

# Strategies and Plans in (US) Nuclear Physics



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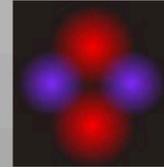
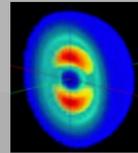
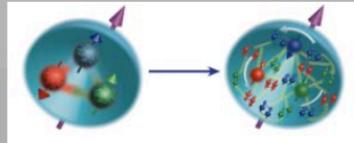
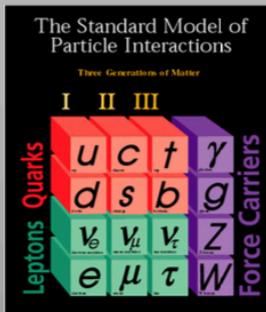
# Nuclear Science Advisory Committee

- “provides official advice to the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation on the national program for basic nuclear science research”
- chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)
- equivalent to HEPAP (High Energy Physics Advisory Panel)

Long-range planning in NP is more directly coupled to NSAC, unlike the two-step community (Snowmass) + P5 (HEPAP subcommittee) process for High Energy Physics in the US

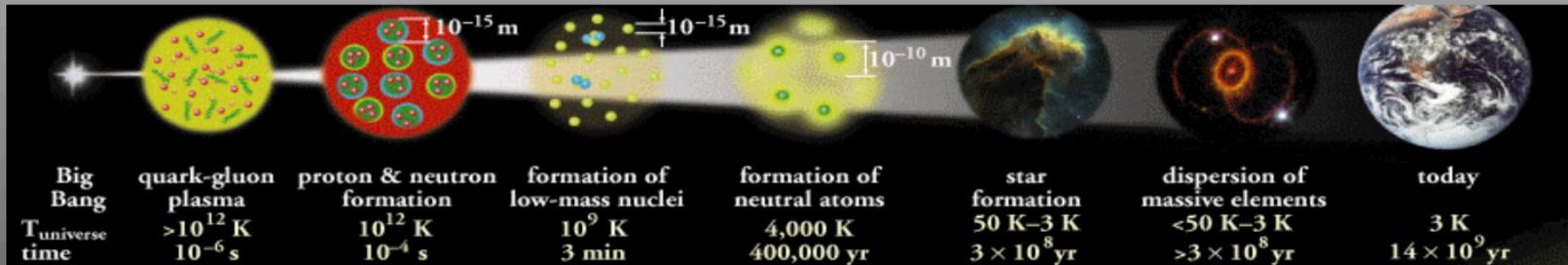
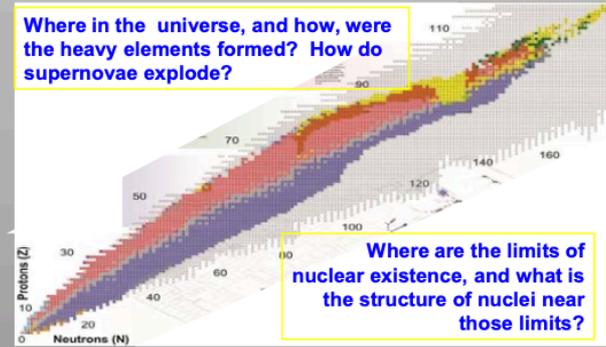
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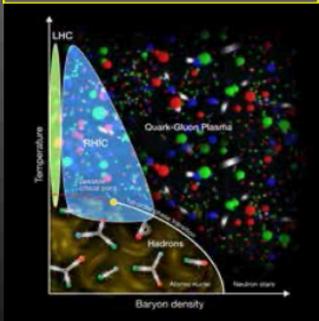


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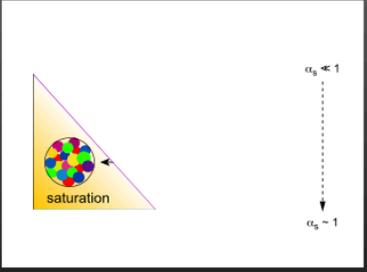
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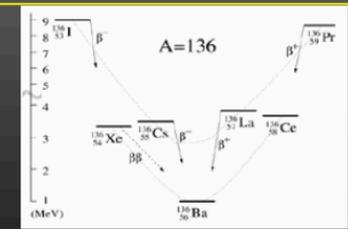
What is the nature of the different phases of nuclear matter through which the universe has evolved?



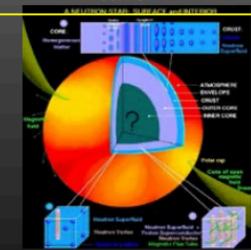
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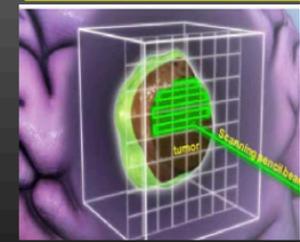
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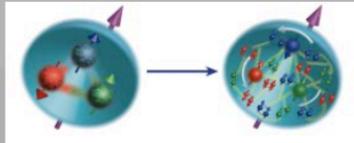
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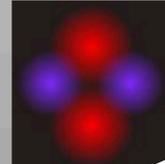
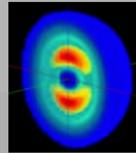
The Standard Model of Particle Interactions

Three Generations of Matter

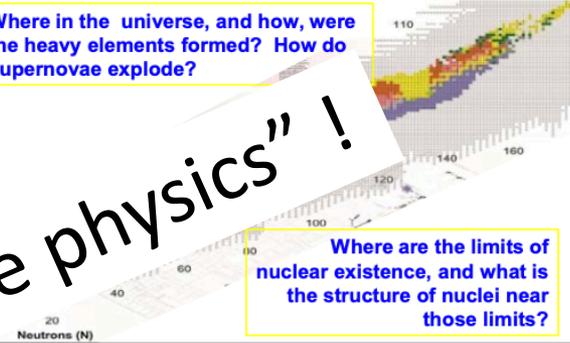
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		$d$	$s$	$b$		$g$
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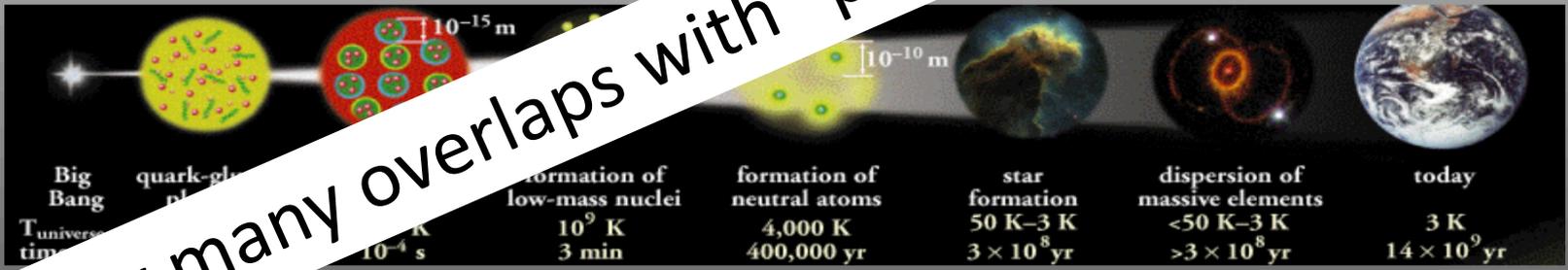


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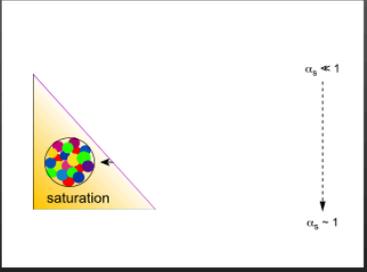
Where are the limits of nuclear existence, and what is the structure of nuclei near those limits?

Many many overlaps with "particle physics"!

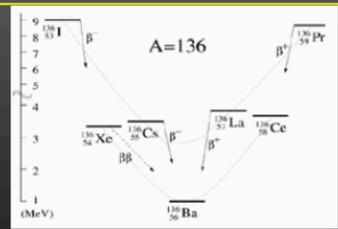


How did the universe evolve?

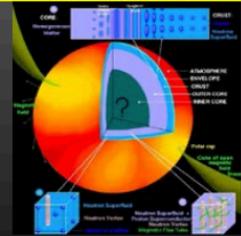
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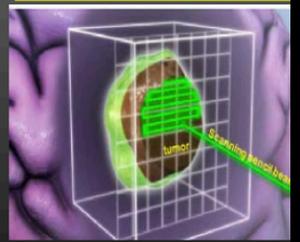
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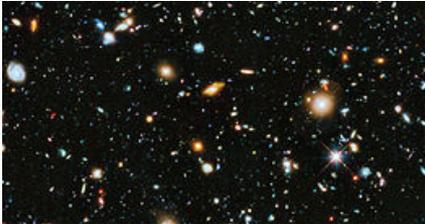


# Many connections, in both science and tools...

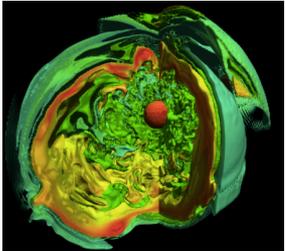
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properties of fundamental particles & interactions

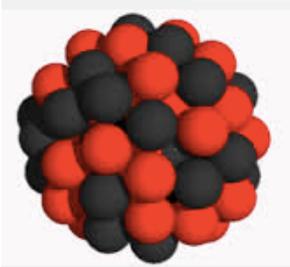
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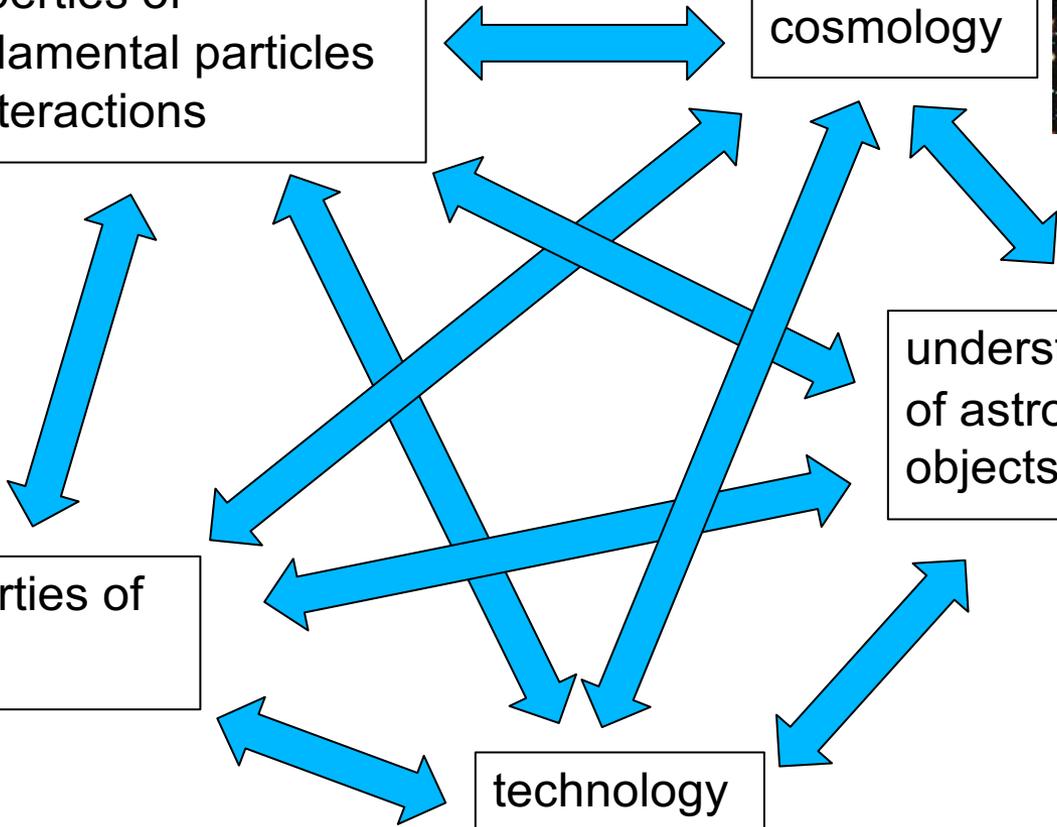
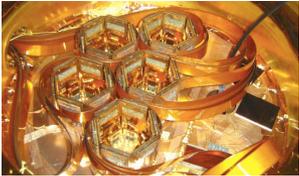
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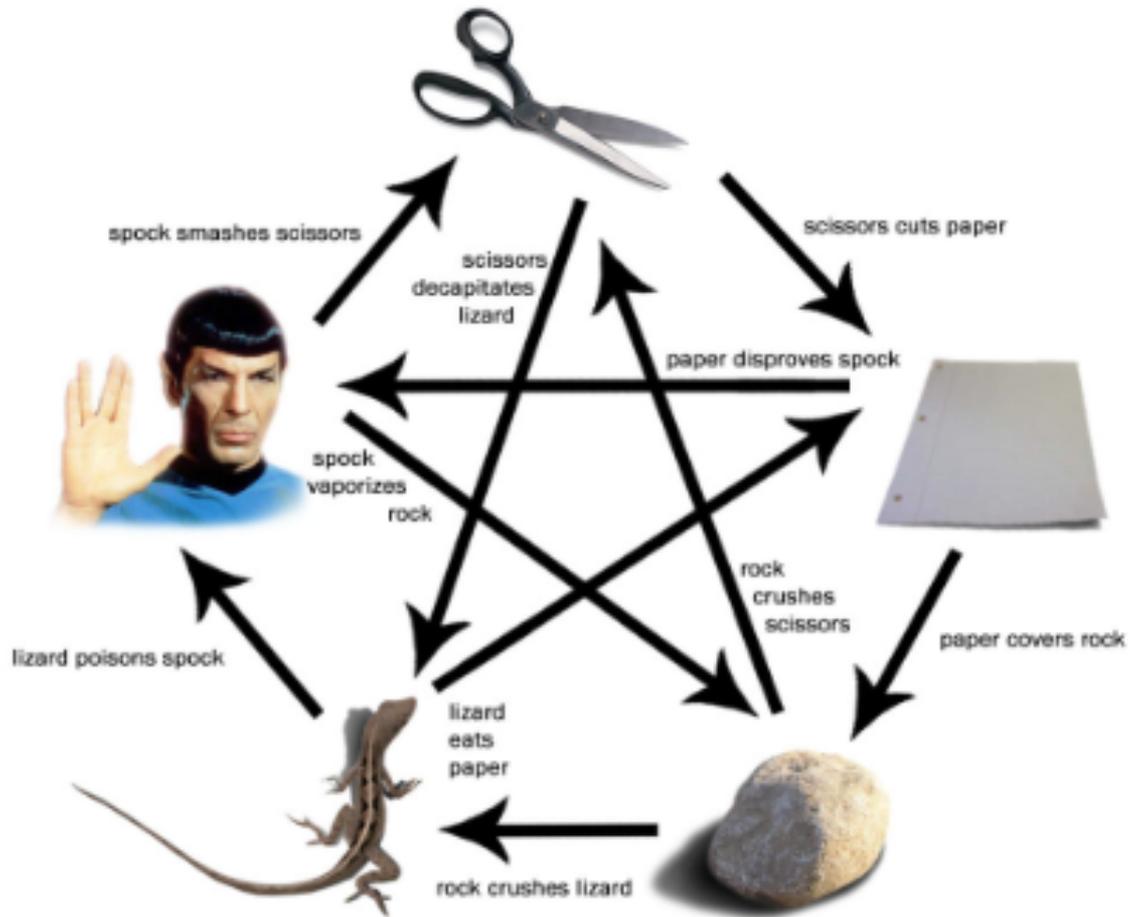


properties of nuclei



technology

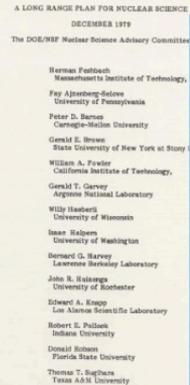




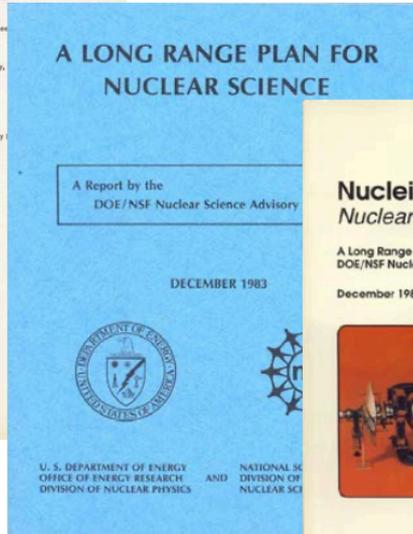
Note: relationships are two-way, *not* like rock-paper-scissors-lizard-spock

# Every ~4-7 years NSAC is charged by DOE and NSF to make a long-range plan

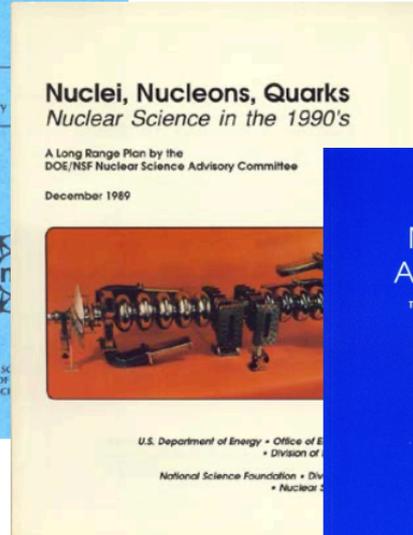
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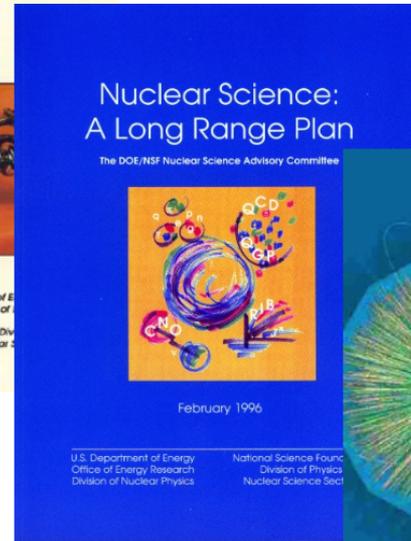
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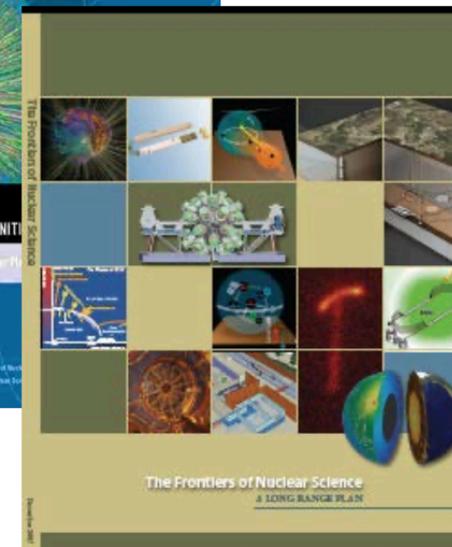
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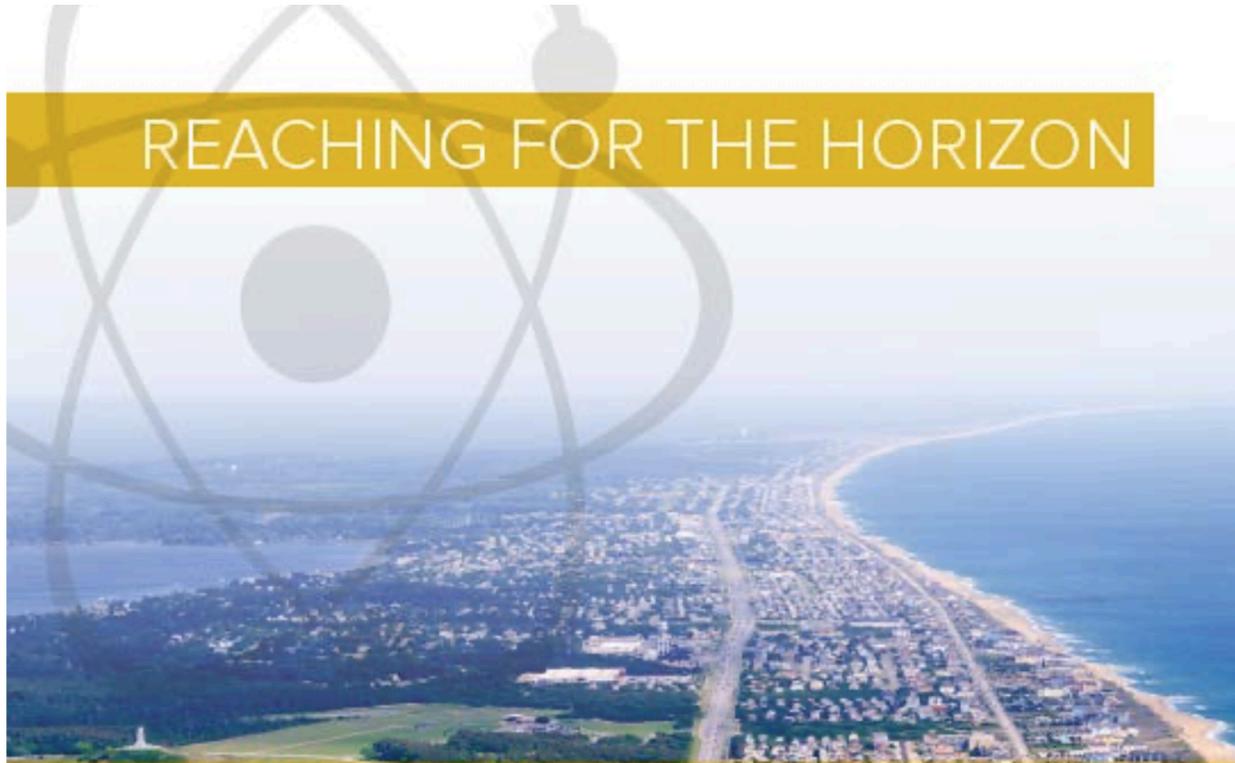


2007



Most recent instance:

# REACHING FOR THE HORIZON



The Site of the Wright Brothers' First Airplane Flight



## The 2015 LONG RANGE PLAN for NUCLEAR SCIENCE

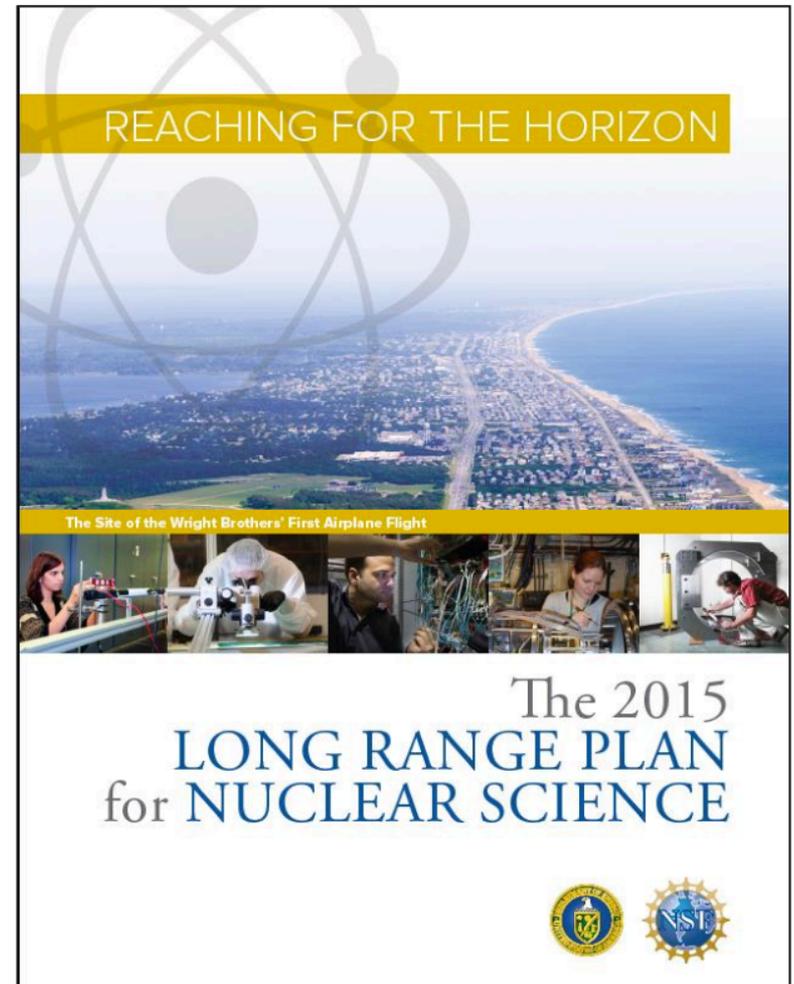
# Nuclear physics long-range planning process

- LRP working group: ~60 members from different sectors of the community + international observers from Europe and Asia
- Few months of community activities: DNP “Town Meetings” (summer 2014)
  - Education and Innovation
  - Nuclear Structure and Nuclear Astrophysics
  - Hadron and Heavy Ion QCD
  - Fundamental Symmetries, Neutrinos, Neutrons and Relevant Nuclear Astrophysics
- White papers submitted by community (January 2015)
- Text of report written
- “Resolution meeting” of entire working group, to finalize recommendations (April 2015)
- Report finalized October 2015

# 2015 LRP Recommendations

## Recommendations:

1. Capitalize on investments made to maintain U.S. leadership in nuclear science.
2. Develop and deploy a U.S.-led ton-scale neutrino-less double beta decay experiment.
3. Construct a high-energy high-luminosity polarized electron-ion collider (EIC) as the highest priority for new construction following the completion of FRIB.
4. Increase investment in small-scale and mid-scale projects and initiatives that enable forefront research at universities and laboratories.



# Recommendations 1 (capitalize on investments), and 4 (small-scale and mid-scale projects): many initiatives underway

See talks by [T. Hallman \(DOE\)](#) , [A. Opper \(NSF\)](#) @ March 2020 NSAC meeting

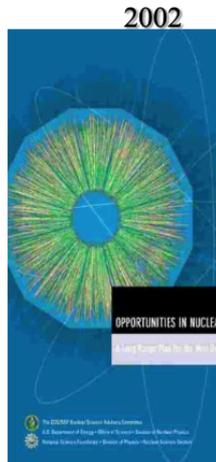
Recent highlights:

- Facility for Rare Isotopes Beams is >93% complete (NSCL → FRIB transition)
  - GRETA, HRS in progress
- ATLAS (Argonne Tandem Linac Accelerator System)  
stable beam facility for nuclear structure & nuclear astrophysics
- 12 GeV CEBAF @ JLab science program underway
  - MOLLER @ JLab
- RHIC operating 24 weeks for data-taking in FY21
  - sPHENIX upgrade continues
- Many smaller initiatives

# Recommendation 3: Electron-Ion Collider

## The Science Case for An Electron-Ion Collider

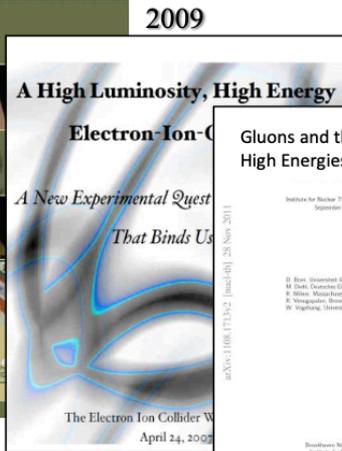
A strong community emphasis on the urgent need for a machine to illuminate the dynamical basis of hadron structure in terms of the fundamental quark and gluon fields has been a persistent message for almost two decades



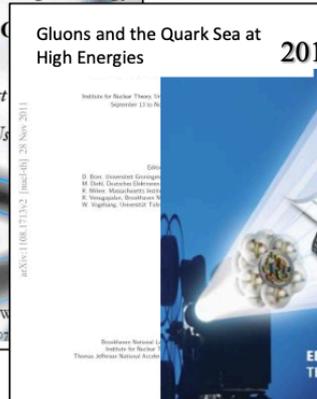
“...essential accelerator and detector R&D [for EIC] should be given very high priority in the short term.”



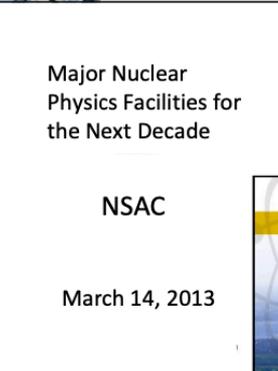
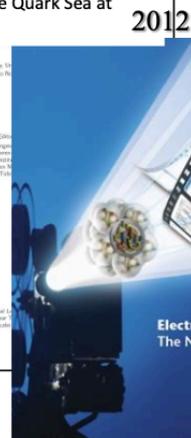
“We recommend the allocation of resources ...to lay the foundation for a polarized Electron-Ion Collider...”



“..a new dedicated facility will be essential for answering some of the most central questions.”

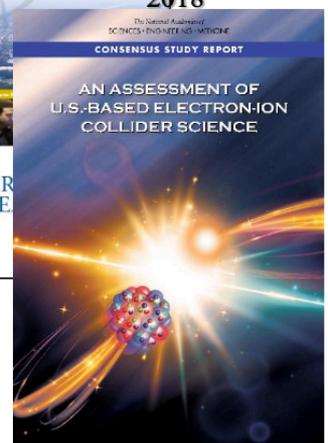
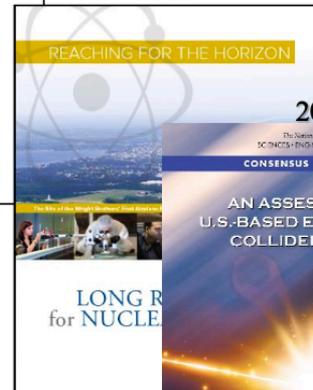


“The quantitative study of matter in this new regime [where abundant gluons dominate] requires a new experimental facility: an Electron Ion Collider.”



Electron-Ion Collider..*absolutely central* to the nuclear science program of the next decade.

“a high-energy high-luminosity polarized EIC [is] the highest priority for new facility construction following the completion of FRIB.”



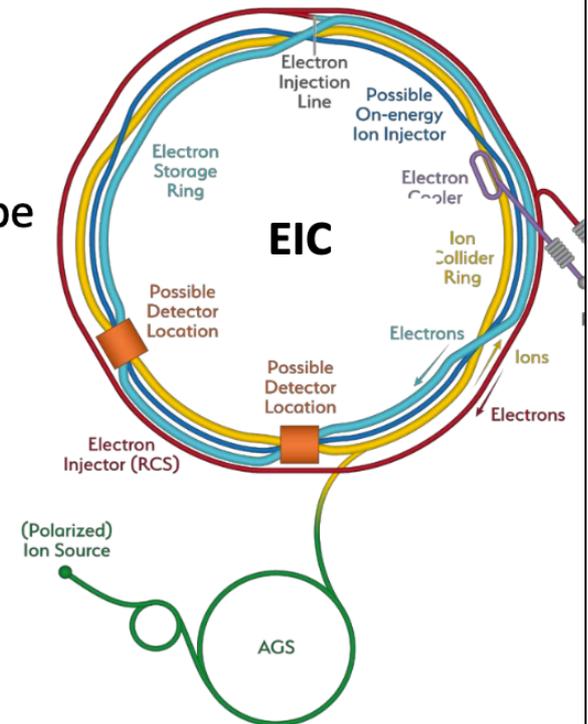
## Important Milestones for the EIC

- Mission Need Statement Approved: January 22, 2019
  - Total Project Cost (TPC) range: \$1.1 - \$2.5 Billion
- Independent Cost Review (ICR) as required by DOE Order 413.3b completed July 31, 2019
- Independent Electron Ion Collider Site Assessment: October 8-9<sup>th</sup>
- FY 2020 Enacted Budget includes both TEC and OPC for EIC
- CD-0 was approved by DOE in December 2019
- Site Selection at Brookhaven National Laboratory was announced by DOE in January 2020

# EIC Receives CD0 and Will be Sited at BNL

**An SC Prime Directive: The Project will be carried out as a full intellectual partnership between the BNL and JLAB teams (and other collaborators) with major participation by all**

- TPC range of EIC is \$1.6B – \$2.6B; complete early next decade
- TPC and completion of project dependent upon congressional appropriation and final agreed upon scope when baselined
- Magnitude of reprioritized funds ranges from ~\$0.6B – \$1.2B over the lifetime of the project.
- Reprioritization of activities towards the EIC also decreases the amount of new funding required
- The EIC could be implemented with caps on amount of new funds needed on an annual basis and still be implemented successfully and in a timely manner. |



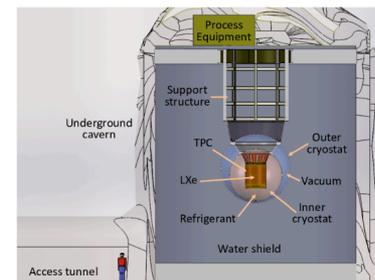
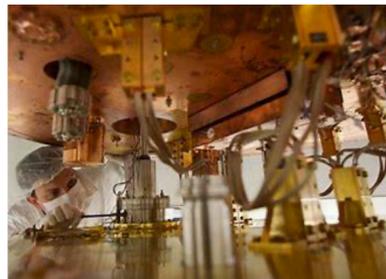
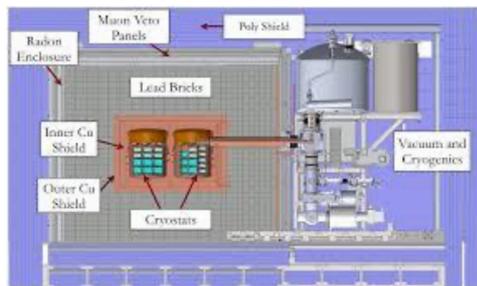
EIC Project team is working towards being prepared for a CD-1 review early in calendar 2021

## Recommendation 2: ton-scale neutrinoless double beta decay experiment

NLDBD of great interest to particle physics community (NF05);  
stewarded by NP within DOE and supported by NSF in the US

### Current Status of Ton-Scale $0\nu\beta\beta$

- Within DOE, Office of Science, NP is the steward of neutrinoless double beta decay and the ton-scale experiment
- Critical Decision – 0, Mission Need, approved in November 2018
- TEC construction start for a ton-scale  $0\nu\beta\beta$  experiment requested in the FY2020 President’s Budget Request. **TEC Funding of \$1.44M Requested. R&D funding is continuing**
- Met on the margins of IUPAP WG9 Meeting in London (8/2019) to discuss possible international collaboration
- Processes for technology down-select and site selection for a 1 ton experiment are under discussion:
  - Three front runner candidate experiments, LEGEND-1000 (Ge-76), CUPID (Mo-100), nEXO (Xe-136).
  - Three current candidate site locations: Gran Sasso (Italy), SNOLAB (Canada) and SURF (U.S)



- progress by ongoing experiments and R&D for next-generation
- progress in theory
- anticipated “down-select” still under discussion (site, technology)

T. Hallman,  
October 2019  
NSAC meeting

## Summary and Future for US Nuclear Physics Strategies and Plans

- Plans from NSAC 2015 LRP in advanced stage of fulfillment, coming to the end of the cycle
- Schedule and specifics for NLDBD down-select process not yet determined
- Schedule for next NSAC Long Range Planning process not yet determined

Final note from me:

Many, many overlaps,  
in both core  
and ancillary interests,  
between NP and HEP  
(and beyond)

**... we need to  
pay careful attention  
to exploit these overlaps  
and make sure that  
science does not get lost  
at the interfaces**

