

## SPES beams at LNL

- Authorization to operate: infrastructures and safety
- ISOL installations
- SPES beams

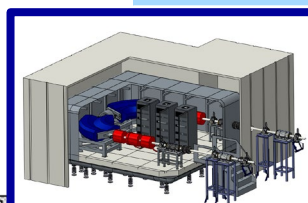
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# The SPES complex



ALPI ALPI BUILDING

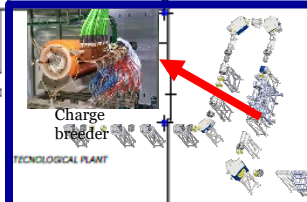
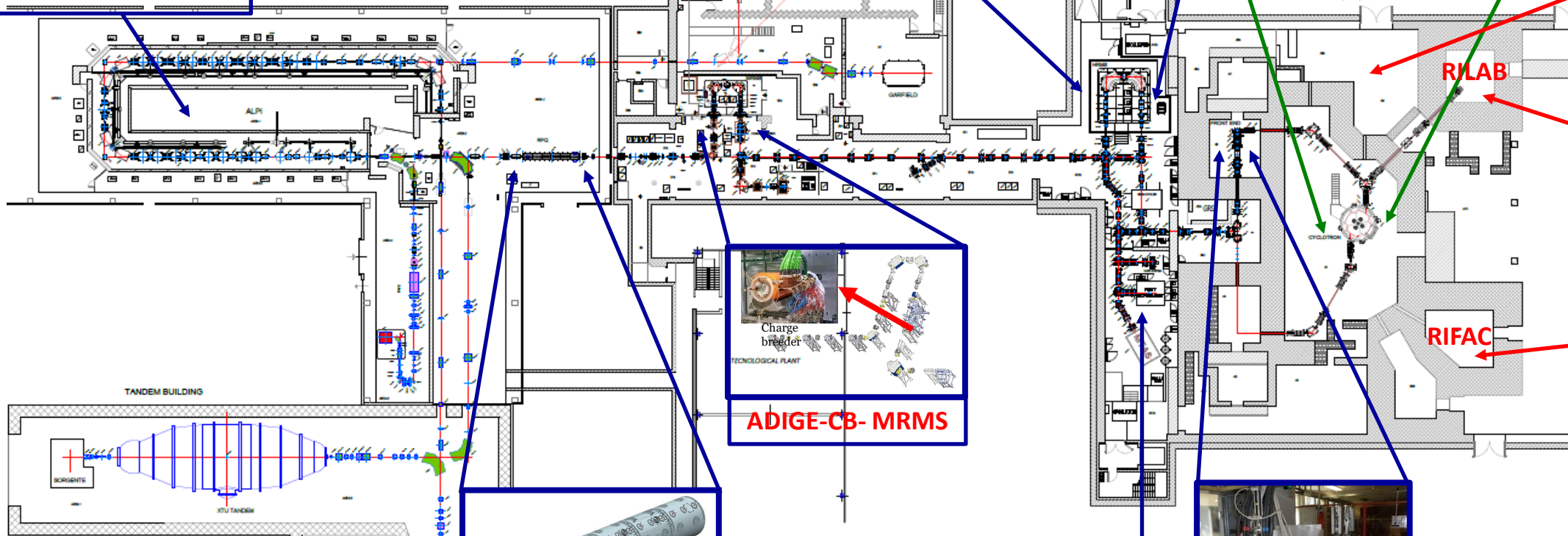


HRMS

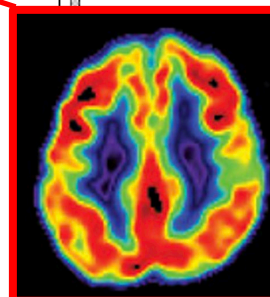


Cyclotron

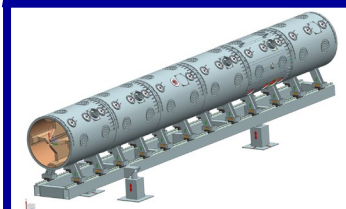
Multi-disciplinary neutron source



ADIGE-CB-MRMS



LARAMED Radionuclides of medical interest



Radio Frequency Quadrupole

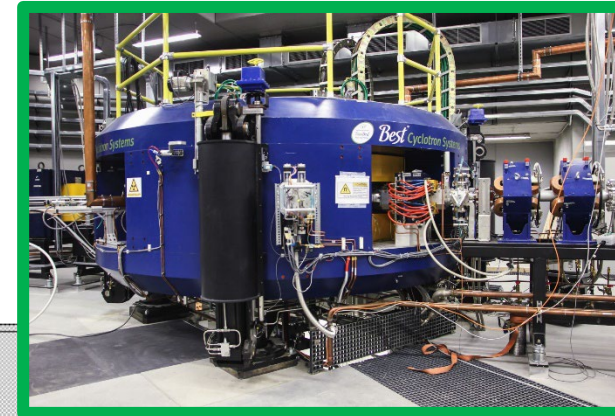
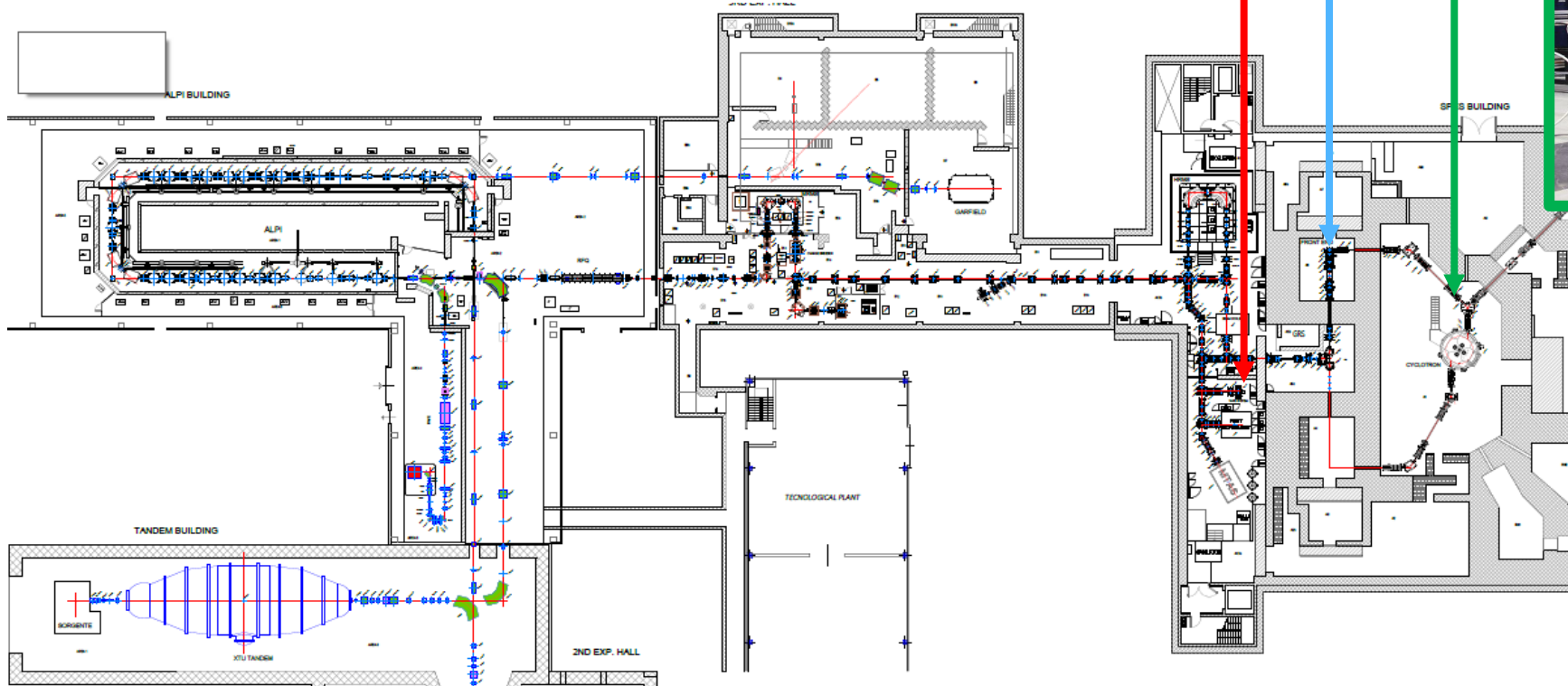
Experimental hall Low Energy R.I.B.



Target Ion Source Complex

# Short term objectives

- **Cyclotron** high intensity operation
- Cyclotron beam delivery on **Target Ion Source complex** and production of radioactive ion beams
- **Experimental activity** with L.E. radioactive beams



# Authorization to operate

**D.I. (Permission Decrees)** issued by ISIN, National Inspectorate for Nuclear Safety and Radioprotection

## Phase alfa – Permission Decree D.I. 11/09/2012

- ❖ Production of 70 MeV, 750  $\mu$ A proton beams with the Cyclotron
- ❖ Production of radioactive beams with conventional targets (SiC, C, LaC<sub>2</sub>, ...) and re-acceleration with ALPI, production of radioactive beams with UCx targets and 40 MeV, 5  $\mu$ A proton beam for commissioning

## Phase beta – Permission Decree D.I. 05/06/2019

Production of radioactive beams with UCx targets and 40 MeV, 200  $\mu$ A proton beam and re-acceleration with ALPI

## Phase gamma – Permission Decree D.I. 05/06/2019

Production of innovative radioisotopes, both for medical purposes and for applied research

**Fire Prevention Certificate** is needed too, to be released by the Fire Brigade

**January 2021:** fire prevention design for phase alfa presented to the Fire Brigade



*Ministero dell'Interno*

Dipartimento dei Vigili del Fuoco del Soccorso Pubblico e della Difesa Civile

Comando dei Vigili del Fuoco di  
PADOVA

Padova 22/01/2021

**OGGETTO:** VALUTAZIONE DI CONFORMITA' **POSITIVA CONDIZIONATA** DEL PROGETTO AI SENSI DELL'ART. 3 D.P.R. N. 151/2011.  
Pratica VV.F. n. 4124 relativa all'attività n. 58.2.C - del D.P.R. n 151/2011.  
Ditta I.N.F.N. LEGNARO – VIA DELL' UNIVERSITÀ 2 LEGNARO.-

**January 22, 2021:** a document of positive evaluation of compliance issued, conditioned to the realization of what has been declared

Before starting the facility operation, a communication **(S.C.I.A.)** has to be presented to the Fire Brigade in order to get the **C.P.I. (Fire Prevention Certificate)**

# Fire prevention infrastructures

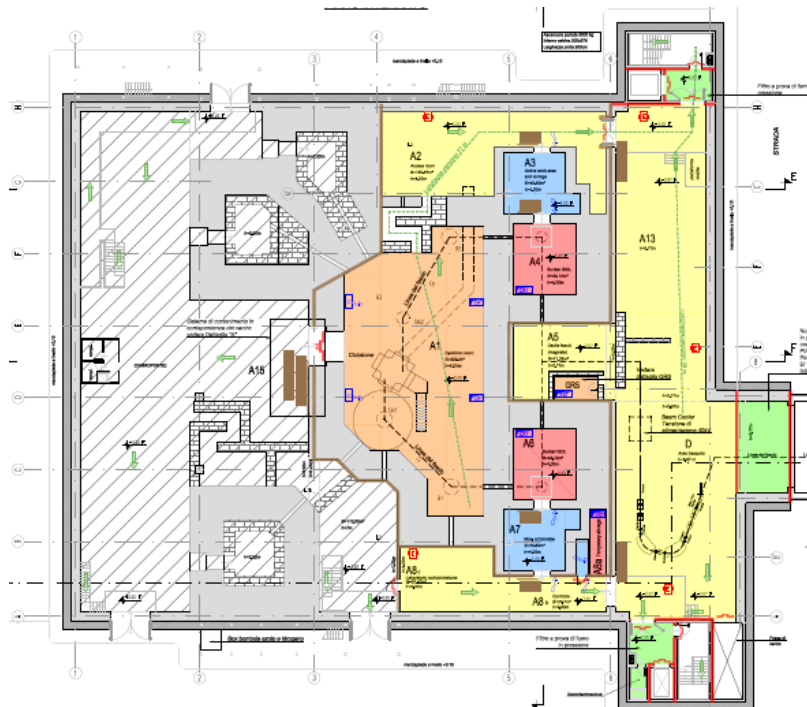
## Fire prevention design phase alfa: Risk assessment and protection actions

1. General safety objectives (normal operation and emergency)
2. Nuclear safety objectives
3. Confinement objectives: Reaction to fire of materials, Fire resistance of structures, Fire compartmentalization

Fire compartmentalization and fire sealing implementation

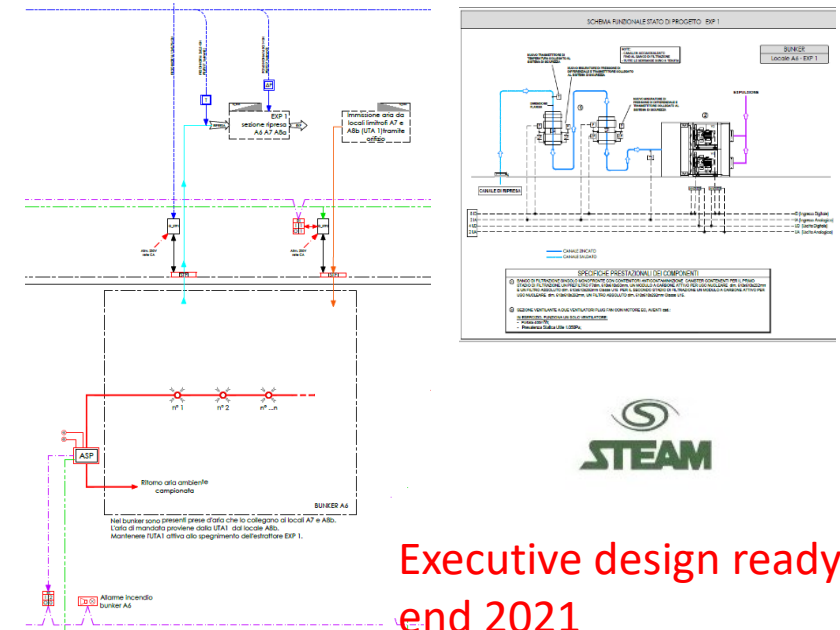
Infrastructural Actions for fire prevention

Upgrade of the ventilation system according to ISO 17873 - Criteria for the design and operation of ventilation systems for nuclear installations different from nuclear reactors



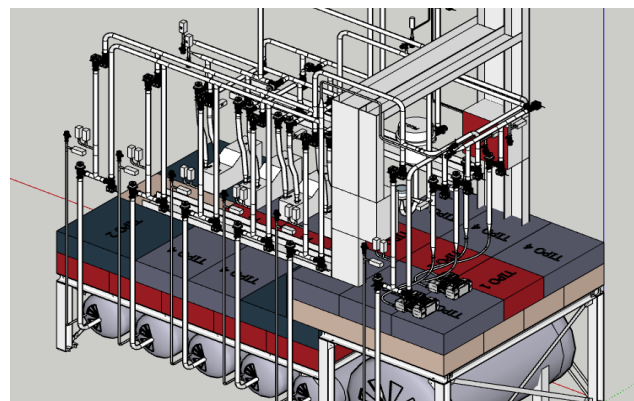
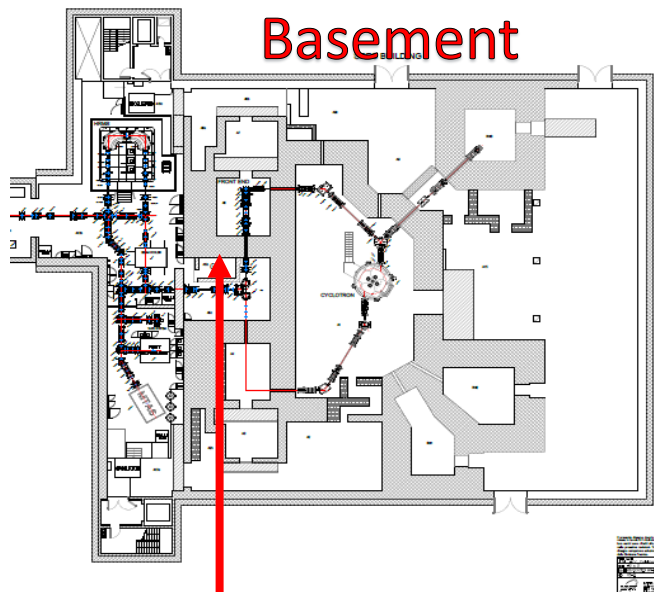
Executive design ready April 2022

Tender: Apr-Jul 2022  
Works: Sep-Nov 2022

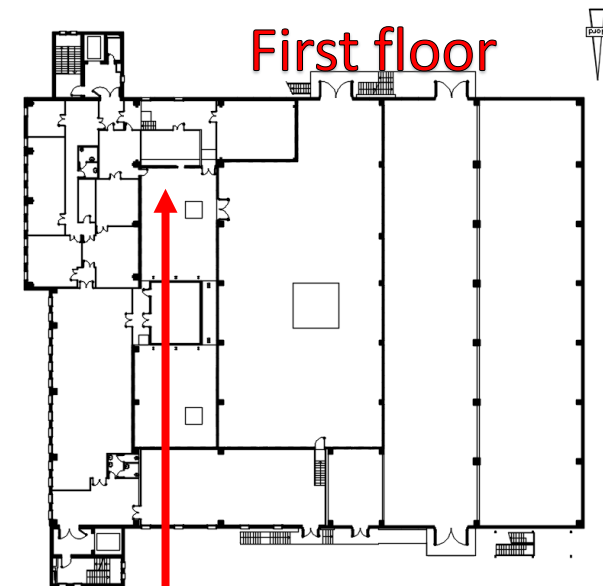


Executive design ready  
end 2021

# Safety activities: Gas Recovery System completed



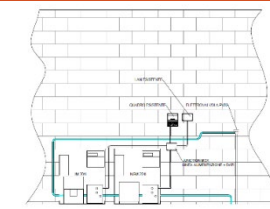
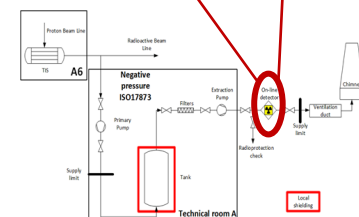
Jun 2021



Jan 2022



TNE TECHNOLOGY NUCLEAR ELECTRONICS SPA  
 Detector for **iodine** (NaI Scintillator) and detector for **noble gases** (Dual PIPS type)



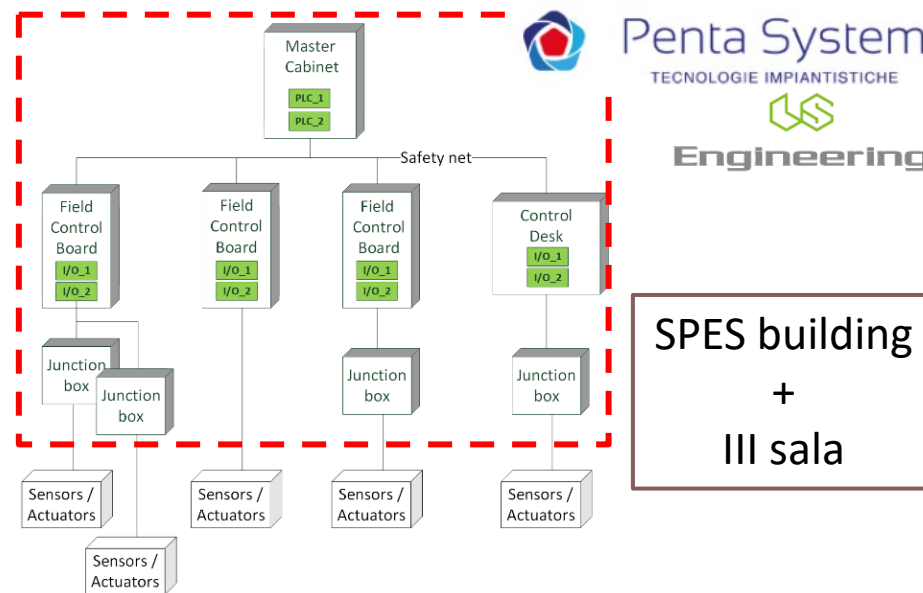
# Safety activities: Final tests of the safety system

The SPES safety system was designed by the LNL safety group in collaboration with PILZ according to the safety guidelines and rules for nuclear installations

## Safety network installed

PLCs, safety I/O modules, local nodes, racks and junction boxes

**Mar 2021 – Jan 2022**



Bench tests and final tests (the last 2 milestones of the PILZ contract) will not be accomplished with PILZ

A new company with proper competences will replace PILZ

**Tender: Jun-Sep 2022**

**Tests: Oct-Nov 2022**

# ISOL installation: TIS complex installed in the ISOL bunker

**July 2021**  
**Front-end**

**October 2021**  
**Proton beam line**

**March 2021**  
**Wien filter & Electrostatic triplet**

**Basement floor**

The image is a composite of several elements. On the left is a detailed architectural floor plan of the 'Basement floor' of the 'SPES BUILDING'. A blue rectangular box on the plan highlights the location of the TIS complex. Three orange lines radiate from this box to three different photographs. The top-left photograph, dated July 2021, shows the 'Front-end' of the TIS complex, a large piece of machinery with a prominent cylindrical component. The top-right photograph, dated October 2021, shows the 'Proton beam line' section, which is a long, vertical assembly of various components. The bottom-right photograph, dated March 2021, shows the 'Wien filter & Electrostatic triplet' section, featuring a large blue cabinet and associated piping. A 3D schematic of the entire TIS complex is positioned in the center, with colored boxes (green, blue, and red) highlighting the areas shown in the photographs. The green box highlights the front-end, the blue box highlights the beam line, and the red box highlights the Wien filter and triplet section.



# ISOL installation: TIS complex installed in the ISOL bunker



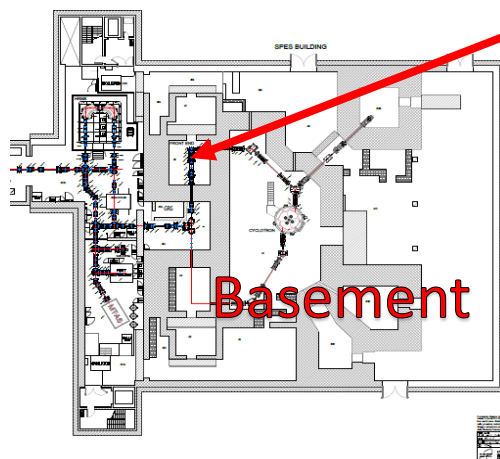
# ISOL installation activities: TIS HV platform



**Feb-Apr 2022**



**First floor**



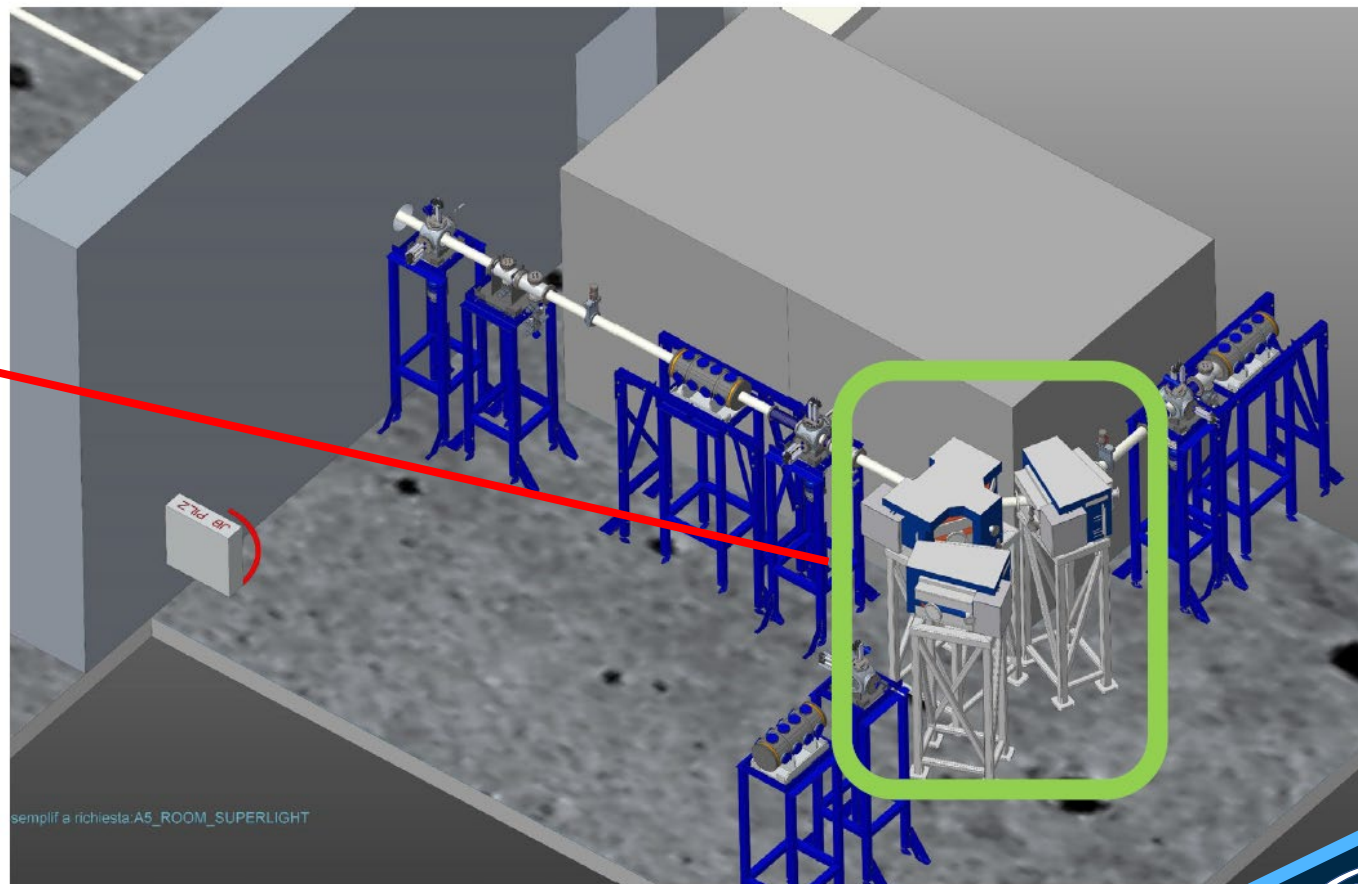
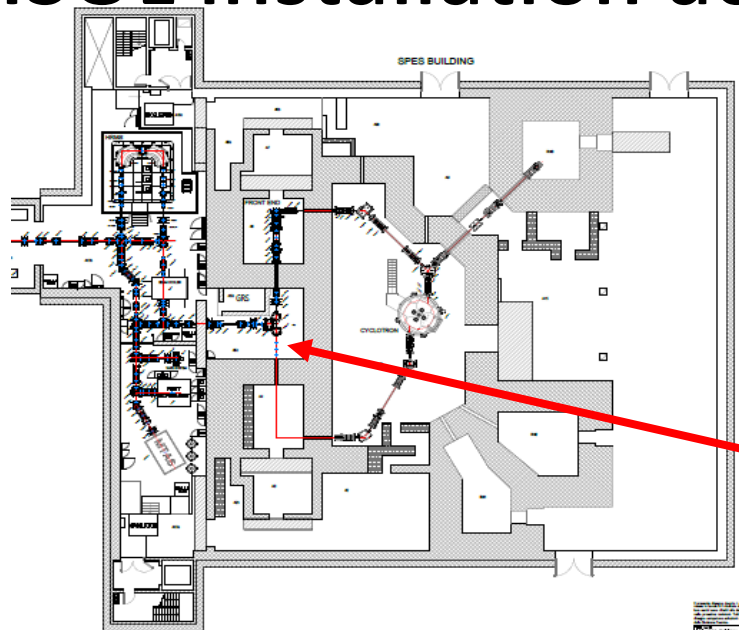
**Basement**



Installation of electrical, hydraulic, pneumatic plants: **May-July 2022**

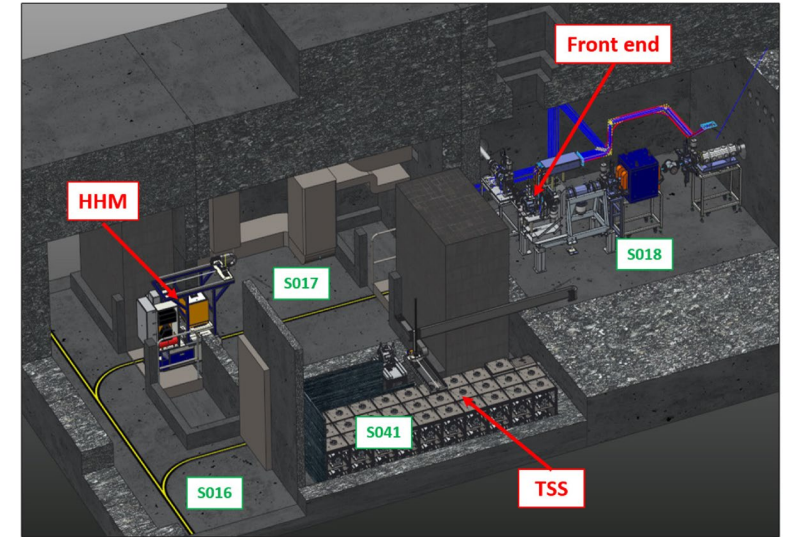
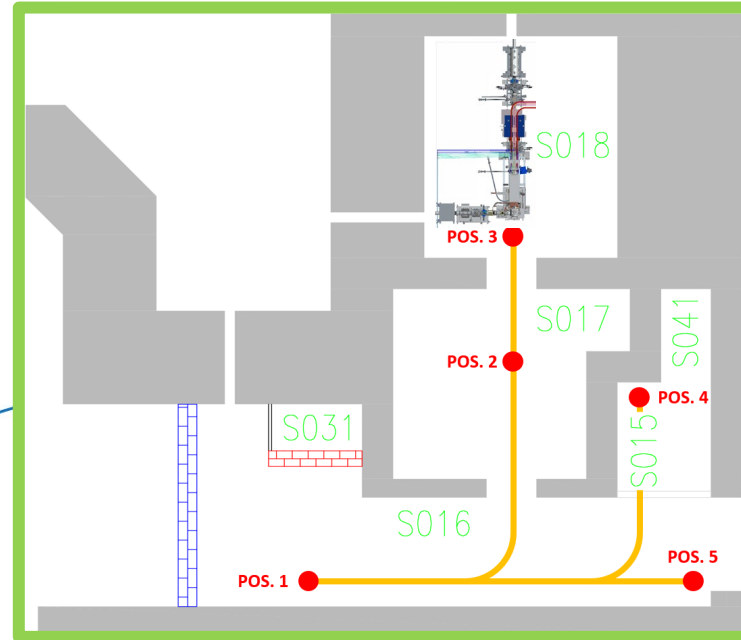
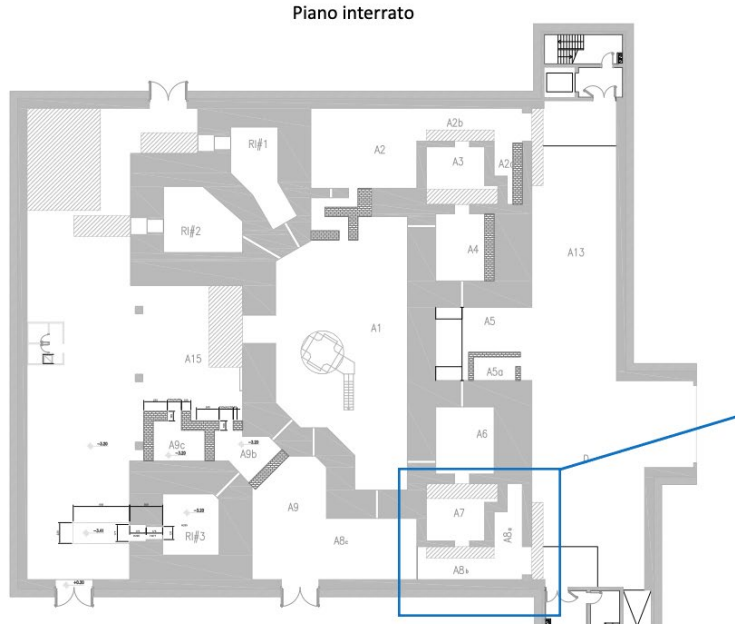
Tests of the Target Ion Source complex with stable beams: **Sep-Dec 2022**

# ISOL installation activities: Low Resolution Mass Separator



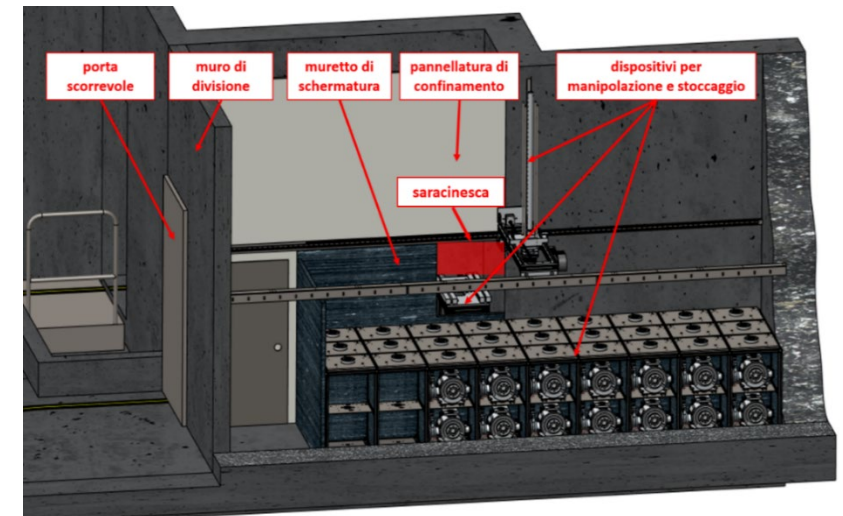
**Apr-Jun 2022**

# ISOL installation activities: Temporary Storage System

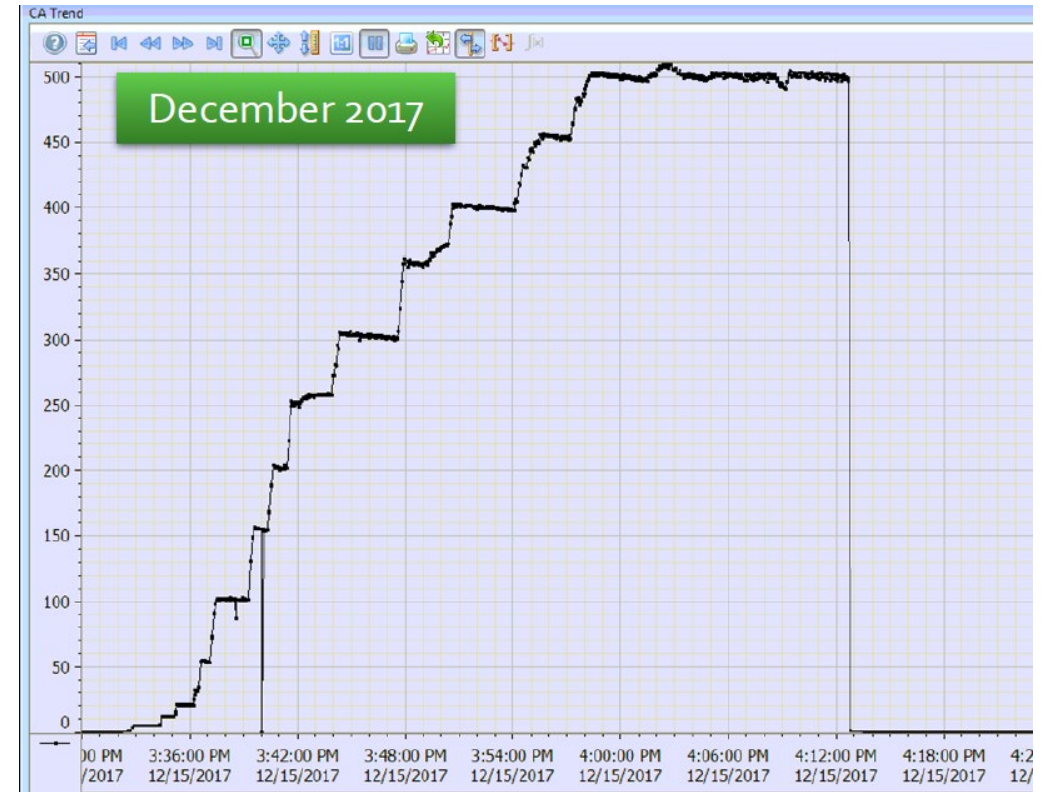
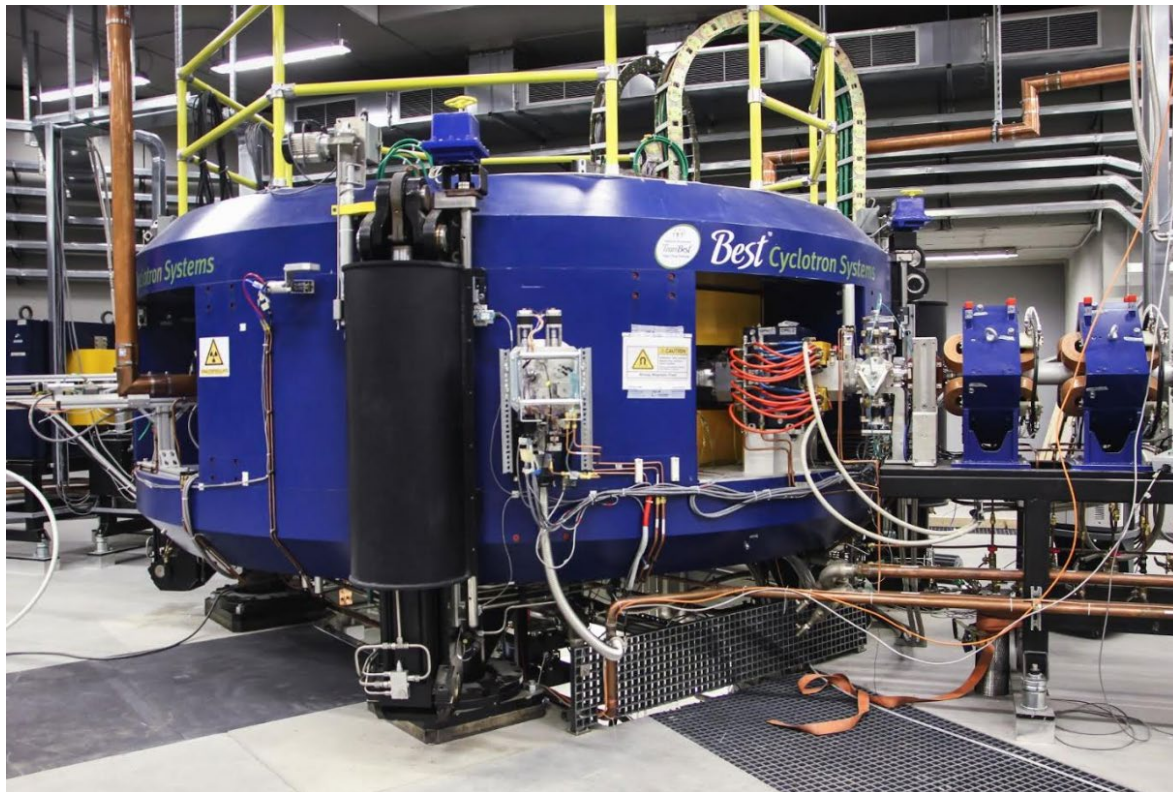


Infrastructures:  
Tender: **May-Jul 2022**  
Works: **Sep-Oct 2022**

Mechanics:  
Tender **awarded**  
Works: **Nov 22-Mar 23**



# Cyclotron



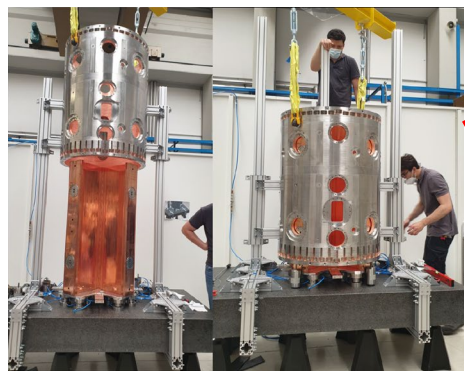
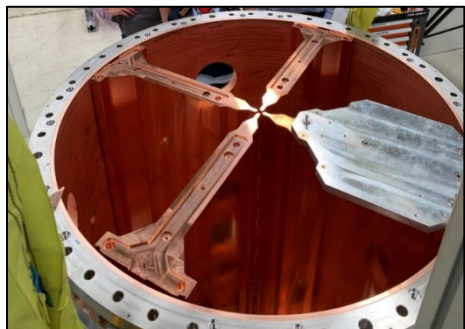
2011-2014  
Study,  
construction,  
FAT

2015  
Installation

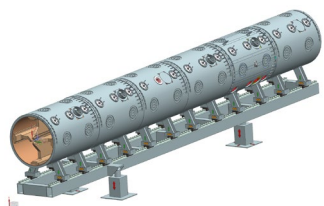
2016  
First beam

2017  
SAT  
protons 500  $\mu$ A 70 MeV

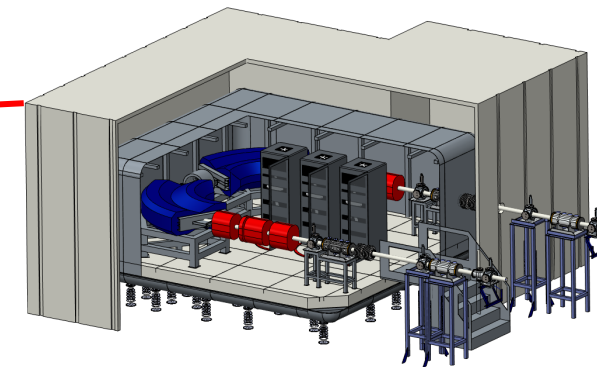
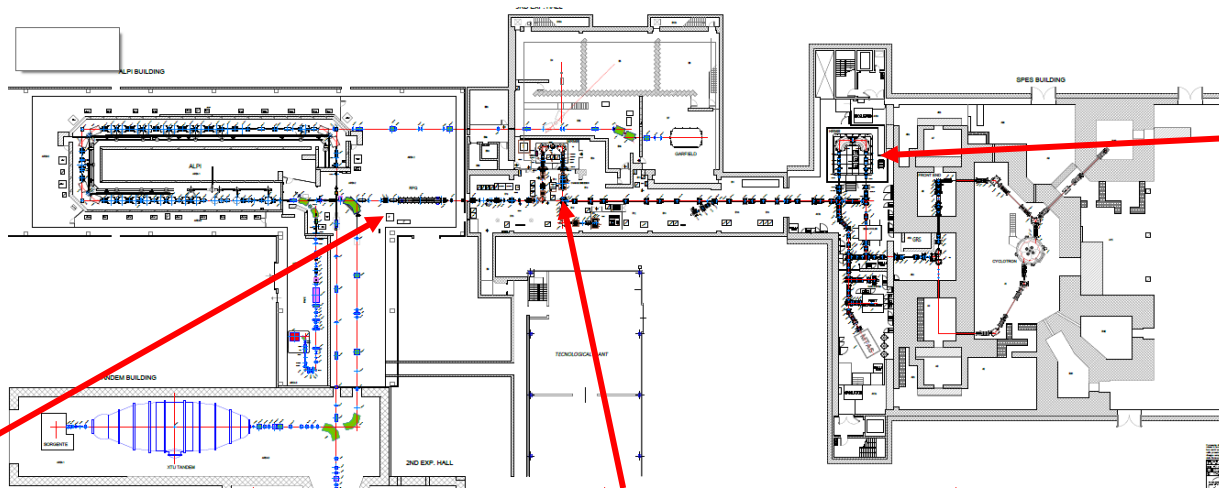
# Re-acceleration activities: RFQ, ADIGE, HRMS



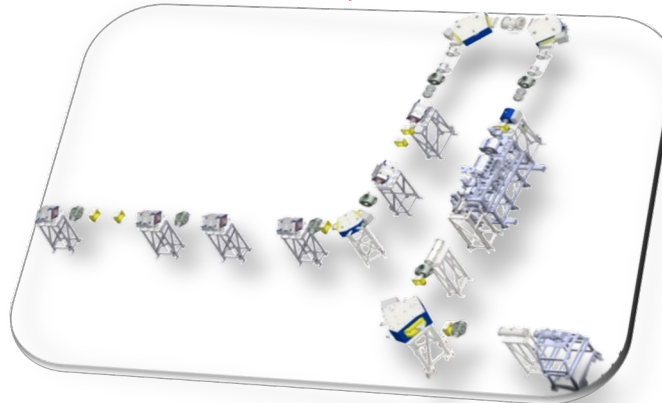
Electrodes and tank assembly



- First module assembled in 2021
- 5 modules to be assembled in 2022
- RF tests and tuning mid 2023
- Expected to be operative end 2023

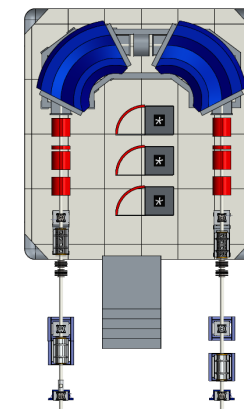


- Tender started: Dec 2021
- Tender completed: Jan 2023
- Delivery: mid of 2024
- Installation: mid 2025



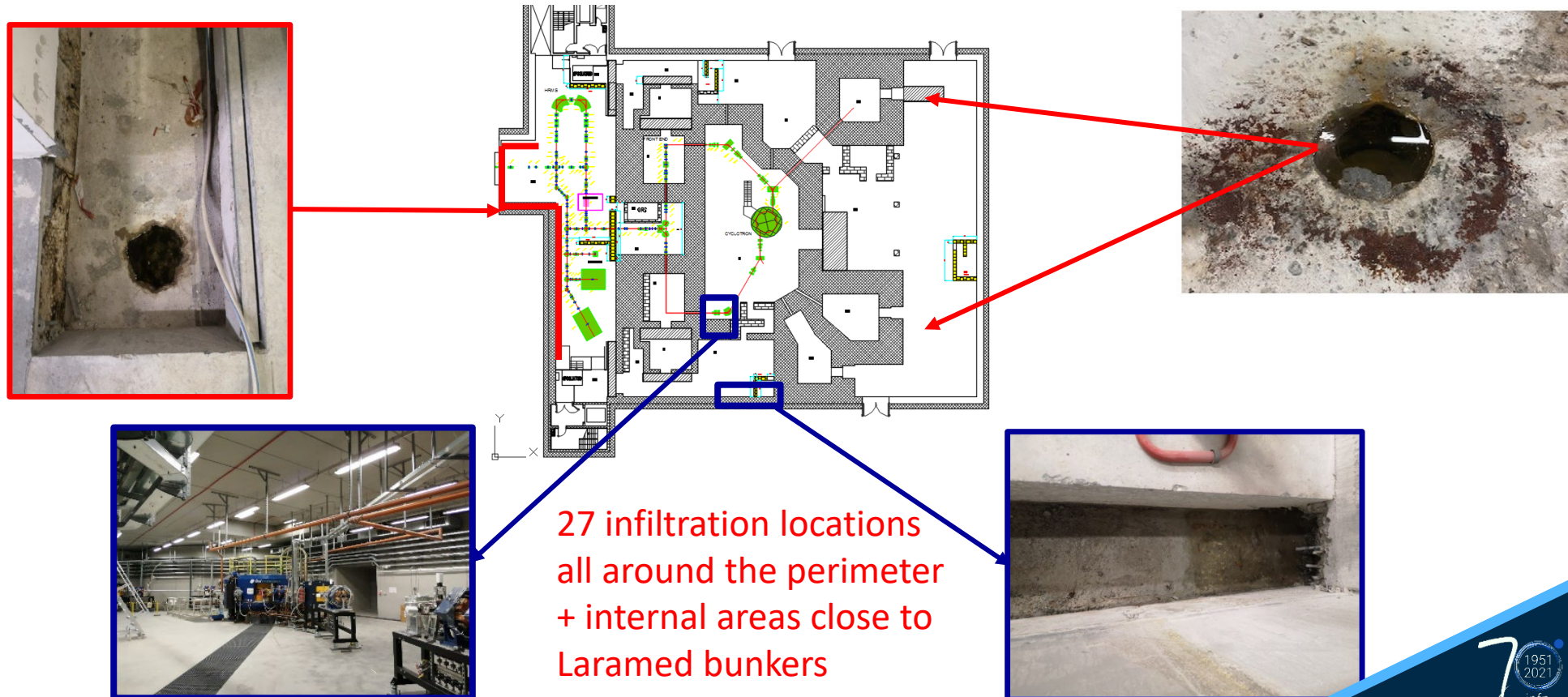
- Source characterization operations
- Beam pipe installations
- Beam line operations
- Charge breeder tests

Expected to be operative end 2023 -> mid 2024



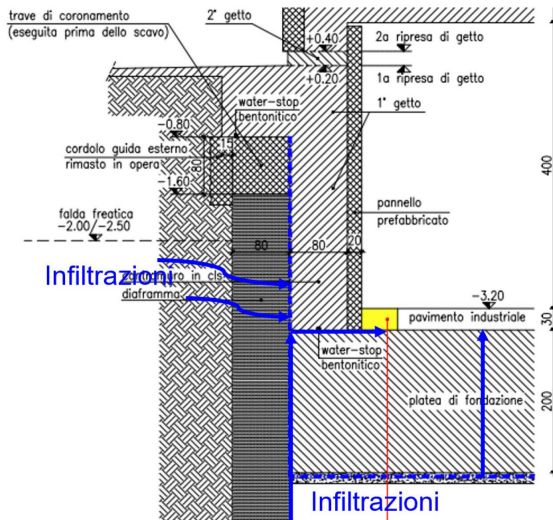
# Water infiltration

- Evidence at the time of the building delivery (2015). Problem mitigated in 2017 through sealing interventions
- In February 2021 the previous condition came back independently from rain -> **ground water**
- Water located around the whole perimeter of the building, especially in the experimental area and in the Cyclotron vault, and close to the Larmed bunkers



# Analysis of water infiltration

The Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering of the University of Padova has been consulted to investigate on the infiltration origins and find a feasible solution



Possible defects:

- Diaphragm walls with no effective water stops
- Bentonite layer probably not acting as a sealing layer
- Concrete not correctly poured over the slab...

Courtesy of P. Simonini, Dept.  
ICEA University of Padova

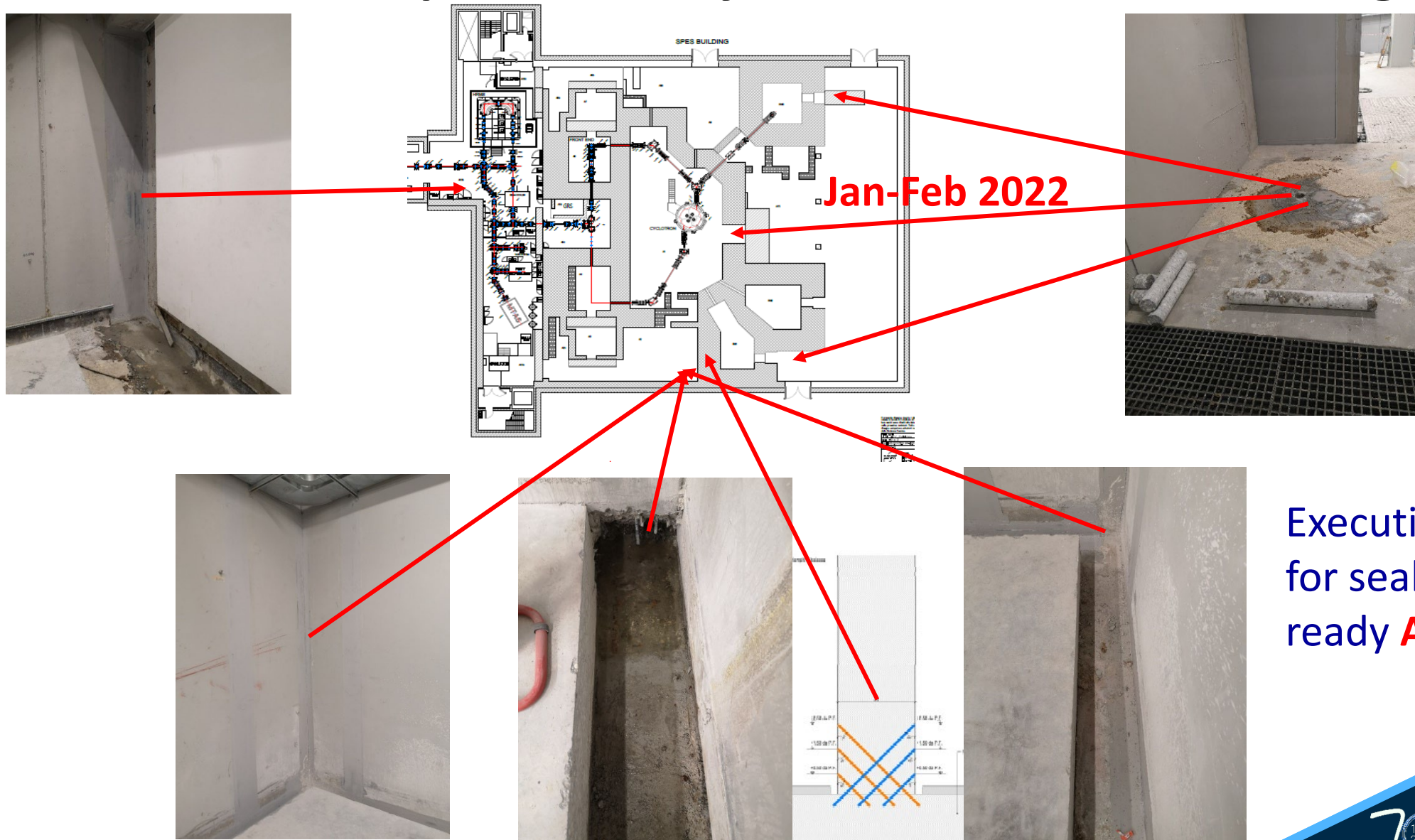
Solutions (not simple)

1. Inner sealing using resin of vertical joints between precast panels and horizontal joints between panels and slab and in the slab
2. External drainage (more complicated to be realized): excavating a perimetral trench down to 6.0-6.5 m below ground surface down to the permeable sandy layer, install pipes to collect continuously (by pumping) the water seepage flow from the surrounding soil (high cost of maintenance).

October 2021 – Order to a professional study to develop the executive design solution 1.



# Water infiltration: preliminary tests in view of sealing works



Jan-Feb 2022

Executive design for sealing works ready **April 2022**

# Expected time short term objectives

Authorization to operate SPES phase alfa: **end 2022**

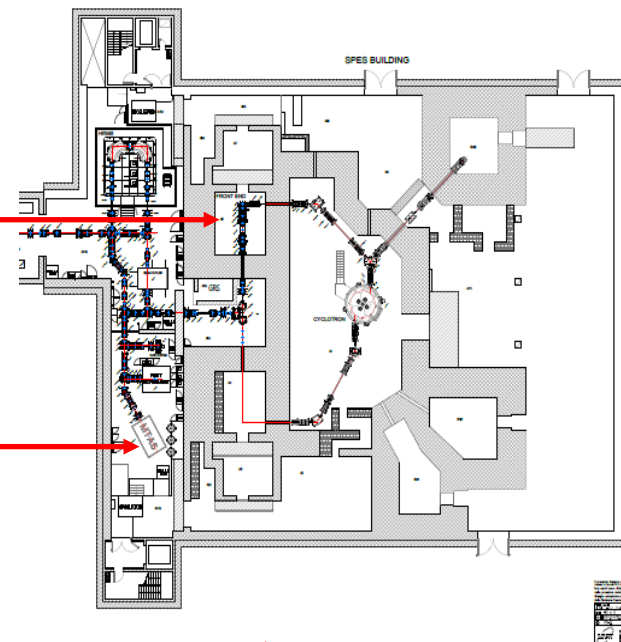


Cyclotron beam on TIS@ISOL bunker: **beg 2023**

Production of L.E. (40 keV) radioactive ion beams: **mid 2023**

Equipment of A13 exp. hall: **mid - end 2023**

Experiments with L.E. radioactive ion beams: **mid - end 2023**



# Expected time re-acceleration

Authorization to operate SPES phase beta: **end 2023**

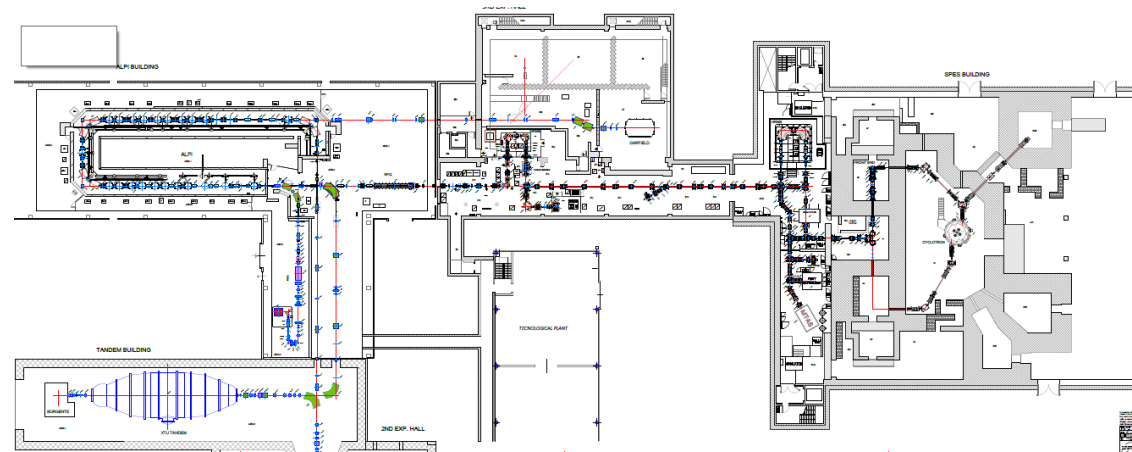
ADIGE and RFQ operative: **end 2023 – mid 2024**



Post acceleration operation no HRMS: **mid 2024**

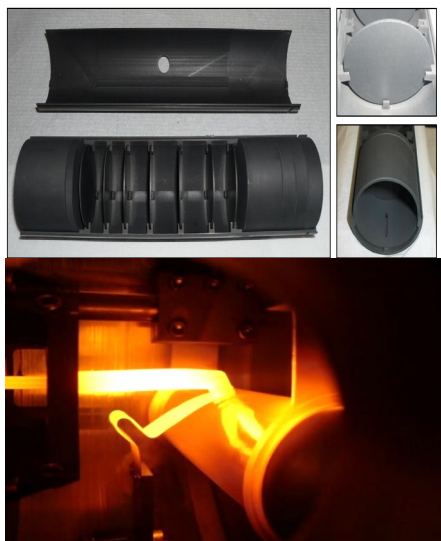
Installation of HRMS: **mid 2025**

Post acceleration operation with HRMS: **end 2025**

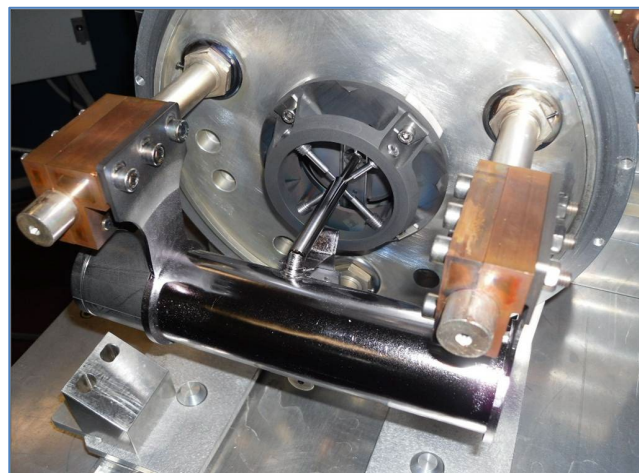
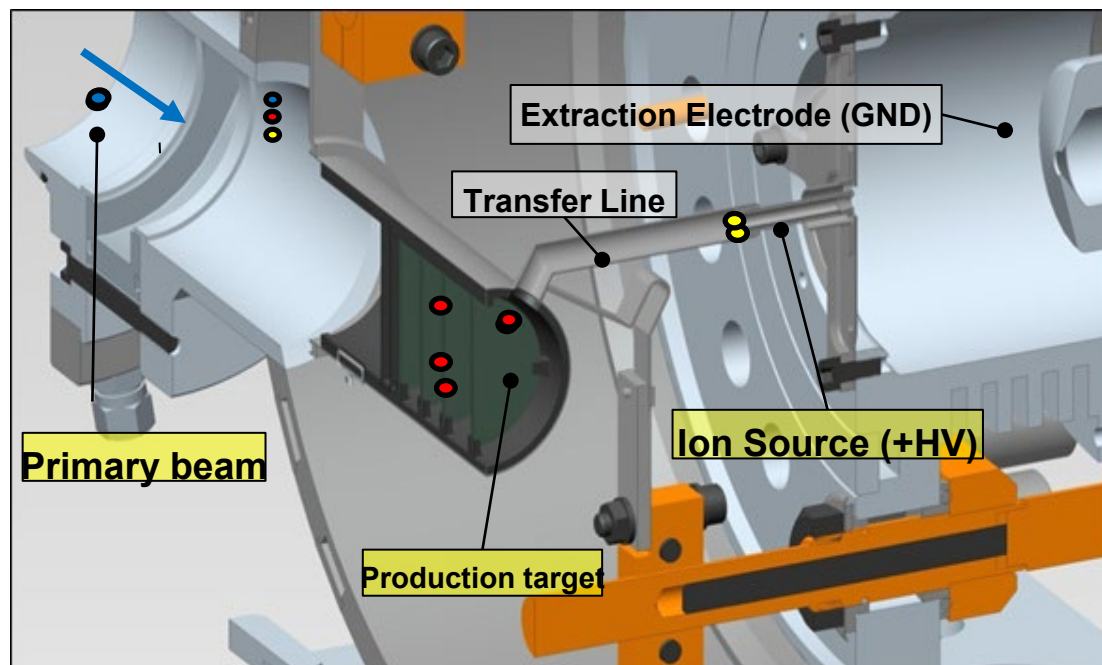


# SPES beams

## Target

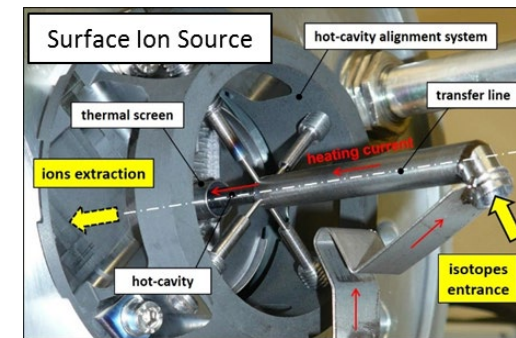


- UCx
- SiC
- ZrGe
- TiC

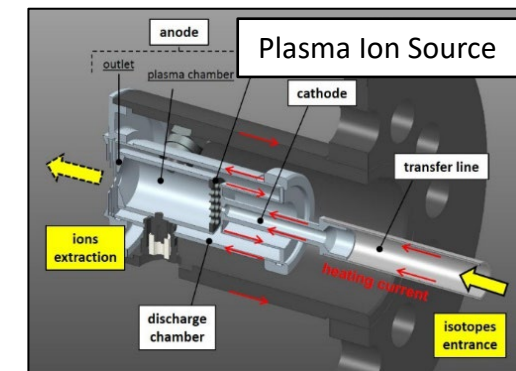


### TIS UNIT

## Sources



### SIS: Rb, Cs, Sr, Ba

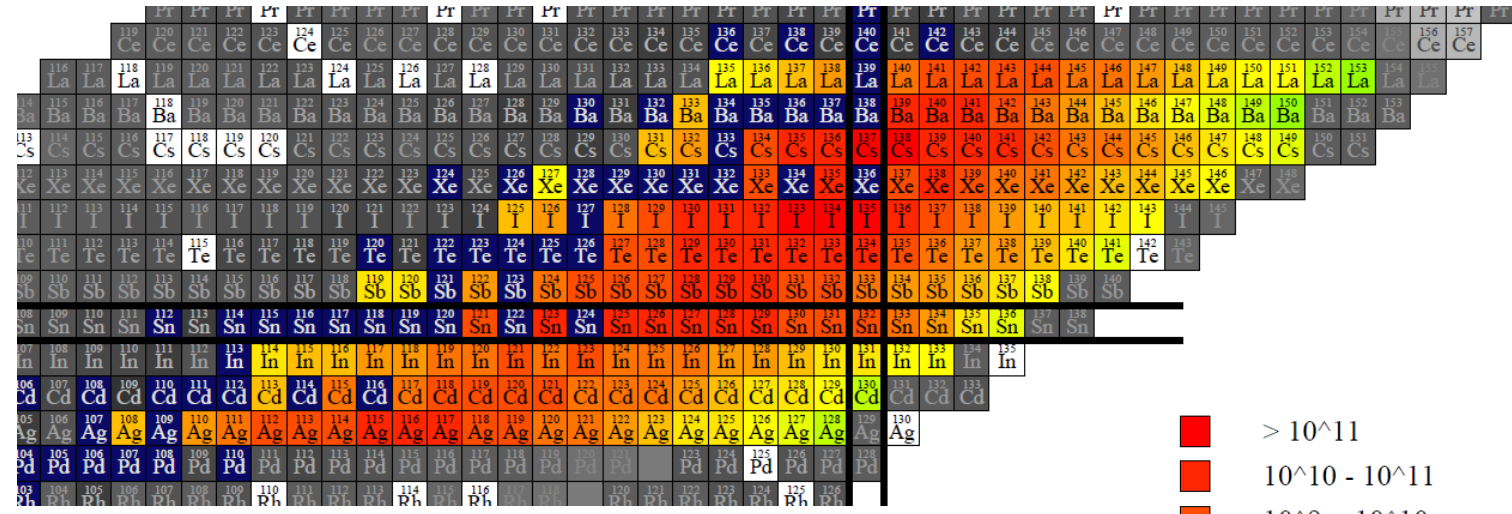


### PIS: Kr, Xe, Br, I, Se

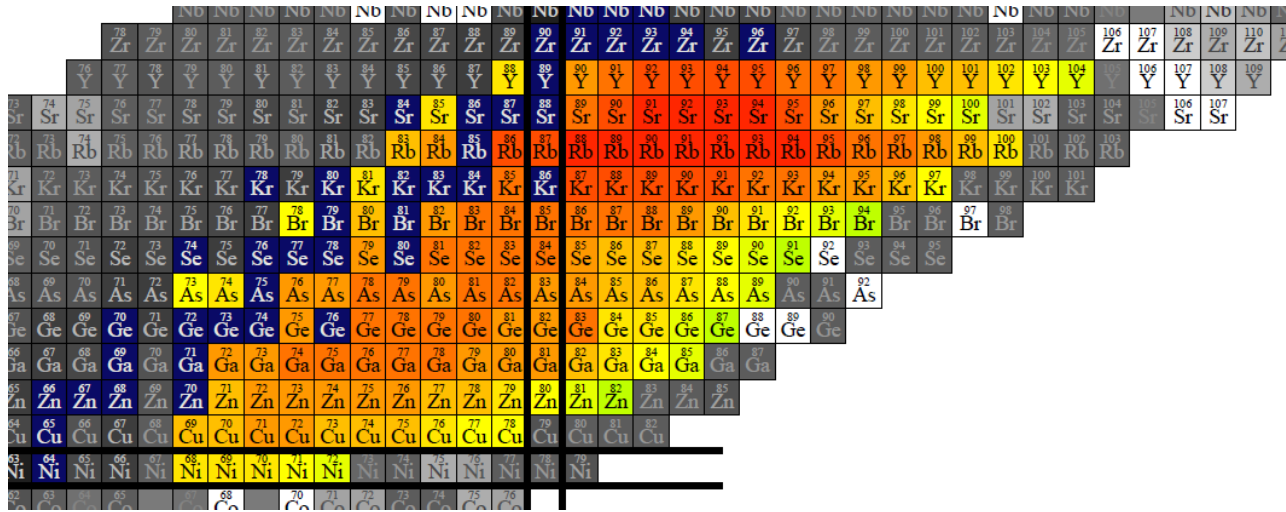


### LIS (Laser -> SIS)

# SPES beams



- >  $10^{11}$
- $10^{10} - 10^{11}$
- $10^9 - 10^{10}$
- $10^8 - 10^9$
- $10^7 - 10^8$
- $10^6 - 10^7$
- $10^5 - 10^6$
- $10^4 - 10^5$
- $10^3 - 10^4$
- $10^2 - 10^3$
- $10 - 10^2$
- < 10

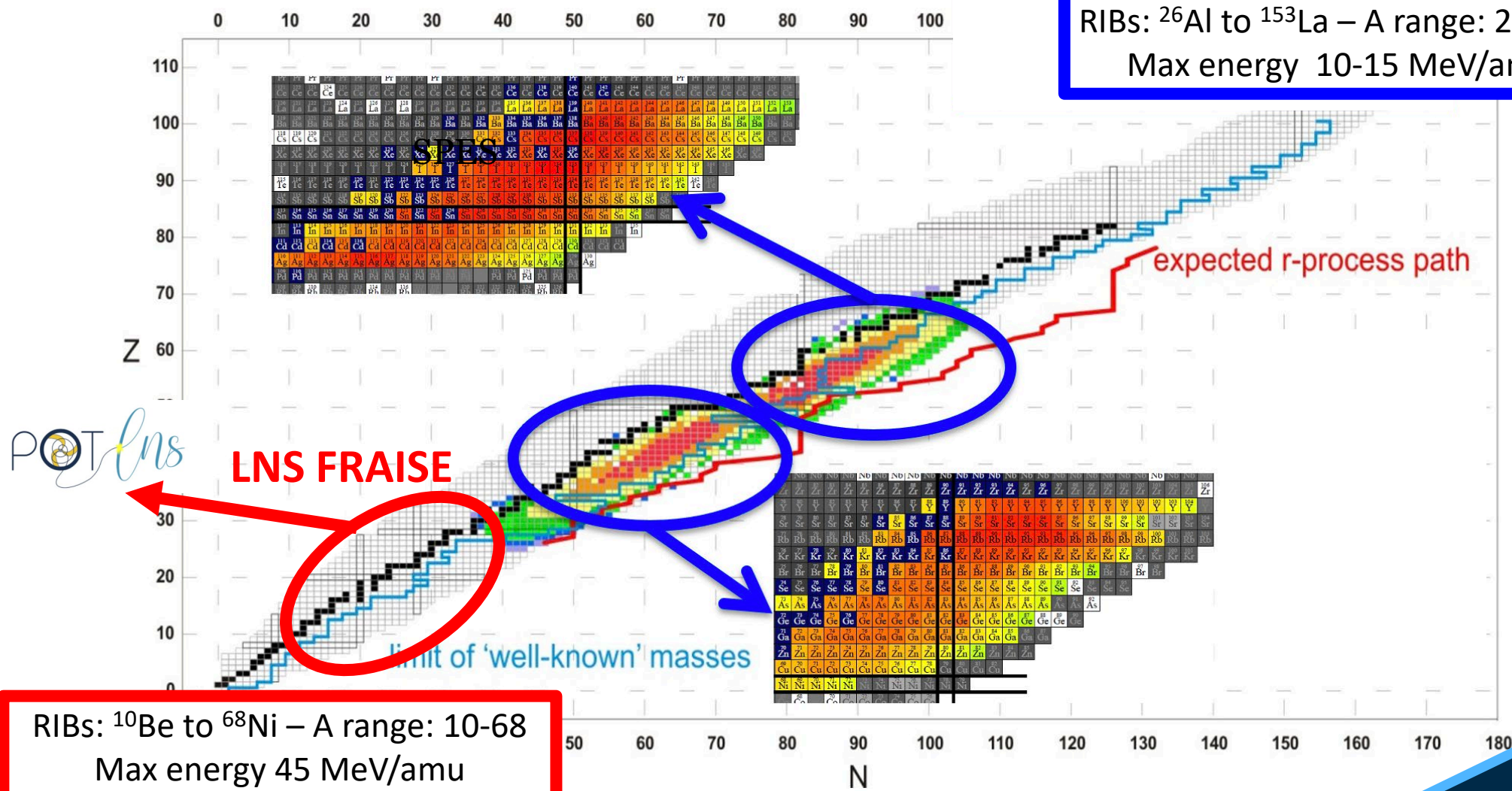


<https://web.infn.it/spes/index.php/characteristics/spes-beams-7037/spesbeamstable>

# LNL-LNS complementarity

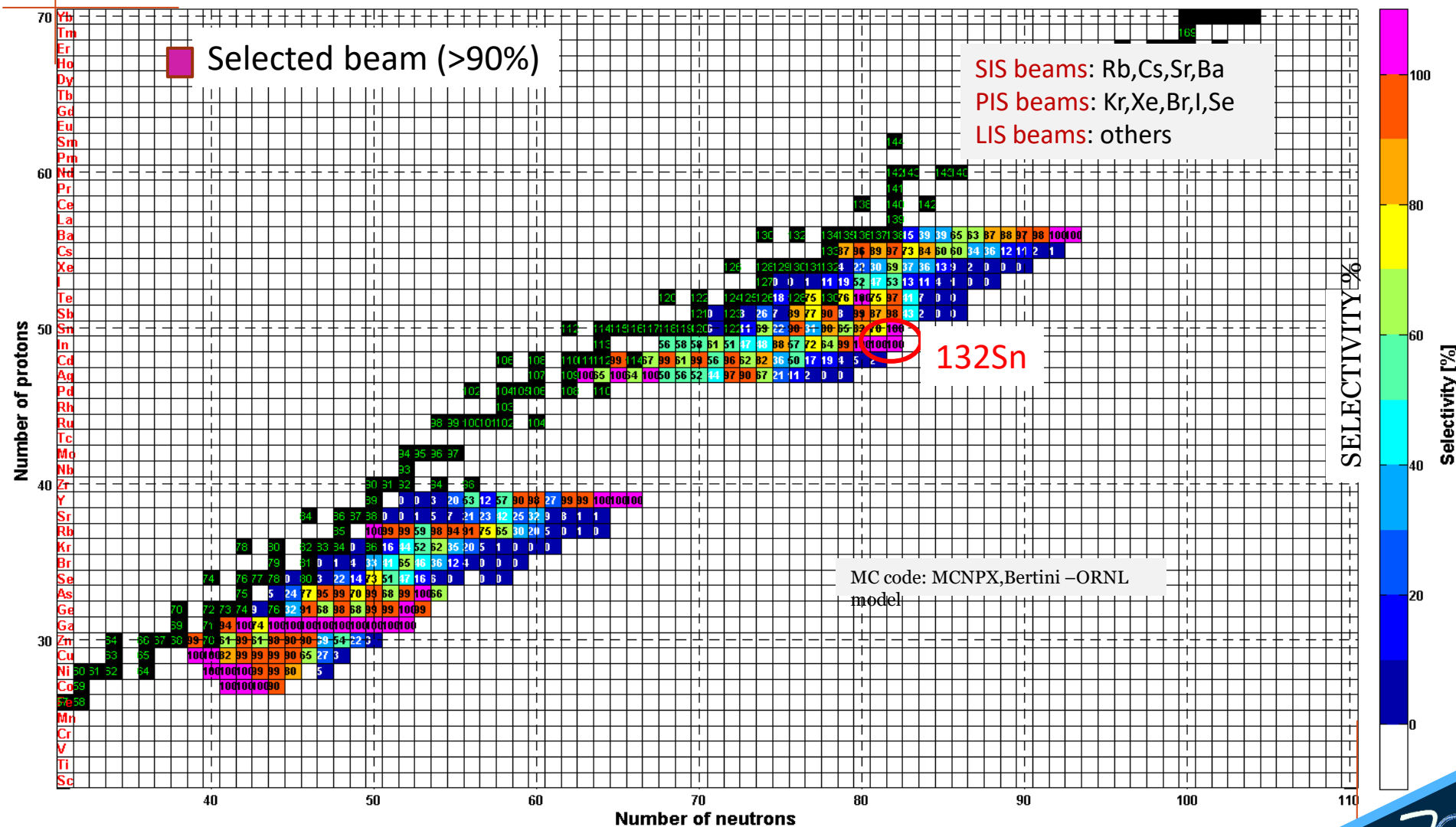
## LNL SPES

RIBs:  $^{26}\text{Al}$  to  $^{153}\text{La}$  – A range: 26-153  
 Max energy 10-15 MeV/amu

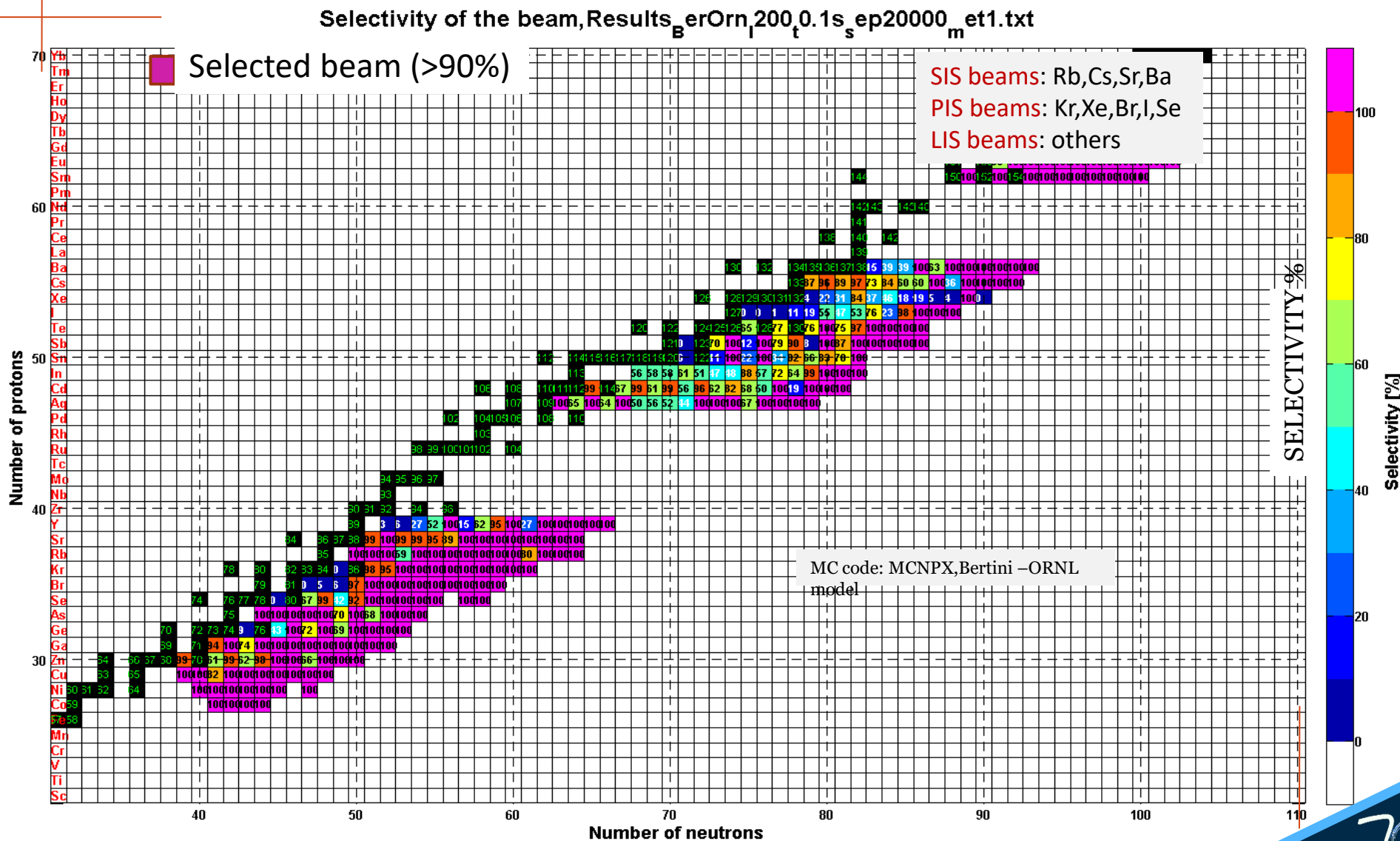


# Beam selectivity with LRMS ( $\Delta M/M=1/200$ )

Selectivity of the beam, Results\_BerOrn\_t.1s\_ep300\_m et1.txt



# Beam selectivity with HRMS ( $\Delta M/M=1/20000$ )



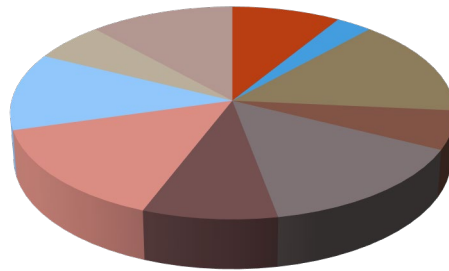


# Third International SPES Workshop

10-12 October 2016 *INFN Laboratori Nazionali di Legnaro*  
Europe/Rome timezone

## SPES LOIs Topics

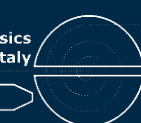
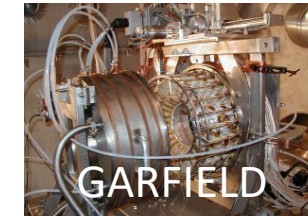
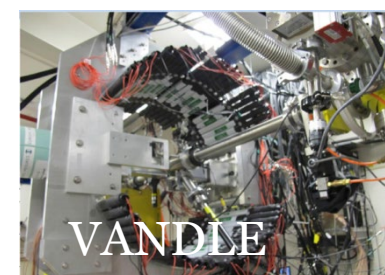
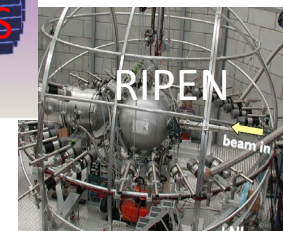
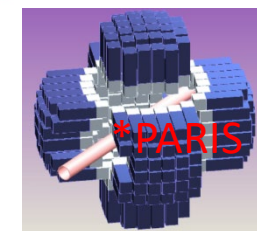
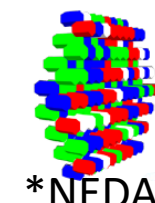
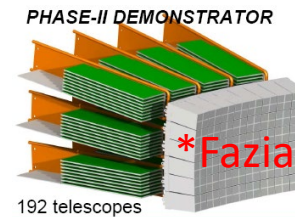
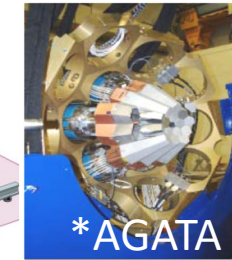
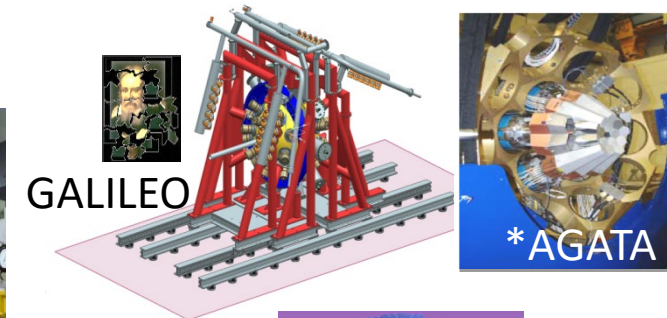
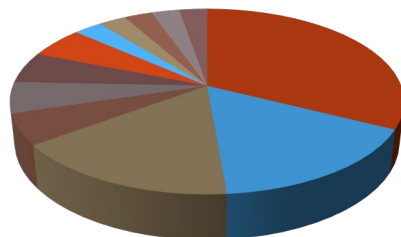
- GS properties
- moments
- Coulex
- DirReac with ActiveTarget
- DirReac with Si
- Mn transfer



Presented  
47 Letters  
of Intent

## SPES LOIs Spokespersons

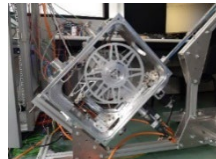
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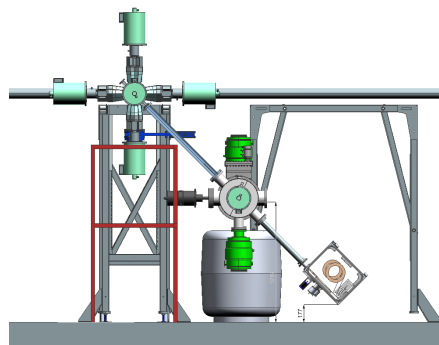


# SPES beams to the Low Energy experimental area

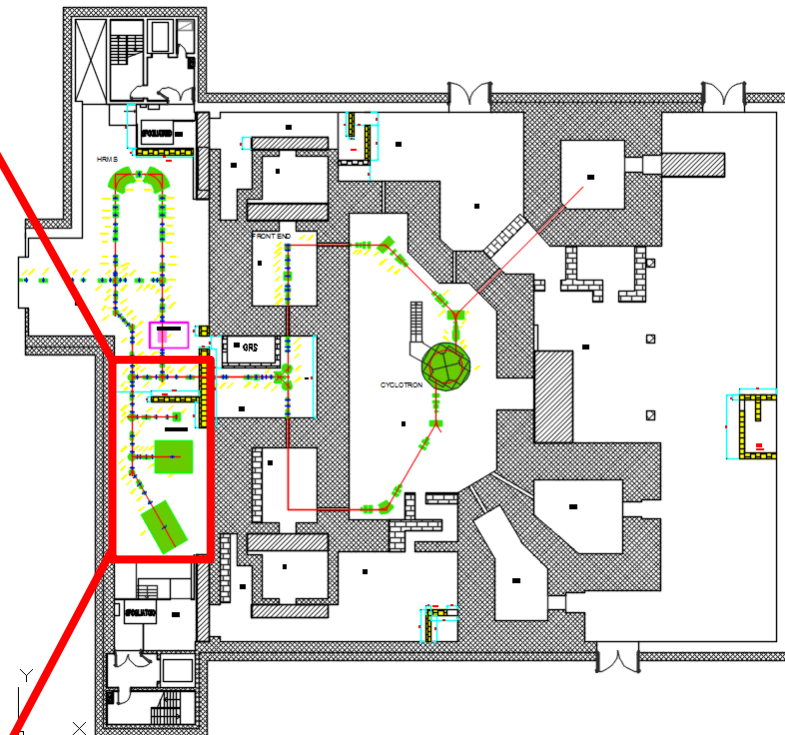
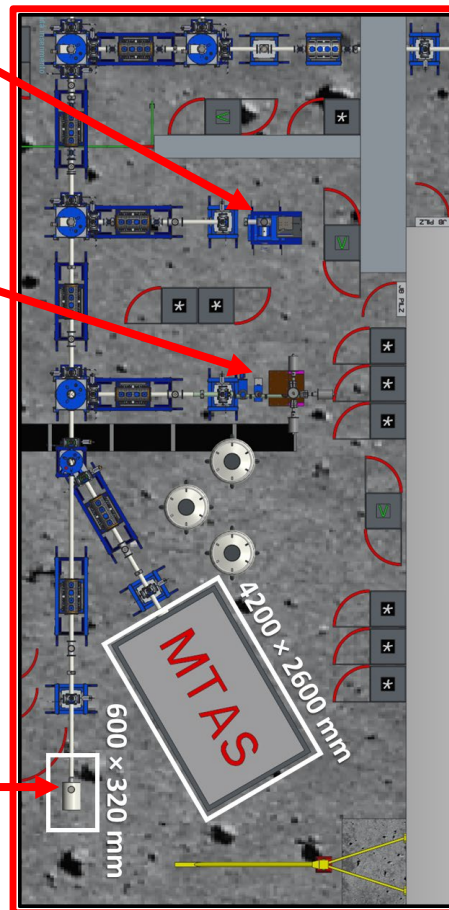
Beam diagnostics -  
Tape station



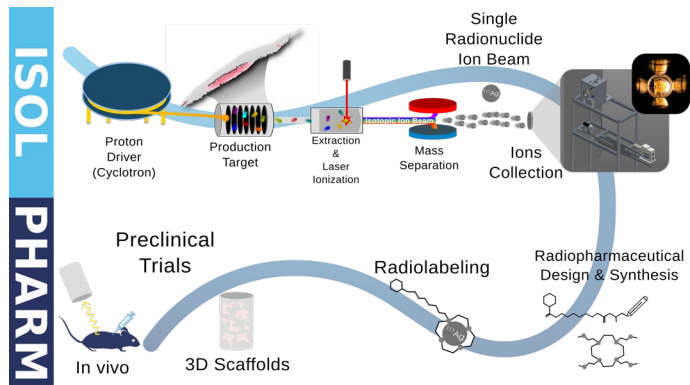
Beta decay station - SLICES



$\beta$ -DS: decay spectroscopy following  $\beta$  decay (mylar tape + beta detectors + HPGe)  
SLICES: conversion electrons and E0 transitions following  $\beta$  decay (mylar tape + Si(Li) + HPGe)



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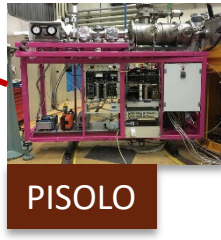
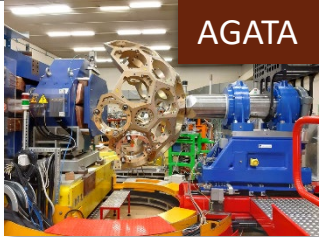
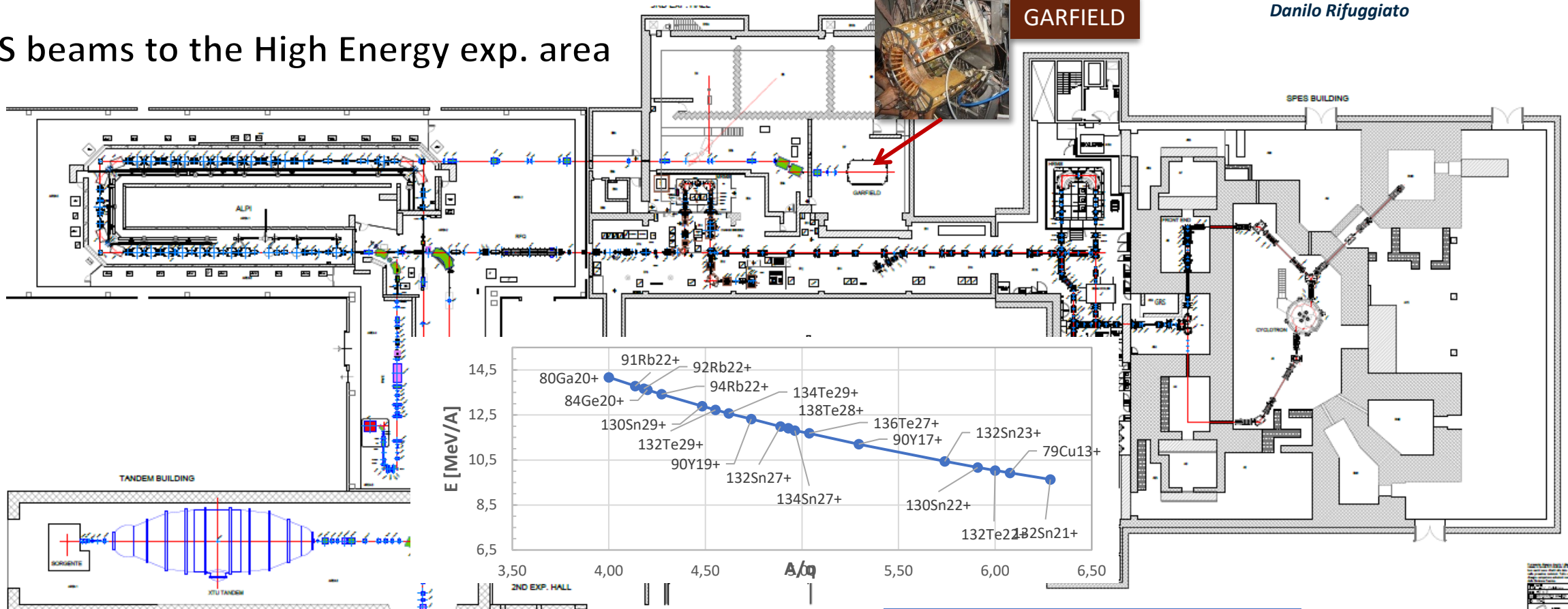


- $^{111}\text{Ag}$  can be produced with **high purity**, but also with **high production rate**: up to 2 Ci in target after 5 days (8kW UC<sub>x</sub> target)
- All **Ag isotopic contaminants will be removed** using the **on-line mass separation**.
- In the market **No radiopharmaceutical Silver-based yet!**

Beam	Purity (%)	Target	Source	Yield (pps)
$^{83}\text{Ge}$	100	UCx	LIS	$2.5 \cdot 10^8$
$^{84}\text{Ge}$	100	"	LIS	$6.6 \cdot 10^5$
$^{80}\text{Ga}$	100	"	LIS	$3 \cdot 10^7$
$^{82}\text{Ga}$	100	"	LIS	$3.3 \cdot 10^6$
$^{110}\text{Ag}$	100	"	LIS	$9.6 \cdot 10^7$

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# SPES beams to the High Energy exp. area



Beam	Purity (%)	Target	Source	Yield (pps)
$^{84}\text{Ge}$	100	UCx	LIS	$1.3 \cdot 10^4$
$^{80}\text{Ga}$	100	"	LIS	$6.1 \cdot 10^5$
$^{132}\text{Sb}$	100	"	LIS	$3.8 \cdot 10^7$
$^{132}\text{Sn}$	100	"	LIS	$3.1 \cdot 10^7$
$^{132}\text{Te}$	100	"	LIS	$8.4 \cdot 10^8$
$^{130}\text{Sn}$	83	"	LIS	$1.6 \cdot 10^8$
$^{134}\text{Te}$	97	"	LIS	$2.3 \cdot 10^8$
$^{94}\text{Rb}$	75	"	SIS	$2.7 \cdot 10^8$
$^{91}\text{Rb}$	100	"	SIS	$1.9 \cdot 10^9$
$^{92}\text{Rb}$	100	"	SIS	$10^9$
$^{138}\text{Cs}$	76	"	SIS	$2.4 \cdot 10^9$

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## Cappella degli Scrovegni Giotto

# Thank you

