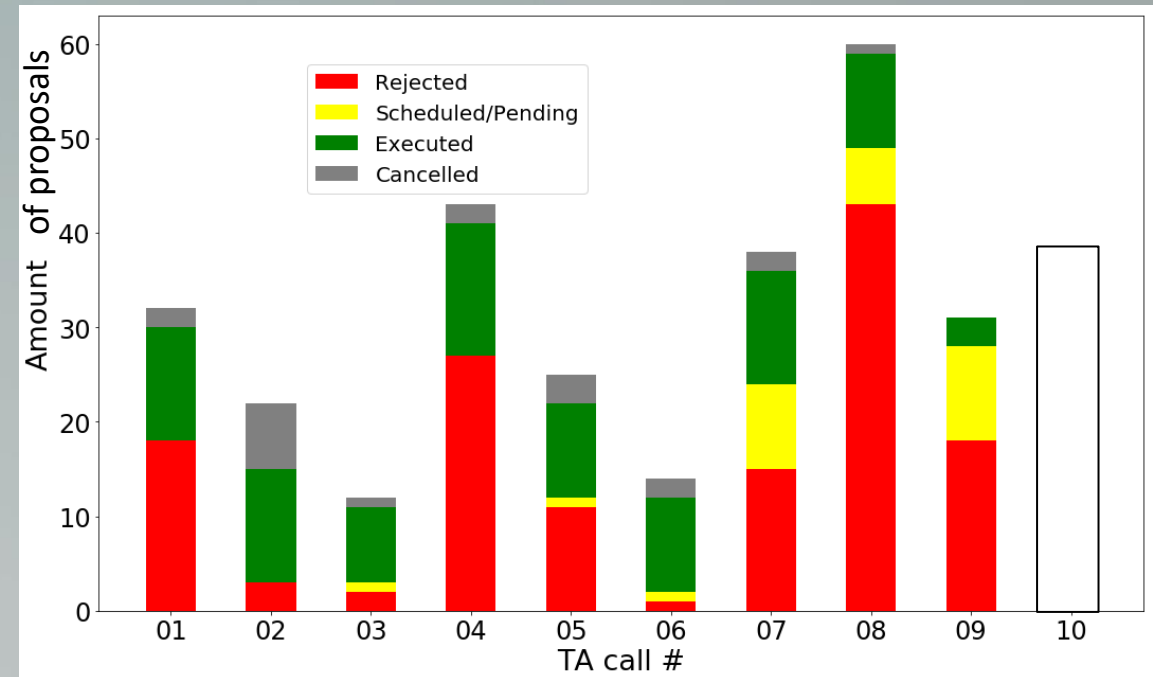
# Statistics and Results

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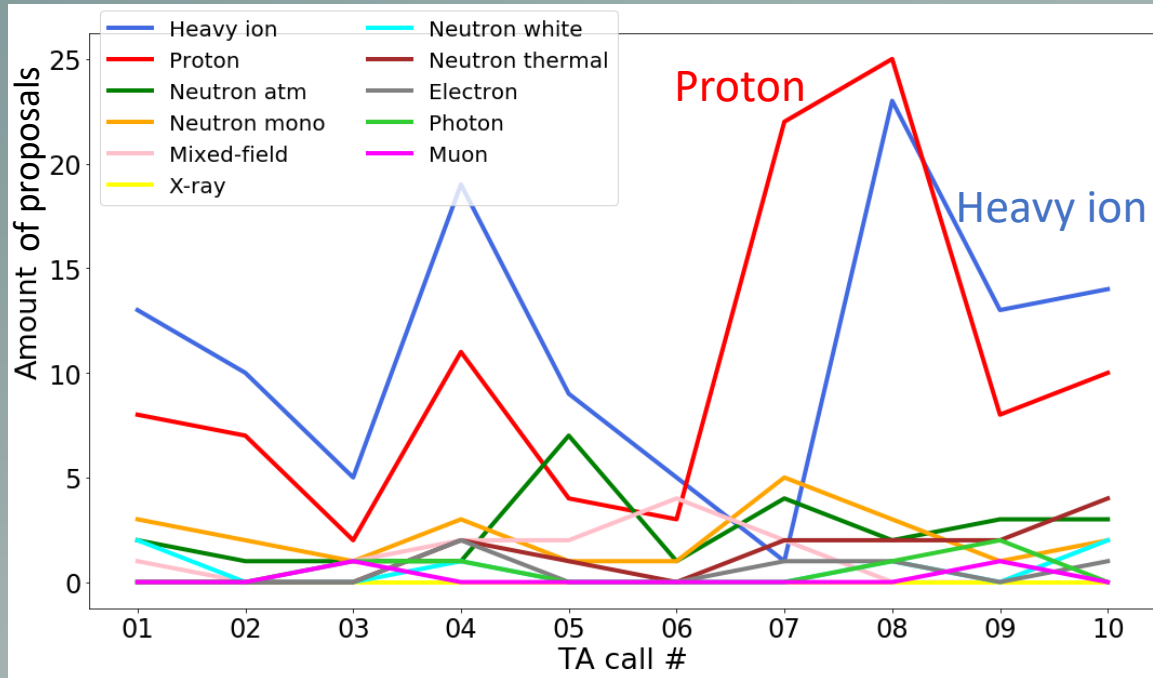
- Total number of submissions: 315 (in 10 calls)
- Total number of accepted: 164 (52%)

After 2.5 years of RADNEXT TA:

- Almost 3000 hours of beam time delivered
- Additional 1000 hours assigned



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## Industry :

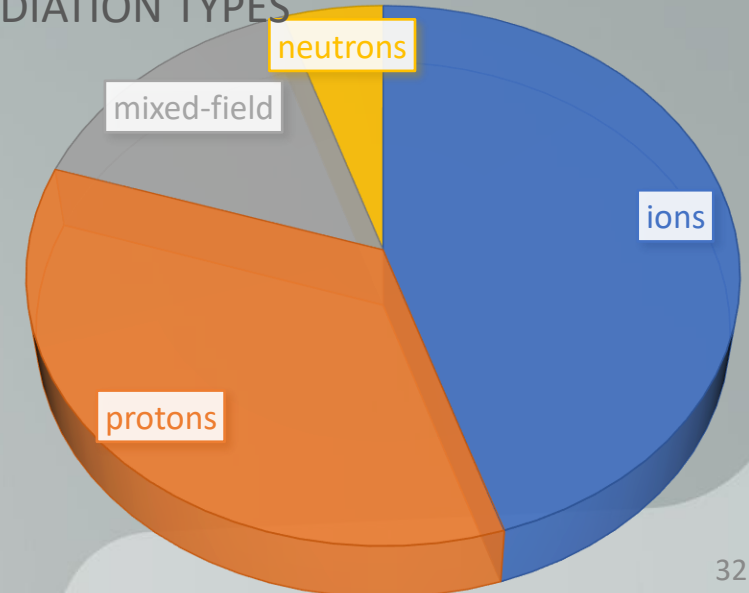
20 campaigns accepted

16 campaigns performed: 512 hours

13 individual companies

- Big and small companies

RADIATION TYPES





# The three pillars

Network  
Activities (NA)

Joint Research  
Activities (JRA)

Transnational  
Access (TA)

10 Work packages  
20 Work package leaders  
12 PhD students + PostDocs

**G-RADNEXT workshop series**  
**The RADNEXT-to-Industry Event**  
**Putting industry at the center**



**G-RADNEXT workshop at CERN Nov. 2023** Dr. Gerd Datzmann

**80+ Participants on-site**