



# Status of NICA at JINR

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river*

**NICA**

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# NICA (Nuclotron based Ion Collider fAcility)

## Main targets:

- study of hot and dense baryonic matter  
at the energy range of *max baryonic density*
- investigation of nucleon spin structure, polarization phenomena



- development of accelerator facility for HEP @ JINR : construction of collider of relativistic ions from **p** to **Au**, polarized protons and deuterons with max energy up to  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 11$  GeV ( $\text{Au}^{79+}$ ) and **27** GeV (p)

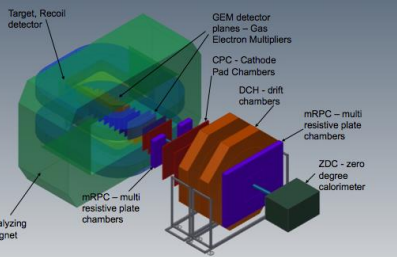
NUCLOTRON BASED ION COLLIDER FACILITY



# experiments at NICA



**BM@N**



BM@N (Detector)  
Extracted beam

Injection Complex

Nuclotron

Booster

Nuclotron ring ( $c=251,5$  m)

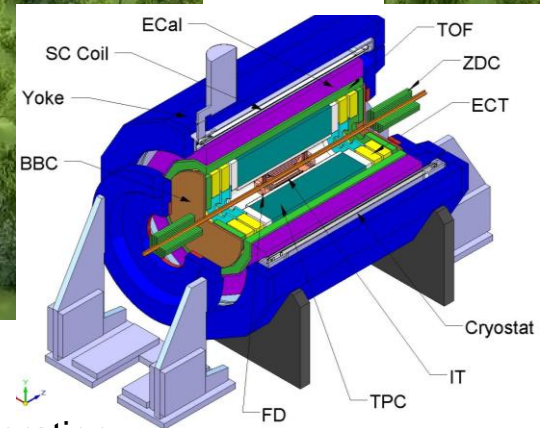
Collider

SPD  
(Detector)

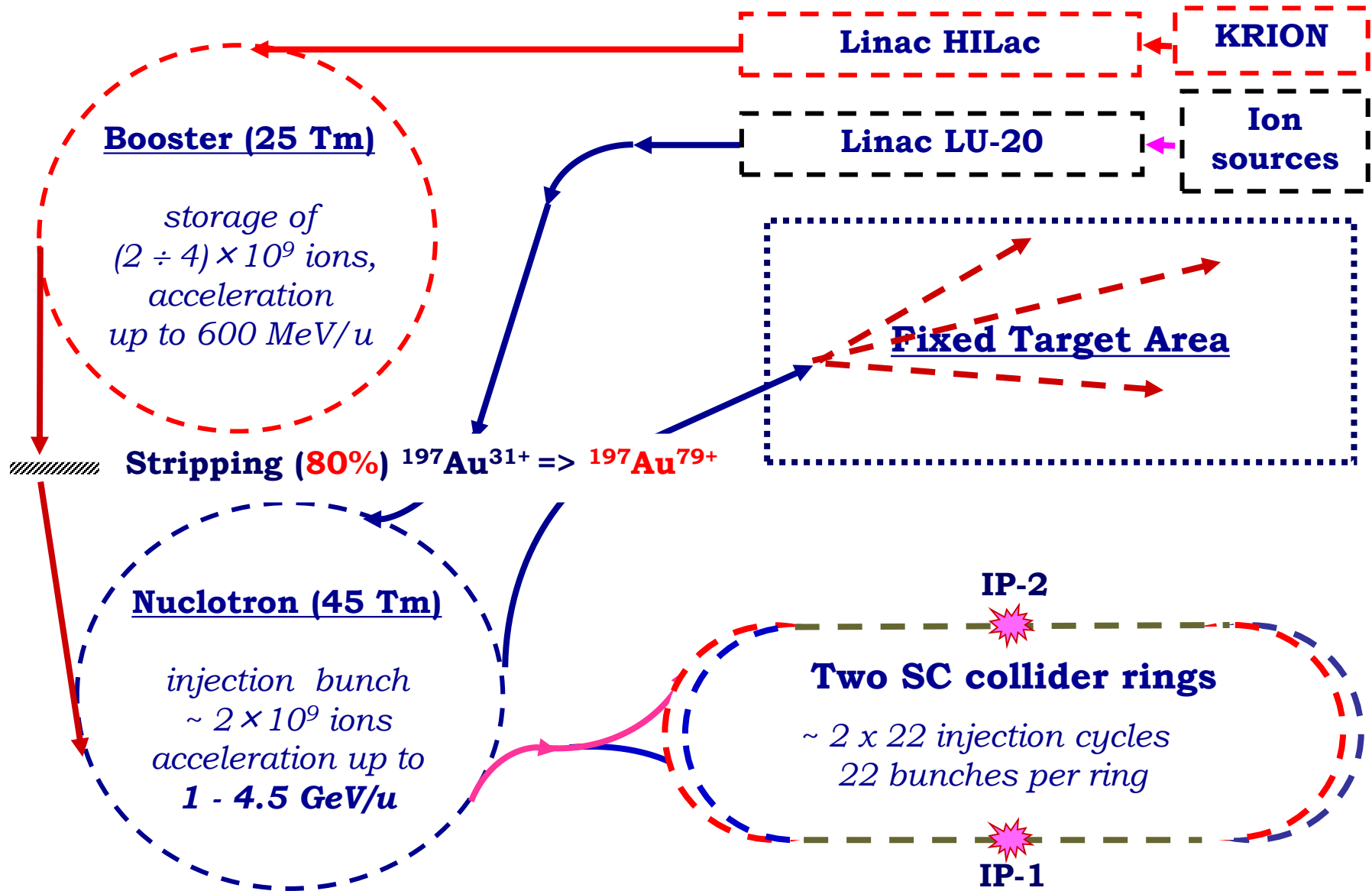
MPD  
(Detector)

E-cooling

**MPD**



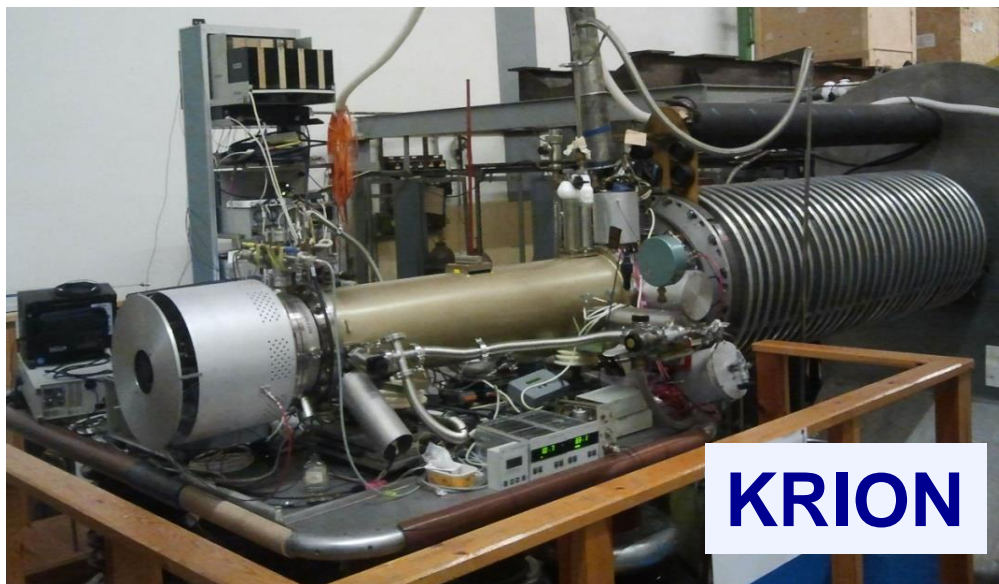
# Structure and Operation Regimes





# Injection complex: 4 ion sources

Source	KRION-6T	Laser	Douplasmatron	SPI <b>new !</b>
<i>particles</i>	$\text{Au}^{31+}$	up to $\text{Mg}^{10+}$	p, d, $\text{He}^{2+}$	$\uparrow \text{p}, \uparrow \text{d}$
<i>particle/cycle</i> <i>to be commissioned</i>	$\sim 2.5 \cdot 10^9$	$\sim 10^{11}$	p, d $\sim 5 \cdot 10^{12}$ $\text{He}^{2+} \sim 10^{11}$	$5 \cdot 10^{11}$
<i>repetition, Hz</i>	10	0,5	1	0,2



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# Injection complex: 2 Linacs

<i>Linac</i>	LU-20	HILAC <b>new !</b>
<i>structure (section number)</i>	RFQ + Alvarez type	RFQ + IH DTL(2)
<i>mass to charge ratio A/Z</i>	1-3	1-6
<i>injection energy, keV/amu</i>	150 for A/Z 1-3	17
<i>extraction energy, MeV/amu</i>	<b>5 (A/Z 1-3)</b>	<b>3.24 (A/Z=6)</b>
<i>input current, mA</i>	up to 20	up to 10

**LU-20 – new fore-injector:**  
JINR, INR, ITEP, MEPHI

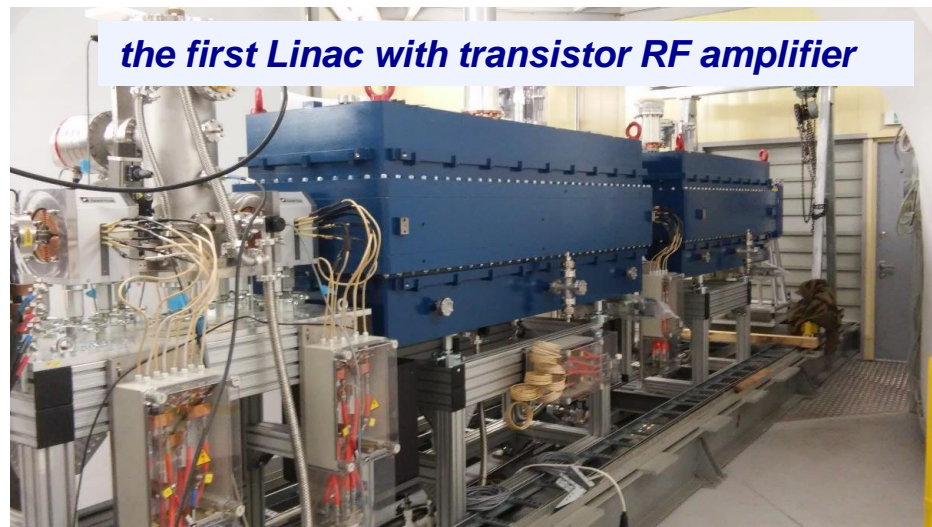


**commissioned: May '16**

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**HILAc: “BEVATECH OHG”**



**the first Linac with transistor RF amplifier**

**commissioned: Oct. '16**



# Machines: Nuclotron (*in operation since 1993*)

*modernized in 2010-2015*

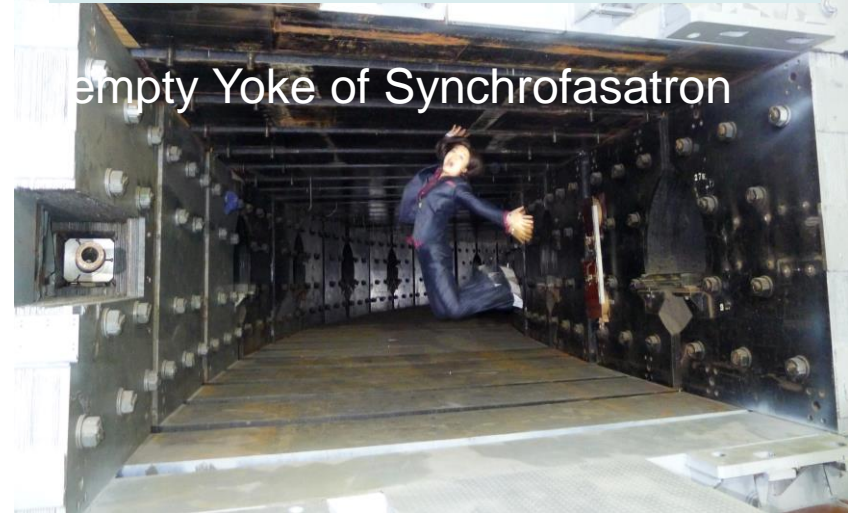
Parameters	Nuclotron
<i>type</i>	SC synchrotron
<i>particles</i>	p, d, (p, d polarized), nuclei
<i>injection energy, MeV/u</i>	5 (p, d) 570-685 ( <b>Au</b> )
<i>max. kin. energy, GeV/u</i>	12.1 (p); 5.6 (d); 4.4 ( <b>Au</b> )
<i>magnetic rigidity, T m</i>	25 – 43.25
<i>circumference, m</i>	251.52
<i>cycle for collider mode, s</i>	1.5-4.2 (active); 5.0 (total)
<i>vacuum, Torr</i>	$10^{-9}$
<i>intensity, <b>Au</b> ions/pulse</i>	$1 \cdot 10^9$
<i>transition energy, GeV/u</i>	7.0
<i>RF range, MHz</i>	0.6 -6.9 (p,d) 0.947 – 1.147 (nuclei)
<i>spill of slow extraction, s</i>	up to 10



# Machine: Booster (*under construction*)

Parameter	Booster
type	SC synchrotron
particles	ions $A/Z \leq 3$
injection energy, MeV/u	3.2
maximum energy, GeV/u	0.6
magnetic rigidity, T m	1.6 – 25.0
circumference, m	210.96
cycle for collider mode, s	4.02 (active); 5.0 (total)
vacuum, Torr	$10^{-11}$
intensity, <b>Au</b> ions/pulse	$1.5 \cdot 10^9$
transition energy, GeV/u	3.25
RF range, MHz	0.5 -2.53
spill of slow extraction, s	up to 10

**Li So Yon** (South Korean Cosmonaut)  
LHEP JINR, Dubna, 7 Sep., 2011



**Commissioning in 2019**



# BINP contribution to the Booster

## two RF stations



- *tested at JINR - Oct. '14*
- *commissioning - 2017*

## electron cooling



*fabricated and tested at BINP in 2016*  
**delivered to JINR in April 2017**  
*commissioned in 2017*

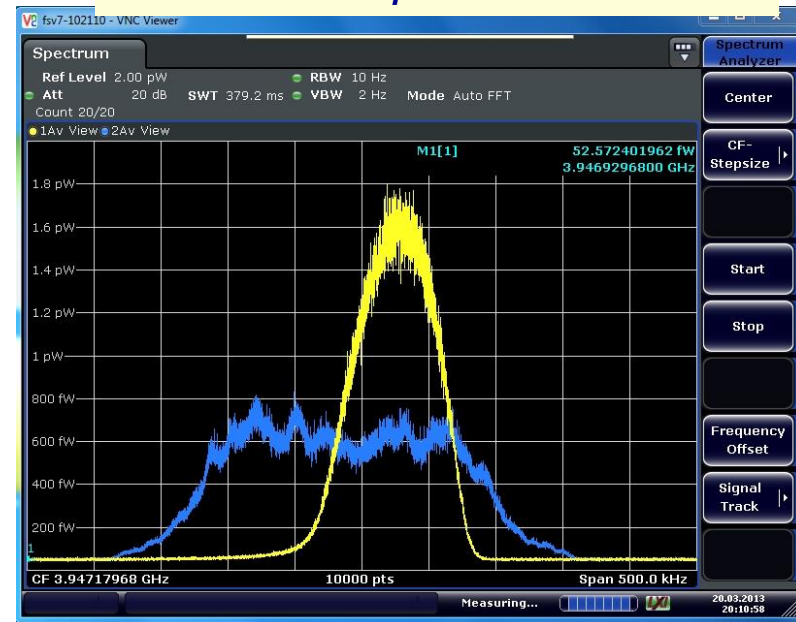
**Project status:** *on schedule*

# Nuclotron development

- ✧ Stable and safe operation up to maximum design energy
- ✧ Beam time for users > 70%
- ✧ Time losses < 8%
- ✧ Development of cryogenic facility
- ✧ Modern automatic control system based on TANGO
- ✧ Test of stochastic cooling
- ✧ New RFQ fore-injector for LU-20

*2 – 4 GHz bandwidth, the cooling of bunched and coasting deuteron and carbon beams was achieved*

*momentum spread of d beam*



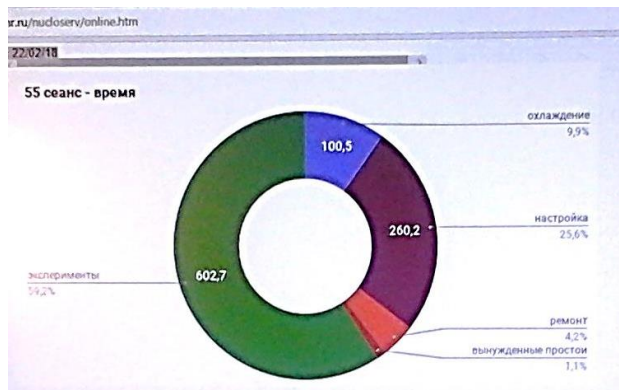




# Nuclotron run in 2018

- Run – 55 ( C, Ar, Kr,)

Feb. – April 2018



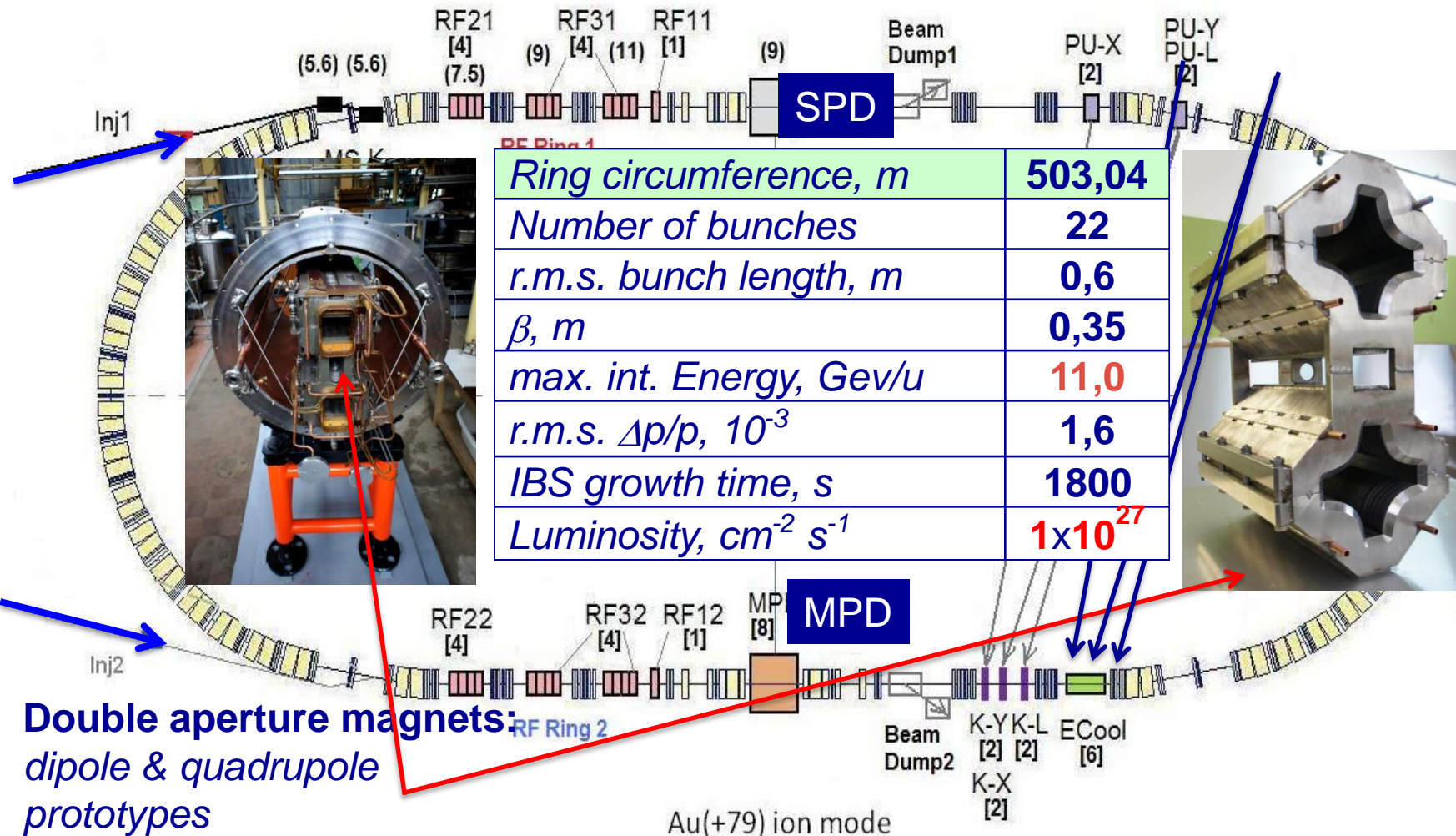
The run was completely devoted to data taken at BM@N setup





# The Collider

45 T\*m, 4.5 GeV/u for  $Au^{79+}$



# SC Magnets for Booster, Collider & SIS-100/FAIR workshop at VBLHEP JINR (bld. 217)

*Serial tests of Booster magnets have started*



*fabrication of magnet systems is in progress*







He liquefier has been put in operation, 1000 l/h



**Largest in Russia**

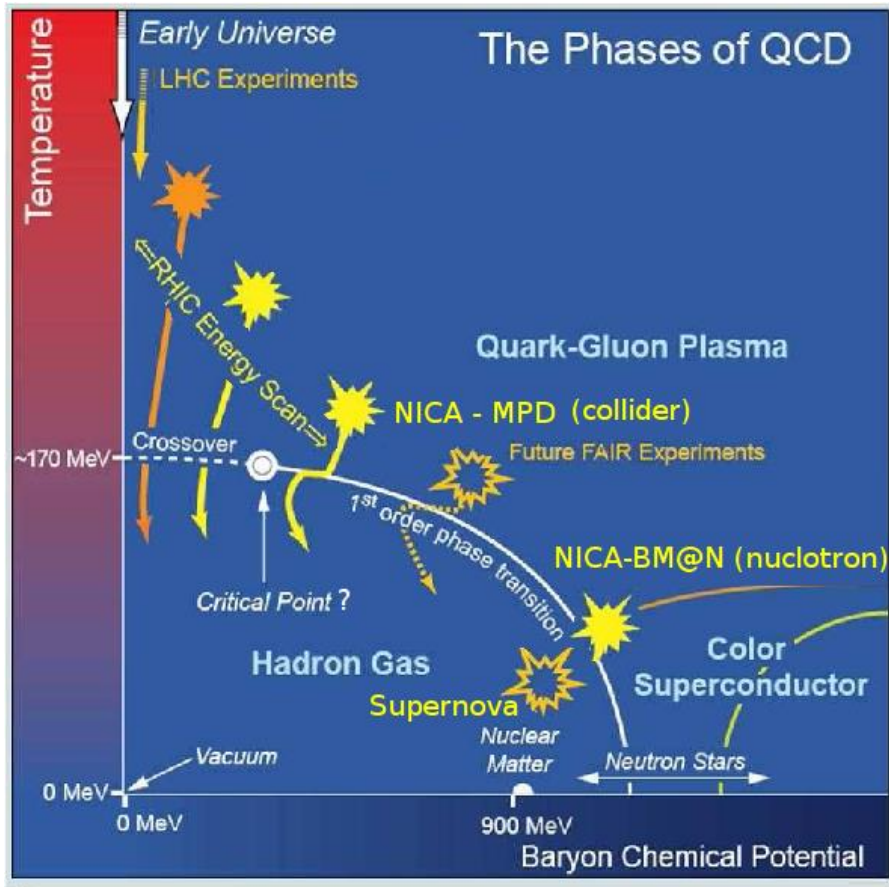
*Finally the cooling power  
should be doubled  
from 4 kW to 8 kW @ 4.5K*

# Physics program and the setups at NICA

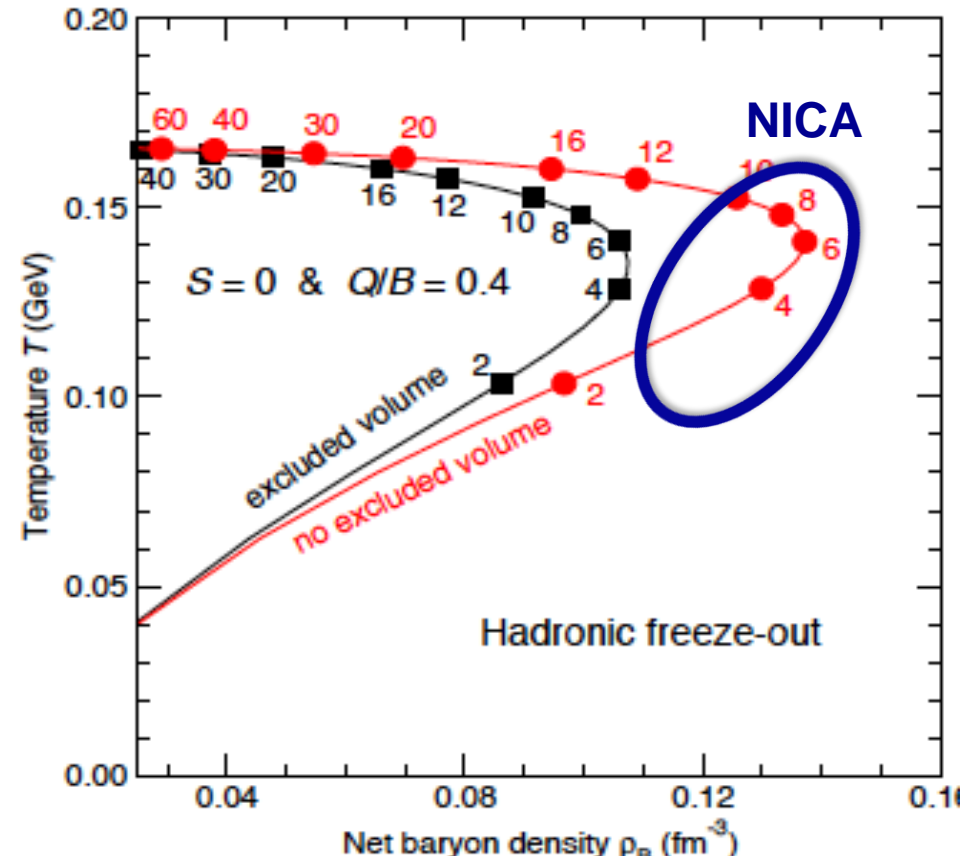


# Exploration of the QCD PD - Density Frontier

*Exploring high-density baryonic matter: maximum freeze-out density*



*J. Randrup, J. Cleymans; White Paper*



*NICA is well suited for exploring the transition between the hadronic and q-g phases at the **highest baryon density**. This is the top priority of the NICA program.*

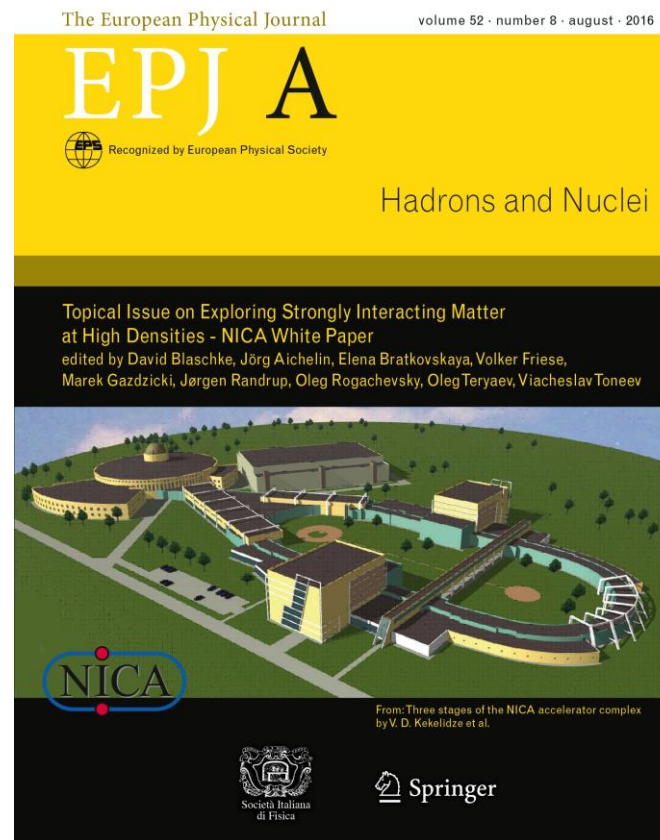
# Physics objectives

- *Bulk properties, EOS*
  - *particle yields & spectra, ratios, femtoscopy, flow*
- *In-Medium modification of hadron properties*
  - *onset of low-mass dilepton enhancement*
- *Deconfinement (chiral) phase transition at high  $\rho_B$* 
  - *enhanced strangeness production*
- *QCD Critical Point*
  - *event-by-event fluctuations & correlations*
- *Chiral Magnetic (Vortical) effect,  $\Lambda$  polarization*
- *Hypernuclei*

# New issues: NICA White Paper, SQM proceedings



*Physics targets for the exploration of first order phase transitions in the region of the QCD phase diagram accessible to NICA & CBM and possible observable effects of a “mixed phase culminates this year in the release of the “NICA White Paper” as a Topical Issue of the **EPJ A** (July 2016).*

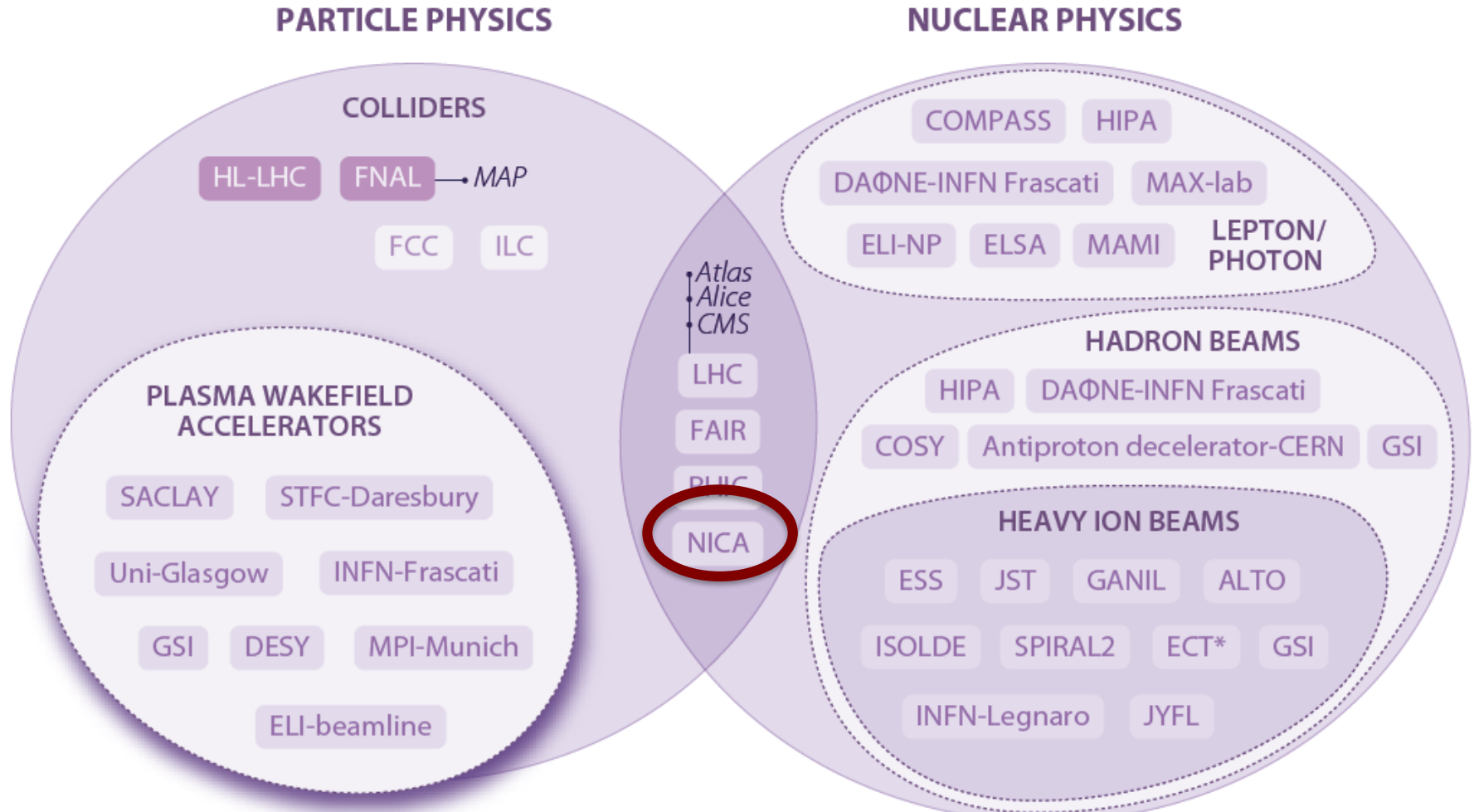


**111** contributions,  
**188** authors  
from **24** countries



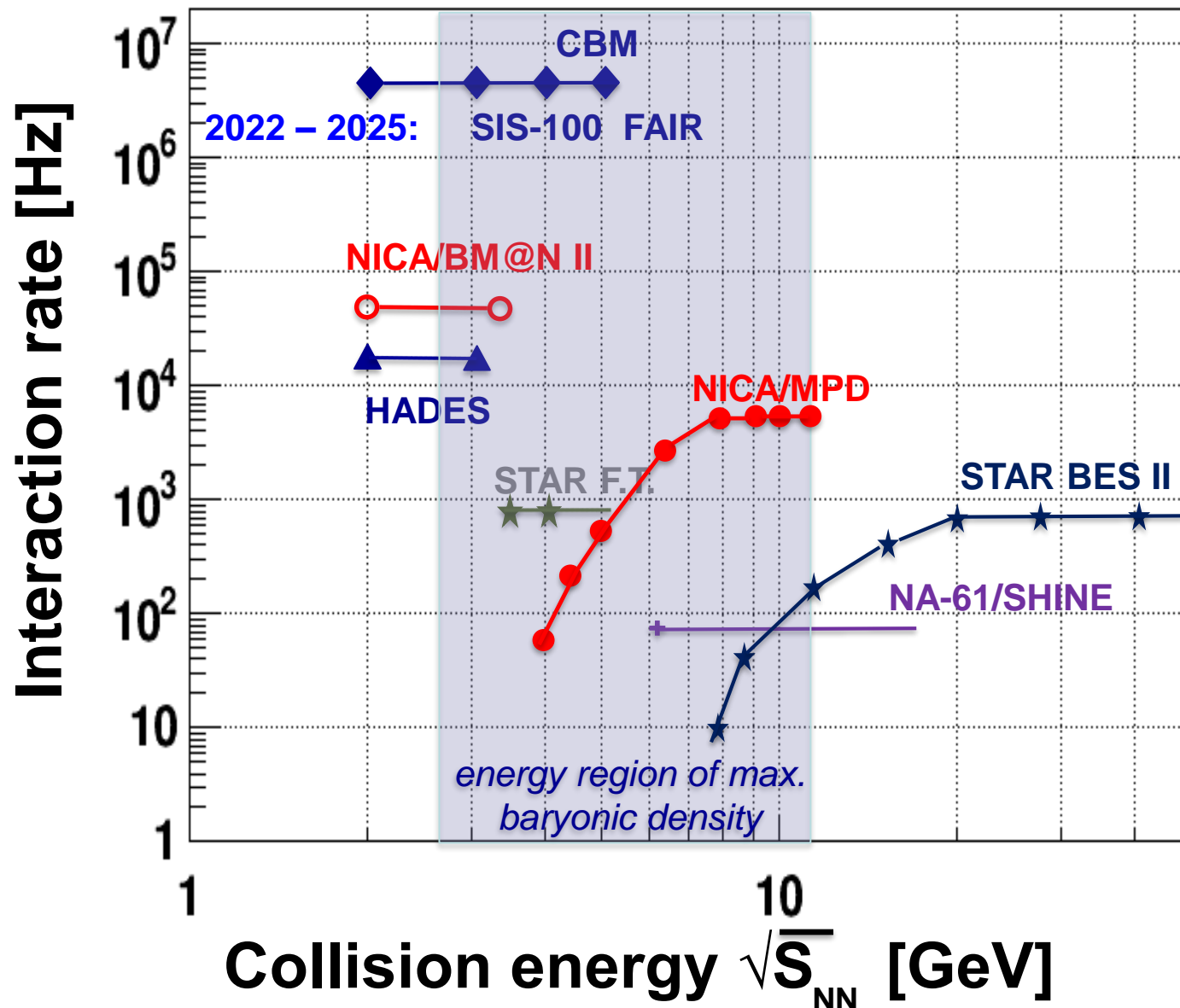
# New issue of the ESFRI Roadmap

## Main Research Infrastructure in Particle and Nuclear Physics

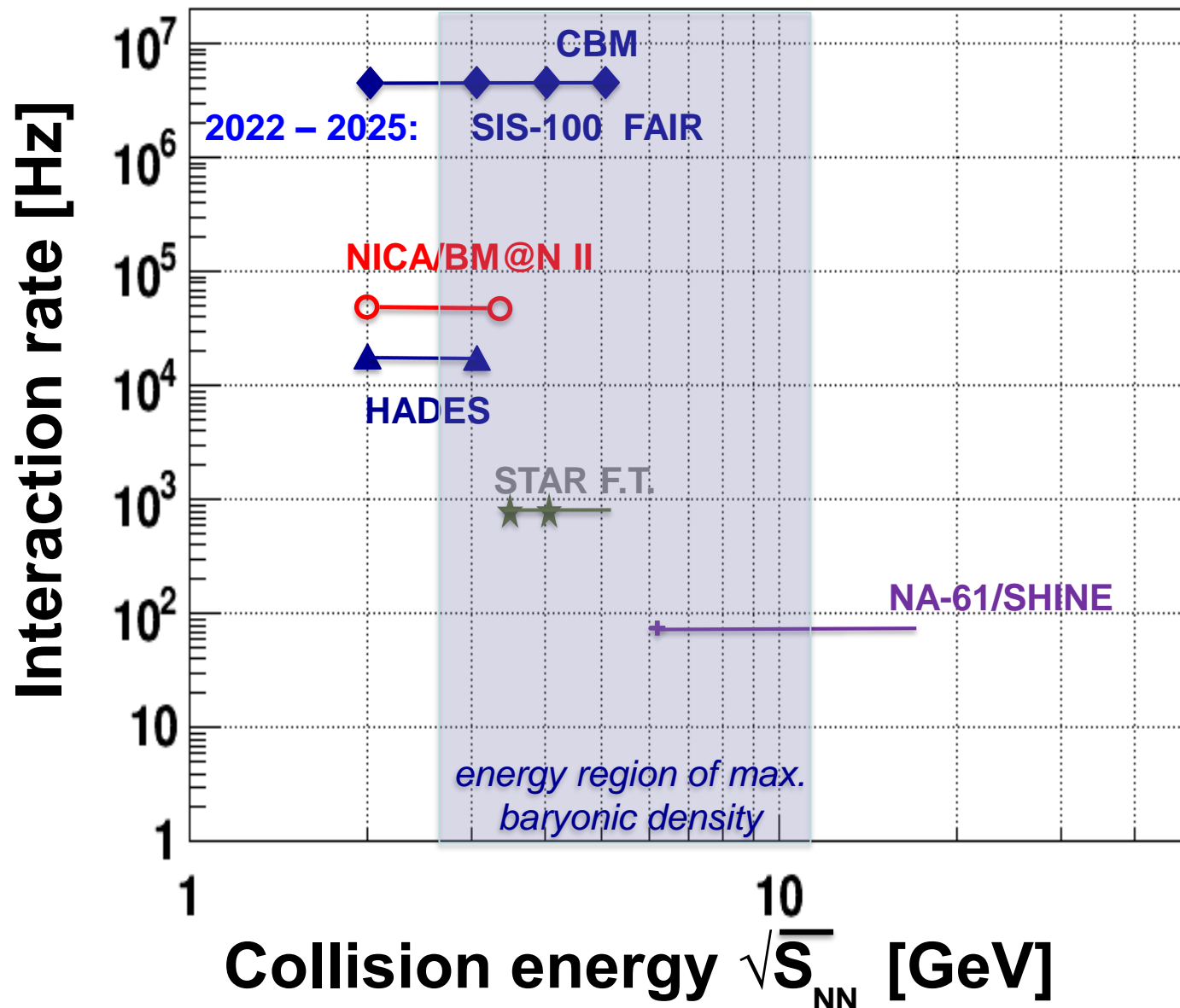


**NICA – Complementary Project**

# Present and future HI experiments



# Present and future HI F.T. experiments





# Baryonic Matter at Nuclotron (BM@N)



*experiment at Nuclotron extracted beams*

## BM@N Collaboration:

**Russia:** INR, MEPhi, SINP, MSU,  
IHEP, S-Ptr Radium Inst.

**Bulgaria:** Plovdiv University;

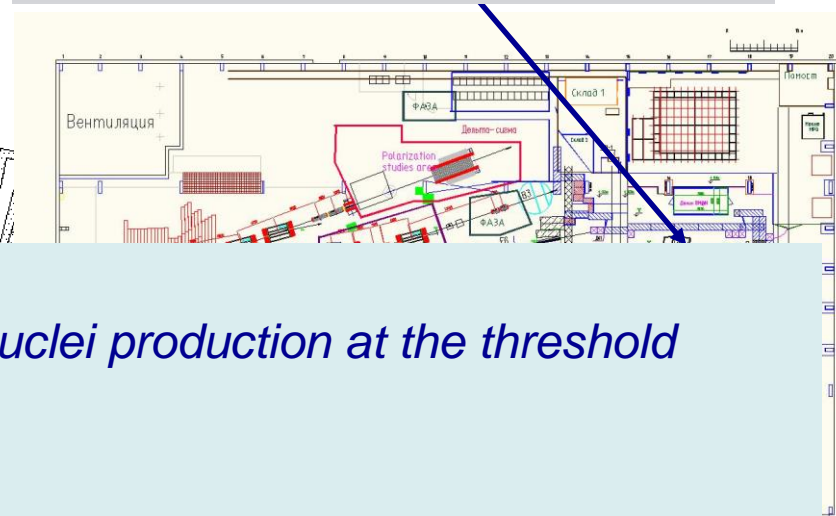
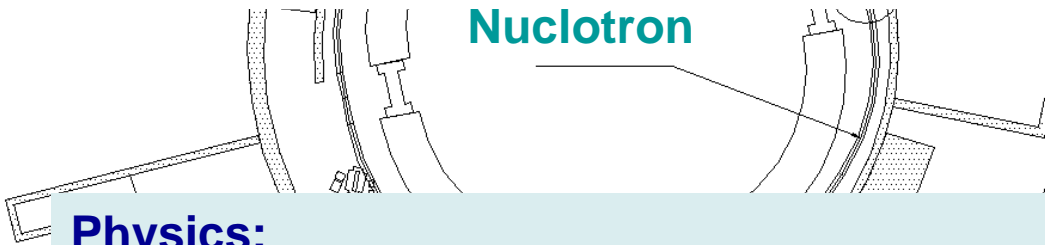
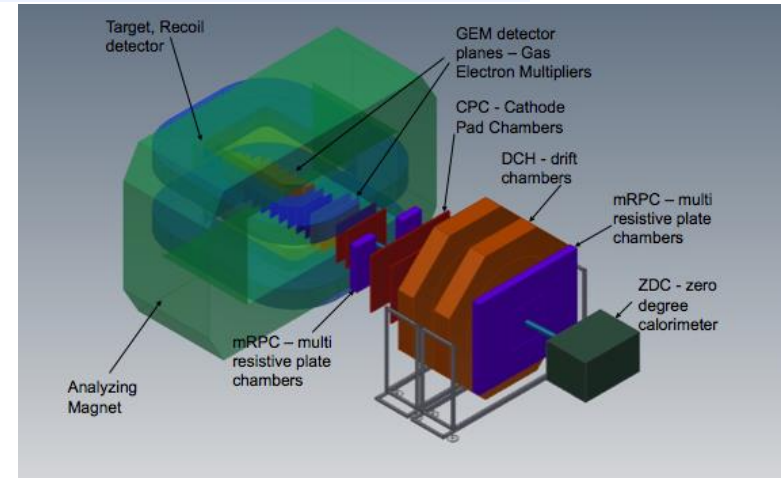
**China:** Tsinghua University, Beijin;

**Poland:** Warsaw Tech.Uni.

**Israel:** Tel Aviv Uni., Weizman Inst.

**Germany:** Frankfurt Uni.; eoi GSI

**USA:** MIT



## Physics:

- ✓ strange / multi-strange hyperon and hypernuclei production at the threshold
- ✓ hadron femtoscopy
- ✓ short range correlations
- ✓ event-by event fluctuations
- ✓ in-medium modifications of strange & vector mesons in dense nuclear matter
- ✓ electromagnetic probes, states decaying into  $\gamma$ ,  $e$  (with ECAL)

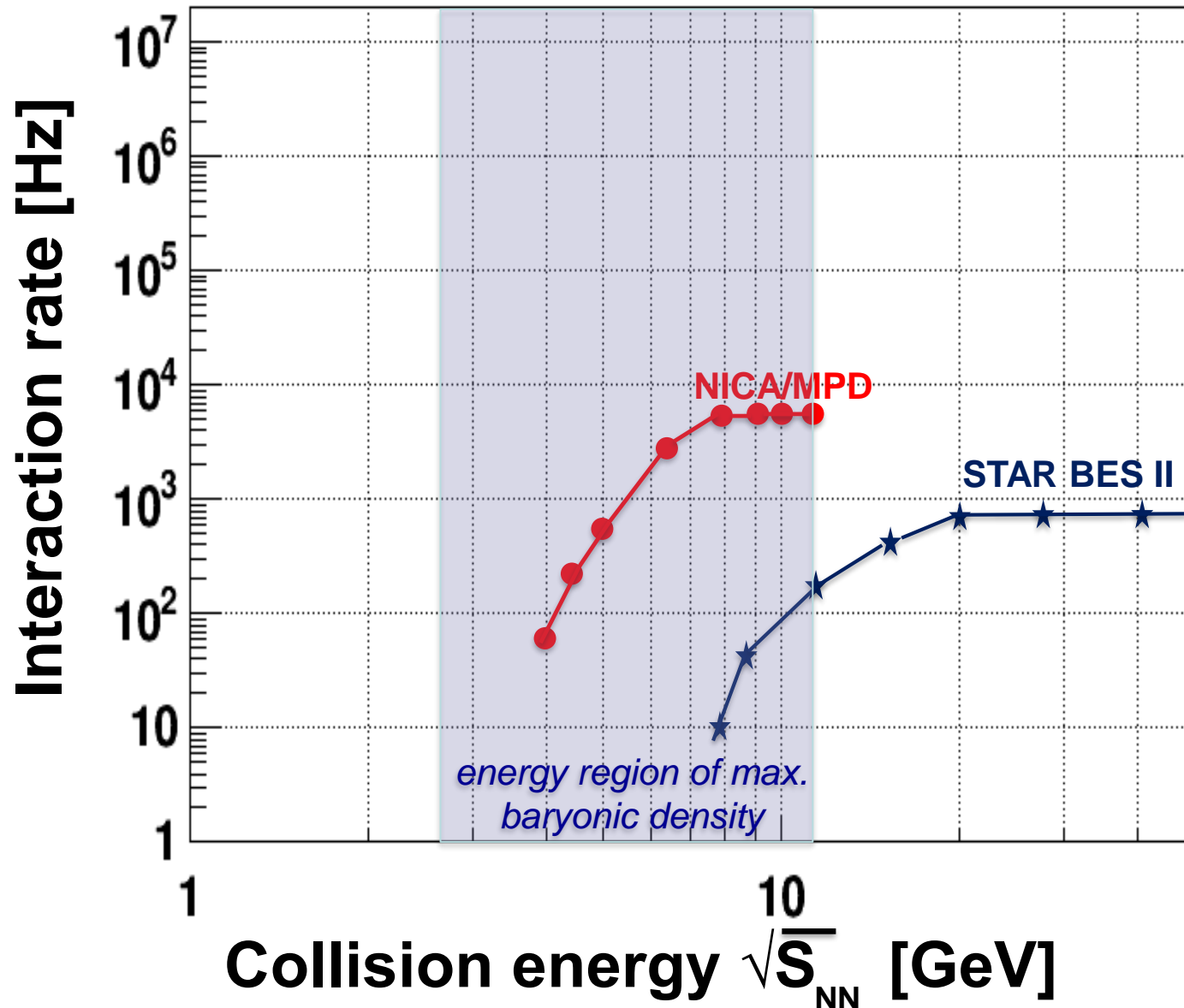
## BM@N plans

year	2016	2017 Feb.-Mar.	2017 Nov.-Dec.	2019	2020 + ..
<i>beam</i>	d (↑)	C, Ar	Kr	Au	Au, p
<i>maximum intensity, Hz</i>	1M	1M	1M	1M	10M
<i>trig. rate, Hz</i>	10k	10k	20k	20k	50k
<i>central tracker</i>	6 GEM half pl.	8 GEM half pl.	10 GEM half pl.	8 GEM full pl.	12 GEM or 8+2Si
<i>expiment status</i>	techn. run	techn. run	physics run	physics stage 1	physics stage 2

*beam:  $E_{kin} = 3.5, 4.0, 4.5$  AGeV*



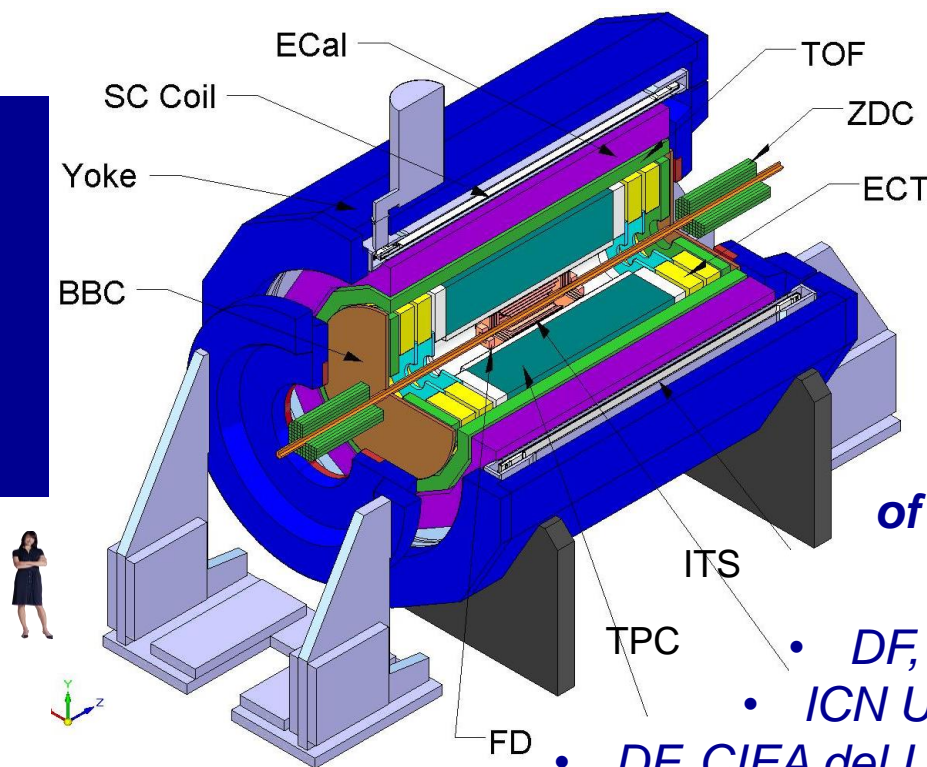
# Present and future HI collider experiments



# MultiPurpose Detector (MPD)

## Main target:

- study of hot and dense baryonic matter at the energy range of *max net baryonic density*



*expression of interest by:*

## MPD Collaboration:

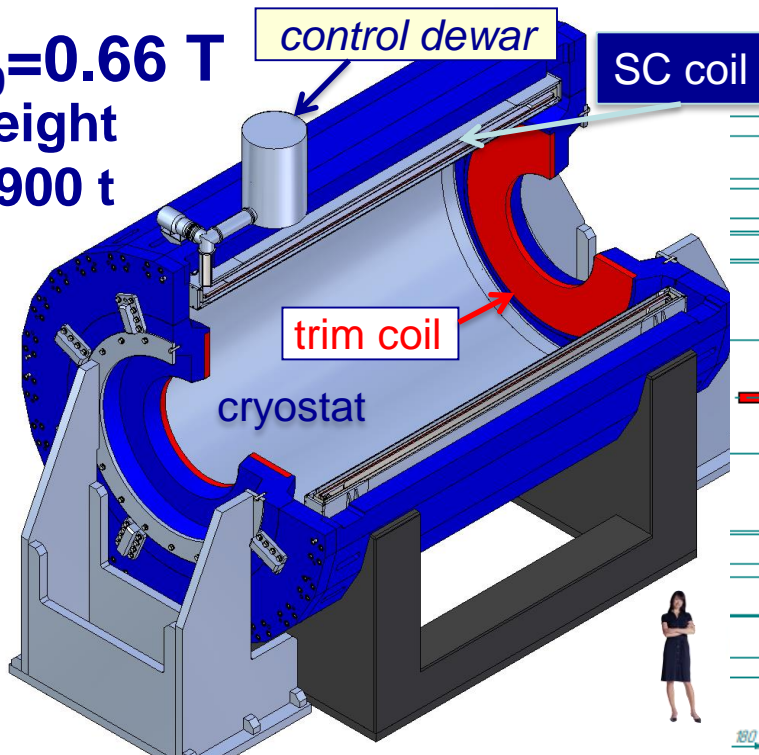
- JINR, Dubna;
- Tsinghua University, Beijing, China;
- MEPhI, Moscow, Russia.
- INR, RAS, Russia;
- PPC BSU, Minsk, Belarus;
- WUT, Warsaw, Poland;

- **CERN;**
- DF, US, Mexico;
- ICN UNA; Mexico;
- DF, CIEA del I.P.N, Mexico;
- FCF-M UAS, Sinaloa, Mexico;
- FCF-MB UAP, Puebla, Mexico;
- PI Az.AS, Baku, Azerbaijan;
- ITEP, NC KI, Moscow, Russia;
- PNPI NC KI, Saint Petersburg, Russia;
- CPPT USTC, Hefei, China;
- SS, HU, Huzhou, Republic of South Africa.

# MPD detector for Heavy-Ion Collisions @ NICA

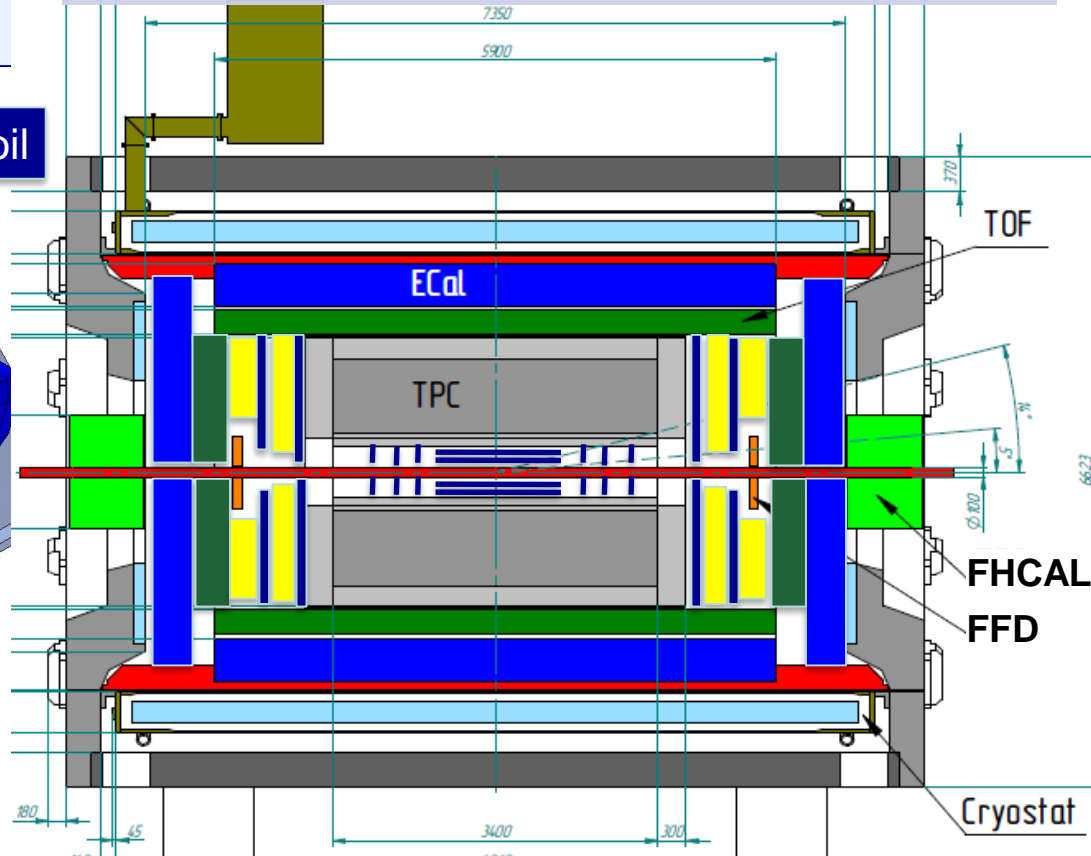
Tracking: up to  $|\eta| < 1.8$  (TPC)  
PID: hadrons, e,  $\gamma$  (TOF, TPC, ECAL)  
Event characterization:  
centrality & event plane (FHCAL)

$B_0 = 0.66$  T  
weight  
~ 900 t



**Stage 1:** TPC, TOF, ECAL, FHCAL, FFD

**Stage 2:** ITs + Endcaps (tracker, TOF, ECAL)



General contractor:  
**ASG Superconductors,**  
Genova, Italy

**Status:** *technical design – completed / close to completion; preparation for the mass production*



# Vitkovice Heavy Machinery, Ostrava

Support rings: Ø 6.63 m, 43.7 tons each  
need to have holes machining, sandblasting, painting



2 Poles: Ø 4.5 m, 47 tons each

28, February 2018





Cradles 2 main parts are in progress: 1.47x4.15x7.68, m; 34 tons  
in total

for



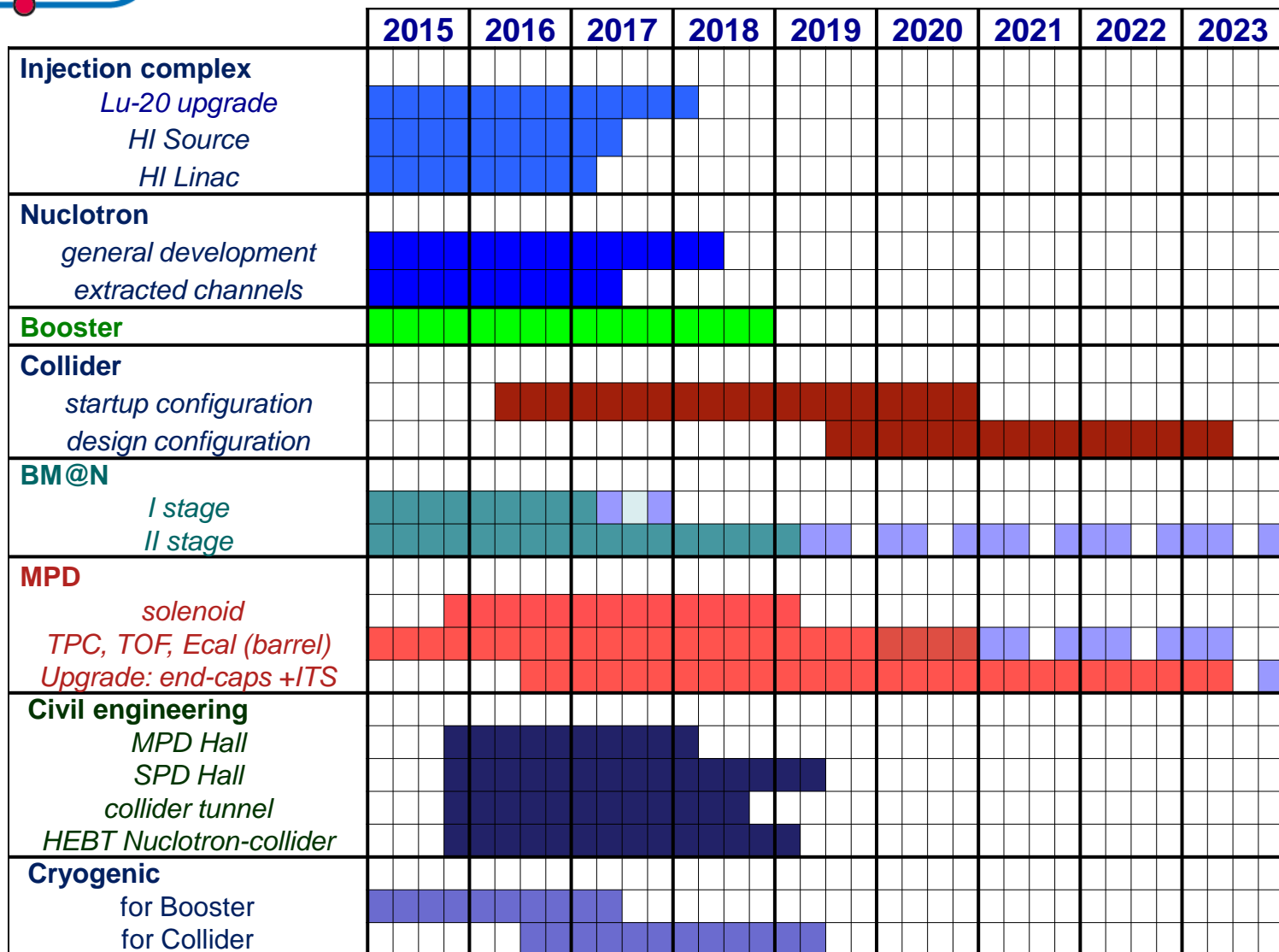


# Two 80/20 tons Cranes by “URALKRAN” are ready





# NICA schedule



 *running time*



*In the medium-term prospect the NICA complex will be the only facility in Europe providing unique high intensity ion beams (from **p** to **Au**, **p**↑ and **d**↑) in the energy range from **2 – 27 GeV** (c.m.s.), which could be used for both fundamental and applied researches.*

**Researches at the NICA complex will contribute to**

- *discovery and study of new forms of nuclear matter;*
- *comprehensive study of nucleon spin structure;*
- *applied researches, like irradiation of biological objects by heavy ion beams (space mission program) etc.*



# Civil Construction



# *Civil Construction*





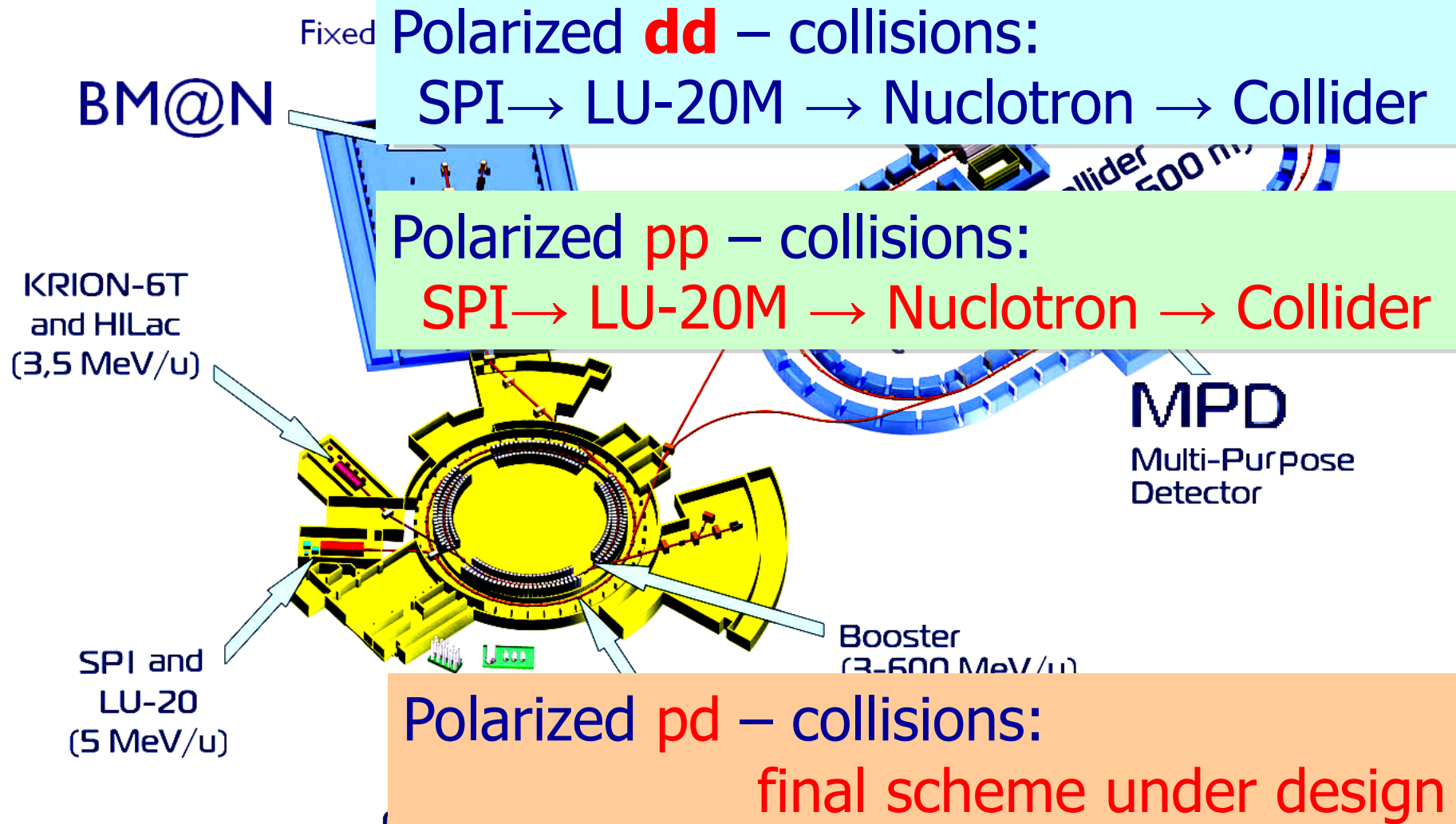




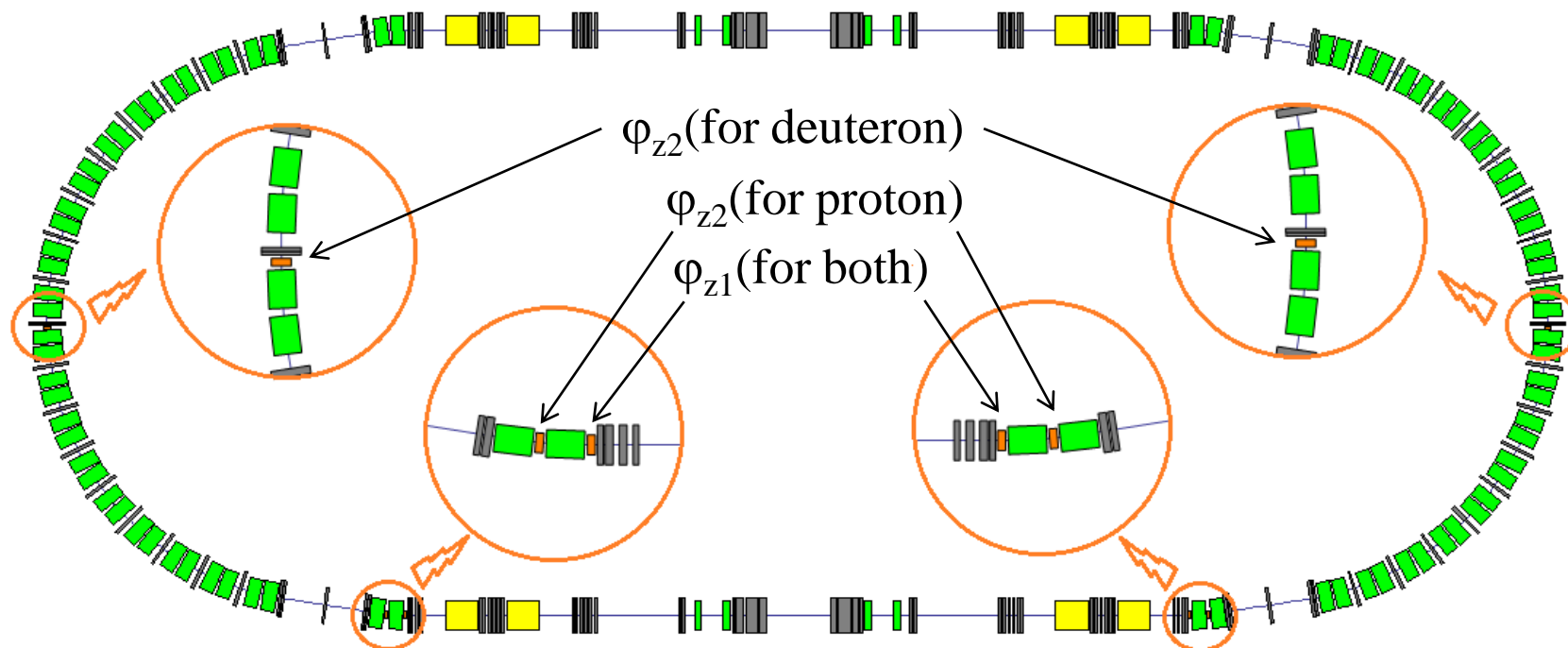
# Civil Construction



# NICA operation in Polarized Mode (1)



# Polarization control for **p** and **d** in NICA collider



	number	$B_{\max}$ , T	L, m	BL, T·m
Main tune shifts solenoid	8	7,3	5,5	0÷40
Weak solenoid for polarization control (red)	6	1,5	0,4	0÷0,6



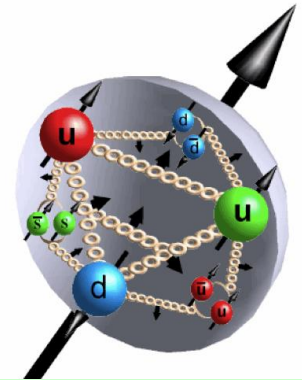


# Study of nucleon spin structure

must confirm

**the sum rule:**

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Sigma_q + \Sigma_g + L_q + L_g.$$

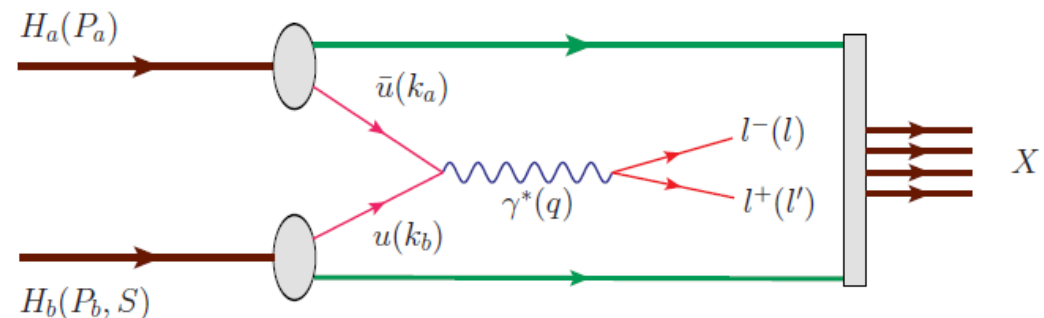


**NICA** collider will provide collisions of protons and deuterons with all combinations of polarization – *transversal and longitudinal*

*It will allow to measure all 8 intrinsic-transverse-momentum dependent PDFs (at leading twist) **in one experiment***

**Matveev-Muradyan-Tavkhelidze-Drell-Yan** mechanism and **SIDIS** processes – *are good tools for these measurements*

**Direct photons production**  
(*gluon polarization*)





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## Concluding remarks

- NICA complex has a potential for competitive research  
*in dense baryonic matter and spin physics*
- The construction of accelerator complex is going well  
*in close cooperation with many laboratories*
- The construction of both detectors **BM@N** & **MPD** is  
*going close to the schedule, SPD project and spin  
physics program are under preparation*
- NICA recognized as a part of European research infr.
- NICA got a status of *mega-project developed at RF*
- NICA is open for new participants



# Thank you!