

# LS2 Activities and Outlook for the Future

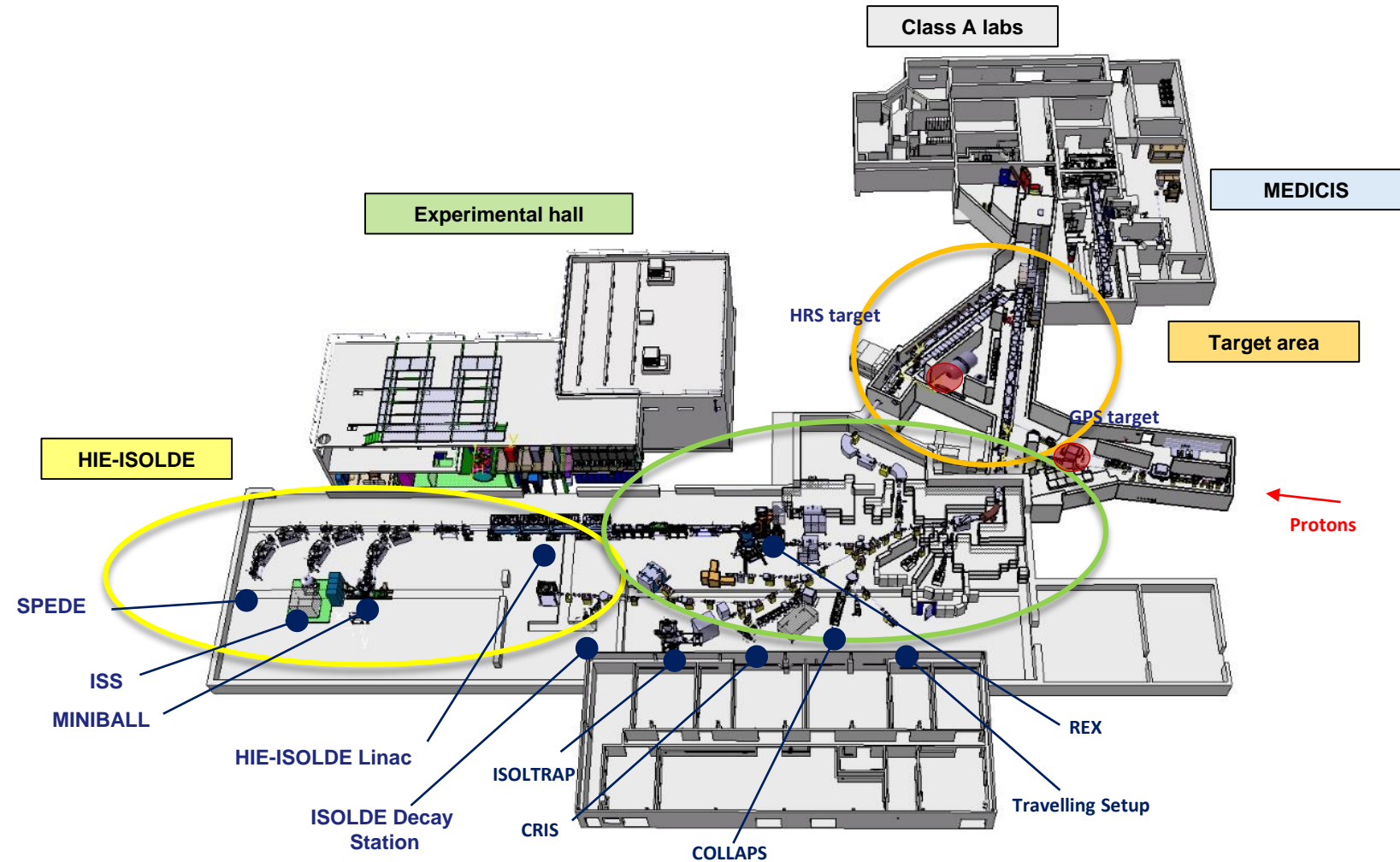
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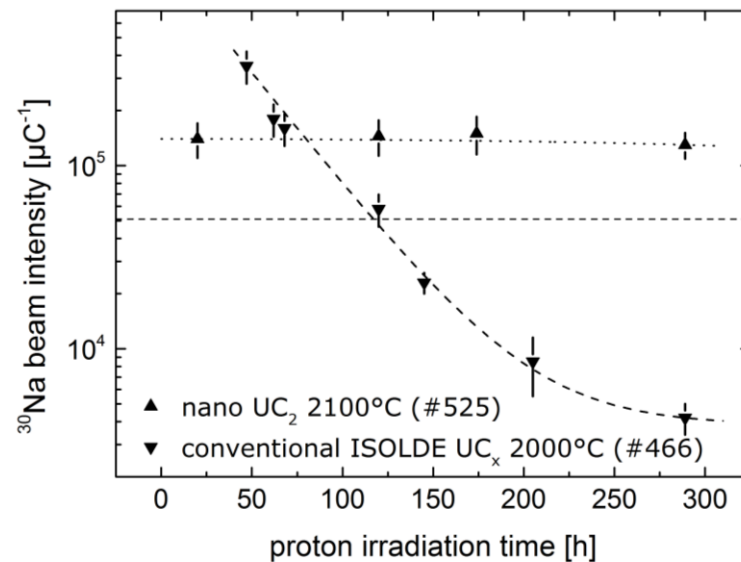
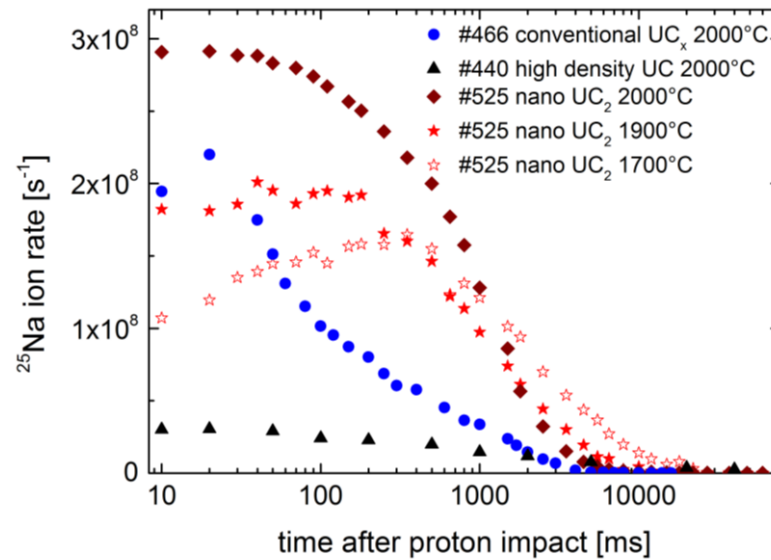
ISOLDE workshop 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

# The ISOLDE Facility

- Nano-lab
- Medicis operation
- New Frontends
- HT modulator
- Fast tape station
- Beam diagnostics
- Services
- Planning



# Nano Uranium Carbide Online at ISOLDE



isotope	half life	yield [ $\mu\text{C}^{-1}$ ]
$^8\text{Li}^1$	840 ms	$2.8 \cdot 10^7$
$^9\text{Li}^1$	178 ms	$1.9 \cdot 10^7$
$^{25}\text{Na}^{1,5}$	59.6 s	$2.8 \cdot 10^9$
$^{26}\text{Na}^{1,5}$	1.07 s	$9.2 \cdot 10^8$
$^{30}\text{Na}^2$	48 ms	$1.4 \cdot 10^5$
$^{46}\text{K}^{1,4}$	115 s	$3.9 \cdot 10^8$
$^{50}\text{K}^{1,2,4}$	472 ms	$8.6 \cdot 10^4$
$^{50}\text{Ca}^2$	13.9 s	$6.8 \cdot 10^4$
$^{41}\text{Sc}^{1,5}$	596 ms	$1.1 \cdot 10^5$
$^{68}\text{Cu}^{2,7}$	30 s	$9.6 \cdot 10^8$
$^{68\text{m}}\text{Cu}^{1,7}$	3.8 min	$3.4 \cdot 10^8$
$^{76}\text{Ga}^2$	32.6 s	$2.9 \cdot 10^7$
$^{81}\text{Ga}^2$	1.22 s	$1.1 \cdot 10^6$
$^{81\text{m}}\text{Rb}^2$	30.3 min	$2.2 \cdot 10^7$
$^{88}\text{Rb}^{1,4}$	17.8 min	$8.0 \cdot 10^9$
$^{93}\text{Rb}^{1,4}$	5.84 s	$2.6 \cdot 10^8$
$^{96}\text{Rb}^{1,5}$	199 ms	$1.5 \cdot 10^7$
$^{114}\text{Ag}^{2,8}$	4.5 s	$1.4 \cdot 10^2$
$^{116\text{m}}\text{Ag}^{2,8}$	8.2 s	$9.0 \cdot 10^2$
$^{117}\text{Ag}^{2,8}$	72.8 s	$1.6 \cdot 10^3$
$^{118}\text{Ag}^{2,8}$	3.7 s	$6.2 \cdot 10^4$
$^{120}\text{Ag}^{2,8}$	1.17 s	$2.3 \cdot 10^4$
$^{122}\text{Ag}^{2,8}$	0.52 s	$\leq 1.3 \cdot 10^3$
$^{132}\text{In}^{1,2}$	0.20 s	$1.7 \cdot 10^4$
$^{139}\text{Cs}^{1,4}$	9.3 min	$2.6 \cdot 10^9$
$^{142}\text{Cs}^1$	1.68 s	$1.1 \cdot 10^9$
$^{148}\text{Cs}^{1,4}$	158 ms	$1.7 \cdot 10^4$
$^{207}\text{Fr}^3$	0.148 s	$8.5 \cdot 10^7$
$^{230}\text{Fr}^{1,4}$	0.596 s	$7.1 \cdot 10^5$
$A = 225^6$		$1.1 \cdot 10^9$

<sup>1</sup>assessed through  $\beta$  detection with release curve integration

<sup>2</sup>assessed through  $\gamma$  detection

<sup>3</sup>assessed with scintillator, assuming 50%  $\alpha$  detection efficiency

<sup>4</sup>beam composition assessed through  $\gamma$  spectroscopy

<sup>5</sup>beam composition assessed through half-life measurement

<sup>6</sup>faraday cup measurement

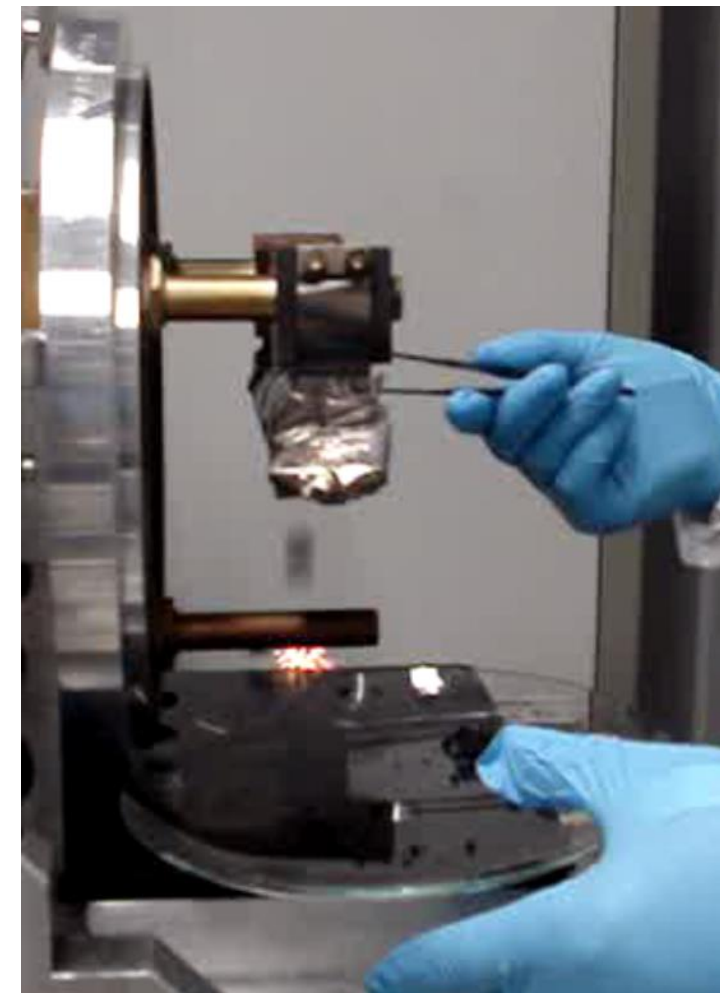
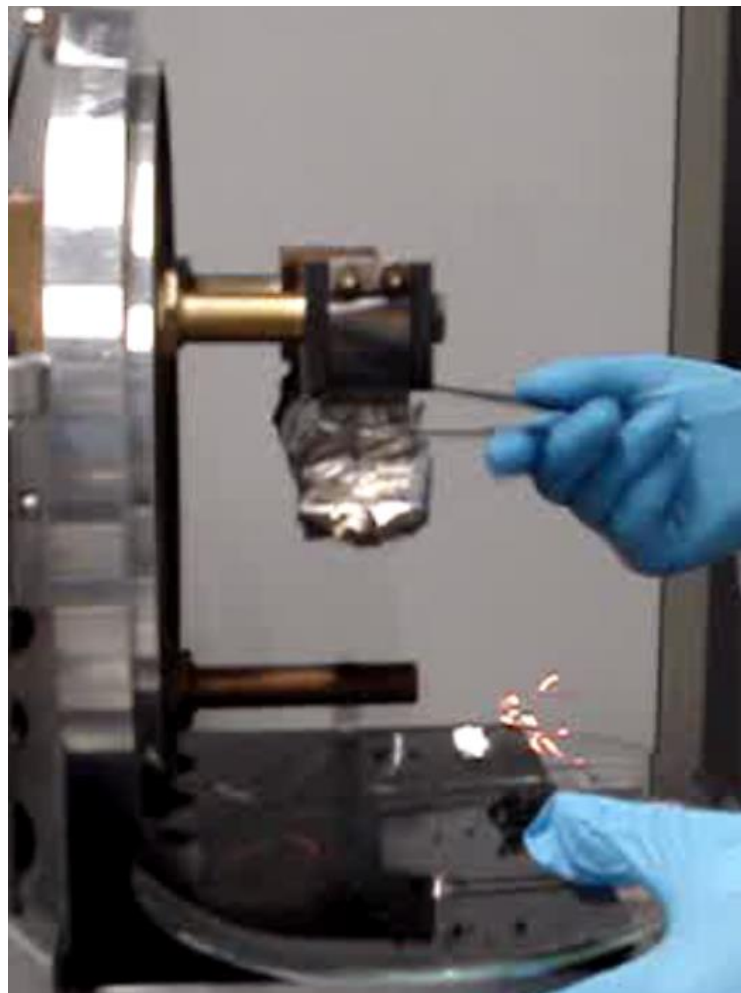
<sup>7</sup>resonant laser ionized

<sup>8</sup>extracted in its 2+ state

<sup>9</sup>assuming 100% branching into investigated  $\gamma$  transition

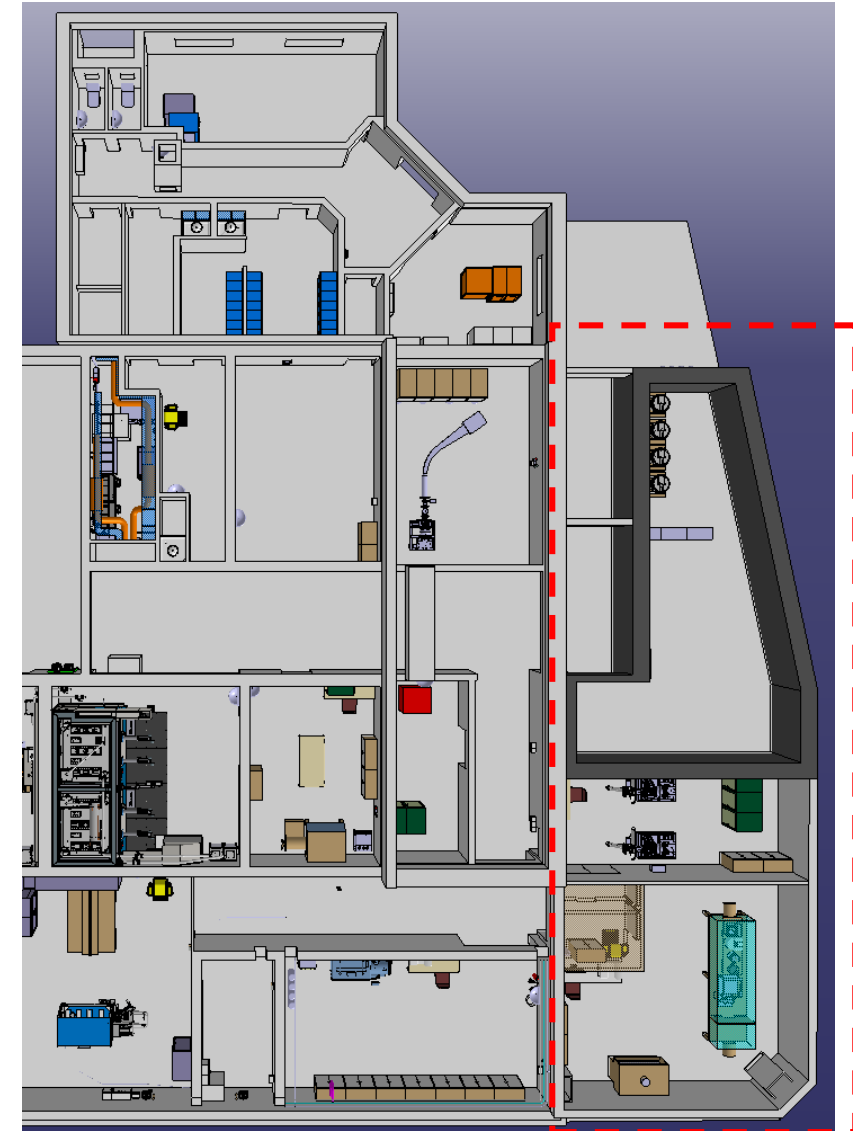
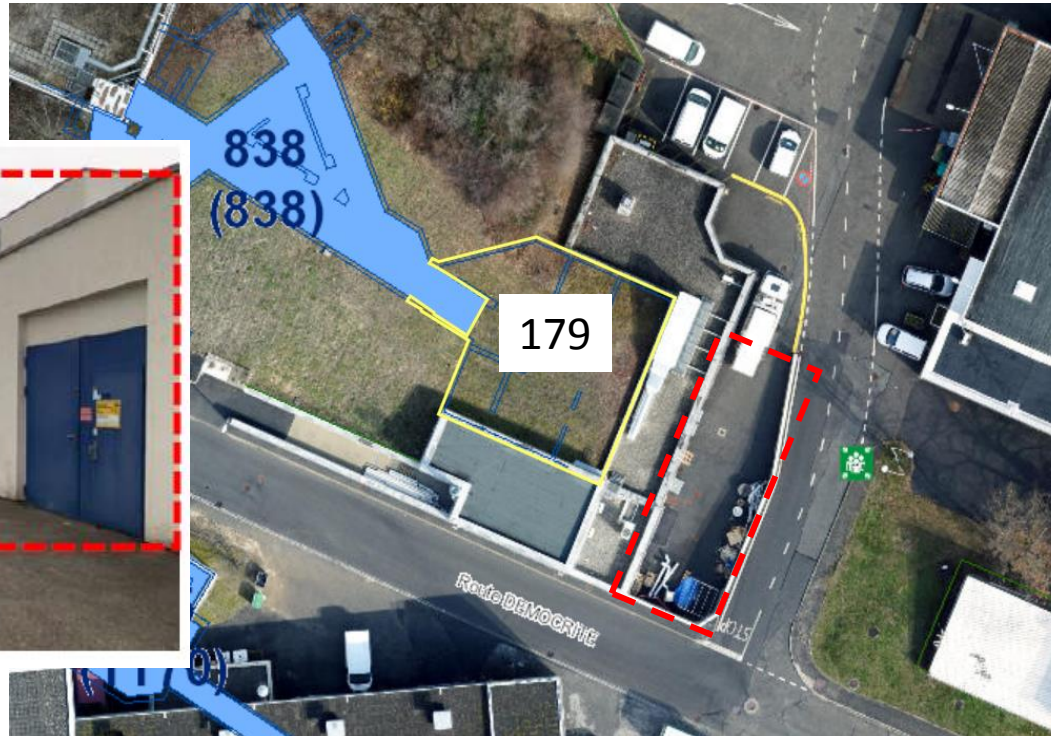
# Nano-UC<sub>2</sub>-C

- Nano uranium carbide risks
  - pyrophoric in air
  - Nano material handling
  - ATEX
  - Radiological risks

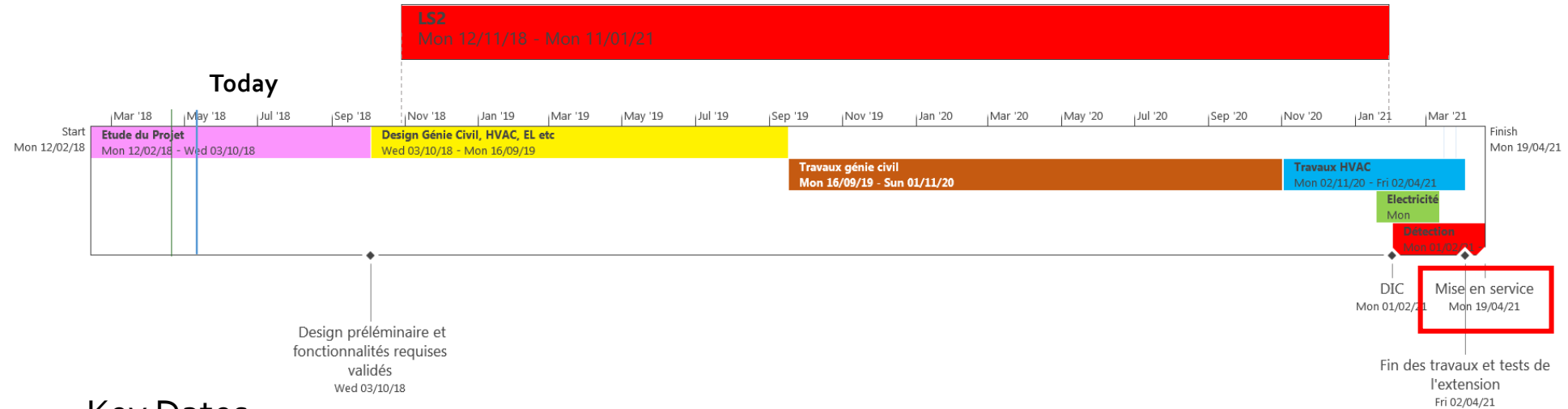


# Nanolab

- A laboratory dedicated to the safe handling of nano-actinide materials
- Confinement for pyrophoric uranium carbide (spontaneous ignition in air at room temperature)
- Radioactive storage area for ISOLDE and MEDICIS
- Benefiting from the available infrastructure for Class A type radioactive laboratories
- Civil engineering work to start in October 2019, completion April 2021



# Nano-lab Preliminary Schedule



## Key Dates :

- Launch of the design in October 2018
- Beginning of LS2 in November 2018 until January 2021
- Beginning of civil engineering works in September 2019
- Installation of the remaining infrastructure from November 2020 to the end of March 2021
- **Commissioning of the extension April 2021**

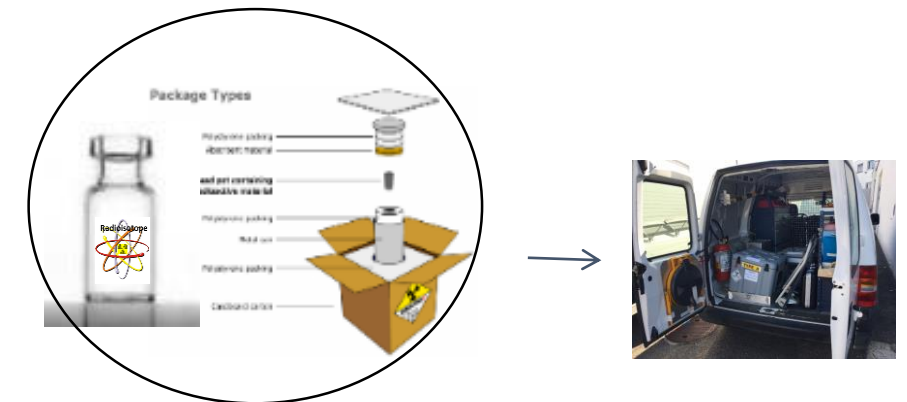
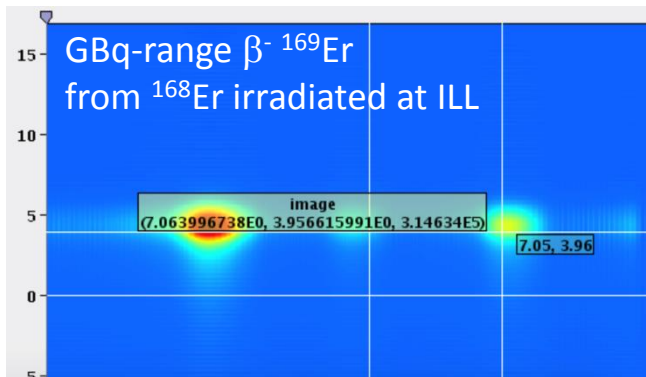
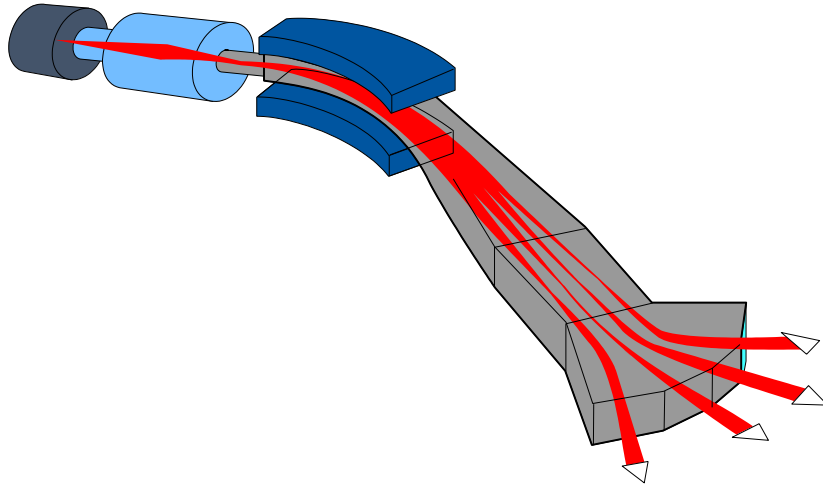
# CERN- MEDICIS during LS2

## 2 months technical stop :

Set-up of radiochemistry laboratory, progress in laser ion source, Maintenance/Consolidation of beamline and remote handling

## 10 months operation :

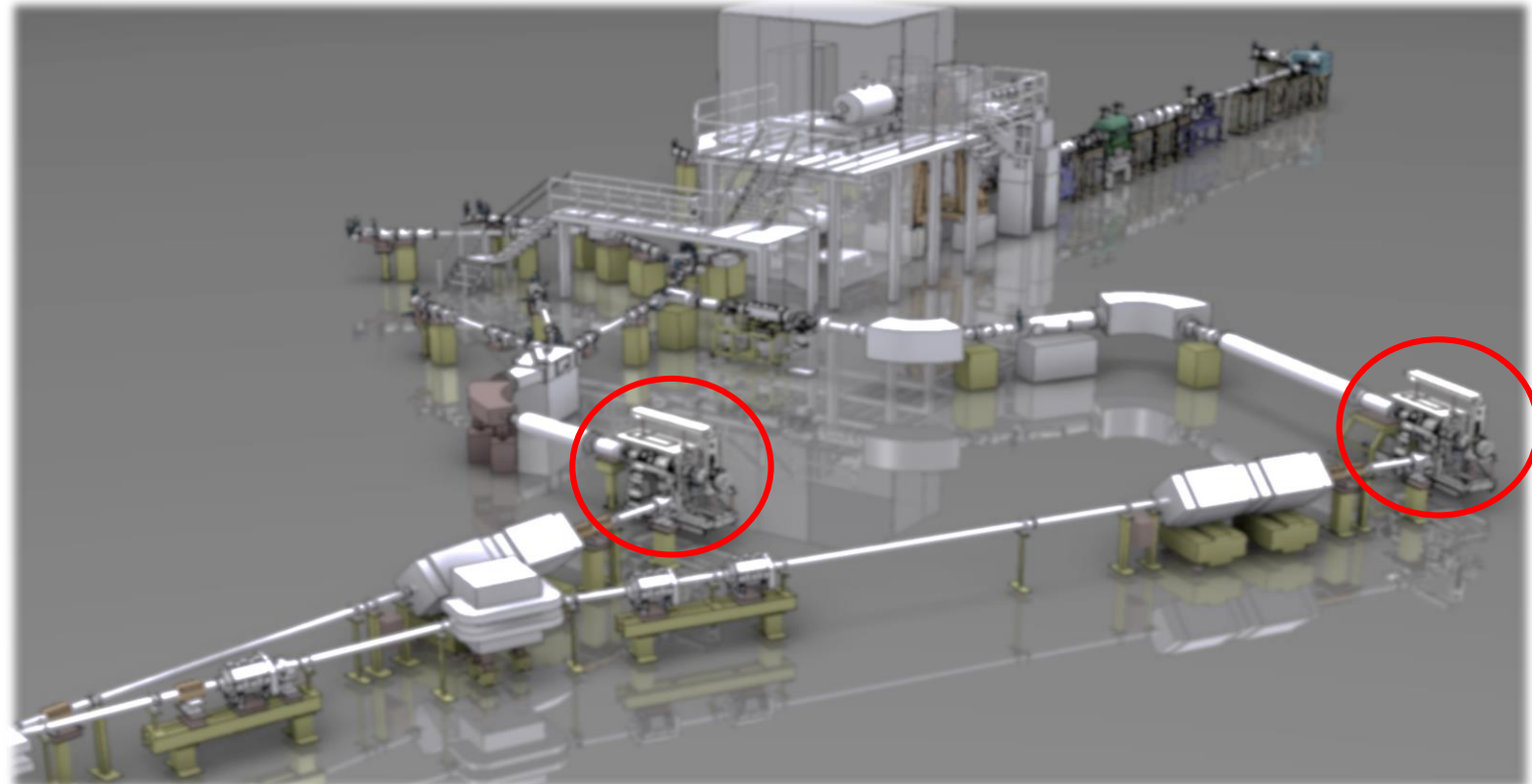
Facility restart with new parameters  
Operation with imported isotope sources from ILL, Arronax, NMC-Riga  
Distribution of purified isotopes to partner institutes



Non-medical projects (as approved by INTC/Research Board could be scheduled in the facility (eg isotope collections), provided it does not collide with the medical program

# New Frontends (10 & 11) for ISOLDE

- Replacement of the 2 ISOLDE target stations GPS and HRS that have come to the end of their lifetime
- Improvement of new Frontends for better reliability and maintainability.
- Installation September 2019 onwards



# Frontends: Actual situation

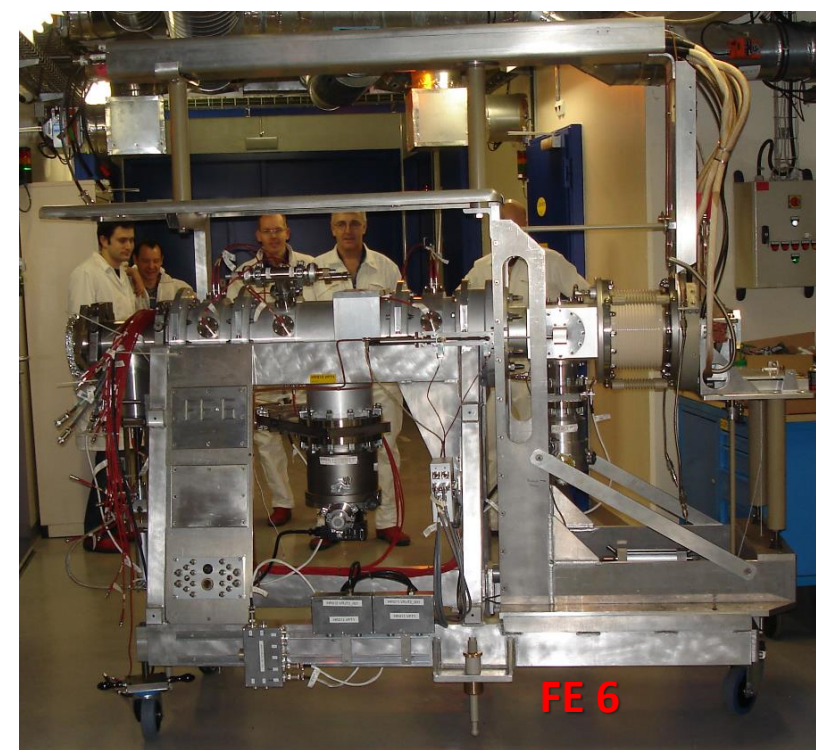
**FE 6** was installed on **HRS** **February 2010** (2010...2018 -> 9 years operation)

- Replacement of the Boris tube cabling
- replacement of FE3 (2001...2009 -> 9 years operation)
- 2011 increase of pressure to 10 bar on the shutter piston
- 2014 change of coupling table
- 2016 change of piston (with metallic segments and ball joint)

**FE 7** was installed on **GPS** **February 2011** (2011...2018 -> 8 years operation)

- Replacement of the Boris tube cabling
- replacement of FE4 (2002...2010 -> 9 years operation)
- 2011 increase of pressure to 10 bar on the shutter piston
- 2014 change of coupling table
- 2016 change of piston (with metallic segments and ball joint)

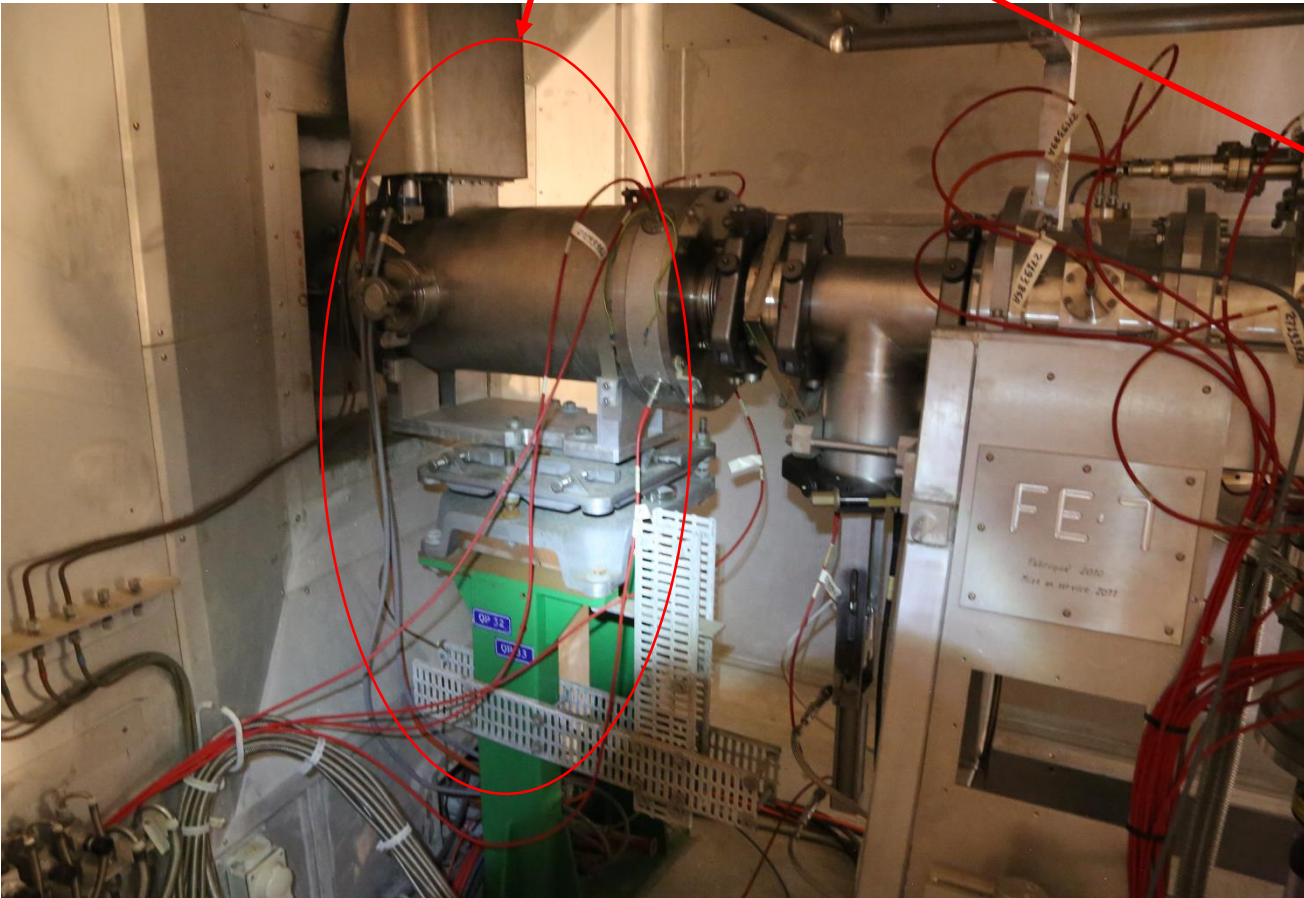
**FE 8** is installed on Off-Line 2 and **FE 9** is used for MEDICIS  
**FE 1, 2, 3, 4** are stored in ISR and **FE 5** is used on Off-line 1



# 1. Actual situation

GPS & HRS set of **deflectors & wire grid** very old (1992) and non operational => **to be replaced !!**

GPS



HRS

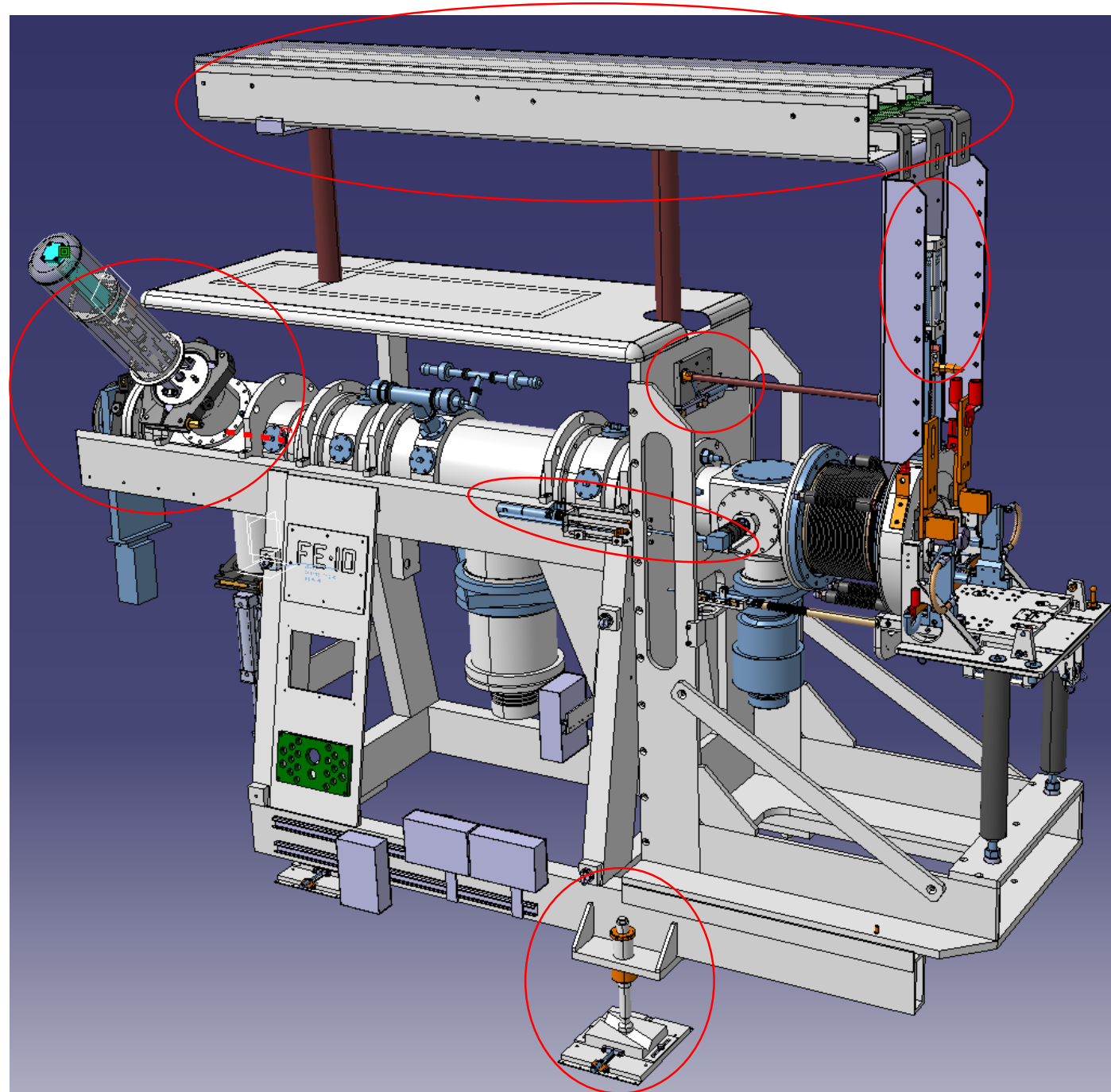


SHV patch panel HRS  
=> To be moved and  
replaced

## 2. Frontend 10 & 11 design

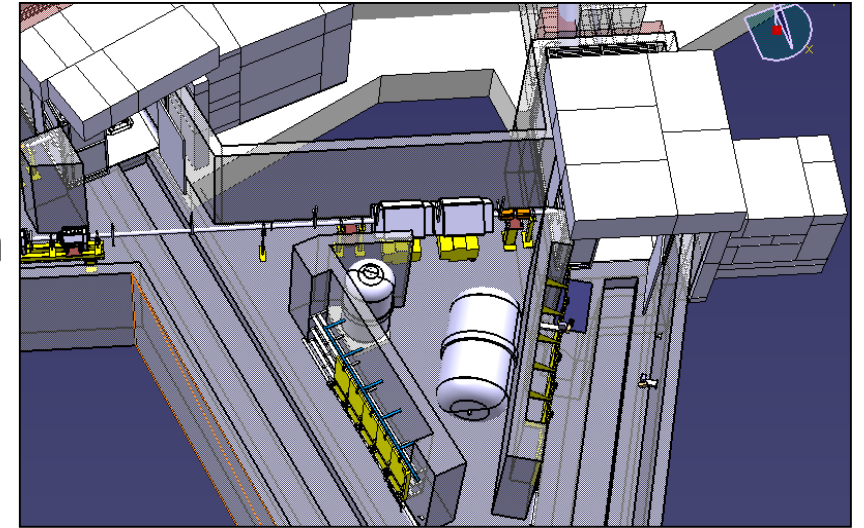
FE 10 & 11 main improvements :

- **Rear deflectors and BI instrumentation** (FC and wire grid) integrated on the same frame
- **Thicker cable tray** with Aluminium conductors
- Increase **diameter of the shutter** piston and all metal
- Consolidation of the **electrode movement** system (tested on MEDICIS)
- Integration of end **switches on the shutter** movement (tested on MEDICIS)
- Better **stability** of the frame



# Other target area activities

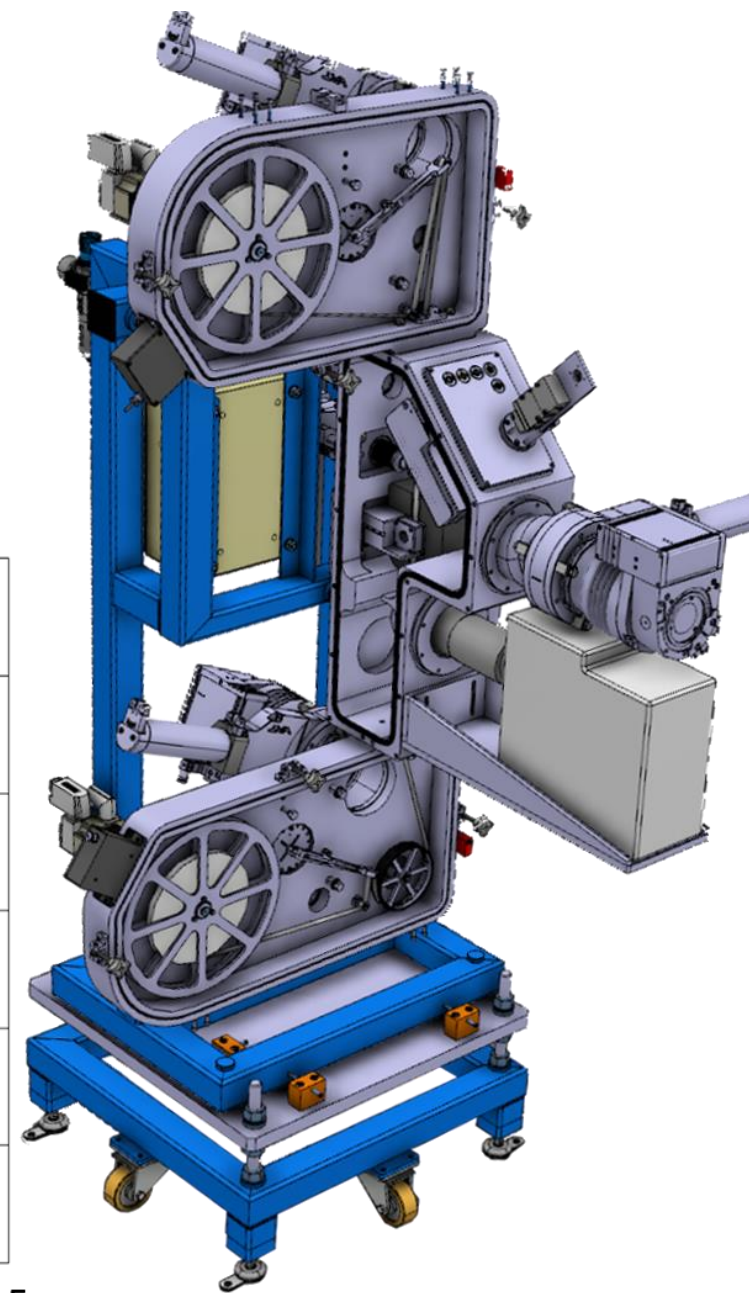
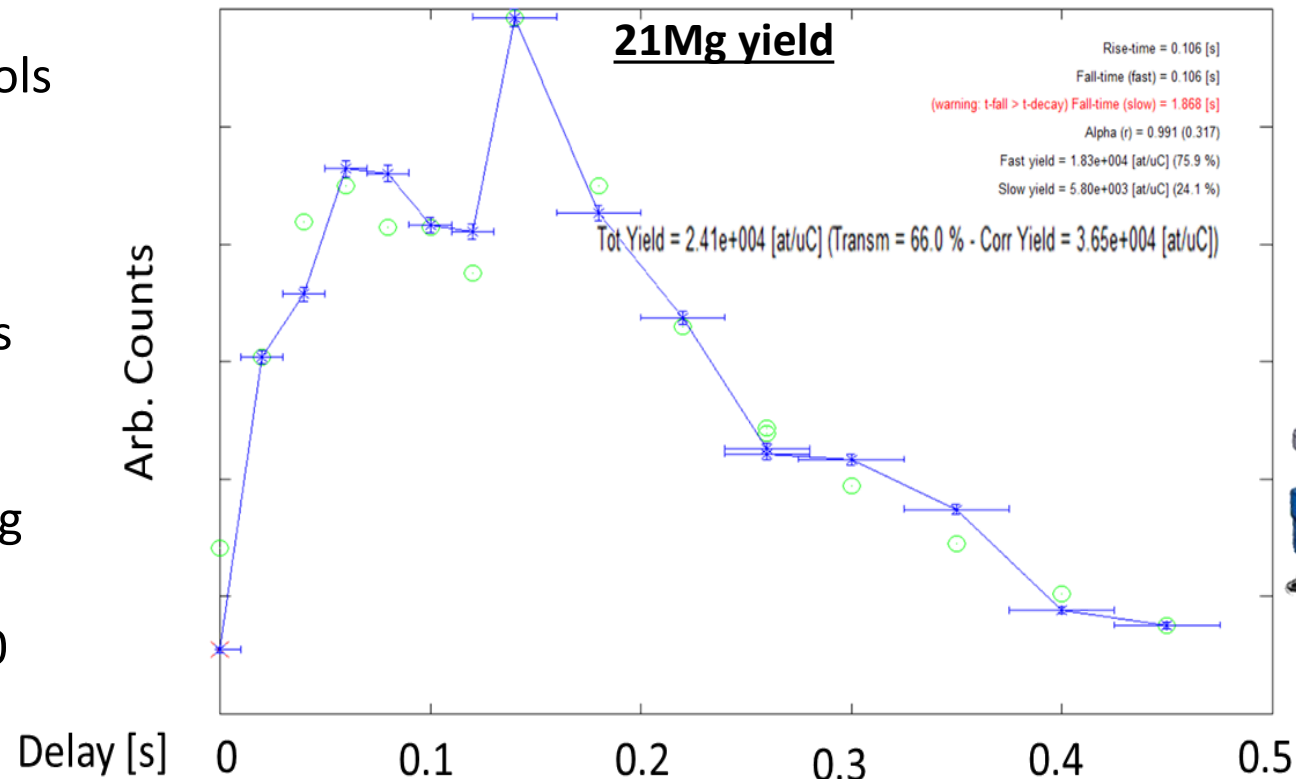
- Cameras
  - Revise and consolidate the current camera situation
    - Shield telescopic camera
- Safety requalification of gas storage tanks
  - Never been tested
  - Request by HSE to test or do visual inspection to continue to operate at > atm pressures
    - If not can only operate up to 1000 mbar Bar instead of 2800 mbar (absolute)
    - Volume of tanks 3m<sup>3</sup> and 5 m<sup>3</sup>
- Robot/Montrac maintenance and testing



# Fast Tape Station

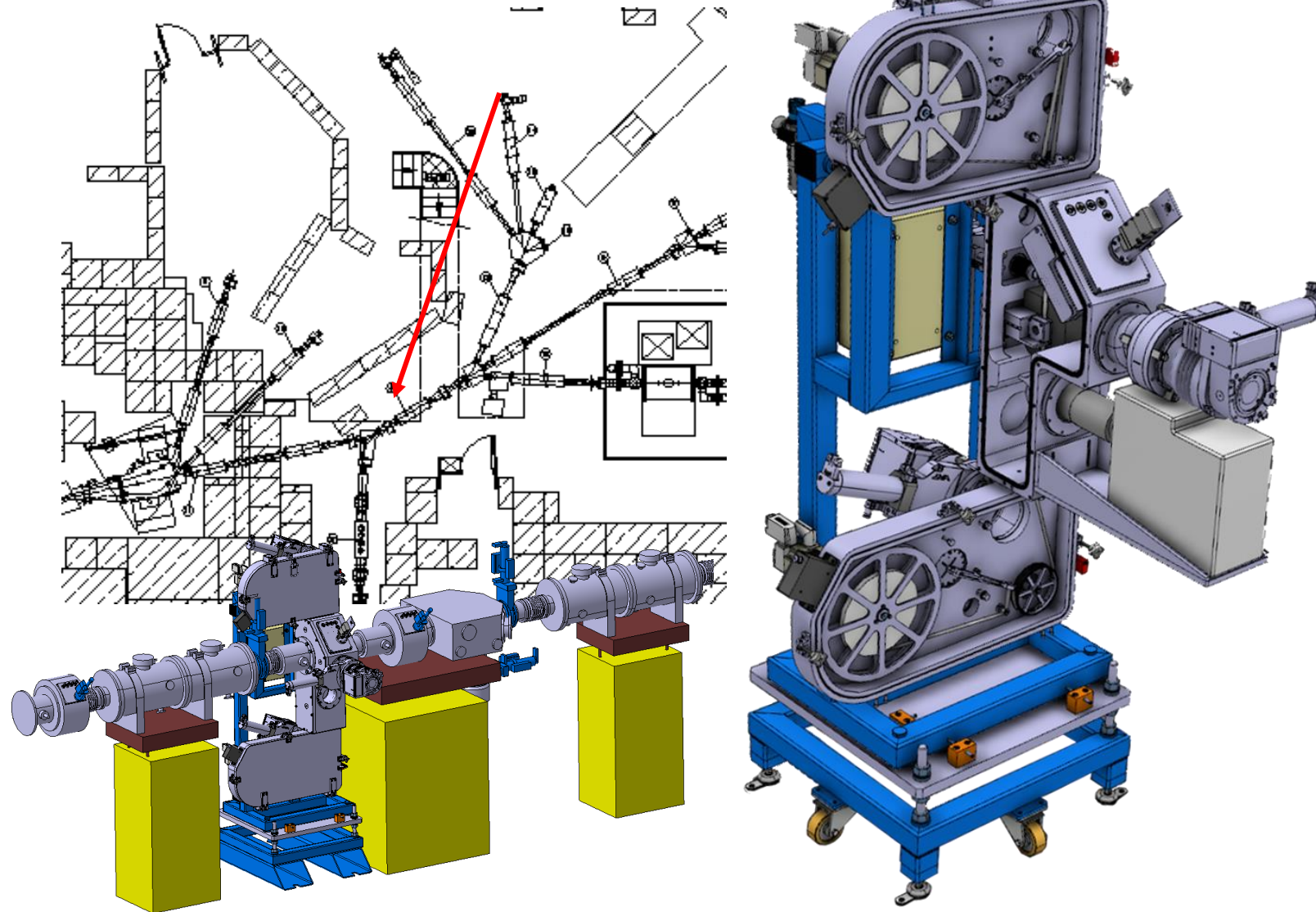
Commissioning underway:

- Release curves  $^{134}\text{Cs}$  - identical measured values old and new tape station.
- Beta detectors improved for  $2 \times 10^6$  counts/seconds rates
- Short lived isotope ( $^{21}\text{Mg}$ ,  $T_{1/2} = 122$  ms) yield measured for the **first time!**
- Mechanical controls tested
- Timing sequence tested
- Beam instruments installed and operational
- RIB commissioning continuing
- Installation in CA0 planned for 2019



# Fast tape station to central beam line

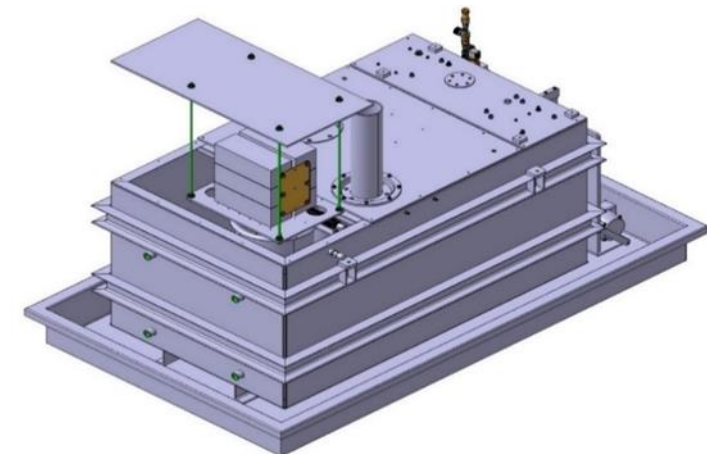
- Move from testing position at LA2 beam line to final location in the central beam line
- Replaces 42 years old tape station
- Will be the main instrumentation for the target characterisation and yield measurements
  - the “eyes and ears” of ISOLDE operations



# HT Modulator

- A second HT modulator (for the GPS) is planned to be installed during LS2
- However, the negative power supply will only be installed during the 2021-2022 YETS
  - No negative beams available until 2022.

HT (kV)	1E13ppp	2E13ppp	3E13ppp
30	350	370	370
40	400	480	550
50	530	650	750
55	-	-	870
60	620	780	980



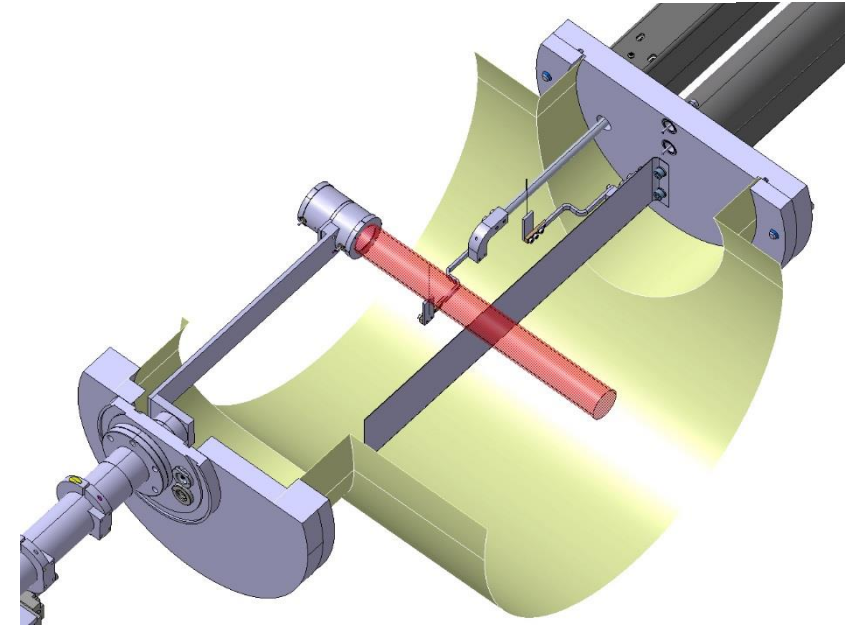
Recovery time ( $\mu$ s) of HT (+/-0.6V) with protons on convertor

# Beam diagnostics

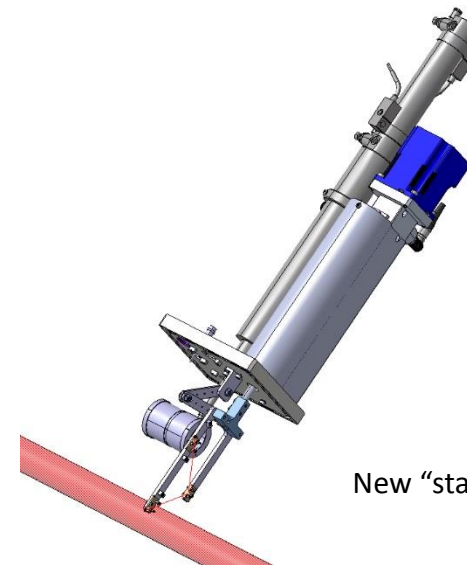
- BE-BI group to procure 20 FC/scanner units for low energy beam lines by Q1 2019
  - Need to prioritize which scanners are to be exchanged

	Total	REX	HIE	Low Energy
FC	64	8	23	32
Scanners	46	0	18	27

- Also new scanner units for the separators are under procurement
- To be installed in Q2 – Q4 in 2019



New HRS scanner/FC design



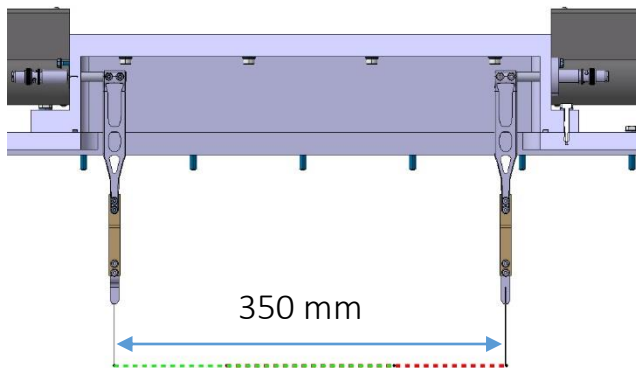
New "standard" scanner/FC design

# GPS Scanner: Specification Changes

Magnetically coupled push-pulls: 250 mm stroke  
+ 70 mm/needle: **Extra 140 mm to be allocated**

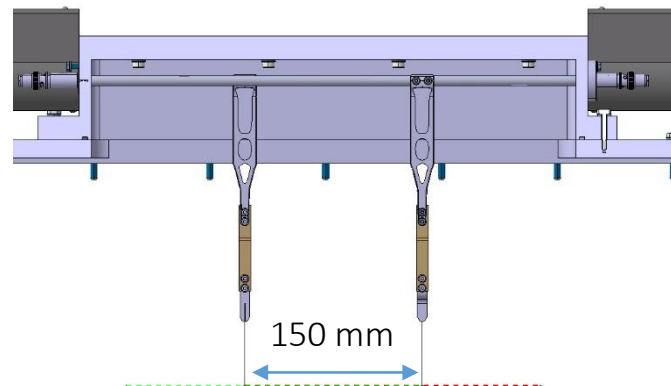
More **combined distance**

+ Covers different mass ranges



More **overlap** between two needles

+ Redundancy in case of failure of one needle,  
more versatile instrument



**Maximum useful overlap is 147 mm**  
with central beam = 21Ne

**Max. useful range of combined scanners**  
300 mm (mass range  $\pm 10\%$ )

No need for beam instrumentation at extreme  
edges when using mass ranges  $\pm 15\%$

T. Giles

	Combined range	Overlap
Current	300 mm	60 mm
<b>New</b>	350 mm	<b>150 mm</b>

# ISOLDE Hall: Separator upgrades

- Mechanical slits on HRS
  - Revise the mechanics (EN-STI-RBS)
- Replacement of flexible compressed air lines
  - 5 yearly preventive maintenance
- *Installation of Fast Tape Station in CA0 beam line*
- Target and ion source gas system to be refurbished
  - Mechanical parts and leak reparation
- Beam gate controls in ICR
- *Beam diagnostics*
- N2 supply line for experiments
- CRIS platform integration and installation?
- *Installation of second HT modulator*

# Vacuum

- Maintenance of turbopumps and replacement of oil of primary pumps
- Consolidation of turbopumps (replacement of 6 TMPs)
- Repair leak in tank 1 of exhaust system.
- Replace Profibus full range gauges by compact full range gauges in experimental hall
- Replace REX roughing pump
- Consolidation of compressed air system and installation of reservoirs to better protect the vacuum system against power cuts.
- Support FE installation
- Interventions planned for May/June 2020

# Water

Machine	Circuits	Stop	Start
ISOLDE	Cryo-primary	18/12/2018	01/04/20
	BTY magnet cooling	18/12/2018	26/02/21
	Hall (incl. Separators, REXEBIS and REXTRAP)	18/12/2018	28/02/19
	HIE-ISOLDE (HEBT lines + triplets REX + RF B. 199)	18/12/2018	01/05/20
	Target cooling	10/12/18	...31/07/20
	Mixed water cooling (Ampli RF bldg. 170 + REX cavities)	18/12/2018	31/07/19

# Electricity

- Cut of 18kV power to ISOLDE

- 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019
- UIAC-19701
- Groupe Trane UHF1-0101
- EWD15\*80 (Armoire CV local 197/R-401)
- EBD12\*80 : Hvac bâtiment 508/R-006
- Tableaux machines : ERD11\*80, EXD32\*80, ERD5\*80 ERD2\*80, EXD12\*80, EXD16\*80
- Armoire UIA0-00045 CLIM REX ISOLDE
- Ventilation hall 170 local 170/3-401 (Passerelle sur bâtiment 197)
- UIAC-00094 Bâtiment 179/1-023

Stops already announced:

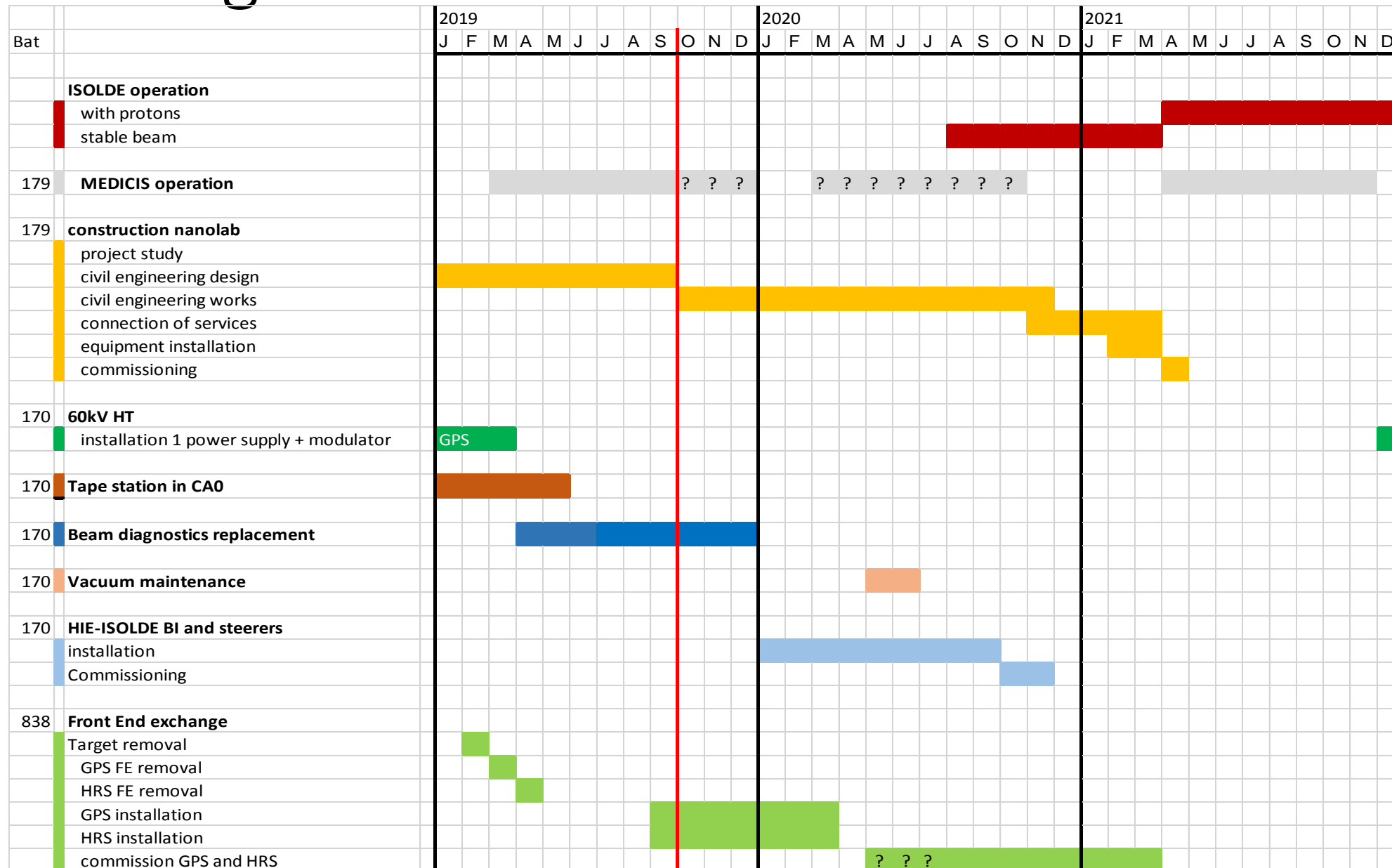
19/12/2018 06:00 to 06:30

Weekend du 20/01/2019 AUG tests PS/Booster

- Punctual stops throughout 2019 with prior notice

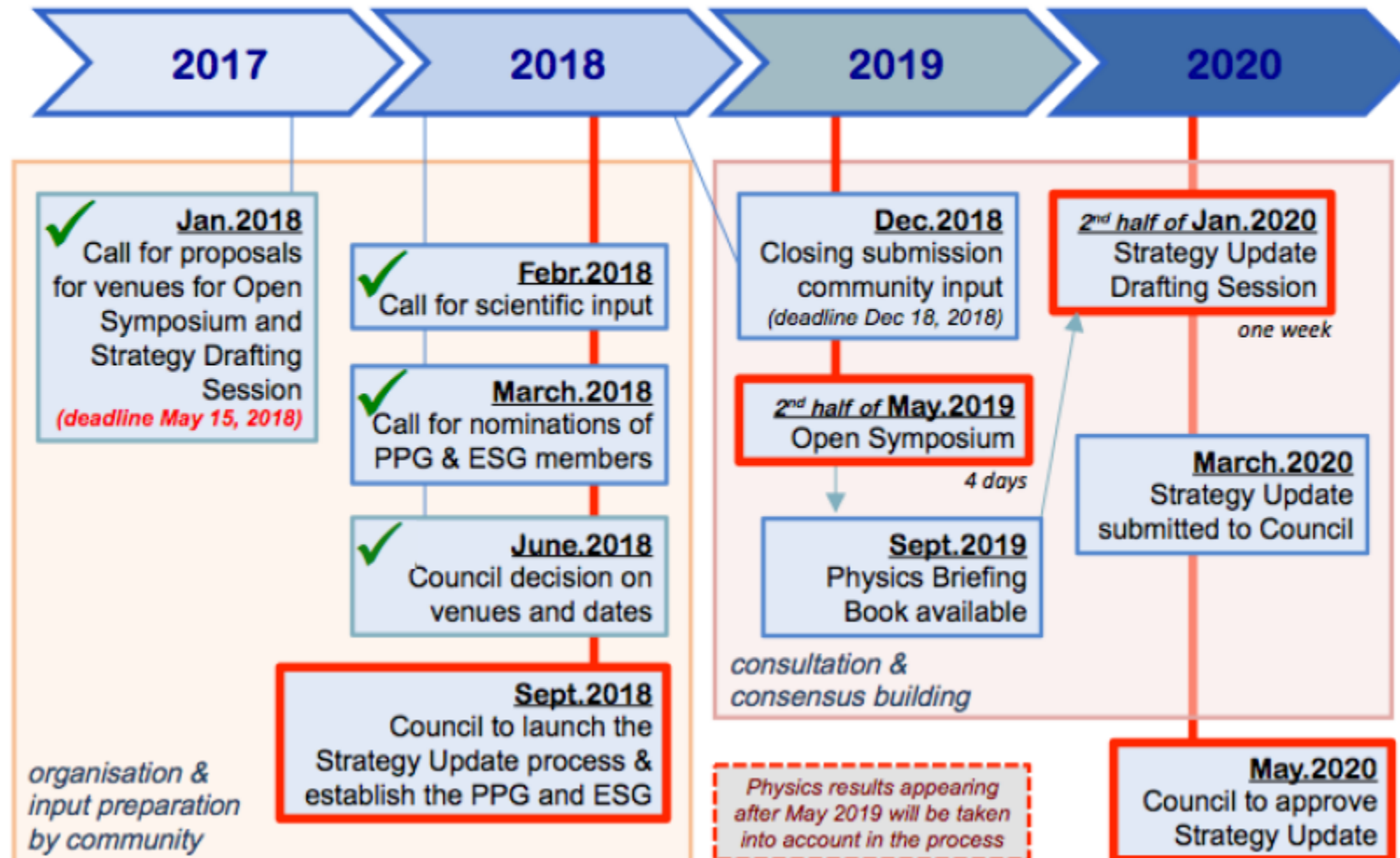
# Ventilation and compressed air

- Ventilation
  - 4 weeks stop of ventilation systems throughout ISOLDE
- Cooling maintenance
  - 4 weeks during the stop of the cryo-compressor
  - Proposed dates January and February 2019
- Compressed air will be operational throughout LS2



...and Outlook for the Future

# European Particle Physics Strategy Update



## The **EPIC** project:

### **Exploiting the Potential of ISOLDE at CERN**

*the ISOLDE Collaboration input to the European Strategy for Particle Physics update*

**Gerda Neyens, ISOLDE Collaboration Spokesperson**

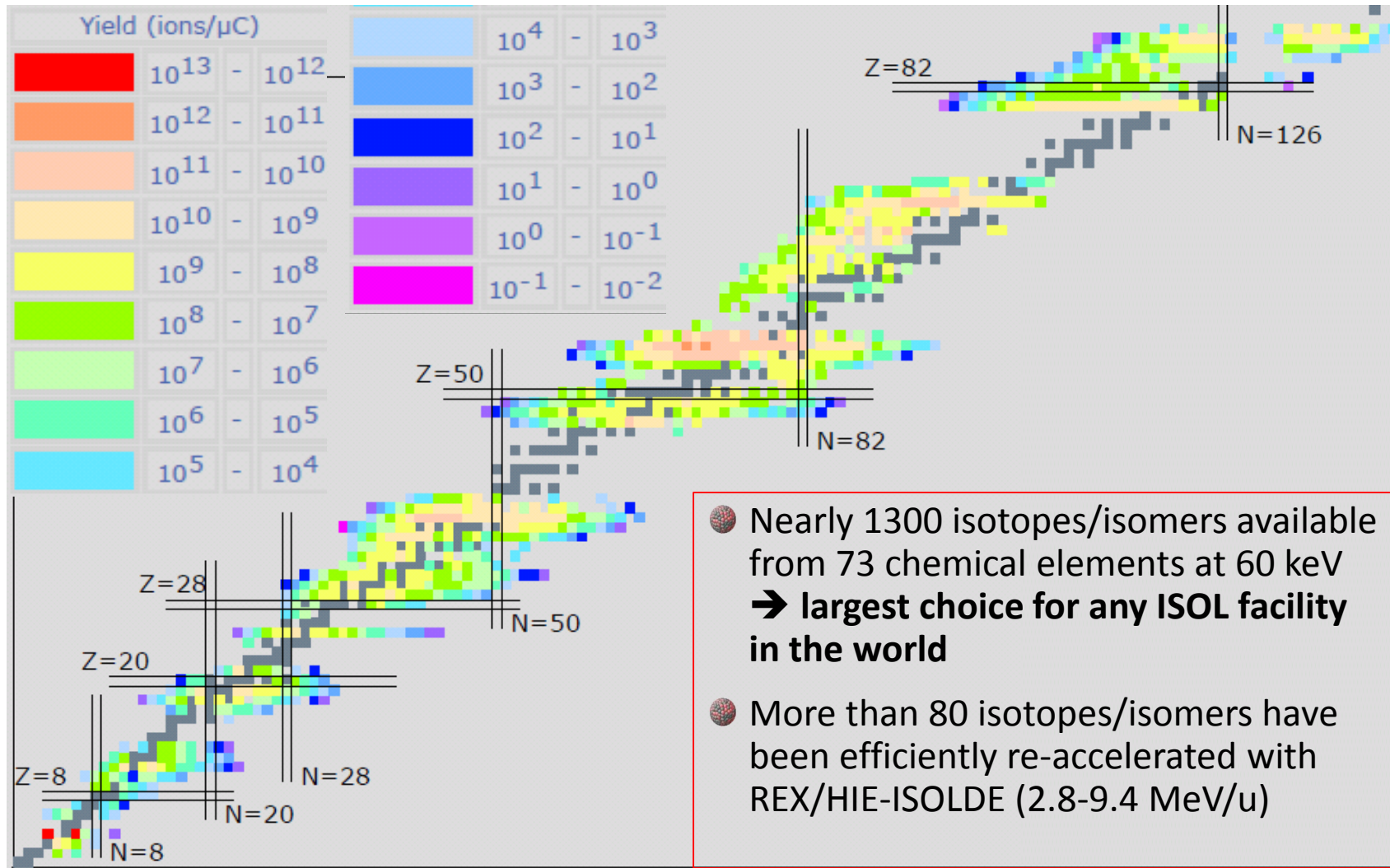
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Karsten Riisager, Chair of the ISOLDE and n-TOF (INTC) program committee

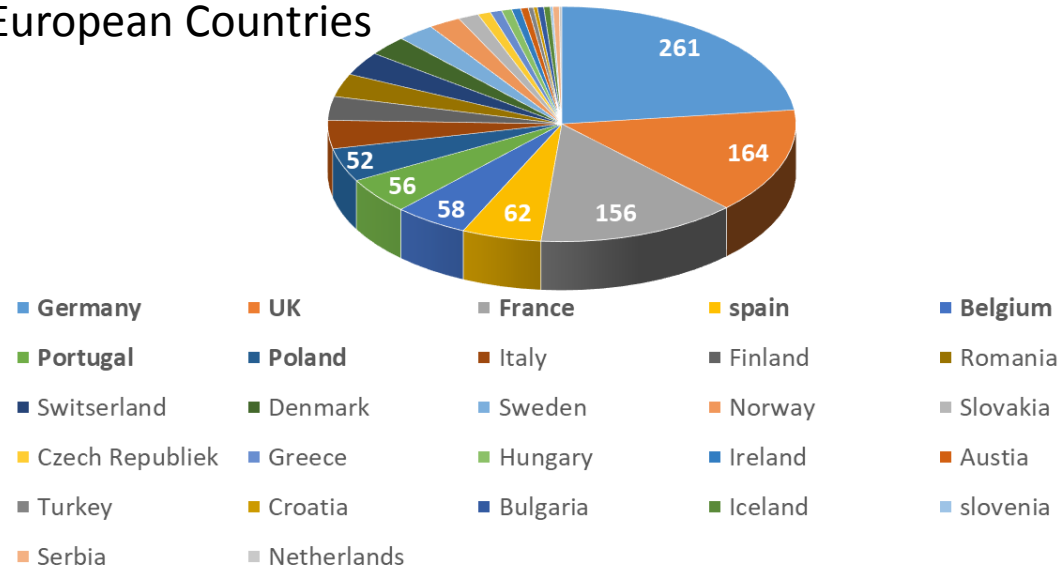
With many thanks to Klaus Blaum, Yuri Litvinov, Ronald Garcia Ruiz, Kieran Flanagan, Manfred Grieser, Erwin Siesling, Tim Giles and many others...

# Present ISOLDE beams



# The ISOLDE users community

## European Countries

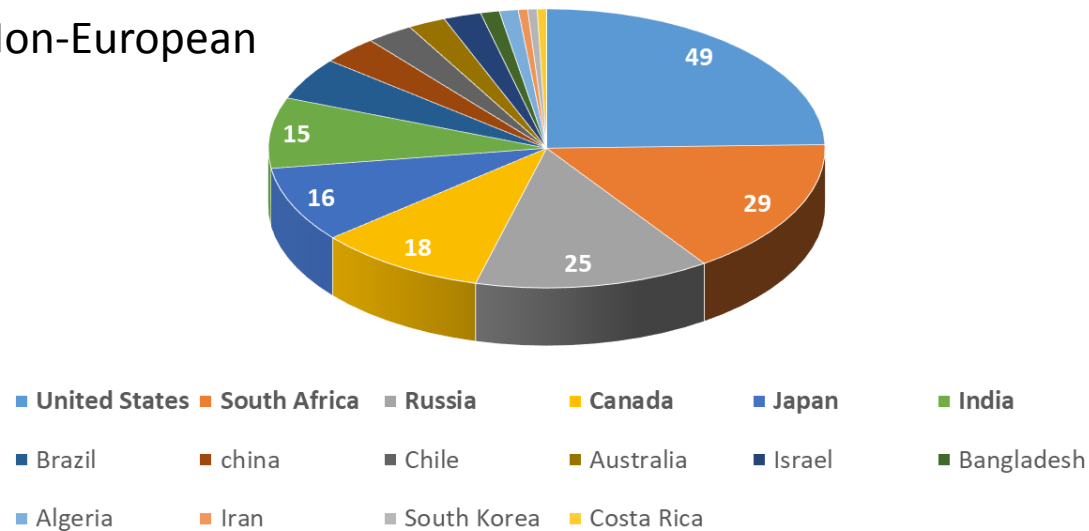


Since post-accelerated beams became available: continuous growing users community !

## ISOLDE USERS:

- In pre-HIE-ISOLDE era: 500-600
- Today: 1314 !
  - ✓ From 43 countries
  - ✓ From > 200 institutions
  - ✓ From all around the world

## Non-European



# 3 objectives

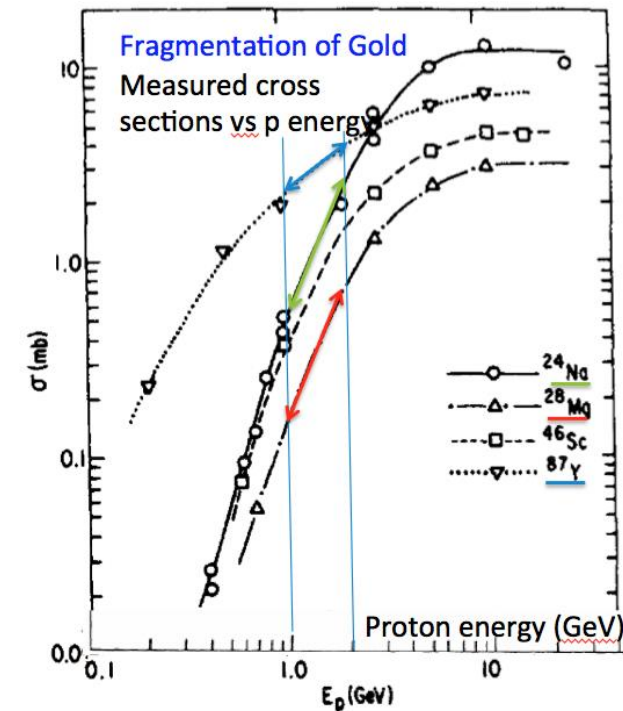
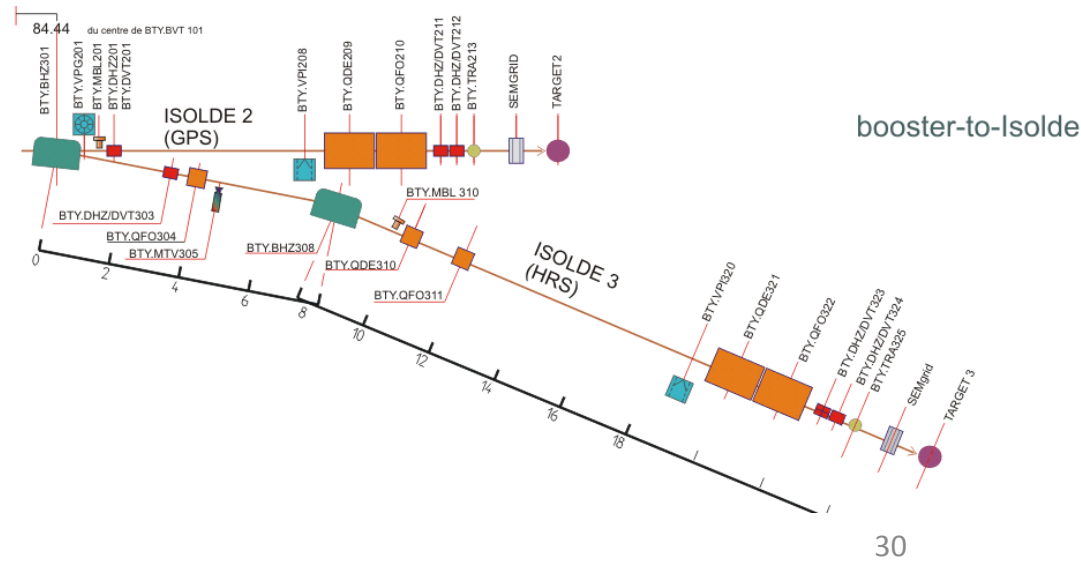
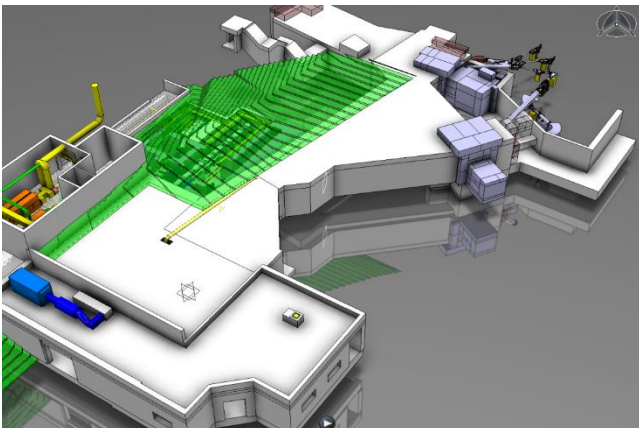
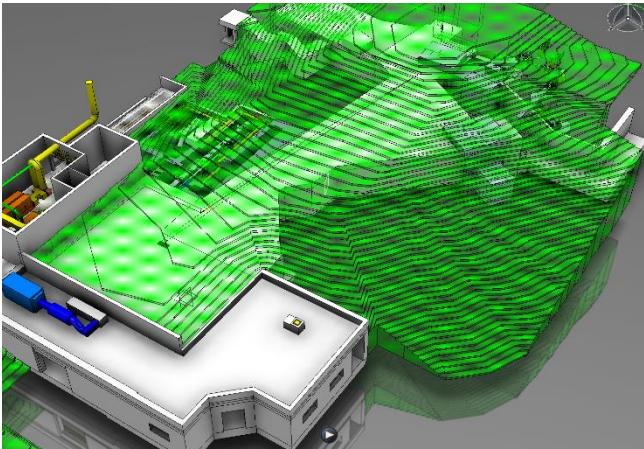
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- Profit from increased driver beam energy and intensity (2 GeV, 4  $\mu$ A), thanks to CERN's investment in the LHC Injector Upgrade (LIU) and improve the exploitation of the existing infrastructure
- Have multiple simultaneous beams for users
- A new storage ring for short-lived, light and heavy ions

# Objective 1

## Profit from increased driver beam energy (2 GeV) and intensity (4 $\mu\text{A}$ )

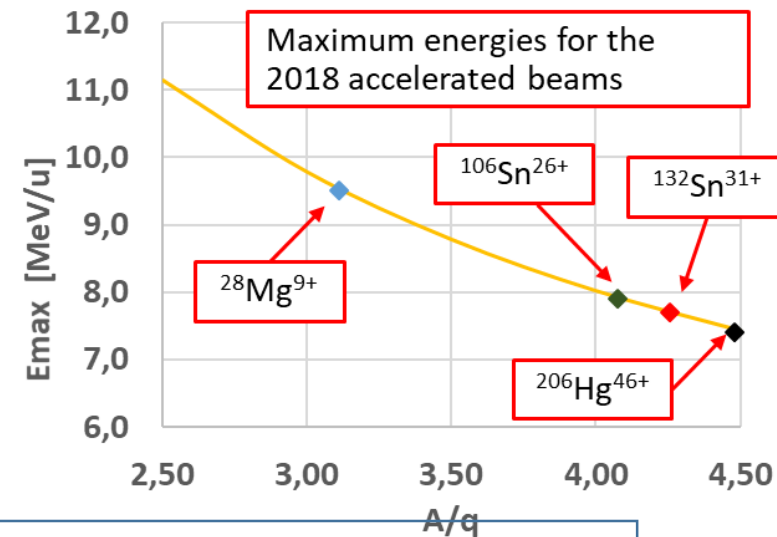
- Take advantage of CERN's LHC Injector Upgrade (LIU): higher proton intensities from LINAC4 and Booster energy increase from 1.4 GeV to 2 GeV
- GAIN FOR ISOLDE: **Higher radioactive beam intensities** for fragmentation and spallation products (gain between factor of 2 and more than 10 in intensity)
- **NEED INVESTMENTS, in order for ISOLDE TO RECEIVE THESE BEAMS:**
  - New beam dumps to cope with higher power
  - New transfer line from booster to ISOLDE



# Objective 1

## And improve the exploitation of the existing infrastructure

- HIE-ISOLDE post-accelerator design goal:  
beams up to 10 MeV/u, for light and heavy beams  
NOW: max 9.4 MeV/u for light beams  
max 7.4 MeV/u for heavy beams



### SOLUTIONS TO REACH FULL ENERGY POTENTIAL:

- ✓ Have all cavities working after LS2 !
- ✓ FINALIZE the HIE-ISOLDE energy upgrade:  
post-accelerated beams in the full (low) energy range from 0.3 and 2.8 MeV/u  
(most important for astrophysics experiments) and up to 10 MeV/u  
**METHOD: upgrade of the (20 years old!) REX-part of the HIE-ISOLDE LINAC**

# Objective 2

## Have multiple simultaneous and better quality beams

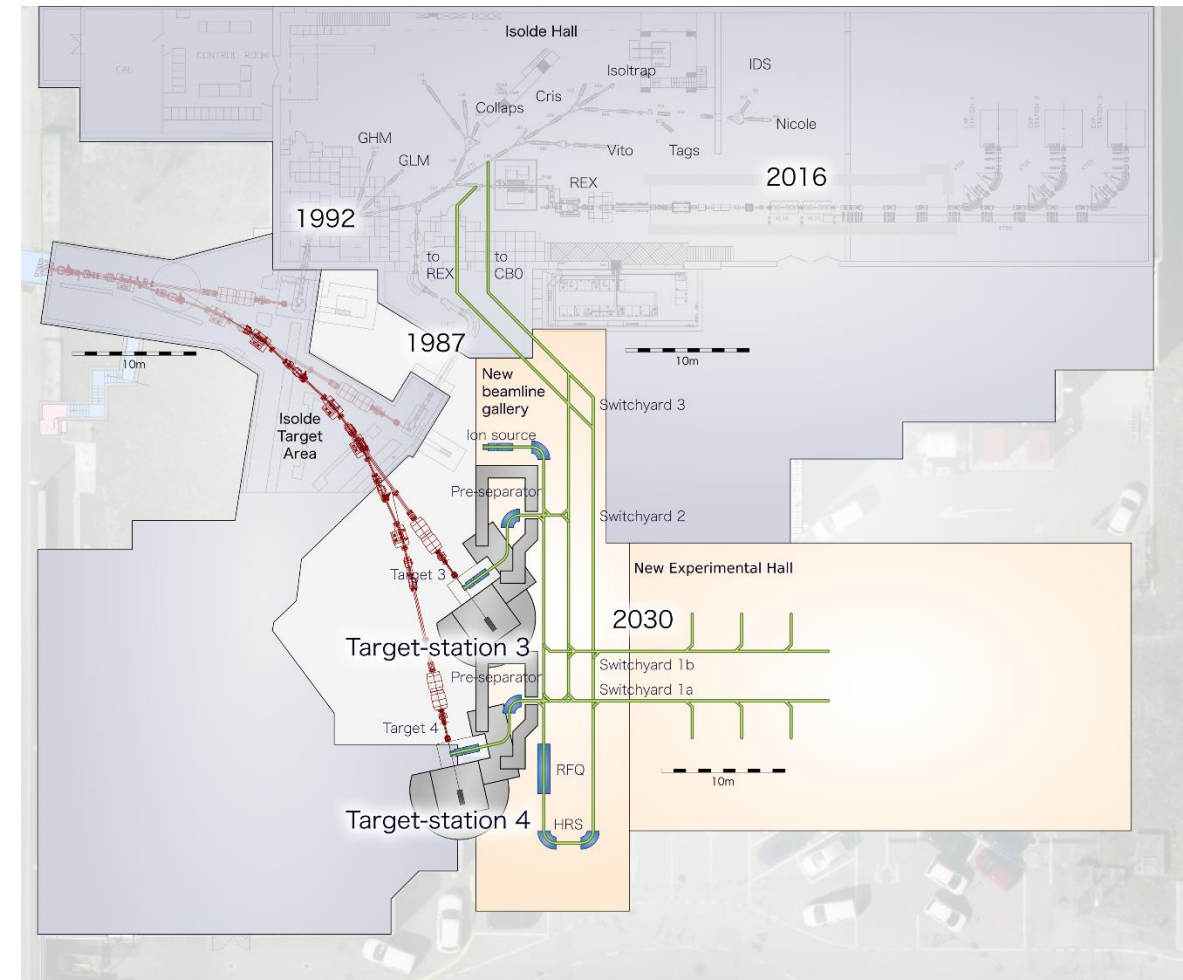
- GOAL: serve the ever-growing ISOLDE users community, who pursue a very diverse research program
  - in nuclear physics,
  - fundamental interaction studies,
  - atomic physics
  - nuclear astrophysics
  - material sciences
  - biochemical/ medical research

- **METHOD:**

- 1. Two new additional target stations**

Preliminary design: Tim Giles, presented at the  
EMIS 2018 Conference, CERN

See Poster 11 at this workshop



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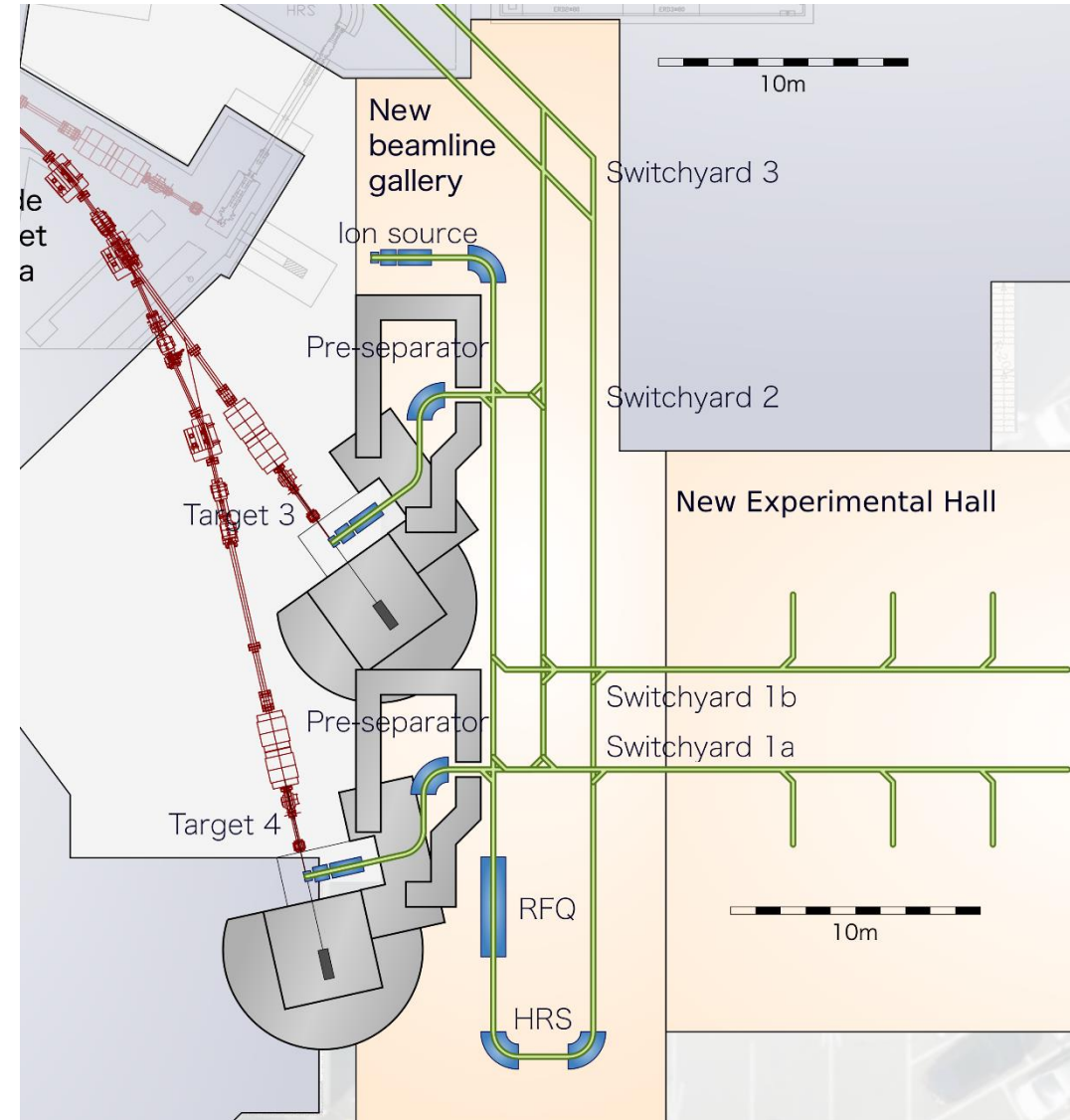
## Have multiple simultaneous better quality beams

### ➤ METHOD:

1. Two new additional target stations

**2. A new high-resolution mass separator**  
(state-of-the-art) to deliver purer beams  
(very important for HIE-ISOLDE operations)

➔ currently, some RIB's cannot  
be efficiently accelerated due to  
contamination that is too high



# Objective 3

## A new compact storage ring for light and heavy ions

- Stored radioactive beams have many advantages:
  - Can be used multiple times in an in-ring detector (luminosity increase)
  - Can be cooled to deliver excellent quality beams to external experiments for high-precision studies

➤ **Research areas:**  
nuclear ground-state properties,  
reaction studies of astrophysical relevance,  
investigations with highly-charged ions  
studies with pure isomeric beams  
(e.g. fundamental constants)

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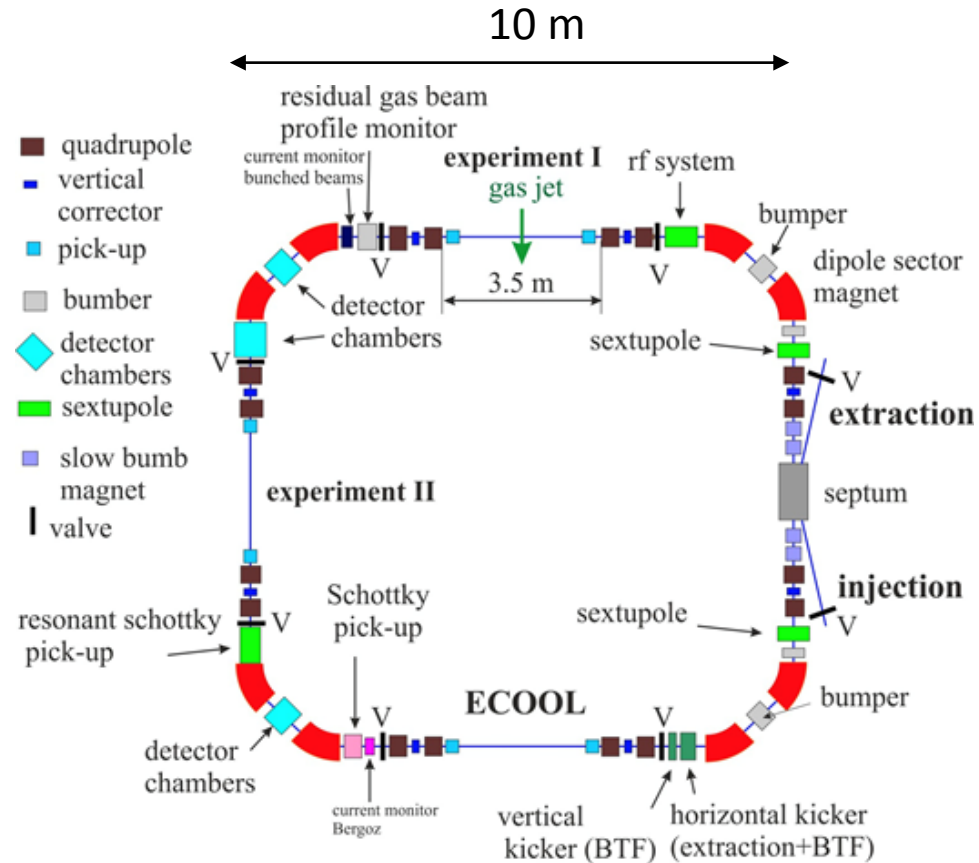
Storage Ring Facility at HIE-ISOLDE



A photograph of the ion storage ring TSR at the Max-Planck Institute for Nuclear Physics in Heidelberg. It is proposed to install this ring at the HIE-ISOLDE facility in CERN, thus enabling a variety of unique experiments in nuclear-, astro- and atomic physics.

# Objective 3

## A new compact storage ring for light and heavy ions



**Preliminary design:**

Manfred Grieser, MPI-K Heidelberg

**Preliminary integration in ISOLDE:**

Erwin Siesling

# Possible ISR integration



- Most of HIE-ISOLDE and many ISOLDE proposals suffer from low intensity  
→ **unnecessary prolongation of beam times.**
- **New and more exotic species will be available** with the increase of intensities: **from x2-x5** for fragmentation, x1 – x2 for fission, **x6-x10** for spallation.
- Exploit the **full range of energies** of HIE-ISOLDE by implementing Phase 3 of the project
- Several HIE-ISOLDE experiments cannot reach full intensity due to contamination in the ISOLDE beam → **need better beam purification (new HRS mass separator, ...)**
- New target stations will allow **operation of low-energy and high-energy experiments**, more than doubling the available beam time.
- **Multi usage** and **cooled beams** from the storage ring

# End of Run 2 party

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- Building 508 at 16:30 tomorrow
- You are all invited