

# Production of Radioactive Ion Beams at Legnaro

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-The SPES RIB Source

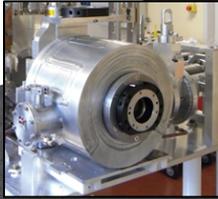
- The RIB +1 line.

- Possible first RIB's @ SPES.

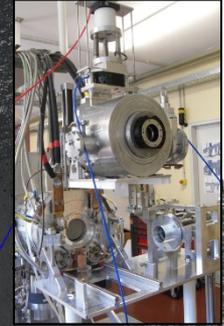
# The RIB source complex



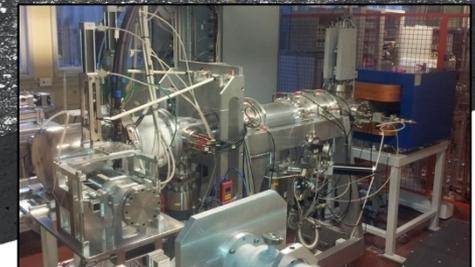
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TIS unit



vertical  
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device



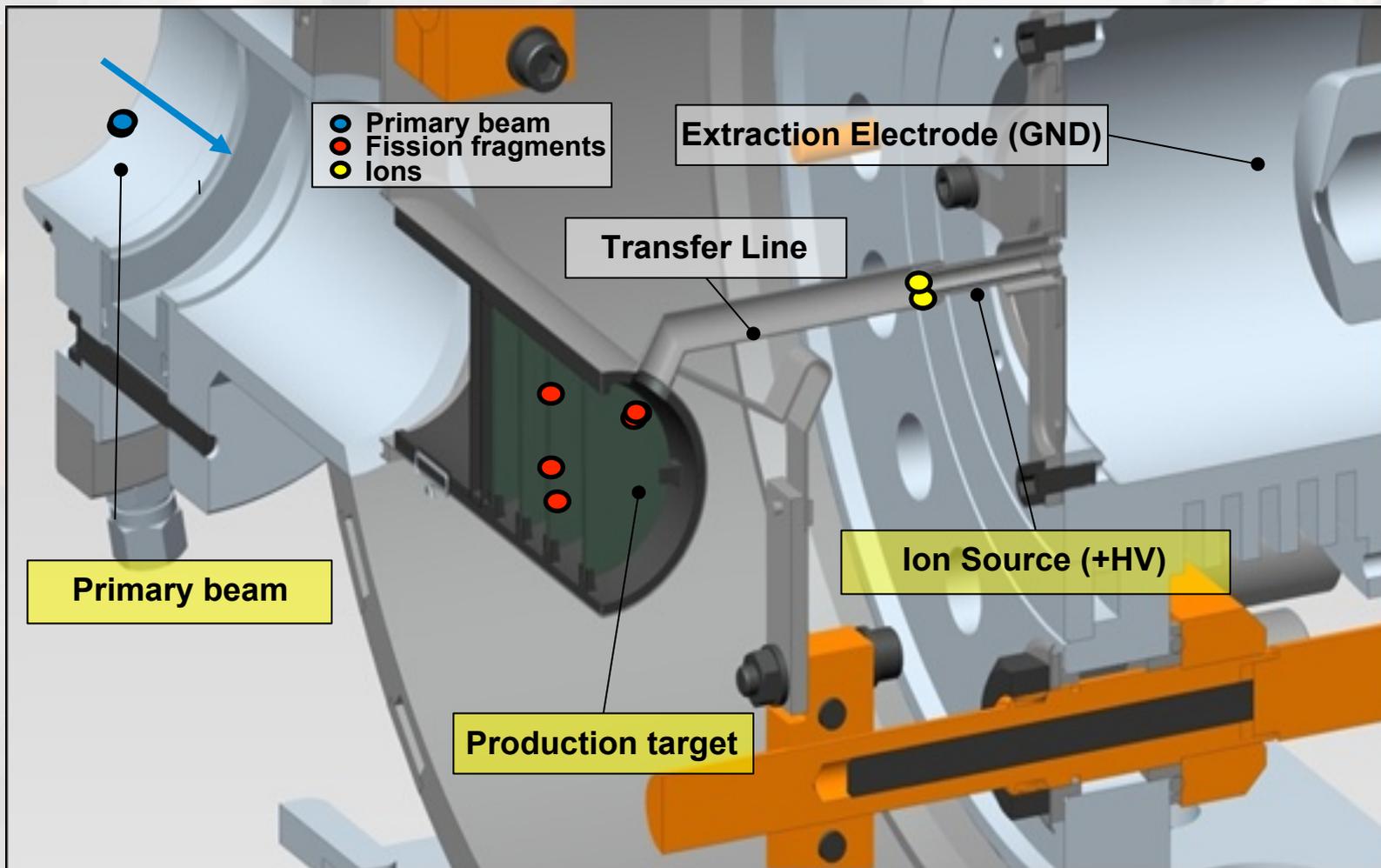
front-end



temporary storage

Rapporto semplificato a memoria di rappresentazione principale (+)

# The SPES TIS UNIT



Driver vs. Target

Isotopes vs. Ion Source

## Target materials have to meet some specific mandatory requirements:

- They have to be solid -> **Safety requirement**
- They have to be refractory (the higher the reachable temperature the better the release) -> **ISOL requirement**

In addition

- Their **emissivity** value should be high (higher emissivity means better thermal radiative exchange.)
- They should be **easy to produce/purchase**



## UC<sub>x</sub> target (Operation temperature: 2200°C)



Target R&D and state of art:

Nuclear reactions studied

Designed

Tested



## SiC target (Operation temperature: 1800°C)



Target R&D and state of art:

Nuclear reactions studied

Designed

Tested



## ZrGe target (Operation temperature: 1800°C)



Target R&D and state of art:

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Designed

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## TiC target (Operation temperature: 2000°C)



Target R&D and state of art:

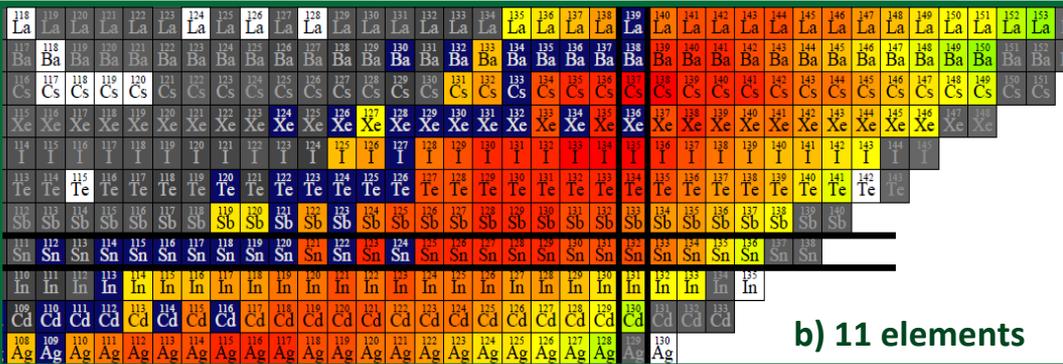
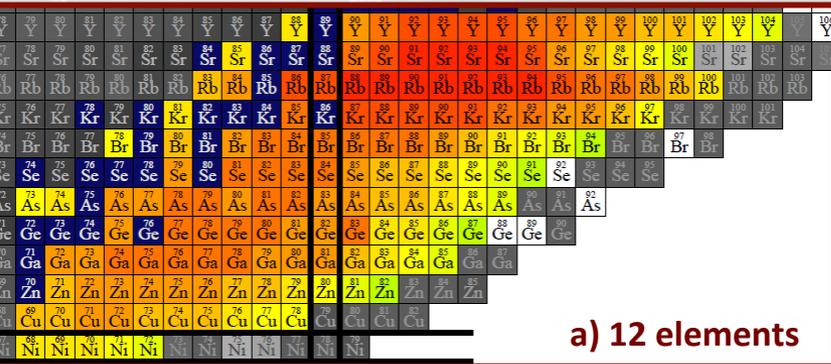
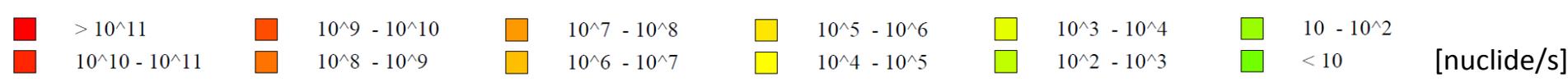
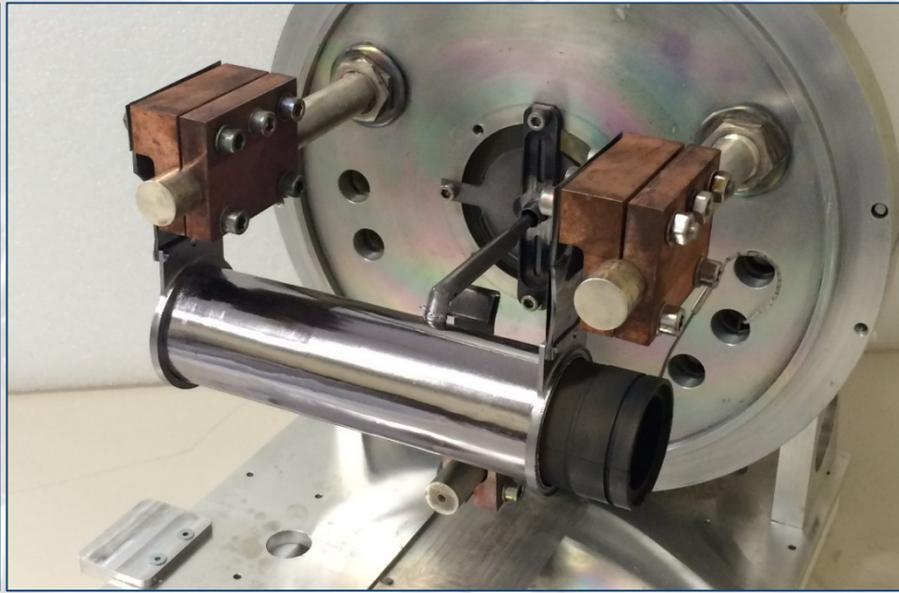
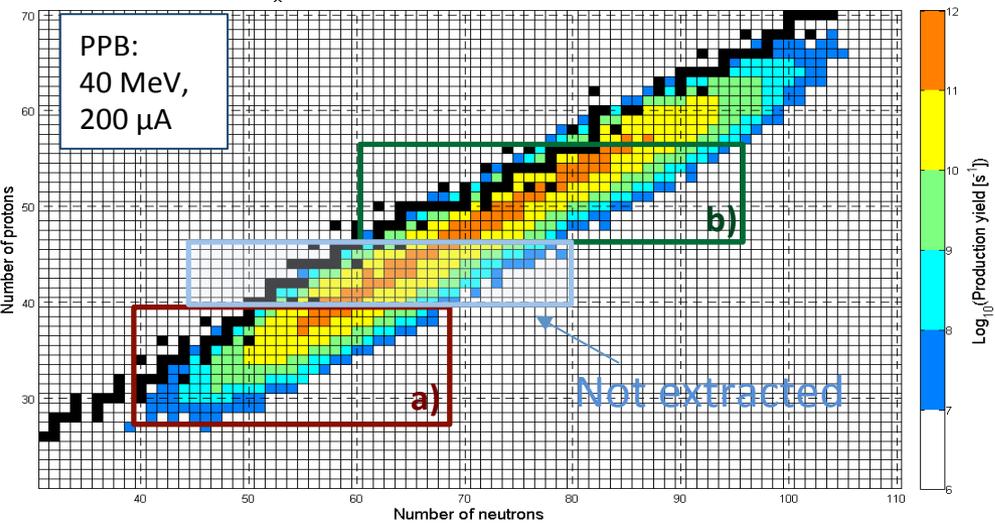
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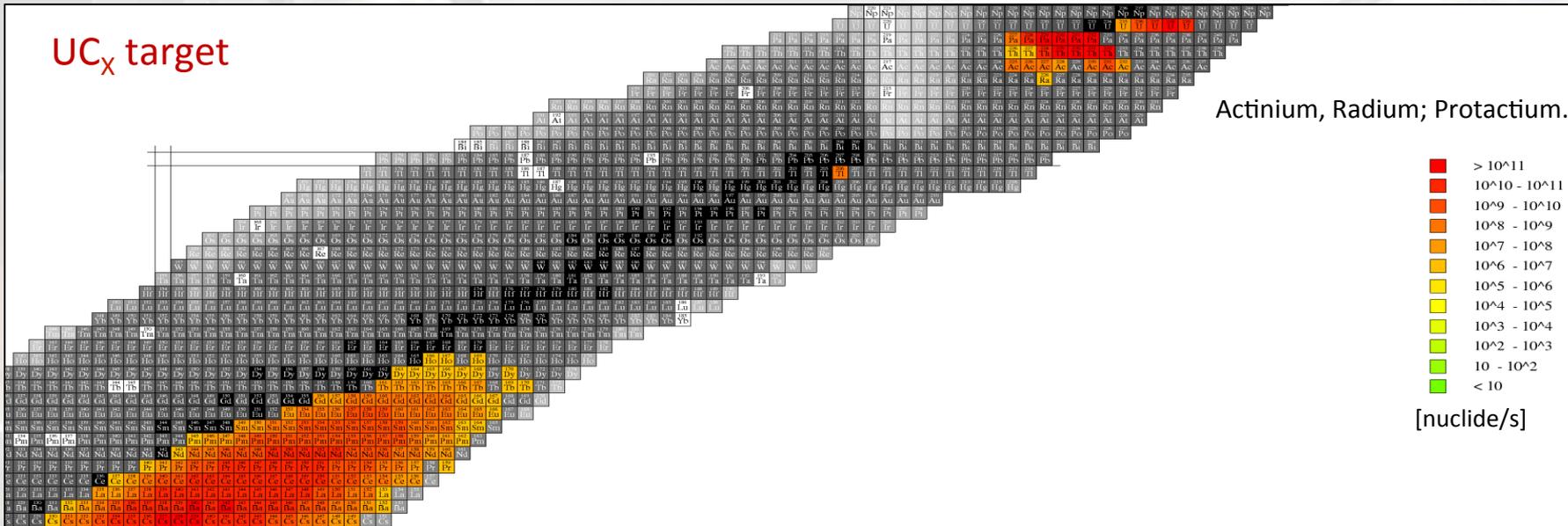
# Isotope production: UC<sub>x</sub> target

UC<sub>x</sub> target production yield, FLUKA calculation

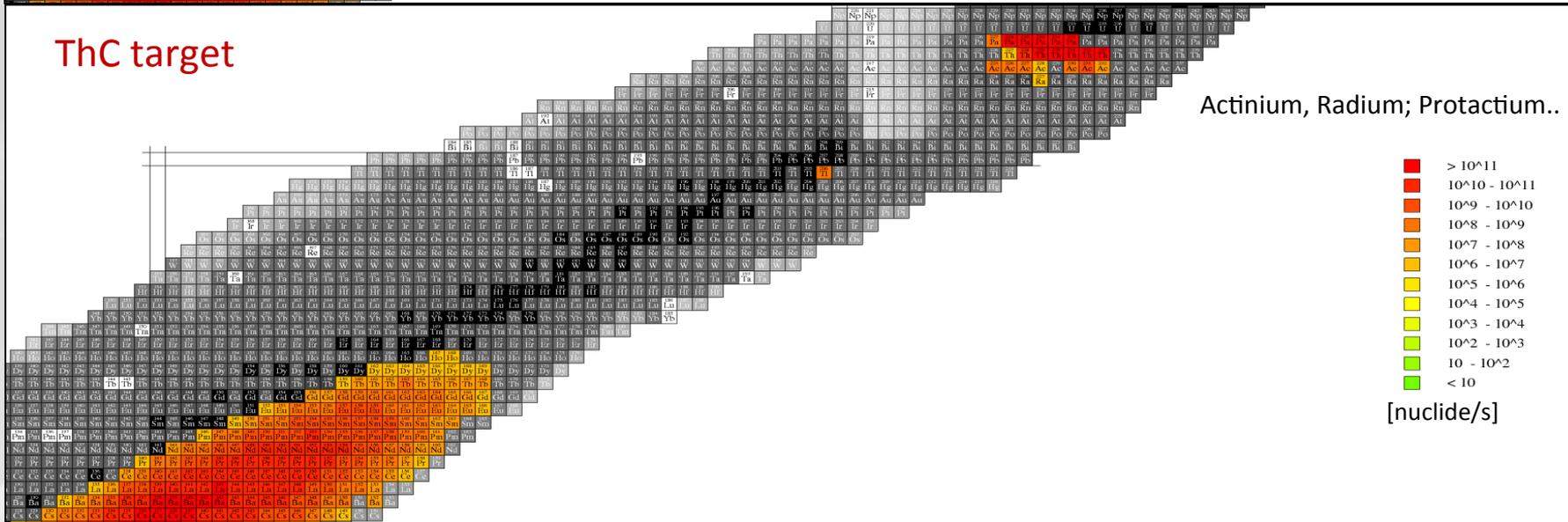


FLUKA& MCNPX calculations experimentally validated @ ORNL

## UC<sub>x</sub> target



## ThC target



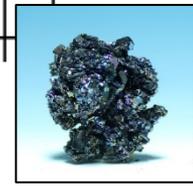
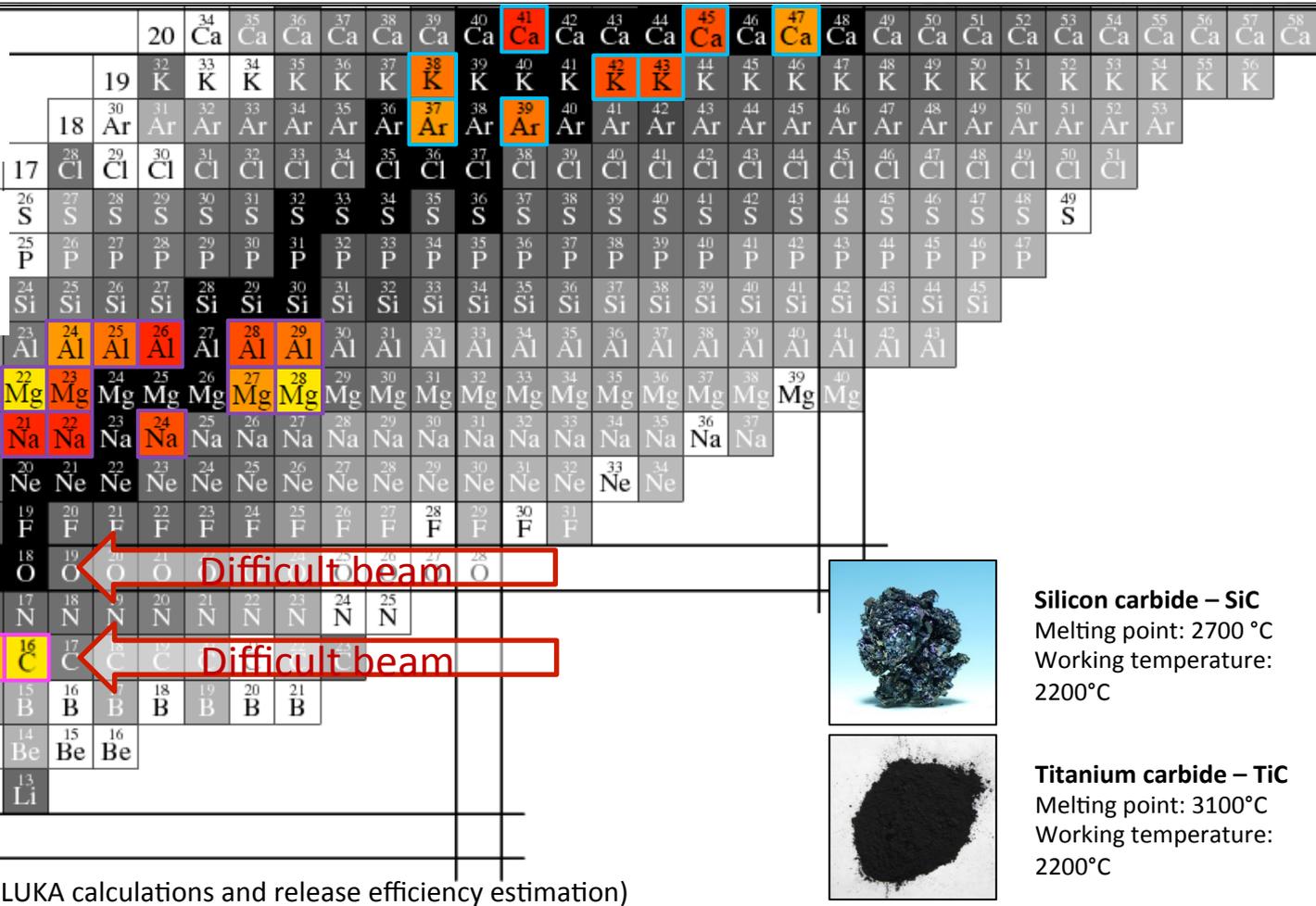
— C/B<sub>4</sub>C target    
 — ZrO<sub>2</sub>/HfO<sub>2</sub>/CeO<sub>2</sub> target    
 — SiC target    
 — TiC target



**Graphite – C**  
Melting point: 3600°C  
Working temperature:  
2200°C



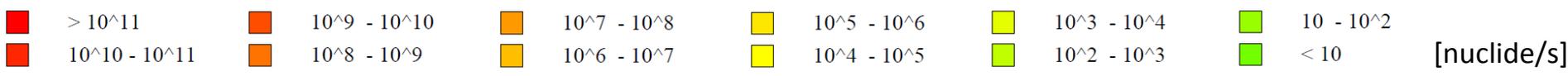
**Boron carbide – B<sub>4</sub>C**  
Melting point: 2700°C  
Working temperature:  
2200°C



**Silicon carbide – SiC**  
Melting point: 2700 °C  
Working temperature:  
2200°C



**Titanium carbide – TiC**  
Melting point: 3100°C  
Working temperature:  
2200°C



— TiC target

— ZrGe target

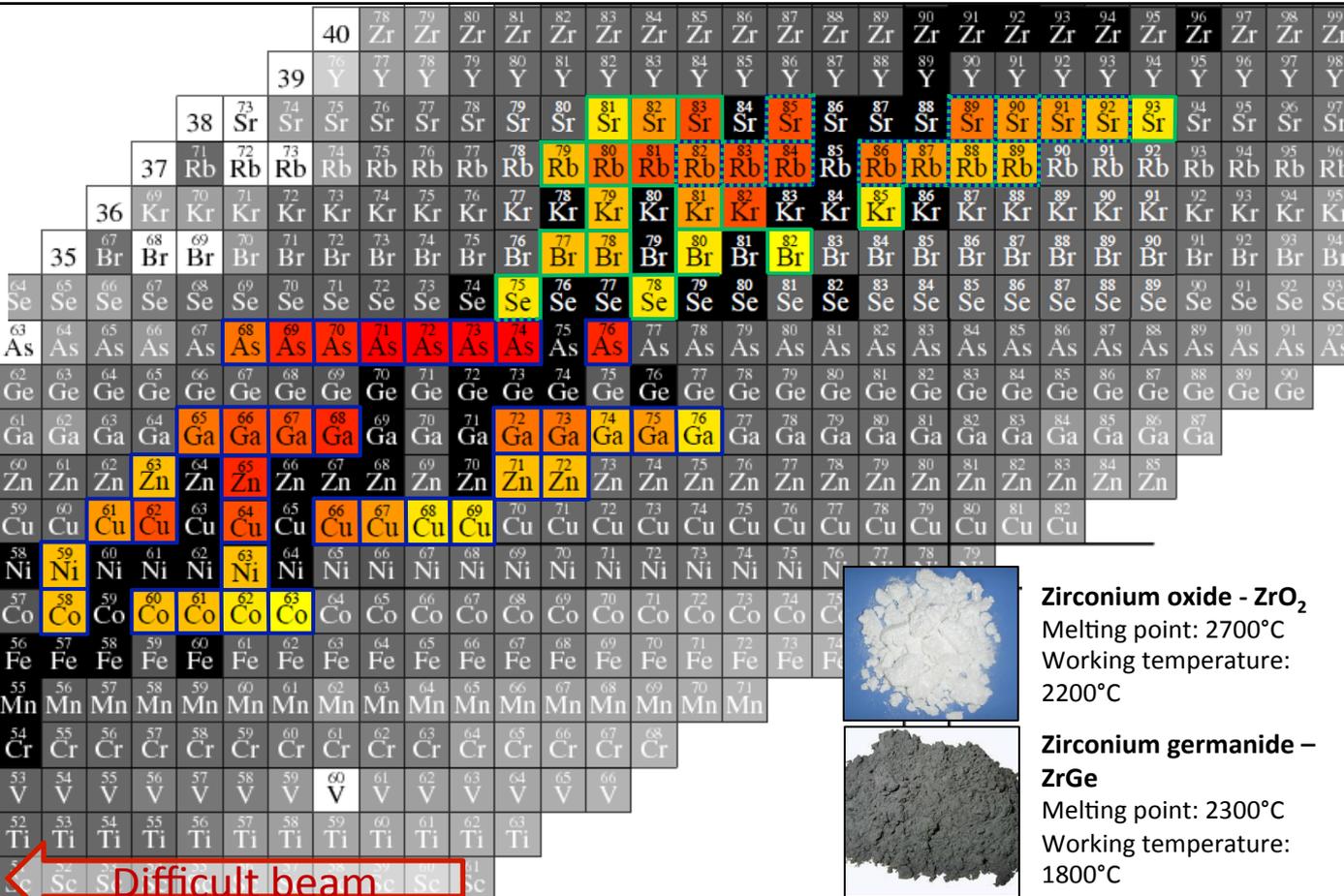
— ZrC/ZrO<sub>2</sub> target



**Titanium carbide – TiC**  
Melting point: 3100°C  
Working temperature:  
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**Zirconium carbide – ZrC**  
Melting point: 3500°C  
Working temperature:  
2200°C

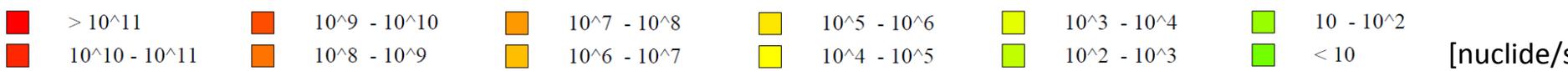


**Zirconium oxide - ZrO<sub>2</sub>**  
Melting point: 2700°C  
Working temperature:  
2200°C



**Zirconium germanide – ZrGe**  
Melting point: 2300°C  
Working temperature:  
1800°C

(FLUKA calculations and release efficiency estimation)



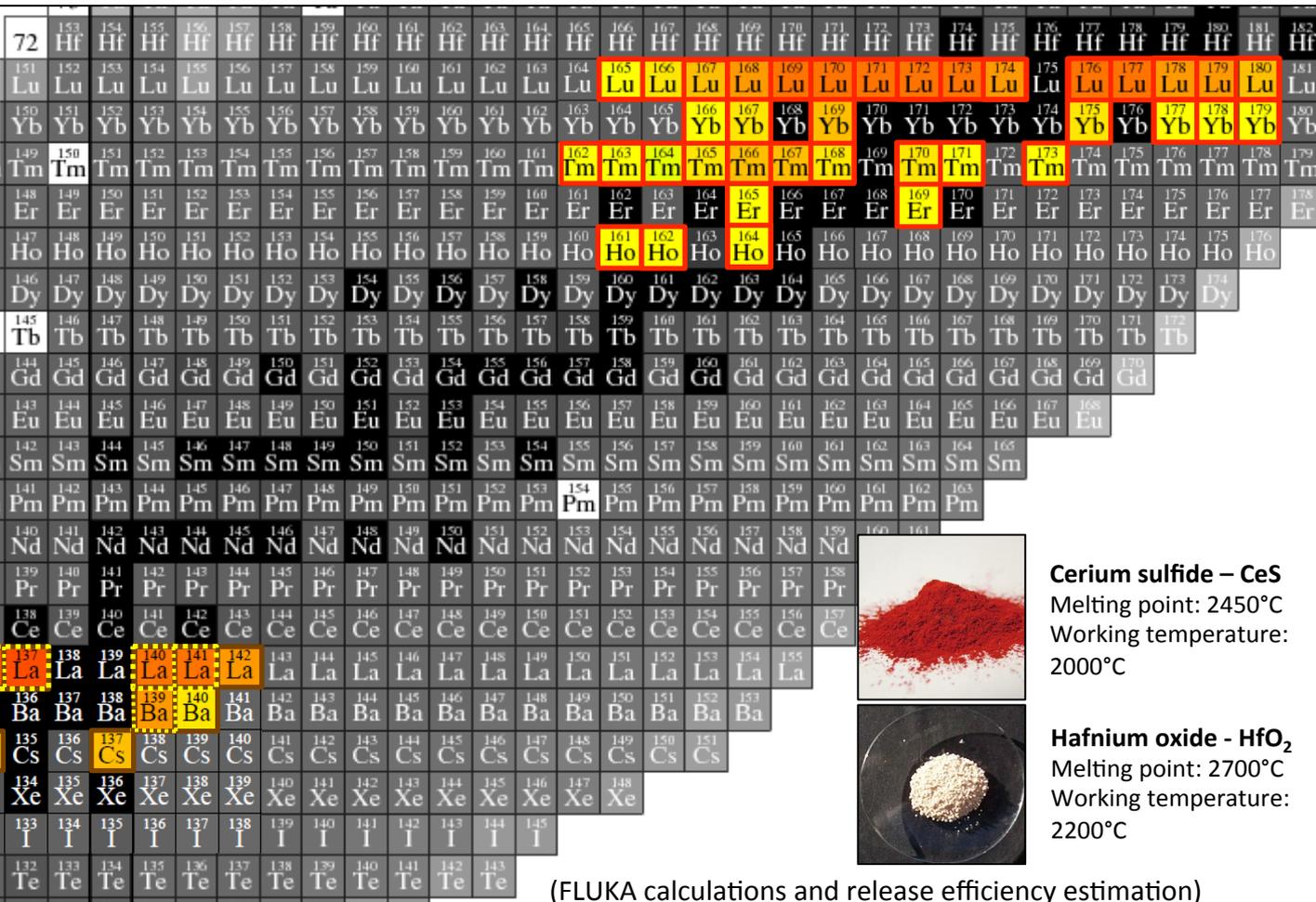
— CeO<sub>2</sub> target

— CeS target

— HfO<sub>2</sub> target



**Cerium oxide - CeO<sub>2</sub>**  
Melting point: 2100°C  
Working temperature:  
1800°C

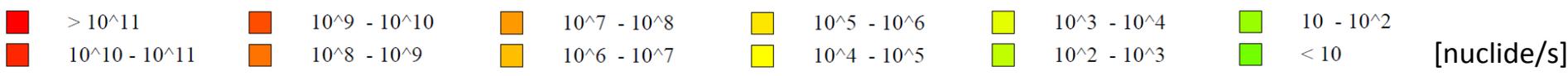


**Cerium sulfide – CeS**  
Melting point: 2450°C  
Working temperature:  
2000°C

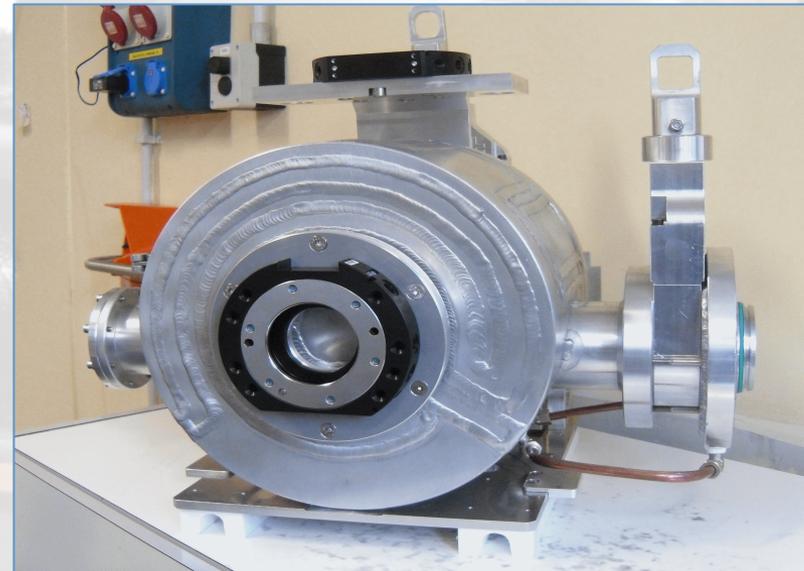
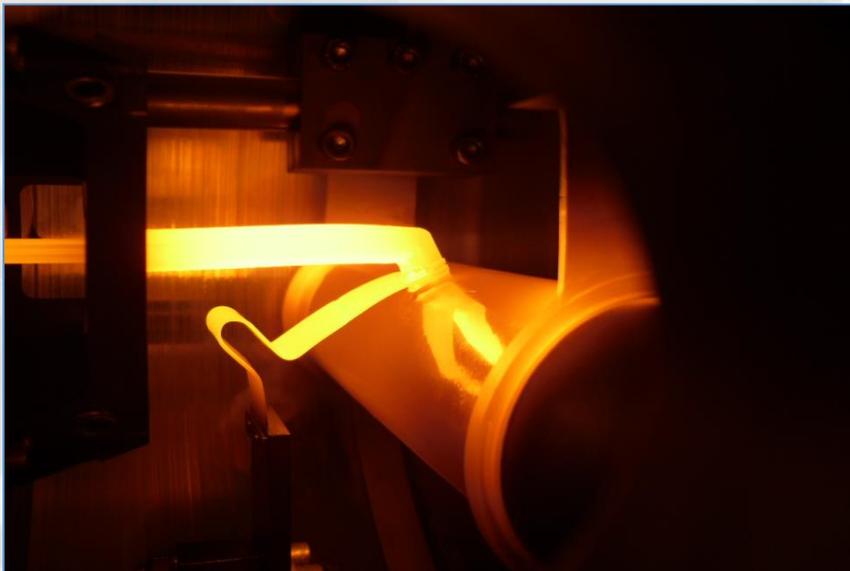
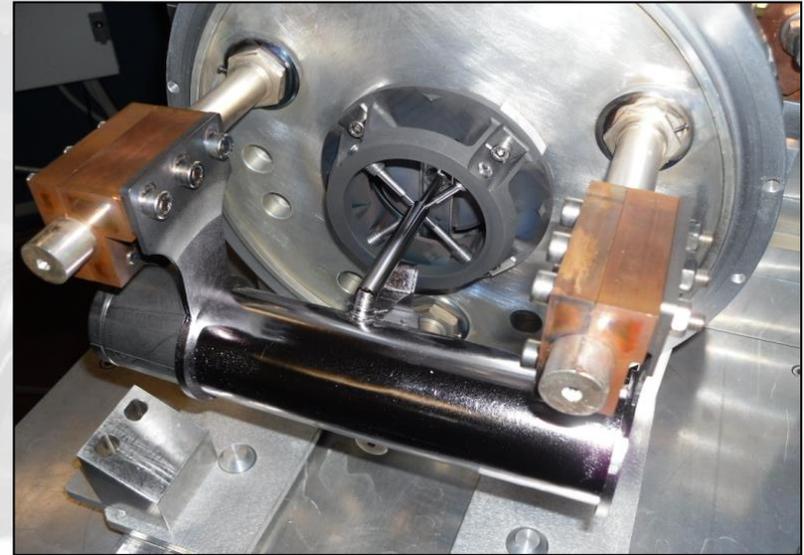


**Hafnium oxide - HfO<sub>2</sub>**  
Melting point: 2700°C  
Working temperature:  
2200°C

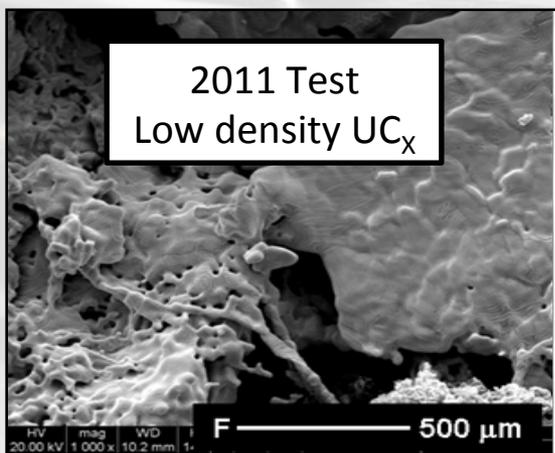
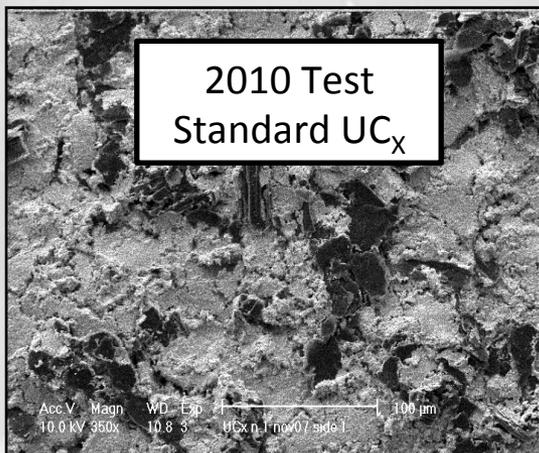
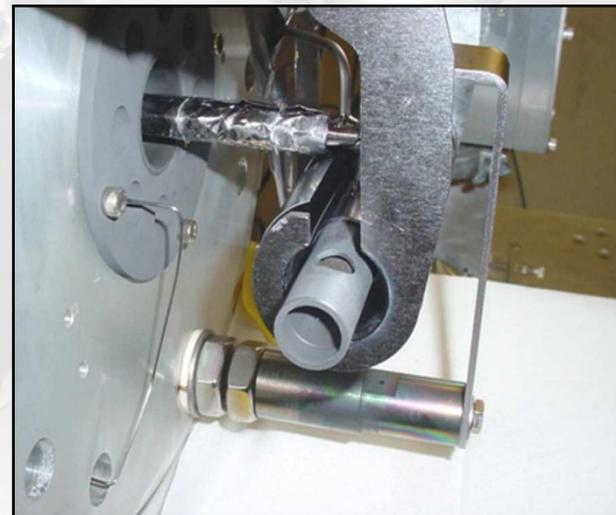
(FLUKA calculations and release efficiency estimation)



# The TIS Unit



- On-line testing of the SPES target material and architecture @ ORNL (2010-2012)
- 40 MeV, 50 nA proton beam on a UCx target

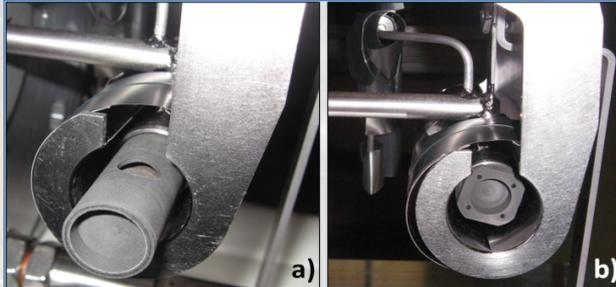


	2010	2011
Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	4.25	2.59
Diameter (mm)	12.50	13.07
Thickness (g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.41	0.41
Calculated porosity (%)	58	75

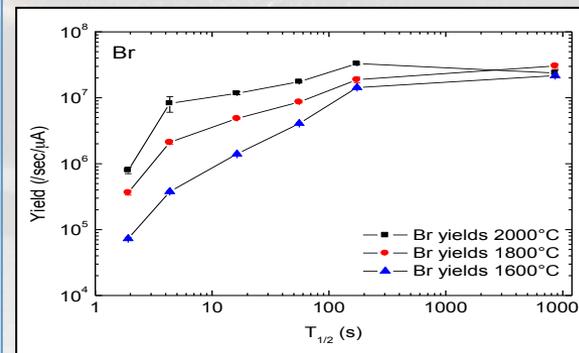
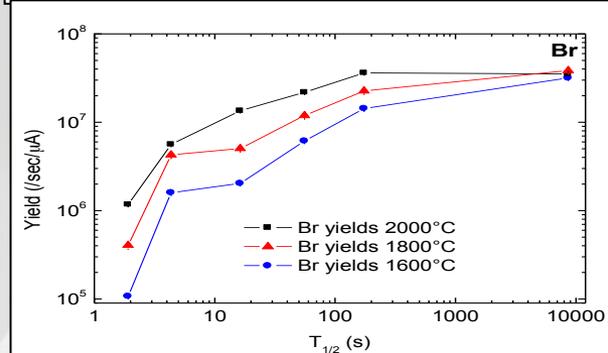
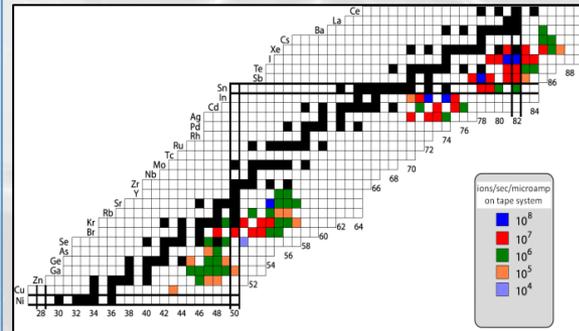
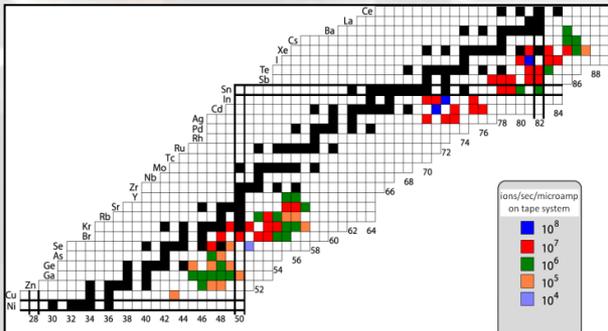
Irradiation by 40 MeV, 50 nA proton beam, ionization with plasma ion source

2010 Test  
Standard UC<sub>x</sub>

2011 Test  
Low density UC<sub>x</sub>



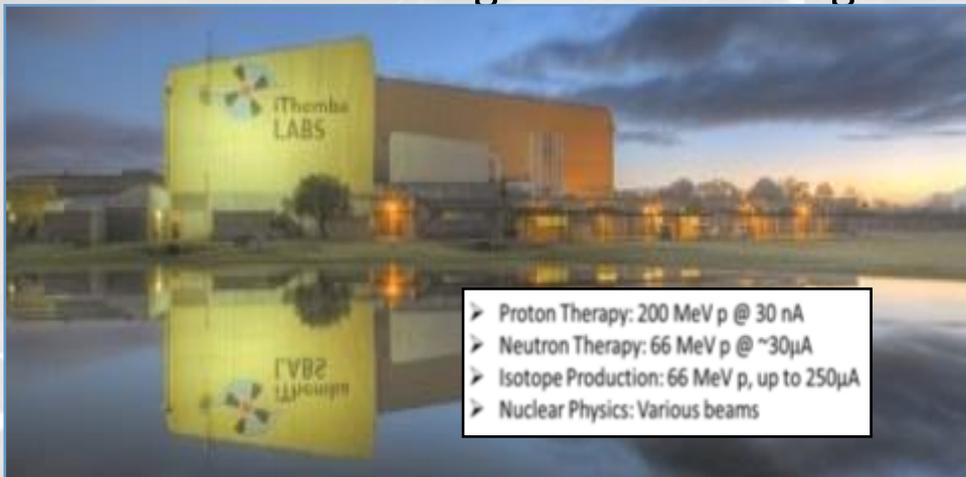
Isotope	T <sub>1/2</sub> (s)	Yield(ions/s·μA)	ΔYield (ions/s·μA)	ΔYield/Yield
<sup>72</sup> Cu	6.60	2.19 · 10 <sup>5</sup>	4.30 · 10 <sup>3</sup>	0.01963
<sup>78</sup> Zn	1.47	1.22 · 10 <sup>5</sup>	3.62 · 10 <sup>3</sup>	0.02967
<sup>79g</sup> Ge	19.00	1.31 · 10 <sup>6</sup>	4.05 · 10 <sup>4</sup>	0.03092
<sup>81</sup> As	34.00	7.15 · 10 <sup>5</sup>	1.59 · 10 <sup>4</sup>	0.02224
<sup>81</sup> Ga	1.22	2.20 · 10 <sup>5</sup>	6.55 · 10 <sup>3</sup>	0.02977
<sup>83g</sup> Se	22.40 m	3.30 · 10 <sup>6</sup>	3.23 · 10 <sup>4</sup>	0.00979
<sup>87</sup> Kr	1.27 h	1.09 · 10 <sup>7</sup>	1.04 · 10 <sup>6</sup>	0.09541
<sup>88</sup> Br	16.30	1.15 · 10 <sup>7</sup>	2.31 · 10 <sup>5</sup>	0.02009
<sup>90</sup> Br	1.91	9.94 · 10 <sup>5</sup>	4.01 · 10 <sup>4</sup>	0.04031
<sup>92</sup> Kr	1.84	1.55 · 10 <sup>6</sup>	2.42 · 10 <sup>4</sup>	0.01561
<sup>93</sup> Rb	5.80	3.25 · 10 <sup>5</sup>	1.03 · 10 <sup>4</sup>	0.03169
<sup>93</sup> Sr	7.45 m	1.10 · 10 <sup>7</sup>	1.12 · 10 <sup>5</sup>	0.01018
<sup>94</sup> Sr	1.23 m	6.30 · 10 <sup>6</sup>	1.91 · 10 <sup>5</sup>	0.03032
<sup>95</sup> Y	10.30 m	2.05 · 10 <sup>6</sup>	6.66 · 10 <sup>4</sup>	0.03249
<sup>119</sup> Ag	2.10	2.96 · 10 <sup>7</sup>	2.71 · 10 <sup>5</sup>	0.00834
<sup>120g</sup> Ag	1.23	1.52 · 10 <sup>7</sup>	4.32 · 10 <sup>5</sup>	0.02842
<sup>120m</sup> In	47.30	4.23 · 10 <sup>7</sup>	1.02 · 10 <sup>6</sup>	0.02411
<sup>121</sup> Ag	0.78	5.53 · 10 <sup>6</sup>	1.44 · 10 <sup>5</sup>	0.02604
<sup>123m</sup> Cd	1.82	1.08 · 10 <sup>7</sup>	1.60 · 10 <sup>5</sup>	0.01481
<sup>123g</sup> In	5.98	1.2 · 10 <sup>8</sup>	2.03 · 10 <sup>6</sup>	0.01664
<sup>124</sup> Cd	1.29	8.24 · 10 <sup>6</sup>	1.63 · 10 <sup>5</sup>	0.01978
<sup>132</sup> Sn	39.70 m	2.14 · 10 <sup>6</sup>	2.80 · 10 <sup>4</sup>	0.01308
<sup>133m</sup> I	9.60	1.04 · 10 <sup>7</sup>	1.54 · 10 <sup>5</sup>	0.01481
<sup>133</sup> Sb	2.50 m	9.77 · 10 <sup>6</sup>	3.72 · 10 <sup>5</sup>	0.03808
<sup>134g</sup> I	52.50 m	1.40 · 10 <sup>8</sup>	2.77 · 10 <sup>7</sup>	0.19786
<sup>134</sup> Te	41.80 m	4.90 · 10 <sup>7</sup>	7.70 · 10 <sup>6</sup>	0.15714
<sup>137</sup> Xe	3.83 m	4.58 · 10 <sup>7</sup>	2.88 · 10 <sup>6</sup>	0.06288
<sup>140</sup> Cs	1.06 m	1.44 · 10 <sup>6</sup>	4.85 · 10 <sup>4</sup>	0.03368
<sup>141</sup> Ba	18.30 m	2.48 · 10 <sup>6</sup>	3.24 · 10 <sup>5</sup>	0.13065



20 elements, about 80 isotopes collected

## 4) Full scale (40 mm.) SiC @ Ithemba, p=66 MeV, 60 microA for thermal dissipation studies

➤ On-line testing of the SPES target architecture @ iThemba (May 2014)



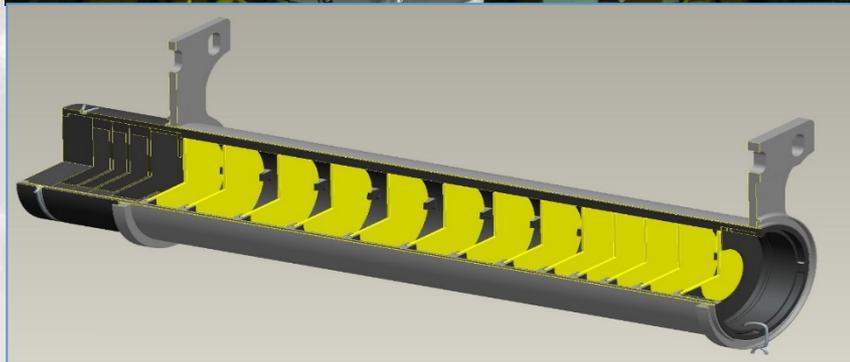
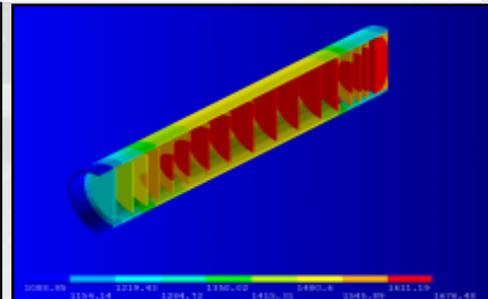
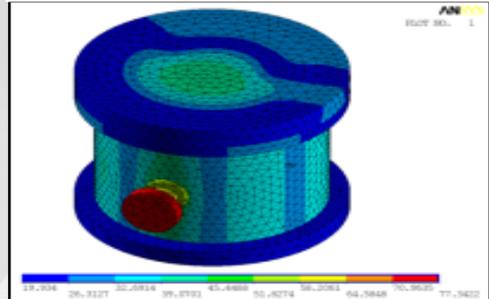
- Proton Therapy: 200 MeV p @ 30 nA
- Neutron Therapy: 66 MeV p @ ~30µA
- Isotope Production: 66 MeV p, up to 250µA
- Nuclear Physics: Various beams

**iThemba LABS: funded to build an RIB target/ion-source like SPES**



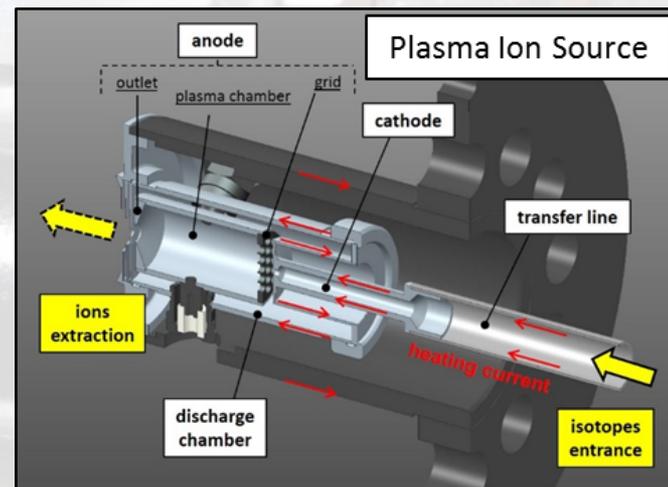
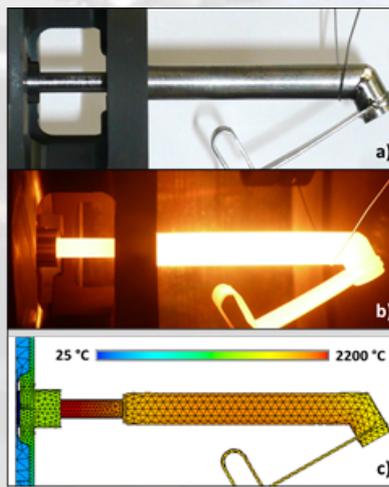
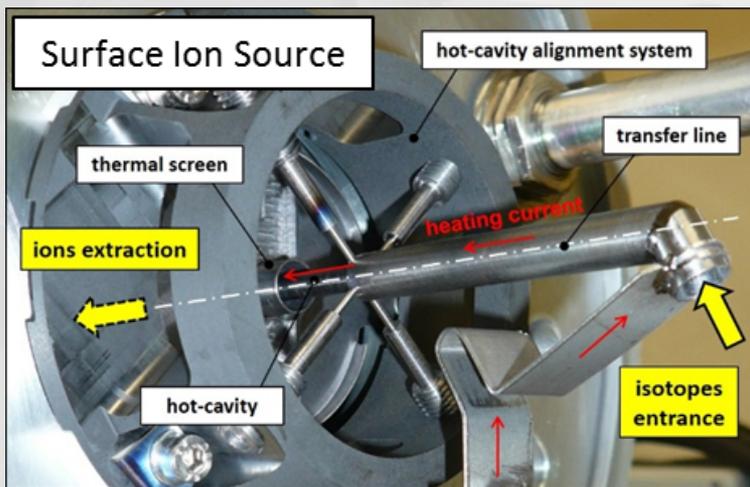
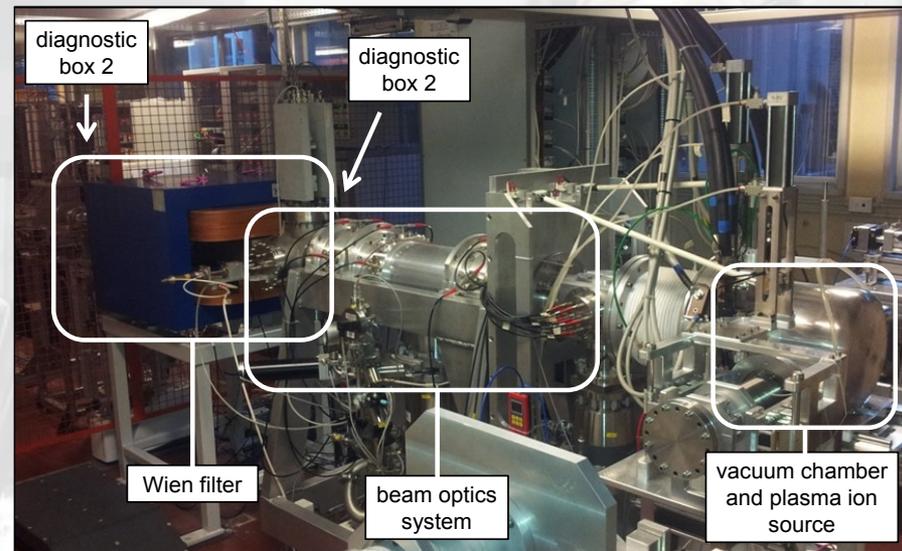
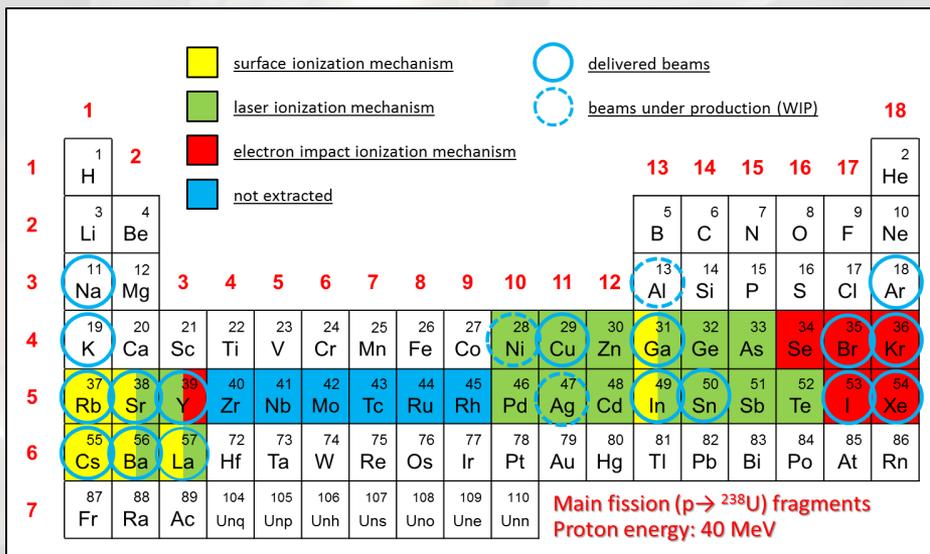
**Scattering chamber  
(build @LNL)**

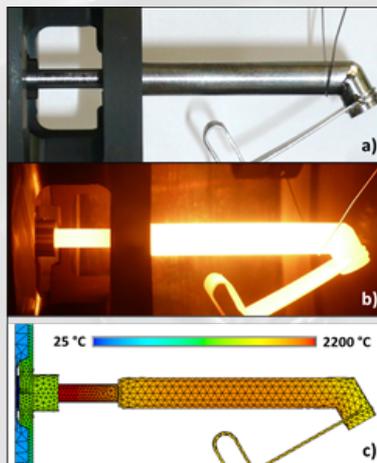
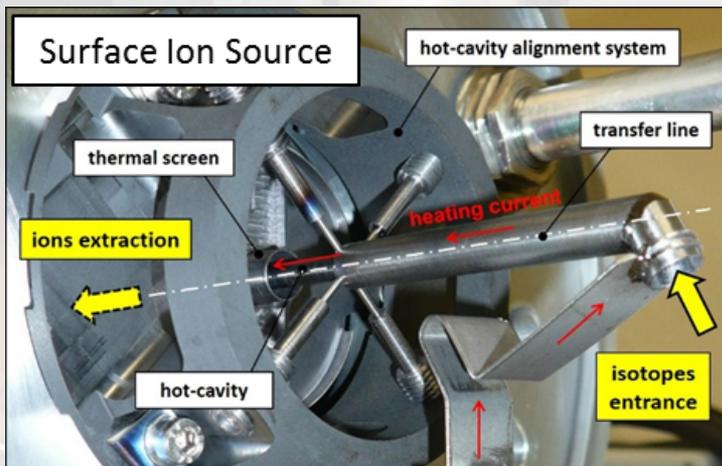
Measure [°C]	Estimated by FEM model [°C]
1° disk: 1365 ± 30°C	1390
Box: 1230 ± 25°C	1267
Dump on chamber: 728°C ± 10°C	750



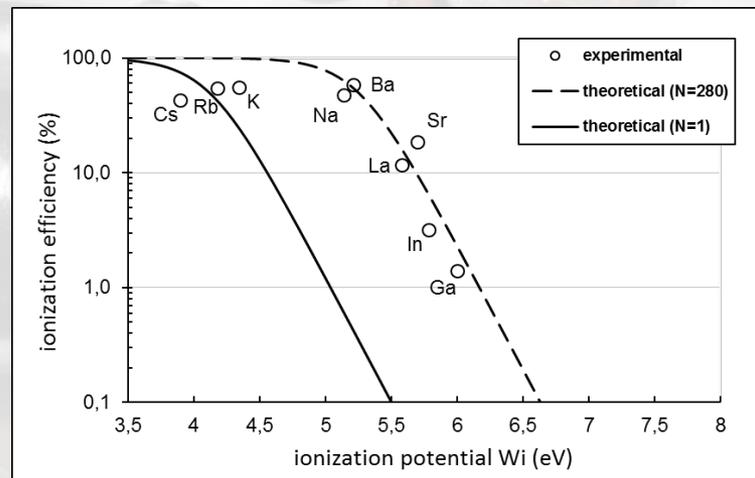
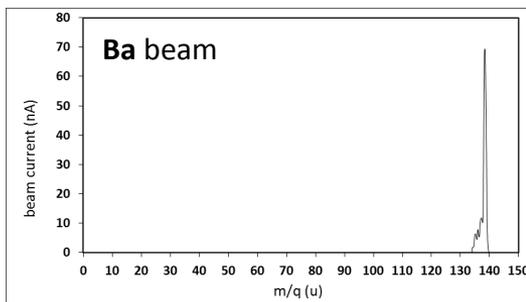
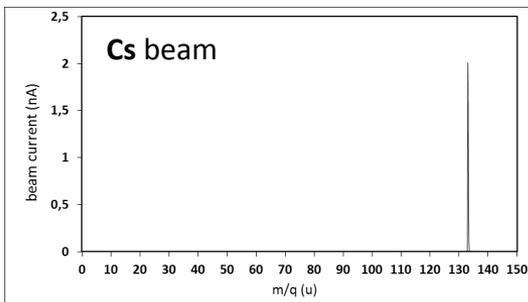
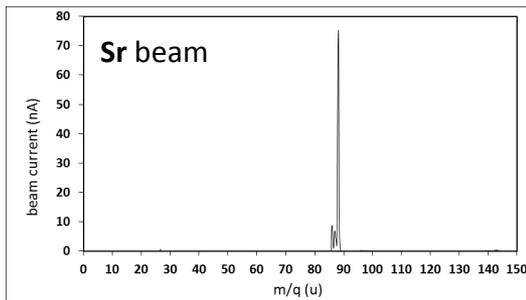
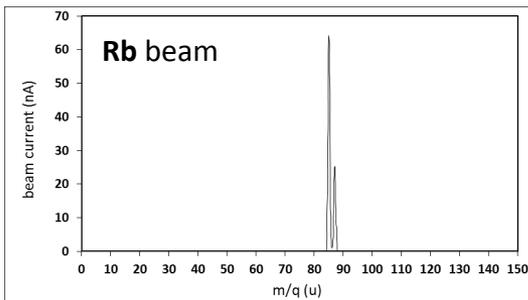
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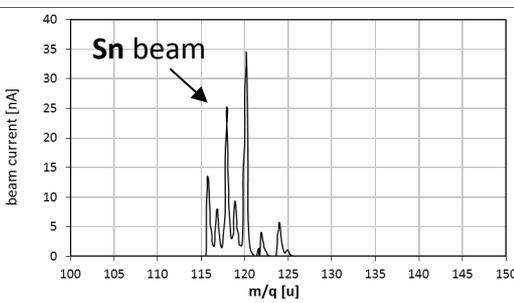
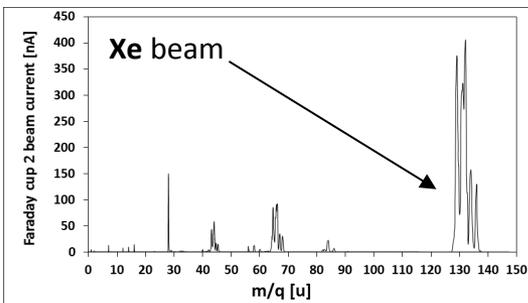
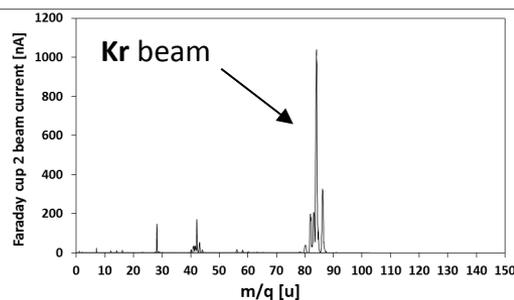
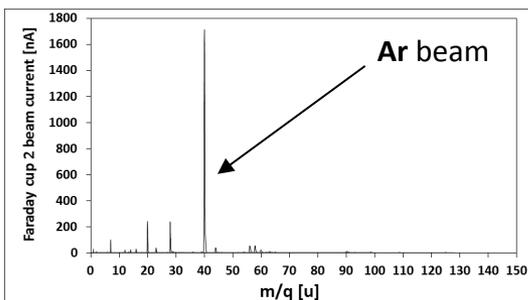
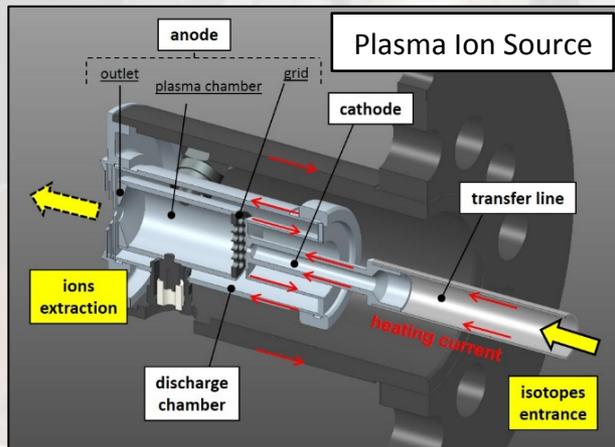
(17 different stable beams accelerated so far... + 2 under development)





beam	ion. eff. (%)	hot-cavity temp. (°C)	hot-cavity material
Na	47,6	2200	Ta
K	55,4	2200	Ta
Ga	1,4	2200	Ta
Rb	54,5	2200	Ta
Sr	18,5	2200	Ta
In	3,2	2200	Ta
Cs	43,2	2200	Ta
Ba	58,8	2200	Ta
La	20,1	2200	Ta



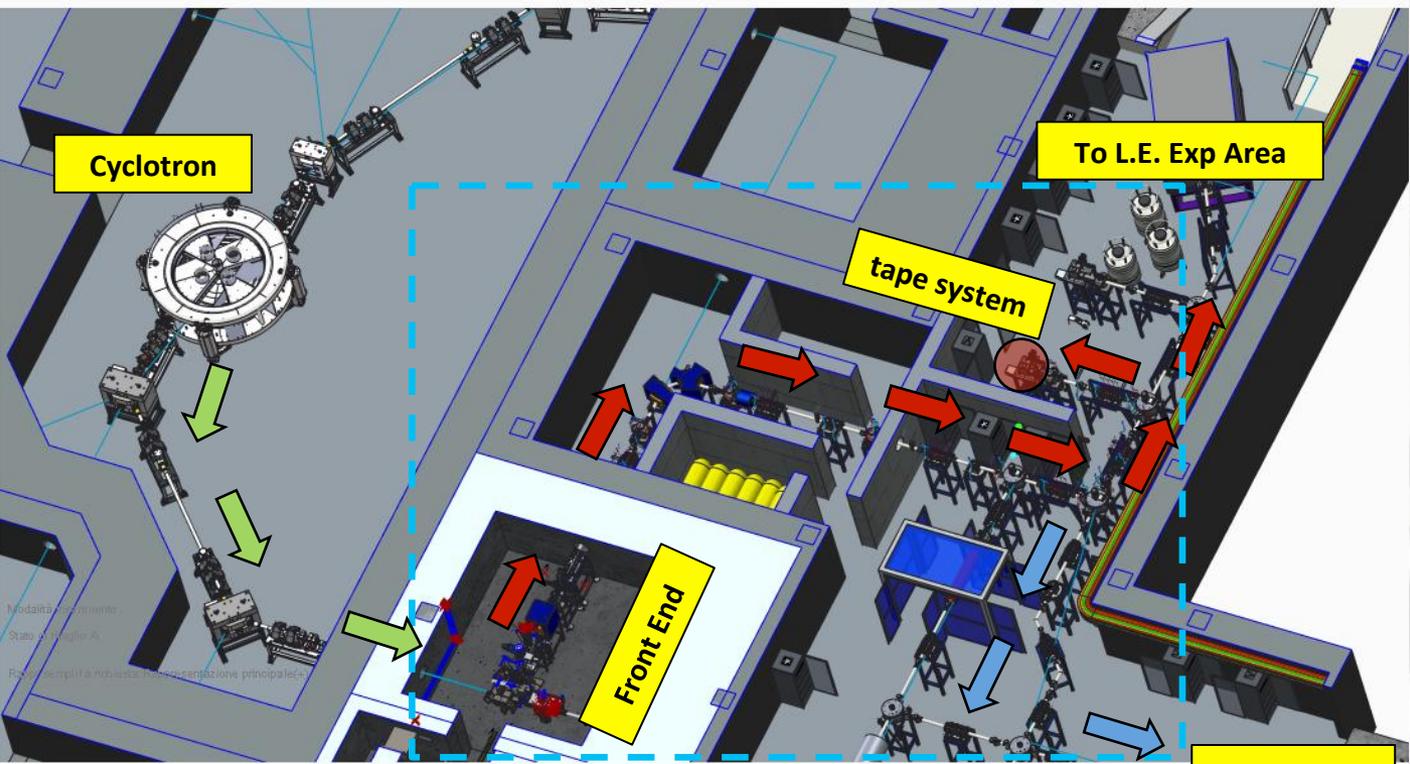


beam	ion. eff. (%)	injection mode	cathode temp. (°C)
Ar	6	gas tube	2200
Br	8	oven	2200
Kr	8,5	gas tube	2200
Y	very low	oven	2300
Sn	10	oven	2200
I	19	oven	2200
Xe	11	gas tube	2200
Cu	10	oven	2200

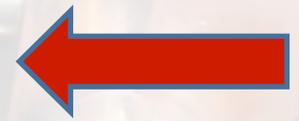
# The RIB +1 line

(First Low Energy RIB at SPES)

1+ beam line from **TIS** to **tape system**



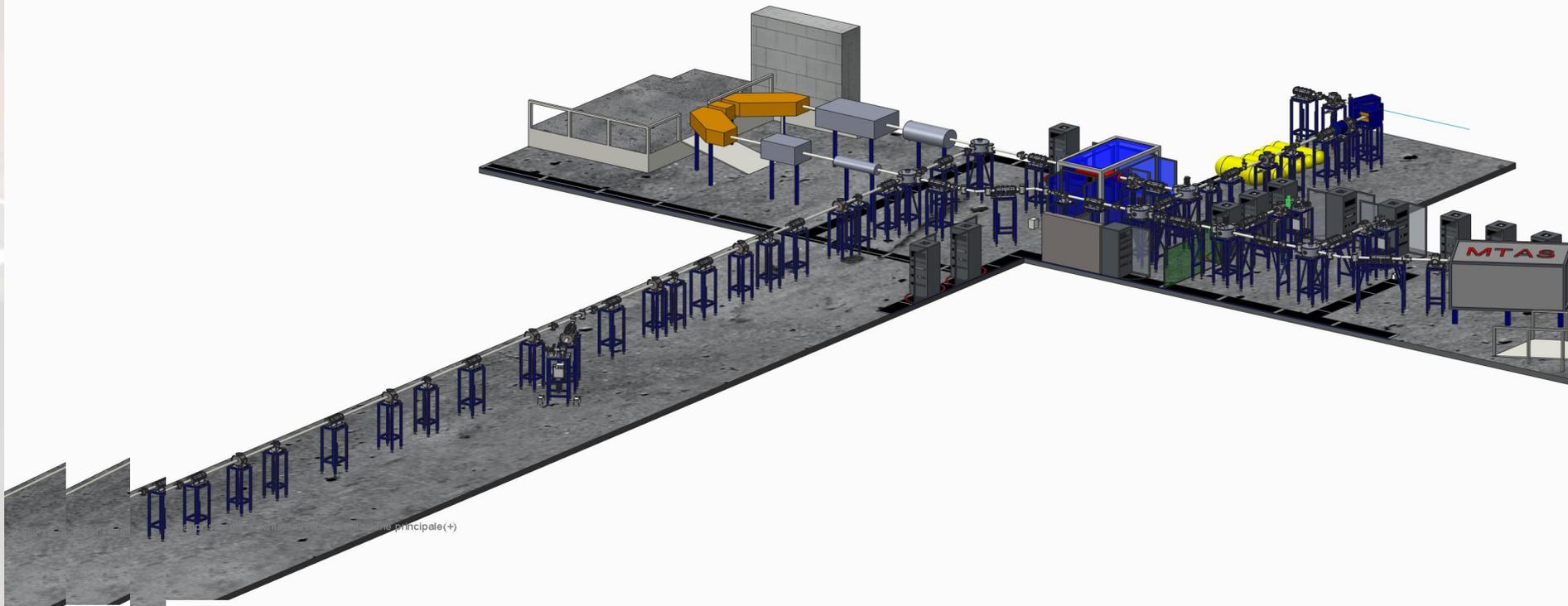
**STEP1:**  
Low Energy, Low Intensity Beam for first experimental studies

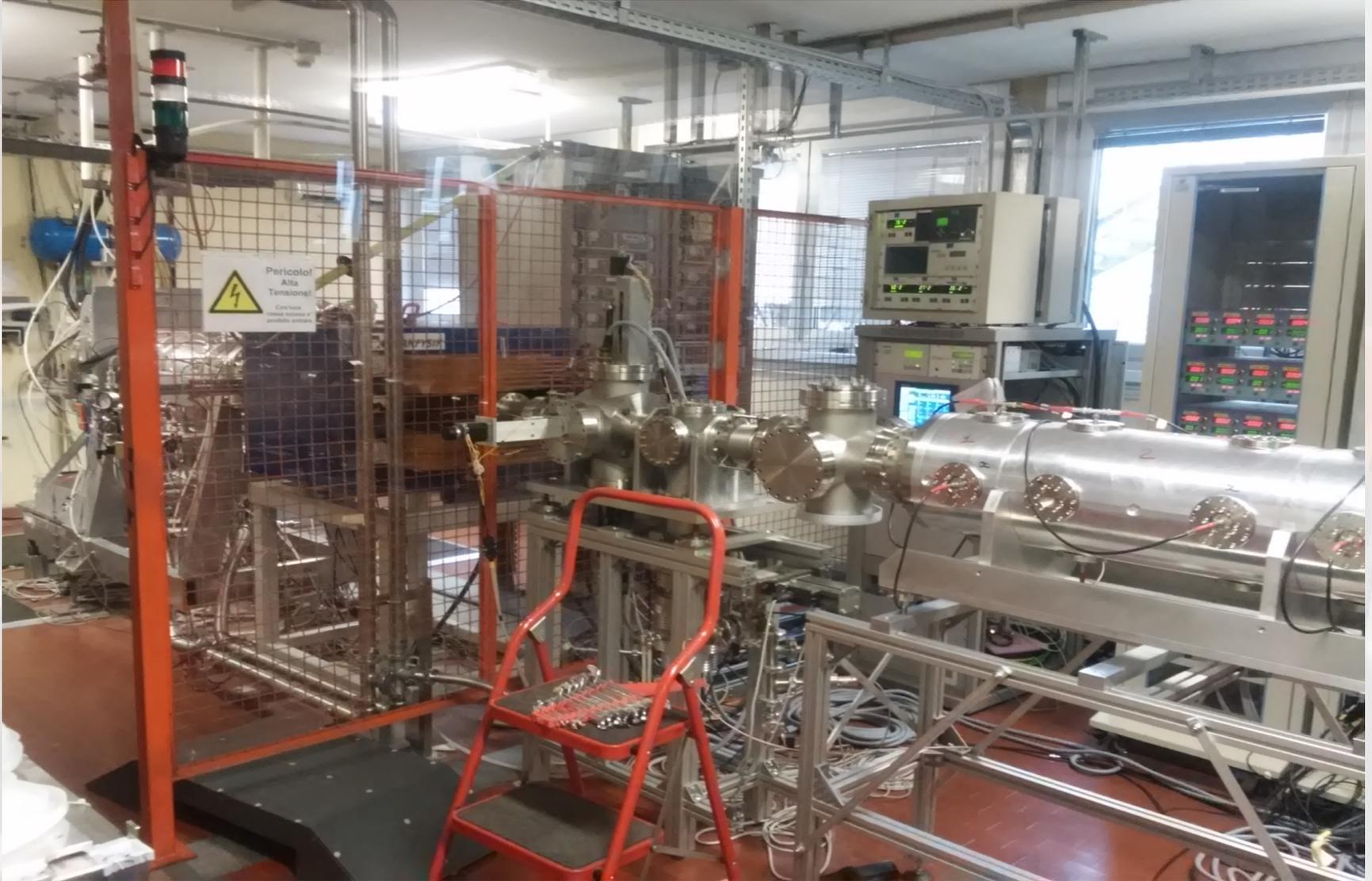


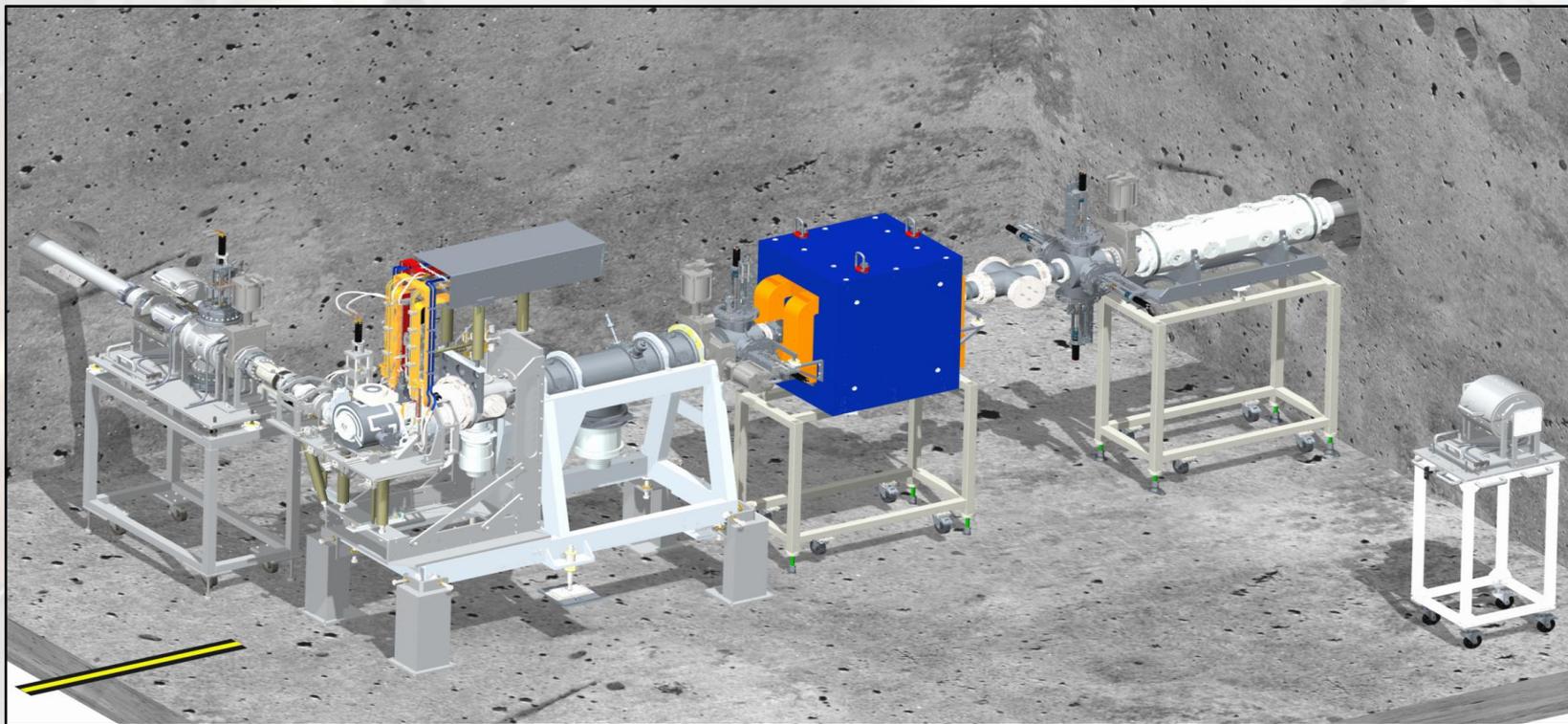
**STEP2:**  
ALPI Beam for 'High' Energy experimental studies



# The 1+ beam line: the construction phases (2-3)

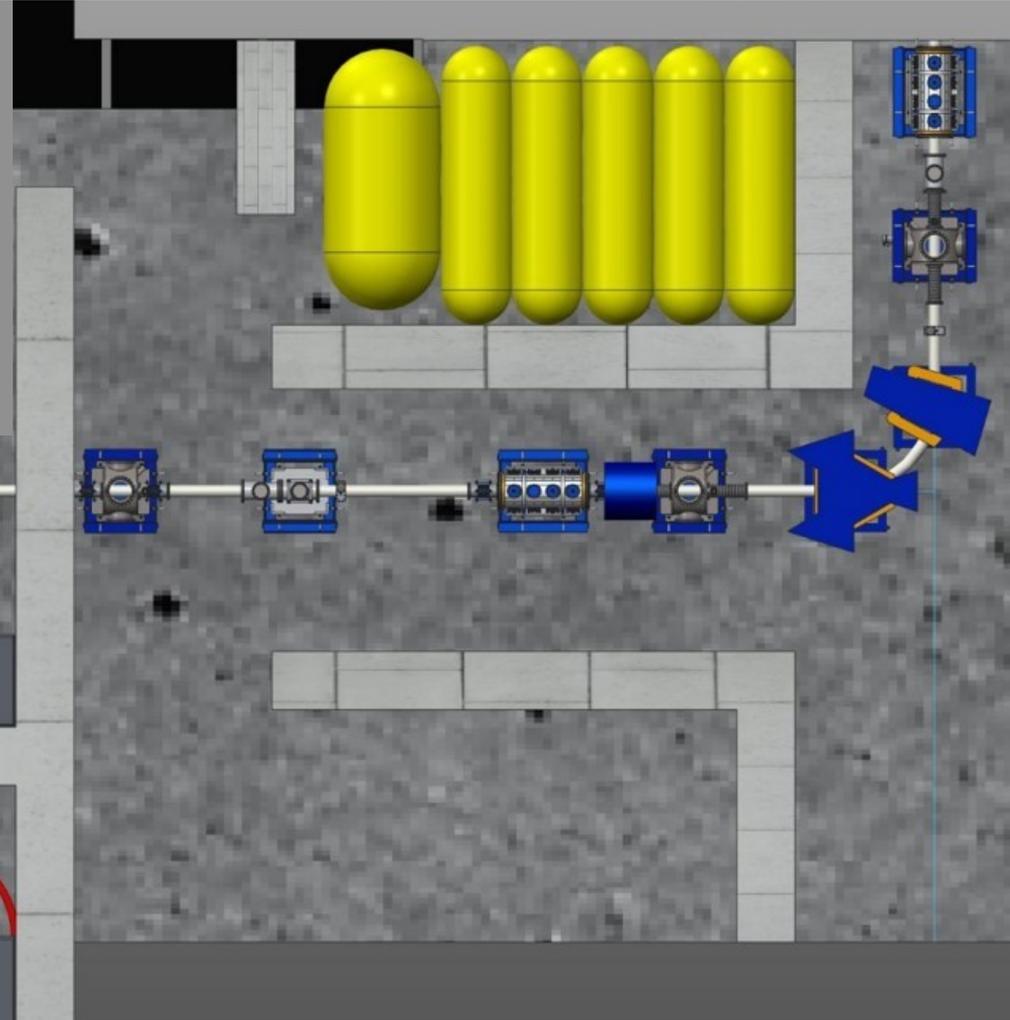


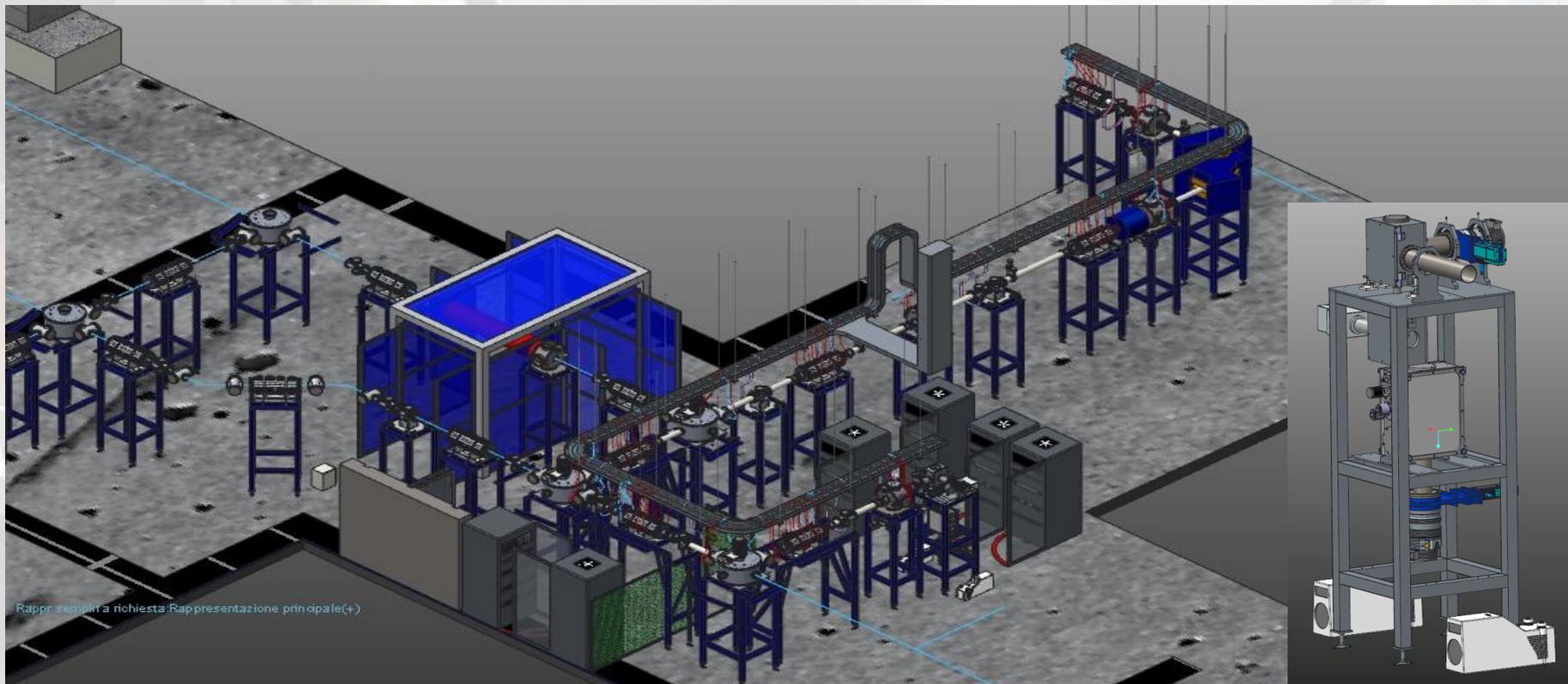




subsystem name	design status	construction status	delivery date estimation
protonic front-end	90%	20%	September 2018
radioactive font-end (removable)	90%	60%	July 2018
radioactive font-end (fixed)	90%	90%	done
diagnostic box 1	100%	80%	March 2018
Wien filter (electrostatic)	100%	90%	March 2018
Wien filter (magnetic)	100%	tender	Dec 2018
steerer box	100%	80%	March 2018
diagnostic box 2	100%	70%	March 2018
quadrupole triplet	100%	90%	March 2018

Devices	Number
ETQ (triplets)	6
ED (el. Dipole)	3
Steerer	6
MD (mag. Dipole)	1
Diagnostic Box	4 + 5

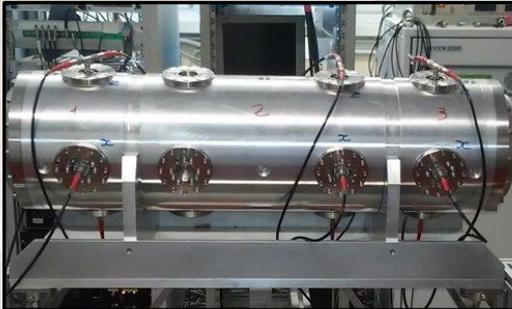




subsystem name	design status	construction status	delivery date estimation
Quadrupole triplets	100%	tender	November 2018
Electrostatic Dipole (prot)	100%	50%	January '18; Nov. 18 for others
Frames	80%	tender	July 2018
Diagnostic box (no detector)	10%	0%	Dec 2018
Magnet Dipole	100 %	tender	Dec 2018
Steerer box (prot)	100%	10%	done, End '18 for others
Tape System	70%	30% (?)	Dec 2018

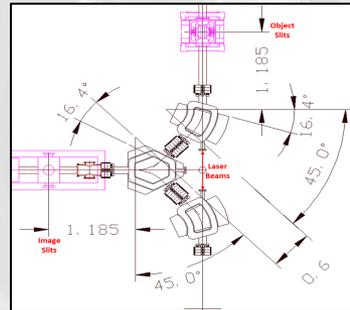
## electrostatic triplet of quads

Prototype tested; Purchase  
Tender launched



## magnetic dipole

documentation ready for the  
Purchase Tenders



## electrostatic dipole

Prototype tested; internal  
production start



## electrostatic steerers

Prototype tested; internal  
production start



## diagnostic box

documentation ready for the  
call for Tenders



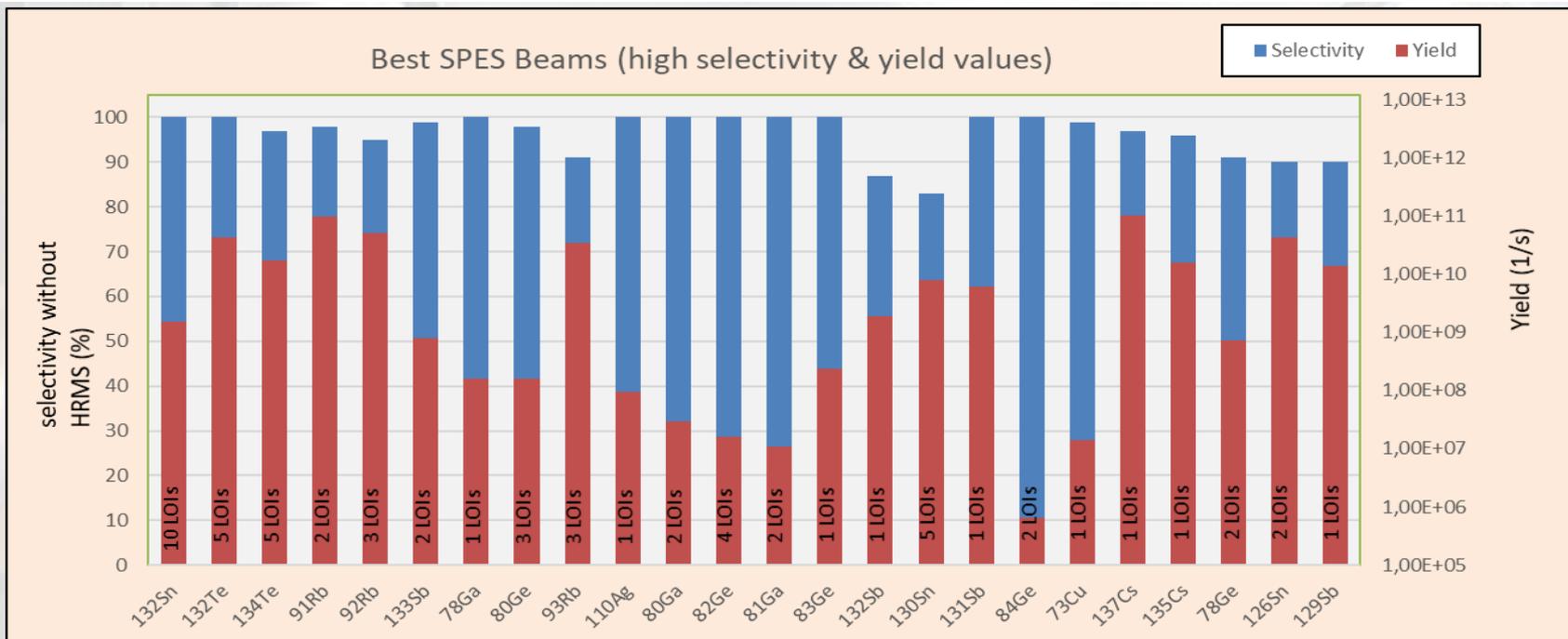
## tape system

In construction (4 devices)



# Possible first SPES RIBs

(first physics experimental campaign)

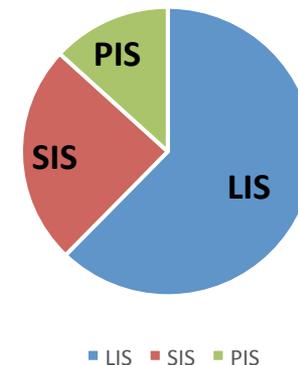


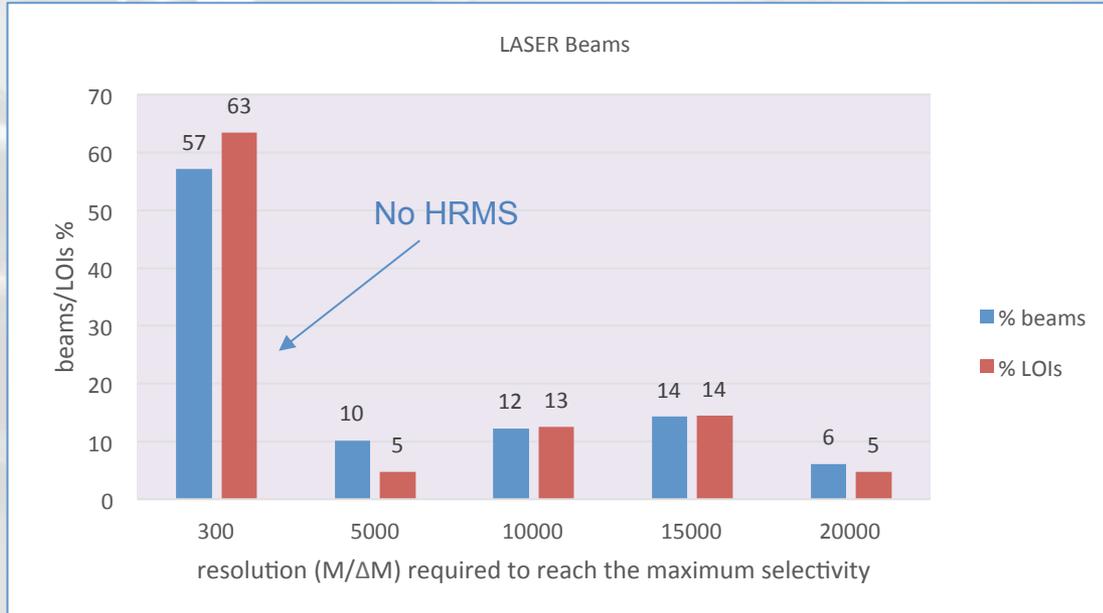
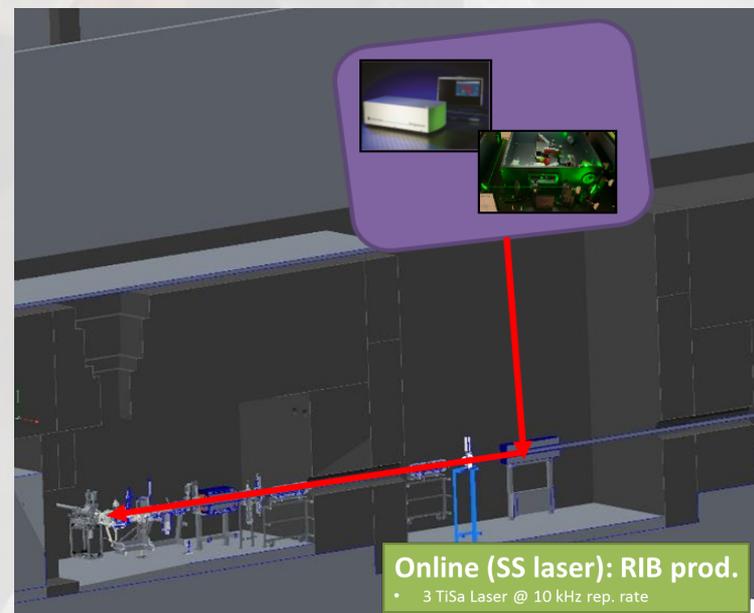
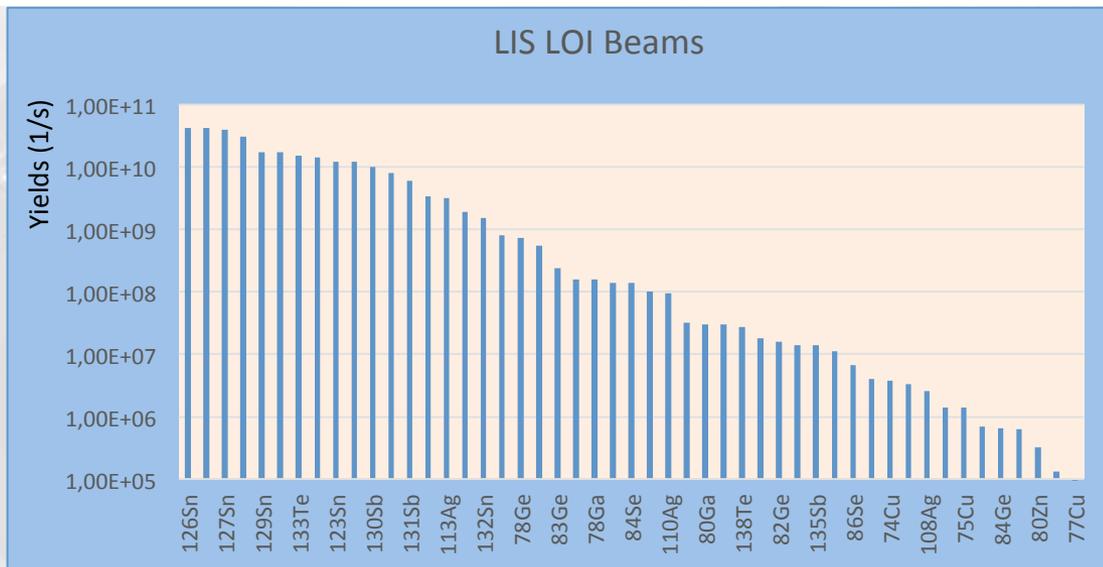
Total Beams: 89

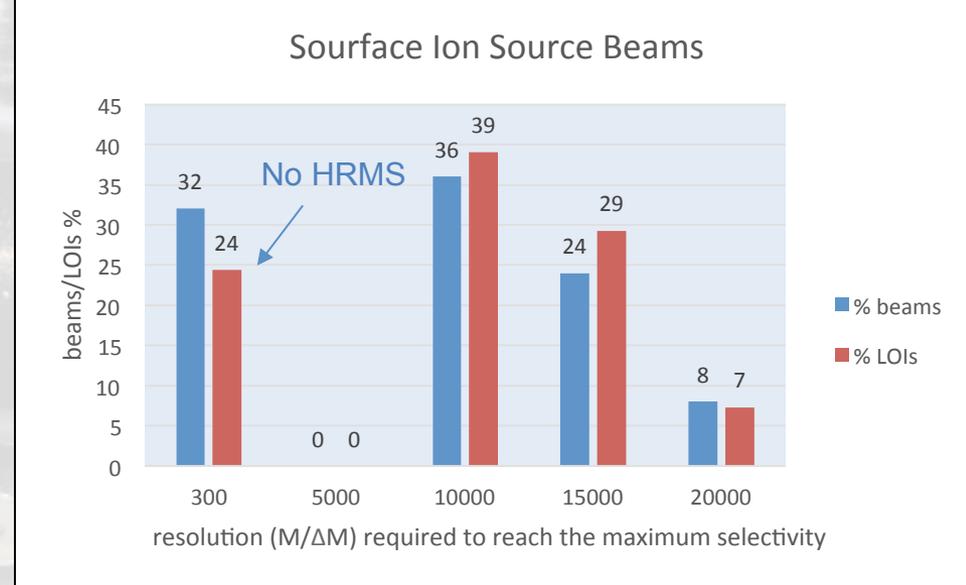
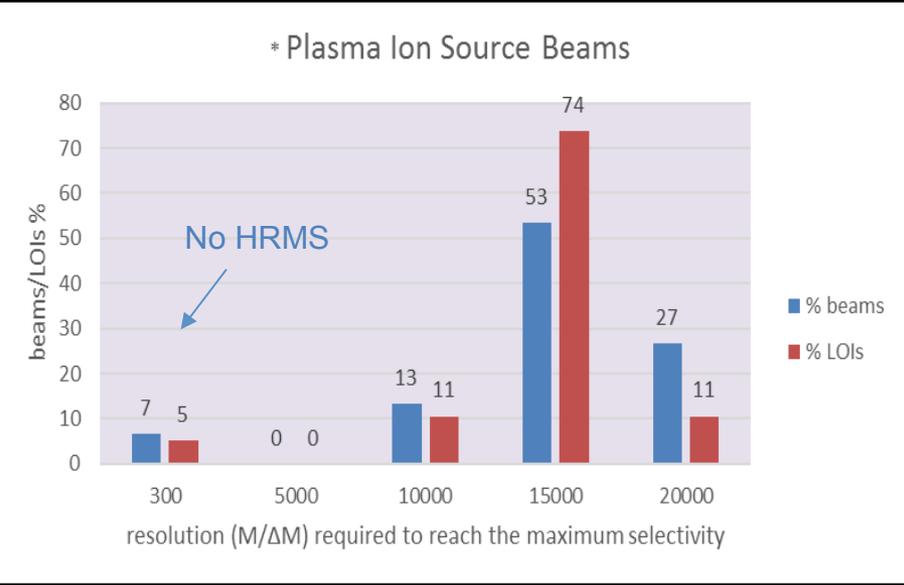
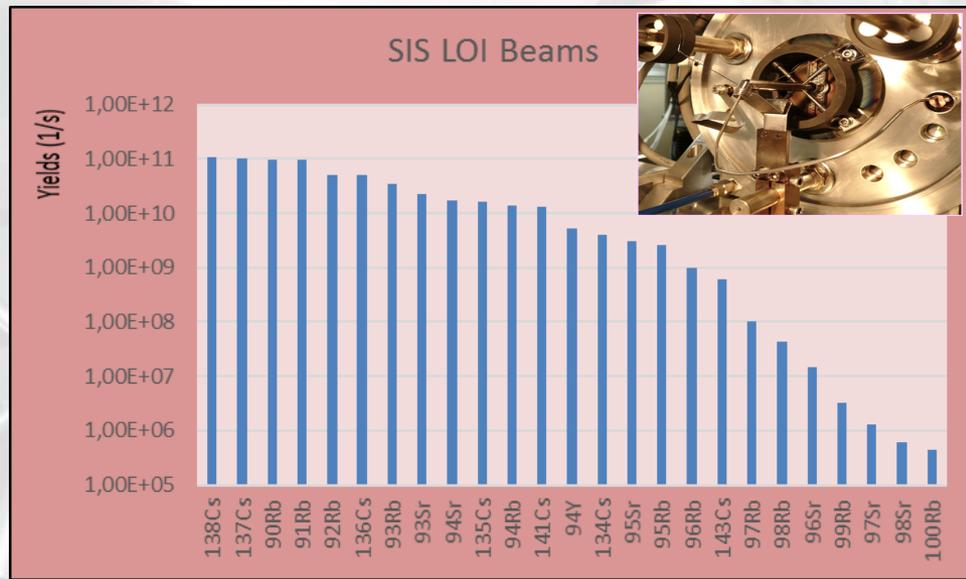
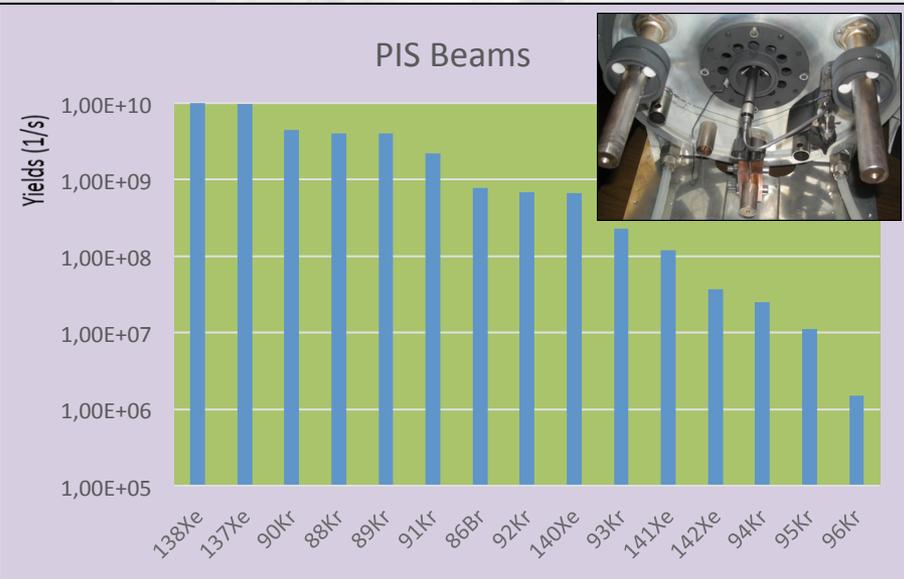
19 Elements

Beam with LMR:	47	(95 LOI)	53% (56%)
Benefit with 5000 HMR :	3	(3 LOI) -> 50 beams (98 LOI)	56% (58%)
Benefit with 10000 HMR :	17	(31 LOI) -> 67 beams (129 LOI)	75% (77%)
Benefit with 15000 HMR :	15	(25 LOI) -> 82 beams (154 LOI)	92% (92%)
Benefit with 20000 HMR :	7	(10 LOI)	

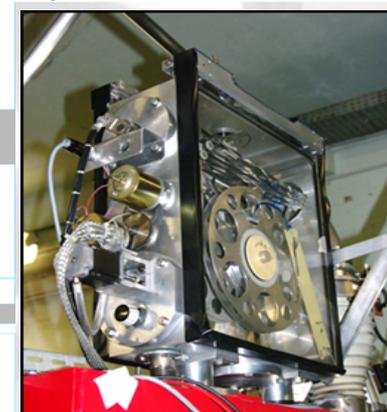
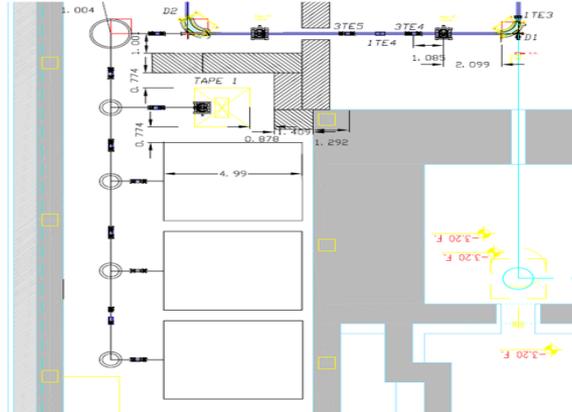
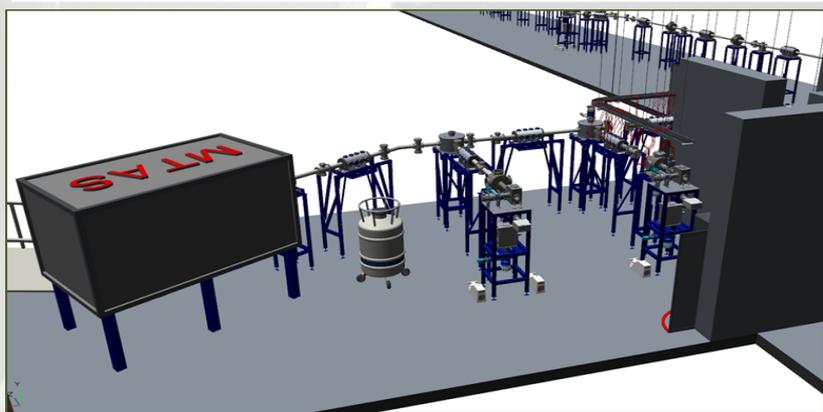
BEAMS vs. Ion Source







nucl. sy.	yield (pps) @ 20 $\mu$ A	selectivity (%)	ion source type	main contaminants (if sel. < 60%)	notes	LOI reference
123 Sn	1.28E+09	12	LIS	In	low selectivity beam	38
121 Sn	2.02E+08	6.6	LIS	In	low selectivity beam	38
<b>83 Ge</b>	<b>2.47E+07</b>	100	LIS	-	selective beam	27
82 As	1.07E+07	71	LIS	-	selective beam	27
<b>110 Ag</b>	<b>9.60E+06</b>	100	LIS	-	selective beam	38
<b>80 Ga</b>	<b>3.05E+06</b>	100	LIS	-	selective beam	27
134 Sn	2.49E+06	3	LIS	In, Cs, Ba	low selectivity beam	10
84 As	1.86E+06	69	LIS	-	selective beam	27
<b>82 Ga</b>	<b>3.29E+05</b>	100	LIS	-	selective beam	10; 27
108 Ag	2.58E+05	38	LIS	Rb, Sr, In	low selectivity beam	38
<b>84 Ge</b>	<b>6.61E+04</b>	100	LIS	-	selective beam	10; 27
<b>83 Ga</b>	<b>6.06E+04</b>	100	LIS	-	selective beam	10; 27
96 Rb	9.89E+07	31	SIS	Sr	easy beam	37
147 Cs	4.91E+04	1.7	SIS	Ba	easy beam	10
100 Rb	4.49E+04	1.2	SIS	Sr	easy beam	10
86 Br	7.73E+07	42	PIS	As, Se, Kr	low selectivity beam	44
139 I	5.94E+06	1.5	PIS	Xe, Cs, Ba	low selectivity beam	10
140 I	9.17E+05	0.1	PIS	Xe, Cs, Ba	low selectivity beam	10
141 I	1.40E+05	0.1	PIS	Xe, Cs, Ba	low selectivity beam	10



# Conclusions

User requirements

vs

Project Construction Phases

Third International SPES Workshop

10-12 October 2016 INFN Laboratori Nazionali di Legnaro  
Europe/Rome timezone

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| selettività      | 23 - Valiente      |
| 1 - Bednarczyk   | 24 - LaCognata     |
| 2 - Morelli      | 25 - Mengoni       |
| 3 - Chipps       | 26 - Gottardo      |
| 4 - Marchi       | 27 - Gottardo      |
| 5 - Kozulin      | 28 - Pain          |
| 6 - Kurtukian    | 29 - Trippella     |
| 7 - Corradi      | 30 - Iskra         |
| 8 - Pirrone      | 31 - Leoni         |
| 9 - Stahl        | 32 - Leoni         |
| 10 - Rykaczewski | 33 - Leoni         |
| 11 - Fioretto    | 34 - Hadynska      |
| 12 - Stefanini   | 35 - Testov        |
| 13 - Zhang       | 36 - Pierroutsakou |
| 14 - Szilner     | 37 - Nannini       |
| 15 - Modamio     | 38 - Cristallo     |
| 16 - Casini      | 39 - Verney        |
| 17 - Nannini     | 40 - Benzoni       |
| 18 - Valiente    | 41 - Benzoni       |
| 19 - Piantelli   | 42 - Vardaci       |
| 20 - Melon       | 43 - Assie         |
| 21 - Goasduff    | 44 - Crespi        |
| 22 - Crespi      | 45 - Raabe         |

within the end of 2019

40 MeV, 20  $\mu$ A

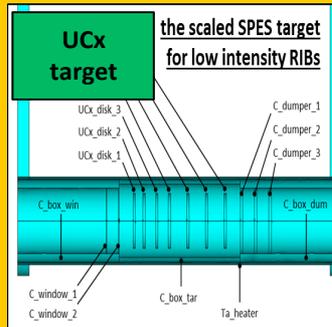
SiC target

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First SPES RIB ( $^{26}\text{Al}$ )

40 MeV, 20  $\mu$ A,  $10^{12}$  f/s



Nominal parameters

- Target material: UCx (SiC as an alternative)
- Proton beam energy: 40 MeV
- Proton beam intensity: 20  $\mu$ A
- Proton beam sigma: 5 mm
- Collimator radius (= disk radius): 6,5 mm



first n-rich fission isotopes

40 MeV, 200  $\mu$ A,  $10^{13}$  f/s

UCx target the full-scale SPES target for high intensity RIBs



Nominal parameters

- Target material: UCx (SiC as an alternative)
- Proton beam energy: 40 MeV
- Proton beam intensity: 200  $\mu$ A
- Proton beam sigma: 7 mm
- Wobbling radius : 11 mm

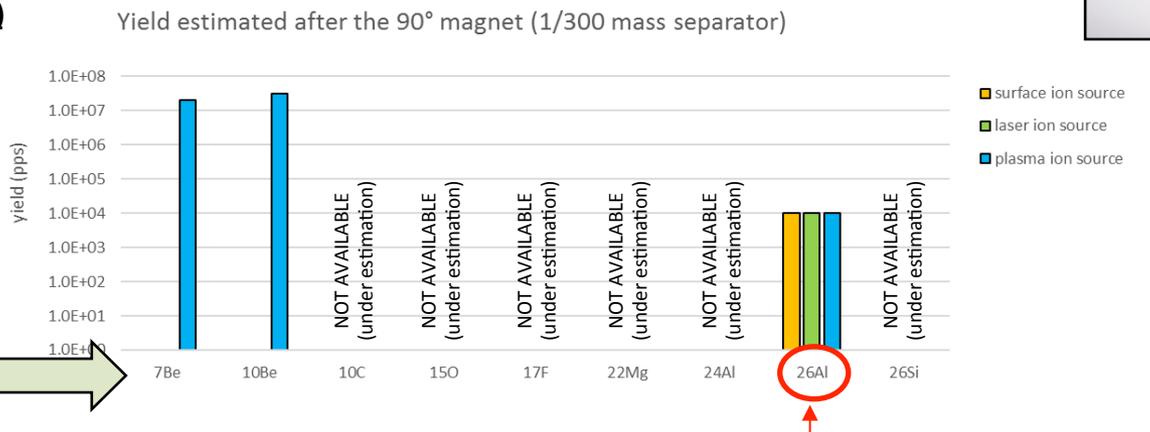
# The 'demonstrative' (first) beam:

## 1st SPES RIB (26Al)



**A scaled SiC target  
(40 MeV protons up to 20 μA)  
will be used for the  
first SPES RIBs**

**SiC target beams  
requested by  
LOIs**



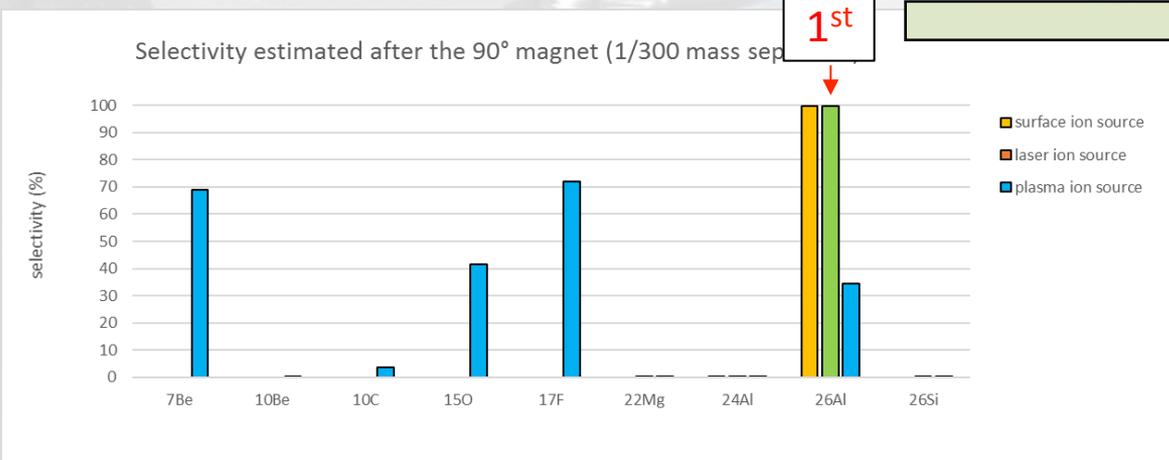
> **High yields**

> **High selectivity  
(even without HRMS)**

> **Low energy**

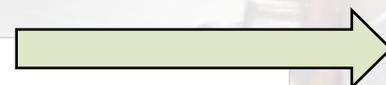
> **Different IS**

LOI	beams
L. Morelli	7Be, 10Be
J.J. Valiente	10C, 17F, 20Na, 22Mg, 24Al, 26Si
M. La Cognata	26Al
M. Assié	7Be, 26Si, 15O



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26Al

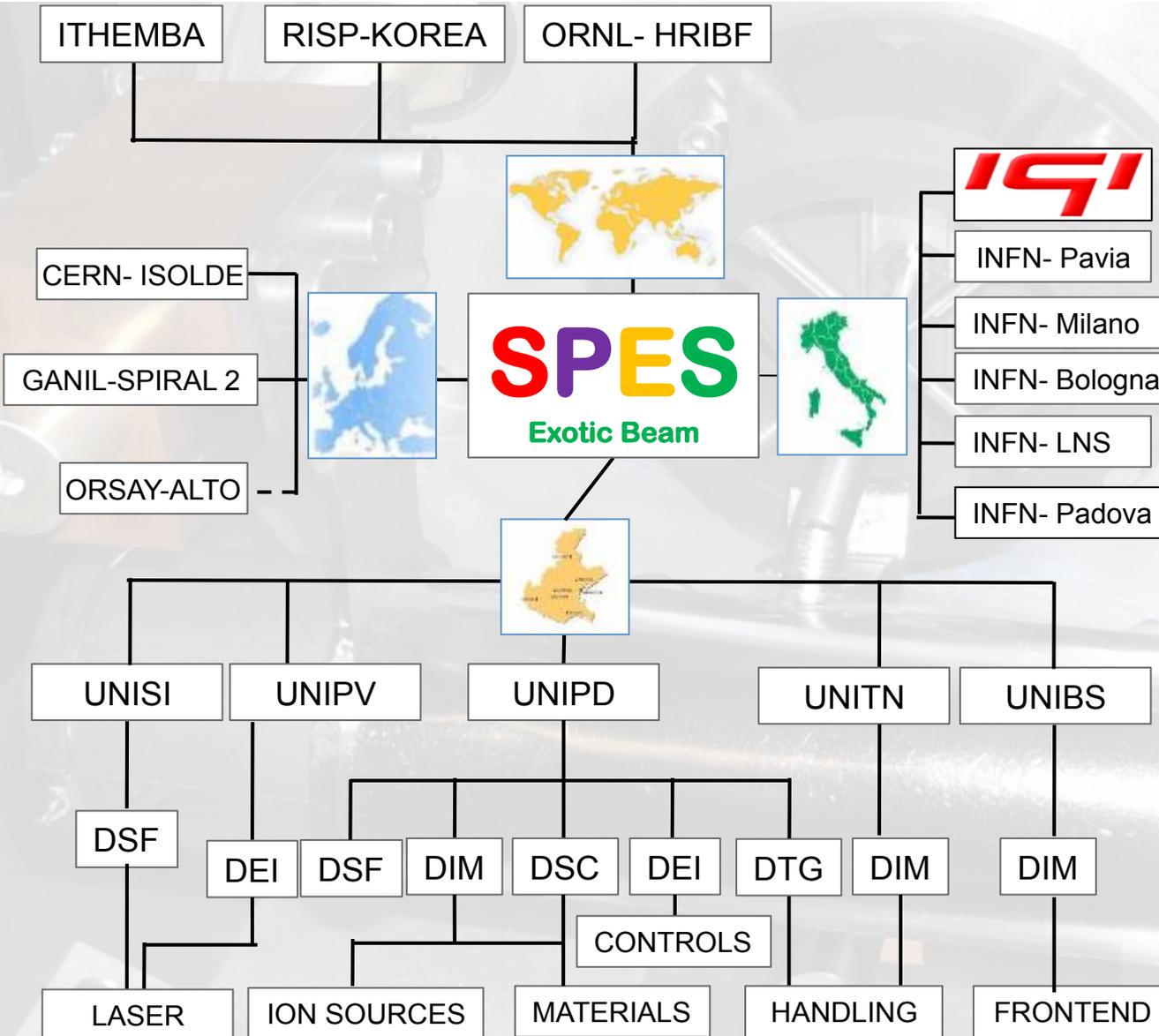


**1<sup>st</sup> SPES RIB**  
**preparatory beam  
for the post-acc.  
phase  
(requested by LOIs)**



High energy LOI beams with dedicated targets (no UCx)

# The collaboration network for SPES-RIB



**ISOLPHARM**  
*SPES exotic beams for medicine*

Primary proton beam, UC target, Ionization source, High-voltage electrode, Diagnosis and therapy, Radiopharmaceuticals production, Substrate to collect isotopes.

**Progetto SPES:**  
Tesi di Laurea e PhD dell' Exotic Beam Team (2005-2016)

Timeline of achievements from Anno 2005 to Anno 2015, showing numerous theses and PhDs awarded to the Exotic Beam Team.

**Thanks for your attention!**

**Few results without them ...**