

Physics highlights and perspectives of FAIR

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- Introduction to FAIR
- Status of FAIR construction
- Scientific perspectives
 - Primary beams
 - Exotic beams
 - Storage rings
- Summary and Outlook



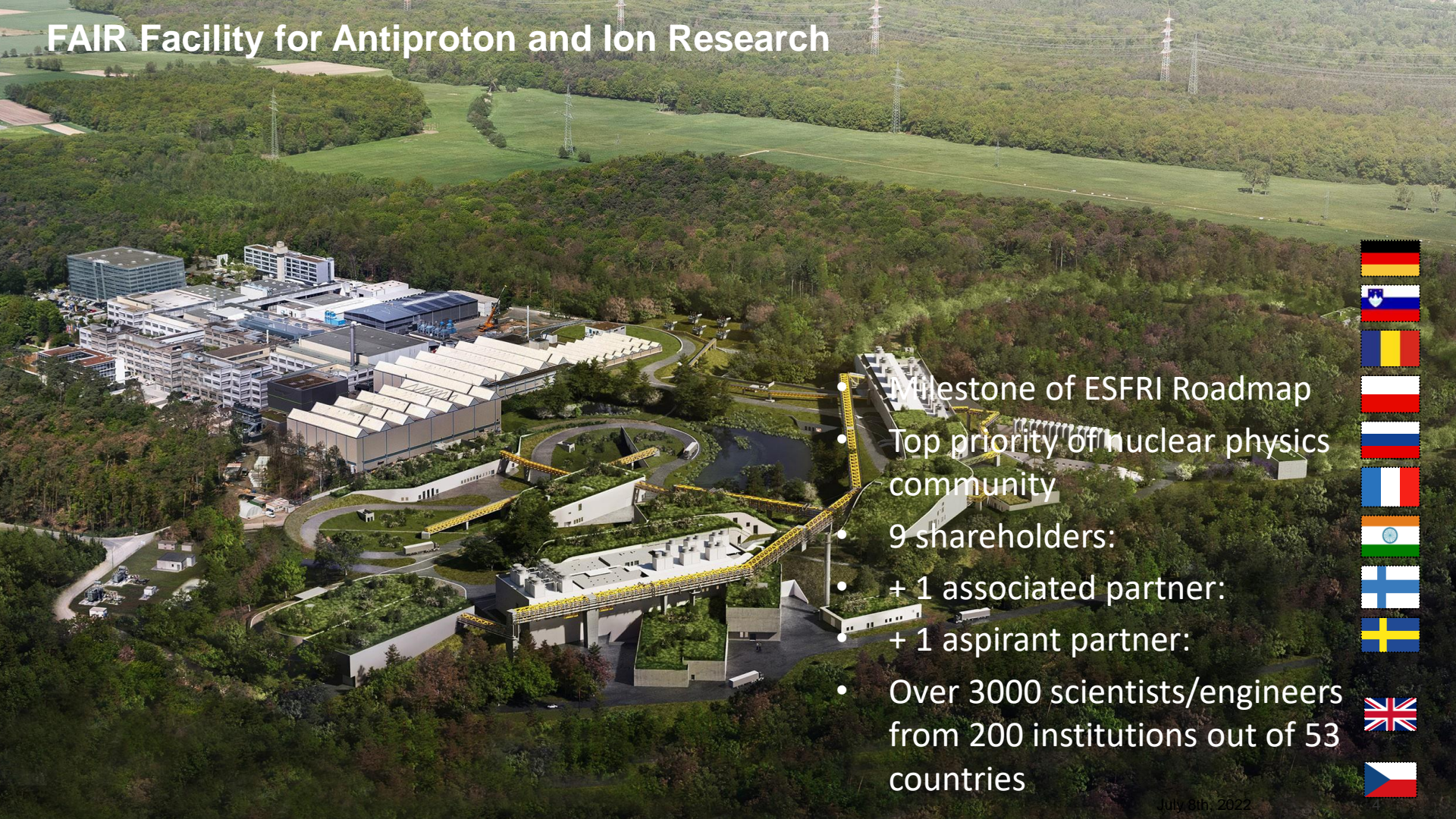
FAIR Facility for Antiproton and Ion research



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FAIR Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research



- Milestone of ESFRI Roadmap
- Top priority of nuclear physics community
- 9 shareholders:
- + 1 associated partner:
- + 1 aspirant partner:
- Over 3000 scientists/engineers from 200 institutions out of 53 countries

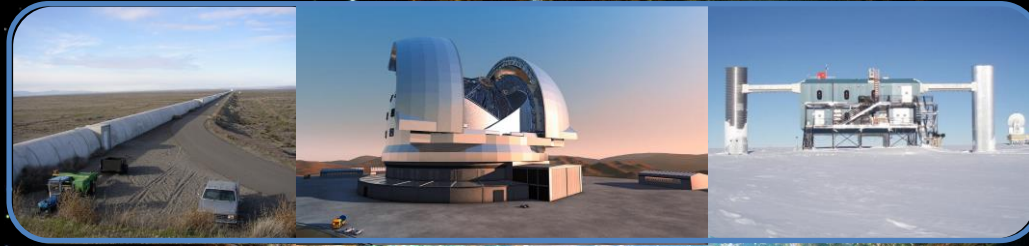




**FAIR Objective:
Creating extreme
conditions existing in
universe with heavy-
ion accelerators...**

The begin of a new era

Multimessenger astrophysics



Nuclear physics



Simulations



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... to answer fundamental questions:



Synthesis of chemical elements in the cosmos



Building blocks of life: Production of carbon and oxygen in stars



Neutron star mergers: equation of state, strong force, neutron rich nuclei



Matter in the interior of Earth and of large planets

with direct applications



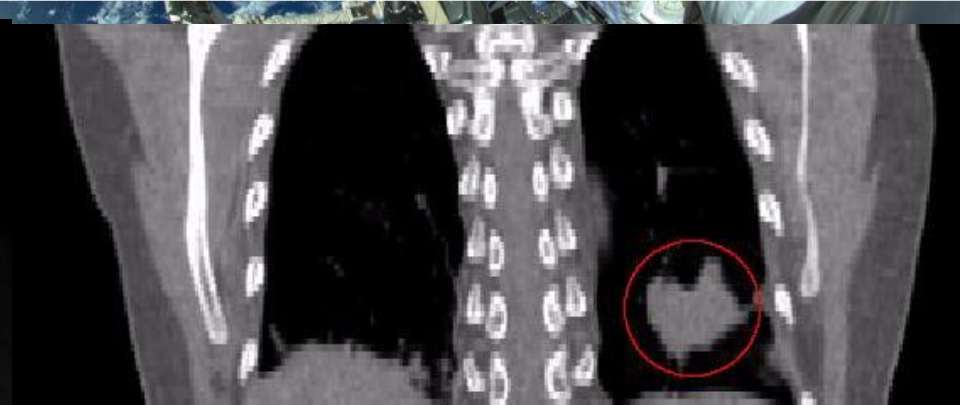
High-performance and scientific computing, big data, green IT



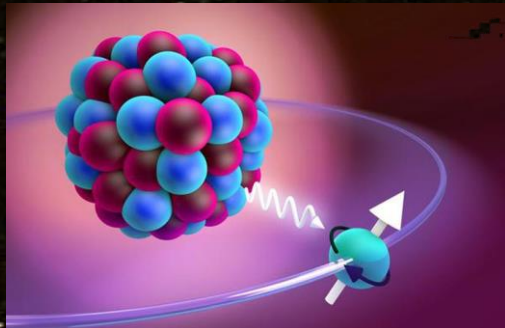
Space radiation protection investigations in collaboration with ESA



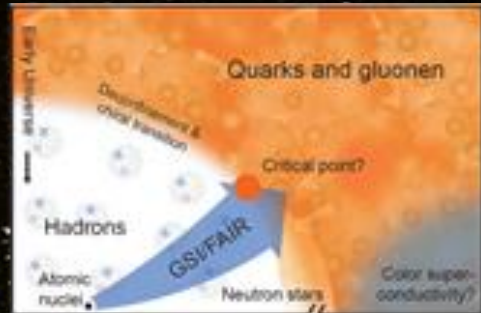
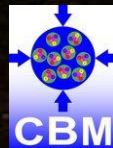
Development of nuclear clock:
Promising candidate thorium-229



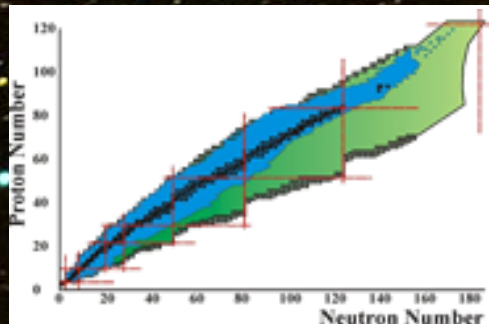
Novel applications for tumor and non-tumor diseases



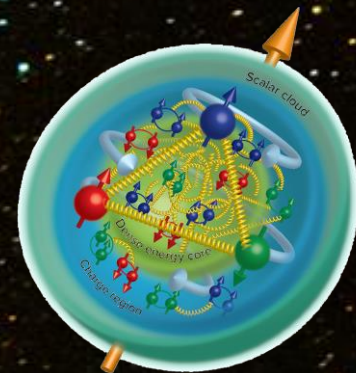
- Precision tests of QED
- Cosmic ray simulator for irradiation studies
- Materials under high pressure



- QCD matter at high baryon densities
- Phase transition and critical point
- Particles in dense medium

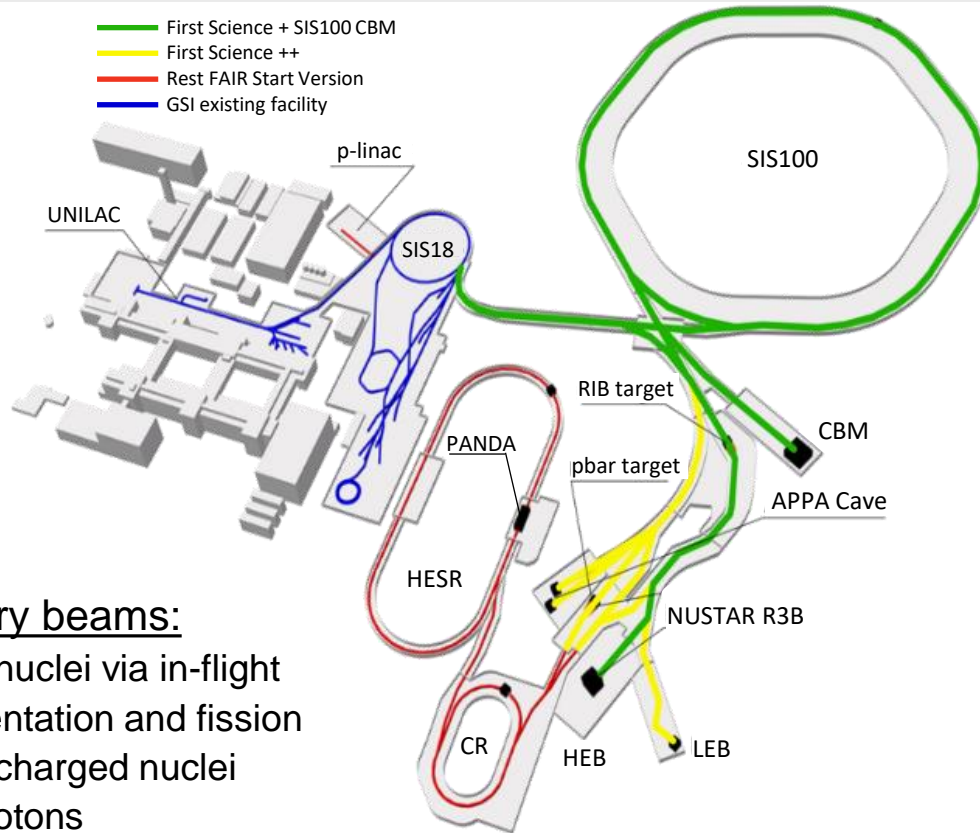


- Nucleosynthesis of heavy elements
- Structure of exotic nuclei (e.g. hyper nuclei)
- Neutron matter equation of state



- Gluonic excitations: Hybrids, glueballs
- Precision spectroscopy of charmonium states
- Time-like form factors, nucleon structure

FAIR Accelerator facilities



Secondary beams:

- exotic nuclei via in-flight fragmentation and fission
- highly charged nuclei
- anti-protons

SIS100 primary beams:

- $10^9/s$ Au up 11 GeV/u
- $10^9/s$ C, Ca, ... upto 14 GeV/u
- $10^{11}/s$ p up to 29 GeV/u

Timeline

2018 start of FAIR Phase-0 at upgraded GSI facilities

2023 concrete construction completed

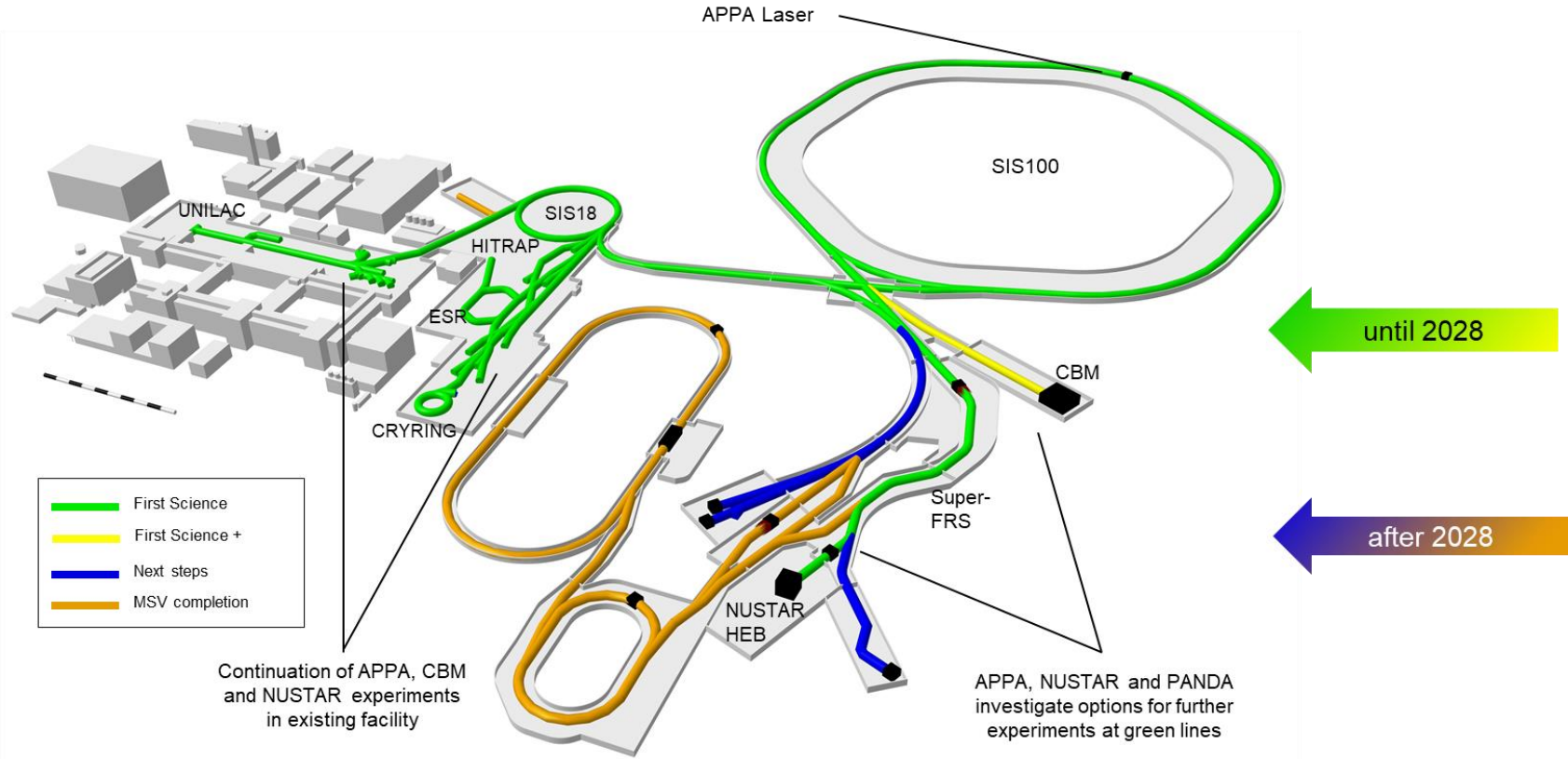
2024 start of accelerator installation

2027 first experiments with SIS18 beam

2028 start of operation with SIS100

GSI facilities continue operation

Current prospects



Concrete works finished Q4 2023



APPA

NUSTAR HEB

NUSTAR LEB

S-FRS

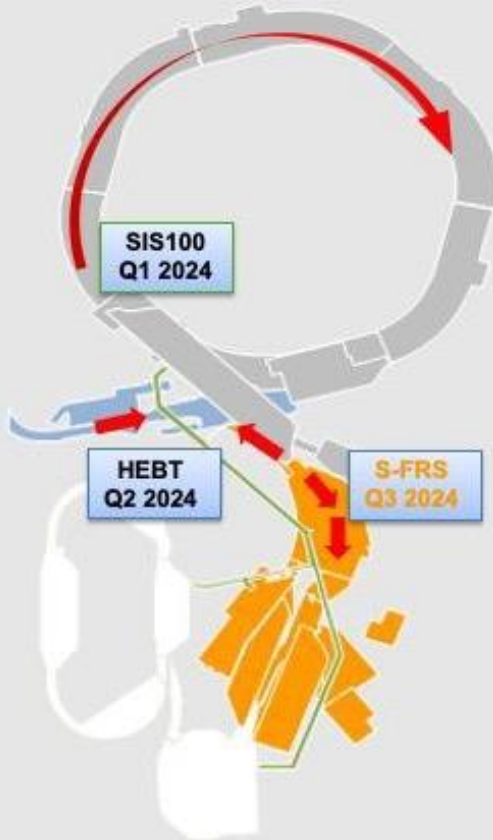
CBM

CRYO 2

SIS100

Drone video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wTCkZdeql8I>

FAIR Start of installations



Ongoing installation work

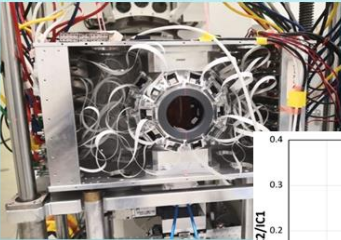
Future

SIS100

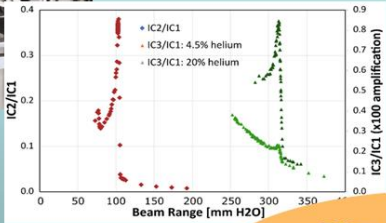


FAIR Detector R&D and construction


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Medical applications:
Two ion species within one bunch

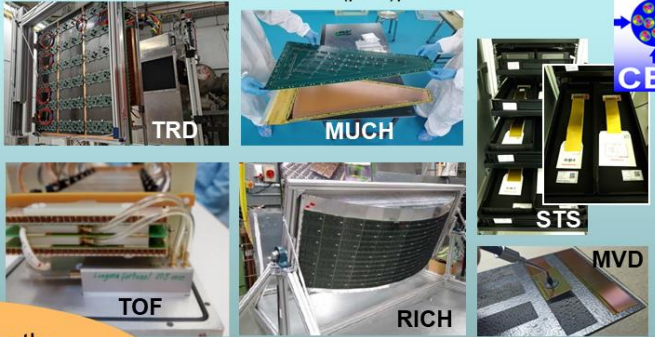
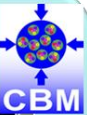


BARB PET




CBM

CBM detectors (pre-)production

Effort to best use the part of FAIR which will be available by 2028


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DESPEC Gamma-ray hybrid array



HYDRA TPC inside GLAD



R3B Target area
Recoil tracking Stage 1

PANDA

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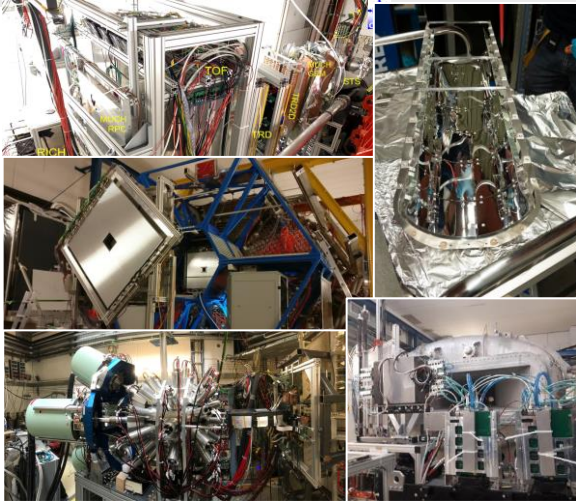
EMC tests in Jülich



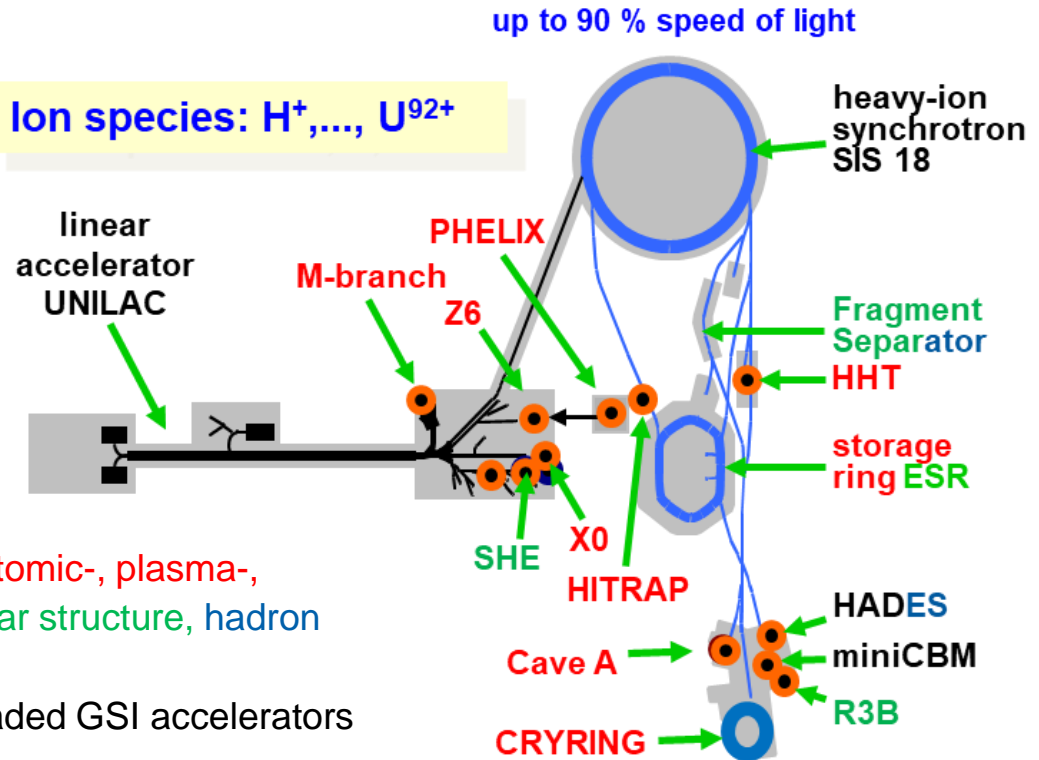
Autom. teststand for tracker in Krakow

FAIR Phase-0

Research program at upgraded GSI accelerators using FAIR detectors



Ion species: H^+, \dots, U^{92+}



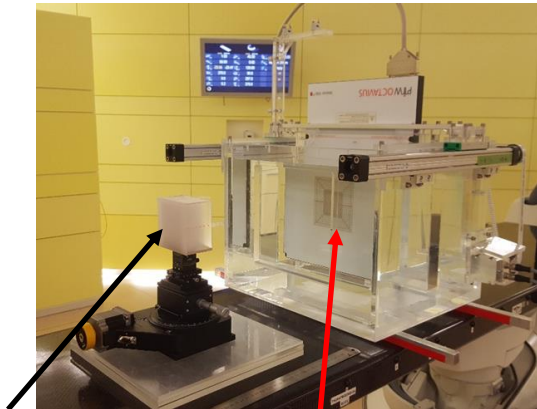
FAIR Phase-0 started in 2019

- Stepwise approach to FAIR science: atomic-, plasma-, biophysics, materials research, nuclear structure, hadron physics, dense matter physics
- Commissioning and operation of upgraded GSI accelerators and newly built FAIR detectors
- Education and training of early career researchers

Primary beams

Biophysics: Cosmic ray simulator

- At FAIR nearly the full space spectrum will be reproduced and used for experiments with biological tissues, shielding, and microelectronics
- A hybrid active-passive method to produce a mixed radiation spectrum similar to the cosmic ray spectrum in deep space will be used

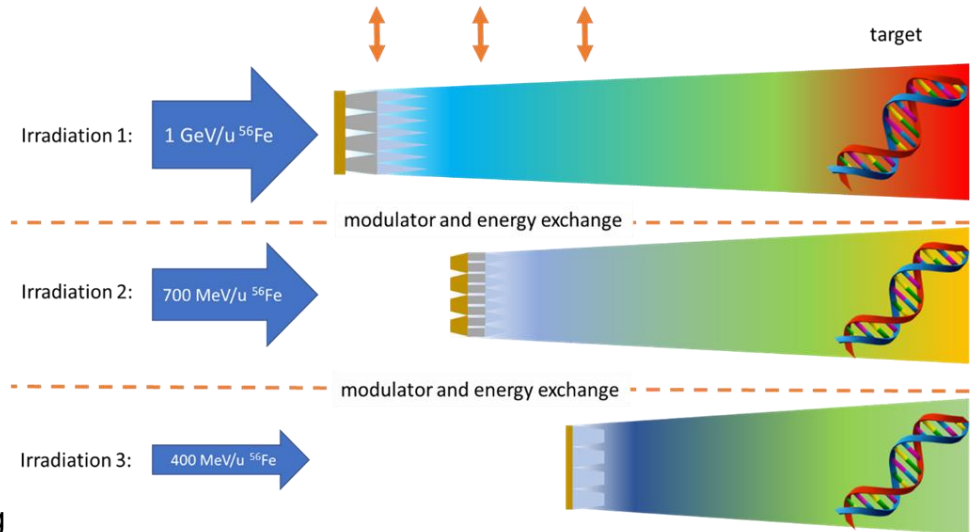


3D ripple filter tested at HIT (Heidelberg) for producing mixed fields in a water phantom

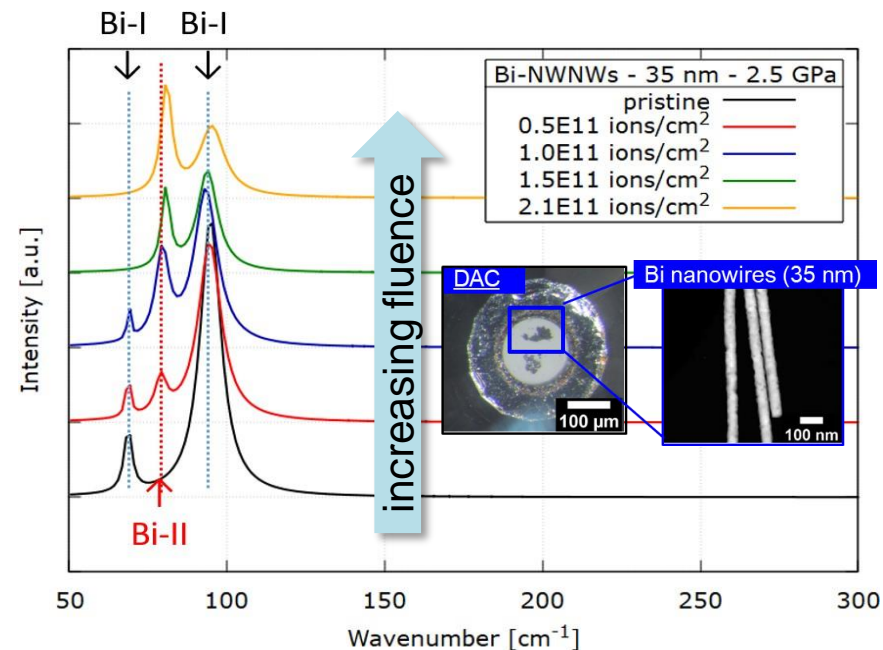
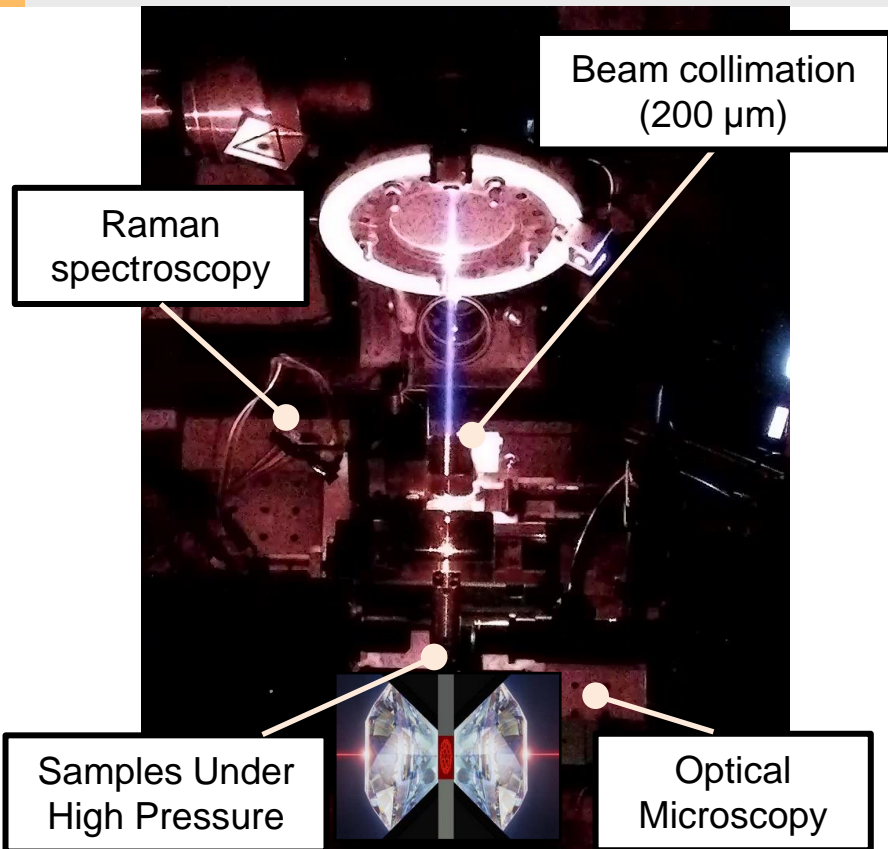
Schuy et al., *Front. Phys.* 2020

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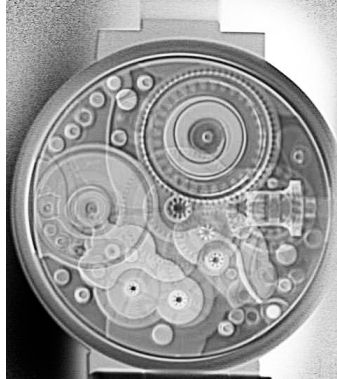
superposition of radiation fields



Materials Research Irradiation under high pressure



PRIOR – heavy ion radiography

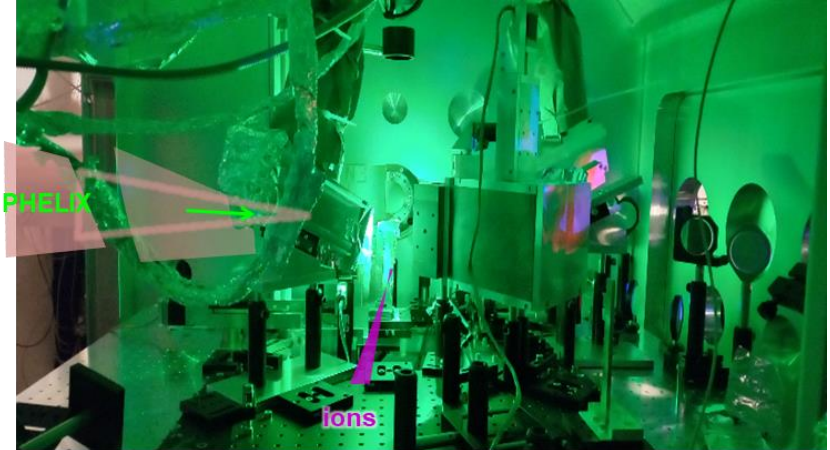


▲ Small wrist watch (left) imaged with 975 MeV/u Carbon beam (right). (2mm mono Cst, PCO Edge 5.5 CLHS).

- Spatial resolution performance of heavy-ions worse than protons but sufficient for physics experiments
- Improved density contrast for 975 MeV/u Carbon for certain target areal densities
- Contrast advantage depends on beam energy



Plasma diagnostics with lasers

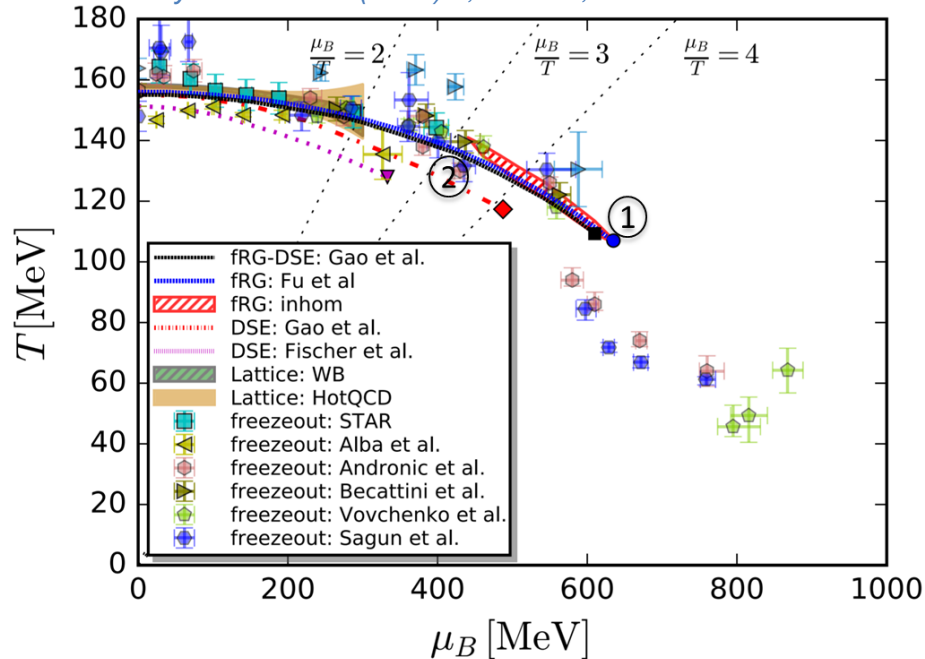


Combination of PHELIX laser with heavy-ion beams

- Volumetric heating by heavy-ion pulses
- Diagnostics with laser-driven x-ray sources
- Broadband x-ray spectrum, based on the enhancement of continuum emission by radiative recombination

Location of chiral cross over

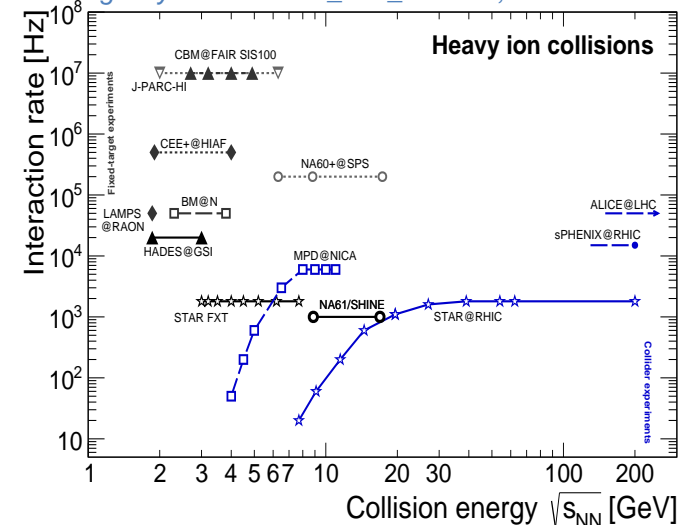
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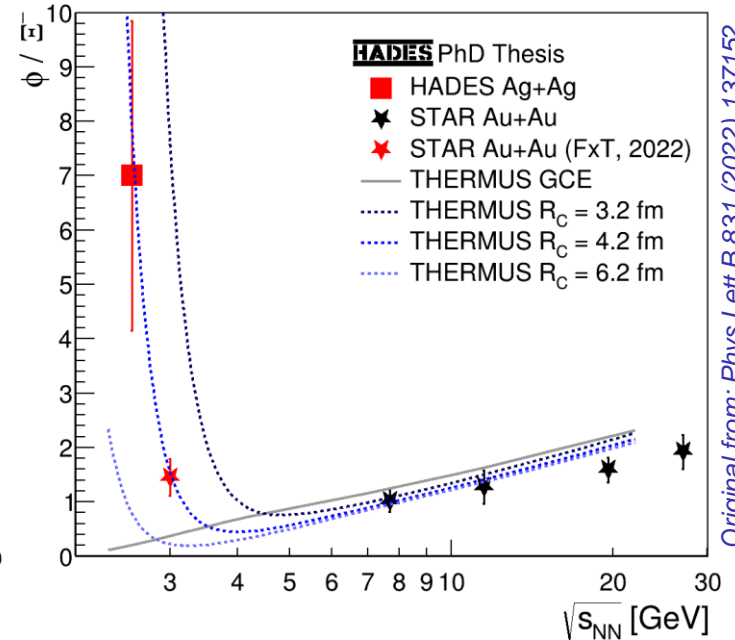
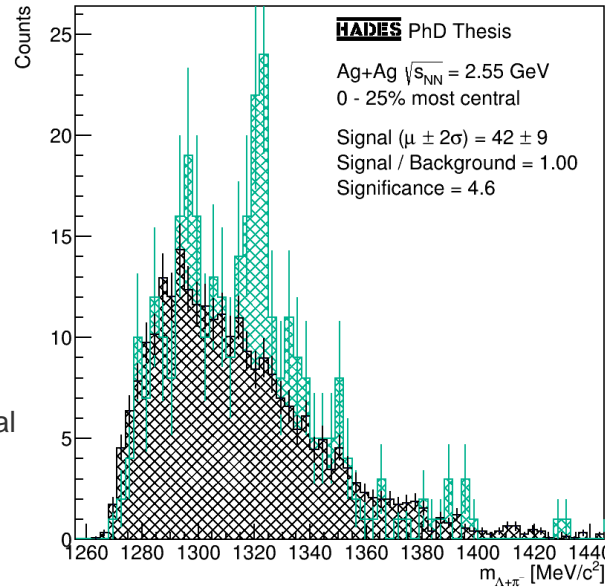
Mission:

Systematically explore QCD matter at large baryon densities with high accuracy and rare probes.

T. Galatyuk, https://github.com/tgalatyuk/interaction_rate_facilities, 2022



- Over four weeks, HADES collected 14 billion central Ag+Ag events @ $\sqrt{s} = 2.55$ GeV
- Ξ^- hyperons detected via the decay chain: $\Xi^- \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^- \rightarrow p \pi^- \pi^-$
 - excellent background suppression by using artificial neural networks
- Significance slightly below 5σ , yet clear signal above background
- Canonically extended SHM model predicts strong dependence of canonical radius R_C and Φ/Ξ^- ratio



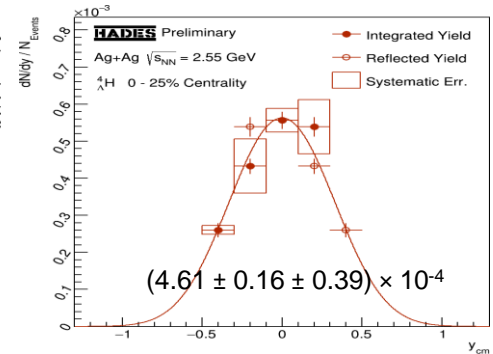
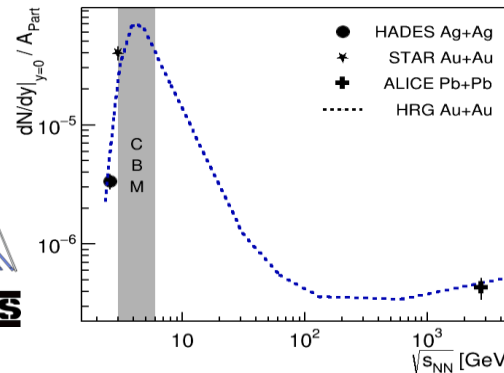
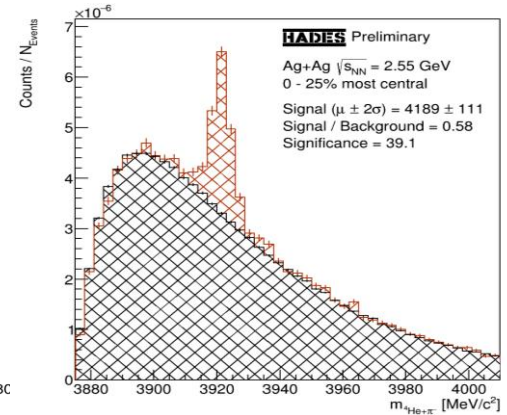
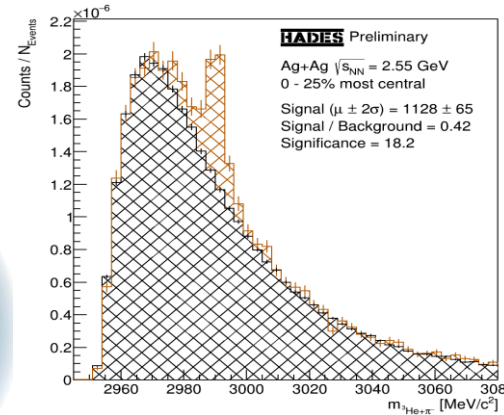
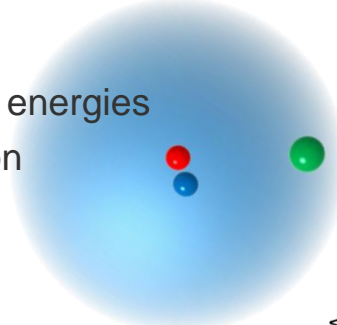
Original from: Phys.Lett.B 831 (2022) 137152



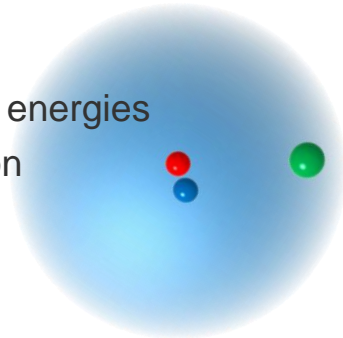
reaction	\sqrt{s} (GeV)	T_{lab} (GeV)
$pp \rightarrow K^+ K^+ \Xi^- p$	3.247	3.7

Hypernuclei at HADES: Ag+Ag@ $\sqrt{s} = 2.55$ GeV

- Information on $\Lambda(\Lambda)N(N)$ interactions important for understanding of neutron stars
- Characteristics
 - lifetime and binding energies
 - size and deformation
 - excitations
 - super-halos
- production mechanisms
 - understanding clustering phenomena

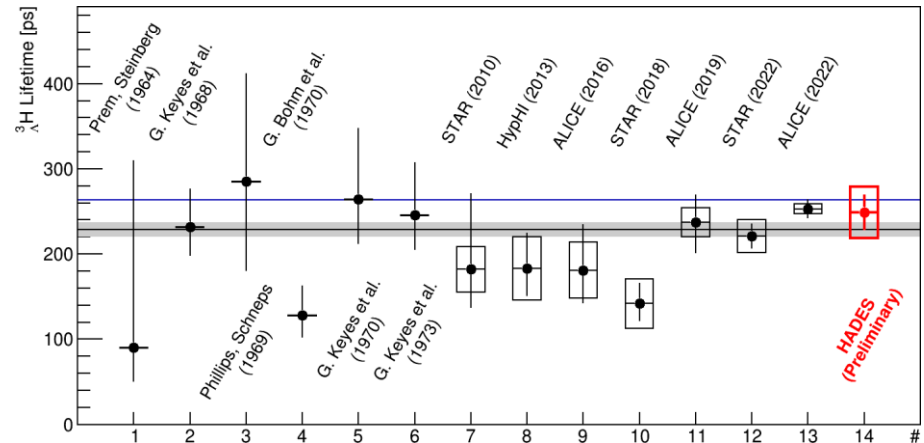


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- Further experiments
 - WASA@Super-FRS (binding energies, spectroscopy)
 - HYDRA@R3B (binding energies, radius)



HADES Ag+Ag@ $\sqrt{s} = 2.55$ GeV:

- Lifetime of $(249 \pm 21 \pm 30)$ ps compatible with free Λ lifetime measured



Charm production in pp/pA collisions at SIS100 with CBM

J/ψ production

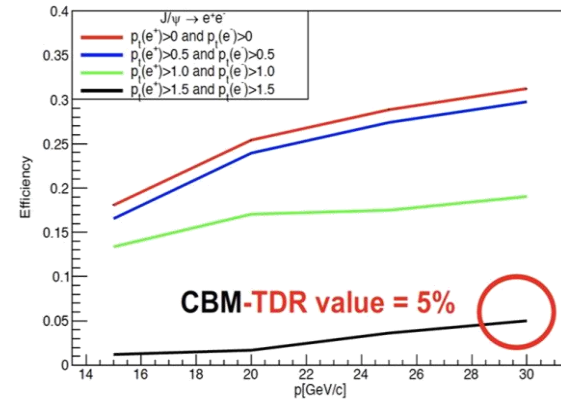
- Cross section ≈ 1 nb at 30 GeV/c ($\sqrt{s}=7.5$ GeV)
- Large and uniform reco eff. 5-30%
- Strong background suppression (Kinematic-fit)

Scientific questions

- Influence of internal charm of proton on cross section close to threshold?
- J/ψ-N interaction with multiple gluon exchange with proton
 - Forward ($t=0$) J/ψ $d\sigma/dt$ related to J/ψ-N scattering amplitude, and nucleon mass via trace anomaly
 - J/ψ-N interaction related to pentaquark searches
 - J/ψ in-medium characteristics
- comparing pp to pA/AA-reactions

Signal	Cross Section [μb]
$pp \rightarrow ppJ/\psi(\rightarrow ee)$	10^{-3} ($\times 0.06$ BR)

Reco Efficiency pCBM: $pp \rightarrow ppJ/\psi$



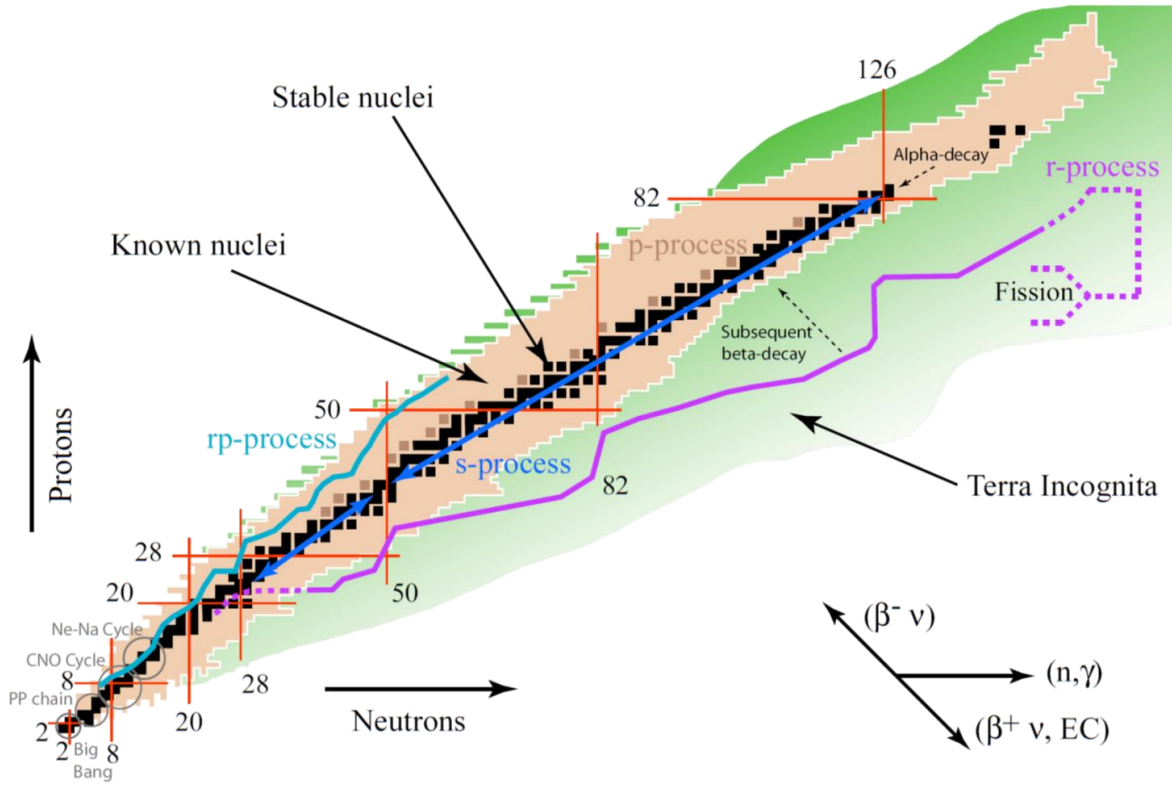
*J. Ritman et al.
FFN (GSI)*

Expected reconstructed exclusive events / Day @ 30 GeV/c, $\sigma = 10^{-3}$ μb

1 MHz	$1.6 \cdot 10^3$
10 MHz	$1.6 \cdot 10^4$

Exotic beams

NUSTAR: Investigating properties of exotic nuclei



Production, identification and separation

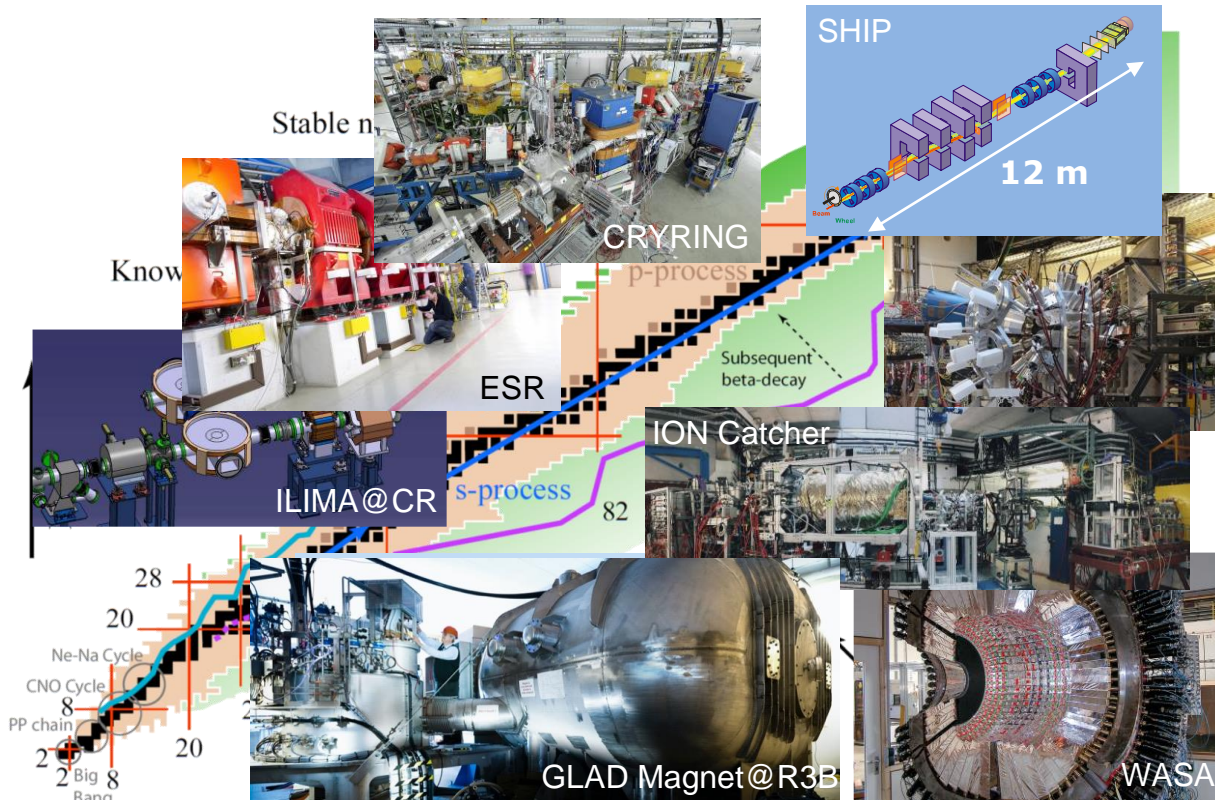
- Super-FRS
 - in-flight fragmentation/fission

Properties being measured

- masses
- half lives
- mass/charge radii
- single particle structure
- collective behavior
- equation of state of asymmetric nuclear matter
- exotic systems (hyper nuclei)

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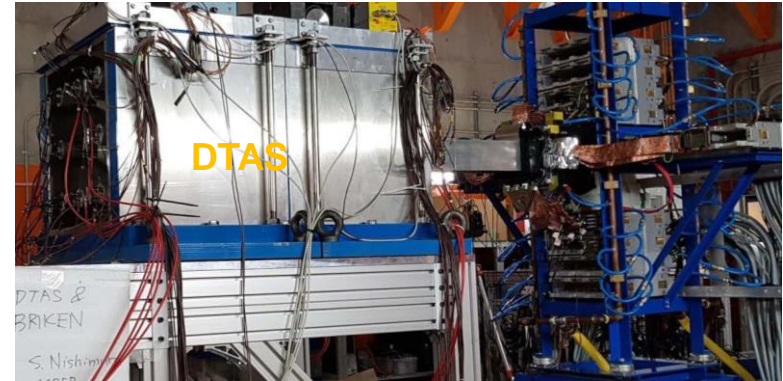
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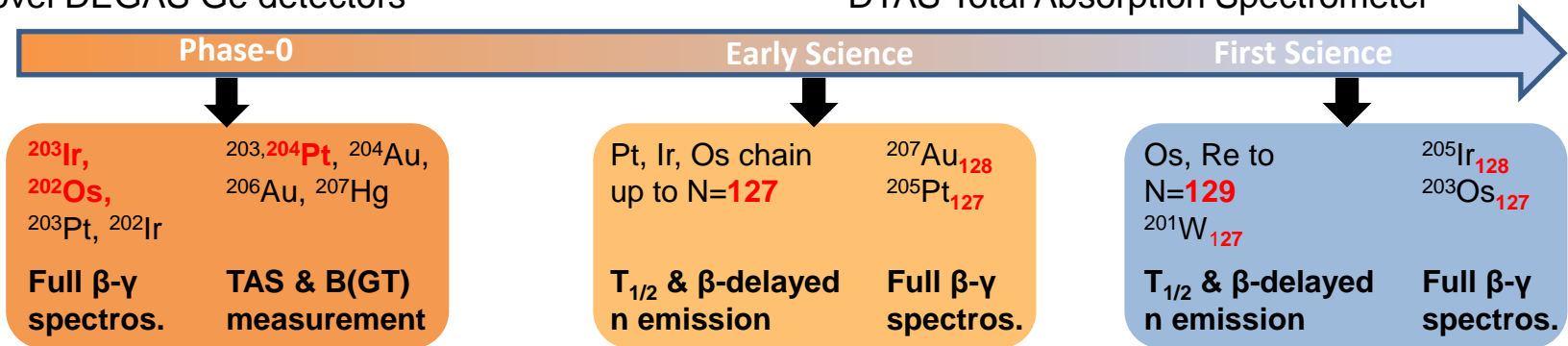
DESPEC set-ups prepared for Phase-0 and ready for Early/First Science



DESPEC High-resolution set-up with novel DEGAS Ge detectors

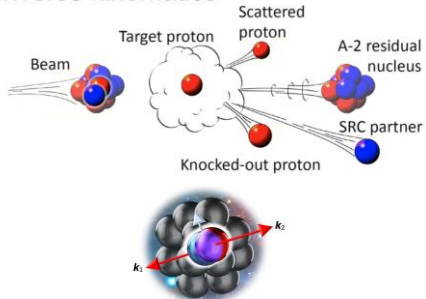


DESPEC High-efficiency set-up with DTAS Total Absorption Spectrometer



NUSTAR / R3B set-up for kinematically complete measurements of nuclear reactions

Inverse kinematics



^{16}C beam

(p,2p)

CALIFA (LH_2 target + Si tracker inside)

GLAD magnet

Fibers

RPC

NeuLAND

recoil neutron

TOFD

residual fragment

recoil proton

R³B

heavy-to-light ratio

JLAB (e+A) conclusion: Protons more correlated in neutron-rich, stable nuclei
Open questions

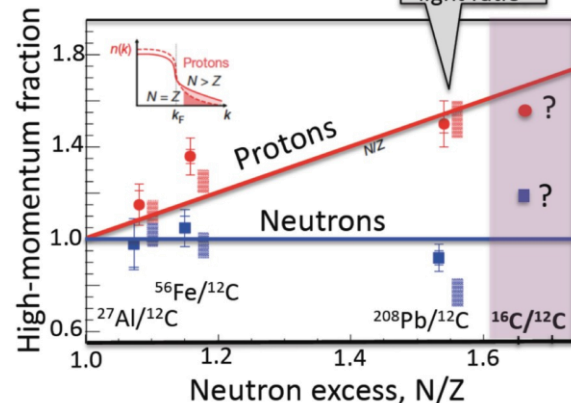
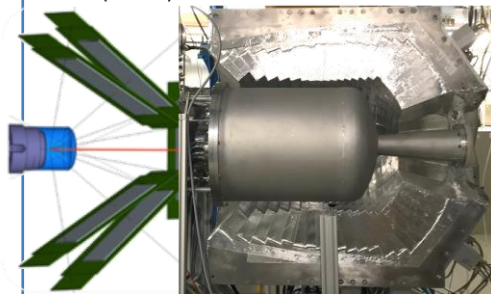
- effect of mass ratio or asymmetry?
- development towards large N/Z

FAIR Phase-0 experiment at R3B

- changing N/Z at similar mass
- kinematically complete measurement using ^{12}C , ^{16}C beams
- A. Corsi et al. R3B

Si tracker (FOOT)

CALIFA



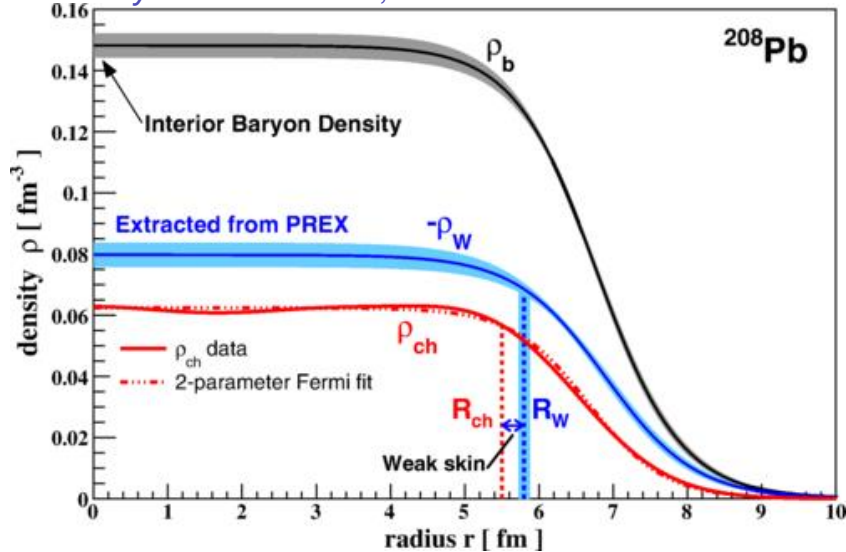
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First R3B experiment

Neutron skin measurements constrain symmetry energy at ρ_0

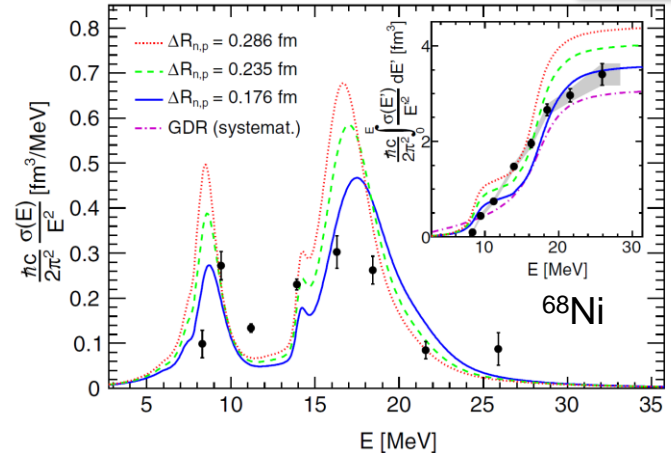
- parity violating electron scattering

PREX@JLAB Collaboration
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 172502



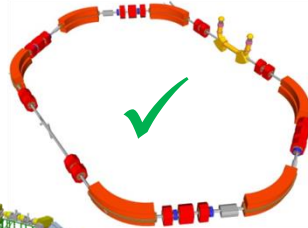
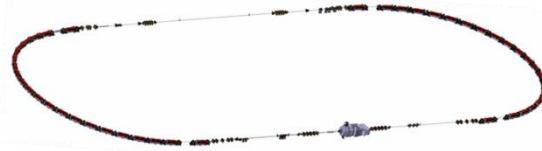
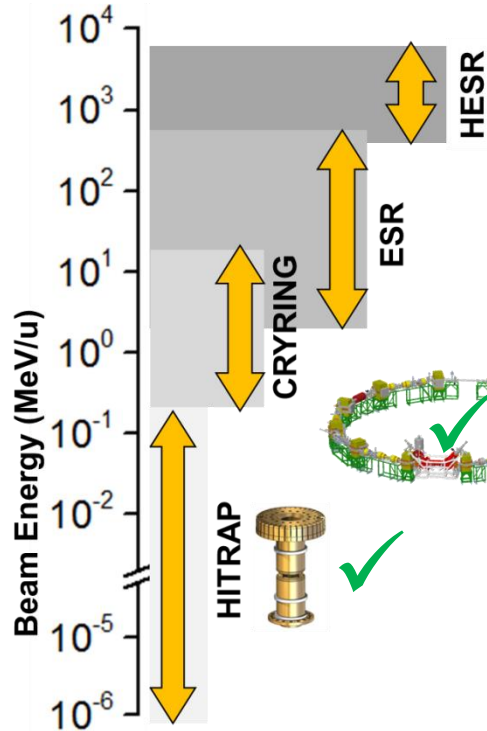
Precise constraints on the neutron pressure around saturation density from measurements of **neutron skins** in Sn isotopes

- dipole polarizability
- neutron removal

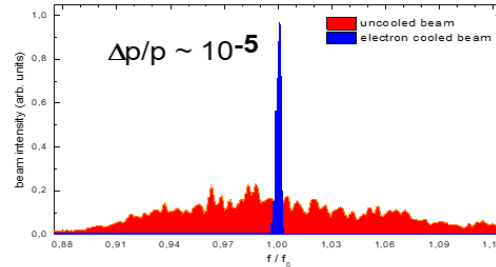


D. M. Rossi et al.
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 242503

SPARC Precision physics by trapping and storage of highly charged ions



Cooling a key to precision



- Radiative corrections in the non-perturbative regime
- Correlated multi-body dynamics for atoms and ions
- Precision determination of fundamental constants
- Influence of atomic structure on nuclear decay properties
- Astrophysics with stored highly charged ions

hydrogen

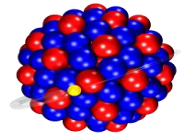


$Z=1$

$E_b = 13.6 \text{ eV}$

$Z \cdot \alpha \ll 1$

uranium ion



$Z=92$

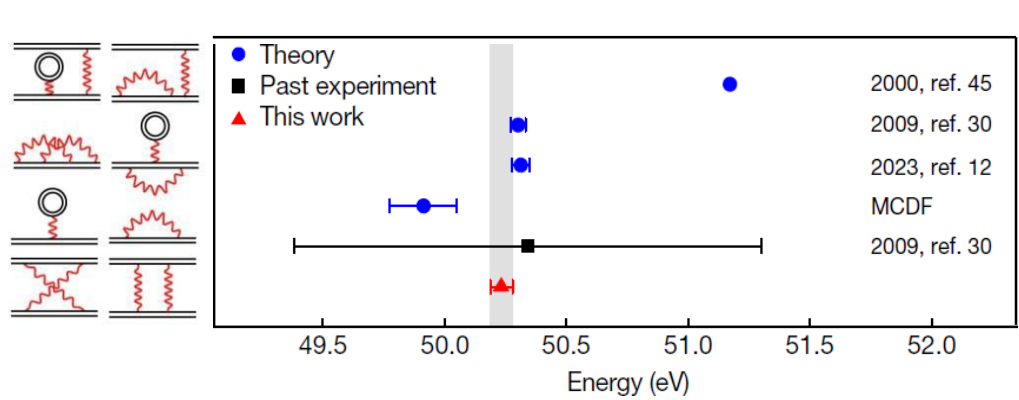
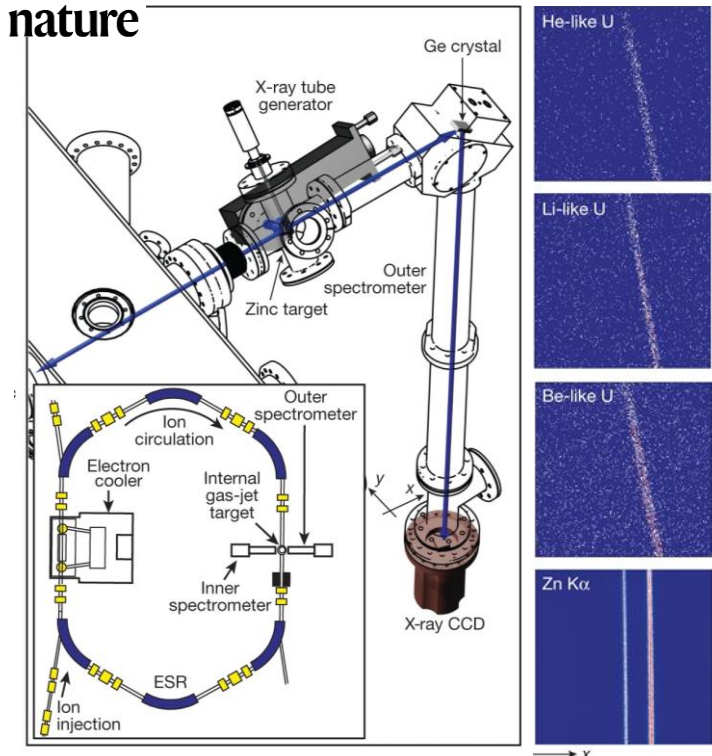
$E_b = 132 \text{ keV}$

$Z \cdot \alpha \approx 1$

Precision measurement of intrashell transitions in He-like uranium in ESR

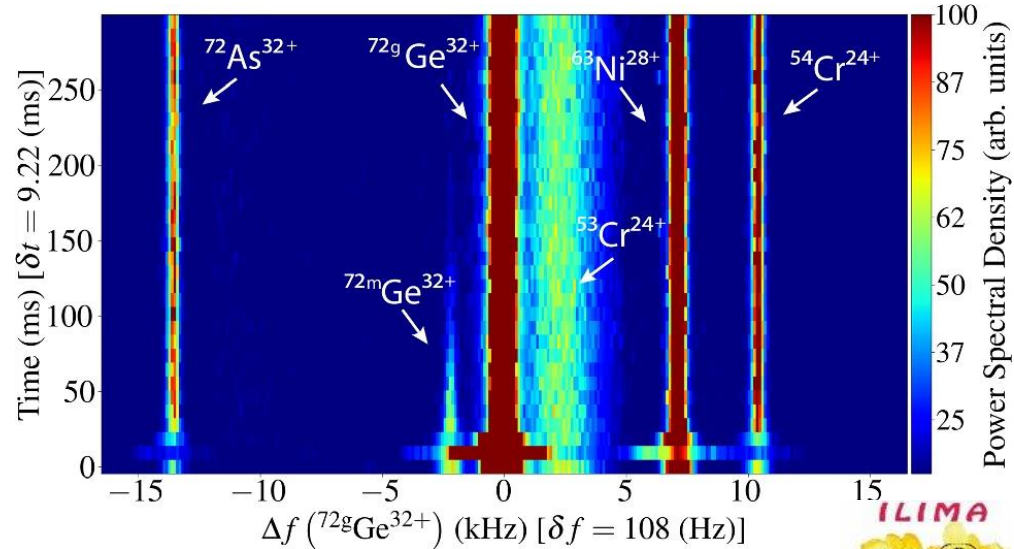
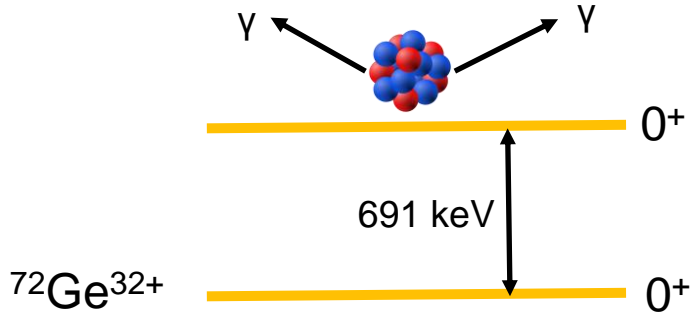
Validity check of QED in extremely strong electromagnetic fields

R. Loetzsch et al. Nature 625, 2024, 673, doi: s41586-023-06910-y



- experimental and theoretical values for the intrashell transitions (*absolute energy* and energy differences between He- and Li-like ions of $1s_{1/2}2p_{3/2} J=2 \rightarrow 1s_{1/2}2s_{1/2} J=1$).
- result is factor of 6 more precise compared to former study and probes 2nd order radiative corrections.

- investigation of isomeric states
- 102 individual injections into ESR
- decay of $^{72m}\text{Ge}^{32+}$ is clearly observed

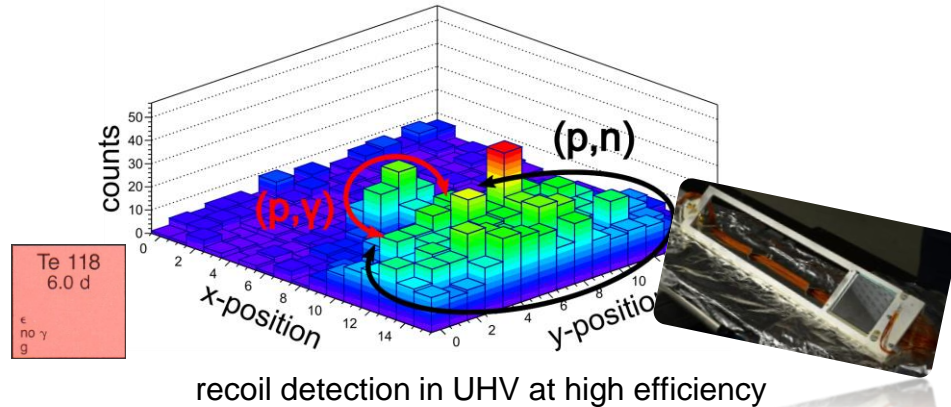
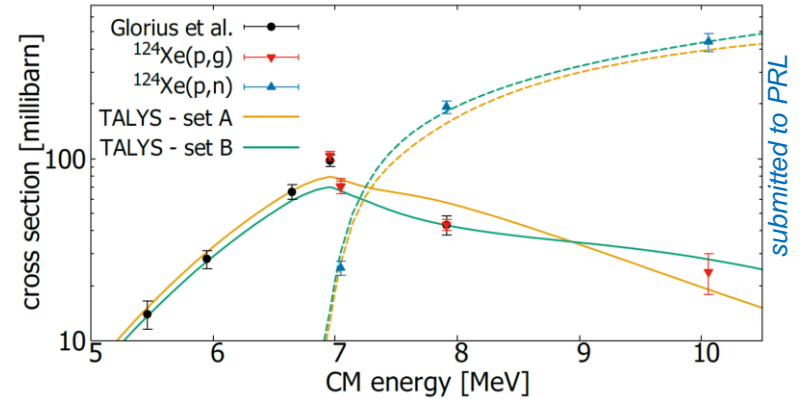


D. Freire-Fernández, W. Korten, R.J. Chen, et al. [arXiv:2312.11313](https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.11313)



Reaction studies in storage rings

- How did supernovae contribute to the element composition of the solar system?
 - challenging nuclear cross section measurements are needed on radioactive nuclei
 - a new experimental scheme for (p,γ) reactions established in the ESR storage ring
- 1st measurement of $^{124}\text{Xe}(p,n)$
 - new background-free detection method & maximized sensitivity
 - (p,n) reaction now generally accessible for experiment
 - stronger constraints for underlying nuclear physics models
- 1st radioactive beam measurement
 - reliable data for $^{118}\text{Te}(p,\gamma)$ and $^{118}\text{Te}(p,n)$
 - analysis on-going



Summary and outlook

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- strong interaction studies in pp and pA reactions
- QCD phase diagram at high densities
- equation of state of neutron-rich matter
- characteristics of exotic nuclei
- astrophysical relevant reactions
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International FAIR community looks forward to continued exploitation of the FAIR facilities on the GSI campus and...



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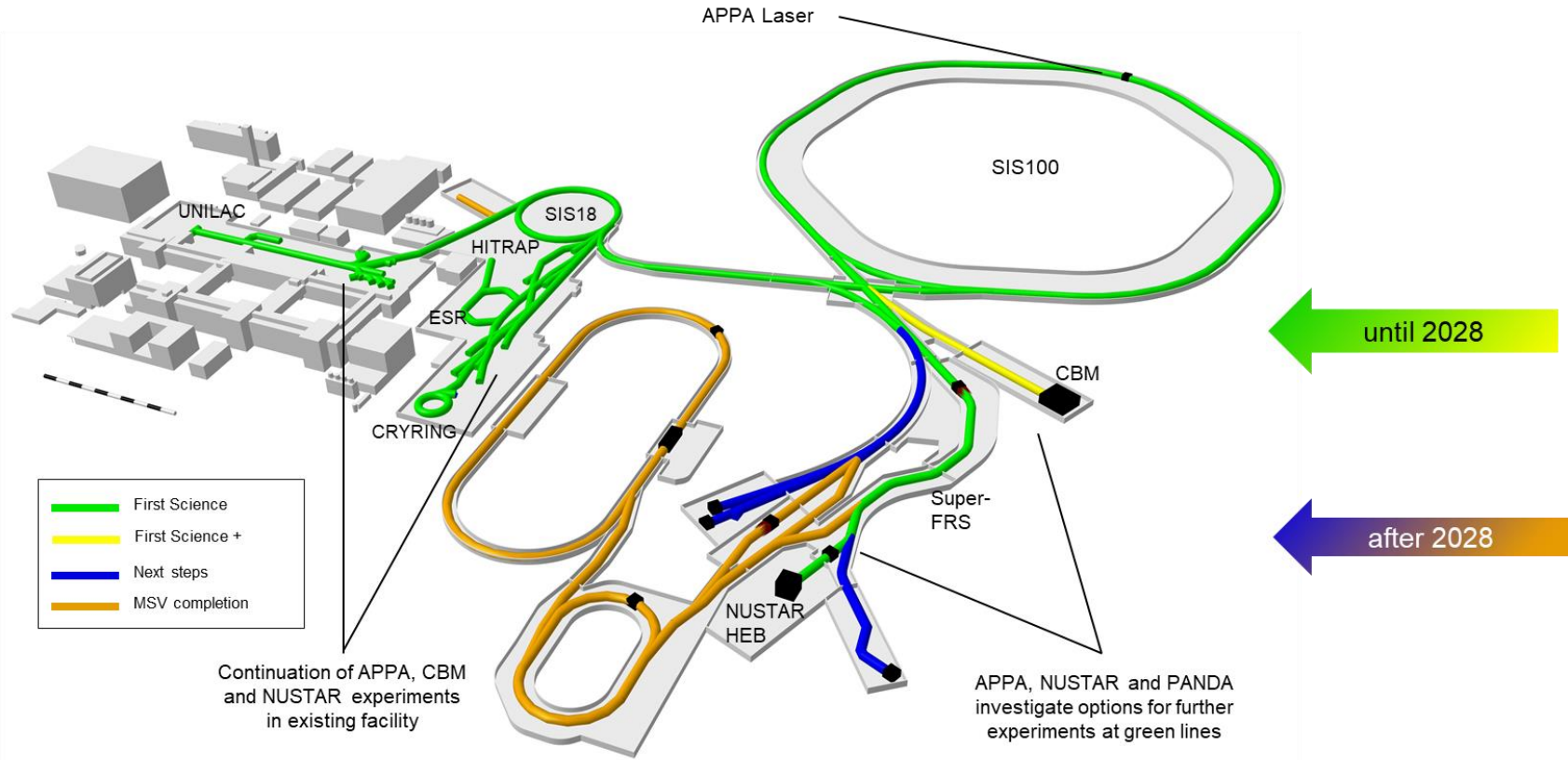
2027 Start of experiments at Super-FRS with SIS18 beams

2028 Start of experiments with SIS100



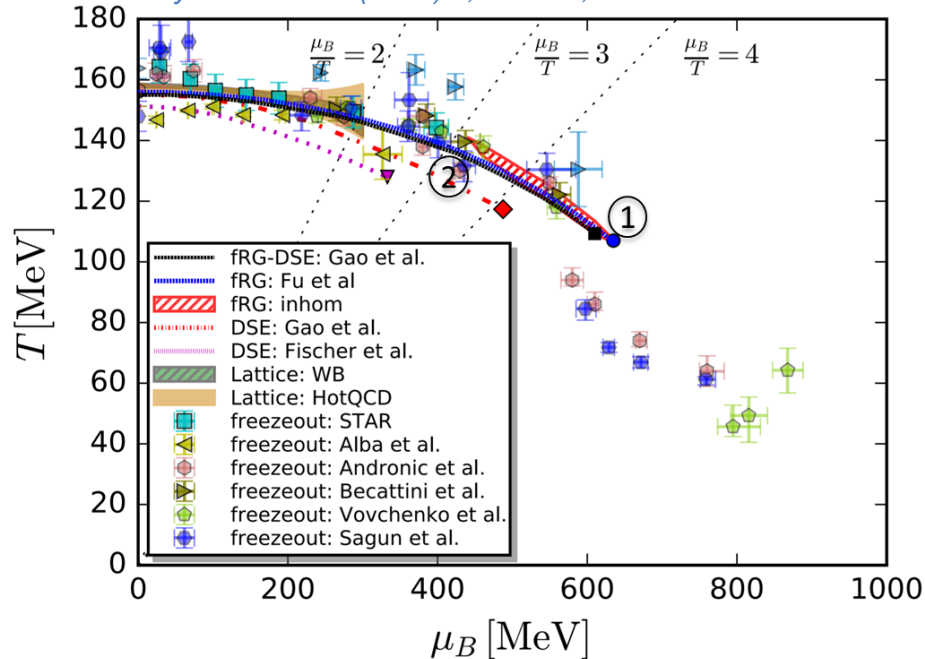
Thank you!

Current prospects



Location of chiral cross over

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Strange and charmed particle production thresholds in pp - collisions

reaction	\sqrt{s} (GeV)	T_{lab} (GeV)
$pp \rightarrow K^+ \Lambda p$	2.548	1.6
$pp \rightarrow K^+ K^- pp$	2.864	2.5
$pp \rightarrow K^+ K^+ \Xi^- p$	3.247	3.7
$pp \rightarrow K^+ K^+ K^+ \Omega^- n$	4.092	7.0
$pp \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda} pp$	4.108	7.1
$pp \rightarrow \Xi^- \bar{\Xi}^+ pp$	4.520	9.0
$pp \rightarrow \Omega^- \bar{\Omega}^+ pp$	5.222	12.7
$pp \rightarrow J/\Psi pp$	4.973	12.2