



Report from IRFU

Institute for Research into the Fundamental
laws of the Universe

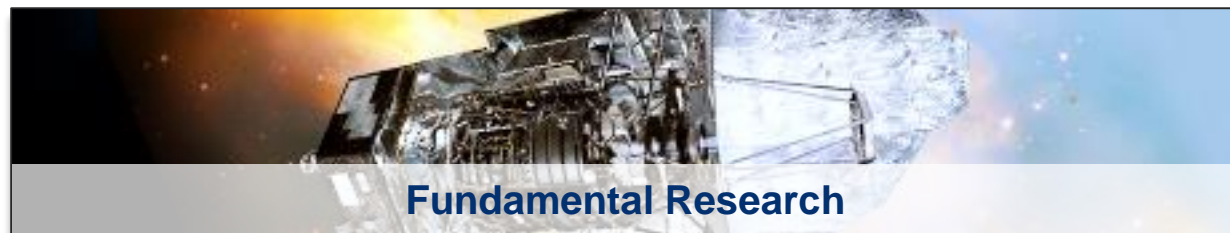
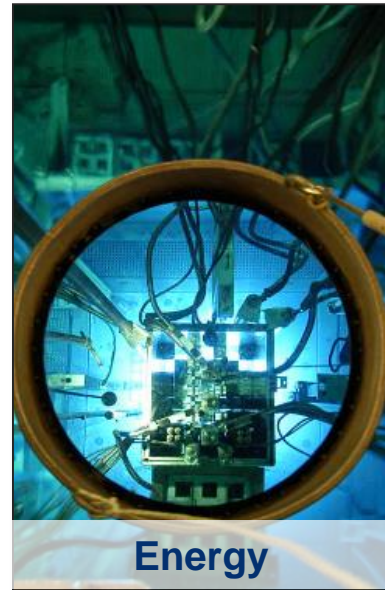
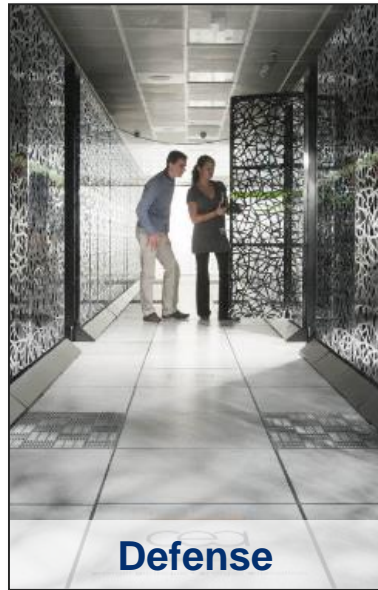
114th Plenary ECFA Meeting – Frascati

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On behalf of IRFU director Franck Sabatié



CEA – The French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission



  Institute for Research into the Fundamental Laws of the Universe



21000
employees



5.8
billion euros



> 5000
publications



> 450
European projects



DAP
Astrophysics

DPHP
Particle Physics

DPHN
Nuclear Physics

GANIL
Heavy Ion National Accelerator

DEDIP
Detectors
Electronics
Computing

DACM
Accelerators
Cryogenic
Magnets

DIS
System Engineering



1050



900/y



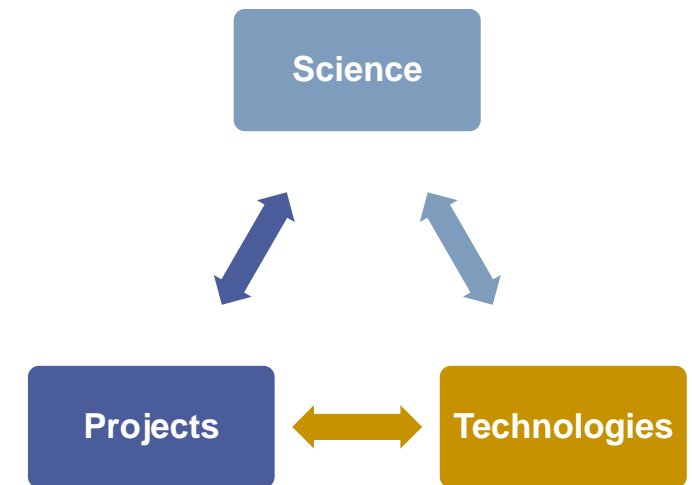
24 ERC
(8 ongoing)

Missions of IRFU

- ❑ **Carry out technological and fundamental research** within the framework of CEA's missions, in order to explore the fundamental laws of the Universe, from the smallest scales (elementary constituents, nuclear matter) to the largest (energy content and structure of the Universe)
- ❑ **Apply our technological innovations** to major national or international projects: MRI or fusion magnets, accelerators and neutron sources, medical imaging, etc.

With two specificities due to IRFU's size and the strong integration of its departments:

- ❑ **Ability to cover the entire research chain**
 - Theory, experiment proposal, simulation, design, construction, operation, data analysis, phenomenology and communication
- ❑ **Ability to manage large, innovative and complex projects**
 - Accelerators, magnets, detectors



Science

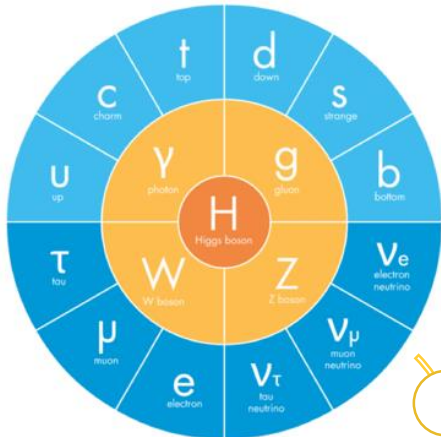


Structure of the Universe

- Energy content of the Universe
- Formation and evolution of structures, galaxies, stars
- Stars and planetary systems
- Exploration of the transient Universe

Detection systems

Simulation and Big data analysis



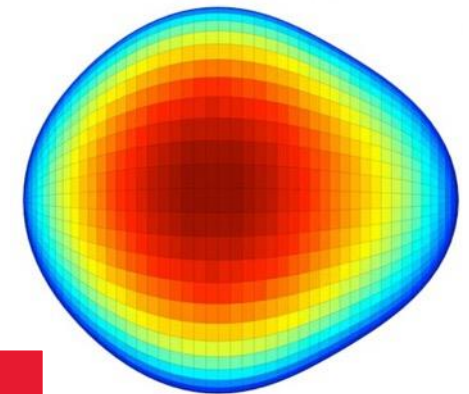
Elementary constituents, Fundamental symmetries

Accelerator systems and cryomagnetism

Property of Nuclear matter

- Consistency tests of the standard model
- Structural tests of the standard model

- Nuclear structure and dynamics
- Dynamics of quarks and gluons



Technologies



Structure of the Universe

Detection systems

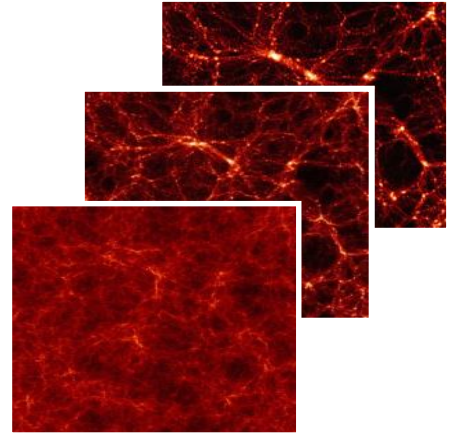
Simulation and Big data analysis

Infrastructures & Platforms

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Platforms



COMPUTING

3 HPC clusters
13000 cores,
2500 Mh HS06/y

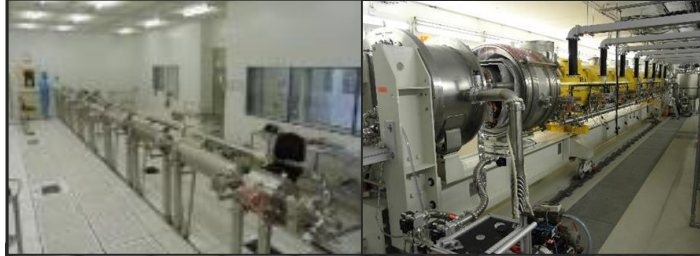
LHC Grid (tier 2)
9000 cores,
500 Mh HS06/y

SPACE

Clean rooms iso5-8

Instrumentation

Integration and test halls



MAGNETS ACCELERATORS

Synergium 25000 m²

Clean rooms iso4-5

Integration halls and test cryostats

DETECTORS

Clean rooms
incl. Ciclad iso7 130m²
and iso5 50m²

Integration and test halls



Elementary constituents, Fundamental symmetries

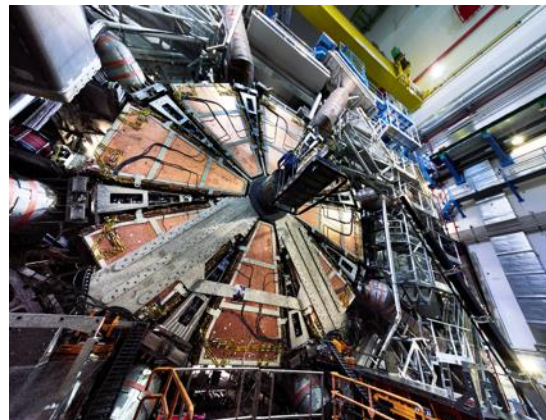
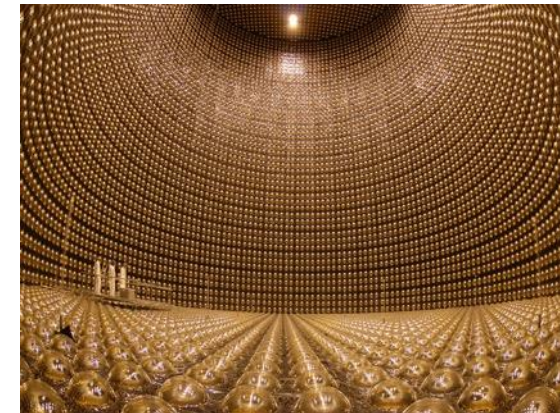
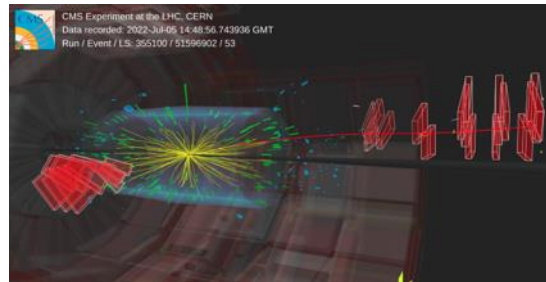
Consistency tests of the Standard Model

Search for deviations from the Standard Model by studying bosons and quarks

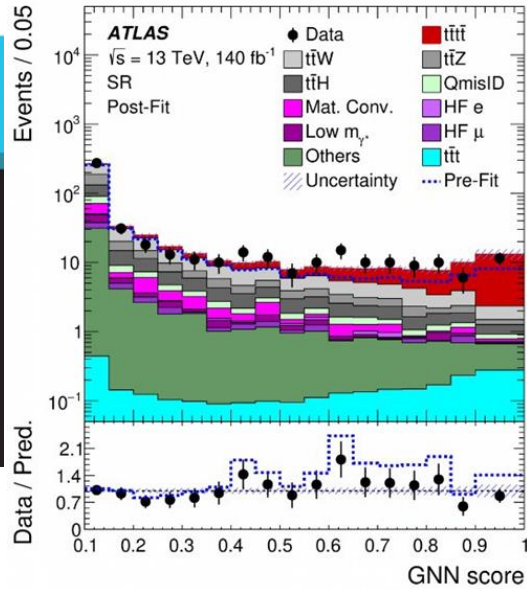
Structural tests of the Standard Model

Mass hierarchy, nature and properties of neutrinos

Current LHC Experiments
ATLAS & CMS Upgrades
T2K
HyperK
DUNE
NUCLEUS
KATRIN
CUPID
GBAR



Highlight - LHC Run 3 and Phase 2 upgrades

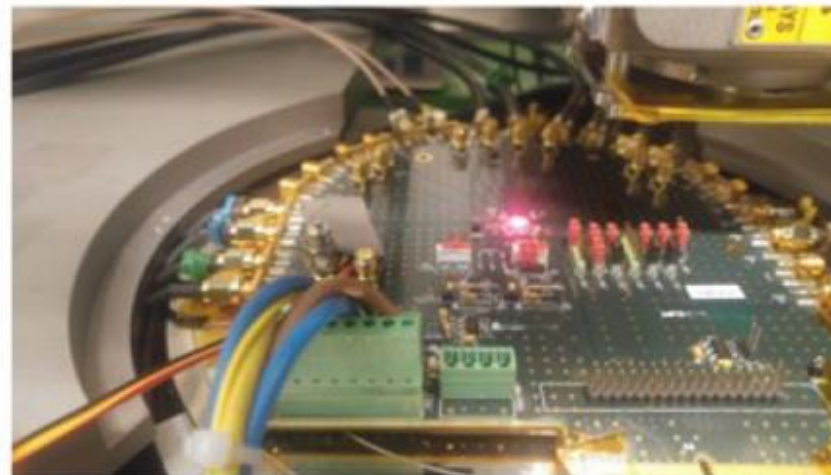
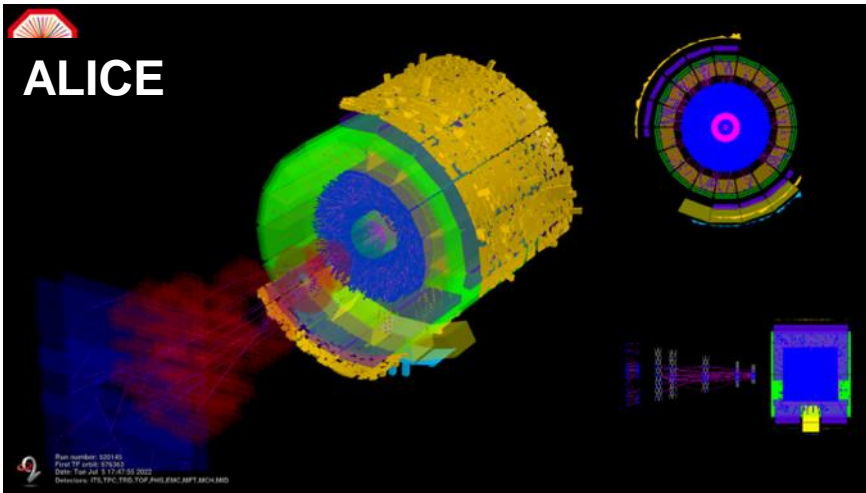


Run 3 at the record energy of 13.6 TeV

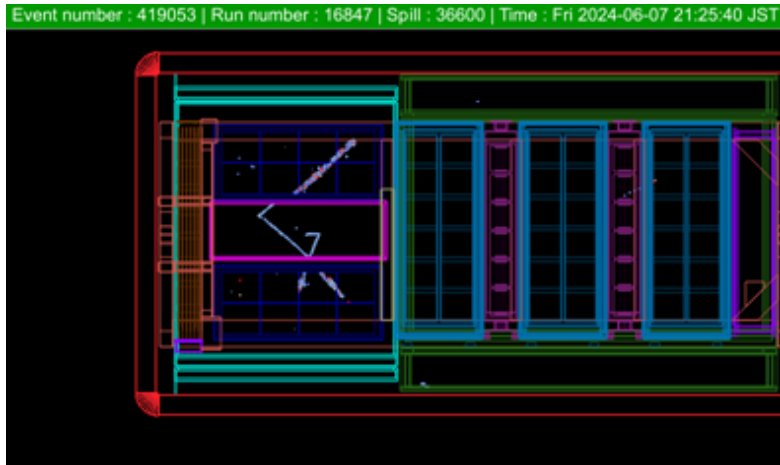
- Inc. phase 1 upgrade (ATLAS/NSW, ALICE/MFT+MUONS)
- Main focus on Higgs, EW and top physics

Phase 2 upgrades in production phase

- ATLAS (Itk, LAr, HGTD, MUONS) & CMS (BCAL, HGCAL, MTD)

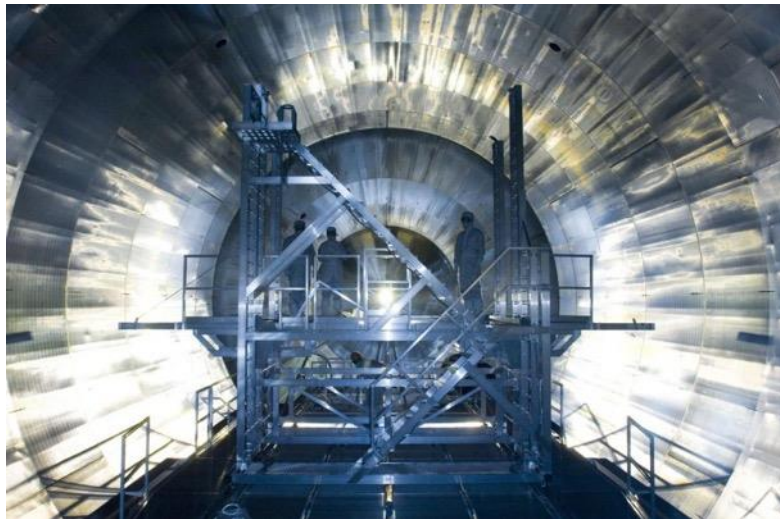


Highlight – T2K and KATRIN



Commissioning of JPARC & T2K ND280 upgrades

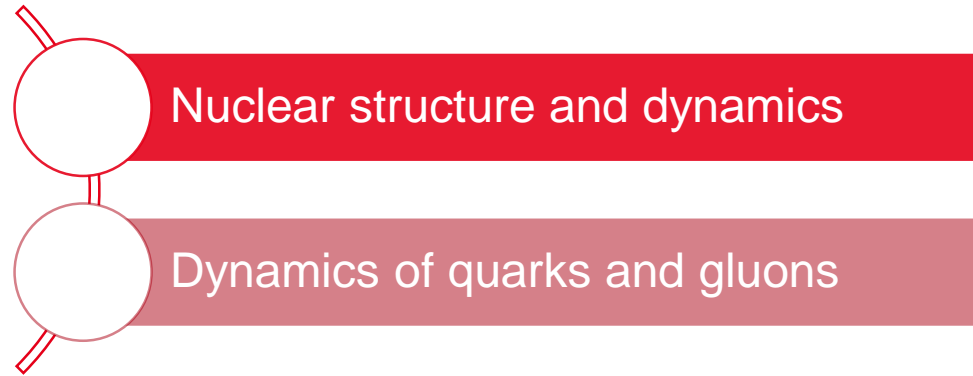
- ❑ **JPARC:** beam power @ 800 kW
- ❑ New ND280 is taking data with new target and new high angle TPCs



KATRIN unveils its last results @ NEUTRINO2024

- ❑ Analysis of 259 jours of data (x6 wrt previous results)
- ❑ New upper limit: $m_\nu < 0.45$ eV at 90% CL

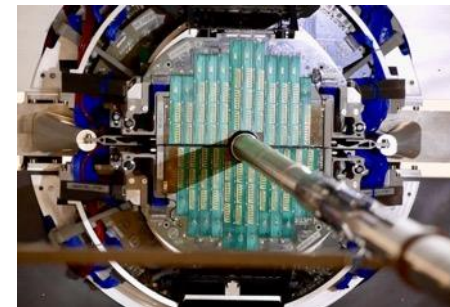
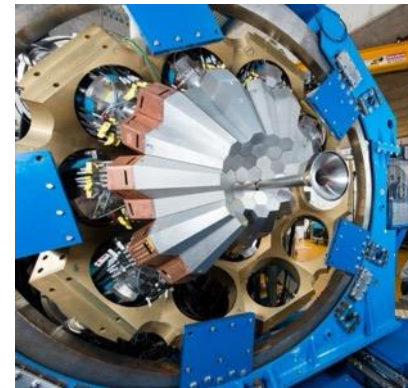
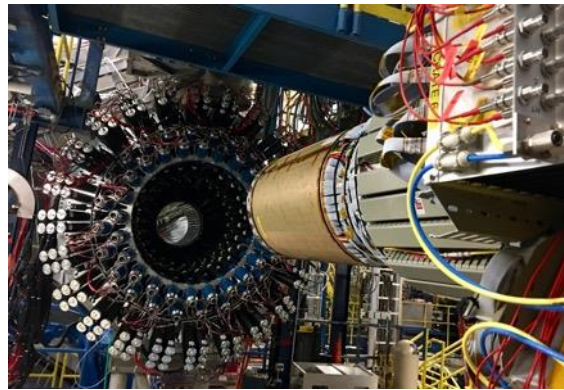
Property of Nuclear matter



Binding limits of nuclei, nature of the nuclear interaction, influence of the nuclei structure on nuclear reactions

Quark and gluon plasma, 3D structure of the nucleon

- GANIL
- Spiral2 (NFS, S3, DESIR)
- AGATA
- FAIR
- n_TOF
- Nuclear Theory
- ALICE
- LHCb upgrade
- sPHENIX
- Jefferson Lab
- EIC
- Hadronic Theory



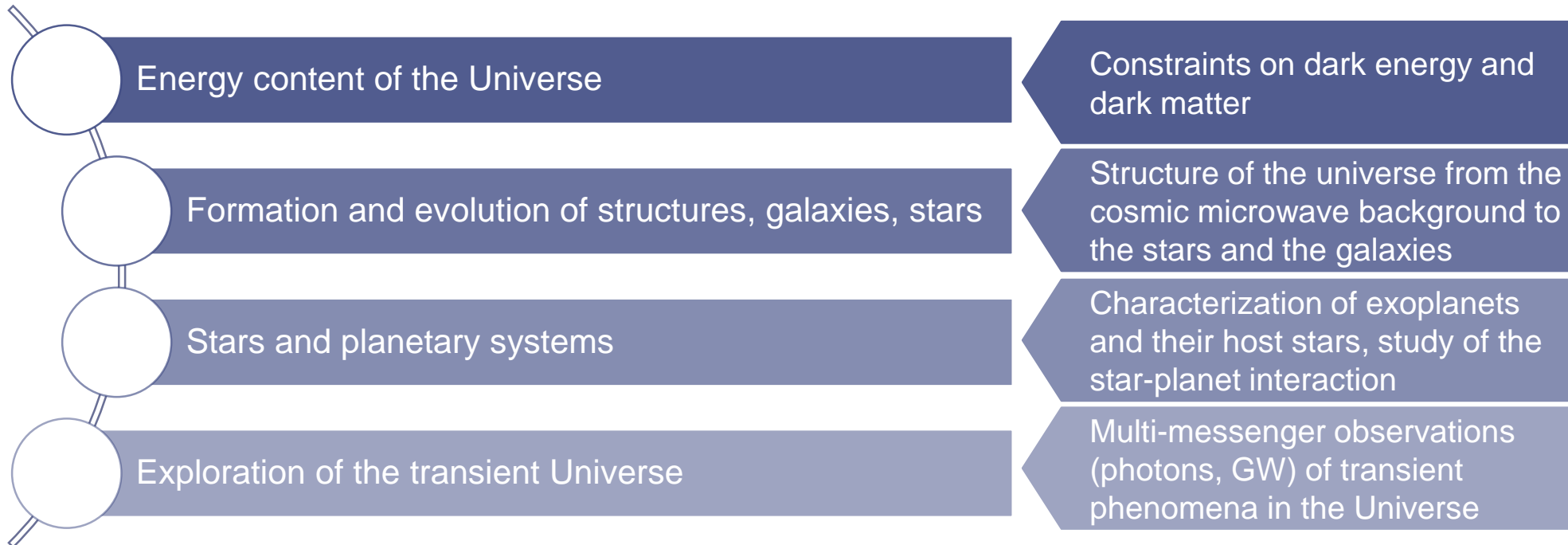
Highlight - GANIL



SPIRAL1 and 2 new beams

- ❑ After protons in 2019 and deuterons in 2021, GANIL's linear accelerator is taking its first steps in accelerating heavy ions produced in the source
- ❑ 2022: Oxygen-18, a pilot beam for tuning many ions in the Linac, accelerated at 7 MeV/u
- ❑ 2024: first Lithium-8 beam cooled down to ~ 1 MeV/u produced

Structure of the Universe



LISA	ARIEL
HESS	PLATO
DESI	SVOM
EUCLID	CTA
LITEBIRD	THESEUS
James Webb	SKA
ATHENA	



Highlight – EUCLID and SVOM

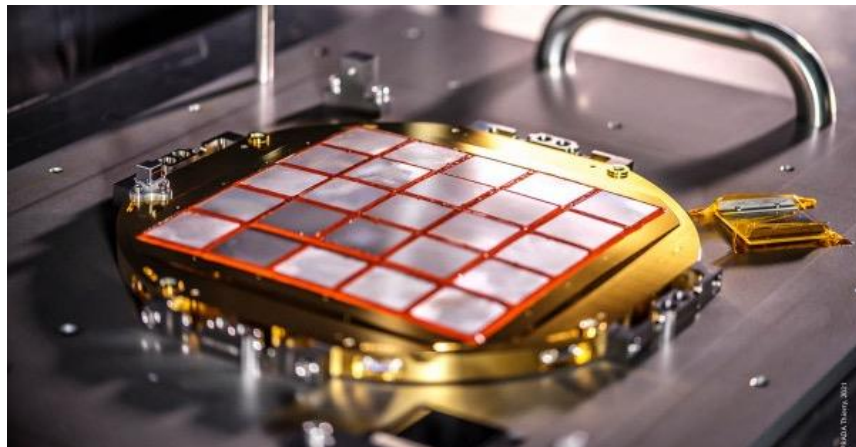
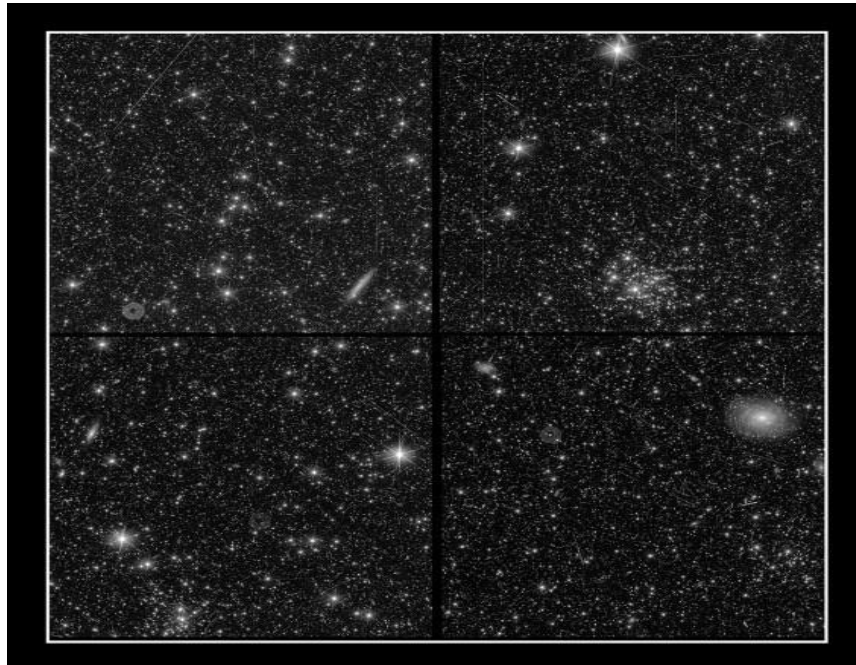


EUCLID

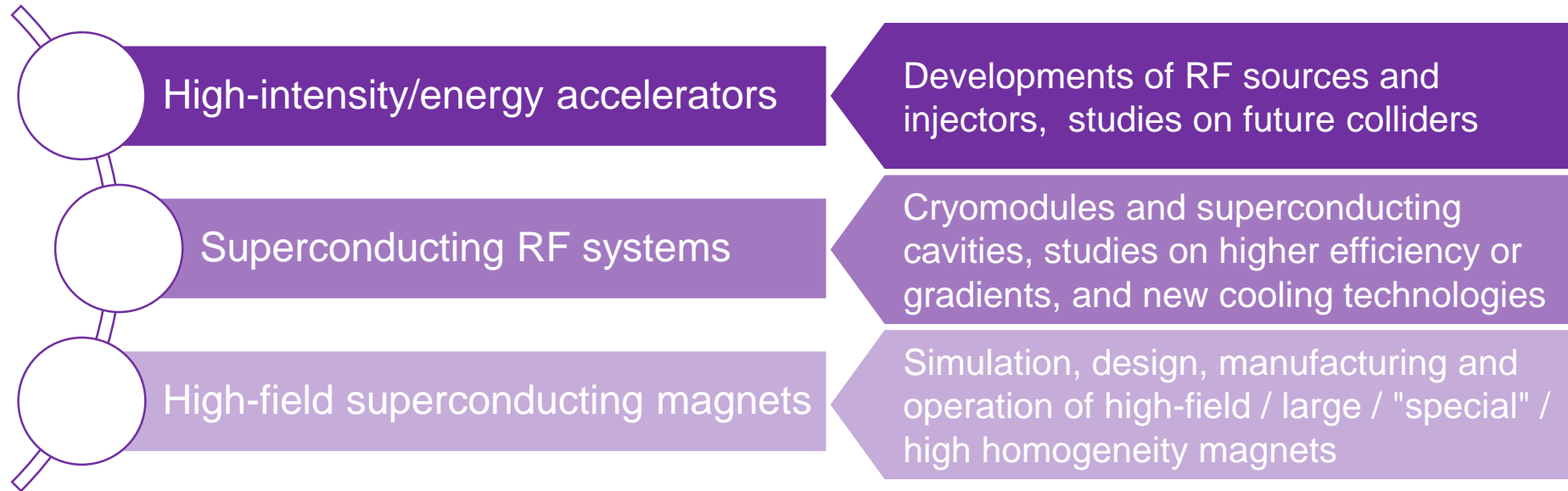
- ❑ Successful launch on 2023, July, 1
- ❑ EUCLID released last November 5 images from ERO
- ❑ First set of publications last January

SVOM

- ❑ Successful launch on June, 22
- ❑ Instruments are alive and data flows to the VHF network

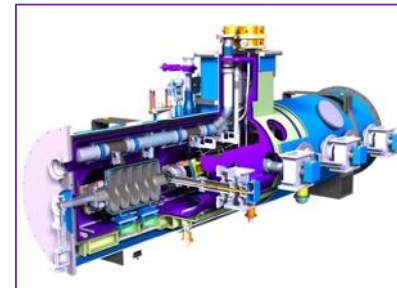


Accelerator systems and cryomagnetism

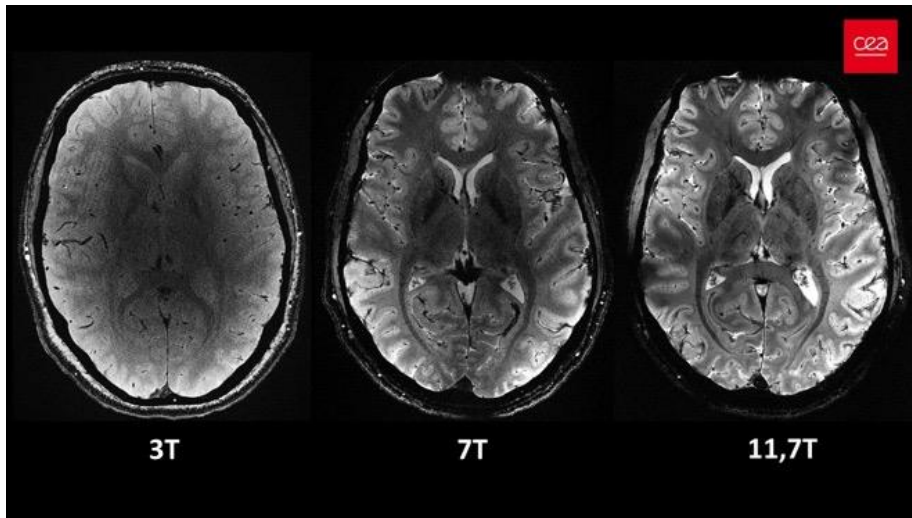


IFMIF
TITAN / ICONE
NEWGAIN
SARAF
ESS
PIP-II

ISEULT (MRI)
CERN HL-LHC
CERN HFM
EIC magnets
MADMAX
SUPRAFUSION (HTc)



Highlight – Magnets: ISEULT and HFM



11.7 T Iseult MRI

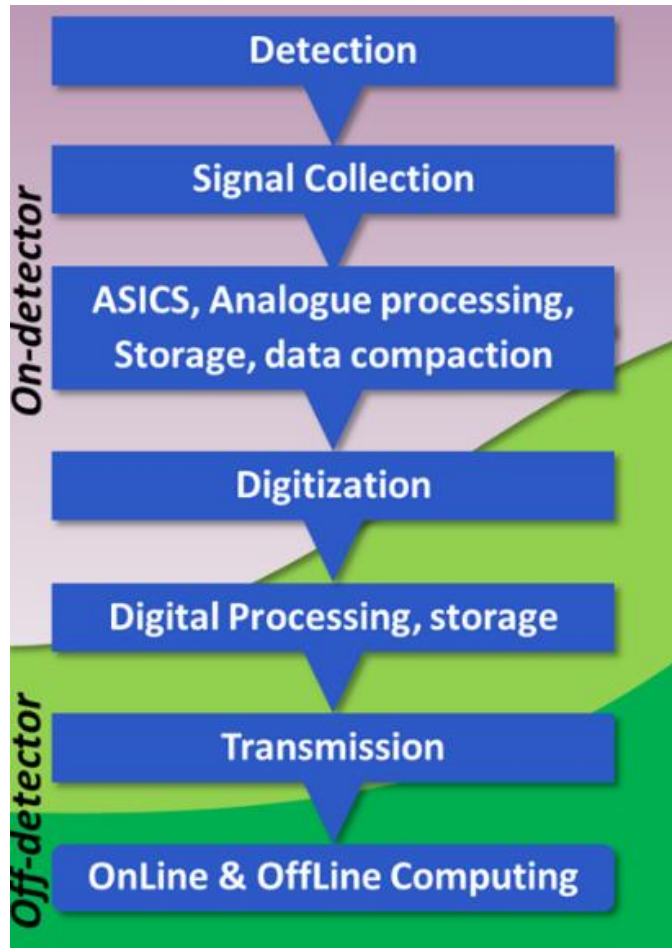
- ❑ Commissioning of the 11.7 T Iseult MRI
- ❑ The first images on humans were released in April, culmination of nearly 20 years of research and development by the CEA

High Field Magnets

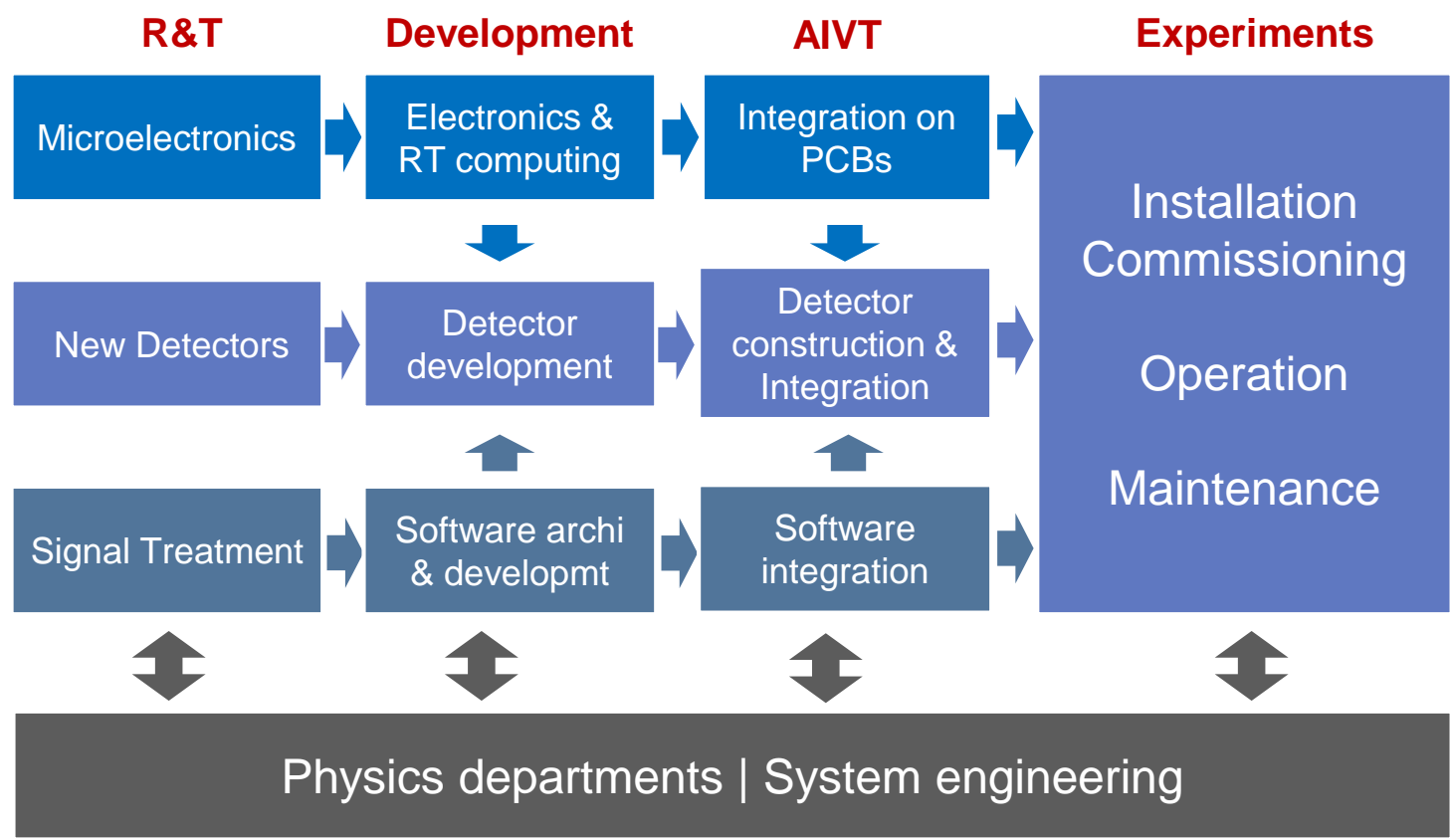
- ❑ In 2023 signature of two 5-years collaboration agreements between CEA-IRFU and CERN
 - ❑ Toward 16T magnets with Nb₃Sn
 - ❑ Toward 20T magnets with HTS



Detection systems and Computing






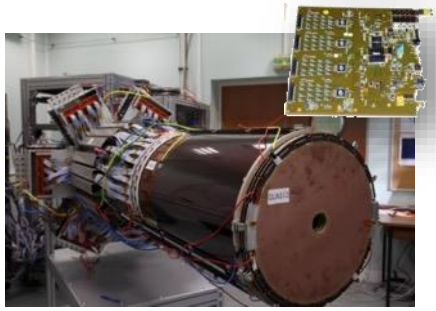
Strategy { Full detector chain capability, from sensor to software
 Full TRL chain, including knowledge-transfer to industry
 From lab R&D to M&O in large international collaborations



Sample of projects in operation

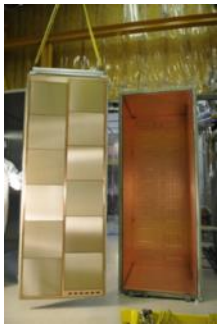


- detection 
- electronics 
- computing 



CLAS12 (hadronic physics) @ Jefferson Lab (USA):
Micromegas Tracker 30000 channels

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T2K Micromegas Time projection chambers system Tokai Lab (Japan)

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DESI (Dark Energy survey)
10 spectrometers installed at Mayal (USA)

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ATLAS Calorimeter
72 Digital Trigger boards (200Gb/s /board)

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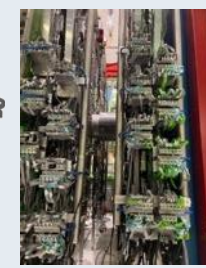
ATLAS New Small Wheels
400m² of Micromegas detectors

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ALICE Muon Forward Tracker
based on MAPS technology

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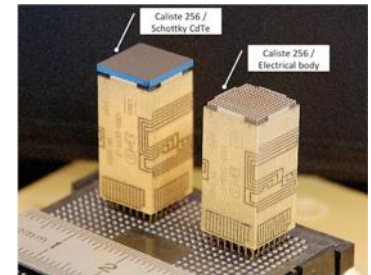


ALICE muon arm
Upgraded back-end electronics



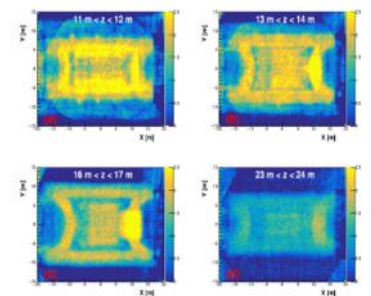
**LHC phase 1
Upgrades**

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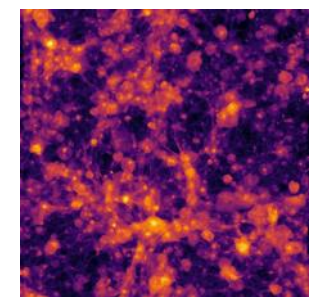
Solar Orbiter / Caliste: mini CdTe gamma camera

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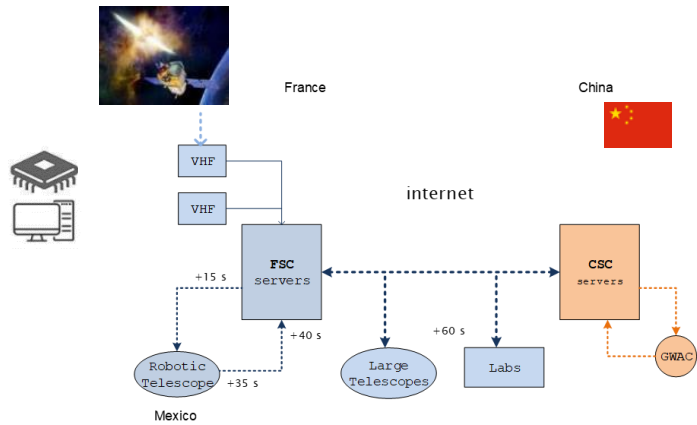
Muon imaging (here tomography of an historical reactor)

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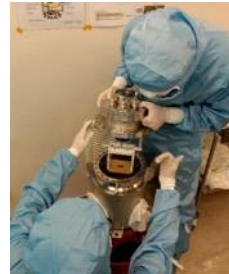


Extreme Horizon : 50Mhours computation on TGCC/Joliot Curie

Sample of projects in development



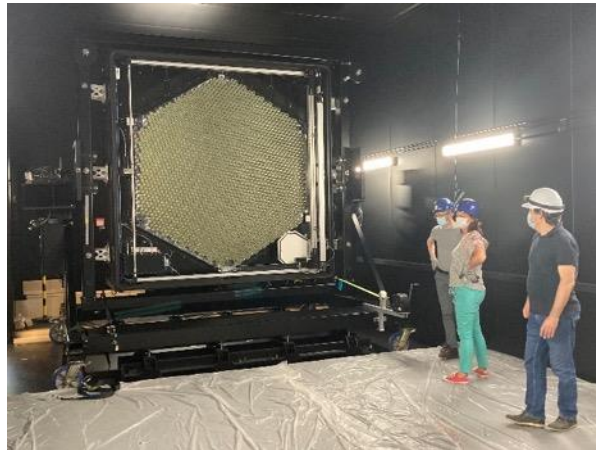
SVOM satellite for gamma ray burst detection (launch 2024)
 FE electronics
 On-board computing
 Ground Segment (detection & world broadcast of alerts)



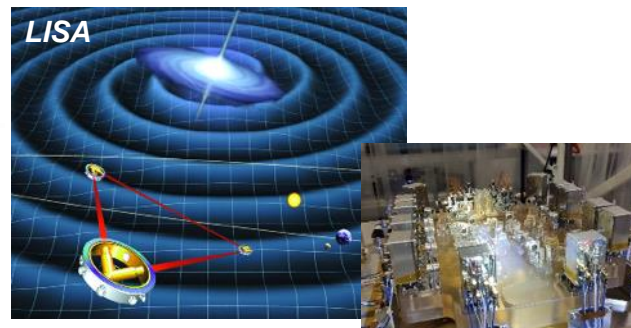
ESS Advanced beam diagnostics (2023)
 High Intensity profile monitors and low energy beam loss monitors



Sirius Silicon detectors used at GANIL/Spiral2-S3



NectarCAM for the medium size telescopes of CTA (2024-2028)
 Digitizers chips, software
 Integration and qualification of 9 camera
 Mirrors



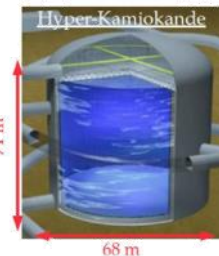
LISA gravitational wave interferometer in space (launch 2032)
 Contribution to the LISA optical bench (ground equipment): ultra-stable mechanical structures
 Data analysis based on IA technologies

CERN

LHC phase 2 Upgrades

CMS chips for the calorimeters + clock distribution.
 Extreme radiation hardness. 10ps timing precision

ATLAS Itk Module assembly and testing.
 1/4 of the silicon internal Tracker



HyperK Neutrinos Oscillations (Japan, 2025)
 High precision clock distribution system

DRDs @ IRFU

Involvement mainly in 4 DRDs

DRD1 Gaseous detectors – WP 1, 4, 7, 8, 9

- Maxim TITOV co-spokesperson
- TPC expertise (NA61/ ND280 Upgrade++/ DUNE ND) & R&D for the ILC

DRD3 Solid state detectors – WP1

- R&D for radhard and low power readout
- CACTUS/miniCACTUS (MAPS with high timing resolution < 50ps)

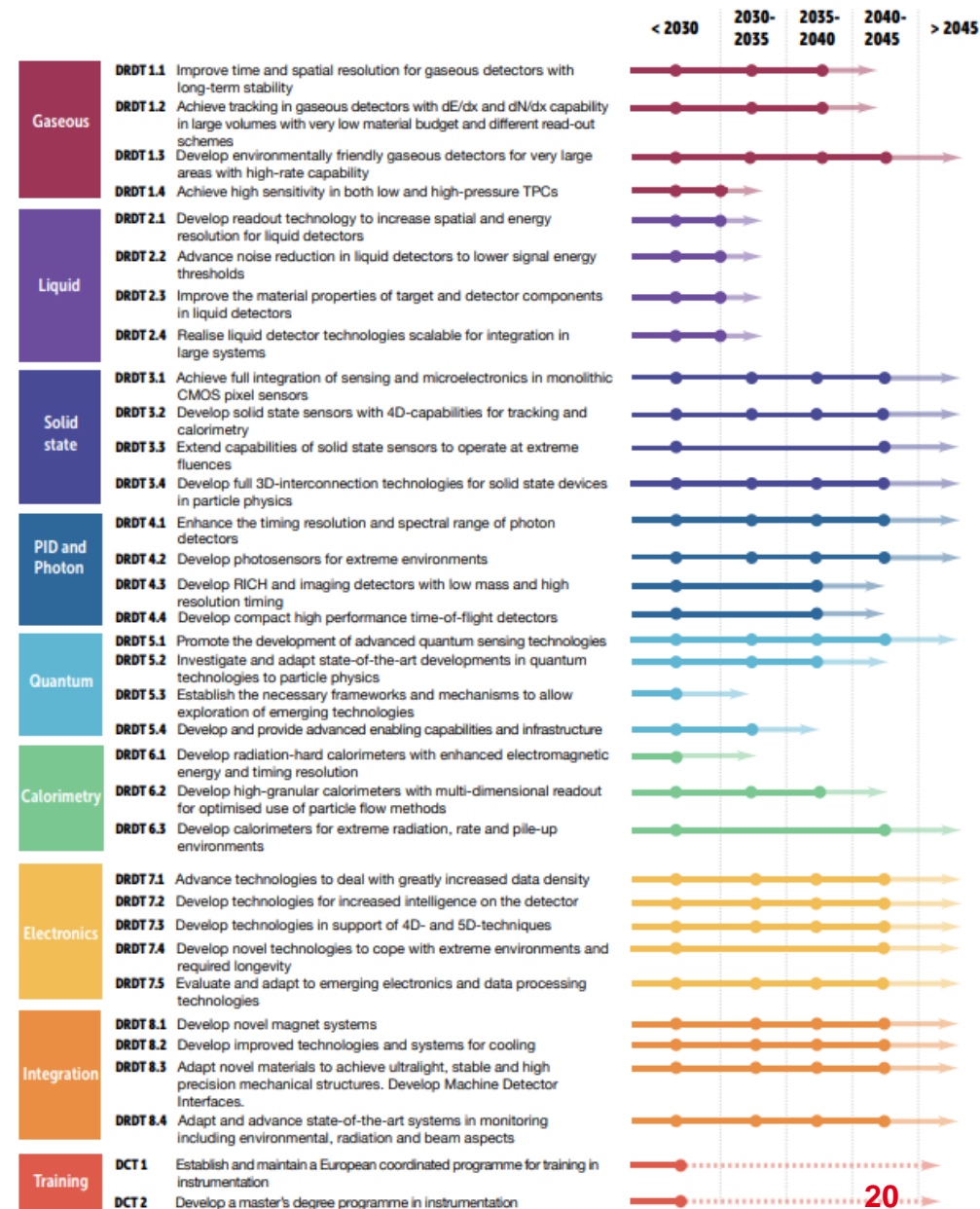
DRD6 Calorimetry – WP3

- Optical calorimeters, 5D Calorimetry and high temporal resolution (ClearMind)
- Scintillating bolometers for $0\nu 2\beta$ (BINGO, TINY, CUPID)

DRD7 Electronics – WP3

- High performance TDC and ADC
- Continuation of efforts on HGCROC for CMS phase 2 AND EIC/AC-LGADs (10ps and below low power TDCs)

Participation to DRD4 on photodetectors, building on ClearMind experiment



European Strategy in Particle Physics Update

- ❑ Full commitment
- ❑ Specific animation within IRFU
- ❑ Organization of French community contribution together with CNRS/IN2P3

Thank you for your attention