



Sectoral Operational Programme
„Increase of Economic Competitiveness”
“Investments for Your Future”

Extreme Light Infrastructure – Nuclear Physics (ELI-NP)
Project co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund

Fission Studies at the New ELI-NP Facility

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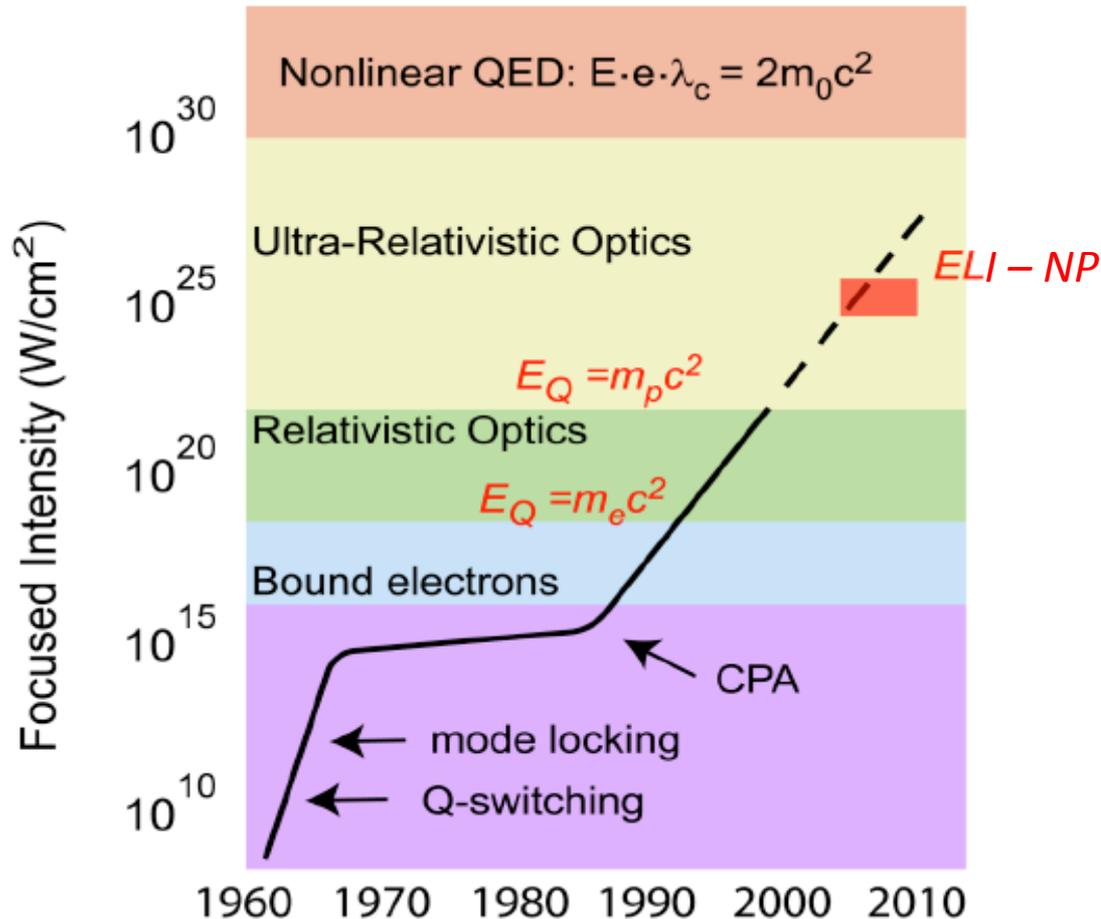


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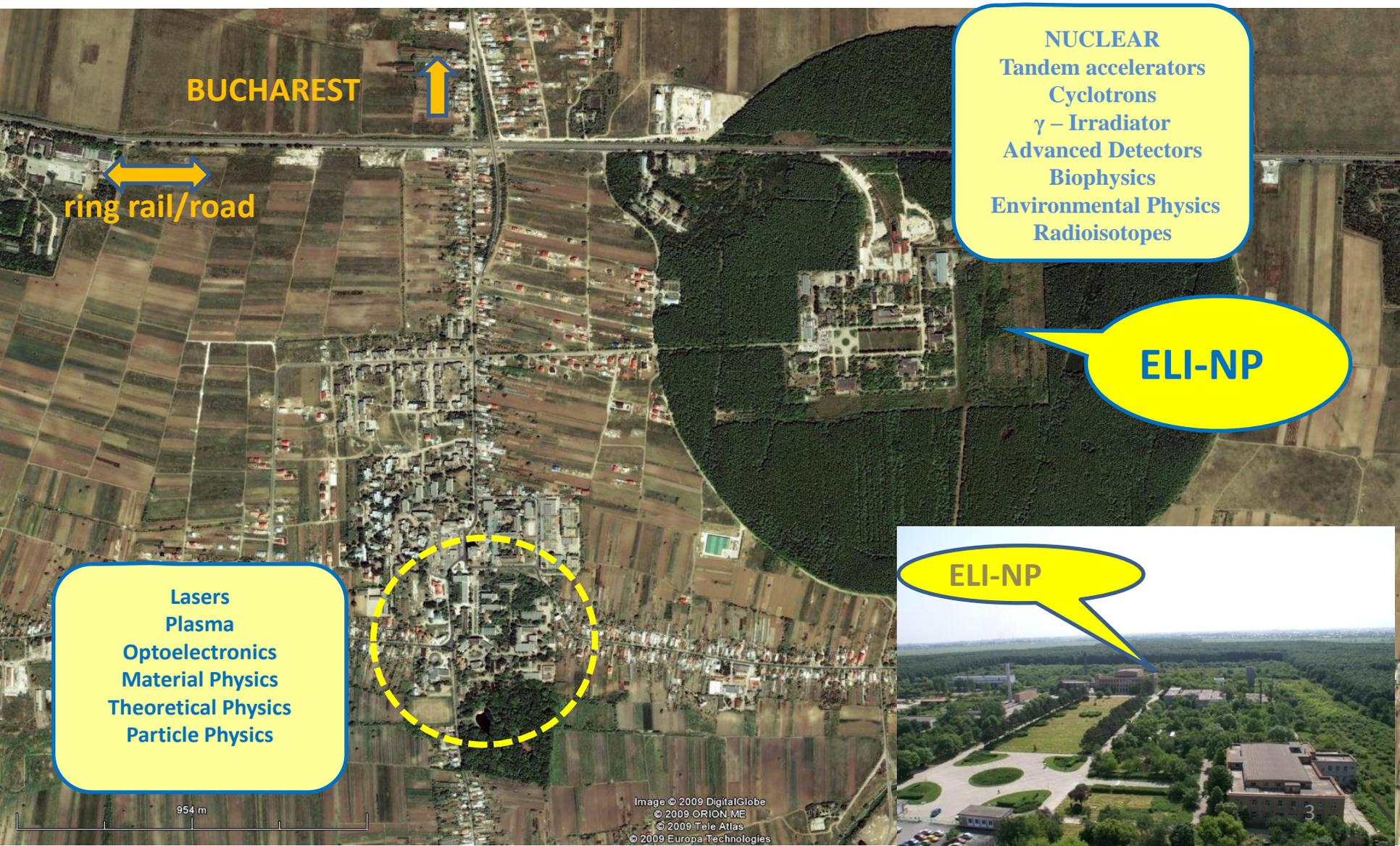


Gerard Mourou 1985: Chirped Pulse Amplification (CPA)

Strickland, Mourou, Opt. Commun. 56, 219 (1985)



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Tandem accelerators
Cyclotrons
 γ - Irradiator
Advanced Detectors
Biophysics
Environmental Physics
Radioisotopes

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Lasers
Plasma
Optoelectronics
Material Physics
Theoretical Physics
Particle Physics

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ELI-NP Milestones

2005: *The ELI project was initiated*

2007: *Identified by the ESFRI Council as top priority research infrastructure
EC supported a 36-month Preparatory Phase Project*

May 2009: *Four main research topics were identified, among them ELI-NP*

December 2009: *Approval of the Competitiveness Council*

January 2012: *Project submitted to the EC*

July 2012: *Romanian Government Decision*

Construction of the New Research Infrastructure ELI-NP: 293 M€

September 2012: *EC Project Approval*

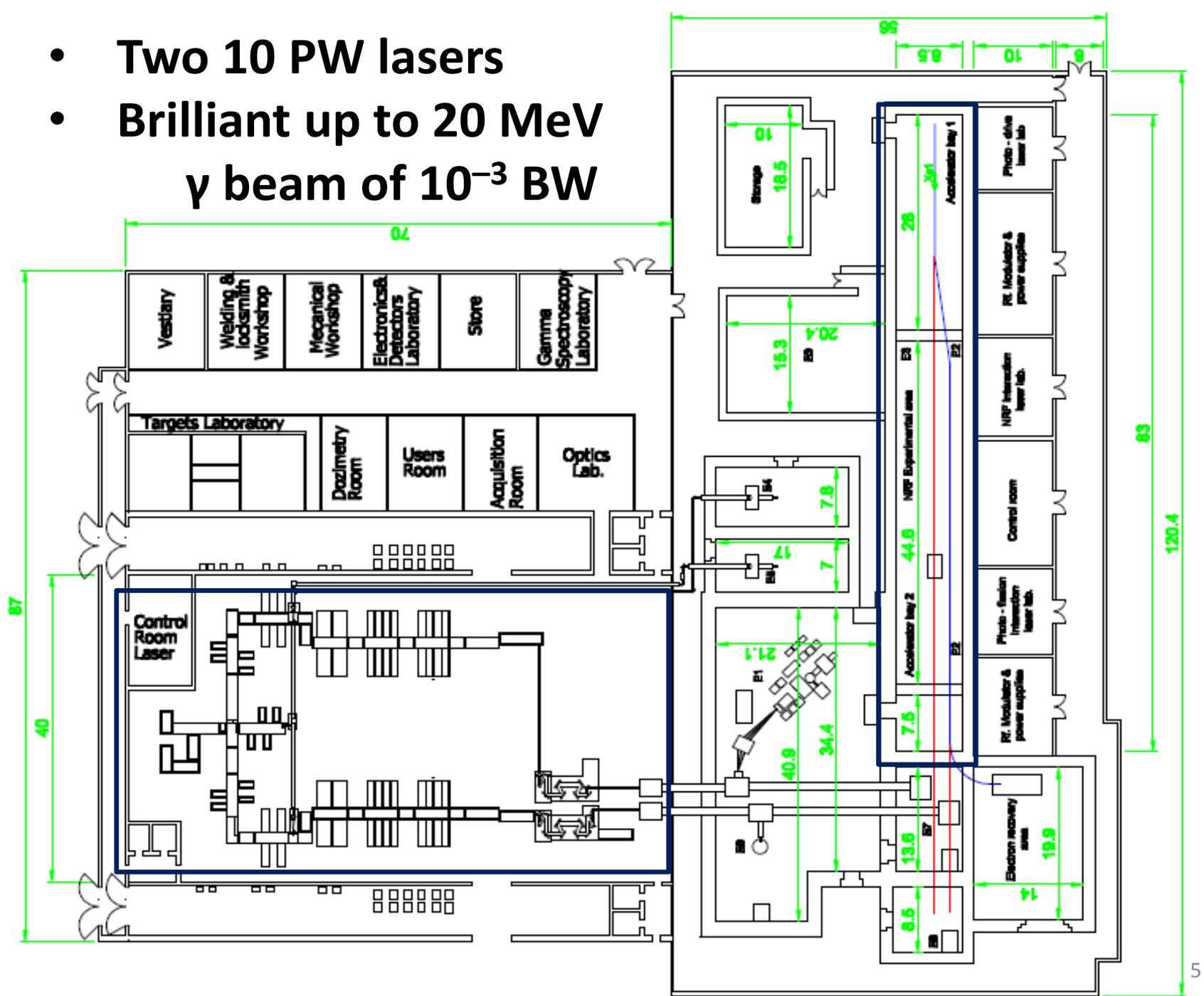
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“Investments in your Future”

Financial Support (83%) of the First phase (2012-2015) 180 M€

- Two 10 PW lasers
- Brilliant up to 20 MeV γ beam of 10^{-3} BW



ELI-NP Status

December 2012: *Tenders for civil construction and major instrumentation*

May 2013: *Earth breaking*

Civil construction of the ELI-NP complex (2013 – 2015)

July 2013: *Laser-Beam System (LBS) contract signed*

Construction of the 2 x 10 PW Lasers (2013 – 2017)

March 2014: *Gamma-Beam System (GBS) contract signed*

Construction of 200 keV – 20 MeV gamma-beam system (2104 – 2018)

April 2013: *Science Division of ELI-NP was established*

Definition and preparation of experimental TDRs (due in early 2015)

2015: *Tenders for experimental instrumentation*

2017: *Commissioning experiments*



2x10PW Laser Contract

July 12th, 2013

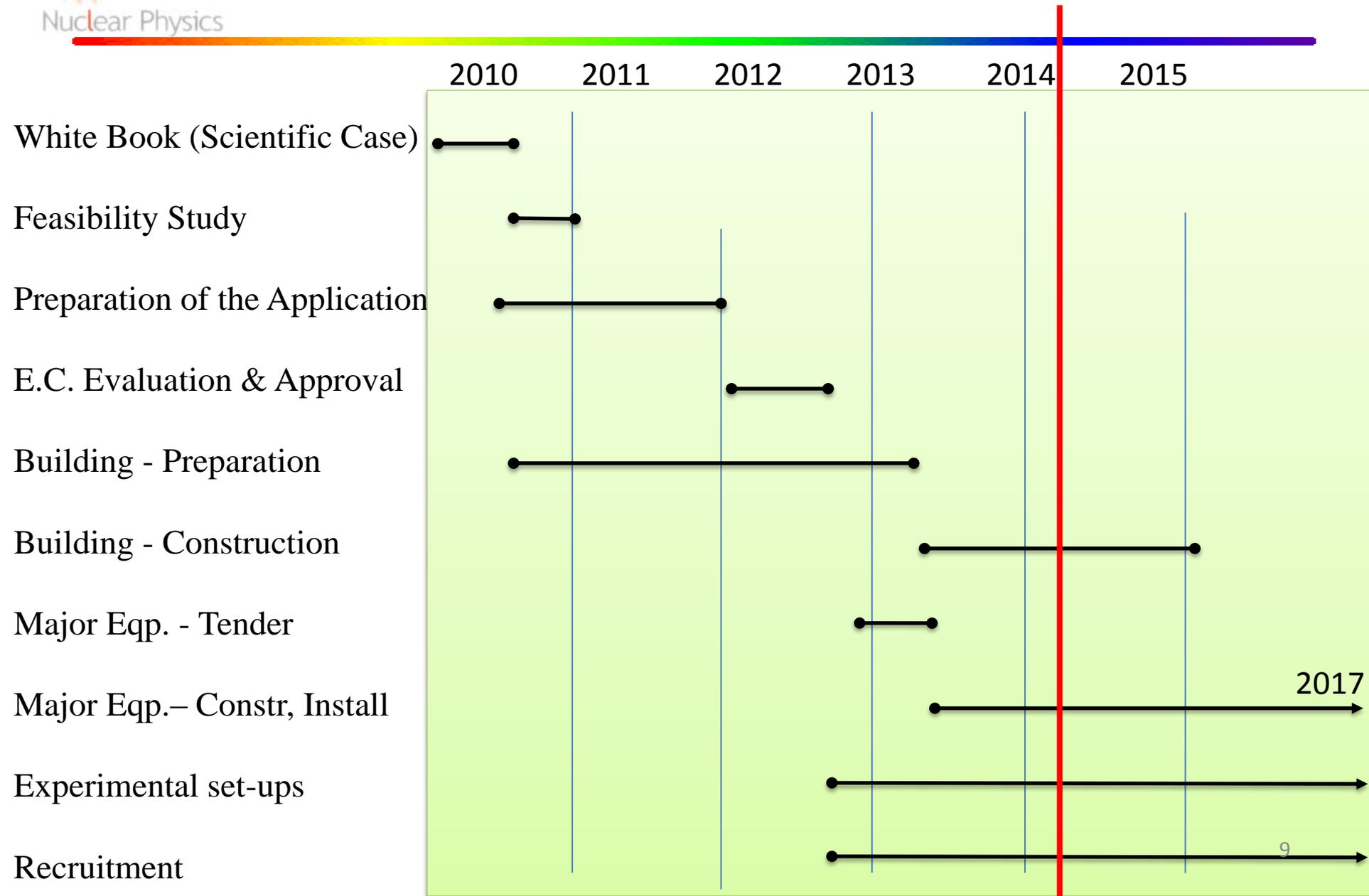
Thales Optronique SAS and S.C. Thales System Romania SRL

2013-2017

61.5 Meuro



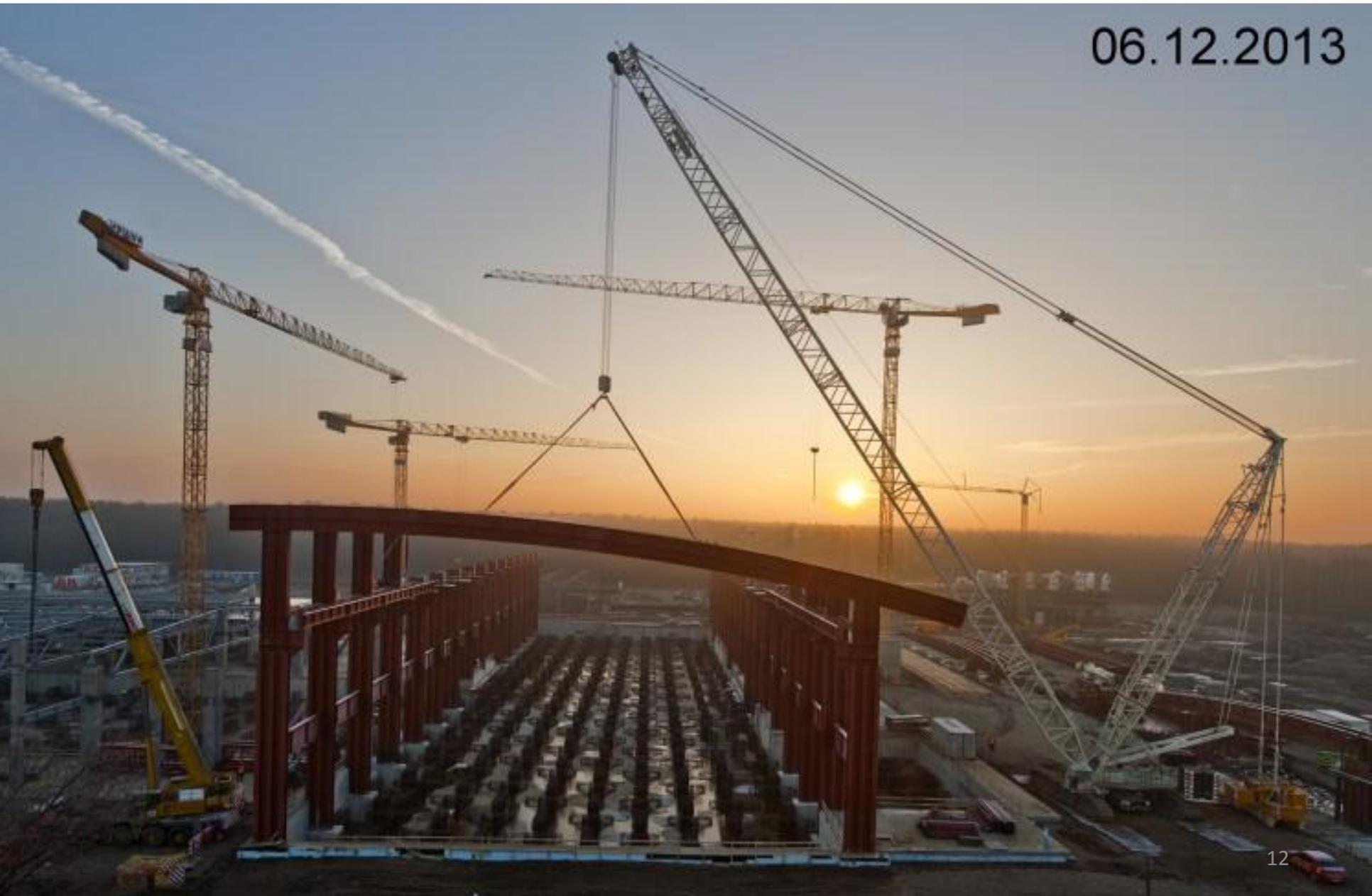
Project implementation







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Buildings – one contractor, 33000 m² total

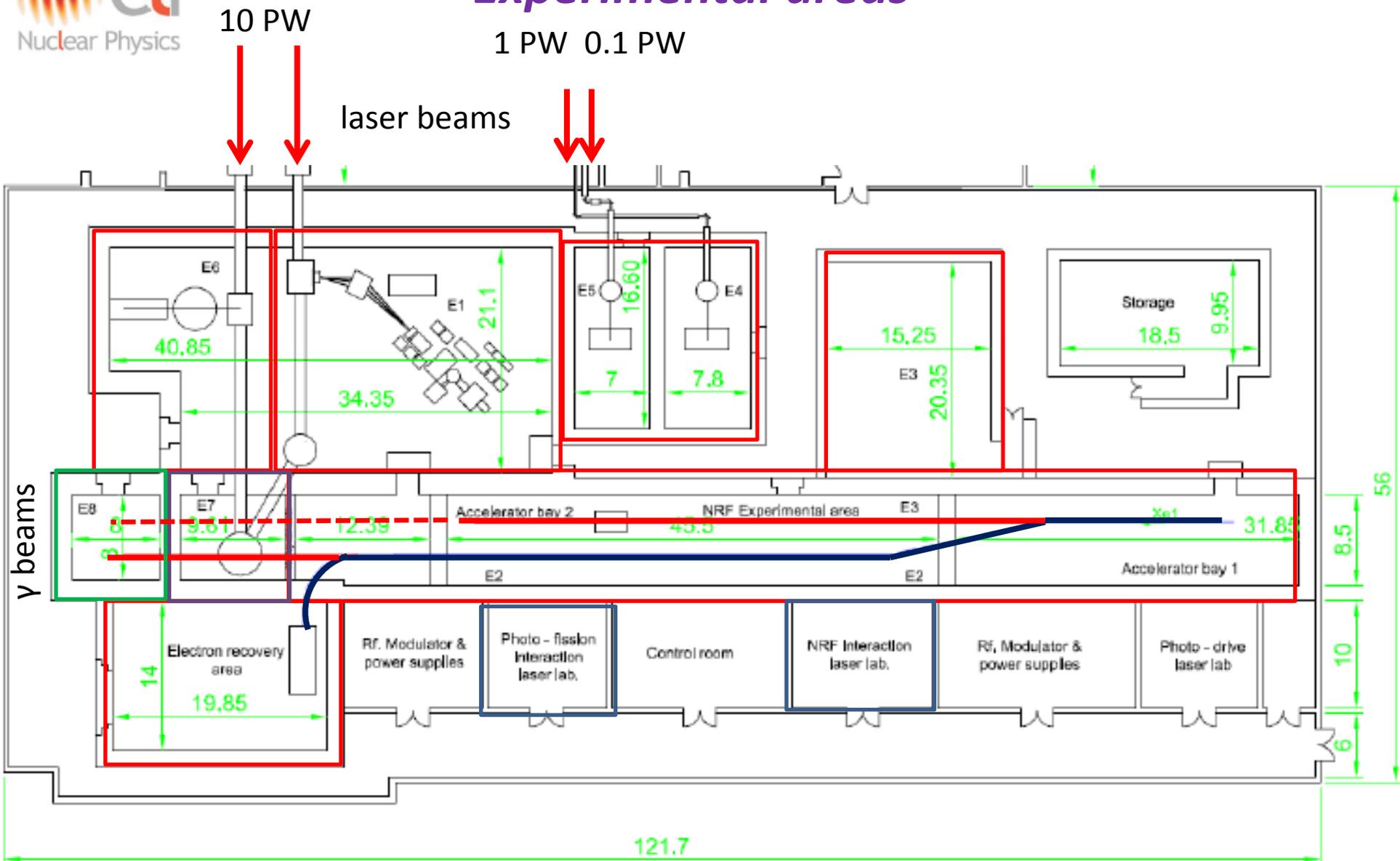
- Experimental area building
- Office building
- Guest house
- Canteen



High-power laser source

| Parameter | Range |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Available outputs power and repetition rate | Two outputs with 0.1PW at 10Hz two outputs with 1PW at 1 Hz <u>two outputs with 10PW at 1shot/min</u> |
| Pulse duration | <50 fs |
| Strehl Ratio | >0.7 |
| Pointing stability | <0.2 microrad |
| Temporal contrast in the nanosecond range | 10^{11} :1 for the 0.1PW outputs 10^{12} :1 extrapolated for the 10PW outputs |
| Temporal contrast in the picosecond range | 10^{11} :1 for the 0.1PW outputs 10^{12} :1 extrapolated for the 10PW outputs |
| External clock synchronization jitter | <200fs |

Experimental areas



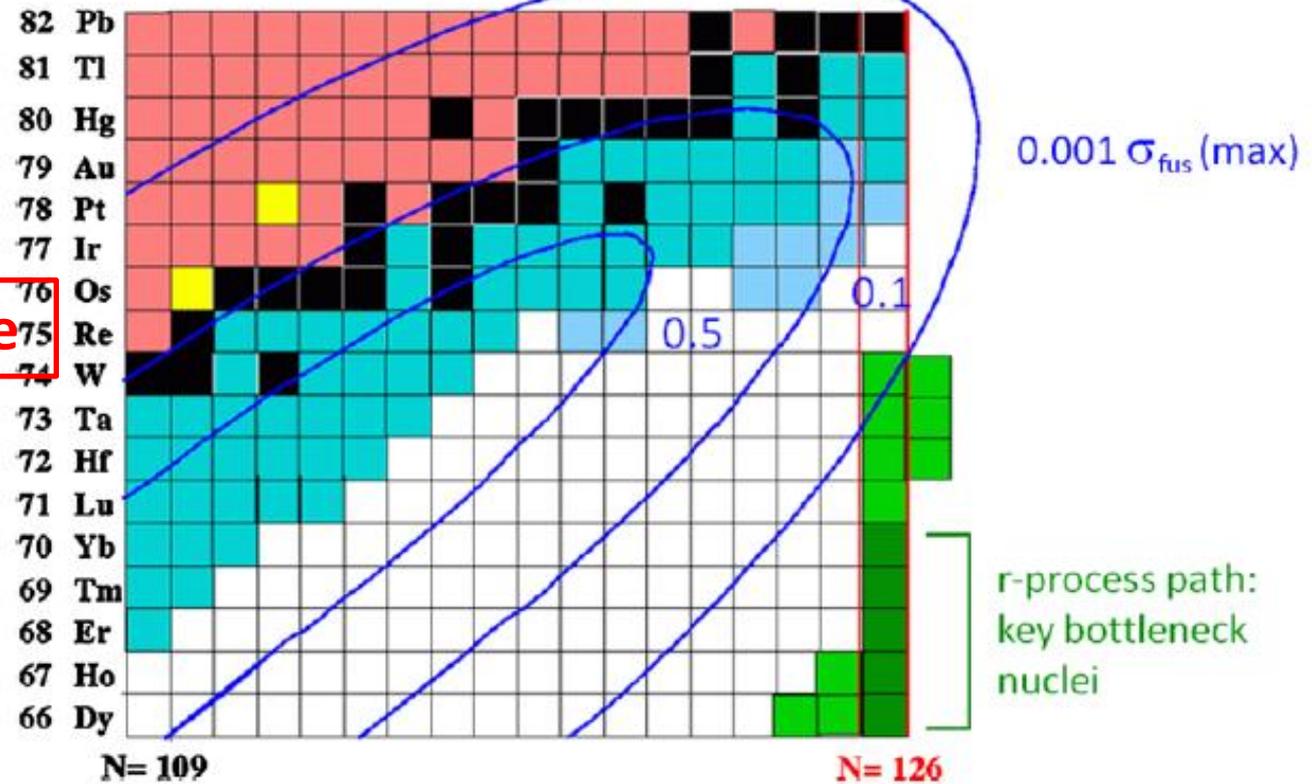
Laser-

Appl Phys B (2011) 103: 471–484
DOI 10.1007/s00340-010-4261-x

$$F_L + F_L \rightarrow \langle AZ \rangle \approx {}^{192}\text{Re}$$

Introducing the first
a laser-accelerated
towards the $N = 126$

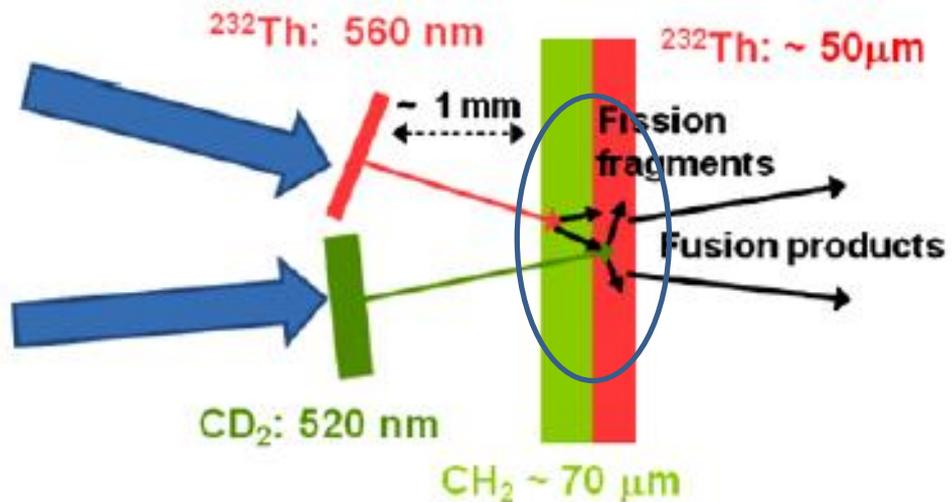
D. Habs · P.G. Thirolf · M. Gr
A. Henig · D. Kiefer · W. Ma ·



$1.2 \cdot 10^{23} \text{ W/cm}^2$
32 fs, 273 J, 8.5 PW

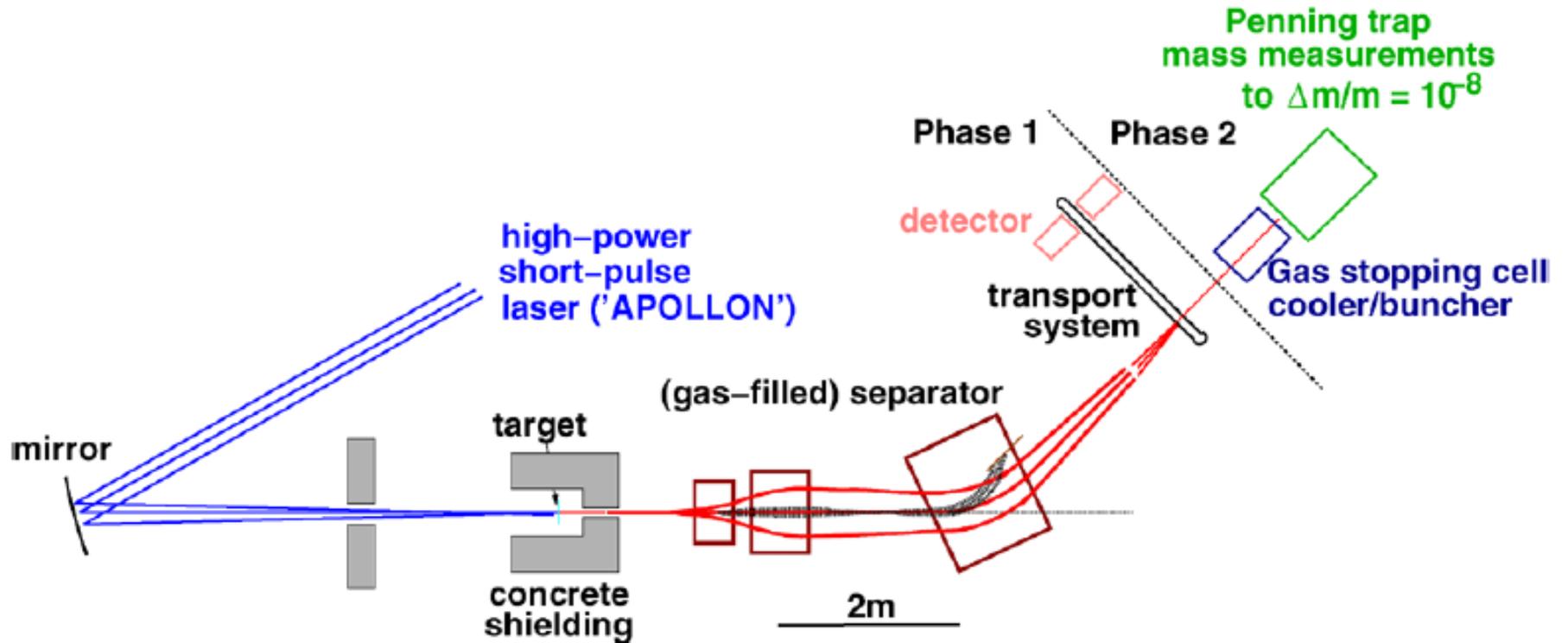
high-power, high-contrast
APOLLON laser :
focal spot: diam. $\sim 3 \mu\text{m}$

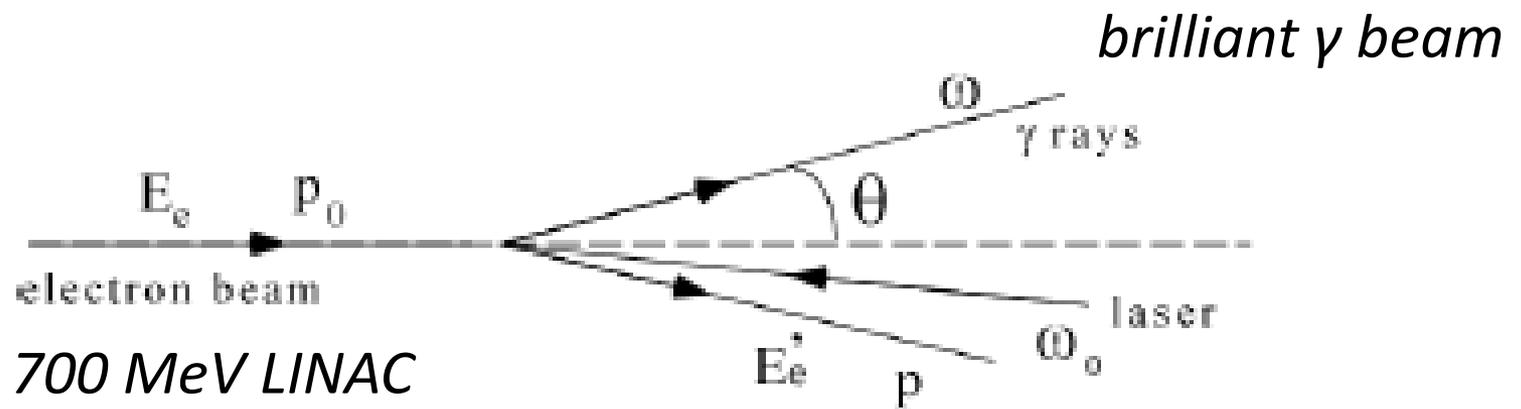
$1.0 \cdot 10^{22} \text{ W/cm}^2$
32 fs, 23 J, 0.7 PW



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Experimental set-up @ ELI-NP





Parameters of the gamma-beam

| type | Units | Range |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <u>Photon energy</u> | MeV | <u>0.2 – 19.5</u> |
| Divergence | Rad | $\leq 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| <u>Average Relative Bandwidth of Gamma-Ray Beam</u> | | <u>$\leq 5.0 \times 10^{-3}$</u> |
| Time-Average Spectral Density at Peak Energy | 1/(s eV) | $\geq 5.0 \times 10^3$ |
| <u>Time-Average Brilliance at Peak Energy</u> | 1/(s mm ² mrad ² 0.1% η_{γ}) | <u>$\geq 1.0 \times 10^{11}$</u> |
| Minimum Frequency of Gamma-Ray Macropulses | Hz | ≥ 100 |

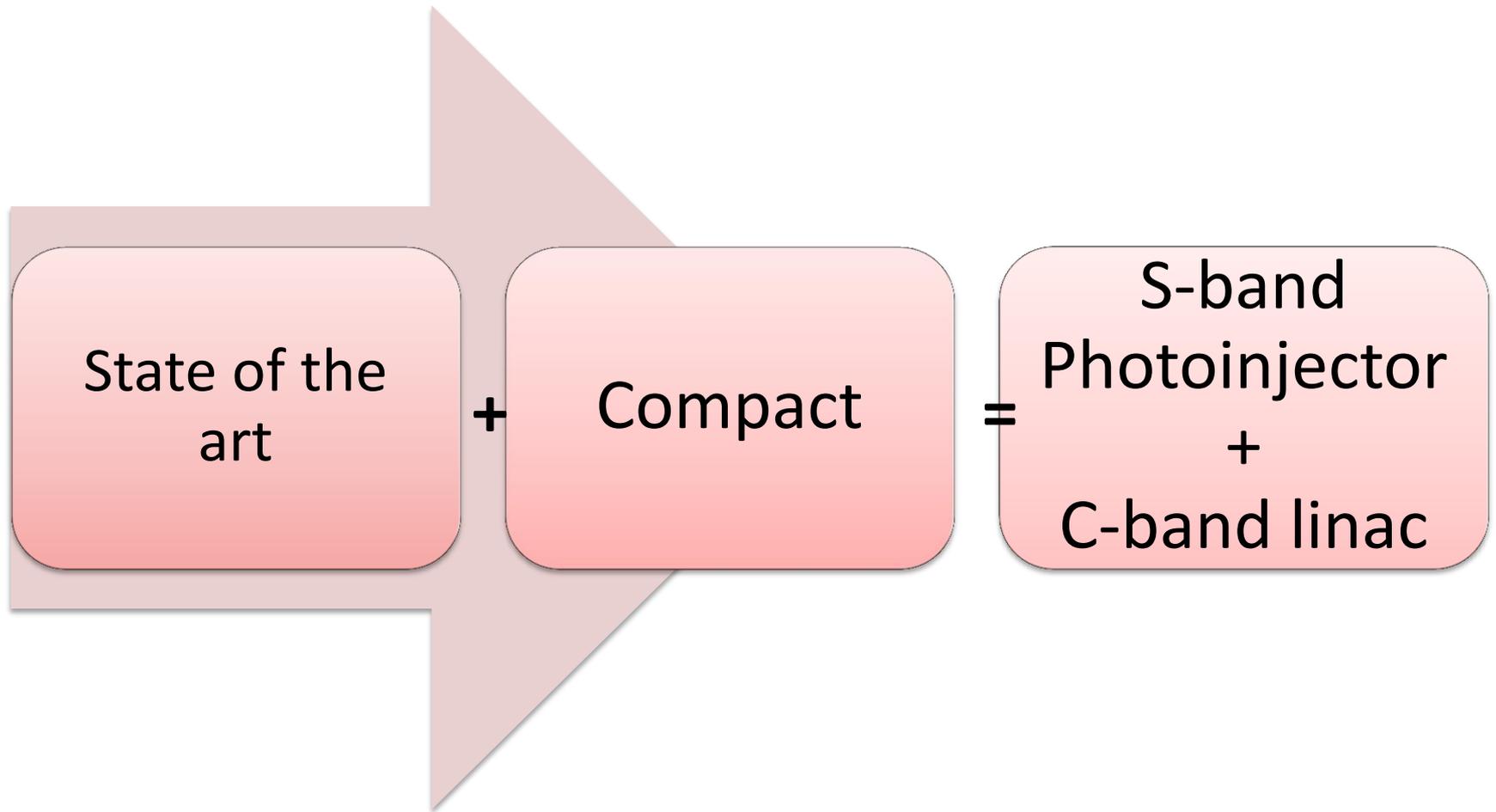
ELI-NP: the *F-I-UK* European proposal



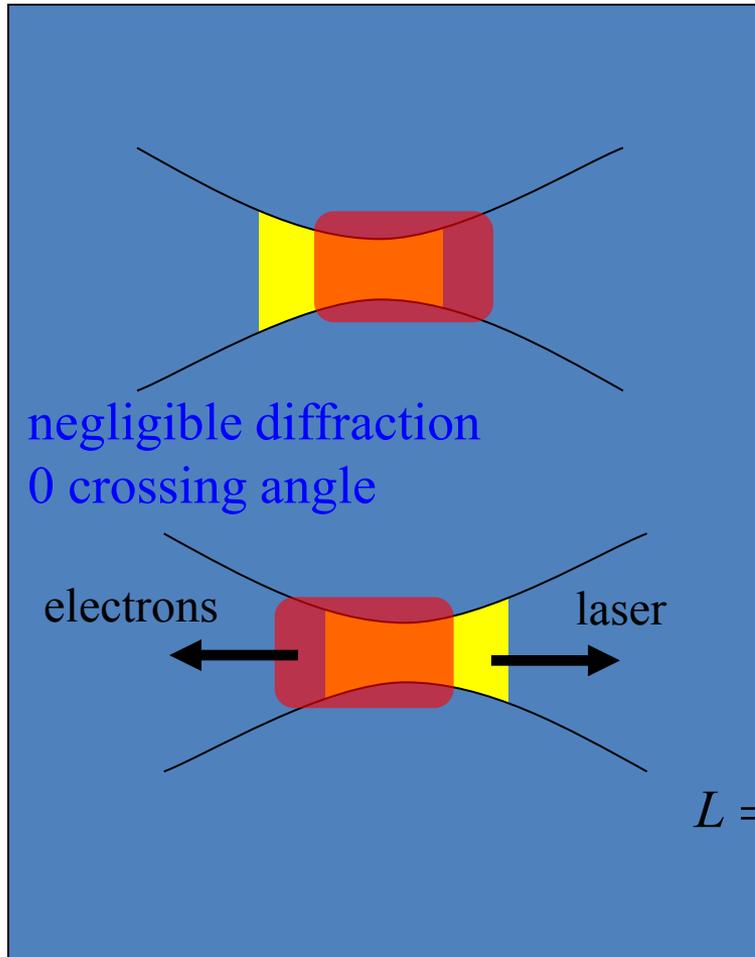
European Collaboration for the proposal of the gamma-ray source:

- ✓Italy: INFN, Sapienza
- ✓France: IN2P3, Univ. Paris Sud
- ✓UK: ASTeC/STFC
- ~ 80 collaborators elaborating the CDR/TDR

ELI-NP requirements:



Thomson/Compton Sources are electron-photon Colliders, based on the concept of *Spectral Luminosity*, *i.e.* Luminosity per unit bandwidth



$$\sigma_T = 0.67 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2 = 0.67 \text{ barn}$$

- Scattered flux $N_\gamma = L \sigma_T$ $\sigma_T = \frac{8\pi}{3} r_e^2$
- Luminosity as in HEP collisions

- Many photons, electrons
- Focus tightly

$$L = \frac{N_L N_{e^-}}{4\pi\sigma_x^2} f$$

- ELI-NP

$$L = \frac{1.3 \cdot 10^{18} \cdot 1.6 \cdot 10^9}{4\pi(0.0015 \text{ cm})^2} 3200(\text{sec}^{-1}) = 2.5 \cdot 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

cfr LHC 10^{34} SuperB-fac 10^{36}

A r.t. RF linac vs pulsed laser source

| Electron beam parameter at IP | |
|----------------------------------------|------------|
| Energy (MeV) | 180-750 |
| Bunch charge (pC) \leq | 25-400 |
| Bunch length (μm) \leq | 100-400 |
| $\epsilon_{n-x,y}$ (mm-mrad) | 0.2-0.6 |
| Bunch Energy spread (%) | 0.04-0.1 |
| Focal spot size (μm) | 15-30 |
| # bunches in the train | \cdot 31 |
| Bunch separation (nsec) | 16 |
| energy variation along the train | 0.1 % |
| Energy jitter shot-to-shot | 0.1 % |
| Emittance dilution due to beam breakup | < 10% |
| Time arrival jitter (psec) | < 0.5 |
| Pointing jitter (μm) | 1 |

| Yb:Yag Collision Laser | Low Energy Interaction | High Energy Interaction |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Pulse energy (J) | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| Wavelength (eV) | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| FWHM pulse length (ps) | 2-4 | 2-4 |
| Repetition Rate (Hz) | 100 | 100 |
| M^2 | \cdot 1.2 | \cdot 1.2 |
| Focal spot size w_0 (μm) | > 25 | > 25 |
| Bandwidth (rms) | 0.05 % | 0.05 % |
| Pointing Stability (μrad) | 1 | 1 |
| Synchronization to an ext. clock | < 1 psec | < 1 psec |
| Pulse energy stability | 1 % | 1 % |

Accelerator and Equipments in ELI-NP Building ELI-NP-GS

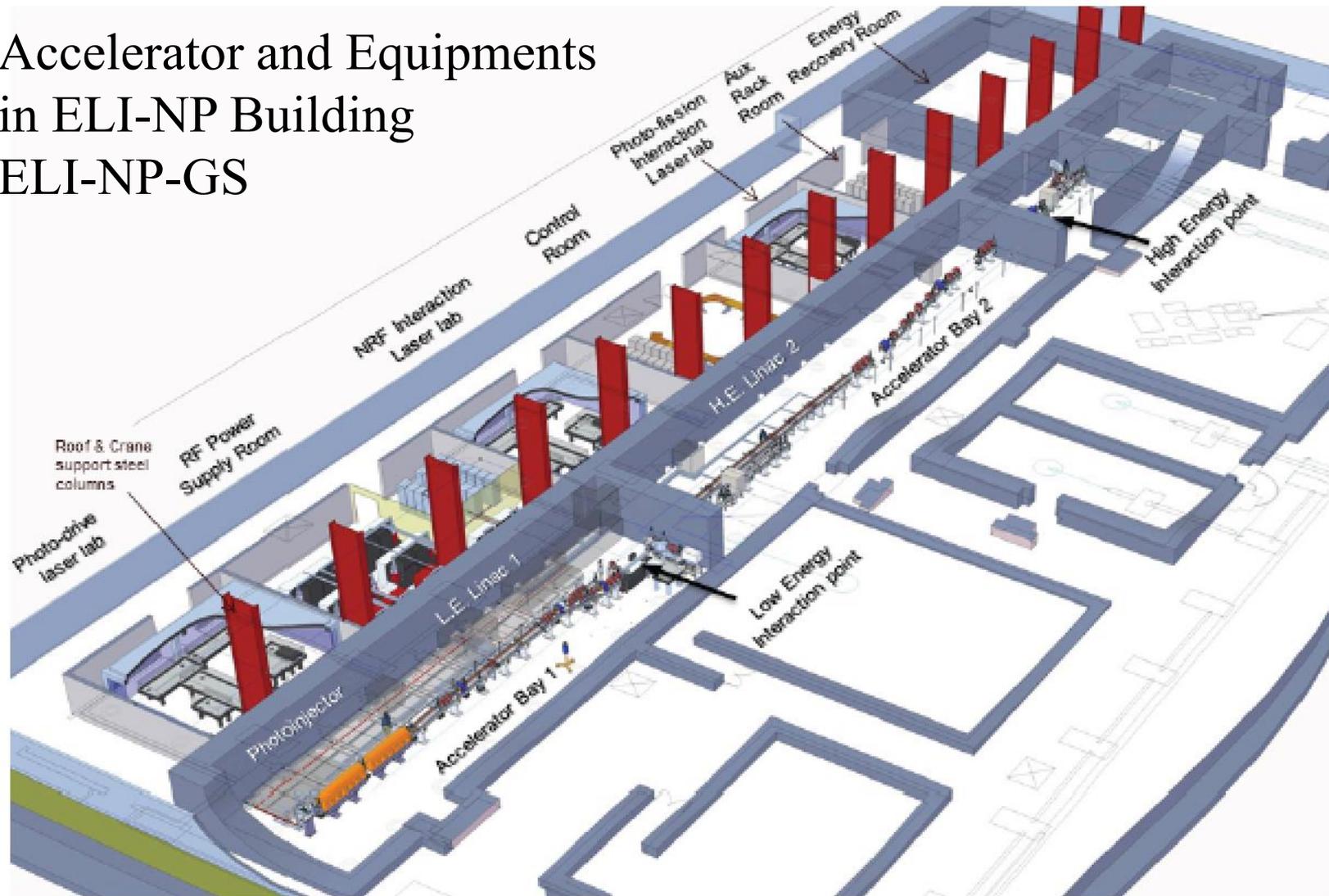
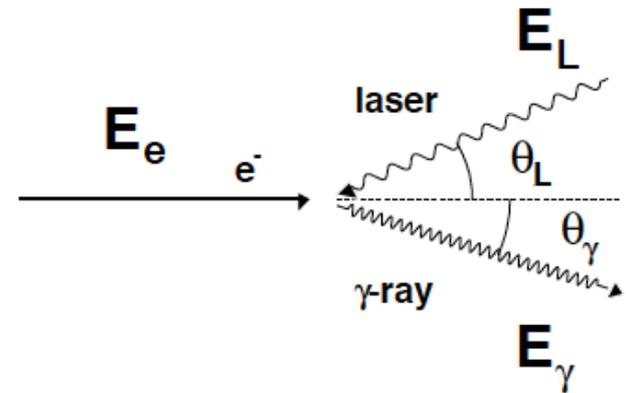
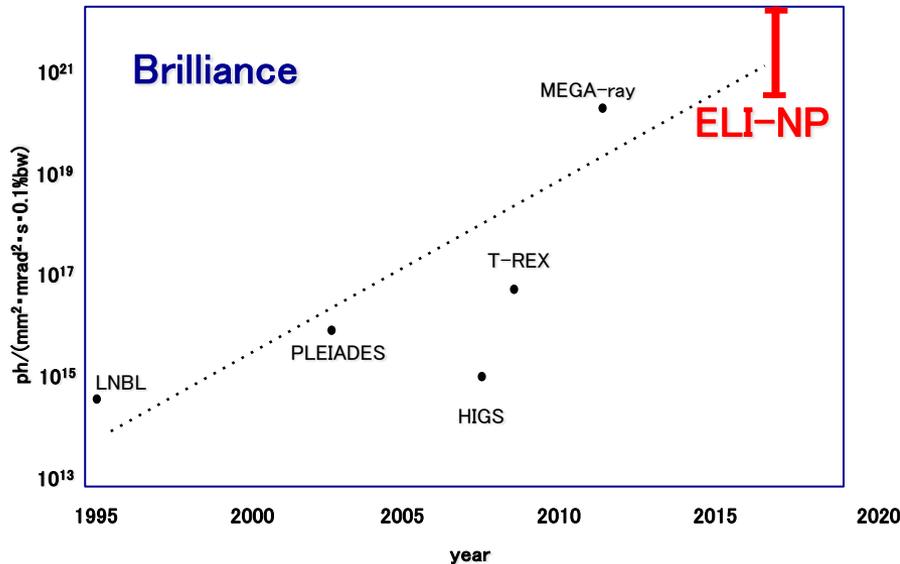


Fig. 197. Isometric 3D view of Building Layout of the Accelerator Hall & Experimental Areas

ELI-NP Gamma Beam System

Comparison with other LCB systems



ELI-NP Gamma Beam System

- high intensity / small emittance e^- beam from a warm LINAC
- very brilliant high rep. rate int. laser
- small collision volume

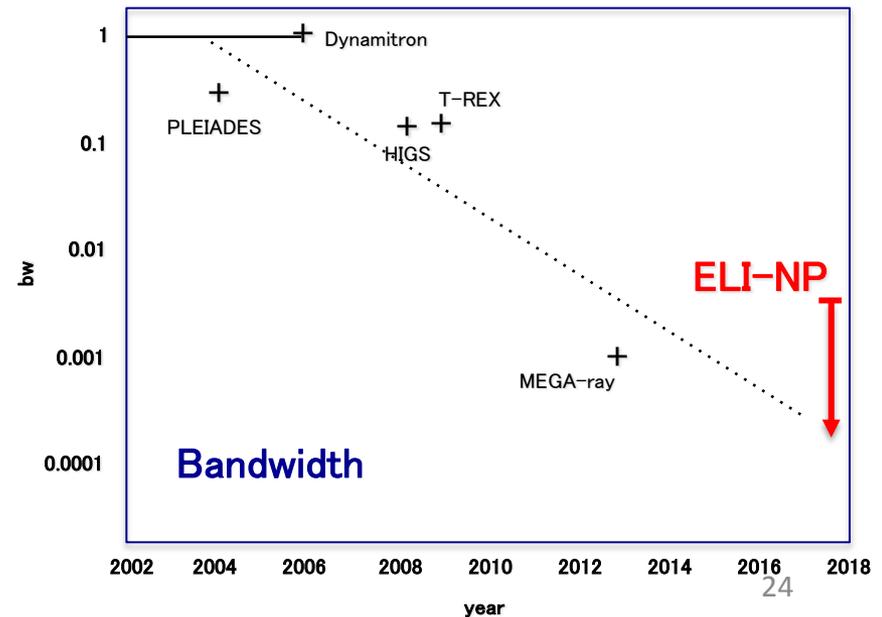
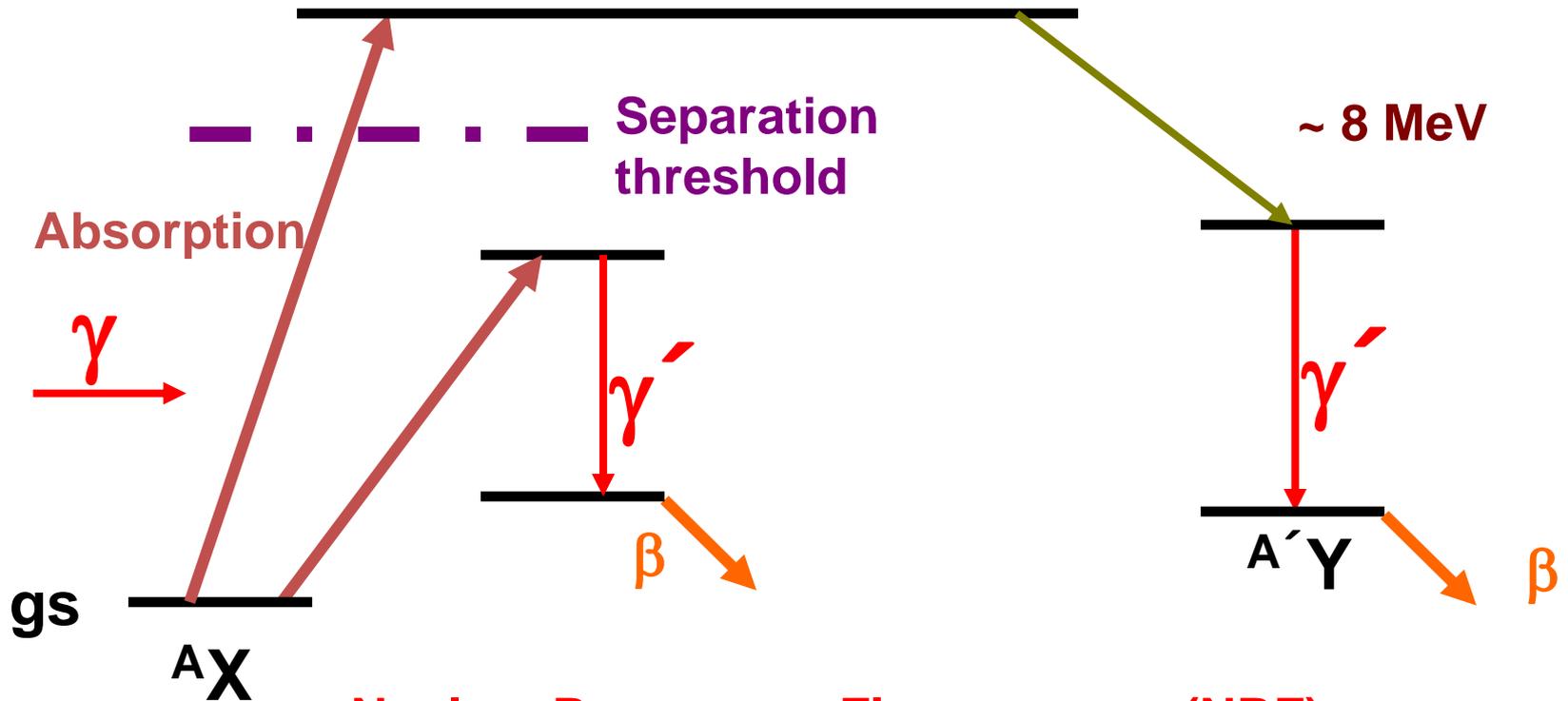


Table 1. Comparison of performance properties of existing and upcoming γ -beam facilities.

| | HI γ S | HI γ S2 | MEGa-Ray | ELI-NP |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| E_γ [MeV] | 2-100 | 2-100 | < 8 | < 19 |
| total flux [γ /s] | $\sim 10^9$ | $5 \cdot 10^{12}$ | 10^{13} | 10^{13} |
| $\Delta E/E$ | $2-5 \cdot 10^{-2}$ | $\leq 10^{-3}$ | $\leq 10^{-3}$ | $\leq 10^{-3}$ |
| spectral density [γ /eVs] | 10^2 | 10^4-10^6 | 10^4-10^6 | 10^4-10^6 |

Photonuclear Reactions



Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence (NRF)

Photoactivation

Photodesintegration (-activation)

Photofission

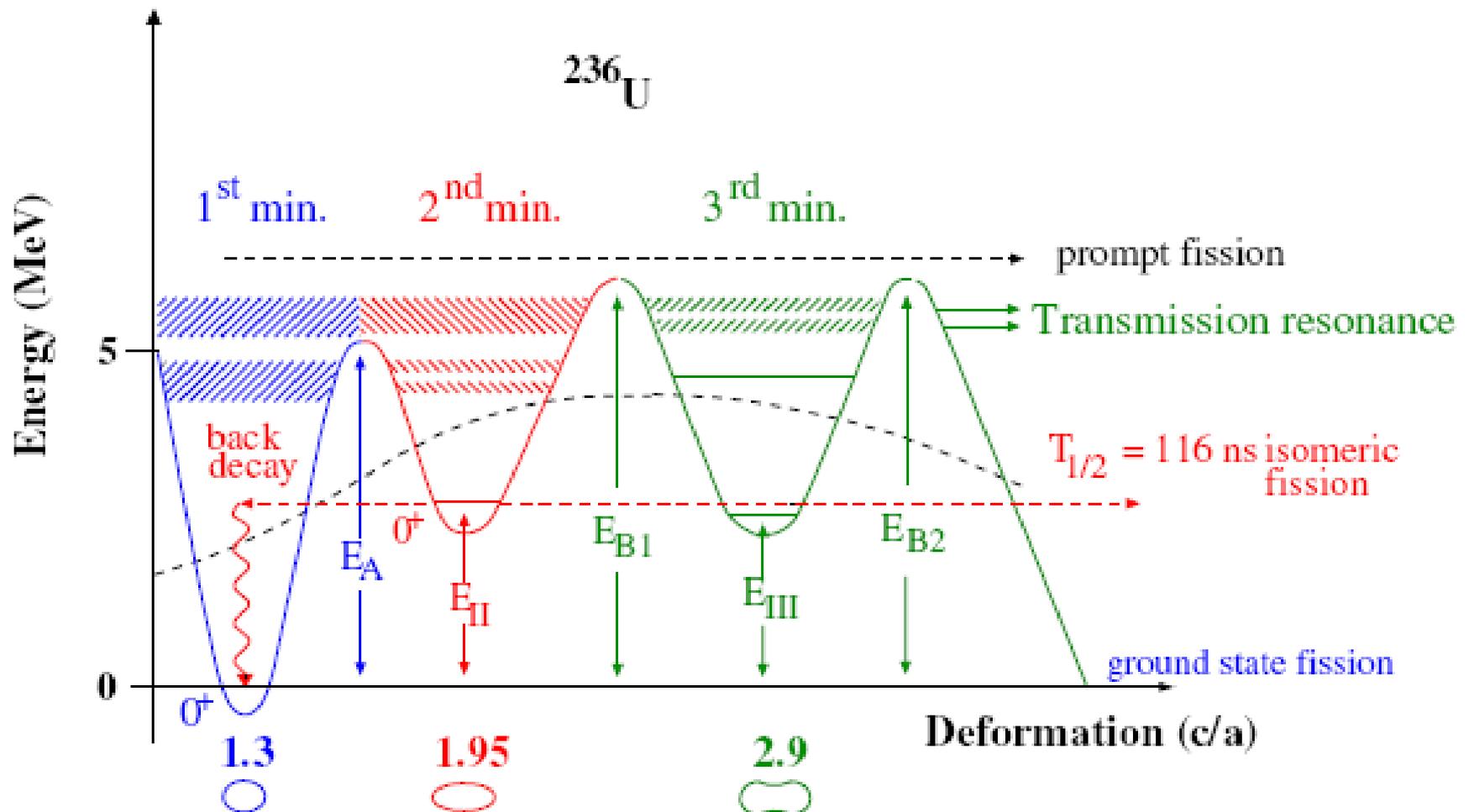
Photo-fission @ ELI-NP

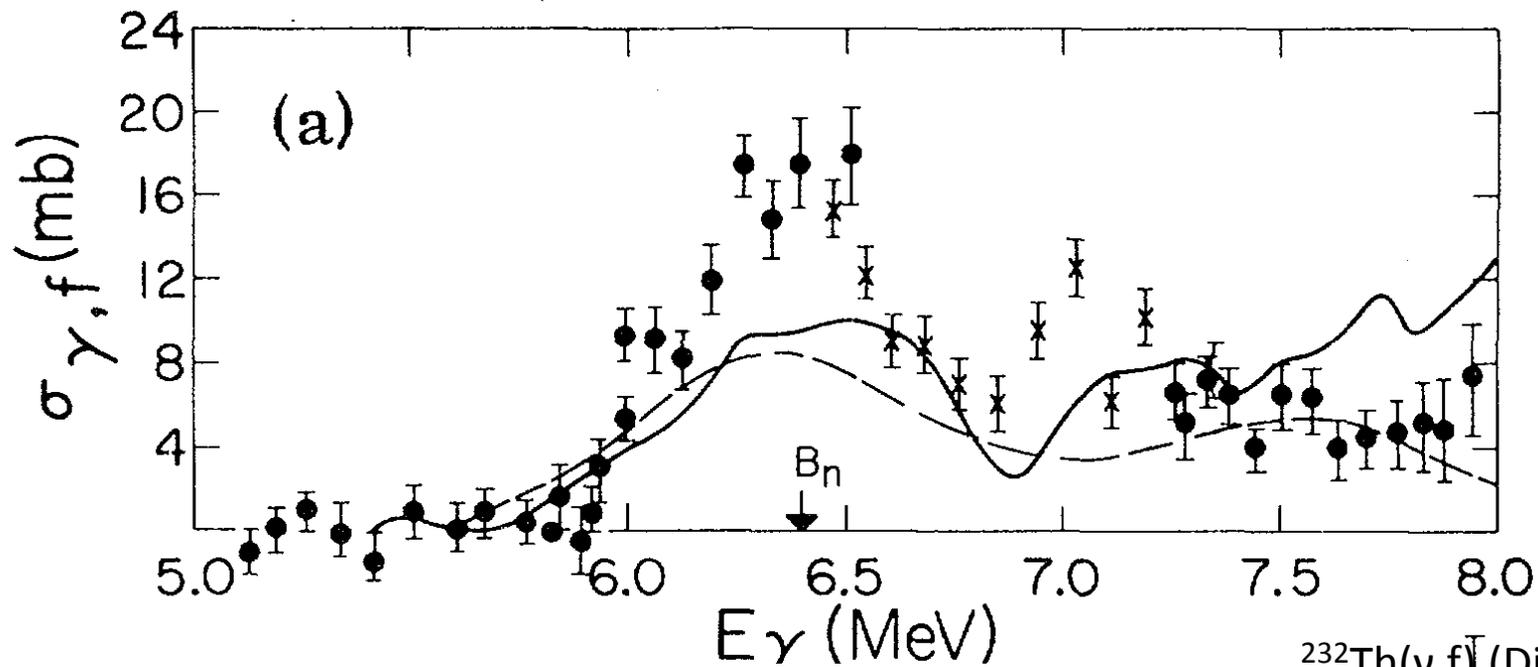
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Fadi Ibrahim (IPN – Orsay)

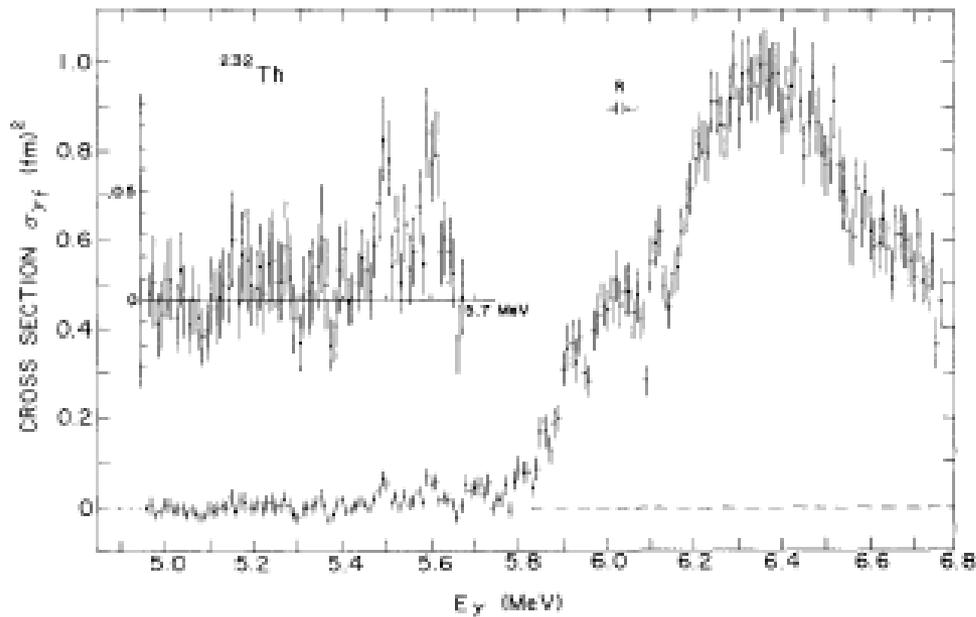
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Resonant tunneling through the triple humped fission barrier



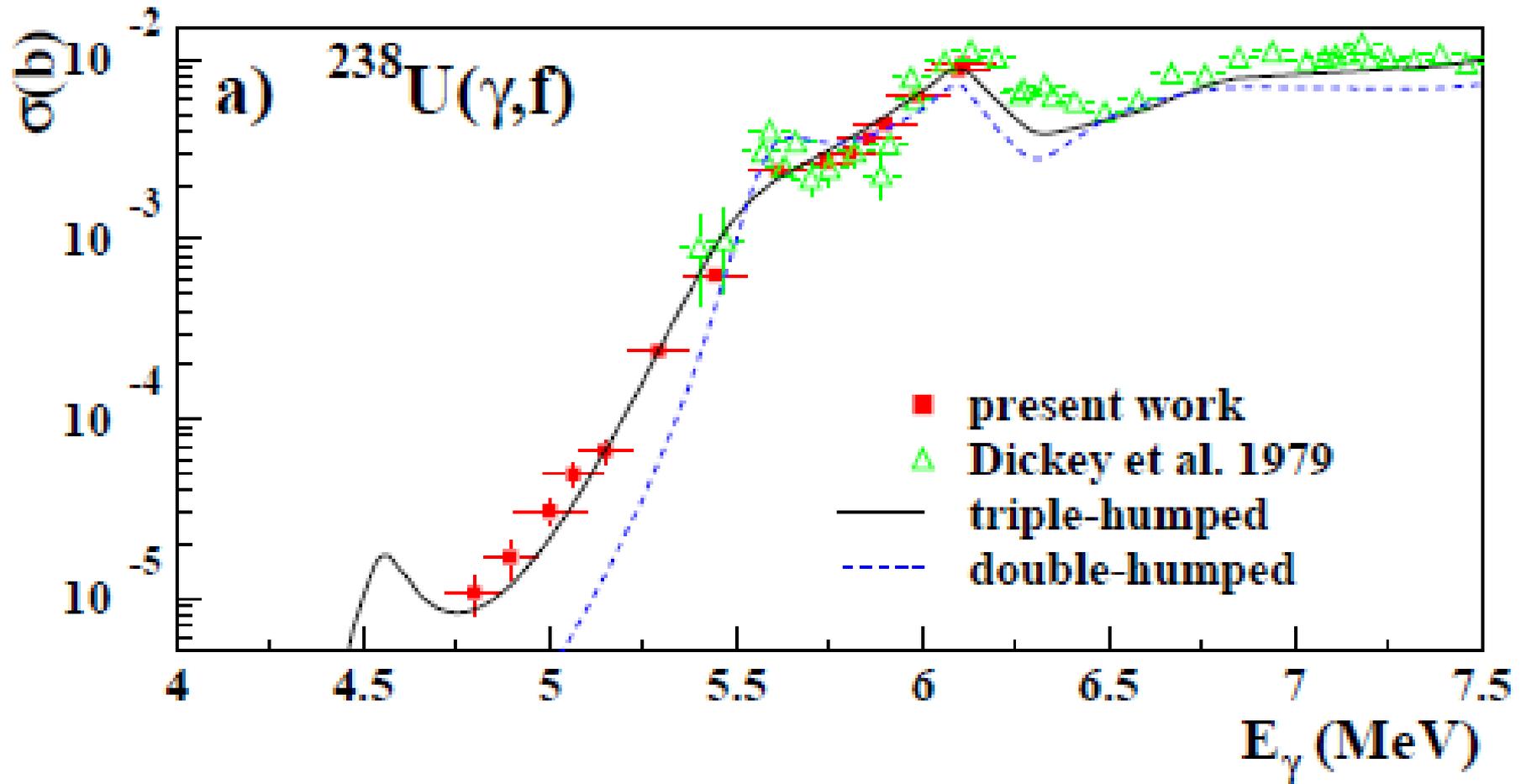


$^{232}\text{Th}(\gamma,f)$ (Dickey 1975)



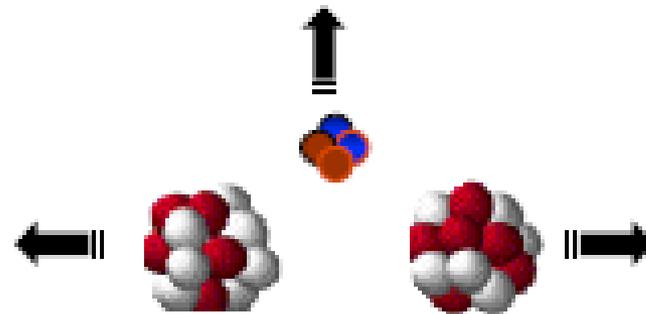
$^{232}\text{Th}(\gamma,f)$ (Knowles 1982)
PLB 116B (1982) 315

(γ, f) experiment at HIγS, Csige et al., Phys. Rev. C (2013)



Ternary fission studies with ELI-NP

Ternary Fission



The two heavy fragments are sometimes accompanied by a Light Charged Particle : Ternary fission

(roughly 2 to 4 times every thousand events depending on the mass of the fissioning nucleus)

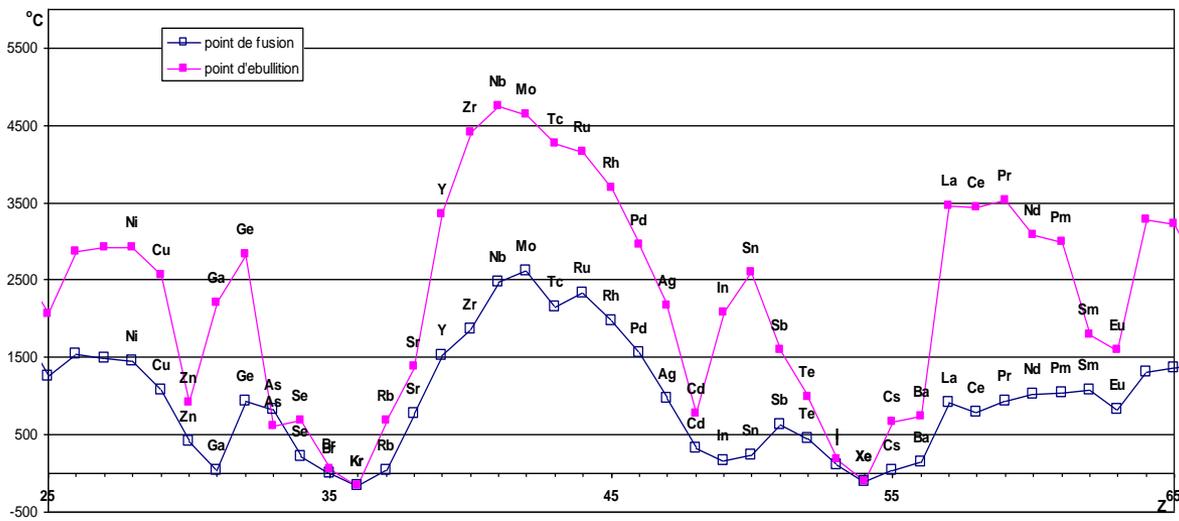
Let's see what else we can squeeze from phot

In fission fragments share about 200 MeV and have angular momentum of $20\hbar$. The nuclear spin ensemble has oblate orientation with respect to the beam axis. The ions are emitted in a charge state around 20^+ .

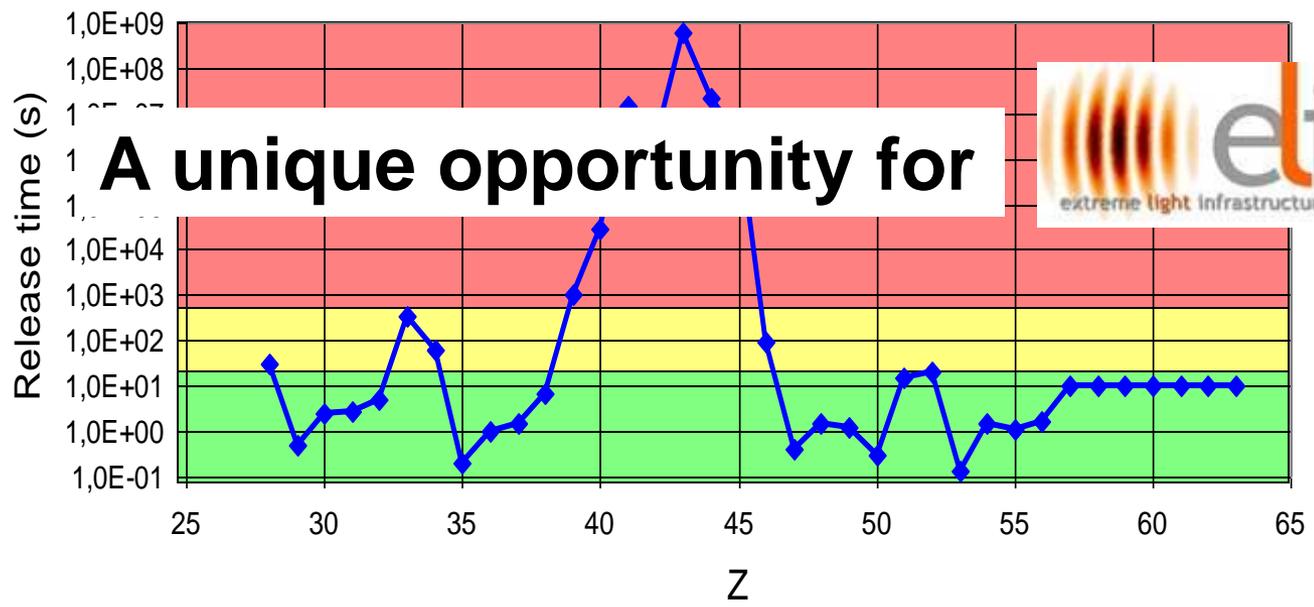
Designed experiments

- IGISOL studies of exotic nuclei
- γ -spectroscopy of exotic nuclei

What about the refractory elements ?

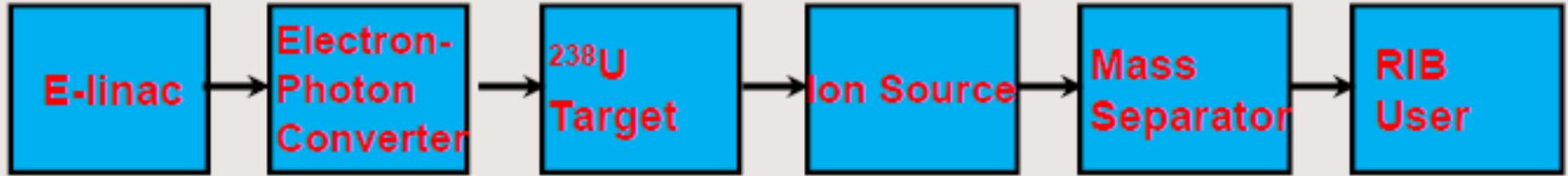


Boiling point & Melting point

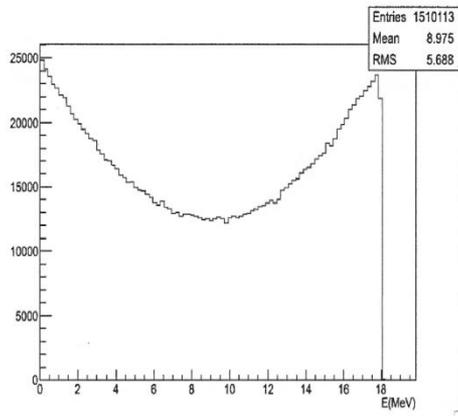
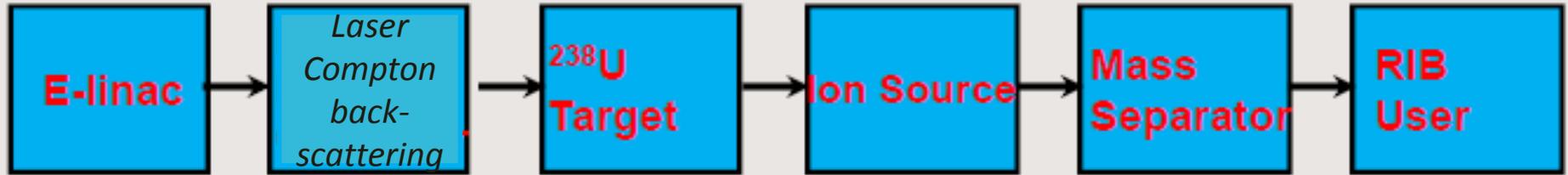


} Taken from
PIAFE project
Report based
on Studsvik
measurements

ALTO, ARIEL, etc.



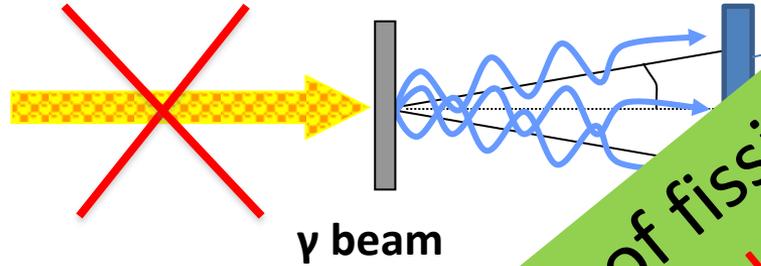
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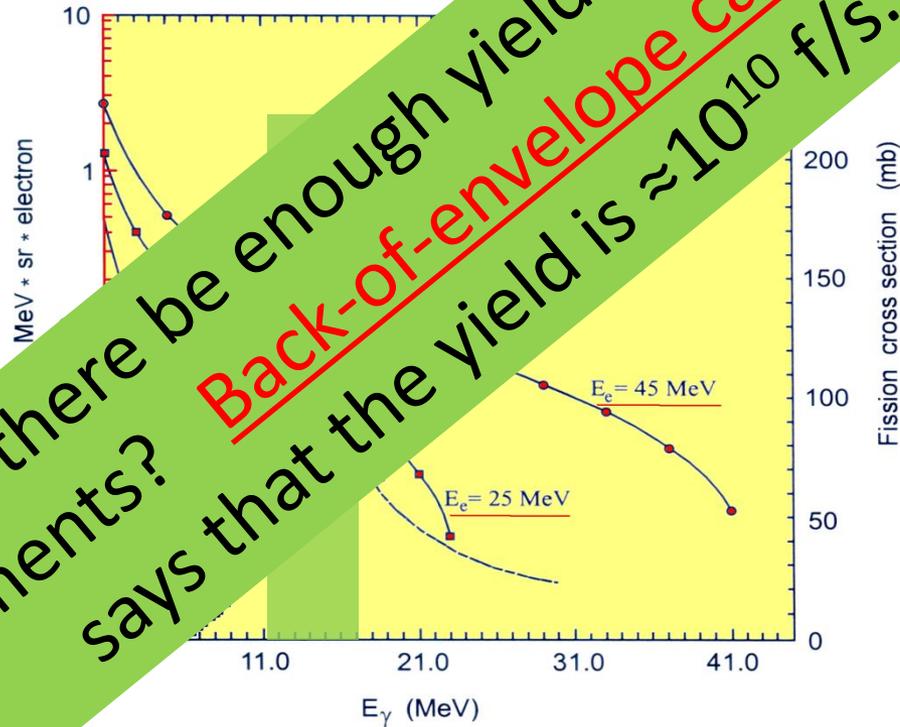
γ -beam spectrum at the IP
(without collimator)

Fig. 182. Energy distribution for electron beam energy of 720 MeV at the IP

Production of fission fragments by photo-fission at ELI



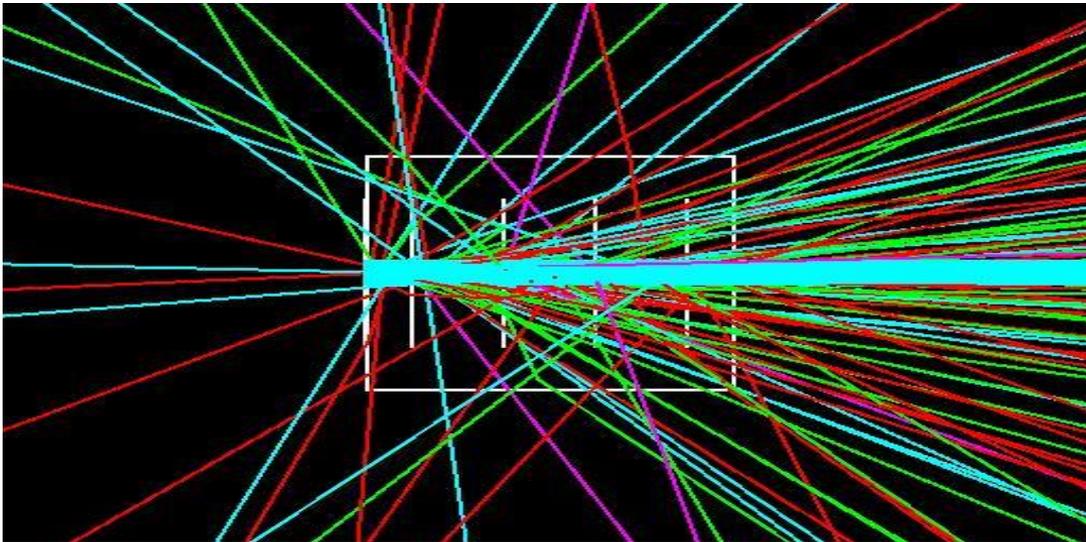
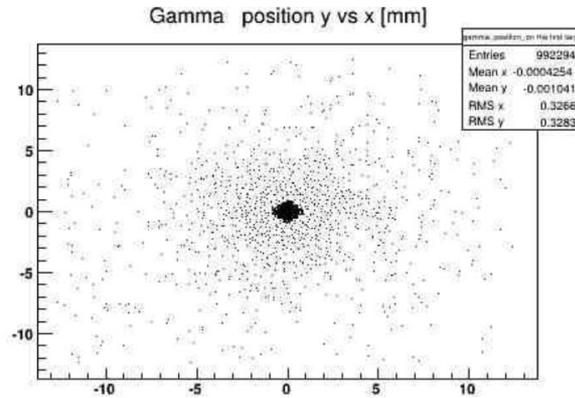
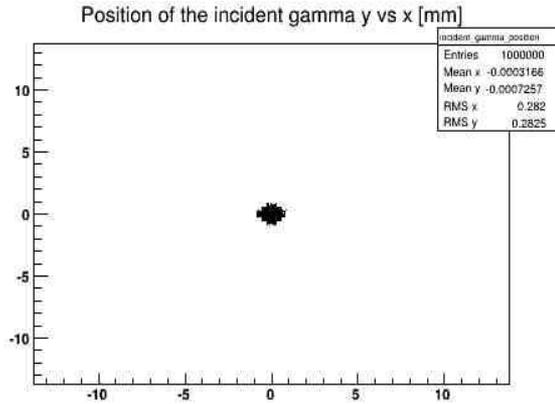
$$\Phi = 1.4 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ } \gamma/\text{s}$$



Will there be enough yield of fission fragments?
Back-of-envelope calculation
 says that the yield is $\approx 10^{10}$ f/s.

$$\Phi \cdot \sigma \cdot N = \Phi \cdot 6,4 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ f/s}$$

Yield estimates

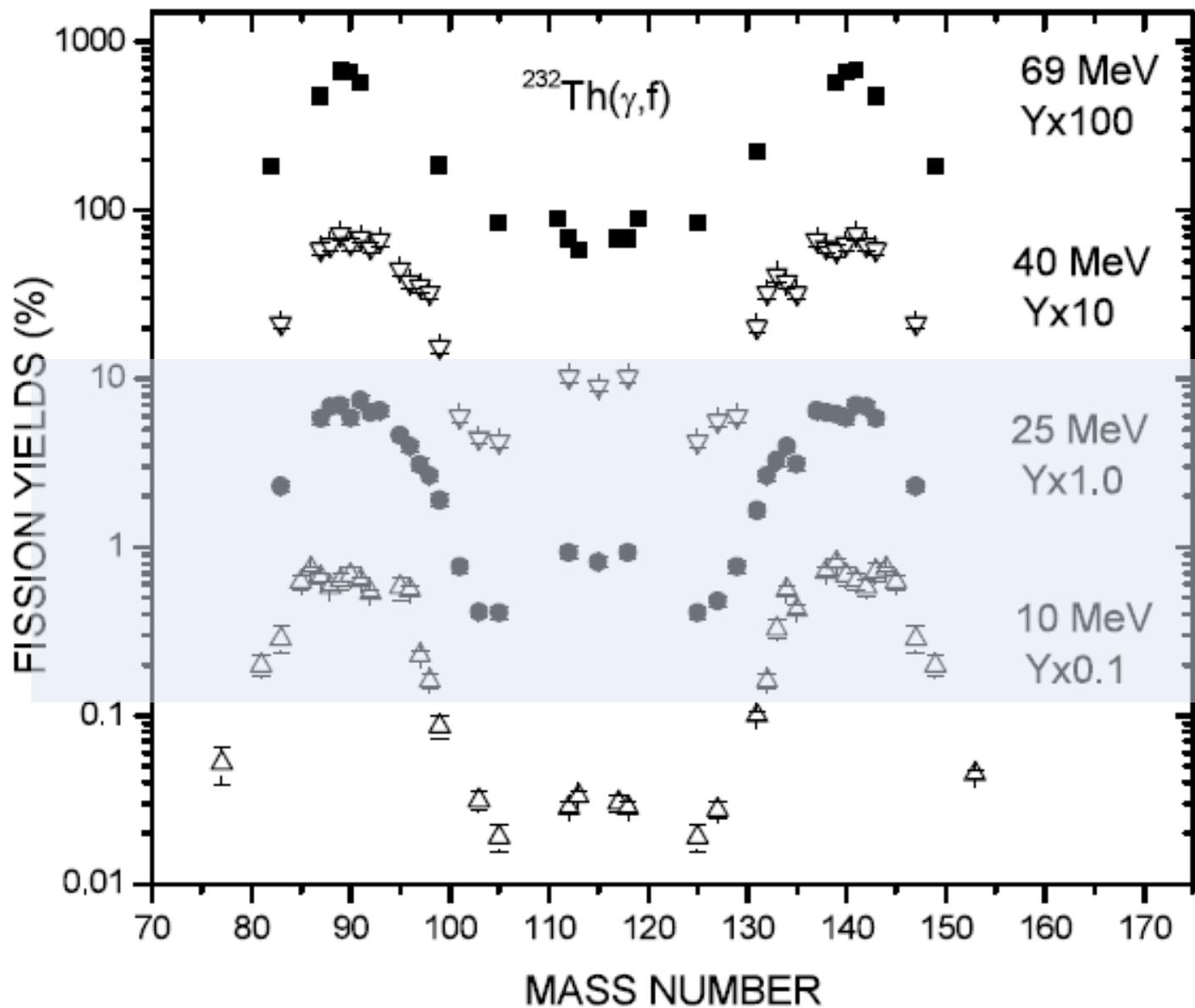


Yield: $6.2 \cdot 10^8$ f/s

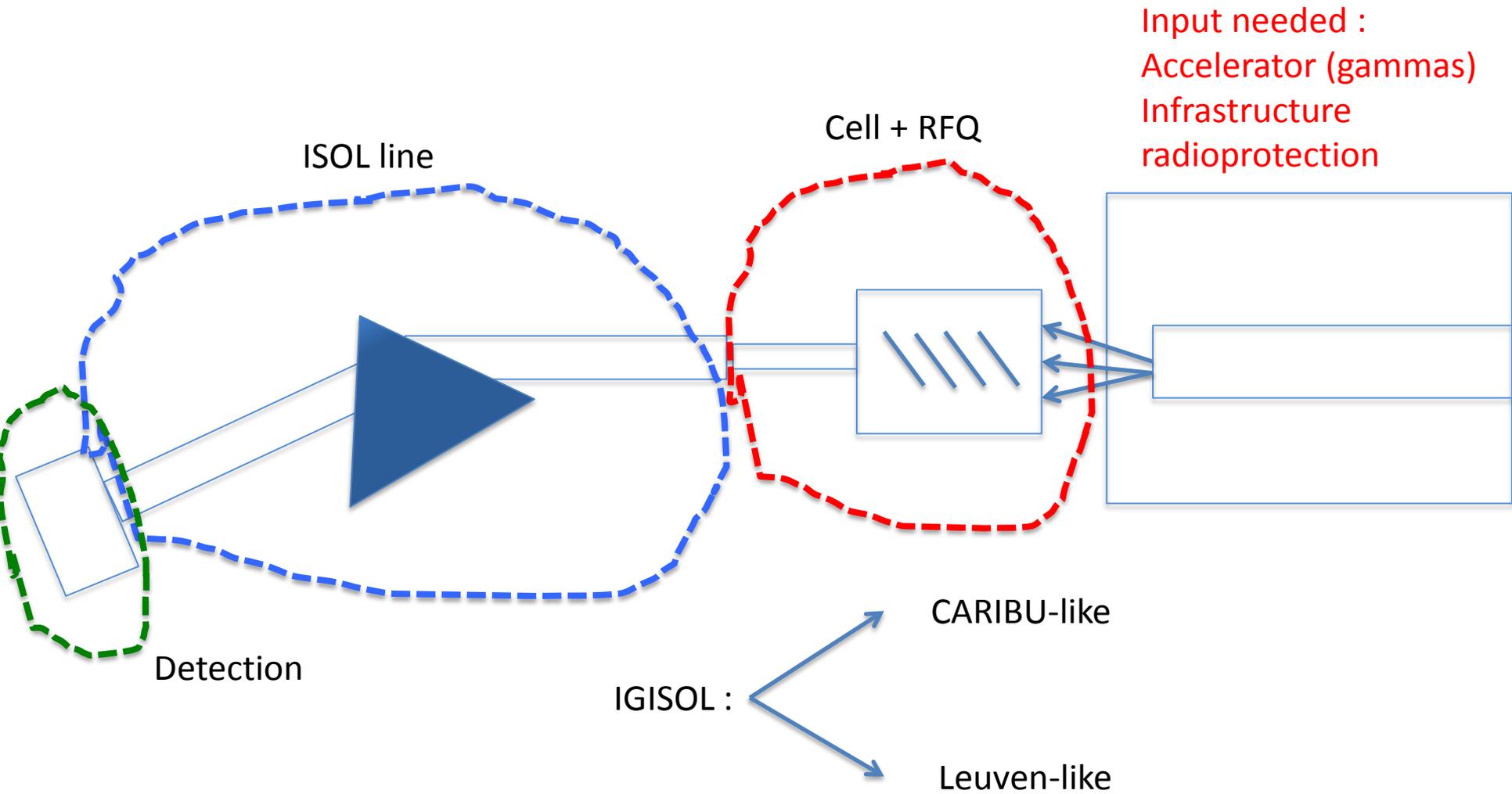
with a stack of targets:

$\approx 10^{10}$ f/s

Al window 19.17 mg/sm^2
 ^{238}U targets of 19.1 mg/sm^2

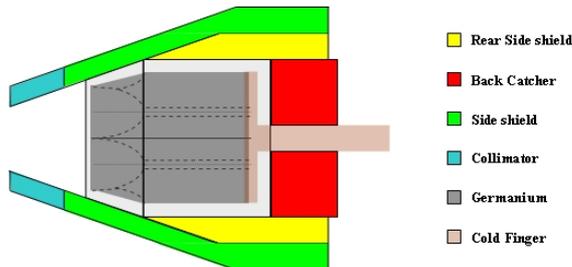
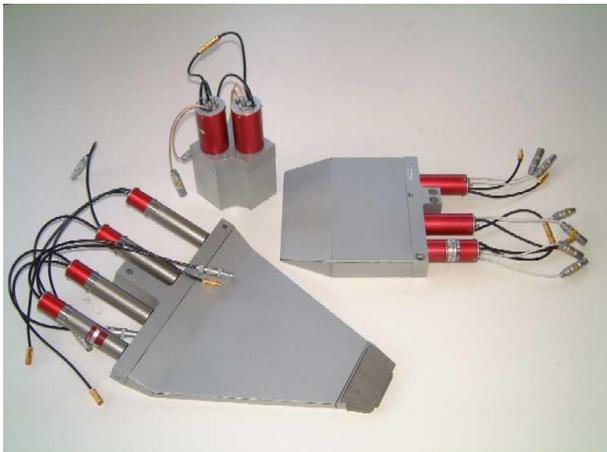


The IGISOL project



ELIADE – detector array

- *ELIADE* – **ELI**-NP **A**rray of **D**etectors
- Clover detector : 4 x crystals 60x90 cm (40% intrinsic efficiency)
 - EXOGAM type
 - AC shield 2 configurations



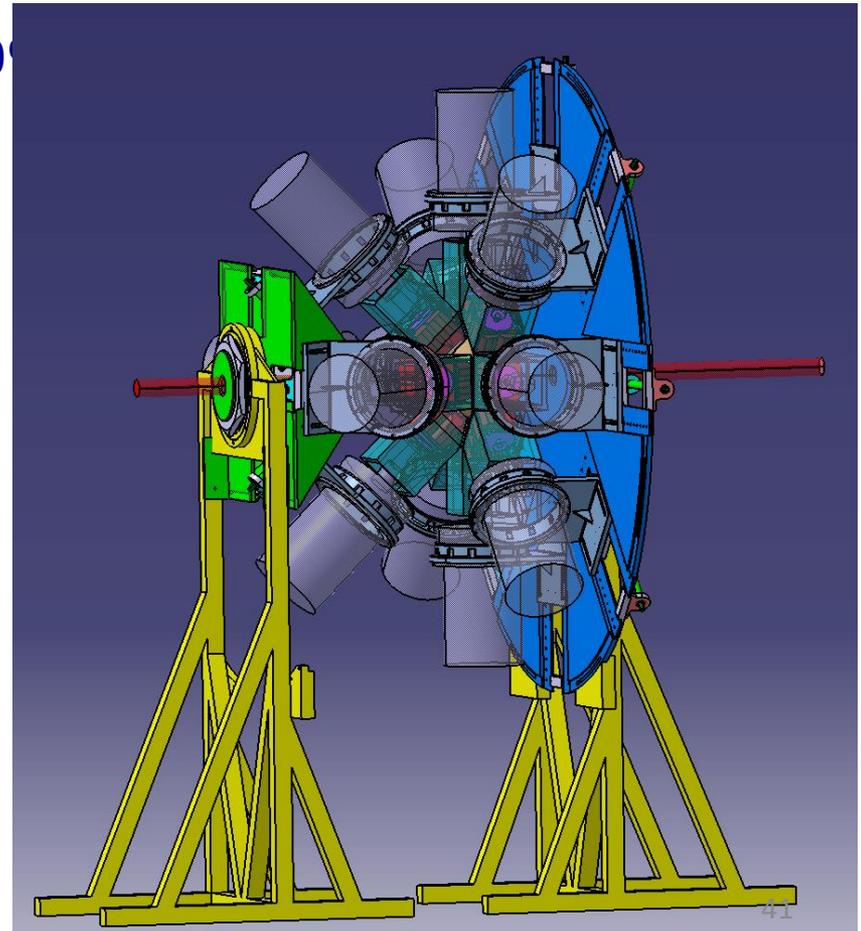
ELIADE – detector array

■ *EXOGRAM – like Configuration*

- Most compact
- Highest photopeak efficiency $\sim 100\%$
- 4 Clovers @ 90 deg. @ 11 cm
- 4 Clovers @ 135 deg. @ 11 cm
- + 4 3"x3" LaBr₃ det. @ 90 deg.

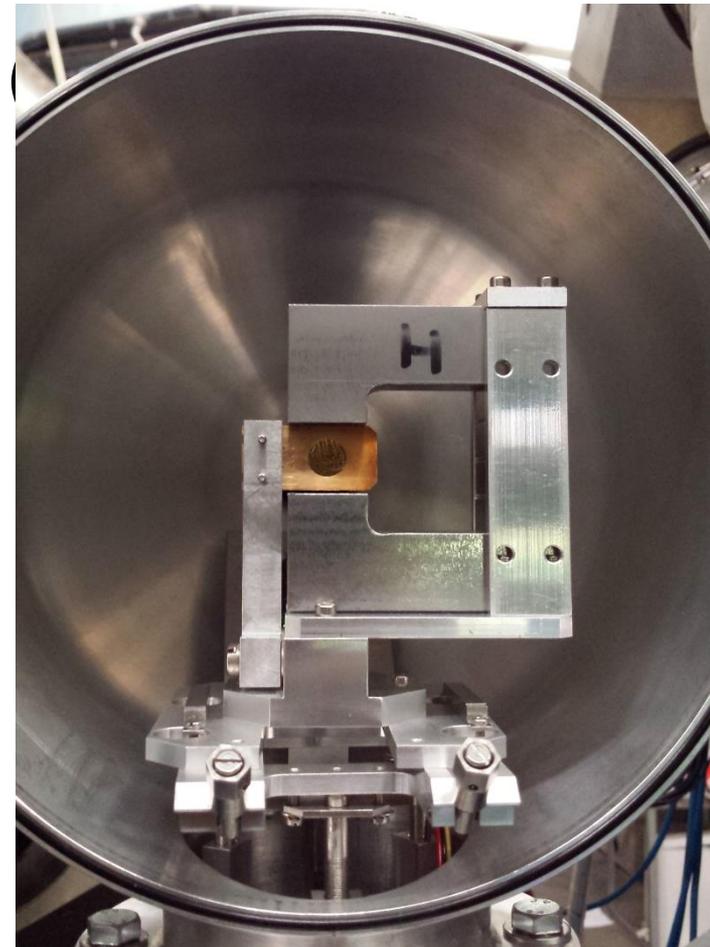
coupling to ancillary detectors:

- fast timing with LaBr₃ det.
- selectivity with Bragg det.
- g-factors

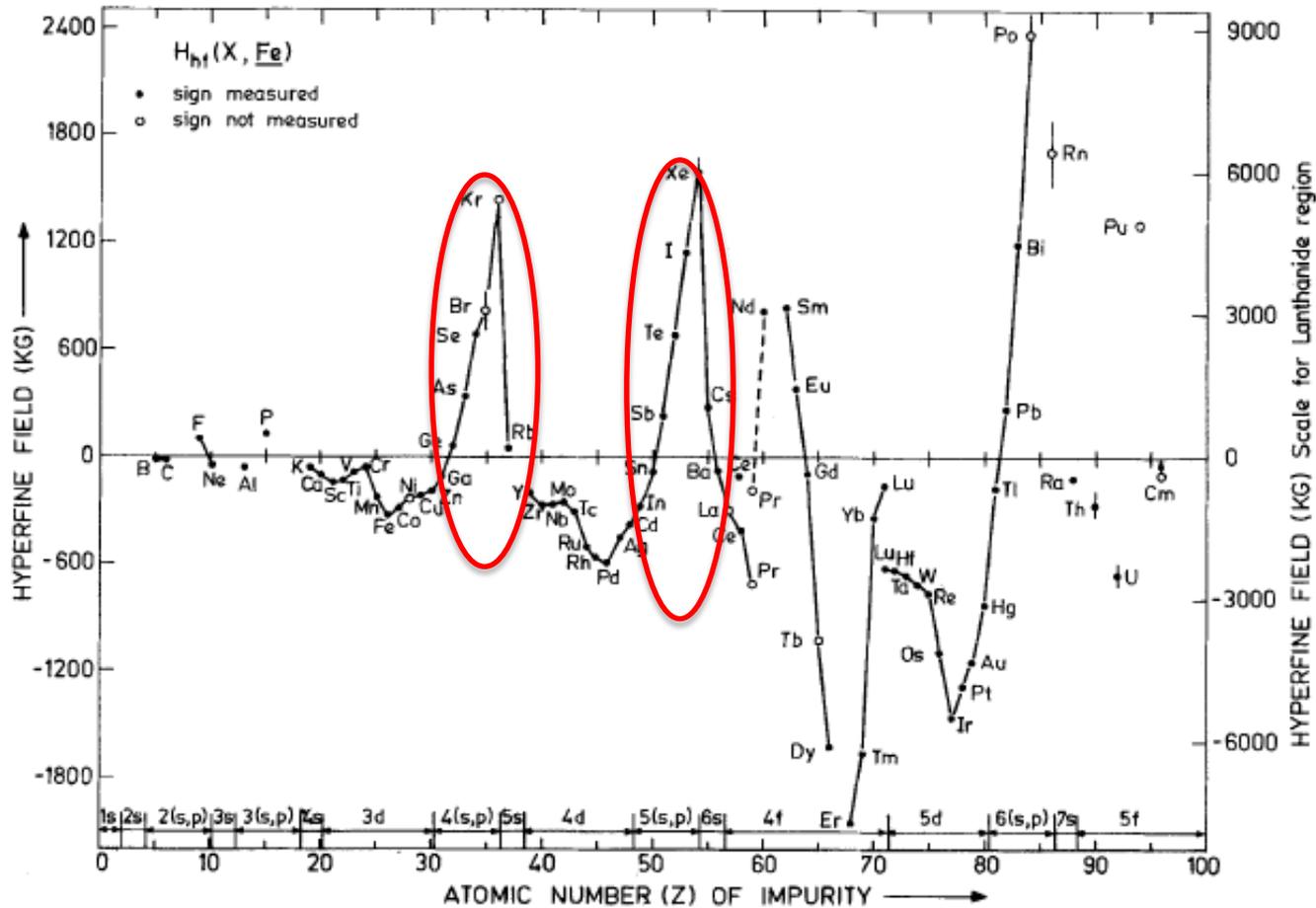


External magnetic fields – how?

- Well known and controlled values
 - Lower fields – suitable for longer-lived ()
 - Homogeneity – what do we need?
~1 % should be OK
-
- Permanent NdFeB magnets ;
 - Homogeneity better than 1%;
 - Field ~0.1 T with possibility of reaching > 0.5 T



Hyperfine fields in Fe



G.N. Rao, *Hyp. Int.* 24-26 (1985) 1119-1194

***g*-factors of deformed nuclei in the mass A = 140 region**

- onset of deformation beyond the $N = 82$ shell
- single-particle states in odd-mass nuclei - reliable configuration

assign

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| isotope | N | I^π | E_i (keV) | $\tau_{1/2}$ (ns) | yield (%) |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------|
| ^{138}Xe | 84 | 2^+ | 588.8 | $2.1 \cdot 10^{-2}$ | 5.0 |
| ^{139}Cs | 84 | | 595.4 | | 1.2 |
| ^{140}Ba | 84 | 2^+ | 602.4 | $9.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | 0.3 |
| ^{139}Xe | 85 | $(9/2^-)$ | 559.7 | ≤ 10 | 4.6 |
| ^{140}Cs | 85 | $1^-, 0^-$ | 80.1 | < 2.7 | 2.1 |
| ^{141}Ba | 85 | $(11/2^-)$ | 643.8 | | 1.0 |
| ^{141}Cs | 86 | | 105.9 206.7 | 8.7 < 2.1 | 3.3 |
| ^{141}Xe | 87 | $(9/2^-)$ | 111.9 | | 1.6 |
| ^{142}Cs | 87 | $1 + 3(-)$ | $x + 123$ | 11 | 2.4 |
| ^{143}Cs | 88 | $9/2^-$ | 816.6 | | 1.6 |
| ^{145}La | 88 | $(11/2^-)$ | 572.4 | | 1.6 |
| ^{144}Cs | 89 | $(1 + 1, 1 + 2)$ | $x + 108$ | ≤ 8 | 0.2 |
| ^{146}La | 89 | | | | 0.9 |
| ^{147}Ce | 89 | $(9/2^+)$ | 483.6 | | 1.0 |
| ^{147}La | 90 | $(9/2^-)$ $(3/2^+, 5/2^+)$ | 229.7 167.4 | 3.4 | 1.0 |
| ^{149}Ce | 91 | $(3/2^+)$ $(3/2^-)$ | 133.5 245.4 | 0.6 ≤ 0.12 | 0.7 |

g-factors around ^{132}Sn using the IPAC technique

| Fission rate (^{235}U)/s | Isotope | spin/parity | E-level [keV] | E-trans [keV] | M(λ) | $T_{1/2}$ [ns] | Possible configuration | $B_{\text{hyp}} \text{ Fe [T]}$ |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1.3E-03 | ^{126}Sn | 5^- | 2161.5 | 111.8 | E1 | 10.8 | $\nu s_{1/2} h_{11/2}$ | 8.8 |
| 1.7E-03 | ^{128}Sn | 5^- | 2120.9 | 120.5 | E1 | 8.6 | $\nu s_{1/2} h_{11/2}$ | 8.8 |
| 2.4E-03 | ^{130}Sn | 4^- | 2214.6 | 129.8 | M1 | 0.5 | $\nu d_{5/2} h_{11/2}$ | 8.8 |
| 1.1E-03 | ^{132}Sn | 7^+ | 4919.0 | 203.1 | M1 | 0.062 | $\nu f_{7/2} h_{11/2}^{-1}$ | 8.8 |
| 1.1E-03 | ^{132}Sn | 4^- | 4830.9 | 479.1 | M1 | 0.026 | $\nu f_{7/2} d_{3/2}^{-1}$ | 8.8 |
| 1.2E-02 | ^{132}Sb | 2^+ | 426.1 | 340.5 | M1(+E2) | 0.015 | $\pi g_{7/2} \nu d_{3/2}^{-1}$ | 23 |
| 1.2E-02 | ^{132}Sb | 2_2^+ | 1078.3 | 992.7 | M1+E2 | 0.026 | $\pi d_{5/2} \nu d_{3/2}^{-1}$ | 23 |
| 2.3E-02 | ^{133}Sb | $11/2^-$ | 2791.3 | 2791.3 | M2 | 0.0114 | $\pi h_{11/2}$ | 23 |
| 1.6E-02 | ^{132}Te | 2^+ | 974.2 | 974.2 | E2 | 0.0018 | $\pi g_{7/2}^2$ | 68 |
| 6.0E-02 | ^{134}Te | 2^+ | 1279.1 | 1279.1 | E2 | 6.40E-04 | $\pi g_{7/2}^2$ | 68 |
| 6.0E-02 | ^{134}Te | 6_2^+ | 2397.7 | 706.3 | M1,E2 | 0.016 | $\pi g_{7/2} d_{5/2}$ | 68 |
| 6.0E-02 | ^{134}Te | 5_2^+ | 2727.1 | 1150.8; 329.3 | (M1) | 0.02 | $\pi g_{7/2} d_{5/2}$ | 68 |
| 3.7E-02 | ^{135}Te | $11/2^-$ | 1179.9 | 1179.9 | E2 | 0.3 | $\nu h_{9/2}$ | 68 |
| 2.0E-02 | ^{136}Te | 2^+ | 606.6 | 606.5 | E2 | 4.16E-02 | $\pi f_{7/2}^2$ | 68 |
| 5.0E-02 | ^{138}Xe | 2^+ | 588.8 | 588.8 | E2 | 2.10E-02 | $\nu g_{7/2}^2 \pi f_{7/2}^2$ | 155 |

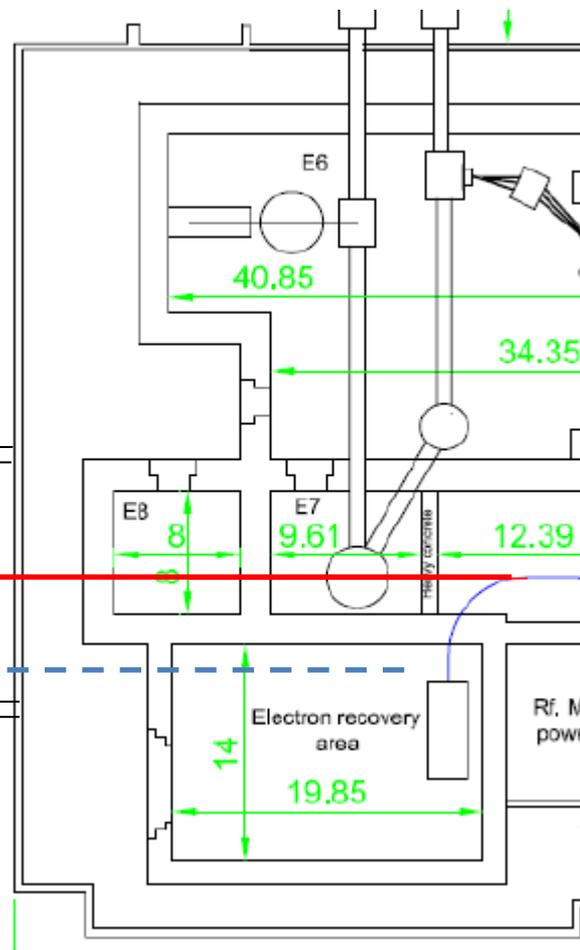
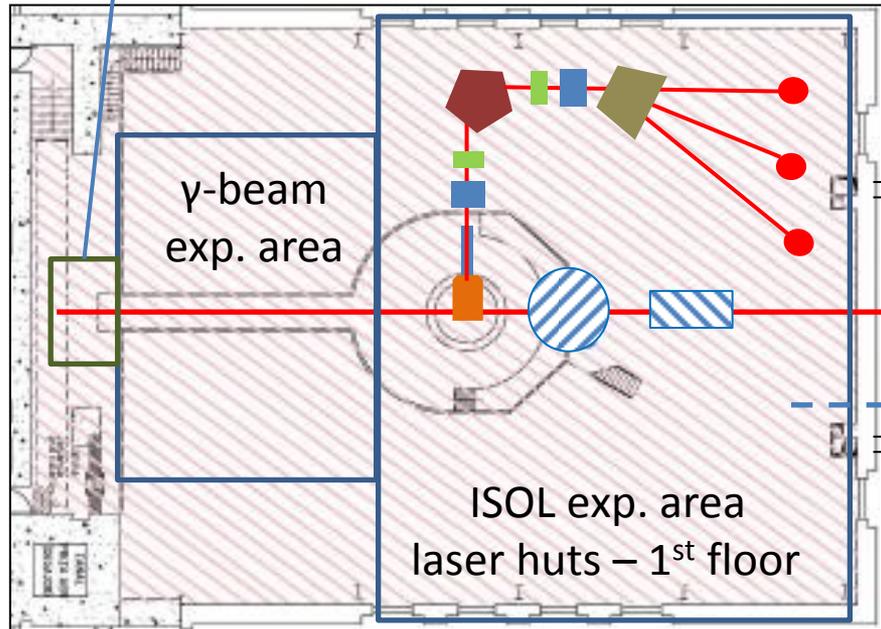
g factors around neutron-rich N=60 using TDPAC

- shed light on the interplay of the proton-neutron interaction responsible

| Fission rate (235U)/s | Isotope | spin/parity | E_x [keV] | $T_{1/2}$ [ns] | Possible configuration | Expected g factor | Bhyp Fe [T] | Osc. per $3xt_{1/2}$ |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 2.2E-02 | ⁹¹ Rb | 9/2 ⁺ | 1134 | 17 | $\pi g_{9/2}$ | 1.3 | 5.4 | 5 |
| 3.1E-02 | ⁹² Rb | 7 ⁺ | 1958 | 7 | $\pi g_{9/2} \times v d_{5/2}$ | 0.66 | 5.4 | 5 |
| 3.1E-02 | ⁹² Rb | 3 ⁻ | 284 | 54 | $\pi p_{3/2} \times v d_{5/2}$ | 0.2 | 5.4 | 3 |
| 3.0E-02 | ⁹³ Rb | 27/2 ⁻ | 4423 | 111 | $\pi g_{9/2} \times v g_{7/2} h_{11/2}$ | 0.42 | 5.4 | 10 |
| 1.6E-02 | ⁹⁴ Rb | 8 ⁺ | 1485 | 18 | $\pi g_{9/2} \times v g_{7/2}$ | 0.87 | 5.4 | 4 |
| 1.6E-02 | ⁹⁴ Rb | 10 ⁻ | 2075 | 107 | $\pi g_{9/2} \times v h_{11/2}$ | 0.46 | 5.4 | 12 |
| 6.5E-03 | ⁹⁵ Rb | 9/2 ⁺ | 810 | 95 | $\pi g_{7/2} \times d_{5/2}$ | 1.3 | 5.4 | 28 |
| 1.7E-03 | ⁹⁶ Rb | 10 ⁻ | 1135 | 2000 | $\pi g_{9/2} \times v h_{11/2}$ | 0.46 | 5.4 | 220 |
| 1.2E-02 | ⁹⁵ Y | 17/2 ⁻ | 3142 | 15 | $\pi f_{5/2} \times 6^+$ | 0.45 | 22.6 | 7 |
| | ⁹⁵ Y | 21/2 ⁻ | 5022 | 65 | $\pi g_{9/2} \times v g_{7/2} h_{11/2}$ | 0.45 | 22.6 | 27 |

Phase 2

beam dump



Research Reactor
(end of decommissioning 2017)

ELI –NP (commissioning 2017)

Instrumentation (gamma beams)

NRF set-up (the ELIADE array)

- rings of segmented HPGe detectors (8-12 Ge Clovers)
- good timing detectors

Nuclear structure set-up: modular and very flexible

- high resolution neutron detection
- gamma-ray detection with medium resolution (20 LaBr₃ det.)
- high-resolution γ -ray detection (in some cases)

THGEM + DSSD detector set-up for cross section measurements

Gas-filled Bragg spectrometers

4 π DSSSD detector set-up

Gas-filled TPC

Bubble chamber

Production of RIB with IGISOL-type technique

Tape station and Ge array for decay studies

Multi-reflection trap

Collinear laser spectroscopy beam line



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Finally

1. There are many scientific and technical challenges ahead of us. However, time is short and we need to find solutions now.
2. ELI-NP is open for collaborations. We are building a user community. Formal collaborations to be established through MoUs.
3. Cooperation between nuclear and laser physicists needs to be established, e.g. first unify the language (!)

Job opportunities

The ELI-NP research teams will consist in **218 researchers, engineers and technicians** (5 heads of research and 20 senior researchers, 107 junior researchers, 50 research assistants (PhD students), 36 engineers and technicians) from 2018 on. 31 MSc and PhD students are also expected to receive some trainings with the equipment at ELI-NP every year.

<http://www.eli-np.ro/jobs.php>



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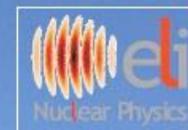
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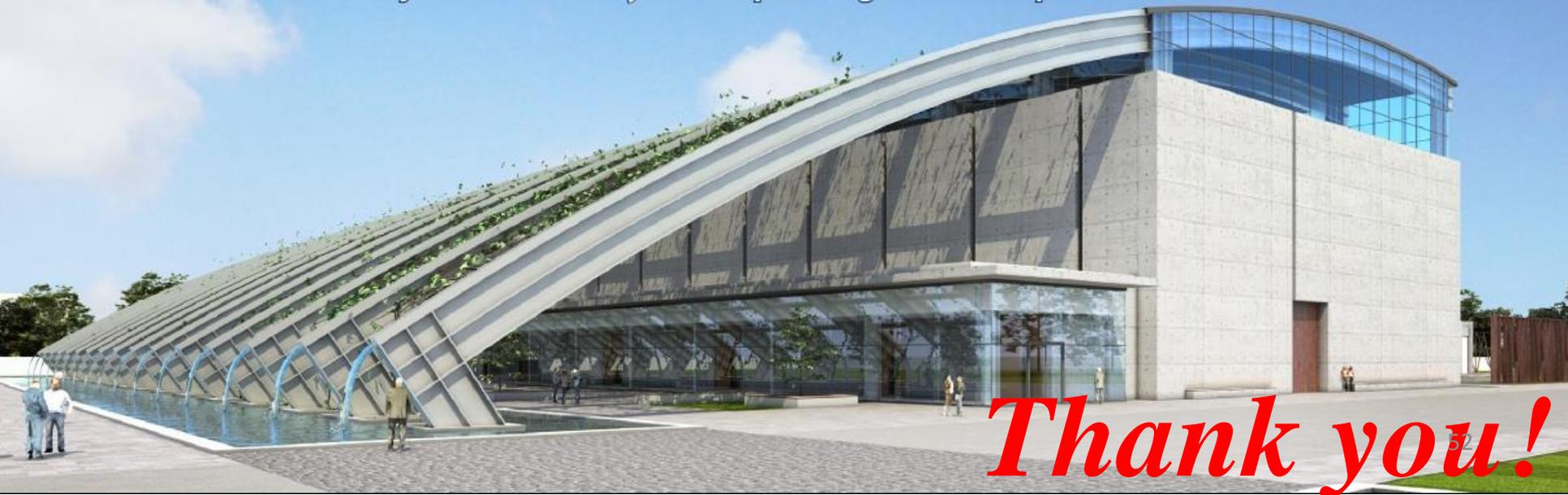
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