

NUclear Structure, Astrophysics and Reactions – NUSTAR

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Where does the nuclear chart end?

How does the nuclear force depend on varying proton-to-neutron ratios?

What is the isospin dependence of the spin-orbit force?

How does shell structure change far away from stability?

How to explain collective phenomena from individual motion?

What are the phases, relevant degrees of freedom, and symmetries of the nuclear many-body system?

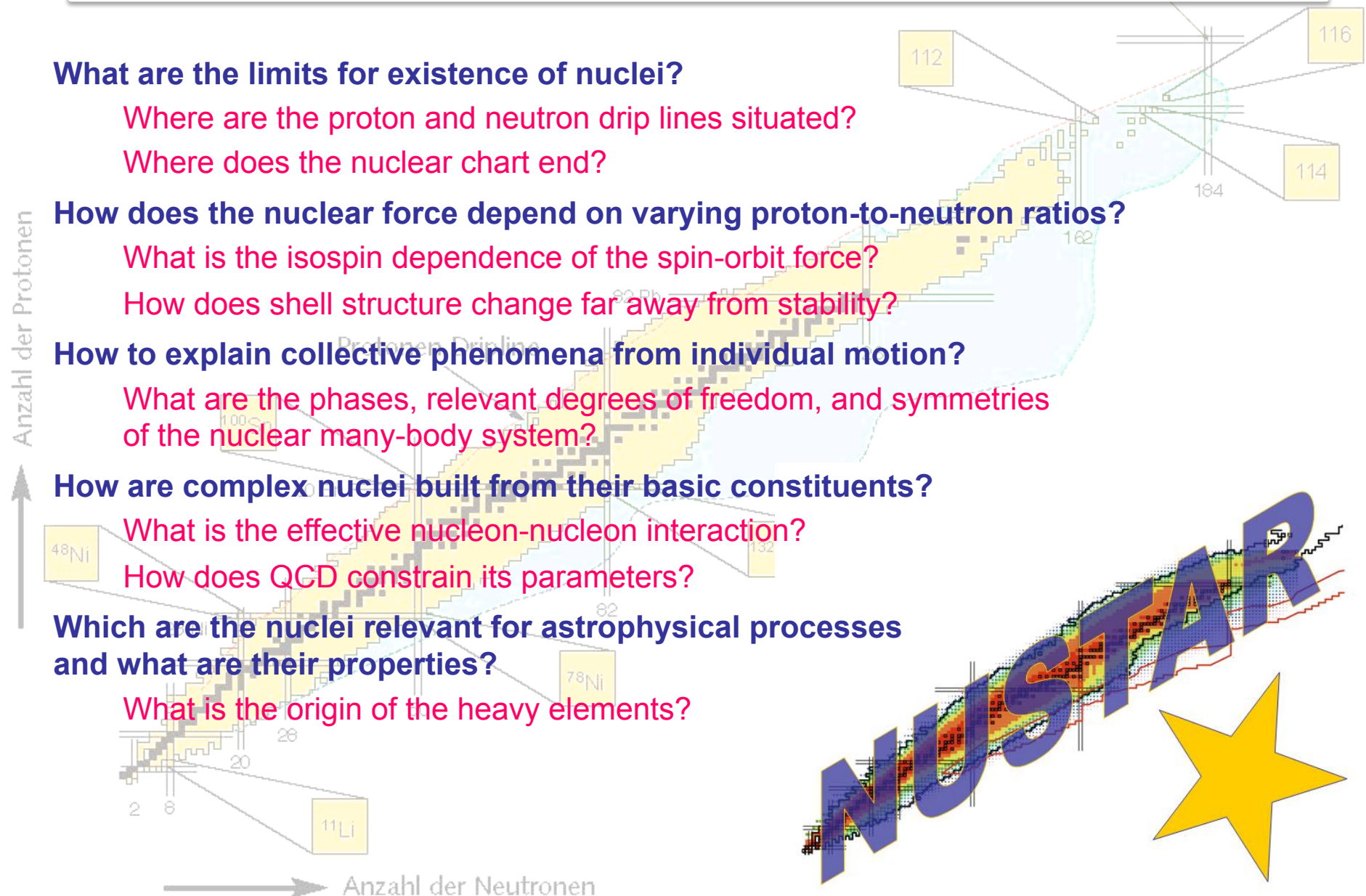
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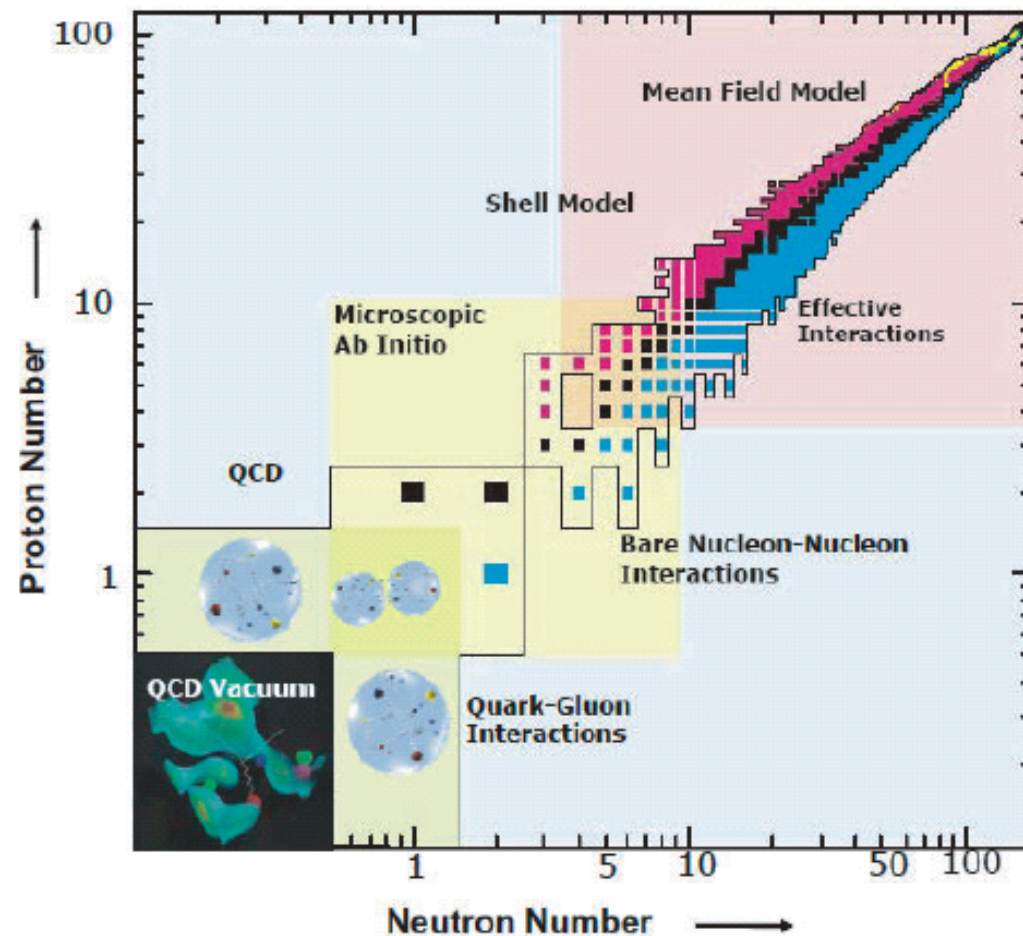
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What is the origin of the heavy elements?

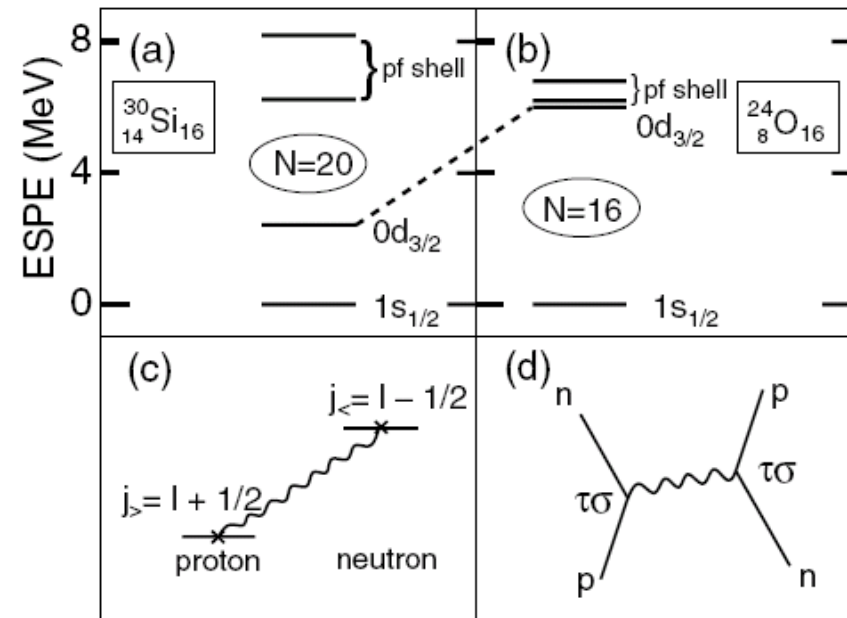
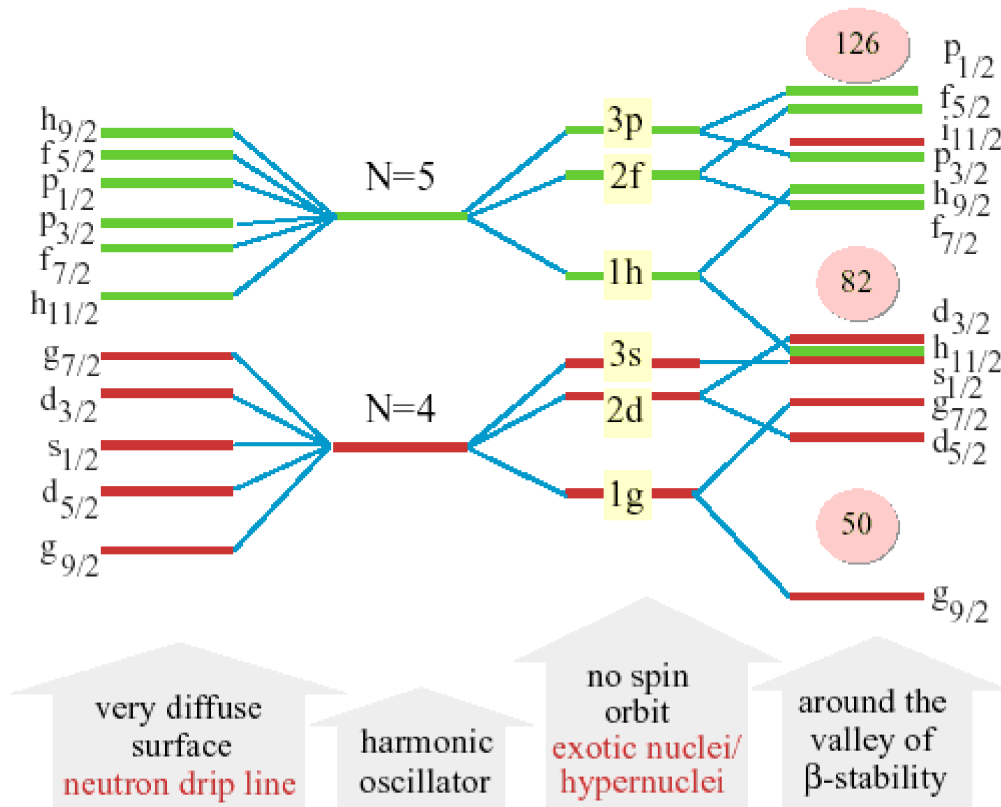


Open questions

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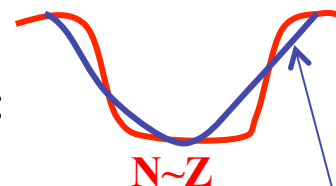
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A. Ozawa et al. PRL 84 (2000) 5493

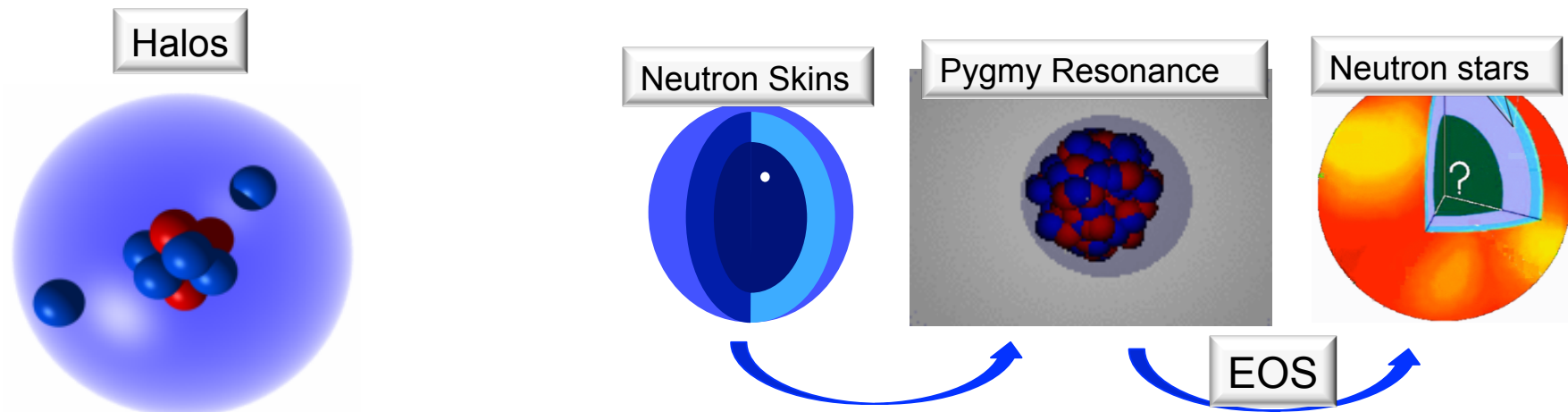
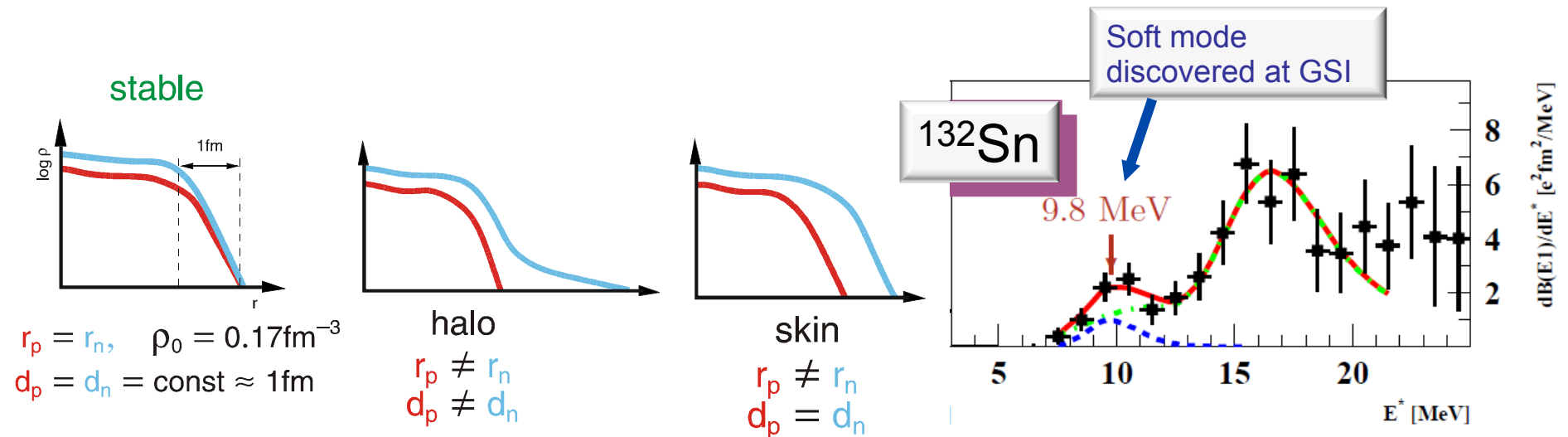
T. Otsuka et al., PRL 87(2001)082502

Shell quenching and reordering:
Transition from SO gaps (50,82,126)
to HO gaps (40,70,112)



Softening of the nuclear potential:
High- l pushed upward and
Spin-Orbit splitting reduced

How to explain collective phenomena from individual motion?

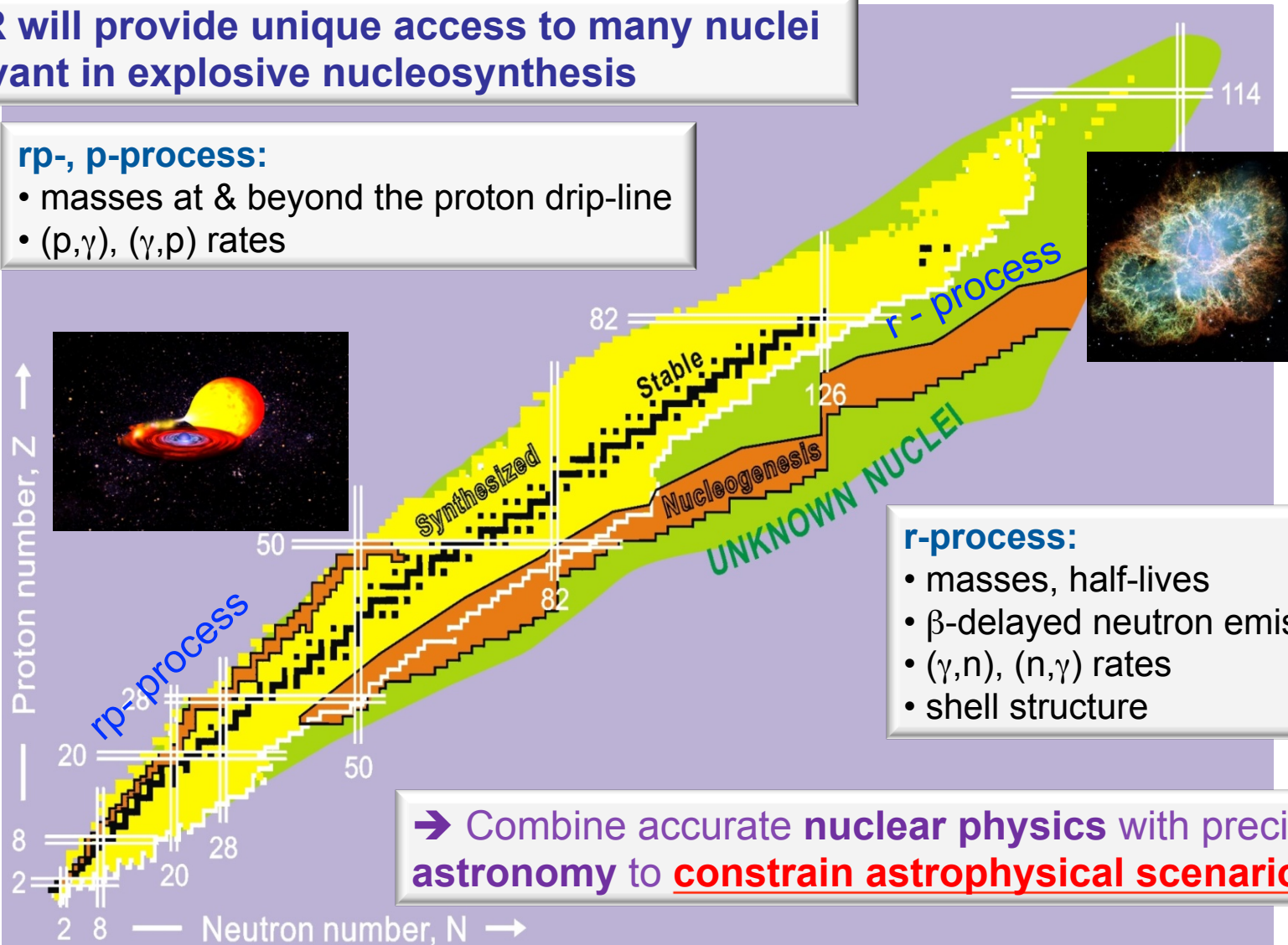
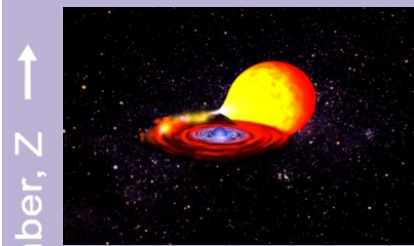


Which are the nuclei relevant for astrophysical processes and what are their properties?

FAIR will provide unique access to many nuclei relevant in explosive nucleosynthesis

rp-, p-process:

- masses at & beyond the proton drip-line
- (p,γ) , (γ,p) rates



r-process:

- masses, half-lives
- β -delayed neutron emission
- (γ,n) , (n,γ) rates
- shell structure

→ Combine accurate **nuclear physics** with precision **astronomy** to **constrain astrophysical scenarios**

How to get answers?

Study the properties and the behaviour of exotic nuclei!

Ground state
*mass, binding energy,
spin, parity...*

Excited states
*energy, spin, moments,
transition probability...*

Decay
lifetime, energy, modes...

Reaction
*kinetics, energy,
constituents...*

Investigate systematically many isotopes far off stability

NUSTAR - The Project



Super-FRS	RIB production, identification and high-resolution spectroscopy
DESPEC	γ -, β -, α -, p-, n-decay spectroscopy
HISPEC	in-beam γ spectroscopy at low and intermediate energy
ILIMA	masses and lifetimes of nuclei in ground and isomeric states
LASPEC	Laser spectroscopy
MATS	in-trap mass measurements and decay studies
R³B	kinematically complete reactions at high beam energy
ELISE	elastic, inelastic, and quasi-free e ⁻ A scattering
EXL	light-ion scattering reactions in inverse kinematics

The Approach

Complementary
measurements
leading to consistent
answers

The Collaboration

> 800 scientists
146 institutes
38 countries

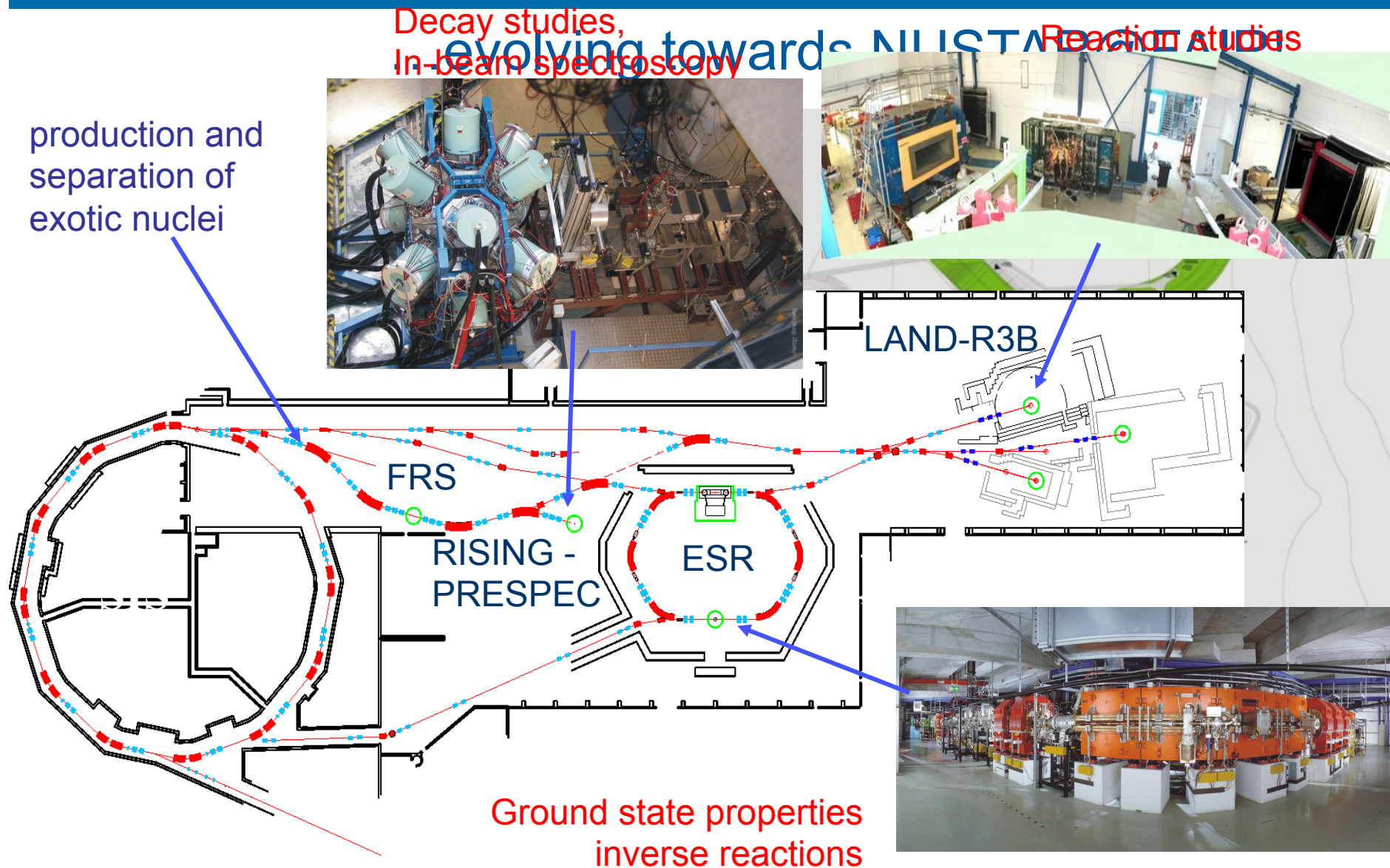
The Investment

82 M€ Super-FRS
73 M€ Experiments

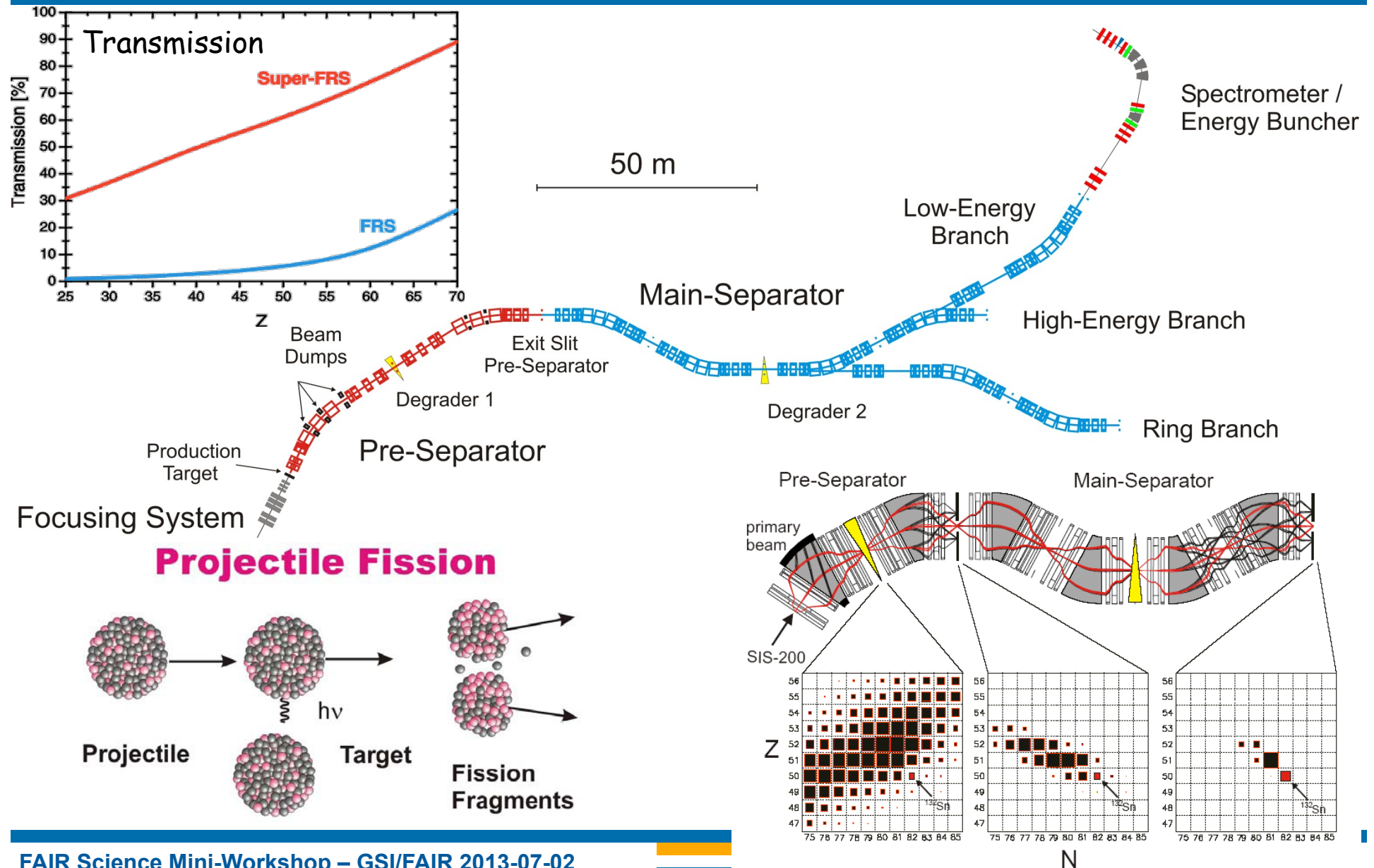
NUSTAR Week Kolkata Oct 2012



Existing research opportunities at GSI



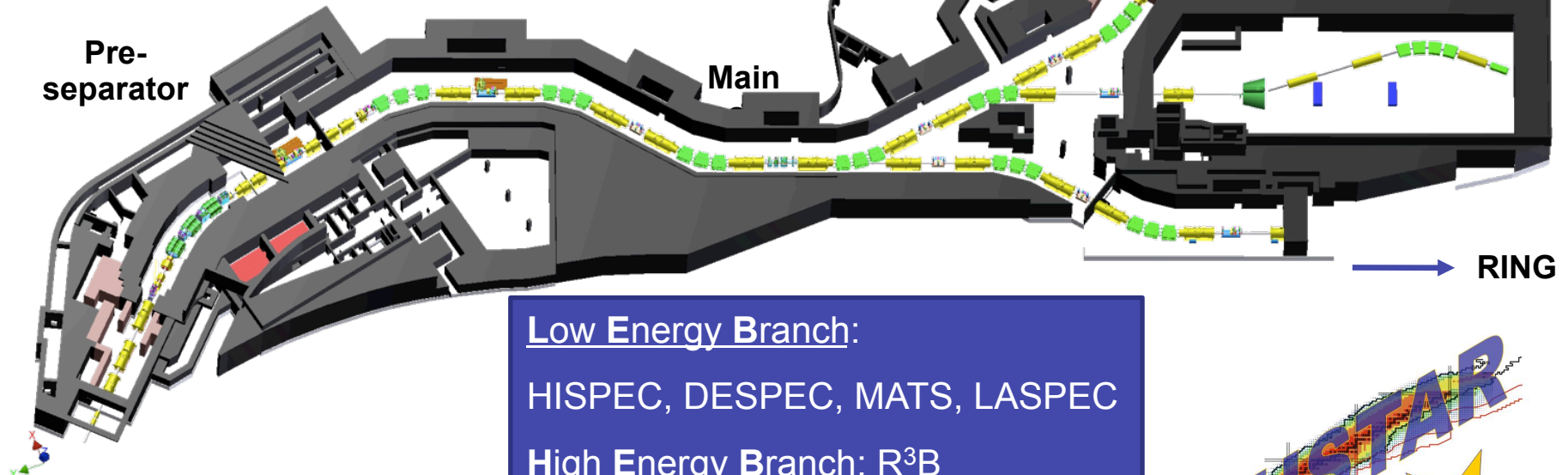
SUPERconducting FRagment Separator



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Beam intensity improvement
FRS – Super-FRS:
 10^2 to 10^5 !

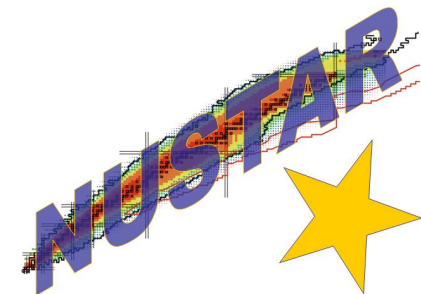


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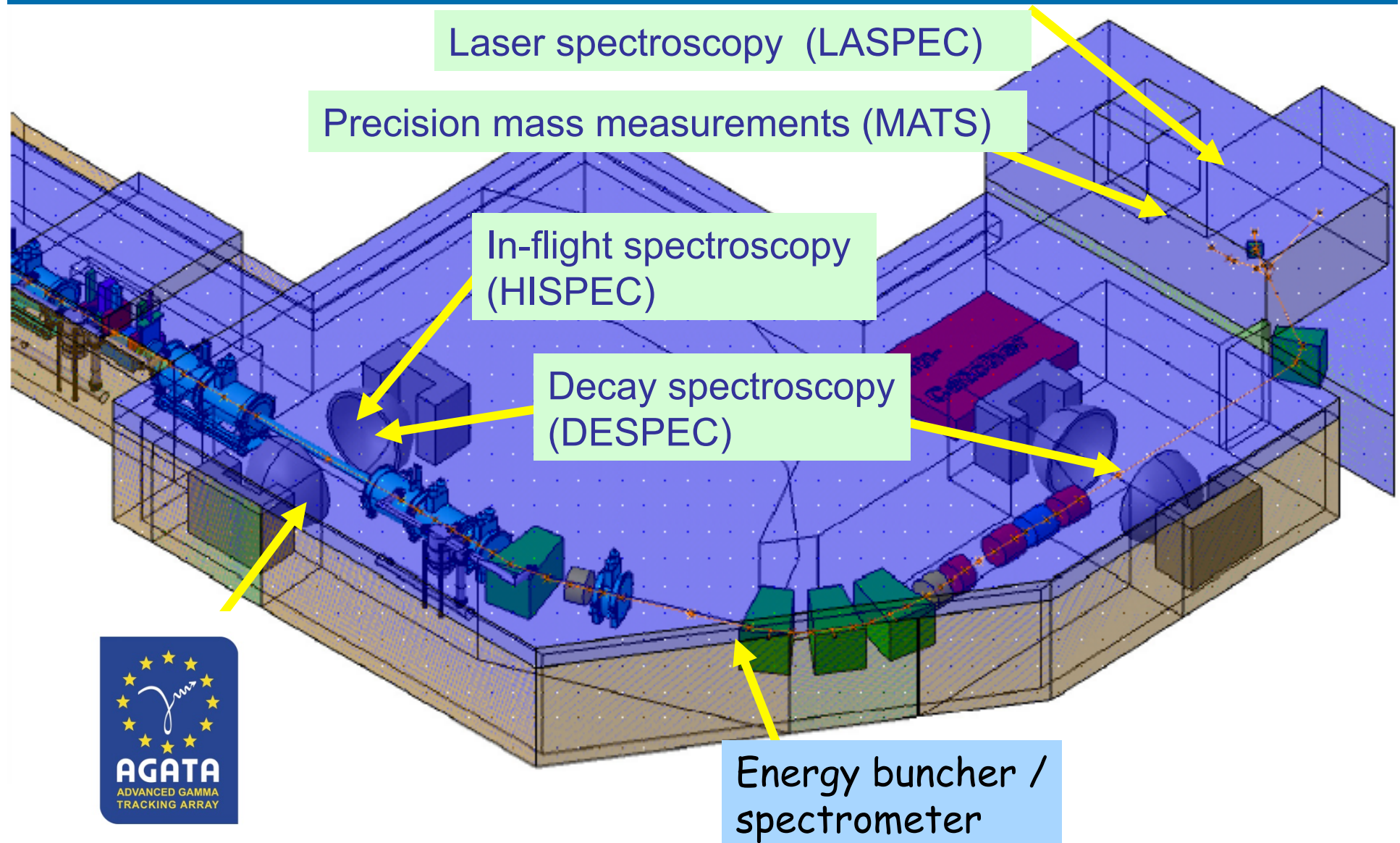
HISPEC, DESPEC, MATS, LASPEC

High Energy Branch: R³B

Ring Branch: EXL, ILIMA, ELISE



LEB - Experiments with slowed and stopped beams



PreSPEC-AGATA Set-up = Early Implementation of HISPEC

relativistic radioactive heavy-ions
from the GSI Fragment Separator
Up to 1 GeV/A ^{238}U , 50% v/c

PreSPEC

Advanced Gamma-ray Tracking Array (AGATA)

up to $5 \times 2 + 10 \times 3 = 40$
segmented HP Ge-crystals

$d \sim 20 \text{ cm}$

$\epsilon_{\text{ph}} \approx 17\%$

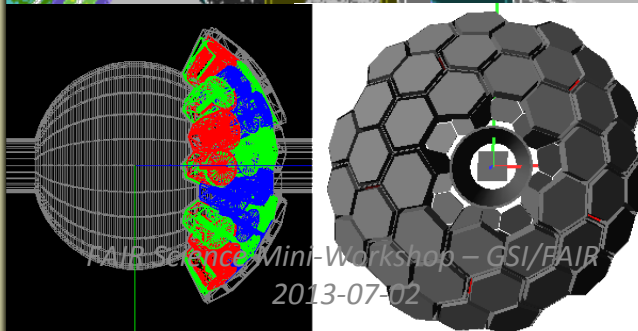
$\Delta E \approx 0.4\%$



Lund-Cologne-York Calorimeter (LYCCA)

A and Z particle-ID after
secondary target by means of

- x,y tracking
- ΔE -E (Si-CsI)
- Δt (plastic)



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The (early) 2012 Set-up in Reality

LYCCA

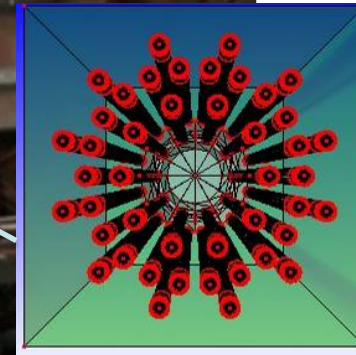
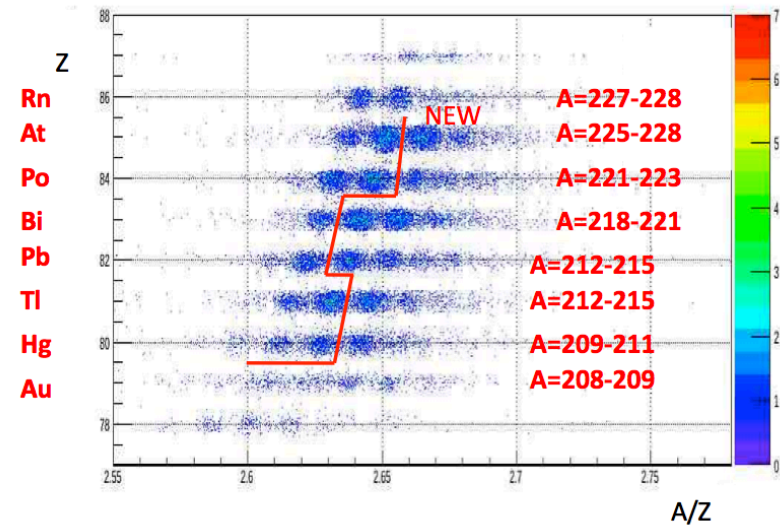
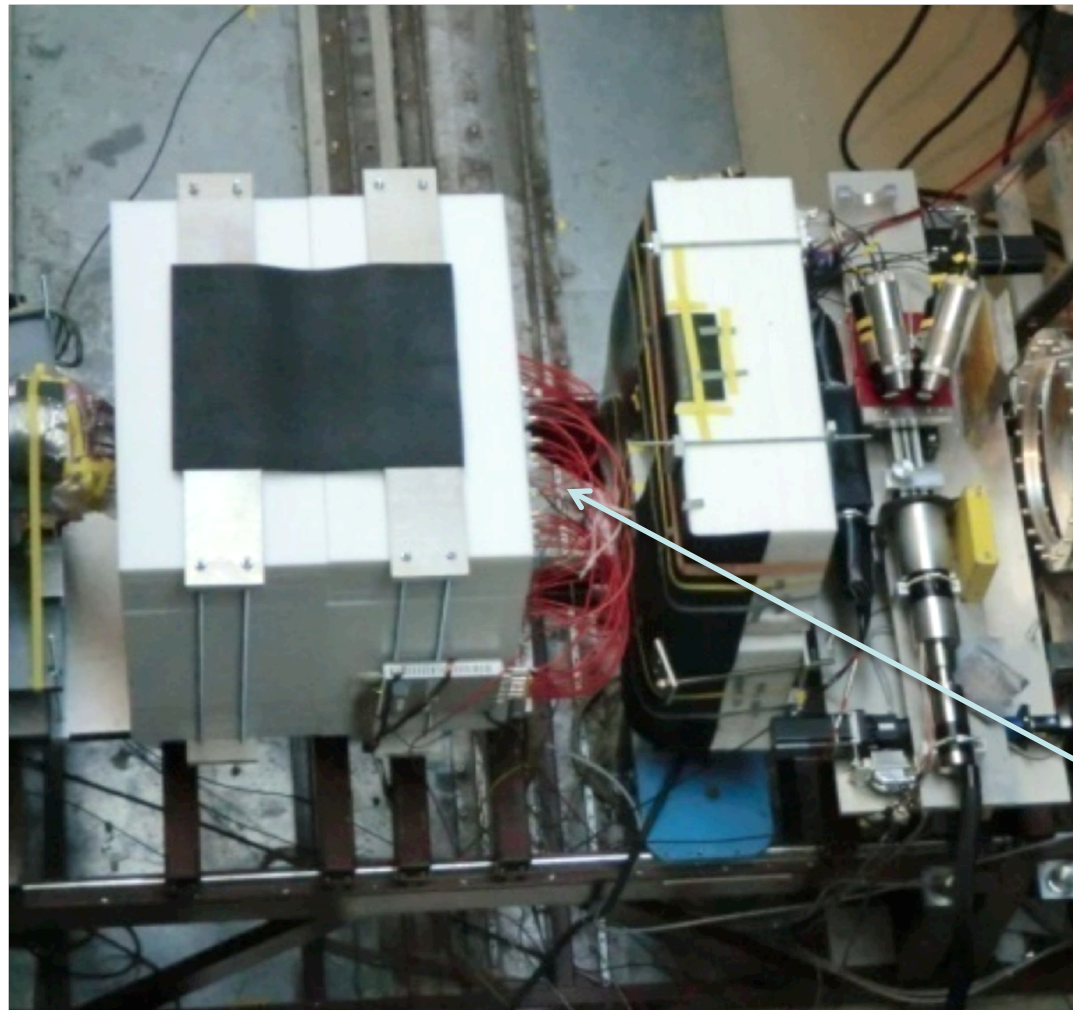
AGATA



HECTOR



Last DESPEC setup (2011): BELEN 4 π neutron detector:



C. Domingo-Pardo et al, "Measurement of β -delayed neutrons around the 3rd r-process peak".

Newly identified nuclei for beta delayed neutron branch determination

Schematic view of the ^3He counters of BELEN.

HISPEC/DESPEC Evolutionary timeline



2004-2005: RISING In-Beam

EUROBALL Cluster plus small Si-Csl array

2006-2009: RISING Stopped Beam

EUROBALL Cluster (plus active Si-stopper)

2010-2011: PreSPEC In-Beam phase 1

EUROBALL Cluster plus LYCCA-0

2012-2013: PreSPEC In-Beam phase 2 (= HISPEC-0)

AGATA plus LYCCA-1

2014-2016: PreSPEC Decay (= DESPEC-0)

2018+:

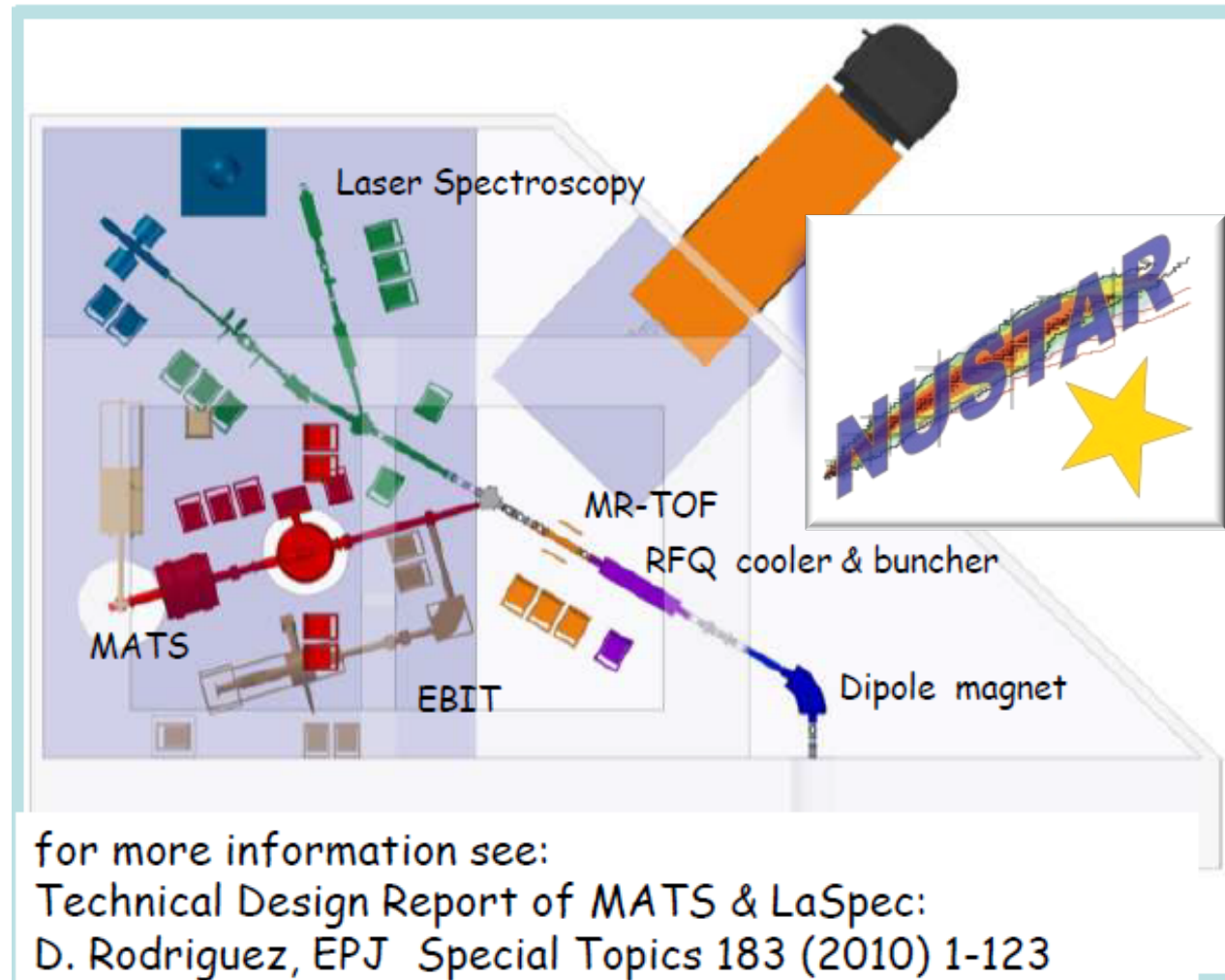


Facility for Antiproton
and Ion Research
in Europe GmbH

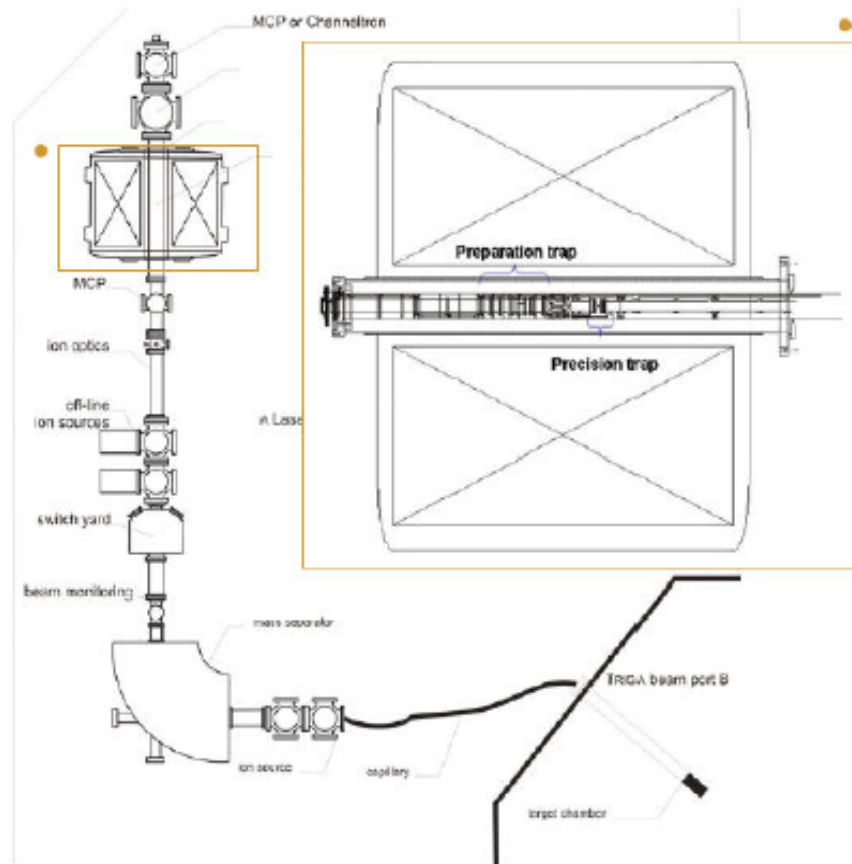


(commissioning)
experiments

MATS/LASPEC at the LEB



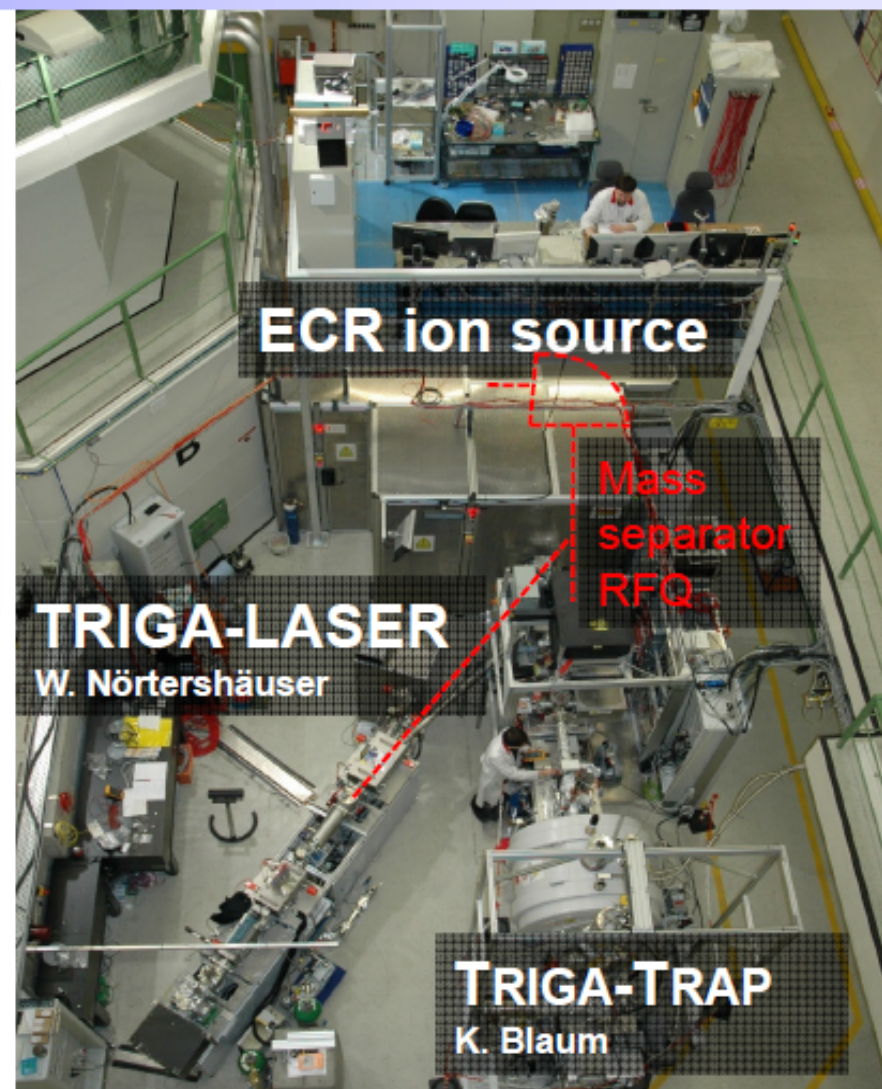
TRIGAspec



Project start @ TRIGA (Mainz): 01/08

J. Ketelaer et al., Nucl. Instrum. Methods A 594, 162 (2008)

Start data taking: 05/09



Common beam line for MATS/LaSpec

Commissioning of the gas cell at the FRS (GSI)

On-line test using ^{238}U projectile fragments produced at 1 GeV/u at the FRS in October 2011 and July/August 2012

Beam from FRS

Cryogenic
stopping cell

Diagnostics
unit

Time-of-flight
mass spectrometer

- Ion survival and extraction efficiency $\sim 50\%$
- Extraction times ~ 25 ms

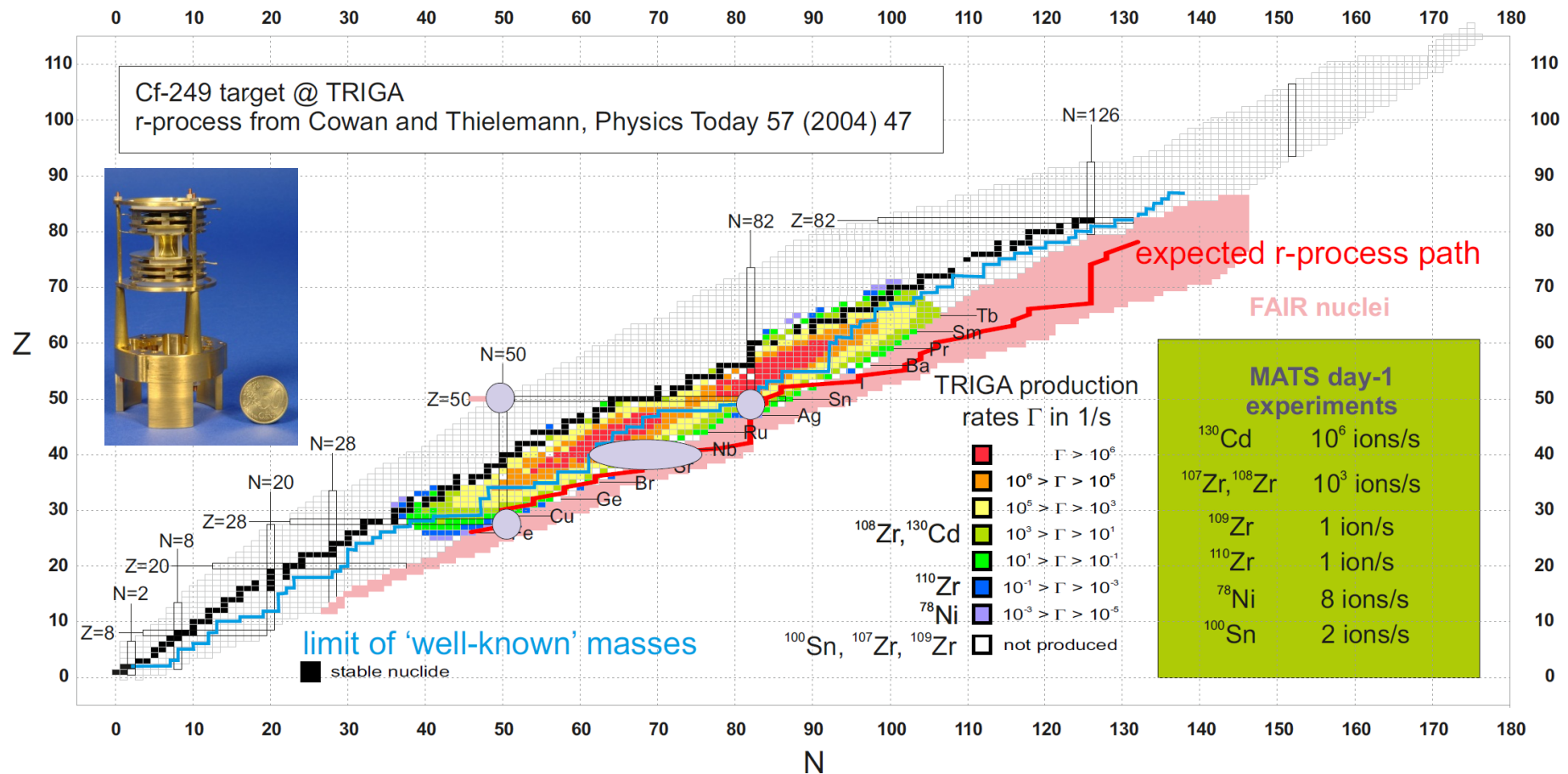
- MR-TOF-MS commissioned on-line
- First direct mass measurements at GSI with an MR-TOF-MS, including ^{213}Rn ($T_{1/2} = 20$ ms)

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Courtesy of W.R. Plaß

MATS day-1 experiments

Comparison with TRIGA-TRAP

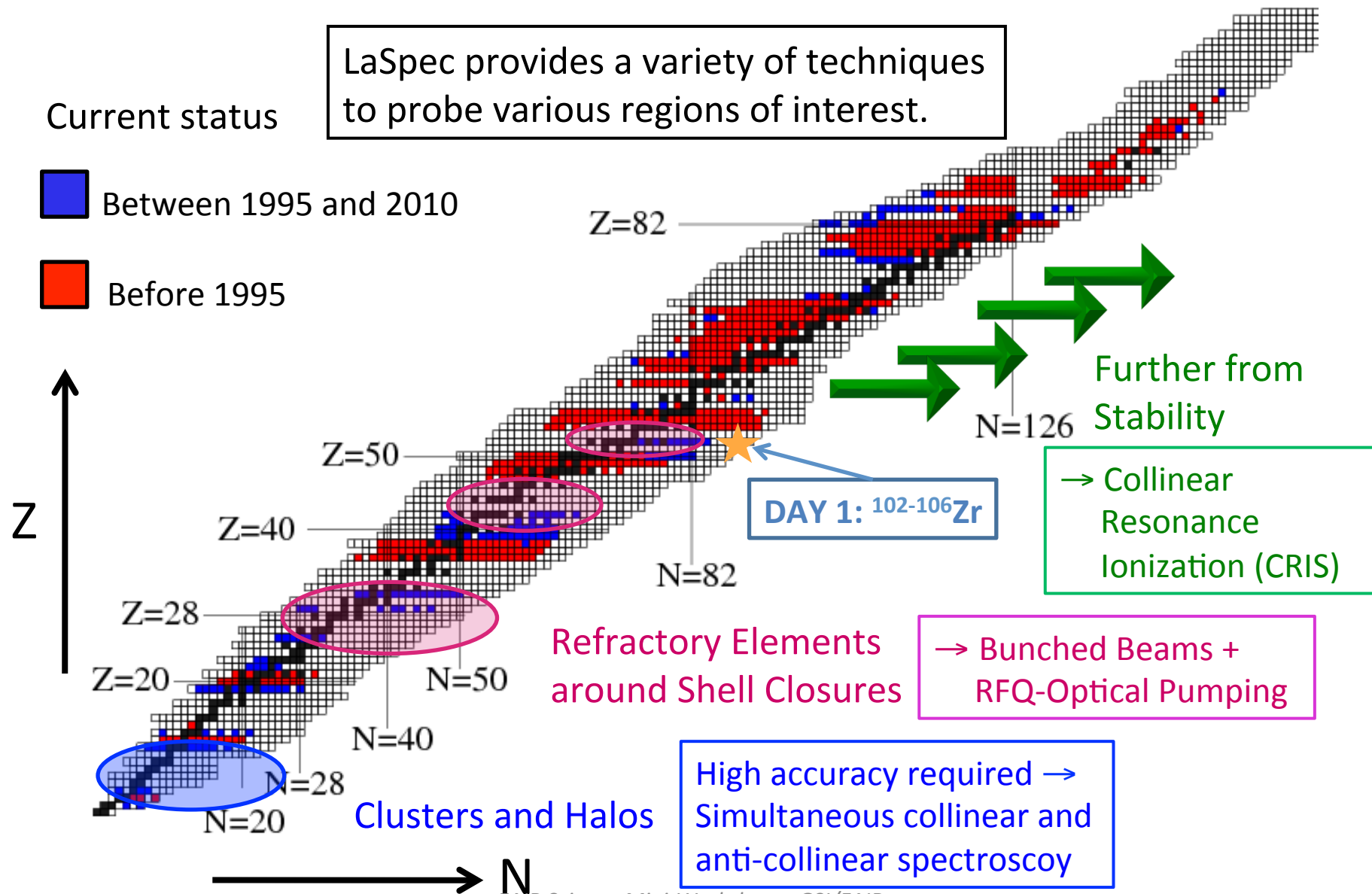


ISOLTRAP: up to ^{128}Cd

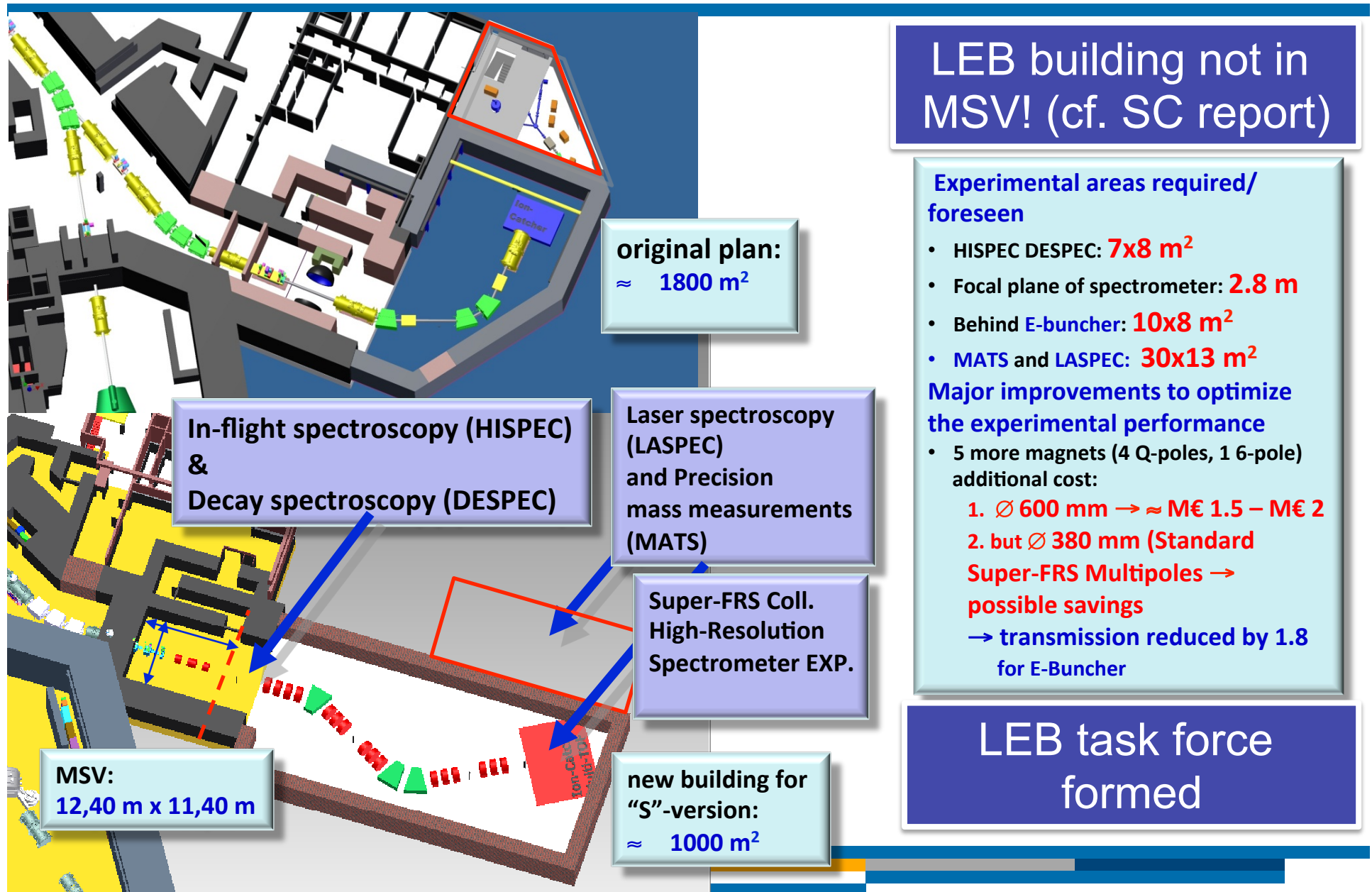
JYFLTRAP: up to ^{106}Zr

TITAN: highly-charged ions

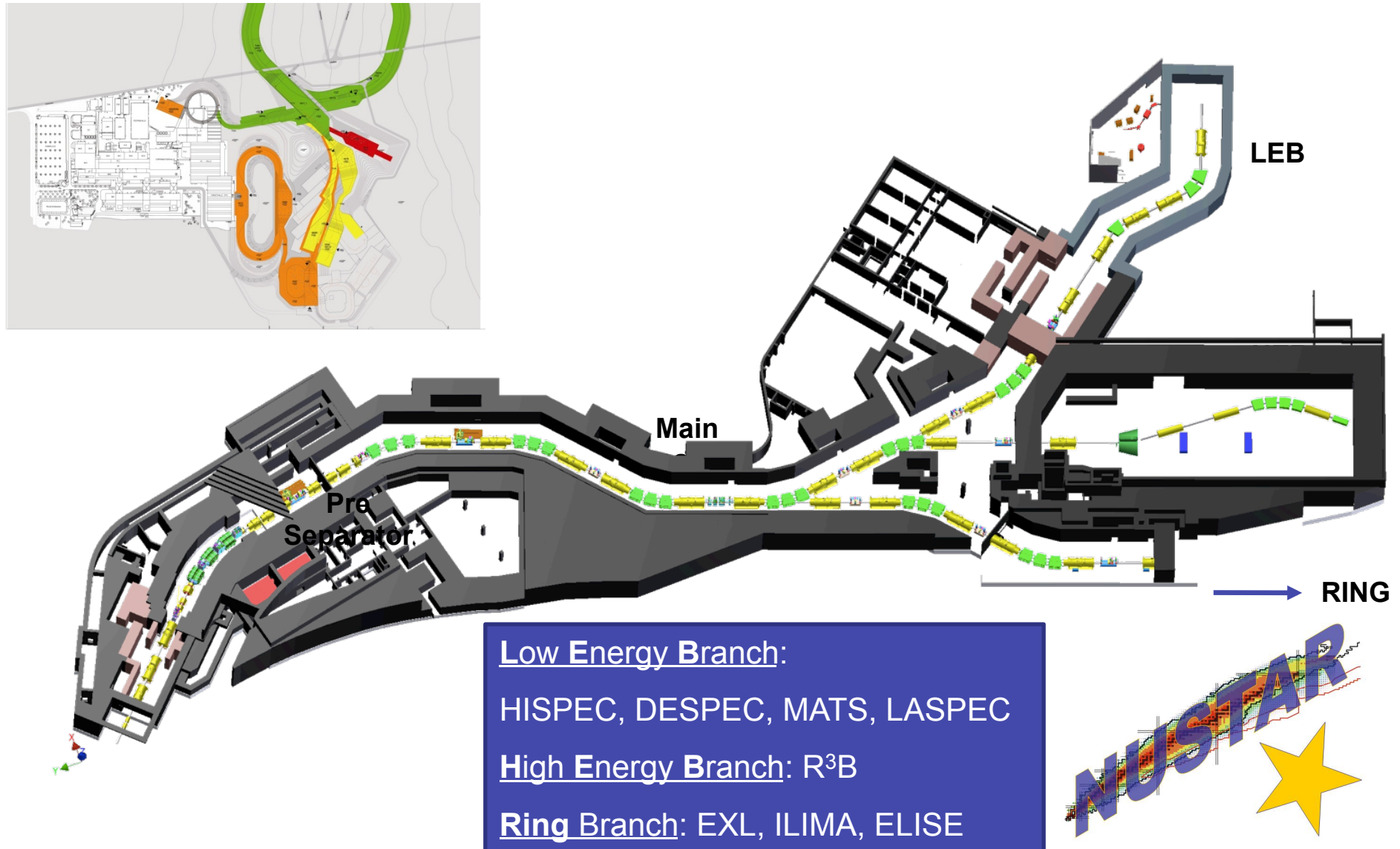
LaSpec at FAIR: future measurements



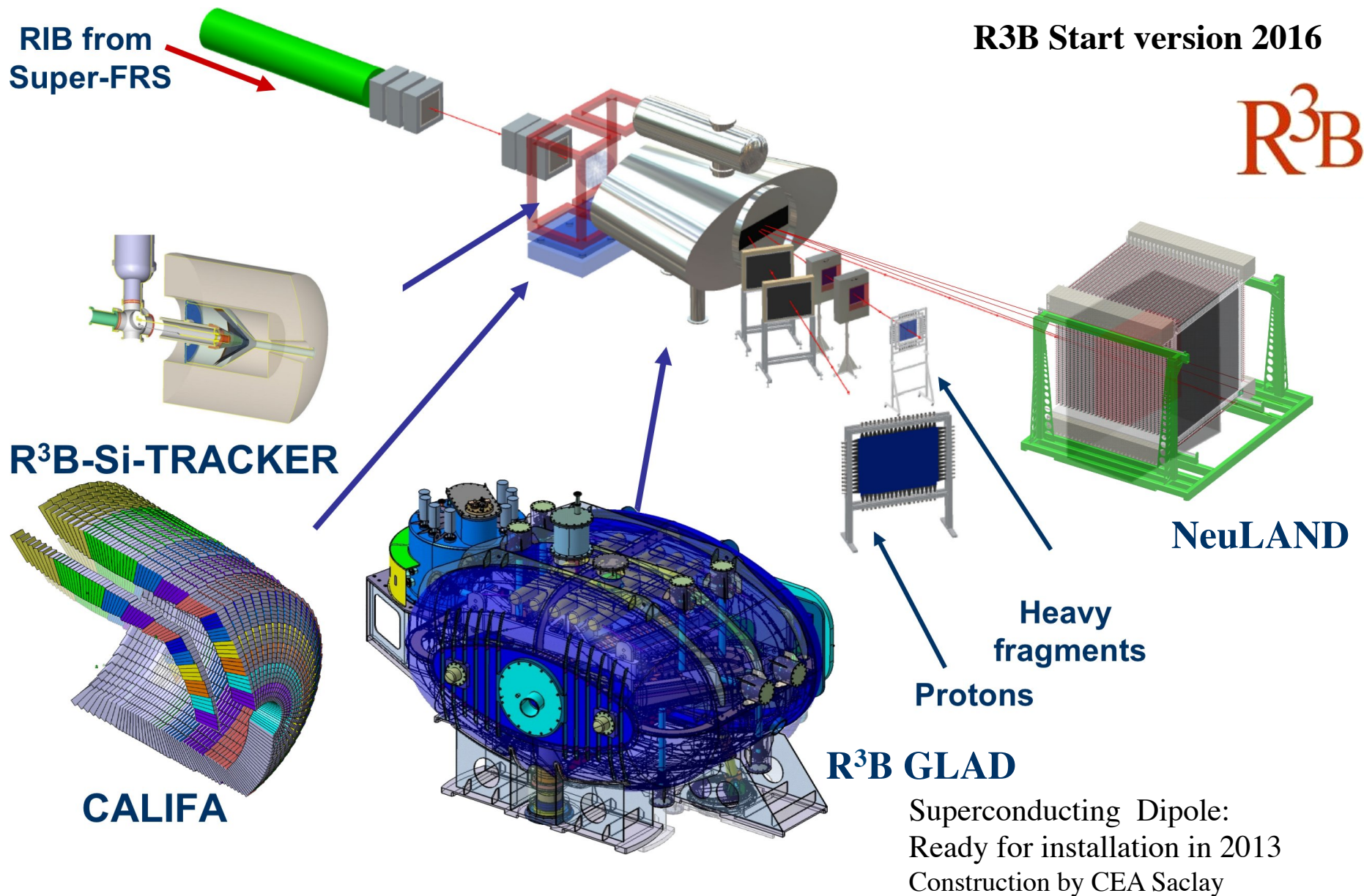
Low Energy Branch - status and perspectives



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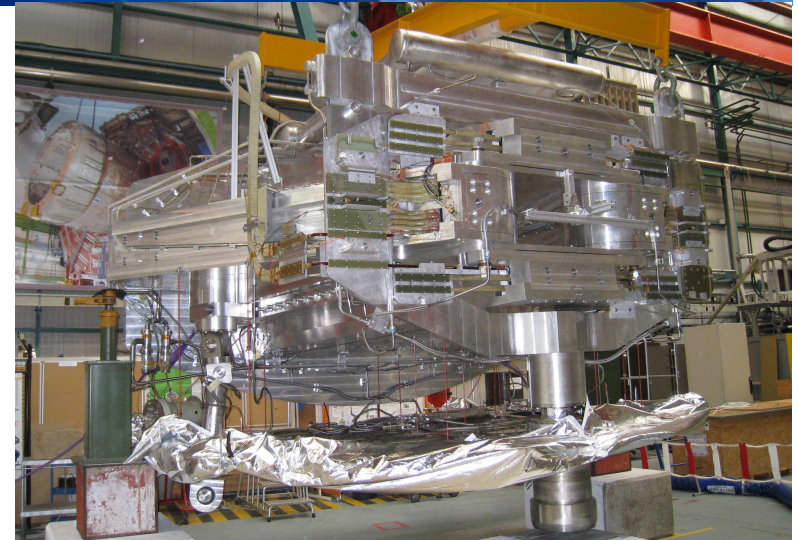
Reactions with Relativistic Radioactive Beams



Major achievements

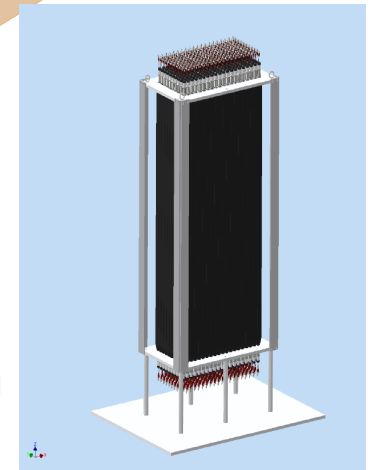
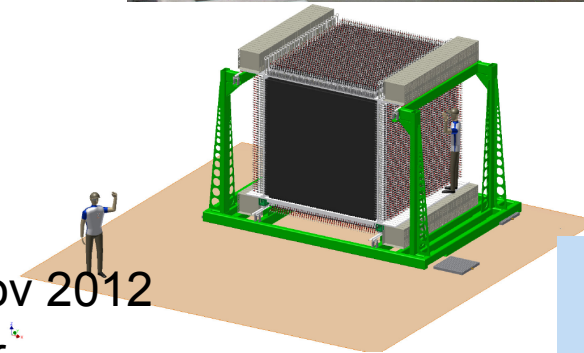
Large-acceptance dipole GLAD

- ✓ Cold mass ready and inserted in test cryostat at Saclay
- ✓ Final cryostat in construction
- ✓ Delivery of magnet to GSI end of 2013



Neutron Detector NeuLAND

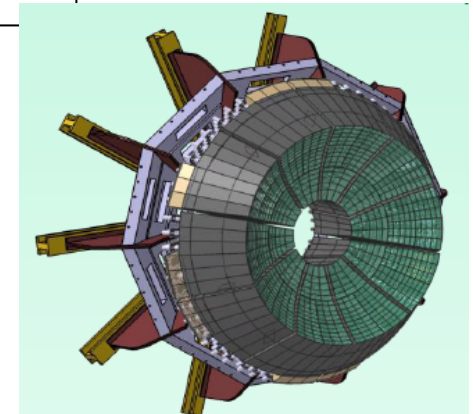
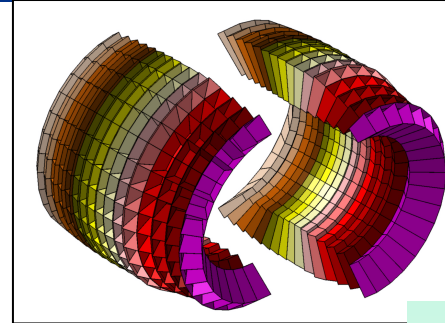
- ✓ Design finalized
modular active detector of 3000 scintillator bars; $250 \times 250 \times 300 \text{ cm}^3$ active volume
- ✓ TDR submitted to FAIR and accepted in Nov 2012
- ✓ Experiment with mono-energetic neutrons from deuteron breakup performed in Nov 2012:
200 modules (400 PM channels) in final design mounted and tested
- ✓ Construction of 20% detector for 2014 ongoing
First double-plane ready, material ordered from German contribution



Major achievements

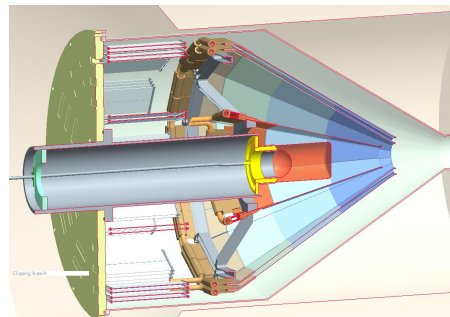
Photon- and particle calorimeter CALIFA

- ✓ Design of barrel part finalized
1952 CsI crystals with APD readout
- ✓ TDR submitted to FAIR and accepted in Nov 2012
- ✓ R&D on forward end-cup ongoing
phoswich concept of LaBr_3 - LaCl_3 crystals



Target Recoil Tracking Detector

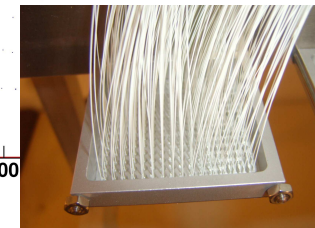
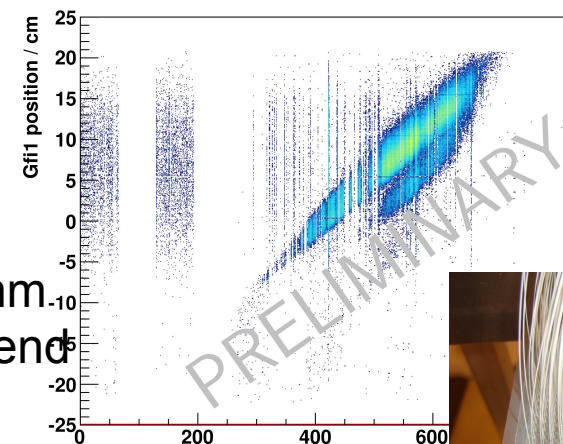
- ✓ Design finalized
- ✓ Construction started
- ✓ Project fully funded and
lead by UK consortium



Tracking Detectors

Thin large-area fiber detector: Prototype with 0.25 mm pitch, readout by PSPM and NXCYTER based frontend

- ✓ Successful test with Sn beam in 2012



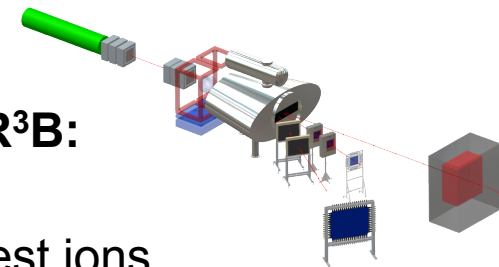


Schedule and first experiments

- 2012 Test of NeuLAND modules with mono-energetic neutrons
- 2013 Installation of infrastructure in Cave C for GLAD (He cryo-system, power supply)
Delivery and installation of superconducting dipole GLAD (expected Q4/2012)
- 2014 Installation of 20% detectors NeuLAND and CALIFA
Commissioning and physics run expected in Q3/2014
- 2015 Construction and installation of detector components
- 2016 **Commissioning of full R3B setup and first physics run at GSI**
- 2017 Installation of experimental setup at FAIR site including superconducting triplet
- 2018 Commissioning and first experiments at Super FRS

Experiments in 2018 will make use of uniqueness of R³B:

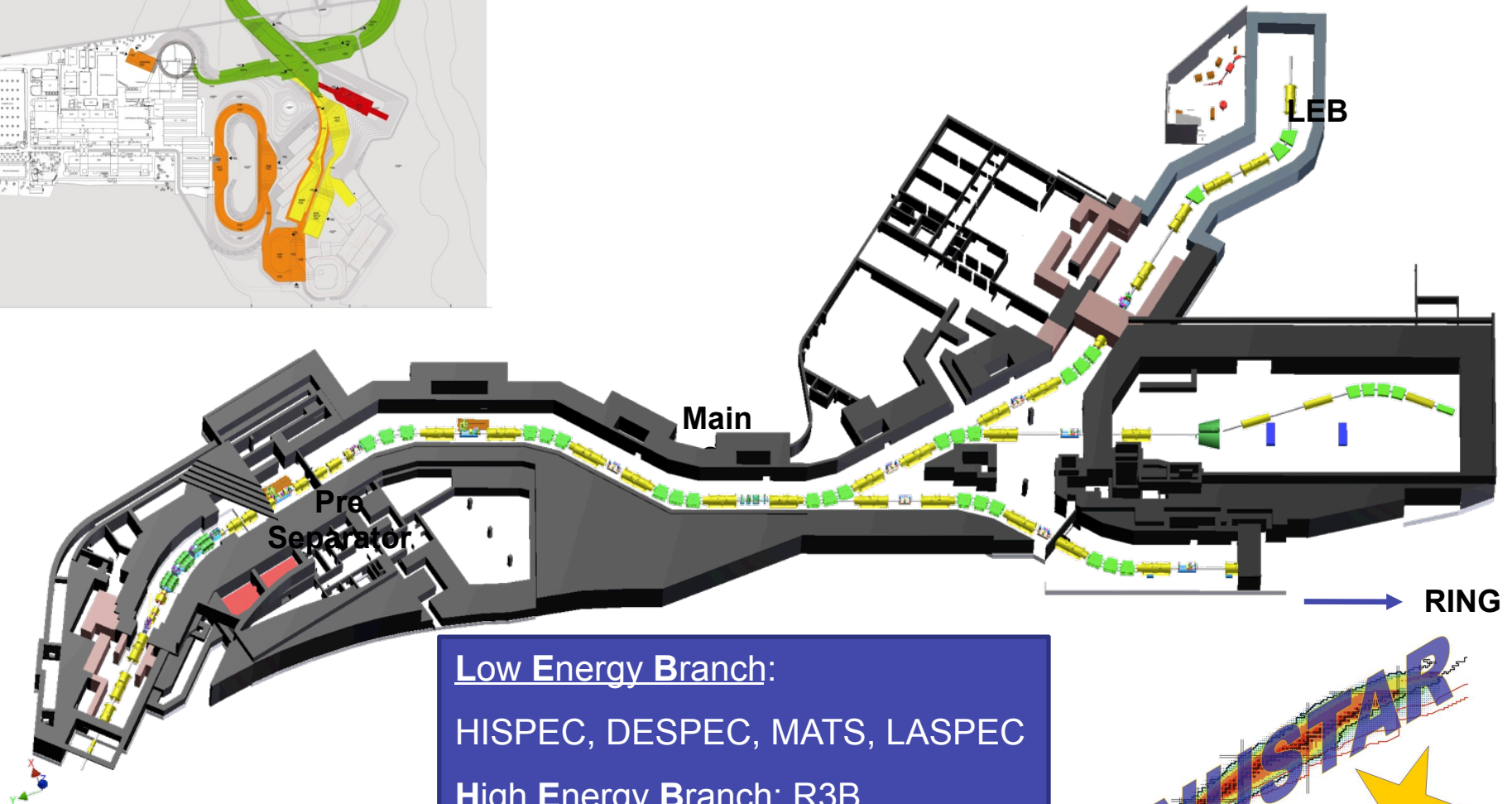
- Reactions at high beam energies up to 1 GeV/nucleon
- Tracking and identification capability even for the heaviest ions
- Multi-neutron tracking capability, high-efficiency calorimeter



Experiments possible for the first time:

- 4 neutron decays beyond the drip-line: e.g. ${}^4\text{n}$, ${}^{28}\text{O}$
- Kinematically complete measurements of quasi-free nucleon knockout reactions
- Electric dipole and quadrupole response of Sn nuclei beyond N=82,
and of neutron-rich Pb isotopes

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Low Energy Branch:

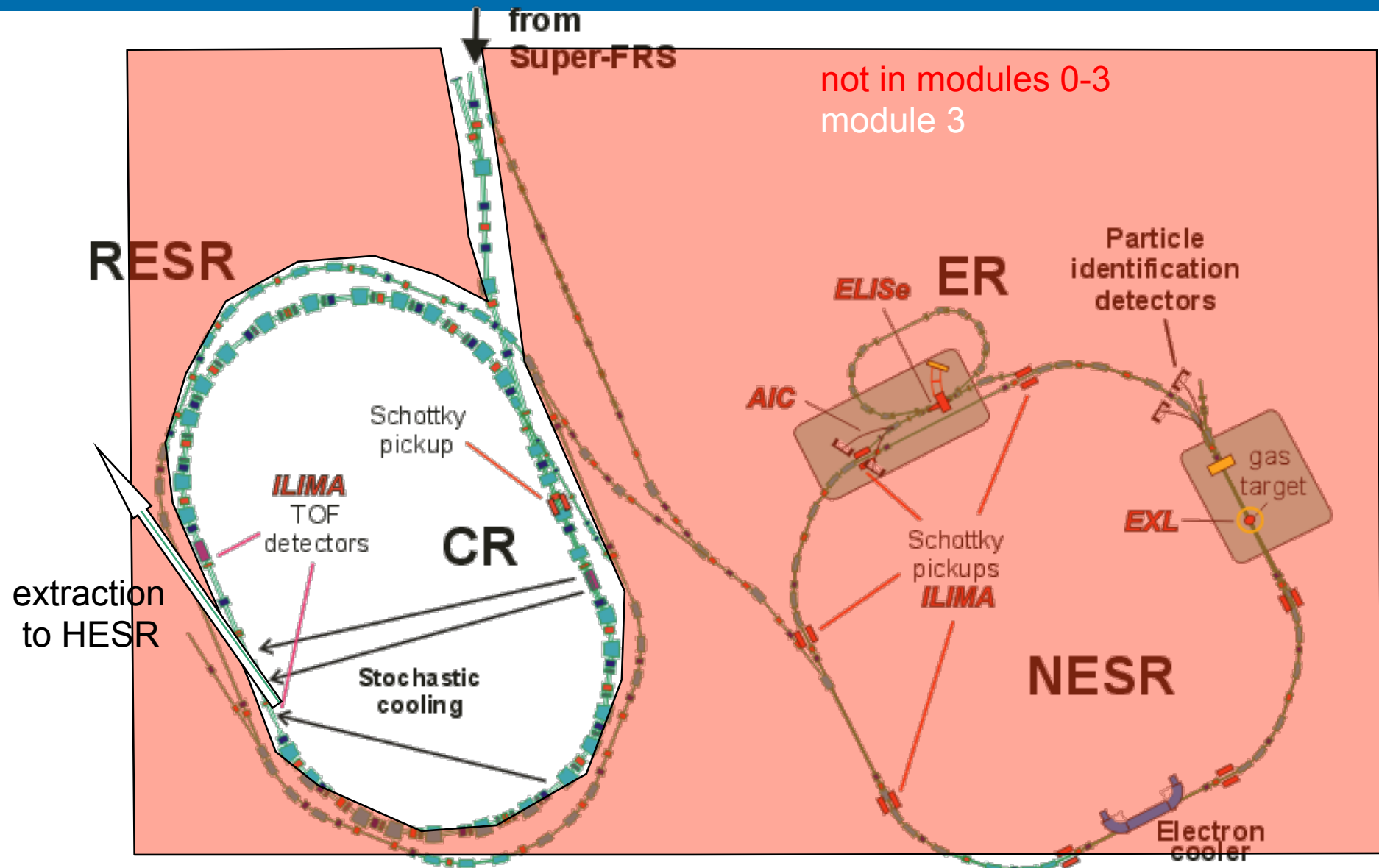
HISPEC, DESPEC, MATS, LASPEC

High Energy Branch: R3B

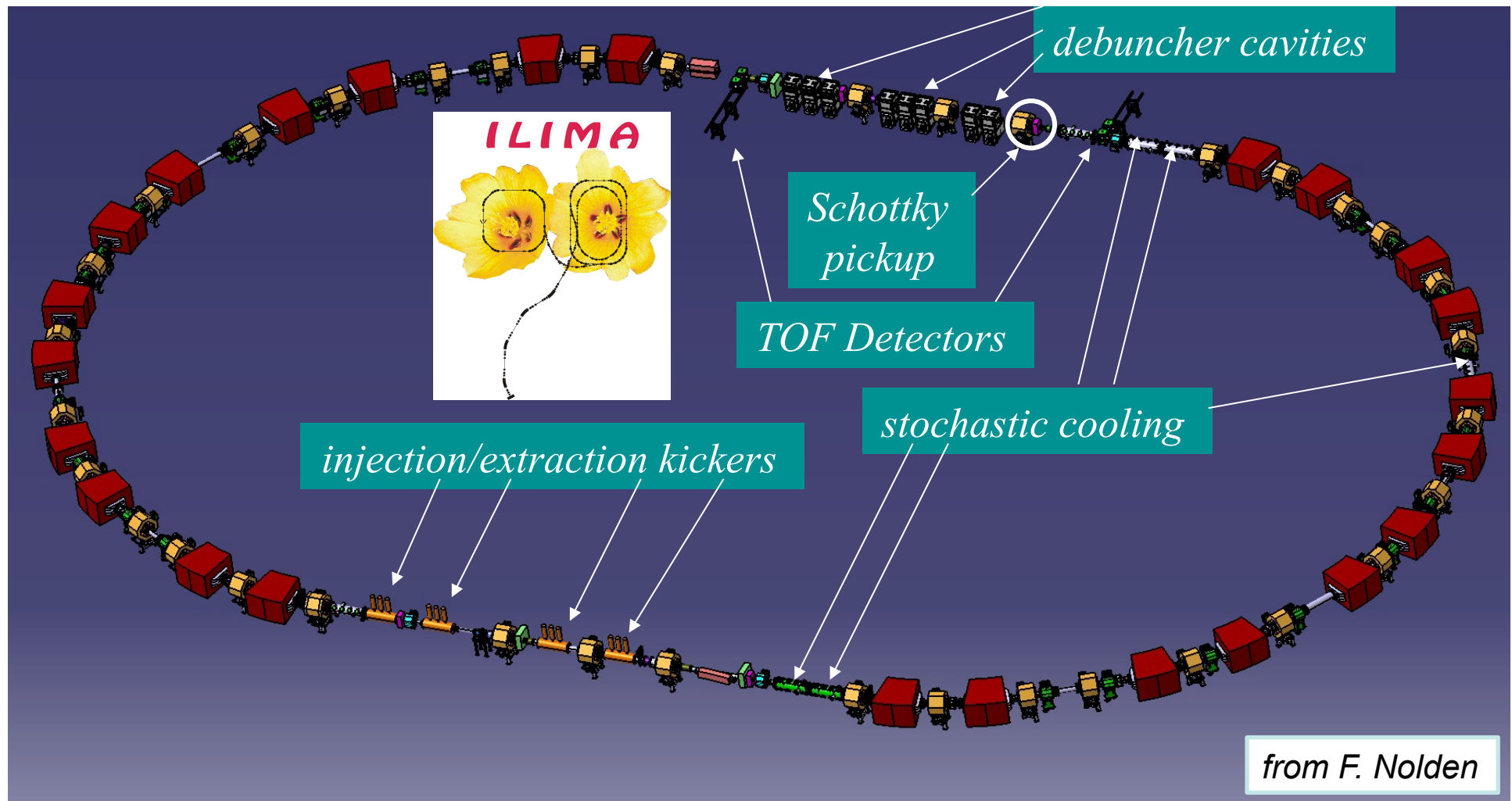
Ring Branch: EXL, ILIMA, ELISE



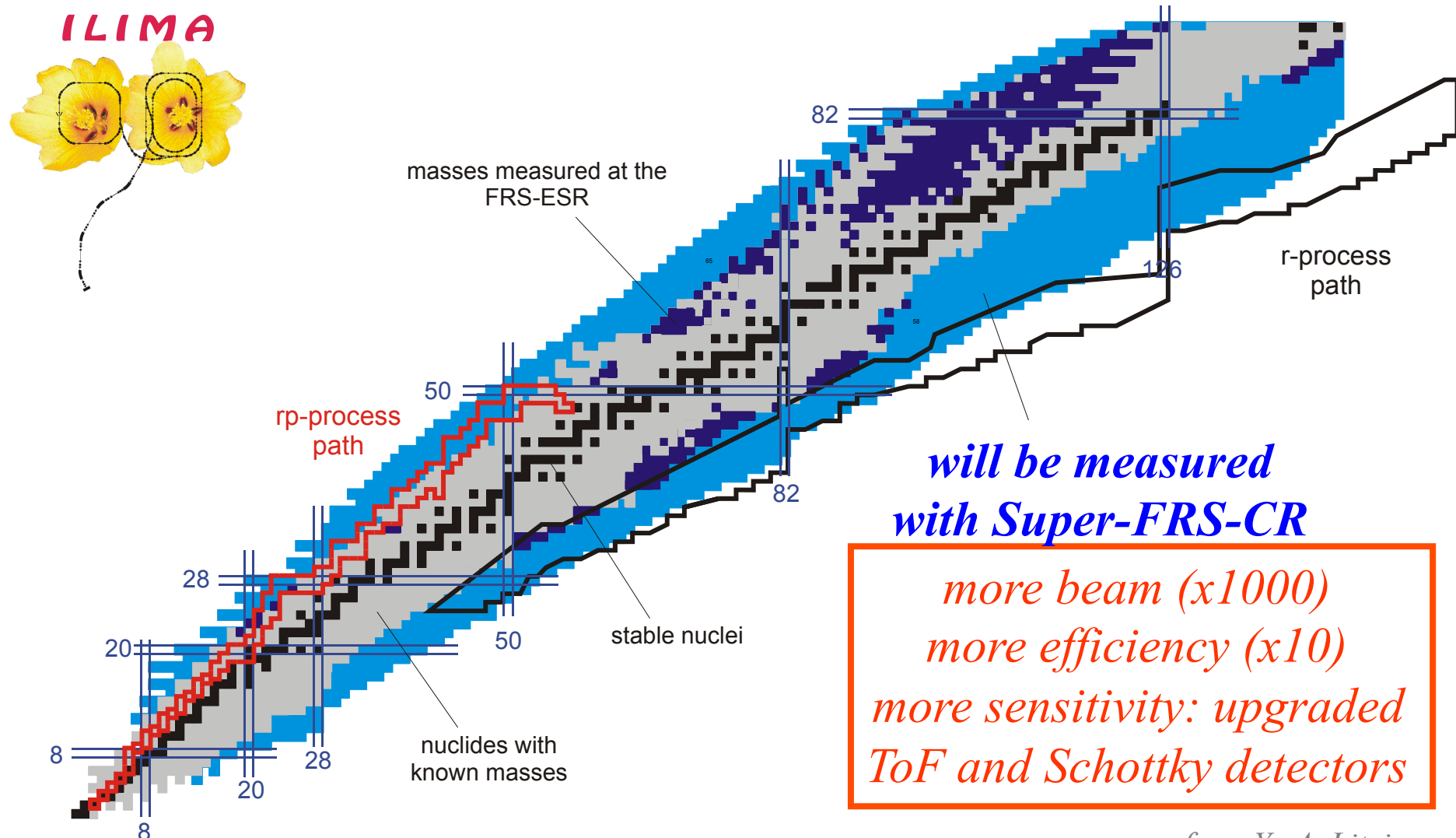
CR, RESR, NESR Storage Rings



CR perspective view



Potential for new masses with ILIMA

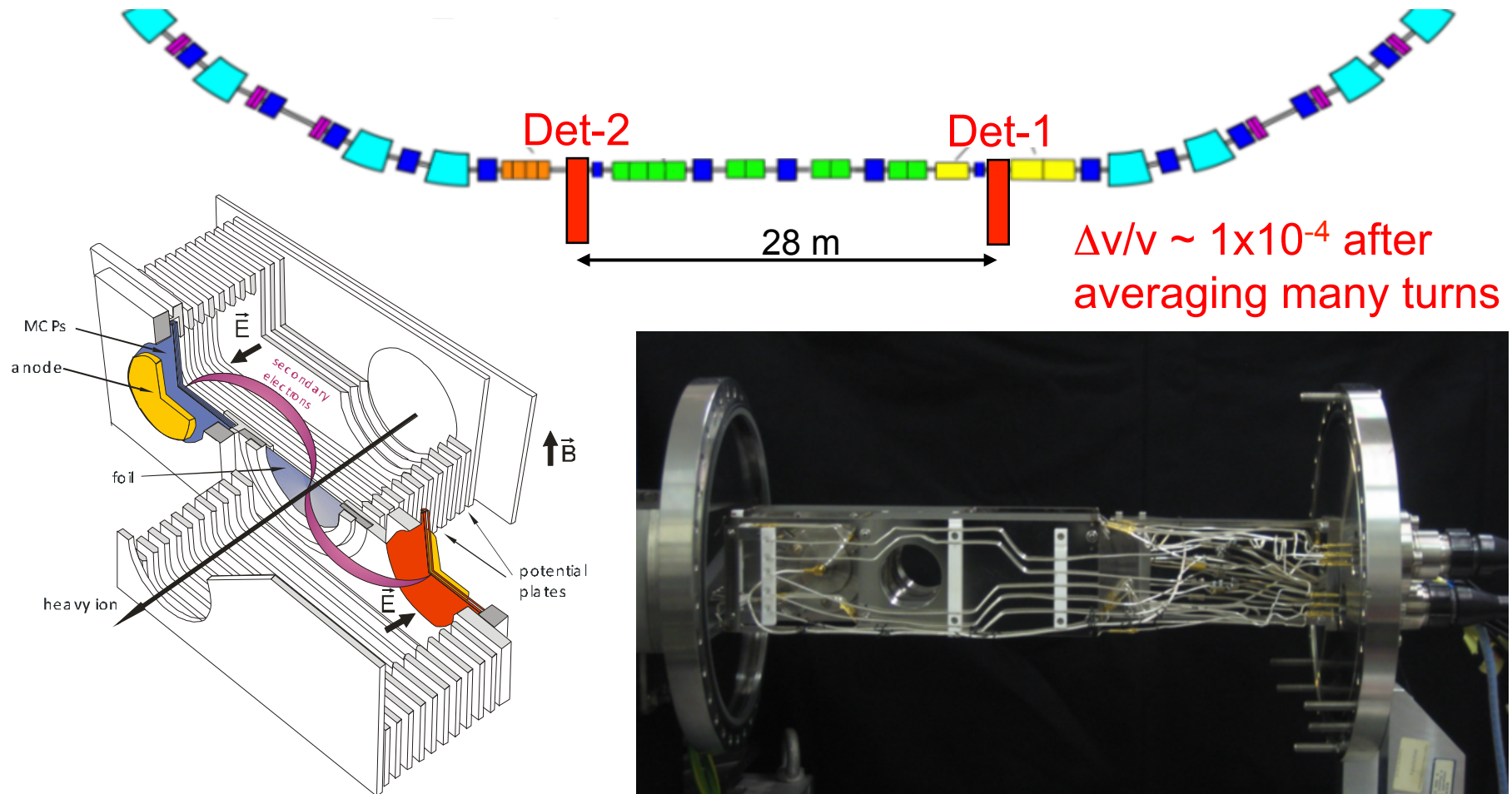


from Yu.A. Litvinov

ToF Detection

How to operate in a ring without an electron cooler ?

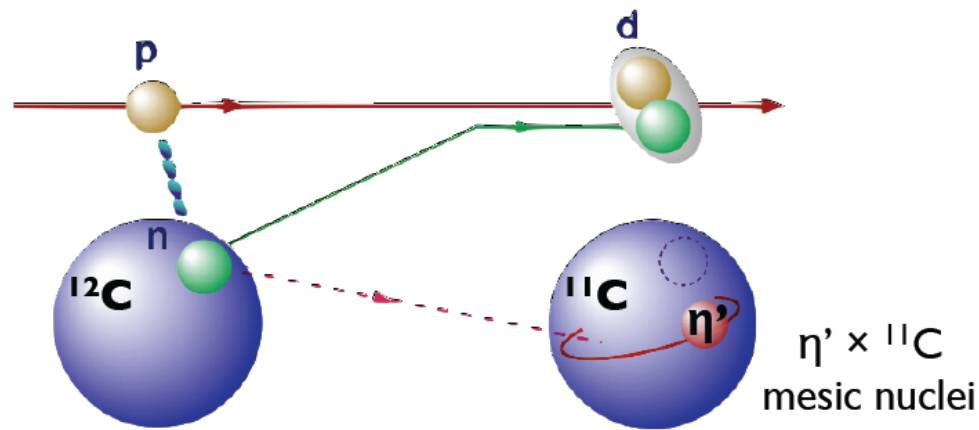
→ Measure velocity and also position simultaneously with two ToF detectors.



Super-FRS as a high-resolution spectrometer

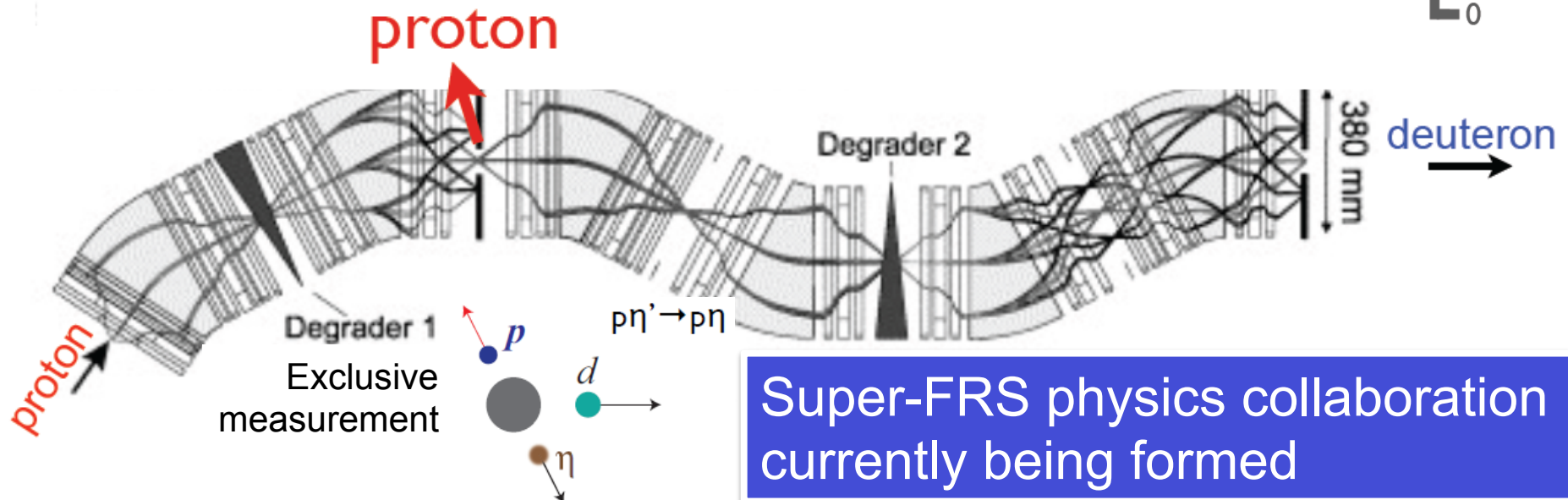
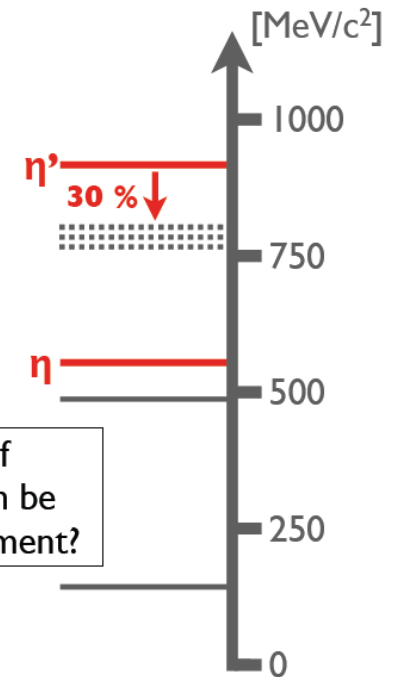
Example: Chiral symmetry studied using (p,dp) reactions

η' transfer reaction + Missing mass measurement



An estimation shows 30% reduction of $|m_{\eta'} - m_{\eta}|$

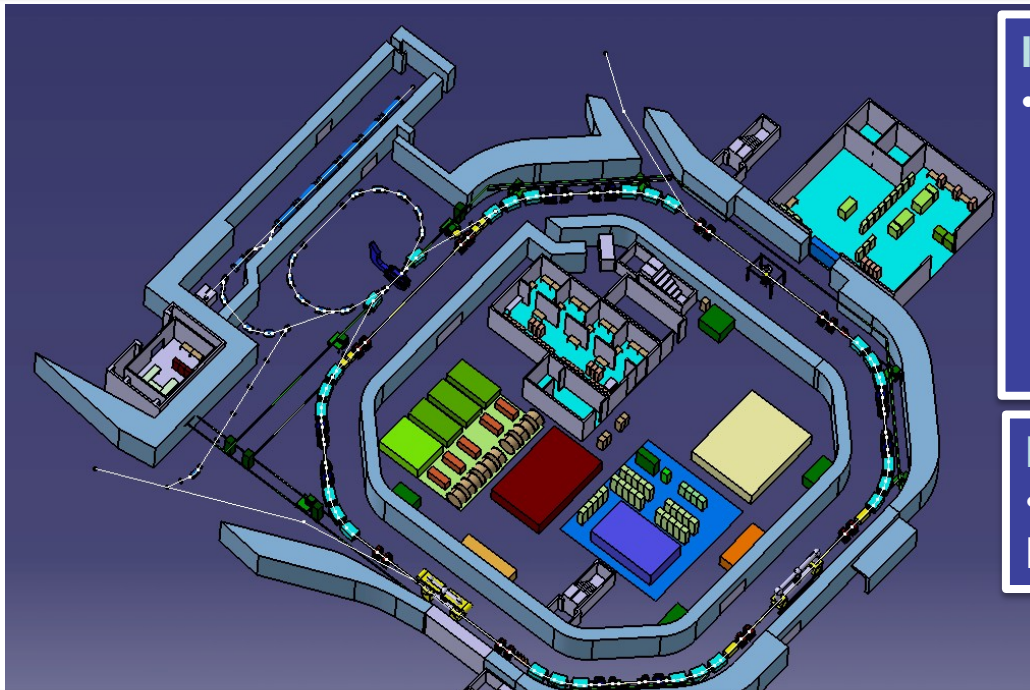
Q. Mass shift of $\sim 150 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ can be observed in experiment?



Beyond MSV: NUSTAR programme at the NESR

Experiments with stored, electron cooled ion beams

- World-wide unique
- Conceptionally new experiments



ILIMA

- electron cooled beams needed for
 - higher precision and separation (ground and isomeric states)
 - time-resolved studies (unique decay modes, e.g. bound beta decay)
 - studies with pure isomeric beams

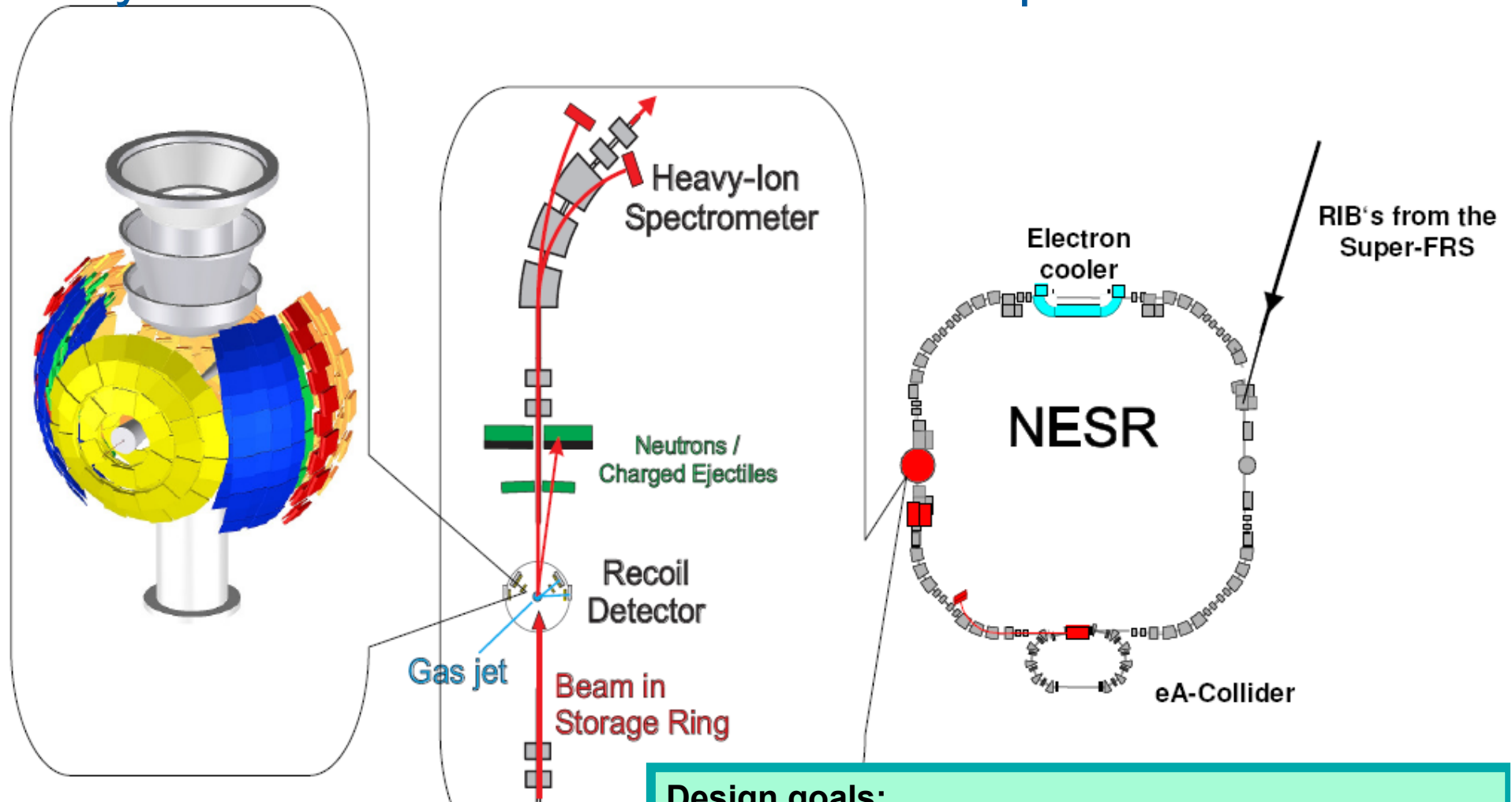
ELISE

- Elastic and inelastic electron scattering on RIBs

EXL Elastic and inelastic scattering, reaction with low-momentum transfer

- matter distributions, monopole resonances, capture reactions, charge exchange reactions, transfer, knock-out
(n-skins, compressibility, GT-strength, shell evolution, nucl. astrophysics reactions)

Beyond MSV: Details of the EXL setup



Detection systems for:

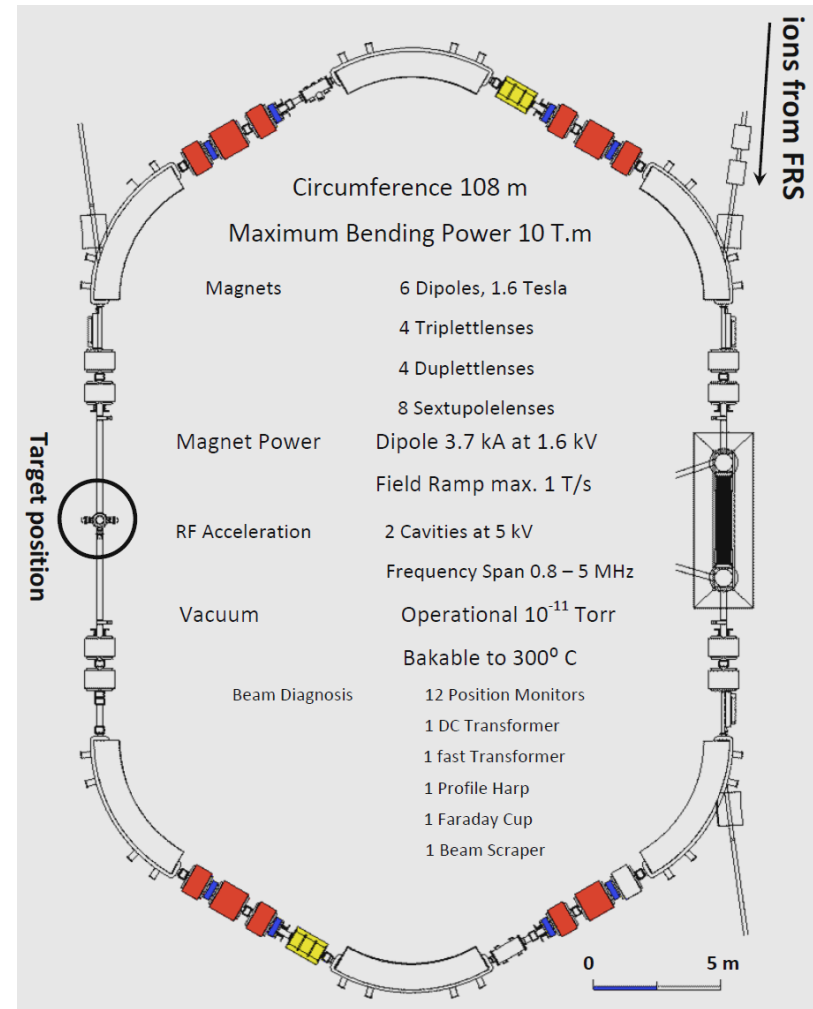
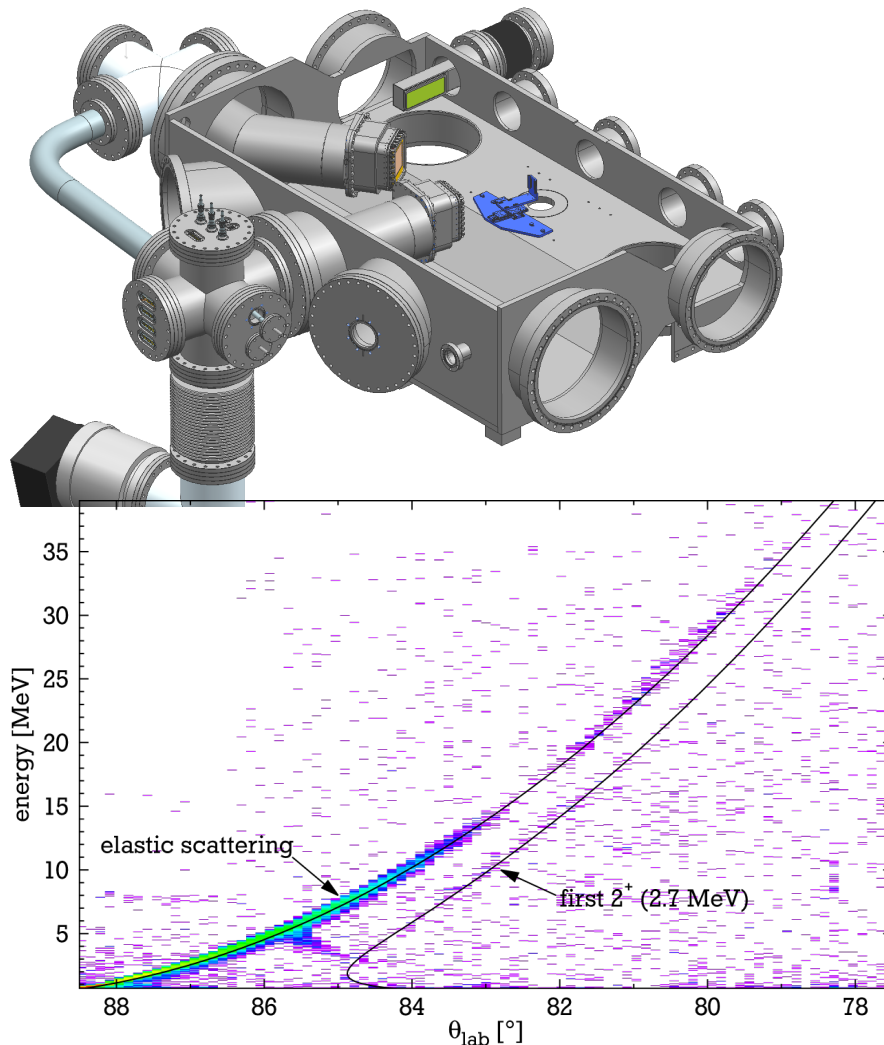
- Target recoils and gammas (p, α, n, γ)
- Forward ejectiles (p, n)
- Beam-like heavy ions

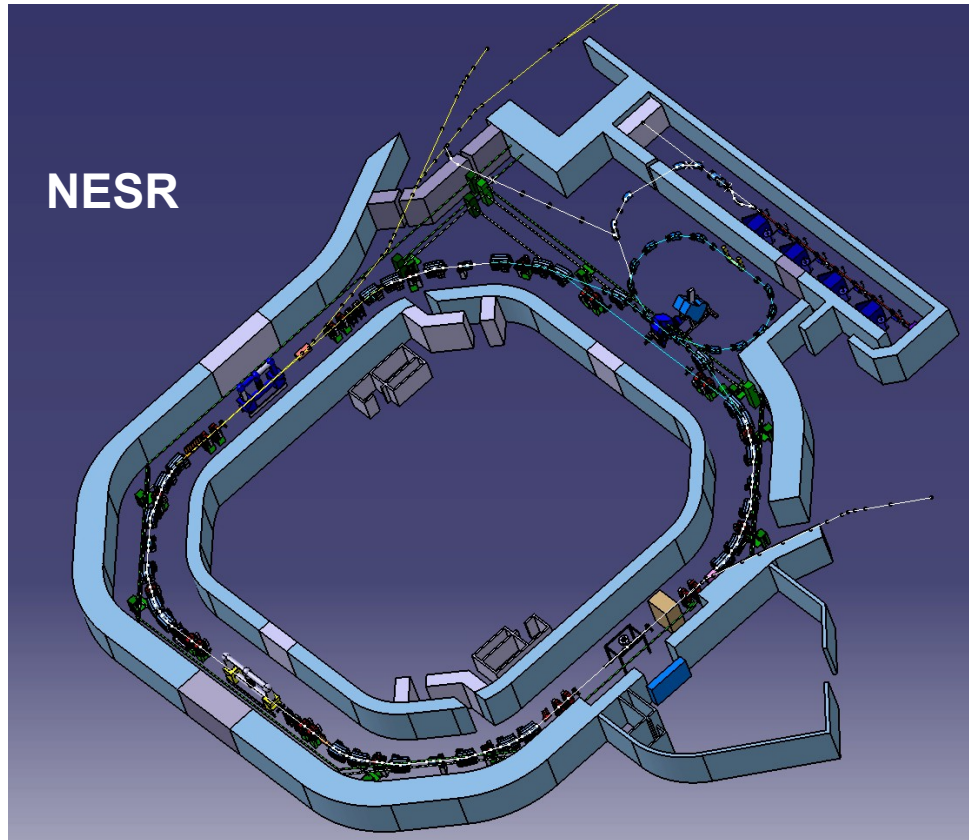
Design goals:

- Universality: applicable to a wide class of reactions
- Good energy and angular resolution
- Large solid angle acceptance
- Specially dedicated for low q measurements with high luminosity ($> 10^{28} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)

Intermediate storage ring activities@ESR/"Green Paper"

Elastic p-scattering off ^{56}Ni (E105)



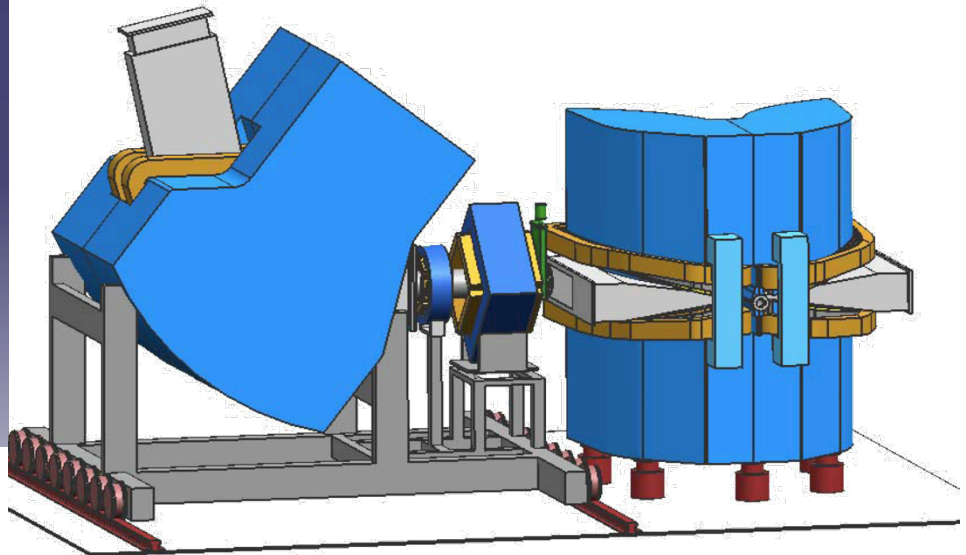


AIC option:

- **30 MeV antiprotons**
- detector system in ring arcs
- Schottky probes

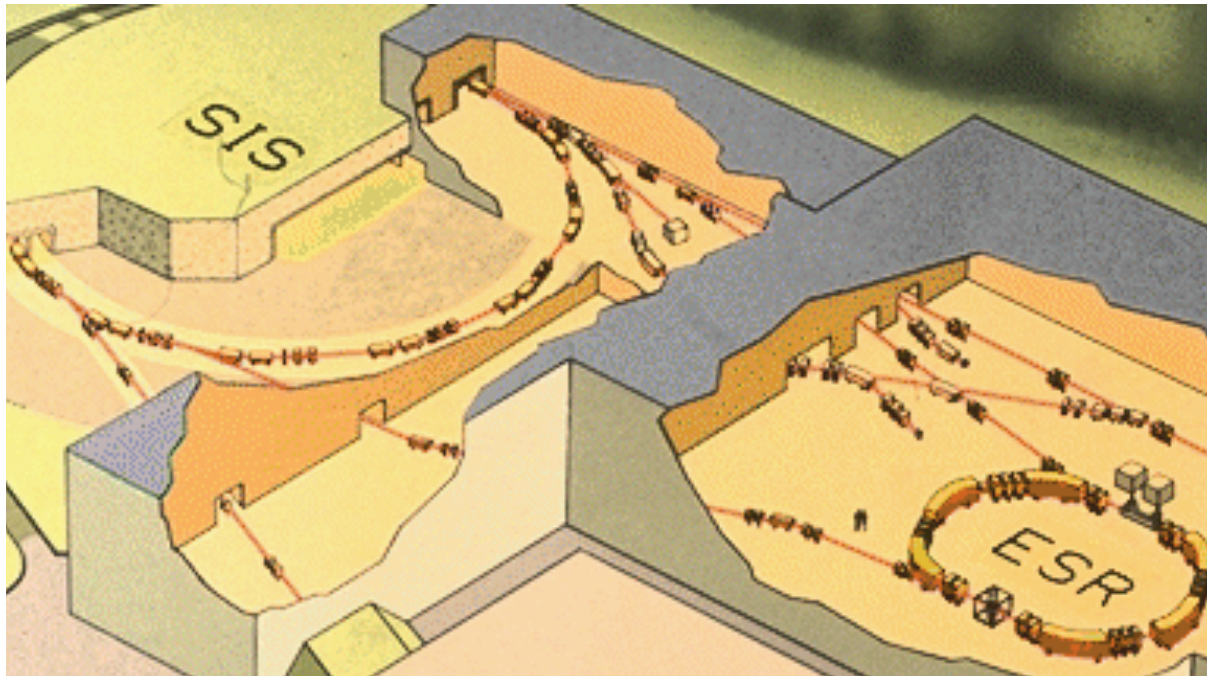
- **125-500 MeV electrons**
- **200-740 MeV/u RIBs**
- ➔ **up to 1.5 GeV CM energy**

- spectrometer setup at the interaction zone & detector system in ring arcs



A.N. Antonov et al, NIMA 637(2011)60-76
ELISe conceptual design study

Cryring at the ESR



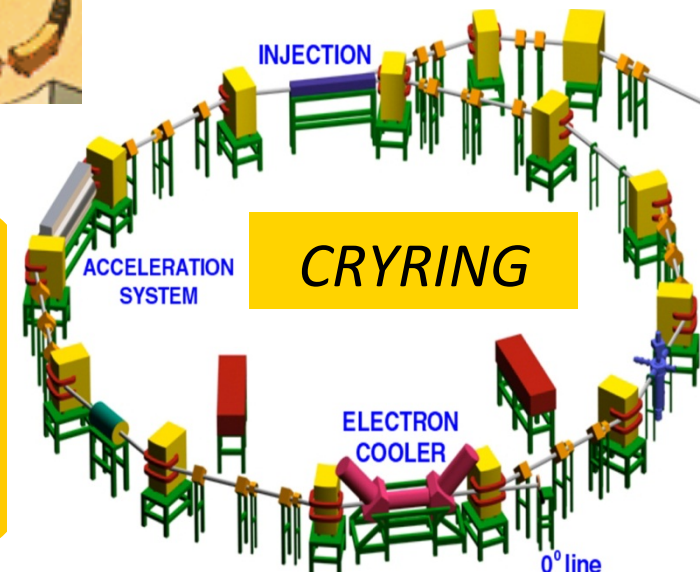
ESR:
Circumference
108 m

Bp: 10 Tm

*Cryring+ESR: beam energies 0.1-1.0 MeV/u - reaction rates measurements in the Gamow window of the **rp-process***

Cryring
Circumference
54 m

Bp: 1.44 Tm



Uniqueness of NUSTAR@FAIR

Synchrotron-based RIB production for:

- High-energy Radioactive Beams (≤ 1.5 GeV/u)
 - Efficient production, separation, transmission and detection aided by Lorentz boost
 - Access to also the heaviest nuclei without charge-state ambiguities
 - Large range of attainable reaction mechanisms
- Storage rings
 - Mass measurements and beam preparation/manipulation
 - Isomeric beams
 - Novel experimental tools (beyond MSV/with CRYRING)

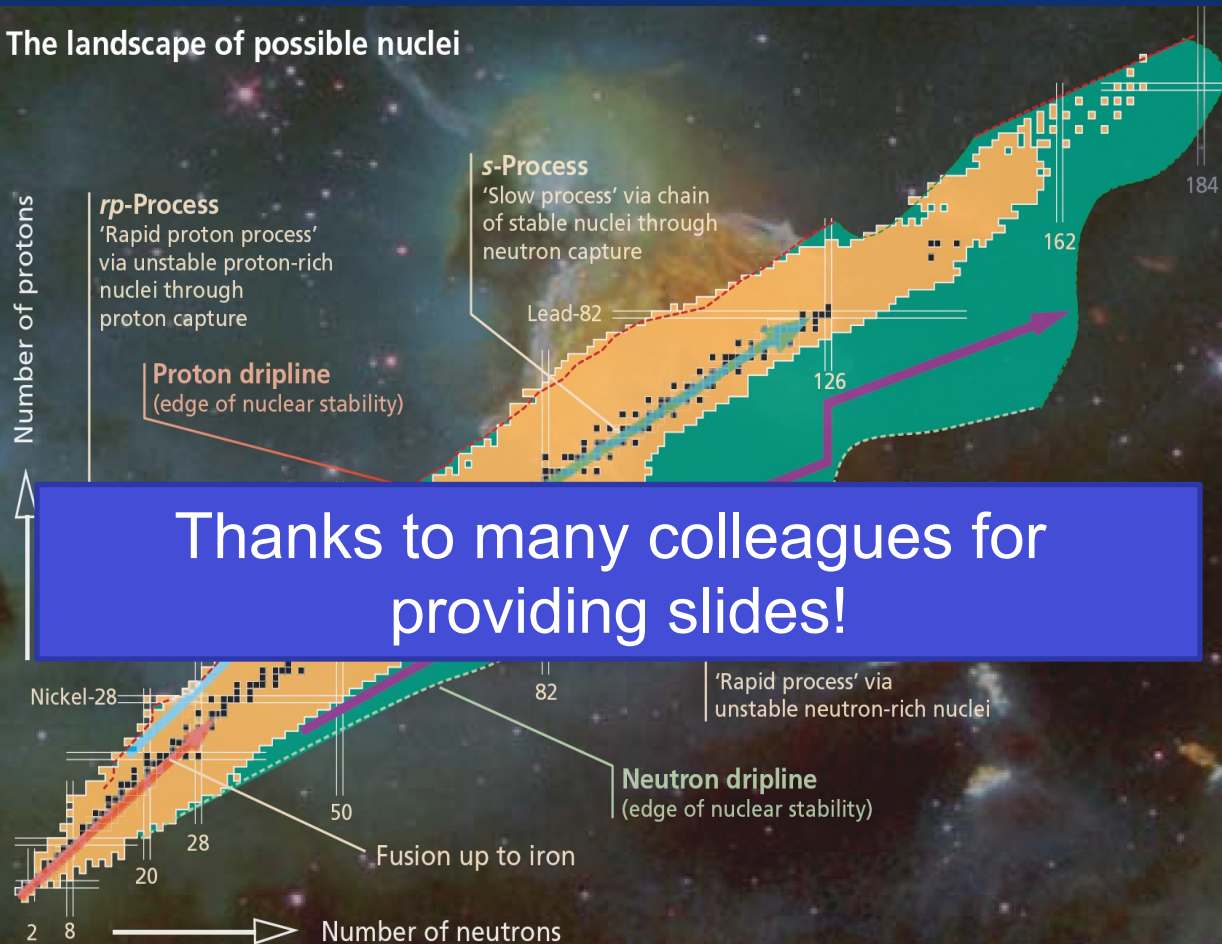
Combined with:

- Wide range of state-of-the-art instrumentation
 - Strong evolution from existing programmes

Status

The NUSTAR Project aims to study exotic nuclei...

The landscape of possible nuclei



Thanks to many colleagues for providing slides!

Physics subject

to understand the formation of the elements and to finally describe the atomic nucleus

Instrumentation

a multitude of novel particle and radiation detectors and set-ups with sophisticated EDAQ systems are being prepared

Perspective

First experiments in early implementations are already operational at GSI and other labs.

NUSTAR will be in time to produce first results at FAIR!

...and is well under way