



# Ion sources and their applications

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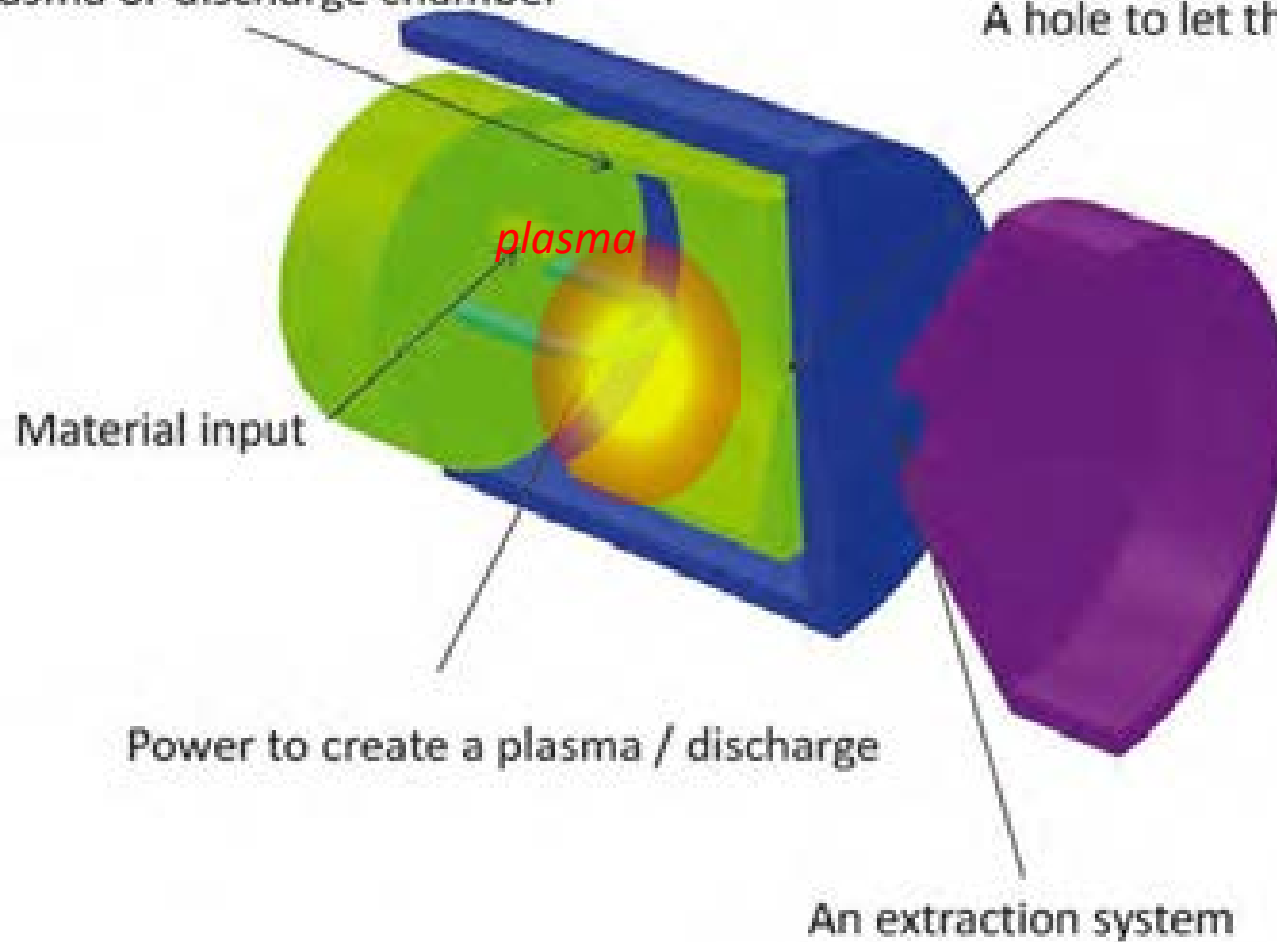
**Dottorato in FISICA DEGLI ACCELERATORI**

**Particle and Photon sources**

## *A simple sketch of an Ion Source*

A plasma or discharge chamber

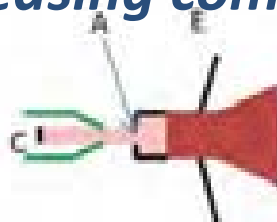
A hole to let the ions out!



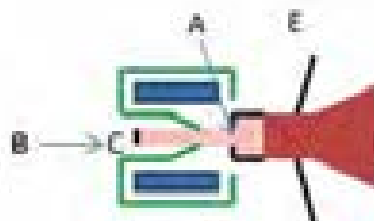


*Demanding requests in terms of intensity/charge states  
need increasing complexity in physics and technology*

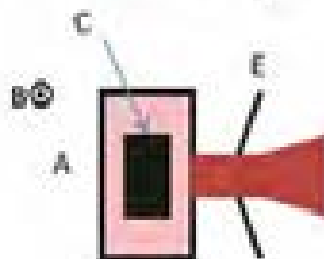
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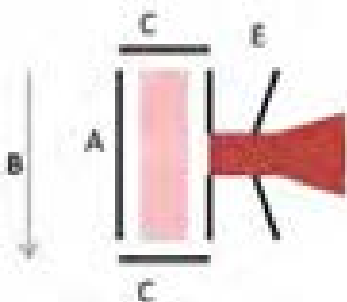
Duoplasmatron



Magnetron



Penning



C: Cathode  
A: Anode  
E: Extraction Electrode  
B: Magnetic field  
: Plasma  
: Beam  
: Magnetic steel

*The role of the magnetic field (hence, of the **MAGNETOPLASMA**) is crucial in the most performing devices*



## Several Ion Sources: “Unicuique Suum”

### Mid/Low Intensity – Multiply Charged

*E.g.: up to several hundreds of  $\mu\text{A}$  of  $\text{Xe}^{34+}$  nA of  $\text{U}^{92+}$   
Request of 1 mA of  $\text{U}^{28+}$ , or 0.5 mA of  $\text{U}^{35+}$*

#### Applications

- **Fundamental Science:** RIBs Facilities  
Atomic Physics (extremely high charge states), Nuclear/Nuclear Astrophysics in Plasmas, Hadrontherapy via C-beams

#### Accelerators types

- **Circular:** Injectors for Cyclotrons, Synchrotrons, Colliders **Linear:** LINACS

#### Most used Ion Sources

- **ECRIS:** Electron Cyclotron Resonance Ion Sources
- **EBIS:** Electron Beam Ion Sources
- **EBIT:** Electron Beam Ion Trap

### High Intensity – Singly Charged (p, H<sup>-</sup>, He)

*E.g.: up to several hundreds of mA of protons; multi-A of H<sup>-</sup>*

#### Applications

- **Applied and Industrial Research:**
  - Spallation Sources
  - ADS – Accelerator Driven Systems
  - Nuclear Fusion Reactors (for NIB – Neutral Beam Injection)

#### Accelerators types

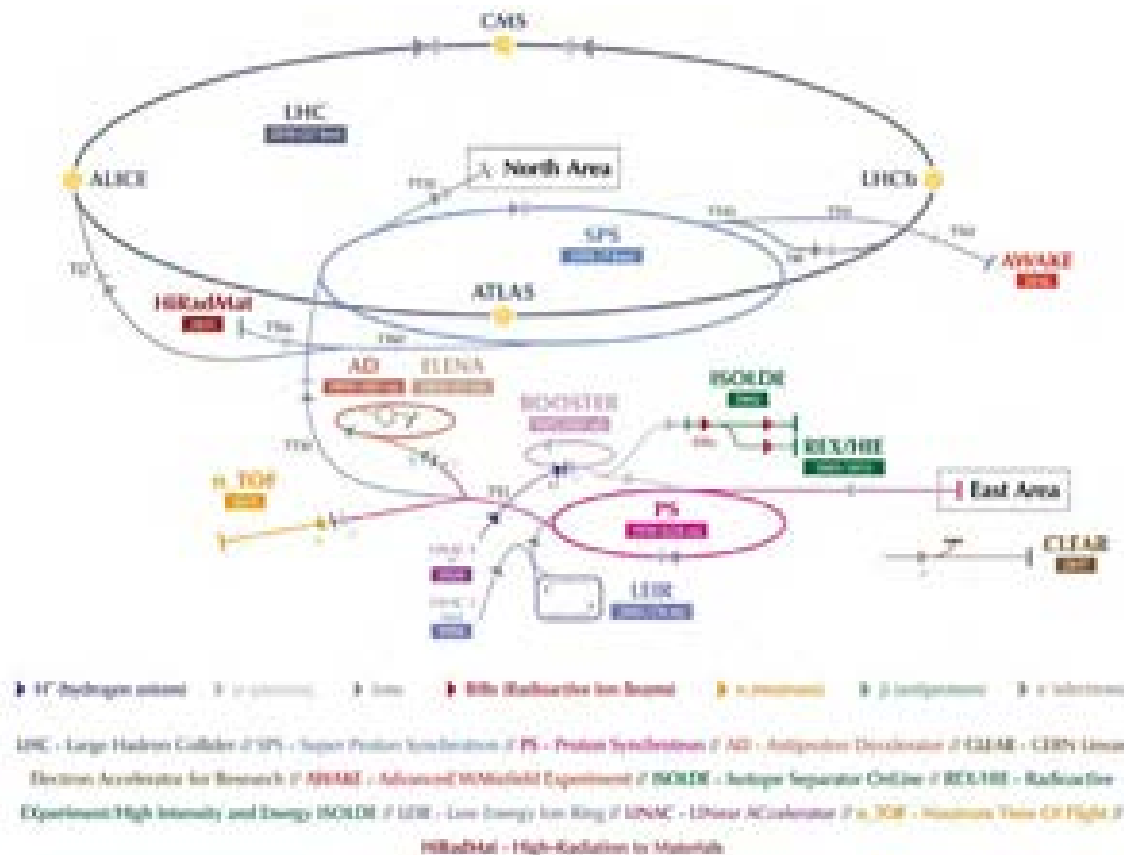
- **Especially Linear:** for ADS, SS
- **Electrostatic (up to 1 MeV):** for Neutral Beam Injection

#### Most used Ion Sources

- **Volume Ion Sources** for H<sup>-</sup>
- **MDIS:** Microwave Discharge Ion Sources (for proton beams)



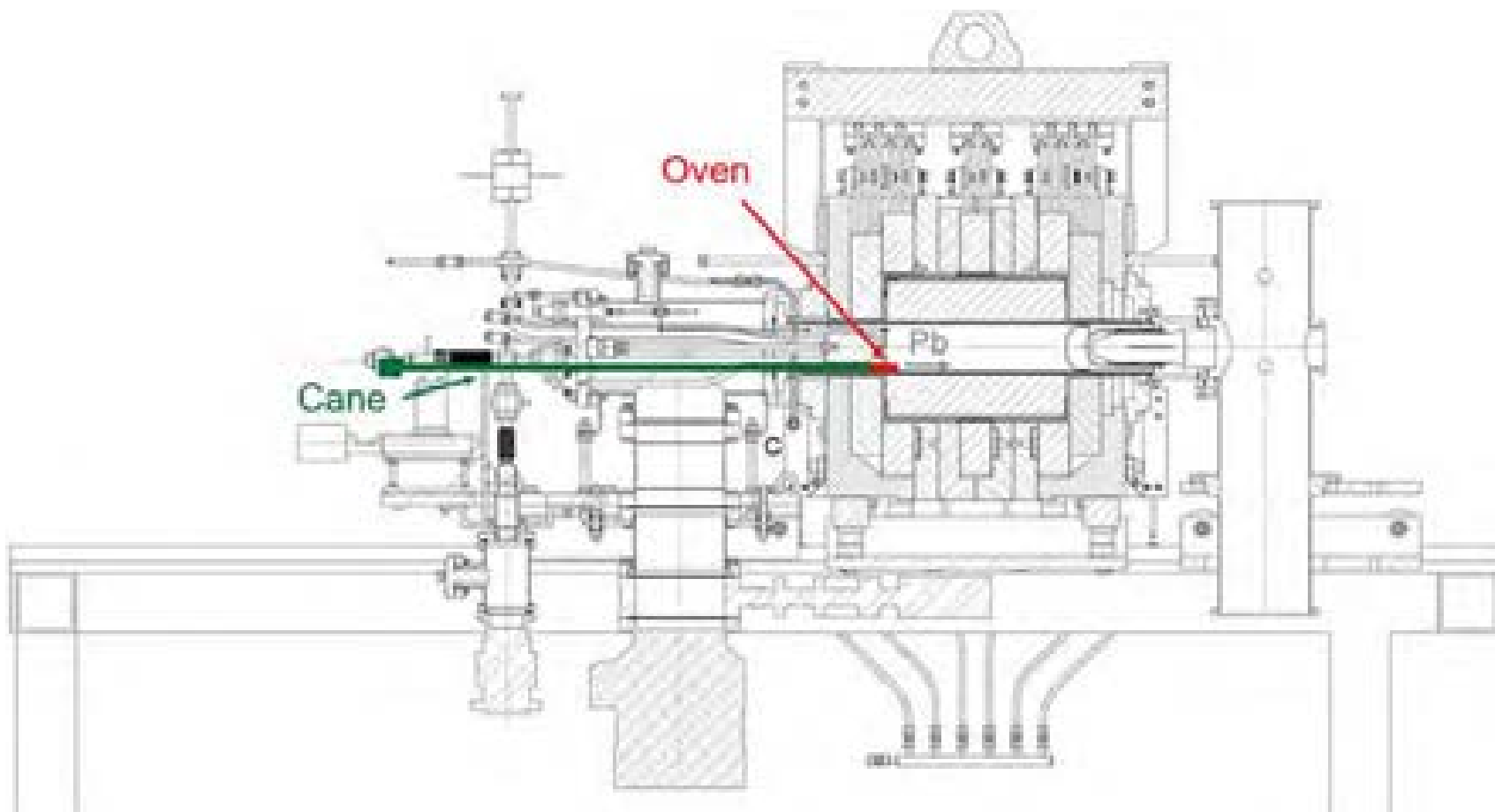
# Big Facilities over the world require intense beams of multiply charge ions



Beam requested from ion source:  
1 emA  $Pb^{27+}$

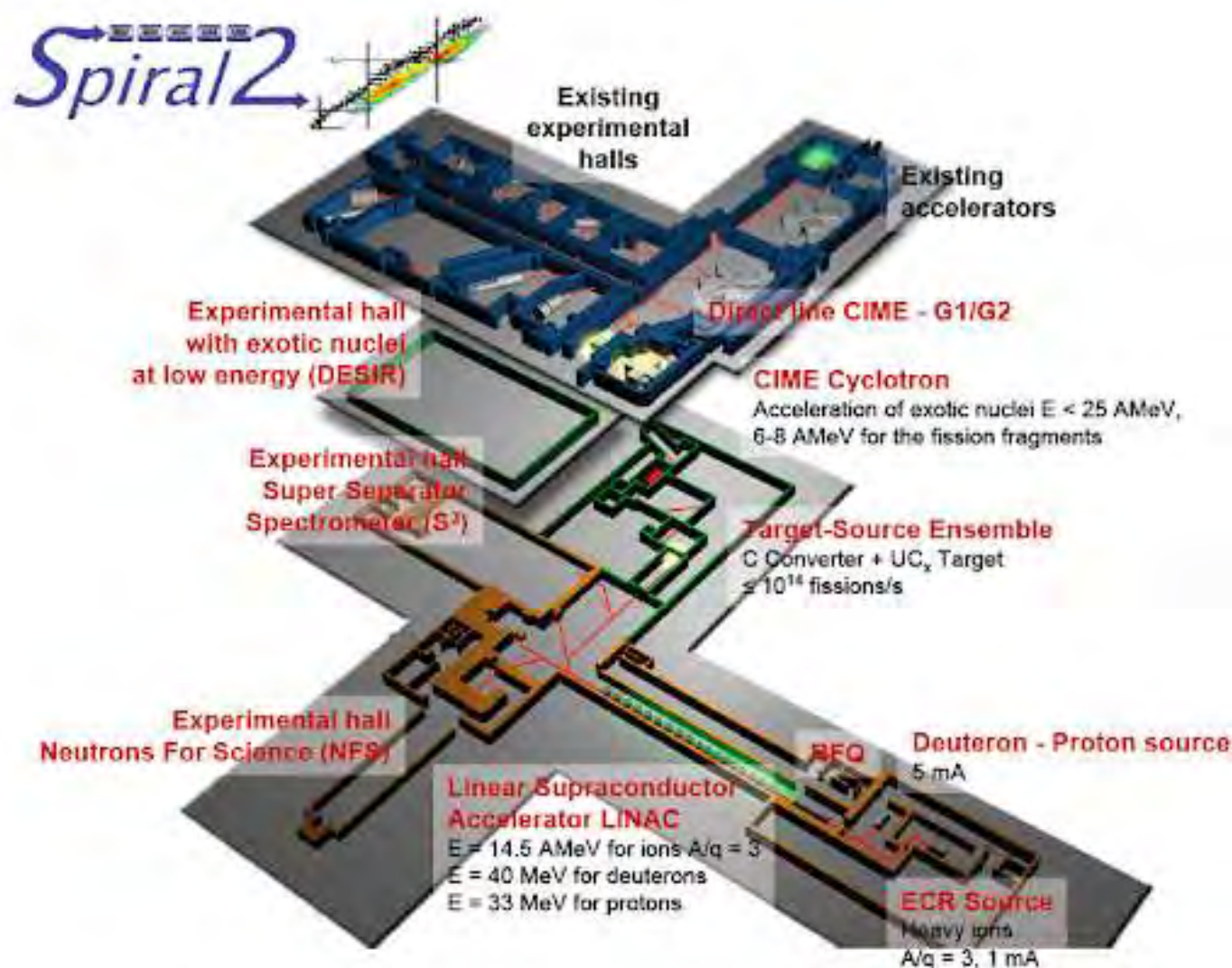
**Main goal:** investigation on origin of the mass (Higgs Boson), evidence of supersymmetry, dark matter and dark energy, matter vs. antimatter, quark-gluon plasma interaction

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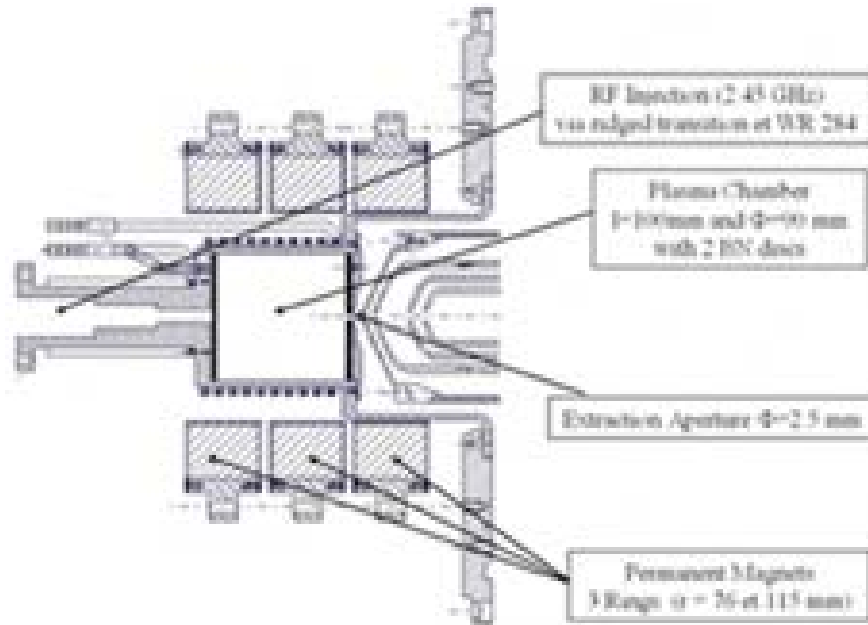
***GTS-LHC ion source***

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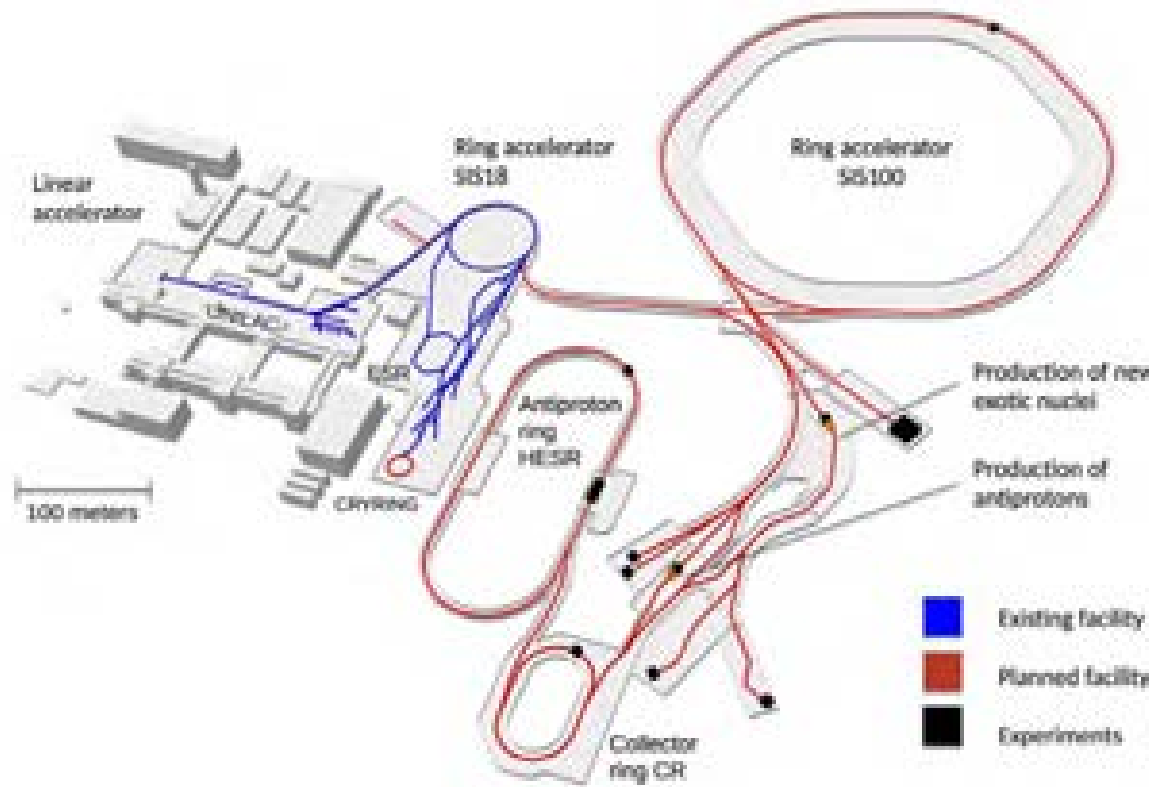
**5 mA Deuteron source**

**PHOENIX ECR ION SOURCE**





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**GSI FAIR** Facility for Antiprotons and Ion Research in Europe GmbH  
GSI Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung

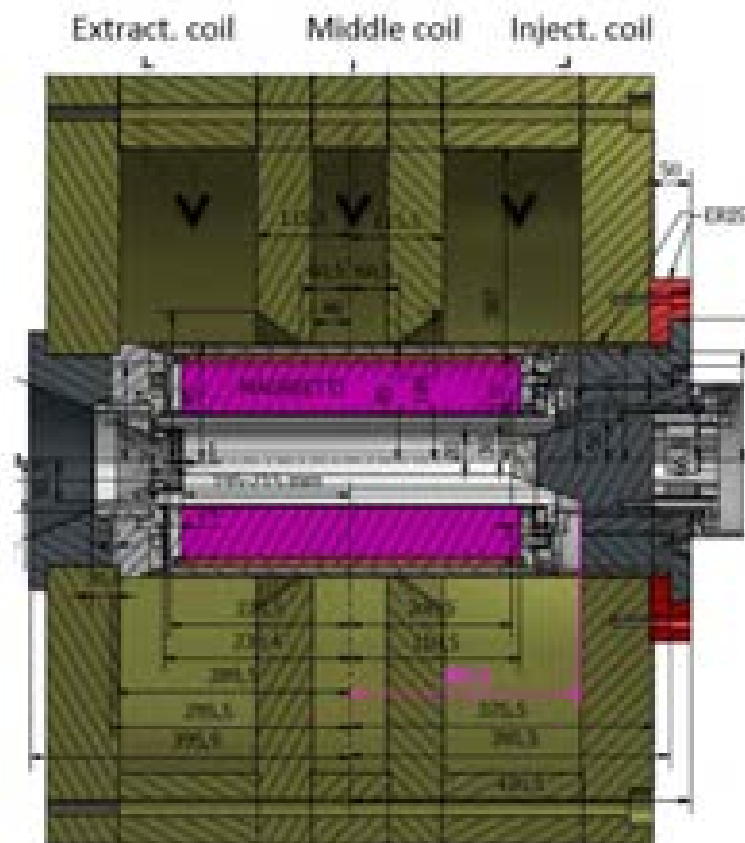
**Rare isotope physics:**  
**1 emA  $U^{28+}$**

**Antiproton physics:**  
**100 emA  $H^+$**

**Accelerator chain:**  
**new proton linac (70 MeV, 70 mA),**  
**SIS18 and SIS 100**

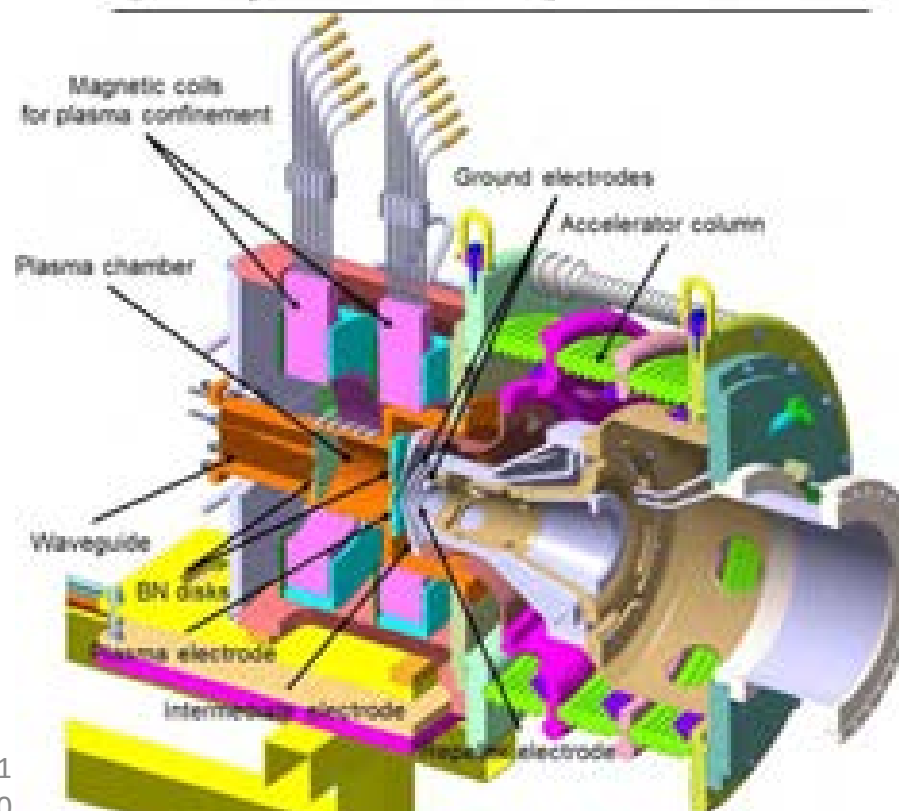
**Main goal:** physics of exotic nuclei, hadronic physics with proton and antiproton collisions, study of relativistic heavy ion reactions (a few tens of AGeV), plasma and atomic physics

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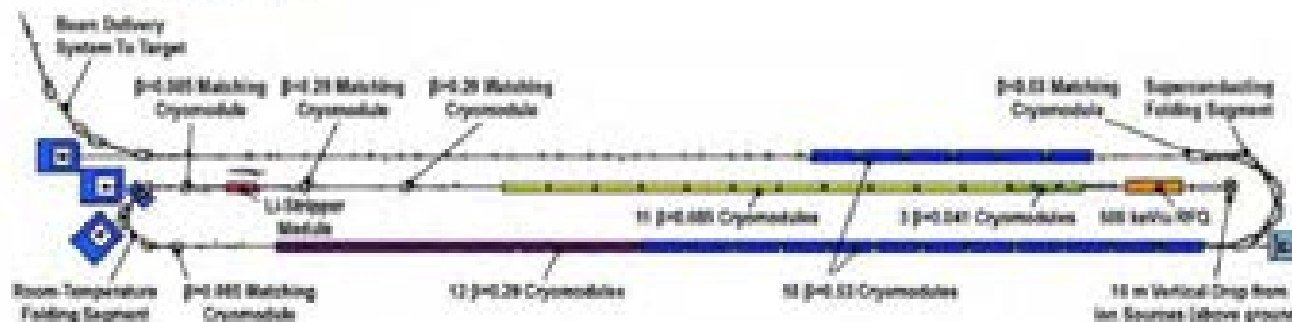
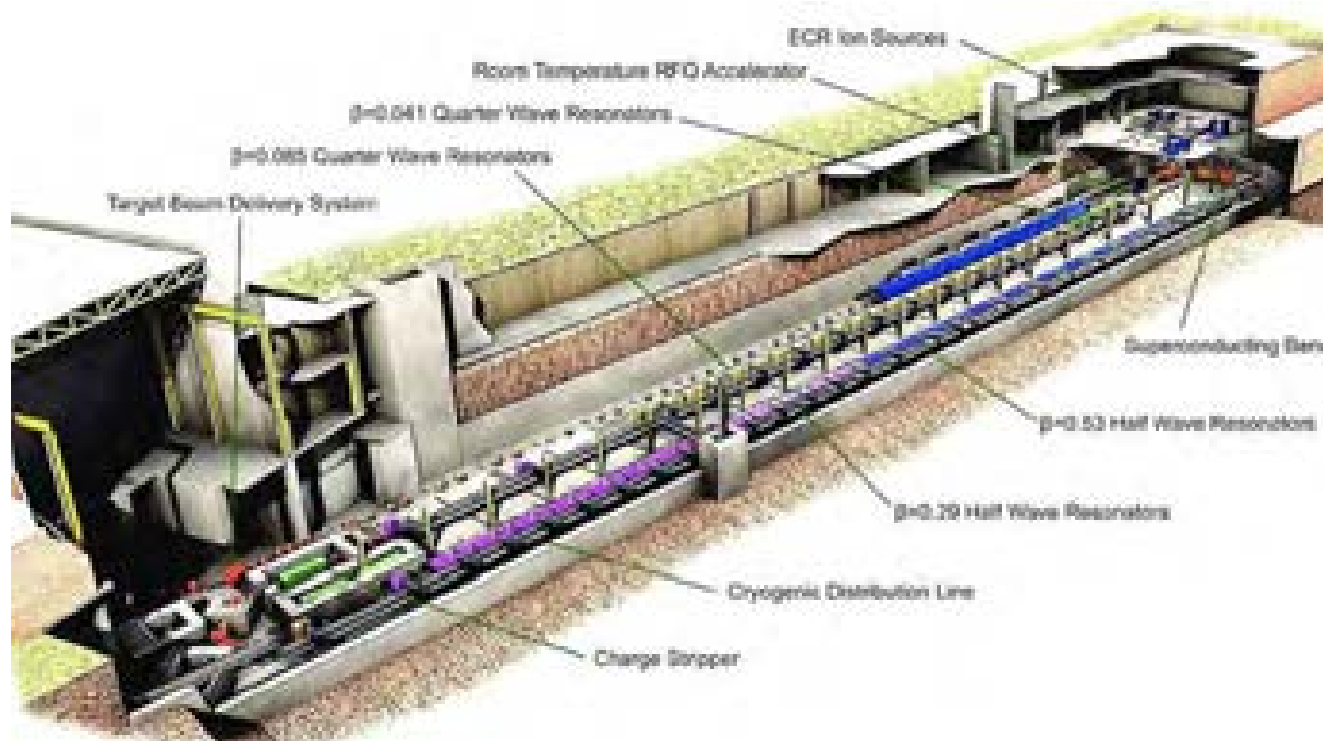
**HIIS ion source  
(JYFL)**

Parameters	Value
Specie	Proton
Energy	95 keV
Intensity	100 mA
Time structure	Pulsed at 4 Hz
Energy spread	< 60 eV
Final emittance	$\leq 0.33 \pi \text{ mm.mrad}$
$\alpha$ Twiss parameter	$0.27 \leq \alpha \leq 0.59$
$\beta$ Twiss parameters	$0.037 \leq \beta \leq 0.046 \text{ mm}/\pi \text{ mrad}$





# Big Facilities over the world require intense beams of multiply charge ions



- Accelerate ion species up to  $^{238}\text{U}$  with energies of no less than 200 MeV/u
- Provide beam power up to 400kW
- Energy upgrade to 400 MeV/u for  $^{238}\text{U}$  by filling vacant slots with 12 SRF cryomodules
- Provisions for ISOL upgrade



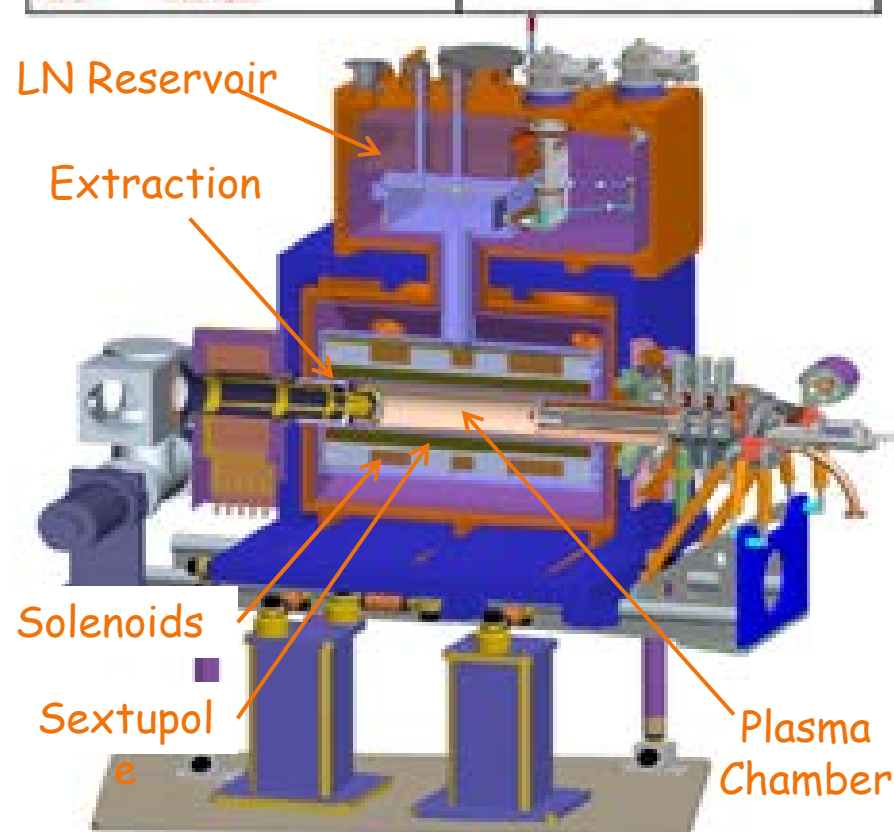
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- Fully superconducting, Niobium-Titanium
- LN Reservoir: 70K, dissipates heat from NC leads
- He Reservoir: 4.2K
- Four two stage GM cryocoolers: 6W@4.2K

Maximum Injection Field, on axis	4.0T
Maximum Extraction Field, on axis	3.0T
Maximum Radial Field, at wall	2.2T
Chamber Diameter	14cm
Chamber Length	48cm
18 GHz Maximum Power	2kW
28 GHz Maximum Power	10kW

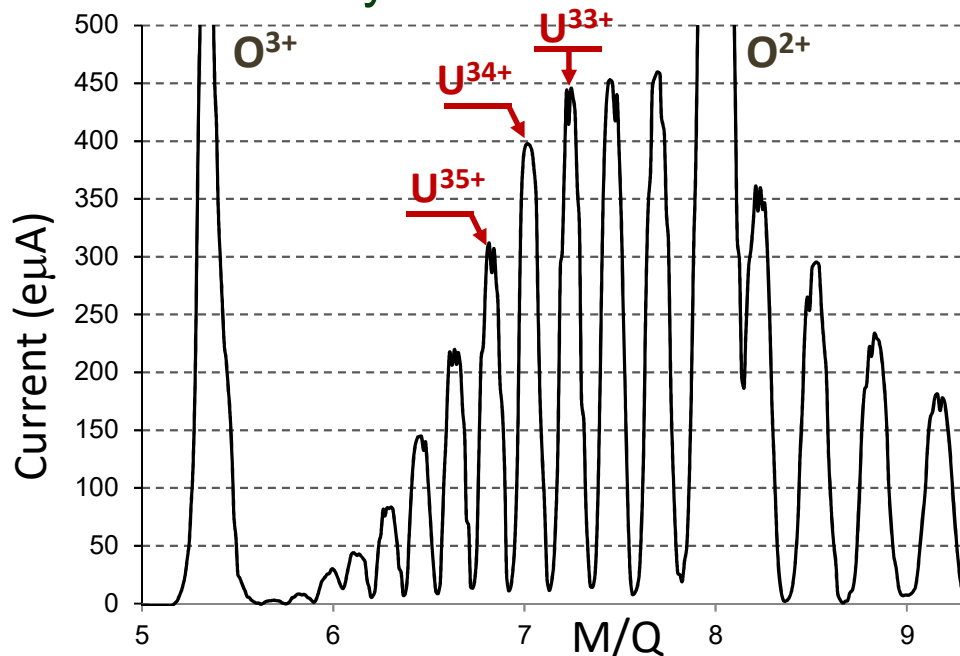
VENUS (18+28GHz) 2006-2008		Re-commissioning VENUS (18+28GHz) 2010	
$Q^{2+}$	2860 eqA	$Xe^{36+}$	480 eqA
$Q^{3+}$	850 eqA	$Xe^{37+}$	411 eqA
$Ar^{12+}$	860 eqA	$Xe^{38+}$	311 eqA
$Ar^{14+}$	270 eqA	$Xe^{39+}$	108 eqA
$Ar^{15+}$	36 eqA	$Xe^{40+}$	38 eqA
$Xe^{27+}$	270 eqA		
$Xe^{28+}$	116 eqA		





# Big Facilities over the world require intense beams of multiply charge ions

## ■ $^{238}\text{U}$ Intensity



### ■ FRIB Requirement

Q <sub>ECR</sub>	I <sub>ECR</sub> (eμA)	I <sub>ECR</sub> (pμA)
33	432	13.1
34	445	13.1

### ■ Beam Measurements with VENUS

Q <sub>ECR</sub>	I <sub>ECR</sub> (eμA)	I <sub>ECR</sub> (pμA)
33	443	13.42
34	400	11.76

## ■ Up to 8.3 kW Coupled to the VENUS ECR ion source

- 28 GHz from gyrotron: 6.5 kW injected out of 10kW
- 18 GHz from Klystron: 1.8kW (Maximum available)

## ■ Total extracted current exceeded 9 eμA for a transmission of 55%

## ■ High intensity production was maintained for about 10 hours.

## ■ New record beam intensity obtained with VENUS exceeds for U33+ the intensity needed to reach 400kW on target by accelerating only one charge state

## ■ Beam emittance 95% within FRIB requirement (0.9pi.mm.mrad)



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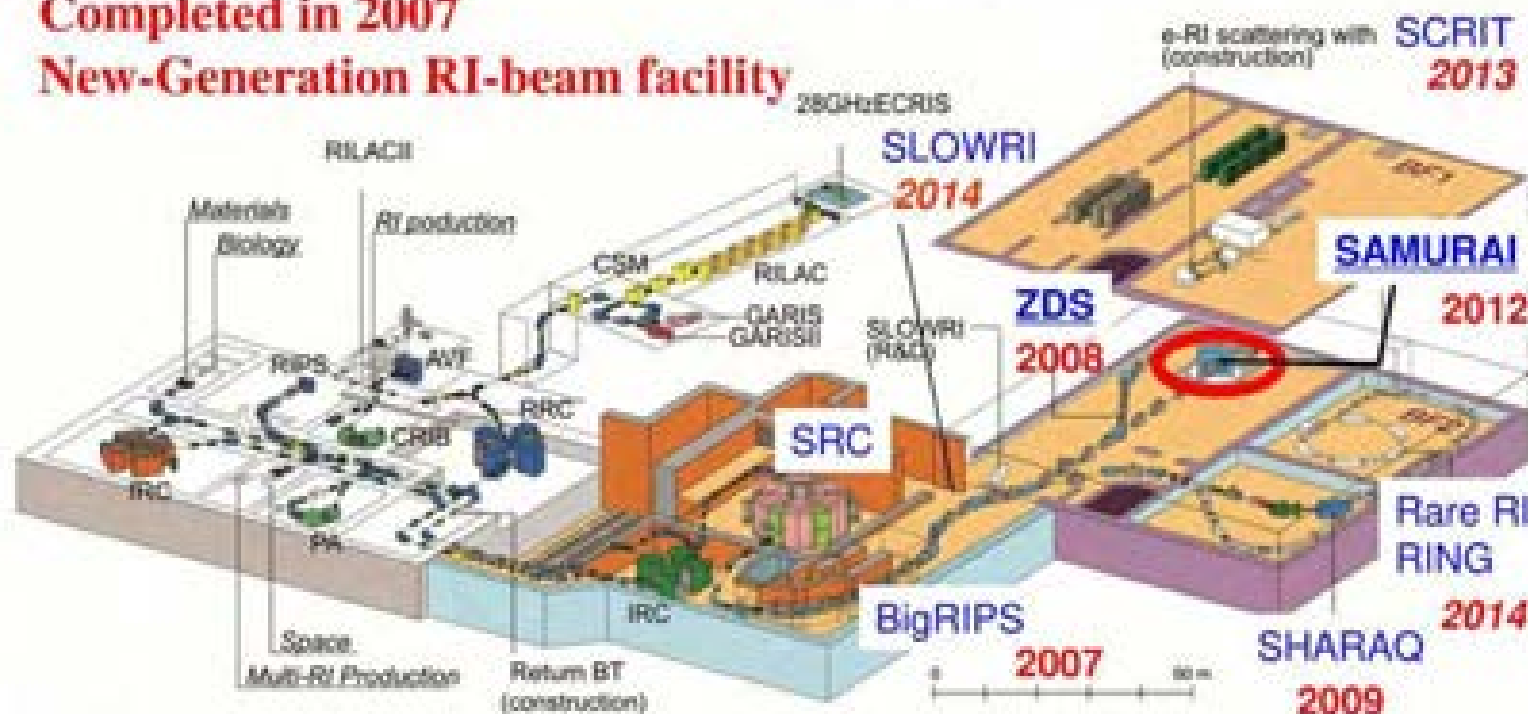
## RIKEN RI Beam Factory (RIBF)

**Completed in 2007**

**New-Generation RI-beam facility**



0.525 emA  $U^{35+}$



**SRC:** World Largest Cyclotron (K=2500 MeV)

Heavy Ion Beams up to  $^{238}\text{U}$  at 345MeV/u (Light Ions up to 440MeV/u)

eg.

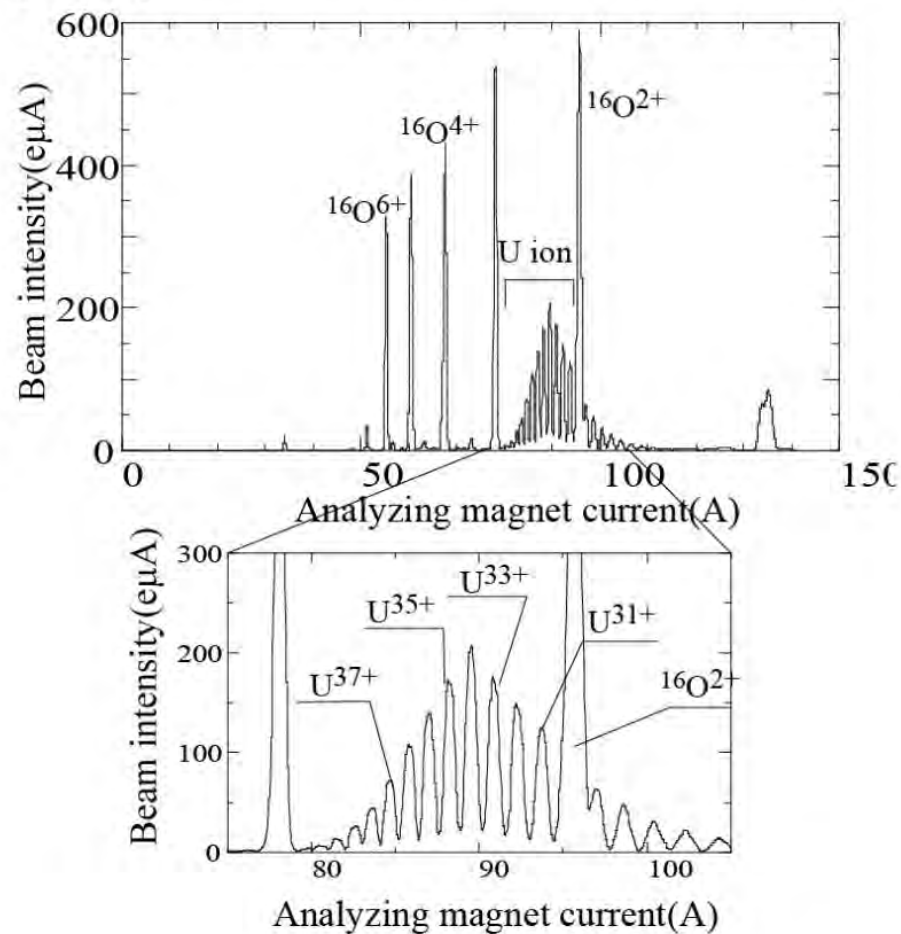
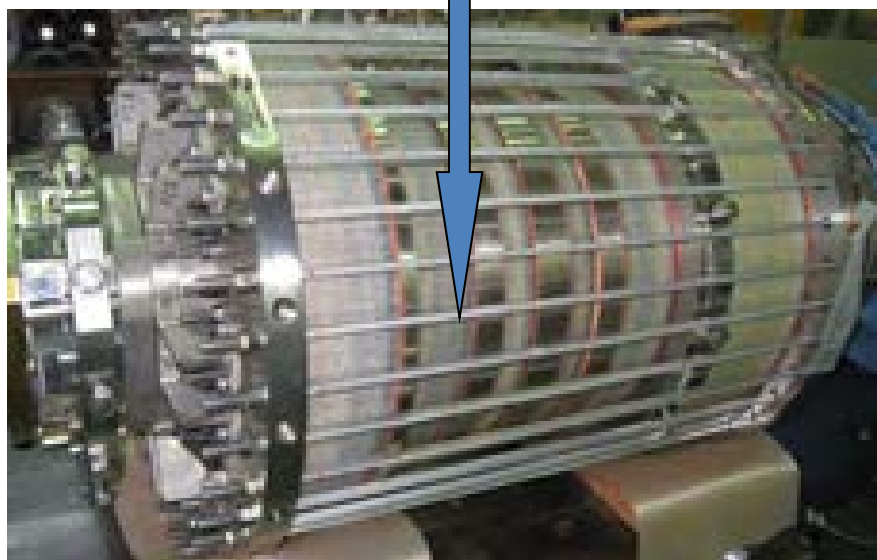
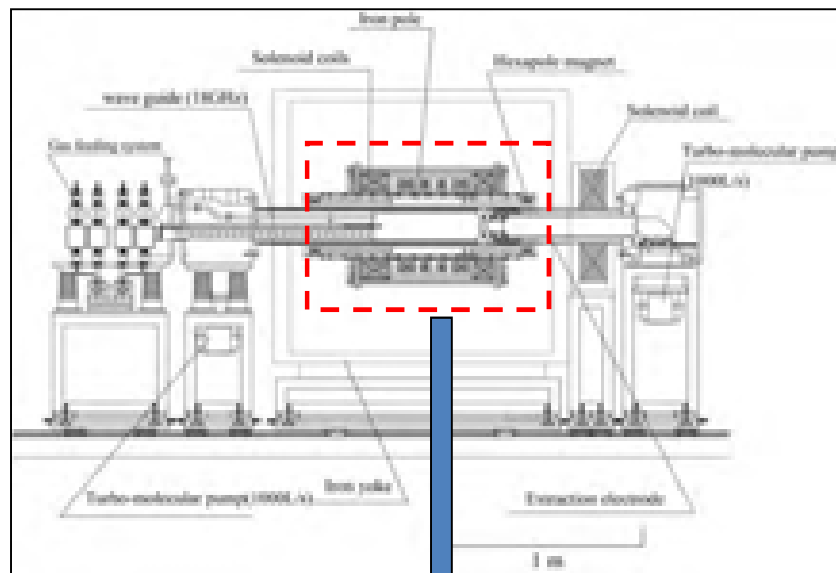
$^{48}\text{Ca}$  beam (345 MeV/nucleon) ~200pnA (250pnA max.)  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ :~500pnA 2014

$^{238}\text{U}$  beam (345 MeV/nucleon) ~12pnA (15pnA max.)  $^{238}\text{U}$ : ~ 30 pnA 2015

**Increasing Year by Year!**



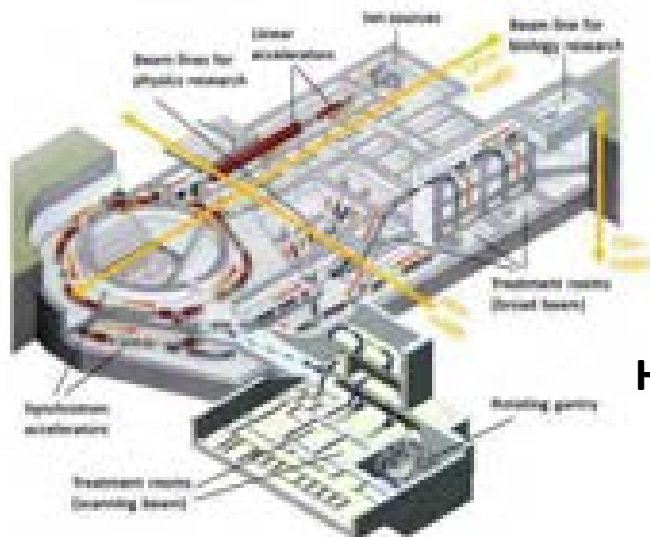
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HIMAC



National Institute for Quantum and Radiological Science and Technology  
QST Hospital (former NIRS Hospital)

0,5 emA  $C^{4+}$

fondazione **CNAO**  
Centro Nazionale di Adroterapia Oncologica per il trattamento dei tumori





## *Big Facilities over the world require intense beams of multiply charge ions*



- Very simple source with just a few parameters to set, important for installation in hospital environment.

- Currents limited by the limited power sustainable and from the rigid magnetic field structure.
- Lack of space in extraction to further optimize the extraction system



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# High power proton accelerator for Spallation



## Key parameters:

- 2.86 ms pulses
- 2 GeV
- 62.5 mA
- 14 Hz
- Protons (H<sup>+</sup>)
- Low losses
- Low heat loss cryostats for minimum energy consumption
- Flexible design for future upgrades

## Design Parameters:

High Average Beam Power 5 MW

High Peak Beam Power 125 MW

High Availability > 95%

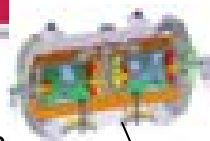




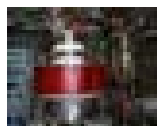
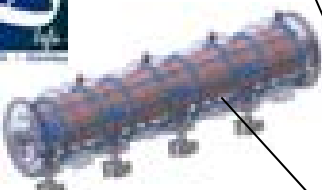
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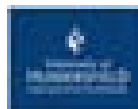
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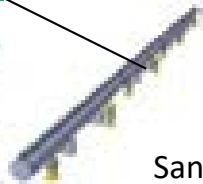
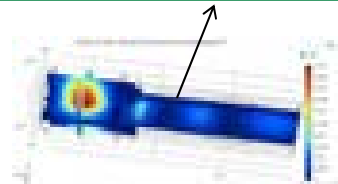


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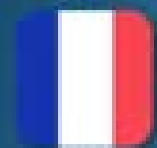
The National Center for Nuclear Research, Swierk



Santo Gammino



## 17 nations committed to build ESS



Cash contributions  
from Sweden, Denmark  
and Norway

50% of construction and  
20% of operations costs

In-kind contributions  
from the other  
14 nations

**Construction cost: 1843 M€**

**Operation cost: 140 M€**

**Decommissioning cost: 177 M€**





# *Boosting neutron science for fundamental physics and applications*

**Charge neutral**  
deeply penetrating

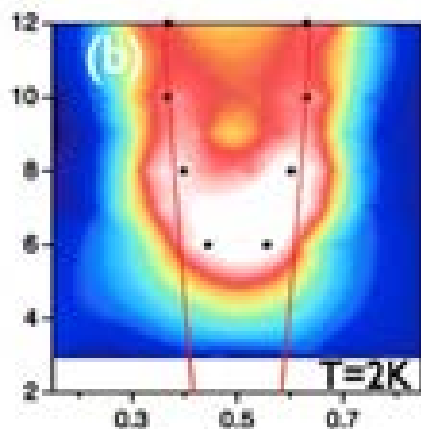


Li motion in fuel cells



Help build electric cars

**$S=1/2$  spin**  
probe directly magnetism

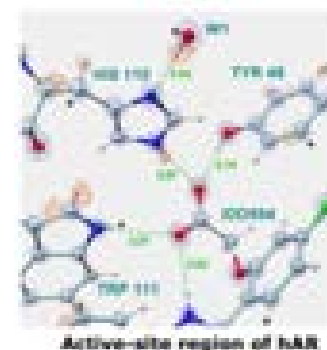


Solve the puzzle of High- $T_c$   
superconductivity



Efficient high speed trains

**Nuclear scattering**  
sensitive to light elements  
and isotopes

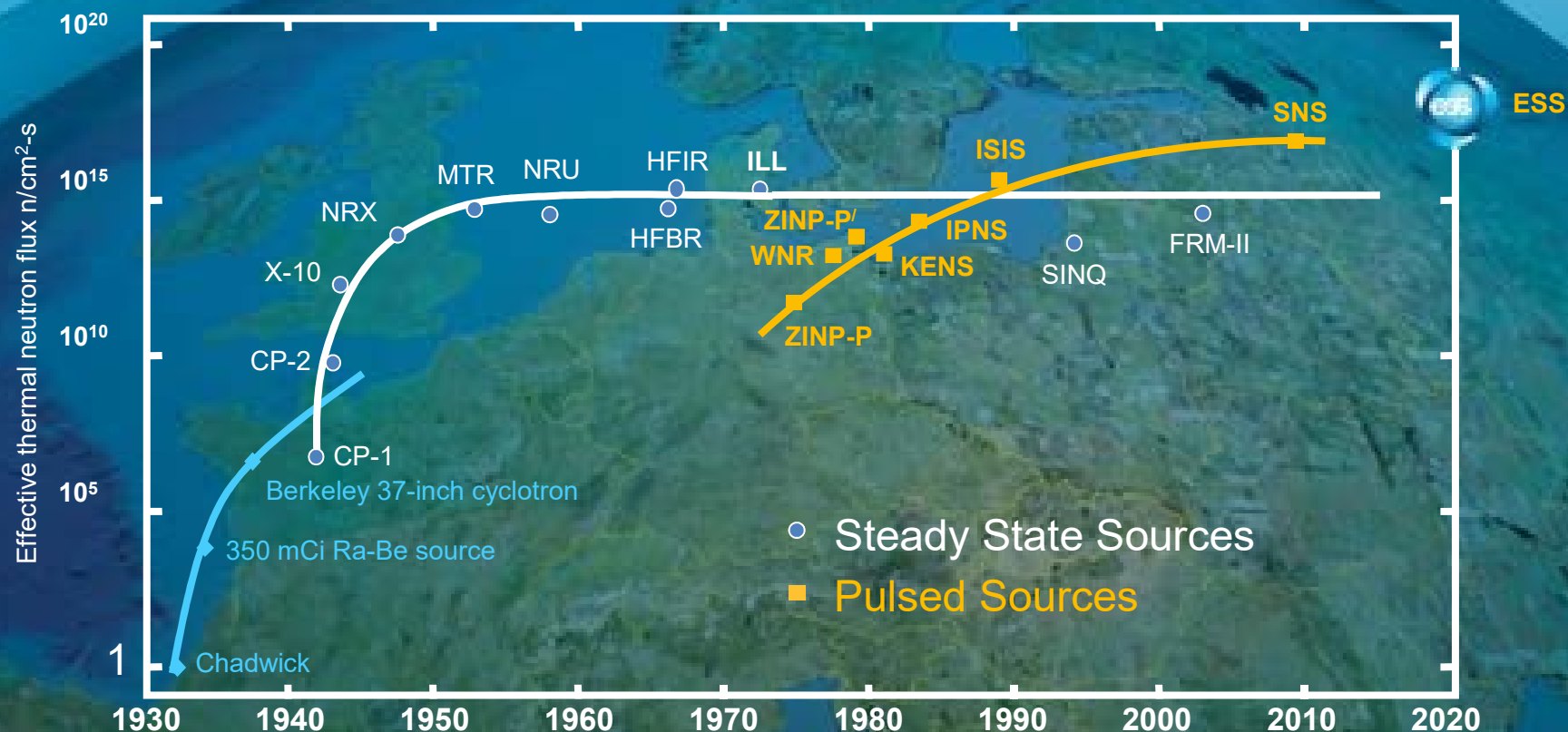


Active sites in proteins



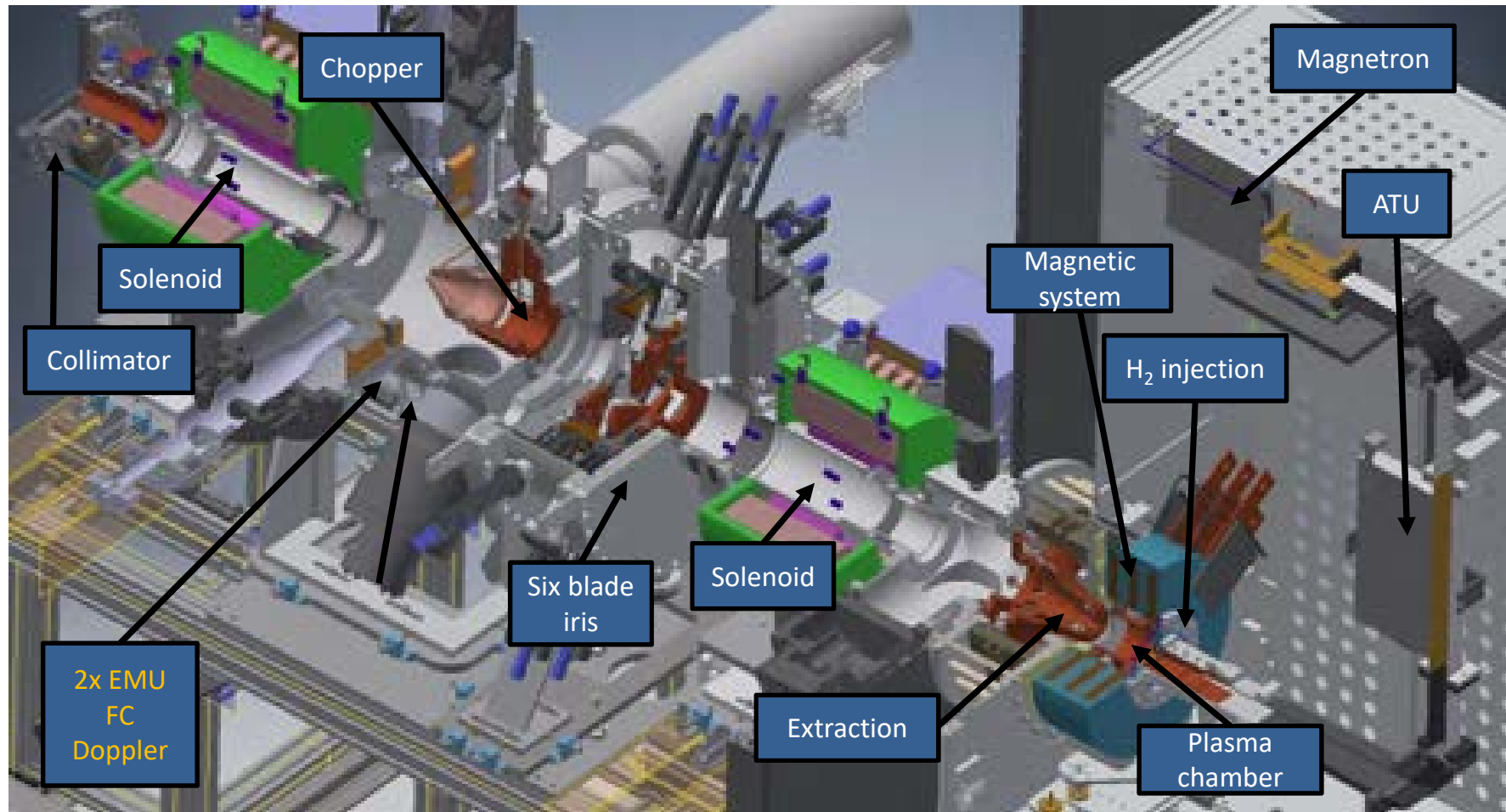
Better drugs

## ESS - Bridging the neutron gap



(Updated from *Neutron Scattering*, K. Skold and D. L. Price, eds., Academic Press, 1986)

## *ESS ion source*



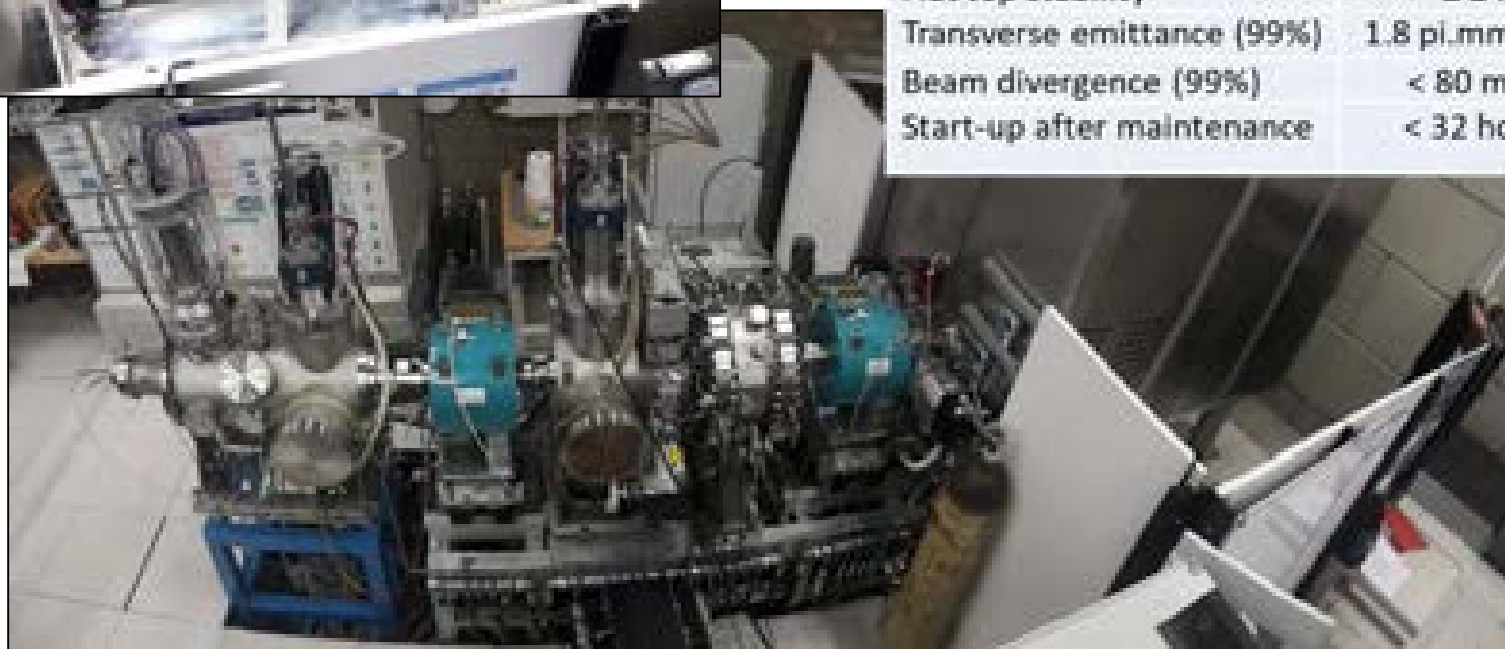


## *ESS ion source*

Source

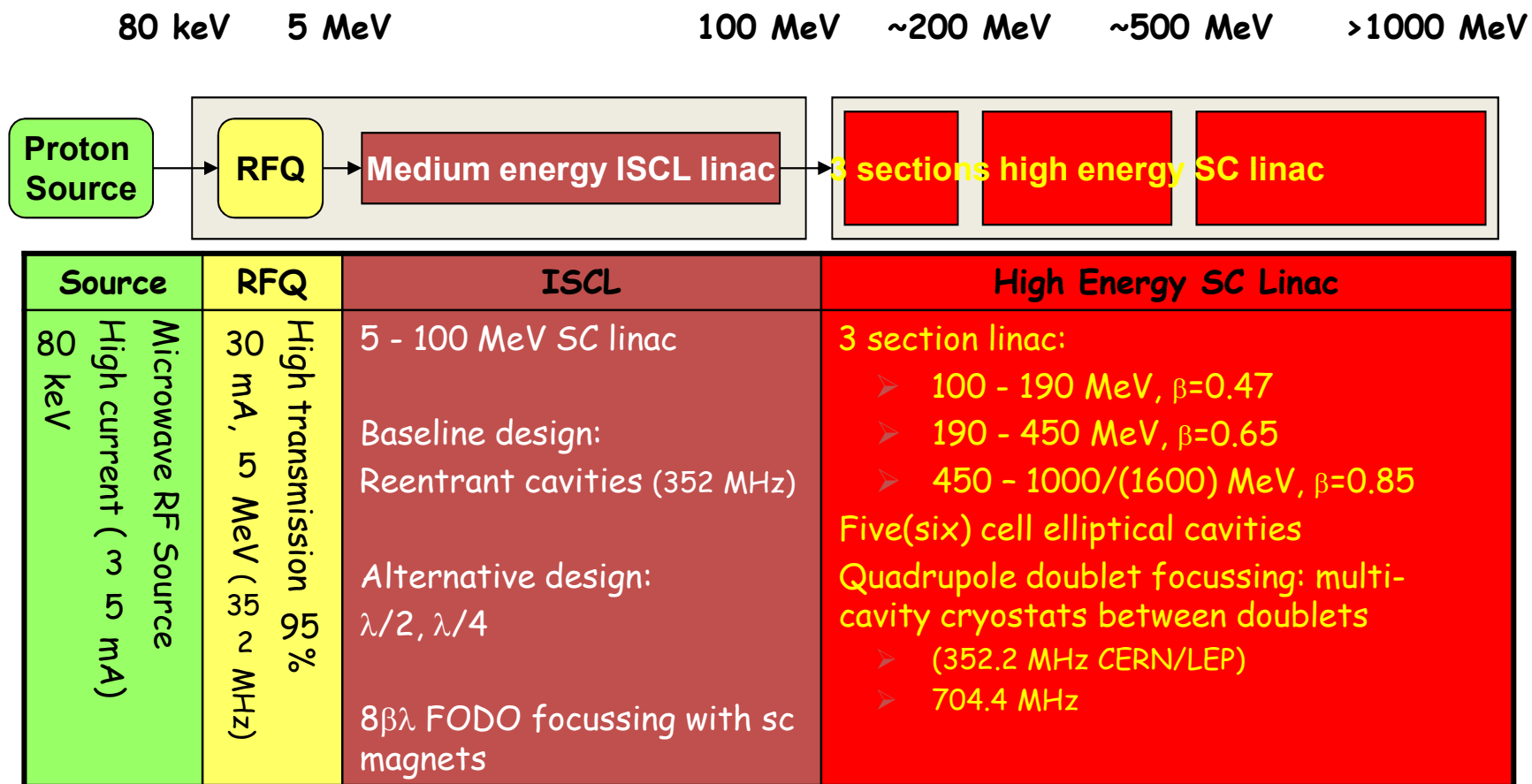


Requirement	Value
Beam energy	$75 \pm 5$ keV
Energy adjustment	$\pm 0.01$ keV
Total beam current	$> 90$ mA
Proton beam current	74 mA
Proton beam current range	6.7 - 74 mA
Resolution	1.6 mA
Proton fraction	$> 75\%$
Pulse length	6 ms
Pulse flat top	3 ms
Repetition rate	14 Hz
Pulse to pulse stability	$\pm 3.5 \%$
Flat top stability	$\pm 2 \%$
Transverse emittance (99%)	1.8 pi.mm.mrad
Beam divergence (99%)	$< 80$ mrad
Start-up after maintenance	$< 32$ hours





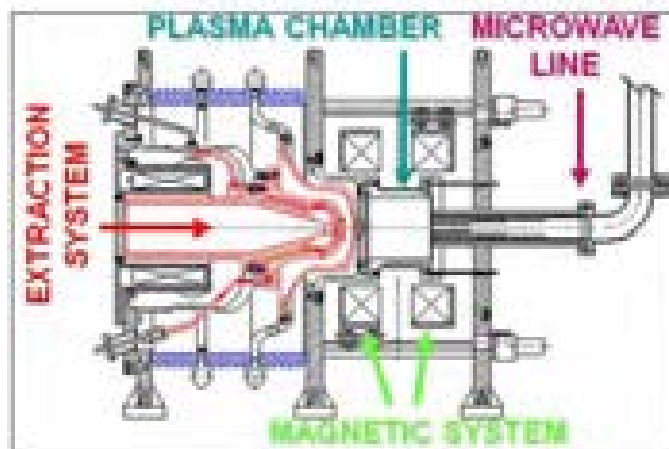
# Accelerator Driven Systems



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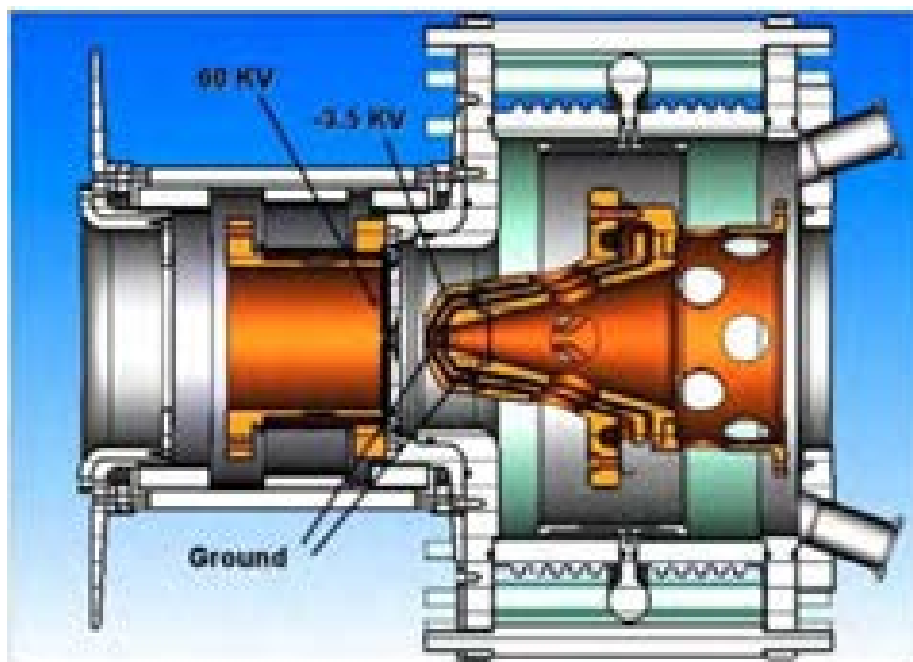
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## TRIPS - VIS



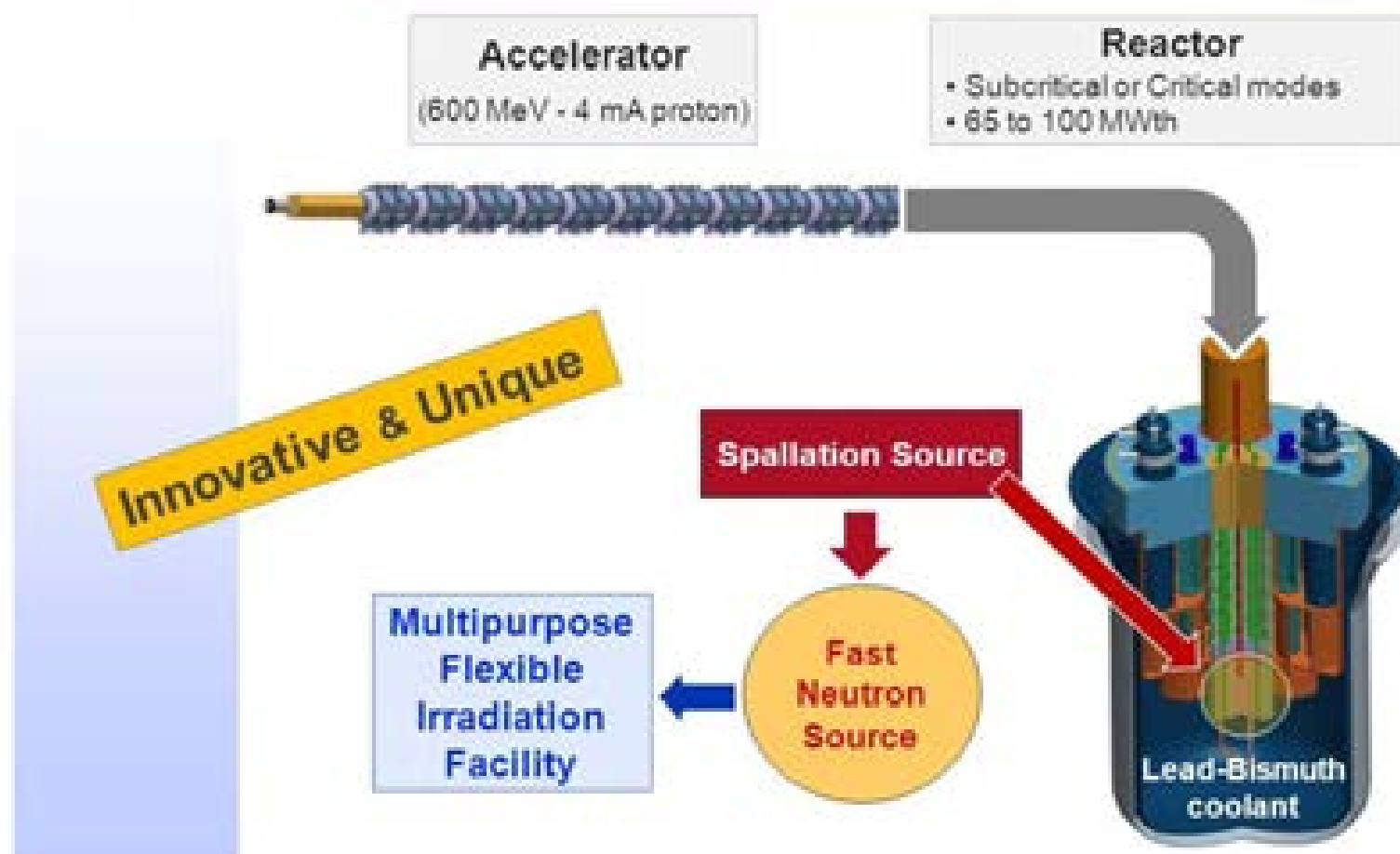
TRIPS

VIS



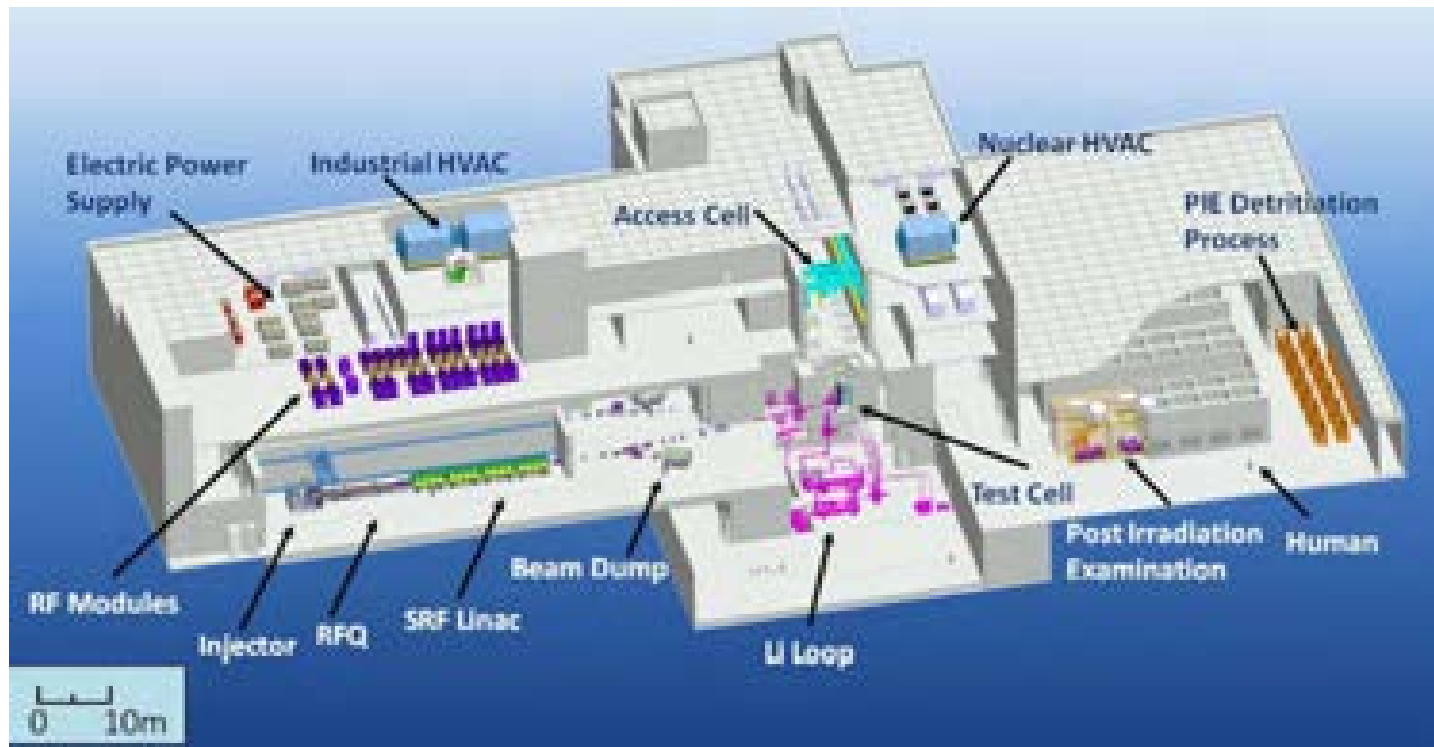
Performance	Value
Beam energy	80 Kev
Proton beam current	55 mA
Proton fraction	≈80%
RF frequency	2.45 GHz
RF power	Up to 1 kW
Axial magnetic field	875-1000 G
Duty factor	100 % (DC)
Extraction aperture	6 mm
Reliability	99.8% @ 35 mA
Transverse emittance ( $\sigma$ )	0.07 pi.mm.mrad @ 35 mA
Start-up after maintenance	32 hours

## MYRRHA - Accelerator Driven System



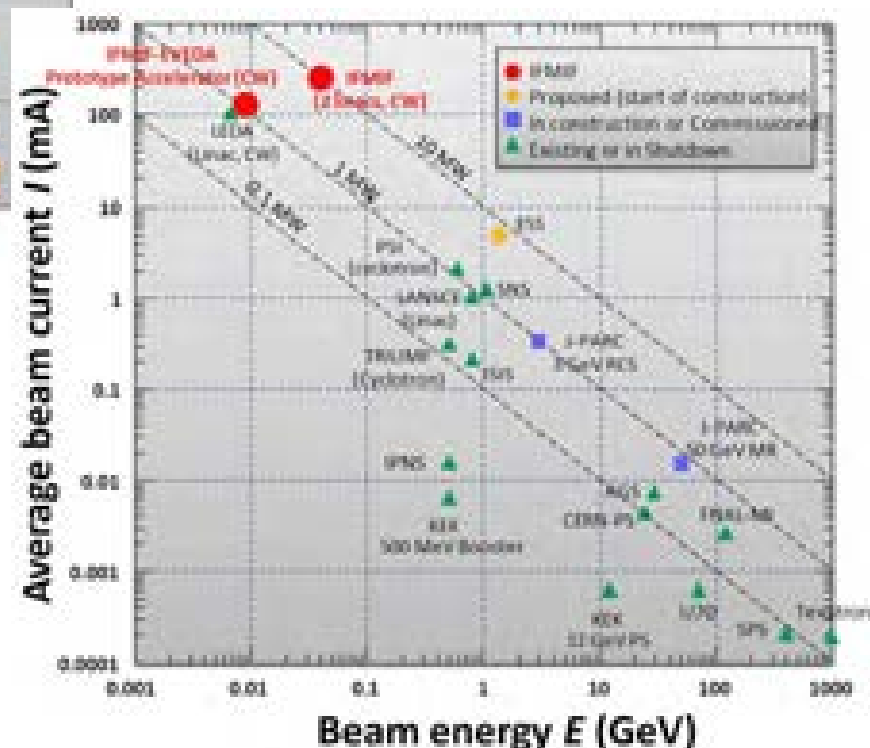


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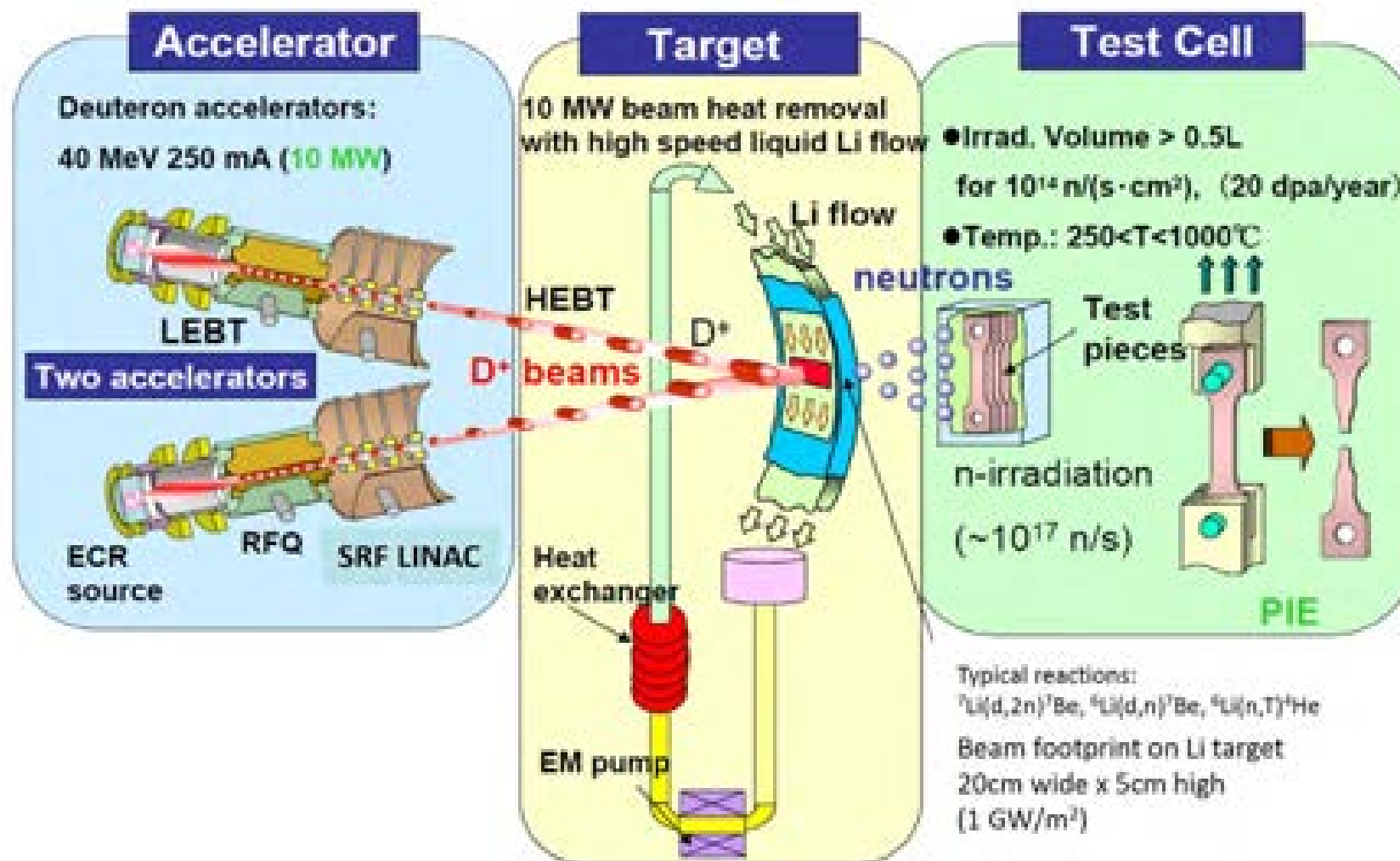


**Main goal:** IFMIF (International Fusion Materials Irradiation Facility) is a neutron source aimed at qualifying the materials necessary for the design and licensing of a DEMOstration plant and a Fusion Power Plant.

***It has to generate a fusion reactor relevant radiation environment!!!***



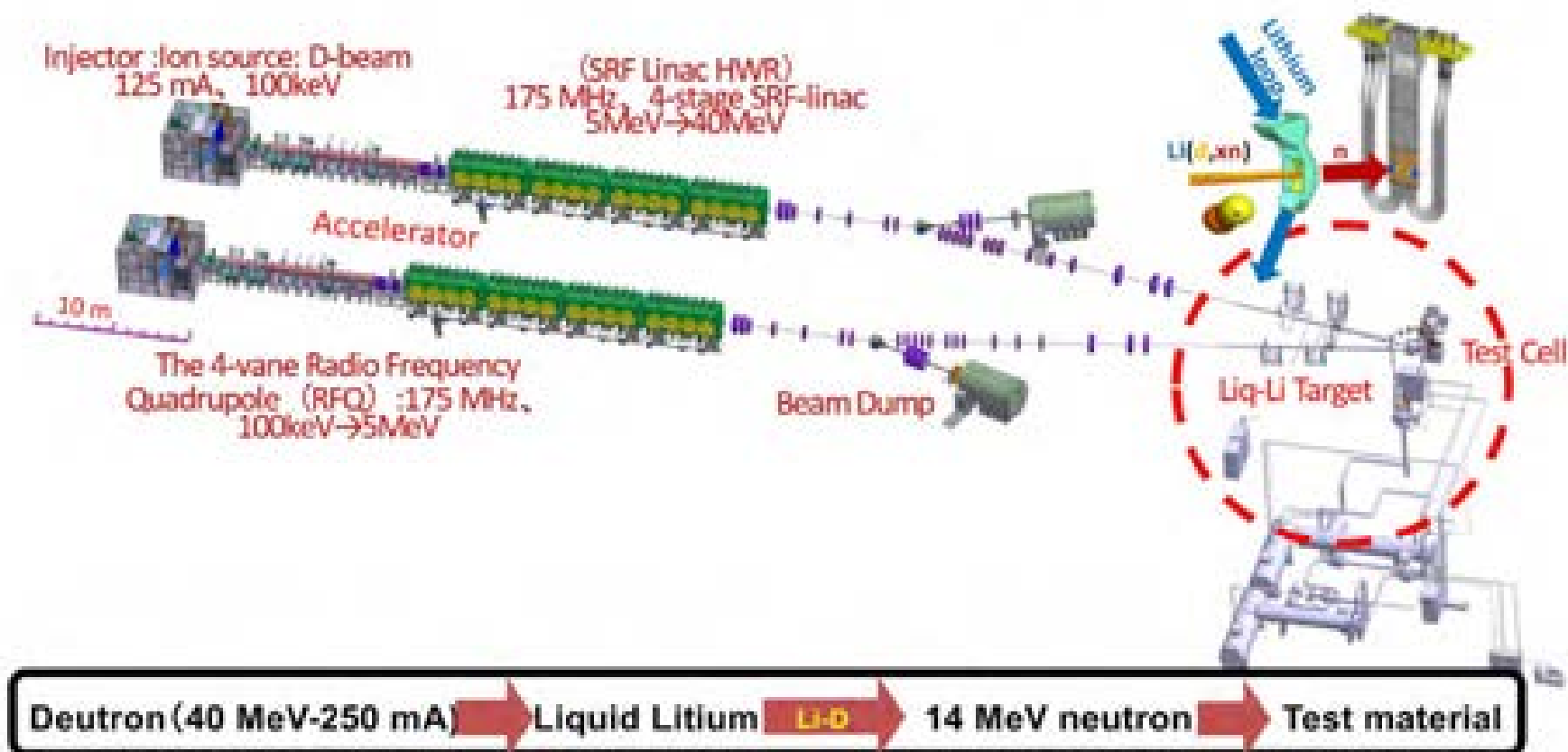
## IFMIF principles





# International Fusion Materials Irradiation Facility

IFMIF consists of two deuteron linear accelerators, free surface liquid lithium target, test cell, and the post irradiation examination facility.

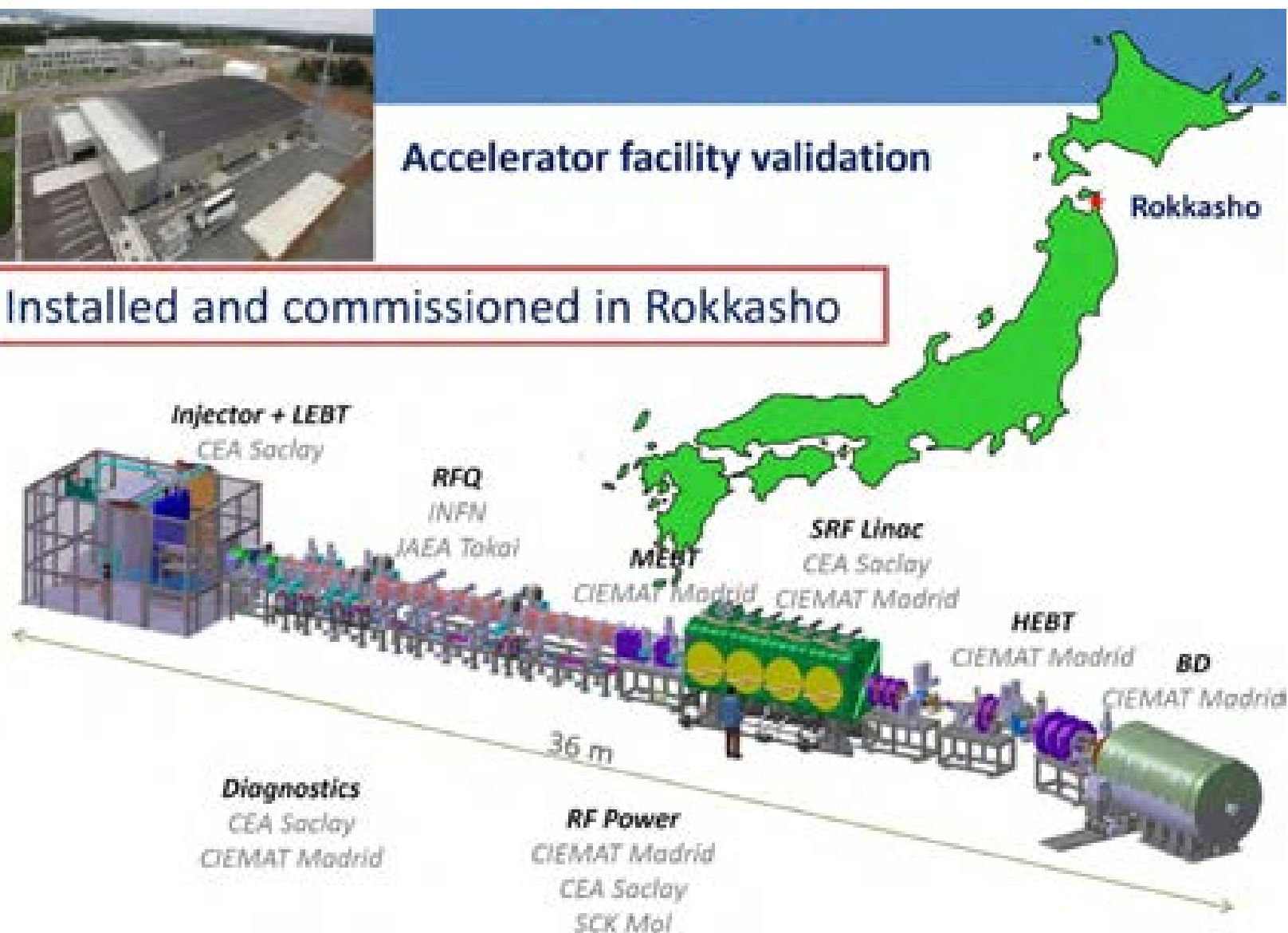




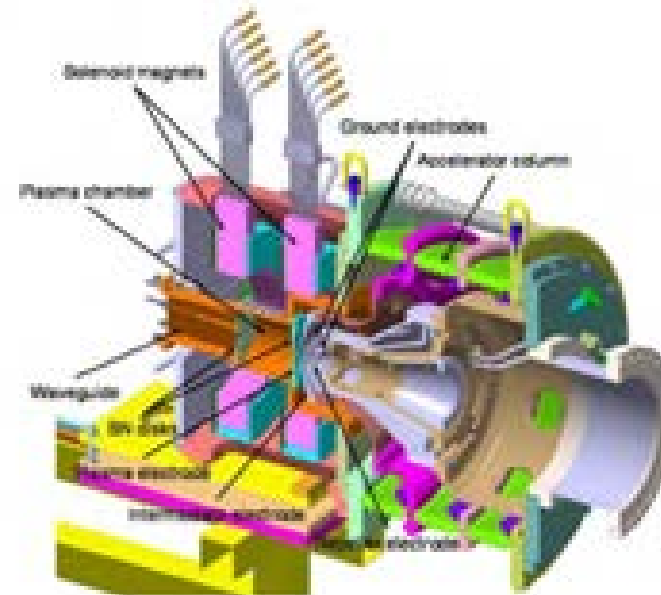


Accelerator facility validation

Installed and commissioned in Rokkasho



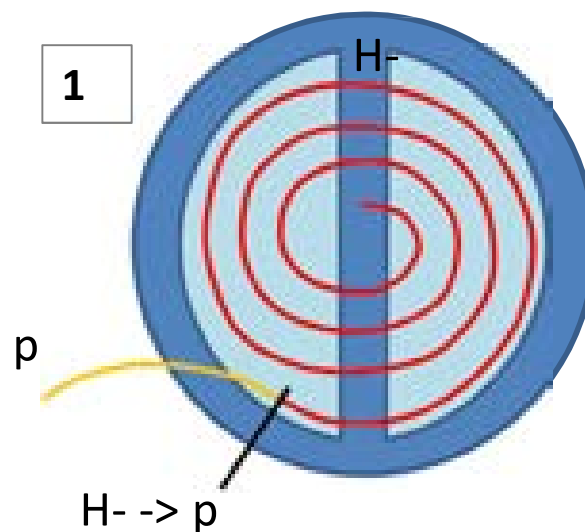
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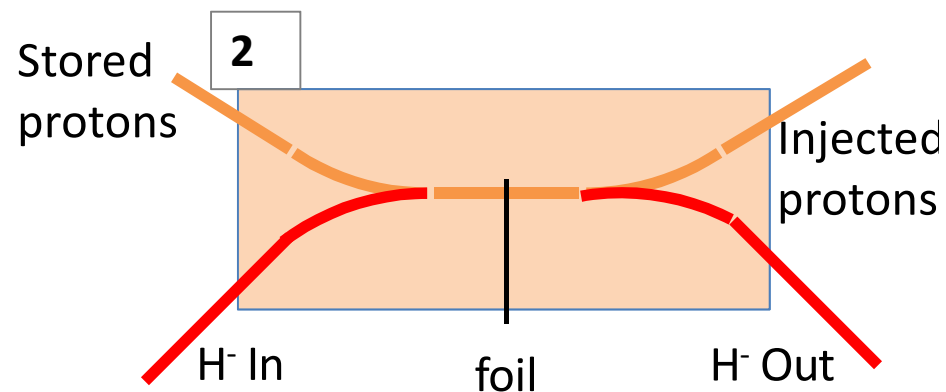
- 100 kV, >140 mA, <0.3 $\pi$  mm.mrad (initial target)
- 5 electrodes system with secondary electrons repeller .  
(plasma electrode, intermediate electrode, 2 ground electrodes and repeller electrode)

# Sometime Negative ions are required: Why?

**1. Extraction** (from cyclotrons): *Charge exchange process used for positive ion extraction*



**2. Injection** (to synchrotron): *Negative ion are needed to facilitate injection into storage rings via charge-exchange process.*





## Sometime Negative ions are required: Why?

### 3. High Energy Neutral Beams production for fusion devices (Magnetic Confinement Fusion)

*Heat plasma by high-energy neutral particles stripping to neutrals that can enter the magnetic confinement. Particles get ionized by the collision with the plasma, confined there and transfer their energy through collisions.*

*Tangential injection → provide momentum and current drive*



### ITER Requirements - Three external heating sources to provide 50 MW of input heating power to bring the plasma to the temperature necessary for fusion

- *Two NBI each one delivering 16.5 MW with 1 MeV particle energy: the idea is to use negative ions that passing pass through a cell containing gas where they recover their missing electron and can be injected as fast neutrals into the plasma.*
- *Ion Cyclotron Resonance Heating (ICRH) : 20 MW power is transferred to the ions in the plasma by a high-intensity beam of EM radiation from 40 to 55 MHz.*
- *Electron Cyclotron Resonance Heating (ECRH): 24 MW of EM radiation at a frequency of 170 GHz (resonant frequency of electrons) heat plasma electrons.*



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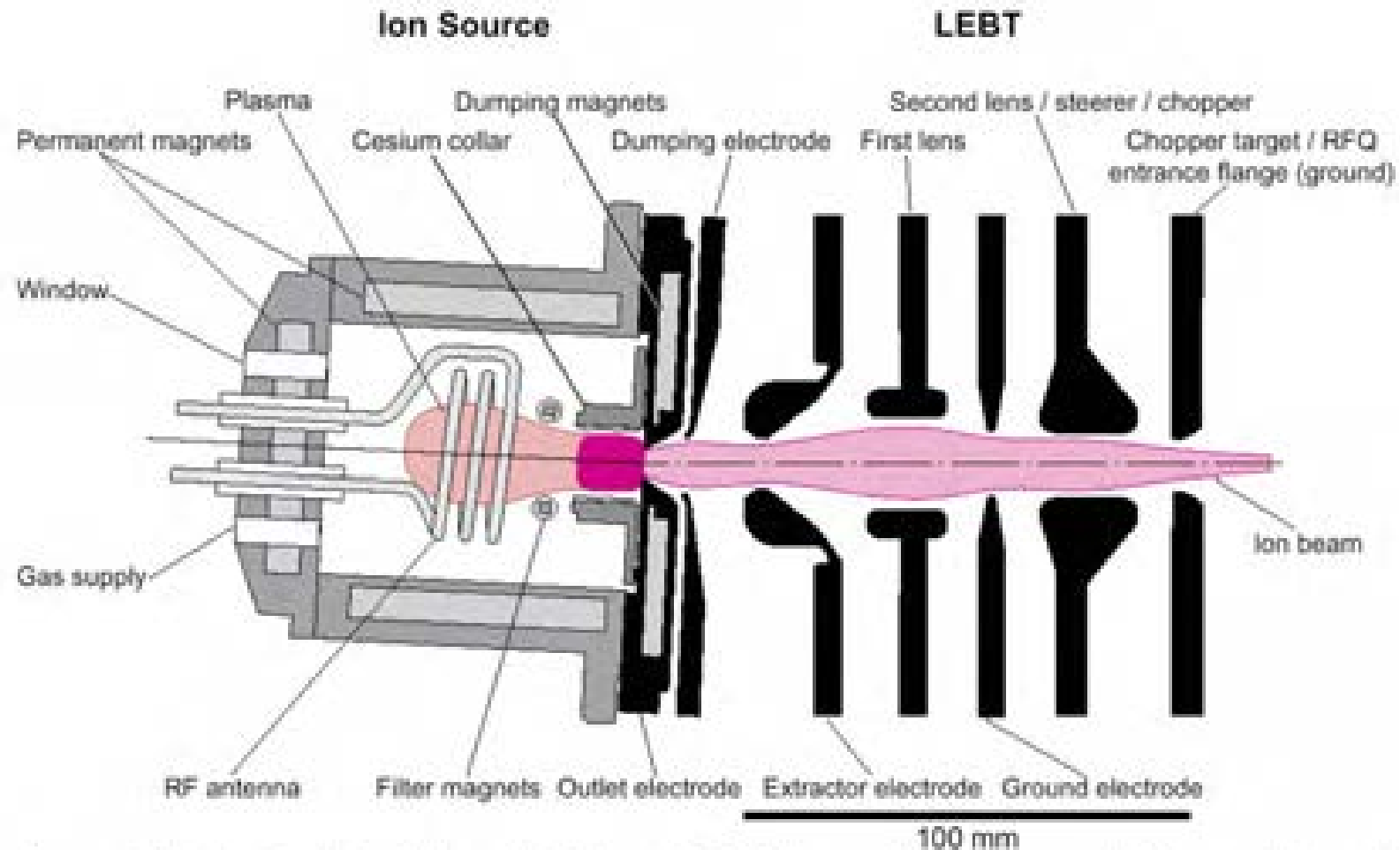
## SNS Front End

### LEBT Tank, Ion Source, and RF Matcher



	Baseline	Upgrade
Kinetic energy [MeV]	1000	1300
Beam power [MW]	1.4	3.0
Chopper beam-on duty factor [%]	68	70
Linac beam macro pulse duty factor [%]	6.0	6.0
Average macropulse H <sup>-</sup> current [mA]	26	42
Peak macropulse H <sup>-</sup> current [mA]	38	59
Linac average beam current [mA]	1.6	2.5
SRF cryo-module number (med-beta)	11	11
SRF cryo-module number (high-beta)	12	21
SRF cavity number	33+48	33+84
Peak surface gradient ( $\beta=0.61$ cavity) [MV/m]	27.5 ( $\pm 2.5$ )	27.5 ( $\pm 2.5$ )
Peak surface gradient ( $\beta=0.81$ cavity) [MV/m]	35 ( $\pm 2.5$ )	31 ( $\pm 2.5$ )
Ring injection time [ms] / turns	1.0/1060	1.0/1100
Ring rf frequency [MHz]	1.058	1.098
Ring bunch intensity [ $10^{11}$ ]	1.6	2.5
Ring space-charge tune spread, $\Delta Q_{sc}$	0.15	0.15
Pulse length on target [ns]	695	691

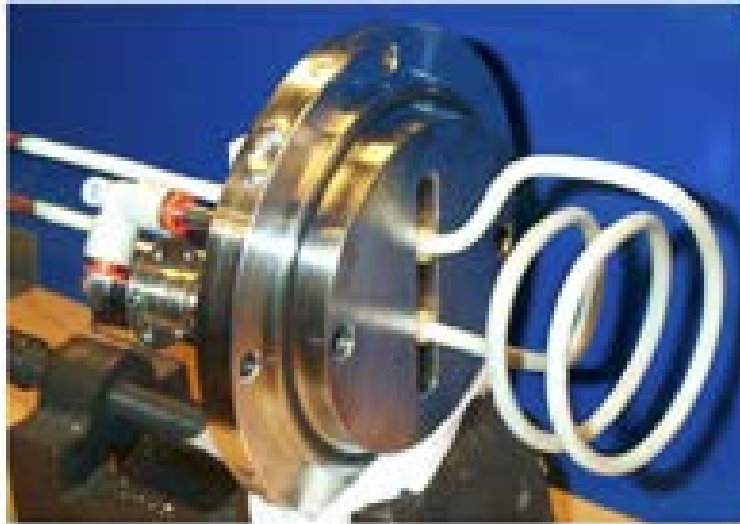
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Beam outline is schematic only (see simulation on P. 18.) Filter- and dumping-magnet fields are orthogonal to the illustration plane and anti-parallel to each other.



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RF antenna

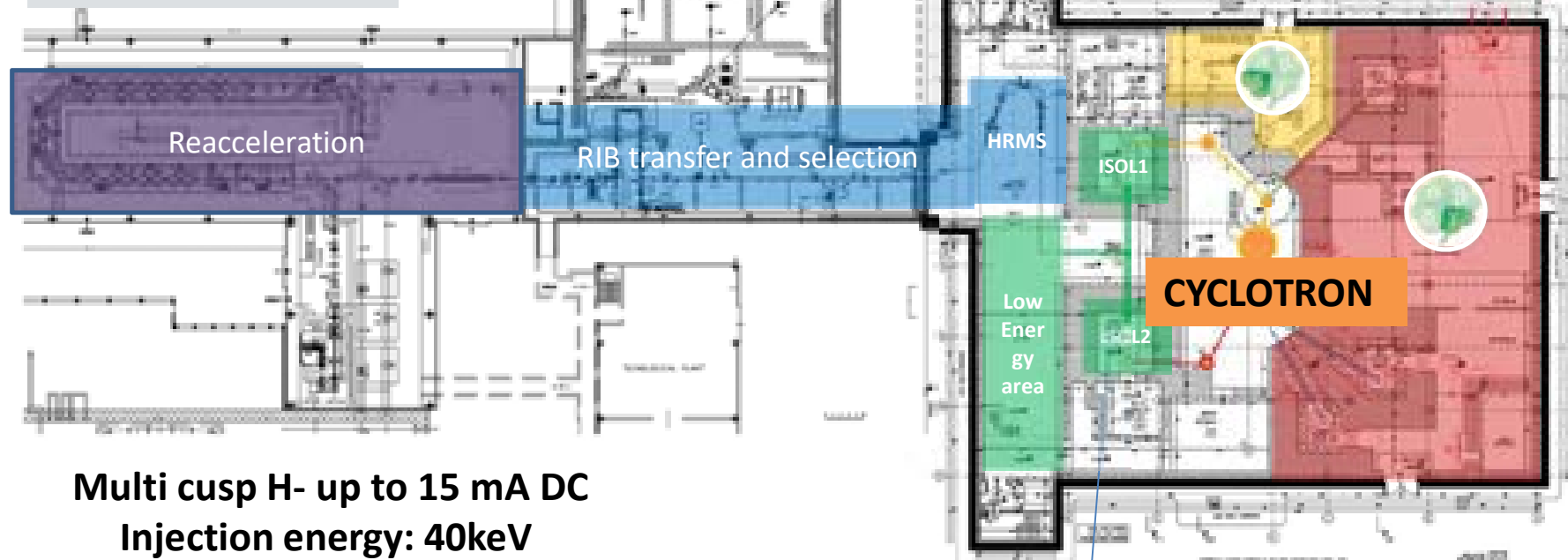


RF-sustained plasma





# Big Facilities over the world require high intense beams of singly charge ions



Multi cusp H- up to 15 mA DC

Injection energy: 40keV

Emittance:  $0.6\pi$ mmrad

RIB reacceleration:

- new RFQ
- ALPI

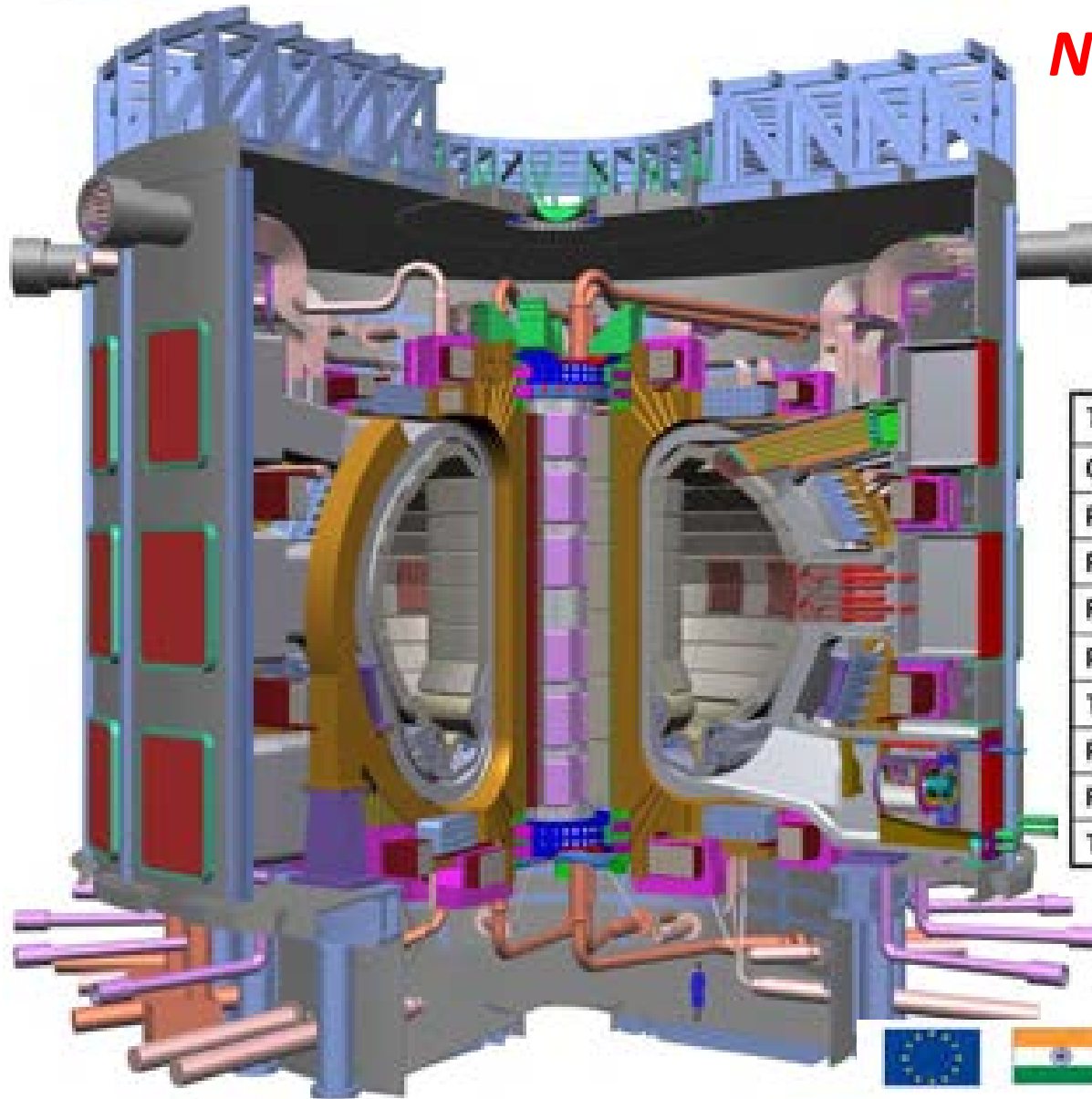
1/20.000 Mass separator  
(Beam Cooler + HRMS)  
Elettrostatic beam transport  
Charge Breeder (n+)  
1/1000 mass separator

ISOL bunkers  
1/150 mass separator  
low energy experimental  
area

Radioisotopes  
production area  
(LARAMED)



## *Ion source for fusion*

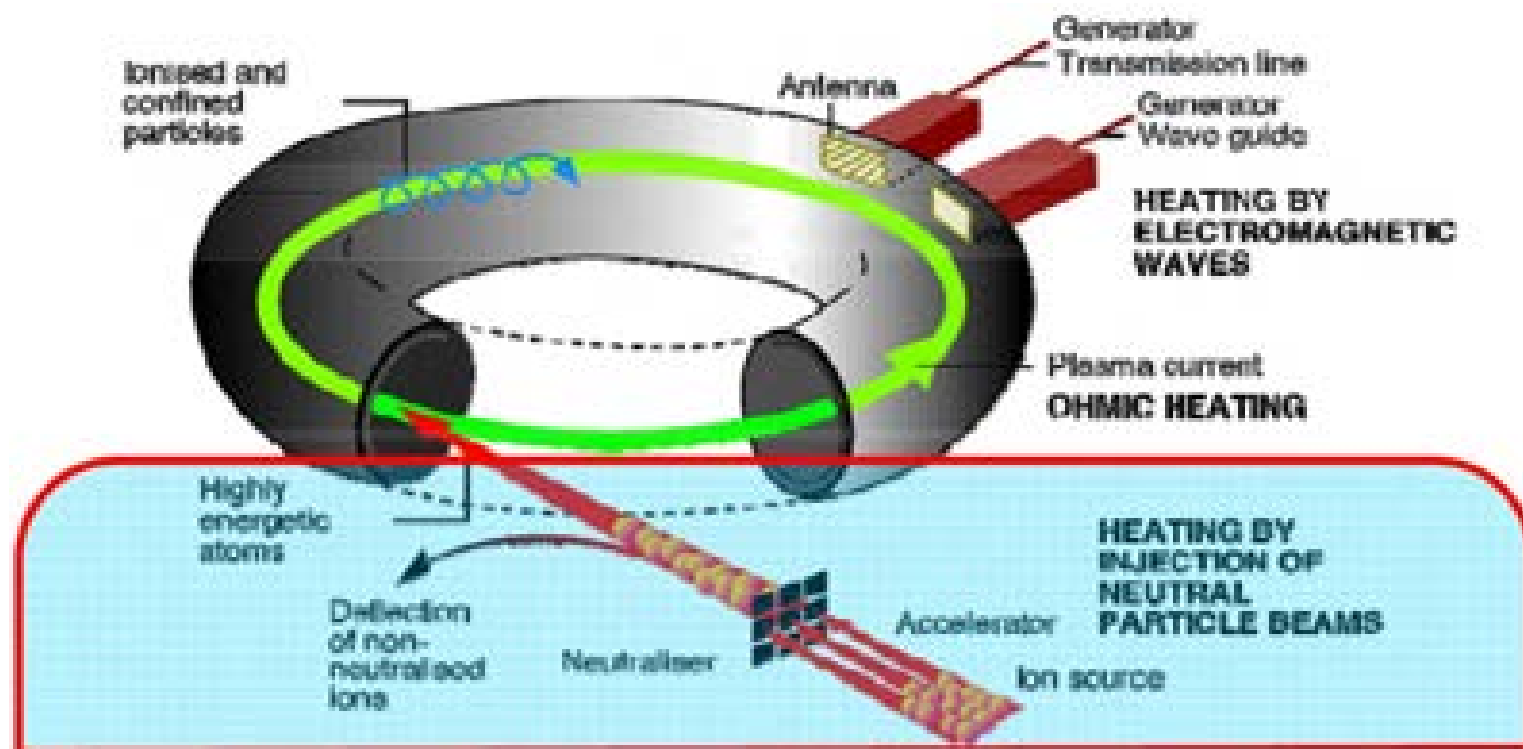


***Neutral Beam Injection***  
***as source of plasma***  
***heating and current***  
***drive in TOKAMAKS***

Total fusion power	500 MW
$Q = \text{Pot. Out/Pot. In}$	10
Pulse duration	300 s
Plasma major radius	6,2 m
Plasma minor radius	2 m
Plasma current	15 MA
Toroidal field $B_T$	5,3 T
Plasma volume	837 m <sup>3</sup>
Plasma surface	678 m <sup>2</sup>
Typical plasma temperature	20 keV



## *Ion source for fusion*



- Current density

	Ion	Energy (keV)	Extracted Ion J (A/m <sup>2</sup> )	Extr. Ion I (A)	1 MV Accelerated I (A)
HNB	D <sup>-</sup>	1000	290	48	48
HNB	H <sup>-</sup>	870	330 - 350	56 - 60	48

$$J_{D^-} \approx 300 \text{ A/m}^2$$

$$J_{H^-} \approx 350 \text{ A/m}^2$$

- Extracted electron to ion ratio from PG, to be stopped in the EG

$$\frac{e}{D} < 1 \text{ for HNB}$$

- Uniformity

$$\Delta J = \pm 10\%$$

- Source operation

- Long pulse operation

400 s for H<sup>-</sup>, D<sup>-</sup>  
3600 s for D<sup>-</sup>

- Source modulation

- Cs consumption and control

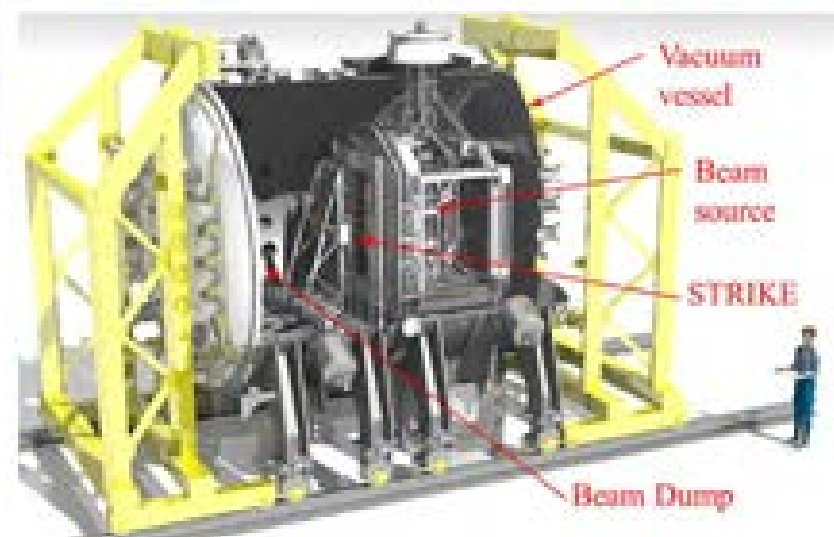
HNB

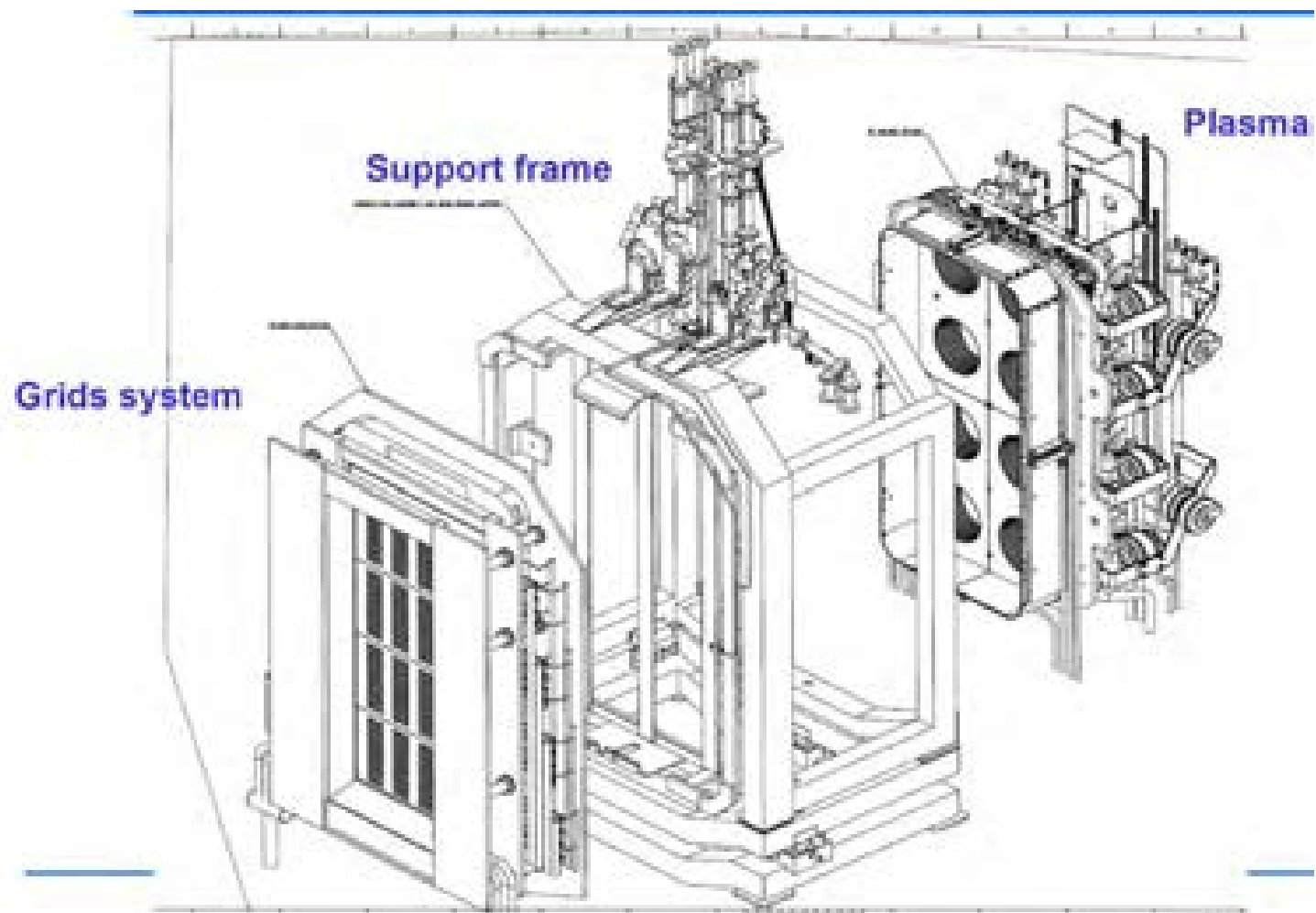
≤ 7 Hz

T<sub>on</sub> ≈ 50 ms

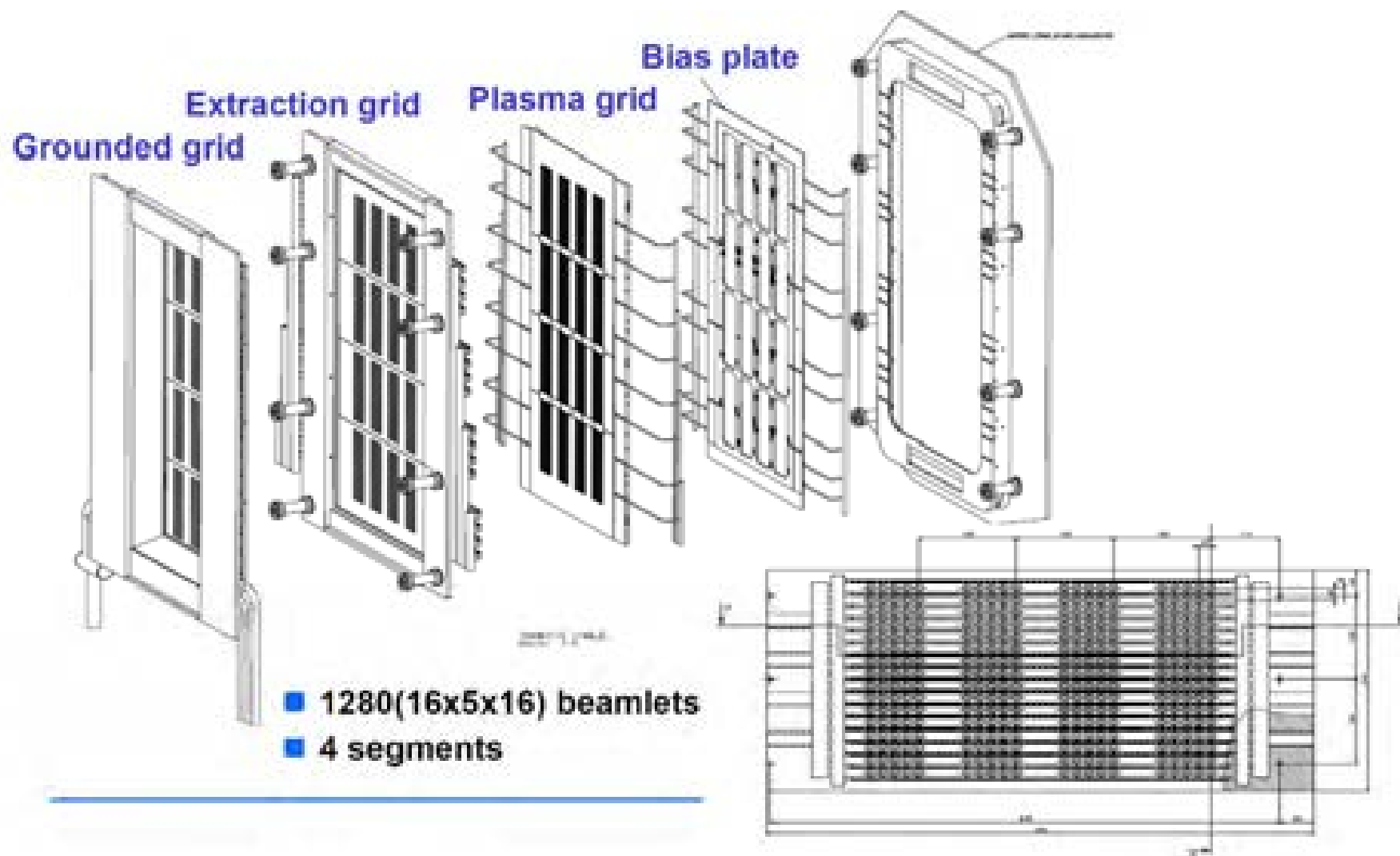
T<sub>rise</sub> ≈ 80 ms

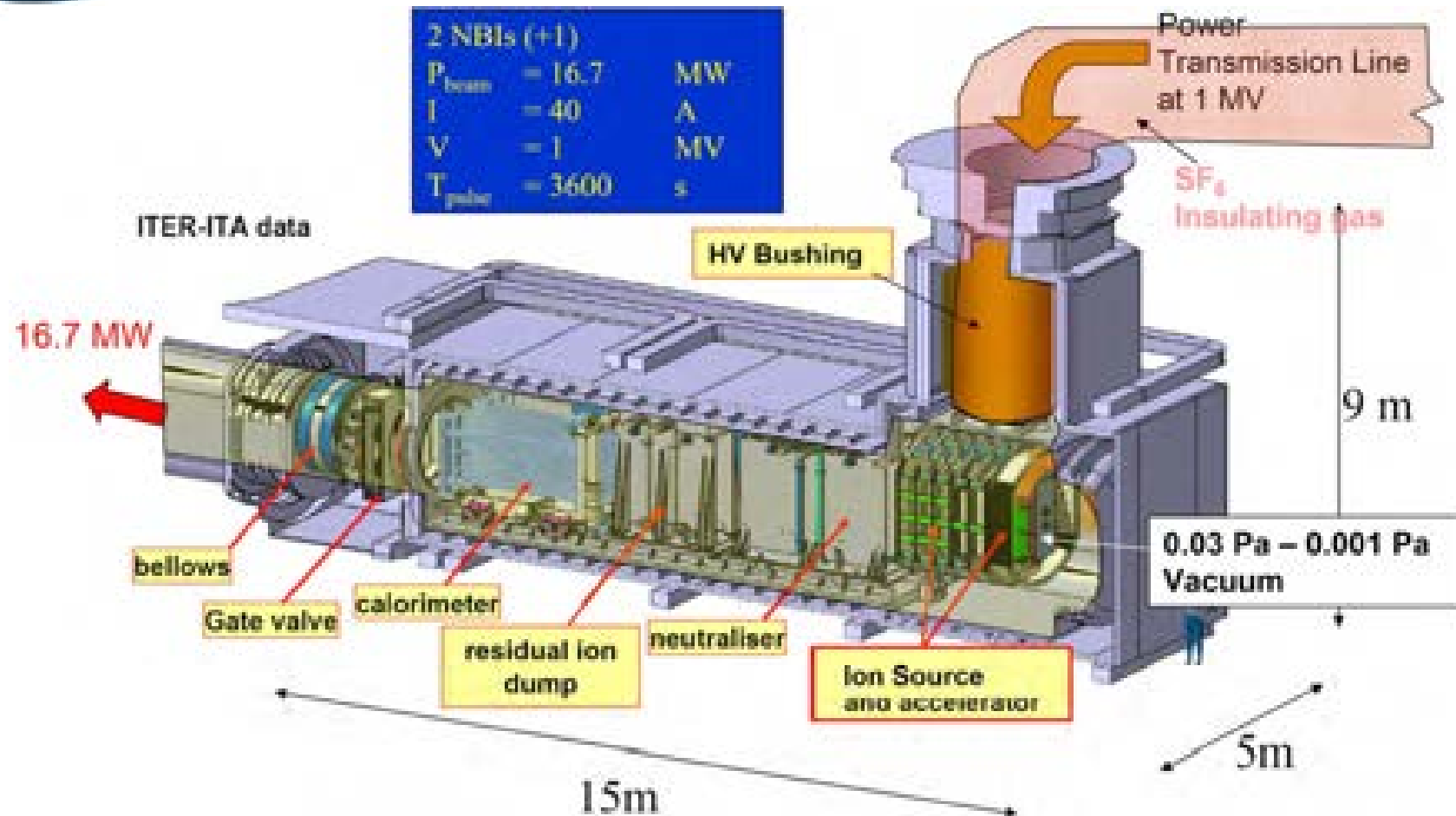
**SPIDER**  
Source for Production of Ion of  
Deuterium Extracted from Rf  
plasma



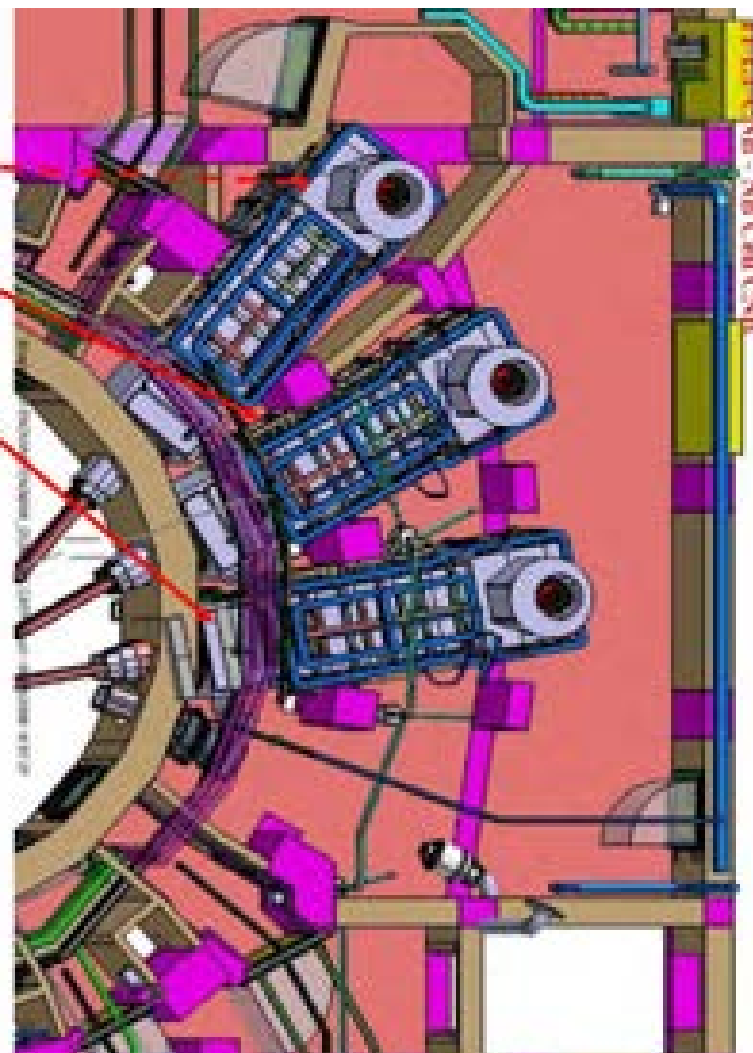


## SPIDER - Grid system

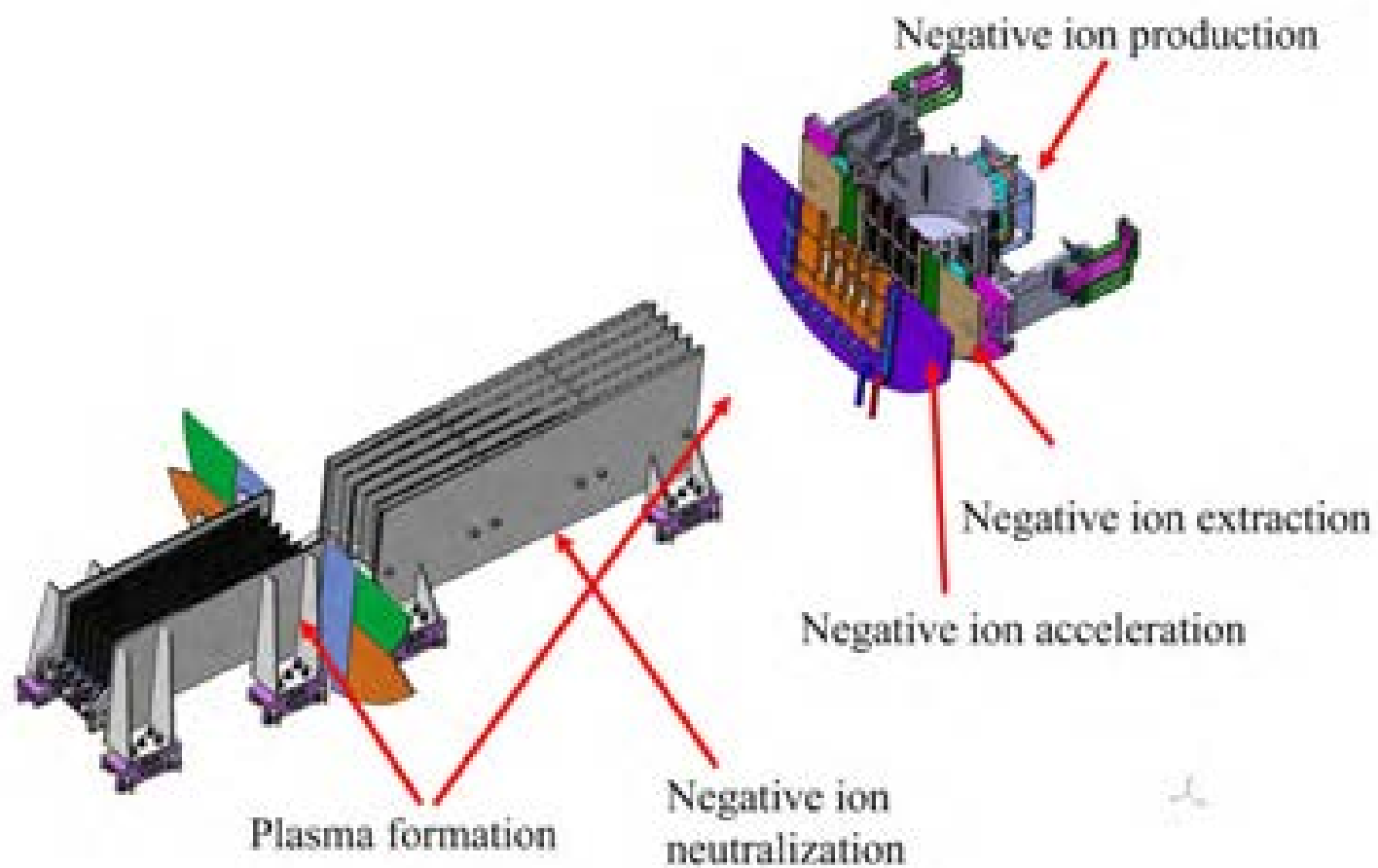


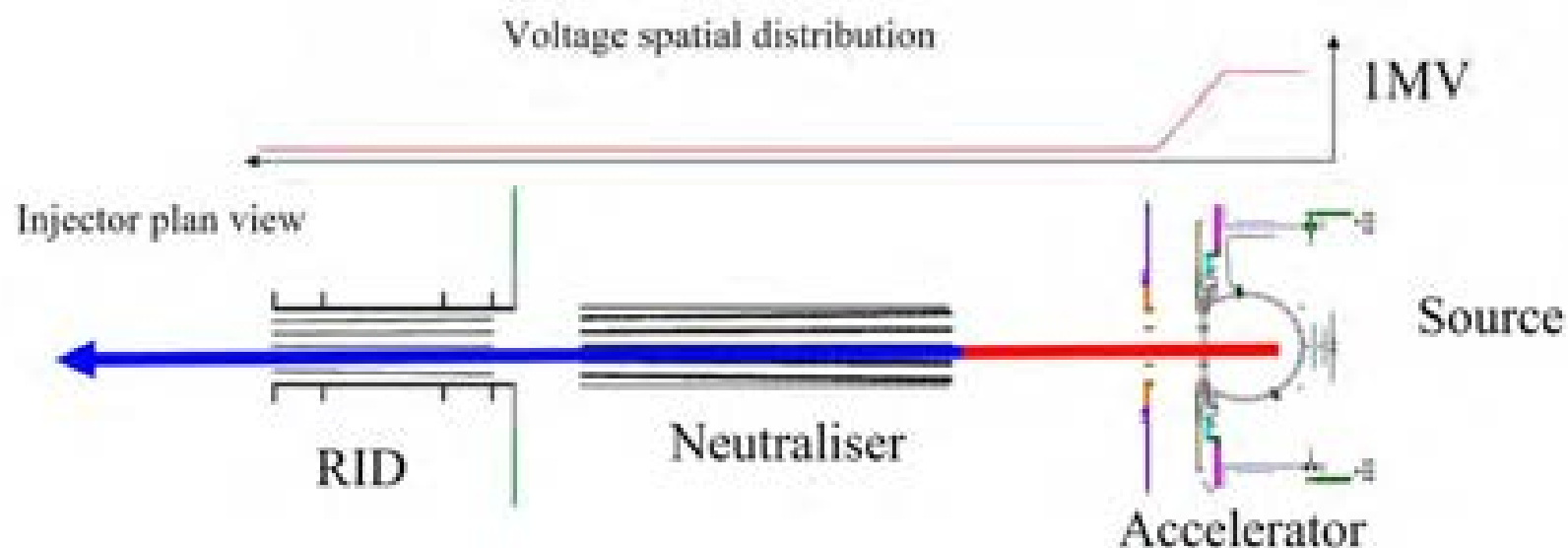


**MITICA**  
**Megavolt ITER Injector**  
 &  
**Concept Advancement**

$$T_{\text{pulse}} = 3600 \text{ s}$$








neutralisation of  $D^+$  ions by charge exchange collisions with  $D_2$  molecules:

**neutralisation**



**re-ionisation (competing reaction)**

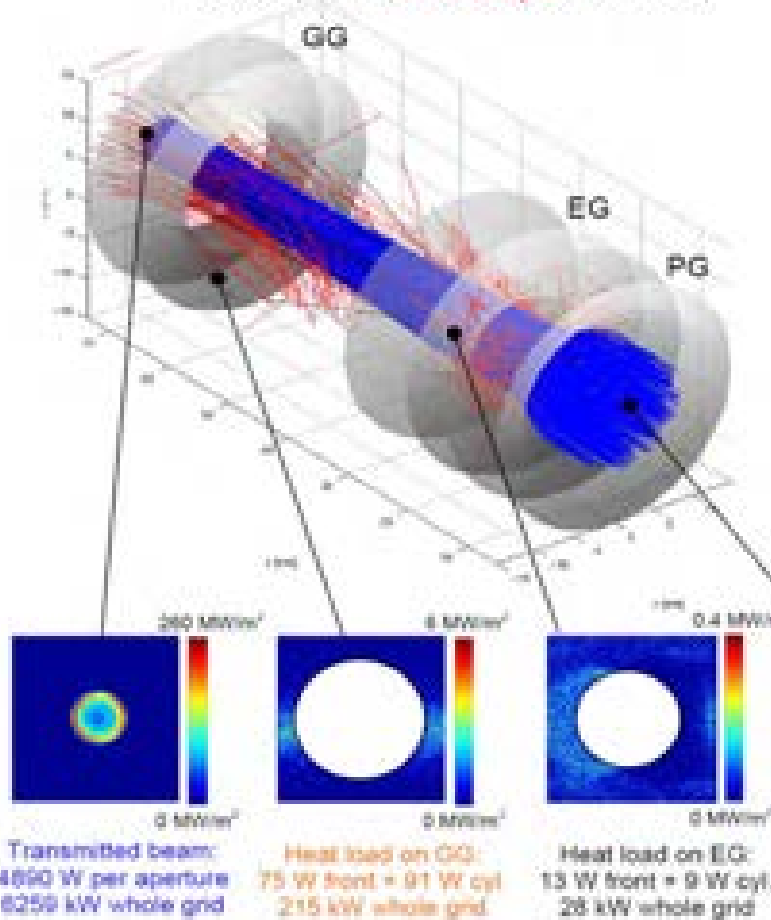


Additional electrons from

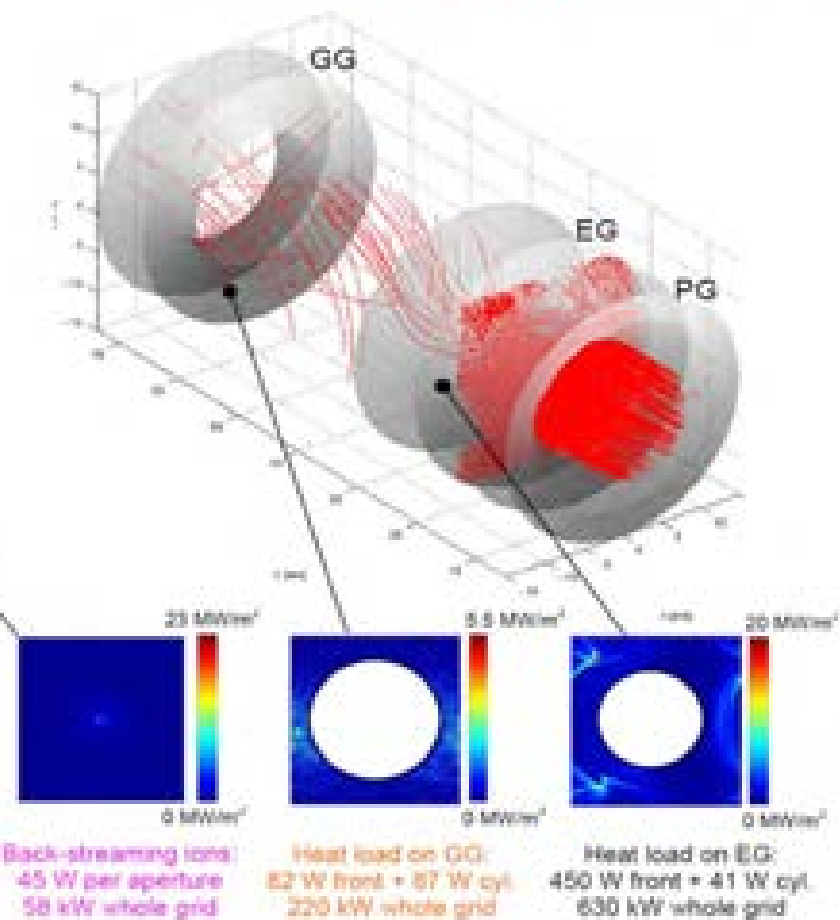
- a) co-extraction,
- b) Stripping losses (low  $p$ :  $p_{source} < 0.3 \text{ Pa}$ )
- c) Secondary electrons

# *Ion source for fusion*

(a) Simulation of  $H^+$  (34.2 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>) and related species (**secondary  $e^-$** ,  $H_0$ ,  $H^+$ ,  $H_2^+$ )

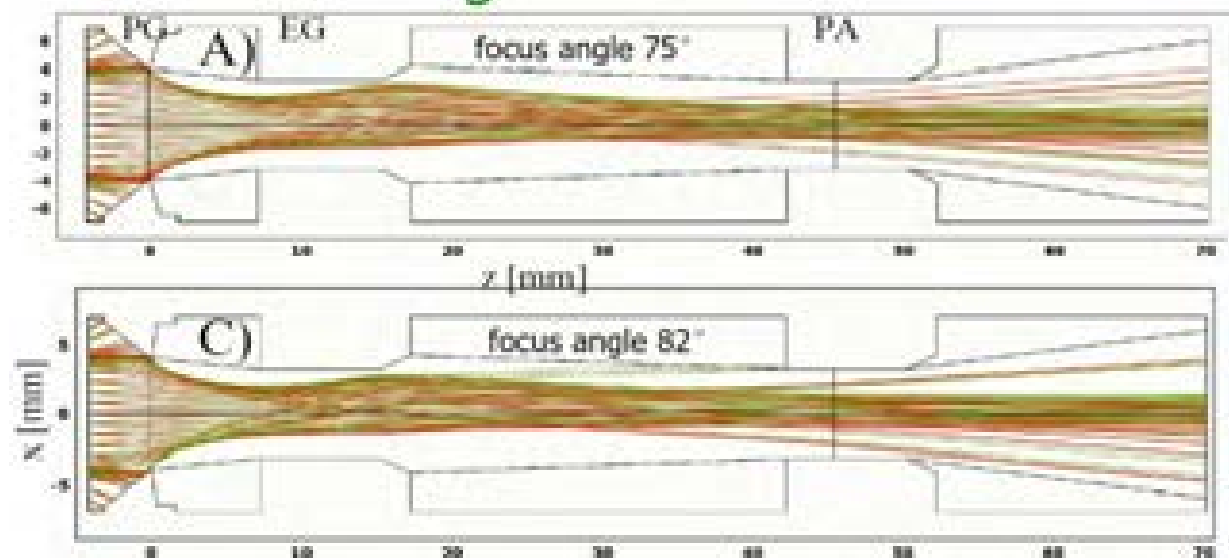


(b) Simulation of **co-extracted  $e^-$**  (34.2 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>)



# *Ion source for fusion*

Negative ions



Electrons

