### **iTHEMBA LABS**:

### **OPENING NEW FRONTIERS IN NUCLEAR SCIENCE & APPLICATIONS**



### iThemba LABS : National Facility for *pure and applied research, development and training in Accelerator Based Sciences*

iThemba LABS is the largest National Research Facility in SA:

- more than 55% of the NRF budget for research facilities.
- more than 420 people (300 staff, 150 users and students...)



iThemba LABS is the largest accelerator facility in the southern hemisphere and one of the largest in the world.





# **Research and Collaboration: iThemba LABS**

The transdisciplinary research agenda of iThemba LABS brings together scientists working in the physical, medical and biological sciences to solve real world problems while still considering the origin and evolution of the universe.



#### SA Collaborators and Users of the Platforms

University of the Western Cape University of Cape Town University of Stellenbosch Cape Peninsula University of Science and Technology University of the Witwatersrand University of Pretoria North West University Fort Hare University University of KwaZulu Natal University of Zululand North West University Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University of Limpopo University of Venda University of Johannesburg **Europe, Asia and America** 





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#### <sup>1987</sup> - <sup>2017</sup> Injector cyclotron 1





#### Injector cyclotron 2



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### iThemba: Laboratory Accelerators Based Science

#### Separated sector cyclotron



#### 6MV Tandem



K11 Cyclotron



### 3MV Van de Graaff





### K=600 magnetic spectrometer a high resolution spectrometer for light ions



### State of the art new instruments







hemba Laboratory for Accelerator



### Recent developments in Gamma arrays ~ 3M Euros invested in 2017



AFRODITE completed to and a total of 18 Clover + 17 BGO ALBA: 23 large volume LaBr3 and 8 fast timing LaBr3.

GAMKA: 13 large volume LaBr3 and 17 Clover detectors.







### Fast neutron facility : 30-200 MeV





- neutron dosimetry
- radiobiological effectiveness of fast neutrons
- detector development
- Neutron induced cross sections





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### iThemba LABS:

### World Leader in Accelerator Produced Radioisotopes for Medicine









Supplies 45% of the global demand for <sup>68</sup>Ge/<sup>68</sup>Ga isotopes Supplies 25% of the world demand of <sup>82</sup>Sr Supply of 100% of 22Na source



### Hadrontherapy : the pionners



Evolution of the number of proton therapy centers in the world between 1950 and 2015





#### Separated sector cyclotron



Sub-atomic Physics / Radiation Biology and Physics / isotope production

Research is dependent on a 30 year old accelerator:

- Operating 6000 h/year
- ~12% unscheduled shut-down
- ~70 million Rands in refurbishment
- Strategic Risk Ageing infrastructure





# Future of iThemba LABS



The Facility is currently faced with two options:

- 1. Maintaining the *status quo*.
- 2. Embark on a sustainable and globally competitive NRF research facility through *research infrastructure renewal*.





# A Long Range Plan

# There is a need for a strategy and a vision in planning a sustainable and vibrant future for iThemba LABS





# The South African Isotope Facility (SAIF)



iThemba LABS creating new opportunities for a shared vision through building collaborations, and shaping the future





# Phase 1 - ACE Isotopes











### From Therapy to research





Research in radiobiology and radiation physics related to hadron therapy, with a strong emphasis on radiobiological modelling for treatment planning









### <sup>225</sup>Ac-PSMA/<sup>68</sup>Ga-PSMA: First-in-human; total response



12/2014 PSA = 2,923 ng/mL 7/2015 PSA = 0.26 ng/mL 9/2015 PSA < 0.1 ng/mL

Kratochwil et al., J. Nucl. Med. 57 (2016) 1941 - DKFZ, Heidelberg





# PHASE 2 - ACE-Beams: The Universe in a Laboratory





Timeline – 8 Years to operations 

The addition of a post accelerator to LERIB - ACE Beams



universe



# SAIF in the world





















# Africa Agenda: iThemba LABS (SAIF + SAINTS)

### Gateway to Nuclear Science and Technology for Africa

### **Collaborators on the African Continent**

Mozambique (Eduardo Mondlane University)

Zambia (University of Zambia)

Botswana (Univ. Botswana, + BIUST)

Nigeria (University of Ile-Ife + CERD)

Sudan (Univ. Sudan Science & Tech)

Cameroon (University of Yaoande)

Ghana (University of Ghana)

Ethiopia: (University of Addis Ababa

Senegal (Cheik Anta Diop University)

Algeria (COMENA)

Senegal (Cheik Anta Diop University)

**Burkina Faso** 

Egypt



# Internationalisation: iThemba LABS

One Of Largest RI Platforms on the Continent









# Partners of ENSAR



### **10 TNA Facilities**

30 beneficiaries15 countries

Community: 2700-3000 scientists and highly qualified engineers

Close collaboration with infrastructures outside Europe: Canada: TRIUMF Vancouver China: IMP Lanzhou India: BARC Mumbai <u>VECC Calcutta</u> Japan: RIKEN Tokyo <u>RCNP Osaka</u> Russia: JINR Dubna South Africa: iThemba Cape Town United States: NSCL East Lansing <u>ANL Argonne</u>





# Ultimately iThemba LABS should become CARN (the African CERN)....





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# THANK YOU





# Cost to Completion - Phase 1 (including cash flow projections)

Phase 1 - Cost to Completion Budget	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Total
Cyclotron	117.6	0.0	58.8	74.4	250.8
Buildings	12.0	28.4	4.9	0.0	45.3
Isotope production	4.6	37.3	74.2	13.8	129.9
Infrastructure	0.0	44.4	14.5	7.3	66.2
Beams lines, controls	8.0	15.6	16.2	0.0	39.8
Salaries	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	18.0
Total per annum	145.2	129.7	173.6	101.5	550.0







# Projected Annual Revenue - Phase 1

Sales	Maxim	Revenue (R million)								
	Product ion									
	Capacit y (Ci)	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10			
Local	18.3	3.5	5.2	7.0	9.0	9.5	9.9			
Internati	319.5	125.5	186.6	252.2	322.8	335.7	349.2			
onal										
Total		129.0	191.8	259.2	331.8	345.2	359.1			

Assumption:

Annual production capacity ramped-up from 35% (Y5) to 80% (Y8) on the 70-MeV cyclotron with two extraction ports available for 48 weeks of each year post commissioning



