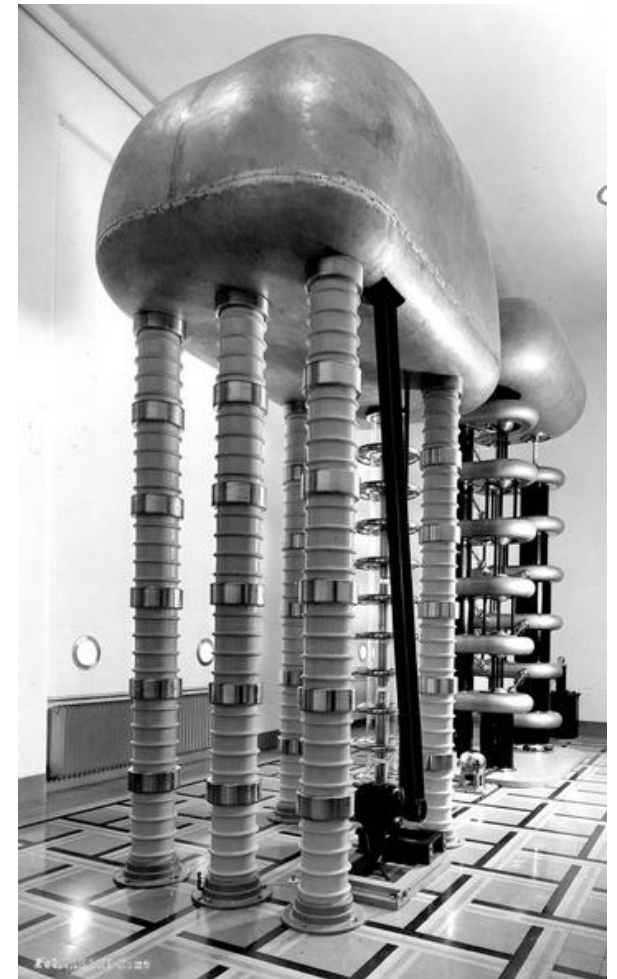


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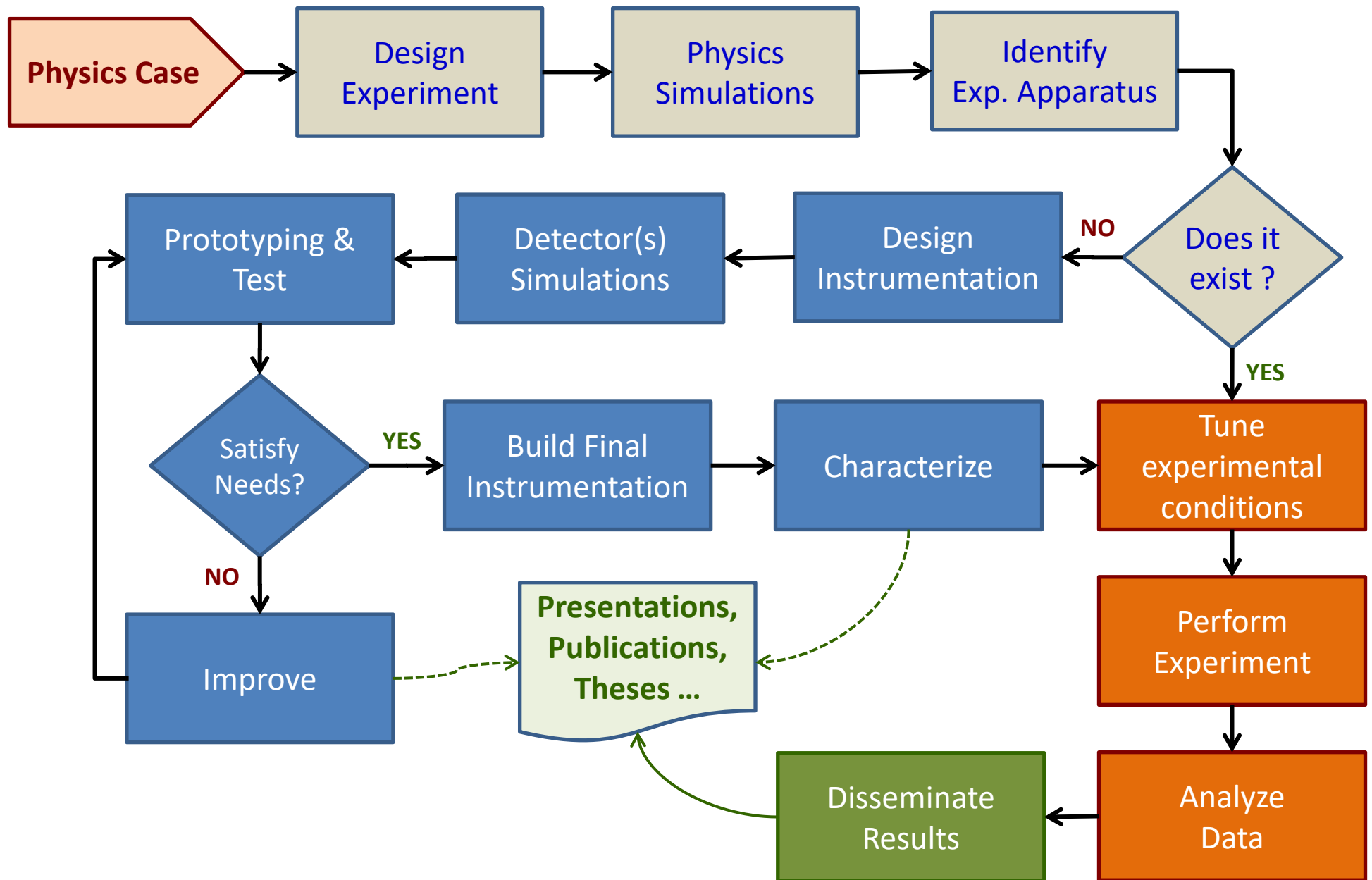
## Outline

- ✓ Introduction
  - on CSN3, its research areas and our local experiments
- ✓ Selected topics
  - From Big Bang Nucleosynthesis to Sun
  - Nucleon Dynamics
  - Neutron stars, Parity and Hypernuclei
  - Quark-Gluon Plasma
  - Nuclear fragmentation and hadrontherapy
- ✓ Digression (not so far from main theme)

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# The experimental researcher flow chart



**Do no forget: need funds!**

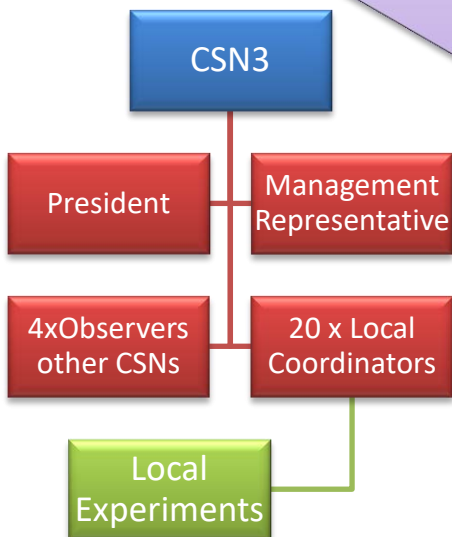
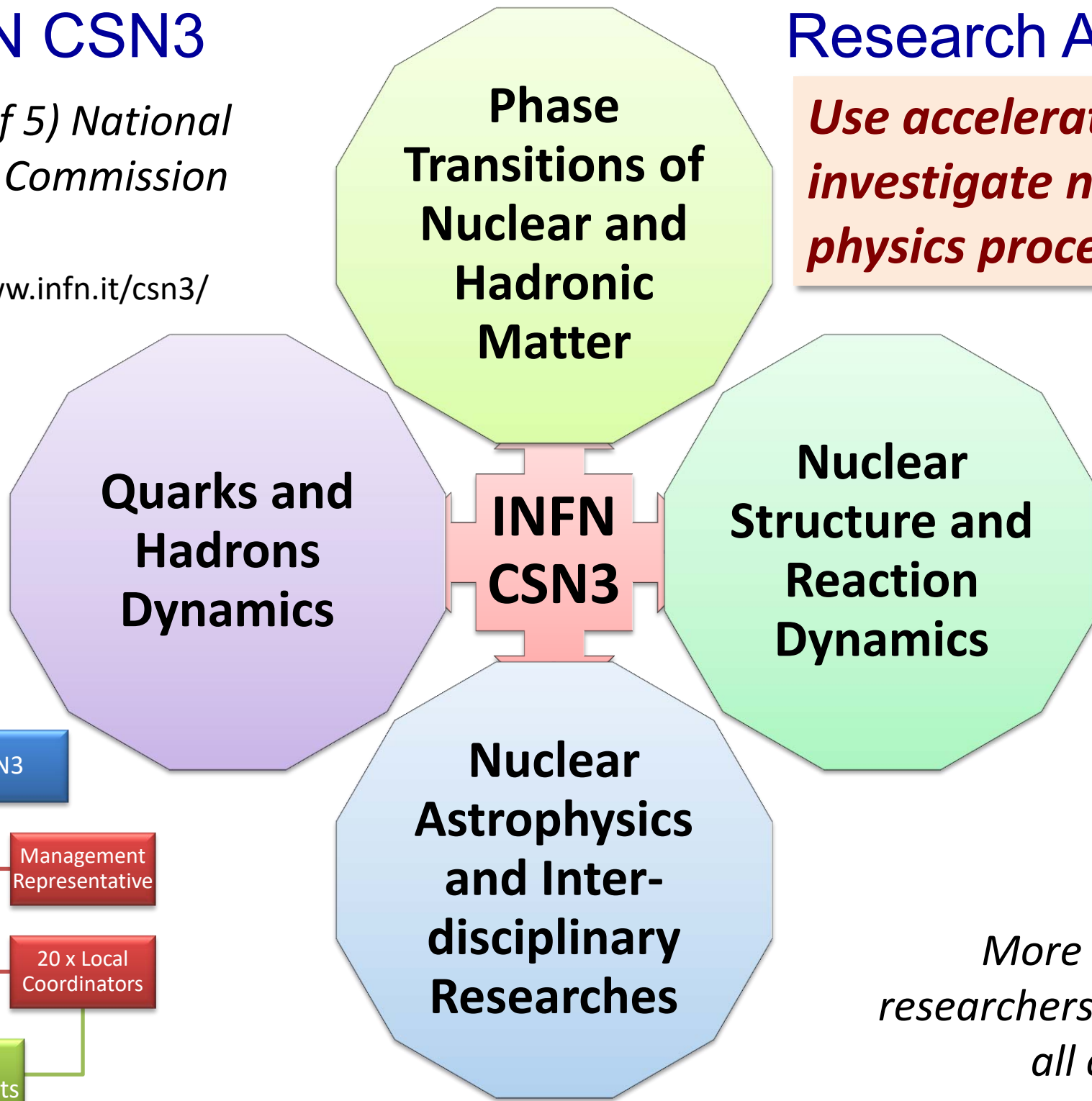
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## Research Areas

*Use accelerators to investigate nuclear physics processes*



*More than 700 researchers involved all over Italy*

# Universe Evolution

*swift*

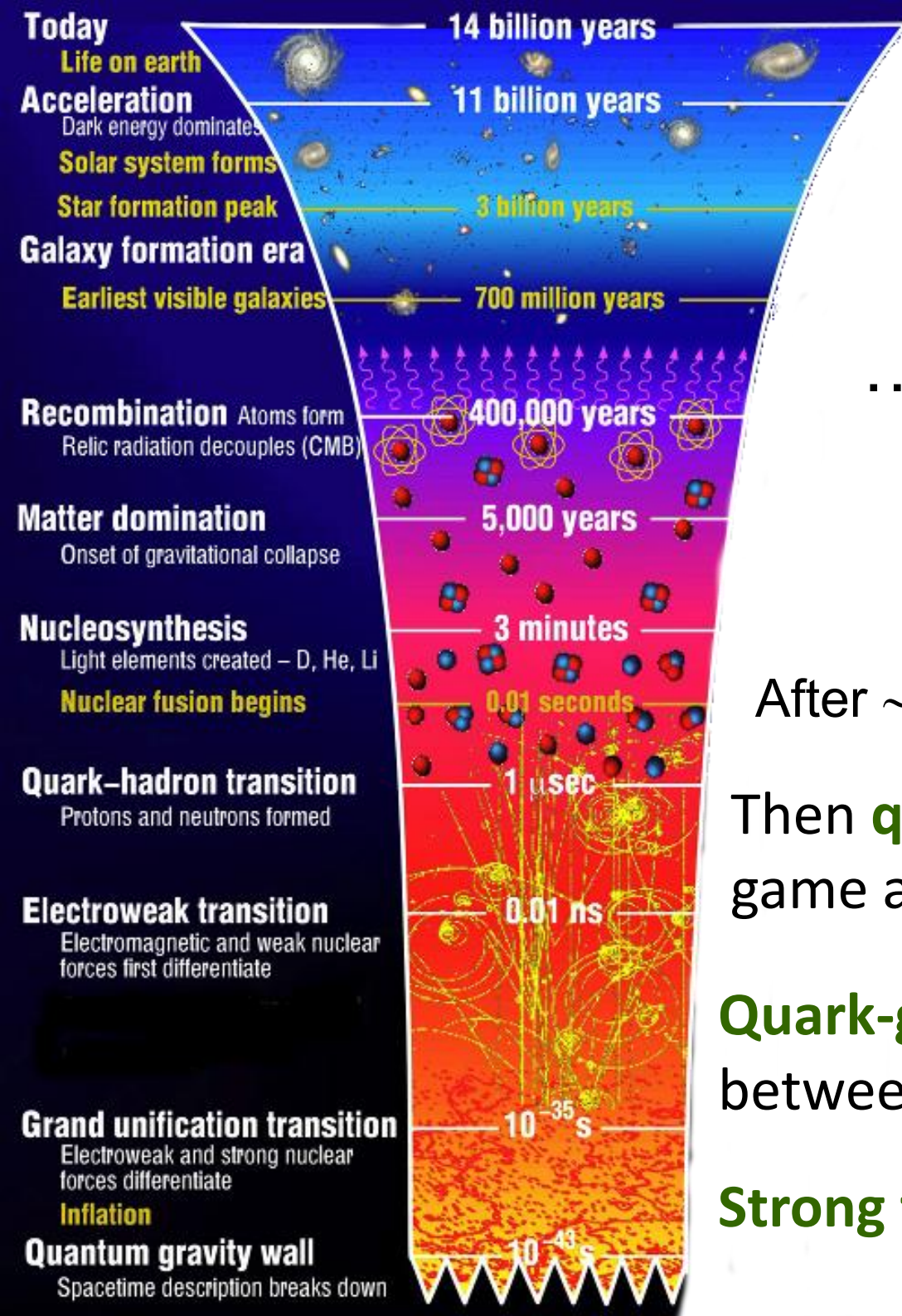
A long journey  
... a lots of **nuclear** and  
**sub-nuclear/hadron**  
physics involved

After  $\sim 0.01$  s **nucleosynthesis** began

Then **quark confinement** entered the  
game and **nucleons** got formed

**Quark-gluon plasma** has dominated  
between  $\sim 0.01$  ns and  $1 \mu\text{s}$

**Strong force** appeared at  $\sim 10^{-36}$  s



# Experiments @ INFN Gruppo3 – Rome

Energy  
keV  
MeV  
GeV  
TeV

Laboratory  
Underground  
Nuclear  
Astrophysics

$p, \alpha$  – light nuclei

Astrophysics:

- **Nucleosynthesis**,
- Chemistry of universe,
- Barionic density ...



Light-medium nuclei fragmentations

Hadrontherapy:

- Treatment plan
- On line dosimetry

Radioprotection in space

MAMiBOnn

$\gamma$  – p, nuclei reactions

QED-QCD interactions

Hadron, nucleon structure and dynamics

Structure of nuclei and neutron stars

Quarks e gluons dynamics (QCD)



$\gamma, e - p, \text{ nuclei}$

EIC



p-p, p-Pb e Pb-Pb

Phase transition in hadronic matter (quark-gluon plasma)

**ALICE**  
A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY



# Nuclear Astrophysics

## Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN)

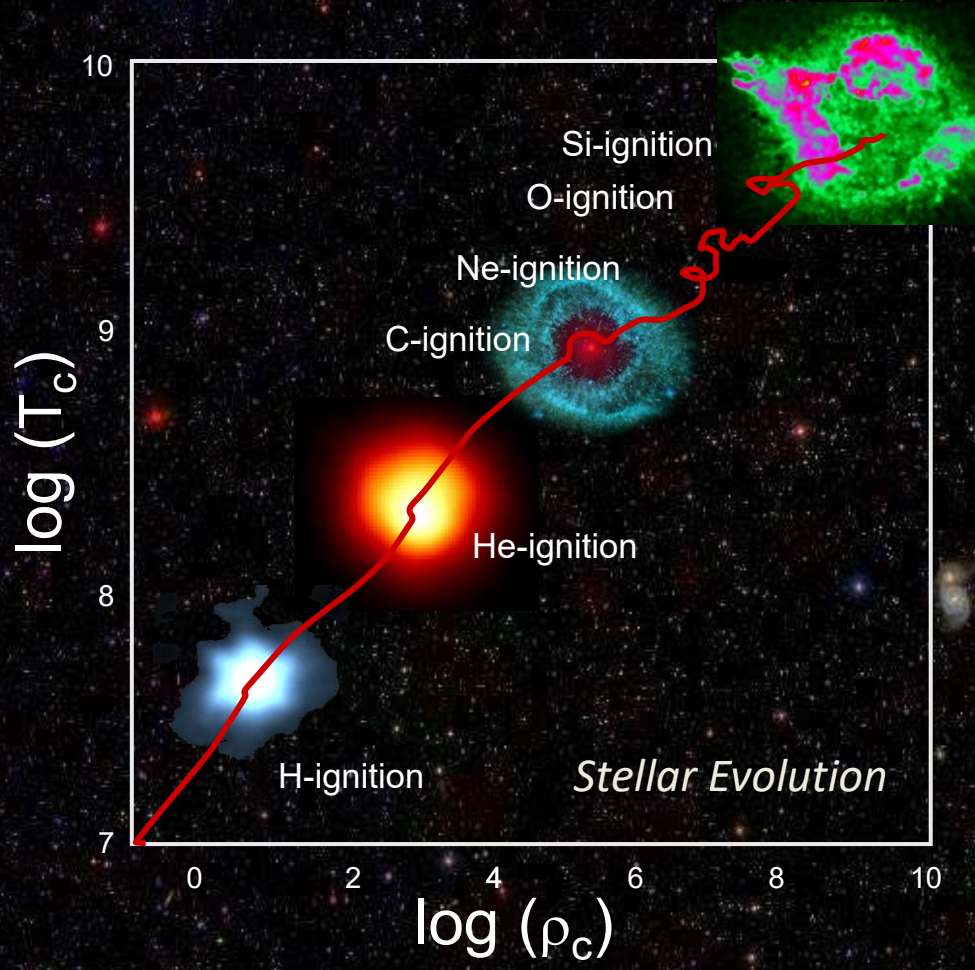


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# Why Nuclear astrophysics?



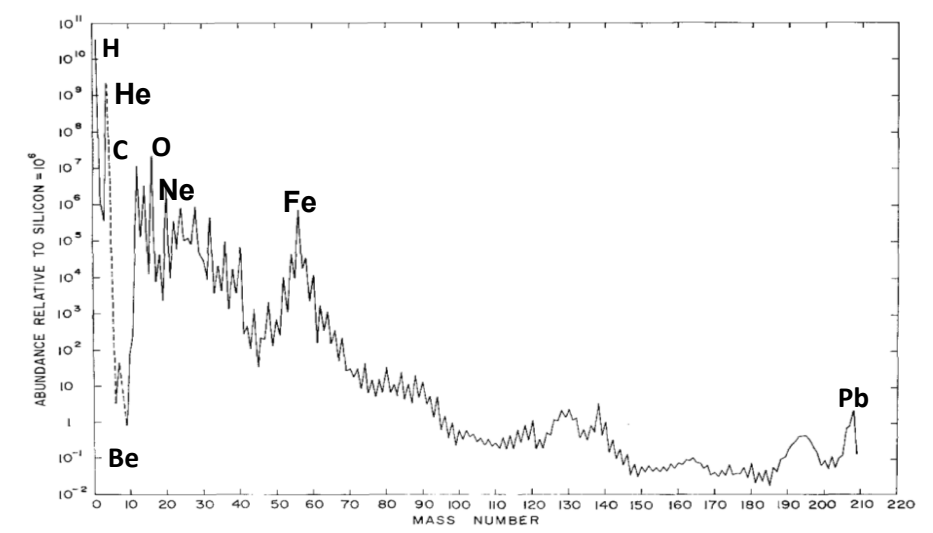
For a  $15 M_{\text{sun}}$  star:

Reaction	Timescale
Hydrogen burning	10 million years
Helium burning	1 million years
Carbon burning	300 years
Oxygen burning	200 days
Silicon burning	2 days

Nuclear reactions are responsible for the synthesis of the elements in the celestial bodies and BBN. High precision data are required



- Understanding the Sun (and stars)
- Stellar population
- Evolution and fate of stars
- Big Bang Nucleosynthesis
- Isotopic abundances in the cosmos
- ...



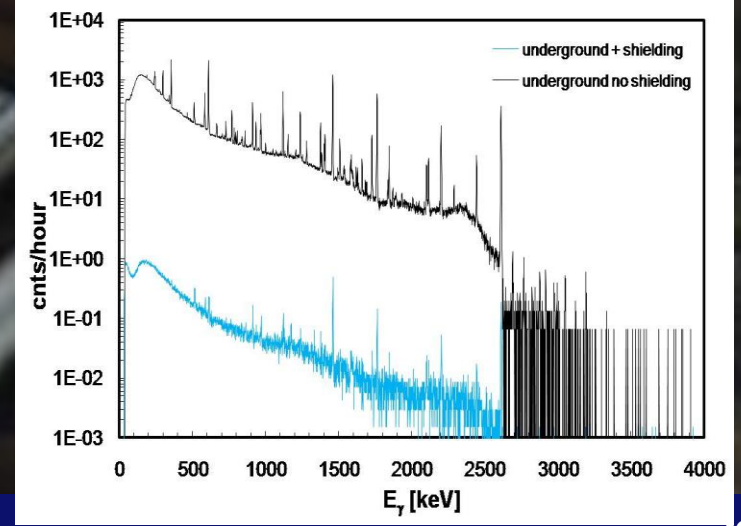
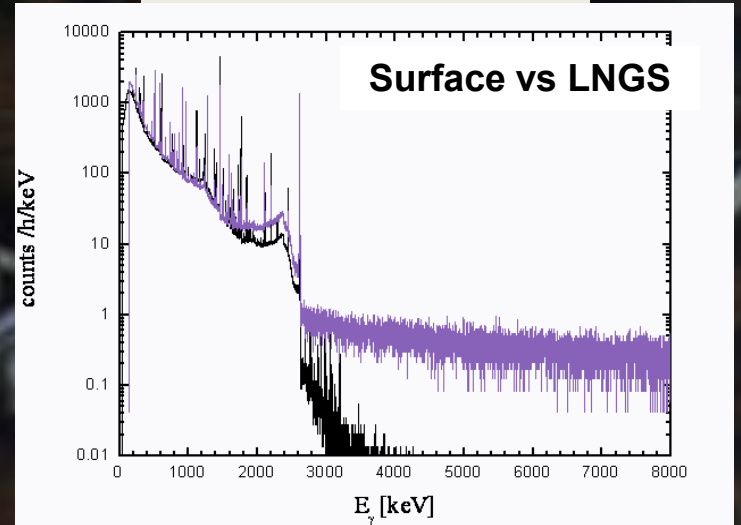




## Gran Sasso National Laboratories

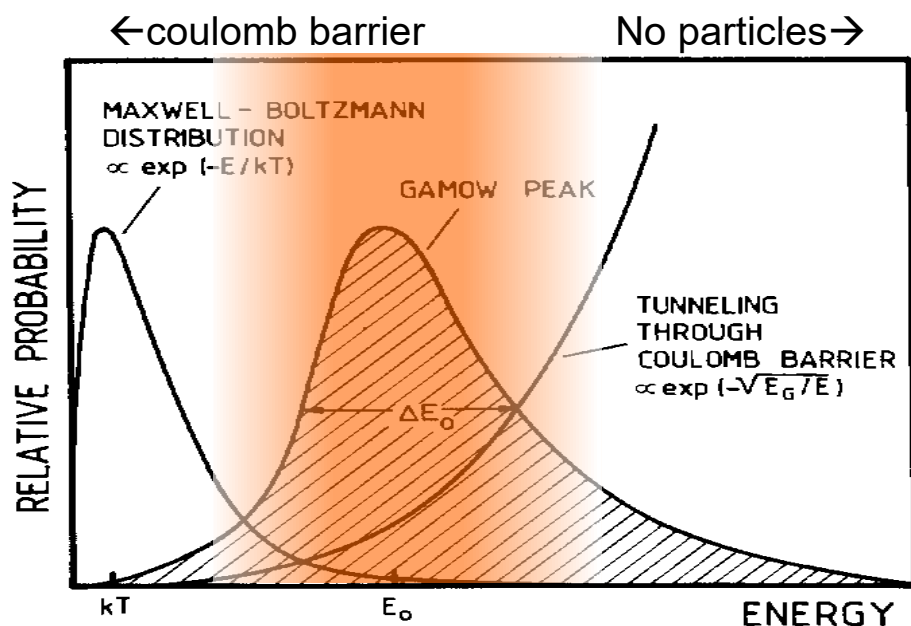


Background reduction with respect to Earth's surface:  $\mu \sim 10^{-6}$   
 $\gamma \sim 10^{-2}-10^{-5}$   
neutrons  $\sim 10^{-3}$



# Why Underground Measurements?

Nucleosynthesis fusion processes have **very low cross section** due to the Coulomb barrier and they occur in the **Gamow Peak** (highest tunneling probability) → Cosmic Radiation is a huge background → **underground accelerator**



Tunnel prob. in  
Coulomb  
Barrier

Astrophysical  
Factor

$$\sigma(E) = \frac{S(E)}{E} e^{-\sqrt{\frac{E_G}{E}}}$$

$E_0 \approx 200 \text{ keV}$

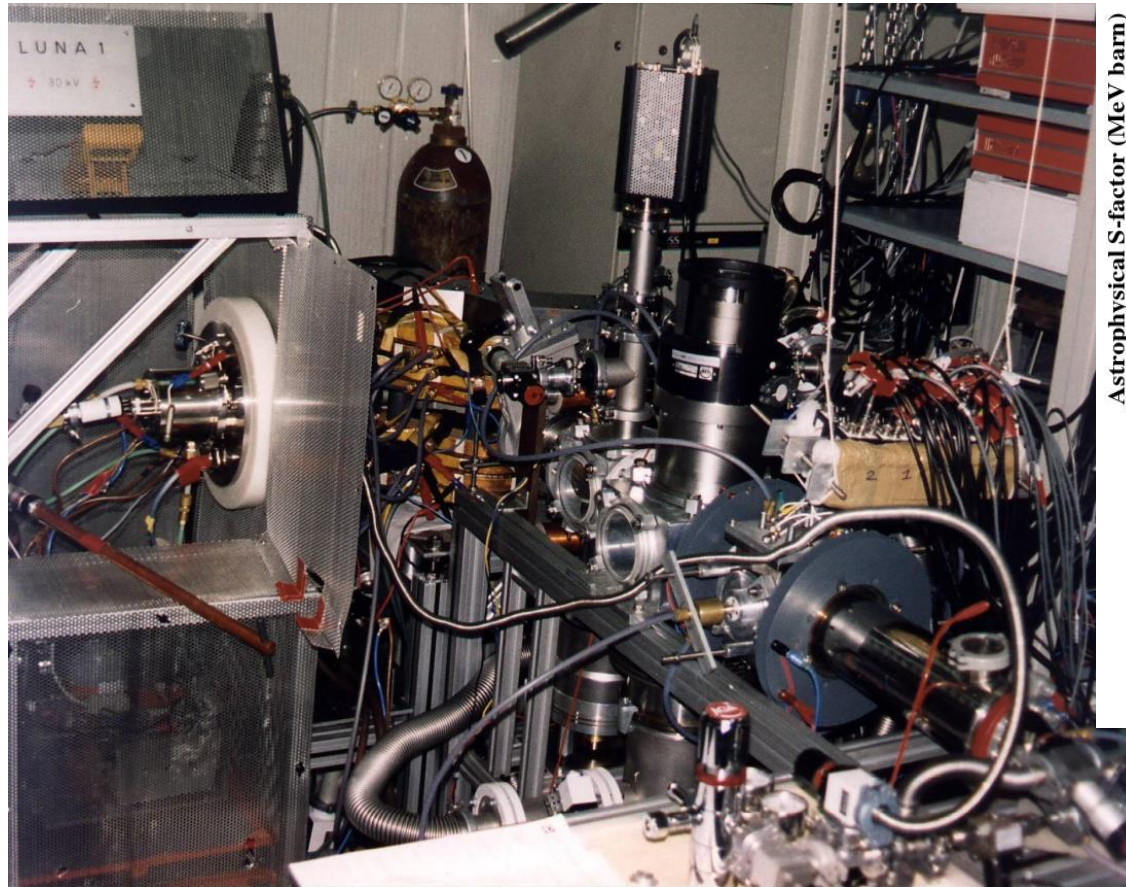
$1/\lambda^2$

**LUNA/400 Experiment @ Gran Sasso National Laboratories uses proton/alpha 400 KeV accelerator**

**soon LUNA/MV with 1 MeV and heavier ions accelerator!**

# 1991: The birth of underground Nuclear Astrophysics

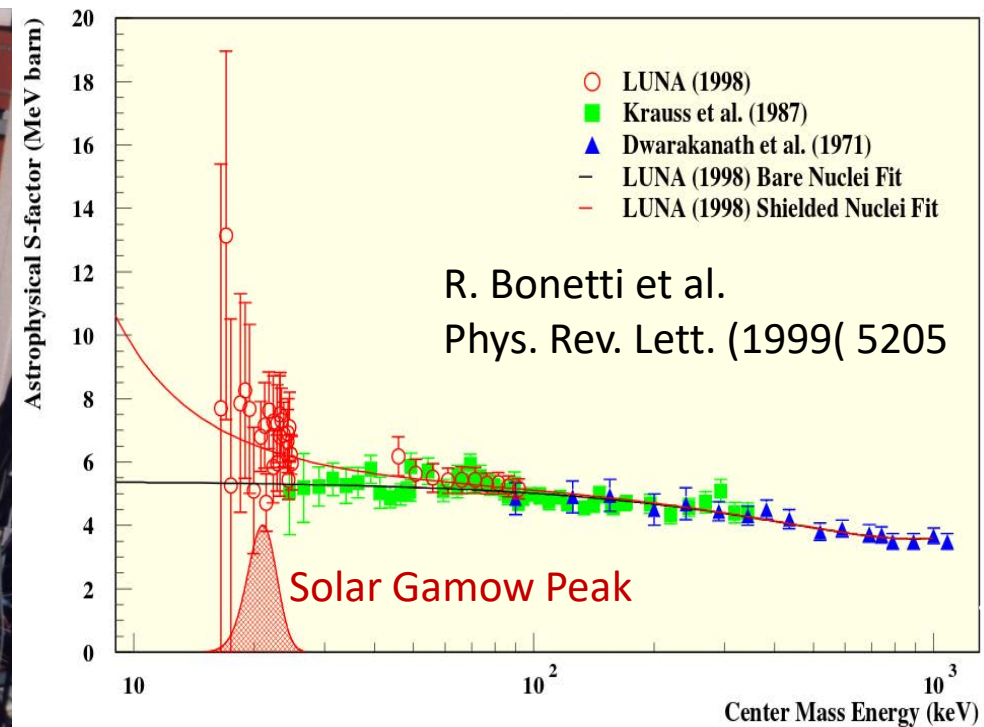
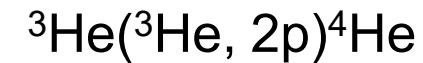
Thanks to E. Bellotti, C. Rolfs and G. Fiorentini



$E_{\text{beam}} \approx 1 - 50 \text{ keV}$

$I_{\text{max}} \approx 500 \mu\text{A}$  protons,  ${}^3\text{He}$

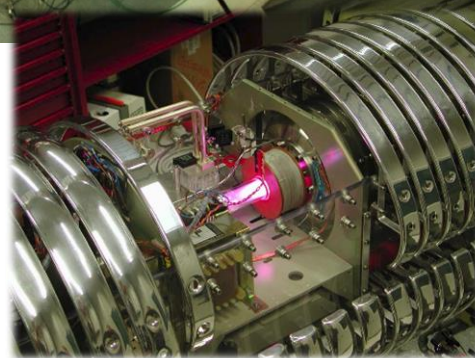
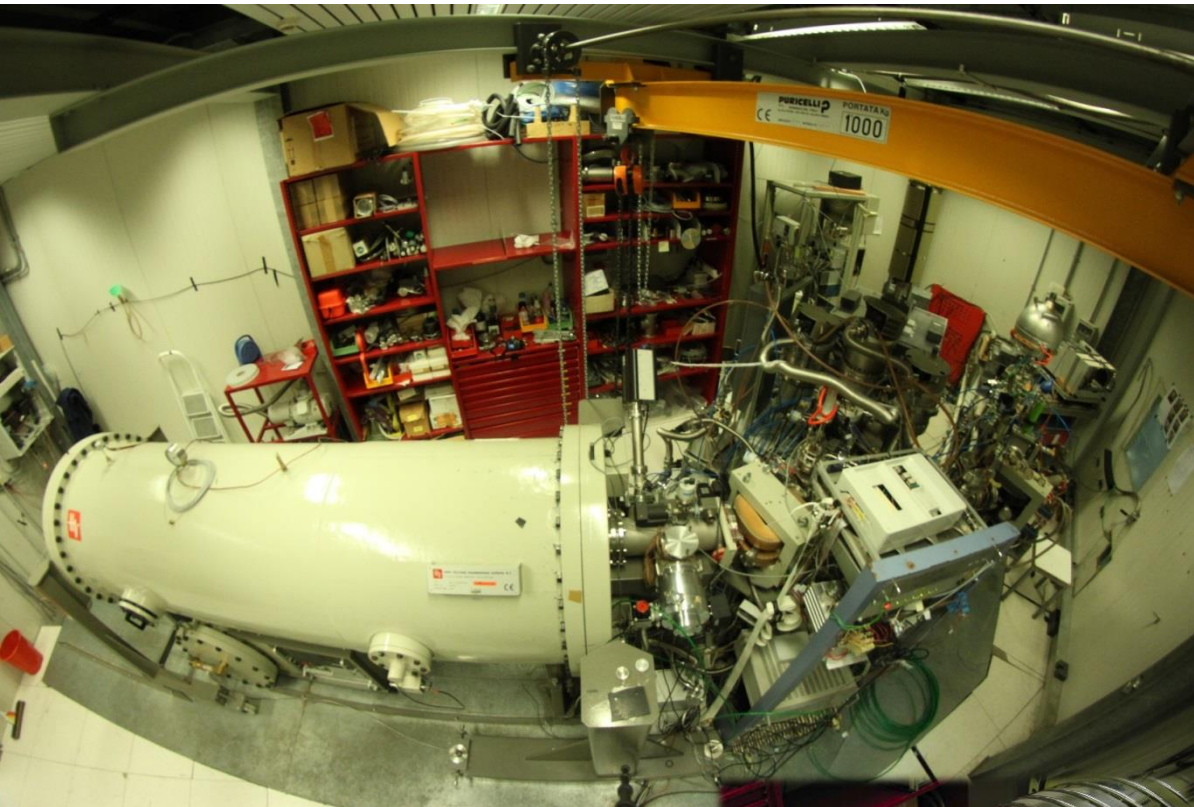
Energy spread  $\approx 20 \text{ eV}$



- First measurement below the Gamow peak of a key reaction in p-p chain
- $\sigma(16.5 \text{ keV}) = 20 \pm 10 \text{ fb} \rightarrow 2 \text{ events/month}$
- No evidence for a narrow resonance  $\rightarrow$  SSM valid  $\rightarrow$  neutrino oscillations

# LUNA 400 kV @ LNGS

Still the world's only operating **underground accelerator**

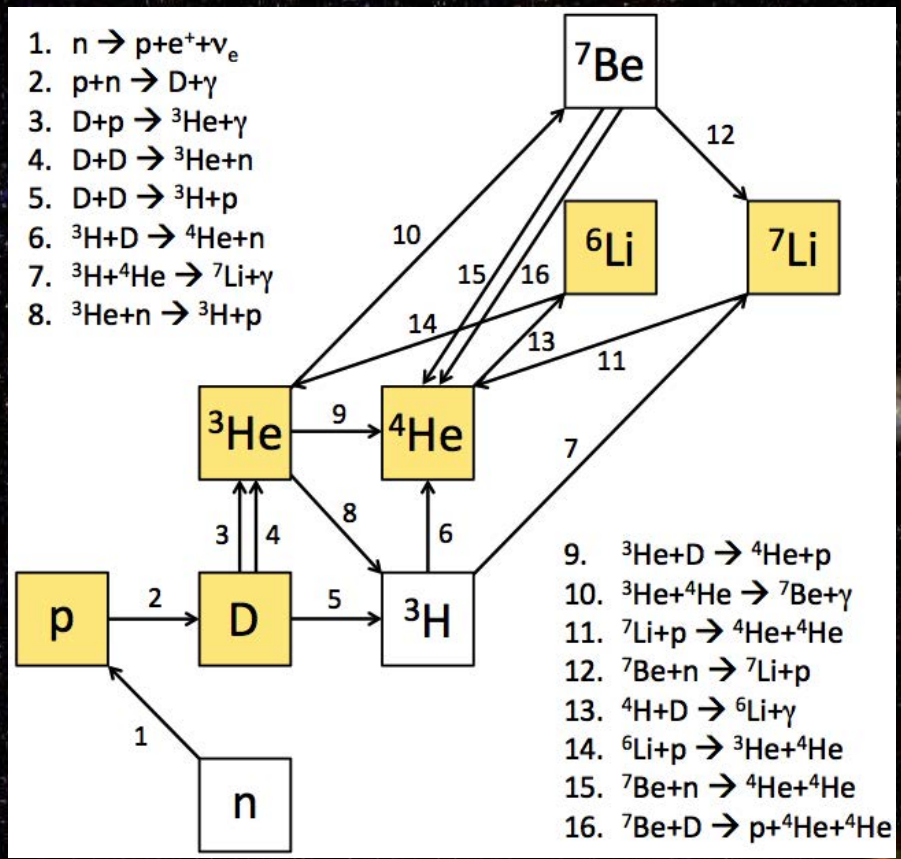


$E_{\text{beam}} \approx 50 - 400 \text{ keV}$   
 $I_{\text{max}} \approx 300 \mu\text{A}$  protons,  $^4\text{He}$   
 Energy spread  $\approx 70 \text{ eV}$

- $^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$  (CNO-I cycle)
- $^3\text{He}(^4\text{He},\gamma)^7\text{Be}$  (Sun, **BBN**)
- $^{25}\text{Mg}(p,\gamma)^{26}\text{Al}$  (Mg-Al Cycle)
- $^{15}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$  (CNO-II Cycle)
- $^{17}\text{O}(p,\gamma)^{18}\text{F}$  (CNO-III Cycle)
- $^2\text{H}(^4\text{He},\gamma)^6\text{Li}$  (**BBN**)
- $^{22}\text{Ne}(p,\gamma)^{23}\text{Na}$  (Ne-Na Cycle)
- $^2\text{H}(p,\gamma)^3\text{He}$  (**BBN**)
- $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha,n)^{16}\text{O}$  (s-process)
- $^{12,13}\text{C}(p,\gamma)^{13,14}\text{N}$  ( $^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}$  ratio)
- $^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha,\gamma)^{23}\text{Na}$  (s-process)
- ...

# Big Bang Nucleosynthesis

BBN is the result of the competition between the relevant **nuclear processes** and the **expansion rate of the early universe** (0.01 s – 3 m):



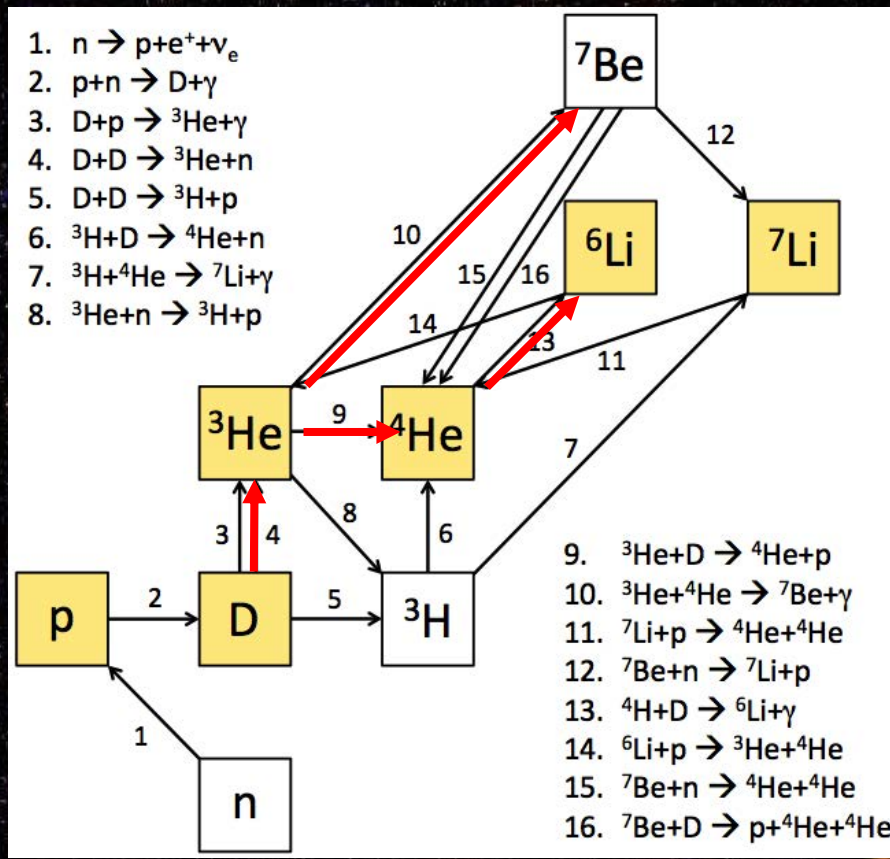
$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi}{3} G \rho$$

$$\rho = \rho_\gamma \left( 1 + \frac{7}{8} \left( \frac{4}{11} \right)^{4/3} N_{\text{eff}} \right)$$

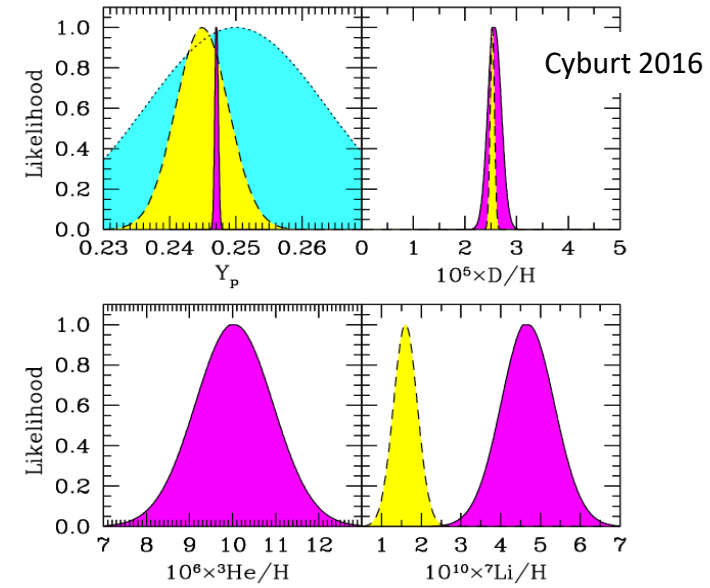
Calculation of primordial abundances depends on:

- Baryon density  $\Omega_b$
- Particle Physics ( $N_{\text{eff}}, \alpha..$ )
- Nuclear Astrophysics, i.e. Cross sections of relevant processes at BBN energies

# Theory Vs observations



Isotope	BBN Theory	Observations
$Y_p$ ( ${}^4\text{He}$ )	$0.24771 \pm 0.00014$	$0.254 \pm 0.003$
D/H	$(2.41 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-5}$	$(2.53 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-5}$
${}^3\text{He}/\text{H}$	$(1.00 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-5}$	$(0.9 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-5}$
${}^7\text{Li}/\text{H}$	$(4.68 \pm 0.67) \times 10^{-10}$	$(1.23^{+0.68}_{-0.32}) \times 10^{-10}$
${}^6\text{Li}/{}^7\text{Li}$	$(1.5 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-5}$	$< \sim 10^{-2}$



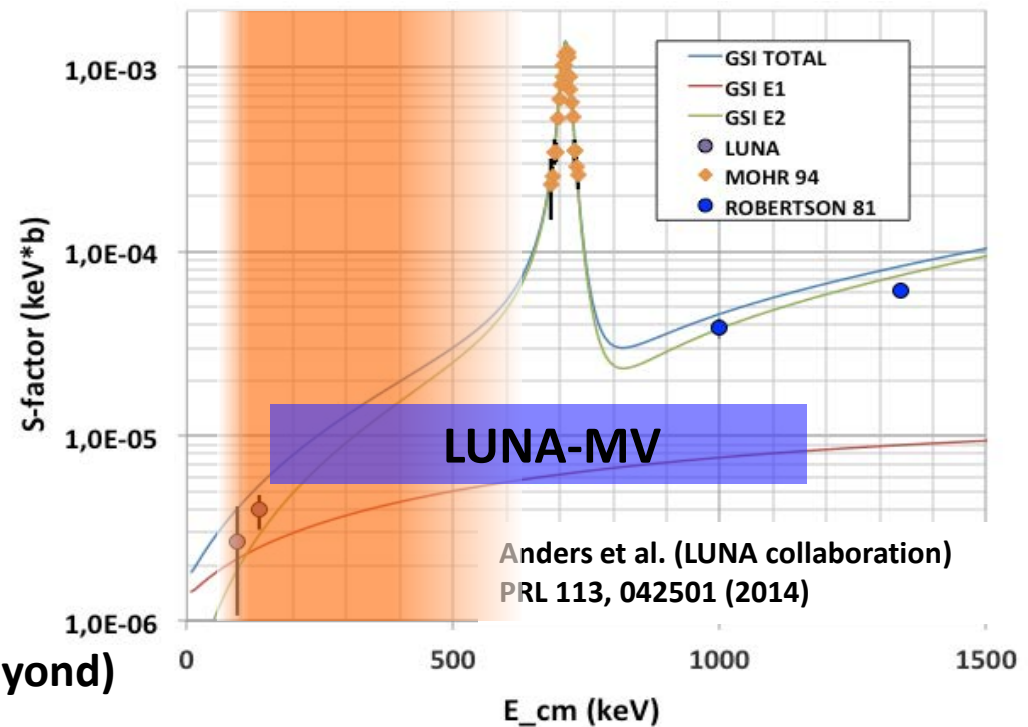
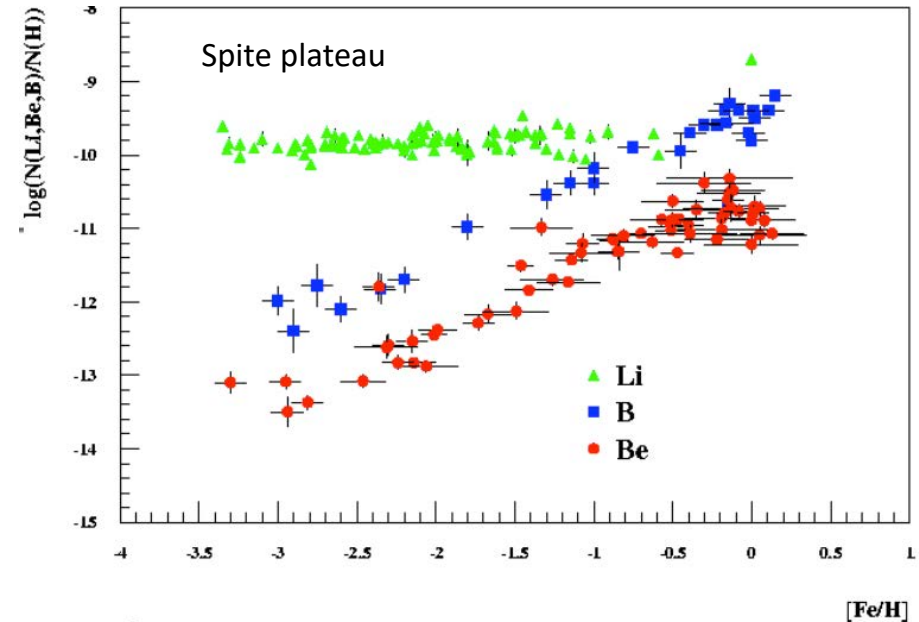
${}^4\text{He}$ , D,  ${}^3\text{He}$  abundances measurements are (broadly) consistent with expectations.

${}^7\text{Li}$ : Long standing “Lithium problem”

${}^6\text{Li}$ : “Second Lithium problem”?

# The Lithium problem(s)

- Observed  ${}^7\text{Li}$  abundance is about 3 times lower than foreseen: Well established "Lithium problem".
- Debated claim of a huge abundance of  ${}^6\text{Li}$  (Asplund2006).
- Systematics in the measured  ${}^7\text{Li}$ ,  ${}^6\text{Li}$  and abundances in the metal-poor stars of our Galaxy.
- Unknown processes before the birth of the galaxy
- New physics, e.g. sparticle annihilation/decay (Jedamzik2008), long lived negatively charged particles (Kusakabe2010)
- ...Nuclear physics, i.e. the lack of knowledge of the relevant nuclear reactions.



Important opportunity for LUNA-MV (2019 and beyond)

# $D(p,\gamma)^3\text{He}$ reaction @ LUNA400

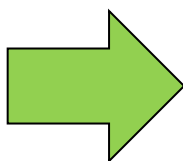
Reaction	Rate Symbol	$\sigma_{2\text{H}/\text{H}} \cdot 10^5$
$p(n,\gamma)^2\text{H}$	$R_1$	$\pm 0.002$
$d(p,\gamma)^3\text{He}$	$R_2$	$\pm 0.062$
$d(d,n)^3\text{He}$	$R_3$	$\pm 0.020$
$d(d,p)^3\text{H}$	$R_4$	$\pm 0.013$

(Di Valentino, C.G. et al. 2014)

- The error budget of computed abundance of deuterium is mainly due to the  $D(p,\gamma)^3\text{He}$  reaction
- Measurements (9% error) **NOT** in agreement with recent “Ab-Initio” calculations.

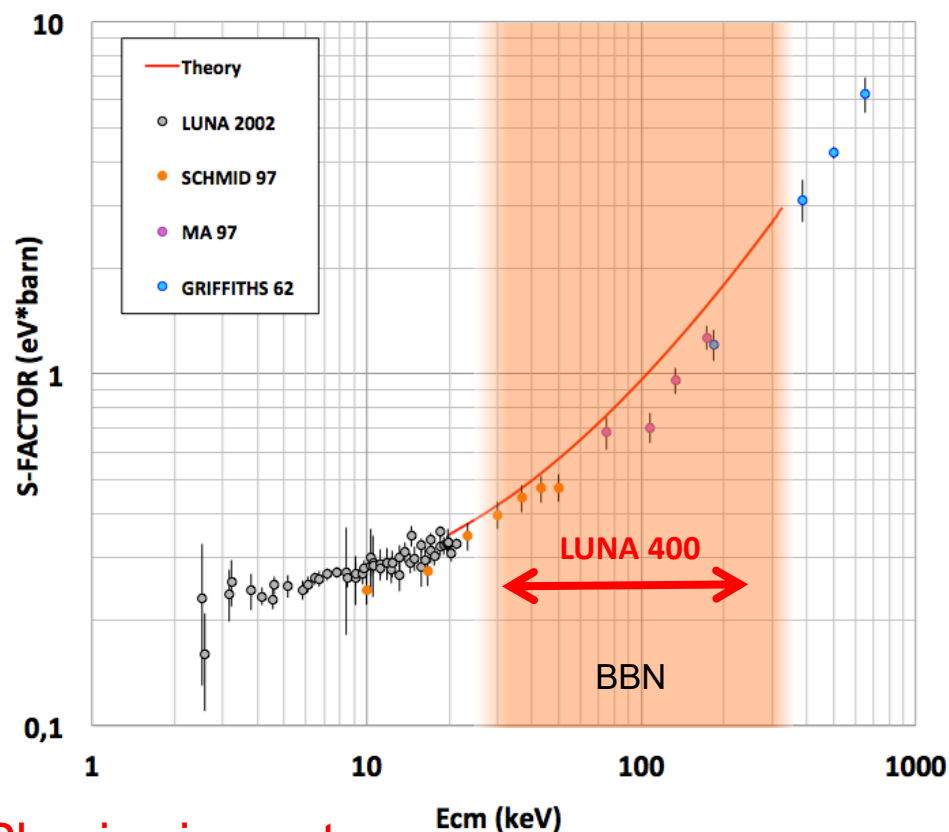
## Measurement goal:

- Cross section measurement at  $30 < E_{\text{cm}} (\text{keV}) < 260$  with  $\sim 3\%$  accuracy
- Differential cross section measurement at  $100 < E_{\text{cm}} < 260$



## Physics impact:

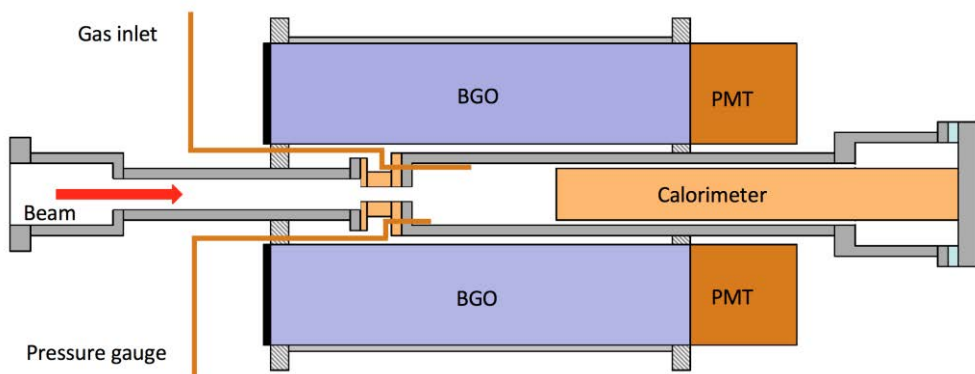
- *Cosmology: measurement of  $\Omega_b$ .*
- *Neutrino physics: measurement of  $N_{\text{eff}}$ .*
- *Nuclear physics: comparison of data with “ab initio” predictions.*





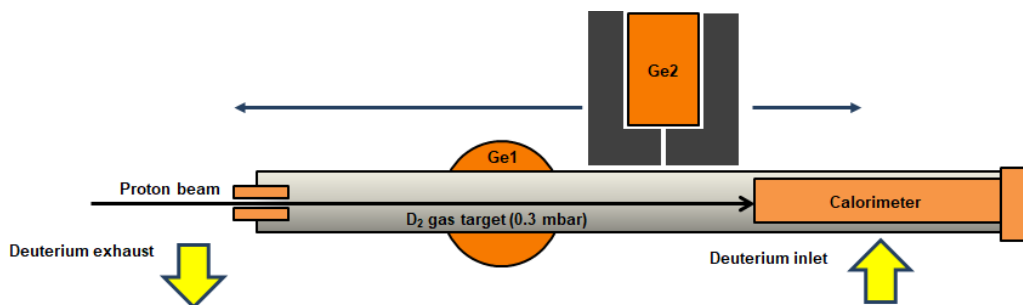
# $D(p,\gamma)^3\text{He}$ reaction: setup

High efficiency ( $\sim 60\%$ ,  $\sim 4\pi$  acceptance)



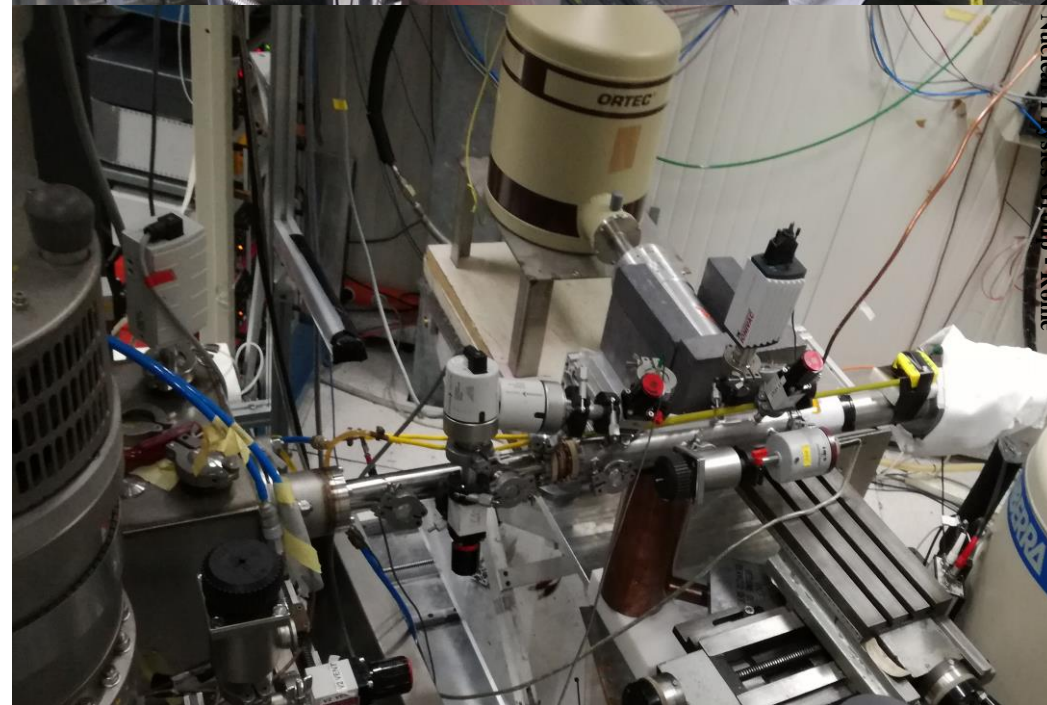
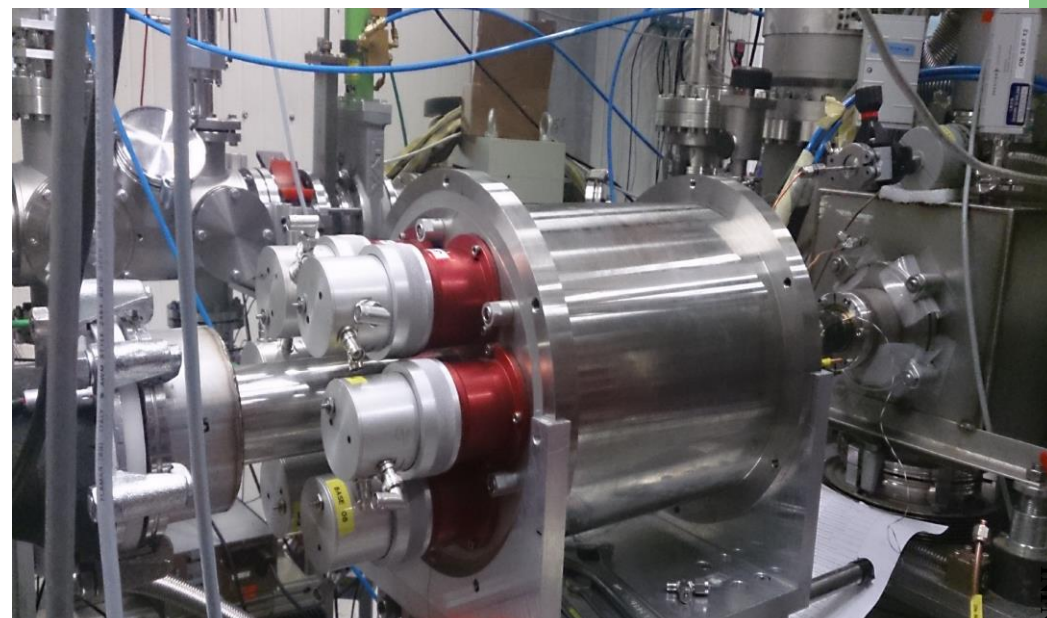
**BGO scintillators**

High energy resolution ( $\sim 10$  keV @ 6 MeV)



**2 x Ge(Li) sensors**

- **Tabletop setup**
- **Need very accurate calibration**

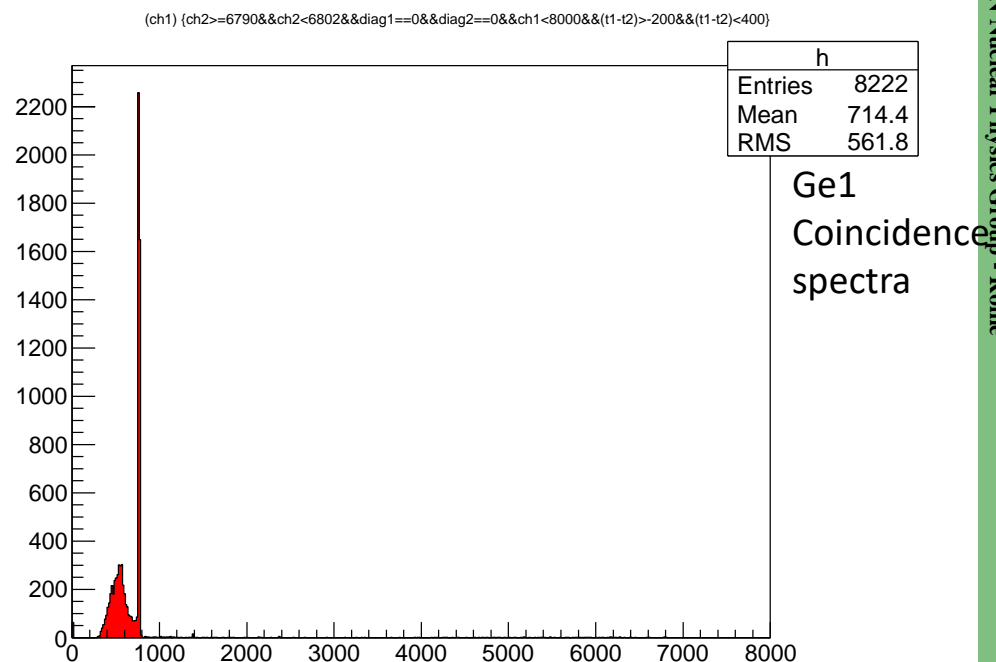
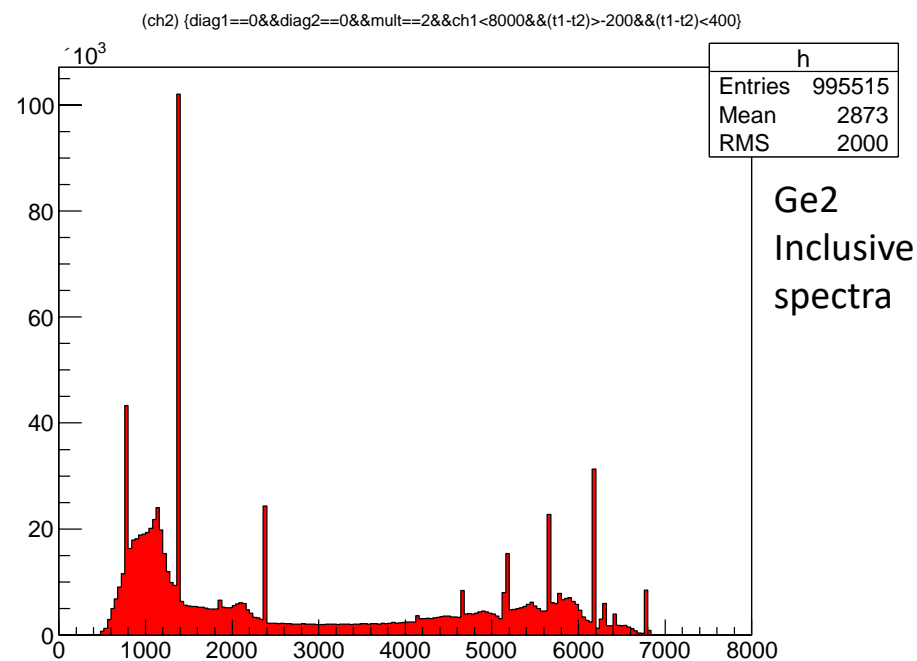
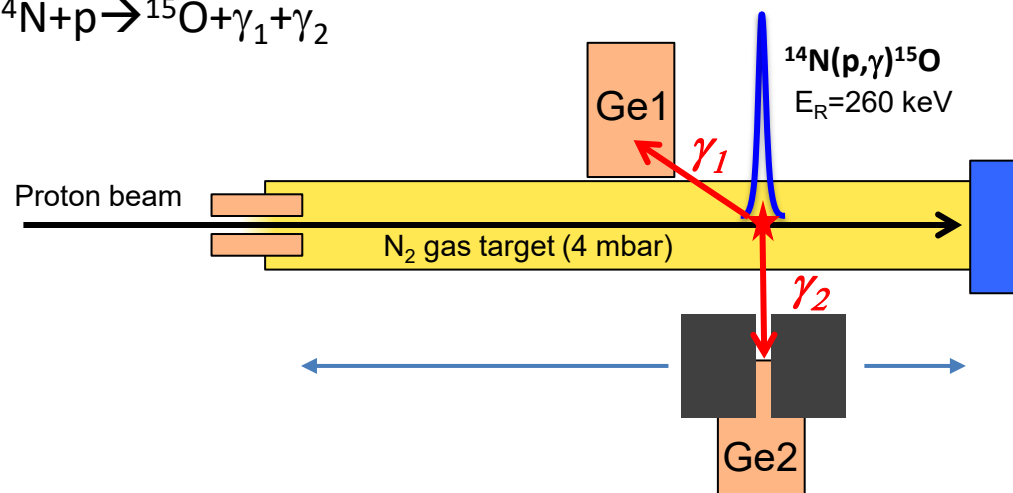
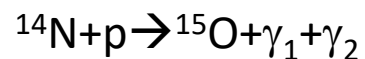


# Systematics: efficiency

$$\sigma(E) = \int_0^L \frac{N_\gamma \cdot e}{t \cdot I_{beam} \cdot \rho(z) \cdot \epsilon(z)} W(\vartheta(z)) dz$$

HPGe Source	Method
BEAM CURRENT	Calibration with Faraday cup
TEMPERATURE PROFILE	Direct Measurement
PRESSURE PROFILE	Direct Measurement
BEAM HEATING	Rate Vs Current measurement
<b>DETECTOR EFFICIENCY</b>	<b>Calibration with <sup>14</sup>N(p,γ)<sup>15</sup>O reaction</b>
ANGULAR DISTRIBUTION	Peak Shape Analysis

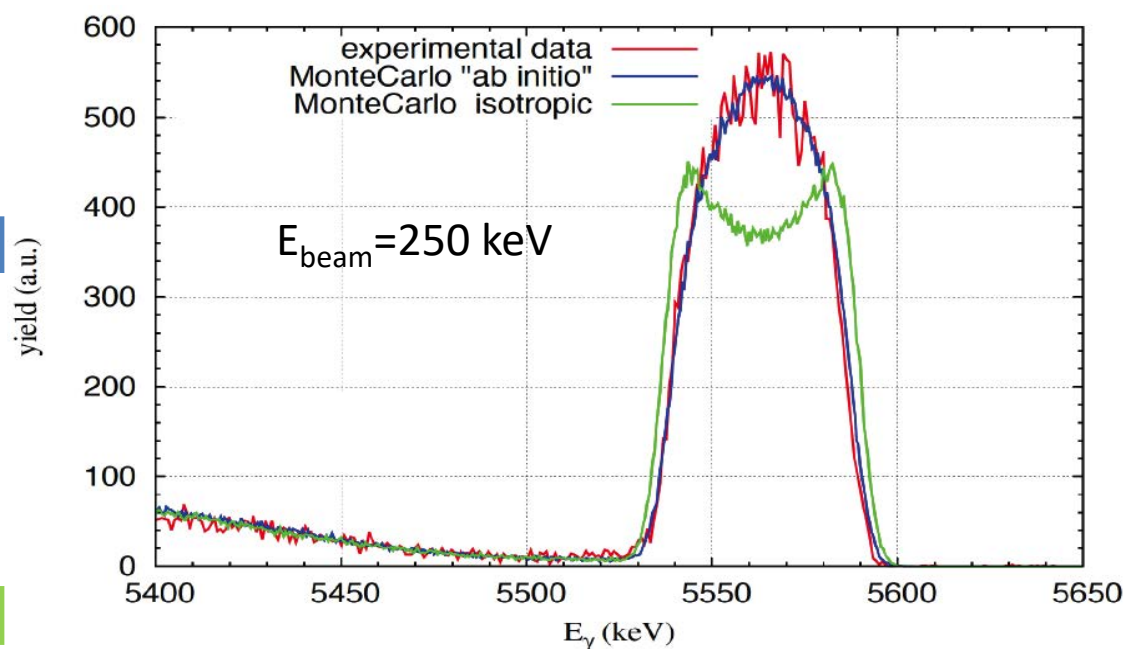
Calibration exploiting the reaction:



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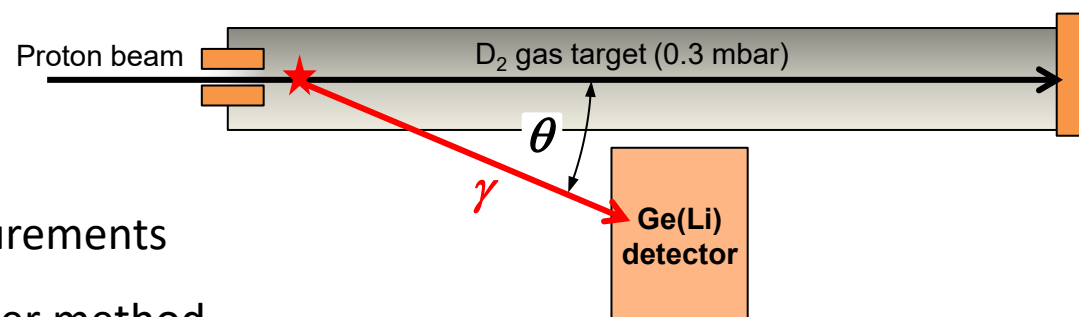
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Moreover:

- Beam induced background → Dedicated measurements
- Instrumental bias (dead time, pile-up,..) → Pulser method
- Energy loss → Ziegler formulae/direct measurements
- Detailed simulation to correct second order effects



$$E_\gamma = \frac{m_p^2 + m_d^2 - m_{He}^2 + 2E_p m_d}{2(E_p + m_d + p \cos(\vartheta_{lab}))}$$



# Next: LUNA MV

First run scheduled in June 2020

Starting program:

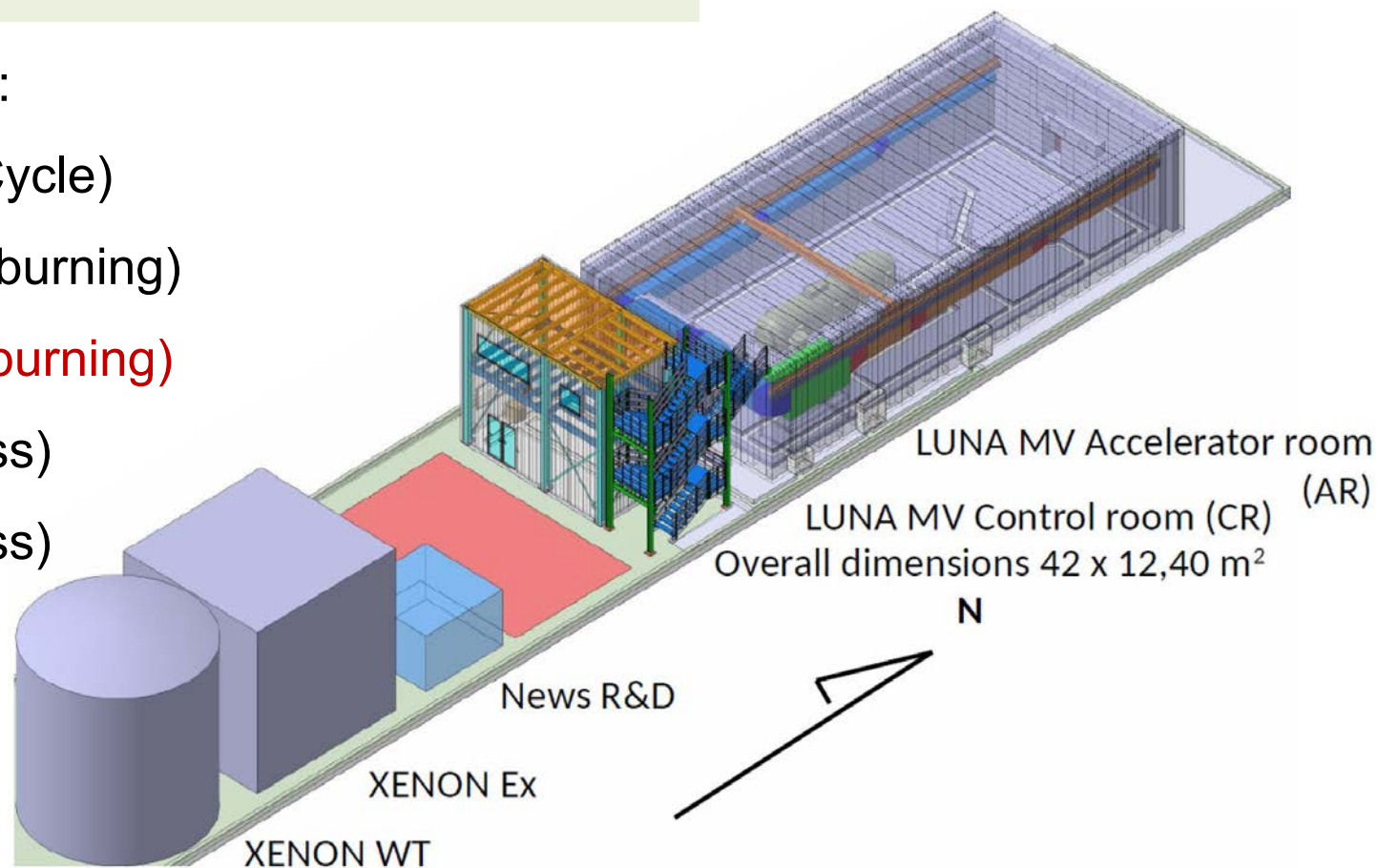
$^{14}\text{N}(p,\gamma)^{15}\text{O}$  (CNO I Cycle)

$^{12}\text{C}+^{12}\text{C}$  (Carbon burning)

$^{12}\text{C}(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}\text{O}$  (Helium burning)

$^{13}\text{C}(\alpha,n)^{16}\text{O}$  (s-process)

$^{22}\text{Ne}(\alpha,n)^{25}\text{Mg}$  (s-process)

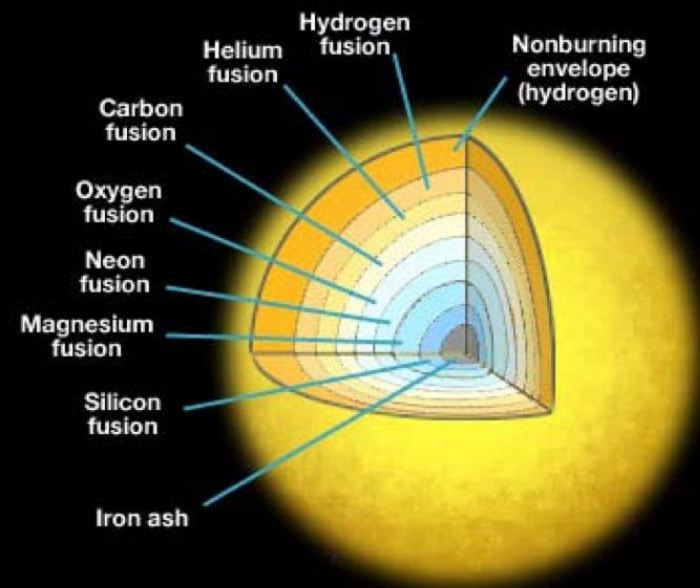


Terminal Voltage  $\approx 0.2 - 3.5$  MV

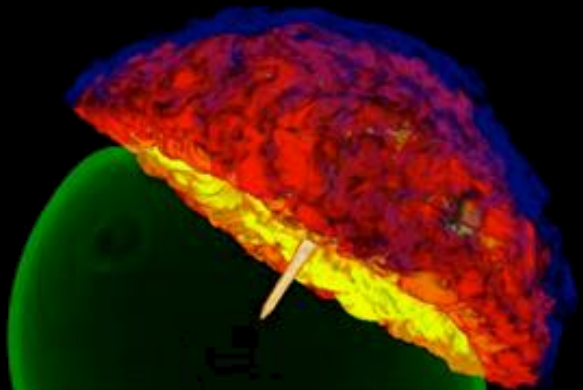
$I_{\text{max}} \approx 100-1000 \mu\text{A}$  protons,  $^4\text{He}$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}^+$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}^{++}$

An experimental apparatus  
and an LNGS facility

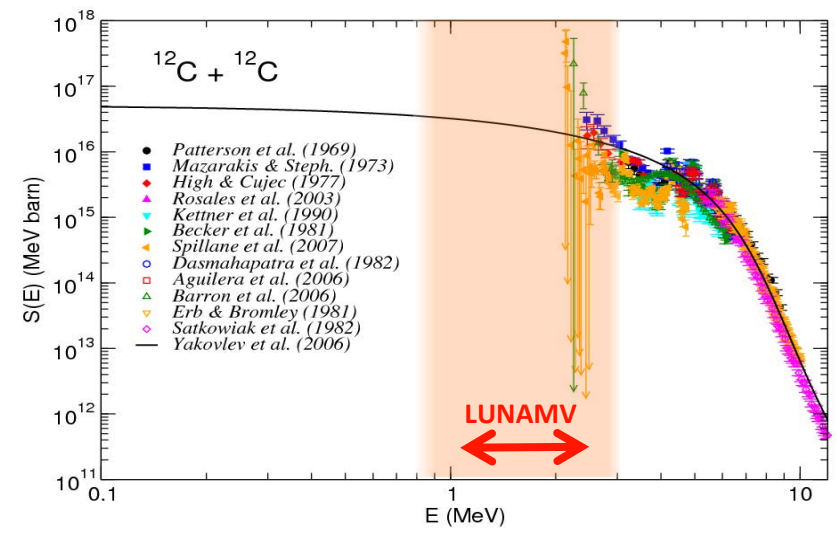
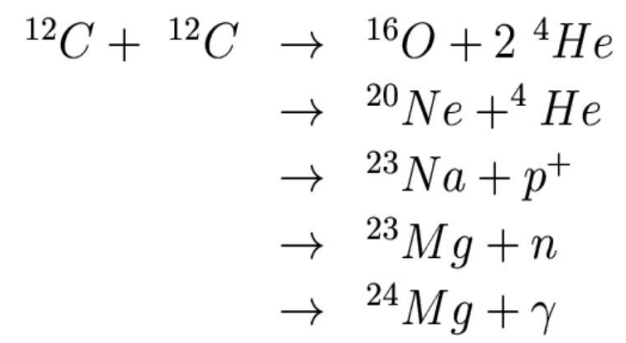
# Carbon Burning & Type Ia supernovae



Massive star



- Critical mass for the fate of a star
- Population of WD, novae, SN1a  $\leftrightarrow$  SN, NS, BH.
- Duration of quiescent carbon burning
- Complex chains involving  $C \rightarrow Si$  nuclei
- Affects s-process
- Strongly affects the abundance of elements
- Type 1a supernovae outcomes



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Nucleon structure/dynamics ← QCD  
Neutron Star, parity and hypernuclei  
Dark Matter Search



<https://www.ge.infn.it/jlab12/>

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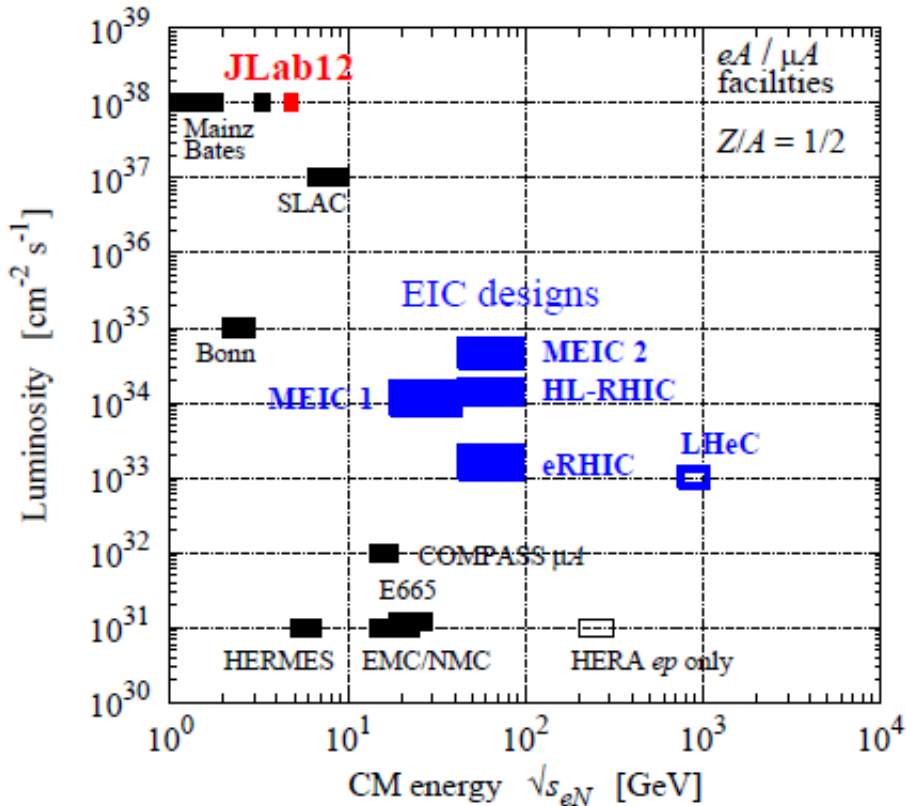
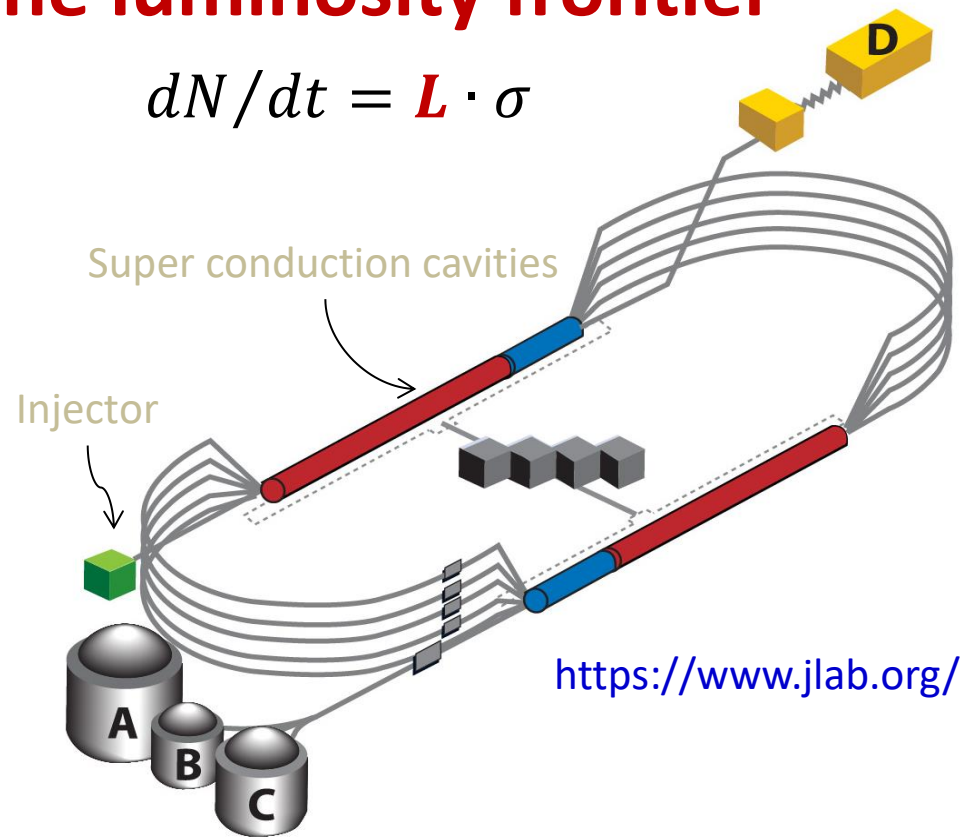
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# At the luminosity frontier

$$dN/dt = L \cdot \sigma$$

**CEBAF Linear electron accelerator**  
T. Jefferson National Laboratory  
(Virginia/USA)



*Energy up to 12 GeV with  $\delta E/E \sim 10^{-4}$*

*Emittance: ~ few nm-rad*

*Polarized beam: long. ~ 85% (1kHz helicity flip)*

*Current  $\leq 100 \mu A$  100% duty factor (CW, 499 MHz)*

*4 experimental Halls*

*Targets: from H to Pb (also polarized)*

# JLab Physics

Nuclei quark structure and their propagation in the nucleare medium (EMC effect, nuclear transparency)

**Nuclear Structure**

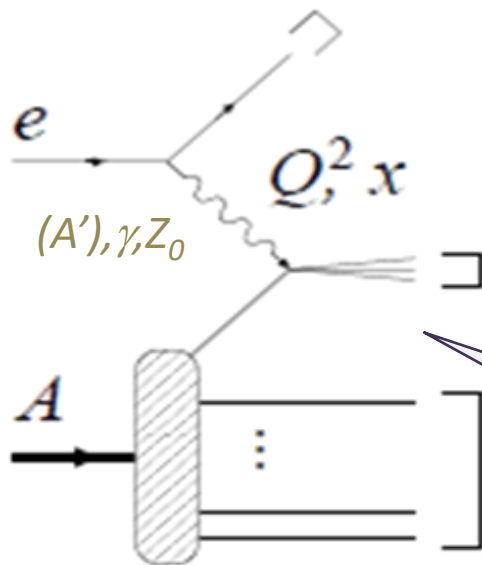
Short Range N-N interaction  
N- $\Lambda$  Interaction

High precision test of standard model  
Quark-s distribution in nucleons  
Neutron distribution in medium-heavy nuclei

**Parity violation**

**Nucleon Structure**

Form Factors, Partonic distributions, origin of the nucleon spin, nucleon size and mass



**Hadron Spectroscopy**

Search of hybrid and exotics states  
Lattice QCD test  
Confinement

Electron–Nucleus scattering processes  
QED  $\otimes$  QCD

**Dark Matter Search**

**Beam:**

- High intensity
- «high» energy
- polarized
- low emittance

**Targets:**

- from H to Pb
- polarized
- stand high beam intensity

**Detectors:**

- large acceptances
- support high background
- hadron identification
- precise reconstruction



# Nucleon, still a mystery!

- Mass origin

Sum of quarks mass makes ~2% of nucleon mass

Confinement / QCD

Internal dynamics

~50% of proton momentum carried by gluons

- Spin origin

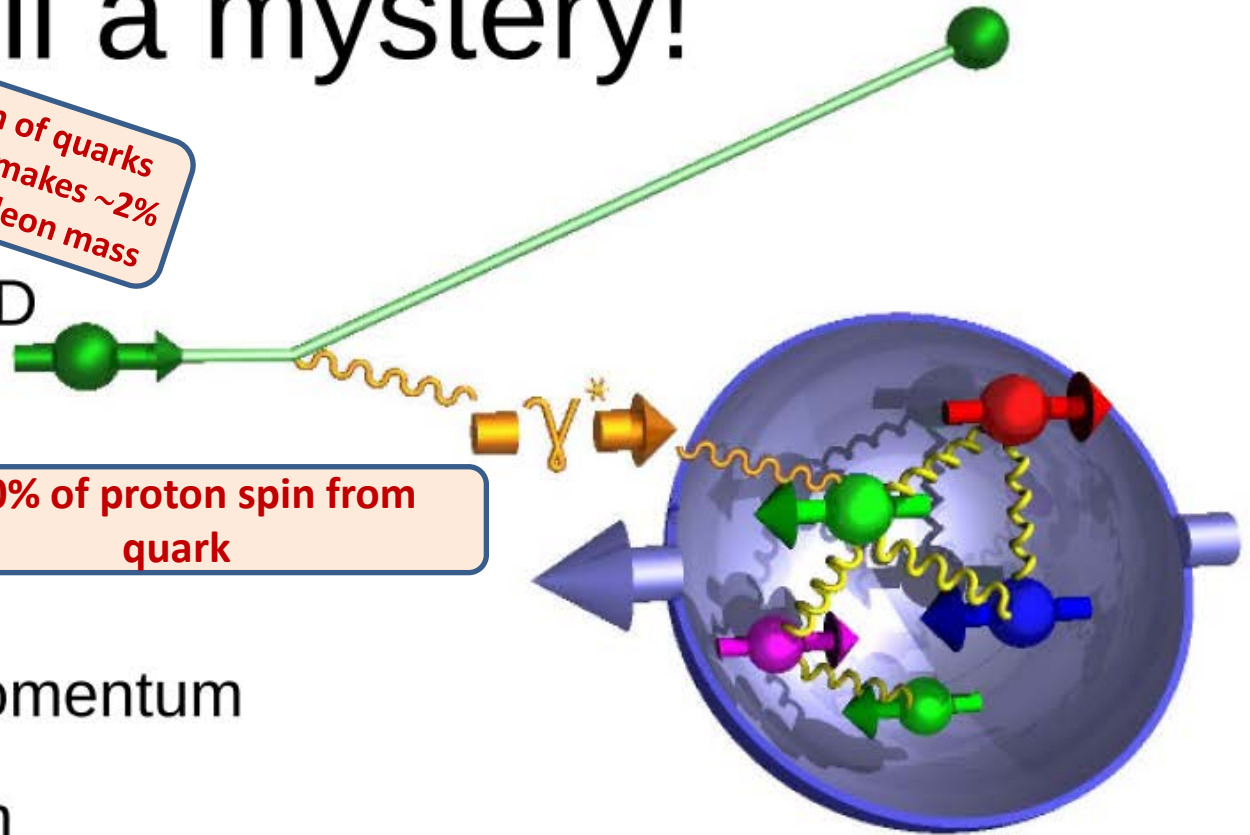
~20% of proton spin from quark

- Orbital Angular Momentum
- Gluon Contribution

- (Proton) radius

Recent measurement (Pohl et al. 2010) strongly disagrees with ep scattering data

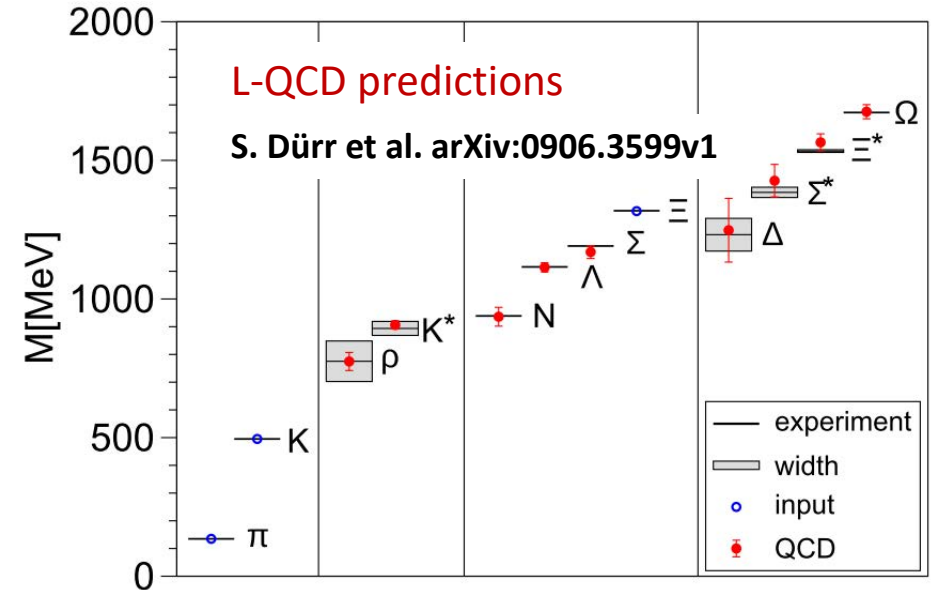
- QED-QCD reaction mechanisms



sample image  
(actual product may vary)

# Nucleon (Hadron) mass, QCD and confinement

- The mass of the nucleon is determined by the interactions among the three valence quarks rather than their masses; *fraction of the original large energy density remained confined into the hadrons*
- Lattice QCD predicts (relative) hadrons masses pretty well, but it does not provide hints on the mechanism behind the origin of them
- QCD is a Yang-Mills non-abelian gauge theory: the mass gap (**confinement**) is intrinsically a quantum effect – (while Higgs mechanism is classical and enters ElectroWeak gauge theory by quantization) (see F. Wilczek, *Origins of Mass* MIT-CTP/4379, 2012)
- QCD is poorly known and counterintuitive:  
**its «explainability» may represent a scientific revolution**



One of the 1M\$  
Millennium Problem of the  
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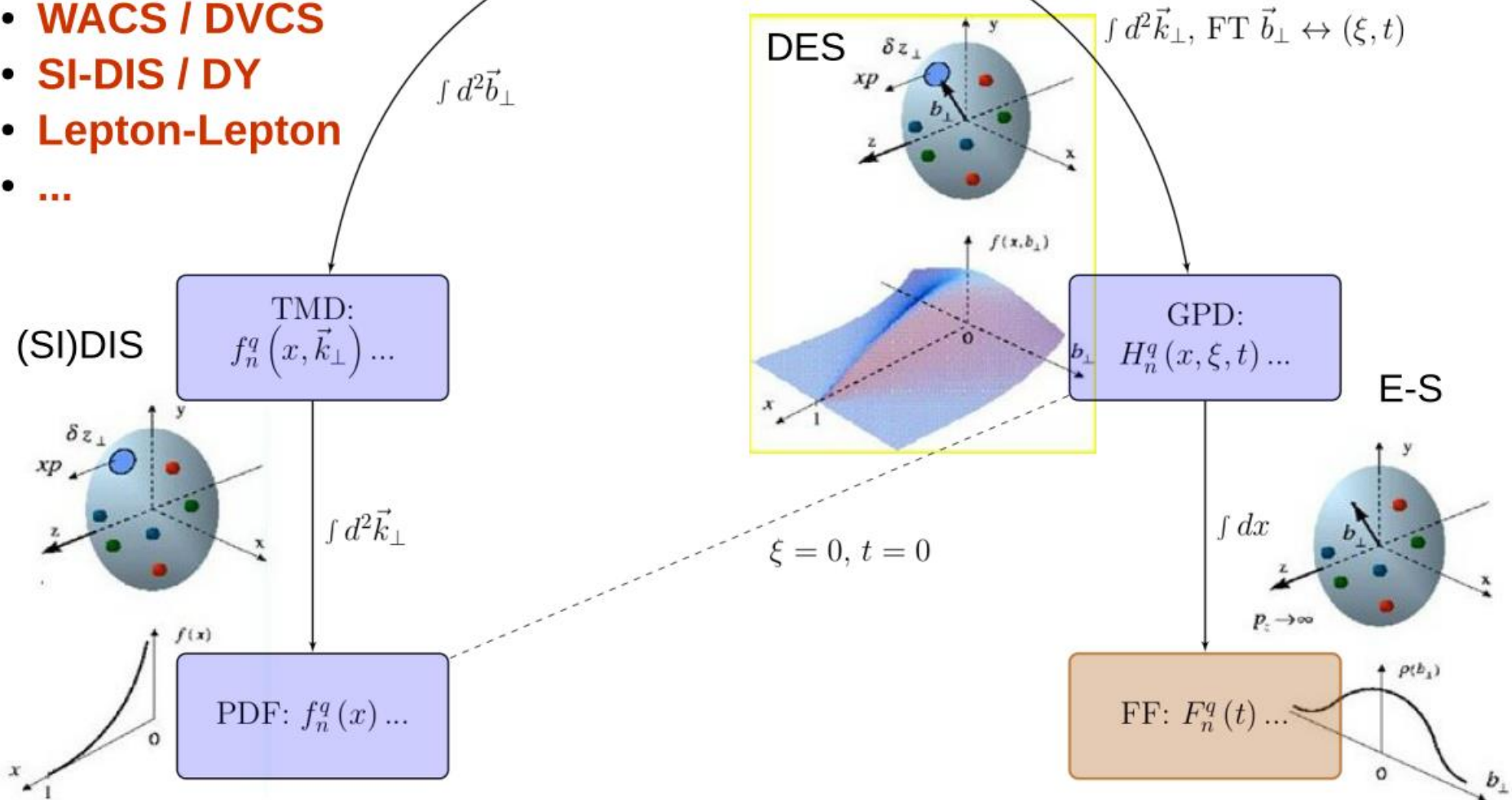
# Toward a unified picture of nucleon structure

Large experimental “firepower” required:

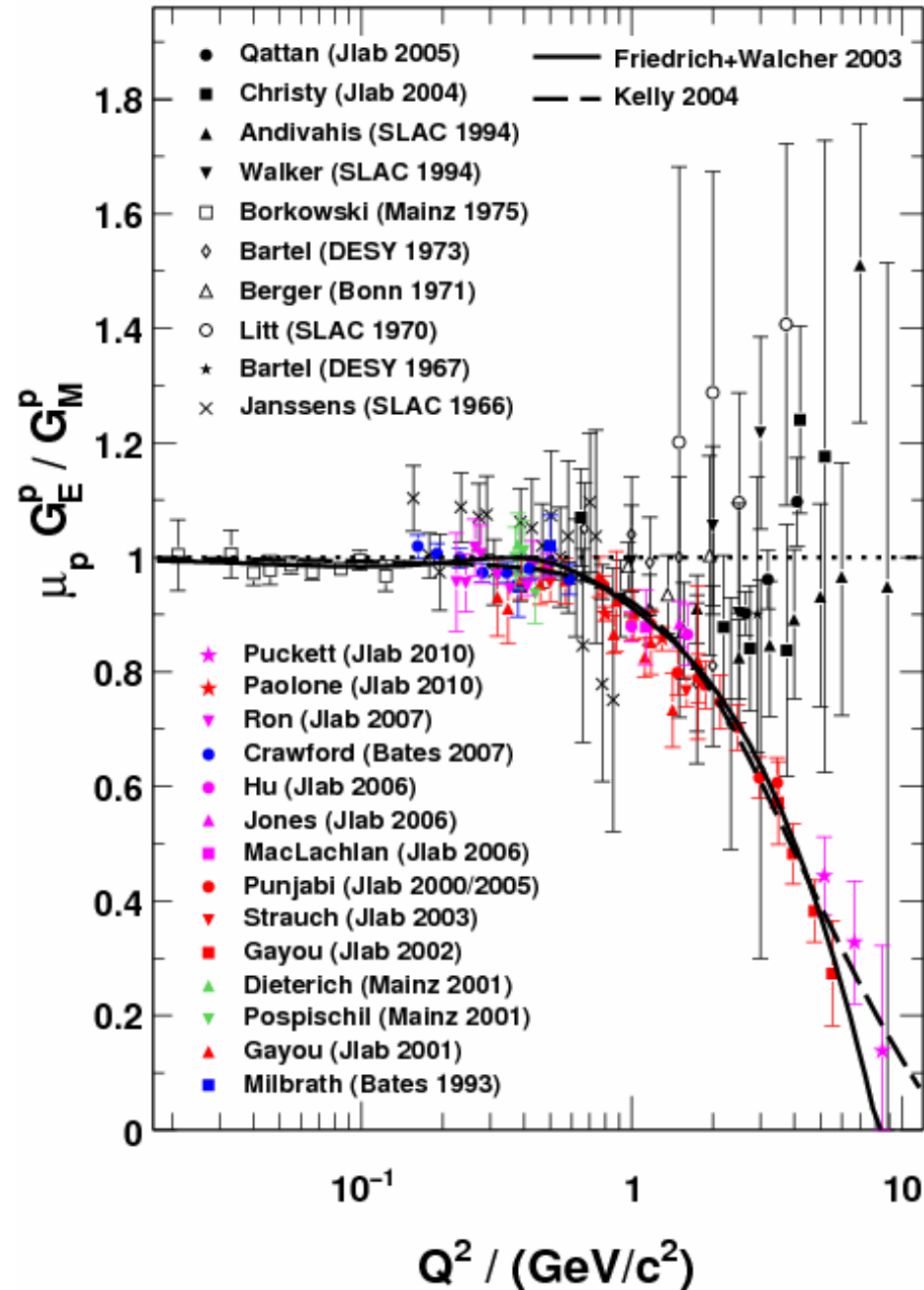
- Elastic Scattering
- WACS / DVCS
- SI-DIS / DY
- Lepton-Lepton
- ...

Wigner functions:  
 $W_{\Gamma,n}^q(x, \vec{k}_\perp, \vec{b}_\perp)$

Naively: probability to find a quark  $q$  in the hadron  $n$  with given momentum  $(x,k)$  and position  $b$



# Proton Form Factors $G_E/G_M$ – unexpected discrepancy



$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto G_{Ep}^2 + \frac{\tau}{\varepsilon} G_{Mp}^2$$

**Rosenbluth Separation:** assume single photon approximation

**Before 2000:** proton  $G_E/G_M$  fairly constant with  $Q^2$

$$R_p = \mu_p \frac{G_E(Q^2)}{G_M(Q^2)} \approx 1 - \underbrace{0.13 (Q^2 - 0.29)}_{\text{Pol. Transfer Discr.}}$$

$$\mu \frac{G_{Ep}}{G_{Mp}} = -\mu \frac{P_t}{P_l} \frac{(E_{beam} + E_e)}{2M_p} \tan \frac{\theta_e}{2}$$

**Polarization transfer** from the incident electron to the scattered proton

**At JLab,** new class of experiments show proton  $G_E/G_M$  decreasing linearly with  $Q^2$

Form Factors are an important probe of the **color CONFINEMENT** at all energy ranges!

Physics Cases:  
 Nucleon Form Factors, Neutron spin and TMD, Pion structure functions  
 ... an experimental tool for hadron structure investigation

for high luminosity experiments!



Silicon microstrip

Form Factors and SI-DIS program

Hadron Calorimeter

Gas Electron Multiplier Trackers

Magnet

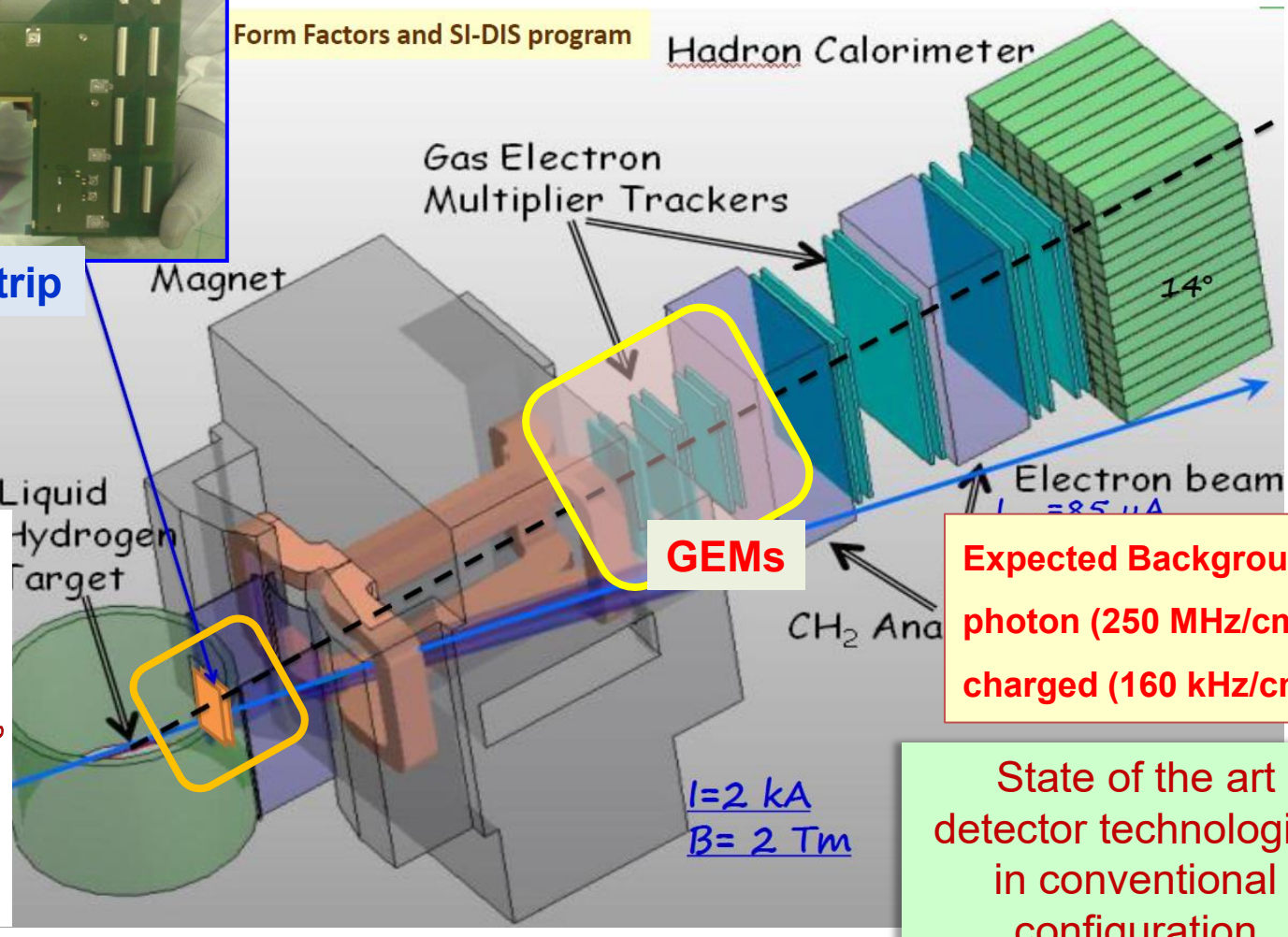
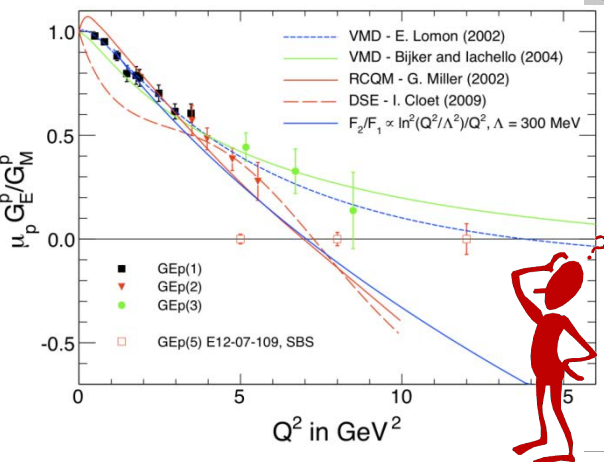
Liquid Hydrogen target

GEMs

Expected Background:  
 photon (250 MHz/cm<sup>2</sup>)  
 charged (160 kHz/cm<sup>2</sup>)

State of the art detector technologies in conventional configuration

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$I = 2 \text{ kA}$   
 $B = 2 \text{ Tm}$

12 simultaneous GEM modules

More than 27000 readout channels !

MPD GEM  
Readout (VME  
mode) - JLab  
DAQ

Large scintillators

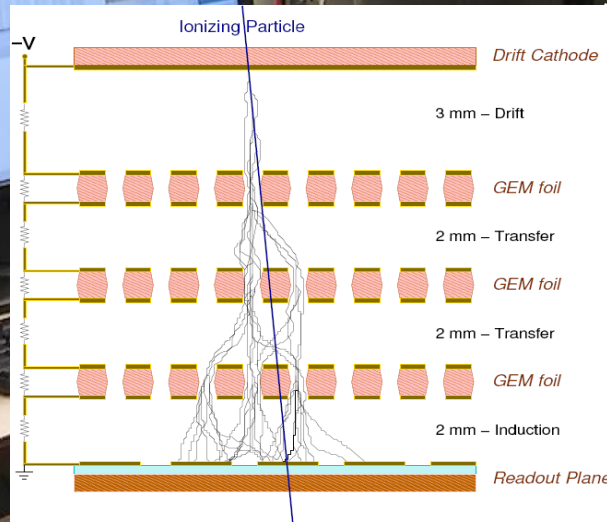
Chamber j1

Chamber j3

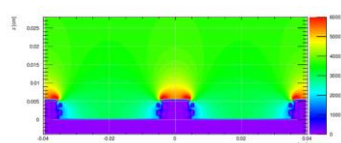
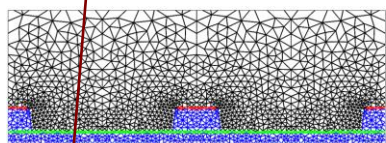
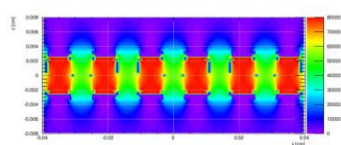
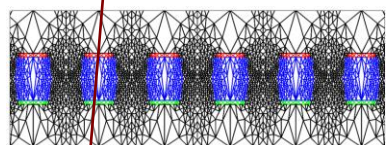
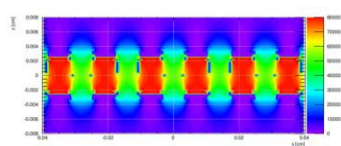
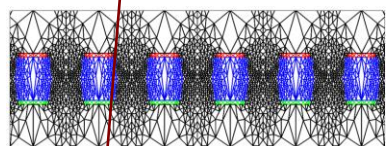
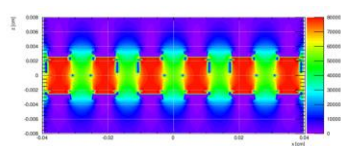
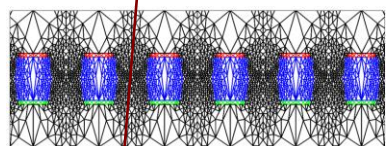
Chamber j0

Chamber j2

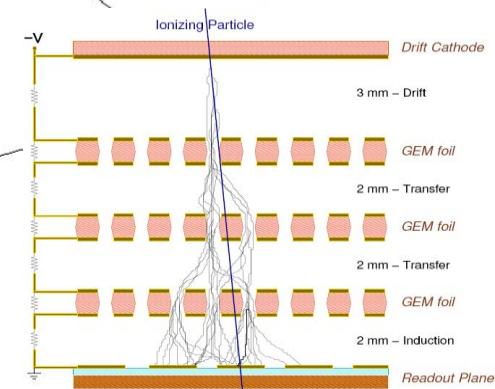
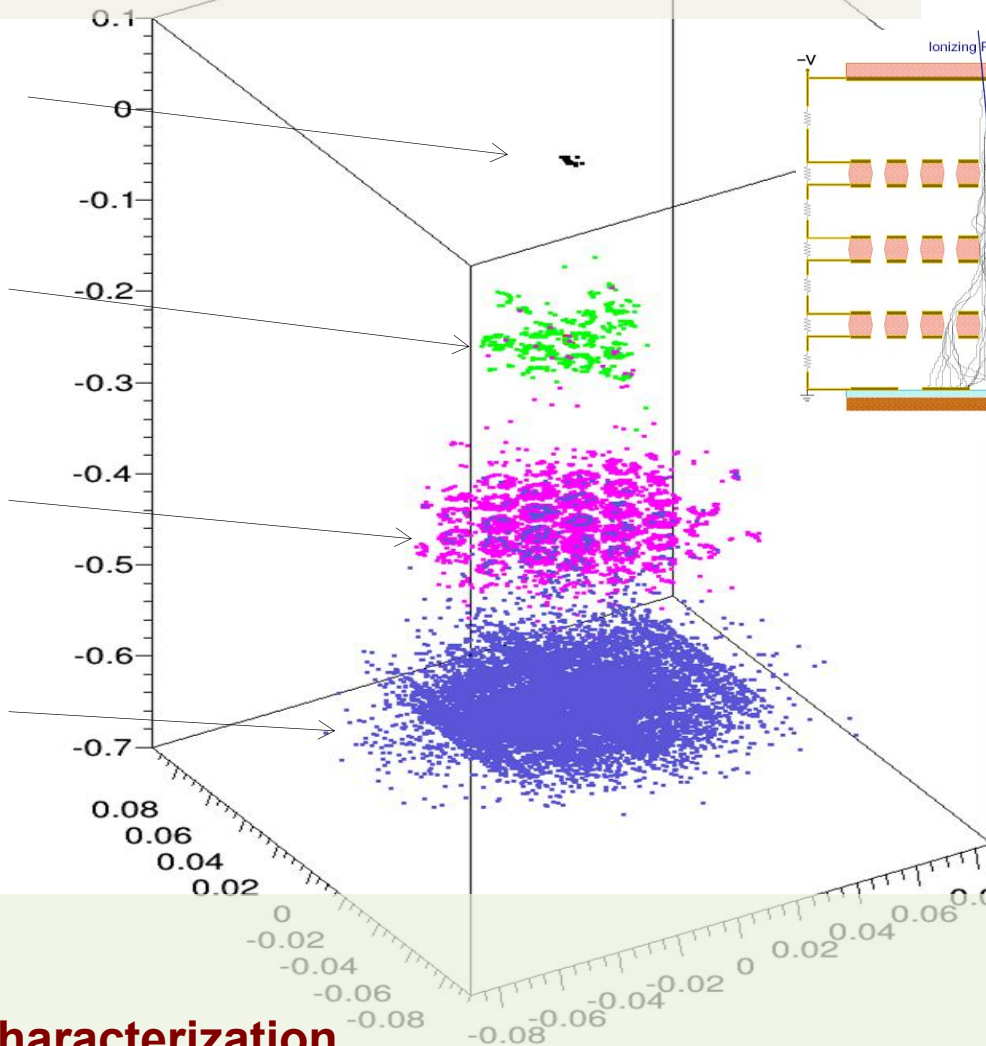
Large scintillators



Model → Electrostatic Field → Simulation of electrons/ions avalanche



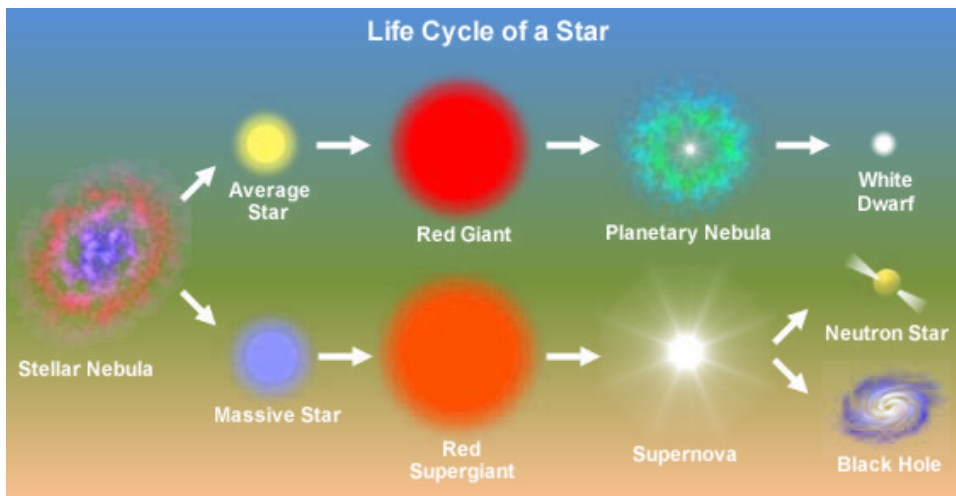
Single track in GEM



## Ongoing activities:

- Silicon – microstrip detector characterization
- Commissioning (cosmics and beam) of the GEM tracker
- Development of the track reconstruction algorithm (based on neural network)
- Microscopic model of the GEM response (by Garfield++)

# The «giant nucleus»: Neutron Star

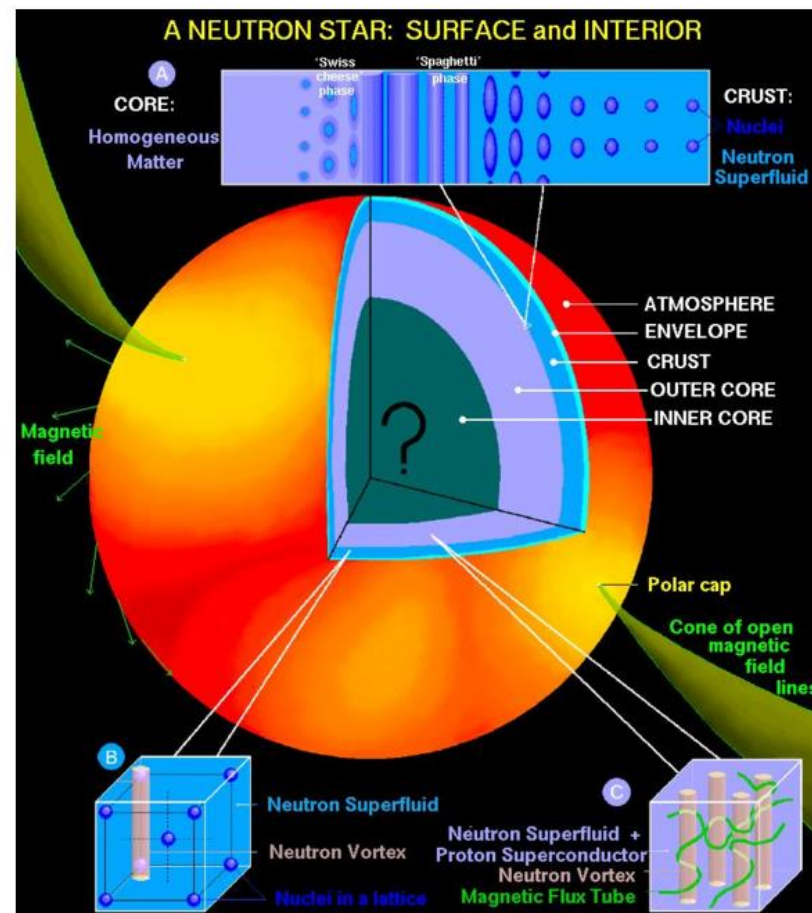


The possible end of a red supergiant star

**One of the most strongly correlated fermionic system ( $\sim 10^{17} \text{ kg/m}^3$ )**

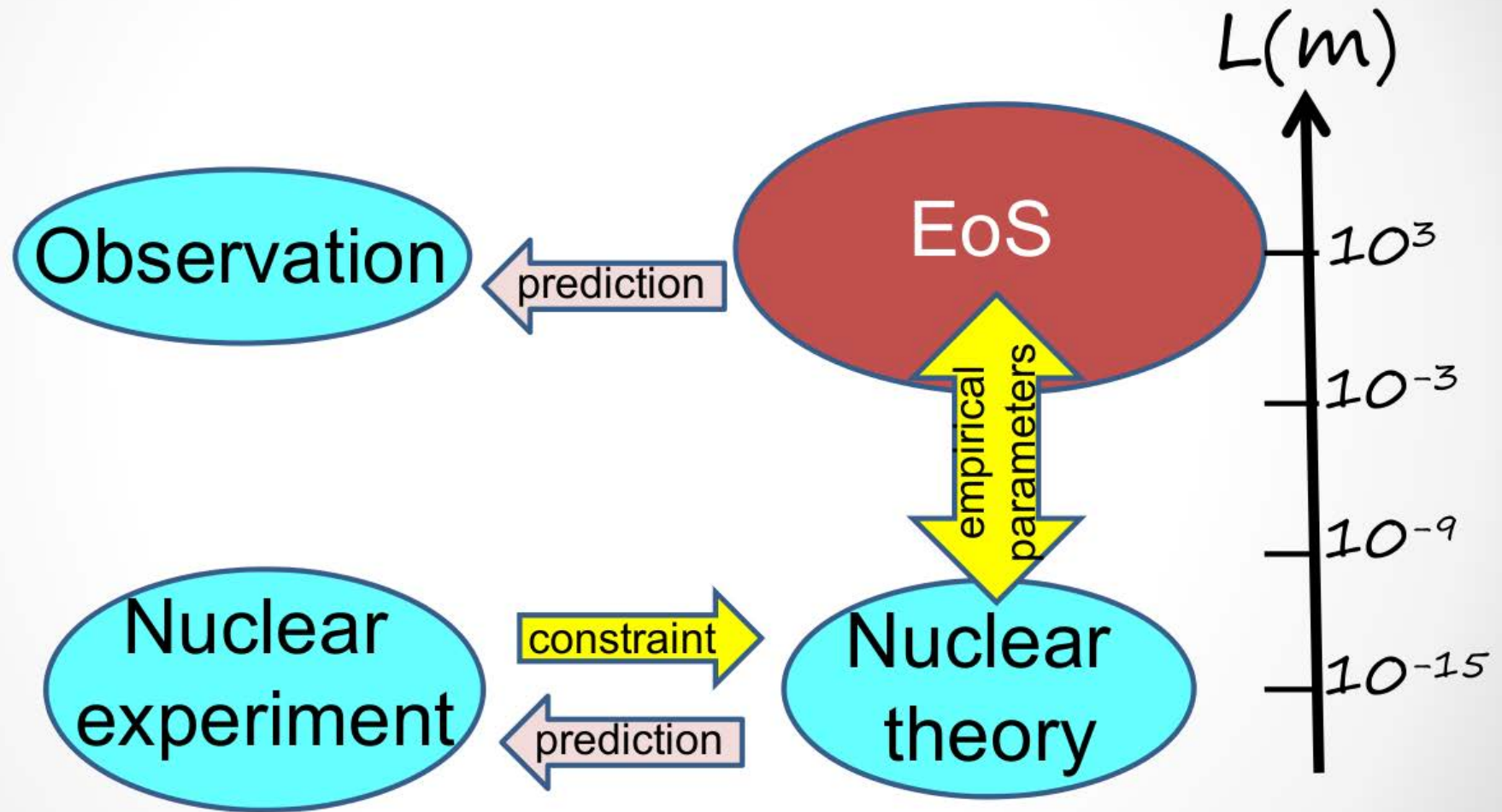
Binary Neutron Star Merger source of a recent (17/08/2017) Multi-messenger observation

- The NS core is supposed to be a sort of neutral fluid of neutrons, protons, muons and electrons in equilibrium (respect to weak interaction)
- This fluid is described by the Equation of State (EoS) of strong interacting matter: relate Pressure, Energy density and Temperature
- **The derivation of EoS from nuclear interaction is an extremely complex theoretical problem**





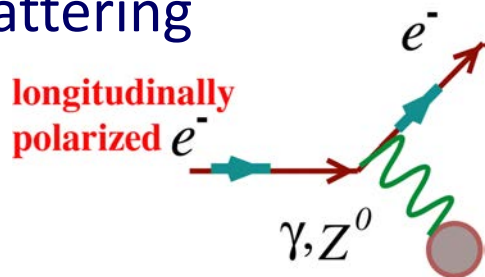
*Constraining the empirical parameters:  
jumping across the scales!*



The **EoS** is the derivative of the energy function and strictly related to the asymmetry term ( $a_a$ ) in nuclear binding energy

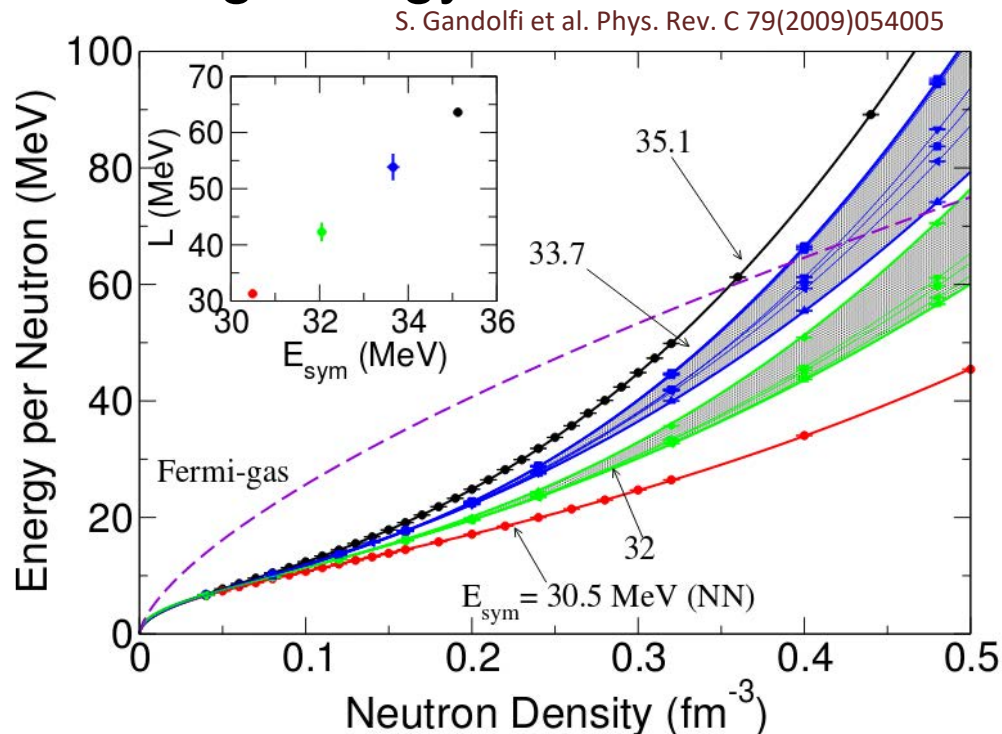
$$B = a_v A - a_s A^{2/3} - \frac{a_c Z(Z-1)}{A^{1/3}} - \frac{a_a (N-Z)^2}{A} - a_p A^{-3/4}$$

The **asymmetry term** can be precisely measured from the neutron-proton radius difference in heavy nuclei (PREX\* experiments) by **parity violation** in polarized electron elastic scattering

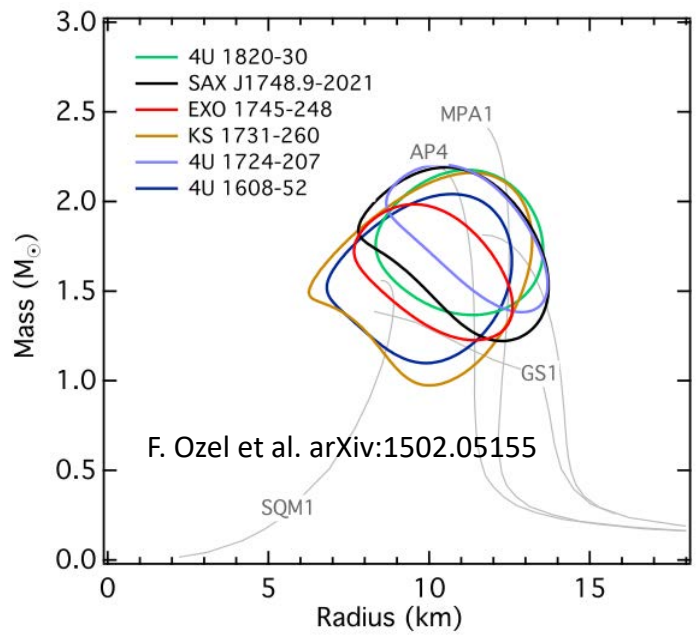


$$A_{PV} \sim \frac{G_F Q^2}{4\pi\alpha} \left[ \underbrace{1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W}_{\sim 0} + \frac{F_n(Q^2)}{F_p(Q^2)} \right] \leftarrow \text{Right-Left Asymmetry}$$

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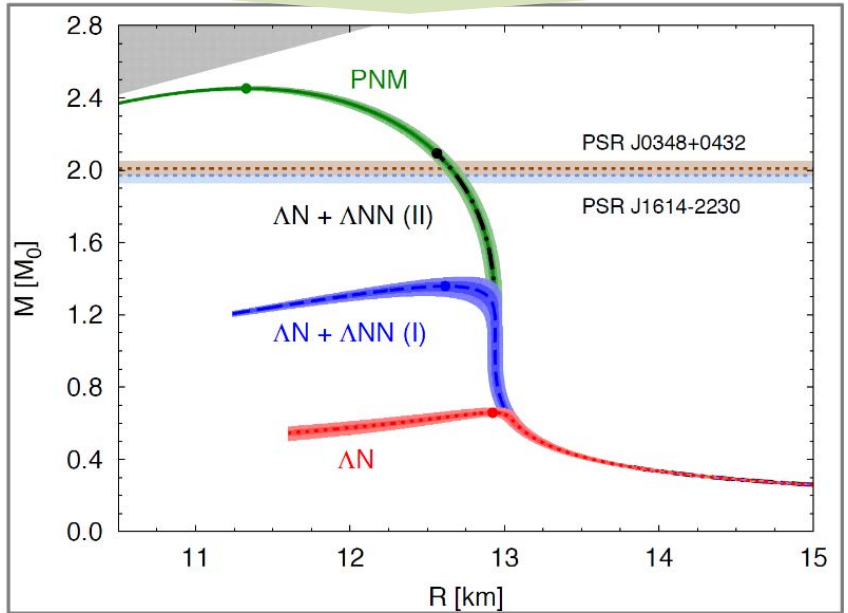


**PREX-II** is going to run shortly (this year) at JLab (Activities on experiment preparation/simulation, data taking and analysis)



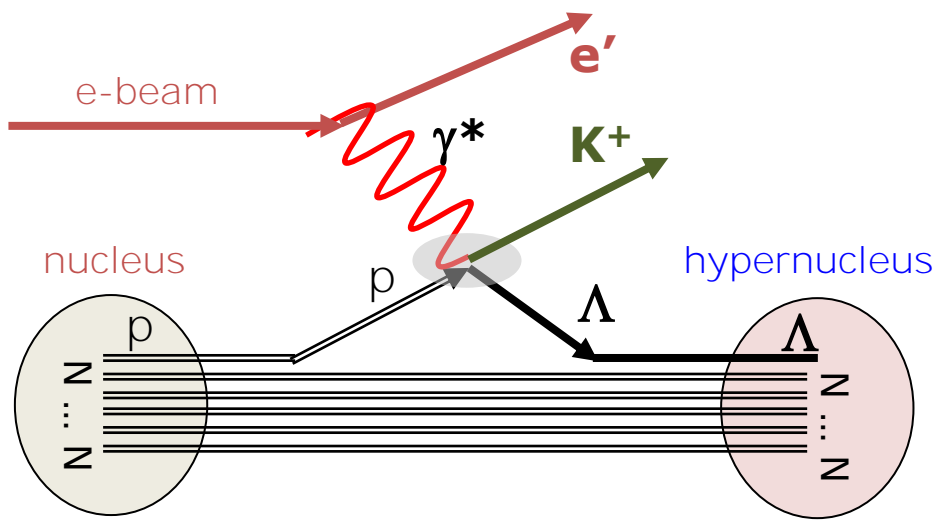
NS with  $\geq 2$  solar mass with  $\sim 10$  km have been observed

At such high density, hyperons ( $\Lambda, \Sigma$ ) can be relevant and  **$\Lambda$ -N interaction becomes essential** to predict NS mass-to-size relation



D. Lonardoni, A. Lovato, S. Gandolfi, F. Pederiva Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 092301 (2015)

$\Lambda$ -N can be investigated by hypernuclear spectroscopy in electron-nucleus scattering



**Hypernuclear electroproduction is one of the peculiar physics highlights at JLab.**

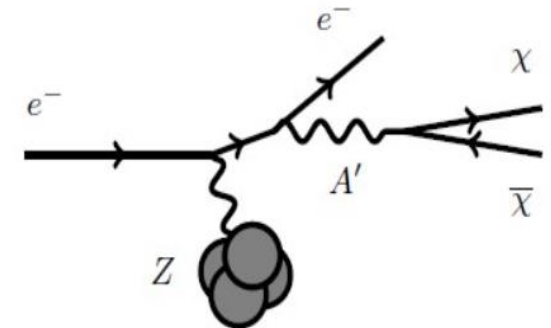
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# Dark Matter Search

**Beam Dump eXperiment:** LDM direct detection in a  $e^-$  beam, fixed-target setup

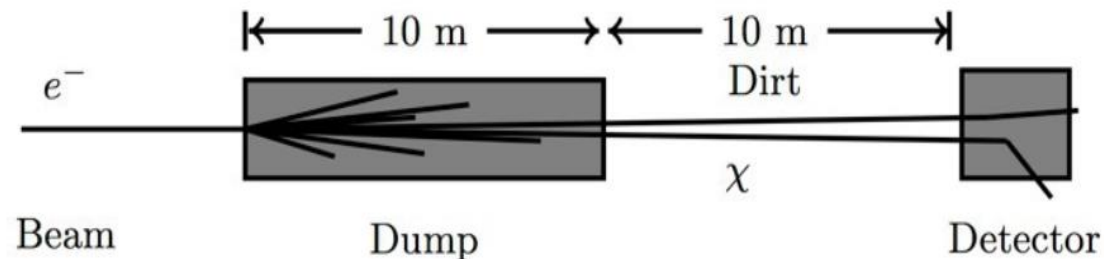
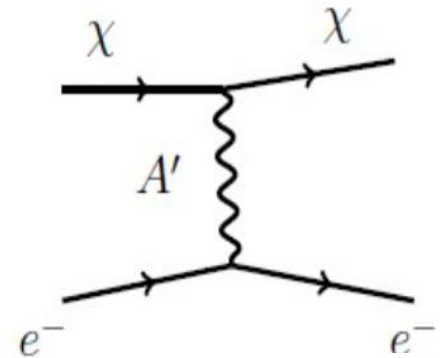
## LDM production

- High-energy, high-intensity  $e^-$  beam impinging on the dump
- LDM particles pair-produced radiatively, through  $A'$  emission



## LDM detection

- Detector placed behind the dump at  $\sim 20\text{m}$
- Neutral-current scattering on atomic  $e^-$  through  $A'$  exchange, recoil releasing visible energy
- Signal:  $O(100\text{ MeV})$  - EM shower



The BDX  
experiment

## BDX-mini tests @JLab

### BDX-mini measurement campaign @JLab:

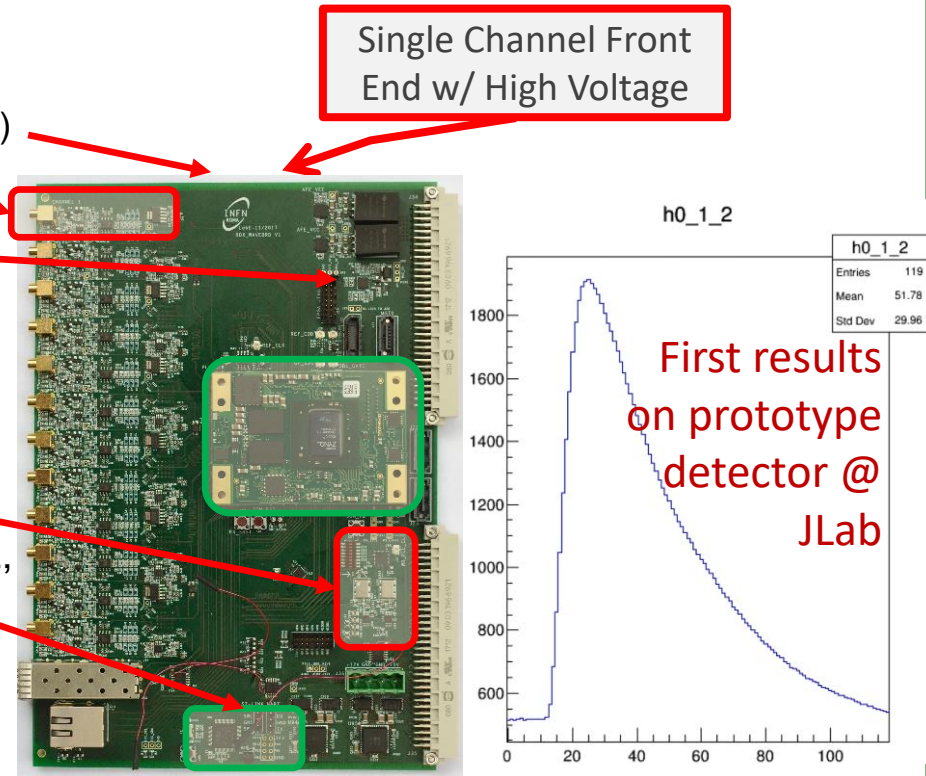
- Detector lowered at beam height in a pipe drilled 25 m behind Hall A beam-dump
- Beam-on measurement foreseen fall 2019 (beam energy 2 GeV ; current 150  $\mu$ A)
- Currently cosmic data-taking ongoing

BDX-mini setup is based on “traditional” triggered DAQ. **A test measurement run has been taken with the BDX triggerless system** →



# RM1 developed the *WaveBoard* digitizer

- The board is based on a Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) System On Module (SOM) mezzanine card hosting a **Zynq-7030**
- There are 12 analog front end channels
  - 6 dual-channel ultra low-power ADCs (**12/14 bit up to 250MHz**)
  - Pre-amplifier on board: **selectable gain** (either 2 or 50)
  - **HV** provided and monitored on-board
  - pedestal set by DAC
- Timing interfaces:
  - PLL to clean, generate, and distribute clocks
  - External clock and reference signals
  - White Rabbit enabled board
- ARM-M4 controls on-board peripherals (ADCs, DACs, PLL,
- On board peripherals:
  - High speed: GbE, SFP, USB OTG
  - Low Speed: serial, I2C, temperature monitor



**Highly integrated electronics**

**Toward continuous streaming readout (triggerless system)**

**The new frontier of DAQ in high energy / nuclear physics experiments**

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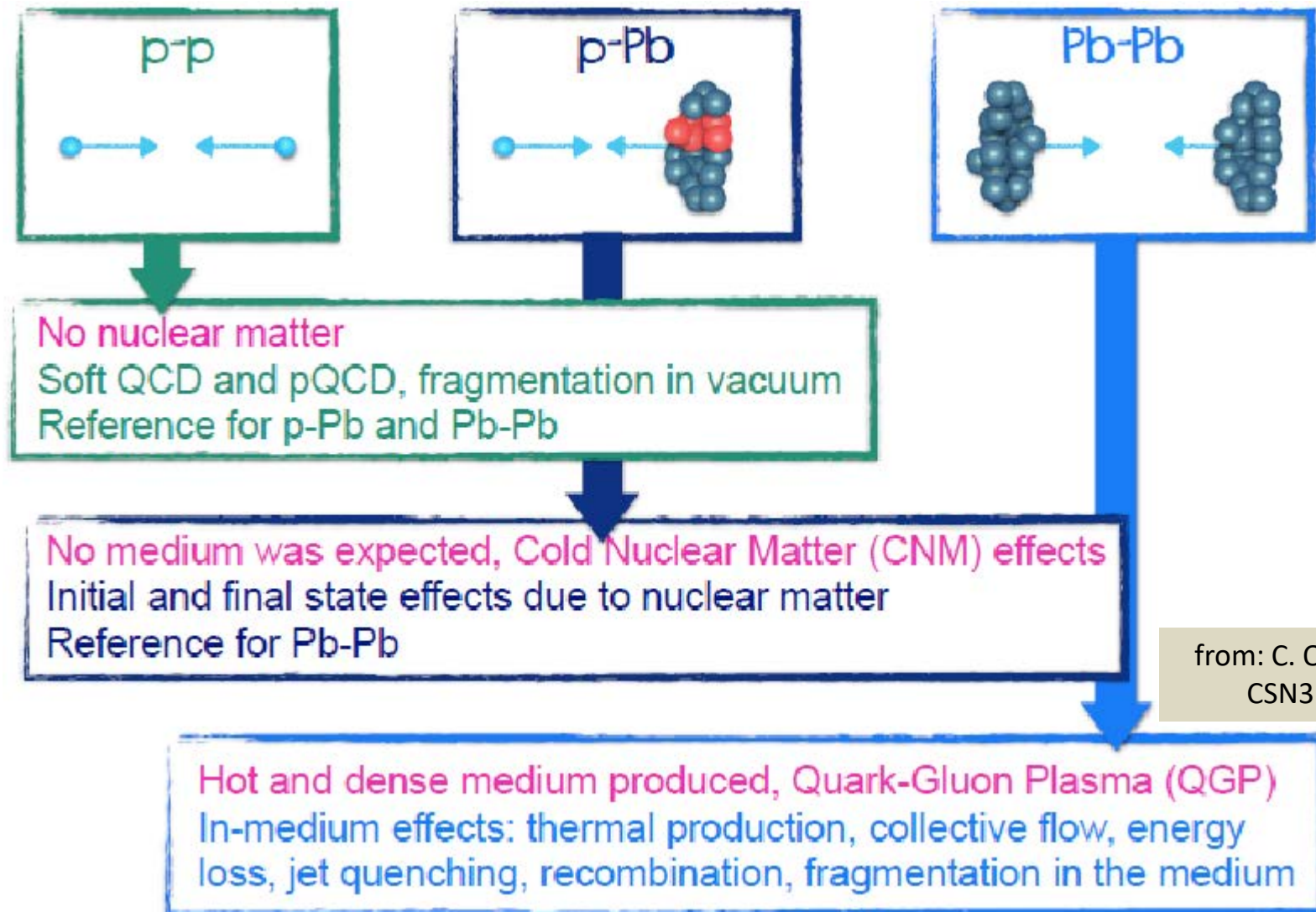
Quark-Gluon plasma

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# Understanding QCD by ion-ion collision at LHC

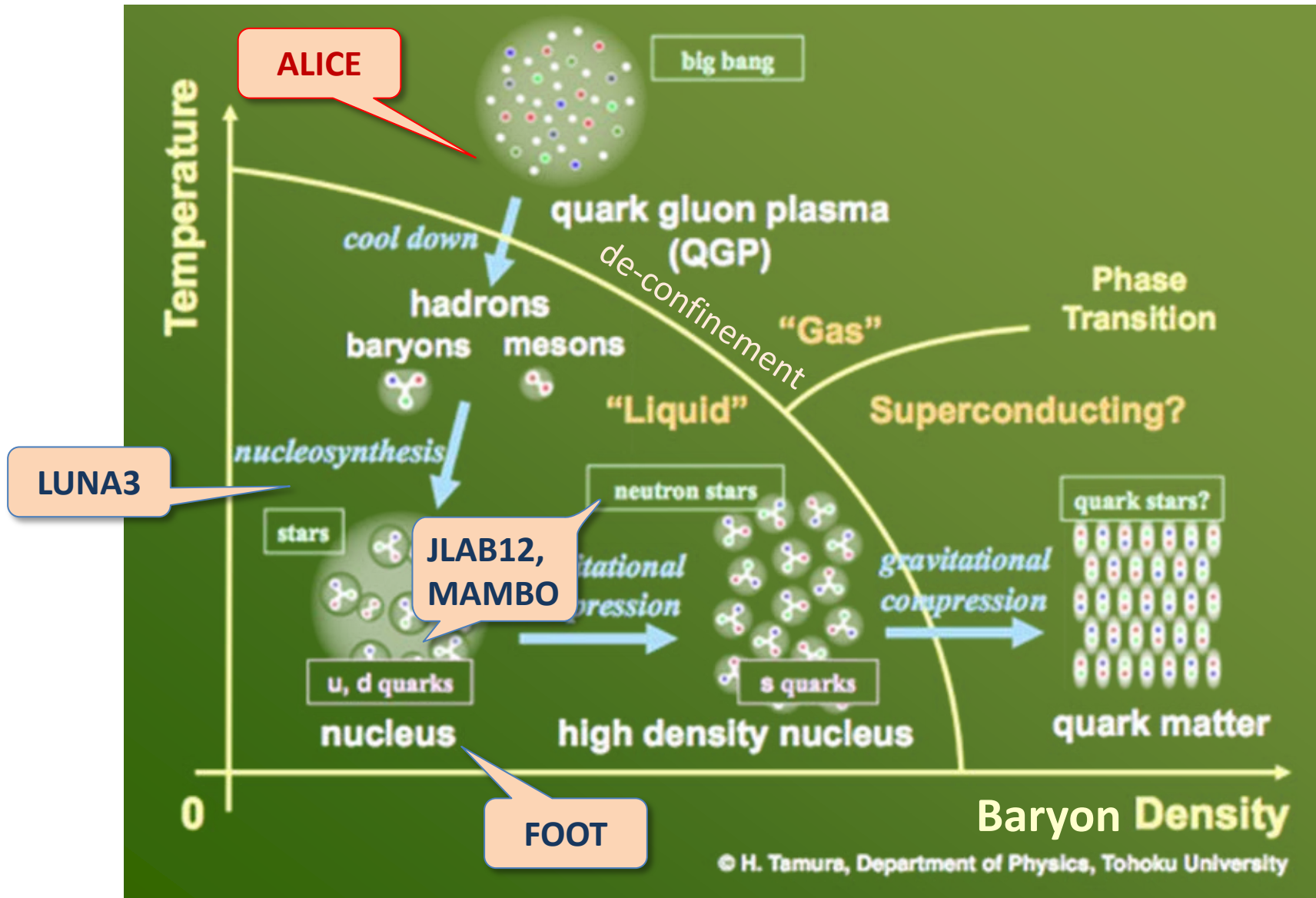


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# QCD Phase Diagram



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**EIC**

The next frontier of **QCD** experimental investigation  
(JLab + ALICE physics and more)

Nucleon/Hadron structure/dynamics

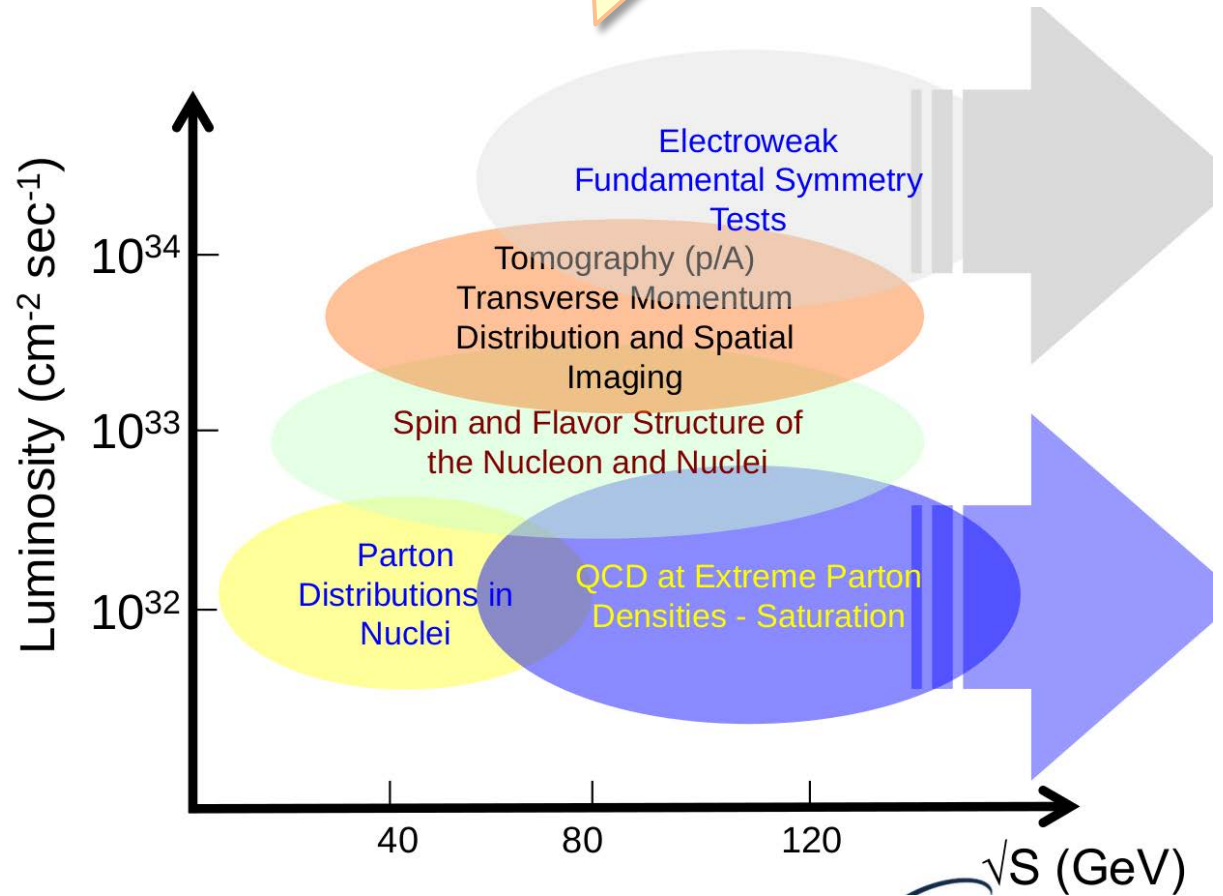
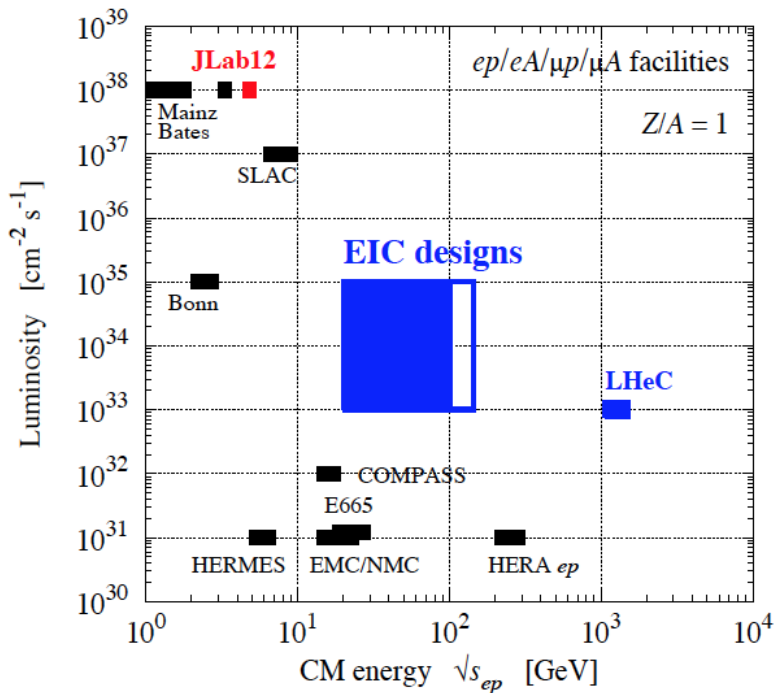
Quark-Gluon Plasma

Standard Model Test

# Electron Ion Collider (EIC)

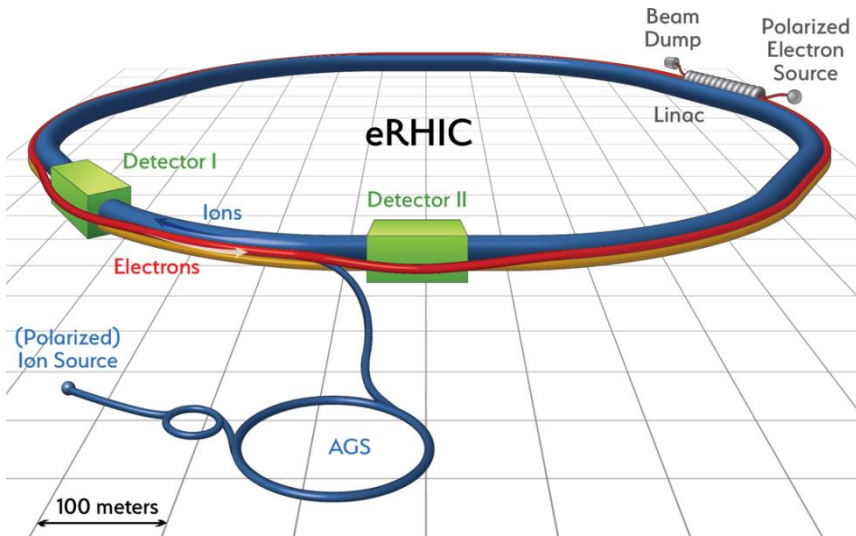
- Electron (and positron) and ion beams from proton to Pb/U
- Polarization (e, p, d,  $^3\text{He}$ ) >70%
- Luminosity up to  $\approx 10^{34}/(\text{cm s})$  (1000 x Desy/HERA)
- CM energy large and variable (20-100 GeV)
- Reach very low  $x \approx 10^{-4}$

World's first polarized e-p/light ion and electron-nucleus collider

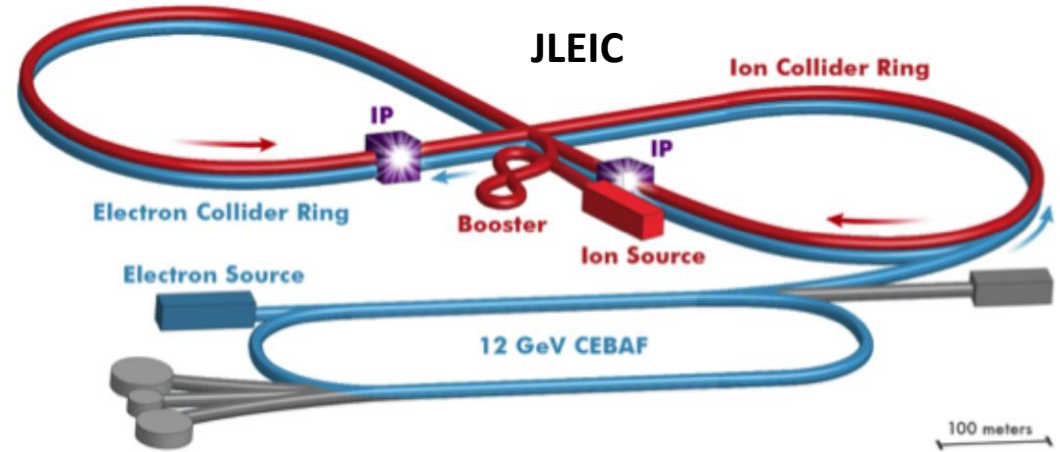


# EIC options

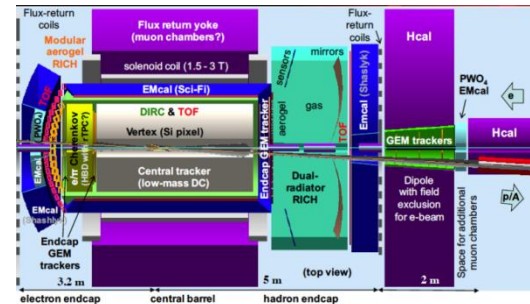
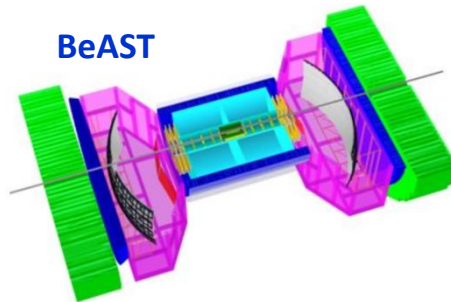
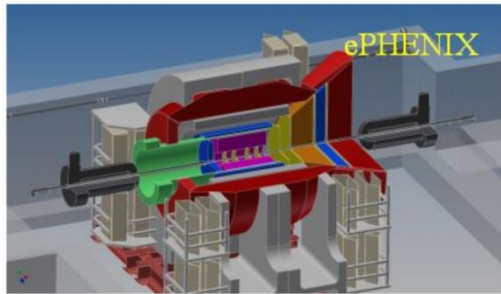
Needs advanced technologies for both acceleration and detection



Existing RHIC, 20 GeV e on 275 GeV p



Existing CEBAF, 12 GeV e on 100 GeV p  
Optimized for high ion beam polarization



- Inclusive, Seminclusive and Exclusive reactions
- Good Particle ID (for hadrons and leptons)

- Vertex Resolution down to 0.1 mm
- Momentum Resolution (down to  $\approx 100$  MeV  $\approx 1\%$ )

Best guess for completion of EIC facility construction would be after 2025, around 2025-2030 - in roughly a decade from now!

# Dual-radiator RICH (dRICH)

## Goal:

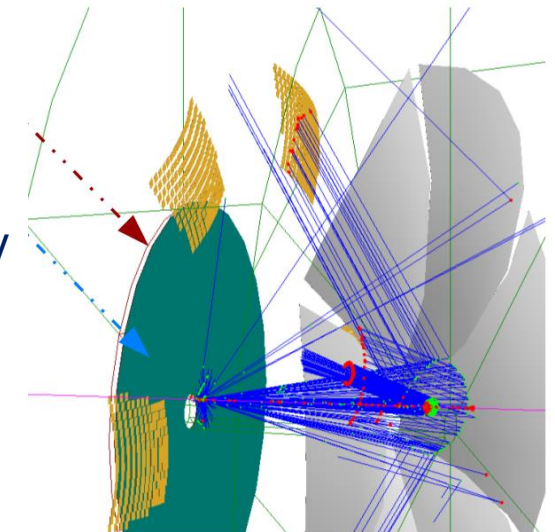
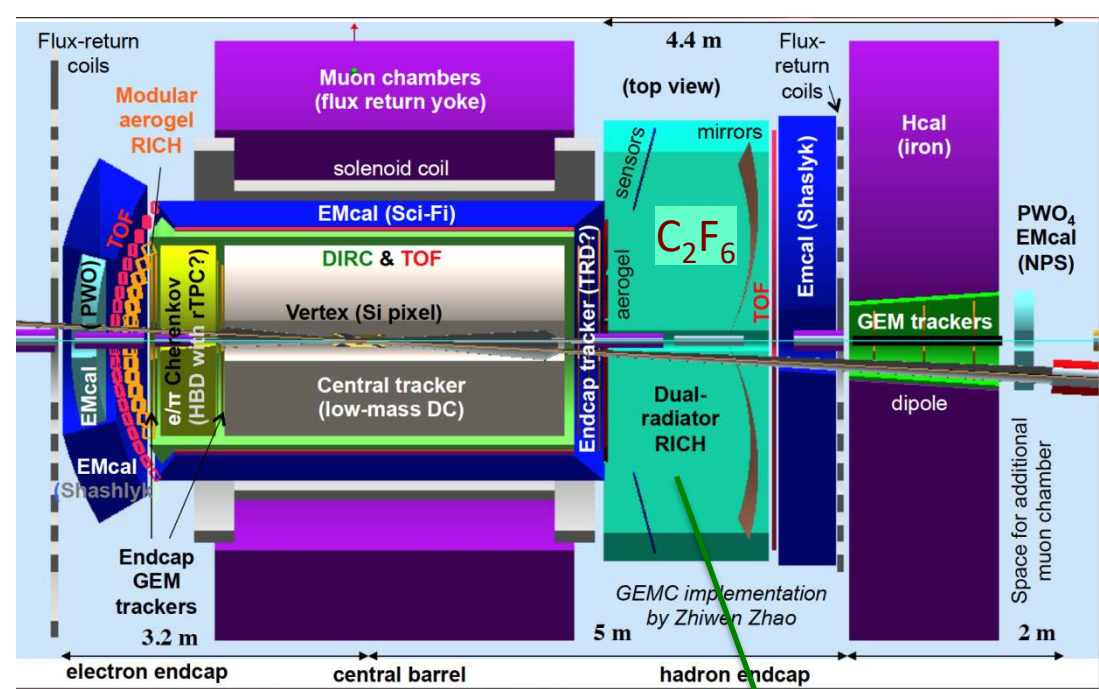
Provide full hadron identification ( $\pi/K/p$ , better than 3 sigma apart) from  $\sim 3$  GeV/c up to  $\sim 50$  GeV/c, in the forward ion-side endcap of the EIC detector, covering polar angles up to 25 deg and whole azimuthal angle (360 deg)

## How:

- Use two **Cherenkov** radiators: aerogel and gas simultaneously
- Focusing optics (for the gas mainly)
- Six large «petals» with their own mirror and detector surface
- Highly segmented photon detectors

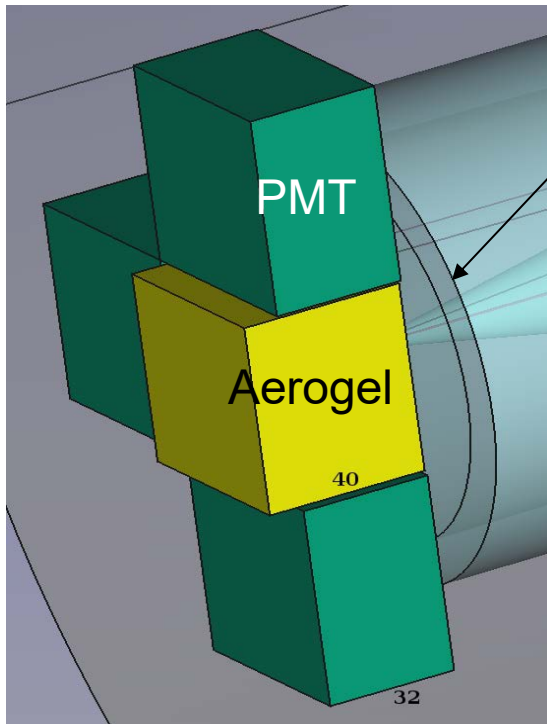
Cherenkov photons are emitted by a charged particle when traveling a medium with speed  $>$  speed of light; photons are emitted at an angle related to the speed (then mass) of the particle.

RICH: Ring Imaging Cherenkov detector: designed to reconstruct the Cherenkov angle



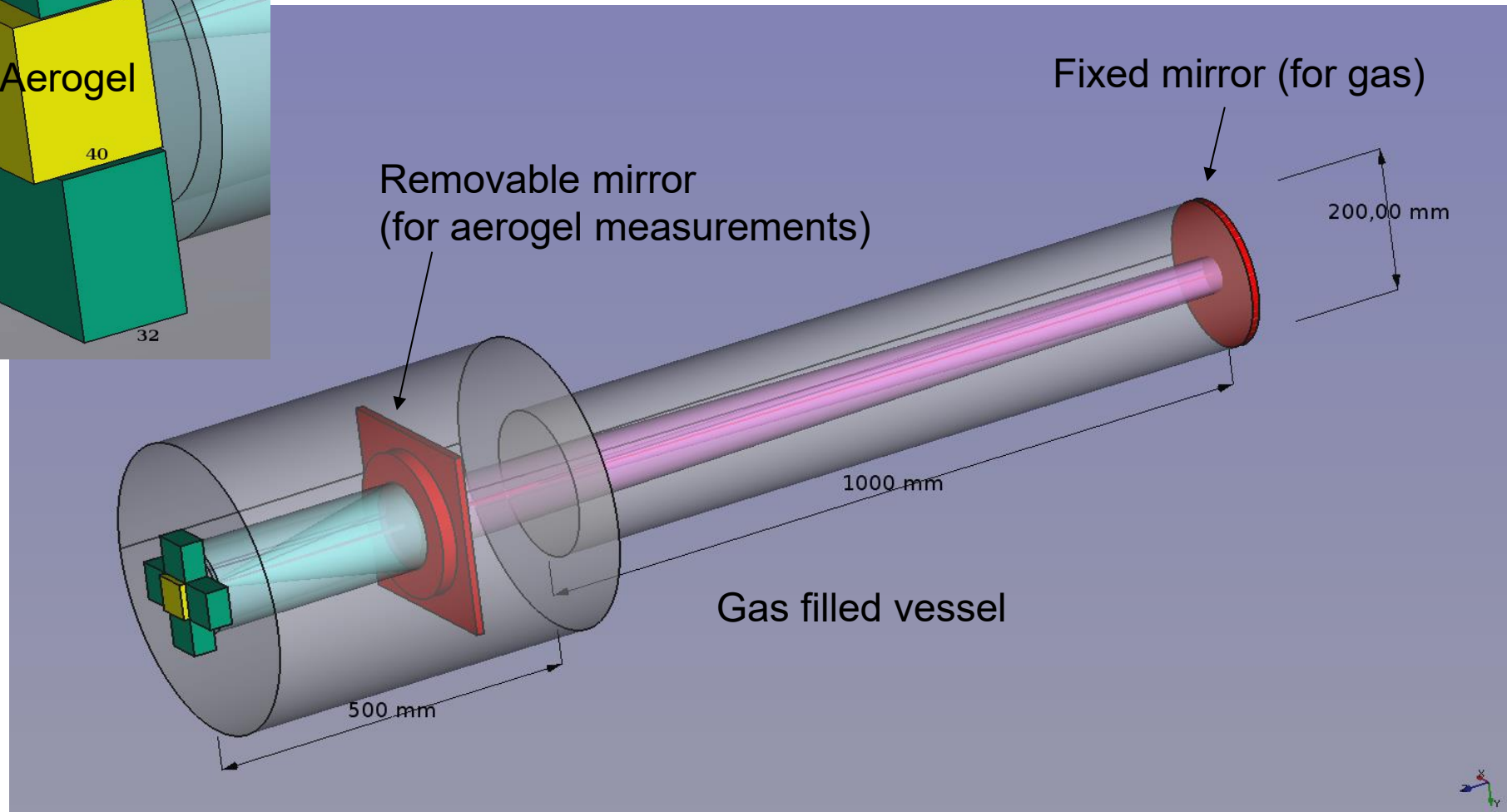
# dRICH Prototype - preliminary design

(April 2019)



Transparent window  
(quartz/lucite)

- Maximize R&D components from CLAS12-RICH:
- Only 4 PMTs + MAROC3 electronics
- Use standard vacuum components





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- Cancer Radiation Therapy
- Nuclear Fragmentations

# Intermezzo: External Radiation Cancer Therapy

Use particle beams to kill cancer cells (breaking DNA) sparing healthy cells

## 1. Conventional radiotherapy with electrons and photons

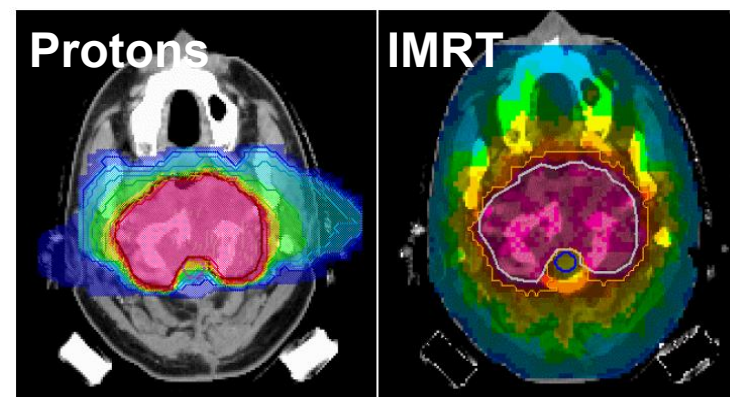
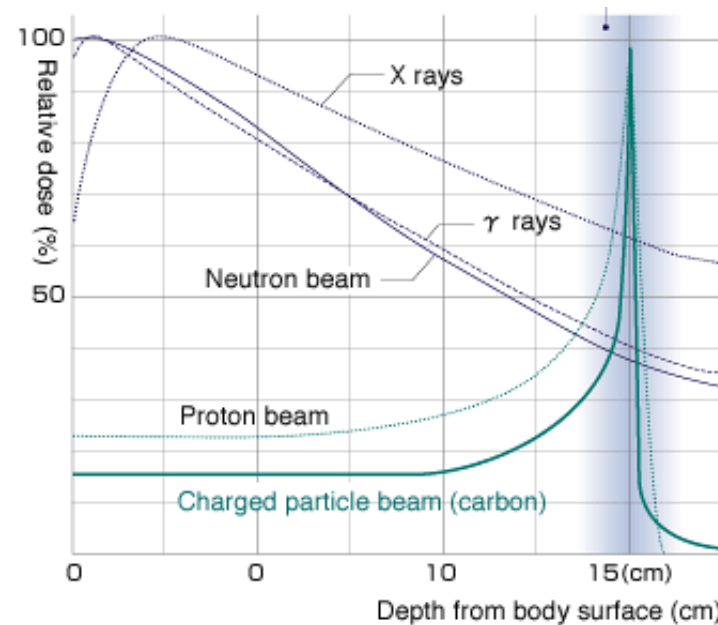
up to 25 MeV

- ❑ the best choice for the treatment of the shallow tumors (electrons)
- ❑ high conformation with IMRT
- ❑ the most diffused option in radiotherapy treatments

## 2. Hadrontherapy (maily proton-therapy)

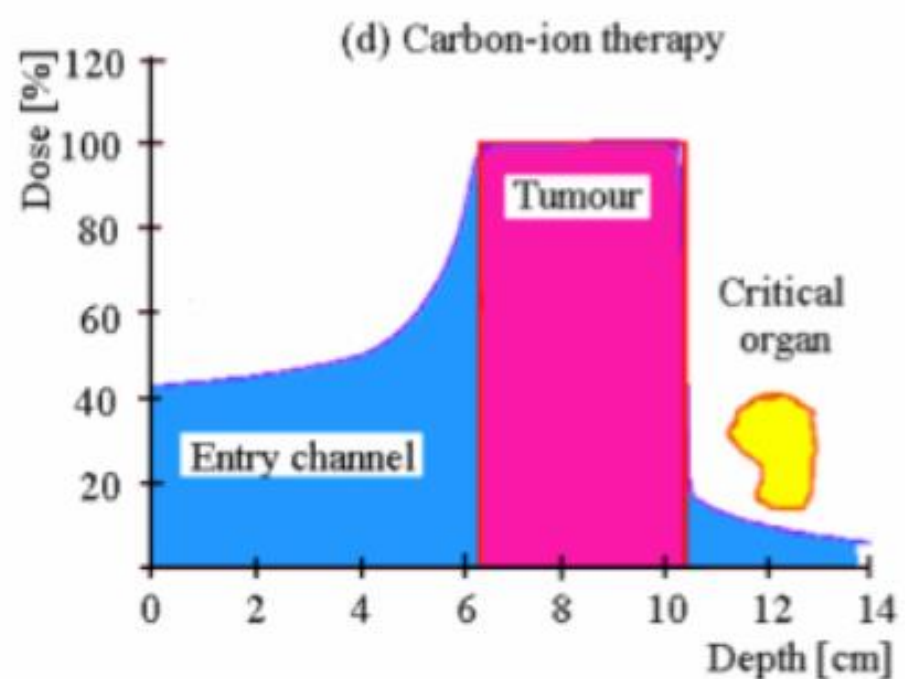
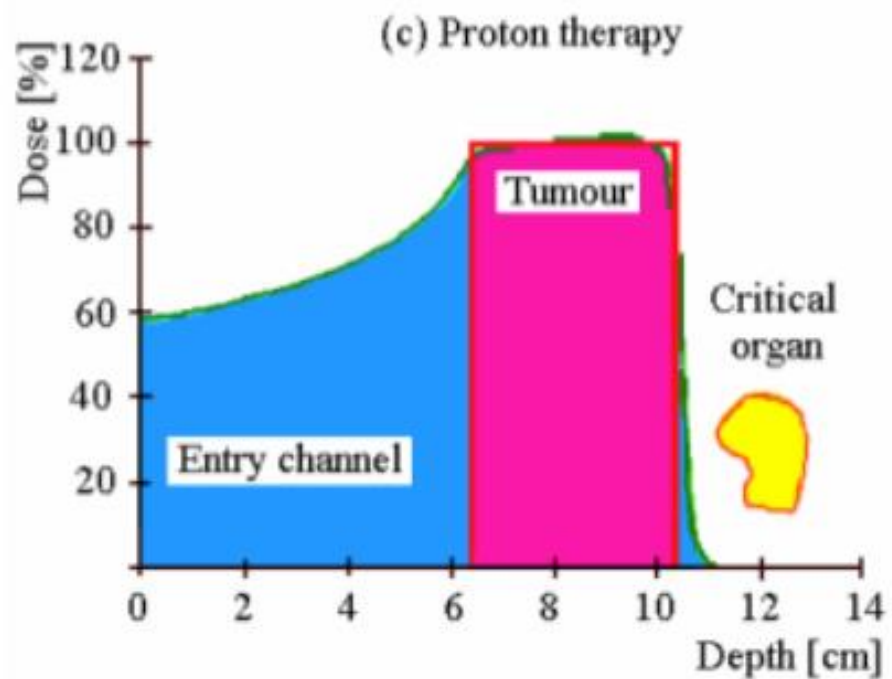
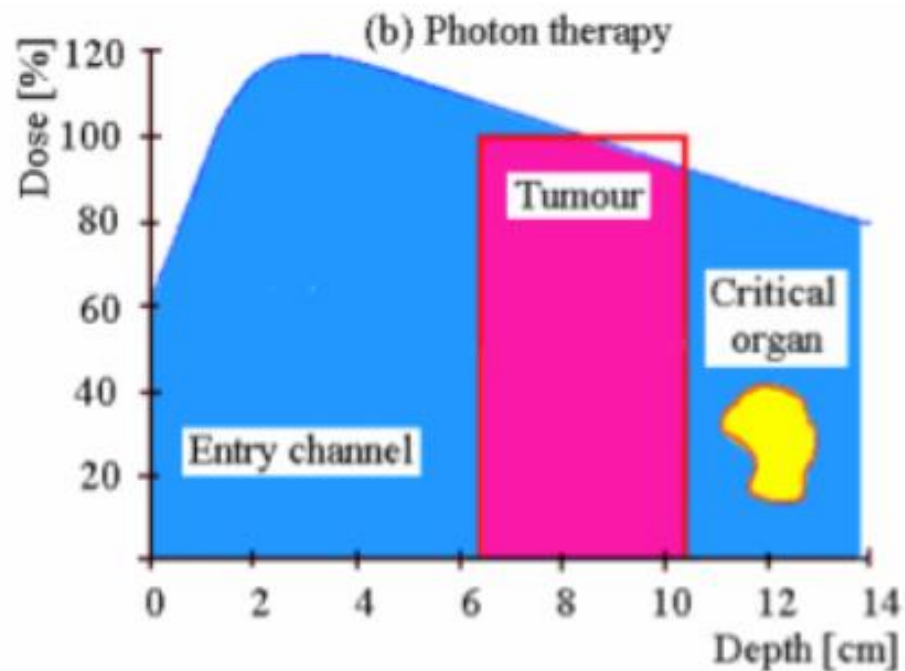
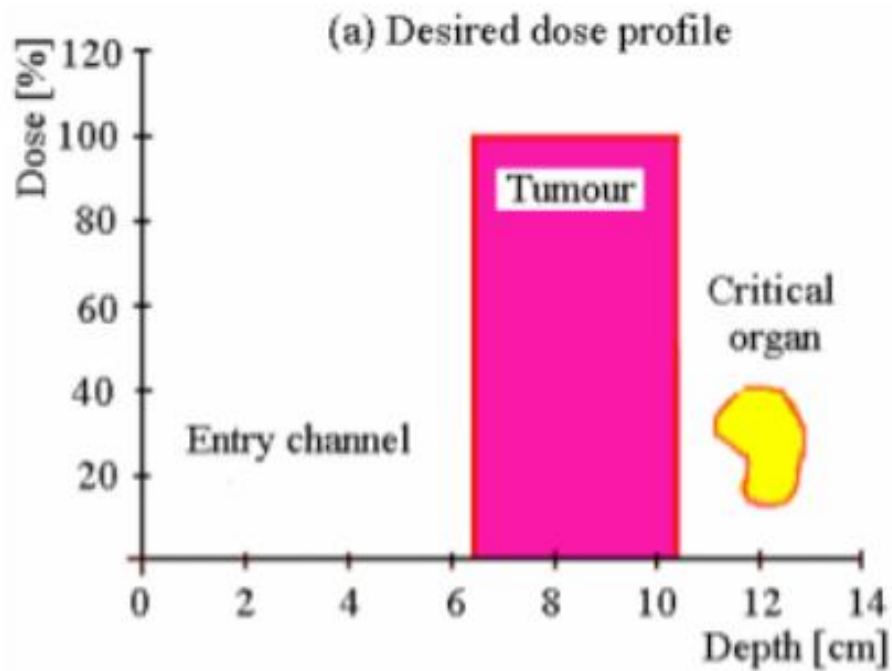
- ❑ more suitable for radioresistant tumors
- ❑ higher conformation (intrinsic/Bragg Peak)
  - ❑ tumor near critical organs
- ❑ about 40 centers around the world

## 3. Others: BNCT (neutron), (Pion Therapy)



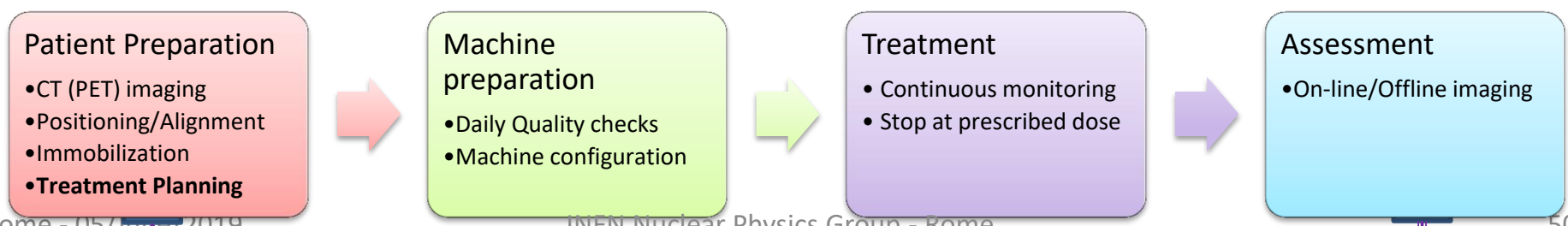
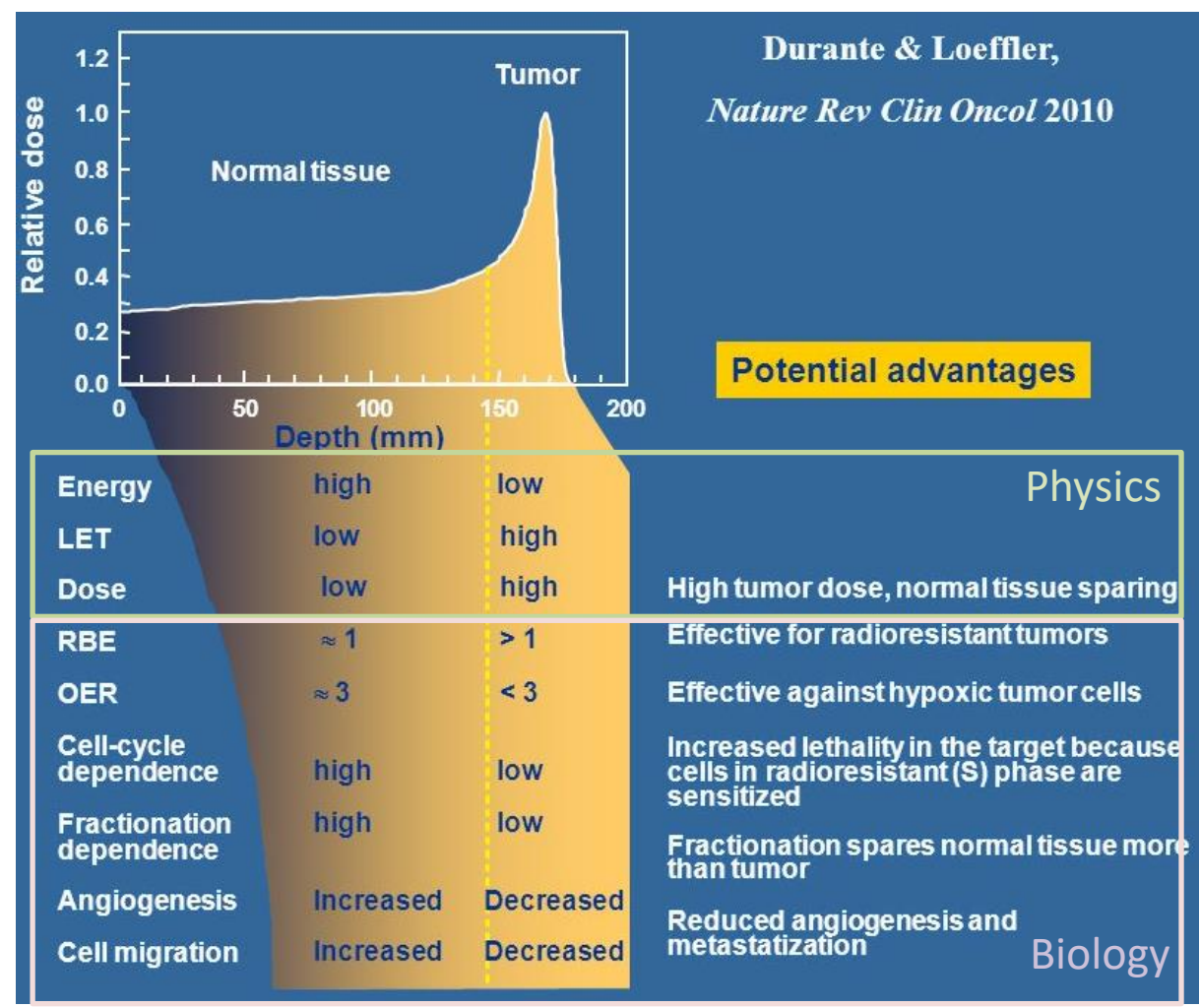
G. Kraft, GSI, Biophysik, Darmstadt and J. Debus, DKFZ, Heidelberg





# Physics-Biology-Clinics Interplay

Clinical outcomes depend on how well we **know** and **control** the physics and biological processes involved in the hadron therapy and how **make** them happen





# FOOT in pills

Bologna, Frascati, Milano, Napoli, Perugia, (Pavia), Pisa, Roma1, Roma2, Torino, Trento

Strasbourg, GSI, Aachen, Nagoya

People: ~70 researcher, ~27 FTE

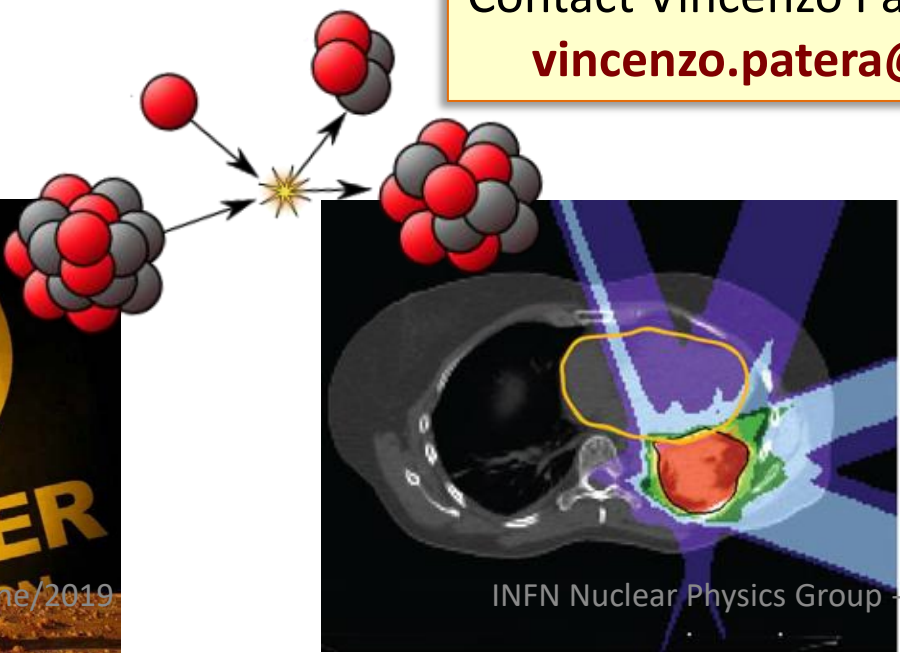
Data taking 2018-2021@ GSI, Heidelberg, CNAO



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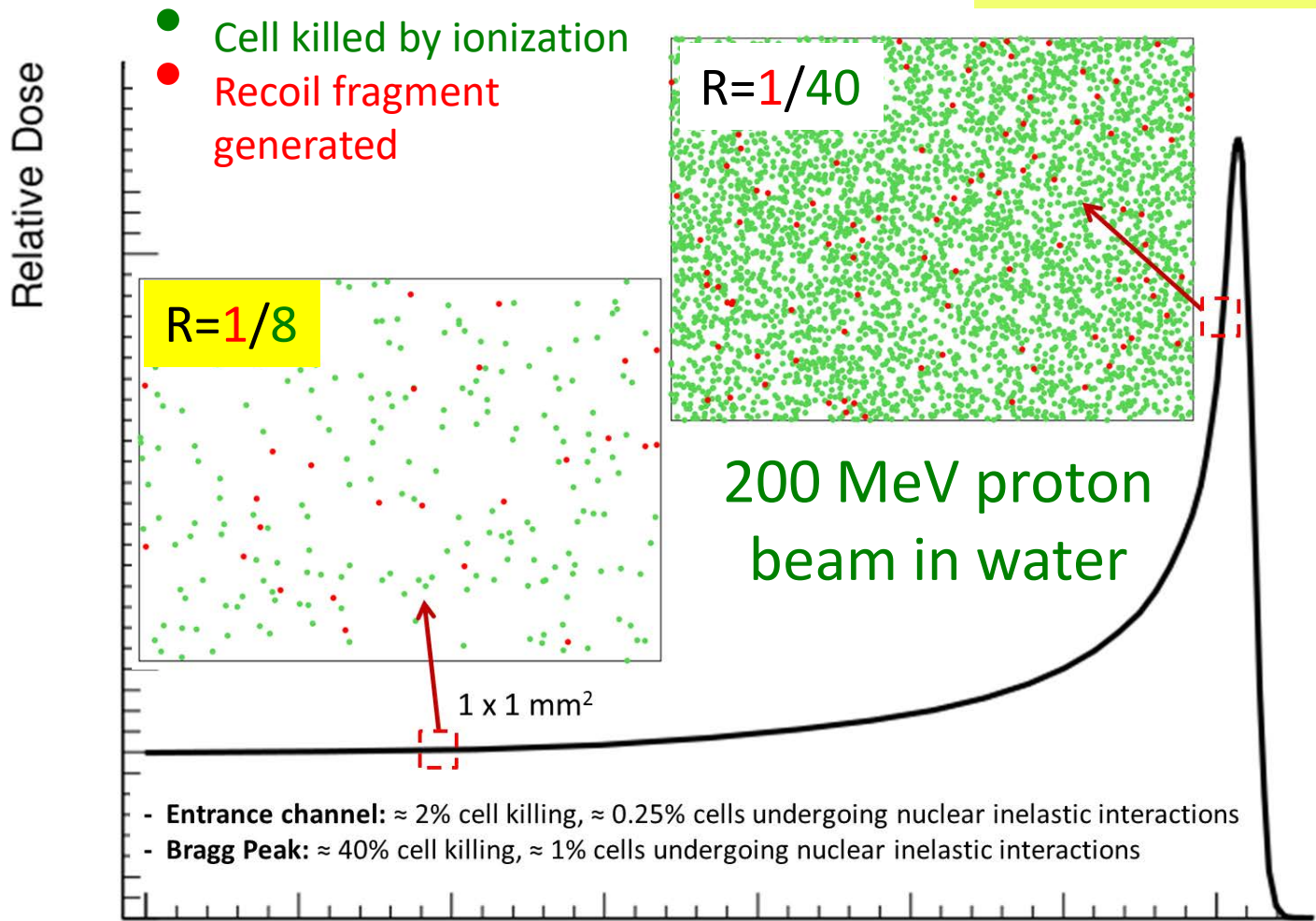
Experiment with translational approach: focus on nuclear physics, physics applied to medicine and radioprotection in space



# Motivations: Target fragmentation in proton Therapy

This process gives contribution also outside the tumor region and change the proton RBE

$p \rightarrow ^{12}\text{C}, ^{16}\text{O} @ 150\text{-}200 \text{ MeV}$



About 10% of biological effect in the entrance channel due to secondary fragments (Grun 2013)

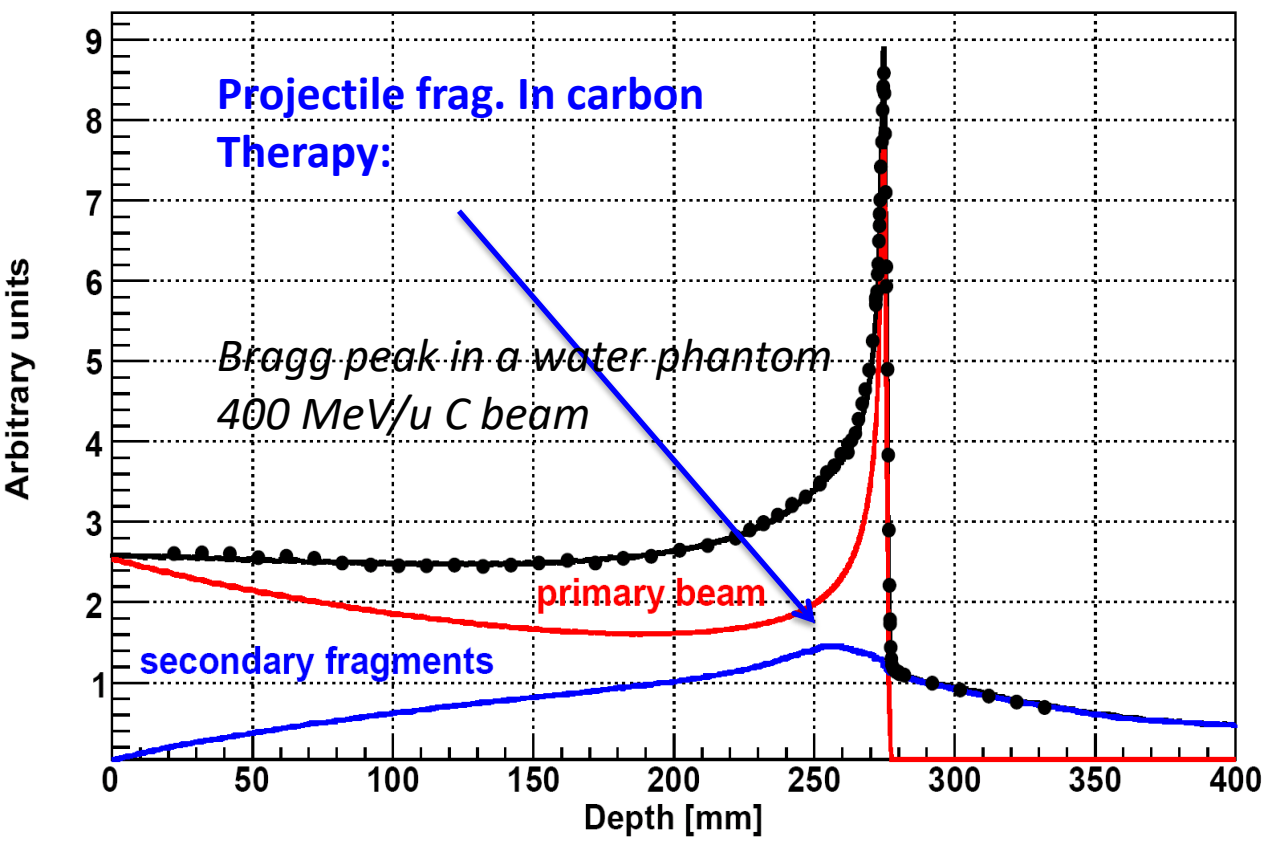
Largest contributions of recoil fragments expected from He, C, Be, O, N  
In particular on Normal Tissue Complication Probability

See also :  
- Paganetti 2002 PMB  
- Grassberger 2011 PMB



# Motivations: beam frag. in light ion Therapy

Effect of beam Fragmentation already known to produce mixed particle field of different RBE/LET. Considered in  $^{12}\text{C}$  treatment, but still scarce validation data!



Effect to be taken under control also with the new beams in use:  $^4\text{He}$ ,  $^{16}\text{O}$   
Data useful for TPS

$^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow ^{12}\text{C}, ^{16}\text{O}, \text{H} @ 350 \text{ MeV/u}$

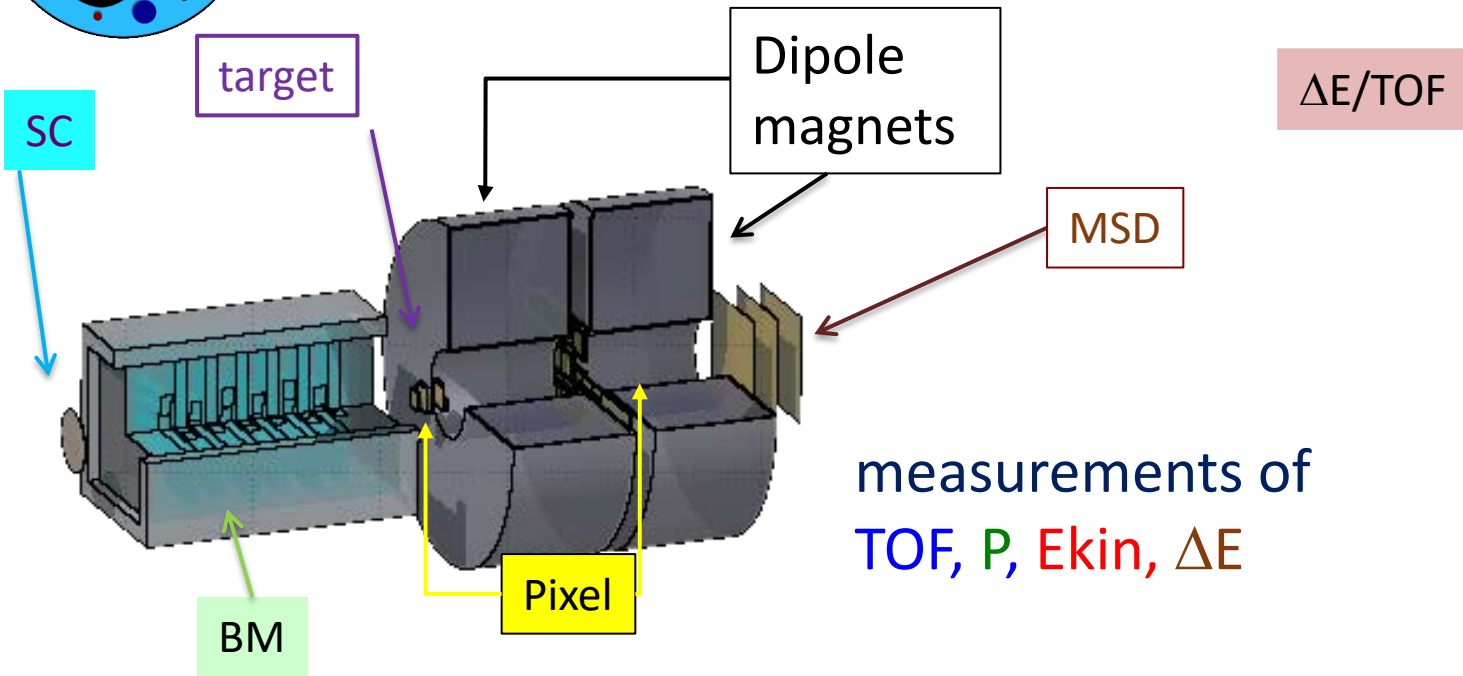
$^{16}\text{O} \rightarrow ^{12}\text{C}, ^{16}\text{O}, \text{H} @ 400 \text{ MeV/u}$

$^4\text{He} \rightarrow ^{12}\text{C}, ^{16}\text{O}, \text{H} @ 250 \text{ MeV/u}$

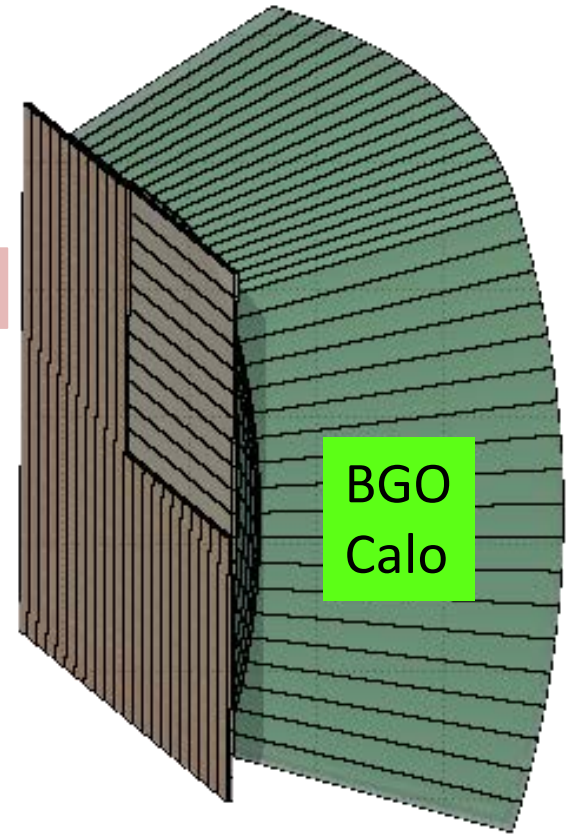
Exp. Data (points) from Haettner et al, Rad. Prot. Dos. 2006  
Simulation: A. Mairani PhD Thesis, 2007, Nuovo Cimento C, 31, 2008 - Rome



# Electronic Detector



measurements of  
TOF,  $p$ ,  $E_{kin}$ ,  $\Delta E$



Length < 2.5 meters

performances  
@200MeV/u:

$\int_p/p \sim 4\%$   
 $\int_{TOF} \sim 70 \text{ ps}$   
 $\int_{E_{kin}}/E_{kin} \sim 2\%$

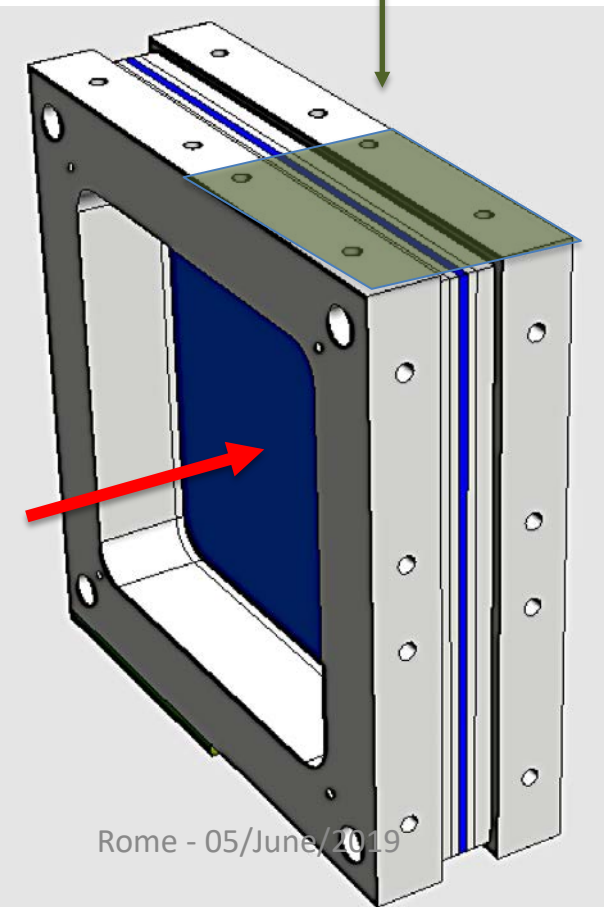
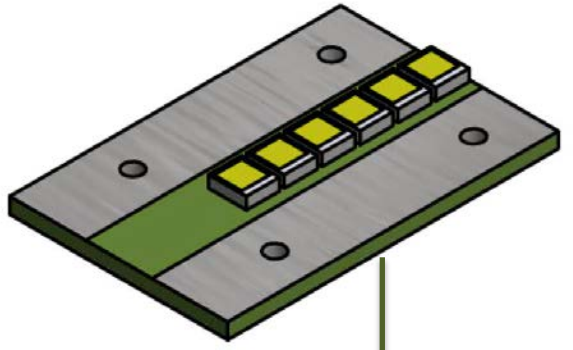
- ✓ Start Counter = thin plastic scintillator
- ✓ Beam Monitor = drift chamber
- ✓ Vertex detector = silicon pixel detector
- ✓ Inner Tracker = silicon pixel detector
- ✓ Large tracker = silicon micro strip detector
- ✓  $\Delta E/TOF$  Detector = plastic scintillator
- ✓ Calorimeter = BGO crystal calorimeter



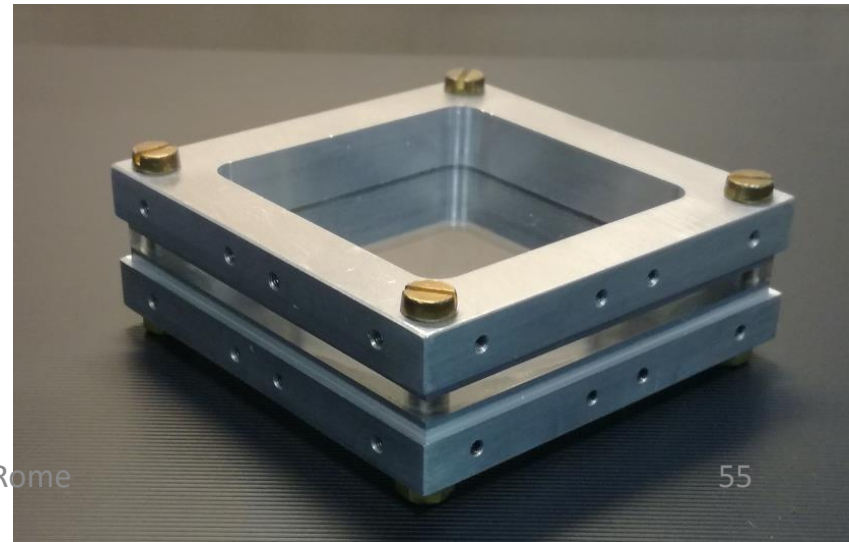
# TOF and the Start Counter @ RM1

## Margarita Detector :

- 250  $\mu\text{m}$  plastic scintillator read out by 48 SiPM (12/side) to improve light collection
- Should improve the time resolution to readout limit  $\sim 30\text{-}40$  ps
- Needed for measurements @ 700 MeV/u
- Test beam at CNAO carbon



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# !Grant opportunity! Nuclear Physics in Lab

- CSN3 has launched 2+ grants for master students («laureandi magistrali») and young physicist («neolaureati»)
- The grants consists of 3 month stage in one of the internationaly laboratories where the CSN3 experimental activities are carried on
- Second applications submission deadline  
June/24<sup>th</sup>/2019

<https://reclutamento.infn.it/ReclutamentoOnline/#!bandi/BORSE>

Consider also: thesis grants (for all CSN) are going to be funded by the Rome INFN!



# INFN Gruppo3 - Rome – Experiments and contacts

*Phase transitions of nuclear and hadronic matter*



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A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

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(Europa)

*Quarks and Hadrons Dynamics*

JLAB (VA)

(EIC)

Mainz, Bonn, (GE)

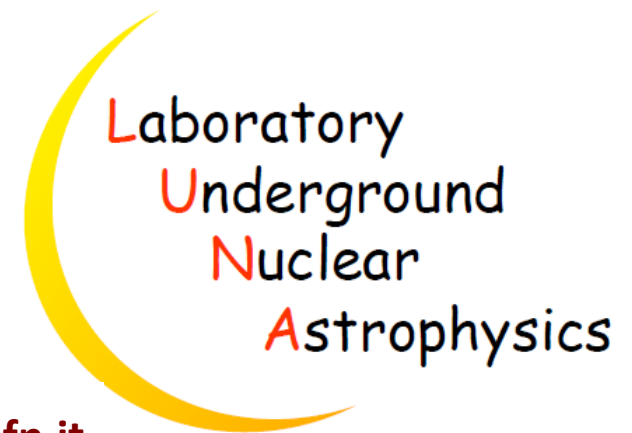


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*Nuclear Astrophysics ...*

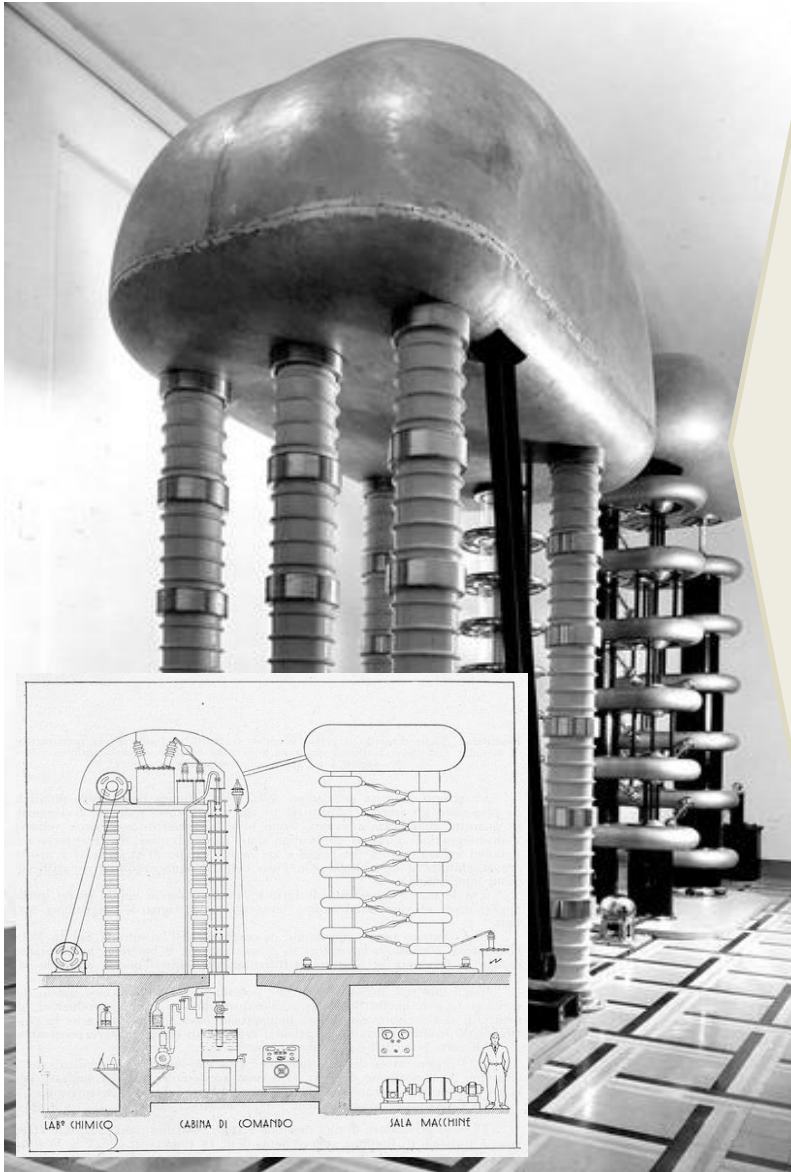


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# «Healthy» digression

Cockcroft–Walton @ ISS



The **first Italian particle accelerator** (1 MV).  
Designed by «via Panisperna boys» with  
strong endorsement from E. Fermi.  
It began operation in 1939 at the Italian  
Institute of Public Health (now Italian  
National Institute of Health)

The accelerator has been promoted and  
exploited for **medical applications** (e.g.  
radiopharmaceutical production) and  
**nuclear physics experiments**



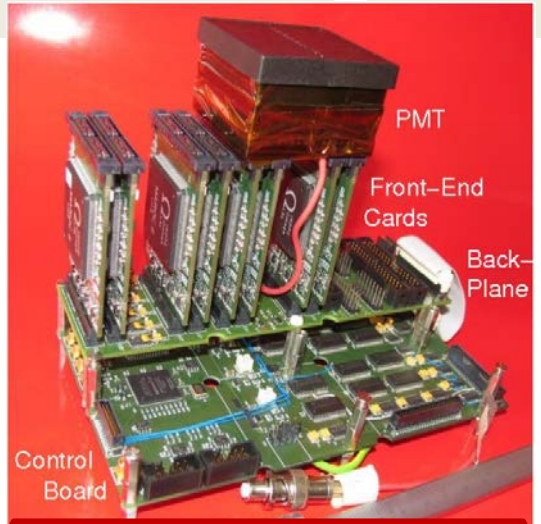
*Now on show at the entrance hall of the  
INFN central administration building  
in Frascati National Lab*

# Molecular imaging with radionuclides in ISS/TISP

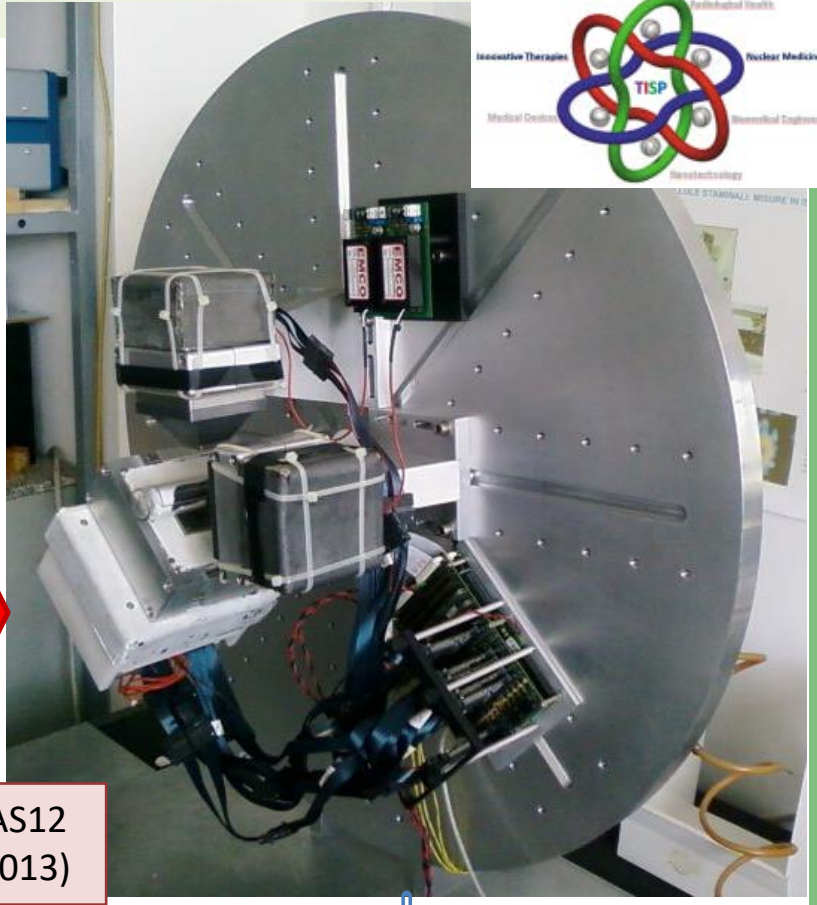
*Nuclear Medicine*

- ### Compact, dual head, scintimammography
- Early diagnosis of breast cancer
  - Breast compression and dual modal system

- ### Open, multi-heads SPECT system
- Therapeutic effectiveness of stem cell in stroke induced heart disease
  - Atherosclerotic plaques identification



Custom electronics with advanced features  
**INFN collaboration**



Pre-production engineering of the MBI device (MBI/Regione Lazio)

A RICH detector for CLAS12 (CLASMED / premiale 2013)

Endorectal probe for prostate cancer (TOPEM)

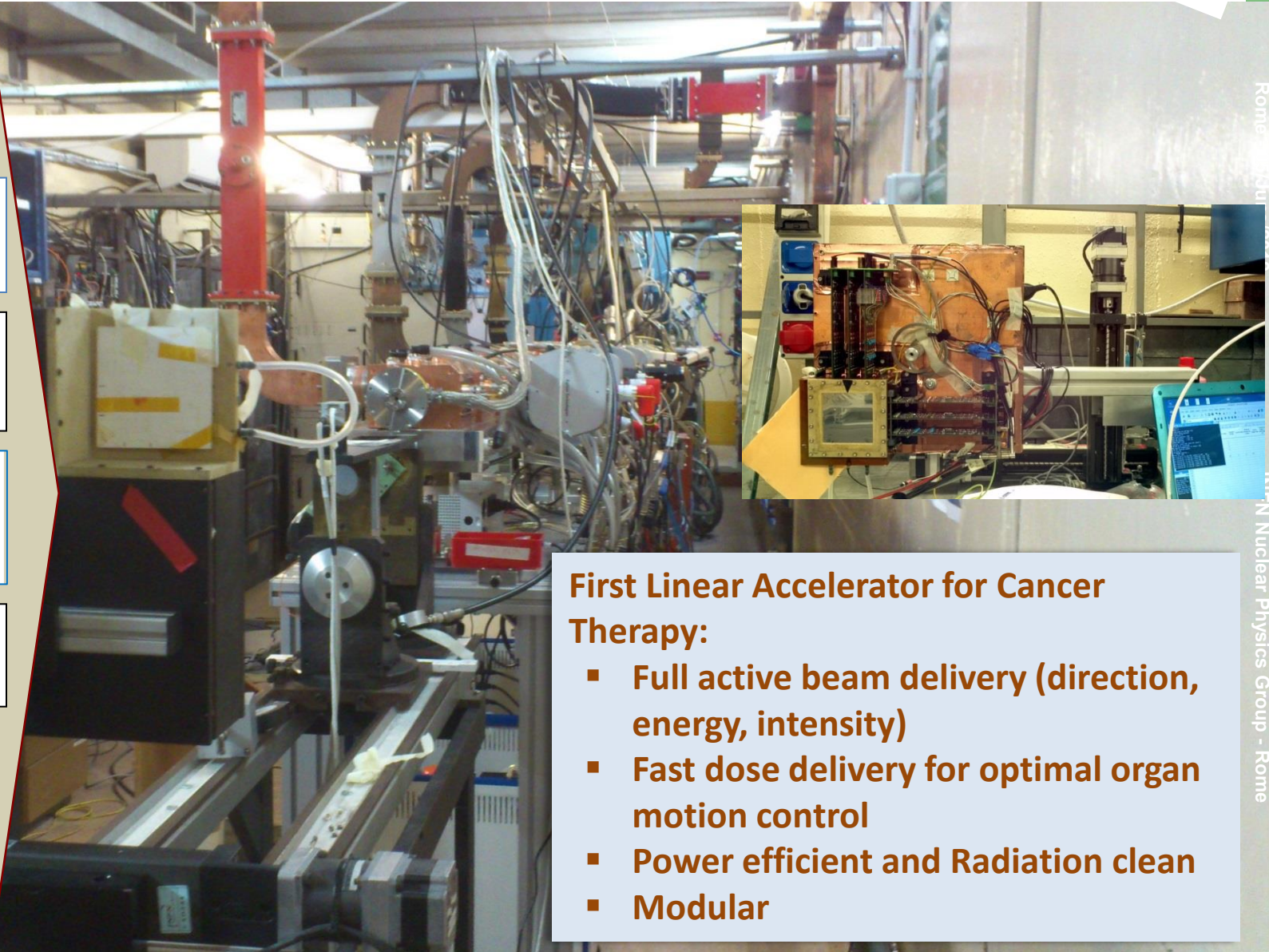
Imaging of beta-radiopharmaceuticals (MetroMRT)

Development of new beta-radiopharmaceuticals (Sondarm)

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# p-LinAc for Cancer Therapy becoming real

Radiotherapy



## TOP-IMPLART facility



**Status:**  
Current Energy: 35 MeV  
Current/Pulse: 30 uA  
(135 MeV in 3 years)

- ### First Linear Accelerator for Cancer Therapy:
- Full active beam delivery (direction, energy, intensity)
  - Fast dose delivery for optimal organ motion control
  - Power efficient and Radiation clean
  - Modular

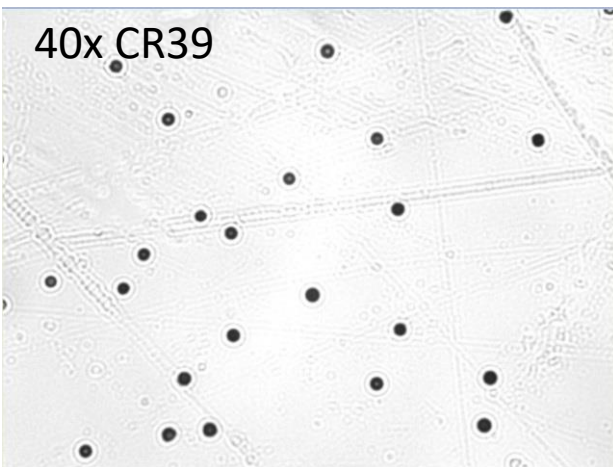
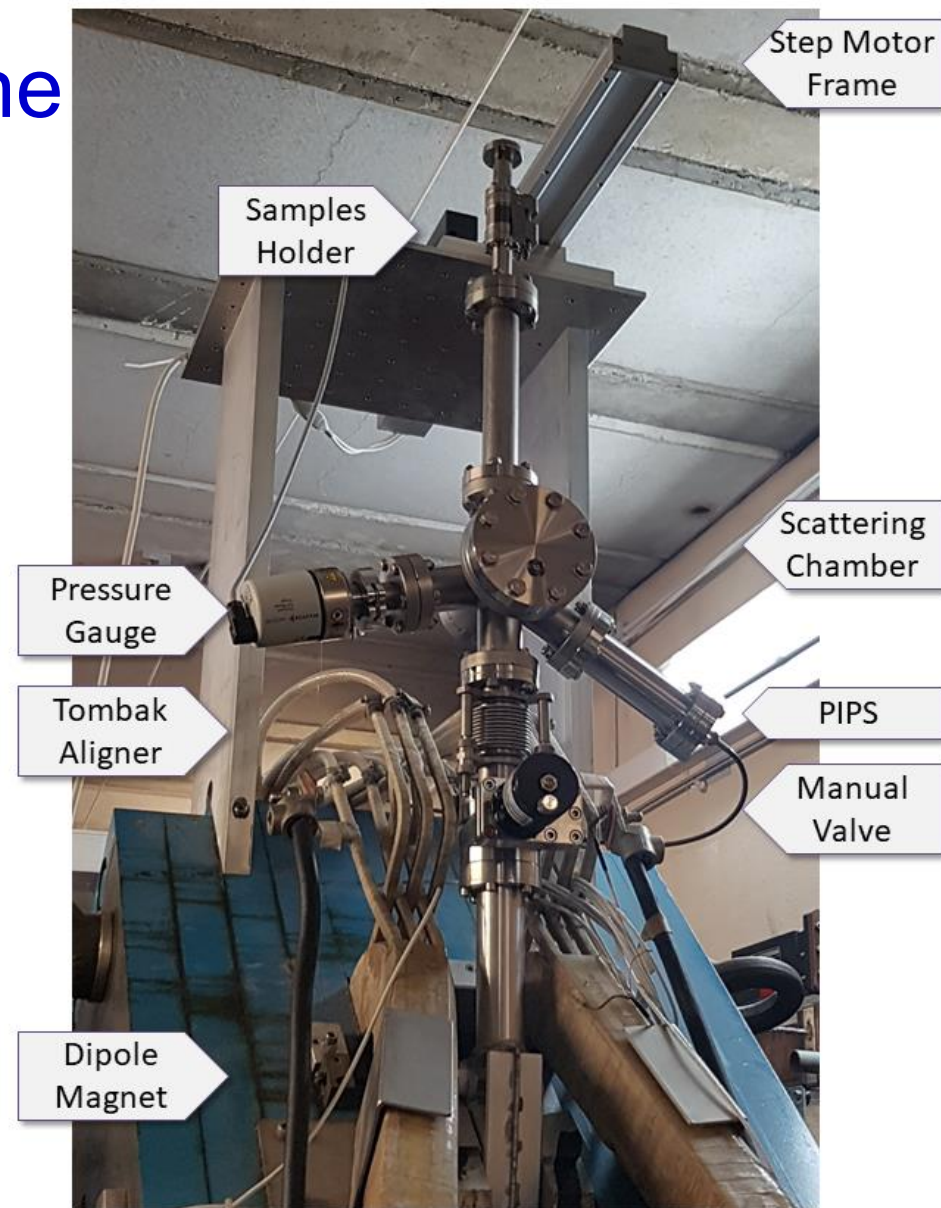
Activities on development of beam diagnostic detectors, **Dose Delivery Monitor**, unique low energy vertical line for radiobiology ...

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# Low Energy proton vertical line

- Peculiar facility
- Mandatory to investigate optimal delivery protocols of a the unique LinAc beam
- Conceptually very simple but technically demanding

Activity on the development of a fluence monitor based on Si-detector and nuclear elastic scattering



4-6 MeV protons

Jan/2019: GAF with single pulses «picture»