

# Radioactive ion beam production



Some preliminary reflections

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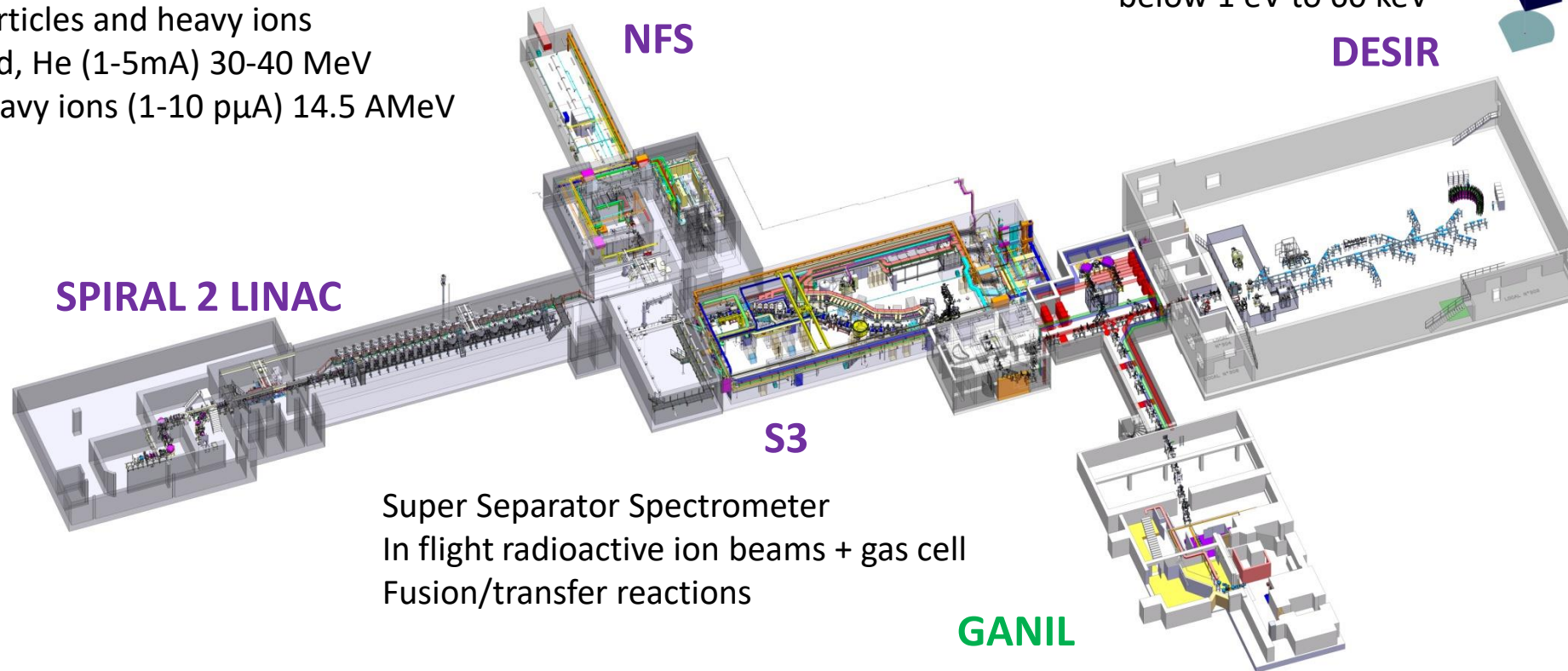
# GANIL-SPIRAL 2 – Phase 1



High intensity beams of light particles and heavy ions  
p, d, He (1-5mA) 30-40 MeV  
Heavy ions (1-10 pμA) 14.5 AMeV

Neutron for Science  
Neutrons up to 30 MeV

Experimental areas for very low energy beams:  
below 1 eV to 60 keV



Super Separator Spectrometer  
In flight radioactive ion beams + gas cell  
Fusion/transfer reactions

Experimental areas and cyclotrons: heavy ions (pμA) up to 95AMeV  
**SPIRAL 1 facility: RIBs from fragmentation**

# Re-accelerated beams at SPIRAL 1

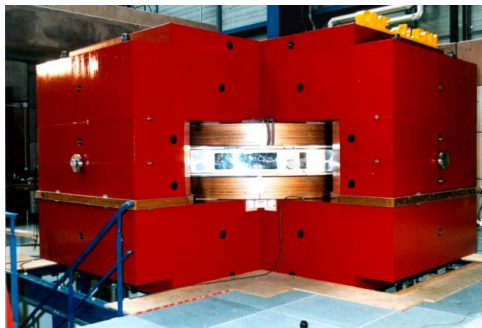
## Isotope Separation On Line (ISOL) techniques in GANIL

Since 2001

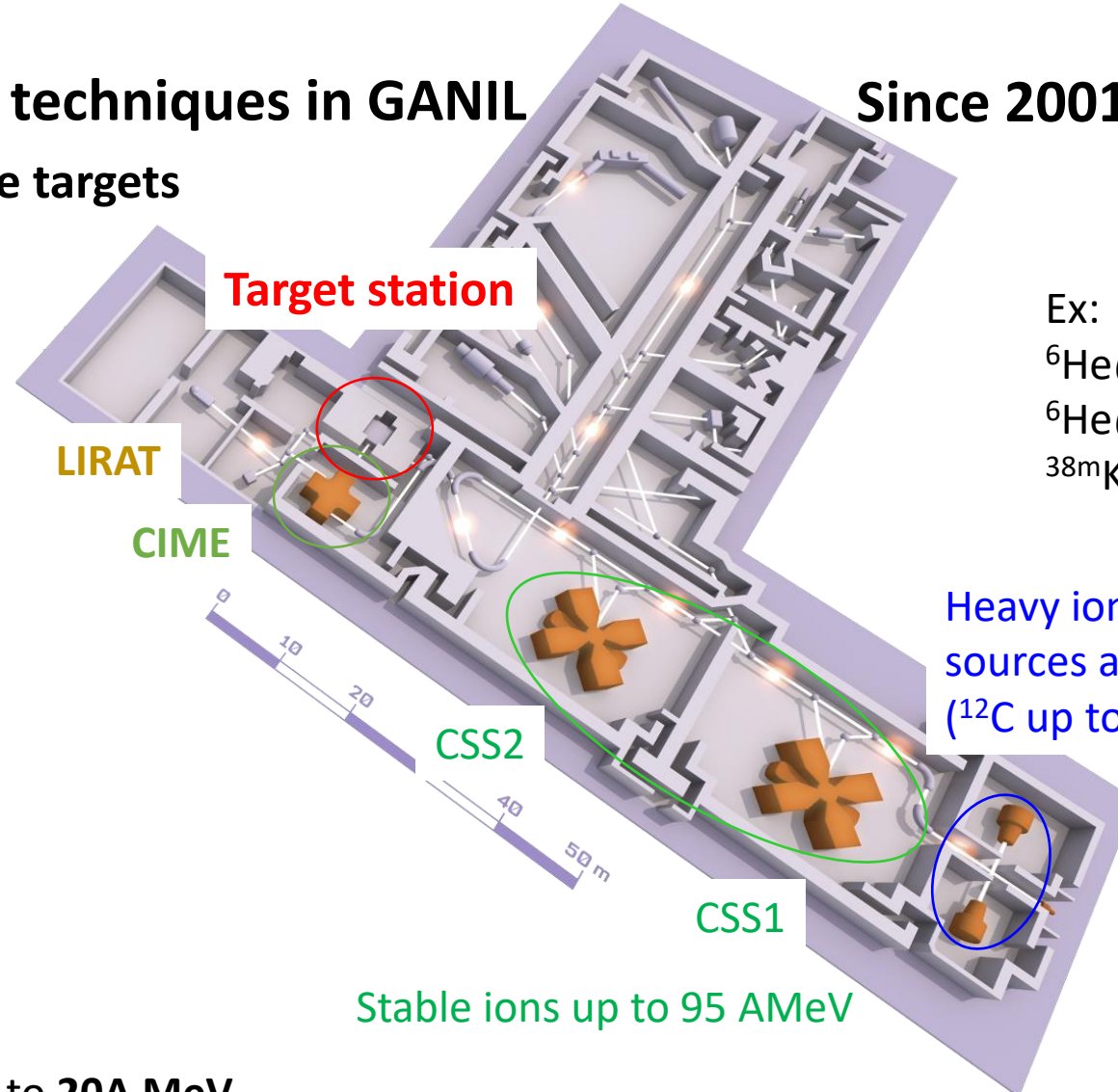
Heavy ion fragmentation on graphite targets



« Cyclotron d'ions de moyenne énergie »



Re-acceleration of radioactive ion beams up to **20A MeV**



Ex:

${}^6\text{He}@10\text{keV}$   $3 \cdot 10^8 \text{pps}$

${}^6\text{He}@20\text{A MeV}$ :  $5 \cdot 10^6 \text{pps}$

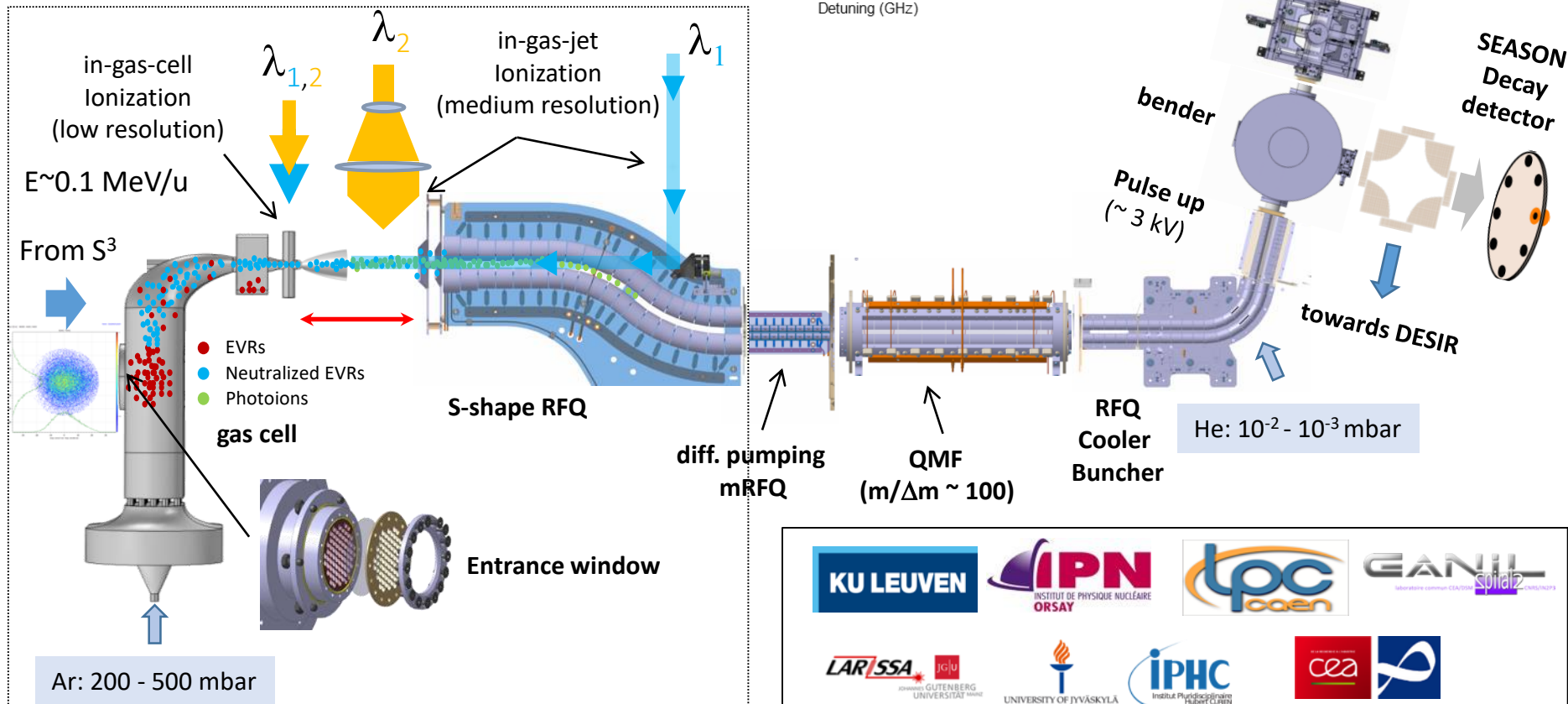
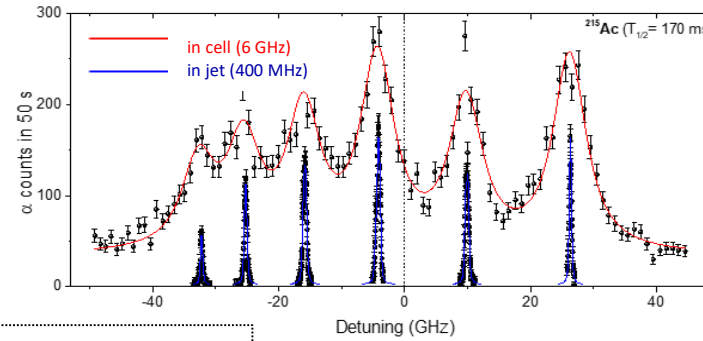
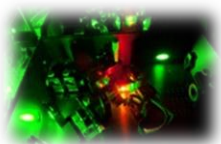
${}^{38}\text{mK}@9 \text{ A MeV}$ :  $7 \cdot 10^5 \text{pps}$

Heavy ion  
sources and CO  
( ${}^{12}\text{C}$  up to  ${}^{238}\text{U}$ )

Stable ions up to 95 A MeV

# Gas cell in S3 - LEB

## REGLIS (Rare Element in Gas-jet Laser Ionisation and Spectroscopy)



Ex:  
 $^{100}\text{Sn}@30\text{keV} \sim 10 \text{ pps}$

A few pps to  $10^5 \text{ pps}$   
N=Z beams and  
superheavies

Commissioning in 2023

Nominal intensities  
with  $A/q=7$  injector  
→ 2027



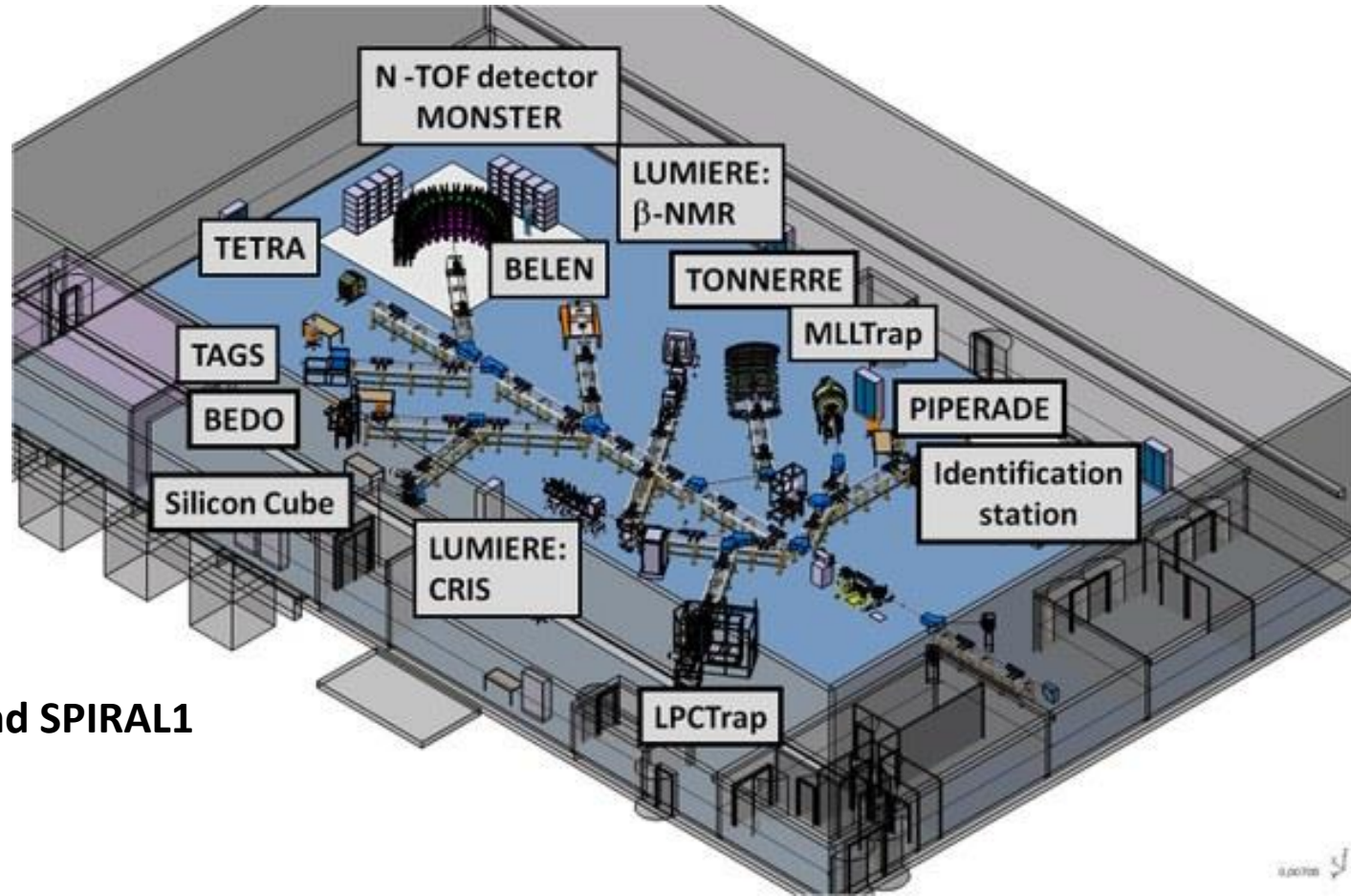


# DESIR facility

2024-...

Very low energy beams:

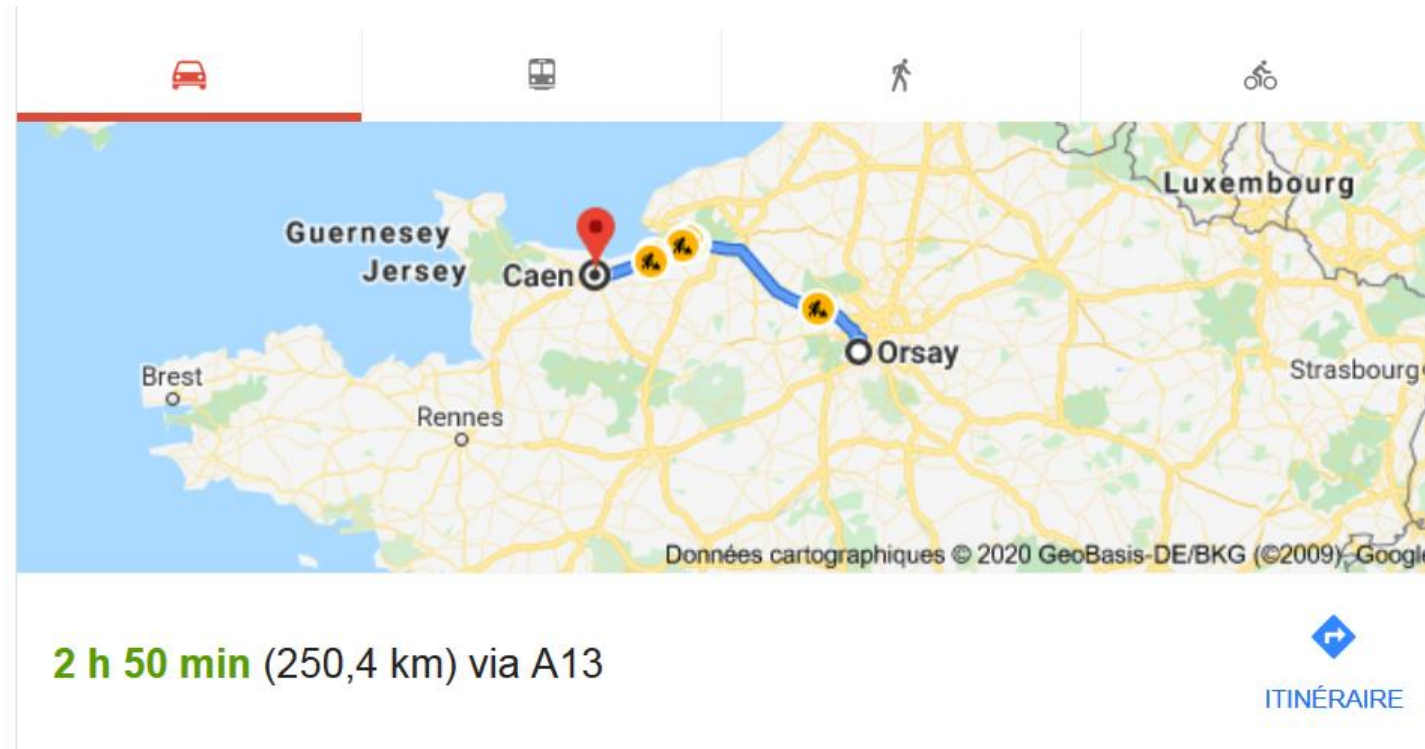
Spectroscopy of ground state properties of exotic nuclei produced at S3-LEB and SPIRAL 1  
Traps, laser systems, and decay spectroscopy



Beams from S3-LEB and SPIRAL1

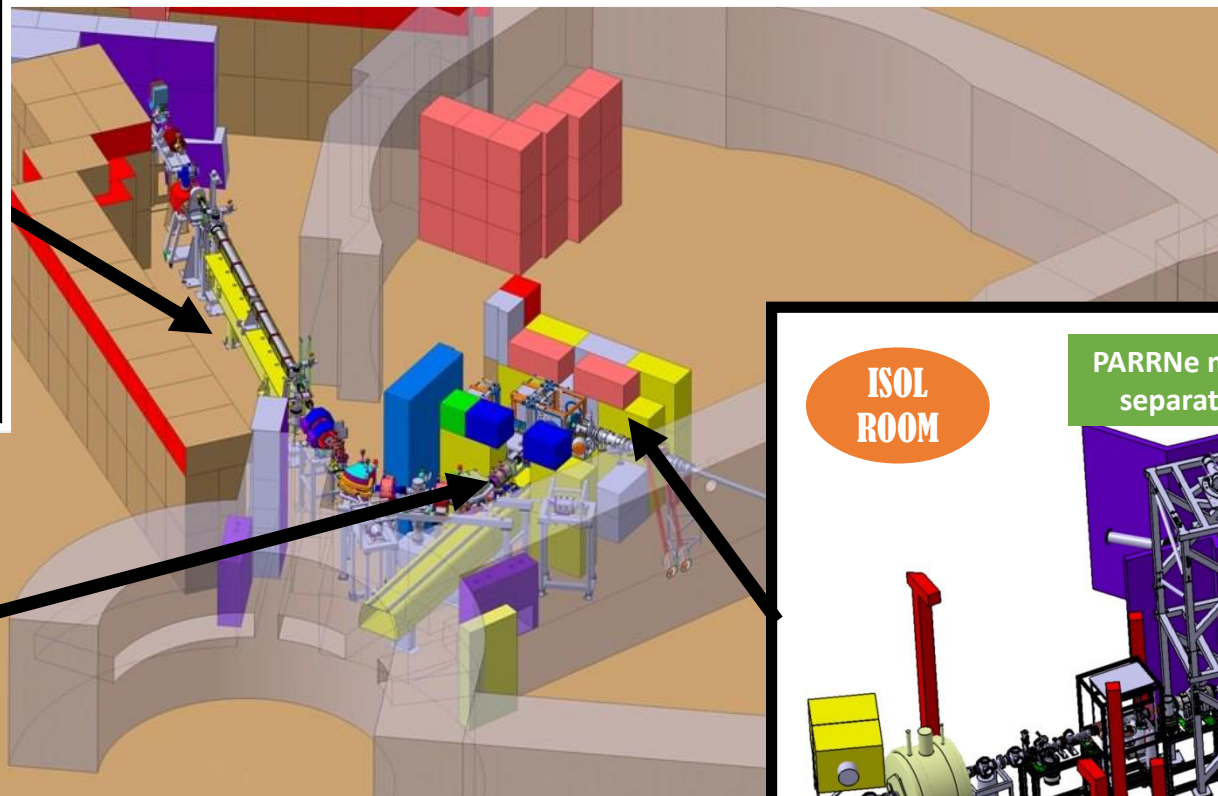
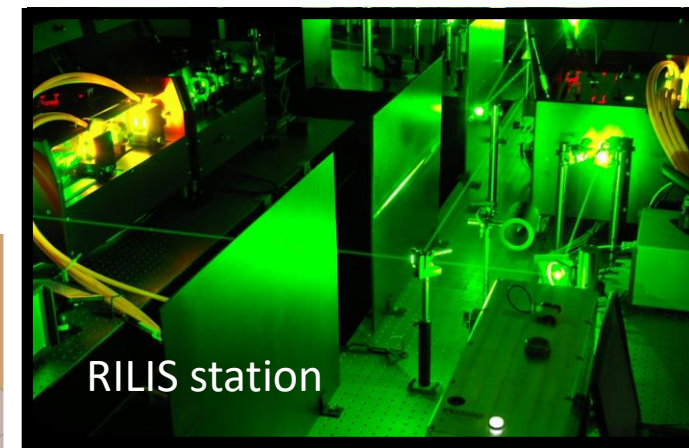
# Radioactive ion beam facilities in France

- 2 facilities: ALTO @IJCLab and GANIL-SPIRAL2



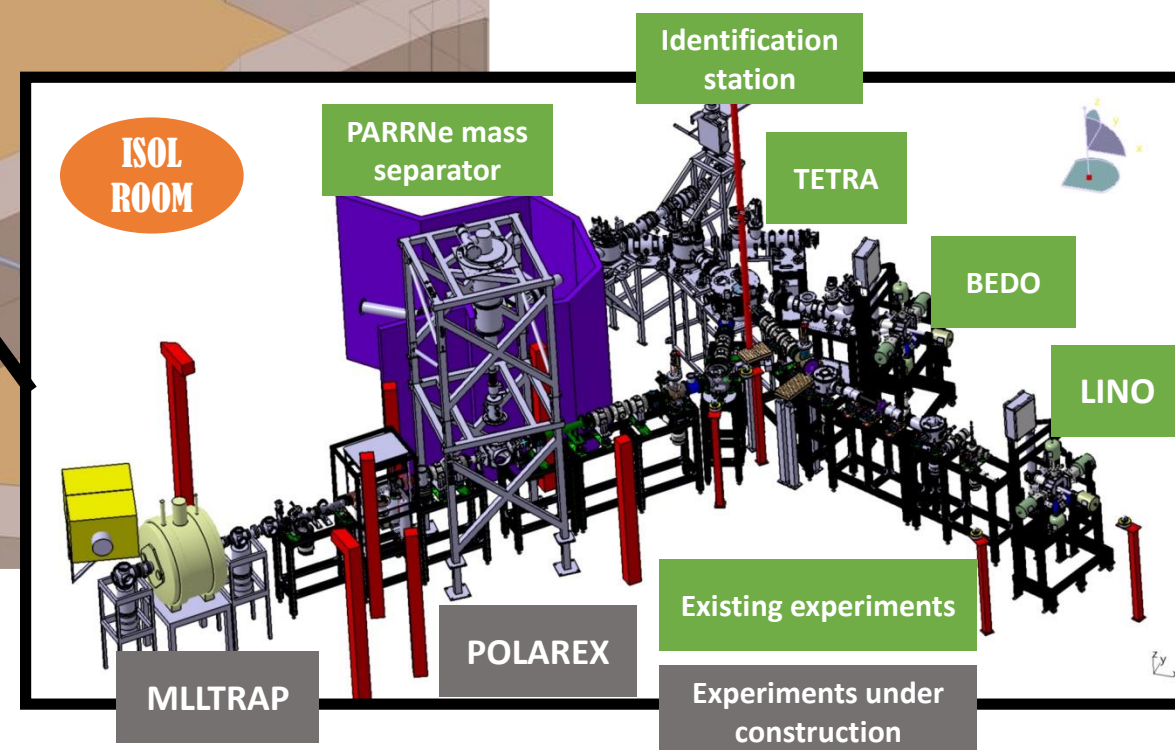


# Photofission (installation pilote)



Ex:  $3 \cdot 10^7$  pps of  $^{132}\text{Sn}$

500W e<sup>-</sup> sur cible UCx  
Faisceaux ISOL de basse énergie  
Décroissance, piégeage



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# A/Q = 7 Injector

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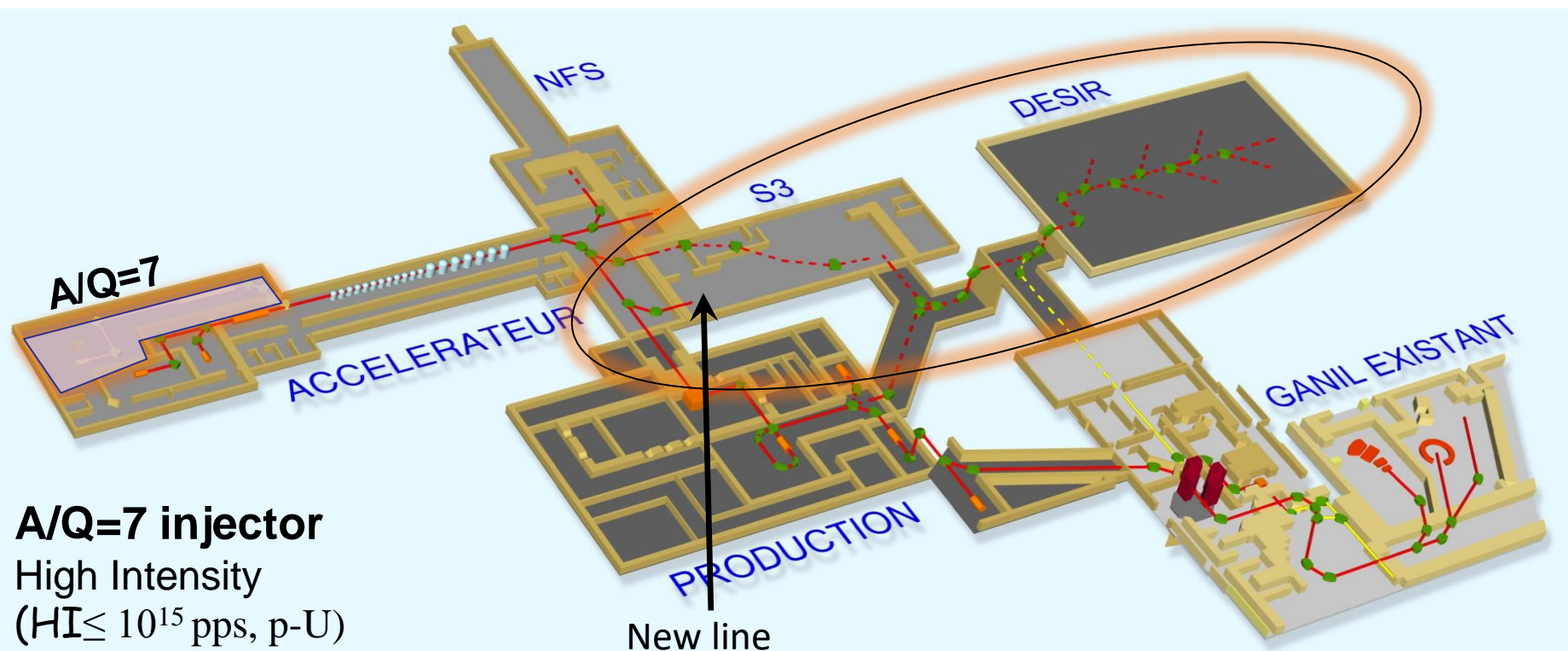
M. H. Moscatello *Technical Coordinator*

New injector for Linag presented in:  
Spiral2 Physics Case, page 171 (2006)

A/Q=3 (existing):  $E \leq 14.5$  MeV/A  
A/Q=7 :  $E \leq 7$  MeV/A

New beamline?

- not part of this project
- good future opportunity
- independent of S3
- advantageous use of heavy beams (Pb,U)



**7 years project: estimated cost ~12 MEuro**

Starting year (2020!?)

Starting year+1  
(2021!?)

Starting year+2  
(2022!?)

Starting year+3  
(2023!?)

Preliminary  
Definition  
Phase

Detailed Definition Phase

Construction -> End  
starting year+7  
(2027!?)



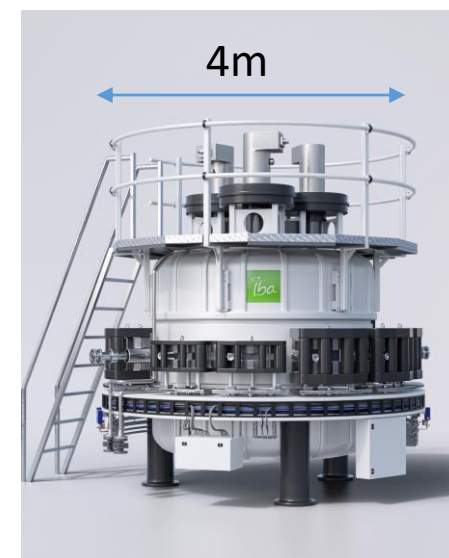
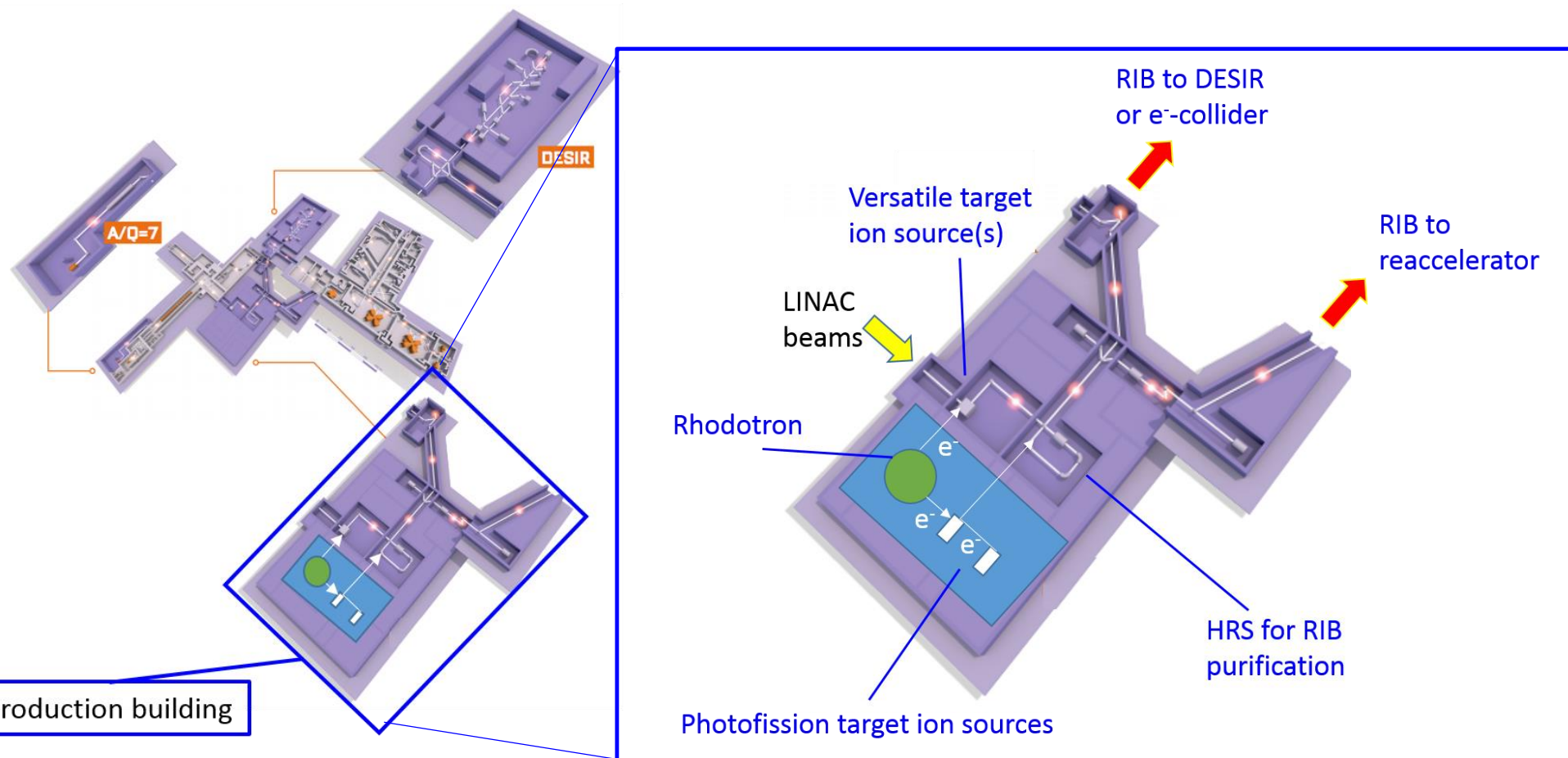
## A production building with several production caves

ISOL / gas cell with dedicated driver to complement the LINAC

- Fusion and transfer reaction with the LINAC beams (including  $A/Q=7$ )
- Photofission or light particle induced fission (p,d,  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ ): **up to  $\sim 10^{13}$  fissions/s** using ALTO's expertise



Instead of expensive, quite inadapted SPIRAL 2 phase 2 original production mechanism



**Rhodotron® TT300-HE**  
High Energy Electron Generator

~7M€ according to IBA inc. Beam line and diagnostics

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Requires a production building				

# Some remarks

- The **ISOL technique** proposed here is well suited to the production of the beams requested by the  $e^-$  - ion scattering facility
  - $10^4 - 10^8$  pps max with min half life  $\sim 1$ s because of trapping
  - No need to go for a full scale SPIRAL 2 phase 2 in the original production scheme
    - Scheme not optimized / is a penalty for many exotic isotopes with half lives  $\sim$ s / min
    - Highest intensity for some isotopes of no use:  $^{132}\text{Sn}$  at more than  $10^8$  pps is enough and is readily available at existing facilities such as ISOLDE
- The production building would allow an **optimized use of DESIR** instrumentation in an intermediate phase
- A **driver for photofission** is advantageous in many respects
  - Real **multi-user** facility
    - Ambitious programs with long beam times become possible at S3
    - Ambitious programs for DESIR with neutron rich beams becomes possible
    - Continuous R&D for fission fragment production from photofission becomes possible
      - Rhodotron with 2 outlets
- **Interdisciplinary research** will increase the need for LINAC beams availability
- **Several production caves** are mandatory for R&D and operation
  - Striking example: number of available beams and beam time at SPIRAL 1 (1 target station) vs ISOLDE (2 target stations)
  - Several caves: possible adaptation to different production mechanisms

## Next steps

- Table for photofission fragment intensities can relatively easily be compiled
  - Starting from estimates for SPIRAL 2 phase 2
- Intensity estimates for transfer reactions is practically not feasible
- A feasibility study of the production building is only possible if including engineers (H. Franberg, X. Hulin + ?)