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    - Computing
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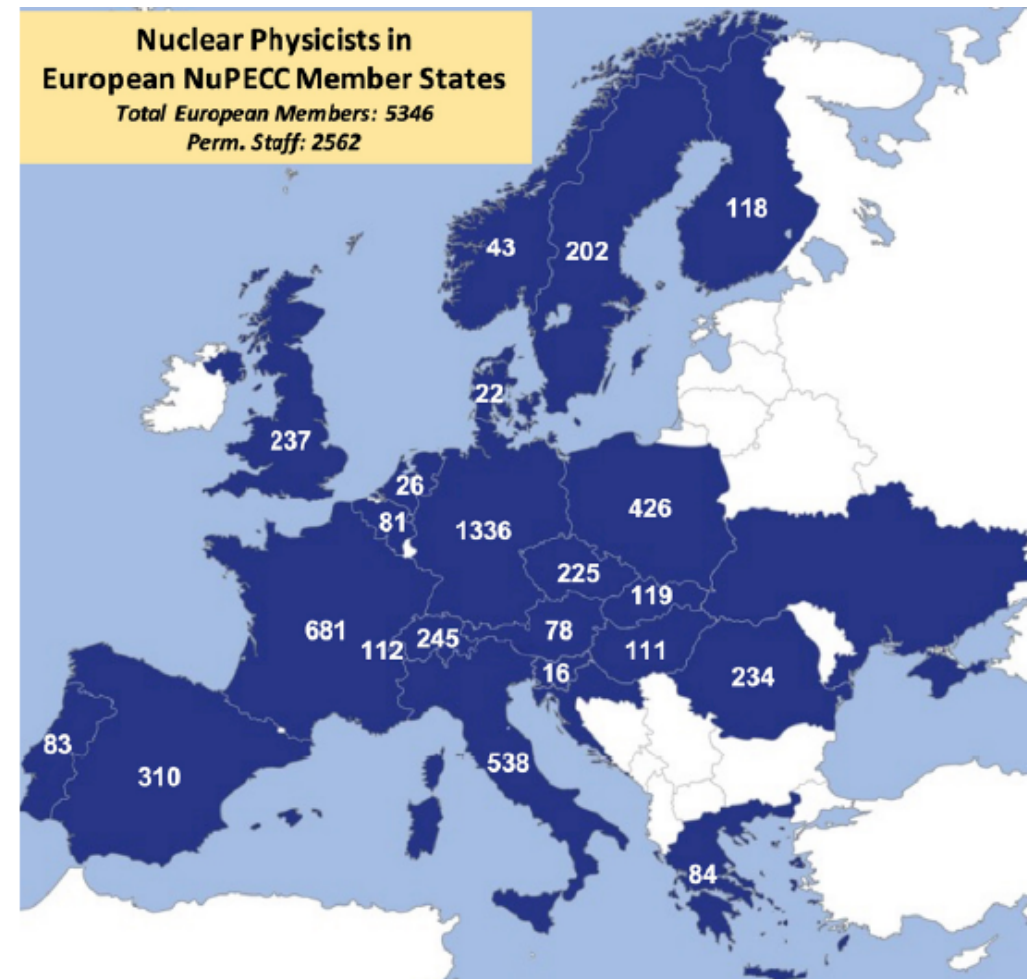
(..."but":)

KHuK has a strong (and not decoupled) physics agenda to pursue in the next decades ...outlined in [NuPECC LRP 2024](#)



- Nuclear structure, nuclear astrophysics
- Hot and dense QCD matter (“Heavy-ion physics”)
- Fundamental interactions, symmetries
- Hadronic and electromagnetic probes

some overlap (hadron physics) with  
KET-based projects:  
LHCb, Belle II





- What is the origin of confinement?
- How do hadrons, nuclei and nuclear matter emerge from the underlying fundamental interactions?
- What shapes can nuclei take, how do nuclear shells evolve, and what role do nuclear correlations play?
- What are the limits of the existence of nuclei, and what phenomena arise from open quantum systems?
- What are the mechanisms behind nuclear reactions and nuclear fission?
- How can we better understand the synthesis of heavy elements and the chemical evolution of the visible universe?
- What is the role of the strong interaction in stellar objects?
- What are the properties of the quark-gluon plasma, what is the qualitatively novel state of nuclear matter at extreme conditions of temperature and density?

Broad experimental and theoretical effort

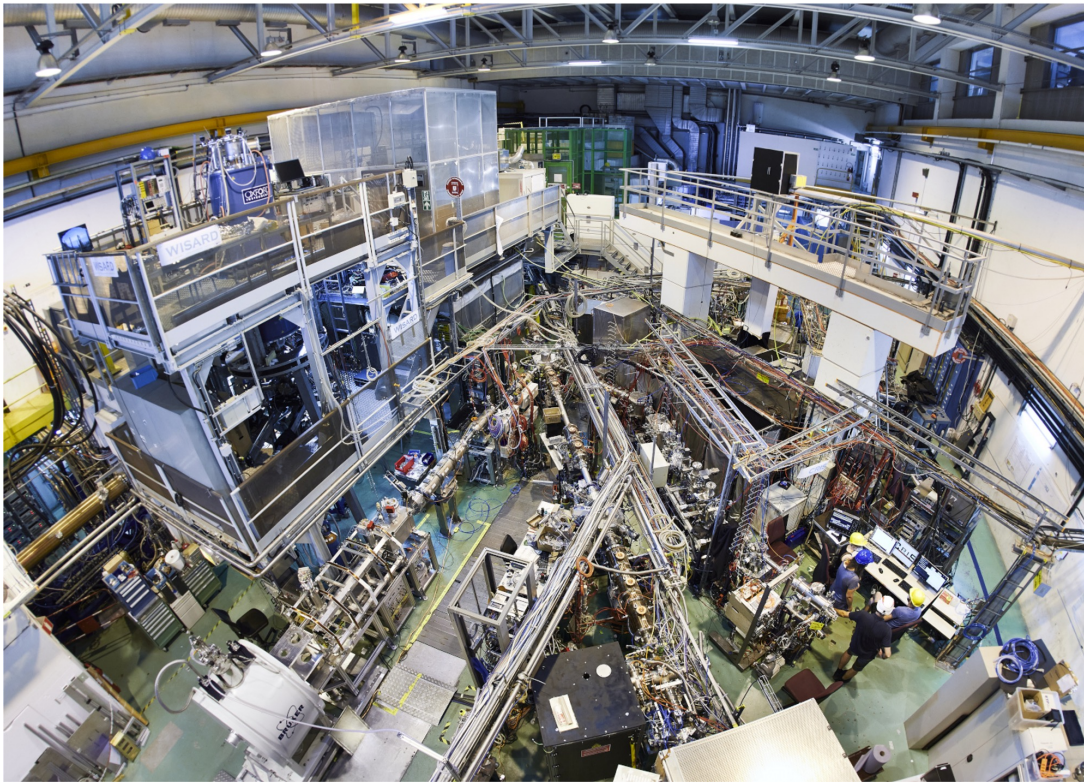
...also broad in energy: MeV (keV) - TeV [per nucleon]

...and with broad societal impact, through applications, ex. [PRISMAP](#)

Consortium (23 partners) under coordination of CERN for production and dispatch of non-conventional radionuclides

Shapes of nuclei, nuclear shells, nuclear correlations

Synthesis of heavy elements, chemical evolution of the visible universe



Ground-state properties of nuclei:  
ISOLTRAP, COLLAPS, RILIS

Radioactive decay: IDS

Reactions with post-accelerated beams:  
HIE-ISOLDE, Miniball

Antiprotons and radioactive isotopes: PUMA

+ Applications:

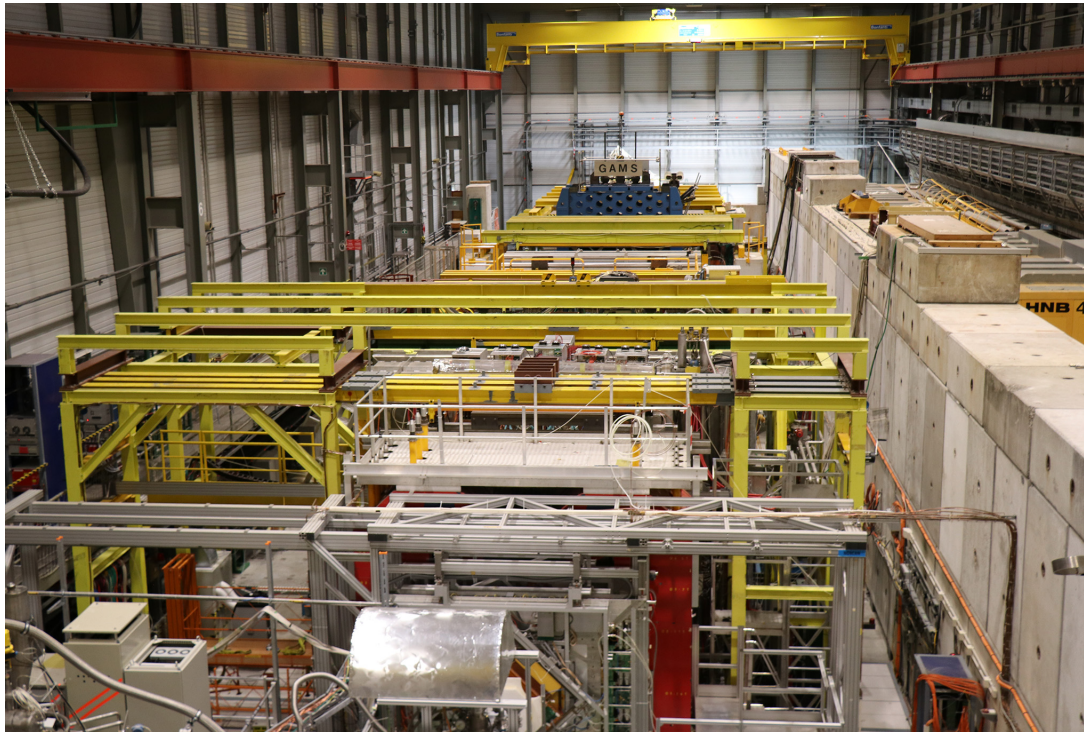
Medical Isotope Production (MEDICIS)

Bio NMR with unstable polarized nuclei (VITO)

LS3 Upgrade: p driver:  $1.4 \rightarrow 2$  GeV,  $2 \rightarrow 4$   $\mu$ A; upgraded experiments

Long term ideas: Extended experimental hall, Storage ring

AD/ELENA: CPT tests ( $m/q$  with Penning traps)



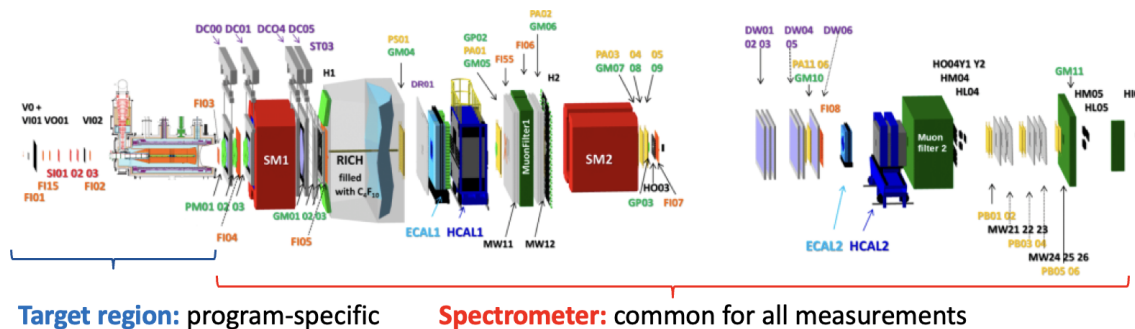
Hadron structure, antimatter

Phase-I, 2023-2031

- Antiproton production (p-H,D,He)
- Proton radius ( $\mu$ -p)
- $\pi$  PDFs (Drell-Yan)

Phase-II, 2031-2041

- $K$  PDFs (Drell-Yan, prompt photons)
- Strange meson spectroscopy
- Meson charge radii



M2 beamline

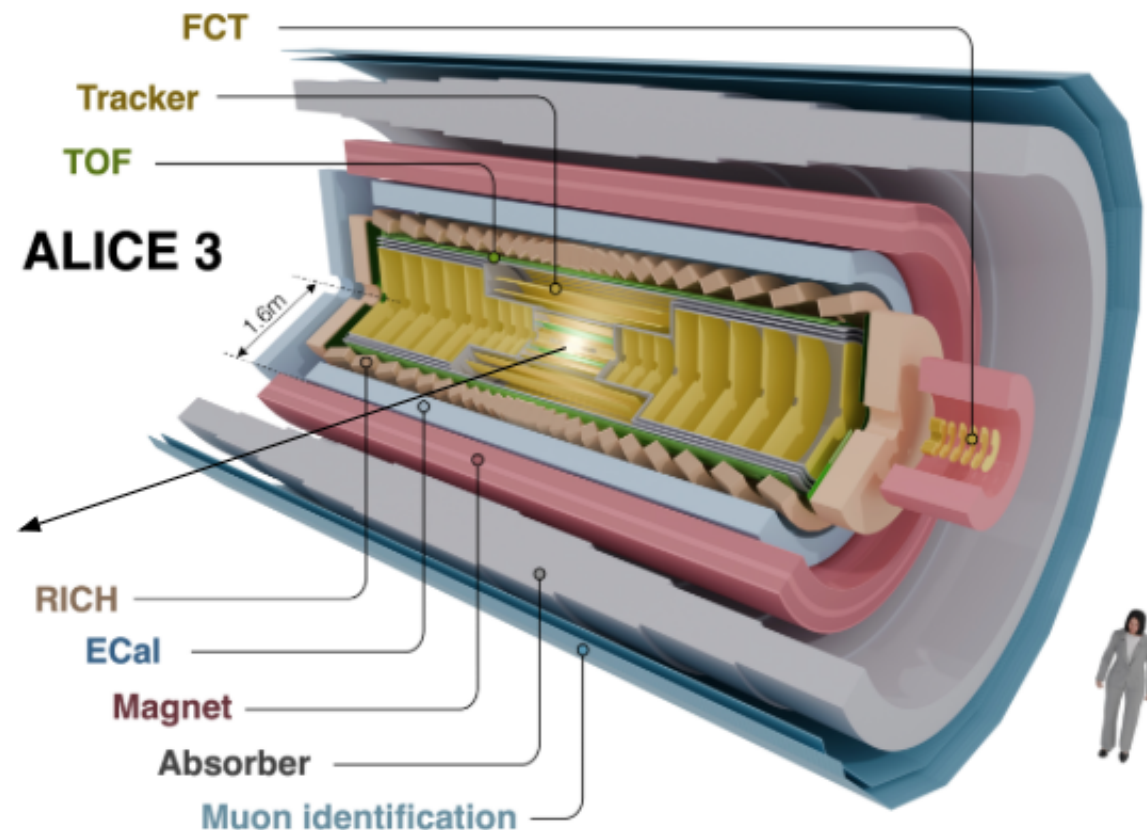
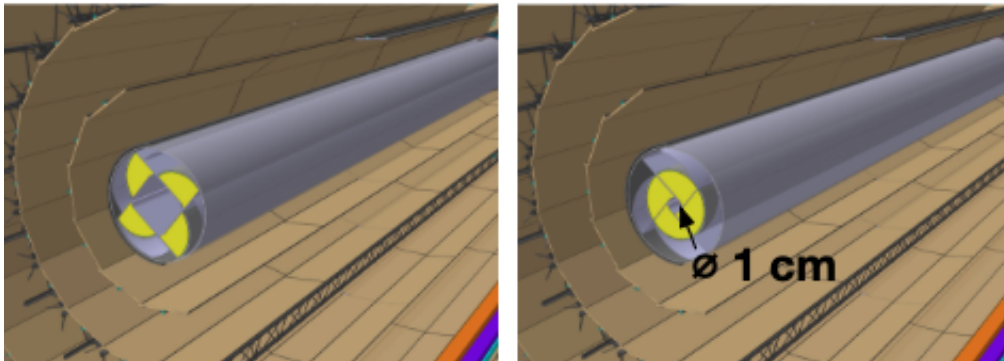


## Ultimate diagnosis of inner workings of QGP (multicharm; beauty; photons...)

see talk by U.Wiedemann, [Collider Workshop, DESY](#)

### → Novel and innovative detector concept

- Compact and lightweight all-pixel tracker
- Retractable vertex detector
- Extensive particle identification TOF, RICH, MID
- Large acceptance  $|\eta| < 4$
- Superconducting solenoid magnet  $B = 2$  T
- Continuous read-out and online processing

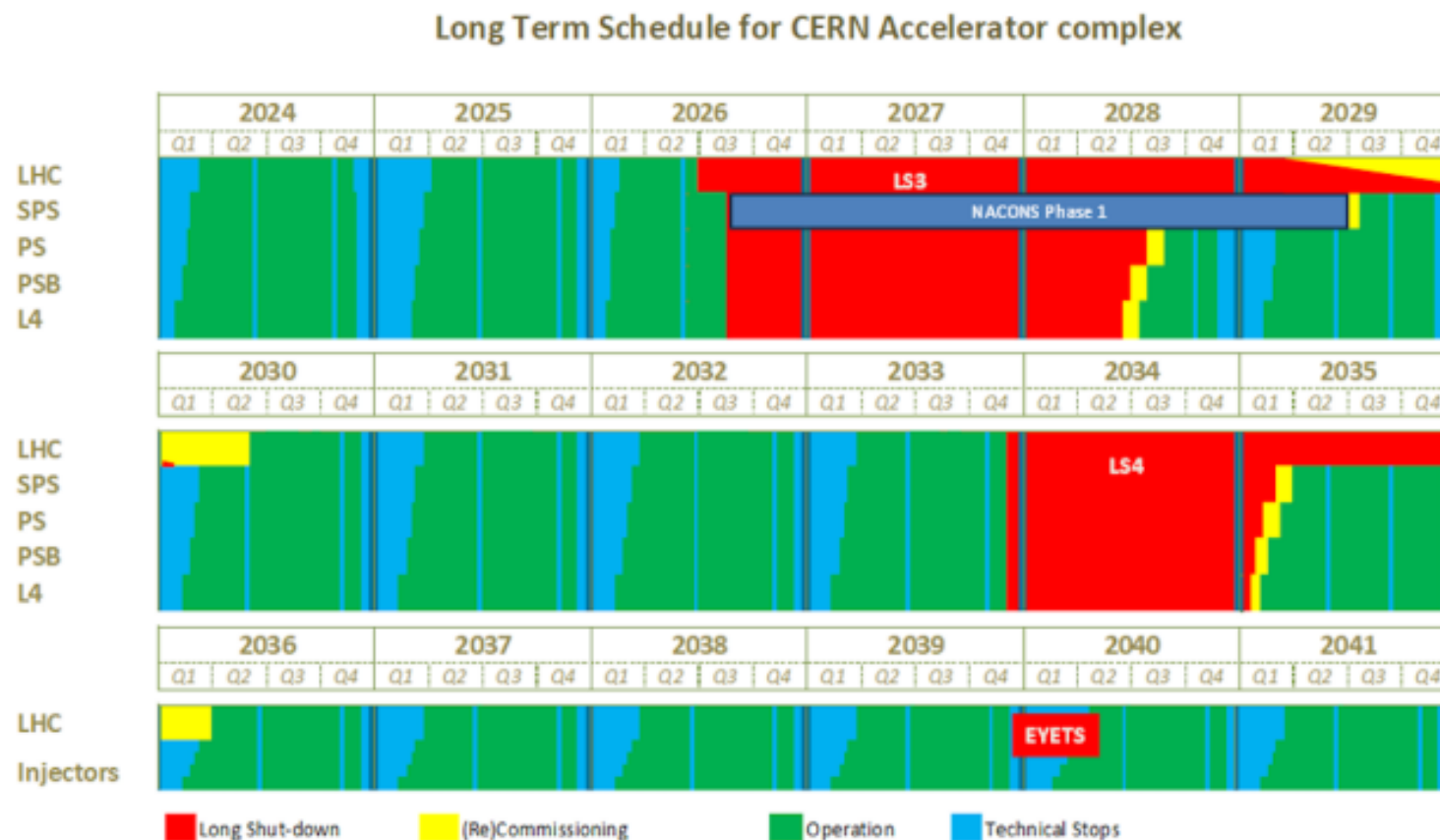


LoI: CERN-LHCC-2022-009

Leading detector R&D: (bended, stitched) MAPS, CMOS 65 nm; CMOS timing

## ALICE 3 Timeline

- 2023-25: Scoping Document, selection of technologies
- 2026-27: large-scale engineered prototypes TDRs, MoUs
- 2028-33: construction and testing; pre-commissioning
- 2034-35: preparation of cavern, installation

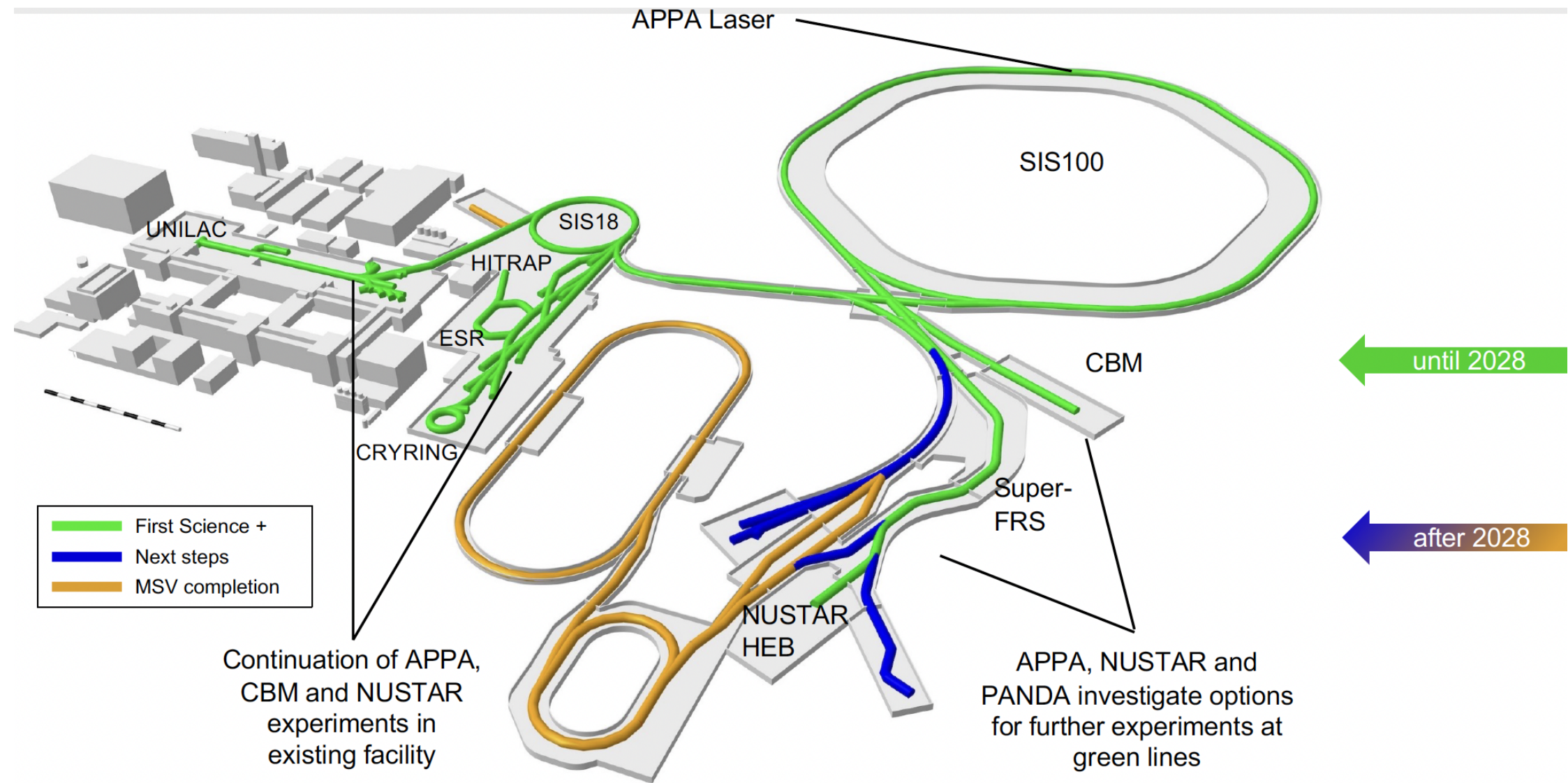


KHuK has principle interest (3D proton structure; gluon saturation physics)

Synergies through ERL developments for MESA (U. Mainz)

Detector synergies (ALICE 3 as LHeC detector? ...needs a careful look)

# FAIR Complex at GSI Darmstadt





## Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research multi-purpose (strong interaction) facility

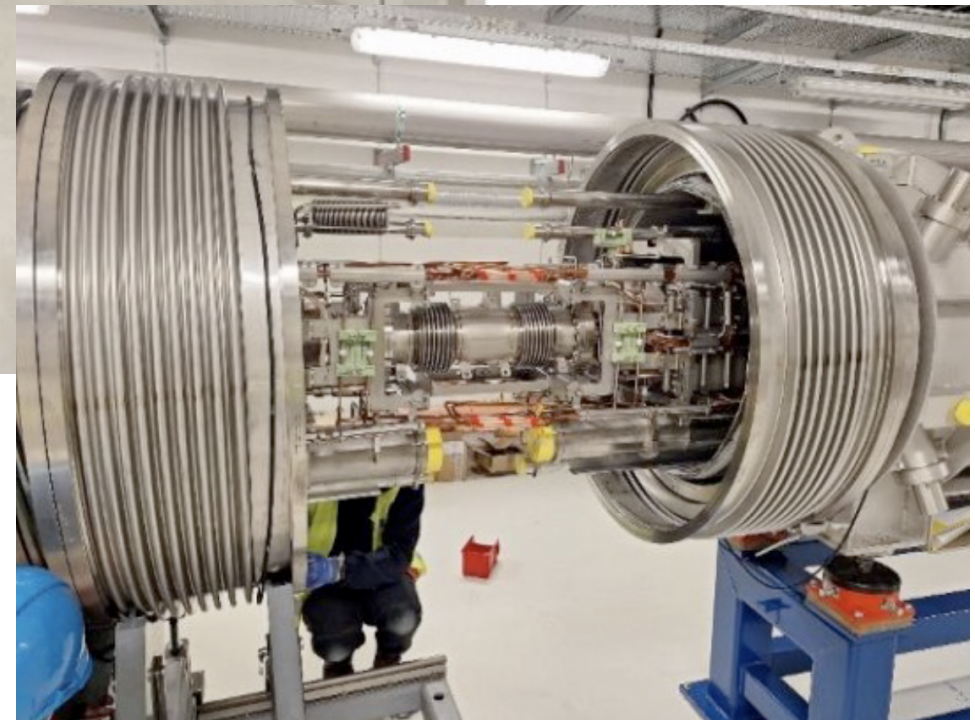


### FAIR

- Civil construction work completed
- Installation of accelerator components begun



# Inside FAIR



see [More photos, videos](#)

- Si: MAPS (CMOS 65 nm), timing
- Gaseous (GEMs, RPCs)
- Calorimetry

Very good synergies with KET through:

- BMBF Verbundforschung
- DRDs

Specific for KHuK:

- High-resolution gamma spectroscopy
- Traps

(experiment and theory)

- High-Performance Computing (incl. GPU-based)
- Algorithms / ML
- Online event selection
- Calibration and monitoring
- Fast access to stored data

...for LHC is already “unified” (common FSP office at DESY)

Will continue to be important for both communities

...and so will it be for:

- Open data
- Training
- Diversity

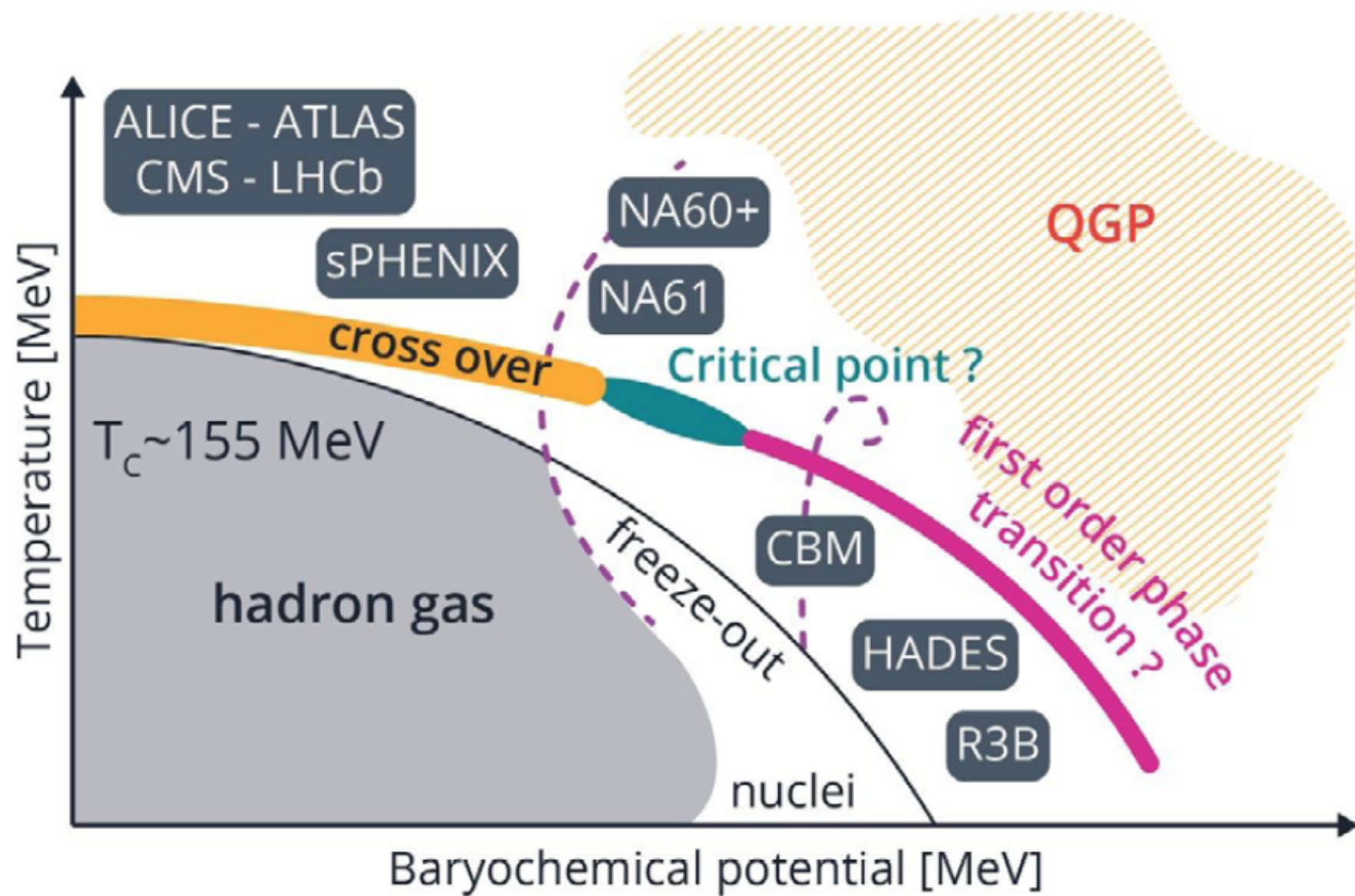
## KHuK

- supports the KET recommendations for ESPP
- pleads for a full completion of planned experiments at CERN (into 2040's)
- envisages the utilization and completion of FAIR (own flagship project)
- sees important synergies concerning detectors, computing, accelerators, and outreach

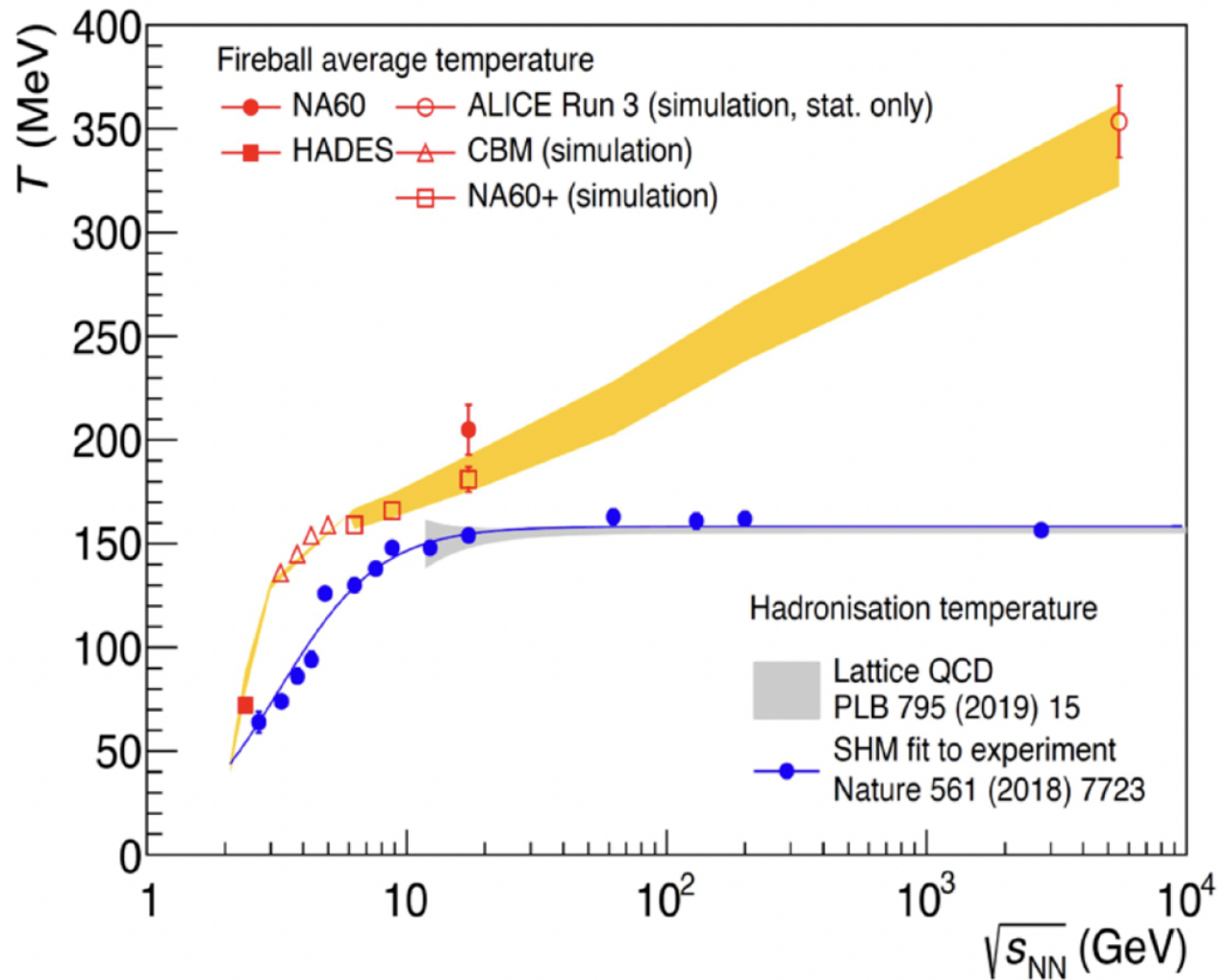




# The QCD phase diagram



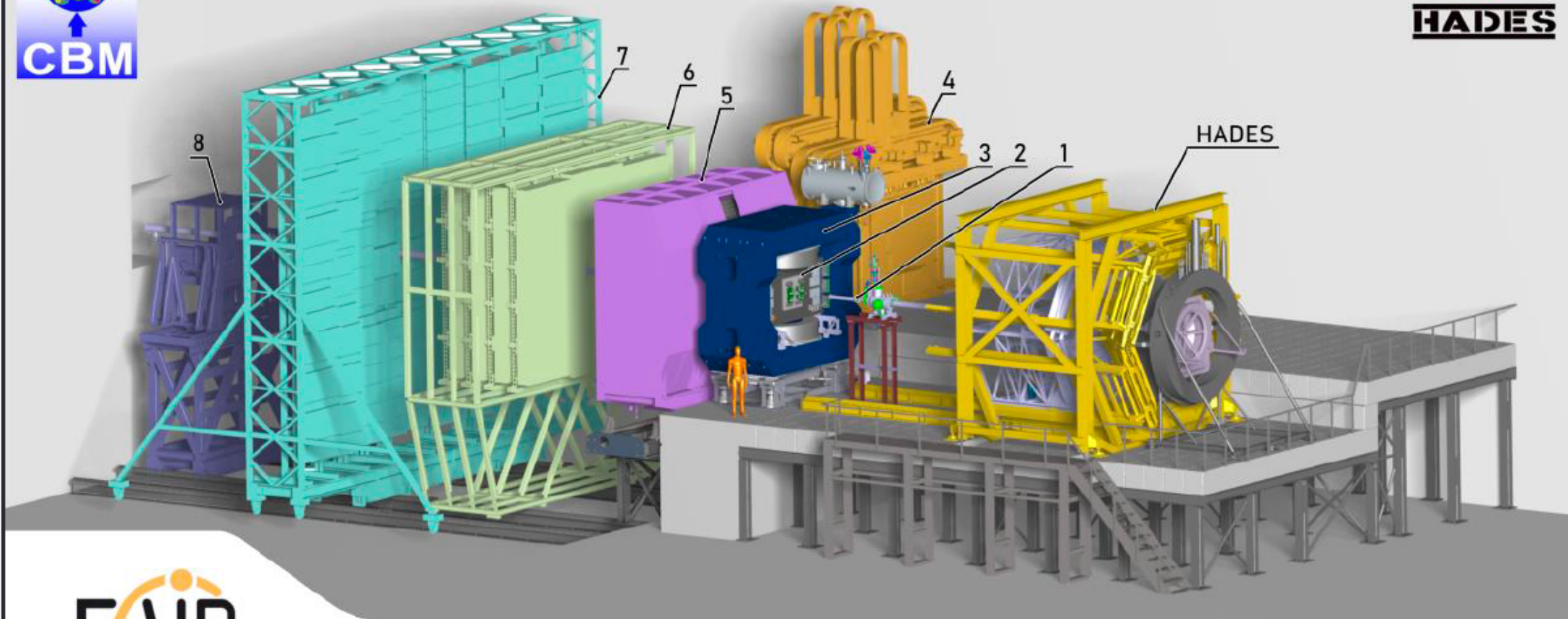
# The early thermometer: dileptons







## Compressed Baryonic Matter



- 1: Time-Zero Detector & Beam Diagnostics
- 2: Silicon Tracking System / Micro Vertex Detector
- 3: Superconducting Dipole Magnet
- 4: Muon Chambers

- 5: Ring Imaging Cherenkov Detector
- 6: Transition Radiation Detector
- 7: Time of Flight Detector
- 8: Forward Spectator Detector

Challenges: event rates up to 10 MHz; huge variation in occupancy (fixed-target)

# The LHC experiments

