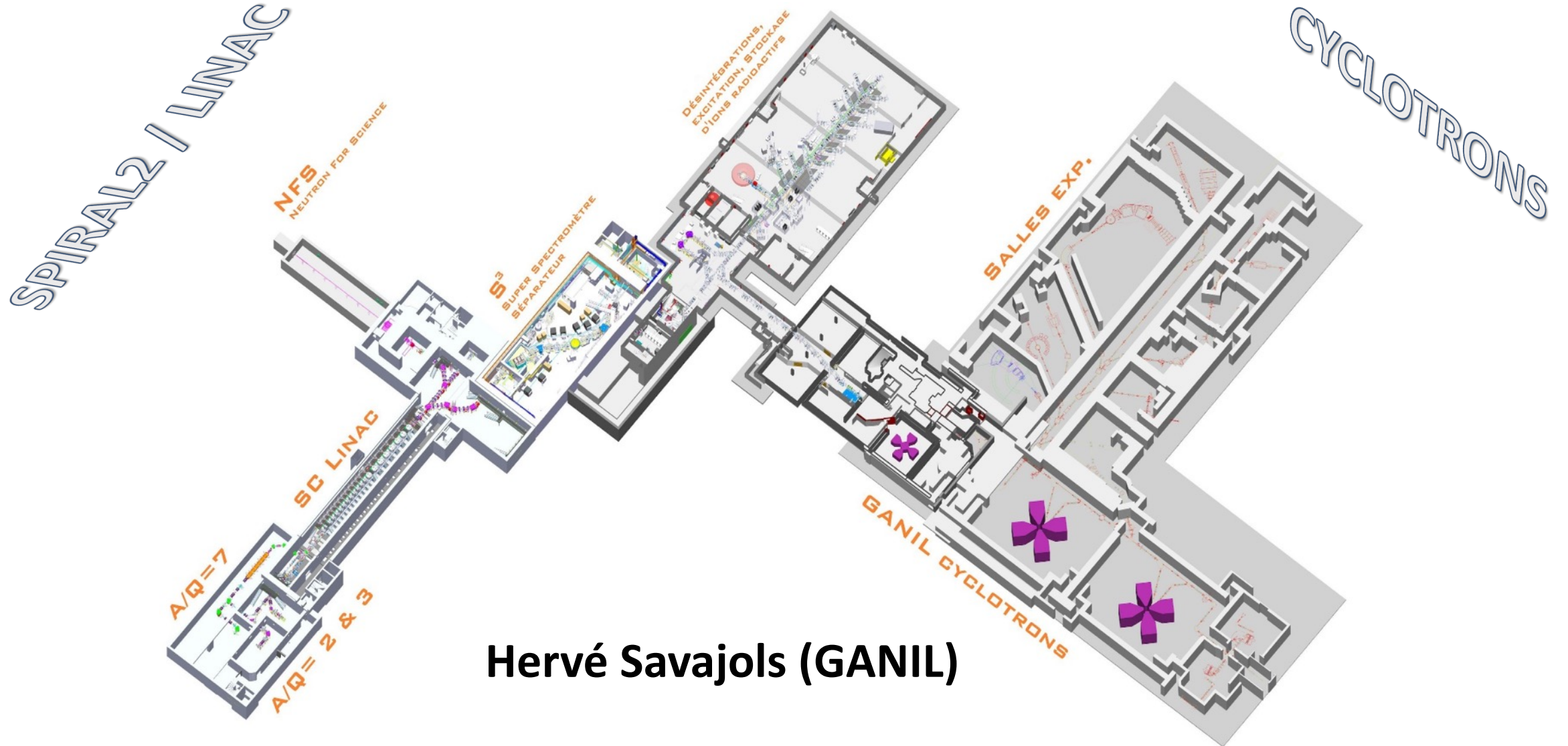




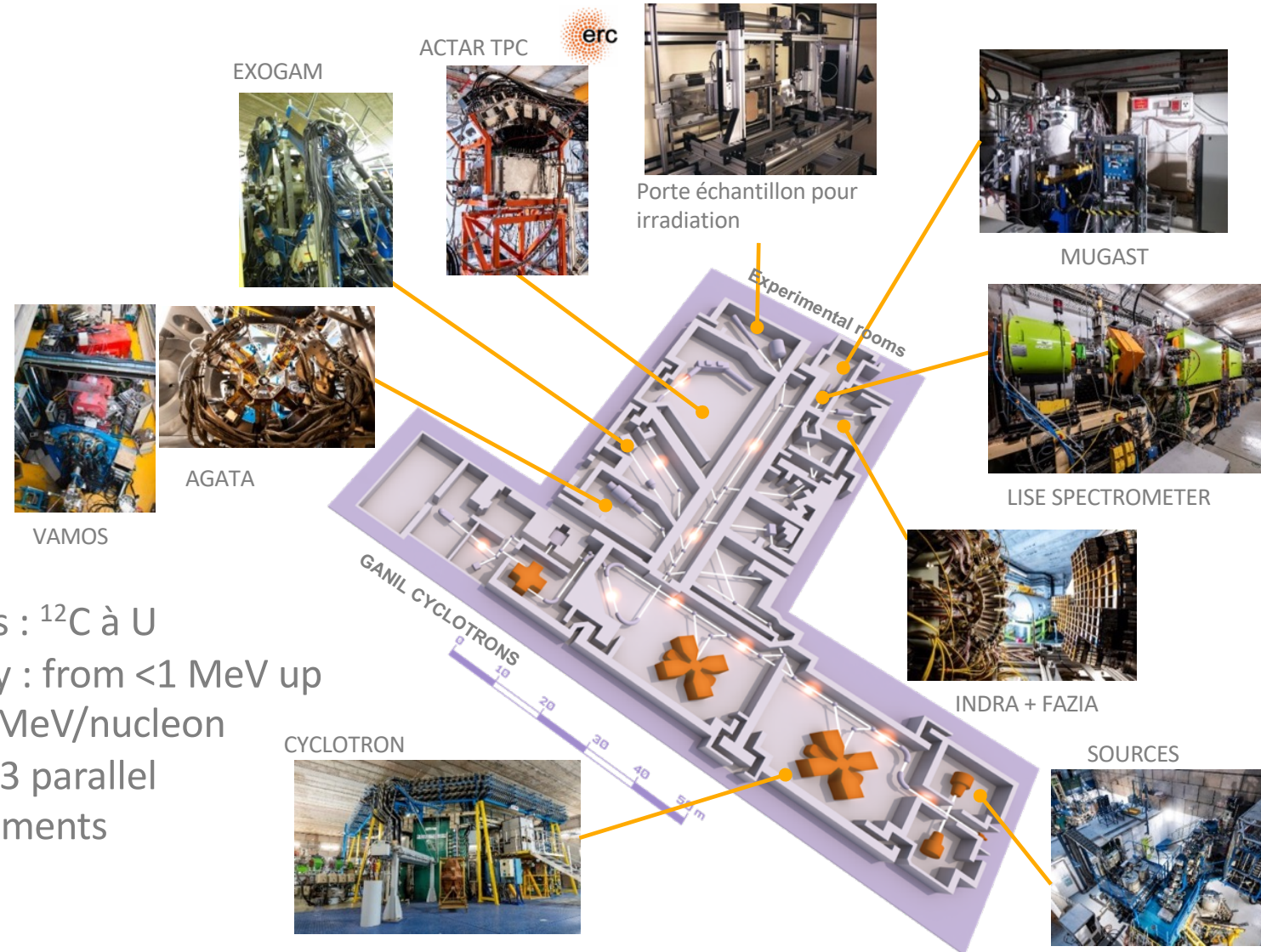
**GAMIL**

# Physics results and perspectives



Hervé Savajols (GANIL)

# Cyclotrons and their experimental equipment



A strong program with the large variety spectrometers/detectors :

- VAMOS++ and the fission revival
- LISE and the « tandem » mode
- MUST2/MUGAST campaign
- ACTAR-TPC active target
- INDRA+FAZIA
- AGATA@GANIL.2

New SPIRAL1 beams

But an increase of accelerator failures  
=>Cyclotron refurbishing program [CYREN](#)

- Beams :  $^{12}\text{C}$  à U
- Energy : from  $<1$  MeV up to 95MeV/nucleon
- Up to 3 parallel experiments

## Fission

Damping of shell effects in nuclear fission (E850, J. Taieb et al)

$^{238}\text{U}$  beam (6MeV/u) +  $^{12}\text{C}$  target  $\rightarrow$  Actinide fissioning systems

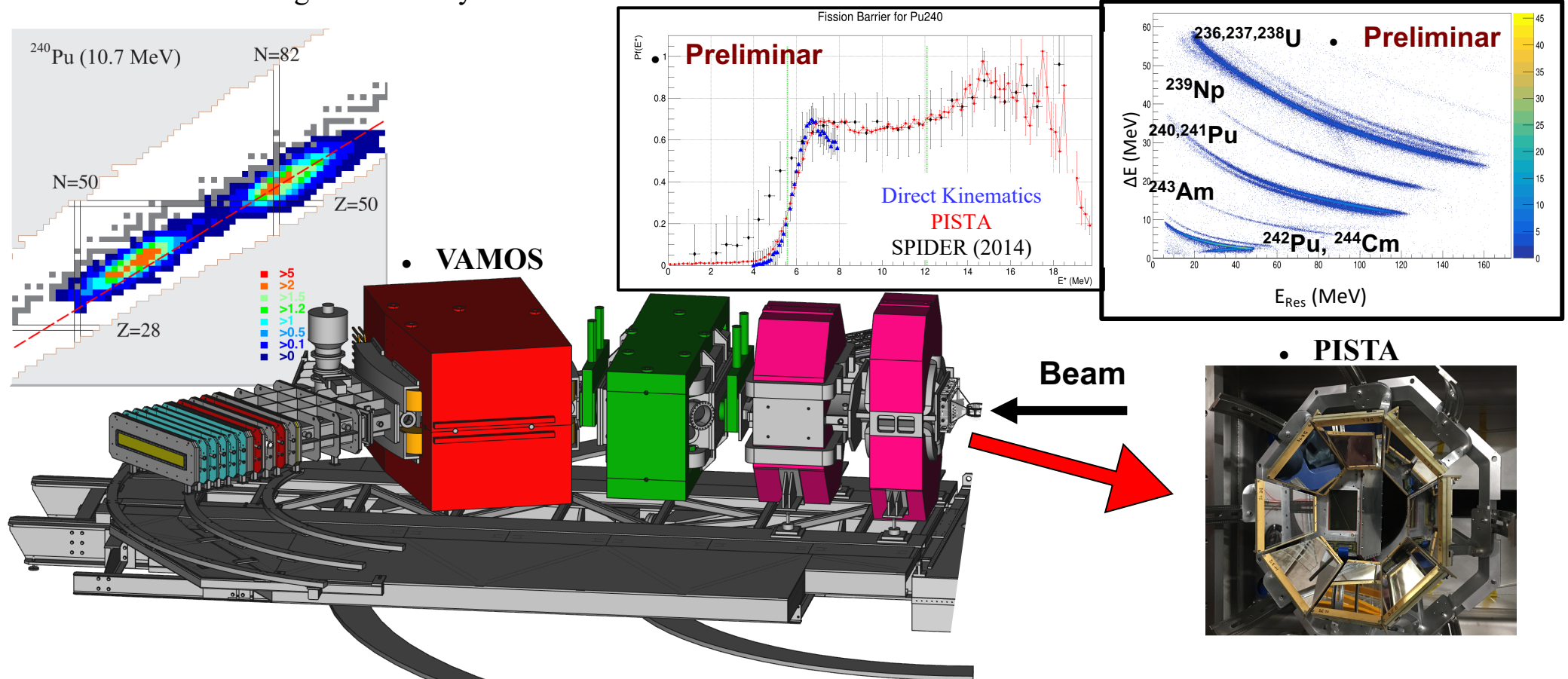
Evolution of fission yields with the excitation energy

### VAMOS

- Isotopic identification fo fission fragments
- Full fission fragment distribution
- Fission fragment velocity

### PISTA (Silicon Telescope)

- Selection of the incoming channel (A, Z, Ex)
- Fission probability



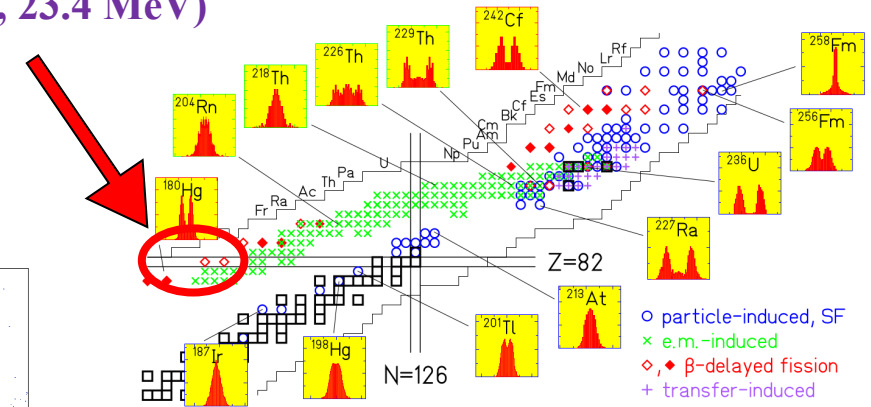
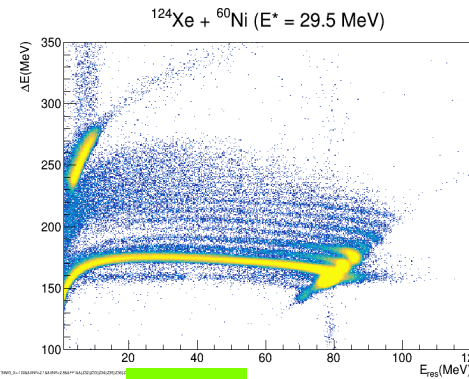
Fission of pre-actinides with VAMOS (E851, A. Lemasson et al)



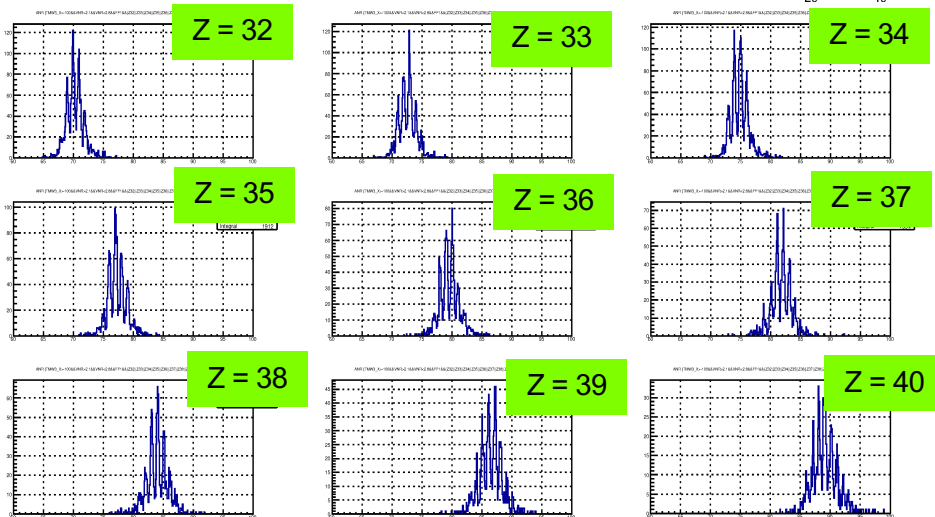
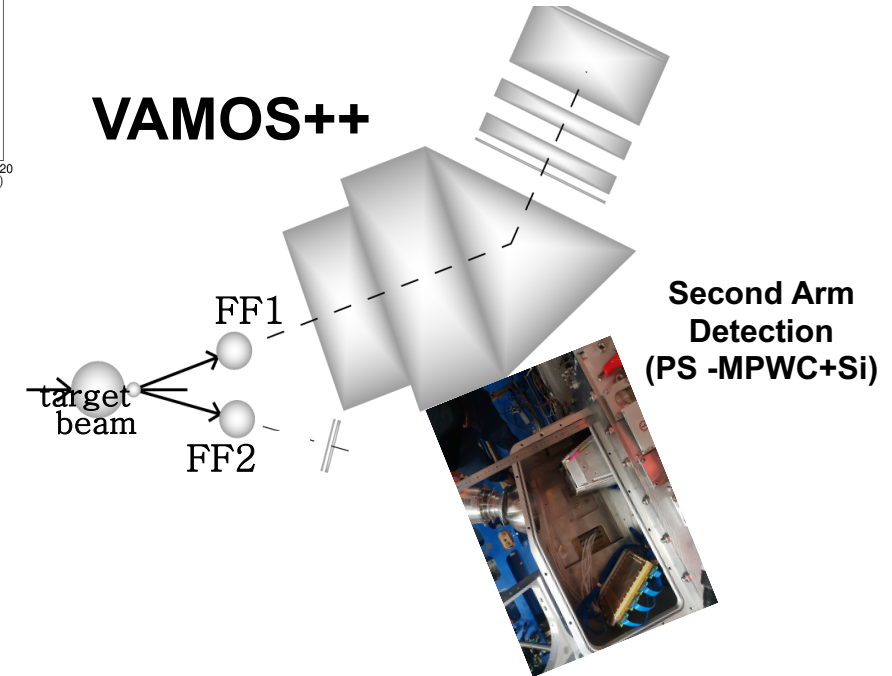
- Study of the island of asymmetric fission in pre-actinides
- Transition from asymmetric to symmetric fission
- Building a coherent picture of microscopic shell effects in fission across the nuclear chart

=> Fusion Fission (!\ low energy)  
 => Isotopic Identification of Fission Fragments with VAMOS and second fragment detections

- Isotopic Fission Yields
- $\langle N \rangle / Z$
- Pre-evaporation Mass and TKE



VAMOS++

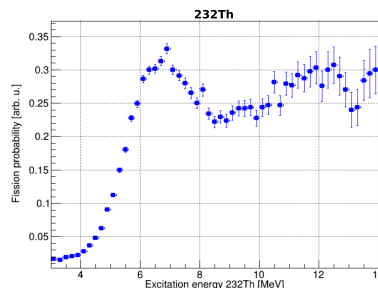
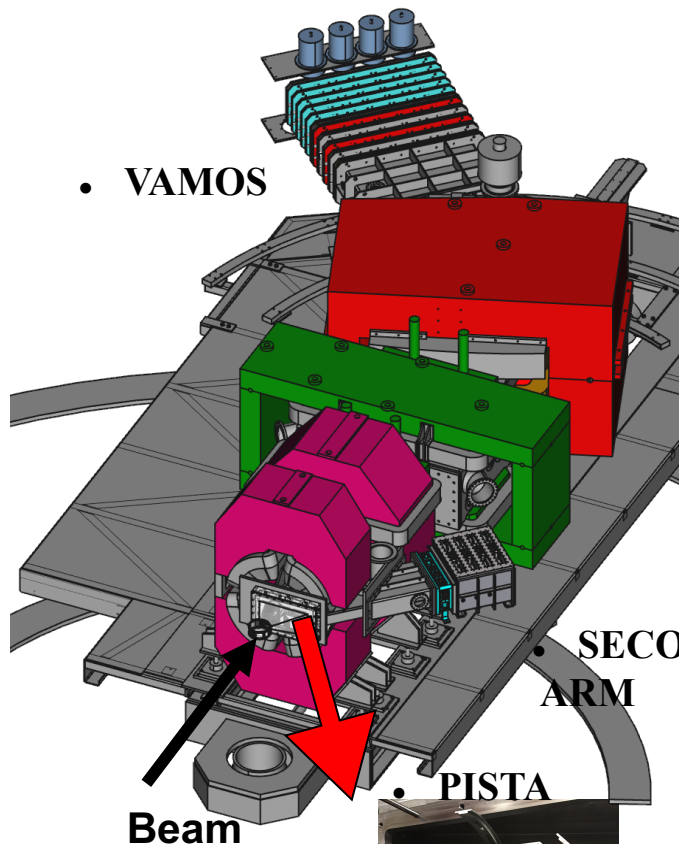


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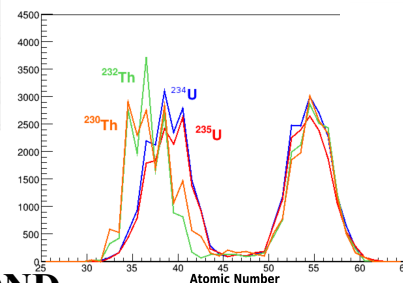
(E849, D. Ramos et al)

$^{232}\text{Th}$  beam (6MeV/u) +  $^{12}\text{C}$  target  $\rightarrow$  New fissioning systems around Th

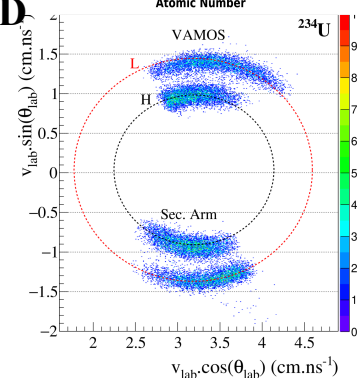
• VAMOS



Identification of fissioning system (PISTA)



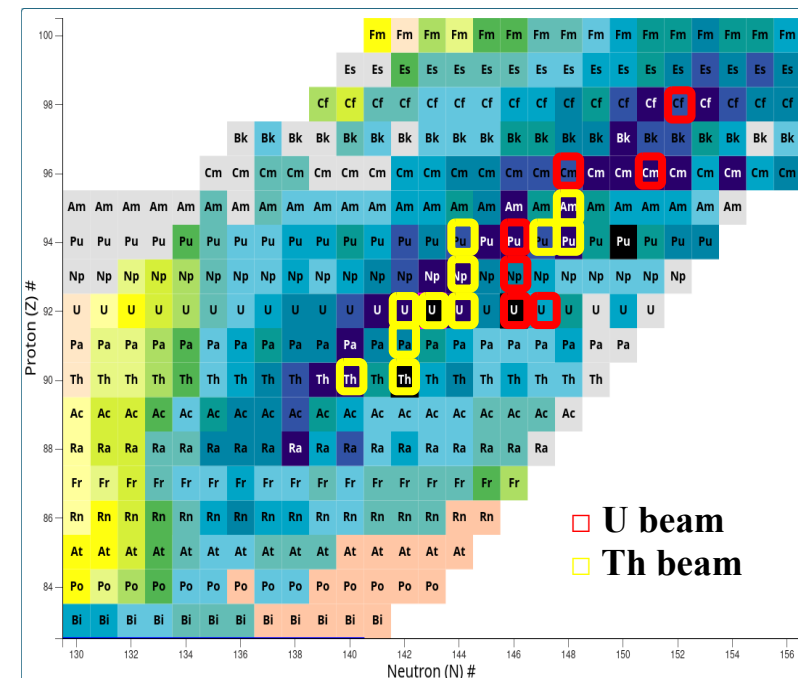
Isotopic fission fragment identification (VAMOS)



Both fission fragments in coincidence

Fission fragment masses at Scission (SECOND ARM)

New  $^{232}\text{Th}$  beam accelerated at GANIL  
Access to new region of actinides



(E870 V. Alcindor)

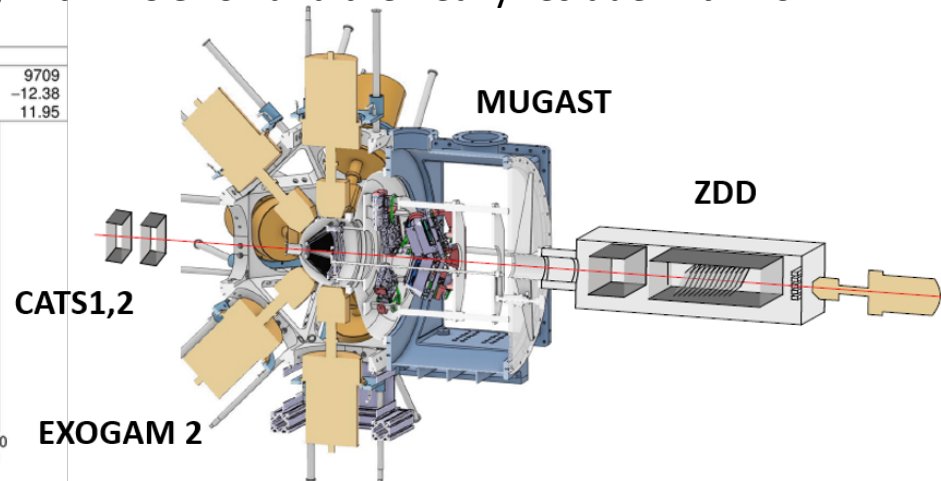
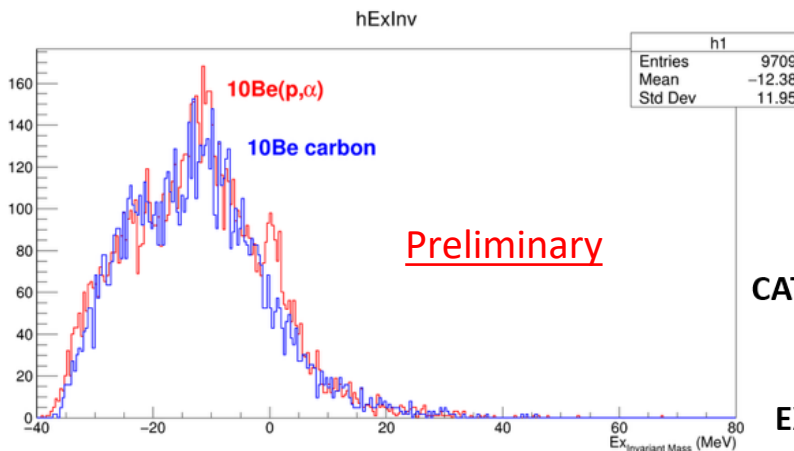
### Cluster structure of the gs of light exotic nuclei beyond alpha clustering

#### Scientific goal

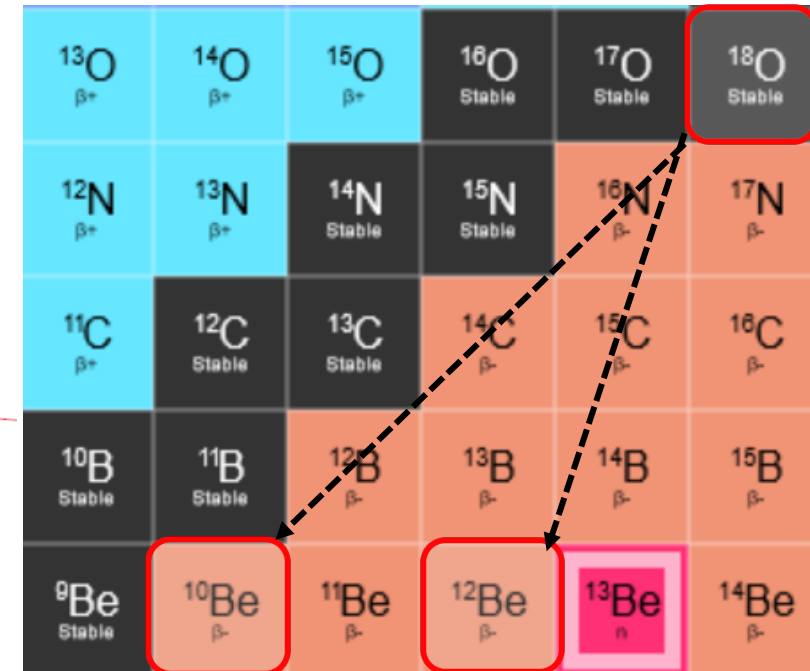
Test of recent generalized density functional theory predicting that the light clusters  $d$ ,  $t$ ,  $^3\text{He}$  and  $^4\text{He}$  are all formed at approximately 1/10 of the nuclear saturation density, a condition typically reached in the surface region of nuclei. Also prediction of favorable triton formation in n-rich matter.

#### Experimental method

- Cluster removal from  $^{10,12}\text{Be}$  on  $\text{CH}_2$  and  $\text{CD}_2$  targets  $\rightarrow (p,X)$  and  $(d,X)$  reactions
- Detection of light ejectiles ( $X = \alpha, ^6\text{Li}$ ) with MUGAST and the heavy residue with LISE ZDD



<https://people.physics.anu.edu.au/~ecs103/chart/>



#### Preliminary results

- On line observation of alpha and triton structuration in  $^{10}\text{Be}$  :  $(d, ^6\text{Li})$  and  $(p, \alpha)$  reactions
- Good hope to observe triton structuration in  $^{12}\text{Be}$

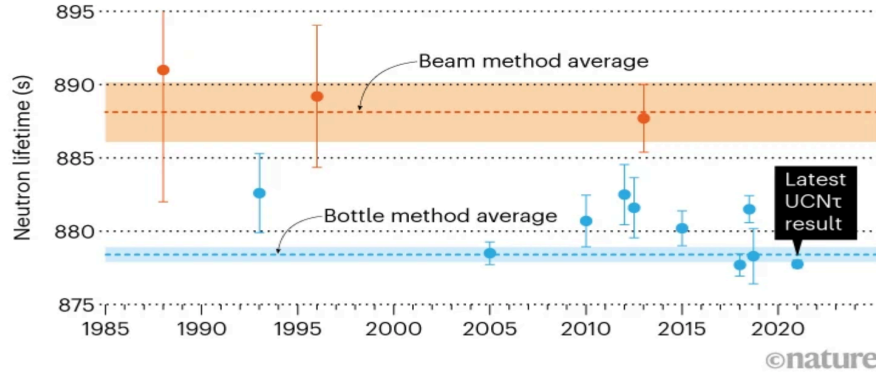
(E819S H. Savajols et al.)

## UNRESOLVED DIFFERENCES

Mysteriously, neutrons in a beam live several seconds longer on average than do those trapped in a vacuum bottle.

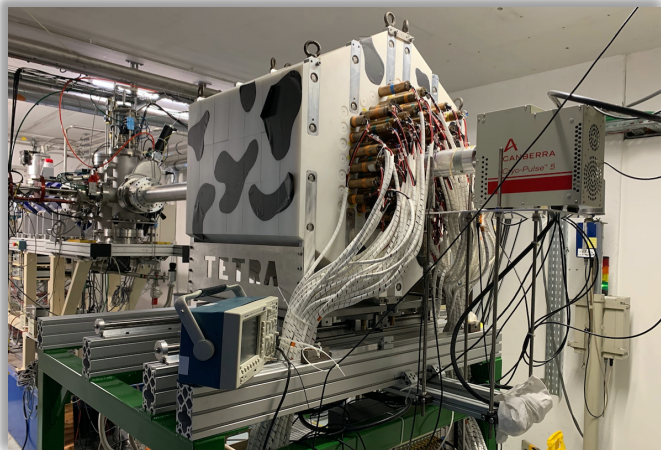
$$\frac{\Delta\tau_n}{\tau_n} \approx 1\%$$

● Results using beam method ● Bottle method



Wiefeldt, <https://doi.org/10.3390/atoms6040070> (2018)  
Gonzalez, F. M. et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **127**, 162501 (2021)

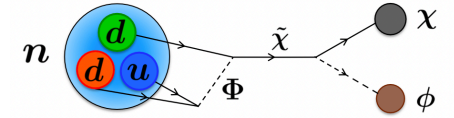
- ${}^6\text{He}^{1+}$  SPIRAL1 world record beam intensity ( $2 \times 10^8$  pps)
- Neutron multidetector TETRA with 50% efficiency



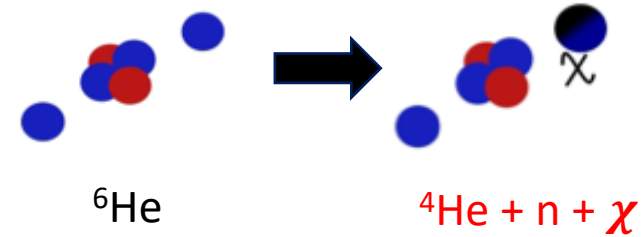
## Dark matter

$n \rightarrow$  dark matter

Fornal and Grinstein, *PRL*120(2018)191801

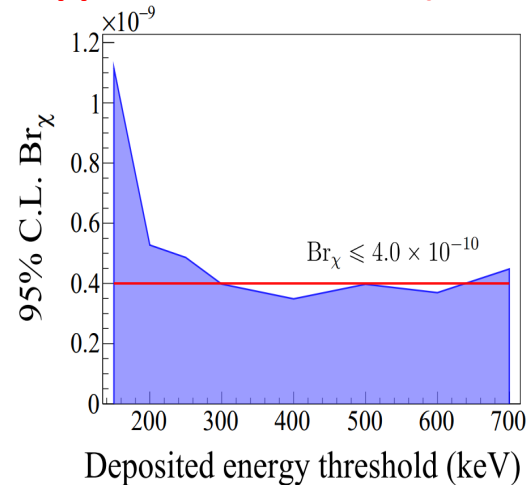


Is there a dark decay of neutrons in  ${}^6\text{He}$  ?

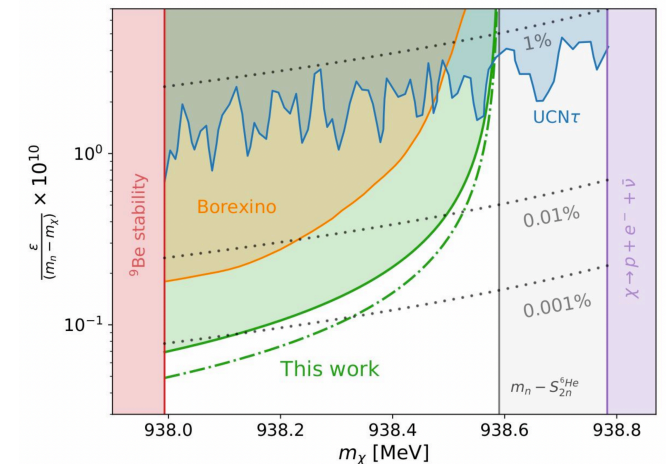


PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 132, 132501 (2024)

Upper limit at  $4 \times 10^{-10}$  (95% C.L.)



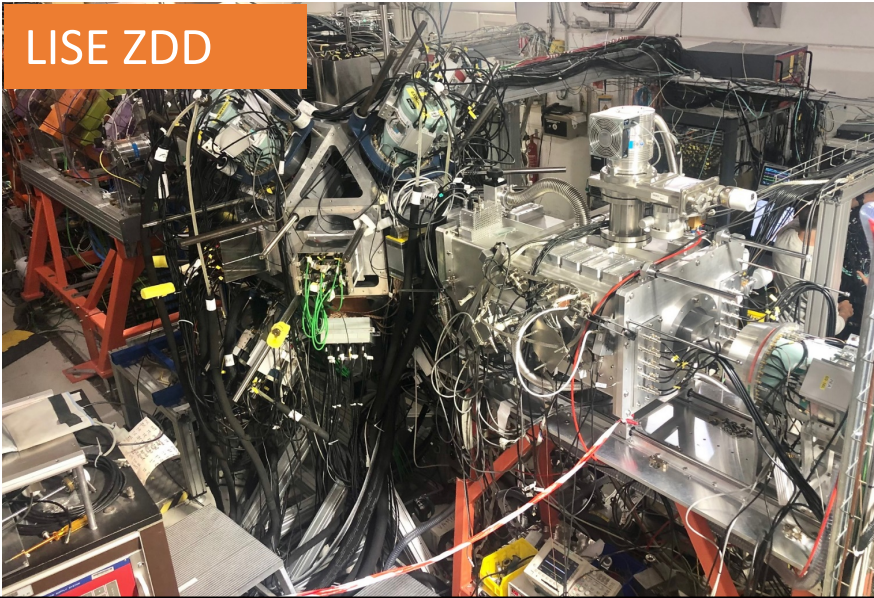
Exclusion Diagram



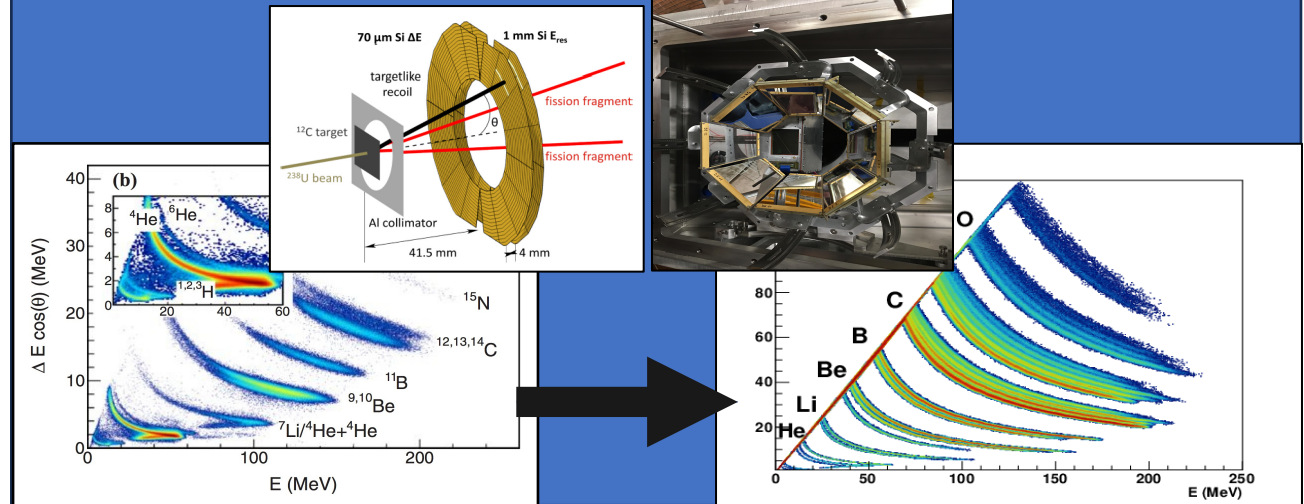


# GANIL : a constant upgrade to meet user needs

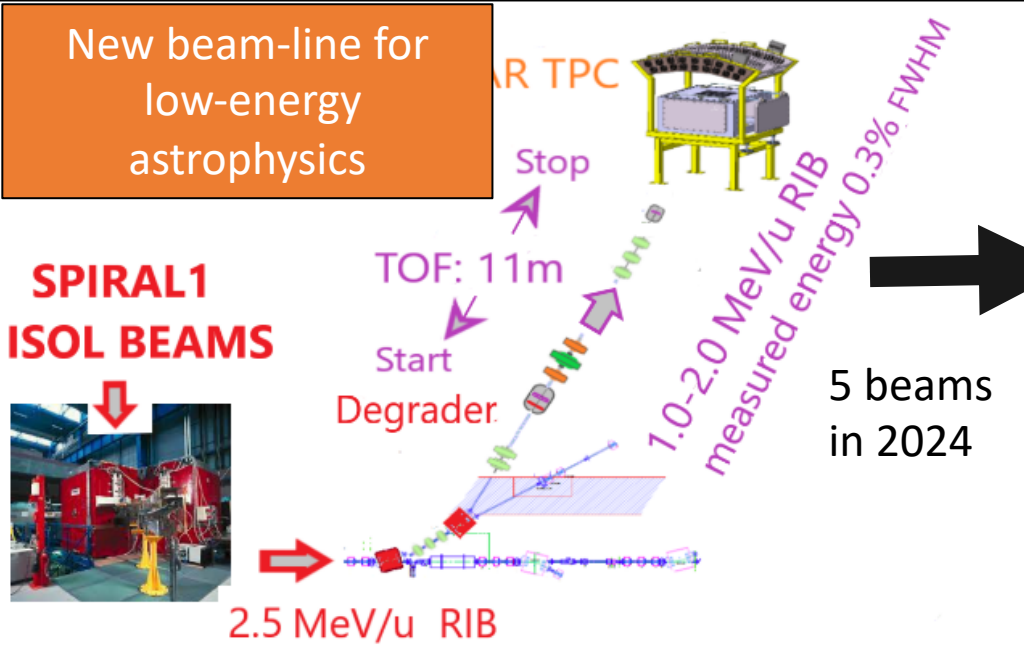
LISE ZDD



Improvement of target-point detection set-up @ VAMOS



New beam-line for low-energy astrophysics

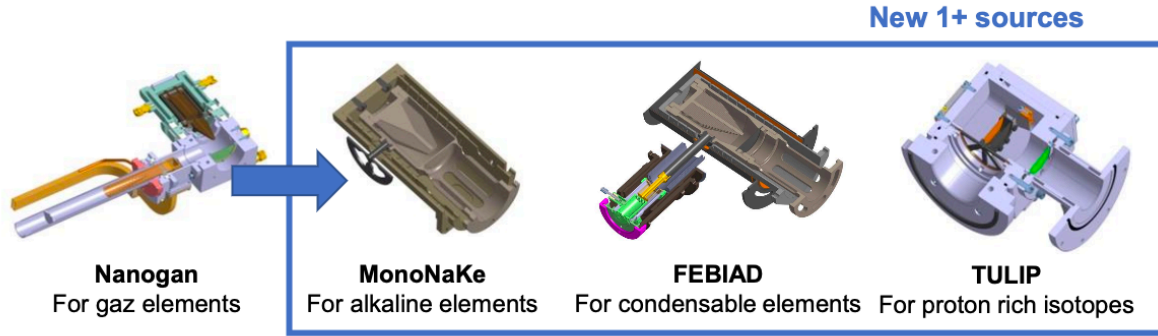


- E837\_21 V. Guimaraes et al mars  $^8\text{He}$  1.8 MeV/u
- Test B. Jacquot juin  $^{16}\text{O}$  2 MeV/u
- E864\_22 M.G. Pellegriti et al juin  $^8\text{Li}$  2 MeV/u
- E863\_test L. Dienis, C. Fougères... juillet  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  6 MeV/u
- E845\_21 G. Georgiev et al sept.  $^{22}\text{Ne}$  5.5 MeV/u

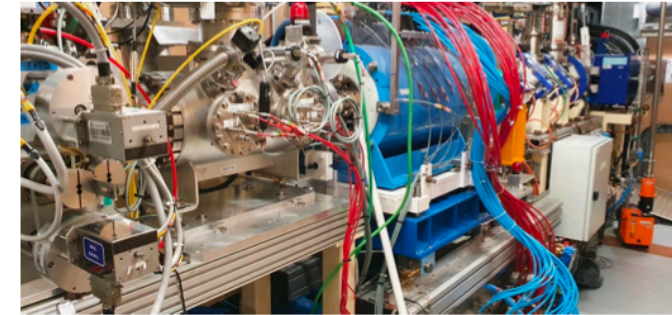


# SPIRAL1 upgrade

- New target Ion Source Systems (FEBIAD)



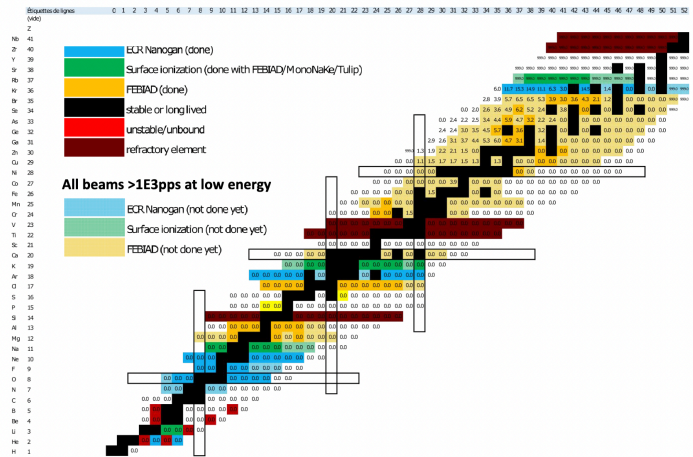
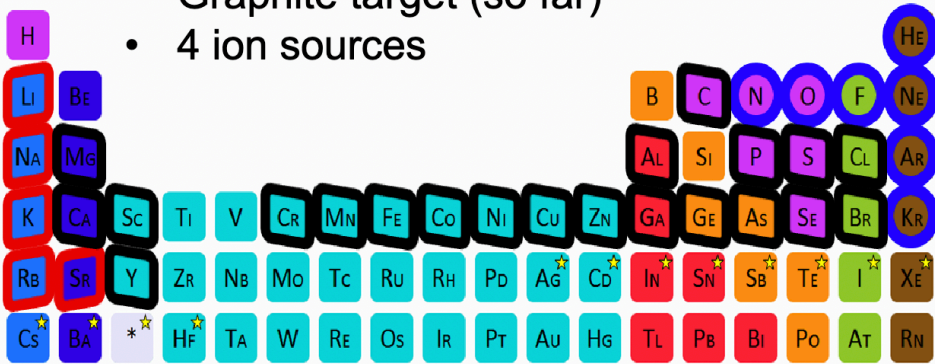
- The charge breeder



GANIL is putting a strong effort on SPIRAL1 in-beam tests

50 new isomers/isotopes  
With intensities suitable for acceleration

- 58 primary beams from  $^{12}\text{C}$  to  $^{238}\text{U}$
- Graphite target (so far)
- 4 ion sources

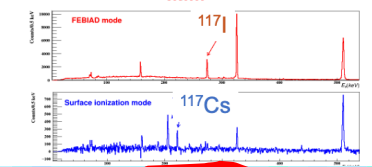


## SPIRAL1 Upgrades

July 2024  
 $^{58}\text{Ni}$  75 MeV/u  
700 W

September 2024  
 $^{129}\text{Xe}^{46+}$  beam @ 50 MeV/u,  
 $2 \cdot 10^{11}$  pps

ION	pps
$^{48}\text{Cr}^{1+}$	$3.5 \cdot 10^6$
$^{49}\text{Cr}^{1+}$	$3.5 \cdot 10^6$
$^{52}\text{Fe}^{1+}$	$4.7 \cdot 10^6$
$^{53}\text{Fe}^{1+}$	$1 \cdot 10^{12}$
$^{56}\text{Ni}^{1+}$	6.5
$^{57}\text{Ni}^{1+}$	2.1
$^{55}\text{Co}^{1+}$	2.9



Motivated the AGATA come back in 2029

# SPIRAL2 and the new experimental rooms

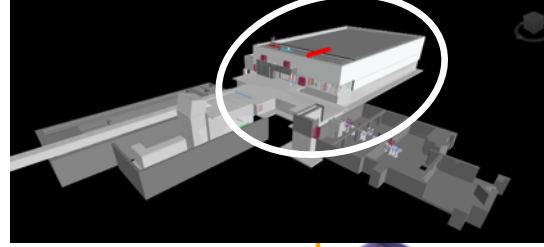
NFS (NEUTRONS FOR SCIENCE)



Converter room



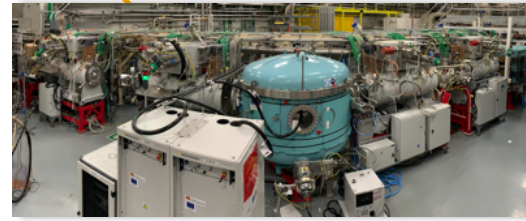
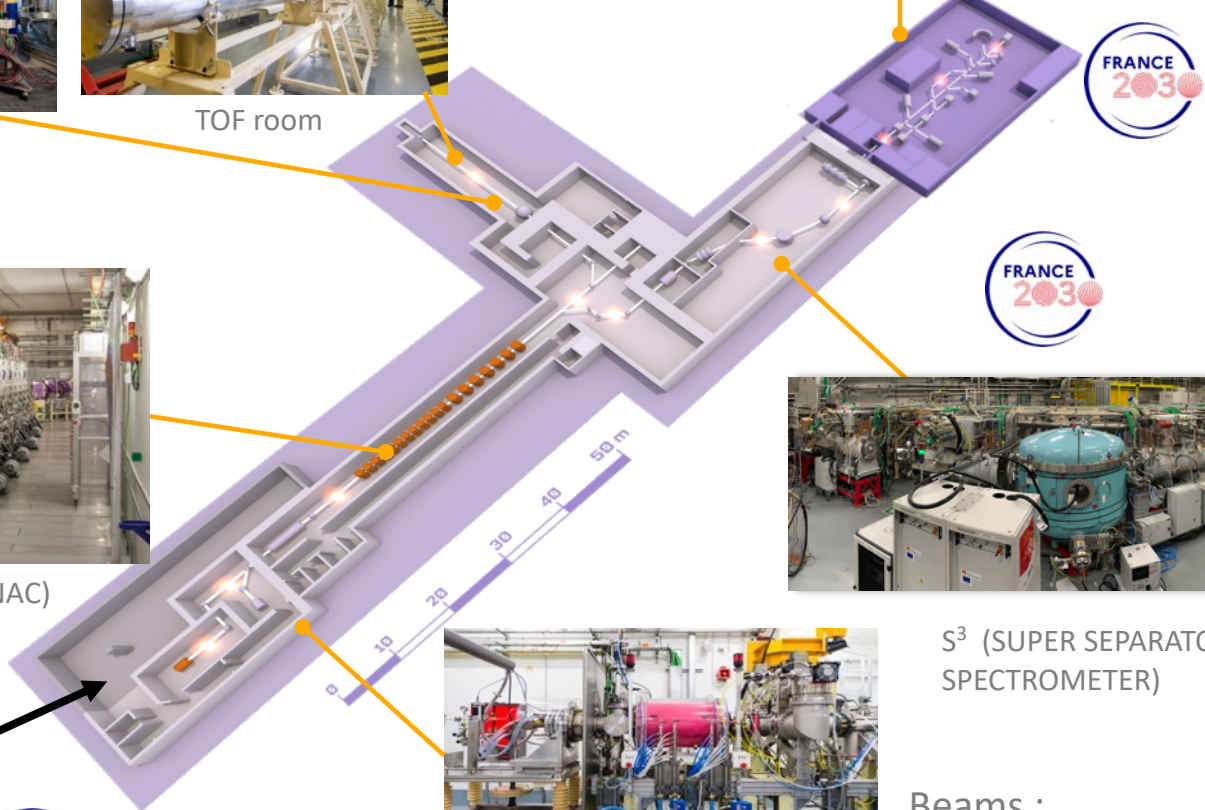
TOF room



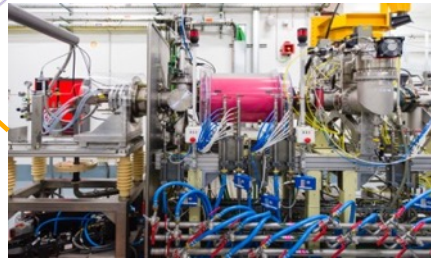
DESIR  
(Decay,  
Excitation and  
storage of  
radioactive ions)



Accélérateur linéaire (LINAC)



S<sup>3</sup> (SUPER SEPARATOR  
SPECTROMETER)



ION SOURCE

**A new accelerator ramping up:**

First operation experimental area and the first neutrons at GANIL/SPIRAL2: NFS first campaigns and results

Super Separator Spectrometer

DESIR project

Second injector (NEWGAIN)

Beams :

33 MeV protons

40 MeV deuterons

<14,5 MeV/nucleon ions lourds



E838\_21, E. Clément, EXOGAM in TOF hall

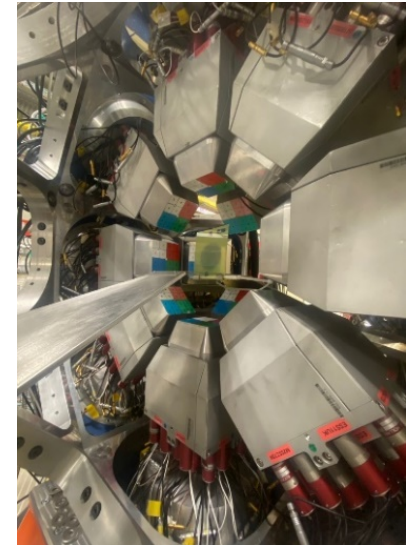
Nuclear structure

Structure of  $^{56}\text{Ni}$  using  $^{58}\text{Ni}(n,3n)$  reaction

12 EXOGAM clovers placed at 8.6 meters from the production target around Ni target



Successfully observed  $^{56}\text{Ni}$  / Neutron excitation selection rules ?  
Excitation functions measured



Preliminary

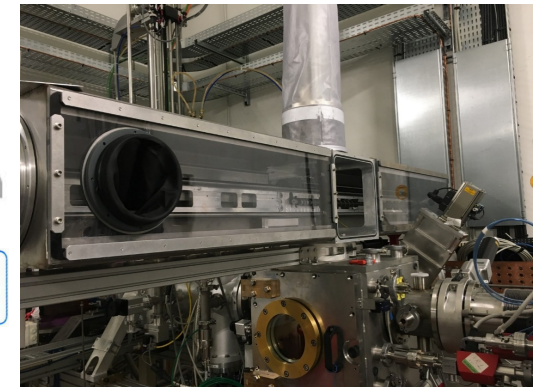
Tests REPARE, G. De France, converter room

Radioisotope

Production of At in NFS converter room with He beam

- Hardware, soft, beam synchro, vacuum, handling, production yield could be tested
- but no shipment to ARRONAX...

New beam time in September 2024 : production of At (1 GBq in 3 targets) and shipment to ARRONAX of 2 targets, but At also detected at the SPIRAL2 chimney, outside GANIL authorization (no impact on environment, of the order of nSv)



➤ **E858\_22 D. Tarrio, MEDLEY**

GARROS: neutron-induced light charged particles emission with MEDLEY

Applications : Energy - electronic SEU

Improvement of reaction models

**n - induced reaction**

➤ **E835\_21 V. Blideanu (DES)**

Measurement of the n-induced activation in materials: improvement of nuclear reaction models and decay data libraries for radiation therapy electron accelerators

**n - induced activation**

➤ **E807 G. Belier et al (DAM)**

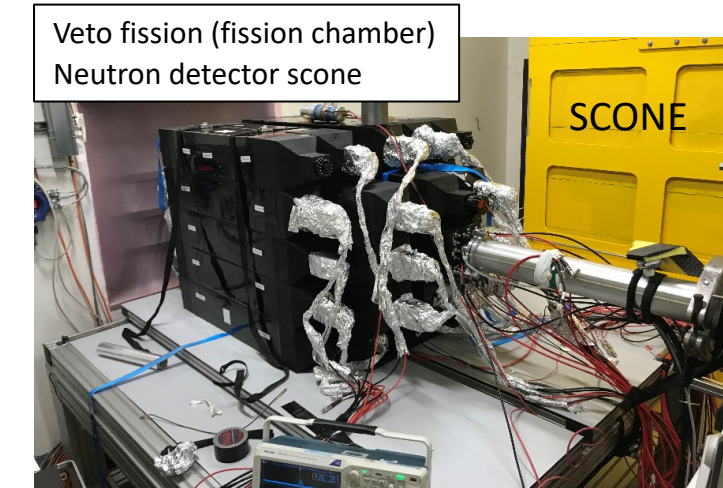
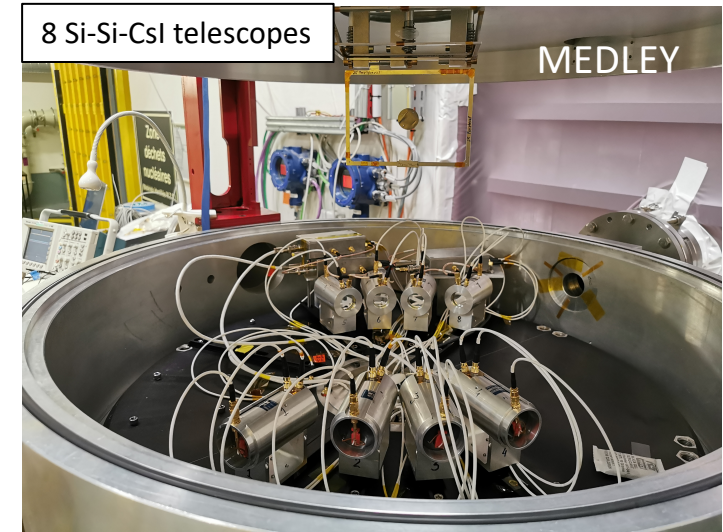
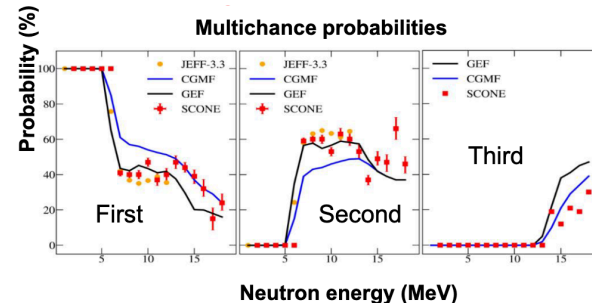
(n,xn) and (n,f) for  $^{238}\text{U}$

➤ **E856\_22 G. Belier et al (DAM)**

Study of neutron induced reactions on  $^{239}\text{Pu}$

$^{239}\text{Pu}$  fission chamber leaked : stop of experiment and heavy procedures for dismounting and decontamination

**Fission**



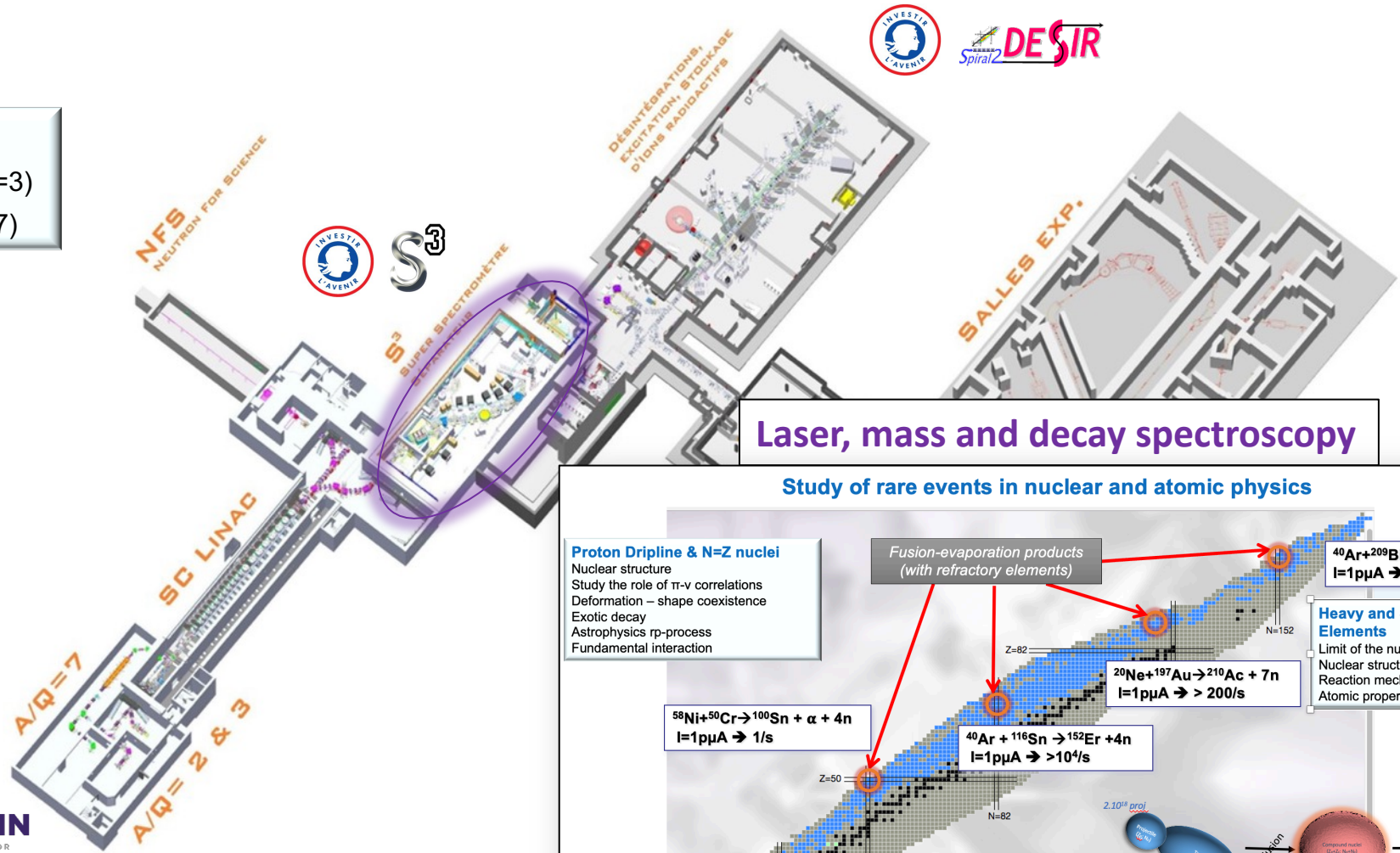
# Super Separator Spectrometer

**LINAC beams : He to U**

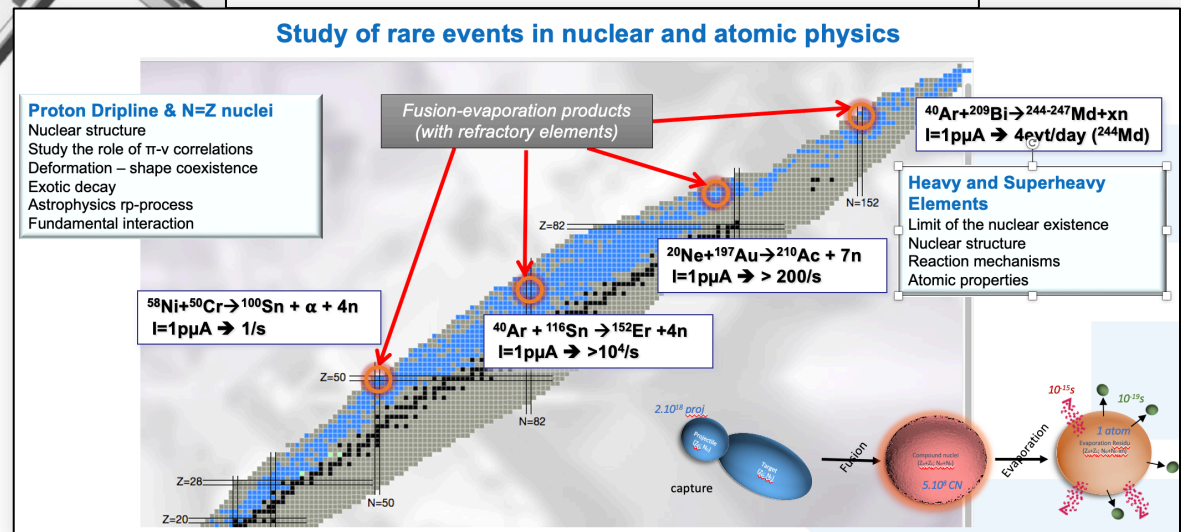
- 1 mA, < 14,5 MeV/A (A/Q=3)
- 1 mA, < 7,5 MeV/A (A/Q=7)

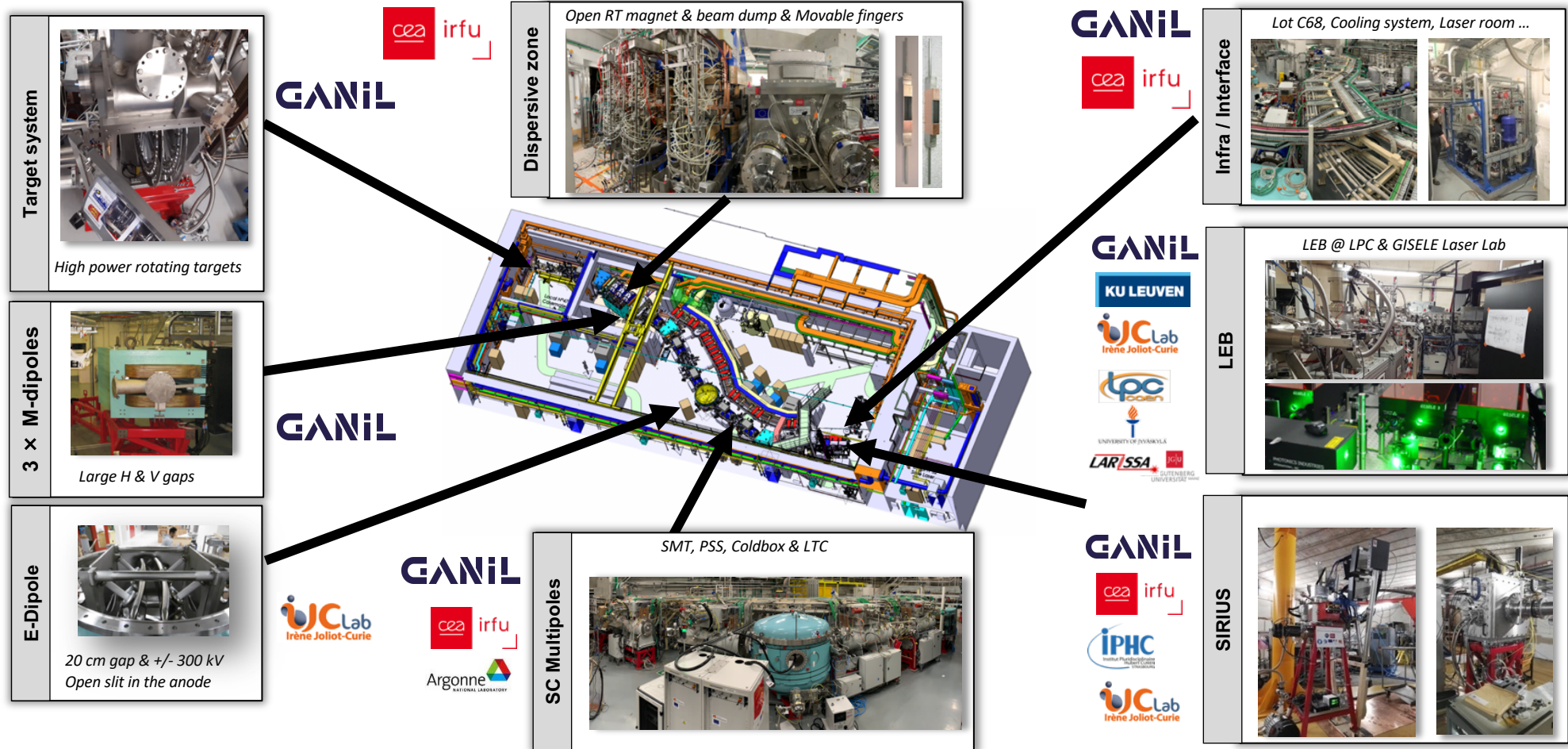
	I for A/Q = 3 (pμA)
<sup>18</sup> O	80
<sup>40</sup> Ar	16
<sup>36</sup> S	2.3
<sup>40</sup> Ca	2.9
<sup>48</sup> Ca	1.2
<sup>58</sup> Ni	1.1
<sup>86</sup> Kr	0.1
<sup>136</sup> Xe	0.001

X 5 up to <sup>58</sup>Ni  
X 10<sup>x</sup> for A > 58



## Laser, mass and decay spectroscopy

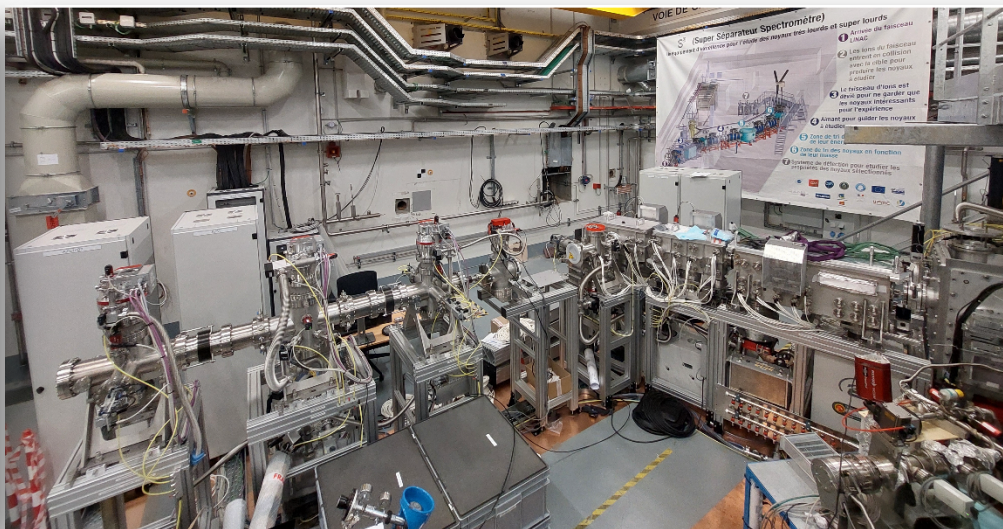
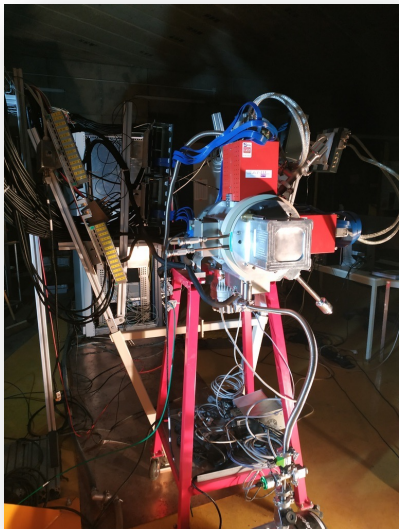
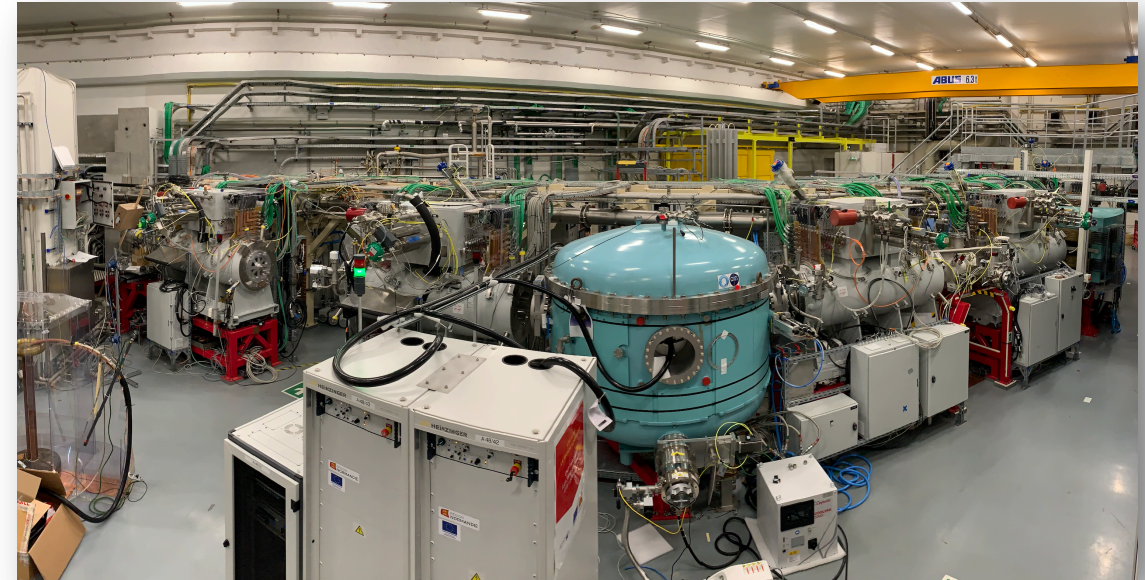




- High selectivity  $> 10^{13}$  - High efficiency 50 % - In flight mass separation = 500
- Versatility & unique instrumentation (SIRIUS – LEB)

# Super Separator Spectrometer

- All major equipments installed
- Cryogenic system tests with 6 SMTs successful
- One SMT presents failures : on-going work to repair
- Electric dipole : follow-up of actions to increase high-voltage
  
- First beam on target : November 21st 2024 !!
- Optical commissioning end 2025
  
- S<sup>3</sup>-SIRIUS (decay spectroscopy of VHE-SHE)
- S<sup>3</sup>-LEB (in gas jet laser, mass and decay spectroscopy)

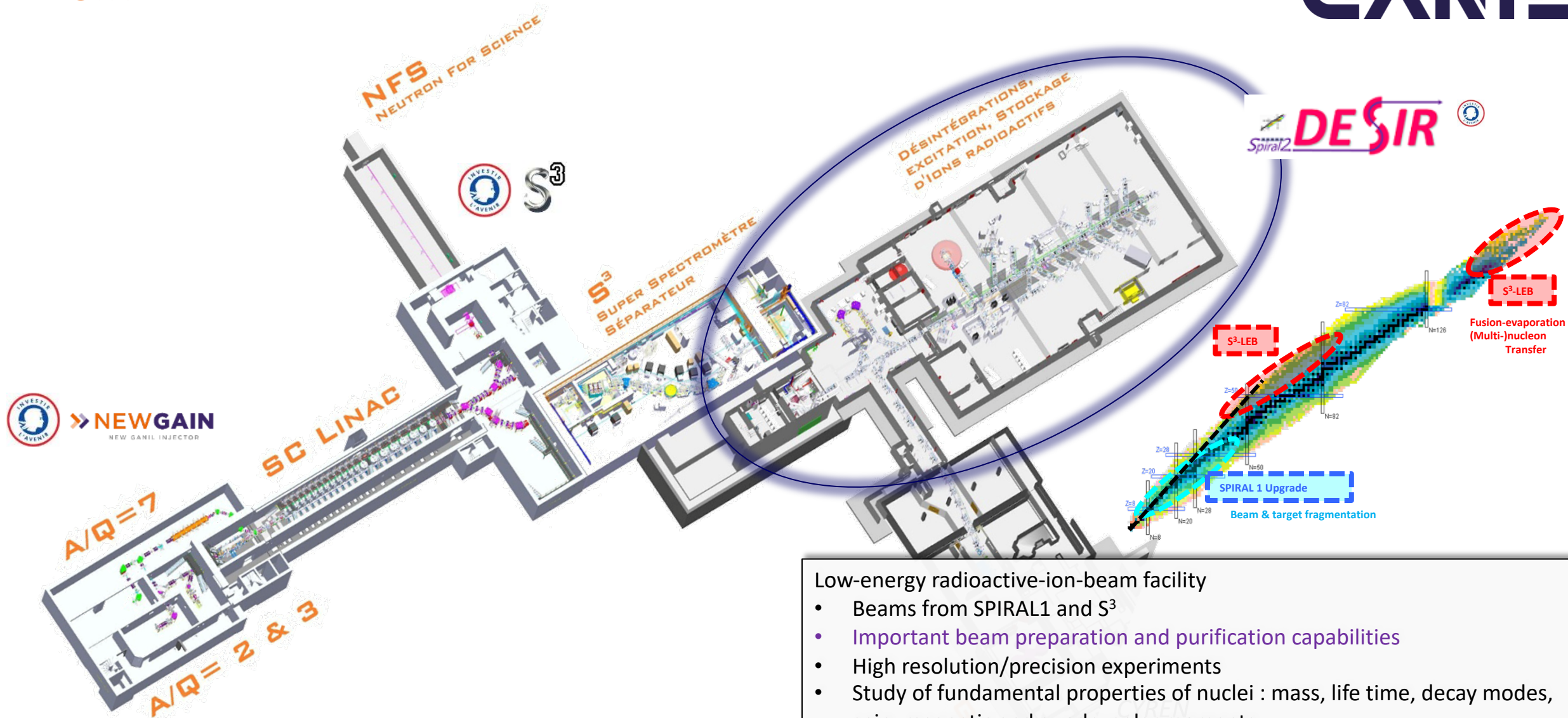


- S<sup>3</sup>-LEB moved from LPC to S<sup>3</sup> hall
- New laser lab taking shape
- Perspective online commissioning

2026: Start physics commissioning of S<sup>3</sup>

- $^{116}\text{Sn}(^{40}\text{Ar}, 4n)^{151}\text{Er}$ : Single-particle states and high-spin isomers around the  $N = 82$  shell closure
- Production of actinium ( $^{40}\text{Ar} + ^{175}\text{Lu}$  and  $^{20}\text{Ne} + ^{197}\text{Au}$ )
- Production of  $N = Z$  nuclei ( $^{50}\text{Cr} + ^{58}\text{Ni}$ )





#### Low-energy radioactive-ion-beam facility

- Beams from SPIRAL1 and S<sup>3</sup>
- **Important beam preparation and purification capabilities**
- High resolution/precision experiments
- Study of fundamental properties of nuclei : mass, life time, decay modes, spin, magnetic and quadrupolar moments
- Nucleosynthesis
- Fundamental interactions, tests of weak interaction standard model

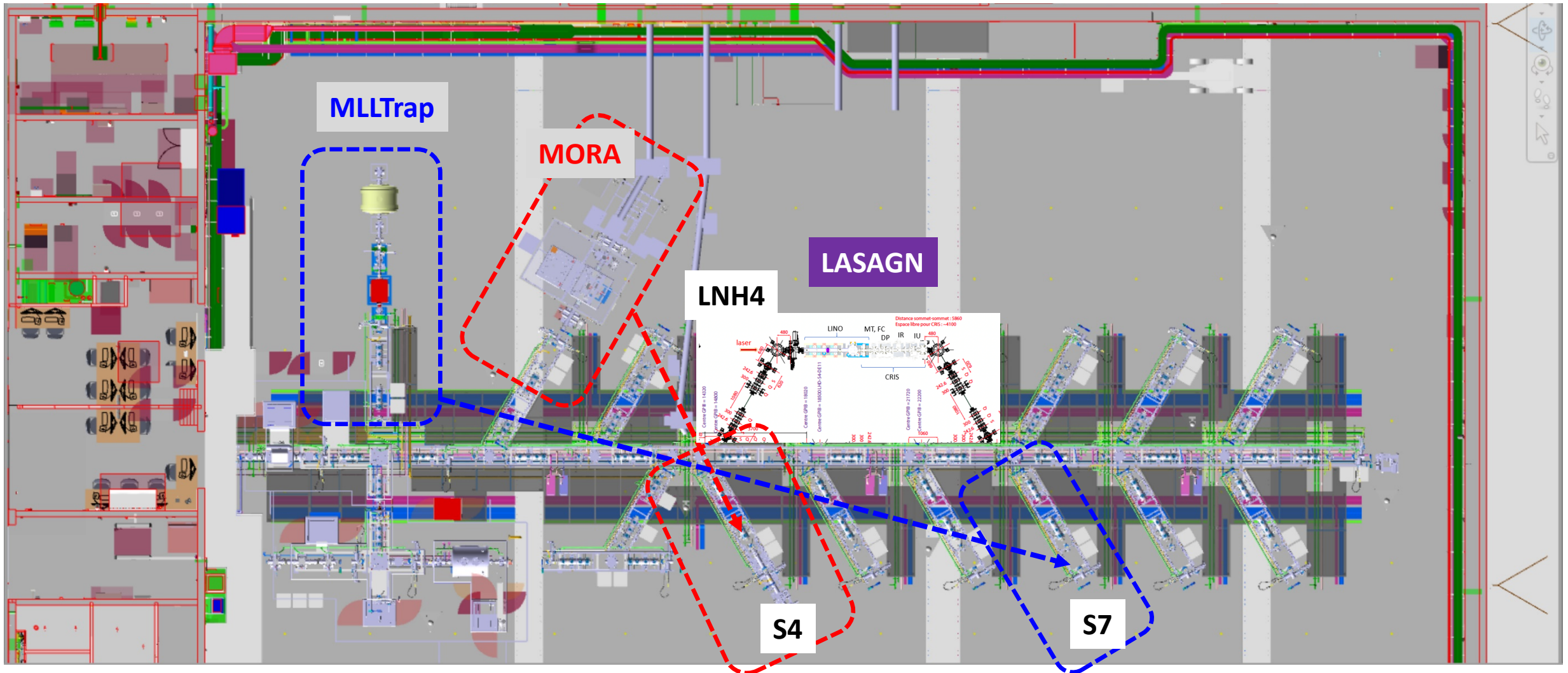
# Some pictures on DESIR building site



- Building permit received in June 2023
- Building site inauguration November 10th 2023
- Building infrastructure well advanced
- Building reception 2025
- First test with beam end 2027



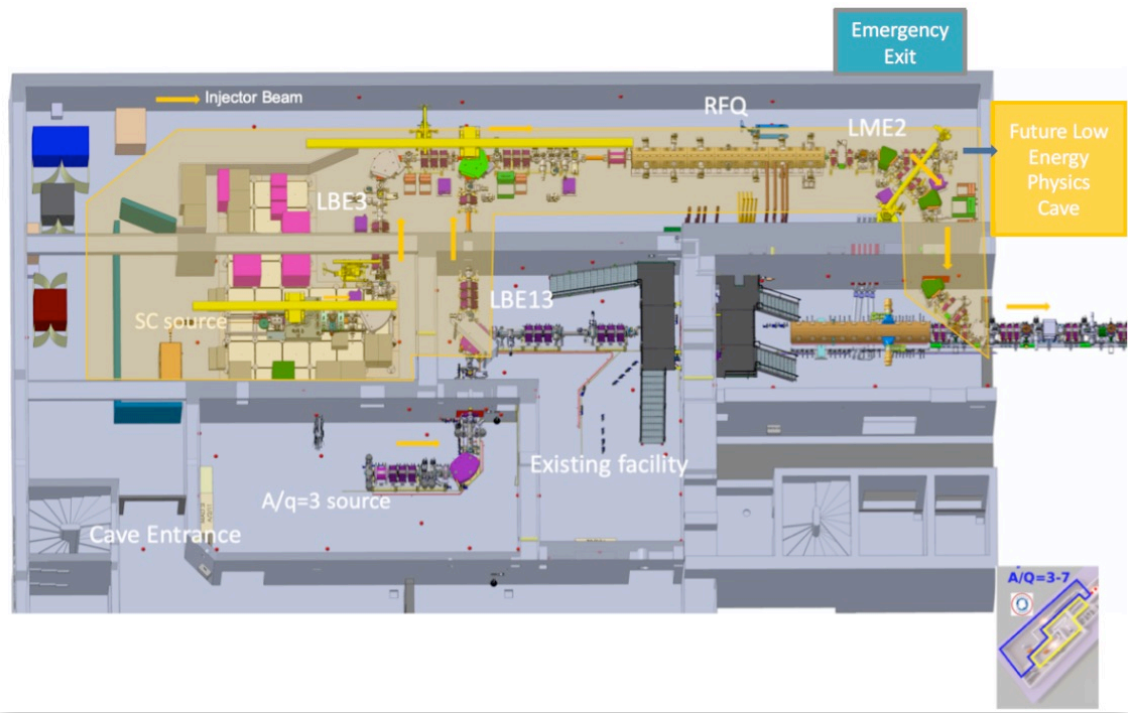
# Structuration and organization of DESIR experiments



# New injector for SPIRAL2: NEWGAIN



## Floorplan, design intensities and time line



beam intensities	injector1 2023	NEWGAIN (injector2)	
	Intensity (pμA) Phoenix V3 RFQ A/Q≤3	Intensity (pμA) Phoenix V3 RFQ A/Q≤7	Intensity (pμA) SC Ion Source RFQ A/Q≤7
<sup>18</sup> O	80	*	375
<sup>19</sup> F	>15	>40	>40
<sup>36</sup> Ar	16	70	45
<sup>40</sup> Ar	3.6	70	45
<sup>36</sup> S	2.3	*	*
<sup>40</sup> Ca	2.9	10	20
<sup>48</sup> Ca	1.2	10	20
<sup>58</sup> Ni	1.1	4	8
<sup>84</sup> Kr	0.1	10	20
<sup>139</sup> Xe	0.001	7	>10
<sup>238</sup> U	<<0.001	0.1	6

Measured    Estimated    \* -> no estimation

NEWGAIN White Book

NEWGAIN time line

<https://www.ganil-spiral2.eu/scientists/ganil-spiral-2-facilities/accelerators/newgain/>

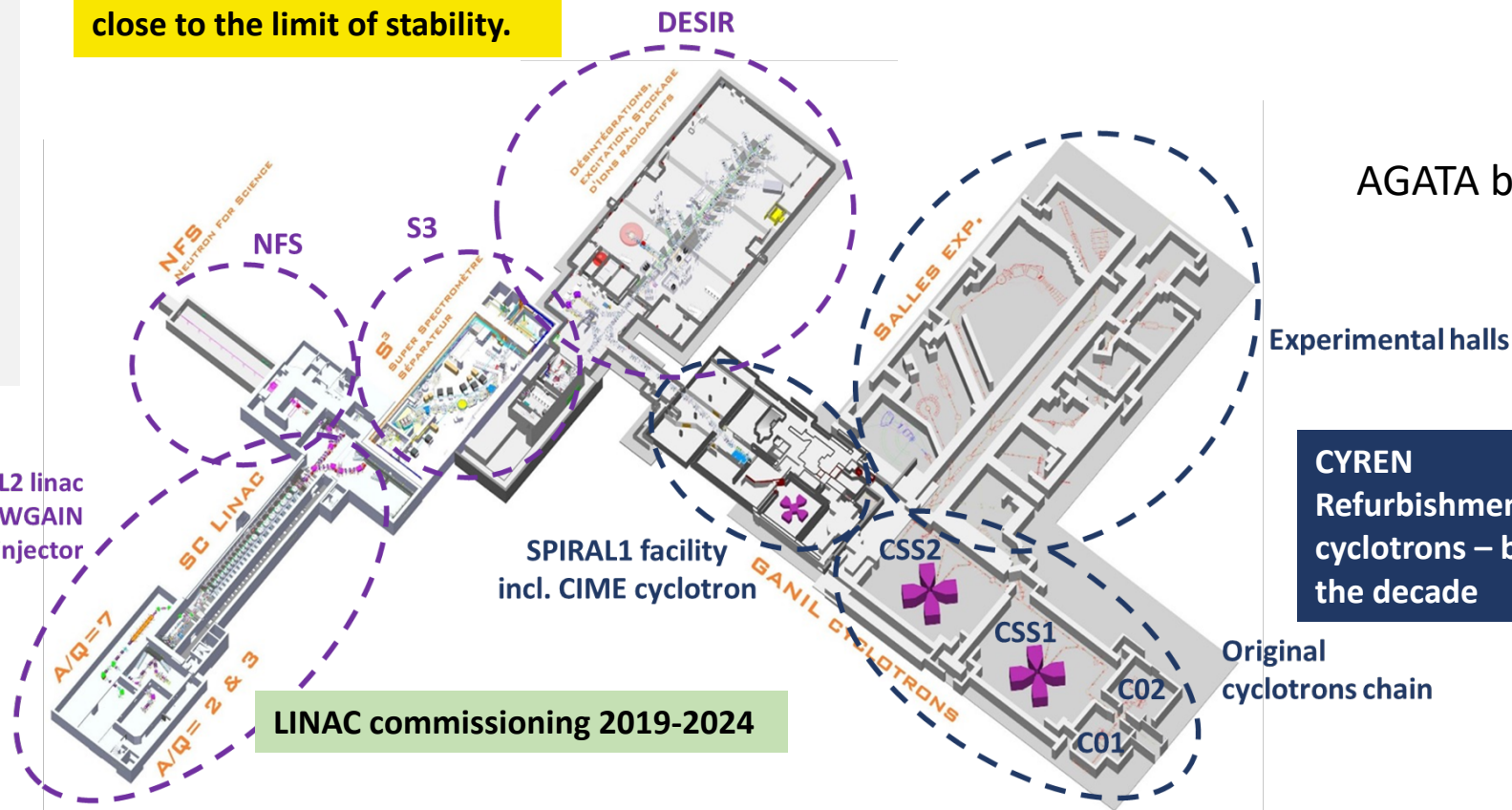


Commissioning of the **Super Separator Spectrometer (S<sup>3</sup>)** planned in 2024-2026: nuclei with very low cross sections, such as superheavy elements or neutron deficient nuclei close to the limit of stability.

**DESIR** in 2027-2028  
 unique opportunities in terms of exotic nuclei selection and beam purity.  
 masses, laser spectroscopy, beta-decay spectroscopy, ... building construction started in 2023.  
 First stone ceremony on November 10, 2023

**Neutrons for Science (NFS)** started operation in 2021. Neutrons produced from protons and deuterons accelerated from the LINAC: mainly fission, but also low-energy excitations, nuclear data,...

AGATA back @ GANIL in 2029



**NEWGAIN, Injector 2:**  
 $A/Q = 3-7$  Increasing beam intensities of heavy ( $A > 40$ ) and very heavy (Xe, Pb, U) nuclei

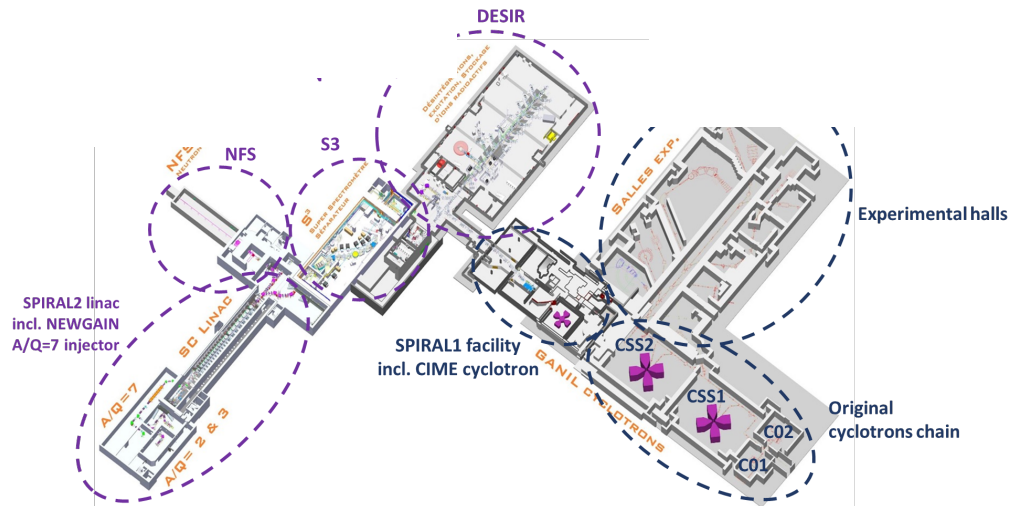
**CYREN**  
 Refurbishment of the cyclotrons – by the end of the decade

Original cyclotrons chain

LINAC commissioning 2019-2024

International expert committee, chaired by Michel Spiro: vision for the future of GANIL (report provided to CNRS and CEA in December 2021)

Strategy to be defined based on different recommendations and options suggested by the expert committee: new building for production of neutron-rich exotic nuclei, production of radioisotopes, new reacceleration system -> from Coulomb barrier up to 100 MeV/nucleon, ....

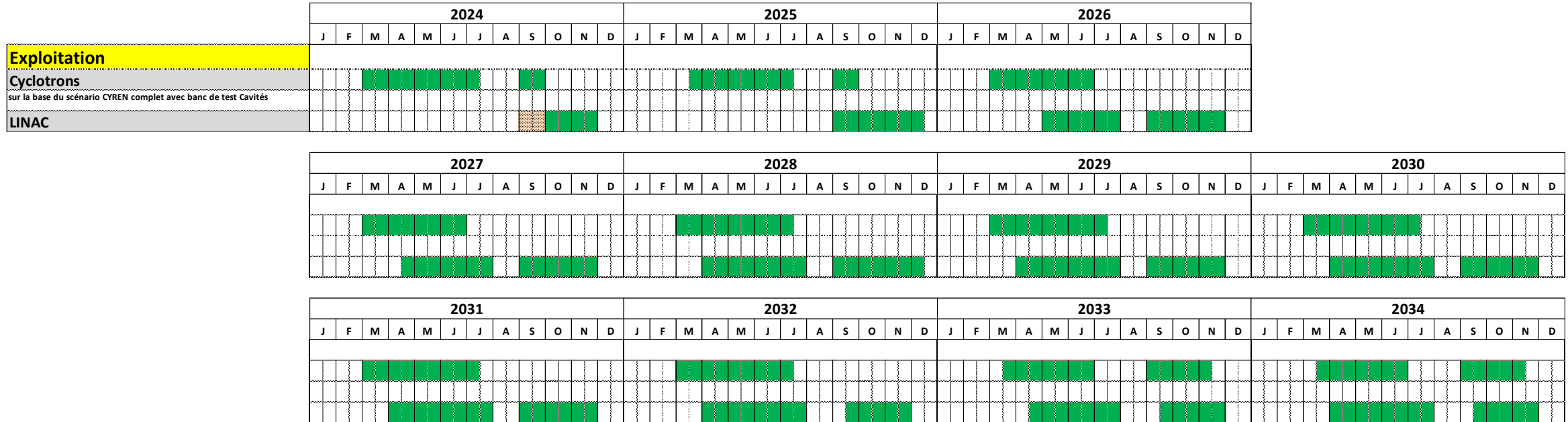


On this basis, GANIL direction asked Hanna Franberg and Stéphane Grevy to prepare a document where a few possible scenarios are identified, with:

- the description of the physics cases associated with each step
- a budget estimation

CEA and IN2P3 will use this document to establish a strategy

# Operation perspectives



18 annual weeks of GANIL cyclotrons operation until 2031  
 Increasing beam-time for SPIRAL2

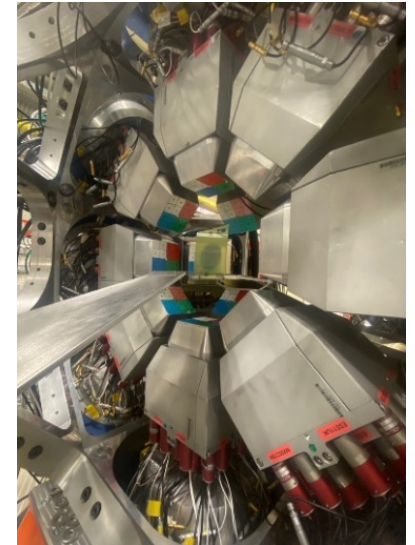
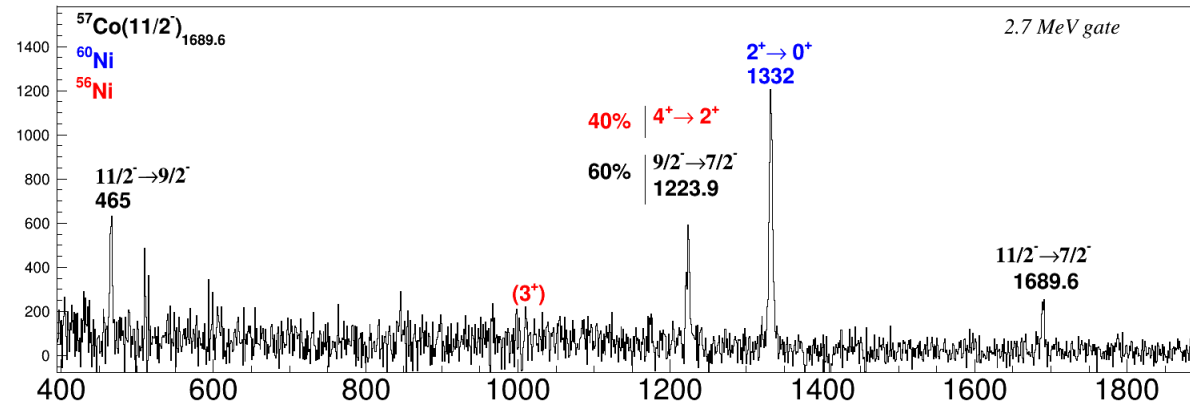
E838\_21, E. Clément, EXOGAM in TOF hall

Nuclear structure

Structure of  $^{56}\text{Ni}$  using  $^{58}\text{Ni}(n,3n)$  reaction

12 EXOGAM clovers placed at 8.6 meters from the production target around Ni target

Preliminary



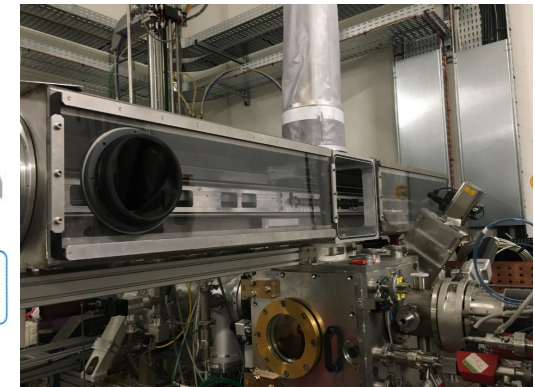
Tests REPARE, G. De France, converter room

Radioisotope

Production of At in NFS converter room with He beam

- Hardware, soft, beam synchro, vacuum, handling, production yield could be tested
- but no shipment to ARRANAX...

New beam time in September 2024 : production of At (1 GBq in 3 targets) and shipment to ARRANAX of 2 targets, but At also detected at the SPIRAL2 chimney, outside GANIL authorization (no impact on environment, of the order of nSv)





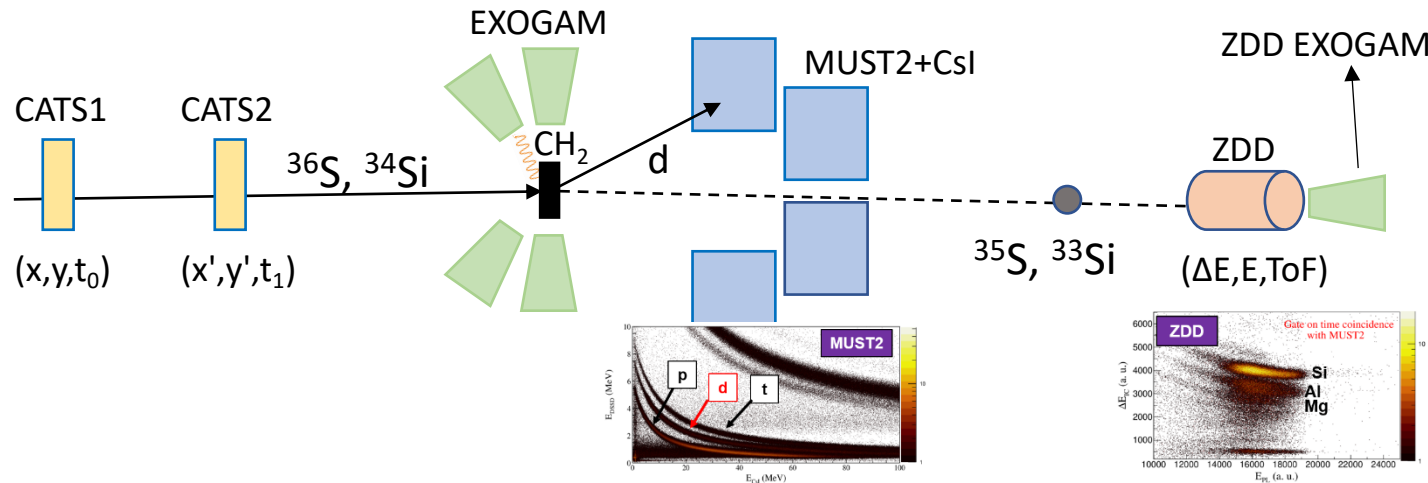
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### Scientific goal

- Test the spin-orbit component of proton-neutron interaction
- Study the evolution of neutron orbitals in  $^{35}\text{S}$  and  $^{33}\text{Si}$

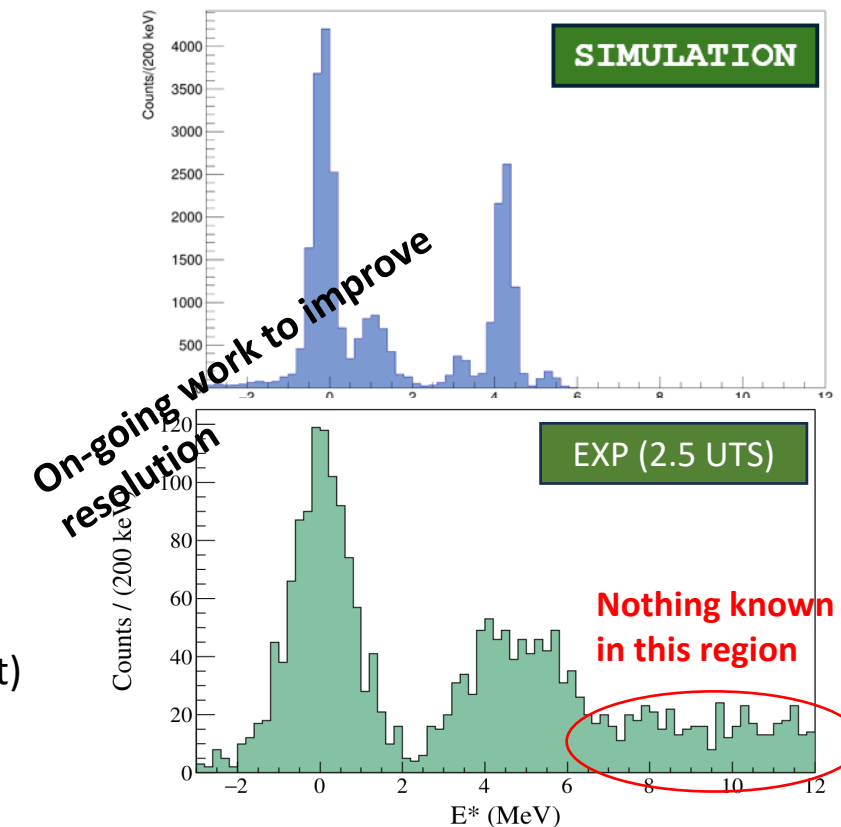
### Experimental method

- One-neutron removal in  $^{36}\text{S}$  and  $^{34}\text{Si}$  on  $\text{CH}_2$  target  $\rightarrow$  (p,d) reaction
- Detection of the light particles with MUST2 and heavy residues ( $^{35}\text{S}$ ,  $^{33}\text{Si}$ ) in LISE ZDD
- EXOGAM2 to characterize excited states



### Preliminary results

- Encouraging in spite of acquisition problems and machine failure (stop of the experiment)
- $\Rightarrow$  experiment will be rescheduled in 2025



## *Recommendations for nuclear physics infrastructures (heavy ions)*

The NuPECC Long Range Plan 2024 resulted in the following main recommendations for infrastructures of importance for nuclear physics:

- The first phase of the international **FAIR** facility is expected to be operational by 2028, facilitating experiments with SIS100 using the High-Energy Branch of the Super-FRS, the CBM cave and the current GSI facilities. Completing the full facility including the **APPA**, **CBM**, **NUSTAR** and **PANDA** programs will provide European science with world-class opportunities for decades and is highly recommended.
- At **GANIL/SPIRAL2** the Super-Separator Spectrometer **S<sup>3</sup>** is in an advanced stage of completion and the low-energy **DESIR** facility and heavy-ion injector **NEWGAIN**, will be operational from 2027/28. The refurbishing of the cyclotrons will ensure their operation for the next decades. Timely completion and full exploitation of these GANIL/SPIRAL2 projects is recommended. The plan for a future evolution of the facility towards a very high-intensity reaccelerated RIB facility of up to 100 MeV/u should be actively pursued.
- Nuclear physics opportunities at **CERN** constitute a world-leading research programme. The construction of **ALICE 3** as part of the **HL-LHC** plans is strongly recommended. Continued support for exploitation and new developments are recommended to maximise the scientific output of **ISOLDE**, **n\_TOF**, **SPS fixed-target program** and **AD/ELENA**. As the roadmap for the post-LHC future of CERN is developed, a strategy should be prepared to secure future opportunities for continuing world-leading nuclear-physics programmes that are unique to CERN.
- At **ELI-NP** studies will focus on addressing key topics, such as laser-driven ion and electron acceleration. Implementing the gamma beam system to achieve the full completion of the facility to allow breakthrough results in the field of nuclear photonics is of high importance and is strongly recommended.
- Timely completion of the **SPES** facility and continuing coordinated efforts in developing the **ALTO**, **IGISOL**, **ISOLDE**, **SPES**, and **SPIRAL ISOL facilities** in Europe, will be key to maintaining their world-leading position in many areas of radioactive isotope science and are strongly recommended. Extending these efforts towards future facilities, such as **ISOL@MYRRHA**, **TATTOOS@PSI**, and **RIB@IFIN**, together with the development of common instrumentation, will secure the European leading position for radioisotope production, separation, and acceleration techniques, and create new avenues for the future and should therefore be actively pursued.
- The exploitation of large-scale **stable beam** facilities, such as **FAIR/GSI**, **GANIL/SPIRAL2**, **IFIN**, **JYFL-ACCLAB**, **LNL**, **LNS**, **NLC (SLCJ and IFJ-PAN)**, and smaller ones, such as tandems, underground facilities and AMS systems, should be maximised. It is recommended that synergies between all these facilities, irrespective of size, be reinforced. Developments of novel and more intense beams and capabilities are also recommended to open new opportunities for basic science and applications.
- It is strongly recommended to complete the **AGATA** gamma tracking array to its full configuration as a key instrument for studying atomic nuclei in both stable and radioactive ion beam facilities.