# Nuclear Physics with R<sup>3</sup>B: Research and Technical challenges

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# Strongly interacting matter



# Physics with relativistic rare beams



#### Relativistic beams

- → in-flight production and detection of secondary beams
- → nuclear fragments are forward focussed
- → simplified description of the reaction mechanism

#### Reactions with Relativistic Radioactive Beams

→Secondary beams at 700 A.MeV
 →Fixed target reactions
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Primary beam intensity: 100-1000

Secondary beam intensities Radioactive nuclei: up to factor 10,000

Beam energy: Factor 15

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# Physics case

Kilonova : Thermal glow from the radiactive decay of heavy sotopes



### LETTER

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### Origin of the heavy elements in binary neutron-star mergers from a gravitational-wave event

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Discovery of the electromagnetic counterpart to the GW170817 → Provides the first evidence for r-process nucleosynthesis.

# R<sup>3</sup>B Layout



NeuLAND neutrons

g-rays protons

CALIFA

<u>GLAD</u>

protons light fragments

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Tracking Detectors

heavy fragments

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# R<sup>3</sup>B in numbers

- Largest nuclear physics collaboration
- Working groups are the collaboration motor



Calo. Spect.

Photo Peak Eff.	40% (up to Eγ=15 MeV projectile frame)
Calorimeter for HE LCP	200-700 MeV in lab system
ΔΕ/Ε	~5-6% (FWHM at Eg=1 MeV) , ~ 3% forward
LCP resolution	~2% (stopped particles), ~ 5% (punch through)





#### **Under construction**

#### Working Group

-USC IEM, Uvigo Spain -U Lisboa LIP, Portugal -ULund, Chalmers Sweden -TUM, TUD Germany -Dubna Russia

**BARREL 38.9%** 



1130 mm





Febex4  $\rightarrow$  ADC @ 100 MHz DRS4  $\rightarrow$  1 GHz ADC

- External structure 3.5 x 4 m
- Detector volume ~ 1.3 m<sup>3</sup>
- Detector weight ~ 2.5 Tm
- 2528 detection units

	Barrel	Endcap	
		iPhos	CEPA
Scintillator	CsI(TI)	CsI(TI)	LaBr/LaCI
Geom.	11	16	6
Crys. Len (cm)	15-22	22	4/7
Polar cov.	7-20º	20-43º	43-140°
Read-out	LAAPD	LAAPD	PM/SiPM
Dete.chan.	1952	480	96
Elec. chan.	1952	960	96
Weight (Kg)	~ 1500	~ 550	~ 50
Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> )	285.000	90.000	11.000







1st Joint Workshop IGFAE/LIP, May the 4th 2018



# FAIR Phase-0

#### To R3B CAVE <u>Phase 0</u> (2018)



-Time stamps (first implementation)/local trigger logics/readout libraries -Online analyss R<sup>3</sup>B-Root - FAIR-Root

### R3B Cave Infrastructure



# **R3B Experiments approved**

PAC call June 2017 R3B had a very good succesful rate

Scheduled	Experiment
October 2018	S444: Commissioning of main R <sup>3</sup> B detectors
November 2018	<b>S473</b> : Constraining the energy-density functionals and the density- dependence of the symmetry energy by measurements of accurate cross-sections
November 2018	<b>S454</b> : Studying the astrophysical rate of 12C(a,g)160 via Coulomb dissociation
2019	<b>S455:</b> Fission investigated with relativistic radioactive beams and the SOFIA/R3B setup
2019	<b>S442</b> : Study of multi-nucleon configurations in nuclei towards the dripline
2019	<b>S467</b> : Single particle structure of n-rich Ca isotopes: shell evolution along Z=20

# S454: GENP research programme

Most complete fission experiments coupling R3B + SOFIA



- ✓ Characterization of the fissioning nucleus (A, Z, E\*)
   → (p,2p) with CALIFA+tracker
- ✓ Characterization of the fission fragments (A, Z, TKE, n)
   → SOFIA + NeuLAND
- Soon @ R3B/FAIR
- J. Benlliure and J.L. Rodríguez, proposal approved by the GSI/FAIR PAC

# Conclusions

- R3B@FAIR offers unique opportunities to investigate neutron star matter as expected to participate in binary neutron star mergers nucleosynthesis.
- GENP/IGFAE has a large impact in the experiment: spokesperson (D. Cortina), simulation and data analysis WG convener (H. Alvarez), leading physics runs (J. Benlliure)
  - Physics interests: structure of nuclei far from stability, fission, Eos of asymmetric nuclear matter....
  - Instrumentation: CALIFA (25%), future TPC under consideration
  - Software development: R3BRoot (discussed in detail by H. Alvarez)

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
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						∆ in-m	edium ex	periment	
			Short-rai	nge corre	lations e	xperimen	t	_	

## GLAD

March 2016 Large aperture: horizontal

(entrance: 80 cm, exit: 1,2 m), vertical (entr. 1 m, exit 4 m)

Superconducting magnet: 5 Tm (fringe field at 30 cm 20 mT)

Dimensions: length 3,5 m; width 7 m; heigth 4 m; weight 50 Tons



# Target Area



#### Si - Tracker



- 18 detector ladders in two conical layers 6+12.
- Strip pitch 50 mm, strip width 38 mm.
- Sensitive area 5600 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- 912 ASICs equi. 116736 channels.
- Operated in UHV

# NeuLAND Double Plane



Efficiency 0.2-1.0 GeV n	> 90%
Multi-hit	Up to 5 n
Invariant mass resolution	ΔE < 20 keV at 100 keV above threshold

- -full active detector using RP/BC408
- -face size 250x250 cm<sup>2</sup>
- -active depth 300 cm
- -3000 scintillator bars + 6000 PMTs
- -32 tons
- $-\sigma_{x,y,z} \approx 3$ cm and  $\sigma_t < 150$  ps

# CALIFA Phase 0 construction status

