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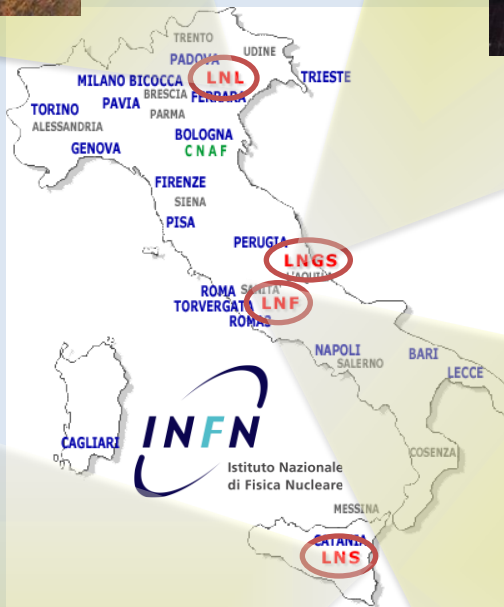
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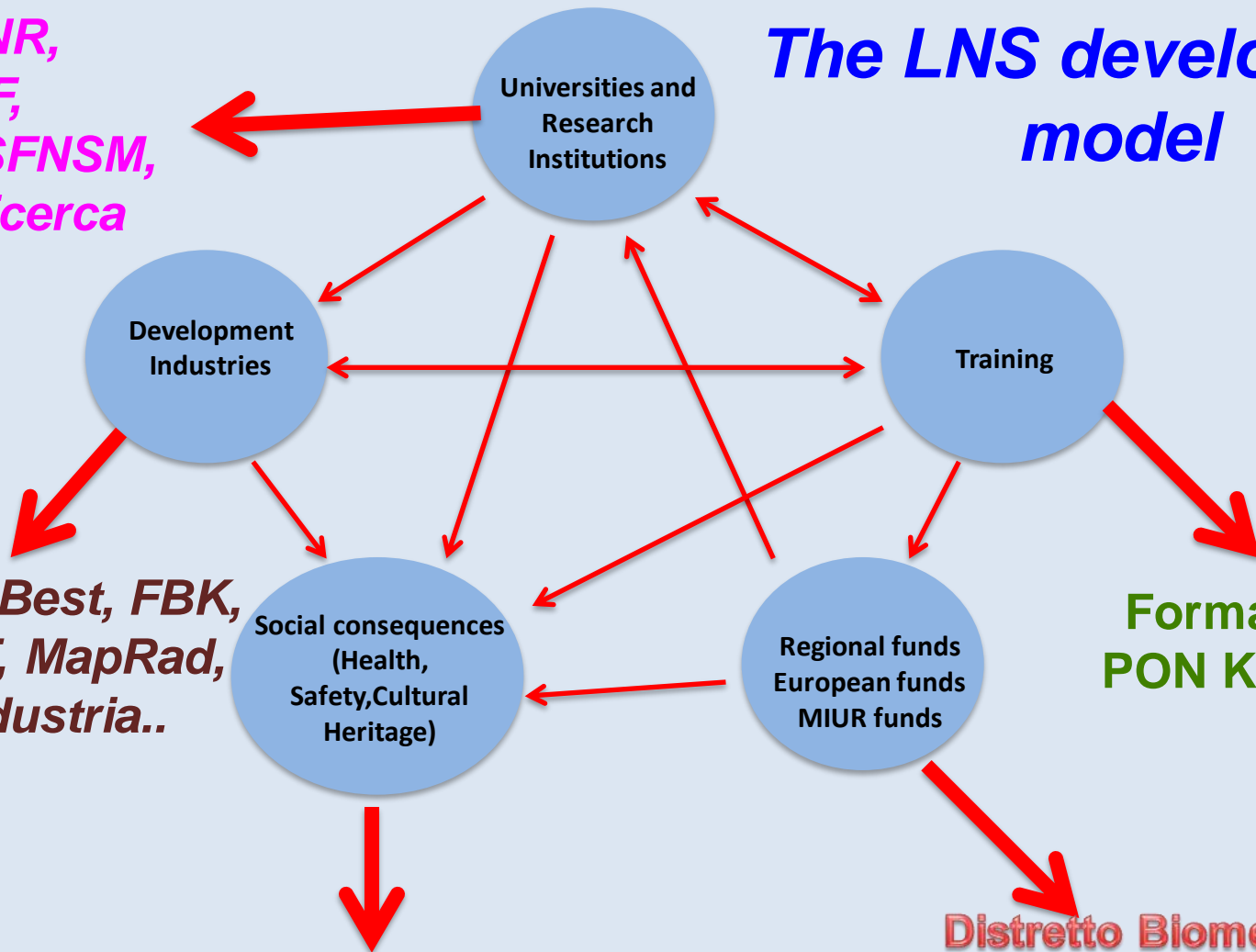


Laboratori Nazionali del Sud (LNS) is the most southern laboratory of [INFN](#) and with the wider spectrum of research activities. Founded in 1976, nowadays are constituted by 250 people (120 permanent staff) including researchers, technicians, doc and post-doc, undergraduate, etc. LNS are an advanced technological and research pole in Italy. Budget 11 M€ per year (exc. Salaries)

The research and development activities find applications in [medicine](#), [biophysics](#), [photonics](#) and [cultural heritage](#). About 400 external users per year.

The LNS development model

*Uni CT, CNR,
INGV, INAF,
ISPRA, CSFNSM,
Catania Ricerca*



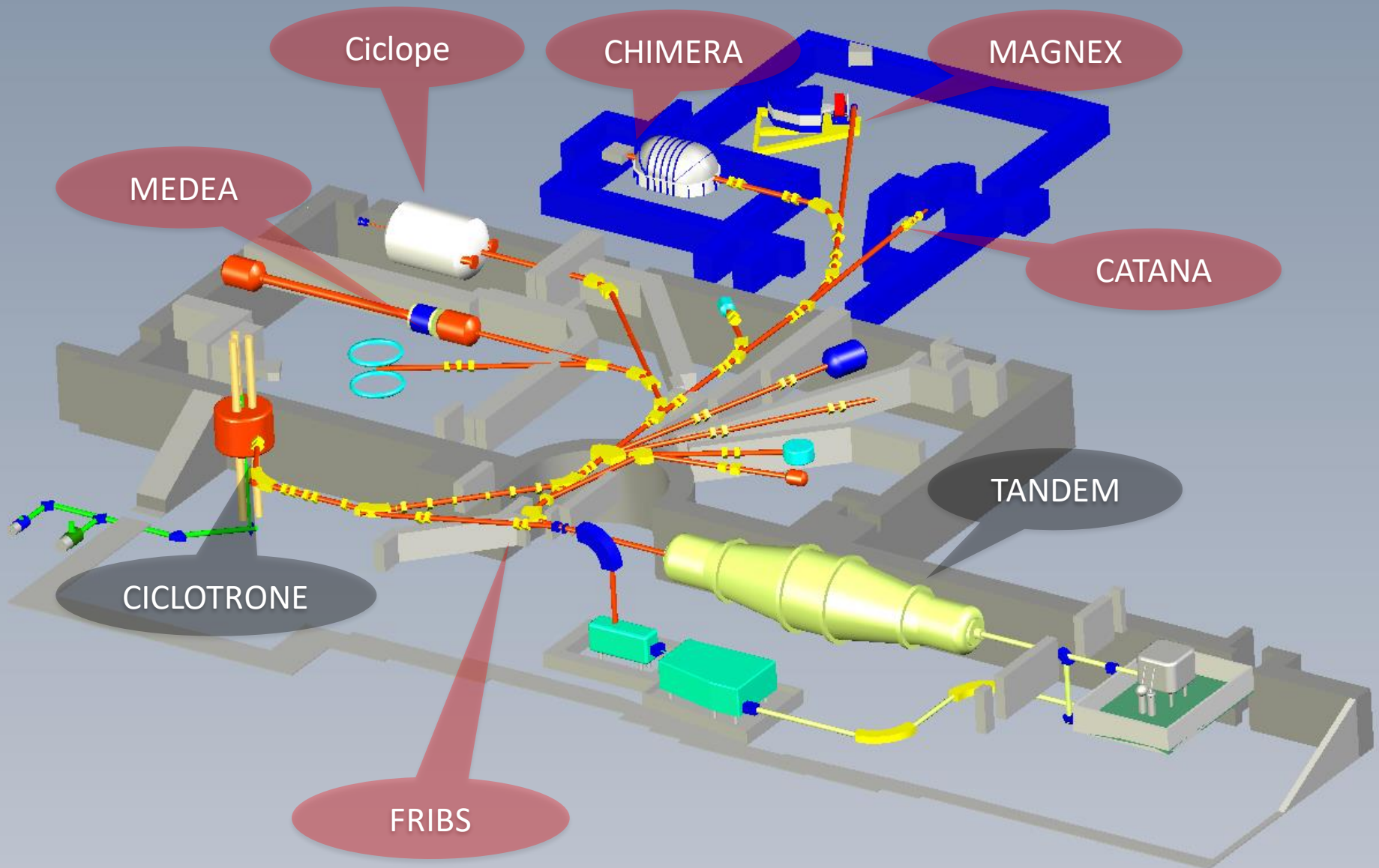
*STM, IBA, Best, FBK,
Caen, IMT, MapRad,
Confindustria..*

**Formazione
PON Km3NeT**

**Distretto Biomedico
Distretto del Mare
Distretto Beni Culturali
PON-POR Projects
FIRB/SIR-Prin
H2020**

- **CATANA: 500 patients, 95% success**
- **LANDIS: Coll. with CNR-IBAM (Misurata Coins, Dead Sea Scrolls...)**
- **Radioactive Waste Management: Sogin**
- **Enviromental Radioactivity Lab**
- **Radiobiology Lab**

The Laboratori Nazionali del Sud



Accelerator equipment for ion beam production



**450 KV injector
2 sputtering
sources**



**Normal conducting
ECR source
CAESAR**



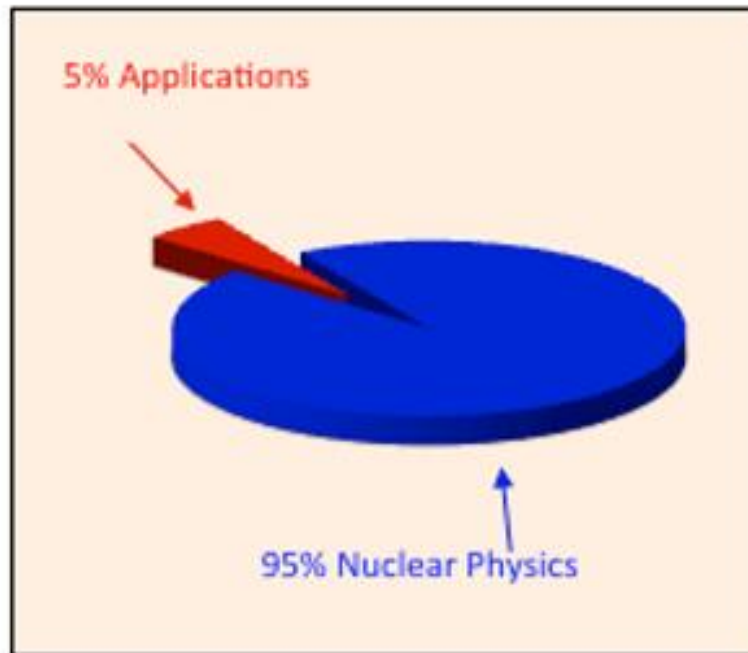
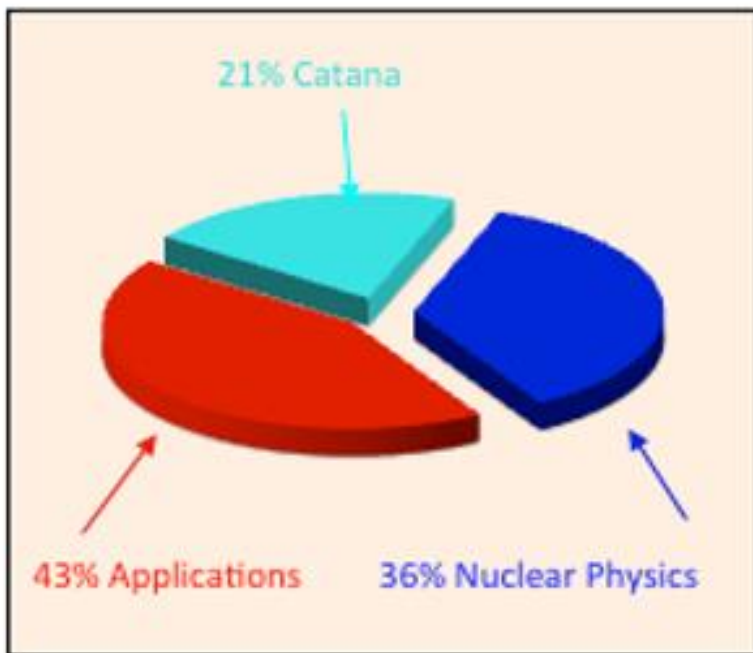
**Superconducting
ECR source SERSE**



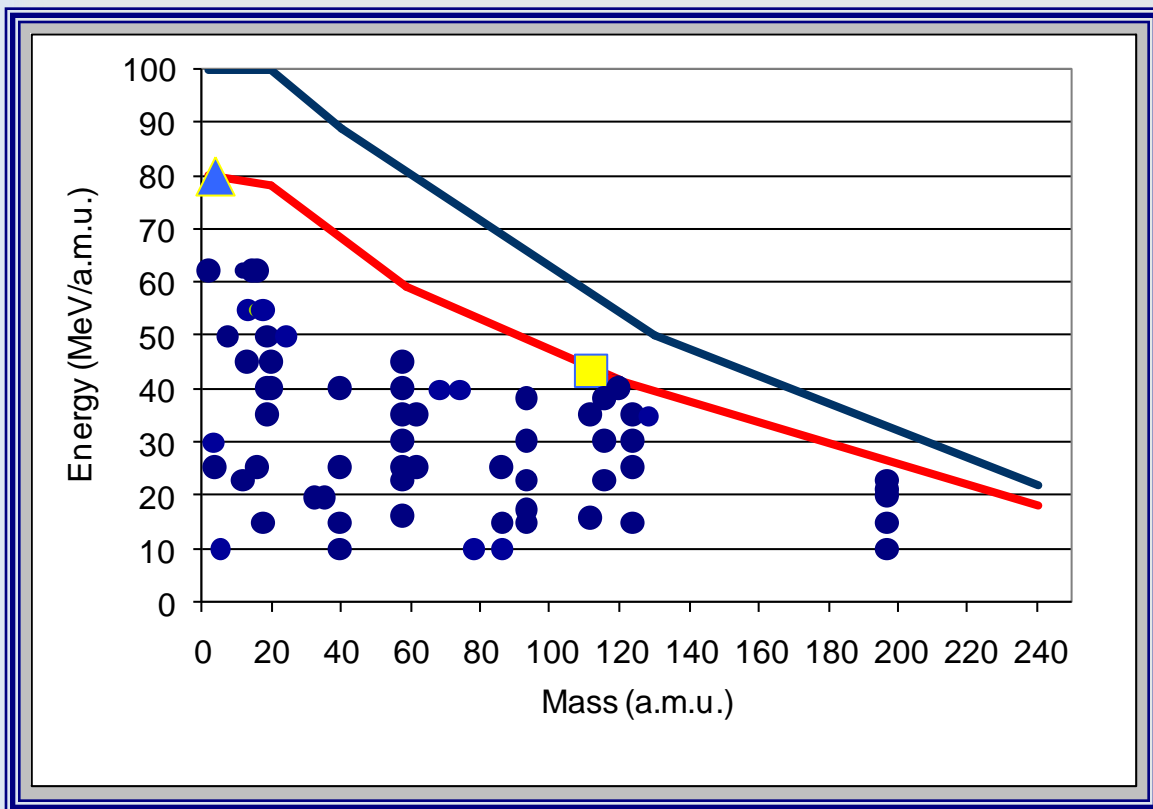
Average use of Cyclotron and Tandem

Cyclotron 2600-2800 hours/year

Tandem 1800 - 1900 hours/year



Superconducting Cyclotron developed beams



A X	E (AMeV)
H ₂ ⁺	62,80
H ₃ ⁺	30,35,45
² D ⁺	35,62,80
⁴ He	25,62,80
He-H	10, 21
⁹ Be	45
¹¹B	55
¹² C	23,62,80
¹³C	45,55
¹⁴ N	62,80
¹⁶O	21,25,55,62,80
¹⁸O	15,55
¹⁹ F	35,40,50
²⁰Ne	20,40,45,62
²⁴ Mg	50
²⁷ Al	40
³⁶ Ar	16,38
⁴⁰Ar	15,20,40
⁴⁰ Ca	10,25,40,45
^{42,48} Ca	10,45
⁵⁸ Ni	16,23,25,30,35,40,45
^{62,64} Ni	25,35
^{68,70}Zn	40
⁷⁴ Ge	40
^{78,86} Kr	10
⁸⁴ Kr	10,15,20,25
⁹³ Nb	15,17,23,30,38
¹⁰⁷ Ag	40
¹¹² Sn	15.5,35,43.5
¹¹⁶ Sn	23,30,38
¹²⁴ Sn	15,25,30,35
¹²⁹ Xe	20,21,23,35
¹⁹⁷ Au	10,15,20,21,23
²⁰⁸ Pb	10

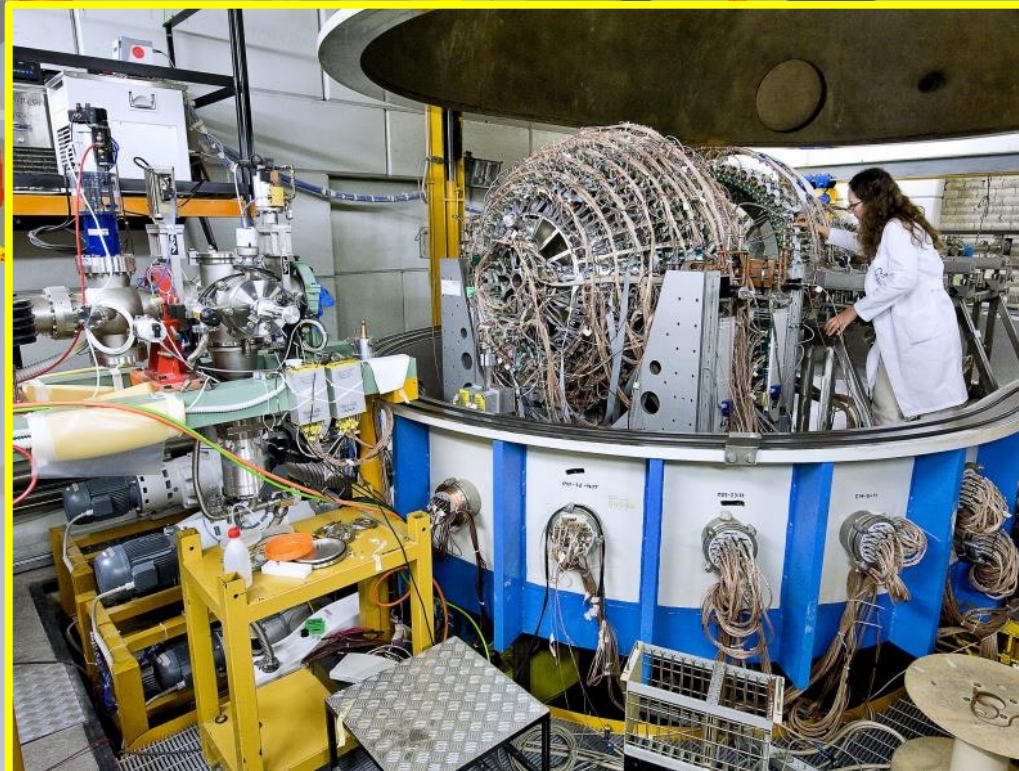
 ⁴He 80 AMeV

 ¹¹²Sn 43.5 AMeV

In **red** beams with intensity 10¹² pps

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Chimera



CHIMERA (CHarged Ion Mass and Energy Resolving Array)

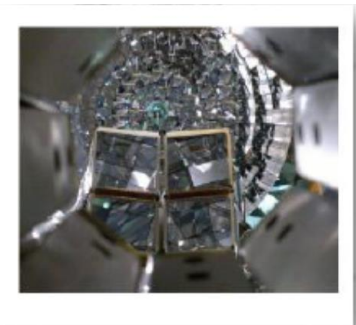
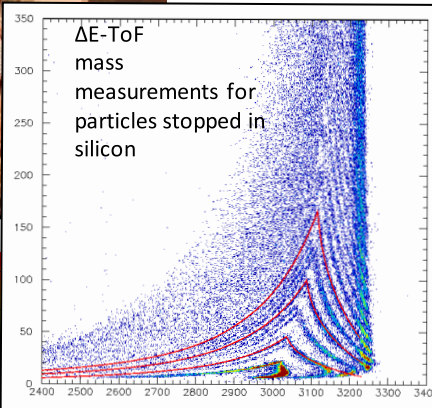
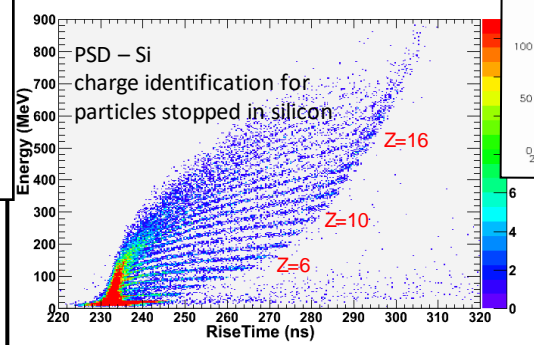
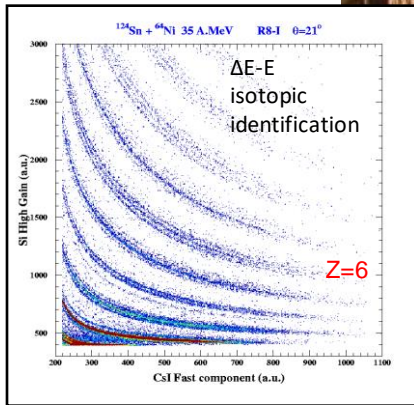
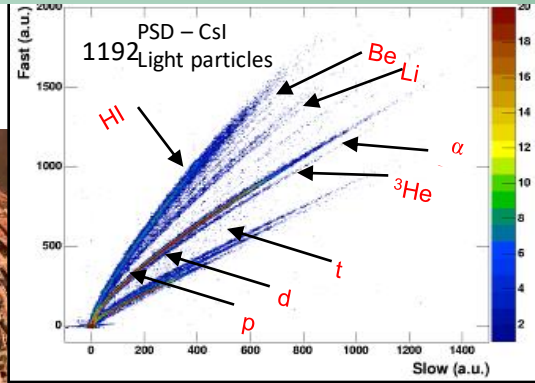
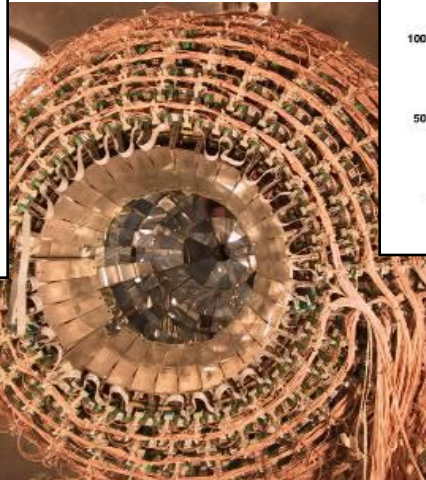
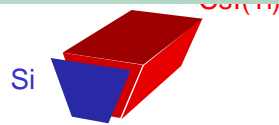
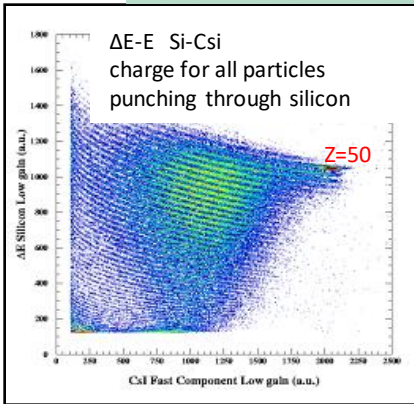
is a 4pi detector for charged particles devoted to the study of nuclear reaction at intermediate energies and operating at *Laboratori Nazionali del Sud* in Catania



CHIMERA

- Equation of State of Asymmetric nuclear matter
- isospin dependence of the symmetry energy
- Time scale of particles and cluster emission
- Isospin dependence of compound nucleus formation and decay (ISODEC)
- Use of the FRIBS beam lines: coupling CHIMERA with the FARCOS prototype (CLIR [^{16}C] and PIGMY [^{68}Ni] experiments (2015)

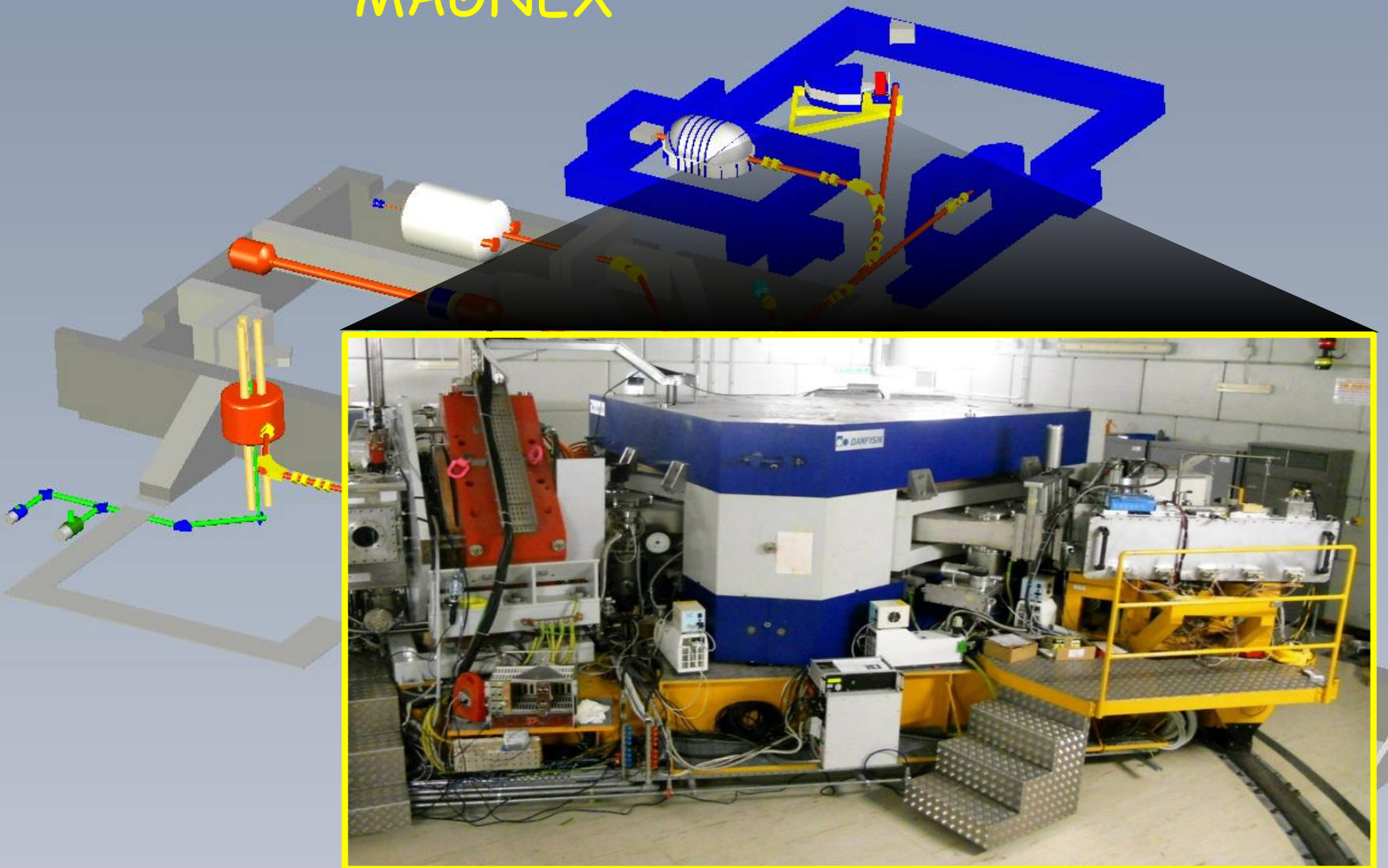
CHIMERA Detector: Identification methods



Recently improved by an array of
triple telescopes DSSSD-CsI
FARCOS

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MAGNEX



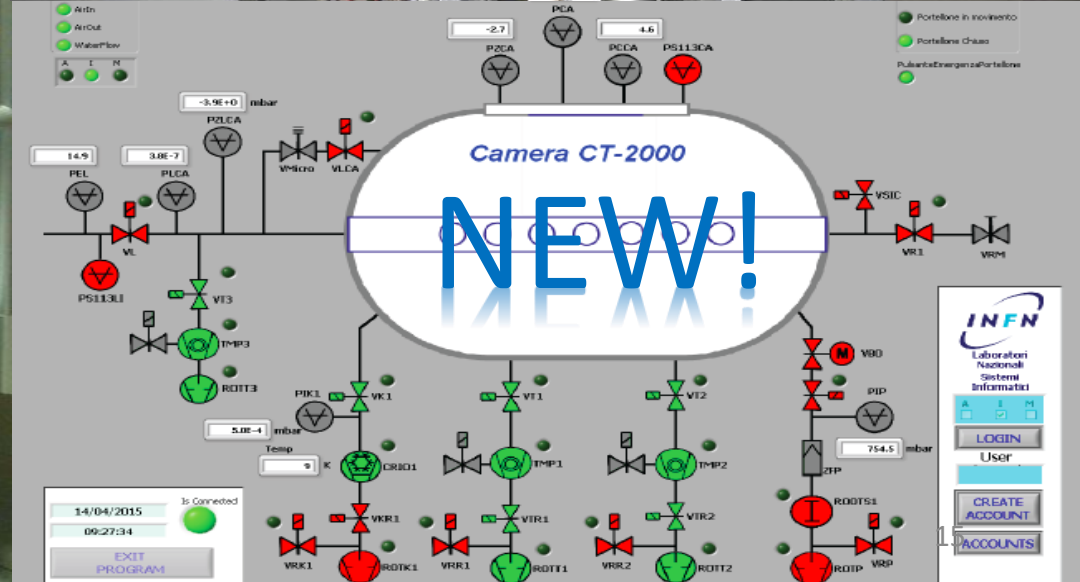
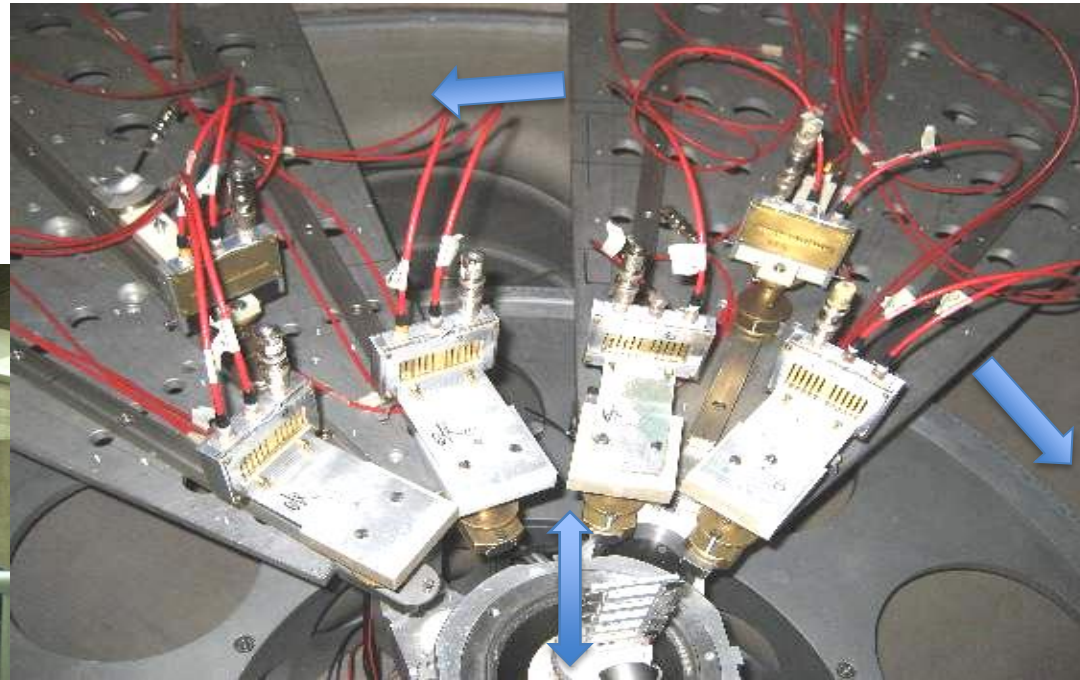
MAGNEX*EDEN

- Light nuclei structure
- Nuclear astrophysics
- Spectroscopy
- Structure effects on reaction mechanism
- Exotic nuclei
- Isgm
- DCE

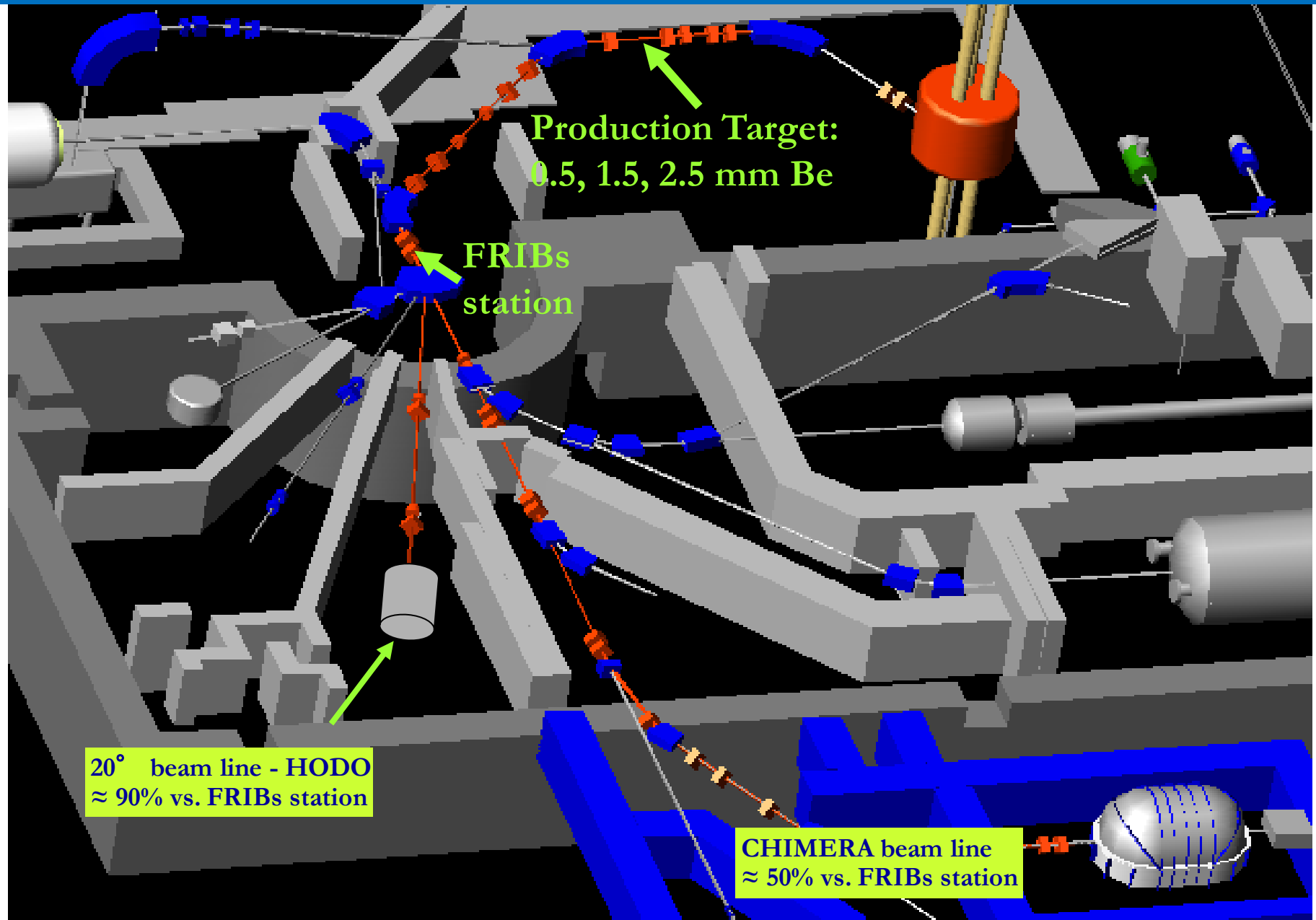


The 2000 Scattering Chamber (2 m diameter)

- Nuclear Physics
- Nuclear Astrophysics
- Applications



FRIBS@LNS: in Flight Radioactive Ion Beams



Beams developed at FRIBS@LNS

primary beam	beam	intensity (kHz/100W)
18O 55 AMeV	16C	120
setting 11Be	17C	12
	13B	80
	11Be	20
	10Be	60
	8Li	20
18O 55 AMeV	14B	3
setting 12Be	12Be	5
	9Li	6
	6He	12
13C 55 AMeV	11Be	50
setting 11Be	12B	100
36Ar 42 AMeV	37K	100
setting 34Ar	35Ar	70
	36Ar	100
	37Ar	25
	33Cl	10
	34Cl	50
	35Cl	50
20Ne 35 AMeV	18Ne	50
setting ne18	17F	20
	21Na	100
70Zn 40 AMeV		
setting 68Ni	68Ni	20

Beams to be delivered to approved experiments

^{16}C (CHIMERA)

^{68}Ni (CHIMERA)

^8He (CHIMERA) **new**

^{14}Be (test experiment) **new**

^{38}S (MAGNEX) **new**

Unique facility in Europe



77 Researchers
19 Institutions
12 countries

The NUMEN project at INFN-LNS

Spokespersons: F. Cappuzzello (cappuzzello@Ins.infn.it) and C. Agodi (agodi@Ins.infn.it)

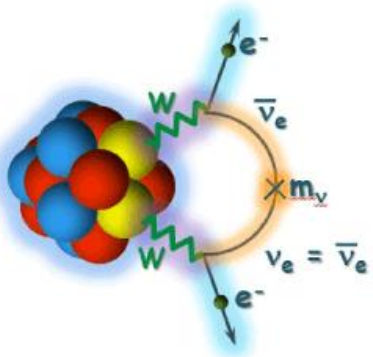
The NURE grant of ERC

Principal Investigator: M. Cavallaro (manuela.cavallaro@Ins.infn.it)



- Italy
- Brazil
- Greece
- Mexico
- Germany
- Turkey
- Israel
- Romania
- France
- US

Neutrinoless double beta decay



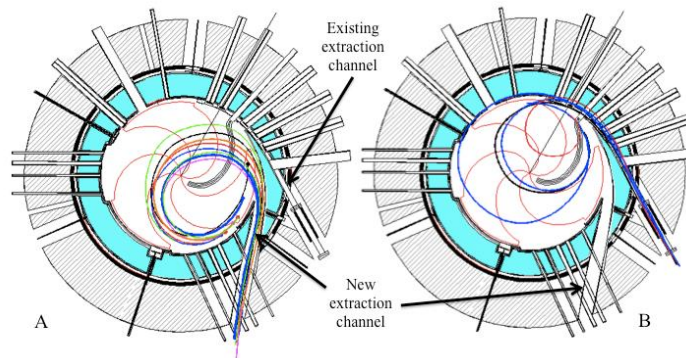
1. Beyond standard model
2. Access to effective neutrino mass
3. Violation of lepton number conservation
4. CP violation in lepton sector
5. A way to leptogenesis and GUT

$$1/T_{1/2}^{0\nu} (0^+ \rightarrow 0^+) = G_0 \left| M^{\beta\beta 0\nu} \right|^2 \left| \frac{\langle m_\nu \rangle}{m_e} \right|^2$$

Major upgrade of LNS facilities: The CS accelerator

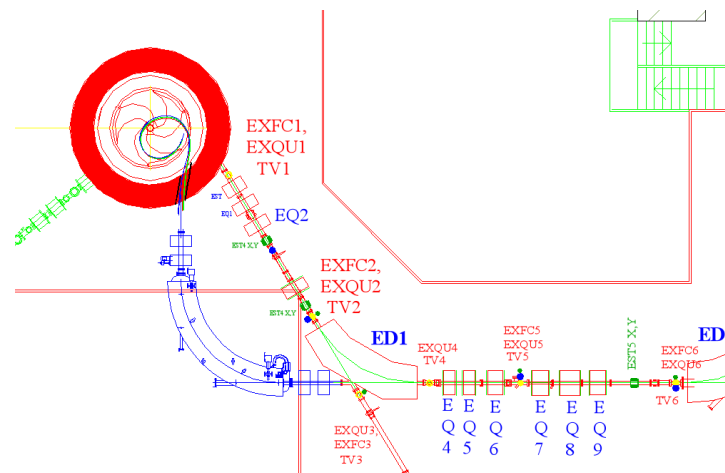
- The **CS** accelerator current (from 100 W to 5-10 kW);

Cost: 10.5 M€



Extraction by stripping

- The **beam transport line** transmission efficiency to nearly 100% (Cost including FRIBs and Magnex beam line Upgrading 5.5 M€)



Upgrade of the Research Infrastructures selected among the ones having priority in Italy according to the PNIR – Piano Nazionale delle Infrastrutture di Ricerca, located in regions under developed or in transition

18 Candidate Institutions selected by MIUR (for INFN:DHCTS, Km3Net, LNS and LNGS)

NUCLEAR PHYSICS @ LNS

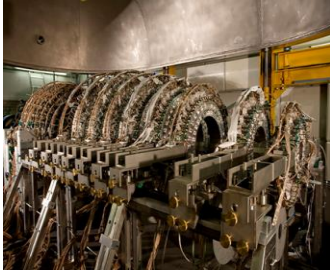
Among the scientific activities at LNS ...

- Studies of the EOS of nuclear matter with stable beams
- Studies of the EOS of nuclear matter with radioactive beams (FRIBs)
- Studies of nuclear structures with stable beams
- Studies of nuclear structures with radioactive beams (FRIBs)
- Studies of nuclear reaction for astrophysics with stable beams
- Applications

CS – UPGRADE → NEW FRONTIERS

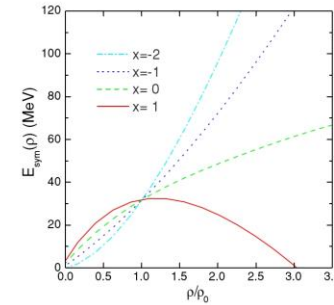
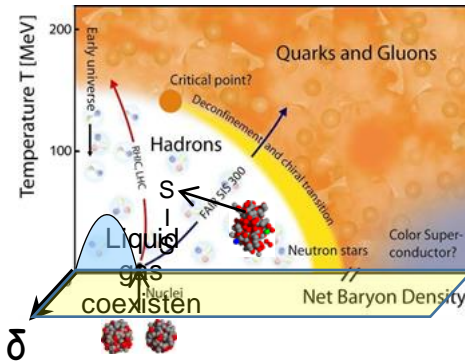
HIGHER INTENSITIES: STABLE BEAMS – RADIOACTIVE BEAMS

CHIMERA – stable beams



The nuclear EOS describes the relation among **energy**, pressure, **density**, temperature and **isospin asymmetry** of nuclear matter. It is a **fundamental ingredient** in nuclear physics and astrophysics.

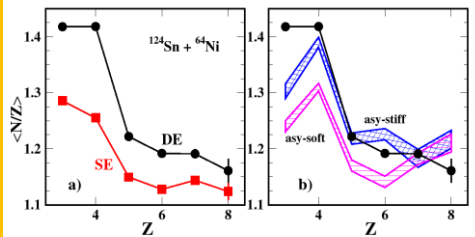
Nuclear matter phase diagram (schematic)



Z. Xiao et al., PRL102, 062502 (2009)

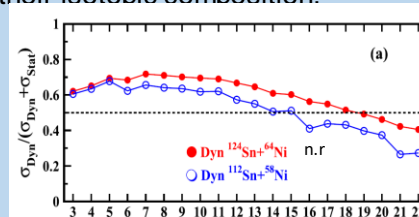
Density $\rho \approx \rho_0$ (sub- and around saturation density, $\rho_0 = 0.17 \text{ fm}^{-3}$): Isospin Transport properties in HI collisions at Fermi Energies, (diffusion, fractionation, migration), flows, n/p emission...

The “neck” emission : light IMFs ($Z \approx 9$) produced at midrapidity due to the ‘neck’ rupture.
FAST process ($< 100 \text{ fm/c}$)

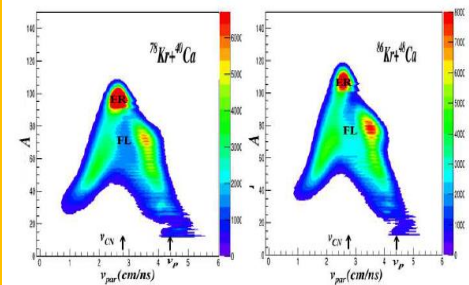


E. De Filippo et al., PRC86, 014610 (2012)

Symmetry Energy and Isospin contents affect IMFs production and their isotopic composition!

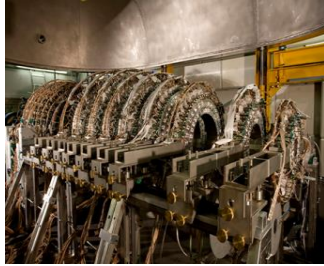


The use of exotic neutron rich beams will be a step forward in this field! By G.Cardella and S.Pirrone



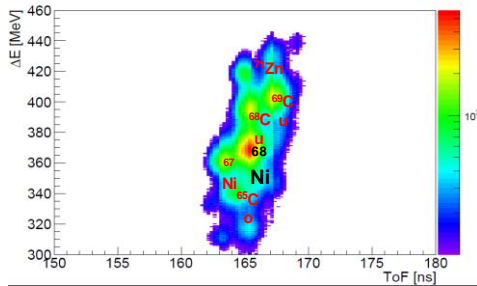
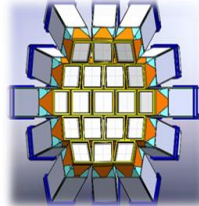
Influence of the system isospin on CN formation and decay in reactions $^{78}\text{Kr} + ^{40}\text{Ca}$ and $^{86}\text{Kr} + ^{48}\text{Ca}$ at 10 AMeV

CHIMERA – radioactive beams (FRIBS)



Search for isoscalar excitation of the PIGMY resonance in ^{68}Ni

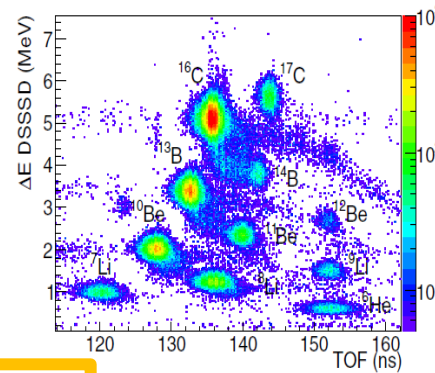
Farcos



About 20 kHz of ^{68}Ni for 100 W beam

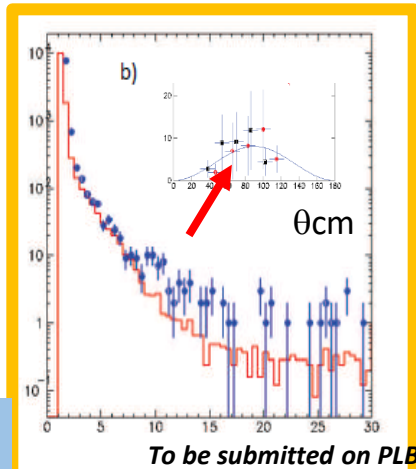
Gamma-ray spectrum measured in coincidence with ^{68}Ni .
Red line represents the background evaluated in coincidences with $^{66,67}\text{Ni}$

Study of clustering phenomena in exotic nuclei:



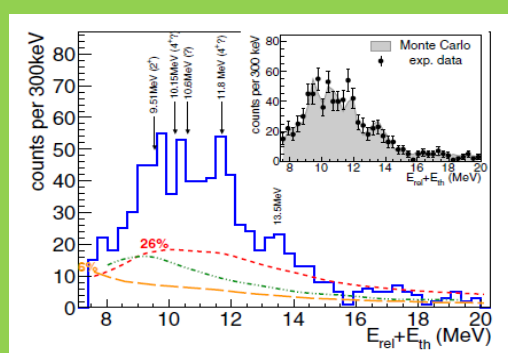
Study of the ^{10}Be and ^{16}C structure using intermediate energy sequential break-up

Beam intensities:
 ^{10}Be (4×10^4 pps)
 ^{16}C (10^5 pps)
from 55A MeV ^{18}O primary beam



First measurement of the ^{68}Ni γ -decay of the Pygmy res. excited by isoscalar mode

First observation of a new level of the ^{10}Be with cluster structure α - ^6He



First observation of a new ^{10}Be level with cluster structure α - ^6He
PRC 93(2016)0246111

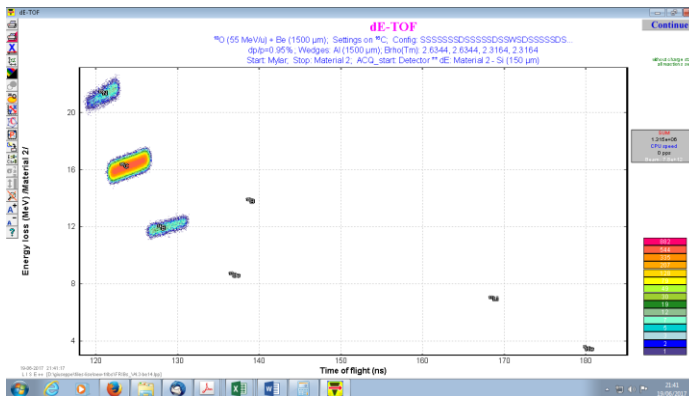
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CHIMERA – FRIBS upgraded

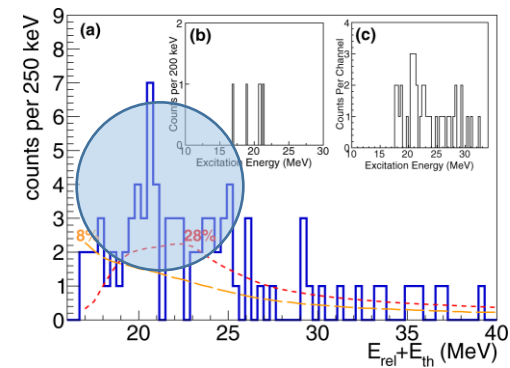
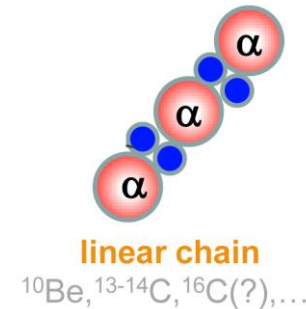
Most of the themes studied up to now will be further developed using radioactive beams

Very important for NEWCHIM experiment, the possibility to improve intensity for light-medium fragmentation beams in order to study exotic clustering

On the same topic of the exotic clustering phenomena explored in ^{10}Be , primary beams with higher intensities can be used to produce $^{16,18}\text{C}$ using FRIBS searching for channel $^6\text{He} + ^{10}\text{Be}$



Predicted intensity ^{16}C @ 34A MeV: 2×10^6 pps
Contaminant: 2%



Indication of the presence such kind of resonances in ^{16}C was already observed but higher statistics is needed

Nuclear astrophysics

Explosive phenomena in the Cosmos

→ short time scales

→ **unstable nuclei are burnt before decay**

Examples: Supernovae, novae, X-ray bursts



Typical temperatures are of the order of 10^9 K

Since the Boltzmann constant is $k = 8.6 \cdot 10^{-8}$ keV/K, even at this high temperatures energies of astrophysical interest are smaller than about 1 MeV in the centre-of-mass system → very difficult to reach at present-day RIB facilities.

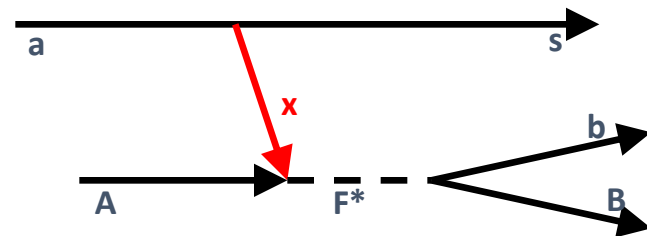
Moreover: low production at these low energies, low cross sections owing to the Coulomb barrier, poor energy and angular resolution.

→ **The Trojan Horse method (THM) may help:**

→ Higher beam energies necessary

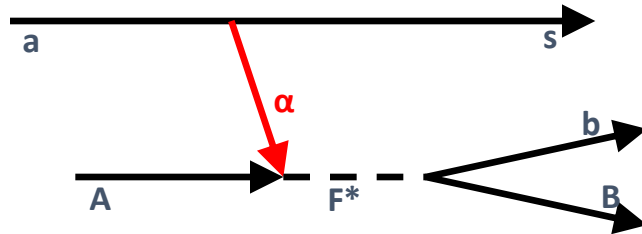
→ Larger cross sections

→ Yet astrophysical energies can be accessed



THM: $A(x,b)B$ from $A(a,b)B$ s under QF conditions → see e.g. **Rep. Progr. Phys. 77 (2014) 106901**

Nuclear astrophysics @ FRIBS upgraded



Using ${}^6\text{Li}$ or ${}^{20}\text{Ne}$ we can transfer a α particle and induce the reaction of astrophysical importance at the relevant energies

${}^{14}\text{O}(\alpha, p){}^{17}\text{F}$ → **breakout from the hot CNO cycle**: in explosive hydrogen burning, this reaction determined the permanent loss of catalysts leading to the production of heavy ($A > 100$) proton-rich nuclei

${}^{13}\text{N}(\alpha, p){}^{16}\text{O}$ → In **asymptotic giant branch (AGB) stars**, the ${}^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n){}^{16}\text{O}$ reaction is the n-source for heavy element production. However, the ${}^{13}\text{C}$ supply might be reduced if ${}^{13}\text{N}$ is burnt to ${}^{16}\text{O}$ before it decays → **influence on the s-process** in massive AGB stars

${}^{34}\text{Ar}(\alpha, p){}^{37}\text{K}$ → ${}^{34}\text{Ar}$ is a waiting point in **x-ray bursts**: if the (α, p) reaction rate is weak OR if the temperature is too low to overcome the Coulomb barrier, nuclear flow must await β decay before continuing on → **influence on nucleosynthesis and luminosity**

${}^{18}\text{Ne}(\alpha, p){}^{21}\text{Na}$ → it influences X-ray burst light curves as well as nucleosynthesis, in particular the abundance of ${}^{15}\text{N}$, ${}^{18}\text{F}$, ${}^{21}\text{Ne}$ and ${}^{33}\text{S}$ in the ashes of the thermonuclear runaway

Complementary to SPES

https://web.infn.it/spes/images/NEW_SITE/PDF/SPES_Beam_Tables/4_beam_spes_all.pdf

Most of the visible Universe is in the state of plasma

- Solar nucleosynthesis occurs *in-plasma*
- Primordial nucleosynthesis occurs *in-plasma*
- s-process nucleosynthesis occurs *in-plasma*
- Visible to X-ray radiation is generated *in-plasma*
- Magnetized plasma in stars is extremely peculiar

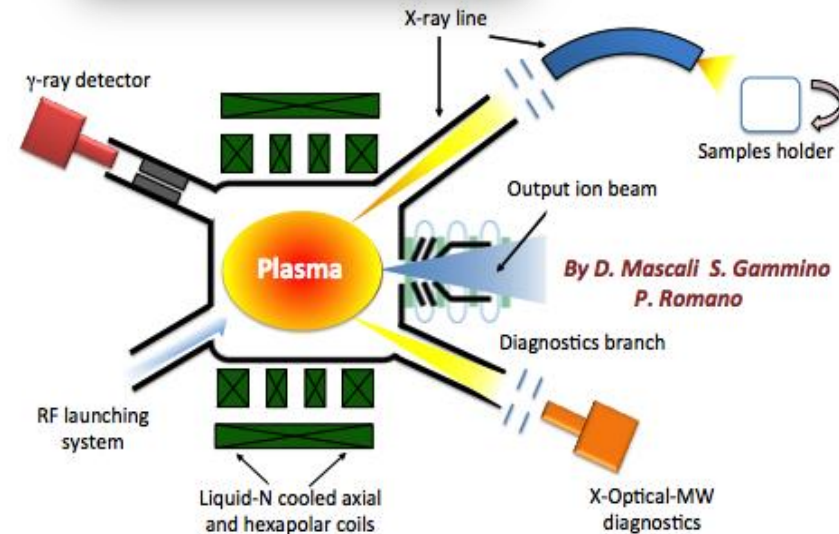
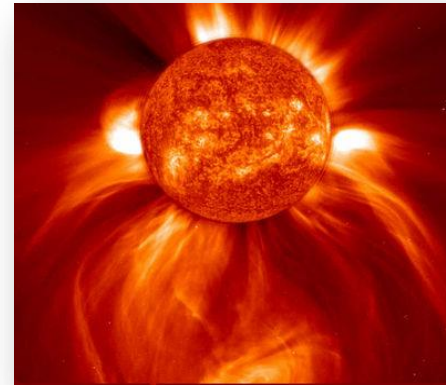
But on *Earth* (or underground at LNGS) we perform nuclear reactions and decay rate measurements by using solid-gas-liquid samples

To be investigated

${}^7\text{Be}$ half-life has *never* been measured in-plasma (important for solar neutrino physics and Cosmological Lithium Puzzle)

Decay from nuclear low-lying excited states;

Bound-electron beta decay activation in ionized species;



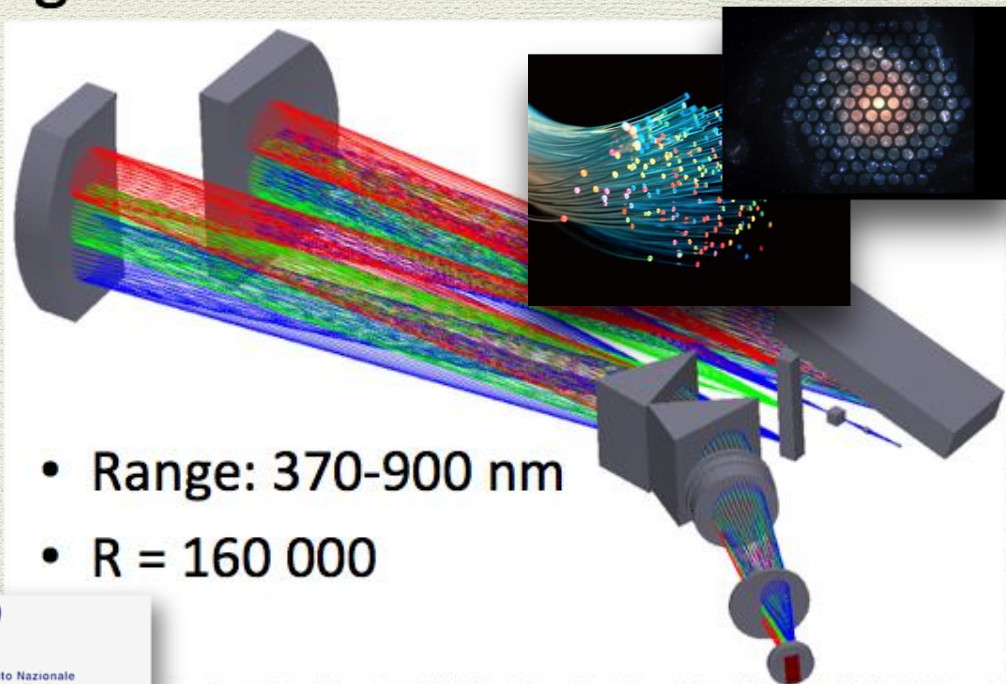
1. On-Line Measurements
of n , T , CSD of the plasma

+

2. Be handling and
injection into the plasma
trap

PANDORA feasibility study

Spettrografo Alta Risoluzione Galileo



- Range: 370-900 nm
- $R = 160\,000$



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

TRA

ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DI ASTROFISICA,
OSSERVATORIO ASTRONOMIC DI CATANIA

E

ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DI FISICA NUCLEARE,
LABORATORI NAZIONALI DEL SUD

RIGUARDANTE

Un'intensa sinergia su obiettivi comuni della ricerca scientifica al fine di incentivare le attività interdisciplinari basate sulla fisica dei plasmi ad alta densità e temperatura, di interesse per la produzione di fasci ionici, l'astrofisica nucleare e l'astrofisica osservativa, e segnatamente nel campo della propagazione a microonde in plasmi magnetizzati, della spettroscopia ottica/UV, della spettropolarimetria, e dell'analisi dell'emissione di raggi X.

PANDORA@Work

INFN-INAf MoU
in progress

the first MoU to
be signed by the two institutions

CSN III and V

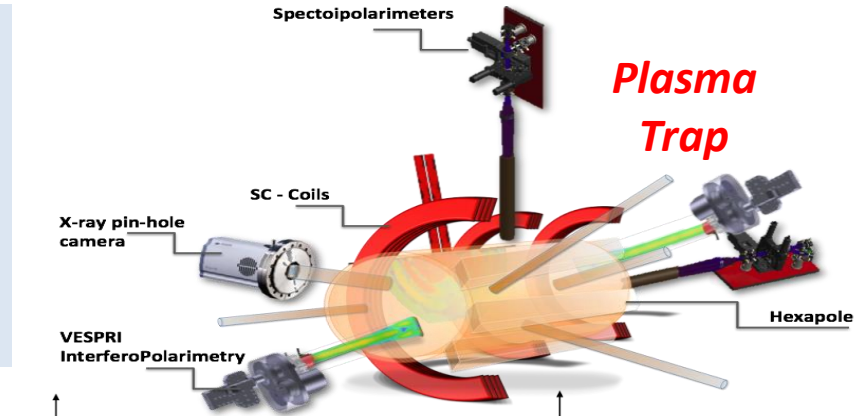
Starting a new synergy with
Astronomy/Astrophysics!!!

SARG came to LNS from T.N.G. in La
Palma, Canary Islands

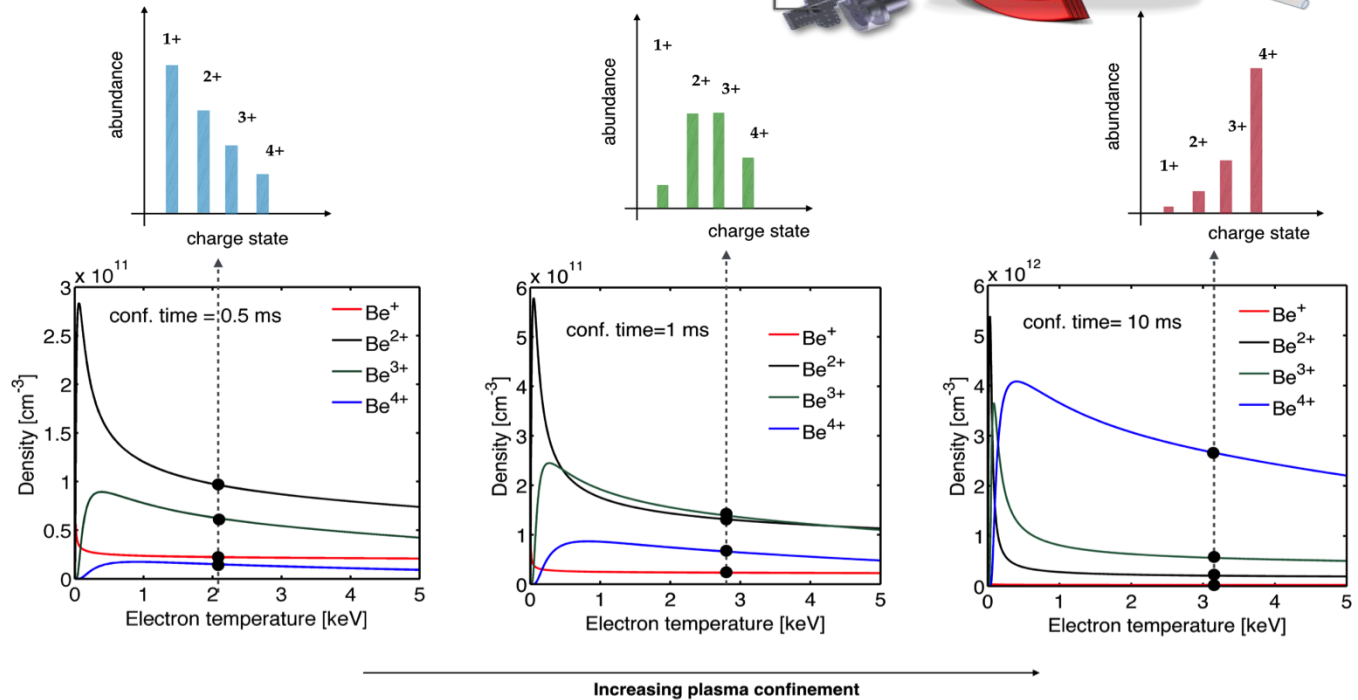
The PANDORA goal:

PANDORA's white book accepted for publication on EPJ-A

Trap radionuclides in magnetoplasmas and study their decay times as a function of ionization states



E.g. \rightarrow ${}^7\text{Be}$ charge states distribution as a function of plasma density and temperature

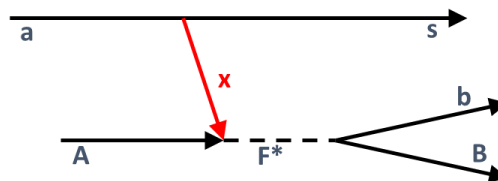
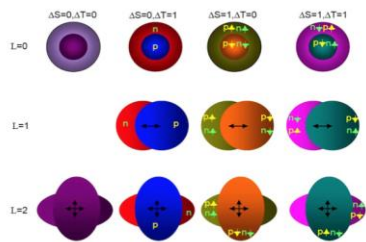
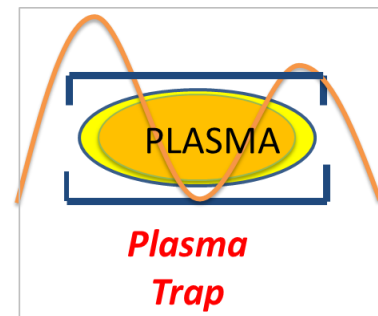
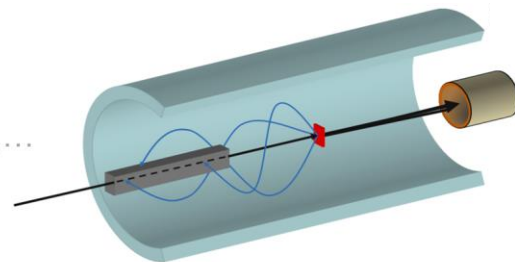
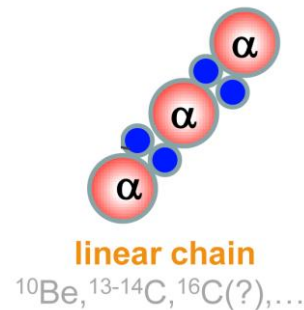
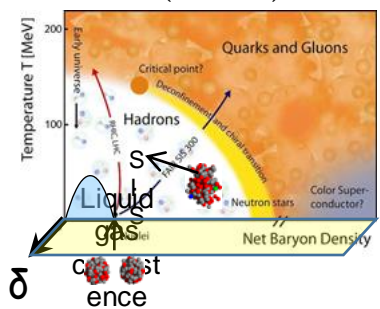


Synergy with INAF
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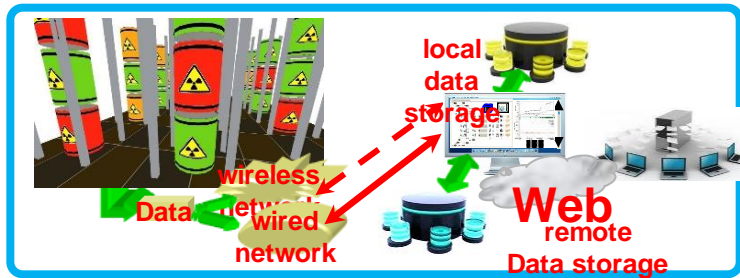
Outlook



Nuclear matter phase diagram (schematic)



Nuclear physics applications @ LNS



Development of systems and detectors for real-time monitoring of radioactive waste.



Environmental radioactivity monitoring and development of system for the treatment and monitoring of soil and water contaminated by radionuclides



Non-destructive study of finds of art and archaeological interest using X-rays or particle accelerators.

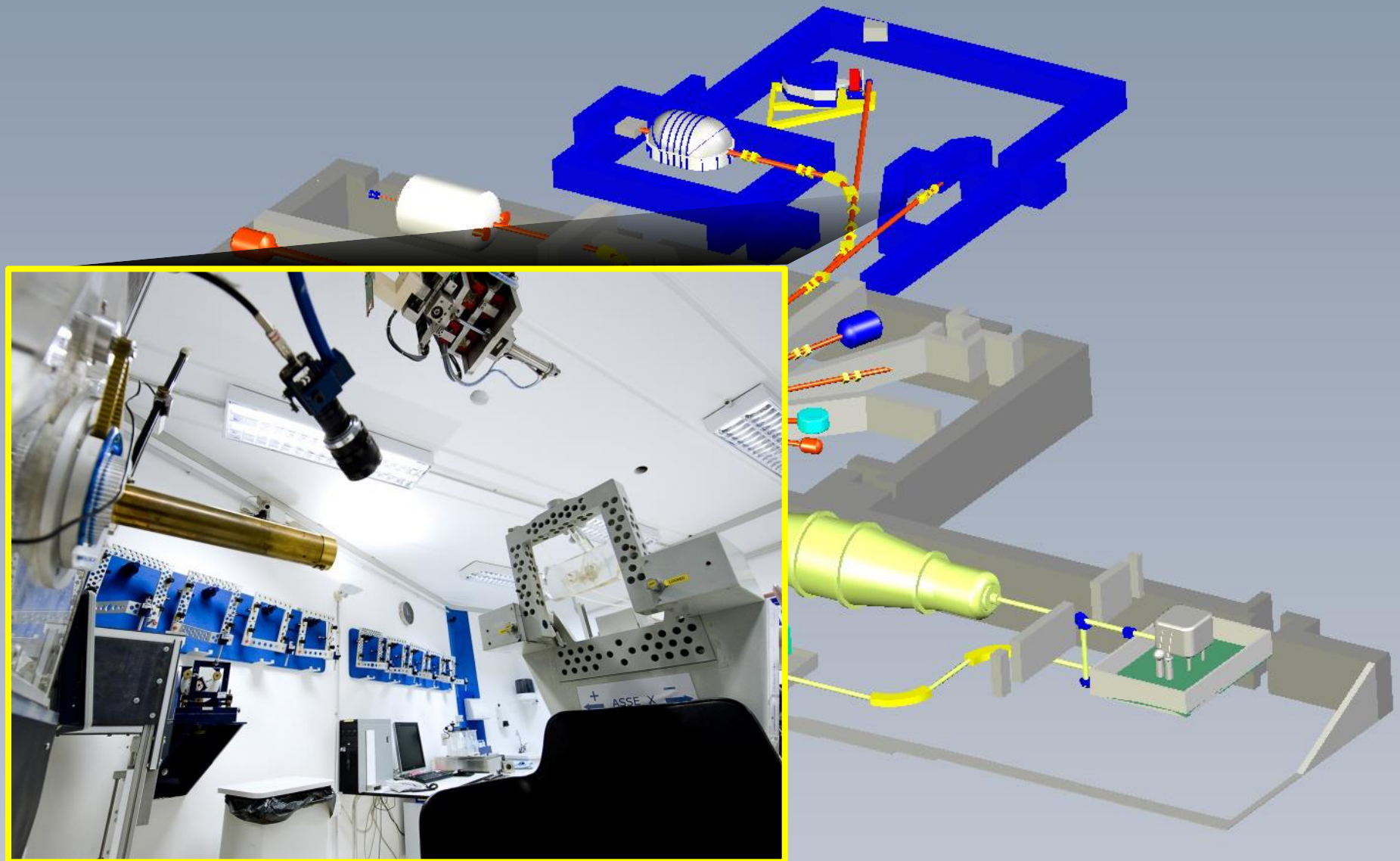


Radiation therapy with proton beams.

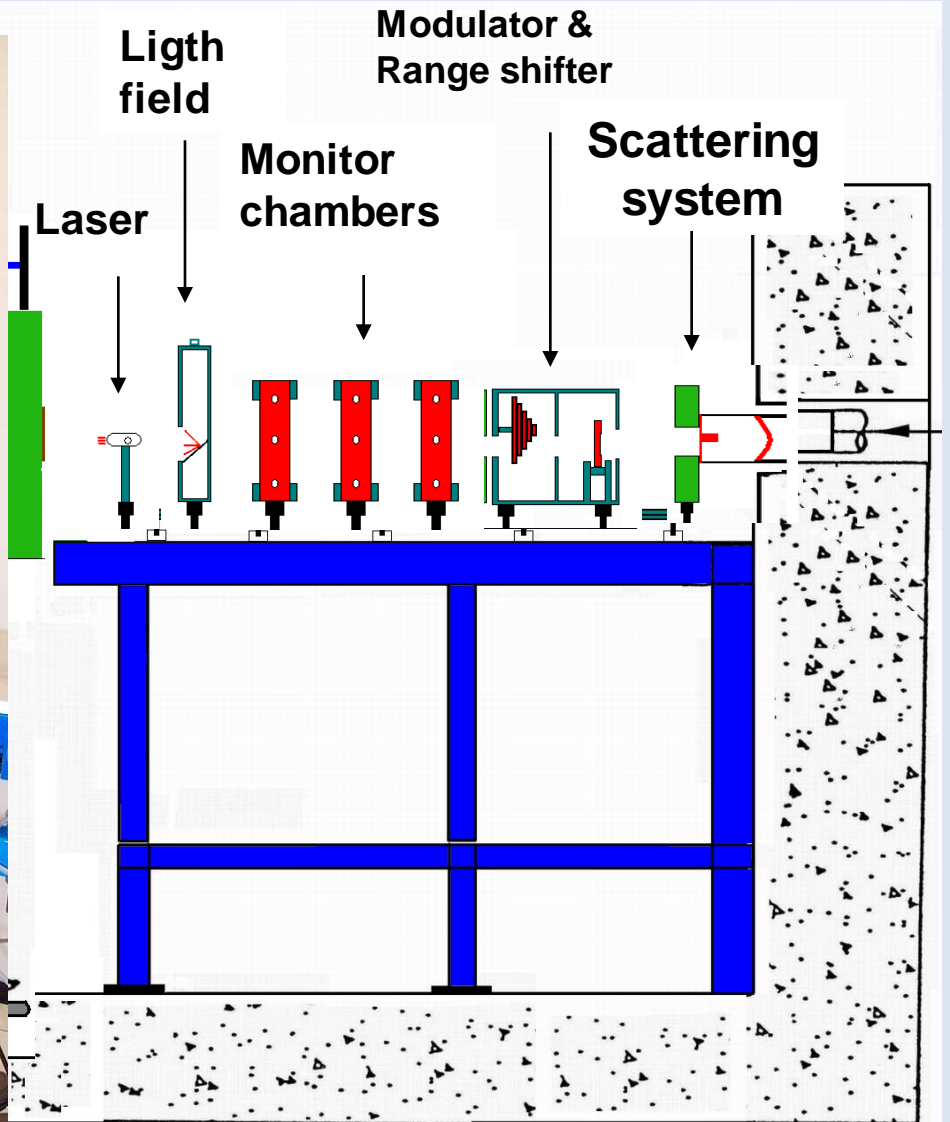
Radiobiology research by irradiating carcinogenic cells to evaluate their survival, damage, and genetic mutations.

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CATANA



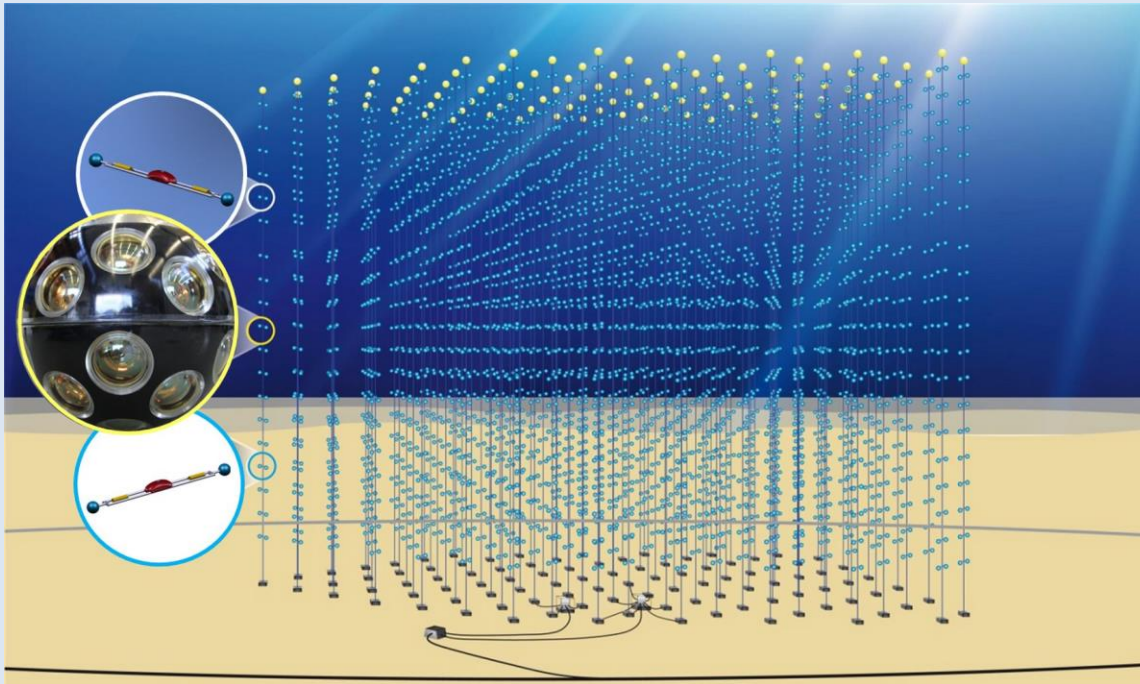
CATANA proton therapy beam line



Total Number of patients	> 500	
Deaths	6	
	Metastasis	5
	Other	1
Eye retention rate	95 %	
Surviving	98 %	
LOCAL CONTROL	95 %	

The giant-scale detector KM3NeT

Faintness of neutrino fluxes and small interaction probabilities oblige to use large natural target such as sea-water: a volume of 5 km³ of seawater will be instrumented with optical detectors.



5 building blocks
120 Detection Units (DU)
750 m DU height
180m DU distance
5 km³ volume
Budget 210 M€

KM3NeT-It is funded by INFN since 1999 (NEMO)
In 2012 the project was awarded with a
PON grant of 21 M€

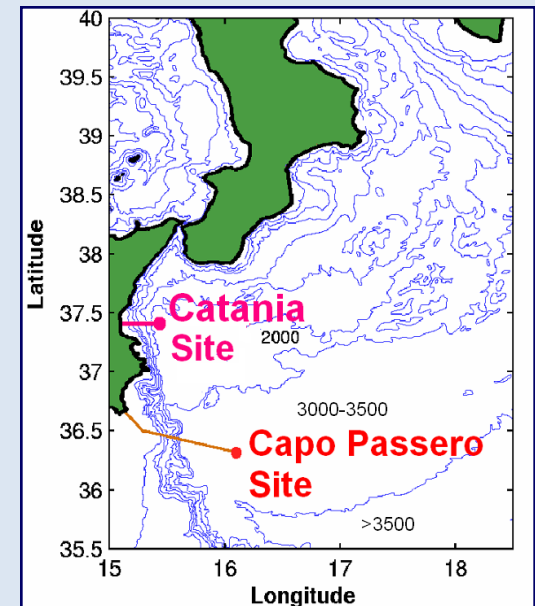
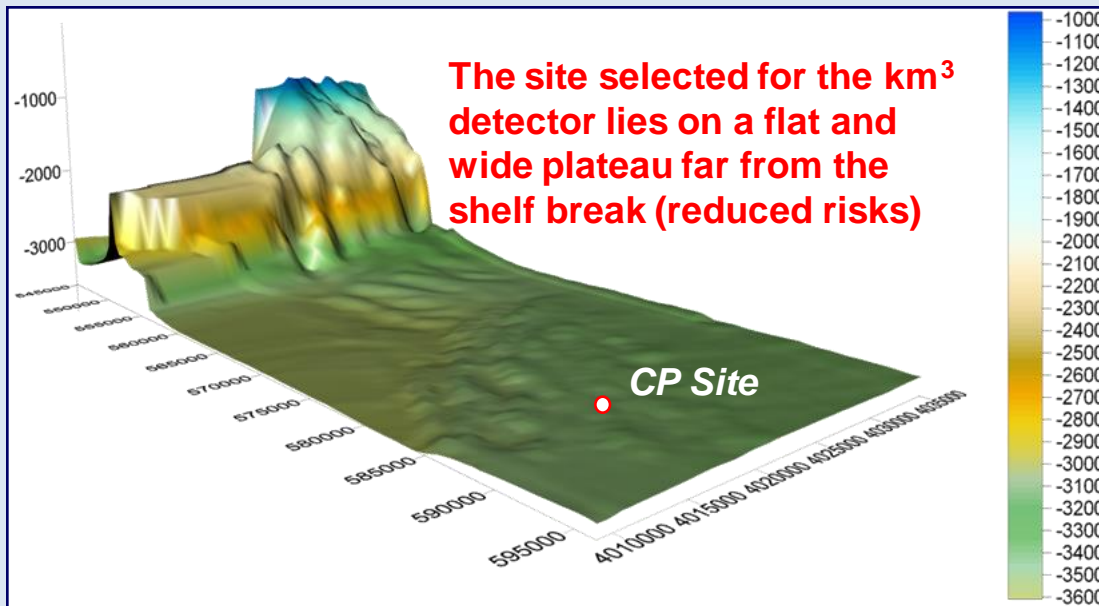


KM3NeT is a EU funded ESFRI Infrastructure since 2006.
INFN led the Preparatory Phase

The Capo Passero Site

More than 30 naval campaigns seeking deep sea sites in the Mediterranean Sea. Capo Passero is an optimal site.

- *Depth >3500 m, 90 km distance from the shore*
- *Excellent water optical properties ($L_a \approx 70 \text{ m} @ \lambda = 440 \text{ nm}$)*
- *Optical background from bioluminescence extremely low*
- *Deep sea water currents are low and stable (3 cm/s avg, 10 cm/s max)*
- *Wide abyssal plain: large extension of the detector*



KM3NeT Installation Plan

→ Site full Survey (05/2014)

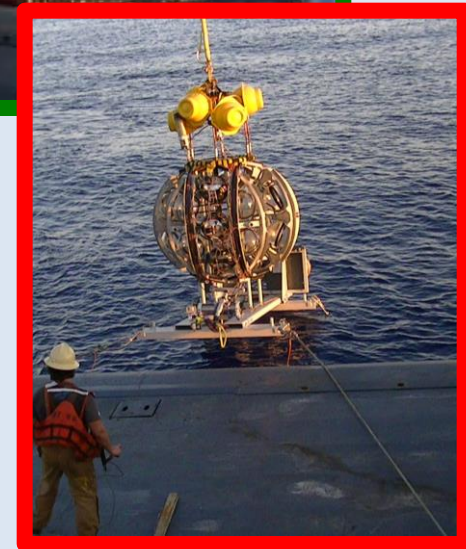
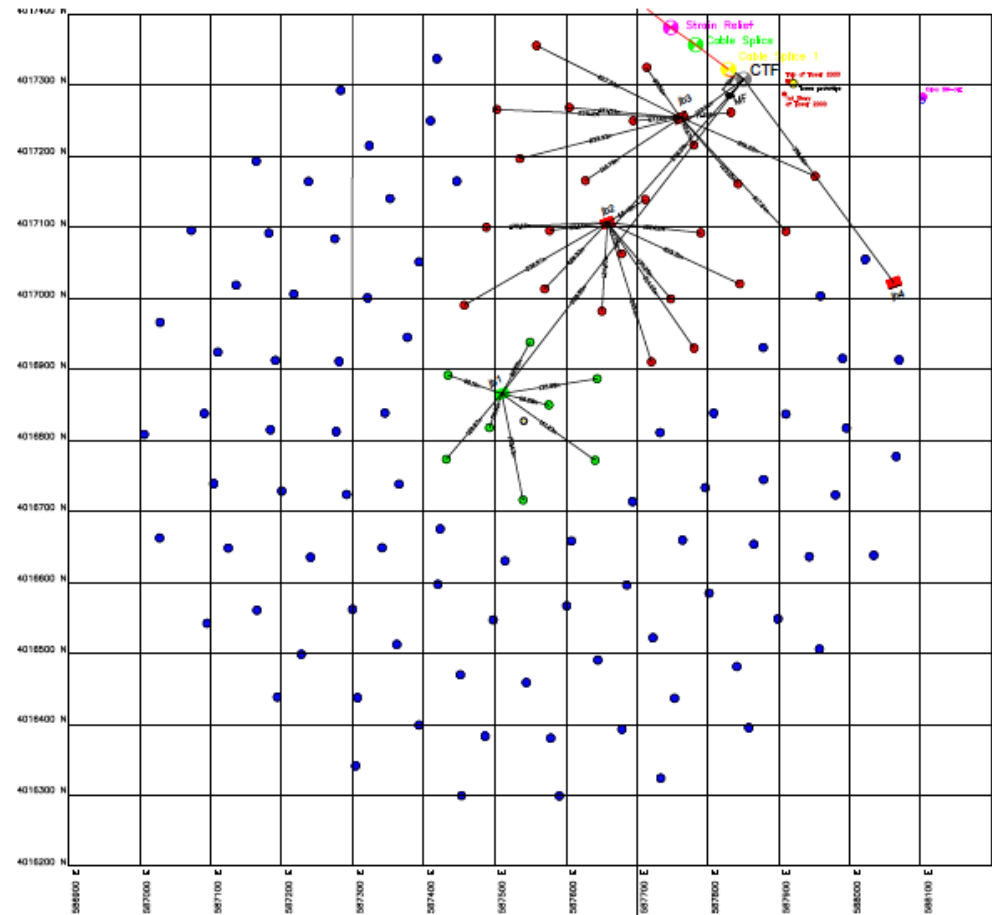
→ **8 Detection Units 2016**

A full Building Block before 2020

Area Clearance (11/2014)

26 Detection Units in 2017

1 DU (11/2014)



Sea Operation: deployment and connection



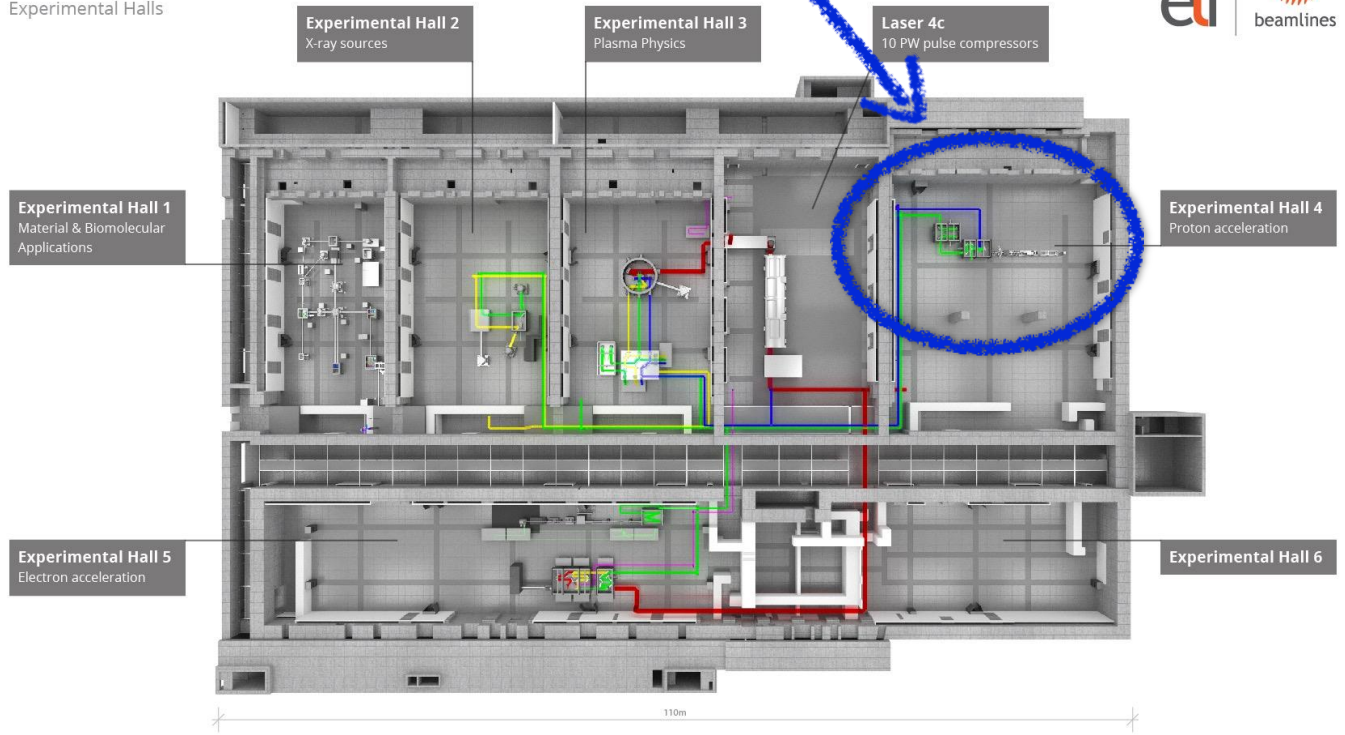
ELIMED:

ELI-Beamlines MEDical and multidisciplinary applications

- Design and development of a transport beamline for the next generation of laser-driven beams
- Design and development of diagnostic and dosimetric devices to measure the absolute and relative dose and the characteristics of laser-driven beams
- The final beamline has been successfully installed at the ELI-Beamlines facility (Prague, CZ) in July 2018. Perfectly on time with the contract.

ELIMED beamline at the ELI facility

Basement
Experimental Halls



110m

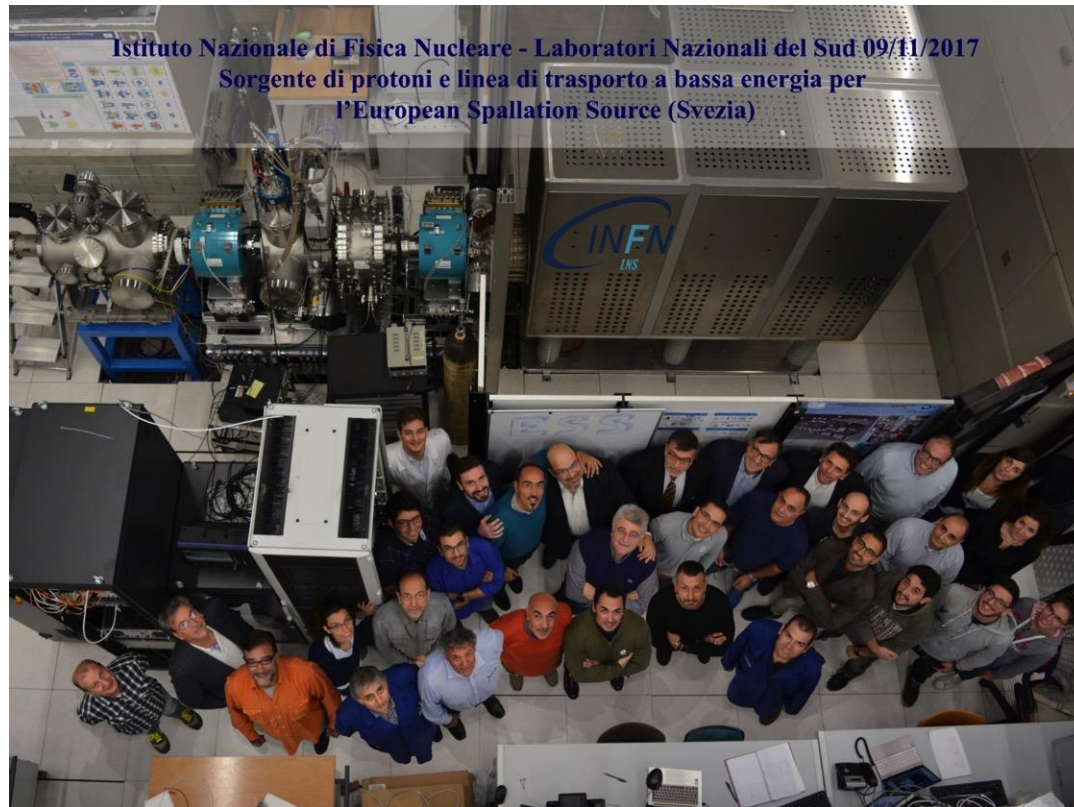


ELIMED Inauguration on Nov 27th



Sorgente di protoni e linea di trasporto per la European Spallation Source (Svezia)

2017-11-09 Source fully commissioned at INFN-LNS



Milestones 3/3

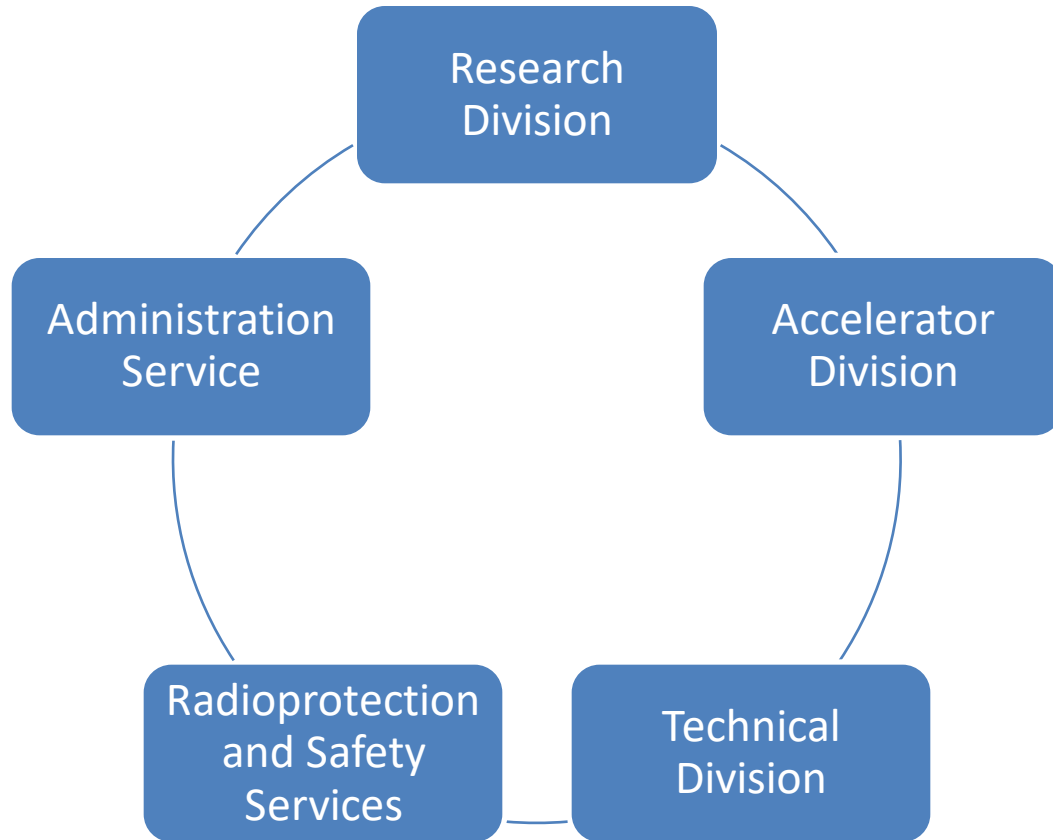
2018-08-03 Source ready for commissioning in Lund



ESS Inauguration on Nov 15th



LNS towards users





European Nuclear Science and Application Research 2

ENSAR2 – Grant Agreement n. 654002



- Starting date March 1st , 2016
- Duration 48 months



ENSAR2 is the integrating activity for European nuclear scientists who are performing research in three of the major subfields defined by **NuPECC: Nuclear Structure and Dynamics, Nuclear Astrophysics and Nuclear Physics Tools and Applications.**

Grant Agreement between

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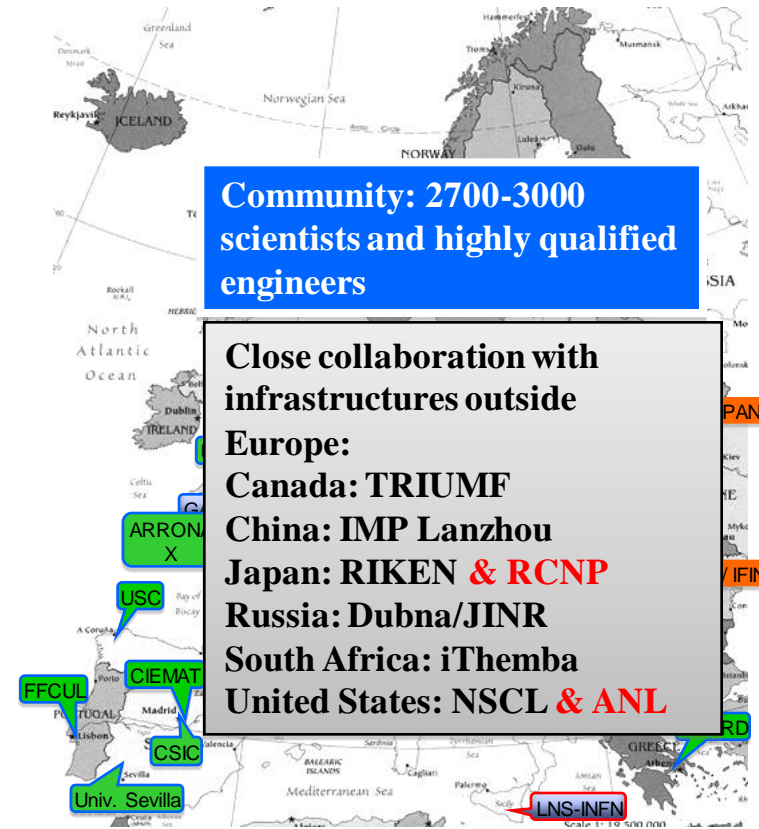
... and on the other part

GANIL, as coordinator and other 29 beneficiaries (15 countries)

Activities:

25 WP:

- 8 Networking Activities (NAs)**
- 7 Joint Research Activities (JRAs)**
- 10 Transnational Access (TAs)**



Community: 2700-3000 scientists and highly qualified engineers

Close collaboration with infrastructures outside Europe:
Canada: TRIUMF
China: IMP Lanzhou
Japan: RIKEN & RCNP
Russia: Dubna/JINR
South Africa: iThemba
United States: NSCL & ANL

TAs

- **GANIL-SPIRAL2 (France)**
- **LNL-LNS (INFN, Italy)**
- **ISOLDE (CERN, Switzerland)**
- **JYFL (Finland)**
- **ALTO (CNRS, France)**
- **GSI (Germany)**
- **KVI-CART (The Netherlands)**
- **NLC (HIL/IFJ PAN, Poland)**
- **IFIN-HH/ELI-NP (Romania)**
- **ECT* (Italy)**

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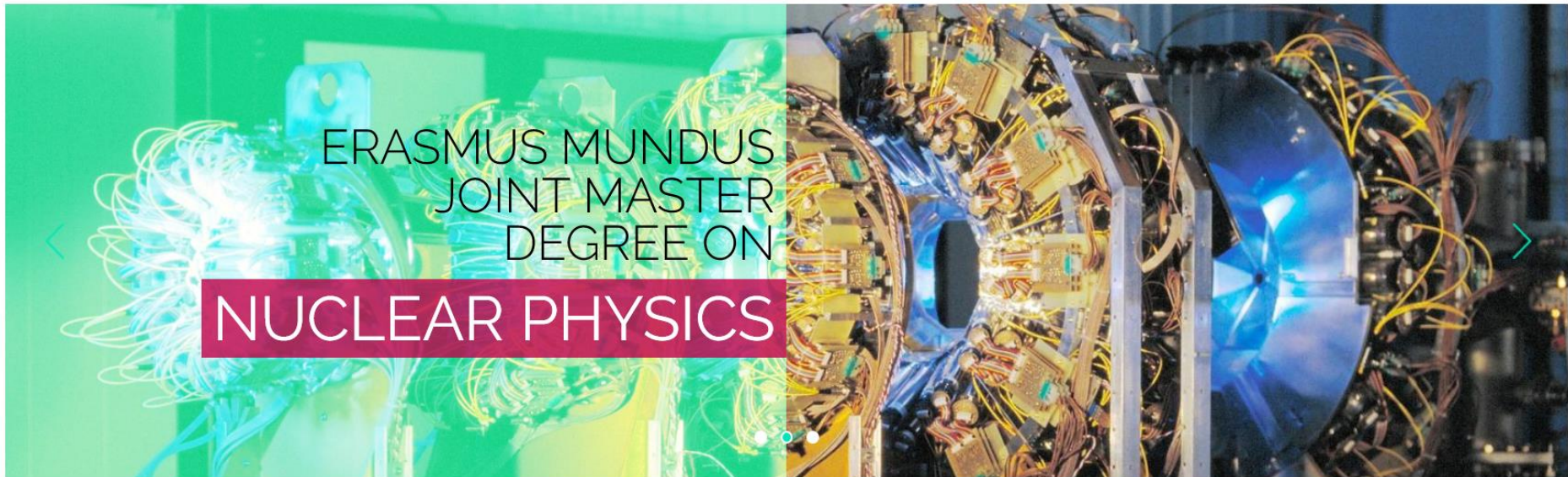
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Consortium

French part of the consortium



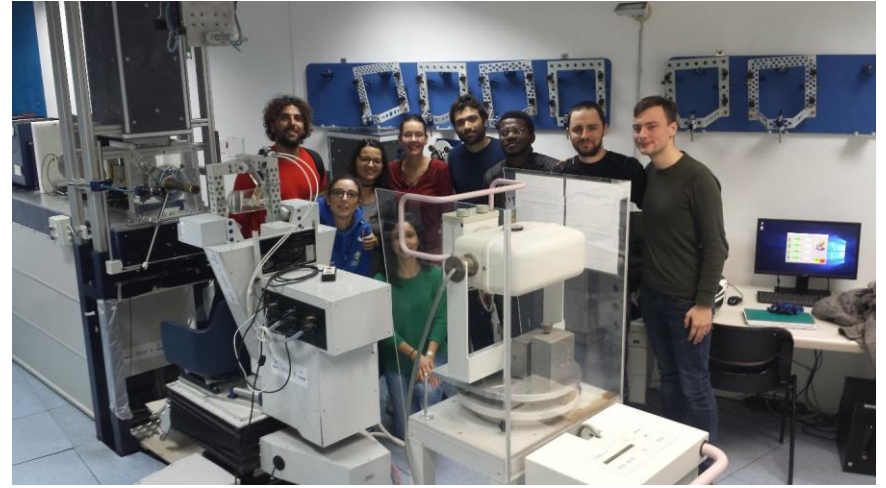
UNIVERSITÉ
CAEN NORMANDIE

Italian part of the consortium

[University of Catania](#) is one of the first Universities in Italy, founded in 1433. It is closely related to the INFN unit in Catania and to the Laboratori Nazionali del Sud (LNS). LNS is one of the four national laboratories of INFN. Founded in 1976 it currently employs about 130 people (researcher and technicians) and associates about 130 people among professors, researcher, PhD and Diploma students from the University. It is an advanced development centre for technology and instrumentation. The research activity is mainly devoted to the study of structure and reaction of atomic nuclei by means of both a Tandem and a Superconducting Cyclotron, in collaboration with more than 700 hundreds researchers coming from Italy as well as several European and non-European countries. A Tandem accelerator allows an intense activity in **Nuclear Astrophysics** measuring the cross section of interest for fusion nuclear energy and stellar nucleosynthesis (**ASFIN2** project). Among the new projects in fundamental research it is also worth mentioning a submarine laboratory installed at 2000m depth offshore from Catania, to be used for R&D related inside the **KM3NET** project (<http://www.lns.infn.it/>). UniCT and INFN at CT and **LNS**, beyond the experiments at the frontier of the Nuclear Physics, are strongly active in several aspects of **Applied Nuclear Physics** such as accelerators technology, cultural heritage and Archaeometry with non-destructive techniques (LANDIS and PH3DRA labs), monitoring of Nuclear Waste, Laser Physics for Nuclear Fusion plasma and above all in Nuclear Medicine with a centre for eye-melanoma therapy and the projects **CATANA**, ELIMED, SCENT (see Form A.1.4). The students of EMJMD will be allowed to profit also from an on-going agreement between LNS and Azienda Ospedaliero Universitaria Policlinico di Catania to have a direct experience of applied nuclear medicine.

PATH 3: Applications and small accelerators (1/4 of the students)

Catania S1	Advanced Quantum Mechanics (6)	Advanced Statistical Mechanics (6)	Nuclear & Subnuclear Physics Lab. (6)	Nuclear and Subnuclear Physics (6) or / Nuclear Structure (6)	Advanced Nuclear Techniques Applied to Medicine/ Environmental Radioactivity (6)
Catania S2	Nuclear Reaction Theory (6)	Theory of the Strong Interaction (6)	Nuclear Astrophysics (6)	Experimental Nuclear Physics / Environmental Physics Lab. (6)	Archeometry / Accelerator Physics and Applications (6)
France; S3	Research Internship + Thesis Project (12)	Common Advanced course (6)	Choice between <div style="background-color: #e08080; padding: 2px; margin: 2px;">Metrology and data analysis (6) + exp.nucl.phys.+accelerators (6)</div> <div style="background-color: #c0a0d0; padding: 2px; margin: 2px;">Applications for therapy (12)</div>		
Spain S4	Master thesis on applications and small accelerators (30)				



Activities

#NucphysCatania students have been involved in a session of CATANA (Centro di AdroTerapia e Applicazioni Nucleari Avanzate) activity at the Laboratori Nazionali del Sud.

CATANA was the first Italian center where protontherapy for tumors treatment was applied and still is the unique Italian center where is possible to treat ocular melanoma with proton beams.

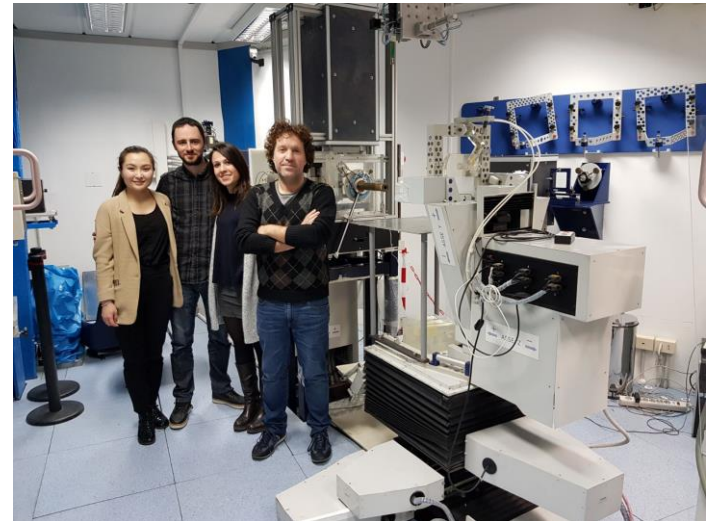
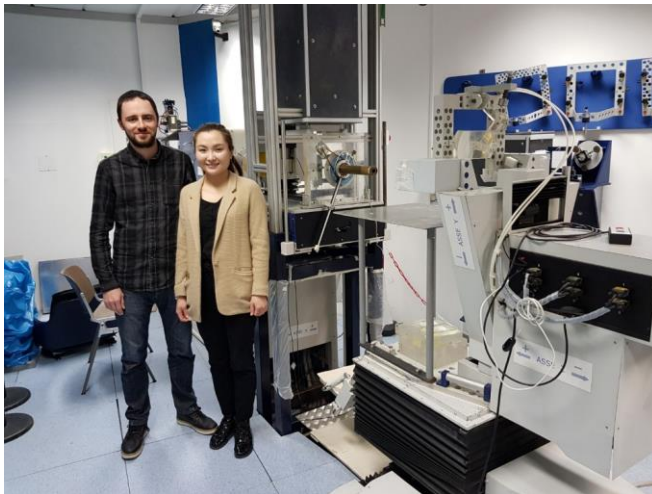
Students had the opportunity to observe the different phases of clinical treatments: beam preparation, beam monitoring, dose monitoring and patient irradiation.

In addition, two of them were directly involved in a new INFN project called "ELECTRODE".

The ELECTRODE project is aimed in the development of a completely new in-vivo, non-invasive, bias-free dosimetric system for the on-line dose monitoring of patients undergoing to radiotherapy treatment.

Two external experts have supervised the activities, Dr. G.A.P. Cirrone (INFN-LNS) responsible of the CATANA beam line and Dr. L. Raffaele (Azienda Ospedaliera Universitaria) responsible of the dose monitoring for CATANA treatments.

External
experts



Conclusions

- LNS has a scientific program well defined based on 3 pillars: [Nuclear Physics](#) + [Nuclear Astrophysics](#) and Accelerators, [Km3NeT](#) and [Applied Physics](#).
- LNS has a management system growing up in a well structured context applying modern concepts of scientific management
- LNS has a leading role for Nuclear astrophysics (with FRIBs beams and Trojan Horse Method)
- LNS is an international Research Infrastructure for neutrino astrophysics and deep sea applications (The site for KM3Net)
- LNS plays an important role in the educational processes of students from many countries



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Thank you for your attention