

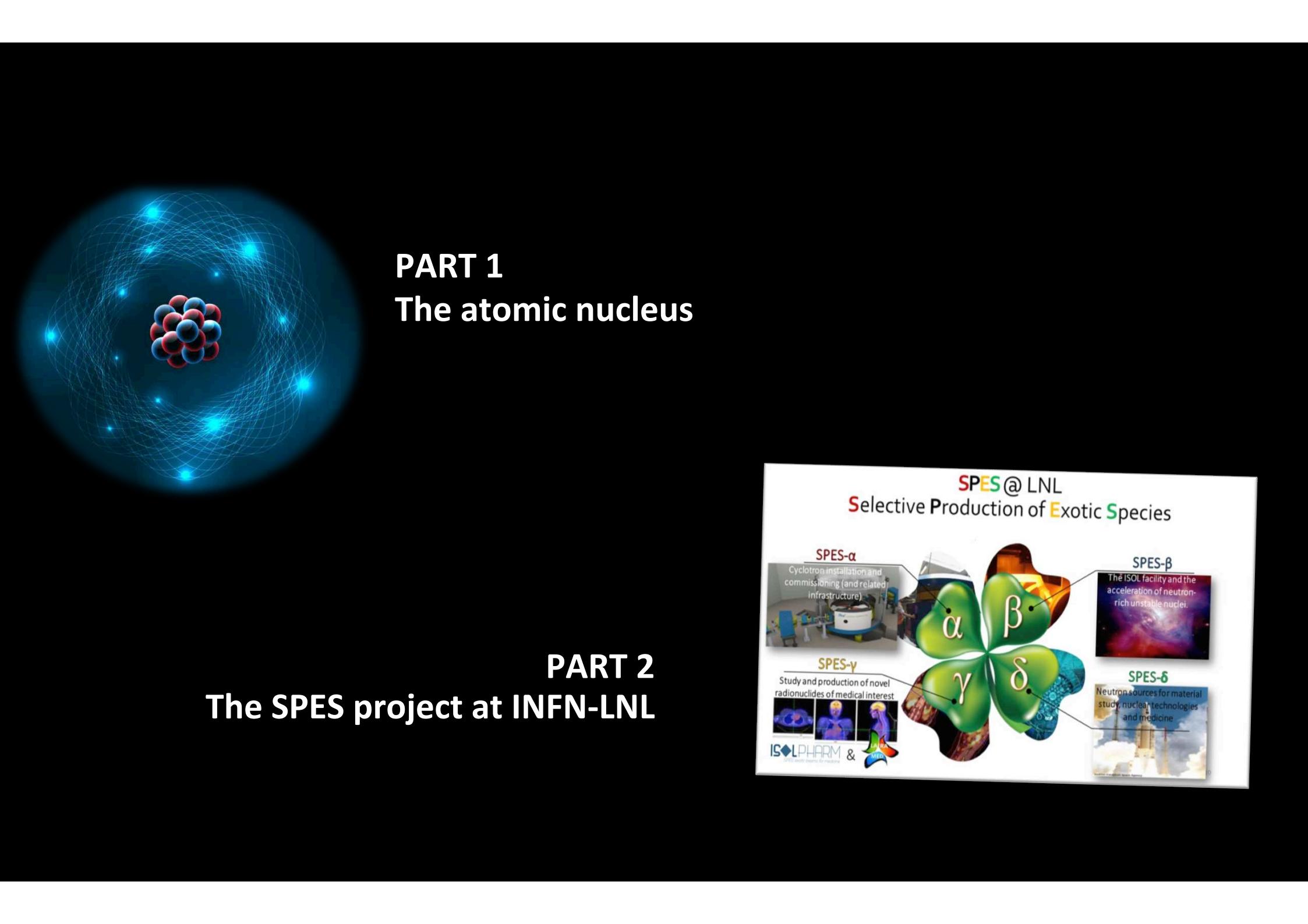
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Nuclear Physics at the extremes: exotic nuclei for research and applications.  
A glimpse of the SPES project.

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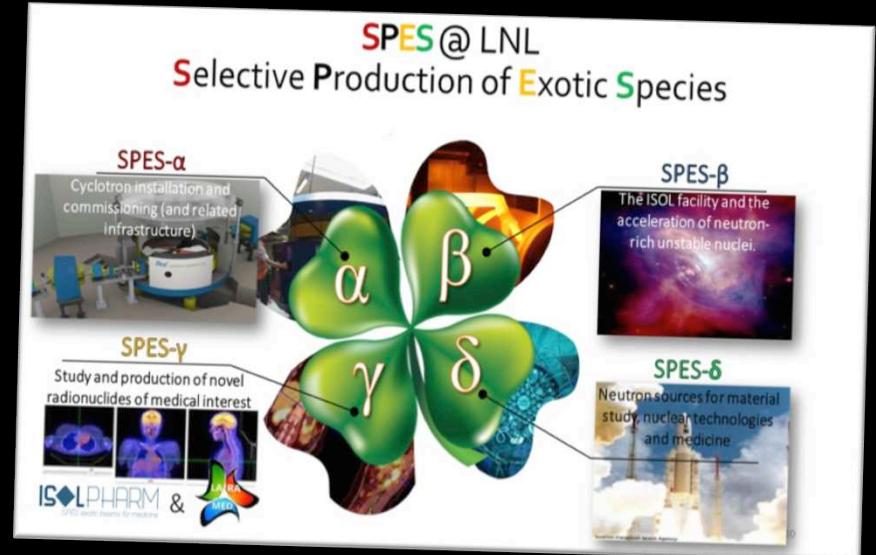


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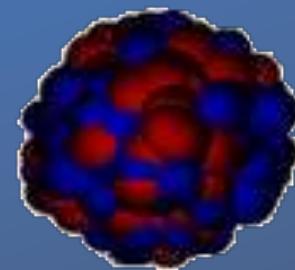
### The atomic nucleus

## PART 2

### The SPES project at INFN-LNL



# PART 1: The atomic nucleus

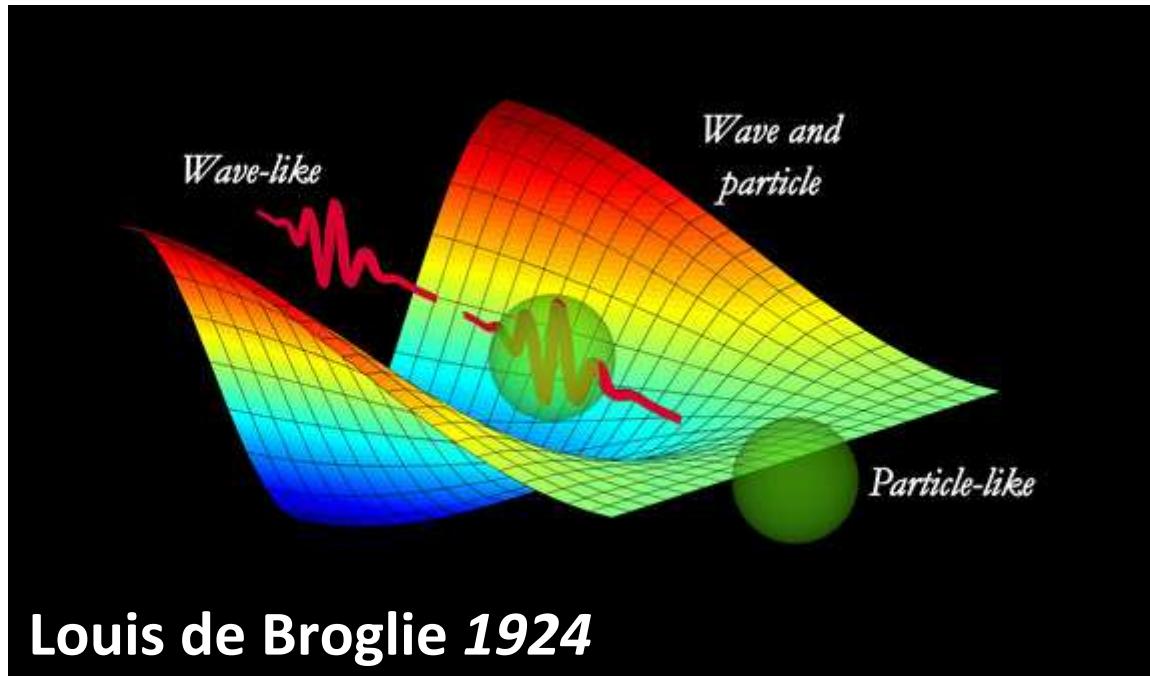


***A many-body quantum system,  
source of its binding force field***



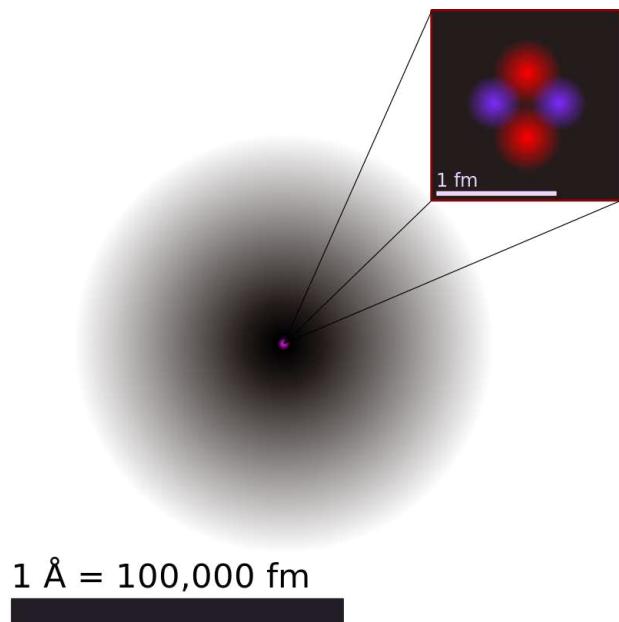
# aimer: waves and particles

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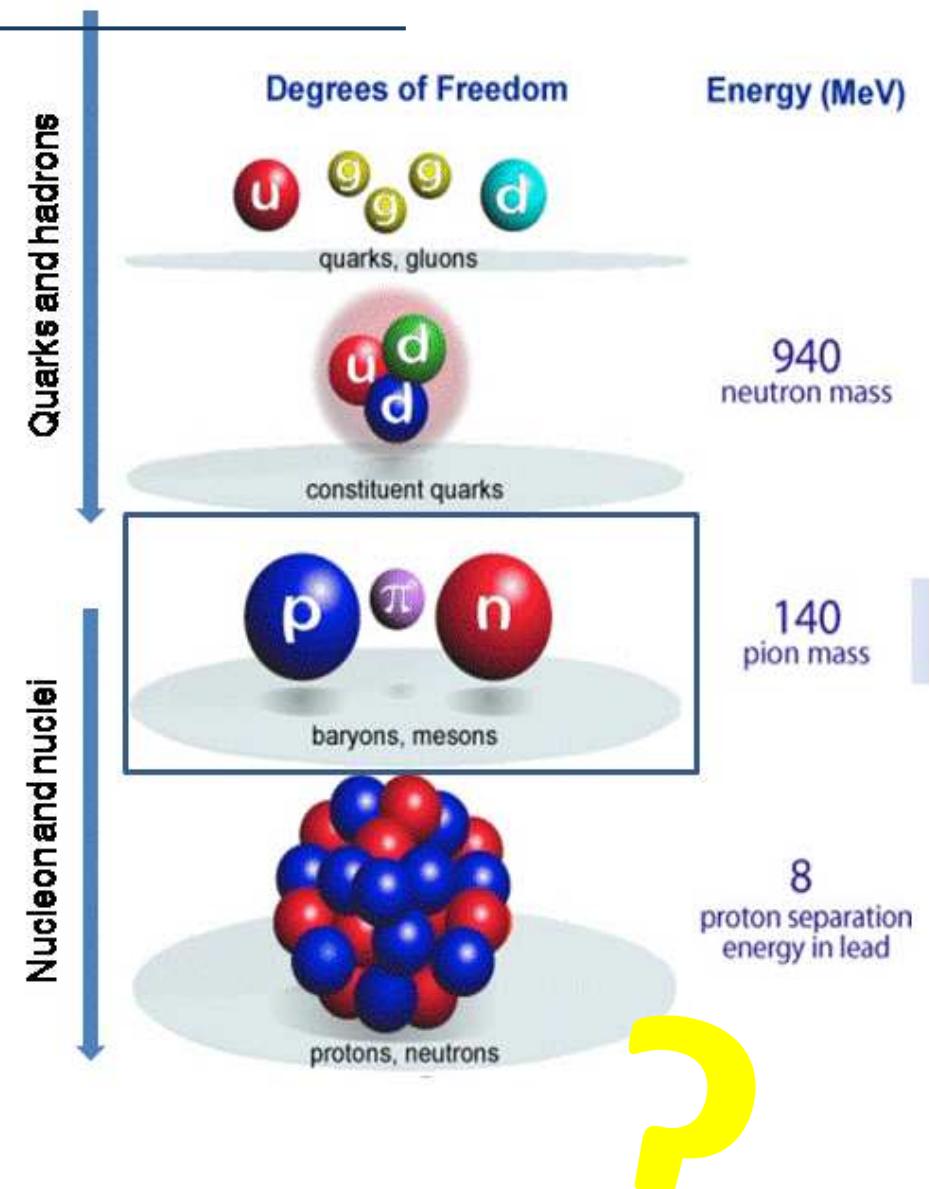


$$\lambda = \frac{h}{P} = \frac{h}{mv}$$

# of the atomic nucleus



$1 \text{ \AA} = 100,000 \text{ fm}$

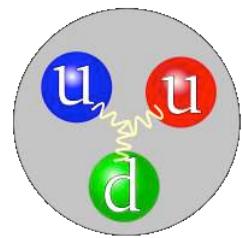


Order of magnitude: 1 fm (femtometer, Fermi)  $\sim 10^{-17} \text{ m}$

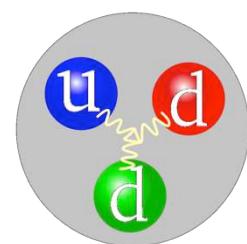
# eons



Nucleone	Carica ( $Q_e$ )	Massa (MeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	Spin	Vita media
Protone	+1	938,27	1/2	$>1,6 \times 10^{33}$ anni
Neutrone	0	939,57	1/2	880,2 s

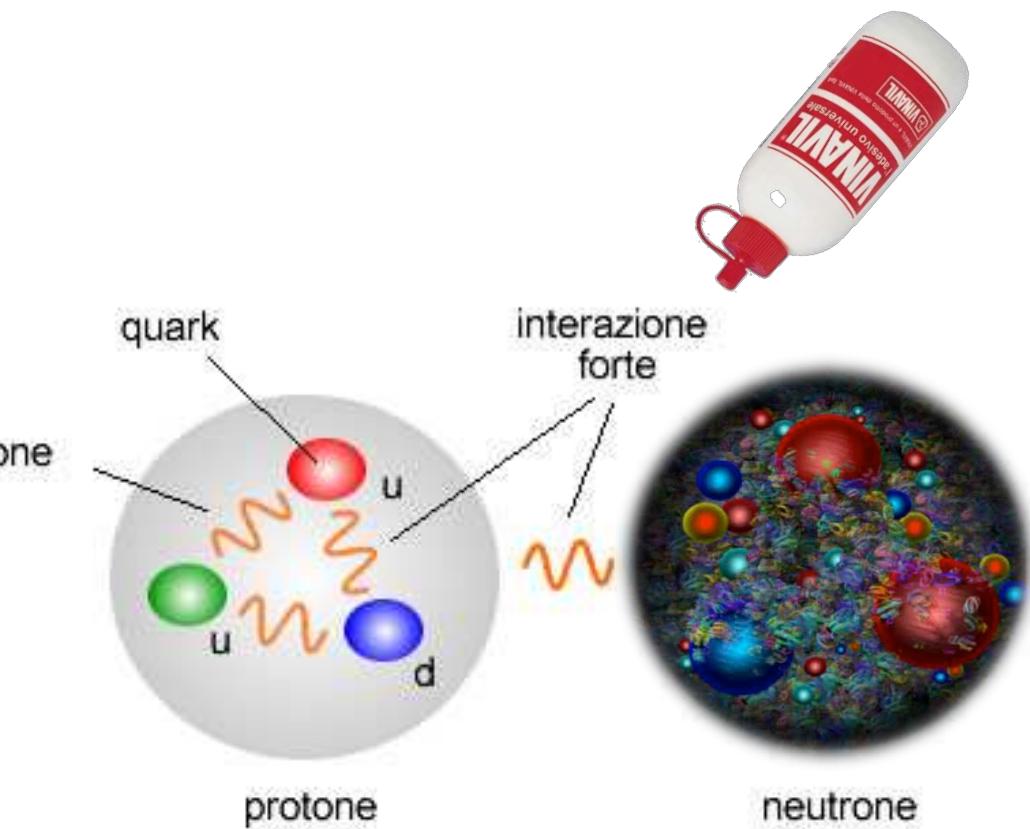


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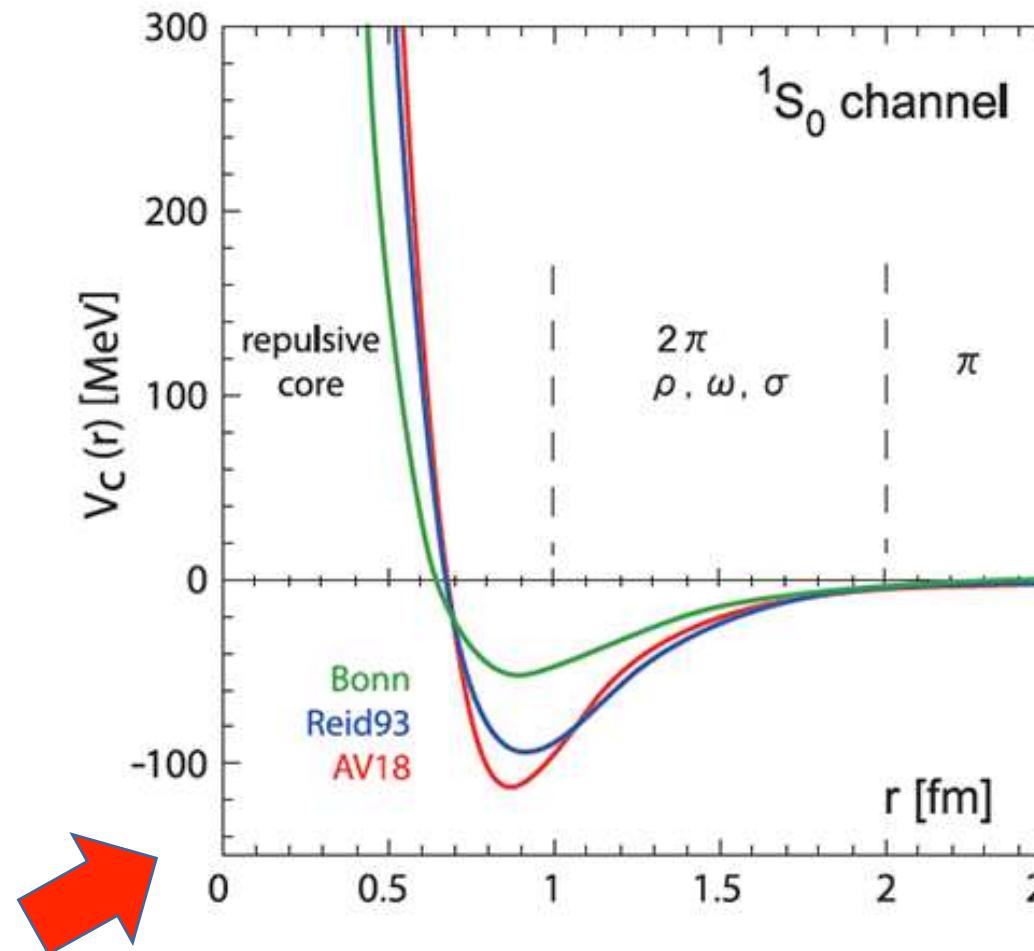


Neutron

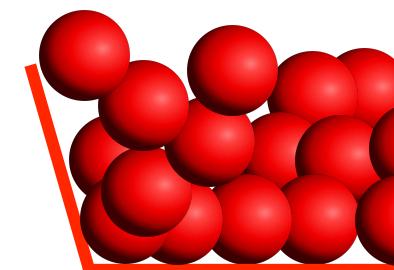
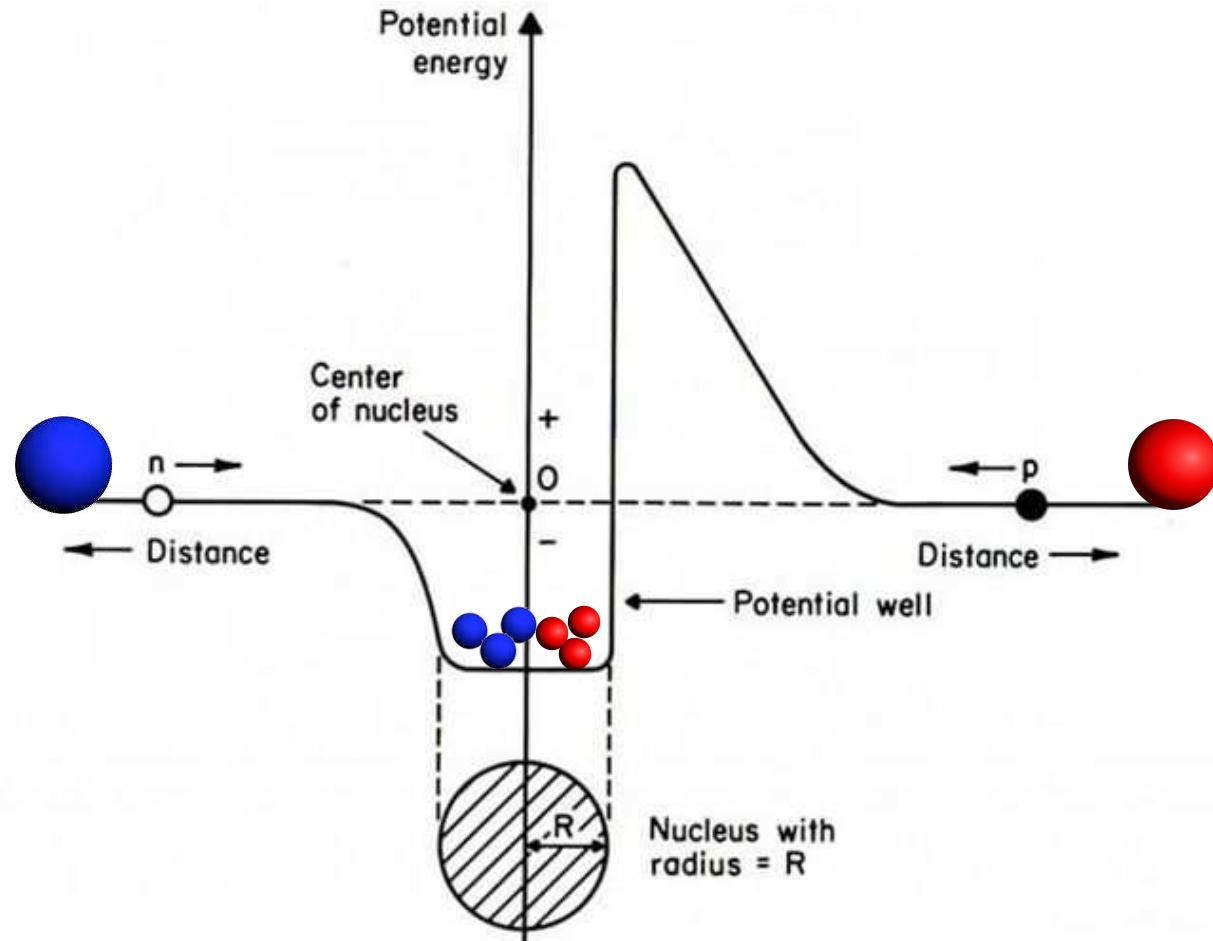
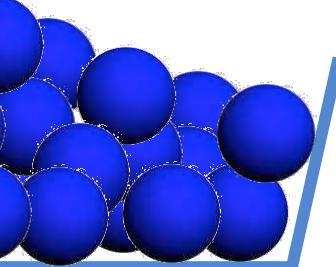
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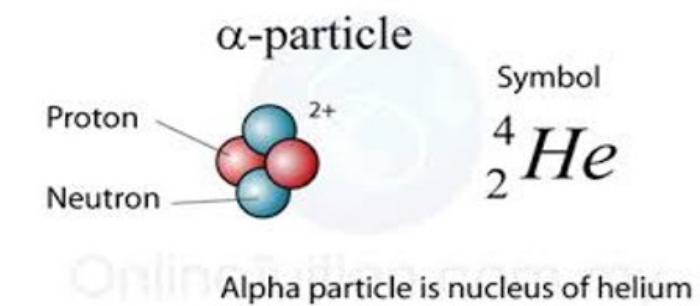
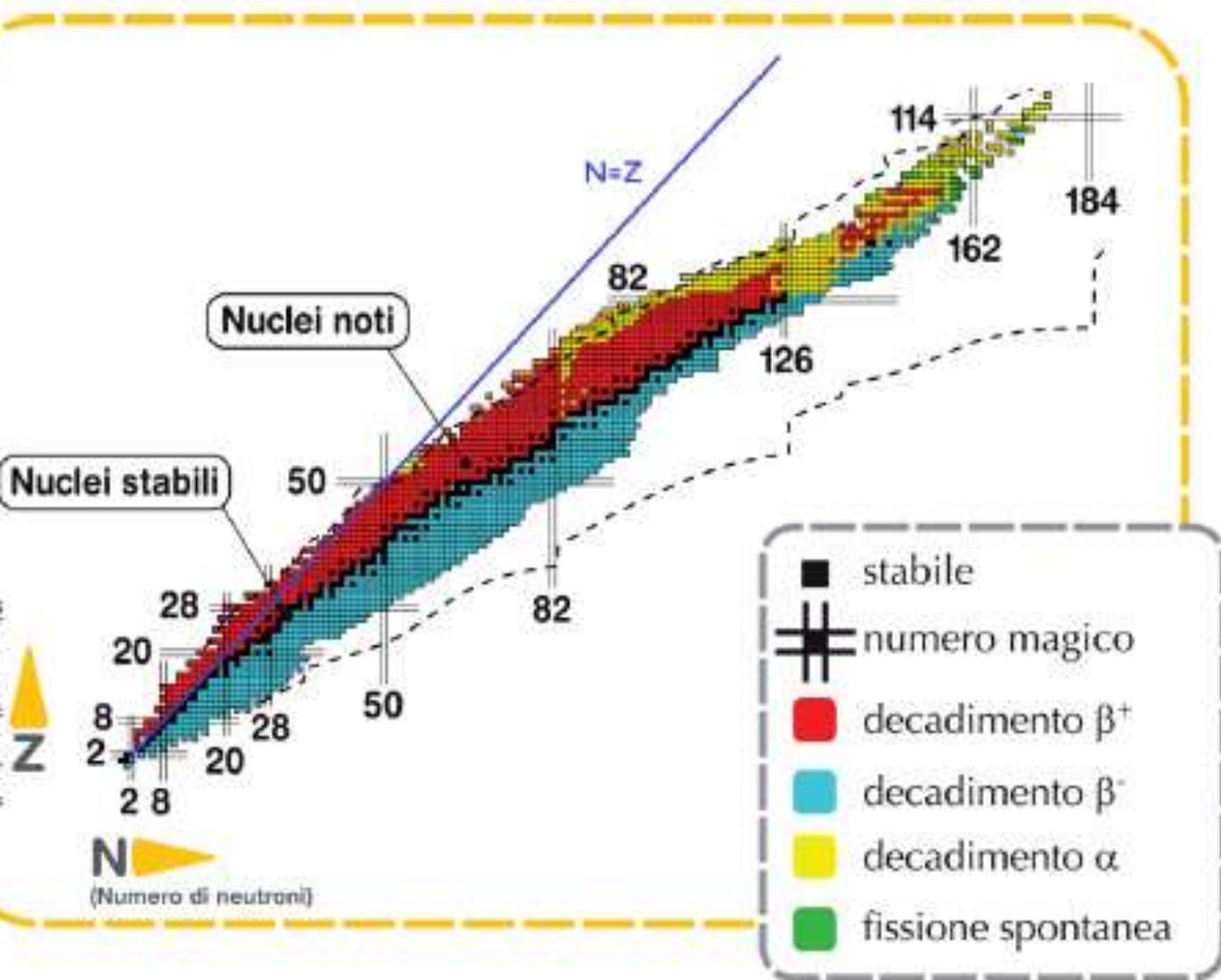
...and the *residual* interaction



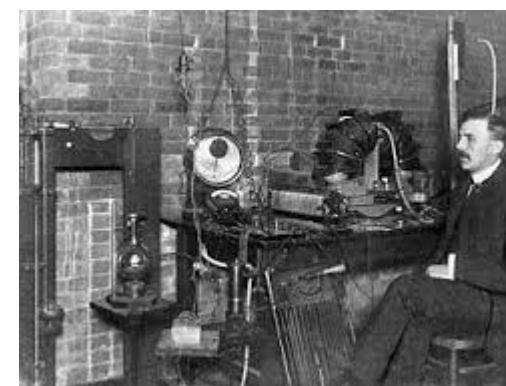
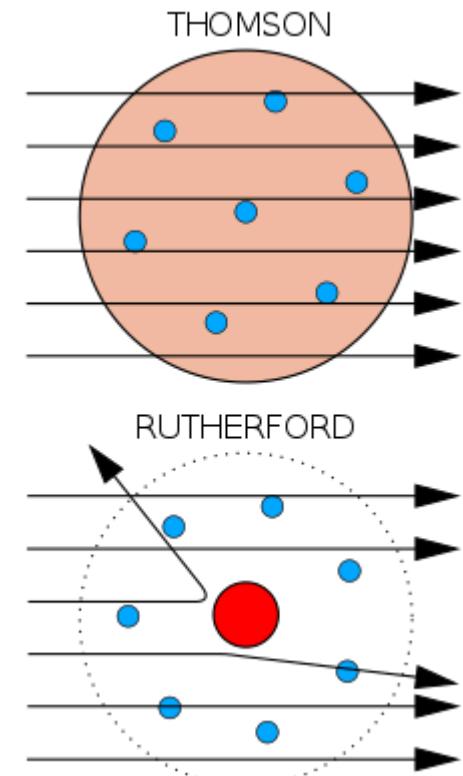
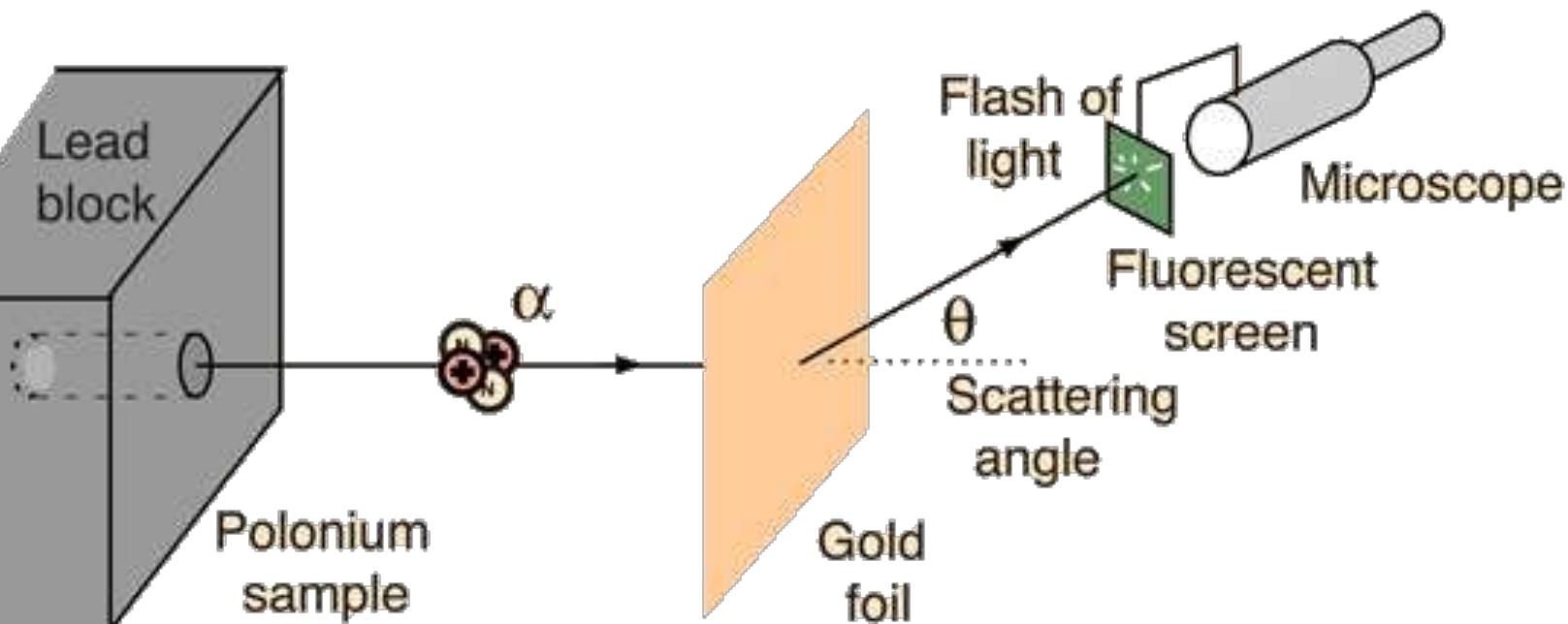
# Let's build a nucleus



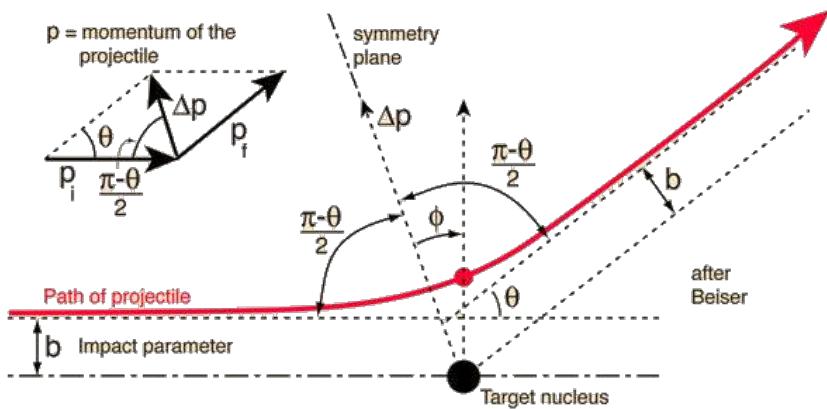
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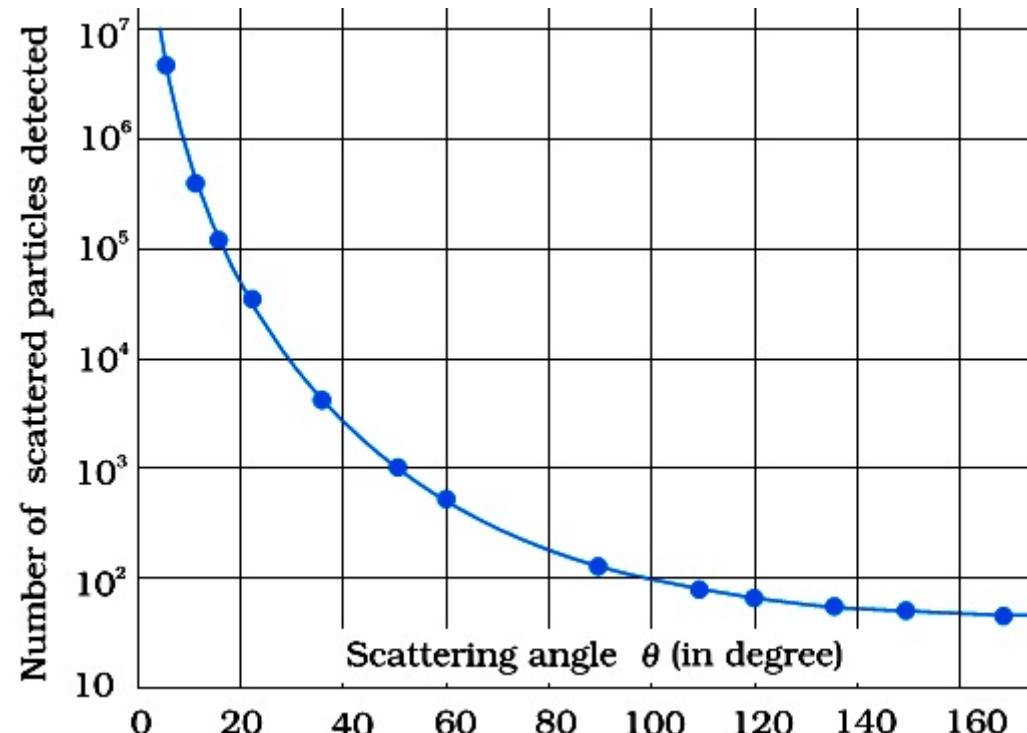
# Rutherford experiment - observation



# Rutherford experiment - model



$$N(\theta) = \frac{nt}{4r^2} \left( \frac{zZ}{2K} \right)^2 \left( \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\sin^4(\frac{1}{2}\theta)}$$



# erford experiment - publication



[ 669 ]

LXXIX. *The Scattering of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  Particles by Matter and the Structure of the Atom.* By Professor E. RUTHERFORD, F.R.S., University of Manchester\*.

§ 1. IT is well known that the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  particles suffer deflexions from their rectilinear paths by encounters with atoms of matter. This scattering is far more marked for the  $\beta$  than for the  $\alpha$  particle on account of the much smaller momentum and energy of the former particle. There seems to be no doubt that such swiftly moving particles pass through the atoms in their path, and that the deflexions observed are due to the strong electric field traversed within the atomic system. It has generally been supposed that the scattering of a pencil of  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  rays in passing through a thin plate of matter is the result of a multitude of small scatterings by the atoms of matter traversed. The observations, however, of Geiger and Marsden † on the scattering of  $\alpha$  rays indicate that some of

the  $\alpha$  particles must suffer a deflexion of more than a right angle at a single encounter. They found, for example, that a small fraction of the incident  $\alpha$  particles, about 1 in 20,000, were turned through an average angle of  $90^\circ$  in passing through a layer of gold-foil about 0.00004 cm. thick, which was equivalent in stopping-power of the  $\alpha$  particle to 1.6 millimetres of air. Geiger ‡ showed later that the most probable angle of deflexion for a pencil of  $\alpha$  particles traversing a gold-foil of this thickness was about  $0^\circ.87$ . A simple calculation based on the theory of probability shows that the chance of an  $\alpha$  particle being deflected through  $90^\circ$  is vanishingly small. In addition, it will be seen later that the distribution of the  $\alpha$  particles for various angles of large deflexion does not follow the probability law to be expected if such large deflexions are made up of a large number of small deviations. It seems reasonable to suppose that the deflexion through a large angle is due to a single atomic encounter, for the chance of a second encounter of a kind to produce a large deflexion must in most cases be exceedingly small. A simple calculation shows that the atom must be a seat of an intense electric field in order to produce such a large deflexion at a single encounter.

Recently Sir J. J. Thomson § has put forward a theory to

\* Communicated by the Author. A brief account of this paper was communicated to the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society in February, 1911.

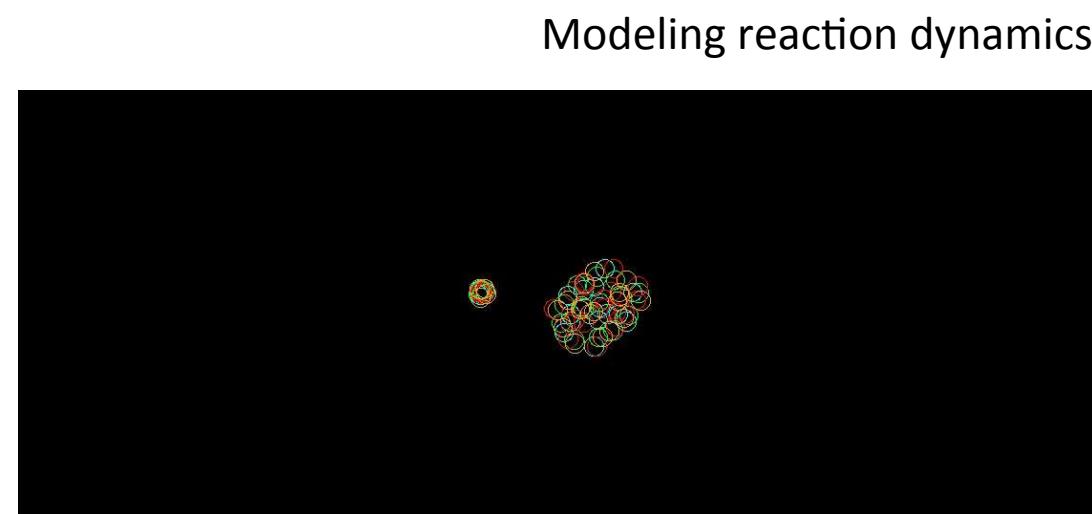
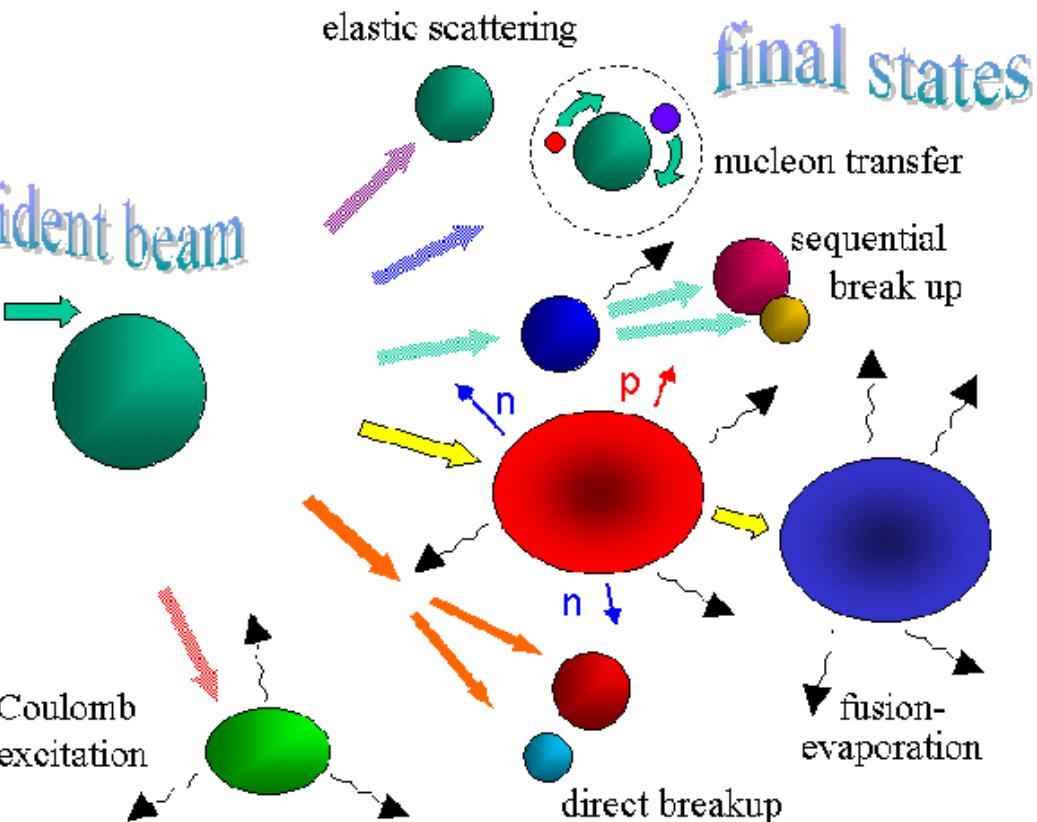
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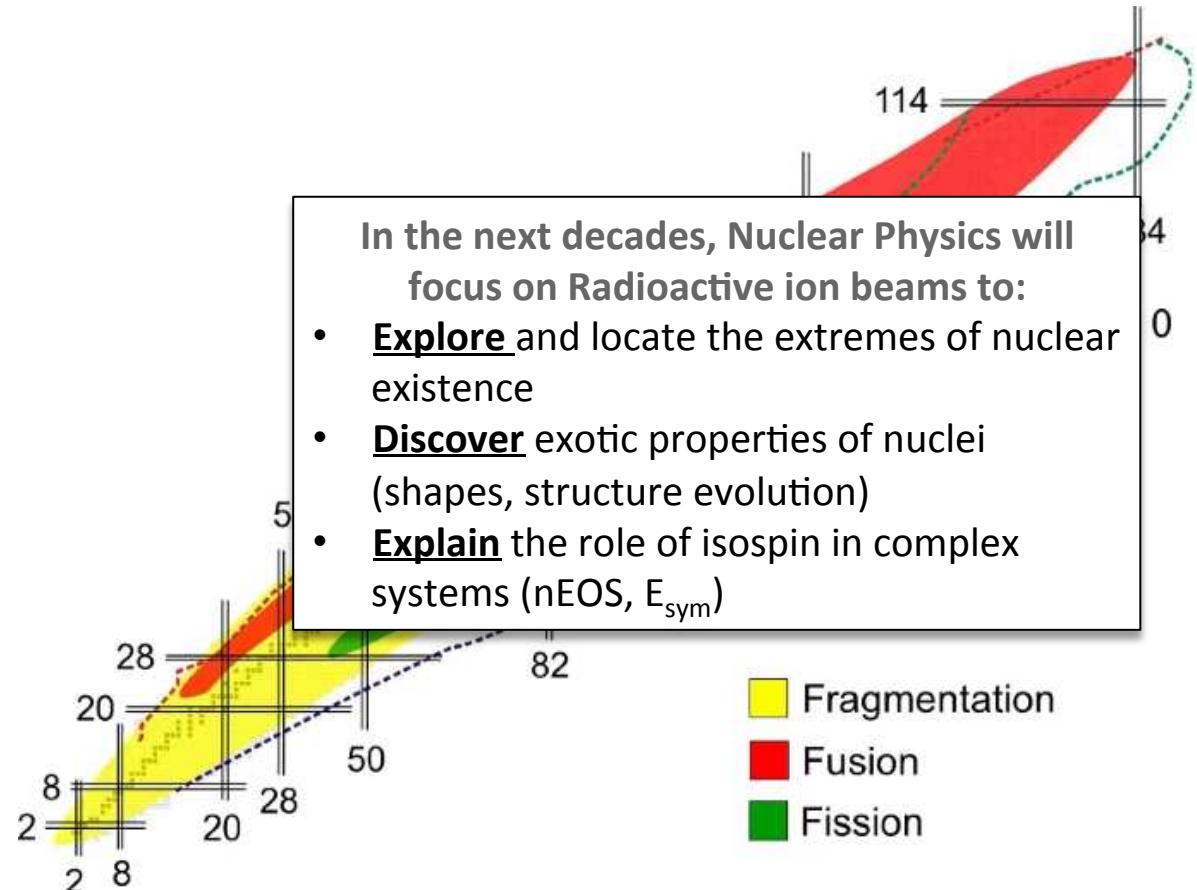
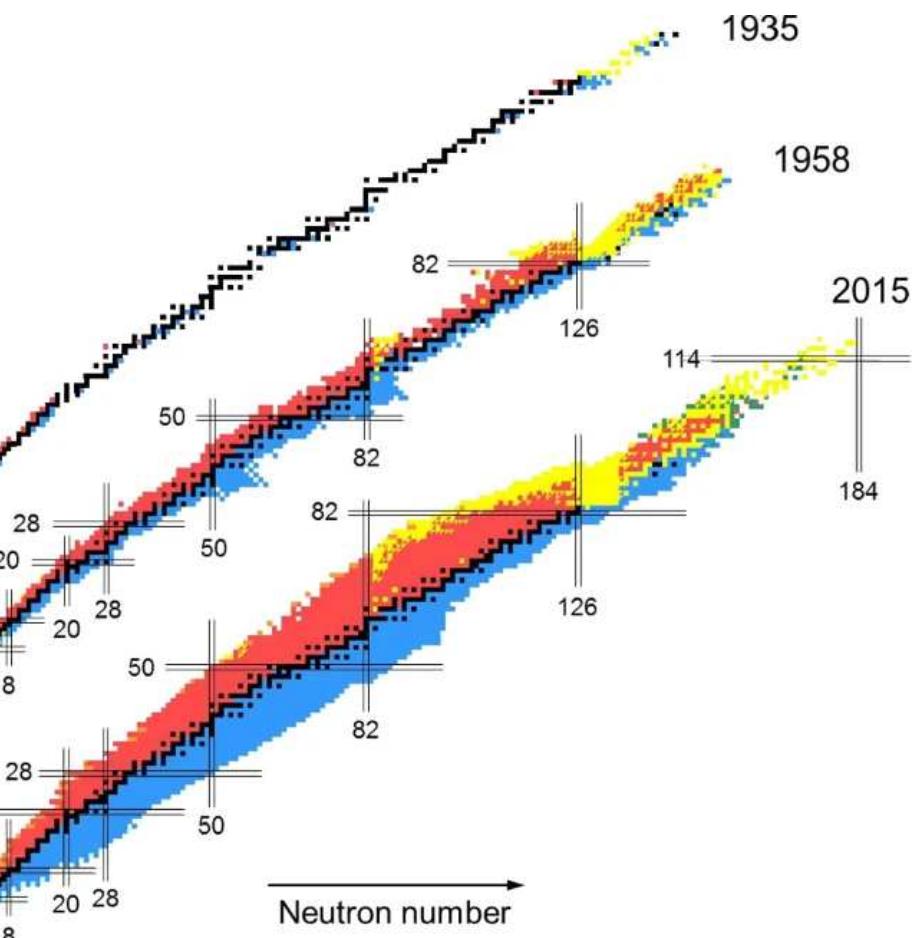
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*Rutherford experiment is the prototype of any Nuclear Physics experiment*

# nuclear reactions



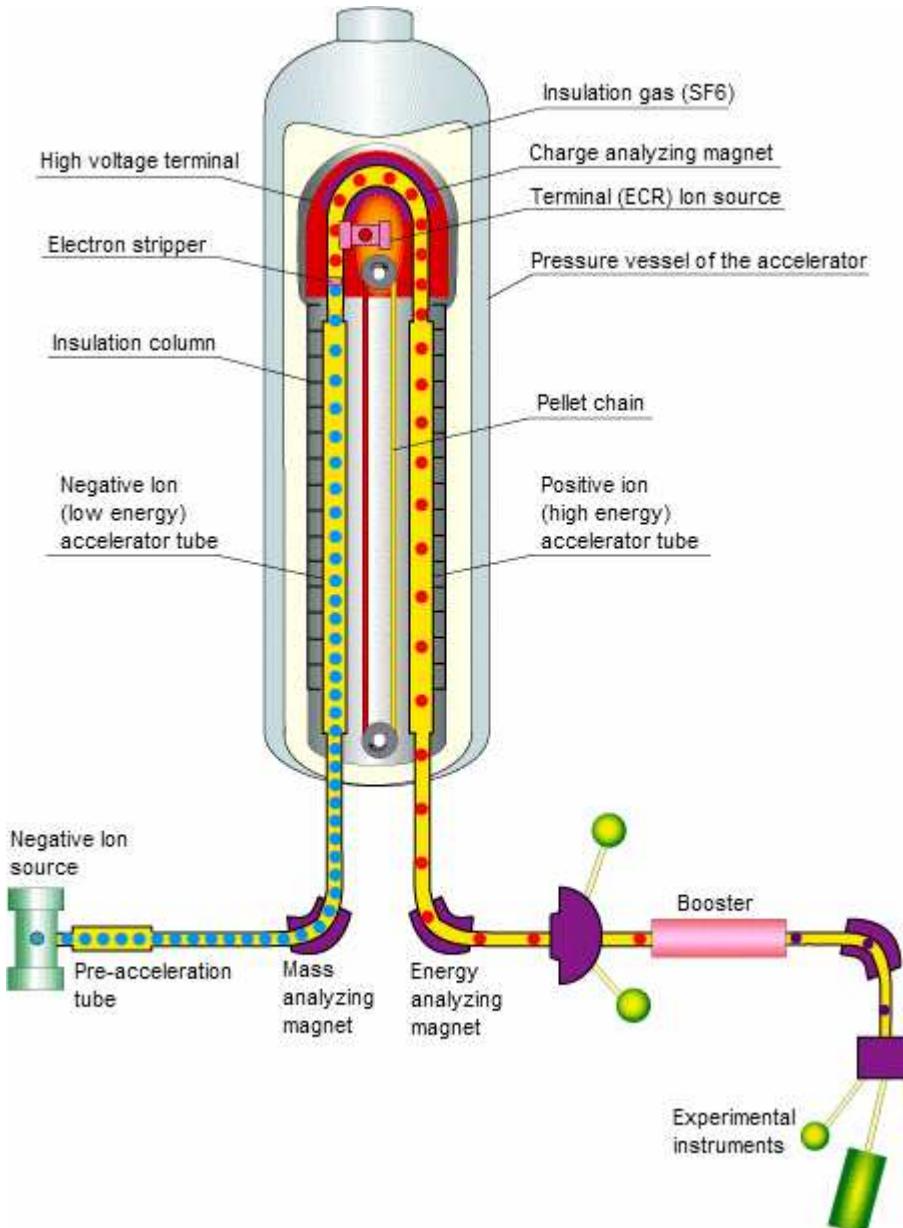
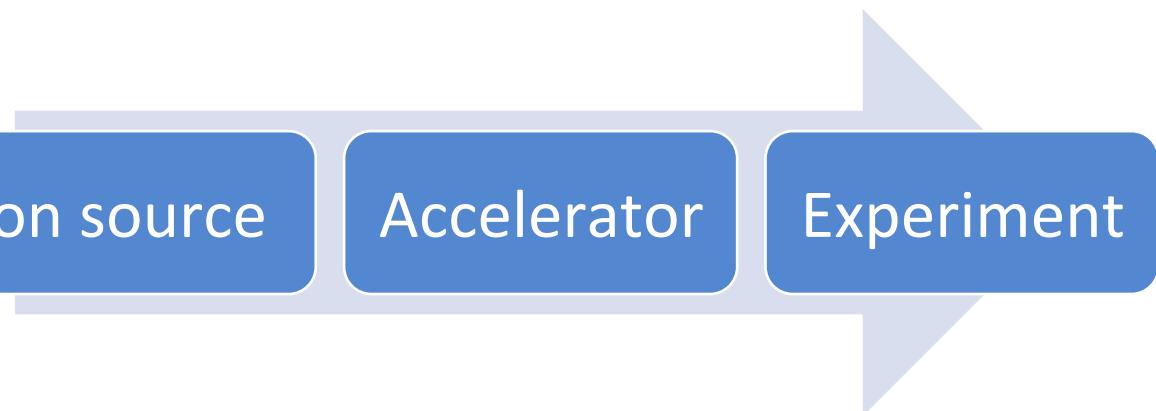
# Populating the nuclear chart with nuclear reactions



In the next decades, Nuclear Physics will focus on Radioactive ion beams to:

- **Explore** and locate the extremes of nuclear existence
- **Discover** exotic properties of nuclei (shapes, structure evolution)
- **Explain** the role of isospin in complex systems (nEOS,  $E_{\text{sym}}$ )

# Near Physics at particle accelerators



## PART 2: the SPES project at LNL



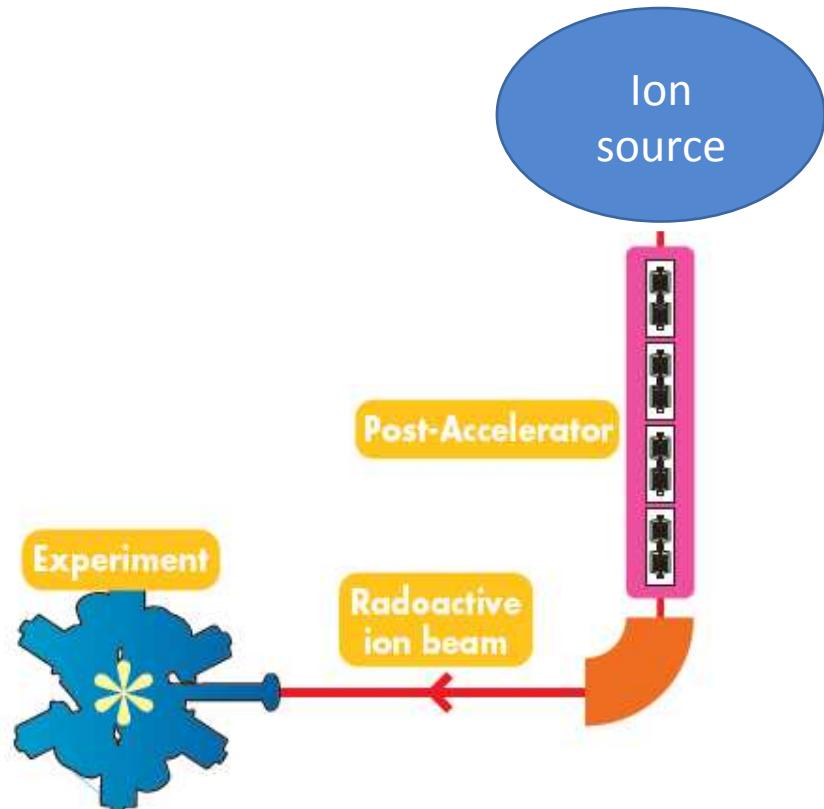
***“A broadband facility”***

# SPES @ LNL

## Selective Production of Exotic Species



# Ions vs Radioactive ion beams

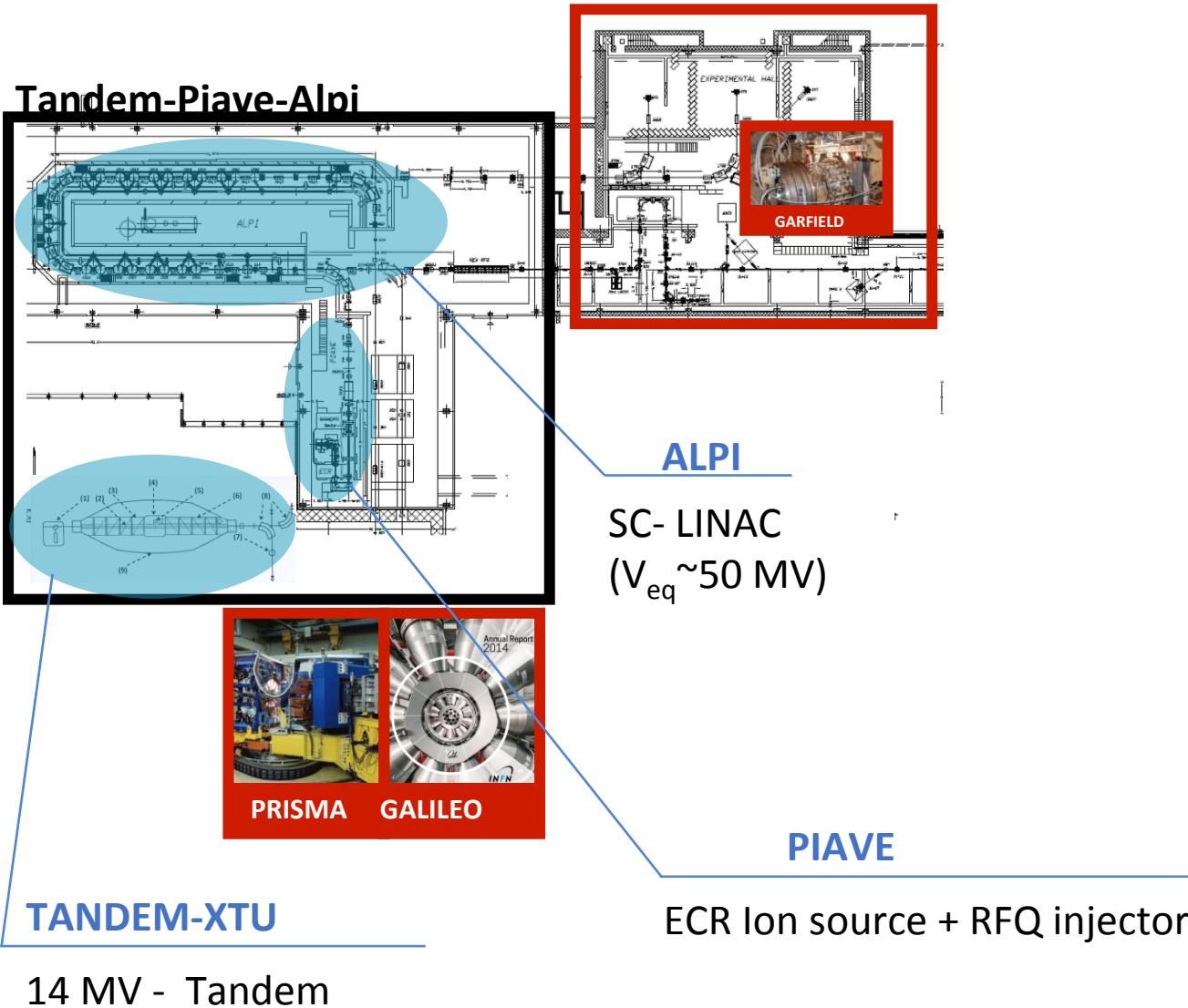


**SPES  
ISOL**  
**Target:**  
**UC<sub>x</sub>, SiC,...**  
 **$10^{13}$  fiss./s**  
**T ~ 2000°C**  
**3 sources SIS,  
LIS, PIS**  
**~ 8 kW power**



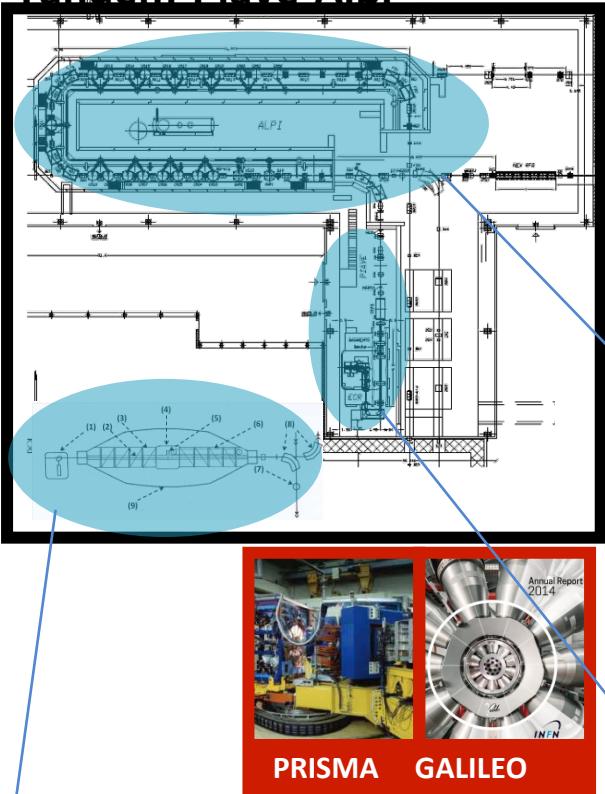


# Operating facilities at LNL



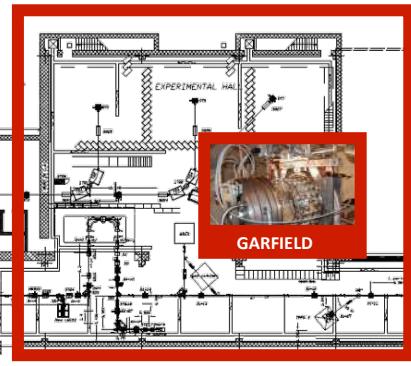
# Operating facilities at LNL and SPES

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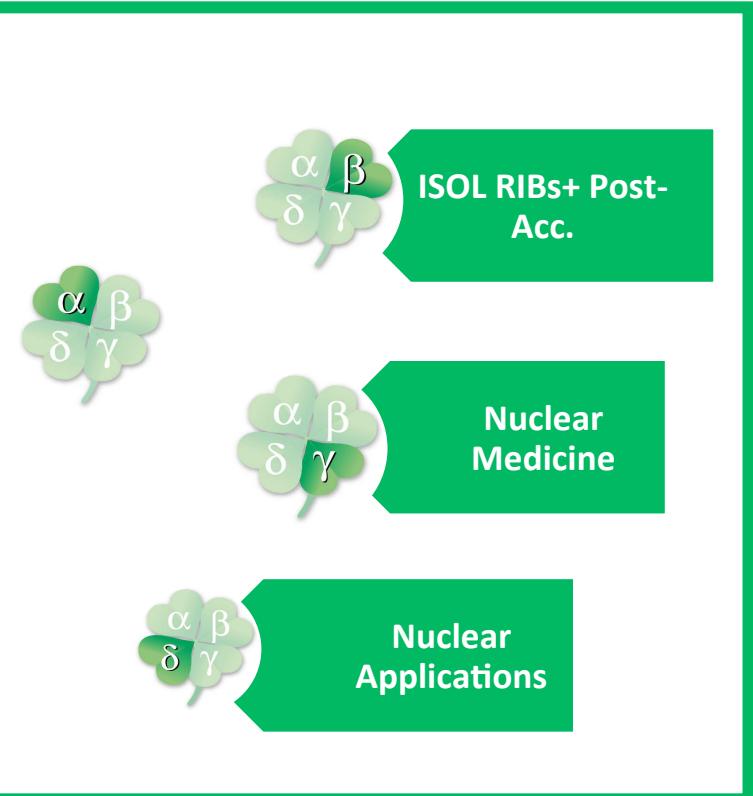
14 MV - Tandem



ALPI  
SC-LINAC  
( $V_{eq} \sim 50$  MV)

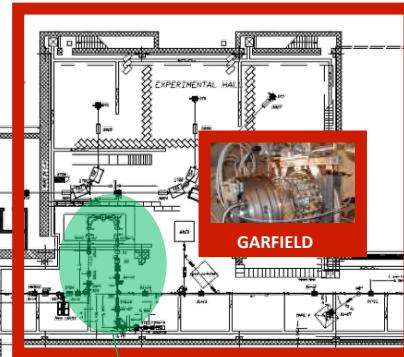
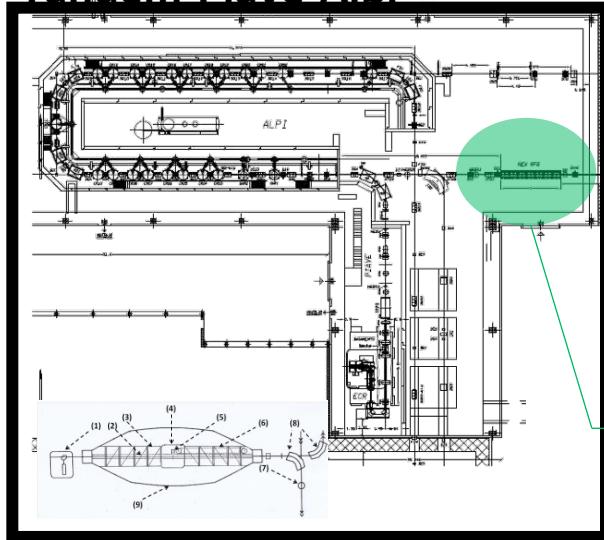
PIAVE

ECR Ion source + RFQ injector

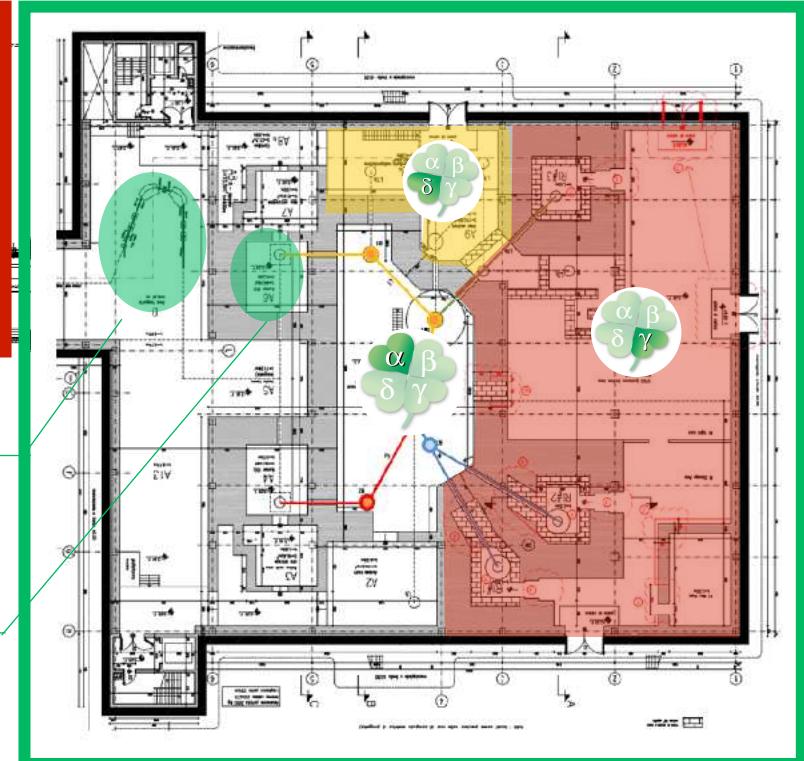


# SPES project at LNL.

## Tandem-Piave-Alpi



RFQ injector  
SPES ISOL source  
Charge Breeder  
HRMS



$$\psi \downarrow N.P. = \alpha \psi \downarrow SPES \alpha \quad \beta \psi \downarrow SPES \beta$$

# weight of science: *déjà-vu...*

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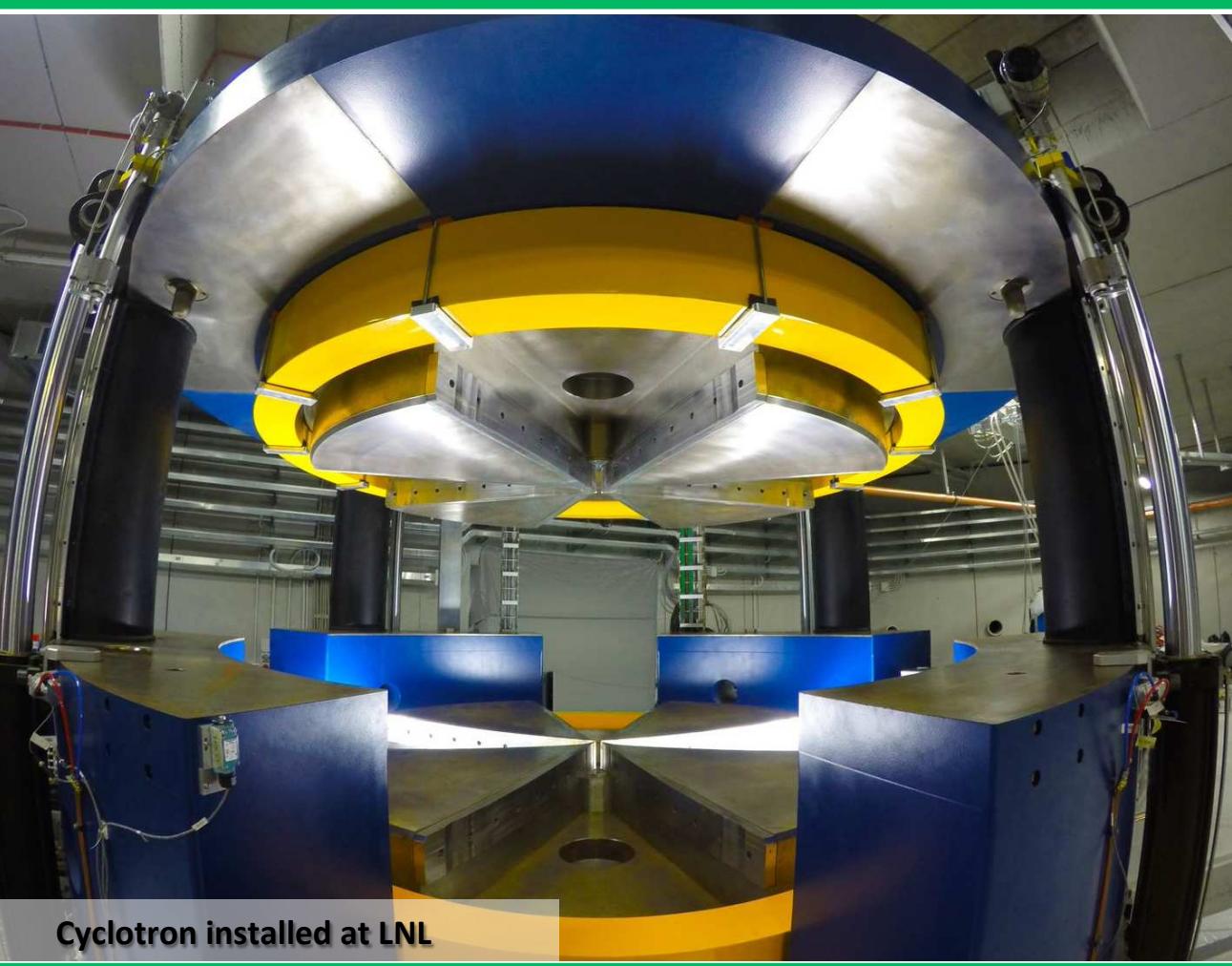


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# SPES cyclotron

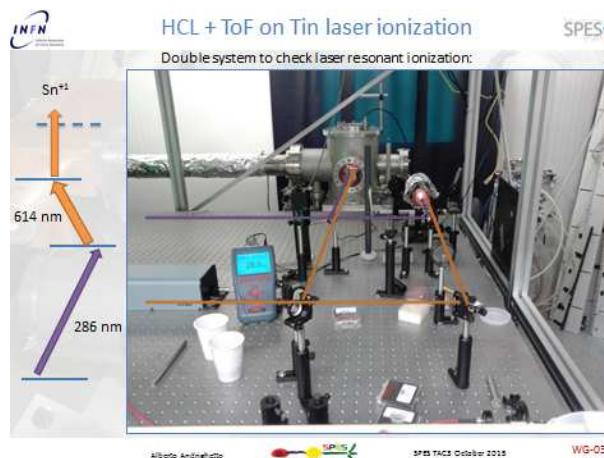
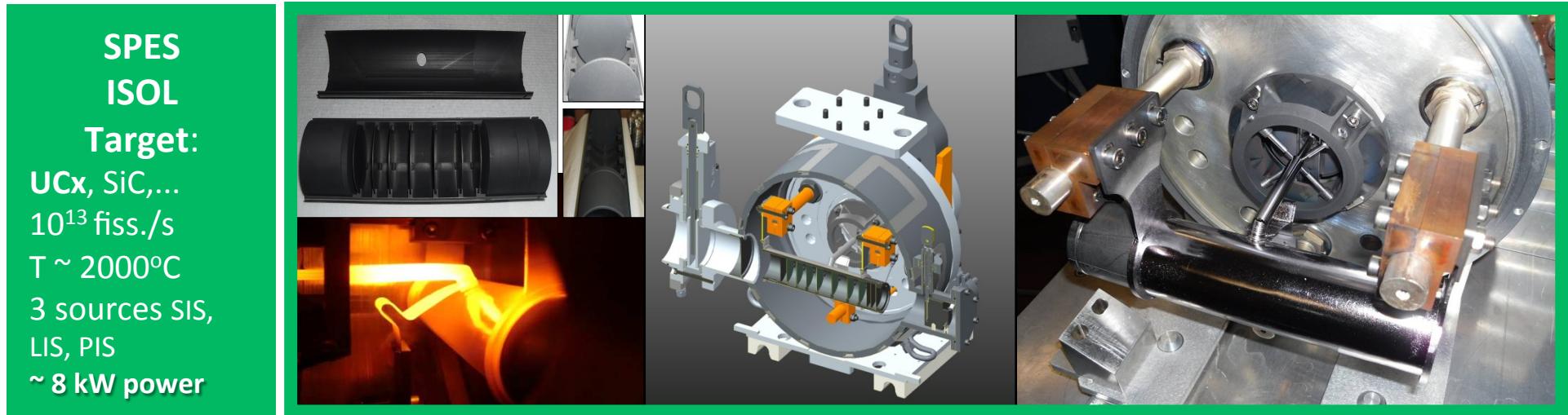


Cyclotron installed at LNL

## Main Parameters

Accelerator Type	Cyclotron AVF 4 sectors
Particle	Protons ( $H^-$ accelerated)
Energy	Variable within 30-70 MeV
Max Current Accelerated	750 $\mu$ A (52 kW max beam power)
Available Beams	2 beams at the same energy (upgrade to different energies)
Max Magnetic Field	1.6 Tesla
RF frequency	56 MHz, 4 <sup>th</sup> harmonic mode
Ion Source	Multicusp $H^-$ I=15 mA, Axial Injection
Dimensions	$\Phi=4.5$ m, $h=1.5$ m
Weight	150 tons

# core of SPES- $\beta$ : the ISOL target



Beam test at iThemba lab. (2014): 66MeV protons, 60  $\mu\text{A}$  on full scale SiC prototype at 1600  $^\circ\text{C}$  (FEM sim. Validation)

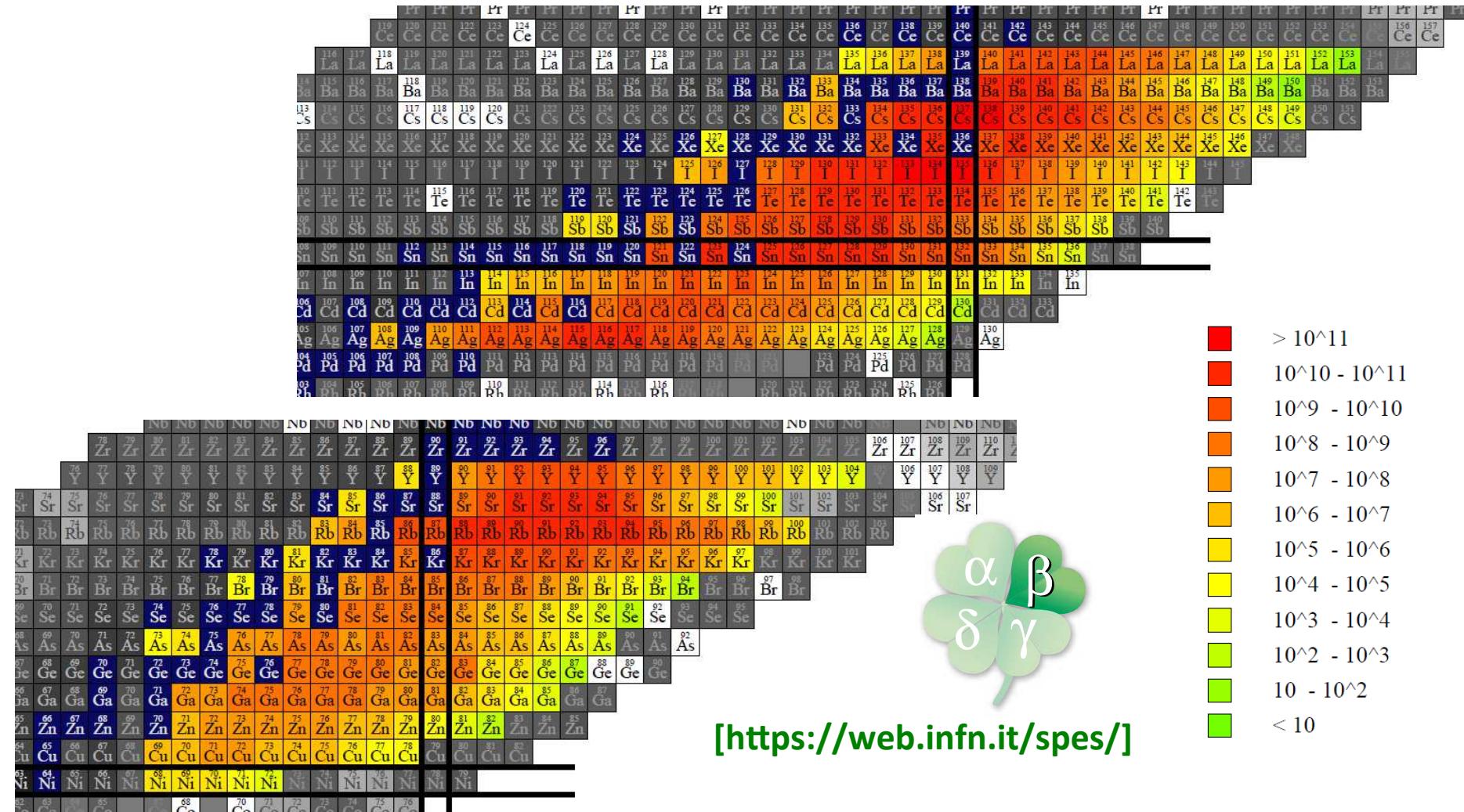
Former beam tests: ORNL (2007, 2010-2011) SiC, Ucx; ISOLDE(2009) UCx, IPNO (2013) UCx.

Front End and Target System: procured.

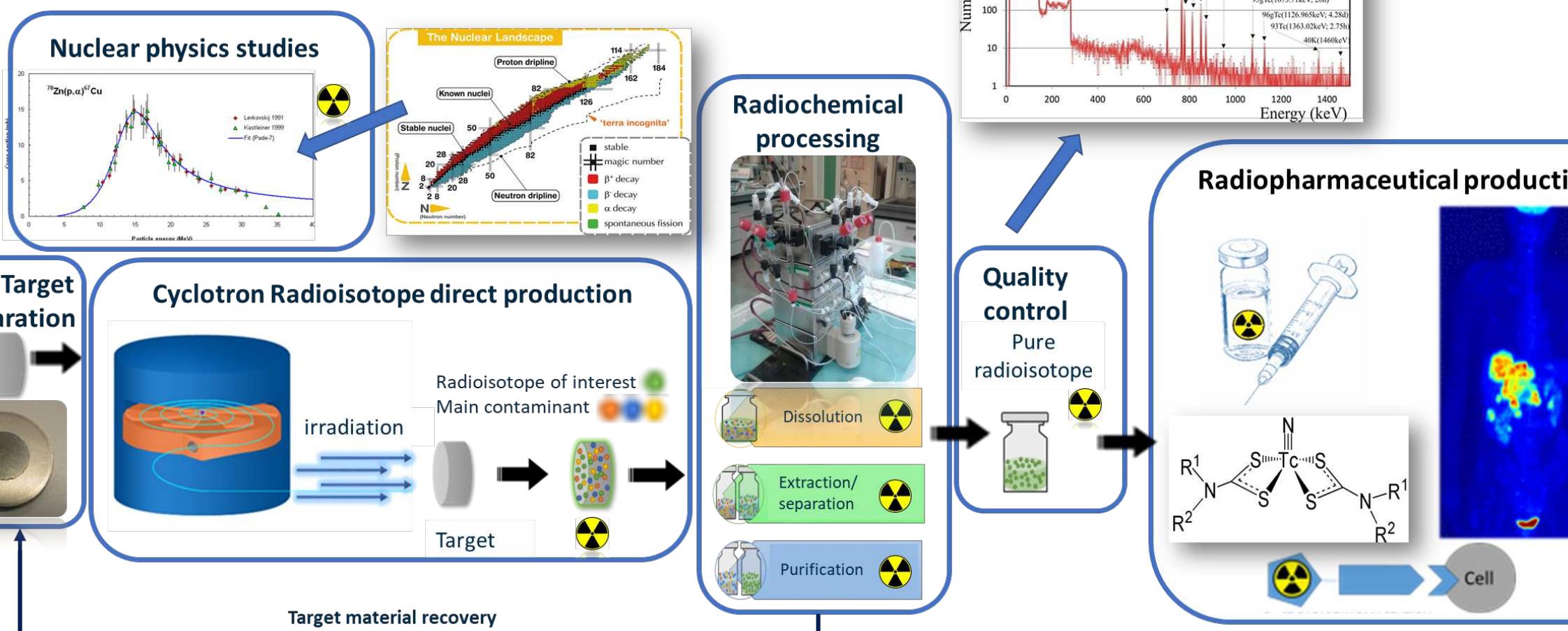
Target handling systems, Heat resistance tests, Nuclear Safety.



# beams “menu”



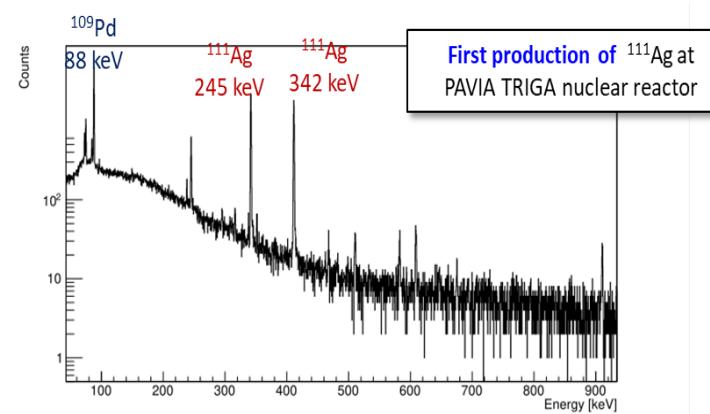
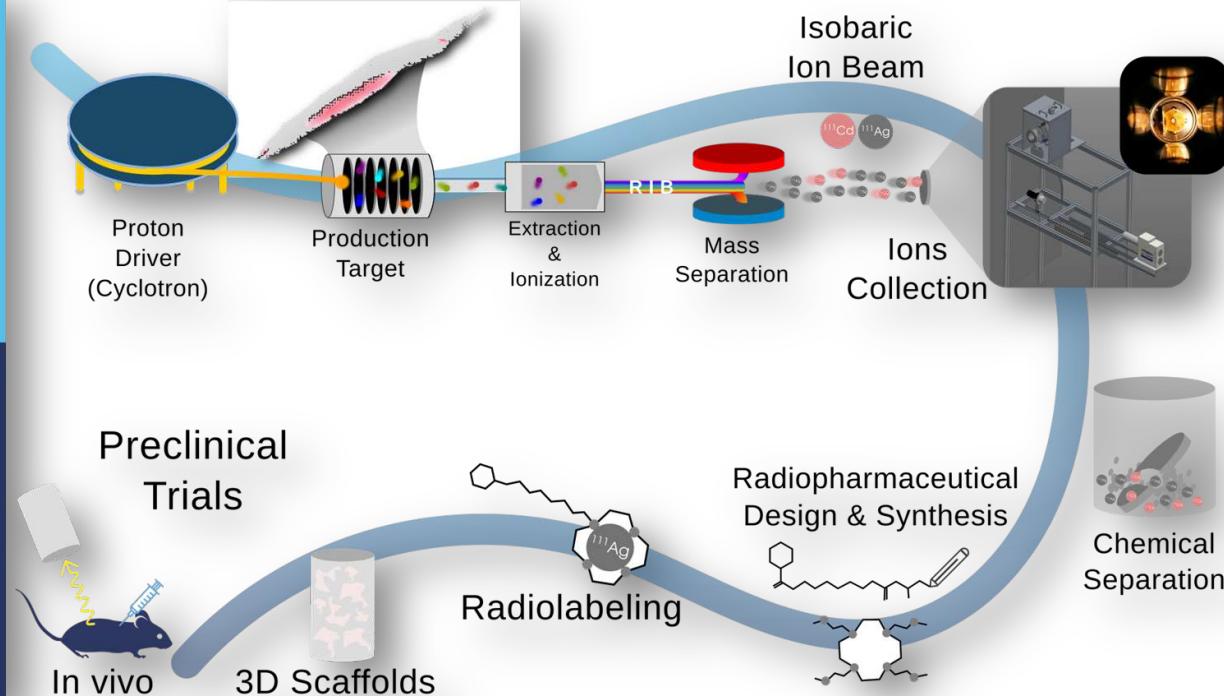
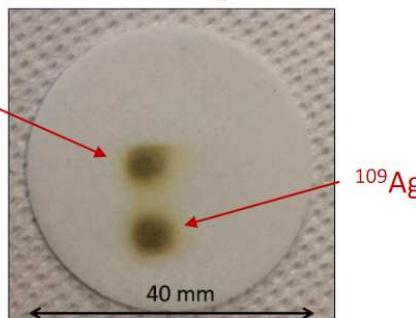
# $\beta$ - $\gamma$ : the LARAMED project



# $\beta$ - $\gamma$ : the ISOLPHARM project

ISOL  
PHARM

Collection on  $\text{NaNO}_3$  substrate



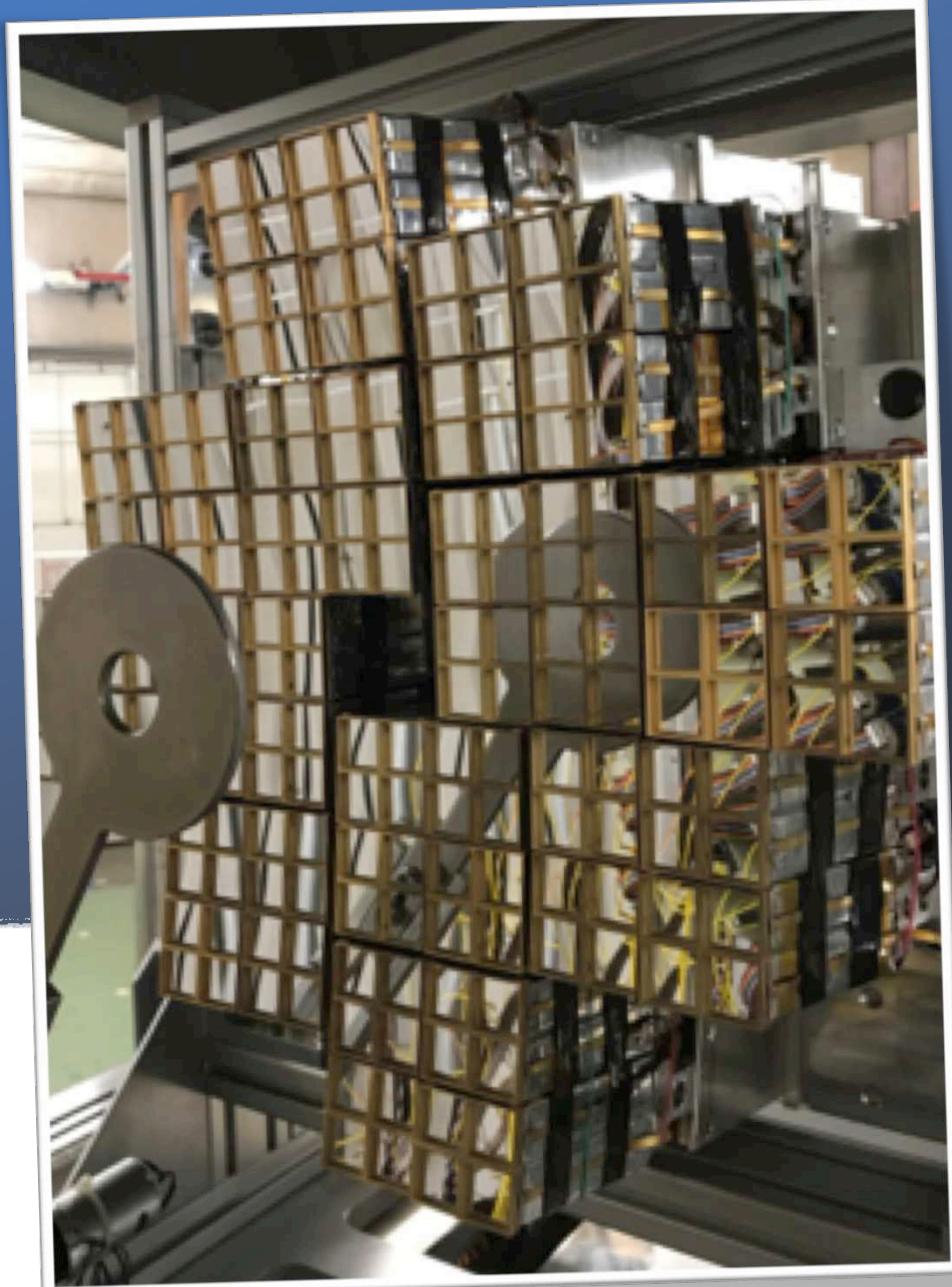
Capable of selecting and isolating a SINGLE RADIO-ISOTOPE

- high Specific Activity
- high Radionuclide Purity

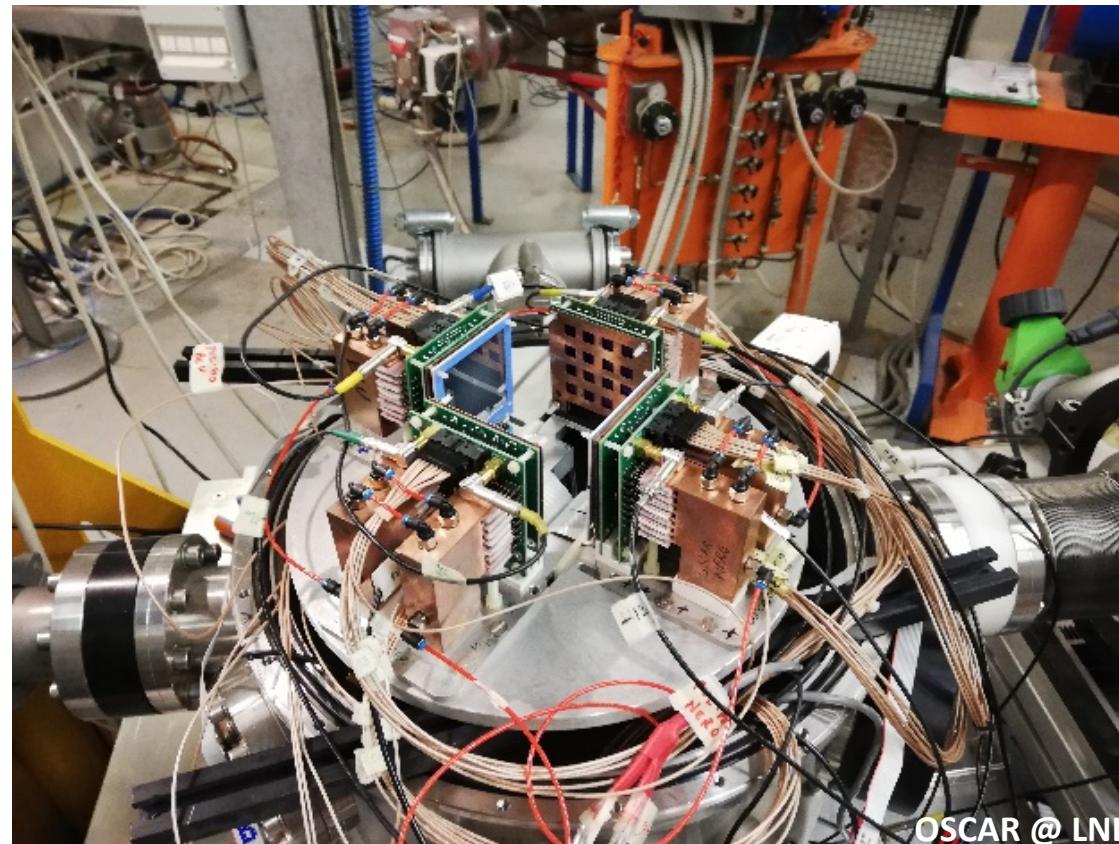
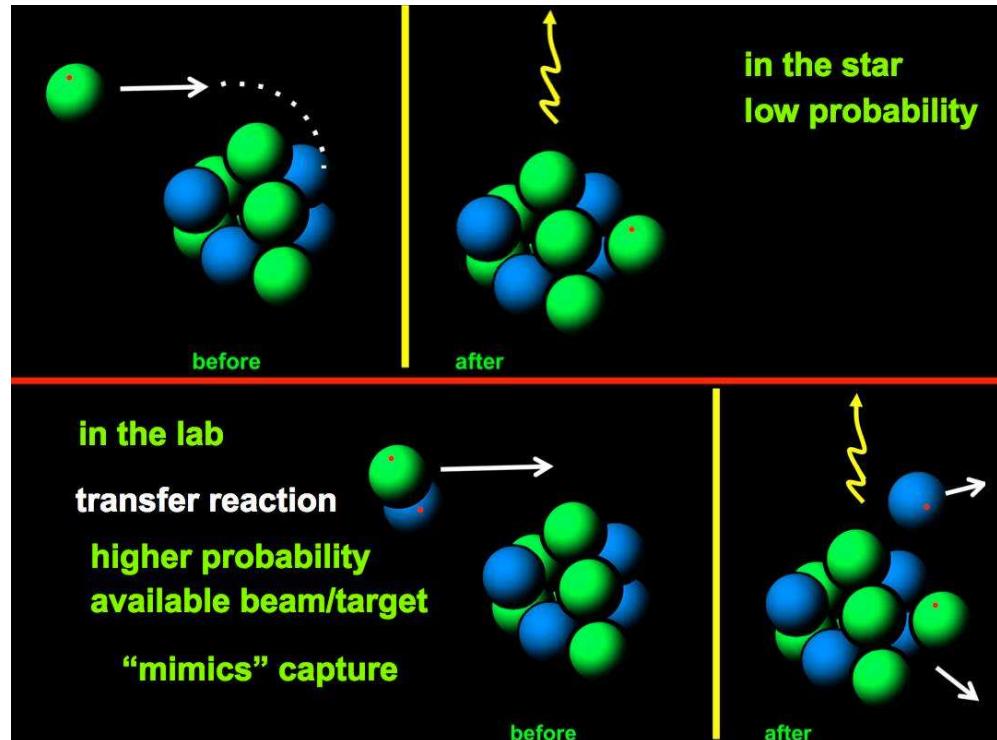
ISOLPHARM allows to produce unconventional medical radionuclides

# PART 3: experiments

*..Bonus track...*

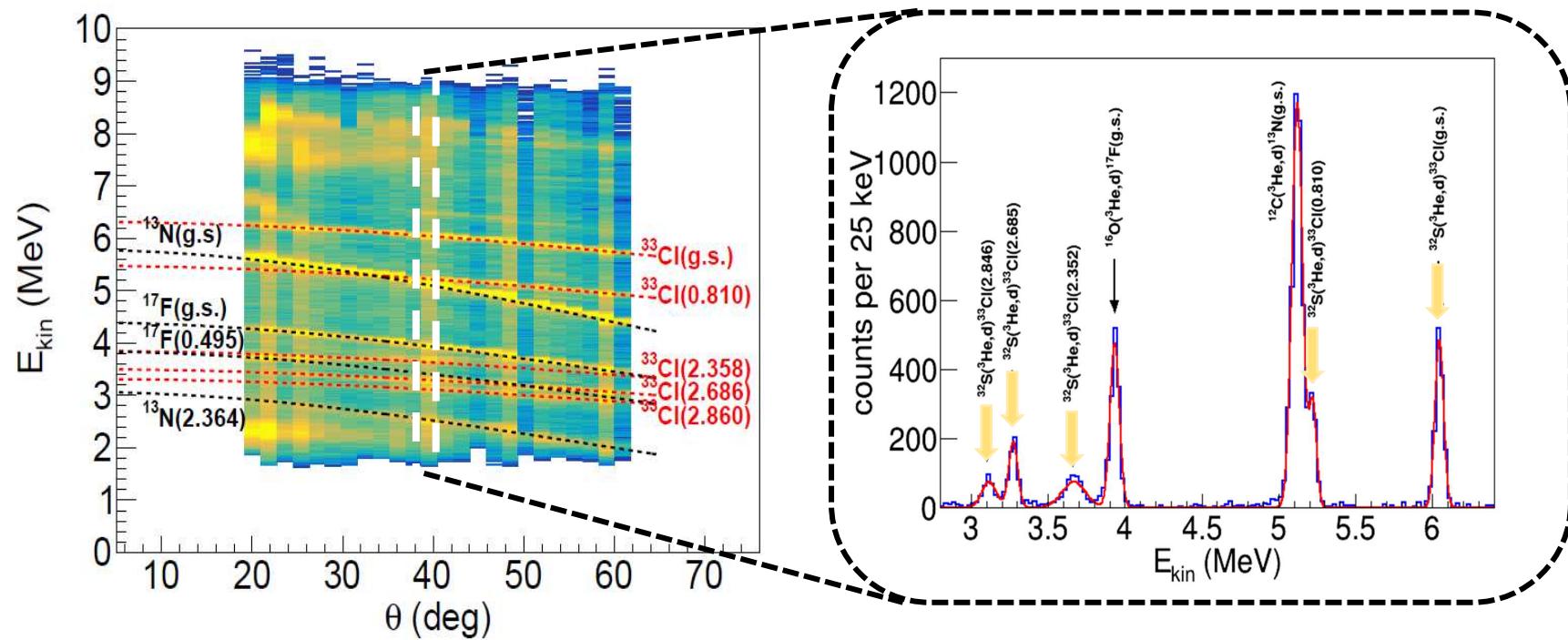


# in the lab: direct reactions



Courtesy of the NUCLEX collaboration

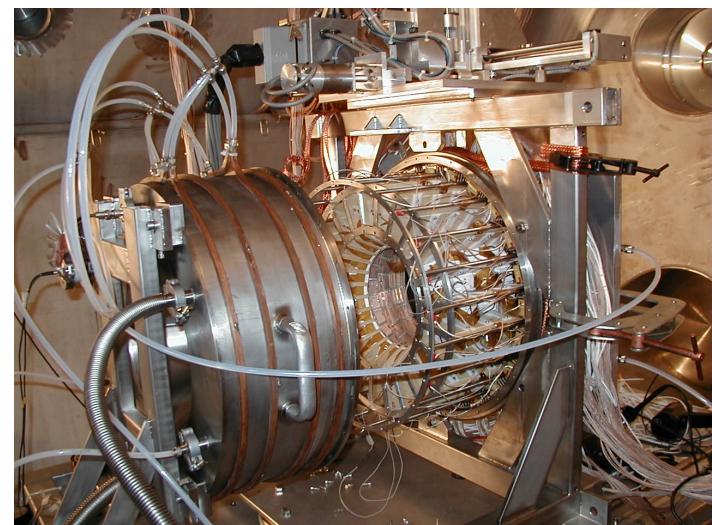
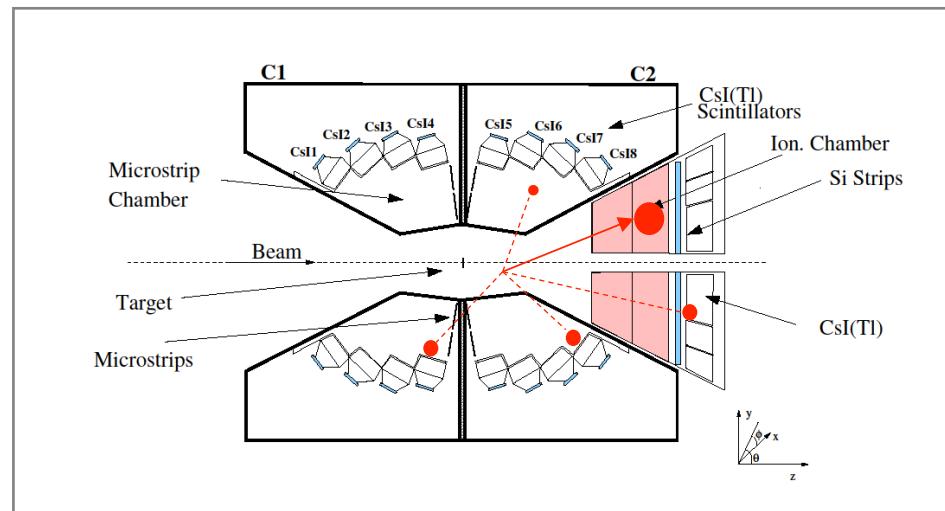
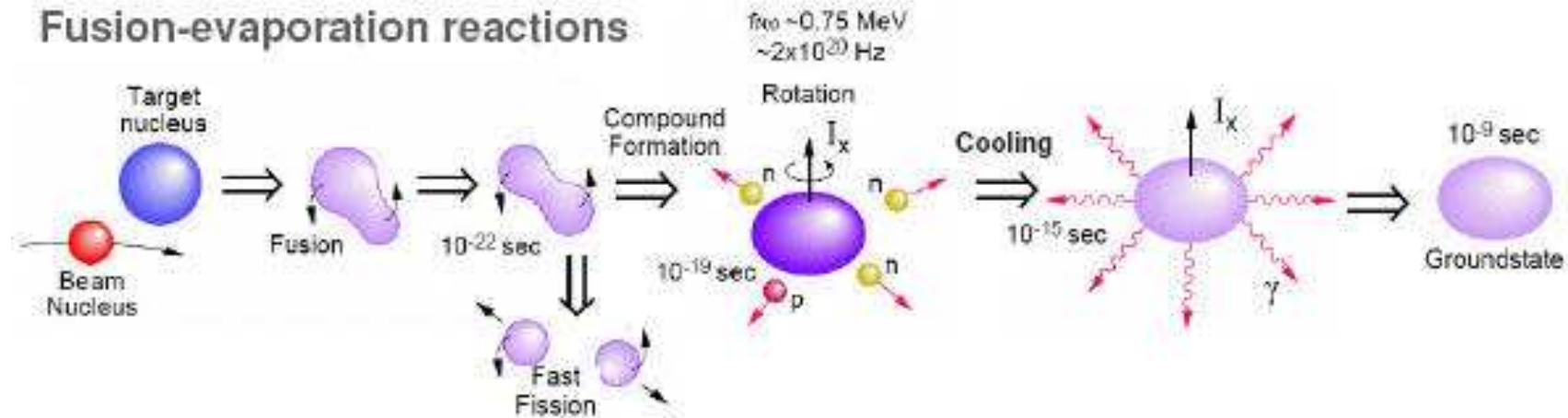
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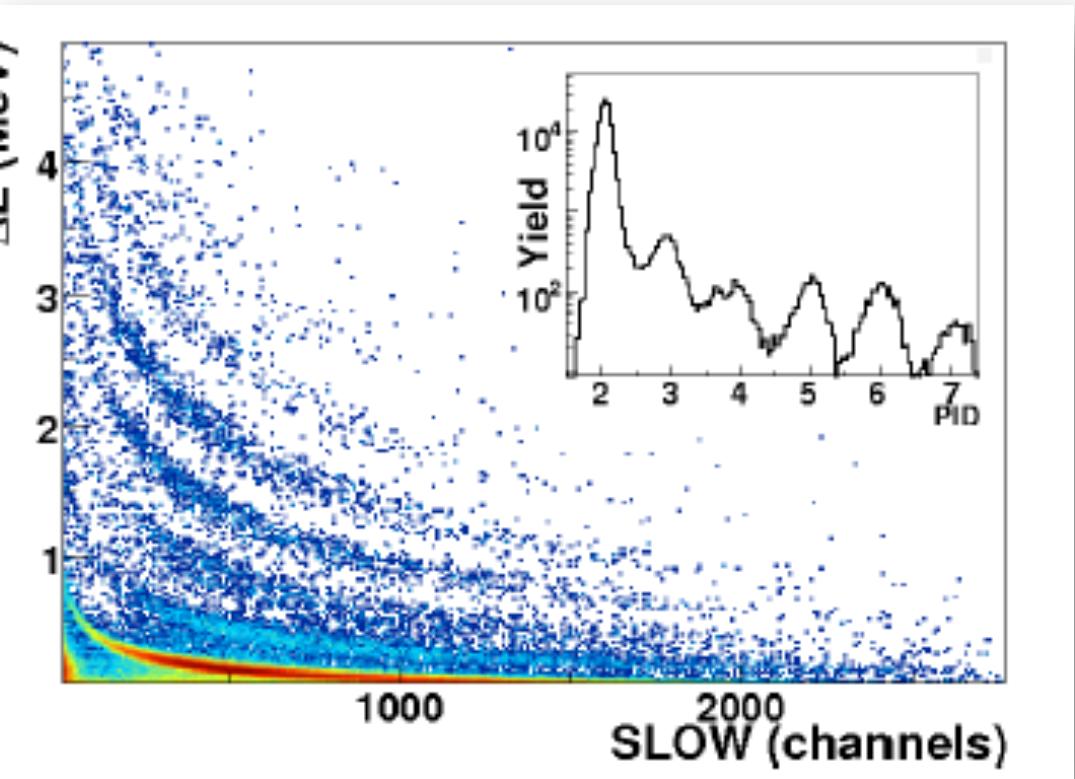
# Fusion-evaporation reactions with the GARFIELD setup



## Fusion-evaporation reactions



# ion-evaporation reactions with the GARFIELD setup



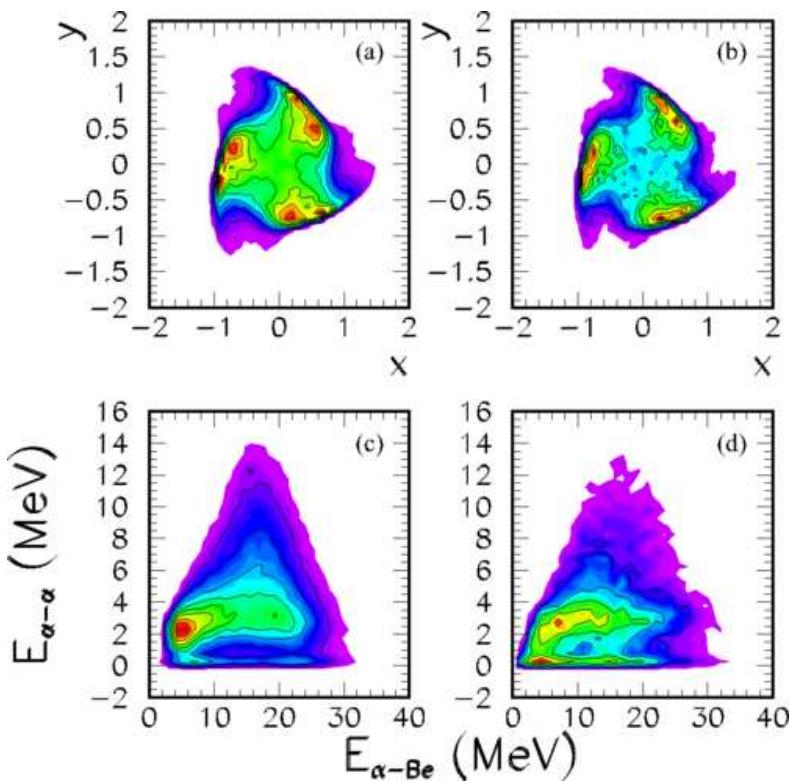
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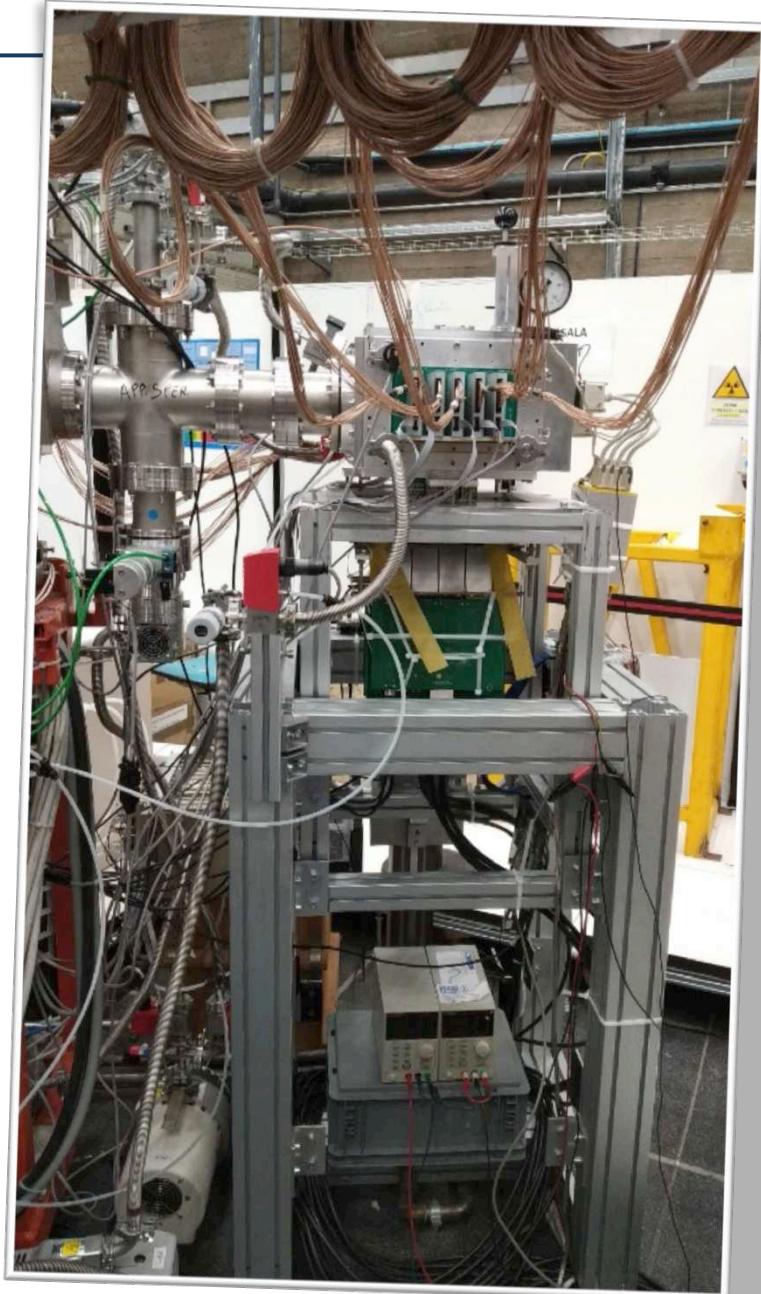
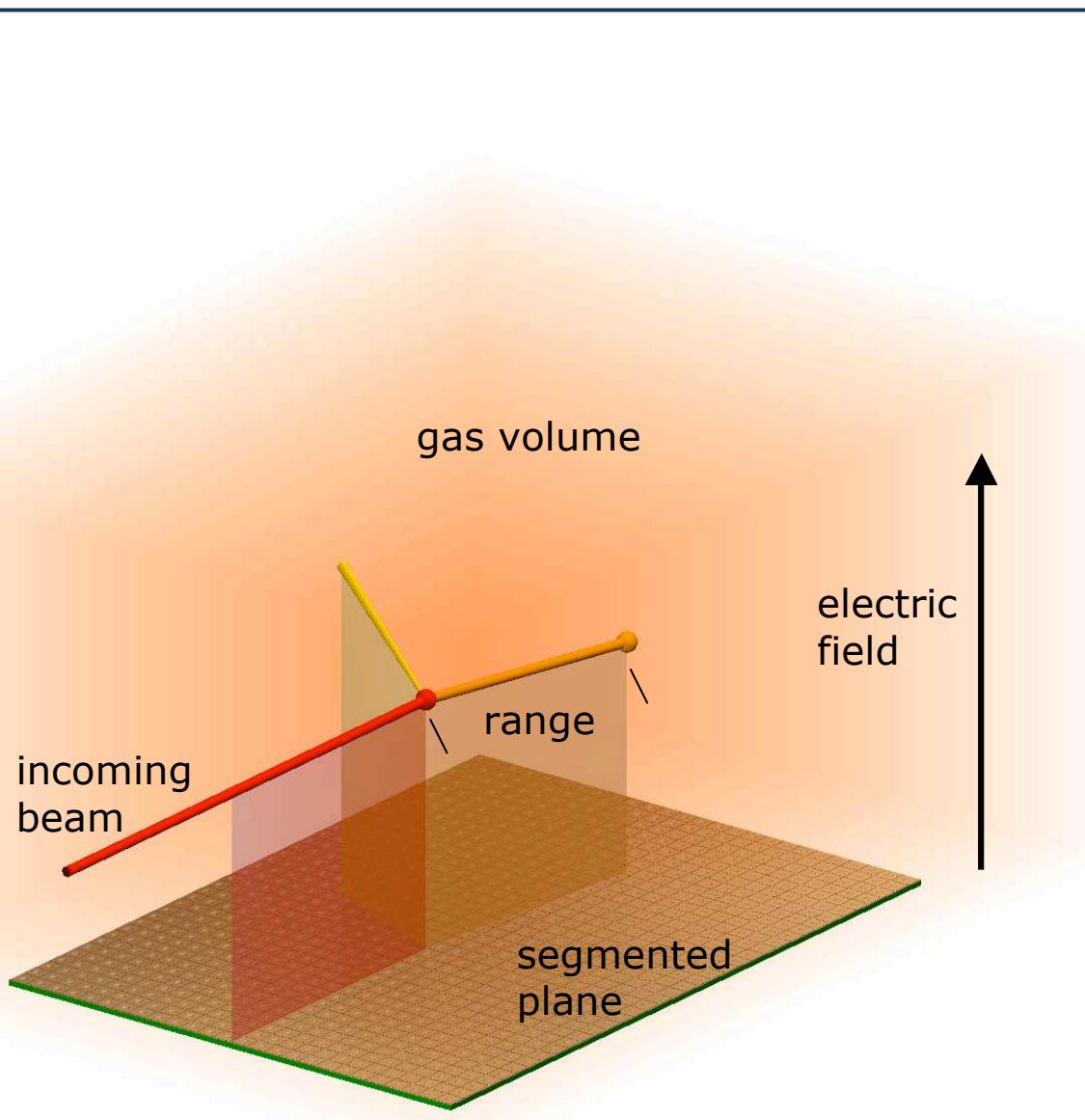
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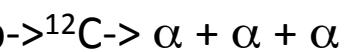
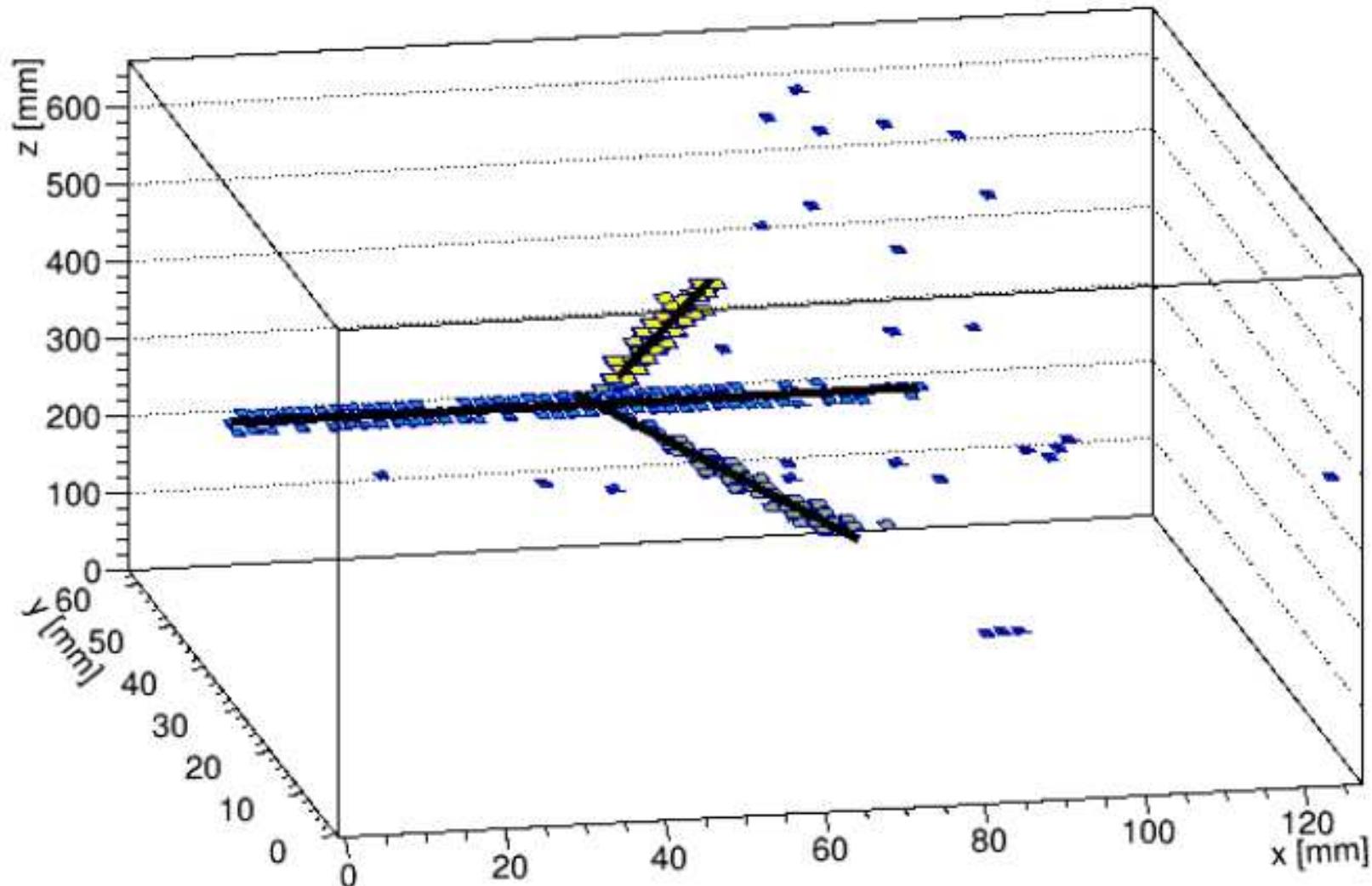
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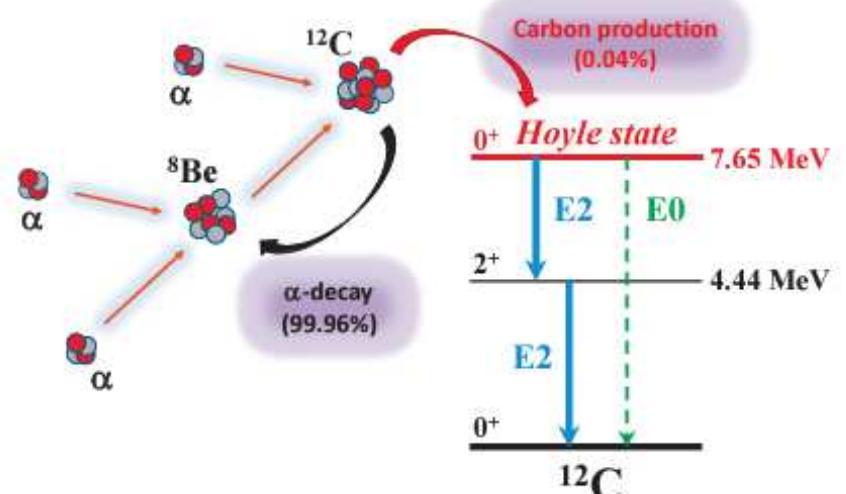


# Pixel detectors for new experiments



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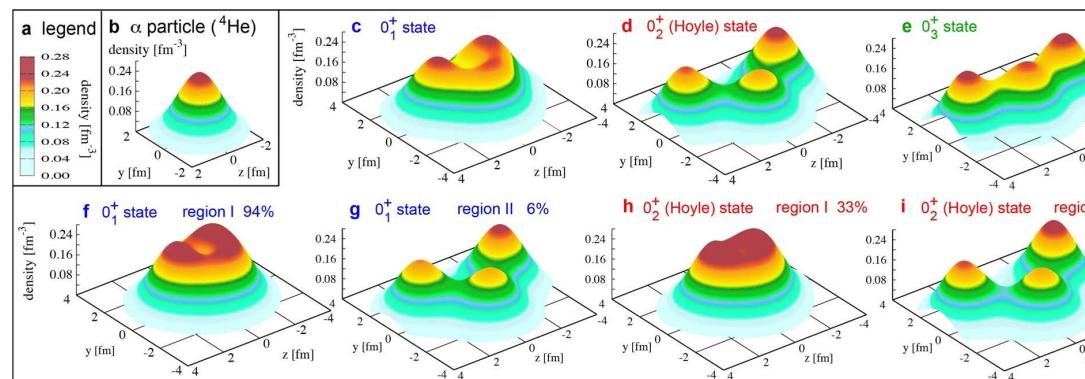
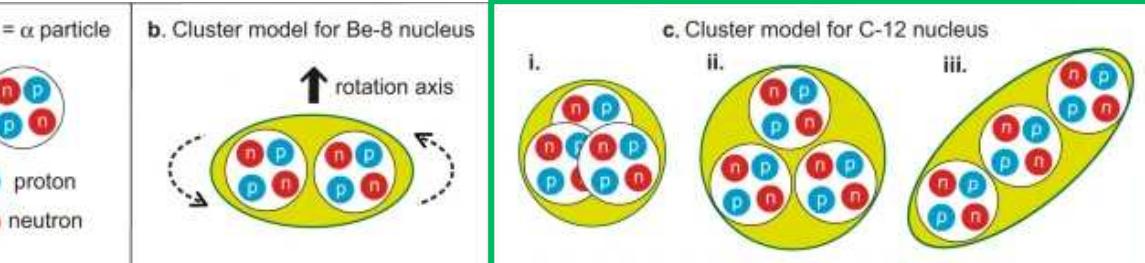
– Fred Hoyle's hypothesis to explain the  $^{12}\text{C}$  abundance in the universe.

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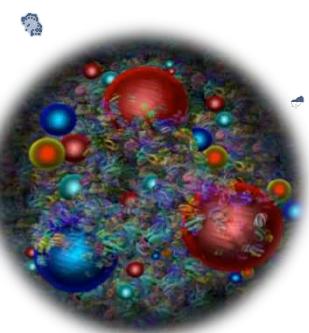
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